



## Landau-Bloch type theorems of certain subclasses of biharmonic mappings

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**Abstract.** In this paper, we first establish a Landau-Bloch type theorem for certain bounded and normalized biharmonic mappings  $F(z) = |z|^2g(z) + h(z)$ , where  $g(z)$  and  $h(z)$  are harmonic in the unit disk with  $|g(z)| \leq M_1, |h(z)| \leq M_2$ . In particular, our result is sharp when  $M_1 = M_2 = 1$ . Then, we establish several new versions of Landau-Bloch type theorems for certain normalized biharmonic mappings with the coefficients condition in place of  $|h(z)| \leq M_2$  or  $|g(z)| \leq M_1$ , and obtain several sharp results.

### 1. Introduction

Suppose  $D$  is a domain in the complex plane  $\mathbb{C}$ . For  $z = x + iy \in D$ , the formal derivatives of a complex-valued function  $F(z) = u(z) + iv(z)$  are defined respectively by

$$F_z = \frac{1}{2}(F_x - iF_y), \quad F_{\bar{z}} = \frac{1}{2}(F_x + iF_y).$$

Define the Laplacian of  $F$  as follow:

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

Then a two times continuously differentiable complex-valued function  $F(z)$  is said to be a *harmonic function* in a domain  $D \subseteq \mathbb{C}$  if  $\Delta F(z) = 0$  for all  $z \in D$ .

Lewy's theorem [13] from 1936 states that a harmonic mapping  $F(z)$  is locally univalent if and only if its Jacobian  $J_F(z) = |F_z|^2 - |F_{\bar{z}}|^2 \neq 0$  for  $z \in D$ . If  $D$  is simply connected,  $F(z)$  can be written as  $F = h + \bar{g}$  with  $F(0) = h(0)$ , where  $g$  and  $h$  are analytic on  $D$  (for details see [10]). Thus,

$$J_F(z) = |h'(z)|^2 - |g'(z)|^2.$$

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Suppose that  $F(z)$  is a four continuously differentiable complex-valued function in a domain  $D \subseteq \mathbb{C}$ . Then  $F(z)$  is said to be a *biharmonic mapping* in a domain  $D$  if and only if  $F$  satisfies the biharmonic equation  $\Delta(\Delta F)(z) = 0$  for all  $z \in D$ . In other words,  $F(z)$  is biharmonic in a domain  $D$  if and only if  $\Delta F$  is harmonic in the domain  $D$ .

It is well known [1] that a mapping  $F(z)$  is biharmonic in a simply connected domain  $D$  if and only if  $F(z)$  has the following representation:

$$F(z) = |z|^2 g(z) + h(z), \tag{1}$$

where  $g(z)$  and  $h(z)$  are complex-valued harmonic mappings in  $D$ .

For a continuously differentiable complex-valued function  $F$ , we define

$$\begin{aligned} \Lambda_F(z) &= \max_{0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi} |F_z(z) + e^{-2i\theta} F_{\bar{z}}(z)| = |F_z(z)| + |F_{\bar{z}}(z)|, \\ \lambda_F(z) &= \min_{0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi} |F_z(z) + e^{-2i\theta} F_{\bar{z}}(z)| = \left| |F_z(z)| - |F_{\bar{z}}(z)| \right|, \end{aligned}$$

which are the maximum and the minimum dilations of the mapping  $F$  respectively.

The harmonic mappings are regarded as the generalization of analytic functions, and the biharmonic mappings are regarded as the generalization of harmonic mappings.

The classical Landau’s theorem states that if  $f$  is an analytic function on the unit disk  $\mathbb{U} = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < 1\}$  with  $f(0) = f'(0) - 1 = 0$  and  $|f(z)| < M$  for  $z \in \mathbb{U}$ , then  $f$  is univalent in the disk  $\mathbb{U}_{\rho_0} = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < \rho_0\}$  with

$$\rho_0 = \frac{1}{M + \sqrt{M^2 - 1}}, \tag{2}$$

and  $f(\mathbb{U}_{\rho_0})$  contains a disk  $|w| < \sigma_0$  with  $\sigma_0 = M\rho_0^2$ . This result is sharp, with the extremal function  $f_0(z) = Mz \frac{1-Mz}{M-z}$  (see [16]).

For bounded harmonic mappings in  $\mathbb{U}$ , Landau-Bloch type theorems had been obtained by Chen et al. [4, 5]. Liu improved the results of Landau-Bloch type theorems for bounded harmonic mappings, and obtained the sharp result when  $M = 1$  (see [16]). Recently, Khalfallah, Mateljević and Mhamdi studied some properties of mappings admitting general Poisson representations, they proved a Landau-type theorem for  $T_\alpha$ -harmonic functions in [14]. Liu et al. also proved the sharp result of Landau-Bloch type theorem for strongly-bounded harmonic mappings when  $M > 1$  in [19], and obtained several new versions of Landau-Bloch type theorems of harmonic mappings. One of their results is the following result.

**Theorem A** ([19, Theorem 3.5]) Suppose that  $M > 1$ . Let  $f(z)$  be a harmonic mapping in the unit disk  $\mathbb{U}$  with  $f(0) = \lambda_f(0) - 1 = 0$ , and

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

satisfying the following inequality

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(|a_n| + |b_n|)r^{n-1} \leq \frac{(M^2 - 1)(2Mr - r^2)}{(M - r)^2}, \quad 0 \leq r \leq \rho_0 = M - \sqrt{M^2 - 1}. \tag{3}$$

Then  $f(z)$  is univalent in the disk  $\mathbb{U}_{\rho_0}$  and  $f(\mathbb{U}_{\rho_0})$  contains a schlicht disk  $\mathbb{U}_{\sigma_0}$ , where  $\rho_0 = \frac{1}{M + \sqrt{M^2 - 1}}$ ,  $\sigma_0 = M\rho_0^2$ .

This result is sharp, with  $f_0(z) = Mz \frac{1-Mz}{M-z}$  being an extremal mapping.

In 2008, Abdulhadi and Muhanna first obtained two versions of Landau-Bloch type theorems for biharmonic mappings (see [2]). From that on, many authors also considered the Landau-Bloch type theorems for certain biharmonic mappings (see [2, 3, 7, 15, 17, 18, 20]). In 2008, Liu established the following result by establishing the better coefficients estimates of bounded and normalized harmonic mappings (see [15]).

**Theorem B ([15, Theorem 2.10])** Let  $F(z) = |z|^2g(z) + h(z)$  be a biharmonic mapping in the unit disk  $\mathbb{U}$ , with  $F(0) = h(0) = \lambda_F(0) - 1 = 0$  and  $|g(z)| \leq M_1, |h(z)| \leq M_2$  for  $z \in \mathbb{U}$ . Then,  $F$  is univalent in the disk  $\mathbb{U}_{\rho_1}$ , and  $F(\mathbb{U}_{\rho_1})$  contains a schlicht disk  $\mathbb{U}_{\sigma_1}$ , where  $\rho_1$  is the minimum positive root of the following equation :

$$1 - 2rM_1 - 2M_1 \cdot \frac{r^2}{(1-r)^2} - \sqrt{2M_2^2 - 2} \cdot \frac{2r - r^2}{(1-r)^2} = 0, \tag{4}$$

and

$$\sigma_1 = \rho_1 - \frac{2M_1\rho_1^3}{1-\rho_1} - \sqrt{2M_2^2 - 2} \frac{\rho_1^2}{1-\rho_1}. \tag{5}$$

Later, Zhu and Liu improved Theorem B by applying Schwarz’s inequality as follows.

**Theorem C ([25, Theorem 3.2])** Suppose that  $F(z) = |z|^2g(z) + h(z)$  is a biharmonic mapping of the unit disk  $\mathbb{U}$  such that  $|g(z)| \leq M_1$  and  $|h(z)| \leq M_2$  for  $z \in \mathbb{U}$  with  $\lambda_F(0) = 1$ .

(1) If  $M_2 \geq 1$  and  $M_1 > 0$ , the  $F$  is univalent in the disk  $\mathbb{U}_{\rho_2}$ , and  $F(\mathbb{U}_{\rho_2})$  contains a schlicht disk  $\mathbb{U}_{\sigma_2}(F(0))$ , where  $\rho_2 = \rho_2(M_1, M_2)$  is the minimum positive root of the following equation:

$$1 - 2M_1r - \frac{4M_1r^2}{\pi(1-r^2)} - \sqrt{2(M_2^2 - 1)} \cdot \frac{r\sqrt{4-3r^2+r^4}}{(1-r^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} = 0, \tag{6}$$

and

$$\sigma_2 = \rho_2 - M_1\rho_2^2 - \sqrt{2(M_2^2 - 1)} \cdot \frac{\rho_2^2}{(1-\rho_2^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}}. \tag{7}$$

(2) If  $M_2 = 1$  and  $M_1 = 0$ , then  $F$  is univalent in the  $\mathbb{U}$  and  $F(\mathbb{U}) = \mathbb{U}$ .

In [17], Liu *et al.* established a Landau-Bloch type theorem of biharmonic mappings of the form  $F(z) = |z|^2g(z)$  as follows, which improved a corresponding result of Abdulhadi and Muhanna in [2].

**Theorem D ([17, Theorem 2.10])** Let  $g(z)$  be harmonic in the unit disk  $\mathbb{U}$ , with  $g(0) = \lambda_g(0) - 1 = 0$  and  $|g(z)| \leq M$  for  $z \in \mathbb{U}$ . Then,  $F(z) = |z|^2g(z)$  is univalent in the disk  $\mathbb{U}_{\rho_3}$ , and  $F(\mathbb{U}_{\rho_3})$  contains a schlicht disk  $\mathbb{U}_{\sigma_3}$ , where

$$\rho_3 = \frac{1}{1 + 2K(M) + \sqrt{K(M) + 4K(M)^2}}, \quad K(M) = \min\left\{\sqrt{2M^2 - 2}, \frac{4M}{\pi}\right\},$$

and

$$\sigma_3 = \begin{cases} \rho_3^3 - K(M) \frac{\rho_3^4}{1-\rho_3}, & \text{if } M > 1, \\ 1, & \text{if } M = 1, \end{cases}$$

above result is sharp when  $M = 1$ . In this paper, we continue to investigate the Landau-Bloch type theorems of biharmonic mappings.

This paper is organized as follows. In Sect. 2, we should recall several lemmas, and establish four new lemmas, which play a key role in the proofs of our main results. In Sect. 3, by establishing Theorem 3.1, we first establish a new version of Landau-Bloch type theorem by adding a condition  $\lambda_g(0) - 1 = 0$ , and our result is sharp when  $M_1 = M_2 = 1$ . Then, by establishing Theorems 3.3 and 3.5, we establish two new versions of Landau-Bloch type theorems for biharmonic mappings with the coefficients condition (14), and obtain sharp results for  $M_1 = 0, M_2 \geq 1$  or  $M_1 = 1, M_2 \geq 1$  respectively. Finally, by establishing Theorem 3.6, we establish a new version of Landau-Bloch type theorem for biharmonic mappings  $F(z) = |z|^2g(z)$ , with  $g(z)$  being harmonic mapping and the Taylor expansion coefficients of  $g(z)$  satisfying the condition (3), and obtain better result than that of Theorem D.

## 2. Preliminaries

In order to establish our main results, we need the following lemmas.

**Lemma 2.1** ([9]) Suppose that  $f(z) = f_1(z) + \overline{f_2(z)}$  is a harmonic mapping with  $f_1(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^n$  and  $f_2(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n z^n$  being analytic in  $\mathbb{U}$ . If  $|f(z)| \leq M$  for all  $z \in \mathbb{U}$ , then

$$\Lambda_f(z) \leq \frac{4M}{\pi(1 - |z|^2)}.$$

**Lemma 2.2** ([15, 25]) Suppose that  $f(z) = f_1(z) + \overline{f_2(z)}$  is a harmonic mapping of the unit disk  $\mathbb{U}$  with  $f_1(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^n$  and  $f_2(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n z^n$ . If  $\lambda_f(0) = 1$  and  $|f(z)| \leq M$  for all  $z \in \mathbb{U}$ , then  $M \geq 1$ , and

$$|a_n| + |b_n| \leq \sqrt{2M^2 - 2}, \quad n = 2, 3, \dots,$$

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

**Lemma 2.3** ([8, 17]) Suppose that  $f(z) = f_1(z) + \overline{f_2(z)}$  is a harmonic mapping of the unit disk  $\mathbb{U}$  with  $f_1(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^n$  and  $f_2(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n z^n$ . If  $|f(z)| \leq M$  for all  $z \in \mathbb{U}$ , then  $|a_0| \leq M$ , and

$$|a_n| + |b_n| \leq \frac{4M}{\pi}, \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots.$$

The result is sharp.

**Lemma 2.4** ([11]) Let  $f$  be a harmonic mapping of the unit disk  $\mathbb{U}$  with  $f(0) = 0$  and  $f(\mathbb{U}) \subset \mathbb{U}$ . Then

$$|f(z)| \leq \frac{4}{\pi} \arctan |z| \leq \frac{4}{\pi} |z|, \quad \text{for } z \in \mathbb{U}.$$

In 1959, Heinz in his classical paper [11] proved the above result, which is called the Schwarz type Lemma of complex-valued harmonic functions with  $f(0) = 0$ . Later, Hethcote [12] removed the assumption  $f(0) = 0$  and got the following sharp form

$$\left|f(z) - \frac{1 - |z|^2}{1 + |z|^2} f(0)\right| \leq \frac{4}{\pi} \arctan |z|,$$

where  $f$  is a complex-valued harmonic function from  $\mathbb{U}$  into itself. The above inequality also was proved by Pavlović in [24, Theorem 3.6.1] independently. The related results also refer to [6, 21–23]. In particular, the sharp forms of the improvements of Hethcote’s result are given in [22, 23] by M. Mateljević, M. Svetlik and A. Khalfallah.

**Lemma 2.5** Suppose that  $f(z) = f_1(z) + \overline{f_2(z)}$  is a harmonic mapping of the unit disk  $\mathbb{U}$  with  $f_1(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n z^n$  and  $f_2(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n z^n$ . If  $f$  satisfies  $|f(z)| \leq M$  for all  $z \in \mathbb{U}$  and  $\lambda_f(0) = 1$ , then  $M \geq 1$ , and

$$|a_1| + |b_1| \leq K_1(M) = \min\{\sqrt{2M^2 - 1}, 4M/\pi\}, \tag{8}$$

and  $|a_n| + |b_n| \leq K_2(M)$  for  $n = 2, 3, 4, \dots$ , where  $K_2(M) = \min\{\sqrt{2M^2 - 2}, \frac{4M}{\pi}\}$ . The inequality (8) is sharp for  $M = 1$ , with  $f_0(z) = z$  being an extremal mapping.

**Proof** By Lemmas 2.2 and 2.3, we have  $M \geq 1$  and  $|a_n| + |b_n| \leq K_2(M)$  for  $n = 2, 3, \dots$ . Now we prove that

$$|a_1| + |b_1| \leq \sqrt{2M^2 - 1}. \tag{9}$$

In fact, fix  $r \in (0, 1)$  and set  $z = re^{i\theta}$ ,  $\theta \in [0, 2\pi]$ . Then

$$f(re^{i\theta}) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n r^n e^{in\theta} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \overline{b_n} r^n e^{-in\theta}.$$

By Parseval’s identity and the hypothesis of  $|f(z)| \leq M$ , we have

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (|a_n|^2 + |b_n|^2)r^{2n} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} |f(re^{i\theta})|^2 d\theta \leq M^2,$$

which implies that  $(|a_1|^2 + |b_1|^2)r^2 \leq M^2$ .

Letting  $r \rightarrow 1^-$ , we have  $|a_1|^2 + |b_1|^2 \leq M^2$ .

Since  $\lambda_f(0) = \|a_1 - b_1\| = 1$ , we have  $|a_1| = |b_1| + 1$  or  $|b_1| = |a_1| + 1$ . By the first equation, we have  $2|b_1|^2 + 2|b_1| + 1 \leq M^2$ , and then

$$\left(|b_1| + \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 \leq \frac{M^2 - 1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} = \frac{2M^2 - 1}{4}.$$

Hence  $|a_1| + |b_1| = 2|b_1| + 1 \leq \sqrt{2M^2 - 1}$ .

By the second equation, we also have the same result. Thus, the inequality (9) holds. Hence the inequality (8) follows from (9) and Lemma 2.3, the proof is complete.  $\square$

**Lemma 2.6 ([18])** Let  $F_0(z) = a|z|^2z + b\bar{z}$  be a biharmonic mapping in the unit disk  $\mathbb{U}$  with  $|a| = |b| = 1$ , then  $F_0$  is univalent in the disk  $\mathbb{U}_{\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}}$ , and  $F_0(\mathbb{U}_{\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}})$  contains a schlicht disk  $\mathbb{U}_{\frac{2\sqrt{3}}{9}}$ . This result is sharp.

**Lemma 2.7** For  $z_1, z_2 \in U_r, k \in \mathbb{N}_+ = \{1, 2, \dots\}$ , we have

$$\|z_1\|^2 z_1^k - \|z_2\|^2 z_2^k \leq (k + 2)r^{k+1}|z_1 - z_2|.$$

**Proof** Since  $z_1, z_2 \in U_r, k \in \mathbb{N}_+$ , we have  $|z_1| \leq r, |z_2| \leq r$ , and

$$\begin{aligned} & \|z_1\|^2 z_1^k - \|z_2\|^2 z_2^k = \|z_1\|^2 z_1^k - |z_1|^2 z_2^k + |z_1|^2 z_2^k - \|z_2\|^2 z_2^k \\ & \leq |z_1|^2 |z_1^k - z_2^k| + |z_2|^k \| |z_1|^2 - |z_2|^2 \| \\ & \leq r^2 |z_1 - z_2| |z_1^{k-1} + z_1^{k-2} z_2 + \dots + z_2^{k-1}| + r^k \| |z_1| - |z_2| \| (|z_1| + |z_2|) \\ & \leq kr^{k+1} |z_1 - z_2| + 2r^{k+1} |z_1 - z_2| = (k + 2)r^{k+1} |z_1 - z_2|. \end{aligned} \quad \square$$

**Lemma 2.8** Suppose that  $M_1 \geq 0, M_2 \geq 1$ , and  $r_2$  is the minimum positive root of the following equation

$$1 - \frac{(M_2^2 - 1)(2M_2r - r^2)}{(M_2 - r)^2} - \frac{4M_1}{\pi} \frac{3r^2 - 2r^4}{1 - r^2} = 0, \tag{10}$$

then  $0 < r_2 \leq r_0 = \frac{1}{M_2 + \sqrt{M_2^2 - 1}}$ .

**Proof** Denote  $f(r) = 1 - \frac{(M_2^2 - 1)(2M_2r - r^2)}{(M_2 - r)^2}, g(r) = \frac{4M_1}{\pi} \frac{3r^2 - 2r^4}{1 - r^2}$ . It is easy to verify that  $f(r_0) = 0$ .

We first prove that  $f(r_0) - g(r_0) = -g(r_0) \leq 0$ . In fact, since

$$g'(r) = \frac{4M_1}{\pi} \frac{2r(3 - 4r^2 + 2r^4)}{(1 - r^2)^2} \geq 0$$

for  $r \in (0, 1)$ , we obtain that  $g(r)$  is increasing in  $(0, 1)$ . Therefore, we have  $g(r) \geq g(0) = 0$  for  $r \in (0, 1)$ . Thus,  $f(r_0) - g(r_0) = -g(r_0) \leq 0$ .

Because  $f(0) - g(0) = 1 > 0$ , it follows from the intermediate value theorem that the minimum positive root  $r_2$  of the equation (10) satisfies  $0 < r_2 \leq r_0$ . The proof is complete.  $\square$

**Lemma 2.9** Suppose that  $M_1 \geq 1, M_2 \geq 1, K_1(M) = \min\{\sqrt{2M^2 - 1}, 4M/\pi\}$ , and  $r_3$  is the minimum positive root of the following equation

$$M_2^2 - \frac{M_2^2(M_2^2 - 1)}{(M_2 - r)^2} - 3K_1(M_1)r^2 - \sqrt{2M_1^2 - 2} \cdot \frac{r^3 \sqrt{16 - 23r^2 + 9r^4}}{(1 - r^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} = 0, \tag{11}$$

then  $0 < r_3 < r_0 = \frac{1}{M_2 + \sqrt{M_2^2 - 1}}$ .

**Proof** Denote  $f(r) = M_2^2 - \frac{M_2^2(M_2^2 - 1)}{(M_2 - r)^2}$ ,

$$g(r) = 3K_1(M_1)r^2 + \sqrt{2M_1^2 - 2} \cdot \frac{r^3 \sqrt{16 - 23r^2 + 9r^4}}{(1 - r^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}}.$$

It is easy to verify that  $f(r_0) = 0$ , and  $g(r) > 0$  for  $r \in (0, 1)$ . Thus we have

$$f(r_0) - g(r_0) = -g(r_0) < 0.$$

Because  $f(0) - g(0) = 1 > 0$ , it follows from the intermediate value theorem that the minimum positive root  $r_3$  of the equation (11) satisfies  $0 < r_3 < r_0$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

### 3. Main Results

We first establish a new version of Landau-Bloch type theorem for biharmonic mappings by adding a condition  $\lambda_g(0) = 1$ , and obtain a sharp result for  $M_1 = M_2 = 1$ .

**Theorem 3.1** Let  $F(z) = |z|^2g(z) + h(z)$  be a biharmonic mapping in the unit disk  $\mathbb{U}$ , where  $g(z), h(z)$  are harmonic mappings in  $\mathbb{U}$ , and  $g(0) = h(0) = 0, \lambda_F(0) = \lambda_g(0) = 1, |g(z)| \leq M_1, |h(z)| \leq M_2$  for  $z \in \mathbb{U}$ . Then  $M_1, M_2 \geq 1$ , and  $F$  is univalent in the disk  $\mathbb{U}_{r_1}$ , and  $F$  contains a schlicht disk  $\mathbb{U}_{R_1}$ , where  $K_1(M_1) = \min\{\sqrt{2M_1^2 - 1}, \frac{4M_1}{\pi}\}$ ,  $r_1$  is the minimum positive root of the following equation

$$1 - 3K_1(M_1)r^2 - \sqrt{2M_1^2 - 2} \cdot \frac{r^3 \sqrt{16 - 23r^2 + 9r^4}}{(1 - r^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} - \sqrt{2M_2^2 - 2} \cdot \frac{r \sqrt{4 - 3r^2 + r^4}}{(1 - r^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} = 0, \tag{12}$$

and

$$R_1 = r_1 - \sqrt{2M_2^2 - 2} \cdot \frac{r_1^2}{\sqrt{1 - r_1^2}} - K_1(M_1)r_1^3 - \sqrt{2M_1^2 - 2} \cdot \frac{r_1^4}{\sqrt{1 - r_1^2}}. \tag{13}$$

When  $M_1 = M_2 = 1$ , the radii  $r_1 = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}$  and  $R_1 = \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{9}$  are sharp.

**Proof** By Lemma 2.2, we see that  $M_1 \geq 1, M_2 \geq 1$ .

Let  $g(z) = g_1(z) + \overline{g_2(z)}, h(z) = h_1(z) + \overline{h_2(z)}$  with

$$g_1(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n z^n, g_2(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n z^n, h_1(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n z^n, h_2(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} d_n z^n,$$

where  $g_1, g_2, h_1$  and  $h_2$  are analytic in  $\mathbb{U}$ . Then, by the hypothesis of Theorem 3.1, we have

$$\|c_1 - |d_1|\| = \lambda_h(0) = \lambda_F(0) = 1.$$

By Lemmas 2.2 and 2.5, we have  $|a_1| + |b_1| \leq K_1(M_1)$ , and

$$\left(\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (|a_n| + |b_n|)^2\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \leq \sqrt{2M_1^2 - 2}, \quad \left(\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (|c_n| + |d_n|)^2\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \leq \sqrt{2M_2^2 - 2}.$$

To prove  $F$  is univalent in  $\mathbb{U}_{r_1}$ , we choose two distinct points  $z_1, z_2$  in  $\mathbb{U}_r$  ( $r < r_1$ ). By Lemma 2.7, we have

$$\begin{aligned} |h(z_1) - h(z_2)| &\geq |c_1(z_1 - z_2) + \overline{d_1}(\overline{z_1} - \overline{z_2})| - \left| \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} c_n(z_1^n - z_2^n) + \overline{d_n}(\overline{z_1}^n - \overline{z_2}^n) \right| \\ &\geq |z_1 - z_2| \left[ |c_1| - |d_1| - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (|c_n| + |d_n|)nr^{n-1} \right] \\ &\geq |z_1 - z_2| \left[ 1 - \left( \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (|c_n| + |d_n|)^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot \left( \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n^2 r^{2n-2} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right] \\ &\geq |z_1 - z_2| \left[ 1 - \sqrt{2M_2^2 - 2} \cdot \frac{r\sqrt{4 - 3r^2 + r^4}}{(1 - r^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} \right], \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} ||z_1|^2 g(z_1) - |z_2|^2 g(z_2)| &\leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (|a_n| + |b_n|) |z_1|^2 z_1^n - |z_2|^2 z_2^n| \\ &\leq |z_1 - z_2| \left[ 3(|a_1| + |b_1|)r^2 + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (|a_n| + |b_n|)(n + 2)r^{n+1} \right] \\ &\leq |z_1 - z_2| \left[ 3(|a_1| + |b_1|)r^2 + \left( \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (|a_n| + |b_n|)^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot \left( \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (n + 2)^2 r^{2n+2} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right] \\ &\leq |z_1 - z_2| \left[ 3K_1(M_1)r^2 + \sqrt{2M_1^2 - 2} \cdot \frac{r^3 \sqrt{16 - 23r^2 + 9r^4}}{\sqrt{(1 - r^2)^3}} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} |F(z_1) - F(z_2)| &\geq |z_1 - z_2| \left[ 1 - 3K_1(M_1)r^2 \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \sqrt{2M_1^2 - 2} \cdot \frac{r^3 \sqrt{16 - 23r^2 + 9r^4}}{(1 - r^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} - \sqrt{2M_2^2 - 2} \cdot \frac{r\sqrt{4 - 3r^2 + r^4}}{(1 - r^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} \right] > 0. \end{aligned}$$

This implies  $F(z_1) \neq F(z_2)$ , which shows that  $F$  is univalent in the disk  $\mathbb{U}_{r_1}$ .

Next, note that  $F(0) = 0$ , for each  $z = r_1 e^{i\theta} \in \partial\mathbb{U}_{r_1}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} |F(z)| &\geq |c_1 z + \overline{d_1} \overline{z}| - \left| \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (c_n z^n + \overline{d_n} \overline{z}^n) \right| - r_1^2 |a_1 z + \overline{b_1} \overline{z}| - r_1^2 \left| \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (a_n z^n + \overline{b_n} \overline{z}^n) \right| \\ &\geq r_1 |c_1| - |d_1| - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (|c_n| + |d_n|)r_1^n - r_1^3 (|a_1| + |b_1|) - r_1^2 \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (|a_n| + |b_n|)r_1^n \\ &\geq r_1 |c_1| - |d_1| - \left( \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (|c_n| + |d_n|)^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot \left( \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} r^{2n} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} - K_1(M_1)r_1^3 - r_1^2 \left( \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (|a_n| + |b_n|)^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot \left( \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} r^{2n} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &\geq r_1 - \sqrt{2M_2^2 - 2} \cdot \frac{r_1^2}{\sqrt{1 - r_1^2}} - K_1(M_1)r_1^3 - \sqrt{2M_1^2 - 2} \cdot \frac{r_1^4}{\sqrt{1 - r_1^2}} = R_1. \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $F(\mathbb{U}_{r_1}) \supset \mathbb{U}_{R_1}$ .

Finally, we show that when  $M_1 = M_2 = 1$ , the radii  $r_1 = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}, R_1 = \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{9}$  are sharp. In fact, by the hypothesis of Theorem 3.1 and Lemma 2.2, we get that

$$||a_1| - |b_1|| = ||c_1| - |d_1|| = 1, a_n = b_n = c_n = d_n = 0, n = 2, 3, \dots$$

By Lemma 2.5, we have  $|a_1| + |b_1| = 1$ . Thus, we have  $|a_1| = 1, b_1 = 0, |c_1| - |d_1| = 1$ , or  $|a_1| = 0, |b_1| = 1, |c_1| - |d_1| = 1$ .

Set  $F(z) = a_1|z|^2z + \overline{d_1}\overline{z}$ , with  $|a_1| = |d_1| = 1$ , or  $F(z) = b_1|z|^2z + \overline{c_1}\overline{z}$ , with  $|b_1| = |c_1| = 1$ . By Lemma 2.6, we obtain that the radii  $r_1 = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}, R_1 = \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{9}$  are sharp. This completes the proof of Theorem 3.1.  $\square$

**Remark 3.2** The equation (12) and (6) cannot be solved explicitly. The Computer Algebra System Mathematica has calculated the numerical solutions to equations (12) and (6). Table 1 shows the approximate values of  $r_1, \rho_2$  and  $R_1, \sigma_2$  that correspond to different choice of the constants  $M_1$  and  $M_2$ , which shows that  $r_1 > \rho_2$  and  $R_1 > \sigma_2$ . That is, the result of Theorem 3.1 is better than that of Theorem C.

Table 1: The values of  $r_1, R_1$  and  $\rho_2, \sigma_2$  are in Theorem 3.1 and Theorem C

$(M_1, M_2)$	(1, 1)	(1.1, 1.3)	(1.5, 1.6)	(1.8, 2.3)	(2.5, 3.2)
$r_1$	0.577350	0.268888	0.197637	0.140339	0.101949
$\rho_2$	0.387510	0.201729	0.144906	0.102401	0.072053
$R_1$	0.384900	0.154023	0.110351	0.074909	0.053310
$\sigma_2$	0.237346	0.108156	0.075924	0.052649	0.036698

Next, we establish two new versions of Landau-Bloch type theorems by changing the condition  $|h(z)| \leq M_2$  to the coefficients condition (14), and obtain some sharp results.

**Theorem 3.3** Suppose that  $M_1 \geq 0, M_2 \geq 1$ . Let  $F(z) = |z|^2g(z) + h(z)$  be a biharmonic mapping in the unit disk  $\mathbb{U}$ , where  $g(z)$  and  $h(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n z^n + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \overline{d_n} \overline{z}^n$  are harmonic in  $\mathbb{U}$ , and  $\lambda_F(0) - 1 = 0, |g(z)| \leq M_1$  in  $\mathbb{U}$ , and

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (|c_n| + |d_n|)nr^{n-1} \leq \frac{(M_2^2 - 1)(2M_2r - r^2)}{(M_2 - r)^2}, \quad 0 \leq r < r_0 = \frac{1}{M_2 + \sqrt{M_2^2 - 1}}. \tag{14}$$

Then  $F$  is univalent in the disk  $\mathbb{U}_{r_2}$  and  $F(\mathbb{U}_{r_2})$  contains a schlicht disk  $\mathbb{U}_{R_2}$ , where  $r_2$  is the minimum positive root in  $(0, 1)$  of the following equation

$$1 - \frac{(M_2^2 - 1)(2M_2r - r^2)}{(M_2 - r)^2} - \frac{4M_1}{\pi} \frac{3r^2 - 2r^4}{1 - r^2} = 0, \tag{15}$$

and

$$R_2 = r_2 - \frac{(M_2^2 - 1)r_2^2}{M_2 - r_2} - \frac{4M_1}{\pi} r_2^3. \tag{16}$$

When  $M_1 = 0$  and  $M_2 \geq 1$ , the radii  $r_2 = M_2 - \sqrt{M_2^2 - 1}$  and  $R_2 = M_2 r_2^2$  are sharp.

**Proof** Since  $|g(z)| \leq M_1$  in  $\mathbb{U}$ , by Lemmas 2.1, 2.4 and 2.8, we have

$$|g(z)| \leq \frac{4}{\pi} M_1 |z|, \quad \Lambda_g(z) \leq \frac{4M_1}{\pi(1 - |z|^2)}, \quad 0 < r_2 \leq r_0 = \frac{1}{M_2 + \sqrt{M_2^2 - 1}}.$$

Since  $\lambda_F(0) = 1$ , we have  $\|c_1| - |d_1|\| = \lambda_h(0) = \lambda_F(0) = 1$ .

To prove  $F$  is univalent in the disk  $\mathbb{U}_{r_2}$ , we choose two different points  $z_1, z_2 \in \mathbb{U}_r (0 < r < r_2 \leq r_0)$ , we



have

$$\begin{aligned} \left| |z_1|^2 g(z_1) - |z_2|^2 g(z_2) \right| &= \left| \int_{[z_1, z_2]} (\bar{z}g(z) + |z|^2 g_z(z)) dz + (zg(z) + |z|^2 g_{\bar{z}}(z)) d\bar{z} \right| \\ &\leq \left| \int_{[z_1, z_2]} g(z)(\bar{z}dz + zd\bar{z}) \right| + \left| \int_{[z_1, z_2]} |z|^2 (g_z(z) dz + g_{\bar{z}}(z) d\bar{z}) \right| \\ &\leq \int_{[z_1, z_2]} |g(z)| (|\bar{z}| |dz| + |z| |d\bar{z}|) + r^2 \int_{[z_1, z_2]} \Lambda_g(z) |dz| \\ &\leq \left[ \frac{8M_1 r^2}{\pi} + \frac{4M_1 r^2}{\pi(1-r^2)} \right] |z_1 - z_2| = \frac{4M_1(3r^2 - 2r^4)}{\pi(1-r^2)} |z_1 - z_2|, \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} |F(z_1) - F(z_2)| &\geq |z_1 - z_2| \left[ |c_1| - |d_1| - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (|c_n| + |d_n|) nr^{n-1} \right] - \left| |z_1|^2 g(z_1) - |z_2|^2 g(z_2) \right| \\ &\geq |z_1 - z_2| \left[ 1 - \frac{(M_2^2 - 1)(2M_2 r - r^2)}{(M_2 - r)^2} - \frac{4M_1}{\pi} \frac{3r^2 - 2r^4}{1 - r^2} \right] > 0, \end{aligned}$$

this implies  $F(z_1) \neq F(z_2)$ , which shows that  $F$  is univalent in the disk  $\mathbb{U}_{r_2}$ .

Note that  $F(0) = 0$ , for any  $z = r_2 e^{i\theta} \in \partial\mathbb{U}_{r_2}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} |F(z)| &\geq |c_1 z + d_1 \bar{z}| - r_2^2 |g(z)| - \left| \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (c_n z^n + \bar{d}_n \bar{z}^n) \right| \\ &\geq r_2 - r_2^2 |g(z)| - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (|c_n| + |d_n|) r_2^n \\ &\geq r_2 - \frac{4M_1}{\pi} r_2^3 - \int_0^{r_2} \frac{(M_2^2 - 1)(2M_2 r - r^2)}{(M_2 - r)^2} dr \\ &= r_2 - \frac{4M_1}{\pi} r_2^3 - \frac{(M_2^2 - 1)r_2^2}{M_2 - r_2} = R_2. \end{aligned}$$

Following the method of proof of [19, Theorem 3.5], we can easily obtain that when  $M_1 = 0$  and  $M_2 \geq 1$ , the radii  $r_2 = M_2 - \sqrt{M_2^2 - 1}$  and  $R_2 = M_2 r_2^2$  are sharp. So, we omit the details. The proof is complete.  $\square$

In order to show the sharp result in Theorem 3.5, we recall an example as follows, which is a special form in [20, Example 3.6].

**Example 3.4** Let  $F_0(z) = -|z|^2 z + M_2 z \frac{1-M_2 z}{M_2 - z}$  be a biharmonic mapping of  $\mathbb{U}$ , where  $M_2 \geq 1$ . Then  $F_0(z)$  is univalent in the disk  $\mathbb{U}_{\gamma_0}$ , where  $\gamma_0$  is the unique positive root in  $(0, 1)$  of the following equation

$$M_2^2 - \frac{M_2^2(M_2^2 - 1)}{(M_2 - r)^2} - 3r^2 = 0, \tag{17}$$

and  $F_0(\mathbb{U}_{\gamma_0})$  contains a schlicht disk  $\mathbb{U}_{\tau_0}$ , with

$$\tau_0 = M_2 \gamma_0 \frac{1 - M_2 \gamma_0}{M_2 - \gamma_0} - \gamma_0^3. \tag{18}$$

Both of  $\gamma_0$  and  $\tau_0$  are sharp.

**Theorem 3.5** Suppose that  $M_1 \geq 0, M_2 \geq 1$ . Let  $F(z) = |z|^2 g(z) + h(z)$  be a biharmonic mapping in the unit disk  $\mathbb{U}$ , where  $g(z)$  and  $h(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n z^n + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \bar{d}_n \bar{z}^n$  are harmonic in  $\mathbb{U}$  with  $\lambda_F(0) = \lambda_g(0) = 1, |g(z)| \leq M_1$  in

$\mathbb{U}$ , and  $c_n, d_n$  satisfying the inequality (14). Then  $M_1 \geq 1$ ,  $F$  is univalent in the disk  $\mathbb{U}_{r_3}$  and  $F(\mathbb{U}_{r_3})$  contains a schlicht disk  $\mathbb{U}_{R_3}$ , where  $r_3$  is the minimum positive root in  $(0, 1)$  of the equation

$$M_2^2 - \frac{M_2^2(M_2^2 - 1)}{(M_2 - r)^2} - 3K_1(M_1)r^2 - \sqrt{2M_1^2 - 2} \cdot \frac{r^3 \sqrt{16 - 23r^2 + 9r^4}}{(1 - r^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} = 0 \tag{19}$$

and

$$R_3 = M_2 r_3 \frac{1 - M_2 r_3}{M_2 - r_3} - K_1(M_1)r_3^3 - \sqrt{2M_1^2 - 2} \cdot \frac{r_3^4}{\sqrt{1 - r_3^2}}. \tag{20}$$

When  $M_1 = 1$  and  $M_2 \geq 1$ , the radii  $r_3 = \gamma_0, R_3 = \tau_0$  are sharp, with  $F_0(z)$  given in Example 3.4 being the extremal mapping.

**Proof** Since  $\lambda_g(0) = 1, |g(z)| \leq M_1$  in  $\mathbb{U}$ , it follows from Lemma 2.2 that  $M_1 \geq 1$ . By the hypothesis of Theorem 3.5 and Lemma 2.9, we have

$$\|c_1\| - \|d_1\| = \lambda_h(0) = \lambda_F(0) = 1, \quad 0 < r_3 < r_0 = \frac{1}{M_2 + \sqrt{M_2^2 - 1}}.$$

Since  $g(z)$  is harmonic in  $\mathbb{U}$ , we have that  $g(z) = g_1(z) + \overline{g_2(z)}$  with

$$g_1(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n z^n \quad \text{and} \quad g_2(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n z^n$$

are analytic in  $\mathbb{U}$ . Then, it follows from Lemmas 2.2 and 2.5 that  $|a_1| + |b_1| \leq K_1(M_1)$ , and

$$\left( \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (|a_n| + |b_n|)^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \leq \sqrt{2M_1^2 - 2}.$$

To prove  $F$  is univalent in  $\mathbb{U}_{r_3}$ , we choose two distinct points  $z_1, z_2$  in  $\mathbb{U}_r$  ( $0 < r < r_3 \leq r_0$ ). Then, we have

$$\begin{aligned} |h(z_1) - h(z_2)| &\geq |z_1 - z_2| \left[ \|c_1\| - \|d_1\| - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (|c_n| + |d_n|) n r^{n-1} \right] \\ &\geq |z_1 - z_2| \left[ 1 - \frac{(M_2^2 - 1)(2M_2 r - r^2)}{(M_2 - r)^2} \right] = |z_1 - z_2| \left[ M_2^2 - \frac{M_2^2(M_2^2 - 1)}{(M_2 - r)^2} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Since

$$\begin{aligned} \left| |z_1|^2 g(z_1) - |z_2|^2 g(z_2) \right| &= \left| \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [a_n (|z_1|^2 z_1^n - |z_2|^2 z_2^n) + \overline{b_n} (|z_1|^2 \overline{z_1^n} - |z_2|^2 \overline{z_2^n})] \right| \\ &\leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (|a_n| + |b_n|) \left| |z_1|^2 z_1^n - |z_2|^2 z_2^n \right| \\ &\leq |z_1 - z_2| \left[ 3(|a_1| + |b_1|)r^2 + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (|a_n| + |b_n|)(n + 2)r^{n+1} \right], \end{aligned}$$

we have,

$$\left| |z_1|^2 g(z_1) - |z_2|^2 g(z_2) \right| \leq |z_1 - z_2| \left[ 3K_1(M_1)r^2 + \sqrt{2M_1^2 - 2} \cdot \frac{r^3 \sqrt{16 - 23r^2 + 9r^4}}{(1 - r^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} \right].$$

Hence,

$$|F(z_1) - F(z_2)| \geq |z_1 - z_2| \left[ M_2^2 - \frac{M_2^2(M_2^2 - 1)}{(M_2 - r)^2} - 3K_1(M_1)r^2 - \sqrt{2M_1^2 - 2} \cdot \frac{r^3 \sqrt{16 - 23r^2 + 9r^4}}{(1 - r^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}} \right] > 0.$$

This implies  $F(z_1) \neq F(z_2)$ .

Next, note that  $F(0) = 0$ , for each  $z = r_3 e^{i\theta} \in \partial \mathbb{U}_{r_3}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} |F(z)| &= \left| |z|^2 g(z) + h(z) \right| = \left| r_3^2 \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} (a_n z^n + \bar{b}_n \bar{z}^n) + \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} (c_n z^n + \bar{d}_n \bar{z}^n) \right| \\ &\geq |c_1 z + \bar{d}_1 \bar{z}| - \left| \sum_{n=2}^{+\infty} (c_n z^n + \bar{d}_n \bar{z}^n) \right| - r_3^2 |a_1 z + \bar{b}_1 \bar{z}| - r_3^2 \left| \sum_{n=2}^{+\infty} (a_n z^n + \bar{b}_n \bar{z}^n) \right| \\ &\geq r_3 |c_1| - |d_1| - \sum_{n=2}^{+\infty} (|c_n| + |d_n|) r_3^n - r_3^3 (|a_1| + |b_1|) - r_3^2 \sum_{n=2}^{+\infty} (|a_n| + |b_n|) r_3^n \\ &\geq M_2 r_3 \frac{1 - M_2 r_3}{M_2 - r_3} - K_1(M_1) r_3^3 - \sqrt{2M_1^2 - 2} \cdot \frac{r_3^4}{\sqrt{1 - r_3^2}} = R_3. \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $\mathbb{U}_{R_3} \subset F(\mathbb{U}_{r_3})$ .

By applying Example 3.4, it is easy to prove that when  $M_1 = 1, M_2 \geq 1$ , the radii  $r_3 = \gamma_0, R_3 = \tau_0$  are sharp. The proof is complete.  $\square$

The Computer Algebra System Mathematica has calculated the numerical solutions to equations (12) and (19). From Table 2 as follow, it is easy to see that the result of Theorem 3.5 is better than that of Theorem 3.1.

Table 2: The values of  $r_3, R_3$  and  $r_1, R_1$  are in Theorems 3.5 and 3.1

$(M_1, M_2)$	(1, 1)	(1.1, 1.3)	(1.5, 1.6)	(1.8, 2.3)	(2.5, 3.2)	(3, 3)
$r_3$	0.577350	0.323005	0.237997	0.175912	0.131096	0.132967
$r_1$	0.577350	0.268888	0.197637	0.140339	0.101949	0.105393
$R_3$	0.384900	0.201709	0.142677	0.098878	0.071214	0.073392
$R_1$	0.384900	0.154023	0.110351	0.074909	0.053310	0.055745

Now, we establish a new version of Landau-Bloch type theorem for the biharmonic mapping of the form  $F(z) = |z|^2 g(z)$  with  $g(z)$  satisfying a coefficients condition (21), which is different with that of Theorem 3.5, because  $\lambda_F(0) = 0$ .

**Theorem 3.6** Suppose  $M \geq 1$ . Let

$$g(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n z^n + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \bar{b}_n \bar{z}^n$$

be a harmonic mapping in the unit disk  $\mathbb{U}$ , with  $\lambda_g(0) - 1 = 0$  and  $a_n, b_n (n = 2, 3, \dots)$  satisfying the following inequality

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(|a_n| + |b_n|) r^{n-1} \leq \frac{(M^2 - 1)(2Mr - r^2)}{(M - r)^2}, \quad 0 \leq r \leq \rho_0 = M - \sqrt{M^2 - 1}. \tag{21}$$

Then, the biharmonic mapping  $F(z) = |z|^2 g(z)$  is univalent in  $\mathbb{U}_{r_4}$  and  $F(\mathbb{U}_{r_4})$  contains the schlicht disk  $\mathbb{U}_{R_4}$ , where  $r_4$  is the minimum positive root of the following equation

$$(M - r)^2 - (M^2 - 1)(4Mr - 3r^2) = 0, \tag{22}$$

and

$$R_4 = r_4^3 - r_4^4 \frac{M^2 - 1}{M - r_4}.$$

This result is sharp when  $M = 1$ .

**Proof** By the hypothesis of Theorem 3.6, we see that  $\|a_1\| - \|b_1\| = \lambda_g(0) = 1$ .

We first verify that  $0 < r_4 \leq \rho_0 = M - \sqrt{M^2 - 1}$ . In fact, let

$$h(r) = (M - r)^2 - (M^2 - 1)(4Mr - 3r^2),$$

it is obvious that  $h(r)$  is continuous in  $[0, 1]$ ,  $h(0) = M > 0$ , and

$$\begin{aligned} h(\rho_0) &= (M^2 - 1)\left[1 - 4M(M - \sqrt{M^2 - 1}) + 3(M - \sqrt{M^2 - 1})^2\right] \\ &= 2(M^2 - 1)\sqrt{M^2 - 1}(\sqrt{M^2 - 1} - M) \leq 0, \end{aligned}$$

so that it follows from the intermediate value theorem that the minimum positive root  $r_4$  of equation (22) satisfies  $0 < r_4 \leq \rho_0$ .

Next, to prove that  $F$  is univalent in  $\mathbb{U}_{r_4}$ , we choose two distinct points  $z_1, z_2 \in \mathbb{U}_r$  ( $0 < r < r_4 \leq \rho_0$ ). Let  $[z_1, z_2]$  denote by the line segment between  $z_1$  and  $z_2$ , and let  $z = (1 - t)z_1 + tz_2$  ( $t \in [0, 1]$ ). Then, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|z_1\|^2 z_1 - \|z_2\|^2 z_2 &= \left| \int_{[z_1, z_2]} 2z\bar{z}dz + z^2 d\bar{z} \right| = \left| \int_0^1 2|z|^2(z_2 - z_1)dt + \int_0^1 z^2(\bar{z}_2 - \bar{z}_1)dt \right| \\ &\geq |z_1 - z_2| \int_0^1 |z|^2 dt, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \|z_1\|^2 z_1^n - \|z_2\|^2 z_2^n &= \left| \int_{[z_1, z_2]} (n + 1)z^n \bar{z} dz + z^{n+1} d\bar{z} \right| \\ &\leq \int_{[z_1, z_2]} (n + 1)|z|^2 |z|^{n-1} |dz| + \int_{[z_1, z_2]} |z|^2 |z|^{n-1} |d\bar{z}| \\ &\leq (n + 2)r^{n-1} \int_{[z_1, z_2]} |z|^2 |dz| = (n + 2)r^{n-1} |z_1 - z_2| \int_0^1 |z|^2 dt. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, it follows from the above two inequalities that

$$\begin{aligned} |F(z_1) - F(z_2)| &= \left| \|z_1\|^2 g(z_1) - \|z_2\|^2 g(z_2) \right| = \left| \|z_1\|^2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n z_1^n + \overline{b_n z_1^n}) - \|z_2\|^2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n z_2^n + \overline{b_n z_2^n}) \right| \\ &\geq \left| a_1(\|z_1\|^2 z_1 - \|z_2\|^2 z_2) + b_1(\|z_1\|^2 \bar{z}_1 - \|z_2\|^2 \bar{z}_2) \right| - \left| \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} [a_n(\|z_1\|^2 z_1^n - \|z_2\|^2 z_2^n) + b_n(\|z_1\|^2 \bar{z}_1^n - \|z_2\|^2 \bar{z}_2^n)] \right| \\ &\geq \|a_1\| - \|b_1\| \cdot \|z_1\|^2 z_1 - \|z_2\|^2 z_2 - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (|a_n| + |b_n|) \|z_1\|^2 z_1^n - \|z_2\|^2 z_2^n \\ &\geq |z_1 - z_2| \int_0^1 |z|^2 dt [\|a_1\| - \|b_1\| - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (n + 2)(|a_n| + |b_n|) r^{n-1}] \\ &\geq |z_1 - z_2| \int_0^1 |z|^2 dt \left[ 1 - \frac{2}{r} \int_0^r \frac{(M^2 - 1)(2Mt - t^2)}{(M - t)^2} dt - \frac{(M^2 - 1)(2Mr - r^2)}{(M - r)^2} \right] \\ &= |z_1 - z_2| \int_0^1 |z|^2 dt \left[ 1 - \frac{(M^2 - 1)(4Mr - 3r^2)}{(M - r)^2} \right] \\ &= |z_1 - z_2| \int_0^1 |z|^2 dt \cdot \frac{(M - r)^2 - (M^2 - 1)(4Mr - 3r^2)}{(M - r)^2} > 0. \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $F$  is univalent in the disk  $\mathbb{U}_{r_4}$ .

Finally, for each  $z = r_4 e^{i\theta} \in \partial\mathbb{U}_{r_4}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} |F(z)| &= r_4^2 |g(z)| = r_4^2 \left| \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n z^n + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \overline{b_n} \overline{z}^n \right| \\ &\geq r_4^2 \left[ |a_1| - |b_1| r_4 - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (|a_n| + |b_n|) r_4^n \right] \\ &\geq r_4^2 \left[ r_4 - \frac{(M^2 - 1) r_4^2}{M - r_4} \right] = R_4. \end{aligned}$$

That is,  $F(\mathbb{U}_{r_4}) \supseteq \mathbb{U}_{R_4}$ .

When  $M = 1$ , it is obvious that  $r_4 = R_4 = 1$  are sharp. This completes the proof. □

Table 3: The values of  $\rho_3, \sigma_3$  and  $r_4, R_4$  are in Theorems D and Theorem 3.6.

	$M = 1.2$	$M = 1.3$	$M = 1.5$	$M = 1.8$	$M = 2$
$r_4$	0.402414	0.325756	0.240438	0.176412	0.151000
$\rho_3$	0.204705	0.158362	0.107320	0.069879	0.055554
$R_4$	0.050699	0.026593	0.010583	0.004154	0.002599
$\sigma_3$	0.006507	0.003094	0.001001	0.000287	0.000147

**Remark 3.7** By solving Equation (22), we have  $r_4 = \frac{1}{2M - \frac{1}{M} + \sqrt{4M^2 - 7 + \frac{3}{M^2}}}$ . Table 3 shows the approximate values of  $r_4, \rho_3, R_4, \sigma_3$  that correspond to different choice of the constants  $M$ , which shows that  $r_4 > \rho_3$  and  $R_4 > \sigma_3$ , that is, Theorem 3.6 is an improvement of Theorem D.

Finally, we give several examples of harmonic mappings satisfying the conditions (14) or (21). Note that for every integer  $k \geq 2$  and  $M \geq 1$ , we have

$$\sum_{n=2}^k \frac{M^2 - 1}{M^{n-1}} n r^{n-1} \leq \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{M^2 - 1}{M^{n-1}} n r^{n-1} = \frac{(M^2 - 1)(2Mr - r^2)}{(M - r)^2}, \quad 0 \leq r < 1,$$

it is easy to verify the following facts.

**Example 3.8** Suppose that  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in \mathbb{C}$  with  $|\alpha| + |\beta| \leq 1, M \geq 1$  and  $M_2 \geq 1$ .

(1) Let  $k \geq 2$  be an integer, and

$$g_0(z) = \alpha \frac{M^k z - M^{k+1} z^2 + (M^2 - 1) z^{k+1}}{M^{k-1} (M - z)} + (1 + |\alpha|) \bar{z} = \alpha \left( z - \sum_{n=2}^k \frac{M^2 - 1}{M^{n-1}} z^n \right) + (1 + |\alpha|) \bar{z}.$$

Then  $g_0(z)$  is a harmonic mapping of  $\mathbb{U}$  with  $\lambda_{g_0}(0) = 1$ , and it satisfies the inequality (21).

(2) Let

$$\begin{aligned} g_1(z) &= (1 + |\beta|)z + \alpha \frac{(M^2 - 1)z^2}{M - z} + \beta M \bar{z} \frac{1 - M\bar{z}}{M - \bar{z}} \\ &= (1 + |\beta|)z + \alpha \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{M^2 - 1}{M^{n-1}} z^n + \beta \left( z - \sum_{n=2}^{+\infty} \frac{M^2 - 1}{M^{n-1}} z^n \right). \end{aligned}$$

Then  $g_1(z)$  is a harmonic mapping of  $\mathbb{U}$  with  $\lambda_{g_1}(0) = 1$ , and it satisfies the inequality (21).

(3) Let  $h_0(z) = \alpha M_2 z \frac{1-M_2 z}{M_2 - z} + (1 + |\alpha|)\bar{z}$ . Then  $h_0(z)$  is a harmonic mapping of  $\mathbb{U}$  with  $\lambda_{h_0}(0) = 1$ , and it satisfies the inequality (14).

(4) Let  $h_1(z) = \alpha M_2 z \frac{1-M_2 z}{M_2 - z} + (\gamma + \beta)\bar{z} + M_2 \beta \bar{z} \frac{1-M_2 \bar{z}}{M_2 - \bar{z}}$  with  $\|\alpha\| - |\gamma| = 1$ . Then  $h_1(z)$  is a harmonic mapping of  $\mathbb{U}$  with  $\lambda_{h_1}(0) = 1$ , and it satisfies the inequality (14).

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