



Subordination results on harmonic k -uniformly convex mappings and related classes

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ABSTRACT

The main purpose of this paper is to establish some connections between certain classes of harmonic univalent functions by applying a number of convolution properties involving hypergeometric functions. To be more precise, we investigate such connections with harmonic k -uniformly convex and a related class $k - ST$ mappings in the plane.

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1. Introduction

A continuous complex-valued function $f = u + iv$ defined in a simply connected complex domain D is said to be harmonic in D if both u and v are real harmonic in D . In any simply connected domain we can write $f = h + \bar{g}$, where h and g are analytic in D . A necessary and sufficient condition for f to be locally univalent and sense preserving in D is that $|h'(z)| > |g'(z)|$, $z \in D$.

Denote by S_H the class of functions $f = h + \bar{g}$ that are harmonic univalent and sense preserving in the unit disc $\Delta = \{z : |z| < 1\}$ for which $f(0) = f_z(0) - 1 = 0$. Then for $f = h + \bar{g} \in S_H$ we may express the analytic functions h and g as

$$h(z) = z + \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} a_m z^m, \quad g(z) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} b_m z^m, \quad |b_1| < 1. \quad (1.1)$$

Let A be the class of all functions f , whose Maclaurin's series is of the form

$$f(z) = z + \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} a_m z^m, \quad (1.2)$$

which are analytic in Δ .

Let S be the subclass of A , consisting of univalent functions.

Note that the family S_H of orientation-preserving, normalized harmonic univalent functions reduces to the class S of normalized analytic univalent functions if the co-analytic part of $f = h + \bar{g}$ is identically zero.

Let K , S^* , K_H and S_H^* denote the respective subclasses of S and S_H where the images of $f(u)$ are convex and starlike.

A domain D is called convex in the direction γ ($0 \leq \gamma < \pi$) if every line is parallel to the line through 0 and $e^{i\gamma}$ has a connected intersection with D . Such a domain is close-to-convex. The convex domains are those that are convex in every direction.

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A function $f \in A$ is said to be uniformly convex in Δ if it has the property that for every circular arc γ contained in the open unit disc Δ , with center ζ also in Δ , the image arc $f(\gamma)$ is a convex arc. This class was introduced by Goodman [1]. In another paper Goodman [2] introduced the uniform starlike functions.

The class UCV describes geometrically the domain of values of the expression $1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)}$, $z \in \Delta$ to lie in a parabolic region

$$\Omega = \{ \omega \in \mathbb{C} : (\text{Im}(\omega))^2 < 2\text{Re}(\omega) - 1 \}.$$

Rønning [3], and Ma and Minda [4] gave a one variable characterization for $f \in UCV$, as

$$\text{Re} \left\{ 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right\} > \left| \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right|, \quad z \in \Delta. \tag{1.3}$$

Using the Alexander relation, Rønning [3] defined a new class called S_p consisting of functions $f \in A$ satisfying

$$\text{Re} \left\{ \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right\} > \left| \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} - 1 \right|, \quad z \in \Delta. \tag{1.4}$$

Kanas and Wiśniowska [5] defined the class $k - UCV$ as

$$k - UCV := \left\{ f \in A : \text{Re} \left\{ 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right\} > k \left| \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right|, (0 \leq k < \infty) \right\}. \tag{1.5}$$

Note that the class $k - UCV$ is an extension of the class UCV studied by Goodman [1,2]. In another paper, Kanas and Wiśniowska [6] extended the class S_p as

$$k - ST := \left\{ f \in A : \text{Re} \left\{ \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right\} > k \left| \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} - 1 \right|, (0 \leq k < \infty) \right\}. \tag{1.6}$$

The various properties of the classes $k - UCV$ and $k - ST$ were extensively studied by Kanas and Srivastava [7]. We note that

$$f \in k - UCV \iff zf' \in k - ST.$$

A function $f(z)$ is subordinate to $F(z)$ in the disc Δ if there exists an analytic function $w(z)$ with $w(0) = 0$ and $|w(z)| < 1$ such that $f(z) = F(w(z))$ for $|z| < 1$. This is written as $f(z) \prec F(z)$.

Setting $\Omega_k = \{u + iv, u > k\sqrt{(u-1)^2 + v^2}\}$ with $p(z) = \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)}$ or $p(z) = 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)}$ and considering the functions $Q_k(z)$ which map Δ onto conic domains Ω_k such that $p(z) \in \Omega_k$, we may rewrite conditions (1.6) or (1.5) in the form

$$p(z) \prec Q_k(z) = 1 + \sum P_n(k)z^n. \tag{1.7}$$

We note that for the function $Q_k(z)$ for $k = 0$ and $k = 1$ we can explicitly write

$$Q_0(z) = \frac{1+z}{1-z}, \quad \text{and} \quad Q_1(z) = 1 + \frac{2}{\pi^2} \left(\log \frac{1+\sqrt{z}}{1-\sqrt{z}} \right)^2.$$

For $0 < k < 1$ we obtain

$$Q_k(z) = \frac{1}{1-k^2} \cos \left\{ \frac{2}{\pi} \arccos(k) i \log \left(\frac{1+\sqrt{z}}{1-\sqrt{z}} \right) \right\} - \frac{k^2}{1-k^2},$$

for $k > 1$

$$Q_k(z) = \frac{1}{k^2-1} \sin \left\{ \frac{\pi}{2K(t)} \int_0^{\frac{u(z)}{\sqrt{t}}} \frac{dx}{\sqrt{1-x^2}\sqrt{1-k^2x^2}} \right\} + \frac{k^2}{k^2-1},$$

where $u(z) = \frac{z-\sqrt{t}}{1-\sqrt{tz}}$ ($0 < t < 1$) and K is such that $k = \cos h \frac{\pi K'(t)}{4K(t)}$, $K(t)$ is Legendre's complete elliptic integral of the first kind and $K'(t)$ is the complementary integral of $K(t)$.

By virtue of (1.7) and the properties of the domains, we have

$$\text{Re } p(z) > \text{Re} (Q_k(z)) > \frac{k}{k+1}.$$

We now introduce the following subclasses of harmonic functions in terms of subordination.

Let $f = h + \bar{g} \in S_H$ such that

$$\varphi(z) = \frac{h(z) - g(z)}{1 - b_1},$$

$$\psi = \frac{h(z) - e^{i\theta}g(z)}{1 - e^{i\theta}b_1}, \quad 0 \leq \theta < 2\pi.$$

We can now construct the harmonic classes $k - UCV_H$ and $k - ST_H$ as follows

$$k - ST_H = \left\{ f \in S_H, \frac{z\varphi'(z)}{\varphi(z)} \prec Q_k \right\}$$

$$k - UCV_H = \left\{ f \in S_H, \frac{(z\psi'(z))'}{\psi'(z)} \prec Q_k \right\}.$$

We define the Hadamard product (or convolution) of f and g by

$$(f * g) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n b_n z^n, \quad z \in U.$$

For non zero complex parameters $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_p$ and $\beta_1, \dots, \beta_q (\beta_j \neq 0, -1, \dots; j = 1, 2, \dots, q)$ the generalized hypergeometric function ${}_pF_q(z)$ is defined by

$${}_pF_q(z) = {}_pF_q(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_p; \beta_1, \dots, \beta_q; z) := \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\alpha_1)_n \dots (\alpha_p)_n z^n}{(\beta_1)_n \dots (\beta_q)_n n!} \quad (p \leq q + 1; p, q \in N_0 := \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}; z \in U),$$

where \mathbb{N} denotes the set of all positive integers and $(x)_n$ is the Pochhammer symbol defined by

$$(x)_n = \begin{cases} 1, & n = 0 \\ x(x + 1)(x + 2) \dots (x + n - 1), & n \in \mathbb{N}. \end{cases}$$

The notation ${}_pF_q$ is quite useful for representing many well-known functions such as the exponential, the Binomial, the Bessel, the Laguerre polynomial, and others; for example see [8,9].

For complex values of $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_p$ and $\beta_1, \dots, \beta_q (\beta_j \neq 0, -1, \dots; j = 1, 2, \dots, q)$, let $H(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_p; \beta_1, \dots, \beta_q) : A \rightarrow A$ be a linear operator defined by

$$\begin{aligned} [(H(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_p; \beta_1, \dots, \beta_q)(f))](z) &= z {}_pF_q(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_p; \beta_1, \dots, \beta_q; z) * f(z) \\ &= z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \Gamma_n a_n z^n, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\Gamma_n = \frac{(\alpha_1)_{n-1} \dots (\alpha_p)_{n-1}}{(n-1)! (\beta_1)_{n-1} \dots (\beta_q)_{n-1}}. \tag{1.8}$$

For notational simplicity, we use a shorter notation $H_{p,q} \left(\begin{smallmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \beta_1 \end{smallmatrix} \right)$ for $H(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_p; \beta_1, \dots, \beta_q)$ in what follows. The linear operator $H_{p,q} \left(\begin{smallmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \beta_1 \end{smallmatrix} \right)$ called the Dziok–Srivastava operator (see [10]), includes (as its special cases) various other linear operators introduced and studied by Bernardi [11], Carlson and Shaffer [12], Libera [13], Livingston [14], Owa [15], Ruscheweyh [16] and Srivastava–Owa [17].

In [18] we define the Dziok–Srivastava operator of the harmonic functions of the form (1.1) such that

$$H_{p,q} \left(\begin{smallmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \beta_1 \end{smallmatrix} \right) (f) = H_{p,q} \left(\begin{smallmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \beta_1 \end{smallmatrix} \right) (h) + \overline{H_{p,q} \left(\begin{smallmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \beta_1 \end{smallmatrix} \right) (g)},$$

using the Dziok–Srivastava operator of harmonic functions we introduce the following classes:

$$k - ST_H \left(\begin{smallmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \beta_1 \end{smallmatrix} \right) = \left\{ f \in S_H, H_{p,q} \left(\begin{smallmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \beta_1 \end{smallmatrix} \right) (f) \in k - ST_H \right\}$$

$$k - UCV_H \left(\begin{smallmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \beta_1 \end{smallmatrix} \right) = \left\{ f \in S_H, H_{p,q} \left(\begin{smallmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \beta_1 \end{smallmatrix} \right) (f) \in k - UCV_H \right\}.$$

For $p = q + 1, \alpha_2 = \beta_1, \dots, \alpha_p = \beta_q,$

$$k - ST_H \left(\begin{smallmatrix} 1 \\ \alpha_2 \end{smallmatrix} \right) = k - ST_H$$

$$k - UCV_H \left(\begin{smallmatrix} 1 \\ \alpha_2 \end{smallmatrix} \right) = k - UCV_H.$$

The main object of this paper is to establish some important connections between the classes $k - ST_H, k - UCV_H, k - ST_H \left(\begin{smallmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \beta_1 \end{smallmatrix} \right)$ and $k - UCV_H \left(\begin{smallmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \beta_1 \end{smallmatrix} \right)$ by applying differential subordination.

2. Connections with the class $k - ST$ of harmonic starlike functions

In order to establish connections between harmonic $k - ST$ starlike mappings and analytic $k - ST$ starlike mappings, we need the following results.

Lemma 1 ([19]). *If f is of the form (1.1) with*

$$\sum_{m=2}^{\infty} m |a_m| + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} m |b_m| \leq 1,$$

then $f \in S_H^*$. The result is sharp.

Lemma 2 ([6,7]). *A function $f(z) \in S$ is in $k - ST$ if*

$$\sum_{m=2}^{\infty} (m(k+1) - k) |a_m| \leq 1,$$

where $k \geq 0$.

Lemma 3 ([20]). *A function $f = h + \bar{g}$ is harmonic convex if and if the analytic functions $h(z) - e^{i\gamma}g(z)$, $0 \leq \gamma < 2\pi$, are convex in the direction $\frac{\gamma}{2}$ and f is suitably normalized.*

Theorem 1. *If $f \in S_H$ is of the form (1.1) with*

$$\sum_{m=2}^{\infty} (m(k+1) - k) |a_m| + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} (m(k+1) - k) |b_m| \leq 1, \tag{2.1}$$

then $f \in k - ST_H$. The result is sharp.

Proof. From the definition of $k - ST_H$, we need only to prove that $\phi(z) \in k - ST$, where $\phi(z)$ is given by (1.2) such that

$$\phi(z) = z + \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} \left(\frac{a_m - b_m}{1 - b_1} \right) z^m.$$

Using Lemma 2, we have

$$\sum_{m=2}^{\infty} (m(1+k) - k) \left| \frac{a_m - b_m}{1 - b_1} \right| \leq \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} (m(1+k) - k) \left(\frac{|a_m| + |b_m|}{1 - |b_1|} \right) \leq 1$$

if and only if (2.1) holds and hence we have the result.

The harmonic function

$$f(z) = z + \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(m(1+k) - k)} x_m z^m + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(m(1+k) - k)} \bar{y}_m \bar{z}^m \quad \left(\text{where } \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} |x_m| + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} |y_m| = 1 \right)$$

shows that the coefficient bound given by (2.1) is sharp. \square

Remark 1. If $k = 0$, then we have the coefficient bound given in [19] utilizing a different approach.

Corollary 1. $k - ST_H \subseteq S_H^*$.

Theorem 2. *Let $f = h + \bar{g} \in S_H$ with*

$$\sum_{m=2}^{\infty} (m(1+k) - k) |\Gamma_m a_m| + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} (m(1+k) - k) |\Gamma_m b_m| \leq 1 \tag{2.2}$$

where Γ_m is defined by (1.7), then $f \in k - ST_H \left(\begin{smallmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \beta_1 \end{smallmatrix} \right)$. The result is sharp.

Proof. The result follows immediately using the following lemma.

Lemma 4 ([21]). If the parameters $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_p$ and β_1, \dots, β_q are positive real numbers and if

$$\sum_{m=2}^{\infty} (m(1+k) - k) \Gamma_m |a_m| \leq 1$$

then $f \in k - ST \left(\frac{\alpha_1}{\beta_1} \right)$.

The function

$$f(z) = z + \frac{1 + \delta}{(m(1+k) - k) \Gamma_m} \overline{z^m}, \quad \delta > 0$$

shows that the upper bound in (2.2) cannot be improved. \square

For the inclusion relations between the classes of $k - ST_H \left(\frac{\alpha_1}{\beta_1} \right)$ we need the following result [21].

Lemma 5. Let h be convex univalent in Δ with $h(0) = 1$ and $\operatorname{Re}(\lambda h(z) + \mu) > 0$ ($\lambda, \mu \in \mathbb{C}$). If p is analytic in Δ with $p(0) = 1$, then

$$p(z) + \frac{zp'(z)}{\lambda p(z) + \mu} < h(z) \quad (z \in \Delta)$$

implies

$$p(z) < h(z) \quad (z \in \Delta).$$

Theorem 3. Let $f = h + \bar{g} \in S_H$. Then $k - ST \left(\frac{\alpha_1+1}{\beta_1} \right) \subseteq k - ST \left(\frac{\alpha_1}{\beta_1} \right)$.

Proof. Let $f \in k - ST \left(\frac{\alpha_1+1}{\beta_1} \right)$, then

$$H_{p,q} \left(\frac{\alpha_1+1}{\beta_1} \right) \left(\frac{h-g}{1-b_1} \right) \in k - ST$$

and

$$\left| H_{p,q} \left(\frac{\alpha_1+1}{\beta_1} \right) (h) \right| > \left| H_{p,q} \left(\frac{\alpha_1+1}{\beta_1} \right) (g) \right|.$$

Using Lemma 5, we have

$$H_{p,q} \left(\frac{\alpha_1}{\beta_1} \right) \left(\frac{h-g}{1-b_1} \right) \in k - ST.$$

Since

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \alpha_1 H_{p,q} \left(\frac{\alpha_1+1}{\beta_1} \right) (h) \right| &= \left| z \left(H_{p,q} \left(\frac{\alpha_1}{\beta_1} \right) * h \right)' \right| \\ &= \left| z \left\{ \frac{1}{z} \left(H_{p,q} \left(\frac{\alpha_1}{\beta_1} \right) * h' \right) \right\} \right| \end{aligned}$$

this implies

$$\left| H_{p,q} \left(\frac{\alpha_1}{\beta_1} \right) (h) \right| > \left| H_{p,q} \left(\frac{\alpha_1}{\beta_1} \right) (g) \right|$$

or

$$H_{p,q} \left(\frac{\alpha_1}{\beta_1} \right) (h) + H_{p,q} \left(\frac{\alpha_1}{\beta_1} \right) (g) \in k - ST_H$$

and we have the result. \square

Theorem 4. Suppose that $\alpha_i \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$ ($j = 1, 2, \dots, p$), $\operatorname{Re}(\beta_j) > 0$ ($j = 1, 2, \dots, q$) and (in the case $p = q + 1$)

$$\operatorname{Re} \left(\sum_{j=1}^q \beta_j \right) > P_1 + 1 + \sum_{j=1}^p |\alpha_j|$$

where $P_1 = P_1(k)$ is the coefficient of z in $Q_k(z)$. If $f \in k-ST_H$ and for some k ($0 \leq k < \infty$), then the hypergeometric inequality

$$\frac{(k+2)|\alpha_1 \cdots \alpha_p|}{\text{Re}(\beta_1) \cdots \text{Re}(\beta_q)_{p+1}} F_{q+1}\left(1 + |\alpha_1|, \dots, 1 + |\alpha_p|, P_1 + 1; 1 + \text{Re}(\beta_1), \dots, 1 + \text{Re}(\beta_q), 2; 1\right) + {}_{p+1}F_{q+1}(|\alpha_1|, \dots, |\alpha_p|, P_1; \text{Re}(\beta_1), \dots, \text{Re}(\beta_q), 1; 1) < 2$$

holds true then $f \in k-ST_H\left(\frac{\alpha_1}{\beta_1}\right)$.

Proof. The result follows immediately using the following lemma.

Lemma 6 ([22]). Suppose that $\alpha_i \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$ ($j = 1, 2, \dots, p$), $\text{Re}(\beta_j) > 0$ ($j = 1, 2, \dots, q$) and (in the case $p = q + 1$)

$$\text{Re}\left(\sum_{j=1}^q \beta_j\right) > P_1 + 1 + \sum_{j=1}^p |\alpha_j|,$$

where $P_1 = P_1(k)$ is the coefficient of z in $Q_k(z)$. If $f \in k-ST$ and for some k ($0 \leq k < \infty$), then the hypergeometric inequality

$$\frac{(k+2)|\alpha_1 \cdots \alpha_p|}{\text{Re}(\beta_1) \cdots \text{Re}(\beta_q)_{p+1}} F_{q+1}\left(1 + |\alpha_1|, \dots, 1 + |\alpha_p|, P_1 + 1; 1 + \text{Re}(\beta_1), \dots, 1 + \text{Re}(\beta_q), 2; 1\right) + {}_{p+1}F_{q+1}(|\alpha_1|, \dots, |\alpha_p|, P_1; \text{Re}(\beta_1), \dots, \text{Re}(\beta_q), 1; 1) < 2$$

holds true then $f \in k-ST\left(\frac{\alpha_1}{\beta_1}\right)$. \square

Corollary 2. $k-ST_H\left(\frac{\alpha_1}{\beta_1}\right) \subseteq k-ST_H$.

Theorem 5. Let $f = h + \bar{g} \in S_H$ and let $F_c(f) = \frac{1+c}{z^c} \int_0^c t^{c-1} f(t) dt$. If $f \in k-ST_H\left(\frac{\alpha_1}{\beta_1}\right)$ then $F_c(f) \in k-ST_H\left(\frac{\alpha_1}{\beta_1}\right)$.

Proof. If $f \in k-ST_H\left(\frac{\alpha_1}{\beta_1}\right)$, then $\frac{f-g}{1-b_1} \in k-ST\left(\frac{\alpha_1}{\beta_1}\right)$. Using Lemma 5, we have $F_c\left(\frac{f-g}{1-b_1}\right) \in k-ST\left(\frac{\alpha_1}{\beta_1}\right)$. Since $\left|H_{p,q}\left(\frac{\alpha_1}{\beta_1}\right) F_c(h)\right| > \left|H_{p,q}\left(\frac{\alpha_1}{\beta_1}\right) F_c(g)\right|$, then $F_c(f) \in k-ST_H\left(\frac{\alpha_1}{\beta_1}\right)$. \square

3. Connection with harmonic uniformly convex mappings

In this section we shall look at the analogous results involving connections between various classes of k -uniformly convex harmonic mappings by applying differential subordination theory.

Lemma 7 ([19]). If $f = h + \bar{g}$ with

$$\sum_{m=2}^{\infty} m^2 |a_m| + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} m^2 |b_m| \leq 1,$$

then $f \in K_H$. The result is sharp.

Lemma 8 ([23]). Let $k \geq 0$, If f is of the form (1.2) with

$$\sum_{m=2}^{\infty} m[m(1+k) - k] \Gamma_m |a_m| \leq 1,$$

then $f \in k-UCV$, where Γ_m is defined by (1.7).

Theorem 6. If $f \in S_H$ is of the form (1.1) with

$$\sum_{m=2}^{\infty} m[m(1+k) - k] |a_m| + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} m[m(1+k) - k] |b_m| \leq 1, \tag{3.1}$$

then $f \in UCV_H$. The result is sharp.

Proof. From the definition of the class $k - UCV_H$ and the coefficient bound of $k - UCV$ given in Lemma 7, we have the result. The function

$$f(z) = z + \frac{(1 + \delta)}{m[m(1 + k) - k]} \bar{z}^m, \quad \delta > 0$$

shows that the upper bound in (3.1) cannot be improved. \square

Remark 2. If $k = 1$, then we have the coefficient bound given in [19] utilizing a different approach.

Corollary 3. $k - UCV_H \subseteq K_H$.

Theorem 7. If $f = h + \bar{g} \in S_H$ with

$$\sum_{m=2}^{\infty} m[m(1 + k) - k] |\Gamma_m a_m| + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} m[m(1 + k) - k] |\Gamma_m b_m| \leq 1, \tag{3.2}$$

then $f \in k - UCV_H \left(\begin{smallmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \beta_1 \end{smallmatrix} \right)$, where Γ_m is defined by (1.7). The function

$$f(z) = z + \frac{(1 + \delta)}{m[m(1 + k) - k] \Gamma_m} \bar{z}^m, \quad \delta > 0$$

shows that the result is sharp.

Proof. Using the following lemma [22] we have the result. \square

Lemma 9. If the parameters $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_p$ and β_1, \dots, β_q are positive real numbers and if

$$\sum_{m=2}^{\infty} m[m(1 + k) - k] \Gamma_m |a_m| \leq 1,$$

then $f \in k - UCV \left(\begin{smallmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \beta_1 \end{smallmatrix} \right)$. The function

$$f(z) = z + \frac{1 + \delta}{m[m(1 + k) - k] \Gamma_m} \bar{z}^m, \quad \delta > 0$$

shows that the upper bound in (3.2) cannot be improved.

Theorem 8. Let $f = h + \bar{g} \in S_H$. Then $k - UCV \left(\begin{smallmatrix} \alpha_1+1 \\ \beta_1 \end{smallmatrix} \right) \subseteq k - UCV \left(\begin{smallmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \beta_1 \end{smallmatrix} \right)$.

Applying the following lemma [22].

Lemma 10. Suppose that $\alpha_i \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$ ($j = 1, 2, \dots, p$), $\text{Re}(\beta_j) > 0$ ($j = 1, 2, \dots, q$) and (in the case $p = q + 1$)

$$\text{Re} \left(\sum_{j=1}^q \beta_j \right) > P_1 + \sum_{j=1}^p |\alpha_j|,$$

where $P_1 = P_1(k)$ is the coefficient of z in $Q_k(z)$. If $f \in k - UCV$, and for some k ($0 \leq k < \infty$), the hypergeometric inequality

$${}_{p+1}F_{q+1} (1 + |\alpha_1|, \dots, 1 + |\alpha_p|, P_1 + 1; 1 + \text{Re}(\beta_1), \dots, \text{Re}(\beta_q), 2; 1) < \frac{\text{Re}(\beta_1), \dots, \text{Re}(\beta_q)}{(k + 2) |\alpha_1 \cdots \alpha_p| P_1},$$

holds true, then we have

$$f \in k - UCV \left(\begin{smallmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \beta_1 \end{smallmatrix} \right).$$

Theorem 9. Suppose that $\alpha_i \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$ ($j = 1, 2, \dots, p$), $\text{Re}(\beta_j) > 0$ ($j = 1, 2, \dots, q$) and (in the case $p = q + 1$)

$$\text{Re} \left(\sum_{j=1}^q \beta_j \right) > P_1 + 1 + \sum_{j=1}^p |\alpha_j|,$$

where $P_1 = P_1(k)$ is the coefficient of z in $Q_k(z)$. If $f \in k - ST_H$ and for some k ($0 \leq k < \infty$), then hypergeometric inequality

$$\frac{(k+2)|\alpha_1 \cdots \alpha_p|}{\text{Re}(\beta_1) \cdots \text{Re}(\beta_q)_{p+1}} F_{q+1}\left(1 + |\alpha_1|, \dots, 1 + |\alpha_p|, P_1 + 1; 1 + \text{Re}(\beta_1), \dots, 1 + \text{Re}(\beta_q), 2; 1\right) + {}_{p+1}F_{q+1}(|\alpha_1|, \dots, |\alpha_p|, P_1; \text{Re}(\beta_1), \dots, \text{Re}(\beta_q), 1; 1) < 2$$

holds true then $f \in k - UCV_H\left(\frac{\alpha_1}{\beta_1}\right)$.

Theorem 10. Let $f = h + \bar{g} \in S_H$ and let $F_c(f) = \frac{1+c}{z^c} \int_0^z t^{c-1} f(t) dt$. If $f \in k - ST_H\left(\frac{\alpha_1}{\beta_1}\right)$ then $F_c(f) \in k - UCV_H\left(\frac{\alpha_1}{\beta_1}\right)$.

4. Connections between $k - ST_H\left(\frac{\alpha_1}{\beta_1}\right)$ and $k - UCV\left(\frac{\alpha_1}{\beta_1}\right)$

Next we find connections between the classes $k - ST_H, k - ST_H\left(\frac{\alpha_1}{\beta_1}\right), k - UCV_H$ and $k - UCV_H\left(\frac{\alpha_1}{\beta_1}\right)$ we need the following results [22].

Lemma 11. Suppose that $\alpha_i \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$ ($j = 1, 2, \dots, p$), $\text{Re}(\beta_j) > 0$ ($j = 1, 2, \dots, q$) and (in the case $p = q + 1$)

$$\text{Re}\left(\sum_{j=1}^q \beta_j\right) > P_1 + 1 + \sum_{j=1}^p |\alpha_j|,$$

where $P_1 = P_1(k)$ is the coefficient of z in $Q_k(z)$. If $f \in k - UCV$, and for some k ($0 \leq k < \infty$), the hypergeometric inequality

$$\frac{(k+2)|\alpha_1 \cdots \alpha_p|}{\text{Re}(\beta_1) \cdots \text{Re}(\beta_q)_{p+1}} F_{q+1}\left(1 + |\alpha_1|, \dots, 1 + |\alpha_p|, P_1 + 1; 1 + \text{Re}(\beta_1), \dots, 1 + \text{Re}(\beta_q), 3; 1\right) + {}_{p+1}F_{q+1}(|\alpha_1|, \dots, |\alpha_p|, P_1; \text{Re}(\beta_1), \dots, \text{Re}(\beta_q), 2; 1) < 2$$

holds true, then $f \in k - ST\left(\frac{\alpha_1}{\beta_1}\right)$.

Lemma 12. Suppose that $\alpha_i \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$ ($j = 1, 2, \dots, p$), $\text{Re}(\beta_j) > 0$ ($j = 1, 2, \dots, q$) and (in the case $p = q + 1$)

$$\text{Re}\left(\sum_{j=1}^q \beta_j\right) > p_1 + 1 + \sum_{j=1}^p |\alpha_j|,$$

where $P_1 = P_1(k)$ is the coefficient of z in $Q_k(z)$. If $f \in k - ST$, and for some k ($0 \leq k < \infty$), the hypergeometric inequality

$${}_{p+2}F_{q+2}(1 + |\alpha_1|, \dots, 1 + |\alpha_p|, P_1 + 1, 3; 1 + \text{Re}(\beta_1), \dots, 1 + \text{Re}(\beta_q), 2, 2; 1) < \frac{\text{Re}(\beta_1) \cdots \text{Re}(\beta_q)}{2P_1(k+2)|\alpha_1 \cdots \alpha_p|},$$

holds true, then $f \in k - UCV\left(\frac{\alpha_1}{\beta_1}\right)$.

Applying Lemmas 11 and 12, we get

Theorem 11. Suppose that $\alpha_i \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$ ($j = 1, 2, \dots, p$), $\text{Re}(\beta_j) > 0$ ($j = 1, 2, \dots, q$) and (in the case $p = q + 1$)

$$\text{Re}\left(\sum_{j=1}^q \beta_j\right) > P_1 + 1 + \sum_{j=1}^p |\alpha_j|,$$

where $P_1 = P_1(k)$ is the coefficient of z in $Q_k(z)$. If $f \in k - UCV_H$, and for some k ($0 \leq k < \infty$), the hypergeometric inequality

$$\frac{(k+2)|\alpha_1 \cdots \alpha_p|}{\text{Re}(\beta_1) \cdots \text{Re}(\beta_q)_{p+1}} F_{q+1}\left(1 + |\alpha_1|, \dots, 1 + |\alpha_p|, P_1 + 1; 1 + \text{Re}(\beta_1), \dots, 1 + \text{Re}(\beta_q), 3; 1\right) + {}_{p+1}F_{q+1}(|\alpha_1|, \dots, |\alpha_p|, P_1; \text{Re}(\beta_1), \dots, \text{Re}(\beta_q), 2; 1) < 2$$

holds true, then $f \in k - ST_H\left(\frac{\alpha_1}{\beta_1}\right)$.

Theorem 12. Suppose that $\alpha_i \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$ ($j = 1, 2, \dots, p$), $\operatorname{Re}(\beta_j) > 0$ ($j = 1, 2, \dots, q$) and (in the case $p = q + 1$)

$$\operatorname{Re} \left(\sum_{j=1}^q \beta_j \right) > P_1 + 1 + \sum_{j=1}^p |\alpha_j|,$$

where $P_1 = P_1(k)$ is the coefficient of z in $Q_k(z)$. If $f \in k - ST_H$, and for some k ($0 \leq k < \infty$), the hypergeometric inequality

$${}_{p+2}F_{q+2}(1 + |\alpha_1|, \dots, 1 + |\alpha_p|, P_1 + 1, 3; 1 + \operatorname{Re}(\beta_1), \dots, 1 + \operatorname{Re}(\beta_q), 2, 2; 1) < \frac{\operatorname{Re}(\beta_1) \cdots \operatorname{Re}(\beta_q)}{2P_1(k+2) |\alpha_1 \cdots \alpha_p|},$$

holds true, then $f \in k - UCV_H \left(\begin{smallmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \beta_1 \end{smallmatrix} \right)$.

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