

**SOME DISTORTION THEOREMS FOR  
STARLIKE HARMONIC FUNCTIONS**

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**Abstract**

In this paper, we consider harmonic univalent mappings of the form  $f = h + \bar{g}$  defined on the unit disk  $\mathbb{D}$  which are starlike. Distortion and growth theorems are obtained.

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**1. Introduction**

A continuous complex-valued function  $f = u + iv$  defined in a simply connected domain  $\mathfrak{D}$  is said to be harmonic in  $\mathfrak{D}$  if both  $u$  and  $v$  are real harmonic in  $\mathfrak{D}$ , that is,  $u, v$  satisfy, respectively the Laplace equations

$$\Delta u = u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 0, \quad \Delta v = v_{xx} + v_{yy} = 0.$$

There is a well-known relation between analytic functions and harmonic functions. For example, for real harmonic functions  $u$  and  $v$  which are defined on a simply connected domain  $\mathfrak{D}$  there exist analytic functions  $U$  and  $V$  so that

$$u = \Re(U) \text{ and } v = \Im(V).$$

Therefore, it has a canonical decomposition

$$f = h + \bar{g} \quad (1)$$

where  $h$  and  $g$  are, respectively, the analytic functions

$$h = \frac{U + V}{2} \text{ and } g = \frac{U - V}{2}.$$

We call  $h$  the analytic part and  $g$  the co-analytic part of  $f$ . It is fact that if  $f = u + iv$  has continuous partial derivatives, then  $f$  is analytic if and only if the Cauchy-Riemann equations are satisfied. It follows that every analytic function is a complex-valued harmonic function. However, not every complex-valued harmonic function is analytic.

The Jacobian  $J_f$  of a function  $f = u + iv$  has a very important place in the theory of harmonic mappings, defined by

$$J_f = \begin{vmatrix} u_x & u_y \\ v_x & v_y \end{vmatrix} = u_x v_y - u_y v_x.$$

Or, in terms of  $f_z$  and  $f_{\bar{z}}$ , we have

$$J_f = |f_z|^2 - |f_{\bar{z}}|^2 = |h'(z)|^2 - |g'(z)|^2,$$

where  $f = h + \bar{g}$  is the harmonic function in  $\mathfrak{D}$ .

If  $f = h + \bar{g}$  is a harmonic function on  $\mathfrak{D}$  with  $J_f > 0$ , then we say that  $f$  is a sense-preserving (or orientation preserving) harmonic function on  $\mathfrak{D}$ . In this case we have

$$|g'(z)| < |h'(z)|$$

for all  $z \in \mathfrak{D}$ . If  $f$  has  $J_f < 0$ , then  $\bar{f}$  is sense preserving. For convenience, we will only examine sense preserving harmonic functions.

The mapping  $z \rightarrow f(z)$  is sense preserving and locally univalent in  $\mathfrak{D}$  if and only if  $J_f > 0$  in  $\mathfrak{D}$ . The function  $f = h + \bar{g}$  is said to be harmonic univalent in  $\mathfrak{D}$  if the mapping  $z \rightarrow f(z)$  is sense preserving harmonic and univalent in  $\mathfrak{D}$ .

The second complex dilatation of a harmonic function  $f = h + \bar{g}$  is the quantity

$$\omega(z) = \frac{\bar{f}_{\bar{z}}}{f_z} = \frac{g'(z)}{h'(z)} \quad (z \in \mathfrak{D}). \quad (2)$$

Let  $\mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{H}}$  denote the family of functions  $f = h + \bar{g}$  that are harmonic, sense preserving, and univalent in the open unit disc  $\mathbb{D} := \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < 1\}$  with the normalization

$$h(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n z^n, \quad g(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n z^n. \quad (3)$$

It follows from the sense-preserving property if  $f \in \mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{H}}$ , then we have  $|\omega(z)| < 1$  for all  $z \in \mathbb{D}$ . Thus, it is easy to see that  $|b_1| < 1$ . Since the second complex dilatation  $\omega$  of a sense preserving harmonic mapping  $f$  is always an analytic function of modulus less than one, then this function  $\omega$  will be called the analytic dilatation of  $f$ . Also  $f \in \mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{H}}$  reduces to the class of normalized analytic univalent functions if the co-analytic part of its members is zero. In 1984 Clunie and Sheil-Small [1] investigated the class  $\mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{H}}$  as well as its geometric subclasses and obtained some coefficient bounds. Many studies have been done on this class and its subclasses, and continued taking place.

A sense-preserving harmonic mapping  $f \in \mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{H}}$  is in the class  $\mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{H}}^*$  if the range  $f(\mathbb{D})$  is starlike with respect to the origin. A function  $f \in \mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{H}}^*$  is called harmonic starlike mapping in  $\mathbb{D}$ . A function  $f = h + \bar{g}$  with such a property must satisfy the condition

$$\Re \left( \frac{zh'(z) - \overline{zg'(z)}}{h(z) + g(z)} \right) > 0$$

for all  $z \in \mathbb{D}$ .

In our proofs we use the following lemma:

LEMMA 1.1[2]. *If  $f = h + \bar{g} \in \mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{H}}^*$ , then there exist angles  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  such that*

$$\Re \left\{ \left( e^{i\alpha} \frac{h(z)}{z} + e^{-i\alpha} \frac{g(z)}{z} \right) \left( e^{i\beta} - e^{-i\beta} z^2 \right) \right\} > 0 \quad (4)$$

for all  $z \in \mathbb{D}$ .

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  denote the class of all functions  $s_1$  analytic in the open unit disk  $\mathbb{D}$  with the usual normalization  $s_1(0) = s_1'(0) - 1 = 0$ . If  $s_1$  and  $s_2$  are analytic in  $\mathbb{D}$ , we say that  $s_1$  is subordinate to  $s_2$ , written  $s_1 \prec s_2$  or  $s_1(z) \prec s_2(z)$ , if  $s_2$  is univalent, then we have  $s_1(0) = s_2(0)$  and  $s_1(\mathbb{D}) \subset s_2(\mathbb{D})$ .

Let  $\mathcal{P}$  be the class of functions  $p$  of the form

$$p(z) = 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} p_n z^n$$

which are analytic in the open unit disk  $\mathbb{D}$ . If  $p$  in  $\mathcal{P}$  satisfies  $\Re p(z) > 0$  for  $z \in \mathbb{D}$ , then we say that  $p$  is the Carathéodory function. It has been shown that for a function  $p(z) \in \mathcal{P}$ , the following inequalities are satisfied ([3]):

$$\frac{1-r}{1+r} \leq |p(z)| \leq \frac{1+r}{1-r}, \quad (5)$$

and

$$\left| z \frac{p'(z)}{p(z)} \right| \leq \frac{2r}{1-r^2} \quad (6)$$

for all  $|z| = r < 1$ .

## 2. Results

LEMMA 2.1. *Let  $f = h + \bar{g}$  be an element of  $\mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{H}}^*$ , then we have*

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{(A+|B|)r - (A-|B|)r^2}{(1+r)(1+r^2)} &\leq |h(z) - e^{-2i\alpha}g(z)| \\ &\leq \frac{(A+|B|)r + (A-|B|)r^2}{(1+r)(1+r^2)}, \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

for  $|z| = r < 1$  where  $A = \cos(\beta + \alpha) - a \cos(\beta - \alpha) + b \sin(\beta - \alpha) > 0$ ,  $B = \sin(\beta + \alpha) - b \cos(\beta - \alpha) - a \sin(\beta - \alpha)$ ,  $g'(0) = b_1 = a + ib$  for some choice of angles  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ .

P r o o f. Since  $f = h + \bar{g}$  is element of  $\mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{H}}^*$ , then we have

$$\frac{h(z)}{z} \Big|_{z=0} = 1, \quad \frac{g(z)}{z} \Big|_{z=0} = b_1 = a + ib,$$

and if we consider (4) as a function with positive real part

$$p(z) = \left( e^{i\alpha} \frac{h(z)}{z} + e^{-i\alpha} \frac{g(z)}{z} \right) \left( e^{i\beta} - e^{-i\beta} z^2 \right) \quad (8)$$

has the properties  $\Re p(z) > 0$  and  $p(0) = [\cos(\beta + \alpha) - a \cos(\beta - \alpha) + b \sin(\beta - \alpha)]i[\sin(\beta + \alpha) - b \cos(\beta - \alpha) - a \sin(\beta - \alpha)]$  where  $b_1 = a + ib$  and  $\alpha, \beta$  are angles.

On the other hand, the assumption  $p(0) = 1$  is not restriction for the Carathéodory class. Indeed, let  $p(z)$  be element of the Carathéodory class with  $p(0) = A + iB$ ,  $A > 0$ , then the function

$$p_1(z) = \frac{1}{A}(p(z) - iB)$$

satisfies the condition  $p_1(0) = 1$  and  $\Re p_1(z) > 0$ . This shows that  $p_1(z)$  is the element of the Carathéodory class. Therefore, the function

$$\begin{aligned}
 p_1(z) = \frac{1}{A}(p(z) - iB) &= \frac{1}{\cos(\beta + \alpha) - a \cos(\beta - \alpha) + b \sin(\beta - \alpha)} \\
 &\times \left[ \left( e^{i\alpha} \frac{h(z)}{z} - e^{-i\alpha} \frac{g(z)}{z} \right) \right. \\
 &\quad \left. - i(\sin(\beta + \alpha) - b \cos(\beta - \alpha) - a \sin(\beta - \alpha)) \right] \tag{9}
 \end{aligned}$$

is the Carathéodory function under the condition  $A = \cos(\beta + \alpha) - a \cos(\beta - \alpha) + b \sin(\beta - \alpha) > 0$ . Then we have

$$\frac{1 - r}{1 + r} \leq |p_1(z)| \leq \frac{1 + r}{1 - r} \tag{10}$$

for  $p_1(z) \in \mathcal{P}$  and  $|z| = r < 1$ . If we substitute (9) into (10) and after simple calculations we get

$$\frac{(A + |B|) - (A - |B|)r}{1 + r} \leq |p(z)| \leq \frac{(A + |B|) + (A - |B|)r}{1 - r}. \tag{11}$$

Using (8) and (11) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{(A + |B|)r - (A - |B|)r^2}{(1 + r)|e^{i\beta} - e^{-i\beta}z^2|} &\leq |e^{i\alpha}h(z) - e^{-i\alpha}g(z)| \\
 &\leq \frac{(A + |B|)r + (A - |B|)r^2}{(1 - r)|e^{i\beta} - e^{-i\beta}z^2|}. \tag{12}
 \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, we have

$$\frac{1}{1 + r^2} \leq \frac{1}{|e^{i\beta} - e^{-i\beta}z^2|} \leq \frac{1}{1 - r^2}. \tag{13}$$

Therefore, if we use (13) in (12) we obtain the desired result. ■

**THEOREM 2.2.** *Let  $f = h + \bar{g}$  be element of  $\mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{H}}^*$ , then we have*

$$|h'(z) - e^{-2i\alpha}g'(z)| \leq \frac{(A + |B|) + (A - |B|)r}{(1 - r)^3}$$

for  $|z| = r < 1$  where  $A = \cos(\beta + \alpha) - a \cos(\beta - \alpha) + b \sin(\beta - \alpha) > 0$ ,  $B = \sin(\beta + \alpha) - b \cos(\beta - \alpha) - a \sin(\beta - \alpha)$ ,  $g'(0) = b_1 = a + ib$  for some choice of angles  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ .

P r o o f. Using Lemma 2.1, we obtain that

$$z \frac{p'(z)}{p(z)} = z \frac{Ap_1'(z)}{Ap_1(z) + iB}$$

for all  $z$  in the open unit disc. Also, we know that the following inequality satisfies for functions which in the Carathéodory class:

$$\left| z \frac{p'(z)}{p(z)} \right| = \left| z \frac{p_1'(z)}{p_1(z) + i\frac{B}{A}} \right| \leq \frac{2r}{1-r^2}. \quad (14)$$

On the other hand, from the equation (8) we have

$$\frac{zh'(z) - e^{-2i\alpha}zg'(z)}{h(z) - e^{-2i\alpha}g(z)} = \frac{1 + e^{-2i\beta}z^2}{1 - e^{-2i\beta}z^2} + z \frac{p'(z)}{p(z)}. \quad (15)$$

Considering (14) and (15) together, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{zh'(z) - e^{-2i\alpha}zg'(z)}{h(z) - e^{-2i\alpha}g(z)} \right| &= \left| \frac{1 + e^{-2i\beta}z^2}{1 - e^{-2i\beta}z^2} + z \frac{p'(z)}{p(z)} \right| \\ &\leq \left| \frac{1 + e^{-2i\beta}z^2}{1 - e^{-2i\beta}z^2} \right| + \left| z \frac{p'(z)}{p(z)} \right|. \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

Also we know that

$$\frac{1-r^2}{1+r^2} \leq \left| \frac{1 + e^{-2i\beta}z^2}{1 - e^{-2i\beta}z^2} \right| \leq \frac{1+r^2}{1-r^2}. \quad (17)$$

Using (17) and (14) in (16), we get

$$\left| \frac{zh'(z) - e^{-2i\alpha}zg'(z)}{h(z) - e^{-2i\alpha}g(z)} \right| \leq \left| \frac{1 + e^{-2i\beta}z^2}{1 - e^{-2i\beta}z^2} \right| + \left| z \frac{p'(z)}{p(z)} \right| = \frac{1+r}{1-r}. \quad (18)$$

Using Lemma 2.1 in (18), we obtain that

$$|h'(z) - e^{-2i\alpha}g'(z)| \leq \frac{(A + |B|) + (A - |B|)r}{(1-r)^3}.$$

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LEMMA 2.3. Let  $\omega(z)$  be the analytic dilatation of  $f = h + \bar{g} \in \mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{H}}$  defined by  $\omega(z) = g'(z)/h'(z)$  for all  $z \in \mathbb{D}$ , then we have

$$\frac{(1-r)(1-|b_1|)}{1+|b_1|r} \leq |1 - e^{-2i\alpha}\omega(z)| \leq \frac{(1+r)(1+|b_1|)}{1+|b_1|r} \quad (19)$$

( $|z| = r < 1$ ) where  $g'(0) = b_1 \neq 0$  and  $|b_1| < 1$ .

P r o o f. Let we define the function

$$\phi(z) = \frac{\omega(z) - b_1}{1 - \bar{b}_1\omega(z)}$$

where  $g'(0) = b_1$  for all  $z \in \mathbb{D}$ . Since  $\phi(z)$  is a transformation which maps  $\mathbb{D}$  onto itself we have  $|\phi(z)| < 1$  and  $\phi(0) = 1$ . Thus we can write

$$\omega(z) \prec \frac{b_1 + z}{1 + \overline{b_1}z}.$$

On the other hand, the function  $\omega(z) = \frac{b_1+z}{1+\overline{b_1}z}$  maps  $|z| = r$  into the circle centered at

$$C(r) = \left\{ \frac{\Re b_1(1 - r^2)}{1 - |b_1|^2 r^2}, \frac{\Im b_1(1 - r^2)}{1 - |b_1|^2 r^2} \right\},$$

having the radius

$$\rho(r) = \frac{(1 - |b_1|^2)r}{1 - |b_1|^2 r^2}.$$

So we have

$$\left| \omega(z) - \frac{b_1(1 - r^2)}{1 - |b_1|^2 r^2} \right| \leq \frac{(1 - |b_1|^2)r}{1 - |b_1|^2 r^2}.$$

Therefore, we get the result after some simple calculations.

**THEOREM 2.4.** *Let  $f = h + \bar{g}$  be an element of  $\mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{H}}^*$ , then we have*

$$|h'(z)| \leq \frac{(1 + |b_1|r)(A + |B| + (A - |B|r))}{(1 - |b_1|r)(1 - r)^4}, \tag{20}$$

$$|g'(z)| \leq \frac{(A + |B|) + (A - |B|)r}{(1 - r)^3} \left( 1 + \frac{1 + |b_1|r}{(1 - r)(1 - |b_1|r)} \right) \tag{21}$$

for  $|z| = r < 1$  where  $A = \cos(\beta + \alpha) - a \cos(\beta - \alpha) + b \sin(\beta - \alpha) > 0$ ,  $B = \sin(\beta + \alpha) - b \cos(\beta - \alpha) - a \sin(\beta - \alpha)$ ,  $g'(0) = b_1 = a + ib$  for some choice of angles  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ .

**P r o o f.** Let consider the analytic dilatation function  $\omega = g'/h'$  of  $f = h + \bar{g}$ . Then, we have

$$\begin{aligned} |h'(z) - e^{-2i\alpha}g'(z)| &= |h'(z) - e^{-2i\alpha}\omega(z)h'(z)| \\ &= |h'(z)||1 - e^{-2i\alpha}(z)|. \end{aligned} \tag{22}$$

Considering (19) and Theorem 2.2 in (22) we obtain,

$$|h'(z)| \leq \frac{(1 + |b_1|r)(A + |B| + (A - |B|r))}{(1 - |b_1|r)(1 - r)^4},$$

and

$$|g'(z)| \leq \frac{(A + |B|) + (A - |B|)r}{(1 - r)^3} \left( 1 + \frac{1 + |b_1|r}{(1 - r)(1 - |b_1|r)} \right)$$

for all  $|z| = r < 1$ . ■

COROLLARY 2.5. Let  $f = h + \bar{g} \in \mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{H}}^*$ , then we have

$$|f(z)| \leq \int_0^r \frac{(1 + |b_1|\rho)((A + |B|) + (A - |B|)\rho)}{(1 - |b_1|\rho)(1 - \rho)^4} d\rho \\ + \int_0^r \frac{(A + |B|) + (A - |B|)\rho}{(1 - \rho)^3} \left( 1 + \frac{1 + |b_1|\rho}{(1 - \rho)(1 - |b_1|\rho)} \right) d\rho$$

for  $|z| = r < 1$  where  $A = \cos(\beta + \alpha) - a \cos(\beta - \alpha) + b \sin(\beta - \alpha) > 0$ ,  $B = \sin(\beta + \alpha) - b \cos(\beta - \alpha) - a \sin(\beta - \alpha)$ ,  $g'(0) = b_1 = a + ib$  for some choice of angles  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ .

P r o o f. For  $f = h + \bar{g}$ , we have the following inequalities

$$f = h + \bar{g} = \int_0^r h'(\rho e^{i\theta}) e^{i\theta} d\rho + \overline{\int_0^r g'(\rho e^{i\theta}) e^{i\theta} d\rho} \\ = \int_0^r h'(\rho e^{i\theta}) e^{i\theta} d\rho + \int_0^r \overline{g'(\rho e^{i\theta}) e^{-i\theta}} d\rho = \int_0^r f_z(\rho e^{i\theta}) e^{i\theta} d\rho + \int_0^r f_{\bar{z}}(\rho e^{i\theta}) e^{-i\theta} d\rho.$$

Hence

$$|f| = |h + \bar{g}| \leq |h| + |g| \leq \int_0^r |f_z(\rho e^{i\theta})| d\rho + \int_0^r |f_{\bar{z}}(\rho e^{i\theta})| d\rho \Rightarrow \\ |f| \leq \int_0^r |h'(\rho e^{i\theta})| d\rho + \int_0^r |g'(\rho e^{i\theta})| d\rho \Rightarrow .$$

Applying inequalities (20) and (21) to the above, we obtain the result. ■

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