

# INITIAL COEFFICIENT BOUNDS FOR CERTAIN CLASSES OF MEROMORPHIC BI-UNIVALENT FUNCTIONS

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**ABSTRACT.** In this paper we extend the concept of bi-univalent to the class of meromorphic functions. We propose to investigate the coefficient estimates for two classes of meromorphic bi-univalent functions. Also, we find estimates on the coefficients  $|b_0|$  and  $|b_1|$  for functions in these new classes. Some interesting remarks and applications of the results presented here are also discussed.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

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

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

which are analytic in the open unit disc  $\mathbb{U} = \{z : z \in \mathbb{C} \text{ and } |z| < 1\}$ . Further, by  $\mathcal{S}$  we shall denote the class of all functions in  $\mathcal{A}$  which are univalent in  $\mathbb{U}$ .

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

$$h^{-1}(h(z)) = z, \quad (z \in \mathbb{U})$$

and

$$h(h^{-1}(w)) = w, \quad (|w| < r_0(h); r_0(h) \geq \frac{1}{4}),$$

where

$$h^{-1}(w) = w - a_2 w^2 + (2a_2^2 - a_3) w^3 - (5a_2^3 - 5a_2 a_3 + a_4) w^4 + \dots \quad (1.2)$$

A function  $h \in \mathcal{S}$  is said to be bi-univalent in  $\mathbb{U}$  if both  $h(z)$  and  $h^{-1}(z)$  are univalent in  $\mathbb{U}$ . Let  $\Sigma_{\mathcal{B}}$  denote the class of bi-univalent functions in  $\mathbb{U}$  given by (1.1).

In 1967, Lewin [14] investigated the bi-univalent function class  $\Sigma$  and showed that  $|a_2| < 1.51$ . On the other hand, Brannan and Clunie [2] (see also [3, 4, 23]) and Netanyahu [15] made an attempt to introduce various subclasses of the bi-univalent function class  $\Sigma_{\mathcal{B}}$  and obtained non-sharp coefficient estimates on the first two coefficients  $|a_2|$  and  $|a_3|$  of (1.1). But the coefficient problem for each of the following Taylor-Maclaurin coefficients  $|a_n|$  ( $n \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{1, 2\}$ ;  $\mathbb{N} := \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$ ) is still an open problem. Following Brannan and Taha [4], many researchers (see [1, 5, 7, 8, 10, 16, 20, 22, 24, 26]) have recently introduced and investigated several interesting subclasses of the bi-univalent function class  $\Sigma_{\mathcal{B}}$  and they have found non-sharp estimates on the first two Taylor-Maclaurin coefficients  $|a_2|$  and  $|a_3|$ .

Let  $\Sigma$  denote the class of functions  $f$  of the form

$$f(z) = z + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{b_n}{z^n}, \quad (1.3)$$

which are meromorphic univalent functions defined in

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

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

$$f^{-1}(f(z)) = z \quad (z \in \mathcal{V})$$

and

$$f^{-1}(f(w)) = w \quad (M < |w| < \infty, M > 0).$$

Furthermore, the inverse function  $f^{-1}$  has a series expansion of the form

$$f^{-1}(w) = w + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{B_n}{w^n}, \quad (1.4)$$

where  $M < |w| < \infty$ .

The coefficient problem was investigated for various interesting subclasses of the meromorphic univalent functions (see, for example [6, 12, 18]). In 1951, Springer [21] conjectured on the coefficient of the inverse of meromorphic univalent functions, latter the problem was investigated by many researchers for various subclasses (see, for details [11, 12, 13, 19, 25]).

Analogous to the bi-univalent analytic functions, a function  $f \in \Sigma$  is said to be meromorphic bi-univalent if both  $f$  and  $f^{-1}$  are meromorphic univalent in  $\mathcal{V}$ . We denote by  $\Sigma_{\mathcal{M}}$  the class of all meromorphic bi-univalent functions in  $\mathcal{V}$  given by (1.3).

A function  $f$  in the class  $\Sigma$  is said to be meromorphic bi-univalent starlike of order  $\alpha$  ( $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ ) if it satisfies the following inequalities

$$f \in \Sigma_{\mathcal{M}}, \quad \Re \left( \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right) > \alpha \quad (z \in \mathcal{V}) \text{ and } \Re \left( \frac{wg'(w)}{g(w)} \right) > \alpha \quad (w \in \mathcal{V}),$$

where  $g(w) = f^{-1}(w)$  is the inverse of  $f(z)$  whose series expansion is given by (1.4), a simple calculation shows that

$$g(w) = w - b_0 - \frac{b_1}{w} - \frac{b_2 + b_0b_1}{w^2} - \frac{b_3 + 2b_0b_2 + b_0^2b_1 + b_1^2}{w^3} + \dots \quad (1.5)$$

We denote by  $\Sigma_{\mathcal{M}}^*(\alpha)$  the class of all meromorphic bi-univalent starlike functions of order  $\alpha$ . Similarly, a function  $f$  in the class  $\Sigma$  is said to be meromorphic bi-univalent strongly starlike of order  $\alpha$  ( $0 < \alpha \leq 1$ ) if it satisfies the following conditions

$$f \in \Sigma_{\mathcal{M}}, \quad \left| \arg \left( \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right) \right| < \frac{\alpha\pi}{2} \quad (z \in \mathcal{V}) \text{ and } \left| \arg \left( \frac{wg'(w)}{g(w)} \right) \right| < \frac{\alpha\pi}{2} \quad (w \in \mathcal{V}),$$

where  $g(w)$  is given by (1.5). We denote by  $\widetilde{\Sigma}_{\mathcal{M}}^*(\alpha)$  the class of all meromorphic bi-univalent strongly starlike functions of order  $\alpha$ . The classes  $\Sigma_{\mathcal{M}}^*(\alpha)$  and  $\widetilde{\Sigma}_{\mathcal{M}}^*(\alpha)$  were introduced and studied by Halim et al. [9].

Motivated by the works of Halim et al. [9] we define the following general subclasses  $\Sigma_{\mathcal{M}}^*(\alpha, \mu, \lambda)$  and  $\widetilde{\Sigma}_{\mathcal{M}}^*(\alpha, \mu, \lambda)$  of the function class  $\Sigma$ .

**Definition 1.1.** A function  $f$  given by (1.3) is said to be in the class  $\Sigma_{\mathcal{M}}^*(\alpha, \mu, \lambda)$  if the following conditions are satisfied:

$$f \in \Sigma_{\mathcal{M}}, \Re \left( (1 - \lambda) \left( \frac{f(z)}{z} \right)^{\mu} + \lambda f'(z) \left( \frac{f(z)}{z} \right)^{\mu-1} \right) > \alpha \quad (\mu \geq 0, \lambda \geq 1, \lambda > \mu; z \in \mathcal{V}) \quad (1.6)$$

and

$$\Re \left( (1 - \lambda) \left( \frac{g(w)}{w} \right)^{\mu} + \lambda g'(w) \left( \frac{g(w)}{w} \right)^{\mu-1} \right) > \alpha \quad (\mu \geq 0, \lambda \geq 1, \lambda > \mu; w \in \mathcal{V}) \quad (1.7)$$

for some  $\alpha (0 \leq \alpha < 1)$ , where  $g$  is given by (1.5).

**Definition 1.2.** A function  $f$  given by (1.3) is said to be in the class  $\tilde{\Sigma}_{\mathcal{M}}^*(\alpha, \mu, \lambda)$  if the following conditions are satisfied:

$$f \in \Sigma_{\mathcal{M}}, \left| \arg \left( (1 - \lambda) \left( \frac{f(z)}{z} \right)^{\mu} + \lambda f'(z) \left( \frac{f(z)}{z} \right)^{\mu-1} \right) \right| < \frac{\alpha\pi}{2} \quad (\mu \geq 0, \lambda \geq 1, \lambda > \mu; z \in \mathcal{V}) \quad (1.8)$$

and

$$\left| \arg \left( (1 - \lambda) \left( \frac{g(w)}{w} \right)^{\mu} + \lambda g'(w) \left( \frac{g(w)}{w} \right)^{\mu-1} \right) \right| < \frac{\alpha\pi}{2} \quad (\mu \geq 0, \lambda \geq 1, \lambda > \mu; w \in \mathcal{V}) \quad (1.9)$$

for some  $\alpha (0 < \alpha \leq 1)$ , where  $g$  is given by (1.5).

It is interesting to note that, for  $\lambda = 1$  and  $\mu = 0$  the classes  $\Sigma_{\mathcal{M}}^*(\alpha, \mu, \lambda)$  and  $\tilde{\Sigma}_{\mathcal{M}}^*(\alpha, \mu, \lambda)$  respectively, reduces to the classes  $\Sigma_{\mathcal{M}}^*(\alpha)$  and  $\tilde{\Sigma}_{\mathcal{M}}^*(\alpha)$  introduced and studied by Halim et al. [9].

The object of the present paper is to extend the concept of bi-univalent to the class of meromorphic functions defined on  $\mathcal{V}$  and find estimates on the coefficients  $|b_0|$  and  $|b_1|$  for functions in the above-defined classes  $\Sigma_{\mathcal{M}}^*(\alpha, \mu, \lambda)$  and  $\tilde{\Sigma}_{\mathcal{M}}^*(\alpha, \mu, \lambda)$  of the function class  $\Sigma_{\mathcal{M}}$  by employing the techniques used earlier by Halim et al. [9].

In order to derive our main results, we shall need the following lemma.

**Lemma 1.3.** (see [17]) *If  $\varphi \in \mathcal{P}$ , then  $|c_k| \leq 2$  for each  $k$ , where  $\mathcal{P}$  is the family of all functions  $\varphi$ , analytic in  $\mathbb{U}$ , for which*

$$\Re\{\varphi(z)\} > 0 \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}),$$

where

$$\varphi(z) = 1 + c_1 z + c_2 z^2 + \dots \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}).$$

## 2. COEFFICIENT BOUNDS FOR THE FUNCTION CLASSES $\Sigma_{\mathcal{M}}^*(\alpha, \mu, \lambda)$ AND $\tilde{\Sigma}_{\mathcal{M}}^*(\alpha, \mu, \lambda)$

We begin this section by finding the estimates on the coefficients  $|b_0|$  and  $|b_1|$  for functions in the class  $\Sigma_{\mathcal{M}}^*(\alpha, \mu, \lambda)$ .

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let the function  $f(z)$  given by (1.3) be in the following class:*

$$\Sigma_{\mathcal{M}}^*(\alpha, \mu, \lambda) \quad (0 \leq \alpha < 1; \lambda \geq 1; \mu \geq 0; \lambda > \mu).$$

Then

$$|b_0| \leq \frac{2(1-\alpha)}{\lambda-\mu} \quad (2.1)$$

and

$$|b_1| \leq 2(1-\alpha) \sqrt{\frac{(1-\mu)^2(1-\alpha)^2}{(\lambda-\mu)^4} + \frac{1}{(2\lambda-\mu)^2}}. \quad (2.2)$$

*Proof.* It follows from (1.6) and (1.7) that

$$(1-\lambda) \left( \frac{f(z)}{z} \right)^\mu + \lambda f'(z) \left( \frac{f(z)}{z} \right)^{\mu-1} = \alpha + (1-\alpha)p(z) \quad (2.3)$$

and

$$(1-\lambda) \left( \frac{g(w)}{w} \right)^\mu + \lambda g'(w) \left( \frac{g(w)}{w} \right)^{\mu-1} = \alpha + (1-\alpha)q(w), \quad (2.4)$$

where  $p(z)$  and  $q(w)$  are functions with positive real part in  $\mathcal{V}$  and have the following forms:

$$p(z) = 1 + \frac{p_1}{z} + \frac{p_2}{z^2} + \dots \quad (2.5)$$

and

$$q(z) = 1 + \frac{q_1}{w} + \frac{q_2}{w^2} + \dots, \quad (2.6)$$

respectively. Now, equating coefficients in (2.3) and (2.4), we get

$$(\mu-\lambda)b_0 = (1-\alpha)p_1, \quad (2.7)$$

$$(\mu-2\lambda)(b_1 + (\mu-1)\frac{b_0^2}{2}) = (1-\alpha)p_2, \quad (2.8)$$

$$(\lambda-\mu)b_0 = (1-\alpha)q_1 \quad (2.9)$$

and

$$(2\lambda-\mu)(b_1 - (\mu-1)\frac{b_0^2}{2}) = (1-\alpha)q_2. \quad (2.10)$$

From (2.7) and (2.9), we get

$$p_1 = -q_1 \quad (2.11)$$

and

$$b_0^2 = \frac{(1-\alpha)^2(p_1^2 + q_1^2)}{2(\lambda-\mu)^2}. \quad (2.12)$$

Since  $\Re\{p(z)\} > 0$  in  $\mathcal{V}$ , the function  $p(1/z) \in \mathcal{P}$  and hence the coefficients  $p_n$  and similarly the coefficients  $q_n$  of the function  $q$  satisfy the inequality in Lemma 1.3, we get

$$|b_0| \leq \frac{2-2\alpha}{\lambda-\mu}.$$

This gives the bound on  $|b_0|$  as asserted in (2.1).

Next, in order to find the bound on  $|b_1|$ , we use (2.8) and (2.10), which yields,

$$(1-\mu)^2(2\lambda-\mu)^2b_0^4 - 4(1-\alpha)^2p_2q_2 = 4(2\lambda-\mu)^2b_1^2. \quad (2.13)$$

It follows from (2.13) that

$$b_1^2 = \frac{(1-\mu)^2b_0^4}{4} - \frac{(1-\alpha)^2}{(2\lambda-\mu)^2}p_2q_2.$$

Substituting the estimate obtained (2.12), and applying Lemma 1.3 once again for the coefficients  $p_2$  and  $q_2$ , we readily get

$$|b_1| \leq 2(1 - \alpha) \sqrt{\frac{(1 - \mu)^2(1 - \alpha)^2}{(\lambda - \mu)^4} + \frac{1}{(2\lambda - \mu)^2}}.$$

This completes the proof of Theorem 2.1.  $\square$

Next we estimate the coefficients  $|b_0|$  and  $|b_1|$  for functions in the class  $\tilde{\Sigma}_{\mathcal{M}}^*(\alpha, \mu, \lambda)$ .

**Theorem 2.2.** *Let the function  $f(z)$  given by (1.1) be in the following class:*

$$\tilde{\Sigma}_{\mathcal{M}}^*(\alpha, \mu, \lambda) \quad (0 < \alpha \leq 1; \lambda \geq 1; \mu \geq 0; \lambda > \mu).$$

Then

$$|b_0| \leq \frac{2\alpha}{\lambda - \mu} \quad (2.14)$$

and

$$|b_1| \leq 2\alpha^2 \sqrt{\frac{1}{(2\lambda - \mu)^2} + \frac{(1 - \mu)^2}{(\lambda - \mu)^4}}. \quad (2.15)$$

*Proof.* It follows from (1.8) and (1.9) that

$$(1 - \lambda) \left( \frac{f(z)}{z} \right)^\mu + \lambda f'(z) \left( \frac{f(z)}{z} \right)^{\mu-1} = [p(z)]^\alpha \quad (2.16)$$

and

$$(1 - \lambda) \left( \frac{g(w)}{w} \right)^\mu + \lambda g'(w) \left( \frac{g(w)}{w} \right)^{\mu-1} = [q(w)]^\alpha, \quad (2.17)$$

where  $p(z)$  and  $q(w)$  have the forms (2.5) and (2.6), respectively. Now, equating the coefficients in (2.16) and (2.17), we get

$$(\mu - \lambda)b_0 = \alpha p_1, \quad (2.18)$$

$$(\mu - 2\lambda)(b_1 + (\mu - 1)\frac{b_0^2}{2}) = \frac{1}{2} [\alpha(\alpha - 1)p_1^2 + 2\alpha p_2], \quad (2.19)$$

$$-(\lambda - \mu)b_0 = \alpha q_1 \quad (2.20)$$

and

$$(2\lambda - \mu)(b_1 - (\mu - 1)\frac{b_0^2}{2}) = \frac{1}{2} [\alpha(\alpha - 1)q_1^2 + 2\alpha q_2]. \quad (2.21)$$

From (2.18) and (2.20), we find that

$$p_1 = -q_1 \quad (2.22)$$

and

$$b_0^2 = \frac{\alpha^2(p_1^2 + q_1^2)}{2(\lambda - \mu)^2}. \quad (2.23)$$

As discussed in the proof of Theorem 2.1, applying Lemma 1.3 for the coefficients  $p_2$  and  $q_2$ , we immediately have

$$|b_0| \leq \frac{2\alpha}{\lambda - \mu}.$$

This gives the bound on  $|b_0|$  as asserted in (2.14).

Next, in order to find the bound on  $|b_1|$ , by using (2.19) and (2.21), we get

$$2(2\lambda - \mu)^2 b_1^2 + (2\lambda - \mu)^2 (1 - \mu)^2 \frac{b_0^4}{2} = \frac{\alpha^2(\alpha - 1)^2(p_1^4 + q_1^4)}{4} + \alpha^2(p_2^2 + q_2^2) + \alpha^2(\alpha - 1)(p_1^2 p_2 + q_1^2 q_2). \quad (2.24)$$

It follows from (2.24) and (2.23) that

$$2(2\lambda - \mu)^2 b_1^2 = \frac{\alpha^2(\alpha - 1)^2(p_1^4 + q_1^4)}{4} + \alpha^2(p_2^2 + q_2^2) + \alpha^2(\alpha - 1)(p_1^2 p_2 + q_1^2 q_2) - \frac{(2\lambda - \mu)^2(1 - \mu)^2 \alpha^4}{8(\mu - \lambda)^4} (p_1^2 + q_1^2)^2.$$

Applying Lemma 1.3 once again for the coefficients  $p_1, p_2, q_1$  and  $q_2$ , we readily get

$$|b_1| \leq 2\alpha^2 \sqrt{\frac{1}{(2\lambda - \mu)^2} + \frac{(1 - \mu)^2}{(\lambda - \mu)^4}}.$$

This completes the proof of Theorem 2.2.  $\square$

*Remark 2.3.* For  $\lambda = 1$  and  $\mu = 0$  the bounds obtained in Theorems 2.1 and 2.2 are coincidence with outcome of [9, Theorem 1 and Theorem 2]. Similarly, various interesting corollaries and consequences could be derived from our results, the details involved may be left to the reader.

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