

92. On Some Algebraic Differential Equations with Admissible Algebraic Solutions

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1. Introduction. About fifty years ago, K. Yosida ([9]) proved the following theorem.

Theorem A. *When the differential equation with rational coefficients*

$$(w')^m = \sum_{j=0}^p a_j w^j / \sum_{k=0}^q b_k w^k \quad (a_p \cdot b_q \neq 0),$$

where m is a positive integer and $\sum a_j w^j$, $\sum b_k w^k$ are irreducible, admits at least one transcendental ν -valued algebraic solution in $|z| < \infty$, then it holds that

$$(1) \quad \max(p, q + 2m) \leq 2m\nu.$$

This theorem was extended by several authors ([1], [2], [3], [4] etc.).

In this paper, we shall consider the differential equation

$$(2) \quad \Omega(w, w', \dots, w^{(n)}) = P(w)/Q(w),$$

where $\Omega(w, w', \dots, w^{(n)}) = \sum_{\lambda \in I} c_\lambda w^{i_0} (w')^{i_1} \dots (w^{(n)})^{i_n}$ ($n \geq 1$) is a differential polynomial with meromorphic coefficients, I being a finite set of multi-indices $\lambda = (i_0, i_1, \dots, i_n)$, (i_l : non-negative integers), for which $c_\lambda \neq 0$, and where $P(w)$, $Q(w)$ are polynomials in w with meromorphic coefficients and mutually prime over the field of meromorphic functions:

$$P(w) = \sum_{j=0}^p a_j w^j \quad (a_p \neq 0), \quad Q(w) = \sum_{k=0}^q b_k w^k \quad (b_q \neq 0).$$

The term "meromorphic" (resp. "algebraic") will mean meromorphic (resp. algebraic) in the complex plane. Put

$$\Delta = \max_{\lambda \in I} \sum_{j=0}^n (j+1)i_j, \quad \Delta_0 = \max_{\lambda \in I} \sum_{j=1}^n j i_j, \quad d = \max_{\lambda \in I} \sum_{j=0}^n i_j$$

and

$$\sigma = \max_{\lambda \in I} \sum_{j=1}^n (2j-1)i_j.$$

An algebraic solution $w = w(z)$ of (2) is said to be admissible when $T(r, f) = S(r, w)$ for all coefficients $f = c_\lambda$, a_j and b_k in (2), where $S(r, w)$ is any quantity satisfying $S(r, w) = o(T(r, w))$ as $r \rightarrow \infty$, possibly outside a set of finite linear measure.

Recently, Gackstatter and Laine ([1], [2]), Y. He and X. Xiao ([3]) extended Theorem A as follows:

"If the differential equation (2) admits an admissible algebraic solution $w = w(z)$ with ν branches, then

$$(i) \quad q \leq 4\Delta_0(\nu-1), \quad p \leq \Delta + 4\Delta_0(\nu-1) \quad ([1], [2]),$$

$$(ii) \quad q \leq 2\sigma(\nu-1), \quad p \leq q + d + \Delta_0\nu(1 - \theta(w, \infty)) \quad ([3])$$

where $\theta(w, \infty) = 1 - \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \bar{N}(r, w)/T(r, w)$."

In this paper, we shall improve these results and give some examples.

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