

## Study of a Subclass of Classes of P-Valent Starlike and Convex Functions

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**ABSTRACT:** We will describe a subclass of p-valent analytic functions in this paper and will obtain sharp upper bounds of the functional  $|a_{p+2} - \alpha a_{p+1}^2|$  for the analytic function  $f(z) = z^p + \sum_{n=p+1}^{\infty} a_n z^n, |z| < 1$  belonging to this subclass.

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### I. Introduction :

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

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

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

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

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

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

We denote by  $\mathcal{S}^*$ , the class of univalent starlike functions

$$g(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} b_n z^n \in \mathcal{A}$$

and satisfying the condition

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

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

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

and satisfying the condition

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

### p-VALENT FUNCTION:

Multivalent functions and in particular p-valent functions, are a generalization of univalent functions. In the study of univalent functions, one of the fundamental problems is whether there exists a univalent mapping from a given domain  $E$  onto a given domain  $D$ . A necessary condition for the existence of such a mapping is that  $E$  and  $D$  have equal degrees of connectivity. If  $E$  and  $D$  are simply-connected domains whose boundaries

contain more than one point, then this condition is also sufficient and the problem reduces to mapping a given domain onto a disc. In this connection, a special role is played in the theory of univalent functions on simply-connected domains by the  $S_p$  class of functions  $f$  that are regular and univalent on the unit disc  $E = \{z: |z| < 1\}$ , normalized by the conditions  $f(0) = 0, f'(0) = 1$ , and having the expansion

$$f(z) = z + a_2 z^2 + a_3 z^3 + \dots, z \in E$$

In the case of multiply-connected domains, mappings of a given multiply-connected domain onto so-called canonical domains are studied. In particular,  $p$ -valent functions can be defined as follow:

Let  $\mathcal{A}_p$  ( $p$  is a positive integer) denote the class of functions of the form

$$f(z) = z^p + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_{p+k} z^{p+k}$$

which are analytic in the unit disc  $E$ . Clearly,  $\mathcal{A}_1 = \mathcal{A}$ . A function  $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}_p$  is said to be  $p$ -valent in  $E$  if it assumes no value more than  $p$  times in  $E$ .

**p-VALENT STARLIKE FUNCTION:**

A function  $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}_p$  is said to be a  $p$ -valent starlike function in  $E$  if there exists a positive real number  $\rho$  such that

$$\operatorname{Re} \left( \frac{z f'(z)}{f(z)} \right) > \rho$$

and

$$\int_0^\pi \left[ \operatorname{Re} \left( \frac{z f'(z)}{f(z)} \right) \right] d\theta = 2p\pi, z = r e^{i\theta} \text{ for } \rho < |z| < 1.$$

We denote the class of  $p$ -valent starlike functions by  $S_p^*$ . By  $S_p^*(\beta)$ , we denote the class of functions  $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}_p$  satisfying the condition

$$\operatorname{Re} \left( \frac{z f'(z)}{f(z)} \right) > \beta; 0 \leq \beta < p, z \in E$$

**Note:**  $p$ -valent starlike functions are also called  $p$ -valently starlike functions.

$f(z) \in S_p^*(\beta)$  is called  $p$ -valently starlike function of order  $\beta$ .

We introduce a new subclass as

$$\left\{ f(z) \in \mathcal{A}_p; \frac{[z\{z f'(z)\}]'}{p\{z f'(z)\}'} < \frac{1+z}{1-z}; z \in \mathbb{E} \right\}$$

and we will denote this class as  $f(z) \in \mathcal{H}_p^*$ .

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

$$w(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} d_n z^n, w(0) = 0, |w(z)| < 1. (1.5)$$

It is known that

$$|d_1| \leq 1, |d_2| \leq 1 - |d_1|^2 (1.6)$$

**II. PRELIMINARY LEMMAS:**

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

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

Here

$$|c_1| \leq 1, |c_2| \leq 1 - |c_1|^2 (2.2)$$

**III. MAIN RESULTS**

**THEOREM 3.1:** Let  $f(z) \in \mathcal{H}_p^*$ , then

$$|a_{p+2-\mu a_{p+1}^2}| \leq \begin{cases} \frac{p^3(2p+1)}{(p+2)^2} - \frac{4\mu p^6}{(p+1)^4} \text{ if } \mu \leq \frac{(p+1)^4}{2p^2(p+2)^2} & (3.1) \\ \frac{p^3}{(p+2)^2} \text{ if } \frac{(p+1)^4}{2p^2(p+2)^2} \leq \mu \leq \frac{(p+1)^5}{2p^3(p+2)^2} & (3.2) \\ \frac{4\mu p^6}{(p+1)^4} - \frac{p^3(2p+1)}{(p+2)^2} \text{ if } \mu \geq \frac{(p+1)^5}{2p^3(p+2)^2} & (3.3) \end{cases}$$

The results are sharp.

**Proof:** By definition of  $f(z) \in \mathcal{H}_p^*$ , we have

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

Expanding the series (3.4), we get

$$p^3 z^{p-1} + a_{p+1}(p+1)^3 z^p + a_{p+2}(p+2)^3 z^{p+1} + \dots = (1 + 2c_1 z + 2(c_2 + c_1^2)z^2 + \dots - (p^3 z^{p-1} + p a_{p+1}(p+1)^2 z^p + p a_{p+2}(p+2)^2 z^{p+1} + \dots)) \quad (3.5)$$

Identifying terms in (3.5), we get

$$a_{p+1} = \frac{2c_1 p^3}{(p+1)^2} \quad (3.6)$$

$$a_{p+2} = \frac{2c_1^2 p^4 + (c_2 + c_1^2) p^3}{(p+2)^2} \quad (3.7)$$

From (3.6) and (3.7), we obtain

$$a_{p+2-\mu a_{p+1}^2} = \frac{2c_1^2 p^4 + (c_2 + c_1^2) p^3}{(p+2)^2} - 4\mu \frac{c_1^2 p^6}{(p+1)^4} \quad (3.8)$$

Taking absolute value, (3.8) can be rewritten as

$$|a_{p+2-\mu a_{p+1}^2}| \leq \frac{|c_2| p^3}{(p+2)^2} + \left| \frac{2p^4 + p^3}{(p+2)^2} - \mu \frac{4p^6}{(p+1)^4} \right| |c_1|^2 \quad (3.9)$$

Using (2.2) in (3.9), we get

$$|a_{p+2-\mu a_{p+1}^2}| \leq \frac{(1 - |c_1|^2) p^3}{(p+2)^2} + \left| \frac{2p^4 + p^3}{(p+2)^2} - \mu \frac{4p^6}{(p+1)^4} \right| |c_1|^2 \quad (3.10)$$

**Case I:**  $\mu \leq \frac{[2p+1](p+1)^4}{4(p+2)^2 p^3}$

(3.10) can be rewritten as

$$|a_{p+2-\mu a_{p+1}^2}| \leq \frac{(1 - |c_1|^2) p^3}{(p+2)^2} + \left( \frac{2p^4 + p^3}{(p+2)^2} - \mu \frac{4p^6}{(p+1)^4} \right) |c_1|^2$$

$$|a_{p+2-\mu a_{p+1}^2}| \leq \frac{p^3}{(p+2)^2} + \left( \frac{2p^4}{(p+2)^2} - \mu \frac{4p^6}{(p+1)^4} \right) |c_1|^2 \quad (3.11)$$

**Subcase I (a):**  $\mu \leq \frac{p(p+1)^4}{2(p+2)^2 p^3}$

Using (2.2), (3.11) becomes

$$|a_{p+2-\mu a_{p+1}^2}| \leq \frac{p^3 [2p+1]}{(p+2)^2} - \mu \frac{4p^6}{(p+1)^4} \quad (3.12)$$

**Subcase I (b):**  $\mu \geq \frac{p(p+1)^4}{2(p+2)^2 p^3}$

We obtain from (3.11)

$$|a_{p+2-\mu a_{p+1}^2}| \leq \frac{p^3}{(p+2)^2} \quad (3.13)$$

**Case II:**  $\mu \geq \frac{[2p+1](p+1)^4}{4(p+2)^2 p^3}$

Proceeding as in case I, we get

$$|a_{p+2-\mu a_{p+1}^2}| \leq \frac{p^3}{(p+2)^2} - \left( \frac{2(p^4 + p^3)}{2(p+2)^2} - \mu \frac{4p^6}{(p+1)^4} \right) |c_1|^2 \quad (3.14)$$

**Subcase II (a):**  $\mu \geq \frac{(p+1)^5}{2(p+2)^2 p^3}$

(3.14) takes the form

$$|a_{p+2-\mu a_{p+1}^2}| \leq \frac{p^3}{(p+2)^2} - \left( \frac{2(p^4 + p^3)}{2(p+2)^2} - \mu \frac{4p^6}{(p+1)^4} \right)$$

$$|a_{p+2} - \mu a_{p+1}^2| \leq \mu \frac{4p^6}{(p+1)^4} - \frac{p^3[2p+1]}{(p+2)^2} \quad (3.15)$$

**Subcase II (b):**  $\mu \leq \frac{(p+1)^5}{2(p+2)^2 p^3}$

Proceeding as in subcase I (b), we get

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

Combining (3.12), (3.13), (3.15) and (3.16), the theorem is proved.

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

$f_1(z) = (1 + az)^h$  where

$$a = \frac{2p^3(p+2)^2 - 2(p+1)^4 p + 1}{(p+1)^2(p+2)^2}$$

And

$$h = \frac{2p^3(p+2)^2}{2p^3(p+2)^2 - (p+1)^4(2p+1)}$$

Extremal function for (3.2) is defined by

$$f_2(z) = z \left( 1 + \frac{p^3 z}{2(p+2)^2} \right)^2$$

**Corollary 3.4:** Putting  $p = 1$  in the theorem, we get

$$|a_3 - \mu a_2^2| \leq \begin{cases} \frac{1}{3} - \frac{\mu}{4} & \text{if } \mu \leq \frac{8}{9} \\ \frac{1}{9} & \text{if } \frac{8}{9} \leq \mu \leq \frac{16}{9} \\ -\frac{1}{3} + \frac{\mu}{4} & \text{if } \mu \geq \frac{16}{9} \end{cases}$$

These estimates were derived by Keogh and Merkes [8] and are results for the class of univalent convex functions.

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