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The class of absolutely convergent in  $(-\infty, A)$ ,  $A \in (-\infty, +\infty]$ , Dirichlet series of bounded linear  $l$ - $M$ -index is introduced. The growth of functions from this class is investigated.

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Вводится класс абсолютно сходящихся на  $(-\infty, A)$ ,  $A \in (-\infty, +\infty]$ , рядов Дирихле ограниченного линейного  $l$ - $M$ -индекса. Исследуется возрастание функций из этого класса.

1°. Let  $l$  be a positive continuous function on  $[0, +\infty]$ . An entire function  $f$  is said to be of bounded  $l$ - $M$ -index [1–2] if there exists  $N \in \mathbb{Z}_+$  such that for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$  and all  $r \in [0, +\infty)$

$$\frac{M_{f^{(n)}}(r)}{n!l^n(r)} \leq \max \left\{ \frac{M_{f^{(k)}}(r)}{k!l^k(r)} : 0 \leq k \leq N \right\},$$

where  $M_f(r) = \max\{|f(z)| : |z| = r\}$ . Using results from [3], in [4] with some additional conditions on  $l$  it is established that an entire function  $f$  is of bounded  $l$ - $M$ -index iff

$$\overline{\lim}_{r \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\ln M_f(r)}{L(r)} < +\infty, \quad L(r) = \int_0^r l(t)dt.$$

An entire (absolutely convergent in  $\mathbb{C}$ ) Dirichlet series

$$F(s) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n \exp\{s\lambda_n\}, \quad s = \sigma + it, \quad (1)$$

with exponents  $0 = \lambda_0 < \lambda_n \uparrow +\infty$ ,  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , is a direct generalization of power development of an entire function. The results from [3] are generalized in [5] for

Dirichlet series (1) with an arbitrary abscissa  $A \in (-\infty, +\infty]$  of absolute convergence. Therefore, a problem of analogues of theorems from [4] for such Dirichlet series is natural.

Let now  $l$  be a positive continuous function on  $(-\infty, A)$  such that for every  $\sigma \in (-\infty, A)$

$$\int_{\sigma}^A l(t) dt = +\infty, \quad (2)$$

and for Dirichlet series (1) with an arbitrary abscissa  $A \in (-\infty, +\infty]$  of absolute convergence let  $M(\sigma, F) = \sup\{|F(\sigma + it)| : t \in \mathbb{R}\}$ ,  $\sigma < A$ . The function  $F$  is said to be of bounded linear  $l$ - $M$ -index if there exists  $N \in \mathbb{Z}_+$  such that for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$  and all  $\sigma \in (-\infty, A)$

$$\frac{M(\sigma, F^{(n)})}{n!l^n(\sigma)} \leq \max \left\{ \frac{M(\sigma, F^{(k)})}{k!l^k(\sigma)} : 0 \leq k \leq N \right\}. \quad (3)$$

The least such integer  $N$  is called the linear  $l$ - $M$ -index of series (1).

2°. It is known that the function  $\ln M(\sigma, F)$  is convex on  $(-\infty, A)$  and thus it is continuous and has a continuous nondecreasing derivative out, perhaps, an enumerable set of points. In this points there exist one-sided derivatives and, besides, the left-sided derivative does not exceed the right-sided derivative. Hence it follows that the function  $M(\sigma, F)$  is continuously differentiable on  $(-\infty, A)$ , except an enumerable set of points in which here exist one-sided derivatives and, besides, the left-sided derivative does not exceed the right-sided derivative.

**Lemma 1.** *For every Dirichlet series (1) with an arbitrary abscissa of absolute convergence  $A \in (-\infty, +\infty]$  and for all  $\sigma < A$  the inequality  $M'(\sigma, F) \leq M(\sigma, F')$  holds (in the points, in which the derivative not exists, one can put an arbitrary one-sided derivative).*

*Proof.* In virtue of the remarks given above, it is sufficient to prove this inequality only for the right-side derivative  $M'(\sigma, F)$ . We remark that if a function  $f$  is absolutely continuous on  $[a, b]$  then

$$|f(b)| - |f(a)| \leq |f(b) - f(a)| = \left| \int_a^b f'(t) dt \right| \leq \int_a^b |f'(t)| dt.$$

Therefore, for every  $\sigma < \sigma_1 < A$  we have

$$|F(\sigma_1 + it)| \leq |F(\sigma + it)| + \int_{\sigma}^{\sigma_1} |F'(y + it)| dy \leq M(\sigma, F) + \int_{\sigma}^{\sigma_1} M(y, F') dy,$$

and thus

$$M(\sigma_1, F) \leq M(\sigma, F) + \int_{\sigma}^{\sigma_1} M(y, F') dy.$$

Hence, it follows

$$\frac{M(\sigma_1, F) - M(\sigma, F)}{\sigma_1 - \sigma} \leq \frac{1}{\sigma_1 - \sigma} \int_{\sigma}^{\sigma_1} M(y, F') dy.$$

Tending  $\sigma_1 \rightarrow \sigma$ , we obtain the required inequality.

**Lemma 2.** *Let functions  $f_1, \dots, f_n$  be absolutely continuous on  $[a, b]$  and*

$$f(x) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \max\{f_k(x) : 1 \leq k \leq n\}, \quad x \in [a, b].$$

*Then the function  $f$  is absolutely continuous on  $[a, b]$  and almost everywhere on  $[a, b]$*

$$(f'(x))^+ \leq \max\{(f'_k(x))^+ : 1 \leq k \leq n\}, \quad (4)$$

where  $(x)^+ = \max\{x, 0\}$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\alpha, \beta \in [a, b]$ . We show that if  $f(\beta) \geq f(\alpha)$  that

$$f(\beta) - f(\alpha) \leq \max\{f_k(\beta) - f_k(\alpha) : 1 \leq k \leq n\}. \quad (5)$$

Indeed, let  $f(\beta) = f_{m_1}(\beta)$ ,  $f(\alpha) = f_{m_2}(\alpha)$ . Then  $f_{m_1}(\alpha) \leq f_{m_2}(\alpha)$  and thus

$$f(\beta) - f(\alpha) = f_{m_1}(\beta) - f_{m_2}(\alpha) \leq f_{m_1}(\beta) - f_{m_1}(\alpha).$$

Hence (5) follows and for all  $\alpha, \beta \in [a, b]$  we obtain

$$|f(\beta) - f(\alpha)| \leq \max\{|f_k(\beta) - f_k(\alpha)| : 1 \leq k \leq n\}$$

and

$$|f(\beta) - f(\alpha)| \leq \sum_{k=1}^n |f_k(\beta) - f_k(\alpha)|, \quad (6)$$

i. e.  $f$  is absolutely continuous.

We denote by  $\Delta$  the set  $x \in (a, b)$  for which there exist finite  $f', f'_k$ ,  $1 \leq k \leq n$ . From the absolute continuity of the functions  $f, f_k$  it follows that the set  $[a, b] \setminus \Delta$  has null measure.

Let  $x \in \Delta$  and  $f'(x) > 0$ . Then there exists a sequence  $(x_m) \subset (a, b)$  such that

$$(x_m \uparrow x) \wedge (\forall m \in \mathbb{N})(f(x) - f(x_m) \geq 0).$$

Therefore, in view of (5), we have

$$\frac{f(x) - f(x_m)}{x - x_m} \leq \max\left\{\frac{f_k(x) - f_k(x_m)}{x - x_m} : 1 \leq k \leq n\right\}. \quad (7)$$

Tending in (7)  $m \rightarrow \infty$ , in view of continuity of the function

$$\mathbb{R}^n \ni (1, \dots, x_n) \rightarrow \max\{x_k : 1 \leq k \leq n\},$$

we obtain  $f'(x) \leq \max\{f'_k(x) : 1 \leq k \leq n\}$  and thus

$$(f'(x))^+ \leq \max\{(f'_k(x))^+ : 1 \leq k \leq n\}.$$

**Lemma 3.** *Let  $f_1, \dots, f_n$  be positive absolutely continuous functions on  $[a, b]$  and*

$$f(x) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \max\{f_k(x) : 1 \leq k \leq n\}.$$

*If almost everywhere on  $[a, b]$*

$$f'_k(x) \leq \varphi(x)f(x), \quad 1 \leq k \leq n, \quad (8)$$

*where  $\varphi$  is a positive continuous function on  $[a, b]$ , then for all  $x \in [a, b]$*

$$\ln f(x) \leq \ln f(a) + \int_a^x \varphi(t) dt. \quad (9)$$

*Proof.* From (8), in view of Lemma 2, we obtain

$$(f'(x))^+ \leq \max\{(f'_k(x))^+ : 1 \leq k \leq n\} \leq \varphi(x)f(x) \quad (10)$$

almost everywhere on  $[a, b]$ . From the absolute continuity of  $f$  (see Lemma 2) and its positivity it follows that the function  $\ln f(x)$  is absolutely continuous. Hence, in view of (10), we obtain

$$\ln f(x) - \ln f(a) = \int_a^x (\ln f(t))' dt = \int_a^x \frac{f'(t)}{f(t)} dt \leq \int_a^x \frac{(f'(t))^+}{f(t)} dt \leq \int_a^x \varphi(t) dt.$$

3°. For  $a \in \mathbb{R}$  we put  $a^- = 0$ , if  $a \geq 0$ , and  $a^- = -a$ , if  $a \leq 0$ .

**Theorem 1.** *Suppose that a function  $l$  is positive continuous on  $(-\infty, A)$ , continuously differentiable on  $[\sigma_0, A)$ , satisfies condition (2) and*

$$\overline{\lim}_{\sigma \uparrow A} \frac{(l'(\sigma))^-}{l^2(\sigma)} = q < +\infty. \quad (11)$$

*If Dirichlet series (1) has an abscissa of absolute convergence  $A$  and represents a function of bounded linear  $l$ - $M$ -index  $N$  then*

$$\overline{\lim}_{\sigma \uparrow A} \frac{\ln M(\sigma, F)}{L(\sigma)} \leq (N+1)(1+q), \quad L(\sigma) = \int_{\sigma_0}^{\sigma} l(t) dt. \quad (12)$$

*Proof.* Put

$$f_k(\sigma) = \frac{M(\sigma, F^{(k)})}{k!l^k(\sigma)}, \quad 0 \leq k \leq N$$

and  $f(\sigma) = \max\{f_k(\sigma) : 0 \leq k \leq N\}$ .

In view of Lemma 1, almost everywhere on  $[\sigma_0, A)$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} f'_k(\sigma) &= \frac{M'(\sigma, F^{(k)})}{k!l^k(\sigma)} - \frac{M(\sigma, F^{(k)})}{k!l^{k+1}(\sigma)} kl'(\sigma) \leq \\ &\leq \frac{M(\sigma, F^{(k+1)})}{(k+1)!l^{k+1}(\sigma)} (k+1)l(\sigma) + \frac{M(\sigma, F^{(k)})}{k!l^k(\sigma)} k \frac{(l'(\sigma))^-}{l(\sigma)} \leq \\ &\leq f(\sigma) \left( (k+1)l(\sigma) + k \frac{(l'(\sigma))^-}{l(\sigma)} \right) \leq (N+1) \left( l(\sigma) + \frac{(l'(\sigma))^-}{l(\sigma)} \right) f(\sigma). \end{aligned}$$

Putting  $\varphi(\sigma) = (N + 1)\left(l(\sigma) + \frac{(l'(\sigma))^-}{l(\sigma)}\right)$ , in view of Lemma 3, we obtain

$$\ln f(\sigma) \leq \ln f(\sigma_0) + \int_{\sigma_0}^{\sigma} \varphi(t) dt.$$

Hence, it follows

$$\ln M(\sigma, F) \leq \ln f(\sigma) \leq (N + 1)(1 + q)(1 + o(1)) \int_{\sigma_0}^{\sigma} l(t) dt, \quad \sigma \rightarrow A.$$

Theorem 1 is proved.

We remark that  $q = 0$ , if  $l$  is nondecreasing. We remark also that from the proof of (12) it follows that condition (11) can be replaced by the condition

$$\overline{\lim}_{t \uparrow A} \frac{\sum_{\sigma_k^* \leq t} \{\ln l(\sigma_k) - \ln l(\sigma_k^*)\}}{L(t)} = q < +\infty,$$

where  $((\sigma_k, \sigma_k^*))$  is a sequence of intervals on which the function  $\ln l$  is decreasing ( $\sigma_k^* < \sigma_{k+1}$ ).

4°. Let  $-\infty < A \leq +\infty$  and  $\Omega(A)$  be a class of positive unbounded on  $(-\infty, A)$  functions  $\Phi$  such that the derivative  $\Phi'$  is continuous positive and increasing to  $+\infty$  on  $(-\infty, A)$ . From now on, by  $\varphi$  we denote the inverse function to  $\Phi'$ , and let  $\Psi(x) = x - \Phi(x)/\Phi'(x)$  be the function associated with  $\Phi$  in the sense of Newton. Put

$$A_{\Phi} = \overline{\lim}_{\sigma \rightarrow A} \frac{\Phi'(\sigma)}{\Phi'(\Psi(\sigma))}.$$

Clearly,  $A_{\Phi} \geq 1$ . If  $A_{\Phi} < +\infty$ , then we say that the function  $\Phi$  has regularly varying derivative relatively of  $\Psi$ .

The quantity

$$T_{\Phi} = \overline{\lim}_{\sigma \rightarrow A} \frac{\ln M(\sigma, F)}{\Phi(\sigma)}$$

is called the  $\Phi$ -type of Dirichlet series (1).

**Theorem 2.** *Let  $\alpha$  be a positive continuous increasing to  $+\infty$  on  $[0, +\infty)$  function such that  $\alpha(t) = o(t)$ ,  $t \rightarrow +\infty$ . Let  $-\infty < A \leq +\infty$ ,  $\Phi \in \Omega(A)$ ,  $\Phi'$  a regularly varying function with respect to the function  $\Psi$  associated with  $\Phi$  in the sense of Newton,*

$$\overline{\lim}_{\sigma \rightarrow A} \frac{\Phi'\left(\sigma + \frac{2}{\alpha(a\Phi'(\sigma))}\right)}{\Phi'(\sigma)} = \Gamma_{\Phi'}(a) < +\infty \tag{13}$$

for every  $a \in (0, +\infty)$  and there exists  $\sigma^* \in (-\infty, A - 2)$  such that

$$\frac{2\Phi'(\sigma)}{\alpha(\Phi'(\sigma))} < \Phi(\sigma) + (A - \sigma)\Phi'(\sigma), \quad \sigma^* \leq \sigma < A, \tag{14}$$

Finally, suppose that  $\ln n(t) \leq t/\alpha(t)$  for  $t \geq t_0$ , where  $n(t) = \sum_{\lambda_n \leq t} 1$  is the counting function of the sequence  $(\lambda_n)$ , and Dirichlet series (1) has the abscissa of absolutely convergence  $A$  and the  $\Phi$ -type  $T_{\Phi} < +\infty$ .

Then for every  $\sigma_0 \in (-\infty, A - 2)$  there exists  $n_0 \in \mathbb{Z}_+$  such that for all  $n \geq n_0$  and all  $\sigma \in [\sigma_0, A)$  the following inequality is true

$$\frac{M(\sigma, F^{(n)})}{n!M(\sigma, F)} \leq \{\Phi'(\sigma)\}^n. \tag{15}$$

*Proof.* Let  $T_\Phi < +\infty$ . Then for every  $T > T_\Phi \geq 0$

$$\overline{\lim}_{\sigma \rightarrow A} \frac{\ln M(\sigma, F)}{\Phi(\sigma)} \leq T. \tag{16}$$

In [5] it is shown that if  $\overline{\lim}_{\sigma \rightarrow A} \frac{\ln M(\sigma, F)}{\Phi(\sigma)} \leq 1$ , then

$$\overline{\lim}_{\sigma \rightarrow A} \frac{M(\sigma, F')}{M(\sigma, F)\Phi'(\Psi^{-1}(\sigma + \beta(\sigma)))} \leq 1, \quad \beta(\sigma) = \frac{2}{\alpha(\Phi'(\Psi^{-1}(\sigma)))}.$$

Hence, considering  $T\Phi(x)$  instead of  $\Phi$ , in view of (16), we obtain

$$\overline{\lim}_{\sigma \rightarrow A} \frac{M(\sigma, F')}{M(\sigma, F)\Phi'(\Psi^{-1}(\sigma + \beta_T(\sigma)))} \leq T, \tag{17}$$

where  $\beta_T(\sigma) = 2/\alpha(T\Phi'(\Psi^{-1}(\sigma)))$ .

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{\lim}_{\sigma \rightarrow A} \frac{M(\sigma, F')}{M(\sigma, F)\Phi'(\sigma)} &= \overline{\lim}_{\sigma \rightarrow A} \frac{M(\sigma, F')}{M(\sigma, F)\Phi'(\Psi^{-1}(\sigma + \beta_T(\sigma)))} \frac{\Phi'(\Psi^{-1}(\sigma + \beta_T(\sigma)))}{\Phi'(\sigma)} \leq \\ &\leq T \overline{\lim}_{\sigma \rightarrow A} \frac{\Phi'(\Psi^{-1}(\sigma + \beta_T(\sigma)))}{\Phi'(\sigma)} = T \overline{\lim}_{\sigma \rightarrow A} \frac{\Phi'(\Psi^{-1}(\sigma + \beta_T(\sigma)))}{\Phi'(\Psi^{-1}(\sigma))} \frac{\Phi'(\Psi^{-1}(\sigma))}{\Phi'(\sigma)} \leq \\ &\leq TA_\Phi \overline{\lim}_{\sigma \rightarrow A} \frac{\Phi'(\Psi^{-1}(\sigma + \beta_T(\sigma)))}{\Phi'(\Psi^{-1}(\sigma))} = TA_\Phi \overline{\lim}_{\sigma \rightarrow A} \frac{\Phi'(\Psi^{-1}(\sigma + \beta_T(\sigma)))}{\Phi'(\sigma + \beta_T(\sigma))} \frac{\Phi'(\sigma + \beta_T(\sigma))}{\Phi'(\Psi^{-1}(\sigma))} \leq \\ &\leq TA_\Phi^2 \overline{\lim}_{\sigma \rightarrow A} \frac{\Phi'(\sigma + \beta_T(\sigma))}{\Phi'(\Psi^{-1}(\sigma))} \leq TA_\Phi^2 \overline{\lim}_{\sigma \rightarrow A} \frac{\Phi'(\sigma + \beta_T(\sigma))}{\Phi'(\sigma)} \leq TA_\Phi^2 \Gamma_\Phi(T) < +\infty. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\sup \left\{ \frac{M(\sigma, F')}{M(\sigma, F)\Phi'(\sigma)} : \sigma \in [\sigma_0, A) \right\} = t^* = t^*(\sigma_0) < +\infty.$$

Hence, it follows

$$\frac{M(\sigma, F')}{M(\sigma, F)} \leq t^*\Phi'(\sigma) \quad (\sigma > \sigma_0). \tag{18}$$

Let  $\gamma > 0$ . Using the inequality  $M'(\sigma, F) \leq M(\sigma, F')$ , where  $M'(\sigma, F)$  is the right-side derivative of  $M(\sigma, F)$  (see Lemma 1), from (18) for  $\sigma \geq \sigma_0$  we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \ln \frac{M(\sigma + \gamma, F)}{M(\sigma, F)} &= \int_\sigma^{\sigma+\gamma} \frac{M'(x, F)}{M(x, F)} dx \leq \int_\sigma^{\sigma+\gamma} \frac{M(x, F')}{M(x, F)} dx \leq \\ &\leq t^* \int_\sigma^{\sigma+\gamma} \Phi'(x) dx = t^* \{\Phi(\sigma + \gamma) - \Phi(\sigma)\}. \end{aligned} \tag{19}$$

Let  $\operatorname{Re} s = \sigma$ . From the Cauchy formula

$$F^{(n)}(s) = \frac{n!}{2\pi i} \int_{|\xi-s|=\gamma} \frac{F(\xi)}{(\xi-s)^{n+1}} d\xi,$$

we obtain easily

$$M(\sigma, F^{(n)}) \leq \frac{n!}{\gamma^n} \max\{|F(\xi)| : |\xi-s| = \gamma\} \leq \frac{n!}{\gamma^n} M(\sigma + \gamma, F).$$

Therefore, using inequality (19), we have

$$\frac{M(\sigma, F^{(n)})}{n!M(\sigma, F)} \leq \frac{1}{\gamma^n} \frac{M(\sigma + \gamma, F)}{M(\sigma, F)} = \frac{1}{\gamma^n} \exp\{t^* \{\Phi(\sigma + \gamma) - \Phi(\sigma)\}\}. \quad (20)$$

From (13) it follows

$$\overline{\lim}_{\sigma \rightarrow A} \frac{\Phi'(\sigma + \frac{2}{\Phi'(\sigma)})}{\Phi'(\sigma)} \leq \overline{\lim}_{\sigma \rightarrow A} \frac{\Phi'(\sigma + \frac{2}{\alpha(\Phi'(\sigma))})}{\Phi'(\sigma)} = \Gamma_{\Phi'}(1) < +\infty.$$

Therefore,

$$\sup\left\{\frac{\Phi'(x + \frac{2}{\Phi'(x)})}{\Phi'(x)} : x \geq 0\right\} = \tau < +\infty.$$

Hence,

$$\Phi\left(\sigma + \frac{2}{\Phi'(\sigma)}\right) - \Phi(\sigma) = \int_{\sigma}^{\sigma + 2/\Phi'(\sigma)} \Phi'(x) dx \leq 2 \frac{\Phi'(\sigma + \frac{2}{\alpha(\Phi'(\sigma))})}{\Phi'(\sigma)} \leq 2\tau. \quad (21)$$

Putting  $\gamma = 2/\Phi'(\sigma)$ , from (20) and (21) we have

$$\frac{M(\sigma, F^{(n)})}{n!M(\sigma, F)} \leq \{\Phi'(\sigma)\}^n \frac{\exp\{2t^*\tau\}}{2^n} = \{\Phi'(\sigma)\}^n \exp\{2t^*\tau - n \ln 2\}.$$

If now we put  $n_0 = [2t^*\tau/\ln 2] + 1$  ( $t^* = t^*(\sigma_0)$ ), then we obtain inequality (15) for all  $n \geq n_0 = n_0(\sigma_0)$ . Theorem 2 is proved.

5°. Using Theorems 1 and 2, we prove now the following theorem which is the main result in this paper.

**Theorem 3.** *Let  $-\infty < A \leq +\infty$ , the functions  $\alpha$  and  $\Phi \in \Omega(A)$  are such as in Theorem 2 and  $\Phi''$  is continuous on  $(-\infty, A)$ . Let Dirichlet series (1) has the abscissa of absolute convergence  $A$  and its exponents satisfies the condition  $\ln n(t) \leq t/\alpha(t)$  for  $t \geq t_0$ . Then  $F$  has a finite  $\Phi$ -type if and only if  $F$  is of bounded linear  $l$ - $M$ -index with  $l(\sigma) \equiv \max\{\Phi'(\sigma), 1\}$ .*

*Proof.* We first prove the sufficiency. If Dirichlet series (1) is of bounded linear  $l$ - $M$ -index then, in view of nondecreasing of  $l$ , (11) holds with  $q = 0$ . Since  $l$  is

continuously differentiable on  $[\sigma_0, A)$ , from Theorem 1 we have relation (12). Since  $L(\sigma) \sim \Phi(\sigma)$  as  $\sigma \rightarrow A$ , the function  $F$  has finite  $\Phi$ -type.

We now prove the necessity. Since  $\Phi(\sigma)$  satisfies all conditions of Theorem 2 and  $l(\sigma) = \Phi'(\sigma)$  for  $\sigma \geq \sigma_0$ , there exists  $n_0 \in \mathbb{Z}_+$  such that for all  $n \geq n_0$  and  $\sigma \geq \sigma_0$  (15) holds, i. e.

$$\frac{M(\sigma, F^{(n)})}{n!l^n(\sigma)} \leq M(\sigma, F). \quad (22)$$

We can assume that  $\sigma < A - 2$ . Let  $\eta = \text{const} > 0$  and

$$K(\eta, \sigma_0) = \max \left\{ \frac{M(\sigma + \eta, F)}{M(\sigma, F)} : -\infty < \sigma \leq \sigma_0 \right\}.$$

If  $a_0 \neq 0$  then  $F(\sigma) = a_0 + o(1)$  as  $\sigma \rightarrow -\infty$ ,  $M(\sigma, F) = |a_0| + o(1)$  as  $\sigma \rightarrow -\infty$  and, thus,  $K(\eta, \sigma_0) < +\infty$ . If  $a_0 = 0$ , but, for example,  $a_1 \neq 0$  then  $F(s) = a_1 \exp(s\lambda_1)(1 + o(1))$ ,  $\sigma \rightarrow -\infty$ , that is  $M(\sigma, F) = |a_1| \exp(\sigma\lambda_1)(1 + o(1))$  and  $M(\sigma + \eta, F)/M(\sigma, F) = (1 + o(1)) \exp(\eta\lambda_1)$ ,  $\sigma \rightarrow -\infty$ . Therefore, in this case  $K(\eta, \sigma_0) < +\infty$ . Since  $l(\sigma) \geq 1$  for all  $\sigma \in (-\infty, \sigma_0]$ , for such  $\sigma$ , as in the proof of Theorem 2, we have

$$\frac{M(\sigma, F^{(n)})}{n!l^n(\sigma)M(\sigma, F)} \leq \frac{M(\sigma, F^{(n)})}{n!M(\sigma, F)} = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n \frac{M(\sigma + 2, F)}{M(\sigma, F)} \leq \frac{1}{2^n} K(2, \sigma_0) \leq 1, \quad n \geq n_1(\sigma_0),$$

i. e. we obtain again (22), but for  $n \geq n_1(\sigma_0)$ . Therefore (22) holds for all  $\sigma \in (-\infty, A)$  and all  $n \geq \max\{n_0, n_1\}$ . Thus,  $l$ - $M$ -index of  $F$  does not exceed  $\max\{n_0, n_1\}$ . The proof of Theorem 3 is complete.

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