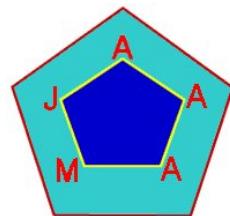
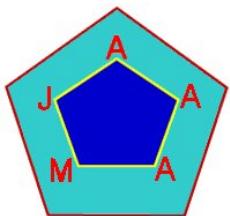


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## SALAGEAN-TYPE HARMONIC UNIVALENT FUNCTIONS WITH RESPECT TO SYMMETRIC POINTS

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**ABSTRACT.** A necessary and sufficient coefficient are given for functions in a class of complex-valued harmonic univalent functions of the form  $f = h + \bar{g}$  using Salagean operator where  $h$  and  $g$  are analytic in the unit disk  $U = \{z : |z| < 1\}$ . Furthermore, distortion theorems, extreme points, convolution condition, and convex combinations for this family of harmonic functions are obtained.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

A continuous function  $f = u + iv$  is a complex-valued harmonic function in a complex domain  $C$  if both  $u$  and  $v$  are real harmonic in  $C$ . In any simply connected domain  $D \subset C$ , 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 orientation-preserving in  $D$  is that  $|g'(z)| < |h'(z)|$  in  $D$ , see [1].

Denote by  $H$  the class of functions  $f = h + \bar{g}$  which are harmonic univalent and orientation-preserving in the open unit disk  $U = \{z : |z| < 1\}$  so that  $f = h + \bar{g}$  is normalized by  $f(0) = h(0) = f_z(0) - 1 = 0$ . Therefore, for  $f = h + \bar{g} \in H$ , we can express  $h$  and  $g$  by the following power series expansion

$$(1.1) \quad h(z) = z + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} a_k z^k, \quad g(z) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} b_k z^k, \quad |b_1| < 1.$$

Observe that  $H$  reduces to  $S$ , the class of normalized univalent analytic functions, if the co-analytic part of  $f$  is zero.

For  $f = h + \bar{g}$  given by (1.1), Jahangiri [2] defined the modified Salagean operator of  $f$  as

$$(1.2) \quad D^n f(z) = D^n h(z) + (-1)^n \overline{D^n g(z)}, \quad (n \in N_0 = N \cup \{0\}),$$

where  $D^n h(z) = z + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k^n a_k z^k$  and  $D^n g(z) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k^n b_k z^k$ .

**Definition 1.1.** For  $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ , we let  $SH_s(n, \alpha)$  denote the class of harmonic functions  $f$  of the form (1.1) such that

$$(1.3) \quad \operatorname{Re} \left( \frac{2D^{n+1}f(z)}{D^n f(z) - D^n f(-z)} \right) > \alpha, \quad z \in U.$$

We let the subclass  $\overline{SH}_s(n, \alpha)$  consist of harmonic functions  $f_n = h + \bar{g}_n$  in  $SH_s(n, \alpha)$  so that  $h$  and  $g_n$  are of the form

$$(1.4) \quad h(z) = z - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} a_k z^k, \quad g_n(z) = (-1)^n \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} b_k z^k, \quad a_k \geq 0, \quad b_k \geq 0.$$

If the co-analytic part of  $f = h + \bar{g}$  is zero, then  $SH_s(0, \alpha)$  turns out to be the class  $S_s^*(\alpha)$  of starlike functions with respect to symmetric points which was introduced by K. Sakaguchi [3]. Also,  $SH_s(1, \alpha)$  turns out to be the class  $K_s(\alpha)$  of convex functions with respect to symmetric points which was introduced by Das and Singh [4].

In this paper, we have obtained the coefficient conditions for the classes  $SH_s(n, \alpha)$  and  $\overline{SH}_s(n, \alpha)$ . Further a representation theorem, inclusion properties and distortion bound for the class  $\overline{SH}_s(n, \alpha)$  are established. Finally, properties of the integral operator  $\frac{c+1}{z^c} \int_0^z t^{c-1} f(t) dt$ ,  $c > -1$  are also studied.

## 2. MAIN RESULTS

First, we introduce a sufficient coefficient bound for functions in the class  $SH_s(n, \alpha)$ .

**Theorem 2.1.** Let  $f = h + \bar{g}$  be given by (1.1). If

$$(2.1) \quad \begin{aligned} & \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} ((2k-1)^n (2k-1-\alpha) |a_{2k-1}| + (2k)^{n+1} |a_{2k}| \\ & + (2k-1)^n (2k-1+\alpha) |b_{2k-1}| + (2k)^{n+1} |b_{2k}|) \leq 1 - \alpha \end{aligned}$$

where  $a_1 = 1$  and  $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ , then  $f$  is orientation-preserving, harmonic univalent in  $U$ , and  $f \in SH_s(n, \alpha)$ .

*Proof.* If the inequality (2.1) holds for the coefficients of  $f = h + \bar{g}$ , then by (1.2),  $f$  is orientation-preserving and harmonic univalent in  $U$ . It remains to show that

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{2D^{n+1}f(z)}{D^n f(z) - D^n f(-z)} \right\} \geq \alpha.$$

According to (1.2) and (1.3), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{2D^{n+1}f(z)}{D^n f(z) - D^n f(-z)} \right\} \\ = \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{2D^{n+1}h(z) - 2(-1)^n D^{n+1}g(z)}{D^n h(z) + (-1)^n \overline{D^n g(z)} - D^n h(-z) - (-1)^n \overline{D^n g(-z)}} \right\} \geq \alpha, \\ 0 \leq \alpha < 1. \end{aligned}$$

Using the fact that  $\operatorname{Re} \omega \geq \alpha$  if and only if  $|1 - \alpha + \omega| \geq |1 + \alpha - \omega|$ , it suffices to show that

$$\left| 1 - \alpha + \frac{2D^{n+1}f(z)}{D^n f(z) - D^n f(-z)} \right| \geq \left| \frac{2D^{n+1}f(z)}{D^n f(z) - D^n f(-z)} - (1 + \alpha) \right|$$

which is equivalent to

$$(2.2) \quad \begin{aligned} & \left| 2D^{n+1}f(z) + (1 - \alpha)(D^n f(z) - D^n f(-z)) \right| \\ & - \left| 2D^{n+1}f(z) - (1 + \alpha)(D^n f(z) - D^n f(-z)) \right| \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Substituting for  $D^n f$  and  $D^{n+1} f$  in (2.2) yields

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| 2z + 2 \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k^{n+1} a_k z^k - 2(-1)^n \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k^{n+1} \bar{b}_k \bar{z}^k \right. \\ & \quad + (1 - \alpha) \left[ z + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k^n a_k z^k + (-1)^n \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k^n \bar{b}_k \bar{z}^k + z \right. \\ & \quad \left. - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k^n (-1)^k a_k z^k - (-1)^n \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k^n (-1)^k \bar{b}_k \bar{z}^k \right] \\ & \quad \left. - \left| 2z + 2 \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k^{n+1} a_k z^k - 2(-1)^n \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k^{n+1} \bar{b}_k \bar{z}_k \right. \right. \\ & \quad - (1 + \alpha) \left[ z + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k^n a_k z^k + (-1)^n \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k^n \bar{b}_k \bar{z}^k \right. \\ & \quad \left. \left. + z - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} (-1)^k k^n a_k z^k - (-1)^n \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (-1)^k k^n \bar{b}_k \bar{z}^k \right] \right| \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \left| 2(2-\alpha)z + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k^n (2k + (1-\alpha) - (-1)^k(1-\alpha)) a_k z^k \right. \\
&\quad \left. - (-1)^n \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k^n (2k - (1-\alpha) + (-1)^k(1-\alpha)) \bar{b}_k \bar{z}^k \right| \\
&\quad - \left| -2\alpha z + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k^n (2k - (1+\alpha) + (-1)^k(1+\alpha)) a_k z^k \right. \\
&\quad \left. - (-1)^n \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k^n (2k + (1+\alpha) - (-1)^k(1+\alpha)) \bar{b}_k \bar{z}^k \right| \\
&= \left| 2(2-\alpha)z + 2 \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \{(2k-2)^{n+1} a_{2k-2} z^{2k-2} \right. \\
&\quad \left. + (2k-1)^n (2k-\alpha) a_{2k-1} z^{2k-1}\} - 2(-1)^n \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \{(2k)^{n+1} \bar{b}_{2k} \bar{z}^{2k} \right. \\
&\quad \left. + (2k-1)^n (2k+\alpha-2) \bar{b}_{2k-1} \bar{z}^{2k-1}\} \right| \\
&\quad - \left| -2\alpha z + 2 \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \{(2k-2)^{n+1} a_{2k-2} z^{2k-2} \right. \\
&\quad \left. + (2k-1)^n (2k-\alpha-2) a_{2k-1} z^{2k-1}\} - 2(-1)^n \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \{(2k)^{n+1} \bar{b}_{2k} \bar{z}^{2k} \right. \\
&\quad \left. + (2k-1)^n (2k+\alpha) \bar{b}_{2k-1} \bar{z}^{2k-1}\} \right| \\
&\geq 2(2-\alpha)|z| - 2 \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} (2k-2)^{n+1} |a_{2k-2}| |z|^{2k-1} \\
&\quad - 2 \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} (2k-1)^n (2k-\alpha) |a_{2k-1}| |z|^{2k-1} - 2 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (2k)^{n+1} |b_{2k}| |z|^{2k} \\
&\quad - 2 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (2k-1)^n (2k+\alpha-2) |b_{2k-1}| |z|^{2k-1} - 2\alpha|z| \\
&\quad - 2 \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} (2k-2)^{n+1} |a_{2k-2}| |z|^{2k-2} - 2 \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} (2k-1)^n (2k-\alpha-2) \\
&\quad |a_{2k-1}| |z|^{2k-1} - 2 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (2k)^{n+1} |b_{2k}| |z|^{2k} - 2 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (2k-1)^n (2k+\alpha) |b_{2k-1}| |z|^{2k-1} \\
&= 4(1-\alpha)|z| - 4 \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} (2k-2)^{n+1} |a_{2k-2}| |z|^{2k-2} \\
&\quad - 2 \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} (2k-1)^n (2k-\alpha+2k-\alpha-2) |a_{2k-1}| |z|^{2k-1} \\
&\quad - 4 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (2k)^{n+1} |b_{2k}| |z|^{2k} - 2 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (2k-1)^n (2k+\alpha-2+2k+\alpha) |b_{2k-1}| |z|^{2k-1} \\
&= 4(1-\alpha)|z| - 4 \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} (2k-2)^{n+1} |a_{2k-2}| |z|^{2k-2}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& -4 \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} (2k-1)^n (2k-1-\alpha) |a_{2k-1}| |z|^{2k-1} \\
& -4 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (2k)^{n+1} |b_{2k}| |z|^{2k} - 4 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (2k-1)^n (2k-1+\alpha) |b_{2k-1}| |z|^{2k-1} \\
& = 4(1-\alpha)|z| \left[ 1 - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \left\{ \frac{(2k-2)^{n+1}}{1-\alpha} |a_{2k-2}| |z|^{2k-3} \right. \right. \\
& \quad + \left. \frac{(2k-1)^n (2k-1-\alpha)}{1-\alpha} |a_{2k-1}| |z|^{2k-2} \right\} \\
& \quad - \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left\{ \frac{(2k-1)^n (2k-1+\alpha)}{1-\alpha} |b_{2k-1}| |z|^{2k-2} \right. \\
& \quad \left. \left. + \frac{(2k)^{n+1}}{1-\alpha} |b_{2k}| |z|^{2k-1} \right\} \right] \\
& \geq 4(1-\alpha)|z| \left[ 1 - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \left\{ \frac{(2k-2)^{n+1}}{1-\alpha} |a_{2k-2}| + \frac{(2k-1)^n (2k-\alpha-1)}{1-\alpha} |a_{2k-1}| \right\} \right. \\
& \quad \left. - \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left\{ \frac{(2k-1)^n (2k-1+\alpha)}{1-\alpha} |b_{2k-1}| + \frac{(2k)^{n+1}}{1-\alpha} |b_{2k}| \right\} \right].
\end{aligned}$$

This last expression is non-negative by (2.1), and so the proof is complete. ■

The harmonic function

$$\begin{aligned}
f(z) &= z + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \left\{ \frac{1-\alpha}{(2k-2)^{n+1}} x_{2k-2} z^{2k-2} + \frac{1-\alpha}{(2k-1)^n (2k-1-\alpha)} x_{2k-1} z^{2k-1} \right\} \\
(2.3) \quad &+ \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left\{ \frac{1-\alpha}{(2k)^{n+1}} \bar{y}_{2k} \bar{z}^{2k} + \frac{1-\alpha}{(2k-1)^n (2k-1+\alpha)} \bar{y}_{2k-1} \bar{z}^{2k-1} \right\},
\end{aligned}$$

where  $\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} (|x_{2k-2}| + |x_{2k-1}|) + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (|y_{2k-1}| + |y_{2k}|) = 1$  shows that the coefficient bound given by (2.1) is sharp.

The functions of the form (2.3) are in  $SH_s(n, \alpha)$  because

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{(2k-1)^n (2k-1-\alpha)}{1-\alpha} |a_{2k-1}| + \frac{(2k)^{n+1}}{1-\alpha} |a_{2k}| \right. \\
& \quad \left. + \frac{(2k-1)^n (2k-1+\alpha)}{1-\alpha} |b_{2k-1}| + \frac{(2k)^{n+1}}{1-\alpha} |b_{2k}| \right) \\
& = 1 + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \left( \frac{(2k-2)^{n+1}}{1-\alpha} |a_{2k-2}| + \frac{(2k-1)^n (2k-1-\alpha)}{1-\alpha} |a_{2k-1}| \right) \\
& \quad + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{(2k-1)^n (2k-1+\alpha)}{1-\alpha} |b_{2k-1}| + \frac{(2k)^{n+1}}{1-\alpha} |b_{2k}| \right)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= 1 + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} (|x_{2k-2}| + |x_{2k-1}|) + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (|y_{2k-1}| + |y_{2k}|) \\
&= 2.
\end{aligned}$$

In the following theorem, it is shown that the condition (2.1) is also necessary for functions  $f_n = h + \bar{g}_n$  where  $h$  and  $g_n$  are of the form (1.4).

**Theorem 2.2.** *Let  $f_n = h + \bar{g}_n$  be given by (1.4). Then  $f_n \in \overline{SH}_s(n, \alpha)$  if and only if*

$$\begin{aligned}
(2.4) \quad &\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} ((2k-1)^n (2k-1-\alpha) a_{2k-1} + (2k)^{n+1} a_{2k} \\
&\quad + (2k-1)^n (2k-1+\alpha) b_{2k-1} + (2k)^{n+1} b_{2k}) \leq 1 - \alpha.
\end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Since  $\overline{SH}_s(n, \alpha) \subset SH_s(n, \alpha)$ , we only need to prove the (only if) part of the theorem. To this end, for functions  $f_n$  of the form (1.4), we notice that the condition

$$\operatorname{Re} \left( \frac{2D^{n+1}f_n(z)}{D^n f_n(z) - D^n f_n(-z)} \right) \geq \alpha$$

is equivalent to

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{2(1-\alpha)z - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k^n (2k-\alpha+(-1)^k \alpha) a_k z^k - (-1)^{2n} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k^n (2k+\alpha-(-1)^k \alpha) b_k \bar{z}^k}{2z - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k^n (1-(-1)^k) a_k z^k + (-1)^{2n} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k^n (1-(-1)^k) b_k \bar{z}^k} \right\} \geq 0$$

which implies

$$\begin{aligned}
(2.5) \quad &\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{(1-\alpha)z - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \{(2k-2)^{n+1} a_{2k-2} z^{2k-2} + (2k-1)^n (2k-1-\alpha) a_{2k-1} z^{2k-1}\}}{z - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} (2k-1)^n a_{2k-1} z^{2k-1} + (-1)^{2n} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (2k-1)^n b_{2k-1} \bar{z}^{2k-1}} \right. \\
&\quad \left. - \frac{(-1)^{2n} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \{(2k)^{n+1} b_{2k} \bar{z}^{2k} + (2k-1)^n (2k-1+\alpha) b_{2k-1} \bar{z}^{2k-1}\}}{z - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} (2k-1)^n a_{2k-1} z^{2k-1} + (-1)^{2n} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (2k-1)^n b_{2k-1} \bar{z}^{2k-1}} \right\} \geq 0.
\end{aligned}$$

The above required condition (2.5) must hold for all values of  $z$  in  $U$ . Upon choosing the values of  $z$  on the positive real axis where  $0 \leq z = r < 1$ , we must have

$$\begin{aligned}
(2.6) \quad &\frac{1 - \alpha - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} ((2k-2)^{n+1} a_{2k-2} r^{2k-3} + (2k-1)^n (2k-1-\alpha) a_{2k-1} r^{2k-2})}{1 - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} (2k-1)^n a_{2k-1} r^{2k-2} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (2k-1)^n b_{2k-1} r^{2k-2}} \\
&\quad - \frac{\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} ((2k)^{n+1} b_{2k} r^{2k-1} + (2k-1)^n (2k-1+\alpha) b_{2k-1} r^{2k-2})}{1 - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} (2k-1)^n a_{2k-1} r^{2k-2} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (2k-1)^n b_{2k-1} r^{2k-2}} \geq 0.
\end{aligned}$$

If the condition (2.4) does not hold, then the number in (2.6) is negative for  $r$  sufficiently close to 1. Hence there exist  $z_0 = r_0$  in  $(0, 1)$ , for which the quotient in (2.6) is negative. This contradicts the required condition for  $f_n \in \overline{SH}_s(n, \alpha)$  and so the proof is complete. ■

The following theorem gives the distortion bounds for functions in  $\overline{SH}_s(n, \alpha)$  which yields a covering result for this class.

**Theorem 2.3.** *Let  $f_n \in \overline{SH}_s(n, \alpha)$ . Then for  $|z| = r < 1$ ,*

$$\begin{aligned}
&(1 - b_1)r - \frac{1}{2^n} \left( \frac{(1-\alpha)}{2} - \frac{(1+\alpha)}{2} b_1 \right) r^2 \leq |f_n(z)| \\
&\quad \leq (1 + b_1)r + \frac{1}{2^n} \left( \frac{(1-\alpha)}{2} - \frac{(1+\alpha)}{2} b_1 \right) r^2.
\end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* We only prove the right hand inequality. The proof for the left hand inequality is similar and will be omitted. Let  $f_n \in \overline{SH}_s(n, \alpha)$ . Taking the absolute value of  $f_n$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
|f_n(z)| &\leq (1 + b_1)r + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} (a_k + b_k)r^k \\
&= (1 + b_1)r + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} (a_k + b_k)r^2 \\
&\leq (1 + b_1)r + \frac{1 - \alpha}{2^{n+1}} \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \left( \frac{2^{n+1}}{1 - \alpha} a_k + \frac{2^{n+1}}{1 - \alpha} b_k \right) r^2 \\
&\leq (1 + b_1)r + \frac{1 - \alpha}{2^{n+1}} \left( 1 - \frac{1 + \alpha}{1 - \alpha} b_1 \right) r^2 \\
&= (1 + b_1)r + \frac{1}{2^{n+1}} ((1 - \alpha) - (1 + \alpha)b_1)r^2.
\end{aligned}$$

■

The following covering result follows from the left hand inequality in Theorem 2.3.

**Corollary 2.4.** *Let  $f_n$  of the form (1.4) be so that  $f_n \in \overline{SH}_s(n, \alpha)$ . Then*

$$\left\{ \omega : |w| < \frac{2^{n+1} - 1 + \alpha}{2^{n+1}} - \frac{2^{n+1} - 1 + \alpha}{2^{n+1}} b_1 \right\} \subset f_n(U).$$

For our next theorem, we need to define the convolution of two harmonic functions of the form  $f_n(z) = z - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} a_k z^k + (-1)^n \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} b_k \bar{z}^k$  and  $F_n(z) = z - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} A_k z^k + (-1)^n \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} B_k \bar{z}^k$  as

$$\begin{aligned}
(f_n * F_n)(z) &= f_n(z) * F_n(z) \\
(2.7) \quad &= z - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} a_k A_k z^k + (-1)^k \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} b_k B_k \bar{z}^k
\end{aligned}$$

to prove that the class  $\overline{SH}_s(n, \alpha)$  is closed under convolution.

**Theorem 2.5.** *For  $0 \leq \beta \leq \alpha < 1$ , let  $f_n \in \overline{SH}_s(n, \alpha)$  and  $F_n \in \overline{SH}_s(n, \beta)$ . Then the convolution  $f_n * F_n \in \overline{SH}_s(n, \alpha) \subset \overline{SH}_s(n, \beta)$ .*

*Proof.* For  $f_n$  and  $F_n$  as in Theorem 2.5. Then the convolution  $f_n * F_n$  is given by (2.7). We wish to show that the coefficients of  $f_n * F_n$  satisfy the required condition given in Theorem 2.2. For  $F_n \in \overline{SH}_s(n, \alpha)$ , we note that  $|A_k| \leq 1$  and  $|B_k| \leq 1$ . Now, for  $f_n * F_n$  we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
&\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \left( \frac{(2k-2)^{n+1}}{1-\beta} a_{2k-2} A_{2k-2} + \frac{(2k-1)^n (2k-1-\beta)}{1-\beta} a_{2k-1} A_{2k-1} \right) \\
&+ \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{(2k)^{n+1}}{1-\beta} b_{2k} B_{2k} + \frac{(2k-1)^n (2k-1+\beta)}{1-\beta} b_{2k-1} B_{2k-1} \right) \\
&\leq \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \left( \frac{(2k-2)^{n+1}}{1-\beta} a_{2k-2} + \frac{(2k-1)^n (2k-1-\beta)}{1-\beta} a_{2k-1} \right)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{(2k)^{n+1}}{1-\beta} b_{2k} + \frac{(2k-1)^n(2k-1+\beta)}{1-\beta} b_{2k-1} \right) \\
& \leq \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \left( \frac{(2k-2)^{n+1}}{1-\alpha} a_{2k-2} + \frac{(2k-1)^n(2k-1-\alpha)}{1-\alpha} a_{2k-1} \right) \\
& + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \left( \frac{(2k)^{n+1}}{1-\alpha} b_{2k} + \frac{(2k-1)^n(2k-1+\alpha)}{1-\alpha} a_{2k-1} \right) \\
& \leq 1
\end{aligned}$$

since  $0 \leq \beta \leq \alpha < 1$  and  $f_n \in \overline{SH}_s(n, \alpha)$ . Therefore  $f_n * F_n \in \overline{SH}_s(n, \alpha) \subset \overline{SH}_s(n, \beta)$ . ■

Now, we discuss the convex combinations of the class  $\overline{SH}_s(n, \alpha)$ .

**Theorem 2.6.** *The class  $\overline{SH}_s(n, \alpha)$  is closed under convex combinations.*

*Proof.* For  $i = 1, 2, \dots$ , suppose that  $f_{n_i} \in \overline{SH}_s(n, \alpha)$ , where  $f_{n_i}(z) = z - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} a_{i_k} z^k + (-1)^n \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} b_{i_k} \bar{z}^k$ . Then, by Theorem 2.2,

$$\begin{aligned}
(2.8) \quad & \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \left( \frac{(2k-2)^{n+1}}{1-\alpha} a_{i_{2k-2}} + \frac{(2k-1)^n(2k-1-\alpha)}{1-\alpha} a_{i_{2k-1}} \right) \\
& + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \left( \frac{(2k)^{n+1}}{1-\alpha} b_{i_{2k}} + \frac{(2k-1)^n(2k-1+\alpha)}{1-\alpha} b_{i_{2k-1}} \right) \\
& \leq 1.
\end{aligned}$$

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

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} t_i f_{n_i}(z) = z - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} t_i a_{i_k} \right) z^k + (-1)^n \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} t_i b_{i_k} \right) \bar{z}^k.$$

Then, by (2.8)

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \left\{ \frac{(2k-2)^{n+1}}{1-\alpha} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} t_i a_{i_{2k-2}} \right) + \frac{(2k-1)^n(2k-1-\alpha)}{1-\alpha} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} t_i a_{i_{2k-1}} \right) \right\} \\
& + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left\{ \frac{(2k)^{n+1}}{1-\alpha} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} t_i b_{i_{2k}} \right) + \frac{(2k-1)^n(2k-1+\alpha)}{1-\alpha} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} t_i b_{i_{2k-1}} \right) \right\} \\
& = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} t_i \left( \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \left\{ \frac{(2k-2)^{n+1}}{1-\alpha} a_{i_{2k-2}} + \frac{(2k-1)^n(2k-1-\alpha)}{1-\alpha} a_{i_{2k-1}} \right\} \right. \\
& \quad \left. + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left\{ \frac{(2k)^{n+1}}{1-\alpha} b_{i_{2k}} + \frac{(2k-1)^n(2k-1+\alpha)}{1-\alpha} b_{i_{2k-1}} \right\} \right) \\
& \leq \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} t_i = 1,
\end{aligned}$$

and therefore  $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} t_i f_{n_i} \in \overline{SH}_s(n, \alpha)$ . ■

Next, we determine the extreme points of the closed convex hulls of  $\overline{SH}_s(n, \alpha)$  denoted by  $\text{clco } \overline{SH}_s(n, \alpha)$ .

**Theorem 2.7.** *Let  $f_n$  be given by (1.4). Then  $f_n \in \overline{SH}_s(n, \alpha)$  if and only if*

$$(2.9) \quad f_n(z) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left[ (X_{2k-1} h_{2k-1}(z) + X_{2k} h_{2k}(z)) + (Y_{2k-1} g_{n_{2k-1}}(z) + Y_{2k} g_{n_{2k}}(z)) \right]$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} h_1(z) &= z, h_{2k-1}(z) = z - \frac{1-\alpha}{(2k-1)^n(2k-1-\alpha)} z^{2k-1}, \quad k = 2, 3, \dots \\ h_{2k-2}(z) &= z - \frac{1-\alpha}{(2k-2)^{n+1}} z^{2k-2}, \quad k = 2, 3, \dots \\ g_{n_{2k-1}} &= z + (-1)^n \frac{1-\alpha}{(2k-1)^n(2k-1+\alpha)} \bar{z}^{2k-1}, \quad k = 1, 2, \dots \\ g_{n_{2k}} &= z + (-1)^n \frac{1-\alpha}{(2k)^{n+1}} \bar{z}^{2k}, \quad k = 1, 2, \dots \\ \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} [(X_{2k-1} + X_{2k}) + (Y_{2k-1} + Y_{2k})] &= 1, \quad X_k \geq 0, Y_k \geq 0, \end{aligned}$$

In particular, the extreme points of  $\overline{SH}_s(n, \alpha)$  are  $\{h_{2k-1}\}$ ,  $\{h_{2k-2}\}$ ,  $\{g_{n_{2k-1}}\}$  and  $\{g_{n_{2k}}\}$ .

*Proof.* For functions  $f_n$  of the form (2.9), we have

$$\begin{aligned} f_n &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} ((X_{2k-1} + X_{2k})z + (Y_{2k-1} + Y_{2k})z) \\ &\quad - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1-\alpha}{(2k-2)^{n+1}} X_{2k-2} z^{2k-2} + \frac{1-\alpha}{(2k-1)^n(2k-1-\alpha)} X_{2k-1} z^{2k-1} \right) \\ &\quad + (-1)^n \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1-\alpha}{(2k)^{n+1}} Y_{2k} \bar{z}^{2k} + \frac{1-\alpha}{(2k-1)^n(2k-1+\alpha)} Y_{2k-1} \bar{z}^{2k-1} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} &\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \left( \frac{(2k-2)^{n+1}}{1-\alpha} a_{2k-2} + \frac{(2k-1)^n(2k-1-\alpha)}{1-\alpha} a_{2k-1} \right) \\ &\quad + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{(2k)^{n+1}}{1-\alpha} b_{2k} + \frac{(2k-1)^n(2k-1+\alpha)}{1-\alpha} b_{2k-1} \right) \\ &= \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} (X_{2k-2} + X_{2k-1}) + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (Y_{2k-1} + Y_{2k}) \\ &= 1 - X_1 \leq 1 \end{aligned}$$

and so  $f_n \in \text{clco } \overline{SH}_s(n, \alpha)$ .

Conversely, suppose that  $f_n \in \text{clco } \overline{SH}_s(n, \alpha)$ . Setting

$$\begin{aligned} X_{2k-1} &= \frac{(2k-1)^n(2k-1-\alpha)}{1-\alpha}a_{2k-1}, X_{2k-2} = \frac{(2k-2)^{n+1}}{1-\alpha}a_{2k-2}, \quad k=2,3\dots \\ Y_{2k-1} &= \frac{(2k-1)^n(2k-1+\alpha)}{1-\alpha}b_{2k-1}, Y_{2k} = \frac{(2k)^{n+1}}{1-\alpha}b_{2k}, \quad k=1,2\dots \end{aligned}$$

where  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} [(X_{2k-1} + X_{2k}) + (Y_{2k-1} + Y_{2k})] = 1$ , we obtain

$$f_n(z) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} [(X_{2k-1}h_{2k-1}(z) + X_{2k}h_{2k}(z)) + (Y_{2k-1}g_{n_{2k-1}}(z) + Y_{2k}g_{n_{2k}}(z))]$$

as required. ■

Finally, we study properties of an integral operator.

**Theorem 2.8.** *Let  $f_n \in \overline{SH}_s(n, \alpha)$  and let  $c$  be a real number such that  $c > -1$ . Then the function  $F_n(z)$  defined by*

$$(2.10) \quad F_n(z) = \frac{c+1}{z^c} \int_0^z t^{c-1} f_n(t) dt$$

*belongs to the class  $\overline{SH}_s(n, \alpha)$ .*

*Proof.* From the representation of  $F_n(z)$ , it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} F_n(z) &= \frac{c+1}{z^c} \int_0^z t^{c-1} \{h(t) + \bar{g}(t)\} dt \\ &= \frac{c+1}{z^c} \left( \int_0^z t^{c-1} h(t) dt + \overline{\int_0^z t^{c-1} g(t) dt} \right) \\ &= \frac{c+1}{z^c} \left( \int_0^z t^{c-1} \left( t - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} a_k t^k \right) dt \right. \\ &\quad \left. + (-1)^n \overline{\int_0^z t^{c-1} \left( \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} b_k t^k \right) dt} \right) \\ &= z - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} A_k z^k + (-1)^n \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} B_k \bar{z}^k, \end{aligned}$$

where  $A_k = \frac{c+1}{c+k} a_k$ ,  $B_k = \frac{c+1}{c+k} b_k$ . Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} &\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} ((2k-2)^{n+1} A_{2k-2} + (2k-1)^n (2k-1-\alpha) A_{2k-1}) \\ &\quad + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} ((2k)^{n+1} B_{2k} + (2k-1)^n (2k-1+\alpha) B_{2k-1}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \left\{ (2k-2)^{n+1} \left( \frac{c+1}{c+2k-2} \right) a_{2k-2} + (2k-1)^n (2k-1-\alpha) \left( \frac{c+1}{c+2k-1} \right) a_{2k-1} \right\} \\
&\quad + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left\{ (2k)^{n+1} \left( \frac{c+1}{c+2k} \right) b_{2k} + (2k-1)^n (2k-1+\alpha) \left( \frac{c+1}{c+2k-1} \right) b_{2k-1} \right\} \\
&\leq \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \{(2k-2)^{n+1} a_{2k-2} + (2k-1)^n (2k-1-\alpha) a_{2k-1}\} \\
&\quad + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \{(2k)^{n+1} b_{2k} + (2k-1)^n (2k-1+\alpha) b_{2k-1}\} \\
&\leq 1 - \alpha.
\end{aligned}$$

Since  $f_n(z) \in \overline{SH}_s(n, \alpha)$ , therefore by Theorem 2.2  $F_n(z) \in \overline{SH}_s(n, \alpha)$ . ■

**Theorem 2.9.** Let  $c$  be a real number such that  $c > -1$ . If  $F_n(z) \in \overline{SH}_s(n, \alpha)$ , then the function  $f_n(z)$  defined by (2.10) is univalent in  $|z| < R^*$ , where  $R^* = \min(r_1, r_2, r_3, r_4)$

$$\begin{aligned}
r_1 &= \inf_k \left[ \frac{(2k-2)^n(c+1)}{(1-\alpha)(c+2k-2)} \right]^{1/2k-3}, \\
r_2 &= \inf_k \left[ \frac{(2k-1)^{n-1}(2k-1-\alpha)(c+1)}{(1-\alpha)(c+k-1)} \right]^{1/2k-2}, \quad k \geq 2
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$r_3 = \inf_k \left[ \frac{(2k-1)^{n-1}(2k-1+\alpha)(c+1)}{(1-\alpha)(c-2k+1)} \right]^{1/2k-2},$$

and

$$r_4 = \inf_k \left[ \frac{(2k)^n(c+1)}{(1-\alpha)(c-2k)} \right]^{1/2k-1}, \quad k \geq 1.$$

The result is sharp.

*Proof.* Let  $F_n(z) = z - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} a_k z^k + (-1)^n \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} b_k \bar{z}^k$ , ( $a_k \geq 0, b_k \geq 0$ ). It follows from (2.10) that

$$\begin{aligned}
f(z) &= \frac{z^{1-c}(z^c F_n(z))'}{c+1}, \quad (c > -1) \\
&= \frac{z^{1-c}(cz^{c-1}F_n(z) + z^c F'_n(z))}{c+1} \\
&= \frac{cF_n(z) + zF'_n(z)}{c+1} \\
&= \frac{1}{c+1} \left\{ cF_n(z) + z \left( 1 - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} a_k z^{k-1} - (-1)^n \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} kb_k \bar{z}^{k-1} \right) \right\} \\
&= \frac{1}{c+1} \left\{ cz - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} ca_k z^k + (-1)^n \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} cb_k \bar{z}^k \right\}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + z - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} ka_k z^k - (-1)^n \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} kb_k \bar{z}^k \Big\} \\
f_n & = z - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{c+k}{c+1} a_k z^k + (-1)^n \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{c-k}{c+1} b_k \bar{z}^k \\
& = z - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \left( \frac{c+2k-2}{c+1} a_{2k-2} z^{2k-2} + \frac{c+k-1}{c+1} a_{2k-1} z^{2k-1} \right) \\
& + (-1)^n \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{c-2k+1}{c+1} b_{2k-1} \bar{z}^{2k-1} \frac{c-2k}{c+1} b_{2k} \bar{z}^{2k} \right) \\
& = H + \bar{G}_n.
\end{aligned}$$

In order to obtain the required result it suffices to show that  $|f'_n(z) - 1| < 1$  in  $|z| < R^*$ .

Now  $|f'_n(z) - 1| < 1$  if  $|H' - \bar{G}'_n - 1| < 1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
& \Rightarrow \left| \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \left( \frac{c+2k-2}{c+1} (2k-2) a_{2k-2} z^{2k-3} + \frac{c+k-1}{c+1} (2k-1) a_{2k-1} z^{2k-2} \right) \right. \\
& \quad \left. - (-1)^n \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{c-2k+1}{c+1} (2k-1) b_{2k-1} \bar{z}^{2k-2} + \frac{c-2k}{c+1} (2k) b_{2k} \bar{z}^{2k-1} \right) \right| \\
& \leq \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \left| \frac{c+2k-2}{c+1} (2k-2) a_{2k-2} z^{2k-3} + \frac{c+k-1}{c+1} (2k-1) a_{2k-1} z^{2k-2} \right| \\
(2.11) \quad & \quad + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left| \frac{c-2k+1}{c+1} (2k-1) b_{2k-1} \bar{z}^{2k-2} + \frac{c-2k}{c+1} (2k) b_{2k} \bar{z}^{2k-1} \right| < 1.
\end{aligned}$$

According to Theorem 2.2, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \left( \frac{(2k-2)^{n+1}}{1-\alpha} a_{2k-2} + \frac{(2k-1)^n (2k-1-\alpha)}{1-\alpha} a_{2k-1} \right) \\
(2.12) \quad & \quad + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{(2k-1)^n (2k-1+\alpha)}{1-\alpha} b_{2k-1} + \frac{(2k)^{n+1}}{1-\alpha} b_{2k} \right) \leq 1.
\end{aligned}$$

Hence (2.11) will be true if

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{c+2k-2}{c+1} (2k-2) a_{2k-2} |z|^{2k-3} + \frac{c+k-1}{c+1} (2k-1) a_{2k-1} |z|^{2k-2} \\
& \quad + \frac{c-2k+1}{c+1} (2k-1) b_{2k-1} |z|^{2k-2} + \frac{c-2k}{c+1} (2k) b_{2k} |z|^{2k-1} \\
& < \frac{(2k-2)^{n+1}}{1-\alpha} a_{2k-2} + \frac{(2k-1)^n (2k-1-\alpha)}{1-\alpha} a_{2k-1} \\
& \quad + \frac{(2k-1)^n (2k-1+\alpha)}{1-\alpha} b_{2k-1} + \frac{(2k)^{n+1}}{1-\alpha} b_{2k}
\end{aligned}$$

or if  $|z| < R^* = \min(r_1, r_2, r_3, r_4)$  where

$$r_1 = \inf_k \left[ \frac{(2k-2)^n(c+1)}{(1-\alpha)(c+2k-2)} \right]^{1/2k-3}$$

$$r_2 = \inf_k \left[ \frac{(2k-1)^n(2k-1-\alpha)(c+1)}{(1-\alpha)(c+k-1)} \right]^{1/2k-2}, \quad k \geq 2$$

and

$$r_3 = \inf_k \left[ \frac{(2k-1)^{n-1}(2k-1+\alpha)(c+1)}{(1-\alpha)(c-2k+1)} \right]^{1/2k-2}$$

$$r_4 = \inf_k \left[ \frac{(2k)^n(c+1)}{(1-\alpha)(c-2k)} \right]^{1/2k-1}, \quad k \geq 1.$$

Therefore,  $f(z)$  is univalent in  $|z| < R^*$ . ■

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