

# On Goodman-Rønning-Type Harmonic Univalent Functions Defined by Ruscheweyh Operator

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## Abstract

In this paper, we use Ruscheweyh derivative operator to introduce and study a class of Goodman-Rønning-type harmonic univalent functions. We obtain coefficient conditions, extreme points, distortion bounds, convolution conditions, convex combination for the aforementioned class. Further, result on integral operators is also given.

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## 1 Introduction

A continuous function  $f = u + iv$  is a complex valued harmonic function in a complex domain  $\mathbb{C}$  if both  $u$  and  $v$  are real harmonic in  $\mathbb{C}$ . In any simply connected domain  $\mathcal{D} \subset \mathbb{C}$ , we can write  $f(z) = h + \bar{g}$ , where  $h$  and  $g$  are analytic in  $\mathcal{D}$ . We call  $h$  the analytic part and  $g$  the co-analytic part of  $f$ . A necessary and sufficient condition for  $f$  to be locally univalent and sense-preserving in  $\mathcal{D}$  is that  $|h'(z)| > |g'(z)|$  in  $\mathcal{D}$ . See Clunie and Sheil-Small [1].

Denote by  $\mathcal{H}$  the family of functions  $f = h + \bar{g}$  that are harmonic univalent and sense-preserving in the unit disk  $\mathbb{U} = \{z : |z| < 1\}$  for which  $f(0) = h(0) = f_z(0) - 1 = 0$ . For  $f = h + \bar{g} \in \mathcal{H}$  we may express the analytic functions  $h$  and  $g$  as

$$h(z) = z + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} a_k z^k, \quad g(z) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} b_k z^k \quad |b_1| < 1. \tag{1.1}$$

Let  $\mathcal{T}$  be defined as the subclass of  $\mathcal{H}$  consisting of all functions  $f = h + \bar{g}$  where  $h$  and  $g$  are given by

$$h(z) = z - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} |a_k| z^k, \quad g(z) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |b_k| z^k \quad |b_1| < 1. \tag{1.2}$$

In 1984, Clunie and Sheil-Small [1] investigated the class  $\mathcal{H}$  as well as its geometric subclasses and obtained some coefficient bounds. Since then, there have been several related papers on  $\mathcal{H}$  and its subclasses which include the ones studied by Silverman [5], Silverman and Silvia [6] and, Jahangiri [7].

**Definition 1.1** [2] *The subclass  $G_H(\alpha) \subset \mathcal{H}$  consisting of harmonic univalent functions  $f$  satisfying the following condition*

$$Re \left\{ (1 + e^{i\gamma}) \frac{z f'(z)}{f(z)} - e^{i\gamma} \right\} \geq \alpha, \quad 0 \leq \alpha < 1, \quad \gamma \in \mathbb{R}.$$

In [2], they proved that if  $f = h + \bar{g}$  is given by (1.1) and if

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{2k - 1 - \alpha}{1 - \alpha} |a_k| + \frac{2k + 1 + \alpha}{1 - \alpha} |b_k| \right] \leq 2, \quad a_1 = 1, \quad 0 \leq \alpha < 1, \tag{1.3}$$

then  $f$  is harmonic univalent functions in  $\mathbb{U}$  and  $f \in G_H(\alpha)$ . This condition is proved to be necessary if  $f = h + \bar{g}$  is given by (1.2).

Now, we define the Ruscheweyh derivative operator  $D^n$ :

**Definition 1.2** [3] *Let  $\phi(z) = z + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \phi_k z^k$ . Then for  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0 = \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$*

$$D^n \phi(z) = \frac{z}{(1 - z)^{n+1}} * \phi(z) = z + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} C(n, k) \phi_k z^k$$

where  $C(n, k) = \binom{k+n-1}{n}$  and  $*$  denotes the Hadamard product of two analytic functions.

Murugusundaramoorthy [4] has introduced the modified Ruscheweyh derivatives operator of harmonic univalent function  $f = h + \bar{g} \in \mathcal{H}$  as

$$D^n f(z) = D^n h(z) + \overline{D^n g(z)}, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}_0, \tag{1.4}$$

where

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

**Definition 1.3** Let  $M_{\mathcal{H}}(n, \alpha)$  denote the family of harmonic functions  $f$  of the form (1.1) such that

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ (1 + e^{i\gamma}) \frac{D^{n+1} f(z)}{D^n f(z)} - e^{i\gamma} \right\} \geq \alpha, \tag{1.5}$$

where  $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ ,  $\gamma \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $D^n f(z)$  is defined by (1.4).

Note that for the case  $n = 0$ , was given in [2]. Also note that for the case  $n = 0$ ,  $\alpha = 0$ , was given by Silverman and Silvia [5] and for  $n = 0$ ,  $\alpha = b_1 = 0$ , see [6]. Further note that if  $n = 0$  and the co-analytic part of  $f = h + \bar{g}$  is zero, then the class  $M_{\mathcal{H}}(n, \alpha)$  reduces to the class studied in [8] (see also [9]).

We further denote by  $T_{\mathcal{H}}(n, \alpha)$  the subclass of  $M_{\mathcal{H}}(n, \alpha)$ , where  $T_{\mathcal{H}}(n, \alpha) = \mathcal{T} \cap M_{\mathcal{H}}(n, \alpha)$ .

## 2 Coefficient Bounds

In this section, we introduce a sufficient coefficient bound for harmonic functions in  $M_{\mathcal{H}}(n, \alpha)$  and  $T_{\mathcal{H}}(n, \alpha)$ .

**Theorem 2.1** Let  $f = h + \bar{g}$  be given by (1.1). If

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} [(2k - \alpha - 1)|a_k| + (2k + \alpha + 1)|b_k|] C(n, k) \leq 2(1 - \alpha), \tag{2.1}$$

where  $a_1 = 1$ ,  $0 \leq \alpha < 1$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ , then  $f(z)$  is sense-preserving harmonic univalent in  $\mathbb{U}$ , and  $f \in M_{\mathcal{H}}(n, \alpha)$ .

**Proof.** Let  $|z_1| \leq |z_2| < 1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{f(z_1) - f(z_2)}{h(z_1) - h(z_2)} \right| &\geq 1 - \left| \frac{g(z_1) - g(z_2)}{h(z_1) - h(z_2)} \right| \\ &= 1 - \left| \frac{\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} b_k(z_1^k - z_2^k)}{(z_1 - z_2) + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} a_k(z_1^k - z_2^k)} \right| \\ &> 1 - \frac{\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k|b_k|}{1 - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k|a_k|} \\ &\geq 1 - \frac{\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(2k+\alpha+1)C(n,k)}{1-\alpha} |b_k|}{1 - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{(2k-\alpha-1)C(n,k)}{1-\alpha} |a_k|} \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Consequently,  $f$  is univalent in  $\mathbb{U}$ . We note that  $f$  is sense preserving in  $\mathbb{U}$ . This is because

$$\begin{aligned} |h'(z)| &\geq 1 - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k|a_k||z|^{k-1} > 1 - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k|a_k| \geq 1 - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{(2k - \alpha - 1)C(n, k)}{1 - \alpha} |a_k||z| \\ &\geq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(2k + \alpha + 1)C(n, k)}{1 - \alpha} |b_k| > \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k|b_k||z|^{k-1} \geq |g'(z)|. \end{aligned}$$

Now according to the condition (1.5) we only need to show that if (2.1) holds then

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Re} \left\{ (1 + e^{i\gamma}) \frac{D^{n+1}f(z)}{D^n f(z)} - e^{i\gamma} \right\} &= \operatorname{Re} \left\{ (1 + e^{i\gamma}) \frac{D^{n+1}h(z) - \overline{D^{n+1}g(z)}}{D^n h(z) + \overline{D^n g(z)}} - e^{i\gamma} \right\} \\ &\geq \alpha. \end{aligned}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} \left| (1 - \alpha)D^n f(z) + (1 + e^{i\gamma})D^{n+1}f(z) - e^{i\gamma}D^n f(z) \right| \\ - \left| (1 + \alpha)D^n f(z) - (1 + e^{i\gamma})D^{n+1}f(z) + e^{i\gamma}D^n f(z) \right| \geq 0. \end{aligned} \tag{2.2}$$

Substituting for  $D^n f(z)$  and  $D^{n+1}f(z)$  in (2.2) yields

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left| (1 - \alpha)D^n f(z) + (1 + e^{i\gamma})D^{n+1} f(z) - e^{i\gamma}D^n f(z) \right| \\
 & \quad - \left| (1 + \alpha)D^n f(z) - (1 + e^{i\gamma})D^{n+1} f(z) + e^{i\gamma}D^n f(z) \right| \\
 = & \left| (2 - \alpha)z + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} (k + ke^{i\gamma} + 1 - \alpha - e^{i\gamma})C(n, k)a_k z^k \right. \\
 & \quad \left. - \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (k + ke^{i\gamma} - 1 + \alpha + e^{i\gamma})C(n, k)\overline{b_k z^k} \right| \\
 & - \left| \alpha z - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} (k + ke^{i\gamma} - 1 - \alpha - e^{i\gamma})C(n, k)a_k z^k \right. \\
 & \quad \left. + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (k + ke^{i\gamma} + 1 + \alpha + e^{i\gamma})C(n, k)\overline{b_k z^k} \right| \\
 \geq & (2 - \alpha)|z| - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} (2k - \alpha)C(n, k)|a_k||z|^k - \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (2k + \alpha)C(n, k)|b_k||z|^k \\
 & - \alpha|z| - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} (2k - \alpha - 2)C(n, k)|a_k||z|^k - \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (2k + \alpha + 2)C(n, k)|b_k||z|^k \\
 = & 2(1 - \alpha)|z| - 2 \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} (2k - \alpha - 1)C(n, k)|a_k||z|^k - 2 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (2k + \alpha + 1)C(n, k)|b_k||z|^k \\
 = & 2(1 - \alpha)|z| \left\{ 1 - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{(2k - \alpha - 1)C(n, k)}{1 - \alpha} |a_k||z|^{k-1} - \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(2k + \alpha + 1)C(n, k)}{1 - \alpha} |b_k||z|^{k-1} \right\} \\
 > & 2(1 - \alpha) \left\{ 1 - \left( \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{(2k - \alpha - 1)C(n, k)}{1 - \alpha} |a_k| + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(2k + \alpha + 1)C(n, k)}{1 - \alpha} |b_k| \right) \right\}.
 \end{aligned}$$

This last expression is non-negative by (2.1), and so the proof is complete.

The harmonic function

$$f(z) = z + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{1 - \alpha}{(2k - \alpha - 1)C(n, k)} x_k z^k + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1 - \alpha}{(2k + \alpha + 1)C(n, k)} \overline{y_k z^k} \tag{2.3}$$

where  $\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} |x_k| + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |y_k| = 1$ , show that the coefficient bound given by (2.1) is sharp.

The functions of the form (2.3) are in  $M_{\mathcal{H}}(n, \alpha)$  because

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{(2k - \alpha - 1)C(n, k)}{1 - \alpha} |a_k| + \frac{(2k + \alpha + 1)C(n, k)}{1 - \alpha} |b_k| \right) = 1 + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} |x_k| + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |y_k| = 2.$$

The restriction placed in Theorem 2.1 on the moduli of the coefficients of  $f = h + \bar{g}$  enables us to conclude for arbitrary rotation of the coefficients of  $f$  that the resulting functions would still be harmonic univalent and  $f \in M_{\mathcal{H}}(n, \alpha)$ . We next show that the condition (2.1) is also necessary for functions in  $T_{\mathcal{H}}(n, \alpha)$ .

**Theorem 2.2** *Let  $f = h + \bar{g}$  be given by (1.2). Then  $f \in T_{\mathcal{H}}(n, \alpha)$  if and only if*

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} [(2k - \alpha - 1)|a_k| + (2k + \alpha + 1)|b_k|]C(n, k) \leq 2(1 - \alpha), \quad (2.4)$$

where  $a_1 = 1$ ,  $0 \leq \alpha < 1$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ .

**Proof.** The *if* part follows from Theorem 2.1 upon noting that if  $h$  and  $g$  in  $f = h + \bar{g} \in M_{\mathcal{H}}(n, \alpha)$  are of the form (1.2) then  $f \in T_{\mathcal{H}}(n, \alpha)$ . For the *onlyif* part, we show that  $f \notin T_{\mathcal{H}}(n, \alpha)$  if the condition (2.4) does not hold. Note that a necessary and sufficient condition for  $f = h + \bar{g}$  given by (1.2) to be in  $T_{\mathcal{H}}(n, \alpha)$  is that

$$\begin{aligned} & \operatorname{Re} \left\{ (1 + e^{i\gamma}) \frac{D^{n+1}f(z)}{D^n f(z)} - e^{i\gamma} \right\} \\ &= \operatorname{Re} \left\{ (1 + e^{i\gamma}) \frac{D^{n+1}h(z) - \overline{D^{n+1}g(z)}}{D^n h(z) + \overline{D^n g(z)}} - e^{i\gamma} \right\} \geq \alpha. \end{aligned}$$

This is equivalent to

$$\begin{aligned} & \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{(1 - \alpha)z - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} [k - \alpha + (n - 1)e^{i\gamma}]C(n, k)|a_k|z^k}{z - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} C(n, k)|a_k|z^k + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} C(n, k)|b_k|\bar{z}^k} \right. \\ & \quad \left. - \frac{\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} [k + \alpha + (k + 1)e^{i\gamma}]C(n, k)|b_k|\bar{z}^k}{z - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} C(n, k)|a_k|z^k + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} C(n, k)|b_k|\bar{z}^k} \right\} \\ &= \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{1 - \alpha - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} [k - \alpha + (k - 1)e^{i\gamma}]C(n, k)|a_k|z^{k-1}}{1 - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} C(n, k)|a_k|z^{k-1} + \frac{\bar{z}}{z} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} C(n, k)|b_k|\bar{z}^{k-1}} \right. \\ & \quad \left. - \frac{\frac{\bar{z}}{z} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} [k + \alpha + (k + 1)e^{i\gamma}]C(n, k)|b_k|\bar{z}^{k-1}}{1 - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} C(n, k)|a_k|z^{k-1} + \frac{\bar{z}}{z} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} C(n, k)|b_k|\bar{z}^{k-1}} \right\} \\ & \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

The above condition must hold for all values of  $z$ ,  $|z| = r < 1$ . Upon choosing the values of  $z$  on the positive real axis, where  $0 \leq z = r < 1$ , we must have

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{1 - \alpha - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} (k - \alpha)C(n, k)|a_k|r^{k-1} - \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (k + \alpha)C(n, k)|b_k|r^{k-1}}{1 - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} C(n, k)|a_k|r^{k-1} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} C(n, k)|b_k|r^{k-1}} - e^{i\gamma} \frac{\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} (k - 1)C(n, k)|a_k|r^{k-1} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (k + 1)C(n, k)|b_k|r^{k-1}}{1 - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} C(n, k)|a_k|r^{k-1} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} C(n, k)|b_k|r^{k-1}} \right\} \geq 0.$$

Since  $\operatorname{Re}(-e^{i\gamma}) \geq -1$ , the above inequality reduces to

$$\frac{1 - \alpha - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} (2k - \alpha - 1)C(n, k)|a_k|r^{k-1} - \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (2k + \alpha + 1)C(n, k)|b_k|r^{k-1}}{1 - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} C(n, k)|a_k|r^{k-1} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} C(n, k)|b_k|r^{k-1}} \geq 0. \tag{2.5}$$

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 a  $z_0 = r_0$  in  $(0, 1)$  for which the quotient in (2.5) is negative. This contradicts the condition for  $f \in T_{\mathcal{H}}(n, \alpha)$  and hence the result.

### 3 Distortion Bounds and Extreme Points

In this section, we shall obtain distortion bounds for functions in  $T_{\mathcal{H}}(n, \alpha)$  and also provide extreme points for this class.

**Theorem 3.1** *If  $f \in T_{\mathcal{H}}(n, \alpha)$ , for  $0 \leq \alpha < 0$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$  and  $|z| = r < 1$ , then*

$$|f(z)| \leq (1 + |b_1|)r + \frac{1}{C(n, 2)} \left( \frac{1 - \alpha}{3 - \alpha} - \frac{3 + \alpha}{3 - \alpha} |b_1| \right) r^2$$

and

$$|f(z)| \geq (1 - |b_1|)r - \frac{1}{C(n, 2)} \left( \frac{1 - \alpha}{3 - \alpha} - \frac{3 + \alpha}{3 - \alpha} |b_1| \right) r^2.$$

**Proof.** Let  $f \in T_{\mathcal{H}}(n, \alpha)$ . Taking the absolute value of  $f$  we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 |f(z)| &\leq (1 + |b_1|)|z| + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} |a_k||z|^k + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} |b_k||\bar{z}|^k \\
 &\leq (1 + |b_1|)r + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} (|a_k| + |b_k|)r^k \\
 &\leq (1 + |b_1|)r + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} (|a_k| + |b_k|)r^2 \\
 &\leq (1 + |b_1|)r + \frac{1 - \alpha}{(3 - \alpha)C(n, 2)} \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{(3 - \alpha)C(n, 2)}{1 - \alpha} (|a_k| + |b_k|)r^2 \\
 &\leq (1 + |b_1|)r \\
 &\quad + \frac{1 - \alpha}{(3 - \alpha)C(n, 2)} \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \left( \frac{(2k - \alpha - 1)C(n, k)}{1 - \alpha} |a_k| + \frac{(2k + \alpha + 1)C(n, k)}{1 - \alpha} |b_k| \right) r^2 \\
 &\leq (1 + |b_1|)r + \frac{1 - \alpha}{(3 - \alpha)C(n, 2)} \left( 1 - \frac{3 + \alpha}{1 - \alpha} |b_1| \right) r^2 \\
 &\leq (1 + |b_1|)r + \frac{1}{C(n, 2)} \left( \frac{1 - \alpha}{3 - \alpha} - \frac{3 + \alpha}{3 - \alpha} |b_1| \right) r^2.
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 |f(z)| &\geq (1 - |b_1|)|z| - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} |a_k||z|^k + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} |b_k||\bar{z}|^k \\
 &\geq (1 - |b_1|)r - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} (|a_k| + |b_k|)r^k \\
 &\geq (1 - |b_1|)r - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} (|a_k| + |b_k|)r^2 \\
 &\geq (1 - |b_1|)r - \frac{1 - \alpha}{(3 - \alpha)C(n, 2)} \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{(3 - \alpha)C(n, 2)}{1 - \alpha} (|a_k| + |b_k|)r^2 \\
 &\geq (1 - |b_1|)r \\
 &\quad - \frac{1 - \alpha}{(3 - \alpha)C(n, 2)} \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \left( \frac{(2k - \alpha - 1)C(n, k)}{1 - \alpha} |a_k| + \frac{(2k + \alpha + 1)C(n, k)}{1 - \alpha} |b_k| \right) r^2 \\
 &\geq (1 - |b_1|)r - \frac{1 - \alpha}{(3 - \alpha)C(n, 2)} \left( 1 - \frac{3 + \alpha}{1 - \alpha} |b_1| \right) r^2 \\
 &\geq (1 - |b_1|)r - \frac{1}{C(n, 2)} \left( \frac{1 - \alpha}{3 - \alpha} - \frac{3 + \alpha}{3 - \alpha} |b_1| \right) r^2.
 \end{aligned}$$



The bounds given in Theorem 3.1 for the functions  $f = h + \bar{g}$  where  $h$  and  $g$  of the form (1.2) also hold for functions of the form (1.1) if the coefficient condition (2.1) is satisfied.

The following covering result follows from the second inequality in Theorem 3.1.

**Corollary 3.2** *If  $f \in T_{\mathcal{H}}(n, \alpha)$ , then*

$$\left\{ w : |w| < \frac{3C(n, 2) - 1 - [C(n, 2) - 1]\alpha}{(3 - \alpha)C(n, 2)} - \frac{3[C(n, 2) - 1] - [C(n, 2) + 1]\alpha}{(3 - \alpha)C(n, 2)} |b_1| \right\} \subset f(\mathbb{U}).$$

**Theorem 3.3**  *$f \in T_{\mathcal{H}}(n, \alpha)$  if and only if  $f$  can be expressed as*

$$f_k(z) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (Y_k h_k + \Upsilon_k g_k) \tag{3.1}$$

where  $h_1(z) = z$

$$h_k(z) = z - \frac{1 - \alpha}{(2k - \alpha - 1)C(n, k)} z^k, \quad (k = 2, 3, \dots),$$

$$g_k(z) = z + \frac{1 - \alpha}{(2k + \alpha + 1)C(n, k)} \bar{z}^k, \quad (k = 1, 2, \dots),$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (Y_k + \Upsilon_k) = 1,$$

$Y_k \geq 0$  and  $\Upsilon_k \geq 0$ . In particular, the extreme points of  $T_{\mathcal{H}}(n, \alpha)$  are  $\{h_k\}$  and  $\{g_k\}$ .

**Proof.** Note that for  $f_k$  of the form (3.1), we may write

$$\begin{aligned} f_k(z) &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (Y_k h_k + \Upsilon_k g_k) \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (Y_k + \Upsilon_k) z - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{1 - \alpha}{(2k - \alpha - 1)C(n, k)} Y_k z^k + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1 - \alpha}{(2k + \alpha + 1)C(n, k)} \Upsilon_k \bar{z}^k. \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} &\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{(2k - \alpha - 1)C(n, k)}{1 - \alpha} \left( \frac{1 - \alpha}{(2k - \alpha - 1)C(n, k)} Y_k \right) \\ &+ \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(2k - \alpha - 1)C(n, k)}{1 - \alpha} \left( \frac{1 - \alpha}{(2k + \alpha + 1)C(n, k)} \Upsilon_k \right) = \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} Y_k + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \Upsilon_k \\ &= 1 - Y_1 \leq 1. \end{aligned}$$

Now the first part of the proof is complete, since by Theorem 2.2

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{(2k - \alpha - 1)c(n, k)}{1 - \alpha} \left( \frac{1 - \alpha}{(2k - \alpha - 1)c(n, k)} Y_k \right) + \frac{(2k + \alpha + 1)c(n, k)}{1 - \alpha} \left( \frac{1 - \alpha}{(2k + \alpha + 1)c(n, k)} \Upsilon_k \right) \right] = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (Y_k + \Upsilon_k) = 1$$

Conversely, suppose that  $f \in T_{\mathcal{H}}(n, \alpha)$ . Then

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{(2k - \alpha - 1)C(n, k)}{1 - \alpha} |a_k| + \frac{(2k + \alpha + 1)C(n, k)}{1 - \alpha} |b_k| \right] \leq 2.$$

Setting

$$Y_k = \frac{(2k - \alpha - 1)c(n, k)}{1 - \alpha} |a_k|, \quad \Upsilon_k = \frac{(2k + \alpha + 1)c(n, k)}{1 - \alpha} |b_k|, \quad 0 \leq Y_k \leq 1, \quad (k = 1, 2, 3, \dots),$$

we obtain

$$f_k(z) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (Y_k h_k + \Upsilon_k g_k) \text{ as required.}$$

## 4 Convolution and Convex Combination.

In this section, we show that the class  $T_{\mathcal{H}}(n, \alpha)$  is invariant under convolution and convex combination of its member.

For harmonic functions

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

and

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

the convolution of  $f$  and  $F$  is given by

$$(f * F)(z) = f(z) * F(z) = z - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} |a_k| |A_k| z^k + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |b_k| |B_k| \bar{z}^k \quad (4.1)$$

**Theorem 4.1** For  $0 \leq \beta \leq \alpha < 1$  let  $f \in T_{\mathcal{H}}(n, \alpha)$  and  $F \in T_{\mathcal{H}}(n, \beta)$ . Then  $f * F \in T_{\mathcal{H}}(n, \alpha) \subset T_{\mathcal{H}}(n, \beta)$ .

**Proof.** Suppose  $f$  and  $F$  are harmonic so that  $f * F$  is given by above convolution. Since  $f \in T_{\mathcal{H}}(n, \alpha)$  and  $F \in T_{\mathcal{H}}(n, \beta)$ , the coefficient of  $f$  and  $F$  must satisfy conditions given by Theorem 2.2. So for the coefficient of  $f * F$  we can write

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{(2k - \beta - 1)C(n, k)}{1 - \beta} |a_k| |A_k| + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(2k + \beta + 1)C(n, k)}{1 - \beta} |b_k| |B_k| \\ & \leq \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{(2k - \beta - 1)C(n, k)}{1 - \beta} |a_k| + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(2k + \beta + 1)C(n, k)}{1 - \beta} |b_k| \\ & \leq \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{(2k - \alpha - 1)C(n, k)}{1 - \alpha} |a_k| + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(2k + \alpha + 1)C(n, k)}{1 - \alpha} |b_k| \leq 1. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $0 \leq \beta \leq \alpha < 1$  and  $f \in T_{\mathcal{H}}(n, \alpha)$ . Therefore  $f * F \in T_{\mathcal{H}}(n, \alpha) \subset T_{\mathcal{H}}(n, \beta)$ .

Now, we examine the convex combination of  $T_{\mathcal{H}}(n, \alpha)$ .

Let the functions  $f_j(z)$  be defined , for  $j = 1, 2, \dots, m$  by

$$f_j(z) = z - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} |a_{k,j}| z^k + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |b_{k,j}| \bar{z}^k. \tag{4.2}$$

**Theorem 4.2** Let the functions  $f_j(z)$  defined by (4.2) be in the class  $T_{\mathcal{H}}(n, \alpha)$  for every  $j = 1, 2, \dots, m$ . Then the functions  $\Psi(z)$  defined by

$$\Psi(z) = \sum_{j=1}^m t_j f_j(z), \quad (t_j \geq 0), \tag{4.3}$$

is also in the class  $T_{\mathcal{H}}(n, \alpha)$ , where  $\sum_{j=1}^m t_j = 1$ .

**Proof.** According to the definition of  $\Psi$ , we can write

$$\Psi(z) = z - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \left( \sum_{j=1}^m t_j |a_{k,j}| \right) z^k + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left( \sum_{j=1}^m t_j |b_{k,j}| \right) \bar{z}^k. \tag{4.4}$$

Further, since functions  $f_j(z)$  are in  $T_{\mathcal{H}}(n, \alpha)$  for every  $j = 1, 2, \dots, m$  we get

$$\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{(2k - \alpha - 1)C(n, k)}{1 - \alpha} |a_{k,j}| + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(2k + \alpha + 1)C(n, k)}{1 - \alpha} |b_{k,j}| \leq 1, \quad (4.5)$$

for every  $j = 1, 2, \dots, m$ . We can see that

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{(2k - \alpha - 1)C(n, k)}{1 - \alpha} \left( \sum_{j=1}^m t_j |a_{k,j}| \right) + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(2k + \alpha + 1)C(n, k)}{1 - \alpha} \left( \sum_{j=1}^m t_j |b_{k,j}| \right) \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^m t_j \left( \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{(2k - \alpha - 1)C(n, k)}{1 - \alpha} |a_{k,j}| + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(2k + \alpha + 1)C(n, k)}{1 - \alpha} |b_{k,j}| \right) \\ &\leq \sum_{j=1}^m t_j = 1, \end{aligned}$$

by Theorem 2.2, we have  $\Psi(z) \in T_{\mathcal{H}}(n, \alpha)$ .

**Corollary 4.3** *The class  $T_{\mathcal{H}}(n, \alpha)$  is close under convex linear combination.*

**Proof.** Let the functions  $f_j(z)$  ( $j = 1, 2$ ) defined by (4.1) be in the class  $T_{\mathcal{H}}(n, \alpha)$ . Then the function  $\Psi(z)$  defined by

$$\Psi(z) = \mu f_1(z) + (1 - \mu) f_2(z) \quad (0 \leq \mu \leq 1)$$

is in the class  $T_{\mathcal{H}}(n, \alpha)$ . Also, by taking  $m = 2$ ,  $t_1 = \mu$  and  $t_2 = (1 - \mu)$  in Theorem 4.1, we have the corollary.

## 5 Integral operator

Finally, we study the properties of an integral operator.

**Theorem 5.1** *Let  $f \in T_{\mathcal{H}}(n, \alpha)$  and let  $c$  be a real number such that  $c > -1$ . Then the function  $F$  defined by*

$$F(z) = \frac{c+1}{z^c} \int_0^z t^{c-1} f(t) dt,$$

*belongs to the class  $T_{\mathcal{H}}(n, \alpha)$ .*

**Proof.** From the representation of  $F$ , it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} F(z) &= \frac{c+1}{z^c} \int_0^z t^{c-1} \{h(t) + \overline{g(t)}\} dt \\ &= \frac{c+1}{z^c} \left( \int_0^z t^{c-1} h(t) dt + \overline{\int_0^z t^{c-1} g(t) dt} \right) \\ &= \frac{c+1}{z^c} \left( \int_0^z t^{c-1} \left( z - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} |a_k| t^k \right) dt - \overline{\int_0^z t^{c-1} \left( \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |b_k| t^k \right) dt} \right) \\ &= z - \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |A_k| z^k - \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |B_k| \overline{z}^k, \end{aligned}$$

where  $|A_k| = \frac{c+1}{c+k} a_k$ ,  $|B_k| = \frac{c+1}{c+k} |b_k|$ . Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} &\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{(2k - \alpha - 1)C(n, k)}{1 - \alpha} |A_k| + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(2k - \alpha - 1)C(n, k)}{1 - \alpha} |B_k| \\ &= \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{(2k - \alpha - 1)C(n, k)}{1 - \alpha} \frac{c+1}{c+k} |a_k| + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(2k - \alpha - 1)C(n, k)}{1 - \alpha} \frac{c+1}{c+k} |b_k| \\ &\leq 1. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $f \in T_{\mathcal{H}}(n, \alpha)$ , therefore by Theorem 2.2,  $F \in T_{\mathcal{H}}(n, \alpha)$ .

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