

# A Class of Complex-valued Harmonic Functions Defined by Dziok-Srivastava Operator

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Abstract: The Dziok-Srivastava [6] operator introduced in the study of analytic functions and associated with generalized hypergeometric functions has been extended to harmonic mappings [2, 12]. Using this operator we introduce a subclass of the class  $\mathcal{H}$  of complex-valued harmonic univalent functions  $f = h + \overline{g}$  where h is the analytic part and g is the co-analytic part of f in |z| < 1. Coefficient bounds, extreme points, inclusion results and closure under an integral operator for this class are obtained.

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### 1 Introduction

Harmonic mappings have found applications in many diverse fields such as engineering, aerodynamics and other branches of applied mathematics. Harmonic mappings in a domain  $D \subseteq C$  are univalent complex-valued harmonic functions f = u + iv where both u and v are real harmonic. The important work of Clunie and Sheil-Small [5] on the class consisting of complex-valued harmonic orientationpreserving univalent functions f defined on the open unit disk  $\mathcal{U}$  formed the basis for several investigations on different subclasses of harmonic univalent functions (See for example [1] and references therein).

In any simply-connected domain D it is known that [5] we can write  $f = h + \overline{g}$ , where h and g are analytic in D. We call h the analytic part and g the co-analytic part of f. A necessary and sufficient condition for f to be locally univalent and orientation preserving in D is that |h'(z)| > |g'(z)| in D (see [5]).

Denote by  $\mathcal{H}$  the family of harmonic functions

$$f = h + \overline{g} \tag{1}$$

which are univalent and orientation preserving in the open unit disc  $\mathcal{U} = \{z : |z| < 1\}$ and f is normalized by  $f(0) = h(0) = f_z(0) - 1 = 0$ . Thus, for  $f = h + \overline{g} \in \mathcal{H}$ , the analytic functions h and g are given by

$$h(z) = z + \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} a_m z^m, \ g(z) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} b_m z^m.$$

Hence

$$f(z) = z + \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} a_m z^m + \overline{\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} b_m z^m}, \ |b_1| < 1.$$
(2)

We note that the family  $\mathcal{H}$  reduces to the well known class S of normalized univalent functions if the co-analytic part of f is identically zero, that is  $g \equiv 0$ .

For complex numbers  $\alpha_1, \ldots, \alpha_p$  and  $\beta_1, \ldots, \beta_q$   $(\beta_j \neq 0, -1, \ldots; j = 1, 2, \ldots, q)$ the generalized hypergeometric function [13]  ${}_pF_q(z)$  is defined by

$${}_{p}F_{q}(z) \equiv {}_{p}F_{q}(\alpha_{1}, \dots, \alpha_{p}; \beta_{1}, \dots, \beta_{q}; z) := \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\alpha_{1})_{m} \dots (\alpha_{p})_{m}}{(\beta_{1})_{m} \dots (\beta_{q})_{m}} \frac{z^{m}}{m!}, \qquad (3)$$

$$(p \le q+1; p, q \in N_0 := N \cup \{0\}; z \in \mathcal{U})$$

where N denotes the set of all positive integers and  $(a)_m$  is the Pochhammer symbol defined by

$$(a)_m = \begin{cases} 1, & m = 0\\ a(a+1)(a+2)\dots(a+m-1), & m \in N. \end{cases}$$
(4)

Dziok and Srivastava [6] introduced an operator in their study of analytic functions associated with generalized hypergeometric functions. This Dziok-Srivastava operator is known to include many well-known operators as special cases.

Let

$$H(\alpha_1, \ldots, \alpha_p; \beta_1, \ldots, \beta_q) : A \to A$$

be a linear operator defined by

$$[(H(\alpha_1, \dots \alpha_p; \beta_1, \dots, \beta_q))(\phi)](z) := z {}_p F_q(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots \alpha_p; \beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_q; z) * \phi(z)$$
$$= z + \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} \Gamma_m a_m z^m,$$
(5)

where

$$\Gamma_m = \frac{(\alpha_1)_{m-1} \dots (\alpha_p)_{m-1}}{(\beta_1)_{m-1} \dots (\beta_q)_{m-1}} \frac{1}{(m-1)!}$$
(6)

and  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_p$ ;  $\beta_1, \dots, \beta_q$  are positive real numbers, such that  $p \leq q+1$ ;  $p, q \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ , and  $(a)_m$  is the familiar Pochhammer symbol.

The linear operator  $H(\alpha_1, \ldots, \alpha_p; \beta_1, \ldots, \beta_q)$  or  $H^p_q[\alpha_1, \beta_1]$  in short, is the Dziok-Srivastava operator (see [6] and [17]), which includes several well known operators.

The Dziok-Srivastava operator when extended to the harmonic function  $f = h + \overline{g}$  is defined by

$$H^p_q[\alpha_1,\beta_1]f(z) = H^p_q[\alpha_1,\beta_1]h(z) + \overline{H^p_q[\alpha_1,\beta_1]g(z)}$$
(7)

Motivated by earlier works of [4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 16, 18] on harmonic functions, we introduce here a new subclass  $G_{\mathcal{H}}([\alpha_1, \beta_1], \gamma)$  of  $\mathcal{H}$  using the Dziok-Srivastava operator extended to harmonic functions.

Let  $G_{\mathcal{H}}([\alpha_1, \beta_1], \gamma)$  denote the subfamily of starlike harmonic functions  $f \in \mathcal{H}$ of the form (1) such that

$$\operatorname{Re}\left\{1+(1+e^{i\psi})\frac{\left[\frac{z^{2}(H_{q}^{p}[\alpha_{1},\beta_{1}]h(z))''}{+\overline{2z(H_{q}^{p}[\alpha_{1},\beta_{1}]g(z))'+z^{2}(H_{q}^{p}[\alpha_{1},\beta_{1}]g(z))''}\right]}{z(H_{q}^{p}[\alpha_{1},\beta_{1}]h(z))'-\overline{z(H_{q}^{p}[\alpha_{1},\beta_{1}]g(z))'}}\right\} \geq \gamma \quad (8)$$

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where  $H^p_q[\alpha_1, \beta_1]f(z)$  is defined by (7)  $0 \leq \gamma < 1, \ z \in \mathcal{U}$  and  $\psi$  real.

We also let  $T_{\mathcal{H}}([\alpha_1, \beta_1], \gamma) = G_{\mathcal{H}}([\alpha_1, \beta_1], \gamma) \bigcap T_{\mathcal{H}}$  where  $T_{\mathcal{H}}$  [16], is the class of harmonic functions f such that

$$f(z) = z - \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} |a_m| z^m - \overline{\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} |b_m| z^m}, \ |b_1| < 1.$$
(9)

We obtain a sufficient coefficient condition for functions f given by (2) to be in the class  $G_{\mathcal{H}}([\alpha_1, \beta_1], \gamma)$  and show that this coefficient condition also is necessary for functions belonging to the class  $T_{\mathcal{H}}([\alpha_1, \beta_1], \gamma)$ . Also, extreme points for functions in  $T_{\mathcal{H}}([\alpha_1, \beta_1], \gamma)$  and certain inclusion results are obtained.

# **2** Coefficient Condition for the Class $G_{\mathcal{H}}([\alpha_1, \beta_1], \gamma)$

A sufficient coefficient condition for functions belonging to the class  $G_{\mathcal{H}}([\alpha_1, \beta_1], \gamma)$  is now derived.

**Theorem 2.1.** Let  $f = h + \overline{g}$  be given by (2). If

$$\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} m\left(\frac{2m-1-\gamma}{1-\gamma}|a_m| + \frac{2m+1+\gamma}{1-\gamma}|b_m|\right)\Gamma_m \le 2.$$
(10)

 $0 \leq \gamma < 1$ , then  $f \in G_{\mathcal{H}}([\alpha_1, \beta_1], \gamma)$ .

*Proof.* When the condition (10) holds for the coefficients of  $f = h + \overline{g}$ , it is shown that the inequality (8) is satisfied. Write the left side of inequality (8) as

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{z(H_q^p[\alpha_1,\beta_1]h(z))' + (1+e^{i\psi})z^2(H_q^p[\alpha_1,\beta_1]h(z))''}{+(1+2e^{i\psi})\overline{z(H_q^p[\alpha_1,\beta_1]g(z))'} + (1+e^{i\psi})\overline{z^2(H_q^p[\alpha_1,\beta_1]g(z))''}}{z(H_q^p[\alpha_1,\beta_1]h(z))' - \overline{z(H_q^p[\alpha_1,\beta_1]g(z))'}} \right\}$$

$$= \operatorname{Re} \frac{A(z)}{B(z)}.$$

Since Re  $(w) \ge \gamma$  if and only if  $|1 - \gamma + w| \ge |1 + \gamma - w|$ , it is sufficient to show that

$$|A(z) + (1 - \gamma)B(z)| - |A(z) - (1 + \gamma)B(z)| \ge 0.$$
(11)

Substituting for A(z) and B(z) the appropriate expressions in (11), we get

$$\begin{split} |A(z) + (1-\gamma)B(z)| &- |A(z) - (1+\gamma)B(z)| \\ \geq & (2-\gamma)|z| - \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} m(2m-\gamma)\Gamma_m |a_m| \ |z|^m - \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} m(2m+\gamma)\Gamma_m |b_m| \ ||z|^m \\ & -\gamma|z| - \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} m(2m-2-\gamma)\Gamma_m |a_m| \ |z|^m - \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} m(2m+2+\gamma)\Gamma_m |b_m| \ |z|^m \\ \geq & 2(1-\gamma)|z| \left\{ 1 - \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} m \frac{2m-1-\gamma}{1-\gamma}\Gamma_m |a_m| - \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} m \frac{2m+1+\gamma}{1-\gamma}\Gamma_m |b_m| \right\} \\ \geq & 0 \end{split}$$

by inequality (10), which implies that  $f \in G_{\mathcal{H}}([\alpha_1, \beta_1], \gamma)$ .

Now we obtain the necessary and sufficient condition for the function  $f = h + \overline{g}$ given by (9) to be in  $T_{\mathcal{H}}$ .

**Theorem 2.2.** Let  $f = h + \overline{g}$  be given by (9). Then  $f \in T_{\mathcal{H}}([\alpha_1, \beta_1], \gamma)$  if and only if

$$\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} m \left\{ \frac{2m - 1 - \gamma}{1 - \gamma} |a_m| + \frac{2m + 1 + \gamma}{1 - \gamma} |b_m| \right\} \Gamma_m \le 2$$
(12)

where  $0 \leq \gamma < 1$ .

*Proof.* Since  $T_{\mathcal{H}}([\alpha_1, \beta_1], \gamma) \subset G_{\mathcal{H}}([\alpha_1, \beta_1], \gamma)$ , we only need to prove the necessary part of the theorem. Assume that  $f \in T_{\mathcal{H}}([\alpha_1, \beta_1], \gamma)$ , then by virtue of (7) to (8), we obtain

$$\operatorname{Re}\left\{(1-\gamma) + (1+e^{i\psi}) \frac{\begin{bmatrix} z^2 (H_q^p[\alpha_1,\beta_1]h(z))'' \\ + \overline{2z(H_q^p[\alpha_1,\beta_1]g(z))' + z^2(H_q^p[\alpha_1,\beta_1]g(z))''} \end{bmatrix}}{z(H_q^p[\alpha_1,\beta_1]h(z))' - \overline{z(H_q^p[\alpha_1,\beta_1]g(z))'}} \right\} \ge 0.$$

The above inequality is equivalent to

$$\operatorname{Re}\left\{ \begin{aligned} & \left\{ \frac{z - \left(\sum_{m=2}^{\infty} m[m(1+e^{i\psi}) - \gamma - e^{i\psi}]\Gamma_m |a_m| z^m \right) + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} m[m(1+e^{i\psi}) + \gamma + e^{i\psi}]\Gamma_m |b_m| \overline{z}^m \right) \\ & \left\{ \frac{z - \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} m\Gamma_m |a_m| z^m + \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} m\Gamma_m |b_m| \overline{z}^m \right) \\ & \left\{ \frac{(1-\gamma) - \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} m\Gamma_m |a_m| z^m + \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} m\Gamma_m |b_m| \overline{z}^{m-1} - \frac{\overline{z}}{z} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} m[m(1+e^{i\psi}) + e^{i\psi} + \gamma]\Gamma_m |b_m| \overline{z}^{m-1} \\ & \left\{ \frac{-\overline{z}}{z} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} m[m(1+e^{i\psi}) + e^{i\psi} + \gamma]\Gamma_m |b_m| \overline{z}^{m-1} - \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} m\Gamma_m |a_m| z^{m-1} + \frac{\overline{z}}{z} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} m\Gamma_m |b_m| \overline{z}^{m-1} \\ & \left\{ \frac{1 - \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} m\Gamma_m |a_m| z^{m-1} + \frac{\overline{z}}{z} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} m\Gamma_m |b_m| \overline{z}^{m-1} - \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} m\Gamma_m |a_m| z^{m-1} + \frac{\overline{z}}{z} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} m\Gamma_m |b_m| \overline{z}^{m-1} \\ & \left\{ \frac{1 - \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} m\Gamma_m |a_m| z^{m-1} + \frac{\overline{z}}{z} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} m\Gamma_m |b_m| \overline{z}^{m-1} - \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} m\Gamma_m |a_m| z^{m-1} + \frac{\overline{z}}{z} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} m\Gamma_m |b_m| \overline{z}^{m-1} \\ & \left\{ \frac{1 - \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} m\Gamma_m |a_m| z^{m-1} + \frac{\overline{z}}{z} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} m\Gamma_m |b_m| \overline{z}^{m-1} - \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} m\Gamma_m |a_m| z^{m-1} + \frac{\overline{z}}{z} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} m\Gamma_m |b_m| \overline{z}^{m-1} \\ & \left\{ \frac{1 - \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} m\Gamma_m |a_m| z^{m-1} + \frac{\overline{z}}{z} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} m\Gamma_m |b_m| \overline{z}^{m-1} - \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} m\Gamma_m |a_m| z^{m-1} + \frac{\overline{z}}{z} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} m\Gamma_m |b_m| \overline{z}^{m-1} \\ & \left\{ \frac{1 - \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} m\Gamma_m |a_m| z^{m-1} + \frac{\overline{z}}{z} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} m\Gamma_m |b_m| \overline{z}^{m-1} - \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} m\Gamma_m |b_$$

This condition must hold for all values of  $z \in \mathcal{U}$  and for real  $\psi$ , so that on taking z = r < 1 and  $\psi = 0$ , the above inequality reduces to

$$\frac{(1-\gamma) - \left[\sum_{m=2}^{\infty} m(2m-1-\gamma)\Gamma_m |a_m| r^{m-1} + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} m(2m+1+\gamma)\Gamma_m |b_m| r^{m-1}\right]}{1 - \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} \Gamma_m |a_m| r^{m-1} + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \Gamma_m |b_m| r^{m-1}} \ge 0.$$
(13)

Letting  $r \to 1^-$  through real values, we obtain the condition (12). This completes the proof of Theorem 2.2.

## 3 Extreme Points and Inclusion Results

We determine the extreme points of closed convex hulls of  $\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{H}}([\alpha_1, \beta_1], \gamma)$  denoted by  $clco\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{H}}([\alpha_1, \beta_1], \gamma)$ .

**Theorem 3.1.** A function  $f(z) \in clcoT_{\mathcal{H}}([\alpha_1, \beta_1], \gamma)$  if and only if f(z) =

$$\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \left( X_m h_m(z) + Y_m g_m(z) \right) \text{ where }$$

$$h_1(z) = z, h_m(z) = z - \frac{1 - \gamma}{m(2m - 1 - \gamma)\Gamma_m} z^m; \quad (m \ge 2),$$
  
$$g_m(z) = z - \frac{1 - \gamma}{m(2m + 1 + \gamma)\Gamma_m} \overline{z}^m; \quad (m \ge 2),$$
  
$$\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} (X_m + Y_m) = 1, \quad X_m \ge 0 \text{ and } \quad Y_m \ge 0.$$

In particular, the extreme points of  $\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{H}}([\alpha_1,\beta_1],\gamma)$  are  $\{h_m\}$  and  $\{g_m\}$ .

*Proof.* First, we note that for f as in the theorem above, we may write

$$f(z) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \left( X_m h_m(z) + Y_m g_m(z) \right)$$
  
$$= \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \left( X_m + Y_m \right) z - \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} \frac{1 - \gamma}{m(2m - 1 - \gamma)\Gamma_m} X_m z^m$$
  
$$- \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{1 - \gamma}{m(2m + 1 + \gamma)\Gamma_m} Y_m \overline{z}^m$$
  
$$= z - \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} A_m z^m - \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} B_m \overline{z}^m$$
  
where  $A_m = \frac{1 - \gamma}{m - \gamma} X_m$  and  $B_m = \frac{1 - \gamma}{m - \gamma} Y_m$ 

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$$A_m = \frac{1-\gamma}{m(2m-1-\gamma))\Gamma_m} X_m, \text{ and } B_m = \frac{1-\gamma}{m(2m+1+\gamma)\Gamma_m} Y_m.$$

Therefore

$$\begin{split} &\sum_{m=2}^{\infty} \frac{m(2m-1-\gamma)\Gamma_m}{1-\gamma} A_m + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{m(2m+1+\gamma)\Gamma_m}{1-\gamma} B_m \\ &= \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} X_m + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} Y_m \\ &= 1-X_1 \leq 1, \end{split}$$

and hence  $f(z) \in clco\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{H}}([\alpha_1, \beta_1], \gamma)$ . Conversely, suppose that  $f(z) \in clco\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{H}}([\alpha_1, \beta_1], \gamma)$ . Setting

$$X_m = \frac{m(2m - 1 - \gamma)\Gamma_m}{1 - \gamma} A_m, \quad (m \ge 2), \ Y_m = \frac{m(2m + 1 + \gamma)\Gamma_m}{1 - \gamma} B_m, \ (m \ge 1)$$

where 
$$\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} (X_m + Y_m) = 1$$
. Then  

$$f(z) = z - \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} A_m z^m - \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} B_m \overline{z}^m, \quad A_m, \ B_m \ge 0.$$

$$= z - \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} \frac{1 - \gamma}{m(2m - 1 - \gamma)\Gamma_m} X_m z^m - \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{1 - \gamma}{m(2m + 1 + \gamma)\Gamma_m} Y_m \overline{z}^m$$

$$= z + \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} (h_m(z) - z) X_m + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} (g_m(z) - z) Y_m$$

$$= \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} (X_m h_m(z) + Y_m g_m(z))$$
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as required.

Now we show that  $\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{H}}([\alpha_1, \beta_1], \gamma)$  is closed under convex combinations of its members.

**Theorem 3.2.** The family  $\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{H}}([\alpha_1, \beta_1], \gamma)$  is closed under convex combinations. *Proof.* For i = 1, 2, ..., suppose that  $f_i \in \mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{H}}([\alpha_1, \beta_1], \gamma)$  where

$$f_i(z) = z - \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} a_{i,m} z^m - \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} b_{i,m} \overline{z}^m.$$

Then, by inequality (12)

$$\sum_{m=2}^{\infty} \frac{m(2m-1-\gamma)\Gamma_m}{(1-\gamma)} a_{i,m} + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{m(2m+1+\gamma)\Gamma_m}{(1-\gamma)} b_{i,m} \le 1.$$
(14)

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

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} t_i f_i(z) = z - \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} t_i a_{i,m} \right) z^m - \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} t_i b_{i,m} \right) \overline{z}^n.$$

Using the inequality (12), we obtain

$$\sum_{m=2}^{\infty} \frac{m(2m-1-\gamma)\Gamma_m}{(1-\gamma)} \left(\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} t_i a_{i,m}\right) + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{m(2m+1+\gamma)\Gamma_m}{(1-\gamma)} \left(\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} t_i b_{i,m}\right)$$
$$= \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} t_i \left(\sum_{m=2}^{\infty} \frac{m(2m-1-\gamma)\Gamma_m}{(1-\gamma)} a_{i,m} + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{m(2m+1+\gamma)\Gamma_m}{(1-\gamma)} b_{i,n}\right)$$
$$\leq \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} t_i = 1,$$

and therefore  $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} t_i f_i \in \mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{H}}([\alpha_1], \gamma).$ 

**Theorem 3.3.** For  $0 \leq \delta \leq \gamma < 1$ , let  $f(z) \in \mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{H}}([\alpha_1, \beta_1], \gamma)$  and  $F(z) \in \mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{H}}([\alpha_1, \beta_1], \delta)$ . Then  $f(z) * F(z) \in \mathcal{G}_{\mathcal{H}}([\alpha_1, \beta_1], \gamma) \subset \mathcal{G}_{\mathcal{H}}([\alpha_1, \beta_1], \delta)$ .

Proof. Let 
$$f(z) = z - \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} a_m z^m - \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \overline{b}_m \overline{z}^n \in \mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{H}}([\alpha_1, \beta_1], \gamma)$$
 and  $F(z) = z - \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} A_m z^m - \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \overline{B}_m \overline{z}^n \in \mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{H}}([\alpha_1, \beta_1], \delta)$ . Then  $f(z) * F(z) = z + \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} a_m A_m z^m + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \overline{b}_m \overline{B}_m \overline{z}^n$ .

We note that  $|A_m| \leq 1$  and  $|B_m| \leq 1$ . Now we have

$$\begin{split} &\sum_{m=2}^{\infty} \frac{m(2m-1-\delta)\Gamma_m}{1-\delta} |a_m| \quad |A_m| + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{m(2m+1+\delta)\Gamma_m}{1-\delta} |b_m| \quad |B_m| \\ &\leq \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} \frac{m(2m-1-\delta)\Gamma_m}{1-\delta} |a_m| + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{m(2m+1+\delta))\Gamma_m}{1-\delta} |b_m| \\ &\leq \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} \frac{m(2m-1-\gamma))\Gamma_m}{1-\gamma} |a_m| + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{m(2m+1+\gamma))\Gamma_m}{1-\gamma} |b_m| \leq 1, \end{split}$$

using Theorem 2.2 since  $f(z) \in \mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{H}}([\alpha_1, \beta_1], \gamma)$  and  $0 \leq \delta \leq \gamma < 1$ . This proves that  $f(z) * F(z) \in \mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{H}}([\alpha_1, \beta_1], \delta)$ .

### 4 Integral Operator

Now, we examine a closure property of the class  $\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{H}}([\alpha_1, \beta_1], \gamma)$  under the generalized Bernardi-Libera -Livingston integral operator  $L_c(f)$  which is defined by

$$L_c(f) = \frac{c+1}{z^c} \int_0^z t^{c-1} f(t) dt, c > -1.$$

**Theorem 4.1.** Let  $f(z) \in \mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{H}}([\alpha_1, \beta_1], \gamma)$ . Then  $L_c(f(z)) \in \mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{H}}([\alpha_1, \beta_1], \gamma)$ 

*Proof.* From the representation of  $L_c(f(z))$ , it follows that

$$L_c(f) = \frac{c+1}{z^c} \int_0^z t^{c-1} \left[ h(t) + \overline{g(t)} \right] dt.$$

$$= \frac{c+1}{z^{c}} \left( \int_{0}^{z} t^{c-1} \left( t - \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} a_{m} t^{n} \right) dt - \int_{0}^{z} t^{c-1} \left( \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} b_{m} t^{n} \right) dt \right)$$
$$= z - \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} A_{m} z^{m} - \sum_{n=21}^{\infty} B_{m} z^{m}$$

where

$$A_m = \frac{c+1}{c+n} a_m; B_m = \frac{c+1}{c+n} b_m.$$

Therefore,

$$\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} m\left(\frac{2m-1-\gamma}{1-\gamma}\left(\frac{c+1}{c+n}|a_m|\right) + \frac{2m+1+\gamma}{1-\gamma}\left(\frac{c+1}{c+n}|b_m|\right)\right)\Gamma_m$$

$$\leq \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} m\left(\frac{2m-1-\gamma}{1-\gamma}|a_m| + \frac{2m+1+\gamma}{1-\gamma}|b_m|\right)\Gamma_m$$

$$\leq 2(1-\gamma).$$

Since  $f(z) \in \mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{H}}([\alpha_1, \beta_1], \gamma)$ , therefore by Theorem 2.2,  $L_c(f(z)) \in \mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{H}}([\alpha_1, \beta_1], \gamma)$ .

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