

## A SPECIAL CLASS OF HARMONIC UNIVALENT FUNCTIONS

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ABSTRACT. We define and investigate a special class of Salagean-type harmonic univalent functions in the open unit disk. We obtain coefficient conditions, extreme points, distortion bounds, convex combinations for the above class of harmonic univalent functions.

### 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 disk  $U = \{z : |z| < 1\}$  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

$$h(z) = z + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} a_k z^k, \quad g(z) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} b_k z^k, \quad |b_1| < 1. \quad (1.1)$$

In 1984 Clunie and Sheil-Small [1] investigated the class  $S_H$  as well as its geometric subclasses and obtained some coefficient bounds. Since then, there have been several related papers on  $S_H$  and its subclasses. See [2,6,7]. Jahangiri et al. [4] make use of the Alexander integral transforms of certain analytic functions (which are starlike or convex of positive order) with a view to investigating the construction of sense-preserving, univalent, and close to convex harmonic functions.

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The differential operator  $D^n$  was introduced by Salagean [5]. For  $f = h + \bar{g}$  given by (1.1), Jahangiri and et al. [3] defined the modified Salagean operator of  $f$  as

$$D^n f(z) = D^n h(z) + (-1)^n \overline{D^n g(z)} \tag{1.2}$$

where

$$D^n h(z) = z + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k^n a_k z^k \quad \text{and} \quad D^n g(z) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k^n b_k z^k.$$

In [8,9] one finds generalization of [3].

For  $0 \leq \alpha < 1, 0 < \beta \leq 1, n \in N_0$  and  $z \in U$ , we let  $S_H^n(\alpha, \beta)$  denote the family of harmonic functions  $f$  of the form (1.1) such that

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{D^{n+1} f(z) - D^n f(z)}{D^{n+1} f(z) + (1 - 2\alpha) D^n f(z)} \right\} < \beta \tag{1.3}$$

where  $D^n f$  is defined by (1.2).

We let the subclass  $\bar{S}_H^n(\alpha, \beta)$  consist of harmonic functions  $f_n = h + \bar{g}_n$  in  $\bar{S}_H^n(\alpha, \beta)$  so that  $h$  and  $g_n$  are of the form

$$h(z) = z - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} a_k z^k, \quad g(z) = (-1)^n \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} b_k z^k; \quad a_k, b_k \geq 0. \tag{1.4}$$

In this note, we extend the above result to the class  $S_H^n(\alpha, \beta)$  and  $\bar{S}_H^n(\alpha, \beta)$ . We also obtain extreme points, distortion bounds, convolution conditions, and convex combinations for  $\bar{S}_H^n(\alpha, \beta)$ .

## 2. MAIN RESULTS

We begin with a sufficient coefficient condition for functions in  $\bar{S}_H^n(\alpha, \beta)$ .

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $f = h + \bar{g}$  be so that  $h$  and  $g$  are given by (1.1). Furthermore, let*

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k^n \{ [k - 1 + \beta(k + 1 - 2\alpha)] |a_k| + [k + 1 + \beta(k - 1 + 2\alpha)] |b_k| \} \leq 4\beta(1 - \alpha) \tag{2.1}$$

where  $a_1 = 1, n \in N_0, 0 \leq \alpha < 1$  and  $0 < \beta \leq 1$ ; then  $f$  is sense-preserving, harmonic univalent in  $U$  and  $f \in \bar{S}_H^n(\alpha, \beta)$ .

*Proof.* If  $z_1 \neq z_2$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{f(z_1) - f(z_2)}{h(z_1) - h(z_2)} \right| &\geq 1 - \left| \frac{g(z_1) - g(z_2)}{h(z_1) - h(z_2)} \right| \\ &= 1 - \left| \frac{\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} b_k (z_1^k - z_2^k)}{(z_1 - z_2) + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} a_k (z_1^k - z_2^k)} \right| \\ &> 1 - \frac{\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k |b_k|}{1 - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k |a_k|} \\ &> 1 - \frac{\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{k^n [k+1+\beta(k-1+2\alpha)]}{2\beta(1-\alpha)} |b_k|}{1 - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{k^n [k-1+\beta(k+1-2\alpha)]}{2\beta(1-\alpha)} |a_k|} \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

which proves univalence. Note that  $f$  is sense-preserving in  $U$ . This is because

$$\begin{aligned} |h'(z)| &\geq 1 - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k |a_k| |z|^{k-1} > 1 - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{k^n [k-1+\beta(k+1-2\alpha)]}{2\beta(1-\alpha)} |a_k| \\ &> \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{k^n [k+1+\beta(k-1+2\alpha)]}{2\beta(1-\alpha)} |b_k| |z|^{k-1} \\ &\geq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k |b_k| |z|^{k-1} \geq |g'(z)|. \end{aligned}$$

It remains to show that  $f \in \bar{S}_H^n(\alpha, \beta)$ . Suppose that the inequality (2.1) holds true and let  $z \in \partial U = \{z : z \in C \text{ and } |z| = 1\}$ . Then we find from definition (1.2) that

$$\begin{aligned} &\left| \frac{D^{n+1}f(z) - D^n f(z)}{D^{n+1}f(z) + (1 - 2\alpha)D^n f(z)} \right| \\ &= \left| \frac{\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k^n (k-1) a_k z^k - (-1)^n \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k^n (k+1) \overline{b_k z^k}}{2(1-\alpha)z + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k^n (k+1-2\alpha) a_k z^k - (-1)^n \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k^n (k-1+2\alpha) \overline{b_k z^k}} \right| \\ &\leq \frac{\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k^n (k-1) |a_k| |z|^k + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k^n (k+1) |b_k| |z|^k}{2(1-\alpha)|z| - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k^n (k+1-2\alpha) |a_k| |z|^k - \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k^n (k-1+2\alpha) |b_k| |z|^k} \\ &\leq \beta \end{aligned}$$

provided that the inequality (2.1) is satisfied. Hence, by the maximum modulus theorem, we have  $f(z) \in S_H^n(\alpha, \beta)$ . □

The harmonic function

$$f(z) = z + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{2\beta(1-\alpha)}{k^n [k-1 + \beta(k+1-2\alpha)]} x_k z^k + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{2\beta(1-\alpha)}{k^n [k+1 + \beta(k-1+2\alpha)]} \overline{y_k} z^k \quad (2.2)$$

where  $\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} |x_k| + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |y_k| = 1$  shows that the coefficient bound given by (2.1) is sharp.

The functions of the form (2.2) are in  $S_H^n(\alpha, \beta)$  because

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left\{ \frac{k^n [k-1 + \beta(k+1-2\alpha)]}{2\beta(1-\alpha)} |a_k| + \frac{k^n [k+1 + \beta(k-1+2\alpha)]}{2\beta(1-\alpha)} |b_k| \right\} \\ = 1 + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} |x_k| + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |y_k| = 2. \end{aligned}$$

In the following theorem, it is shown that the condition (2.1) is also necessary for functions  $f_n = h + \bar{g}_n$  where  $h$  and  $\bar{g}_n$  are of the form (1.4).

**Theorem 2.** *Let  $f_n = h + \bar{g}_n$  be given by (1.4). Then  $f_n \in \bar{S}_H^n(\alpha, \beta)$  if and only if*

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k^n \{ [k-1 + \beta(k+1-2\alpha)] a_k + [k+1 + \beta(k-1+2\alpha)] b_k \} \leq 4\beta(1-\alpha). \quad (2.3)$$

*Proof.* Since  $\bar{S}_H^n(\alpha, \beta) \subset S_H^n(\alpha, \beta)$ , we only need to prove the “only if” part of the theorem. To this end, for functions  $f_n$  of the form (1.4), we notice that the condition

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \left[ \frac{D^{n+1}f(z) - D^n f(z)}{D^{n+1}f(z) + (1-2\alpha)D^n f(z)} \right] \right\} < \beta$$

is equivalent to

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{-\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k^n (k-1) a_k z^k - (-1)^{2n} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k^n (k+1) b^k \bar{z}^k}{2(1-\alpha)z - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k^n (k+1-2\alpha) a_k z^k - (-1)^{2n} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k^n (k-1+2\alpha) b^k \bar{z}^k} \right\} > -\beta$$

If we choose  $z$  on the real axis and  $z \rightarrow 1^-$  we get

$$\frac{\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k^n (k-1) a_k + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k^n (k+1) b^k}{2(1-\alpha) - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k^n (k+1-2\alpha) a_k - \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k^n (k-1+2\alpha) b^k} < \beta$$

whence

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k^n (k-1) a_k + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k^n (k+1) b^k \\ & < 2\beta(1-\alpha) - \beta \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k^n (k+1-2\alpha) a_k - \beta \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k^n (k-1+2\alpha) b_k \end{aligned}$$

and so

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k^n [k-1+\beta(k+1-2\alpha)] a_k \\ & \quad + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k^n [k+1+\beta(k-1+2\alpha)] b_k < 2\beta(1-\alpha) \end{aligned}$$

which is equivalent to (2.3). □

Next we determine the extreme points of closed convex hulls of  $\bar{S}_H^n(\alpha, \beta)$  denoted by  $\text{clco } \bar{S}_H^n(\alpha, \beta)$ .

**Theorem 3.** *Let  $f_n = h + \bar{g}_n$  be given by (1.4). Then  $f_n \in \bar{S}_H^n(\alpha, \beta)$  if and only if*

$$\begin{aligned} f_n(z) &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (x_k h_k(z) + y_k g_{n_k}(z)), \quad \text{where } h_1(z) = z, \\ h_k(z) &= \frac{2\beta(1-\alpha)}{k^n [k-1+\beta(k+1-2\alpha)]} z^k, \quad (k = 2, 3, \dots) \text{ and} \\ g_{n_k}(z) &= z + (-1)^n \frac{2\beta(1-\alpha)}{k^n [k+1+\beta(k-1+2\alpha)]} \bar{z}^k, \quad (k = 1, 2, \dots) \\ \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (x_k + y_k) &= 1, \quad x_n \geq 0, \quad y_n \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

*In particular, the extreme points of  $\bar{S}_H^n(\alpha, \beta)$  are  $\{h_k\}$  and  $\{g_{n_k}\}$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose

$$\begin{aligned} f_n(z) &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (x_k h_k(z) + y_k g_{n_k}(z)) \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (x_k + y_k) z - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{2\beta(1-\alpha)}{k^n [k-1+\beta(k+1-2\alpha)]} x_k z^k \\ & \quad + (-1)^n \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{2\beta(1-\alpha)}{k^n [k+1+\beta(k-1+2\alpha)]} y_k \bar{z}^k. \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{k^n [k-1 + \beta(k+1-2\alpha)]}{2\beta(1-\alpha)} \left( \frac{2\beta(1-\alpha)}{k^n [k+1 + \beta(k-1+2\alpha)]} x_k \right) \\ & + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{k^n [k+1 + \beta(k-1+2\alpha)]}{2\beta(1-\alpha)} \left( \frac{2\beta(1-\alpha)}{k^n [k+1 + \beta(k-1+2\alpha)]} y_k \right) \\ & = \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} x_k + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} y_k = 1 - x_1 \leq 1 \end{aligned}$$

and so  $f_n \in \bar{S}_H^n(\alpha, \beta)$ . Conversely, if  $f_n \in \text{clco } \bar{S}_H^n(\alpha, \beta)$ , then

$$a_k \leq \frac{2\beta(1-\alpha)}{k^n [k-1 + \beta(k+1-2\alpha)]} \quad \text{and} \quad b_k \leq \frac{2\beta(1-\alpha)}{k^n [k+1 + \beta(k-1+2\alpha)]}.$$

Set

$$x_k = \frac{k^n [k-1 + \beta(k+1-2\alpha)]}{2\beta(1-\alpha)} a_k, \quad (k = 2, 3, \dots)$$

and

$$y_k = \frac{k^n [k+1 + \beta(k-1+2\alpha)]}{2\beta(1-\alpha)} b_k, \quad (k = 1, 2, \dots).$$

Then note that by Theorem 2,  $0 \leq x_k \leq 1$ , ( $k = 2, 3, \dots$ ) and  $0 \leq y_k \leq 1$ , ( $k = 1, 2, \dots$ ). We define

$$x_1 = 1 - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} x_k - \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} y_k$$

and note that, by Theorem 2,  $x_1 \geq 0$ . Consequently, we obtain  $f_n(z) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (x_k h_k(z) + y_k g_{n_k}(z))$  as required.  $\square$

The following theorem gives the distortion bounds for functions in  $\bar{S}_H^n(\alpha, \beta)$  which yields a covering result for this class.

**Theorem 4.** *Let  $f_n \in \bar{S}_H^n(\alpha, \beta)$ . Then for  $|z| = r < 1$  we have*

$$|f_n(z)| \leq (1 + b_1) r + \frac{1}{2^{n-1}} \left( \frac{\beta(1-\alpha) - (1 + \beta\alpha) b_1}{1 + \beta(3-2\alpha)} \right) r^2, \quad |z| = r < 1$$

and

$$|f_n(z)| \geq (1 - b_1) r - \frac{1}{2^{n-1}} \left( \frac{\beta(1-\alpha) - (1 + \beta\alpha) b_1}{1 + \beta(3-2\alpha)} \right) r^2, \quad |z| = r < 1.$$

*Proof.* We only prove the right hand inequality. The proof for the left hand inequality is similar and will be omitted. Let  $f_n \in \bar{S}_H^n(\alpha, \beta)$ . Taking the absolute value of  $f_n$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} |f_n(z)| &\leq (1 + b_1)r + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} (a_k + b_k)r^k \leq (1 + b_1)r + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} (a_k + b_k)r^2 \\ &= (1 + b_1)r + \frac{2\beta(1 - \alpha)}{2^n [1 + \beta(3 - 2\alpha)]} \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{2^n [1 + \beta(3 - 2\alpha)]}{2\beta(1 - \alpha)} (a_k + b_k)r^2 \\ &\leq (1 + b_1)r + \frac{\beta(1 - \alpha)}{2^{n-1} [1 + \beta(3 - 2\alpha)]} \left(1 - \frac{2 + 2\beta\alpha}{2\beta(1 - \alpha)} b_1\right) r^2 \\ &= (1 + b_1)r + \frac{1}{2^{n-1}} \left(\frac{\beta(1 - \alpha) - (1 + \beta\alpha)b_1}{1 + \beta(3 - 2\alpha)}\right) r^2. \end{aligned}$$

The following covering result follows from the left hand inequality in Theorem 4. □

**Corollary 1.** *Let  $f_n$  of the form (1.4) be such that  $f_n \in \bar{S}_H^n(\alpha, \beta)$ . Then*

$$\left\{ w : |w| < \frac{2^{n-1} [1 + \beta(3 - 2\alpha)] - \beta(1 - \alpha)}{2^{n-1} [1 + \beta(3 - 2\alpha)]} - \frac{2^{n-1} [1 + \beta(3 - 2\alpha)] - (1 + \beta\alpha)b_1}{2^{n-1} [1 + \beta(3 - 2\alpha)]} \right\} \subset f_n(U).$$

For our next theorem, we need to define the convolution of two harmonic functions. For harmonic functions of the form

$$f_n(z) = z - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} a_k z^k + (-1)^n \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} b_k \bar{z}^k$$

and

$$F_n(z) = z - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} A_k z^k + (-1)^n \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} B_k \bar{z}^k$$

we define the convolution of two harmonic functions  $f_n$  and  $F_n$  as

$$(f_n * F_n)(z) = f_n(z) * F_n(z) = z - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} a_k A_k z^k + (-1)^n \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} b_k B_k \bar{z}^k \quad (2.4)$$

Using this definition, we show that the class  $\bar{S}_H^n(\alpha, \beta)$  is closed under convolution.

**Theorem 5.** *For  $0 \leq \alpha_1 \leq \alpha_2 < 1$  let  $f_n \in \bar{S}_H^n(\alpha_2, \beta)$ , and  $F_n \in \bar{S}_H^n(\alpha_1, \beta)$ . Then the convolution  $f_n * F_n \in \bar{S}_H^n(\alpha_2, \beta) \subset \bar{S}_H^n(\alpha_1, \beta)$ .*

*Proof.* For  $f_n$  and  $F_n$  as the Theorem 5, write

$$f_n(z) = z - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} a_k z^k + (-1)^n \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} b_k \bar{z}^k$$

and

$$F_n(z) = z - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} A_k z^k + (-1)^n \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} B_k \bar{z}^k.$$

Then the convolution  $f_n * F_n$  is given by (2.4). We wish to show that the coefficients of  $f_n * F_n$  satisfy the required condition given in Theorem 2. For  $F_n \in \bar{S}_H^n(\alpha_2, \beta)$  we note that  $A_k < 1$  and  $B_k < 1$ . Now, for the convolution function  $f_n * F_n$  we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{k^n [k-1 + \beta(k+1 - 2\alpha_1)]}{2\beta(1-\alpha_1)} a_k A_k + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{k^n [k+1 + \beta(k-1 + 2\alpha_1)]}{2\beta(1-\alpha_1)} b_k B_k \\ & \leq \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{k^n [k-1 + \beta(k+1 - 2\alpha_1)]}{2\beta(1-\alpha_1)} a_k + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{k^n [k+1 + \beta(k-1 + 2\alpha_1)]}{2\beta(1-\alpha_1)} b_k \\ & \leq \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{k^n [k-1 + \beta(k+1 - 2\alpha_2)]}{2\beta(1-\alpha_2)} a_k + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{k^n [k+1 + \beta(k-1 + 2\alpha_2)]}{2\beta(1-\alpha_2)} b_k \\ & \leq 1 \end{aligned}$$

since  $0 \leq \alpha_1 \leq \alpha_2 < 1$  and  $f_n \in \bar{S}_H^n(\alpha_2, \beta)$ . Therefore  $f_n * F_n \in \bar{S}_H^n(\alpha_2, \beta) \subset \bar{S}_H^n(\alpha_1, \beta)$ .  $\square$

Now we show that  $\bar{S}_H^n(\alpha, \beta)$  is closed under convex combinations of its members.

**Theorem 6.** *The class  $\bar{S}_H^n(\alpha, \beta)$  is closed under convex combination.*

*Proof.* For  $i = 1, 2, \dots$  let  $f_{n_i} \in \bar{S}_H^n(\alpha, \beta)$ , where  $f_{n_i}$  is given by

$$f_{n_i}(z) = z - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} a_{k_i} z^k + (-1)^n \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} b_{k_i} \bar{z}^k.$$

Then by (2.3),

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{k^n [k-1 + \beta(k+1 - 2\alpha)]}{\beta(1-\alpha)} a_{k_i} + \frac{k^n [k+1 + \beta(k-1 + 2\alpha)]}{\beta(1-\alpha)} b_{k_i} \right) \leq 4 \quad (2.5)$$



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

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} t_i f_{n_i}(z) = z - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} t_i a_{k_i} \right) z^k + (-1)^n \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} t_i b_{k_i} \right) \bar{z}^k$$

Then by (2.5),

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{k^n [k-1+\beta(k+1-2\alpha)]}{\beta(1-\alpha)} \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} t_i a_{k_i} + \frac{k^n [k+1+\beta(k-1+2\alpha)]}{\beta(1-\alpha)} \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} t_i b_{k_i} \right] \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} t_i \left\{ \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{k^n [k-1+\beta(k+1-2\alpha)]}{\beta(1-\alpha)} a_{k_i} \right. \right. \\ & \quad \left. \left. + \frac{k^n [k+1+\beta(k-1+2\alpha)]}{\beta(1-\alpha)} b_{k_i} \right) \right\} \leq 4 \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} t_i = 4 \end{aligned}$$

This is the condition required by (2.3) and so  $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} t_i f_{n_i}(z) \in \bar{S}_H^n(\alpha, \beta)$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 7.** *If  $f_n \in \bar{S}_H^n(\alpha, \beta)$  then  $f_n$  is convex in the disc*

$$|z| \leq \min_k \left\{ \frac{\beta(1-\alpha)(1-b_1)}{k[\beta(1-\alpha) - (1+\beta\alpha)b_1]} \right\}^{\frac{1}{k-1}}, \quad k = 2, 3, \dots$$

*Proof.* Let  $f_n \in \bar{S}_H^n(\alpha, \beta)$ , and let  $r$ ,  $0 < r < 1$ , be fixed. Then  $r^{-1}f_n(rz) \in \bar{S}_H^n(\alpha, \beta)$  and we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k^2 (a_k + b_k) &= \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k (a_k + b_k) (kr^{k-1}) \\ &\leq \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \left( \frac{k^n [k-1+\beta(k+1-2\alpha)]}{2\beta(1-\alpha)} a_k \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{k^n [k+1+\beta(k-1+2\alpha)]}{2\beta(1-\alpha)} b_k \right) (kr^{k-1}) \leq 1 - b_1 \end{aligned}$$

provided

$$kr^{k-1} \leq \frac{1-b_1}{1-\frac{1+\beta\alpha}{\beta(1-\alpha)}}$$

which is true if

$$r \leq \min_k \left\{ \frac{\beta(1-\alpha)(1-b_1)}{k[\beta(1-\alpha) - (1+\beta\alpha)b_1]} \right\}^{\frac{1}{k-1}}, \quad k = 2, 3, \dots$$

$\square$

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