

ON PLANAR HARMONIC LIPSCHITZ AND PLANAR HARMONIC HARDY CLASSES

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Abstract. In this paper, we investigate the properties of two classes of planar harmonic mappings. First, we discuss the equivalent norms on Lipschitz-type spaces of harmonic K -quasiregular mappings and then we study the relationship between the harmonic area functions and the harmonic Hardy classes. We also establish Landau's theorem for a class of harmonic Hardy mappings.

1. Introduction and preliminaries

A complex-valued function $f(z) = u(z) + iv(z)$ defined on a simply connected domain D of \mathbf{C} is called a *harmonic mapping* if and only if it is twice continuously differentiable and $\Delta f = 0$. That is the components u and v are real harmonic in D , where Δ represents the complex Laplacian operator

$$\Delta = 4 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z \partial \bar{z}} = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2}.$$

Every harmonic mapping f defined in D has a canonical decomposition $f = h + \bar{g}$, where h and g are analytic in D (see [3] or [4]). Since the Jacobian $J_f(z)$ of f is given by

$$J_f(z) = |f_z(z)|^2 - |f_{\bar{z}}(z)|^2 = |h'(z)|^2 - |g'(z)|^2,$$

f is locally univalent and orientation-preserving if and only if $|g'(z)| < |h'(z)|$ in D ; or equivalently $h'(z) \neq 0$ and the dilatation $\omega = g'/h'$ has the property that $|\omega(z)| < 1$ in D . For $a \in \mathbf{C}$, let $\mathbf{D}(a, r) = \{z: |z - a| < r\}$. In special, we denote $\mathbf{D}(0, r) = \mathbf{D}_r$ and $\mathbf{D} = \mathbf{D}(0, 1)$. Because a composition $f \circ g$ with an analytic function g remains harmonic, the Riemann mapping theorem allows us to assume that $D = \mathbf{D}$. Throughout this paper, we consider harmonic mappings in \mathbf{D} unless specially stated.

A continuous increasing function $\omega: [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ with $\omega(0) = 0$ is called a *majorant* if $\omega(t)/t$ is non-increasing for $t > 0$. Given a subset Ω of \mathbf{C} , a function $f: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$ is said to belong to the *Lipschitz space* $\Lambda_\omega(\Omega)$ if there is a positive constant C such that

$$(1) \quad |f(z) - f(w)| \leq C\omega(|z - w|) \quad \text{for all } z, w \in \Omega.$$

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For $\delta_0 > 0$, let

$$(2) \quad \int_0^\delta \frac{\omega(t)}{t} dt \leq C \cdot \omega(\delta), \quad 0 < \delta < \delta_0,$$

and

$$(3) \quad \delta \int_\delta^{+\infty} \frac{\omega(t)}{t^2} dt \leq C \cdot \omega(\delta), \quad 0 < \delta < \delta_0,$$

where ω is a majorant and C is a positive constant. A majorant ω is said to be *regular* if it satisfies the conditions (2) and (3) (see [5, 16]).

Let G be a proper subdomain of \mathbf{C} or \mathbf{R}^2 . We say that a function f belongs to the *local Lipschitz space* $\text{loc } \Lambda_\omega(G)$ if (1) holds, with a fixed positive constant C , whenever $z \in G$ and $|z-w| < \frac{1}{2}d(z, \partial G)$, where $d(\cdot, \cdot)$ denotes the Euclidean distance (cf. [6, 10]). Moreover, G is said to be a Λ_ω -*extension domain* if $\Lambda_\omega(G) = \text{loc } \Lambda_\omega(G)$. The geometric characterization of Λ_ω -extension domains was first given by Gehring and Martio [6]. Then Lappalainen [10] extended it to the general case and proved that G is a Λ_ω -extension domain if and only if each pair of points $z, w \in G$ can be joined by a rectifiable curve $\gamma \subset G$ satisfying

$$(4) \quad \int_\gamma \frac{\omega(d(z, \partial G))}{d(z, \partial G)} ds(z) \leq C\omega(|z-w|)$$

with some fixed positive constant $C = C(G, \omega)$, where ds stands for the arc length measure on γ . Furthermore, Lappalainen [10, Theorem 4.12] proved that Λ_ω -extension domains exist only for majorants ω satisfying (2).

Dyakonov [5] characterized the holomorphic functions of class Λ_ω in terms of their modulus. Later in [16, Theorems A], Pavlović came up with a relatively simple proof of the results of Dyakonov. Recently, many authors considered this topic and generalized Dyakonov's results to pseudo-holomorphic functions and real harmonic functions of several variables for some special majorant $\omega(t) = t^\alpha$, where $\alpha > 0$ (see [9, 11, 12, 13, 14]). In this paper, we first extend [16, Theorems A and B] to planar K -quasiregular harmonic mappings as follows, where $K \geq 1$.

Theorem 1. *Let ω be a majorant satisfying (2), and let G be a Λ_ω -extension domain. If f is a planar K -quasiregular harmonic mapping of G and continuous up to the boundary ∂G , then*

$$f \in \Lambda_\omega(G) \iff |f| \in \Lambda_\omega(G) \iff |f| \in \Lambda_\omega(G, \partial G),$$

where $\Lambda_\omega(G, \partial G)$ denotes the class of continuous functions f on $G \cup \partial G$ which satisfy (1) with some positive constant C , whenever $z \in G$ and $w \in \partial G$.

For any $z_1, z_2 \in G \subset \mathbf{C}$, let

$$d_{\omega, G}(z_1, z_2) := \inf \int_\gamma \frac{\omega(d(z, \partial G))}{d(z, \partial G)} ds(z),$$

where the infimum is taken over all rectifiable curves $\gamma \subset G$ joining z_1 to z_2 . We say that $f \in \Lambda_{\omega, \text{inf}}(G)$ whenever for any $z_1, z_2 \in G$,

$$|f(z_1) - f(z_2)| \leq C d_{\omega, G}(z_1, z_2),$$

where C is a positive constant which depends only on f (see [8]).

Theorem 2. *Let ω be a majorant satisfying (2). If f is a planar K -quasiregular harmonic mapping in G , then*

$$f \in \Lambda_{\omega, \text{inf}}(G) \iff |f| \in \Lambda_{\omega, \text{inf}}(G).$$

Many authors discussed the relationships between Hardy classes of holomorphic functions and integral means (see [7, 15]). In order to derive an analogous result of [7, Theorem 1] for the setting of harmonic mappings, we need to introduce some notation.

For a harmonic function f in \mathbf{D} , for $p > 0$ and $0 \leq r < 1$, we define

$$(5) \quad I_p(r, f) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} |f(re^{i\theta})|^p d\theta$$

and say that f belongs to the *harmonic Hardy class* \mathcal{H}_h^p if

$$\|f\|_p = \sup_{0 < r < 1} (I_p(r, f))^{1/p} < +\infty.$$

For a harmonic mapping f in \mathbf{D} , the *generalized harmonic area function* $A_h(r, f)$ is defined by

$$A_h(r, f) = \int_{\mathbf{D}_r} |\nabla f(z)|^2 dA(z),$$

where dA denotes the normalized Lebesgue measure on \mathbf{D} and

$$|\nabla f| = (|f_z|^2 + |f_{\bar{z}}|^2)^{1/2}.$$

The following theorem is an analogous result of [7, Theorem 1].

Theorem 3. *Let f be harmonic in \mathbf{D} and $\delta > 0$. Then, if $1 < p \leq 2$,*

$$(6) \quad f \in \mathcal{H}_h^p(\mathbf{D}) \Rightarrow \int_0^1 A_h^{\frac{p}{2}}(r, f)(1-r)^{\frac{\delta(2-p)}{2}} dr < +\infty,$$

while if $p > 2$,

$$(7) \quad \int_0^1 A_h^{\frac{p}{2}}(r, f)(1-r)^{\frac{\delta(2-p)}{2}} dr < +\infty \Rightarrow f \in \mathcal{H}_h^p(\mathbf{D}).$$

Theorem 4. *Let $f \in \mathcal{H}_h^p(\mathbf{D})$ and $\delta > 0$. If $1 < p \leq 2$, then*

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow 1^-} (1-r)^{\frac{\delta(2-p)+2}{p}} A_h(r, f) = 0.$$

Finally, we prove a Landau's theorem for a class of harmonic Hardy mappings.

Theorem 5. *Let f be a harmonic in \mathbf{D} with $\|f\|_p \leq M$ and $f(0) = \lambda_f(0) - 1 = 0$, where M is a positive constant, $\lambda_f(z) = ||f_z(z)| - |f_{\bar{z}}(z)||$ and $p \geq 1$. Then f is univalent in \mathbf{D}_{ρ_0} , where*

$$\rho_0 = \varphi(r_0) = \max_{0 < r < 1} \varphi(r), \quad \varphi(r) = r \left(1 - \sqrt{\frac{t}{1+t}} \right),$$

with

$$t = \frac{4}{\pi} \cdot \frac{2^{\frac{1}{p}} M}{r(1-r)^{\frac{1}{p}}}.$$

Moreover, $f(\mathbf{D}_{\rho_0})$ contains a univalent disk \mathbf{D}_{R_0} with

$$R_0 = \frac{r_0\varphi(r_0)}{2r_0 - \varphi(r_0)}.$$

In Theorem 5, we remark that $\max_{0 < r < 1} \varphi(r)$ does exist, since

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow 0^+} \varphi(r) = \lim_{r \rightarrow 1^-} \varphi(r) = 0.$$

The proofs of these theorems are presented in the following sections. We end this section with the following problem which is suggested by the referee: *Does Theorem 1 still hold if the hypothesis “mappings being harmonic” is dropped?*

2. Harmonic Lipschitz classes

In order to prove our main results, we need the following result.

Theorem A. [1, Theorem 7] *If f is a K -quasiregular harmonic mapping of \mathbf{D} into itself, then*

$$|f_z(z)| + |f_{\bar{z}}(z)| \leq \frac{4K \cos(|f(z)\pi/2|)}{\pi (1 - |z|^2)}$$

holds for $z \in \mathbf{D}$.

Proof of Theorem 1. The implications $f \in \Lambda_\omega(G) \Rightarrow |f| \in \Lambda_\omega(G) \Rightarrow |f| \in \Lambda_\omega(G, \partial G)$ are obvious. We only need to prove $|f| \in \Lambda_\omega(G, \partial G) \Rightarrow f \in \Lambda_\omega(G)$. For a fixed point $z \in G$, let

$$F(\eta) = f(z + d(z)\eta)/M_z, \quad \eta \in \mathbf{D},$$

where $d(z) := d(z, \partial G)$ and $M_z := \sup\{|f(\zeta)| : |\zeta - z| < d(z)\}$. By a simple calculation, we obtain that

$$\frac{|F_\eta(\eta)| + |F_{\bar{\eta}}(\eta)|}{|F_\eta(\eta)| - |F_{\bar{\eta}}(\eta)|} = \frac{|f_\xi(\xi)| + |f_{\bar{\xi}}(\xi)|}{|f_\xi(\xi)| - |f_{\bar{\xi}}(\xi)|} \leq K,$$

where $\xi = z + d(z)\eta$. Then F is a K -quasiregular harmonic mapping of \mathbf{D} into itself. By Theorem A, we have

$$|F_\eta(0)| + |F_{\bar{\eta}}(0)| \leq \frac{4K(1 - |F(0)|^2)}{\pi}$$

which in turn gives

$$(8) \quad d(z)(|f_\xi(z)| + |f_{\bar{\xi}}(z)|) \leq \frac{8K}{\pi}(M_z - |f(z)|).$$

Without loss of generality, we let $\zeta \in \partial G$ with $|\zeta - z| = d(z)$, and let $w \in \mathbf{D}(z, d(z))$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} |f(w)| - |f(z)| &\leq ||f(w)| - |f(\zeta)|| + ||f(\zeta)| - |f(z)|| \\ &\leq C\omega(d(z)) + C\omega(2d(z)) \leq 3C\omega(d(z)) \end{aligned}$$

and so,

$$\sup_{w \in \mathbf{D}(z, d(z))} (|f(w)| - |f(z)|) \leq 3C\omega(d(z)),$$

which implies that

$$(9) \quad M_z - |f(z)| \leq 3C\omega(d(z)).$$

Thus, by (8) and (9), we have

$$(10) \quad |f_\xi(z)| + |f_{\bar{\xi}}(z)| \leq \frac{24CK}{\pi} \cdot \frac{\omega(d(z))}{d(z)}, \quad z \in G.$$

Finally, given any two points $z_1, z_2 \in G$, let $\gamma \subset G$ be a curve which joins z_1, z_2 satisfying (4). Integrating (10) along γ , we obtain that

$$(11) \quad |f(z_1) - f(z_2)| \leq \int_\gamma (|f_z(z)| + |f_{\bar{z}}(z)|) ds(z) \leq \frac{24CK}{\pi} \int_\gamma \frac{\omega(d(z))}{d(z)} ds(z).$$

Therefore, (4) and (11) yield

$$|f(z_1) - f(z_2)| \leq C_1 \cdot \omega(|z_1 - z_2|),$$

where C_1 is a positive constant. This completes the proof. □

Proof of Theorem 2. The implication $f \in \Lambda_{\omega, \text{inf}}(G) \Rightarrow |f| \in \Lambda_{\omega, \text{inf}}(G)$ is obvious. We need only to prove that $|f| \in \Lambda_{\omega, \text{inf}}(G) \Rightarrow f \in \Lambda_{\omega, \text{inf}}(G)$. For a fixed point $z \in G$, let

$$F(\eta) = f(z + d(z)\eta)/M_z, \quad \eta \in \mathbf{D},$$

where $d(z) := d(z, \partial G)$ and $M_z := \sup\{|f(\zeta)| : |\zeta - z| < d(z)\}$. From the proof of Theorem 1, it follows that

$$(12) \quad d(z)(|f_\xi(z)| + |f_{\bar{\xi}}(z)|) \leq \frac{8K}{\pi}(M_z - |f(z)|),$$

where $\xi = z + d(z)\eta$. For $w \in \mathbf{D}(z, d(z))$, there exists a positive constant C such that

$$(13) \quad |f(w)| - |f(z)| \leq Cd_{\omega, G}(w, z) \leq C \int_{[w, z]} \frac{\omega(d(\zeta, \partial G))}{d(\zeta, \partial G)} ds(\zeta),$$

where $[w, z]$ denotes the straight segment with endpoints w and z . We observe that if $\zeta \in [w, z]$, then one has $[w, z] \subset \mathbf{D}(z, d(z)) \subset G$ and therefore

$$d(\zeta, \partial G) \geq d(\zeta, \partial \mathbf{D}(z, d(z))),$$

which gives that

$$(14) \quad \frac{\omega(d(\zeta, \partial G))}{d(\zeta, \partial G)} \leq \frac{\omega(d(\zeta, \partial \mathbf{D}(z, d(z))))}{d(\zeta, \partial \mathbf{D}(z, d(z)))}.$$

For any $w \in \mathbf{D}(z, d(z))$, (13) and (14) imply that

$$\begin{aligned} |f(w)| - |f(z)| &\leq C \int_{[w, z]} \frac{\omega(d(\zeta, \partial G))}{d(\zeta, \partial G)} ds(\zeta) \leq C \int_{[w, z]} \frac{\omega(d(\zeta, \partial \mathbf{D}(z, d(z))))}{d(\zeta, \partial \mathbf{D}(z, d(z)))} ds(\zeta) \\ &= C \int_{[w, z]} \frac{\omega(d(z) - |\zeta - z|)}{d(z) - |\zeta - z|} ds(\zeta) \leq C \int_0^{d(z)} \frac{\omega(t)}{t} dt \leq C\omega(d(z)). \end{aligned}$$

From this we obtain that

$$(15) \quad M_z - |f(z)| \leq C\omega(d(z)).$$

Again, for any $z_1, z_2 \in G$, by (12) and (15), there exists a positive constant C_1 such that

$$|f(z_1) - f(z_2)| \leq C_1 d_{\omega, G}(z_1, z_2)$$

and the proof of this theorem is completed. □

3. Harmonic Hardy classes

It is worth to remark that the standard technologies of analytic functions are not useful to prove Theorem 3 and therefore, we use Green’s Theorem in its proof. Green’s theorem states that if $g \in C^2(\mathbf{D})$, then

$$(16) \quad \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} g(re^{i\theta}) d\theta = g(0) + \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbf{D}_r} \Delta g(z) \log \left(\frac{r}{|z|} \right) dA(z), \quad 0 \leq r < 1.$$

Proof of Theorem 3. First we prove the implication (7). Let $f \in \mathcal{H}_h^p(\mathbf{D})$ and $\delta > 0$. For $0 \leq r < 1$, by the Poisson integral formula, we have

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{r^2 - |z|^2}{|z - re^{i\theta}|^2} f(re^{i\theta}) d\theta, \quad z \in \mathbf{D}_r.$$

Using Jensen’s inequality, we have

$$|f(z)|^p \leq \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{r^2 - |z|^2}{|z - re^{i\theta}|^2} |f(re^{i\theta})|^p d\theta \leq \frac{2rI_p(r, f)}{r - |z|},$$

and so

$$(17) \quad |f(z)|^p (r - |z|) \leq 2rI_p(r, f),$$

where $I_p(r, f)$ is defined by (5). It follows that

$$(18) \quad \int_0^r (r - \rho)^\delta M^p(\rho, f) d\rho \leq 2rI_p(r, f) \int_0^r \frac{d\rho}{(r - \rho)^{1-\delta}} \leq \frac{2r^{1+\delta}I_p(r, f)}{\delta},$$

where $M(r, f) = \sup\{|f(z)| : |z| = r\}$. By (16), we have

$$I_p(r, f) = |f(0)|^p + \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbf{D}_r} \Delta(|f(z)|^p) \log \frac{r}{|z|} dA(z)$$

and therefore

$$\begin{aligned} r \frac{d}{dr} I_p(r, f) &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbf{D}_r} \Delta(|f(z)|^p) dA(z) \\ &= p \int_{\mathbf{D}_r} \left[\left(\frac{p}{2} - 1 \right) |f(z)|^{p-4} |f_z(z) \overline{f(z)} + f(z) \overline{f_{\bar{z}}(z)} \right]^2 \\ &\quad + |f(z)|^{p-2} |\nabla f(z)|^2 \Big] dA(z) \\ &\leq p(p - 1) \int_{\mathbf{D}_r} |f(z)|^{p-2} |\nabla f(z)|^2 dA(z) \\ &\leq p(p - 1) M^{p-2}(r, f) \int_{\mathbf{D}_r} |\nabla f(z)|^2 dA(z) \\ &= p(p - 1) A_h(r, f) M^{p-2}(r, f). \end{aligned}$$

By integration, Hölder’s inequality and (18), we have

$$\begin{aligned} I_p(r, f) &\leq |f(0)|^p + p(p-1) \int_0^r \frac{A_h(\rho, f)}{\rho} M^{p-2}(\rho, f) d\rho \\ &\leq |f(0)|^p + p(p-1) \left[\int_0^r (r-\rho)^\delta M^p(\rho, f) d\rho \right]^{\frac{p-2}{p}} \\ &\quad \cdot \left[\int_0^r \left(\frac{A_h(\rho, f)}{\rho} \right)^{\frac{p}{2}} (r-\rho)^{\frac{\delta(2-p)}{2}} d\rho \right]^{\frac{2}{p}} \\ &\leq |f(0)|^p + p(p-1) \left(\frac{2}{\delta} \right)^{\frac{p-2}{p}} I_p^{\frac{p-2}{p}}(r, f) \\ &\quad \cdot \left[\int_0^r \left(\frac{A_h(\rho, f)}{\rho} \right)^{\frac{p}{2}} (r-\rho)^{\frac{\delta(2-p)}{2}} d\rho \right]^{\frac{2}{p}}. \end{aligned}$$

Without loss of generality, we may now assume that $f(0) \neq 0$. Then we have

$$I_p^{\frac{2}{p}}(r, f) \leq |f(0)|^{\frac{p^2-p+2}{p}} + p(p-1) \left(\frac{2}{\delta} \right)^{\frac{p-2}{p}} \left[\int_0^r \left(\frac{A_h(\rho, f)}{\rho} \right)^{\frac{p}{2}} (r-\rho)^{\frac{\delta(2-p)}{2}} d\rho \right]^{\frac{2}{p}}$$

which shows that

$$\int_0^1 A_h^{\frac{p}{2}}(r, f) (1-r)^{\frac{\delta(2-p)}{2}} dr < +\infty \Rightarrow f \in \mathcal{H}_h^p(\mathbf{D}).$$

Next, we prove the implication (6). By a simple calculation, we get

$$\begin{aligned} r \frac{d}{dr} I_p(r, f) &= p \int_{\mathbf{D}_r} \left[\left(\frac{p}{2} - 1 \right) |f(z)|^{p-4} |f_z(z) \overline{f(z)} + f(z) \overline{f_{\bar{z}}(z)}|^2 \right. \\ &\quad \left. + |f(z)|^{p-2} |\nabla f(z)|^2 \right] dA(z) \\ &\geq p(p-1) \int_{\mathbf{D}_r} |f(z)|^{p-2} |\nabla f(z)|^2 dA(z) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$A_h(r, f) = \int_{\mathbf{D}_r} |\nabla f(z)|^2 dA(z) \leq M^{2-p}(r, f) \int_{\mathbf{D}_r} |f(z)|^{p-2} |\nabla f(z)|^2 dA(z),$$

which implies that

$$p(p-1)A_h(r, f) \leq r \frac{d}{dr} I_p(r, f) M^{2-p}(r, f).$$

By (18) and Hölder’s inequality, we see that

$$\begin{aligned} &\left[p(p-1) \right]^{\frac{p}{2}} \int_0^r \left[\frac{A_h(\rho, f)}{\rho} (r-\rho)^{\frac{\delta(2-p)}{p}} \right]^{\frac{p}{2}} d\rho \\ &\leq \int_0^r (r-\rho)^{\frac{\delta(2-p)}{2}} M^{\frac{p(2-p)}{2}}(r, f) \left(\frac{d}{dr} I_p(r, f) \right)^{\frac{p}{2}} d\rho \\ &\leq \left[\int_0^r (r-\rho)^\delta M^p(r, f) d\rho \right]^{\frac{2-p}{2}} (I_p(r, f) - I_p(0, f))^{\frac{p}{2}} \\ &\leq \left(\frac{2}{\delta} \right)^{\frac{2-p}{2}} I_p(r, f), \end{aligned}$$

which yields

$$f \in \mathcal{H}_h^p(\mathbf{D}) \Rightarrow \int_0^1 A_h^{\frac{p}{2}}(r, f)(1-r)^{\frac{\delta(2-p)}{2}} dr < +\infty.$$

The proof of the theorem is completed. □

Proof of Theorem 4. It is not difficult to see that

$$A_h^{\frac{p}{2}}(r, f) \int_r^1 (1-\rho)^{\frac{\delta(2-p)}{2}} d\rho \leq \int_r^1 (1-\rho)^{\frac{\delta(2-p)}{2}} A_h^{\frac{p}{2}}(\rho, f) d\rho$$

which implies that

$$\frac{2}{2 + \delta(2-p)} (1-r)^{\frac{2+\delta(2-p)}{2}} A_h^{\frac{p}{2}}(r, f) \leq \int_r^1 (1-\rho)^{\frac{\delta(2-p)}{2}} A_h^{\frac{p}{2}}(\rho, f) d\rho.$$

By Theorem 3, we conclude that

$$\int_0^1 (1-\rho)^{\frac{\delta(2-p)}{2}} A_h^{\frac{p}{2}}(\rho, f) d\rho < +\infty$$

which gives

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow 1^-} (1-r)^{\frac{\delta(2-p)+2}{p}} A_h(r, f) = 0$$

and the proof of the theorem is completed. □

4. Landau’s theorem

Proof of Theorem 5. By assumption and the inequality (17), we have

$$|f(z)| \leq \frac{2^{\frac{1}{p}} M}{(1-|z|)^{\frac{1}{p}}}, \quad z \in \mathbf{D}.$$

Set $f(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n z^n + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \bar{b}_n \bar{z}^n$, and, for $\zeta \in \mathbf{D}$, let $F(\zeta) = f(r\zeta)/r$ so that

$$F(\zeta) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n \zeta^n + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \bar{B}_n \bar{\zeta}^n,$$

where $A_n = a_n r^{n-1}$ and $B_n = b_n r^{n-1}$. Then $F(0) = \lambda_F(0) - 1 = 0$ and

$$|F(\zeta)| \leq \frac{2^{\frac{1}{p}} M}{r(1-r)^{\frac{1}{p}}} = M(r) \quad \text{for } \zeta \in \mathbf{D}.$$

By [2, Lemma 1], for $n \in \{2, 3, \dots\}$, we have

$$(19) \quad |A_n| + |B_n| \leq \frac{4M(r)}{\pi}.$$

To prove the univalence of F , we choose two distinct points $\zeta_1, \zeta_2 \in \mathbf{D}_{\rho_1(r)}$ and let $\zeta_1 - \zeta_2 = |\zeta_1 - \zeta_2|e^{i\theta}$, where

$$\rho_1(r) = 1 - \sqrt{\frac{t}{1+t}},$$

with $t = \frac{4M(r)}{\pi}$. Then (19) yields that

$$\begin{aligned} |F(\zeta_2) - F(\zeta_1)| &= \left| \int_{[\zeta_1, \zeta_2]} F_\zeta(\zeta) d\zeta + F_{\bar{\zeta}}(\zeta) d\bar{\zeta} \right| \\ &\geq \left| \int_{[\zeta_1, \zeta_2]} F_\zeta(0) d\zeta + F_{\bar{\zeta}}(0) d\bar{\zeta} \right| \\ &\quad - \left| \int_{[\zeta_1, \zeta_2]} (F_\zeta(\zeta) - F_\zeta(0)) d\zeta + (F_{\bar{\zeta}}(\zeta) - F_{\bar{\zeta}}(0)) d\bar{\zeta} \right| \\ &> |\zeta_1 - \zeta_2| \left[\lambda_F(0) - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (|A_n| + |B_n|) n \rho_1^{n-1}(r) \right] \\ &\geq |\zeta_1 - \zeta_2| \left[1 - \frac{4M(r)}{\pi} \cdot \frac{\rho_1(r)(2 - \rho_1(r))}{(1 - \rho_1(r))^2} \right] \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Here in the last step we use the fact that

$$1 - \frac{4M(r)}{\pi} \cdot \frac{\rho_1(r)(2 - \rho_1(r))}{(1 - \rho_1(r))^2} = 0, \text{ i.e. } \rho_1(r) = \frac{\varphi(r)}{r}.$$

Thus, $F(\zeta_2) \neq F(\zeta_1)$. The univalence of F follows from the arbitrariness of ζ_1 and ζ_2 . This implies that f is univalent in $\mathbf{D}_{r\rho_1(r)}$.

Now, for any $\zeta' = \rho_1(r)e^{i\theta} \in \partial\mathbf{D}_{\rho_1(r)}$, we easily obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} |F(\zeta')| &\geq \rho_1(r) - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (|A_n| + |B_n|) \rho_1^n(r) \geq \rho_1(r) - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{4M(r)}{\pi} \rho_1^n(r) \\ &= \rho_1(r) \left[1 - \frac{4M(r)}{\pi} \frac{\rho_1(r)}{1 - \rho_1(r)} \right] = \frac{R_0}{r}, \end{aligned}$$

where the last step is a consequence of the expression for ρ_1 given by $\rho_1(r) = r^{-1}\varphi(r)$. Therefore, $f(\mathbf{D}_{r\rho_1(r)})$ contains a univalent disk of radius R_0 . \square

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