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**BERNSTEIN-TYPE INEQUALITIES FOR ANALYTIC FUNCTIONS  
REPRESENTED BY POWER SERIES**

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Let  $R \in (0, +\infty]$  and  $\mathbb{D}_R = \{z \in \mathbb{C}: |z| < R\}$ . Denote by  $\mathcal{A}_R$  the class of all functions  $f$  analytic in  $\mathbb{D}_R$  such that  $f(z) \not\equiv 0$ . For any function  $f \in \mathcal{A}_R$ , let  $M(r, f) = \max\{|f(z)|: |z| = r\}$  be the maximum modulus,  $K(r, f) = rM(r, f')/M(r, f)$ , and  $\mu(r, f) = \max\{|a_n(f)|r^n: n \geq 0\}$  be the maximal term of the Maclaurin series of the function  $f$ , where  $a_n(f)$  denotes the  $n$ -th coefficient of this series. Suppose that  $\Phi$  is a continuous function on  $[a, \ln R)$  such that for every  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  we have  $x\sigma - \Phi(\sigma) \rightarrow -\infty$  as  $\sigma \uparrow \ln R$ , and let  $\tilde{\Phi}(x) = \max\{x\sigma - \Phi(\sigma): \sigma \in D_\Phi\}$  be the Young conjugate function of  $\Phi$ ,  $\varphi(x) = \tilde{\Phi}'_+(x)$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , and  $\Gamma(x) = (\tilde{\Phi}(x) - \ln x)/x$  for all sufficiently large  $x$ . Put

$$\Delta = \overline{\lim}_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\ln x}{\Phi(\varphi(x))}, \quad t(f) = \overline{\lim}_{r \uparrow R} \frac{\ln \mu(r, f)}{\Phi(\ln r)}, \quad k(f) = \overline{\lim}_{r \uparrow R} \frac{K(r, f)}{\Phi^{-1}(\ln r)}, \quad k_1(f) = \overline{\lim}_{r \uparrow R} \frac{K(r, f)}{\Gamma^{-1}(\ln r)},$$

where  $f \in \mathcal{A}_R$ . We prove the following results:

- (a) for any function  $f \in \mathcal{A}_R$  such that  $t(f) \leq 1$ , the inequality  $k_1(f) \leq 1$  holds;
- (b) for an arbitrary positive sequence  $(r_n)$  increasing to  $R$ , there exists a function  $f \in \mathcal{A}_R$  such that  $t(f) = 1$  and  $\overline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow +\infty} K(r_n, f)/\Gamma^{-1}(\ln r_n) = 1$ ;
- (c) for any function  $f \in \mathcal{A}_R$  such that  $t(f) \leq 1$ , the inequality  $k(f) \leq 1 + \Delta$  holds;
- (d) there exists a function  $f \in \mathcal{A}_R$  such that  $t(f) = 1$  and  $k(f) = 1 + \Delta$ .

**1. Introduction.** Let  $R \in (0, +\infty]$  and  $\mathbb{D}_R = \{z \in \mathbb{C}: |z| < R\}$ . By  $\mathcal{A}_R$  we denote the class of all functions  $f$  analytic in  $\mathbb{D}_R$  such that  $f(z) \not\equiv 0$ . For any function  $f \in \mathcal{A}_R$  and all  $r \in (0, R)$ , we put

$$M(r, f) = \max\{|f(z)|: |z| = r\}, \quad K(r, f) = r \frac{M(r, f')}{M(r, f)}.$$

If  $P$  is a polynomial of degree  $n$ , then for every  $r > 0$  by Bernstein’s classical inequality, we have  $K(r, P) \leq n$ . An analogue of this inequality for transcendental entire functions was also obtained by S. Bernstein [1, p. 76].

**Theorem A** ([1]). *Let  $\rho$  and  $T$  be positive numbers. If  $f \in \mathcal{A}_{+\infty}$  is a function of order  $\rho$  and type  $T$ , i.e.*

$$\overline{\lim}_{r \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\ln M(r, f)}{Tr^\rho} = 1,$$

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then

$$\overline{\lim}_{r \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{K(r, f)}{eT\rho r^\rho} \leq 1. \quad (1)$$

T. Kövari [2] proved that inequality (1) is sharp.

**Theorem B** ([2]). *Let  $\rho$  and  $T$  be positive numbers. Then there exists a function  $f \in \mathcal{A}_{+\infty}$  of order  $\rho$  and type  $T$  such that*

$$\overline{\lim}_{r \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{K(r, f)}{eT\rho r^\rho} = 1.$$

Analogues of the results of S. Bernstein and T. Kövari for wide classes of analytic functions were established in [3]–[7]. In order to formulate those of the obtained results that relate directly to the classes  $\mathcal{A}_R$ , we introduce some notations and definitions.

Suppose that  $A \in (-\infty, +\infty]$ . By  $\Omega_A$  we denote the class of all functions  $\Phi: D_\Phi \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that  $D_\Phi$  is an interval of the form  $[a, A)$ ,  $\Phi$  is continuous on  $D_\Phi$ , and the following condition

$$\forall x \in \mathbb{R}: \quad \lim_{\sigma \uparrow A} (x\sigma - \Phi(\sigma)) = -\infty \quad (2)$$

holds. It is easy to see that in the case when  $A < +\infty$  condition (2) is equivalent to the condition  $\Phi(\sigma) \rightarrow +\infty$  as  $\sigma \rightarrow A - 0$ , and in the case when  $A = +\infty$  this condition is equivalent to the condition  $\Phi(\sigma)/\sigma \rightarrow +\infty$  as  $\sigma \rightarrow +\infty$ .

Let  $\Omega'_A$  be the class of all functions  $\Phi \in \Omega_A$  such that  $\Phi$  is a continuously differentiable function on  $D_\Phi$  and  $\Phi'$  is an increasing function on  $D_\Phi$ .

If  $\Phi \in \Omega_A$ , then let  $\tilde{\Phi}$  be the Young conjugate function of  $\Phi$ , i.e.

$$\tilde{\Phi}(x) = \max\{x\sigma - \Phi(\sigma): \sigma \in D_\Phi\}, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Properties of Young conjugate functions are well known. Some of these properties are given in the following lemma (see, for example, [8]).

**Lemma 1.** *Let  $A \in (-\infty, +\infty]$ ,  $\Phi \in \Omega_A$ , and  $\varphi(x) = \max\{\sigma \in D_\Phi: x\sigma - \Phi(\sigma) = \tilde{\Phi}(x)\}$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then the following statements are true:*

- (i)  $\varphi$  is a non-decreasing function on  $\mathbb{R}$ ;
- (ii)  $\varphi$  is a continuous from the right function on  $\mathbb{R}$ ;
- (iii)  $\varphi(x) \rightarrow A$  as  $x \rightarrow +\infty$ ;
- (iv) the right-hand derivative of  $\tilde{\Phi}(x)$  is equal to  $\varphi(x)$  at each point  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ;
- (v) if  $x_0 = \inf\{x > 0: \tilde{\Phi}(\varphi(x)) > 0\}$ , then  $\tilde{\Phi}(x)/x$  increases to  $A$  on  $(x_0, +\infty)$ ;
- (vi) the function  $\tilde{\Phi}(\varphi(x))$  is non-decreasing on  $[0, +\infty)$ .

Suppose that  $\Phi \in \Omega_A$ , and let  $\varphi(x)$  and  $x_0$  be defined by  $\Phi$  as in Lemma 1. Put

$$\Delta_\Phi = \overline{\lim}_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\ln x}{\tilde{\Phi}(\varphi(x))}.$$

For all  $x > x_0$ , we set  $\bar{\Phi}(x) = \tilde{\Phi}(x)/x$ . By Lemma 1, the function  $\bar{\Phi}$  is continuous increasing to  $A$  on  $(x_0, +\infty)$ . So, if  $A_0 = \bar{\Phi}(x_0 + 0)$ , then the inverse function  $\bar{\Phi}^{-1}$  is continuous increasing to  $+\infty$  on the interval  $(A_0, A)$ . We will assume that  $\bar{\Phi}^{-1}(\sigma) = +\infty$  for all  $\sigma \in [A, +\infty]$ . Put

$$\beta(\sigma) = \ln \bar{\Phi}^{-1}(\sigma) / \bar{\Phi}^{-1}(\sigma), \quad \sigma \in (A_0, A). \quad (3)$$

We also put  $b = \max\{x_0, e\}$  and consider the function

$$\Gamma(x) = \overline{\Phi}(x) - \frac{\ln x}{x}, \quad x \in (b, +\infty). \tag{4}$$

This function is continuous increasing to  $A$  on  $(b, +\infty)$ . Therefore, if  $B = \Gamma(b - 0)$ , then the inverse function  $\Gamma^{-1}$  is continuous increasing to  $+\infty$  on  $(B, A)$ . It is easy to see that  $\overline{\Phi}^{-1}(\sigma + \beta(\sigma)) > \Gamma^{-1}(\sigma) > \overline{\Phi}^{-1}(\sigma)$  for all  $\sigma < A$  sufficiently close to  $A$ .

Note also that if  $\Phi \in \Omega'_A$ ,  $D_\Phi = [a, A)$  and  $c = \Phi'(a)$ , then the function  $\sigma = \varphi(x)$ ,  $x \in [c, +\infty)$ , is the inverse of the function  $x = \Phi'(\sigma)$ . In addition, in this case

$$\Delta_\Phi = \overline{\lim}_{\sigma \uparrow A} \frac{\ln \Phi'(\sigma)}{\Phi(\sigma)}.$$

Let  $R \in (0, +\infty]$  and  $f \in \mathcal{A}_R$ . We expand the function  $f$  into a power series

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^n \tag{5}$$

and put

$$\mu(r, f) = \max\{|a_n| r^n : n \in \mathbb{N}_0\}, \quad G(r, f) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |a_n| r^n$$

for all  $r \in [0, R)$ , where  $\mathbb{N}_0$  denotes the set of all non-negative integers.

If  $\Phi \in \Omega_{\ln R}$ , and  $f \in \mathcal{A}_R$  is a function of the form (5), then let

$$t_\Phi(f) = \overline{\lim}_{r \uparrow R} \frac{\ln \mu(r, f)}{\Phi(\ln r)}, \quad T_\Phi(f) = \overline{\lim}_{r \uparrow R} \frac{\ln M(r, f)}{\Phi(\ln r)}, \quad \mathcal{T}_\Phi(f) = \overline{\lim}_{r \uparrow R} \frac{\ln G(r, f)}{\Phi(\ln r)};$$

$$k_\Phi(f) = \overline{\lim}_{r \uparrow R} \frac{K(r, f)}{\overline{\Phi}^{-1}(\ln r)}, \quad k_{1,\Phi}(f) = \overline{\lim}_{r \uparrow R} \frac{K(r, f)}{\Gamma^{-1}(\ln r)}, \quad k_{2,\Phi}(f) = \overline{\lim}_{r \uparrow R} \frac{K(r, f)}{\overline{\Phi}^{-1}(\ln r + \beta(\ln r))}.$$

It is clear that  $t_\Phi(f) \leq T_\Phi(f) \leq \mathcal{T}_\Phi(f)$  and  $k_{2,\Phi}(f) \leq k_{1,\Phi}(f) \leq k_\Phi(f)$ .

Let  $\Phi \in \Omega_{\ln R}$ . It is proved in [8] that for any function  $f \in \mathcal{A}_R$  of the form (5) we have

$$t_\Phi(f) = \overline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{\overline{\Phi}^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{n} \ln \frac{1}{|a_n|}\right)}. \tag{6}$$

In addition, in [8] (see also [9, 10]) it is shown that the condition  $\Delta_\Phi = 0$  is necessary and sufficient for  $\mathcal{T}_\Phi(f) = t_\Phi(f)$  holds for any function  $f \in \mathcal{A}_R$  of the form (5).

The following result of M. M. Sheremeta [3] is a generalization of Theorem A to the case of entire functions of arbitrary growth.

**Theorem C** ([3]). *Let  $\Phi \in \Omega'_{+\infty}$ . Then for any function  $f \in \mathcal{A}_{+\infty}$  such that  $T_\Phi(f) = 1$ , we have  $k_{2,\Phi}(f) \leq 1$ .*

A detailed analysis of the proof of Theorem C, which was proposed by M. M. Sheremeta in [3], shows that for functions analytic in a disk, we can prove a complete analogue of Theorem C (see also [4]). At the same time, in order to establish the inequality  $k_{2,\Phi}(f) \leq 1$  it is enough to require the fulfillment of the condition  $t_\Phi(f) \leq 1$  instead of the stronger condition  $T_\Phi(f) = 1$ . In other words, the following result is true.

**Theorem D.** *Let  $R \in (0, +\infty]$  and  $\Phi' \in \Omega_{\ln R}$ . Then for any function  $f \in \mathcal{A}_R$  of the form (5) such that  $t_\Phi(f) \leq 1$ , we have  $k_{2,\Phi}(f) \leq 1$ .*

We note that if  $R < +\infty$ , then for functions  $\Phi$  from the class  $\Omega_{\ln R}$  we can have a situation in which  $\ln r + \beta(\ln r) \geq \ln R$  for all  $r \in [r_1, R)$  with some  $r_1 \in (0, R)$  (for example, if  $\Phi(\ln r) \leq -1 - \ln \ln(R/r)$  for all  $r \in [r_2, R)$  with some  $r_2 \in (0, R)$ ). Then  $\overline{\Phi}^{-1}(\ln r + \beta(\ln r)) = +\infty$  for all  $r \in [r_1, R)$ . Therefore, if  $f \in \mathcal{A}_R$ , then Theorem D does not give any information about the behavior of the quantity  $K(r, f)$  as  $r \uparrow R$ . This gap is filled to some extent by the following two theorems.

**Theorem E** ([5]). *Let  $R \in (0, +\infty]$  and  $\Phi \in \Omega_{\ln R}$ . Then for any function  $f \in \mathcal{A}_R$  of the form (5) such that  $\mathcal{T}_\Phi(f) \leq 1$ , we have  $k_\Phi(f) \leq 1$ .*

**Theorem F** ([5]). *Let  $R \in (0, +\infty]$  and  $\Phi \in \Omega_{\ln R}$ . Then there exists a function  $f \in \mathcal{A}_R$  of the form (5) such that  $\mathcal{T}_\Phi(f) = T_\Phi(f) = t_\Phi(f) = 1$  and  $k_\Phi(f) = 1$ .*

As we mentioned above, in the case when  $\Delta_\Phi = 0$  we have  $\mathcal{T}_\Phi(f) = T_\Phi(f) = t_\Phi(f)$ . So, in this case, the condition  $\mathcal{T}_\Phi(f) \leq 1$  in Theorem E can be replaced by each of the conditions  $T_\Phi(f) \leq 1$  or  $t_\Phi(f) \leq 1$ .

Note that using results from [11] (see also [12, 13]), it is easy to prove the existence of functions  $\Phi \in \Omega_{+\infty}$  and  $f \in \mathcal{A}_{+\infty}$  such that  $T_\Phi(f) = 1$ , but  $\mathcal{T}_\Phi(f) = +\infty$ . However, despite this, we have the following result.

**Theorem G** ([7]). *Let  $R \in (0, +\infty]$  and  $\Phi \in \Omega_{\ln R}$ . Then for any function  $f \in \mathcal{A}_R$  of the form (5) such that  $T_\Phi(f) \leq 1$ , we have  $k_\Phi(f) \leq C_1$ , where  $C_1 < 1.1276$  is an absolute constant.*

In connection with the formulated results, the following question arises: *does there exist an absolute constant  $C_2 > 1$  such that for any functions  $\Phi \in \Omega_{\ln R}$  and  $f \in \mathcal{A}_R$  with  $t_\Phi(f) \leq 1$ , we have  $k_\Phi(f) \leq C_2$ ?* A negative answer to this question follows from the following two theorems (see Corollary 2 below), which give a sharp estimate from above on the behavior of the quantity  $K(r, f)$  as  $r \uparrow R$  under the condition  $t_\Phi(f) \leq 1$ .

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $R \in (0, +\infty]$  and  $\Phi \in \Omega_{\ln R}$ . Then for any function  $f \in \mathcal{A}_R$  of the form (5) such that  $t_\Phi(f) \leq 1$ , we have  $k_{1, \Phi}(f) \leq 1$ .*

**Theorem 2.** *Let  $R \in (0, +\infty]$ ,  $\Phi \in \Omega_{\ln R}$ , and let  $(r_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}_0}$  be a positive sequence increasing to  $R$ . Then there exists a function  $f \in \mathcal{A}_R$  of the form (5) such that  $t_\Phi(f) = 1$  and*

$$\overline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{K(r_n, f)}{\Gamma^{-1}(\ln r_n)} = 1. \quad (7)$$

**2. Auxiliary results.** In this section, we give some lemmas that we will need to prove Theorems 1 and 2, as well as their consequences.

**Lemma 2** ([8]). *Let  $R \in (0, +\infty]$ ,  $\Phi \in \Omega_{\ln R}$ , and let  $f \in \mathcal{A}_R$  be a function of the form (5). Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (i) *there exists  $r_0 \in (0, R)$  such that  $\ln \mu(r, f) \leq \Phi(\ln r)$  for all  $r \in [r_0, R)$ ;*
- (ii) *there exists  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}_0$  such that  $\ln |a_n| \leq -\tilde{\Phi}(n)$  for all integers  $n \geq n_0$ .*

The following lemma is actually proved in [6] (see the proof of Theorem 2 in [6]).

**Lemma 3** ([6]). *Let  $A \in (-\infty, +\infty]$ ,  $\Phi \in \Omega_A$ , and let  $\Gamma$  be the function defined by (4). Then there exist a function  $\Theta \in \Omega_A$  and a number  $y_0 > 0$  such that  $\overline{\Theta}(y) = \Gamma(y)$  for all  $y \geq y_0$ .*

In the following two lemmas, we assume that  $\varphi(x)$  and  $x_0$  are defined by a given function  $\Phi \in \Omega_A$  as in Lemma 1.

**Lemma 4** ([14]). *Let  $A \in (-\infty, +\infty]$ ,  $\Phi \in \Omega_A$ ,  $\sigma_0 = \bar{\Phi}(x_0 + 0)$ , and  $y(\sigma) = \varphi(\bar{\Phi}^{-1}(\sigma))$  for all  $\sigma \in (\sigma_0, A)$ . Then for every  $\delta \in (0, 1)$  and each  $\sigma \in (\sigma_0, A)$  we have*

$$\bar{\Phi}^{-1}\left(\sigma + \frac{\delta\Phi(y(\sigma))}{\bar{\Phi}^{-1}(\sigma)}\right) \leq \frac{\bar{\Phi}^{-1}(\sigma)}{1 - \delta}.$$

**Lemma 5.** *Let  $A \in (-\infty, +\infty]$ ,  $\Phi \in \Omega_A$ ,  $c \in \mathbb{R}$  be a fixed number, and let  $h(c) = \varphi(c)$  and*

$$h(x) = \frac{\tilde{\Phi}(x) - \tilde{\Phi}(c)}{x - c}, \quad x > c.$$

Then the function  $h$  has the following properties:

- (i)  $h$  is continuous non-decreasing on  $[c, +\infty)$  and  $h(x) \leq \varphi(x)$  for all  $x \geq c$ ;
- (ii) if  $d = \inf\{x > c: \varphi(x) > \varphi(c)\}$ , then  $h$  is increasing on  $[d, +\infty)$ ;
- (iii) if  $c > x_0$ , then  $\bar{\Phi}(x) < h(x)$  for all  $x > c$ ;
- (iv)  $\bar{\Phi}^{-1}(h(x)) \sim x$  at  $x \rightarrow +\infty$ .

*Proof.* By Lemma 1 the function  $\tilde{\Phi}$  is convex on  $\mathbb{R}$  and we have  $\varphi(x) = \tilde{\Phi}'_+(x)$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Taking into account this fact, it is easy to justify (i) and (ii).

Let  $c > x_0$  and  $x > c$ . Since

$$h(x) = \bar{\Phi}(x) + \frac{c(\bar{\Phi}(x) - \bar{\Phi}(c))}{x - c}, \quad (8)$$

we obtain  $\bar{\Phi}(x) < h(x)$ . Next, we note that

$$\bar{\Phi}(x) - \bar{\Phi}(c) = o(\Phi(\varphi(x))), \quad x \rightarrow +\infty. \quad (9)$$

In fact, since by Lemma 1 we have  $\bar{\Phi}(x) \rightarrow A$  and  $\Phi(\varphi(x)) \rightarrow +\infty$  for  $x \rightarrow +\infty$ , relation (9) is obvious in the case  $A < +\infty$ . If  $A = +\infty$ , then we get  $\bar{\Phi}(x) \leq \varphi(x) = o(\Phi(\varphi(x)))$  as  $x \rightarrow +\infty$ , and this also implies (9).

Taking into account (8) and (9), as well as using the notation  $\sigma = \bar{\Phi}(x)$ , we obtain

$$h(x) = \bar{\Phi}(x) + o\left(\frac{\Phi(\varphi(x))}{x}\right) = \sigma + o\left(\frac{\Phi(\varphi(\bar{\Phi}^{-1}(\sigma)))}{\bar{\Phi}^{-1}(\sigma)}\right), \quad x \rightarrow +\infty.$$

Then by Lemma 4 we have  $\bar{\Phi}^{-1}(h(x)) \sim \bar{\Phi}^{-1}(\sigma) = x$  as  $x \rightarrow +\infty$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 6.** *Let  $A \in (-\infty, +\infty]$ ,  $\Phi \in \Omega_A$ , and let  $\Gamma$  be the function defined by (4). Then*

$$\overline{\lim}_{\sigma \uparrow A} \frac{\Gamma^{-1}(\sigma)}{\bar{\Phi}^{-1}(\sigma)} = 1 + \Delta_\Phi. \quad (10)$$

*Proof.* Denote the left part in (10) by  $\Delta_0$  and first of all prove the inequality  $\Delta_0 \leq 1 + \Delta_\Phi$ . Suppose the contrary, that is, there exist a number  $p > \Delta_\Phi$  and a sequence  $(\sigma_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}_0}$  increasing to  $A$  such that  $\Gamma^{-1}(\sigma_n) \geq (1 + p)\bar{\Phi}^{-1}(\sigma_n)$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ . Fixing some  $q \in (\Delta_\Phi, p)$ , for all  $n \geq n_0$  we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\ln \Gamma^{-1}(\sigma_n)}{\Gamma^{-1}(\sigma_n)} &\leq \frac{1}{1+q} \cdot \frac{\ln \bar{\Phi}^{-1}(\sigma_n)}{\bar{\Phi}^{-1}(\sigma_n)} = \\ &= \frac{1}{1+q} \cdot \frac{\ln \bar{\Phi}^{-1}(\sigma_n)}{\Phi(\varphi(\bar{\Phi}^{-1}(\sigma_n)))} \cdot \frac{\Phi(\varphi(\bar{\Phi}^{-1}(\sigma_n)))}{\bar{\Phi}^{-1}(\sigma_n)} \leq \frac{q}{1+q} \cdot \frac{\Phi(\varphi(\bar{\Phi}^{-1}(\sigma_n)))}{\bar{\Phi}^{-1}(\sigma_n)}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, using Lemma 4 with  $\delta = q/(1+q)$ , for all  $n \geq n_0$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma^{-1}(\sigma_n) &= \bar{\Phi}^{-1}\left(\sigma_n + \frac{\ln \Gamma^{-1}(\sigma_n)}{\Gamma^{-1}(\sigma_n)}\right) \leq \\ &\leq \bar{\Phi}^{-1}\left(\sigma_n + \frac{\delta \Phi(\varphi(\bar{\Phi}^{-1}(\sigma_n)))}{\bar{\Phi}^{-1}(\sigma_n)}\right) \leq \frac{\bar{\Phi}^{-1}(\sigma_n)}{1-\delta} = (1+q)\bar{\Phi}^{-1}(\sigma_n), \end{aligned}$$

but this contradicts the inequality  $\Gamma^{-1}(\sigma_n) \geq (1+p)\bar{\Phi}^{-1}(\sigma_n)$ .

Now we prove that  $\Delta_0 \geq 1 + \Delta_\Phi$ . Suppose the contrary again. Then there exist numbers  $\delta \in (0, \Delta_\Phi)$  and  $b < A$  such that for all  $\sigma \in (b, A)$  we have  $\Gamma^{-1}(\sigma) \leq (1+\delta)\bar{\Phi}^{-1}(\sigma)$ . Setting  $\sigma = \Gamma(x)$ , for all sufficiently large  $x$  we obtain  $x \leq (1+\delta)\bar{\Phi}^{-1}(\Gamma(x))$ , and therefore

$$\bar{\Phi}\left(\frac{x}{1+\delta}\right) \leq \Gamma(x) = \bar{\Phi}(x) - \frac{\ln x}{x}.$$

Since, as it is easy to see,  $\bar{\Phi}'_+(x) = \Phi(\varphi(x))/x^2$  for all  $x > x_0$ , and by Lemma 1 the function  $\alpha(x) = \Phi(\varphi(x))$  is non-decreasing on  $[0, +\infty)$ , for all sufficiently large  $x$  we obtain

$$\frac{\ln x}{x} \leq \bar{\Phi}(x) - \bar{\Phi}\left(\frac{x}{1+\delta}\right) = \int_{x/(1+\delta)}^x \frac{\Phi(\varphi(t))}{t^2} dt \leq \Phi(\varphi(x)) \int_{x/(1+\delta)}^x \frac{dt}{t^2} = \frac{\delta}{x} \Phi(\varphi(x)).$$

This implies that  $\Delta_\Phi \leq \delta$ , but it is impossible because  $\delta \in (0, \Delta_\Phi)$ . □

**Lemma 7.** *Let  $A \in (-\infty, +\infty]$ ,  $\Phi \in \Omega_A$ , and let  $\beta$  be the function defined by (3). Then*

$$\lim_{\sigma \uparrow A} \frac{\bar{\Phi}^{-1}(\sigma + \beta(\sigma))}{\bar{\Phi}^{-1}(\sigma)} = \begin{cases} +\infty, & \text{if } \Delta_\Phi \geq 1; \\ 1/(1 - \Delta_\Phi), & \text{if } \Delta_\Phi < 1. \end{cases} \tag{11}$$

*Proof.* We denote the left-hand and right-hand side parts in (11) by  $\Delta_0$  and  $\delta_0$ , respectively, and first of all we prove the inequality  $\Delta_0 \leq \delta_0$ . We assume that  $\Delta_\Phi < 1$ , since otherwise this inequality is trivial. Let  $\Delta \in (\Delta_\Phi, 1)$  be a fixed number. The definition of  $\Delta_\Phi$  implies the existence of a number  $\sigma_1 < A$  such that

$$\ln \bar{\Phi}^{-1}(\sigma) \leq \Delta \Phi(\varphi(\bar{\Phi}^{-1}(\sigma))), \quad \sigma \in [\sigma_1, A].$$

Therefore, using Lemma 4, for some  $\sigma_2 < A$  and all  $\sigma \in [\sigma_2, A)$  we obtain

$$\bar{\Phi}^{-1}(\sigma + \beta(\sigma)) = \bar{\Phi}^{-1}\left(\sigma + \frac{\ln \bar{\Phi}^{-1}(\sigma)}{\bar{\Phi}^{-1}(\sigma)}\right) \leq \bar{\Phi}^{-1}\left(\sigma + \Delta \frac{\Phi(\varphi(\bar{\Phi}^{-1}(\sigma)))}{\bar{\Phi}^{-1}(\sigma)}\right) \leq \frac{\bar{\Phi}^{-1}(\sigma)}{1-\Delta}.$$

Since  $\Delta \in (\Delta_\Phi, 1)$  is arbitrary, this implies the inequality  $\Delta_0 \leq \delta_0$ .

Now we prove that  $\Delta_0 \geq \delta_0$ . Assume that  $\Delta_0 < \delta_0$ . Then, fixing an arbitrary  $\delta \in (\Delta_0, \delta_0)$ , for some  $\sigma_3 < A$  we have

$$\bar{\Phi}^{-1}(\sigma + \beta(\sigma)) \leq \delta \bar{\Phi}^{-1}(\sigma), \quad \sigma \in [\sigma_3, A]. \tag{12}$$

Put  $\Delta = (\delta - 1)/\delta$ . Note that then  $\Delta < \Delta_\Phi$ . In addition, for some  $\sigma_4 < A$  and all  $\sigma \in [\sigma_4, A)$  by (12) and Lemma 4 we obtain

$$\frac{\ln \bar{\Phi}^{-1}(\sigma)}{\bar{\Phi}^{-1}(\sigma)} = \beta(\sigma) \leq \bar{\Phi}(\delta \bar{\Phi}^{-1}(\sigma)) - \sigma = \bar{\Phi}(\delta \bar{\Phi}^{-1}(\sigma)) - \bar{\Phi}(\bar{\Phi}^{-1}(\sigma)) = \int_{\bar{\Phi}^{-1}(\sigma)}^{\delta \bar{\Phi}^{-1}(\sigma)} \frac{\Phi(\varphi(x))}{x^2} dx \leq$$

$$\leq \Phi(\varphi(\delta\bar{\Phi}^{-1}(\sigma))) \int_{\bar{\Phi}^{-1}(\sigma)}^{\delta\bar{\Phi}^{-1}(\sigma)} \frac{dx}{x^2} = \Phi(\varphi(\delta\bar{\Phi}^{-1}(\sigma))) \frac{\Delta}{\bar{\Phi}^{-1}(\sigma)}.$$

This implies that  $\ln \bar{\Phi}^{-1}(\sigma) \leq \Delta \Phi(\varphi(\delta\bar{\Phi}^{-1}(\sigma)))$  for all  $\sigma \in [\sigma_4, A)$ . Then, as it is easy to see,  $\Delta_\Phi \leq \Delta$ , but this contradicts the inequality  $\Delta < \Delta_\Phi$ .  $\square$

For a function  $f \in \mathcal{A}_R$  of the form (5) and for each  $r \in (0, R)$ , let  $\nu(r, f)$  denote the central index of this function, i.e.  $\nu(r, f) = \max\{n \in \mathbb{N}_0 : |a_n|r^n = \mu(r, f)\}$ . As it is known,  $\nu(r, f) = r(\ln \mu(r, f))'_+$  for all  $r \in (0, R)$ . In addition, we have the following lemma (see [15]).

**Lemma 8.** *Let  $R \in (0, +\infty]$ ,  $(n_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}_0}$  be an increasing sequence of non-negative integers, and  $(c_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}_0}$  be a positive sequence increasing to  $R$ . If a complex sequence  $(a_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}_0}$  is such that  $a_{n_0} \neq 0$ ,  $a_n = 0$  for each integer  $n < n_0$ , and for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}_0$  the following relations*

$$|a_{n_{k+1}}| = |a_{n_0}| \prod_{j=0}^k c_j^{n_j - n_{j+1}}, \quad |a_n| \leq |a_{n_k}| c_k^{n_k - n} \quad (n \in (n_k, n_{k+1}))$$

hold, then the function  $f$  given by (5) belongs to the class  $\mathcal{A}_R$  and we have:

- (i)  $\nu(r, f) = n_0$  for all  $r \in (0, c_0)$ ;
- (ii)  $\nu(r, f) = n_{k+1}$  for all  $r \in [c_k, c_{k+1})$  and  $k \in \mathbb{N}_0$ .

### 3. Proof of Theorems.

*Proof of Theorem 1.* Let  $R \in (0, +\infty]$ ,  $\Phi \in \Omega_{\ln R}$ , and let  $f \in \mathcal{A}_R$  be a function of the form (5) such that  $t_\Phi(f) \leq 1$ . Let also  $\Gamma$  be the function defined above by (4).

We fix an arbitrary  $p > 1$  and choose some  $q \in (1, p)$ . Since  $t_\Phi(f) \leq 1$ , for some  $r_1 \in (0, R)$  and all  $r \in [r_1, R)$  we have  $\ln \mu(r, f) \leq q\Phi(\ln r)$ . Applying Lemma 2 with  $q\Phi$  instead of  $\Phi$ , for some  $n_1 \in \mathbb{N}_0$  and all integers  $n \geq n_1$  we obtain  $\ln |a_n| \leq -q\tilde{\Phi}(n/q)$ . Therefore, for some integer  $n_2 \geq n_1$  we have

$$\ln(n|a_n|) \leq \ln n - q\tilde{\Phi}(n/q) \leq q(\ln(n/q) - \tilde{\Phi}(n/q)) = -n\Gamma(n/q), \quad n \geq n_2. \quad (13)$$

According to Lemma 3, there exist a function  $\Theta \in \Omega_{\ln R}$  and a number  $r_2 \in (0, R)$  such that for all  $r \in [r_2, R)$  we have  $\bar{\Theta}^{-1}(\ln r) = \Gamma^{-1}(\ln r) > 0$ . Put  $\theta(x) = \tilde{\Theta}'_+(x)$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , and let  $\gamma(r) = \Theta(\theta(\bar{\Theta}^{-1}(\ln r)))$  and  $n_0 = n_0(r) = [p\Gamma^{-1}(\ln r)] + 1$  for all  $r \in [r_2, R)$ . Setting  $\delta = (p - q)/p$  and using Lemma 4 with  $\Theta$  instead of  $\Phi$ , for all  $r \in [r_2, R)$  we get

$$\Gamma^{-1}\left(\ln r + \frac{\delta\gamma(r)}{\bar{\Gamma}^{-1}(\ln r)}\right) = \bar{\Theta}^{-1}\left(\ln r + \frac{\delta\Theta(\theta(\bar{\Theta}^{-1}(\ln r)))}{\bar{\Theta}^{-1}(\ln r)}\right) \leq \frac{\bar{\Theta}^{-1}(\ln r)}{1 - \delta} = \frac{p}{q}\Gamma^{-1}(\ln r) \leq \frac{n_0}{q}.$$

This implies that

$$\Gamma(n_0/q) - \ln r \geq \delta\gamma(r)/\bar{\Gamma}^{-1}(\ln r), \quad r \in [r_2, R). \quad (14)$$

We choose a point  $r_3 \in [r_2, R)$  such that the inequalities  $n_0(r_3) \geq n_2$  and  $\gamma(r_3) > 0$  are satisfied. Using (13) and (14), for each fixed  $r \in [r_3, R)$  we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n > n_0} n|a_n|r^n &\leq \sum_{n > n_0} \frac{1}{e^{n(\Gamma(n/q) - \ln r)}} \leq \sum_{n > n_0} \frac{1}{e^{n(\Gamma(n_0/q) - \ln r)}} = \sum_{n > n_0} \frac{1}{e^{n\delta\gamma(r)/\bar{\Gamma}^{-1}(\ln r)}} = \\ &= \frac{1}{e^{n_0\delta\gamma(r)/\bar{\Gamma}^{-1}(\ln r)}(e^{\delta\gamma(r)/\bar{\Gamma}^{-1}(\ln r)} - 1)} \leq \frac{\bar{\Gamma}^{-1}(\ln r)}{e^{p\delta\gamma(r)}\delta\gamma(r)}. \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

Assuming that  $r \in [r_3, R)$  is fixed, we set  $P(z) = \sum_{n \leq n_0} a_n z^n$  for all  $z \in \mathbb{C}$ . Using Bernstein's inequality for polynomials and estimate (15), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} rM(r, f') &\leq rM(r, P') + \sum_{n > n_0} n|a_n|r^n \leq n_0M(r, P) + \sum_{n > n_0} n|a_n|r^n \leq \\ &\leq n_0 \left( M(r, f) + \sum_{n > n_0} |a_n|r^n \right) + \sum_{n > n_0} n|a_n|r^n \leq n_0M(r, f) + 2 \sum_{n > n_0} n|a_n|r^n \leq \\ &\leq ([p\Gamma^{-1}(\ln r)] + 1)M(r, f) + \frac{2\bar{\Gamma}^{-1}(\ln r)}{e^{p\delta\gamma(r)}\delta\gamma(r)}. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\gamma(r) \rightarrow +\infty$  as  $r \uparrow R$ , this shows that  $k_{1,\Phi}(f) \leq p$ . Finally, since  $p > 1$  is arbitrary, we have  $k_{1,\Phi}(f) \leq 1$ . □

*Proof of Theorem 2.* Let  $R \in (0, +\infty]$ ,  $\Phi \in \Omega_{\ln R}$ ,  $\Gamma$  be the function defined above by (4), and let  $(r_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}_0}$  be a positive sequence increasing to  $R$ .

By Lemma 3 there exists a function  $\Theta \in \Omega_{\ln R}$  such that  $\bar{\Theta}(x) = \Gamma(x)$  for all sufficiently large  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Put  $\theta(x) = \tilde{\Theta}'_+(x)$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  and let  $x_0 = \inf\{x > 0: \Theta(\theta(x)) > 0\}$ . For every fixed  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ , we set  $h_a(a) = \theta(a)$  and let  $h_a(x) = \frac{\tilde{\Theta}(x) - \tilde{\Theta}(a)}{x - a}$ ,  $x > a$ . Also we put  $d(a) = \inf\{x > a: \theta(x) > \theta(a)\}$ . According to Lemma 5, the restriction of the function  $h_a$  to the interval  $[d(a), +\infty)$  is a continuous increasing to  $+\infty$  function. We denote the inverse function to this restriction by  $h_a^{-1}$ .

Let  $(\delta_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}_0}$  be a fixed sequence of points in the interval  $(1, 2)$  decreasing to 1. Using Lemma 5, it is easy to justify the existence of a subsequence  $(\rho_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}_0}$  of the sequence  $(r_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}_0}$  and an increasing sequence  $(n_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}_0}$  with  $n_0 = [x_0] + 1$  such that for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}_0$  we have:

- (a)  $d(n_k) \leq \ln \rho_k$ ;
- (b)  $n_{k+1} = [h_{n_k}^{-1}(\ln \rho_k)]$ ;
- (c)  $h_{n_k}(x) \leq \bar{\Theta}(\delta_k x)$  if  $x \geq n_{k+1}$ ;
- (d)  $(k + 1)^2 n_k \leq \exp(\Theta(\theta(2n_{k+1}))/8)$ ;
- (e)  $n_{k+1} \geq 4n_k$ .

For every  $k \in \mathbb{N}_0$ , we set  $c_k = \exp(h_{n_k}(n_{k+1}))$ . Since

$$\bar{\Theta}(n_{k+1}) < h_{n_k}(n_{k+1}) \leq \bar{\Theta}(\delta_k n_{k+1}) < \bar{\Theta}(2n_{k+1}) < \bar{\Theta}(n_{k+2}), \quad k \in \mathbb{N}_0, \tag{16}$$

and by Lemma 1 we have  $\bar{\Theta}(x) \rightarrow \ln R$  as  $x \rightarrow +\infty$ , the sequence  $(c_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}_0}$  is positive and increasing to  $R$ . In addition, since  $\bar{\Theta}'_+(x) = \Theta(\theta(x))/x^2$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  and the function  $\Theta(\theta(x))$  is nondecreasing on  $[0, +\infty)$ , for every  $k \in \mathbb{N}_0$  by (16) and (e) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \ln c_{k+1} - \ln c_k &> \bar{\Theta}(n_{k+2}) - \bar{\Theta}(2n_{k+1}) = \int_{2n_{k+1}}^{n_{k+2}} \frac{\Theta(\theta(x))}{x^2} dx \geq \Theta(\theta(2n_{k+1})) \int_{2n_{k+1}}^{n_{k+2}} \frac{dx}{x^2} = \\ &= \Theta(\theta(2n_{k+1})) \left( \frac{1}{2n_{k+1}} - \frac{1}{n_{k+2}} \right) \geq \frac{1}{4n_{k+1}} \Theta(\theta(2n_{k+1})). \end{aligned} \tag{17}$$

Let  $b_{n_k} = \exp(-\tilde{\Theta}(n_k))$  for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}_0$ . Since

$$\ln c_k = h_{n_k}(n_{k+1}) = \frac{\tilde{\Theta}(n_{k+1}) - \tilde{\Theta}(n_k)}{n_{k+1} - n_k} = \frac{\ln b_{n_k} - \ln b_{n_{k+1}}}{n_{k+1} - n_k},$$



we have  $b_{n_{k+1}} = b_{n_k} c_k^{n_k - n_{k+1}}$ , and therefore, as it is easy to see,

$$b_{n_{k+1}} = b_{n_0} \prod_{j=0}^k c_j^{n_j - n_{j+1}}, \quad k \in \mathbb{N}_0.$$

Consider the power series  $g_0(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} b_{n_k} z^{n_k}$ . According to Lemma 8, the function  $g_0$  belongs to the class  $\mathcal{A}_R$ , and  $\mu(r, g_0) = b_{n_{k+1}} r^{n_{k+1}}$  for all  $r \in [c_k, c_{k+1}]$  and  $k \in \mathbb{N}_0$ . In addition, by Lemma 2 there exists  $s_0 \in (0, R)$  such that  $\ln \mu(r, g_0) \leq \Theta(\ln r)$  for all  $r \in [s_0, R)$ .

Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ . We put  $b_n = 0$  if  $n < n_0$ , and let  $b_n = b_{n_k} c_k^{n_k - n}$  if  $n \in (n_k, n_{k+1})$  for some  $k \in \mathbb{N}_0$ . Consider the series  $g(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} b_n z^n$ . According to Lemma 8, the function  $g$  belongs to the class  $\mathcal{A}_R$ , and  $\mu(r, g) = \mu(r, g_0)$  for all  $r \in [0, R)$ . Therefore,  $\ln \mu(r, g) \leq \Theta(\ln r)$  for all  $r \in [s_0, R)$ . Then, by Lemma 2, there exists  $p_0 \in \mathbb{N}_0$  such that  $\ln b_n \leq -\tilde{\Theta}(n)$  for all integers  $n \geq p_0$ .

Further, we note that if  $n, k \in \mathbb{N}_0$ ,  $k \geq 1$  and  $n \leq n_k$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} b_n c_k^n &= b_n c_{k-1}^n \left( \frac{c_k}{c_{k-1}} \right)^n \leq \mu(c_{k-1}, g) \left( \frac{c_k}{c_{k-1}} \right)^n = b_{n_k} c_{k-1}^{n_k} \left( \frac{c_k}{c_{k-1}} \right)^n = \\ &= b_{n_k} c_k^{n_k} \left( \frac{c_{k-1}}{c_k} \right)^{n_k - n} = \mu(c_k, g) \left( \frac{c_{k-1}}{c_k} \right)^{n_k - n}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, using (17), (e) and (d), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n \leq n_{k-1}} b_n c_k^n &\leq \mu(c_k, g) \sum_{n \leq n_{k-1}} \left( \frac{c_{k-1}}{c_k} \right)^{n_k - n} \leq \mu(c_k, g) n_{k-1} \left( \frac{c_{k-1}}{c_k} \right)^{n_k - n_{k-1}} \leq \\ &\leq \mu(c_k, g) \frac{n_{k-1}}{e^{\Theta(\theta(2n_k))/8}} \leq \frac{\mu(c_k, g)}{(k+1)^2}. \end{aligned} \quad (18)$$

Put  $m_k = n_{k+1} - \lfloor \frac{n_{k+1}}{k+2} \rfloor$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{N}_0$ . Using (e), we see that  $n_k < m_k < n_{k+1}$  ( $\forall k \in \mathbb{N}_0$ ).

Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ . We put  $a_n = b_n/n$  if  $n \in (m_{2p}, n_{2p+1}]$  for some  $p \in \mathbb{N}_0$ , and let  $a_n = 0$  otherwise. Consider series (5) and note that it can be written in the form

$$f(z) = \sum_{p=0}^{\infty} \sum_{n=m_{2p+1}}^{n_{2p+1}} a_n z^n.$$

It is obvious that  $f$  is a function from the class  $\mathcal{A}_R$ . We will prove that  $t_{\Phi}(f) = 1$  and (7) holds.

Using (4), for all sufficiently large  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$  we have

$$\ln a_n \leq \ln(b_n/n) \leq -\tilde{\Theta}(n) - \ln n = -n\Gamma(n) - \ln n = -n\bar{\Phi}(n).$$

In addition, if  $p \in \mathbb{N}_0$  is large enough and  $n = n_{2p+1}$ , then  $\ln a_n = \ln(b_n/n) = -n\bar{\Phi}(n)$ . Therefore, to establish the equality  $t_{\Phi}(f) = 1$ , it is enough to use formula (6).

Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$  and  $r \in (0, R)$  be fixed numbers. We put

$$A_N(r) = \sum_{n \leq N} n a_n r^n, \quad B_N(r) = \sum_{n > N} n a_n r^n, \quad C_N(r) = \sum_{n \leq N} a_n r^n, \quad D_N(r) = \sum_{n > N} a_n r^n.$$

Since, as it is easy to see,  $A_N(r)D_N(r) \leq C_N(r)B_N(r)$ , and  $C_N(r) > 0$  if  $N > m_0$ , we get

$$K(r, f) = \frac{A_N(r) + B_N(r)}{C_N(r) + D_N(r)} \geq \frac{A_N(r)}{C_N(r)}, \quad N > m_0. \quad (19)$$

If  $l \in \mathbb{N}_0$  and  $l \rightarrow \infty$ , we have

$$A_l := \sum_{n \leq n_{2l+1}} n a_n c_{2l}^n \geq \sum_{n=m_{2l+1}}^{n_{2l+1}} b_n c_{2l}^n = (n_{2l+1} - m_{2l}) \mu(c_{2l}, g) = (1 + o(1)) \frac{n_{2l+1}}{2l} \mu(c_{2l}, g); \quad (20)$$

in addition, using (18), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} C_l &:= \sum_{n \leq n_{2l+1}} a_n c_{2l}^n \leq \sum_{n \leq n_{2l+1}} b_n c_{2l}^n + \sum_{n=m_{2l+1}}^{n_{2l+1}} \frac{b_n}{n} c_{2l}^n \leq \frac{\mu(c_{2l}, g)}{(2l+1)^2} + \mu(c_{2l}, g) \frac{n_{2l+1} - m_{2l}}{m_{2l}} \leq \\ &\leq \mu(c_{2l}, g) \left( \frac{1}{(2l+1)^2} + \frac{n_{2l+1}}{(2l+2)m_{2l}} \right) = (1 + o(1)) \frac{\mu(c_{2l}, g)}{2l}. \end{aligned} \quad (21)$$

Using (19), (20) and (21), we have  $K(c_{2l}, f) \geq A_l/C_l \geq (1 + o(1))n_{2l+1}$  as  $l \rightarrow \infty$ . Since  $a_n \geq 0$  for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ , for all  $r \in (0, R)$  we get  $K(r, f) = r(\ln M(r, f))'_+$ . Hence, the function  $K(r, f)$  is non-decreasing on  $(0, R)$ , and therefore by (b) and (c) we have

$$\begin{aligned} K(\varrho_{2l}, f) &\geq K(c_{2l}, f) \geq (1 + o(1))\delta_{2l}n_{2l+1} \geq (1 + o(1))\bar{\Theta}^{-1}(h_{n_{2l}}(n_{2l+1})) = \\ &= (1 + o(1))\bar{\Theta}^{-1}(\ln \varrho_{2l}) = (1 + o(1))\Gamma^{-1}(\ln \varrho_{2l}), \quad l \rightarrow \infty. \end{aligned} \quad (22)$$

Since  $(\rho_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}_0}$  is a subsequence of the sequence  $(r_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}_0}$  and according to Theorem 1 we have  $k_{1, \Phi}(f) \leq 1$ , from (22) we see that (7) is satisfied.  $\square$

**4. Some consequences.** The following statement is a direct consequence of Theorem 1 and Lemma 6.

**Corollary 1.** *Let  $R \in (0, +\infty]$  and  $\Phi \in \Omega_{\ln R}$ . Then for any function  $f \in \mathcal{A}_R$  of the form (5) such that  $t_\Phi(f) \leq 1$ , we have  $k_\Phi(f) \leq 1 + \Delta_\Phi$ .*

Let  $\Phi \in \Omega_{\ln R}$  and let  $\Gamma$  be the function defined above by (4). According to Lemma 6, there exists a positive sequence  $(r_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}_0}$  increasing to  $R$  such that  $\Gamma^{-1}(\ln r_n)/\bar{\Phi}^{-1}(\ln r_n) \rightarrow 1 + \Delta_\Phi$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Theorem 2, applied precisely with this sequence, and Theorem 1 immediately imply the following statement, which shows that the inequality  $k_\Phi(f) \leq 1 + \Delta_\Phi$  from Corollary 1 is sharp.

**Corollary 2.** *Let  $R \in (0, +\infty]$  and  $\Phi \in \Omega_{\ln R}$ . Then there exists a function  $f \in \mathcal{A}_R$  of the form (5) such that  $t_\Phi(f) = 1$  and  $k_\Phi(f) = 1 + \Delta_\Phi$ .*

Note that under the conditions  $\Delta_\Phi \in (0, 1)$  and  $t_\Phi(f) \leq 1$ , Theorem B together with Lemma 7 allow us to obtain only the following inequality  $k_\Phi(f) \leq 1/(1 - \Delta_\Phi)$ , which is not sharp. Nevertheless, as it turns out, in the case when  $R = +\infty$  the estimate  $k_{2, \Phi}(f) \leq 1$  from Theorem B is sharp, that is, for any function  $\Phi \in \Omega_{+\infty}$  there exists a function  $f \in \mathcal{A}_{+\infty}$  of the form (5) such that  $t_\Phi(f) = 1$  and  $k_{2, \Phi}(f) = 1$ . Moreover, we have the following statement.

**Corollary 3.** *Let  $\Phi \in \Omega_{+\infty}$  and let  $\varepsilon$  be a positive continuous non-increasing function on  $[t_0, +\infty)$  such that  $\int_{t_0}^{+\infty} \varepsilon(t)dt < +\infty$ . Then there exists a function  $f \in \mathcal{A}_{+\infty}$  of the form (5) such that  $t_\Phi(f) = 1$  and*

$$\overline{\lim}_{r \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{K(r, f)}{\bar{\Phi}^{-1}(\ln r + \varepsilon(\ln \bar{\Phi}^{-1}(\ln r)))} \geq 1.$$

In fact, using the classical Borel-Nevalinna theorem (see, for example, [16, p. 90]), by the conditions of Corollary 3 we have  $\bar{\Phi}^{-1}(\ln r + \varepsilon(\ln \bar{\Phi}^{-1}(\ln r))) \sim \bar{\Phi}^{-1}(\ln r)$  as  $r \rightarrow +\infty$  outside some exceptional set  $E \subset [1, +\infty)$  of finite logarithmic measure. It is clear that then there exists a positive sequence  $(r_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}_0}$  increasing to  $+\infty$  such that

$$\bar{\Phi}^{-1}(\ln r_n + \varepsilon(\ln \bar{\Phi}^{-1}(\ln r_n))) \sim \Gamma^{-1}(\ln r_n), \quad n \rightarrow \infty.$$

It remains to apply Theorem 2 with exactly this sequence  $(r_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}_0}$ .

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