

# Coefficient Estimates for Certain Subclasses of Meromorphically Bi-Univalent Functions

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**Abstract.** In the present investigation, we obtain the estimates on the initial Taylor-Maclaurin coefficients for functions in two new subclasses of meromorphically bi-univalent functions defined on the domain  $\Delta$  given by

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

Several other closely-related earlier results are also indicated.

## 1 Introduction

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  denote the class of functions  $f(z)$  of the form:

$$f(z) = z + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} a_k z^k, \tag{1.1}$$

which are analytic in the open unit open disk

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

We denote by  $\mathcal{S}$  the subclass of  $\mathcal{A}$  which consists of functions of the form (1.1), that is, functions which are analytic and univalent in  $\mathbb{U}$  and are normalized by the following conditions:

$$f(0) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad f'(0) = 1.$$

A function  $f \in \mathcal{S}$  is said to be starlike of order  $\alpha$  ( $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ ) in  $\mathbb{U}$  if and only if

$$\Re \left( \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right) > \alpha \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}; 0 \leq \alpha < 1)$$

and convex of order  $\alpha$  ( $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ ) in  $\mathbb{U}$  if and only if

$$\Re \left( 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right) > \alpha \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}; 0 \leq \alpha < 1).$$

As usual, we denote these subclasses of  $\mathcal{S}$  by  $\mathcal{S}^*(\alpha)$  and  $\mathcal{K}(\alpha)$ , respectively.

Let  $\Sigma$  denote the class of meromorphically univalent functions  $g(z)$  of the form:

$$g(z) = z + b_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{b_n}{z^n}, \tag{1.2}$$

which are defined on the domain  $\Delta$  given by

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

Since  $g \in \Sigma$  is univalent, it has an inverse  $g^{-1} = h$  that satisfies the following condition:

$$g^{-1}(g(z)) = z \quad (z \in \Delta)$$

and

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

where

$$g^{-1}(w) = h(w) = w + B_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{B_n}{w^n} \quad (0 < M < |w| < \infty). \quad (1.3)$$

A simple computation shows that

$$\begin{aligned} w = g(h(w)) &= (b_0 + B_0) + w + \frac{b_1 + B_1}{w} + \frac{B_2 - b_1 B_0 + b_2}{w^2} \\ &\quad + \frac{B_3 - b_1 B_1 + b_1 B_0^2 - 2b_2 B_0 + b_3}{w^3} + \dots \end{aligned} \quad (1.4)$$

Comparing the initial coefficients in (1.4), we find that

$$b_0 + B_0 = 0 \quad \implies \quad B_0 = -b_0$$

$$b_1 + B_1 = 0 \quad \implies \quad B_1 = -b_1$$

$$B_2 - b_1 B_0 + b_2 = 0 \quad \implies \quad B_2 = -(b_2 + b_0 b_1)$$

$$B_3 - b_1 B_1 + b_1 B_0^2 - 2b_2 B_0 + b_3 = 0 \quad \implies \quad B_3 = -(b_3 + 2b_0 b_2 + b_0^2 b_1 + b_1^2).$$

By putting these values in the equation (1.3), we get

$$g^{-1}(w) = h(w) = w - b_0 - \frac{b_1}{w} - \frac{b_2 + b_0 b_1}{w^2} - \frac{b_3 + 2b_0 b_2 + b_0^2 b_1 + b_1^2}{w^3} + \dots \quad (1.5)$$

A systematic study of the class  $\Sigma$  of bi-univalent *analytic* functions in  $\mathbb{U}$ , which was introduced in 1967 by Lewin [12], was revived in recent years by Srivastava *et al.* [14]. Ever since then, several authors investigated various subclasses of the class  $\Sigma$  of bi-univalent analytic functions and found estimates on the initial Taylor-Maclaurin coefficients  $|a_2|$  and  $|a_3|$  for functions in these subclasses (see, for example, [2, 3, 4, 6, 13, 15, 17, 18]; see also [16] and the references cited therein). In our present investigation, the concept of bi-univalence is extended to the class  $\Sigma$  of meromorphic functions defined on  $\Delta$ .

The function  $g(z) \in \Sigma$  given by (1.2) is said to be *meromorphically* bi-univalent in  $\Delta$  if both  $g$  and its inverse  $g^{-1} = h$  are meromorphically univalent in  $\Delta$ . The class of all meromorphically bi-univalent functions is denoted by  $\Sigma_B$ .

Estimates on the coefficients of meromorphically univalent functions were widely investigated in the literature on *Geometric Function Theory*. Recently, several researchers such as (for example) Halim *et al.* [8], Janani and Murugusundaramoorthy [11] and Hamidi *et al.* [9, 10] introduced new subclasses of meromorphically bi-univalent functions and obtained estimates on the initial coefficients for functions in each of these subclasses.

Babalola [1] defined the class  $\mathcal{L}_\lambda(\beta)$  of  $\lambda$ -pseudo-starlike functions of order  $\beta$  as follows:

**Definition 1** (see [1]). Let  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  and suppose that  $0 \leq \beta < 1$  and  $\lambda \geq 1$ . Then  $f(z) \in \mathcal{L}_\lambda(\beta)$  of  $\lambda$ -pseudo-starlike functions of order  $\beta$  in  $\mathbb{U}$  if and only if

$$\Re \left( \frac{z [f'(z)]^\lambda}{f(z)} \right) > \beta \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}; 0 \leq \beta < 1; \lambda \geq 1). \quad (1.6)$$

In particular, Babalola [1] proved that all  $\lambda$ -pseudo-starlike functions are Bazilevič of type  $1 - \frac{1}{\lambda}$  and order  $\beta^{\frac{1}{\lambda}}$  and are univalent in open unit disk  $\mathbb{U}$ .

Motivated by the aforecited works, in our present investigation, we introduce two new subclasses of the class  $\Sigma_B$  of meromorphically bi-univalent functions and obtained the estimates for the initial coefficients  $|b_0|$  and  $|b_1|$  of functions in these subclasses.

In order to derive our main results, we recall here the following lemma.

**Carathéodory’s Lemma** (see, for example, [7]; see also [5, p. 41]). *If  $p \in \mathcal{P}$ , then*

$$|p_j| \leq 2 \quad (j \in \mathbb{N}),$$

where  $\mathcal{P}$  is the family of all functions  $p(z)$ , analytic in  $\Delta$ , for which

$$\Re(p(z)) > 0 \quad (z \in \Delta),$$

where

$$p(z) = 1 + \frac{p_1}{z} + \frac{p_2}{z^2} + \frac{p_3}{z^3} + \dots \quad (z \in \Delta),$$

$\mathbb{N}$  being the set of positive integers.

## 2 Coefficient Bounds for the Function Class $\Sigma_{B,\lambda^*}(\alpha)$

We begin by defining the function class  $\Sigma_{B,\lambda^*}(\alpha)$  as follows.

**Definition 2.** A function  $g(z) \in \Sigma_B$  given by (1.2) is said to be in the class  $\Sigma_{B,\lambda^*}(\alpha)$  if the following conditions are satisfied:

$$\left| \arg \left( \frac{z[g'(z)]^\lambda}{g(z)} \right) \right| < \frac{\alpha\pi}{2} \quad (z \in \Delta; 0 < \alpha \leq 1; \lambda \geq 1) \tag{2.1}$$

and

$$\left| \arg \left( \frac{w[h'(w)]^\lambda}{h(w)} \right) \right| < \frac{\alpha\pi}{2} \quad (w \in \Delta; 0 < \alpha \leq 1; \lambda \geq 1), \tag{2.2}$$

where the function  $h$  is inverse of the function  $g$  given by

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

We call  $\Sigma_{B,\lambda^*}(\alpha)$  the class of meromorphically strongly  $\lambda$ -pseudo-starlike bi-univalent functions of order  $\alpha$  in  $\Delta$ .

The estimates on the coefficients  $|b_0|$  and  $|b_1|$  for the function class  $\Sigma_{B,\lambda^*}(\alpha)$  are given by Theorem 2.1 below.

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let  $g(z)$  given by (1.2) be in the class  $\Sigma_{B,\lambda^*}(\alpha)$ . Then*

$$|b_0| \leq 2\alpha \tag{2.3}$$

and

$$|b_1| \leq \frac{2\sqrt{5} \alpha^2}{1 + \lambda}. \tag{2.4}$$

*Proof.* Let  $g \in \Sigma_{B,\lambda^*}(\alpha)$ . Then, by Definition 2 of meromorphically bi-univalent function class  $\Sigma_{B,\lambda^*}(\alpha)$ , the conditions (2.1) and (2.2) can be rewritten as follows:

$$\frac{z[g'(z)]^\lambda}{g(z)} = [p(z)]^\alpha \tag{2.5}$$

and

$$\frac{w[h'(w)]^\lambda}{h(w)} = [q(w)]^\alpha, \quad (2.6)$$

respectively. Here, and in what follows, the functions  $p(z) \in \mathcal{P}$  and  $q(w) \in \mathcal{P}$  have the following forms:

$$p(z) = 1 + \frac{p_1}{z} + \frac{p_2}{z^2} + \frac{p_3}{z^3} + \dots \quad (z \in \Delta)$$

and

$$q(w) = 1 + \frac{q_1}{w} + \frac{q_2}{w^2} + \frac{q_3}{w^3} + \dots \quad (w \in \Delta).$$

Clearly, we have

$$\begin{aligned} [p(z)]^\alpha &= 1 + \frac{\alpha p_1}{z} + \frac{\frac{1}{2} \alpha(\alpha-1) p_1^2 + \alpha p_2}{z^2} \\ &\quad + \frac{\frac{1}{6} \alpha(\alpha-1)(\alpha-2) p_1^3 + \alpha(\alpha-1) p_1 p_2 + \alpha p_3}{z^3} + \dots \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} [q(w)]^\alpha &= 1 + \frac{\alpha q_1}{w} + \frac{\frac{1}{2} \alpha(\alpha-1) q_1^2 + \alpha q_2}{w^2} \\ &\quad + \frac{\frac{1}{6} \alpha(\alpha-1)(\alpha-2) q_1^3 + \alpha(\alpha-1) q_1 q_2 + \alpha q_3}{w^3} + \dots \end{aligned}$$

We also find that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{z[g'(z)]^\lambda}{g(z)} &= 1 - \frac{b_0}{z} + \frac{b_0^2 - (1+\lambda)b_1}{z^2} \\ &\quad + \frac{b_0^3 - (2+\lambda)b_0 b_1 + (1+2\lambda)b_2}{z^3} + \dots \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{w[h'(w)]^\lambda}{h(w)} &= 1 + \frac{b_0}{w} + \frac{b_0^2 + (1+\lambda)b_1}{w^2} \\ &\quad + \frac{b_0^3 + 3(1+\lambda)b_0 b_1 + (1+2\lambda)b_2}{w^3} + \dots \end{aligned}$$

Now, equating the coefficients in (2.5) and (2.6), we get

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

$$b_0^2 - (1+\lambda)b_1 = \frac{1}{2} \alpha(\alpha-1) p_1^2 + \alpha p_2, \quad (2.8)$$

$$b_0 = \alpha q_1 \quad (2.9)$$

and

$$b_0^2 + (1+\lambda)b_1 = \frac{1}{2} \alpha(\alpha-1) q_1^2 + \alpha q_2. \quad (2.10)$$

From (2.7) and (2.9), we find that

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

and

$$2b_0^2 = \alpha^2 (p_1^2 + q_1^2), \tag{2.12}$$

that is,

$$b_0^2 = \frac{\alpha^2(p_1^2 + q_1^2)}{2}.$$

Applying Carathéodory’s Lemma for the coefficients  $p_1$  and  $q_1$ , we immediately have

$$|b_0^2| \leq \frac{\alpha^2(4 + 4)}{2} \implies |b_0| \leq 2\alpha.$$

This gives the bound on  $|b_0|$  as asserted in (2.3).

Next, in order to find the bound on  $|b_1|$ , by using the equation (2.8) and the equation (2.10), we get

$$\begin{aligned} & [b_0^2 - (1 + \lambda)b_1] \cdot [b_0^2 + (1 + \lambda)b_1] \\ &= \left( \frac{1}{2}\alpha(\alpha - 1)p_1^2 + \alpha p_2 \right) \cdot \left( \frac{1}{2}\alpha(\alpha - 1)q_1^2 + \alpha q_2 \right), \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} b_0^4 - (1 + \lambda)^2 b_1^2 &= \frac{1}{4} \alpha^2(\alpha - 1)^2 p_1^2 q_1^2 \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2} \alpha^2(\alpha - 1)(p_2 q_1^2 + p_1^2 q_2) + \alpha^2 p_2 q_2, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (1 + \lambda)^2 b_1^2 &= (b_0^2)^2 - \frac{1}{4} \alpha^2(\alpha - 1)^2 p_1^2 q_1^2 \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2} \alpha^2(\alpha - 1)(p_2 q_1^2 + p_1^2 q_2) - \alpha^2 p_2 q_2 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} (1 + \lambda)^2 b_1^2 &= \frac{1}{4} \alpha^4(p_1^2 + q_1^2)^2 - \frac{1}{4} \alpha^2(\alpha - 1)^2 p_1^2 q_1^2 \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2} \alpha^2(\alpha - 1)(p_2 q_1^2 + p_1^2 q_2) - \alpha^2 p_2 q_2. \end{aligned}$$

Applying Carathéodory’s Lemma once again for the coefficients  $p_1, q_1, p_2$  and  $q_2$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} (1 + \lambda)^2 |b_1^2| &\leq \frac{1}{4} \alpha^4(4 + 4)^2 + \frac{1}{4} \alpha^2(\alpha - 1)^2(16) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2} \alpha^2(\alpha - 1)(8 + 8) + \alpha^2(4), \end{aligned}$$

that is,

$$|b_1^2| \leq \frac{20\alpha^4}{(1 + \lambda)^2} \implies |b_1| \leq \frac{2\sqrt{5} \alpha^2}{1 + \lambda},$$

which evidently completes the proof of Theorem 1. □

### 3 Coefficient Bounds for the Function Class $\Sigma_{B^*}(\lambda, \beta)$

We first introduce the function class  $\Sigma_{B^*}(\lambda, \beta)$  as follows.

**Definition 3.** A function  $g(z) \in \Sigma_B$  given by (1.2) is said to be in the class  $\Sigma_{B^*}(\lambda, \beta)$  if the following conditions are satisfied:

$$\Re \left( \frac{z[g'(z)]^\lambda}{g(z)} \right) > \beta \quad (z \in \Delta; 0 \leq \beta < 1; \lambda \geq 1) \quad (3.1)$$

and

$$\Re \left( \frac{w[h'(w)]^\lambda}{h(w)} \right) > \beta \quad (w \in \Delta; 0 \leq \beta < 1; \lambda \geq 1), \quad (3.2)$$

where the function  $h$  is inverse of the function  $g$  given by

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

We call  $\Sigma_{B^*}(\lambda, \beta)$  the class of meromorphically  $\lambda$ -pseudo-starlike bi-univalent functions of order  $\alpha$ .

We now derive the estimates on the coefficients  $|b_0|$  and  $|b_1|$  for the meromorphically bi-univalent function class  $\Sigma_{B^*}(\lambda, \beta)$ .

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $g(z)$  given by (1.2) be in the class  $\Sigma_{B^*}(\lambda, \beta)$ . Then

$$|b_0| \leq 2(1 - \beta) \quad (3.3)$$

and

$$|b_1| \leq \frac{2(1 - \beta)\sqrt{4\beta^2 - 8\beta + 5}}{1 + \lambda}. \quad (3.4)$$

*Proof.* Let  $g \in \Sigma_{B^*}(\lambda, \beta)$ . Then, Definition 3 of the meromorphically bi-univalent function class  $\Sigma_{B^*}(\lambda, \beta)$ , the conditions (3.1) and (3.2) can be rewritten as follows:

$$\frac{z[g'(z)]^\lambda}{g(z)} = \beta + (1 - \beta)p(z) \quad (3.5)$$

and

$$\frac{w[h'(w)]^\lambda}{h(w)} = \beta + (1 - \beta)q(w), \quad (3.6)$$

respectively. Here, just as in our proof of Theorem 1, the functions  $p(z) \in \mathcal{P}$  and  $q(w) \in \mathcal{P}$  have the following forms:

$$p(z) = 1 + \frac{p_1}{z} + \frac{p_2}{z^2} + \frac{p_3}{z^3} + \dots \quad (z \in \Delta)$$

and

$$q(w) = 1 + \frac{q_1}{w} + \frac{q_2}{w^2} + \frac{q_3}{w^3} + \dots \quad (w \in \Delta).$$

Clearly, we have

$$\beta + (1 - \beta)p(z) = 1 + \frac{(1 - \beta)p_1}{z} + \frac{(1 - \beta)p_2}{z^2} + \frac{(1 - \beta)p_3}{z^3} + \dots$$

and

$$\beta + (1 - \beta)q(w) = 1 + \frac{(1 - \beta)q_1}{w} + \frac{(1 - \beta)q_2}{w^2} + \frac{(1 - \beta)q_3}{w^3} + \dots$$

We also find that

$$\frac{z[g'(z)]^\lambda}{g(z)} = 1 - \frac{b_0}{z} + \frac{b_0^2 - (1 + \lambda)b_1}{z^2} + \frac{b_0^3 - (2 + \lambda)b_0b_1 + (1 + 2\lambda)b_2}{z^3} + \dots$$

and

$$\frac{w[h'(w)]^\lambda}{h(w)} = 1 + \frac{b_0}{w} + \frac{b_0^2 + (1 + \lambda)b_1}{w^2} + \frac{b_0^3 + 3(1 + \lambda)b_0b_1 + (1 + 2\lambda)b_2}{w^3} + \dots$$

Now, equating the coefficients in (3.5) and (3.6), we get

$$-b_0 = (1 - \beta)p_1, \tag{3.7}$$

$$b_0^2 - (1 + \lambda)b_1 = (1 - \beta)p_2, \tag{3.8}$$

$$b_0 = (1 - \beta)q_1 \tag{3.9}$$

and

$$b_0^2 + (1 + \lambda)b_1 = (1 - \beta)q_2. \tag{3.10}$$

From (3.7) and (3.9), we obtain

$$p_1 = -q_1 \tag{3.11}$$

and

$$2b_0^2 = (1 - \beta)^2(p_1^2 + q_1^2), \tag{3.12}$$

which readily yields

$$b_0^2 = \frac{(1 - \beta)^2(p_1^2 + q_1^2)}{2}.$$

Applying Carathéodory’s Lemma for the coefficients  $p_1$  and  $q_1$ , we immediately have

$$|b_0^2| \leq \frac{(1 - \beta)^2(4 + 4)}{2} \implies |b_0| \leq 2(1 - \beta).$$

This gives the bound on  $|b_0|$  as asserted in (3.3).

Next, in order to find the bound on  $|b_1|$ , by using the equation (3.8) and the equation (3.10), we get

$$[b_0^2 - (1 + \lambda)b_1] \cdot [b_0^2 + (1 + \lambda)b_1] = [(1 - \beta)p_2] \cdot [(1 - \beta)q_2],$$

$$b_0^4 - (1 + \lambda)^2 b_1^2 = (1 - \beta)^2 p_2 q_2,$$

$$(1 + \lambda)^2 b_1^2 = (b_0^2)^2 - (1 - \beta)^2 p_2 q_2$$

and

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

Applying Carathéodory’s Lemma once again for the coefficients  $p_1, q_1, p_2$  and  $q_2$ , we get

$$(1 + \lambda)^2 |b_1^2| \leq \frac{1}{4} (4 + 4)^2 \cdot (1 - \beta)^4 + 4 \cdot (1 - \beta)^2,$$

which readily yields the following inequality:

$$|b_1| \leq \frac{2(1 - \beta)\sqrt{4\beta^2 - 8\beta + 5}}{1 + \lambda}.$$

This completes the proof of Theorem 2.  $\square$

**Remark.** By suitably specializing the various parameters involved in the assertions of Theorem 1 and Theorem 2, we can deduce the corresponding coefficient estimates for several simpler meromorphically bi-univalent function classes. The details involved are being left for the interested reader.

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