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Coefficient estimates for a subclass of analytic and bi-univalent functions



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Abstract In the present investigation, we consider a new subclass $\Sigma(\tau, \gamma, \varphi)$ of the class Σ consisting of analytic and bi-univalent functions in the open unit disk \mathbb{U} . For functions belonging to the class $\Sigma(\tau, \gamma, \varphi)$ introduced here, we obtain estimates on the first two Taylor–Maclaurin coefficients $|a_2|$ and $|a_3|$. Several related classes of analytic and bi-univalent functions in \mathbb{U} are also considered and connections to some of the earlier known results are pointed out.

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1. Introduction, definitions and preliminaries

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

$$f(z) = z + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} a_k z^k, \tag{1.1}$$

which are analytic in the open unit disk

$$\mathbb{U} = \{z : z \in \mathbb{C} \text{ and } |z| < 1\}.$$

We denote by \mathcal{S} the subclass of \mathcal{A} consisting of functions which are also univalent in \mathbb{U} (see, for details [1,2]). Let \mathcal{P} denote the family of functions $p(z)$, which are analytic in \mathbb{U} such that

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$$p(0) = 1 \text{ and } \Re(p(z)) > 0 \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}).$$

An analytic function f is said to be subordinate to another analytic function g , written as

$$f(z) \prec g(z) \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}),$$

if there exists a Schwarz function w , which is analytic in \mathbb{U} with

$$w(0) = 0 \text{ and } |w(z)| < 1 \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}),$$

such that

$$f(z) = g(w(z)).$$

In particular, if the function g is univalent in \mathbb{U} , then we have the following equivalence:

$$f(z) \prec g(z) \iff f(0) = g(0) \text{ and } f(\mathbb{U}) \subset g(\mathbb{U}).$$

It is known that, if $f(z)$ is an analytic univalent function from a domain \mathbb{D}_1 onto a domain \mathbb{D}_2 , then the inverse function $g(z)$ defined by

$$g(f(z)) = z \quad (z \in \mathbb{D}_1)$$



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is an analytic and univalent mapping from \mathbb{D}_2 onto \mathbb{D}_1 . Furthermore, it is well known by the familiar *Koebe One-Quarter Theorem* (see [1]) that the image of \mathbb{U} under every function $f \in \mathcal{S}$ contains a disk of radius $\frac{1}{4}$. Thus, clearly, every univalent function f in \mathbb{U} has an inverse f^{-1} satisfying the following conditions:

$$f^{-1}(f(z)) = z \quad (z \in \mathbb{U})$$

and

$$f(f^{-1}(w)) = w \quad \left(|w| < r_0(f); r_0(f) \geq \frac{1}{4} \right).$$

The inverse of the function $f(z)$ has a series expansion in some disk about the origin of the form:

$$f^{-1}(w) = w + \gamma_2 w^2 + \gamma_3 w^3 + \dots \tag{1.2}$$

It was shown earlier (see [3,4]) that the inverse of the Koebe function provides the best bound for all $|\gamma_k|$ in (1.2). New proofs of this result, together with unexpected and unusual behavior of the coefficients γ_k in (1.2) for various subclasses of the univalent function class \mathcal{S} , have generated further interest in this problem (see, for details, [5–8]).

A function $f(z)$, which is univalent in a neighborhood of the origin, and its inverse $f^{-1}(w)$ satisfy the following condition:

$$f(f^{-1}(w)) = w$$

or, equivalently,

$$w = f^{-1}(w) + a_2[f^{-1}(w)]^2 + a_3[f^{-1}(w)]^3 + \dots \tag{1.3}$$

Using (1.1) and (1.2) in (1.3), we have

$$g(w) = f^{-1}(w) = w - a_2 w^2 + (2a_2^2 - a_3)w^3 + \dots \tag{1.4}$$

A function $f \in \mathcal{A}$ is said to be *bi-univalent* in \mathbb{U} if both f and f^{-1} are univalent in \mathbb{U} . We denote by Σ the class of all functions $f(z)$ which are bi-univalent in \mathbb{U} and are given by the Taylor–Maclaurin series expansion (1.1).

The familiar Koebe function is not a member of Σ because it maps the unit disk \mathbb{U} univalently onto the entire complex plane minus a slit along the line $-\frac{1}{4}$ to $-\infty$. Hence the image domain does not contain the unit disk \mathbb{U} .

In 1985 Louis de Branges [9] proved the celebrated *Bieberbach Conjecture* which states that, for each $f(z) \in \mathcal{S}$ given by the Taylor–Maclaurin series expansion (1.1), the following coefficient inequality holds true:

$$|a_n| \leq n \quad (n \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{1\}),$$

\mathbb{N} being the set of positive integers. Lewin [10] investigated the class Σ of bi-univalent functions and, by using Grunsky inequalities, he showed that $|a_2| < 1.51$. Subsequently, Brannan and Clunie [11] conjectured that $|a_2| \leq \sqrt{2}$. Netanyahu [12], on the other hand, showed that (see also [13])

$$\max_{f \in \Sigma} |a_2| = \frac{4}{3}.$$

Later in 1981, Styer and Wright [14] showed that there are functions $f(z) \in \Sigma$ for which $|a_2| > \frac{4}{3}$. By considering the function $h_\theta(z)$ given by

$$h_\theta(z) := \left(\frac{ze^{-i\theta}}{1 - (ze^{-i\theta})^2} \right) \cos \theta + \left[\frac{i}{2} \log \left(\frac{1 + ze^{-i\theta}}{1 - ze^{-i\theta}} \right) \right] \sin \theta \quad \left(0 \leq \theta < \frac{\pi}{2} \right),$$

so that, obviously, $h_\theta \in \mathcal{S}$, Styer and Wright [14] showed that, for θ sufficiently near $\frac{\pi}{2}$, $h_\theta \in \Sigma$. In the same year 1985, Tan [15] showed that $|a_2| \leq 1.485$, which is the best known estimate for functions in the class Σ . The coefficient estimate problem involving the bound of $|a_n|$ ($n \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{1, 2\}$) for each $f \in \Sigma$ given by (1.1) is still an open problem.

For a further historical account of functions in the class Σ , see the work by Srivastava et al. [16] (see also [17,18]). In fact, judging by the remarkable flood of papers on non-sharp estimates on the first two coefficients $|a_2|$ and $|a_3|$ of various subclasses of the bi-univalent function class Σ (see, for example, [19–30,35,31–34,15,36–38]), the above-cited recent pioneering work of Srivastava et al. [16] has apparently revived the study of analytic and bi-univalent functions in recent years (see also [39,40]).

In the present investigation, we derive estimates on the initial coefficients $|a_2|$ and $|a_3|$ of a new subclass of the bi-univalent function class Σ . Several related classes are also considered and connections to earlier known results are made. The classes introduced in this paper are motivated by the corresponding classes investigated in [41–45].

Let ϕ be an analytic function with positive real part in \mathbb{U} such that $\phi(0) = 1$, $\phi'(0) > 0$ and $\phi(\mathbb{U})$ is symmetric with respect to the real axis. Such a function has a series expansion of the form:

$$\phi(z) = 1 + B_1 z + B_2 z^2 + B_3 z^3 + \dots \quad (B_1 > 0). \tag{1.5}$$

We now introduce the following class of bi-univalent functions.

Definition 1. Let $0 \leq \gamma \leq 1$ and $\tau \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$. A function $f \in \Sigma$ is said to be in the class $\Sigma(\tau, \gamma, \phi)$ if each of the following subordination conditions holds true:

$$1 + \frac{1}{\tau} [f'(z) + \gamma z f''(z) - 1] \prec \phi(z) \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}) \tag{1.6}$$

and

$$1 + \frac{1}{\tau} [g'(w) + \gamma w g''(w) - 1] \prec \phi(w) \quad (w \in \mathbb{U}), \tag{1.7}$$

where $g(w) = f^{-1}(w)$.

In our investigation of the coefficient problem for functions in the class $\Sigma(\tau, \gamma, \phi)$, we shall need the following lemma.

Lemma 1 (see [1]). *Let the function $p \in \mathcal{P}$ be given by the following series:*

$$p(z) = 1 + c_1 z + c_2 z^2 + c_3 z^3 + \dots \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}). \tag{1.8}$$

The sharp estimate given by

$$|c_n| \leq 2 \quad (n \in \mathbb{N}), \tag{1.9}$$

holds true.

2. A set of main results

For functions in the class $\Sigma(\tau, \gamma, \phi)$, the following result is obtained.

Theorem 1. *Let $f(z) \in \Sigma(\tau, \gamma, \phi)$ be of the form (1.1). Then*

$$|a_2| \leq \frac{|\tau|B_1^3}{\sqrt{3\tau B_1^2(1+2\gamma) + 4(1+\gamma)^2(B_1 - B_2)}} \tag{2.1}$$

and

$$|a_3| \leq B_1|\tau| \left(\frac{1}{3(1+2\gamma)} + \frac{B_1|\tau|}{4(1+\gamma)^2} \right), \tag{2.2}$$

where the coefficients B_1 and B_2 are given as in (1.5).

Proof. Let $f \in \Sigma(\tau, \gamma, \varphi)$ and $g = f^{-1}$. Then there are analytic functions $u, v : \mathbb{U} \rightarrow \mathbb{U}$, with $u(0) = v(0) = 0$, satisfying the following conditions:

$$1 + \frac{1}{\tau}[f'(z) + \gamma z f''(z) - 1] = \varphi(u(z)) \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}) \tag{2.3}$$

and

$$1 + \frac{1}{\tau}[g'(w) + \gamma w g''(w) - 1] = \varphi(v(w)) \quad (w \in \mathbb{U}). \tag{2.4}$$

Define the functions p_1 and p_2 by

$$p_1(z) = \frac{1+u(z)}{1-u(z)} = 1 + c_1z + c_2z^2 + \dots \tag{2.5}$$

and

$$p_2(z) = \frac{1+v(z)}{1-v(z)} = 1 + b_1z + b_2z^2 + \dots \tag{2.6}$$

Then p_1 and p_2 are analytic in \mathbb{U} with

$$p_1(0) = 1 = p_2(0).$$

Since $u, v : \mathbb{U} \rightarrow \mathbb{U}$, each of the functions p_1 and p_2 has a positive real part in \mathbb{U} . Therefore, in view of the above Lemma, we have

$$|b_n| \leq 2 \quad \text{and} \quad |c_n| \leq 2 \quad (n \in \mathbb{N}). \tag{2.7}$$

Solving for $u(z)$ and $v(z)$, we get

$$u(z) = \frac{p_1(z) - 1}{p_1(z) + 1} = \frac{1}{2} \left[c_1z + \left(c_2 - \frac{c_1^2}{2} \right) z^2 + \dots \right] \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}) \tag{2.8}$$

and

$$v(z) = \frac{p_2(z) - 1}{p_2(z) + 1} = \frac{1}{2} \left[b_1z + \left(b_2 - \frac{b_1^2}{2} \right) z^2 + \dots \right] \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}). \tag{2.9}$$

Clearly, upon substituting from (2.8) and (2.9) into (2.3) and (2.4), respectively, if we make use of (1.5), we find that

$$1 + \frac{1}{\tau}[f'(z) + \gamma z f''(z) - 1] = \varphi \left(\frac{p_1(z) - 1}{p_1(z) + 1} \right) = 1 + \frac{1}{2} B_1 c_1 z + \left[\frac{1}{2} B_1 \left(c_2 - \frac{c_1^2}{2} \right) + \frac{1}{4} B_2 c_1^2 \right] z^2 + \dots \tag{2.10}$$

and

$$1 + \frac{1}{\tau}[g'(w) + \gamma w g''(w) - 1] = \varphi \left(\frac{p_2(w) - 1}{p_2(w) + 1} \right) = 1 + \frac{1}{2} B_1 b_1 w + \left[\frac{1}{2} B_1 \left(b_2 - \frac{b_1^2}{2} \right) + \frac{1}{4} B_2 b_1^2 \right] w^2 + \dots \tag{2.11}$$

Using (1.1) and (1.4) in (2.10) and (2.11), we obtain

$$\frac{2(1+\gamma)a_2}{\tau} = \frac{B_1 c_1}{2}, \tag{2.12}$$

$$\frac{3(1+2\gamma)a_3}{\tau} = \frac{1}{2} B_1 \left(c_2 - \frac{c_1^2}{2} \right) + \frac{1}{4} B_2 c_1^2, \tag{2.13}$$

$$- \frac{2(1+\gamma)a_2}{\tau} = \frac{B_1 b_1}{2} \tag{2.14}$$

and

$$\frac{3(1+2\gamma)(2a_2^2 - a_3)}{\tau} = \frac{1}{2} B_1 \left(b_2 - \frac{b_1^2}{2} \right) + \frac{1}{4} B_2 b_1^2. \tag{2.15}$$

From (2.12) and (2.14), it follows that

$$c_1 = -b_1. \tag{2.16}$$

Adding (2.13) and (2.15) and then using (2.12) and (2.16), we get

$$a_2^2 = \frac{\tau^2 B_1^3 (b_2 + c_2)}{4 \left[3\tau B_1^2 (1+2\gamma) + 4(1+\gamma)^2 (B_1 - B_2) \right]}. \tag{2.17}$$

Similarly, upon subtracting (2.15) from (2.13), if we use (2.12) and (2.16), we get

$$a_3 = \frac{B_1^2 \tau^2 b_1^2}{16(1+\gamma)^2} + \frac{B_1 \tau}{12(1+2\gamma)} (c_2 - b_2). \tag{2.18}$$

Finally, in view of the above Lemma, we get the desired results (2.1) and (2.2) asserted by the Theorem. \square

3. Applications of the main result

If we set

$$\tau = e^{i\eta} \cos \eta \quad \left(-\frac{\pi}{2} < \eta < \frac{\pi}{2} \right)$$

and

$$\varphi(z) = \frac{1 + (1-2\beta)z}{1-z} = 1 + 2(1-\beta)z + 2(1-\beta)z^2 + \dots \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}; 0 \leq \beta < 1)$$

in Definition 1 of the bi-univalent function class $\Sigma(\tau, \gamma, \varphi)$, we obtain a new class $\Sigma_1(e^{i\eta} \cos \eta, \gamma, \beta)$ given by Definition 2 below.

Definition 2. A function $f \in \Sigma$ is said to be in the class $\Sigma_1(e^{i\eta} \cos \eta, \gamma, \beta)$ if the following conditions hold true:

$$\Re(e^{i\eta} [f'(z) + \gamma z f''(z) - \beta]) > 0 \quad (z \in \mathbb{U})$$

and

$$\Re(e^{i\eta} [g'(w) + \gamma w g''(w) - \beta]) > 0 \quad (w \in \mathbb{U}),$$

where $g(w) = f^{-1}(w)$.

Using the parameter setting of Definition 2 in the Theorem, we get the following corollary.

Corollary 1. Let the function $f(z) \in \Sigma_1(e^{i\eta} \cos \eta, \gamma, \beta)$ be of the form (1.1). Then

$$|a_2| \leq \sqrt{\frac{2(1-\beta)}{3(1+2\gamma)}} \cos \eta \tag{3.1}$$

and

$$|a_3| \leq 2(1 - \beta) \left(\frac{1}{3(1 + 2\gamma)} + \frac{(1 - \beta) \cos \eta}{2(1 + \gamma)^2} \right) \cos \eta. \quad (3.2)$$

Remark 1. In its special case when $\gamma = 0$, Corollary 1 simplifies to the following form.

Corollary 2. Let the function $f(z)$ given by

$$f(z) \in \Sigma_2(e^{i\eta} \cos \eta, \beta) := \Sigma_1(e^{i\eta} \cos \eta, 0, \beta)$$

be of the form (1.1). Then

$$|a_2| \leq \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} (1 - \beta) \cos \eta \quad (3.3)$$

and

$$|a_3| \leq \frac{1 - \beta}{3} [2 + 3(1 - \beta) \cos \eta] \cos \eta. \quad (3.4)$$

Remark 2. If we put $\eta = 0$ in Corollary 1, we get Theorem 1 of Srivastava et al. [16].

If we set $\tau = 1$ and

$$\varphi(z) = \left(\frac{1+z}{1-z} \right)^\alpha = 1 + 2\alpha z + 2\alpha^2 z^2 + \dots \quad (0 < \alpha \leq 1; z \in \mathbb{U})$$

in Definition 1 of the bi-univalent function class $\Sigma(\tau, \gamma, \varphi)$, we obtain a new class $\Sigma_3(\gamma, \alpha)$ defined as follows.

Definition 3. A function $f \in \Sigma$ is said to be in the class $\Sigma_3(\gamma, \alpha)$ if the following conditions hold true:

$$|\arg[f'(z) + \gamma z f''(z)]| < \frac{\alpha\pi}{2} \quad (0 < \alpha \leq 1; z \in \mathbb{U})$$

and

$$|\arg[g'(w) + \gamma w g''(w)]| < \frac{\alpha\pi}{2} \quad (0 < \alpha \leq 1; w \in \mathbb{U}),$$

where $g(w) = f^{-1}(w)$.

Using the parameter setting of Definition 3 in the Theorem, we get the following corollary.

Corollary 3. Let the function $f(z) \in \Sigma_3(\gamma, \alpha)$ be of the form (1.1). Then

$$|a_2| \leq \alpha \sqrt{\frac{2}{3(1 + 2\gamma)\alpha + 2(1 + \gamma)^2(1 - \alpha)}} \quad (3.5)$$

and

$$|a_3| \leq \left(\frac{2\alpha}{3(1 + 2\gamma)} + \frac{\alpha^2}{(1 + \gamma)^2} \right). \quad (3.6)$$

Remark 3. If we set $\gamma = 0$ in Corollary 3, we get Theorem 1 of Srivastava et al. [16].

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