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# Faber Polynomial Coefficient Estimates for a Subclass of Analytic Bi-univalent Functions

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**Abstract.** In this work, considering a general subclass of analytic bi-univalent functions, we determine estimates for the general Taylor-Maclaurin coefficients of the functions in this class. For this purpose, we use the Faber polynomial expansions. In certain cases, our estimates improve some of those existing coeffcient bounds.

#### 1. Introduction

Let  $\mathcal A$  denote the class of all functions of the form

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

which are analytic in the open unit disk

$$\mathbb{U} = \{z : z \in \mathbb{C} \text{ and } |z| < 1\}.$$

We also denote by  $\mathcal S$  the class of all functions in the normalized analytic function class  $\mathcal A$  which are univalent in  $\mathbb U$ .

It is well known that every function  $f \in S$  has an inverse  $f^{-1}$ , which is defined by

$$f^{-1}(f(z)) = z$$
  $(z \in \mathbb{U})$ 

and

$$f(f^{-1}(w)) = w$$
  $(|w| < r_0(f); r_0(f) \ge \frac{1}{4}).$ 

In fact, the inverse function  $g = f^{-1}$  is given by

$$g(w) = f^{-1}(w)$$

$$= w - a_2 w^2 + (2a_2^2 - a_3) w^3 - (5a_2^3 - 5a_2 a_3 + a_4) w^4 + \cdots$$

$$= : w + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} A_n w^n.$$
(2)

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A function  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  is said to be bi-univalent in  $\mathbb{U}$  if both f and  $f^{-1}$  are univalent in  $\mathbb{U}$ . Let  $\Sigma$  denote the class of bi-univalent functions in  $\mathbb{U}$  given by (1). The class of analytic bi-univalent functions was first introduced and studied by Lewin [22], where it was proved that  $|a_2| < 1.51$ . Brannan and Clunie [4] improved Lewin's result to  $|a_2| \leq \sqrt{2}$  and later Netanyahu [24] proved that  $|a_2| \leq 4/3$ . Brannan and Taha [5] and Taha [31] also investigated certain subclasses of bi-univalent functions and found non-sharp estimates on the first two Taylor-Maclaurin coefficients  $|a_2|$  and  $|a_3|$ . For a brief history and interesting examples of functions in the class  $\Sigma$ , see [29] (see also [5]). In fact, the aforecited work of Srivastava *et al.* [29] essentially revived the investigation of various subclasses of the bi-univalent function class  $\Sigma$  in recent years; it was followed by such works as those by Frasin and Aouf [14], Xu *et al.* [33, 34], Hayami and Owa [19], and others (see, for example, [2, 6–9, 11, 15, 23, 25, 26, 28]).

Not much is known about the bounds on the general coefficient  $|a_n|$  for n > 3. This is because the bi-univalency requirement makes the behavior of the coefficients of the function f and  $f^{-1}$  unpredictable. Here, in this paper, we use the Faber polynomial expansions for a general subclass of analytic bi-univalent functions to determine estimates for the general coefficient bounds  $|a_n|$ .

The Faber polynomials introduced by Faber [13] play an important role in various areas of mathematical sciences, especially in geometric function theory. The recent publications [16] and [18] applying the Faber polynomial expansions to meromorphic bi-univalent functions motivated us to apply this technique to classes of analytic bi-univalent functions.

In the literature, there are only a few works determining the general coefficient bounds  $|a_n|$  for the analytic bi-univalent functions given by (1) using Faber polynomial expansions, [10, 17, 20, 21, 30]. Hamidi and Jahangiri [17] considered the class of analytic bi-close-to-convex functions. Jahangiri and Hamidi [20] considered the class defined by Frasin and Aouf [14]. Bulut [10] generalized the results obtained in [20]. Jahangiri *et al.* [21] considered the class of analytic bi-univalent functions with positive real-part derivatives. In this work, we generalize the results obtained by Srivastava *et al.* [30].

### 2. The Class $\mathcal{N}_{\Sigma}(\alpha, \lambda, \delta)$

Firstly, we introduce a general class of analytic bi-univalent functions as follows.

**Definition 1.** For  $\lambda \geq 1$  and  $\delta \geq 0$ , a function  $f \in \Sigma$  given by (1) is said to be in the class  $\mathcal{N}_{\Sigma}(\alpha, \lambda, \delta)$  if the following conditions are satisfied:

$$Re\left((1-\lambda)\frac{f(z)}{z} + \lambda f'(z) + \delta z f''(z)\right) > \alpha$$
 (3)

and

$$Re\left((1-\lambda)\frac{g(w)}{w} + \lambda g'(w) + \delta w g''(w)\right) > \alpha$$
 (4)

where  $0 \le \alpha < 1$  and  $z, w \in \mathbb{U}$  and  $g = f^{-1}$  is defined by (2).

**Remark 1**. In the following special cases of Definition 1, we show how the class of analytic bi-univalent functions  $\mathcal{N}_{\Sigma}(\alpha, \lambda, \delta)$  for suitable choices of  $\lambda$  and  $\delta$  lead to certain new as well as known classes of analytic bi-univalent functions studied earlier in the literature.

(i) For  $\delta = 0$ , we obtain the bi-univalent function class

$$\mathcal{N}_{\Sigma}(\alpha,\lambda,0) = \mathcal{B}_{\Sigma}(\alpha,\lambda)$$

introduced by Frasin and Aouf [14]. This class consists of functions  $f \in \Sigma$  satisfying

$$Re\left((1-\lambda)\frac{f(z)}{z} + \lambda f'(z)\right) > \alpha$$

and

$$Re\left((1-\lambda)\frac{g(w)}{w} + \lambda g'(w)\right) > \alpha$$

where  $0 \le \alpha < 1$  and  $z, w \in \mathbb{U}$  and  $g = f^{-1}$  is defined by (2).

(ii) For  $\delta = 0$  and  $\lambda = 1$ , we have the bi-univalent function class

$$\mathcal{N}_{\Sigma}(\alpha, 1, 0) = \mathcal{H}_{\Sigma}(\alpha)$$

introduced by Srivastava *et al.* [29]. This class consists of functions  $f \in \Sigma$  satisfying

$$Re(f'(z)) > \alpha$$

and

$$Re(q'(w)) > \alpha$$

where  $0 \le \alpha < 1$  and  $z, w \in \mathbb{U}$  and  $g = f^{-1}$  is defined by (2).

(iii) For  $\lambda = 1$ , we get the bi-univalent function class

$$\mathcal{N}_{\Sigma}(\alpha, 1, \delta) = \mathcal{N}_{\Sigma}^{(\alpha, \delta)}$$

introduced by Srivastava *et al.* [30]. This class consists of functions  $f \in \Sigma$  satisfying

$$Re(f'(z) + \delta z f''(z)) > \alpha$$

and

$$Re\left(g'\left(w\right) + \delta w g''\left(w\right)\right) > \alpha$$

where  $0 \le \alpha < 1$  and  $z, w \in \mathbb{U}$  and  $g = f^{-1}$  is defined by (2).

#### 3. Coefficient Estimates

Using the Faber polynomial expansion of functions  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  of the form (1), the coefficients of its inverse map  $g = f^{-1}$  may be expressed as, [1]:

$$g(w) = f^{-1}(w) = w + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} K_{n-1}^{-n}(a_2, a_3, \dots) w^n,$$
 (5)

where

$$K_{n-1}^{-n} = \frac{(-n)!}{(-2n+1)! (n-1)!} a_2^{n-1} + \frac{(-n)!}{(2(-n+1))! (n-3)!} a_2^{n-3} a_3 + \frac{(-n)!}{(-2n+3)! (n-4)!} a_2^{n-4} a_4 + \frac{(-n)!}{(2(-n+2))! (n-5)!} a_2^{n-5} \left[ a_5 + (-n+2) a_3^2 \right] + \frac{(-n)!}{(-2n+5)! (n-6)!} a_2^{n-6} \left[ a_6 + (-2n+5) a_3 a_4 \right] + \sum_{i \ge 7} a_2^{n-i} V_j,$$

$$(6)$$

such that  $V_j$  with  $7 \le j \le n$  is a homogeneous polynomial in the variables  $a_2, a_3, \ldots, a_n$ , [3]. In particular, the first three terms of  $K_{n-1}^{-n}$  are

$$K_1^{-2} = -2a_2,$$

$$K_2^{-3} = 3(2a_2^2 - a_3),$$

$$K_3^{-4} = -4(5a_2^3 - 5a_2a_3 + a_4).$$
(7)

In general, for any  $p \in \mathbb{N} := \{1, 2, 3, \ldots\}$ , an expansion of  $K_n^p$  is as, [1],

$$K_n^p = pa_n + \frac{p(p-1)}{2}D_n^2 + \frac{p!}{(p-3)!3!}D_n^3 + \dots + \frac{p!}{(p-n)!n!}D_{n'}^n$$
(8)

where

$$D_n^p = D_n^p (a_2, a_3, ...),$$

and by [32],

$$D_n^m(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{m!}{i_1! \dots i_n!} a_1^{i_1} \dots a_n^{i_n}$$

while  $a_1 = 1$ , and the sum is taken over all non-negative integers  $i_1, \ldots, i_n$  satisfying

$$i_1 + i_2 + \dots + i_n = m$$
  
$$i_1 + 2i_2 + \dots + ni_n = n.$$

It is clear that

$$D_n^n(a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_n) = a_1^n$$

Consequently, for functions  $f \in \mathcal{N}_{\Sigma}(\alpha, \lambda, \delta)$  of the form (1), we can write:

$$(1 - \lambda)\frac{f(z)}{z} + \lambda f'(z) + \delta z f''(z) = 1 + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} [1 + (n-1)\lambda + n(n-1)\delta] a_n z^{n-1}.$$
(9)

Our first theorem introduces an upper bound for the coefficients  $|a_n|$  of analytic bi-univalent functions in the class  $\mathcal{N}_{\Sigma}(\alpha, \lambda, \delta)$ .

**Theorem 2.** For  $\lambda \geq 1$ ,  $\delta \geq 0$  and  $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ , let the function  $f \in \mathcal{N}_{\Sigma}(\alpha, \lambda, \delta)$  be given by (1). If  $a_k = 0$   $(2 \leq k \leq n - 1)$ , then

$$|a_n| \le \frac{2(1-\alpha)}{1+(n-1)\lambda+n(n-1)\delta}$$
  $(n \ge 4)$ .

*Proof.* For the function  $f \in \mathcal{N}_{\Sigma}(\alpha, \lambda, \delta)$  of the form (1), we have the expansion (9) and for the inverse map  $g = f^{-1}$ , considering (2), we obtain

$$(1 - \lambda)\frac{g(w)}{w} + \lambda g'(w) + \delta w g''(w) = 1 + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} [1 + (n-1)\lambda + n(n-1)\delta] A_n w^{n-1}, \tag{10}$$

with

$$A_n = \frac{1}{n} K_{n-1}^{-n} (a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n).$$
 (11)

On the other hand, since  $f \in \mathcal{N}_{\Sigma}(\alpha, \lambda, \delta)$  and  $g = f^{-1} \in \mathcal{N}_{\Sigma}(\alpha, \lambda, \delta)$ , by definition, there exist two positive real-part functions

$$p(z) = 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n z^n \in \mathcal{A}$$

and

$$q\left(w\right)=1+\sum_{n=1}^{\infty}d_{n}w^{n}\in\mathcal{A},$$

where

$$Re(p(z)) > 0$$
 and  $Re(q(w)) > 0$ 

in U so that

$$(1 - \lambda)\frac{f(z)}{z} + \lambda f'(z) + \delta z f''(z) = \alpha + (1 - \alpha)p(z) = 1 + (1 - \alpha)\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} K_n^1(c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n)z^n$$
(12)

and

$$(1 - \lambda)\frac{g(w)}{w} + \lambda g'(w) + \delta w g''(w) = \alpha + (1 - \alpha) q(w) = 1 + (1 - \alpha) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} K_n^1(d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n) w^n.$$
 (13)

Note that, by the Caratheodory lemma (e.g., [12]),

$$|c_n| \le 2$$
 and  $|d_n| \le 2$   $(n \in \mathbb{N})$ .

Comparing the corresponding coefficients of (9) and (12), for any  $n \ge 2$ , yields

$$[1 + (n-1)\lambda + n(n-1)\delta]a_n = (1-\alpha)K_{n-1}^1(c_1, c_2, \dots, c_{n-1}),$$
(14)

and similarly, from (10) and (13) we find

$$[1 + (n-1)\lambda + n(n-1)\delta]A_n = (1-\alpha)K_{n-1}^1(d_1, d_2, \dots, d_{n-1}).$$
(15)

Note that for  $a_k = 0 \ (2 \le k \le n - 1)$ , we have

$$A_n = -a_n$$

and so

$$[1 + (n-1)\lambda + n(n-1)\delta] a_n = (1-\alpha)c_{n-1},$$
  
-[1 + (n-1)\lambda + n(n-1)\delta] a\_n = (1-\alpha)d\_{n-1}.

Taking the absolute values of the above equalities, we obtain

$$|a_n| = \frac{(1-\alpha)|c_{n-1}|}{1+(n-1)\,\lambda+n\,(n-1)\,\delta} = \frac{(1-\alpha)\,|d_{n-1}|}{1+(n-1)\,\lambda+n\,(n-1)\,\delta} \leq \frac{2\,(1-\alpha)}{1+(n-1)\,\lambda+n\,(n-1)\,\delta},$$

which completes the proof of the Theorem 2.  $\Box$ 

The following corollaries are immediate consequences of the above theorem.

**Corollary 3.** [20, Theorem 1] For  $\lambda \geq 1$  and  $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ , let the function  $f \in \mathcal{B}_{\Sigma}(\alpha, \lambda)$  be given by (1). If  $a_k = 0$  ( $2 \leq k \leq n - 1$ ), then

$$|a_n| \le \frac{2(1-\alpha)}{1+(n-1)\lambda} \qquad (n \ge 4).$$

**Corollary 4.** [30, Theorem 1] For  $\delta \geq 0$  and  $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ , let the function  $f \in \mathcal{N}_{\Sigma}^{(\alpha,\delta)}$  be given by (1). If  $a_k = 0$  ( $2 \leq k \leq n-1$ ), then

$$|a_n| \le \frac{2(1-\alpha)}{n[1+(n-1)\delta]}$$
  $(n \ge 4)$ .

**Theorem 5.** For  $\lambda \geq 1$ ,  $\delta \geq 0$  and  $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ , let the function  $f \in \mathcal{N}_{\Sigma}(\alpha, \lambda, \delta)$  be given by (1). Then one has the following

$$|a_{2}| \leq \begin{cases} \sqrt{\frac{2(1-\alpha)}{1+2\lambda+6\delta}} & , \quad 0 \leq \alpha < 1 - \frac{(1+\lambda+2\delta)^{2}}{2(1+2\lambda+6\delta)} \\ \frac{2(1-\alpha)}{1+\lambda+2\delta} & , \quad 1 - \frac{(1+\lambda+2\delta)^{2}}{2(1+2\lambda+6\delta)} \leq \alpha < 1 \end{cases}$$
(16)

$$|a_3| \le \frac{2(1-\alpha)}{1+2\lambda+6\delta'}\tag{17}$$

$$\left| a_3 - 2a_2^2 \right| \le \frac{2(1-\alpha)}{1+2\lambda+6\delta}.$$

*Proof.* If we set n = 2 and n = 3 in (14) and (15), respectively, we get

$$(1+\lambda+2\delta)a_2 = (1-\alpha)c_1, \tag{18}$$

$$(1 + 2\lambda + 6\delta) a_3 = (1 - \alpha) c_2, \tag{19}$$

$$-(1 + \lambda + 2\delta) a_2 = (1 - \alpha) d_1, \tag{20}$$

$$(1 + 2\lambda + 6\delta)(2a_2^2 - a_3) = (1 - \alpha)d_2. \tag{21}$$

From (18) and (20), we find (by the Caratheodory lemma)

$$|a_2| = \frac{(1-\alpha)|c_1|}{1+\lambda+2\delta} = \frac{(1-\alpha)|d_1|}{1+\lambda+2\delta} \le \frac{2(1-\alpha)}{1+\lambda+2\delta}.$$
 (22)

Also from (19) and (21), we obtain

$$2(1+2\lambda+6\delta)a_2^2 = (1-\alpha)(c_2+d_2). \tag{23}$$

Using the Caratheodory lemma, we get

$$|a_2| \le \sqrt{\frac{2(1-\alpha)}{1+2\lambda+6\delta'}}$$

and combining this with inequality (22), we obtain the desired estimate on the coefficient  $|a_2|$  as asserted in (16).

Next, in order to find the bound on the coefficient  $|a_3|$ , we subtract (21) from (19). We thus get

$$(1 + 2\lambda + 6\delta)(-2a_2^2 + 2a_3) = (1 - \alpha)(c_2 - d_2)$$

or

$$a_3 = a_2^2 + \frac{(1 - \alpha)(c_2 - d_2)}{2(1 + 2\lambda + 6\delta)}. (24)$$

Upon substituting the value of  $a_2^2$  from (18) into (24), it follows that

$$a_3 = \frac{(1-\alpha)^2 c_1^2}{(1+\lambda+2\delta)^2} + \frac{(1-\alpha)(c_2-d_2)}{2(1+2\lambda+6\delta)}.$$

We thus find (by the Caratheodory lemma) that

$$|a_3| \le \frac{4(1-\alpha)^2}{(1+\lambda+2\delta)^2} + \frac{2(1-\alpha)}{1+2\lambda+6\delta}.$$
 (25)

On the other hand, upon substituting the value of  $a_2^2$  from (23) into (24), it follows that

$$a_3 = \frac{(1-\alpha)c_2}{1+2\lambda+6\delta}.$$

Consequently (by the Caratheodory lemma), we have

$$|a_3| \le \frac{2(1-\alpha)}{1+2\lambda+6\delta}.\tag{26}$$

Combining (25) and (26), we get the desired estimate on the coefficient  $|a_3|$  as asserted in (17). Finally, from (21), we deduce (by the Caratheodory lemma) that

$$\left| a_3 - 2a_2^2 \right| = \frac{(1-\alpha)\left| d_2 \right|}{1+2\lambda+6\delta} \le \frac{2(1-\alpha)}{1+2\lambda+6\delta}.$$

This evidently completes the proof of Theorem 5.  $\Box$ 

**Remark 2**. The above estimates for  $|a_2|$  and  $|a_3|$  show that Theorem 5 is an improvement of the estimates obtained by Sivasubramanian *et al.* [27, Theorem 3.2].

By setting  $\delta = 0$  in Theorem 5, we obtain the following consequence.

**Corollary 6.** [20, Theorem 2] For  $\lambda \geq 1$  and  $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ , let the function  $f \in \mathcal{B}_{\Sigma}(\alpha, \lambda)$  be given by (1). Then one has the following

$$\begin{split} |a_2| &\leq \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \sqrt{\frac{2(1-\alpha)}{1+2\lambda}} &, \quad 0 \leq \alpha < \frac{1+2\lambda-\lambda^2}{2(1+2\lambda)} \\ \\ \frac{2(1-\alpha)}{1+\lambda} &, \quad \frac{1+2\lambda-\lambda^2}{2(1+2\lambda)} \leq \alpha < 1 \end{array} \right. \\ |a_3| &\leq \frac{2\left(1-\alpha\right)}{1+2\lambda}, \\ \left|a_3-2a_2^2\right| &\leq \frac{2\left(1-\alpha\right)}{1+2\lambda}. \end{split}$$

**Remark 3**. The above estimates for  $|a_2|$  and  $|a_3|$  show that Corollary 6 is an improvement of the estimates obtained by Frasin and Aouf [14, Theorem 3.2].

By setting  $\delta = 0$  and  $\lambda = 1$  in Theorem 5, we obtain the following consequence.

**Corollary 7.** For  $0 \le \alpha < 1$ , let the function  $f \in \mathcal{H}_{\Sigma}(\alpha)$  be given by (1). Then one has the following

$$|a_2| \le \begin{cases} \sqrt{\frac{2(1-\alpha)}{3}} &, \quad 0 \le \alpha < \frac{1}{3} \\ 1-\alpha &, \quad \frac{1}{3} \le \alpha < 1 \end{cases},$$

$$|a_3| \le \frac{2(1-\alpha)}{3},$$

$$|a_3 - 2a_2^2| \le \frac{2(1-\alpha)}{3}.$$

**Remark 4**. The above estimates for  $|a_2|$  and  $|a_3|$  show that Corollary 7 is an improvement of the estimates obtained by Srivastava *et al.* [29, Theorem 2].

By setting  $\lambda = 1$  in Theorem 5, we obtain the following consequence.

**Corollary 8.** [30, Theorem 2] For  $\delta \geq 0$  and  $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ , let the function  $f \in \mathcal{N}_{\Sigma}^{(\alpha,\delta)}$  be given by (1). Then one has the following

$$\begin{split} |a_2| &\leq \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \sqrt{\frac{2(1-\alpha)}{3(1+2\delta)}} &, \quad 0 \leq \alpha < \frac{1+2\delta-2\delta^2}{3(1+2\delta)} \\ \\ \frac{1-\alpha}{1+\delta} &, \quad \frac{1+2\delta-2\delta^2}{3(1+2\delta)} \leq \alpha < 1 \end{array} \right. \\ |a_3| &\leq \frac{2\left(1-\alpha\right)}{3\left(1+2\delta\right)}. \end{split}$$

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