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# Biholomorphic mappings on bounded starlike circular domains $\stackrel{\diamond}{\sim}$

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# ABSTRACT

Let  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{C}^n$  be a bounded starlike circular domain with  $0 \in \Omega$ . In this paper, we introduce a class of holomorphic mappings  $\mathcal{M}_g$  on  $\Omega$ . Let f(z) be a normalized locally biholomorphic mapping on  $\Omega$  such that  $J_f^{-1}(z)f(z) \in \mathcal{M}_g$  and z = 0 is the zero of order k+1 of f(z)-z. We obtain a sharp growth theorem and sharp coefficient bounds for f(z). As applications, sharp distortion theorems for a subclass of starlike mappings are obtained. These results unify and generalize many known results.

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# 1. Introduction

In the case of one complex variable, the following growth, distortion theorem and de Branges theorem are well known [16].

**Theorem A.** Let  $f(z) = z + \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} a_m z^m$  be a normalized univalent holomorphic function on the unit disc D in  $\mathbb{C}$ . Then

$$\frac{|z|}{(1+|z|)^2} \leq |f(z)| \leq \frac{|z|}{(1-|z|)^2}, \quad z \in D, 
\frac{1-|z|}{(1+|z|)^3} \leq |f'(z)| \leq \frac{1+|z|}{(1-|z|)^3}, \quad z \in D, 
|a_m| \leq m.$$
(1)

However, in the case of several complex variables, Cartan [2] pointed out that the above theorem does not hold.

Since Barnard, Fitzgerald and Gong [1], Chuaqui [3] extended the growth theorem (1) to normalized starlike mappings on the Euclidean unit ball in  $\mathbb{C}^n$ . Liu and Ren [13] obtained the generalization on the bounded starlike circular domains in  $\mathbb{C}^n$ . After that, many mathematicians investigate the growth and covering theorems for the subclasses of the starlike mappings on the bounded starlike circular domains in  $\mathbb{C}^n$  (see [4,8,11,13–15]).

Concerning the distortion theorem, the situation is quite different. Until now, the distortion theorem for the normalized starlike mappings is still a conjecture. Recently, Pfaltzgraff and Suffridge [17], Hamada and Kohr [9] obtained respectively

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a distortion result for a subclass of starlike mappings on the Euclidean unit ball in  $\mathbb{C}^n$  and on bounded balanced pseudoconvex domains in  $\mathbb{C}^n$ .

As for the bounds for coefficients of subclasses of normalized biholomorphic mappings, Kohr [7] obtained a sharp bound for the second coefficient of starlike mappings or starlike mappings of  $\alpha$  on the Euclidean unit ball in  $\mathbb{C}^n$ . Gong [5] obtained bounds for the second coefficients of starlike mappings on the unit polydisc in  $\mathbb{C}^n$ . Recently, considering the zero of order (i.e., x = 0 is a zero of order k + 1 of f(x) - x and f(x) defined on the unit ball in a complex Banach space) and using the analytical characterizations of starlike mappings, Xu and Liu [19] obtained the coefficient bounds for the class of biholomorphic mappings, while z = 0 is a zero of order k + 1 of  $e^{-t} f(z, t) - z (f(\cdot, t))$  defined on the unit ball in  $\mathbb{C}^n$  with respect to an arbitrary norm), the coefficient bounds for biholomorphic mappings were studied by Hamada, Honda and Kohr [10] using the method of Loewner chains.

In this paper, inspired by the works of Hamada and Honda [11], Pfaltzgraff and Suffridge [17], Hamada and Kohr [9], we obtain sharp growth theorems and sharp coefficient bounds for a class of biholomorphic mappings defined on bounded starlike circular domain in  $\mathbb{C}^n$ . Moreover, the sharp distortion theorems for a subclass of starlike mappings are obtained. These results generalize the related works of some authors.

Throughout this article, let  $\mathbb{C}^n$  be the space of *n* complex variables  $z = (z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n)'$  with the Euclidean inner product  $\langle z, w \rangle = \sum_{j=1}^{n} z_j \overline{w}_j$  and the norm  $||z|| = \langle z, z \rangle^{\frac{1}{2}}$ ,  $z \in \mathbb{C}^n$ ,  $B^n$  be the Euclidean unit ball in  $\mathbb{C}^n$ . Let  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{C}^n$  be a bounded starlike circular domain with  $0 \in \Omega$ , and its Minkowski functional  $\rho(z) \in \mathcal{C}^1$  (see Lemma 1) except for a lower dimensional manifold in  $\overline{\Omega}$ , where  $\overline{\Omega}$  represents the closure of  $\Omega$ . N be the set of all positive integers and D be the unit disk in C. Let  $\partial \Omega$  be the boundary of  $\Omega$  and  $H(\Omega)$  be the set of all holomorphic mappings from  $\Omega$  into  $\mathbb{C}^n$ ,  $H(\Omega, \Omega)$  be the set of all holomorphic mappings from  $\Omega$  into  $\Omega$ . As is known to us, if  $f \in H(\Omega)$ , then

$$f(w) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} D^n f(z) \big( (w-z)^n \big),$$

for all *w* in some neighborhood of  $z \in \Omega$ , where  $D^n f(z)$  is the *n*th-Fréchet derivative of *f* at *z*, and for  $n \ge 1$ ,

$$D^n f(z) \left( (w-z)^n \right) = D^n f(z) \underbrace{(w-z, \dots, w-z)}_n.$$

Let  $J_f(z)$  be the Jacobian of f at  $z \in \Omega$ , det  $J_f(z)$  be the Jacobian determinant of f at  $z \in \Omega$ . A holomorphic mapping  $f: \Omega \to \mathbb{C}^n$  is said to be biholomorphic if the inverse  $f^{-1}$  exists and is holomorphic on the open set  $f(\Omega)$ . A mapping  $f \in H(\Omega)$  is said to be locally biholomorphic if det  $\int_f (z) \neq 0$  for each  $z \in \Omega$ . If  $f: \Omega \to \mathbb{C}^n$  is a holomorphic mapping, we say that f is normalized if f(0) = 0 and  $I_f(0) = I$ , where I represents the identity matrix.

Firstly, we recall a class of mappings  $\mathcal{M}$  which plays the role of the Carathéodory class in several complex variables.

$$\mathcal{M} = \left\{ h \in H(\Omega) \colon h(0) = 0, \ J_h(0) = I, \ \Re e \ \frac{\partial \rho(z)}{\partial z} h(z) > 0, \ z \in \Omega \setminus \{0\} \right\},\$$

. .

where  $\frac{\partial \rho(z)}{\partial z} = (\frac{\partial \rho(z)}{\partial z_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial \rho(z)}{\partial z_n})$ . Now, we introduce the following class  $\mathcal{M}_g$  on  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{C}^n$ , which has been introduced by Kohr [7] on  $B^n$  and studied by Graham, Hamada and Kohr [6].

**Definition 1.** Let  $g \in H(D)$  be a biholomorphic function such that g(0) = 1,  $g(\bar{\xi}) = \overline{g(\xi)}$ , for  $\xi \in D$ ,  $\Re e g(\xi) > 0$  on  $\xi \in D$ , and assume g satisfies the following conditions for  $r \in (0, 1)$ :

$$\begin{cases} \min_{|\xi|=r} |g(\xi)| = \min_{|\xi|=r} \Re e \, g(\xi) = g(-r), \\ \max_{|\xi|=r} |g(\xi)| = \max_{|\xi|=r} \Re e \, g(\xi) = g(r). \end{cases}$$
(2)

We define  $\mathcal{M}_g$  to be the class of mappings given by

$$\mathcal{M}_g = \left\{ h \in H(\Omega) \colon h(0) = 0, \ J_h(0) = I, \ \frac{\rho(z)}{2\frac{\partial \rho(z)}{\partial z}h(z)} \in g(D), \ z \in \Omega \setminus \{0\} \right\}.$$

Clearly, if  $g(\xi) = \frac{1+\xi}{1-\xi}$ ,  $\xi \in D$ , then  $\mathcal{M}_g$  becomes the class  $\mathcal{M}$ . Especially, if  $\Omega = B^n$ , then

$$\mathcal{M}_g = \left\{ h \in H(B) \colon h(0) = 0, \ J_h(0) = I, \ \frac{\|z\|^2}{\langle h(z), z \rangle} \in g(D), \ z \in B \setminus \{0\} \right\}.$$

A normalized biholomorphic mapping  $f: \Omega \to \mathbb{C}^n$  is said to be starlike if  $f(\Omega)$  is a starlike domain with respect to the origin. Let  $S_g^*(\Omega)$  denote the subset of the starlike mappings consisting of those normalized locally biholomorphic mappings f such that  $J_f^{-1}(z)f(z) \in \mathcal{M}_g$ . When  $\Omega = D$ ,  $S_g^*(D)$  is denoted by  $S_g^*$ .

**Definition 2.** Let  $0 \le \alpha < 1$ . A normalized locally biholomorphic mappings  $f \in H(\Omega)$  is said to be starlike of order  $\alpha$  if

$$\left[Df(x)\right]^{-1}f(x)\in\mathcal{M}_g$$

where  $g(\zeta) = \frac{1 - (2\alpha - 1)\zeta}{1 - \zeta}$ ,  $\zeta \in D$ . We denote by  $S^*_{\alpha}(\Omega)$  the set of all starlike mappings of order  $\alpha$  on  $\Omega$ .

**Definition 3.** Let  $0 \le \alpha < 1$ . A normalized locally biholomorphic mappings  $f \in H(\Omega)$  is said to be almost starlike of order  $\alpha$ if

 $\left[Df(x)\right]^{-1}f(x)\in\mathcal{M}_g,$ 

where  $g(\zeta) = \frac{1+\zeta}{1+(2\alpha-1)\zeta}$ ,  $\zeta \in D$ .

We denote by  $AS_{\alpha}^{*}(\Omega)$  the set of all starlike mappings of order  $\alpha$  on  $\Omega$ .

**Definition 4.** Suppose  $f, g \in H(D)$ . If there exists a function  $\varphi \in H(D, D)$ ,  $\varphi(0) = 0$  such that  $f = g \circ \varphi$ , then we say that f is subordinate to g (written  $f \prec g$ ).

**Definition 5.** (See [12].) Suppose  $\Omega$  is a domain (connected open set) in  $\mathbb{C}^n$  which contains 0,  $f \in H(\Omega)$ . We say that z = 0is the zero of order k of f(z) if  $f(0) = 0, ..., D^{k-1}f(0) = 0$ , but  $D^k f(0) \neq 0$ , where  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . We denote by  $S_{g,k+1}^*(\Omega)$  (respectively  $S_{\alpha,k+1}^*(\Omega)$ ,  $AS_{\alpha,k+1}^*(\Omega)$ ) the subset of  $S_g^*(\Omega)$  (respectively  $S_{\alpha}^*(\Omega)$ ,  $AS_{\alpha}^*(\Omega)$ ) of

mappings f such that z = 0 is a zero of order k + 1 of f(z) - z. When  $\Omega = D$ ,  $S_{g,k+1}^*(D)$  is denoted by  $S_{g,k+1}^*$ .

# 2. Preliminaries

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In order to prove the desired results, we first give some lemmas.

**Lemma 1.** (See [13].)  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{C}^n$  is a bounded starlike circular domain if and only if there exists a unique real continuous function  $\rho: \mathbb{C}^n \to \mathbb{R}$ , called the Minkowski functional of  $\Omega$ , such that

(i)  $\rho(z) \ge 0, z \in \mathbb{C}^n$ ;  $\rho(z) = 0 \Leftrightarrow z = 0$ ; (ii)  $\rho(tz) = |t|\rho(z), t \in \mathbb{C}, z \in \mathbb{C}^n$ ; (iii)  $\Omega = \{ z \in \mathbb{C}^n : \rho(z) < 1 \}.$ 

Furthermore, the function  $\rho(z)$  has the following properties.

$$2\frac{\partial \rho(z)}{\partial z}z = \rho(z), \quad z \in \mathbb{C}^{n},$$
  

$$2\frac{\partial \rho(z_{0})}{\partial z}z_{0} = 1, \quad z_{0} \in \partial\Omega,$$
  

$$\frac{\partial \rho(\lambda z)}{\partial z} = \frac{\partial \rho(z)}{\partial z}, \quad \lambda \in (0, \infty),$$
  

$$\frac{\partial \rho(e^{i\theta}z)}{\partial z} = e^{-i\theta}\frac{\partial \rho(z)}{\partial z}, \quad \theta \in \mathbb{R},$$
  
re  $\frac{\partial \rho(z)}{\partial z} = (\frac{\partial \rho(z)}{\partial z_{1}}, \dots, \frac{\partial \rho(z)}{\partial z_{n}}).$ 

**Lemma 2.** (See [13].) If f is a starlike mapping on  $\Omega$ ,  $z \in \Omega \setminus \{0\}$ ,  $z(t) = f^{-1}(tf(z))$   $(0 \le t \le 1)$ . Then

(a)  $\rho(z(t))$  is strictly increasing on [0, 1] with respect to t; (b)  $\rho(f(z)) = \lim_{t \to 0} \frac{\rho(z(t))}{t}, \frac{dz(t)}{dt} = \frac{1}{t} J_f^{-1}(z(t)) f(z(t)), t \in (0, 1);$ (c)  $\frac{d\rho(z(t))}{dt} = 2\Re(\frac{\partial\rho(z(t))}{\partial t} \frac{dz(t)}{dt}), t \in (0, 1).$ 

**Lemma 3.** (See [18].) If  $f \in H(D)$ , g is a biholomorphic function on D, f(0) = g(0),  $f'(0) = \cdots = f^{(k-1)}(0) = 0$ , and  $f \prec g$ . Then  $f(rD) \subseteq g(r^kD), \quad r \in (0,1), \ rD = \{\xi \in \mathbb{C} : |\xi| < r\}.$ 

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$$\frac{|f^{(n)}(0)|}{n!} \leqslant |g'(0)|, \quad n=k,\ldots,2k-1.$$

Using Lemma 3, we can prove the following.

**Lemma 5.** Let  $g: D \to \mathbb{C}$  satisfy the conditions of Definition 1. If  $h \in \mathcal{M}_g$  and z = 0 is the zero of order k + 1 ( $k \in \mathbb{N}$ ) of h(z) - z, then

$$\frac{\rho(z)}{g(\rho^k(z))} \leqslant 2\Re e \, \frac{\partial \rho(z)}{\partial z} h(z) \leqslant \frac{\rho(z)}{g(-\rho^k(z))} \tag{3}$$

for all  $z \in \Omega$ .

**Proof.** Fix  $z \in \Omega \setminus \{0\}$ , and denote  $z_0 = \frac{z}{\rho(z)}$ . Let  $p: D \to \mathbb{C}$  be given by

$$p(\eta) = \begin{cases} \frac{\eta}{2\frac{\partial\rho(z_0)}{\partial z}h(\eta z_0)}, & \eta \neq 0, \\ 1, & \eta = 0. \end{cases}$$

Then  $p \in H(D)$ , p(0) = g(0) = 1, and since  $h \in \mathcal{M}_g$ , we deduce that

$$p(\eta) = \frac{\eta}{2\frac{\partial\rho(z_0)}{\partial z}h(\eta z_0)} = \frac{\rho(\eta z_0)}{2\frac{\partial\rho(\eta z_0)}{\partial z}h(\eta z_0)} \in g(D), \quad \eta \in D$$

Let  $\psi(\eta) = \frac{1}{p(\eta)}$ . This implies that  $\psi(\eta) \in \frac{1}{g}(D)$  for all  $\eta \in D$ . Since  $\psi(0) = \frac{1}{g}(0) = 1$ , we have  $\psi \prec \frac{1}{g}$ . According to hypothesis of Lemma 5, we deduce that

$$\psi(\eta) = 1 - 2 \frac{\partial \rho(z_0)}{\partial z} \frac{(D^{k+1}h(0)(z_0^{k+1}))}{(k+1)!} \eta^k + \cdots$$

It is easy to see that the function  $\psi(\eta)$  satisfies the conditions of Lemma 3, hence we obtain

$$\psi(rD) \subseteq \frac{1}{g} \left( r^k D \right), \quad r \in (0, 1), \ rD = \left\{ \eta \in \mathbb{C} \colon |\eta| < r \right\}.$$

On the other hand, combining the maximum and minimum principles for harmonic functions with (2), we deduce that

$$\frac{1}{g(|\eta|^k)} \leqslant \Re e \, \psi(\eta) \leqslant \frac{1}{g(-|\eta|^k)}, \quad \eta \in D$$

Setting  $\eta = \rho(z)$  in the above relation, we obtain (3), as desired. This completes the proof of Lemma 5.  $\Box$ 

**Lemma 6.** Let  $g: D \to \mathbb{C}$  satisfy the conditions of Definition 1. If  $h \in \mathcal{M}_g$  and z = 0 is the zero of order k + 1 ( $k \in \mathbb{N}$ ) of h(z) - z, then

$$\left|2\frac{\partial\rho(z)}{\partial z}\frac{D^{m}h(0)(z^{m})}{m!}\right| \leqslant \left|g'(0)\right|\rho^{m}(z), \quad z \in \Omega, \ m = k+1, \dots, 2k.$$

$$\tag{4}$$

**Proof.** Fix  $z \in \Omega \setminus \{0\}$ , and denote  $z_0 = \frac{z}{\rho(z)}$ . Let  $p: D \to \mathbb{C}$  be given by

$$p(\eta) = \begin{cases} \frac{\eta}{2\frac{\partial \rho(z_0)}{\partial z}h(\eta z_0)}, & \eta \neq 0, \\ 1, & \eta = 0. \end{cases}$$

Let  $\psi(\eta) = \frac{1}{p(\eta)}$ . From the proof of Lemma 5, we have

$$\psi(\eta) = 1 - 2 \frac{\partial \rho(z_0)}{\partial z} \frac{D^{k+1} h(0)(z_0^{k+1})}{(k+1)!} \eta^k + \cdots$$
(5)

It is easy to see that the function  $\psi(\eta)$  satisfies the conditions of Lemma 4, hence we deduce that

$$\frac{|\psi^{(n)}(0)|}{n!} \leq |g'(0)|, \quad n = k, \dots, 2k - 1.$$
(6)

Combining the relations (5) and (6), we deduce that

$$\left|2\frac{\partial\rho(z)}{\partial z}\frac{D^mh(0)(z^m)}{m!}\right| \leqslant \left|g'(0)\right|\rho^m(z), \quad z \in \Omega, \ m = k+1, \dots, 2k.$$

This completes the proof of Lemma 6.  $\Box$ 

Let 
$$b \in S_g^*$$
 be defined by  $b(0) = b'(0) - 1 = 0$  and

$$\frac{\zeta b'(\zeta)}{b(\zeta)} = g(\zeta), \quad \zeta \in D.$$

For a positive integer k, let

$$b_k(\zeta) = \zeta \left[\varphi(\zeta^k)\right]^{\frac{1}{k}},\tag{7}$$

where

$$\varphi(\zeta) = \frac{b(\zeta)}{\zeta}.$$

The branches of the power functions are chosen so that

$$\left(\varphi(\zeta^k)\right)^{\frac{1}{k}}\big|_{\zeta=0}=1.$$

Since  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{C}^n$  is a bounded starlike circular domain with  $0 \in \Omega$ , by the definition of bounded starlike circular domain, it is not difficult to check that  $U_j = \{z_j \in \mathbb{C}: (0, ..., 0, z_j, 0, ..., 0)' \in \Omega\}$  (j = 1, ..., n) is a disk with center at the origin. Let

$$f(z) = \frac{rb_k(\frac{z_1}{r})}{z_1}z,$$
(8)

where *r* is the radius of the disk  $U = \{z_1 \in \mathbb{C}: (z_1, 0, ..., 0)' \in \Omega\}$ . Then, we obtain the following lemma by direct computations.

**Lemma 7.** Let  $b_k$  be as in (7), and f be as in (8). Then:

(i) 
$$b_k(\zeta) = \zeta - \frac{1}{k}g'(0)\zeta^{k+1} + \cdots$$
, and  
 $\frac{\zeta b'_k(\zeta)}{b_k(\zeta)} = g(\zeta^k), \quad \zeta \in D.$ 

Thus,  $b_k \in S^*_{g,k+1}$  and  $b_k(0) = b'_k(0) - 1 = 0$ . (ii)  $f(z) \in S^*_{g,k+1}(\Omega)$  and

$$f(\zeta u) = b_k(\zeta)u = \left(\zeta - \frac{1}{k}g'(0)\zeta^{k+1} + \cdots\right)u, \quad \zeta \in D, \ u = (u_1, \dots, u_n)' \in \partial\Omega, \ u_1 = r.$$

### 3. Main results and their proofs

In this section, we give the main results and their proofs. In the case of the unit ball in a complex Banach space, Theorems 1 and 2 were obtained by Hamada and Honda [11].

**Theorem 1.** Let  $g: D \to \mathbb{C}$  satisfy the conditions of Definition 1 and  $f \in S^*_{g,k+1}(\Omega)$ . Then

$$\rho(z) \exp \int_{0}^{\rho(z)} \left[g\left(-y^{k}\right)-1\right] \frac{dy}{y} \leqslant \rho\left(f(z)\right) \leqslant \rho(z) \exp \int_{0}^{\rho(z)} \left[g\left(y^{k}\right)-1\right] \frac{dy}{y}, \quad z \in \Omega.$$
(9)

These estimates are sharp.

**Proof.** Since  $f \in S^*_{g,k+1}(\Omega)$ , we deduce from Lemma 5 that

$$\frac{\rho(z)}{g(\rho^k(z))} \leqslant 2\Re e \,\frac{\partial\rho(z)}{\partial z} J_f^{-1}(z) f(z) \leqslant \frac{\rho(z)}{g(-\rho^k(z))} \tag{10}$$

for all  $z \in \Omega$ . Obviously, according to the assumption of Theorem 1, we conclude that f belongs to either starlike mappings class or its subclasses. Fix  $z \in \Omega \setminus \{0\}$ , let  $z(t) = f^{-1}(tf(z))$  ( $0 \le t \le 1$ ). In view of Lemma 2(a), we deduce that  $\rho(z(t))$  is strictly increasing on [0, 1]. Hence,  $\rho(z(t))$  is differentiable on [0, 1] a.e. From Lemma 2 and (10), we deduce that for  $t \in (0, 1]$ 

$$\frac{\rho(z(t))}{g(\rho^k(z(t)))} \leqslant t \frac{d\rho(z(t))}{dt} \leqslant \frac{\rho(z(t))}{g(-\rho^k(z(t)))},\tag{11}$$

and we may rewrite (11) as

$$\frac{g(-\rho^k(z(t)))}{\rho(z(t))}\frac{d\rho(z(t))}{dt} \leqslant \frac{1}{t} \leqslant \frac{g(\rho^k(z(t)))}{\rho(z(t))}\frac{d\rho(z(t))}{dt}.$$

Integrating both sides of the above inequalities with respect to t and making a change of variable, we obtain

$$\int_{\rho(z(\varepsilon))}^{\rho(z)} \frac{g(-y^k) \, dy}{y} = \int_{\varepsilon}^{1} \frac{g(-\rho^k(z(t)))}{\rho(z(t))} \frac{d\rho(z(t))}{dt} \, dt \leqslant \int_{\varepsilon}^{1} \frac{1}{t} \, dt,$$

and

$$\int_{\rho(z(\varepsilon))}^{\rho(z)} \frac{g(y^k) \, dy}{y} = \int_{\varepsilon}^{1} \frac{g(\rho^k(z(t)))}{\rho(z(t))} \frac{d\rho(z(t))}{dt} \, dt \ge \int_{\varepsilon}^{1} \frac{1}{t} \, dt,$$

where  $0 < \varepsilon < 1$ . It is elementary to verify that

$$\log \frac{\rho(z(\varepsilon))}{\varepsilon} \ge \int_{\rho(z(\varepsilon))}^{\rho(z)} \left[g\left(-y^k\right) - 1\right] \frac{dy}{y} + \log \rho(z),\tag{12}$$

and

$$\log \frac{\rho(z(\varepsilon))}{\varepsilon} \leqslant \int_{\rho(z(\varepsilon))}^{\rho(z)} \left[ g(y^k) - 1 \right] \frac{dy}{y} + \log \rho(z).$$
(13)

If we now let  $\varepsilon \to 0+$  in the above inequalities (12), (13) and use Lemma 2(b), we have

$$\rho(z) \exp \int_{0}^{\rho(z)} \left[g\left(-y^{k}\right) - 1\right] \frac{dy}{y} \leqslant \rho\left(f(z)\right) \leqslant \rho(z) \exp \int_{0}^{\rho(z)} \left[g\left(y^{k}\right) - 1\right] \frac{dy}{y}, \quad z \in \Omega,$$

$$(14)$$

as claimed. This completes the proof of Theorem 1.  $\hfill\square$ 

Later, we will show that the above estimations are sharp. To end this, we give the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.** Let  $g: D \to \mathbb{C}$  satisfy the conditions of Definition 1 and  $f \in S^*_{g,k+1}(\Omega)$ . Then

$$e^{-\frac{\pi i}{k}}b_k\left(e^{\frac{\pi i}{k}}\rho(z)\right) \leqslant \rho\left(f(z)\right) \leqslant b_k\left(\rho(z)\right), \quad z \in \Omega.$$
(15)

These estimations are sharp.

Proof. From (9) and Lemma 7(i), we obtain

$$\exp \int_{0}^{\rho(z)} \left[ \frac{y \tilde{b}'_k(y)}{\tilde{b}_k(y)} - 1 \right] \frac{dy}{y} \leqslant \frac{\rho(f(z))}{\rho(z)} \leqslant \exp \int_{0}^{\rho(z)} \left[ \frac{y b'_k(y)}{b_k(y)} - 1 \right] \frac{dy}{y}$$

for  $z \in \Omega$ , where  $\tilde{b}_k(\zeta) = e^{-\frac{\pi i}{k}} b_k(e^{\frac{\pi i}{k}}\zeta)$ . Then, we obtain

$$\exp\left[\log\frac{\tilde{b}_k(\rho(z))}{\rho(z)} - \log\tilde{b}'_k(0)\right] \leqslant \frac{\rho(f(z))}{\rho(z)} \leqslant \exp\left[\log\frac{b_k(\rho(z))}{\rho(z)} - \log b'_k(0)\right]$$

for  $z \in \Omega$ , since  $\tilde{b}_k(y)$ ,  $b_k(y)$  for y > 0. This implies (15).

Next, we will show that the estimations (15) are sharp. Let  $f(z) \in S^*_{g,k+1}(\Omega)$  be as in (8). Since  $\rho(f(Ru)) = b_k(R)$  and  $\rho(f(e^{\frac{\pi i}{k}}Ru)) = |b_k(e^{\frac{\pi i}{k}}R)|$ , where  $0 \le R < 1$ ,  $u = (u_1, \ldots, u_n)' \in \partial\Omega$ ,  $u_1 = r$ , the equalities of the estimations (15) hold. This completes the proof.  $\Box$ 

Remark 1. The equivalence of (9) and (15) implies that the estimations (9) are sharp.

Now, we obtain the following corollaries from Theorem 1.

**Corollary 1.** *If*  $f \in S^*_{\alpha,k+1}(\Omega)$ *, then* 

$$\frac{\rho(z)}{(1+\rho^k(z))^{\frac{2(1-\alpha)}{k}}} \leqslant \rho(f(z)) \leqslant \frac{\rho(z)}{(1-\rho^k(z))^{\frac{2(1-\alpha)}{k}}}, \quad z \in \Omega.$$

The above estimate is sharp.

**Proof.** Letting  $g(\zeta) = \frac{1 - (2\alpha - 1)\zeta}{1 - \zeta}$ ,  $\zeta \in D$ ,  $0 \le \alpha < 1$  in Theorem 1, we obtain the desired result. This completes the proof.

**Corollary 2.** *If*  $f \in AS^*_{\alpha,k+1}(\Omega)$ *, then* 

$$\frac{\rho(z)}{(1+(1-2\alpha)\rho^{k}(z))^{\frac{2(1-\alpha)}{k(1-2\alpha)}}} \leqslant \rho(f(z)) \leqslant \frac{\rho(z)}{(1-(1-2\alpha)\rho^{k}(z))^{\frac{2(1-\alpha)}{k(1-2\alpha)}}}$$

for  $z \in \Omega$ ,  $0 \leqslant \alpha < 1$ ,  $\alpha \neq \frac{1}{2}$  and

$$\rho(z) \exp\left(-\frac{\rho^k(z)}{k}\right) \leq \rho\left(f(z)\right) \leq \rho(z) \exp\left(\frac{\rho^k(z)}{k}\right)$$

for  $z \in \Omega$ ,  $\alpha = \frac{1}{2}$ . The above estimations are sharp.

**Proof.** Letting  $g(\zeta) = \frac{1+\zeta}{1+(2\alpha-1)\zeta}$ ,  $\zeta \in D$ ,  $0 \le \alpha < 1$  in Theorem 1, we have the desired result. This completes the proof.  $\Box$ 

**Remark 2.** Corollaries 1, 2 were obtained by Liu and Liu [15] using the analytical characterizations of starlike mappings of order  $\alpha$  and almost starlike mapping of order  $\alpha$  on *B*. However, taking  $g(\zeta) = \frac{1-(2\alpha-1)\zeta}{1-\zeta}, \frac{1+\zeta}{1+(2\alpha-1)\zeta}, \zeta \in D$  in Theorem 1, respectively, we easily obtain these results.

**Theorem 3.** Let  $g: D \to \mathbb{C}$  satisfy the conditions of Definition 1 and  $f \in S^*_{g,k+1}(\Omega)$ . Then

$$\left|2\frac{\partial\rho(z)}{\partial z}\frac{D^{m}f(0)(z^{m})}{m!}\right| \leqslant \frac{1}{m-1} \left|g'(0)\right|\rho^{m}(z), \quad z \in \Omega, \ m = k+1, \dots, 2k.$$

$$\tag{16}$$

When m = k + 1, this estimation is sharp.

**Proof.** Denote  $h(z) = J_f^{-1}(z) f(z), z \in \Omega$ . Since  $f(z) = J_f(z)h(z)$ , it follows that

$$z + \frac{D^{k+1}f(0)(z^{k+1})}{(k+1)!} + \dots + \frac{D^m f(0)(z^m)}{m!} + \dots$$
  
=  $\left(I + \frac{D^{k+1}f(0)(z^k, \cdot)}{k!} + \dots + \frac{D^m f(0)(z^{m-1}, \cdot)}{(m-1)!} + \dots\right)$   
 $\times \left(J_h(0)z + \frac{D^2h(0)(z^2)}{2!} + \frac{D^{k+1}h(0)(z^{k+1})}{(k+1)!} + \dots + \frac{D^mh(0)(z^m)}{m!} + \dots\right).$ 

Comparing with the coefficients of two sides of the above equality, we have

$$J_h(0)z = z, \qquad D^j h(0)(z^j) = 0, \quad j = 2, \dots, k.$$
 (17)

Using (17), we deduce that

$$\frac{D^m f(0)(z^m)}{m!} = \frac{D^m h(0)(z^m)}{m!} + \frac{D^m f(0)(z^m)}{(m-1)!}, \quad m = k+1, \dots, 2k,$$

$$\frac{D^m f(0)(z^m)}{m!} = \frac{-1}{m-1} \frac{D^m h(0)(z^m)}{m!}, \quad m = k+1, \dots, 2k.$$
(18)

Clearly, h(z) satisfies the condition of Lemma 6. In view of Lemma 6 and (18), we obtain

$$\left| 2 \frac{\partial \rho(z)}{\partial z} \frac{D^m f(0)(z^m)}{m!} \right| = \frac{1}{m-1} \left| 2 \frac{\partial \rho(z)}{\partial z} \frac{D^m h(0)(z^m)}{m!} \right|$$
$$\leqslant \frac{1}{m-1} \left| g'(0) \right| \rho^m(z), \quad z \in \Omega, \ m = k+1, \dots, 2k.$$

The following example shows that estimation (16) is sharp for m = k + 1.

**Example 1.** Let f be as in (8). According to Lemma 7, we obtain that  $f \in S^*_{g,k+1}(\Omega)$ , and

$$f(z) = z - \frac{1}{k}g'(0)\left(\frac{z_1}{r}\right)^k z + \cdots$$

Taking  $z = \xi u$ , where  $u = (u_1, \ldots, u_n)' \in \partial \Omega$ ,  $u_1 = r$ , we have

$$f(\xi u) = \zeta u - \frac{1}{k}g'(0)\zeta^{k+1}u + \cdots.$$

Therefore,

$$\frac{D^{k+1}f(0)(u^{k+1})}{(k+1)!} = -\frac{1}{k}g'(0)u.$$

By Lemma 1, we have

$$2\frac{\partial\rho(u)}{\partial z}\frac{D^{k+1}f(0)(u^{k+1})}{(k+1)!} = -\frac{1}{k}g'(0)2\frac{\partial\rho(u)}{\partial z}u = -\frac{1}{k}g'(0).$$

Setting  $u = \frac{z}{\rho(z)}$ ,  $z \in \Omega$  in the above relation, we obtain

$$\left| 2 \frac{\partial \rho(z)}{\partial z} \frac{D^{k+1} f(0)(z^{k+1})}{(k+1)!} \right| = \frac{1}{k} |g'(0)| \rho^{k+1}(z)$$

as claimed. This completes the proof.  $\Box$ 

The following theorems are associated with the operator F, which was firstly introduced by Pfaltzgraff and Suffridge [17] on  $B^n$ .

**Theorem 4.** Let  $g: D \to \mathbb{C}$  be a convex function which satisfies the conditions of Definition 1. Suppose  $f_j \in S_g^*, \lambda_j \ge 0, j = 1, 2, ..., n$ , and  $\sum_{j=1}^n \lambda_j = 1$ . Then

 $F \in S^*_g(\Omega),$ 

where  $F(z) = z \prod_{j=1}^{n} \left(\frac{r_j f_j(\frac{z_j}{r_j})}{z_j}\right)^{\lambda_j}$ ,  $r_j$  is the radius of the disk  $U_j$ , and the branch of the power function is chosen such that  $\left(\frac{r_j f_j(\frac{z_j}{r_j})}{z_j}\right)^{\lambda_j}|_{z_j=0} = 1, j = 1, ..., n.$ 

**Proof.** Let  $h(z) = \prod_{j=1}^{n} \left(\frac{r_j f_j(\frac{z_j}{r_j})}{z_j}\right)^{\lambda_j}$ . Then  $J_F(z)\eta = h(z)(\eta + \frac{(J_h(z)\eta)z}{h(z)}), \eta \in \mathbb{C}^n$ . Also

$$\frac{J_h(z)z}{h(z)} = \sum_{j=1}^n \lambda_j \left( \frac{z_j f_j'(\frac{z_j}{r_j})}{r_j f_j(\frac{z_j}{r_j})} - 1 \right) = \sum_{j=1}^n \lambda_j \frac{z_j f_j'(\frac{z_j}{r_j})}{r_j f_j(\frac{z_j}{r_j})} - 1$$

Since  $f_j \in S_g^*$  (j = 1, 2, ..., n), we have

$$\Re e\left[1+\frac{J_h(z)z}{h(z)}\right] = \sum_{j=1}^n \lambda_j \Re e\left[\frac{z_j f_j'(\frac{z_j}{r_j})}{r_j f_j(\frac{z_j}{r_j})}\right] > 0, \quad z \in \Omega.$$

Therefore,  $J_h(z)z + h(z) \neq 0$ . It is not difficult to check that

$$J_F^{-1}(z)\eta = \frac{1}{h(z)} \left( \eta - \frac{(J_h(z)\eta)z}{J_h(z)z + h(z)} \right), \quad \eta \in \mathbb{C}^n.$$

So F(z) is a normalized locally biholomorphic mapping on  $\Omega$ .

Straightforward calculation shows that

$$\frac{\rho(z)}{2\frac{\partial\rho(z)}{\partial z}[J_F^{-1}(z)F(z)]} = 1 + \frac{J_h(z)z}{h(z)} = \sum_{j=1}^n \lambda_j \frac{z_j f_j'(\frac{z_j}{r_j})}{r_j f_j(\frac{z_j}{r_j})}.$$

On the other hand, since  $\frac{z_j f'_j(\frac{z_j}{r_j})}{r_j f_j(\frac{z_j}{r_j})} \in g(D)$ , and g(D) is convex, we have

$$\sum_{j=1}^n \lambda_j \frac{z_j f_j'(\frac{z_j}{r_j})}{r_j f_j(\frac{z_j}{r_j})} \in g(D),$$

as claimed. This completes the proof.  $\Box$ 

**Theorem 5.** Let  $g: D \to \mathbb{C}$  be a convex function which satisfies the conditions of Definition 1. Suppose  $f_j \in S_g^*$ ,  $\lambda_j \ge 0$ , j = 1, 2, ..., n, and  $\sum_{j=1}^n \lambda_j = 1$ . Then

$$g(-\rho(z))\exp n \int_{0}^{\rho(z)} \left[g(-y)-1\right] \leqslant \left|\det J_F(z)\right| \leqslant g(\rho(z))\exp n \int_{0}^{\rho(z)} \left[g(y)-1\right] \frac{dy}{y},\tag{19}$$

where  $z \in \Omega$ ,  $F(z) = z \prod_{j=1}^{n} \left(\frac{r_j f_j(\frac{z_j}{r_j})}{z_j}\right)^{\lambda_j}$ ,  $r_j$  is the radius of the disk  $U_j$ , and the branch of the power function is chosen such that  $\left(\frac{r_j f_j(\frac{z_j}{r_j})}{z_j}\right)^{\lambda_j}|_{z_j=0} = 1, j = 1, ..., n.$ 

Proof. As in the proof of Theorem 4, we can easily deduce that

$$\left|\det J_F(z)\right| = \prod_{j=1}^n \left|\frac{r_j f_j(\frac{z_j}{r_j})}{z_j}\right|^{n\lambda_j} \left|\sum_{j=1}^n \lambda_j \frac{z_j f_j'(\frac{z_j}{r_j})}{r_j f_j(\frac{z_j}{r_j})}\right|.$$
(20)

From the maximum (minimum) principle for harmonic functions and the fact that  $|\frac{z_j}{r_j}| \leq \rho(z)$  (j = 1, ..., n), we obtain

$$\left|\sum_{j=1}^{n} \lambda_{j} \frac{z_{j} f_{j}'(\frac{z_{j}}{r_{j}})}{r_{j} f_{j}(\frac{z_{j}}{r_{j}})}\right| \ge \sum_{j=1}^{n} \lambda_{j} \Re e \frac{z_{j} f_{j}'(\frac{z_{j}}{r_{j}})}{r_{j} f_{j}(\frac{z_{j}}{r_{j}})} \ge g(-\rho(z)),$$

$$(21)$$

and

$$\left|\sum_{j=1}^{n} \lambda_j \frac{z_j f_j'(\frac{z_j}{r_j})}{r_j f_j(\frac{z_j}{r_j})}\right| \leqslant \sum_{j=1}^{n} \lambda_j \left|\frac{z_j f_j'(\frac{z_j}{r_j})}{r_j f_j(\frac{z_j}{r_j})}\right| \leqslant g(\rho(z)).$$

$$(22)$$

On the other hand, by Theorems 4 and 1, we have

$$\exp\int_{0}^{\rho(z)} \left[g(-y)-1\right] \leqslant \prod_{j=1}^{n} \left|\frac{r_j f_j(\frac{z_j}{r_j})}{z_j}\right|^{\lambda_j} \leqslant \exp\int_{0}^{\rho(z)} \left[g(y)-1\right] \frac{dy}{y}.$$
(23)

From (20)–(23), we obtain (19), as claimed. This completes the proof.  $\hfill\square$ 

**Remark 3.** The estimations of Theorem 5 are sharp. To see this, let  $b \in S_g^*$  be defined by b(0) = b'(0) - 1 = 0 and

$$\frac{\xi b'(\xi)}{b(\xi)} = g(\xi), \quad \xi \in D.$$
(24)

And let

$$F(z) = \frac{rb(\frac{z_1}{r})}{z_1} z,$$
(25)

where *r* is the radius of the disk  $U = \{z_1 \in \mathbb{C}: (z_1, 0, ..., 0)' \in \Omega\}$ . In view of Lemma 7,  $F \in S_g^*(\Omega)$ .

From (24), we obtain the following equivalent formulation of Theorem 5.

$$\frac{\rho(z)\tilde{b}'(\rho(z))}{\tilde{b}(\rho(z))}\exp n\int_{0}^{\rho(z)} \left[\frac{y\tilde{b}'(y)}{\tilde{b}(y)} - 1\right] \frac{dy}{y} \leq \left|\det J_F(z)\right| \leq \frac{\rho(z)b'(\rho(z))}{b(\rho(z))}\exp n\int_{0}^{\rho(z)} \left[\frac{yb'(y)}{b(y)} - 1\right] \frac{dy}{y}$$

for  $z \in \Omega$ , where  $\tilde{b}(\xi) = -b(-\xi)$ . Then, we have

$$\frac{\rho(z)b'(\rho(z))}{\tilde{b}(\rho(z))}\exp n\left[\log\frac{b(\rho(z))}{\rho(z)} - \log\tilde{b}'(0)\right] \leqslant \left|\det J_F(z)\right| \leqslant \frac{\rho(z)b'(\rho(z))}{b(\rho(z))}\exp n\left[\log\frac{b(\rho(z))}{\rho(z)} - \log b(0)\right]$$

for  $z \in \Omega$ , since  $\tilde{b}(y), b(y) > 0$  for y > 0. We deduce that

$$\frac{-\rho(z)b'(-\rho(z))}{b(-\rho(z))} \left(\frac{-b(-\rho(z))}{\rho(z)}\right)^n \leqslant \left|\det J_F(z)\right| \leqslant \frac{\rho(z)b'(\rho(z))}{b(\rho(z))} \left(\frac{b(\rho(z))}{\rho(z)}\right)^n, \quad z \in \Omega.$$
(26)

Now, we show that the estimations (26) are sharp. Let  $F \in S_g^*(\Omega)$  be as in (25). Taking z = Ru or z = -Ru ( $0 \le R < 1$ ,  $u = (u_1, \ldots, u_n)' \in \partial \Omega$ ,  $u_1 = r$ ), then the equalities of the estimations (26) hold for  $\lambda_1 = 1$ ,  $\lambda_j = 0$  ( $j = 2, \ldots, n$ ), and  $f_j = b$  ( $j = 1, \ldots, n$ ). The equivalence of (19) and (26) implies that the estimations (19) are sharp. This completes the proof.

**Theorem 6.** Let  $g: D \to \mathbb{C}$  be a convex function which satisfies the conditions of Definition 1. Suppose  $f_j \in S_g^*, \lambda_j \ge 0, j = 1, 2, ..., n$ , and  $\sum_{j=1}^n \lambda_j = 1$ . Then

$$g(-\rho(z)) \exp \int_{0}^{\rho(z)} \left[g(-y)-1\right] \leqslant \rho\left(J_F(z)z\right) \leqslant g(\rho(z)) \exp \int_{0}^{\rho(z)} \left[g(y)-1\right] \frac{dy}{y}$$

where  $z \in \Omega$ ,  $F(z) = z \prod_{j=1}^{n} \left(\frac{r_j f_j(\frac{z_j}{r_j})}{z_j}\right)^{\lambda_j}$ ,  $r_j$  is the radius of the disk  $U_j$ , and the branch of the power function is chosen such that  $\left(\frac{r_j f_j(\frac{z_j}{r_j})}{z_j}\right)^{\lambda_j}|_{z_j=0} = 1, j = 1, ..., n.$ 

Proof. Denote

$$h(x) = \prod_{j=1}^{n} \left( \frac{r_j f_j(\frac{z_j}{r_j})}{z_j} \right)^{\lambda_j}, \quad z \in \Omega.$$

Straightforward computation shows that

$$J_F(z)z = h(z)z + \left(J_h(z)z\right)z = z \prod_{j=1}^n \left(\frac{r_j f_j(\frac{z_j}{r_j})}{z_j}\right)^{\lambda_j} \sum_{j=1}^n \lambda_j \frac{z_j f'_j(\frac{z_j}{r_j})}{r_j f_j(\frac{z_j}{r_j})}.$$
(27)

From (21)–(23) and (27), we have the desired result. This completes the proof.  $\Box$ 

Remark 4. The estimations of Theorem 6 are sharp. The proof of sharpness is similar to that of Theorem 5, so we omit it.

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