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### Coefficients of Inverses of Regular Starlike Functions

Współczynniki funkcji odwrotnych do funkcji regularnych gwiaździstych

Коэффициенты функций обратных к регулярным звездным функциям

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

As is usually the case we let  $\mathcal{S}$  represent the class of functions of the form

$$(1.1) \quad f(z) = z + a_2 z^2 + a_3 z^3 + \dots$$

regular and univalent in the open unit disk  $\Delta = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < 1\}$

Much of the interest in and many investigations of  $\mathcal{S}$  relate to establishing correct bounds on the coefficients  $a_k$ ,  $k = 2, 3, \dots$ , and it has been shown, cf. e.g. [2], that  $|a_n| \leq n$ , for  $n = 2, 3, 4, 5, 6$ . Except for rotations the unique extremal for these bounds is the Koebe function

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$$(1.2) \quad k(z) = \frac{z}{(1-z)^2} = z + 2z^2 + 3z^3 + \dots$$

In his seminal work relating to the conclusion that  $|a_3| \leq 3$ , Loewner [7] was able to give sharp bounds for the coefficients which appear in the Maclaurin series for the inverse of any function in  $\mathcal{S}$ . Specifically, if the inverse of  $f(z)$  is

$$(1.3) \quad F(w) = w + \gamma_2 w^2 + \gamma_3 w^3 + \dots$$

he showed that

$$(1.4) \quad |\gamma_n| \leq \frac{1}{n} \binom{2n}{n+1}$$

for  $n \geq 2$  and that the sharp upper bound is achieved by the inverse of a rotation of  $k(z)$  defined by (1.2).

To summarize the situation briefly we can say that sharp bounds for  $|\gamma_n|$  and each index  $n$  have been obtained in a surprisingly straightforward way, whereas proper bounds on  $|a_n|$  have been obtained for only a few indices with great difficulty. The purpose of this note is to illustrate that the converse situation appears to hold for some well-known subclasses of  $\mathcal{S}$ .

## 2. CONCLUSIONS

For  $0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$  we let  $\mathcal{S}_\alpha^*$  be the subclass of  $\mathcal{S}$  consisting of functions which are  $\alpha$ -starlike, i.e.,  $f(z)$  is as in (1.1) and  $\operatorname{Re}\{zf'(z)/f(z)\} \geq \alpha$  for  $z$  in  $\Delta$ . The functions  $f(z)$  in  $\mathcal{S}$  for which  $f[\Delta]$ , the image of  $\Delta$  under  $f(z)$ , is a convex domain is denoted by  $K$ ; it is

well-known that  $K \subset S_1^*$ .

The family of all starlike functions is  $S_0^*$ , written simply as  $S^*$ .

Also, let  $\mathcal{P}_\alpha$  be the class of functions

$$(2.1) \quad P(z) = 1 + p_1 z + p_2 z^2 + \dots$$

regular and satisfying the condition  $\operatorname{Re} P(z) > 0$  for  $z$  in  $\Delta$ . It follows that  $f(z)$  is in  $S_\alpha^*$  if and only if there is a corresponding function  $P(z)$  in  $\mathcal{P}$  for which

$$(2.2) \quad z f'(z) = f(z) (1 - \alpha) P(z) + \alpha$$

With representations (1.1) and (2.1) the last relation yields the relationships

$$(2.3) \quad (n-1)a_n = (1-\alpha) \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} p_j a_{n-j-1}, \quad n = 2, 3, \dots$$

Now, if a function and its inverse are given by (1.2) and (1.3) a brief calculation shows that

$$(2.4) \quad \gamma_2 = -a_2, \quad \gamma_3 = 2a_2^2 - a_3 \quad \text{and} \quad \gamma_4 = 5a_2[a_3 - a_2^2] - a_4$$

and these along with (2.3) give  $\gamma_2 = -(1-\alpha)p_1$  and

$$(2.5) \quad \gamma_3 = -\left(\frac{1-\alpha}{2}\right)[p_2 - 3(1-\alpha)p_1^2],$$

which give rise to the following result.

**THEOREM 1.** If  $f(z)$  is in  $S_\alpha^*$  and its inverse is given by (1.3), then  $|\gamma_2| \leq 2(1-\alpha)$  and

$$(2.6) \quad |\gamma_3| \leq \begin{cases} (1-\alpha)(5-6\alpha) & \text{for } 0 \leq \alpha \leq \frac{2}{3}, \\ (1-\alpha) & \text{for } \frac{2}{3} \leq \alpha < 1. \end{cases}$$

These bounds are sharp.

The first bound follows from the relation  $|p_k| \leq 2$  which is valid for all coefficients of (2.1) and the second is a consequence of the following lemma which is quoted in [6].

LEMMA. If  $P(z)$  in  $\mathcal{P}$  is given by (2.1), then

$$(2.7) \quad |p_2 - \mu p_1^2| \leq 2 \max\{1, |1 - 2\mu|\}$$

and the bound is rendered sharp by  $Q(z) = (1+z)/(1-z)$  when  $|1 - 2\mu| \geq 1$  and by  $T(z) = (1+z^2)/(1-z^2)$  otherwise.

Now, replacing  $P(z)$  in (2.2) by  $Q(z)$  and  $T(z)$  and solving for the corresponding  $f(z)$  gives functions in  $\mathcal{S}_\alpha^*$ , namely

$$(2.8) \quad k_\alpha(z) = \frac{z}{(1-z)^{2(1-\alpha)}} = z + 2(1-\alpha)z^2 + \\ + (1-\alpha)(3-2\alpha)z^3 + \dots$$

and

$$(2.9) \quad h_\alpha(z) = \frac{z}{(1-z^2)^{1-\alpha}} = z + (1-\alpha)z^3 - \\ - \frac{\alpha(1-\alpha)}{2} z^5 + \dots,$$

respectively. Appealing to (2.4) we see that  $k_\alpha(z)$  gives the sharp upper bound for  $|\gamma_2|$  with any value of  $\alpha$  and for  $|\gamma_3|$  when  $0 \leq \alpha \leq \frac{2}{3}$ , whereas  $h_\alpha(z)$  provides equality in (2.6) for the remaining values of  $\alpha$ .

Theorem 1 shows that no single function serves as the extremal for all coefficients  $\gamma_n$  of inverses for members of  $\mathcal{S}_\alpha^*$ ,  $\frac{2}{3} \leq \alpha < 1$ , which differs significantly from  $\mathcal{S}$  where one function can provide all extremal values. The situa-

tion for  $K$  appears to be surprisingly difficult; (2.8) with  $\alpha = \frac{1}{2}$  gives sharp upper bounds  $|\gamma_2| \leq 1$  and  $|\gamma_3| \leq 1$  when  $f(z)$  is in  $K$  however  $k_1(z)$  cannot give the sharp upper bound for  $|\gamma_n|$  for all  $n$ . Furthermore it is not likely that using (2.3) and (2.4) and the methods of the theorem can provide the correct bound for  $\gamma_4$ . However, we can provide an estimate for  $|\gamma_n|$ .

**THEOREM 2.** If  $F(w) = w + \gamma_2 w^2 + \dots$  corresponds to  $f(z)$  in  $\mathcal{S}_\alpha^*$ , then

$$(2.10) \quad |\gamma_n| \leq \frac{1}{n} \frac{[\Gamma(2n(1-\alpha) + 1)]}{[\Gamma(n(1-\alpha) + 1)]^2}.$$

To establish (2.10) we represent  $\gamma_n$  in a novel way, cf. [5]. Let  $f(z)$  and  $F(w)$  be as in (1.1) and (1.3) and let  $c(r)$  be the image of  $\{|z| = re^{i\theta} : 0 \leq \theta < 2\}$  under  $f(z)$ , then

$$(2.11) \quad \begin{aligned} \gamma_n &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{c(r)} \frac{F(w)dw}{w^{n+1}} = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{|z|=r} \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)^{n+1}} dz = \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{2\pi i}\right) \left(\frac{-1}{n}\right) \left\{ \frac{z}{f(z)^n} \Big|_{|z|=r} - \int_{|z|=r} \frac{dz}{f(z)^n} \right\} = \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi i n} \int_{|z|=r} \frac{dz}{f(z)^n}. \end{aligned}$$

Now, if  $f(z)$  belongs to  $\mathcal{S}_\alpha^*$ , it is known [4] that

$$\left(\frac{z}{f(z)}\right)^{\frac{1}{2(1-\alpha)}} = 1 + \omega(z), \quad \text{where } |\omega(z)| \leq |z|.$$

Consequently, using (2.11) and the principle of subordination we may write

$$\begin{aligned}
 |\gamma_n| &= \frac{1}{2\pi n} \left| \int_{|z|=r} \left( \frac{z}{f(z)} \right)^n \frac{dz}{z^n} \right| \\
 (2.12) \quad &\leq \frac{1}{2\pi nr^n} \int_{|z|=r} |1 + \omega(z)|^{2n(1-\alpha)} |dz| \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{2\pi nr^n} \int_{|z|=r} |1 + z|^{2n(1-\alpha)} |dz|.
 \end{aligned}$$

Letting  $z = re^{i\theta}$  and replacing  $r$  by 1 gives

$$\begin{aligned}
 |\gamma_n| &\leq \frac{2^{2n(1-\alpha)}}{2\pi n} \int_0^{2\pi} \left| \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \right|^{2n(1-\alpha)} d\theta = \\
 (2.13) \quad &= \frac{2^{2n(1-\alpha)}}{2\pi n} \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} (\cos t)^{2n(1-\alpha)} dt = \\
 &= \frac{1}{n} \frac{\Gamma(2n(1-\alpha) + 1)}{[\Gamma(n(1-\alpha) + 1)]^2},
 \end{aligned}$$

having made reference to standard tables, [3] for example.

For  $\alpha = 0$ , (2.13) gives  $|\gamma_n| \leq \frac{1}{n} \binom{2n}{n} = B_n$  which exceeds the correct value given in (1.4). However the orders of both bounds, as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , are the same. Also, for  $\alpha = 0$ , the computations given in (2.12) and (2.13) are equivalent to computing an upper bound for  $|\gamma_n|$  when  $f(z)$  is the Koebe function (1.2); hence it follows from the work of Baernstein [1] that  $B_n$  is an upper bound for coefficients of functions in  $\mathcal{S}$ . Of course, this is superfluous in view of Loewner's earlier result, namely (1.4), but it does provide the correct order for  $|\gamma_n|$ ,  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , with relative ease.

It appears then, that bounds for  $|\gamma_n|$ ,  $f(z)$  in  $\mathcal{S}_\alpha^*$ ,  $\alpha \neq 0$ , or  $f(z)$  in  $K$  may be obtainable only with considerable difficulty and that no single member of the class provi-

des a sharp bound for all indices; on the other hand good bounds for  $|a_n|$  are obtainable in a straight forward fashion [2].

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## STRESZCZENIE

Otrzymano ostre oszacowania początkowych współczynników dla funkcji odwrotnych do funkcji  $\alpha$ -gwiazdzystych oraz oszacowania nieostre dla wszystkich współczynników.

## Резюме

В работе получены строгие оценки начальных коэффициентов для функций обратных к  $\alpha$ -звездным функциям, а также оценки слабые для всех коэффициентов.