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Initial Coefficients and Fekete-Szegö Inequality for a Subclass of Analytic Functions Associated with q-Sălăgean Differential Operator

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Abstract

In this paper, we introduce a new subclass of analytic functions associated with the q-Sălăgean differential operator. It determines the initial coefficients a_2 and a_3 , and establishes the upper bound for the Fekete-Szegö inequality $|a_3 - \delta a_2^2|$ within this subclass.

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1 Introduction

In the field of complex analysis, analytic functions defined within the open unit disk $\mathbb{U} = \{z : z \in \mathbb{C} \ and \ |z| < 1\}$ play a fundamental role in understanding the geometric characteristics and theories of functions. As explained by [6], these functions represented as \mathcal{A} , are those that are differentiable at every point within the domain D and can often be expressed through a Taylor series expansion:

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

where $a_n \in \mathbb{C}$, $n = 2,3,\cdots$

Subordination is a key concept for analyzing the relationships between functions in this class. As described by [4], a function f(z) is said to be subordinate to another function g(z), symbolized as f(z) < g(z) if Schwarz function w(z) exist in \mathbb{U} , with w(0) = 0 and |w(z)| < 1.

Moreover, the Fekete-Szegö problem continues to be an important research topic, especially in calculating the initial coefficients a_2 and a_3 , as well as determining the upper bound for the functional $|a_3 - \delta a_2^2|$. Extensive contributions by researchers like [1], [8] and [4] have provided valuable insights into these problem.

Therefore, this paper aims to present a new subclass of analytic functions and further explore the determination of the initial coefficients a_2 and a_3 , alongside the upper bound for the Fekete-Szegö inequality for functions within this new subclass, which is linked to the q-Sălăgean differential operator.

The application of the q-derivative operator has opened new avenues for extending the analysis of analytic functions. As outlined by [5], the q-derivative operator for $f \in \mathcal{A}$ in the open unit disk \mathbb{U} is defined as:

$$D_q f(z) = 1 + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} [n]_q a_n z^{n-1}$$

where $[n]_q = \frac{1-q^n}{1-q}$.

By incorporating q-calculus and the concept of subordination, researchers have been able to refine existing bounds for the coefficients a_2 and a_3 and uncover new geometric properties of these functions. Researchers like [2] have extended this by defining the q-Sălăgean differential operator M_q^n , for given $f \in \mathcal{A}$ and 0 < q < 1, M_q^n is defined as

$$M_q^n f(z) = z D_q \left(M_q^{n-1} f(z) \right) = z + \sum_{j=2}^{\infty} [j]_q^n a_j z^j \quad (z \in \mathbb{U}).$$

This extension of classical results is expected to provide new insights into the study of analytic functions, their coefficient result and Fekete-Szegö problem.

Definition 1 A function $f \in \mathcal{A}$ is said to belong to the new subclass $\mathcal{L}_{q,n}(\phi)$ if it satisfies the following subordination condition:

$$\left(\frac{zD_q\left(M_q^nf(z)\right)}{M_q^nf(z)}\right)^{\varepsilon}\left(1+\frac{zqD_q\left(D_q\left(M_q^nf(z)\right)\right)}{D_q\left(M_q^nf(z)\right)}\right)^{1-\varepsilon} < \phi(z), \varepsilon \geq 0.$$

2 Preliminary Results

The main findings are based on the following lemmas:

Lemma 1 ([7]) If $p(z) = 1 + c_1 z + c_2 z^2 + c_3 z^3 + \cdots$ represents a function with a positive real part in the open unit disk \mathbb{U} , and γ is a complex number, then

$$|c_2 - \gamma c_1^2| \le 2max\{1; |2\gamma - 1|\}.$$

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$$|c_2 - \gamma c_1^2| \le \begin{cases} -4\gamma + 2, & \gamma < 0 \\ 2, & 0 \le \gamma \le 1 \\ 4\gamma - 2, & \gamma \ge 1 \end{cases}$$

Remarks. The previously mentioned upper bound is sharp and can be adjusted as shown below, provided the conditions $0 < \gamma < 1$ are met.

3 Main Results

Theorem 1 Let $\phi(z) = 1 + B_1 z + B_2 z^2 + B_3 z^3 + \cdots$ with $B_1 \neq 0$, and f given by (1) belongs to $\mathcal{L}_{q,n}(\phi)$, then

$$\begin{aligned} |a_{3} - \delta a_{2}^{2}| &\leq \frac{|B_{1}|}{[3]_{q}^{n} [(1 - \varepsilon)q[3]_{q}^{2} + \varepsilon([3]_{q} - 1)]} max \begin{cases} 1; \left| \frac{B_{2}}{B_{1}} \right| \\ &+ \frac{B_{1}}{\left((1 - \varepsilon)q[2]_{q}^{2} + \varepsilon([2]_{q} - 1) \right)^{2}} \left(\rho \right. \\ &\left. - \delta \frac{[3]_{q}^{n} [(1 - \varepsilon)q[3]_{q}^{2} + \varepsilon([3]_{q} - 1)]}{[2]_{q}^{2n}} \right) \right| \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

$$\rho = \left(\frac{\varepsilon^2 + \varepsilon - 2}{2}\right)q[2]_q^3 + \varepsilon(1 - \varepsilon)q[2]_q^2\Big([2]_q - 1\Big) + \left(\frac{\varepsilon^2 - 3\varepsilon}{2}\right)\Big([2]_q - 1\Big).$$

Proof. Let $f \in \mathcal{L}_{q,n}(\phi)$, by definition there exist a function w(z) with w(0) = 0, and |w(z)| < 1 in \mathbb{U} such that

$$\left(\frac{zD_q\left(M_q^n f(z)\right)}{M_q^n f(z)}\right)^{\varepsilon} \left(1 + \frac{zqD_q\left(D_q\left(M_q^n f(z)\right)\right)}{D_q\left(M_q^n f(z)\right)}\right)^{1-\varepsilon} = \phi(w(z)).$$
(2)

Now, define the function p(z) by

$$p(z) = \frac{1 + w(z)}{1 - w(z)} = 1 + p_1 z + p_2 z^2 + \cdots.$$
 (3)

Since w(z) is a schwarz function Re(p(z)) > 0 and p(0) = 1. Let

$$g(z) = \left(\frac{zD_q\left(M_q^n f(z)\right)}{M_q^n f(z)}\right)^{\varepsilon} \left(1 + \frac{zqD_q\left(D_q\left(M_q^n f(z)\right)\right)}{D_q\left(M_q^n f(z)\right)}\right)^{1-\varepsilon}$$
$$= 1 + d_1 z + d_2 z^2 + \cdots. \tag{4}$$

From equation (2), (3) and (4), we obtain

$$g(z) = \phi(w(z))$$

and from equation (3) we know that

$$g(z) = 1 + \frac{1}{2}B_1p_1z + \left(\frac{1}{2}B_1\left(p_2 - \frac{1}{2}p_1^2\right) + \frac{1}{4}B_2p_1^2\right)z^2 + \cdots.$$
 (5)

Hence, from equation (4) and (5) we get

$$d_1 = \frac{1}{2}B_1p_1 \tag{6}$$

$$d_2 = \frac{1}{2}B_1\left(p_2 - \frac{1}{2}p_1^2\right) + \frac{1}{4}B_2p_1^2 \tag{7}$$

Therefore, computation shows that

$$\left(\frac{zD_{q}\left(M_{q}^{n}f(z)\right)}{M_{q}^{n}f(z)}\right)^{\varepsilon} \left(1 + \frac{zqD_{q}\left(D_{q}\left(M_{q}^{n}f(z)\right)\right)}{D_{q}\left(M_{q}^{n}f(z)\right)}\right)^{1-\varepsilon} \\
= 1 + \left((1-\varepsilon)q[2]_{q}^{n+2} + \varepsilon[2]_{q}^{n}\left([2]_{q} - 1\right)\right)a_{2}z + \left[\left((1-\varepsilon)q[3]_{q}^{n+2} + \varepsilon[3]_{q}^{n}\left([3]_{q} - 1\right)\right)a_{3} + \left(\left(\frac{\varepsilon^{2}+\varepsilon-2}{2}\right)q[2]_{q}^{2n+3} + \varepsilon(1-\varepsilon)q[2]_{q}^{2n+2}\left([2]_{q} - 1\right) + \left(\frac{\varepsilon^{2}-3\varepsilon}{2}\right)[2]_{q}^{2n}\left([2]_{q} - 1\right)\right)a_{2}^{2}\right]z^{2} + \cdots (8)$$

Hence, from equation (8) and (6)

$$a_2 = \frac{B_1 p_1}{2[2]_q^n [(1-\varepsilon)q[2]_q^2 + \varepsilon([2]_q - 1)]}$$
(9)

Also, from equation (8) and (7), we have

$$a_{3} = \frac{B_{1}}{2[3]_{q}^{n}[(1-\varepsilon)q[3]_{q}^{2} + \varepsilon([3]_{q} - 1)]} \left[p_{2} - \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{B_{2}}{2B_{1}} - \frac{\rho B_{1}}{2[(1-\varepsilon)q[2]_{q}^{2} + \varepsilon([2]_{q} - 1)]^{2}}\right) p_{1}^{2} \right]. \tag{10}$$

where

$$\rho = \left(\frac{\varepsilon^2 + \varepsilon - 2}{2}\right) q[2]_q^3 + \varepsilon (1 - \varepsilon) q[2]_q^2 ([2]_q - 1) + \left(\frac{\varepsilon^2 - 3\varepsilon}{2}\right) ([2]_q - 1). \tag{11}$$

By using equation (9) and equation (10), we define

$$a_3 - \delta a_2^2 = \frac{B_1}{2[3]_q^n [(1-\varepsilon)q[3]_q^2 + \varepsilon ([3]_q - 1)]} [p_2 - \gamma p_1^2]$$

where

$$\gamma = \frac{1}{2} \left[1 - \frac{B_2}{B_1} - \frac{B_1}{\left[(1 - \varepsilon)q[2]_q^2 + \varepsilon \left([2]_q - 1 \right) \right]^2} \rho - \delta \frac{[3]_q^n \left[(1 - \varepsilon)q[3]_q^2 + \varepsilon \left([3]_q - 1 \right) \right]}{[2]_q^{2n}} \right].$$

Our result now follows an application of Lemma 1. Hence, Theorem 1 has been proved.

Theorem 2 Let $\phi(z) = 1 + B_1 z + B_2 z^2 + B_3 z^3 + \cdots$ with $B_1 > 0$ and $B_2 \ge$ 0, and f given by equation (1) belongs to $\mathcal{L}_{q,n}(\phi)$, and

$$\begin{split} \varepsilon_{1} &= \frac{[2]_{q}^{2n}}{[3]_{q}^{n} [(1-\varepsilon)q[3]_{q}^{2} + \varepsilon ([3]_{q}-1)]} \left(\frac{\rho B_{1}^{2} + \left((1-\varepsilon)q[2]_{q}^{2} + \varepsilon ([2]_{q}-1) \right)^{2} (B_{2}-B_{1})}{B_{1}^{2}} \right), \\ \varepsilon_{2} &= \frac{[2]_{q}^{2n}}{[3]_{q}^{n} [(1-\varepsilon)q[3]_{q}^{2} + \varepsilon ([3]_{q}-1)]} \left(\frac{\rho B_{1}^{2} + \left((1-\varepsilon)q[2]_{q}^{2} + \varepsilon ([2]_{q}-1) \right)^{2} (B_{2}+B_{1})}{B_{1}^{2}} \right). \end{split}$$

Then

$$|a_3 - \delta a_2^2| \leq \begin{cases} \frac{B_2}{[3]_q^n[(1-\varepsilon)q[3]_q^2 + \varepsilon([3]_q - 1)]} \\ + \frac{\rho B_1^2}{[3]_q^n[(1-\varepsilon)q[3]_q^2 + \varepsilon q[2]_q][(1-\varepsilon)q[2]_q^2 + \varepsilon q]^2} & \text{, if } \delta \leq \varepsilon_1 \\ -\delta \frac{B_1^2}{[2]_q^{2n}[(1-\varepsilon)q[2]_q^2 + \varepsilon q]^2} \\ \frac{B_1}{[3]_q^n[(1-\varepsilon)q[3]_q^2 + \varepsilon([3]_q - 1)]} & \text{, if } \varepsilon_1 \leq \delta \leq \varepsilon_2 \\ \delta \frac{B_1^2}{[2]_q^{2n}[(1-\varepsilon)q[2]_q^2 + \varepsilon q]^2} - \frac{B_2}{[3]_q^n[(1-\varepsilon)q[3]_q^2 + \varepsilon([3]_q - 1)]} \\ - \frac{\rho B_1^2}{[3]_q^n[(1-\varepsilon)q[3]_q^2 + \varepsilon([3]_q - 1)][(1-\varepsilon)q[2]_q^2 + \varepsilon q]^2} \end{cases} , \text{ if } \delta \geq \varepsilon_2 \text{ where}$$

where

$$\rho = \left(\frac{\varepsilon^2 + \varepsilon - 2}{2}\right)q[2]_q^3 + \varepsilon(1 - \varepsilon)q[2]_q^2([2]_q - 1) + \left(\frac{\varepsilon^2 - 3\varepsilon}{2}\right)([2]_q - 1).$$

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