

# The Second Hankel Determinant for $k$ -symmetrical Functions

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**Abstract.** In this article, we find the upper bound of the second Hankel determinant  $|a_2a_4 - a_3^2|$  for subclasses of starlike and convex functions with respect to  $k$ -symmetric points.

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## 1 Introduction

The work here is considering the class  $\mathcal{F}$  of functions analytic in  $\tilde{\mathcal{U}} = \{w : w \in \mathbb{C}, |w| < 1\}$ , and of the form

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

and suppose  $\tilde{\mathcal{S}}$  denotes the subclass of  $\mathcal{F}$  consisting of all functions that are univalent in  $\tilde{\mathcal{U}}$ . For  $f, g \in \mathcal{F}$ , we say that  $f$  is subordinate to  $g$  written as  $f \prec g$  if there exists a holomorphic map  $h$  of the unit disk  $\tilde{\mathcal{U}}$  into itself with  $h(0) = 0$  such that  $f = g \circ h$ . Note that if  $g \in \tilde{\mathcal{S}}$ , then  $f \prec g$  is equivalent to the condition that  $f(0) = g(0)$  and  $f(\tilde{\mathcal{U}}) \subset g(\tilde{\mathcal{U}})$ . Let  $\mathcal{P}$  be the family of analytic functions  $p$  in  $\tilde{\mathcal{U}}$  with  $\Re\{p(w)\} > 0$  which have the form  $p(w) = 1 + q_1 w + q_2 w^2 + \dots$  ( $w \in \tilde{\mathcal{U}}$ ). The class  $\mathcal{P}$  of functions with positive real part plays a crucial role in geometric function theory. Its significance can be seen from the fact that simple subclasses are class  $\tilde{\mathcal{S}}^*$  of starlike functions and class  $\tilde{\mathcal{K}}$  of convex functions.

**Definition 1.** [10] For  $k \in \mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, \dots\}$ , let  $\varepsilon = e^{(\frac{2\pi i}{k})}$  denote the  $k^{th}$  root of unity for  $f \in \mathcal{F}$ . Its  $k$ -weighted mean function is

$$M_{f,k}(w) = \sum_{v=1}^{k-1} \varepsilon^{-v} f(\varepsilon^v w) \cdot \frac{1}{\sum_{v=1}^{k-1} \varepsilon^{-v}}.$$

A function  $f$  in  $\mathcal{F}$  is called  $k$ -symmetrical function for each  $w \in \tilde{\mathcal{U}}$  if  $f(\varepsilon w) = \varepsilon f(w)$ . The family of all  $k$ -symmetrical functions will be denoted by  $\mathcal{F}^k$ .

A function  $f$  in  $\mathcal{F}$  is said to belong to the class  $\tilde{\mathcal{S}}_k^*$  of functions starlike with respect to  $k$ -symmetric points if for every  $r$  close to 1,  $r < 1$ , the angular velocity of  $f$  about the point  $M_{f,k}(w_0)$  is positive at  $w = w_0$  as  $z$  traverses the circle  $|w| = r$  in the positive direction, that is  $\Re \left( \frac{zf'(w)}{f(w) - M_{f,k}(w_0)} \right) > 0$  for  $w = w_0$ ,  $|w_0| = r$ .

**Definition 2.** [27] For a positive integer  $k$ , let  $\mathcal{S}_k^*$  denote the family of starlike functions with respect to  $k$ -symmetric points  $f \in \mathcal{F}$  which satisfy

$$\Re \left\{ \frac{wf'(w)}{f_k(w)} \right\} > 0, \quad w \in \tilde{\mathcal{U}}, \quad (2)$$

where

$$f_k(w) = \frac{1}{k} [f(w) - M_{f,k}(w)]. \quad (3)$$

*Remark 1.* Equivalently, (3) can be written as

$$f_k(w) = \frac{1}{k} \sum_{v=0}^{k-1} \varepsilon^{-v} f(\varepsilon^v w), \quad (4)$$

or

$$f_k(w) = w + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \psi_n a_n w^n \quad \text{where} \quad \psi_n = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = lk + 1, \\ 0 & \text{if } n \neq lk + 1 \end{cases} \quad l \in \mathbb{N}_0. \quad (5)$$

Let  $\tilde{\mathcal{K}}_k$  denote the subclass of functions  $f \in \mathcal{F}$  which satisfies

$$f \in \tilde{\mathcal{K}}_k \Leftrightarrow wf' \in \tilde{\mathcal{S}}_k^*. \quad (6)$$

For more details, some interesting properties of the classes of functions with respect to  $k$ -symmetric points have been discussed by the authors in [1, 2].

One of the most fundamental problems in geometric function theory is to find the coefficient bounds for a certain class of functions. In this work, we study the Hankel determinant  $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}_{\vartheta,n}(f)$  ( $\vartheta, n \in \mathbb{N}$ ) for the well-known class of starlike functions  $\tilde{\mathcal{S}}^*$  which was introduced by Pommerenke [23, 24], and is defined as follows:

$$\tilde{\mathcal{H}}_{\vartheta,n}(f) = \begin{vmatrix} a_n & a_{n+1} & \cdots & a_{n+\vartheta-1} \\ a_{n+1} & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots \\ \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots \\ a_{n+\vartheta-1} & \cdots & \cdots & a_{n+2\vartheta-2} \end{vmatrix}.$$

We can easily note that  $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}_{2,1}(f) = a_3 - a_2^2$ ,  $\tilde{\mathcal{H}}_{2,2}(f) = a_2a_4 - a_3^2$  and

$$\tilde{\mathcal{H}}_{3,1}(f) = 2a_2a_3a_4 - a_3^3 - a_4^2 + a_3a_5 - a_2^2a_5.$$

Many authors have studied and investigated the Hankel determinants for various subclasses of  $\mathcal{F}$ . The famous problem solved by using the Loewner technique to determine the greatest value of the coefficient was investigated by Fekete and Szegö in [9], they generalized the estimate  $|a_3 - \mu a_2^2|$  where  $\mu$  is real and  $f \in \tilde{\mathcal{S}}^*$ . Later, Jae Ho Choi et al.[6] provided a new method for solving the Fekete-Szegö problem which opened up a lot of new opportunities for research in the related fields. This determinant was studied for other classes of functions by many other authors like Noor [21], Ehrenborg [8], and Layman [15]. For some other related works for subclasses regarding symmetric points, one can look up Janteng et al.[11–13] who have considered the functional  $|\tilde{\mathcal{H}}_{2,2}(f)|$  and studied the second Hankel determinant and have shown that  $|\tilde{\mathcal{H}}_{2,2}(f)| \leq 4/9$ ,  $|\tilde{\mathcal{H}}_{2,2}(f)| \leq 1$ ,  $|\tilde{\mathcal{H}}_{2,2}(f)| \leq 1/8$  and  $|\tilde{\mathcal{H}}_{2,2}(f)| \leq 1$ ,  $|\tilde{\mathcal{H}}_{2,2}(f)| \leq 1/9$ , respectively, for the classes of analytic, starlike, convex, close-to-starlike and close-to-convex functions concerning symmetric points.

The third-order Hankel determinant  $|\tilde{\mathcal{H}}_{3,1}(f)|$  for subclasses of  $\mathcal{F}$  was studied for the first time by Babalola [3]. In 2017, Zaprawa [28] improved the results of Babalola [3] by proving  $|\tilde{\mathcal{H}}_{3,1}(f)| \leq 1$ ,  $|\tilde{\mathcal{H}}_{3,1}(f)| \leq 49/540$ ,  $|\tilde{\mathcal{H}}_{3,1}(f)| \leq 41/60$  for the classes of starlike, convex and bounded turning functions respectively.

The estimation of the fourth Hankel determinant  $|\tilde{\mathcal{H}}_{4,1}(f)|$  for the bounded turning functions has been obtained by Arif et al.[16] and they proved  $|\tilde{\mathcal{H}}_{4,1}(f)| \leq 0.78050$ .

Recently, Barukab et al.[4] obtained the sharp bounds of  $|\tilde{\mathcal{H}}_{3,1}(f)|$  for a collection of bounded turning functions associated with the petal-shaped domain. Khan et al.[14] investigated the third Hankel determinant for a class of starlike functions with respect to two symmetric points with a sine function. Other interesting topics have been discussed in 2021 and 2022; see [25, 26].

The aim of the present work is to determine the upper bound of the Hankel determinants of order two for the functions belonging to the classes  $\tilde{\mathcal{S}}_k^*$  and  $\tilde{\mathcal{K}}_k$ .

## 2 Preliminary Results

**Lemma 1.** [7] *If  $p \in \mathcal{P}$ , then  $|q_n| \leq 2$ , ( $n = 1, 2, \dots$ ).*

**Lemma 2.** [17, 18] *If  $p \in \mathcal{P}$ , then*

$$2q_2 = q_1^2 + (4 - q_1^2)x,$$

$$4q_3 = q_1^3 + 2q_1(4 - q_1^2)x - q_1(4 - q_1^2)x^2 + 2(4 - q_1^2)(1 - |x|^2)w,$$

*for some  $x$  and  $w$  satisfying  $|x| \leq 1$ ,  $|w| \leq 1$  and  $p_1 \in [0, 2]$ .*

### 3 Main Results

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $f \in \tilde{\mathcal{S}}_k^*$ , then*

$$|a_2a_4 - a_3^2| \leq \frac{4}{(3 - \psi_3)^2}, \quad (7)$$

where  $\psi_n$  is defined by (5).

*Proof.* Since  $f \in \tilde{\mathcal{S}}_k^*$ , then there exists  $p \in \mathcal{P}$  such that

$$\frac{wf'(w)}{f_k(w)} = p(w),$$

or

$$\frac{1 + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} na_n w^{n-1}}{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \psi_n a_n w^{n-1}} = 1 + q_1 w + q_2 w^2 + q_3 w^3 + \dots \quad (8)$$

Equating coefficients in (8) yields

$$\psi_1 = 1, \quad a_2 = \frac{q_1}{2 - \psi_2}, \quad a_3 = \frac{1}{3 - \psi_3} \left[ q_2 + \frac{\psi_2 q_1^2}{2 - \psi_2} \right], \quad (9)$$

$$a_4 = \frac{1}{4 - \psi_4} \left[ q_3 + \frac{\psi_2 q_1 q_2}{2 - \psi_2} + \frac{\psi_3 q_1}{3 - \psi_3} \left( q_2 + \frac{\psi_2 q_1^2}{2 - \psi_2} \right) \right]. \quad (10)$$

By (9) and (10) we get

$$|a_2a_4 - a_3^2| = \left| \frac{q_1}{(2 - \psi_2)(4 - \psi_4)} \left[ q_3 + \frac{\psi_2 q_1 q_2}{2 - \psi_2} + \frac{\psi_3 q_1}{3 - \psi_3} \left( q_2 + \frac{\psi_2 q_1^2}{2 - \psi_2} \right) \right] - \frac{1}{(3 - \psi_3)^2} \left[ q_2 + \frac{\psi_2 q_1^2}{2 - \psi_2} \right]^2 \right|.$$

Using Lemma (1) and Lemma (2) in the above equation we get

$$\begin{aligned} |a_2a_4 - a_3^2| &= \left| \frac{q_1}{4(2 - \psi_2)(4 - \psi_4)} \left[ q_1^3 + 2p_1(4 - q_1^2)x - q_1(4 - q_1^2)x^2 + 2(4 - q_1^2)(1 - |x|^2)w \right] + \right. \\ &\quad \frac{q_1}{(2 - \psi_2)(4 - \psi_4)} \left[ \frac{\psi_2 q_1}{2(2\psi_2)} \{q_1^2 + (4 - q_1^2)x\} + \frac{\psi_3 q_1}{2(3 - \psi_3)} \{q_1^2 + (4 - q_1^2)x + \frac{2\psi_2 q_1^2}{2 - \psi_2}\} \right] \\ &\quad \left. - \frac{1}{(3 - \psi_3)^2} \left[ \frac{1}{4} \{q_1^4 + 2q_1^2(4 - q_1^2)x + (4 - q_1^2)^2 x^2\} \right] \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \frac{1}{(3 - \psi_3)^2} \left[ (q_1^2 + (4 - q_1^2)x) \frac{\psi_2 q_1^2}{2 - \psi_2} + \frac{\psi_2^2 q_1^4}{(2 - \psi_2)^2} \right] \right| \\ &= \left| \left[ \frac{1}{2(2 - \psi_2)(4 - \psi_4)} \left\{ 1 + \frac{\psi_2}{2 - \psi_2} + \frac{\psi_3}{3 - \psi_3} \right\} - \frac{1}{2(3 - \psi_3)^2} - \frac{\psi_2}{(2\psi_2)(3\psi_3)^2} \right] q_1^2(4 - q_1^2)x \right. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& - \left[ \frac{q_1^2}{4(2-\psi_2)(4-\psi_4)} + \frac{(4-q_1^2)}{4(3-\psi_3)^2} \right] (4-q_1^2)x^2 + \frac{q_1(4-q_1^2)(1-|x|^2)w}{2(2-\psi_2)(4-\psi_4)} \\
& + \frac{q_1^4}{(2-\psi_2)(4-\psi_4)} \left\{ \frac{1}{4} + \frac{\psi_2}{2(2-\psi_2)} + \frac{\psi_3}{2(3-\psi_3)} + \frac{\psi_2\psi_3}{(2-\psi_2)(3-\psi_3)} \right\} \\
& - \frac{q_1^4}{4((3-\psi_3)^2)} - \frac{q_1^4\psi_2}{(2-\psi_2)(3-\psi_3)^2} - \frac{q_1^4\psi_2^2}{(2-\psi_2)^2(3-\psi_3)^2} \Big|.
\end{aligned}$$

Let  $q_1 = q$  and  $0 \leq q \leq 2$ , and utilizing the assumption  $|w| \leq 1$ , we obtain

$$|a_2a_4 - a_3^2| \leq \mathcal{R}_1(q) + \mathcal{R}_2(q)\mu + \mathcal{R}_3(q)\mu^2 = G(q, \mu), \quad (11)$$

where  $\mu = |x| \leq 1$  with

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{R}_1(q) &= q^4 \left[ \frac{1}{(2-\psi_2)(4-\psi_4)} \left\{ \frac{1}{4} + \frac{\psi_2}{2(2-\psi_2)} + \frac{\psi_3}{2(3-\psi_3)} + \frac{\psi_2\psi_3}{(2-\psi_2)(3-\psi_3)} \right\} \right] \\
&\quad + q^4 \left[ \frac{\psi_2}{(2\psi_2)(3-\psi_3)^2} - \frac{1}{4(3-\psi_3)^2} - \frac{\psi_2^2}{(2-\psi_2)^2(3-\psi_3)^2} \right] + \frac{q(4-q^2)}{2(2-\psi_2)(4-\psi_4)}, \\
\mathcal{R}_2(q) &= \left[ \frac{1}{2(2-\psi_2)(4-\psi_4)} \left\{ 1 + \frac{\psi_2}{2-\psi_2} + \frac{\psi_3}{3-\psi_3} \right\} + \frac{\psi_2}{(2-\psi_2)(3-\psi_3)^2} - \frac{1}{2(3-\psi_3)^2} \right] q^2(4-q^2), \\
\mathcal{R}_3(q) &= \left[ \frac{q(q+2)}{4(2-\psi_2)(4-\psi_4)} + \frac{(4-q^2)}{4(3-\psi_3)^2} \right] (4-q^2).
\end{aligned}$$

Now, we have to maximize  $G(q, \mu)$  on the closed square  $[0, 2] \times [0, 1]$ .

By taking partial derivative of  $G(q, \mu)$  in (11) with respect to  $\mu$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial G(q, \mu)}{\partial \mu} &= \left[ \frac{q(q+2)}{4(2-\psi_2)(4-\psi_4)} + \frac{(4-q^2)}{4(3-\psi_3)^2} \right] 2(4-q^2)\mu \\
&\quad + \frac{q^2(4-q^2)}{2(2-\psi_2)(4-\psi_4)} \left\{ 1 + \frac{\psi_2}{2-\psi_2} + \frac{\psi_3}{3-\psi_3} \right\} \\
&\quad + \frac{q^2(4-q^2)\psi_2}{(2-\psi_2)(3-\psi_3)^2} - \frac{q^2(4-q^2)}{2(3-\psi_3)^2}.
\end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

For  $\mu \in (0, 1)$  and for fixed  $q \in (0, 1)$ , from (12), we observe that  $\frac{\partial G(q, \mu)}{\partial \mu} > 0$ , and then  $G(q, \mu)$  is increasing in  $\mu$ , for fixed  $p \in [0, 2]$ , the maximum of  $G(q, \mu)$  occurs at  $\mu = 1$  and

$$\max_{0 \leq \mu \leq 1} G(q, \mu) = G(q, 1) = F(q). \quad (13)$$

From (11) and (13), upon simplification, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
F(q) = G(q, 1) &= \frac{\psi_2\psi_3q^4}{(2-\psi_2)^2(3-\psi_3)(4-\psi_4)} + \frac{q^4}{2(3-\psi_3)^2} - \frac{\psi_2^2q^4}{(2-\psi_2)^2(3-\psi_3)^2} \\
&\quad - \frac{q^4}{2(2-\psi_2)(4-\psi_4)} - q^3 + \frac{2q^2}{4-\psi_4} \left\{ 1 + \frac{\psi_2}{2-\psi_2} + \frac{\psi_3}{3-\psi_3} \right\} - \frac{q^2}{(3-\psi_3)^2} \quad (14)
\end{aligned}$$

$$+\frac{4q^2\psi_2}{(2-\psi_2)(3-\psi_3)^2}+\frac{q^2}{(2-\psi_2)(4-\psi_4)}+\frac{4}{(2-\psi_2)(4-\psi_4)}q+\frac{4}{(3-\psi_3)^2}.$$

Suppose that  $F(q)$  has a maximum value at  $q \in (0, 2)$ . Now by differentiating with respect to  $q$  and after some simple calculations we find

$$\begin{aligned} F'(q) &= \frac{4\psi_2\psi_3q^3}{(2-\psi_2)^2(3-\psi_3)(4-\psi_4)} + \frac{4q^3}{2(3-\psi_3)^2} - \frac{4q^3\psi_2^2}{2-\psi_2)^2(3-\psi_3)^2} \\ &\quad - \frac{4q^3}{2(2-\psi_2)(4-\psi_4)} - 3q^2 + \frac{4q}{(2-\psi_2)(4-\psi_4)} \left\{ 1 + \frac{\psi_2}{2-\psi_2} + \frac{\psi_3}{3-\psi_3} \right\} \\ &\quad - \frac{2q}{(3-\psi_3)^2} + \frac{8q\psi_2}{(2-\psi_2)(3-\psi_3)^2} + \frac{2q}{(2-\psi_2)(4-\psi_4)} + \frac{4}{(2-\psi_2)(4-\psi_4)}. \end{aligned}$$

Clearly,  $F'(q) = 0$  has no optimal solutions in  $(0, 2)$ . Thus,  $F(q)$  achieves its maximum value outside the interval, which contradicts our assumption of having the maximum value at the interior point of  $q \in [0, 2]$ . Thus any maximum point of  $F$  must be on the boundary of  $[0, 2]$ .

It is clear that  $F(0) > F(2)$ . Hence the maximum is achieved at  $q = 0$ . Therefore the upper bound for (11) corresponds to  $\mu = 1$  and  $q = 0$ . Hence from (11) we obtain (7).  $\square$

For  $k = 1$  in Theorem 7, we have the following result proved by Janteng [12].

**Corollary 1.** *If  $f(w) \in \tilde{\mathcal{S}}^*$ , then*

$$|a_2a_4 - a_3^2| \leq 1.$$

We can prove on similar lines the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.** *Let  $f \in \tilde{\mathcal{K}}_k$ , then*

$$|a_2a_4 - a_3^2| \leq \frac{4}{9(3-\psi_3)^2}, \quad (15)$$

where  $\psi_n$  is defined by (5).

Replacing  $k$  by 1 in Theorem 2, we have the following result proved by Janteng [12].

**Corollary 2.** *If  $f(w) \in \tilde{\mathcal{K}}$ , then*

$$|a_2a_4 - a_3^2| \leq \frac{1}{9}.$$

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