



# Coefficient Problems in the Subclasses of Close-to-Star Functions

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**Abstract.** For two subclasses of close-to-star functions we estimate early logarithmic coefficients, coefficients of inverse functions, Hankel determinant  $H_{2,2}$  and Zalcman functional  $J_{2,3}$ . All results are sharp.

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## 1. Introduction

Given  $r > 0$ , let  $\mathbb{D}_r := \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < r\}$ , and let  $\mathbb{D} := \mathbb{D}_1$ . Let  $\overline{\mathbb{D}} := \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| \leq 1\}$  and  $\mathbb{T} := \partial\mathbb{D}$ . Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be the class of all analytic functions in  $\mathbb{D}$  and  $\mathcal{A}$  be its subclass of  $f$  normalized by  $f(0) := 0$  and  $f'(0) := 1$ , i.e., of the form

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n z^n, \quad a_1 := 1, \quad z \in \mathbb{D}. \quad (1.1)$$

Let  $\mathcal{S}$  be the subclass of  $\mathcal{A}$  of all univalent functions and  $\mathcal{S}^*$  be the subclass of  $\mathcal{S}$  of all starlike functions, namely,  $f \in \mathcal{S}^*$  if  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  and

$$\operatorname{Re} \frac{z f'(z)}{f(z)} > 0, \quad z \in \mathbb{D}.$$

A function  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  is called close-to-star if there exist  $g \in \mathcal{S}^*$  and  $\beta \in \mathbb{R}$  such that

$$\operatorname{Re} \frac{e^{i\beta} f(z)}{g(z)} > 0, \quad z \in \mathbb{D}. \quad (1.2)$$

Denote by  $\mathcal{CST}$  the class of all close-to-star functions introduced by Reade [30]. Note that  $f \in \mathcal{CST}$  if and only if a function

$$F(z) := \int_0^z \frac{f(t)}{t} dt, \quad z \in \mathbb{D}, \quad (1.3)$$

is close-to-convex [15], [12, Vol. II, p. 3]. The class of close-to-star functions and its subclasses were intensively studied by various authors (e.g., MacGregor [25], Sakaguchi [32], Causey and Merkes [4]; for further references, see [12, Vol. II, pp. 97–104]). Given  $g \in \mathcal{S}^*$  and  $\beta \in \mathbb{R}$ , let  $\mathcal{CST}_\beta(g)$  be the subclass of  $\mathcal{CST}$  of all  $f$  satisfying (1.2). The classes  $\mathcal{CST}_0(g_i)$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3$ , where

$$g_1(z) := \frac{z}{1-z^2}, \quad g_2(z) := \frac{z}{(1-z)^2}, \quad g_3(z) := z, \quad z \in \mathbb{D},$$

are particularly interesting and were separately studied by authors. In this paper we deal with the classes  $\mathcal{CST}_0(g_1) =: \mathcal{ST}(i)$  and  $\mathcal{CST}_0(g_2) =: \mathcal{ST}(1)$  which elements  $f$  in view of (1.2) satisfy the condition

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ (1-z^2) \frac{f(z)}{z} \right\} > 0, \quad z \in \mathbb{D}, \quad (1.4)$$

and

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ (1-z)^2 \frac{f(z)}{z} \right\} > 0, \quad z \in \mathbb{D}, \quad (1.5)$$

respectively. Let us add the inequality (1.4) defines the subclass of the class of functions starlike in the direction of the real axis introduced by Robertson [31]. Moreover, each function  $F$  given by (1.3) over the class  $\mathcal{ST}(i)$  maps univalently  $\mathbb{D}$  onto a domain  $F(\mathbb{D})$  convex in the direction of the imaginary axis. The concept of convexity in one direction belongs to Robertson [31] (see e.g., [12, p. 199]). Each function  $F$  given by (1.3) over the class  $\mathcal{ST}(1)$  maps univalently  $\mathbb{D}$  onto a domain  $F(\mathbb{D})$  called convex in the positive the direction of the real axis, i.e.,  $\{w + it: t \geq 0\} \subset f(\mathbb{D})$  for every  $w \in f(\mathbb{D})$  [2, 8, 9, 11, 20, 21]. Let us remark that the condition (1.4) was generalized by replacing the expression  $1 - z^2$  by the expression  $1 - \alpha^2 z^2$  with  $\alpha \in [0, 1]$  in [13].

In this paper we find the sharp estimates of early logarithmic coefficients (Sect. 2), of the Hankel determinant  $H_{2,2}$  and of Zalcman functional  $J_{2,3}$  (Sect. 3) and of the early inverse coefficients (Sect. 4) of functions in the classes  $\mathcal{ST}(i)$  and  $\mathcal{ST}(1)$ . Since both classes  $\mathcal{ST}(i)$  and  $\mathcal{ST}(1)$  have a representation using the Carathéodory class  $\mathcal{P}$ , i.e., the class of functions  $p \in \mathcal{H}$  of the form

$$p(z) = 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n z^n, \quad z \in \mathbb{D}, \quad (1.6)$$

having a positive real part in  $\mathbb{D}$ , the coefficients of functions in  $\mathcal{ST}(i)$  and  $\mathcal{ST}(1)$  have a suitable representation expressed by the coefficients of functions in  $\mathcal{P}$ . Therefore to get the upper bounds of considered functionals our computing is based on parametric formulas for the second and third coefficients

in  $\mathcal{P}$ . However both classes are rotation non-invariant. Thus to solve discussed problems we will apply a general formula for  $c_3$  recently found in [7]. The formula (1.7) was proved by Carathéodory [3] (see e.g., [10, p. 41]). The formula (1.8) can be found in [28, p. 166]. The formula (1.9) was shown in a recent paper [7], where the extremal functions (1.11) and (1.12) were computed also. For  $c_1 \geq 0$  the formula (1.9) is due to by Libera and Zlotkiewicz [22, 23].

**Lemma 1.1.** *If  $p \in \mathcal{P}$  is of the form (1.6), then*

$$c_1 = 2\zeta_1, \tag{1.7}$$

$$c_2 = 2\zeta_1^2 + 2(1 - |\zeta_1|^2)\zeta_2 \tag{1.8}$$

and

$$c_3 = 2\zeta_1^3 + 4(1 - |\zeta_1|^2)\zeta_1\zeta_2 - 2(1 - |\zeta_1|^2)\overline{\zeta_1}\zeta_2^2 + 2(1 - |\zeta_1|^2)(1 - |\zeta_2|^2)\zeta_3 \tag{1.9}$$

for some  $\zeta_i \in \overline{\mathbb{D}}$ ,  $i \in \{1, 2, 3\}$ .

For  $\zeta_1 \in \mathbb{T}$ , there is a unique function  $p \in \mathcal{P}$  with  $c_1$  as in (1.7), namely,

$$p(z) = \frac{1 + \zeta_1 z}{1 - \zeta_1 z}, \quad z \in \mathbb{D}. \tag{1.10}$$

For  $\zeta_1 \in \mathbb{D}$  and  $\zeta_2 \in \mathbb{T}$ , there is a unique function  $p \in \mathcal{P}$  with  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  as in (1.7)–(1.8), namely,

$$p(z) = \frac{1 + (\overline{\zeta_1}\zeta_2 + \zeta_1)z + \zeta_2 z^2}{1 + (\overline{\zeta_1}\zeta_2 - \zeta_1)z - \zeta_2 z^2}, \quad z \in \mathbb{D}. \tag{1.11}$$

For  $\zeta_1, \zeta_2 \in \mathbb{D}$  and  $\zeta_3 \in \mathbb{T}$ , there is a unique function  $p \in \mathcal{P}$  with  $c_1, c_2$  and  $c_3$  as in (1.7)–(1.9), namely,

$$p(z) = \frac{1 + (\overline{\zeta_2}\zeta_3 + \overline{\zeta_1}\zeta_2 + \zeta_1)z + (\overline{\zeta_1}\zeta_3 + \zeta_1\overline{\zeta_2}\zeta_3 + \zeta_2)z^2 + \zeta_3 z^3}{1 + (\overline{\zeta_2}\zeta_3 + \overline{\zeta_1}\zeta_2 - \zeta_1)z + (\overline{\zeta_1}\zeta_3 - \zeta_1\overline{\zeta_2}\zeta_3 - \zeta_2)z^2 - \zeta_3 z^3}, \quad z \in \mathbb{D}. \tag{1.12}$$

## 2. Logarithmic Coefficients

Given  $f \in \mathcal{S}$  let

$$\log \frac{f(z)}{z} = 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \gamma_n z^n, \quad z \in \mathbb{D} \setminus \{0\}, \quad \log 1 := 0. \tag{2.1}$$

The numbers  $\gamma_n$  are called logarithmic coefficients of  $f$ . Differentiating (2.1) and using (1.1) we get

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_1 &= \frac{1}{2}a_2, & \gamma_2 &= \frac{1}{2}\left(a_3 - \frac{1}{2}a_2^2\right), \\ \gamma_3 &= \frac{1}{2}\left(a_4 - a_2a_3 + \frac{1}{3}a_2^3\right). \end{aligned} \tag{2.2}$$

As it well known, the logarithmic coefficients play a crucial role in Milin conjecture ([26], see also [10, p. 155]). It is surprising that for the class  $\mathcal{S}$  the sharp estimates of single logarithmic coefficients  $\mathcal{S}$  are known only for  $\gamma_1$  and  $\gamma_2$ , namely,

$$|\gamma_1| \leq 1, \quad |\gamma_2| \leq \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{e} = 0.635\dots$$

and are unknown for  $n \geq 3$ . Logarithmic coefficients is one of the topic recently being of interest by various authors (e.g., [1, 18, 33]).

Logarithmic coefficients can be considered for functions  $f$  from the class  $\mathcal{A}$  however under the assumption that the branch of logarithm  $\mathbb{D} \ni z \mapsto \log f(z)/z$  exists. From (1.4) and (1.5) it follows that  $g(z) := f(z)/z \neq 0$  in  $\mathbb{D} \setminus \{0\}$  for  $f \in \mathcal{ST}(i)$  and  $f \in \mathcal{ST}(1)$ . However  $g(\mathbb{D})$  needs not be necessarily a simply connected domain. Therefore, let  $\mathcal{ST}_0(i)$  and  $\mathcal{ST}_0(1)$  be the subclasses of  $\mathcal{ST}(i)$  and  $\mathcal{ST}(1)$  respectively, of all functions  $f$  for which the branch  $\mathbb{D} \ni z \mapsto \log f(z)/z$  with  $\log 1 := 0$  exists.

**Theorem 2.1.** *If  $f \in \mathcal{ST}_0(i)$  is of the form (1.1), then*

$$|\gamma_1| \leq 1, \quad |\gamma_2| \leq \frac{3}{2}, \quad |\gamma_3| \leq 1.$$

*All inequalities are sharp.*

*Proof.* By (1.4) there exists  $p \in \mathcal{P}$  of the form (1.6) such that

$$(1 - z^2) \frac{f(z)}{z} = p(z). \tag{2.3}$$

Substituting the series (1.1) and (1.6) into (2.3) by equating the coefficients we get

$$a_2 = c_1, \quad a_3 = c_2 + 1, \quad a_4 = c_1 + c_3. \tag{2.4}$$

The inequality  $|\gamma_1| \leq 1$  follows directly from (2.2), (2.4) and (1.7) with sharpness for the function  $f$  given by (2.3), where  $p$  is as in (1.10).

Substituting (1.7) and (1.8) into (2.4) from (2.2) it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} |\gamma_2| &= \frac{1}{2} \left| a_3 - \frac{1}{2}a_2^2 \right| = \frac{1}{2} \left| c_2 - \frac{1}{2}c_1^2 + 1 \right| \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left| 2(1 - |\zeta_1|^2)\zeta_2 + 1 \right| \leq \frac{1}{2} + (1 - |\zeta_1|^2)|\zeta_2| \leq \frac{3}{2} \end{aligned}$$

with sharpness for the function  $f$  given by (2.3), where  $p$  is as in (1.11) with  $\zeta_1 = 0$  and any  $\zeta_2 \in \mathbb{T}$ .

By (2.2) and (2.4) we have

$$6\gamma_3 = c_1^3 - 3c_1c_2 + 3c_3.$$

Hence and by (1.7)–(1.9) we get

$$3\gamma_3 = 2\zeta_1^3 - 3(1 - |\zeta_1|^2)\bar{\zeta}_1\zeta_2^2 + 3(1 - |\zeta_1|^2)(1 - |\zeta_2|^2)\zeta_3,$$

where  $\zeta_i \in \overline{\mathbb{D}}$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3$ . Thus by setting  $x := |\zeta_1| \in [0, 1]$  and  $y := |\zeta_2| \in [0, 1]$  we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} 3|\gamma_3| &\leq 2x^3 + 3(1 - x^2)xy^2 + 3(1 - x^2)(1 - y^2) \\ &= 2x^3 - 3x^2 + 3 - 3(1 - x^2)(1 - x)y^2 \\ &\leq 2x^3 - 3x^2 + 3 \leq 3, \quad (x, y) \in [0, 1] \times [0, 1]. \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $|\gamma_3| \leq 1$  with sharpness for the function  $f$  given by (2.3), where  $p$  is as in (1.12) with  $\zeta_1 = \zeta_2 = 0$  and any  $\zeta_3 \in \mathbb{T}$ . □

**Theorem 2.2.** *If  $f \in \mathcal{ST}_0(1)$  is of the form (1.1), then*

$$|\gamma_1| \leq 2, \quad |\gamma_2| \leq \frac{3}{2}, \quad |\gamma_3| \leq \frac{1}{3}(1 + \sqrt{2}).$$

*All inequalities are sharp.*

*Proof.* By (1.5) there exists  $p \in \mathcal{P}$  of the form (1.6) such that

$$(1 - z)^2 \frac{f(z)}{z} = p(z). \tag{2.5}$$

Substituting the series (1.1) and (1.6) into (2.5) by equating the coefficients we get

$$a_2 = c_1 + 2, \quad a_3 = 3 + 2c_1 + c_2, \quad a_4 = 4 + 3c_1 + 2c_2 + c_3. \tag{2.6}$$

The inequality  $|\gamma_1| \leq 2$  follows directly from (2.2), (2.6) and (1.7) with sharpness for the function  $f$  given by (2.5), where  $p$  is as in (1.10).

Substituting (1.7) and (1.8) into (2.6) from (2.2) it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} |\gamma_2| &= \frac{1}{2} \left| a_3 - \frac{1}{2}a_2^2 \right| = \frac{1}{2} \left| c_2 - \frac{1}{2}c_1^2 + 1 \right| \\ &= \frac{1}{2} |2(1 - |\zeta_1|^2)\zeta_2 + 1| \leq \frac{1}{2} + (1 - |\zeta_1|^2)|\zeta_2| \leq \frac{3}{2} \end{aligned}$$

with sharpness for the function  $f$  given by (2.3), where  $p$  is as in (1.11) with  $\zeta_1 = 0$  and any  $\zeta_2 \in \mathbb{T}$ .

By (2.2) and (2.6) we have

$$6\gamma_3 = 2 + c_1^3 + 3c_3 - 3c_1c_2.$$

Hence and by (1.7)–(1.9) we get

$$3\gamma_3 = 1 + \zeta_1^3 - 3(1 - |\zeta_1|^2)\bar{\zeta}_1\zeta_2^2 + (1 - |\zeta_1|^2)(1 - |\zeta_2|^2)\zeta_3,$$

where  $\zeta_i \in \overline{\mathbb{D}}$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3$ . Thus by setting  $x := |\zeta_1| \in [0, 1]$  and  $y := |\zeta_2| \in [0, 1]$  we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} 3|\gamma_3| &\leq 1 + x^3 - 3(1 - x^2)xy^2 + (1 - x^2)(1 - y^2) \\ &= 2 - x^2 + x^3 + (1 - x^2)(3x - 1)y^2 =: F(x, y). \end{aligned} \tag{2.7}$$

We have  $F(1/3, y) = 52/27$ . Moreover for  $x \in (1/3, 1]$  and  $x \in [0, 1/3)$  we get

$$F(x, y) \leq F(x, 1) \leq 1 + 3x - 2x^3 \leq 1 + \sqrt{2}, \quad y \in [0, 1],$$

and

$$F(x, y) \leq F(x, 0) \leq 2 - x^2 + x^3 \leq 2, \quad y \in [0, 1],$$

respectively. Thus by (2.7),  $|\gamma_3| \leq (1 + \sqrt{2})/3$  with sharpness for the function  $f$  given by (2.3), where  $p$  is as in (1.12) with  $\zeta_1 = 1/\sqrt{2}$ ,  $\zeta_2 = i$  and any  $\zeta_3 \in \mathbb{T}$ . □

### 3. Zalcman Functional and Hankel Determinant

Now we compute the sharp upper bound of the Zalcman functional  $J_{2,3}(f) := a_2a_3 - a_4$  being a special case of the generalized Zalcman functional  $J_{n,m}(f) := a_n a_m - a_{n+m-1}$ ,  $n, m \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{1\}$ , which was investigated by Ma [24] for  $f \in \mathcal{S}$  (see also [29] for relevant results on this functional). We will find also the sharp bound of the second Hankel determinant  $H_{2,2}(f) = a_2a_4 - a_3^2$ . Both functionals  $J_{2,3}$  and  $H_{2,2}$  have been studied recently by various authors (see e.g., [5, 6, 14, 16, 17, 19, 27]).

**Theorem 3.1.** *If  $f \in \mathcal{ST}(i)$  is of the form (1.1), then*

$$|a_2a_3 - a_4| \leq 2.$$

*The inequality is sharp with the extremal function*

$$f(z) = \frac{z}{(1 - z)^2}, \quad z \in \mathbb{D}. \tag{3.1}$$

*Proof.* From (2.4) by using (1.7)–(1.9) it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} |a_2a_3 - a_4| &= |c_1c_2 - c_3| \\ &= 2|\zeta_1^3 + 2(1 - |\zeta_1|^2)\overline{\zeta_1}\zeta_2^2 - (1 - |\zeta_1|^2)(1 - |\zeta_2|^2)\zeta_3| \\ &\leq 2[|\zeta_1|^3 + 2(1 - |\zeta_1|^2)|\zeta_1||\zeta_2|^2 - (1 - |\zeta_1|^2)(1 - |\zeta_2|^2)] \tag{3.2} \\ &= 2[1 - |\zeta_1|^2 + |\zeta_1|^3 - 2(1 - |\zeta_1|^2)(1 - |\zeta_1|)|\zeta_2|^2] \\ &\leq 2(1 - |\zeta_1|^2 + |\zeta_1|^3) \leq 2, \end{aligned}$$

with sharpness for the function (3.1).

To find sharp estimate for  $H_{2,2}$  over  $\mathcal{ST}(i)$  we use the following lemma. □

**Proposition 3.2.**

$$|4z^2 - 4z - 1| \leq \begin{cases} 1 + 4|z| - 4|z|^2, & |z| \leq (-1 + \sqrt{2})/2, \\ \sqrt{2}(1 + 4|z|^2), & (-1 + \sqrt{2})/2 \leq |z| \leq 1. \end{cases} \tag{3.3}$$

*Proof.* Since the inequality (3.3) clearly holds for  $z = 0$ , assume that  $z = re^{i\theta}$  with  $0 < r \leq 1$  and  $0 \leq \theta < 2\pi$ . A simple computation gives

$$|4z^2 - 4z - 1|^2 = \varphi(\cos \theta), \tag{3.4}$$

where  $\varphi: [-1, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a function defined by

$$\varphi(x) := -16r^2x^2 - 8r(4r^2 - 1)x + 16r^4 + 24r^2 + 1.$$

Note that  $\varphi'(x) = 0$  occurs only when  $x = (1 - 4r^2)/(4r) =: x_0$ .

When  $r \leq (-1 + \sqrt{2})/2$ , we have  $x_0 > 1$  or  $1 - 4r - 4r^2 > 0$ . Therefore

$$\varphi'(x) \geq 8r(1 - 4r - 4r^2) > 0, \quad x \in [-1, 1].$$

Hence we get

$$\varphi(x) \leq \varphi(1) = (1 + 4r - 4r^2)^2. \tag{3.5}$$

Thus from (3.4) and (3.5) it follows that the inequality (3.3) holds for  $|z| \leq (-1 + \sqrt{2})/2$ .

When  $(-1 + \sqrt{2})/2 \leq r \leq 1$ , we have  $x_0 \in [-1, 1]$ . Then

$$\varphi(x) \leq \varphi(x_0) = 2(1 + 4r^2)^2, \quad x \in [-1, 1]. \tag{3.6}$$

Combining (3.4) and (3.6) we see that the inequality (3.3) holds for  $(-1 + \sqrt{2})/2 \leq |z| \leq 1$ . □

**Theorem 3.3.** *If  $f \in \mathcal{ST}(i)$  is of the form (1.1), then*

$$|a_2a_4 - a_3^2| \leq \frac{28}{3}. \tag{3.7}$$

*The inequality is sharp with the extremal function*

$$f(z) = \frac{z(3 + z + 3z^2)}{3(1 - z^2)^2}, \quad z \in \mathbb{D}. \tag{3.8}$$

*Proof.* From (2.4) by using (1.7)–(1.9) we have

$$\begin{aligned} a_2a_4 - a_3^2 &= c_1^2 + c_1c_3 - c_2^2 - 2c_2 - 1 \\ &= 4\zeta_1^2 - 4\zeta_1 - 1 - 4(1 - |\zeta_1|^2)\zeta_2 - 4(1 - |\zeta_1|^2)\zeta_2^2 \\ &\quad + 4\zeta_1(1 - |\zeta_1|^2)(1 - |\zeta_2|^2)\zeta_3, \end{aligned} \tag{3.9}$$

where  $\zeta_i \in \overline{\mathbb{D}}$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3$ . Let  $x := |\zeta_1| \in [0, 1]$  and  $y = |\zeta_2| \in [0, 1]$ .

Assume first that  $x \in [0, x_0]$ , where  $x_0 := (-1 + \sqrt{2})/2$ . Then by (3.9) and Proposition 3.2 for  $y \in [0, 1]$  we get

$$\begin{aligned} |a_2a_4 - a_3^2| &\leq 1 + 8x - 4x^2 - 4x^3 + 4(1 - x^2)y \\ &\quad + 4x(1 - x^2)y^2 =: F(x, y). \end{aligned}$$

Clearly, for each  $x \in [0, x_0]$ , the function  $[0, 1] \ni y \mapsto F(\cdot, y)$  is increasing and therefore for  $y \in [0, 1]$ ,

$$F(x, y) \leq F(x, 1) = 9 + 4x - 12x^2 \leq \frac{28}{3} = 9.333\dots \tag{3.10}$$

Assume now that  $x \in [x_0, 1]$ . Then by (3.9) and Proposition 3.2 for  $y \in [0, 1]$  we get

$$\begin{aligned} |a_2a_4 - a_3^2| &\leq \sqrt{2} + 4x + 4\sqrt{2}x^2 - 4x^3 + 4(1 - x^2)y \\ &\quad + 4(1 - x^2)(1 - x)y^2 =: G(x, y). \end{aligned}$$

Note first that

$$G(1, y) = 5\sqrt{2} = 7.071\dots, \quad y \in [0, 1]. \tag{3.11}$$

Clearly, for each  $x \in [x_0, 1]$ , the function  $[0, 1] \ni y \mapsto G(\cdot, y)$  is increasing and therefore for  $y \in [0, 1]$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} G(x, y) &\leq G(x, 1) = 8 + \sqrt{2} - 4(2 - \sqrt{2})x^2 \\ &\leq -2 + 8\sqrt{2} = 9.133\dots \end{aligned}$$

Hence, from (3.10) and (3.11) it follows that the inequality (3.7) is true. Equality in (3.7) holds for the function  $f$  given by (2.3), where  $p$  is given by (1.12) with  $\zeta_1 := 1/6$  and  $\zeta_2 = \zeta_3 := 1$ , i.e., for the function (3.8).  $\square$

**Theorem 3.4.** *If  $f \in \mathcal{ST}(1)$  is of the form (1.1), then*

$$|a_2a_3 - a_4| \leq 20.$$

*The inequality is sharp with the extremal function*

$$f(z) = \frac{z(1+z)}{(1-z)^3}, \quad z \in \mathbb{D}. \tag{3.12}$$

*Proof.* From (2.6), by using (1.7) and the inequality  $|c_1c_2 - c_3| \leq 2$  which was proved in (3.2), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} |a_2a_3 - a_4| &= |2 + 4c_1 + 2c_1^2 + c_1c_2 - c_3| \\ &\leq 2 + 4|c_1| + 2|c_1|^2 + |c_1c_2 - c_3| \leq 20. \end{aligned}$$

with sharpness for the function (3.12).  $\square$

**Theorem 3.5.** *If  $f \in \mathcal{ST}(1)$  is of the form (1.1), then*

$$|a_2a_4 - a_3^2| \leq 17. \tag{3.13}$$

*The inequality is sharp with the extremal function (3.12).*



*Proof.* From (2.6) by using (1.7)–(1.9) we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 a_2a_4 - a_3^2 &= -1 - 2c_1 - c_1^2 - 2c_1c_2 - 2c_2 - c_2^2 + c_1c_3 + 2c_3 \\
 &= -1 - 4\zeta_1 - 8\zeta_1^2 - 4\zeta_1^3 - 4(1 - |\zeta_1|^2)\zeta_2 \\
 &\quad - 4(1 + \zeta_1)(1 - |\zeta_1|^2)\overline{\zeta_1}\zeta_2^2 \\
 &\quad + 4(1 + \zeta_1)(1 - |\zeta_1|^2)(1 - |\zeta_2|^2)\zeta_3,
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{3.14}$$

where  $\zeta_i \in \overline{\mathbb{D}}$ ,  $i \in \{1, 2, 3\}$ . Set  $x := |\zeta_1| \in [0, 1]$  and  $y := |\zeta_2| \in [0, 1]$ . By (3.14) we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 |a_2a_4 - a_3^2| &\leq 5 + 8x + 4x^2 + 4(1 - x^2)y \\
 &\quad - 4(1 - x^2)^2y^2 =: F(x, y), \quad x, y \in [0, 1].
 \end{aligned}$$

Note first that

$$F(1, y) = 17, \quad y \in [0, 1].
 \tag{3.15}$$

Let now  $x \in [0, 1)$ . Then for  $y \in [0, 1]$  we have

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial y} = 4(1 - x^2)[1 - 2(1 - x^2)y] = 0$$

iff  $y = 1/2(1 - x^2) =: y_0$ . Since  $y_0 \geq 1$  for each  $x \in [1/\sqrt{2}, 1)$ , so then the function  $[0, 1] \ni y \mapsto F(\cdot, y)$  is increasing and therefore

$$F(x, y) \leq F(x, 1) = 5 + 8x + 8x^2 - 4x^4 \leq 17, \quad y \in [0, 1].
 \tag{3.16}$$

For  $x \in [0, 1/\sqrt{2})$  we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 F(x, y) &\leq F(x, y_0) = F\left(x, \frac{1}{2(1 - x^2)}\right) \\
 &= 6 + 8x + 4x^2 \leq 8 + 4\sqrt{2} = 13.656\dots, \quad y \in [0, 1].
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence by (3.15) and (3.16) it follows that the inequality (3.13) is true. Equality in (3.13) holds for the function  $f$  defined by (3.12).  $\square$

### 4. Inverse Coefficients

Since  $\mathcal{ST}(i)$  is a compact class and  $f'(0) = 1$  for every  $f \in \mathcal{ST}(i)$ , there exists  $r_0 \in (0, 1)$  such that every  $f \in \mathcal{ST}(i)$  is invertible in the disk  $\mathbb{D}_{r_0}$ . Thus there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that the inverse function  $\hat{f}$  of  $f|_{\mathbb{D}_{r_0}}$  has a series expansion in the disk  $\mathbb{D}_\delta$  of the form

$$\hat{f}(w) = w + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \beta_n w^n, \quad w \in \mathbb{D}_\delta.
 \tag{4.1}$$

Thus for  $f \in \mathcal{ST}(i)$  of the form (1.1) the following relations hold (see e.g., [12, Vol. I, p. 57])

$$\beta_2 = -a_2, \quad \beta_3 = 2a_2^2 - a_3, \quad \beta_4 = -5a_2^3 + 5a_2a_3 - a_4.
 \tag{4.2}$$

Similar situation holds for the class  $\mathcal{ST}(1)$ .

**Theorem 4.1.** *If  $\hat{f}$  is the inverse function of  $f \in \mathcal{ST}(i)$  of the form (4.1), then*

- (i)  $|\beta_2| \leq 2$ ;
- (ii)  $|\beta_3| \leq 7$ ;
- (iii)  $|\beta_4| \leq 30$ .

All inequalities are sharp with the extremal function

$$f(z) = \frac{z(1+iz)}{(1-z^2)(1-iz)}, \quad z \in \mathbb{D}. \tag{4.3}$$

*Proof.* Substituting (2.4) into (4.2) we get

$$\beta_2 = -c_1, \quad \beta_3 = 2c_1^2 - c_2 - 1 \tag{4.4}$$

and

$$\beta_4 = -5c_1^3 + 5c_1c_2 + 4c_1 - c_3. \tag{4.5}$$

By (4.4) and (1.7) the inequality (i) follows immediately. From (4.4) with (1.7) and (1.8) we have

$$\begin{aligned} |\beta_3| &= |2c_1^2 - c_2 - 1| = |6\zeta_1^2 - 2(1 - |\zeta_1|^2)\zeta_2 - 1| \\ &\leq 6|\zeta_1|^2 + 2(1 - |\zeta_1|^2)|\zeta_2| + 1 \leq 4|\zeta_1|^2 + 3 \leq 7. \end{aligned}$$

Now we prove (iii). By (4.5) and (1.7)–(1.9) we have

$$\begin{aligned} |\beta_4| &= |-22\zeta_1^3 + 8\zeta_1 + 16(1 - |\zeta_1|^2)\zeta_1\zeta_2 \\ &\quad + 2(1 - |\zeta_1|^2)\bar{\zeta}_1\zeta_2^2 - 2(1 - |\zeta_1|^2)(1 - |\zeta_2|^2)\zeta_3| \\ &\leq 2 + 8x - 2x^2 + 22x^3 + 16x(1 - x^2)y - 2(1 - x)^2(1 + x)y^2 \\ &=: F(x, y), \end{aligned}$$

where  $\zeta_i \in \overline{\mathbb{D}}$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3$ ,  $x := |\zeta_1| \in [0, 1]$  and  $y := |\zeta_2| \in [0, 1]$ .

Note first that

$$F(1, y) = 30, \quad y \in [0, 1]. \tag{4.6}$$

Let now  $x \in [0, 1)$ . Then for  $y \in [0, 1]$  we have

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial y} = 4(1 - x^2)[4x - (1 - x)y] = 0$$

iff  $y = 4x/(1 - x) =: y_0$ . Since  $y_0 \geq 1$  for each  $x \in [1/5, 1)$ , so then the function  $[0, 1] \ni y \mapsto F(\cdot, y)$  is increasing and therefore

$$F(x, y) \leq F(x, 1) = 26x + 4x^3 \leq 30, \quad y \in [0, 1]. \tag{4.7}$$

For  $x \in [0, 1/5)$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} F(x, y) &\leq F(x, y_0) = F\left(x, \frac{4x}{1-x}\right) \\ &= 2 + 72x + 30x^2 - 10x^3 \leq \frac{438}{25} = 15.52, \quad y \in [0, 1]. \end{aligned} \tag{4.8}$$

Hence by (4.6)–(4.8) it follows that the inequality in (iii) is true.

All inequalities are sharp with the extremal function (4.3). □

**Theorem 4.2.** *If  $\hat{f}$  is the inverse function of  $f \in \mathcal{ST}(1)$  of the form (4.1), then*

- (i)  $|\beta_2| \leq 4$ ;
- (ii)  $|\beta_3| \leq 23$ ;
- (iii)  $|\beta_4| \leq 156$ .

All inequalities are sharp with the extremal function

$$f(z) = \frac{z(1+z)}{(1-z)^3}, \quad z \in \mathbb{D}. \tag{4.9}$$

*Proof.* Substituting (2.6) into (4.2) we get

$$\beta_2 = -c_1 - 2, \quad \beta_3 = 2c_1^2 + 6c_1 - c_2 + 5 \tag{4.10}$$

and

$$\beta_4 = -5c_1^3 - 20c_1^2 + 2c_1 + 5c_1c_2 + 8c_2 - c_3 - 14. \tag{4.11}$$

By (4.10) and (1.7) the inequality (i) follows immediately. From (4.10) with (1.7) and (1.8) we have

$$\begin{aligned} |\beta_3| &= |2c_1^2 + 6c_1 - c_2 + 5| = |6\zeta_1^2 + 12\zeta_1 - 2(1 - |\zeta_1|^2)\zeta_2 + 5| \\ &\leq 6|\zeta_1|^2 + 12|\zeta_1| + 2(1 - |\zeta_1|^2) + 5 = 4|\zeta_1|^2 + 12|\zeta_1| + 7 \leq 23. \end{aligned}$$

Now we prove (iii). By (4.11) and (1.7)–(1.9) we have

$$\begin{aligned} |\beta_4| &= |-22\zeta_1^3 - 64\zeta_1^2 - 56\zeta_1 - 14 + 16(1 - |\zeta_1|^2)\zeta_2 \\ &\quad + 16(1 - |\zeta_1|^2)\zeta_1\zeta_2 + 2(1 - |\zeta_1|^2)\bar{\zeta}_1\zeta_2^2 \\ &\quad - 2(1 - |\zeta_1|^2)(1 - |\zeta_2|^2)\zeta_3| \\ &\leq 22x^3 + 62x^2 + 56x + 16 + 16(1 - x^2)(1 + x)y \\ &\quad - 2(1 - x^2)(1 - x)y^2 =: F(x, y), \end{aligned}$$

where  $\zeta_i \in \overline{\mathbb{D}}$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3$ ,  $x := |\zeta_1| \in [0, 1]$  and  $y := |\zeta_2| \in [0, 1]$ .

Note first that

$$F(1, y) = 156, \quad y \in [0, 1]. \tag{4.12}$$

Let now  $x \in [0, 1)$ . Then for  $y \in [0, 1]$  we have

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial y} = 4(1 - x^2)[4(1 + x) - (1 - x)y] = 0$$

iff  $y = 4(1 + x)/(1 - x) =: y_0$ . Since  $y_0 \geq 1$  for each  $x \in (0, 1)$ , so the function  $[0, 1] \ni y \mapsto F(\cdot, y)$  is increasing and therefore

$$F(x, y) \leq F(x, 1) = 4x^3 + 48x^2 + 74x + 30 \leq 156, \quad y \in [0, 1].$$

Hence and from (4.12) it follows that the inequality in (iii) is true.

All inequalities are sharp with the extremal function (4.9). □

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