

# Coefficient Estimates for Certain Classes of Analytic Functions

Shigeyoshi Owa and Junichi Nishiwaki

### Abstract

*For some real  $\alpha (\alpha > 1)$ , two subclasses  $\mathcal{M}(\alpha)$  and  $\mathcal{N}(\alpha)$  of analytic functions  $f(z)$  with  $f(0) = 0$  and  $f'(0) = 1$  in  $\mathbb{U}$  are introduced. The object of the present paper is to discuss the coefficient estimates for functions  $f(z)$  belonging to the classes  $\mathcal{M}(\alpha)$  and  $\mathcal{N}(\alpha)$ .*

## 1 Introduction

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  denote the class of functions  $f(z)$  of the form

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

which are analytic in the open unit disk  $\mathbb{U} = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < 1\}$ . Let  $\mathcal{M}(\alpha)$  be the subclass of  $\mathcal{A}$  consisting of functions  $f(z)$  which satisfy

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{z f'(z)}{f(z)} \right\} < \alpha \quad (z \in \mathbb{U})$$

for some  $\alpha (\alpha > 1)$ . And let  $\mathcal{N}(\alpha)$  be the subclass of  $\mathcal{A}$  consisting of functions  $f(z)$  which satisfy

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ 1 + \frac{z f''(z)}{f'(z)} \right\} < \alpha \quad (z \in \mathbb{U})$$

for some  $\alpha (\alpha > 1)$ . Then, we see that  $f(z) \in \mathcal{N}(\alpha)$  if and only if  $z f'(z) \in \mathcal{M}(\alpha)$ .

**Remark 1.1.** For  $1 < \alpha \leq \frac{4}{3}$ , the classes  $\mathcal{M}(\alpha)$  and  $\mathcal{N}(\alpha)$  were introduced by Uralegaddi, Ganigi and Sarangi [2].

We easily see that

**Example 1.1.** (i)  $f(z) = z(1 - z)^{2(\alpha-1)} \in \mathcal{M}(\alpha)$ .

(ii)  $g(z) = \frac{1}{2\alpha - 1} \{1 - (1 - z)^{2\alpha-1}\} \in \mathcal{N}(\alpha)$ .

---

2000 *Mathematics Subject Classification*: Primary 30C45

*Key Words and Phrases*: Analytic, univalent, starlike, convex.

## 2 Coefficient estimates for functions

We try to derive sufficient conditions for  $f(z)$  which are given by using coefficient inequalities.

**Theorem 2.1.** *If  $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}$  satisfies*

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \{(n-k) + |n+k-2\alpha|\} |a_n| \leq 2(\alpha-1)$$

for some  $k$  ( $0 \leq k \leq 1$ ) and some  $\alpha$  ( $\alpha > 1$ ), then  $f(z) \in \mathcal{M}(\alpha)$ .

*Proof.* Let us suppose that

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \{(n-k) + |n+k-2\alpha|\} |a_n| \leq 2(\alpha-1) \quad (1)$$

for  $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}$ .

It suffices to show that

$$\left| \frac{\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} - k}{\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} - (2\alpha - k)} \right| < 1 \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}).$$

We note that

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} - k}{\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} - (2\alpha - k)} \right| &= \left| \frac{1 - k + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (n-k)a_n z^{n-1}}{1 + k - 2\alpha + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (n+k-2\alpha)a_n z^{n-1}} \right| \\ &\leq \frac{1 - k + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (n-k)|a_n||z|^{n-1}}{2\alpha - 1 - k - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} |n+k-2\alpha||a_n||z|^{n-1}} \\ &< \frac{1 - k + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (n-k)|a_n|}{2\alpha - 1 - k - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} |n+k-2\alpha||a_n|}. \end{aligned}$$

The last expression is bounded above by 1 if

$$1 - k + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (n-k)|a_n| \leq 2\alpha - 1 - k - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} |n+k-2\alpha||a_n|$$

which is equivalent to our condition

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \{(n-k) + |n+k-2\alpha|\} |a_n| \leq 2(\alpha-1)$$

of the theorem. This completes the proof of the theorem.

If we take  $k = 1$  and some  $\alpha \left(1 < \alpha \leq \frac{3}{2}\right)$  in Theorem 2.1, then we have

**Corollary 2.1.** *If  $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}$  satisfies*

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (n - \alpha) |a_n| \leq \alpha - 1$$

*for some  $\alpha \left(1 < \alpha \leq \frac{3}{2}\right)$ , then  $f(z) \in \mathcal{M}(\alpha)$ .*

**Example 2.1.** The function  $f(z)$  given by

$$f(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{4(\alpha - 1)}{n(n+1)(n-k+|n+k-2\alpha|)} z^n$$

belongs to the class  $\mathcal{M}(\alpha)$ .

For the class  $\mathcal{N}(\alpha)$ , we have

**Theorem 2.2.** *If  $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}$  satisfies*

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n-k+1+|n+k-2\alpha|) |a_n| \leq 2(\alpha - 1) \quad (2)$$

*for some  $k (0 \leq k \leq 1)$  and some  $\alpha (\alpha > 1)$ , then  $f(z)$  belongs to the class  $\mathcal{N}(\alpha)$ .*

**Corollary 2.2.** *If  $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}$  satisfies*

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n - \alpha) |a_n| \leq \alpha - 1$$

*for some  $\alpha \left(1 < \alpha \leq \frac{3}{2}\right)$ , then  $f(z) \in \mathcal{N}(\alpha)$ .*

**Example 2.2.** The function

$$f(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{4(\alpha - 1)}{n^2(n+1)(n-k+|n+k-2\alpha|)} z^n$$

belongs to the class  $\mathcal{N}(\alpha)$ .

Further, denoting by  $\mathcal{S}^*(\alpha)$  and  $\mathcal{K}(\alpha)$  the subclasses of  $\mathcal{A}$  consisting of all starlike functions of order  $\alpha$ , and of all convex functions of order  $\alpha$ , respectively, we derive

**Theorem 2.3.** If  $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}$  satisfies the coefficient inequality (1) for some  $\alpha \left(1 < \alpha \leq \frac{k+2}{2} \leq \right)$  then  $f(z) \in \mathcal{S}^* \left(\frac{4-3\alpha}{3-2\alpha}\right)$ . If  $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}$  satisfies the coefficient inequality (2) for some  $\alpha \left(1 < \alpha \leq \frac{k-2}{2} \leq \frac{3}{2}\right)$  then  $f(z) \in \mathcal{K} \left(\frac{4-3\alpha}{3-2\alpha}\right)$ .

*Proof.* For some  $\alpha \left(1 < \alpha \leq \frac{k+2}{2} \leq \frac{3}{2}\right)$ , we see that the coefficient inequality (1) implies that

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (n-\alpha)|a_n| \leq \alpha - 1.$$

It is well-known that if  $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}$  satisfies

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n-\beta}{1-\beta}|a_n| \leq 1$$

for some  $\beta (0 \leq \beta < 1)$ , then  $f(z) \in \mathcal{S}^*(\beta)$  by Silverman [1]. Therefore, we have to find the smallest positive  $\beta$  such that

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n-\beta}{1-\beta}|a_n| \leq \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n-\alpha}{\alpha-1}|a_n| \leq 1.$$

This gives that

$$\beta \leq \frac{(2-\alpha)n-\alpha}{n-2\alpha+1} \quad (3)$$

for all  $n = 2, 3, 4, \dots$ . Noting that the right hand side of the inequality (3) is increasing for  $n$ , we conclude that

$$\beta \leq \frac{4-3\alpha}{3-2\alpha},$$

which proves that  $f(z) \in \mathcal{S}^* \left(\frac{4-3\alpha}{3-2\alpha}\right)$ . Similarly, we can show that if  $f(z) \in \mathcal{A}$  satisfies (2), then  $f(z) \in \mathcal{K} \left(\frac{4-3\alpha}{3-2\alpha}\right)$ . □

Our result for the coefficient estimates of functions  $f(z) \in \mathcal{M}(\alpha)$  is contained in

**Theorem 2.4.** If  $f(z) \in \mathcal{M}(\alpha)$ , then

$$|a_n| \leq \frac{\prod_{j=2}^n (j+2\alpha-4)}{(n-1)!} \quad (n \geq 2). \quad (4)$$

*Proof.* Let us define the function  $p(z)$  by

$$p(z) = \frac{\alpha - \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)}}{\alpha - 1}$$

for  $f(z) \in \mathcal{M}(\alpha)$ . Then  $p(z)$  is analytic in  $\mathbb{U}$ ,  $p(0) = 1$  and  $\operatorname{Re}(p(z)) > 0$  ( $z \in \mathbb{U}$ ). Therefore, if we write

$$p(z) = 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} p_n z^n,$$

then  $|p_n| \leq 2$  ( $n \geq 1$ ). Since

$$\alpha f(z) - z f'(z) = (\alpha - 1)p(z)f(z),$$

we obtain that

$$(1 - n)a_n = (\alpha - 1)(p_{n-1} + a_2 p_{n-2} + a_3 p_{n-3} + \cdots + a_{n-1} p_1).$$

If  $n = 2$ , then  $-a_2 = (\alpha - 1)p_1$  implies that

$$|a_2| = (\alpha - 1)|p_1| \leq 2\alpha - 2.$$

Thus the coefficient estimate (4) holds true for  $n = 2$ . Next, suppose that the coefficient estimate

$$|a_k| \leq \frac{\prod_{j=2}^k (j + 2\alpha - 4)}{(k - 1)!}$$

is true for all  $k = 2, 3, 4, \dots, n$ . Then we have that

$$-n a_{n+1} = (\alpha - 1)(p_n + a_2 p_{n-1} + a_3 p_{n-2} + \cdots + a_n p_1),$$

so that

$$\begin{aligned} n|a_{n+1}| &\leq (2\alpha - 2)(1 + |a_2| + |a_3| + \cdots + |a_n|) \\ &\leq (2\alpha - 2) \left( 1 + (2\alpha - 2) + \frac{(2\alpha - 2)(2\alpha - 1)}{2!} + \cdots + \frac{\prod_{j=2}^n (j + 2\alpha - 4)}{(n - 1)!} \right) \\ &= (2\alpha - 2) \left( \frac{(2\alpha - 1)2\alpha(2\alpha + 1) \cdots (2\alpha + n - 4)}{(n - 2)!} + \frac{(2\alpha - 2)(2\alpha - 1)2\alpha \cdots (2\alpha + n - 4)}{(n - 1)!} \right) \\ &= \frac{\prod_{j=2}^{n+1} (j + 2\alpha - 4)}{(n - 1)!}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, the coefficient estimate (4) holds true for the case of  $k = n + 1$ . Applying the mathematical induction for the coefficient estimate (4), we complete the proof of the theorem. □

For the functions  $f(z)$  belonging to the class  $\mathcal{N}(\alpha)$ , we also have

**Theorem 2.5.** *If  $f(z) \in \mathcal{N}(\alpha)$ , then*

$$|a_n| \leq \frac{\prod_{j=2}^n (j + 2\alpha - 4)}{n!} \quad (n \geq 2).$$

**Remark 2.1.** We can not show that Theorem 2.4 and Theorem 2.5 are sharp. If we prove that Theorem 2.4 is sharp, then the sharpness of Theorem 2.5 follows.

## References

- [1] H.Silverman, *Univalent functions with negative coefficients*, Proc. Amer. Math. Soc. **51**(1975), 109 – 116.
- [2] B.A.Uralegaddi, M.D.Ganigi and S.M.Sarangi, *Univalent functions with positive coefficients*, Tamkang J. Math. **25**(1994), 225 – 230.

*Department of Mathematics  
Kinki University  
Higashi-Osaka, Osaka 577-8502  
Japan*