

HANKEL DETERMINANT FOR p -VALENT STARLIKE AND CONVEX FUNCTIONS OF ORDER α

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Abstract. The objective of this paper is to obtain an upper bound to the second Hankel determinant $|a_{p+1}a_{p+3} - a_{p+2}^2|$ for p -valent starlike and convex functions of order α , using Toeplitz determinants.

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1. Introduction

Let A_p (p is a fixed integer ≥ 1) denote the class of functions f of the form

$$(1.1) \quad f(z) = z^p + \sum_{n=p+1}^{\infty} a_n z^n$$

in the open unit disc $E = \{z : |z| < 1\}$ with $p \in N = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$. Let S be the subclass of $A_1 = A$, consisting of univalent functions.

In 1976, Noonan and Thomas [13] defined the q^{th} Hankel determinant of f for $q \geq 1$ and $n \geq 1$, which is stated by

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

This determinant has been considered by several authors. For example, Noor [14] determined the rate of growth of $H_q(n)$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ for the functions in S with a bounded boundary. Ehrenborg [4] studied the Hankel determinant of exponential polynomials. The Hankel transform of an integer sequence and some of its properties were discussed by Layman in [9]. 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 μ real and $f \in S$. Ali [2] found sharp bounds on 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 $f^{-1}(w) = w + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \gamma_n w^n$

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to the class of strongly starlike functions of order α ($0 < \alpha \leq 1$) denoted by $\widetilde{ST}(\alpha)$. For our discussion in this paper, we consider the Hankel determinant in the case of $q = 2$ and $n = 2$, known as second Hankel determinant

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

Janteng, Halim and Darus [8] have considered the functional $|a_2 a_4 - a_3^2|$ and found a sharp 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 [10]. In their work, they have shown that if $f \in \text{RT}$ then $|a_2 a_4 - a_3^2| \leq \frac{4}{9}$. They [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 showed that $|a_2 a_4 - a_3^2| \leq 1$ and $|a_2 a_4 - a_3^2| \leq \frac{1}{8}$ respectively. Mishra and Gochhayat [11] have obtained the sharp bound to the non-linear functional $|a_2 a_4 - a_3^2|$ for the class of analytic functions denoted by $R_\lambda(\alpha, \rho)$ ($0 \leq \rho \leq 1, 0 \leq \lambda < 1, |\alpha| < \frac{\pi}{2}$), by making use of the fractional differential operator due to Owa and Srivastava [15]. They have shown that, if $f \in R_\lambda(\alpha, \rho)$ then

$$|a_2 a_4 - a_3^2| \leq \left\{ \frac{(1-\rho)^2(2-\lambda)^2(3-\lambda)^2 \cos^2 \alpha}{9} \right\}.$$

Murugusundaramoorthy and Magesh [12] have obtained a sharp upper bound for the functional $|a_2 a_4 - a_3^2|$ for the function $f \in R(\alpha)$, where

$$R(\alpha) = \left[f(z) \in A : \operatorname{Re} \left\{ (1-\alpha) \frac{f(z)}{z} + \alpha f'(z) \right\} > 0, \alpha > 0, \forall z \in E \right].$$

They have shown that if $f \in R(\alpha)$ then $|a_2 a_4 - a_3^2| \leq \left\{ \frac{4}{(1+2\alpha)^2} \right\}$. Recently, Al-Refai and Darus [3] have obtained a sharp upper bound to the second Hankel determinant $|a_2 a_4 - a_3^2|$ for the functions in the class denoted by $R_{\alpha, \beta}(\lambda, \rho)$ ($0 \leq \alpha < 1, 0 \leq \beta < 1, -\frac{\pi}{2} < \lambda < \frac{\pi}{2}$ and $0 \leq \rho \leq 1$), defined as

$$R_{\alpha, \beta}(\lambda, \rho) = \left[f(z) \in A : \operatorname{Re} \left\{ e^{i\lambda} \frac{\Theta^{\alpha, \beta} f(z)}{z} \right\} > \rho \cos \lambda, \quad \forall z \in E \right],$$

where $\Theta^{\alpha, \beta}$ is the generalized Owa-Srivastava differential operator. They have shown that if $f \in R_{\alpha, \beta}(\lambda, \rho)$ then

$$|a_2 a_4 - a_3^2| \leq \left\{ \frac{(1-\rho)^2(2-\alpha)^2(3-\alpha)^2(2-\beta)^2(3-\beta)^2 \cos^2 \lambda}{324} \right\}.$$

Very recently, Abubaker and Darus [1] have obtained a sharp upper bound to the non-linear functional $|a_2 a_4 - a_3^2|$ for a new subclass of analytic functions denoted by $R_{\alpha, \mu}(\sigma, \rho)$ ($0 \leq \mu \leq \alpha \leq 1, \rho, \sigma \in N_0$), defined as

$$R_{\alpha, \mu}(\sigma, \rho) = \left[f(z) \in A : \operatorname{Re} \left\{ (D_{\alpha, \mu}^{\sigma, \rho} f(z))' \right\} > 0, \text{ for all } z \in E \right]$$

by making use of the linear differential operator $D_{\alpha,\mu}^{\sigma,\rho}$, defined by them. In their work they have shown that

$$|a_2a_4 - a_3^2| \leq \left\{ \frac{16}{9(1+\rho)^2 2(1+\rho)^2 (1+2\alpha - 2\mu + 6\alpha\mu)^{2\sigma}} \right\}.$$

Motivated by the above mentioned results obtained by different authors in this direction, in this paper, we obtain an upper bound to the functional $|a_{p+1}a_{p+3} - a_{p+2}^2|$ for the function f belonging to p -valent starlike and convex functions, defined as follows.

Definition 1.1. A function $f(z) \in A_p$ is said to be p -valent starlike function ($\frac{f(z)}{z} \neq 0$), if it satisfies the condition

$$(1.4) \quad Re \left\{ \frac{zf'(z)}{pf(z)} \right\} > 0, \quad \forall z \in E.$$

The set of all these functions is denoted by ST_p . It is observed that for $p = 1$, ST_p reduces to ST .

Definition 1.2. A function $f(z) \in A_p$ is said to be p -valent convex function, if it satisfies the condition

$$(1.5) \quad Re \left\{ \frac{1}{p} \left(1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right) \right\} > 0, \quad \forall z \in E.$$

The class of all these functions is denoted by CV_p . It is observed that for $p=1$, we obtain $CV_1 = CV$.

Definition 1.3. A function $f(z) \in A_p$ is said to be p -valent starlike function of order α ($0 \leq \alpha < p$) ($\frac{f(z)}{z} \neq 0$), if and only if

$$(1.6) \quad Re \left\{ \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \right\} > \alpha, \quad \forall z \in E.$$

The class of all these functions was introduced by Goodman [5] and denoted by $ST_p(\alpha)$. It is observed that for $p = 1$, $ST_p(\alpha)$ reduces to $ST(\alpha)$, class of starlike functions of order α ($0 \leq \alpha < 1$) and for $p = 1$ and $\alpha = 0$, we obtain $ST_1(0) = ST$.

Definition 1.4. A function $f(z) \in A_p$ is said to be p -valent convex function of order α ($0 \leq \alpha < p$), if and only if

$$(1.7) \quad Re \left\{ 1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \right\} > \alpha, \quad \forall z \in E.$$

The class of all these functions is denoted by $CV_p(\alpha)$. It is observed that for $p = 1$, we get $CV_p(\alpha) = CV(\alpha)$, class of convex functions of order α ($0 \leq \alpha < 1$) and for $p = 1$ and $\alpha = 0$, we obtain $CV_1(0) = CV$. From the relations (1.6) and (1.7), we observe that $f(z) \in CV_p(\alpha)$ if and only if $\frac{zf'(z)}{p} \in ST_p(\alpha)$. Further, we have $ST_p(\alpha) \subseteq ST_p(0)$, $CV_p(\alpha) \subseteq CV_p(0)$ and $CV_p(\alpha) \subset ST_p(\alpha) \subset A_p$, for $0 \leq \alpha < p$.

We first state some preliminary lemmas required for proving our results.

2. Preliminary Results

Let P denote the class of functions p analytic in E for which $\text{Re}\{p(z)\} > 0$,

$$(2.1) \quad p(z) = (1 + c_1z + c_2z^2 + c_3z^3 + \dots) = \left[1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n z^n \right], \forall z \in E.$$

Lemma 2.1 ([16]). *If $p \in P$, then $|c_k| \leq 2$, for each $k \geq 1$.*

Lemma 2.2 ([6]). *The power series for p given in (2.1) converges in the unit disc E to a function in 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. They 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 $k \neq j$; in this case $D_n > 0$ for $n < (m - 1)$ and $D_n = 0$ for $n \geq m$. This necessary and sufficient condition is due to Caratheodory and can be found in [6].

We may assume without restriction that $c_1 > 0$. On using Lemma 2.2, for $n = 2$ and $n = 3$ respectively, we get

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

which is equivalent to

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

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

Then $D_3 \geq 0$ is equivalent to

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

From the relations (2.2) and (2.3), after simplifying, we get

$$(2.4) \quad 4c_3 = \{c_1^3 + 2c_1(4 - c_1^2)x - c_1(4 - c_1^2)x^2 + 2(4 - c_1^2)(1 - |x|^2)z\}$$

for some real value of z , with $|z| \leq 1$.

3. Main Results

Theorem 3.1. *If*

$$f(z) \in ST_p(\alpha) \left(0 \leq \alpha \leq \left(p - \frac{1}{2} \right) \right),$$

with $p \in \mathbb{N}$, then

$$|a_{p+1}a_{p+3} - a_{p+2}^2| \leq (p - \alpha)^2.$$

Proof. Let $f(z) = z^p + \sum_{n=p+1}^{\infty} a_n z^n$ be in the class $ST_p(\alpha)$, from Definition 1.3, there exists an analytic function $p \in P$ in the unit disc E with $p(0) = 1$ and $\text{Re}\{p(z)\} > 0$ such that

$$(3.1) \quad \left\{ \frac{zf'(z) - \alpha f(z)}{(p - \alpha)f(z)} \right\} = p(z) \\ \Rightarrow \{zf'(z) - \alpha f(z)\} = \{(p - \alpha)f(z)\}p(z).$$

Replacing $f(z)$, $f'(z)$ by their equivalent p -valent expressions and the equivalent expression for $p(z)$ in series in (3.1), we have

$$\left[z \left\{ pz^{p-1} + \sum_{n=p+1}^{\infty} na_n z^{n-1} \right\} - \alpha \left\{ z^p + \sum_{n=p+1}^{\infty} a_n z^n \right\} \right] \\ = (p - \alpha) \times \left[\left\{ z^p + \sum_{n=p+1}^{\infty} a_n z^n \right\} \times \left\{ 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n z^n \right\} \right]$$

Upon simplification, we obtain

$$(3.2) \quad [a_{p+1}z^{p+1} + 2a_{p+2}z^{p+2} + 3a_{p+3}z^{p+3} + \dots] \\ = (p - \alpha) \times [c_1 z^{p+1} + (c_2 + c_1 a_{p+1}) z^{p+2} + (c_3 + c_2 a_{p+1} + c_1 a_{p+2}) z^{p+3} + \dots]$$

Equating the coefficients of the like powers of z^{p+1} , z^{p+2} and z^{p+3} respectively on both sides of (3.2), we have

$$[a_{p+1} = (p - \alpha)c_1; 2a_{p+2} = (p - \alpha) \{c_2 + c_1 a_{p+1}\}; \\ 3a_{p+3} = (p - \alpha) \{c_3 + c_2 a_{p+1} + c_1 a_{p+2}\}]$$

After simplifying, we get

$$(3.3) \quad [a_{p+1} = (p - \alpha)c_1; a_{p+2} = \frac{(p - \alpha)}{2} \{c_2 + (p - \alpha)c_1^2\} \\ a_{p+3} = \frac{(p - \alpha)}{6} \{2c_3 + 3(p - \alpha)c_1 c_2 + (p - \alpha)^2 c_1^3\}]$$

Considering the second Hankel functional $|a_{p+1}a_{p+3} - a_{p+2}^2|$ for the function $f \in ST_p(\alpha)$ and substituting the values of a_{p+1} , a_{p+2} and a_{p+3} from the

relation (3.3), we have

$$|a_{p+1}a_{p+3} - a_{p+2}^2| = \left| (p - \alpha)c_1 \times \frac{(p - \alpha)}{6} \{2c_3 + 3(p - \alpha)c_1c_2 + (p - \alpha)^2c_1^3\} - \frac{(p - \alpha)^2}{4} \{c_2 + (p - \alpha)c_1^2\}^2 \right|$$

Upon simplification, we obtain

$$(3.4) \quad |a_{p+1}a_{p+3} - a_{p+2}^2| = \frac{(p - \alpha)^2}{12} |4c_1c_3 - 3c_2^2 - (p - \alpha)^2c_1^4|$$

Substituting the values of c_2 and c_3 from (2.2) and (2.4) respectively from Lemma 2.2 in the right-hand side of (3.4), we have

$$\begin{aligned} |4c_1c_3 - 3c_2^2 - (p - \alpha)^2c_1^4| = & |4c_1 \times \frac{1}{4} \{c_1^3 + 2c_1(4 - c_1^2)x - c_1(4 - c_1^2)x^2 + 2(4 - c_1^2)(1 - |x|^2)z\} \\ & - 3 \times \frac{1}{4} \{c_1^2 + x(4 - c_1^2)\}^2 - (p - \alpha)^2c_1^4| \end{aligned}$$

After simplifying, we get

$$(3.5) \quad 4|4c_1c_3 - 3c_2^2 - (p - \alpha)^2c_1^4| = | \{1 - 4(p - \alpha)^2\} c_1^4 + 8c_1(4 - c_1^2)z + 2c_1^2(4 - c_1^2)|x| - (c_1 + 2)(c_1 + 6)(4 - c_1^2)z|x|^2 |$$

Since $c_1 \in [0, 2]$, using the result $(c_1 + a)(c_1 + b) \geq (c_1 - a)(c_1 - b)$, where $a, b \geq 0$ in the relation (3.5), we get

$$(3.6) \quad 4|4c_1c_3 - 3c_2^2 - (p - \alpha)^2c_1^4| \leq | \{1 - 4(p - \alpha)^2\} c_1^4 + 8c_1(4 - c_1^2)z + 2c_1^2(4 - c_1^2)|x| - (c_1 - 2)(c_1 - 6)(4 - c_1^2)z|x|^2 |$$

Choosing $c_1 = c \in [0, 2]$, applying Triangle inequality and replacing $|x|$ by μ in the right-hand side of (3.6), it reduces to

$$(3.7) \quad 4|4c_1c_3 - 3c_2^2 - (p - \alpha)^2c_1^4| \leq [\{4(p - \alpha)^2 - 1\} c^4 + 8c(4 - c^2) + 2c^2(4 - c^2)\mu + (c - 2)(c - 6)(4 - c^2)\mu^2] = F(c, \mu), \quad \text{for } 0 \leq \mu = |x| \leq 1$$

where

$$(3.8) \quad F(c, \mu) = [\{4(p - \alpha)^2 - 1\} c^4 + 8c(4 - c^2) + 2c^2(4 - c^2)\mu + (c - 2)(c - 6)(4 - c^2)\mu^2]$$

We assume that the upper bound for (3.7) occurs at an interior point of the set $\{(\mu, c) : \mu \in [0, 1] \text{ and } c \in [0, 2]\}$.

Differentiating $F(c, \mu)$ in (3.8) partially with respect to μ , we get

$$(3.9) \quad \frac{\partial F}{\partial \mu} = [2c^2(4 - c^2) + 2(c - 2)(c - 6)(4 - c^2)\mu]$$

For $0 < \mu < 1$ and for fixed c with $0 < c < 2$, from (3.9), we observe that $\frac{\partial F}{\partial \mu} > 0$. Therefore, $F(c, \mu)$ is an increasing function of μ , which contradicts our assumption that the maximum value of it occurs at an interior point of the set $\{(\mu, c) : \mu \in [0, 1] \text{ and } c \in [0, 2]\}$. Also, for a fixed $c \in [0, 2]$, we have

$$(3.10) \quad \max_{0 \leq \mu \leq 1} F(c, \mu) = F(c, 1) = G(c) \text{ (say)}.$$

Therefore, replacing μ by 1 in (3.8), upon simplification, we obtain

$$(3.11) \quad G(c) = 4 \{(p - \alpha)^2 - 1\} c^4 + 48$$

$$(3.12) \quad G'(c) = 16 \{(p - \alpha)^2 - 1\} c^3$$

$$(3.13) \quad G''(c) = 48 \{(p - \alpha)^2 - 1\} c^2$$

For an optimum value of $G(c)$, consider $G'(c) = 0$. From (3.12), we get

$$16 \{(p - \alpha)^2 - 1\} c^3 = 0. \Rightarrow \{(p - \alpha + 1)(p - \alpha - 1)c^3\} = 0.$$

Since $\alpha < p \Rightarrow (p - \alpha + 1) \neq 0$. Therefore, we must have $(p - \alpha - 1)c^3 = 0$. We now discuss the following cases.

Case 1. If $(p - \alpha) = 1$ and for every $c \in [0, 2]$, it is possible only when $p = 1$ and $\alpha = 0$, then we have $G'(c) = 0$ and $G''(c) = 0$. Therefore, in this case, we get $G(c) = 48$, which is a constant. For these values i.e., for $p = 1$ and $\alpha = 0$, from Definition 1.3, we obtain $ST_1(0) = ST$, for which the result can be found in [7].

Case 2. If $(p - \alpha) \neq 1$ and $c = 0$, then we get $G'(c) = 0$ and $G''(c) = 0$. In this case also, we obtain $G(c) = 48$, which is a constant.

Therefore, From Cases 1 and 2, we conclude that the maximum value of $G(c)$ is 48, which occurs at $c = 0$. From the expression (3.11), we get

$$(3.14) \quad G_{max} = G(0) = 48.$$

From (3.7) and (3.14), upon simplification, we obtain

$$(3.15) \quad |4c_1c_3 - 3c_2^2 - (p - \alpha)^2c_1^4| \leq 12$$

From (3.4) and (3.15), after simplifying, we obtain

$$(3.16) \quad |a_{p+1}a_{p+3} - a_{p+2}^2| \leq (p - \alpha)^2.$$

This completes the proof of the theorem. □

Remark.

1) For the choice of $p = 1$, from (3.16), we get

$$|a_2a_4 - a_3^2| \leq (1 - \alpha)^2(0 \leq \alpha \leq \frac{1}{2}).$$

2) By choosing $p = 1$ and $\alpha = 0$, from (3.16), we obtain $|a_2a_4 - a_3^2| \leq 1$. This inequality is sharp and it coincides with the result of Janteng, Halim and Darus [7].

Theorem 3.2. *If*

$$f(z) \in CV_p(\alpha)(0 \leq \alpha \leq (p - \frac{1}{2})),$$

with $p \in N$, then

$$\frac{|a_{p+1}a_{p+3} - a_{p+2}^2| \leq \frac{p^2(p-\alpha)^2 [6(p+1-\alpha)^2 + (p+1)(p+3) \{2\alpha(\alpha-2p)(p^2+4p+1) + (2p^4+8p^3+3p^2+4p+7)\}]}{(p+1)(p+2)^2(p+3) \{2\alpha(\alpha-2p)(p^2+4p+1) + (2p^4+8p^3+3p^2+4p+7)\}}.$$

Proof. Let $f(z) = z^p + \sum_{n=p+1}^{\infty} a_n z^n$ be in the class $CV_p(\alpha)$, from Definition 1.4, there exists an analytic function $p \in P$ in the unit disc E with $p(0) = 1$ and $\text{Re}\{p(z)\} > 0$ such that

$$(3.17) \quad \left\{ \frac{\{f'(z) + zf''(z)\} - \alpha f'(z)}{(p-\alpha)f'(z)} \right\} = p(z) \\ \Rightarrow \{(1-\alpha)f'(z) + zf''(z)\} = (p-\alpha)\{f'(z)p(z)\}.$$

substituting the equivalent expressions for $f'(z)$, $f''(z)$ and $p(z)$ in series in the relation (3.17), we have

$$\left[(1-\alpha) \left\{ pz^{p-1} + \sum_{n=p+1}^{\infty} na_n z^{n-1} \right\} + z \left\{ p(p-1)z^{p-2} + \sum_{n=p+1}^{\infty} n(n-1)a_n z^{n-2} \right\} \right] \\ = \left[(p-\alpha) \left\{ pz^{p-1} + \sum_{n=p+1}^{\infty} na_n z^{n-1} \right\} \times \left\{ 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n z^n \right\} \right]$$

After simplifying, we get

$$(3.18) \quad [(p+1)a_{p+1}z^p + 2(p+2)a_{p+2}z^{p+1} + 3(p+3)a_{p+3}z^{p+2} + \dots] \\ = (p-\alpha) \times [pc_1z^p + \{pc_2 + (p+1)c_1a_{p+1}\}z^{p+1} + \{pc_3 + (p+1)c_2a_{p+1} + (p+2)c_1a_{p+2}\}z^{p+2} + \dots]$$

Equating the coefficients of like powers of z^p , z^{p+1} and z^{p+2} respectively on both sides of (3.18), upon simplification, we obtain

$$(3.19) \quad [a_{p+1} = \frac{p(p-\alpha)}{(p+1)}c_1; a_{p+2} = \frac{p(p-\alpha)}{2(p+2)}\{c_2 + (p-\alpha)c_1^2\}; \\ a_{p+3} = \frac{p(p-\alpha)}{6(p+3)}\{2c_3 + 3(p-\alpha)c_1c_2 + (p-\alpha)^2c_1^3\}]$$

Substituting the values of a_{p+1} , a_{p+2} and a_{p+3} from the relation (3.19) in the second Hankel functional $|a_{p+1}a_{p+3} - a_{p+2}^2|$ for the function $f \in CV_p(\alpha)$, we have

$$|a_{p+1}a_{p+3} - a_{p+2}^2| = \left| \frac{p(p-\alpha)}{(p+1)}c_1 \times \frac{p(p-\alpha)}{6(p+3)}\{2c_3 + 3(p-\alpha)c_1c_2 + (p-\alpha)^2c_1^3\} - \frac{p^2(p-\alpha)^2}{4(p+2)^2}\{c_2 + (p-\alpha)c_1^2\}^2 \right|$$

Upon simplification, we obtain

$$|a_{p+1}a_{p+3} - a_{p+2}^2| = \frac{p^2(p-\alpha)^2}{12(p+1)(p+2)^2(p+3)} \times |4(p+2)^2c_1c_3 + 6(p-\alpha)c_1^2c_2 - 3(p+1)(p+3)c_2^2 - (p^2 + 4p + 1)(p-\alpha)^2c_1^4|$$

The above expression is equivalent to

$$(3.20) \quad |a_{p+1}a_{p+3} - a_{p+2}^2| = \frac{p^2(p-\alpha)^2}{12(p+1)(p+2)^2(p+3)} \times |d_1c_1c_3 + d_2c_1^2c_2 + d_3c_2^2 + d_4c_1^4|.$$

where

$$(3.21) \quad \{d_1 = 4(p+2)^2; d_2 = 6(p-\alpha); \\ d_3 = -3(p+1)(p+3) = -3(p^2 + 4p + 3); d_4 = -(p^2 + 4p + 1)(p-\alpha)^2\}.$$

Substituting the values of c_2 and c_3 from (2.2) and (2.4) respectively from Lemma 2.2 in the right-hand side of (3.20), we have

$$|d_1c_1c_3 + d_2c_1^2c_2 + d_3c_2^2 + d_4c_1^4| \\ = |d_1c_1 \times \frac{1}{4}\{c_1^3 + 2c_1(4-c_1^2)x - c_1(4-c_1^2)x^2 + 2(4-c_1^2)(1-|x|^2)z\} + \\ d_2c_1^2 \times \frac{1}{2}\{c_1^2 + x(4-c_1^2)\} + d_3 \times \frac{1}{4}\{c_1^2 + x(4-c_1^2)\}^2 + d_4c_1^4|.$$

After simplifying, we get

$$(3.22) \quad 4|d_1c_1c_3 + d_2c_1^2c_2 + d_3c_2^2 + d_4c_1^4| = |(d_1 + 2d_2 + d_3 + 4d_4)c_1^4 \\ + 2d_1c_1(4-c_1^2)z + 2(d_1 + d_2 + d_3)c_1^2(4-c_1^2)|x| - \\ \{(d_1 + d_3)c_1^2 + 2d_1c_1 - 4d_3\}(4-c_1^2)|x|^2z|.$$

Using the values of d_1 , d_2 , d_3 and d_4 from the relation (3.21), upon simplification, we obtain

$$(3.23) \quad \{(d_1 + 2d_2 + d_3 + 4d_4) = \\ \{-4(p^2 + 4p + 1)(p - \alpha)^2 + 12(p - \alpha) + (p^2 + 4p + 7)\}; \\ d_1 = 4(p + 2)^2; (d_1 + d_2 + d_3) = (p^2 + 10p + 7 - 6\alpha)\}.$$

$$(3.24) \quad \{(d_1 + d_3)c_1^2 + 2d_1c_1 - 4d_3\} \\ = \{(p^2 + 4p + 7)c_1^2 + 8(p + 2)^2c_1 + 12(p + 1)(p + 3)\}.$$

Consider

$$\{(p^2 + 4p + 7)c_1^2 + 8(p + 2)^2c_1 + 12(p + 1)(p + 3)\} \\ = (p^2 + 4p + 7) \times \left[c_1^2 + \frac{8(p + 2)^2}{(p^2 + 4p + 7)}c_1 + \frac{12(p + 1)(p + 3)}{(p^2 + 4p + 7)} \right]. \\ = (p^2 + 4p + 7) \times \\ \left[\left\{ c_1 + \frac{4(p + 2)^2}{(p^2 + 4p + 7)} \right\}^2 - \frac{16(p + 2)^4}{(p^2 + 4p + 7)^2} + \frac{12(p + 1)(p + 3)}{(p^2 + 4p + 7)} \right].$$

Upon simplification, the above expression can also be expressed as

$$\{(p^2 + 4p + 7)c_1^2 + 8(p + 2)^2c_1 + 12(p + 1)(p + 3)\} = (p^2 + 4p + 7) \times \\ \left[\left\{ c_1 + \frac{4(p + 2)^2}{(p^2 + 4p + 7)} \right\}^2 - \left\{ \frac{2\sqrt{p^4 + 8p^3 + 18p^2 + 8p + 1}}{(p^2 + 4p + 7)} \right\}^2 \right].$$

$$(3.25) \quad \{(p^2 + 4p + 1)c_1^2 + 8(p + 2)^2c_1 + 12(p + 1)(p + 3)\} \\ = (p^2 + 4p + 7) \times \\ \left[c_1 + \left\{ \frac{4(p + 2)^2}{(p^2 + 4p + 7)} + \frac{2\sqrt{p^4 + 8p^3 + 18p^2 + 8p + 1}}{(p^2 + 4p + 7)} \right\} \right] \\ \times \left[c_1 + \left\{ \frac{4(p + 2)^2}{(p^2 + 4p + 7)} - \frac{2\sqrt{p^4 + 8p^3 + 18p^2 + 8p + 1}}{(p^2 + 4p + 7)} \right\} \right].$$

Since $c_1 \in [0, 2]$, using the result $(c_1 + a)(c_1 + b) \geq (c_1 - a)(c_1 - b)$, where $a, b \geq 0$ in the right-hand side of (3.25), upon simplification, we obtain

$$(3.26) \quad \{(p^2 + 4p + 1)c_1^2 + 8(p + 2)^2c_1 + 12(p + 1)(p + 3)\} \\ \geq \{(p^2 + 4p + 1)c_1^2 - 8(p + 2)^2c_1 + 12(p + 1)(p + 3)\}.$$

From the relations (3.24) and (3.26), we obtain

$$(3.27) \quad - \{ (d_1 + d_3)c_1^2 + 2d_1c_1 - 4d_3 \} \\ - \leq \{ (p^2 + 4p + 1)c_1^2 - 8(p + 2)^2c_1 + 12(p + 1)(p + 3) \}.$$

Substituting the calculated values from (3.23) and (3.27) in the right-hand side of the relation (3.22), we get

$$(3.28) \quad 4|d_1c_1c_3 + d_2c_1^2c_2 + d_3c_2^2 + d_4c_1^4| \\ \leq | \{ -4(p^2 + 4p + 1)(p - \alpha)^2 + 12(p - \alpha) + (p^2 + 4p + 7) \} c_1^4 \\ + 8(p + 2)^2c_1(4 - c_1^2)z + 2(p^2 + 10p + 7 - 6\alpha)c_1^2(4 - c_1^2)|x| \\ - \{ (p^2 + 4p + 1)c_1^2 - 8(p + 2)^2c_1 + 12(p + 1)(p + 3) \} (4 - c_1^2)|x|^2z|.$$

Choosing $c_1 = c \in [0, 2]$, applying Triangle inequality and replacing $|x|$ by μ in the right-hand side of (3.28), it reduces to

$$(3.29) \quad 4|d_1c_1c_3 + d_2c_1^2c_2 + d_3c_2^2 + d_4c_1^4| \\ \leq [\{ -4(p^2 + 4p + 1)(p - \alpha)^2 + 12(p - \alpha) + (p^2 + 4p + 7) \} c^4 \\ + 8(p + 2)^2c(4 - c^2) + 2(p^2 + 10p + 7 - 6\alpha)c^2(4 - c^2)\mu \\ + \{ (p^2 + 4p + 1)c^2 - 8(p + 2)^2c + 12(p + 1)(p + 3) \} (4 - c^2)\mu^2] \\ = F(c, \mu), \quad \text{for } 0 \leq \mu = |x| \leq 1.$$

where

$$(3.30) \quad F(c, \mu) \\ = [\{ -4(p^2 + 4p + 1)(p - \alpha)^2 + 12(p - \alpha) + (p^2 + 4p + 7) \} c^4 \\ + 8(p + 2)^2c(4 - c^2) + 2(p^2 + 10p + 7 - 6\alpha)c^2(4 - c^2)\mu \\ + \{ (p^2 + 4p + 1)c^2 - 8(p + 2)^2c + 12(p + 1)(p + 3) \} (4 - c^2)\mu^2]$$

We assume that the upper bound for (3.29) occurs at an interior point of the set $\{(\mu, c) : \mu \in [0, 1] \text{ and } c \in [0, 2]\}$. Differentiating $F(c, \mu)$ in (3.30) partially with respect to μ , we get

$$(3.31) \quad \frac{\partial F}{\partial \mu} = [2(p^2 + 10p + 7 - 6\alpha)c^2(4 - c^2) \\ + 2 \{ (p^2 + 4p + 1)c^2 - 8(p + 2)^2c + 12(p + 1)(p + 3) \} (4 - c^2)\mu]$$

For $0 < \mu < 1$, for fixed c with $0 < c < 2$ and $(0 \leq \alpha \leq (p - \frac{1}{2}))$, from (3.31), we observe that $\frac{\partial F}{\partial \mu} > 0$. Therefore, $F(c, \mu)$ is an increasing function of μ , which contradicts our assumption that the maximum value of it occurs at an interior point of the set $\{(\mu, c) : \mu \in [0, 1] \text{ and } c \in [0, 2]\}$.

Further, for a fixed $c \in [0, 2]$, we have

$$(3.32) \quad \max_{0 \leq \mu \leq 1} F(c, \mu) = F(c, 1) = G(c)(say).$$

From the relations (3.30) and (3.32), upon simplification, we obtain

$$(3.33) \quad G(c) = 2[-\{2\alpha(\alpha - 2p)(p^2 + 4p + 1) + (2p^4 + 8p^3 + 3p^2 + 4p + 7)\}c^4 + 24(p + 1 - \alpha)c^2 + 24(p + 1)(p + 3)].$$

$$(3.34) \quad G'(c) = 2[-4\{2\alpha(\alpha - 2p)(p^2 + 4p + 1) + (2p^4 + 8p^3 + 3p^2 + 4p + 7)\}c^3 + 48(p + 1 - \alpha)c].$$

$$(3.35) \quad G''(c) = 2[-12\{2\alpha(\alpha - 2p)(p^2 + 4p + 1) + (2p^4 + 8p^3 + 3p^2 + 4p + 7)\}c^2 + 48(p + 1 - \alpha)].$$

The maximum or minimum value of $G(c)$ is obtained for the values of $G'(c) = 0$. From the expression(3.34), we get

$$(3.36) \quad -8c[\{2\alpha(\alpha - 2p)(p^2 + 4p + 1) + (2p^4 + 8p^3 + 3p^2 + 4p + 7)\}c^2 - 12(p + 1 - \alpha)] = 0.$$

We now discuss the following cases.

Case 1. If $c = 0$, then from (3.35), we obtain

$$G''(c) = 96(p + 1 - \alpha) > 0, \quad \text{because } \alpha < p \Rightarrow (p - \alpha) > 0.$$

Therefore, by the second derivative test, $G(c)$ has a minimum value at $c = 0$, which is ruled out.

Case 2. If $c \neq 0$, then from (3.36), we obtain

$$(3.37) \quad c^2 = \left\{ \frac{12(p + 1 - \alpha)}{2\alpha(\alpha - 2p)(p^2 + 4p + 1) + (2p^4 + 8p^3 + 3p^2 + 4p + 7)} \right\} > 0, \\ \text{for } (0 \leq \alpha \leq \left(p - \frac{1}{2}\right))$$

Using the value of c^2 given in (3.37) in (3.35), after simplifying, we get

$$G''(c) = -192(p + 1 - \alpha) > 0, \quad \text{because } \alpha < p \Rightarrow (p - \alpha) > 0.$$

From the second derivative test, $G(c)$ has a maximum value at c , where c^2 is given by (3.37). From the expression (3.33), we have G-maximum value at c^2 , after simplifying, it is given by

$$(3.38) \quad G_{max} = G(c) = 48 \\ \times \left[\frac{6(p + 1 - \alpha)^2 + (p + 1)(p + 3)\{2\alpha(\alpha - 2p)(p^2 + 4p + 1) + (2p^4 + 8p^3 + 3p^2 + 4p + 7)\}}{\{2\alpha(\alpha - 2p)(p^2 + 4p + 1) + (2p^4 + 8p^3 + 3p^2 + 4p + 7)\}} \right].$$

Considering only the maximum value of $G(c)$ at c , where c^2 is given by (3.37). From the expressions (3.29) and (3.38), upon simplification, we obtain

$$(3.39) \quad |d_1c_1c_3 + d_2c_1^2c_2 + d_3c_2^2 + d_4c_1^4| \leq 12 \\ \times \left[\frac{6(p+1-\alpha)^2 + (p+1)(p+3) \{2\alpha(\alpha-2p)(p^2+4p+1) + (2p^4+8p^3+3p^2+4p+7)\}}{\{2\alpha(\alpha-2p)(p^2+4p+1) + (2p^4+8p^3+3p^2+4p+7)\}} \right].$$

From the expressions (3.20) and (3.39), after simplifying, we get

$$(3.40) \quad |a_{p+1}a_{p+3} - a_{p+2}^2| \leq \\ \frac{p^2(p-\alpha)^2 [6(p+1-\alpha)^2 + (p+1)(p+3) \{2\alpha(\alpha-2p)(p^2+4p+1) + (2p^4+8p^3+3p^2+4p+7)\}]}{(p+1)(p+2)^2(p+3) \{2\alpha(\alpha-2p)(p^2+4p+1) + (2p^4+8p^3+3p^2+4p+7)\}}.$$

This completes the proof of the theorem. □

Remark.

1) For the choice of $p = 1$, from (3.40), we get

$$|a_2a_4 - a_3^2| \leq \left[\frac{(1-\alpha)^2(17\alpha^2 - 36\alpha + 36)}{144(\alpha^2 - 2\alpha + 2)} \right].$$

2) Choosing $p = 1$ and $\alpha = 0$, from (3.40), we obtain $|a_2a_4 - a_3^2| \leq \frac{1}{8}$. This inequality is sharp, and it coincides with the result of Janteng, Halim and Darus [7].

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