

Asymptotic Representations of Solutions of Essentially Nonlinear Cyclic Systems of Ordinary Differential Equations

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We consider the system of differential equations

$$y'_i = \alpha_i p_i(t) \varphi_{i+1}(y_{i+1}) \quad (i = \overline{1, n})^1, \quad (1)$$

where $\alpha_i \in \{-1, 1\}$ ($i = \overline{1, n}$), $p_i : [a, \omega[\rightarrow]0, +\infty[$ ($i = \overline{1, n}$) are continuous functions, $-\infty < a < \omega \leq +\infty$,

$\varphi_i : \Delta(Y_i^0) \rightarrow]0, +\infty[$ ($i = \overline{1, n}$), are once or twice continuously differentiable functions,

Y_i^0 ($i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$) equals either 0, or $\pm\infty$, $\Delta(Y_i^0)$ ($i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$) is one-sided neighborhood of Y_i^0 .

¹Here and in the following, all functions and parameters with subscript $n + 1$ are assumed to coincide with those with subscript 1. 

Definition 1. A positive measurable function $\varphi_i(z)$ defined on $\Delta(Y_i^0)$ is called regularly varying at Y_i^0 of index σ_i if, for each $\lambda > 0$ and some $\sigma_i \in \mathbb{R}$,

$$\lim_{\substack{z \rightarrow Y_i \\ z \in \Delta(Y_i^0)}} \frac{\varphi_i(\lambda z)}{\varphi_i(z)} = \lambda^{\sigma_i} \quad (i = \overline{1, n}). \quad (2)$$

The real number σ_i is called the index of regular variation.

Definition 2. Regularly varying function $\theta_i(z)$ with index of regular variation equaled to 0 is called slowly varying at Y_i^0 .

Consequently, if $\varphi_i(z)$ is regularly varying of index σ_i it can be represented in the form

$$\varphi_i(z) = |z|^{\sigma_i} \theta_i(z) \quad (i = \overline{1, n}). \quad (3)$$

Definition 3. A positive measurable function $\varphi_i(z)$ defined on $\Delta(Y_i^0)$ is called rapidly varying at Y_i^0 if, for each $\lambda > 0$,

$$\lim_{\substack{z \rightarrow Y_i \\ z \in \Delta(Y_i^0)}} \frac{\varphi_i(\lambda z)}{\varphi_i(z)} = \lambda^\rho \quad (i = \overline{1, n}), \quad (4)$$

where $\rho = +\infty$, or $\rho = -\infty$.

For each $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ $\varphi_i(z)$ satisfies one of the following limit-relations:

- for slowly varying functions:

$$\lim_{\substack{z \rightarrow Y_i^0 \\ z \in \Delta(Y_i^0)}} \frac{z\varphi_i'(z)}{\varphi_i(z)} = \sigma_i = 0, \quad (5)$$

- for regularly varying functions:

$$\lim_{\substack{z \rightarrow Y_i^0 \\ z \in \Delta(Y_i^0)}} \frac{\varphi_i''(z)\varphi_i(z)}{[\varphi_i'(z)]^2} = \gamma_i \neq 1 \Rightarrow \lim_{\substack{z \rightarrow Y_i^0 \\ z \in \Delta(Y_i^0)}} \frac{z\varphi_i'(z)}{\varphi_i(z)} = \sigma_i = \frac{1}{1 - \gamma_i} \neq 0, \quad (6)$$

-for rapidly varying functions:

$$\lim_{\substack{z \rightarrow Y_i^0 \\ z \in \Delta(Y_i^0)}} \frac{\varphi_i''(z)\varphi_i(z)}{[\varphi_i'(z)]^2} = \gamma_i = 1 \Rightarrow \lim_{\substack{z \rightarrow Y_i^0 \\ z \in \Delta(Y_i^0)}} \frac{z\varphi_i'(z)}{\varphi_i(z)} = \infty, \quad (7)$$

$\varphi_i'(z) \neq 0$ $\varphi_i(z) \rightarrow \Phi_i^0 \in \{0, +\infty\}$ when $z \rightarrow Y_i^0$, $z \in \Delta(Y_i^0)$.

$\varphi_i(z)$ ($i = \overline{1, n}$) are slowly and regularly varying.

Definition 4. Solution $(y_i)_{i=1}^n$ of the system (1) is called $\mathcal{P}_\omega(\Lambda_1, \dots, \Lambda_n)$ -solution, if it is defined on the interval $[t_0, \omega[\subset [a, \omega[$ and satisfies following conditions

$$y_i(t) \in \Delta(Y_i^0) \quad \text{while} \quad t \in [t_0, \omega[, \quad \lim_{t \uparrow \omega} y_i(t) = Y_i^0, \quad (8)$$

$$\lim_{t \uparrow \omega} \lambda_i(t) = \Lambda_i, \quad \text{where} \quad \lambda_i(t) = \frac{y_i(t)y'_{i+1}(t)}{y'_i(t)y_{i+1}(t)} \quad (i = \overline{1, n}).$$

$$\prod_{i=1}^n \lambda_i(t) = 1.$$

1) $\Lambda_1, \dots, \Lambda_n \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$ and $\prod_{i=1}^n \Lambda_i = 1$,

2) among $\Lambda_1, \dots, \Lambda_n$ there are some equal to 0, and, therefore, equal to $\pm\infty$.

General case: $\Lambda_1, \dots, \Lambda_n \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$.

$$\prod_{i=1}^n \Lambda_i = 1 \quad \prod_{i=1}^n \sigma_i \neq 1$$

$$\mathcal{J} = \{i \in \{1, \dots, n\} : 1 - \Lambda_i \sigma_{i+1} \neq 0\}, \quad \bar{\mathcal{J}} = \{1, \dots, n\} \setminus \mathcal{J}, \quad l = \min \mathcal{J}.$$

$$\mu_i = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{as } Y_i^0 = +\infty, \text{ or } Y_i^0 = 0 \text{ and } \Delta(Y_i^0) \text{ is right neighborhood of } 0, \\ -1, & \text{as } Y_i^0 = -\infty, \text{ or } Y_i^0 = 0 \text{ and } \Delta(Y_i^0) \text{ is left neighborhood of } 0, \end{cases}$$

$$I_i(t) = \begin{cases} \int_{A_i}^t p_i(\tau) d\tau & \text{for } i \in \mathcal{J}, \\ \int_{A_i}^t I_l(\tau) p_i(\tau) d\tau & \text{for } i \in \bar{\mathcal{J}}, \end{cases} \quad \beta_i = \begin{cases} 1 - \Lambda_i \sigma_{i+1}, & \text{if } i \in \mathcal{J}, \\ \frac{\beta_l}{\prod_{k=l}^{i-1} \Lambda_k}, & \text{if } i \in \{l+1, \dots, n\} \setminus \mathcal{J}, \\ \beta_l \prod_{k=i}^{l-1} \Lambda_k, & \text{if } i \in \{1, \dots, l-1\} \setminus \mathcal{J}, \end{cases}$$

where limits of integration $A_i \in \{\omega, a\}$ are chosen in such a way that corresponding integral I_i aims either to zero, or to ∞ as $t \uparrow \omega$.

$$A_i^* = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } A_i = a, \\ -1, & \text{if } A_i = \omega \end{cases} \quad (i = 1, \dots, n).$$

Theorem 1.

Let $\Lambda_i \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$ ($i = \overline{1, n}$) and $l = \min \mathfrak{J}$. Then for the existence of $\mathcal{P}_\omega(\Lambda_1, \dots, \Lambda_n)$ -solutions of (1) it is necessary and, if algebraic equation

$$\prod_{i=1}^n \left(\prod_{j=1}^{i-1} \Lambda_j + \nu \right) - \prod_{i=1}^n \left(\sigma_i \prod_{j=1}^{i-1} \Lambda_j \right) = 0 \quad (9)$$

does not have roots with zero real part, it is also sufficient that for each $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$

$$\lim_{t \uparrow \omega} \frac{l_i(t) l'_{i+1}(t)}{l'_i(t) l_{i+1}(t)} = \Lambda_i \frac{\beta_{i+1}}{\beta_i}$$

and following conditions are satisfied

$$A_i^* \beta_i > 0 \quad \text{if} \quad Y_i^0 = \pm\infty, \quad A_i^* \beta_i < 0 \quad \text{if} \quad Y_i^0 = 0, \\ \text{sign} [\alpha_i A_i^* \beta_i] = \mu_i.$$

Moreover, components of each solution of that type admit following asymptotic representation when $t \uparrow \omega$

$$\frac{y_i(t)}{\varphi_{i+1}(y_{i+1}(t))} = \alpha_i \beta_i l_i(t) [1 + o(1)], \quad \text{if } i \in \mathfrak{J},$$

$$\frac{y_i(t)}{\varphi_{i+1}(y_{i+1}(t))} = \alpha_i \beta_i \frac{l_i(t)}{l_j(t)} [1 + o(1)], \quad \text{if } i \in \bar{\mathfrak{J}},$$

and there exists the whole k -parametric family of these solutions if there are k positive roots (including multiple roots) among the solutions of (9) with signs of real parts different from those of the number $A_i^* \beta_i$.

Remark 1.

Algebraic equation (9) obviously does not have roots with zero real part, if $\prod_{i=1}^n |\sigma_i| < 1$.

Definition 5. We define that function θ_k ($k \in \{1, \dots, n\}$) satisfies the condition **S**, if for any continuously differentiable function $l : \Delta(Y_k^0) \rightarrow]0, +\infty[$ with the property

$$\lim_{\substack{z \rightarrow Y_k^0 \\ z \in \Delta(Y_k^0)}} \frac{z l'(z)}{l(z)} = 0,$$

the function θ_k admits the asymptotic representation

$$\theta_k(zl(z)) = \theta(z)[1 + o(1)] \quad \text{as } z \rightarrow Y_k^0 \quad (z \in \Delta(Y_k^0)) \quad (1.9)$$

Theorem 2.

Let $\Lambda_i \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$ ($i = \overline{1, n}$) and $l = \min \mathfrak{J}$. Moreover, let all functions θ_k ($k = \overline{1, n}$) satisfy **S-condition**. Then each $\mathcal{P}_\omega(\Lambda_1, \dots, \Lambda_n)$ -solution (if it exists) of the system (1) admits for $t \uparrow \omega$ asymptotic representations

$$y_i(t) = \mu_i \prod_{k=1}^n \left| Q_k(t) \theta_{k+1} \left(\mu_{k+1} |l_{k+1}(t)|^{\frac{1}{\beta_{k+1}}} \right) \right|^{\rho_{ik}} [1 + o(1)] \quad (i = \overline{1, n}),$$

where

$$Q_k(t) = \begin{cases} \alpha_k \beta_k l_k(t), & \text{if } k \in \mathfrak{J}, \\ \alpha_k \beta_k \frac{l_k(t)}{l_l(t)}, & \text{if } k \in \overline{\mathfrak{J}}, \end{cases} \quad \rho_{ik} = \begin{cases} \frac{\prod_{j=i+1}^n \sigma_j \prod_{j=1}^k \sigma_j}{1 - \prod_{j=1}^n \sigma_j} & \text{if } k = \overline{1, i-1}, \\ \frac{\prod_{j=i+1}^k \sigma_j}{1 - \prod_{j=1}^n \sigma_j} & \text{if } k = \overline{i, n}. \end{cases}$$

Special case: $\Lambda_i \in \mathbb{R}$ ($i = \overline{1, n-1}$) and $\Lambda_n = \pm\infty$.

$$\mathcal{J} = \{i \in \{1, \dots, n-1\} : 1 - \Lambda_i \sigma_{i+1} \neq 0\}, \quad \overline{\mathcal{J}} = \{1, \dots, n-1\} \setminus \mathcal{J}, \quad m = \max\{i \in \mathcal{J} : \Lambda_i = 0\}.$$

$$I_i(t) = \begin{cases} \int_{A_i}^t p_i(\tau) d\tau & \text{if } i \in \mathcal{J}, \\ \int_{A_i}^t I_{i+1}(\tau) p_i(\tau) d\tau & \text{if } i \in \overline{\mathcal{J}}, \end{cases} \quad Q_i(t) = \begin{cases} \alpha_i \beta_i I_i(t) & \text{при } i \in \mathcal{J}, \\ \frac{\alpha_j \beta_j I_j(t)}{I_{j+1}(t)} & \text{при } i \in \overline{\mathcal{J}}. \end{cases}$$

$$\beta_i = \begin{cases} 1 - \Lambda_i \sigma_{i+1}, & \text{if } i \in \mathcal{J}, \\ \beta_{i+1} \Lambda_i, & \text{if } i \in \overline{\mathcal{J}}, \end{cases} \quad M_j = \left(\prod_{i=j}^{n-1} \Lambda_i \right)^{-1} \quad (j = \overline{m+1, n-1}).$$

$$q(t) = \theta_1 \left(\mu_1 |I_1(t)|^{\frac{1}{\beta_1}} \right) |Q_{n-1}(t)|^{\prod_{k=1}^{n-1} \sigma_k} \prod_{k=1}^{n-2} |Q_k(t) \theta_{k+1} \left(\mu_{k+1} |I_{k+1}(t)|^{\frac{1}{\beta_{k+1}}} \right)|^{\prod_{i=1}^k \sigma_i},$$

$$I_n = \int_{A_n}^t p_n(\tau) q(\tau) d\tau, \quad Q_n(t) = \alpha_n \beta_n I_n(t), \quad \beta_n = 1 - \prod_{k=1}^n \sigma_k.$$

where limits of integration $A_i \in \{\omega, a\}$ are chosen in such a way that corresponding integral I_i aims either to zero, or to ∞ as $t \uparrow \omega$.



Theorem 3.

Let $\Lambda_i \in \mathbb{R}$ ($i = \overline{1, n-1}$) include those equal zero, and $n-1 \in \mathfrak{J}$. Let also functions θ_k ($k = \overline{1, n-1}$) satisfy **S** - condition. Then for the existence of $\mathcal{P}_\omega(\Lambda_1, \dots, \Lambda_n)$ - solutions of (1) it is necessary and, if algebraic equation

$$(1 + \lambda) \prod_{j=m+1}^{n-1} (M_j + \lambda) = \frac{\prod_{j=1}^n \sigma_j}{\prod_{j=1}^n \sigma_j - 1} \left(\sum_{k=m}^{n-1} \prod_{j=m+1}^k (M_j + \lambda) \prod_{s=k+2}^{n-1} M_s \right) \lambda \quad (10)$$

does not have roots with zero real part, it is also sufficient that

$$\lim_{t \uparrow \omega} \frac{l_i(t) l'_{i+1}(t)}{l'_i(t) l_{i+1}(t)} = \Lambda_i \frac{\beta_{i+1}}{\beta_i} \quad (i = \overline{1, n-1})$$

and for each $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ following conditions be satisfied

$$A_i^* \beta_i > 0 \quad \text{if} \quad Y_i^0 = \pm\infty, \quad A_i^* \beta_i < 0 \quad \text{if} \quad Y_i^0 = 0,$$

$$\text{sign} [\alpha_i A_i^* \beta_i] = \mu_i.$$

Moreover, components of each solution of that type admit following asymptotic representation when $t \uparrow \omega$

$$\frac{y_i(t)}{\varphi_{i+1}(y_{i+1}(t))} = Q_i(t)[1 + o(1)] \quad (i = \overline{1, n-1}),$$

$$\frac{y_n(t)}{[\varphi_n(y_n(t))]^{\prod_{i=1}^{n-1} \sigma_i}} = Q_n(t)[1 + o(1)],$$

and there exists the whole k -parametric family of these solutions if there are k positive numbers among

$$\gamma_i = \begin{cases} \beta_i A_i^* & \text{if } i \in \mathfrak{J} \setminus \{m+1, \dots, n-1\}, \\ \beta_i A_i^* A_{i+1}^* & \text{if } i \in \bar{\mathfrak{J}} \setminus \{m+1, \dots, n-1\}, \\ A_n^* \left(\prod_{j=1}^{n-1} \sigma_j - 1 \right) \operatorname{Re} \lambda_{i-m}^0 & \text{if } i \in \{m+1, \dots, n\}, \end{cases}$$

where λ_j^0 ($j = \overline{1, n-m}$) are roots of the algebraic equation (10) (along with multiple).

Theorem 4.

Let $\Lambda_i \in \mathbb{R}$ ($i = \overline{1, n-1}$) include those equal zero, and $n-1 \in \mathfrak{J}$. Moreover, let all functions θ_k ($k = \overline{1, n}$) satisfy **S**-condition. Then each $\mathcal{P}_\omega(\Lambda_1, \dots, \Lambda_n)$ -solution (if it exists) of the system (1) admits for $t \uparrow \omega$ asymptotic representations

$$y_i(t) = \mu_i \left(\prod_{k=i}^{n-1} \left| Q_k(t) \theta_{k+1} \left(\mu_{k+1} |l_{k+1}(t)|^{\frac{1}{\beta_{k+1}}} \right) \right| \right)^{\prod_{j=i+1}^k \sigma_j} \times \\ \times \left| Q_n(t) \left[\theta_n \left(\mu_n |l_n|^{\frac{1}{\beta_n}} \right) \right]^{\prod_{j=1}^{n-1} \sigma_j} \right|^{\frac{\prod_{j=i+1}^n \sigma_j}{1 - \prod_{j=1}^n \sigma_j}} [1 + o(1)] \quad (i = \overline{1, n}).$$

$\varphi_i(z)$ ($i = \overline{1, n}$) are rapidly and regularly varying.

Definition 6. Solution $(y_i)_{i=1}^n$ of the system (1), defined on the interval $[t_0, \omega[\subset [a, \omega[$, is called $\mathcal{P}_\omega(\Lambda_1, \dots, \Lambda_n)$ -solution ($\Lambda_1, \dots, \Lambda_n \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$), if functions $u_i(t) = \varphi_i(y_i(t))$ satisfy the following conditions:

$$\lim_{t \uparrow \omega} u_i(t) = \Phi_i^0, \quad \lim_{t \uparrow \omega} \frac{u_i(t)u'_{i+1}(t)}{u'_i(t)u_{i+1}(t)} = \Lambda_i \quad (i = \overline{1, n}).$$

From the definition of $\mathcal{P}_\omega(\Lambda_1, \dots, \Lambda_n)$ -solution follows:

$$\prod_{i=1}^n L_i = 1.$$

We have at least one rapidly varying function, therefore:

$$\prod_{i=1}^n (1 - \gamma_i) = 0 \neq 1.$$

$$\mathfrak{J} = \{i \in \{1, \dots, n\} : 1 - \Lambda_i - \gamma_i \neq 0\}, \quad \bar{\mathfrak{J}} = \{1, \dots, n\} \setminus \mathfrak{J}, \quad l = \min \mathfrak{J},$$

$$l_i(t) = \begin{cases} \int_{A_i}^t p_i(\tau) d\tau & \text{if } i \in \mathfrak{J}, \\ \int_{A_i}^t l_l(\tau) p_i(\tau) d\tau & \text{if } i \in \bar{\mathfrak{J}}, \end{cases}$$

$$\beta_i = \begin{cases} 1 - \Lambda_i - \gamma_i, & \text{if } i \in \mathfrak{J}, \\ \frac{\beta_l}{\prod_{k=l}^{i-1} \Lambda_k}, & \text{if } i \in \{l+1, \dots, n\} \setminus \mathfrak{J}, \\ \beta_l \prod_{k=i}^{l-1} \Lambda_k, & \text{if } i \in \{1, \dots, l-1\} \setminus \mathfrak{J}, \end{cases}$$

where limits of integration $A_i \in \{\omega, a\}$ are chosen in such a way that corresponding integral l_i aims either to zero, or to ∞ when $t \uparrow \omega$.

$$A_i^* = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } A_i = a, \\ -1, & \text{if } A_i = \omega \end{cases} \quad (i = 1, \dots, n).$$

Theorem 5.

Let $\Lambda_i \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$ ($i = \overline{1, n}$) and $l = \min \mathfrak{J}$. Then for the existence of $\mathcal{P}_\omega(\Lambda_1, \dots, \Lambda_n)$ -solutions of (1) it is necessary and, if algebraic equation

$$\prod_{i=1}^n \left((1 - \gamma_i) \prod_{j=1}^{i-1} \Lambda_j + \nu \right) - \prod_{i=1}^n \prod_{j=1}^{i-1} \Lambda_j = 0 \quad (11)$$

does not have roots with zero real part, it is also sufficient that for each $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$

$$\lim_{t \uparrow \omega} \frac{l_i(t) l'_{i+1}(t)}{l'_i(t) l_{i+1}(t)} = \Lambda_i \frac{\beta_{i+1}}{\beta_i}$$

and following conditions are satisfied

$$A_i^* \beta_i > 0 \quad \text{when} \quad \Phi_i^0 = +\infty, \quad A_i^* \beta_i < 0 \quad \text{when} \quad \Phi_i^0 = 0, \\ \text{sign} [\alpha_i A_i^* \beta_i] = \text{sign} \varphi'_i(z).$$

Moreover, components of each solution of that type admit following asymptotic representation when $t \uparrow \omega$

$$\frac{\varphi_i(y_i(t))}{\varphi'_i(y_i(t))\varphi_{i+1}(y_{i+1}(t))} = \alpha_i\beta_i l_i(t)[1 + o(1)], \quad \text{if } i \in \mathfrak{J},$$

$$\frac{\varphi_i(y_i(t))}{\varphi'_i(y_i(t))\varphi_{i+1}(y_{i+1}(t))} = \alpha_i\beta_i \frac{l_i(t)}{l_i(t)}[1 + o(1)], \quad \text{if } i \in \bar{\mathfrak{J}},$$

and there exists the whole k -parametric family of these solutions if there are k positive roots (including multiple roots) among the solutions of (11), with signs of real parts different from those of the number $A_j^* \beta_l$.

Theorem 6.

Let $\Lambda_i \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$ ($i = \overline{1, n}$) and $l = \min \mathfrak{J}$. Moreover, let all functions $\theta_k(z) = \varphi'_i(\varphi_i^{-1}(z)) |z|^{-\gamma_k}$ ($k = \overline{1, n}$) satisfy **S**-condition. Then each $\mathcal{P}_\omega(\Lambda_1, \dots, \Lambda_n)$ -solution (if it exists) of the system (1) admits for $t \uparrow \omega$ asymptotic representations

$$\varphi_i(y_i(t)) = \prod_{k=1}^n \left| Q_k(t) \theta_k \left(|I_k(t)|^{\frac{1}{\beta_k}} \right) \right|^{\delta_{ik}} [1 + o(1)] \quad (i = \overline{1, n}), \quad (12)$$

where

$$Q_k(t) = \begin{cases} \alpha_k \beta_k I_k(t), & \text{if } k \in \mathfrak{J}, \\ \alpha_k \beta_k \frac{I_k(t)}{I_l(t)}, & \text{if } k \in \overline{\mathfrak{J}}, \end{cases}$$

$$\delta_{ik} = \begin{cases} - \prod_{j=k+1}^{i-1} (1 - \gamma_j) & \text{if } k = \overline{1, i-1}, \\ - \prod_{j=k+1}^n (1 - \gamma_j) \prod_{j=1}^{i-1} (1 - \gamma_j) & \text{if } k = \overline{i, n}. \end{cases}$$

Remark 2.

Note that if for some $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ $\gamma_{i-1} = 1$, then $\delta_{ik} = 0$, when $k \neq i - 1$ and $\delta_{i,i-1} = -1$. Therefore, asymptotic representations (12) can be written in the form:

$$\varphi_i(y_i(t)) = \left| Q_{i-1}(t) \theta_{i-1} \left(|l_{i-1}(t)|^{\frac{1}{\beta_{i-1}}} \right) \right|^{-1} [1 + o(1)] \quad \text{when } t \uparrow \omega.$$

Application of the results.

$$u^{(n)} = \alpha_0 p(t) \varphi_0(u), \quad (13)$$

$$u'' = \alpha_0 p(t) \varphi_0(u) \varphi_1(u'), \quad (14)$$

where $\alpha_0 \in \{-1, 1\}$, $p : [a, \omega[\rightarrow]0, +\infty[$ is continuous function, $\varphi_0 : \Delta(U_0^0) \rightarrow]0, +\infty[$ is once or twice continuously differentiable function which satisfies condition (5), or (6), or (7),

$\varphi_1 : \Delta(U_1^0) \rightarrow]0, +\infty[$ is continuously differentiable function which satisfies condition (5) or (6),

U_i^0 ($i \in \{0, 1\}$) equals either 0, or $\pm\infty$, $\Delta(U_i^0)$ ($i \in \{0, 1\}$) is one-sided neighborhood of U_i^0 .

Definition 7. (φ_0 is slowly or regularly varying) Solution u of the equation (13) or (14) is called $P_\omega^0(\lambda_0)$ -solution ($\lambda_0 \in \mathbb{R} \cup \{\pm\infty\}$), if it is defined on the interval $[t_0, \omega[\subset [a, \omega[$ and satisfies following conditions

$$\lim_{t \uparrow \omega} u(t) = U_0^0, \quad \lim_{t \uparrow \omega} u^{(k)}(t) = U_k^0 \in \{0, \pm\infty\} \quad (k = 1, \dots, n-1),$$

$$\lim_{t \uparrow \omega} \frac{[u^{(n-1)}(t)]^2}{u^{(n)}(t)u^{(n-2)}(t)} = \lambda_0.$$

Definition 8. (φ_0 is rapidly varying) Solution u of the equation (13) or (14) is called $P_\omega^\infty(\lambda_0)$ -solution ($\lambda_0 \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$), if it is defined on the interval $[t_0, \omega[\subset [a, \omega[$ and satisfies following conditions

$$\lim_{t \uparrow \omega} \varphi(u(t)) = \Phi^0, \quad \lim_{t \uparrow \omega} u^{(k)}(t) = U_k^0 \in \{0, \pm\infty\} \quad (k = 1, \dots, n-1)$$

$$\lim_{t \uparrow \omega} \frac{\varphi_0(u(t))}{\varphi_0'(u(t))} \frac{u''(t)}{[u'(t)]^2} = \lambda_0 \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{t \uparrow \omega} \frac{[u^{(n-1)}(t)]^2}{u^{(n)}(t)u^{(n-2)}(t)} \text{ exists.}$$