



## Landau-Bloch Theorems for Bounded Biharmonic Mappings

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**Abstract.** We determine coefficient bounds for bounded planar biharmonic mappings and generalize the Landau-Bloch univalence theorems for such bounded biharmonic functions. The univalence radii presented here improve many related results published to date, including the most recent one [Complex Var. Elliptic Equ. 58(12) (2013), 1667-1676] and are sharp in some given cases.

### 1. Introduction

A function  $f(z) = u(z) + iv(z)$  defined on a domain  $\Omega \in \mathbb{C}$  is a harmonic mapping if and only if  $f$  is twice continuously differentiable and  $\Delta f = 4f_{z\bar{z}} = 0$ . In a remarkable paper, Clunie and Sheil-Small [7] explored the class of harmonic functions and showed that if  $\Omega$  is simply connected, then  $f$  can be written as  $f = h + \bar{g}$ , where  $h$  and  $g$  are holomorphic in  $\Omega$ . Harmonic mappings can be regarded as generalizations of holomorphic functions while biharmonic mappings are generalizations of harmonic mappings. A four times continuously differentiable complex-valued function  $F(z) = U(z) + iV(z)$  is said to be biharmonic in a domain  $\Omega \in \mathbb{C}$  if and only if  $\Delta F$  is harmonic in  $\Omega$ , that is, if and only if  $F$  satisfies the biharmonic equation  $\Delta^2 F = \Delta(\Delta F) = 0$  in  $\Omega$ .

For a continuously differentiable function  $f$  in  $\Omega$  we define

$$\Lambda_f(z) = \max_{0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi} |f_z(z) + e^{-2i\theta} f_{\bar{z}}(z)| = |f_z(z)| + |f_{\bar{z}}(z)|$$

and

$$\lambda_f(z) = \min_{0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi} |f_z(z) + e^{-2i\theta} f_{\bar{z}}(z)| = \left| |f_z(z)| - |f_{\bar{z}}(z)| \right|.$$

Lewy [15] showed that a harmonic function  $f$  is locally univalent in  $\Omega$  if its Jacobian  $J_f = |f_z|^2 - |f_{\bar{z}}|^2 = |h'|^2 - |g'|^2$  does not vanish anywhere in  $\Omega$ . We note that local univalence of  $f$  does not imply global univalence in a given domain  $\Omega$  and also note that  $|J_f| = \Lambda_f \lambda_f$ .

It is known (e.g. see [2], [3]) that a mapping  $F$  is biharmonic in a simply connected domain  $\Omega$  if and only if  $F$  has the representation

$$F = |z|^2 G + K, \quad z \in \Omega \tag{1}$$

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where  $G$  and  $K$  are harmonic in  $\Omega$ .

Without loss of generality, for functions  $F = |z|^2G + K$  biharmonic in the open unit disk  $\mathbb{D} = \{z : |z| < 1\}$  we may express  $G$  and  $K$  by

$$G(z) = g_1(z) + \overline{g_2(z)} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n z^n + \overline{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n z^n}$$

$$K(z) = k_1(z) + \overline{k_2(z)} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n z^n + \overline{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} d_n z^n}$$
(2)

where  $g_1, g_2, k_1$ , and  $k_2$  are analytic in  $\mathbb{D}$ .

The classical Landau Theorem for bounded holomorphic functions states that if  $f$  is a holomorphic function in  $\mathbb{D}$  with  $f(0) = f'(0) - 1 = 0$  and  $|f(z)| < M$  for  $z \in \mathbb{D}$ , then  $f$  is univalent (schlicht) in the disk  $|z| < \rho_0 = (M + \sqrt{M^2 - 1})^{-1}$  and  $f(|z| < \rho_0)$  contains the disk  $|z| < M\rho_0^2$ . It is known (e.g. see [14] or [4]) that these bounds are sharp. Moreover, for  $f$  as defined above with  $f(0)$  not necessarily zero, there is the Bloch Theorem which asserts the existence of a positive constant  $b$  such that  $f(\mathbb{D})$  contains a schlicht disk, that is, a disk of radius  $b$  which is the univalent image of some region in  $\mathbb{D}$ . The Bloch constant is defined as the supremum of all such  $b$  (e.g. see [8], [11] or [9]).

In the sequel, for  $\zeta \in \mathbb{C}$  we let  $\mathbb{D}_\rho(\zeta) := \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z - \zeta| < \rho\}$ ,  $\mathbb{D}_\rho = \mathbb{D}_\rho(0)$  and for  $\rho = 1$  we simply use  $\mathbb{D}_1 = \mathbb{D}$ . The following theorem is proved by Zhu and Liu ([17], Theorem 3.2).

**Theorem 1.1.** *Suppose that  $F(z) = |z|^2G(z) + H(z)$  is a biharmonic mapping of the unit disk  $\mathbb{D}$  such that  $|G(z)| \leq M_1$  and  $|H(z)| \leq M_2$  for  $z \in \mathbb{D}$  with  $\lambda_F(0) = 1$ .*

(i) *If  $M_2 > 1$  or  $M_2 = 1$  and  $M_1 > 0$ , then  $F$  is univalent in the disk  $\mathbb{D}_{r_3}$ , and  $F(\mathbb{D}_{\sigma_2})$  contains a schlicht disk  $\mathbb{D}_{\sigma_2}(F(0))$ , where  $r_3 = r_3(M_1, M_2)$  is the minimum positive root of the following equation*

$$1 - 2M_1r - \frac{4M_1r^2}{\pi(1-r^2)} - \sqrt{2(M_2^2 - 1)} \cdot \frac{r\sqrt{4 - 3r^2 + r^4}}{(1-r^2)^{3/2}} = 0$$
(3)

and

$$\sigma_2 = r_3 - M_1r_3^2 - \sqrt{2(M_2^2 - 1)} \cdot \frac{r_3^2}{(1-r_3^2)^{1/2}}$$
(4)

(ii) *If  $M_2 = 1$  and  $M_1 = 0$ , then  $F$  is univalent in  $\mathbb{D}$  and  $F(\mathbb{D}) = \mathbb{D}$ .*

In this paper we give better results than those given in Theorem 1.1 (also see Remark 2.1 and Table 1). Moreover, we extend these results to Landau-Bloch theorems for the mappings  $L(F)$  where the differential operator  $L$  is defined by

$$L = z \frac{\partial}{\partial z} - \bar{z} \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{z}}$$

We observe that (e.g. see [1]) the operator  $L$  preserves both harmonicity and biharmonicity and is a complex linear operator that satisfies the usual product rule  $L(af + bg) = aL(f) + bL(g)$  and  $L(fg) = fL(g) + gL(f)$  where  $a$  and  $b$  are complex constants.

## 2. Main Results

First we state the following two lemmas, the first of which is a modification of a result due to Zhu and Liu [17] (also see Liu [16]).

**Lemma 2.1.** Let  $f(z) = \overline{g(z)} + h(z) = \overline{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n z^n} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n z^n$  be a harmonic mapping in the unit disk  $\mathbb{D}$ .  
 (i) If  $|f(z)| < M$ , then

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (|a_n| + |b_n|)^2 \leq 2M^2.$$

(ii) If  $\lambda_f(0) = 1$  and  $|f(z)| < M$ , then

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (|a_n| + |b_n|)^2 \leq 2M^2 - 2.$$

(iii) If  $|J_f(0)| = 1$  and  $|f(z)| < M$ , then

$$\sqrt{\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (|a_n| + |b_n|)^2} \leq T_1(M) := \min\{\sqrt{2M^2 - 2}, \sqrt{M^4 - 1} \cdot \lambda_f(0)\},$$

where

$$\lambda_f(0) \geq \lambda_f(M) = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{M^2 - 1} + \sqrt{M^2 + 1}}.$$

**Lemma 2.2.** Let  $f(z) = \overline{g(z)} + h(z) = \overline{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n z^n} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n z^n$  be a harmonic mapping in the unit disk  $\mathbb{D}$  with  $|g(z)| + |h(z)| < M$  in  $\mathbb{D}$ ,  $a_n \neq 0$  and  $b_n \neq 0$ ;  $n \geq 1$ .

(i) If  $\Lambda_f(0) = 1$  and

$$\arg \frac{a_n b_1}{b_n a_1} = 2k\pi n, \quad k \in \{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}, \tag{5}$$

then

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (|a_n| + |b_n|)^2 \leq M^2 - 1. \tag{6}$$

(ii) If  $\lambda_f(0) = 1$  and (5) then (6).

(iii) If  $J_f(0) = 1$  and (5) then

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (|a_n| + |b_n|)^2 \leq \frac{\lambda_f^2(0)M^2 - 1}{\lambda_f^2(0)}.$$

*Proof.* We shall provide a brief proof for part (i). The proofs for the other two parts are similar and we skip them. Set  $F(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n + e^{i\phi} b_n) z^n$  where  $\phi = \arg \frac{a_1}{b_1}$ . Then by the hypothesis we have  $|F(z)| < M$ . So Parseval's identity yields

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |a_n + e^{i\phi} b_n|^2 r^{2n} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} |F(z)|^2 d\theta \leq M^2.$$

Hence in view of  $\Lambda_f(0) = |a_1| + |b_1|$  and letting  $r \rightarrow 1^-$ , we obtain

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (|a_n| + |b_n|)^2 \leq (M^2 - 1).$$

□

Our first theorem provides a sufficient condition for univalence of bounded biharmonic functions.

**Theorem 2.1.** Let  $F = r^2G + K$  given by (1) be biharmonic in  $\mathbb{D}$  so that  $G$  and  $K$  are given by (2). If

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (n + 2)(|a_n| + |b_n|)r^{n+1} + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(|c_n| + |d_n|)r^{n-1} \leq \lambda_F(0) \tag{7}$$

then  $F$  is univalent in  $\mathbb{D}$ .

*Proof.* Suppose  $z_1$  and  $z_2$  are in  $\mathbb{D}_r$  so that  $z_1 \neq z_2$  and  $0 < r < 1$ . Since  $\mathbb{D}_r$  is simply connected and convex, we have  $z(t) = (1 - t)z_1 + tz_2 \in \mathbb{D}_r$ , where  $0 \leq t \leq 1$ . Then (using a method first used in [13], Proof of Theorem 1) we can write

$$\begin{aligned} F(z_2) - F(z_1) &= \int_0^1 (|z(t)|^2 G(z(t)) + K(z(t)))' dt \\ &= \int_0^1 \left\{ [z'(t)\overline{z(t)} + z(t)\overline{z'(t)}][g_1(z(t)) + \overline{g_2(z(t))}] \right. \\ &\quad \left. + |z(t)|^2 [z'(t)g_1'(z(t)) + \overline{z'(t)g_2'(z(t))}] + [z'(t)k_1'(z(t)) + \overline{z'(t)k_2'(z(t))}] \right\} dt. \end{aligned}$$

Dividing the above equation by  $z_2 - z_1 \neq 0$  and letting  $\omega = z(t)$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{F(z_2) - F(z_1)}{z_2 - z_1} \right| &= \left| c_1 - \frac{\overline{z_2 - z_1}}{z_2 - z_1} d_1 + \int_0^1 (A(\omega) + B(\omega)) dt \right| \\ &\geq \|c_1\| - \|d_1\| - \int_0^1 |A(\omega) + B(\omega)| dt \\ &\geq \lambda_F(0) - \int_0^1 (|A(\omega)| + |B(\omega)|) dt, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$A(\omega) = \overline{\omega} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \omega^n + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \overline{b_n \omega^{n+1}} + |\omega|^2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n a_n \omega^{n-1} + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n c_n \omega^{n-1},$$

and

$$B(\omega) = \frac{\overline{z_2 - z_1}}{z_2 - z_1} \left( \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \omega^{n+1} + \omega \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \overline{b_n \omega^n} + |\omega|^2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n b_n \omega^{n-1} + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n d_n \omega^{n-1} \right).$$

Now for  $|\omega| < r$ , we have

$$|A(\omega)| + |B(\omega)| < \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (n + 2)(|a_n| + |b_n|)r^{n+1} + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(|c_n| + |d_n|)r^{n-1}.$$

This in conjunction with (7) yield

$$\left| \frac{F(z_2) - F(z_1)}{z_2 - z_1} \right| > 0.$$

Therefore  $F$  is biharmonic univalent in the unit disc  $\mathbb{D}$ .  $\square$

Letting  $r \mapsto 1$  in Theorem 2.1 yields a generalization of the well-known sufficient univalence condition for harmonic functions given in [13].

**Corollary 2.1.** Let  $F = r^2G + K$  given by (1) be biharmonic in  $\mathbb{D}$  so that  $G$  and  $K$  are given by (2). If

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (n+2)(|a_n| + |b_n|) + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(|c_n| + |d_n|) \leq \lambda_F(0)$$

then  $F$  is univalent in  $\mathbb{D}$ .

For Theorem 2.1, we give the following example.

**Example 2.1.** For  $z \in \mathbb{D}$  consider the biharmonic function

$$F(z) = a|z|^2(z + c\bar{z}) + b(dz + \bar{z}).$$

In view of Theorem 2.1, it is easy to see that if  $\|bd\| - 1 \geq 3|a|(1 + |c|)$  then  $F$  is univalent in the unit disk  $\mathbb{D}$  and if  $\|bd\| - 1 < 3|a|(1 + |c|)$  then  $F$  is univalent in the disk  $\mathbb{D}_\rho$  with  $\rho = \sqrt{|b||d| - 1} / 3|a|(1 + |c|)$ .

The result is sharp in the second case when  $\arg c = \pi + \arg b/a$ ,  $\arg d = -\arg b/a$  and  $|d| < 1$ . In fact, in the second case,  $F$  is not univalent in the disk  $\mathbb{D}_r$  for  $r \in (\rho, 1]$  with  $\rho > 1/3$ . For a brief justification, set  $r \in (\rho, 1]$ ,  $\arg \frac{b}{a} = \theta_0$ ,  $\varepsilon = \frac{r-\rho}{2} > 0$ ,  $r_1 = \rho + \varepsilon$  and  $r_2 = \rho - \delta$  with

$$\delta = \frac{3\rho + \varepsilon - \sqrt{3(\rho - \varepsilon)(3\rho + \varepsilon)}}{2} \in (0, 2\varepsilon).$$

Now for  $z_1 = r_1 e^{i(\pi+\theta_0)/2}$  and  $z_2 = r_2 e^{i(\pi+\theta_0)/2}$  in  $\mathbb{D}_r$  we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} F(z_1) &= a|z_1|^2(z_1 + c\bar{z}_1) + b(dz_1 + \bar{z}_1) \\ &= a\left(r_1^2(r_1 e^{i(\pi+\theta_0)/2} + |c|e^{i(\pi+\theta_0)} r_1 e^{-i(\pi+\theta_0)/2})\right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{b}{a} |e^{i\theta_0}| (|d|e^{-i\theta_0} r_1 e^{i(\pi+\theta_0)/2} + r_1 e^{-i(\pi+\theta_0)/2})\right) \\ &= a e^{i(\pi+\theta_0)/2} \left( r_1^3(1 + |c|) - \frac{b}{a} |r_1(1 - |d|)| \right) \\ &= a e^{i(\pi+\theta_0)/2} \left( r_2^3(1 + |c|) - \frac{b}{a} |r_2(1 - |d|)| \right) = F(z_2). \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $F$  is not univalent in the disc  $\mathbb{D}_r$ .

The Landau-Bloch Theorem for the bounded biharmonic functions  $F = r^2G + K$  is given in the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.2.** Let  $F = r^2G + K$  given by (1) be biharmonic in  $\mathbb{D}$  so that  $G$  and  $K$  are given by (2). Also let  $|G| < M_1$ ,  $|K| < M_2$  and  $\lambda_F(0) = 1$ .

(i) If either  $M_2 > 1$  or  $M_2 = 1$  and  $M_1 > 0$ , then there exists a constant  $\rho$  ( $0 < \rho < 1$ ) so that  $F$  is univalent in  $\mathbb{D}_\rho$  where  $\rho$  is the smallest positive root of the equation

$$\sqrt{\frac{2M_1^2(9\rho^4 - 11\rho^6 + 4\rho^8)}{(1 - \rho^2)^3}} + \sqrt{\frac{2(M_2^2 - 1)(4\rho^2 - 3\rho^4 + \rho^6)}{(1 - \rho^2)^3}} - 1 = 0.$$

Moreover,  $F(\mathbb{D}_\rho)$  covers the schlicht disk  $\mathbb{D}_{r_1}$  where

$$r_1 = \rho - \frac{\sqrt{2}M_1\rho^3}{\sqrt{1 - \rho^2}} - \frac{\sqrt{2(M_2^2 - 1)}\rho^2}{\sqrt{1 - \rho^2}}.$$

(ii) If  $M_1 = 0$  and  $M_2 = 1$ , then  $F$  is univalent in  $\mathbb{D}$  and  $F(\mathbb{D})$  contains  $\mathbb{D}$ .

*Proof.* According to Lemma 2.1, we have

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (|a_n| + |b_n|)^2 \leq 2M_1^2 \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (|c_n| + |d_n|)^2 \leq 2M_2^2 - 2.$$

(i) For  $z \in \mathbb{D}$  set  $F_\rho(z) = F(\rho z)$ . So in view of Theorem 2.1, it suffices to show that the inequality (7) holds for  $|z| < \rho$ . This is the case since

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (n+2)(|a_n| + |b_n|)\rho^{n+1} + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(|c_n| + |d_n|)\rho^{n-1} \\ & \leq \left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (|a_n| + |b_n|)^2\right)^{1/2} \left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (n+2)^2 \rho^{2n+2}\right)^{1/2} \\ & \quad + \left(\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (|c_n| + |d_n|)^2\right)^{1/2} \left(\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n^2 \rho^{2n-2}\right)^{1/2} \\ & \leq M_1 \rho^2 \sqrt{\frac{18 - 22\rho^2 + 8\rho^4}{(1 - \rho^2)^3}} + \sqrt{2M_2^2 - 2} \sqrt{\frac{4\rho^2 - 3\rho^4 + \rho^6}{(1 - \rho^2)^3}} = 1. \end{aligned}$$

To show that  $F(\mathbb{D}_\rho)$  contains the disk  $\mathbb{D}_{r_1}$ , let  $z \in \partial\mathbb{D}_\rho$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} |F(z) - F(0)| &= \|z\|^2 |G(z) + K(z)| = \rho^2 \left| \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n z^n + \overline{b_n z^n}) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (c_n z^n + \overline{d_n z^n}) \right| \\ &\geq |c_1 z + \overline{d_1 z}| - \rho^2 \left( \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (|a_n| + |b_n|)^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left( \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \rho^{2n} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} - \left( \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (|c_n| + |d_n|)^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left( \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \rho^{2n} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &\geq \rho \lambda_F(0) - \frac{\sqrt{2} M_1 \rho^3}{\sqrt{1 - \rho^2}} - \frac{\rho^2 \sqrt{2M_2^2 - 2}}{\sqrt{1 - \rho^2}} \\ &= \rho - \frac{\sqrt{2} M_1 \rho^3}{\sqrt{1 - \rho^2}} - \frac{\rho^2 \sqrt{2M_2^2 - 2}}{\sqrt{1 - \rho^2}} = r_1. \end{aligned}$$

(ii) If  $M_1 = 0$  and  $M_2 = 1$  then by Lemma 2.1,  $a_n = b_n = 0; n \geq 1$  and  $c_n = d_n = 0; n \geq 2$  and so  $F(z) = c_1 z + \overline{d_1 z}$ . Now for  $z_1, z_2 \in \mathbb{D}$  with  $z_1 \neq z_2$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} |F(z_1) - F(z_2)| &= |c_1(z_1 - z_2) - \overline{d_1(z_1 - z_2)}| \\ &\geq \|c_1 - \overline{d_1}\| |z_1 - z_2| = \lambda_F(0) |z_1 - z_2| = |z_1 - z_2|. \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $F$  is univalent in the disc  $\mathbb{D}$ .

The covering result is also immediate since for any  $z \in \partial\mathbb{D}$  we have

$$|F(z) - F(0)| = |c_1 z - \overline{d_1 z}| \geq \lambda_F(0) |z| = 1.$$

□

**Remark 2.1.** It is claimed in [17] that Theorem 1.1 for certain values of  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  improves the results given in ([1], [5], [6], [9], [10], [12], [16]). Our Theorem 2.2 is an improvement to all those results published prior to [17] including that given by Zhu and Liu ([17], Theorem 3.2). The following table of values demonstrates examples of cases that Theorem 2.2 provides better results than those given by Zhu and Liu [17].

Table 1: Values of  $\rho$  are for Theorem 2.2 and the values of  $r$  are for Theorem 1.1.

$M_1$	$M_2$	$\rho$	$r$	$M_1$	$M_2$	$\rho$	$r$
1	2	0.1889	0.1391	3/4	2	0.1904	0.1498
1	3	0.1211	0.0979	3/4	3	0.1215	0.1031
2	1	0.7071	0.2181	1/3	2	0.1931	0.1721
2	2	0.1832	0.1081	1/3	3	0.1222	0.1132
2	3	0.1194	0.0815	1/2	2	0.1920	0.1624
3	1	0.5773	0.1516	1/2	3	0.1219	0.1089
3	2	0.1780	0.0886	0.56	2	0.1916	0.1592
3	3	0.1179	0.0698	0.56	3	0.1218	0.1074

Next we extend Theorem 2.2 to the case where the coefficients of the biharmonic function  $F = r^2G + K$  satisfy certain varying argument conditions.

**Theorem 2.3.** Let  $F = r^2G + K$  given by (1) be biharmonic in  $\mathbb{D}$  so that  $G$  and  $K$  are given by (2) with  $\Lambda_G(0) = \lambda_F(0) = 1, |g_1| + |g_2| \leq M_1$  and  $|k_1| + |k_2| \leq M_2$ . Also for  $b_n a_1 \neq 0$  and  $d_n c_1 \neq 0$  let the coefficients  $a_n, b_n, c_n$  and  $d_n$  satisfy the following varying argument conditions

$$\arg \frac{a_n b_1}{b_n a_1} = 2k\pi n, \quad \arg \frac{c_n d_1}{d_n c_1} = 2m\pi n \quad k, m \in \{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}.$$

(i) If  $M_1 > 1$  and  $M_2 > 1$ , then there exists a constant  $\rho$  ( $0 < \rho < 1$ ) so that  $F$  is univalent in  $\mathbb{D}_\rho$  where  $\rho$  is the smallest positive root of the equation

$$3\rho^2 + \rho^3 \sqrt{\frac{(M_1^2 - 1)(16 - 23\rho^2 + 9\rho^4)}{(1 - \rho^2)^3}} + \sqrt{\frac{(M_2^2 - 1)(4\rho^2 - 3\rho^4 + \rho^6)}{(1 - \rho^2)^3}} - 1 = 0.$$

Moreover,  $F(\mathbb{D}_\rho)$  covers the schlicht disk  $\mathbb{D}_{\rho_1}$ , where

$$\rho_1 = \rho - \frac{\rho^2 \sqrt{M_1^2 - 1}}{\sqrt{1 - \rho^2}} - \rho^3 - \frac{\rho^4 \sqrt{M_2^2 - 1}}{\sqrt{1 - \rho^2}}.$$

(ii) If  $M_1 = 1$  and  $M_2 = 1$ , then  $F$  is univalent in the disk  $\mathbb{D}_{\sqrt{1/3}}$ . Moreover,  $F(\mathbb{D}_{\sqrt{1/3}})$  covers the disc  $\mathbb{D}_{\frac{2\sqrt{3}}{9}}$  and the result is sharp.

*Proof.* It follows from Lemma 2.2 that

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (|a_n| + |b_n|)^2 \leq M_1^2 - 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (|c_n| + |d_n|)^2 \leq M_2^2 - 1.$$

(i) Letting  $F_\rho(z) = F(\rho z)$  and using Theorem 2.1, the proof for this part is similar to that of Theorem 2.2.(i). In brief, for the inequality (7), we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (n+2)(|a_n| + |b_n|)\rho^{n+1} + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(|c_n| + |d_n|)\rho^{n-1} \\ & \leq 3\rho^2 + \rho^3 \sqrt{M_1^2 - 1} \sqrt{\frac{16 - 23\rho^2 + 9\rho^4}{(1 - \rho^2)^3}} + \sqrt{M_2^2 - 1} \sqrt{\frac{4\rho^2 - 3\rho^4 + \rho^6}{(1 - \rho^2)^3}} = 1. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, to show that  $F(\mathbb{D}_\rho)$  contains the disk  $\mathbb{D}_{r_1}$  we observe that

$$|F(z) - F(0)| = ||z|^2G(z) + K(z)| = |\rho^2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n z^n + \overline{b_n z^n}) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (c_n z^n + \overline{d_n z^n})|$$

$$\geq \rho - \rho^3 - \frac{\rho^4 \sqrt{M_1^2 - 1}}{\sqrt{1 - \rho^2}} - \frac{\rho^2 \sqrt{M_2^2 - 1}}{\sqrt{1 - \rho^2}} = r_1.$$

(ii) For the second part, since  $M_1 = 1$  and  $M_2 = 1$ , we get  $a_n = b_n = 0$  and  $c_n = d_n = 0$  for  $n \geq 2$ . This yields  $F(z) = |z|^2(a_1 z + \overline{b_1 z}) + c_1 z + \overline{d_1 z}$ . By comparing this  $F$  with that in Example 2.1 we find that  $a = a_1, \overline{a c} = b_1, b d = c_1$  and  $\overline{b} = d_1$ . Once again, Example 2.1 for  $1 = \Lambda_G(0) = |a_1| + |b_1| = |a|(1 + |c|)$  and  $1 = \lambda_F(0) = ||c_1| - |d_1|| = |c|||d| - 1|$  yields the sharp bound  $\rho = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}$ . On the other hand, if  $z \in \partial\mathbb{D}_{\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}}$  then

$$|F(z) - F(0)| \geq |z| ||c_1| - |d_1|| - |z|^3 (|a_1| + |b_1|) = |z| - |z|^3 = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{9} = \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{9}.$$

Finally, for  $\arg d = -\arg(b/a) := \theta_0$ ,  $\arg c = \pi + \arg(b/a)$  and  $z = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3} e^{i(\pi + \theta_0)/2}$  we obtain  $|F(z) - F(0)| = \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{9}$ .  $\square$

The next two theorems are extensions of Theorem 2.2 and Theorem 2.3 to Landau-Bloch theorems for the mapping  $L(F)$ .

**Theorem 2.4.** Let  $F = r^2G + K$  given by (1) be biharmonic in  $\mathbb{D}$  so that  $G$  and  $K$  are given by (2). Also let  $|G| < M_1$ ,  $|K| < M_2$  and  $\lambda_F(0) = \lambda_{L(F)}(0) = 1$ .

(i) If either  $M_2 > 1$  or  $M_2 = 1$  and  $M_1 > 0$  then there is a constant  $\rho$  ( $0 < \rho < 1$ ) so that  $L(F)$  is univalent in  $\mathbb{D}_\rho$  where  $\rho$  is the smallest positive root of the equation

$$M_1 \rho^2 \sqrt{\frac{18 + 38\rho^2 - 10\rho^4 + 2\rho^6}{(1 - \rho^2)^5}} + \rho \sqrt{\frac{2(M_2^2 - 1)(16 + \rho^2 + 11\rho^4 - 5\rho^6 + \rho^8)}{(1 - \rho^2)^5}} - 1 = 0.$$

Moreover,  $L(F(\mathbb{D}_\rho))$  contains a schlicht disk  $\mathbb{D}_{r_1}$  where

$$r_1 = \rho - M_1 \rho^3 \sqrt{\frac{2 + 2\rho^2}{(1 - \rho^2)^3}} - \rho \sqrt{2M_2^2 - 2} \sqrt{\frac{4 - 3\rho^2 + \rho^4}{(1 - \rho^2)^3}}.$$

(ii) If  $M_1 = 0$  and  $M_2 = 1$ , then  $L(F)$  is univalent in  $\mathbb{D}$  and  $L(F(\mathbb{D}))$  contains  $\mathbb{D}$ .

*Proof.* Of course, by Lemma 2.1 the inequality (7) holds for the coefficients of  $G$  and  $K$ . The rest of the proof will be similar to that given for Theorem 2.2, only if we note that for part (i) we have

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n(n+2)(|a_n| + |b_n|)\rho^{n+1} + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n^2(|c_n| + |d_n|)\rho^{n-1}$$

$$\leq M_1 \rho^2 \sqrt{\frac{18 + 38\rho^2 - 10\rho^4 + 2\rho^6}{(1 - \rho^2)^5}} + \sqrt{2M_2^2 - 2} \rho \sqrt{\frac{16 + \rho^2 + 11\rho^4 - 5\rho^6 + \rho^8}{(1 - \rho^2)^5}} = 1$$

and that  $L(F(\mathbb{D}_\rho))$  contains the disk  $\mathbb{D}_{r_1}$  since

$$|L(F(z)) - L(F(0))| = ||z|^2L(G(z)) + L(K(z))|$$

$$\geq \rho - M_1 \rho^3 \sqrt{\frac{2 + 2\rho^2}{(1 - \rho^2)^3}} - \rho \sqrt{2M_2^2 - 2} \sqrt{\frac{4 - 3\rho^2 + \rho^4}{(1 - \rho^2)^3}} = r_1.$$



For part (ii) we get  $L(F(z)) = c_1z - \overline{d_1z}$  which is univalent in the disc  $\mathbb{D}$  and

$$|L(F(z)) - L(F(0))| = |c_1z - \overline{d_1z}| \geq \lambda_F(0)|z| = 1.$$

□

The extension to  $L(F)$  for  $F = r^2G + K$  with varying arguments is given next.

**Theorem 2.5.** Let  $F = r^2G + K$  given by (1) be biharmonic in  $\mathbb{D}$  so that  $\Lambda_G(0) = \lambda_F(0) = 1, |g_1| + |g_2| \leq M_1$  and  $|k_1| + |k_2| \leq M_2$  for  $z \in \mathbb{D}$ . Also for  $b_n a_1 \neq 0$  and  $d_n c_1 \neq 0$  let the coefficients  $a_n, b_n, c_n$  and  $d_n$  satisfy

$$\arg \frac{a_n b_1}{b_n a_1} = 2k\pi n, \quad \arg \frac{c_n d_1}{d_n c_1} = 2m\pi n \quad k, m \in \{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}.$$

(i) If  $M_1 > 1$  and  $M_2 > 1$  then there is a constant  $\rho$  ( $0 < \rho < 1$ ) such that  $L(F)$  is univalent in  $\mathbb{D}_\rho$ , where  $\rho$  is the minimum positive root of the equation

$$3\rho^2 + \rho^3 \sqrt{\frac{(M_1^2 - 1)(64 - 95\rho^2 + 91\rho^4 - 45\rho^6 + 9\rho^8)}{(1 - \rho^2)^5}} \\ + \rho \sqrt{\frac{(M_2^2 - 1)(16 + \rho^2 + 11\rho^4 - 5\rho^6 + \rho^8)}{(1 - \rho^2)^5}} - 1 = 0.$$

Moreover,  $L(F(\mathbb{D}_\rho))$  covers a schlicht disc  $\mathbb{D}_{r_1}$ , where

$$r_1 = \rho - \rho^3 - (\rho^2 \sqrt{M_1^2 - 1} + \rho^2 \sqrt{M_2^2 - 1}) \sqrt{\frac{4 - 3\rho^2 + \rho^6}{(1 - \rho^2)^3}}.$$

(ii) If  $M_1 = 1$  and  $M_2 = 1$ , then  $L(F)$  is univalent in  $\mathbb{D}_{\sqrt{1/3}}$ . Moreover,  $L(F(\mathbb{D}_{\sqrt{1/3}}))$  contains the disk  $\mathbb{D}_{\frac{2\sqrt{3}}{9}}$  and the result is sharp.

*Proof.* The proof will be similar to that given for Theorems 2.2 and 2.4 only if we note that  $L(F(z)) = |z|^2(a_1z - \overline{b_1z}) + c_1z - \overline{d_1z}$  for part (ii). □

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