

Properties of Harmonic Functions which are Convex of Order β with Respect to Conjugate Points

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Abstract

Let \mathcal{H} denote the class of functions f which are harmonic and univalent in the open unit disc $D = \{z : |z| < 1\}$. This paper defines and investigates a family of complex-valued harmonic functions that are orientation preserving and univalent in \mathcal{D} and are related to the functions convex of order β ($0 \leq \beta < 1$), with respect to conjugate points. We obtain coefficient conditions, growth result, extreme points, convolution and convex combinations for the above harmonic functions.

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1 Introduction

A continuous complex-valued function $f = u + iv$ defined in a simply connected complex domain E is said to be harmonic in E if both u and v are real harmonic in E . There is a close inter-relation between analytic functions and harmonic functions. For example, for real harmonic functions u and v there exist analytic functions U and V so that $u = \operatorname{Re}(U)$ and $v = \operatorname{Im}(V)$. Then

$$f(z) = h(z) + \overline{g(z)}$$

where h and g are, respectively, the analytic functions $(U+V)/2$ and $(U-V)/2$. In this case, the Jacobian of $f = h + \bar{g}$ is given by

$$J_f = |h'(z)|^2 - |g'(z)|^2.$$

The mapping $z \mapsto f(z)$ is orientation preserving and locally one-to-one in E if and only if $J_f > 0$ in E . See also Clunie and Sheil-Small [1]. The function $f = h + \bar{g}$ is said to be harmonic univalent in E if the mapping $z \mapsto f(z)$ is orientation preserving, harmonic and one-to-one in E . We call h the analytic part and g the co-analytic part of $f = h + \bar{g}$.

Let \mathcal{H} denote the class of functions $f = h + \bar{g}$ which are harmonic and univalent in \mathcal{D} with the normalization

$$h(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n z^n, \quad g(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n z^n, \quad a_n \geq 0, \quad b_n \geq 0, \quad |b_1| < 1. \quad (1)$$

Also let $\overline{\mathcal{H}}$ be the subclass of \mathcal{H} consisting of functions $f = h + \bar{g}$ so that the functions h and g take the form

$$h(z) = z - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} |a_n| z^n, \quad g(z) = - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |b_n| z^n, \quad a_n \geq 0, \quad b_n \geq 0, \quad |b_1| < 1. \quad (2)$$

Now, we define new class of functions as follows:

Definition 1.1 Let $f \in \mathcal{H}$. Then $f \in \mathcal{HC}_c(\beta)$ is said to be harmonic convex of order β , with respect to conjugate points, if and only if, for $0 \leq \beta < 1$,

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{2 \left[z^2 h''(z) + z h'(z) + \overline{z^2 g''(z) + z g'(z)} \right]}{z h'(z) - \overline{z g'(z)} + z \overline{h'(\bar{z})} - \overline{z g'(\bar{z})}} \right\} \geq \beta. \quad (3)$$

Also, we let $\overline{\mathcal{HC}}_c(\beta) = \mathcal{HC}_c(\beta) \cap \overline{\mathcal{H}}$.

The following theorem proved by Jahangiri in [2] will be used throughout in this paper.

Theorem 1.1 ([2]) Let $f = h + \bar{g}$ with h and g of the form (1). If

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n(n-\beta)}{1-\beta} |a_n| + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n(n+\beta)}{1-\beta} |b_n| \leq 1, \quad (4)$$

then f is harmonic, orientation preserving, univalent in \mathcal{D} and $f \in \mathcal{HK}(\beta)$.

2 Results

We begin the results with a sufficient coefficient condition for functions in $\mathcal{HC}_c(\beta)$.

Theorem 2.1 *Let $f = h + \bar{g}$ be of the form (1). If*

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n(n-\beta)}{1-\beta} |a_n| + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n(n+\beta)}{1-\beta} |b_n| \leq 1, \tag{5}$$

then f is harmonic, orientation preserving, univalent in \mathcal{D} and $f \in \mathcal{HC}_c(\beta)$.

Proof. Since condition (5) hold, it follows from Theorem 1.1 that $f \in \mathcal{HC}(\beta)$ and hence f is harmonic, orientation preserving and univalent in \mathcal{D} . Now, we only need to show that if (5) holds then

$$Re \left\{ \frac{2 \left[z^2 h''(z) + z h'(z) + \overline{z^2 g''(z) + z g'(z)} \right]}{z h'(z) - \overline{z g'(z)} + z \overline{h'(\bar{z})} - \overline{z g'(\bar{z})}} \right\} = Re \frac{A(z)}{B(z)} \geq \beta.$$

Using the fact that $Re(w) \geq \beta$ if and only if $|1 - \beta + w| \geq |1 + \beta - w|$, it suffices to show that

$$|A(z) + (1 - \beta)B(z)| - |A(z) - (1 + \beta)B(z)| \geq 0, \tag{6}$$

where

$$A(z) = 2 \left[z^2 h''(z) + z h'(z) + \overline{z^2 g''(z) + z g'(z)} \right]$$

and

$$B(z) = z h'(z) - \overline{z g'(z)} + z \overline{h'(\bar{z})} - \overline{z g'(\bar{z})}.$$

Substituting for $A(z)$ and $B(z)$ in (6), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & |A(z) + (1 - \beta)B(z)| - |A(z) - (1 + \beta)B(z)| \\ &= \left| (2 + 2(1 - \beta))z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n[2n + 2(1 - \beta)] a_n z^n \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n[2n - 2(1 - \beta)] b_n \bar{z}^n \right| - \left| (2 - 2(1 + \beta))z \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n[2n - 2(1 + \beta)] a_n z^n + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n[2n + 2(1 + \beta)] b_n \bar{z}^n \right| \\ &\geq (2 + 2(1 - \beta))|z| - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n[2n + 2(1 - \beta)] |a_n| |z|^n \\ &\quad - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n[2n - 2(1 - \beta)] |b_n| |z|^n - (2(1 + \beta) - 2)|z| \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n[2n - 2(1 + \beta)] |a_n| |z|^n - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n[2n + 2(1 + \beta)] |b_n| |z|^n \\
& \geq 4(1 - \beta)|z| \left\{ 1 - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n(n - \beta)}{1 - \beta} |a_n| - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n(n + \beta)}{1 - \beta} |b_n| \right\} \\
& \geq 0, \quad \text{by (5)}. \quad \square
\end{aligned}$$

The harmonic functions

$$f(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1 - \beta}{n(n - \beta)} x_n z^n + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1 - \beta}{n(n + \beta)} \bar{y}_n \bar{z}^n, \quad (7)$$

where $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} |x_n| + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |y_n| = 1$, show that the coefficient bound given in Theorem 2.1 is sharp.

The functions of the form (7) are in $\mathcal{HC}_c(\beta)$ since

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1 - \beta}{n(n - \beta)} |a_n| + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1 - \beta}{n(n + \beta)} |b_n| = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} |x_n| + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |y_n| = 1.$$

Next, we show that the bound (5) is also necessary for functions in $\overline{\mathcal{HC}}_c(\beta)$.

Theorem 2.2 *Let $f = h + \bar{g}$ with h and g of the form (2). Then $f \in \overline{\mathcal{HC}}_c(\beta)$ if and only if*

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n(n - \beta)}{1 - \beta} |a_n| + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n(n + \beta)}{1 - \beta} |b_n| \leq 1. \quad (8)$$

Proof. In view of Theorem 2.1, we only need to show that f is not in $\overline{\mathcal{HC}}_c(\beta)$ if condition (8) does not hold. We note that a necessary and sufficient condition for $f = h + \bar{g}$ given by (2) to be in $\mathcal{HC}_c(\beta)$ is that the coefficient condition (3) to be satisfied. Equivalently, we must have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{2[z^2 h''(z) + z h'(z) + \overline{z^2 g''(z) + z g'(z)}]}{z h'(z) - \overline{z g'(\bar{z})} + z h'(\bar{z}) - \overline{z g'(\bar{z})}} - \beta \right\} \\
& = \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{z - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n^2 |a_n| z^n - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^2 |b_n| \bar{z}^n}{z - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n |a_n| z^n + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n |b_n| \bar{z}^n} - \beta \right\} \\
& = \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{(1 - \beta) - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n - \beta) |a_n| z^{n-1} - \frac{\bar{z}}{z} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n(n + \beta) |b_n| \bar{z}^{n-1}}{1 - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n |a_n| z^{n-1} + \frac{\bar{z}}{z} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n |b_n| \bar{z}^{n-1}} \right\} \\
& \geq 0.
\end{aligned}$$

The above condition must hold for all values of z , $|z| = r < 1$. Upon choosing the values of z on the positive real axis where $0 \leq z = r < 1$, the above inequality reduces to

$$\frac{(1 - \beta) - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n - \beta) |a_n| r^{n-1} - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n(n + \beta) |b_n| r^{n-1}}{1 - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n |a_n| r^{n-1} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n |b_n| r^{n-1}} \geq 0. \quad (9)$$

If condition (8) does not hold then the numerator in (9) is negative for r sufficiently close to 1. Thus there exists $z_0 = r_0$ in $(0,1)$ for which the quotient (9) is negative. This contradicts the required condition for $f \in \overline{\mathcal{HC}}_c(\beta)$ and so the proof is complete. \square

The growth result for functions in $\overline{\mathcal{HC}}_c(\beta)$ is discussed in the following theorem.

Theorem 2.3 *If $f \in \overline{\mathcal{HC}}_c(\beta)$ then*

$$|f(z)| \leq (1 + |b_1|)r + \left(\frac{1 - \beta}{2(2 - \beta)} - \frac{1 + \beta}{2(2 - \beta)} |b_1| \right) r^2, \quad |z| = r < 1$$

and

$$|f(z)| \geq (1 - |b_1|)r - \left(\frac{1 - \beta}{2(2 - \beta)} - \frac{1 + \beta}{2(2 - \beta)} |b_1| \right) r^2, \quad |z| = r < 1.$$

Proof. Let $f \in \overline{\mathcal{HC}}_c(\beta)$. Taking the absolute value of f we have

$$\begin{aligned} |f(z)| &\leq (1 + |b_1|)r + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (|a_n| + |b_n|) r^n \\ &\leq (1 + |b_1|)r + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (|a_n| + |b_n|) r^2 \\ &= (1 + |b_1|)r + \frac{1 - \beta}{2(2 - \beta)} \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \left(\frac{2(2 - \beta)}{1 - \beta} |a_n| + \frac{2(2 - \beta)}{1 - \beta} |b_n| \right) r^2 \\ &\leq (1 + |b_1|)r + \frac{1 - \beta}{2(2 - \beta)} \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \left(\frac{n(n - \beta)}{1 - \beta} |a_n| + \frac{n(n + \beta)}{1 - \beta} |b_n| \right) r^2 \\ &\leq (1 + |b_1|)r + \frac{1 - \beta}{2(2 - \beta)} \left(1 - \frac{1 + \beta}{1 - \beta} |b_1| \right) r^2 \\ &= (1 + |b_1|)r + \left(\frac{1 - \beta}{2(2 - \beta)} - \frac{1 + \beta}{2(2 - \beta)} |b_1| \right) r^2 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} |f(z)| &\geq (1 - |b_1|)r - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (|a_n| + |b_n|) r^n \\ &\geq (1 - |b_1|)r - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (|a_n| + |b_n|) r^2 \\ &= (1 - |b_1|)r - \frac{1 - \beta}{2(2 - \beta)} \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \left(\frac{2(2 - \beta)}{1 - \beta} |a_n| + \frac{2(2 - \beta)}{1 - \beta} |b_n| \right) r^2 \\ &\geq (1 - |b_1|)r - \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{1-\beta}{2(2-\beta)} \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \left(\frac{n(n-\beta)}{1-\beta} |a_n| + \frac{n(n+\beta)}{1-\beta} |b_n| \right) r^2 \\
& \geq (1-|b_1|)r - \frac{1-\beta}{2(2-\beta)} \left(1 - \frac{1+\beta}{1-\beta} |b_1| \right) r^2 \\
& = (1-|b_1|)r - \left(\frac{1-\beta}{2(2-\beta)} - \frac{1+\beta}{2(2-\beta)} |b_1| \right) r^2. \quad \square
\end{aligned}$$

The bounds given in Theorem 2.3 for the functions $f = h + \bar{g}$ of the form (2) also hold for functions of the form (1) if the coefficient condition (5) is satisfied. The upper bound given for $f \in \overline{\mathcal{HC}}_c(\beta)$ is sharp and the equality occurs for the function

$$f(z) = z + |b_1|\bar{z} + \left(\frac{1-\beta}{2(2-\beta)} - \frac{1+\beta}{2(2-\beta)} |b_1| \right) \bar{z}^2, \quad |b_1| \leq \frac{1-\beta}{1+\beta}.$$

Next, we determine the extreme points of closed hulls of $\overline{\mathcal{HC}}_c(\beta)$ denoted by $clco\overline{\mathcal{HC}}_c(\beta)$.

Theorem 2.4 $f \in clco\overline{\mathcal{HC}}_c(\beta)$ if and only if $f(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (X_n h_n + Y_n g_n)$ where

$$h_1(z) = z, \quad h_n(z) = z - \frac{1-\beta}{n(n-\beta)} z^n \quad (n = 2, 3, \dots),$$

$$g_n(z) = z - \frac{1-\beta}{n(n+\beta)} \bar{z}^n \quad (n = 1, 2, \dots),$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (X_n + Y_n) = 1, \quad X_n \geq 0 \text{ and } Y_n \geq 0.$$

Proof. For h_n and g_n as given above, we may write

$$\begin{aligned}
f(z) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (X_n h_n + Y_n g_n) \\
&= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (X_n + Y_n) z - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1-\beta}{n(n-\beta)} X_n z^n - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1-\beta}{n(n+\beta)} Y_n \bar{z}^n \\
&= z - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1-\beta}{n(n-\beta)} X_n z^n - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1-\beta}{n(n+\beta)} Y_n \bar{z}^n.
\end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n(n-\beta)}{1-\beta} |a_n| + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n(n+\beta)}{1-\beta} |b_n| \\
&= \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n(n-\beta)}{1-\beta} \left(\frac{1-\beta}{n(n-\beta)} X_n \right)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n(n+\beta)}{1-\beta} \left(\frac{1-\beta}{n(n+\beta)} Y_n \right) \\
 & = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} X_n + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} Y_n \\
 & = 1 - X_1 \\
 & \leq 1.
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore $f \in clco\overline{\mathcal{HC}}_c(\beta)$.

Conversely, suppose that $f \in clco\overline{\mathcal{HC}}_c(\beta)$. Set

$$X_n = \frac{n(n-\beta)}{1-\beta} |a_n|, (n = 2, 3, 4, \dots),$$

and

$$Y_n = \frac{n(n+\beta)}{1-\beta} |b_n|, (n = 1, 2, 3, \dots),$$

where $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (X_n + Y_n) = 1$. Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(z) & = h(z) + \overline{g(z)} \\
 & = z - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} |a_n| z^n - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |b_n| \bar{z}^n \\
 & = z - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1-\beta}{n(n-\beta)} X_n z^n - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1-\beta}{n(n+\beta)} Y_n \bar{z}^n \\
 & = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (h_n(z) - z) X_n + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (g_n(z) - z) Y_n \\
 & = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (X_n h_n + Y_n g_n). \quad \square
 \end{aligned}$$

For harmonic functions $f(z) = z - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} |a_n| z^n - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |b_n| \bar{z}^n$ and $F(z) = z - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} |A_n| z^n - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |B_n| \bar{z}^n$, we define the convolution of f and F as

$$(f \star F)(z) = z - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} |a_n A_n| z^n - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |b_n B_n| \bar{z}^n. \tag{10}$$

In the next theorem, we examine the convolution properties of the class $\overline{\mathcal{HC}}_c(\beta)$.

Theorem 2.5 For $0 \leq \alpha \leq \beta < 1$, let $f \in \overline{\mathcal{HC}}_c(\beta)$ and $F \in \overline{\mathcal{HC}}_c(\alpha)$. Then $(f \star F) \in \overline{\mathcal{HC}}_c(\beta) \subset \overline{\mathcal{HC}}_c(\alpha)$.

Proof. Write $f(z) = z - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} |a_n| z^n - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |b_n| \bar{z}^n$ and $F(z) = z - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} |A_n| z^n - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |B_n| \bar{z}^n$. Then the convolution of f and F is given by (10).

Note that $|A_n| \leq 1$ and $|B_n| \leq 1$ since $F \in \overline{\mathcal{HC}}_c(\alpha)$. Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n-\beta)|a_n||A_n| + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n(n+\beta)|b_n||B_n| \\ & \leq \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n-\beta)|a_n| + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n(n+\beta)|b_n|. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore $(f \star F) \in \overline{\mathcal{HC}}_c(\beta) \subset \overline{\mathcal{HC}}_c(\alpha)$ since the right hand side of the above inequality is bounded by $1 - \beta$ while $1 - \beta \leq 1 - \alpha$. \square

Now, we determine the convex combination properties of the members of $\overline{\mathcal{HC}}_c(\beta)$.

Theorem 2.6 *The class $\overline{\mathcal{HC}}_c(\beta)$ is closed under convex combination.*

Proof. For $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots$, suppose that $f_i \in \overline{\mathcal{HC}}_c(\beta)$ where f_i is given by

$$f_i(z) = z - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} |a_{n,i}|z^n - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |b_{n,i}|\bar{z}^n.$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} c_i f_i(z) &= c_1 z - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} c_1 |a_{n,1}|z^n - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_1 |b_{n,1}|\bar{z}^n + c_2 z - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} c_2 |a_{n,2}|z^n - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_2 |b_{n,2}|\bar{z}^n \dots \\ &= z \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} c_i - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \left(\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} c_i |a_{n,i}| \right) z^n - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} c_i |b_{n,i}| \right) \bar{z}^n \\ &= z - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \left(\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} c_i |a_{n,i}| \right) z^n - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} c_i |b_{n,i}| \right) \bar{z}^n. \end{aligned}$$

Next, consider

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \left(n(n-\beta) \left| \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} c_i |a_{n,i}| \right| \right) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(n(n+\beta) \left| \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} c_i |b_{n,i}| \right| \right) \\ &= c_1 \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n-\beta)|a_{n,1}| + \dots + c_m \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n-\beta)|a_{n,m}| + \dots \\ & \quad + c_1 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n(n+\beta)|b_{n,1}| + \dots + c_m \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n(n+\beta)|b_{n,m}| + \dots \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} c_i \left\{ \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n-\beta)|a_{n,i}| + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n(n+\beta)|b_{n,i}| \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Now, $f_i \in \overline{\mathcal{HC}}_c(\beta)$, therefore from Theorem 2.2, we have

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n - \beta)|a_{n,i}| + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n(n + \beta)|b_{n,i}| \leq 1 - \beta .$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (n(n - \beta) |\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} c_i |a_{n,i}|) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (n(n + \beta) |\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} c_i |b_{n,i}|) \\ & \leq (1 - \beta) \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} c_i \\ & = 1 - \beta. \end{aligned}$$

By using Theorem 2.2 again, we have $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} c_i f_i \in \overline{\mathcal{HC}}_c(\beta)$. □

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