

## A Subclass of Harmonic Functions Associated with a Convolution Structure

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**Abstract.** In this paper, we introduce a certain subclass of harmonic univalent functions associated with convolution. We also derive the coefficient conditions, extreme points, distortion bounds, convolution conditions and convex combination for this class.

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### 1. Introduction

In 1984, Clunie and Sheil-Small [3] investigated the class  $S_H$ , consisting of complex valued harmonic sense-preserving univalent functions  $f = h + \bar{g}$  in a simply connected domain  $D \subseteq C$  defined on the open unit disc  $\Delta = \{z : |z| < 1\}$  and normalized by  $f(0) = f_z(0) - 1 = 0$  with  $h$  and  $g$  given by,

$$h(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n z^n; \quad g(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n z^n, \quad |b_1| < 1. \quad (1.1)$$

Clunie and Sheil-Small [3] also considered the geometric subclasses of  $S_H$  and obtained some coefficient bounds. Since then, there have been several related papers on  $S_H$  and its subclasses. For a brief history on Harmonic univalent functions, see (Duren [5], Ahuja [1], Jahangiri et al. [8] and Ponnusamy and Rasila [10, 11]).

In 1999, Jahangiri [7] defined the class  $T_H(\alpha)$  consisting of functions  $f = h + \bar{g}$  such that  $h$  and  $g$  are of the form

$$h(z) = z - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} |a_n| z^n; \quad g(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |b_n| z^n \quad (1.2)$$

which satisfy the condition

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (\arg f(re^{i\theta})) \geq \alpha, \quad 0 \leq \alpha < 1, \quad |z| = r < 1.$$

In this paper, motivated by the works of Frasin [6], Rosihan Ali et al. [2], Dixit and Porwal [4], Murugusundaramoorthy et al. [9], we consider the subclass  $S_H^*(\phi, \psi, \lambda, \gamma, k)$  of functions of the form (1.1) satisfying the condition,

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$$\operatorname{Re} \left[ \frac{(1+ke^{ia})[z(h * \phi)'(z) - \overline{z(g * \psi)'(z)}]}{z'[(1-\lambda)z + \lambda[(h * \phi)(z) + (g * \psi)(z)]]} - ke^{ia} \right] \geq \gamma \quad (1.3)$$

for all real  $\alpha$ ,  $\phi(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \lambda_n z^n$ ,  $\psi(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \mu_n z^n$  are analytic with conditions,  $\lambda_n \geq 0$ ,  $\mu_n \geq 0$ ,  $0 \leq \lambda \leq 1$ ,  $z' = \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta}(z = re^{i\theta})$ ,  $0 \leq r < 1$ ,  $0 \leq \theta < 2\pi$  and  $0 \leq \gamma < 1$ . The operator  $*$  denotes the Hadamard product or convolution of two power series.

We further let  $\overline{S}_H^*(\phi, \psi, \lambda, \gamma, k)$  denote the subclass of  $S_H^*(\phi, \psi, \lambda, \gamma, k)$  consisting of functions  $f = h + \bar{g} \in S_H$  such that  $h$  and  $g$  are of the form (1.2).

**Remark 1.1.**

$$\text{When } \alpha = 0, \overline{S}_H^*\left(\frac{z}{1-z}, \frac{z}{1-z}, 1, \gamma, 1\right) = T_H\left(\frac{1+\gamma}{2}\right) [7]$$

In the present paper, we obtain the coefficient inequality, extreme points, distortion bounds, convolution conditions and convex combination for the functions of the class  $\overline{S}_H^*(\phi, \psi, \lambda, \gamma, k)$ .

### 2. Coefficient Bounds

We begin with a sufficient condition for functions in  $S_H^*(\phi, \psi, \lambda, \gamma, k)$ .

**Theorem 2.1.** Let the function  $f = h + \bar{g}$  be so that  $h$  and  $g$  are given by (1.1). Furthermore, let

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \left( \frac{[n(1+k) - \lambda(k+\gamma)]\lambda_n}{1-\gamma} \right) |a_n| + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{[n(1+k) + \lambda(k+\gamma)]\mu_n}{1-\gamma} \right) |b_n| \leq 1 \quad (2.1)$$

where  $0 \leq \gamma < 1$ ,  $0 \leq \lambda \leq 1$ ,  $k \geq 0$ ,  $\alpha$  real and if

$$n(1-\gamma) \leq [n(1+k) - \lambda(k+\gamma)]\lambda_n \leq [n(1+k) + \lambda(k+\gamma)]\mu_n.$$

Then  $f$  is sense preserving, harmonic univalent mapping in  $\Delta$  and for  $\lambda = \frac{1-\gamma}{1+\gamma}$ ,

$f \in S_H^*(\phi, \psi, \lambda, \gamma, k)$ .

**Proof.** First we note that  $f$  is locally univalent and sense-preserving in  $\Delta$ . This is because

$$\begin{aligned} |h'(z)| &\geq 1 - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n|a_n|r^{n-1} > 1 - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n|a_n| \\ &\geq 1 - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{[n(1+k) - \lambda(k+\gamma)]}{1-\gamma} \lambda_n |a_n| \\ &\geq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{[n(1+k) + \lambda(k+\gamma)]}{1-\gamma} \mu_n |b_n| \\ &\geq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n|b_n| > \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n|b_n|r^{n-1} \geq |g'(z)|. \end{aligned}$$

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To show that  $f$  is univalent in  $\Delta$ , we show that  $f(z_1) \neq f(z_2)$  whenever  $z_1 \neq z_2$ . Suppose  $z_1, z_2 \in \Delta$  so that  $z_1 \neq z_2$ . Since the unit disc  $\Delta$  is simply connected and convex, we have  $z(t) = (1-t)z_1 + tz_2$  in  $D$ , where  $0 \leq t \leq 1$ . Then we write

$$f(z_2) - f(z_1) = \int_0^1 [(z_2 - z_1)h'(z(t)) + \overline{(z_2 - z_1)g'(z(t))}] dt$$

On dividing throughout by  $z_2 - z_1 \neq 0$  and taking only the real parts we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Re} \frac{f(z_2) - f(z_1)}{z_2 - z_1} &= \int_0^1 \operatorname{Re} \left[ h'(z(t)) + \frac{\overline{(z_2 - z_1)}}{z_2 - z_1} \overline{g'(z(t))} \right] dt \\ &> \int_0^1 [\operatorname{Re} h'(z(t)) - |g'(z(t))|] dt \end{aligned} \quad (2.2)$$

On the other hand

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Re} h'(z) - |g'(z)| &\geq \operatorname{Re} h'(z) - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n |b_n| \\ &\geq 1 - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n |a_n| - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n |b_n| \\ &\geq 1 - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{[n(1+k) - \lambda(k+\gamma)]}{1-\gamma} \lambda_n |a_n| \\ &\quad - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{[n(1+k) + \lambda(k+\gamma)]}{1-\gamma} \mu_n |b_n| \\ &\geq 0 \quad \text{by (2.1).} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore this together with inequality (2.2) implies the univalence of  $f(z)$ .

Next we show that  $f \in S_H^*(\phi, \psi, \lambda, \gamma, k)$ .

From (1.3)

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{(1+ke^{ia})[z(h*\phi)'(z) - \overline{z(g*\psi)'(z)}]}{z'[(1-\lambda)z + \lambda[(h*\phi)(z) + \overline{(g*\psi)(z)}]]} \right\} = \operatorname{Re} \left( \frac{A(z)}{B(z)} \right) \geq \gamma.$$

where

$$A(z) = (1+ke^{ia})[z(h*\phi)'(z) - \overline{z(g*\psi)'(z)}] - ke^{ia}[z'[(1-\lambda)z + \lambda[(h*\phi)(z) + \overline{(g*\psi)(z)}]]]$$

$$\text{and } B(z) = z'[(1-\lambda)z + \lambda[(h*\phi)(z) + \overline{(g*\psi)(z)}]].$$

Using the fact that  $\operatorname{Re} w \geq \gamma$  if and only if  $|1-\gamma+w| \geq |1+\gamma-w|$  it suffices to show that

$$|A(z)+(1-\gamma)B(z)| - |(1+\gamma)B(z)-A(z)| \geq 0 \quad (2.3)$$

substituting  $A(z)$  and  $B(z)$  in L.H.S of (2.3) and making use of (2.1) we obtain

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$$\begin{aligned}
& |A(z) + (1-\gamma)B(z)| - |A(z) - (1+\gamma)B(z)| \\
&= \left| (1+ke^{ia})[z(h * \phi)'(z) - \overline{z(g * \psi)'(z)}] - ke^{ia}[z'[(1-\lambda)z + \lambda[(h * \phi)(z) + \overline{(g * \psi)(z)}]] \right. \\
&\quad \left. + (1-\gamma)[z'[(1-\lambda)z + \lambda[(h * \phi)(z) + \overline{(g * \psi)(z)}]]] \right| \\
&\quad - \left| (1+ke^{ia})[z(h * \phi)'(z) - \overline{z(g * \psi)'(z)}] - ke^{ia}[z'[(1-\lambda)z + \lambda[(h * \phi)(z) + \overline{(g * \psi)(z)}]] \right. \\
&\quad \left. - (1+\gamma)[z'[(1-\lambda)z + \lambda[(h * \phi)(z) + \overline{(g * \psi)(z)}]]] \right| \\
&= \left| (2-\gamma)z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} [(n+\lambda(1-\gamma)) + ke^{ia}(n-\lambda)]\lambda_n a_n z^n - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [(n-(1-\gamma)\lambda) + ke^{ia}(n+\lambda)]\mu_n \overline{b_n} \bar{z}^n \right| \\
&\quad - \left| -\gamma z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} [(n-(1+\gamma)\lambda) + ke^{ia}(n-\lambda)]\lambda_n a_n z^n - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [(n+(1+\gamma)\lambda) + ke^{ia}(n+\lambda)]\mu_n \overline{b_n} \bar{z}^n \right| \\
&\geq (2-\gamma)|z| - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} |(n+\lambda(1-\gamma)) + ke^{ia}(n-\lambda)| |\lambda_n| |a_n| |z|^n - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |(n-(1-\gamma)\lambda) + ke^{ia}(n+\lambda)| |\mu_n| |\overline{b_n}| |z|^n \\
&\quad - \gamma|z| - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} |(n-(1+\gamma)\lambda) + ke^{ia}(n-\lambda)| |\lambda_n| |a_n| |z|^n - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |(n+(1+\gamma)\lambda) + ke^{ia}(n+\lambda)| |\mu_n| |\overline{b_n}| |z|^n \\
&\geq 2(1-\gamma)|z| - 2 \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} [n(1+k) - \lambda(\gamma+k)] \lambda_n |a_n| |z|^n - 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [n(1+k) + \lambda(\gamma+k)] \mu_n |\overline{b_n}| |z|^n \\
&\geq 2(1-\gamma)|z| \left\{ 1 - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{[n(1+k) - \lambda(\gamma+k)]}{1-\gamma} \lambda_n |a_n| |z|^{n-1} \right. \\
&\quad \left. - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{[n(1+k) + \lambda(\gamma+k)]}{1-\gamma} \mu_n |\overline{b_n}| |z|^{n-1} \right\} \\
&\geq 2(1-\gamma)|z| \left\{ 1 - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{[n(1+k) - \lambda(\gamma+k)]}{1-\gamma} \lambda_n |a_n| \right. \\
&\quad \left. - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{[n(1+k) + \lambda(\gamma+k)]}{1-\gamma} \mu_n |\overline{b_n}| \right\} \geq 0
\end{aligned}$$

The coefficient bound (2.1) is sharp for the function

$$f(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{[n(1+k) - \lambda(\gamma+k)]}{1-\gamma} \lambda_n x_n z^n + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{[n(1+k) + \lambda(\gamma+k)]}{1-\gamma} \mu_n \overline{y_n} \bar{z}^n \quad (2.4)$$

$$\text{where } \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} |x_n| + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |y_n| = 1.$$

□

Next we show that the above sufficient condition is also necessary for functions in  $\overline{S}_H^*(\phi, \psi, \lambda, \gamma, k)$ .

**Theorem 2.2.** Let the function  $f = h + \bar{g}$  be so that  $h$  and  $g$  are given by (1.2). Then  $f \in \overline{S}_H^*(\phi, \psi, \lambda, \gamma, k)$  if and only if

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$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{[n(1+k) - \lambda(\gamma+k)]}{1-\gamma} \lambda_n |a_n| + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{[n(1+k) + \lambda(\gamma+k)]}{1-\gamma} \mu_n |b_n| \leq 1 \quad (2.5)$$

where  $0 \leq \gamma < 1$ ,  $0 \leq \lambda \leq 1$ ,  $k \geq 0$ ,  $\alpha$  real and

$$n(1-\gamma) \leq [n(1+k) - \lambda(k+\gamma)]\lambda_n \leq [n(1+k) + \lambda(k+\gamma)]\mu_n$$

and  $|b_n| > |a_n|$ , for every  $n \geq 2$ .

**Proof.** Since  $S_H^*(\phi, \psi, \lambda, \gamma, k) \subset S_H(\phi, \psi, \lambda, \gamma, k)$ , we need only to prove the only if part of the theorem. For functions  $f(z)$  of the form (1.2), we note that the condition

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{(1+ke^{ia})[z(h*\phi)'(z) - \overline{z(g*\psi)'(z)}]}{z'[(1-\lambda)z + \lambda[(h*\phi)(z) + \overline{(g*\psi)(z)}]]} - ke^{ia} \right\} \geq \gamma$$

is equivalent to

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{(1+ke^{ia})[z(h*\phi)'(z) - \overline{z(g*\psi)'(z)}]}{z'[(1-\lambda)z + \lambda[(h*\phi)(z) + \overline{(g*\psi)(z)}]]} \right\} \geq \gamma,$$

or

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{(1-\gamma)z - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} [(n-\lambda\gamma) + ke^{ia}(n-\lambda)]\lambda_n |a_n| |z|^n - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [(n+\lambda\gamma) + ke^{ia}(n+\lambda)]\mu_n |b_n| |z|^n}{z - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \lambda\lambda_n |a_n| |z|^n + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lambda\mu_n |b_n| |z|^n} \right\} \geq 0 \quad (2.6)$$

The above required condition (2.6) must hold for all real values of  $\alpha$ ,  $|z| = r < 1$ .

Upon choosing  $\alpha = 0$  and the value of  $z$  on the positive real axis where  $0 \leq z = r < 1$ , we must have for  $|b_n| \geq |a_n|$ , for every  $n \geq 2$

$$\left\{ \frac{(1-\gamma) - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} [n(1+k) - \lambda(\gamma+k)]\lambda_n |a_n| r^{n-1} - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [n(1+k) + \lambda(\gamma+k)]\mu_n |b_n| r^{n-1}}{1 - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \lambda\lambda_n |a_n| r^{n-1} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lambda\mu_n |b_n| r^{n-1}} \right\} \geq 0 \quad (2.7)$$

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If the condition (2.5) does not hold, then the numerator in (2.7) is negative for  $r$  sufficiently close to 1. Hence there exist  $z_0 = r_0$  in  $(0, 1)$  for which the quotient in (2.7) is negative. This contradicts the required condition for  $f \in \overline{S_H^*}(\phi, \psi, \lambda, \gamma, k)$  and so the proof is complete.  $\square$

### 3. Distortion Bounds

In next theorem, we determine distortion bounds for functions in  $\overline{S_H^*}(\phi, \psi, \lambda, \gamma, k)$ .

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $f \in \overline{S_H^*}(\phi, \psi, \lambda, \gamma, k)$  and

$$\begin{aligned}[2(1+k)-\lambda(k+\gamma)]\lambda_2 &\leq [n(1+k)-\lambda(k+\gamma)]\lambda_n \\ &\leq [n(1+k)+\lambda(k+\gamma)]\mu_n\end{aligned}$$

for  $n \geq 2$ . Then we have,

$$|f(z)| \leq (1 + |b_1|)r + \left( \frac{1-\gamma}{[2(1+k)-\lambda(k+\gamma)]\lambda_2} - \frac{[1+k+\lambda(k+\gamma)]\mu_1}{[2(1+k)-\lambda(k+\gamma)]\lambda_2} |b_1| \right) r^2, \quad |z|=r<1 \quad (3.1)$$

and

$$|f(z)| \geq (1 - |b_1|)r - \left( \frac{1-\gamma}{[2(1+k)-\lambda(k+\gamma)]\lambda_2} - \frac{[1+k+\lambda(k+\gamma)]\mu_1}{[2(1+k)-\lambda(k+\gamma)]\lambda_2} |b_1| \right) r^2, \quad |z|=r<1 \quad (3.2)$$

**Proof.** We only prove the first inequality. The proof for the second inequality is similar.

Let  $f \in \overline{S_H^*}(\phi, \psi, \lambda, \gamma, k)$ . Taking the absolute value of  $f$  we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}|f(z)| &\leq (1 + |b_1|)r + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (|a_n| + |b_n|) r^n \\ &\leq (1 + |b_1|)r + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (|a_n| + |b_n|) r^2 \\ &= (1 + |b_1|)r + \frac{1-\gamma}{[2(1+k)-\lambda(k+\gamma)]\lambda_2} \\ &\quad \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \left( \frac{[2(1+k)-\lambda(k+\gamma)]\lambda_2}{1-\gamma} |a_n| + \frac{[2(1+k)-\lambda(k+\gamma)]\lambda_2}{1-\gamma} |b_n| \right) r^2 \\ &\leq (1 + |b_1|)r + \frac{1-\gamma}{[2(1+k)-\lambda(k+\gamma)]\lambda_2} \\ &\quad \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \left( \frac{[n(1+k)-\lambda(k+\gamma)]\lambda_n}{1-\gamma} |a_n| + \frac{[n(1+k)+\lambda(k+\gamma)]\mu_n}{1-\gamma} |b_n| \right) r^2 \\ &\leq (1 + |b_1|)r + \frac{1-\gamma}{[2(1+k)-\lambda(k+\gamma)]\lambda_2} \left( 1 - \frac{[1+k+\lambda(k+\gamma)]\mu_1}{1-\gamma} |b_1| \right) r^2, \\ &\quad [\text{by (2.5)}]\end{aligned}$$

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$$\leq (1+|b_1|)r + \left( \frac{1-\gamma}{[2(1+k)-\lambda(k+\gamma)]\lambda_2} - \frac{[1+k+\lambda(k+\gamma)]\mu_1}{[2(1+k)-\lambda(k+\gamma)]\lambda_2} |b_1| \right) r^2.$$

#### 4. Extreme Points

Now we obtain the extreme points of  $\overline{S_H^*}(\phi, \psi, \lambda, \gamma, k)$ .

**Theorem 4.1.** Let  $h_1(z) = z$ ,

$$h_n(z) = z - \frac{(1-\gamma)}{[n(1+k)-\lambda(k+\gamma)]\lambda_n} z^n, \quad n \geq 2 \text{ and}$$

$$g_n(z) = z + \frac{(1-\gamma)}{[n(1+k)+\lambda(k+\gamma)]\mu_n} \bar{z}^n, \quad n \geq 1.$$

Then  $f \in \overline{S_H^*}(\phi, \psi, \lambda, \gamma, k)$  if and only if it can be expressed as

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (x_n h_n + y_n g_n), \quad (4.1)$$

where  $x_n \geq 0, y_n \geq 0, \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (x_n + y_n) = 1$ . In particular, the extreme points of  $\overline{S_H^*}(\phi, \psi, \lambda, \gamma, k)$  are  $\{h_n\}$  and  $\{g_n\}$ .

**Proof.** Suppose

$$\begin{aligned} f(z) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (x_n h_n + y_n g_n) \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (x_n + y_n)z - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{(1-\gamma)}{[n(1+k)-\lambda(k+\gamma)]\lambda_n} x_n z^n + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(1-\gamma)}{[n(1+k)+\lambda(k+\gamma)]\mu_n} y_n \bar{z}^n \\ &= z - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{(1-\gamma)}{[n(1+k)-\lambda(k+\gamma)]\lambda_n} x_n z^n + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(1-\gamma)}{[n(1+k)+\lambda(k+\gamma)]\mu_n} y_n \bar{z}^n \end{aligned}$$

Then from (2.5) we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{[n(1+k)-\lambda(\gamma+k)]}{1-\gamma} \lambda_n |a_n| + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{[n(1+k)+\lambda(\gamma+k)]}{1-\gamma} \mu_n |b_n| \\ &= \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{[n(1+k)-\lambda(k+\gamma)]\lambda_n}{(1-\gamma)} \left( \frac{(1-\gamma)}{[n(1+k)-\lambda(k+\gamma)]\lambda_n} x_n \right) \\ &\quad + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{[n(1+k)+\lambda(k+\gamma)]\mu_n}{(1-\gamma)} \left( \frac{(1-\gamma)}{[n(1+k)+\lambda(k+\gamma)]\mu_n} y_n \right) \\ &= \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} x_n + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} y_n = 1 - x_1 \leq 1 \end{aligned}$$

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and so  $f \in \overline{S_H^*}(\phi, \psi, \lambda, \gamma, k)$ .

Conversely, if  $f \in \overline{S_H^*}(\phi, \psi, \lambda, \gamma, k)$ , then

$$|a_n| \leq \frac{(1-\gamma)}{[n(1+k) - \lambda(k+\gamma)]\lambda_n}$$

and

$$|b_n| \leq \frac{(1-\gamma)}{[n(1+k) + \lambda(k+\gamma)]\mu_n}.$$

Setting

$$x_n = \frac{[n(1+k) - \lambda(k+\gamma)]\lambda_n}{(1-\gamma)} |a_n|, \quad n \geq 2 \text{ and } y_n = \frac{[n(1+k) + \lambda(k+\gamma)]\mu_n}{(1-\gamma)} |b_n|, \quad n \geq 1.$$

Then note that by Theorem 2.2,  $0 \leq x_n \leq 1$ , ( $n \geq 2$ ) and  $0 \leq y_n \leq 1$ , ( $n \geq 1$ ). We define

$$x_1 = 1 - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} x_n - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} y_n \geq 0, \text{ by Theorem 2.2.}$$

Consequently, we can see that  $f(z)$  can be expressed in the form (4.1). This completes the proof of the Theorem 4.1.  $\square$

### 5. Convolution and Convex Combination

In this section, we show that the class  $\overline{S_H^*}(\phi, \psi, \lambda, \gamma, k)$  is invariant under convolution and convex combination of its members. The convolution of two harmonic functions

$$f(z) = z - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n z^n + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \bar{z}^n$$

and

$$F(z) = z - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} A_n z^n + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n \bar{z}^n,$$

is defined as

$$(f * F)(z) = f(z) * F(z) = z - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n A_n z^n + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n B_n \bar{z}^n.$$

**Theorem 5.1.** If  $f \in \overline{S_H^*}(\phi, \psi, \lambda, \gamma, k)$  and  $F \in \overline{S_H^*}(\phi, \psi, \lambda, \gamma, k)$  then

$$f * F \in \overline{S_H^*}(\phi, \psi, \lambda, \gamma, k).$$

**Proof.** Let  $f(z) = z - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} |a_n| z^n + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |b_n| \bar{z}^n$  and  $F(z) = z - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} |A_n| z^n + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |B_n| \bar{z}^n$  be in  $\overline{S_H^*}(\phi, \psi, \lambda, \gamma, k)$ , then by Theorem 2.2 we have

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{[n(1+k) - \lambda(k+\gamma)]\lambda_n}{(1-\gamma)} |a_n| + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{[n(1+k) + \lambda(k+\gamma)]\mu_n}{(1-\gamma)} |b_n| \leq 1 \quad (5.1)$$

and

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{[n(1+k) - \lambda(k+\gamma)]\lambda_n}{(1-\gamma)} |A_n| + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{[n(1+k) + \lambda(k+\gamma)]\mu_n}{(1-\gamma)} |B_n| \leq 1. \quad (5.2)$$

So for the coefficients of  $f * F$  we can write

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{[n(1+k) - \lambda(k+\gamma)]\lambda_n}{(1-\gamma)} |a_n A_n| + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{[n(1+k) + \lambda(k+\gamma)]\mu_n}{(1-\gamma)} |b_n B_n| \\ & \leq \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{[n(1+k) - \lambda(k+\gamma)]\lambda_n}{(1-\gamma)} |a_n| + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{[n(1+k) + \lambda(k+\gamma)]\mu_n}{(1-\gamma)} |b_n| \\ & \leq 1. \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $f * F \in \overline{S_H^*}(\phi, \psi, \lambda, \gamma, k)$ .

Finally, we prove that  $\overline{S_H^*}(\phi, \psi, \lambda, \gamma, k)$  is closed under convex combinations of its members.

**Theorem 5.2.** The class  $\overline{S_H^*}(\phi, \psi, \lambda, \gamma, k)$  where  $f_i$  is given by

$$f_i(z) = z - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} |a_{n,i}| z^n + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |b_{n,i}| \bar{z}^n. \quad (5.3)$$

is closed under convex combination.

**Proof.** For  $i = 1, 2, \dots$ , suppose  $f_i(z) \in \overline{S_H^*}(\phi, \psi, \lambda, \gamma, k)$  where  $f_i$  is given by (5.3). Then by (2.5),

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{[n(1+k) - \lambda(k+\gamma)]\lambda_n}{(1-\gamma)} |a_{n,i}| + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{[n(1+k) + \lambda(k+\gamma)]\mu_n}{(1-\gamma)} |b_{n,i}| \leq 1. \quad (5.4)$$

For  $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} t_i = 1$ ,  $0 \leq t_i \leq 1$ , the convex combination of  $f_i(z)$  may be written as

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} t_i f_i(z) = z - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} t_i |a_{n,i}| \right) z^n + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} t_i |b_{n,i}| \right) \bar{z}^n.$$

Then by (5.4), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{[n(1+k) - \lambda(k+\gamma)]\lambda_n}{1-\gamma} \left| \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} t_i |a_{n,i}| \right| + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{[n(1+k) + \lambda(k+\gamma)]\mu_n}{1-\gamma} \left| \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} t_i |b_{n,i}| \right| \right] \\ & = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} t_i \left\{ \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{[n(1+k) - \lambda(k+\gamma)]\lambda_n}{1-\gamma} |a_{n,i}| + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{[n(1+k) + \lambda(k+\gamma)]\mu_n}{1-\gamma} |b_{n,i}| \right\} \\ & \leq \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} t_i = 1 \end{aligned}$$

and so by Theorem 2.2, we have  $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} t_i f_i(z) \in \overline{S_H^*}(\phi, \psi, \lambda, \gamma, k)$ .

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