

HANKEL DETERMINANT FOR A CLASS OF ANALYTIC  
FUNCTIONS INVOLVING A GENERALIZED LINEAR  
DIFFERENTIAL OPERATOR

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**Abstract:** By making use of the linear differential operator  $D_{\alpha, \mu}^{\sigma, \rho}$  defined recently by the authors, a class of analytic functions is introduced. The sharp upper bound for the nonlinear functional  $|a_2 a_4 - a_3^2|$  is obtained.

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1. Introduction and Preliminaries

Let  $S$  denote the class of normalized analytic univalent functions  $f$  of the form

$$f(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n z^n. \quad (1)$$

which are analytic in the unit disk  $U = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < 1\}$ .

In a recent paper [1], we introduced a generalized linear differential operator

as follows:

$$D_{\alpha,\mu}^{\sigma,\rho} f(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} [1 + (\alpha\mu n + \alpha - \mu)(n - 1)]^\sigma G(\rho, n) a_n z^n,$$

where  $G(\rho, n) = \binom{n + \rho - 1}{\rho}$  and  $\rho \in N_0, 0 \leq \mu \leq \alpha \leq 1, \sigma \in N_0$ .

**Definition 1.1.** For the function  $f$  given by (1.1) and  $q \in N = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$ , the  $q^{th}$  Hankel determinant of  $f$  is defined by

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

This determinant has also been considered by several authors. For examples, Noor [9] determined the rate of growth of  $H_q(n)$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  with bounded boundary, Ehrenborg [4] studied the Hankel determinant of exponential polynomials, and some of its properties were discussed by Layman in [6]. Recently, Al-Refai and Darus [2] studied the Hankel determinant for  $q = 2$  and  $n = 2$  defined by a fractional operator.

It is well-known that the Fekete-Szegő functional is  $H_2(1)$ . It is also known that Fekete and Szegő gave sharp estimates of  $|a_3 - \mu a_2^2|$  for  $\mu$  real and  $f \in S$ . Then many authors studied the estimation of  $|a_3 - \mu a_2^2|$  for various subclasses (see for example [11]-[15]).

We now introduce the following class of functions.

**Definition 1.2.** Let  $f$  be given by (1.1). Then  $f \in R_{\alpha,\mu}(\sigma, \rho)$  if it satisfies the inequality

$$\Re\{(D_{\alpha,\mu}^{\sigma,\rho} f(z))'\} > 0, \quad z \in U. \tag{2}$$

The subclass  $R_{\alpha,\mu}(0, 0)$  was studied by MacGregor [10] and Janteng et al. [5]. Recently, many authors considered different classes for Hankel determinant, see for example [16].

In the present paper, we consider the Hankel determinant for  $q = 2$  and  $n = 2$  that lead to find the sharp upper bound for the functional  $|a_2 a_4 - a_3^2|$  for functions  $f$  belong to the class  $f \in R_{\alpha,\mu}(\sigma, \rho)$ . This paper is motivated by Janteng et al.[5]. The techniques here follow the same with the one in [5].

We first state some preliminary lemmas which shall be used in our proof.

### 2. Preliminary Results

Let  $\wp$  be the family of all functions  $p$  analytic in  $U$  for which  $\Re\{p(z)\} > 0$

$$p(z) = 1 + c_1z + c_2z^2 + \dots \tag{3}$$

for  $z \in U$ .

**Lemma 2.1.** (see [3]) *If  $p \in \wp$ , then  $|c_k| \leq 2$  for each  $k \in N$  and inequality is sharp.*

**Lemma 2.2.** (see [8], [7]) *Let the function  $p \in \wp$  and be given by the power series (2.1). Then*

$$2c_2 = c_1^2 + x(4 - c_1^2) \tag{4}$$

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

$$4c_3 = c_1^3 + 2(4 - c_1^2)c_1x - c_1(4 - c_1^2)x^2 + 2(4 - c_1^2)(1 - |x|^2)z \tag{5}$$

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

### 3. Main Result

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let  $f \in R_{\alpha,\mu}(\sigma, \rho)$ . Then*

$$|a_2a_4 - a_3^2| \leq \frac{16}{9(\rho + 1)^2(\rho + 2)^2[1 + 2\alpha - 2\mu + 6\alpha\mu]^{2\sigma}}.$$

The result obtained is sharp.

**Proof:** Since  $f \in R_{\alpha,\mu}(\sigma, \rho)$ , it follows from (1.2) that

$$(D_{\alpha,\mu}^{\sigma,\rho}f(z))' = p(z) \tag{6}$$

Comparing the coefficients, we get

$$\begin{cases} 2(\rho + 1)[1 + \alpha - \mu + 2\alpha\mu]^\sigma a_2 = c_1, \\ 3(\rho + 1)(\rho + 2)[1 + 2\alpha - 2\mu + 6\alpha\mu]^\sigma a_3 = 2c_2, \\ 2(\rho + 1)(\rho + 2)(\rho + 3)[1 + 3\alpha - 3\mu + 12\alpha\mu]^\sigma a_4 = 3c_3. \end{cases} \tag{7}$$

Therefore, (3.2) yields

$$\begin{aligned}
 &|a_2a_4 - a_3^2| \\
 &= \frac{1}{(\rho + 1)^2(\rho + 2)} \left| \frac{3c_1c_3}{4(\rho + 3)[1 + \alpha - \mu + 2\alpha\mu]^\sigma [1 + 3\alpha - 3\mu + 12\alpha\mu]^\sigma} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. - \frac{4c_2^2}{9(\rho + 2)[1 + 2\alpha - 2\mu + 6\alpha\mu]^{2\sigma}} \right|. \tag{8}
 \end{aligned}$$

Since the function  $p(z)$  is a member of the class  $\wp$  simultaneously, we assume without loss of generality that  $c_1 > 0$  and for convenience of notation, take  $c_1 = c$  ( $c \in [0, 2]$ ). Then, using (2.2) along with (2.3), we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 |a_2a_4 - a_3^2| &= H(\rho, \sigma, \alpha, \mu) \left| \frac{(\rho + 2)}{144} \{27c^4 + 54c^2(4 - c^2)x - 27c^2(4 - c^2)x^2\} \right. \\
 &\quad + \frac{(\rho + 3)[1 + \alpha - \mu + 2\alpha\mu]^\sigma [1 + 3\alpha - 3\mu + 12\alpha\mu]^\sigma}{144 [1 + 2\alpha - 2\mu + 6\alpha\mu]^{2\sigma}} \\
 &\quad \left. \{-16c^4 - 32c^2(4 - c^2)x - 16(4 - c^2)^2x^2\} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \frac{6c(4 - c^2)(1 - |x|^2)z}{16} \right|,
 \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
 &H(\rho, \sigma, \alpha, \mu) \\
 &= \frac{1}{(\rho + 1)^2(\rho + 2)^2(\rho + 3)[1 + \alpha - \mu + 2\alpha\mu]^\sigma [1 + 3\alpha - 3\mu + 12\alpha\mu]^\sigma},
 \end{aligned}$$

An application of triangle inequality and replacement of  $|x|$  by  $\nu$  give

$$\begin{aligned}
 |a_2a_4 - a_3^2| &\leq H(\rho, \sigma, \alpha, \mu) \\
 &\quad \left[ \left\{ \frac{27(\rho + 2)}{144} - \frac{16(\rho + 3)[1 + \alpha - \mu + 2\alpha\mu]^\sigma [1 + 3\alpha - 3\mu + 12\alpha\mu]^\sigma}{144 [1 + 2\alpha - 2\mu + 6\alpha\mu]^{2\sigma}} \right\} c^4 \right. \\
 &\quad + \left\{ \frac{54(\rho + 2)}{144} - \frac{32(\rho + 3)[1 + \alpha - \mu + 2\alpha\mu]^\sigma [1 + 3\alpha - 3\mu + 12\alpha\mu]^\sigma}{144 [1 + 2\alpha - 2\mu + 6\alpha\mu]^{2\sigma}} \right\} c^2(4 - c^2)\nu \\
 &\quad + \left\{ \frac{27c^2(\rho + 2)}{144} + \frac{16(4 - c^2)(\rho + 3)[1 + \alpha - \mu + 2\alpha\mu]^\sigma [1 + 3\alpha - 3\mu + 12\alpha\mu]^\sigma}{144 [1 + 2\alpha - 2\mu + 6\alpha\mu]^{2\sigma}} \right\} \\
 &\quad \left. \left( 4 - c^2 \right) \nu^2 + \frac{6c(4 - c^2)(1 - \nu^2)}{16} \right] = H(\rho, \sigma, \alpha, \mu) \\
 &\quad \left[ \left\{ \frac{27(\rho + 2)}{144} - \frac{16(\rho + 3)[1 + \alpha - \mu + 2\alpha\mu]^\sigma [1 + 3\alpha - 3\mu + 12\alpha\mu]^\sigma}{144 [1 + 2\alpha - 2\mu + 6\alpha\mu]^{2\sigma}} \right\} c^4 \right.
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &+ \left\{ \frac{54(\rho + 2)}{144} - \frac{32(\rho + 3)[1 + \alpha - \mu + 2\alpha\mu]^\sigma [1 + 3\alpha - 3\mu + 12\alpha\mu]^\sigma}{144 [1 + 2\alpha - 2\mu + 6\alpha\mu]^{2\sigma}} \right\} c^2 (4 - c^2) \nu \\
 &+ \left\{ \frac{27c^2(\rho + 2)}{144} + \frac{16(\rho + 3)(4 - c^2)[1 + \alpha - \mu + 2\alpha\mu]^\sigma [1 + 3\alpha - 3\mu + 12\alpha\mu]^\sigma}{144 [1 + 2\alpha - 2\mu + 6\alpha\mu]^{2\sigma}} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. - \frac{6c}{16} \right\} (4 - c^2) \nu^2 + \frac{6c(4 - c^2)}{16} \Big] = F(c, \nu), \quad (9)
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $0 \leq c \leq 2$  and  $0 \leq \nu \leq 1$ .

We next maximize the function  $F(c, \nu)$  on the closed square  $[0, 2] \times [0, 1]$ . Since

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{\delta F}{\delta \nu} &= H(\rho, \sigma, \alpha, \mu) \\
 &\left[ \left\{ \frac{54(\rho + 2)}{144} - \frac{32(\rho + 3)[1 + \alpha - \mu + 2\alpha\mu]^\sigma [1 + 3\alpha - 3\mu + 12\alpha\mu]^\sigma}{144 [1 + 2\alpha - 2\mu + 6\alpha\mu]^{2\sigma}} \right\} c^2 (4 - c^2) + \right. \\
 &\left. \left\{ \frac{3c(c(\rho + 2) - 1)}{8} + \frac{16(4 - c^2)(\rho + 3)[1 + \alpha - \mu + 2\alpha\mu]^\sigma [1 + 3\alpha - 3\mu + 12\alpha\mu]^\sigma}{72 [1 + 2\alpha - 2\mu + 6\alpha\mu]^{2\sigma}} \right\} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. (4 - c^2) \nu \right],
 \end{aligned}$$

$\frac{(\rho+3)[1+\alpha-\mu+2\alpha\mu]^\sigma [1+3\alpha-3\mu+12\alpha\mu]^\sigma}{(\rho+2)[1+2\alpha-2\mu+6\alpha\mu]^{2\sigma}} < \frac{27}{16}$ , We have  $\frac{\delta F}{\delta \nu} > 0$ . Thus  $F(c, \nu)$  cannot have a maximum in the interior of the closed square  $[0, 2] \times [0, 1]$ . Moreover, for fixed  $c \in [0, 2]$ .

$$\max_{0 \leq \nu \leq 1} F(c, \nu) = F(c, 1) = G(c)$$

then

$$\begin{aligned}
 G'(c) &= H(\rho, \sigma, \alpha, \mu) \left[ \frac{3c(3 - c^2)(\rho + 2)}{2} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. - \frac{8c(4 - c^2)(\rho + 3)[1 + \alpha - \mu + 2\alpha\mu]^\sigma [1 + 3\alpha - 3\mu + 12\alpha\mu]^\sigma}{9 [1 + 2\alpha - 2\mu + 6\alpha\mu]^{2\sigma}} \right],
 \end{aligned}$$

so that  $G'(c) < 0$  for  $0 < c < 2$  and has real critical point at  $c = 0$ . Also observe that  $G(c) > G(2)$ . Therefore,  $\max_{0 \leq c \leq 2} G(c)$  occurs at  $c = 0$  and thus the upper bound of (3.4) corresponds to  $\nu = 1$  and  $c = 0$ , in which case

$$|a_2 a_4 - a_3^2| \leq \frac{16}{9(\rho + 1)^2(\rho + 2)^2 [1 + 2\alpha - 2\mu + 6\alpha\mu]^{2\sigma}}. \quad (10)$$

This concludes the proof of our theorem.

The choice  $\sigma = \rho = 0$  yields what follows:

**Corollary 3.2.** (see [5]) Let  $f \in R_{\alpha,\mu}(0,0)$ . Then

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

The result obtained is sharp.

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