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PROPERTIES OF SOLUTIONS OF A HETEROGENEOUS DIFFERENTIAL EQUATION OF THE SECOND ORDER

Suppose that a power series $A(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^n$ has the radius of convergence $R[A] \in [1, +\infty]$. For a heterogeneous differential equation

$$z^{2}w'' + (\beta_{0}z^{2} + \beta_{1}z)w' + (\gamma_{0}z^{2} + \gamma_{1}z + \gamma_{2})w = A(z)$$

with complex parameters geometrical properties of its solutions (convexity, starlikeness and close-to-convexity) in the unit disk are investigated. Two cases are considered: if $\gamma_2 \neq 0$ and $\gamma_2 = 0$. We also consider cases when parameters of the equation are real numbers. Also we prove that for a solution f of this equation the radius of convergence R[f] equals to R[A] and the recurrent formulas for the coefficients of the power series of f(z) are found. For entire solutions it is proved that the order of a solution f is not less then the order of $A(\varrho[f] \geq \varrho[A])$ and the estimate is sharp. The same inequality holds for generalized orders $(\varrho_{\alpha\beta}[f] \geq \varrho_{\alpha\beta}[A])$. For entire solutions of this equation the belonging to convergence classes is studied. Finally, we consider a linear differential equation of the endless order $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{n!} w^{(n)} = \Phi(z)$, and study a possible growth of its solutions.

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INTRODUCTION

An analytic univalent in $\mathbb{D} = \{z : |z| < 1\}$ function

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} f_n z^n \tag{1}$$

is said to be convex if $f(\mathbb{D})$ is a convex domain. It is well known [4, p.203] that the condition $\operatorname{Re} \{1 + zf''(z)/f'(z)\} > 0 (z \in \mathbb{D})$ is necessary and sufficient for the convexity of f. By W. Kaplan [7] the function f is said to be close-to-convex in \mathbb{D} (see also [4, p. 583]) if there exists a convex in \mathbb{D} function Φ such that $\operatorname{Re}(f'(z)/\Phi'(z)) > 0 (z \in \mathbb{D})$. A close-to-convex function f has a characteristic property that the complement G of the domain $f(\mathbb{D})$ can be filled with rays f which go from f and lie in f. Every close-to-convex in f function f is univalent in f and, therefore, $f'(0) \neq 0$. Hence it follows that the function f is close-to-convex

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in $\mathbb D$ if and only if the function (f(z) - f(0))/f'(0) is close-to-convex in $\mathbb D$. Therefore, f is close-to-convex in $\mathbb D$ if and only if the function

$$g(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} g_n z^n \tag{2}$$

is close-to-convex in \mathbb{D} , where $g_n = f_n/f_1$. We remark that a function defined by (2) is said to be starlike in \mathbb{D} , if $g(\mathbb{D})$ is a starlike domain with respect to the origin and the condition $\text{Re}\left\{zg'(z)/g(z)\right\} > 0 \ (z \in \mathbb{D})$ is necessary and sufficient for the starlikeness of g. It is clear that every starlike function is close-to-convex. We remark also that if the function g is starlike, then the function g is starlike, where g is starlike.

S.M. Shah [9] indicated conditions on real parameters β_0 , β_1 , γ_0 , γ_1 , γ_2 of the differential equation

$$z^2w'' + (\beta_0 z^2 + \beta_1 z)w' + (\gamma_0 z^2 + \gamma_1 z + \gamma_2)w = 0$$

under which there exits a transcendental solution given by (1) such that either all its derivatives or even derivatives or odd derivatives are close-to-convex functions in \mathbb{D} . The investigations of Shah are continued in the papers [12–15].

Here we consider a heterogeneous differential equation

$$z^{2}w'' + (\beta_{0}z^{2} + \beta_{1}z)w' + (\gamma_{0}z^{2} + \gamma_{1}z + \gamma_{2})w = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_{n}z^{n},$$
(3)

where parameters β_0 , β_1 , γ_0 , γ_1 , γ_2 are complex and the power series $A(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^n$ has the radius of convergence $R[A] \in (0, +\infty]$. We will investigate conditions such that equation (3) has convex or close-to-convex solutions, and in the case if a solution is entire function we will study its possible growth and belonging to convergence classes.

1 Preliminary Lemmas

At first we remark that an analytic in some neighborhood of the origin of coordinates function given by (1) is a solution of equation (3) if and only if

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n(n-1)f_n z^n + \beta_0 \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (n-1)f_{n-1} z^n + \gamma_0 \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} f_{n-2} z^n + \beta_1 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n f_n z^n + \gamma_1 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f_{n-1} z^n + \gamma_2 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} f_n z^n \equiv \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^n,$$

i. e.

$$\gamma_2 f_0 = a_0, \quad (\beta_1 + \gamma_2) f_1 + \gamma_1 f_0 = a_1$$
 (4)

and for $n \ge 2$

$$(n(n+\beta_1-1)+\gamma_2)f_n + (\beta_0(n-1)+\gamma_1)f_{n-1} + \gamma_0f_{n-2} = a_n.$$
 (5)

Lemma 1. If a function defined by (1) is a solution of equation (3) and $n(n + \beta_1 - 1) + \gamma_2 \neq 0$ for all $n \geq 2$, then R[f] = R[A].

Proof. Suppose at first that $R[A] < +\infty$. From (5) for $n \ge 2$ we have

$$f_n = -\frac{\beta_0(n-1) + \gamma_1}{n(n+\beta_1-1) + \gamma_2} f_{n-1} - \frac{\gamma_0}{n(n+\beta_1-1) + \gamma_2} f_{n-2} + \frac{a_n}{n(n+\beta_1-1) + \gamma_2}.$$
 (6)

Let $n_0 = n_0(R[A])$ is such that for all $n \ge n_0$

$$R[A] \left| \frac{\beta_0 n + \gamma_1}{(n+1)(n+\beta_1) + \gamma_2} \right| \le \frac{1}{4}, \quad R[A]^2 \left| \frac{\gamma_0}{(n+2)(n+\beta_1+1) + \gamma_2} \right| \le \frac{1}{4}. \tag{7}$$

Then for each r < R[A]

$$\begin{split} &\sum_{n=n_0}^{\infty} |f_n| r^n \leq \sum_{n=n_0}^{\infty} r \left| \frac{\beta_0(n-1) + \gamma_1}{n(n+\beta_1-1) + \gamma_2} \right| |f_{n-1}| r^{n-1} \\ &+ \sum_{n=n_0}^{\infty} r^2 \left| \frac{\gamma_0}{n(n+\beta_1-1) + \gamma_2} \right| |f_{n-2}| r^{n-2} + \sum_{n=n_0}^{\infty} \frac{|a_n| r^n}{|n(n+\beta_1-1) + \gamma_2|} \\ &= r \sum_{n=n_0-1}^{\infty} \left| \frac{\beta_0 n + \gamma_1}{(n+1)(n+\beta_1) + \gamma_2} \right| |f_n| r^n \\ &+ r^2 \sum_{n=n_0-2}^{\infty} \left| \frac{\gamma_0}{(n+2)(n+\beta_1+1) + \gamma_2} \right| |f_n| r^n + \sum_{n=n_0}^{\infty} \frac{|a_n| r^n}{|n(n+\beta_1-1) + \gamma_2|} \\ &= r \sum_{n=n_0}^{\infty} \left| \frac{\beta_0 n + \gamma_1}{(n+1)(n+\beta_1) + \gamma_2} \right| |f_n| r^n + r \left| \frac{\beta_0(n_0-1) + \gamma_1}{n_0(n_0-1+\beta_1) + \gamma_2} \right| |f_{n_0-1}| r^{n_0-1} \\ &+ r^2 \sum_{n=n_0}^{\infty} \left| \frac{\gamma_0}{(n+2)(n+\beta_1+1) + \gamma_2} \right| |f_n| r^n + r^2 \left| \frac{\gamma_0}{n_0(n_0+\beta_1-1) + \gamma_2} \right| |f_{n_0-2}| r^{n_0-2} \\ &+ r^2 \left| \frac{\gamma_0}{(n_0+1)(n_0+\beta_1) + \gamma_2} \right| |f_{n_0-1}| r^{n_0-1} + \sum_{n=n_0}^{\infty} \frac{|a_n| r^n}{|n(n+\beta_1-1) + \gamma_2|} , \end{split}$$

whence

$$\begin{split} &\sum_{n=n_0}^{\infty} \left(1 - r \left| \frac{\beta_0 n + \gamma_1}{(n+1)(n+\beta_1) + \gamma_2} \right| - r^2 \left| \frac{\gamma_0}{(n+2)(n+\beta_1+1) + \gamma_2} \right| \right) |f_n| r^n \\ &\leq \left| \frac{\beta_0 (n_0-1) + \gamma_1}{n_0 (n_0-1+\beta_1) + \gamma_2} \right| |f_{n_0-1}| r^{n_0} + \left| \frac{\gamma_0}{n_0 (n_0+\beta_1-1) + \gamma_2} \right| |f_{n_0-2}| r^{n_0} \\ &+ \left| \frac{\gamma_0}{(n_0+1)(n_0+\beta_1) + \gamma_2} \right| |f_{n_0-1}| r^{n_0+1} + \sum_{n=n_0}^{\infty} \frac{|a_n| r^n}{|n(n+\beta_1-1) + \gamma_2|}. \end{split}$$

In view of (7) hence we obtain

$$\frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=n_0}^{\infty} |f_n| r^n \le \left| \frac{\beta_0(n_0-1) + \gamma_1}{n_0(n_0-1+\beta_1) + \gamma_2} \right| |f_{n_0-1}| R[A]^{n_0} + \left| \frac{\gamma_0}{n_0(n_0+\beta_1-1) + \gamma_2} \right| |f_{n_0-2}| R[A]^{n_0} + \left| \frac{\gamma_0}{(n_0+1)(n_0+\beta_1) + \gamma_2} \right| |f_{n_0-1}| R[A]^{n_0+1} + \sum_{n=n_0}^{\infty} \frac{|a_n| r^n}{|n(n+\beta_1-1) + \gamma_2|} < +\infty,$$

i. e. $R[f] \ge R[A]$. On the other hand, from (5) we get

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} |a_n| r^n \le \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} |(n(n+\beta_1-1)+\gamma_2)| |f_n| r^n + r \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} |\beta_0(n-1)+\gamma_1| |f_{n-1}| r^{n-1} + r^2 \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} |\gamma_0| |f_{n-2}| r^{n-2},$$

and, since the convergence of the series $\sum_{n=n_0}^{\infty} |f_n| r^n$ implies the convergence of each series in right-hand side of the last inequality, we have $R[A] \geq R[f]$. In the case if $R[A] < +\infty$ the equality R[A] = R[f] is proved.

If $R[A] = +\infty$, then the proof of the equality R[A] = R[f] is similar. Now it is enough to choose $n_0 = n_0(R)$ for every $R \in (0, +\infty)$ so that inequality (7) holds with R instead of R[A]. Then instead of the inequality $R[f] \ge R[A]$ we obtain the inequality $R[f] \ge R$, whence in view of the arbitrariness of R we get the equality $R[f] = +\infty$. Lemma 1 is proved.

For the investigation of the convexity and the starlikeness of solutions of differential equation (3) we will use the following lemma ([1,5,6]).

Lemma 2. If $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n|g_n| \le 1$, then function (2) is starlike, and if $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n^2|g_n| \le 1$, then it is convex in \mathbb{D} .

From Lemma 2 the following lemma follows.

Lemma 3. If $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n|f_n| \le |f_1|$, then function (1) is close-to-convex, and if $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n^2|f_n| \le |f_1|$, then it is convex in \mathbb{D} .

From the first equality (4) it is clear that the choice of coefficients f_n of solution (1) of equation (3) depends on the equality of the parameter γ_2 to zero.

2 Close-to-convexity and Convexity in the Case $\gamma_2 \neq 0$

From (4) we get $f_0 = a_0/\gamma_2$ and $(\beta_1 + \gamma_2)f_1 = a_1 - \gamma_1 f_0$. Since we find univalent solutions, f_1 must be not equal to zero. In view of (4) two cases are possible:

2a)
$$a_1 - \gamma_1 f_0 \neq 0$$
 and $\beta_1 + \gamma_2 \neq 0$;

2b)
$$a_1 - \gamma_1 f_0 = \beta_1 + \gamma_2 = 0$$
.

By the conditions 2a) from (4) we get $f_1 = \frac{a_1 - \gamma_1 f_0}{\beta_1 + \gamma_2} = \frac{\gamma_2 a_1 - \gamma_1 a_0}{\gamma_2 (\beta_1 + \gamma_2)}$, and thus the solution is of the form

$$f(z) = \frac{a_0}{\gamma_2} + \frac{\gamma_2 a_1 - \gamma_1 a_0}{\gamma_2 (\beta_1 + \gamma_2)} z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} f_n z^n,$$
 (8)

where the coefficients f_n are defined by the recurrent formula (5). Supposing that $n(n + \beta_1 - 1) + \gamma_2 \neq 0$ for all $n \geq 2$, this formula can be rewritten in the form (6).

Suppose that $|\beta_1| < 1$ and $|\gamma_2|/2 < (1 - |\beta_1|)$. Then $|n(n + \beta_1 - 1) + \gamma_2| \ge n(n - 1 - |\beta_1|) - |\gamma_2|$ and, since the function $x^2 - (1 + |\beta_1|)x - |\gamma_2|$ is increasing on $[2, +\infty)$, we have $n(n - 1 - |\beta_1|) - |\gamma_2| \ge 2(1 - |\beta_1|) - |\gamma_2| > 0$ for all $n \ge 2$. Therefore, (6) implies

$$|f_{n}| \leq \frac{|\beta_{0}|(n-1) + |\gamma_{1}|}{n(n-1-|\beta_{1}|) - |\gamma_{2}|} |f_{n-1}| + \frac{|\gamma_{0}|}{n(n-1-|\beta_{1}|) - |\gamma_{2}|} |f_{n-2}| + \frac{|a_{n}|}{n(n-1-|\beta_{1}|) - |\gamma_{2}|}.$$
(9)

Hence it follows that

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n|f_{n}| \leq \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n}{n-1} \frac{|\beta_{0}|(n-1)+|\gamma_{1}|}{n(n-1-|\beta_{1}|)-|\gamma_{2}|} (n-1)|f_{n-1}|
+ \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n}{n-2} \frac{|\gamma_{0}|}{n(n-1-|\beta_{1}|)-|\gamma_{2}|} (n-2)|f_{n-2}| + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n|a_{n}|}{n(n-1-|\beta_{1}|)-|\gamma_{2}|}
= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n+1}{n} \frac{|\beta_{0}|n+|\gamma_{1}|}{(n+1)(n-|\beta_{1}|)-|\gamma_{2}|} n|f_{n}| + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{n+2}{n} \frac{|\gamma_{0}|}{(n+2)(n+1-|\beta_{1}|)-|\gamma_{2}|} n|f_{n}|
+ \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n|a_{n}|}{n(n-1-|\beta_{1}|)-|\gamma_{2}|} = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n+1}{n} \frac{|\beta_{0}|n+|\gamma_{1}|}{(n+1)(n-|\beta_{1}|)-|\gamma_{2}|} n|f_{n}|
+ 2 \frac{|\beta_{0}|+|\gamma_{1}|}{2(1-|\beta_{1}|)-|\gamma_{2}|} |f_{1}| + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n+2}{n} \frac{|\gamma_{0}|}{(n+2)(n+1-|\beta_{1}|)-|\gamma_{2}|} n|f_{n}|
+ \frac{2|\gamma_{0}|}{2(1-|\beta_{1}|)-|\gamma_{2}|} |f_{0}| + \frac{3|\gamma_{0}|}{3(2-|\beta_{1}|)-|\gamma_{2}|} |f_{1}| + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n|a_{n}|}{n(n-1-|\beta_{1}|)-|\gamma_{2}|}.$$
(10)

Since for n > 2

$$\frac{n+1}{n} \frac{|\beta_0|n+|\gamma_1|}{(n+1)(n-|\beta_1|)-|\gamma_2|} = \frac{|\beta_0|+|\gamma_1|/n}{(n-|\beta_1|)-|\gamma_2|/(n+1)} \le \frac{|\beta_0|+|\gamma_1|/2}{(2-|\beta_1|)-|\gamma_2|/3}$$

and

$$\frac{n+2}{n} \frac{|\gamma_0|}{(n+2)(n+1-|\beta_1|)-|\gamma_2|} = \frac{|\gamma_0|/n}{(n+1-|\beta_1|)-|\gamma_2|/(n+2)} \le \frac{|\gamma_0|/2}{(3-|\beta_1|)-|\gamma_2|/4},$$

from (10) it follows that

$$\begin{split} &\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n|f_n| \leq \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{|\beta_0| + |\gamma_1|/2}{(2 - |\beta_1|) - |\gamma_2|/3} n|f_n| + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{|\gamma_0|/2}{(3 - |\beta_1|) - |\gamma_2|/4} n|f_n| + \frac{2(|\beta_0| + |\gamma_1|)|f_1|}{2(1 - |\beta_1|) - |\gamma_2|} \\ &+ \frac{2|\gamma_0|}{2(1 - |\beta_1|) - |\gamma_2|} |f_0| + \frac{3|\gamma_0|}{3(2 - |\beta_1|) - |\gamma_2|} |f_1| + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n|a_n|}{n(n-1 - |\beta_1|) - |\gamma_2|} \end{split}$$

and by the condition

$$\frac{|\beta_0| + |\gamma_1|/2}{(2 - |\beta_1|) - |\gamma_2|/3} + \frac{|\gamma_0|/2}{(3 - |\beta_1|) - |\gamma_2|/4} < 1 \tag{11}$$

we obtain

$$\left(1 - \frac{|\beta_0| + |\gamma_1|/2}{(2 - |\beta_1|) - |\gamma_2|/3} - \frac{|\gamma_0|/2}{(3 - |\beta_1|) - |\gamma_2|/4}\right) \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n|f_n| \le 2 \frac{|\beta_0| + |\gamma_1|}{2(1 - |\beta_1|) - |\gamma_2|} |f_1| + \frac{2|\gamma_0|}{2(1 - |\beta_1|) - |\gamma_2|} |f_0| + \frac{3|\gamma_0|}{3(2 - |\beta_1|) - |\gamma_2|} |f_1| + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n|a_n|}{n(n-1 - |\beta_1|) - |\gamma_2|},$$

whence

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n|f_n| \le \left(\left(\frac{2(|\beta_0| + |\gamma_1|)}{2(1 - |\beta_1|) - |\gamma_2|} + \frac{3|\gamma_0|}{3(2 - |\beta_1|) - |\gamma_2|} \right) |f_1| + \frac{2|\gamma_0|}{2(1 - |\beta_1|) - |\gamma_2|} |f_0| + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n|a_n|}{n(n-1-|\beta_1|) - |\gamma_2|} \right) \left(1 - \frac{|\beta_0| + |\gamma_1|/2}{(2 - |\beta_1|) - |\gamma_2|/3} - \frac{|\gamma_0|/2}{(3 - |\beta_1|) - |\gamma_2|/4} \right)^{-1}.$$
(12)

By Lemma 3 solution (1) of equation (3) is close-to-convex if the right-hand side of (12) is less than $|f_1|$, i. e.

$$\left(\frac{2(|\beta_{0}|+|\gamma_{1}|)}{2(1-|\beta_{1}|)-|\gamma_{2}|} + \frac{3|\gamma_{0}|}{3(2-|\beta_{1}|)-|\gamma_{2}|}\right)|f_{1}| + \frac{2|\gamma_{0}|}{2(1-|\beta_{1}|)-|\gamma_{2}|}|f_{0}|
+ \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n|a_{n}|}{n(n-1-|\beta_{1}|)-|\gamma_{2}|} \le \left(1 - \frac{|\beta_{0}|+|\gamma_{1}|/2}{(2-|\beta_{1}|)-|\gamma_{2}|/3} - \frac{|\gamma_{0}|/2}{(3-|\beta_{1}|)-|\gamma_{2}|/4}\right)|f_{1}|.$$
(13)

Thus, the following proposition is proved.

Proposition 1. Let $\gamma_2 \neq 0$, $a_1\gamma_2 - a_0\gamma_1 \neq 0$, $\beta_1 + \gamma_2 \neq 0$, $|\beta_1| < 1$, $|\gamma_2|/2 < (1 - |\beta_1|)$ and $R[A] \geq 1$. If

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n|a_{n}|}{n(n-1-|\beta_{1}|)-|\gamma_{2}|} \leq \left(1 - \frac{|\beta_{0}| + |\gamma_{1}|/2}{(2-|\beta_{1}|)-|\gamma_{2}|/3} - \frac{|\gamma_{0}|/2}{(3-|\beta_{1}|)-|\gamma_{2}|/4} - \frac{2(|\beta_{0}| + |\gamma_{1}|)}{2(1-|\beta_{1}|)-|\gamma_{2}|} - \frac{3|\gamma_{0}|}{3(2-|\beta_{1}|)-|\gamma_{2}|}\right) \frac{|\gamma_{2}a_{1}-\gamma_{1}a_{0}|}{|\gamma_{2}(\beta_{1}+\gamma_{2})|} - \frac{2|\gamma_{0}|}{2(1-|\beta_{1}|)-|\gamma_{2}|} \frac{|a_{0}|}{|\gamma_{2}|},$$
(14)

then there exists a solution given by (8) of differential equation (3) with R[f] = R[A], which is close-to-convex in \mathbb{D} . If moreover $a_0 = 0$ it is starlike.

Indeed, the condition (14) is equivalent to condition (13), and (13) implies (11). We will pass to the convexity. From (9) we get

$$\begin{split} &\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n^{2} |f_{n}| \leq \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n^{2}}{(n-1)^{2}} \frac{|\beta_{0}|(n-1) + |\gamma_{1}|}{n(n-1-|\beta_{1}|) - |\gamma_{2}|} (n-1)^{2} |f_{n-1}| \\ &+ \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n^{2}}{(n-2)^{2}} \frac{|\gamma_{0}|}{n(n-1-|\beta_{1}|) - |\gamma_{2}|} (n-2)^{2} |f_{n-2}| + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n^{2} |a_{n}|}{n(n-1-|\beta_{1}|) - |\gamma_{2}|} \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(n+1)^{2}}{n^{2}} \frac{|\beta_{0}|n + |\gamma_{1}|}{(n+1)(n-|\beta_{1}|) - |\gamma_{2}|} n^{2} |f_{n}| \\ &+ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(n+2)^{2}}{n^{2}} \frac{|\gamma_{0}|}{(n+2)(n+1-|\beta_{1}|) - |\gamma_{2}|} n^{2} |f_{n}| + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n^{2} |a_{n}|}{n(n-1-|\beta_{1}|) - |\gamma_{2}|} \\ &= \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{(n+1)^{2}}{n^{2}} \frac{|\beta_{0}|n + |\gamma_{1}|}{(n+1)(n-|\beta_{1}|) - |\gamma_{2}|} n^{2} |f_{n}| + 4 \frac{|\beta_{0}| + |\gamma_{1}|}{2(1-|\beta_{1}|) - |\gamma_{2}|} |f_{1}| \\ &+ \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{(n+2)^{2}}{n^{2}} \frac{|\gamma_{0}|}{(n+2)(n+1-|\beta_{1}|) - |\gamma_{2}|} n^{2} |f_{n}| + \frac{4|\gamma_{0}|}{2(1-|\beta_{1}|) - |\gamma_{2}|} |f_{0}| \\ &+ \frac{9|\gamma_{0}|}{3(2-|\beta_{1}|) - |\gamma_{2}|} |f_{1}| + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n^{2} |a_{n}|}{n(n-1-|\beta_{1}|) - |\gamma_{2}|}. \end{split}$$

Since now for $n \ge 2$

$$\frac{(n+1)^2}{n^2} \frac{|\beta_0|n+|\gamma_1|}{(n+1)(n-|\beta_1|)-|\gamma_2|} \le \frac{3}{2} \frac{|\beta_0|+|\gamma_1|/2}{(2-|\beta_1|)-|\gamma_2|/3}$$

and

$$\frac{(n+2)^2}{n^2} \frac{|\gamma_0|}{(n+2)(n+1-|\beta_1|)-|\gamma_2|} \le 2 \frac{|\gamma_0|/2}{(3-|\beta_1|)-|\gamma_2|/4}$$

by the condition

$$\frac{3}{2} \frac{|\beta_0| + |\gamma_1|/2}{(2 - |\beta_1|) - |\gamma_2|/3} + \frac{|\gamma_0|}{(3 - |\beta_1|) - |\gamma_2|/4} < 1,$$

as above we obtain

$$\left(1 - \frac{3}{2} \frac{|\beta_0| + |\gamma_1|/2}{(2 - |\beta_1|) - |\gamma_2|/3} - \frac{|\gamma_0|}{(3 - |\beta_1|) - |\gamma_2|/4}\right) \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n^2 |f_n| \le \frac{4(|\beta_0| + |\gamma_1|)}{2(1 - |\beta_1|) - |\gamma_2|} |f_1| \\
+ \frac{4|\gamma_0|}{2(1 - |\beta_1|) - |\gamma_2|} |f_0| + \frac{9|\gamma_0|}{3(2 - |\beta_1|) - |\gamma_2|} |f_1| + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n^2 |a_n|}{n(n-1 - |\beta_1|) - |\gamma_2|},$$

i. e.

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n^{2} |f_{n}| \leq \left(\frac{4(|\beta_{0}| + |\gamma_{1}|)}{2(1 - |\beta_{1}|) - |\gamma_{2}|} |f_{1}| + \frac{4|\gamma_{0}|}{2(1 - |\beta_{1}|) - |\gamma_{2}|} |f_{0}| + \frac{9|\gamma_{0}|}{3(2 - |\beta_{1}|) - |\gamma_{2}|} |f_{1}| \right) \\
+ \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n^{2} |a_{n}|}{n(n-1-|\beta_{1}|) - |\gamma_{2}|} \left(1 - \frac{3}{2} \frac{|\beta_{0}| + |\gamma_{1}|/2}{(2 - |\beta_{1}|) - |\gamma_{2}|/3} - \frac{|\gamma_{0}|}{(3 - |\beta_{1}|) - |\gamma_{2}|/4} \right)^{-1}, \tag{15}$$

By Lemma 3 a solution given by (1) of equation (3) is convex if the right-hand side of (15) is less than $|f_1|$, i. e.

$$\begin{split} &\frac{4(|\beta_0|+|\gamma_1|)}{2(1-|\beta_1|)-|\gamma_2|}|f_1|+\frac{4|\gamma_0|}{2(1-|\beta_1|)-|\gamma_2|}|f_0|+\frac{9|\gamma_0|}{3(2-|\beta_1|)-|\gamma_2|}|f_1|\\ &+\sum_{n=2}^{\infty}\frac{n^2|a_n|}{n(n-1-|\beta_1|)-|\gamma_2|}\leq \left(1-\frac{3}{2}\frac{|\beta_0|+|\gamma_1|/2}{(2-|\beta_1|)-|\gamma_2|/3}-\frac{|\gamma_0|}{(3-|\beta_1|)-|\gamma_2|/4}\right)|f_1|. \end{split}$$

Thus, the following proposition is proved.

Proposition 2. Let $\gamma_2 \neq 0$, $a_1\gamma_2 - a_0\gamma_1 \neq 0$, $\beta_1 + \gamma_2 \neq 0$, $|\beta_1| < 1$, $|\gamma_2|/2 < (1 - |\beta_1|)$ and $R[A] \geq 1$. If

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n^{2}|a_{n}|}{n(n-1-|\beta_{1}|)-|\gamma_{2}|} \leq \left(1 - \frac{3}{2} \frac{|\beta_{0}| + |\gamma_{1}|/2}{(2-|\beta_{1}|)-|\gamma_{2}|/3} - \frac{|\gamma_{0}|}{(3-|\beta_{1}|)-|\gamma_{2}|/4} - \frac{4(|\beta_{0}| + |\gamma_{1}|)}{2(1-|\beta_{1}|)-|\gamma_{2}|} - \frac{9|\gamma_{0}|}{3(2-|\beta_{1}|)-|\gamma_{2}|}\right) \frac{|\gamma_{2}a_{1}-\gamma_{1}a_{0}|}{|\gamma_{2}(\beta_{1}+\gamma_{2})|} - \frac{4|\gamma_{0}|}{2(1-|\beta_{1}|)-|\gamma_{2}|} \frac{|a_{0}|}{|\gamma_{2}|},$$
(16)

then there exists a solution defined by (8) of differential equation (3) with R[f] = R[A], which is convex in \mathbb{D} .

Uniting Propositions 1 and 2 we get such theorem.

Theorem 1. Let $\gamma_2 \neq 0$, $a_1\gamma_2 - a_0\gamma_1 \neq 0$, $\beta_1 + \gamma_2 \neq 0$, $|\beta_1| < 1$, $|\gamma_2|/2 < (1 - |\beta_1|)$ and $R[A] \geq 1$. Then there exists a solution given by (8) of differential equation (3) with R[f] = R[A], which by the condition (14) is close-to-convex and by the condition (16) is convex in \mathbb{D} . If $a_0 = 0$ and (14) holds then (8) is starlike.

The conditions $|\beta_1| < 1$ and $|\gamma_2|/2 < (1-|\beta_1|)$ in Theorem 1 can be weakened if β_1 and γ_2 are real numbers. We will consider a simple case, when $\gamma_2 > 0$, $\beta_1 > -1$ and $\gamma_2 + \beta_1 > 0$.

Suppose also that $\gamma_2 a_1 - \gamma_1 a_0 \neq 0$. Then from recurrent formula (6) we have

$$\begin{split} &\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n|f_n| \leq \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n}{n-1} \frac{|\beta_0|(n-1)+|\gamma_1|}{n(n+\beta_1-1)+\gamma_2} (n-1)|f_{n-1}| \\ &+ \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n}{n-2} \frac{|\gamma_0|}{n(n+\beta_1-1)+\gamma_2} (n-2)|f_{n-2}| + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n|a_n|}{n(n+\beta_1-1)+\gamma_2} \\ &\leq \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{|\beta_0|+|\gamma_1|/(n-1)}{(n+\beta_1-1)+\gamma_2/n} (n-1)|f_{n-1}| + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{|\gamma_0|/(n-2)}{(n+\beta_1-1)+\gamma_2/n} (n-2)|f_{n-2}| \\ &+ \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n|a_n|}{n(n+\beta_1-1)+\gamma_2} \leq \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{|\beta_0|+|\gamma_1|/(n-1)}{(n+\beta_1-1)} (n-1)|f_{n-1}| \\ &+ \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{|\gamma_0|/(n-2)}{(n+\beta_1-1)} (n-2)|f_{n-2}| + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n|a_n|}{n(n+\beta_1-1)+\gamma_2} \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{|\beta_0|+|\gamma_1|/n}{n+\beta_1} n|f_n| + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{|\gamma_0|/n}{(n+\beta_1+1)} n|f_n| + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n|a_n|}{n(n+\beta_1-1)+\gamma_2} \\ &\leq \frac{|\beta_0|+|\gamma_1|}{1+\beta_1} |f_1| + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{|\beta_0|+|\gamma_1|/2}{2+\beta_1} n|f_n| + \frac{|\gamma_0|}{\beta_1+1} |f_0| + \frac{|\gamma_0|}{2+\beta_1} |f_1| \\ &+ \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{|\gamma_0|/2}{3+\beta_1} n|f_n| + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n|a_n|}{n(n+\beta_1-1)+\gamma_2} \end{split}$$

whence by the condition

$$\frac{|\beta_0| + |\gamma_1|/2}{2 + \beta_1} + \frac{|\gamma_0|/2}{3 + \beta_1} < 1$$

we obtain

$$\left(1 - \frac{|\beta_0| + |\gamma_1|/2}{2 + \beta_1} - \frac{|\gamma_0|/2}{3 + \beta_1}\right) \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n|f_n| \le \frac{|\beta_0| + |\gamma_1|}{1 + \beta_1}|f_1|
+ \frac{|\gamma_0|}{\beta_1 + 1}|f_0| + \frac{|\gamma_0|}{2 + \beta_1}|f_1| + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n|a_n|}{n(n + \beta_1 - 1) + \gamma_2}.$$
(17)

Similarly we get

$$\begin{split} &\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n^2 |f_n| \leq \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n}{n-1} \frac{|\beta_0| + |\gamma_1|/(n-1)}{n+\beta_1-1} (n-1)^2 |f_{n-1}| \\ &+ \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n |\gamma_0|/(n-2)^2}{(n+\beta_1-1)} (n-2)^2 |f_{n-2}| + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n^2 |a_n|}{n(n+\beta_1-1)+\gamma_2} \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n+1}{n} \frac{|\beta_0| + |\gamma_1|/n}{n+\beta_1} n^2 |f_n| + \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(n+2)|\gamma_0|/n^2}{(n+\beta_1+1)} n^2 |f_n| + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n^2 |a_n|}{n(n+\beta_1-1)+\gamma_2} \\ &\leq 2 \frac{|\beta_0| + |\gamma_1|}{1+\beta_1} |f_1| + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{3}{2} \frac{|\beta_0| + |\gamma_1|/2}{2+\beta_1} n^2 |f_n| + \frac{2|\gamma_0|}{\beta_1+1} |f_0| + \frac{3|\gamma_0|}{2+\beta_1} |f_1| \\ &+ \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{|\gamma_0|}{3+\beta_1} n^2 |f_n| + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n^2 |a_n|}{n(n+\beta_1-1)+\gamma_2} \end{split}$$

whence by the condition

$$\frac{3}{2} \frac{|\beta_0| + |\gamma_1|/2}{2 + \beta_1} + \frac{|\gamma_0|}{3 + \beta_1} < 1$$

we get

$$\left(1 - \frac{3}{2} \frac{|\beta_0| + |\gamma_1|/2}{2 + \beta_1} - \frac{|\gamma_0|}{3 + \beta_1}\right) \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n^2 |f_n| \le 2 \frac{|\beta_0| + |\gamma_1|}{1 + \beta_1} |f_1|
+ \frac{2|\gamma_0|}{\beta_1 + 1} |f_0| + \frac{3|\gamma_0|}{2 + \beta_1} |f_1| + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n^2 |a_n|}{n(n + \beta_1 - 1) + \gamma_2}.$$
(18)

From (17) and (18) we obtain the following proposition.

Proposition 3. Let $\gamma_2 > 0$, $\beta_1 > -1$, $\gamma_2 + \beta_1 > 0$, $\gamma_2 a_1 - \gamma_1 a_0 \neq 0$ and $R[A] \geq 1$. Then there exists a solution (8) of differential equation (3) with R[f] = R[A], which by the condition

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n|a_n|}{n(n+\beta_1-1)+\gamma_2} \le \left(1 - \frac{|\beta_0| + |\gamma_1|/2}{2+\beta_1} - \frac{|\gamma_0|/2}{3+\beta_1} - \frac{|\beta_0| + |\gamma_1|}{1+\beta_1} - \frac{|\gamma_0|}{2+\beta_1}\right) \frac{|\gamma_2 a_1 - \gamma_1 a_0|}{\gamma_2(\beta_1 + \gamma_2)} - \frac{|\gamma_0|}{\beta_1 + 1} \frac{|a_0|}{|\gamma_2|}$$

is close-to-convex (starlike if $a_0 = 0$) and by the condition

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n^2 |a_n|}{n(n+\beta_1-1)+\gamma_2} \le \left(1 - \frac{3}{2} \frac{|\beta_0| + |\gamma_1|/2}{2+\beta_1} - \frac{|\gamma_0|}{3+\beta_1} - 2 \frac{|\beta_0| + |\gamma_1|}{1+\beta_1} - \frac{3|\gamma_0|}{2+\beta_1}\right) \frac{|\gamma_2 a_1 - \gamma_1 a_0|}{\gamma_2(\beta_1 + \gamma_2)} - \frac{2|\gamma_0|}{1+\beta_1} \frac{|a_0|}{|\gamma_2|}$$

is a convex function in \mathbb{D} .

Now we suppose that the condition 2b) holds, that is, $\gamma_2 \neq 0$ and $a_1 - \gamma_1 f_0 = \beta_1 + \gamma_2 = 0$. Then $f_0 = a_0/\gamma_2$ and f_1 can be arbitrary number, in particular we can choose $f_1 = 1$. Thus, the solution will have a form

$$f(z) = \frac{a_0}{\gamma_2} + z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} f_n z^n,$$
(19)

where the coefficients f_n are defined by the recurrent formula

$$(n-1)(n+\beta_1)f_n + (\beta_0(n-1)+\gamma_1)f_{n-1} + \gamma_0f_{n-2} = a_n.$$

Supposing that $n + \beta_1 \neq 0$ for all $n \geq 2$, this formula can be rewritten in the form

$$f_n = -\frac{\beta_0(n-1) + \gamma_1}{(n-1)(n+\beta_1)} f_{n-1} - \frac{\gamma_0}{(n-1)(n+\beta_1)} f_{n-2} + \frac{a_n}{(n-1)(n+\beta_1)},$$

whence by the condition $|\beta_1|$ < 2 we have

$$\begin{split} &\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n|f_n| \leq \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n}{n-1} \frac{(n-1)|\beta_0| + |\gamma_1|}{(n-1)(n-|\beta_1|)} (n-1)|f_{n-1}| \\ &+ \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n}{n-2} \frac{|\gamma_0|}{(n-1)(n-|\beta_1|)} (n-2)|f_{n-2}| + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n|a_n|}{(n-1)(n-|\beta_1|)} \\ &= 2 \frac{|\beta_0| + |\gamma_1|}{2 - |\beta_1|} + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n+1}{n} \frac{|\beta_0| + |\gamma_1|/n}{n+1 - |\beta_1|} n|f_n| + \frac{2|\gamma_0|}{2 - |\beta_1|} |f_0| + \frac{3|\gamma_0|}{2(3-|\beta_1|)} \\ &+ \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n+2}{n} \frac{|\gamma_0|}{(n+1)(n+2-|\beta_1|)} n|f_n| + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n|a_n|}{(n-1)(n-|\beta_1|)} \\ &\leq \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{3}{2} \frac{|\beta_0| + |\gamma_1|/2}{3 - |\beta_1|} n|f_n| + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{2|\gamma_0|}{3(4-|\beta_1|)} n|f_n| + 2 \frac{|\beta_0| + |\gamma_1|}{2 - |\beta_1|} \\ &+ \frac{2|\gamma_0|}{2 - |\beta_1|} |f_0| + \frac{3|\gamma_0|}{2(3-|\beta_1|)} + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n|a_n|}{(n-1)(n-|\beta_1|)}, \end{split}$$

i. e. by the condition

$$\frac{3(2|\beta_0|+|\gamma_1|)}{4(3-|\beta_1|)} + \frac{2|\gamma_0|}{3(4-|\beta_1|)} < 1$$

we get

$$\left(1 - \frac{3(2|\beta_0| + |\gamma_1|)}{4(3 - |\beta_1|)} - \frac{2|\gamma_0|}{3(4 - |\beta_1|)}\right) \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n|f_n|
\leq 2 \frac{|\beta_0| + |\gamma_1|}{2 - |\beta_1|} + \frac{2|\gamma_0|}{2 - |\beta_1|} |f_0| + \frac{3|\gamma_0|}{2(3 - |\beta_1|)} + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n|a_n|}{(n-1)(n - |\beta_1|)},$$
(20)

Similarly,

$$\begin{split} &\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n^2 |f_n| \leq \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n^2}{(n-1)^2} \frac{(n-1)|\beta_0| + |\gamma_1|}{(n-1)(n-|\beta_1|)} (n-1)^2 |f_{n-1}| \\ &+ \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n^2}{(n-2)^2} \frac{|\gamma_0|}{(n-1)(n-|\beta_1|)} (n-2)^2 |f_{n-2}| + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n^2 |a_n|}{(n-1)(n-|\beta_1|)} \\ &= 4 \frac{|\beta_0| + |\gamma_1|}{2 - |\beta_1|} + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{(n+1)^2}{n^2} \frac{|\beta_0| + |\gamma_1|/n}{n+1 - |\beta_1|} n^2 |f_n| + \frac{4|\gamma_0|}{2 - |\beta_1|} |f_0| + \frac{9|\gamma_0|}{2(3 - |\beta_1|)} \\ &+ \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{(n+2)^2}{n^2} \frac{|\gamma_0|}{(n+1)(n+2 - |\beta_1|)} n^2 |f_n| + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n^2 |a_n|}{(n-1)(n-|\beta_1|)} \\ &\leq \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{9}{4} \frac{|\beta_0| + |\gamma_1|/2}{3 - |\beta_1|} n^2 |f_n| + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{16}{4} \frac{|\gamma_0|}{3(4 - |\beta_1|)} n^2 |f_n| \\ &+ 4 \frac{|\beta_0| + |\gamma_1|}{2 - |\beta_1|} + \frac{4|\gamma_0|}{2 - |\beta_1|} |f_0| + \frac{9|\gamma_0|}{2(3 - |\beta_1|)} + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n^2 |a_n|}{(n-1)(n-|\beta_1|)}, \end{split}$$

i. e. by the condition

$$\frac{9(2|\beta_0|+|\gamma_1|)}{8(3-|\beta_1|)} + \frac{4|\gamma_0|}{3(4-|\beta_1|)} < 1$$

we get

$$\left(1 - \frac{9(2|\beta_{0}| + |\gamma_{1}|)}{8(3 - |\beta_{1}|)} - \frac{4|\gamma_{0}|}{3(4 - |\beta_{1}|)}\right) \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n^{2}|f_{n}|$$

$$\leq 4 \frac{|\beta_{0}| + |\gamma_{1}|}{2 - |\beta_{1}|} + \frac{9|\gamma_{0}|}{2(3 - |\beta_{1}|)} + \frac{4|\gamma_{0}|}{2 - |\beta_{1}|} \frac{|a_{0}|}{|\gamma_{2}|} + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n^{2}|a_{n}|}{(n-1)(n-|\beta_{1}|)}.$$
(21)

In view of Lemma 3 from (20) and (21), as in the proof of Proposition 1, we obtain the following theorem.

Theorem 2. Let $\gamma_2 \neq 0$, $a_1\gamma_2 - a_0\gamma_1 = \beta_1 + \gamma_2 = 0$, $|\beta_1| < 2$ and $R[A] \geq 1$. Then there exists a solution given by (19) of differential equation (3) with R[f] = R[A], which by the condition

$$\begin{split} \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n|a_n|}{(n-1)(n-|\beta_1|)} &\leq 1 - \frac{3(2|\beta_0|+|\gamma_1|)}{4(3-|\beta_1|)} - \frac{2|\gamma_0|}{3(4-|\beta_1|)} \\ &- 2\frac{|\beta_0|+|\gamma_1|}{2-|\beta_1|} - \frac{3|\gamma_0|}{2(3-|\beta_1|)} - \frac{2|\gamma_0|}{2-|\beta_1|} \frac{|a_0|}{|\gamma_2|} \end{split}$$

is close-to-convex (if $a_0 = 0$ then starlike) and by the condition

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n^2 |a_n|}{(n-1)(n-|\beta_1|)} \le 1 - \frac{9(2|\beta_0|+|\gamma_1|)}{8(3-|\beta_1|)} - \frac{4|\gamma_0|}{3(4-|\beta_1|)} - \frac{4|\gamma_0|}{2-|\beta_1|} - \frac{9|\gamma_0|}{2(3-|\beta_1|)} - \frac{4|\gamma_0|}{2-|\beta_1|} \frac{|a_0|}{|\gamma_2|}$$

is a convex function in \mathbb{D} .

In the case of real parameters γ_2 and β_1 as above it is easy to obtain following statement.

Proposition 4. Let $\gamma_2 > 0$, $a_1\gamma_2 - a_0\gamma_1 = \beta_1 + \gamma_2 = 0$, $\beta_1 > -2$ and $R[A] \ge 1$. Then there exists a solution given by (19) of differential equation (3) with R[f] = R[A], which by the condition

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n|a_n|}{(n-1)(n+\beta_1)} \le 1 - \frac{3}{4} \frac{2|\beta_0| + |\gamma_1|}{4(3+\beta_1)} - \frac{2|\gamma_0|}{3(4+\beta_1)} - 2\frac{|\beta_0| + |\gamma_1|}{2+\beta_1} - \frac{3|\gamma_0|}{2(3+\beta_1)} - \frac{2|\gamma_0||a_0|}{(2+\beta_1)\gamma_2}$$

is close-to-convex (starlike if $a_0 = 0$) and by the condition

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n^2 |a_n|}{(n-1)(n+\beta_1)} \le 1 - \frac{9}{8} \frac{2|\beta_0| + |\gamma_1|}{3+\beta_1} - \frac{(4/3)|\gamma_0|}{4+\beta_1} - 4\frac{|\beta_0| + |\gamma_1|}{2+\beta_1} - \frac{(9/2)|\gamma_0|}{3+\beta_1} - \frac{4|\gamma_0||a_0|}{(2+\beta_1)\gamma_2}$$

is a convex function in \mathbb{D} .

3 Close-to-convexity and Convexity in the Case $\gamma_2=0$

In this case from (4) it follows that $a_0 = 0$, i. e. f_0 can be arbitrary number, and we choose $f_0 = 0$. Then $\beta_1 f_1 = a_1$. Since we are finding univalent solutions $f_1 \neq 0$. Therefore, two cases are possible:

- 3a) $a_1 \neq 0$ and $\beta_1 \neq 0$;
- 3b) $a_1 = \beta_1 = 0$.

By the condition 3a) a solution of equation (3) has the form

$$f(z) = \frac{a_1}{\beta_1} z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} f_n z^n,$$
 (22)

where the coefficients f_n are defined by recurrent formula

$$n(n+\beta_1-1)f_n+(\beta_0(n-1)+\gamma_1)f_{n-1}+\gamma_0f_{n-2}=a_n$$

from which by the condition $n + \beta_1 - 1 \neq 0$ for all $n \geq 2$ it follows that

$$f_n = -\frac{\beta_0(n-1) + \gamma_1}{n(n+\beta_1-1)} f_{n-1} - \frac{\gamma_0}{n(n+\beta_1-1)} f_{n-2} + \frac{a_n}{n(n+\beta_1-1)},$$

whence by the condition $|\beta_1| < 1$ we get

$$\begin{split} \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n|f_n| &\leq \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n}{n-1} \frac{(n-1)|\beta_0| + |\gamma_1|}{n(n-|\beta_1|-1)} (n-1)|f_{n-1}| \\ &+ \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n}{n-2} \frac{|\gamma_0|}{n(n-|\beta_1|-1)} (n-2)|f_{n-2}| + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{|a_n|}{n-|\beta_1|-1} \\ &= \frac{|\beta_0| + |\gamma_1|}{1-|\beta_1|} |f_1| + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{|\beta_0| + |\gamma_1|/n}{n-|\beta_1|} n|f_n| + \frac{|\gamma_0|}{2-|\beta_1|} |f_1| + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{|\gamma_0|/n}{n+1-|\beta_1|} n|f_n| \\ &+ \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{|a_n|}{n-|\beta_1|-1} \leq \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{|\beta_0| + |\gamma_1|/2}{2-|\beta_1|} n|f_n| + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{|\gamma_0|/2}{3-|\beta_1|} n|f_n| \\ &+ \frac{|\beta_0| + |\gamma_1|}{1-|\beta_1|} \frac{|a_1|}{|\beta_1|} + \frac{|a_1||\gamma_0|}{|\beta_1|(2-|\beta_1|)} + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{|a_n|}{(n-|\beta_1|-1)}, \end{split}$$

i. e. by the condition

$$\frac{|\beta_0| + |\gamma_1|/2}{2 - |\beta_1|} + \frac{|\gamma_0|/2}{3 - |\beta_1|} < 1$$

we obtain

$$\left(1 - \frac{|\beta_0| + |\gamma_1|/2}{2 - |\beta_1|} - \frac{|\gamma_0|/2}{3 - |\beta_1|}\right) \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n|f_n|
\leq \frac{|\beta_0| + |\gamma_1|}{1 - |\beta_1|} \frac{|a_1|}{|\beta_1|} + \frac{|a_1||\gamma_0|}{|\beta_1|(2 - |\beta_1|)} + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{|a_n|}{(n - |\beta_1| - 1)}.$$
(23)

Similarly,

$$\begin{split} \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n^{2} |f_{n}| &\leq \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n^{2}}{(n-1)^{2}} \frac{(n-1)|\beta_{0}| + |\gamma_{1}|}{n(n-|\beta_{1}|-1)} (n-1)^{2} |f_{n-1}| \\ &+ \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n^{2}}{(n-2)^{2}} \frac{|\gamma_{0}|}{n(n-|\beta_{1}|-1)} (n-2)^{2} |f_{n-2}| + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n|a_{n}|}{n-|\beta_{1}|-1} \\ &= 2 \frac{|\beta_{0}| + |\gamma_{1}|}{1-|\beta_{1}|} \frac{|a_{1}|}{|\beta_{1}|} + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n+1}{n} \frac{|\beta_{0}| + |\gamma_{1}|/n}{n-|\beta_{1}|} n^{2} |f_{n}| + \frac{3|\gamma_{0}|}{2-|\beta_{1}|} |f_{1}| \\ &+ \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n+2}{n^{2}} \frac{|\gamma_{0}|}{n+1-|\beta_{1}|} n^{2} |f_{n}| + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n|a_{n}|}{n-|\beta_{1}|-1} \leq \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{3}{4} \frac{2|\beta_{0}| + |\gamma_{1}|}{2-|\beta_{1}|} n^{2} |f_{n}| \\ &+ \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{|\gamma_{0}|}{3-|\beta_{1}|} n^{2} |f_{n}| + 2 \frac{|\beta_{0}| + |\gamma_{1}|}{1-|\beta_{1}|} \frac{|a_{1}|}{|\beta_{1}|} + \frac{3|a_{1}||\gamma_{0}|}{|\beta_{1}|(2-|\beta_{1}|)} + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n|a_{n}|}{(n-|\beta_{1}|-1)} \end{split}$$

i. e. by the condition

$$\frac{3}{4} \frac{2|\beta_0| + |\gamma_1|}{2 - |\beta_1|} + \frac{|\gamma_0|}{3 - |\beta_1|} < 1$$

we get

$$\left(1 - \frac{3}{4} \frac{2|\beta_0| + |\gamma_1|}{2 - |\beta_1|} - \frac{|\gamma_0|}{3 - |\beta_1|}\right) \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n^2 |f_n|
\leq 2 \frac{|\beta_0| + |\gamma_1|}{1 - |\beta_1|} \frac{|a_1|}{|\beta_1|} + \frac{3|a_1||\gamma_0|}{|\beta_1|(2 - |\beta_1|)} + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n|a_n|}{(n - |\beta_1| - 1)}.$$
(24)

In view of Lemma 3 from (23) and (24) in the usual way we obtain the following theorem.

Theorem 3. Let $\gamma_2 = 0$, $a_1 \neq 0$, $\beta_1 \neq 0$, $|\beta_1| < 1$ and $R[A] \geq 1$. Then there exists a solution given by (22) of differential equation (3) with R[f] = R[A], which by the condition

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{|a_n|}{(n-|\beta_1|-1)} \le \left(1 - \frac{|\beta_0| + |\gamma_1|/2 + |\gamma_0|}{2 - |\beta_1|} - \frac{|\gamma_0|/2}{3 - |\beta_1|} - \frac{|\beta_0| + |\gamma_1|}{1 - |\beta_1|}\right) \frac{|a_1|}{|\beta_1|}$$

is starlike, and by the condition

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n|a_n|}{(n-|\beta_1|-1)} \le \left(1 - \frac{3}{4} \frac{2|\beta_0| + |\gamma_1| + 4|\gamma_0|}{2 - |\beta_1|} - \frac{|\gamma_0|}{3 - |\beta_1|} - 2\frac{|\beta_0| + |\gamma_1|}{1 - |\beta_1|}\right) \frac{|a_1|}{|\beta_1|}$$

is a convex function in \mathbb{D} .

For a real parameter β_1 in the usual way we obtain the following proposition.

Proposition 5. Let $\gamma_2 = 0$, $a_1 \neq 0$, $\beta_1 \neq 0$, $\beta_1 > -1$ and $R[A] \geq 1$. Then there exists a solution given by (22) of differential equation (3) with R[f] = R[A], which by the condition

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{|a_n|}{(n+\beta_1-1)} \le \left(1 - \frac{|\beta_0| + |\gamma_1|/2 + |\gamma_0|}{2+\beta_1} - \frac{|\gamma_0|/2}{3+\beta_1} - \frac{|\beta_0| + |\gamma_1|}{1+\beta_1}\right) \frac{|a_1|}{|\beta_1|}$$

is starlike, and by the condition

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n|a_n|}{(n+\beta_1-1)} \le \left(1 - \frac{3}{4} \frac{2|\beta_0| + |\gamma_1| + 4|\gamma_0|}{2+\beta_1} - \frac{|\gamma_0|}{3+\beta_1} - 2\frac{|\beta_0| + |\gamma_1|}{1+\beta_1}\right) \frac{|a_1|}{|\beta_1|}$$

is a convex function in \mathbb{D} .

If the condition 3b) holds then we can choose $f_1 = 1$ and search a solution in a form

$$f(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} f_n z^n, \tag{25}$$

where the coefficients f_n are defined by recurrent formula

$$f_n = -\frac{\beta_0(n-1) + \gamma_1}{n(n-1)} f_{n-1} - \frac{\gamma_0}{n(n-1)} f_{n-2} + \frac{a_n}{n(n-1)}.$$
 (26)

Then

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n|f_n| \leq |\beta_0| + |\gamma_1| + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n|\beta_0| + |\gamma_1|}{n^2} n|f_n| + \frac{|\gamma_0|}{2} + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{|\gamma_0|}{(n+1)n} n|f_n| + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{|a_n|}{n-1} \\
\leq \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{2|\beta_0| + |\gamma_1|}{4} n|f_n| + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{|\gamma_0|}{6} n|f_n| + |\beta_0| + |\gamma_1| + \frac{|\gamma_0|}{2} + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{|a_n|}{n-1}$$

and by the condition $(2|\beta_0| + |\gamma_1|)/4 + |\gamma_0|/6 < 1$ we get

$$(1 - (2|\beta_0| + |\gamma_1|)/4 - |\gamma_0|/6) \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n|f_n| \le |\beta_0| + |\gamma_1| + |\gamma_0|/2 + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{|a_n|}{n-1}.$$
 (27)

Similarly,

$$\begin{split} &\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n^2 |f_n| \leq \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n^2 \frac{|\beta_0|(n-1) + |\gamma_1|}{n(n-1)} |f_{n-1}| + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n^2 \frac{|\gamma_0|}{n(n-1)} |f_{n-2}| + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n|a_n|}{n-1} \\ &\leq 2(|\beta_0| + |\gamma_1|) + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{3}{8} (2|\beta_0| + |\gamma_1|) n^2 |f_n| + 3|\gamma_0|/2 + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{|\gamma_0|}{3} n^2 |f_n| + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n|a_n|}{n-1}, \end{split}$$

i. e. by the condition $3(2|\beta_0|+|\gamma_1|)/8+|\gamma_0|/3<1$

$$(1 - 3(2|\beta_0| + |\gamma_1|)/8 - |\gamma_0|/3) \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n^2 |f_n| \le 2(|\beta_0| + |\gamma_1|) + 3|\gamma_0|/2 + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n|a_n|}{n-1}.$$
 (28)

In view of Lemma 2 from (27) and (28) in the usual way we obtain the following theorem.

Theorem 4. Let $\gamma_2 = a_0 = \beta_1 = a_1 = 0$ and $R[A] \ge 1$. Then there exists a solution given by (25) of differential equation (3) with R[f] = R[A], which by the condition

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{|a_n|}{n-1} \le 1 - \frac{3}{2}|\beta_0| - \frac{5}{4}|\gamma_1| - \frac{2}{3}|\gamma_0| \tag{29}$$

is starlike, and by the condition

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n|a_n|}{n-1} \le 1 - \frac{11}{4}|\beta_0| - \frac{19}{8}|\gamma_1| - \frac{11}{6}|\gamma_0| \tag{30}$$

is a convex function in \mathbb{D} .

4 Growth of Entire Solutions

If $n(n + \beta_1 - 1) + \gamma_2 \neq 0$ for all $n \geq 2$ by Lemma 1 a function given by (1) can be an entire solution of equation (3) only if the function A is entire.

For an entire function (1) let $M_f(r)=\max\{|f(z)|:|z|=r\}$, and for the characteristic of the growth of $M_f(r)$ we will use generalized orders. To give a definition of generalized order we denote, as in [11], by L a class of continuous nonnegative on $(-\infty, +\infty)$ functions α such that $\alpha(x)=\alpha(x_0)\geq 0$ for $x\leq x_0$ and $\alpha(x)\uparrow+\infty$ as $x_0\leq x\to+\infty$. We say that $\alpha\in L^0$, if $\alpha\in L$ and $\alpha((1+o(1))x)=(1+o(1))\alpha(x)$ as $x\to+\infty$. Finally, $\alpha\in L_{si}$, if $\alpha\in L$ and $\alpha(cx)=(1+o(1))\alpha(x)$ as $x\to+\infty$ for each fixed $c\in(0,+\infty)$, i. e. α is slowly increasing function. Clearly, $L_{si}\subset L^0$. The value

$$\varrho_{\alpha\beta}[f] = \overline{\lim_{r \to +\infty}} \frac{\alpha(\ln M_f(r))}{\beta(\ln r)} \quad (\alpha \in L, \beta \in L)$$

is called [11] generalized order of *f*. The following lemma is true.

Lemma 4. If $\alpha \in L_{si}$, $\beta \in L$, $\beta(x + O(1)) = (1 + o(1))\beta(x)$ as $x \to +\infty$ and f is an entire transcendental function then $\varrho_{\alpha\beta}[f'] = \varrho_{\alpha\beta}[f]$.

Proof. Indeed, from the integral formula of Cauchy it easily follows that $M_{f'}(r) \leq M_f(r+1)$, whence we get $\varrho_{\alpha\beta}[f'] \leq \varrho_{\alpha\beta}[f]$. On the other hand, since $f(z) - f(0) = \int\limits_0^z f'(t)dt$, we have $M_f(r) \leq r M_{f'}(r) + |f(0)|$ and, thus, $\ln M_f(r) \leq \ln M_{f'}(r) + \ln r + o(1) = (1+o(1)) \ln M_{f'}(r)$ as $r \to +\infty$, because the function f is transcendental. Hence we get $\varrho_{\alpha\beta}[f] \leq \varrho_{\alpha\beta}[f']$. Lemma 4 is proved.

We will use the theory of the value distribution of Nevanlinna. For an entire function f we put

$$T(r,f) = rac{1}{2\pi} \int\limits_0^{2\pi} \ln^+ |f(re^{i\varphi})| d\varphi.$$

This function is said to be a characteristic function of Nevanlinna. It is known that

Lemma 5. If $\alpha \in L_{si}$, $\beta \in L$, $\beta(x + O(1)) = (1 + o(1))\beta(x)$ as $x \to +\infty$ and f is an entire transcendental function then

$$\varrho_{\alpha\beta}[f] = \overline{\lim_{r \to +\infty}} \frac{\alpha(T(r,f))}{\beta(\ln r)}.$$
(31)

Proof. Indeed, in [3, p. 54] it is proved that for $0 < r < r_1$

$$T(r,f) \le \ln^+ M_f(r) \le \frac{r_1 + r}{r_1 - r} T(r_1, f).$$
 (32)

Choosing $r_1=2r$ and using (32), in view of the conditions $\alpha\in L_{si}$ and $\beta\in L^0$ hence we obtain

$$\frac{\overline{\lim}}{r \to +\infty} \frac{\alpha(T(r,f))}{\beta(\ln r)} \le \lim_{r \to +\infty} \frac{\alpha(\ln M_f(r))}{\beta(\ln r)} \le \lim_{r \to +\infty} \frac{\alpha(3T(2r,f))}{\beta(\ln r)}$$

$$= \overline{\lim}_{r \to +\infty} \frac{\alpha(T(r,f))}{\beta(\ln r - \ln 2)} = \overline{\lim}_{r \to +\infty} \frac{\alpha(T(r,f))}{\beta(\ln r)}.$$

Lemma 5 is proved.

Now we prove the following theorem.

Theorem 5. Let $\alpha \in L_{si}$, $\beta \in L$, $\alpha(\ln x) = o(\alpha(x))$, $\beta(x + O(1)) = (1 + o(1))\beta(x)$, $\alpha(x) = o(\beta(x))$ as $x \to +\infty$ and f be an entire transcendental solution of the differential equation

$$a_0(z)w + a_1(z)w' + \dots + a_m(z)w^{(m)} = A(z),$$
 (33)

where a_j are polynomials, $0 \le j \le m$, and A is an entire function. Then $\varrho_{\alpha\beta}[f] \ge \varrho_{\alpha\beta}[A]$.

Proof. If $\varrho_{\alpha\beta}[f] = +\infty$ then theorem is obvious.

So we consider the case $\varrho_{\alpha\beta}[f]<+\infty$. At first we remark that if P_m is a polynomial of degree $m\geq 1$ then [3, p.47] $T(r, P_m)=m\ln r+O(1)$ as $r\to +\infty$. Further we put

$$\Omega_m(z,f) = a_0(z)f(z) + a_1(z)f'(z) + \cdots + a_m(z)f^{(m)}(z),$$

where $a_j (1 \le j \le m)$ are polynomials and f is an entire functions. Using well-known [3, p.44] inequalities

$$T\left(r, \prod_{j=1}^{q} f_{j}\right) \leq \sum_{j=1}^{q} T(r, f_{j}), \quad T\left(r, \sum_{j=1}^{q} f_{j}\right) \leq \sum_{j=1}^{q} T(r, f_{j}) + \ln q$$

we have

$$T(r,\Omega_m(\cdot,f)) \le T(r,f) + T(r,f') + \dots + T(r,f^{(m)}) + O(\ln r), \quad r \to +\infty.$$
 (34)

By the lemma about a logarithmic derivative [3, p.122] T(r, f'/f) = Q(r, f) for each entire function f, where Q(r, f) is denoting [3, p.122] an arbitrary function such that:

- 1) if *f* has a finite order then $Q(r, f) = O(\ln r)$ as $r \to +\infty$;
- 2) if f has an infinite order then $Q(r, f) = O(\ln T(r, f) + \ln r)$ as $r \to +\infty$ outside, possibly, some set of finite measure.

Clearly, $Q(r, f) \pm Q(r, f) = Q(r, f)$ and AQ(r, f) = Q(r, f) [3, p.122]. We remak also that since f has a finite generalized order then in view of (31) $T(r, f) \le \alpha^{-1}(\varrho \beta(\ln r))$ for $\varrho > \varrho_{\alpha\beta}[f]$ and $r \ge r_0$. Hence it follows that $Q(r, f) = O(\ln \alpha^{-1}(\varrho \beta(\ln r)) + \ln r)$ as $r \to +\infty$ and by Lemma $4 Q(r, f') = O(\ln \alpha^{-1}(\varrho \beta(\ln r)) + \ln r)$ as $r \to +\infty$.

Therefore,

$$T(r,f') = T\left(r,f\frac{f'}{f}\right) \le T(r,f) + T\left(r,\frac{f'}{f}\right) = T(r,f) + Q(r,f)$$
$$= T(r,f) + O(\ln \alpha^{-1}(\varrho\beta(\ln r)) + \ln r), \quad r \to +\infty.$$

Similarly,

$$T(r,f'') = T\left(r,f'\frac{f''}{f'}\right) \leq T(r,f') + Q(r,f') = T(r,f) + O(\ln \alpha^{-1}(\varrho\beta(\ln r)) + \ln r), r \to +\infty,$$

et cetera. As a result from (34) we will get

$$T(r, \Omega_m(\cdot, f)) \le (m+1)T(r, f) + O(\ln \alpha^{-1}(\varrho\beta(\ln r)) + \ln r), \quad r \to +\infty.$$
 (35)

Since f is an entire solution of the differential equation (33), we have $\Omega_m(z, f) \equiv A(z)$. Therefore, since $\alpha \in L_{si}$, in view of (31) and (35) we obtain

$$\begin{split} \varrho_{\alpha\beta}[A] &= \overline{\lim_{r \to +\infty}} \frac{\alpha(T(r,A))}{\beta(\ln r)} \leq \overline{\lim_{r \to +\infty}} \frac{\alpha((m+1)T(r,f) + K_1(\ln \alpha^{-1}(\varrho\beta(\ln r)) + \ln r))}{\beta(\ln r)} \\ &\leq \overline{\lim_{r \to +\infty}} \frac{\alpha(K_2 \max\{T(r,f), \ln \alpha^{-1}(\varrho\beta(\ln r)), \ln r\})}{\beta(\ln r)} \\ &= \overline{\lim_{r \to +\infty}} \frac{\alpha(\max\{T(r,f), \ln \alpha^{-1}(\varrho\beta(\ln r)), \ln r\})}{\beta(\ln r)} \\ &= \overline{\lim_{r \to +\infty}} \frac{\max\{\alpha(T(r,f)), \alpha(\ln \alpha^{-1}(\varrho\beta(\ln r))), \alpha(\ln r)\}}{\beta(\ln r)} \\ &= \overline{\lim_{r \to +\infty}} \frac{\alpha(T(r,f)) + \alpha(\ln \alpha^{-1}(\varrho\beta(\ln r))) + \alpha(\ln r)}{\beta(\ln r)} \\ &\leq \overline{\lim_{r \to +\infty}} \frac{\alpha(T(r,f))}{\beta(\ln r)} + \overline{\lim_{r \to +\infty}} \frac{\alpha(\ln \alpha^{-1}(\varrho\beta(\ln r)))}{\beta(\ln r)} + \overline{\lim_{r \to +\infty}} \frac{\alpha(\ln r)}{\beta(\ln r)}. \end{split}$$

Since $\alpha(x) = o(\beta(x))$ as $x \to +\infty$ we have $\frac{\alpha(\ln r)}{\beta(\ln r)} \to 0$ as $r \to +\infty$. Simultaneously,

$$\overline{\lim_{r \to +\infty}} \frac{\alpha(\ln \alpha^{-1}(\varrho\beta(\ln r)))}{\beta(\ln r)} = \overline{\lim_{x \to +\infty}} \frac{\alpha(\ln \alpha^{-1}(\varrho x))}{x} = \varrho \overline{\lim_{x \to +\infty}} \frac{\alpha(\ln x)}{\alpha(x)} = 0.$$

Therefore, $\varrho_{\alpha\beta}[A] \leq \varrho_{\alpha\beta}[f]$ and Theorem 5 is proved.

If we choose $\alpha(x) = \ln x$ and $\beta(x) = x$ for $x \ge x_0$ then we come to the following statement.

Corollary 1. *If* function f be an entire transcendental solution of the differential equation (3) then $\varrho[f] \ge \varrho[A]$, where $\varrho[f] = \overline{\lim_{r \to +\infty}} \frac{\ln \ln M(r,f)}{\ln r}$ is the order of f.

We remark that the contrary inequality is not true in general. Indeed, if for example $\beta_0 = -1$, $\beta_1 = \gamma_1 = \gamma_2$, $-1 \le \gamma_0 < 0$ and all $a_n = 0$, then [13] there exists an entire solution f of equation (3) such that

$$\ln M(r,f) = \frac{1 + o(1)}{2} \left(|\beta_0| + \sqrt{|\beta_0|^2 + 4|\gamma_0|^2} \right) r, \quad r \to +\infty.$$

Clearly, in this case $\varrho[A] = 0 < 1 = \varrho[f]$.

Suppose that $\gamma_2 = a_0 = \beta_1 = a_1 = \beta_0 = \gamma_1 = \gamma_0 = 0$ and $A(z) = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n z^n$ is an entire function. Then equation (3) has the form $w'' = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n z^{n-2}$ and the function $f(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{n(n-1)} z^n$ is a solution of this equation. Using the formula of Hadamard of the order it is easy to prove that $\varrho[A] = \varrho[f]$, i. e. the estimate $\varrho[A] \leq \varrho[f]$ is sharp.

If $\varrho_{\alpha\beta}[f]=0$ then for the characteristic of the growth of f it is used the belonging to generalized convergence classes. For $\alpha\in L$ and $\beta\in L$ we will say that an entire function f belongs to generalized convergence class if

$$\int_{r_0}^{\infty} \frac{\alpha(\ln M_f(r))}{r\beta(\ln r)} dr < +\infty, \tag{36}$$

Choosing $r_1 = 2r$ from (32) we get $T(r, f) \le \ln^+ M_f(r) \le 3T(2r, f)$. On the other hand, in [10] it is proved that if $\alpha \in L^0$ then α is RO-increasing [8], i. e. for every $h \in [1, a]$, $1 < a < +\infty$, and all $x \ge x_0$ the inequality $\alpha(hx)/\alpha(x) \le M(a) < +\infty$ is true. Therefore, if $\alpha \in L^0$, $\beta \in L$ and $\beta(x + O(1)) = O(\beta(x))$ as $x \to +\infty$ then (36) holds if and only if

$$\int_{r_0}^{\infty} \frac{\alpha(T(r,f))}{r\beta(\ln r)} dr < +\infty.$$
(37)

Using (35) we prove the following theorem.

Theorem 6. Let $\alpha \in L^0$, $\beta \in L$, $\beta(x + O(1)) = O(\beta(x))$ as $x \to +\infty$ and

$$\int_{x_0}^{\infty} \frac{\alpha(\ln \alpha^{-1}(\beta(x)))}{\beta(x)} dx < +\infty.$$
(38)

Suppose that f is an entire transcendental solution of the differential equation (33) where a_j are polynomials, $0 \le j \le m$, A is an entire function and $\varrho_{\alpha\beta}[f] = 0$. Then in order that f belongs to generalized convergence class, it is necessary that A belongs to this class.

Proof. Since $\varrho_{\alpha\beta}[f] = 0$, we have $Q(r, f) = O(\ln \alpha^{-1}(\beta(\ln r)) + \ln r)$ as $r \to +\infty$ and from (35) as above in view of the condition $\alpha \in L^0$ we obtain

$$\int_{r_0}^{\infty} \frac{\alpha(T(r,A))}{r\beta(\ln r)} dr = \int_{r_0}^{\infty} \frac{\alpha(T(r,\Omega_m(\cdot,f)))}{r\beta(\ln r)} dr$$

$$\leq \int_{r_0}^{\infty} \frac{\alpha((m+1)T(r,f) + K_1(\ln \alpha^{-1}(\beta(\ln r)) + \ln r))}{r\beta(\ln r)} dr$$

$$\leq \int_{r_0}^{\infty} \frac{\alpha(K_2 \max\{T(r,f), \ln \alpha^{-1}(\beta(\ln r)), \ln r\})}{\beta(\ln r)}$$

$$\leq M(K_2) \int_{r_0}^{\infty} \frac{\alpha(T(r,f)) + \alpha(\ln \alpha^{-1}(\beta(\ln r))) + \alpha(\ln r)}{r\beta(\ln r)} dr.$$

Since f is an entire function, from (36) it follows that $\int_{r_0}^{\infty} \frac{\alpha(\ln r)}{r\beta(\ln r)} dr < +\infty$, and in view of (38)

$$\int_{r_0}^{\infty} \frac{\alpha(\ln \alpha^{-1}(\beta(\ln r)))}{r\beta(\ln r)} dr = \int_{x_0}^{\infty} \frac{\alpha(\ln \alpha^{-1}(\beta(x)))}{\beta(x)} dx < +\infty.$$

Therefore, (37) implies
$$\int_{r_0}^{\infty} \frac{\alpha(T(r,A))}{r\beta(\ln r)} dr < +\infty$$
. Theorem 6 is proved.

For entire functions of the minimal type of the order $\varrho \in (0, +\infty)$ G. Valiron [16, p.18] introduced the convergence class by the condition $\int\limits_1^\infty \frac{\ln M_f(r)}{r^{\varrho+1}} dr < +\infty$. If we choose $\alpha(x) = x$ and $\beta(x) = e^{\varrho x}$ for $x \geq x_0$, then from Theorem 6 we get the following statement.

Corollary 2. If an entire function *f* is a solution of the differential equation (3), then in order that *f* belongs to the convergence class of Valiron, it is necessary that *A* belongs to this class.

Clearly, from the belonging of the function A to the convergence class of Valiron the belonging of the function f to this class does not follow. On the other hand, an entire solution of the differential equation $z^2w''=A(z)$ belongs to the convergence class of Valiron if and only if A belongs to this class.

Finally we will consider a linear differential equation of the endless order

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{n!} w^{(n)} = \Phi(z), \tag{39}$$

where the characteristic function $\varphi(t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{n!} t^n$ is entire and has a growth not higher than the normal type of the first order, and Φ is an entire function.

A.O. Gelfond [2] proved that equation (39) for every $\theta > 1$ has an entire solution f such that

$$\ln \overline{M}_f(r) \le C(\theta) \ln \overline{M}_{\Phi}(\theta r), \quad r \ge r_0,$$
(40)

where $C(\theta)$ does not depend on r and $\ln \overline{M}_f(r) = r \max \left\{ \frac{\ln M_f(t)}{t} : 1 \le t \le r \right\}$. Using this result we prove the following statement.

Proposition 6. Equation (39) has an entire solution f such that:

- 1) if $\alpha(e^x) \in L_{si}$, $\beta \in L$, $\beta(x + O(1)) \sim \beta(x)$ and $\alpha(x) = o(\beta(\ln x))$ as $x \to +\infty$, then $\varrho_{\alpha\beta}[f] \leq \varrho_{\alpha\beta}[\Phi]$;
- 2) if $\alpha(e^x) \in L^0$, $\beta \in L$, $\beta(x + O(1)) = O(\beta(x))$ as $x \to +\infty$ and $\int_{r_0}^{\infty} \frac{\alpha(r)}{r\beta(\ln r)} dr < +\infty$, then the belonging of Φ to the generalized convergence class implies the belonging of f to this class.

Proof. Clearly, $\ln M_f(r) \leq \ln \overline{M}_f(r) \leq r \ln M_f(r)$ for $r \geq 1$. Therefore, if $\alpha(e^x) \in L_{si}$ and $\beta(x + O(1)) \sim \beta(x)$ as $x \to +\infty$ then from (40) we have

$$\begin{split} \varrho_{\alpha\beta}[f] &= \overline{\lim_{r \to +\infty}} \frac{\alpha(\ln M_f(r))}{\beta(\ln r)} \leq \overline{\lim_{r \to +\infty}} \frac{\alpha(\ln \overline{M}_f(r))}{\beta(\ln r)} \leq \overline{\lim_{r \to +\infty}} \frac{\alpha(C(\theta) \ln \overline{M}_{\Phi}(\theta r))}{\beta(\ln (\theta r) - \ln \theta)} \\ &= \overline{\lim_{r \to +\infty}} \frac{\alpha(\ln \overline{M}_{\Phi}(r))}{\beta(\ln r)} \leq \overline{\lim_{r \to +\infty}} \frac{\alpha(r \ln M_{\Phi}(r))}{\beta(\ln r)} = \overline{\lim_{r \to +\infty}} \frac{\alpha(\exp\{\ln r + \ln \ln M_{\Phi}(r)\})}{\beta(\ln r)} \\ &\leq \overline{\lim_{r \to +\infty}} \frac{\alpha(\exp\{2\max\{\ln r, \ln \ln M_{\Phi}(r)\}\})}{\beta(\ln r)} = \overline{\lim_{r \to +\infty}} \frac{\alpha(\exp\{\max\{\ln r, \ln \ln M_{\Phi}(r)\}\})}{\beta(\ln r)} \\ &= \overline{\lim_{r \to +\infty}} \frac{\max\{\alpha(r), \alpha(\ln M_{\Phi}(r))\}}{\beta(\ln r)} \leq \overline{\lim_{r \to +\infty}} \frac{\alpha(r) + \alpha(\ln M_{\Phi}(r))}{\beta(\ln r)} = \varrho_{\alpha\beta}[\Phi]. \end{split}$$

The firs part of Proposition 6 is proved.

Similarly, if $\alpha(e^x) \in L^0$, $\beta(x + O(1)) = O(\beta(x))$ as $x \to +\infty$ and $\int_{r_0}^{\infty} \frac{\alpha(\ln M_{\Phi}(r))}{r\beta(\ln r)} dr < +\infty$, then

$$\int_{r_0}^{\infty} \frac{\alpha(\ln M_f(r))}{r\beta(\ln r)} dr \leq \int_{r_0}^{\infty} \frac{\alpha(C(\theta) \ln \overline{M_{\Phi}}(\theta r))}{r\beta(\ln r)} dr \leq M_1 \int_{r_0}^{\infty} \frac{\alpha(r \ln M_{\Phi}(r))}{r\beta(\ln r)} dr$$

$$\leq M_1 \int_{r_0}^{\infty} \frac{\alpha(\exp\{2 \max\{\ln r, \ln \ln M_{\Phi}(r)\}\})}{r\beta(\ln r)} dr \leq M_1 M_2 \int_{r_0}^{\infty} \frac{\alpha(r) + \alpha(\ln M_{\Phi}(r))}{r\beta(\ln r)} dr < +\infty,$$

where $M_1 = M_1(\theta)$ and $M_2 = M_2(2)$. The proof of Proposition 6 is completed.

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Нехай степеневий ряд $A(z)=\sum_{n=0}^\infty a_n z^n$ має радіус збіжності $R[A]\in [1,+\infty]$. Для неоднорідного диференціального рівняння

$$z^{2}w'' + (\beta_{0}z^{2} + \beta_{1}z)w' + (\gamma_{0}z^{2} + \gamma_{1}z + \gamma_{2})w = A(z)$$

з комплексними коефіцієнтами вивчаються геометричні властивості в одиничному крузі його розв'язків (опуклість, зірковість, близькість до опуклості). Розглядається два випадки: $\gamma_2 \neq 0$ і $\gamma_2 = 0$. Також ми розглядаємо випадки дійсних параметрів цього рівняння. Доведено, що для розв'язку f цього рівняння радіус збіжності R[f] дорівнює R[A] і знайдено рекурентні формули для знаходження коефіцієнтів степеневого розвинення f(z). Для цілого розв'язку доведено, що порядок розв'язку f не менший ніж порядок функції $A\left(\varrho[f] \geq \varrho[A]\right)$ і оцінка є точною. Аналогічна нерівність доведена для узагальнених порядків $\left(\varrho_{\alpha\beta}[f] \geq \varrho_{\alpha\beta}[A]\right)$. Для цілого розв'язку цього рівняння вивчено належність до класу збіжності. Наприкінці розглядається лінійне диференціальне рівняння нескінченного порядку $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{a_n}{n!} w^{(n)} = \Phi(z)$, і вивчається можливе зростання його розв'язків.

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