Asymptotic Behaviour of Solutions of One Class of Third-Order Ordinary Differential Equations

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We consider the differential equation

$$y''' = \alpha_0 p(t) y L(y), \tag{1}$$

where $\alpha_0 \in \{-1, 1\}$, $p : [a, \omega[\to]0, +\infty[$ is a continuous function, $-\infty < a < \omega \leq +\infty$, $L : \Delta_{Y_0} \to]0, +\infty[$ is a continuous function slowly varying as $y \to Y_0$, Y_0 is equal to either 0 or $\pm\infty$, and Δ_{Y_0} is a one-sided neighborhood of Y_0 .

In the case where $L(y) \equiv 1$, Eq. (1) is a linear third-order differential equation. The asymptotic behavior of its solutions as $t \to +\infty$ (the case $\omega = +\infty$) is investigated in details (see, for example, the monograph [2, Ch. I, § 6, pp. 175–194]).

In the paper [1], the conditions for the existence and asymptotic representations as $t \uparrow \omega$ of all possible types of $P_{\omega}(Y_0, \lambda_0)$ -solutions were established for the second-order differential equation with the same kind of right-hand side.

Definition. We say that a solution y of Eq. (1) is a $P_{\omega}(Y_0, \lambda_0)$ -solution, where $-\infty \leq \lambda_0 \leq +\infty$, if it is defined on the interval $[t_0, \omega] \subset [a, \omega]$ and satisfies the conditions

$$y: [t_0, \omega[\to \Delta_{Y_0}, \quad \lim_{t \uparrow \omega} y(t) = Y_0,$$
$$\lim_{t \uparrow \omega} y^{(k)}(t) = \begin{cases} \text{either } 0, \\ \text{or } \pm \infty \end{cases} \quad (k = 1, 2), \quad \lim_{t \uparrow \omega} \frac{[y''(t)]^2}{y'''(t)y'(t)} = \lambda_0 \end{cases}$$

Further, without loss of generality, we assume that

$$\Delta_{Y_0}(b) = \begin{cases} [b, Y_0[, & \text{if } \Delta_{Y_0} - \text{left neighborhood } Y_0, \\]Y_0, b], & \text{if } \Delta_{Y_0} - \text{right neighborhood } Y_0, \end{cases}$$

where a number $b \in \Delta_{Y_0}$ is chosen such that the inequalities

$$|b| < 1$$
 when $Y_0 = 0$, $b > 1$ $(b < -1)$ when $Y_0 = +\infty$ $(Y_0 = -\infty)$,

are fulfilled and introduce numbers by setting

$$\mu_0 = \operatorname{sign} b, \ \ \mu_1 = egin{cases} 1, & ext{if } \Delta_{Y_0} - ext{left neighborhood } Y_0, \ -1, & ext{if } \Delta_{Y_0} - ext{right neighborhood } Y_0, \end{cases}$$

respectively, defining the signs of the $P_{\omega}(Y_0, \lambda_0)$ -solution and its first derivative at some left neighborhood ω .

Besides, we introduce the following auxiliary functions

$$\Phi_1(y) = \int_{B_1}^y \frac{ds}{sL(s)}, \quad \Phi_2(y) = \int_{B_2}^y \frac{ds}{sL^{\frac{1}{3}}(s)},$$
$$I_1(t) = \int_{A_1}^t p(\tau) d\tau, \quad I_2(t) = \frac{\alpha_0(\lambda_0 - 1)^2}{\lambda_0} \int_{A_2}^t \pi_\omega^2(\tau) p(\tau) d\tau, \quad I_3(t) = \frac{\alpha_0(2\lambda_0 - 1)^{\frac{2}{3}}}{\lambda_0^{\frac{1}{3}}} \int_{A_3}^t p^{\frac{1}{3}}(\tau) d\tau,$$

where each of the limits of integration $B_i \in \{Y_0; b\}$ (i = 1, 2) $(A_i \in \{\omega; a\}$ (i = 1, 2, 3)) is chosen so that the corresponding integral tends either to zero or to $\pm \infty$ at $y \to Y_0$ (respectively, at $t \uparrow \omega$), as well as the numbers

$$\mu_i^* = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } B_i = b, \\ -1, & \text{if } B_i = Y_0 \end{cases} \quad (i = 1, 2).$$

Since the functions Φ_i (i = 1, 2) are strictly monotone on the interval Δ_{Y_0} and the area of their values are intervals

$$\Delta_{Z_i} = \begin{cases} [c_i, Z_i[, & \text{if } \mu_0 > 0, \\]Z_i, c_i], & \text{if } \mu_0 < 0, \end{cases} \text{ where } c_i = \Phi_i(b), \quad Z_i = \lim_{y \to Y_0} \Phi_i(y) \ (i = 1, 2),$$

so there exist continuously differentiable and strictly monotone inverse functions for them Φ_i^{-1} : $\Delta_{Z_i} \to \Delta_{Y_0}$, for which $\lim_{z \to Z_i} \Phi_i^{-1}(z) = Y_0$ (i = 1, 2).

By the properties of slowly varying functions (see [3]), there exists a continuously differentiable function $L_1: \Delta_{Y_0} \to]0, +\infty[$ slowly varying as $y \to Y_0$ such that

$$\lim_{\substack{y \to Y_0 \\ y \in \Delta_{Y_0}}} \frac{L(y)}{L_1(y)} = 1 \text{ and } \lim_{\substack{y \to Y_0 \\ y \in \Delta_{Y_0}}} \frac{yL_1'(y)}{L_1(y)} = 0.$$
(2)

We also say that a function L slowly varying as $y \to Y_0$ satisfies the S_1 if the function $L(\mu_0 \exp z)$ is a regularly varying function when $z \to Z_0$ of any index γ , where $Z_0 = +\infty$ in the case when $Y_0 = \pm \infty$, and $Z_0 = -\infty$ in the case when $Y_0 = 0$, so it can be represented in the form

$$L(\mu_0 \exp z) = |z|^{\gamma} L_0(z),$$

where L_0 is continuous in the neighborhood of Z_0 and slowly varying function as $z \to Z_0$.

Theorem 1. Let the function $L(\Phi_1^{-1}(z))$ be regularly varying as $z \to Z_1$ of index γ and $\lambda_0 \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0,1\}$. Then for the existence of $P_{\omega}(Y_0, \lambda_0)$ -solutions of the equation (1) it is necessary and, if

$$(2\lambda_0^2 + 2\lambda_0 - 1) \left[(2\lambda_0^2 + 2\lambda_0 - 1)(\gamma + 1) + \lambda_0 \right] \neq 0,$$

it is sufficient that following conditions

$$\lim_{t\uparrow\omega}\frac{\pi_{\omega}(t)p(t)}{I_{1}(t)} = -2, \quad \frac{\lambda_{0}^{2}}{(\lambda_{0}-1)^{2}}\lim_{t\uparrow\omega}I_{2}(t) = Z_{1}, \quad \lim_{t\uparrow\omega}\pi_{\omega}^{3}(t)p(t)L\left(\Phi_{1}^{-1}(I_{2}(t))\right) = \frac{\alpha_{0}\lambda_{0}(2\lambda_{0}-1)}{(\lambda_{0}-1)^{3}}$$

and inequalities

$$\alpha_0 \lambda_0 \mu_0 \mu_1 > 0, \quad \mu_0 \mu_1 \mu_1^* I_2(t) > 0 \text{ as } t \in [a, \omega[$$

are satisfied. Moreover, each of these solutions admit the following asymptotic representations

$$\begin{split} \Phi_1(y(t)) &= I_2(t)[1+o(1)] \ \text{ as } t \uparrow \omega, \\ \frac{y'(t)}{y(t)} &= \frac{\alpha_0(\lambda_0 - 1)^2}{\lambda_0} \, \pi_\omega^2(t) p(t) L \big(\Phi_1^{-1}(I_2(t)) \big) [1+o(1)] \ \text{ as } t \uparrow \omega, \\ \frac{y''(t)}{y'(t)} &= \frac{\lambda_0}{(\lambda_0 - 1)\pi_\omega(t)} \left[1 + o(1) \right] \ \text{ as } t \uparrow \omega. \end{split}$$

Theorem 2. Let the function $L(\Phi_2^{-1}(z))$ be regularly varying as $z \to Z_2$ of index γ and $\lambda_0 \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0; \frac{1}{2}; 1\}$. Then for the existence of $P_{\omega}(Y_0, \lambda_0)$ -solutions of the equation (1) it is necessary and, if

$$(2\lambda_0^2 + 2\lambda_0 - 1) \left[2\lambda_0^2 + 2\lambda_0 - 1 + \frac{\gamma}{3} (2\lambda_0^2 - \lambda_0 - 1) \right] \neq 0$$

it is sufficient that following conditions

$$\lim_{t \uparrow \omega} \pi_{\omega}(t) p^{\frac{1}{3}}(t) L^{\frac{1}{3}} \left(\Phi_2^{-1}(I_3(t)) \right) = \frac{\alpha_0 [\lambda_0(2\lambda_0 - 1)]^{\frac{1}{3}}}{\lambda_0 - 1} , \quad \frac{|\lambda_0|^{\frac{1}{3}}}{(2\lambda_0 - 1)^{\frac{2}{3}}} \lim_{t \uparrow \omega} I_3(t) = Z_2$$

and inequalities

 $\alpha_0\lambda_0\mu_0\mu_1>0, \quad \mu_0\mu_1\mu_2^*I_3(t)>0 \ \ as \ \ t\in \,]a,\omega[$

are satisfied. Moreover, each of these solutions admit the following asymptotic representations

$$\Phi_2(y(t)) = I_3(t)[1+o(1)] \quad as \ t \uparrow \omega,$$

$$\frac{y^{(k)}(t)}{y^{(k-1)}(t)} = \frac{(3-k)\lambda_0 + k - 2}{(\lambda_0 - 1)\pi_\omega(t)} [1+o(1)] \quad as \ t \uparrow \omega \quad (k=1,2),$$

Theorem 3. Let the function $L(\Phi_2^{-1}(z))$ be regularly varying as $z \to Z_2$ of index γ . Then for the existence of $P_{\omega}(Y_0, 1)$ -solutions of the equation (1) it is necessary and, if function $p : [a, \omega[\to]0, +\infty[$ – is continuously differentiable and there is the finite or equal $\pm\infty$

$$\lim_{t\uparrow\omega} \frac{(p^{\frac{1}{3}}(t)L_1^{\frac{1}{3}}(\Phi_2^{-1}(\frac{\lambda_0^{\frac{1}{3}}}{(2\lambda_0-1)^{\frac{2}{3}}}I_3(t))))'}{p^{\frac{2}{3}}(t)L_1^{\frac{2}{3}}(\Phi_2^{-1}(\frac{\lambda_0^{\frac{1}{3}}}{(2\lambda_0-1)^{\frac{2}{3}}}I_3(t)))},$$

where $L_1: \Delta_{Y_0} \to]0, +\infty[$ is continuously differentiable and slowly varying function as $y \to Y_0$ with properties (2), it is sufficient, that

$$\lim_{t\uparrow\omega}\pi_{\omega}(t)p^{\frac{1}{3}}(t)L^{\frac{1}{3}}\left(\Phi_{2}^{-1}\left(\frac{\lambda_{0}^{\frac{1}{3}}}{(2\lambda_{0}-1)^{\frac{2}{3}}}I_{3}(t)\right)\right) = \infty, \quad \frac{\lambda_{0}^{\frac{1}{3}}}{(2\lambda_{0}-1)^{\frac{2}{3}}}\lim_{t\uparrow\omega}I_{3}(t) = Z_{2}$$

and the following inequalities

$$\alpha_0 \mu_0 \mu_1 > 0, \quad \alpha_0 \lambda_0 \mu_2^* I_3(t) > 0 \ as \ t \in]a, \omega$$

are satisfied. Moreover, each of these solutions admit the following asymptotic representations

$$\Phi_2(y(t)) = \frac{\lambda_0^{\frac{1}{3}}}{(2\lambda_0 - 1)^{\frac{2}{3}}} I_3(t)[1 + o(1)] \quad as \ t \uparrow \omega,$$
$$\frac{y^{(k)}(t)}{y^{(k-1)}(t)} = \alpha_0 p^{\frac{1}{3}}(t) L^{\frac{1}{3}} \left(\Phi_2^{-1} \left(\frac{\lambda_0^{\frac{1}{3}}}{(2\lambda_0 - 1)^{\frac{2}{3}}} I_3(t) \right) \right) [1 + o(1)] \quad as \ t \uparrow \omega \ (k = 1, 2)$$

Theorem 4. Let L satisfy the S_1 . Then for the existence of $P_{\omega}(Y_0, \pm \infty)$ -solutions of the equation (1) it is necessary and sufficient that

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$$\mu_0 \mu_1 \pi_\omega(t) > 0 \quad when \quad t \in]a, \omega[, \quad \mu_0 \lim_{t \uparrow \omega} |\pi_\omega(t)| = Y_0, \tag{3}$$

$$\lim_{t \uparrow \omega} p(t) \pi_{\omega}^{3}(t) L(\mu_{0} \pi_{\omega}^{2}(t)) = 0, \quad \int_{a_{1}} p(\tau) \pi_{\omega}^{2}(\tau) L(\mu_{0} \pi_{\omega}^{2}(\tau)) d\tau = +\infty, \tag{4}$$

where $a_1 \in [a, \omega[$ such that $\mu_0 \pi_{\omega}^2(t) \in \Delta_{Y_0}$ when $t \in [a_1, \omega[$. Moreover, each of solutions admits the following asymptotic representations

$$\ln|y(t)| = 2\ln|\pi_{\omega}(t)| + \frac{\alpha_0}{2} \int_{a_1}^t p(\tau)\pi_{\omega}^2(\tau)L(\mu_0\pi_{\omega}^2(\tau)) d\tau [1+o(1)] \quad as \ t \uparrow \omega,$$
(5)

$$\frac{y^{(k)}(t)}{y^{(k-1)}(t)} = \frac{3-k}{\pi_{\omega}(t)} \left[1+o(1)\right] \quad as \quad t \uparrow \omega \quad (k=1,2).$$
(6)

Theorem 5. Let L satisfies the S_1 . Then for the existence of $P_{\omega}(Y_0, 0)$ -solutions of the equation (1) for which there is the finite or equal to $\pm \infty$, $\lim_{t\uparrow\omega} \frac{\pi_{\omega}(t)y'''(t)}{y''(t)}$, it is necessary and sufficient that

$$\mu_0 \mu_1 \pi_\omega(t) > 0 \quad when \quad t \in]a, \omega[, \quad \mu_0 \lim_{\substack{t \uparrow \omega \\ \omega}} |\pi_\omega(t)| = Y_0, \quad \lim_{t \uparrow \omega} \frac{\pi_\omega(t)p(t)}{I_1(t)} = -2, \tag{7}$$

$$\lim_{t\uparrow\omega} p(t)\pi^3_{\omega}(t)L\big(\mu_0|\pi_{\omega}(t)|\big) = 0, \quad \int_{a_1}^{a} p(\tau)\pi^2_{\omega}(\tau)L\big(\mu_0|\pi_{\omega}(\tau)|\big)\,d\tau = +\infty,\tag{8}$$

where $a_1 \in [a, \omega[$ such that $\mu_0 | \pi_{\omega}(t) | \in \Delta_{Y_0}$ when $t \in [a_1, \omega[$. Moreover, each of solutions admits the following asymptotic representations

$$\ln|y(t)| = \ln|\pi_{\omega}(t)| - \alpha_0 \int_{a_1}^t p(\tau)\pi_{\omega}^2(\tau)L(\mu_0|\pi_{\omega}(\tau)|) d\tau [1+o(1)] \quad as \ t \uparrow \omega, \tag{9}$$

$$\frac{y'(t)}{y(t)} = \frac{1+o(1)}{\pi_{\omega}(t)}, \quad \frac{y''(t)}{y'(t)} = -\alpha_0 p(t) \pi_{\omega}^2(t) L(\mu_0 | \pi_{\omega}(t) |) [1+o(1)] \quad as \ t \uparrow \omega.$$
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