

# Second Hankel determinant for the class of Bazilevic functions

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**Abstract.** The objective of this paper is to obtain a sharp upper bound to the second Hankel determinant  $H_2(2)$  for the function  $f$  when it belongs to the class of Bazilevic functions, using Toeplitz determinants. The result presented here include two known results as their special cases.

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## 1. Introduction

Let  $A$  denote the class of functions  $f$  of the form

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

in the open unit disc  $E = \{z : |z| < 1\}$ . Let  $S$  be the subclass of  $A$  consisting of univalent functions.

The Hankel determinant of  $f$  for  $q \geq 1$  and  $n \geq 1$  was defined by Pommerenke ([15]) as

$$H_q(n) = \begin{vmatrix} a_n & a_{n+1} & \cdots & a_{n+q-1} \\ a_{n+1} & a_{n+2} & \cdots & a_{n+q} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ a_{n+q-1} & a_{n+q} & \cdots & a_{n+2q-2} \end{vmatrix}, (a_1 = 1). \quad (1.2)$$

This determinant has been considered by many authors in the literature. Noonan and Thomas ([13]) studied about the second Hankel determinant of areally mean  $p$ -valent functions. Ehrenborg ([5]) studied the Hankel determinant of exponential polynomials. One can easily observe that the Fekete-Szegő functional is  $H_2(1)$ . Fekete-Szegő then further generalized the estimate  $|a_3 - \mu a_2^2|$  with  $\mu$  real and  $f \in S$ . Ali ([2]) found

sharp bounds for the first four coefficients and sharp estimate for the Fekete-Szegő functional  $|\gamma_3 - t\gamma_2^2|$ , where  $t$  is real, for the inverse function of  $f$  defined as

$$f^{-1}(w) = w + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \gamma_n w^n$$

when it belongs to the class of strongly starlike functions of order  $\alpha$  ( $0 < \alpha \leq 1$ ) denoted by  $\widehat{ST}(\alpha)$ . In this paper, we consider the Hankel determinant in the case of  $q = 2$  and  $n = 2$ , known as the second Hankel determinant, given by

$$H_2(2) = \begin{vmatrix} a_2 & a_3 \\ a_3 & a_4 \end{vmatrix} = a_2 a_4 - a_3^2. \tag{1.3}$$

Janteng, Halim and Darus ([8]) have considered the functional  $|a_2 a_4 - a_3^2|$  and found sharp upper bound for the function  $f$  in the subclass  $RT$  of  $S$ , consisting of functions whose derivative has a positive real part studied by Mac Gregor ([11]). In their work, they have shown that if  $f \in RT$  then  $|a_2 a_4 - a_3^2| \leq \frac{4}{9}$ . Janteng, Halim and Darus ([7]) also obtained the second Hankel determinant and sharp bounds for the familiar subclasses of  $S$ , namely, starlike and convex functions denoted by  $ST$  and  $CV$  and have shown that  $|a_2 a_4 - a_3^2| \leq 1$  and  $|a_2 a_4 - a_3^2| \leq \frac{1}{8}$  respectively. Similarly, the same coefficient inequality was calculated for certain subclasses of analytic functions by many authors ([1], [3], [9], [12], [18]).

Motivated by the results obtained by different authors in this direction mentioned above, in this paper, we seek an upper bound to the functional  $|a_2 a_4 - a_3^2|$  for the function  $f$  when it belongs to the class of Bazilevic functions denoted by  $B_\gamma$  ( $0 \leq \gamma \leq 1$ ), defined as follows.

**Definition 1.1.** A function  $f(z) \in A$  is said to be Bazilevic function, if it satisfies the condition

$$Re \left\{ z^{1-\gamma} \frac{f'(z)}{f^{1-\gamma}(z)} \right\} > 0, \quad \forall z \in E \tag{1.4}$$

where the powers are meant for principal values. This class of functions was denoted by  $B_\gamma$ , studied by Ram Singh ([16]). It is observed that for  $\gamma = 0$  and  $\gamma = 1$  respectively, we get  $B_0 = ST$  and  $B_1 = RT$ .

Some preliminary Lemmas required for proving our result are as follows:

## 2. Preliminary results

Let  $\mathcal{P}$  denote the class of functions consisting of  $p$ , such that

$$p(z) = 1 + c_1 z + c_2 z^2 + c_3 z^3 + \dots = 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n z^n, \tag{2.1}$$

which are regular in the open unit disc  $E$  and satisfy  $Rep(z) > 0$  for any  $z \in E$ . Here  $p(z)$  is called Carathéodory function [4].

**Lemma 2.1.** ([14], [17]) If  $p \in \mathcal{P}$ , then  $|c_k| \leq 2$ , for each  $k \geq 1$  and the inequality is sharp for the function  $\frac{1+z}{1-z}$ .

**Lemma 2.2.** ([6]) *The power series for  $p$  given in (2.1) converges in the open unit disc  $E$  to a function in  $\mathcal{P}$  if and only if the Toeplitz determinants*

$$D_n = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & c_1 & c_2 & \cdots & c_n \\ c_{-1} & 2 & c_1 & \cdots & c_{n-1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ c_{-n} & c_{-n+1} & c_{-n+2} & \cdots & 2 \end{vmatrix}, n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

and  $c_{-k} = \bar{c}_k$ , are all non-negative. These are strictly positive except for

$$p(z) = \sum_{k=1}^m \rho_k p_0(\exp(it_k)z),$$

$\rho_k > 0$ ,  $t_k$  real and  $t_k \neq t_j$ , for  $k \neq j$ , where  $p_0(z) = \frac{1+z}{1-z}$ ; in this case  $D_n > 0$  for  $n < (m - 1)$  and  $D_n = 0$  for  $n \geq m$ .

This necessary and sufficient condition found in ([6]) is due to Carathéodory and Toeplitz. We may assume without restriction that  $c_1 > 0$ . On using Lemma 2.2, for  $n = 2$  and  $n = 3$  respectively, we obtain

$$D_2 = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & c_1 & c_2 \\ \bar{c}_1 & 2 & c_1 \\ \bar{c}_2 & \bar{c}_1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = [8 + 2Re\{c_1^2 c_2\} - 2|c_2|^2 - 4|c_1|^2] \geq 0,$$

it is equivalent to

$$2c_2 = \{c_1^2 + x(4 - c_1^2)\}, \text{ for some } x, |x| \leq 1. \tag{2.2}$$

$$\text{and } D_3 = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \\ \bar{c}_1 & 2 & c_1 & c_2 \\ \bar{c}_2 & \bar{c}_1 & 2 & c_1 \\ \bar{c}_3 & \bar{c}_2 & \bar{c}_1 & 2 \end{vmatrix}.$$

Then  $D_3 \geq 0$  is equivalent to

$$|(4c_3 - 4c_1c_2 + c_1^3)(4 - c_1^2) + c_1(2c_2 - c_1^2)^2| \leq 2(4 - c_1^2)^2 - 2|(2c_2 - c_1^2)|^2. \tag{2.3}$$

Simplifying the relations (2.2) and (2.3), we get

$$4c_3 = \{c_1^3 + 2c_1(4 - c_1^2)x - c_1(4 - c_1^2)x^2 + 2(4 - c_1^2)(1 - |x|^2)z\}, \text{ with } |z| \leq 1. \tag{2.4}$$

To obtain our result, we refer to the classical method devised by Libera and Zlotkiewicz ([10]).

### 3. Main result

**Theorem 3.1.** *If  $f(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n z^n \in B_\gamma$  ( $0 \leq \gamma \leq 1$ ) then*

$$|a_2 a_4 - a_3^2| \leq \left[ \frac{2}{2 + \gamma} \right]^2$$

and the inequality is sharp.

*Proof.* Let  $f(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n z^n \in B_\gamma$ , by virtue of Definition 1.1, there exists an analytic function  $p \in \mathcal{P}$  in the open unit disc  $E$  with  $p(0) = 1$  and  $\text{Re}\{p(z)\} > 0$  such that

$$z^{1-\gamma} \frac{f'(z)}{f^{1-\gamma}(z)} = p(z) \Leftrightarrow z^{1-\gamma} f'(z) = f^{1-\gamma}(z) p(z). \tag{3.1}$$

Replacing the values of  $f(z)$ ,  $f'(z)$  and  $p(z)$  with their equivalent series expressions in (3.1), we have

$$z^{1-\gamma} \left\{ 1 + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n a_n z^{n-1} \right\} = \left\{ z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n z^n \right\}^{1-\gamma} \left\{ 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n z^n \right\}. \tag{3.2}$$

Using the binomial expansion on the right-hand side of (3.2) subject to the condition

$$\left| \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n z^n \right| < 1 - \gamma,$$

upon simplification, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} 1 + 2a_2z + 3a_3z^2 + 4a_4z^3 + \dots &= 1 + \{c_1 + (1 - \gamma)a_2\}z \\ &+ \left[ c_2 + (1 - \gamma) \left\{ c_1 a_2 + a_3 + \frac{(-\gamma)}{2} a_2^2 \right\} \right] z^2 \\ &+ \left[ c_3 + (1 - \gamma) \left\{ c_2 a_2 + c_1 a_3 + a_4 + (-\gamma) \left\{ \frac{1}{2} c_1 a_2^2 + a_2 a_3 + \frac{(-1 - \gamma)}{6} a_2^3 \right\} \right\} \right] z^3 + \dots \end{aligned} \tag{3.3}$$

Equating the coefficients of like powers of  $z$ ,  $z^2$  and  $z^3$  respectively on both sides of (3.3), after simplifying, we get

$$\begin{aligned} a_2 &= \frac{c_1}{(1 + \gamma)}; \quad a_3 = \frac{1}{2(1 + \gamma)^2(2 + \gamma)} \{2(1 + \gamma)^2 c_2 + (1 - \gamma)(2 + \gamma) c_1^2\}; \\ a_4 &= \frac{1}{6(1 + \gamma)^3(2 + \gamma)(3 + \gamma)} \times \{6(1 + \gamma)^2(2 + \gamma) c_3 \\ &+ 6(1 - \gamma)(1 + \gamma)^2(3 + \gamma) c_1 c_2 + (\gamma - 1)(2 + \gamma)(2\gamma^2 + 5\gamma - 3) c_1^3\}. \end{aligned} \tag{3.4}$$

Substituting the values of  $a_2, a_3$  and  $a_4$  from (3.4) in the second Hankel functional  $|a_2 a_4 - a_3^2|$  for the function  $f \in B_\gamma$ , which simplifies to

$$\begin{aligned} |a_2 a_4 - a_3^2| &= \frac{1}{12(1 + \gamma)^3(2 + \gamma)^2(3 + \gamma)} |12(1 + \gamma)^2(2 + \gamma)^2 c_1 c_3 \\ &- 12(1 + \gamma)^3(3 + \gamma) c_2^2 + (2 + \gamma)^2(3 + \gamma)(\gamma - 1) c_1^4|. \end{aligned}$$

The above expression is equivalent to

$$|a_2 a_4 - a_3^2| = \frac{1}{12(1 + \gamma)^3(2 + \gamma)^2(3 + \gamma)} |d_1 c_1 c_3 + d_2 c_2^2 + d_3 c_1^4|, \tag{3.5}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} d_1 &= 12(1 + \gamma)^2(2 + \gamma)^2; \quad d_2 = -12(1 + \gamma)^3(3 + \gamma); \\ d_3 &= (2 + \gamma)^2(3 + \gamma)(\gamma - 1). \end{aligned} \tag{3.6}$$

Substituting the values of  $c_2$  and  $c_3$  from (2.2) and (2.4) respectively from Lemma 2.2 on the right-hand side of (3.5), we have

$$|d_1c_1c_3 + d_2c_2^2 + d_3c_1^4| = |d_1c_1 \times \frac{1}{4}\{c_1^3 + 2c_1(4 - c_1^2)x - c_1(4 - c_1^2)x^2 + 2(4 - c_1^2)(1 - |x|^2)z\} + d_2 \times \frac{1}{4}\{c_1^2 + x(4 - c_1^2)\}^2 + d_3c_1^4|.$$

Using the facts that  $|z| < 1$  and  $|xa + yb| \leq |x||a| + |y||b|$ , where  $x, y, a$  and  $b$  are real numbers, after simplifying, we get

$$4|d_1c_1c_3 + d_2c_2^2 + d_3c_1^4| \leq |(d_1 + d_2 + 4d_3)c_1^4 + 2d_1c_1(4 - c_1^2) + 2(d_1 + d_2)c_1^2(4 - c_1^2)|x| - \{(d_1 + d_2)c_1^2 + 2d_1c_1 - 4d_2\}(4 - c_1^2)|x|^2|. \tag{3.7}$$

With the values of  $d_1, d_2$  and  $d_3$  from (3.6), we can write

$$d_1 + d_2 + 4d_3 = 4(\gamma^4 + 6\gamma^3 + 12\gamma^2 + 2\gamma - 9);$$

$$d_1 = 12(1 + \gamma)^2(2 + \gamma)^2; \quad d_1 + d_2 = 12(1 + \gamma)^2 \tag{3.8}$$

and

$$(d_1 + d_2)c_1^2 + 2d_1c_1 - 4d_2 = 12(1 + \gamma)^2 \{c_1^2 + 2(2 + \gamma)^2c_1 + 4(1 + \gamma)(3 + \gamma)\}. \tag{3.9}$$

Consider

$$\begin{aligned} & \{c_1^2 + 2(2 + \gamma)^2c_1 + 4(1 + \gamma)(3 + \gamma)\} \\ &= \left[ \{c_1 + (2 + \gamma)^2\}^2 - (2 + \gamma)^4 + 4(1 + \gamma)(3 + \gamma) \right] \\ &= \left[ \{c_1 + (2 + \gamma)^2\}^2 - \left\{ \sqrt{\gamma^4 + 8\gamma^3 + 20\gamma^2 + 16\gamma + 4} \right\}^2 \right] \\ &= \left[ c_1 + \left\{ (2 + \gamma)^2 + \sqrt{\gamma^4 + 8\gamma^3 + 20\gamma^2 + 16\gamma + 4} \right\} \right] \\ & \times \left[ c_1 + \left\{ (2 + \gamma)^2 - \sqrt{\gamma^4 + 8\gamma^3 + 20\gamma^2 + 16\gamma + 4} \right\} \right] \end{aligned} \tag{3.10}$$

Since  $c_1 \in [0, 2]$ , using the result  $(c_1 + a)(c_1 + b) \geq (c_1 - a)(c_1 - b)$ , where  $a, b \geq 0$  on the right-hand side of (3.10), after simplifying, we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \{c_1^2 + 2(2 + \gamma)^2c_1 + 4(1 + \gamma)(3 + \gamma)\} \\ & \geq \{c_1^2 - 2(2 + \gamma)^2c_1 + 4(1 + \gamma)(3 + \gamma)\}. \end{aligned} \tag{3.11}$$

From the relations (3.9) and (3.11), we can write

$$\begin{aligned} & - \{(d_1 + d_2)c_1^2 + 2d_1c_1 - 4d_2\} \\ & \leq -12(1 + \gamma)^2 \{c_1^2 - 2(2 + \gamma)^2c_1 + 4(1 + \gamma)(3 + \gamma)\}. \end{aligned} \tag{3.12}$$

Substituting the calculated values from (3.8) and (3.12) on the right-hand side of (3.7), we have

$$\begin{aligned} |d_1c_1c_3 + d_2c_2^2 + d_3c_1^4| & \leq |(\gamma^4 + 6\gamma^3 + 12\gamma^2 + 2\gamma - 9)c_1^4 \\ & + 6(1 + \gamma)^2(2 + \gamma)^2c_1(4 - c_1^2) + 6(1 + \gamma)^2c_1^2(4 - c_1^2)|x| \\ & - 3(1 + \gamma)^2 \{c_1^2 - 2(2 + \gamma)^2c_1 + 4(1 + \gamma)(3 + \gamma)\}(4 - c_1^2)|x|^2|. \end{aligned}$$

Choosing  $c_1 = c \in [0, 2]$ , applying triangle inequality and replacing  $|x|$  by  $\mu$  on the right-hand side of the above inequality, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} |d_1c_1c_3 + d_2c_2^2 + d_3c_1^4| &\leq [(-\gamma^4 - 6\gamma^3 + 12\gamma^2 - 2\gamma + 9)c^4 \\ &\quad + 6(1 + \gamma)^2(2 + \gamma)^2c(4 - c^2) + 6(1 + \gamma)^2c^2(4 - c^2)\mu \\ &\quad + 3(1 + \gamma)^2\{c^2 - 2(2 + \gamma)^2c + 4(1 + \gamma)(3 + \gamma)\}(4 - c^2)\mu^2] \\ &= F(c, \mu), \text{ for } 0 \leq \mu = |x| \leq 1, \end{aligned} \quad (3.13)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} F(c, \mu) &= [(-\gamma^4 - 6\gamma^3 + 12\gamma^2 - 2\gamma + 9)c^4 \\ &\quad + 6(1 + \gamma)^2(2 + \gamma)^2c(4 - c^2) + 6(1 + \gamma)^2c^2(4 - c^2)\mu \\ &\quad + 3(1 + \gamma)^2\{c^2 - 2(2 + \gamma)^2c + 4(1 + \gamma)(3 + \gamma)\}(4 - c^2)\mu^2]. \end{aligned} \quad (3.14)$$

We next maximize the function  $F(c, \mu)$  on the closed region  $[0, 2] \times [0, 1]$ . Differentiating  $F(c, \mu)$  in (3.14) partially with respect to  $\mu$ , we get

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial \mu} = 6(1 + \gamma)^2[c^2 + \{c^2 - 2(2 + \gamma)^2c + 4(1 + \gamma)(3 + \gamma)\}\mu] \times (4 - c^2). \quad (3.15)$$

For  $0 < \mu < 1$ , for any fixed  $c$  with  $0 < c < 2$  and  $0 \leq \gamma \leq 1$ , from (3.15), we observe that  $\frac{\partial F}{\partial \mu} > 0$ . Therefore,  $F(c, \mu)$  is an increasing function of  $\mu$  and hence it cannot have maximum value any point in the interior of the closed region  $[0, 2] \times [0, 1]$ . Moreover, for fixed  $c \in [0, 2]$ , we have

$$\max_{0 \leq \mu \leq 1} F(c, \mu) = F(c, 1) = G(c). \quad (3.16)$$

In view of (3.16), replacing  $\mu$  by 1 in (3.14), upon simplification, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} G(c) = F(c, 1) &= -\gamma(\gamma^3 + 6\gamma^2 - 3\gamma + 20)c^4 - 12\gamma(1 + \gamma)^2(4 + \gamma)c^2 \\ &\quad + 48(1 + \gamma)^3(3 + \gamma), \end{aligned} \quad (3.17)$$

$$G'(c) = -4\gamma c \{(\gamma^3 + 6\gamma^2 - 3\gamma + 20)c^2 + 6(1 + \gamma)^2(4 + \gamma)\}. \quad (3.18)$$

From the expression (3.18), we observe that  $G'(c) \leq 0$ , for every  $c \in [0, 2]$  and for fixed  $\gamma$  with  $0 \leq \gamma \leq 1$ . Therefore,  $G(c)$  is a decreasing function of  $c$  in the interval  $[0, 2]$ , whose maximum value occurs at  $c = 0$  only. For  $c = 0$  in (3.17), the maximum value of  $G(c)$  is given by

$$G_{max} = G(0) = 48(1 + \gamma)^3(3 + \gamma). \quad (3.19)$$

From the expressions (3.13) and (3.19), we have

$$|d_1c_1c_3 + d_2c_2^2 + d_3c_1^4| \leq 48(1 + \gamma)^3(3 + \gamma). \quad (3.20)$$

Simplifying the relations (3.5) and (3.20), we obtain

$$|a_2a_4 - a_3^2| \leq \left[ \frac{2}{2 + \gamma} \right]^2. \quad (3.21)$$

Choosing  $c_1 = c = 0$  and selecting  $x = 1$  in (2.2) and (2.4), we find that  $c_2 = 2$  and  $c_3 = 0$ . Substituting these values in (3.20), we observe that equality is attained which shows that our result is sharp. For these values, we derive that

$$p(z) = 1 + c_1z + c_2z^2 + c_3z^3 + \dots = 1 + 2z^2 + 2z^4 + \dots = \frac{1 + z^2}{1 - z^2}. \tag{3.22}$$

Therefore, the extremal function in this case is

$$z^{1-\gamma} \frac{f'(z)}{f^{1-\gamma}(z)} = 1 + 2z^2 + 2z^4 + \dots = \frac{1 + z^2}{1 - z^2}. \tag{3.23}$$

This completes the proof of our Theorem. □

**Remark 3.2.** Choosing  $\gamma = 0$ , from (3.21), we get  $|a_2a_4 - a_3^2| \leq 1$ , this inequality is sharp and coincides with that of Janteng, Halim, Darus ([7]).

**Remark 3.3.** For the choice of  $\gamma = 1$  in (3.21), we obtain  $|a_2a_4 - a_3^2| \leq \frac{4}{9}$  and is sharp, coincides with the result of Janteng, Halim, Darus ([8]).

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