

## On Bloch Constants for Certain Harmonic Mappings

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**Abstract.** Let  $f(z) = h(z) + \overline{g(z)}$  be a harmonic mapping of the unit disk  $U$ , where  $h(z)$  and  $g(z)$  are analytic in  $U$ . In this paper, we give a lower estimate of the Bloch constant for harmonic mappings of the form  $L(f)$ , where  $L$  represents the linear complex operator  $L = z \frac{\partial}{\partial z} - \bar{z} \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{z}}$  defined on the class of complex-valued  $C^1$  functions in the plane. Also, we obtain three versions of Landau's theorems for harmonic mappings of the form  $L(f)$ , which are sharp when  $M = 1$  or  $\Lambda = 1$ .

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### 1. Introduction and Preliminaries

Harmonic mappings can be regarded as generalizations of holomorphic functions. A two times continuously differentiable complex-valued function  $f(z) = u(z) + iv(z)$  is said to be a harmonic function in a domain  $D \subseteq \mathbb{C}$  if and only if its real part and imaginary part are real-valued harmonic functions of a domain  $D$ . Note that  $f$  is harmonic in  $D$  if  $f$  satisfies the harmonic equation  $\Delta f = 0$ , where  $\Delta$  represents the Laplacian operator

$$\Delta f = 4f_{z\bar{z}} = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2}, \quad z = x + iy \in D,$$

we use the common notations for its formal derivatives:

$$f_z = \frac{1}{2}(f_x - if_y), \quad f_{\bar{z}} = \frac{1}{2}(f_x + if_y).$$

Without loss of generality, we consider the class of harmonic mappings defined in the open unit disk  $U = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < 1\}$ . For such function  $f$ , we define

$$\Lambda_f(z) = \max_{0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi} |f_z(z) + e^{-2i\theta} f_{\bar{z}}(z)| = |f_z(z)| + |f_{\bar{z}}(z)|,$$

and

$$\lambda_f(z) = \min_{0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi} |f_z(z) + e^{-2i\theta} f_{\bar{z}}(z)| = ||f_z(z)| - |f_{\bar{z}}(z)||.$$

We denote the Jacobian of  $f$  by  $J_f$ , in [11], Lewy showed that a harmonic mapping  $f(z)$  is locally univalent in a domain  $D$  if and only if  $J_f \neq 0$  for any  $z \in D$ . Of course, local univalence of  $f$  does not imply global univalence in a domain  $D$ . Note that  $|J_f| = \Lambda_f \lambda_f$ . A harmonic mapping  $f$  is said to be  $K$ -quasiregular ( $K \geq 1$ ) on a domain  $D$  if  $\Lambda_f \leq K \lambda_f$  holds everywhere on  $D$ . Recall that a mapping of the unit disk  $U$  is said to be an open mapping if it maps any open subset of  $U$  to an open set in  $\mathbb{C}$ .

If  $D$  is simply connected, then  $f(z)$  can be written as  $f(z) = h(z) + \overline{g(z)}$  with  $f(0) = h(0)$ , where  $h(z)$  and  $g(z)$  are analytic in  $D$  (for details see [15, 16, 18]). Thus we have

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

For  $r > 0$ , we let  $U_r$  denote the disk with center at the origin and radius  $r$ . The classical Landau theorem concerns determining the possibly largest schlicht disk for the properly normalized bounded analytic functions. It states that if  $f$  is an analytic function in the unit disk  $U$  with  $f(0) = f'(0) - 1 = 0$  and  $|f(z)| < M$  for  $z \in U$ , then  $f$  is univalent in the disk  $|z| < r_0$  with  $r_0 = 1/(M + \sqrt{M^2 - 1})$ , and  $f(U_{r_0})$  contains a disk  $|w| < R_0$  with  $R_0 = Mr_0^2$ . This result is sharp, with the extremal function  $f(z) = Mz(1 - Mz)/(M - z)$  (see [4]). Furthermore, for holomorphic functions in  $U$  with the only restriction that  $f'(0) = 1$ , there is the Bloch theorem which asserts the existence of a positive constant  $b$  such that  $f(U)$  contains a schlicht disk, that is, a disk of radius  $b$  which is the univalent image of some region in  $U$ . The Bloch constant is defined as the supremum of all such  $b$ .

Recently, many authors considered Landau and Bloch theorems for planar harmonic mappings (see [5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 13, 14]) and Landau's theorem for bi-harmonic mappings (see [3, 6, 12]). Some authors studied other problems of harmonic functions [17].

In [1], the authors considered the following differential operator  $L$  defined on the class of complex-valued  $C^1$  functions:

$$L = z \frac{\partial}{\partial z} - \bar{z} \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{z}}.$$

Clearly,  $L$  is a complex linear operator and satisfies the usual product rule:

$$L(af + bg) = aL(f) + bL(g),$$

and

$$L(fg) = fL(g) + gL(f),$$

where  $a, b$  are complex constants,  $f$  and  $g$  are complex functions in  $\mathbb{C}$ . In addition, the operator  $L$  possesses a number of interesting properties. For instance, it is easy to see that the operator  $L$  preserves both harmonicity and biharmonicity. Many other basic properties are stated in [2].

The main aim of this paper is to consider Landau and Bloch theorems for the harmonic mappings of the form  $L(f)$ , where  $f$  belongs to the class of harmonic mappings.

In order to establish our main results, we need the following lemmas.

**Lemma 1.1.** [12] *Suppose that  $f(z) = h(z) + \overline{g(z)}$  is a harmonic mapping of the unit disk  $U$  with  $h(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n z^n$  and  $g(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n z^n$  are analytic on  $U$ .*

(i) *If  $J_f(0) = 1$  and  $|f(z)| \leq M$  for  $z \in U$ , then*

$$|a_n| + |b_n| \leq \sqrt{2M^2 - 2}, \quad n = 2, 3, \dots \tag{1}$$

and

$$\lambda_f(0) \geq \lambda_0(M) = \begin{cases} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{M^2-1} + \sqrt{M^2+1}} & 1 \leq M \leq M_0 = \frac{\pi}{2\sqrt[3]{2\pi^2-16}}, \\ \frac{\pi}{4M} & M > M_0 \approx 1.1296. \end{cases} \tag{2}$$

(ii) *If  $\lambda_f(0) = 1$  and  $|f(z)| \leq M$ , then the inequalities (1) also hold.*

*Remark 1.2.* 1.2 From (1), we know that  $M \geq 1$ . Setting  $M = 1$  in Lemma 1.1, then  $a_n = b_n = 0$  for  $n = 2, 3, \dots$ , thus  $f(z) = a_1 z + \overline{b_1 z}$  with  $||a_1| - |b_1|| = 1$ .

**Lemma 1.3.** [12, 13] *Suppose that  $f(z) = h(z) + \overline{g(z)}$  is a harmonic mapping of the unit disk  $U$  with  $h(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n z^n$  and  $g(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n z^n$  and  $\lambda_f(0) = 1$ . If  $\Lambda_f(z) \leq \Lambda$  for  $z \in U$ , then*

$$|a_n| + |b_n| \leq \frac{\Lambda^2 - 1}{n\Lambda}, \quad n = 2, 3, \dots \tag{3}$$

*Above estimates are sharp for all  $n = 2, 3, \dots$ , with the extremal functions  $f_n(z)$  and  $\overline{f_n(z)}$*

$$f_n(z) = \Lambda^2 z - (\Lambda^3 - \Lambda) \int_0^z \frac{dz}{\Lambda + z^{n-1}}.$$

*Remark 1.4.* From (3), we know that  $\Lambda \geq 1$ . Setting  $\Lambda = 1$  in Lemma 1.3, then  $a_n = b_n = 0$  for  $n = 2, 3, \dots$ , thus  $f(z) = a_1 z + \overline{b_1} \bar{z}$  with  $\|a_1\| - \|b_1\| = 1$ .

## 2. Main Results

We first establish a version of Landau's theorem for the harmonic mappings of the form  $L(f)$ , where  $f$  belongs to the class of harmonic mappings.

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let  $f(z)$  be a harmonic mapping of the unit disk  $U$ , with  $f(0) = J_f(0) - 1 = 0$ , and  $|f(z)| \leq M$  for  $z \in U$ . Then  $L(f)$  is univalent in the disk  $U_{r_1}$ , and  $L(f)(U_{r_1})$  contains a schlicht disk  $U_{\sigma_1}$ , where  $r_1$  is the minimum positive root of the following equation:*

$$\lambda_0(M) - \sqrt{2M^2 - 2} \cdot \frac{4r - 3r^2 + r^3}{(1-r)^3} = 0, \quad (4)$$

for  $M > 1$ , and  $r_1 = 1$  for  $M = 1$ ,

$$\sigma_1 = \lambda_0(M)r_1 - \sqrt{2M^2 - 2} \cdot \frac{2r_1^2 - r_1^3}{(1-r_1)^2}, \quad (5)$$

where  $\lambda_0(M)$  is defined by (2). This result is sharp for  $M = 1$ .

*Proof.* If  $f(z) = h(z) + \overline{g(z)}$  satisfies the hypothesis of Theorem 2.1, where  $h(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n z^n$  and  $g(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n z^n$  are analytic on  $U$ . We defined

$$H := L(f) = z f_z - \bar{z} f_{\bar{z}},$$

then

$$H_z = f_z + z f_{zz},$$

and

$$H_{\bar{z}} = -f_{\bar{z}} - \bar{z} f_{\bar{z}\bar{z}}.$$

Also, we observe that  $J_f(0) = J_H(0) = 1$ , by Lemma 1.1, we have

$$|a_n| + |b_n| \leq \sqrt{2M^2 - 2}, \quad n = 2, 3, \dots \quad (6)$$

and

$$\lambda_f(0) \geq \lambda_0(M). \quad (7)$$

Thus, for  $z_1 \neq z_2$  in  $U_r$  ( $0 < r < r_1$ ), by (6) and (7), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & |H(z_1) - H(z_2)| \\
 &= \left| \int_{[z_1, z_2]} H_z(z) dz + H_{\bar{z}}(z) d\bar{z} \right| \\
 &\geq \left| \int_{[z_1, z_2]} f_z(0) dz - f_{\bar{z}}(0) d\bar{z} \right| - \left| \int_{[z_1, z_2]} z f_{zz} dz - \bar{z} f_{\bar{z}\bar{z}} d\bar{z} \right| \\
 &\quad - \left| \int_{[z_1, z_2]} (f_z(z) - f_z(0)) dz - (f_{\bar{z}}(z) - f_{\bar{z}}(0)) d\bar{z} \right| \\
 &\geq |z_1 - z_2| \left( \lambda_f(0) - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n-1)(|a_n| + |b_n|)r^{n-1} - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (|a_n| + |b_n|)nr^{n-1} \right) \\
 &\geq |z_1 - z_2| \left( \lambda_0(M) - \sqrt{2M^2 - 2} \cdot \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n-1)r^{n-1} - \sqrt{2M^2 - 2} \cdot \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} nr^{n-1} \right) \\
 &= |z_1 - z_2| \left( \lambda_0(M) - \sqrt{2M^2 - 2} \cdot \frac{2r}{(1-r)^3} - \sqrt{2M^2 - 2} \cdot \frac{2r - r^2}{(1-r)^2} \right) \\
 &= |z_1 - z_2| \left( \lambda_0(M) - \sqrt{2M^2 - 2} \cdot \frac{4r - 3r^2 + r^3}{(1-r)^3} \right) \\
 &> 0,
 \end{aligned}$$

this implies  $F(z_1) \neq F(z_2)$ , which proves the univalence of  $L(f)$  in the disk  $U_{r_1}$ .

Finally, in the same way, we now consider any  $z = r_1 e^{i\theta} \in \partial U_{r_1}$ , by (6) and (7), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 |H(z)| &= |z f_z - \bar{z} f_{\bar{z}}| \\
 &\geq |z f_z(0) - \bar{z} f_{\bar{z}}(0)| - |z(f_z(z) - f_z(0)) - \bar{z}(f_{\bar{z}}(z) - f_{\bar{z}}(0))| \\
 &\geq \lambda_f(0)r_1 - r_1 \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (|a_n| + |b_n|)nr_1^{n-1} \\
 &\geq \lambda_0(M)r_1 - \sqrt{2M^2 - 2} \cdot \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} nr_1^n \\
 &= \lambda_0(M)r_1 - \sqrt{2M^2 - 2} \cdot \frac{2r_1^2 - r_1^3}{(1-r_1)^2} = \sigma_1.
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $L(f)$  is univalent on  $U_{r_1}$  and  $L(f)(U_{r_1})$  contains the disk  $U_{\sigma_1}$ , where  $r_1$  is defined by (4) and  $\sigma_1$  is defined by (5).

Finally, it is evident that  $r_1 = \sigma_1 = 1$  for  $M = 1$  is the best possible. This completes the proof of Theorem 2.1. ■

With the aid of Lemma 1.1, if we apply the same method as in our proof of Theorem 2.1, or let 1 instead of  $\lambda_0(M)$ , we get the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.2.** *Let  $f(z)$  be a harmonic mapping of the unit disk  $U$ , with  $f(0) = \lambda_f(0) - 1 = 0$ , and  $|f(z)| \leq M$  for  $z \in U$ . Then  $L(f)$  is univalent in the disk  $U_{r_2}$ , and  $L(f)(U_{r_2})$  contains a schlicht disk  $U_{\sigma_2}$ , where  $r_2$  is the minimum positive root of the following equation:*

$$1 - \sqrt{2M^2 - 2} \cdot \frac{4r - 3r^2 + r^3}{(1 - r)^3} = 0,$$

for  $M > 1$ , and  $r_2 = 1$  for  $M = 1$ ,

$$\sigma_2 = r_2 - \sqrt{2M^2 - 2} \cdot \frac{2r_2^2 - r_2^3}{(1 - r_2)^2}.$$

This result is sharp for  $M = 1$ .

Next, with the aid of Lemma 1.3, we can get another version of Landau's theorem for the harmonic mappings of the form  $L(f)$  as follows.

**Theorem 2.3.** *Let  $f(z)$  be a harmonic mapping of the unit disk  $U$ , with  $f(0) = \lambda_f(0) - 1 = 0$ , and  $\Lambda_f(z) \leq \Lambda$  for  $z \in U$ . Then  $L(f)$  is univalent in the disk  $U_{r_3}$ , and  $L(f)(U_{r_3})$  contains a schlicht disk  $U_{\sigma_3}$ , where*

$$r_3 = 1 - \sqrt{\frac{\Lambda^2 - 1}{\Lambda^2 + \Lambda - 1}}, \quad (8)$$

and

$$\sigma_3 = \begin{cases} 1 - \frac{2\sqrt{\Lambda^2 - 1}}{\sqrt{\Lambda^2 + \Lambda - 1} + \sqrt{\Lambda^2 - 1}} & \Lambda > 1, \\ 1 & \Lambda = 1, \end{cases} \quad (9)$$

above result is sharp when  $\Lambda = 1$ .

*Proof.* If  $f(z) = h(z) + \overline{g(z)}$  satisfies the hypothesis of Theorem 2.3, where  $h(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n z^n$  and  $g(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n z^n$  are analytic on  $U$ , then

$$\lambda_f(0) = ||a_1| - |b_1|| = 1. \quad (10)$$

Let  $H := L(f) = zf_z - \bar{z}f_{\bar{z}}$ , by the proof of Theorem 2.1 and Lemma 1.3, we obtain that  $\lambda_f(0) = \lambda_H(0) = 1$ , and

$$|a_n| + |b_n| \leq \frac{\Lambda^2 - 1}{n\Lambda}, \quad n = 2, 3, \dots. \quad (11)$$

To prove the univalence of  $H(z)$  in  $U_{r_3}$ , we adopt the method as in our proof

of Theorem 2.1. For  $z_1 \neq z_2$  in  $U_r$  ( $0 < r < r_3$ ), by (10) and (11) we have

$$\begin{aligned} & |H(z_1) - H(z_2)| \\ &= \left| \int_{[z_1, z_2]} H_z(z) dz + H_{\bar{z}}(z) d\bar{z} \right| \\ &\geq |z_1 - z_2| \left( \lambda_f(0) - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n-1)(|a_n| + |b_n|)r^{n-1} \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (|a_n| + |b_n|)nr^{n-1} \right) \\ &\geq |z_1 - z_2| \left( 1 - \frac{\Lambda^2 - 1}{\Lambda} \cdot \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (n-1)r^{n-1} - \frac{\Lambda^2 - 1}{\Lambda} \cdot \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} r^{n-1} \right) \\ &= |z_1 - z_2| \left( 1 - \frac{\Lambda^2 - 1}{\Lambda} \cdot \frac{r}{(1-r)^2} - \frac{\Lambda^2 - 1}{\Lambda} \cdot \frac{r}{1-r} \right) \\ &= |z_1 - z_2| \left( 1 - \frac{\Lambda^2 - 1}{\Lambda} \cdot \frac{2r - r^2}{(1-r)^2} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Since

$$r_3 = 1 - \sqrt{\frac{\Lambda^2 - 1}{\Lambda^2 + \Lambda - 1}}$$

is the minimum positive root of the following equation:

$$1 - \frac{\Lambda^2 - 1}{\Lambda} \cdot \frac{2r - r^2}{(1-r)^2} = 0.$$

This implies  $H(z_1) \neq H(z_2)$ , which proves the univalence of  $L(f)$  in the disk  $U_{r_3}$ .

From Lemma 1.3, we get that  $\Lambda \geq 1$ . When  $\Lambda > 1$ , by means of (10), for  $|z| = r_3$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} |H(z)| &= |zf_z - \bar{z}f_{\bar{z}}| \\ &\geq |zf_z(0) - \bar{z}f_{\bar{z}}(0)| - |z(f_z(z) - f_z(0)) - \bar{z}(f_{\bar{z}}(z) - f_{\bar{z}}(0))| \\ &\geq \lambda_f(0)r_3 - r_3 \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (|a_n| + |b_n|)nr_3^{n-1} \\ &\geq r_3 - \frac{\Lambda^2 - 1}{\Lambda} \cdot \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} r_3^n \\ &= r_3 - \frac{\Lambda^2 - 1}{\Lambda} \cdot \frac{r_3^2}{1 - r_3} \\ &= 1 - \frac{2\sqrt{\Lambda^2 - 1}}{\sqrt{\Lambda^2 + \Lambda - 1} + \sqrt{\Lambda^2 - 1}} = \sigma_3. \end{aligned}$$

When  $\Lambda = 1$ , from Remark 1.4 and (8), we get that  $f(z) = a_1z + \overline{b_1}\overline{z}$  with  $\|a_1\| - \|b_1\| = 1$ , and  $r_3 = 1$ , thus for  $|z| = r_3 = 1$ ,

$$|H(z)| = |a_1z - \overline{b_1}\overline{z}| \geq \|a_1\| - \|b_1\| = 1.$$

Hence,  $L(f)(z)$  is univalent on  $U_{r_3}$  and  $L(f)(U_{r_3})$  contains the disk  $U_{\sigma_3}$ , where  $r_3$  is defined by (8) and  $\sigma_3$  is defined by (9).

Finally, it is evident that  $r_1 = \sigma_1 = 1$  for  $M = 1$  is the best possible. This completes the proof of Theorem 2.3.  $\blacksquare$

Using Theorem 2.3, now we consider the case  $f$  is a  $K$ -quasiregular harmonic mapping of the unit disk  $U$ .

**Theorem 2.4.** *Let  $f(z)$  be a  $K$ -quasiregular harmonic mapping of the unit disk  $U$ , with  $f(0) = \lambda_f(0) - 1 = 0$ . Then  $L(f)(U)$  contains a schlicht disc of radius at least*

$$\sigma_4 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} - \frac{\sqrt{8K^2 - 2}}{\sqrt{4K^2 + 2K - 1} + \sqrt{4K^2 - 1}}.$$

*Proof.* As in the proof of Theorem 5 in [5], let  $g(\omega) = \sqrt{2}f(\frac{\omega}{\sqrt{2}})$  for  $\omega \in U$ . Since  $f$  is a  $K$ -quasiregular, we have  $g$  is also  $K$ -quasiregular, thus  $\lambda_g(0) = \lambda_f(0) = 1$ , and

$$\Lambda_g(\omega) \leq K\lambda_g(\omega) = K\lambda_f\left(\frac{\omega}{\sqrt{2}}\right) < 2K, \quad \omega \in U.$$

By Theorem 2.3, we see that  $L(g)$  is univalent on  $U_{r_4}$  with

$$r_4 = 1 - \frac{\sqrt{4K^2 - 1}}{\sqrt{4K^2 + 2K - 1}},$$

and  $L(g)(U_{r_4})$  contains a schlicht disk  $U_{R_4}$  with

$$R_4 = 1 - \frac{2\sqrt{4K^2 - 1}}{\sqrt{4K^2 + 2K - 1} + \sqrt{4K^2 - 1}}.$$

Notice that  $L(g) = \sqrt{2}L(f(\frac{\omega}{\sqrt{2}}))$ , hence,  $L(f)(U)$  contains a schlicht disc of radius at least  $\sigma_4$ , and the proof is complete.  $\blacksquare$

If the function is normalized by  $J_f(0) = 1$ , the radius of the schlicht disk will be a little smaller.

**Theorem 2.5.** *Let  $f(z)$  be a  $K$ -quasiregular harmonic mapping of the unit disk  $U$ , with  $f(0) = J_f(0) - 1 = 0$ . Then  $L(f)(U)$  contains a schlicht disc of radius at least*

$$\sigma_5 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2K}} - \frac{\sqrt{8K^2 - 2}}{\sqrt{K}(\sqrt{4K^2 + 2K - 1} + \sqrt{4K^2 - 1})}.$$

*Proof.* Since  $f$  is a  $K$ -quasiregular and  $J_f(0) = 1$ , we have

$$\lambda_f(0) \geq \frac{\sqrt{J_f(0)}}{\sqrt{K}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{K}}.$$

Applying Theorem 2.4 to the function  $f/\lambda_f(0)$  gives the conclusion of the theorem. ■

Finally, we consider the case  $f$  is an open harmonic mapping of the unit disk  $U$ .

**Theorem 2.6.** *Let  $f(z)$  be an open harmonic mapping of the unit disk  $U$  normalized by  $f_z(0) - 1 = f_{\bar{z}}(0) = 0$ . Then  $L(f)(U)$  contains a schlicht disc of radius at least*

$$\sigma_6 \approx 0.014333.$$

*Proof.* As in the proof of Theorem 7 in [5], we get  $f$  is  $K_r$ -quasiregular on  $U_r$  with  $K_r = \frac{1+r}{1-r}$  and  $0 < r < 1$ , by using Theorem 2.4 to the function  $F(\omega) = \frac{f(r\omega)}{r}$ ,  $\omega \in U$ , we have  $L(f)(U_r)$  contains a schlicht disc of radius at least

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_6(r) &= \frac{r}{\sqrt{2}} - \frac{r\sqrt{8K_r^2 - 2}}{\sqrt{4K_r^2 + 2K_r - 1} + \sqrt{4K_r^2 - 1}} \\ &= \frac{r}{\sqrt{2}} \left( 1 - \frac{2\sqrt{4K_r^2 - 1}}{\sqrt{4K_r^2 + 2K_r - 1} + \sqrt{4K_r^2 - 1}} \right) \\ &= \frac{r}{\sqrt{2}} \left( \frac{\sqrt{4K_r^2 + 2K_r - 1} - \sqrt{4K_r^2 - 1}}{\sqrt{4K_r^2 + 2K_r - 1} + \sqrt{4K_r^2 - 1}} \right) \\ &= \frac{r}{\sqrt{2}} \left( \frac{\sqrt{4\left(\frac{1+r}{1-r}\right)^2 + 2\left(\frac{1+r}{1-r}\right)} - 1 - \sqrt{4\left(\frac{1+r}{1-r}\right)^2 - 1}}{\sqrt{4\left(\frac{1+r}{1-r}\right)^2 + 2\left(\frac{1+r}{1-r}\right)} - 1 + \sqrt{4\left(\frac{1+r}{1-r}\right)^2 - 1}} \right) \\ &= \frac{r}{\sqrt{2}} \left( \frac{\sqrt{r^2 + 10r + 5} - \sqrt{3r^2 + 10r + 3}}{\sqrt{r^2 + 10r + 5} + \sqrt{3r^2 + 10r + 3}} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Note that the function  $\frac{r}{\sqrt{2}} \left( \frac{\sqrt{r^2 + 10r + 5} - \sqrt{3r^2 + 10r + 3}}{\sqrt{r^2 + 10r + 5} + \sqrt{3r^2 + 10r + 3}} \right)$  attains its maximum value  $\approx 0.014333$  when  $r \approx 0.41796$ , we get

$$\sigma_6(0.41796) \approx 0.014333.$$

This completes the proof of Theorem 2.6. ■

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