

## A NEW CLASS OF LOG-HARMONIC FUNCTIONS

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, we consider a new class of log-harmonic mappings of the form  $f = zh(z)\overline{g(z)}$  defined on the open disc  $\mathbb{D} = \{z \mid |z| < 1\}$  which are univalent and satisfying the condition  $\left| \frac{h(z)}{g(z)} - M \right| < M$  for every  $z \in \mathbb{D}$ .

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $H(\mathbb{D})$  be the linear space of analytic functions defined on the open unit disc  $\mathbb{D}$ . A log-harmonic mapping is a solution of the non-linear elliptic partial differential equation

$$(1.1) \quad \frac{\overline{f_z}}{f} = w(z) \cdot \frac{f_z}{f}$$

where  $w(z)$  is the second dilatation function of  $f$  and  $w(z) \in H(\mathbb{D})$  such that  $|w(z)| < 1$  for all  $z \in \mathbb{D}$ . It has been shown that if  $f$  is a non-vanishing log-harmonic mapping, then  $f$  can be expressed as

$$(1.2) \quad f = h(z) \cdot \overline{g(z)}$$

where  $h(z)$  and  $g(z)$  are analytic functions in  $\mathbb{D}$ . On the other hand, if  $f$  vanishes at  $z = 0$  but is not identically zero, then  $f$  admits the representation,

$$(1.3) \quad f = z |z|^{2\beta} h(z) \overline{g(z)}$$

where  $Re\beta > -\frac{1}{2}$  and  $h(z)$  and  $g(z)$  are analytic functions in  $\mathbb{D}$ ,  $g(0) = h(0) = 1$ . Univalent log-harmonic mappings have been studied extensively (for details see [1],[2],[3],[4],[5],[6]). The class of all log-harmonic mappings is denoted by  $S_{LH}$ .

Let  $f = z |z|^{2\beta} h(z) \overline{g(z)}$  be a univalent harmonic mapping. We say that  $f$  is a starlike log-harmonic mapping if

$$(1.4) \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \arg f(r.e^{i\theta}) = Re \left[ \frac{z f_z - \overline{z} \overline{f_z}}{f} \right] > 0$$

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for all  $z \in \mathbb{D}$ . Denote by  $ST_{LH}$  the set of all starlike log-harmonic mappings.

Finally, let  $\Omega$  be the family of functions  $\phi(z)$  regular in  $\mathbb{D}$  and satisfying  $\phi(0) = 0$ ,  $|\phi(z)| < 1$  for all  $z \in \mathbb{D}$ . Next, let  $F(z) = z + \alpha_2 z^2 + \alpha_3 z^3 + \dots$  and  $G(z) = z + \beta_2 z^2 + \beta_3 z^3 + \dots$  be analytic functions in  $\mathbb{D}$ , if there exist a function  $\phi(z) \in \Omega$  such that  $F(z) = G(\phi(z))$  for every  $z \in \mathbb{D}$ , then we say that  $F(z)$  is subordinate to  $G(z)$ , and we write  $F(z) \prec G(z)$  [7].

In this paper we will investigate the class of log-harmonic mappings defined by

$$S_{LH(M)} = \left\{ f \in S_{LH} \mid \left| \frac{h(z)}{g(z)} - M \right| < M, M \geq 1 \text{ is a fixed number, } h(0) = g(0) = 1 \right\}.$$

### 2. MAIN RESULTS

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let  $f = zh(z)\overline{g(z)}$  be an element of  $S_{LH(M)}$ , then*

$$(2.1) \quad \frac{h(z)}{g(z)} \prec \frac{1+z}{1 - (1 - \frac{1}{M})z}$$

$$(2.2) \quad \frac{1-r}{1 + (1 - \frac{1}{M})r} \leq \left| \frac{h(z)}{g(z)} \right| \leq \frac{1+r}{1 - (1 - \frac{1}{M})r}$$

*Proof.*

$$\left| \frac{h(z)}{g(z)} - M \right| < M \Rightarrow \left| \frac{1}{M} \frac{h(z)}{g(z)} - 1 \right| < 1,$$

then the function  $\psi(z) = (\frac{1}{M} \frac{h(z)}{g(z)} - 1)$  has modulus at 1 in the unit disc  $\mathbb{D}$ , so that

$$(2.3) \quad \phi(z) = \frac{\psi(z) - \psi(0)}{1 - \psi(0)\psi(z)} = \frac{(\frac{1}{M} \frac{h(z)}{g(z)} - 1) - (\frac{1}{M} - 1)}{1 - (\frac{1}{M} - 1)(\frac{1}{M} \frac{h(z)}{g(z)} - 1)}.$$

Then  $\phi(0) = 0$  and  $|\phi(z)| < 1$ , therefore by Schwarz's Lemma

$$(2.4) \quad |\phi(z)| \leq |z|.$$

From (2.3) and (2.4) we obtain,

$$\frac{h(z)}{g(z)} = \frac{1 + \phi(z)}{1 - (1 - \frac{1}{M})\phi(z)}$$

and using the subordination principle we get (2.1). On the other hand  $\omega = \frac{1+z}{1 - (1 - \frac{1}{M})z}$  maps  $|z| = r$  onto the circle with the center

$$C(r) = \left( \frac{1 + (1 - \frac{1}{M})r^2}{1 - (1 - \frac{1}{M})r^2}, 0 \right)$$

and the radius

$$\rho(r) = \frac{2(1 - \frac{1}{M})r}{1 - (1 - \frac{1}{M})r^2}$$

and again using the subordination principle, then we have

$$(2.5) \quad \left| \frac{h(z)}{g(z)} - \frac{1 + (1 - \frac{1}{M})r^2}{1 - (1 - \frac{1}{M})r^2} \right| \leq \frac{2(1 - \frac{1}{M})r}{1 - (1 - \frac{1}{M})r^2}.$$

The last inequality gives (2.2). □

**Theorem 2.2.** *The radius of starlikeness of the class  $S_{LH(M)}$  is  $r = \frac{1}{1 + \sqrt{2 - \frac{1}{M}}}$ .*

*Proof.* Using (2.5) we have,

$$(2.6) \quad z \frac{h'(z)}{h(z)} - z \frac{g'(z)}{g(z)} = \frac{(2 - \frac{1}{M})z\phi'(z)}{1 - \frac{1}{M}\phi(z) - (1 - \frac{1}{M})(\phi(z))^2}.$$

Therefore

$$(2.7) \quad \left| z \frac{h'(z)}{h(z)} - z \frac{g'(z)}{g(z)} \right| \leq \frac{(2 - \frac{1}{M})r}{1 - r^2} \frac{1 - |\phi(z)|^2}{1 - \frac{1}{M}|\phi(z)| - (1 - \frac{1}{M})|\phi(z)|^2},$$

where we used the estimate

$$|\phi'(z)| \leq \frac{(1 - |\phi(z)|^2)}{1 - r^2}.$$

This estimate can be found in [1]. It can be easily shown that,

$$(2.8) \quad \frac{1 - |\phi(z)|^2}{1 - \frac{1}{M}|\phi(z)| - (1 - \frac{1}{M})|\phi(z)|^2} \leq \frac{1 - r^2}{1 - \frac{1}{M}r^2 - (1 - \frac{1}{M})r^2},$$

and relations (2.7) and (2.8) give

$$(2.9) \quad \left| z \frac{h'(z)}{h(z)} - z \frac{g'(z)}{g(z)} \right| \leq \frac{(2 - \frac{1}{M})r}{1 - \frac{1}{M}r - (1 - \frac{1}{M})r^2}.$$

On the other hand we have

$$\Phi(z) = z \frac{h(z)}{g(z)}, f = zh(z)\overline{g(z)} \Rightarrow$$

$$Re z \frac{zf_z - \bar{z}f_{\bar{z}}}{f} = Re z \frac{\Phi'(z)}{\Phi(z)} = Re [1 + z \frac{h'(z)}{h(z)} - z \frac{g'(z)}{g(z)}],$$

and we deduce that f will be univalent and starlike if

$$(2.10) \quad \left| z \frac{\Phi'(z)}{\Phi(z)} - 1 \right| < \left| z \frac{h'(z)}{h(z)} - z \frac{g'(z)}{g(z)} \right| < 1$$

Using (2.9) we deduce that (2.10) will be satisfied if

$$\frac{(2 - \frac{1}{M})r}{1 - \frac{1}{M}r - (1 - \frac{1}{M})r^2} < 1,$$

and this implies that

$$r = |z| < \frac{1}{1 + \sqrt{2 - \frac{1}{M}}}.$$

□

**Theorem 2.3.** *Let  $f = zh(z)\overline{g(z)}$  be an element of  $S_{LH(M)}$ , then*

$$(2.11) \quad \sum_{k=1}^n |a_k - b_k|^2 \leq (2 - \frac{1}{M})^2 + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \left| b_k + (1 - \frac{1}{M})a_k \right|^2.$$

*Proof.* The proof of this theorem is based on the Clunie method [8]. We start with the equality,

$$(2.12) \quad \frac{h(z)}{g(z)} = \frac{1 + \phi(z)}{1 - (1 - \frac{1}{M})\phi(z)} \Leftrightarrow h(z) - g(z) = [(1 - \frac{1}{M})h(z) + g(z)]\phi(z).$$

Then let  $h(z) = 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n z^n$ ,  $g(z) = 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n z^n$ ,  $\phi(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n z^n$  and note that  $|\phi(z)| < 1$ , for all  $z \in \mathbb{D}$ . Therefore equation (2.12) now takes the form,

$$(2.13) \quad \sum_{k=1}^n (a_k - b_k)z^k + \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} (a_k - b_k)z^k = [(a+1) + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} (b_k + aa_k)z^k + \sum_{k=n}^{\infty} (b_k + aa_k)z^k] (\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} c_k z^k),$$

where  $a = 1 - \frac{1}{M}$  or

$$(2.14) \quad \sum_{k=1}^n (a_k - b_k)z^k + \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} (a_k - b_k)z^k - (\sum_{k=n}^{\infty} (b_k + aa_k)z^k) (\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n z^n) = [(1+a) + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} (b_k + aa_k)z^k] \phi(z).$$

Equality (2.14) can be written in the following form:

$$(2.15) \quad \sum_{k=1}^n (a_k - b_k)z^k + \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} d_k z^k = [(1+a) + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} (b_k + aa_k)z^k] \phi(z).$$

Since (2.15) has the form  $F(z) = \phi(z).G(z)$ , where  $|\phi(z)| < 1$ , it follows that

$$(2.16) \quad \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} |F(re^{i\theta})|^2 d\theta \leq \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} |G(re^{i\theta})|^2 d\theta,$$

for each  $r$ , ( $0 < r < 1$ ). Expressing (2.16) in terms of the coefficients in (2.15) we obtain the inequality

$$(2.17) \quad \sum_{k=1}^n |a_k - b_k|^2 r^{2k} + \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} |a'_k|^2 r^{2k} \leq |1+a|^2 + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} |aa_k + b_k|^2 r^{2k}$$

By letting  $r \rightarrow 1$  in (2.17) we conclude that

$$\sum_{k=1}^n |a_k - b_k|^2 \leq (2 - \frac{1}{M})^2 + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \left| (1 - \frac{1}{M})a_k + b_k \right|^2,$$

proving the theorem. □

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