

## Multivalent Harmonic Uniformly Starlike Functions

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, we investigate a generalized family of complex-valued harmonic functions that are multivalent, sense-preserving, and are associated with  $k$ -uniformly harmonic functions in the unit disk. The results obtained here include a number of known and new results as their special cases.

### 1. Introduction

A harmonic function  $f$  defined in a simply connected complex domain  $D \subset \mathbb{C}$  can be expressed by  $f(z) = h(z) + \bar{g}(z)$ ,  $z \in D$ . We call  $h$  the analytic part and  $g$  the co-analytic part of  $f$ . If the co-analytic part of  $f$  is zero, then  $f$  reduces to the analytic case. The mapping  $z \rightarrow f(z)$  is sense-preserving and locally one-to-one in  $D$  if and only if the Jacobian of  $f$  is positive, that is, if and only if

$$J_f(z) = |h'(z)|^2 - |g'(z)|^2 > 0, \quad z \in D.$$

Denote by  $H$  the family of functions  $f = h + \bar{g}$  which are harmonic, sense-preserving and univalent in the open unit disk  $\Delta = \{z : |z| < 1\}$  with

$$(1.1) \quad h(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n z^n, \quad g(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n z^n, \quad |b_1| < 1.$$

The class  $H$  was defined and studied by Clunie and Sheil-Small [10]. Also, see

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excellent monograph entitled, 'Harmonic mapping in the plane' by Duren [11]. For a fixed positive integer  $m \geq 1$ , let  $H(m)$  denote the family of all multivalent harmonic functions  $f = h + \bar{g}$  which are sense-preserving in  $\Delta$  and are of the form

$$(1.2) \quad h(z) = z^m + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_{n+m-1} z^{n+m-1}, \quad g(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_{n+m-1} z^{n+m-1}, \quad |b_m| < 1.$$

Recent interest in the study of multivalent harmonic functions in the plane prompted the publication of several articles, such as [3], [4], [5], [9] and [15]. Note that  $H(1) \equiv H$ . We say that  $f \in H(m)$  is a multivalent harmonic starlike of order  $\beta$ ,  $0 \leq \beta < 1$  if  $f$  satisfies the condition

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (\arg(f(re^{i\theta}))) \geq m\beta$$

for each  $z = re^{i\theta}$ ,  $0 \leq \theta < 2\pi$  and  $0 \leq r < 1$ . Denote this class of multivalent harmonic starlike functions of order  $\beta$  by  $S_H^*(m, \beta)$ . The classes  $S_H^*(1, \beta)$  and  $S_H^*(m, \beta)$  were studied in [3], [5] and [15].

Let  $G_H(k, m, \beta, t)$  be the family of functions  $f$  in  $H(m)$  satisfying the inequality

$$(1.3) \quad \operatorname{Re} \left( \frac{zf'(z)}{z'[(1-t)z^m + tf(z)]} \right) \geq k \left| \frac{zf'(z)}{z'[(1-t)z^m + tf(z)]} - m \right| + m\beta,$$

for some  $k$ , ( $0 \leq k < \infty$ ),  $m$  ( $m \geq 1$ ),  $\beta$  ( $0 \leq \beta < 1$ ),  $t$  ( $0 \leq t \leq 1$ ),  $z \in \Delta$  and where

$$z' = \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (z = re^{i\theta}), \quad f'(z) = \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} f(re^{i\theta}) = i(zh'(z) - \overline{zg'(z)}).$$

Using the fact that  $\operatorname{Re} w > k|w - m| + m\beta \Leftrightarrow \operatorname{Re}[(ke^{i\theta} + 1)w - kme^{i\theta}] \geq m\beta$ , it follows from the condition (1.3) that  $f$  is in  $G_H(k, m, \beta, t)$  if and only if

$$(1.4) \quad \operatorname{Re} \left[ \frac{(ke^{i\theta} + 1)(zh'(z) - \overline{zg'(z)})}{(1-t)z^m + t(h(z) + \overline{g(z)})} - kme^{i\theta} \right] \geq m\beta.$$

The set  $G_H(k, m, \beta, t)$  is a comprehensive family that contains several previously studied subclasses of  $H(m)$  or  $H$ . For example,

$$\begin{aligned} G_H(0, m, \beta, 1) &\equiv S_H^*(m, \beta); [3], [15] \\ G_H(0, m, 0, 1) &\equiv S_H^*(m, 0); [5] \\ G_H(0, 1, \beta, 1) &\equiv S_H^*(1, \beta) \equiv S_H^*(\beta); [16] \\ G_H(0, 1, 0, 1) &\equiv S_H^*(0) \equiv S_H^*; [24], [25] \end{aligned}$$

$$G_H(0, m, \beta, 0) \equiv R_H(m, \beta) := \left\{ f \in H(m) : \operatorname{Re} \left( \frac{f'(z)}{\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta}(z^m)} \right) \geq m\beta, 0 \leq \beta < 1 \right\}; [4]$$

$$G_H(0, 1, \beta, 0) \equiv R_H(1, \beta) \equiv R_H(\beta); [2]$$

$$G_H(1, m, \beta, 1) \equiv G_H(m, \beta) := \left\{ f \in H(m) : \operatorname{Re} \left( (1 + e^{i\alpha}) \frac{zf'(z)}{z'f(z)} - me^{i\alpha} \right) \geq m\beta \right\}; [17]$$

$$G_H(1, 1, \beta, 1) \equiv G_H(1, \beta) \equiv G_H(\beta); [23]$$

$$G_H(k, 1, \beta, t) \equiv G_H(k, \beta, t). [1]$$

Let  $S(m)$  be the well known family of functions  $h$  in  $H(m)$  that are analytic and univalent in  $\Delta$  and are of the form  $h(z) = z^m + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_{n+m-1} z^{n+m-1}$ ,  $z \in \Delta$ . We observe that  $S(1) \subset S$ ,  $S(m) \subset H(m)$ , and  $G_s(k, m, \beta, t) \subset G_H(k, m, \beta, t)$ . Also the family  $G_s(k, m, \beta, t)$  contains several previously studied subclasses of analytic functions in  $\Delta$ . For example

$$G_s(0, 1, \beta, t) := \left\{ h \in S : \operatorname{Re} \frac{zh'(z)}{(1-t)z + th(z)} > \beta \right\}; [7], [20]$$

$$G_s(1, 1, \beta, 1) := \left\{ h \in S : \operatorname{Re} \left( \frac{zh'(z)}{h(z)} \right) \geq \left| \frac{zh'(z)}{h(z)} - 1 \right| + \beta \right\}; [8]$$

$$G_s(k, 1, 0, 1) \equiv k - ST := \left\{ h \in S : \operatorname{Re} \left( \frac{zh'(z)}{h(z)} \right) \geq k \left| \frac{zh'(z)}{h(z)} - 1 \right| \right\}; [18]$$

$$G_s(1, 1, 0, 1) \equiv UST \equiv 1 - ST; [19], [21], [22].$$

Finally, we define the family

$$G_{\overline{H}}(k, m, \beta, t) := TH(m) \cap G_H(k, m, \beta, t),$$

where  $TH(m)$ ,  $m \geq 1$  denote the class of functions  $f = h + \bar{g}$  in  $H(m)$  so that  $h$  and  $g$  are of the form

$$(1.5) \quad h(z) = z^m - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} |a_{n+m-1}| z^{n+m-1}, \quad g(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |b_{n+m-1}| z^{n+m-1}, \quad z \in \Delta.$$

The class  $TH(m)$  was first studied in [5].

In this paper, we investigate coefficient conditions, extreme points, and distortion bounds for functions in the families  $G_H(k, m, \beta, t)$  and  $G_{\overline{H}}(k, m, \beta, t)$ ,  $m \geq 1$ . We also examine their convolution and convex combination properties. We remark that the results so obtained for these general families can be viewed as extensions and generalizations for various subclasses of  $S$ ,  $H$ ,  $S(m)$ , and  $H(m)$  as listed previously in this section.

## 2. Main results

We first prove sufficient coefficient conditions for harmonic functions in  $G_H(k, m, \beta, t)$ . These conditions are shown to be necessary for the functions in  $G_{\overline{H}}(k, m, \beta, t)$ .

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $f = h + \bar{g}$  be so that  $h$  and  $g$  are given by (1.2). If*

$$(2.1) \quad \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{(n+m-1)(k+1) - tm(k+\beta)}{m(1-\beta) + 1 - |m(1-\beta) - 1|} |a_{n+m-1}| \\ + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(n+m-1)(k+1) + tm(k+\beta)}{m(1-\beta) + 1 - |m(1-\beta) - 1|} |b_{n+m-1}| \leq \frac{1}{2},$$

when  $k \geq 0, m \geq 1, 0 \leq \beta < 1$  and  $0 \leq t \leq 1$ , then  $f \in G_H(k, m, \beta, t)$ .

*Proof.* Suppose that (2.1) holds. It suffices to prove that  $\operatorname{Re}\{A(z)/B(z)\} > 0$ , where

$$A(z) = (ke^{i\theta} + 1)(zh'(z) - \overline{zg'(z)}) - m(ke^{i\theta} + \beta)((1-t)z^m + th(z) + \overline{tg(z)}), \\ B(z) = (1-t)z^m + th(z) + \overline{tg(z)}.$$

Using the fact that  $\operatorname{Re} \omega \geq 0$  if and only if  $|1 + \omega| \geq |1 - \omega|$  it suffices to show that

$$(2.2) \quad |A(z) + B(z)| - |A(z) - B(z)| \geq 0.$$

Substituting for  $A(z)$  and  $B(z)$  in (2.2), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & |A(z) + B(z)| - |A(z) - B(z)| \\ = & \left| (m(1-\beta) + 1)z^m \right. \\ & + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} [((n+m-1) - m\beta t + t) + ke^{i\theta}((n+m-1) - mt)] a_{n+m-1} z^{n+m-1} \\ & - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [((n+m-1) + m\beta t - t) + ke^{i\theta}((n+m-1) + mt)] \bar{b}_{n+m-1} (\bar{z})^{n+m-1} \left. \right| \\ & - \left| (m(1-\beta) - 1)z^m \right. \\ & - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} [((n+m-1) - m\beta t - t) + ke^{i\theta}((n+m-1) - mt)] a_{n+m-1} z^{n+m-1} \\ & - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [((n+m-1) + m\beta t + t) + ke^{i\theta}((n+m-1) + mt)] \bar{b}_{n+m-1} (\bar{z})^{n+m-1} \left. \right| \end{aligned}$$

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

This last expression is non-negative by the hypothesis and so the proof is complete. The functions

$$\begin{aligned}
(2.3) \quad f(z) &= z^m + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{m(1-\beta) + 1 - |m(1-\beta) - 1|}{2[(n+m-1)(k+1) - tm(k+\beta)]} x_{n+m-1} z^{n+m-1} \\
&\quad + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{m(1-\beta) + 1 - |m(1-\beta) - 1|}{2[(n+m-1)(k+1) + tm(k+\beta)]} \bar{y}_{n+m-1} (\bar{z})^{n+m-1},
\end{aligned}$$

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

**Corollary 1.** Let  $f = h + \bar{g}$  be so that  $h$  and  $g$  are given by (1.2). Also, let  $m \geq 1/(1-\beta)$ ,  $0 \leq \beta < 1$  and  $0 \leq t \leq 1$ . If the condition

$$\begin{aligned}
&\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} [(n+m-1)(k+1) - tm(k+\beta)] |a_{n+m-1}| \\
&\quad + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [(n+m-1)(k+1) + tm(k+\beta)] |b_{n+m-1}| \leq 1
\end{aligned}$$

is satisfied, then  $f \in G_H(k, m, \beta, t)$ .

**Corollary 2.** Let  $f = h + \bar{g}$  be so that  $h$  and  $g$  are given by (1.2). Also, suppose  $1 \leq m \leq 1/(1-\beta)$ ,  $0 \leq \beta < 1$  and  $0 \leq t \leq 1$ . If the condition

$$\begin{aligned}
&\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} [(n+m-1)(k+1) - tm(k+\beta)] |a_{n+m-1}| \\
&\quad + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [(n+m-1)(k+1) + tm(k+\beta)] |b_{n+m-1}| \leq m(1-\beta)
\end{aligned}$$

holds, then  $f \in G_H(k, m, \beta, t)$ .

**Theorem 2.** Let  $f = h + \bar{g}$  be so that  $h$  and  $g$  are given by (1.5). Also, let  $k \geq 0$ ,  $0 \leq t \leq 1$  and  $0 \leq \beta < 1$ . Furthermore,

(i) if  $1 \leq m \leq 1/(1 - \beta)$ , then  $f \in G_{\overline{H}}(k, m, \beta, t)$  if and only if

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} [(n+m-1)(k+1) - tm(k+\beta)] |a_{n+m-1}| \\ + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [(n+m-1)(k+1) + tm(k+\beta)] |b_{n+m-1}| \leq m(1-\beta);$$

(ii) if  $m(1 - \beta) \geq 1$ , then  $f \in G_{\overline{H}}(k, m, \beta, t)$  if and only if

$$(2.4) \quad \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} [(n+m-1)(k+1) - tm(k+\beta)] |a_{n+m-1}| \\ + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [(n+m-1)(k+1) + tm(k+\beta)] |b_{n+m-1}| \leq 1.$$

*Proof.* In view of Corollary 1 and Corollary 2, it suffices to show that  $f \in G_{\overline{H}}(k, m, \beta, t)$  if the condition (2.4) does not hold. We note that a necessary and sufficient condition for  $f = h + \bar{g}$ , given by (1.5), to be in  $G_{\overline{H}}(k, m, \beta, t)$  is that the coefficient condition (1.4) to be satisfied. Equivalently, we must have

$$(2.5) \quad \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{(ke^{i\theta} + 1)(zh'(z) - \overline{zg'(z)}) - m(ke^{i\theta} + \beta)((1-t)z^m + th(z) + \overline{tg(z)})}{(1-t)z^m + th(z) + \overline{tg(z)}} \right\} \geq 0.$$

Upon choosing the value of  $z$  on the positive real axis and using  $\operatorname{Re}(-e^{i\theta}) \geq -|e^{i\theta}| = -1$ , where  $0 \leq |z| = r < 1$ , the above inequality reduces to

$$(2.6) \quad \{m(1-\beta) - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} ((n+m-1)(k+1) - mt(k+\beta)) |a_{n+m-1}| r^{n-1} \\ - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} ((n+m-1)(k+1) + mt(k+\beta)) |b_{n+m-1}| r^{n-1}\} \\ \times \{1 - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} |a_{n+m-1}| r^{n-1} + t \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |b_{n+m-1}| r^{n-1}\}^{-1} \geq 0.$$

If condition (2.5) does not hold then the numerator of (2.6) is negative for  $r$  sufficiently close to 1 because of conditions (i) or (ii). Thus there exists  $z_0 = r_0 > 1$ , for which the left side of (2.6) is negative. This contradicts the required condition for  $f \in G_{\overline{H}}(k, m, \beta, t)$ . Using definition (1.3), and according to the arguments given in [2] and [16], we obtain distortion bounds for the functions in  $G_{\overline{H}}(k, m, \beta, t)$  in

Theorem 3 and extreme points of the closed convex hulls of  $G_{\overline{H}}(k, m, \beta, t)$ , denoted by  $clcoG_{\overline{H}}(k, m, \beta, t)$ , in Theorem 4. The proofs of Theorems 3 and 4 are similar to the corresponding results in [2] and [16] and so are omitted.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.** *If  $f \in G_{\overline{H}}(k, m, \beta, t)$ , then for  $|z| = r < 1$*

$$|f(z)| \leq \begin{cases} (1 + |b_m|)r^m + \left( \frac{m(1-\beta)}{(m+1)(k+1)-tm(k+\beta)} - \frac{m(k+1)+tm(k+\beta)}{(m+1)(k+1)-tm(k+\beta)} |b_m| \right) r^{m+1}, & \text{if } m(1-\beta) \leq 1 \\ (1 + |b_m|)r^m + \left( \frac{1}{(m+1)(k+1)-tm(k+\beta)} - \frac{m(k+1)+tm(k+\beta)}{(m+1)(k+1)-tm(k+\beta)} |b_m| \right) r^{m+1}, & \text{if } m(1-\beta) \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

$$|f(z)| \geq \begin{cases} (1 - |b_m|)r^m - \left( \frac{m(1-\beta)}{(m+1)(k+1)-tm(k+\beta)} - \frac{m(k+1)+tm(k+\beta)}{(m+1)(k+1)-tm(k+\beta)} |b_m| \right) r^{m+1}, & \text{if } m(1-\beta) \leq 1 \\ (1 - |b_m|)r^m - \left( \frac{1}{(m+1)(k+1)-tm(k+\beta)} - \frac{m(k+1)+tm(k+\beta)}{(m+1)(k+1)-tm(k+\beta)} |b_m| \right) r^{m+1}, & \text{if } m(1-\beta) \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

**Corollary 3.** *If  $f \in G_{\overline{H}}(k, m, \beta, t)$ , then*

$$\left\{ \omega : |\omega| < \begin{cases} 1 - \frac{m(1-\beta)}{(m+1)(k+1)-tm(k+\beta)} - \frac{(k+1)-2tm(k+\beta)}{(m+1)(k+1)-tm(k+\beta)} |b_m| & \text{if } m(1-\beta) \leq 1 \\ 1 - \frac{1}{(m+1)(k+1)-tm(k+\beta)} - \frac{(k+1)-2tm(k+\beta)}{(m+1)(k+1)-tm(k+\beta)} |b_m| & \text{if } m(1-\beta) \geq 1 \end{cases} \right\} \subset f(\Delta).$$

**Theorem 4.** *A function  $f$  is in  $clcoG_{\overline{H}}(k, m, \beta, t)$  if and only if it can be expressed in the form*

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (X_{n+m-1}h_{n+m-1} + Y_{n+m-1}g_{n+m-1})$$

where

$$h_m(z) = z^m,$$

$$h_{n+m-1}(z) = \begin{cases} z^m - \frac{m(1-\beta)}{(n+m-1)(k+1)-tm(k+\beta)} z^{n+m-1} (n = 2, 3, 4, \dots), & \text{if } m(1-\beta) \leq 1 \\ z^m - \frac{1}{(n+m-1)(k+1)-tm(k+\beta)} z^{n+m-1} (n = 2, 3, 4, \dots), & \text{if } m(1-\beta) \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

$$g_{n+m-1}(z) = \begin{cases} z^m + \frac{m(1-\beta)}{(n+m-1)(k+1) + tm(k+\beta)} (\bar{z})^{n+m-1} (n=1, 2, 3, \dots), & \text{if } m(1-\beta) \leq 1 \\ z^m + \frac{1}{(n+m-1)(k+1) + tm(k+\beta)} (\bar{z})^{n+m-1} (n=1, 2, 3, \dots), & \text{if } m(1-\beta) \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

and

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (X_{n+m-1} + Y_{n+m-1}) = 1, \quad X_{n+m-1} \geq 0 \text{ and } Y_{n+m-1} \geq 0.$$

In particular, the extreme points of  $G_{\overline{H}}(k, m, \beta, t)$  are  $\{h_{n+m-1}\}$  and  $\{g_{n+m-1}\}$ .

In the next two theorems, we prove that the class  $G_{\overline{H}}(k, m, \beta, t)$  is invariant under convolution and convex combinations of its members. We first recall that for harmonic functions

$$(2.7) \quad f(z) = z^m - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} |a_{n+m-1}| z^{n+m-1} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |b_{n+m-1}| (\bar{z})^{n+m-1}$$

and

$$(2.8) \quad F(z) = z^m - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} |A_{n+m-1}| z^{n+m-1} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |B_{n+m-1}| (\bar{z})^{n+m-1}$$

in  $TH(m)$ , the convolution of  $f$  and  $F$  is defined as

$$\begin{aligned} (f * F)(z) &= f(z) * F(z) \\ &= z^m - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} |a_{n+m-1} A_{n+m-1}| z^{n+m-1} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |b_{n+m-1} B_{n+m-1}| (\bar{z})^{n+m-1}. \end{aligned}$$

Using this definition, we first show that  $G_{\overline{H}}(k, m, \beta, t)$  is closed under convolution.

**Theorem 5.** For  $0 \leq \alpha \leq \beta < 1$ , let  $f \in G_{\overline{H}}(k, m, \beta, t)$  and  $F \in G_{\overline{H}}(k, m, \alpha, t)$ , then

$$f * F \in G_{\overline{H}}(k, m, \beta, t) \subset G_{\overline{H}}(k, m, \alpha, t).$$

*Proof.* Let,  $f, F \in G_{\overline{H}}(k, m, \beta, t)$  be given by (2.7) and (2.8), respectively. Note that the coefficients of  $f$  and  $F$  must satisfy the conditions similar to the inequality (2.4). For  $F \in G_{\overline{H}}(k, m, \alpha, t)$  we observe that  $|A_{n+m-1}| \leq 1$  and  $|B_{n+m-1}| \leq 1$ .



Since

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

The right hand side of the above inequality is bounded by 1 because  $f \in G_{\overline{H}}(k, m, \beta, t)$ . Therefore the result follows.

Finally, we determine the convex combination of the members of  $G_{\overline{H}}(k, m, \beta, t)$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 6.** *The class  $G_{\overline{H}}(k, m, \beta, t)$  is closed under convex combination.*

*Proof.* For  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots$  suppose  $f_i \in G_{\overline{H}}(k, m, \beta, t)$ , where  $f_i$  are given by

$$f_i(z) = z^m - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} |a_{i_{n+m-1}}| z^{n+m-1} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |b_{i_{n+m-1}}| (\overline{z})^{n+m-1}.$$

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

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} t_i f_i(z) = z^m - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} t_i |a_{i_{n+m-1}}| \right) z^{n+m-1} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} t_i |b_{i_{n+m-1}}| \right) (\overline{z})^{n+m-1}.$$

Since

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} [(n+m-1)(k+1) - tm(k+\beta)] |a_{i_{n+m-1}}| \\ & + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [(n+m-1)(k+1) + tm(k+\beta)] |b_{i_{n+m-1}}| \\ & \leq \begin{cases} m(1-\beta), & \text{if } m(1-\beta) \geq 1, \\ 1, & \text{if } m(1-\beta) \leq 1, \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

it follows from the above equation

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} [(n+m-1)(k+1) - tm(k+\beta)] \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} t_i |a_{i_{n+m-1}}| \\
& \quad + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [(n+m-1)(k+1) + tm(k+\beta)] \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} t_i |b_{i_{n+m-1}}| \\
= & \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} t_i \left\{ \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} [(n+m-1)(k+1) - tm(k+\beta)] |a_{i_{n+m-1}}| \right. \\
& \quad \left. + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [(n+m-1)(k+1) + tm(k+\beta)] |b_{i_{n+m-1}}| \right\} \\
& \leq \begin{cases} m(1-\beta) \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} t_i = m(1-\beta), & \text{if } m(1-\beta) \leq 1, \\ \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} t_i = 1, & \text{if } m(1-\beta) \geq 1, \end{cases}
\end{aligned}$$

and so  $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} t_i f_i(z) \in G_{\overline{H}}(k, m, \beta, t)$ .  $\square$

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