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**ON ENTIRE SOLUTIONS WITH A TWO-MEMBER  
RECURRENT FORMULA FOR TAYLOR'S COEFFICIENTS OF  
LINEAR DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS**

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It is proved that the differential equation

$$z^n w^{(n)} + (a_1^{(n-1)} z + a_2^{(n-1)}) z^{n-1} w^{(n-1)} + \sum_{k=0}^{n-2} (a_{n-1-k}^{(k)} z^2 + a_{n-k}^{(k)} z + a_{n+1-k}^{(k)}) z^k w^{(k)} = 0$$

has an entire solution  $f$  with a two-member recurrent formula for its Taylor's coefficients. The growth of such function  $f$  is studied. The conditions for coefficients  $a_k^{(j)}$  are obtained, under which the solution  $f$  is convex or close-to-convex in  $\mathbb{D} = \{z : |z| < 1\}$ .

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Доказано, что дифференциальное уравнение

$$z^n w^{(n)} + (a_1^{(n-1)} z + a_2^{(n-1)}) z^{n-1} w^{(n-1)} + \sum_{k=0}^{n-2} (a_{n-1-k}^{(k)} z^2 + a_{n-k}^{(k)} z + a_{n+1-k}^{(k)}) z^k w^{(k)} = 0$$

имеет целое решение  $f$  с двухчленной рекуррентной формулой для тейлоровских коэффициентов. Изучен рост такой функции  $f$ . Указаны условия на параметры  $a_k^{(j)}$ , при выполнении которых такое решение  $f$  является выпуклой или близкой к выпуклой в  $\mathbb{D} = \{z : |z| < 1\}$  функцией.

### 1. Introduction.

A function

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

analytic and univalent in  $\mathbb{D} = \{z : |z| < 1\}$  is said to be convex if  $f(\mathbb{D})$  is a convex domain. It is well known [1, p. 38], that the condition  $\operatorname{Re}\{1 + z f''(z)/f'(z)\} > 0$  ( $z \in \mathbb{D}$ ) is necessary and sufficient for convexity of  $f$  in  $\mathbb{D}$ . A function  $f$  is said to be close-to-convex in  $\mathbb{D}$  [1, p. 64] if there exists a function  $\Phi$  convex in  $\mathbb{D}$  such that  $\operatorname{Re}\{f'(z)/\Phi'(z)\} > 0$  ( $z \in \mathbb{D}$ ). Every function close-to-convex in  $\mathbb{D}$  is univalent in  $\mathbb{D}$  [1, p. 64] and  $f_1 \neq 0$ . A function  $f$  close-to-convex in  $\mathbb{D}$  has the characteristic property that the complement  $G$  of  $f(\mathbb{D})$  can be filled with rays  $L$  which go from  $\partial f(\mathbb{D})$  and lie in  $G$  [1, p. 71]. Since  $f_1 \neq 0$ , it follows that the function (1) is

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close-to-convex in  $\mathbb{D}$  if and only if the function  $\tilde{f}(z) = z + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (f_n/f_1)z^n$  is close-to-convex in  $\mathbb{D}$ .

S. M. Shah [2, 3] studied properties of entire solutions of the differential equation

$$z^2 w'' + (a_1^{(1)} z^2 + a_2^{(1)} z) w' + (a_1^{(0)} z^2 + a_2^{(0)} z + a_3^{(0)}) w = 0. \quad (2)$$

In particular, he obtained [3] the conditions under which entire solutions with a one-member recurrent formula for Taylor's coefficients of differential equation (2) is a function close-to-convex in  $\mathbb{D}$ .

The general case of a two-member recurrent formula in a number of papers is investigated by Z. M. Sheremeta [4–7] and M. M. Sheremeta with Z. M. Sheremeta [8]. Particularly, in the case when the parameters  $a_k^{(j)}$  are complex, they have obtained the following result.

**Theorem A.** Let  $a_2^{(1)} + a_3^{(0)} = 0$ ,  $|a_2^{(1)}| < 2$  and

$$2 \frac{|a_1^{(1)}| + |a_2^{(0)}|}{2 - |a_2^{(1)}|} + \frac{3|a_1^{(0)}|}{2(3 - |a_2^{(1)}|)} + \frac{6|a_1^{(1)}| + 3|a_2^{(0)}|}{4(3 - |a_2^{(1)}|)} + \frac{2|a_1^{(0)}|}{3(4 - |a_2^{(1)}|)} < 1.$$

Then differential equation (2) has an entire solution  $f(z) = z + \sum_{s=2}^{\infty} f_s z^s$  which is a function close-to-convex in  $\mathbb{D}$  and  $\ln M_f(r) = (1 + o(1))\sigma r$ ,  $r \rightarrow \infty$ , where either

$$\sigma = \sigma_1 := \frac{1}{2} \left| -a_1^{(1)} + \sqrt{(a_1^{(1)})^2 - 4a_1^{(0)}} \right|,$$

or

$$\sigma = \sigma_2 := \frac{1}{2} \left| -a_1^{(1)} - \sqrt{(a_1^{(1)})^2 - 4a_1^{(0)}} \right|.$$

The straightforward generalization of Shah's equation is the differential equation

$$z^n w^{(n)} + \sum_{j=1}^n \left( \sum_{k=1}^{j+1} a_k^{(n-j)} z^{n-k+1} \right) w^{(n-j)} = 0. \quad (3)$$

The following theorem is proved in [9].

**Theorem B.** A function (1) analytic at the origin is a solution of differential equation (3) if and only if for each  $s \in \mathbb{Z}_+$

$$\sum_{m=0}^{\min\{s,n\}} \sum_{k=0}^{\min\{s,n\}-m} a_{n+1-k-m}^{(k)} \frac{(s-m)!}{(s-k-m)!} f_{s-m} = 0, \quad (4)$$

where  $a_1^{(n)} = 1$ .

In the case when formula (4) reduces to a one-member recurrent formula for two neighboring coefficients  $f_s$  in [9, 10] it is investigated convexity, close-to-convexity in  $\mathbb{D}$  and possible growth of a function  $f$ . In [11] it is studied the case of two non-neighboring coefficients  $f_s$ . Here we consider the conditions under which the function  $f$  has the same properties in the case when formula (4) reduces to a two-member recurrent formula for neighboring coefficients. Further we assume that  $n \geq 3$ .

We may rewrite differential equation (3) in the form

$$\sum_{m=0}^n \sum_{k=0}^{n-m} a_{n+1-k-m}^{(k)} z^{k+m} w^{(k)} = 0. \tag{5}$$

Let  $a_{n+1-k-m}^{(k)} = 0$  for  $m = \overline{3, n}$  and  $k = \overline{0, n-m}$ . Then differential equation (5) takes the following form

$$\sum_{k=0}^n a_{n+1-k}^{(k)} z^k w^{(k)} + \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} a_{n-k}^{(k)} z^{k+1} w^{(k)} + \sum_{k=0}^{n-2} a_{n-1-k}^{(k)} z^{k+2} w^{(k)} = 0,$$

that is

$$z^n w^{(n)} + (a_1^{(n-1)} z + a_2^{(n-1)}) z^{n-1} w^{(n-1)} + \sum_{k=0}^{n-2} (a_{n-1-k}^{(k)} z^2 + a_{n-k}^{(k)} z + a_{n+1-k}^{(k)}) z^k w^{(k)} = 0. \tag{6}$$

**Proposition 1.** *Let  $n \geq 3$ . A function (1) analytic at the origin is a solution of differential equation (6) if and only if*

$$a_{n+1}^{(0)} f_0 = 0, \quad (a_{n+1}^{(0)} + a_n^{(1)}) f_1 + a_n^{(0)} f_0 = 0 \tag{7}$$

and for all  $s \geq 2$

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{k=0}^{\min\{s,n\}} a_{n+1-k}^{(k)} \frac{s!}{(s-k)!} f_s + \sum_{k=0}^{\min\{s,n\}-1} a_{n-k}^{(k)} \frac{(s-1)!}{(s-k-1)!} f_{s-1} + \\ & + \sum_{k=0}^{\min\{s,n\}-2} a_{n-1-k}^{(k)} \frac{(s-2)!}{(s-k-2)!} f_{s-2} = 0, \end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

where  $a_1^{(n)} = 1$ .

Indeed, if  $s = 0$  and  $s = 1$  then from (4) we obtain (7). On the other hand, if  $s \geq 2$  then from (4) in view of  $a_{n+1-k-m}^{(k)} = 0$  for  $m = \overline{3, n}$  and  $k = \overline{0, n-m}$  we obtain (8).

Assuming that for all  $s \geq 2$

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\min\{s,n\}} a_{n+1-k}^{(k)} \frac{s!}{(s-k)!} \neq 0$$

we may rewrite recurrent formula (8) in the form

$$f_s = - \frac{\sum_{k=0}^{\min\{s,n\}-1} \frac{a_{n-k}^{(k)}}{(s-k-1)!}}{s \sum_{k=0}^{\min\{s,n\}} \frac{a_{n+1-k}^{(k)}}{(s-k)!}} f_{s-1} - \frac{\sum_{k=0}^{\min\{s,n\}-2} \frac{a_{n-1-k}^{(k)}}{(s-k-2)!}}{s(s-1) \sum_{k=0}^{\min\{s,n\}} \frac{a_{n+1-k}^{(k)}}{(s-k)!}} f_{s-2},$$

that is

$$f_s = \frac{1}{s} \xi_s f_{s-1} + \frac{1}{s(s-1)} \eta_s f_{s-2}, \quad s \geq 2, \tag{9}$$

where

$$\xi_s = - \frac{\sum_{k=0}^{\min\{s,n\}-1} \frac{a_{n-k}^{(k)}}{(s-k-1)!}}{\sum_{k=0}^{\min\{s,n\}} \frac{a_{n+1-k}^{(k)}}{(s-k)!}}, \quad s \geq 2, \quad (10)$$

$$\eta_s = - \frac{\sum_{k=0}^{\min\{s,n\}-2} \frac{a_{n-1-k}^{(k)}}{(s-k-2)!}}{\sum_{k=0}^{\min\{s,n\}} \frac{a_{n+1-k}^{(k)}}{(s-k)!}}, \quad s \geq 2. \quad (11)$$

**2. Close-to-convexity of a solution.** For the investigation of the close-to-convexity for a solution of differential equation (6) we use following lemma [8, 12].

**Lemma 1.** *If  $\sum_{s=2}^{\infty} s|f_s| \leq 1$ , then the function*

$$f(z) = z + \sum_{s=2}^{\infty} f_s z^s \quad (12)$$

*is close-to-convex in  $\mathbb{D}$ .*

In view of this lemma, we search for a solution of differential equation (6) in the form of (12). Suppose that  $a_{n+1}^{(0)} + a_n^{(1)} = 0$ . Choosing  $f_0 = 0$  and  $f_1 = 1$ , condition (7) holds. For  $s \geq 2$  from recurrent formula (9) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{s=2}^{\infty} s|f_s| &= \sum_{s=2}^{\infty} s \left| \frac{\xi_s}{s} f_{s-1} + \frac{\eta_s}{s(s-1)} f_{s-2} \right| \leq \sum_{s=2}^{\infty} |\xi_s f_{s-1}| + \sum_{s=2}^{\infty} \left| \frac{\eta_s}{s-1} f_{s-2} \right| = \\ &= |\xi_2 f_1| + \sum_{s=3}^{\infty} |\xi_s f_{s-1}| + |\eta_2 f_0| + \left| \frac{\eta_3}{2} f_1 \right| + \sum_{s=4}^{\infty} \left| \frac{\eta_s}{s-1} f_{s-2} \right| = \\ &= |\xi_2| + \sum_{s=2}^{\infty} |\xi_{s+1} f_s| + \left| \frac{\eta_3}{2} \right| + \sum_{s=2}^{\infty} \left| \frac{\eta_{s+2}}{s+1} f_s \right| = \sum_{s=2}^{\infty} s \left| \frac{\xi_{s+1}}{s} f_s \right| + \sum_{s=2}^{\infty} s \left| \frac{\eta_{s+2}}{s(s+1)} f_s \right| + |\xi_2| + \left| \frac{\eta_3}{2} \right|, \end{aligned}$$

whence

$$\sum_{s=2}^{\infty} \left( 1 - \frac{|\xi_{s+1}|}{s} - \frac{|\eta_{s+2}|}{s(s+1)} \right) s|f_s| \leq |\xi_2| + \left| \frac{\eta_3}{2} \right|. \quad (13)$$

Now we put  $\xi^* = \max \left\{ \frac{|\xi_{s+1}|}{s}; s \geq 2 \right\}$ ,  $\eta^* = \max \left\{ \frac{|\eta_{s+2}|}{s(s+1)}; s \geq 2 \right\}$ . The following theorem is true.

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $n \geq 3$  and  $a_{n+1}^{(0)} + a_n^{(1)} = 0$ . If*

$$\xi^* + |\xi_2| + \eta^* + \left| \frac{\eta_3}{2} \right| < 1, \quad (14)$$

*then entire solution (12) of differential equation (6) is close-to-convex in  $\mathbb{D}$ .*

*Proof.* Indeed, (14) implies  $1 - \xi^* - \eta^* > 0$  and so from (13) we obtain the inequality

$$(1 - \xi^* - \eta^*) \sum_{s=2}^{\infty} s |f_s| \leq |\xi_2| + \left| \frac{\eta_3}{2} \right|,$$

whence in view of (14),  $\sum_{s=2}^{\infty} s |f_s| \leq 1$ , i.e. by Lemma 1 the function  $f$  is close-to-convex in  $\mathbb{D}$ .  $\square$

**3. Convexity of a solution.** For investigation of the convexity of a solution of differential equation (6), as in [13], we use following lemma [12].

**Lemma 2.** *If  $\sum_{s=2}^{\infty} s^2 |f_s| \leq 1$ , then the function (12) is convex in  $\mathbb{D}$ .*

In view of this lemma we again search for a solution of differential equation (6) in the form of (12). Suppose that  $a_{n+1}^{(0)} + a_n^{(1)} = 0$ . Choosing  $f_0 = 0$  and  $f_1 = 1$ , condition (7) holds. For  $s \geq 2$  from recurrent formula (9) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{s=2}^{\infty} s^2 |f_s| &\leq \sum_{s=2}^{\infty} s |\xi_s f_{s-1}| + \sum_{s=2}^{\infty} s \left| \frac{\eta_s}{s-1} f_{s-2} \right| = \\ &= 2 |\xi_2 f_1| + \sum_{s=3}^{\infty} s |\xi_s f_{s-1}| + 2 |\eta_2 f_0| + 3 \left| \frac{\eta_3}{2} f_1 \right| + \sum_{s=4}^{\infty} s \left| \frac{\eta_s}{s-1} f_{s-2} \right| = \\ &= 2 |\xi_2| + \sum_{s=2}^{\infty} (s+1) |\xi_{s+1} f_s| + \frac{3}{2} |\eta_3| + \sum_{s=2}^{\infty} (s+2) \left| \frac{\eta_{s+2}}{s+1} f_s \right| = \\ &= 2 |\xi_2| + \sum_{s=2}^{\infty} \frac{s+1}{s} \left| \frac{\xi_{s+1}}{s} \right| s^2 |f_s| + \frac{3}{2} |\eta_3| + \sum_{s=2}^{\infty} \frac{s+2}{s} \left| \frac{\eta_{s+2}}{s(s+1)} \right| s^2 |f_s| \leq \\ &\leq \sum_{s=2}^{\infty} \frac{3}{2} \left| \frac{\xi_{s+1}}{s} \right| s^2 |f_s| + \sum_{s=2}^{\infty} 2 \left| \frac{\eta_{s+2}}{s(s+1)} \right| s^2 |f_s| + 2 |\xi_2| + \frac{3}{2} |\eta_3|, \end{aligned}$$

whence

$$\sum_{s=2}^{\infty} \left( 1 - \frac{3}{2} \left| \frac{\xi_{s+1}}{s} \right| - 2 \left| \frac{\eta_{s+2}}{s(s+1)} \right| \right) s^2 |f_s| \leq 2 |\xi_2| + \frac{3}{2} |\eta_3|. \quad (15)$$

Define  $\xi^*$  and  $\eta^*$  as above. The following theorem is true.

**Theorem 2.** *Let  $n \geq 3$  and  $a_{n+1}^{(0)} + a_n^{(1)} = 0$ . If*

$$\frac{3}{2} \xi^* + 2 |\xi_2| + 2 \eta^* + \frac{3}{2} |\eta_3| < 1, \quad (16)$$

*then entire solution (12) of differential equation (6) is convex in  $\mathbb{D}$ .*

*Proof.* Indeed, (16) implies  $1 - 3\xi^*/2 - 2\eta^* > 0$  and so from (15) we obtain the inequality

$$\left( 1 - \frac{3}{2} \xi^* - 2 \eta^* \right) \sum_{s=2}^{\infty} s^2 |f_s| \leq 2 |\xi_2| + \frac{3}{2} |\eta_3|,$$

whence, in view of (16),  $\sum_{s=2}^{\infty} s^2 |f_s| \leq 1$ , i.e. by Lemma 2, the function  $f$  is convex in  $\mathbb{D}$ .  $\square$

**4. Growth of a solution.** For investigation of the growth for a solution of the differential equation (6) we use Wiman-Valiron’s method. Let  $\mu_f(r)$  be the maximal term of series (12) and let  $\nu_f(r)$  be its central index. Let  $\zeta$  be a point on the circle  $\{z: |z| = r\}$  such that  $|f(\zeta)| = M_f(r) = \max\{|f(z)|: |z| = r\}$ . Then [14, Ch. 1] the equality

$$f^{(j)}(\zeta) = \left(\frac{\nu_f(r)}{\zeta}\right)^j f(\zeta)(1 + \delta_j(\zeta)), \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, \tag{17}$$

where  $\delta_j(\zeta) = O(\nu_f(r)^{-1/5})$ , holds as  $r \rightarrow +\infty$  outside a set  $E \subset [1, +\infty)$  of finite logarithmic measure, moreover this set  $E$  is contained in a union of intervals  $[\sigma'_{n-1}, \sigma_n)$  such that  $\sigma_n/\sigma'_{n-1} \rightarrow 1$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  (see [14, Ch. 1]).

If  $f$  is a solution of differential equation (6) then in view of (17) we have the equality

$$\begin{aligned} &\zeta^n \left(\frac{\nu_f(r)}{\zeta}\right)^n (1 + \delta_n(\zeta)) + \left(a_1^{(n-1)}\zeta + a_2^{(n-1)}\right) \zeta^{n-1} \left(\frac{\nu_f(r)}{\zeta}\right)^{n-1} (1 + \delta_{n-1}(\zeta)) + \\ &+ \sum_{k=0}^{n-2} \left(a_{n-1-k}^{(k)}\zeta^2 + a_{n-k}^{(k)}\zeta + a_{n+1-k}^{(k)}\right) \zeta^k \left(\frac{\nu_f(r)}{\zeta}\right)^k (1 + \delta_k(\zeta)) = 0, \end{aligned} \tag{18}$$

which in general is an equation of  $n$ -th order for finding  $\nu_f(r)$ . It is clear that asymptotic behavior of  $\nu_f(r)$  depends on vanishing of parameters  $a_k^{(j)}$ .

The following theorem is true.

**Theorem 3.** *Let  $n \geq 3$  and  $|a_1^{(n-1)}| + |a_1^{(n-2)}| > 0$ . Then a transcendental solution (12) of differential equation (6) has regular growth and*

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\ln M_f(r)}{r} = \gamma, \tag{19}$$

where either  $\gamma = |\gamma_1|$  or  $\gamma = |\gamma_2|$ , and

$$\gamma_1 = \frac{-a_1^{(n-1)} + \sqrt{\left(a_1^{(n-1)}\right)^2 - 4a_1^{(n-2)}}}{2}, \quad \gamma_2 = \frac{-a_1^{(n-1)} - \sqrt{\left(a_1^{(n-1)}\right)^2 - 4a_1^{(n-2)}}}{2}.$$

*Proof.* Firstly, suppose that  $a_1^{(n-1)} \neq 0$  and  $a_1^{(n-2)} \neq 0$ . Then formula (18) yields

$$\begin{aligned} &\zeta^n \left(\frac{\nu_f(r)}{\zeta}\right)^n (1 + o(1)) + a_1^{(n-1)}\zeta^n \left(\frac{\nu_f(r)}{\zeta}\right)^{n-1} (1 + o(1)) + \\ &+ a_1^{(n-2)}\zeta^n \left(\frac{\nu_f(r)}{\zeta}\right)^{n-2} (1 + o(1)) + O(\zeta^2\nu_f^{n-3}(r)) = 0, \quad r \rightarrow +\infty, r \notin E, \end{aligned}$$

that is

$$\left(\frac{\nu_f(r)}{\zeta}\right)^2 + (1 + o(1))a_1^{(n-1)}\frac{\nu_f(r)}{\zeta} + (1 + o(1))a_1^{(n-2)} = 0, \quad r \rightarrow +\infty, r \notin E,$$

whence it follows that either  $\nu_f(r) = -(1 + o(1))\gamma_1\zeta$  or  $\nu_f(r) = -(1 + o(1))\gamma_2\zeta$  as  $r \rightarrow +\infty$  and  $r \notin E$ .

If  $a_1^{(n-2)} = 0$ , then from (18) likewise we obtain that  $\nu_f(r)/\zeta + (1 + o(1))a_1^{(n-1)} = 0$  i.e.  $\nu_f(r) = -(1 + o(1))a_1^{(n-1)}\zeta$  as  $r \rightarrow +\infty, r \notin E$ . Finally, if  $a_1^{(n-1)} = 0$ , then (18) implies that  $(\nu_f(r)/\zeta)^2 + (1 + o(1))a_1^{(n-2)} = 0$ , i.e. either  $\nu_f(r) = (1 + o(1))\sqrt{-a_1^{(n-2)}}\zeta$  or  $\nu_f(r) = -(1 + o(1))\sqrt{-a_1^{(n-2)}}\zeta$  as  $r \rightarrow +\infty, r \notin E$ .

So, in all three cases  $\nu_f(r) = (1 + o(1))\gamma r$  as  $r \rightarrow +\infty, r \notin E$ , where either  $\gamma = |\gamma_1|$  or  $\gamma = |\gamma_2|$ .

If  $r \in E$  i.e.  $r \in [\sigma'_{n-1}, \sigma_n)$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  then

$$\begin{aligned} \nu_f(r) &\geq \nu_f(\sigma'_{n-1}) = (1 + o(1))\gamma\sigma'_{n-1} = (1 + o(1))\gamma\frac{\sigma'_{n-1}}{\sigma_n}\sigma_n = \\ &= (1 + o(1))\gamma\sigma_n \geq (1 + o(1))\gamma r, \quad r \rightarrow +\infty, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \nu_f(r) &\leq \nu_f(\sigma_n) = (1 + o(1))\gamma\sigma_n = (1 + o(1))\gamma\frac{\sigma_n}{\sigma'_{n-1}}\sigma'_{n-1} = \\ &= (1 + o(1))\gamma\sigma'_{n-1} \leq (1 + o(1))\gamma r, \quad r \rightarrow +\infty, \end{aligned}$$

that is  $\nu_f(r) = (1 + o(1))\gamma r$  as  $r \rightarrow +\infty$ . Therefore,

$$\ln \mu_f(r) = \ln \mu_f(1) + \int_1^r \frac{\nu_f(t)}{t} dt = (1 + o(1))\gamma r, \quad r \rightarrow +\infty,$$

and by Borel' theorem  $\ln M_f(r) = (1 + o(1))\ln \mu_f(r) = (1 + o(1))\gamma r$  as  $r \rightarrow +\infty$ . □

**5. The main theorem.** Using Theorems 1–3 we prove the following theorem.

**Theorem 4.** Let  $a_{n+1}^{(0)} = a_n^{(1)} = 0$ ,  $a_{n-1}^{(2)} > 0$  and  $a_{n+1-k}^{(k)} \geq 0$  for  $k = \overline{3, n}$ ,  $|a_{n-k}^{(k)}| \leq \varkappa a_{n-k}^{(k+1)}$  for  $k = \overline{0, n-1}$  and  $|a_{n-1-k}^{(k)}| \leq \varkappa a_{n-1-k}^{(k+2)}$  for  $k = \overline{0, n-2}$ , where  $\varkappa \equiv \text{const} > 0$ . Then differential equation (6) has an entire solution (12) such that:

- 1) if  $\varkappa < 6/13$  then  $f$  is close-to-convex in  $\mathbb{D}$ ;
- 2) if  $\varkappa < 12/55$  then  $f$  is convex in  $\mathbb{D}$ ;
- 3) if  $|a_1^{(n-1)}| + |a_1^{(n-2)}| > 0$  then equality (19) holds.

*Proof.* Since  $a_{n+1}^{(0)} = a_n^{(1)} = 0$ ,  $a_{n-1}^{(2)} > 0$  and  $a_{n+1-k}^{(k)} \geq 0$  for  $k = \overline{3, n}$  we obtain for all  $s \geq 2$

$$B_s = \sum_{k=0}^{\min\{s,n\}} \frac{a_{n+1-k}^{(k)}}{(s-k)!} > 0.$$

In view of (10) and (11) for  $s \geq 2$  we have

$$|\xi_s| \leq \frac{\sum_{k=0}^{\min\{s,n\}-1} \frac{|a_{n-k}^{(k)}|}{(s-k-1)!}}{\frac{a_{n+1}^{(0)}}{s!} + \sum_{k=1}^{\min\{s,n\}} \frac{a_{n+1-k}^{(k)}}{(s-k)!}} = \frac{\sum_{k=0}^{\min\{s,n\}-1} \frac{|a_{n-k}^{(k)}|}{(s-k-1)!}}{\sum_{k=0}^{\min\{s,n\}-1} \frac{a_{n-k}^{(k+1)}}{(s-k-1)!}} \leq \varkappa$$

and

$$|\eta_s| \leq \frac{\sum_{k=0}^{\min\{s,n\}-2} \frac{|a_{n-1-k}^{(k)}|}{(s-k-2)!}}{\frac{a_{n+1}^{(0)}}{s!} + \frac{a_n^{(1)}}{(s-1)!} + \sum_{k=2}^{\min\{s,n\}} \frac{a_{n+1-k}^{(k)}}{(s-k)!}} = \frac{\sum_{k=0}^{\min\{s,n\}-2} \frac{|a_{n-1-k}^{(k)}|}{(s-k-2)!}}{\sum_{k=0}^{\min\{s,n\}-2} \frac{a_{n-1-k}^{(k+2)}}{(s-k-2)!}} \leq \varkappa,$$

that is  $\xi^* \leq \varkappa/2$ ,  $\eta^* \leq \varkappa/6$  and since  $\xi_2 \leq \varkappa$  and  $\eta_3/2 \leq \varkappa/2$  we have  $\xi^* + |\xi_2| + \eta^* + |\eta_3/2| \leq 13\varkappa/6 < 1$  provided  $\varkappa < 6/13$ . Therefore, by Theorem 1, claim 1) of Theorem 4 is true. Likewise from Theorem 2 we obtain claim 2), and Theorem 3 implies claim 3).  $\square$

Since equality  $a_{n+1}^{(0)} + a_n^{(1)} = 0$  is one of the conditions of Theorems 1–2 we get

$$B_s = \frac{a_n^{(1)}}{(s-1)!} \frac{s-1}{s} + \sum_{k=2}^{\min\{s,n\}} \frac{a_{n+1-k}^{(k)}}{(s-k)!},$$

and if  $a_n^{(1)} > 0$  and  $a_{n+1-k}^{(k)} \geq 0$  for  $k = \overline{2, n}$  then  $B_s \geq \frac{1}{2} \frac{a_n^{(1)}}{(s-1)!} + \sum_{k=2}^{\min\{s,n\}} \frac{a_{n+1-k}^{(k)}}{(s-k)!}$ . Therefore, the conclusion of Theorem 4 remains true if  $a_{n+1}^{(0)} + a_n^{(1)} = 0$ ,  $a_n^{(1)} > 0$ ,  $a_{n-1}^{(2)} > 0$  and  $a_{n+1-k}^{(k)} \geq 0$  for  $k = \overline{3, n}$ ,  $|a_n^{(0)}| \leq \varkappa a_n^{(1)}/2$ ,  $|a_{n-k}^{(k)}| \leq \varkappa a_{n-k}^{(k+1)}$  for  $k = \overline{1, n-1}$  and  $|a_{n-1-k}^{(k)}| \leq \varkappa a_{n-1-k}^{(k+2)}$  for  $k = \overline{0, n-2}$ .

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