

## Convolution Properties of a Subclass of Univalent Harmonic Mappings

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### Abstract

Sudharshan et al. in [8] studied a subclass  $TS_H^*(m, n, \lambda, \gamma)$  of univalent harmonic mappings of the form  $f_m = h + \overline{g_m}$ , where

$$h(z) = z - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} |a_k| z^k, \quad g_m(z) = (-1)^{m-1} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |b_k| \overline{z}^k$$

using Salagean modified differential operator. They proved that for  $0 \leq \gamma_1 \leq \gamma_2 < 1$ , if  $f_m \in TS_H^*(m, n, \lambda, \gamma_1)$  and  $F_m \in TS_H^*(m, n, \lambda, \gamma_2)$ , then  $f_m * F_m \in TS_H^*(m, n, \lambda, \gamma_1)$ . In the present article, we improved the above stated result.

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## 1. Introduction

A continuous function  $f = u + iv$  is a complex valued harmonic function in  $\mathbb{C}$  if both  $u$  and  $v$  are real valued harmonic in  $\mathbb{C}$ . In any simply connected domain  $\mathbb{D}$ , a complex valued harmonic function  $f = u + iv$  can be written as  $f = h + \overline{g}$ , where  $h$  and  $g$  are analytic in  $\mathbb{D}$ . We call  $h$  the analytic part and  $g$  the co-analytic part of  $f$ . We denote by  $\mathcal{H}$  the class of complex valued harmonic mappings  $f = h + \overline{g}$  defined in the open unit disk  $\mathbb{D} = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < 1\}$  and normalized by  $h(0) = g(0) = h'(0) - 1 = 0$ . Such mappings have the following power series representation

$$f(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n z^n + \overline{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n z^n}. \quad (1)$$

A necessary and sufficient condition for  $f \in \mathcal{H}$  to be locally univalent and sense-preserving in  $\mathbb{D}$  is that  $|h'(z)| > |g'(z)|$  for all  $z \in \mathbb{D}$  (see[5]). Let  $S_H$  denote the subclass of  $\mathcal{H}$  consisting of all

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sense-preserving univalent harmonic mappings  $f$  and  $S_H^0$  is the subclass of  $S_H$  whose members satisfy additional condition  $f_{\bar{z}}(0) = 0$ , i.e.  $g'(0) = 0$ . Denote by  $K_H^0$ ,  $S_H^{*0}$  and  $C_H^0$  the subclasses of  $S_H^0$  whose functions map  $\mathbb{D}$  onto convex, starlike and close-to-convex domains, respectively.

In 1984 Clunie and Sheil-Small in their landmark paper [1], investigated some geometric properties of the class  $S_H$  and its subclasses. Since then researchers defined many subclasses of the class  $S_H$  and studied their various properties e.g. see ([2, 3, 4, 6 and 7]) and references therein. In particular, Sudharshan et al. [8] studied a class  $S_H^*(m, n, \lambda, \gamma)$  of harmonic functions. For  $0 \leq \gamma < 1$  and  $0 \leq \lambda \leq 1$ ,  $\alpha$  real,  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ ,  $m > n$  and  $z \in \mathbb{D}$ , let  $f \in S_H^*(m, n, \lambda, \gamma)$  consists the family of harmonic functions of the form (1) such that

$$Re \left( \frac{(1 + e^{i\alpha})D^m f(z)}{\lambda D^m f(z) + (1 - \lambda)D^n f(z)} - e^{i\alpha} \right) \geq \gamma. \quad (2)$$

where  $D^m f(z)$  is modified Salagean differential operator defined as

$$D^m f(z) = D^m h(z) + (-1)^m \overline{D^m g(z)} \quad (3)$$

here

$$D^m h(z) = z + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k^m a_k z^k \quad \text{and} \quad D^m g(z) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k^m b_k z^k.$$

Further,  $TS_H^*(m, n, \lambda, \gamma)$  denotes the subclass of  $S_H^*(m, n, \lambda, \gamma)$  consisting of harmonic functions of the form  $f_m = h + \overline{g_m}$  such that  $h$  and  $g_m$  are given by

$$h(z) = z - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} |a_k| z^k, \quad g_m(z) = (-1)^{m-1} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |b_k| \bar{z}^k. \quad (4)$$

In [8], authors studied many basic properties of classes  $S_H^*(m, n, \lambda, \gamma)$  and  $TS_H^*(m, n, \lambda, \gamma)$  including convolution properties. For harmonic functions

$$f_m(z) = z - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} |a_k| z^k + (-1)^{m-1} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |b_k| \bar{z}^k$$

and

$$F_m(z) = z - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} |A_k| z^k + (-1)^{m-1} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |B_k| \bar{z}^k.$$

The convolution of  $f_m$  and  $F_m$  is given by

$$(f_m * F_m)(z) = f_m(z) * F_m(z) = z - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} |a_k A_k| z^k + (-1)^{m-1} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |b_k B_k| \bar{z}^k.$$

Sudharshan et al. in [8] established the following result of convolution

**Theorem 1.1.** For  $0 \leq \beta \leq \gamma < 1$ , let  $f_m \in TS_H^*(m, n, \lambda, \gamma)$  and  $F_m \in TS_H^*(m, n, \lambda, \beta)$ . Then  $f_m * F_m \in TS_H^*(m, n, \lambda, \gamma) \subset TS_H^*(m, n, \lambda, \beta)$ .

In the present work we studied the convolution of harmonic functions from the class  $TS_H^*(m, n, \lambda, \gamma)$  and also our result improved the Theorem 1.1.

## 2. Main Results

In order to prove our main theorem we need the following lemmas. Lemma 2.1 and 2.2 are due to Sudharshan et al. [8].

**Lemma 2.1.** Let  $f_m = h + \overline{g_m}$  be given by (4). Then  $f_m \in TS_H^*(m, n, \lambda, \gamma)$  if and only if

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left( (2 - \lambda(1 + \gamma))k^m - (1 - \lambda)(1 + \gamma)k^n \right) |a_k| + \left( (2 - \lambda(1 + \gamma))k^m - (-1)^{(m-n)}(1 - \lambda)(1 + \gamma)k^n \right) |b_k| \leq 2(1 - \gamma).$$

**Lemma 2.2.** For  $0 \leq \beta \leq \gamma < 1$ , let  $f_m \in TS_H^*(m, n, \lambda, \gamma)$  and  $F_m \in TS_H^*(m, n, \lambda, \beta)$ . Then  $f_m * F_m \in TS_H^*(m, n, \lambda, \gamma) \subset TS_H^*(m, n, \lambda, \beta)$ .

**Lemma 2.3.** If  $m_1, m_2 \in \mathbb{N}$ , then

(i)  $TS_H^*(m_1 + m_2, m_2 + n, \lambda, \gamma) \subseteq TS_H^*(m_1, n, \lambda, \gamma)$ , (if  $m_1 + m_2$  and  $m_1$  both are even or odd). (ii)  $TS_H^*(m_1 + m_2 - 1, m_2 + n - 1, \lambda, \gamma) \subseteq TS_H^*(m_1, n, \lambda, \gamma)$ , (if  $m_1 + m_2$  is even but  $m_1$  is odd or visa versa).

*Proof.* **Proof of Lemma 2.3 (i):**

Let  $f_{m_1+m_2} \in TS_H^*(m_1 + m_2, m_1 + n, \lambda, \gamma)$  then by using Lemma 2.1, we have

$$\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{k^{m_1+m_2}(2 - \lambda(1 + \gamma)) - k^{m_1+n}(1 - \lambda)(1 + \gamma)}{(1 - \gamma)} |a_k| + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{k^{m_1+m_2}(2 - \lambda(1 + \gamma)) - (-1)^{m_2-n}k^{m_1+n}(1 - \lambda)(1 + \gamma)}{(1 - \gamma)} |b_k| \leq 1. \quad (5)$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{k^{m_2}(2 - \lambda(1 + \gamma)) - k^n(1 - \lambda)(1 + \gamma)}{(1 - \gamma)} |a_k| \\ & + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{k^{m_2}(2 - \lambda(1 + \gamma)) - (-1)^{m_2-n}k^n(1 - \lambda)(1 + \gamma)}{(1 - \gamma)} |b_k| \\ & \leq \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{k^{m_1}(k^{m_2}(2 - \lambda(1 + \gamma)) - k^n(1 - \lambda)(1 + \gamma))}{(1 - \gamma)} |a_k| \\ & \quad + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{k^{m_1}(k^{m_2}(2 - \lambda(1 + \gamma)) - (-1)^{m_2-n}k^n(1 - \lambda)(1 + \gamma))}{(1 - \gamma)} |b_k| \\ & \leq 1. \quad \text{using (5)} \end{aligned}$$

So,  $f_m \in TS_H^*(m_2, n, \lambda, \gamma)$ . Thus, the proof of (i) is established. The proof of (ii) of Lemma 2.3 is similar to (i), hence it will be omitted.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.4.** For  $0 \leq \gamma_2 \leq \gamma_1 < 1$ , let the functions

$$f_{m_1}(z) = z - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} a_k z^k + (-1)^{m_1-1} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} b_k \bar{z}^k \quad (a_k, b_k \geq 0)$$

and

$$F_{m_2}(z) = z - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} A_k z^k + (-1)^{m_2-1} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} B_k \bar{z}^k \quad (A_k, B_k \geq 0)$$

belongs to  $TS_H^*(m_1, n, \lambda, \gamma_1)$  and  $TS_H^*(m_2, n, \lambda, \gamma_2)$ , respectively. Then  $f_{m_1} * F_{m_2} \in TS_H^*(m_1 + m_2, m_2 + n, \lambda, \gamma_1)$  (if both  $m_1 + m_2$  and  $m_1$  are even or odd) and  $f_{m_1} * F_{m_2} \in TS_H^*(m_1 + m_2 - 1, m_2 + n - 1, \lambda, \gamma)$ , (if  $m_1 + m_2$  is even but  $m_1$  is odd or visa versa).

*Proof.* Here, we only prove the Theorem for the case when both  $m_1 + m_2$  and  $m_1$  are even. For the case when  $m_1 + m_2$  is even but  $m_1$  is odd or visa versa one can prove in similar way. Therefore it is omitted. Since  $f_{m_1} \in TS_H^*(m_1, n, \lambda, \gamma_1)$ , then by using Lemma 2.2 we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{k^{m_1}(2 - \lambda(1 + \gamma_1)) - k^n(1 - \lambda)(1 + \gamma_1)}{(1 - \gamma_1)} |a_k| \\ & + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{k^{m_1}(2 - \lambda(1 + \gamma_1)) - (-1)^{m_1-n} k^n(1 - \lambda)(1 + \gamma_1)}{(1 - \gamma_1)} |b_k| \leq 1. \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

Similarly,  $F_{m_2}(z) \in TS_H^*(m_2, n, \lambda, \gamma_2)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{k^{m_2}(2 - \lambda(1 + \gamma_2)) - k^n(1 - \lambda)(1 + \gamma_2)}{(1 - \gamma_2)} |A_k| \\ & + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{k^{m_2}(2 - \lambda(1 + \gamma_2)) - (-1)^{m_2-n} k^n(1 - \lambda)(1 + \gamma_2)}{(1 - \gamma_2)} |B_k| \leq 1. \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

Therefore,

$$\frac{k^{m_2}(2 - \lambda(1 + \gamma_2)) - k^n(1 - \lambda)(1 + \gamma_2)}{(1 - \gamma_2)} |A_k| \leq 1, \quad \forall k = 1, 2, \dots \quad (8)$$

and

$$\frac{k^{m_2}(2 - \lambda(1 + \gamma_2)) - (-1)^{m_2-n} k^n(1 - \lambda)(1 + \gamma_2)}{(1 - \gamma_2)} |B_k| \leq 1 \quad \forall k = 1, 2, \dots \quad (9)$$

Now for the convolution function  $f_m * F_m$ , we have:

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{k^{m_1+m_2}(2 - \lambda(1 + \gamma_1)) - k^n(1 - \lambda)(1 + \gamma_1)}{(1 - \gamma_1)} |a_k A_k| \\ & + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{k^{m_1+m_2}(2 - \lambda(1 + \gamma_1)) - (-1)^{m_1-n}(1 - \lambda)(1 + \gamma_1)}{(1 - \gamma_1)} |b_k B_k| \\ & = \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{k^{m_1}(2 - \lambda(1 + \gamma_1)) - k^n(1 - \lambda)(1 + \gamma_1)}{(1 - \gamma_1)} |a_k A_k| \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{k^{m_2} (k^{m_1} (2 - \lambda(1 + \gamma_1)) - (-1)^{m_1-n} k^n (1 - \lambda)(1 + \gamma_1))}{(1 - \gamma_1)} |b_k B_k| \\
 \leq & \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{k^{m_2} (2 - \lambda(1 + \gamma_2)) - k^n (1 - \lambda)(1 + \gamma_2)}{(1 - \gamma_2)} |A_k| \frac{k^{m_1} (2 - \lambda(1 + \gamma_1)) - k^n (1 - \lambda)(1 + \gamma_1)}{(1 - \gamma_1)} |a_k| \\
 & + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{k^{m_2} (2 - \lambda(1 + \gamma_2)) - (-1)^{m_2-n} k^n (1 - \lambda)(1 + \gamma_2)}{(1 - \gamma_2)} |B_k| \\
 & \frac{k^{m_1} (2 - \lambda(1 + \gamma_1)) - (-1)^{m_1-n} k^n (1 - \lambda)(1 + \gamma_1)}{(1 - \gamma_1)} |b_k| \\
 \leq & \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{k^{m_1} (2 - \lambda(1 + \gamma_1)) - k^n (1 - \lambda)(1 + \gamma_1)}{(1 - \gamma_1)} |a_k| \\
 & \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{k^{m_1} (2 - \lambda(1 + \gamma_1)) - (-1)^{m_1-n} k^n (1 - \lambda)(1 + \gamma_1)}{(1 - \gamma_1)} |b_k| \\
 \leq & 1. (\text{using6})
 \end{aligned}$$

□

By setting  $m_1 = m_2$  in Theorem 2.4, we obtained the next result.

**Corollary 2.5.** For  $0 \leq \gamma_2 \leq \gamma_1 < 1$ , let the functions

$$f_m(z) = z - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} a_k z^k + (-1)^{m-1} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} b_k \bar{z}^k \quad (a_k, b_k \geq 0)$$

and

$$F_m(z) = z - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} A_k z^k + (-1)^{m-1} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} B_k \bar{z}^k \quad (A_k, B_k \geq 0)$$

belongs to  $TS_H^*(m, n, \lambda, \gamma_1)$  and  $TS_H^*(m, n, \lambda, \gamma_2)$ , respectively. Then  $f_m * F_m \in TS_H^*(2m, m + n, \lambda, \gamma_1)$  (if  $m$  is an even integer) and  $f_m * F_m \in TS_H^*(2m - 1, m + n - 1, \lambda, \gamma_1)$  (if  $m$  is an odd integer).

*Proof.* The proof of Corollary is easily followed by the proof of Theorem 2.4, by setting  $m_1 = m_2$  in Lemma 2.3. □

**Remark 2.6.** In this remark, we consider the following two cases and in each case, we observe that Corollary 2.5 improve the Theorem 1.1.

**Case (i)** When  $m$  is an even integer: For  $m$  an even integer our Corollary states that  $f_m * F_m \in TS_H^*(2m, m + n, \lambda, \gamma_1)$ , whereas Theorem 1.1 gives  $f_m * F_m \in TS_H^*(m, n, \lambda, \gamma_1)$ . But by Lemma 2.2 and (i) of Lemma 2.3 (by taking  $m_1 = m_2 = m$ ,  $m$  an even integer) we have  $TS_H^*(2m, m + n, \lambda, \gamma_1) \subseteq TS_H^*(m, n, \lambda, \gamma_1) \subseteq TS_H^*(m, n, \lambda, \gamma_2)$ . Therefore, our result provides smaller class in comparison to the class given by Sudharshan et al. to which  $f_m * F_m(z)$  belongs.

**Case (ii)** When  $m$  is an odd integer: For  $m$  an odd integer our Corollary states that  $f_m * F_m \in TS_H^*(2m - 1, m + n - 1, \lambda, \gamma_1)$ , whereas Theorem 1.1 gives  $f_m * F_m \in TS_H^*(m, n, \lambda, \gamma_1)$ . But by Lemma 2.2 and (ii) of Lemma 2.3 (by taking  $m_1 = m_2 = m$ ,  $m$  an odd integer) we have  $TS_H^*(2m - 1, m + n - 1, \lambda, \gamma_1) \subseteq TS_H^*(m, n, \lambda, \gamma_1) \subseteq TS_H^*(m, n, \lambda, \gamma_2)$ . Our class provides better estimates in this case too.

Hence we conclude that for all  $m \in \mathbb{N} = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ , our result improves Theorem 1.1.

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