

## Coefficient estimates of some classes of rational functions

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### Abstract

*The purpose of the present paper is to introduce several new subclasses of the function class  $\sigma$  of analytic and bi-univalent functions in the open unit disk  $U$ . Furthermore, we obtain estimates on the first two Taylor-Maclaurin coefficients  $|a_2|$  and  $|a_3|$  for functions belonging to these new subclasses*

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## 1 Introduction

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be the class of all analytic functions  $f$  in the open unit disk  $\Delta = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < 1\}$  and normalized by the conditions  $f(0) = 0$  and  $f'(0) = 1$ ,  $\mathbb{C}$  being, as usual, the set of complex numbers. Further, by  $\wp$  we shall denote the subclass of all functions in  $\mathcal{A}$  which are univalent in  $\Delta$ . If the functions  $f$  and  $g$  are analytic in  $\Delta$ , then  $f$  is said to be subordinate to  $g$ , written  $f(z) \prec g(z)$ , provided there is an analytic function  $w(z)$  defined on  $\Delta$  with  $w(0) = 0$  and  $|w(z)| < 1$  so that  $f(z) = g(w(z))$ . Some of the important and well-investigated subclasses of the univalent function class  $\wp$  include (for example) the class  $S(\alpha)$  of starlike functions of order  $\alpha$  in  $\Delta$  and the class  $C(\alpha)$  of convex

functions of order  $\alpha$  in  $\Delta$ . By definition, we have

$$S(\alpha) = \left\{ f : f \in \wp \text{ and } \Re \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} > \alpha \quad (z \in \Delta, 0 \leq \alpha < 1) \right\} \quad (1)$$

and

$$C(\alpha) = \left\{ f : f \in \wp \text{ and } zf'(z) \in S(\alpha) \quad (z \in \Delta, 0 \leq \alpha < 1) \right\}. \quad (2)$$

In [12], the authors introduced the class  $S(\phi)$  of the so-called Ma and Minda starlike functions and the class  $C(\phi)$  of Ma and Minda convex functions, unifying several previously studied classes related to those of starlike and convex functions. The class  $S(\phi)$  consists of all the functions  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  satisfying subordination  $\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \prec \phi(z)$ , whereas  $C(\phi)$  is formed with functions  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  for which the subordination  $1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \prec \phi(z)$  holds.

It is well known that for each  $f \in \wp$ , the koebe one-quarter Theorem [7] ensures the image of  $\Delta$  under  $f$  contains a disk of radius  $1/4$ . Thus every univalent function  $f \in \wp$  has an inverse  $f^{-1}$  which satisfies

$$f^{-1}(f(z)) = z \quad (|z| < 1)$$

and

$$f(f^{-1}(w)) = w, \quad (|w| < r_0(f), r_0(f) \leq 1/4).$$

A function  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  is said to bi-univalent in  $\Delta$  if both  $f$  and  $f^{-1}$  are univalent in  $\Delta$ . Let  $\sigma$  denote the class of bi-univalent functions defined in the unit disk  $\Delta$ . The class of bi-univalent functions was first introduced and studied by Lewin [11], where it was proved that  $|a_2| < 1.51$ . Brannan and Clunie [3] improved Lewin's result to  $|a_2| < \sqrt{2}$  and later Netanyahu [16] proved that  $|a_2| < \frac{3}{4}$ . Brannan and Taha [4] and Taha [26] considered certain subclasses of bi-univalent functions, similar to the familiar subclasses of univalent functions consisting of strongly starlike and convex functions. They introduced bi-starlike functions and bi-convex functions and found non-sharp estimates on the first two Taylor-Maclaurin coefficients  $|a_2|$  and  $|a_3|$ . The pioneering work by Srivastava et al. [23] actually revived the study of bi-univalent functions in recent years. In fact, ever since the publication of their widely-cited paper [23], several results on coefficient bound estimates for the initial and other coefficients were proved for various subclasses of the bi-univalent function  $\sigma$  (see, for example, [1, 2, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 13, 15, 19, 21, 24, 27, 28, 22, 25]).

In [14], Mitrinovic essentially investigated certain geometric properties of functions  $\psi$  of the form

$$\psi(z) = \frac{z}{g(z)}, \quad g(z) = 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n z^n. \quad (3)$$

In [20], Reade et al. derived coefficient conditions that guarantee the univalence, starlikeness or convexity of rational functions of the form (3), these results have been improved and generalized in [17]. In this paper, estimates on the initial coefficients for several subclasses of the bi-univalent function class  $\sigma$  of rational form (3) are obtained. Several related classes are also considered.

In order to derive our main results, we require the following lemma.

**Lemma 1.1** (see [18]) *If  $p(z) = 1 + c_1z + c_2z^2 + c_3z^3 + \dots$  is an analytic function in  $\Delta$  with positive real part, then*

$$|c_n| \leq 2 \quad (n \in \mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, \dots\}). \quad (4)$$

## 2 Coefficients estimates

Let  $\phi$  be an analytic function with positive real part in the unit disk  $\Delta$ , satisfying  $\phi(0) = 1$ ,  $\phi'(0) > 0$ , and  $\phi(\Delta)$  is symmetric with respect to the real axis, such a function has a Taylor series of the form:

$$\phi(z) = 1 + B_1z + B_2z^2 + B_3z^3 + \dots \quad (B_1 > 0). \quad (5)$$

A function  $\psi(z) \in \mathcal{A}$  with  $\operatorname{Re}(\psi'(z)) > 0$  is known to be univalent. This motivates the following class of functions.

**Definition 2.1** *A function  $\psi \in \sigma$  given by (3) is said to be in the class  $\mathfrak{R}_\sigma(\phi)$  if it satisfies the following conditions:*

$$\left[ (1 + e^{i\gamma}) \frac{z\psi'(z)}{\psi(z)} - e^{i\gamma} \right] \prec \phi(z) \quad (z \in \Delta, \gamma \in \mathbb{R})$$

and

$$\left[ (1 + e^{i\gamma}) \frac{wg'(w)}{g(w)} - e^{i\gamma} \right] \prec \phi(w) \quad (w \in \Delta, \gamma \in \mathbb{R}),$$

where  $g(w) := \psi^{-1}(w)$ .

**Theorem 2.2** *Let  $\psi(z) \in \mathfrak{R}_\sigma(\phi)$  be of the form (3). Then*

$$|a_1| \leq \frac{B_1\sqrt{B_1}}{\sqrt{|1 + e^{i\gamma}| |B_1^2 + (1 + e^{i\gamma})(B_1 - B_2)|}} \quad \text{and} \quad |a_2| \leq \frac{B_1}{2|1 + e^{i\gamma}|} \quad (6)$$

**Proof.** Let  $\psi(z) \in \mathfrak{R}_\sigma(\phi)$  and  $g = \psi^{-1}$ . Then there exist two functions  $u$  and  $v$ , analytic in  $\Delta$ , with  $u(0) = v(0) = 0$ ,  $|u(z)| < 1$  and  $|v(w)| < 1$ ,  $z, w \in \Delta$ , such that

$$\left[ (1 + e^{i\gamma}) \frac{z\psi'(z)}{\psi(z)} - e^{i\gamma} \right] = \phi(u(z))$$

and

$$\left[ (1 + e^{i\gamma}) \frac{wg'(w)}{g(w)} - e^{i\gamma} \right] = \phi(v(w)). \quad (7)$$

Next, define the functions  $p_1$  and  $p_2$  by

$$p_1(z) = \frac{1 + u(z)}{1 - u(z)} = 1 + c_1z + c_2z^2 + \dots$$

and

$$p_2(w) = \frac{1 + v(w)}{1 - v(w)} = 1 + b_1w + b_2^2w^2 + \dots,$$

or, equivalently,

$$u(z) = \frac{p_1(z) - 1}{p_1(z) + 1} = \frac{1}{2} \left[ c_1z + \left( c_2 - \frac{c_1^2}{2} \right) z^2 + \dots \right], \quad (8)$$

and

$$v(w) = \frac{p_2(w) - 1}{p_2(w) + 1} = \frac{1}{2} \left[ b_1w + \left( b_2 - \frac{b_1^2}{2} \right) w^2 + \dots \right]. \quad (9)$$

Then  $p_1$  and  $p_2$  analytic in  $\Delta$  with  $p_1(0) = 1 = p_2(0)$ . Since  $u, v : \Delta \rightarrow \Delta$ , the functions  $p_1$  and  $p_2$  have a positive real part in  $\Delta$ ,  $|b_i| \leq 2$  and  $|c_i| \leq 2$ .

Clearly, upon substituting from (8) and (9) into (7), if we make use of (5), we find that

$$\begin{aligned} \left[ (1 + e^{i\gamma}) \frac{z\psi'(z)}{\psi(z)} - e^{i\gamma} \right] &= \phi\left(\frac{p_1(z) - 1}{p_1(z) + 1}\right) = 1 + \frac{1}{2}B_1c_1z \\ &+ \left[ \frac{1}{2}B_1 \left( c_2 - \frac{c_1^2}{2} \right) + \frac{1}{4}B_2c_1^2 \right] z^2 + \dots, \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \left[ (1 + e^{i\gamma}) \frac{wg'(w)}{g(w)} - e^{i\gamma} \right] &= \phi\left(\frac{p_2(w) - 1}{p_2(w) + 1}\right) = 1 + \frac{1}{2}B_1b_1w \\ &+ \left[ \frac{1}{2}B_1 \left( b_2 - \frac{b_1^2}{2} \right) + \frac{1}{4}B_2b_1^2 \right] w^2 + \dots \dots (11) \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\psi \in \sigma$  has the Maclaurin's series given by

$$\psi(z) = z - a_1 z^2 + (a_1^2 - a_2) z^3 + \dots, \quad (12)$$

a computation shows that its inverse  $g = \psi^{-1}$  has the expansion

$$g(w) = \psi^{-1}(w) = w + a_1 w^2 + (a_1^2 + a_2) w^3 + \dots. \quad (13)$$

Since

$$\left[ (1 + e^{i\gamma}) \frac{z\psi'(z)}{\psi(z)} - e^{i\gamma} \right] = 1 - (1 + e^{i\gamma}) a_1 z + (1 + e^{i\gamma}) (a_1^2 - 2a_2) z^2 + \dots$$

and

$$\left[ (1 + e^{i\gamma}) \frac{wg'(w)}{g(w)} - e^{i\gamma} \right] = 1 + (1 + e^{i\gamma}) a_1 w + (1 + e^{i\gamma}) (a_1^2 + 2a_2) w^2 + \dots.$$

Using (12) and (13) in (10) and (11) respectively, we get

$$-(1 + e^{i\gamma}) a_1 = \frac{1}{2} B_1 c_1 \quad (14)$$

$$(1 + e^{i\gamma}) (a_1^2 - 2a_2) = \frac{1}{2} B_1 (c_2 - \frac{c_1^2}{2}) + \frac{1}{4} B_2 c_1^2, \quad (15)$$

$$(1 + e^{i\gamma}) a_1 = \frac{1}{2} B_1 b_1 \quad (16)$$

and

$$(1 + e^{i\gamma}) (a_1^2 + 2a_2) = \frac{1}{2} B_1 (b_2 - \frac{b_1^2}{2}) + \frac{1}{4} B_2 b_1^2. \quad (17)$$

From (14) and (16), we have

$$c_1 = -b_1. \quad (18)$$

Adding (15) and (17), then using (14) and (18), we get

$$a_1^2 = \frac{B_1^3 (c_2 + b_2)}{4(1 + e^{i\gamma}) [B_1^2 + (1 + e^{i\gamma}) (B_1 - B_2)]},$$

and now, by applying Lemma 1.1 for the coefficients  $b_2$  and  $c_2$ , the last equation gives the bound of  $|a_1|$  from (6). By subtracting (17) from (15), further computations using (18) lead to

$$a_2 = \frac{1}{8(1 + e^{i\gamma})} B_1 (b_2 - c_2).$$

The bound of  $|a_2|$ , as asserted in (6), is now a consequence of Lemma 1.1, and this completes our proof.

If we set

$$\phi(z) = \left( \frac{1+z}{1-z} \right)^\eta = 1 + 2\eta z + 2\eta^2 z^2 + \dots \quad (0 < \eta \leq 1, z \in \Delta).$$

in Definition 2.1 of the bi-univalent function class  $\mathfrak{R}_\sigma(\phi)$ , we obtain a new class  $\mathfrak{R}_\sigma(\eta)$  given by Definition 2.3 below.

**Definition 2.3** For  $0 < \eta \leq 1$ , a function  $\psi \in \sigma$  given by (3) is said to be in the class  $\mathfrak{R}_\sigma(\eta)$  if it satisfies the following conditions:

$$\left[ (1 + e^{i\gamma}) \frac{z\psi'(z)}{\psi(z)} - e^{i\gamma} \right] \prec \left( \frac{1+z}{1-z} \right)^\eta \quad (z \in \Delta, \gamma \in \mathbb{R})$$

and

$$\left[ (1 + e^{i\gamma}) \frac{wg'(w)}{g(w)} - e^{i\gamma} \right] \prec \left( \frac{1+w}{1-w} \right)^\eta \quad (w \in \Delta, \gamma \in \mathbb{R}),$$

where  $g(w) := \psi^{-1}(w)$ .

Using the parameter setting of Definition 2.3 in Theorem 2.2, we get the following corollary.

**Corollary 2.4** For  $0 < \eta \leq 1$ , let the function  $\psi \in \mathfrak{R}_\sigma(\eta)$  be of the form (3). Then

$$|a_1| \leq \frac{\eta}{\sqrt{|1 + e^{i\gamma}| |2\eta + (1 + e^{i\gamma})(1 - \eta)|}} \quad \text{and} \quad |a_2| \leq \frac{\eta}{|1 + e^{i\gamma}|}.$$

Let

$$\phi(z) = \frac{1 + (1 - 2\nu)z}{1 - z} = 1 + 2(1 - \nu)z + 2(1 - \nu)z^2 + \dots \quad (0 < \nu \leq 1, z \in \Delta).$$

in Definition 2.1 of the bi-univalent function class  $\mathfrak{R}_\sigma(\phi)$ , we obtain a new class  $\mathcal{H}_\sigma(\nu)$  given by Definition 2.5 below.

**Definition 2.5** For  $0 < \nu \leq 1$ , a function  $\psi \in \sigma$  given by (3) is said to be in the class  $\mathcal{H}_\sigma(\nu)$  if the following conditions holds true:

$$\left[ (1 + e^{i\gamma}) \frac{z\psi'(z)}{\psi(z)} - e^{i\gamma} \right] \prec \frac{1 + (1 - 2\nu)z}{1 - z} \quad (z \in \Delta, \gamma \in \mathbb{R})$$

and

$$\left[ (1 + e^{i\gamma}) \frac{wg'(w)}{g(w)} - e^{i\gamma} \right] \prec \frac{1 + (1 - 2\nu)w}{1 - w} \quad (w \in \Delta, \gamma \in \mathbb{R}),$$

where  $g(w) := \psi^{-1}(w)$ .

Using the parameter setting of Definition 2.5 in Theorem 2.2 we get the following corollary.

**Corollary 2.6** For  $0 < \nu \leq 1$ , let the function  $\psi \in \mathfrak{R}_\sigma(\nu)$  be given by (3). Then

$$|a_1| \leq \sqrt{\frac{2(1-\nu)}{|1+e^{i\gamma}|}} \quad \text{and} \quad |a_2| \leq \frac{(1-\nu)}{|1+e^{i\gamma}|}.$$

**Definition 2.7** A function  $\psi \in \sigma$  is given by (3) is said to be in the class  $S_\sigma(\lambda, \mu, \phi)$  if it satisfies the following subordination conditions:

$$(1-\lambda) \left( \frac{\psi(z)}{z} \right)^\mu + \lambda \psi'(z) \left( \frac{\psi(z)}{z} \right)^{\mu-1} \prec \phi(z) \quad (0 < \mu < 1; 0 \leq \lambda \leq 1 \text{ and } z \in \Delta)$$

and

$$(1-\lambda) \left( \frac{g(w)}{w} \right)^\mu + \lambda g'(w) \left( \frac{g(w)}{w} \right)^{\mu-1} \prec \phi(w) \quad (0 < \mu < 1; 0 \leq \lambda \leq 1 \text{ and } w \in \Delta),$$

where  $g(w) := \psi^{-1}(w)$ .

For functions in the class  $S_\sigma(\lambda, \mu, \phi)$ , the following coefficient estimates are obtained.

**Theorem 2.8** Let  $\psi(z) \in S_\sigma(\lambda, \mu, \phi)$  be of the form (3). Then

$$|a_1| \leq \frac{B_1 \sqrt{B_1}}{\sqrt{\left| B_1^2 \left[ \frac{\mu(\mu+2\lambda+1)}{2} + \lambda \right] + (B_1 - B_2) [\mu(1-2\lambda) - \lambda]^2 \right|}}, \quad (19)$$

and

$$|a_2| \leq \frac{B_1}{(\mu + 2\lambda)}. \quad (20)$$

**Proof.** Let  $\psi \in S_\sigma(\lambda, \mu, \phi)$ , there are two Schwarz functions  $u$  and  $v$  defined by (8) and (9) respectively, such that

$$\begin{aligned} (1-\lambda) \left( \frac{\psi(z)}{z} \right)^\mu + \lambda \psi'(z) \left( \frac{\psi(z)}{z} \right)^{\mu-1} &= \phi(u(z)) \quad \text{and} \quad (21) \\ (1-\lambda) \left( \frac{\psi(w)}{w} \right)^\mu + \lambda \psi'(w) \left( \frac{\psi(w)}{w} \right)^{\mu-1} &= \phi(v(w)). \end{aligned}$$

Since

$$\begin{aligned} & (1 - \lambda) \left( \frac{\psi(z)}{z} \right)^\mu + \lambda \psi'(z) \left( \frac{\psi(z)}{z} \right)^{\mu-1} \\ &= 1 - [\mu(1 - 2\lambda) - \lambda] a_1 z + \left[ \left( \frac{\mu(\mu + 2\lambda + 1)}{2} + \lambda \right) a_1^2 - (2\lambda + \mu) a_2 \right] z^2 + \dots \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} & (1 - \lambda) \left( \frac{g(w)}{w} \right)^\mu + \lambda g'(w) \left( \frac{g(w)}{w} \right)^{\mu-1} \\ &= 1 + [\mu(1 - 2\lambda) - \lambda] a_1 w + \left[ \left( \frac{\mu(\mu + 2\lambda + 1)}{2} + \lambda \right) a_1^2 + (2\lambda + \mu) a_2 \right] w^2 + \dots \end{aligned}$$

Then (12), (13) and (21) yields

$$- [\mu(1 - 2\lambda) - \lambda] a_1 = \frac{1}{2} B_1 c_1 \quad (22)$$

$$\left( \frac{\mu(\mu + 2\lambda + 1)}{2} + \lambda \right) a_1^2 - (2\lambda + \mu) a_2 = \frac{1}{2} B_1 (c_2 - \frac{c_1^2}{2}) + \frac{1}{4} B_2 c_1^2, \quad (23)$$

$$[\mu(1 - 2\lambda) - \lambda] a_1 = \frac{1}{2} B_1 b_1 \quad (24)$$

and

$$\left( \frac{\mu(\mu + 2\lambda + 1)}{2} + \lambda \right) a_1^2 + (2\lambda + \mu) a_2 = \frac{1}{2} B_1 (b_2 - \frac{b_1^2}{2}) + \frac{1}{4} B_2 b_1^2. \quad (25)$$

From (22) and (24), we get

$$c_1 = -b_1, \quad (26)$$

and after some further calculations using (23)-(26) we find

$$a_1^2 = \frac{B_1^3 (c_2 + b_2)}{4 \left[ B_1^2 \left( \frac{\mu(\mu + 2\lambda + 1)}{2} + \lambda \right) + (B_1 - B_2) [\mu(1 - 2\lambda) - \lambda]^2 \right]},$$

and

$$a_2 = \frac{B_1 (b_2 - c_2)}{4(\mu + 2\lambda)}.$$

Applying Lemma 1.1, the estimates in (19) and (20) follow.



**Definition 2.9** For  $0 < \eta \leq 1$ , a function  $\psi \in \sigma$  given by (3) is said to be in the class  $S_\sigma(\lambda, \mu, \eta)$  if it satisfies the following subordination conditions:

$$(1-\lambda) \left( \frac{\psi(z)}{z} \right)^\mu + \lambda \psi'(z) \left( \frac{\psi(z)}{z} \right)^{\mu-1} \prec \left( \frac{1+z}{1-z} \right)^\eta \quad (0 < \mu < 1; 0 \leq \lambda \leq 1 \text{ and } z \in \Delta),$$

and

$$(1-\lambda) \left( \frac{g(w)}{w} \right)^\mu + \lambda g'(w) \left( \frac{g(w)}{w} \right)^{\mu-1} \prec \left( \frac{1+w}{1-w} \right)^\eta \quad (0 < \mu < 1; 0 \leq \lambda \leq 1 \text{ and } w \in \Delta),$$

where  $g(w) := \psi^{-1}(w)$ .

Using the parameter setting of Definition 2.9 in Theorem 2.8 we get the following corollary.

**Corollary 2.10** For and  $0 < \eta \leq 1$ , let the function  $\psi \in S_\sigma(\lambda, \mu, \eta)$  be of the form (3). Then

$$|a_1| \leq \frac{2\eta}{\sqrt{-\eta \left[ (\mu(1-2\lambda) - \lambda)^2 - 2\left(\frac{\mu(\mu+2\lambda)}{2} + \lambda\right) \right] + [\mu(1-2\lambda) - \lambda]^2}}$$

and

$$|a_2| \leq \frac{2\eta}{(\mu + 2\lambda)}.$$

Let

$$\phi(z) = \frac{1 + (1-2\nu)z}{1-z} = 1 + 2(1-\nu)z + 2(1-\nu)z^2 + \dots \quad (0 < \nu \leq 1, z \in \Delta).$$

**Definition 2.11** For  $0 < \nu \leq 1$ , a function  $\psi \in \sigma$  given by (3) is said to be in the class  $S_\sigma(\lambda, \mu, \nu)$  if it satisfies the following subordination conditions:

$$(1-\lambda) \left( \frac{\psi(z)}{z} \right)^\mu + \lambda \psi'(z) \left( \frac{\psi(z)}{z} \right)^{\mu-1} \prec \frac{1 + (1-2\nu)z}{1-z} \quad (0 < \mu < 1; 0 \leq \lambda \leq 1 \text{ and } z \in \Delta)$$

and

$$(1-\lambda) \left( \frac{g(w)}{w} \right)^\mu + \lambda g'(w) \left( \frac{g(w)}{w} \right)^{\mu-1} \prec \frac{1 + (1-2\nu)w}{1-w} \quad (0 < \mu < 1; 0 \leq \lambda \leq 1 \text{ and } w \in \Delta),$$

where  $g(w) = \psi^{-1}(w)$ .

Using the parameter setting of Definition 2.11 in Theorem 2.8 we get the following corollary.

**Corollary 2.12** For  $0 < \nu \leq 1$ , let the function  $\psi \in S_\sigma(\lambda, \mu, \nu)$  be of the form (3). Then

$$|a_1| \leq \sqrt{\frac{4(1-\nu)}{(\mu(\mu+2\lambda)+2\lambda)}} \quad \text{and} \quad |a_2| \leq \frac{2(1-\nu)}{(\mu+2\lambda)}.$$

**Definition 2.13** A function  $\psi \in \sigma$  given by (3) is said to be in the class  $M_\sigma(\lambda, \mu, \phi)$ , if it satisfies the following subordinations conditions:

$$(1-\lambda) \left( \frac{\psi(z)}{z} \right)^\mu + \lambda \psi'(z) \left( \frac{z}{\psi(z)} \right)^{\mu-1} \prec \phi(z) \quad (0 < \mu < 1; 0 \leq \lambda \leq 1 \text{ and } z \in \Delta)$$

and

$$(1-\lambda) \left( \frac{g(w)}{w} \right)^\mu + \lambda g'(w) \left( \frac{w}{g(w)} \right)^{\mu-1} \prec \phi(w), \quad (0 < \mu < 1; 0 \leq \lambda \leq 1 \text{ and } w \in \Delta),$$

where  $g(w) := \psi^{-1}(w)$ .

A function in the class  $M_\sigma(\lambda, \mu, \phi)$  is called bi-Mocanu convex function of Ma-Minda type. This class unifies the classes  $S(\alpha)$  and  $C(\alpha)$ . For functions in the class  $M_\sigma(\lambda, \mu, \phi)$ , the following coefficients estimates hold.

**Theorem 2.14** Let  $\psi(z) \in M_\sigma(\lambda, \mu, \phi)$  be of the form (3). Then

$$|a_1| \leq \frac{B_1 \sqrt{B_1}}{\sqrt{|4B_1^2[(\mu(\mu+1)+4\lambda(3-2\mu)] - [\mu(1-2\lambda)+3\lambda]^2(B_1-B_2)]|}}, \quad (27)$$

and

$$|a_2| \leq \frac{B_1}{4[\mu(2\lambda-1)-4\lambda]}. \quad (28)$$

**Proof.** If  $\psi \in M_\sigma(\lambda, \mu, \phi)$ , then there exist are two Schwarz functions  $u$  and  $v$  defined by (8) and (9) respectively, such that

$$(1-\lambda) \left( \frac{\psi(z)}{z} \right)^\mu + \lambda \psi'(z) \left( \frac{z}{\psi(z)} \right)^{\mu-1} = \phi(u(z)), \quad (29)$$

and

$$(1-\lambda) \left( \frac{g(w)}{w} \right)^\mu + \lambda g'(w) \left( \frac{w}{g(w)} \right)^{\mu-1} = \phi(v(w)). \quad (30)$$

Since

$$\begin{aligned}
& (1 - \lambda) \left( \frac{\psi(z)}{z} \right)^\mu + \lambda \psi'(z) \left( \frac{z}{\psi(z)} \right)^{\mu-1} \\
&= 1 - [\mu(1 - 2\lambda) + 3\lambda]a_1z \\
&\quad + \left[ \left( \frac{\mu(\mu + 1)}{2} + 2\lambda(3 - 2\mu) \right) a_1^2 + [\mu(2\lambda - 1) - 4\lambda]a_2 \right] z^2 + \dots
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
& (1 - \lambda) \left( \frac{g(w)}{w} \right)^\mu + \lambda g'(w) \left( \frac{w}{g(w)} \right)^{\mu-1} \\
&= 1 + [\mu(1 - 2\lambda) + 3\lambda]a_1w \\
&\quad + \left[ \left( \frac{\mu(\mu + 1)}{2} + 2\lambda(3 - 2\mu) \right) a_1^2 - [\mu(2\lambda - 1) - 4\lambda]a_2 \right] w^2 + \dots,
\end{aligned}$$

from (10), (11), (29) and (30), it follows that

$$-[\mu(1 - 2\lambda) + 3\lambda]a_1 = \frac{1}{2}B_1c_1, \quad (31)$$

$$\left( \frac{\mu(\mu + 1)}{2} + 2\lambda(3 - 2\mu) \right) a_1^2 + [\mu(2\lambda - 1) - 4\lambda]a_2 = \frac{1}{2}B_1(c_2 - \frac{c_1^2}{2}) + \frac{1}{4}B_2c_1^2, \quad (32)$$

$$[\mu(1 - 2\lambda) + 3\lambda]a_1 = \frac{1}{2}B_1b_1, \quad (33)$$

and

$$\left( \frac{\mu(\mu + 1)}{2} + 2\lambda(3 - 2\mu) \right) a_1^2 - [\mu(2\lambda - 1) - 4\lambda]a_2 = \frac{1}{2}B_1(b_2 - \frac{b_1^2}{2}) + \frac{1}{4}B_2b_1^2, \quad (34)$$

Equations (31) and (33) yields

$$c_1 = -b_1, \quad (35)$$

and after some further calculations using (32)-(34) we find

$$a_1^2 = \frac{B_1^3(c_2 + b_2)}{4B_1^2[(\mu(\mu + 1) + 4\lambda(3 - 2\mu)) + (\mu(1 - 2\lambda) + 3\lambda)^2(B_1 - B_2)],}$$

and

$$a_2 = \frac{B_1(b_2 - c_2)}{4[\mu(2\lambda - 1) - 4\lambda]}.$$

Applying Lemma 1.1, the estimates in (27) and (28) follow.

Let

$$\phi(z) = \left( \frac{1+z}{1-z} \right)^\eta = 1 + 2\eta z + 2\eta^2 z^2 + \dots \quad (0 < \eta \leq 1, z \in \Delta).$$

**Definition 2.15** For  $0 < \eta \leq 1$ , a function  $\psi \in \sigma$  given by (3) is said to be in the class  $M_\sigma(\lambda, \mu, \eta)$  if the following subordinations conditions hold:

$$(1-\lambda) \left( \frac{\psi(z)}{z} \right)^\mu + \lambda \psi'(z) \left( \frac{z}{\psi(z)} \right)^{\mu-1} \prec \left( \frac{1+z}{1-z} \right)^\eta \quad (0 < \mu < 1; 0 \leq \lambda \leq 1 \text{ and } z \in \Delta),$$

and

$$(1-\lambda) \left( \frac{g(w)}{w} \right)^\mu + \lambda g'(w) \left( \frac{w}{g(w)} \right)^{\mu-1} \prec \left( \frac{1+w}{1-w} \right)^\eta \quad (0 < \mu < 1; 0 \leq \lambda \leq 1 \text{ and } w \in \Delta),$$

$$g(w) := \psi^{-1}(w).$$

Using the parameter setting of Definition 2.15 in Theorem 2.14 we get the following corollary.

**Corollary 2.16** For  $0 < \eta \leq 1$ , let the function  $\psi \in M_\sigma(\lambda, \mu, \eta)$  be of the form (3). Then

$$|a_1| \leq \frac{2\eta}{\sqrt{\eta[8(\mu(\mu+1) + 4\lambda(3-2\mu)) - (\mu(1-2\lambda) + 3\lambda)^2] + [\mu(1-2\lambda) + 3\lambda]^2}}$$

and

$$|a_2| \leq \frac{\eta}{2[\mu(2\lambda-1) - 4\lambda]}.$$

Let

$$\phi(z) = \frac{1 + (1-2\nu)z}{1-z} = 1 + 2(1-\nu)z + 2(1-\nu)z^2 + \dots \quad (0 < \nu \leq 1, z \in \Delta).$$

**Definition 2.17** For  $0 < \nu \leq 1$ , a function  $\psi \in \sigma$  given by (3) is said to be in the class  $M_\sigma(\lambda, \mu, \nu)$  if the following subordinations hold:

$$(1-\lambda) \left( \frac{\psi(z)}{z} \right)^\mu + \lambda \psi'(z) \left( \frac{z}{\psi(z)} \right)^{\mu-1} \prec \frac{1 + (1-2\nu)z}{1-z} \quad (0 < \mu < 1; 0 \leq \lambda \leq 1 \text{ and } z \in \Delta),$$

and

$$(1-\lambda) \left( \frac{g(w)}{w} \right)^\mu + \lambda g'(w) \left( \frac{w}{g(w)} \right)^{\mu-1} \prec \frac{1 + (1-2\nu)w}{1-w} \quad (0 < \mu < 1; 0 \leq \lambda \leq 1 \text{ and } w \in \Delta),$$

$$\text{where } g(w) := \psi^{-1}(w).$$

Using the parameter setting of Definition 2.17 in Theorem 2.14 we get the following corollary.

**Corollary 2.18** For  $0 < \nu \leq 1$ , let the function  $\psi \in M_\sigma(\lambda, \mu, \nu)$  be of the form (3). Then

$$|a_1| \leq \sqrt{\frac{2(1-\nu)}{4\lambda(2\mu-3) + (\mu(\mu+1))}} \quad \text{and} \quad |a_2| \leq \frac{(1-\nu)}{2[\mu(2\lambda-1) - 4\lambda]}.$$

### 3 Open Problem

The authors suggest to study the class of functions  $\psi \in \sigma$  which satisfy the following conditions:

$$\left[ (1 + \beta e^{i\gamma}) \frac{z\psi'(z)}{\psi(z)} - \beta e^{i\gamma} \right] \prec \phi(z) \quad (z \in \Delta, \beta \geq 0, \gamma \in \mathbb{R})$$

and

$$\left[ (1 + \beta e^{i\gamma}) \frac{wg'(w)}{g(w)} - \beta e^{i\gamma} \right] \prec \phi(w) \quad (w \in \Delta, \beta \geq 0, \gamma \in \mathbb{R}),$$

where  $g(w) := \psi^{-1}(w)$ .

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