

## SOME COEFFICIENT INEQUALITIES RELATED TO THE HANKEL DETERMINANT FOR STRONGLY STARLIKE FUNCTIONS OF ORDER ALPHA

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*Abstract.* In the present paper, the estimate of the Hankel determinant

$$H_{3,1}(f) := \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ a_2 & a_3 & a_4 \\ a_3 & a_4 & a_5 \end{vmatrix}$$

over the class  $\mathcal{S}_\alpha^*$ ,  $0 < \alpha \leq 1$ , of analytic functions  $f$  with  $a_n := f^{(n)}(0)/n!$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ , such that  $|\arg(zf'(z)/f(z))| < \alpha\pi/2$  for  $z \in \mathbb{D} := \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < 1\}$ , is examined.

### 1. Introduction

Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be the class of analytic functions in  $\mathbb{D} := \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < 1\}$  and let  $\mathcal{A}$  be its subclass of  $f$  normalized by  $f(0) := 0$  and  $f'(0) := 1$ , so of the form

$$f(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n z^n, \quad z \in \mathbb{D}. \quad (1.1)$$

Given  $n, q \in \mathbb{N}$ , the Hankel determinant  $H_{q,n}(f)$  of a function  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  of the form (1.1) is defined as

$$H_{q,n}(f) := \begin{vmatrix} a_n & a_{n+1} & \cdots & a_{n+q-1} \\ a_{n+1} & a_{n+2} & \cdots & a_{n+q} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n+q-1} & a_{n+q} & \cdots & a_{n+2(q-1)} \end{vmatrix},$$

where  $a_1 := 1$ . To find the growth of the Hankel determinant  $H_{q,n}(f)$  dependent on  $q$  and  $n$  for the whole class  $\mathcal{S} \subset \mathcal{A}$  of univalent functions as well as for its subclasses is one of the main problem to study. For the class  $\mathcal{S}$  some important result was shown by Pommerenke [16]. For fixed  $q$  and  $n$  the growth problem is reduced to find the bound of the Hankel determinant over selected compact subclasses of  $\mathcal{A}$ . Recently many authors examined the Hankel determinant  $H_{2,2}(f)$  of order 2 as well as the Hankel determinant

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$H_{3,1}(f)$  of order 3 (see e.g., [8], [15], [10], [3]). Note that  $H_{2,1}(f) = |a_3 - a_2^2|$ . Thus the Hankel determinant  $H_{2,1}(f)$  of order 2 reduces to the well known coefficient functional which for  $\mathcal{S}$  was estimated in 1916 by Bieberbach (see e.g., [7, Vol. I, p. 35]).

Given  $\alpha \in (0, 1]$ , by  $\mathcal{S}_\alpha^*$  we denote a subclass of  $\mathcal{S}$  of functions  $f$  such that

$$\left| \arg \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right| < \alpha \frac{\pi}{2}, \quad z \in \mathbb{D}, \quad (1.2)$$

called *strongly starlike of order  $\alpha$* . The class  $\mathcal{S}_\alpha^*$  was independently introduced by Brannan and Kirwan [5] and Stankiewicz [17], [18] (see also [7, Vol. I, pp. 138–139]). Clearly,  $\mathcal{S}^* := \mathcal{S}_1^*$  is the class of *starlike functions*.

In this paper we estimate the Hankel determinant  $H_{3,1}(f)$  over the class  $\mathcal{S}_\alpha^*$ .

Let  $\mathcal{P}$  be the class of Carathéodory functions  $p \in \mathcal{H}$  of the form

$$p(z) = 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n z^n, \quad z \in \mathbb{D}, \quad (1.3)$$

having a positive real part in  $\mathbb{D}$ . The results below for the class  $\mathcal{P}$  will be used in further considerations.

LEMMA 1.1. [6, p. 41] *If  $p \in \mathcal{P}$  is of the form (1.3), then*

$$|c_n| \leq 2, \quad n \in \mathbb{D}. \quad (1.4)$$

*The inequality (1.4) is sharp and the equality holds for for the function*

$$p(z) = \frac{1+z}{1-z} =: L(z), \quad z \in \mathbb{D}. \quad (1.5)$$

LEMMA 1.2. ([11],[12]) *If  $p \in \mathcal{P}$  is of the form (1.3) with  $c_1 > 0$ , then*

$$2c_2 = c_1^2 + \zeta(4 - c_1^2) \quad (1.6)$$

and

$$4c_3 = c_1^3 + 2c_1(4 - c_1^2)\zeta - c_1(4 - c_1^2)\zeta^2 + 2(4 - c_1^2)(1 - |\zeta|^2)\eta \quad (1.7)$$

for some  $\zeta$  and  $\eta$  such that  $|\zeta| \leq 1$  and  $|\eta| \leq 1$ .

LEMMA 1.3. ([13]) *If  $p \in \mathcal{P}$  is of the form (1.3), then*

$$|c_2 - \lambda c_1^2| \leq 2, \quad 0 \leq \lambda \leq 1. \quad (1.8)$$

*The inequality (1.8) is sharp and the equality holds for the function  $p(z) := L(z^2)$ ,  $z \in \mathbb{D}$ .*

2. Main results

Since for  $f \in \mathcal{A}$ ,

$$|H_{3,1}(f)| \leq |a_3||a_2a_4 - a_3^2| + |a_4||a_4 - a_2a_3| + |a_5||a_3 - a_2^2|, \tag{2.1}$$

we will estimate each part on the right side of (2.1).

THEOREM 2.1. *Let  $\alpha \in (0, 1]$ . If  $f \in \mathcal{S}_\alpha^*$  is the form (1.1), then*

$$|a_2a_3 - a_4| \tag{2.2}$$

$$\leq \begin{cases} \frac{2}{3}\alpha, & 0 < \alpha \leq \alpha_0, \\ \frac{2}{9}\alpha(2\alpha + 1)\sqrt{\frac{2(2\alpha + 1)}{(1 - \alpha)(5\alpha + 2)}}, & \alpha_0 \leq \alpha \leq \frac{1}{10}(2 + \sqrt{34}), \\ \frac{2}{9}\alpha(10\alpha^2 - 1), & \frac{1}{10}(2 + \sqrt{34}) \leq \alpha \leq 1, \end{cases}$$

where  $\alpha_0 = 0.559376\dots$  is the unique root in  $(0, 1)$  of the equation

$$16\alpha^3 + 69\alpha^2 - 15\alpha - 16 = 0. \tag{2.3}$$

The inequality (2.2) is sharp and the equality holds: when  $\alpha \in (0, \alpha_0]$  for the function

$$f_1(z) := z \exp \left[ \int_0^z \frac{(L(u^3))^\alpha - 1}{u} du \right], \quad z \in \mathbb{D}; \tag{2.4}$$

when  $\alpha \in [(2 + \sqrt{34})/10, 1]$  for the function

$$f_2(z) := z \exp \left[ \int_0^z \frac{(L(u))^\alpha - 1}{u} du \right], \quad z \in \mathbb{D}; \tag{2.5}$$

when  $\alpha \in [\alpha_0, (2 + \sqrt{34})/10]$  for the function

$$f_3(z) := z \exp \left[ \int_0^z \frac{(K(u))^\alpha - 1}{u} du \right], \quad z \in \mathbb{D}, \tag{2.6}$$

where the function  $L$  is defined by (1.5) and

$$K(z) := \frac{1 - z^2}{1 - t_0z + z^2}, \quad z \in \mathbb{D}, \tag{2.7}$$

with

$$t_0 := \sqrt{\frac{2(2\alpha + 1)}{(1 - \alpha)(5\alpha + 2)}}. \tag{2.8}$$

*Proof.* Fix  $\alpha \in (0, 1]$  and let  $f \in \mathcal{S}_\alpha^*$  be of the form (1.1). Then by (1.2) we have

$$\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} = (p(z))^\alpha, \quad z \in \mathbb{D}, \tag{2.9}$$

for some function  $p \in \mathcal{P}$  of the form (1.3). Putting the series (1.1) and (1.3) into (2.9) by equating the coefficients we get

$$a_2 = \alpha c_1, \quad a_3 = \frac{\alpha}{2} \left( c_2 - \frac{1-3\alpha}{2} c_1^2 \right) \tag{2.10}$$

and

$$a_4 = \frac{\alpha}{3} \left( c_3 + \frac{5\alpha-2}{2} c_1 c_2 + \frac{17\alpha^2-15\alpha+4}{12} c_1^3 \right). \tag{2.11}$$

Hence

$$a_2 a_3 - a_4 = \frac{1}{36} \alpha [12(1-\alpha)c_1 c_2 + 2(\alpha+1)(5\alpha-2)c_1^3 - 12c_3]. \tag{2.12}$$

Now by using the equalities (1.6) and (1.7) we have

$$|a_2 a_3 - a_4| = \frac{1}{36} \alpha |(10\alpha^2 - 1)c_1^3 + (4 - c_1^2)(-6\alpha c_1 \zeta + 3c_1 \zeta^2 - 6(1 - |\zeta|^2)\eta)|, \tag{2.13}$$

where  $|\zeta| \leq 1$  and  $|\eta| \leq 1$ . Since the class  $\mathcal{S}_\alpha^*$  is invariant under the rotations, by (1.4) we may assume that  $c_1 =: t \in [0, 2]$ . Thus applying the triangle inequality in the right hand side of (2.13) with  $x := |\zeta|$  and  $y := |\eta|$  we obtain

$$|a_2 a_3 - a_4| \leq \frac{1}{36} \alpha T(t, x, y), \tag{2.14}$$

where

$$T(t, x, y) := |10\alpha^2 - 1|t^3 + (4 - t^2)(6\alpha t x + 3t x^2 + 6(1 - x^2)y)$$

for  $(t, x, y) \in [0, 2] \times [0, 1] \times [0, 1]$ . But

$$T(t, x, y) \leq T(t, x, 1) =: F(t, x), \quad (t, x) \in \Delta := [0, 2] \times [0, 1],$$

so we will find the maximum of the function  $F$  on  $\Delta$ .

(i) On the vertices of  $\Delta$  we have

$$F(0, 0) = 24, \quad F(0, 1) = 0, \quad F(2, 0) = F(2, 1) = 8|10\alpha^2 - 1|.$$

(ii) On the side  $x = 0$  the function  $F$  becomes

$$G(t) := |10\alpha^2 - 1|t^3 + 6(4 - t^2), \quad t \in (0, 2).$$

For  $0 < \alpha \leq \sqrt{3/10}$  we have

$$G'(t) = 3t(|10\alpha^2 - 1|t - 4) \leq 0, \quad t \in (0, 2).$$

Therefore the function  $G$  is decreasing and consequently

$$G(t) \leq 24, \quad t \in (0, 2).$$

For  $\sqrt{3/10} < \alpha \leq 1$  the function  $G$  has a unique critical point in  $(0, 2)$ , namely, a minimum at  $t = 4/(10\alpha^2 - 1)$  since  $G''(4/(10\alpha^2 - 1)) = 12 > 0$ . Because  $8(10\alpha^2 - 1) \geq 24$  for  $2/\sqrt{10} \leq \alpha \leq 1$  and  $8(10\alpha^2 - 1) \leq 24$  for  $0 < \alpha \leq 2/\sqrt{10}$ , we see that for all  $t \in (0, 2)$ ,

$$G(t) \leq \begin{cases} 24, & 0 < \alpha \leq 2/\sqrt{10}, \\ 8(10\alpha^2 - 1), & 2/\sqrt{10} \leq \alpha \leq 1. \end{cases} \quad (2.15)$$

(iii) On the side  $x = 1$  the function  $F$  becomes

$$H(t) := |10\alpha^2 - 1|t^3 + t(4 - t^2)(6\alpha + 3), \quad t \in (0, 2). \quad (2.16)$$

For  $(2 + \sqrt{34})/10 \leq \alpha \leq 1$  the function  $H$  is increasing since

$$H'(t) = 6(\alpha - 1)(5\alpha + 2)t^2 + 12(2\alpha + 1) \geq 0, \quad t \in (0, 2).$$

Thus  $H(t) \leq 8(10\alpha^2 - 1)$  for  $t \in (0, 2)$ .

For  $1/\sqrt{10} < \alpha < (2 + \sqrt{34})/10$  the function  $H$  has a unique critical point in  $(0, 2)$ , namely, a maximum at

$$t = \sqrt{\frac{2(2\alpha + 1)}{(1 - \alpha)(5\alpha + 2)}} =: t_0$$

because

$$H''(t_0) = 12(\alpha - 1)(5\alpha + 2)t_0 < 0.$$

Thus for all  $0 < t < 2$ ,

$$H(t) \leq H(t_0) = 8(2\alpha + 1)\sqrt{\frac{2(2\alpha + 1)}{(1 - \alpha)(5\alpha + 2)}}.$$

Note now that

$$H(t_0) \leq 24, \quad 1/\sqrt{10} < \alpha \leq \alpha_0,$$

and

$$H(t_0) > 24, \quad \alpha_0 < \alpha \leq (2 + \sqrt{34})/10,$$

where  $\alpha_0$  is the unique root in  $(0, 1)$  of the equation (2.3).

For  $0 < \alpha < 1/\sqrt{10}$  the function  $H$  has a unique critical point in  $(0, 2)$ , namely, a maximum at

$$t = \sqrt{\frac{2(2\alpha + 1)}{5\alpha^2 + 3\alpha + 1}} =: t_1$$

because

$$H''(t_1) = -12(5\alpha^2 + 3\alpha + 1)t_1 < 0.$$

Thus for all  $0 < t < 2$ ,

$$H(t) \leq H(t_1) = 8(2\alpha + 1)\sqrt{\frac{2(2\alpha + 1)}{5\alpha^2 + 3\alpha + 1}}.$$

Note that the inequality

$$H(t_1) \leq 24, \quad 0 < \alpha \leq 1/\sqrt{10},$$

is equivalent to the inequality

$$16\alpha^3 - 21\alpha^2 - 15\alpha - 7 \leq 0, \quad 0 \leq \alpha < 1/\sqrt{10},$$

which as easy to see is true.

(iv) We can easily compute that

$$F(2, x) = 8|10\alpha^2 - 1|, \quad F(0, x) \leq 24.$$

(v) It remains to consider the interior of  $\Delta$ . Solving the equations

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial t} = 3|10\alpha^2 - 1|t^2 \tag{2.17}$$

$$-2t(6\alpha tx + (3t - 6)x^2 + 6) + (4 - t^2)(6\alpha x + 3x^2) = 0$$

and

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial x} = 6(4 - t^2)[\alpha t + (t - 2)x] = 0, \tag{2.18}$$

we get for  $\alpha \neq 1/\sqrt{5}$  a unique critical point  $(t_2, x_2)$ , where

$$x_2 := \frac{2\alpha(1 - \alpha^2)}{|10\alpha^2 - 1| + 5\alpha^2 - 2}$$

and

$$t_2 := \frac{4(1 - \alpha^2)}{|10\alpha^2 - 1| + 3\alpha^2}$$

which possible lies in  $\Delta$ . Since  $t_2 \geq 2$  for  $0 \leq \alpha < 1/\sqrt{5}$  and  $x_2 < 0$  for  $0 < \alpha < 1/2$ , so  $(t_2, x_2) \in \Delta$  when  $\alpha \geq 1/2$ . As by (2.17) with  $t := t_2$  we have  $x_2 = \alpha t_2 / (2 - t_2)$ , so hence and from (2.16) we get

$$F(t_2, x_2) = 2(\alpha^2 - 1)t_2^2 + 24 \leq 24$$

for all  $\alpha > 1/2$ .

At the end observe that for  $\alpha = 1/\sqrt{5}$  the system of equations (2.17) and (2.18) has no solution in  $\Delta$ .

Summarizing all considered cases, we conclude that

$$F(t, x) \leq \begin{cases} 24, & 0 < \alpha \leq \alpha_0, \\ 8(2\alpha + 1)\sqrt{\frac{2(2\alpha + 1)}{(1 - \alpha)(5\alpha + 2)}}, & \alpha_0 < \alpha < \frac{1}{10}(2 + \sqrt{34}), \\ 8(10\alpha^2 - 1), & \frac{1}{10}(2 + \sqrt{34}) \leq \alpha \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

on  $\Delta$ , which together with (2.14) proves the inequality (2.2).

To show the sharpness for the case  $0 < \alpha \leq \alpha_0$ , set  $c_1 := 0, \zeta := 0, \eta := 1$  into (1.6) and (1.7) which yield  $c_2 = 0$  and  $c_3 = 2$ . Hence and by (2.10) and (2.11),  $a_2 = 0, a_3 = 0$  and  $a_4 = 2\alpha/3$  which holds for the function (2.4) and makes the equality in (2.2). For the case  $(2 + \sqrt{34})/10 < \alpha \leq 1$ , set  $c_1 := 2, \zeta := 0$  and  $\eta := 1$  into (1.6) and (1.7) which yield  $c_2 = c_3 = 2$ . Hence and by (2.10) and (2.11),  $a_2 = 2\alpha, a_3 = 3\alpha$  and  $a_4 = 2\alpha(17\alpha^2 + 1)/9$  which holds for the function (2.5) and makes the equality in (2.2). For the case  $\alpha_0 \leq \alpha \leq (2 + \sqrt{34})/10$  consider the function  $f_3$  given by (2.6). Since the function  $K$  given by (2.7) is in  $\mathcal{P}$  with  $c_1 = t_0, c_2 = t_0^2 - 2$  and  $c_3 = t_0^3 - 3t_0$ , where  $t_0$  is given by (2.8), from (2.12) it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} |a_2a_3 - a_4| &= \frac{1}{36} \alpha |12(1 - \alpha)t_0(t_0^2 - 2) + 2(\alpha + 1)(5\alpha - 2)t_0^3 - 12t_0^3 + 36t_0| \\ &= \frac{2}{9} \alpha(2\alpha + 1)\sqrt{\frac{2(2\alpha + 1)}{(1 - \alpha)(5\alpha + 2)}}, \end{aligned}$$

which makes the equality in (2.2).  $\square$

REMARK 2.2. For  $\alpha := 1$ , i.e., for the class  $\mathcal{S}^*$  the above theorem reduces to Theorem 2.2 of [3].

The theorem below can be found in [10] as Corollary 1 Part 4 however the authors did not remark on the extremal function. To complete this paper we prove it again.

THEOREM 2.3. Let  $\alpha \in (0, 1]$ . If  $f \in \mathcal{S}_\alpha^*$  is the form (1.1), then

$$|a_2a_4 - a_3^2| \leq \alpha^2. \tag{2.19}$$

The inequality (2.19) is sharp and the equality holds for the function

$$f_4(z) := z \exp \left[ \int_0^z \frac{(L(u^2))^\alpha - 1}{u} du \right], \quad z \in \mathbb{D}, \tag{2.20}$$

where the function  $L$  is defined by (1.5).

Proof. Fix  $\alpha \in (0, 1]$  and let  $f \in \mathcal{S}_\alpha^*$  be of the form (1.1). Then by (2.10) and (2.11) we have

$$a_2a_4 - a_3^2 = \frac{1}{144} \alpha^2 [(-13\alpha^2 + 4)c_1^4 + (4 - c_1^2)(6\alpha c_1^2 \zeta - (36 + 3c_1^2)\zeta^2 + 24c_1(1 - |\zeta|^2)\eta)] \tag{2.21}$$

for  $|\zeta| \leq 1$  and  $|\eta| \leq 1$ . As in the proof of Theorem 2.1 setting  $c_1 = t \in [0, 2]$ ,  $x := |\zeta|$  and  $y := |\eta|$  from the above we obtain

$$|a_2 a_3 - a_4| \leq \frac{1}{144} \alpha^2 T(t, x, y), \quad (2.22)$$

where

$$T(t, x, y) := |4 - 13\alpha^2|t^4 + (4 - t^2)(6\alpha t^2 x + (36 + 3t^2)x^2 + 24t(1 - x^2)y),$$

with  $(t, x, y) \in [0, 2] \times [0, 1] \times [0, 1]$ . But

$$T(t, x, y) \leq T(t, x, 1) =: F(t, x), \quad (t, x) \in \Delta := [0, 2] \times [0, 1],$$

so we will find the maximum of the function  $F$  on  $\Delta$ .

(i) On the vertices of  $\Delta$  we have

$$F(0, 0) = 0, \quad F(0, 1, 1) = 144, \quad F(2, 0) = F(2, 1) = 16|4 - 13\alpha^2|.$$

(ii) On the side  $x = 1$  the function  $F$  becomes

$$G(t) := |4 - 13\alpha^2|t^4 + (4 - t^2)[(6\alpha + 3)t^2 + 36], \quad t \in (0, 2). \quad (2.23)$$

We will show that  $G$  is decreasing. For  $0 < \alpha \leq (-3 + \sqrt{22})/13$  we have  $13\alpha^2 + 6\alpha - 1 < 0$  and  $4 - 13\alpha^2 \geq 0$ . Therefore

$$G'(t) = 4t((-13\alpha^2 - 6\alpha + 1)t^2 + 12(\alpha - 1)) \leq -16t(13\alpha^2 + 3\alpha + 2) \leq 0, \quad t \in (0, 2).$$

For  $(-3 + \sqrt{22})/13 \leq \alpha \leq 2/\sqrt{13}$  we have  $-13\alpha^2 - 3\alpha + 1 \leq 0$  and  $4 - 13\alpha^2 \geq 0$ . Therefore

$$G'(t) = 4t((-13\alpha^2 - 3\alpha + 1)t^2 + 12(\alpha - 1)) \leq 0, \quad t \in (0, 2).$$

For  $2/\sqrt{13} \leq \alpha \leq 1$  we have  $4 - 13\alpha^2 \leq 0$ . Therefore

$$G'(t) = 4(\alpha - 1)t((13\alpha + 7)t^2 + 48) \leq 0, \quad t \in (0, 2).$$

Summarizing, for each  $\alpha \in (0, 1]$ ,

$$G'(t) \leq 0, \quad t \in (0, 2),$$

so  $G$  is decreasing and consequently

$$G(t) \leq 144, \quad t \in (0, 2).$$

(iii) On the edge  $x = 0$  the function  $F$  becomes

$$H(t) = |4 - 13\alpha^2|t^4 + 24t(4 - t^2), \quad t \in (0, 2). \quad (2.24)$$

We have

$$H'(t) = 0$$



if and only if

$$|4 - 13\alpha^2|t^4 = 18t^3 - 24t. \tag{2.25}$$

In case when the above equation has no solution in  $(0, 2)$  the function  $H$  is increasing. Then for  $\alpha \in (0, 1]$ ,

$$H(t) \leq 16|4 - 13\alpha^2| \leq 144.$$

In case when there exists a solution of the equation (2.24), say  $t_0 \in (0, 2)$ , by using the the equation (2.25) with  $t := t_0$  we have

$$H(t_0) = 6t_0(12 - t_0^2) < 144.$$

In consequence

$$H(t) \leq 144, \quad t \in (0, 2).$$

(iv) We can easily compute that

$$F(2, x) = 8|10\alpha^2 - 1|, \quad F(0, x) \leq 144.$$

(v) It remains to consider the interior of  $\Delta$ . Solving the equations Since  $\alpha t^2 + (t - 2)(t - 6)x > 0$  for  $0 < t < 2$  and  $0 < x < 1$ , we have

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial x} = 6(4 - t^2)(\alpha t^2 + (t - 2)(t - 6)x) > 0.$$

Thus the function  $F$  has no critical point.

Summarizing all considered cases we conclude that

$$F(t, x) \leq 144$$

on  $\Delta$ , which together with (2.22) proves the inequality (2.19).

To show the sharpness, set  $c_1 := 0$ ,  $\zeta := 1$  and  $\eta = 1$  into (1.6) and (1.7) which yields  $c_2 = 2$  and  $c_3 = 0$ . Hence and by (2.10) and (2.11),  $a_2 = 0$ ,  $a_3 = \alpha$  and  $a_4 = 0$ , which holds for the function (2.20) and makes the equality in (2.19).  $\square$

REMARK 2.4. For  $\alpha := 1$ , i.e., for the class  $\mathcal{S}^*$  the above theorem reduces to Theorem 3.1 of [9].

THEOREM 2.5. Let  $\alpha \in (0, 1]$ . If  $f \in \mathcal{S}_\alpha^*$  is the form (1.1), then

$$|a_3 - a_2^2| \leq \alpha. \tag{2.26}$$

The inequality (2.26) is sharp and the equality holds for the function (2.20).

*Proof.* From (2.10) we have

$$|a_3 - a_2^2| \leq \frac{1}{2}\alpha \left| c_2 - \frac{1 + \alpha}{2}c_1^2 \right|.$$

The inequality (2.26) follows by applying Lemma 1.3 with  $\lambda := (1 + \alpha)/2 \in (1/2, 1]$ .

The sharpness of the inequality (2.26) follows from the sharpness of the inequality (1.8) and the equality holds for the function (2.20).  $\square$

REMARK 2.6. For  $\alpha := 1$ , i.e., for the class  $\mathcal{S}^*$  the above result is as in the class  $\mathcal{S}$ , so it reduces to the well known theorem due to Bieberbach (1916) (see e.g., [7, Vol. I, p. 35]).

REMARK 2.7. Let  $\alpha \in (0, 1]$  and  $f \in \mathcal{S}_\alpha^*$  be the form (1.1). For the second and third coefficients of  $f$  the sharp estimates were given in [4], namely,

$$|a_2| \leq 2\alpha, \quad |a_3| \leq \begin{cases} \alpha, & 0 < \alpha \leq 1/3, \\ 3\alpha^2, & 1/3 \leq \alpha \leq 1. \end{cases}$$

For the fourth coefficient of  $f$  the sharp estimate was found in [14], namely,

$$|a_4| \leq \begin{cases} 2\alpha/3, & 0 < \alpha \leq \sqrt{2/17}, \\ 2\alpha(1 + 17\alpha^2)/9, & \sqrt{2/17} \leq \alpha \leq 1. \end{cases}$$

For the fifth coefficient of  $f$  the sharp result, however not complete for all  $\alpha \in (0, 1]$ , was obtained in [1], namely,

$$|a_5| \leq \begin{cases} \alpha/2, & 228\alpha^4 - 194\alpha^3 + 2\alpha^2 + 39\alpha - 9 \leq 0, \\ \alpha^2(7 + 38\alpha^2)/9, & 76\alpha^3 - 60\alpha^2 + 32\alpha - 9 \geq 0. \end{cases}$$

Now from (2.1) by using the above coefficient estimates with (2.2), (2.19) and (2.26) we can obtain the bound of the Hankel determinant  $H_{3,1}(f)$ . Clearly, this bound is incomplete and also not sharp.

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