



## Coefficient Bounds for Certain Subclasses of Close-To-Convex Functions of Complex Order

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**Abstract.** In this paper, we determine the coefficient bounds for functions in certain subclasses of close-to-convex functions of complex order, which are introduced here by means of a certain non-homogeneous Cauchy-Euler-type differential equation of order  $m$ . Relevant connections of some of the results obtained with those in earlier works are also provided.

### 1. Introduction, Definitions and Preliminaries

Let  $\mathbb{R} = (-\infty, \infty)$  be the set of real numbers,  $\mathbb{C} := \mathbb{C}^* \cup \{0\}$  be the set of complex numbers,

$$\mathbb{N} := \{1, 2, 3, \dots\} = \mathbb{N}_0 \setminus \{0\}$$

be the set of positive integers and

$$\mathbb{N}^* := \mathbb{N} \setminus \{1\} = \{2, 3, 4, \dots\}.$$

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

$$f(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n z^n \tag{1}$$

which are analytic in the open unit disk

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

Recently Xu *et al.* [12] introduced the subclasses  $\mathcal{S}_\varphi(\lambda, \gamma)$  and  $\mathcal{K}_\varphi(\lambda, \gamma, m; u)$  of analytic functions of complex order  $\gamma \in \mathbb{C}^*$ , and obtained the coefficient bounds for the Taylor-Maclaurin coefficients for functions in each of these new subclasses  $\mathcal{S}_\varphi(\lambda, \gamma)$  and  $\mathcal{K}_\varphi(\lambda, \gamma, m; u)$  of complex order  $\gamma \in \mathbb{C}^*$ , which is given by Definitions 1.1 and 1.2 below.

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**Definition 1.1.** (see [12]) Let  $\varphi : \mathbb{U} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be a convex function such that

$$\varphi(0) = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \Re(\varphi(z)) > 0 \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}).$$

We denote by  $\mathcal{S}_\varphi(\lambda, \gamma)$  the class of functions  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  satisfying

$$1 + \frac{1}{\gamma} \left( \frac{z[(1-\lambda)f(z) + \lambda zf'(z)]'}{(1-\lambda)f(z) + \lambda zf'(z)} - 1 \right) \in \varphi(\mathbb{U}) \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}),$$

where  $0 \leq \lambda \leq 1; \gamma \in \mathbb{C}^*$ .

**Definition 1.2.** (see [12]) A function  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  is said to be in the class  $\mathcal{K}_\varphi(\lambda, \gamma, m; u)$  if it satisfies the following non-homogenous Cauchy-Euler differential equation:

$$z^m \frac{d^m w}{dz^m} + \binom{m}{1} (u + m - 1) z^{m-1} \frac{d^{m-1} w}{dz^{m-1}} + \dots + \binom{m}{m} w \prod_{j=0}^{m-1} (u + j) = h(z) \prod_{j=0}^{m-1} (u + j + 1)$$

$$(w = f(z) \in \mathcal{A}; h \in \mathcal{S}_\varphi(\lambda, \gamma); m \in \mathbb{N}^*; u \in \mathbb{R} \setminus (-\infty, -1]).$$

Making use of Definitions 1.1 and 1.2, Xu *et al.* [12] proved the following coefficient bounds for the Taylor-Maclaurin coefficients for functions in the subclasses  $\mathcal{S}_\varphi(\lambda, \gamma)$  and  $\mathcal{K}_\varphi(\lambda, \gamma, m; u)$  of analytic functions of complex order  $\gamma \in \mathbb{C}^*$ .

**Theorem 1.3.** (see [12]) Let the function  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  be defined by (1). If  $f \in \mathcal{S}_\varphi(\lambda, \gamma)$ , then

$$|a_n| \leq \frac{\prod_{k=0}^{n-2} [k + |\varphi'(0)| \cdot |\gamma|]}{(n-1)! [1 + \lambda(n-1)]} \quad (n \in \mathbb{N}^*).$$

**Theorem 1.4.** (see [12]) Let the function  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  be defined by (1). If  $f \in \mathcal{K}_\varphi(\lambda, \gamma, m; u)$ , then

$$|a_n| \leq \frac{\prod_{k=0}^{n-2} [k + |\varphi'(0)| \cdot |\gamma|] \prod_{j=0}^{m-1} (u + j + 1)}{(n-1)! [1 + \lambda(n-1)] \prod_{j=0}^{m-1} (u + j + n)} \quad (m, n \in \mathbb{N}^*),$$

$$(0 \leq \lambda \leq 1; \gamma \in \mathbb{C}^*; u \in \mathbb{R} \setminus (-\infty, -1]).$$

Here, in our present sequel to some of the aforecited works (especially [12]), we first introduce the following subclasses of analytic functions of complex order  $\gamma \in \mathbb{C}^*$ .

**Definition 1.5.** Let  $\varphi : \mathbb{U} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be a convex function such that

$$\varphi(0) = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \Re(\varphi(z)) > 0 \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}).$$

We denote by  $\mathcal{SQ}_\varphi(\lambda, \gamma, \delta, \tau)$  the class of functions  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  satisfying

$$1 + \frac{1}{\gamma} \left( \frac{z[(1-\lambda)f(z) + \lambda zf'(z)]'}{(1-\lambda)g(z) + \lambda zg'(z)} - 1 \right) \in \varphi(\mathbb{U}) \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}),$$

where  $g \in \mathcal{S}_\varphi(\delta, \tau); 0 \leq \lambda, \delta \leq 1; \gamma, \tau \in \mathbb{C}^*$ .

**Definition 1.6.** A function  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  is said to be in the class  $\mathcal{KQ}_\varphi(\lambda, \gamma, \delta, \tau, m; u)$  if it satisfies the following non-homogenous Cauchy-Euler differential equation of order  $m$  :

$$z^m \frac{d^m w}{dz^m} + \binom{m}{1} (u + m - 1) z^{m-1} \frac{d^{m-1} w}{dz^{m-1}} + \cdots + \binom{m}{m} w \prod_{j=0}^{m-1} (u + j) = h(z) \prod_{j=0}^{m-1} (u + j + 1)$$

$$(w = f(z) \in \mathcal{A}; h \in \mathcal{SQ}_\varphi(\lambda, \gamma, \delta, \tau); m \in \mathbb{N}^*; u \in \mathbb{R} \setminus (-\infty, -1]).$$

**Remark 1.** There are many choices of the function  $\varphi$  which would provide interesting subclasses of analytic functions of complex order  $\gamma \in \mathbb{C}^*$ . In particular,

(i) if we let

$$\varphi(z) = \frac{1 + Az}{1 + Bz} \quad (-1 \leq B < A \leq 1; z \in \mathbb{U}),$$

then it is easy to verify that  $\varphi$  is a convex function in  $\mathbb{U}$  and satisfies the hypotheses of Definition 1.5. Therefore we obtain the new classes

$$\mathcal{SQ}_\varphi(\lambda, \gamma, \delta, \tau) = \mathcal{KQ}(\lambda, \gamma, \delta, \tau, A, B) \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{KQ}_\varphi(\lambda, \gamma, \delta, \tau, m; u) = \mathcal{DK}(\lambda, \gamma, \delta, \tau, A, B, m; u).$$

For  $\delta = \lambda$  and  $\tau = 1$ , these classes introduced and studied by Ul-Haq *et al.* [10].

(ii) if we let

$$\varphi(z) = \frac{1 + (1 - 2\beta)z}{1 - z} \quad (0 \leq \beta < 1; z \in \mathbb{U}),$$

then we obtain the new classes

$$\mathcal{SQ}_\varphi(\lambda, \gamma, \delta, \tau) = \mathcal{KQ}(\lambda, \gamma, \delta, \tau, \beta) \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{KQ}_\varphi(\lambda, \gamma, \delta, \tau, m; u) = \mathcal{BK}(\lambda, \gamma, \delta, \tau, \beta; u).$$

For  $\delta = \lambda$ ,  $\tau = 1$  and  $m = 2$ , these classes are introduced and studied by Ul-Haq *et al.* [9].

In this paper, by using the subordination principle between analytic functions, we obtain coefficient bounds for the Taylor-Maclaurin coefficients for functions in the substantially more general function classes  $\mathcal{SQ}_\varphi(\lambda, \gamma, \delta, \tau)$  and  $\mathcal{KQ}_\varphi(\lambda, \gamma, \delta, \tau, m; u)$  of analytic functions of complex order  $\gamma \in \mathbb{C}^*$ , which we have introduced here.

Our results presented here would generalize and improve the corresponding results obtained earlier by (for example) Altıntaş *et al.* [1], Nasr and Aouf [4], Robertson [5], Srivastava *et al.* [7] and Ul-Haq *et al.* [9, 10], (see also [2, 3, 8, 11]).

In our investigation, we shall make use of the principle of subordination between analytic functions, which is explained in Definition 1.7 below.

**Definition 1.7.** For two functions  $f$  and  $g$ , analytic in  $\mathbb{U}$ , we say that the function  $f$  is subordinate to  $g$  in  $\mathbb{U}$ , and write

$$f(z) < g(z) \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}),$$

if there exists a Schwarz function  $\omega$ , analytic in  $\mathbb{U}$ , with

$$\omega(0) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad |\omega(z)| < 1 \quad (z \in \mathbb{U})$$

such that

$$f(z) = g(\omega(z)) \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}).$$

Indeed, it is known that

$$f(z) < g(z) \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}) \Rightarrow f(0) = g(0) \quad \text{and} \quad f(\mathbb{U}) \subset g(\mathbb{U}).$$

Furthermore, if the function  $g$  is univalent in  $\mathbb{U}$ , then we have the following equivalence

$$f(z) < g(z) \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}) \Leftrightarrow f(0) = g(0) \quad \text{and} \quad f(\mathbb{U}) \subset g(\mathbb{U}).$$

2. Main Results and their Demonstration

In order to prove our main results (Theorems 2.2 and 2.3 below), we first recall the following lemma due to Rogosinski [6].

**Lemma 2.1.** *Let the function  $g$  given by*

$$g(z) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} b_k z^k \quad (z \in \mathbb{U})$$

be convex in  $\mathbb{U}$ . Also let the function  $f$  given by

$$f(z) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k z^k \quad (z \in \mathbb{U})$$

be holomorphic in  $\mathbb{U}$ . If

$$f(z) < g(z) \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}),$$

then

$$|a_k| \leq |b_1| \quad (k \in \mathbb{N}).$$

We now state and prove each of our main results given by Theorems 2.2 and 2.3 below.

**Theorem 2.2.** *Let the function  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  be defined by (1). If  $f \in \mathcal{S}Q_{\varphi}(\lambda, \gamma, \delta, \tau)$ , then*

$$|a_n| \leq \frac{\prod_{k=0}^{n-2} [k + |\varphi'(0)| \cdot |\tau|]}{n! [1 + \delta(n-1)]} + \frac{|\varphi'(0)| \cdot |\gamma|}{n [1 + \lambda(n-1)]} \left( 1 + \sum_{j=1}^{n-2} \frac{[1 + \lambda(n-j-1)] \prod_{k=0}^{n-j-2} [k + |\varphi'(0)| \cdot |\tau|]}{(n-j-1)! [1 + \delta(n-j-1)]} \right) \quad (n \in \mathbb{N}^*),$$

$$(g \in \mathcal{S}_{\varphi}(\delta, \tau); 0 \leq \lambda, \delta \leq 1; \gamma, \tau \in \mathbb{C}^*).$$

*Proof.* Let the function  $f \in \mathcal{S}Q_{\varphi}(\lambda, \gamma, \delta, \tau)$  be of the form (1). Therefore, there exists a function

$$g(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} b_n z^n \in \mathcal{S}_{\varphi}(\delta, \tau) \quad (\tau \in \mathbb{C}^*) \tag{2}$$

so that

$$1 + \frac{1}{\gamma} \left( \frac{z [(1-\lambda)f(z) + \lambda z f'(z)]'}{(1-\lambda)g(z) + \lambda z g'(z)} - 1 \right) \in \varphi(\mathbb{U}). \tag{3}$$

Note that by Theorem 1.3, we have

$$|b_n| \leq \frac{\prod_{k=0}^{n-2} [k + |\varphi'(0)| \cdot |\tau|]}{(n-1)! [1 + \delta(n-1)]} \quad (n \in \mathbb{N}^*). \tag{4}$$

Let

$$F(z) = (1 - \lambda)f(z) + \lambda zf'(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} A_n z^n, \quad A_n = [1 + \lambda(n-1)]a_n \quad (5)$$

$$G(z) = (1 - \lambda)g(z) + \lambda zg'(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} B_n z^n, \quad B_n = [1 + \lambda(n-1)]b_n. \quad (6)$$

Then (3) is of the form

$$1 + \frac{1}{\gamma} \left( \frac{zF'(z)}{G(z)} - 1 \right) \in \varphi(\mathbb{U}). \quad (7)$$

Let us define the function  $p(z)$  by

$$p(z) = 1 + \frac{1}{\gamma} \left( \frac{zF'(z)}{G(z)} - 1 \right) \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}). \quad (8)$$

Therefore, we deduce that

$$p(0) = \varphi(0) = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad p(z) \in \varphi(\mathbb{U}) \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}).$$

So we have

$$p(z) < \varphi(z) \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}).$$

Hence, by Lemma 2.1, we obtain

$$\left| \frac{p^{(m)}(0)}{m!} \right| = |c_m| \leq |\varphi'(0)| \quad (m \in \mathbb{N}), \quad (9)$$

where

$$p(z) = 1 + c_1 z + c_2 z^2 + \dots \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}). \quad (10)$$

Also from (8), we find

$$zF'(z) - G(z) = \gamma(p(z) - 1)G(z). \quad (11)$$

Since  $A_1 = B_1 = 1$ , in view of (11), we obtain

$$nA_n - B_n = \gamma \{c_{n-1} + c_{n-2}B_2 + \dots + c_1 B_{n-1}\} = \gamma \left( c_{n-1} + \sum_{j=1}^{n-2} c_j B_{n-j} \right) \quad (n \in \mathbb{N}^*). \quad (12)$$

Now we get from (4), (5), (6), (9) and (12),

$$|a_n| \leq \frac{\prod_{k=0}^{n-2} [k + |\varphi'(0)| \cdot |\tau|]}{n! [1 + \delta(n-1)]} + \frac{|\varphi'(0)| \cdot |\gamma|}{n [1 + \lambda(n-1)]} \left( 1 + \sum_{j=1}^{n-2} \frac{[1 + \lambda(n-j-1)] \prod_{k=0}^{n-j-2} [k + |\varphi'(0)| \cdot |\tau|]}{(n-j-1)! [1 + \delta(n-j-1)]} \right) \quad (n \in \mathbb{N}^*).$$

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

**Theorem 2.3.** Let the function  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  be defined by (1). If  $f \in \mathcal{KQ}_\varphi(\lambda, \gamma, \delta, \tau, m; u)$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}
 |a_n| \leq & \left\{ \frac{\prod_{k=0}^{n-2} [k + |\varphi'(0)| \cdot |\tau|]}{n! [1 + \delta(n-1)]} \right. \\
 & + \frac{|\varphi'(0)| \cdot |\gamma|}{n [1 + \lambda(n-1)]} \left( 1 + \sum_{j=1}^{n-2} \frac{[1 + \lambda(n-j-1)] \prod_{k=0}^{n-j-2} [k + |\varphi'(0)| \cdot |\tau|]}{(n-j-1)! [1 + \delta(n-j-1)]} \right) \Bigg\} \\
 & \times \frac{\prod_{j=0}^{m-1} (u+j+1)}{\prod_{j=0}^{m-1} (u+j+n)} \quad (n \in \mathbb{N}^*), \tag{13}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$(0 \leq \lambda, \delta \leq 1; \gamma, \tau \in \mathbb{C}^*; m \in \mathbb{N}^*; u \in \mathbb{R} \setminus (-\infty, -1]).$$

*Proof.* Let the function  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  be given by (1). Also let

$$h(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} h_n z^n \in \mathcal{SQ}_\varphi(\lambda, \gamma, \delta, \tau).$$

We then deduce from Definition 1.6 that

$$a_n = \frac{\prod_{j=0}^{m-1} (u+j+1)}{\prod_{j=0}^{m-1} (u+j+n)} h_n \quad (n \in \mathbb{N}^*, u \in \mathbb{R} \setminus (-\infty, -1]).$$

Thus, by using Theorem 2.2 in conjunction with the above equality, we have assertion (13) of Theorem 2.3. This completes the proof of Theorem 2.3.  $\square$

### 3. Corollaries and consequences

In this section, we apply our main results (Theorems 2.2 and 2.3) in order to deduce each of the following corollaries and consequences.

Setting

$$\varphi(z) = \frac{1 + Az}{1 + Bz} \quad (-1 \leq B < A \leq 1; z \in \mathbb{U}),$$

in Theorems 2.2 and 2.3, we get Corollaries 3.1 and 3.2, respectively.

**Corollary 3.1.** Let the function  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  be defined by (1). If  $f \in \mathcal{KQ}(\lambda, \gamma, \delta, \tau, A, B)$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}
 |a_n| \leq & \frac{\prod_{k=0}^{n-2} [k + |\tau|(A-B)]}{n! [1 + \delta(n-1)]} \\
 & + \frac{|\gamma|(A-B)}{n [1 + \lambda(n-1)]} \left( 1 + \sum_{j=1}^{n-2} \frac{[1 + \lambda(n-j-1)] \prod_{k=0}^{n-j-2} [k + |\tau|(A-B)]}{(n-j-1)! [1 + \delta(n-j-1)]} \right) \quad (n \in \mathbb{N}^*),
 \end{aligned}$$

$$(g \in \mathcal{S}_\varphi(\delta, \tau); 0 \leq \lambda, \delta \leq 1; \gamma, \tau \in \mathbb{C}^*; -1 \leq B < A \leq 1).$$

**Corollary 3.2.** Let the function  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  be defined by (1). If  $f \in \mathcal{DK}(\lambda, \gamma, \delta, \tau, A, B, m; u)$ , then

$$|a_n| \leq \left\{ \frac{\prod_{k=0}^{n-2} [k + |\tau|(A - B)]}{n! [1 + \delta(n - 1)]} + \frac{|\gamma|(A - B)}{n [1 + \lambda(n - 1)]} \left( 1 + \sum_{j=1}^{n-2} \frac{[1 + \lambda(n - j - 1)] \prod_{k=0}^{n-j-2} [k + |\tau|(A - B)]}{(n - j - 1)! [1 + \delta(n - j - 1)]} \right) \right\} \frac{\prod_{j=0}^{m-1} (u + j + 1)}{\prod_{j=0}^{m-1} (u + j + n)} \quad (n \in \mathbb{N}^*),$$

$$(0 \leq \lambda, \delta \leq 1; \gamma, \tau \in \mathbb{C}^*; -1 \leq B < A \leq 1; m \in \mathbb{N}^*; u \in \mathbb{R} \setminus (-\infty, -1]).$$

**Remark 2.** It is easy to see that

$$k + |\tau|(A - B) \leq k + \frac{2|\tau|(A - B)}{1 - B} \quad (k \in \mathbb{N}^*, -1 \leq B < A \leq 1, \tau \in \mathbb{C}^*),$$

which would obviously yield significant improvements over [10, Theorems 1 and 2], with  $\delta = \lambda$  and  $\tau = 1$  in Corollaries 3.1 and 3.2, respectively.

Setting

$$\varphi(z) = \frac{1 + (1 - 2\beta)z}{1 - z} \quad (0 \leq \beta < 1; z \in \mathbb{U}),$$

in Theorems 2.2 and 2.3, we get Corollaries 3.3 and 3.4, respectively.

**Corollary 3.3.** Let the function  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  be defined by (1). If  $f \in \mathcal{KQ}(\lambda, \gamma, \delta, \tau, \beta)$ , then

$$|a_n| \leq \frac{\prod_{k=0}^{n-2} [k + 2|\tau|(1 - \beta)]}{n! [1 + \delta(n - 1)]} + \frac{2|\gamma|(1 - \beta)}{n [1 + \lambda(n - 1)]} \left( 1 + \sum_{j=1}^{n-2} \frac{[1 + \lambda(n - j - 1)] \prod_{k=0}^{n-j-2} [k + 2|\tau|(1 - \beta)]}{(n - j - 1)! [1 + \delta(n - j - 1)]} \right) \quad (n \in \mathbb{N}^*),$$

$$(g \in \mathcal{S}_\varphi(\delta, \tau); 0 \leq \lambda, \delta \leq 1; \gamma, \tau \in \mathbb{C}^*; 0 \leq \beta < 1).$$

**Corollary 3.4.** Let the function  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  be defined by (1). If  $f \in \mathcal{BK}(\lambda, \gamma, \delta, \tau, \beta; u)$ , then

$$|a_n| \leq \left\{ \frac{\prod_{k=0}^{n-2} [k + 2|\tau|(1 - \beta)]}{n! [1 + \delta(n - 1)]} + \frac{2|\gamma|(1 - \beta)}{n [1 + \lambda(n - 1)]} \left( 1 + \sum_{j=1}^{n-2} \frac{[1 + \lambda(n - j - 1)] \prod_{k=0}^{n-j-2} [k + 2|\tau|(1 - \beta)]}{(n - j - 1)! [1 + \delta(n - j - 1)]} \right) \right\} \times \frac{\prod_{j=0}^{m-1} (u + j + 1)}{\prod_{j=0}^{m-1} (u + j + n)} \quad (n \in \mathbb{N}^*),$$

$$(0 \leq \lambda, \delta \leq 1; \gamma, \tau \in \mathbb{C}^*; 0 \leq \beta < 1; m \in \mathbb{N}^*; u \in \mathbb{R} \setminus (-\infty, -1]).$$

**Remark 3.** Taking  $\delta = \lambda$ ,  $\tau = 1$  and  $m = 2$  in Corollaries 3.3 and 3.4, we have [9, Theorems 1 and 2], respectively.

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