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### Coefficient bounds for *q*-convex functions related to *q*-Bernoulli numbers

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#### Abstract

The main objective of this paper is to present and investigate a subclass  $\mathcal{C}(b,q)$  of q-convex functions in the unit disk that is defined by the q-Bernoulli numbers. For this subclass, we find the upper bounds on the Fekete-Szeg functional, the coefficient bounds, and the second Hankel determinant.

### 1 Introduction and definitions

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  denote the family of functions l analytic in the open unit disk  $\mathcal{U} = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < 1\}$  of the form

$$l(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n z^n.$$
 (1.1)

Denote by S the subclass of  $\mathcal{A}$  containing all univalent functions in  $\mathcal{U}$ .

The class of starlike functions in  $\mathcal{U}$  will be denoted by  $S^*$ , which consists of normalized functions  $l \in S$  that satisfy the following conditions:

$$\mathcal{S}^* = \left\{ l \in \mathcal{S} : \Re\left(\frac{zl'(z)}{l(z)}\right) > 0; \ z \in \mathcal{U} \right\}.$$

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The class of convex functions in  $\mathcal{U}$  will be denoted by  $\mathcal{C}$ , which consists of normalized functions  $l \in S$  that satisfy the following conditions:

$$\mathcal{C} = \left\{ l \in \mathbb{S} : \Re \left( 1 + \frac{z l''(z)}{l'(z)} \right) > 0; \ z \in \mathbb{U} \right\}.$$

Let l and g be analytic functions in  $\mathcal{U}$ . We define that the function l is subordinate to g in  $\mathcal{U}$  and denoted by

$$l(z) \prec g(z) \qquad (z \in \mathcal{U}) \,,$$

if there exists a Schwarz function  $\omega$ , analytic in  $\mathcal{U}$  with  $\omega(0) = 0$  and  $|\omega(z)| < 1$  such that  $l(z) = g(\omega(z))$  in the unit disk  $\mathcal{U}$ .

If the value of g in  $\mathcal{U}$  is a univalent function, then

$$l(z) \prec g(z) \iff l(0) = g(0) \text{ and } l(\mathfrak{U}) \subset g(\mathfrak{U}).$$

Let  $\mathcal{P}$  be the class of analytic functions p in  $\mathcal{U}$  with p(0) = 1 and  $\Re(p(z)) > 0$  such that  $p \in \mathcal{P}$  if and only if  $p(z) \prec (1+z)/(1-z)$ .

The following lemmas will be necessary in order to establish our main results.

**Lemma 1.1.** [20] Let 
$$p \in \mathcal{P}$$
 with  $p(z) = 1 + c_1 z + c_2 z^2 + \cdots$ , then

$$|c_n| \le 2 \quad (n \in \mathbb{N} = 1, 2, \ldots) \tag{1.2}$$

and the inequality is sharp.

**Lemma 1.2.** [8] Let  $p \in \mathcal{P}$  with  $p(z) = 1 + c_1 z + c_2 z^2 + \cdots$ , then

$$2c_2 = c_1^2 + x(4 - c_1^2) \tag{1.3}$$

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and

$$4c_3 = c_1^3 + 2(4 - c_1^2)c_1x - c_1(4 - c_1^2)x^2 + 2(4 - c_1^2)\left(1 - |x|^2\right)z, \quad (1.4)$$

for some x, z with  $|x| \leq 1$  and  $|z| \leq 1$ .

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Hankel Determinants are an important tool in the theory of univalent functions. They can be used, for instance, to demonstrate the rationality of a function of bounded characteristic in  $\mathcal{U}$ , or a function that is the ratio of two bounded analytic functions with integral coefficients in its Laurent series around the origin [4]. The Hankel determinants [18]  $H_j(n)$  (n = 1, 2, ..., j =1, 2, ...) of the function l are defined by

$$H_{j}(n) = \begin{vmatrix} a_{n} & a_{n+1} & \dots & a_{n+j-1} \\ a_{n+1} & a_{n+2} & \dots & a_{n+j} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{n+j-1} & a_{n+j} & \dots & a_{n+2j-2} \end{vmatrix} \qquad (a_{1} = 1).$$

Fekete-Szeg functional is the name given to the functional  $H_2(1) = a_3 - a_2^2$ , and the second Hankel determinant is the name given to the functional  $H_2(2) = a_2a_4 - a_3^2$ .

**Definition 1.1.** Let  $q \in (0,1)$ . The q-derivative (or q-difference) operator, introduced by Jackson [10], [11], is defined as

$$D_q l(z) = \begin{cases} \frac{l(z) - l(qz)}{(1-q)z}, & \text{if } z \neq 0\\ l'(0), & \text{if } z = 0 \end{cases}$$
(1.5)

We note that

$$\lim_{q \to 1} D_q l(z) = l'(z)$$

if l is differentiable at z. From (1.5), we decude that for function  $l \in A$ 

$$D_q l(z) = 1 + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} [n]_q \, a_n z^{n-1}, \qquad (1.6)$$

where  $[n]_q$  is given by

$$[n]_q = \frac{1 - q^n}{1 - q}, \quad [0]_q = 0 \tag{1.7}$$

and the q-factorial is given by

$$[n]_{q}! = \begin{cases} 1, & n = 0\\ \prod_{k=1}^{n} [k]_{q}, & n \in \mathbb{N} \end{cases}$$
(1.8)

As  $q \to 1-$ , we obtain  $[n]_q \to n$ . If we choose the function  $h(z) = z^n$ , while  $q \to 1-$ , we can thus have

$$D_q h(z) = D_q z^n = [n]_q z^{n-1} = h'(z),$$

where the ordinary derivative is denoted by h'.

**Definition 1.2.** ([1]) A function  $l \in S$  is said to be in the  $C_q$  such that

$$\mathcal{C}_q = \left\{ l \in \mathcal{S} : \Re\left(\frac{D_q\left(zD_ql(z)\right)}{D_ql(z)}\right) > 0; \ q \in (0,1), \ z \in \mathcal{U} \right\}.$$
(1.9)

It is clear that  $\lim_{q \to 1^-} \mathfrak{C}_q = \mathfrak{C}$ .

q-Bernoulli numbers and q-Bernoulli polynomials possess many interesting properties and arise in many areas of physics and mathematics. In 1948, Carlitz [5] introduced the q-Bernoulli numbers and polynomials. Many mathematicians have studied q-Bernoulli numbers and q-Bernoulli polynomials (see [3], [7], [12], [13], [17], [21]). Srivastava [24] give several remarkably shorter proofs of each of the Euler polynomials and classical Bernoulli were expressed as finite sums involving the Hurwitz zeta function. The q-Bernoulli numbers and polynomials and, in a modified notation the q-Stirling numbers of the second kind introduced there are studied by Choi et al. [6]. Srivastava ([25]) give a brief expository and historial account of the various basic (or q-) extensions of the classical Bernoulli numbers and polynomials.

According to Jackson's q-exponential functions, the generating function for q-Bernoulli polynomials is defined as follows [17]:

$$F_{x}(z) = \frac{ze_{q}(xz)}{E_{q}\left(\frac{z}{2}\right)\left(e_{q}\left(\frac{z}{2}\right) - e_{q}\left(-\frac{z}{2}\right)\right)} \\ = \frac{ze_{q}(xz)e_{q}\left(-\frac{z}{2}\right)}{e_{q}\left(\frac{z}{2}\right) - e_{q}\left(-\frac{z}{2}\right)} \\ = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_{n}^{q}(x)\frac{z^{n}}{[n]!}$$
(1.10)

Jackson's q-exponential functions are found here [12]

$$e_q(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{[n]_q!}, \quad E_q(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} q^{\frac{n(n-1)}{2}} \frac{x^n}{[n]_q!}.$$
 (1.11)

The following formula can be used to relate two q-exponential functions

$$e_q(x)E_q(-x) = 1.$$

To obtain the recursion formula, one can simply q-differentiate the generating function with respect to x

$$D_{q}^{x}B_{n}^{q}(x) = [n]_{q}B_{n-1}^{q}(x),$$

where  $B_0^q(x) = 1$ .

The q-Bernoulli numbers are  $b_n^q \equiv B_n^q(0)$  for  $n \ge 0$ .

As per the definition given above, the generating function of q-Bernoulli numbers is given by

$$F_0(z) = \frac{z}{E_q\left(\frac{z}{2}\right)\left(e_q(\frac{z}{2}) - e_q(-\frac{z}{2})\right)} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n^q \frac{z^n}{[n]!}.$$
 (1.12)

Obviously,  $b_n^q$  is for some values of n as following:

$$b_0^q = 1,$$
  

$$b_1^q = -\frac{1}{2},$$
  

$$b_2^q = \frac{1}{4} \left( [2] - \frac{1}{[3]} - q \right) = \frac{q + q^2}{4 \left( 1 + q + q^2 \right)},$$
  

$$b_3^q = 0.$$
(1.13)

Here, we present a new subclass of q-convex functions in  $\mathcal{U}$  that belong to the class  $\mathcal{C}_q$  and are associated with q-Bernoulli numbers.

**Definition 1.3.** A function  $l \in S$  is regarded to be in the function class C(b,q) if it meets the conditions given below:

$$\frac{D_q(zD_ql(z))}{D_ql(z)} \prec F_0(z) = \frac{z}{E_q\left(\frac{z}{2}\right)\left(e_q(\frac{z}{2}) - e_q(-\frac{z}{2})\right)} \qquad (z \in \mathcal{U})$$
(1.14)

for  $q \in (0, 1)$ .

First used by Srivastava [23] in Geometric Function Theory, the basic (or q-) hypergeometric functions were also introduced by [9] q-extension of the class of starlike functions via the q-derivative operator  $D_q$ . The q-calculus was really used with a solid basis for the application of Geometric Function Theory. Afterwards, numerous mathematicians have produced a substantial amount of work, which has been fundamental to the advancement of geometric function theory. Coefficient bounds of classes of q-starlike and q-convex functions were obtained by Aldweby and Darus [2]. Coefficient estimates of the subclasses of q-starlike and q-convex functions of complex order were studied by Seoudy and Aouf [22]. The coefficient inequality for q-starlike functions was obtained by Uar [32]. The coefficient inequality for q-convex and q-closeto-convex functions was obtained by Ahuja et al. [1]. Polatoğlu [19] examined generalized q-starlike functions growth and distortion theorems. Some new subfamilies of starlike functions were systematically defined and studied by Wongsaijai and Sukantamala [33]. Successfully expanding on the work of Wongsaijai and Sukantamala [33], Srivastava et al. [26, 27] introduced the generalized subfamilies of q-starlike functions related with the Janowski functions. The class of q-starlike functions in the conic region was investigated by Mahmood et al. [15]. Researchers Mahmood et al. [14] and Srivastava et al. [28] examined the class of q-starlike functions connected to Janowski functions. Fekete-Szeg inequalities for q-starlike and q-convex functions involving q-analogue of Ruscheweyh-type differential operator was obtained by Soni et al. [31]. The coefficient inequality for q-starlike functions was obtained by

ağlar *et al.* [7]. Mahmood et al. [16]. investigated the upper bound of the third Hankel determinant for the class of q-starlike functions. The Hankel and Toeplitz determinants of a subclass of q-starlike functions were recently studied by Srivastava et al. [29], and the upper bound for a subclass of q-starlike functions related to the q-exponential function was studied by Srivastava et al. [30]. In present paper, using the principles of subordination, the estimates for the coefficients  $|a_2|$ ,  $|a_3|$ ,  $|a_3 - a_2^2|$  and  $|a_2a_4 - a_3^2|$  of the functions of the form (1.1) in the class  $\mathcal{C}(b, q)$  have been obtained.

#### 2 Main Results

First, we solve the coefficient inequalities for the class  $\mathcal{C}(b,q)$ .

**Theorem 2.1.** Let l(z) given by (1.1) be in the class C(b,q). Then, for  $q \in (0,1)$ ,

$$|a_2| \le \frac{1}{2(q+1)} \tag{2.1}$$

and

$$|a_3| \le \frac{1}{2(q+1)(q^2+q+1)} + \frac{3q^2+4q+3}{4(q+1)(q^2+q+1)^2}.$$
 (2.2)

*Proof.* Since  $l \in \mathcal{C}(b,q)$ , there exists an analytic function  $\omega$  with  $\omega(0) = 0$  and  $|\omega(z)| < 1$  in  $\mathcal{U}$  such that

$$\frac{D_q\left(zD_ql(z)\right)}{D_ql(z)} \prec F_0(\omega(z)) \qquad (z \in \mathfrak{U}) \,. \tag{2.3}$$

Define the functions p by

$$p(z) = \frac{1 + \omega(z)}{1 - \omega(z)} = 1 + c_1 z + c_2 z^2 + \dots \qquad (z \in \mathcal{U})$$
(2.4)

or equivalently,

$$\omega(z) = \frac{p(z) - 1}{p(z) + 1} 
= \frac{c_1}{2}z + \frac{1}{2}\left(c_2 - \frac{c_1^2}{2}\right)z^2 + \frac{1}{2}\left(c_3 - c_1c_2 + \frac{c_1^3}{4}\right)z^3 + \cdots \quad (2.5)$$

in  $\mathcal{U}$ . Then p is analytic in  $\mathcal{U}$  with p(0) = 1 and  $\Re p(z) > 0$ .

By using (2.5) together with  $F_0(\omega(z))$  and (1.13), it is evident that

$$F_{0}(\omega(z)) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_{n}^{q} \frac{(\omega(z))^{n}}{[n]!}$$

$$= 1 - \frac{c_{1}z}{4} - \left[\frac{c_{2}}{4} - \frac{(2q^{2} + 3q + 2)c_{1}^{2}}{16(q^{2} + q + 1)}\right]z^{2}$$

$$- \left[\frac{c_{3}}{4} - \frac{(2q^{2} + 3q + 2)c_{1}c_{2}}{8(q^{2} + q + 1)} + \frac{(q + 1)^{2}c_{1}^{3}}{16(q^{2} + q + 1)}\right]z^{3} - \cdots (2.6)$$

Since

$$\frac{D_q \left(z D_q l(z)\right)}{D_q l(z)} = 1 + (q+1) a_2 z + \left[(q+1) \left(q^2 + q + 1\right) a_3 - (q+1)^2 a_2^2\right] z^2 \\
+ \left[\left(q^3 + q^2 + q + 1\right) \left(q^2 + q + 1\right) a_4 - (q+1) \left(q + 2\right) \left(q^2 + q + 1\right) a_2 a_3 \\
+ (q+1)^3 a_2^3\right] z^3 + \cdots,$$
(2.7)

comparing coefficients in (2.6) and (2.7), we have

$$a_2 = -\frac{c_1}{4(q+1)},\tag{2.8}$$

$$a_{3} = -\frac{c_{2}}{4(q+1)(q^{2}+q+1)} + \frac{\left(3q^{2}+4q+3\right)c_{1}^{2}}{16(q+1)\left(q^{2}+q+1\right)^{2}},$$
(2.9)

$$a_{4} = -\frac{c_{3}}{4(q^{2}+q+1)(q^{3}+q^{2}+q+1)} + \frac{(5q^{3}+13q^{2}+11q+4)c_{1}c_{2}}{16(q+1)(q^{2}+q+1)^{2}(q^{3}+q^{2}+q+1)} - \frac{(6q^{3}+20q^{2}+21q+9)c_{1}^{3}}{64(q+1)(q^{2}+q+1)^{2}(q^{3}+q^{2}+q+1)}.$$
(2.10)

The bounds  $|a_2|$  and  $|a_3|$  can be obtained by using the triangle inequality and the well-known result  $|c_n| \leq 2$  for the class  $\mathcal{P}$  as follows:

$$|a_2| \le \frac{1}{2(q+1)},$$

and

$$|a_3| \le \frac{1}{2(q+1)(q^2+q+1)} + \frac{3q^2+4q+3}{4(q+1)(q^2+q+1)^2}.$$

This completes the proof of the Theorem 2.1.

In the limiting case  $q \to 1-,$  Theorem 2.1 readily yields the following coefficient estimates.

**Corollary 2.2.** Let l(z) given by (1.1) be in the class  $\mathcal{C}_b$ . Then,

and

$$a_3| \le \frac{2}{9}.$$

 $|a_2| \le \frac{1}{4}$ 

These results are sharp.

Our second main finding is Fekete-Szeg inequality, or the following properties of the class  $\mathcal{C}(b,q)$ .

**Theorem 2.3.** Let l(z) given by (1.1) be in the class C(b,q). Then, for  $q \in (0,1)$ ,

$$|a_3 - a_2^2| \le \frac{1}{2(q+1)(q^2+q+1)}.$$
 (2.11)

*Proof.* Substituting the values of (2.8) and (2.9) into the Fekete-Szeg inequality  $|a_3 - a_2^2|$  for the function  $\mathcal{C}(b,q)$ , we get

$$\left|a_{3}-a_{2}^{2}\right| = \left|\frac{c_{2}}{4(q+1)(q^{2}+q+1)} - \frac{(-q^{4}+q^{3}+4q^{2}+5q+2)c_{1}^{2}}{16(q+1)^{2}(q^{2}+q+1)^{2}}\right|.$$

By applying Lemma 1.2, we find that

$$\left|a_{3}-a_{2}^{2}\right| = \left|\frac{x(4-c_{1}^{2})}{8(q+1)(q^{2}+q+1)} + \frac{(q^{4}+q^{3}-q)c_{1}^{2}}{16(q+1)^{2}(q^{2}+q+1)^{2}}\right|.$$

Suppose now that  $c_1 = c \in [0, 2]$ . Then an application of the triangle inequality gives

$$\left|a_{3}-a_{2}^{2}\right| \leq \frac{(4-c^{2})t}{8(q+1)(q^{2}+q+1)} + \frac{(q^{4}+q^{3}-q)c^{2}}{16(q+1)^{2}(q^{2}+q+1)^{2}}$$

with  $t = |x| \le 1$ . Moreover, if we set

$$\Psi_q(c,t) = \frac{(4-c^2)t}{8(q+1)(q^2+q+1)} + \frac{(q^4+q^3-q)c^2}{16(q+1)^2(q^2+q+1)^2},$$

then, we obtain

$$\frac{\partial \Psi_q}{\partial t} = \frac{4-c^2}{8(q+1)(q^2+q+1)} \ge 0,$$

which shows that  $\Psi_q(c,t)$  is an increasing function on the closed interval [0,1] about t. Therefore, the function  $\Psi_q(c,t)$  takes the maximum value at t = 1, that is,

$$\max_{0 \le t \le 1} \left\{ \Psi_q(c,t) \right\} = \Psi_q(c,1) = \frac{4-c^2}{8(q+1)(q^2+q+1)} + \frac{(q^4+q^3-q)c^2}{16(q+1)^2(q^2+q+1)^2}.$$

We next put

$$\begin{split} \Phi_q(c) &= \frac{4-c^2}{8(q+1)(q^2+q+1)} + \frac{(q^4+q^3-q)c^2}{16(q+1)^2(q^2+q+1)^2} \\ &= \frac{1}{2(q+1)(q^2+q+1)} + \frac{(q^4-q^3-4q^2-5q-2)c^2}{16(q+1)^2(q^2+q+1)^2}. \end{split}$$

We then easily find that, at c = 0, the function  $\Phi_q(c)$  has a maximum value, which is given by

$$|a_3 - a_2^2| \le \Phi_q(0) = \frac{1}{2(q+1)(q^2+q+1)}.$$

This completes the proof of Theorem 2.3.

In the limiting case  $q \to 1-,$  Theorem 2.3 readily yields the following corollary.

**Corollary 2.4.** Let l(z) given by (1.1) be in the class  $\mathfrak{C}_b$ . Then,

$$\left|a_3 - a_2^2\right| \le \frac{1}{12}.$$

This result is sharp.

Finally, the second Hankel determinant result for the class  $\mathbb{C}(b,q)$  is as follows:

**Theorem 2.5.** Let l(z) given by (1.1) be in the class  $\mathcal{C}(b,q)$ . Then, for  $q \in (0,1)$ ,

$$\left|a_{2}a_{4} - a_{3}^{2}\right| \leq \frac{2q^{2} + 3q + 2}{4q^{2}(q+1)^{2}(q^{2} + q + 1)}.$$
(2.12)

*Proof.* From (2.8), (2.9) and (2.10), we have

$$\begin{aligned} |a_2a_4 - a_3^2| &= \left| \frac{c_1c_3}{16(q+1)(q^2+q+1)(q^3+q^2+q+1)} - \frac{c_2^2}{16(q+1)^2(q^2+q+1)^2} \right. \\ &+ \frac{(q^5 - 4q^4 - 9q^3 - 8q^2 - q+2)c_1^2c_2}{64(q+1)^2(q^2+q+1)^3(q^3+q^2+q+1)} \\ &- \frac{(4q^7 + 10q^6 + 15q^5 + 16q^4 + 24q^3 + 18q^2 + 9q + 5)c_1^4}{256(q+1)^2(q^2+q+1)^4(q^3+q^2+q+1)} \right|, \end{aligned}$$

which, upon substituting for  $c_2$  and  $c_3$  by using Lemma 1.2, yields

$$\begin{aligned} a_{2}a_{4} - a_{3}^{2} &= \\ \left| \frac{\left(q^{5} - q^{3} + 3q + 2\right)\left(4 - c_{1}^{2}\right)c_{1}^{2}x}{128(q+1)^{2}(q^{2} + q+1)^{3}(q^{3} + q^{2} + q+1)} - \frac{\left(4 - c_{1}^{2}\right)c_{1}^{2}x^{2}}{64(q+1)(q^{2} + q+1)(q^{3} + q^{2} + q+1)} \right. \\ \left. - \frac{\left(4 - c_{1}^{2}\right)^{2}x^{2}}{64(q+1)^{2}(q^{3} + q^{2} + q+1)} + \frac{\left(4 - c_{1}^{2}\right)\left(1 - |x|^{2}\right)c_{1}z}{32(q+1)(q^{2} + q+1)(q^{3} + q^{2} + q+1)} \right. \\ \left. - \frac{\left(2q^{7} + 12q^{6} + 27q^{5} + 42q^{4} + 49q^{3} + 20q^{2} + 3q + 1\right)c_{1}^{4}}{256(q+1)^{2}(q^{2} + q+1)^{4}(q^{3} + q^{2} + q+1)} \right|. \end{aligned}$$

$$(2.13)$$

We let  $c_1 = c$  and assume also without restriction that  $c \in [0, 2]$ . Then, by applying the triangle inequality on (2.13) with  $|x| = t \in [0, 1]$ , we obtain

$$\begin{split} a_2 a_4 &- a_3^2 \Big| &\leq \\ \frac{\left(q^5 - q^3 + 3q + 2\right)\left(4 - c^2\right)c^2 t}{128(q+1)^2(q^2 + q + 1)^3(q^3 + q^2 + q + 1)} + \frac{\left(4 - c^2\right)c^2 t^2}{64(q+1)(q^2 + q + 1)(q^3 + q^2 + q + 1)} \\ &+ \frac{\left(4 - c^2\right)^2 t^2}{64(q+1)^2(q^3 + q^2 + q + 1)} + \frac{4 - c^2}{32(q+1)(q^2 + q + 1)(q^3 + q^2 + q + 1)} \\ &+ \frac{\left(2q^7 + 12q^6 + 27q^5 + 42q^4 + 49q^3 + 20q^2 + 3q + 1\right)c^4}{256(q+1)^2(q^2 + q + 1)^4(q^3 + q^2 + q + 1)} \,. \end{split}$$

We now assume that

$$\begin{split} &M_q(c,t) &= \\ &\frac{\left(q^5-q^3+3q+2\right)\left(4-c^2\right)c^2t}{128(q+1)^2(q^2+q+1)^3(q^3+q^2+q+1)} + \frac{\left(4-c^2\right)c^2t^2}{64(q+1)(q^2+q+1)(q^3+q^2+q+1)} \\ &+ \frac{\left(4-c^2\right)^2t^2}{64(q+1)^2(q^3+q^2+q+1)} + \frac{4-c^2}{32(q+1)(q^2+q+1)(q^3+q^2+q+1)} \\ &+ \frac{\left(2q^7+12q^6+27q^5+42q^4+49q^3+20q^2+3q+1\right)c^4}{256(q+1)^2(q^2+q+1)^4(q^3+q^2+q+1)} \;, \end{split}$$

which, upon partially differentiating with respect to t, yields

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial M_q}{\partial t} &= \frac{\left(q^5 - q^3 + 3q + 2\right)\left(4 - c^2\right)c^2}{128(q+1)^2(q^2 + q + 1)^3(q^3 + q^2 + q + 1)} \\ &+ \frac{\left(4 - c^2\right)c^2t}{32(q+1)(q^2 + q + 1)(q^3 + q^2 + q + 1)} + \frac{\left(4 - c^2\right)^2t}{32(q+1)^2(q^3 + q^2 + q + 1)} \\ &> 0, \end{aligned}$$

which, in turn, implies that  $M_q(c,t)$  increases on the closed interval [0, 1] about t. That is,  $M_q(c,t)$  has a maximum value at t = 1, which is given by

$$\begin{split} \max_{0 \le t \le 1} \left\{ M_q(c,t) \right\} &= M_q(c,1) = \frac{\left( 3q^5 + 6q^6 + 9q^3 + 10q^2 + 9q + 4 \right) \left( 4 - c^2 \right) c^2}{128(q+1)^2(q^2+q+1)^3(q^3+q^2+q+1)} \\ &+ \frac{\left( 4 - c^2 \right)^2}{64(q+1)^2(q^3+q^2+q+1)} + \frac{4 - c^2}{32(q+1)(q^2+q+1)(q^3+q^2+q+1)} \\ &+ \frac{\left( 2q^7 + 12q^6 + 27q^5 + 42q^4 + 49q^3 + 20q^2 + 3q + 1 \right) c^4}{256(q+1)^2(q^2+q+1)^4(q^3+q^2+q+1)}. \end{split}$$

Also, upon setting

$$\begin{split} N_q(c) &= \frac{\left(3q^5 + 6q^6 + 9q^3 + 10q^2 + 9q + 4\right)\left(4 - c^2\right)c^2}{128(q+1)^2(q^2 + q + 1)^3(q^3 + q^2 + q + 1)} \\ &+ \frac{\left(4 - c^2\right)^2}{64(q+1)^2(q^3 + q^2 + q + 1)} \\ &+ \frac{4 - c^2}{32(q+1)(q^2 + q + 1)(q^3 + q^2 + q + 1)} \\ &+ \frac{\left(2q^7 + 12q^6 + 27q^5 + 42q^4 + 49q^3 + 20q^2 + 3q + 1\right)c^4}{256(q+1)^2(q^2 + q + 1)^4(q^3 + q^2 + q + 1)}, \end{split}$$

we have

$$\begin{split} N_q'(c) &= \frac{\left(3q^5 + 6q^6 + 9q^3 + 10q^2 + 9q + 4\right)\left(4 - c^2\right)c}{64(q+1)^2(q^2 + q + 1)^3(q^3 + q^2 + q + 1)} \\ &- \frac{\left(3q^5 + 6q^6 + 9q^3 + 10q^2 + 9q + 4\right)c^3}{64(q+1)^2(q^2 + q + 1)^3(q^3 + q^2 + q + 1)} \\ &- \frac{\left(4 - c^2\right)c}{16(q+1)^2(q^3 + q^2 + q + 1)} - \frac{c}{16(q+1)(q^2 + q + 1)(q^3 + q^2 + q + 1)} \\ &+ \frac{\left(2q^7 + 12q^6 + 27q^5 + 42q^4 + 49q^3 + 20q^2 + 3q + 1\right)c^3}{64(q+1)^2(q^2 + q + 1)^4(q^3 + q^2 + q + 1)}. \end{split}$$

If we set  $N'_q(c) = 0$ , then c = 0 is a root of this equation. After a suitable

calculation, we can deduce that

$$\begin{split} N_q''(c) &= \frac{\left(3q^5 + 6q^6 + 9q^3 + 10q^2 + 9q + 4\right)\left(4 - c^2\right)}{64(q+1)^2(q^2+q+1)^3(q^3+q^2+q+1)} \\ &- \frac{5\left(3q^5 + 6q^6 + 9q^3 + 10q^2 + 9q + 4\right)c^2}{64(q+1)^2(q^2+q+1)^3(q^3+q^2+q+1)} \\ &- \frac{4 - c^2}{16(q+1)^2(q^3+q^2+q+1)} + \frac{c^2}{8(q+1)^2(q^3+q^2+q+1)} \\ &- \frac{1}{16(q+1)(q^2+q+1)(q^3+q^2+q+1)} \\ &+ \frac{3\left(2q^7 + 12q^6 + 27q^5 + 42q^4 + 49q^3 + 20q^2 + 3q + 1\right)c^2}{64(q+1)^2(q^2+q+1)^4(q^3+q^2+q+1)} \\ &\leq 0, \end{split}$$

implying that the function  $N_q(c) = 0$  can take on its maximum value at c = 0, which is given by

$$\left|a_{2}a_{4}-a_{3}^{2}\right| \leq N_{q}(0) = \frac{2q^{2}+3q+3}{8(q+1)^{2}(q^{2}+q+1)(q^{3}+q^{2}+q+1)}$$

This completes the proof of Theorem 2.5.

In the limiting case  $q \to 1-,$  Theorem 2.5 readily yields the following corollary.

**Corollary 2.6.** Let l(z) given by (1.1) be in the class  $\mathcal{C}_b$ . Then,

$$\left|a_2 a_4 - a_3^2\right| \le \frac{1}{24}.$$

This result is sharp.

### 3 Conclusion

In the open unit disk  $\mathcal{U}$ , we have introduced a new subclass  $\mathcal{C}(b,q)$  of q-convex functions that are subordinate to the q-Bernoulli function by using the basic or q-calculus. For this subclass of q-convex functions related to the q-Bernoulli function, we have successfully derived the upper bounds of the Fekete-Szeg functional and the second Hankel determinant.

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# COEFFICIENT BOUNDS FOR $q\mbox{-}{\rm CONVEX}$ FUNCTIONS RELATED TO $q\mbox{-}{\rm BERNOULLI}$ NUMBERS

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