



COEFFICIENT BOUNDS FOR CERTAIN CLASSES OF ANALYTIC FUNCTIONS

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ABSTRACT

Let A be the class of functions $f(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n z^n$ analytic in the unit disc $E = \{z: |z| < 1\}$. For starlike univalent function $g(z) \in A$, we denote by C and C^* the subclasses of functions $f(z)$ in A satisfying $\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{zf'(z)}{g(z)} \right\} > 0$ and $\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{f(z)}{g(z)} \right\} > 0$ respectively. We wish to obtain the sharp upper bounds for the functional $|a_2 a_4 - a_3^2|$.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Let A denote the class of functions

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

which are analytic in the unit disc $E = \{z: |z| < 1\}$.

Carathéodory [1] introduced the class \wp of functions of the form

$$(1.2) \quad p(z) = 1 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} p_k z^k$$

which are analytic in E and satisfy $\operatorname{Re} \{p(z)\} > 0, z \in E$.

$$(1.3) \quad S^* = \left\{ f \in A; \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} = p(z) \right\}$$

is the class of starlike univalent functions.

$$(1.4) \quad K = \left\{ f \in A; \frac{(zf'(z))'}{f'(z)} = p(z) \right\}$$

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is the class of convex univalent functions.

$$(1.5) \quad C = \left\{ f \in A; \frac{zf'(z)}{g(z)} = p(z), g(z) \in S^* \right\}$$

is the class of close-to-convex functions introduced by Kaplan[5].

$$(1.6) \quad C_1 = \left\{ f \in A; \frac{zf'(z)}{h(z)} = p(z), h(z) \in K \right\}$$

is the subclass of C.

$$(1.7) \quad C^* = \left\{ f \in A; \frac{f(z)}{g(z)} = p(z), g(z) \in S^* \right\}$$

is the class of close-to-star functions introduced by Reade [9].

$$(1.8) \quad C_1^* = \left\{ f \in A; \frac{f(z)}{h(z)} = p(z), h(z) \in K \right\}$$

is the subclass of C*.

$$(1.9) \quad R'(\alpha) = \{f \in A; f'(z) + \alpha zf''(z) = p(z), 0 \leq \alpha \leq 1\}$$

Janteng et al. [3, 4] obtained sharp upper bounds for the functional $|a_2a_4 - a_3^2|$ for the classes S^* , K and $R'(0)$. Also Soh and Mohamad [1] obtained sharp upper bounds for the functional $|a_2a_4 - a_3^2|$ for certain classes of close-to-convex functions.

2. PRELIMINARY LEMMAS

Lemma: 2.1 ([8]). If $p \in \mathcal{P}$, then $|p_k| \leq 2$ ($k = 1, 2, 3 \dots$).

The result is sharp for $p(z) = \frac{1+z}{1-z} = 1 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} 2z^k$.

Lemma: 2.2 ([6, 7]). If $p \in \mathcal{P}$, then

$$(2.1) \quad 2p_2 = p_1^2 + (4 - p_1^2)x,$$

$$(2.2) \quad 4p_3 = p_1^3 + 2p_1(4 - p_1^2)x - p_1(4 - p_1^2)x^2 + 2(4 - p_1^2)(1 - |x|^2)z$$

for some x and z satisfying $|x| \leq 1$ and $|z| \leq 1$.

Lemma: 2.3 ([4]) (i) If $f \in S^*$, then

$$(2.3) \quad |a_2a_4 - a_3^2| \leq 1.$$

(ii) If $f \in K$, then

$$(2.4) \quad |a_2a_4 - a_3^2| \leq \frac{1}{8}.$$

The results (2.3) and (2.4) are sharp.

Lemma: 2.4 ([1]). If $f \in S^*$, then

$$(2.5) \quad \left| \frac{a_2a_4}{8} - \frac{a_3^2}{9} \right| \leq \frac{1}{8}.$$

Lemma: 2.5 If $f \in K$, then

$$(2.6) \quad \left| \frac{a_2a_4}{8} - \frac{a_3^2}{9} \right| \leq \frac{89}{4608}.$$

The result is sharp.

Proof: Since $f \in K$, it follows from (1.4)

$$(2.7) \quad (zf'(z))' = f'(z)p(z).$$

Identifying terms in (2.7) yields

$$(2.8) \quad \begin{cases} a_2 = \frac{p_1}{2} \\ a_3 = \frac{p_2}{6} + \frac{p_1^2}{6} \\ a_4 = \frac{p_3}{12} + \frac{p_1 p_2}{8} + \frac{p_1^3}{24} \end{cases}$$

From (2.1), (2.2) and (2.8), it can be established that

$$(2.9) \quad \begin{aligned} \left| \frac{a_2 a_4}{8} - \frac{a_3^2}{9} \right| &= \frac{1}{10368} |54p_1 p_3 + 17p_1^2 p_2 - 32p_2^2 - 5p_1^4| \\ &= \frac{1}{20736} |27p_1(4p_3) + 17p_1^2(2p_2) - 16(2p_2)^2 - 10p_1^4| \\ &= \frac{1}{20736} |18p_1^4 + 39p_1^2(4 - p_1^2)x - (64 + 11p_1^2)(4 - p_1^2)x^2 + 54p_1(4 - p_1^2)(1 - |x|^2)z| \end{aligned}$$

Let $p_1 = p$ and $p \in [0, 2]$. Using Triangular Inequality and $|z| \leq 1$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{a_2 a_4}{8} - \frac{a_3^2}{9} \right| &\leq \frac{1}{20736} \{18p^4 + 39p^2(4 - p^2)|x| + (64 + 11p^2)(4 - p^2)|x|^2 + 54p(4 - p^2)(1 - |x|^2)\} \\ &= \frac{1}{20736} \{18p^4 + 54p(4 - p^2) + 39p^2(4 - p^2)|x| + (64 - 54p + 11p^2)(4 - p^2)|x|^2\} \\ &= \frac{1}{20736} \{18p^4 + 54p(4 - p^2) + 39p^2(4 - p^2)\delta + (32 - 11p)(2 - p)(4 - p^2)\delta^2\} \\ &= \frac{1}{20736} F(\delta), \quad \text{where } \delta = |x| \leq 1. \end{aligned}$$

Since $F'(\delta) = 39p^2(4 - p^2) + (32 - 11p)(2 - p)(4 - p^2)2\delta \geq 0$, $F(\delta)$ is an increasing function which implies $\text{Max } F(\delta) = F(1) = -32p^4 + 136p^2 + 256 = G(p)$, say. Consequently

$$\left| \frac{a_2 a_4}{8} - \frac{a_3^2}{9} \right| \leq \frac{1}{20736} G(p)$$

For $G(p) = -32p^4 + 136p^2 + 256$, $G'(p) = -128p^3 + 272p$ and $G''(p) = -384p + 272$.

Now $G'(p) = 0 \Rightarrow p = 0$ and $p = \sqrt{\frac{17}{8}}$.

Clearly $G''(0) > 0$ and $G''\left(\sqrt{\frac{17}{8}}\right) < 0$. Therefore $\text{Max}.G(p) = G\left(\sqrt{\frac{17}{8}}\right) = \frac{801}{2}$.

This proved the lemma.

The result is sharp for $p_1 = \sqrt{\frac{17}{8}}$, $p_2 = -1$ and $p_3 = -\frac{779}{96\sqrt{34}}$.]

3. Main Results

Theorem: 3.1 If $f \in C$, then $|a_2 a_4 - a_3^2| \leq \frac{73}{72}$.

Proof: Since $f \in C$, it implies from (1.5) that

$$(3.1) \quad zf'(z) = g(z)p(z)$$

for some $g(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} b_n z^n \in S^*$.

Identifying terms in (3.1), we get

$$(3.2) \quad \begin{cases} a_2 = \frac{b_2}{2} + \frac{p_1}{2} \\ a_3 = \frac{b_3}{3} + \frac{b_2 p_1}{3} + \frac{p_2}{3} \\ a_4 = \frac{b_4}{4} + \frac{b_3 p_1}{4} + \frac{b_2 p_2}{4} + \frac{p_3}{4} \end{cases}$$

As $g \in S^*$, from (1.3)

$$(3.3) \quad zg'(z) = g(z)p(z)$$

Equating coefficients in (3.3), we have

$$(3.4) \quad \begin{cases} b_2 = p_1 \\ b_3 = \frac{p_2}{2} + \frac{p_1^2}{2} \\ b_4 = \frac{p_3}{3} + \frac{p_1 p_2}{2} + \frac{p_1^3}{6} \end{cases}$$

From (3.2) and (3.4), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} |a_2 a_4 - a_3^2| &= \left| \left(\frac{b_2}{2} + \frac{p_1}{2} \right) \left(\frac{b_4}{4} + \frac{b_3 p_1}{4} + \frac{b_2 p_2}{4} + \frac{p_3}{4} \right) - \left(\frac{b_3}{3} + \frac{b_2 p_1}{3} + \frac{p_2}{3} \right)^2 \right| \\ \Rightarrow |a_2 a_4 - a_3^2| &= \left| \left(\frac{b_2 b_4}{8} - \frac{b_3^2}{9} \right) + \left(\frac{7}{24} p_1 p_3 - \frac{1}{144} p_1^2 p_2 - \frac{2}{9} p_2^2 - \frac{1}{144} p_1^4 \right) \right| \\ \Rightarrow |a_2 a_4 - a_3^2| &\leq \left| \frac{b_2 b_4}{8} - \frac{b_3^2}{9} \right| + \left| \frac{7}{24} p_1 p_3 - \frac{1}{144} p_1^2 p_2 - \frac{2}{9} p_2^2 - \frac{1}{144} p_1^4 \right| \end{aligned}$$

By using Lemma 2.4, we get

$$(3.5) \quad |a_2 a_4 - a_3^2| \leq \frac{1}{8} + \left| \frac{7}{24} p_1 p_3 - \frac{1}{144} p_1^2 p_2 - \frac{2}{9} p_2^2 - \frac{1}{144} p_1^4 \right|$$

Now using (2.1) and (2.2), we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\left| \frac{7}{24} p_1 p_3 - \frac{1}{144} p_1^2 p_2 - \frac{2}{9} p_2^2 - \frac{1}{144} p_1^4 \right| \\ &= \frac{1}{288} |-18p_1^4 + 9p_1^2(4 - p_1^2)x - (64 + 5p_1^2)(4 - p_1^2)x^2 + 42p(4 - p_1^2)(1 - |x|^2)z| \end{aligned}$$

Suppose $p_1 = p$ and $p \in [0, 2]$. Application of triangular inequality and $|z| \leq 1$ gives

$$\begin{aligned} &\left| \frac{7}{24} p_1 p_3 - \frac{1}{144} p_1^2 p_2 - \frac{2}{9} p_2^2 - \frac{1}{144} p_1^4 \right| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{288} \{18p^4 + 42p(4 - p^2) + 9p^2(4 - p^2)\delta + (32 - 5p)(2 - p)(4 - p^2)\delta^2\} \\ &= \frac{1}{288} F(\delta), \quad \text{where } \delta = |x| \leq 1. \end{aligned}$$

Since $F'(\delta) = 9p^2(4 - p^2) + 2(32 - 5p)(2 - p)(4 - p^2)\delta \geq 0$, $F(\delta)$ is an increasing function. Therefore, $\text{Max } F(\delta) = F(1)$. Consequently

$$\left| \frac{7}{24} p_1 p_3 - \frac{1}{144} p_1^2 p_2 - \frac{2}{9} p_2^2 - \frac{1}{144} p_1^4 \right| \leq \frac{1}{288} \{4p^4 - 8p^2 + 256\}$$

One can easily see that $G(p) = 4p^4 - 8p^2 + 256$ attains its maximum at $p = 0$ and maximum value of $G(p) = 256$. Therefore

$$(3.6) \quad \left| \frac{7}{24} p_1 p_3 - \frac{1}{144} p_1^2 p_2 - \frac{2}{9} p_2^2 - \frac{1}{144} p_1^4 \right| \leq \frac{8}{9}.$$

The result follows from (3.5) and (3.6).

Taking $p_1 = 0$, $p_2 = -2$, and $p_3 = -2$ in (3.5) shows the result is sharp.

Theorem: 3.2 If $f \in C_1$, then $|a_2 a_4 - a_3^2| \leq \frac{8459}{13824}$.

Proof: Since $f \in C_1$, it implies from (1.6) that

$$(3.7) \quad zh'(z) = h(z)p(z)$$

for some $h(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} c_n z^n \in K$.

Identifying terms in (3.7), we get

$$(3.8) \quad \begin{cases} a_2 = \frac{c_2}{2} + \frac{p_1}{2} \\ a_3 = \frac{c_3}{3} + \frac{c_2 p_1}{3} + \frac{p_2}{3} \\ a_4 = \frac{c_4}{4} + \frac{c_3 p_1}{4} + \frac{c_2 p_2}{4} + \frac{p_3}{4} \end{cases}$$

As $h \in K$, from (1.4)

$$(3.9) \quad (zh'(z))' = h'(z)p(z)$$

Equating coefficients in (3.9), we have

$$(3.10) \quad \begin{cases} c_2 = \frac{p_1}{2} \\ c_3 = \frac{p_2}{6} + \frac{p_1^2}{6} \\ c_4 = \frac{p_3}{12} + \frac{p_1 p_2}{8} + \frac{p_1^3}{24} \end{cases}$$

From (3.8) and (3.10), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} |a_2 a_4 - a_3^2| &= \left| \left(\frac{c_2}{2} + \frac{p_1}{2} \right) \left(\frac{c_4}{4} + \frac{c_3 p_1}{4} + \frac{c_2 p_2}{4} + \frac{p_3}{4} \right) - \left(\frac{c_3}{3} + \frac{c_2 p_1}{3} + \frac{p_2}{3} \right)^2 \right| \\ \Rightarrow |a_2 a_4 - a_3^2| &= \left| \left(\frac{c_2 c_4}{8} - \frac{c_3^2}{9} \right) + \left(\frac{19}{96} p_1 p_3 - \frac{5}{192} p_1^2 p_2 - \frac{4}{27} p_2^2 - \frac{17}{1728} p_1^4 \right) \right| \\ \Rightarrow |a_2 a_4 - a_3^2| &\leq \left| \frac{c_2 c_4}{8} - \frac{c_3^2}{9} \right| + \left| \frac{19}{96} p_1 p_3 - \frac{5}{192} p_1^2 p_2 - \frac{4}{27} p_2^2 - \frac{17}{1728} p_1^4 \right| \end{aligned}$$

By using Lemma 2.5, we get

$$(3.11) \quad |a_2 a_4 - a_3^2| \leq \frac{89}{4608} + \left| \frac{19}{96} p_1 p_3 - \frac{5}{192} p_1^2 p_2 - \frac{4}{27} p_2^2 - \frac{17}{1728} p_1^4 \right|$$

Now using (2.1) and (2.2), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{19}{96} p_1 p_3 - \frac{5}{192} p_1^2 p_2 - \frac{4}{27} p_2^2 - \frac{17}{1728} p_1^4 \right| \\ = \frac{1}{3456} |-36p_1^4 + 41p_1^2(4 - p_1^2)x - (512 + 43p_1^2)(4 - p_1^2)x^2 + 342p_1(4 - p_1^2)(1 - |x|^2)z| \end{aligned}$$

Suppose $p_1 = p$ and $p \in [0, 2]$. Using Triangular Inequality and $|z| \leq 1$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{19}{96} p_1 p_3 - \frac{5}{192} p_1^2 p_2 - \frac{4}{27} p_2^2 - \frac{17}{1728} p_1^4 \right| \\ \leq \frac{1}{3456} \{36p^4 + 342p(4 - p^2) + 41p^2(4 - p^2)\delta + (256 - 43p)(2 - p)(4 - p^2)\delta^2\} \\ = \frac{1}{3456} F(\delta), \text{ where } \delta = |x| \leq 1. \end{aligned}$$

Since $F'(\delta) = 41p^2(4 - p^2) + 2(256 - 43p)(2 - p)(4 - p^2)\delta \geq 0$, $F(\delta)$ is an increasing function which implies $\text{Max } F(\delta) = F(1) = 256 - 15p^4 - 22p^2 = G(p)$, say. Thus

$$\left| \frac{19}{96} p_1 p_3 - \frac{5}{192} p_1^2 p_2 - \frac{4}{27} p_2^2 - \frac{17}{1728} p_1^4 \right| \leq \frac{1}{432} G(p)$$

where $G(p)$ attains its maximum at $p = 0$ and maximum value of $G(p) = 256$.

Therefore

$$(3.12) \quad \left| \frac{19}{96} p_1 p_3 - \frac{5}{192} p_1^2 p_2 - \frac{4}{27} p_2^2 - \frac{17}{1728} p_1^4 \right| \leq \frac{16}{27}.$$

Using (3.12) in (3.11), we get the required inequality.

Taking $p_1 = 0$, $p_2 = -2$, and $p_3 = -2$ in (3.10) shows the result is sharp.

Theorem: 3.3 If $f \in C^*$, then $|a_2 a_4 - a_3^2| \leq 9$.

Proof: Since $f \in C^*$, it implies from (1.7) that

$$(3.13) \quad f(z) = g(z)p(z)$$

for some $g(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} b_n z^n \in S^*$.

Identifying terms in (3.13), we get

$$(3.14) \quad \begin{cases} a_2 = b_2 + p_1 \\ a_3 = b_3 + b_2 p_1 + p_2 \\ a_4 = b_4 + b_3 p_1 + b_2 p_2 + p_3 \end{cases}$$

As $g \in S^*$, from (1.3)

$$(3.15) \quad zg'(z) = g(z)p(z)$$

Equating coefficients in (3.15), we have

$$(3.16) \quad \begin{cases} b_2 = p_1 \\ b_3 = \frac{p_2}{2} + \frac{p_1^2}{2} \\ b_4 = \frac{p_3}{3} + \frac{p_1 p_2}{2} + \frac{p_1^3}{6} \end{cases}$$

From (3.14) and (3.16), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & |a_2 a_4 - a_3^2| = |(b_2 + p_1)(b_4 + b_3 p_1 + b_2 p_2 + p_3) - (b_3 + b_2 p_1 + p_2)^2| \\ \Rightarrow & |a_2 a_4 - a_3^2| = \left| (b_2 b_4 - b_3^2) + \left(\frac{7}{3} p_1 p_3 - \frac{5}{3} p_1^2 p_2 - 2 p_2^2 + \frac{1}{3} p_1^4 \right) \right| \\ \Rightarrow & |a_2 a_4 - a_3^2| \leq |b_2 b_4 - b_3^2| + \left| \frac{7}{3} p_1 p_3 - \frac{5}{3} p_1^2 p_2 - 2 p_2^2 + \frac{1}{3} p_1^4 \right| \end{aligned}$$

By using Lemma 2.3, we get

$$(3.17) \quad |a_2 a_4 - a_3^2| \leq 1 + \left| \frac{7}{3} p_1 p_3 - \frac{5}{3} p_1^2 p_2 - 2 p_2^2 + \frac{1}{3} p_1^4 \right|$$

Now using (2.1) and (2.2), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{7}{3} p_1 p_3 - \frac{5}{3} p_1^2 p_2 - 2 p_2^2 + \frac{1}{3} p_1^4 \right| \\ & = \frac{1}{12} |-5 p_1^4 - 8 p_1^2 (4 - p_1^2) x - (24 + p_1^2)(4 - p_1^2) x^2 + 14 p_1 (4 - p_1^2)(1 - |x|^2) z| \end{aligned}$$

Suppose $p_1 = p$ and $p \in [0, 2]$. Using Triangular Inequality and $|z| \leq 1$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{7}{3} p_1 p_3 - \frac{5}{3} p_1^2 p_2 - 2 p_2^2 + \frac{1}{3} p_1^4 \right| & \leq \frac{1}{12} \frac{1}{12} \{5 p^4 + 14 p(4 - p^2) + 8 p^2(4 - p^2) \delta + (12 - p)(2 - p)(4 - p^2) \delta^2\} \\ & \equiv \frac{1}{12} F(\delta), \quad \text{where } \delta = |x| \leq 1. \end{aligned}$$

Since $F'(\delta) = 8 p^2(4 - p^2) + 2(12 - p)(2 - p)(4 - p^2) \delta \geq 0$, $F(\delta)$ is an increasing function. Therefore, $\text{Max } F(\delta) = F(1)$. Consequently

$$\left| \frac{7}{3} p_1 p_3 - \frac{5}{3} p_1^2 p_2 - 2 p_2^2 + \frac{1}{3} p_1^4 \right| \leq \frac{1}{3} \{24 - 3 p^2 - p^4\}$$

It is easy to see that $G(p) = 24 - 3 p^2 - p^4$ attains its maximum at $p = 0$ and maximum value of $G(p) = 24$. Therefore

$$(3.18) \quad \left| \frac{7}{3} p_1 p_3 - \frac{5}{3} p_1^2 p_2 - 2 p_2^2 + \frac{1}{3} p_1^4 \right| \leq 8.$$

(3.17) and (3.18) together gives the required inequality.

Putting $p_1 = 0$, $p_2 = -2$, and $p_3 = -2$ in (3.17) shows the equality holds.

Theorem: 3.4 If $f \in C_1^*$, then $|a_2 a_4 - a_3^2| \leq \frac{131}{24}$.

Proof: Since $f \in C_1^*$, it implies from (1.7) that

$$(3.19) \quad f(z) = h(z)p(z)$$

for some $h(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} c_n z^n \in K$.

Identifying terms in (3.19), we get

$$(3.20) \quad \begin{cases} a_2 = c_2 + p_1 \\ a_3 = c_3 + c_2 p_1 + p_2 \\ a_4 = c_4 + c_3 p_1 + c_2 p_2 + p_3 \end{cases}$$

As $h \in K$, from (1.4)

$$(3.21) \quad (zh'(z))' = h'(z)p(z)$$

Equating coefficients in (3.21), we have

$$(3.22) \quad \begin{cases} c_2 = \frac{p_1}{2} \\ c_3 = \frac{p_2}{6} + \frac{p_1^2}{6} \\ c_4 = \frac{p_3}{12} + \frac{p_1 p_2}{8} + \frac{p_1^3}{24} \end{cases}$$

From (3.20) and (3.22), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & |a_2 a_4 - a_3^2| = |(c_2 + p_1)(c_4 + c_3 p_1 + c_2 p_2 + p_3) - (c_3 + c_2 p_1 + p_2)^2| \\ \Rightarrow & |a_2 a_4 - a_3^2| \leq |c_2 c_4 - c_3^2| + \left| \frac{19}{12} p_1 p_3 - \frac{3}{8} p_1^2 p_2 - \frac{4}{3} p_2^2 - \frac{3}{24} p_1^4 \right| \end{aligned}$$

By using Lemma 2.4, we get

$$(3.23) \quad |a_2 a_4 - a_3^2| \leq \frac{1}{8} + \left| \frac{19}{12} p_1 p_3 - \frac{3}{8} p_1^2 p_2 - \frac{4}{3} p_2^2 - \frac{3}{24} p_1^4 \right|$$

Now using (2.1) and (2.2), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{19}{12} p_1 p_3 - \frac{3}{8} p_1^2 p_2 - \frac{4}{3} p_2^2 - \frac{3}{24} p_1^4 \right| \\ = \frac{1}{48} |-6p_1^4 - 3p_1^2(4 - p_1^2)x - (64 + 3p_1^2)(4 - p_1^2)x^2 + 38p_1(4 - p_1^2)(1 - |x|^2)z| \end{aligned}$$

Suppose $p_1 = p$ and $p \in [0, 2]$. Using Triangular Inequality and $|z| \leq 1$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{19}{12} p_1 p_3 - \frac{3}{8} p_1^2 p_2 - \frac{4}{3} p_2^2 - \frac{3}{24} p_1^4 \right| &\leq \frac{1}{48} \{6p^4 + 38p(4 - p^2) + 3p^2(4 - p^2)\delta + (64 - 38p + 3p^2)(4 - p^2)\delta^2\} \\ &= \frac{1}{48} F(\delta), \quad \text{where } \delta = |x| \leq 1. \end{aligned}$$

Since $F'(\delta) = 3p^2(4 - p^2) + 2(32 - 3p)(2 - p)(4 - p^2)\delta \geq 0$, $F(\delta)$ is an increasing function. Therefore, $\text{Max } F(\delta) = F(1)$. Consequently

$$\left| \frac{19}{12} p_1 p_3 - \frac{3}{8} p_1^2 p_2 - \frac{4}{3} p_2^2 - \frac{3}{24} p_1^4 \right| \leq \frac{1}{6} \{32 - 5p^2\}$$

Obviously $G(p) = 32 - 5p^2$ has its maximum at $p = 0$ and maximum $G(p) = 32$. Therefore

$$(3.24) \quad \left| \frac{19}{12} p_1 p_3 - \frac{3}{8} p_1^2 p_2 - \frac{4}{3} p_2^2 - \frac{3}{24} p_1^4 \right| \leq \frac{16}{3}.$$

Combining (3.24) with (3.23), we get the required inequality.

Taking $p_1 = 0$, $p_2 = -2$, and $|p_3| \leq 2$ in (3.23) shows the result is sharp.

Theorem: 3.5 If $f \in R'(\alpha)$, then $|a_2 a_4 - a_3^2| \leq \frac{4}{9(1+2\alpha)^2}$.

Proof: As $f \in R'(\alpha)$, from (1.10)

$$(3.25) \quad f'(z) + \alpha z f''(z) = p(z)$$

Equating corresponding coefficient in (3.25), we have

$$(3.26) \quad \begin{cases} a_2 = \frac{p_1}{2(1+\alpha)} \\ a_3 = \frac{p_2}{3(1+2\alpha)} \\ a_4 = \frac{p_3}{4(1+3\alpha)} \end{cases}$$

(3.27) implies

$$\begin{aligned} |a_2 a_4 - a_3^2| &= \left| \left(\frac{p_1}{2(1+\alpha)} \right) \left(\frac{p_3}{4(1+3\alpha)} \right) - \left(\frac{p_2}{3(1+2\alpha)} \right)^2 \right| \\ &= \frac{1}{288(1+\alpha)(1+2\alpha)^2(1+3\alpha)} |9(1+2\alpha)^2 p_1(4p_3) - 8(1+\alpha)(1+3\alpha)(2p_2)^2| \end{aligned}$$

Using (2.1) and (2.2), we have

$$\begin{aligned} |a_2 a_4 - a_3^2| &= \frac{1}{288(1+\alpha)(1+2\alpha)^2(1+3\alpha)} |(1+4\alpha+12\alpha^2)p_1^4 + 2(1+4\alpha+12\alpha^2)p_1^2(4-p_1^2)x \\ &\quad - \{(32+128\alpha+96\alpha^2) + (1+4\alpha+12\alpha^2)p_1^2\}(4-p_1^2)x^2 + 18(1+4\alpha+4\alpha^2)p_1(4-p_1^2)(1 \\ &\quad - |x|^2)z| \end{aligned}$$

Suppose $p_1 = p$ and $p \in [0, 2]$. Using Triangular Inequality, $|z| \leq 1$ and $|x| = \delta$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} |a_2 a_4 - a_3^2| &\leq \frac{1}{288(1+\alpha)(1+2\alpha)^2(1+3\alpha)} \{ (1+4\alpha+12\alpha^2)p^4 + 18(1+4\alpha+4\alpha^2)p(4-p^2) \\ &\quad + 2(1+4\alpha+12\alpha^2)p^2(4-p^2)|x| \\ &\quad + \{32(1+4\alpha+3\alpha^2) - 18(1+4\alpha+4\alpha^2)p + (1+4\alpha+12\alpha^2)p^2\}(4-p^2)|x|^2 \} \\ &= \frac{1}{288(1+\alpha)(1+2\alpha)^2(1+3\alpha)} \{ (1+4\alpha+12\alpha^2)p^4 + 18(1+4\alpha+4\alpha^2)p(4-p^2) + 2(1+4\alpha+12\alpha^2)p^2(4-p^2)\delta \\ &\quad + \{16(1+4\alpha+3\alpha^2) - (1+4\alpha+12\alpha^2)p\}(2-p)(4-p^2)\delta^2 \} \end{aligned}$$

which imply

$$(3.28) \quad |a_2 a_4 - a_3^2| \leq \frac{1}{288(1+\alpha)(1+2\alpha)^2(1+3\alpha)} F(\delta),$$

$$F(\delta) = (1 + 4\alpha + 12\alpha^2)p^4 + 18(1 + 4\alpha + 4\alpha^2)p(4 - p^2) + 2(1 + 4\alpha + 12\alpha^2)p^2(4 - p^2)\delta + \{16(1 + 4\alpha + 3\alpha^2) - (1 + 4\alpha + 12\alpha^2)p\}(2 - p)(4 - p^2)\delta^2$$

Since $F'(\delta) \geq 0$, $F(\delta)$ is increasing function and, therefore, $\max. F(\delta) = F(1)$.

$$\text{Let } G(p) = F(1) = 128(1 + 4\alpha + 3\alpha^2) - 4(5 + 8\alpha + 12\alpha(1 - \alpha))p^2 - 2(1 + 4\alpha + 12\alpha^2)p^4.$$

Since $G'(p) \leq 0$, $G(p)$ is decreasing function in $[0, 2]$.

$$\text{Therefore } \max. G(p) = G(0) = 128(1 + 4\alpha + 3\alpha^2).$$

From (3.28), we have

$$|a_2a_4 - a_3^2| \leq \frac{4}{9(1+2\alpha)^2}.$$

Corollary: 3.1 If $f \in R'(0)$, then

$$|a_2a_4 - a_3^2| \leq \frac{4}{9}.$$

This result is proved by Janteng et al.[3].

Corollary: 3.2 If $f \in R'(1)$, then

$$|a_2a_4 - a_3^2| \leq \frac{4}{81}.$$

The result is sharp for $p(z) = \frac{1+z^2}{1-z^2}$.

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