



## ON A CONVOLUTION CONJECTURE OF BOUNDED FUNCTIONS

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**ABSTRACT.** We consider the convolution  $P(A, B) \star P(C, D)$  of the classes of analytic functions subordinated to the homographies  $\frac{1+Az}{1-Bz}$  and  $\frac{1+Cz}{1-Dz}$  respectively, where  $A, B, C, D$  are some complex numbers. In 1988 J. Stankiewicz and Z. Stankiewicz [11] showed that for certain  $A, B, C, D$  there exist  $X, Y$  such that  $P(A, B) \star P(C, D) \subset P(X, Y)$ . In this paper we verify the conjecture that  $P(X, Y) \subset (A, B) \star P(C, D)$  for some  $A, B, C, D, X, Y$ .

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $\Delta = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < 1\}$  denote the open unit disc and let  $\mathcal{H}$  be the class of functions regular in  $\Delta$ . We will denote by  $\mathcal{N}$  the class of functions  $f \in \mathcal{H}$  normalized by  $f(0) = 1$ . The class of Schwarz functions  $\Omega$  is the class of functions  $\omega \in \mathcal{H}$ , such that  $\omega(0) = 0$  and  $|\omega(z)| < 1$  for  $z \in \Delta$ . We say that a function  $f$  is subordinate to a function  $g$  in  $\Delta$  (and write  $f \prec g$  or  $f(z) \prec g(z)$ ) if there exists a function  $\omega \in \Omega$  such that  $f(z) = g(\omega(z))$ ;  $z \in \Delta$ . If the function  $g$  is univalent in  $\Delta$ , then  $f \prec g$  if and only if  $f(0) = g(0)$  and  $f(\Delta) \subset g(\Delta)$ . In this case we have  $\omega(z) = g^{-1}(f(z))$ .

Let the functions  $f$  and  $g$  be of the form

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^n, \quad g(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n z^n, \quad z \in \Delta.$$

We say that the Hadamard product of  $f$  and  $g$  is the function  $f \star g$  if

$$(f \star g)(z) = f(z) \star g(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n b_n z^n.$$

J. Hadamard [2] proved, that the radius of convergence of  $f \star g$  is the product of the radii of convergence of the corresponding series  $f$  and  $g$ . The function  $f \star g$  is also called the *convolution* of the functions  $f$  and  $g$ .

For the classes  $Q_1 \subset \mathcal{H}$  and  $Q_2 \subset \mathcal{H}$  the convolution  $Q_1 \star Q_2$  is defined as

$$Q_1 \star Q_2 = \{h \in \mathcal{H}; h = f \star g, f \in Q_1, g \in Q_2\}.$$

The problem of connections between functions  $f, g$  and their convolution  $f \star g$  or between  $Q_1, Q_2$  and  $Q_1 \star Q_2$  has often been investigated. Many conjectures have been given, however, many of them have still not been verified.

In 1958, G. Pólya and I.J. Schoenberg [7] conjectured that the Hadamard product of two convex mappings is a convex mapping. In 1961 H.S. Wilf [12] gave the more general supposition that if  $F$  and  $G$  are convex mappings in  $\Delta$  and  $f$  is subordinate to  $F$ , then the convolution  $f \star G$  is subordinate to  $F \star G$ .

In 1973, S. Ruscheweyh and T. Sheil-Small [9] proved both conjectures and more results of this type. Their very important results we may write as:

**Theorem A.** *If  $f \in S^c$  and  $g \in S^c$ , then  $f \star g \in S^c$ , where  $S^c$  is the class of univalent and convex functions. Moreover  $S^c \star S^c = S^c$ .*

**Theorem B.** *If  $F \in S^c, G \in S^c$  and  $f \prec F$ , then  $f \star G \prec F \star G$ .*

In 1985, S. Ruscheweyh and J. Stankiewicz [10] proved some generalizations of Theorems A and B:

**Theorem C.** *If the functions  $F$  and  $G$  are univalent and convex in  $\Delta$ , then for all functions  $f$  and  $g$ , if  $f \prec F$  and  $g \prec G$  then  $f \star g \prec F \star G$ .*

For the given complex numbers  $A, B$  such that  $A + B \neq 0$  and  $|B| \leq 1$  let us denote

$$P(A, B) = \left\{ f \in \mathcal{N} : f(z) \prec \frac{1 + Az}{1 - Bz} \right\}.$$

W. Janowski introduced the class  $P(A, B)$  in [3] and considered it for some real  $A$  and  $B$ . If  $A = B = 1$  then the class  $P(1, 1)$  is the class of functions with positive real part (Carathéodory functions). Note, that for  $|B| < 1$  the class  $P(A, B)$  is the class of bounded functions. In 1988 J. Stankiewicz and Z. Stankiewicz [11] investigated the convolution properties of the class  $P(A, B)$  and proved the following theorem:

**Theorem D.** *If  $A, B, C, D$  are some complex numbers such that  $A + B \neq 0, C + D \neq 0, |B| \leq 1, |D| \leq 1$ , then*

$$P(A, B) \star P(C, D) \subset P(AC + AD + BC, BD),$$

moreover, if  $|B| = 1$  or  $|D| = 1$ , then

$$P(A, B) \star P(C, D) = P(AC + AD + BC, BD).$$

The equality between the class  $P(A, B) \star P(C, D)$  and the class  $P(AC + AD + BC, BD)$  for  $|B| < 1$  and  $|D| < 1$  was an open problem. In [5] K. Piejko, J. Sokół and J. Stankiewicz proved that the above mentioned classes are different. In this paper we give an extension of this result. First we need two theorems.

**Theorem E** (G. Eneström [1], S. Takeya [4]). *If  $a_0 > a_1 > \dots > a_n > 0$ , where  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , then the polynomial  $p(z) = a_0 + a_1z + a_2z^2 + \dots + a_nz^n$  has no roots in  $\bar{\Delta} = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| \leq 1\}$ .*

**Theorem F** (W. Rogosinski [8]). *If the function  $f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \alpha_n z^n$  is subordinated to the function  $F(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \beta_n z^n$  in  $\Delta$ , then  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |\alpha_n|^2 \leq \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |\beta_n|^2$ .*

## 2. MAIN RESULT

We prove the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let  $A, B, C, D$  be some complex numbers such that  $B + A \neq 0$ ,  $C + D \neq 0$ ,  $|B| < 1$ ,  $|D| < 1$ , then there are not complex numbers  $X, Y$ ,  $X + Y \neq 0$ ,  $|Y| \leq 1$  such that  $P(X, Y) \subset P(A, B) \star P(C, D)$ .*

*Proof.* As in [5], the proof will be divided into three steps. First we give a family of bounded functions  $\omega^\nu$ ;  $\nu = 1, 2, 3, \dots$  having special properties of coefficients. Afterwards we construct, using  $\omega^\nu$ , a function belonging to the class  $P(X, Y)$  and finally we will show that such a function is not in the class  $P(A, B) \star P(C, D)$ .

Now we use a method of E. Landau [6] and find some functions  $\omega^\nu$ ,  $\nu = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ , which are basic in this proof. We observe that

$$\frac{1}{1-z} = \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-z}} \right)^2 = \left( \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} p_k z^k \right)^2 = 1 + z + z^2 + z^3 + \dots,$$

where

$$(2.1) \quad p_0 = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad p_k = \frac{1 \cdot 3 \cdot \dots \cdot (2k-1)}{2 \cdot 4 \cdot \dots \cdot 2k}; \quad k = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

For some  $\nu \in \mathbb{N}$  we set

$$K_\nu(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\nu} p_k z^k = 1 + p_1 z + p_2 z^2 + p_3 z^3 + \dots + p_\nu z^\nu$$

and note that

$$K_\nu^2(z) = 1 + z + z^2 + \dots + z^\nu + b_{\nu+1} z^{\nu+1} + \dots + b_{2\nu} z^{2\nu},$$

where  $b_{\nu+1}, \dots, b_{2\nu} \in \mathbb{C}$ . Let  $\omega^\nu$  be given by

$$(2.2) \quad \omega^\nu(z) = \frac{z^{\nu+1} K_\nu\left(\frac{1}{z}\right)}{K_\nu(z)} = z \frac{z^\nu + p_1 z^{\nu-1} + p_2 z^{\nu-2} + \dots + p_\nu}{1 + p_1 z + p_2 z^2 + \dots + p_\nu z^\nu}.$$

Since

$$p_k > p_k \frac{2k+1}{2k+2} = p_{k+1} \quad \text{where} \quad k = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots,$$

then for  $\nu \in \mathbb{N}$  we have  $1 > p_1 > p_2 > p_3 > \dots > p_\nu > 0$ .

Applying Theorem E to the polynomial  $K_\nu$  we obtain  $K_\nu(z) \neq 0$  for  $|z| \leq 1$ , hence the function  $\omega^\nu$  is regular in  $\Delta$ . Moreover  $\omega^\nu(0) = 0$  and on the circle  $|z| = 1$  we have

$$|\omega^\nu(e^{it})| = \left| \frac{e^{(\nu+1)it} K_\nu(e^{-it})}{K_\nu(e^{it})} \right| = \frac{|K_\nu(e^{it})|}{|K_\nu(e^{it})|} = 1; \quad t \in \mathbb{R}.$$

In this way we conclude that for  $\nu \in \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$

$$(2.3) \quad \omega^\nu \in \Omega.$$

Let, for a certain  $\nu \in \mathbb{N}$ , the function  $\omega^\nu$  be represented by following power series expansions:  $\omega^\nu(z) = \gamma_1^\nu z + \gamma_2^\nu z^2 + \gamma_3^\nu z^3 + \dots$  and let  $s_n^\nu(z)$  denote the partial sum

$$s_n^\nu(z) = \sum_{k=1}^n \gamma_k^\nu z^k = \gamma_1^\nu z + \gamma_2^\nu z^2 + \gamma_3^\nu z^3 + \dots + \gamma_n^\nu z^n$$

for all  $n \in \{1, 2, 3, \dots, \nu + 1\}$ .

Now we will estimate  $s_n^\nu(1) = \gamma_1^\nu + \gamma_2^\nu + \gamma_3^\nu + \dots + \gamma_n^\nu$ . If we integrate on a circle  $C : |z| = r$  in a counterclockwise direction with  $0 < r < 1$ , then we obtain

$$(2.4) \quad \int_C az^m dz = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \int_C \frac{a}{z} dz = 2\pi ai,$$

for all integers  $m \neq -1$  and  $a \in \mathbb{C}$ . Hence

$$\begin{aligned} s_n^\nu(1) &= \gamma_1^\nu + \gamma_2^\nu + \gamma_3^\nu + \dots + \gamma_n^\nu \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_C \omega^\nu(z) \left( \frac{1}{z^2} + \frac{1}{z^3} + \frac{1}{z^4} + \dots + \frac{1}{z^{n+1}} \right) dz \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_C \frac{\omega^\nu(z)}{z^{n+1}} (1 + z + z^2 + z^3 + \dots + z^{n-1}) dz \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_C \frac{\omega^\nu(z)}{z^{n+1}} Q(z) dz, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$Q(z) = 1 + z + z^2 + \dots + z^{n-1} + d_n z^n + d_{n+1} z^{n+1} + \dots + d_s z^s$$

is any polynomial whose first  $n$  terms are equal to  $1 + z + z^2 + \dots + z^{n-1}$ .

If for  $n \leq \nu + 1$  we set

$$Q(z) = K_\nu^2(z) = 1 + z + z^2 + \dots + z^{n-1} + z^n + \dots + z^\nu + b_{\nu+1} z^{\nu+1} + \dots + b_{2\nu} z^{2\nu},$$

then we obtain

$$s_n^\nu(1) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_C \frac{\omega^\nu(z)}{z^{n+1}} K_\nu^2(z) dz.$$

From (2.2) it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} s_n^\nu(1) &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_C \frac{z^{\nu+1} K_\nu\left(\frac{1}{z}\right)}{z^{n+1} K_\nu(z)} K_\nu^2(z) dz \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_C z^{\nu-n} K_\nu\left(\frac{1}{z}\right) K_\nu(z) dz \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_C z^{\nu-n} \left( 1 + p_1 \frac{1}{z} + p_2 \frac{1}{z^2} + \dots + p_\nu \frac{1}{z^\nu} \right) (1 + p_1 z + p_2 z^2 + \dots + p_\nu z^\nu) dz. \end{aligned}$$

Using (2.4) we get

$$s_n^\nu(1) = p_{\nu-n+1} + p_{\nu-n+2} p_1 + p_{\nu-n+3} p_2 + \dots + p_\nu p_{n-1},$$

where  $(p_k)$  are given by (2.1), and so

$$(2.5) \quad s_n^\nu(1) = \sum_{k=1}^n \gamma_k^\nu = \sum_{k=1}^n p_{\nu-n+k} p_{k-1}.$$

By the above we have  $\gamma_1^\nu = s_1^\nu(1) = p_\nu$  and for all  $\nu \in \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$  and  $n \in \{2, 3, 4, \dots, \nu+1\}$

$$\gamma_n^\nu = s_n^\nu(1) - s_{n-1}^\nu(1) = \sum_{k=1}^n p_{\nu-n+k} p_{k-1} - \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} p_{\nu-n+1+k} p_{k-1}.$$

Therefore

$$(2.6) \quad \gamma_n^\nu = \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} (p_{\nu-n+k} - p_{\nu-n+1+k}) p_{k-1} + p_\nu p_{n-1}.$$

The sequence  $(p_n)$  is positive and decreasing, then from (2.6) it follows that

$$(2.7) \quad \gamma_n^\nu > 0 \quad \text{for all } \nu \in \mathbb{N} \quad \text{and } n \in \{1, 2, 3, \dots, \nu+1\}.$$

We conclude from (2.5) that for  $n = \nu+1$

$$s_{\nu+1}^\nu(1) = \gamma_1^\nu + \gamma_2^\nu + \dots + \gamma_\nu^\nu + \gamma_{\nu+1}^\nu = \sum_{k=1}^{\nu+1} p_{k-1} p_{k-1} = 1 + \sum_{k=1}^{\nu} p_k^2.$$

Since  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} p_k^2 = \infty$  then

$$(2.8) \quad \lim_{\nu \rightarrow \infty} s_{\nu+1}^\nu(1) = \lim_{\nu \rightarrow \infty} \left( 1 + \sum_{k=1}^{\nu} p_k^2 \right) = +\infty.$$

Now using the properties of  $\omega^\nu$  we construct the function belonging to the class  $P(X, Y)$  which is not in the class  $P(A, B) \star P(C, D)$ , where  $|B| < 1$  and  $|D| < 1$ .

Since for  $|x| = 1$  we have  $P(A, B) = P(Ax, Bx)$ , we can assume without loss of generality that  $B \in [0; 1)$ ,  $D \in [0; 1)$  and  $Y \in [0; 1]$ .

For fixed  $\nu \in \mathbb{N}$  let  $h^\nu$  be given by

$$(2.9) \quad h^\nu(z) = \frac{1 + X\omega^\nu(z)}{1 - Y\omega^\nu(z)},$$

where  $w^\nu \in \Omega$  is given by (2.2). It is clearly that  $h^\nu \in P(X, Y)$ . Suppose that there exist the functions  $f \in P(A, B)$ ,  $g \in P(C, D)$  such that

$$(2.10) \quad f(z) \star g(z) = h^\nu(z).$$

Let the functions  $f$  and  $g$  have the following form:

$$f(z) = \frac{1 + A\omega_1(z)}{1 - B\omega_1(z)} = 1 + (A + B) \frac{\omega_1(z)}{1 - B\omega_1(z)}$$

and

$$g(z) = \frac{1 + C\omega_2(z)}{1 - D\omega_2(z)} = 1 + (C + D) \frac{\omega_2(z)}{1 - D\omega_2(z)},$$

where  $\omega_1, \omega_2 \in \Omega$ . For simplicity of notation we write

$$f(z) = 1 + (A + B)\tilde{f}(z), \quad g(z) = 1 + (C + D)\tilde{g}(z),$$

where

$$(2.11) \quad \tilde{f}(z) = \frac{\omega_1(z)}{1 - B\omega_1(z)} \quad \text{and} \quad \tilde{g}(z) = \frac{\omega_2(z)}{1 - D\omega_2(z)}.$$

Using these notations we can rewrite (2.10) as

$$\left[1 + (A + B)\tilde{f}(z)\right] \star \left[1 + (C + D)\tilde{g}(z)\right] = \frac{1 + X\omega^\nu(z)}{1 - Y\omega^\nu(z)}$$

and so

$$(2.12) \quad \tilde{f}(z) \star \tilde{g}(z) = \frac{X + Y}{(A + B)(C + D)} \tilde{h}^\nu(z),$$

where  $\tilde{h}^\nu(z) = \frac{\omega^\nu(z)}{1 - BD\omega^\nu(z)}$ .

Let the functions  $\tilde{h}^\nu$ ,  $\tilde{f}$  and  $\tilde{g}$  have the following expansions in  $\Delta$ :

$$(2.13) \quad \tilde{h}^\nu(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n^\nu z^n, \quad \tilde{f}(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n z^n, \quad \tilde{g}(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n z^n.$$

From (2.11) it follows, that  $\tilde{f}(z) \prec \frac{z}{1-Bz}$  and  $\tilde{g}(z) \prec \frac{z}{1-Dz}$ , and hence by Theorem F (and since  $0 \leq B < 1$  and  $0 \leq D < 1$ ) we obtain

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |a_n|^2 \leq \frac{1}{1-B^2} \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |b_n|^2 \leq \frac{1}{1-D^2}.$$

Let us note, that

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (|a_n|^2 + |b_n|^2) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [(|a_n| - |b_n|)^2 + 2|a_n||b_n|] \leq \frac{1}{1-|B|^2} + \frac{1}{1-|D|^2}.$$

From (2.12) and (2.13) we obtain

$$a_n b_n = \frac{X + Y}{(A + B)(C + D)} c_n^\nu, \quad \text{for } n = 1, 2, 3, \dots,$$

therefore

$$(2.14) \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (|a_n| - |b_n|)^2 \leq \frac{1}{1-B^2} + \frac{1}{1-D^2} - \left| \frac{2(X+Y)}{(A+B)(C+D)} \right| \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |c_n^\nu|.$$

Now we observe that

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n^\nu z^n &= \tilde{h}^\nu(z) = \frac{\omega^\nu(z)}{1 - Y\omega^\nu(z)} \\ &= \omega^\nu(z) + Y[\omega^\nu(z)]^2 + Y^2[\omega^\nu(z)]^3 + \dots \\ &= (\gamma_1^\nu z + \gamma_2^\nu z^2 + \dots) + Y(\gamma_1^\nu z + \gamma_2^\nu z^2 + \dots)^2 + Y^2(\gamma_1^\nu z + \gamma_2^\nu z^2 + \dots)^3 + \dots \\ &= \gamma_1^\nu z + (\gamma_2^\nu + Y(\gamma_1^\nu)^2) z^2 + (\gamma_3^\nu + 2Y\gamma_1^\nu \gamma_2^\nu + Y^2(\gamma_1^\nu)^3) z^3 + \dots \end{aligned}$$

Since  $Y \in [0; 1]$  and since (2.7) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |c_n^\nu| &= |\gamma_1^\nu| + |\gamma_2^\nu + Y(\gamma_1^\nu)^2| + |\gamma_3^\nu + 2Y\gamma_1^\nu \gamma_2^\nu + Y^2(\gamma_1^\nu)^3| + \dots \\ &\geq \sum_{n=1}^{\nu+1} |c_n^\nu| \geq \gamma_1^\nu + \gamma_2^\nu + \gamma_3^\nu + \dots + \gamma_{\nu+1}^\nu = s_{\nu+1}^\nu(1). \end{aligned}$$

From the above we have for all  $\nu \in \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$

$$(2.15) \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |c_n^\nu| \geq s_{\nu+1}^\nu(1).$$

Combining (2.14) and (2.15) we obtain

$$(2.16) \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (|a_n| - |b_n|)^2 \leq \frac{1}{1-B^2} + \frac{1}{1-D^2} - \left| \frac{2(X+Y)}{(A+B)(C+D)} \right| s_{\nu+1}^{\nu}(1).$$

From (2.8) it follows that we are able to choose a suitable  $\nu$  such that the right side of (2.16) is negative. In this way (2.16) follows the contradiction and the proof is complete.  $\square$

From Theorem 2.1 and Theorem D we immediately have the following

**Corollary 2.2.** *The classes  $P(A, B) \star P(C, D)$  and  $P(AD + AC + BC, BD)$  are equal if and only if  $|B| = 1$  or  $|D| = 1$ .*

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