

**ON THE FEKETE-SZEGÖ PROBLEM  
FOR STRONGLY  $\alpha$ -LOGARITHMIC  
CLOSE-TO-CONVEX FUNCTIONS**

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ABSTRACT. Let  $CS^\alpha(\beta)$  denote the class of normalized strongly  $\alpha$ -logarithmic close-to-convex functions of order  $\beta$ , defined in the open unit disk  $\mathbb{U}$  by

$$\left| \arg \left\{ \left( \frac{f(z)}{g(z)} \right)^{1-\alpha} \left( \frac{zf'(z)}{g(z)} \right)^\alpha \right\} \right| \leq \frac{\pi}{2} \beta, \quad (\alpha, \beta \geq 0)$$

where  $g \in \mathcal{S}^*$  the class of normalized starlike functions. In this paper, we prove sharp Fekete-Szegő inequalities for functions  $f \in CS^\alpha(\beta)$ .

## 1. Introduction

Let  $\mathcal{S}$  denote the class of analytic functions of the form

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

which are univalent in the open unit disk  $\mathbb{U} = \{z : z \in \mathbb{C} \text{ and } |z| < 1\}$ . Let  $\mathcal{S}^*$  be the subclass of  $\mathcal{S}$  consisting of all starlike functions in  $\mathbb{U}$ .

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A classical result of Fekete and Szegő [4] determines the maximum value of  $|a_3 - \mu a_2^2|$ , as a function of the real parameter  $\mu$ , for  $f \in \mathcal{S}$ . There are also several results of this type in the literature, each of them dealing with  $|a_3 - \mu a_2^2|$  for various classes of functions (see, e. g., [1,6-10]).

Denote by  $\mathcal{K}(\beta)$  the class of strongly close-to-convex functions of order  $\beta$ . Thus  $f \in \mathcal{K}(\beta)$  if and only if there exists  $g \in \mathcal{S}^*$  such that

$$\left| \arg \frac{zf'(z)}{g(z)} \right| \leq \frac{\pi}{2}\beta, \quad (\beta \geq 0; z \in \mathbb{U})$$

A great deal of attention has been given in recent years to the class  $\mathcal{K}(\beta)$  introduced by Pommerenke [13]. For  $0 \leq \beta \leq 1$ , the class  $\mathcal{K}(\beta)$  is a subclass of close-to-convex functions introduced by Kaplan [6] and hence contains only univalent functions. However, Goodman [5] showed that  $\mathcal{K}(\beta)$  can contain functions with infinite valence for  $\beta > 1$ . The Fekete-Szegő problems for  $\mathcal{K}(1)$  and  $\mathcal{K}(\beta)$  has been also solved by Keogh and Merkes [7] and London[10], respectively. We now introduce a new class which covers the class  $\mathcal{K}(\beta)$  in terms of powers as follows:

**DEFINITION.** A function  $f \in \mathcal{S}$ , given by (1.1) is said to be strongly  $\alpha$ -logarithmic close-to-convex of order  $\beta$  if there exists a function  $g \in \mathcal{S}^*$  such that

$$\left| \arg \left\{ \left( \frac{f(z)}{g(z)} \right)^{1-\alpha} \left( \frac{zf'(z)}{g(z)} \right)^\alpha \right\} \right| \leq \frac{\pi}{2}\beta, \quad (\alpha, \beta \geq 0; z \in \mathbb{U}). \quad (1.2)$$

We denote by  $\mathcal{CS}^\alpha(\beta)$  the class of strongly  $\alpha$ -logarithmic close-to-convex functions of order  $\beta$ . We note that  $\mathcal{CS}^1(\beta) = \mathcal{K}(\beta)$ . In particular,  $\mathcal{CS}^0(1)$  is the class of close-to-star functions introduced by Reade [15].

The purpose of the present paper is to prove sharp Fekete-Szegő inequalities of the functions belonging to the class  $\mathcal{CS}^\alpha(\beta)$ , which extend the results by Abdel-Gawad and Thomas [1], Keogh and Merkes [7] and London [10].

**2. Results**

In proving our main result, we need the following lemma.

LEMMA. *Let  $p$  be analytic in  $\mathbb{U}$  and satisfying  $\operatorname{Re} \{p(z)\} > 0$  for  $z \in \mathbb{U}$ , with  $p(z) = 1 + p_1z + p_2z^2 + \dots$ . Then*

$$|p_n| \leq 2 \tag{2.1}$$

and

$$\left| p_2 - \frac{p_1^2}{2} \right| \leq 2 - \frac{|p_1|^2}{2}. \tag{2.2}$$

The inequality (2.1) can be first proved by Carathéodory [2] (also see Duren [3], p.41) and the inequality (2.2) can be found in [14, p.166].

With the help of Lemma, we now derive

THEOREM. *Let  $f \in CS^\alpha(\beta)$  and be given by (1.1). Then for  $\alpha \geq 0$  and  $\beta \geq 0$ , we have*

$$(1 + 2\alpha)|a_3 - \mu a_2^2| \leq \begin{cases} 1 + \frac{2(1+\beta)^2((1+3\alpha)-2(1+2\alpha)\mu)}{(1+\alpha)^2} & \text{if } \mu \leq \frac{(1+\beta)(1+3\alpha)-(1+\alpha)^2}{2(1+\beta)(1+2\alpha)}, \\ 1 + 2\beta + \frac{2((1+3\alpha)-2(1+2\alpha)\mu)}{(1+\alpha)^2 - \beta((1+3\alpha)-2(1+2\alpha)\mu)} & \text{if } \frac{(1+\beta)(1+3\alpha)-(1+\alpha)^2}{2(1+\beta)(1+2\alpha)} \leq \mu \leq \frac{1+3\alpha}{2(1+2\alpha)}, \\ 1 + 2\beta & \text{if } \frac{1+3\alpha}{2(1+2\alpha)} \leq \mu \leq \frac{(1+\beta)(1+3\alpha)+(1+\alpha)^2}{2(1+\beta)(1+2\alpha)}, \\ -1 + \frac{2(1+\beta)^2(2(1+2\alpha)\mu-(1+3\alpha))}{(1+\alpha)^2} & \text{if } \mu \geq \frac{(1+\beta)(1+3\alpha)+(1+\alpha)^2}{2(1+\beta)(1+2\alpha)}. \end{cases}$$

For each  $\mu$ , there are functions in  $CS^\alpha(\beta)$  such that equality holds in all cases.

*Proof.* Let  $f \in CS^\alpha(\beta)$ . Then it follows from (1.2) that we may write

$$\left(\frac{f(z)}{g(z)}\right)^{1-\alpha} \left(\frac{zf'(z)}{g(z)}\right)^\alpha = p^\beta(z),$$

where  $g$  is starlike and  $p$  has positive real part. Let  $g(z) = z + b_2z^2 + b_3z^3 + \dots$ , and let be given as in Lemma. Then by equating coefficients, we obtain

$$(\alpha + 1)a_2 = b_2 + \beta p_1$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} (1 + 2\alpha)a_3 &= b_3 + \frac{\alpha(1 - \alpha)}{2(1 + \alpha)^2}b_2^2 + \frac{\beta(1 + 3\alpha)}{(1 + \alpha)^2}p_1b_2 \\ &+ \frac{\beta(\beta(1 + 3\alpha) - (1 + \alpha)^2)}{2(1 + \alpha)^2}p_1^2 + \beta p_2. \end{aligned}$$

So, with

$$x = \frac{(1 + 3\alpha) - 2(1 + 2\alpha)\mu}{(1 + \alpha)^2},$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} (1 + 2\alpha)(a_3 - \mu a_2^2) &= b_3 + \frac{1}{2}(x - 1)b_2^2 \\ &+ \beta(p_2 + \frac{1}{2}(\beta x - 1)p_1^2) + \beta x p_1 b_2. \end{aligned} \tag{2.3}$$

Since rotations of  $f$  also belong to  $\mathcal{CS}^\alpha(\beta)$ , we may assume, without loss of generality, that  $a_3 - \mu a_2^2$  is positive. Thus we now estimate  $\operatorname{Re}(a_3 - \mu a_2^2)$ .

For some functions  $h(z) = 1 + k_1z + k_2z^2 + \dots$  ( $z \in \mathbb{U}$ ) with positive real part, we have  $zg'(z) = g(z)h(z)$ . Hence, by equating coefficients,  $b_2 = k_1$  and  $b_3 = (k_2 + k_1^2)/2$ . So, by using Lemma and letting  $k_1 = 2\rho e^{i\phi}$  ( $0 \leq \rho \leq 1$ ,  $0 \leq \phi \leq 2\pi$ ) and  $p_1 = 2re^{i\theta}$  ( $0 \leq r \leq 1$ ,  $0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$ ) in (2.3), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Re}(1+2\alpha)(a_3 - \mu a_2^2) &\leq 1 - \rho^2 + (1+2x)\rho^2 \cos 2\phi \\ &\quad + 2\beta(1-r^2) + 2\beta^2 xr^2 \cos 2\theta \\ &\quad + 4\beta xr\rho \cos(\theta + \phi) \end{aligned} \quad (2.4)$$

and we now proceed to maximize the right-hand side of (2.4). This function will be denote  $\psi$  whenever all parameters except  $x$  are held constant.

Assume that

$$\frac{(1+\beta)(1+3\alpha) - (1+\alpha)^2}{2(1+\beta)(1+2\alpha)} \leq \mu \leq \frac{1+3\alpha}{2(1+2\alpha)},$$

so that  $0 \leq x \leq 1/(1+\beta)$ . The expression  $-t^2 + t^2\beta x \cos 2\theta + 2xt$  is the largest when  $t = x/(\beta x \cos 2\theta)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(x) &\leq 1 + 2x + 2\beta \left( 1 + \frac{x^2}{1-\beta x} \right) \\ &= 1 + 2\beta + \frac{2((1+3\alpha) - 2(1+2\alpha)\mu)}{(1+\alpha)^2 - \beta((1+3\alpha) - 2(1+2\alpha)\mu)} \end{aligned}$$

and with (2.4) this establishes the second inequality in the theorem. Equality occurs if and only if

$$p_1 = \frac{2((1+3\alpha) - 2(1+2\alpha)\mu)}{(1+\alpha)^2 - \beta((1+3\alpha) - 2(1+2\alpha)\mu)}, \quad p_2 = b_2 = 2, \quad b_3 = 3$$

and the corresponding function  $f$  is defined by

$$f(z)^{1-\alpha} (zf'(z))^\alpha = \frac{z}{(1-z)^2} \left( \lambda \frac{1+z}{1-z} + (1-\lambda) \frac{1-z}{1+z} \right)^\beta,$$

where

$$\lambda = \frac{(1 + \alpha)^2 + (1 - 2\beta)((1 + 3\alpha) - 2(1 + 2\alpha)\mu)}{2((1 + \alpha)^2 - \beta((1 + 3\alpha) - 2(1 + 2\alpha)\mu))}.$$

We now to prove the first inequality. Let

$$\mu \leq \frac{(1 + \beta)(1 + 3\alpha) - (1 + \alpha)^2}{2(1 + \beta)(1 + 2\alpha)},$$

so that  $x \geq 1/(1 + \beta)$ . With  $x_0 = 1/(1 + \beta)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(x) &\leq \psi(x_0) + 2(x - x_0)(1 + \beta)^2 \\ &\leq 1 + \frac{2(1 + \beta)^2((1 + 3\alpha) - 2(1 + 2\alpha)\mu)}{(1 + \alpha)^2}, \end{aligned}$$

as required. Equality occurs only if  $p_1 = p_2 = 2$ ,  $b_2 = 2$ ,  $b_3 = 3$  and the corresponding function  $f$  is defined by

$$(f(z))^{1-\alpha}(zf'(z))^\alpha = \frac{z}{(1-z)^2} \left( \frac{1+z}{1-z} \right)^\beta.$$

Let  $x_1 = -1/(1 + \beta)$ . We note that  $\psi(x_1) \leq 1 + 2\beta$ . Then  $\psi(x)$  satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(x) &\leq \psi(x_1) + 2|x - x_1|(1 + \beta)^2 \\ &\leq -1 + \frac{2(1 + \beta)^2(2(1 + 2\alpha)\mu - (1 + 3\alpha))}{(1 + \alpha)^2}, \end{aligned}$$

if  $x \leq x_1$ , that is,

$$\mu \geq \frac{(1 + \beta)(1 + 3\alpha) + (1 + \alpha)^2}{2(1 + \beta)(1 + 2\alpha)}.$$

Equality occurs only if  $p_1 = 2i$ ,  $p_2 = -2$ ,  $b_2 = 2i$ ,  $b_3 = -3$  and the corresponding function  $f$  is defined by

$$(f(z))^{1-\alpha}(zf'(z))^\alpha = \frac{z}{(1-iz)^2} \left( \frac{1+iz}{1-iz} \right)^\beta.$$

Finally, since

$$\psi(\lambda x_1) = \lambda\psi(x_1) + (1 - \lambda)\psi(0) \leq 1 + 2\beta$$

for  $0 \leq \lambda \leq 1$ , we obtain  $\psi(x) \leq 1 + 2\beta$  for  $x_1 \leq x \leq 0$ , i.e.,

$$\frac{1 + 3\alpha}{2(1 + 2\alpha)} \leq \mu \leq \frac{(1 + \beta)(1 + 3\alpha) + (1 + \alpha)^2}{2(1 + \beta)(1 + 2\alpha)}.$$

Equality occurs only if  $p_1 = b_2 = 0$ ,  $p_2 = 2$ ,  $b_3 = 1$  and the corresponding function  $f$  is defined by

$$(f(z))^{1-\alpha}(zf'(z))^\alpha = \frac{z(1+z^2)^\beta}{(1-z^2)^{1+\beta}}.$$

Therefore we complete the proof of Theorem.

From Theorem, we have immediately the following

**COROLLARY.** *Let  $f \in \mathcal{CS}^0(\beta)$  and be given by (1.1). Then for  $\beta \geq 0$ , we have*

$$|a_3 - \mu a_2^2| \leq \begin{cases} 1 + 2(1 + \beta)^2(1 - 2\mu) & \text{if } \mu \leq \frac{\beta}{2(1+\beta)}, \\ 1 + 2\beta + \frac{2(1-2\mu)}{1-\beta(1-2\mu)} & \text{if } \frac{\beta}{2(1+\beta)} \leq \mu \leq \frac{1}{2}, \\ 1 + 2\beta & \text{if } \frac{1}{2} \leq \mu \leq \frac{2+\beta}{2(1+\beta)}, \\ -1 + 2(1 + \beta)^2(2\mu - 1) & \text{if } \mu \geq \frac{2+\beta}{2(1+\beta)}. \end{cases}$$

*For each  $\mu$ , there are functions in  $\mathcal{CS}^0(\beta)$  such that equality holds in all cases.*

**REMARK.** If we take  $\alpha = 1$  in Theorem, then we have the result by London [10], which covers the results of Keogh and Merkes [7] and Abdel-Gawad and Thomas [1].

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