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Bounds on third Hankel determinant for close-to-convex functions

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Abstract. In this paper, we have obtained upper bound on third Hankel determinant for the functions belonging to the class of close-to-convex functions.

1 Introduction

Let $\mathcal{H}(\mathbb{U})$ denote the class of functions which are analytic in the open unit disk $\mathbb{U} = \{z : |z| < 1\}$. Let \mathcal{A} be the class of all functions $f \in \mathcal{H}(\mathbb{U})$ which are normalized by f(0) = 0, f'(0) = 1 and have the following form:

$$f(z) = z + a_2 z^2 + a_3 z^3 + \dots, \quad z \in \mathbb{U}.$$
 (1)

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We denote by S the subclass of A consisting of all functions in A which are also univalent in \mathbb{U} . Let P be the class of all functions $\mathfrak{p} \in \mathcal{H}(\mathbb{U})$ satisfying $\mathfrak{p}(0) = 1$ and $\mathfrak{R}(\mathfrak{p}(z)) > 0$. The function $\mathfrak{p} \in P$ have the following form:

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

Further, a function $f \in \mathcal{A}$ is said to belong to the class \mathcal{S}^* of starlike functions in \mathbb{U} , if it satisfies the following inequality:

$$\Re\left(\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)}\right) > 0, \quad z \in \mathbb{U}.$$
 (3)

Moreover, a function $f \in \mathcal{A}$ is said to belong to the class \mathcal{C} of close-to-convex functions in \mathbb{U} , if there exist a function $g \in \mathcal{S}^*$, such that the following inequality holds:

$$\Re\left(\frac{zf'(z)}{g(z)}\right) > 0, \quad z \in \mathbb{U}.$$
 (4)

The class of close-to-convex functions was introduced by Kaplan [9]. In [16], Noonan and Thomas studied the q^{th} Hankel determinants $H_q(n)$ of functions $f \in \mathcal{A}$ of the form (1) for $q \geq 1$, which is defined by

$$H_{q}(n) = \begin{vmatrix} a_{n} & a_{n+1} & \dots & a_{n+q-1} \\ a_{n+1} & \dots & \dots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ a_{n+q-1} & \dots & \dots & a_{n+2(q-1)} \end{vmatrix}$$
 $(a_{1} = 1).$ (5)

The Hankel determinants $H_q(n)$ have been investigated by several authors to study its rate of growth as $n\to\infty$ and to determine bounds on it for specific values of q and n. For example, Pommerenke [22] proved that the Hankel determinants of univalent functions satisfy $|H_q(n)| < Kn^{-(\frac{1}{2}+\beta)q+\frac{3}{2}}$ (n = 1,2,..., q = 2,3,...), where $\beta > 1/4000$ and K depends only on q. Later, Hayman [8] proved that $|H_2(n)| < A n^{1/2}$ (n = 1,2,...; A is an absolute constant) for areally mean univalent functions. Pommerenke [21] investigated the Hankel determinant of areally mean p-valent functions, univalent functions as well as of starlike functions. Ehrenborg studied Hankel determinant of the exponential polynomials [6] and Noor studied Hankel determinant for Bazilevic functions in [18] and for functions with bounded boundary rotations in [17, 19] also for close-to-convex functions in [20].

A classical theorem of Fekete and Szegö [7] considered the second Hankel determinant $H_2(1) = a_3 - a_2^2$ for univalent functions. They made an early

study for the estimate of well known Fekete-Szegö functional $|a_3 - \mu a_2^2|$ when μ is real. Jenteng [12] investigated the sharp upper bound for second Hankel determinant $|H_2(2)| = |a_2a_4 - a_3^2|$ for univalent functions whose derivative has positive real part. Recently, Lee et al. [13] have obtained bounds on $|H_2(2)|$ for functions belonging to the subclasses of Ma-Minda starlike and convex functions. Further Bansal [2] have obtained bounds on $|H_2(2)|$ for some new class of analytic functions. Recently, Babalola [1], Raza and Malik [24] and Bansal et al. [3] have studied third Hankel determinant $|H_3(1)|$, for various classes of analytic and univalent functions. In the present paper we investigate the upper bound on $|H_3(1)|$ for the functions belonging to the class of close-to-convex functions $\mathcal K$ defined by (4). To derive our results, we shall need the following Lemmas:

Lemma 1 (Carathéodory's Lemma [4], see also [5, p. 41]). Let the function $p \in \mathcal{P}$ be given by the series then the sharp estimate $|c_n| \leq 2$, $n = 1, 2, \cdots$ holds. The inequality is sharp for each n.

Lemma 2 (cf. [14, p. 254], see also [15]). Let the function $\mathfrak{p} \in \mathcal{P}$ be given by (2), then

$$2c_2 = c_1^2 + x(4 - c_1^2)$$

for some x, $|x| \le 1$, and

$$4c_3 = c_1^3 + 2c_1(4 - c_1^2)x - c_1(4 - c_1^2)x^2 + 2(4 - c_1^2)(1 - |x|^2)z$$

for some z, $|z| \leq 1$.

Lemma 3 ([5, p. 44]). If $f \in S^*$ be given by (1), then $|a_n| \le n$ (n = 2,3,...). Strict inequality holds for all n unless f is rotation of the Koebe function $k(z) = z/(1-z)^2$.

Lemma 4 ([23]). If $f \in \mathcal{C}$ be given by (1), then $|a_n| \leq n$ (n = 2,3,...). Equality holds for all n when f is rotation of the Koebe function.

Lemma 5 ([10]). If $f \in \mathcal{S}^*$ be given by (1), then for any real number μ , we have

$$|a_3 - \mu a_2^2| \leq \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} 3 - 4\mu, & \mathrm{if} \quad \mu \leq \frac{1}{2} \\ 1, & \mathrm{if} \quad \frac{1}{2} \leq \mu \leq 1 \\ 4\mu - 3, & \mathrm{if} \quad \mu \geq 1. \end{array} \right.$$

Lemma 6 ([11]). If $f \in \mathcal{C}$ be given by (1), then $|\mathfrak{a}_3 - \mathfrak{a}_2^2| \leq 1$. There is a function in \mathcal{C} such that equality holds.

Lemma 7 ([12]). If $f \in S^*$ be given by (1), then $|a_2a_4 - a_3^2| \le 1$. Equality is attended for the Koebe function.

Lemma 8 ([1]). If $f \in S^*$ be given by (1), then $|a_2a_3 - a_4| \leq 2$. Equality is attained by Koebe function.

2 Main results

Our first main result is contained in the following theorem:

Theorem 1 Let the function $f \in C$ be given by (1), then

$$|a_2a_3 - a_4| \le 3. \tag{6}$$

Proof. Let the function $f \in C$ be given by (6), then from the definition, we have

$$zf'(z) = g(z)p(z), \quad z \in \mathbb{U},$$
 (7)

for $p(z) \in \mathcal{P}$. The function g(z) in (7) is a starlike function and let it have the form $g(z) = z + b_2 z^2 + b_3 z^3 + \dots$ Substituting the valves of f(z), g(z) and p(z) and equating the coefficients, we get

$$2a_2 = b_2 + c_1 \tag{8}$$

$$3a_3 = b_3 + b_2c_1 + c_2 \tag{9}$$

$$4a_4 = b_4 + b_3c_1 + b_2c_2 + c_3. (10)$$

Now

$$|a_{2}a_{3} - a_{4}| = \left| \frac{b_{2} + c_{1}}{2} \frac{b_{3} + b_{2}c_{1} + c_{2}}{3} - \frac{b_{4} + b_{3}c_{1} + b_{2}c_{2} + c_{3}}{4} \right|$$

$$= \left| \frac{1}{4} (b_{2}b_{3} - b_{4}) - \frac{c_{1}}{12} (b_{3} - 2b_{2}^{2}) - \frac{1}{12} b_{2}b_{3} + \frac{1}{6} b_{2}c_{1}^{2} + \left(\frac{c_{1}}{6} - \frac{b_{2}}{12} \right) c_{2} - \frac{c_{3}}{4} \right|$$

$$(11)$$

Substituting values of c_2 and c_3 by Lemma 2 in (11), we get

$$\begin{split} |a_2a_3-a_4| &= \left|\frac{1}{4}(b_2b_3-b_4) - \frac{c_1}{12}(b_3-2b_2^2) - \frac{1}{12}b_2b_3 \right. \\ &+ \frac{1}{6}b_2c_1^2 + \left(\frac{c_1}{6} - \frac{b_2}{12}\right)\frac{c_1^2 + (4-c_1^2)x}{2} \\ &- \frac{c_1^3 + 2c_1(4-c_1^2)x - c_1(4-c_1^2)x^2 + 2(4-c_1^2)(1-|x|^2)z}{16} \end{split}$$

$$= \left| \frac{1}{4} (b_2 b_3 - b_4) - \frac{c_1}{12} (b_3 - 2b_2^2) - \frac{1}{12} b_2 b_3 + \frac{1}{48} c_1^3 - \frac{1}{24} c_1 (4 - c_1^2) x + \frac{1}{8} b_2 c_1^2 - \frac{1}{24} b_2 (4 - c_1^2) x + \frac{1}{16} c_1 (4 - c_1^2) x^2 - \frac{1}{8} (4 - c_1^2) (1 - |x|^2) z \right|$$

By Lemma 1, we have $|c_1| \leq 2$. For convenience of notation, we take $c_1 = c$ and we may assume without loss of generality that $c \in [0, 2]$. Applying the triangle inequality with $\mu = |x|$ and using Lemma 3, Lemma 5 and Lemma 8, we obtain

$$\begin{split} |a_{2}a_{3}-a_{4}| &\leq \frac{1}{4}|b_{2}b_{3}-b_{4}| + \frac{1}{12}c|b_{3}-2b_{2}^{2}| + \frac{1}{12}|b_{2}||b_{3}| + \frac{1}{48}c^{3} + \frac{1}{8}|b_{2}|c^{2}| \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{24}(4-c^{2})(c+|b_{2}|)\mu + \frac{c}{16}(4-c^{2})\mu^{2} + \frac{1}{8}(4-c^{2})(1-\mu^{2}) \\ &\leq \frac{3}{2} + \frac{5}{12}c + \frac{1}{8}c^{2} + \frac{1}{48}c^{3} + \frac{1}{24}(4-c^{2})(c+2)\mu \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{16}(4-c^{2})(c-2)\mu^{2} = F_{1}(c,\mu). \end{split}$$

Differentiating $F_1(c, \mu)$ partially with respect to c, we have

$$\begin{split} \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial c} &= \frac{5}{12} + \frac{c}{4} + \frac{c^2}{16} + \frac{\mu}{24} (4 - 3c^2 - 4c) + \frac{\mu^2}{16} (4 - 3c^2 + 4c) \\ &= \frac{1}{12} (5 - \mu c^2) + \frac{c}{12} (3 - 2\mu) + \frac{c^2}{16} + \frac{\mu}{24} (4 - c^2) + \frac{\mu^2}{16} (2 - c) (3c + 2) > 0, \end{split}$$

for $c \in [0,2]$ and for any fixed μ with $\mu \in [0,1]$. Therefore $F_1(c,\mu)$ is an increasing function of c on the closed interval [0,2], and hence $F_1(c,\mu)$ attained its maximum value at c=2. Thus

$$\max_{0 \le c \le 2} F_1(c, \mu) = F_1(2, \mu) = G_1(\mu) \text{ (say)}. \tag{13}$$

From (12) and (13), we get $G_1(\mu) = 3$, which is independent of μ . Hence, the sharp upper bound of the functional $|a_2a_3 - a_4|$ can be obtained by setting c = 2 in (12), therefore

$$|\mathfrak{a}_2\mathfrak{a}_3-\mathfrak{a}_4|\leq 3.$$

This completes the proof of Theorem 1.

Theorem 2 Let the function $f \in C$ be given by (1), then

$$\mathsf{H}_2(2) = |\alpha_2 \alpha_4 - \alpha_3^2| \le \frac{85}{36}. \tag{14}$$

Proof. Let $f \in C$ of the form (1), then following the proof of Theorem 1, we get values of a_2 , a_3 and a_4 given in (8)-(10). Using these values, we have

$$\begin{split} |a_2a_4 - a_3^2| &= \left| \frac{b_2 + c_1}{2} \cdot \frac{b_4 + b_3c_1 + b_2c_2 + c_3}{4} - \left(\frac{b_3 + b_2c_1 + c_2}{3} \right)^2 \right| \\ &= \left| \frac{1}{8}b_2b_4 - \frac{7}{72}b_2b_3c_1 + \frac{1}{8}b_2^2c_2 + \frac{1}{8}b_2c_3 + \frac{1}{8}b_3c_1^2 - \frac{7}{72}b_2c_1c_2 \right. \\ &\left. + \frac{1}{8}b_4c_1 + \frac{1}{8}c_1c_3 - \frac{1}{9}b_3^2 - \frac{1}{9}b_2^2c_1^2 - \frac{1}{9}c_2^2 - \frac{2}{9}b_3c_2 \right| \\ &= \left| \frac{1}{8}(b_4 - b_2b_3)c_1 + \frac{1}{8}\left(b_3 - \frac{8}{9}b_2^2\right)c_1^2 + \frac{1}{8}(b_2b_4 - b_3^2) \right. \\ &\left. - \frac{2}{9}\left(b_3 - \frac{9}{16}b_2^2\right)c_2 + \frac{1}{36}b_2b_3c_1 \right. \\ &\left. + \frac{1}{8}b_2c_3 - \frac{7}{72}b_2c_1c_2 + \frac{1}{8}c_1c_3 + \frac{1}{72}b_3^2 - \frac{1}{9}c_2^2 \right| \end{split}$$

Substituting the values of c_2 and c_3 from Lemma 2 in above equation, we have

$$\begin{split} |a_2a_4-a_3^2| &= \left|\frac{1}{8}(b_4-b_2b_3)c_1 + \frac{1}{8}(b_3-\frac{8}{9}b_2^2)c_1^2 + \frac{1}{8}(b_2b_4-b_3^2) \right. \\ &- \frac{1}{9}(b_3-\frac{9}{16}b_2^2)(c_1^2 + x(4-c_1^2)) + \frac{1}{36}b_2b_3c_1 + \frac{1}{72}b_3^2 \\ &- \frac{7}{144}b_2c_1(c_1^2 + x(4-c_1^2)) - \frac{1}{36}(c_1^2 + x(4-c_1^2))^2 \\ &+ \frac{1}{32}(b_2+c_1)[c_1^3 + 2c_1(4-c_1^2)x - c_1(4-c_1^2)x^2 \\ &+ 2(1-|x|^2)(4-c_1^2)z] \right| \\ &= \left|\frac{1}{8}(b_4-b_2b_3)c_1 + \frac{1}{8}(b_3-\frac{8}{9}b_2^2)c_1^2 + \frac{1}{8}(b_2b_4-b_3^2) \right. \\ &- \frac{1}{9}(b_3-\frac{9}{16}b_2^2)c_1^2 - \frac{1}{9}(b_3-\frac{9}{16}b_2^2)(4-c_1^2)x + \frac{1}{36}b_2b_3c_1 \\ &+ \frac{1}{72}b_3^2 - \frac{5}{288}b_2c_1^3 + \frac{1}{288}c_1^4 + \frac{1}{72}b_2c_1(4-c_1^2)x + \frac{1}{144}c_1^2x(4-c_1^2) \\ &- \frac{1}{36}x^2(4-c_1^2)^2 - \frac{1}{32}c_1b_2x^2(4-c_1^2) - \frac{1}{32}c_1^2(4-c_1^2)x^2 \\ &+ \frac{1}{16}(b_2+c_1)(4-c_1^2)(1-|x|^2)z \right| \end{split}$$

By Lemma 1, we have $|c_1| \leq 2$. For convenience of notation, we take $c_1 = c$ and we may assume without loss of generality that $c \in [0,2]$. Applying the triangle inequality in above equation with $\mu = |x|$ and using Lemma 3, Lemma 5, Lemma 7 and Lemma 8, we obtain

$$\begin{split} |a_2a_4-a_3^2| & \leq \frac{1}{8}|b_4-b_2b_3|c+\frac{1}{8}|b_3-\frac{8}{9}b_2^2|c^2+\frac{1}{8}|b_2b_4-b_3^2|+\frac{1}{9}|b_3\\ & -\frac{9}{16}b_2^2|c^2+\frac{1}{9}|b_3-\frac{9}{16}b_2^2|(4-c^2)\mu+\frac{1}{36}|b_2||b_3|c+\frac{1}{72}|b_3|^2\\ & +\frac{5}{288}|b_2|c^3+\frac{1}{288}c^4+\frac{1}{72}|b_2|c(4-c^2)\mu+\frac{1}{144}c^2(4-c^2)\mu\\ & +\frac{1}{36}(4-c^2)^2\mu^2+\frac{1}{32}|b_2|c(4-c^2)\mu^2+\frac{1}{32}c^2\mu^2(4-c^2)\\ & +\frac{1}{16}(|b_2|+c)(4-c^2)(1-\mu^2)\\ & \leq \frac{1}{4}c+\frac{1}{8}c^2+\frac{1}{8}+\frac{1}{9}c^2+\frac{1}{9}(4-c^2)\mu+\frac{1}{6}c+\frac{1}{8}+\frac{5}{144}c^3\\ & +\frac{1}{288}c^4+\frac{1}{36}c(4-c^2)\mu+\frac{1}{144}c^2(4-c^2)\mu+\frac{1}{36}(4-c^2)^2\mu^2\\ & +\frac{1}{16}c(4-c^2)\mu^2+\frac{1}{32}c^2\mu^2(4-c^2)+\frac{1}{16}(2+c)(4-c^2)(1-\mu^2)\\ & =\frac{3}{4}+\frac{2}{3}c+\frac{1}{9}c^2-\frac{1}{36}c^3+\frac{1}{288}c^4+\mu(4-c^2)\left(\frac{1}{9}+\frac{1}{36}c+\frac{1}{144}c^2\right)\\ & +\frac{1}{288}(c^2-4)(4-c^2)\mu^2=F_2(c,\mu) \end{split}$$

Differentiating $F_2(c, \mu)$ in above equation with respect to μ , we get

$$\begin{split} \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial \mu} &= \left(\frac{1}{9} + \frac{1}{36}c + \frac{1}{144}c^2\right)(4-c^2) + \frac{1}{144}(c^2-4)(4-c^2)\mu \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{36}(4-\mu) + \frac{1}{36}c + \frac{1}{144}c^2 + \frac{1}{144}\mu c^2\right)(4-c^2) > 0 \quad \mathrm{for} \quad 0 \leq \mu \leq 1. \end{split}$$

Therefore $F_2(c,\mu)$ is an increasing function of μ for $0 \le \mu \le 1$ and for any fixed c with $c \in [0,2]$. Hence it attains maximum value at $\mu = 1$. Thus

$$\max_{0 < \mu < 1} F_2(c, \mu) = F_2(c, 1) = G_2(c) \text{ (say)}. \tag{16}$$

Therefore from (15) and (16), we have

$$G_2(c) = \frac{1}{144}(164 + 112c + 8c^2 - 8c^3 - c^4).$$
 (17)

Now

$$\begin{split} G_2'(c) &= \frac{1}{36}[28 + 4c - 6c^2 - c^3] \\ &= \frac{1}{36}[4 + (6+c)(4-c^2)] > 0 \quad \mathrm{for} \quad c \in [0,2]. \end{split}$$

This shows that $G_2(c)$ is an increasing function of c, hence it will attains maximum value at c=2. Therefore

$$\max_{0 \le c \le 2} G_2(c) = G_2(2) = \frac{85}{36}.$$

Hence the upper bound on $|a_2a_4 - a_3^2|$ can be obtained by setting $\mu = 1$ and c = 2 in (15) or c = 2 in (17), therefore

$$|a_2a_4-a_3^2|\leq \frac{85}{36}.$$

Theorem 3 Let the function $f \in C$ be given by (1), then

$$|H_3(1)| \le \frac{289}{12}. (18)$$

Proof. Let $f \in \mathcal{C}$ of the form (1), then by definition $H_3(1)$ is given by

$$H_{3}(1) = \begin{vmatrix} a_{1} & a_{2} & a_{3} \\ a_{2} & a_{3} & a_{4} \\ a_{3} & a_{4} & a_{5} \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= a_{3}(a_{2}a_{4} - a_{3}^{2}) - a_{4}(a_{4} - a_{2}a_{3}) + a_{5}(a_{3} - a_{2}^{2}).$$
(19)

Using the triangle inequality in (19), we have

$$|\mathsf{H}_3(1)| = |\mathsf{a}_3||\mathsf{a}_2\mathsf{a}_4 - \mathsf{a}_3^2| + |\mathsf{a}_4||\mathsf{a}_4 - \mathsf{a}_2\mathsf{a}_3| + |\mathsf{a}_5||\mathsf{a}_3 - \mathsf{a}_2^2|. \tag{20}$$

Now applying Lemma 4, Lemma 6, Theorem 1 and Theorem 2 in (20), we finally have the bound on $H_3(1)$ as desired.

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