

**SECOND HANKEL DETERMINANT PROBLEM FOR SOME
ANALYTIC FUNCTION CLASSES WITH CONNECTED
 K -FIBONACCI NUMBERS**

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, we determine upper bound for the second Hankel determinant in some classes of analytic functions in the open unit disc connected with k -Fibonacci numbers $F_{k,n}$ ($k > 0$). For this purpose we apply properties of k -Fibonacci numbers to consider second Hankel determinant problem for the class \mathcal{SL}^k and \mathcal{KSL}^k . The results presented in this paper have been shown to generalize and improve some recent work of Sokół et al. [18].

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1. INTRODUCTION

Let $\mathbb{D} = \{z : |z| < 1\}$ be the unit disc in the complex plane. The class of all analytic functions $f(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n z^n$ in the open unit disc \mathbb{D} with normalization $f(0) = 0$, $f'(0) = 1$ is denoted by \mathcal{A} and the class $\mathcal{S} \subset \mathcal{A}$ is the class which consists of univalent functions in \mathbb{D} . We say that f is subordinate to F in \mathbb{D} , written as $f \prec F$, if and only if $f(z) = F(\omega(z))$ for some analytic function ω , $|\omega(z)| \leq |z|$, $z \in \mathbb{D}$.

Recently, N. Yılmaz Özgür and J. Sokół [12] introduced the class \mathcal{SL}^k of starlike functions connected with k -Fibonacci numbers as the set of functions $f \in \mathcal{A}$ which is described in the following definition.

Definition 1. Let k be any positive real number. The function $f \in \mathcal{A}$ belongs to the class \mathcal{SL}^k if it satisfies the condition that

$$\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \prec \tilde{p}_k(z), \quad z \in \mathbb{D}, \quad (1)$$

where

$$\tilde{p}_k(z) = \frac{1 + \tau_k^2 z^2}{1 - k\tau_k z - \tau_k^2 z^2}, \quad \tau_k = \frac{k - \sqrt{k^2 + 4}}{2}, \quad z \in \mathbb{D}. \quad (2)$$

Now we define the class \mathcal{KSL}^k as follows:

Definition 2. Let k be any positive real number. The function $f \in \mathcal{A}$ belongs to the class \mathcal{KSL}^k if it satisfies the condition that

$$1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} \prec \tilde{p}_k(z), \quad z \in \mathbb{D}, \quad (3)$$

where the function \tilde{p}_k is defined in (2).

For $k = 1$, the classes \mathcal{SL}^k and \mathcal{KSL}^k become the classes \mathcal{SL} and \mathcal{KSL} of shell-like functions defined in [15], see also [16].

It was proved in [12] that functions in the class \mathcal{SL}^k are univalent in \mathbb{D} . Moreover, the class \mathcal{SL}^k is a subclass of the class of starlike functions \mathcal{S}^* , even more, starlike of order $k(k^2 + 4)^{-1/2}/2$. The name attributed to the class \mathcal{SL}^k is motivated by the shape of the curve

$$\mathcal{C} = \{\tilde{p}_k(e^{it}) : t \in [0, 2\pi) \setminus \{\pi\}\}.$$

The curve \mathcal{C} has a shell-like shape and it is symmetric with respect to the real axis. Its graphic shape, for $k = 1$, is given below in Fig.1.

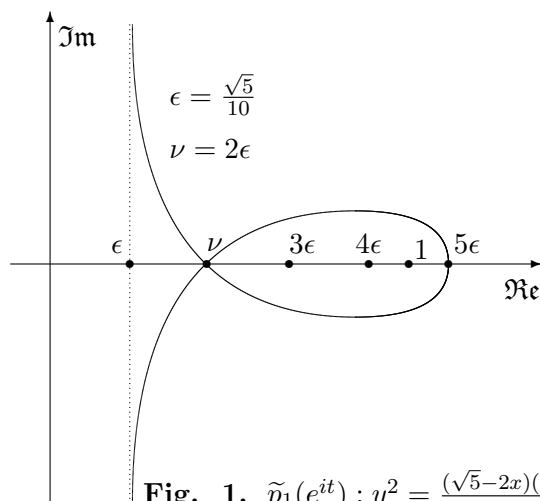


Fig. 1. $\tilde{p}_1(e^{it}) : y^2 = \frac{(\sqrt{5}-2x)(\sqrt{5}x-1)^2}{10x-\sqrt{5}}$.

For $k \leq 2$, note that we have

$$\tilde{p}_k \left(e^{\pm i \arccos(k^2/4)} \right) = k(k^2 + 4)^{-1/2},$$

and so the curve \mathcal{C} intersects itself on the real axis at the point $w_1 = k(k^2 + 4)^{-1/2}$. Thus \mathcal{C} has a loop intersecting the real axis also at the point $w_2 = (k^2 + 4)/(2k)$.

For $k > 2$, the curve \mathcal{C} has no loops and it is like a conchoid, see for details [12]. Moreover, the coefficients of \tilde{p}_k are connected with k -Fibonacci numbers.

For any positive real number k , the k -Fibonacci number sequence $\{F_{k,n}\}_{n=0}^\infty$ is defined recursively by

$$F_{k,0} = 0, F_{k,1} = 1 \text{ and } F_{k,n+1} = kF_{k,n} + F_{k,n-1} \text{ for } n \geq 1. \quad (4)$$

When $k = 1$, we obtain the well-known Fibonacci numbers F_n . It is known that the n^{th} k -Fibonacci number is given by

$$F_{k,n} = \frac{(k - \tau_k)^n - \tau_k^n}{\sqrt{k^2 + 4}}, \quad (5)$$

where $\tau_k = (k - \sqrt{k^2 + 4})/2$. If $\tilde{p}_k(z) = 1 + \sum_{n=1}^\infty \tilde{p}_{k,n} z^n$, then we have

$$\tilde{p}_{k,n} = (F_{k,n-1} + F_{k,n+1})\tau_k^n, \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots, \quad (6)$$

see also [12].

Lemma 1. [12] *If $f(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^\infty a_n z^n$ belongs to the class \mathcal{SL}^k , then we have*

$$|a_n| \leq |\tau_k|^{n-1} F_{k,n}, \quad (7)$$

where $\tau_k = (k - \sqrt{k^2 + 4})/2$. Equality holds in (7) for the function

$$\begin{aligned} g_k(z) &= \frac{z}{1 - k\tau_k z - \tau_k^2 z^2} \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^\infty \tau_k^{n-1} F_{k,n} z^n \\ &= z + \frac{(k - \sqrt{k^2 + 4})k}{2} z^2 + (k^2 + 1) \left(\frac{(k - \sqrt{k^2 + 4})k}{2} + 1 \right) z^3 + \dots \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

Let $\mathcal{P}(\beta)$, $0 \leq \beta < 1$, denote the class of analytic functions p in \mathbb{D} with $p(0) = 1$ and $\operatorname{Re}\{p(z)\} > \beta$. Especially, we use $\mathcal{P}(0) = \mathcal{P}$ as $\beta = 0$.

In [12], they proved the following theorem:

Theorem 2. *Let $\{F_{k,n}\}$ be the sequence of k -Fibonacci numbers defined in . If*

$$\tilde{p}_k(z) = \frac{1 + \tau_k^2 z^2}{1 - k\tau_k z - \tau_k^2 z^2} = 1 + \sum_{n=1}^\infty p_n z^n, \quad (9)$$

where $\tau_k = \frac{k - \sqrt{k^2 + 4}}{2}$, $z \in \mathbb{D}$, then we have

$$p_n = (F_{k,n-1} + F_{k,n+1})\tau_k^n, \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots \quad (10)$$

We will use the following lemma for proving our main result.

Lemma 3. [13] Let $p \in \mathcal{P}$ with $p(z) = 1 + c_1z + c_2z^2 + \dots$, then

$$|c_n| \leq 2, \quad \text{for } n \geq 1. \quad (11)$$

If $|c_1| = 2$, then $p(z) \equiv p_1(z) \equiv (1 + xz)/(1 - xz)$ with $x = \frac{c_1}{2}$. Conversely, if $p(z) \equiv p_1(z)$ for some $|x| = 1$, then $c_1 = 2x$. Furthermore, we have

$$\left| c_2 - \frac{c_1^2}{2} \right| \leq 2 - \frac{|c_1|^2}{2}. \quad (12)$$

If $|c_1| < 2$, and $\left| c_2 - \frac{c_1^2}{2} \right| = 2 - \frac{|c_1|^2}{2}$, then $p(z) \equiv p_2(z)$, where

$$p_2(z) = \frac{1 + \bar{x}wz + z(wz + x)}{1 + \bar{x}wz - z(wz + x)},$$

and $x = \frac{c_1}{2}$, $w = \frac{2c_2 - c_1^2}{4 - |c_1|^2}$ and $|c_2 - \frac{c_1^2}{2}| = 2 - \frac{|c_1|^2}{2}$.

Lemma 4. ([9]) Let $p \in \mathcal{P}$ with coefficients c_n as above, then

$$|c_3 - 2c_1c_2 + c_1^3| \leq 2. \quad (13)$$

In 1976, Noonan and Thomas [10] stated the s^{th} Hankel determinant for $s \geq 1$ and $q \geq 1$ as

$$H_s(q) = \begin{vmatrix} a_q & a_{q+1} & \dots & a_{q+s-1} \\ a_{q+1} & a_{q+2} & \dots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ a_{q+s-1} & \dots & \dots & a_{q+2(s-1)} \end{vmatrix} \quad (14)$$

where $a_1 = 1$.

This determinant has also been considered by several authors. For example, Noor [11] determined the rate of growth of $H_s(q)$ as $q \rightarrow \infty$ for functions f in \mathcal{S} with bounded boundary. Ehrenborg in [3] studied the Hankel determinant of exponential polynomials. The Hankel transform of an integer sequence and some of its properties were discussed by Layman in [8]. Also, several authors considered the case $s = 2$. Especially, $H_2(1) = a_3 - a_2^2$ is known as Fekete-Szegő functional and this functional is generalized to $a_3 - \mu a_2^2$ where μ is some real number [4]. Estimating for an upper bound of $|H_2(1)|$ is known as the Fekete-Szegő problem. Raina and Sokół considered Fekete-Szegő problem for the class $\mathcal{S}\mathcal{L}$ in [14] and for the class $\mathcal{S}\mathcal{L}^k$ in [17]. In 1969, Keogh and Merkes [7] solved this problem for the classes \mathcal{S}^* and \mathcal{C} .

The second Hankel determinant is $H_2(2) = a_2a_4 - a_3^2$. Janteng [5] found the sharp upper bound for $|H_2(2)|$ for univalent functions whose derivative has positive real part. In [6] Janteng et al. obtained the bounds for $|H_2(2)|$ for the classes \mathcal{S}^* and \mathcal{C} . Also, Sokół et al. considered second Hankel determinant problem for the classes \mathcal{SL} and \mathcal{KSL} in [18].

2. THE SECOND HANKEL DETERMINANT PROBLEM

Let we prove the coefficient bound of the function in the class \mathcal{KSL}^k as follows:

Theorem 5. *If $f(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n z^n$ belongs to the class \mathcal{KSL}^k , then we have*

$$|a_n| \leq \frac{|\tau_k|^{n-1} F_{k,n}}{n}, \quad (15)$$

where $\tau_k = (k - \sqrt{k^2 + 4})/2$. Equality holds in (7) for the function

$$f_k(z) = \frac{1}{1 + \tau_k^2} \log \frac{1 + z}{1 - \tau_k^2 z}. \quad (16)$$

Proof. A function f is in the class \mathcal{KSL}^k if and only if the function

$$g(z) = z f'(z) \quad (17)$$

is in the class \mathcal{SL}^k . The relations (17) follows (3). Therefore, if

$$z f'(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n a_n z^n \quad (z \in \mathbb{D}) \quad (18)$$

belongs to the class \mathcal{SL}^k , then from Lemma (1), we can write $|n a_n| \leq |\tau_k|^{n-1} F_{k,n}$, which implies (15). The equation (16) is such that $z f'_k(z) = g_k(z)$ where the function g_k is given in (8), and so from (17), it follows that $f_k \in \mathcal{KSL}^k$. Also, by (8) we have

$$f_k(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{|\tau_k|^{n-1} F_{k,n}}{n} z^n \quad (z \in \mathbb{D}). \quad (19)$$

Consequently, the result (7) is sharp.

In [17], Sokol et. al proved the following coefficient bounds:

Theorem 6. *If $p(z) = 1 + p_1z + p_2z^2 + \dots$ and*

$$p(z) \prec \tilde{p}_k(z) = \frac{1 + \tau_k^2 z^2}{1 - k\tau_k z - \tau_k^2 z^2}, \quad \tau_k = \frac{k - \sqrt{k^2 + 4}}{2}, \quad z \in \mathbb{D},$$

then we have

$$|p_1| \leq \frac{(\sqrt{k^2 + 4} - k)k}{2} \quad (20)$$

and

$$|p_2| \leq (k^2 + 2) \left\{ \frac{(k - \sqrt{k^2 + 4})k}{2} + 1 \right\}. \quad (21)$$

The above estimations are sharp.

Now, our first main result (Theorem 7 below) gives an upper bound for the coefficient p_3 .

Theorem 7. *If $p(z) = 1 + p_1z + p_2z^2 + \dots$ and*

$$p(z) \prec \tilde{p}_k(z) = \frac{1 + \tau_k^2 z^2}{1 - k\tau_k z - \tau_k^2 z^2}, \quad \tau_k = \frac{k - \sqrt{k^2 + 4}}{2}, \quad z \in \mathbb{D},$$

then we have

$$|p_3| \leq (k^3 + 3k) \left\{ \frac{\sqrt{k^2 + 4} - k}{2} \right\}^3. \quad (22)$$

The above estimation is sharp.

Proof. If $p \prec \tilde{p}_k$, then there exists an analytic function w such that $|w(z)| \leq |z|$ in \mathbb{D} and $p(z) = \tilde{p}_k(w(z))$. Therefore, the function

$$h(z) = \frac{1 + w(z)}{1 - w(z)} = 1 + c_1z + c_2z^2 + \dots \quad (z \in \mathbb{D})$$

is in the class \mathcal{P} . It follows that

$$w(z) = \frac{c_1z}{2} + \left(c_2 - \frac{c_1^2}{2} \right) \frac{z^2}{2} + \dots \quad (23)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 \tilde{p}_k(w(z)) &= 1 + \tilde{p}_{k,1} \left\{ \frac{c_1 z}{2} + \left(c_2 - \frac{c_1^2}{2} \right) \frac{z^2}{2} + \dots \right\} + \tilde{p}_{k,2} \left\{ \frac{c_1 z}{2} + \left(c_2 - \frac{c_1^2}{2} \right) \frac{z^2}{2} + \dots \right\}^2 \\
 &\quad + \tilde{p}_{k,3} \left\{ \frac{c_1 z}{2} + \left(c_2 - \frac{c_1^2}{2} \right) \frac{z^2}{2} + \left(c_3 - c_1 c_2 + \frac{c_1^3}{4} \right) \frac{z^3}{2} + \dots \right\}^3 \dots \\
 &= 1 + \frac{\tilde{p}_{k,1} c_1}{2} z + \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \left(c_2 - \frac{c_1^2}{2} \right) \tilde{p}_{k,1} + \frac{1}{4} c_1^2 \tilde{p}_{k,2} \right\} z^2 \\
 &\quad + \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \left(c_3 - c_1 c_2 + \frac{c_1^3}{4} \right) \tilde{p}_{k,1} + \frac{1}{2} c_1 \left(c_2 - \frac{c_1^2}{2} \right) \tilde{p}_{k,2} + \frac{c_1^3}{8} \tilde{p}_{k,3} \right\} z^3 + \dots \\
 &= p(z).
 \end{aligned} \tag{24}$$

From (6), we find the coefficients $\tilde{p}_{k,n}$ of the function \tilde{p}_k given by

$$\tilde{p}_{k,n} = (F_{k,n-1} + F_{k,n+1})\tau_k^n.$$

This shows the relevant connection \tilde{p}_k with the sequence of k -Fibonacci numbers

$$\begin{aligned}
 \tilde{p}_k(z) &= 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \tilde{p}_{k,n} z^n \\
 &= 1 + (F_{k,0} + F_{k,2})\tau_k z + (F_{k,1} + F_{k,3})\tau_k^2 z^2 + \dots \\
 &= 1 + k\tau_k z + (k^2 + 2)\tau_k^2 z^2 + (k^3 + 3k)\tau_k^3 z^3 + \dots.
 \end{aligned} \tag{25}$$

If $p(z) = 1 + p_1 z + p_2 z^2 + \dots$, then by (24) and (25), we have

$$p_1 = \frac{k\tau_k c_1}{2}, \tag{26}$$

$$p_2 = \frac{k\tau_k}{2} \left(c_2 - \frac{c_1^2}{2} \right) + \frac{(k^2 + 2)}{4} c_1^2 \tau_k^2 \tag{27}$$

and

$$p_3 = \frac{k\tau_k}{2} \left(c_3 - c_1 c_2 + \frac{c_1^3}{4} \right) + \frac{(k^2 + 2)}{2} c_1 \left(c_2 - \frac{c_1^2}{2} \right) \tau_k^2 + \frac{(k^3 + 3k)}{8} c_1^3 \tau_k^3. \tag{28}$$

We know that

$$\tau_k (k - \tau_k) = -1, \tag{29}$$

where $\tau_k = \frac{k - \sqrt{k^2 + 4}}{2}$.

Now taking absolute value of (28) and using (29), we can write

$$\begin{aligned} |p_3| &= \left| \frac{k\tau_k}{2} \left(c_3 - c_1 c_2 + \frac{c_1^3}{4} \right) + \frac{(k^2 + 2)}{2} c_1 \left(c_2 - \frac{c_1^2}{2} \right) \tau_k^2 + \frac{(k^3 + 3k)}{8} c_1^3 \tau_k^3 \right| \\ &= \left| \frac{k\tau_k}{2} \left(c_3 - c_1 c_2 + \frac{c_1^3}{4} \right) + \frac{(k^2 + 2)}{2} c_1 \left(c_2 - \frac{c_1^2}{2} \right) (k\tau_k + 1) + \frac{(k^3 + 3k)}{8} c_1^3 ((k^2 + 1)\tau_k + k) \right| \\ &= \left| \left\{ \frac{1}{2} (c_3 - 2c_1 c_2 + c_1^3) k - \frac{(k^5 + 2k^3 - 4k)}{4} c_1 \left(c_2 - \frac{c_1^2}{2} \right) + \frac{(k^5 + 4k^3 + 2k)}{4} c_1 c_2 \right\} \tau_k \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \left\{ \frac{(k^2 + 2)}{2} c_1 \left(c_2 - \frac{c_1^2}{2} \right) + \frac{k(k^3 + 3k)}{8} c_1^3 \right\} \right|. \end{aligned}$$

From (2) and (5), we find that

$$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \quad \tau_k = \frac{\tau_k^n}{F_{k,n}} - x_{k,n}, \quad x_{k,n} = \frac{F_{k,n-1}}{F_{k,n}}, \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{F_{k,n-1}}{F_{k,n}} = |\tau_k|. \quad (30)$$

Therefore, we have

$$\begin{aligned} |p_3| &= \left| \left\{ \frac{1}{2} (c_3 - 2c_1 c_2 + c_1^3) k - \frac{(k^5 + 2k^3 - 4k)}{4} c_1 \left(c_2 - \frac{c_1^2}{2} \right) + \frac{(k^5 + 4k^3 + 2k)}{4} c_1 c_2 \right\} \frac{\tau_k^n}{F_{k,n}} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} (c_3 - 2c_1 c_2 + c_1^3) k x_{k,n} + \frac{(-k^4 - k^2 + 4) + (k^5 + 2k^3 - 4k)x_{k,n}}{4} c_1 \left(c_2 - \frac{c_1^2}{2} \right) \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. + \frac{k(k^3 + 3k) - (k^5 + 4k^3 + 2k)x_{k,n}}{4} c_1 c_2 \right\} \right| \\ &\leq \left| \left\{ \frac{1}{2} (c_3 - 2c_1 c_2 + c_1^3) k - \frac{(k^5 + 2k^3 - 4k)}{4} c_1 \left(c_2 - \frac{c_1^2}{2} \right) + \frac{(k^5 + 4k^3 + 2k)}{4} c_1 c_2 \right\} \frac{|\tau_k|^n}{F_{k,n}} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \left| -\frac{1}{2} (c_3 - 2c_1 c_2 + c_1^3) k x_{k,n} + \frac{(-k^4 - k^2 + 4) + (k^5 + 2k^3 - 4k)x_{k,n}}{4} c_1 \left(c_2 - \frac{c_1^2}{2} \right) \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. + \frac{k(k^3 + 3k) - (k^5 + 4k^3 + 2k)x_{k,n}}{4} c_1 c_2 \right| \right| \\ &\leq \left| \left\{ \frac{1}{2} (c_3 - 2c_1 c_2 + c_1^3) k - \frac{(k^5 + 2k^3 - 4k)}{4} c_1 \left(c_2 - \frac{c_1^2}{2} \right) + \frac{(k^5 + 4k^3 + 2k)}{4} c_1 c_2 \right\} \frac{|\tau_k|^n}{F_{k,n}} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{k}{2} |c_3 - 2c_1 c_2 + c_1^3| x_{k,n} + \frac{|(-k^4 - k^2 + 4) + (k^5 + 2k^3 - 4k)x_{k,n}|}{4} |c_1| \left| c_2 - \frac{c_1^2}{2} \right| \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{|k(k^3 + 3k) - (k^5 + 4k^3 + 2k)x_{k,n}|}{4} |c_1| |c_2| \right| \end{aligned}$$

By (30), for sufficiently large n we have

$$\forall k, \quad |k(k^3 + 3k) - (k^5 + 4k^3 + 2k)x_{k,n}| = (k^5 + 4k^3 + 2k)x_{k,n} - k(k^3 + 3k)$$

and

$$\forall k, \quad |(-k^4 - k^2 + 4) + (k^5 + 2k^3 - 4k)x_{k,n}| = (-k^4 - k^2 + 4) + (k^5 + 2k^3 - 4k)x_{k,n}.$$

Therefore, from (11), (12) and (13) we can write for sufficiently large n

$$\begin{aligned}
 |p_3| &\leq \left\{ \left| \frac{1}{2} (c_3 - 2c_1c_2 + c_1^3)k - \frac{(k^5 + 2k^3 - 4k)}{4}c_1 \left(c_2 - \frac{c_1^2}{2} \right) + \frac{(k^5 + 4k^3 + 2k)}{4}c_1c_2 \right| \frac{|\tau_k|^n}{F_{k,n}} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \left\{ kx_{k,n} + \frac{|(-k^4 - k^2 + 4) + (k^5 + 2k^3 - 4k)x_{k,n}| + |k(k^3 + 3k) - (k^5 + 4k^3 + 2k)x_{k,n}|}{2} |c_1| \right. \right. \\
 &\quad \left. \left. - \frac{|(-k^4 - k^2 + 4) + (k^5 + 2k^3 - 4k)x_{k,n}|}{8} |c_1|^3 \right\} \right\} \\
 &= \left\{ \left| \frac{1}{2} (c_3 - 2c_1c_2 + c_1^3)k - \frac{(k^5 + 2k^3 - 4k)}{4}c_1 \left(c_2 - \frac{c_1^2}{2} \right) + \frac{(k^5 + 4k^3 + 2k)}{4}c_1c_2 \right| \frac{|\tau_k|^n}{F_{k,n}} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \left\{ kx_{k,n} + \frac{(-k^4 - k^2 + 4) + (k^5 + 2k^3 - 4k)x_{k,n} + (k^5 + 4k^3 + 2k)x_{k,n} - k(k^3 + 3k)}{2} |c_1| \right. \right. \\
 &\quad \left. \left. - \frac{(-k^4 - k^2 + 4) + (k^5 + 2k^3 - 4k)x_{k,n}}{8} |c_1|^3 \right\} \right\} \\
 &= \left\{ \left| \frac{1}{2} (c_3 - 2c_1c_2 + c_1^3)k - \frac{(k^5 + 2k^3 - 4k)}{4}c_1 \left(c_2 - \frac{c_1^2}{2} \right) + \frac{(k^5 + 4k^3 + 2k)}{4}c_1c_2 \right| \frac{|\tau_k|^n}{F_{k,n}} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \left\{ kx_{k,n} + \frac{(-2k^4 - 4k^2 + 4) + (2k^5 + 6k^3 - 2k)x_{k,n}}{2} |c_1| \right. \right. \\
 &\quad \left. \left. - \frac{(-k^4 - k^2 + 4) + (k^5 + 2k^3 - 4k)x_{k,n}}{8} |c_1|^3 \right\} \right\}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Denote

$$|c_1| = y, \quad f(y) = \left\{ kx_{k,n} + \frac{(-2k^4 - 4k^2 + 4) + (2k^5 + 6k^3 - 2k)x_{k,n}}{2} y \right. \\
 \left. - \frac{(-k^4 - k^2 + 4) + (k^5 + 2k^3 - 4k)x_{k,n}}{8} y^3 \right\}, \quad y \in [0, 2].$$

It is easy to check that $f'(y) > 0$ for $y \in [0, 2]$ and for sufficiently large n . Since then, for sufficiently large n , we have

$$\max_{y \in [0, 2]} \{f(y)\} = (k^5 + 4k^3 + 3k)x_{k,n} - k(k^3 + 3k) \quad \text{at } y = 2.$$

Therefore, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \max_{y \in [0, 2]} \{f(y)\} &= (k^5 + 4k^3 + 3k)|\tau_k| - k(k^3 + 3k) \\
 &= (k^2 + 1)(k^3 + 3k)|\tau_k| - k(k^3 + 3k) \\
 &= ((k^2 + 1)|\tau_k| - k)(k^3 + 3k) \\
 &= (k^3 + 3k)|\tau_k|^3.
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\left\{ k + \frac{|k^5 + 2k^3 - 4k| + k^5 + 4k^3 + 2k}{2} |c_1| - \frac{|k^5 + 2k^3 - 4k|}{8} |c_1|^3 \right\} \frac{|\tau_k|^n}{F_{k,n}} \right. \\ & + \left. \left\{ kx_{k,n} + \frac{|(-k^4 - k^2 + 4) + (k^5 + 2k^3 - 4k)x_{k,n}| + |k(k^3 + 3k) - (k^5 + 4k^3 + 2k)x_{k,n}|}{2} |c_1| \right. \right. \\ & \quad \left. \left. - \frac{|(-k^4 - k^2 + 4) + (k^5 + 2k^3 - 4k)x_{k,n}|}{8} |c_1|^3 \right\} \right] \\ & = (k^3 + 3k) |\tau_k|^3 \\ & = (k^3 + 3k) \left\{ \frac{\sqrt{k^2 + 4} - k}{2} \right\}^3 \end{aligned}$$

which shows that

$$|p_3| \leq (k^3 + 3k) \left\{ \frac{\sqrt{k^2 + 4} - k}{2} \right\}^3.$$

If we take

$$h(z) = \frac{1+z}{1-z} = 1 + 2z + 2z^2 + \dots,$$

then putting $c_1 = c_2 = c_3 = 2$ in (28) gives $p_3 = (k^3 + 3k) \left\{ \frac{\sqrt{k^2 + 4} - k}{2} \right\}^3$ and it shows that (22) is sharp. It completes the proof.

Conjecture. If $p(z) = 1 + p_1z + p_2z^2 + \dots$, and $p \prec \tilde{p}$, then

$$|p_n| \leq (F_{k,n-1} + F_{k,n+1}) |\tau_k|^n, \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots,$$

where $F_{k,0} = 0$, $F_{k,1} = 1$ and $F_{k,n+1} = kF_{k,n} + F_{k,n-1}$ for $n \geq 1$ is the k -Fibonacci sequence. This bound would be sharp for the function (25).

This conjecture has been just verified for $n = 3$ in last Theorem (7), while for $n = 1, 2$ it was proved in [17].

Theorem 8. If $f(z) = z + a_2z^2 + \dots$ belongs to \mathcal{SL}^k , then

$$|a_2a_4 - a_3^2| \leq \frac{2k^4 + 6k^2 + 3}{3} \left\{ \frac{\sqrt{k^2 + 4} - k}{2} \right\}^4. \quad (31)$$

Proof. For given $f \in \mathcal{SL}^k$, define $p(z) = 1 + p_1z + p_2^2z^2 + \dots$, by

$$\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} = p(z)$$

where $p \prec \tilde{p}$. Hence

$$\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} = 1 + a_2z + (2a_3 - a_2^2)z^2 + (3a_4 - 3a_2a_3 + a_2^3)z^3 + \dots = 1 + p_1z + p_2^2z^2 + \dots$$

and

$$a_2 = p_1, \quad a_3 = \frac{p_1^2 + p_2}{2}, \quad a_4 = \frac{p_1^3 + 3p_1p_2 + 2p_3}{6}.$$

Therefore,

$$a_2a_4 - a_3^2 = \frac{1}{12}(-p_1^4 + 4p_1p_3 - 3p_2^2). \quad (32)$$

Using Theorem (6) and Theorem (7), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} |a_2a_4 - a_3^2| &= \left| \frac{1}{12}(-p_1^4 + 4p_1p_3 - 3p_2^2) \right| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{12} (|p_1|^4 + 4|p_1||p_3| + 3|p_2|^2) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{12} \left(\left\{ \frac{(\sqrt{k^2+4}-k)k}{2} \right\}^4 + 4 \frac{(\sqrt{k^2+4}-k)k}{2} (k^3+3k) \left\{ \frac{\sqrt{k^2+4}-k}{2} \right\}^3 \right. \\ &\quad \left. + 3((k^2+2)^2 \left\{ \frac{(k-\sqrt{k^2+4})k}{2} + 1 \right\}^2) \right) \\ &= \frac{2k^4 + 6k^2 + 3}{3} \left\{ \frac{\sqrt{k^2+4}-k}{2} \right\}^4. \end{aligned}$$

Conjecture. If $f(z) = z + a_2z^2 + \dots$ belongs to \mathcal{SL}^k , then

$$|a_2a_4 - a_3^2| \leq \left\{ \frac{\sqrt{k^2+4}-k}{2} \right\}^4. \quad (33)$$

The bound is sharp.

Theorem 9. If $f(z) = z + a_2z^2 + \dots$ belongs to \mathcal{KSL}^k , then

$$|a_2a_4 - a_3^2| \leq \frac{3k^4 + 9k^2 + 4}{36} \left\{ \frac{\sqrt{k^2+4}-k}{2} \right\}^4.$$

Proof. For given $f \in \mathcal{KSL}^k$, define $p(z) = 1 + p_1z + p_2^2z^2 + \dots$, by

$$1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} = p(z) = 1 + p_1z + p_2^2z^2 + \dots,$$

where $p \prec \tilde{p}$ in \mathbb{U} . Hence

$$1 + \frac{zf''(z)}{f'(z)} = 1 + 2a_2z + (6a_3 - 4a_2^2)z^2 + (12a_4 - 18a_2a_3 + 8a_2^3)z^3 + \dots = 1 + p_1z + p_2^2z^2 + \dots$$

and

$$a_2 = \frac{p_1}{2}, \quad a_3 = \frac{p_1^2 + p_2}{6}, \quad a_4 = \frac{p_1^3 + 3p_1p_2 + 2p_3}{24}.$$

Therefore, using Theorem (6) and Theorem (7), we obtain

$$|a_2a_4 - a_3^2| \leq \frac{3k^4 + 9k^2 + 4}{36} \left\{ \frac{\sqrt{k^2 + 4} - k}{2} \right\}^4.$$

Especially, if we take $k = 1$ in Theorem (8) and Theorem (9), we obtain the results of Sokół et al. in [18] as follows:

Corollary 10. *If $f(z) = z + a_2z^2 + \dots$ belongs to \mathcal{SL} , then*

$$|a_2a_4 - a_3^2| \leq \frac{11}{3} \left\{ \frac{\sqrt{5} - 1}{2} \right\}^4. \quad (34)$$

Corollary 11. *If $f(z) = z + a_2z^2 + \dots$ belongs to \mathcal{KSL} , then*

$$|a_2a_4 - a_3^2| \leq \frac{4}{9} \left\{ \frac{\sqrt{5} - 1}{2} \right\}^4. \quad (35)$$

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