

## On A Subclass of Harmonic Univalent Functions Defined By Generalized Derivative Operator

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### **ABSTRACT**

In the present paper, a subclass of harmonic univalent functions is defined using generalized derivative operator and we have obtained among others results like, coefficient inequalities, distortion theorem and convex combination.

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### **1. INTRODUCTION**

A continuous function  $f(z)$  is said to be a complex-valued harmonic function in a simply connected domain  $D$  in complex plane  $C$  if both  $\operatorname{Re}(f)$  and  $\operatorname{Im}(f)$  are real harmonic in  $D$ . Such functions can be expressed as

$$f(z) = h(z) + \overline{g(z)} \quad (1.1)$$

where  $h(z)$  and  $g(z)$  are analytic in  $D$ . We call  $h(z)$  as analytic part and  $g(z)$  as co-analytic part of  $f(z)$ . A necessary and sufficient condition for  $f(z)$  to be locally univalent and sense-preserving in  $D$  is that  $|h'(z)| > |g'(z)|$  for all  $z$  in  $D$ . [2]

Let  $S_H$  be the family of functions of the form (1.1) that are harmonic, univalent and orientation preserving in the open unit disk  $U = \{z : |z| < 1\}$ , so that  $f(z) = h(z) + \overline{g(z)}$  is normalized by  $f(0) = h(0) = f_z(0) - 1 = 0$ . Further  $f(z) = h(z) + \overline{g(z)}$  can be uniquely determined by the coefficients of power series expansions.

$$h(z) = z + \sum_{p=2}^{\infty} a_p z^p, \quad g(z) = \sum_{p=1}^{\infty} b_p z^p, \quad z \in U, \quad |b_1| < 1, \quad (1.2)$$

where  $a_p \in C$  for  $p = 2, 3, 4, \dots$  and  $b_p \in C$  for  $p = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

We note that this family  $S_H$  was investigated and studied by Clunie and Sheil-Small [2] and it reduces to the well-known family  $S$  the class of all normalized analytic univalent functions  $h(z)$  given in (1.2), whenever the co-analytic part  $g(z)$  of  $f(z)$  is identically zero.

Let  $\overline{S_H}$  denote the subfamily of  $S_H$  consisting of harmonic functions of the form

$$f_n(z) = h(z) + \overline{g_n(z)}$$

$$\text{Where } h(z) = z + \sum_{p=2}^{\infty} a_p z^p, \quad g_n(z) = (-1)^n \sum_{p=1}^{\infty} b_p z^p, \quad z \in U, \quad |b_1| < 1. \quad (1.3)$$

For  $f(z) = h(z) + \overline{g(z)}$  given by (1.1), we define the derivative operator introduced by Shaqsi and Darus [8] of  $f(z)$  as,

$$D_{m,\lambda}^n f(z) = D_{m,\lambda}^n h(z) + (-1)^n \overline{D_{m,\lambda}^n g(z)}, \quad (1.4)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} D_{m,\lambda}^n h(z) &= z + \sum_{p=2}^{\infty} [1 + (p-1)\lambda]^n C(m, p) a_p z^p \\ D_{m,\lambda}^n g(z) &= \sum_{p=1}^{\infty} [1 + (p-1)\lambda]^n C(m, p) b_p z^p, \quad |b_1| < 1, \quad C(m, p) = C \binom{p+m-1}{m}. \end{aligned}$$

**Definition:** The function  $f(z) = h(z) + \overline{g(z)}$  defined by (1.2) is in the class  $S_H(n, m, k, \lambda, \beta)$  if

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{D_{m,\lambda}^{n+1} f(z)}{D_{m,\lambda}^n f(z)} \right\} \geq k \left| \frac{D_{m,\lambda}^{n+1} f(z)}{D_{m,\lambda}^n f(z)} - 1 \right| + \beta \quad (1.5)$$

where  $0 \leq k < \infty$ ,  $0 \leq \beta < 1$ .

Also let

$$\overline{S_H}(n, m, k, \lambda, \beta) = S_H(n, m, k, \lambda, \beta) \cap \overline{S_H} \quad (1.6)$$

We note that by specializing the parameter, especially when  $k = 0$ ,  $S_H(n, m, k, \lambda, \beta)$  reduces to well-known family of starlike harmonic functions of order  $\beta$ . In recent years many researchers have studied various subclasses of  $S_H$  for example [1],[3],[4],[6]and [8].

In the present paper we aim at systematic study of basic properties, in particular coefficient bound , distortion theorem and extreme points of aforementioned subclass of harmonic functions.

## 2. MAIN RESULTS

**Theorem1:** Let  $f(z) = h(z) + \overline{g(z)}$  be given by (1.2). If condition

$$\sum_{p=1}^{\infty} \left\{ \frac{[1 + (p-1)\lambda]^n [(1+k)[1 + (p-1)\lambda] - k - \beta]}{(1-\beta)} C(m, p) |a_p| + \frac{[1 + (p-1)\lambda]^n [(1+k)[1 + (p-1)\lambda] + k + \beta]}{(1-\beta)} C(m, p) |b_p| \right\} \leq 2 \quad \text{where} \quad (2.1)$$

$a_1 = 1$ ,  $0 \leq \beta < 1$ ,  $0 \leq k < \infty$ ,  $n \in N \cup \{0\}$ , then  $f(z)$  is sense-preserving harmonic univalent in  $U$  and  $f \in S_H(n, m, k, \lambda, \beta)$ .

**Proof:** If the inequality (2.1) holds for coefficients of  $f(z) = h(z) + \overline{g(z)}$  then by (1.2),  $f(z)$  is orientation preserving and harmonic univalent in  $U$ . Now it remains to show that  $f \in S_H(n, m, k, \lambda, \beta)$ . According to (1.4) and (1.5) we have

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{D_{m,\lambda}^{n+1} f(z)}{D_{m,\lambda}^n f(z)} \right\} \geq k \left| \frac{D_{m,\lambda}^{n+1} f(z)}{D_{m,\lambda}^n f(z)} - 1 \right| + \beta$$

which is equivalent to  $\operatorname{Re} \left( \frac{A(z)}{B(z)} \right) > \beta$

where  $A(z) = (1+k)D_{m,\lambda}^{n+1}f(z) - kD_{m,\lambda}^nf(z)$  and  $B(z) = D_{m,\lambda}^nf(z)$

Using the fact that,  $\operatorname{Re}(w) > \beta$  if  $|1-\beta+w| \geq |1+\beta-w|$  it suffices to show that

$$\begin{aligned}
& |A(z) + (1-\beta)B(z)| \geq |A(z) - (1+\beta)B(z)| \text{ substituting values of } A(z) \text{ and } B(z) \text{ with simple calculations we led to} \\
& = \left| (2-\beta)z + \sum_{p=2}^{\infty} [1+(p-1)\lambda]^n [(1+k)[1+(p-1)\lambda]-k+1-\beta] C(m,p) a_p z^p - (-1)^n \sum_{p=1}^{\infty} [1+(p-1)\lambda]^n [(1+k)[1+(p-1)\lambda]-k-1+\beta] C(m,p) \bar{b}_p \bar{z}^p \right| \\
& - \left| \beta z + \sum_{p=2}^{\infty} [1+(p-1)\lambda]^n [(1+k)[1+(p-1)\lambda]-k+1-\beta] C(m,p) a_p z^p + (-1)^n \sum_{p=1}^{\infty} [1+(p-1)\lambda]^n [(1+k)[1+(p-1)\lambda]-k-1+\beta] C(m,p) \bar{b}_p \bar{z}^p \right| \\
& \geq 2(1-\beta)|z| - \sum_{p=2}^{\infty} [1+(p-1)\lambda]^n [2(1+k)[1+(p-1)\lambda]-2k-2\beta] C(m,p) |a_p| |z|^p \\
& - (-1)^n \sum_{p=1}^{\infty} [1+(p-1)\lambda]^n [2(1+k)[1+(p-1)\lambda]+2k+2\beta] C(m,p) |\bar{b}_p| |\bar{z}|^p \\
& \geq 2(1-\beta)|z| \left\{ 1 - \sum_{p=2}^{\infty} [1+(p-1)\lambda]^n \frac{[(1+k)[1+(p-1)\lambda]-k-\beta]}{(1-\beta)} C(m,p) |a_p| |z|^{p-1} \right. \\
& \quad \left. - (-1)^n \sum_{p=1}^{\infty} [1+(p-1)\lambda]^n \frac{[(1+k)[1+(p-1)\lambda]+k+\beta]}{(1-\beta)} C(m,p) |\bar{b}_p| |\bar{z}|^{p-1} \right\} \geq 0.
\end{aligned}$$

By assumption. Hence proof is completed.

The functions

$$f(z) = z + \sum_{p=2}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{(1-\beta)}{[1+(p-1)\lambda]^n [(1+k)[1+(p-1)\lambda]-k-\beta]} \right] x_p z^p + \sum_{p=1}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{(1-\beta)}{[1+(p-1)\lambda]^n [(1+k)[1+(p-1)\lambda]+k+\beta]} \right] y_p \bar{z}^p$$

$$\text{where } \sum_{p=2}^{\infty} |x_p| + \sum_{p=1}^{\infty} |y_p| = 1 \quad (2.3)$$

shows that the coefficient bound given (2.1) is sharp.

**Theorem 2:** Let  $f_n(z) = h(z) + \overline{g_n(z)}$  be so that  $h(z)$  and  $g_n(z)$  given by (1.6). Then  $f_n \in \overline{S_H}(n, m, k, \lambda, \beta)$  if and only if

$$\sum_{p=1}^{\infty} \left\{ \frac{[1+(p-1)\lambda]^n [(1+k)[1+(p-1)\lambda]-k-\beta]}{(1-\beta)} C(m,p) |a_p| + \frac{[1+(p-1)\lambda]^n [(1+k)[1+(p-1)\lambda]+k+\beta]}{(1-\beta)} C(m,p) |\bar{b}_p| \right\} \leq 2, \quad (2.4)$$

where  $a_1 = 1, 0 \leq \beta < 1, 0 \leq k < \infty$ .

**Proof:** The if part follows from Theorem 1 with the fact the  $\overline{S}_H(n, m, k, \lambda, \beta) \subset S_H(n, m, k, \lambda, \beta)$ . For only if part, we show that  $f_n \notin \overline{S}_H(n, m, k, \lambda, \beta)$  if the condition (2.4) is not satisfied. Note that necessary and sufficient condition for Let  $f_n = h + \overline{g}_n$  given by (1.6) to be in  $\overline{S}_H(n, m, k, \lambda, \beta)$  is that

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{D_{m,\lambda}^{n+1} f(z)}{D_{m,\lambda}^n f(z)} \right\} \geq k \left| \frac{D_{m,\lambda}^{n+1} f(z)}{D_{m,\lambda}^n f(z)} - 1 \right| + \beta$$

which is equivalent to

$$\begin{aligned} & \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{(1+k) D_{m,\lambda}^{n+1} f(z) + (k-\beta) D_{m,\lambda}^n f(z)}{D_{m,\lambda}^n f(z)} \right\} \\ &= \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{\left(1-\beta\right) z - \sum_{p=2}^{\infty} \left[1+(p-1)\lambda\right]^n \left[(1+k)\left[1+(p-1)\lambda\right] - k - \beta\right] C(m, p) a_p z^p - (-1)^{2k} \sum_{p=1}^{\infty} \left[1+(p-1)\lambda\right]^n \left[(1+k)\left[1+(p-1)\lambda\right] + k + \beta\right] C(m, p) \bar{b}_p \bar{z}^p}{z - \sum_{p=2}^{\infty} \left[1+(p-1)\lambda\right]^n C(m, p) a_p z^p + (-1)^{2k} \sum_{p=1}^{\infty} \left[1+(p-1)\lambda\right]^n C(m, p) \bar{b}_p \bar{z}^p} \right\} > 0. \end{aligned}$$

The above conditions must hold for all values of  $z$ ,  $|z| = r < 1$ . Choosing  $z$  on positive axis where  $0 \leq |z| = r < 1$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(1-\beta\right) z - \sum_{p=2}^{\infty} \left[1+(p-1)\lambda\right]^n \left[(1+k)\left[1+(p-1)\lambda\right] - k - \beta\right] C(m, p) a_p r^{p-1} \\ & - (-1)^{2k} \sum_{p=1}^{\infty} \left[1+(p-1)\lambda\right]^n \left[(1+k)\left[1+(p-1)\lambda\right] + k + \beta\right] C(m, p) \bar{b}_p \bar{r}^{p-1} \\ & \frac{z - \sum_{p=2}^{\infty} \left[1+(p-1)\lambda\right]^n C(m, p) a_p r^{p-1} + (-1)^{2k} \sum_{p=1}^{\infty} \left[1+(p-1)\lambda\right]^n C(m, p) \bar{b}_p \bar{r}^{p-1}}{z - \sum_{p=2}^{\infty} \left[1+(p-1)\lambda\right]^n C(m, p) a_p r^{p-1} + (-1)^{2k} \sum_{p=1}^{\infty} \left[1+(p-1)\lambda\right]^n C(m, p) \bar{b}_p \bar{r}^{p-1}} \geq 0. \quad (2.5) \end{aligned}$$

or equivalently if the condition (2.4) does not hold then the numerator in (2.5) is negative for  $r$  sufficiently close to 1.

Thus there exists  $z_0 = r_0$  in  $(0, 1)$  for which the quotient in (2.5) is negative. This contradicts that required condition for  $f_n \in \overline{S}_H(n, m, k, \lambda, \beta)$  and hence proof is completed.

**Theorem 3:** Let  $f_n$  be given by (1.6). Then  $f_n \in \overline{S}_H(k, \beta; n)$  if and only if

$$f_n(z) = \sum_{p=1}^{\infty} (x_p h_p(z) + y_p g_{n_p}(z))$$

where,  $h_1(z) = 1$ ,  $h_p(z) = z - \frac{(1-\beta)}{\left[1+(p-1)\lambda\right]^n \left[(1+k)\left[1+(p-1)\lambda\right] - k - \beta\right]} z^p$ ,  $p = 2, 3, 4, \dots$

$$g_{n_p}(z) = z + (-1)^{n-1} \frac{(1-\beta)}{\left[1+(p-1)\lambda\right]^n \left[(1+k)\left[1+(p-1)\lambda\right] + k + \beta\right]} z^p, \quad p = 1, 2, 3, \dots \text{ and}$$

$$x_p \geq 0, y_p \geq 0, \quad x_1 = 1 - \sum_{p=2}^{\infty} (x_p + y_p) \geq 0.$$

In particular, the extreme points of  $\overline{S}_H(n, m, k, \lambda, \beta)$  are  $\{h_n\}$  and  $\{g_{n_p}\}$ .

**Proof:** Let

$$\begin{aligned} f_n(z) &= \sum_{p=1}^{\infty} (x_p h_p(z) + y_p g_{n_p}(z)) \\ &= \sum_{p=2}^{\infty} (x_p + y_p) - \sum_{p=2}^{\infty} \frac{(1-\beta)}{\left[1+(p-1)\lambda\right]^n \left[(1+k)\left[1+(p-1)\lambda\right] - k - \beta\right]} x_p z^p \\ &\quad + (-1)^{n-1} \sum_{p=1}^{\infty} \frac{(1-\beta)}{\left[1+(p-1)\lambda\right]^n \left[(1+k)\left[1+(p-1)\lambda\right] + k + \beta\right]} y_p z^{-p} \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sum_{p=2}^{\infty} \frac{\left[1+(p-1)\lambda\right]^n \left[(1+k)\left[1+(p-1)\lambda\right] - k - \beta\right]}{(1-\beta)} |a_p| \\ &\quad + \sum_{p=1}^{\infty} \frac{\left[1+(p-1)\lambda\right]^n \left[(1+k)\left[1+(p-1)\lambda\right] + k + \beta\right]}{(1-\beta)} |b_p| \\ &= \sum_{p=2}^{\infty} x_p + \sum_{p=1}^{\infty} y_p = 1 - x_1 \leq 1 \end{aligned}$$

and so  $f_n \in \overline{S}_H(n, m, k, \lambda, \beta)$ .

Conversely, suppose that  $f_n \in \overline{S}_H(n, m, k, \lambda, \beta)$ .

Setting

$$x_p = \frac{[1+(p-1)\lambda]^n [(1+k)[1+(p-1)\lambda]-k-\beta]}{(1-\beta)} a_p, p=2,3,\dots$$

$$y_p = \frac{[1+(p-1)\lambda]^n [(1+k)[1+(p-1)\lambda]-k-\beta]}{(1-\beta)} b_p, p=1,2,3,\dots$$

where  $\sum_{p=1}^{\infty} (x_p + y_p) = 1$  we obtain  $f_n(z) = \sum_{p=1}^{\infty} (x_p h_p(z) + y_p g_{n_p}(z))$  as required.

**Theorem 4:** Let  $f_n \in \overline{S}_H(n, m, k, \lambda, \beta)$  then for  $|z| = r < 1$

we have

$$|f_n(z)| \leq (1+|b_1|)r + \frac{1}{(2\lambda)^n} \left\{ \frac{(1-\beta)}{(1+k)(1+\lambda)-k-\beta} - \frac{(1+k)(1+\lambda)+k+\beta}{(1+k)(1+\lambda)-k-\beta} |b_1| \right\} r^2$$

and

$$|f_n(z)| \geq (1-|b_1|)r - \frac{1}{(2\lambda)^n} \left\{ \frac{(1-\beta)}{(1+k)(1+\lambda)-k-\beta} - \frac{(1+k)(1+\lambda)+k+\beta}{(1+k)(1+\lambda)-k-\beta} |b_1| \right\} r^2$$

**Proof.** Let  $f_n \in \overline{S}_H(n, m, k, \lambda, \beta)$ . Taking absolute value of  $f_n$  we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} |f_n(z)| &\leq (1+|b_1|)r + \sum_{p=2}^{\infty} (|a_p| + |b_p|) r^p \\ &\leq (1+|b_1|)r + \sum_{p=2}^{\infty} (|a_p| + |b_p|) r^2 \\ &\leq (1+|b_1|)r + \frac{(1-\beta)}{(2\lambda)^n [(1+k)(1+\lambda)-k-\beta]} \left\{ \sum_{p=2}^{\infty} \frac{(2\lambda)^n [(1+k)(1+\lambda)-k-\beta]}{(1-\beta)} (|a_p| + |b_p|) \right\} r^2 \\ &\leq (1+|b_1|)r + \frac{(1-\beta)}{(2\lambda)^n [(1+k)(1+\lambda)-k-\beta]} \sum_{p=2}^{\infty} \left( \frac{(2\lambda)^n [(1+k)(1+\lambda)-k-\beta]}{(1-\beta)} |a_p| + \frac{(2\lambda)^n [(1+k)(1+\lambda)+k+\beta]}{(1-\beta)} |b_p| \right) r^2 \\ &\leq (1+|b_1|)r + \frac{(1-\beta)}{(2\lambda)^n [(1+k)(1+\lambda)-k-\beta]} \sum_{p=2}^{\infty} \left( 1 - \frac{(2\lambda)^n [(1+k)(1+\lambda)+k+\beta]}{(1-\beta)} |b_p| \right) r^2 \\ &\leq (1+|b_1|)r + \frac{1}{(2\lambda)^n} \left\{ \frac{(1-\beta)}{(1+k)(1+\lambda)-k-\beta} - \frac{(1+k)(1+\lambda)+k+\beta}{(1+k)(1+\lambda)-k-\beta} |b_1| \right\} r^2. \end{aligned}$$

The forthcoming result follows from left hand inequality in Theorem 2.4.

**Theorem 5:** The class of  $\overline{S}_H(n, m, k, \lambda, \beta)$  is closed under convex combination.

**Proof:** For  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots$  suppose  $f_{n_i}(z) \in \overline{S}_H(n, m, k, \lambda, \beta)$  where

$$f_{n_i} = z - \sum_{p=2}^{\infty} |a_{ip}| z^p + (-1)^n \sum_{p=1}^{\infty} |b_{ip}| z^{-p}$$

then by Theorem 2

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{p=2}^{\infty} \frac{[1+(p-1)\lambda]^n [(1+k)[1+(p-1)\lambda]-k-\beta]}{(1-\beta)} |a_{ip}| \\ & + \sum_{p=2}^{\infty} \frac{[1+(p-1)\lambda]^n [(1+k)[1+(p-1)\lambda]+k+\beta]}{(1-\beta)} |b_{ip}| \leq 1. \end{aligned} \quad (2.6)$$

For  $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} t_i = 1$ ,  $0 \leq t_i \leq 1$ , the convex combination of  $f_{n_i}$  may be written as

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} t_i f_{n_i}(z) = z - \sum_{p=2}^{\infty} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} t_i |a_{ip}| \right) z^p + (-1)^n \sum_{p=1}^{\infty} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} t_i |b_{ip}| \right) z^{-p}$$

hence by (2.6)

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

and therefore  $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} t_i f_{n_i}(z) \in \overline{S}_H(n, m, k, \lambda, \beta)$

This completes the proof.

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