



## COEFFICIENTS OF STRONGLY ALPHA-CONVEX AND STRONGLY GAMMA STARLIKE FUNCTIONS

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**Abstract.** Let the function  $f$  be analytic in  $\mathbb{D} = \{z : |z| < 1\}$  and be given by  $f(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n z^n$ . For  $0 < \beta \leq 1$ , denote by  $\mathcal{C}(\beta)$  and  $\mathcal{S}^*(\beta)$  the classes of strongly convex functions and strongly starlike functions respectively. For  $0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$ ,  $0 < \beta \leq 1$  and  $0 \leq \gamma \leq 1$ , let  $\mathcal{M}(\alpha, \beta)$  be the class of strongly alpha-convex functions defined by

$$\left| \arg \left[ (1 - \alpha) \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} + \alpha \left( 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right) \right] \right| < \frac{\pi\beta}{2},$$

and  $\mathcal{M}^*(\gamma, \beta)$  the class of strongly gamma starlike functions defined by

$$\left| \arg \left[ \left( \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right)^{1-\gamma} \left( 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right)^\gamma \right] \right| < \frac{\pi\beta}{2}.$$

We give sharp bounds for the initial coefficients of  $f \in \mathcal{M}(\alpha, \beta)$  and  $f \in \mathcal{M}^*(\gamma, \beta)$ , and for the initial coefficients of the inverse function  $f^{-1}$  of  $f \in \mathcal{M}(\alpha, \beta)$  and  $f \in \mathcal{M}^*(\gamma, \beta)$ . These results generalise, improve and unify known coefficient inequalities for  $\mathcal{C}(\beta)$  and  $\mathcal{S}^*(\beta)$ .

### 1. Introduction

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be the class of analytic normalized functions  $f$ , defined in the unit disk  $\mathbb{D} = \{z : |z| < 1\}$  given by

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

and let  $\mathcal{S}$  be the subset of  $\mathcal{A}$  consisting of functions which are univalent in  $\mathbb{D}$ .

Suppose that  $f \in \mathcal{A}$ . Then  $f$  is respectively strongly starlike, or strongly convex of order  $\beta$  in  $\mathbb{D}$  if, and only if, for  $0 < \beta \leq 1$ ,

$$\left| \arg \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right| < \frac{\pi\beta}{2}, \quad \text{or} \quad \left| \arg \left( 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right) \right| < \frac{\pi\beta}{2}.$$

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We denote these classes by  $\mathcal{S}^*(\beta)$  and  $\mathcal{C}(\beta)$  respectively, noting that  $\mathcal{S}^*(1)$  is the class of starlike functions, and  $\mathcal{C}(1)$  the class of convex functions, so that both  $\mathcal{S}^*(\beta)$  and  $\mathcal{C}(\beta)$  are subsets of  $\mathcal{S}$ .

For any real number  $\alpha$ , denote by  $\mathcal{M}(\alpha)$  the class of alpha-convex, or so-called Ma-Minda functions [9] defined for  $z \in \mathbb{D}$  by the relationship

$$\operatorname{Re} \left[ (1 - \alpha) \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} + \alpha \left( 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right) \right] > 0.$$

Thus  $\mathcal{M}(0)$  gives the starlike functions, and  $\mathcal{M}(1)$  the convex functions.

It was shown in [10] that for all real  $\alpha$ , the class  $\mathcal{M}(\alpha)$  forms a subset of the starlike functions, and is therefore a subset of  $\mathcal{S}$ . Finding sharp bounds for all coefficients of  $f \in \mathcal{M}(\alpha)$  has received much attention, see e.g. [6, 11, 13], however a complete solution appears still to be an open problem.

Similarly, for  $\gamma \geq 0$ , denote by  $\mathcal{M}^*(\gamma)$  the class of gamma starlike functions, (see e.e. [4, 5, 7]) defined for  $z \in \mathbb{D}$  by the relationship

$$\operatorname{Re} \left[ \left( \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right)^{1-\gamma} \left( 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right)^\gamma \right] > 0,$$

so that again  $\mathcal{M}^*(0)$  gives the starlike functions, and  $\mathcal{M}^*(1)$  the convex functions. It was shown in [7] (and elsewhere), that for  $\gamma \geq 0$ ,  $\mathcal{M}^*(\gamma) \subset \mathcal{S}^*(1)$ . However since the definition of functions in  $\mathcal{M}^*(\gamma)$  requires dealing with powers, relatively little is known about the coefficients of functions in  $\mathcal{M}^*(\gamma)$ .

In the interests of unifying known results for  $f \in \mathcal{S}^*(\beta)$  and  $f \in \mathcal{C}(\beta)$ , we will assume throughout this paper that  $0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$ , and  $0 \leq \gamma \leq 1$ . We also remark that for  $\alpha$  and  $\gamma$  outside  $[0, 1]$ , the methods used in this paper give incomplete results.

## Preliminaries

### Strongly Alpha-Convex Functions of Order $\beta$

Let  $f$  be analytic in  $\mathbb{D}$  and be given by (1.1). For  $0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$  and  $0 < \beta \leq 1$ , we say that  $f$  is strongly alpha-convex of order  $\beta$  in  $\mathbb{D}$  if, and only if,

$$\left| \arg \left[ (1 - \alpha) \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} + \alpha \left( 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right) \right] \right| < \frac{\pi\beta}{2}. \quad (1.2)$$

We denote this class of functions by  $\mathcal{M}(\alpha, \beta)$ , so that  $\mathcal{M}(0, \beta) = \mathcal{S}^*(\beta)$  and  $\mathcal{M}(1, \beta) = \mathcal{C}(\beta)$ . Also since  $\mathcal{M}(\alpha) \subset \mathcal{S}^*(1)$ , then so must  $\mathcal{M}(\alpha, \beta) \subset \mathcal{S}^*(1)$  for  $0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$  and  $0 < \beta \leq 1$ .

**Strongly Gamma Starlike Functions of Order  $\beta$**

Let  $f$  be analytic in  $\mathbb{D}$  and be given by (1.1). For  $0 \leq \gamma \leq 1$  and  $0 < \beta \leq 1$ , we say that  $f$  is strongly gamma starlike of order  $\beta$  in  $\mathbb{D}$  if, and only if,

$$\left| \arg \left[ \left( \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right)^{1-\gamma} \left( 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right)^\gamma \right] \right| < \frac{\pi\beta}{2}. \tag{1.3}$$

We denote this class of functions by  $\mathcal{M}^*(\gamma, \beta)$ , so that again  $\mathcal{M}^*(0, \beta) = \mathcal{S}^*(\beta)$  and  $\mathcal{M}^*(1, \beta) = \mathcal{C}(\beta)$ . As was pointed out above, since  $\mathcal{M}^*(\gamma) \subset \mathcal{S}^*(1)$ , it follows that  $\mathcal{M}^*(\gamma, \beta) \subset \mathcal{S}^*(1)$  for  $0 \leq \gamma \leq 1$  and  $0 < \beta \leq 1$ .

An early paper of Brannan, Clunie and Kirwan [3] established sharp upper bounds for  $|a_2|$  and  $|a_3|$  when  $f \in \mathcal{S}^*(\beta)$ , and more recently Ali and Singh [2] obtained sharp upper bounds for  $|a_4|$ . Since  $f \in \mathcal{C}(\beta)$  if, and only if,  $zf' \in \mathcal{S}^*(\beta)$ , these results provide immediate sharp upper bounds for these coefficients when  $f \in \mathcal{C}(\beta)$ . Since the analysis necessitates the use of powers, finding bounds for the remaining coefficients appears difficult.

In Theorems 2.1 and 2.2, we give sharp bounds for  $|a_2|$ ,  $|a_3|$  and  $|a_4|$  for  $f \in \mathcal{M}(\alpha, \beta)$  and for  $f \in \mathcal{M}^*(\gamma, \beta)$ , thus unifying and generalising the above results.

For any univalent function  $f$ , there exists an inverse function  $f^{-1}$  defined on some disc  $|\omega| < r_0(f)$ , with Taylor expansion

$$f^{-1}(\omega) = \omega + A_2\omega^2 + A_3\omega^3 + A_4\omega^4 + \dots. \tag{1.4}$$

A classical theorem of Löwner [8] established sharp upper bounds for the modulus of the inverse coefficients  $A_n$  for all  $n \geq 2$  when  $f \in \mathcal{S}$ , which in particular solves the problem for functions in  $\mathcal{S}^*(1)$ .

For  $\mathcal{S}^*(\beta)$  and  $\mathcal{C}(\beta)$  with  $0 < \beta < 1$ , the problem of finding bounds for the inverse coefficients again seems far from simple, the only sharp results to date being those found for  $f \in \mathcal{S}^*(\beta)$  by Ali [1] for  $|A_n|$  when  $n = 2, 3$  and 4, and in a recent paper [12], similar sharp bounds for the inverse coefficients of functions in  $\mathcal{C}(\beta)$ .

In Theorems 3.1 and 3.2, we will find sharp bounds for the initial coefficients of the inverse function  $f^{-1}$  of functions in  $\mathcal{M}(\alpha, \beta)$  and  $\mathcal{M}^*(\gamma, \beta)$ , again unifying the above results.

**Lemmas**

Denote by  $\mathcal{P}$ , the class of functions  $p$  satisfying  $Re p(z) > 0$  for  $z \in \mathbb{D}$ , with Taylor series

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

We shall use the following [1].

**Lemma 1.1.** *If  $p \in \mathcal{P}$ , then  $|p_n| \leq 2$  for  $n \geq 1$ , and*

$$\left| p_2 - \frac{\mu}{2} p_1^2 \right| \leq \max\{2, 2|\mu - 1|\} = \begin{cases} 2, & 0 \leq \mu \leq 2, \\ 2|\mu - 1|, & \text{elsewhere.} \end{cases}$$

**Lemma 1.2.** *Let  $p \in \mathcal{P}$ . If  $0 \leq B \leq 1$  and  $B(2B - 1) \leq D \leq B$ , then*

$$|p_3 - 2Bp_1p_2 + Dp_1^3| \leq 2.$$

**Lemma 1.3.** *If  $p \in \mathcal{P}$ , and  $0 \leq B \leq 1$ , then*

$$|p_3 - 2Bp_1p_2 + Bp_1^3| \leq 2.$$

**Lemma 1.4.** *If  $p \in \mathcal{P}$ , then*

$$|p_3 - (1 + \mu)p_1p_2 + \mu p_1^3| \leq \max\{2, 2|2\mu - 1|\} = \begin{cases} 2, & 0 \leq \mu \leq 1, \\ 2|2\mu - 1|, & \text{elsewhere.} \end{cases}$$

In the following, the methods of proof develop those employed in [1, 2], and in the interests of brevity, we omit much of the elementary algebra.

## Main Results

### 2. Coefficients of functions in $\mathcal{M}(\alpha, \beta)$ and $\mathcal{M}^*(\gamma, \beta)$

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let  $f \in \mathcal{M}(\alpha, \beta)$  and be given by (1.1), then*

$$|a_2| \leq \frac{2\beta}{1 + \alpha}, \quad |a_3| \leq \begin{cases} \frac{\beta}{1 + 2\alpha}, & 0 < \beta \leq \frac{(1 + \alpha)^2}{(3 + 8\alpha + \alpha^2)}, \\ \frac{(3 + 8\alpha + \alpha^2)\beta^2}{(1 + \alpha)^2(1 + 2\alpha)}, \frac{(1 + \alpha)^2}{(3 + 8\alpha + \alpha^2)} \leq \beta \leq 1, \end{cases}$$

$$|a_4| \leq \begin{cases} \frac{2\beta}{3(1 + 3\alpha)}, & 0 < \beta \leq \Delta_1(\alpha), \\ \Gamma_1(\alpha, \beta), & \Delta_1(\alpha) \leq \beta \leq 1, \end{cases}$$

where  $\Delta_1(\alpha) = \sqrt{\frac{2(1 + \alpha)^3(1 + 2\alpha)}{17 + 109\alpha + 219\alpha^2 + 59\alpha^3 + 4\alpha^4}}$  and

$$\Gamma_1(\alpha, \beta) = \frac{2\beta(1 + 17\beta^2 + 2\alpha^4(1 + 2\beta^2) + \alpha^3(7 + 59\beta^2) + 3\alpha^2(3 + 73\beta^2) + \alpha(5 + 109\beta^2))}{9(1 + \alpha)^3(1 + 2\alpha)(1 + 3\alpha)}.$$

*All the inequalities are sharp.*

**Proof.** From (1.2) we can write

$$(1 - \alpha) \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} + \alpha \left(1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)}\right) = p(z)^\beta,$$

and so equating coefficients we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} a_2 &= \frac{\beta p_1}{1 + \alpha}, \\ a_3 &= \frac{\beta((-1 + \alpha^2(-1 + \beta) + 3\beta + \alpha(-2 + 8\beta))p_1^2 + 2(1 + \alpha)^2 p_2)}{4(1 + \alpha)^2(1 + 2\alpha)}, \\ a_4 &= \frac{\beta(4 - 15\beta + 17\beta^2 + 4\alpha^4(2 - 3\beta + \beta^2) + \alpha^3(28 - 87\beta + 59\beta^2))p_1^3}{36(1 + \alpha)^3(1 + 2\alpha)(1 + 3\alpha)} \\ &\quad + \frac{\beta(3\alpha^2(12 - 51\beta + 73\beta^2) + \alpha(20 - 93\beta + 109\beta^2))p_1^3}{36(1 + \alpha)^3(1 + 2\alpha)(1 + 3\alpha)} \\ &\quad + \frac{6\beta(1 + \alpha)^2(-2 + 4\alpha^2(-1 + \beta) + 5\beta + 3\alpha(-2 + 7\beta))p_1 p_2}{36(1 + \alpha)^3(1 + 2\alpha)(1 + 3\alpha)} \\ &\quad + \frac{12\beta(1 + \alpha)^3(1 + 2\alpha)p_3}{36(1 + \alpha)^3(1 + 2\alpha)(1 + 3\alpha)}. \end{aligned} \tag{2.1}$$

Since  $|p_1| \leq 2$ , the first inequality follows at once, and is sharp when  $p_1 = 2$ .

Next note that the coefficient of  $p_1^2$  in the expression for  $a_3$  in (2.1) is positive provided  $\frac{(1 + \alpha)^2}{(3 + 8\alpha + \alpha^2)} \leq \beta \leq 1$ , and so the second inequality for  $|a_3|$  in Theorem 2.1 follows since  $|p_1| \leq 2$  and  $|p_2| \leq 2$ .

For the first inequality we apply Lemma 1.1. Write

$$a_3 = \frac{\beta}{2(1 + 2\alpha)} \left( p_2 - \frac{\mu}{2} p_1^2 \right),$$

with

$$\mu = \frac{1 + \alpha^2(1 - \beta) - 3\beta + 2\alpha(1 - 4\beta)}{(1 + \alpha)^2},$$

so that  $0 \leq \mu \leq 2$  provided  $0 < \beta \leq \frac{(1 + \alpha)^2}{(3 + 8\alpha + \alpha^2)}$ . The inequality now follows on applying Lemma 1.1.

The first inequality for  $|a_3|$  is sharp when  $p_1 = 0$  and  $p_2 = 2$ , and the second inequality is sharp when  $p_1 = p_2 = 2$ .

For  $a_4$ , first write  $\Lambda_1(\alpha) = \frac{2(1 + \alpha)(1 + 2\alpha)}{(1 + 4\alpha)(5 + \alpha)}$ , and note that the coefficients of  $p_1$ ,  $p_2$  and  $p_1^3$  are positive when  $\Lambda_1(\alpha) \leq \beta \leq 1$ . So using  $|p_n| \leq 2$  for  $n = 1, 2$  and  $3$ , gives the second inequality for  $|a_4|$  when  $\Lambda_1(\alpha) \leq \beta \leq 1$ .

Next write

$$a_4 = \frac{\beta}{3(1+3\alpha)} (p_3 - 2B_1 p_1 p_2 + D_1 p_1^3),$$

with

$$B_1 = \frac{2 + 4\alpha^2(1-\beta) - 5\beta + 3\alpha(2-7\beta)}{4(1+\alpha)(1+2\alpha)},$$

and

$$D_1 = \frac{1}{12(1+\alpha)^3(1+2\alpha)} \left( 4 - 15\beta + 17\beta^2 + 4\alpha^4(2-3\beta+\beta^2) \right. \\ \left. + \alpha^3(28-87\beta+59\beta^2) + 3\alpha^2(12-51\beta+73\beta^2) \right. \\ \left. + \alpha(20-93\beta+109\beta^2) \right).$$

Then  $0 \leq B_1 \leq 1$  if  $0 < \beta \leq \Lambda_1(\alpha)$ , and  $B_1(2B_1 - 1) \leq D_1 \leq B_1$  when  $0 < \beta \leq \Delta_1(\alpha)$ . Since  $\Delta_1(\alpha) < \Lambda_1(\alpha)$ , applying Lemma 1.2 now gives the first inequality for  $|a_4|$ .

Thus it remains to prove the second inequality on the interval  $\Delta_1(\alpha) \leq \beta \leq \Lambda_1(\alpha)$ .

We use Lemma 1.3, and the inequality  $|p_1| \leq 2$ , noting that  $0 \leq B_1 \leq 1$  and  $D_1 - B_1 \geq 0$ , when  $\Delta_1(\alpha) \leq \beta \leq \Lambda_1(\alpha)$  to obtain

$$|p_3 - 2B_1 p_1 p_2 + D_1 p_1^3| = |p_3 - 2B_1 p_1 p_2 + B_1 p_1^3 + (D_1 - B_1) p_1^3| \\ \leq 2 + 8(D_1 - B_1),$$

from which the result follows.

The first inequality for  $|a_4|$  is sharp when  $p_1 = p_2 = 0$  and  $p_3 = 2$ , and the second inequality is sharp when  $p_1 = p_2 = p_3 = 2$ .  $\square$

We note at this point that when  $\beta = 1$ , the results in Theorem 2.1 correspond to the estimates found in [6], when  $\alpha = 0$  to those in [2, 3], and when  $\alpha = 1$  to those in [12].

**Theorem 2.2.** *Let  $f \in \mathcal{M}^*(\gamma, \beta)$  and be given by (1.1), then*

$$|a_2| \leq \frac{2\beta}{1+\gamma}, \quad |a_3| \leq \begin{cases} \frac{\beta}{1+2\gamma}, & 0 < \beta \leq \frac{(1+\gamma)^2}{3(1+3\gamma)}, \\ \frac{3\beta^2(1+3\gamma)}{(1+\gamma)^2(1+2\gamma)}, & \frac{(1+\gamma)^2}{3(1+3\gamma)} \leq \beta \leq 1, \end{cases} \\ |a_4| \leq \begin{cases} \frac{2\beta}{3(1+3\gamma)}, & 0 < \beta \leq \Delta_1^*(\gamma), \\ \Gamma_1^*(\gamma, \beta), & \Delta_1^*(\gamma) \leq \beta \leq 1, \end{cases}$$

where  $\Delta_1^*(\gamma) = \sqrt{\frac{2(1+5\gamma+9\gamma^2+7\gamma^3+2\gamma^4)}{17+108\gamma+283\gamma^2}}$  and

$$\Gamma_1^*(\gamma, \beta) = \frac{2\beta(1+7\gamma^3+2\gamma^4+17\beta^2+\gamma(5+108\beta^2))+\gamma^2(9+283\beta^2)}{9(1+\gamma)^3(1+2\gamma)(1+3\gamma)}.$$

All the inequalities are sharp.

**Proof.** From (1.3) we can write

$$\left(\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)}\right)^{1-\gamma} \left(1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)}\right)^\gamma = p(z)^\beta.$$

Equating coefficients gives

$$\begin{aligned} a_2 &= \frac{\beta p_1}{1+\gamma}, \\ a_3 &= \frac{\beta(-1+\gamma^2+\gamma(2-9\beta)-3\beta)p_1^2+2(1+\gamma)^2 p_2}{4(1+\gamma)^2(1+2\gamma)}, \\ a_4 &= \frac{\beta(4+8\gamma^4+\gamma^3(28-75\beta)-15\beta+17\beta^2)p_1^3}{36(1+\gamma)^3(1+2\gamma)(1+3\gamma)} \\ &\quad + \frac{\beta(\gamma(20-105\beta+108\beta^2)+\gamma^2(36-165\beta+283\beta^2))p_1^3}{36(1+\gamma)^3(1+2\gamma)(1+3\gamma)} \\ &\quad - \frac{6\beta(1+\gamma)^2(2+4\gamma^2+\gamma(6-25\beta)-5\beta)p_1 p_2}{36(1+\gamma)^3(1+2\gamma)(1+3\gamma)} \\ &\quad + \frac{12\beta(1+\gamma)^3(1+2\gamma)p_3}{36(1+\gamma)^3(1+2\gamma)(1+3\gamma)}. \end{aligned} \tag{2.2}$$

Since  $|p_1| \leq 2$ , the first inequality is trivial, and is sharp when  $p_1 = 2$ .

For  $a_3$  we use Lemma 1.1 as follows.

Write

$$a_3 = \frac{\beta}{2(1+2\gamma)} \left( p_2 - \frac{(1+\gamma^2+\gamma(2-9\beta)-3\beta)}{2(1+\gamma)^2} p_1^2 \right).$$

Taking  $\mu = \frac{1+\gamma^2+\gamma(2-9\beta)-3\beta}{(1+\gamma)^2}$ , we note that  $0 \leq \mu \leq 2$  when  $0 < \beta \leq \frac{(1+\gamma)^2}{3(1+3\gamma)}$ , and so the first inequality for  $|a_3|$  follows. Applying Lemma 1.1 when  $\mu$  lies outside  $[0, 2]$  gives the second inequality.

The first inequality for  $|a_3|$  is sharp when  $p_1 = 0$  and  $p_2 = 2$ , and the second inequality is sharp when  $p_1 = p_2 = 2$ .

For the first inequality for  $a_4$  we again use Lemma 1.2. Write

$$a_4 = \frac{\beta}{3(1+3\gamma)} \left( p_3 - 2B_1^* p_1 p_2 + D_1^* p_1^3 \right),$$

where

$$B_1^* = \frac{2 + 4\gamma^2 + \gamma(6 - 25\beta) - 5\beta}{4(1 + \gamma)(1 + 2\gamma)},$$

and

$$D_1^* = \frac{1}{12(1 + \gamma)^3(1 + 2\gamma)} \left( 4 + 8\gamma^4 + \gamma^3(28 - 75\beta) - 15\beta + 17\beta^2 \right. \\ \left. + \gamma(20 - 105\beta + 108\beta^2) + \gamma^2(36 - 165\beta + 283\beta^2) \right).$$

Write  $\Lambda_1^*(\gamma) = \frac{2(1 + \gamma)(1 + 2\gamma)}{5(1 + 5\gamma)}$ . Then  $0 \leq B_1^* \leq 1$  when  $0 < \beta \leq \Lambda_1^*(\gamma)$ , and  $B_1^*(2B_1^* - 1) \leq D_1^* \leq B_1^*$  when  $0 < \beta \leq \Delta_1^*(\gamma)$ .

Since  $\Delta_1^*(\gamma) < \Lambda_1^*(\gamma)$ , applying Lemma 1.2 now gives the first inequality for  $|a_4|$  on the interval  $0 \leq \beta \leq \Delta_1^*(\gamma)$ .

Since  $-2B_1^*$  and  $D_1^*$  are positive when  $\Lambda_1^*(\gamma) \leq \beta \leq 1$  and  $\Delta_1^*(\gamma) \leq \beta \leq 1$ , the second inequality for  $|a_4|$  now follows (on using the inequalities  $|p_n| \leq 2$  for  $n = 1, 2$  and 3) provided  $\Lambda_1^*(\gamma) \leq \beta \leq 1$ , and noting that  $\Delta_1^*(\gamma) \leq \Lambda_1^*(\gamma)$ .

Thus it remains to prove the second inequality for  $|a_4|$  on the interval  $\Delta_1^*(\gamma) \leq \beta \leq \Lambda_1^*(\gamma)$ .

Since  $0 \leq B_1^* \leq 1$  when  $0 < \beta \leq \Lambda_1^*(\gamma)$ , and  $D_1^* \geq B_1^*$  when  $\Delta_1^*(\gamma) \leq \beta \leq 1$ ,

$$|p_3 - 2B_1^* p_1 p_2 + D_1^* p_1^3| = |p_3 - 2B_1^* p_1 p_2 + B_1^* p_1^3 + (D_1^* - B_1^*) p_1^3| \\ \leq 2 + 8(D_1^* - B_1^*),$$

when  $\Delta_1^*(\gamma) \leq \beta \leq \Lambda_1^*(\gamma)$ , which on substituting for  $D_1^*$  and  $B_1^*$ , and using Lemma 1.3, proves the inequality for  $|a_4|$  on the interval  $\Delta_1^*(\gamma) \leq \beta \leq \Lambda_1^*(\gamma)$ .

The first inequality for  $|a_4|$  is sharp when  $p_1 = p_2 = 0$  and  $p_3 = 2$ , and the second inequality is sharp when  $p_1 = p_2 = p_3 = 2$ .  $\square$

We note at this point that when  $\beta = 1$ , the results in Theorem 2.2 complete the partial solution given in [4]. When  $\alpha = 0$  the results correspond to those in [2, 3], and when  $\alpha = 1$  to those in [12].



### 3. Inverse coefficients of functions in $\mathcal{M}(\alpha, \beta)$ and $\mathcal{M}^*(\gamma, \beta)$

First note that since  $f(f^{-1}(\omega)) = \omega$ , comparing coefficients in (1.1) and (1.4) gives

$$\begin{aligned} A_2 &= -a_2, \\ A_3 &= 2a_2^2 - a_3, \\ A_4 &= -5a_2^3 + 5a_2a_3 - a_4. \end{aligned} \tag{3.1}$$

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let  $f \in \mathcal{M}(\alpha, \beta)$  and the coefficients of the inverse function  $f^{-1}$  be given by (1.4), then*

$$|A_2| \leq \frac{2\beta}{1+\alpha}, \quad |A_3| \leq \begin{cases} \frac{\beta}{1+2\alpha}, & 0 < \beta \leq \frac{(1+\alpha)^2}{(5+8\alpha-\alpha^2)}, \\ \frac{(5+8\alpha-\alpha^2)\beta^2}{(1+\alpha)^2(1+2\alpha)}, \frac{(1+\alpha)^2}{(5+8\alpha-\alpha^2)} \leq \beta \leq 1, \end{cases}$$

$$|A_4| \leq \begin{cases} \frac{2\beta}{3(1+3\alpha)}, & 0 < \beta \leq \Delta_2(\alpha), \\ \Gamma_2(\alpha, \beta), & \Delta_2(\alpha) \leq \beta \leq 1, \end{cases}$$

where

$$\Delta_2(\alpha) = \sqrt{\frac{(1+\alpha)^3(1+2\alpha)}{31+122\alpha+87\alpha^2-38\alpha^3+2\alpha^4}}$$

and

$$\Gamma_2(\alpha, \beta) = \frac{2\beta(1+62\beta^2+\alpha^3(7-76\beta^2))+\alpha^4(2+4\beta^2)+3\alpha^2(3+58\beta^2)+\alpha(5+244\beta^2)}{9(1+\alpha)^3(1+2\alpha)(1+3\alpha)}.$$

All the inequalities are sharp.

**Proof.** From (2.1) and (3.1) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} A_2 &= -\frac{\beta p_1}{1+\alpha}, \\ A_3 &= \frac{\beta((1-\alpha^2(-1+\beta)+5\beta+2\alpha(1+4\beta))p_1^2-2(1+\alpha)^2p_2)}{4(1+\alpha)^2(1+2\alpha)}, \\ A_4 &= -\beta \left( \frac{(2+15\beta+31\beta^2+\alpha^3(14+24\beta-38\beta^2)+2\alpha^4(2-3\beta+\beta^2))p_1^3}{18(1+\alpha)^3(1+2\alpha)(1+3\alpha)} \right. \\ &\quad + \frac{(3\alpha^2(6+27\beta+29\beta^2)+2\alpha(5+33\beta+61\beta^2))p_1^3}{18(1+\alpha)^3(1+2\alpha)(1+3\alpha)} \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{6(1+\alpha)^2(-1+2\alpha^2(-1+\beta)-5\beta-3\alpha(1+4\beta))p_1p_2}{18(1+\alpha)^3(1+2\alpha)(1+3\alpha)} + \frac{p_3}{3(1+3\alpha)} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Again, the first inequality is trivial, and is sharp when  $p_1 = 2$ .

For  $A_3$  we write

$$A_3 = -\frac{\beta}{2(1+2\alpha)} \left( p_2 - \frac{(1+\alpha^2(1-\beta)+5\beta+2\alpha(1+4\beta))}{2(1+\alpha)^2} p_1^2 \right),$$

and apply Lemma 1.1 with  $\mu = \frac{1+\alpha^2(1-\beta)+5\beta+2\alpha(1+4\beta)}{(1+\alpha)^2}$ . Then since  $0 \leq \mu \leq 2$  when  $0 < \beta \leq \frac{(1+\alpha)^2}{(5+8\alpha-\alpha^2)}$ , the inequalities for  $|A_3|$  follows at once.

The first inequality for  $|A_3|$  is sharp when  $p_1 = 0$  and  $p_2 = 2$ , and the second inequality is sharp when  $p_1 = p_2 = 2$ .

To find the bound for the first inequality for  $A_4$ , we follow the same method employed in Theorem 2.1 and use Lemma 1.2 so that

$$A_4 = \frac{\beta}{3(1+3\alpha)} \left( p_3 - 2B_2 p_1 p_2 + D_2 p_1^3 \right),$$

with

$$B_2 = \frac{1+2\alpha^2(1-\beta)+5\beta+3\alpha(1+4\beta)}{2(1+\alpha)(1+2\alpha)},$$

and

$$D_2 = \frac{1}{6(1+\alpha)^3(1+2\alpha)} \left( 2+15\beta+31\beta^2+\alpha^3(14+24\beta-38\beta^2) \right. \\ \left. +2\alpha^4(2-3\beta+\beta^2)+3\alpha^2(6+27\beta+29\beta^2)+2\alpha(5+33\beta+61\beta^2) \right).$$

Write  $\Lambda_2(\alpha) = \frac{(1+\alpha)(1+2\alpha)}{(5+12\alpha-2\alpha^2)}$ . Then  $0 \leq B_2 \leq 1$  provided  $0 < \beta \leq \Lambda_2(\alpha)$ , and  $B_2(2B_2-1) \leq D_2 \leq B_2$  when  $0 < \beta \leq \Delta_2(\alpha)$ . Then since  $\Delta_2(\alpha) < \Lambda_2(\alpha)$ , applying Lemma 1.2 now gives the first inequality for  $|A_4|$ .

For the second inequality we use Lemma 1.3 and write

$$p_3 - 2B_2 p_1 p_2 + D_2 p_1^3 = p_3 - 2B_2 p_1 p_2 + B_2 p_1^3 + (D_2 - B_2) p_1^3.$$

Since  $D_2 \geq B_2$  when  $\Delta_2(\alpha) \leq \beta \leq 1$ , and  $0 \leq B_2 \leq 1$  provided  $0 < \beta \leq \Lambda_2(\alpha)$ , the second inequality for  $|A_4|$  follows on the interval  $\Delta_2(\alpha) \leq \beta \leq \Lambda_2(\alpha)$  by applying Lemma 1.3, and noting that  $|p_1| \leq 2$ .

Thus it remains to establish the second inequality for  $|A_4|$  on the interval  $\Lambda_2(\alpha) \leq \beta \leq 1$ .

We apply Lemma 1.4 as follows.

Write

$$p_3 - 2B_2 p_1 p_2 + D_2 p_1^3 = p_3 - (1+\mu) p_1 p_2 + \mu p_1^3 + (D_2 - \mu) p_1^3.$$

$$\text{so that } \mu = \frac{(5 + 12\alpha - 2\alpha^2)\beta}{(1 + \alpha)(1 + 2\alpha)}.$$

Then  $0 \leq \mu \leq 1$  is false on  $\Lambda_2(\alpha) \leq \beta \leq 1$ , and so since  $D_2 \geq \mu$  on  $0 < \beta \leq 1$ , applying Lemma 1.4 and using the fact that  $|p_1| \leq 2$ , we obtain the second inequality for  $|A_4|$  on the interval  $\Lambda_2(\alpha) \leq \beta \leq 1$ , after substituting for  $D_2$  and  $\mu$ .

The first inequality for  $|A_4|$  is sharp when  $p_1 = p_2 = 0$  and  $p_3 = 2$ , and the second inequality is sharp when  $p_1 = p_2 = p_3 = 2$ .  $\square$

We note again that when  $\beta = 1$ , the results in Theorem 3.1 correspond to the estimates found in [6], when  $\alpha = 0$  to those in [1], and when  $\alpha = 1$  to those in [12].

**Theorem 3.2.** *Let  $f \in \mathcal{M}^*(\gamma, \beta)$  and the coefficients of the inverse function  $f^{-1}$  be given by (1.4), then*

$$|A_2| \leq \frac{2\beta}{1 + \gamma}, \quad |A_3| \leq \begin{cases} \frac{\beta}{1 + 2\gamma}, & 0 < \beta \leq \frac{(1 + \gamma)^2}{5 + 7\gamma}, \\ \frac{(5 + 7\gamma)\beta^2}{(1 + \gamma)^2(1 + 2\gamma)}, \frac{(1 + \gamma)^2}{5 + 7\gamma} \leq \beta \leq 1, \end{cases}$$

$$|A_4| \leq \begin{cases} \frac{2\beta}{3(1 + 3\gamma)}, & 0 < \beta \leq \Delta_2^*(\gamma), \\ \Gamma_2^*(\gamma, \beta), & \Delta_2^*(\gamma) \leq \beta \leq 1, \end{cases}$$

where  $\Delta_2^*(\gamma) = \sqrt{\frac{(1 + \gamma)^3}{31 + 37\gamma}}$  and

$$\Gamma_2^*(\gamma, \beta) = \frac{2\beta(1 + 3\gamma^2 + \gamma^3 + 62\beta^2 + \gamma(3 + 74\beta^2))}{9(1 + \gamma)^3(1 + 3\gamma)}.$$

All the inequalities are sharp.

**Proof.** From (2.2) and (3.1) we obtain

$$A_2 = -\frac{\beta p_1}{1 + \gamma},$$

$$A_3 = -\frac{\beta((1 + \gamma^2 + 5\beta + \gamma(2 + 7\beta))p_1^2 - 2(1 + \gamma)^2 p_2)}{4(1 + \gamma)^2(1 + 2\gamma)},$$

$$A_4 = \beta \left( \frac{(2 + 2\gamma^3 + 15\beta + 31\beta^2 + 3\gamma^2(2 + 5\beta) + \gamma(6 + 30\beta + 37\beta^2))p_1^3}{18(1 + \gamma)^3(1 + 3\gamma)} - \frac{(1 + \gamma + 5\beta)p_1 p_2}{3(1 + \gamma)(1 + 3\gamma)} + \frac{p_3}{3(1 + 3\gamma)} \right).$$

Again, the first inequality is trivial, and is sharp when  $p_1 = 2$ .

For  $A_3$  we write

$$A_3 = \frac{\beta}{2(1+2\gamma)} \left( p_2 - \frac{(1+\gamma^2+5\beta+\gamma(2+7\beta))}{2(1+\gamma)^2} p_1^2 \right).$$

Now apply Lemma 1.1 with  $\mu = \frac{1+\gamma^2+5\beta+\gamma(2+7\beta)}{(1+\gamma)^2}$ , so that  $0 \leq \mu \leq 2$  provided  $0 < \beta \leq \frac{(1+\gamma)^2}{5+7\gamma}$  and the inequalities for  $|A_3|$  follow as before.

The first inequality for  $|A_3|$  is sharp when  $p_1 = 0$  and  $p_2 = 2$ , and the second inequality is sharp when  $p_1 = p_2 = 2$ .

For  $A_4$  we follow the same methods as previously used, and write

$$A_4 = \frac{\beta}{3(1+3\gamma)} \left( p_3 - 2B_2^* p_1 p_2 + D_2^* p_1^3 \right),$$

with

$$B_2^* = \frac{1+\gamma+5\beta}{2(1+\gamma)},$$

and

$$D_2^* = \frac{2+2\gamma^3+15\beta+31\beta^2+3\gamma^2(2+5\beta)+\gamma(6+30\beta+37\beta^2)}{6(1+\gamma)^3}.$$

Write  $\Lambda_2^*(\gamma) = \frac{1+\gamma}{5}$ . Then  $0 \leq B_2^* \leq 1$  provided  $0 < \beta \leq \Lambda_2^*(\gamma)$ , and  $B_2^*(2B_2^*-1) \leq D_2^* \leq B_2^*$  when  $0 < \beta \leq \Delta_2^*(\gamma)$ . Since  $\Delta_2^*(\gamma) < \Lambda_2^*(\gamma)$ , applying Lemma 1.2 now gives the first inequality for  $|A_4|$ .

For the second inequality we again use Lemma 1.3, and write

$$\begin{aligned} p_3 - 2B_2^* p_1 p_2 + D_2^* p_1^3 &= p_3 - 2B_2^* p_1 p_2 + B_2^* p_1^3 \\ &\quad + (D_2^* - B_2^*) p_1^3. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $D_2^* \geq B_2^*$  when  $\Delta_2^*(\gamma) \leq \beta \leq 1$ , and  $0 \leq B_2^* \leq 1$  when  $0 < \beta \leq \Lambda_2^*(\gamma)$ , the second inequality for  $|A_4|$  follows on the interval  $\Delta_2^*(\gamma)\beta \leq \Lambda_2^*(\gamma)$  on applying Lemma 1.3, and noting that  $|p_1| \leq 2$ .

Thus it remains to prove the second inequality on the interval  $\Lambda_2^*(\gamma) \leq \beta \leq 1$ .

We proceed as in the proof of Theorem 3.1, and again write

$$p_3 - 2B_2^* p_1 p_2 + D_2^* p_1^3 = p_3 - (1+\mu) p_1 p_2 + \mu p_1^3 + (D_2^* - \mu) p_1^3.$$

with  $\mu = \frac{5\beta}{1+\gamma}$ . Since  $0 \leq \mu \leq 1$  is false on the interval  $\Lambda_2^*(\gamma) \leq \beta \leq 1$ , applying Lemma 1.4, and substituting for  $D_2^*$  and  $\mu$ , gives the inequality for  $|A_4|$  on this interval.

The first inequality for  $|A_4|$  is sharp when  $p_1 = p_2 = 0$  and  $p_3 = 2$ , and the second inequality is sharp when  $p_1 = p_2 = p_3 = 2$ .  $\square$

We note that when  $\beta = 1$ , the results in Theorem 3.2 complete the partial solution given in [5]. When  $\alpha = 0$ , the results correspond to those [1], and when  $\alpha = 1$  to those in [12].

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