

## Area methods, extremal problems and extremal domains for pairs of conformal mappings

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**Abstract.** In the classes of pairs  $\{F, G\}$  of functions  $F$  and  $G$  analytic and univalent in the unit disc and satisfying the condition  $F(z)G(\zeta) \neq 1$  there (generating, in the special case, bounded, Bieberbach–Eilenberg and Grunsky–Shah functions) or the condition  $F(z) + G(\zeta) \neq 0$  (generating, in the special case, Gelfer functions), by applying coefficient inequalities of Grunsky–Nehari type, a characterization of extremal pairs maximizing functionals dependent on the derivatives  $F^{(n)}$  and  $G^{(n)}$ ,  $n = 2, 3$ , is given.

**1. Introduction, notations and statement of the results.** The present paper deals with the class  $C$  of pairs  $\{F, G\}$  of functions

$$F(z) = a + a_1 z + a_2 z^2 + \dots, \quad G(z) = b + b_1 z + b_2 z^2 + \dots$$

univalent in  $\Delta = \{z: |z| < 1\}$  and satisfying the condition

$$F(z)G(\zeta) \neq 1$$

for all  $z, \zeta$  belonging to  $\Delta$ , and the class  $D$  of pairs  $\{F, G\}$  of functions

$$F(z) = 1 + 2a_1 z + 2a_2 z^2 + \dots, \quad G(z) = 1 + 2b_1 z + 2b_2 z^2 + \dots$$

univalent in  $\Delta$  and satisfying the condition

$$F(z) + G(\zeta) \neq 0$$

for all  $z, \zeta$  belonging to  $\Delta$ . These classes, some other classes to them as well as some their subclasses have been intensely investigated since 1934 (cf. e.g., [1]–[3] and [5]–[12]).

Let  $\hat{K}$ ,  $K$ ,  $L_\zeta$ ,  $P$  and  $Q$  stand for mappings defined as follows:

$$\hat{K}(z) = [z/(z-1)^2][1 + ab - \sqrt{ab}(z+1/z)], \quad K(z) = z/(z-1)^2,$$

$$L_\zeta(z) = z/[(z-\zeta)(z+\bar{\zeta})], \quad P(z) = (z-1)/(z+1), \quad Q(z) = 1/z - z,$$

and let

$$A_n = a_n/a_1, \quad B_n = b_n/b_1, \quad n = 2, 3.$$

If  $z_1, z_2$  and  $\{F, G\}$  belong to  $\Delta$  and  $C$ , respectively, let

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda(a, b, z_1, z_2, F, G) &= \left[ \frac{F''(z_1)}{F'(z_1)} + 2 \frac{G(z_2) + 2\sqrt{b/a}}{1 - F(z_1)G(z_2)} F'(z_1) \right] (1 - |z_1|^2) - 2\bar{z}_1, \quad a, b \neq 0, \\ &= \left[ \frac{F''(z_1)}{F'(z_1)} + 2 \frac{G(z_2) + 2}{1 - F(z_1)G(z_2)} F'(z_1) \right] (1 - |z_1|^2) - 2\bar{z}_1, \quad a = b = 0, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \nu(a, b, z_1, z_2, F, G) &= \frac{1 - F(z_1)G(z_2)}{b(1 - ab)F'(z_1)(1 - |z_1|^2)}, \quad a, b \neq 0, \\ &= \frac{1 - F(z_1)G(z_2)}{F'(z_1)(1 - |z_1|^2)}, \quad a = b = 0, \end{aligned}$$

and, if  $z_1, z_2$  and  $\{F, G\}$  belong to  $\Delta$  and  $D$ , respectively, let

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(z_1, z_2, F, G) &= \left[ \frac{F''(z_1)}{F'(z_1)} + 4 \frac{F'(z_1)}{F(z_1) + G(z_2)} \right] (1 - |z_1|^2) - 2\bar{z}_1, \\ \chi(z_1, z_2, F, G) &= \left[ \{F; z_1\} + 24 \frac{F'^2(z_1)}{[F(z_1) + G(z_2)]^2} \right] (1 - |z_1|^2)^2, \\ \psi(z_1, z_2, F, G) &= \frac{F(z_1) + G(z_2)}{F'(z_1)(1 - |z_1|^2)}, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\{F; z_1\} = \frac{F'''(z_1)}{F'(z_1)} - \frac{3}{2} \left( \frac{F''(z_1)}{F'(z_1)} \right)^2.$$

In this paper we investigate a problem of finding the sharp estimate of the functionals

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda &= |\lambda(a, b, z_1, z_2, F, G)\nu(a, b, z_1, z_2, F, G)| + \\ &\quad + |\lambda(b, a, z_2, z_1, G, F)\nu(b, a, z_2, z_1, G, F)|, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\{F, G\}$  ranges over  $C$ , and

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi &= |\varphi(z_1, z_2, F, G)\psi(z_1, z_2, F, G)| + |\varphi(z_2, z_1, G, F)\psi(z_2, z_1, G, F)|, \\ \chi &= |\chi(z_1, z_2, F, G)\psi^2(z_1, z_2, F, G)| + |\chi(z_2, z_1, G, F)\psi^2(z_2, z_1, G, F)|, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\{F, G\}$  ranges over  $D$ .

For  $\{F^*, G^*\}$  belonging to  $C$ , we define

$$\begin{aligned} (1.1) \quad F^{**}(z) &= \frac{a[1 - f(0)g(0)] - (1 - ab)f(0) + [1 - abf(0)g(0)]f(z)}{1 - abf(0)g(0) + \{b[1 - f(0)g(0)] - (1 - ab)g(0)\}f(z)}, \\ f(z) &= \frac{F^* \circ p(z) - a}{1 - bF^* \circ p(z)}, \end{aligned}$$

$$(1.1') \quad G^{**}(z) = \frac{b[1-f(0)g(0)] - (1-ab)g(0) + [1-abf(0)g(0)]g(z)}{1-abf(0)g(0) + \{a[1-f(0)g(0)] - (1-ab)f(0)\}g(z)},$$

$$g(z) = \frac{G^* \circ q(z) - b}{1 - aG^* \circ q(z)},$$

and for  $\{F^*, G^*\}$  belonging to  $D$ , we define

$$(1.2) \quad F^{**}(z) = \frac{[1-f(0)g(0)][1-f(z)]}{1+f(0)g(0) - 2f(0) + [1+f(0)g(0) - 2g(0)]f(z)},$$

$$f(z) = \frac{F^* \circ p(z) - 1}{F^* \circ p(z) + 1},$$

$$G^{**}(z) = \frac{[1-f(0)g(0)][1-g(z)]}{1+f(0)g(0) - 2g(0) + [1+f(0)g(0) - 2f(0)]g(z)},$$

$$g(z) = \frac{G^* \circ q(z) - 1}{G^* \circ q(z) + 1},$$

where

$$p(z) = (z - z_1)/(1 - \bar{z}_1 z), \quad q(z) = (z - z_2)/(1 - \bar{z}_2 z).$$

The results obtained in this paper will be formulated as follows.

**THEOREM 1.** *If  $\{F, G\}$  belongs to  $C$ , then the corresponding  $\lambda$  does not exceed*

$$\lambda^* = 4(|v(a, b, z_1, z_2, F, G)| + |v(b, a, z_2, z_1, G, F)|).$$

*The estimate is sharp for each  $a$  and  $b$  such that  $ab \geq 0$ . All the extremal pairs are given by formulae (1.1) and (1.1') with the functions  $F^*, G^*$  satisfying the equations (Figure 1)*

$$(1.3) \quad F^*(z) = \sqrt{\frac{a}{b}} \hat{K}^{-1} \left[ \frac{ba_1}{\sqrt{ab}} \frac{1 + \sqrt{ab}}{1 - \sqrt{ab}} K(e^{\alpha i} z) \right],$$

$$G^*(z) = \sqrt{\frac{b}{a}} \hat{K}^{-1} \left[ \frac{ab_1}{\sqrt{ab}} \frac{1 + \sqrt{ab}}{1 - \sqrt{ab}} K(e^{\beta i} z) \right]$$

when  $ab > 0$ , where  $\text{sgn}\{ba_1\} = \text{sgn}\{ab_1\} = \text{sgn}\{1 - \sqrt{ab}\}$ ,  $-\pi < \alpha, \beta \leq \pi$ , and the equations

$$F^*(z) = K^{-1}[a_1 K(e^{\alpha i} z)], \quad G^*(z) = K^{-1}[b_1 K(e^{\beta i} z)]$$

when  $a = b = 0$ , where  $a_1 > 0, b_1 > 0, -\pi < \alpha, \beta \leq \pi$ .

**THEOREM 2.** *If  $\{F, G\}$  belongs to  $D$ , then the corresponding  $\varphi$  does not exceed*

$$\varphi^* = 2(|\psi(z_1, z_2, F, G)| + |\psi(z_2, z_1, G, F)|).$$

The estimate is sharp. All the extremal pairs are given by formulae (1.2), with the functions  $F^*$ ,  $G^*$  satisfying the equations (Figure 2)

$$(1.4) \quad F^*(z) = P^{-1} \{K^1 [a_1 K(e^{\alpha i} z)]\}, \quad G^*(z) = P^{-1} \{K^{-1} [b_1 K(e^{\beta i} z)]\},$$

where  $a_1 > 0$ ,  $b_1 > 0$ ,  $-\pi < \alpha$ ,  $\beta \leq \pi$ .

**THEOREM 3.** If  $\{F, G\}$  belongs to  $D$ , then the corresponding  $\chi$  does not exceed

$$\chi^* = 6(|\psi^2(z_1, z_2, F, G)| + |\psi^2(z_2, z_1, G, F)|).$$

The estimate is sharp. All the extremal pairs are given by formulae (1.2), with that the functions  $F^*$ ,  $G^*$  satisfy the equations (Figure 3)

$$(1.5) \quad F^*(z) = Q^{-1} [4a_1 L_{\zeta_1}(e^{\alpha i} z)], \quad G^*(z) = Q^{-1} [4b_1 L_{\zeta_2}(e^{\beta i} z)],$$

where  $a_1 > 0$ ,  $b_1 > 0$ ,  $-\pi < \alpha$ ,  $\beta \leq \pi$ ,  $|\zeta_1| = |\zeta_2| = 1$ ,

$$A_2 - a_1 = -2 \operatorname{Im} \{\zeta_1\} i, \quad |\operatorname{Im} \{\zeta_1\}| \leq 1 - a_1,$$

$$B_2 - b_1 = -2 \operatorname{Im} \{\zeta_2\} i, \quad |\operatorname{Im} \{\zeta_2\}| \leq 1 - b_1.$$

Thus, for every  $a_1, b_1$ , the functions  $F^*$ ,  $G^*$  belong to one-parameter families, where the parameters are  $a_2, b_2$  or  $\zeta_1, \zeta_2$ , respectively.

The paper ends with a few applications and remarks. In particular, we obtain the sharp estimate for bounded, Bieberbach–Eilenberg, Grunsky–Shah and Gelfer functions.

**2. Proofs.** If  $g_k$ ,  $k = 1, 2$ , are mappings defined by the formulae

$$(2.1) \quad g_1(w) = \frac{w}{a(1-bw)} - \frac{1}{b(w-a)}, \quad a, b \neq 0, \\ = w - 1/w, \quad a = b = 0,$$

when  $\{F, G\}$  belongs to  $C$ , and

$$(2.2) \quad g_2(w) = -\frac{1}{w-1} - \frac{1}{w+1},$$

when  $\{F, G\}$  belongs to  $D$ , and if

$$(2.3) \quad \sum_{q=-\infty}^{\infty} c_q^1 z^q = g_1[F(z)], \quad \sum_{q=-\infty}^{\infty} c_q^2 z^q = g_1[1/G(z)], \\ = g_2[F(z)], \quad = g_2[-G(z)],$$

where  $0 < |z| < 1$ , then

$$(2.4) \quad \sum_{q=-\infty}^{\infty} q(|c_q^1|^2 + |c_q^2|^2) \leq 0$$

in virtue of (2.4), (2.6), (2.11) and (2.7) of paper [15]. In particular,

$$(2.5) \quad |c_1^1|^2 + |c_1^2|^2 \leq |c_{-1}^1|^2 + |c_{-1}^2|^2,$$

and the equality holds if and only if

$$(2.6) \quad c_q^1 = c_q^2 = 0, \quad q = 2, 3, \dots$$

and, if  $-\pi < \varepsilon, \tau \leq \pi$ , then

$$(2.7) \quad \operatorname{Re} \{c_1^1 c_{-1}^1 \exp(\varepsilon i) + c_1^2 c_{-1}^2 \exp(\tau i)\} \leq |c_{-1}^1|^2 + |c_{-1}^2|^2$$

in virtue of the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality and (2.5), with the equality holding if and only if

$$(2.8) \quad c_1^1 = \bar{c}_{-1}^1 \exp(-\varepsilon i), \quad c_1^2 = \bar{c}_{-1}^2 \exp(-\tau i).$$

**Proof of Theorem 1.** For  $ab \neq 0$ , from (2.1) and (2.3) we have

$$(2.9) \quad \begin{aligned} c_1^1 &= \alpha_3/(ba_1), & c_{-1}^1 &= -1/(ba_1), & c_0^1 &= \alpha_2/(ba_1), \\ c_1^2 &= -\beta_3/(ab_1), & c_{-1}^2 &= 1/(ab_1), & c_0^2 &= -\beta_2/(ab_1), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\alpha_3 = A_3 - A_2^2 + \frac{b}{a} \frac{a_1^2}{(1-ab)^2}, \quad \beta_3 = B_3 - B_2^2 + \frac{a}{b} \frac{b_1^2}{(1-ab)^2}.$$

Since  $\{F, G\}$  belongs to  $C$  if and only if  $\{\hat{F}, \hat{G}\}$  belongs to  $C$ , where

$$(2.10) \quad \begin{aligned} \hat{F}(z) &= \frac{\sqrt{a+f(z)}}{1+\sqrt{b}f(z)}, & f(z) &= \left[ \frac{F(z^2)-a}{1-bF(z^2)} \right]^{1/2}, \\ \hat{G}(z) &= \frac{\sqrt{b+g(z)}}{1+\sqrt{a}g(z)}, & g(z) &= \left[ \frac{G(z^2)-b}{1-aG(z^2)} \right]^{1/2}, \end{aligned}$$

therefore, if  $\hat{F}(z) = \hat{a} + \hat{a}_1 z + \hat{a}_2 z^2 + \dots$ ,  $\hat{G}(z) = \hat{b} + \hat{b}_1 z + \hat{b}_2 z^2 + \dots$ , then it follows from (2.7) and (2.9) that

$$(2.11) \quad -\operatorname{Re} \left\{ e^{i\varepsilon} \frac{\hat{\alpha}_3}{(\hat{b}\hat{a}_1)^2} + e^{i\tau} \frac{\hat{\beta}_3}{(\hat{a}\hat{b}_1)^2} \right\} \leq \frac{1}{|\hat{b}\hat{a}_1|^2} + \frac{1}{|\hat{a}\hat{b}_1|^2}.$$

In consequence, from this, (2.10), and because  $\varepsilon, \tau$  are arbitrary we get that

$$(2.12) \quad \left| A_2 + \frac{(b+2\sqrt{b/a})a_1}{1-ab} \right| |ab_1| + \left| B_2 + \frac{(a+2\sqrt{a/b})b_1}{1-ab} \right| |ba_1| \leq 2(|ba_1| + |ab_1|).$$

Now, note that in (2.11), along with the extremal pair  $\{\hat{F}^*, \hat{G}^*\}$ , also

the pairs  $\{\hat{F}_\alpha^*, \hat{G}_\beta^*\}$ ,  $-\pi < \alpha, \beta \leq \pi$ ,  $\hat{F}_\alpha^* = \hat{F}^*(e^{i\alpha} z)$ ,  $\hat{G}_\beta^*(z) = \hat{G}^*(e^{i\beta} z)$  are extremal. So, assume that  $\{\hat{F}^*, \hat{G}^*\}$  is an extremal pair for which  $\hat{b}\hat{a}_1 > 0$ ,  $\hat{a}\hat{b}_1 > 0$ , and let  $\varepsilon = \tau = \pi$ . Then, by (2.1), (2.3), (2.6), (2.8) and (2.9),

$$\hat{g}_1 \circ \hat{F}^*(z) = \frac{1}{\hat{b}\hat{a}_1} \frac{z^2 - 1}{z}, \quad -\hat{g}_1 \circ \frac{1}{\hat{G}^*(z)} = \frac{1}{\hat{a}\hat{b}_1} \frac{z^2 - 1}{z},$$

whence, by squaring the above equalities and replacing  $z^2$  by  $z$  in them, we obtain (1.3).

Moreover, let observe that  $\{F^{**}, G^{**}\}$  belongs to  $C$  if and only if  $\{F^*, G^*\}$  belongs to  $C$ , with

$$F^*(z) = \frac{a+f(z)}{1+bf(z)}, \quad f(z) = \frac{F^{**} \circ p^{-1}(z) - F^{**}(z_1)}{1 - F^{**} \circ p^{-1}(z) G^{**}(z_2)},$$

$$G^*(z) = \frac{b+g(z)}{1+ag(z)}, \quad g(z) = \frac{G^{**} \circ q^{-1}(z) - G^{**}(z_2)}{1 - G^{**} \circ q^{-1}(z) F^{**}(z_1)},$$

which is equivalent to (1.1). From this and (2.12) the inequality  $\lambda \leq \lambda^*$  follows.

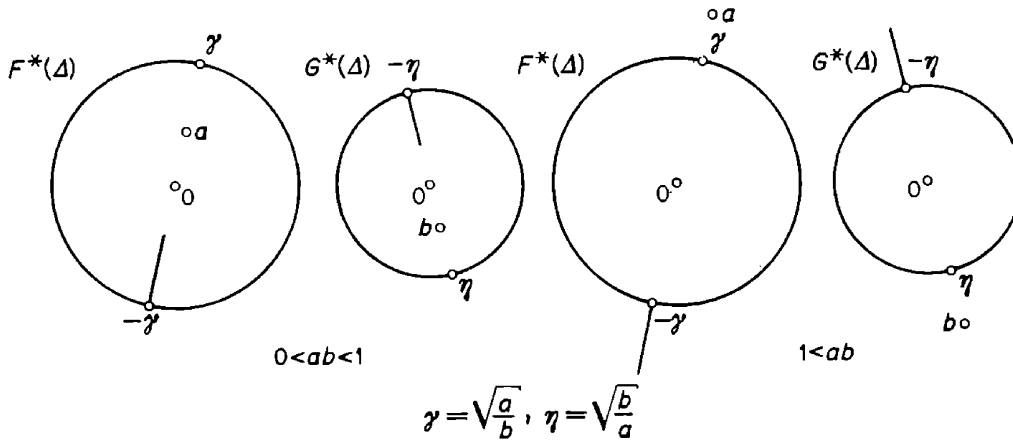


Fig. 1

The case  $a = b = 0$  is proved in an analogous way.

Proof of Theorem 2. From (2.2) and (2.3) we have

$$(2.13) \quad \begin{aligned} c_1^1 &= (A_3 - A_2^2 + a_1^2)/(2a_1), & c_{-1}^1 &= -1/(2a_1), & c_0^1 &= (A_2 - a_1)/(2a_1), \\ c_1^2 &= -(B_3 - B_2^2 + b_1^2)/(2b_1), & c_{-1}^2 &= 1/(2b_1), & c_0^2 &= -(B_2 - b_1)/(2b_1), \end{aligned}$$

and since  $\{F, G\}$  belongs to  $D$  if and only if  $\{\hat{F}, \hat{G}\}$  belongs to  $D$ , where

$$(2.14) \quad \begin{aligned} \hat{F}(z) &= \frac{1+f(z)}{1-f(z)}, & f(z) &= \left[ \frac{F(z^2)-1}{F(z^2)+1} \right]^{1/2}, \\ \hat{G}(z) &= \frac{1+g(z)}{1-g(z)}, & g(z) &= \left[ \frac{G(z^2)-1}{G(z^2)+1} \right]^{1/2}, \end{aligned}$$

therefore, if  $\hat{F}(z) = 1 + 2\hat{a}_1 z + 2\hat{a}_2 z^2 + \dots$ ,  $\hat{G}(z) = 1 + 2\hat{b}_1 z + 2\hat{b}_2 z^2 + \dots$ , then from (2.7) and (2.13) it follows that

$$(2.15) \quad -\operatorname{Re} \left\{ e^{i\varepsilon} \frac{\hat{A}_3 - \hat{A}_2^2 + \hat{a}_1^2}{\hat{a}_1^2} + e^{i\tau} \frac{\hat{B}_3 - \hat{B}_2^2 + \hat{b}_1^2}{\hat{b}_1^2} \right\} \leq \frac{1}{|\hat{a}_1|^2} + \frac{1}{|\hat{b}_1|^2}.$$

From this and (2.14) we obtain the inequality

$$(2.16) \quad |(A_2 + a_1)b_1| + |(B_2 + b_1)a_1| \leq 2(|a_1| + |b_1|).$$

Assume that  $\{\hat{F}^*, \hat{G}^*\}$  is an extremal pair in (2.15) with  $\hat{a}_1 > 0$ ,  $\hat{b}_1 > 0$ ,  $\varepsilon = \tau = \pi$ . Then it follows from (2.1), (2.3), (2.6), (2.8) and (2.13) that

$$g_2[\hat{F}^*(z)] = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{a_1}} \frac{1-z^2}{z}, \quad -g_2[-\hat{G}^*(z)] = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{b_1}} \frac{1-z^2}{z}.$$

By squaring the above equations and replacing  $z^2$  by  $z$  in them, we immediately obtain (1.4).

Since  $\{F^{**}, G^{**}\}$  belongs to  $D$  if and only if  $\{F^*, G^*\}$  belongs to  $D$ , where

$$(2.17) \quad \begin{aligned} F^*(z) &= \frac{1+f(z)}{1-f(z)}, & f(z) &= \frac{F^{**} \circ p^{-1}(z) - F^{**}(z_1)}{F^{**} \circ p^{-1}(z) + G^{**}(z_2)}, \\ G^*(z) &= \frac{1+g(z)}{1-g(z)}, & g(z) &= \frac{G^{**} \circ q^{-1}(z) - G^{**}(z_2)}{G^{**} \circ q^{-1}(z) + F^{**}(z_1)}, \end{aligned}$$

which is equivalent to (1.2), therefore, by applying (1.2) to (2.16), we obtain the inequality  $\varphi \leq \varphi^*$ .

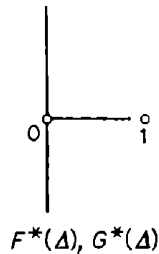


Fig. 2

**Proof of Theorem 3.** It follows from (2.15) that

$$(2.18) \quad |(A_3 - A_2^2 + a_1^2)b_1^2| + |(B_3 - B_2^2 + b_1^2)a_1^2| \leq |a_1|^2 + |b_1|^2$$

if  $\{F, G\}$  belongs to  $D$ ; by Theorem 9 [16], the equality in (2.18) takes place only for pairs satisfying equations (1.5). The inequality  $\chi \leq \chi^*$  follows from (2.18) after applying (2.17) and (1.2).

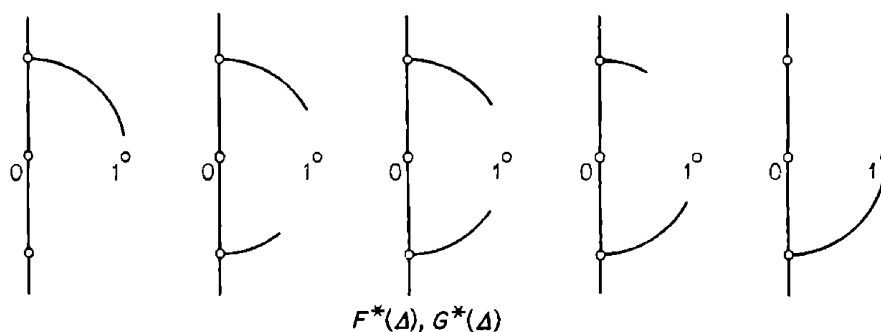


Fig. 3

**3. Conclusions.** Let  $S_1$  denote the class of all functions  $F(z) = b + b_1 z + \dots + b_n z^n + \dots$  univalent in  $\Delta$  and such that  $|F(z)| < 1$  for  $z$  belonging to  $\Delta$ . From Theorem 1, if  $G = \bar{F}$ ,  $\bar{F}(z) = F(\bar{z})$  and  $z_1 = \bar{z}_2 = z_0$ , we obtain at once the sharp result and all extremal functions in the class  $S_1$ .

The function  $F(z) = b_1 z + b_2 z^2 + \dots$ , univalent in  $\Delta$ , is called a *Bieberbach–Eilenberg function*, respectively a *Grunsky–Shah function*, if  $F(z)F(\zeta) \neq 1$ , respectively  $F(z)F(\zeta) \neq -1$ , for all  $z, \zeta$  belonging to  $\Delta$ . From Theorem 1, if  $G = F$  and  $z_1 = z_2 = z_0$ , respectively,  $G = -\bar{F}$  and  $z_1 = \bar{z}_2 = z_0$ , we obtain the sharp estimate and all extremal functions in the class of Bieberbach–Eilenberg functions, and in the class of Grunsky–Shah functions, respectively.

By  $S(b_1)$  we denote a subclass of the class  $S_1$  of those functions  $F$  for which  $b = 0$ ,  $0 < b_1 \leq 1$ ,  $b_1$  – fixed. Since, if  $F$  belongs to  $S(b_1)$ , then also  $F_\alpha$  belongs to  $S(b_1)$ , where  $F_\alpha(z) = \exp(-\alpha i) F[\exp(\alpha i) z]$ ,  $-\pi < \alpha \leq \pi$ , therefore, the well-known sharp estimate in the class  $S(B_1)$  now follows from Theorem 1 (see e.g., [13], [14]):  $|b_2| \leq 2b_1(1 - b_1)$ .

The function  $F(z) = 1 + 2a_1 z + 2a_2 z^2 + \dots$ , univalent in  $\Delta$  is said to belong to the Gel'fer class if  $F(z) + F(\zeta) \neq 0$  for  $z, \zeta$  belonging to  $\Delta$ . From Theorem 2 and from the estimate  $\chi \leq \chi^*$  when  $G = F$  and  $z_1 = z_2 = z_0$  we obtain the results of Grinšpan and Kolomojceva [4] and Gel'fer [3].

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