

HARMONIC MULTIVALENT FUNCTIONS DEFINED BY INTEGRAL OPERATOR

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Abstract. We define and investigate a new class of harmonic multivalent functions defined by integral operator. We obtain coefficient inequalities, extreme points and distortion bounds for the functions in our classes.

1. Introduction

A continuous complex-valued function $f = u + iv$ defined in a complex domain D is said to be harmonic in D if both u and v are real harmonic in D . In any simply connected domain we can write $f = h + \bar{g}$, where h and g are analytic in D . A necessary and sufficient condition for f to be locally univalent and sense preserving in D is that $|h'(z)| > |g'(z)|$, $z \in D$. (See Clunie and Sheil-Small [2]).

Denote by H the class of functions $f = h + \bar{g}$ that are harmonic univalent and sense preserving in the unit disc $U = \{z : |z| < 1\}$ so that $f = h + \bar{g}$ is normalized by $f(0) = h(0) = f'_z(0) - 1 = 0$.

Recently, Ahuja and Jahangiri [5] defined the class $H_p(n)$ ($p, n \in \mathbb{N}$), consisting of all p -valent harmonic functions $f = h + \bar{g}$ that are sense preserving in U and h and g are of the form

$$h(z) = z^p + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} a_{k+p-1} z^{k+p-1}, \quad g(z) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} b_{k+p-1} z^{k+p-1}, \quad |b_p| < 1. \quad (1.1)$$

The integral operator I^n is defined (see [4], for $p = 1$) by:

- (i) $I^0 f(z) = f(z)$;
- (ii) $I^1 f(z) = I f(z) = p \int_0^z f(t) t^{-1} dt$;

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$$(iii) I^n f(z) = I(I^{n-1} f(z)), \quad n \in \mathbb{N}, \quad f \in \mathcal{A},$$

where $\mathcal{A} = \{f \in \mathcal{H} : f(z) = z + a_2 z^2 + \dots\}$ and $\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}(U)$.

For $f = h + \bar{g}$ given by (1.1) the integral operator of f is defined as

$$I^n f(z) = I^n h(z) + (-1)^n \overline{I^n g(z)}, \quad p > n \quad (1.2)$$

where

$$I^n h(z) = z^p + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \left(\frac{p}{k+p-1} \right)^n a_{k+p-1} z^{k+p-1}$$

and

$$I^n g(z) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{p}{k+p-1} \right)^n b_{k+p-1} z^{k+p-1}.$$

For $0 \leq \alpha < 1$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $z \in U$, let $H_p(n, \alpha)$ denote the family of harmonic functions f of the form (1.1) such that

$$\operatorname{Re} \left(\frac{I^n f(z)}{I^{n+1} f(z)} \right) > \alpha, \quad (1.3)$$

where I^n is defined by (1.2).

The families $H_p(m, n, \alpha)$ and $H_p^-(m, n, \alpha)$ include a variety of well-known classes of harmonic functions as well as many new ones. For example $HS(\alpha) = \overline{H_1}(1, 0, \alpha)$ is the class of sense-preserving, harmonic univalent functions f which are starlike of order $\alpha \in U$, and $HK(\alpha) = \overline{H_1}(2, 1, \alpha)$ is the class of sense-preserving, harmonic univalent functions f which are convex of order α in U , and $\overline{H_1}(n+1, n, \alpha) = \overline{H}(n, \alpha)$ is the class of Sălăgean-type harmonic univalent functions.

Let we denote the subclass $H_p^-(n, \alpha)$ consists of harmonic functions $f_n = h + \bar{g}_n$ in $H_p^-(n, \alpha)$ so that h and g_n are of the form

$$h(z) = z^p - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} a_{k+p-1} z^{k+p-1} \quad \text{and} \quad g_n(z) = (-1)^{n-1} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} b_{k+p-1} z^{k+p-1} \quad (1.4)$$

where $a_{k+p-1}, b_{k+p-1} \geq 0$, $|b_p| < 1$.

For the harmonic functions f of the form (1.1) with $b_1 = 0$, Awei and Zlotkiewich in [1] show that if

$$\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k(|a_k| + |b_k|) \leq 1,$$

then $f \in SH(0)$, where $HS(0) = \overline{H_1}(1, 0, 0)$ and if

$$\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k^2(|a_k| + |b_k|) \leq 1$$

then $f \in HK(0)$, where $HK(0) = \overline{H_1}(2, 1, 0)$.

For the harmonic functions f of the form (1.4) with $n = 0$, Jahongiri in [3] showed that $f \in HS(\alpha)$ if and only if

$$\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} (k - \alpha)|a_k| + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (k + \alpha)|b_k| \leq 1 - \alpha$$

and $f \in \overline{H_1}(2, 1, \alpha)$ if and only if

$$\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k(k - \alpha)|a_k| + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k(k + \alpha)|b_k| \leq 1 - \alpha.$$

2. Main results

In our first theorem, we deduce a sufficient coefficient bound for harmonic functions in $H_p(n, \alpha)$.

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

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \{\psi(n, p, k, \alpha)|a_{k+p-1}| + \theta(n, p, k, \alpha)|b_{k+p-1}|\} \leq 2 \quad (2.1)$$

where

$$\psi(n, p, k, \alpha) = \frac{\left(\frac{p}{k+p-1}\right)^n - \alpha \left(\frac{p}{k+p-1}\right)^{n+1}}{1 - \alpha}$$

$$\theta(n, p, k, \alpha) = \frac{\left(\frac{p}{k+p-1}\right)^n + \alpha \left(\frac{p}{k+p-1}\right)^{n+1}}{1 - \alpha},$$

$$a_p = 1, \quad 0 \leq \alpha < 1, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Then f is sense preserving in U and $f \in H_p(n, \alpha)$.

Proof. According to (1.2) and (1.3) we only need to show that

$$\operatorname{Re} \left(\frac{I^n f(z) - \alpha I^{n+1} f(z)}{I^{n+1} f(z)} \right) \geq 0.$$

The case $r = 0$ is obvious.

For $0 < r < 1$, it follows that

$$\begin{aligned}
& \operatorname{Re} \left(\frac{I^n f(z) - \alpha I^{n+1} f(z)}{I^{n+1} f(z)} \right) \\
&= \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{z^p (1 - \alpha) + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \left[\left(\frac{p}{k+p-1} \right)^n - \alpha \left(\frac{p}{k+p-1} \right)^{n+1} \right] a_{k+p-1} z^{k+p-1}}{z^p + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \left(\frac{p}{k+p-1} \right)^{n+1} a_{k+p-1} z^{k+p-1} + (-1)^{n+1} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{p}{k+p-1} \right)^{n+1} \bar{b}_{k+p-1} \bar{z}^{k+p-1}} \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \frac{(-1)^n \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left[\left(\frac{p}{k+p-1} \right)^n + \alpha \left(\frac{p}{k+p-1} \right)^{n+1} \right] \bar{b}_{k+p-1} \bar{z}^{k+p-1}}{z^p + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \left(\frac{p}{k+p-1} \right)^{n+1} a_{k+p-1} z^{k+p-1} + (-1)^{n+1} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{p}{k+p-1} \right)^{n+1} \bar{b}_{k+p-1} \bar{z}^{k+p-1}} \right\} \\
&= \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{(1 - \alpha) + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \left[\left(\frac{p}{k+p-1} \right)^n - \alpha \left(\frac{p}{k+p-1} \right)^{n+1} \right] a_{k+p-1} z^{k-1}}{1 + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \left(\frac{p}{k+p-1} \right)^{n+1} a_{k+p-1} z^{k-1} + (-1)^{n+1} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{p}{k+p-1} \right)^{n+1} \bar{b}_{k+p-1} \bar{z}^{k+p-1} z^{-p}} \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \frac{(-1)^n \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left[\left(\frac{p}{k+p-1} \right)^n + \alpha \left(\frac{p}{k+p-1} \right)^{n+1} \right] \bar{b}_{k+p-1} \bar{z}^{k+p-1} z^{-p}}{1 + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \left(\frac{p}{k+p-1} \right)^{n+1} a_{k+p-1} z^{k-1} + (-1)^{n+1} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{p}{k+p-1} \right)^{n+1} \bar{b}_{k+p-1} \bar{z}^{k+p-1} z^{-p}} \right\} \\
&= \operatorname{Re} \left[\frac{(1 - \alpha) + A(z)}{1 + B(z)} \right].
\end{aligned}$$

For $z = re^{i\theta}$ we have

$$\begin{aligned}
A(re^{i\theta}) &= \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \left[\left(\frac{p}{k+p-1} \right)^n - \alpha \left(\frac{p}{k+p-1} \right)^{n+1} \right] a_{k+p-1} r^{k-1} e^{(k-1)\theta i} \\
&+ (-1)^n \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left[\left(\frac{p}{k+p-1} \right)^n + \alpha \left(\frac{p}{k+p-1} \right)^{n+1} \right] \bar{b}_{k+p-1} r^{k-1} e^{-(k+2p-1)\theta i}, \\
B(re^{i\theta}) &= \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \left(\frac{p}{k+p-1} \right)^{n+1} a_{k+p-1} r^{k-1} e^{(k-1)\theta i} \\
&+ (-1)^{n+1} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{p}{k+p-1} \right)^{n+1} \bar{b}_{k+p-1} r^{k-1} e^{-(k+2p-1)\theta i}.
\end{aligned}$$

Setting

$$\frac{(1 - \alpha) + A(z)}{1 + B(z)} = (1 - \alpha) \frac{1 + w(z)}{1 - w(z)},$$

the proof will be complete if we can show that $|w(z)| \leq 1$. This is the case since, by the condition (2.1), we can write

$$\begin{aligned}
 |w(z)| &= \left| \frac{A(z) - (1 - \alpha)B(z)}{A(z) + (1 - \alpha)B(z) + 2(1 - \alpha)} \right| \\
 &= \left| \frac{\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \left[\left(\frac{p}{k+p-1} \right)^n - \left(\frac{p}{k+p-1} \right)^{n+1} \right] a_{k+p-1} r^{k-1} e^{(k-1)\theta i}}{2(1-\alpha) + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} C(n, p, k, \alpha) a_{k+p-1} r^{k-1} e^{(k-1)\theta i} + (-1)^n \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} D(n, p, k, \alpha) \bar{b}_{k+p-1} r^{k-1} e^{-(k+2p-1)\theta i}} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \frac{(-1)^n \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left[\left(\frac{p}{k+p-1} \right)^n + \left(\frac{p}{k+p-1} \right)^{n+1} \right] \bar{b}_{k+p-1} r^{k-1} e^{-(k+2p-1)\theta i}}{2(1-\alpha) + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} C(n, p, k, \alpha) a_{k+p-1} r^{k-1} e^{(k-1)\theta i} + (-1)^n \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} D(n, p, k, \alpha) \bar{b}_{k+p-1} r^{k-1} e^{-(k+2p-1)\theta i}} \right| \\
 &\leq \frac{\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \left[\left(\frac{p}{k+p-1} \right)^n - \left(\frac{p}{k+p-1} \right)^{n+1} \right] |a_{k+p-1}| r^{k-1}}{2(1-\alpha) - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} C(n, p, k, \alpha) |a_{k+p-1}| r^{k-1} - \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} D(n, p, k, \alpha) |b_{k+p-1}| r^{k-1}} \\
 &\quad + \frac{\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left[\left(\frac{p}{k+p-1} \right)^n + \left(\frac{p}{k+p-1} \right)^{n+1} \right] |b_{k+p-1}| r^{k-1}}{2(1-\alpha) - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} C(n, p, k, \alpha) |a_{k+p-1}| r^{k-1} - \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} D(n, p, k, \alpha) |b_{k+p-1}| r^{k-1}} \\
 &= \frac{\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left[\left(\frac{p}{k+p-1} \right)^n - \left(\frac{p}{k+p-1} \right)^{n+1} \right] |a_{k+p-1}| r^{k-1}}{4(1-\alpha) - \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \{C(n, p, k, \alpha) |a_{k+p-1}| + D(n, p, k, \alpha) |b_{k+p-1}|\} r^{k-1}} \\
 &\quad + \frac{\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left[\left(\frac{p}{k+p-1} \right)^n + \left(\frac{p}{k+p-1} \right)^{n+1} \right] |b_{k+p-1}| r^{k-1}}{4(1-\alpha) - \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \{C(n, p, k, \alpha) |a_{k+p-1}| + D(n, p, k, \alpha) |b_{k+p-1}|\} r^{k-1}} \\
 &< \frac{\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left[\left(\frac{p}{k+p-1} \right)^n - \left(\frac{p}{k+p-1} \right)^{n+1} \right] |a_{k+p-1}|}{4(1-\alpha) - \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \{C(n, p, k, \alpha) |a_{k+p-1}| + D(n, p, k, \alpha) |b_{k+p-1}|\}}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$+ \frac{\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left[\left(\frac{p}{k+p-1} \right)^n + \left(\frac{p}{k+p-1} \right)^{n+1} \right] |b_{k+p-1}|}{4(1-\alpha) - \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \{C(n, p, k, \alpha)|a_{k+p-1}| + D(n, p, k, \alpha)|b_{k+p-1}|\}} \leq 1.$$

where

$$C(n, p, k, \alpha) = \left(\frac{p}{k+p-1} \right)^n + (1-2\alpha) \left(\frac{p}{k+p-1} \right)^{n+1}$$

and

$$D(n, p, k, \alpha) = \left(\frac{p}{k+p-1} \right)^n + (-1)(1-2\alpha) \left(\frac{p}{k+p-1} \right)^{n+1}$$

The harmonic univalent functions

$$f(z) = z^p + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\psi(n, p, k, \alpha)} x_k z^{k+p-1} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\theta(n, p, k, \alpha)} \overline{y_k z^{k+p-1}}, \quad (2.2)$$

where $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} |x_k| + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |y_k| = 1$, show that the coefficient bound given by (2.1) is sharp. The functions of the form (2.2) are in $H_p(n, \alpha)$ because

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \{\psi(n, p, k, \alpha)|a_{k+p-1}| + \theta(n, p, k, \alpha)|b_{k+p-1}|\} = 1 + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} |x_k| + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |y_k| = 2.$$

In the following theorem it is show that the condition (2.1) is also necessary for functions $f_n = h + \bar{g}_n$, where h and g_n are of the form (1.4).

Theorem 2.2. *Let $f_n = h + \bar{g}_n$ be given by (1.4). Then $f_n \in H_p^-(n, \alpha)$ if and only if*

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \{\psi(n, p, k, \alpha)a_{k+p-1} + \theta(n, p, k, \alpha)b_{k+p-1}\} \leq 2, \quad (2.3)$$

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

Proof. Since $H_p^-(n, \alpha) \subset H_p(n, \alpha)$, we only need to prove the "only if" part of the theorem. For functions f_n of the form (1.4), we note that the condition

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{I^n f_n(z)}{I^{n+1} f_n(z)} \right\} > \alpha$$

is equivalent to

$$\begin{aligned} & \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{(1-\alpha)z^p - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \left[\left(\frac{p}{k+p-1} \right)^n - \alpha \left(\frac{p}{k+p-1} \right)^{n+1} \right] a_{k+p-1} z^{k+p-1}}{z^p - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \left(\frac{p}{k+p-1} \right)^{n+1} a_{k+p-1} z^{k+p-1} + (-1)^{2n} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{p}{k+p-1} \right)^{n+1} b_{k+p} \bar{z}^{k+p-1}} \right. \\ & \left. + \frac{(-1)^{2n-1} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left[\left(\frac{p}{k+p-1} \right)^n + \alpha \left(\frac{p}{k+p-1} \right)^{n+1} \right] b_{k+p-1} \bar{z}^{k+p-1}}{z^p - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \left(\frac{p}{k+p-1} \right)^{n+1} a_{k+p-1} z^{k+p-1} + (-1)^{2n} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{p}{k+p-1} \right)^{n+1} b_{k+p-1} \bar{z}^{k+p-1}} \right\} \geq 0. \end{aligned} \quad (2.4)$$

The above required condition (2.4) must hold for all values of z in U . Upon choosing the values of z on the positive real axis where $0 \leq z = r < 1$, we must have

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{(1-\alpha) - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \left[\left(\frac{p}{k+p-1} \right)^n - \alpha \left(\frac{p}{k+p-1} \right)^{n+1} \right] a_{k+p-1} r^{k-1}}{1 - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \left(\frac{p}{k+p-1} \right)^{n+1} a_{k+p-1} r^{k-1} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{p}{k+p-1} \right)^{n+1} b_{k+p-1} r^{k-1}} \\ & + \frac{- \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left[\left(\frac{p}{k+p-1} \right)^n + \alpha \left(\frac{p}{k+p-1} \right)^{n+1} \right] b_{k+p-1} r^{k-1}}{1 - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \left(\frac{p}{k+p-1} \right)^{n+1} a_{k+p-1} r^{k-1} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{p}{k+p-1} \right)^{n+1} b_{k+p-1} r^{k-1}} \geq 0. \end{aligned} \quad (2.5)$$

If the condition (2.3) does not hold, then the expression in (2.5) is negative for r sufficiently close to 1. Hence there exist $z_0 = r_0$ in $(0, 1)$ for which the quotient in (2.5) is negative.

This contradicts the required condition for $f_n \in H_p^-(n, \alpha)$. So the proof is complete.

Next we determine the extreme points of the closed convex hull of $H_p^-(n, \alpha)$, denoted by $\operatorname{clco}H_p^-(n, \alpha)$.

Theorem 2.3. *Let f_n be given by (1.4). Then $f_n \in H_p^-(n, \alpha)$ if and only if*

$$f_n(z) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} [x_{k+p-1} h_{k+p-1}(z) + y_{k+p-1} g_{k+p-1}(z)],$$

where

$$h_p(z) = z^p, \quad h_{k+p-1}(z) = z^p - \frac{1}{\psi(n, p, k, \alpha)} z^{k+p-1}, \quad k = 2, 3, \dots$$

and

$$g_{n_{k+p-1}}(z) = z^p + (-1)^{n-1} \cdot \frac{1}{\theta(n, p, k, \alpha)} \bar{z}^{k+p-1}, \quad k = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

$$x_{k+p-1} \geq 0, \quad y_{k+p-1} \geq 0, \quad x_p = 1 - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} x_{k+p-1} - \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} y_{k+p-1}.$$

In particular, the extreme points of $H_p^-(n, \alpha)$ are $\{h_{k+p-1}\}$ and $\{g_{n_{k+p-1}}\}$.

Proof. For functions f_n of the form (2.1),

$$\begin{aligned} f_n(z) &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} [x_{k+p-1} h_{k+p-1}(z) + y_{k+p-1} g_{n_{k+p-1}}(z)] \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (x_{k+p-1} + y_{k+p-1}) z^p - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\psi(n, p, k, \alpha)} x_{k+p-1} z^{k+p-1} \\ &\quad + (-1)^{n-1} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\theta(n, p, k, \alpha)} y_{k+p-1} \bar{z}^{k+p-1}. \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} &\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \psi(n, p, k, \alpha) \left(\frac{1}{\psi(n, p, k, \alpha)} x_{k+p-1} \right) + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \theta(n, p, k, \alpha) \left(\frac{1}{\theta(n, p, k, \alpha)} y_{k+p-1} \right) \\ &= \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} x_{k+p-1} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} y_{k+p-1} = 1 - x_p \leq 1, \end{aligned}$$

and so $f_n(z) \in clcoH_p^-(n, \alpha)$.

Conversely, suppose $f_n(z) \in clcoH_p^-(n, \alpha, \beta)$. Letting

$$x_p = 1 - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} x_{k+p-1} - \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} y_{k+p-1},$$

let

$$x_{k+p-1} = \psi(n, p, k, \alpha) a_{k+p-1}$$

and

$$y_{k+p-1} = \theta(n, p, k, \alpha) b_{k+p-1}, \quad k = 2, 3, \dots$$

We obtain the required representation, since

$$\begin{aligned}
 f_n(z) &= z^p - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} a_{k+p-1} z^{k+p-1} + (-1)^{n-1} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} b_{k+p-1} \bar{z}^{k+p-1} \\
 &= z^p - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\psi(n, p, k, \alpha)} x_{k+p-1} z^{k+p-1} + (-1)^{n-1} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\theta(n, p, k, \alpha)} y_{k+p-1} \bar{z}^{k+p-1} \\
 &= z^p - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} [z^p - h_{k+p-1}(z)] x_{k+p-1} - \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} [z^p - g_{n_{k+p-1}}(z)] y_{k+p-1} \\
 &= \left[1 - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} x_{k+p-1} - \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} y_{k+p-1} \right] z^p + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} x_{k+p-1} h_{k+p-1}(z) \\
 &\quad + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} y_{k+p-1} g_{n_{k+p-1}}(z) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} [x_{k+p-1} h_{k+p-1}(z) + y_{k+p-1} g_{n_{k+p-1}}(z)].
 \end{aligned}$$

The following theorem gives the distortion bounds for functions in $H_p^-(n, \alpha)$ which yields a covering results for this class.

Theorem 2.4. *Let $f_n \in H_p^-(n, \alpha)$. Then for $|z| = r < 1$ we have*

$$|f_n(z)| \leq (1 + b_p)r^p + \{\phi(n, p, k, \alpha) - \Omega(n, p, k, \alpha)b_p\}r^{p+1}$$

and

$$|f_n(z)| \geq (1 - b_p)r^p - \{\phi(n, p, k, \alpha) - \Omega(n, p, k, \alpha)b_p\}r^{p+1},$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
 \phi(n, p, k, \alpha) &= \frac{1 - \alpha}{\left(\frac{p}{p+1}\right)^n - \alpha \left(\frac{p}{p+1}\right)^{n+1}}, \\
 \Omega(n, p, k, \alpha) &= \frac{1 + \alpha}{\left(\frac{p}{p+1}\right)^n - \alpha \left(\frac{p}{p+1}\right)^{n+1}}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Proof. We prove the right hand side inequality for $|f_n|$. The proof for the left hand inequality can be done using similar arguments. Let $f_n \in H_p^-(n, \alpha)$. Taking the absolute value of f_n then by Theorem 2.2, we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned}
 |f_n(z)| &= \left| z^p - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} a_{k+p-1} z^{k+p-1} + (-1)^{n-1} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} b_{k+p-1} \bar{z}^{k+p-1} \right| \\
 &\leq r^p + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} a_{k+p-1} r^{k+p-1} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} b_{k+p-1} r^{k+p-1}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= r^p + b_p r^p + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} (a_{k+p-1} + b_{k+p-1}) r^{k+p-1} \\
&\leq r^p + b_p r^p + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} (a_{k+p-1} + b_{k+p-1}) r^{p+1} \\
&= (1 + b_p) r^p + \phi(n, p, k, \alpha) \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\phi(n, p, k, \alpha)} (a_{k+p-1} + b_{k+p-1}) r^{p+1} \\
&\leq (1 + b_p) r^p + \phi(n, p, k, \alpha) r^{p+1} \left[\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \psi(n, p, k, \alpha) a_{k+p-1} + \theta(n, p, k, \alpha) b_{k+p-1} \right] \\
&\leq (1 + b_p) r^p + \{ \phi(n, p, k, \alpha) - \Omega(n, p, k, \alpha) b_p \} r^{p-1}.
\end{aligned}$$

The following covering result follows from the left hand inequality in Theorem 2.4.

Corollary 2.1. *Let $f_n \in H_p^-(n, \alpha)$, then for $|z| = r < 1$ we have*

$$\{w : |w| < 1 - b_p - [\phi(n, p, k, \alpha) - \Omega(n, p, k, \alpha) b_p] \subset f_b(U)\}.$$

Similar results were obtained in [6] by Bilal Şekel and Sevtap Sümer Eker for the differential operator of Sălăgean defined in [4].

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