

COEFFICIENT CONDITIONS FOR HARMONIC CLOSE-TO-CONVEX FUNCTIONS

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ABSTRACT. New sufficient conditions, concerned with the coefficients of harmonic functions $f(z) = h(z) + \overline{g(z)}$ in the open unit disk normalized by $f(0) = h(0) = h'(0) - 1 = 0$, for $f(z)$ to be harmonic close-to-convex functions are discussed. Furthermore, several illustrative examples of the obtained theorems are enumerated.

1. INTRODUCTION

Let $\mathbb{D}$ be a simply connected domain in the complex plane $\mathbb{C}$. A continuous complex-valued function $f(z) = u(x, y) + iv(x, y)$ in $\mathbb{D}$ ($z = x + iy \in \mathbb{D}$), we say that $f(z)$ is harmonic in $\mathbb{D}$ if both $u(x, y)$ and $v(x, y)$ are real harmonic in $\mathbb{D}$, that is, $u(x, y)$ and $v(x, y)$ satisfy the Laplace's equations

$$\Delta u = u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \Delta v = v_{xx} + v_{yy} = 0 \quad (z = x + iy \in \mathbb{D}).$$

A harmonic function $f(z)$ in $\mathbb{D}$ is given by $f(z) = h(z) + \overline{g(z)}$ where $h(z)$ and $g(z)$ are analytic in $\mathbb{D}$. We call $h(z)$ and $g(z)$ the analytic part and the co-analytic part of $f(z)$, respectively. The Jacobian of $f(z)$ denoted by $\mathcal{J}_f$ can be computed by $\mathcal{J}_f = |h'(z)|^2 - |g'(z)|^2$. A necessary and sufficient condition for $f(z)$ to be locally univalent and sense-preserving in $\mathbb{D}$ is that $\mathcal{J}_f > 0$, that is, that $|g'(z)| < |h'(z)|$ in $\mathbb{D}$ (see, [2] or [9]). Let $\mathcal{H}$ denote the class of harmonic functions $f(z)$ in the open unit disk $\mathbb{U} = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < 1\}$ with $f(0) = h(0) = 0$ and $h'(0) = 1$. Thus, all functions $f(z) \in \mathcal{H}$ can be written by

$$f(z) = h(z) + \overline{g(z)} = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n z^n + \overline{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n z^n}$$

where $a_1 = 1$ and $b_0 = 0$, for convenience.

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We next denote by $\mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{H}}$ the class of functions $f(z) \in \mathcal{H}$ which are univalent and sense-preserving in $\mathbb{U}$. Since the sense-preserving property of $f(z)$, we see that $|b_1| = |g'(0)| < |h'(0)| = 1$. If $g(z) \equiv 0$, then $\mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{H}}$ reduces to the class $\mathcal{S}$ consisting of normalized analytic univalent functions. Furthermore, for every function $f(z) \in \mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{H}}$, the function

$$F(z) = \frac{f(z) - \overline{b_1}f(z)}{1 - |b_1|^2} = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{a_n - \overline{b_1}b_n}{1 - |b_1|^2} z^n + \overline{\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{b_n - b_1 a_n}{1 - |b_1|^2} z^n}$$

is also a member of $\mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{H}}$. Therefore, we consider the subclass $\mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{H}}^0$ of $\mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{H}}$ defined as

$$\mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{H}}^0 = \{f(z) \in \mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{H}} : b_1 = g'(0) = 0\}.$$

Conversely, if $F(z) \in \mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{H}}^0$, then $f(z) = F(z) + \overline{b_1}F(z) \in \mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{H}}$ for any b_1 ($|b_1| < 1$).

We say that $\mathbb{D}$ is a close-to-convex domain if the complement of $\mathbb{D}$ can be written as a union of non-intersecting half-lines (except that the origin of one half-line may lie on one of the other half-lines). Let $\mathcal{C}$, $\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{H}}$ and $\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{H}}^0$ be the respective subclasses of $\mathcal{S}$, $\mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{H}}$ and $\mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{H}}^0$ consisting of all functions $f(z)$ which map $\mathbb{U}$ onto a certain close-to-convex domain.

A simple and interesting example is below.

Example 1.1. *The function*

$$f(z) = \frac{1 - (1 - z)^2}{2(1 - z)^2} + \frac{\overline{z^2}}{2(1 - z)^2} = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n+1}{2} z^n + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n-1}{2} \overline{z}^n$$

belongs to the class $\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{H}}^0$.

The aim of this paper is to find new sufficient conditions for functions $f(z) \in \mathcal{H}$ to be in the class $\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{H}}$. To obtain our results, we have to recall here the following lemmas due to Clunie and Sheil-small [2].

Lemma 1.1. *If $h(z)$ and $g(z)$ are analytic in $\mathbb{U}$ with $|h'(0)| > |g'(0)|$ and $h(z) + \varepsilon g(z)$ is close-to-convex for each ε ($|\varepsilon| = 1$), then $f(z) = h(z) + \overline{g(z)}$ is harmonic close-to-convex.*

Lemma 1.2. *If $f(z) = h(z) + \overline{g(z)}$ is locally univalent in $\mathbb{U}$ and $h(z) + \varepsilon g(z)$ is convex for some ε ($|\varepsilon| \leq 1$), then $f(z)$ is univalent close-to-convex.*

We also need the following result due to Hayami, Owa and Srivastava [5].

Lemma 1.3. *If a function $F(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} A_n z^n$ is analytic in $\mathbb{U}$ and satisfies*

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \left[\left| \sum_{k=1}^n \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^k (-1)^{k-j} j(j+1) \binom{\alpha}{k-j} A_j \right\} \binom{\beta}{n-k} \right| \right. \\ \left. + \left| \sum_{k=1}^n \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^k (-1)^{k-j} j(j-1) \binom{\alpha}{k-j} A_j \right\} \binom{\beta}{n-k} \right| \right] \leq 2 \end{aligned}$$

for some real numbers α and β , then $F(z)$ is convex in $\mathbb{U}$.

2. MAIN RESULTS

Using Lemma 1.1 we receive

Theorem 2.1. *If $f(z) \in \mathcal{H}$ satisfies the following condition*

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} |na_n - e^{i\varphi}(n-1)a_{n-1}| + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |nb_n - e^{i\varphi}(n-1)b_{n-1}| \leq 1$$

for some real number φ ($0 \leq \varphi < 2\pi$), then $f(z) \in \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{H}}$.

Example 2.1. *The function*

$$f(z) = -\log(1-z) + \overline{(-mz - \log(1-z))} = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} z^n + (1-m)\bar{z} + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \bar{z}^n \quad (0 < m \leq 1)$$

satisfies the condition of Theorem 2.1 with $\varphi = 0$ and belongs to the class $\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{H}}$.

By making use of Lemma 1.2 with $\varepsilon = 0$ and applying Lemma 1.3, we readily obtain the following theorem.

Theorem 2.2. *If $f(z) \in \mathcal{H}$ is locally univalent in $\mathbb{U}$ and satisfies*

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \left[\left| \sum_{k=1}^n \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^k (-1)^{k-j} j(j+1) \binom{\alpha}{k-j} a_j \right\} \binom{\beta}{n-k} \right| \right. \\ \left. + \left| \sum_{k=1}^n \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^k (-1)^{k-j} j(j-1) \binom{\alpha}{k-j} a_j \right\} \binom{\beta}{n-k} \right| \right] \leq 2 \end{aligned}$$

for some real numbers α and β , then $f(z) \in \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{H}}$.

Putting $\alpha = \beta = 0$ in the above theorem, we arrive at the following result due to Jahangiri and Silverman [8].

Corollary 2.1. *If $f(z) \in \mathcal{H}$ is locally univalent in $\mathbb{U}$ with*

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n^2 |a_n| \leq 1,$$

then $f(z) \in \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{H}}$.

Furthermore, taking $\alpha = 1$ and $\beta = 0$ in the theorem, we have

Corollary 2.2. *If $f(z) \in \mathcal{H}$ is locally univalent in $\mathbb{U}$ and satisfies*

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \{n|(n+1)a_n - (n-1)a_{n-1}| + (n-1)|na_n - (n-2)a_{n-1}|\} \leq 2,$$

then $f(z) \in \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{H}}$.

Example 2.2. *The function*

$$f(z) = - \int_0^z \frac{\log(1-t)}{t} dt + \overline{\left(z + (1-z)\log(1-z)\right)} = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} z^n + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n(n-1)} \bar{z}^n$$

satisfies the conditions of Corollary 2.2 and belongs to the class $\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{H}}$.

3. APPENDIX

A sequence $\{c_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$ of non-negative real numbers is called a convex null sequence if $c_n \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ and

$$c_n - c_{n+1} \geq c_{n+1} - c_{n+2} \geq 0$$

for all n ($n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$).

The next lemma was obtained by Fejér [4].

Lemma 3.1. *Let $\{c_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$ be a convex null sequence. Then, the function*

$$p(z) = \frac{c_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n z^n$$

is analytic and satisfies $\operatorname{Re}(p(z)) > 0$ in $\mathbb{U}$.

Applying the above lemma, we deduce

Theorem 3.1. *For some b ($|b| < 1$) and some convex null sequence $\{c_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$ with $c_0 = 2$, the function*

$$f(z) = h(z) + \overline{g(z)} = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{c_{n-1}}{n} z^n + b \overline{\left(z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{c_{n-1}}{n} z^n\right)}$$

belongs to the class $\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{H}}$.

In the same manner, we also have

Theorem 3.2. *For some b ($|b| < 1$) and some convex null sequence $\{c_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$ with $c_0 = 2$, the function*

$$f(z) = h(z) + \overline{g(z)} = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \left(1 + \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} c_j\right) z^n + b \overline{\left(z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \left(1 + \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} c_j\right) z^n\right)}$$

belongs to the class $\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{H}}$.

Remark 3.1. *The sequence*

$$\{c_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty} = \left\{ 2, 1, \frac{1}{2}, \dots, 2^{1-n}, \dots \right\}$$

is a convex null sequence because

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} c_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 2^{1-n} = 0, \quad c_n - c_{n+1} = 2^{-n} \geq 0$$

and

$$(c_n - c_{n+1}) - (c_{n+1} - c_{n+2}) = 2^{-(n+1)} \geq 0 \quad (n = 0, 1, 2, \dots).$$

According to Remark 3.1, letting $b = 1/4$ in Theorem 3.2 with the sequence $\{c_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty} = \{2^{1-n}\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$, we have

Example 3.1. *The function*

$$\begin{aligned} f(z) &= -3 \log(1-z) + 4 \log \left(1 - \frac{z}{2} \right) + \overline{\left(-\frac{3}{4} \log(1-z) + \log \left(1 - \frac{z}{2} \right) \right)} \\ &= z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \left(1 + \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} 2^{1-j} \right) z^n + \frac{1}{4} \overline{\left(z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \left(1 + \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} 2^{1-j} \right) z^n \right)} \end{aligned}$$

is in the class $\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{H}}$.

The details of this article can be found in the paper [7].

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