STUDIA UNIV. "BABEŞ-BOLYAI", MATHEMATICA, Volume \mathbf{LV} , Number 3, September 2010

CERTAIN CLASS OF λ STARLIKE HARMONIC FUNCTIONS ASSOCIATED WITH A CONVOLUTION STRUCTURE

DANIEL BREAZ, GANGADHARAN MURUGUSUNDARAMOORTHY, AND KALLIYAPAN VIJAYA

Dedicated to Professor Grigore Ştefan Sălăgean on his 60th birthday

Abstract. Making use of a convolution structure, we introduce a new class of complex valued harmonic functions which are orientation preserving and univalent in the open unit disc. Among the results presented in this paper include the coefficient bounds, distortion inequality and covering property, extreme points and certain inclusion results for this generalized class of functions.

1. Introduction and preliminaries

A continuous function f = u + iv is a complex- valued harmonic function in a complex domain \mathcal{G} if both u and v are real and harmonic in \mathcal{G} . In any simply-connected domain $D \subset \mathcal{G}$, we can write $f = h + \overline{g}$, where h and g are analytic in D. We call hthe analytic part and g the co-analytic part of f. A necessary and sufficient condition for f to be locally univalent and orientation preserving in D is that |h'(z)| > |g'(z)|in D (see [2]).

Denote by \mathcal{H} the family of functions

$$f = h + \overline{g} \tag{1.1}$$

which are harmonic, univalent and orientation preserving in the open unit disc $\mathcal{U} = \{z : |z| < 1\}$ so that f is normalized by f(0) = f'(0) - 1 = 0. Thus, for $f = h + \overline{g} \in \mathcal{H}$,

Received by the editors: 02.03.2010.

²⁰⁰⁰ Mathematics Subject Classification. 30C45, 30C50.

Key words and phrases. Harmonic univalent functions, distortion bounds, extreme points, convolution, inclusion property.

the functions h and g analytic \mathcal{U} can be expressed in the following forms:

$$h(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n z^n, \ g(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n z^n \ (0 \le b_1 < 1),$$

and f(z) is then given by

$$f(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n z^n + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n z^n \quad (0 \le b_1 < 1).$$
(1.2)

We note that the family \mathcal{H} of orientation preserving, normalized harmonic univalent functions reduces to the well known class S of normalized univalent functions if the co-analytic part of f is identically zero, i.e. $g \equiv 0$.

For functions $f \in \mathcal{H}$ given by (1.1) and $F \in \mathcal{H}$ given by

$$F(z) = H(z) + \overline{G(z)} = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} A_n z^n + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n z^n, \qquad (1.3)$$

we recall the Hadamard product (or convolution) of f and F by

$$(f * F)(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n A_n z^n + \overline{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n B_n z^n} \quad (z \in \mathcal{U}).$$

$$(1.4)$$

In terms of the Hadamard product (or convolution), we choose F as a fixed function in \mathcal{H} such that (f * F)(z) exists for any $f \in \mathcal{H}$, and for various choices of F we get different linear operators which have been studied in recent past. To illustrate some of these cases which arise from the convolution structure (1.4), we consider the following examples.

(1) If

$$F(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \sigma_n(\alpha_1) \ z^n + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sigma_n(\alpha_1) \ \overline{z}^n$$
(1.5)

and $\sigma_n(\alpha_1)$ is defined by

$$\sigma_n(\alpha_1) = \frac{\Theta\Gamma(\alpha_1 + A_1(n-1))\dots\Gamma(\alpha_p + A_p(n-1))}{(n-1)!\Gamma(\beta_1 + B_1(n-1))\dots\Gamma(\beta_q + B_q(n-1))} .$$
(1.6)

where Θ is given by

$$\Theta = \left(\prod_{m=0}^{p} \Gamma(\alpha_m)\right)^{-1} \left(\prod_{m=0}^{q} \Gamma(\beta_m)\right)$$
(1.7)

and then the convolution (1.4)gives the Wright's generalized hypergeometric function (see [13])

$${}_{p}\Psi_{q}[(\alpha_{1},A_{1}),\ldots,(\alpha_{p},A_{p});(\beta_{1},B_{1}),\ldots,(\beta_{q},B_{q});z] = {}_{p}\Psi_{q}[(\alpha_{n},A_{n})_{1,p}(\beta_{n},B_{n})_{1,q};z]$$

is defined by

$${}_{p}\Psi_{q}[(\alpha_{n},A_{n})_{1,p}(\beta_{n},B_{n})_{1,q};z]$$

$$=\sum_{n=0}^{\infty}\left\{\prod_{m=1}^{p}\Gamma(\alpha_{m}+nA_{m})\right\}\left\{\prod_{m=1}^{q}\Gamma(\beta_{m}+nB_{m})\right\}^{-1}\frac{z^{m}}{n!}\quad(z\in\mathbb{U})$$

which was initially studied by Murugusundaramoorthy (see [9]).

(2) If $A_m = 1(m = 1, ..., p)$ and $B_m = 1(m = 1, ..., q)$, then we have the following obvious relationship

$$F(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \Gamma_n z^n + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \Gamma_n \overline{z}^n, \qquad (1.8)$$

where

$$\Gamma_n = \frac{(\alpha_1)_{n-1} \dots (\alpha_p)_{n-1}}{(\beta_1)_{n-1} \dots (\beta_q)_{n-1}} \frac{1}{(n-1)!},$$

then the convolution (1.4) gives the Dziok-Srivastava operator (see [4]):

$$\Lambda(\alpha_1, \cdots, \alpha_p; \beta_1, \cdots, \beta_q; z) f(z) \equiv \mathcal{H}_q^p(\alpha_1, \beta_1) f(z),$$

where $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_p$; β_1, \dots, β_q are positive real numbers, $p \leq q+1$; $p, q \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$, and $(\alpha)_n$ denotes the familiar Pochhammer symbol (or shifted factorial).

Remark 1.1. When $p = 1, q = 1; \alpha_1 = a, \alpha_2 = 1; \beta_1 = c$, then (1.8) corresponds to the operator due to Carlson-Shaffer operator(see [1]) given by

$$\mathcal{L}(a,c)f(z) := (f * F)(z),$$

where

$$F(z) := z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{(a)_{n-1}}{(c)_{n-1}} z^n + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(a)_{n-1}}{(c)_{n-1}} \overline{z}^n \quad (c \neq 0, -1, -2, \cdots).$$
(1.9)

Remark 1.2. When $p = 1, q = 0; \alpha_1 = n + 1, \alpha_2 = 1; \beta_1 = 1$, then (1.8) yields the Ruscheweyh derivative operator (see [7]) given $D^k f(z) := (f * F)(z)$ where

$$F(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} {\binom{k+n-1}{n-1}} z^n + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} {\binom{k+n-1}{n-1}} \overline{z}^n.$$
(1.10)

which was initially studied by Jahangiri et al. (see [7]).

(3) Lastly, if $\mathcal{D}^l f(z) = f * F$ where

$$F(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n^{l} z^{n} + (-1)^{l} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{l} \overline{z}^{n} \quad (l \ge 0), \qquad (1.11)$$

which was initially studied by Jahangiri et al. (see [8]).

For the purpose of this paper, we introduce here a subclass of \mathcal{H} denoted by $S_H(F; \lambda, \gamma)$ which involves the convolution (1.3) and consist of all functions of the form (1.1) satisfying the inequality:

$$\operatorname{Re}\left\{\frac{z(f(z) * F(z))'}{(1-\lambda)(f(z) * F(z)) + \lambda z(f(z) * F(z))'}\right\} \ge \gamma$$
(1.12)

Equivalently

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{z(h(z) * H(z))' - \overline{z(g(z) * G(z))'}}{(1 - \lambda)[h(z) * H(z) + \overline{g(z) * G(z)}] + \lambda[z(g(z) * H(z))' - \overline{z(g(z) * G(z))'}]} \right\} \ge \gamma$$

$$(1.13)$$

where $z \in \mathcal{U}, \ 0 \leq \lambda \leq 1$.

Also denote $\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{H}}(F;\lambda,\gamma) = S_H(F;\lambda,\gamma) \bigcap \mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{H}}$ where $\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{H}}$ the subfamily of \mathcal{H} consisting of harmonic functions $f = h + \overline{g}$ of the form

$$f(z) = z - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n z^n + \overline{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n z^n} \quad (0 \le b_1 < 1).$$
(1.14)

called the class of harmonic functions with negative coefficients (see [11])

We deem it proper to mention below some of the function classes which emerge from the function class $\mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{H}}(F;\lambda,\gamma)$ defined above. Indeed, we observe that if we specialize the function F by means of (1.5) to (1.11), and denote the corresponding reducible classes of functions of $\mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{H}}(F;\gamma)$, respectively, by $\mathcal{W}_{q}^{p}(\lambda,\gamma)$, $\mathcal{G}_{q}^{p}(\lambda,\gamma)$ $\mathcal{L}_{c}^{a}(\lambda,\gamma)$, $\mathcal{R}(k,\lambda,\gamma)$, $\Omega(\lambda,\gamma)$ and $\mathcal{S}(l,\lambda,\gamma)$. It is of special interest because for suitable choices of F from (1.6) we can define the following subclasses:

(i) If F is given by (1.5) we have $(f * F)(z) = W_q^p[\alpha_1]f(z)$ hence we define a class $W_q^p(\lambda, \gamma)$ satisfying the criteria

$$\operatorname{Re}\left\{\frac{z(W_q^p[\alpha_1]f(z))'}{(1-\lambda)W_q^p[\alpha_1]f(z)+\lambda z(W_q^p[\alpha_1]f(z))'}\right\} \ge \gamma$$

where $W_q^p[\alpha_1]$ is the Wright's generalized operator on harmonic functions (see [9]). (ii) If F is given by (1.8) we have $(f * F)(z) = H_q^p[\alpha_1]f(z)$ hence we define a class $\mathcal{G}_q^p(\lambda, \gamma)$ satisfying the criteria

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{z(H_q^p[\alpha_1]f(z))'}{(1-\lambda)H_q^p[\alpha_1]f(z) + \lambda z(H_q^p[\alpha_1]f(z))'} \right\} \ge \gamma$$

where $H^p_q[\alpha_1]$ is the Dziok - Srivastava operator (see [4]). (iii) $H^2_1([a, 1; c]) = \mathcal{L}(a, c) f(z)$, hence we define a class $\mathcal{L}^a_c(\lambda, \gamma)$ satisfying the criteria

Re
$$\left\{ \frac{z\mathcal{L}(a,c)f(z))'}{(1-\lambda)\mathcal{L}(a,c)f(z)+\lambda z(\mathcal{L}(a,c)f(z))'} \right\} \ge \gamma$$

where $\mathcal{L}(a, c)$ is the Carlson - Shaffer operator (see [1]).

(iv) $H_1^2([k+1,1;1]) = D^k f(z)$, hence we define a class $\mathcal{R}(k,\lambda,\gamma)$ satisfying the criteria

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{z(D^k f(z))'}{(1-\lambda)D^k f(z) + \lambda z(D^k f(z))'} \right\} \geq \gamma$$

where $D^k f(z)(k > -1)$ is the Ruscheweyh derivative operator (see [10]) (also see [7]). (v) $H_1^2([2,1;2-\mu]) = \Omega_z^{\mu} f(z)$ we define another class $\Omega(\lambda,\gamma)$ satisfying the condition

$$\operatorname{Re}\left\{\frac{z(\Omega_{z}^{\mu}f(z))'}{(1-\lambda)\Omega_{z}^{\mu}f(z)+\lambda z(\Omega_{z}^{\mu}f(z))'}\right\} \geq \gamma$$

given by

$$\Omega^\mu_z f(z) = \Gamma(2-\mu) z^\mu D^\mu_z f(z); (0\leq \mu<1),$$

where Ω_z^{μ} is the Srivastava-Owa fractional derivative operator (see [12]).

(vi) If F is given by (1.11), we have $D^l f(z) = (f * F)(z)$, hence we define a class $S(l, \lambda, \gamma)$ satisfying the criteria

Re
$$\left\{ \frac{z(D^l f(z))'}{(1-\lambda)D^l f(z) + \lambda z(D^l f(z))'} \right\} \ge \gamma$$

where $D^l f(z)$; $(l \in N = 0, 1, 2, 3)$ is the Sălăgean derivative operator for harmonic functions (see [8]).

Motivated by the earlier works of (see [5, 8, 13]) on the subject of harmonic functions, in this paper we obtain a sufficient coefficient condition for functions fgiven by (1.2) to be in the class $S_{\mathcal{H}}(F; \lambda, \gamma)$. It is shown that this coefficient condition is necessary also for functions belonging to the class $\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{H}}(F; \lambda, \gamma)$. Further, distortion results and extreme points for functions in $\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{H}}(F; \lambda, \gamma)$ are also obtained.

For the sake of brevity we denote the corresponding coefficient of F as C_n throughout our study unless otherwise stated.

2. Coefficient bounds

In our first theorem, we obtain a sufficient coefficient condition for harmonic functions in $S_{\mathcal{H}}(F; \lambda, \gamma)$.

Theorem 2.1. Let $f = h + \overline{g}$ be given by (1.2). If

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[\frac{n - \gamma - \gamma \lambda(n-1)}{1 - \gamma} |a_n| + \frac{n + \gamma - \gamma \lambda(n+1)}{1 - \gamma} |b_n| \right] C_n \le 2$$
(2.1)

where $a_1 = 1$ and $0 \le \gamma < 1$, then $f \in \mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{H}}(F; \lambda, \gamma)$.

Proof. We first show that if (2.1) holds for the coefficients of $f = h + \overline{g}$, the required condition (2.1) is satisfied. From (1.13) we can write

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{z(h(z) * H(z))' - \overline{z(g(z) * G(z))'}}{(1 - \lambda)[h(z) * H(z) + \overline{g(z) * G(z)}] + \lambda[z(g(z) * H(z))' - \overline{z(g(z) * G(z))'}]} \right\} \ge \gamma$$
$$= \operatorname{Re} \frac{A(z)}{B(z)} \ge \gamma$$

where

$$A(z) = zh(z) * H(z))' - \overline{z(g(z) * G(z))'} = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} nC_n a_n z^n - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} nC_n \bar{b}_n \bar{z}^n$$

and

$$B(z) = (1-\lambda)[h(z) * H(z) + \overline{g(z) * G(z)}] + \lambda[z(g(z) * H(z))' - \overline{z(g(z) * G(z))'}]$$
$$= z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (1-\lambda+n\lambda)C_n a_n z^n + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (1-\lambda-n\lambda)C_n \overline{b}_n \overline{z}^n.$$

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

$$|A(z) + (1 - \gamma)B(z)| - |A(z) - (1 + \gamma)B(z)| \ge 0.$$
(2.2)

Substituting for A(z) and B(z) in (2.2), we get

$$\begin{split} |A(z) + (1-\gamma)B(z)| - |A(z) - (1+\gamma)B(z)| \\ &= |(2-\gamma)z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} [(n+1-\gamma)(1-\lambda+n\lambda)]C_n a_n z^n - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [n-(1-\gamma)(1-\lambda+n\lambda)]C_n \bar{b}_n \,\bar{z}^n| \\ &- |-\gamma z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} [n-(1+\gamma)(1-\lambda+n\lambda)C_n a_n z^n - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [n+(1+\gamma)(1-\lambda+n\lambda)]C_n \bar{b}_n \bar{z}^n| \\ &\geq (2-\gamma)|z| - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} [n+(1-\gamma)(1-\lambda+n\lambda)C_n |a_n||z|^n - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [n-(1-\gamma)(1-\lambda-n\lambda)]C_n |b_n| \, |z|^n \\ &- \gamma |z| - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} [n-(1+\gamma)(1-\lambda+n\lambda)]C_n |a_n| \, |z|^n - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [n+(1+\gamma)(1-\lambda-n\lambda)]C_n |b_n| \, |z|^n \\ &\geq 2(1-\gamma)|z| \left\{ 2 - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[\frac{n-\gamma-\gamma\lambda(n-1)}{1-\gamma} |a_n| + \frac{n+\gamma-\gamma\lambda(n-1)}{1-\gamma} |b_n| \right] C_n |z|^{n-1} \right\} \\ &\geq 2(1-\gamma) \left\{ 2 - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[\frac{n-\gamma-\gamma\lambda(n-1)}{1-\gamma} |a_n| + \frac{n+\gamma-\gamma\lambda(n-1)}{1-\gamma} |b_n| \right] C_n \right\}. \end{split}$$
The above expression is non negative by (2.1), and so $f \in \mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{H}}(F; \lambda, \gamma).$

The harmonic function

$$f(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1-\gamma}{[n-\gamma-\gamma\lambda(n-1)]C_n} x_n z^n + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1-\gamma}{[n+\gamma-\gamma\lambda(n-1)]C_n} \overline{y}_n(\overline{z})^n \quad (2.3)$$

where $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} |x_n| + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |y_n| = 1$ shows that the coefficient bound given by (2.1) is sharp. The functions of the form (2.3) are in $S_{\mathcal{H}}(F; \lambda, \gamma)$ because

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{[n-\gamma-\gamma\lambda(n-1)]C_n}{1-\gamma} |a_n| + \frac{[n+\gamma-\gamma\lambda(n-1)]C_n}{1-\gamma} |b_n| \right)$$
$$=1 + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} |x_n| + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |y_n| = 2.$$

Next theorem establishes that such coefficient bounds cannot be improved further.

Theorem 2.2. For $a_1 = 1$ and $0 \le \gamma < 1$, $f = h + \overline{g} \in \mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{H}}(F; \lambda, \gamma)$ if and only if

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[\frac{n-\gamma-\gamma\lambda(n-1)}{1-\gamma} |a_n| + \frac{n+\gamma-\gamma\lambda(n-1)}{1-\gamma} |b_n| \right] C_n \le 2.$$
 (2.4)

Proof. Since $\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{H}}(F;\lambda,\gamma) \subset \mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{H}}(F;\lambda,\gamma)$, we only need to prove the "only if" part of the theorem. To this end, for functions f of the form (1.14), we notice that the condition

$$\operatorname{Re}\left\{\frac{z(h(z)*H(z))'-\overline{z(g(z)*G(z))'}}{(1-\lambda)[h(z)*H(z)+\overline{g(z)*G(z)}]+\lambda[z(g(z)*H(z))'-\overline{z(g(z)*G(z))'}]}\right\} \ge \gamma$$

Equivalently,

$$\operatorname{Re}\left\{\frac{(1-\gamma)z - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} [n-\gamma-\gamma\lambda(n-1)]C_n a_n z^n - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [n+\gamma-\gamma\lambda(n-1)]C_n \overline{b}_n \overline{z}^n}{z - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (1-\lambda+n\lambda)C_n a_n z^n + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (1-\lambda-n\lambda)C_n \overline{b}_n \overline{z}^n}\right\} \ge 0.$$

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

$$\frac{(1-\gamma) - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} [n-\gamma - \gamma\lambda(n-1)]C_n a_n r^{n-1} - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [n+\gamma - \gamma\lambda(n-1)]C_n b_n r^{n-1}}{1 - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (1-\lambda + n\lambda)C_n a_n r^{n-1} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (1-\lambda - n\lambda)C_n b_n r^{n-1}} \ge 0.$$
(2.5)

If the condition (2.4) does not hold, then the numerator 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 of (2.5) is negative. This contradicts the required condition for $f \in \mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{H}}(F; \lambda, \gamma)$. This completes the proof of the theorem.

3. Distortion bounds and extreme points

The following theorem gives the distortion bounds for functions in $\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{H}}(F;\lambda,\gamma)$ which yields a covering result for the class $\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{H}}(F;\lambda,\gamma)$.

Theorem 3.1. Let $f \in \mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{H}}(F; \lambda, \gamma)$. Then for |z| = r < 1, we have

$$(1-b_1)r - \frac{1}{C_2} \left(\frac{1-\gamma}{2-\gamma-\gamma\lambda} - \frac{1+\gamma}{2-\gamma-\gamma\lambda} b_1 \right) r^2 \le |f(z)|$$

$$\le (1+b_1)r + \frac{1}{C_2} \left(\frac{1-\gamma}{2-\gamma-\gamma\lambda} - \frac{1+\gamma}{2-\gamma-\gamma\lambda} b_1 \right) r^2.$$

Proof. We only prove the right hand inequality. Taking the absolute value of f(z), we obtain

$$\begin{split} |f(z)| &= \left| z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n z^n + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \overline{b}_n \overline{z}^n \right| \\ &\leq (1+b_1)|z| + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (a_n + b_n)|z|^n \\ &\leq (1+b_1)r + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (a_n + b_n)r^2 \\ &\leq (1+b_1)r + \frac{(1-\gamma)}{(2-\gamma-\gamma\lambda)C_2} \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \left(\frac{(2-\gamma-\gamma\lambda)C_2}{(1-\gamma)} a_n + \frac{(2-\gamma-\gamma\lambda)C_2}{(1-\gamma)} b_n \right) r^2 \\ &\leq (1+b_1)r + \frac{(1-\gamma)1}{(2-\gamma-\gamma\lambda)C_2} \left(1 - \frac{1+\gamma}{1-\gamma} b_1 \right) r^2 \\ &\leq (1+b_1)r + \frac{1}{C_2} \left(\frac{1-\gamma}{2-\gamma-\gamma\lambda} - \frac{1+\gamma}{2-\gamma-\gamma\lambda} b_1 \right) r^2. \end{split}$$

The proof of the left hand inequality follows on lines similar to that of the right hand side inequality. $\hfill \Box$

The covering result follows from the left hand inequality given in Theorem 3.1.

Corollary 3.2. If $f(z) \in \mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{H}}(F; \lambda, \gamma)$, then

$$\left\{w: |w| < \frac{2C_2 - 1 - [(1+\lambda)C_2 - 1]\gamma}{(2 - \gamma - \gamma\lambda)C_2} - \frac{2C_2 - 1 - [(1+\lambda)C_2 + 1]\gamma}{(2 - \gamma - \gamma\lambda)C_2}|b_1|\right\} \subset f(U).$$

Proof. Using the left hand inequality of Theorem 3.1 and letting $r \to 1$, we prove that

$$(1-b_{1}) - \frac{1}{C_{2}} \left(\frac{1-\gamma}{2-\gamma-\gamma\lambda} - \frac{1+\gamma}{2-\gamma-\gamma\lambda} b_{1} \right)$$

$$= (1-b_{1}) - \frac{1}{C_{2}(2-\gamma-\gamma\lambda)} [1-\gamma-(1+\gamma)b_{1}]$$

$$= \frac{(1-b_{1})C_{2}(2-\gamma-\gamma\lambda) - (1-\gamma) + (1+\gamma)b_{1}}{C_{2}(2-\gamma-\gamma\lambda)}$$

$$= \left\{ \frac{2C_{2}-1 - [(1+\lambda)C_{2}-1]\gamma}{(2-\gamma-\gamma\lambda)C_{2}} - \frac{2C_{2}-1 - [(1+\lambda)C_{2}+1]\gamma}{(2-\gamma-\gamma\lambda)C_{2}} |b_{1}| \right\} \subset f(U).$$

Next we determine the extreme points of closed convex hulls of $\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{H}}(F; \lambda, \gamma)$ denoted by $clco\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{H}}(F; \lambda, \gamma)$.

Theorem 3.3. A function $f(z) \in \mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{H}}(F; \lambda, \gamma)$ if and only if

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(X_n h_n(z) + Y_n g_n(z) \right)$$

where

$$h_1(z) = z, h_n(z) = z - \frac{1 - \gamma}{[n - \gamma - \gamma\lambda(n-1)]C_n} z^n; \quad (n \ge 2),$$

$$g_n(z) = z + \frac{1 - \gamma}{[n + \gamma - \gamma\lambda(n-1)]C_n} \overline{z}^n;$$

$$(n \ge 2), \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (X_n + Y_n) = 1, \quad X_n \ge 0 \text{ and } Y_n \ge 0.$$

In particular, the extreme points of $\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{H}}(F;\lambda,\gamma)$ are $\{h_n\}$ and $\{g_n\}$.

Proof. First, we note that for f as in the theorem above, we may write

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (X_n h_n(z) + Y_n g_n(z))$$

$$= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (X_n + Y_n) z - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1 - \gamma}{n[n - \gamma - \gamma\lambda(n-1)]C_n} X_n z^n$$

$$+ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1 - \gamma}{[n + \gamma - \gamma\lambda(n-1)]C_n} Y_n \overline{z}^n$$

Then

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n[n-\gamma-\gamma\lambda(n-1)]C_n}{1-\gamma} |a_n| + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n[n+\gamma-\gamma\lambda(n-1)]C_n}{1-\gamma} |b_n|$$
$$= \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} X_n + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} Y_n$$
$$= 1 - X_1 \le 1,$$

and so $f(z) \in clco\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{H}}(F;\lambda,\gamma)$.

Conversely, suppose that $f(z) \in clco\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{H}}(F; \lambda, \gamma)$. Setting

$$X_{n} = \frac{n[n - \gamma - \gamma\lambda(n-1)]C_{n}}{1 - \gamma} |a_{n}|, \quad (0 \le X_{n} \le 1, n \ge 2)$$
$$Y_{n} = \frac{n[n + \gamma - \gamma\lambda(n-1)]C_{n}}{1 - \gamma} |b_{n}|, \quad (0 \le Y_{n} \le 1, n \ge 1)$$

CERTAIN CLASS OF λ STARLIKE HARMONIC FUNCTIONS

and
$$X_{1} = 1 - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} X_{n} - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} Y_{n}$$
. Therefore $f(z)$ can be rewritten as

$$f(z) = z - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_{n} z^{n} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \overline{b}_{n} \overline{z}^{n}$$

$$= z - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1 - \gamma}{[n - \gamma - \gamma\lambda(n-1)]C_{n}} X_{n} z^{n} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1 - \gamma}{[n + \gamma - \gamma\lambda(n-1)]C_{n}} Y_{n} \overline{z}^{n}$$

$$= z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (h_{n}(z) - z) X_{n} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (g_{n}(z) - z) Y_{n}$$

$$= z \{1 - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} X_{n} - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} Y_{n}\} + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} h_{n}(z) X_{n} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} g_{n}(z) Y_{n}$$

$$= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (X_{n} h_{n}(z) + Y_{n} g_{n}(z)),$$

as required.

4. Inclusion results

Now we show that $\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{H}}(F; \lambda, \gamma)$ is closed under convex combinations of its member and also closed under the convolution product.

Theorem 4.1. The family $\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{H}}(F; \lambda, \gamma)$ is closed under convex combinations. Proof. For i = 1, 2, ..., suppose that $f_i \in \mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{H}}(F; \lambda, \gamma)$ where

$$f_i(z) = z - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_{i,n} z^n + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \overline{b}_{i,n} \overline{z}^n.$$

Then, by Theorem 2.2

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n[n-\gamma-\gamma\lambda(n-1)]C_n}{(1-\gamma)} a_{i,n} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n[n+\gamma-\gamma\lambda(n-1)]C_n}{(1-\gamma)} b_{i,n} \le 1.$$
(4.1)

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

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

$$79$$

Using the inequality (2.4), we obtain

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n[n-\gamma-\gamma\lambda(n-1)]C_n}{1-\gamma} \left(\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} t_i a_{i,n}\right) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n[n+\gamma-\gamma\lambda(n-1)]C_n}{1-\gamma} \left(\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} t_i b_{i,n}\right)$$
$$= \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} t_i \left(\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n[n-\gamma-\gamma\lambda(n-1)]C_n}{1-\gamma} a_{i,n} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n[n+\gamma-\gamma\lambda(n-1)]C_n}{1-\gamma} b_{i,n}\right)$$
$$\leq \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} t_i = 1,$$

and therefore $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} t_i f_i \in \mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{H}}(F; \lambda, \gamma)$. \Box Now, we will examine the closure properties of the class $\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{H}}(F; \lambda, \gamma)$ under the generalized Bernardi-Libera-Livingston integral operator $\mathcal{L}_c(f)$ which is defined by

$$\mathcal{L}_{c}(f) = \frac{c+1}{z^{c}} \int_{0}^{z} t^{c-1} f(t) dt, c > -1.$$

Theorem 4.2. Let $f(z) \in \mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{H}}(F; \lambda, \gamma)$. Then $\mathcal{L}_c(f(z)) \in \mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{H}}(F; \lambda, \gamma)$ *Proof.* From the representation of $\mathcal{L}_c(f(z))$, it follows that

$$\mathcal{L}_{c}(f) = \frac{c+1}{z^{c}} \int_{0}^{z} t^{c-1} \left[h(t) + \overline{g(t)} \right] dt$$

$$= \frac{c+1}{z^{c}} \left(\int_{0}^{z} t^{c-1} \left(t - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_{n} t^{n} \right) dt + \int_{0}^{z} t^{c-1} \left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_{n} t^{n} \right) dt \right)$$
$$= z - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{c+1}{c+n} a_{n} z^{n} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{c+1}{c+n} b_{n} z^{n}.$$

Using the inequality (2.4), we get

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{n[n-\gamma-\gamma\lambda(n-1)]}{1-\gamma} \left(\frac{c+1}{c+n}|a_n|\right) + \frac{n+\gamma-\gamma\lambda(n-1)}{1-\gamma} \left(\frac{c+1}{c+n}|b_n|\right) \right) C_n$$

$$\leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{n[n-\gamma-\gamma\lambda(n-1)]}{1-\gamma} |a_n| + \frac{n+\gamma-\gamma\lambda(n-1)}{1-\gamma} |b_n| \right) C_n$$

$$\leq 2(1-\gamma), \text{ since } f(z) \in \mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{H}}(F;\lambda,\gamma).$$

Hence by Theorem 2.2, $\mathcal{L}_c(f(z)) \in \mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{H}}(F; \lambda, \gamma)$. 80

Concluding remarks. For suitable choices of F(z), as we pointed out the $S_{\mathcal{H}}(F;\lambda,\gamma)$ contains, various function class defined by linear operators such as the Carlson-Shaffer operator, the Ruscheweyh derivative operator, the Sălăgean operator, the fractional derivative operator, and so on. When $\lambda = 0$ the various results presented in this paper would provide interesting extensions and generalizations of those considered earlier for simpler harmonic function classes(see [7, 8, 9]. The details involved in the derivations of such specializations of the results presented in this paper are fairly straight- forward, hence omitted.

References

- Carlson, B. C., Shaffer, S. B., Starlike and prestarlike hypergeometric functions, SIAM, J. Math. Anal., 15 (2002), 737-745.
- [2] Clunie, J., Sheil-Small, T., Harmonic univalent functions, Ann. Acad. Aci. Fenn. Ser. A. I. Math., 9 (1984), 3-25.
- [3] Dziok, J., Raina, Families of analytic functions associated with the Wright's generalized hypergeometric function, Demonstratio Math., 37 (2004), no. 3, 533-542.
- [4] Dziok, J., Srivastava, H. M., Certain subclasses of analytic functions associated with the generalized hypergeometric function, Integral Transform Spec. Funct., 14 (2003), 7-18.
- [5] Jahangiri, J. M., Silverman, H., Harmonic univalent functions with varying arguments, Internat. J. Appl. Math., 8 (2002), 267-275.
- [6] Jahangiri, J. M., Harmonic functions starlike in the unit disc., J. Math. Anal. Appl., 235 (1999), 470-477.
- [7] Jahangiri, J. M., Murugusundaramoorthy, G., Vijaya, K., Starlikeness of Rucheweyh type harmonic univalent functions, J. Indian Acad. Math., 26 (2004), 191-200.
- [8] Jahangiri, J. M., Murugusundaramoorthy, G., Vijaya, K., Salagean-type harmonic univalent functions, Southwest J. Pure Appl. Math., 2 (2002), 77-82.
- [9] Murugusundaramoorthy, G., Vijaya, K., A Subclass of harmonic functions associated with Wright hypergeometric functions, Advanced Stud. Contemp. Math., 18 (2009), no.1, 87-95.
- [10] Ruscheweyh, S., New criteria for univalent functions, Proc. Amer. Math. Soc., 49 (1975), 109-115.
- [11] Silverman, H., Harmonic univalent functions with negative coefficients, J. Math. Anal. Appl., 220 (1998), 283-289.

- [12] Srivastava, H. M., Owa, S., Some characterization and distortion theorems involving fractional calculus, generalized hypergeometric functions, Hadamard products, linear operators and certain subclasses of analytic functions, Nagoya Math. J., 106 (1987), 1-28.
- [13] Wright, E. M., The asymptotic expansion of the generalized hypergeometric function, Proc. London. Math. Soc., 46 (1946), 389-408.

Corresponding Author Department of Mathematics "1 Decembrie 1918" University of Alba Iulia 510009, Alba, Romania *E-mail address*: dbreaz@uab.ro

SCHOOL OF SCIENCE VIT UNIVERSITY VELLORE 632014, INDIA *E-mail address:* gmsmoorthy@yahoo.com

SCHOOL OF SCIENCE VIT UNIVERSITY VELLORE 632014, INDIA *E-mail address*: kvijaya@vit.ac.in