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HIGHER MONOTONICITY PROPERTIES
OF i -th DERIVATIVES OF SOLUTIONS
OF $y'' + a(x)y' + b(x)y = 0$

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1. Introduction and notation

In [6] J. Vosmanský derived certain higher monotonicity properties of i -th derivatives of solutions of

$$y'' + a(x)y' + b(x)y = 0, \quad x \in (0, \infty) \quad (1)$$

in the oscillatoric case.

In this paper, using the first accompanying equation with regard to the basis α, β , where α, β are real numbers with the property $\alpha^2 + \beta^2 > 0$, we extend the above-mentioned results from [6] to the function

$$\alpha y^{(i)} + \beta \left(y^{(i+1)} + \frac{1}{2} a_i(x) y^{(i)} \right), \quad i = 0, 1, \dots,$$

where $y(x)$ is a solution of equation (1).

Finally, we introduce certain applications of the derived results for Bessel functions.

In [2] M. Laitoch introduced the first accompanying equation (Q) towards the differential equation

$$y'' + q(x)y = 0 \quad (q)$$

with regard to the basis α, β in the form

$$Y'' + Q(x)Y = 0, \quad (Q)$$

where

$$Q(x) = q + \frac{\alpha\beta q'}{\alpha^2 + \beta^2 q} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\beta^2 q''}{\alpha^2 + \beta^2 q} - \frac{3}{4} \frac{\beta^4 q'^2}{(\alpha^2 + \beta^2 q)^2} \quad (2q)$$

under the assumptions that $q(x) \in C_2$, $q(x) > 0$ for each $x \in (a, \infty)$, a is a real number, and α, β are real numbers with the property $\alpha^2 + \beta^2 > 0$.

In [2] it is proved that if $y(x)$ is a solution of (q), then the function

$$Y(x) = \frac{\alpha y + \beta y'}{\sqrt{\alpha^2 + \beta^2 q(x)}},$$

is a solution of the differential equation (Q) and conversely, if $Y(x)$ is any solution of (Q), then there exists a solution $\bar{y}(x)$ of the equation (q) such that

$$\frac{\alpha \bar{y} + \beta \bar{y}'}{\sqrt{\alpha^2 + \beta^2 q(x)}} = Y(x).$$

A function $f(x)$ is said to be n -times monotonic (or monotonic of order n) on an interval (a, ∞) if

$$(-1)^i f^{(i)}(x) \geq 0, \quad i = 0, 1, \dots, n, \quad x \in (a, \infty). \quad (3)$$

For such a function we write $f(x) \in M_n(a, \infty)$. If strict inequality holds throughout (3), we write $f(x) \in M_n^*(a, \infty)$. We say that $f(x)$ is completely monotonic on (a, ∞) if (3) holds for $n = \infty$.

A sequence $\{x_k\}_{k=1}^\infty$, denoted simply by $\{x_k\}$, is said to be n -times monotonic if

$$(-1)^i \Delta^i x_k \geq 0, \quad i = 0, 1, \dots, n, \quad k = 1, 2, \dots \quad (4)$$

Here

$$\Delta^0 x_k = x_k, \Delta x_k = x_{k+1} - x_k, \dots, \Delta^n x_k = \Delta^{n-1} x_{k+1} - \Delta^{n-1} x_k.$$

For such a sequence we write $\{x_k\} \in M_n$. If strict inequality holds throughout (4), we write $\{x_k\} \in M_n^*$. The sequence $\{x_k\}$ is called completely monotonic if (4) holds for $n = \infty$.

2. New basic results

1. In this section we consider a second order linear differential equation (1), where $a(x) \in C_3(0, \infty)$, $b(x) \in C_2(0, \infty)$

The transformation

$$u(x) = y(x) \exp \left[\frac{1}{2} \int a(x) dx \right]$$

transforms (1) into the differential equation

$$u'' + f(x)u = 0, \quad (5)$$

where

$$f(x) = b(x) - \frac{1}{2} a'(x) - \frac{1}{4} a^2(x). \quad (6)$$

Let $f(x) \in C_2$, $f(x) > 0$ on $(0, \infty)$. The first accompanying equation towards differential equation (5) with regard to the basis α, β has the form

$$U'' + F(x)U = 0, \quad (7)$$

where $F(x)$ is given by formula (2_f).

Thus, some of the results of [1] can be applied to equation (5) to give information on solutions of differential equation (1).

Lemma 1. *Let α, β be real numbers such that $\alpha^2 + \beta^2 > 0$, $\alpha\beta \leq 0$ and let $n \geq 2$ be an integer. For the function $f(x)$ defined by (6) suppose that*

$$f(x) > 0, \quad f'(x) > 0, \quad f'(x) \in M_n(0, \infty), \quad x \in (0, \infty). \quad (8)$$

Then for the carrier $F(x)$ of the first accompanying equation (7) towards differential equation (5) with regard to the basis α, β we have

$$F'(x) > 0, \quad F'(x) \in M_{n-2}(0, \infty), \quad x \in (0, \infty)$$

and

$$0 < F(\infty) = f(\infty) \leq \infty.$$

Proof. (see paper [4], Lemma 2).

Let us denote, for fixed $\lambda > -1$,

$$R_k = \int_{x_k}^{x_{k+1}} W(x) \exp \left[\frac{\lambda}{2} \int a(x) dx \right] \left| \frac{\alpha y + \beta \left(y' + \frac{1}{2} a(x) y \right)}{\sqrt{\alpha^2 + \beta^2 f(x)}} \right|^{\lambda} dx, \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, \quad (9)$$

where $y(x)$ is an arbitrary solution of (1) and $\{x_k\}$ is a sequence of consecutive zeros of the function $\alpha z(x) + \beta \left(z'(x) + \frac{1}{2} a(x) z(x) \right)$, where $z(x)$ is any solution of (1) which may or may not be linearly independent of $y(x)$. The function $W(x)$ is any sufficiently monotonic function.

Theorem 1. *Let α, β be real numbers such that $\alpha^2 + \beta^2 > 0$, $\alpha\beta \leq 0$, and $n \geq 2$ be an integer. For the function $f(x)$ defined by (6) suppose that*

$$f(x) > 0, \quad f'(x) > 0, \quad f'(x) \in M_n(0, \infty), \quad x \in (0, \infty).$$

Let

$$W(x) > 0, \quad W(x) \in M_{n-2}(0, \infty), \quad x \in (0, \infty). \quad (10)$$

Then for R_k defined by (9) there holds

$$\{R_k\} \in M_{n-2}^*. \quad (11)$$

Proof. Let $y(x), z(x)$ be solutions of the differential equation (1). Then the functions

$$u(x) = y(x) \exp \left[\frac{1}{2} \int a(x) dx \right],$$

$$v(x) = z(x) \exp \left[\frac{1}{2} \int a(x) dx \right],$$

are solutions of the differential equation (5).

It follows from [2] that the functions

$$Y(x) = \frac{\alpha u + \beta u'}{\sqrt{\alpha^2 + \beta^2 f(x)}},$$

$$Z(x) = \frac{\alpha v + \beta v'}{\sqrt{\alpha^2 + \beta^2 f(x)}},$$

are solutions of the differential equation (7).

Lemma 1 implies that $F'(x) > 0$ on $(0, \infty)$, $F'(x) \in M_{n-2}(0, \infty)$ and $0 < F(\infty) \leq \infty$. So, the conditions of ([3], Theorem 3.1) are fulfilled. Using this theorem we have

$$\{N_k\} \in M_{n-2}^*,$$

where N_k is defined by

$$N_k = \int_{s_k}^{s_{k+1}} W(x) |Y(x)|^\lambda dx, \quad \lambda > -1, \quad k = 1, 2, \dots,$$

where $Y(x)$ is the solution of equation (7), $\{s_k\}$ denotes the sequence of consecutive zeros of the solution $Z(x)$ of (7).

Since $Z(x) \sqrt{\alpha^2 + \beta^2 f(x)} = \alpha v(x) + \beta v'(x)$ we have $\{s_k\} = \{t_k\}$, where $\{t_k\}$ denotes the sequence of consecutive zeros of the function $\alpha v(x) + \beta v'(x)$.

But, $\alpha v(x) + \beta v'(x) = \exp \left[\frac{1}{2} \int a(x) dx \right] \left(\alpha z(x) + \beta z'(x) + \frac{1}{2} a(x) z(x) \right)$, so that $\{t_k\} = \{x_k\}$, where $\{x_k\}$ denotes the sequence of consecutive zeros of the functions $\alpha z(x) + \beta \left(z'(x) + \frac{1}{2} a(x) z(x) \right)$.

Hence it follows that

$$N_k = \int_{x_k}^{x_{k+1}} W(x) \left| \frac{\alpha u + \beta u'}{\sqrt{\alpha^2 + \beta^2 f(x)}} \right| dx = R_k,$$

so that (11) holds, and the theorem is proved.

Corollary 1. *Under the hypotheses of Theorem 1 we have*

$$\left\{ \int_{x_k}^{x_{k+1}} W(x) \exp \left[\frac{\lambda}{2} \int a(x) dx \right] \left| \alpha y + \beta \left(y' + \frac{1}{2} a(x) y \right) \right|^\lambda dx \right\} \in M_{n-2}^*,$$

for $\lambda \in (-1, 0)$, $k = 1, 2, \dots$

Proof of this corollary follows directly from Theorem 1, because (11) remains valid when $W(x)$ is replaced by

$$W(x) (\alpha^2 + \beta^2 f(x))^{\lambda/2}, \quad \lambda \in (-1, 0),$$

since the last function belongs to $M_{n-2}(0, \infty)$.

Corollary 2. *Let the conditions of Theorem 1 be satisfied. Let $a(x) > 0$, $a(x) \in M_{n-1}(0, \infty)$, $x \in (0, \infty)$. Then for \bar{R}_k defined by*

$$\bar{R}_k = \int_{x_k}^{x_{k+1}} \left| \frac{\alpha y + \beta \left(y' + \frac{1}{2} a(x) y \right)}{\sqrt{\alpha^2 + \beta^2 f(x)}} \right|^\lambda dx, \quad \lambda \geq 0, \quad k = 1, 2, \dots,$$

where $\{x_k\}$ and $y(x)$ have the same meaning as in (9), there holds

$$\{\bar{R}_k\} \in M_{n-2}^*.$$

Proof. Let us choose the function $W(x)$ in the form $W(x) = \exp \left[-\frac{\lambda}{2} \int a(x) dx \right]$. It is easy to see that under the assumptions of Corollary 2 $W(x)$ satisfies (10) for $\lambda \geq 0$. Hence from Theorem 1 we obtain $\{\bar{R}_k\} \in M_{n-2}^*$, and the corollary is proved.

Remark 1. If in the above considerations we choose $\alpha = 1$, $\beta = 0$, then we get the results from [6] concerning the monotonicity of the sequence of consecutive zeros of any arbitrary solution $y(x)$ of equation (1).

If we choose $\alpha = 0$, $\beta = 1$, then we obtain the results from [6] for the monotonicity of the sequence of consecutive zeros of the function $y'(x) + \frac{1}{2} a(x) y(x)$.

2. Consider the differential equation (1). Let $a_0(x) = a(x)$, $b_0(x) \equiv b(x) \neq 0$ be continuous and sufficiently differentiable functions on $(0, \infty)$. Let $a_i(x)$, $b_i(x)$ be defined recurrently for $i = 1, 2, \dots$ by formulas

$$\begin{aligned} a_i(x) &= a_{i-1} \frac{b'_{i-1}}{b_{i-1}}, \\ b_i(x) &= b_{i-1} + a'_{i-1} - a_{i-1} \frac{b'_{i-1}}{b_{i-1}}. \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

Suppose that $b_i(x) \neq 0$ for $x \in (0, \infty)$ and all needed i .

In ([6], Lemma 2.1) it is proved that if $y(x)$, $z(x)$ are non-trivial linearly independent solutions of

$$y'' + a_0(x) y' + b_0(x) y = 0, \quad (13_0)$$

then $y^{(i)}(x)$, $z^{(i)}(x)$ are non-trivial linearly independent solutions of

$$y'' + a_i(x) y' + b_i(x) y = 0. \quad (14_i)$$

Let $a_i(x)$, $b_i(x)$ be defined by (12_i). The transformation

$$u(x) = y(x) \exp \left[\frac{1}{2} \int a_i(x) dx \right], \quad (15)$$

transforms (14) into the differential equation

$$u'' + f_i(x) u = 0, \quad (16)$$

where $f_i(x)$ is defined by

$$f_i(x) = b_i(x) - \frac{1}{2} a_i'(x) - \frac{1}{4} a_i^2(x), \quad i = 0, 1, \dots [6]. \quad (17)$$

Let $f_i(x) \in C_2$, $f_i(x) > 0$ for $x > 0$ and an arbitrary but fixed integer. The first accompanying equation towards the differential equation (16) with regard to the basis α, β has the form

$$U'' + F_i(x) U = 0,$$

where $F_i(x)$ is given by formula (2_{f_i}).

In this section we shall study sequences $\{R_k^{(i)}\}$, where $R_k^{(i)}$ is defined for fixed $\lambda > -1$ by

$$R_k^{(i)} = \int_{x_k^{(i)}}^{x_{k+1}^{(i)}} W(x) \exp \left[\frac{\lambda}{2} \int a_i(x) dx \right] \left| \frac{\alpha y^{(i)} + \beta \left(y^{(i+1)} + \frac{1}{2} a_i(x) y^{(i)} \right)}{\sqrt{\alpha^2 + \beta^2 f_i(x)}} \right|^\lambda dx, \quad (18)$$

where $y(x)$ is an arbitrary solution of (1) and $\{x_k^{(i)}\}$ is a sequence of consecutive zeros of the function $\alpha z^{(i)}(x) + \beta \left(z^{(i+1)}(x) + \frac{1}{2} a_i(x) z^{(i)}(x) \right)$, where $z(x)$ is any solution of (1) which may or may not be linearly independent of $y(x)$. The function $a_i(x)$ is defined recurrently by (12_i). The function $W(x)$ is any sufficiently monotonic function.

Theorem 2. Let $n \geq 2$, $i \geq 1$ be arbitrary but fixed integers and let α, β be real numbers such that $\alpha^2 + \beta^2 > 0$, $\alpha\beta \leq 0$. Let the coefficients $a(x) \equiv a_0(x)$, $b(x) \equiv b_0(x)$ of (1) \equiv (13₀) be such that $a_j(x)$ ($j = 0, 1, \dots, i$), $b_j(x) \neq 0$ ($j = 0, 1, \dots, \dots, i - 1$) defined by (12_j) are differentiable. For the function $f_i(x)$ defined by (17_i) suppose that

$$f_i(x) > 0, f_i'(x) > 0, f_i'(x) \in M_n(0, \infty), \quad x \in (0, \infty).$$

Let

$$W(x) > 0, W(x) \in M_{n-2}(0, \infty), \quad x \in (0, \infty).$$

Then for $R_k^{(i)}$ defined by (18) there holds

$$\{R_k^{(i)}\} \in M_{n-2}^*. \quad (19)$$

Proof. Let $y(x)$, $z(x)$ be solutions of the differential equation (1). It follows from [6] that the functions $y^{(i)}(x) = y_i(x)$, $z^{(i)}(x) = z_i(x)$ are solutions of the

differential equation (14). This implies that if $\{x_k^{(i)}\}$ denotes the sequence of consecutive zeros of the function $\alpha z^{(i)}(x) + \beta \left(z^{(i+1)}(x) + \frac{1}{2} a_i(x) z^{(i)}(x) \right)$, then this sequence represents the sequence of cosecutive zeros of the function $\alpha z_i(x) + \beta \left(z_i'(x) + \frac{1}{2} a_i(x) z_i(x) \right)$.

Theorem 2 follows now from Theorem 1 if we replace equation (1) by (14).

Corollary 3. *Under the hypotheses of Theorem 2 we have*

$$\left\{ \int_{x_k^{(i)}}^{x_{k+1}^{(i)}} W(x) \exp \left[\frac{\lambda}{2} \int a_i(x) dx \right] \left| \alpha y^{(i)} + \beta \left(y^{(i+1)} + \frac{1}{2} a_i(x) y^{(i)} \right) \right|^{\lambda} dx \right\} \in M_{n-2}^*$$

for $\lambda \in (-1, 0)$.

Proof of this corollary follows directly from Theorem 2. Assertion (19) remains valid when $W(x)$ is replaced by

$$W(x) (\alpha^2 + \beta^2 f_i(x))^{1/2}, \quad \lambda \in (-1, 0).$$

Corollary 4. *Let the conditions of Theorem 2 be satisfied. Let $a_i(x) > 0$, $a_i(x) \in M_{n-1}(0, \infty)$. Then for $\bar{R}_k^{(i)}$ defined by*

$$\bar{R}_k^{(i)} = \int_{x_k^{(i)}}^{x_{k+1}^{(i)}} \left| \frac{\alpha y^{(i)} + \beta \left(y^{(i+1)} + \frac{1}{2} a_i(x) y^{(i)} \right)}{\sqrt{\alpha^2 + \beta^2 f_i(x)}} \right|^{\lambda} dx, \quad \lambda > 0, \quad k = 1, 2, \dots$$

where $\{x_k^{(i)}\}$ and $y^{(i)}(x)$ have the same meaning as in (18), there holds

$$\{\bar{R}_k^{(i)}\} \in M_{n-2}^*.$$

Proof. In Theorem 2, we set $W(x) = \exp \left[-\frac{\lambda}{2} \int a_i(x) dx \right]$, $\lambda > 0$.

3. Applications to Bessel functions

Throughout this section we suppose that α, β are real numbers such that $\alpha^2 + \beta^2 > 0$, $\alpha\beta \leq 0$.

Let $C_\nu(x)$ denote any Bessel (cylinder) function of order ν , i.e. any nontrivial solution of the Bessel equation

$$y'' + \frac{1}{x} y' + \left(1 - \frac{\nu^2}{x^2} \right) y = 0, \quad x \in (0, \infty). \quad (20_\nu)$$

Let $x > \nu$ and let $\{a'_{\nu k}\}_{k=1}^\infty$ denote the sequence of consecutive positive zeros of the function

$$\alpha C'_\nu(x) + \beta \left(C''_\nu(x) + \frac{1}{2} a_{\nu 1}(x) C'_\nu(x) \right)$$

and let $\{b'_{vk}\}_{k=1}$ denote the analogous sequence of the function

$$\alpha \bar{C}'_v(x) + \beta \left(\bar{C}''_v(x) + \frac{1}{2} a_{v1}(x) \bar{C}'_v(x) \right),$$

where $a_{v1}(x)$ is defined by (12₁) and $\bar{C}_v(x)$ denotes any Bessel function of order v , possibly $C_v(x)$ again.

Lemma 2. *Let $f_{v1}(x)$ be defined by (17₁) for $x > v$. Then there exists one and only one number $a \in (v, \infty)$ such that $f_{v1}(a) = 0$.*

Proof. Using (17₁) we have $f_{v1}(x) = 1 - \frac{v^2 - \frac{1}{4}}{x^2} - \frac{1}{x^2 - v^2} - \frac{3v^2}{(x^2 - v^2)^2}$ for $x > v$. It is obvious that $\lim_{x \rightarrow v^-} f_{v1}(x) = -\infty$.

Since $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f_{v1}(x) = 1$ and $f'_{v1}(x) \in M_n^*(v, \infty)$ ([5], Theorem 3.1) there exists one and only one number $a \in (v, \infty)$ such that $f_{v1}(a) = 0$.

Theorem 3. *Let $n \geq 2$ be an integer and $v \geq 0$ an arbitrary number. Let $a_{v1}(x)$ be defined by (12₁), $f_{v1}(x)$ be defined by (17₁) for $x > v$, and $f_{v1}(a) = 0$, $a > v$. Let*

$$W(x) > 0, W(x) \in M_{n-2}(a, \infty), \quad x \in (a, \infty)$$

and let R'_{vk} be defined for $x \in (a, \infty)$ and $\lambda > -1$ by

$$R'_{vk} = \int_{b'_{vk}}^{b'_{v,k+1}} W(x) \exp \left[\frac{\lambda}{2} \int a_{v1}(x) dx \right] \left| \frac{\alpha C'_v + \beta \left(C''_v + \frac{1}{2} a_{v1}(x) C' \right)}{\sqrt{\alpha^2 + \beta^2 f_{v1}(x)}} \right|^\lambda dx. \quad (21)$$

Let m be the smallest integer satisfying $a \leq b'_{vm}$. Then

$$\{R'_{vk}\}_{k=m}^\infty \in M_{n-2}^*. \quad (22)$$

Proof. Theorem 3 is a direct corollary of Theorem 2.

Since $f_{v1}(a) = 0$ we obtain from $f'_{v1}(x) \in M_n^*(v, \infty)$ ([5], Theorem 3.1) that $f_{v1}(x) > 0$ on (a, ∞) .

So, the conditions of the modified form of Theorem 2 are satisfied for any $n \geq 2$ if the interval $(0, \infty)$ is replaced by (a, ∞) .

The expression $R_k^{(1)}$ defined in (18) is of the form (21) so that (22) holds and the theorem is proved.

Corollary 5. *Let the assumptions of Theorem 3 hold. Let $W(x)$ be a positive, completely monotonic function on (a, ∞) . Let R_{vk} be defined by (21). Then*

$$\{R'_{vk}\}_{k=m}^\infty \in M_\infty^*.$$

The corollary is the case $n = \infty$ in Theorem 3.

Remark 2. As a direct conclusion of Theorem 3 we obtain

$$\{(a'_{v,k+1})^\gamma - (a'_{vk})^\gamma\}_{k=m}^\infty \in M_\infty^2, \quad 0 < \gamma \leq 1, \quad (23)$$

$$\left\{ \lg \frac{a'_{v,k+1}}{a'_{vk}} \right\}_{k=m}^\infty \in M_\infty^*. \quad (24)$$

Assertion (23) is an immediate consequence of Theorem 3 with $\lambda = 0$, $\bar{C}_v(x) \equiv C_v(x)$ and $W(x) = \gamma x^{\gamma-1}$.

Assertion (24) follows from Theorem 3 with $\lambda = 0$, $\bar{C}_v(x) = C_v(x)$ and $W(x) = x^{-1}$.

Remark 3. Let the assumptions of Theorem 3 hold and let $\gamma > 0$. Then

$$\{(a'_{vk})^{-\gamma}\}_{k=m}^\infty \in M_\infty^*, \quad (25)$$

$$\{(\lg a'_{vk})^{-\gamma}\}_{k=m}^\infty \in M_\infty^*, \quad a'_{vm} > 1, \quad (26)$$

$$\{\exp(-\gamma a'_{vk})\}_{k=m}^\infty \in M_\infty^*. \quad (27)$$

Assertions (25), (26) and (27) follow from Theorem 3 with $\bar{C}_v(x) = C_v(x)$, $\lambda = 0$ and

$$W(x) = -[x^{-\gamma}]',$$

$$W(x) = -[(\lg x)^{-\gamma}]'$$

and

$$W(x) = -[e^{-\gamma x}]',$$

respectively.

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Souhrn

POZNÁMKA O VLASTNOSTIACH VYŠŠEJ
MONOTÓNNOСТИ i -TEJ DERIVÁCIE RIEŠENÍ
ROVNICE $y'' + a(x)y' + b(x)y = 0$

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V práci [6] J. Vosmanský odvodil vlastnosti vyššej monotónnosti i -tej derivácie riešenií diferenciálnej rovnice

$$y'' + a(x)y' + b(x)y = 0, \quad x \in (0, \infty) \quad (1)$$

v oscilatorickom prípade.

V tejto práci, na základe prvej sprievodnej rovnice vzhľadom na bázu α, β , kde α, β sú reálne čísla s vlastnosťou $\alpha^2 + \beta^2 > 0$, sú rozšírené výsledky z [6] na funkciu

$$\alpha y^{(i)} + \beta \left(y^{(i+1)} + \frac{1}{2} a_i(x) y^{(i)} \right), \quad i = 0, 1, \dots,$$

kde $y(x)$ je riešením rovnice (1).

V závere sú uvedené aplikácie dosiahnutých výsledkov na Besselove funkcie.

Резюме

ЗАМЕТКА О СВОЙСТВАХ ВЫСШЕЙ
МОНОТОННОСТИ i -ТОЙ ПРОИЗВОДНОЙ
РЕШЕНИЙ УРАВНЕНИЯ $y'' + a(x)y' + b(x)y = 0$

ЕЛЕНА ПАВЛИКОВА

В работе [6] Я. Восмански исследовал свойства высшей монотонности i -той производной решений дифференциального уравнения

$$y'' + a(x)y' + b(x)y = 0, \quad x \in (0, \infty) \quad (1)$$

в колебательном случае.

В этой работе, с помощью первого сопроводительного уравнения при базисе α, β где α, β произвольные вещественные постоянные с свойством $\alpha^2 + \beta^2 > 0$, обобщены результаты из [6] на функции

$$\alpha y^{(i)} + \beta \left(y^{(i+1)} + \frac{1}{2} a_i(x) y^{(i)} \right), \quad i = 0, 1, \dots,$$

где $y(x)$ решение дифференциального уравнения (1).

В заключении приведены приложения полученных результатов к теории беселевых функций.