

**COEFFICIENT INEQUALITY FOR A SUBCLASS OF REGULAR p-VALENT FUNCTIONS**

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**Abstract:** Here we describe some classes of analytic functions and its subclasses by which we will be obtaining sharp upper bounds of the functional  $|a_3 - \mu a_2^2|$  for the analytic function  $f(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n z^n, |z| < 1$  belonging to these classes and subclasses.

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**Introduction :** Let  $\mathcal{A}$  denote the class of functions of the form

$$f(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n z^n \tag{1.1}$$

which are analytic in the unit disc  $\mathbb{E} = \{z: |z| < 1\}$ . Let  $\mathcal{S}$  be the class of functions of the form (1.1), which are analytic univalent in  $\mathbb{E}$ . In 1916, Bieber Bach ([7], [8]) proved that  $|a_2| \leq 2$  for the functions  $f(z) \in \mathcal{S}$ . In 1923, Löwner [5] proved that  $|a_3| \leq 3$  for the functions  $f(z) \in \mathcal{S}$ .

With the known estimates  $|a_2| \leq 2$  and  $|a_3| \leq 3$ , it was natural to seek some relation between  $a_3$  and  $a_2^2$  for the class  $\mathcal{S}$ , Fekete and Szegő[9] used Löwner’s method to prove the following well known result for the class  $\mathcal{S}$ .

Let  $f(z) \in \mathcal{S}$ , then

$$|a_3 - \mu a_2^2| \leq \begin{cases} 3 - 4\mu, & \text{if } \mu \leq 0; \\ 1 + 2 \exp\left(\frac{-2\mu}{1-\mu}\right), & \text{if } 0 \leq \mu \leq 1; \\ 4\mu - 3, & \text{if } \mu \geq 1. \end{cases} \tag{1.2}$$

The inequality (1.2) plays a very important role in determining estimates of higher coefficients for some sub classes  $\mathcal{S}$  (See Chhichra[1], Babalola[6]).

Let us define some subclasses of  $\mathcal{S}$ .

We denote by  $S^*$ , the class of univalent starlike functions

$$g(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} b_n z^n \in \mathcal{A} \text{ and satisfying the condition}$$

$$Re \left( \frac{zg(z)}{g(z)} \right) > 0, z \in \mathbb{E}. \tag{1.3}$$

We denote by  $\mathcal{K}$ , the class of univalent convex functions

$$h(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} c_n z^n, z \in \mathcal{A} \text{ and satisfying the condition}$$

$$Re \left( \frac{zh'(z)}{h'(z)} \right) > 0, z \in \mathbb{E}. \tag{1.4}$$

A function  $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}$  is said to be close to convex if there exists  $g(z) \in S^*$  such that

$$Re \left( \frac{zf'(z)}{g(z)} \right) > 0, z \in \mathbb{E}. \tag{1.5}$$

The class of close to convex functions is denoted by  $C$  and was introduced by Kaplan [3] and it was shown by him that all close to convex functions are univalent.

$$S^*(A, B) = \left\{ f(z) \in \mathcal{A}; \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} < \frac{1+Az}{1+Bz}, -1 \leq B < A \leq 1, z \in \mathbb{E} \right\} \tag{1.6}$$

$$\mathcal{K}(A, B) = \left\{ f(z) \in \mathcal{A}; \frac{(zf'(z))'}{f'(z)} < \frac{1+Az}{1+Bz}, -1 \leq B < A \leq 1, z \in \mathbb{E} \right\} \tag{1.7}$$

It is obvious that  $S^*(A, B)$  is a subclass of  $S^*$  and  $\mathcal{K}(A, B)$  is a subclass of  $\mathcal{K}$ .

We introduce a new subclass as  $\{f(z) \in \mathcal{A}; \frac{z(zf'(z))'}{z(f'(z))} < p \frac{1+w(z)}{1-w(z)}; z \in \mathbb{E}\}$  and we will denote this class as  $f(z) \in KS_p^*$ ,

Symbol  $<$  stands for subordination, which we define as follows:

**Principle of Subordination:** Let  $f(z)$  and  $F(z)$  be two functions analytic in  $\mathbb{E}$ . Then  $f(z)$  is called subordinate to  $F(z)$  in  $\mathbb{E}$  if there exists a function  $w(z)$  analytic in  $\mathbb{E}$  satisfying the conditions  $w(0) = 0$  and  $|w(z)| < 1$  such that  $f(z) = F(w(z)); z \in \mathbb{E}$  and we write  $f(z) < F(z)$ .

By  $\mathcal{U}$ , we denote the class of analytic bounded functions of the form  $w(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} d_n z^n, w(0) = 0, |w(z)| < 1$ .  $\tag{1.8}$

It is known that  $|d_1| \leq 1, |d_2| \leq 1 - |d_1|^2$ .  $\tag{1.9}$

**Preliminary Lemmas:** For  $0 < c < 1$ , we write  $w(z) = \left(\frac{c+z}{1+c}\right)$  so that

$$\frac{1+w(z)}{1-w(z)} = 1 + 2c_1 z + 2(c_2 + c_1^2)z^2 + \dots \tag{2.1}$$

**Main Results**

**THEOREM 3.1:** Let  $f(z) \in KS_p^*$ , then

$$|a_{p+2} - \mu a_{p+1}^2| \leq \begin{cases} \left[ \frac{p^2(2p+1)}{p+2} - \frac{4p^4\mu}{(p+1)^2} \right]; \text{ if } \mu \leq \frac{(p+1)^2}{2p(p+2)} & (3.1) \\ \frac{p^2}{(p+2)}; \text{ if } \frac{(p+1)^2}{2p(p+2)} \leq \mu \leq \frac{(p+1)^3}{2p^2(p+2)} & (3.2) \\ \left[ \frac{4p^4\mu}{(p+1)^2} - \frac{p^2(2p+1)}{p+2} \right]; \text{ if } \mu \geq \frac{(p+1)^3}{2p^2(p+2)} & (3.3) \end{cases}$$

The results are sharp.

**Proof:** By definition of  $f(z) \in KS_p^*$ , we have

$$\frac{z(zf'(z))'}{z(f'(z))} = p \frac{1+w(z)}{1-w(z)}; \quad w(z) \in \mathcal{U}. \quad (3.4)$$

Expanding the series (3.4), we get

$$\{p^2 z^p + (p+1)^2 a_{p+1} z^{p+1} + (p+2)^2 a_{p+2} z^{p+2} - \dots\} = p(1 + 2c_1 z + 2(c_2 + c_1^2)z^2 + \dots) \quad (3.5)$$

Identifying terms in (3.5), we get

$$a_{p+1} = \frac{2p^2}{(p+1)} c_1 \quad (3.6)$$

$$a_{p+2} = \frac{p^2}{(p+2)} c_2 + \frac{[p^2(2p+1)]}{(p+2)} c_1^2. \quad (3.7)$$

From (3.6) and (3.7), we obtain

$$a_{p+2} - \mu a_{p+1}^2 = \frac{(p^2)}{(p+2)} c_2 + \left[ \frac{2p^3+p^2}{(p+2)} - \frac{4p^4\mu}{(p+1)^2} \right] c_1^2 \quad (3.8)$$

Taking absolute value, (3.8) can be rewritten as

$$|a_{p+2} - \mu a_{p+1}^2| \leq \frac{(p^2)}{(p+2)} |c_2| + \left| \frac{p^2(2p+1)}{(p+2)} - \frac{4p^4\mu}{(p+1)^2} \right| |c_1^2|. \quad (3.9)$$

Now we get,

$$|a_{p+2} - \mu a_{p+1}^2| \leq \frac{(p^2)}{(p+2)} (1 - |c_1|^2) + \left| \frac{p^2(2p+1)}{(p+2)} - \frac{4p^4\mu}{(p+1)^2} \right| |c_1^2| = \frac{(p^2)}{(p+2)} + \left[ \left| \frac{p^2(2p+1)}{(p+2)} - \frac{4p^4\mu}{(p+1)^2} \right| - \frac{(p^2)}{(p+2)} \right] |c_1|^2. \quad (3.10)$$

**Case I:**  $\mu \leq \frac{(p+1)^2(2p+1)}{4p^2(p+2)}$ . (3.10) can be rewritten as

$$|a_{p+2} - \mu a_{p+1}^2| \leq \frac{(p^2)}{(p+2)} + \left[ \frac{2(p)^3}{(p+2)} - \frac{4p^4\mu}{(p+1)^2} \right] |c_1|^2.$$

**Subcase I (a):**  $\mu \leq \frac{(p+1)^2}{2p(p+2)}$ . Using (1.11), (3.11) becomes

$$|a_{p+2} - \mu a_{p+1}^2| \leq \left[ \frac{p^2(2p+1)}{(p+2)} - \frac{4p^4\mu}{(p+1)^2} \right] |c_1|^2 \quad (3.12)$$

**Subcase I (b):**  $\mu \geq \frac{(p+1)^2}{2p(p+2)}$ . We obtain from (3.11)

$$|a_{p+2} - \mu a_{p+1}^2| \leq \frac{(p^2)}{(p+2)}. \quad (3.13)$$

**Case II:**  $\mu \geq \frac{(p+1)^2(2p+1)}{4p^2(p+2)}$

Preceding as in case I, we get

$$|a_{p+2} - \mu a_{p+1}^2| \leq \frac{(p^2)}{(p+2)} + \left[ \frac{4p^4\mu}{(p+1)^2} - \frac{p^2(2p+1)}{(p+2)} \right] |c_1|^2. \quad (3.14)$$

**Subcase II (a):**  $\mu \leq \frac{(p+1)^3}{2p^2(p+2)}$

(3.14) takes the form  $|a_{p+2} - \mu a_{p+1}^2| \leq \frac{(p^2)}{(p+2)}$  (3.15)

$$|a_{p+2} - \mu a_{p+1}^2| \leq \frac{(p^2)}{(p+2)}; \text{ if } \frac{p^2(2p+1)}{(p+2)} \leq \mu \leq \frac{(p+1)^3}{2p^2(p+2)} \quad (3.16)$$

**Subcase II (b):**  $\mu \geq \frac{(p+1)^3}{2p^2(p+2)}$

Preceding as in subcase I (a), we get

$$|a_{p+2} - \mu a_{p+1}^2| \leq \left[ \frac{4p^4\mu}{(p+1)^2} - \frac{p^2(2p+1)}{(p+2)} \right] |c_1|^2 \quad (3.17)$$

Combining (3.12), (3.16) and (3.17), the theorem is proved.

Extremal function for (3.1) and (3.3) is defined by

$$f_1(z) = \frac{z^p}{p} + \frac{p z^{p+1}}{p+1} + \frac{p(p-1)}{2!} \frac{z^{p+2}}{p+2} + \dots$$

Extremal function for (3.2) is defined by

$$f_2(z) = \frac{z^p}{p} + \frac{p z^{p+2}}{p+2} + \frac{p(p-1)}{2!} \frac{z^{p+4}}{p+4} + \dots$$

**Corollary 3.2:** Putting  $p = 1$  in the theorem, we get

$$|a_{p+2} - \mu a_{p+1}^2| \leq \begin{cases} 1 - \mu, \text{ if } \mu \leq \frac{2}{3}; \\ \frac{1}{3} \text{ if } \frac{2}{3} \leq \mu \leq \frac{4}{3}; \\ \mu - 1, \text{ if } \mu \geq \frac{4}{3} \end{cases}$$

These are the required results of class  $KS^*(3.11)$

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