

COEFFICIENT ESTIMATES FOR THE CLASS Σ

Dedicated to Professor Y. Kusunoki on his sixtieth birthday

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1. Introduction.

Let Σ denote the class of functions $f(z)$ univalent in $|z| > 1$, regular apart from a simple pole at the point at infinity and having the expansion

$$f(z) = z + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n z^{-n}$$

around there. Let us introduce quantities A_n , B_n by

$$A_n = \inf\{t : \Re(tb_1 + b_n) \leq t, \forall f \in \Sigma\},$$

$$B_n = \inf\{t : \Re(tb_1 - b_n) \leq t, \forall f \in \Sigma\},$$

respectively. It is evident that $A_{2n} = B_{2n}$. Kirwan made a conjecture that $B_n \leq n$ seems to be true [3]. $B_2 \leq 2$ and $B_3 \leq 3$ were due to Garabedian and Schiffer [1] and Kirwan and Schober [2] proved $B_2 = 2$ and $B_3 = 3$.

In this paper we shall prove the following

THEOREM. $A_3 \leq 2$, $A_5 \leq (27 + 8\sqrt{3})/12$, $A_7 \leq 5.5$, $A_9 < 8$, $A_{11} < 10$.

$A_n \leq n-1$ for any odd $n \geq 3$ seems to be true. Anyway it seems to be very difficult to decide A_n exactly as well as B_n . Our method of proof depends upon the Grunsky inequality. So to explain its related notions and relations is in order here.

Let $f(z) \in \Sigma$ and let $F_m(z)$ be the m th Faber polynomial of $f(z)$, which is defined by

$$F_m(f(z)) = z^m + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_{mn} z^{-n}.$$

Then Grunsky's inequality has the following form

$$\left| \sum_{m, n=1}^N n a_{mn} x_m x_n \right| \leq \sum_{n=1}^N n |x_n|^2$$

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for any N and for any complex vector (x_1, \dots, x_N) . We have $na_{mn}=ma_{nm}$ and

$$\begin{aligned}
a_{1n} &= b_n, \\
a_{22} &= 2b_3 + b_1^2, \\
a_{24} &= 2b_5 + 2b_1b_3 + b_2^2, \\
a_{25} &= 2b_6 + 2b_1b_4 + 2b_2b_3, \\
a_{26} &= 2b_7 + 2b_1b_5 + 2b_2b_4 + b_3^2, \\
a_{33} &= 3b_5 + 3b_1b_3 + 3b_2^2 + b_1^3, \\
a_{35} &= 3b_7 + 3b_1b_5 + 6b_2b_4 + 3b_3^2 + 3b_1^2b_3 + 3b_1b_2^2, \\
a_{44} &= 4b_7 + 4b_1b_5 + 8b_2b_4 + 6b_3^2 + 4b_1^2b_3 + 8b_1b_2^2 + b_1^4, \\
a_{46} &= 4b_9 + 4b_1b_7 + 8b_2b_6 + 12b_3b_5 + 4b_1^2b_5 + 6b_4^2 + 16b_1b_2b_4 + 8b_1b_3^2 \\
&\quad + 12b_2^2b_3 + 4b_1^3b_3 + 6b_1^2b_2^2, \\
a_{55} &= 5b_9 + 5b_1b_7 + 10b_2b_6 + 15b_3b_5 + 5b_1^2b_5 + 10b_4^2 + 20b_1b_2b_4 + 15b_1b_3^2 \\
&\quad + 20b_2^2b_3 + 5b_1^3b_3 + 15b_1^2b_2^2 + b_1^5, \\
a_{66} &= 6b_{11} + 6b_1b_9 + 12b_2b_8 + 18b_3b_7 + 24b_4b_6 + 6b_1^2b_7 + 24b_1b_2b_6 + 15b_5^2 \\
&\quad + 36b_1b_3b_5 + 24b_2^2b_5 + 6b_1^3b_5 + 24b_1b_4^2 + 72b_2b_3b_4 + 36b_1^2b_2b_4 + 14b_3^3 \\
&\quad + 27b_1^2b_3^2 + 72b_1b_2^2b_3 + 6b_1^4b_3 + 9b_2^4 + 24b_1^3b_2^2 + b_1^6.
\end{aligned}$$

In what follows we shall make use of the following notations:

$$\begin{aligned}
b_1 &= p + ix', \\
b_2 &= y + iy', \\
b_3 &= \eta + i\eta', \\
b_4 &= \xi + i\xi', \\
b_5 &= \varphi + i\varphi', \\
b_6 &= \phi + i\phi', \\
b_7 &= \sigma + i\sigma', \\
b_8 &= \tau + i\tau', \\
b_9 &= \rho + i\rho'.
\end{aligned}$$

2. Proof of Theorem.

(i) $A_3 \leq 2$. By Grunsky's inequality

$$\left| b_3 + \frac{1}{2} b_1^2 \right| \leq \frac{1}{2}.$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \Re b_3 &\leq \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \Re(b_1^2) = \frac{1}{2} (1 - p^2) + \frac{1}{2} x'^2 \\ &\leq 1 - p^2 \leq 2(1 - p) \end{aligned}$$

by the area theorem. Thus $\Re\{2b_1 + b_3\} \leq 2$.

(ii) $A_5 \leq (27 + 8\sqrt{3})/12$. We may assume that $\Re b_1 = p \geq 0$ by rotation. By Grunsky's inequality

$$\left| b_5 + b_1 b_3 + b_2^2 + \frac{1}{3} b_1^3 + \frac{2}{3} \alpha b_3 + \frac{\alpha^2}{9} b_1 \right| \leq \frac{1}{3} + \frac{|\alpha|^2}{9}.$$

Hence by taking the real part

$$\Re b_5 \leq \frac{1}{3} (1 - p^3) + \frac{\alpha^2}{9} (1 - p) - \frac{2}{3} \alpha \eta - p \eta + x' \eta' + p x'^2 + y'^2 - y^2.$$

Now we put $\alpha = -3p/2$. Then

$$\Re b_5 \leq \frac{1}{3} (1 - p^3) + \frac{p^2}{4} (1 - p) + p x'^2 + x' \eta' + y'^2.$$

By the area theorem

$$\frac{3 + 2\sqrt{3}}{3} y'^2 \leq \frac{3 + 2\sqrt{3}}{6} (1 - p^2 - x'^2 - 3\eta'^2).$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \Re b_5 &\leq \frac{1}{3} (1 - p^3) + \frac{p^2}{4} (1 - p) + \frac{3 + 2\sqrt{3}}{6} (1 - p^2) \\ &\quad - \left(\frac{3 + 2\sqrt{3}}{6} - p \right) x'^2 + x' \eta' - \frac{3 + 2\sqrt{3}}{2} \eta'^2 - \frac{-1 + 2\sqrt{3}}{3} y'^2 \\ &\leq \frac{27 + 8\sqrt{3}}{12} (1 - p). \end{aligned}$$

Thus $\Re\{kb_1 + b_5\} \leq k$ with $k = (27 + 8\sqrt{3})/12$. Of course equality occurs only for $p=1$, that is, for $g(z) = z + 1/z$.

(iii) $A_7 \leq 5.5$.

LEMMA 1. If $p \leq (nt^2 - 1)/(nt^2 + 1)$, then $\Re\{tb_1 + b_n\} \leq t$.

Proof. By the area theorem $n(\Re b_n)^2 \leq 1 - p^2$. Hence

$$\Re\{tb_1+b_n\}\leq tp+\sqrt{(1-p^2)/n}\leq t.$$

LEMMA 2. $-\eta\leq 3(1-p)$.

Proof. Garabedian and Schiffer's inequality $|3b_1-b_3|\leq 3$ implies the result immediately.

We may consider the case $0.99\leq p\leq 1$, since for $0\leq p\leq 0.99$ we have $\Re\{5.5b_1+b_7\}<5.5$ by Lemma 1. By Grunsky's inequality

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| b_7+b_1b_5+2b_2b_4+\frac{3}{2}b_3^2+b_1^2b_3+2b_1b_2^2+\frac{1}{4}b_1^4 \right. \\ & \quad \left. +\left(b_5+b_1b_3+\frac{1}{2}b_2^2\right)\alpha+\left(\frac{1}{4}b_3+\frac{1}{8}b_1^2\right)\alpha^2 \right| \leq \frac{1}{4}+\frac{1}{8}\alpha^2. \end{aligned}$$

Taking the real part and putting $\alpha=-p$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Re b_7 & \leq \frac{1}{4}(1-p^4)+\frac{1}{8}p^2(1-p^2)-\frac{1}{4}(p^2-4x'^2)\eta \\ & \quad -\frac{3}{2}py^2-2y\xi-\frac{3}{2}\eta^2+\frac{13}{8}p^2x'^2+px'\eta'+\frac{3}{2}\eta'^2+\frac{3}{2}py'^2 \\ & \quad +2y'\xi'+4yx'y'+x'\varphi'. \end{aligned}$$

Since $p\geq 0.99$, $x'^2\leq 1-p^2\leq 0.0199$. Hence $p^2-4x'^2>0$. By Lemma 2

$$-\frac{1}{4}(p^2-4x'^2)\eta\leq\frac{3}{4}(p^2-4x'^2)(1-p)\leq\frac{3}{4}p^2(1-p).$$

By the area theorem

$$\frac{14}{8}p^2x'^2\leq\frac{14}{8}p^2(1-p^2-2y'^2-3\eta'^2-4\xi'^2-5\varphi'^2-2y^2-4\xi^2).$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \Re b_7 & \leq \frac{1}{4}(1-p^4)+\frac{1}{8}(1-p^2)p^2+\frac{3}{4}p^2(1-p)+\frac{14}{8}p^2(1-p^2) \\ & \quad -\left[\left(\frac{3}{2}p+\frac{14}{4}p^2\right)y^2+2y\xi+7p^2\xi^2+\frac{3}{2}\eta^2\right] \\ & \quad -\left[\frac{p^2}{8}x'^2-4yx'y'+\left(\frac{7}{2}p^2-\frac{3}{2}p\right)y'^2-2y'\xi'+7p^2\xi'^2\right. \\ & \quad \left.-px'\eta'+\left(\frac{21}{4}p^2-\frac{3}{2}\right)\eta'^2-x'\varphi'+\frac{35}{4}p^2\varphi'^2\right]. \end{aligned}$$

The quadratic terms in two $[\]$ are positive definite for $0.99\leq p\leq 1$. Hence

$$\Re b_7\leq 5.5(1-p),$$

which gives the desired result.

(iv) $A_9 < 8$. By Grunsky's inequality

$$|5a_{55} + 10a_{35}\alpha + 10a_{15}\gamma + 3a_{33}\alpha^2 + a_{11}\gamma^2| \leq 5 + 3\alpha^2 + \gamma^2.$$

Taking the real part and putting $\alpha = -5p/6$ and $\gamma = -5p^2/8$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Re b_9 \leq & \frac{1}{5}(1-p^5) + \frac{p^2}{12}(1-p^3) + \frac{p^4}{64}(1-p) - \frac{1}{4}(p^3 - 8px'^2)\eta \\ & - \left(\frac{9}{4}p^2 - 3x'^2\right)y^2 - 4y^2\eta - 2p\eta^2 - 2py\xi - 2\xi^2 - 3\eta\phi - 2y\phi \\ & + \frac{9}{4}p^3x'^2 + \left(\frac{5}{4}p^2 - x'^2\right)x'\eta' + 2p\eta'^2 + px'\phi' + 3\eta'\phi' + x'\sigma' \\ & + \left(\frac{9}{4}p^2 - 3x'^2\right)y'^2 + 2py'\xi' + 2\xi'^2 + 2y'\phi' \\ & + x'^2\phi' + 4x'y'\xi + 4yx'\xi' + 6\eta x'\eta' + 8yy'\eta' + 10pyx'y'. \end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 2

$$-\frac{1}{4}(p^3 - 8px'^2)\eta \leq \frac{1}{4}(p^3 - 8px'^2)3(1-p) \leq \frac{3}{4}p^3(1-p).$$

By the area theorem

$$\begin{aligned} 2.9x'^2 \leq & 2.9(1-p^2 - 2y^2 - 3\eta^2 - 4\xi^2 - 5\phi^2 - 6\phi^2 \\ & - 2y'^2 - 3\eta'^2 - 4\xi'^2 - 5\phi'^2 - 6\phi'^2 - 7\sigma'^2). \end{aligned}$$

By the trivial inequalities

$$\begin{aligned} x'^2\phi & \leq 0.5(\phi^2 + x'^4), \\ 4x'y' & \leq 2(0.1\xi^2 + 10x'^2y'^2), \\ 4yx'\xi' & \leq 2(0.1y^2 + 10x'^2\xi'^2), \\ 6\eta x'\eta' & \leq 3(0.1\eta^2 + 10x'^2\eta'^2), \\ 10pyx'y' & \leq 5(0.1y^2 + 10x'^2y'^2) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$8yy'\eta' \leq 4(0.1y^2 + 10y'^2\eta'^2) \leq 0.4y^2 + \frac{40}{3}(1-p^2 - x'^2)y'^2.$$

What we want to prove is $\Re\{(7.8 + 1/64)b_1 + b_9\} \leq 7.8 + 1/64$. Hence by Lemma 1 it is sufficient to prove the result for $p \geq 0.99$. Summing up the above facts, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Re b_9 \leq & \frac{1}{5}(1-p^5) + \frac{p^2}{12}(1-p^3) + \frac{p^4}{64}(1-p) + \frac{3}{4}p^3(1-p) \\ & + 2.9(1-p^2) - X - Y, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
X &= (4.7 + 2.25p^2 - 3x'^2)y^2 + 4y^2\eta + (8.4 + 2p)\eta^2 + 2py\xi + 13.4\xi^2 \\
&\quad + 3\eta\varphi + 14\varphi^2 + 2y\phi + 17.4\phi^2, \\
Y &= (2.9 - 2.25p^3 - 0.5x'^2)x'^2 - (1.25p^2 - x'^2)x'\eta' + (6.7 - 30x'^2)\eta'^2 \\
&\quad - px'\varphi' - 3\eta'\varphi' + 14.5\varphi'^2 - x'\sigma' + 20.3\sigma'^2 \\
&\quad + \left(3.55 - \frac{40}{3}(1-p^2) - \frac{161}{3}x'^2\right)y'^2 - 2py'\xi' + (9.6 - 20x'^2)\xi'^2 \\
&\quad - 2y'\phi' + 17.4\phi'^2.
\end{aligned}$$

By making use of $x'^2 \leq 1 - p^2 \leq 0.0199$ we can easily prove the positive definiteness of X and Y . Then

$$\mathcal{R}b_9 \leq (1-p)\left(7.8 + \frac{1}{64}\right).$$

Thus we have the desired result. Equality occurs only for $p=1$, that is, for $z+1/z$.

(v) $A_{11} < 10$. By Grunsky's inequality

$$|6a_{66} + 12a_{46}\alpha + 12a_{26}\beta + 4a_{44}\alpha^2 + 2a_{22}\beta^2| \leq 6 + 4\alpha^2 + 2\beta^2.$$

Taking the real part and setting $\alpha = -3p/4$ and $\beta = 3p^2/8$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{R}b_{11} &\leq \frac{1}{6}(1-p^6) + \frac{p^2}{16}(1-p^4) + \frac{p^4}{128}(1-p^2) - \left(\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{64}\right)p^4\eta + \frac{13}{4}p^2x'^2\eta + x'^4\eta \\
&\quad - [(3p^3 - 10.5px'^2)y^2 + 2.25p^2y\xi + 2.5p\xi^2 + 4\xi\phi - 6x'^2y\xi + 2py\phi + 2y\tau \\
&\quad + (2.75p^2 - 4.5x'^2)\eta^2 + 3p\eta\varphi + 2.5\varphi^2 + 3\eta\sigma] \\
&\quad + \frac{369}{128}p^4x'^2 + (3p^3 + 13.5x'^2)y'^2 + (2.25p^2 - 6x'^2)y'\xi' + 2.5p\xi'^2 \\
&\quad + (1.5p^3 - 3px'^2)x'\eta' + (2.75p^2 - 4.5x'^2)\eta'^2 + (p^2 - x'^2)x'\varphi' + 3p\eta'\varphi' \\
&\quad + 2.5\varphi'^2 + 2py'\phi' + px'\sigma' + 4\xi'\phi' + 3\eta'\sigma' + 2y'\tau' + x'\rho' + \sigma x'^2 + 4\phi x'y' \\
&\quad + 4yx'\phi' + 6\varphi x'\eta' + 8\xi x'\xi' + 4\varphi y'^2 + 8yy'\varphi' + 12y\eta'\xi' + 12\xi y'\eta' \\
&\quad + 8p\xi x'y' + 8pyx'\xi' + 18pyy'\eta' + 19p^2yx'y' + 12y^2x'\eta' - 12y'^2x'\eta' \\
&\quad + 24\eta yx'y' + 9y^2y'^2 + 1.5y'^4 - 8yx'^3y' - 4\varphi y^2 - 1.5y^4 \\
&\quad + \eta\left(6x'\varphi' + 12y'\xi' + 7\eta'^2 + 14px'\eta' + 9py'^2 - 12y\xi - \frac{7}{3}\eta^2 - 9py^2\right).
\end{aligned}$$

We may consider the case $0.998 \leq p \leq 1$, since our desired result is $A_{11} < 10$.

Firstly we consider the case $\eta \leq 0$. Then

$$\begin{aligned}
& 3.25p^2x'^2\eta - \frac{7}{3}\eta^3 - 9p\eta y^2 - 12y\xi\eta + 6x'\varphi'\eta + 12y'\xi'\eta \\
& + 7\eta'^2\eta + 14px'\eta'\eta + 9py'^2\eta \\
& \leq -\eta \left[5.5p(1-p^2-x'^2-2y'^2-3\eta'^2-4\xi'^2-5\varphi'^2-2y^2-4\xi^2) \right] \\
& + 3.25p^2x'^2\eta + \left(16.5p - \frac{7}{3}\right)\eta^3 - 9py^2\eta - 12y\xi\eta \\
& + 6\eta x'\varphi' + 12\eta y'\xi' + 7\eta\eta'^2 + 14p\eta x'\eta' + 9p\eta y'^2 \\
& = -5.5p(1-p^2)\eta + \eta \left[(11p-9p)y^2 - 12y\xi + 22p\xi^2 + \left(16.5p - \frac{7}{3}\right)\eta^2 \right] \\
& + \eta \left[(3.25p^2 + 5.5p)x'^2 + 6x'\varphi' + 27.5p\varphi'^2 + 14px'\eta' \right. \\
& \quad \left. + (16.5p+7)\eta'^2 + 20py'^2 + 12y'\xi' + 22p\xi'^2 \right] \\
& \leq -5.5p(1-p^2)\eta,
\end{aligned}$$

since two terms in $[\]$ are positive definite for $0.998 \leq p \leq 1$. By Lemma 2

$$-\left\{\frac{17}{64}p^4 + 5.5p(1-p^2)\right\}\eta \leq 3\left\{\frac{17}{64}p^4 + 5.5p(1-p^2)\right\}(1-p).$$

Further

$$\begin{aligned}
& 9y^2y'^2 + 1.5y'^4 - 12y'^2x'\eta' \\
& \leq 4.5(1-p^2-x'^2-2y'^2-3\eta'^2)y'^2 + 1.5y'^4 - 12y'^2x'\eta' \\
& \leq 4.5(1-p^2)y'^2.
\end{aligned}$$

By the area theorem

$$\begin{aligned}
3.8x'^2 & \leq 3.8(1-p^2) - 3.8(2y^2 + 3\eta^2 + 4\xi^2 + 5\varphi^2 + 6\phi^2 + 7\sigma^2 + 8\tau^2) \\
& - 3.8(2y'^2 + 3\eta'^2 + 4\xi'^2 + 5\varphi'^2 + 6\phi'^2 + 7\sigma'^2 + 8\tau'^2 + 9\rho'^2).
\end{aligned}$$

Hence we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{R}b_{11} & \leq \frac{1}{6}(1-p^2) + \frac{p^2}{16}(1-p^4) + \frac{p^4}{128}(1-p^2) + \frac{51}{64}p^4(1-p) \\
& + 16.5p(1-p^2)(1-p) + 3.8(1-p^2) \\
& - [(3p^3 + 7.6 - 10.5px'^2)y^2 + (2.25p^2 - 6x'^2)y\xi + (15.2 + 2.5p)\xi^2 \\
& + (2.25p^2 + 11.4 - 4.5x'^2)\eta^2 + 3p\eta\varphi + 19\varphi^2 + 2py\phi + 22.8\phi^2 \\
& + 4\xi\phi + 3\eta\sigma + 26.6\sigma^2 + 2y\tau + 30.4\tau^2] \\
& - \left[\left(3.8 - \frac{369}{128}p^4\right)x'^2 + (7.6 - 3p^3 - 4.5(1-p^2) - 13.5px'^2)y'^2 \right. \\
& \quad \left. - (2.25p^2 - 6x'^2)y'\xi' + (15.2 - 2.5p)\xi'^2 - (1.5p^3 - 3px'^2)x'\eta' \right. \\
& \quad \left. + (11.4 - 2.75p^2 + 4.5x'^2)\eta'^2 - (p^2 - x'^2)x'\varphi' - 3p\eta'\varphi' + 19\varphi'^2 \right]
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& -29y'\phi'-4\xi'\phi'+22.8\phi'^2-px'\sigma'-3\eta'\sigma'+26.6\sigma'^2-2y'\tau' \\
& +30.4\tau'^2-x'\rho'+34.2\rho'^2 \Big] \\
& +\sigma x'^2+4\phi x'y'+4yx'\phi'+6\phi x'\eta'+8\xi x'\xi'+4\phi y'^2+8yy'\phi' \\
& +12y\eta'\xi'+12\xi y'\eta'+8p\xi x'y'+8pyx'\xi'+18pyy'\eta'+19p^2yx'y' \\
& +12y^2x'\eta'+24\eta yx'y'-8yx'^3y'-4\phi y^2.
\end{aligned}$$

Now we make use of trivial inequalities with positive α_j :

$$\begin{aligned}
\sigma x'^2 & \leq 0.5 \left(\alpha_1 x'^2 \sigma^2 + \frac{1}{\alpha_1} x'^2 \right), \\
4\phi x'y' & \leq 2 \left(\alpha_2 x'^2 \phi^2 + \frac{1}{\alpha_2} y'^2 \right), \\
4yx'\phi' & \leq 2 \left(\alpha_3 x'^2 y^2 + \frac{1}{\alpha_3} \phi'^2 \right), \\
6\phi x'\eta' & \leq 3 \left(\alpha_4 x'^2 \phi^2 + \frac{1}{\alpha_4} \eta'^2 \right), \\
8\xi x'\xi' & \leq 4 \left(\alpha_5 x'^2 \xi^2 + \frac{1}{\alpha_5} \xi'^2 \right), \\
4\phi y'^2 & \leq 2(\alpha_6 y'^2 \phi^2 + \alpha_6^{-1} y'^2), \\
8yy'\phi' & \leq 4(\alpha_7 y'^2 y^2 + \alpha_7^{-1} \phi'^2), \\
12y\eta'\xi' & \leq 6(\alpha_8 \eta'^2 y^2 + \alpha_8^{-1} \xi'^2), \\
12\xi y'\eta' & \leq 6(\alpha_9 y'^2 \xi^2 + \alpha_9^{-1} \eta'^2), \\
8p\xi x'y' & \leq 4p(\alpha_{10} x'^2 \xi^2 + \alpha_{10}^{-1} y'^2), \\
8pyx'\xi' & \leq 4p(\alpha_{11} x'^2 y^2 + \alpha_{11}^{-1} \xi'^2), \\
18pyy'\eta' & \leq 9p(\alpha_{12} y'^2 y^2 + \alpha_{12}^{-1} \eta'^2), \\
19p^2yx'y' & \leq 9.5p^2(\alpha_{13} x'^2 y^2 + \alpha_{13}^{-1} y'^2), \\
12y^2x'\eta' & \leq 6(\alpha_{14} y^4 + \alpha_{14}^{-1} x'^2 \eta'^2), \\
24\eta yx'y' & \leq 12(\alpha_{15} y^2 \eta^2 + \alpha_{15}^{-1} x'^2 y'^2), \\
-8yx'^3y' & \leq 4(\alpha_{16} x'^2 y^2 + \alpha_{16}^{-1} x'^4 y'^2), \\
-4\phi y^2 & \leq 2(\alpha_{17} y^4 + \alpha_{17}^{-1} \phi^2).
\end{aligned}$$

The coefficient of y^2 is

$$3p^3+7.6-10.5px'^2-2\alpha_3x'^2-4\alpha_7y'^2-6\alpha_8\eta'^2-4p\alpha_{11}x'^2 \\ -9p\alpha_{12}y'^2-9.5p^2\alpha_{13}x'^2-6\alpha_{14}y^2-12\alpha_{15}\eta^2-4\alpha_{16}x'^2-2\alpha_{17}y^2,$$

which is greater than

$$3p^3+7.6-9.5\alpha_{13}(1-p^2)-(10.5p+2\alpha_3+4p\alpha_{11}+4\alpha_{16})x'^2 \\ +(19\alpha_{13}-4\alpha_7-9p\alpha_{12})y'^2+(28.5\alpha_{13}-6\alpha_8)\eta'^2+(19\alpha_{13}-6\alpha_{14}-2\alpha_{17})y^2 \\ +(28.5\alpha_{13}-12\alpha_{15})\eta^2.$$

Now we put $\alpha_3=100$, $\alpha_7=150$, $\alpha_{11}=100$, $\alpha_{12}=140$, $\alpha_{13}=100$, $\alpha_{14}=230$, $\alpha_{15}=230$, $\alpha_{16}=100$ and $\alpha_{17}=250$. Then the above expression is greater than

$$3p^3+7.6-950(1-p^2)-(410.5p+600)x'^2 \geq 2.74$$

by $0.998 \leq p \leq 1$ and $x'^2 \leq 1-p^2 < 0.004$. The coefficient of ξ^2 is

$$15.2+2.5p-4\alpha_5x'^2-6\alpha_9y'^2-4\alpha_{10}x'^2 \\ \geq 15.2+2.5p-3\alpha_9(1-p^2)+(3\alpha_9-4\alpha_5-4\alpha_{10})x'^2 \\ \geq 15.2+2.5p-900(1-p^2),$$

if we put $\alpha_5=100$, $\alpha_9=300$ and $\alpha_{10}=100$. The last term is greater than 14.095 by $0.998 \leq p \leq 1$. Similarly the coefficient of φ^2 is

$$19-2\alpha_6y'^2-2\alpha_{17}^{-1}-3\alpha_4x'^2 \\ \geq 19-2/250-1200(1-p^2) \geq 14.196,$$

if we put $\alpha_4=400$, $\alpha_6=1200$ and $\alpha_{17}=250$. The coefficient of η^2 is

$$2.25p^2+11.4-4.5x'^2 \geq 13.623.$$

Now we put $\alpha_1=1000=\alpha_2$ and $\alpha_8=475$. Computations of coefficients of x'^2 , y'^2 and η'^2 are now quite easy. Then we have

$$\mathcal{R}b_{11} \leq (1-p)P(p) - X - Y, \\ (1-p)P(p) = \frac{1}{6}(1-p^6) + \frac{1}{16}p^2(1-p^4) + \frac{1}{128}p^4(1-p^2) \\ + \frac{51}{64}p^4(1-p) + 16.5p(1-p^2)(1-p) + 3.8(1-p^2), \\ X = 2.74y^2 + (2.25p^2 - 6x'^2)y\xi + 14.095\xi^2 + 2py\phi + 4\xi\phi + 22.78\phi^2 \\ + 2y\tau + 30.4\tau^2 + 13.623\eta^2 + 3p\eta\varphi + 14.196\varphi^2 + 3\eta\sigma + 26.6\sigma^2, \\ Y = 0.9166875x'^2 - (1.5p^3 - 3px'^2)x'\eta' + 8.5582\eta'^2 - (p^2 - x'^2)x'\varphi' \\ - 3\eta'\varphi' + 18.97\varphi'^2 - px'\sigma' - 3\eta'\sigma' + 26.6\sigma'^2 - x'\rho' + 34.2\rho'^2$$

$$+4.41645y'^2-(2.25p^2-6x'^2)y'\xi'+12.6\xi'^2-2py'\phi'-4\xi'\phi' \\ +22.78\phi'^2-2y'\tau'+30.4\tau'^2.$$

It is not so difficult to prove that X and Y are positive definite for $0.998 \leq p \leq 1$ and $x'^2 \leq 0.004$. Thus $\mathcal{R}b_{11} \leq (1-p)P(p)$. Now we set $p=1-x$. Then

$$10-P(p) \geq 0.3375-22.5x+40x^2-10x^3-3x^4 > 0$$

for $0 \leq x \leq 0.002$. Hence $\mathcal{R}(b_{11}+10b_1) < 10$.

Next we shall consider the case $\eta \geq 0$. Then by the area theorem

$$\begin{aligned} & \eta \left[\frac{13}{4} p^2 x'^2 + 6x' \varphi' + 12y' \xi' + 7\eta'^2 + 14px' \eta' + 9py'^2 - 12y\xi - \frac{7}{3} \eta^2 - 9py^2 \right] \\ & \leq \eta \left[-\frac{27}{4} p^2 x'^2 + 6x' \varphi' + 12y' \xi' + 7\eta'^2 + 14px' \eta' + 9py'^2 - 12y\xi - \frac{7}{3} \eta^2 - 9py^2 \right] \\ & \quad + 10p^2 \eta [1 - p^2 - 2y'^2 - 3\eta'^2 - 5\xi'^2 - 2y^2 - 3\eta^2 - 4\xi^2] \\ & = 10p^2(1-p^2)\eta - \eta [(20p^2+9p)y^2 + 12y\xi + 40p^2\xi^2 + (30p^2+7/3)\eta^2] \\ & \quad - \eta \left[\frac{27}{4} p^2 x'^2 - 14px' \eta' + (30p^2-7)\eta'^2 - 6x' \varphi' + 50p^2 \varphi'^2 + (20p^2-9p)y'^2 \right. \\ & \quad \left. - 12y' \xi' + 40p^2 \xi'^2 \right] \\ & \leq 10p^2(1-p^2)\eta. \end{aligned}$$

Hence by

$$-\eta [(1/4+1/64)p^4 - 10p^2(1-p^2) - x'^4] \leq 0$$

for $p^2 \geq 0.996$ we can omit these terms. Therefore finally

$$\mathcal{R}b_{11} \leq (1-p)Q(p) - X - Y,$$

where X and Y are the same as in the case $\eta \leq 0$ and

$$(1-p)Q(p) = \frac{1}{6}(1-p^6) + \frac{1}{16}p^2(1-p^4) + \frac{p^4}{128}(1-p^6) + 3.8(1-p^2),$$

which is smaller than $(1-p)P(p)$. Hence we have the desired result.

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