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# Applications of k-Fibonacci numbers for the starlike analytic functions

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#### Abstract

The k-Fibonacci numbers  $F_{k,n}$  (k > 0), defined recursively by  $F_{k,0} = 0$ ,  $F_{k,1} = 1$  and  $F_{k,n} = kF_{k,n} + F_{k,n-1}$  for  $n \ge 1$  are used to define a new class  $\mathcal{SL}^k$ . The purpose of this paper is to apply properties of k-Fibonacci numbers to consider the classical problem of estimation of the Fekete–Szegő problem for the class  $\mathcal{SL}^k$ . An application for inverse functions is also given.

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#### 1. Introduction

Let  $\mathbb{D}=\{z:|z|<1\}$  denote the unit disc on the complex plane. The class of all holomorphic functions f 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  $\omega\in\mathcal{A},\ |\omega(z)|<1,\ z\in\mathbb{D}$ .

Recently, N. Yilmaz Özgür and J. Sokół [5] defined and introduced the class  $\mathcal{SL}^k$  of shell-like functions as the set of functions  $f \in \mathcal{A}$  which is described in the following definition.

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**1.1. Definition.** 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

(1.1) 
$$\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} \prec \widetilde{p}_k(z), z \in \mathbb{D},$$

where

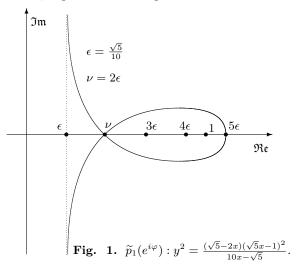
$$(1.2) \qquad \widetilde{p}_k(z) = \frac{1 + \tau_k^2 z^2}{1 - k \tau_k z - \tau_k^2 z^2}, \, \tau_k = \frac{k - \sqrt{k^2 + 4}}{2}, \, z \in \mathbb{D}.$$

For k = 1, the class  $\mathcal{SL}^k$  becomes the class  $\mathcal{SL}$  of shell-like functions defined in [3], see also [4].

It was proved in [5] 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

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

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.



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

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

and so the curve  $\mathbb{C}$  intersects itself on the real axis at the point  $w_1 = k(k^2 + 4)^{-1/2}$ . Thus  $\mathbb{C}$  has a loop intersecting the real axis also at the point  $w_2 = (k^2 + 4)/(2k)$ . For k > 2, the curve  $\mathbb{C}$  has no loops and it is like a conchoid, see for details [5]. Moreover, the coefficients of  $\widetilde{p}_k$  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

(1.3) 
$$F_{k,0} = 0$$
,  $F_{k,1} = 1$  and  $F_{k,n} = kF_{k,n} + F_{k,n-1}$  for  $n \ge 1$ .

When k = 1, we obtain the well-known Fibonacci numbers  $F_n$ . It is known that the n<sup>th</sup> k-Fibonacci number is given by

(1.4) 
$$F_{k,n} = \frac{(k - \tau_k)^n - \tau_k^n}{\sqrt{k^2 + 4}},$$

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

(1.5) 
$$\widetilde{p}_{k,n} = (F_{k,n-1} + F_{k,n+1})\tau^n, \ n = 1, 2, 3, \dots,$$
 see also [5].

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

$$(1.6) |a_n| \le |\tau_k|^{n-1} F_{k,n},$$

where  $\tau_k = (k - \sqrt{k^2 + 4})/2$ . Equality holds in (1.6) for the function

$$f_k(z) = \frac{z}{1 - k\tau_k z - \tau_k^2 z^2}$$

$$= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \tau_k^{n-1} F_{k,n} z^n$$

$$= z + \frac{(k - \sqrt{k^2 + 4})k}{2} z^2 + (k^2 + 1) \left(\frac{(k - \sqrt{k^2 + 4})k}{2} + 1\right) z^3 + \cdots$$
(1.7)

### 2. The classical Fekete-Szegö functional

A typical problem in geometric function theory is to study a functional made up of combinations of the coefficients of the original function. Let  $\delta$  be the class of univalent functions  $f(z) = z + a_2 z^2 + a_3 z^3 + \cdots$  mapping  $\mathbb{D} = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < 1\}$  into  $\mathbb{C}$  (the complex plane). The classical Fekete–Szegő functional is  $\mathcal{L}_{\lambda} = |a_3 - \lambda a_2^2|, \ 0 < \lambda \leq 1$ . Over the years, many results have been found for the classical functional  $\mathcal{L}_{\lambda}$ . Fekete and Szegö [1] bounded  $\mathcal{L}_{\lambda}$  by  $1 + 2\exp(-2\lambda/(1-\lambda))$ , for  $0 \leq \lambda < 1$  and  $f \in \mathcal{S}$ , where  $\mathcal{S}$  denotes the subclass of A consisting of functions univalent in  $\mathbb{D}$ . This inequality is sharp for each  $\lambda$ . In particular, for  $\lambda = 1$ , one has  $|a_3 - a_2| \le 1$  if  $f \in S$ . Note that the quantity  $a_3 - a_2$ represents  $S_f(0)/6$ , where  $S_f$  denotes the Schwarzian derivative  $(f''/f')' - (f''/f')^2/2$ of locally univalent functions f in  $\mathbb{D}$ . It is interesting to consider the behavior of  $\mathcal{L}_{\lambda}$  for subclasses of the class S. The Fekete–Szegö problem is to determine sharp upper bound for Fekete–Szegö functional  $\mathcal{L}_{\lambda}$  over a family  $\mathcal{F} \subset \mathcal{S}$ . In the literature, there exists a large number of results about inequalities for  $a_3-a_2^2$  corresponding to various subclasses of S. In the present paper we obtain the Fekete–Szegö inequalities for the class  $\mathcal{SL}^k$ . Before we consider how the Taylor series coefficients of functions in the class  $\mathcal{SL}^k$  might be bounded, let us first recall this problem for the Caratheodory functions. Let  $\mathcal{P}$  denote the class of analytic functions p in  $\mathbb{D}$  with p(0) = 1 and  $\Re \{p(z)\} > 0$ .

**2.1. Lemma.** [2] Let 
$$p \in \mathcal{P}$$
 with  $p(z) = 1 + c_1 z + c_2 z + \cdots$ , then

$$(2.1)$$
  $|c_n| \le 2$ , for  $n \ge 1$ .

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

$$(2.2) |c_2 - c_1/2| \le 2 - |c_1|^2/2.$$

If  $|c_1 < 2|$  and  $|c_2 - c_1/2| = 2 - |c_1|^2/2$ , then  $p(z) \equiv p_2(z)$ , where

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

and  $x = c_1/2$ ,  $w = (2c_2 - c_1^2)/(4 - |c_1|^2)$ . Conversely, if if  $p(z) \equiv p_2(z)$  for some |x| < 1 and w = 1, then  $c_1 = 2x$ ,  $w = (2c_2 - c_1^2)/(4 - |c_1|^2)$  and  $|c_2 - c_1/2| = 2 - |c_1|^2/2$ .

**2.2. Theorem.** If  $p(z) = 1 + p_1 z + p_2 z^2 + \cdots$  and

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

then we have

$$(2.3) |p_1| \le \frac{\left(\sqrt{k^2 + 4} - k\right)k}{2}$$

and

$$(2.4) |p_2| \le (k^2 + 2) \left\{ \frac{(k - \sqrt{k^2 + 4})k}{2} + 1 \right\}.$$

The above estimations are sharp.

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

$$h(z) = \frac{1 + w(z)}{1 - w(z)} = 1 + c_1 z + c_2 z + \cdots \quad (z \in \mathbb{D})$$

is in the class  $\mathcal{P}(0)$ . It follows that

(2.5) 
$$w(z) = \frac{c_1 z}{2} + \left(c_2 - \frac{c_1^2}{2}\right) \frac{z^2}{2} + \cdots$$

and

(2.6)

$$\widetilde{p}_{k}(w(z)) = 1 + \widetilde{p}_{k,1} \left\{ \frac{c_{1}z}{2} + \left( c_{2} - \frac{c_{1}^{2}}{2} \right) \frac{z^{2}}{2} + \cdots \right\} + \widetilde{p}_{k,2} \left\{ \frac{c_{1}z}{2} + \left( c_{2} - \frac{c_{1}^{2}}{2} \right) \frac{z^{2}}{2} + \cdots \right\}^{2} + \cdots$$

$$= 1 + \frac{\widetilde{p}_{k,1}c_{1}}{2}z + \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \left( c_{2} - \frac{c_{1}^{2}}{2} \right) \widetilde{p}_{k,1} + \frac{1}{4}c_{1}^{2}\widetilde{p}_{k,2} \right\} z^{2} + \cdots$$

$$= v(z)$$

From (1.5), we find the coefficients  $\widetilde{p}_{k,n}$  of the function  $\widetilde{p}_k$  given by

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

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

$$\widetilde{p}_{k}(z) = 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \widetilde{p}_{k,n} z^{n}$$

$$= 1 + (F_{k,0} + F_{k,2}) \tau_{k} z + (F_{k,1} + F_{k,3}) \tau_{k}^{2} z^{2} + \cdots$$

$$= 1 + k \tau_{k} z + (k^{2} + 2) \tau_{k}^{2} z^{2} + (k^{3} + 3k) \tau_{k}^{3} z^{3} + \cdots$$

$$(2.7)$$

If  $p(z) = 1 + p_1 z + p_2 z^2 + \cdots$ , then by (2.6) and (2.7), we have

$$(2.8) p_1 = \frac{k\tau_k c_1}{2}$$

and

(2.9) 
$$p_2 = \frac{k\tau_k}{2} \left( c_2 - \frac{c_1^2}{2} \right) + \frac{(k^2 + 2)}{4} c_1^2 \tau_k^2.$$

From (2.8) and (2.1) we directly obtain (2.3). From (2.9) and (2.2), we obtain

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

$$\leq \left| \frac{k\tau_k}{2} \left( c_2 - \frac{c_1^2}{2} \right) \right| + \left| \frac{(k^2 + 2)}{4} c_1^2 \tau_k^2 \right|$$

$$\leq \frac{k|\tau_k|}{2} \left( 2 - \frac{1}{2}|c_1|^2 \right) + \frac{(k^2 + 2)}{4} |c_1|^2 \tau_k^2$$

(2.10) 
$$= k|\tau_k| + \frac{|c_1|^2}{4} \left( (k^2 + 2)\tau_k^2 - k|\tau_k| \right).$$

Since  $\tau_k = (k - \sqrt{k^2 + 4})/2$ , so it is easily verified that

$$(2.11) \quad (k^2+2)\tau_k^2 - k|\tau_k| = \frac{(k(k-\sqrt{k^2+4}))(k^2+3)}{2} + k^2 + 2.$$

We want to show that (2.11) is positive for k > 0. Notice that

$$(2.12) \quad \frac{(k-\sqrt{k^2+4})(k^3+3k)}{2} + k^2 + 2 = \frac{(k^2+2)\sqrt{k^2+4} - k^3 - 4k}{k+\sqrt{k^2+4}}.$$

Thus, (2.11) is positive when

$$(2.13) \quad (k^2+2)\sqrt{k^2+4} > k^3+4k, \quad k > 0,$$

or equivalently, when

$$(2.14) \quad \left\{ (k^2 + 2)\sqrt{k^2 + 4} \right\}^2 > \left\{ k^3 + 4k \right\}^2, \quad k > 0.$$

The inequality (2.14) yields the inequality

$$(2.15) \quad 4k^2 + 16 > 0, \quad k > 0,$$

which is evidently true, and hence (2.11) is positive. Therefore,  $(k^2 + 2)\tau_k^2 - |\tau_k| > 0$  and from (2.10), we obtain

$$|p_2| \le k|\tau_k| + \frac{|c_1|^2}{4} \left( (k^2 + 2)\tau_k^2 - k|\tau_k| \right)$$

$$\le k|\tau_k| + (k^2 + 2)\tau_k^2 - k|\tau_k|$$

$$= (k^2 + 2)\tau_k^2$$

$$= (k^2 + 2) \left\{ \frac{(k - \sqrt{k^2 + 4})k}{2} + 1 \right\}.$$

Thus, the equality in estimations (2.3), (2.4) are attained by the coefficients of the function given by (2.7).

**2.3. Theorem.** Let  $\lambda$  be real. If  $f(z) = z + a_2 z^2 + a_3 z^3 + \cdots$  belongs to  $\mathcal{SL}^k$ , then

$$(2.16) \quad |a_3 - \lambda a_2^2| \le (k(k - \sqrt{k^2 + 4})/2 + 1)(k^2 + 1 + k^2|\lambda|).$$

The above estimation is sharp. If  $\lambda \leq 0$ , then the equality in (2.16) is attained by the function  $f_k$  given in (1.6), and by the function  $-f_k(-z)$  when  $\lambda \geq 0$ .

*Proof.* For given  $f \in \mathcal{SL}^k$ , define  $p(z) = 1 + p_1 z + p_2 z^2 + \cdots$  by

$$\frac{zf'(z)}{f(z)} = p(z) \quad (z \in \mathbb{D}),$$

where  $p \prec \widetilde{p}_k$  in  $\mathbb{D}$ . Hence

$$z + 2a_2z^2 + 3a_3z^3 + \dots = \{z + a_2z^2 + a_3z^3 + \dots \} \{1 + p_1z + p_2z^2 + \dots \}$$

and

$$a_2 = p_1, \quad 2a_3 = p_1a_2 + p_2.$$

Therefore,  $|a_3 - \lambda a_2| = |(p_1 a_2 + p_2)/2 + \lambda p_1^2|$ . Using this and the bounds (2.3), (2.4) and (1.6), we obtain

$$\begin{split} |a_3 - \lambda a_2^2| &= |(p_1 a_2 + p_2)/2 - \lambda p_1^2| \\ &\leq \frac{|p_1||a_2| + |p_2|}{2} + |\lambda||p_1^2| \\ &\leq \frac{k(k - \sqrt{k^2 + 4})/2 \cdot k(k - \sqrt{k^2 + 4})/2 + (k^2 + 2)(k(k - \sqrt{k^2 + 4})/2 + 1)}{2} \\ &+ |\lambda| \left\{ \frac{\left(\sqrt{k^2 + 4} - k\right)k}{2} \right\}^2 \\ &= \frac{k^2(k(k - \sqrt{k^2 + 4})/2 + 1) + (k^2 + 2)(k(k - \sqrt{k^2 + 4})/2 + 1)}{2} \\ &+ |\lambda| \left\{ \frac{\left(\sqrt{k^2 + 4} - k\right)k}{2} \right\}^2 \\ &= (k^2 + 1)(k(k - \sqrt{k^2 + 4})/2 + 1) + |\lambda| \left\{ \frac{\left(\sqrt{k^2 + 4} - k\right)k}{2} \right\}^2 \\ &= (k(k - \sqrt{k^2 + 4})/2 + 1)(k^2 + 1 + k^2|\lambda|). \end{split}$$

**2.4. Corollary.** If  $g(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} b_n z^n$ ,  $|z| < r_0(g)$ ,  $r_0(g) \ge 1/4$ , is an inverse to  $f \in \mathcal{SL}^k$ , then we have

$$(2.17) |b_2| \le \frac{(k - \sqrt{k^2 + 4})k}{2},$$

$$(2.18) |b_3| \le (k(k - \sqrt{k^2 + 4})/2 + 1)(3k^2 + 1).$$

The above estimation is sharp. The equalities are attained by the function  $-if_k^{-1}(iz)$ , where  $f_k$  is given in (1.6).

*Proof.* For each  $f \in \mathcal{S}$ , the Koebe one-quarter theorem ensures that the image of  $\mathbb{D}$  under f contains the disc of radius 1/4. If  $f(z) = z + a_2 z^2 + a_3 z^3 + \cdots$  is univalent in  $\mathbb{D}$  then, f has the inverse  $f^{-1}$  with the expansion

$$(2.19) f^{-1}(z) = z - a_2 z^2 + (2a_2^2 - a_3)z^3 + \cdots, |z| < r_0(f), r_0(f) > 1/4.$$

It was proved in [5] that functions in the class  $\mathcal{SL}^k$  are univalent in  $\mathbb{D}$ . From Lemma 1.2 and (2.19), we obtain the inequality (2.17). Also, from Theorem 2.3 (with  $\lambda = 2$ ) and (2.19), we obtain the inequality (2.18). If  $f \in \mathcal{SL}^k$ , then the function  $-if_k(iz)$  satisfies

(1.1), so it belongs to the class  $\mathcal{SL}^k$  too. Moreover, from (1.6), we have

$$\begin{split} &-if_k^{-1}(iz)\\ &=z+i\frac{(k-\sqrt{k^2+4})k}{2}z^2\\ &-\left\{2\left(\frac{(k-\sqrt{k^2+4})k}{2}\right)^2+(k^2+1)\left(\frac{(k-\sqrt{k^2+4})k}{2}+1\right)\right\}z^3+\cdots\\ &=z+i\frac{(k-\sqrt{k^2+4})k}{2}z^2-(k(k-\sqrt{k^2+4})/2+1)(3k^2+1)z^3+\cdots. \end{split}$$

This shows that the equalities in (2.17) and (2.18) are attained by the second and third coefficients of the function  $-if_k^{-1}(iz)$ .

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