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PSEUDOSTARLIKE AND PSEUDOCONVEX SOLUTIONS OF A DIFFERENTIAL EQUATION WITH EXPONENTIAL COEFFICIENTS

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Dirichlet series $F(s) = e^s + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} f_k e^{s\lambda_k}$ with the exponents $1 < \lambda_k \uparrow +\infty$ and the abscissa of absolute convergence $\sigma_a[F] \geq 0$ is said to be pseudostarlike of order $\alpha \in [0, 1)$ and type $\beta \in (0, 1]$ if

$$\left| \frac{F'(s)}{F(s)} - 1 \right| < \beta \left| \frac{F'(s)}{F(s)} - (2\alpha - 1) \right| \text{ for all } s \in \Pi_0 = \{s: \operatorname{Re} s < 0\}.$$

Similarly, the function F is said to be pseudoconvex of order $\alpha \in [0, 1)$ and type $\beta \in (0, 1]$ if

$$\left| \frac{F''(s)}{F'(s)} - 1 \right| < \beta \left| \frac{F''(s)}{F'(s)} - (2\alpha - 1) \right| \text{ for all } s \in \Pi_0.$$

Some conditions are found on the parameters b_0, b_1, c_0, c_1, c_2 and the coefficients a_n , under which the differential equation

$$\frac{d^2w}{ds^2} + (b_0 e^s + b_1) \frac{dw}{ds} + (c_0 e^{2s} + c_1 e^s + c_2)w = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n e^{ns}$$

has an entire solution which is pseudostarlike or pseudoconvex of order $\alpha \in [0, 1)$ and type $\beta \in (0, 1]$. It is proved that by some conditions for such solution the asymptotic equality holds

$$\ln \max\{|F(\sigma + it)|: t \in \mathbb{R}\} = \frac{1 + o(1)}{2} \left(|b_0| + \sqrt{|b_0|^2 + 4|c_0|} \right) \text{ as } \sigma \rightarrow +\infty.$$

1. Introduction and auxiliary results. An analytic univalent in $\mathbb{D} = \{z: |z| < 1\}$ function $f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} f_n z^n$ is said to be convex if $f(\mathbb{D})$ is a convex domain. It is well known [1, p. 203] that the condition $\operatorname{Re} \{1 + z f''(z)/f'(z)\} > 0$ ($z \in \mathbb{D}$) is necessary and sufficient for the convexity of f . By W. Kaplan [2] the function f is said to be close-to-convex in \mathbb{D} (see also [1, p. 583]) if there exists a convex in \mathbb{D} function Φ such that $\operatorname{Re} (f'(z)/\Phi'(z)) > 0$ ($z \in \mathbb{D}$). Close-to-convex function f has a characteristic property that the complement G of the domain $f(\mathbb{D})$ can be filled with rays L which go from ∂G and lie in G . Every close-to-convex in \mathbb{D} function f is univalent in \mathbb{D} and, therefore, $f'(0) \neq 0$. Hence, it follows that the function f is close-to-convex in \mathbb{D} if and only if the function $g(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} g_n z^n$ is close-to-convex in \mathbb{D} , where $g_n = f_n/f_1$. Such function g is said to be starlike if $f(\mathbb{D})$ is a starlike domain. It is well known [1, p. 203] that the condition $\operatorname{Re} \{z f'(z)/f(z)\} > 0$ ($z \in \mathbb{D}$) is necessary and sufficient for the starlikeness of g .

S.M. Shah [3] indicated conditions on real parameters $\beta_0, \beta_1, \gamma_0, \gamma_1, \gamma_2$ of the differential equation $z^2 w'' + (\beta_0 z^2 + \beta_1 z)w' + (\gamma_0 z^2 + \gamma_1 z + \gamma_2)w = 0$, under which there exists an entire transcendental solution f such that f and all its derivatives are close-to-convex in \mathbb{D} . The

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investigations are continued in the papers [4–9]. In [10, 11] it is studied the closeness-to-convexity of the second order non-homogeneous linear differential equation

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

where $A(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n z^n$ and radius of convergence of the last power series is $R[A] \geq 1$. Substituting $z = e^s$ we obtain the differential equation

$$\frac{d^2 w}{ds^2} + (b_0 e^s + b_1) \frac{dw}{ds} + (c_0 e^{2s} + c_1 e^s + c_2) w = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n e^{ns}, \quad (1)$$

where $b_0 = \beta_0$, $b_1 = \beta_1 - 1$, $c_j = \gamma_j$ and Dirichlet series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n e^{ns}$ is absolutely convergent in a half-plane $\{s: \operatorname{Re} s < a\}$ with $a \geq 0$.

Now, let $\Lambda = (\lambda_k)$ be an increasing to $+\infty$ sequence of positive numbers ($\lambda_1 > 1$) and $SD(\Lambda, 0)$ be a class of Dirichlet series

$$F(s) = e^s + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} f_k \exp\{s\lambda_k\}, \quad f_k \neq 0, \quad s = \sigma + it, \quad (2)$$

with the exponents Λ and the abscissa of absolute convergence $\sigma_a[F] = 0$. It is known [12] (see also [13, p. 135]) that each function $F \in SD(\Lambda, 0)$ is non-univalent in $\Pi_0 = \{s: \operatorname{Re} s < 0\}$, but there exist conformal in Π_0 functions (2), and if $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \lambda_k |f_k| \leq 1$ then function (2) is conformal in Π_0 . A conformal function (2) in Π_0 is said to be pseudostarlike if $\operatorname{Re}\{F'(s)/F(s)\} > 0$ for $s \in \Pi_0$. In [12] (see also [13, p. 139]) it is proved that if $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \lambda_k |f_k| \leq 1$ then function (2) is pseudostarlike.

A conformal function (2) in Π_0 is said to be *pseudostarlike of order α* if

$$\operatorname{Re}\{F'(s)/F(s)\} > \alpha \in [0, 1), \quad s \in \Pi_0. \quad (3)$$

Since the inequality $|w - 1| < |w - (2\alpha - 1)|$ holds if and only if $\operatorname{Re} w > \alpha$, function (3) is pseudostarlike of the order α if and only if

$$\left| \frac{F'(s)}{F(s)} - 1 \right| < \left| \frac{F'(s)}{F(s)} - (2\alpha - 1) \right| \text{ for } s \in \Pi_0.$$

Therefore, as in [14] the conformal function (2) in Π_0 is called pseudostarlike of order $\alpha \in [0, 1)$ and type $\beta \in (0, 1]$ if

$$\left| \frac{F'(s)}{F(s)} - 1 \right| < \beta \left| \frac{F'(s)}{F(s)} - (2\alpha - 1) \right|, \quad s \in \Pi_0. \quad (4)$$

Lemma 1 ([14]). *If*

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \{(1 + \beta)\lambda_k - \beta(2\alpha - 1) - 1\} |f_k| \leq 2\beta(1 - \alpha) \quad (5)$$

then (2) is pseudostarlike of order α and type β .

Similarly, a conformal function (2) in Π_0 is said to be *pseudoconvex* if

$$\operatorname{Re}\{F''(s)/F'(s)\} > 0 \text{ for } s \in \Pi_0.$$

In [12] and [13, p. 139] it is proved that if

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \lambda_k^2 |f_k| \leq 1$$

then function (2) is pseudoconvex. Here we call the function (2) pseudoconvex of the order $\alpha \in [0, 1]$ if $\operatorname{Re}\{F''(s)/F'(s)\} > \alpha$, and pseudoconvex of order α and type $\beta \in (0, 1]$ if [14]

$$\left| \frac{F''(s)}{F'(s)} - 1 \right| < \beta \left| \frac{F''(s)}{F'(s)} - (2\alpha - 1) \right|, \quad s \in \Pi_0.$$

Since $F''(s)/F'(s) = G'(s)/G(s)$, where $G(s) = e^s + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} g_k \exp\{s\lambda_k\}$ and $g_k = \lambda_k f_k$, the function F is pseudoconvex of order $\alpha \in [0, 1]$ and type $\beta \in (0, 1]$ if and only if the function G is pseudostarlike of order $\alpha \in [0, 1]$ and type $\beta \in (0, 1]$. Therefore, from Lemma 1 one can easily obtain the corresponding result for pseudoconvex functions.

Lemma 2 ([14]). *If*

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \lambda_k \{(1 + \beta)\lambda_k - \beta(2\alpha - 1) - 1\} |f_k| \leq 2\beta(1 - \alpha)$$

then (2) is pseudoconvex of order α and type β .

Here we investigate the conditions under which equation (1) has solutions that are pseudostarlike or pseudoconvex of order α and type β . We remark that if $b_0 = b_1 = 0$ then such a problem is solved in [12-13] for the case of $\alpha = 0, \beta = 1$.

2. Recurrent formulas. Suppose that Dirichlet series (2) satisfies (1). Then

$$\begin{aligned} & (1 + b_1 + c_2)e^s + (b_0 + c_1)e^{2s} + c_0e^{3s} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (\lambda_k^2 + b_1\lambda_k + c_2)f_k \exp\{s\lambda_k\} + \\ & + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (b_0\lambda_k + c_1)f_k \exp\{s(\lambda_k + 1)\} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} c_0f_k \exp\{s(\lambda_k + 2)\} = a_1e^s + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} a_n e^{ns}. \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

Since $\lambda_1 > 1$, hence as $s \rightarrow -\infty$ we have $(1 + b_1 + c_2)e^s = (1 + o(1))a_1e^s$, i. e. $1 + b_1 + c_2 = a_1$. Therefore, (6) implies

$$\begin{aligned} & (b_0 + c_1)e^{2s} + c_0e^{3s} + (\lambda_1^2 + b_1\lambda_1 + c_2)f_1 \exp\{s\lambda_1\} + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} (\lambda_k^2 + b_1\lambda_k + c_2)f_k \exp\{s\lambda_k\} + \\ & + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (b_0\lambda_k + c_1)f_k \exp\{s(\lambda_k + 1)\} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} c_0f_k \exp\{s(\lambda_k + 2)\} = a_2e^{2s} + \sum_{n=3}^{\infty} a_n e^{ns}. \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

Since $\lambda_1 + 1 > 1$ and $\lambda_2 > \lambda_1$, hence as $s \rightarrow -\infty$ we have

$$(\lambda_1^2 + b_1\lambda_1 + c_2)f_1 \exp\{s\lambda_1\} + o(e^{s\lambda_1}) = (a_2 - b_0 - c_1)e^{2s} + o(e^{2s}).$$

Therefore, if $\lambda_1^2 + b_1\lambda_1 + c_2 \neq 0$ then $\lambda_1 = 2$ and

$$f_1 = \frac{a_2 - b_0 - c_1}{4 + 2b_1 + c_2}. \quad (8)$$

Therefore, (7) implies

$$\begin{aligned} c_0 e^{3s} + (\lambda_2^2 + b_1\lambda_2 + c_2)f_2 \exp\{s\lambda_2\} + \sum_{k=3}^{\infty} (\lambda_k^2 + b_1\lambda_k + c_2)f_k \exp\{s\lambda_k\} + \\ + (2b_0 + c_1)f_1 \exp\{3s\} + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} (b_0\lambda_k + c_1)f_k \exp\{s(\lambda_k + 1)\} + \\ + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} c_0 f_k \exp\{s(\lambda_k + 2)\} = a_3 e^{3s} + \sum_{n=4}^{\infty} a_n e^{ns}. \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

Hence, it follows that

$$(\lambda_2^2 + b_1\lambda_2 + c_2)f_2 \exp\{s\lambda_2\} + o(e^{s\lambda_2}) = (a_3 - c_0 - (2b_0 + c_1)f_1)e^{3s} + o(e^{3s}),$$

as $s \rightarrow -\infty$ and if $\lambda_2^2 + b_1\lambda_2 + c_2 \neq 0$ then $\lambda_2 = 3$ and

$$f_2 = \frac{a_3 - c_0}{9 + 3b_1 + c_2} - \frac{2b_0 + c_1}{9 + 3b_1 + c_2} f_1. \quad (10)$$

Therefore, (9) implies

$$\begin{aligned} (\lambda_3^2 + b_1\lambda_3 + c_2)f_3 \exp\{s\lambda_3\} + \sum_{k=4}^{\infty} (\lambda_k^2 + b_1\lambda_k + c_2)f_k \exp\{s\lambda_k\} + \\ + (3b_0 + c_1)f_2 e^{4s} + \sum_{k=3}^{\infty} (b_0\lambda_k + c_1)f_k \exp\{s(\lambda_k + 1)\} + \\ + c_0 f_1 e^{4s} + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} c_0 f_k \exp\{s(\lambda_k + 2)\} = a_4 e^{4s} + \sum_{n=5}^{\infty} a_n e^{ns}. \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

Hence, it follows that

$$(\lambda_3^2 + b_1\lambda_3 + c_2)f_3 \exp\{s\lambda_3\} + o(e^{s\lambda_3}) = (a_4 - c_0 f_1 - (3b_0 + c_1)f_2)e^{3s} + o(e^{3s}),$$

as $s \rightarrow -\infty$ and if $\lambda_3^2 + b_1\lambda_3 + c_2 \neq 0$ then $\lambda_3 = 4$ and

$$f_3 = \frac{a_4}{16 + 4b_1 + c_2} - \frac{3b_0 + c_1}{16 + 4b_1 + c_2} f_2 - \frac{c_0}{16 + 4b_1 + c_2} f_1. \quad (12)$$

Therefore, (11) implies

$$\begin{aligned} (\lambda_4^2 + b_1\lambda_4 + c_2)f_4 \exp\{s\lambda_4\} + \sum_{k=5}^{\infty} (\lambda_k^2 + b_1\lambda_k + c_2)f_k \exp\{s\lambda_k\} + \\ + (4b_0 + c_1)f_3 e^{5s} + \sum_{k=4}^{\infty} (b_0\lambda_k + c_1)f_k \exp\{s(\lambda_k + 1)\} + \end{aligned}$$

$$+c_0 f_2 e^{5s} + \sum_{k=3}^{\infty} c_0 f_k \exp\{s(\lambda_k + 2)\} = a_5 e^{5s} + \sum_{n=6}^{\infty} a_n e^{ns},$$

whence as above it follows that if $\lambda_4^2 + b_1 \lambda_4 + c_2 \neq 0$ then $\lambda_4 = 5$ and

$$f_4 = \frac{a_5}{25 + 5b_1 + c_2} - \frac{4b_0 + c_1}{25 + 5b_1 + c_2} f_3 - \frac{c_0}{25 + 5b_1 + c_2} f_2.$$

Continuing this process, we will come to the formulas $\lambda_k = k + 1$ and

$$f_k = \frac{a_{k+1}}{(k+1)^2 + (k+1)b_1 + c_2} - \frac{kb_0 + c_1}{(k+1)^2 + (k+1)b_1 + c_2} f_{k-1} - \frac{c_0}{(k+1)^2 + (k+1)b_1 + c_2} f_{k-2} \quad (13)$$

for $k \geq 3$, provided $\lambda_k^2 + b_1 \lambda_k + c_2 \neq 0$.

Thus, the following statement is correct.

Lemma 3. *If $1 + b_1 + c_2 = a_1$ and $k^2 + kb_1 + c_2 \neq 0$ for all $k \geq 2$ then differential equation (1) has the solution*

$$F(s) = e^s + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} f_k \exp\{s(k+1)\}, \quad (14)$$

where the coefficients f_1 and f_2 are defined by formulas (8) and (10), and for $k \geq 3$ recurrent formula (13) is true.

2. Pseudostarlikeness. At the first, we remark that for function (14) condition (5) has the form

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} B_k |f_k| \leq 2\beta(1 - \alpha), \quad B_k = (1 + \beta)k + 2\beta(1 - \alpha). \quad (15)$$

We put $A_k = (k+1)^2 + (k+1)b_1 + c_2$ and suppose that $b_1 \geq 0$ and $c_2 \geq 0$. Then $A_k > 0$ for all $k \geq 1$ and from (8), (10) and (13) we get $f_1 = \frac{a_2 - b_0 - c_1}{A_1}$, $f_2 = \frac{a_3 - c_0}{A_2} - \frac{2b_0 + c_1}{A_2} f_1$ and $f_k = \frac{a_{k+1}}{A_k} - \frac{kb_0 + c_1}{A_k} f_{k-1} - \frac{c_0}{A_k} f_{k-2}$ for $k \geq 3$. Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} B_k |f_k| &\leq B_1 |f_1| + B_2 |f_2| + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} B_k |f_k| \leq \\ &\leq B_1 |f_1| + B_2 |f_2| + \sum_{k=3}^{\infty} B_k \frac{|a_{k+1}|}{A_k} + \sum_{k=3}^{\infty} B_k \frac{k|b_0| + |c_1|}{A_k} |f_{k-1}| + \sum_{k=3}^{\infty} B_k \frac{|c_0|}{A_k} |f_{k-2}| = \\ &= B_1 |f_1| + B_2 |f_2| + \sum_{k=3}^{\infty} B_k \frac{|a_{k+1}|}{A_k} + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} B_{k+1} \frac{(k+1)|b_0| + |c_1|}{A_{k+1}} |f_k| + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} B_{k+2} \frac{|c_0|}{A_{k+2}} |f_k| = \\ &= B_1 |f_1| + B_2 |f_2| + \sum_{k=3}^{\infty} B_k \frac{|a_{k+1}|}{A_k} - B_2 \frac{2|b_0| + |c_1|}{A_2} |f_1| + \\ &+ \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left(B_{k+1} \frac{(k+1)|b_0| + |c_1|}{A_{k+1}} + B_{k+2} \frac{|c_0|}{A_{k+2}} \right) |f_k|. \end{aligned}$$

Since $B_2|f_2| - B_2\frac{2|b_0|+|c_1|}{A_2}|f_1| \leq B_2\frac{|a_3-c_0|}{A_2}$, hence we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} B_k|f_k| &\leq B_1\frac{|a_2-b_0-c_1|}{A_1} + B_2\frac{|a_3-c_0|}{A_2} + \sum_{k=3}^{\infty} B_k\frac{|a_{k+1}|}{A_k} + \\ &+ \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{B_{k+1}(k+1)|b_0|+|c_1|}{B_k A_{k+1}} + \frac{B_{k+2}|c_0|}{B_k A_{k+2}} \right) B_k|f_k|. \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

If we put

$$\eta = \frac{2(1+\beta) + 2\beta(1-\alpha)}{1+\beta+2\beta(1-\alpha)} \frac{3|b_0|+|c_1|+2|c_0|}{9+3b_1}$$

and

$$Q = \frac{1+\beta+2\beta(1-\alpha)}{4+2b_1+c_2} (|a_2-b_0-c_1|+2|a_3-c_0|) + \sum_{k=3}^{\infty} \frac{(1+\beta)k+2\beta(1-\alpha)}{(k+1)^2+(k+1)b_1+c_2} |a_{k+1}|$$

then using (16) we can prove the following theorem.

Theorem 1. *Let $b_1 \geq 0$, $c_2 \geq 0$ and $a_1 = 1 + b_1 + c_2$. If*

$$Q \leq 2\beta(1-\eta)(1-\alpha) \quad (17)$$

then differential equation (1) has solution (14) which is pseudostarlike in Π_0 of order α and type β .

Proof. The conditions $b_1 \geq 0$ and $c_2 \geq 0$ imply $k^2 + kb_1 + c_2 \neq 0$ for all $k \geq 2$ and, thus, the conditions of Lemma 3 are valid.

Since $\frac{B_{k+1}}{B_k} = 1 + \frac{1+\beta}{(1+\beta)k+2\beta(1-\alpha)} \downarrow 1$ as $k \rightarrow \infty$, we have $\frac{B_{k+1}}{B_k} \leq \frac{B_2}{B_1}$ and $\frac{B_{k+2}}{B_k} \leq \frac{B_3}{B_1}$ for all $k \geq 1$. Also, for $k \geq 1$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{(k+1)|b_0|+|c_1|}{A_{k+1}} &= \frac{(k+1)|b_0|+|c_1|}{(k+2)^2+(k+2)b_1+c_2} \leq \frac{(k+1)|b_0|+|c_1|}{(k+2)^2+(k+2)b_1} \leq \\ &\leq \frac{(k+2)|b_0|}{(k+2)^2+(k+2)b_1} + \frac{|c_1|}{(k+2)^2+(k+2)b_1} \leq \frac{|b_0|}{3+b_1} + \frac{|c_1|}{9+3b_1} = \frac{3|b_0|+|c_1|}{9+3b_1} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\frac{|c_0|}{A_{k+2}} = \frac{|c_0|}{(k+3)^2+(k+3)b_1+c_2} \leq \frac{|c_0|}{(k+3)^2+(k+3)b_1} \leq \frac{|c_0|}{16+4b_1}.$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{B_{k+1}(k+1)|b_0|+|c_1|}{B_k A_{k+1}} + \frac{B_{k+2}|c_0|}{B_k A_{k+2}} \leq \\ &\leq \frac{2(1+\beta) + 2\beta(1-\alpha)}{1+\beta+2\beta(1-\alpha)} \frac{3|b_0|+|c_1|}{9+3b_1} + \frac{3(1+\beta) + 2\beta(1-\alpha)}{1+\beta+2\beta(1-\alpha)} \frac{|c_0|}{16+4b_1} \end{aligned}$$

and, since $\frac{3(1+\beta)+2\beta(1-\alpha)}{16+4b_1} \leq 2\frac{2(1+\beta)+2\beta(1-\alpha)}{9+3b_1}$, we have

$$\frac{B_{k+1}(k+1)|b_0|+|c_1|}{B_k A_{k+1}} + \frac{B_{k+2}|c_0|}{B_k A_{k+2}} \leq \eta. \quad (18)$$

Since $\frac{B_2}{A_2} = \frac{2(1+\beta)+2\beta(1-\alpha)}{9+3b_1+c_2} \leq 2\frac{B_1}{A_1} = 2\frac{1+\beta+2\beta(1-\alpha)}{4+2b_1+c_2}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & B_1 \frac{|a_2 - b_0 - c_1|}{A_1} + B_2 \frac{|a_3 - c_0|}{A_2} + \sum_{k=3}^{\infty} B_k \frac{|a_{k+1}|}{A_k} = \\ & = (1 + \beta + 2\beta(1 - \alpha)) \frac{|a_2 - b_0 - c_1|}{4 + 2b_1 + c_2} + (2(1 + \beta) + 2\beta(1 - \alpha)) \frac{|a_3 - c_0|}{9 + 3b_1 + c_2} + \\ & + \sum_{k=3}^{\infty} ((1 + \beta)k + 2\beta(1 - \alpha)) \frac{|a_{k+1}|}{(k + 1)^2 + (k + 1)b_1 + c_2} \leq Q. \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

From (16), (18) and (19) we get $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} B_k |f_k| \leq Q + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \eta B_k |f_k|$. Since condition (17) implies $\eta < 1$, it follows that $(1 - \eta) \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} B_k |f_k| \leq Q \leq 2\beta(1 - \eta)(1 - \alpha)$ and, thus, condition (15) holds. By Lemma 1 function (14) is pseudoconvex in Π_0 of order α and type β . \square

3. Pseudoconvexity. By Lemma 2 function (14) is pseudoconvex of order α and type β if $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k B_k |f_k| \leq 2\beta(1 - \alpha)$. As above instead (16) we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k B_k |f_k| \leq B_1 \frac{|a_2 - b_0 - c_1|}{A_1} + 2B_2 \frac{|a_3 - c_0|}{A_2} + \sum_{k=3}^{\infty} k B_k \frac{|a_{k+1}|}{A_k} + \\ & + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{(k + 1)B_{k+1}}{k B_k} \frac{(k + 1)|b_0| + |c_1|}{A_{k+1}} + \frac{(k + 2)B_{k+2}}{k B_k} \frac{|c_0|}{A_{k+2}} \right) k B_k |f_k|. \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

As above, we have $\frac{(k+1)B_{k+1}}{k B_k} \leq \frac{2B_2}{B_1}$ and $\frac{(k+2)B_{k+2}}{k B_k} \leq \frac{3B_3}{B_1}$ for all $k \geq 1$ and, therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{(k + 1)B_{k+1}}{k B_k} \frac{(k + 1)|b_0| + |c_1|}{A_{k+1}} + \frac{(k + 2)B_{k+2}}{k B_k} \frac{|c_0|}{A_{k+2}} \leq \\ & \leq \frac{4(1 + \beta) + 4\beta(1 - \alpha)}{1 + \beta + 2\beta(1 - \alpha)} \frac{3|b_0| + |c_1|}{9 + 3b_1} + \frac{9(1 + \beta) + 6\beta(1 - \alpha)}{1 + \beta + 2\beta(1 - \alpha)} \frac{|c_0|}{16 + 4b_1} \leq \eta^*, \end{aligned} \quad (21)$$

where

$$\eta^* = \frac{4(1 + \beta) + 4\beta(1 - \alpha)}{1 + \beta + 2\beta(1 - \alpha)} \frac{3|b_0| + |c_1| + 2|c_0|}{9 + 3b_1}.$$

Finally, since $\frac{B_2}{A_2} \leq 2\frac{B_1}{A_1}$, as above we get

$$B_1 \frac{|a_2 - b_0 - c_1|}{A_1} + 2B_2 \frac{|a_3 - c_0|}{A_2} + \sum_{k=3}^{\infty} k B_k \frac{|a_{k+1}|}{A_k} \leq Q^*, \quad (22)$$

where

$$Q^* = \frac{1 + \beta + 2\beta(1 - \alpha)}{4 + 2b_1 + c_2} (|a_2 - b_0 - c_1| + 4|a_3 - c_0|) + \sum_{k=3}^{\infty} \frac{(1 + \beta)k^2 + 2\beta(1 - \alpha)k}{(k + 1)^2 + (k + 1)b_1 + c_2} |a_{k+1}|.$$

Using (20), (21) and (22) easy to prove the following theorem.

Theorem 2. Let $b_1 \geq 0$, $c_2 \geq 0$ and $a_1 = 1 + b_1 + c_2$. If $Q^* \leq 2\beta(1 - \eta^*)(1 - \alpha)$ then differential equation (1) has solution (14) pseudoconvex in Π_0 of order α and type β .

4. Growth. If $a_1(z)$ and $a_0(z) \not\equiv 0$ are entire functions then every solution of the homogeneous linear differential equation $w'' + a_1(z)w' + a_0(z)w = 0$ is entire, and in order to study its growth there is preferably used the value distribution theory of meromorphic functions or results of the Wiman-Valiron method (see, for example, [15, p. 114–144]). For Dirichlet series such results are obtained in [16–19].

Using formula (13) here we considerably simpler will obtain information about the growth of entire solution of differential equation (1). Suppose that $b_1 \geq 0$, $c_2 \geq 0$, $b_0 \leq 0$, $c_0 \leq 0$, $a_2 - b_0 - c_1 > 0$ and $a_{k+1} = 0$ for all $k \geq k_0 \geq 3$. Then $f_k > 0$ for all $k \geq 1$ and (13) implies for $k \geq k_0$

$$f_k = \frac{k|b_0| + |c_1|}{A_k} f_{k-1} + \frac{|c_0|}{A_k} f_{k-2} = \frac{(1 + o(1))|b_0|}{k} f_{k-1} + \frac{(1 + o(1))|c_0|}{k(k-1)} f_{k-2}$$

as $k_0 \leq k \rightarrow \infty$, whence

$$\frac{k f_k}{f_{k-1}} = (1 + o(1))|b_0| + (1 + o(1))|c_0| \frac{f_{k-2}}{(k-1)f_{k-1}}, \quad k \rightarrow \infty. \quad (23)$$

We put $A = \overline{\lim}_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{k f_k}{f_{k-1}}$ and $a = \underline{\lim}_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{k f_k}{f_{k-1}}$. Then from (23) we get $A = |b_0| + |c_0|/a$ and $a = |b_0| + |c_0|/A$, i. e. $A^2 - |b_0|A - |c_0| = 0$ and $a^2 - |b_0|a - |c_0| = 0$. Thus, $A \geq 0$ and $a \geq 0$ are the roots of the quadratic equation $x^2 - |b_0|x - |c_0| = 0$ and, therefore, $A = a = \frac{1}{2} \left(|b_0| + \sqrt{|b_0|^2 + 4|c_0|} \right)$. Hence, it follows that $f_k = \frac{(1+o(1))a f_{k-1}}{k}$ as $k \rightarrow \infty$. Therefore, for every $\varepsilon \in (0, a)$ and $k \geq k_1 = k_1(\varepsilon)$

$$\frac{(a - \varepsilon)^k}{k!} \leq f_k \leq \frac{(a + \varepsilon)^k}{k!}. \quad (24)$$

For entire Dirichlet series (2) we put $M(\sigma, F) = \sup\{|F(\sigma + it)| : t \in \mathbb{R}\}$. The values $\varrho_R = \overline{\lim}_{\sigma \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\ln \ln M(\sigma, F)}{\sigma}$, $\lambda_R = \underline{\lim}_{\sigma \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\ln \ln M(\sigma, F)}{\sigma}$, $T_R = \overline{\lim}_{\sigma \rightarrow +\infty} e^{-\varrho_R \sigma} \ln M(\sigma, F)$ and $t_R = \underline{\lim}_{\sigma \rightarrow +\infty} e^{-\varrho_R \sigma} \ln M(\sigma, F)$ are called R -order, lower R -order, R -type and lower R -type accordingly. Since $f_k > 0$ for all $k \geq 1$, we have $M(\sigma, F) = F(\sigma) = O(e^{k_1 \sigma}) + e^\sigma \sum_{k=k_1}^{\infty} f_k e^{k\sigma}$ as $\sigma \rightarrow +\infty$. From (24) it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} O(e^{k_1 \sigma}) + \exp\{(a - \varepsilon)e^\sigma\} &= \sum_{k=k_1}^{\infty} \frac{(a - \varepsilon)^k}{k!} e^{k\sigma} \leq \sum_{k=k_1}^{\infty} f_k e^{k\sigma} \leq \\ &\leq \sum_{k=k_1}^{\infty} \frac{(a + \varepsilon)^k}{k!} e^{k\sigma} = O(e^{k_1 \sigma}) + \exp\{((a + \varepsilon)e^\sigma)\}, \quad \sigma \rightarrow +\infty, \end{aligned}$$

whence $(a - \varepsilon)e^\sigma + o(1) \leq \ln M(\sigma, F) \leq (a + \varepsilon)e^\sigma + o(1)$ as $\sigma \rightarrow +\infty$, and in view of the arbitrariness of ε we get $\varrho_R = \lambda_R = 1$ and $T_R = t_R = a$. Thus, the following statement is proved.

Proposition 1. *Let $b_1 \geq 0$, $c_2 \geq 0$, $b_0 \leq 0$, $c_0 \leq 0$, $a_2 - b_0 - c_1 > 0$, $a_1 = 1 + b_1 + c_2$ and $a_{k+1} = 0$ for all $k \geq k_0 \geq 3$. Then differential equation (1) has entire solution (14) such that $\ln M(\sigma, F) = \frac{1+o(1)}{2} \left(|b_0| + \sqrt{|b_0|^2 + 4|c_0|} \right)$ as $\sigma \rightarrow +\infty$. If $Q \leq 2\beta(1 - \eta)(1 - \alpha)$ then function (14) is pseudostarlike in Π_0 of order α and type β . If $Q^* \leq 2\beta(1 - \eta^*)(1 - \alpha)$ then function (14) is pseudoconvex in Π_0 of order α and type β .*

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