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#### A CONTRIBUTION TO THE PHASE THEORY OF A LINEAR SECOND-ORDER DIFFERENTIAL EQUATION IN THE JACOBIAN FORM

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#### Abstract

A canonical phase function is introduced by O. Borůvka in [1], [2]. It is connected closely with a character of a linear second-order differential equation in the Jacobian form

$$y'' = q(t)y. \tag{q}$$

In this paper the algebraic structure of the set of phase functions or the set of first phases of oscillatory equations (q) in the interval  $(-\infty, \infty)$  is investigated.

We shall deal with the situation when the differential equation (q) is of finite type (m) special in the interval  $(-\infty, \infty)$ .

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# 1 Canonical phase function of a class $D_m$ and phase function of a class $D_m$ .

We shall be concerned with phase functions of a class  $D_m$ .

**Definition 1** The phase function of a class  $D_m$  is a real function  $\alpha$  with the following properties:

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha &= \alpha(t), & t \in (-\infty, \infty), \\ \alpha &\in C_3(-\infty, \infty), \\ \alpha'(t) \neq 0 \end{aligned}$$

and for the numbers

$$c = \lim_{t \to -\infty} \alpha(t), \quad d = \lim_{t \to \infty} \alpha(t) \text{ it holds } |c - d| = m\pi,$$

m positive integer.

The number |c - d| is called an oscillation of the phase function  $\alpha$  and its notation is  $O(\alpha)$ . So

$$O(\alpha) = |c-d|.$$

**Definition 2** The canonical phase function of a class  $D_m$  is a function  $X = X(t), t \in (-\infty, \infty)$  if, throughout the interval  $(-\infty, \infty)$  hold:

$$X \in C_3, \qquad X'(t) > 0$$

and for the numbers

$$C = \lim_{t \to -\infty} X(t), \quad D = \lim_{t \to \infty} X(t)$$
 it holds  $C = 0, D = m\pi$ ,

m positive integer.

It is known (see [1], p.206) that the carrier of every differential equation (q) can be defined by means of the canonical phase function X of a class  $D_m$  in the interval  $j = (-\infty, \infty)$  as follows

$$q(t) = -\{X, t\} - X'^{2}(t), \tag{1}$$

when  $\{X, t\}$  is the Schwarzian derivative of a function X, that is

$$\{X,t\} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{X'''(t)}{X'(t)} - \frac{3}{4} \frac{X''^2(t)}{X'^2(t)}.$$

If the differential equation (q) with the carrier q defined by (1) is of finite type (m) special in the interval  $j = (-\infty, \infty)$  then the function X has properties of a canonical phase function of the class  $D_m$ .

We shall note the set of all phase functions  $\alpha$  of a class  $D_m$  by G. The following assertions are evident:

1.  $X \in G$ ,

- 2.  $\alpha \in G \Rightarrow (\alpha + l) \in G$  for every real number l,
- 3.  $\alpha \in G \Rightarrow \alpha_{(0)} \in G$ ,

where the function  $\alpha_{(0)}$  is defined by

$$\alpha(t) = \alpha_{(0)}(t) + \kappa,$$

 $\kappa$  is a suitable real number, and

$$\lim_{t \to -\infty} \alpha_{(0)}(t) = 0, \quad \lim_{t \to \infty} \alpha_{(0)}(t) = m\pi$$

in the case that  $\alpha$  increases on  $j = (-\infty, \infty)$ , and

$$\lim_{t \to -\infty} \alpha_{(0)}(t) = m\pi, \quad \lim_{t \to \infty} \alpha_{(0)}(t) = 0$$

in the case that  $\alpha$  decreases on  $j = (-\infty, \infty)$ .

- 4.  $\alpha, \beta, x \in G$ ,  $\alpha = \alpha_{(0)} + \kappa$ ,  $\beta = \beta_{(0)} + \lambda \Rightarrow$  the composite function  $\alpha_{(0)}X^{-1}\beta_{(0)} + \kappa + \lambda \in G$ , where  $X^{-1}$  is the inverse of the canonical phase function X,
- 5.  $\alpha \in G$ ,  $\alpha = \alpha_{(0)} + \kappa \Rightarrow \hat{\alpha} \in G$ , where  $\hat{\alpha} = X \alpha_{(0)}^{-1} X \kappa$  and  $\alpha_{(0)}^{-1}$  is the inverse of the function  $\alpha_{(0)}$ .

Let us note:

We denote the set of all functions  $\alpha + l$ , where l is a real number, by a symbol  $[\alpha]$  and call a complete phase system generated by the phase function  $\alpha$ .

To be short we shall write X instead of  $X_{(0)}$  even if according to the definition there is  $X = X_{(0)}$ .

The fact that  $\alpha = \alpha_{(0)}(t) + \kappa$  will be written by means of an index:  $\alpha = \alpha_{(\kappa)}$ . So that  $\alpha_{(\kappa)} = \alpha_{(0)} + \kappa$ .

## 2 Group 9 of phase functions of a class $D_m$

Let G be the set of all phase functions of a class  $D_m$ ;  $X \in G$  be a canonical phase function. Let  $\alpha = \alpha_{(\kappa)}, \beta = \beta_{(\lambda)} \in G$  be any elements.

We introduce a binary operation  $\circ$  into G by the following equation

$$\alpha \circ \beta = \alpha_{(0)} X^{-1} \beta_{(0)} + \kappa + \lambda,$$

where  $X^{-1}$  is the inverse function to X.

**Theorem 1** The set G with the binary operation  $\circ$  form a group.

**Proof** The binary operation o is associative as for any

$$\alpha = \alpha_{(\kappa)}, \quad \beta = \beta_{(\lambda)}, \quad \gamma = \gamma_{(\mu)} \in G$$

it holds

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha \circ (\beta \circ \gamma) &= \alpha_{(0)} X^{-1} (\beta_{(0)} X^{-1} \gamma_{(0)}) + \kappa + (\lambda + \mu) = \\ &= (\alpha_{(0)} X^{-1} \beta_{(0)}) X^{-1} \gamma_{(0)} + (\kappa + \lambda) + \mu = (\alpha \circ \beta) \circ \gamma. \end{aligned}$$

The canonical phase function X is the unit element as for any element  $\alpha = \alpha_{(\kappa)} \in G$  we have

$$\alpha \circ X = \alpha_{(0)} X^{-1} X + \kappa = \alpha_{(0)} + \kappa = \alpha_{(\kappa)} = \alpha,$$
  
$$X \circ \alpha = X X^{-1} \alpha_{(0)} + \kappa = \alpha_{(0)} + \kappa = \alpha_{(\kappa)} = \alpha.$$

To every element  $\alpha \in G$  there is the inverse element  $\hat{\alpha} \in G$ , where

$$\hat{\alpha} = X \alpha_{(0)}^{-1} X - \kappa$$

as

$$\alpha \circ \hat{\alpha} = \alpha_{(0)} X^{-1} X \alpha_{(0)}^{-1} X + \kappa - \kappa = X,$$
  
$$\hat{\alpha} \circ \alpha = X \alpha_{(0)}^{-1} X X^{-1} \alpha_{(0)} - \kappa + \kappa = X.$$

Thus G is a group, the group operation is the binary operation  $\circ$ , the canonical phase function X is the unit element of the group and the element  $\hat{\alpha}_{(-\kappa)}$  is the inverse to the element  $\alpha_{(\kappa)} \in G$ .

**Definition 3** The group from the above theorem will be denoted  $\mathcal{G}$  and called the group of phase functions of a class  $D_m$ .

It is evident that:

The product  $\alpha \circ \beta$ ,  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathcal{G}$ , is an increasing (decreasing) phase function if both phase functions increase or decrease (one of them increases and the other decreases).

The inverse element  $\hat{\alpha}$  corresponding to any element  $\alpha \in \mathcal{G}$  represents an increasing (decreasing) phase function according as  $\alpha$  is an increasing (decreasing) phase function.

**Theorem 2** Be  $\mathbb{N}$  a set of all increasing phase functions of a class  $D_m$ . Then  $\mathbb{N}$  is a normal divisor of the group  $\mathcal{G}$ .

**Proof** It holds  $\hat{\alpha} \circ \mathcal{N} \circ \alpha = \mathcal{N}, \alpha \in \mathcal{G}$ .

**Theorem 3** The factor group G/N consists of two elements, namely N and the class A of all decreasing phase functions of a class  $D_m$ .

# 3 Differential equations (q) of finite type (m) special and their first phase.

We shall consider now a linear second-order differential equation of Jacobian form

$$y'' = q(t)y, \tag{q}$$

where  $q \in C_0(-\infty, \infty)$ .

The coefficient q of this differential equation is called a carrier of the differential equation (q).

**Definition 4** The differential equation (q) is called of finite type (m) special in the interval  $j = (-\infty, \infty)$  if it possesses solutions with m zeros but none with (m+1) zeros and if there is a linearly independent solution with (m-1) zeros.

Let u, v be independent solutions of a linear differential equation (q) in the interval  $j = (-\infty, \infty)$ , which form a basis (u, v) of a set of all solutions of the differential equation (q).

**Definition 5** The function  $\alpha$  ( $\alpha \in C_3$ ,  $\alpha'(t) \neq 0$ ) defined in the interval  $j = (-\infty, \infty)$  by

$$\operatorname{tg} \alpha(t) = \frac{u(t)}{v(t)},\tag{2}$$

with the exception of singularities on both sides is called the first phase of the base (u,v) of the differential equation (q).

**Theorem 4** Any phase function of a class  $D_m$  is the first phase of the differential equation (q) of finite type m special in  $j = (-\infty, \infty)$  and the other way round.

**Proof** To every phase function

$$\alpha \in G$$
  $(\alpha \in C_3, \alpha'(t) \neq 0, O(\alpha) = m\pi)$ 

we associate the carrier q of the differential equation (q) by the following way

$$q(t) = -\{\alpha, t\} - \alpha'^{2}(t),$$
(3)

where the symbol  $\{ \}$  notes Schwarzian derivative of the function  $\alpha$ , that is

$$\{\alpha, t\} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\alpha'''(t)}{\alpha'(t)} - \frac{3}{4} \frac{\alpha''^2(t)}{\alpha'^2(t)}$$

and the base (u, v) of the set of all solutions of the differential equaion (q), given by the formulas

$$u = \frac{1}{\sqrt{|lpha'(t)|}} \sin lpha(t), \qquad v = \frac{1}{\sqrt{|lpha'(t)|}} \cos lpha(t).$$

Thus the general solution of the differential equation (q) with the carrier q given by (3) is of the form

$$y = (c_1 \sin \alpha(t) + c_2 \cos \alpha(t)) / \sqrt{|\alpha'(t)|} = k \sin(\alpha(t) + l) / \sqrt{|\alpha'(t)|},$$

where  $c_1, c_2$  are real numbers and numbers k, l are given by equations

$$c_1 = k \cos l, \qquad c_2 = k \sin l.$$

As  $O(\alpha) = m\pi$ , it is also  $O(\alpha(t) + l) = m\pi$  and every particular solution (contained in y) has m zeros in the interval  $j = (-\infty, \infty)$  with the exception of the case that  $\lim_{t\to-\infty} (\alpha(t) + l)$  is an integer multiple of the number  $\pi$  when solutions y (linearly dependent) have (m-1) zeros.

So the differential equation (q) is of finite type (m) special in the interval  $j = (-\infty, \infty)$ . We form a quotient  $\frac{u}{v}$  and we have

$$rac{u(t)}{v(t)} = \operatorname{tg} \alpha(t)$$

and we can see that  $\alpha$  is the first phase of the base (u, v).

On the contrary, let the differential equation (q) be of finite type (m) special in the interval  $j = (-\infty, \infty)$ , (u, v) be any base of (q) and  $\alpha$  be the first phase of the base (u, v) of the set of all solutions of (q). Then the phase  $\alpha$  satisfies (1).

From the equality (1) follows that

$$u = \rho(t) \sin \alpha(t), \qquad v = \rho(t) \cos \alpha(t).$$

The functions u, v form a base of solutions of the differential equation (q) if and only if

$$\rho(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{|\alpha'(t)|}}.$$

Then the general solution of the differential equation (q) is of the form

$$y = k \sin(\alpha(t) + l) / \sqrt{|\alpha'(t)|}.$$

It has to be

$$O(\alpha(t) + l) = O(\alpha(t)) = m\pi$$

for particular solutions obtained in y to have m zeros resp. for one independent solution to have (m-1) zeros.

Deriving the equality (2), we get

$$\alpha'(t)/\cos^2 \alpha(t) = -w/v^2(t),$$

where w = uv' - u'v is the Wronskian of solutions u, v.

We have  $\alpha'(t) > 0$  resp.  $\alpha'(t) < 0$  if and only if w < 0 resp. w > 0, thus  $\alpha'(t) \neq 0$  in the interval  $j = (-\infty, \infty)$ . As u, v are solutions of (q),  $u, v \in C_2$  and  $\alpha \in C_3$ .

Every first phase of the differential equation (q) is a phase function of a class  $D_m$ .

## 4 Equivalence in the group 9

We introduce an equivalence relation into the group  $\mathcal{G}$  now which we denote by a symbol  $\sim$ .

**Definition 6** Two phase functions  $\alpha, \gamma \in \mathcal{G}$  are equivalent in  $\mathcal{G}$  and we write  $\alpha \sim \gamma$  if the following equality holds in  $j = (-\infty, \infty)$ 

$$\operatorname{tg} \gamma(t) = \frac{c_{11} \operatorname{tg} \alpha(t) + c_{12}}{c_{21} \operatorname{tg} \alpha(t) + c_{22}},\tag{4}$$

where  $c_{ij}$  are real numbers, det  $|c_{ij}| \neq 0$ , i = 1, 2 with the exception of singularities of functions tg  $\alpha(t)$ , tg  $\gamma(t)$ . It is easy to see that the relation determined by (4) in the set G of all phase functions of a class  $D_m$  is reflexive ( $\alpha \sim \alpha$ ), symmetric ( $\alpha \sim \gamma \Rightarrow \gamma \sim \alpha$ ), and transitive ( $\alpha \sim \beta, \beta \sim \gamma \Rightarrow \alpha \sim \gamma$ ), and consequently is an equivalent relation. There is a decomposition  $\overline{G}$  of the set G onto classes of equivalent elements with respect to the relation  $\sim$ .

**Theorem 5** Every two equivalent phase functions of a class  $D_m$  determine the same carrier of the differential equation (q) and on the contrary every two first phase functions of the differential equations (q) are equivalent.

**Proof** Let  $\alpha, \gamma$  be two phase functions of a class  $D_m$ , let  $\alpha \sim \gamma$ . That means  $\alpha, \gamma$  lie in the same element  $\bar{a} \in \bar{G}$  and (4) holds. Let us denote q resp. p the carier given by (3) with the help of the phase function  $\alpha$  resp.  $\gamma$ . Then we get

$$p(t) = -\{\gamma, t\} - {\gamma'}^2(t) = \{ \operatorname{tg} \gamma(t), t\} = -\left\{ \frac{c_{11} \operatorname{tg} \alpha(t) + c_{12}}{c_{21} \operatorname{tg} \alpha(t) + c_{22}}, t \right\} = \\ = \{ \operatorname{tg} \alpha(t), t\} = -\{\alpha, t\} - {\alpha'}^2(t) = q(t).$$

Thus

$$p(t) = q(t)$$
 for  $t \in j = (-\infty, \infty)$ .

On the contrary, we know [1] that for two first phases  $\alpha, \gamma$  of the differential equation (q),  $t \in j$ , it holds (4). It yields an equivalence of first phases  $\alpha, \gamma$  and the fact that they belong to the same element of the partition  $\bar{a} \in \bar{G}$ .

We can see that every element of the partition  $\bar{a} \in \bar{G}$  consists of the first phases of just one carrier q(t). We get one-to-one mapping  $\mathcal{A}$  of the partition  $\bar{G}$  onto the set of differential equations (q) of finite type (m) special in the interval  $j = (-\infty, \infty)$ .

### 5 The fundamental subgroup &

We shall deal with an algebraic structure of the partition  $\overline{G}$  now.

Let us consider such an element  $\mathcal{E} \in \overline{G}$  in which the unit element X of the group  $\mathcal{G}$  lies. This element  $\mathcal{E}$  of the partition  $\overline{G}$  consist only of phase functions  $\zeta$  equivalent to X that is of the phase functions which satisfy

$$\operatorname{tg} \zeta(t) = \frac{c_{11} \operatorname{tg} X(t) + c_{12}}{c_{21} \operatorname{tg} X(t) + c_{22}},$$
(5)

det  $|c_{ij}| \neq 0$ , i, j = 1, 2 on the interval  $j = (-\infty, \infty)$ .

**Theorem 6** The element  $\mathcal{E} \in \overline{G}$  in which the canonical phase function X lies is a subgroup of the group  $\mathcal{G}$ .

**Proof** We now show that when the phase functions  $\xi, \eta \in \mathcal{E}$  then also  $\xi \circ \eta \in \mathcal{E}$  and when  $\xi \in \mathcal{E}$  then also the inverse phase function  $\hat{\xi} \in \mathcal{E}$ .

Let  $\zeta \in \mathcal{E}$ . Then in view of (5) we have for suitable  $c_{ij}$ ,  $det|c_{ij}| \neq 0$ , i, j = 1, 2

$$\operatorname{tg} \zeta = \frac{c_{11} \operatorname{tg} X + c_{12}}{c_{21} \operatorname{tg} X + c_{22}}.$$

Since for every real number l

$$tg (\zeta + l) = = \frac{\sin(\zeta + l)}{\cos(\zeta + l)} = \frac{\sin\zeta\cos l + \cos\zeta\sin l}{\cos\zeta\cos l - \sin\zeta\sin l} = \frac{\cos l tg \zeta + \sin l}{\sin l tg \zeta + \cos l}$$

we can see that  $\zeta \sim \zeta + l$  and as  $\zeta \sim X$  it yields  $\zeta + l \sim X$  and thus

 $(\zeta(t) + l) \in \mathcal{E}.$ 

Let  $\xi, \eta \in \mathcal{G}$  and  $\xi = \xi_{(\kappa)}, \eta = \eta_{(\lambda)}$ . Then also  $\xi_{(0)}, \eta_{(0)} \in \mathcal{G}$  and we have

$$\xi_{(0)} \sim X, \qquad \eta_{(0)} \sim X.$$

We have

$$\operatorname{tg} \xi_{(0)} = \frac{a_{11} \operatorname{tg} X + a_{12}}{a_{21} \operatorname{tg} X + a_{22}}, \qquad \operatorname{tg} \eta_{(0)} = \frac{b_{11} \operatorname{tg} X + b_{12}}{b_{21} \operatorname{tg} X + b_{22}} \tag{6}$$

where det  $|a_{ij}| \neq 0$ , det  $|b_{ij}| \neq 0$ ,  $t \in j = (-\infty, \infty)$ .

If we replace t in formula (6) by the function  $X^{-1}\eta_{(0)}$ , we get

$$\operatorname{tg} \left(\xi_{(0)} \circ \eta_{(0)}\right) \equiv \operatorname{tg} \xi_{(0)} X^{-1} \eta_{(0)} = \frac{a_{11} \operatorname{tg} X X^{-1} \eta_{(0)} + a_{12}}{a_{21} \operatorname{tg} X X^{-1} \eta_{(0)} + a_{22}} =$$

$$= \frac{a_{11}\frac{b_{11}}{b_{21}}\frac{\operatorname{tg} X + b_{12}}{\operatorname{tg} X + b_{22}} + a_{12}}{a_{21}\frac{b_{11}}{b_{21}}\frac{\operatorname{tg} X + b_{12}}{\operatorname{tg} X + b_{22}} + a_{22}} = \frac{(a_{11}b_{11} + a_{12}b_{21})\operatorname{tg} X + (a_{11}b_{12} + a_{12}b_{22})}{(a_{21}b_{11} + a_{22}b_{21})\operatorname{tg} X + (a_{21}b_{12} + a_{22}b_{22})}.$$

Thus

$$\xi_{(0)} \circ \eta_{(0)} \sim X$$

and also

$$\xi_{(0)} \circ \eta_{(0)} + \kappa + \lambda = \xi_{(\kappa)} \circ \eta_{(\lambda)} \sim X$$

or

 $\xi \circ \eta \in \mathcal{E}$ .

If we replace t by a composite function  $\xi_{(0)}^{-1}X$  in the first equality of (6) we get

$$\operatorname{tg} X \equiv \operatorname{tg} \xi_{(0)} \xi_{(0)}^{-1} X = \frac{a_{11} \operatorname{tg} X \xi_{(0)}^{-1} X + a_{12}}{a_{21} \operatorname{tg} X \xi_{(0)}^{-1} X + a_{22}}.$$

From here we have

$$\operatorname{tg} \hat{\xi}_{(0)} \equiv \operatorname{tg} X \xi_{(0)}^{-1} X = \frac{-a_{22} \operatorname{tg} X + a_{12}}{a_{21} \operatorname{tg} X - a_{11}}$$

and thus

$$\hat{\xi}_{(0)} \sim X$$
 and also  $\hat{\xi}_{(0)} - \kappa = \hat{\xi}_{(-\kappa)} \sim X$  or  $\hat{\xi} \in \mathcal{E}$ .

We have shown above that  $\mathcal{E}$  is a subgroup of the group  $\mathcal{G}$ .

**Theorem 7** The partition  $\overline{G}$  coincides with the right class partition  $\mathfrak{G}/r\mathfrak{E}$  of the group  $\mathcal{G}$  with respect to  $\mathcal{E}$ .

**Proof** Let  $\bar{a} \in \bar{G}$  be an arbitrary element and  $\alpha \in \bar{a}$  a phase lying in it. We have to show that  $\ddot{a} = \mathcal{E} \circ \alpha$ . For every element  $\zeta \in \mathcal{E}$  there holds a formula such as (5) and for  $\zeta_{(0)}$  a formula such as the first equality in (6). If, in that, we replace t by the composite function  $X^{-1}\alpha_{(0)}$  than we have

tg 
$$\zeta_{(0)} X^{-1} \alpha_{(0)} = \frac{a_{11} \operatorname{tg} \alpha_{(0)} + a_{12}}{a_{21} \operatorname{tg} \alpha_{(0)} + a_{22}},$$

thus

$$\zeta_{(0)} \circ \alpha_{(0)} \sim \alpha_{(0)} \quad \text{and also} \quad \zeta \circ \alpha \sim \alpha \quad \text{or} \quad \zeta \circ \alpha \in \bar{a}$$

and we have

$$\mathcal{E} \circ \alpha \subset \bar{a}.$$

Moreover, for every element  $\gamma \in \ddot{a}$  there holds a formula such as (4)

tg 
$$\gamma_{(0)} = \frac{c_{11} \operatorname{tg} \alpha_{(0)} + c_{12}}{c_{21} \operatorname{tg} \alpha_{(0)} + c_{22}}.$$

If we replace t by the composite function  $\alpha_{(0)}^{-1}X$ , we get

tg 
$$(\gamma_{(0)} \circ \hat{\alpha}_{(0)}) \equiv$$
 tg  $\gamma_{(0)} X^{-1} X \alpha_{(0)}^{-1} X = \frac{c_{11} \text{ tg } X + c_{12}}{c_{21} \text{ tg } X + c_{22}}$ 

or

$$\gamma_{(0)} \circ \hat{\alpha}_{(0)} \sim X.$$

Hence  $\gamma_{(0)} \circ \alpha_{(0)} \in \mathcal{E}$  that is

$$\gamma_{(0)}X^{-1}X\alpha_{(0)}^{-1}X \in \mathcal{E}$$

and from here

$$\gamma_{(0)} \in \mathcal{E}X^{-1}\alpha_{(0)} = \mathcal{E} \circ \alpha_{(0)}.$$

For equivalent phase functions  $\alpha \sim \alpha_{(0)}$ ,  $\gamma \sim \gamma_{(0)}$  thus we have also

$$\gamma \in \mathcal{E} \circ \alpha$$
, and  $\bar{a} \subset \mathcal{E} \circ \alpha$ .

We have shown that

 $\bar{a} = \mathcal{E} \circ \alpha$ .

We remark that the mappinng  ${\mathcal A}$  maps the fundamental subgroup  ${\mathcal E}$  onto the carrier

$$q = -\{ \operatorname{tg} X, t \}.$$

**Example** An example of a canonical phase function of a class  $D_m$  is a function

$$X(t) = m \arctan t + \frac{m\pi}{2}, \tag{7}$$

 $t \in (-\infty, \infty), m \ge 1$  possitive integer.

That is to say

$$\lim_{t \to -\infty} (m \operatorname{arctg} t + \frac{m\pi}{2}) = 0, \qquad \lim_{t \to \infty} (m \operatorname{arctg} t + \frac{m\pi}{2}) = m\pi$$

and thus  $O(X) = m\pi$  and moreover

$$X'(t) = \frac{m}{1+t^2} > 0.$$

It is easy to calculate with the help of (3) that the carrier q of the differential equation (7) is given by the formula

$$q(t) = -\frac{m^2 + 1}{\left(1 + t^2\right)^2}$$

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Thus the differential equation

$$y'' = -\frac{m^2 + 1}{\left(1 + t^2\right)^2}y$$

is of finite type (m) special on the interval  $j = (-\infty, \infty)$ . The basis (u, v) can be formed by functions

$$u = \sqrt{m}(1+t^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}\sin(m \arctan t + \frac{m\pi}{2}),$$
  
$$v = \sqrt{m}(1+t^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}\cos(m \arctan t + \frac{m\pi}{2}).$$

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