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ON SOLUTIONS OF NONAUTONOMOUS LINEAR DELAYED  
DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS, WHICH ARE DEFINED  
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Let  $M_n$  be the space of square matrices of order  $n$ ,  $R$  – the real line,  $R^+$  – the positive halfline (closed),  $R^-$  – the negative halfline,  $A : R^- \rightarrow M_n$ ,  $B : R^- \rightarrow M_n$  locally integrable. For  $y \in R^n$  denote by  $|y|$  the Euclidean norm of  $y$  and for  $C \in M_n$  put  $|C| = \sup_{|y| \leq 1} |Cy|$ .

For  $\gamma \in R^+$  let  $\mathcal{X}(\gamma)$  be the set of such solutions  $x : R^- \rightarrow R^n$  of

$$(1) \quad \frac{dx}{dt}(t) = A(t)x(t) + B(t)x(t-1)$$

that

$$(2) \quad \sup_{t \leq 0} e^{\gamma t} |x(t)| < \infty .$$

Obviously  $\mathcal{X}(\gamma)$  is a linear manifold.

**Theorem 1.** Assume that  $|B|^2$  is locally integrable and that

$$(3) \quad \sup_{t \leq 0} \int_{t-1}^t |A(\tau)| d\tau < \infty , \quad \sup_{t \leq 0} \int_{t-1}^t |B(\tau)|^2 d\tau < \infty .$$

Then the dimension of  $\mathcal{X}(\gamma)$  is finite. Moreover, there exists  $\Theta : (R^+)^3 \rightarrow R^+$  such that if

$$(4) \quad \sup_{t \leq 0} \int_{t-1}^t |A(\tau)| d\tau \leq a , \quad \sup_{t \leq 0} \int_{t-1}^t |B(\tau)|^2 d\tau \leq b^2 ,$$

then

$$(5) \quad \dim \mathcal{X}(\gamma) \leq \Theta(a, b, \gamma) .$$

Note 1.  $\Theta(a, b, \gamma)$  may be calculated (of course not the best one). Thus it may be shown that

$$(6) \quad \dim \mathcal{X}(\gamma) \leq n, \quad \text{if } e^{(n+1)\gamma} [1 + 4e^{2a} \max(1, b^2)]^{n/2} e^a b < 1$$

$$(7) \quad \dim \mathcal{X}(\gamma) \leq n + 1, \quad \text{if } e^{(n+2)\gamma} [1 + 4e^{2a} \max(1, b^2)]^{n/2} e^{2a} b^2 < 1$$

$$(8) \quad \text{if } e^a b \geq 1 \quad \text{and} \quad e^\gamma (1 + ae^a) b \rightarrow \infty,$$

then

$$\Theta(a, b, \gamma) \approx \frac{2ne}{\pi^2} e^{2\gamma} (1 + ae^a)^2 b^2$$

(i.e. to any  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists such a  $\varrho > 0$  that

$$|\Theta(a, b, \gamma) \pi^2 (2ne)^{-1} e^{-2\gamma} (1 + ae^a)^{-2} b^{-2} - 1| \leq \varepsilon$$

provided that  $e^a b \geq 1$  and  $e^\gamma (1 + ae^a) b \geq \varrho$ .

Note 2. Theorem 1 is related to applications of Theory of Invariant Manifolds to Delayed Differential Equations (cf. [1], [2], [3]). Let us review some results, which may be obtained for (1). For this purpose extend  $A$  and  $B$  to  $R$  putting  $A(t) = 0 = B(t)$  for  $t > 0$ .

**Proposition.** Assume that  $A$  fulfils (4), that  $B$  instead of (3) and (4) fulfils

$$(9) \quad \sup_t \int_{t-1}^t |B(\tau)| d\tau \leq \beta$$

and that there exists  $L > 0$  such that

$$(10) \quad e^a (e^a + L)^2 b \leq L,$$

$$(11) \quad e^a (e^a + 1) (e^a + L) b < 1.$$

Denote by  $U$  a fundamental matrix of

$$(12) \quad \frac{dx}{dt}(t) = A(t) x(t).$$

Then there exists  $Q : R \rightarrow M_n$ , continuous,  $|Q(t)| \leq L$  for  $t \in R$  such that every solution of

$$(13) \quad \frac{dx}{dt}(t) = (A(t) + B(t) [U(t-1)U^{-1}(t) + Q(t)]) x(t)$$

fulfils (1). Moreover, solutions of (13) belong to  $\mathcal{X}(\gamma)$  with  $\gamma = a + \log [1 + \beta(e^a + L)]$ , so that  $\dim \mathcal{X}(\gamma) \geq n$ .

As  $\int_{t-1}^t |B(\tau)| d\tau \leq (\int_{t-1}^t |B(\tau)|^2)^{1/2}$ , Proposition may be applied if  $B$  fulfils (4) and if (10) and (11) hold,  $\beta$  being replaced by  $b$ .

Fix  $a$  and choose  $L$ , e.g.  $L = e^a$ . Find such a  $b$  that (10) and (11) are fulfilled for  $\beta$  being replaced by  $b$  and that the inequality in (6) is fulfilled with  $\gamma \geq a + \log [1 + b(e^a + L)]$ . Then it may be concluded that  $\dim \mathcal{Z}(\gamma) = n$  (provided that  $A$  and  $B$  fulfil (4)).

Theorem 1 will be deduced from Theorem 2, which will be formulated below. If  $X, Y$  are linear spaces,  $X \subset Y$  the codimension of  $X$  with respect to  $Y$  will be denoted by  $\text{codim}(X | Y)$  or  $\text{codim } X$  if no confusion can arise. If  $Y$  is a Hilbert space, then  $\langle x, y \rangle$  will be the scalar product of  $x, y \in Y$ ,  $\|y\|$  will be the norm of  $y$  and if  $C : Y \rightarrow Y$  is linear and continuous, then  $\|C\| = \sup_{\|y\| \leq 1} \|Cy\|$ .

Let  $H$  be a Hilbert space,  $k_j$  integers,  $r_j \in R^+, j = 0, 1, 2, \dots$  such that

$$(14) \quad \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} r_j = 0, \quad 0 = k_0 < k_1 < k_2 < \dots$$

Denote by  $\Omega = \Omega \left( \begin{matrix} r_0, r_1, r_2, \dots \\ k_0, k_1, k_2, \dots \end{matrix} \right)$  the set of bounded linear operators  $Q : H \rightarrow H$  which fulfil the following condition:

$$(15) \quad \text{there exist linear subspaces } H^{(j)} \text{ of } H \text{ such that } H^{(0)} = H, H^{(j)} \supset H^{(j+1)}, \\ \text{codim}(H^{(j)} | H) \leq k_j \text{ and } \|Qx\| \leq r_j \|x\| \text{ for } x \in H^{(j)}, j = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

(Subspaces  $H^{(j)}$  may depend on  $Q \in \Omega$ .)

Note 3. If  $T \in \Omega \left( \begin{matrix} r_0, r_1, r_2, \dots \\ k_0, k_1, k_2, \dots \end{matrix} \right)$ , then  $T$  is completely continuous. In order to show it, let  $H^{(j)}$  be the linear subspaces of  $H$  which correspond to  $T$  according to (15). Denote by  $Y^{(j)}$  the orthogonal complements of  $H^{(j)}$  and define a linear operator  $U^{(j)} : H \rightarrow H$  by  $U^{(j)}y = Ty$  for  $y \in Y^{(j)}$ ,  $U^{(j)}z = 0$  for  $z \in H^{(j)}$ . By  $\mathfrak{N}(U)$  denote the null-space of a linear operator  $U$ . Obviously  $\mathfrak{N}(U^{(l)}) \supset H^{(j)}$  for  $l \leq j$  and it may be seen that the following conditions are fulfilled:

$$(i) \quad \text{codim} \left( \prod_{l=0}^j \mathfrak{N}(U^{(l)}) \right) \leq k_j,$$

$$(ii) \quad \|1 - U^{(j)}\| \leq r_j, \quad j = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

Therefore  $T$  is completely continuous. On the other hand, if  $T : H \rightarrow H$  is a linear operator and if there exist finitedimensional operators  $U^{(j)} : H \rightarrow H$  such that conditions (i), (ii) are fulfilled, then  $T \in \Omega \left( \begin{matrix} r_0, r_1, r_2, \dots \\ k_0, k_1, k_2, \dots \end{matrix} \right)$ .

Note 4. If  $T : H \rightarrow H$  is linear and completely continuous, then there exist  $k_j, r_j$  fulfilling (14) such that  $T \in \Omega \left( \begin{matrix} r_0, r_1, r_2, \dots \\ k_0, k_1, k_2, \dots \end{matrix} \right)$ . Qtherwise there exists  $\varepsilon > 0$  such that

for any linear subspace  $V \subset H$  such that  $\text{codim}(V | H) < \infty$  there exists  $v \in V$ ,  $\|Tv\| \geq \varepsilon \|v\| > 0$ . By induction there exists a sequence  $v_j \in H$ ,  $j = 1, 2, \dots$  such that  $\|v_j\| = 1$ ,  $\|Tv_j\| \geq \varepsilon$ ,  $(Tv_j, Tv_k) = 0$  for  $j \neq k$ . Followingly  $\|Tv_j - Tv_k\| \geq \varepsilon$  for  $j \neq k$  and  $T$  is not completely continuous.

For  $\varrho \geq 1$ ,  $m = 1, 2, 3, \dots$  find  $s$  that  $k_s < m \leq k_{s+1}$   $s = 0, 1, 2, \dots$  and put

$$S(\varrho, m) = \varrho^m r_0^{k_1} r_1^{k_2 - k_1} \dots r_{s-1}^{k_s - k_{s-1}} r_s^{m - k_s}.$$

Obviously  $S(\varrho, m) \rightarrow 0$  with  $m \rightarrow \infty$ . Let  $\vartheta(\varrho)$  be the smallest (nonnegative) integer such that  $S(\varrho, \vartheta(\varrho) + 1) < 1$ .

Let  $Q_i \in \Omega$  for  $i = -1, -2, -3, \dots$ . Denote by  $Z(\varrho)$ ,  $\varrho \geq 1$  the set of such sequences  $\{x_i\}_{i=0}^{-\infty}$ ,  $x_i \in H$  that

$$(16) \quad Q_i x_i = x_{i+1}, \quad i = -1, -2, \dots$$

$$(17) \quad \sup_{i \leq 0} \varrho^i \|x_i\| < \infty.$$

$Z(\varrho)$  is obviously a linear manifold.

**Theorem 2.**  $\dim Z(\varrho) \leq \vartheta(\varrho)$  for  $\varrho \geq 1$ .

**Corollary.**

(18) if  $\varrho r_0 < 1$ , then  $\vartheta(\varrho) = 0$ , i.e.  $\dim Z(\varrho) = 0$ ;

(19) if  $\varrho r_0 \geq 1$ ,  $\varrho^{k_1+1} r_0^{k_1} r_1 < 1$  then  $\vartheta(\varrho) = k_1$ , i.e.  $\dim Z(\varrho) \leq k_1$ ;

(20) if  $k_2 > k_1 + 1$ ,  $\varrho^{k_1+1} r_0^{k_1} r_1 \geq 1$ ,  $\varrho^{k_1+2} r_1^{k_1} r_2^2 < 1$ , then  $\vartheta(\varrho) = k_1 + 1$ , i.e.  $\dim Z(\varrho) \leq k_1 + 1$  etc.

Let  $G : R^m \rightarrow R^m$  be linear. Choose  $\{e_1, \dots, e_m\}$ ,  $\{f_1, \dots, f_m\}$  – orthonormal bases in  $R^m$  and put

$$(21) \quad (Ge_i, f_j) = g_{j,i}$$

i.e.  $G \sum_i \lambda_i e_i = \sum_i (\sum_j g_{j,i} \lambda_i) f_j$ . It is easy to see that  $\det g_{j,i}$  does not depend on the choice of orthonormal bases  $\{e_1, \dots, e_m\}$ ,  $\{f_1, \dots, f_m\}$ ; put  $\det G = \det g_{j,i}$ .

**Lemma.** Let  $G : R^m \rightarrow R^m$  be linear. Let  $V_i$ ,  $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, l$  be linear subspaces of  $R^m$ ,  $R^m = V_0 \supset V_1 \supset \dots \supset V_l$ ,  $\text{codim}(V_i | R^m) = k_i$ ,  $r_i \geq 0$ ,  $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, l$  and assume that

$$(22) \quad |Gx| \leq r_i |x| \quad \text{for } x \in V_i, \quad i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, l.$$

Then

$$(23) \quad |\det G| \leq r_0^{k_1} \cdot r_1^{k_2 - k_1} \dots r_{l-1}^{k_l - k_{l-1}} \cdot r_l^{m - k_l}.$$

**Proof.** For  $u, v \in R^m$  let  $(u, v)$  denote the scalar product. Find an orthonormal basis  $e_1, \dots, e_m \in R^m$  such that  $e_{k_s+1}, \dots, e_{k_{s+1}} \in V_s$  for  $s = 0, 1, \dots, l$ . Let  $G'$  be adjoint to  $G$ . Obviously  $\det G = \det G'$  and — by the usual identification of  $R^m$  with its adjoint —  $(\det G)^2 = \det G'G = \det ((G'Ge_i, e_j))$ .  $((G'Ge_i, e_j))$  is a positive semidefinite matrix and by Hadamard inequality (cf. [4], II, (10,3) or [5], IX, §5)

$$\det ((G'Ge_i, e_j)) \leq \prod_{i=1}^m (G'Ge_i, e_i) = \prod_{i=1}^m (Ge_i, Ge_i) = r_0^{2k_1} r_1^{2(k_2-k_1)} \dots r_l^{2(m-k_l)}$$

and (23) holds.

**Proof of Theorem 2.** Take at first the special case  $\varrho = 1$  and put  $m = \mathfrak{A}(1) + 1$ . If Theorem 2 is false, there exist  $\{x_i^{(j)}\}_{i \leq 0} \in Z(1)$ ,  $j = 1, 2, \dots, m$  linearly independent. If  $x_i^{(j)}$ ,  $j = 1, 2, \dots, m$  are linearly dependent for some  $i < 0$ , then  $x_r^{(j)}$ ,  $j = 1, 2, \dots, m$  are linearly dependent for any  $r \geq i$  with the same constants. Hence it can be shown that there exists such a  $p \leq 0$  that  $x_i^{(j)}$ ,  $j = 1, 2, \dots, m$  are linearly independent for any  $i \leq p$ .

For  $i \leq -1$  let  $H_i^{(j)}$  be linear subspaces of  $H$  such that (15) is fulfilled (with  $Q = Q_i$ ). Find  $s$  such that  $k_s < m \leq k_{s+1}$ . Let  $V_i^{(0)}$  be spanned by  $x_i^{(j)}$ ,  $j = 1, 2, \dots, m$ ,  $i \leq p$ . Obviously  $\dim V_i^{(0)} = m$  and  $\text{codim}(V_i^{(0)} \cap H_i^{(j)} | V_i^{(0)}) \leq k_j$ ,  $j = 1, 2, \dots$ . Choose linear spaces  $V_i^{(j)}$ ,  $j = 1, 2, \dots, s$  such that  $V_i^{(j-1)} \supset V_i^{(j)}$ ,  $V_i^{(j)} \subset V_i^{(0)} \cap H_i^{(j)}$  and  $\text{codim}(V_i^{(j)} | V_i^{(0)}) = k_j$ ,  $j = 1, 2, \dots, s$ .  $Q_i|_{V_i^{(0)}}$  maps  $V_i^{(0)}$  onto  $V_{i+1}^{(0)}$  for  $i < p$  and by Lemma and by the choice of  $m$

$$|\det(Q_i|_{V_i^{(0)}})| \leq r_0^{k_1} r_1^{k_2-k_1} \dots r_s^{m-k_s} = \varkappa < 1.$$

Let  $A_i$ ,  $i \leq p$  be the simplex with the vertices  $0, x_i^{(1)}, x_i^{(2)}, \dots, x_i^{(m)}$  and let  $\lambda_i$  be its volume. Obviously  $Q_i(A_i) = A_{i+1}$  and therefore  $\varkappa \lambda_i \geq \lambda_{i+1}$ . Hence  $\lambda_i \rightarrow \infty$  with  $i \rightarrow -\infty$  and this is impossible, as  $\{x_i^{(j)} | j = 1, 2, \dots, m, i = 0, -1, -2, \dots\}$  is a bounded set. Theorem 2 holds in the special case  $\varrho = 1$ .

If  $\varrho > 1$ , put  $\tilde{Q}_i = \varrho Q_i$ ,  $\tilde{r}_j = \varrho r_j$ ,  $i = -1, -2, \dots, j = 0, 1, 2, \dots$  and for  $\tilde{\varrho} \geq 1$  denote by  $\tilde{Z}(\tilde{\varrho})$  the set of such sequences  $\{\tilde{x}_i\}_{i \geq 0}$ ,  $\tilde{x}_i \in H$  that  $\tilde{Q}_i \tilde{x}_i = \tilde{x}_{i+1}$  for  $i = -1, -2, \dots$  and  $\sup_{i \geq 0} \tilde{\varrho}^i \|x_i\| < \infty$ . If  $\{x_i\}_{i \leq 0} \in Z(\varrho)$ , put  $\tilde{x}_i = \varrho^i x_i$ ,  $i = 0, -1, -2, \dots$ . Obviously  $\{\tilde{x}_i\}_{i \geq 0} \in \tilde{Z}(1)$ . Therefore  $\dim Z(\varrho) = \dim \tilde{Z}(1)$  and the proof of Theorem 2 may be finished by applying Theorem 2 in case  $\tilde{\varrho} = 1$  to  $\tilde{Z}(1)$ .

**Proof of Theorem 1.** For  $S \subset \langle -1, 0 \rangle$  Lebesgue measurable denote by  $|S|$  the Lebesgue measure of  $S$ , let  $v_1(S) = 1$  if  $-1 \in S$ ,  $v_1(S) = 0$  otherwise, let  $v_2(S) = 1$  if  $0 \in S$ ,  $v_2(S) = 0$  otherwise and put  $\mu(S) = |S| + v_1(S) + v_2(S)$ . Let  $H = L_{2,\mu}(\langle -1, 0 \rangle \rightarrow R^n)$ , (i.e. elements of  $H$  are classes of  $\mu$ -equivalent square integrable functions from  $\langle -1, 0 \rangle$  to  $R^n$ ). If  $u, v \in R^n$ , let  $(u, v)$  be the scalar product of  $u, v$  and for  $x, y \in H$  define the scalar product by

$$\langle x, y \rangle = (x(-1), y(-1)) + \int_{-1}^0 (x(t), y(t)) dt + (x(0), y(0)).$$

Let  $U : R^- \rightarrow R^n$  be a fundamental matrix of

$$\frac{dx}{dt}(t) = A(t)x(t).$$

Define  $U_i : (-\infty, -i) \rightarrow M_n$  by  $U_i(t) = U(t+i)U^{-1}(i)$ ,  $i = 0, -1, -2, \dots$  and  $Q_i : H \rightarrow H$  by

$$(24) \quad (Q_i y)(t) = U_i(t+1)y(0) + U_i(t+1) \int_0^{t+1} U_i^{-1}(\sigma) B(\sigma+i)y(\sigma-1) d\sigma.$$

The estimate

$$(25) \quad |U_i(t+1)| \leq e^a, \quad |U_i(t+1)U_i^{-1}(\sigma)| \leq e^a \quad \text{for } i = -1, -2, \dots, \\ t \in \langle -1, 0 \rangle, \quad \sigma \in \langle 0, t+1 \rangle$$

follows from (4): Keep  $\sigma$  and  $i$  fixed and put  $L(\tau) = U_i(\tau)U_i^{-1}(\sigma)$ . Obviously  $L(\tau) = I + \int_\sigma^\tau A(i+\zeta)L(\zeta)d\zeta$ ,  $I$  being the identity matrix and  $L(\tau) = \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} L_j(\tau)$  with  $L_0(\tau) = I$ ,  $L_{j+1}(\tau) = I + \int_\sigma^\tau A(i+\zeta)L_j(\zeta)d\zeta$ ,  $j = 0, 1, 2, \dots$  Put  $\alpha(\tau) = \left| \int_\sigma^\tau |A(\zeta)| d\zeta \right|$ . As  $|I| = 1$ , we obtain by induction that  $|L_j(\tau)| \leq e^{\alpha(\tau)}$  for  $\tau \in (-\infty, -i)$  and the second inequality in (25) holds. The first inequality in (25) is a special case of the second one for  $\sigma = 0$ .

For  $x \in \mathcal{X}(\gamma)$ ,  $i = 0, -1, -2, \dots$  define  $x_i \in H$  by  $x_i(t) = x(i+t)$  and put  $Px = \{x_i\}_{i \leq 0}$ . The following Lemma is easy to verify.

**Lemma 3.**  $P$  is a linear bijection of  $\mathcal{X}(\gamma)$  onto  $Z(e^\gamma)$ .

In order to deduce Theorem 1 from Theorem 2 we have to find numbers  $r_j \in R^+$  and integers  $k_j$ ,  $j = 0, 1, 2, \dots$   $r_j \geq r_{j+1}$ ,  $\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} r_j = 0$ ,  $0 = k_0 < k_1 < k_2 < \dots$

such that  $Q_i \in \Omega \left( \begin{smallmatrix} r_0, r_1, \dots \\ k_0, k_1, \dots \end{smallmatrix} \right)$ ,  $i = -1, -2, -3, \dots$   $r_j$  and  $k_j$  will depend on  $a, b$ ; we will denote the corresponding function  $\vartheta$  by  $\vartheta_{a,b}$  and we shall put  $\Theta(a, b, \gamma) = \vartheta_{a,b}(e^\gamma)$ . Obviously

$$(26) \quad \|Q_i y\|^2 = |y(0)|^2 + \\ + \int_{-1}^0 \left| U_i(t+1)y(0) + \int_0^{t+1} U_i(t+1)U_i^{-1}(\sigma)B(\sigma+i)y(\sigma-1) d\sigma \right|^2 dt + \\ + \left| U_i(1)y(0) + \int_0^1 U_i(1)U_i^{-1}(\sigma)B(\sigma+i)y(\sigma-1) d\sigma \right|^2 \quad \text{for } y \in H.$$

Using  $(\alpha + \beta)^2 \leq 2(\alpha^2 + \beta^2)$  we obtain from (25) and (26) that

$$(27) \quad \|Q_i y\|^2 \leq |y(0)|^2 (1 + 4e^{2a}) + 4e^{2a}b^2 \int_{-i}^0 y^2(\sigma) d\sigma$$

and hence we may put

$$(28) \quad r_0 = [1 + 4e^{2a} \max(1, b^2)]^{1/2}.$$

Define linear functionals  $\varphi_k : H \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $k = 1, 2, \dots$  by

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_1(y) &= y(0), \\ \varphi_2(y) &= \int_0^1 U_i^{-1}(\sigma) B(\sigma + i) y(\sigma - 1) d\sigma, \\ \varphi_3(y) &= \int_{-1}^0 (Q_i y)(t) dt, \\ \varphi_{2s}(y) &= \sqrt{2} \int_{-1}^0 (Q_i y)(t) \cos(2\pi(s-1)t) dt, \\ \varphi_{2s+1}(y) &= \sqrt{2} \int_{-1}^0 (Q_i y)(t) \sin(2\pi(s-1)t) dt, \quad s = 1, 2, 3, \dots \end{aligned}$$

Put  $H_i^{(0)} = H$ ,  $H_i^{(j)} = \{y \in H \mid \varphi_l(y) = 0, l = 1, 2, \dots, 2j-1\}$ ,  $j = 1, 2, \dots$ ,  $i = -1, 2, \dots$ ; therefore we may define

$$(29) \quad k_j = n(2j-1).$$

If  $y \in H_i^{(1)}$ , then

$$(Q_i y)(t) = \int_0^{t+1} U_i(t+1) U_i^{-1}(\sigma) B(\sigma + i) y(\sigma - 1) d\sigma;$$

hence  $\|Q_i y\| \leq e^a b \|y\|$  and we may put

$$(30) \quad r_1 = e^a b.$$

It follows from the Fourier expansion of  $Q_i y$  that

$$(31) \quad \|Q_i y\|^2 = \sum_{l=2j}^{\infty} (\varphi_l(y))^2 \quad \text{for } y \in H_i^{(j)}, \quad j = 2, 3, \dots, \quad i = -1, -2, \dots$$

As  $(Q_i y)(-1) = 0 = (Q_i y)(0)$  for  $y \in H_i^{(2)}$ , it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_{2s}(y) &= \sqrt{2} \int_{-1}^0 \int_0^{1+t} U_i(1+t) U_i^{-1}(\sigma) B(\sigma + i) y(\sigma - 1) d\sigma \cos 2\pi(s-1)t dt = \\ &= \frac{-\sqrt{2}}{2\pi(s-1)} \int_{-1}^0 \left[ B(i+1+t) y(t) + A(i+1+t) \int_0^{1+t} U_i(1+t) U_i^{-1}(\sigma) B(\sigma + i) \right. \\ &\quad \left. \cdot y(\sigma - 1) d\sigma \right] \sin 2\pi(s-1)t dt, \quad y \in H_i^{(2)}, \quad s = 2, 3, \dots, \quad i = -1, -2, \dots \end{aligned}$$



Hence (cf. (25))

$$|\varphi_{2s}(y)| \leq \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2\pi(s-1)} [1 + ae^a] b \|y\|$$

and similarly

$$|\varphi_{2s+1}(y)| \leq \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2\pi(s-1)} [1 + ae^a] b \|y\|.$$

It follows from (31) that

$$\begin{aligned} \|Q_i y\|^2 &\leq \frac{1}{2\pi^2} [1 + ae^a]^2 b \|y\|^2 2 \sum_{l=j}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(l-1)^2} \leq \\ &\leq \frac{1}{\pi^2(j-2)} [1 + ae^a]^2 b \|y\|^2, \quad y \in H_i^{(j)}, \quad j = 3, 4, \dots, \quad i = -1, -2, \dots \end{aligned}$$

and we may put (cf. (30))

$$(32) \quad r_2 = e^a b, \quad r_j = \frac{1}{\pi} [1 + ae^a] b (j-2)^{-1/2}, \quad j = 3, 4, \dots$$

The assumptions of Theorem 2 are fulfilled and Theorem 1 is proved completely (cf. Lemma 3).

(6) and (7) in Note 1 follow from (18) and (19) in Corollary and (28), (29), (30) and (32). Let us indicate, how (8) may be obtained. For  $m = 1, 2, 3, \dots$  define the integer  $t(m)$  by

$$(33) \quad (2t(m) + 1)n < m \leq (2t(m) + 3)n.$$

As  $e^a b \geq 1$ , it follows that  $S(e^\gamma, m) \geq 1$  for  $m = 1, 2, \dots, 5n$ , (cf. (28), (29), (30) and (32)).  $S(e^\gamma, m)$  may be given the following form for  $m > 5n$

$$(34) \quad S(e^\gamma, m) = (\pi^{-1} e^\gamma (1 + ae^a) b)^{m-5n} \cdot e^{5n\gamma} (1 + 4e^{2a} \max(1, b^2))^{n/2} \cdot (e^a b)^{4n} \cdot ((t(m) - 2)!)^{-n} \cdot (t(m) - 1)^{-(m - (2t(m) + 1)n)/2}.$$

Let  $\eta$  be such an integer that

$$(35) \quad S(e^\gamma, \eta) \geq 1 > S(e^\gamma, \eta + 1).$$

It is easy to see that  $\eta \geq 6$  and that  $\eta$  is unique.  $\eta = \Theta(a, b, \gamma)$  by definition of  $\Theta$  and  $\Theta$ .

Let  $\varphi$  be the smallest integer greater than  $\pi^{-1} e^\gamma (1 + ae^a) b$ . Applying Stirling formula ( $s! = (s/e)^s \cdot (2\pi s)^{1/2} \psi_1(s)$ ,  $\psi_1(s) \rightarrow 1$  with  $s \rightarrow \infty$ ) to (34) we obtain (cf.

(33)) that  $S(e^\gamma, \varphi) > 1$  so that

$$(36) \quad \eta \geq \pi^{-1} e^\gamma (1 + ae^a) b$$

(the right hand side in (36) being sufficiently large).

(34) implies that

$$S(e^\gamma, \eta) S^{-1}(e^\gamma, \eta + 1) = (t(\eta + 1) - 2)^{1/2} \pi e^{-\gamma} (1 + ae^a)^{-1} b^{-1}$$

and by (35)

$$(37) \quad 1 \leq S(e^\gamma, \eta) \leq (t(\eta + 1) - 2)^{1/2} \pi e^{-\gamma} (1 + ae^a)^{-1} b^{-1}.$$

(36), (37) and (33) imply that

$$(38) \quad (S(e^\gamma, \eta))^{1/\eta} \rightarrow 1 \quad \text{with} \quad e^\gamma (1 + ae^a) b \rightarrow \infty.$$

By Stirling formula  $(s!)^{1/s} = (s/e) \psi_2(s)$ ,  $\psi_2(s) \rightarrow 1$  with  $s \rightarrow \infty$ . Observe that

$$(39) \quad ((t(m) - 2)!)^{-n/m} = \left(\frac{2ne}{m}\right)^{1/2} \psi_3(m), \quad \psi_3(m) \rightarrow 1 \quad \text{with} \quad m \rightarrow \infty$$

and (as  $0 < m - (2t(m) + 1)n \leq 2n$ )

$$(40) \quad (t(m) - 1)^{-(m - (2t(m) + 1)n)/2m} \rightarrow 1 \quad \text{with} \quad m \rightarrow \infty.$$

Obviously

$$(1 + ae^a)^{-2} b^{-2} \leq (1 + 4e^{2a} \max(1, b^2)) (1 + ae^a)^{-2} b^{-2} \leq 1 \\ (1 + ae^a) b \geq e^a b \geq 1$$

and

$$[[(1 + ae^a) b]^{-1}]^{(1+ae^a)b} \geq e^{-e^{-1}}.$$

Therefore (cf. (36))

$$((1 + ae^a)^{-1} b^{-1})^{1/\eta} \rightarrow 1 \quad \text{with} \quad e^\gamma (1 + ae^a) b \rightarrow \infty$$

and

$$(41) \quad [(1 + 4e^{2a} \max(1, b^2)) (1 + ae^a)^{-2} b^{-2}]^{n/2\eta} \rightarrow 1 \quad \text{with} \quad e^\gamma (1 + ae^a) b \rightarrow \infty.$$

As  $(e^{-a} + a)^{-1} = e^a b (1 + ae^a)^{-1} b^{-1} \leq 1$ , it may be shown (in a similar way as (41)) that

$$(42) \quad [e^a b (1 + ae^a)^{-1} b^{-1}]^{4n/\eta} \rightarrow 1 \quad \text{with} \quad e^\gamma (1 + ae^a) b \rightarrow \infty.$$

Substituting (34) in (38) and making use of the Stirling formula, (36), (39)–(42) we obtain that

$$\pi^{-1} e^{\gamma} (1 + ae^a) b (2ne)^{1/2} \eta^{-1/2} \rightarrow 1 \quad \text{with} \quad e^{\gamma} (1 + ae^a) b \rightarrow \infty,$$

which is equivalent to (8).

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