

THE LOGARITHMIC COEFFICIENT INEQUALITY FOR CLOSE-TO-CONVEX FUNCTIONS OF COMPLEX ORDER

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Abstract. We prove that if $n \geq 2$ for each close-to-convex functions of complex order b in \mathcal{S} whose n -th logarithmic coefficients γ_n satisfies $|\gamma_n| \leq An^{-1} \log n$, where A is an absolute constant.

1. Introduction

Let \mathcal{A} denote the class of functions f analytic in the unit disk $\mathcal{U} = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < 1\}$ having the power series

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

Let \mathcal{S} denote the class of functions $f \in \mathcal{A}$ which are univalent in \mathcal{U} and \mathcal{S}^* point out the subset of \mathcal{S} consisting of those functions $f \in \mathcal{S}$ for which $f(\mathcal{U})$ is starlike with respect to 0. It is well known that if $f \in \mathcal{S}^*$, then

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{z f'(z)}{f(z)} \right\} > 0,$$

for all $z \in \mathcal{U}$. Aouf and Nasr [1] introduced the class $\mathcal{S}^*(b)$ of starlike functions of order b , where b is a nonzero complex number, as follows:

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ 1 + \frac{1}{b} \left(\frac{z f'(z)}{f(z)} - 1 \right) \right\} > 0, \quad z \in \mathcal{U}.$$

Let \mathcal{S}_c denote the set of those functions $f \in \mathcal{S}$ for which there exists a function $g \in \mathcal{S}^*$ such that

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{z f'(z)}{g(z)} \right\} > 0,$$

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for all $z \in \mathcal{U}$. The elements of \mathcal{S}_c are called close-to-convex functions. Clearly, $\mathcal{S}^* \subset \mathcal{S}_c$. Al-Amiri and Fernando [2] introduced the class $\mathcal{S}_c(b)$ of close-to-convex functions of complex order b as follows:

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ 1 + \frac{1}{b} \left(\frac{zf'(z)}{g(z)} - 1 \right) \right\} > 0, \quad z \in \mathcal{U}, \tag{1.2}$$

for some starlike function g .

Associated with each $f(z)$ in \mathcal{S} is a well defined logarithmic function

$$\log \frac{f(z)}{z} = 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \gamma_n z^n, \quad z \in \mathcal{U}. \tag{1.3}$$

The numbers γ_n are called the logarithmic coefficients of $f(z)$. Thus the Koebe function $k(z) = z(1-z)^{-2}$ has logarithmic coefficients $\gamma_n = \frac{1}{n}$. It is clear that $|\gamma_1| \leq 1$ for each $f(z) \in \mathcal{S}$. The problem of the best upper bounds for $|\gamma_n|$ is still open. In fact even the proper order of magnitude is still not known. It is known, however, for the starlike functions that the best bound is $|\gamma_n| \leq \frac{1}{n}$ and that this is not true in general [7, p. 151]; [6, p. 898]; [3, p. 140] and [8].

In the paper [4] it is pointed out that the inequality $|\gamma_n| \leq An^{-1} \log n$ (A is an absolute constant) which holds for circularly symmetric functions.

In a recent paper [9], it is presented that the inequality $|\gamma_n| \leq \frac{1}{n}$ holds also for close-to-convex functions. However, it is pointed out in [12] that there are some errors in the proof and, hence, the result is not substantiated. It is proved in [10] that there exists a function $f(z) \in \mathcal{S}_c$ such that $|\gamma_n| > \frac{1}{n}$. Furthermore, it is proved in [14] that the inequality $|\gamma_n| \leq An^{-1} \log n$ holds for close-to-convex functions, where A is an absolute constant.

In the present paper, we study the logarithmic coefficients of the class $\mathcal{S}_c(b)$.

2. Main results

First, we give the following lemmas.

LEMMA 2.1. [14] *Let $f(z) \in \mathcal{S}$. Then, for $z = re^{i\theta}$, $\frac{1}{2} \leq r < 1$,*

$$\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \left| \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right|^2 d\theta \leq 1 + \frac{4}{1-r} \log \frac{1}{1-\sqrt{r}}, \tag{2.1}$$

and

$$\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^r \int_0^{2\pi} \left| \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right|^2 d\theta dr \leq 1 + 2 \log \frac{1}{1-r}. \tag{2.2}$$

LEMMA 2.2. [5] *Let $f(z) \in \mathcal{S}$, $\tau \in \mathbb{C}$. Then, $z = re^{i\theta}$, $0 < r < 1$,*

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\arg \left(\frac{f(z)}{z} \right)^\tau \right) = \tau \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\arg \frac{f(z)}{z} \right). \tag{2.3}$$

Proof. It is clear that

$$\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} = \frac{1}{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\log \frac{f(z)}{z} \right) + 1. \tag{2.4}$$

It follows that

$$\operatorname{Re} \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} = \operatorname{Im} \left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\log \frac{f(z)}{z} \right) \right\} + 1 = \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\arg \frac{f(z)}{z} \right) + 1. \tag{2.5}$$

Since

$$\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} = \frac{1}{i\tau} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\log \left(\frac{f(z)}{z} \right)^\tau \right) + 1, \tag{2.6}$$

then

$$\operatorname{Re} \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} = \frac{1}{\tau} \operatorname{Im} \left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\log \left(\frac{f(z)}{z} \right)^\tau \right) \right\} + 1 = \frac{1}{\tau} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\log \left(\frac{f(z)}{z} \right)^\tau \right) + 1. \tag{2.7}$$

From (2.5) and (2.7) we obtain

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\arg \left(\frac{f(z)}{z} \right)^\tau \right) = \tau \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\arg \frac{f(z)}{z} \right). \quad \square$$

LEMMA 2.3. [2] Let $f(z) \in \mathcal{S}_c(b)$. Then for $|z| = r < 1$ and $|2b - 1| \leq 1$

$$\frac{1 - |2b - 1|r}{1 + r} \leq \left| \frac{zf'(z)}{g(z)} \right| \leq \frac{1 + |2b - 1|r}{1 - r}. \tag{2.8}$$

THEOREM 2.1. Let $f(z) \in \mathcal{S}_c(b)$. Then for $n \geq 2$,

$$|\gamma_n| \leq An^{-1} \log n \tag{2.9}$$

where A is an absolute constant, and the exponent -1 is the best possible.

Proof. If $f(z) \in \mathcal{S}_c(b)$, then there exist $g(z) \in \mathcal{S}^*$ such that $\operatorname{Re} \left\{ 1 + \frac{1}{b} \left(\frac{zf'(z)}{g(z)} - 1 \right) \right\} > 0$, $b \neq 0$, $b \in \mathbb{C}$. Write $h(z) = 1 + \frac{1}{b} \left(\frac{zf'(z)}{g(z)} - 1 \right)$, then $\operatorname{Re} h(z) > 0$. It is clear that

$$h(z) = 2\operatorname{Re} h(z) - \overline{h(z)}.$$

From (1.3), we obtain

$$\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} = 1 + z \left(\log \frac{f(z)}{z} \right)' = 1 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} 2k\gamma_k z^k. \tag{2.10}$$

Then, for $z = re^{i\theta}$ ($0 < r < 1$) and $n = 2, 3, \dots$

$$2n\gamma_n = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{|z|=r} \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} z^{-n-1} dz.$$

Hence, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 |2n\gamma_n r^n| &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \left| \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{z f'(z)}{f(z)} e^{-in\theta} d\theta \right| = \frac{1}{2\pi} \left| \int_0^{2\pi} [b(h(z) - 1) + 1] \frac{g(z)}{f(z)} e^{-in\theta} d\theta \right| \\
 &\leq \frac{|b|}{2\pi} \left| \int_0^{2\pi} 2\operatorname{Re} h(z) \frac{g(z)}{f(z)} e^{-in\theta} d\theta \right| + \frac{|b|}{2\pi} \left| \int_0^{2\pi} h(z) \frac{g(z)}{f(z)} e^{-in\theta} d\theta \right| \\
 &\quad + \frac{|b-1|}{2\pi} \left| \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{g(z)}{f(z)} e^{-in\theta} d\theta \right| \\
 &= I_1 + I_2 + I_3. \tag{2.11}
 \end{aligned}$$

Now, we estimate two terms I_1 and I_2 . Write

$$\frac{z f'(z)}{f(z)} = u(re^{i\theta}) + iv(re^{i\theta}) \tag{2.12}$$

a) For I_1 :

$$\begin{aligned}
 I_1 &\leq \frac{|b|}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \operatorname{Re} h(z) \left| \frac{g(z)}{f(z)} \right| d\theta \leq \frac{|b|}{\pi} \left| \int_0^{2\pi} h(z) \left| \frac{g(z)}{f(z)} \right| d\theta \right| \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{\pi} \left| \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{z f'(z)}{f(z)} e^{i \arg \frac{f(z)}{g(z)}} d\theta \right| + \frac{|1-b|}{\pi} \left| \int_0^{2\pi} \left| \frac{g(z)}{f(z)} \right| d\theta \right| \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{\pi} \left| \int_0^{2\pi} u(re^{i\theta}) e^{i \arg \frac{f(z)}{g(z)}} d\theta \right| + \frac{1}{\pi} \left| \int_0^{2\pi} v(re^{i\theta}) e^{i \arg \frac{f(z)}{g(z)}} d\theta \right| + \frac{|1-b|}{\pi} \left| \int_0^{2\pi} \left| \frac{g(z)}{f(z)} \right| d\theta \right| \\
 &= 2(J_1 + J_2 + J_3). \tag{2.13}
 \end{aligned}$$

Applying the part of integration, (2.5) and (2.3), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 J_1 &\leq \frac{1}{2\pi} \left| \int_0^{2\pi} e^{i \arg \frac{f(z)}{g(z)}} d\theta \right| + \frac{1}{2\pi} \left| \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\arg \frac{f(z)}{z} \right) e^{i \arg \frac{f(z)}{g(z)}} d\theta \right| \\
 &\leq 1 + \frac{1}{2\pi} \left| \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(e^{i \arg \frac{f(z)}{z}} \right) e^{-i \arg \frac{g(z)}{z}} d\theta \right| \\
 &= 1 + \frac{1}{2\pi} \left| \int_0^{2\pi} e^{i \arg \frac{f(z)}{g(z)}} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\arg \frac{g(z)}{z} \right) d\theta \right| \\
 &\leq 1 + \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \left(\left| \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (\arg g(z)) \right| + \left| \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (z) \right| \right) d\theta \tag{2.14}
 \end{aligned}$$

Since $g(z) \in \mathcal{S}^*$, we have (see [13])

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta}(\arg g(z)) > 0 \text{ and } \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta}(\arg g(z)) = 2\pi. \tag{2.15}$$

By applying (2.15), from (2.14) we get

$$\begin{aligned} J_1 &\leq 1 + \frac{1}{2\pi} \left(\int_0^{2\pi} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta}(\arg g(z)) d\theta + \int_0^{2\pi} r d\theta \right) \\ &= 1 + \frac{1}{2\pi}(2\pi + 2\pi r) \\ &\leq 3. \end{aligned} \tag{2.16}$$

By the Cauchy-Riemann condition, we obtain, for $0 < r_0 < r < 1$

$$v(re^{i\theta}) - v(r_0e^{i\theta}) = \int_{r_0}^r \frac{\partial v(re^{i\theta})}{\partial r} dr = - \int_{r_0}^r \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial u(re^{i\theta})}{\partial \theta} dr. \tag{2.17}$$

By (2.17), we get

$$\begin{aligned} J_2 &\leq \frac{1}{2\pi} \left| \int_0^{2\pi} v(r_0e^{i\theta}) e^{i \arg \frac{f(z)}{g(z)}} d\theta \right| + \frac{1}{2\pi} \left| \int_0^{2\pi} \int_{r_0}^r \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial u(re^{i\theta})}{\partial \theta} e^{i \arg \frac{f(z)}{g(z)}} dr d\theta \right| \\ &= J_{21} + J_{22}. \end{aligned} \tag{2.18}$$

Taking $r_0 = \frac{1}{2}$, it follows that

$$J_{21} \leq \max_{\theta \in [0, 2\pi]} \left| v(r_0e^{i\theta}) \right| \leq \max_{\theta \in [0, 2\pi]} \left| \frac{r_0 f'(r_0e^{i\theta})}{f(r_0e^{i\theta})} \right| \leq \frac{1+r_0}{1-r_0} = 3. \tag{2.19}$$

By the part of integration, we obtain

$$J_{22} \leq \frac{1}{2\pi} \left| \int_{r_0}^r \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{1}{r} u(re^{i\theta}) e^{i \arg \frac{f(z)}{g(z)}} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\arg \frac{f(z)}{z} \right) - \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\arg \frac{g(z)}{z} \right) \right) d\theta dr \right|. \tag{2.20}$$

By (2.5), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\arg \frac{f(z)}{z} \right) - \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\arg \frac{g(z)}{z} \right) \right| &= \left| \left(\operatorname{Re} \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} - 1 \right) - \left(\operatorname{Re} \frac{zg'(z)}{g(z)} - 1 \right) \right| \\ &\leq \left| \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right| + \left| \frac{zg'(z)}{g(z)} \right|. \end{aligned} \tag{2.21}$$

By Schwarz inequality, Lemma 2.1 and (2.21), from (2.20) we get

$$J_{22} \leq \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{r_0}^r \int_0^{2\pi} \left| \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right|^2 d\theta dr + \left(\frac{1}{\pi} \int_{r_0}^r \int_0^{2\pi} \left| \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right|^2 d\theta dr \cdot \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{r_0}^r \int_0^{2\pi} \left| \frac{zg'(z)}{g(z)} \right|^2 d\theta dr \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ \leq 4 \left(1 + 2 \log \frac{1}{1-r} \right). \quad (2.22)$$

By (2.19) and (2.22), from (2.18) we obtain

$$J_2 \leq 7 + 8 \log \frac{1}{1-r}. \quad (2.23)$$

By (2.16) and (2.23), from (2.13) we have

$$I_1 \leq 20 + 16 \log \frac{1}{1-r} + 2J_3. \quad (2.24)$$

b) For I_2 :

$$I_2 \leq \frac{1}{2\pi} \left| \int_0^{2\pi} \overline{\left(\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right)} e^{-2i \arg \frac{f(z)}{g(z)}} e^{-in\theta} d\theta \right| + \frac{|1-\bar{b}|}{2\pi} \left| \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{g(z)}{f(z)} e^{-in\theta} d\theta \right| \\ = \frac{1}{2\pi} \left| \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} e^{2i \arg \frac{f(z)}{g(z)}} e^{in\theta} d\theta \right| + \frac{|1-\bar{b}|}{2\pi} \left| \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{g(z)}{f(z)} e^{-in\theta} d\theta \right|. \quad (2.25)$$

From (2.10) we get

$$\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} e^{in\theta} = e^{in\theta} \left(1 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} 2k\gamma_k z^k \right) = e^{in\theta} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} 2k\gamma_k r^k e^{i(n+k)\theta} \\ = \frac{1}{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\frac{e^{in\theta}}{n} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{2k\gamma_k r^k e^{i(n+k)\theta}}{n+k} \right) = \frac{1}{i} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} F(z). \quad (2.26)$$

By the part of integration, we obtain

$$I_2 \leq \frac{1}{\pi} \left| \int_0^{2\pi} F(z) e^{2i \arg \frac{f(z)}{g(z)}} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\arg \frac{f(z)}{z} \right) - \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\arg \frac{g(z)}{z} \right) \right) d\theta \right| \\ + \frac{|1-\bar{b}|}{2\pi} \left| \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{g(z)}{f(z)} e^{-in\theta} d\theta \right|. \quad (2.27)$$

By (2.5) and Schwartz inequality, it follows from (2.27)

$$\begin{aligned}
 I_2 &\leq 2 \left(\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} |F(z)|^2 d\theta \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \left(\left| \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right| + \left| \frac{zg'(z)}{g(z)} \right| \right)^2 d\theta \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
 &\quad + \frac{|1-\bar{b}|}{2\pi} \left| \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{g(z)}{f(z)} e^{-in\theta} d\theta \right| \\
 &= 2(L_1L_2)^{\frac{1}{2}} + L_3.
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{2.28}$$

Lebedev proves (see [11]) that if $f(z) \in \mathcal{S}$ then

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k|\gamma_k|r^{2k} \leq \log \frac{1}{1-r}.
 \tag{2.29}$$

By the definition of $F(z)$ in (2.26), we obtain from (2.29)

$$L_1 = \frac{1}{n^2} + 4 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{k^2 |\gamma_k|^2 r^{2k}}{(n+k)^2} \leq \frac{1}{n^2} + \frac{4}{n} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k |\gamma_k|^2 r^{2k} \leq \frac{1}{n^2} + \frac{4}{n} \log \frac{1}{1-r}.
 \tag{2.30}$$

By Lemma 2.1, it follows that

$$\begin{aligned}
 L_2 &\leq \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \left| \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right|^2 d\theta + 2 \left(\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \left| \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right|^2 d\theta \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \left| \frac{zg'(z)}{g(z)} \right|^2 d\theta \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \left| \frac{zg'(z)}{g(z)} \right|^2 d\theta \\
 &\leq 4 \left(1 + \frac{4}{1-r} \log \frac{1}{1-\sqrt{r}} \right).
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{2.31}$$

Combining (2.30) and (2.31), from (2.28) we get

$$I_2 \leq 4 \left(\frac{1}{n^2} + \frac{4}{n} \log \frac{1}{1-r} \right) \left(1 + \frac{4}{1-r} \log \frac{1}{1-\sqrt{r}} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} + L_3.
 \tag{2.32}$$

We obtain from (2.11), (2.24) and (2.32) that

$$\begin{aligned}
 |2n\gamma_n r^n| &\leq 20 + 16 \log \frac{1}{1-r} + 4 \left(\frac{1}{n^2} + \frac{4}{n} \log \frac{1}{1-r} \right) \left(1 + \frac{4}{1-r} \log \frac{1}{1-\sqrt{r}} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
 &\quad + I_3 + 2J_3 + L_3.
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{2.33}$$

From Lemma 2.1 and Lemma 2.3, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 I_3 + 2J_3 + L_3 &= \frac{|b-1|}{2\pi} \left| \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{g(z)}{f(z)} e^{-in\theta} d\theta \right| + \frac{2|1-b|}{\pi} \left| \int_0^{2\pi} \left| \frac{g(z)}{f(z)} \right| d\theta \right| \\
 &\quad + \frac{|1-\bar{b}|}{2\pi} \left| \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{g(z)}{f(z)} e^{-in\theta} d\theta \right| \\
 &\leq \frac{3|b-1|}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \left| \frac{g(z)}{f(z)} \right| d\theta = \frac{3|b-1|}{\pi} \left(\int_0^{2\pi} \left| \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right|^2 d\theta \int_0^{2\pi} \left| \frac{g(z)}{zf'(z)} \right|^2 d\theta \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
 &\leq 6|b-1| \left(1 + \frac{4}{1-r} \log \frac{1}{1-\sqrt{r}} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(\frac{1+r}{1-|2b-1|r} \right). \tag{2.34}
 \end{aligned}$$

Let $r = 1 - \frac{1}{n}$, $n \geq 2$, $|2b-1| \leq 1$. We obtain from (2.33) and (2.34) that

$$\begin{aligned}
 |\gamma_n| &\leq \frac{1}{2n} \left(\left(1 - \frac{1}{n} \right)^{-n} \left\{ 20 + 16 \log n + (1 + 8n \log n)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right. \right. \\
 &\quad \left. \left. \times \left[4 \left(\frac{1}{n^2} + \frac{4}{n} \log n \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{6(2n-1)|b-1|}{n-(n-1)|2b-1|} \right] \right\} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}, \tag{2.35} \\
 |\gamma_n| &\leq An^{-1} \log n,
 \end{aligned}$$

where A is an absolute constant. Thus, we have proved Theorem 2.1. \square

REMARK 2.2. If we take $b = 1$ in (2.35), we have results of [14].

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