

## ON GEOMETRICAL PROPERTIES OF STARLIKE LOGHARMONIC MAPPINGS

ZAYID ABDULHADI AND LAYAN EL HAJJ

*Abstract.* In this paper, we find the radius of the disk  $\Omega_r$  such that every starlike logharmonic mapping  $f(z)$  of order  $\alpha$ , is starlike in  $|z| \leq r$  with respect to any point of  $\Omega_r$ . We also establish a relation between the set of starlike logharmonic mappings and the set of starlike logharmonic mappings of order  $\alpha$ . Moreover, the radius of starlikeness and univalence for the set of close to starlike logharmonic mappings of order  $\alpha$  is determined.

### 1. Introduction

Let  $H(U)$  be the linear space of all analytic functions defined in the unit disk  $U = \{z : |z| < 1\}$  of the complex plane  $\mathbb{C}$  and let  $B$  denote the set of functions  $a \in H(U)$  satisfying  $|a(z)| < 1$  in  $U$ . A logharmonic mapping defined on  $U$  is a solution of the nonlinear elliptic partial differential equation

$$\frac{\overline{f_z}}{f} = a \frac{f_z}{f}, \tag{1.1}$$

where the second dilatation function  $a$  belongs to the class  $B$ . Thus the Jacobian

$$J_f = |f_z|^2 (1 - |a|^2)$$

is positive and hence, all non-constant logharmonic mappings are sense-preserving and open on  $U$ . If  $f$  is a non-constant logharmonic mapping of  $U$  and vanishes only at  $z = 0$ , then  $f$  admits the representation

$$f(z) = z^m |z|^{2\beta} h(z) \overline{g(z)}, \tag{1.2}$$

where  $m$  is a nonnegative integer,  $\operatorname{Re}(\beta) > -1/2$ , and  $h$  and  $g$  are analytic functions in  $U$  satisfying  $g(0) = 1$  and  $h(0) \neq 0$  (see [1]). The exponent  $\beta$  in (1.2) depends only on  $a(0)$  and can be expressed by

$$\beta = \overline{a(0)} \frac{1 + a(0)}{1 - |a(0)|^2}.$$

Note that  $f(0) \neq 0$  if and only if  $m = 0$ , and that a univalent logharmonic mapping on  $U$  vanishes at the origin if and only if  $m = 1$ , that is,  $f$  has the form

$$f(z) = z |z|^{2\beta} h(z) \overline{g(z)},$$

---

*Mathematics subject classification* (2010): Primary 30C35, 30C45, Secondary 35Q30.

*Keywords and phrases:* Logharmonic mappings, rotationally starlike mappings, stable properties.

where  $\operatorname{Re}(\beta) > -1/2$  and  $0 \notin (hg)(U)$ . This class has been studied extensively in recent years, for instance in [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 21, 22, 26]. As further evidence of its importance, note that  $F(\zeta) = \log f(e^\zeta)$  is a univalent harmonic mapping of the half-plane  $\{\zeta : \operatorname{Re}(\zeta) < 0\}$ . Studies on univalent harmonic mappings can be found in [10, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20]. Such mappings are closely related to the theory of minimal surfaces (see [24, 25]). When  $f$  is a nonvanishing logharmonic mapping in  $U$ , it is known that  $f$  can be expressed as

$$f(z) = h(z)\overline{g(z)},$$

where  $h$  and  $g$  are nonvanishing analytic functions in  $U$ . Let  $f = zh(z)\overline{g(z)}$  be a univalent logharmonic mapping. We say that  $f$  is a starlike logharmonic mapping of order  $\alpha$  if

$$\frac{\partial \arg f(re^{i\theta})}{\partial \theta} = \Re \frac{zf_z - \bar{z}f_{\bar{z}}}{f} > \alpha, 0 \leq \alpha < 1$$

for all  $z \in U$ . Denote by  $ST_{Lh}(\alpha)$  the set of all starlike logharmonic mappings of order  $\alpha$ . If  $\alpha = 0$ , we get the class of starlike logharmonic mappings. We also denote  $ST(\alpha) = \{f \in ST_{Lh}(\alpha) \text{ and } f \in H(U)\}$ . A detailed study of the class  $ST_{Lh}(\alpha)$  may be found in [4]. In particular, the following are representation theorem and distortion theorem for mappings in the set  $ST_{Lh}(\alpha)$ .

**THEOREM A. (Representation Theorem)** *Let  $f(z) = zh(z)\overline{g(z)}$  be a logharmonic mapping on  $U$ ,  $0 \notin hg(U)$ . Then  $f \in ST_{Lh}(\alpha)$  if and only if  $\varphi(z) = zh(z)/g(z) \in ST(\alpha)$  and it follows that*

$$f(z) = \varphi(z) \exp 2\Re \int_0^z \frac{a(s)\varphi'(s)}{\varphi(s)(1-a(s))} ds.$$

**THEOREM B. (Distorsion Theorem)** *Let  $f(z) = zh(z)\overline{g(z)} \in ST_{Lh}(\alpha)$  with  $a(0) = 0$ . Then for  $z \in U$  we have*

$$\frac{|z|}{(1+|z|)^{2\alpha}} \exp\left(\left(1-\alpha\right)\frac{-4|z|}{1+|z|}\right) \leq |f(z)| \leq \frac{|z|}{(1-|z|)^{2\alpha}} \exp\left(\left(1-\alpha\right)\frac{4|z|}{1-|z|}\right).$$

*The equalities occur if and only if  $f(z) = \bar{\zeta}f_0(\zeta z)$ , where  $|\zeta| = 1$  and*

$$f_0(z) = \frac{z(1-\bar{z})}{(1-z)} \frac{1}{(1-\bar{z})^{2\alpha}} \exp(1-\alpha) \Re \frac{4z}{1-z}.$$

Denote by  $P_{Lh}$  the set of all logharmonic mappings  $R$  defined on the unit disk  $U$  which are of the form  $R = H\overline{G}$ , where  $H$  and  $G$  are in  $H(U)$ ,  $H(0) = G(0) = 1$  and such that  $\operatorname{Re}(R(z)) > 0$  for all  $z \in U$ . In particular, the set  $P$  of all analytic functions  $p(z)$  in  $U$  with  $p(0) = 1$  and  $\operatorname{Re}(p(z)) > 0$  in  $U$  is a subset of  $P_{Lh}$  (for more details see[2]).

In Section 2, we consider a relation between  $ST_{Lh}(\alpha)$  and  $ST_{Lh}(\beta)$  and obtain the radius of the disk  $\Omega_r$  such that every starlike logharmonic mapping  $f(z)$  of order  $\alpha$ , is starlike in  $|z| < r$  with respect to any point of  $\Omega_r$ . In section 3, the radius of univalence and starlikeness is determined for the set of close to starlike logharmonic mappings of order  $\alpha$ .

## 2. Geometrical properties of the class $ST_{Lh}(\alpha)$

In the following proposition we establish a relationship between the classes  $ST_{Lh}(\alpha)$  and  $ST_{Lh}(\beta)$ .

PROPOSITION 1. Let  $f(z) = zh(z)\overline{g(z)}$  be a logharmonic mapping with respect to  $a \in B$  and

$$K(z) = z \exp 2\Re \int_0^z \frac{a(z)}{1-a(z)} \frac{dz}{z}.$$

If  $f \in ST_{Lh}(\alpha)$  then  $F(z) = f(z)^\delta K(z)^\gamma \in ST_{Lh}(\beta)$ , with  $\beta = \delta\alpha + \gamma \geq 0$ , and  $\delta + \gamma = 1$ .

*Proof.*  $K(z) = z \exp 2\Re \int_0^z \frac{a(z)}{1-a(z)} \frac{dz}{z}$  is starlike logharmonic univalent with respect to  $a$ .

Direct calculations yield

$$\frac{\overline{F_z}}{\overline{F}} = \delta \frac{\overline{f_z}}{\overline{f}} + \gamma \frac{\overline{K_z}}{\overline{K}} = \delta a \frac{f_z}{f} + \gamma a \frac{K_z}{K} = a \frac{F_z}{F}.$$

Hence  $F$  is logharmonic with respect to the same  $a$ . Moreover,

$$\Re \frac{zK_z - \overline{z}K_{\overline{z}}}{K} = \Re \left( 1 + \frac{a(z)}{1-a(z)} - \frac{\overline{a(z)}}{1-\overline{a(z)}} \right) = 1.$$

It follows,

$$\Re \frac{zF_z - \overline{z}F_{\overline{z}}}{F} = \delta \Re \frac{zf_z - \overline{z}f_{\overline{z}}}{f} + \gamma \Re \frac{zK_z - \overline{z}K_{\overline{z}}}{K} > \delta\alpha + \gamma = \beta.$$

Thus,  $F \in ST_{Lh}(\beta)$ .  $\square$

REMARK 1. Above proposition gives us in particular the following 2 special cases:

- If  $f(z) = zh(z)\overline{g(z)} \in ST_{Lh}(\alpha)$  with respect to  $a \in B$  then  $F(z) = f(z)^{\frac{1}{1-\alpha}} K(z)^{\frac{-\alpha}{1-\alpha}} \in ST_{Lh}(0)$ .
- If  $f(z) = zh(z)\overline{g(z)} \in ST_{Lh}(0)$  with respect to  $a \in B$  then  $F(z) = f(z)^{1-\alpha} K(z)^\alpha \in ST_{Lh}(\alpha)$ .

In what follows next, our objective is to find the region  $\Omega_r$  in the  $w$ -plane such that every  $f \in ST_{Lh}(\alpha)$  is starlike with respect to any point of  $\Omega_r$ . Since  $ST_{Lh}(\alpha)$  is compact (see[4]), it follows that  $\Omega_r$  is a closed set. Therefore,  $\Omega_r$  is a closed disk with center at  $w = 0$  and the determination of  $\Omega_r$  is equivalent to the determination of the radius of the disk  $\Omega_r$ .

Our main result is the following theorem

**THEOREM 1.** *Let  $f \in ST_{Lh}(\alpha)$ , then the radius of the disk  $\Omega_r$  such that  $f$  is starlike with respect to any point of  $\Omega_r$  is given by*

$$\lambda_\alpha(r_0) = \frac{r_0}{(1+r_0)^{2\alpha}} \exp\left(\frac{-(1-\alpha)4r_0}{(1+r_0)}\right) \frac{\left(\alpha + (1-\alpha)\frac{1-r_0}{1+r_0}\right)}{\left(\alpha + (1-\alpha)\left(\frac{1+r_0}{1-r_0}\right)\right)\left(\frac{1+r_0}{1-r_0}\right)},$$

where  $r_0 \in (0, 1)$  and  $r_0$  is the smallest positive root of the equation

$$8r^5\alpha^3 - 12r^5\alpha^2 + 6r^5\alpha - r^5 - 16r^4\alpha^3 + 12r^4\alpha^2 + 4r^4\alpha - 3r^4 + 8r^3\alpha^3 - 36r^3\alpha^2 + 32r^3\alpha - 8r^3 + 4r^2\alpha^2 - 4r^2\alpha + 4r^2 - 6r\alpha + 9r - 1 = 0.$$

*Proof.* Let  $U_r(f) = f(|z| \leq r < 1)$ ,  $w = f(z) \in ST_{Lh}(\alpha)$ .  $U_r(f)$  is starlike with respect to  $w_0$  if and only if

$$\frac{\partial \arg(f(re^{i\theta}) - w_0)}{\partial \theta} = \Re \frac{zf_z(z) - \bar{z}f_{\bar{z}}(z)}{f(z) - w_0} > 0 \text{ for } |z| \leq r < 1.$$

This is equivalent to

$$\Re \frac{f(z) - w_0}{zf_z(z) - \bar{z}f_{\bar{z}}(z)} > 0 \text{ for } |z| \leq r < 1,$$

or

$$\Re \frac{f(z)}{zf_z(z) - \bar{z}f_{\bar{z}}(z)} > \Re \frac{w_0}{zf_z(z) - \bar{z}f_{\bar{z}}(z)} \text{ for } |z| \leq r < 1. \quad (2.1)$$

It follows from (2.1) that

$$|f(z)|^2 \Re \frac{zf_z(z) - \bar{z}f_{\bar{z}}(z)}{f(z)} > |w_0|^2 \Re \frac{zf_z(z) - \bar{z}f_{\bar{z}}(z)}{w_0} \text{ for } |z| \leq r < 1. \quad (2.2)$$

Now if  $f(z) \in ST_{Lh}(\alpha)$ , we have  $e^{i\theta}f(e^{-i\theta}z) \in ST_{Lh}(\alpha)$ . It follows that if  $w_0 \in \Omega_r$ , then  $\rho e^{i\theta} \in \Omega_r$ , with  $\rho = |w_0|$  and  $-\pi < \theta \leq \pi$ . Therefore, if  $w_0 \in \Omega_r$ , (2.2) must hold for all points  $w = |w_0|e^{i\theta}$ ,  $-\pi < \theta \leq \pi$  and so

$$|f(z)|^2 \Re \frac{zf_z(z) - \bar{z}f_{\bar{z}}(z)}{f(z)} \geq |w_0| |zf_z(z) - \bar{z}f_{\bar{z}}(z)| \text{ for } |z| \leq r < 1.$$

Hence

$$\left| \frac{f(z)^2}{zf_z(z) - \bar{z}f_{\bar{z}}(z)} \right| \Re \frac{zf_z(z) - \bar{z}f_{\bar{z}}(z)}{f(z)} \geq |w_0| \text{ for } |z| \leq r < 1.$$

We next consider the function

$$\Psi(f, z) = \left| \frac{f(z)^2}{zf_z(z) - \bar{z}f_{\bar{z}}(z)} \right| \Re \frac{zf_z(z) - \bar{z}f_{\bar{z}}(z)}{f(z)}, \quad (2.3)$$

where  $f \in ST_{Lh}(\alpha)$  and  $z$  is fixed,  $|z| = r$ . Clearly,  $\min_{f \in ST_{Lh}(\alpha)} \Psi(f, z)$  is independent of the choice of  $z = re^{i\theta}$ ,  $-\pi < \theta \leq \pi$ . Let  $|z| = r$ ,  $r > 0$ . Then  $\lambda_\alpha(r) = \min_{f \in ST_{Lh}(\alpha)} \Psi(f, z)$  is the radius of  $\Omega_r$ . Since  $f \in ST_{Lh}(\alpha)$  by Theorem A, there exists a  $\varphi \in ST(\alpha)$  such that

$$\Re \frac{zf_z(z) - \bar{z}f_{\bar{z}}(z)}{f(z)} = \Re \frac{z\varphi'(z)}{\varphi(z)} = \Re((1-\alpha)p(z) + \alpha), \quad (2.4)$$

where  $p \in P$ . From Theorem B, it follows that if  $f \in ST_{Lh}(\alpha)$  then

$$|f(z)| \geq \frac{r}{(1+r)^{2\alpha}} \exp\left(\frac{-(1-\alpha)4r}{(1+r)}\right). \quad (2.5)$$

Substituting (2.4) and (2.5) into (2.3), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi(f, z) &= \left| \frac{f(z)}{\frac{zf_z(z) - \bar{z}f_{\bar{z}}(z)}{f(z)}} \right| \Re \frac{zf_z(z) - \bar{z}f_{\bar{z}}(z)}{f(z)} \\ &\geq \frac{r}{(1+r)^{2\alpha}} \exp\left(\frac{-(1-\alpha)4r}{(1+r)}\right) \frac{\Re[\alpha + (1-\alpha)p(z)]}{\left| \frac{1}{1-a}[\alpha + (1-\alpha)p(z)] - \frac{\bar{a}}{1-\bar{a}}[\alpha + (1-\alpha)\overline{p(z)}] \right|} \\ &\geq \frac{r}{(1+r)^{2\alpha}} \exp\left(\frac{-(1-\alpha)4r}{(1+r)}\right) \frac{\left[ \alpha + (1-\alpha)\frac{1-r}{1+r} \right]}{\left| \frac{1}{|1-a|}[\alpha + (1-\alpha)|p(z)] + \frac{|a|}{|1-\bar{a}|}[\alpha + (1-\alpha)|\overline{p(z)}] \right|} \\ &\geq \frac{r}{(1+r)^{2\alpha}} \exp\left(\frac{-(1-\alpha)4r}{(1+r)}\right) \frac{\left( \alpha + (1-\alpha)\frac{1-r}{1+r} \right)}{\left( \alpha + (1-\alpha)\left(\frac{1+r}{1-r}\right) \right) \left(\frac{1+r}{1-r}\right)}. \end{aligned}$$

We set

$$\lambda_\alpha(r) = \frac{r}{(1+r)^{2\alpha}} \exp\left(\frac{-(1-\alpha)4r}{(1+r)}\right) \frac{\left( \alpha + (1-\alpha)\frac{1-r}{1+r} \right)}{\left( \alpha + (1-\alpha)\left(\frac{1+r}{1-r}\right) \right) \left(\frac{1+r}{1-r}\right)}.$$

Then  $\lambda_\alpha(r_0)$  is the radius of  $\Omega_r$ , where  $r_0 \in (0, 1)$  and  $r_0$  is the smallest positive root of the equation  $8r^5\alpha^3 - 12r^5\alpha^2 + 6r^5\alpha - r^5 - 16r^4\alpha^3 + 12r^4\alpha^2 + 4r^4\alpha - 3r^4 + 8r^3\alpha^3 - 36r^3\alpha^2 + 32r^3\alpha - 8r^3 + 4r^2\alpha^2 - 4r^2\alpha + 4r^2 - 6r\alpha + 9r - 1 = 0$ . We note that  $\min_{f \in ST_{Lh}(\alpha)} \Psi(f, z)$  is attained in  $ST_{Lh}(\alpha)$  by a function of the form  $f(z) = \bar{\eta}f_0(\eta z)$ ,  $|\eta| = 1$  and where

$$f_0(z) = \frac{z(1-\bar{z})}{(1-z)} \frac{1}{(1-\bar{z})^{2\alpha}} \exp(1-\alpha) \Re \frac{4z}{1-z}. \quad \square \quad (2.6)$$

For the particular case, where  $f \in ST_{Lh}(0)$  we establish the following corollary.

**COROLLARY 1.** *Let  $f \in ST_{Lh}(0)$ , then  $f$  is starlike with respect to any point of  $\Omega_r$ , where  $\Omega_r$  is a disk  $\{w : |w| < \lambda_\alpha(r_0)\}$  with  $\lambda_\alpha(r_0) = 8.7462 \times 10^{-2}$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $U_r(f) = f(|z| \leq r < 1)$ ,  $w = f(z) \in ST_{Lh}(0)$ . Proceeding in a similar fashion as in the above proof, we show that  $U_r(f)$  is starlike with respect to  $w_0$  if and only if  $|w_0| \leq \Psi(f, z)$ , where

$$\Psi(f, z) = \left| \frac{f(z)}{\frac{zf_z(z) - \bar{z}f_{\bar{z}}(z)}{f(z)}} \right| \Re \frac{zf_z(z) - \bar{z}f_{\bar{z}}(z)}{f(z)}.$$

In particular  $|w_0| \leq \lambda_\alpha(r) = \min_{f \in ST_{Lh}(0)} \Psi(f, z)$ , with  $z$  fixed,  $|z| = r$ . Since  $f \in ST_{Lh}(0)$ , we have

$$\lambda_\alpha(r) \geq r \left( \frac{1-r}{1+r} \right)^3 \exp \left( \frac{-4r}{(1+r)} \right).$$

We can minimize  $\lambda_\alpha(r)$  by taking the smallest positive root of the equation

$$r^3 + 3r^2 + 9r - 1 = 0$$

which is  $r_0 = 0.10715$ . Hence  $\lambda_\alpha(r_0) = 8.7462 \times 10^{-2}$ . We note that  $\min_{f \in ST_{Lh}(\alpha)} \Psi(f, z)$  is attained in  $ST_{Lh}(0)$  by a function of the form  $f(z) = \bar{\eta}f_0(\eta z)$ ,  $|\eta| = 1$  and where

$$f_0(z) = \frac{z(1-\bar{z})}{(1-z)} \exp \Re \frac{4z}{1-z}. \quad \square \quad (2.7)$$

### 3. Close to starlike logharmonic mappings of order $\alpha$

In this section, we consider the set of all logharmonic mappings  $F(z)$  which can be factorized as the product of a logharmonic mapping  $f(z) \in ST_{Lh}(\alpha)$  with respect to  $a \in B$  and a logharmonic mapping  $R(z) \in P_{Lh}$  with respect to the same  $a$ .

**DEFINITION 1.** We say  $F(z)$  is close to starlike of order  $\alpha$ , if  $F(z) = f(z)R(z)$ , where  $f \in ST_{Lh}(\alpha)$  with respect to  $a \in B$  and  $R \in P_{Lh}$  with respect to the same  $a$ . We denote by  $CST_{Lh}(\alpha)$  the set of all close to starlike logharmonic mappings of order  $\alpha$ .

Note that, if  $\alpha = 0$ , we get the class of close to starlike logharmonic mappings and if  $R(z) = 1$  then  $F \in ST_{Lh}(\alpha)$ .

Close to starlike logharmonic mappings have the following geometrical property: Under the mapping  $F(z)$ , the radius vector of the image of  $|z| = r < 1$ , never turns back by an amount more than  $\pi$ . Observe that  $F$  is not necessarily univalent starlike on  $U$ . For example, take  $F(z) = z(1-z)$ , where  $z \in ST(\alpha)$  and  $1-z \in P$ .

In the next result we determine the radius of univalence and starlikeness for these mappings  $F \in CST_{Lh}(\alpha)$ .

**THEOREM 2.** *Let  $F \in CST_{Lh}(\alpha)$ . Then  $F$  maps the disk  $|z| < \rho$  onto a starlike domain, where  $\rho \leq \frac{2 - \alpha - \sqrt{\alpha^2 - 2\alpha + 3}}{1 - 2\alpha}$  for  $\alpha \neq \frac{1}{2}$ , and  $\rho \leq \frac{1}{3}$  for  $\alpha = \frac{1}{2}$ . The upper bound is best possible for all  $a \in B$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $F(z) = f(z)R(z) \in CST_{Lh}(\alpha)$ , where  $f = zh\bar{g} \in ST_{Lh}(\alpha)$  with respect to  $a \in B$  and  $R = H\bar{G} \in P_{Lh}$  with respect to the same  $a$ .  $F(z)$  is logharmonic with respect to the same  $a$  and we have

$$\Re \frac{zF_z(z) - \bar{z}F_{\bar{z}}(z)}{F(z)} = \Re \frac{zf_z(z) - \bar{z}f_{\bar{z}}(z)}{f(z)} + \Re \frac{zR_z(z) - \bar{z}R_{\bar{z}}(z)}{R(z)}. \quad (3.1)$$

From Theorem A, we have

$$f(z) = \varphi(z) \exp 2\Re \int_0^z \frac{a(s)\varphi'(s)}{(1-a(s))\varphi(s)} ds, \quad (3.2)$$

where  $\varphi(z) = \frac{zh}{g} \in ST(\alpha)$ . Moreover, from [2] it follows that

$$R(z) = p(z) \exp 2\Re \int_0^z \frac{a(s)p'(s)}{(1-a(s))p(s)} ds, \quad (3.3)$$

where  $p = \frac{H}{G} \in P$ .

Substituting (3.2), (3.3) into (3.1), simple calculations lead to

$$\begin{aligned} \Re \frac{zF_z(z) - \bar{z}F_{\bar{z}}(z)}{F(z)} &= \Re \frac{zf_z(z) - \bar{z}f_{\bar{z}}(z)}{f(z)} + \Re \frac{zR_z(z) - \bar{z}R_{\bar{z}}(z)}{R(z)} \\ &= \Re \left( \frac{z\varphi'(z)}{\varphi(s)} \right) + \Re \left( \frac{zp'(z)}{p(z)} \right). \end{aligned}$$

But since

$$\Re \left( \frac{zp'(z)}{p(z)} \right) \geq \frac{-2|z|}{1-|z|^2}, \text{ and } \Re \left( \frac{z\varphi'(z)}{\varphi(s)} \right) > (1-\alpha) \frac{1-|z|}{1+|z|} + \alpha,$$

we get

$$\Re \frac{zF_z(z) - \bar{z}F_{\bar{z}}(z)}{F(z)} \geq (1-\alpha) \frac{1-|z|}{1+|z|} + \alpha - \frac{2|z|}{1-|z|^2} = \frac{(1-2\alpha)|z|^2 + (2\alpha-4)|z| + 1}{1-|z|^2}.$$

Hence,  $\Re \frac{zF_z(z) - \bar{z}F_{\bar{z}}(z)}{F(z)} > 0$  if

$$(1-2\alpha)|z|^2 + (2\alpha-4)|z| + 1 > 0.$$

In the case  $\alpha = \frac{1}{2}$ , the above is satisfied for  $|z| < \frac{1}{3}$ , so the radius of starlikeness is  $\rho = \frac{1}{3}$ . For  $\alpha \neq \frac{1}{2}$ , the radius of starlikeness  $\rho$  is the smallest positive root (less than 1) of

$(1 - 2\alpha)\rho^2 + (2\alpha - 4)\rho + 1 = 0$  which is  $\frac{2 - \alpha - \sqrt{\alpha^2 - 2\alpha + 3}}{1 - 2\alpha}$ . Therefore,  $F$  is uni-

valent on  $|z| < \frac{2 - \alpha - \sqrt{\alpha^2 - 2\alpha + 3}}{1 - 2\alpha}$  and maps  $\left\{ z : |z| < \frac{2 - \alpha - \sqrt{\alpha^2 - 2\alpha + 3}}{1 - 2\alpha} \right\}$

onto a starlike domain. We consider the analytic function  $F(z) = \frac{z}{(1 - z)^{2-2\alpha}} \frac{1+z}{1-z}$ ,

where  $f(z) = \frac{z}{(1 - z)^{2-2\alpha}} \in ST(\alpha) \subset ST_{Lh}(\alpha)$  and  $p(z) = \frac{1+z}{1-z} \in P \subset P_{Lh}$ . We have

$F' \left( \frac{2 - \alpha - \sqrt{\alpha^2 - 2\alpha + 3}}{1 - 2\alpha} \right) = 0$  for  $\alpha \neq \frac{1}{2}$  and  $F' \left( \frac{-1}{3} \right) = 0$  for  $\alpha = \frac{1}{2}$ . Hence, the

upper bound is best possible for the class  $ST_{Lh}(\alpha)$  and  $P_{Lh}$ . Since  $f(z) = zh\bar{g} \in ST_{Lh}(\alpha)$  if and only if  $\varphi(z) = zh/g \in ST(\alpha)$  and  $R(z) = H\bar{G} \in P_{Lh}$  if and only if  $p = H/G \in P$  (see[2]). The same bound is best possible for all  $a \in B$ .  $\square$

**COROLLARY 2.** *Let  $F \in CST_{Lh}(\alpha)$ , then  $F \in ST_{Lh}(\alpha)$  in  $|z| < \rho$ , for*

$$\rho \leq \frac{2 - \alpha - \sqrt{-2\alpha + 3}}{1 - \alpha}.$$

*Proof.*  $F \in ST_{Lh}(\alpha)$  if  $\Re \frac{zF_z(z) - \bar{z}F_{\bar{z}}(z)}{F(z)} > \alpha$ . Using the proof of the previous theorem, this will be satisfied for

$$\frac{(1 - 2\alpha)|z|^2 + (2\alpha - 4)|z| + 1}{1 - |z|^2} > \alpha,$$

that is for  $(1 - \alpha)|z|^2 + (2\alpha - 4)|z| + 1 - \alpha > 0$ . The radius of starlikeness  $\rho$  is the smallest positive root (less than 1) of  $(1 - \alpha)|z|^2 + (2\alpha - 4)|z| + 1 - \alpha = 0$  which is  $\frac{2 - \alpha - \sqrt{-2\alpha + 3}}{1 - \alpha}$ .  $\square$

**THEOREM 3.** *Let  $F \in CST_{Lh}(\alpha)$  with respect to  $a \in B$ . Let  $f^* \in ST_{Lh}(\alpha)$  with respect to the same  $a$ . Then  $Q(z) = F(z)^\lambda f^*(z)^{1-\lambda}$ ,  $0 < \lambda < 1$ , is univalent and starlike in*

$$|z| < \frac{1 + \lambda - \alpha - \sqrt{\alpha^2 - 2\lambda\alpha + \lambda^2 + 2\lambda}}{1 - 2\alpha}$$

for  $\alpha \neq \frac{1}{2}$ , and in

$$|z| < \frac{1}{2\lambda + 1},$$

for  $\alpha = \frac{1}{2}$ . The bound is best possible for all  $a \in B$ .

*Proof.* Let  $Q(z) = F(z)^\lambda f^*(z)^{1-\lambda}$ ,  $0 < \lambda < 1$ , where  $F(z) = f(z)R(z)$ ,  $f \in ST_{Lh}(\alpha)$ ,  $R \in P_{Lh}$ , and  $f^* \in ST_{Lh}(\alpha)$ .  $Q(z)$  is logharmonic with respect to the same



$a \in B$ . Moreover, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \Re \frac{zQ_z(z) - \bar{z}Q_{\bar{z}}(z)}{Q(z)} \\ &= \lambda \Re \frac{zf_z(z) - \bar{z}f_{\bar{z}}(z)}{f(z)} + \lambda \Re \frac{zR_z(z) - \bar{z}R_{\bar{z}}(z)}{R(z)} + (1-\lambda) \Re \frac{zf_z^*(z) - \bar{z}f_{\bar{z}}^*(z)}{f^*(z)} \\ &\geq \lambda \frac{(1-2\alpha)|z|^2 + (2\alpha-4)|z| + 1}{1-|z|^2} + (1-\lambda) \left( (1-\alpha) \frac{1-|z|}{1+|z|} + \alpha \right) \\ &= \frac{(1-2\alpha)|z|^2 + 2(\alpha-\lambda-1)|z| + 1}{1-|z|^2}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $\Re \frac{zQ_z(z) - \bar{z}Q_{\bar{z}}(z)}{Q(z)} > 0$  if

$$(1-2\alpha)|z|^2 + 2(\alpha-\lambda-1)|z| + 1 > 0.$$

For  $\alpha = \frac{1}{2}$ , the last inequality is satisfied for  $|z| < \frac{1}{1+2\lambda}$ . Hence,  $Q(z)$  is univalent in  $|z| < \frac{1}{1+2\lambda}$  and maps that circle onto a starlike domain. For  $\alpha \neq \frac{1}{2}$ , the last inequality is satisfied for  $|z| < \frac{1+\lambda-\alpha-\sqrt{\alpha^2-2\lambda\alpha+\lambda^2+2\lambda}}{1-2\alpha}$ . Hence,  $Q(z)$  is univalent in  $|z| < \frac{1+\lambda-\alpha-\sqrt{\alpha^2-2\lambda\alpha+\lambda^2+2\lambda}}{1-2\alpha}$  and maps that circle onto a starlike domain. We consider the function

$$Q(z) = F_0(z)^\lambda f_0^*(z)^{1-\lambda},$$

where

$$F_0(z) = \frac{z}{(1-z)^{2-2\alpha}} \frac{1-z}{1+z}$$

and

$$f_0^*(z) = \frac{z}{(1+z)^{2-2\alpha}}.$$

$Q(z)$  satisfies the hypothesis of the theorem since  $F_0(z)$  is a product of an analytic function which is starlike of order  $\alpha$  and an analytic function with real part positive. Also,  $f_0^*(z)$  is starlike analytic function of order  $\alpha$  and therefore, it belongs to the set  $ST_{Lh}(\alpha)$ . Moreover,  $Q' \left( \frac{1+\lambda-\alpha-\sqrt{\alpha^2-2\lambda\alpha+\lambda^2+2\lambda}}{1-2\alpha} \right) = 0$  for  $\alpha \neq \frac{1}{2}$  and  $Q' \left( \frac{1}{1+2\lambda} \right) = 0$  for  $\alpha = \frac{1}{2}$ . From Theorem A, it follows that the same bound is best possible for all  $a \in B$ .  $\square$

For the particular case where  $f^* \in ST_{Lh}(0)$ , we have the following theorem:

**THEOREM 4.** *Let  $F \in CST_{Lh}(\alpha)$  with respect to  $a \in B$  and let  $f^* \in ST_{Lh}(0)$  with respect to the same  $a$ . Then  $Q(z) = F(z)^\lambda f^*(z)^{1-\lambda}$ ,  $0 < \lambda < 1$ , is univalent and starlike in  $|z| < \frac{1 + \lambda - \lambda\alpha - \sqrt{\lambda^2\alpha^2 - 2\lambda^2\alpha + \lambda^2 + 2\lambda}}{1 - 2\lambda\alpha}$  for  $\alpha \neq \frac{1}{2\lambda}$ , and in  $|z| < \frac{1}{2\lambda+1}$ , for  $\alpha = \frac{1}{2\lambda}$ . The bound is best possible for all  $a \in B$ .*

## REFERENCES

- [1] Z. ABDULHADI AND R. M. ALI, *Univalent logharmonic mappings in the plane*, Abstr. Appl. Anal. **2012**, Art. ID 721943, pp. 1–32.
- [2] Z. ABDULHADI, *Close-to-starlike logharmonic mappings*, Internat. J. Math. Math. Sci. **19** (1996), no. 3, 563–574.
- [3] Z. ABDULHADI, *Typically real logharmonic mappings*, Int. J. Math. Math. Sci. **31** (2002), no. 1, 1–9.
- [4] Z. ABDULHADI AND Y. ABUMUHANNA, *Starlike logharmonic mappings of order alpha*, Journal of Inequalities in Pure and Applied Mathematics **7** (4) Art. 123, (2006), 1–6.
- [5] Z. ABDULHADI AND D. BSHOUTY, *Univalent functions in  $H \cdot \overline{H}(D)$* , Trans. Amer. Math. Soc. **305** (1988), no. 2, 841–849.
- [6] Z. ABDULHADI AND W. HENGARTNER, *Spirallike logharmonic mappings*, Complex Variables Theory Appl. **9** (1987), no. 2-3, 121–130.
- [7] Z. ABDULHADI, W. HENGARTNER AND J. SZYNAL, *Univalent logharmonic ring mappings*, Proc. Amer. Math. Soc. **119** (1993), no. 3, 735–745.
- [8] Z. ABDULHADI AND W. HENGARTNER, *One pointed univalent logharmonic mappings*, J. Math. Anal. Appl. **203** (1996), no. 2, 333–351.
- [9] Z. ABDULHADI AND W. HENGARTNER, *Polynomials in  $H\overline{H}$* , Complex Variables Theory Appl. **46** (2001), no. 2, 89–107.
- [10] Y. ABU-MUHANNA AND A. LYZZAIK, *The boundary behaviour of harmonic univalent maps*, Pacific J. Math. **141** (1990), no. 1, 1–20.
- [11] M. AYDOGAN, *Some results on a starlike log-harmonic mapping of order alpha*, J. Comput. Appl. Math. **256** (2014), 77–82.
- [12] M. AYDOGAN AND Y. POLATOĞLU, *A certain class of starlike log-harmonic mappings*, J. Comput. Appl. Math. **270** (2014), 506–509.
- [13] X. CHEN AND T. QIAN, *Non-stretch mappings for a sharp estimate of the Beurling-Ahlfors operator*, J. Math. Anal. Appl. **412** (2014), no. 2, 805–815.
- [14] J. CLUNIE AND T. SHEIL-SMALL, *Harmonic univalent functions*, Ann. Acad. Sci. Fenn. Ser. A I Math. **9** (1984), 3–25.
- [15] P. L. DUREN, *Univalent functions*, Grundlehren der Mathematischen Wissenschaften **259**, Springer, New York, 1983.
- [16] P. DUREN AND G. SCHÖBER, *A variational method for harmonic mappings onto convex regions*, Complex Variables Theory Appl. **9** (1987), no. 2-3, 153–168.
- [17] P. DUREN AND G. SCHÖBER, *Linear extremal problems for harmonic mappings of the disk*, Proc. Amer. Math. Soc. **106** (1989), no. 4, 967–973.
- [18] W. HENGARTNER AND G. SCHÖBER, *On the boundary behavior of orientation-preserving harmonic mappings*, Complex Variables Theory Appl. **5** (1986), no. 2–4, 197–208.
- [19] W. HENGARTNER AND G. SCHÖBER, *Harmonic mappings with given dilatation*, J. London Math. Soc. (2) **33** (1986), no. 3, 473–483.
- [20] S. H. JUN, *Univalent harmonic mappings on  $\Delta = \{z: |z| > 1\}$* , Proc. Amer. Math. Soc. **119** (1993), no. 1, 109–114.
- [21] P. LI, S. PONNUSAMY AND X. WANG, *Some properties of planar  $p$ -harmonic and log- $p$ -harmonic mappings*, Bull. Malays. Math. Sci. Soc. (2) **36** (2013), no. 3, 595–609.
- [22] ZH. MAO, S. PONNUSAMY, AND X. WANG, *Schwarzian derivative and Landau's theorem for logharmonic mappings*, Complex Var. Elliptic Equ. **58** (2013), no. 8, 1093–1107.
- [23] Z. NEHARI, *The elliptic modular function and a class of analytic functions first considered by Hurwitz*, Amer. J. Math. **69** (1947), 70–86.

- [24] J. C. C. NITSCHKE, *Lectures on minimal surfaces*, vol. 1, translated from the German by Jerry M. Feinberg, Cambridge Univ. Press, Cambridge, 1989.
- [25] R. OSSERMAN, *A survey of minimal surfaces*, second edition, Dover, New York, 1986.
- [26] H. E. ÖZKAN AND Y. POLATOĞLU, *Bounded log-harmonic functions with positive real part*, J. Math. Anal. Appl. **399** (2013), no. 1, 418–421.

(Received January 8, 2017)

*Zayid Abdulhadi*  
*Department of Mathematics and statistics*  
*American University of Sharjah*  
*Sharjah, Box 26666, UAE*  
*e-mail: zahadi@aus.edu*

*Layan El Hajj*  
*Department of Mathematics*  
*American University of Dubai*  
*Dubai, UAE*  
*e-mail: lhajj@aud.edu*