

# 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:

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

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

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

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:

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

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:

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

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

$$H_q(n) = \begin{vmatrix} a_n & a_{n+1} & \dots & a_{n+q-1} \\ a_{n+1} & \dots & \dots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ a_{n+q-1} & \dots & \dots & a_{n+2(q-1)} \end{vmatrix} \quad (a_1 = 1). \quad (5)$$

The Hankel determinants  $H_q(n)$  have been investigated by several authors to study its rate of growth as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  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  $|H_q(n)| < Kn^{-(\frac{1}{2}+\beta)q+\frac{3}{2}}$  ( $n = 1, 2, \dots$ ,  $q = 2, 3, \dots$ ), where  $\beta > 1/4000$  and  $K$  depends only on  $q$ . Later, Hayman [8] proved that  $|H_2(n)| < An^{1/2}$  ( $n = 1, 2, \dots$ ;  $A$  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 Szegő [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-Szegő functional*  $|a_3 - \mu a_2^2|$  when  $\mu$  is real. Jenteng [12] investigated the sharp upper bound for second Hankel determinant  $|H_2(2)| = |a_2 a_4 - a_3^2|$  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  $|c_n| \leq 2$ ,  $n = 1, 2, \dots$  holds. The inequality is sharp for each  $n$ .*

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

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

for some  $x$ ,  $|x| \leq 1$ , 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  $f \in \mathcal{S}^*$  be given by (1), then  $|a_n| \leq n$  ( $n = 2, 3, \dots$ ). 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  $|a_n| \leq n$  ( $n = 2, 3, \dots$ ). 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  $\mu$ , we have*

$$|a_3 - \mu a_2^2| \leq \begin{cases} 3 - 4\mu, & \text{if } \mu \leq \frac{1}{2} \\ 1, & \text{if } \frac{1}{2} \leq \mu \leq 1 \\ 4\mu - 3, & \text{if } \mu \geq 1. \end{cases}$$

**Lemma 6** ([11]). *If  $f \in \mathcal{C}$  be given by (1), then  $|a_3 - a_2^2| \leq 1$ . There is a function in  $\mathcal{C}$  such that equality holds.*

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

**Lemma 8** ([1]). If  $f \in \mathcal{S}^*$  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  $f \in \mathcal{C}$  be given by (1), then

$$|a_2a_3 - a_4| \leq 3. \quad (6)$$

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

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

for  $p(z) \in \mathcal{P}$ . The function  $g(z)$  in (7) is a starlike function and let it have the form  $g(z) = z + b_2z^2 + b_3z^3 + \dots$ . Substituting the values of  $f(z)$ ,  $g(z)$  and  $p(z)$  and equating the coefficients, we get

$$2a_2 = b_2 + c_1 \quad (8)$$

$$3a_3 = b_3 + b_2c_1 + c_2 \quad (9)$$

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

Now

$$\begin{aligned} |a_2a_3 - a_4| &= \left| \frac{b_2 + c_1}{2} \frac{b_3 + b_2c_1 + c_2}{3} - \frac{b_4 + b_3c_1 + b_2c_2 + c_3}{4} \right| \\ &= \left| \frac{1}{4}(b_2b_3 - b_4) - \frac{c_1}{12}(b_3 - 2b_2^2) - \frac{1}{12}b_2b_3 + \frac{1}{6}b_2c_1^2 \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \left( \frac{c_1}{6} - \frac{b_2}{12} \right) c_2 - \frac{c_3}{4} \right| \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

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

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

$$= \left| \frac{1}{4}(b_2b_3 - b_4) - \frac{c_1}{12}(b_3 - 2b_2^2) - \frac{1}{12}b_2b_3 + \frac{1}{48}c_1^3 - \frac{1}{24}c_1(4 - c_1^2)x + \frac{1}{8}b_2c_1^2 \right. \\ \left. - \frac{1}{24}b_2(4 - c_1^2)x + \frac{1}{16}c_1(4 - c_1^2)x^2 - \frac{1}{8}(4 - c_1^2)(1 - |x|^2)z \right|$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} |a_2a_3 - a_4| &\leq \frac{1}{4}|b_2b_3 - b_4| + \frac{1}{12}c|b_3 - 2b_2^2| + \frac{1}{12}|b_2||b_3| + \frac{1}{48}c^3 + \frac{1}{8}|b_2|c^2 \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{24}(4 - c^2)(c + |b_2|)\mu + \frac{c}{16}(4 - c^2)\mu^2 + \frac{1}{8}(4 - c^2)(1 - \mu^2) \\ &\leq \frac{3}{2} + \frac{5}{12}c + \frac{1}{8}c^2 + \frac{1}{48}c^3 + \frac{1}{24}(4 - c^2)(c + 2)\mu \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{16}(4 - c^2)(c - 2)\mu^2 = F_1(c, \mu). \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

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

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

for  $c \in [0, 2]$  and for any fixed  $\mu$  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

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

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

$$|a_2a_3 - a_4| \leq 3.$$

This completes the proof of Theorem 1. □

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

$$H_2(2) = |a_2a_4 - a_3^2| \leq \frac{85}{36}. \quad (14)$$

**Proof.** Let  $f \in \mathcal{C}$  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

$$\begin{aligned}
 |a_2 a_4 - a_3^2| &= \left| \frac{b_2 + c_1}{2} \cdot \frac{b_4 + b_3 c_1 + b_2 c_2 + c_3}{4} - \left( \frac{b_3 + b_2 c_1 + c_2}{3} \right)^2 \right| \\
 &= \left| \frac{1}{8} b_2 b_4 - \frac{7}{72} b_2 b_3 c_1 + \frac{1}{8} b_2^2 c_2 + \frac{1}{8} b_2 c_3 + \frac{1}{8} b_3 c_1^2 - \frac{7}{72} b_2 c_1 c_2 \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \frac{1}{8} b_4 c_1 + \frac{1}{8} c_1 c_3 - \frac{1}{9} b_3^2 - \frac{1}{9} b_2^2 c_1^2 - \frac{1}{9} c_2^2 - \frac{2}{9} b_3 c_2 \right| \\
 &= \left| \frac{1}{8} (b_4 - b_2 b_3) c_1 + \frac{1}{8} \left( b_3 - \frac{8}{9} b_2^2 \right) c_1^2 + \frac{1}{8} (b_2 b_4 - b_3^2) \right. \\
 &\quad \left. - \frac{2}{9} \left( b_3 - \frac{9}{16} b_2^2 \right) c_2 + \frac{1}{36} b_2 b_3 c_1 \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \frac{1}{8} b_2 c_3 - \frac{7}{72} b_2 c_1 c_2 + \frac{1}{8} c_1 c_3 + \frac{1}{72} b_3^2 - \frac{1}{9} c_2^2 \right|
 \end{aligned}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned}
 |a_2 a_4 - a_3^2| &= \left| \frac{1}{8} (b_4 - b_2 b_3) c_1 + \frac{1}{8} \left( b_3 - \frac{8}{9} b_2^2 \right) c_1^2 + \frac{1}{8} (b_2 b_4 - b_3^2) \right. \\
 &\quad \left. - \frac{1}{9} \left( b_3 - \frac{9}{16} b_2^2 \right) (c_1^2 + x(4 - c_1^2)) + \frac{1}{36} b_2 b_3 c_1 + \frac{1}{72} b_3^2 \right. \\
 &\quad \left. - \frac{7}{144} b_2 c_1 (c_1^2 + x(4 - c_1^2)) - \frac{1}{36} (c_1^2 + x(4 - c_1^2))^2 \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \frac{1}{32} (b_2 + c_1) [c_1^3 + 2c_1(4 - c_1^2)x - c_1(4 - c_1^2)x^2 \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + 2(1 - |x|^2)(4 - c_1^2)z] \right| \\
 &= \left| \frac{1}{8} (b_4 - b_2 b_3) c_1 + \frac{1}{8} \left( b_3 - \frac{8}{9} b_2^2 \right) c_1^2 + \frac{1}{8} (b_2 b_4 - b_3^2) \right. \\
 &\quad \left. - \frac{1}{9} \left( b_3 - \frac{9}{16} b_2^2 \right) c_1^2 - \frac{1}{9} \left( b_3 - \frac{9}{16} b_2^2 \right) (4 - c_1^2)x + \frac{1}{36} b_2 b_3 c_1 \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \frac{1}{72} b_3^2 - \frac{5}{288} b_2 c_1^3 + \frac{1}{288} c_1^4 + \frac{1}{72} b_2 c_1 (4 - c_1^2)x + \frac{1}{144} c_1^2 x(4 - c_1^2) \right. \\
 &\quad \left. - \frac{1}{36} x^2 (4 - c_1^2)^2 - \frac{1}{32} c_1 b_2 x^2 (4 - c_1^2) - \frac{1}{32} c_1^2 (4 - c_1^2) x^2 \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \frac{1}{16} (b_2 + c_1) (4 - c_1^2) (1 - |x|^2) z \right|
 \end{aligned}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned}
 |a_2 a_4 - a_3^2| &\leq \frac{1}{8}|b_4 - b_2 b_3|c + \frac{1}{8}|b_3 - \frac{8}{9}b_2^2|c^2 + \frac{1}{8}|b_2 b_4 - b_3^2| + \frac{1}{9}|b_3| \\
 &\quad - \frac{9}{16}b_2^2|c^2 + \frac{1}{9}|b_3 - \frac{9}{16}b_2^2|(4 - c^2)\mu + \frac{1}{36}|b_2||b_3|c + \frac{1}{72}|b_3|^2 \\
 &\quad + \frac{5}{288}|b_2|c^3 + \frac{1}{288}c^4 + \frac{1}{72}|b_2|c(4 - c^2)\mu + \frac{1}{144}c^2(4 - c^2)\mu \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{36}(4 - c^2)^2\mu^2 + \frac{1}{32}|b_2|c(4 - c^2)\mu^2 + \frac{1}{32}c^2\mu^2(4 - c^2) \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{16}(|b_2| + c)(4 - c^2)(1 - \mu^2) \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{4}c + \frac{1}{8}c^2 + \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{9}c^2 + \frac{1}{9}(4 - c^2)\mu + \frac{1}{6}c + \frac{1}{8} + \frac{5}{144}c^3 \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{288}c^4 + \frac{1}{36}c(4 - c^2)\mu + \frac{1}{144}c^2(4 - c^2)\mu + \frac{1}{36}(4 - c^2)^2\mu^2 \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{16}c(4 - c^2)\mu^2 + \frac{1}{32}c^2\mu^2(4 - c^2) + \frac{1}{16}(2 + c)(4 - c^2)(1 - \mu^2) \\
 &= \frac{3}{4} + \frac{2}{3}c + \frac{1}{9}c^2 - \frac{1}{36}c^3 + \frac{1}{288}c^4 + \mu(4 - c^2)\left(\frac{1}{9} + \frac{1}{36}c + \frac{1}{144}c^2\right) \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{288}(c^2 - 4)(4 - c^2)\mu^2 = F_2(c, \mu)
 \end{aligned} \tag{15}$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

Now

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

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

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

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  $f \in \mathcal{C}$  be given by (1), then

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

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

$$\begin{aligned} H_3(1) &= \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ a_2 & a_3 & a_4 \\ a_3 & a_4 & a_5 \end{vmatrix} \\ &= a_3(a_2a_4 - a_3^2) - a_4(a_4 - a_2a_3) + a_5(a_3 - a_2^2). \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

Using the triangle inequality in (19), we have

$$|H_3(1)| = |a_3||a_2a_4 - a_3^2| + |a_4||a_4 - a_2a_3| + |a_5||a_3 - a_2^2|. \quad (20)$$

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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