

## Convolution of the subclass of Salagean-type harmonic univalent functions with negative coefficients <sup>1</sup>

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### Abstract

A recent result of Sibel Yalcin et al. [4] appeared in “Journal of Inequalities in Pure and Applied Mathematics” (2007) concerning the convolution of two harmonic univalent functions in the class  $\overline{RS}_H(k, \gamma)$  is improved.

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## 1 Introduction

A continuous complex-valued function  $f = u + iv$  is said to be harmonic in a simply connected domain  $D$  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  $D$ . 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  $D$  is that  $|h'(z)| > |g'(z)|, z \in D$ . See Clunie and Sheil-Small [1].

Denote by  $S_H$  the class of functions  $f = h + \bar{g}$  that are harmonic univalent and sense-preserving in the unit disk  $U = \{z : |z| < 1\}$  for which  $f(0) =$

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$f_z(0) - 1 = 0$ . Then for  $f = h + \bar{g} \in S_H$  we may express the analytic functions  $h$  and  $g$  as

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

For  $f = h + \bar{g}$  given by (1), Jahangiri et al. [2] defined the modified Salagean operator of  $f$  as

$$(2) \quad D^k f(z) = D^k h(z) + (-1)^k \overline{D^k g(z)}$$

where  $D^k h(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n^k a_n z^n$  and  $D^k g(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^k b_n z^n$ ,

where  $D^k$  stands for the differential operator introduced by Salagean [3].

We let  $RS_H(k, \gamma)$  denote the family of harmonic functions  $f$  of the form (1) such that

$$(3) \quad \operatorname{Re} \left\{ (1 + e^{i\alpha}) \frac{D^{k+1} f(z)}{D^k f(z)} - e^{i\alpha} \right\} \geq \gamma, 0 \leq \gamma < 1, \alpha \in R \quad \text{and} \quad k \in N_0$$

where  $D^k f$  is defined by (2).

Also, we let the subclass  $\overline{RS}_H(k, \gamma)$  consist of harmonic functions  $f_k = h + \bar{g}_k$  in  $RS_H(k, \gamma)$  so that  $h$  and  $g_k$  are of the form

$$(4) \quad h(z) = z - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} |a_n| z^n, g_k(z) = (-1)^k \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |b_n| z^n.$$

Let us define the convolution of two harmonic functions of the form

$$f_k(z) = z - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} |a_n| z^n + (-1)^k \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |b_n| \bar{z}^n$$

and

$$F_k(z) = z - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} |A_n| z^n + (-1)^k \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |B_n| \bar{z}^n$$

as

$$(5) \quad (f_k * F_k)(z) = f_k(z) * F_k(z) = z - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} |a_n| |A_n| z^n + (-1)^k \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |b_n| |B_n| \bar{z}^n.$$

Recently, Yalcin et al. [4, Theorem 2.6] has obtained the following result for the convolution of two harmonic univalent functions in class  $\overline{RS}_H(k, \gamma)$ .

**Theorem A.** For  $0 \leq \beta \leq \gamma < 1$ , let  $f_k \in \overline{RS}_H(k, \gamma)$  and  $F_k \in \overline{RS}_H(k, \beta)$ . Then the convolution  $f_k * F_k \in \overline{RS}_H(k, \gamma) \subseteq \overline{RS}_H(k, \beta)$ .

In the present paper we prove the following theorem and then we critically observe that it improves the above stated theorem of Yalcin et al. [4].

**Theorem 1** *Let the functions*

$$f_k(z) = z - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} |a_n| z^n + (-1)^k \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |b_n| \bar{z}^n$$

and

$$F_k(z) = z - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} |A_n| z^n + (-1)^k \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |B_n| \bar{z}^n$$

belong to the classes  $\overline{RS}_H(k, \gamma)$  and  $\overline{RS}_H(k, \beta)$  respectively. Then

$(f_k * F_k)(z) \in \overline{RS}_H(2k+1, \gamma)$  (If  $k$  is an odd integer),

$(f_k * F_k)(z) \in \overline{RS}_H(2k, \gamma)$  (If  $k$  is an even integer) where  $0 \leq \beta \leq \gamma < 1$ .

To prove this theorem, we require the following lemmas. Lemma1 and 2 are due to Yalcin et al.[4].

**Lemma 1** [4, Theorem2.2] *Let  $f_k = h + \bar{g}_k$  be given by (4). Then  $f_k \in \overline{RS}_H(k, \gamma)$  if and only if*

$$(6) \quad \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n^k (2n - \gamma - 1)}{1 - \gamma} |a_n| + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^k (2n + \gamma + 1)}{1 - \gamma} |b_n| \leq 1,$$

where  $0 \leq \gamma < 1$ ,  $k \in N_0$ .

**Lemma 2**  $\overline{RS}_H(k, \gamma) \subseteq \overline{RS}_H(k, \beta)$  if  $0 \leq \beta \leq \gamma < 1$ .

**Lemma 3** (i).  $\overline{RS}_H(2k+1, \gamma) \subseteq \overline{RS}_H(k, \gamma)$  (if  $k$  is an odd integer)

(ii)  $\overline{RS}_H(2k, \gamma) \subseteq \overline{RS}_H(k, \gamma)$  (if  $k$  is an even integer)

**Proof.** (i). Let  $f_{2k+1}(z) \in \overline{RS}_H(2k+1, \gamma)$  then by Lemma1 we have

$$(7) \quad \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n^{2k+1} (2n - \gamma - 1)}{1 - \gamma} |a_n| + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^{2k+1} (2n + \gamma + 1)}{1 - \gamma} |b_n| \leq 1.$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n^k (2n - \gamma - 1)}{1 - \gamma} |a_n| + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^k (2n + \gamma + 1)}{1 - \gamma} |b_n| \\ & \leq \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n^{2k+1} (2n - \gamma - 1)}{1 - \gamma} |a_n| + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^{2k+1} (2n + \gamma + 1)}{1 - \gamma} |b_n| \end{aligned}$$

$\leq 1$ . (Using (7))

Thus  $f_{2k+1}(z) \in \overline{RS}_H(2k+1, \gamma)$ .

The proof of Lemma 3 (i) is established.

(ii). The proof of Lemma 3 (ii) is similar to that of Lemma 3 (i), hence it is omitted.

## 2 Proof of the Theorem 1

Here we only prove the Theorem 1 for the case when  $k$  is an odd integer. For the case when  $k$  is an even integer one can prove the theorem in similar way. Therefore it is omitted.

Since  $f_k(z) \in \overline{RS}_H(k, \gamma)$ , then by Lemma 1 we have

$$(8) \quad \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n^k (2n - \gamma - 1)}{1 - \gamma} |a_n| + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^k (2n + \gamma + 1)}{1 - \gamma} |b_n| \leq 1.$$

Similarly  $F_k(z) \in \overline{RS}_H(k, \beta)$  we have

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n^k (2n - \beta - 1)}{1 - \beta} |A_n| + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^k (2n + \beta + 1)}{1 - \beta} |B_n| \leq 1.$$

Therefore  $\frac{n^k(2n-\beta-1)}{1-\beta} |A_n| \leq 1 \forall n = 2, 3, \dots$  and  $\frac{n^k(2n+\beta+1)}{1-\beta} |B_n| \leq 1 \forall n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

Now for the convolution function  $f_k * F_k$  we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n^{2k+1} (2n - \gamma - 1)}{1 - \gamma} |a_n| |A_n| + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^{2k+1} (2n + \gamma + 1)}{1 - \gamma} |b_n| |B_n| \\
&= \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n^k (2n - \gamma - 1)}{1 - \gamma} |a_n| n^{k+1} |A_n| + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^k (2n + \gamma + 1)}{1 - \gamma} |b_n| n^{k+1} |B_n| \\
&\leq \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n^k (2n - \gamma - 1)}{1 - \gamma} |a_n| \frac{n^k (2n - \beta - 1)}{1 - \beta} |A_n| \\
&+ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^k (2n + \gamma + 1)}{1 - \gamma} |b_n| \frac{n^k (2n + \beta + 1)}{1 - \beta} |B_n| \\
&\leq \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n^k (2n - \gamma - 1)}{1 - \gamma} |a_n| + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^k (2n + \gamma + 1)}{1 - \gamma} |b_n| \leq 1 \quad (\text{using (8)}).
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore we have

$$(f_k * F_k)(z) \in \overline{RS}_H(2k + 1, \gamma) \quad (\text{if } k \text{ is an odd integer})$$

Similarly

$$(f_k * F_k)(z) \in \overline{RS}_H(2k, \gamma) \quad (\text{if } k \text{ is an even integer})$$

### 3 Improvement on the result of Theorem A

In this section we consider the following two cases and, in each case, we observe that our result improves the result of Yalcin et al.[4,Theorem2.6].

**Case(i)** When  $k$  is an odd integer

**Case(ii)** When  $k$  is an even integer

Here we discuss these cases one by one.

**Case(i)** When  $k$  is an odd integer our Theorem states that  $f_k * F_k \in \overline{RS}_H(2k + 1, \gamma)$ , whereas result of Yalcin et al. gives  $f_k * F_k \in \overline{RS}_H(k, \gamma)$ . But by Lemma 2 and 3(i) we have  $\overline{RS}_H(2k + 1, \gamma) \subseteq \overline{RS}_H(k, \gamma) \subseteq \overline{RS}_H(k, \beta)$ . Therefore our result provides smaller class in comparison to the class given by Yalcin et al. to which  $(f_k * F_k)(z)$  belongs.

**Case (ii)** When  $k$  is an even integer we use our result  $(f_k * F_k)(z) \in \overline{RS}_H(2k, \gamma)$

. Since  $\overline{RS}_H(2k, \gamma) \subseteq \overline{RS}_H(k, \gamma) \subseteq \overline{RS}_H(k, \beta)$  (by Lemma 2 and 3(ii)). Our result provides better estimate in this case also.

Hence we conclude that for all values of  $k \in N_0 = \{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$  our result improves the result of Yalcin et al. [4, Theorem 2.6].

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