

# On Salagean-type harmonic multivalent functions

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## Abstract

We define and investigate a new class of Salagean-type harmonic multivalent functions. we obtain coefficient inequalities, extreme points and distortion bounds for the functions in our classes.

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## 1 Introduction

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

locally univalent and sense preserving in  $\mathcal{D}$  is that  $|h'(z)| > |g'(z)|$ ,  $z \in \mathcal{D}$ . See also Clunie and Sheil-Small [1].

Denote by  $H$  the class of functions  $f = h + \bar{g}$  that are harmonic univalent and sense preserving in the unit disc  $\mathbb{U} = \{z : |z| < 1\}$  so that  $f = h + \bar{g}$  is normalized by  $f(0) = h(0) = f_z(0) - 1 = 0$

Recently, Ahuja and Jahangiri [9] defined the class  $H_p(n)$  ( $p, n \in \mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, \dots\}$ ) consisting of all  $p$ -valent harmonic functions  $f = h + \bar{g}$  that are sense preserving in  $\mathbb{U}$  and  $h$  and  $g$  are of the form

$$(1) \quad h(z) = z^p + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} a_{k+p-1} z^{k+p-1}, \quad g(z) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} b_{k+p-1} z^{k+p-1}, \quad |b_p| < 1.$$

The differential operator  $D^m$  was introduced by Salagean [5]. For  $f = h + \bar{g}$  given by (1), Jahangiri et al. [4] defined the modified Salagean operator of  $f$  as

$$(2) \quad D^m f(z) = D^m h(z) + (-1)^m \overline{D^m g(z)}; \quad p > m$$

where

$$D^m h(z) = z^p + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \left(\frac{k+p-1}{p}\right)^m a_{k+p-1} z^{k+p-1}$$

$$D^m g(z) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{k+p-1}{p}\right)^m b_{k+p-1} z^{k+p-1}.$$

For  $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ ,  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ ,  $m > n$  and  $z \in \mathbb{U}$ , let  $H_p(m, n, \alpha)$  denote the family of harmonic functions  $f$  of the form (1) such that

$$(3) \quad \operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{D^m f(z)}{D^n f(z)} \right\} > \alpha.$$

where  $D^m$  is defined by (2). Let us denote the subclass  $\overline{H_p}(m, n, \alpha)$  consist of harmonic functions  $f_m = h + \bar{g}_m$  in  $\overline{H_p}(m, n, \alpha)$  so that  $h$  and  $g_m$  are of

the form

$$(4) \quad h(z) = z^p - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} a_{k+p-1} z^{k+p-1}, \quad g_m(z) = (-1)^{m-1} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} b_{k+p-1} z^{k+p-1}$$

where  $a_{k+p-1}, b_{k+p-1} \geq 0$ ,  $|b_p| < 1$ .

The families  $H_p(m, n, \alpha)$  and  $\overline{H}_p(m, n, \alpha)$  include a variety of well-known classes of harmonic functions as well as many new ones. For example  $\overline{H}_1(1, 0, \alpha) \equiv HS(\alpha)$  is the class of sense-preserving, harmonic univalent functions  $f$  which are starlike of order  $\alpha$  in  $\mathbb{U}$ ,  $\overline{H}_1(2, 1, \alpha) \equiv HK(\alpha)$  is the class of sense-preserving, harmonic univalent functions  $f$  which are convex of order  $\alpha$  in  $\mathbb{U}$  and  $\overline{H}_1(n+1, n, \alpha) \equiv \overline{H}(n, \alpha)$  is the class of Salagean-type harmonic univalent functions.

For the harmonic functions  $f$  of the form (1) with  $b_1 = 0$ , Avci and Zlotkiewicz [2] showed that if  $\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k(|a_k| + |b_k|) \leq 1$  then  $f \in HS(0)$  and if  $\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k^2(|a_k| + |b_k|) \leq 1$  then  $f \in HK(0)$ . Silverman [6] proved that the above two coefficient conditions are also necessary if  $f = h + \bar{g}$  has negative coefficients. Later, Silverman and Silvia [7] improved the results of [2] and [6] to the case  $b_1$  not necessarily zero.

For the harmonic functions  $f$  of the form (4) with  $m = 1$ , Jahangiri [3] showed that  $f \in HS(\alpha)$  if and only if

$$\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} (k - \alpha)|a_k| + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (k + \alpha)|b_k| \leq 1 - \alpha$$

and  $f \in \overline{H}_1(2, 1, \alpha)$  if and only if

$$\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k(k - \alpha)|a_k| + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k(k + \alpha)|b_k| \leq 1 - \alpha.$$

In this paper, the coefficient conditions for the classes  $HS(\alpha)$  and  $HK(\alpha)$  are extended to the class  $H_p(m, n, \alpha)$ , of the forms (3) above. Furthermore, we determine extreme points and distortion theorem for the functions in  $\overline{H_p}(m, n, \alpha)$ .

## 2 Main Results

In our first theorem, we introduce a sufficient coefficient bound for harmonic functions in  $H_p(m, n, \alpha)$ .

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

$$(5) \quad \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \{ \Psi(m, n, p, \alpha) |a_{k+p-1}| + \Theta(m, n, p, \alpha) |b_{k+p-1}| \} \leq 2$$

where

$$\Psi(m, n, p, \alpha) = \frac{\left(\frac{k+p-1}{p}\right)^m - \alpha \left(\frac{k+p-1}{p}\right)^n}{1 - \alpha}$$

$$\Theta(m, n, p, \alpha) = \frac{\left(\frac{k+p-1}{p}\right)^m - (-1)^{m-n} \alpha \left(\frac{k+p-1}{p}\right)^n}{1 - \alpha},$$

$a_p = 1$ ,  $\alpha(0 \leq \alpha < 1)$ ,  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$  and  $m > n$ . Then  $f$  is sense-preserving in  $\mathbb{U}$  and  $f \in H_p(m, n, \alpha)$ .

**Proof.** According to (2) and (3) we only need to show that

$$\operatorname{Re} \left( \frac{D^m f(z) - \alpha D^n f(z)}{D^n f(z)} \right) \geq 0$$

The case  $r = 0$  is obvious. For  $0 \leq r < 1$ , it follows that

$$\operatorname{Re} \left( \frac{D^m f(z) - \alpha D^n f(z)}{D^n f(z)} \right) =$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \operatorname{Re}\left\{\frac{z^p(1-\alpha) + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty}\left[\left(\frac{k+p-1}{p}\right)^m - \alpha\left(\frac{k+p-1}{p}\right)^n\right]a_{k+p-1}z^{k+p-1}}{z^p + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty}\left(\frac{k+p-1}{p}\right)^na_{k+p-1}z^{k+p-1} + (-1)^n\sum_{k=1}^{\infty}\left(\frac{k+p-1}{p}\right)^n\bar{b}_{k+p-1}\bar{z}^{k+p-1}}\right. \\
& \quad \left. + \frac{(-1)^m\sum_{k=1}^{\infty}\left[\left(\frac{k+p-1}{p}\right)^m - (-1)^{m-n}\alpha\left(\frac{k+p-1}{p}\right)^n\right]\bar{b}_{k+p-1}\bar{z}^{k+p-1}}{z^p + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty}\left(\frac{k+p-1}{p}\right)^na_{k+p-1}z^{k+p-1} + (-1)^n\sum_{k=1}^{\infty}\left(\frac{k+p-1}{p}\right)^n\bar{b}_{k+p-1}\bar{z}^{k+p-1}}\right\} \\
& = \operatorname{Re}\left\{\frac{(1-\alpha) + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty}\left[\left(\frac{k+p-1}{p}\right)^m - \alpha\left(\frac{k+p-1}{p}\right)^n\right]a_{k+p-1}z^{k-1}}{1 + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty}\left(\frac{k+p-1}{p}\right)^na_{k+p-1}z^{k-1} + (-1)^n\sum_{k=1}^{\infty}\left(\frac{k+p-1}{p}\right)^n\bar{b}_{k+p-1}\bar{z}^{k+p-1}z^{-p}}\right. \\
& \quad \left. + \frac{(-1)^m\sum_{k=1}^{\infty}\left[\left(\frac{k+p-1}{p}\right)^m - (-1)^{m-n}\alpha\left(\frac{k+p-1}{p}\right)^n\right]\bar{b}_{k+p-1}\bar{z}^{k+p-1}z^{-p}}{1 + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty}\left(\frac{k+p-1}{p}\right)^na_{k+p-1}z^{k-1} + (-1)^n\sum_{k=1}^{\infty}\left(\frac{k+p-1}{p}\right)^n\bar{b}_{k+p-1}\bar{z}^{k+p-1}z^{-p}}\right\} \\
& = \operatorname{Re}\left[\frac{(1-\alpha) + A(z)}{1 + B(z)}\right]
\end{aligned}$$

For  $z = re^{i\theta}$  we have

$$\begin{aligned}
A(re^{i\theta}) &= \sum_{k=2}^{\infty}\left[\left(\frac{k+p-1}{p}\right)^m - \alpha\left(\frac{k+p-1}{p}\right)^n\right]a_{k+p-1}r^{k-1}e^{(k-1)\theta i} \\
&+ (-1)^m\sum_{k=1}^{\infty}\left[\left(\frac{k+p-1}{p}\right)^m - (-1)^{m-n}\alpha\left(\frac{k+p-1}{p}\right)^n\right]\bar{b}_{k+p-1}r^{k-1}e^{-(k+2p-1)\theta i} \\
B(re^{i\theta}) &= \sum_{k=2}^{\infty}\left(\frac{k+p-1}{p}\right)^na_{k+p-1}r^{k-1}e^{(k-1)\theta i} \\
&+ (-1)^n\sum_{k=1}^{\infty}\left(\frac{k+p-1}{p}\right)^n\bar{b}_{k+p-1}r^{k-1}e^{-(k+2p-1)\theta i}
\end{aligned}$$

Setting

$$\frac{(1-\alpha) + A(z)}{1 + B(z)} = (1-\alpha)\frac{1+w(z)}{1-w(z)}$$

the proof will be complete if we can show that  $|w(z)| \leq r < 1$ . This is the case since, by the condition (5), we can write

$$|w(z)| = \left| \frac{A(z) - (1-\alpha)B(z)}{A(z) + (1-\alpha)B(z) + 2(1-\alpha)} \right|$$

$$= \left| \frac{\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} [(\frac{k+p-1}{p})^m - (\frac{k+p-1}{p})^n] a_{k+p-1} r^{k-1} e^{(k-1)\theta i}}{2(1-\alpha) + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} C(m, n, p, \alpha) a_{k+p-1} r^{k-1} e^{(k-1)\theta i} + (-1)^m \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} D(m, n, p, \alpha) \bar{b}_{k+p-1} r^{k-1} e^{-(k+2p-1)\theta i}} \right. \\ \left. + \frac{(-1)^m \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} [(\frac{k+p-1}{p})^m - (-1)^{m-n} (\frac{k+p-1}{p})^n] \bar{b}_{k+p-1} r^{k-1} e^{-(k+2p-1)\theta i}}{2(1-\alpha) + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} C(m, n, p, \alpha) a_{k+p-1} r^{k-1} e^{(k-1)\theta i} + (-1)^m \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} D(m, n, p, \alpha) \bar{b}_{k+p-1} r^{k-1} e^{-(k+2p-1)\theta i}} \right|$$

where

$$C(m, n, p, \alpha) = (\frac{k+p-1}{p})^m + (1-2\alpha)(\frac{k+p-1}{p})^n$$

and

$$D(m, n, p, \alpha) = (\frac{k+p-1}{p})^m + (-1)^{m-n} (1-2\alpha)(\frac{k+p-1}{p})^n \\ \leq \frac{\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} [(\frac{k+p-1}{p})^m - (\frac{k+p-1}{p})^n] |a_{k+p-1}| r^{k-1}}{2(1-\alpha) - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} C(m, n, p, \alpha) |a_{k+p-1}| r^{k-1} - \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} D(m, n, p, \alpha) |b_{k+p-1}| r^{k-1}} \\ + \frac{\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} [(\frac{k+p-1}{p})^m - (-1)^{m-n} (\frac{k+p-1}{p})^n] |b_{k+p-1}| r^{k-1}}{2(1-\alpha) - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} C(m, n, p, \alpha) |a_{k+p-1}| r^{k-1} - \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} D(m, n, p, \alpha) |b_{k+p-1}| r^{k-1}} \\ = \frac{\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} [(\frac{k+p-1}{p})^m - (\frac{k+p-1}{p})^n] |a_{k+p-1}| r^{k-1}}{4(1-\alpha) - \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \{C(m, n, p, \alpha) |a_{k+p-1}| + D(m, n, p, \alpha) |b_{k+p-1}|\} r^{k-1}} \\ + \frac{\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} [(\frac{k+p-1}{p})^m - (-1)^{m-n} (\frac{k+p-1}{p})^n] |b_{k+p-1}| r^{k-1}}{4(1-\alpha) - \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \{C(m, n, p, \alpha) |a_{k+p-1}| + D(m, n, p, \alpha) |b_{k+p-1}|\} r^{k-1}} \\ < \frac{\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} [(\frac{k+p-1}{p})^m - (\frac{k+p-1}{p})^n] |a_{k+p-1}|}{4(1-\alpha) - \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \{C(m, n, p, \alpha) |a_{k+p-1}| + D(m, n, p, \alpha) |b_{k+p-1}|\}} \\ + \frac{\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} [(\frac{k+p-1}{p})^m - (-1)^{m-n} (\frac{k+p-1}{p})^n] |b_{k+p-1}|}{4(1-\alpha) - \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \{C(m, n, p, \alpha) |a_{k+p-1}| + D(m, n, p, \alpha) |b_{k+p-1}|\}} \\ \leq 1$$

The harmonic univalent functions

$$(6) \quad f(z) = z^p + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\Psi(m, n, p, \alpha)} x_k z^{k+p-1} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\Theta(m, n, p, \alpha)} \overline{y_k z^{k+p-1}}$$

where  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ ,  $m \geq n$  and  $\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} |x_k| + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |y_k| = 1$ , show that the coefficient bound given by (5) is sharp. The functions of the form (6) are in  $H_p(m, n, \alpha)$  because

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \{ \Psi(m, n, p, \alpha) |a_{k+p-1}| + \Theta(m, n, p, \alpha) |b_{k+p-1}| \} \\ &= 1 + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} |x_k| + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} |y_k| = 2. \end{aligned}$$

In the following theorem it is shown that the condition (5) is also necessary for functions  $f_m = h + \overline{g_m}$  where  $h$  and  $g_m$  are of the form (4).

**Theorem 2.** *Let  $f_m = h + \overline{g_m}$  be given by (4). Then  $f_m \in \overline{H}_p(m, n, \alpha)$  if and only if*

$$(7) \quad \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \{ \Psi(m, n, p, \alpha) a_{k+p-1} + \Theta(m, n, p, \alpha) b_{k+p-1} \} \leq 2$$

where  $a_p = 1$ ,  $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ ,  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$  and  $m > n$ .

**Proof.** Since  $\overline{H}_p(m, n, \alpha) \subset H_p(m, n, \alpha)$ , we only need to prove the "only if" part of the theorem. For functions  $f_m$  of the form (4), we note that the condition

$$Re \left\{ \frac{D^m f_m(z)}{D^n f_m(z)} \right\} > \alpha.$$

is equivalent to

$$(8) \quad \begin{aligned} & Re \left\{ \frac{(1 - \alpha)z^p - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \left[ \left( \frac{k+p-1}{p} \right)^m - \alpha \left( \frac{k+p-1}{p} \right)^n \right] a_{k+p-1} z^{k+p-1}}{z^p - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \left( \frac{k+p-1}{p} \right)^n a_{k+p-1} z^{k+p-1} + (-1)^{m+n-1} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{k+p-1}{p} \right)^n b_{k+p-1} \overline{z}^{k+p-1}} \right. \\ & \left. + \frac{(-1)^{2m-1} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left[ \left( \frac{k+p-1}{p} \right)^m - (-1)^{m-n} \alpha \left( \frac{k+p-1}{p} \right)^n \right] b_{k+p-1} \overline{z}^{k+p-1}}{z^p - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \left( \frac{k+p-1}{p} \right)^n a_{k+p-1} z^{k+p-1} + (-1)^{m+n-1} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{k+p-1}{p} \right)^n b_{k+p-1} \overline{z}^{k+p-1}} \right\} \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

The above required condition (8) must hold for all values of  $z$  in  $\mathbb{U}$ . Upon choosing the values of  $z$  on the positive real axis where  $0 \leq z = r < 1$ , we must have

$$(9) \quad \frac{(1 - \alpha) - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \left[ \left( \frac{k+p-1}{p} \right)^m - \alpha \left( \frac{k+p-1}{p} \right)^n \right] a_{k+p-1} r^{k-1}}{1 - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \left( \frac{k+p-1}{p} \right)^n a_{k+p-1} r^{k-1} - (-1)^{m-n} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{k+p-1}{p} \right)^n b_{k+p-1} r^{k-1}} \\ + \frac{- \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left[ \left( \frac{k+p-1}{p} \right)^m - (-1)^{m-n} \alpha \left( \frac{k+p-1}{p} \right)^n \right] b_{k+p-1} r^{k-1}}{1 - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \left( \frac{k+p-1}{p} \right)^n a_{k+p-1} r^{k-1} - (-1)^{m-n} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{k+p-1}{p} \right)^n b_{k+p-1} r^{k-1}} \geq 0$$

If the condition (7) does not hold, then the expression in (9) is negative for  $r$  sufficiently close to 1. Hence there exist  $z_0 = r_0$  in  $(0,1)$  for which the quotient in (9) is negative. This contradicts the required condition for  $f_m \in \overline{H}_p(m, n, \alpha)$ . And so the proof is complete.

Next we determine the extreme points of the closed convex hull of  $\overline{H}_p(m, n, \alpha)$ , denoted by  $clco\overline{H}_p(m, n, \alpha)$ .

**Theorem 3.** *Let  $f_m$  be given by (4). Then  $f_m \in \overline{H}_p(m, n, \alpha)$  if and only if*

$$f_m(z) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} [x_{k+p-1} h_{k+p-1}(z) + y_{k+p-1} g_{k+p-1}(z)]$$

where

$$h_p(z) = z^p, h_{k+p-1}(z) = z^p - \frac{1}{\Psi(m, n, p, \alpha)} z^{k+p-1}; \quad (k = 2, 3, \dots)$$

and

$$g_{m_{k+p-1}}(z) = z^p + (-1)^{m-1} \frac{1}{\Theta(m, n, p, \alpha)} \bar{z}^{k+p-1}; \quad (k = 1, 2, 3, \dots)$$

$x_{k+p-1} \geq 0$ ,  $y_{k+p-1} \geq 0$ ,  $x_p = 1 - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} x_{k+p-1} - \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} y_{k+p-1}$ . In particular, the extreme points of  $\overline{H}_p(m, n, \alpha)$  are  $\{h_{k+p-1}\}$  and  $\{g_{k+p-1}\}$ .



**Proof.** For functions  $f_m$  of the form (5)

$$\begin{aligned} f_m(z) &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} [x_{k+p-1}h_{k+p-1}(z) + (y_{k+p-1}g_{m_{k+p-1}}(z))] \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (x_{k+p-1} + y_{k+p-1})z^p - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\Psi(m, n, p, \alpha)} x_{k+p-1} z^{k+p-1} \\ &\quad + (-1)^{m-1} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\Theta(m, n, p, \alpha)} y_{k+p-1} \bar{z}^{k+p-1} \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} &\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \Psi(m, n, p, \alpha) \left( \frac{1}{\Psi(m, n, p, \alpha)} x_{k+p-1} \right) + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \Theta(m, n, p, \alpha) \left( \frac{1}{\Theta(m, n, p, \alpha)} y_{k+p-1} \right) \\ &= \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} x_{k+p-1} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} y_{k+p-1} = 1 - x_p \leq 1 \end{aligned}$$

and so  $f_m(z) \in clco\bar{H}_p(m, n, \alpha)$ .

Conversely, suppose  $f_m(z) \in clco\bar{H}_p(m, n, \alpha, \beta)$ . Letting

$$x_p = 1 - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} x_{k+p-1} - \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} y_{k+p-1} \text{ Set}$$

$$x_{k+p-1} = \Psi(m, n, p, \alpha) a_{k+p-1}, \quad (k = 2, 3, \dots)$$

and

$$y_{k+p-1} = \Theta(m, n, p, \alpha) b_{k+p-1}, \quad (k = 1, 2, 3, \dots)$$

we obtain the required representation ,since

$$\begin{aligned} f_m(z) &= z^p - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} a_{k+p-1} z^{k+p-1} + (-1)^{m-1} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} b_{k+p-1} \bar{z}^{k+p-1} \\ &= z^p - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\Psi(m, n, p, \alpha)} x_{k+p-1} z^{k+p-1} + (-1)^{m-1} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\Theta(m, n, p, \alpha)} y_{k+p-1} \bar{z}^{k+p-1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= z^p - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} [z^p - h_{k+p-1}(z)] x_{k+p-1} - \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} [z^p - g_{m_{k+p-1}}(z)] y_{k+p-1} \\
 &= \left[ 1 - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} x_{k+p-1} - \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} y_{k+p-1} \right] z^p + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} x_{k+p-1} h_{k+p-1}(z) + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} y_{k+p-1} g_{m_{k+p-1}}(z) \\
 &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} [x_{k+p-1} h_{k+p-1}(z) + y_{k+p-1} g_{m_{k+p-1}}(z)].
 \end{aligned}$$

The following theorem gives the distortion bounds for functions in  $\overline{H}_p(m, n, \alpha)$  which yields a covering results for this class.

**Theorem 4.** *Let  $f_m \in \overline{H}_p(m, n, \alpha)$ . Then for  $|z| = r < 1$  we have*

$$|f_m(z)| \leq (1 + b_p)r^p + \{\Phi(m, n, p, \alpha) - \Omega(m, n, p, \alpha)b_p\} r^{n+p}$$

and

$$|f_m(z)| \geq (1 - b_p)r^p - \{\Phi(m, n, p, \alpha) - \Omega(m, n, p, \alpha)b_p\} r^{n+p}$$

where,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Phi(m, n, p, \alpha) &= \frac{1 - \alpha}{\left(\frac{p+1}{p}\right)^m - \alpha\left(\frac{p+1}{p}\right)^n} \\
 \Omega(m, n, p, \alpha) &= \frac{1 - (-1)^{m-n}\alpha}{\left(\frac{p+1}{p}\right)^m - \alpha\left(\frac{p+1}{p}\right)^n}
 \end{aligned}$$

**Proof.** We prove the right hand side inequality for  $|f_m|$ . The proof for the left hand inequality can be done using similar arguments. Let  $f_m \in \overline{H}_p(m, n, \alpha)$ . Taking the absolute value of  $f_m$  then by Theorem 2, we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned}
 |f_m(z)| &= \left| z^p - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} a_{k+p-1} z^{k+p-1} + (-1)^{m-1} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} b_{k+p-1} \bar{z}^{k+p-1} \right| \\
 &\leq r^p + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} a_{k+p-1} r^{k+p-1} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} b_{k+p-1} r^{k+p-1}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= r^p + b_p r^p + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} (a_{k+p-1} + b_{k+p-1}) r^{k+p-1} \\
&\leq r^p + b_p r^p + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} (a_{k+p-1} + b_{k+p-1}) r^{p+1} \\
&= (1 + b_p) r^p + \Phi(m, n, p, \alpha) \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\Phi(m, n, p, \alpha)} (a_{k+p-1} + b_{k+p-1}) r^{p+1} \\
&\leq (1 + b_p) r^p + \Phi(m, n, p, \alpha) r^{n+p} \left[ \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \Psi(m, n, p, \alpha) a_{k+p-1} + \Theta(m, n, p, \alpha) b_{k+p-1} \right] \\
&\leq (1 + b_p) r^p + \{ \Phi(m, n, p, \alpha) - \Omega(m, n, p, \alpha) b_p \} r^{n+p}.
\end{aligned}$$

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

**Corollary 1.** *Let  $f_m \in \overline{H}_p(m, n, \alpha)$ , then for  $|z| = r < 1$  we have*

$$\{w : |w| < 1 - b_p - [\Phi(m, n, p, \alpha) - \Omega(m, n, p, \alpha) b_p] \subset f_m(\mathbb{U})\}.$$

**Remark 1.** *If we take  $m = 1$ ,  $n = 0$  and  $p = 1$ , then the above covering result given in [3]. Furthermore, taking  $m = n + 1$  and  $p = 1$  we obtain the results given in [4].*

**Remark 2.** *The results of this paper, for  $p = 1$ , coincide with the results in [8].*

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