

# ON QUASI-CONVEX FUNCTIONS OF COMPLEX ORDER

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## Abstract

The class  $Q$  of quasi-convex functions was studied by K.I.Noor. The authors, using the Sălăgean differential operator, introduce the class  $Q(b)$  of functions quasi-convex of complex order  $b$ ,  $b \neq 0$  and the class  $Q_n(b)$  which is the generalization of  $Q(b)$ , where  $n$  is a nonnegative interger. Sharp coefficient bounds are determined for  $Q_n(b)$ . The authors also obtain some sufficient conditions for functions to belong to  $Q_n(b)$  and a distortion theorem.

## 1. Introduction

Let  $A$  denote the class of functions  $f(z)$  analytic in the unit disk  $E = \{ z : |z| < 1 \}$  having the power series

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

Aouf and Nasr [2] introduce the class  $S^*(b)$  of starlike functions of order  $b$ , where  $b$  is a non zero complex number, as follows :

$$S^*(b) = \left\{ f : f \in A \text{ and } \operatorname{Re} \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{b} \left( \frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} - 1 \right) \right] > 0, z \in E \right\} \quad (1.2)$$

We define the class  $K(b)$  of close-to-convex functions of complex order  $b$  as follows :  $f \in K(b)$  iff  $f \in A$  and

$$\operatorname{Re} \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{b} \left( \frac{zf'(z)}{g(z)} - 1 \right) \right] > 0, \quad z \in E \quad (1.3)$$

for some starlike function  $g$ .

And we define the class  $Q(b)$  of quasi-convex functions of complex order  $b$  as follows :  $f \in Q(b)$  iff  $f \in A$  and

$$\operatorname{Re} \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{b} \left( \frac{(zf'(z))'}{g'(z)} - 1 \right) \right] > 0, \quad z \in E \quad (1.4)$$

for some convex function  $g$ .

The class  $S_n$ ,  $n \in N_0 = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$ , was introduced by Sălăgean [7], that is,  $f \in S_n$  iff  $f \in A$  and

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ \frac{D^{n+1} f(z)}{D^n f(z)} \right\} > 0, \quad z \in E \quad (1.5)$$

where the operator  $f \rightarrow D^n f$  is defined by

- (1)  $D^0 f(z) = f(z)$ ,
- (2)  $Df(z) = zf'(z)$ ,
- (3)  $D^n f(z) = D(D^{n-1}f(z)) \quad (n \in N = \{1, 2, \dots\})$ .

It may be noted that  $S_0$  is the class  $S^*$  of starlike functions while  $S_1 = C$  is formed with all convex functions. More, it is known [7] that  $S_{n+1} \subset S_n$ ,  $n \in N_0$ .

Let  $Q_n(b)$ ,  $n \in N_0$ ,  $b$  is a nonzero complex number, denote the class of functions  $f \in A$  satisfying

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ 1 + \frac{1}{b} \left[ \frac{D^{n+1} f(z)}{D^n g(z)} - 1 \right] \right\} > 0, \quad z \in E \quad (1.6)$$

for some  $g \in S_n$ . Here  $Q_0(b) = K(b)$ ,  $Q_1(b) = Q(b)$ .

In this paper, we determine coefficient estimates of functions in  $Q_n(b)$ ,  $n \in N_0$ . Further, we obtain some sufficient conditions for  $f \in Q_n(b)$  and a distortion theorem.

## 2. Coefficient Inequalities

We determine coefficient estimates of functions in  $Q_n(b)$ ,  $n \in N_0$ . First, we need the following lemmas.

Lemma 2.1 Let  $g(z) = z + \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} c_m z^m \in S_n$ , where  $n \in N_0$ .

Then  $|c_m| \leq \frac{1}{m^{n-1}}$  ( $m \geq 2$ ).

proof. Noting that

$$D^n g(z) = z + \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} m^n c_m z^m. \quad (2.1)$$

Since  $g \in S_n$ ,  $D^n g(z) \in S^*$ . Thus, using the well known coefficient estimates for starlike functions one gets,

$$m^n |c_m| \leq m, \quad m \geq 2.$$

Lemma 2.2 For  $n \in N_0$ , let

$$D^{n+1} f(z) = \frac{z(1 + (2b-1)z)}{(1-z)^3}.$$

Then  $f \in Q_n(b)$  and  $f(z) = z + \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{m^n} [(m-1)b+1] z^m$  in  $E$ .

proof. Let  $g \in A$  be defined so that

$$D^n g(z) = \frac{z}{(1-z)^2}.$$

The definitions of  $S_n$  implies  $g \in S_n$ . Therefore,

$$1 + \frac{1}{b} \left[ \frac{D^{n+1}f(z)}{D^n g(z)} - 1 \right] = \frac{1+z}{1-z}, \quad z \in E.$$

This proves that  $f \in Q_n(b)$ .

Lemma 2.3 Let  $f(z) = z + \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} a_m z^m$ . If  $f \in Q_n(b)$ ,  $n \in N_0$ , then

$$|ma_m - c_m|^2 \leq 4 \frac{1}{m^{2n}} |b| \left\{ |b| + \sum_{k=2}^{m-1} k^{2n} [ |ka_k - c_k| |c_k| + |b| |c_k|^2 ] \right\}. \quad (2.2)$$

proof. Let  $f(z) = z + \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} a_m z^m$  be in  $Q_n(b)$ . Then (1.6) implies

$$1 + \frac{1}{b} \left[ \frac{D^{n+1}f(z)}{D^n g(z)} - 1 \right] = \frac{1+w(z)}{1-w(z)}, \quad z \in E \quad (2.3)$$

for some  $g \in S_n$  and where  $w \in A$  such that  $w(0) = 0$ ,  $w(z) \neq 1$  and

$|w(z)| < 1$  for  $z \in E$ . Let  $g(z) = z + \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} c_m z^m$ .

Then (2.3) and (2.1) imply

$$\begin{aligned} w(z) & \left[ 2bz + \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} m^n (2bc_m + ma_m - c_m) z^m \right] \\ & = \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} m^n (ma_m - c_m) z^m \end{aligned} \quad (2.4)$$

Using Clunie's method[3], that is to examine the bracketed quantity of the left-hand side in (2.4) and keep only those terms that  $z^m$  for  $m \leq k-1$  for some fixed  $k$ , moving the other terms to the right side one obtains

$$\begin{aligned} w(z) & \left\{ 2bz + \sum_{m=2}^{k-1} m^n [ma_m + (2b-1)c_m] z^m \right\} \\ & = \sum_{m=2}^k m^n (ma_m - c_m) z^m + \sum_{m=k+1}^{\infty} A_m z^m. \end{aligned}$$

Let

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(z) & = w(z) \left\{ 2bz + \sum_{m=2}^{k-1} m^n [ma_m + (2b-1)c_m] z^m \right\} \\ & = \sum_{m=2}^k m^n (ma_m - c_m) z^m + \sum_{m=k+1}^{\infty} A_m z^m \end{aligned} \quad (2.5)$$

and  $z = re^{i\theta}$ ,  $0 < r < 1$ .

Computing 
$$\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \phi(z) \overline{\phi(z)} d\theta$$

for both expression of  $\phi(z)$  in (2.5) and using  $|w(z)| < 1$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{m=2}^k m^{2n} |ma_m - c_m|^2 r^{2m} \\ & \leq 4|b|^2 r^2 + \sum_{m=2}^{k-1} m^{2n} |ma_m + (2b-1)c_m|^2 r^{2m} \end{aligned}$$

We let  $r \rightarrow 1^-$  and find that

$$|ka_k - ck|^2 \leq \frac{1}{k^{2n}} 4|b| \left\{ |b| + \sum_{m=2}^{k-1} m^{2n} [|ma_m - c_m| |c_m| + |b| |c_m|^2] \right\}.$$

In particular, when  $m = 2$  we have

$$|2a_2 - c_2| \leq \frac{1}{2^{n-1}} |b| \quad (2.6)$$

Theorem 2.4 Let  $f(z) = z + \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} a_m z^m$ . If  $f \in Q_n(b)$  where  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ ,

then

$$|a_m| \leq \frac{1}{m^n} [ (m-1)|b| + 1 ] \quad (m \geq 2).$$

This result is sharp. An extremal function is given by

$$f(z) = z + \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{m^n} [ (m-1)b + 1 ] z^m. \quad (2.7)$$

proof. Let  $f(z) = z + \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} a_m z^m$  be in  $Q_n(b)$  and  $g(z) = z + \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} c_m z^m$ .

We claim that for  $m \geq 2$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ ,

$$|ma_m - c_m| \leq \frac{1}{m^n} 2|b| \left[ 1 + \sum_{k=2}^{m-1} k^n |c_k| \right]. \quad (2.8)$$

We use the second principle of induction on  $m$  on (2.9).

For  $m=2$ ,  $|2a_2 - c_2| \leq \frac{1}{2^{n-1}} |b|$  is true as shown in (2.6). Now assume that

(2.8) is true for all  $m \leq p$ . Taking  $m = p+1$  in (2.2), we get

$$\begin{aligned} |(p+1)a_{p+1} - c_{p+1}|^2 &\leq 4 \frac{1}{(p+1)^{2n}} |b| \left\{ |b| + \sum_{k=2}^p k^{2n} [ |ka_k - c_k| |c_k| + |b| |c_k|^2 ] \right\} \\ &= 4 \frac{1}{(p+1)^{2n}} |b| \left\{ |b| + \sum_{k=2}^p k^{2n} [ |ka_k - c_k| |c_k| + |b| \sum_{k=2}^p k^{2n} |c_k|^2 ] \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Now using (2.8), we have

$$|(p+1)a_{p+1} - c_{p+1}|^2 \leq 4 \frac{1}{(p+1)^{2n}} |b|^2 \left\{ 1 + 2 \sum_{k=2}^p k^n |c_k| \left[ 1 + \sum_{j=2}^{k-1} j^n |c_j| \right] + \sum_{k=2}^p k^{2n} |c_k|^2 \right\}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= 4 \frac{1}{(p+1)^{2n}} |b|^2 \left\{ 1 + 2 \sum_{k=2}^p k^n |c_k| + 2 \sum_{k=2}^p k^n \left[ |c_k| \sum_{j=2}^{k-1} j^n |c_j| \right] + \sum_{k=2}^p k^{2n} |c_k|^2 \right\} \\
&= 4 \frac{1}{(p+1)^{2n}} |b|^2 \left[ 1 + \sum_{k=2}^p k^n |c_k| \right]^2.
\end{aligned}$$

This show that (2.8) is valid for  $m = p + 1$ . Hence, the claim is correct. From Lemma 2.1 and (2.8) it follows that

$$\begin{aligned}
|ma_m - c_m| &\leq \frac{1}{m^n} 2|b| \left[ 1 + \sum_{k=2}^{m-1} k^n |c_k| \right] \\
&\leq \frac{1}{m^n} m(m-1) |b|, \quad m \geq 2
\end{aligned} \tag{2.9}$$

Finally from Lemma 2.1 and (2.9),

$$|a_m| \leq \frac{1}{m^n} [(m-1)|b| + 1], \quad m \geq 2.$$

Putting  $n = 1$  in Theorem 2.4, we have the following corollary.

Corollary 2.5 If  $f(z) = z + \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} a_m z^m$  is quasi-convex function of complex order  $b$ , then

$$|a_m| \leq \frac{1}{m} [(m-1)|b| + 1]$$

This result is sharp.

Remark 2.6 For  $b=1$ , Corollary 2.5 is reduced to coefficient bounds for the quasi-convex functions due to Noor [5].

Taking  $n = 0$  in Theorem 2.4 ,

Corollary 2.7 If  $f(z) = z + \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} a_m z^m$  is a close-to-convex function of complex order  $b$ , then

$$|a_n| \leq (n-1)|b| + 1 .$$

This result is sharp.

This corollary may be found in [1] .

Remark 2.8 For  $b = 1$ , Corollary 2.7 is reduced to the coefficient bounds for the close-to-convex functions due to Reade [6].

Lemma 2.9 ([4]) Let  $w(z)$  be regular in the unit disk  $E$  and such that  $w(0)=0$ . If  $|w(z)|$  attains its maximum value on the circle  $|z| = r$  at a point  $z_0$  , then we have  $z_0 w'(z_0) = k w(z_0)$  where  $k$  is real and  $k \geq 1$ .

Theorem 2.10 If a function  $f(z)$  belonging to  $A$  satisfies

$$\left| \frac{D^{n+1}f(z)}{D^n g(z)} - 1 \right|^\alpha \left| \frac{D^{n+2}f(z)}{D^n g(z)} - \frac{D^{n+1}f(z) D^{n+1}g(z)}{[D^n g(z)]^2} \right|^\beta < |b|^{\alpha+\beta} \quad (z \in E) \quad (2.10)$$

for some  $\alpha \geq 0$ ,  $\beta \geq 0$  and  $g(z) \in S_n$  , then  $f(z) \in Q_n(b)$ .

proof. Defining the function  $w(z)$  by

$$w(z) = \frac{1}{b} \left[ \frac{D^{n+1}f(z)}{D^n g(z)} - 1 \right] \quad (2.11)$$

for  $g(z) \in S_n$ . We see that  $w(z)$  is regular in  $E$  and  $w(0) = 0$ .  
Noting that

$$bw'(z) = \frac{D^{n+2}f(z)}{D^n g(z)} - \frac{D^{n+1}f(z) D^{n+1}g(z)}{(D^n g(z))^2} . \quad (2.12)$$

We know that (2.10) can be written as

$$|bw(z)|^\alpha |bw'(z)|^\beta < |b|^{\alpha+\beta} . \quad (2.13)$$

Suppose that there exists a point  $z_0 \in E$  such that

$$\max_{|z| \leq |z_0|} |w(z)| = |w(z_0)| = 1 . \quad (2.14)$$

Then, Lemma 2.9 leads us to

$$|bw(z_0)|^\alpha |bw'(z_0)|^\beta = |b|^{\alpha+\beta} \geq |b|^{\alpha+\beta} \quad (k \geq 1)$$

which contradicts our condition (2.10). Therefore, we conclude that  $|w(z)| < 1$  for all  $z \in E$ , that is, that

$$\left| \frac{1}{b} \left[ \frac{D^{n+1}f(z)}{D^n g(z)} - 1 \right] \right| < 1 \quad (z \in E) .$$

This implies that

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ 1 + \frac{1}{b} \left( \frac{D^{n+1}f(z)}{D^n g(z)} - 1 \right) \right\} > 0 \quad (z \in E)$$

which proves  $f(z) \in Q_n(b)$ .

### 3. Distortion Theorem

**Theorem 3.1** Let  $f \in Q_n(b)$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ . Then for  $|z| = r < 1$ , and  $|2b - 1| \leq 1$ ,

$$\frac{r - |2b - 1| r^2}{(1 + r)^3} \leq |D^{n+1} f(z)| \leq \frac{r + |2b - 1| r^2}{(1 - r)^3} . \quad (3.1)$$

This result is sharp for the function  $f(z)$  given by

$$D^{n+1} f(z) = \frac{z(1 + (2b - 1)z)}{(1 - z)^3} .$$

proof. Let  $f \in Q_n(b)$ . Then (1.6) implies for some  $g \in S_n$

$$\frac{D^{n+1} f(z)}{D^n s(z)} = \frac{1 + (2b-1)w(z)}{1 - w(z)} , \quad z \in E ,$$

where  $w \in A$  and  $|w(z)| \leq |z|$  in  $E$ . This gives for  $|z| < r = 1$

$$\frac{1 - |2b - 1|r}{1 + r} \leq \left| \frac{D^{n+1} f(z)}{D^n s(z)} \right| \leq \frac{1 + |2b - 1|r}{1 - r} . \quad (3.2)$$

The definition of  $S_n$  implies  $D^n g(z)$  is starlike. Hence by the well known bounds on functions which are starlike in  $E$ , we get for  $|z| = r < 1$

$$\frac{r}{(1 + r)^2} \leq |D^n g(z)| \leq \frac{r}{(1 - r)^2} . \quad (3.3)$$

Using (3.2) and (3.3), one can get (3.1).

Taking (i)  $n = 0$ , (ii)  $n = 0, b = 1$ , (iii)  $n = 1$  and (iv)  $n = 1, b = 1$  in Theorem 3.1, we have the following corollaries, respectively.

**Corollary 3.2** If  $f$  is a close-to-convex function of complex order  $b$ , where  $|2b - 1| \leq 1$ , then for  $|z| = r < 1$

$$\frac{1 - |2b - 1|r}{(1 + r)^3} \leq |f'(z)| \leq \frac{1 + |2b - 1|r}{(1 - r)^3} . \quad (3.4)$$

**Corollary 3.3** If  $f$  is a close-to-convex function, then for  $|z| = r < 1$

$$\frac{1 - r}{(1 + r)^3} \leq |f'(z)| \leq \frac{1 + r}{(1 - r)^3} . \quad (3.5)$$

Corollary 3.4 If  $f$  is a quasi-convex function of complex order  $b$ , where  $|2b - 1| \leq 1$ , then for  $|z| = r < 1$

$$\frac{(2+r) - |2b-1|r}{2(1+r)^2} \leq |f'(z)| \leq \frac{(2-r) + |2b-1|r}{2(1-r)^2} . \quad (3.6)$$

proof. By  $n = 1$ , in Theorem 3.1, we have

$$\frac{1 - |2b-1|r}{(1+r)^3} \leq |(zf'(z))'| \leq \frac{1 + |2b-1|r}{(1-r)^3} . \quad (3.7)$$

Integrating the right hand side of (3.7) from 0 to  $z$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} |zf'(z)| &\leq \int_0^z |(zf'(z))'| dz \\ &\leq \int_0^r \frac{1 + |2b-1|r}{(1-r)^3} dr = \frac{r\{(2-r) + |2b-1|r\}}{2(1-r)^2} . \end{aligned} \quad (3.8)$$

In order to obtain a lower bound for  $|f'(z)|$ , we proceed as follows. Let  $d_1$  be the radius of the open disk contained in the map of  $E$  by  $zf'(z)$ . Let  $z_0$  be the point of  $|z| = r$  for which  $|zf'(z)|$  assumes its minimum value. This minimum increases with ( $r$  the image of  $|z| = r$  by  $w = zf'(z)$  expands) and is less than  $d_1$ . Hence the line segment connecting the origin with the point  $z_0 f'(z_0)$  will be covered entirely by the values of  $zf'(z)$  in  $E$ . Let  $l$  be the arc in  $E$  which is mapped by  $w = zf'(z)$  onto this line segment. Then

$$\begin{aligned} |zf'(z)| &= \int_l |(zf'(z))'| |dz| \\ &\geq \int_0^r \frac{1 - |2b-1|r}{(1-r)^3} dr = \frac{r\{(2+r) - |2b-1|r\}}{2(1+r)^2} . \end{aligned} \quad (3.9)$$

Using (3.8) and (3.9), one can get (3.6).

Corollary 3.5 If  $f$  is a quasi-convex function, then for  $|z| = r < 1$

$$\frac{1}{(1+r)^2} \leq |f'(z)| \leq \frac{1}{(1-r)^2} .$$

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