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1. Problem

A differential equation

$$y'' = Q(t)y, \quad \text{Im } Q(t) \neq 0, \quad (Q)$$

is investigated, where Q is a continuous and \mathcal{T} -periodic complex function on \mathbb{R} . From the Floquet theory (see for instance [7]) it then follows that there exist independent solutions u, v of (Q) such that

either

$$u(t+\mathcal{T}) = \varrho \cdot u(t), \quad v(t+\mathcal{T}) = \varrho^{-1} \cdot v(t), \quad t \in \mathbb{R}, \\ 0 \neq \varrho \in \mathbb{C} \quad (1)$$

or

$$u(t+\mathcal{T}) = \varrho \cdot u(t) + v(t), \quad v(t+\mathcal{T}) = \varrho \cdot v(t), \\ t \in \mathbb{R}, \quad \varrho^2 = 1. \quad (2)$$

Generally complex numbers Q, Q^{-1} are called characteristic (or Floquet's) multipliers of (Q).

In [2] - [6], [8], [9], [11], [12] the values of the characteristic multipliers of (q): $y'' = q(t)y$, q being a continuous \mathcal{T} -periodic real function on R, where expressed by a phase and the (1st kind) central dispersion of (q).

The present article offers a new look at the Floquet theory of (Q) based on the phase theory point of view.

2. Basic notations, relations and preparatory lemmas

The symbol $C^n(R)$ ($\tilde{C}^n(R)$), where $n=0,1,2,\dots$, will refer to a set of real (complex) functions with continuous derivatives (on R) up to and including the order n. Trivial solutions of linear equations will not be considered.

In analogy with [13] a function $\alpha \in \tilde{C}^3(R)$ will be said to be a phase of an equation

$$y'' = P(t)y, \quad P \in \tilde{C}^0(R), \quad \text{Im } P(t) \neq 0, \quad (P)$$

exactly if there exist independent solutions u, v of this equation such that

$$a) \quad u^2(t) + v^2(t) \neq 0 \text{ for } t \in R,$$

$$b) \quad \alpha'(t) = - \frac{w}{u^2(t) + v^2(t)} \text{ for } t \in R, \text{ where } w := uv'' - u''v.$$

If moreover $\text{tg } \alpha(t_0) = \frac{u(t_0)}{v(t_0)}$ at a point $t_0 \in R$, where

$v(t_0) \neq 0$, then α is said to be a phase of the basis (u,v)

of (P). In such a case $u(t) = c \frac{\sin \alpha(t)}{\sqrt{\alpha'(t)}}$, $v(t) = c \frac{\cos \alpha(t)}{\sqrt{\alpha'(t)}}$

for $t \in R$, where $0 \neq c \in C$.

A function α is a phase of (P) exactly if it is a solution (on R) of a nonlinear 3rd order differential equation

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

where $\{\alpha, t\} := \frac{\alpha'''(t)}{2\alpha'(t)} - \frac{3}{4} \left(\frac{\alpha''(t)}{\alpha'(t)} \right)^2$ denotes the Schwarzian derivative of α at the point t .

If α is a phase of (P), then every solution of (P) may be written either as

$$c_1 \frac{\sin(\alpha(t) + c_2)}{\sqrt{\alpha'(t)}}, \quad (3)$$

or

$$c_3 \frac{e^{i\gamma\alpha(t)}}{\sqrt{\alpha'(t)}}, \quad (4)$$

where $\gamma^2 = 1$, $c_1, c_2, c_3 \in \mathbb{C}$, $c_1 \neq 0 \neq c_3$. The converse is valid, too: For arbitrary complex numbers c_1, c_2, c_3 , $c_1 \neq 0 \neq c_3$, and a number γ , $\gamma^2 = 1$, the functions defined by (3) and (4) are solutions of (P). Hereby $\sqrt{\alpha'(t)}$ means a continuous and single-valued branch of the square root of the function $\alpha'(t)$.

If u is a solution of (P), $u(t) \neq 0$ for $t \in \mathbb{R}$, then there exists a phase α of (P) and a number $c \in \mathbb{C}$, $c \neq 0$, such that

$$u(t) = c \frac{e^{i\alpha(t)}}{\sqrt{\alpha'(t)}}, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}.$$

All the above properties have been presented and proved in [13].

Lemma 1. Let α be a phase of (P). Then

$$(P(t)) = -\{\alpha, t\} - \alpha'^2(t) = (i\alpha'(t) - \frac{\alpha''(t)}{2\alpha'(t)})' + (i\alpha'(t) - \frac{\alpha''(t)}{2\alpha'(t)})^2, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Proof. Setting $u(t) := \frac{e^{i\alpha(t)}}{\sqrt{\alpha'(t)}} (\neq 0)$ for $t \in \mathbb{R}$, then u is a solution of (P). From the equalities $\frac{u'}{u} = i\alpha' - \frac{\alpha''}{2\alpha'}$

and $(-\{\alpha, t\} - \alpha'^2(t) =) P(t) = (\frac{u'(t)}{u(t)})' + (\frac{u'(t)}{u(t)})^2$ then there follows the assertion of Lemma 1.

In analogy with [14] a function X will be said to be a (complete) transformator of (P) if

- (i) $X \in C^3(\mathbb{R})$, $X'(t) \neq 0$ for $t \in \mathbb{R}$, $X(\mathbb{R}) = \mathbb{R}$;
- (ii) for every solution y of (P) the function $\frac{y[X(t)]}{\sqrt{|X'(t)|}}$ is again a solution of this equation.

The set of increasing transformators of (P) constitutes a group L_P^+ relative to the composition of functions. We will say that L_P^+ is a planar group, if to every $(t_0, x_0) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$ there exists exactly one function $X \in L_P^+$ such that $X(t_0) = x_0$.

A transformator X of (P) , $X'(t) > 0$ for $t \in \mathbb{R}$, will be called a central transformator of (P) if

$$\frac{y[X(t)]}{\sqrt{X'(t)}} = \psi \cdot y(t) \quad \text{for } t \in \mathbb{R},$$

where $\psi^2 = 1$, for every solution y of (P) . The set of all central transformators of (P) constitutes a group relative to the composition of functions, which we will write as L_P^C ; $L_P^C \subset L_P^+$ (see [14]).

Lemma 2. Let α be a phase of (P) . Then P is a \mathcal{T} -periodic function exactly if the function $\alpha(t + \mathcal{T})$ is a phase of (P) , too.

Proof. (\implies) Suppose P is a \mathcal{T} -periodic function and set $\beta(t) := \alpha(t + \mathcal{T})$, $t \in \mathbb{R}$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} -\{\beta, t\} - \beta'^2(t) &= -\{\alpha, t + \mathcal{T}\} - \alpha'^2(t + \mathcal{T}) = \\ &= P(t + \mathcal{T}) = P(t), \end{aligned}$$

so that

$$-\{\beta, t\} - \beta'^2(t) = P(t), \quad t \in \mathbb{R}, \quad (5)$$

whence it follows that β is a phase of (P).

(\Leftarrow) Suppose β (defined analogous to the first part of the proof) is a phase of (P). Then (5) is true and consequently

$$-\{\alpha, t+\mathcal{T}\} - \alpha^{-2}(t+\mathcal{T}) = P(t), \quad t \in \mathbb{R}.$$

It follows from this and from the equality $-\{\alpha, t\} - \alpha^{-2}(t) = P(t)$, $t \in \mathbb{R}$, that $P(t+\mathcal{T}) = P(t)$ for $t \in \mathbb{R}$.

Lemma 3. Let $a \in \mathbb{R}$, $\operatorname{Re} P(t) + a \cdot \operatorname{Im} P(t) \geq q(t)$ for $t \in \mathbb{R}$, where $q \in C^0(\mathbb{R})$ and $(q): y'' = q(t)y$ be not oscillatory (i.e. any solution of (q) has at most a finite number of zeros on \mathbb{R}). Then any solution of (P) has at most a finite number of zeros on \mathbb{R} .

Proof. Suppose, there exists a solution z of (P) with an infinite number of zeros, and ∞ is their cluster point. Let u be a solution of (q), $u(t) > 0$ for $t \geq b$ and $z(t_1) = z(t_2) = 0$ for $b \leq t_1 < t_2$, $z(t) \neq 0$ for $t \in (t_1, t_2)$. Since

$$(z'(t)\bar{z}(t))' = P(t)|z(t)|^2 + |z'(t)|^2,$$

then

$$\int_{t_1}^{t_2} \left\{ |z'(s)|^2 + (\operatorname{Re} P(s) + i \cdot \operatorname{Im} P(s)) |z(s)|^2 \right\} ds = 0.$$

It then follows

$$\int_{t_1}^{t_2} \left\{ |z'(s)|^2 + \operatorname{Re} P(s) |z(s)|^2 \right\} ds = 0,$$

$$\int_{t_1}^{t_2} \operatorname{Im} P(s) |z(s)|^2 ds = 0$$

so that

$$\int_{t_1}^{t_2} \left\{ |z'(s)|^2 + q(s) |z(s)|^2 \right\} ds \leq 0.$$

Since $|z(t)|^{-2} \leq |z'(t)|^2$ for $t \in (t_1, t_2)$, we obtain

$$\int_{t_1}^{t_2} \left\{ r^{-2}(s) + q(s)r^2(s) \right\} ds \leq 0,$$

where $r(t) := |z(t)|$, $t \in \mathbb{R}$. Then, by Lemma 1.3 ([15] p.3), the solution u has a zero on (t_1, t_2) , which is a contradiction.

3. Main results

In what follows we will investigate equations of the type

$$y'' = Q(t)y, \quad Q \in \tilde{C}^0(\mathbb{R}), \quad \text{Im } Q(t) \neq 0, \quad Q(t+\mathcal{T}) = Q(t) \\ \text{for } t \in \mathbb{R}. \quad (Q)$$

Lemma 4. There exists a phase α of (Q) such that the function $i\alpha' - \frac{\alpha''}{2\alpha}$ is \mathcal{T} -periodic exactly if for a solution u of (Q)

$$u(t+\mathcal{T}) = \varrho \cdot u(t), \quad u(t) \neq 0 \text{ for } t \in \mathbb{R} \quad (6)$$

is valid, where $0 \neq \varrho \in \mathbb{C}$.

Proof. (\implies) Suppose there exists a phase α of (Q) such that the function $i\alpha' - \frac{\alpha''}{2\alpha}$ is \mathcal{T} -periodic. If we set

$$u(t) := \frac{e^{i\alpha(t)}}{\sqrt{\alpha'(t)}} \quad (\neq 0), \quad t \in \mathbb{R}, \text{ then } u \text{ is a solution of } (Q) \text{ and}$$

$$\frac{u'}{u} = i\alpha' - \frac{\alpha''}{2\alpha} \quad (:=p),$$

so that $\frac{u'}{u}$ is a \mathcal{T} -periodic function. Further $u(t) = u(0)$.

$\cdot \exp\left(\int_0^t p(s) ds\right)$ which yields

$$u(t+\tilde{T}) = \varrho \cdot u(t), \text{ where } \varrho = \exp\left(\int_0^{\tilde{T}} p(s) ds\right).$$

(\Leftarrow) Let (6) hold for a solution u of (Q), where $0 \neq \varrho \in \mathbb{C}$. Since $u(t) \neq 0$ for $t \in \mathbb{R}$, there exists a phase α of (Q) and a $c \in \mathbb{C}$ such that $u(t) = c \frac{\varrho^{i\alpha(t)}}{\sqrt{\alpha'(t)}}$. On account of the fact that $\frac{u'}{u}$ is a \tilde{T} -periodic function and $\frac{u'}{u} = i\alpha' - \frac{\alpha''}{2\alpha'}$ it is clear that $i\alpha' - \frac{\alpha''}{2\alpha'}$ is also a function with a period \tilde{T} .

Remark 1. If (6) holds for a solution u of (Q), where $0 \neq \varrho \in \mathbb{C}$, then ϱ is a characteristic multiplier of (Q).

Remark 2. If β is a phase of (P) and $i\beta' - \frac{\beta''}{2\beta'}$ is a \tilde{T} -periodic function, then the coefficient P of (P) is also a \tilde{T} -periodic function, as it readily follows from Lemma 1.

Remark 3. In the terminology of transformators equation (P) $t+\tilde{T} \in L_P^+$ exactly if P is a \tilde{T} -periodic function.

Corollary 1. Suppose there exists a phase α of (Q) such that $i\alpha' - \frac{\alpha''}{2\alpha'}$ is a \tilde{T} -periodic function. Then

$$\frac{\sqrt{\alpha'(0)}}{\sqrt{\alpha'(\tilde{T})}} \exp\left\{i(\alpha(\tilde{T}) - \alpha(0))\right\}, \frac{\sqrt{\alpha'(\tilde{T})}}{\sqrt{\alpha'(0)}} \exp\left\{i(\alpha(0) - \alpha(\tilde{T}))\right\}$$

are characteristic multipliers of (Q).

Proof. It follows from Remark 2 that the coefficient Q of (Q) is a \tilde{T} -periodic function. Besides we obtain from the

proof (\implies) of Lemma 4 and Remark 1 that $\exp\left(\int_0^{\mathfrak{T}} p(s) ds\right)$
 $\exp\left(-\int_0^{\mathfrak{T}} p(s) ds\right)$, where $p := i\alpha' - \frac{\alpha''}{2\alpha'}$, are characteristic

multipliers of (Q). From this and from the equality

$$\int_0^{\mathfrak{T}} p(s) ds = i(\alpha(\mathfrak{T}) - \alpha(0)) + \ln \frac{\sqrt{\alpha'(0)}}{\sqrt{\alpha'(\mathfrak{T})}} \quad \text{immediately}$$

follows the assertion of Corollary 1.

Lemma 5. Suppose there exists a phase α of (Q) such that $i\alpha'(t) - \frac{\alpha''(t)}{2\alpha'(t)}$ ($=:p(t)$, $t \in \mathbb{R}$) is a \mathfrak{T} -periodic function. Then for a phase β of (Q)

$$i\beta'(t) - \frac{\beta''(t)}{2\beta'(t)} = p(t) \quad \text{for } t \in \mathbb{R} \quad (7)$$

is fulfilled exactly if there exist $k, k_1 \in \mathbb{C}$, $ke^{2i\alpha(t)} \neq 1$ for $t \in \mathbb{R}$ such that

$$\beta(t) = \alpha(t) + \frac{i}{2} \ln(1 - ke^{2i\alpha(t)}) + k_1, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}. \quad (8)$$

Proof. (\implies) Suppose β is such a phase of (Q) that

$$(p(t) =) i\alpha'(t) - \frac{\alpha''(t)}{2\alpha'(t)} = i\beta'(t) - \frac{\beta''(t)}{2\beta'(t)}, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}. \quad (9)$$

Then from Theorem 4 [13] there follows the equality $\beta(t) = c[\alpha(t)]$,

$$c'(z) = \frac{1}{(c_1 \cos z + c_2 \sin z)^2 + (c_3 \cos z + c_4 \sin z)^2} \quad (10)$$

for all $z \in \mathbb{C}$, where $(c_1 \cos z + c_2 \sin z)^2 + (c_3 \cos z + c_4 \sin z)^2 \neq 0$ and $c_1, c_2, c_3, c_4 \in \mathbb{C}$, $c_2 c_3 - c_1 c_4 = 1$. Then $\beta'(t) = c'[\alpha(t)] \cdot \alpha'(t)$, $\beta''(t) = c''[\alpha(t)] \cdot \alpha'^2(t) + c'[\alpha(t)] \cdot \alpha''(t)$ and on substituting in (9) we get

$$i = i \cdot c'[\alpha(t)] - \frac{c''[\alpha(t)]}{2c'[\alpha(t)]}$$

All solutions of the above equation are of the form $c'[\alpha(t)] = \frac{1}{1 - ke^{2i\alpha(t)}}$, where $k \in \mathbb{C}$ is an arbitrary number such that

$ke^{2i\alpha(t)} \neq 1$ for $t \in \mathbb{R}$. There is an infinite number of such k and if we proceed in the same manner as in [13] we may prove the Lebesgue measure (the complex number is taken as a point in Gauss plane) of the set of such numbers k is equals to infinity. Here $c''(z)$ has the form (10). In the case of $k \neq 1$ it suffices to put $c_1 = 0$, $c_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-k}}$, $c_3 = \sqrt{1-k}$, $c_4 = -\frac{ik}{\sqrt{1-k}}$ while in

the case of $k = 1$ we put $c_1 = -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$, $c_2 = 0$, $c_3 = -i\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$, $c_4 = \sqrt{2}$. Hence $\beta'(t) = \frac{\alpha'(t)}{1-k e^{2i\alpha(t)}}$ and integrating the latter equality from 0 to t gives

$$\begin{aligned} \beta(t) &= \beta(0) + \int_0^t \frac{\alpha'(s) ds}{1-k e^{2i\alpha(s)}} = \beta(0) + \alpha(t) + \\ &+ \frac{i}{2} \ln(1 - ke^{2i\alpha(t)}) - \alpha(0) - \frac{i}{2} \ln(1 - ke^{2i\alpha(0)}) = \\ &= \alpha(t) + \frac{i}{2} \ln(1 - ke^{2i\alpha(t)}) + k_1, \end{aligned}$$

where $k_1 := \beta(0) - \alpha(0) - \frac{i}{2} \ln(1 - ke^{2i\alpha(0)})$.

(\Leftarrow) Suppose β is the function defined by (8), where $k, k_1 \in \mathbb{C}$, $ke^{2i\alpha(t)} \neq 1$ for $t \in \mathbb{R}$. By a direct computation it may be verified that β is a phase of (Q) and (7) is true.

Lemma 6. Let all solutions of (Q) not be \mathcal{T} -periodic or \mathcal{T} -halfperiodic and let there exist a phase α of (Q) such that the function $i\alpha' - \frac{\alpha''}{2\alpha'}$ ($=: p_1$) is \mathcal{T} -periodic. Then

there exists at most one \mathcal{T} -periodic function p_2 , $p_1 \neq p_2$, such that $p_2 = i\beta' - \frac{\beta''}{2\beta'}$ for a phase β of (Q).

Proof. Following Remark 2, it suffices to prove that the Riccati equation

$$u' + u^2 = Q(t) \quad (11)$$

has at most two different \mathcal{T} -periodic solutions (defined on \mathbb{R}) under the assumption that all solutions of (Q) are not \mathcal{T} -periodic or \mathcal{T} -halfperiodic. First, the function p_1 is a \mathcal{T} -periodic solution of (11). We assume that there exist further two \mathcal{T} -periodic solutions p_2, p_3 of (11), $p_1 \neq p_2$, $p_1 \neq p_3$, $p_2 \neq p_3$. Integreting the equalities

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{(p_3 - p_2)'}{p_3 - p_2} - \frac{(p_3 - p_1)'}{p_3 - p_1} &= p_1 - p_2, \\ \frac{(p_2 - p_3)'}{p_2 - p_3} - \frac{(p_2 - p_1)'}{p_2 - p_1} &= p_1 - p_3, \\ \frac{(p_3 - p_1)'}{p_2 - p_1} &= -p_3 - p_1, \end{aligned}$$

from 0 to \mathcal{T} yields

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{\mathcal{T}} (p_1(t) - p_2(t)) dt &= 2im\mathcal{T}, & \int_0^{\mathcal{T}} (p_1(t) - p_3(t)) dt &= 2in\mathcal{T}, \\ \int_0^{\mathcal{T}} (p_1(t) + p_3(t)) dt &= 2ir\mathcal{T}, \end{aligned}$$

where m, n, s are integers, whence

$$\int_0^{\mathcal{T}} p_1(t) dt = i(n+r)\mathcal{T}, \quad \int_0^{\mathcal{T}} p_2(t) dt = i(n+r-2m)\mathcal{T}, \quad \int_0^{\mathcal{T}} p_3(t) dt = i(r-n)\mathcal{T}.$$

Since $p_1(t) = \frac{y_1'(t)}{y_1(t)}$, $p_2(t) = \frac{y_2'(t)}{y_2(t)}$, where y_1, y_2 are suitable independent solutions of (Q), $y_1(t) \neq 0$, $y_2(t) \neq 0$ for $t \in \mathbb{R}$, there exist $k_1, k_2 \in \mathbb{C}$ such that $y_i(t) = k_i \exp\left(\int_0^t p_i(s) ds\right)$, $i = 1, 2, t \in \mathbb{R}$. Naturally, then

$$y_i(t + \mathcal{T}) = k_i \exp\left(\int_0^t p_i(s) ds\right) \exp\left(\int_0^{\mathcal{T}} p_i(s) ds\right) = (-1)^{n+r} y_i(t)$$

($i=1, 2, t \in \mathbb{R}$), hence all solutions of (Q) are \mathcal{T} -periodic or \mathcal{T} -halfperiodic, which is a contradiction.

Remark 4. In assuming that all solutions of (Q) are \mathcal{T} -periodic or \mathcal{T} -halfperiodic, the Riccati equation (11) has infinitely many \mathcal{T} -periodic solutions. All these solutions are of form $\frac{y'(t)}{y(t)}$, where y is a solution of (Q), $y(t) \neq 0$ for $t \in \mathbb{R}$ (see Example 1). Here the main difference is in the number of periodic solutions of the Riccati equation in a real case, when even there the equation has at most two \mathcal{T} -periodic solution (see [10]).

Example 1. The Riccati equation

$$u' + u^2 = -4 + 16e^{8it}$$

has \mathcal{T} -periodic solutions, say

$$u = -2i + 4ie^{4it} \cotg(e^{4it} + c),$$

with $c \in \mathbb{C}$ being an arbitrary number such that $\sin(e^{4it} + c) \neq 0$ for $t \in \mathbb{R}$. This condition is fulfilled for $c = c_1 + ic_2$ such that $(c_1 + k\mathcal{T})^2 + c_2^2 \neq 1$ for all integer k .

It becomes obvious that the investigation of \mathcal{T} -periodicity of the function $i\alpha' - \frac{\alpha''}{2\alpha}$, where α is a phase of (Q), is essential. The remain part of this text is divided into three cases:

Case 1 - there exists a phase α of (Q) such that its derivative α' is a \tilde{T} -periodic function (and then the function $i\alpha' - \frac{\alpha''}{2\alpha'}$, too, is \tilde{T} -periodic);

Case 2 - there exists such a phase α of (Q) that its derivative α' is not a \tilde{T} -periodic function and $i\alpha' - \frac{\alpha''}{2\alpha'}$ is a \tilde{T} -periodic function;

Case 3 - there exists no such phase α of (Q) that $i\alpha' - \frac{\alpha''}{2\alpha'}$ is a \tilde{T} -periodic function.

Case 1

Theorem 1. Suppose ϱ is a characteristic multiplier of (Q), $|\varrho| \cong 1$. Then, there exist independent solutions u, v of (Q), $u(t)v(t) \neq 0$ for $t \in \mathbb{R}$ satisfying (1) exactly if there exists a phase α of (Q), $k_1, k_2 \in \mathbb{R}$, $0 \leq k_1 \leq (1 + \text{sign } k_2)\tilde{T}$, $k_1 \neq 2\tilde{T}$, $k_2 \cong 0$ and an integer n such that

$$\alpha(t + \tilde{T}) = \alpha(t) + (k_1 + 2n\tilde{T}) + ik_2, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}, \quad (12)$$

$$\varrho = \vartheta e^{k_2 - ik_1} \quad \text{and} \quad \vartheta = \frac{\sqrt{\alpha'(t + \tilde{T})}}{\sqrt{\alpha'(t)}} \quad (= \pm 1).$$

Proof. (\Rightarrow) Let ϱ be a characteristic multiplier of (Q), $|\varrho| \cong 1$ and u, v be independent solutions of (Q) satisfying (1), $u(t)v(t) \neq 0$ for $t \in \mathbb{R}$. Setting $U := \frac{1}{2}(u+v)$, $V := \frac{1}{2}(v-u)$ yields that U, V are independent solutions of (Q) and $U^2(t) + V^2(t) \neq 0$ for $t \in \mathbb{R}$. Let α be a phase of the basis (U, V) of (Q). Then there exists a $c \in \mathbb{C}$, $c \neq 0$, such that

$$U(t) = c \frac{\sin \alpha(t)}{\sqrt{\alpha'(t)}}, \quad V(t) = c \frac{\cos \alpha(t)}{\sqrt{\alpha'(t)}}, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}, \quad (13)$$

(see [13]). Since

$$c \frac{\sin \alpha(t)}{\sqrt{\alpha'(t)}} = \frac{1}{2}(u(t) + v(t)), \quad c \frac{\cos \alpha(t)}{\sqrt{\alpha'(t)}} = \frac{1}{2}(v(t) - u(t)), \quad t \in \mathbb{R} \quad (14)$$

then

$$\frac{c^2}{\alpha'(t+\tilde{T})} = \frac{1}{4}(\varrho \cdot u(t) + \varrho^{-1} \cdot v(t))^2 - \frac{1}{4}(\varrho^{-1} \cdot v(t) - \varrho \cdot u(t))^2 = u(t)v(t) = \frac{c^2}{\alpha'(t)}.$$

Naturally, then $\alpha'(t+\tilde{T}) = \alpha'(t)$ and therefore for an $a \in \mathbb{C}$ we get

$$\alpha(t+\tilde{T}) = \alpha(t) + a, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}. \quad (15)$$

Let $\vartheta = \frac{\sqrt{\alpha'(t+\tilde{T})}}{\sqrt{\alpha'(t)}}$. Evidently, ϑ is either equal to 1 or equal to -1. From the definition of U, V and from (1), (13) - (15) it follows from one side

$$V(t+\tilde{T}) + i \cdot U(t+\tilde{T}) = \vartheta c \frac{\exp i(\alpha(t)+a)}{\sqrt{\alpha'(t)}}$$

and from the other side

$$\begin{aligned} V(t+\tilde{T}) + i \cdot U(t+\tilde{T}) &= \frac{1}{2}(\varrho^{-1} \cdot v(t) - \varrho \cdot u(t)) + \\ &+ \frac{1}{2}(\varrho \cdot u(t) + \varrho^{-1} \cdot v(t)) = i\varrho^{-1} \cdot v(t) = \\ &= \varrho^{-1} \cdot (v(t) + i \cdot U(t)) = c\varrho^{-1} \frac{\exp i\alpha(t)}{\sqrt{\alpha'(t)}}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus $\varrho = \vartheta e^{-ia}$ and if $a = a_1 + ia_2$ is $|\varrho| = e^{a_2} = 1$, whence $a_2 \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} 0$. Next let $a_1 = k_1 + 2n\tilde{T}$, where $0 \leq k_1 < 2\tilde{T}$ and n is an integer. Setting $k_2 := a_2 \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} 0$, we get from (15) formula (12) and $\varrho = \vartheta \cdot \exp(-i(k_1 + 2n\tilde{T}) + k_2) = \vartheta \cdot \exp(k_2 - ik_1)$.

It remains to prove that in case of $a_2 = 0$, i.e. where $|\varrho| = 1$, the number k_1 may be chosen to that $0 \leq k_1 \leq \tilde{T}$. In case of $\tilde{T} < k_1 < 2\tilde{T}$ we consider the phase $\beta := -\alpha$ in place of the phase α of (Q). Then it follows from (15)

$$\begin{aligned}\beta(t+\widehat{T}) &= \beta(t) - a = \beta(t) - k_1 - 2n\widehat{T} = \\ &= \beta(t) + (2\widehat{T} - k_1) - 2(n+1)\widehat{T}\end{aligned}$$

and in place of the integer n in (12) we put the integer $-(n+1)$ and in place of the number k_1 we put $2\widehat{T} - k_1$. Evidently $0 < 2\widehat{T} - k_1 < \widehat{T}$.

(\Leftarrow) Let α be a phase of (Q), $k_1, k_2 \in \mathbb{R}$, $0 \leq k_1 \leq (1 + \text{sign } k_2)\widehat{T}$, $k_1 \neq 2\widehat{T}$, $k_2 \equiv 0$ and n be an integer such that (12) is true. Let $\vartheta = \frac{\sqrt{\alpha'(t+\widehat{T})}}{\sqrt{\alpha'(t)}}$ and set $\mathcal{Q} := \vartheta \cdot \exp(k_2 - ik_1)$, $U(t) := \frac{\sin \alpha(t)}{\sqrt{\alpha'(t)}}$, $V(t) := \frac{\cos \alpha(t)}{\sqrt{\alpha'(t)}}$, $u(t) := -iU(t) + V(t)$, $v(t) := iU(t) + V(t)$ for $t \in \mathbb{R}$.

Then $|\mathcal{Q}| \equiv 1$, u, v are independent solutions of (Q), $u(t)v(t) = U^2(t) + V^2(t) \neq 0$,

$$\begin{aligned}u(t+\widehat{T}) &= \frac{\cos \alpha(t+\widehat{T})}{\sqrt{\alpha'(t+\widehat{T})}} - i \frac{\sin \alpha(t+\widehat{T})}{\sqrt{\alpha'(t+\widehat{T})}} = \frac{\exp(-i\alpha(t+\widehat{T}))}{\sqrt{\alpha'(t+\widehat{T})}} = \\ &= \mathcal{Q} \left[\frac{\cos \alpha(t)}{\sqrt{\alpha'(t)}} - i \frac{\sin \alpha(t)}{\sqrt{\alpha'(t)}} \right] = \mathcal{Q} \cdot u(t), \\ v(t+\widehat{T}) &= \frac{\cos \alpha(t+\widehat{T})}{\sqrt{\alpha'(t+\widehat{T})}} + i \frac{\sin \alpha(t+\widehat{T})}{\sqrt{\alpha'(t+\widehat{T})}} = \frac{\exp(i\alpha(t+\widehat{T}))}{\sqrt{\alpha'(t+\widehat{T})}} = \\ &= \mathcal{Q}^{-1} \left[\frac{\cos \alpha(t)}{\sqrt{\alpha'(t)}} + i \frac{\sin \alpha(t)}{\sqrt{\alpha'(t)}} \right] = \mathcal{Q}^{-1} \cdot v(t), \quad t \in \mathbb{R},\end{aligned}$$

and $\mathcal{Q}, \mathcal{Q}^{-1}$ are characteristic multipliers of (Q).

Corollary 2. Let α be a phase of (Q). All solutions of (Q) are \widehat{T} -periodic or \widehat{T} -halfperiodic exactly if

$$\alpha(t+\widehat{T}) = \alpha(t) + k\widehat{T}, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}, \quad (16)$$

where $k = 2n + \frac{1}{2}(1 - \varepsilon)$ or $k = 2n + \frac{1}{2}(1 + \varepsilon)$, $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $\varepsilon = \frac{\sqrt{\alpha'(t+\widehat{T})}}{\sqrt{\alpha'(t)}}$ ($= \pm 1$ for $t \in \mathbb{R}$).

Proof. (\implies) Suppose all solutions of (Q) are \tilde{T} -periodic or \tilde{T} -halfperiodic. The functions $\frac{e^{i\alpha(t)}}{\sqrt{\alpha'(t)}}$, $\frac{e^{-i\alpha(t)}}{\sqrt{\alpha'(t)}}$ are independent solutions of (Q) and

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{e^{i\alpha(t+\tilde{T})}}{\sqrt{\alpha'(t+\tilde{T})}} &= \nu \frac{e^{i\alpha(t)}}{\sqrt{\alpha'(t)}}, \\ \frac{e^{-i\alpha(t)}}{\sqrt{\alpha'(t+\tilde{T})}} &= \nu \frac{e^{-i\alpha(t)}}{\sqrt{\alpha'(t)}}, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}, \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

where $\nu^2 = 1$. Here all solutions for $\nu = 1$ ($\nu = -1$) are \tilde{T} -periodic (\tilde{T} -halfperiodic). On multiplying out both sides of (17) we get $\alpha'(t+\tilde{T}) = \alpha'(t)$, thus for any $a \in \mathbb{C}$ we have

$\alpha(t+\tilde{T}) = \alpha(t) + a$ for $t \in \mathbb{R}$. Then from (17) there follows $e^{ia} = \nu \varepsilon$, $e^{-ia} = \nu \varepsilon$, with $\varepsilon = \frac{\sqrt{\alpha'(t+\tilde{T})}}{\sqrt{\alpha'(t)}}$. If $a = a_1 + ia_2$

we have $a_2 = 0$, for $\nu \varepsilon = 1$ we get $\cos a_1 = 1$ and for $\nu \varepsilon = -1$ we get $\cos a_1 = -1$. In this way $a_1 = (2n + \frac{1}{2}(1 - \varepsilon))\tilde{T}$ for $\nu = 1$ and $a_1 = (2n + \frac{1}{2}(1 + \varepsilon))\tilde{T}$ for $\nu = -1$, where n is an appropriate integer.

(\impliedby) Suppose α is a phase of (Q) satisfying (16), where n is an integer, $\varepsilon = \frac{\sqrt{\alpha'(t+\tilde{T})}}{\sqrt{\alpha'(t)}}$ and $k = 2n + \frac{1}{2}(1 - \varepsilon)$ ($k = 2n + \frac{1}{2}(1 + \varepsilon)$). Let us put $u(t) := \frac{e^{i\alpha(t)}}{\sqrt{\alpha'(t)}}$, $v(t) := \frac{e^{-i\alpha(t)}}{\sqrt{\alpha'(t)}}$ for $t \in \mathbb{R}$. Then u, v are independent solutions of (Q), $u(t)v(t) \neq 0$, $u(t+\tilde{T}) = u(t)$, $v(t+\tilde{T}) = v(t)$ ($u(t+\tilde{T}) = -u(t)$, $v(t+\tilde{T}) = -v(t)$), $t \in \mathbb{R}$. It immediately follows from this that all solutions of (Q) are \tilde{T} -periodic (\tilde{T} -halfperiodic).

Remark 5. In the terminology of central transformers of (Q) all solutions of (Q) are \tilde{T} -periodic or \tilde{T} -halfperiodic exactly if $t+\tilde{T}$ is a central transformer of (Q).

Remark 6. If all solutions of (Q) are \mathcal{T} -periodic or \mathcal{T} -half-periodic, then the value of the number k in Corollary 2 will generally depend on the choice of the phase of (Q) - as it becomes apparent from Example 1 [14].

In the following theorem we present certain sufficient conditions for the derivative α' of a phase α of (Q) to be \mathcal{T} -periodic.

Theorem 2. Suppose there exists a number $a \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $\operatorname{Re} Q(t) + a \cdot \operatorname{Im} Q(t) \geq q(t)$ for $t \in \mathbb{R}$, where $q \in C^0(\mathbb{R})$ and $y'' = q(t)y$ is a nonoscillatory equation. Then one of the following two mutually excluding situations arises:

- (i) there exist independent solutions of (Q) such that $u(t)v(t) \neq 0$ for $t \in \mathbb{R}$ and (1) holds, where $\varrho^2 \neq 1$;
- (ii) there exist independent solutions u, v of (Q) such that $v(t) \neq 0$ for $t \in \mathbb{R}$ and (2) holds.

Proof. From Lemma 3 there follows that every solution of (Q) has at most a finite number of zeros. Consequently, every solution u of (Q) satisfying the equality $u(t+\mathcal{T}) = \varrho \cdot u(t)$ on \mathbb{R} , where $0 \neq \varrho \in \mathbb{C}$, has no zeros on \mathbb{R} , i.e. $u(t) \neq 0$ for $t \in \mathbb{R}$. Especially from this there follows that all solutions of (Q) cannot be \mathcal{T} -periodic or \mathcal{T} -half-periodic. The statement of the Theorem readily follows from the results of the Floquet theory.

Lemma 7. Suppose all solutions of (Q) are not \mathcal{T} -periodic or \mathcal{T} -half-periodic. Let α, β be such phases of (Q) that

$$\alpha(t+\mathcal{T}) = \alpha(t) + a, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}, \quad (18)$$

$$\beta(t+\mathcal{T}) = \beta(t) + b, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}, \quad (19)$$

where $a, b \in \mathbb{C}$. Then either $a = b$ (in this case $\alpha(t) - \alpha(0) = \beta(t) - \beta(0)$ for $t \in \mathbb{R}$) or $a = -b$ (in this case $\alpha(t) - \alpha(0) = -[\beta(t) - \beta(0)]$ for $t \in \mathbb{R}$).

Proof. We may assume without loss of generality $\alpha(0) = \beta(0)$. In the contrary case we assume instead of phases $\alpha(t)$ and $\beta(t)$, the phases $\alpha(t) - \alpha(0)$ and $\beta(t) - \beta(0)$, respectively. By Corollary 2 the numbers a, b cannot be equal to an integral multiple of \mathcal{T} . Next, from Theorem 4 [13] there follows the existence of $k_1, k_2, k_3, k_4 \in \mathbb{C}$, $k_1 k_4 - k_2 k_3 \neq 0$ such that

$$\beta'(t) = \frac{(k_2 k_3 - k_1 k_4) \alpha'(t)}{(k_1 \cos \alpha(t) + k_2 \sin \alpha(t))^2 + (k_3 \cos \alpha(t) + k_4 \sin \alpha(t))^2},$$

$t \in \mathbb{R}. \quad (20)$

Placing t instead of $t + \mathcal{T}$ in (20) then from (18) and (19) we obtain

$$\beta'(t) = \frac{(k_2 k_3 - k_1 k_4) \alpha'(t)}{(k_1 \cos(\alpha(t) + a) + k_2 \sin(\alpha(t) + a))^2 + (k_3 \cos(\alpha(t) + a) + k_4 \sin(\alpha(t) + a))^2},$$

$t \in \mathbb{R}. \quad (21)$

Since a is not equal to an integral multiple of \mathcal{T} , there follows from (20) and (21) that $(k_1 \cos \alpha(t) + k_2 \sin \alpha(t))^2 + (k_3 \cos \alpha(t) + k_4 \sin \alpha(t))^2$ is a constant function on \mathbb{R} , thus $\beta'(t) = c \alpha'(t)$, where $c \in \mathbb{C}$ is an appropriate number, $c \neq 0$. From the equality $(Q(t) =) -\{\alpha, t\} - \alpha'^2(t) = -\{\beta, t\} - \beta'^2(t)$ we obtain $c^2 = 1$. If $c = 1$, then $\beta'(t) = \alpha'(t)$ and therefore $\beta(t) = \alpha(t) + b$ for $t \in \mathbb{R}$ and $a = b$. If $c = -1$, then $\beta'(t) = -\alpha'(t)$ and therefore $\beta(t) = -\alpha(t) + b$ for $t \in \mathbb{R}$ and $a = -b$.

Corollary 3. Let all solutions of (Q) not be \mathcal{T} -periodic or \mathcal{T} -halfperiodic. If for any phase α of (Q) relation (12) holds, where $0 \leq k_1 \leq (1 + \text{sign } k_2) \mathcal{T}$, $k_1 \neq 2\mathcal{T}$, $k_2 \geq 0$, then the value of the integer n in this formula does not depend on the choice of the phase α of (Q) and it is defined uniquely by (Q).

Proof. Suppose α, β are the phases of (Q) such that

$$\alpha(t + \mathcal{T}) = \alpha(t) + (k_1 + 2n\mathcal{T}) + ik_2, \quad t \in \mathbb{R},$$

$$\beta(t + \mathcal{T}) = \beta(t) + (s_1 + 2m\mathcal{T}) + is_2, \quad t \in \mathbb{R},$$

where $0 \leq k_1 \leq (1 + \text{sign } k_2)\mathcal{T}$, $0 \leq s_1 \leq (1 + \text{sign } s_2)\mathcal{T}$, $k_1 \neq 2\mathcal{T} \neq s_1$, $k_2 \geq 0$, $s_2 \geq 0$ and m, n are integers. By Lemma 6 there is either $\alpha(t) - \alpha(0) = \beta(t) - \beta(0)$ or $\alpha(t) - \alpha(0) = -[\beta(t) - \beta(0)]$. If $\alpha(t) - \alpha(0) = \beta(t) - \beta(0)$, then $k_1 = s_1$, $k_2 = s_2$ and $m = n$. If $\alpha(t) - \alpha(0) = -[\beta(t) - \beta(0)]$, then $k_1 + 2n\mathcal{T} + ik_2 = -(s_1 + 2m\mathcal{T} + is_2)$, whence $k_2 = -s_2$ and from the assumptions to k_2, s_2 we obtain $k_2 = s_2 = 0$. Then by Theorem 1 $|\varrho| = 1$, where ϱ is one of the characteristic multipliers of (Q). Then, however, $0 \neq k_1 \neq \mathcal{T} \neq s_1 \neq 0$, because in the contrary case (by Corollary 2)

all solutions of (Q) would be \mathcal{T} -periodic or \mathcal{T} -halfperiodic. Hence $k_1, s_1 \in (0, \mathcal{T})$, whence we get $0 < k_1 + s_1 < 2\mathcal{T}$. From the other side it holds $k_1 + s_1 = -2(m + n)\mathcal{T}$, which is a contradiction.

Theorem 3. Suppose α be a phase of (Q) and

$$\alpha(t + \mathcal{T}) = \alpha(t) + a, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}, \quad (22)$$

where $0 \neq a \in \mathbb{C}$. Then a function β is a phase of (Q₁),

$$\beta(t + \mathcal{T}) = \beta(t) + a, \quad t \in \mathbb{R} \quad (23)$$

and

$$\frac{\sqrt{\alpha'(t + \mathcal{T})}}{\sqrt{\alpha'(t)}} = \frac{\sqrt{\beta'(t + \mathcal{T})}}{\sqrt{\beta'(t)}} \quad (= \pm 1), \quad (24)$$

exactly if

$$\beta(t) = k + d \int_0^{c(t)} e^{i\mathcal{T}(s)} \alpha'(s) ds, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}, \quad (25)$$

where $k \in \mathbb{C}$, $\mathcal{T} \in \mathbb{C}^2(\mathbb{R})$, $c \in \mathbb{C}^3(\mathbb{R})$, $\tilde{\nu}(t + \mathcal{T}) = \tilde{\nu}(t) + 4n\mathcal{T}$ ($n \in \mathbb{Z}$), $c(t + \mathcal{T}) = c(t) + \mathcal{T}$, $c'(t) > 0$ for $t \in \mathbb{R}$ and

$$(\neq) d = a \left[\int_0^{\mathcal{T}} e^{i\tilde{\nu}(s)} \alpha'(s) ds \right]^{-1}.$$

Proof. (\Leftarrow) Let $k, d, c, \tilde{\nu}$ satisfy the assumptions of Theorem 3 and the function β be defined by formula (25). Then

$$\begin{aligned} \beta(t + \mathcal{T}) &= k + d \int_0^{c(t)} e^{i\tilde{\nu}(s)} \alpha'(s) ds + d \int_{c(t)}^{c(t) + \mathcal{T}} e^{i\tilde{\nu}(s)} \alpha'(s) ds = \\ &= \beta(t) + a, \end{aligned}$$

since the function $e^{i\tilde{\nu}(t)} \alpha'(t)$ is \mathcal{T} -periodic and $d \int_0^{\mathcal{T}} e^{i\tilde{\nu}(s)} \alpha'(s) ds = a$. Next $\beta \in \tilde{\mathbb{C}}^3(\mathbb{R})$ and $\beta'(t) =$

$= de^{i\tilde{\nu}(c(t))} (\alpha(c(t)))' \neq 0$ for $t \in \mathbb{R}$. Thus β is a phase of any (Q_1) . We denote $f_{\alpha'}(t)$ ($f_{\beta'}(t)$) a continuous single-valued branch of the argument of the function α' (β') on \mathbb{R} . Then for an integer m there is $f_{\alpha'}(t + \mathcal{T}) = f_{\alpha'}(t) + 2m\mathcal{T}$. From the equality $\beta' = de^{i\tilde{\nu}(c)} (\alpha(c))'$ there follows the existence of an integer j such that

$$f_{\beta'}(t) = \tilde{\nu}(c(t)) + f_{\alpha'}(c(t)) + 2j\mathcal{T} + \text{Arg } d,$$

whence we get

$$\begin{aligned} f_{\beta'}(t + \mathcal{T}) &= \tilde{\nu}(c(t) + \mathcal{T}) + f_{\alpha'}(c(t) + \mathcal{T}) + 2j\mathcal{T} + \text{Arg } d = \\ &= \tilde{\nu}(c(t)) + f_{\alpha'}(c(t)) + 2(j+m+2n)\mathcal{T} + \text{Arg } d = \\ &= f_{\beta'}(t) + 2(m+2n)\mathcal{T}, \end{aligned}$$

i.e. (24) is true, whereby

$$\frac{\sqrt{\alpha'(t + \mathcal{T})}}{\sqrt{\alpha'(t)}} = \frac{\sqrt{\beta'(t + \mathcal{T})}}{\sqrt{\beta'(t)}} = (-1)^m.$$

(\implies) Let β be a phase of (Q_1) satisfying (23), where $0 \neq a \in \mathbb{C}$. We put

$$A(t) := \int_0^t |\alpha'(s)| ds, \quad B(t) := \int_0^t |\beta'(s)| ds, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Then A, B are increasing functions on \mathbb{R} , $A, B \in C^3(\mathbb{R})$. Because of $|\alpha'(t+\tilde{\pi})| = |\alpha'(t)|$, $|\beta'(t+\tilde{\pi})| = |\beta'(t)|$ we have

$$A(t+\tilde{\pi}) = A(t) + a_1, \quad B(t+\tilde{\pi}) = B(t) + b_1, \quad t \in \mathbb{R},$$

where $a_1 = A(\tilde{\pi}) > 0$, $b_1 = B(\tilde{\pi}) > 0$. Setting $C(t) := \frac{a_1}{b_1} B(t)$, $c(t) := A^{-1}(C(t))$, $t \in \mathbb{R}$, yields

$$C(t+\tilde{\pi}) = C(t) + a_1, \quad t \in \mathbb{R},$$

and $c(t+\tilde{\pi}) = A^{-1}(C(t) + a_1) = A^{-1}(C(t)) + \tilde{\pi} = c(t) + \tilde{\pi}$,
 $\text{sign } c' = 1$, $c(0) = 0$.

From the equality $C(t) = A(c(t))$ it follows that $\int_0^t |\beta'(s)| ds =$
 $= \frac{b_1}{a_1} \int_0^{c(t)} |\alpha'(s)| ds$ whence

$$|\beta'(t)| = \frac{b_1}{a_1} c'(t) |\alpha'(c(t))|, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}. \quad (26)$$

Let us put $\varphi(t) := \frac{\beta'(t)}{(\alpha(c(t)))'}$, $t \in \mathbb{R}$. Then $|\varphi(t)| = \frac{b_1}{a_1}$,

$\varphi(t+\tilde{\pi}) = \varphi(t)$, $\varphi \in \tilde{C}^2(\mathbb{R})$. Let f_φ denote a continuous and single-valued branch of the argument of the function φ and $f_{\alpha'}$, $f_{\beta'}$ be defined analogous to the proof (\longleftarrow) above. Then for some integers k, j there holds

$$f_\varphi(t) = f_{\beta'}(t) - f_{\alpha'}(c(t)) + 2j\tilde{\pi},$$

$$f_{\alpha'}(t+\tilde{\pi}) = f_{\alpha'}(t) + 2k\tilde{\pi},$$

and from (24) there follows the existence of an integer n :

$$f_{\beta'}(t+\tilde{\pi}) - f_{\beta'}(t) = f_{\alpha'}(t+\tilde{\pi}) - f_{\alpha'}(t) + 4n\tilde{\pi}.$$

Furthermore

$$\begin{aligned}
 f_{\varphi}(t+\tilde{h}) &= f_{\beta'}(t+\tilde{h}) - f_{\alpha'}(c(t)+\tilde{h}) + 2j\tilde{h} = f_{\beta'}(t) + \\
 &+ f_{\alpha'}(t+\tilde{h}) - f_{\alpha'}(t) + 4n\tilde{h} - f_{\alpha'}(c(t)) - 2k\tilde{h} + \\
 &+ 2j\tilde{h} = f_{\beta'}(t) - f_{\alpha'}(c(t)) + 2j\tilde{h} + 4n\tilde{h} = \\
 &= f_{\varphi}(t) + 4n\tilde{h} .
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore there exist an integer n and a function $\tilde{\tau}, \tilde{\tau} \in C^2(\mathbb{R})$, $\tilde{\tau}(t+\tilde{h}) = \tilde{\tau}(t) + 4n\tilde{h}$ such that the function φ may be written as $\varphi(t) = d e^{i\tilde{\tau}(c(t))}$, where $d := \frac{b_1}{a_1}$. From the definition of functions $\varphi, \tilde{\tau}$ and from (26) we obtain $\beta'(t) = d e^{i\tilde{\tau}(c(t))} \cdot (\alpha(c(t)))'$. Integrating the last equality from 0 to t we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 \beta(t) &= \beta(0) + d \int_0^t e^{i\tilde{\tau}(c(s))} \alpha'(c(s)) c'(s) ds = \beta(0) + \\
 &+ d \int_0^{c(t)} e^{i\tilde{\tau}(s)} \alpha'(s) ds .
 \end{aligned}$$

From this and from (23) it follows

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\beta(0) + d \int_0^{c(t)} e^{i\tilde{\tau}(s)} \alpha'(s) ds + a = \\
 &= \beta(0) + d \int_0^{c(t)+\tilde{h}} e^{i\tilde{\tau}(s)} \alpha'(s) ds
 \end{aligned}$$

and consequently

$$a = d \int_0^{c(t)+\tilde{h}} e^{i\tilde{\tau}(s)} \alpha'(s) ds = d \int_0^{\tilde{h}} e^{i\tilde{\tau}(s)} \alpha'(s) ds .$$

If we put $d := a \left[\int_0^{\tilde{h}} e^{i\tilde{\tau}(s)} \alpha'(s) ds \right]^{-1}$ and $k :=$

$:= \beta(0) + d \int_{c(0)}^0 e^{i\tilde{\nu}(s)} \alpha'(s) ds$, then the phase β may be written

in the form of (25).

Remark 7. Let all solutions of (Q) not to be $\tilde{\mathcal{T}}$ -periodic or $\tilde{\mathcal{T}}$ -halfperiodic. It follows from Corollary 3 that a phase α of (Q), for which (12) holds - where $0 \leq k_1 \leq (1 + \text{sign } k_2)\tilde{\mathcal{T}}$, $k_1 \neq 2\tilde{\mathcal{T}}$, $k_2 \geq 0$ and n is an integer - is uniquely determined up to an additive constant.

Remark 7 justifies us to the following

Definition 1. Let all solutions of (Q) not be $\tilde{\mathcal{T}}$ -periodic or $\tilde{\mathcal{T}}$ -halfperiodic, n being an integer, and $\nu^2 = 1$. We say that the pair of numbers (n, ν) (in this order) is a significant pair of numbers of (Q) if there exists a phase α of (Q) such that (12) holds, where $0 \leq k_1 \leq (1 + \text{sign } k_2)\tilde{\mathcal{T}}$, $k_1 \neq 2\tilde{\mathcal{T}}$, $k_2 \geq 0$ and $\nu = \frac{\sqrt{\alpha'(\tilde{\mathcal{T}})}}{\sqrt{\alpha'(0)}} (= \frac{\sqrt{\alpha'(t+\tilde{\mathcal{T}})}}{\sqrt{\alpha'(t)}}$ for $t \in \mathbb{R}$).

Theorem 4. Let (n, ν) be the significant pair of numbers of (Q) and α be such a phase of (Q) that (12) holds, where $0 \leq k_1 \leq (1 + \text{sign } k_2)\tilde{\mathcal{T}}$, $k_1 \neq 2\tilde{\mathcal{T}}$, $k_2 \geq 0$, $\nu = \frac{\sqrt{\beta'(\tilde{\mathcal{T}})}}{\sqrt{\beta'(0)}}$.

Then (n, ν) is the significant pair of numbers of (Q_1) and the equations (Q) and (Q_1) have equal characteristic multipliers exactly if

$$Q_1(t) = Q(c(t))c^{-2}(t) - \{c, t\} + (\alpha(c(t)))^{-2}(1 - d^2 e^{2i\tilde{\nu}(c(t))}) + \frac{c^{-2}(t)}{4} \left[2i\tilde{\nu}(c(t)) \frac{\alpha''(c(t))}{\alpha'(c(t))} - 2i\tilde{\nu}'(c(t)) - \tilde{\nu}^2(c(t)) \right],$$

$t \in \mathbb{R} \quad (27)$

where $\tilde{\nu} \in C^2(\mathbb{R})$, $c \in C^3(\mathbb{R})$, $\tilde{\nu}(t + \tilde{\mathcal{T}}) = \tilde{\nu}(t) + 4n\tilde{\mathcal{T}}$ ($n \in \mathbb{Z}$), $c(t + \tilde{\mathcal{T}}) = c(t) + \tilde{\mathcal{T}}$, $c'(t) > 0$ for $t \in \mathbb{R}$ and

$$d = \left(\int_0^{\tilde{\mathcal{T}}} e^{i\tilde{\nu}(s)} \alpha'(s) ds \right)^{-1} \cdot (k_1 + 2n\tilde{\mathcal{T}} + ik_2).$$

Proof. (\implies) Let (n, ν) be significant numbers of (Q_1) and let the equations (Q) and (Q_1) have equal characteristic multipliers. From Theorem 1, Corollary 3 and from its proof then there follows the existence of such a phase β of (Q_1) that

$$\beta(t + \mathcal{X}) = \beta(t) + (k_1 + 2n\mathcal{X}) + ik_2, \quad t \in \mathbb{R},$$

and $\nu = \frac{\sqrt{\beta'(\mathcal{X})}}{\sqrt{\beta'(0)}}$. By Theorem 3 naturally $\beta(t) = h +$

$$+ d \int_0^{c(t)} e^{i\mathcal{Z}(s)} \alpha(s) ds, \quad \text{where } h \in \mathbb{C} \text{ and } d, c, \mathcal{Z} \text{ satisfying}$$

the assumptions stated in the Theorem. From the equality $Q_1(t) = -\{\beta, t\} - \beta'^2(t)$ we get with some modification the form of (27) for the coefficient Q_1 of (Q_1) .

(\impliedby) Let the function Q_1 be defined by (27), where d, c, \mathcal{Z} satisfy the assumptions of the Theorem. A direct cal-

ulation shows that the function $\beta(t) := d \int_0^{c(t)} e^{i\mathcal{Z}(s)} \alpha'(s) ds,$

$t \in \mathbb{R}$, is a phase of (Q_1) . By Theorem 3 there hold (23) and (24), thus from Theorem 1 it follows that (n, ν) is the significant pair of numbers of (Q) and (Q_1) and both equations have equal characteristic multipliers.

Corollary 4. Suppose the group of increasing transformers L_Q^+ of (Q) is planar. Then there exist independent solutions u, v of (Q) , $u(t)v(t) \neq 0$ for $t \in \mathbb{R}$ satisfying (1).

Proof. By Corollary 1 [14] there exists a function $Y \in C^3(\mathbb{R})$, $Y(\mathbb{R}) = \mathbb{R}$, $Y'(t) > 0$ for $t \in \mathbb{R}$ and a number $c \in \mathbb{C}$, $c^2 \in \mathbb{C} - \mathbb{R}$ such that the function $\alpha(t) := c \cdot Y(t)$ for $t \in \mathbb{R}$, is a phase of (Q) . Let $c = c_1 + ic_2$. Then $c_1 c_2 \neq 0$ and it follows from the equality $-\{\alpha, t\} - \alpha'^2(t) = Q(t)$ that $-2c_1 c_2 Y'^2(t) = \text{Im } Q(t)$, hence $Y'(t) = \nu \sqrt{\frac{-\text{Im } Q(t)}{2c_1 c_2}}$ for $t \in \mathbb{R}$,

where $\nu^2 = 1$. Naturally, then Y' and thus also α' are \mathcal{T} -periodic functions and from Theorem 1 there immediately follows the assertion of the Corollary.

Remark 8. If there exist a function $Y \in C^3(\mathbb{R})$, $Y(\mathbb{R}) = \mathbb{R}$, $Y'(t) > 0$ for $t \in \mathbb{R}$ and a number $c \in \mathbb{C}$, $c^2 \in \mathbb{C} - \mathbb{R}$ such that the function $\alpha(t) := c \cdot Y$ is a phase of (Q) , i.e. the group of increasing transformers of (Q) is planar (see Corollary 1 [14]), then it follows from Corollary 1 that

$$\sqrt{\frac{Y'(0)}{Y'(\mathcal{T})}} \exp[ic(Y(\mathcal{T}) - Y(0))], \sqrt{\frac{Y'(\mathcal{T})}{Y'(0)}} \exp[ic(Y(0) - Y(\mathcal{T}))]$$

are characteristic multipliers of (Q) .

Case 2

Theorem 5. There exist independent solutions u, v of (Q) such that $u(t) \neq 0$ for $t \in \mathbb{R}$, v has a zero at a point of \mathbb{R} satisfying (1) exactly if there exist a phase α of (Q) , an integer n , and $x \in \mathbb{R}$ so that $\alpha'(t)$ is not a \mathcal{T} -periodic function, the function $i\alpha'(t) - \frac{\alpha''(t)}{2\alpha'(t)}$ is \mathcal{T} -periodic and $\alpha(x + \mathcal{T}) = \alpha(x) + n\mathcal{T}$.

Proof. (\implies) Suppose there exist independent solutions u, v of (Q) for which (1) holds, $u(t) \neq 0$ for $t \in \mathbb{R}$, v having a zero on \mathbb{R} . Then, by Lemma 4, there exists a phase α of (Q) such that function $i\alpha' - \frac{\alpha''}{2\alpha'}$ is \mathcal{T} -periodic and on account of the fact that v has a zero on \mathbb{R} , then by Theorem 1, the function α' is not \mathcal{T} -periodic. It next follows from Theorem 8 and Theorem 5 [13] that there exist numbers $c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{C}$, $c_1 \neq 0$: $v(t) = c_1 \frac{\sin(\alpha(t) + c_2)}{\sqrt{\alpha'(t)}}$ for $t \in \mathbb{R}$. For an $x \in \mathbb{R}$ let $v(x) = 0$. Then it follows from (1) that $v(x + \mathcal{T}) = v(x) = 0$ i.e. there exist such integers n_1, n_2 that $\alpha(x) = -c_2 + n_1\mathcal{T}$,

$\alpha(x+\tilde{T}) = -c_2 + n_2\tilde{T}$, whence $\alpha(x+\tilde{T}) = \alpha(x) + n\tilde{T}$,
 $n(:= n_2 - n_1)$ being an integer.

(\Leftarrow) Suppose there exists a phase α of (Q) such that α is not \tilde{T} -periodic, the function $i\alpha' - \frac{\alpha''}{2\alpha'}$ is \tilde{T} -periodic and there exist an integer n and an $x \in \mathbb{R}$: $\alpha(x+\tilde{T}) = \alpha(x) + n\tilde{T}$. From Lemma 4 there then follows the existence of a solution u of (Q), $u(t) \neq 0$ for $t \in \mathbb{R}$, satisfying (6), where $0 \neq \zeta \in \mathbb{C}$. If we put $v(t) := \frac{\sin(\alpha(t)-\alpha(x))}{\sqrt{\alpha'(t)}}$ for $t \in \mathbb{R}$, then v is a solution of (Q), $v(x) = 0$. Thus u, v are independent solutions of (Q) and $v(x+\tilde{T}) = \frac{\sin(\alpha(x+\tilde{T})-\alpha(x))}{\sqrt{\alpha'(x+\tilde{T})}} = \frac{\sin n\tilde{T}}{\sqrt{\alpha'(x+\tilde{T})}} = 0$. Therefore $v(x) = v(x+\tilde{T}) = 0$ and thus $v(t+\tilde{T}) = \Upsilon \cdot v(t)$ for $t \in \mathbb{R}$, where $\Upsilon \in \mathbb{C}$ is a suitable number, $\Upsilon \neq 0$. From the Floquet theory we have $\Upsilon = \rho^{-1}$. We see that the solutions u, v of (Q) satisfy (1).

Remark 9. If there exist such independent solutions u, v of (Q) that $u(t) \neq 0$ for $t \in \mathbb{R}$, v having a zero on \mathbb{R} and (1) is valid, then the Riccati equation (11) has exactly one \tilde{T} -periodic solution.

Corollary 5. Let α be such a phase of (Q) that α' is not a \tilde{T} -periodic function, $i\alpha' - \frac{\alpha''}{2\alpha'}$ is a \tilde{T} -periodic function and for an $x \in \mathbb{R}$ we have $\alpha(x+\tilde{T}) = \alpha(x) + n\tilde{T}$, n being an integer. Then

$$(-1)^n \frac{\sqrt{\alpha'(x+\tilde{T})}}{\sqrt{\alpha'(x)}}, \quad (-1)^n \frac{\sqrt{\alpha'(x)}}{\sqrt{\alpha'(x+\tilde{T})}},$$

are the values of the characteristic multipliers of (Q).

Proof. From Corollary 1 and from its proof we find that $\exp(\int_x^{x+\tilde{T}} p(s)ds), \exp(-\int_x^{x+\tilde{T}} p(s)ds)$, where $p := i\alpha' - \frac{\alpha''}{2\alpha'}$, are

the characteristic multipliers of (Q). Since

$$\int_x^{x+\tilde{h}} p(s) ds = i [\alpha(x+\tilde{h}) - \alpha(x)] - \frac{1}{2} [\ln \alpha'(x+\tilde{h}) - \ln \alpha'(x)] = i n \tilde{h} + \ln \frac{\sqrt{\alpha'(x)}}{\sqrt{\alpha'(x+\tilde{h})}}$$

then

$$\exp\left(\int_x^{x+\tilde{h}} p(s) ds\right) = (-1)^n \left(\frac{\sqrt{\alpha'(x)}}{\sqrt{\alpha'(x+\tilde{h})}}\right)^\nu$$

where $\nu^2 = 1$.

Remark 10. The result of Corollary 5 may be proved also in other way. If we put $\beta(t) := \alpha(t) - \alpha(x)$, $v(t) := \frac{\sin \beta(t)}{\sqrt{\beta'(t)}}$, $t \in \mathbb{R}$, then β is a phase of (Q) and v is a solution of this equation, $v(x) = v(x+\tilde{h}) = 0$. Hence, the equality $v(t+\tilde{h}) = \varrho^{-1} \cdot v(t)$ holds for $t \in \mathbb{R}$, where ϱ^{-1} is one of the characteristic multipliers of (Q). By differentiating the equality $\frac{\sin \beta(t+\tilde{h})}{\sqrt{\beta'(t+\tilde{h})}} = \varrho^{-1} \frac{\sin \beta(t)}{\sqrt{\beta'(t)}}$ and setting now in the resulting equality x instead of t , we obtain (with some modification) the equality $\frac{\beta'(x+\tilde{h})}{\sqrt{\beta'(x+\tilde{h})}} \cos \beta(x+\tilde{h}) = \varrho^{-1} \frac{\beta'(x)}{\sqrt{\beta'(x)}} \cos \beta(x)$, whence $\varrho = (-1)^n \frac{\sqrt{\beta'(x)}}{\sqrt{\beta'(x+\tilde{h})}}$, thus $(-1)^n \frac{\sqrt{\alpha'(x)}}{\sqrt{\alpha'(x+\tilde{h})}}$ and $(-1)^n \frac{\sqrt{\alpha'(x+\tilde{h})}}{\sqrt{\alpha'(x)}}$ are the characteristic multipliers of (Q).

Remark 11. Let a phase α of (Q) satisfy the assumptions of Corollary 5. Let further $p := i\alpha' - \frac{\alpha''}{2\alpha'}$. From Lemma 5 there follows that then for every phase β of (Q) for which $i\beta' - \frac{\beta''}{2\beta'} = p$, we have $\beta(x+\tilde{h}) = \beta(x) + n\tilde{h}$.

Theorem 6. There exist independent solutions u, v of (Q), $v(t) \neq 0$ for $t \in \mathbb{R}$ for which (2) is valid exactly if the function

$$\alpha(t) = \frac{i}{2} \ln \left[P(t) - \frac{2i\varrho t}{a\tilde{T}} \right], \quad t \in \mathbb{R} \quad (28)$$

is a phase of (Q), where $0 \neq a \in \mathbb{C}$, $P \in \tilde{C}^3(\mathbb{R})$ is a \tilde{T} -periodic function, $P(t) \neq \frac{2i\varrho t}{a\tilde{T}}$, $P'(t) \neq \frac{2i\varrho}{a\tilde{T}}$, $\sqrt{iP'(t+\tilde{T}) + \frac{2\varrho}{a\tilde{T}}} = \varrho \sqrt{iP'(t) + \frac{2\varrho}{a\tilde{T}}}$ for $t \in \mathbb{R}$.

Proof. (\implies) Let (2) hold, where u, v are independent solutions of (Q), $v(t) \neq 0$ for $t \in \mathbb{R}$. Then there exists such a phase α of (Q) that

$$v(t) = \frac{e^{i\alpha(t)}}{\sqrt{\alpha'(t)}}, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Every solution of (Q) may be written as $y(t) = v(t) \left[a \int_0^t \frac{ds}{v^2(s)} + b \right]$, where $a, b \in \mathbb{C}$. An easy calculation shows that the function u satisfies (2) exactly if

$$u(t) = v(t) \left[a \int_0^t \frac{ds}{v^2(s)} + b \right],$$

where $b \in \mathbb{C}$ is an arbitrary constant and $a \varrho \int_t^{t+\tilde{T}} \frac{ds}{v^2(s)} = 1$ (with

respect to the \tilde{T} -periodicity of v^2 we see that $\int_t^{t+\tilde{T}} \frac{ds}{v^2(s)} = a$

constant). Then

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{a} &= \varrho \int_t^{t+\tilde{T}} \frac{ds}{v^2(s)} = \varrho \int_t^{t+\tilde{T}} \alpha'(s) e^{-2i\alpha(s)} ds = \\ &= \frac{i\varrho}{2} \left[e^{-2i\alpha(t+\tilde{T})} - e^{-2i\alpha(t)} \right], \end{aligned}$$

hence

$$e^{-2i\alpha(t+\tilde{T})} = e^{-2i\alpha(t)} - \frac{2i\varrho}{a}.$$

From the latter equality then follows the existence of a such a \tilde{T} -periodic function $P \in \tilde{C}^3(\mathbb{R})$, $P(t) \neq \frac{2i\varrho t}{a\tilde{T}}$, $P'(t) \neq \frac{2i\varrho}{a\tilde{T}}$ for $t \in \mathbb{R}$ that the function $e^{-2i\alpha(t)}$ may be written as

$$e^{-2i\alpha(t)} = P(t) - \frac{2i\varrho t}{a\tilde{T}} \quad \text{for } t \in \mathbb{R},$$

whence $\alpha(t) = \frac{i}{2} \ln(P(t) - \frac{2i\varrho t}{a\tilde{T}})$. From the last relation and

from the equality $v(t) = \frac{e^{i\alpha(t)}}{\sqrt{\alpha'(t)}}$ (with some modification) we obtain

$$v(t) = \sigma \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{iP'(t) + \frac{2\varrho}{a\tilde{T}}}} \quad \text{for } t \in \mathbb{R}, \quad \text{where } \sigma^2 = 1.$$

It then follows from the assumption $v(t+\tilde{T}) = \varrho \cdot v(t)$ that

$$\sqrt{iP'(t+\tilde{T}) + \frac{2\varrho}{a\tilde{T}}} = \varrho \sqrt{iP'(t) + \frac{2\varrho}{a\tilde{T}}} \quad \text{for } t \in \mathbb{R}.$$

(\Leftarrow) Let the function α defined by (28) be a phase of (Q) where the function P and the number a satisfy the assumptions of the Theorem. Putting $v(t) := \frac{e^{i\alpha(t)}}{\sqrt{\alpha'(t)}}$ yields $v(t) \neq 0$,

$v(t) = \sigma \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{iP'(t) + \frac{2\varrho}{a\tilde{T}}}}$, $v(t+\tilde{T}) = \varrho \cdot v(t)$ for $t \in \mathbb{R}$, where

$\sigma^2 = 1$. Let us put further $u(t) := v(t) \left[a \int_0^t \frac{ds}{v^2(s)} + \right.$

+ $\frac{ia}{2} e^{-2i\alpha(0)}$] for $t \in \mathbb{R}$. Then u is a solution of (Q) and

$$u(t) = \frac{ia}{2} v(t) e^{-2i\alpha(t)} = \frac{\sigma a \sqrt{2}}{2} \frac{iP(t) + \frac{2\varrho t}{a\mathfrak{H}}}{\sqrt{iP'(t) + \frac{2\varrho}{a\mathfrak{H}}}}. \text{ Consequently}$$

$u(t+\mathfrak{H}) = \varrho \cdot u(t) + v(t)$. So, we have proved that there exist independent solutions u, v of (Q), $v(t) \neq 0$ for $t \in \mathbb{R}$, satisfying (2).

Corollary 6. There exist independent solutions u, v of (Q), $v(t) \neq 0$ for $t \in \mathbb{R}$, for which (2) is valid exactly if

$$Q(t) = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{P'''(t)}{P'(t) - \frac{2i\varrho}{a\mathfrak{H}}} + \frac{3}{4} \left(\frac{P''(t)}{P'(t) - \frac{2i\varrho}{a\mathfrak{H}}} \right)^2 \text{ for } t \in \mathbb{R}$$

where $0 \neq a \in \mathbb{C}$, $P \in \mathcal{C}^3(\mathbb{R})$ is a \mathfrak{H} -periodic function, $P(t) \neq$

$$\neq \frac{2i\varrho t}{a\mathfrak{H}}, P'(t) \neq \frac{2i\varrho}{a\mathfrak{H}}, \sqrt{iP'(t+\mathfrak{H}) + \frac{2\varrho}{a\mathfrak{H}}} = \varrho \sqrt{iP'(t) + \frac{2\varrho}{a\mathfrak{H}}}$$

for $t \in \mathbb{R}$.

Proof. This immediately follows from the preceding Theorem and from the fact that α is a phase of (Q) exactly if it is a solution (on \mathbb{R}) the equation $Q(t) = -\{\alpha, t\} - \alpha'^2(t)$.

Example 2. Consider the equation

$$y'' = \frac{4e^{2it}(1 - e^{2it})}{(1 + 2e^{2it})^2} y.$$

The functions $v(t) = \frac{\sqrt{\mathfrak{H}}}{\sqrt{1 + 2e^{2it}}}$ and $u(t) = \frac{t - ie^{2it}}{\sqrt{\mathfrak{H}} \sqrt{1 + 2e^{2it}}}$ are its independent solutions for which $v(t+\mathfrak{H}) = v(t)$, $u(t+\mathfrak{H}) = u(t) + v(t)$ for $t \in \mathbb{R}$.

Case 3

Theorem 7. An equation (Q) has independent solutions u , v satisfying

$$u(t+\tilde{T}) = \rho \cdot u(t), \quad v(t+\tilde{T}) = \rho \cdot v(t), \quad t \in \mathbb{R}, \quad \rho^2 \neq 1, \quad (29)$$

where u , v have zeros on \mathbb{R} exactly if there exists such a phase α of (Q) that α' is not a \tilde{T} -periodic function and

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha(t_1) &= n_1 \tilde{T}, & \alpha(t_2) &= \frac{\tilde{T}}{2} + n_2 \tilde{T}, \\ \alpha(t_1 + \tilde{T}) &= k_1 \tilde{T}, & \alpha(t_2 + \tilde{T}) &= \frac{\tilde{T}}{2} + k_2 \tilde{T}, \end{aligned} \quad (30)$$

where $t_1, t_2 \in [0, \tilde{T})$, $t_1 \neq t_2$ and k_1, k_2, n_1, n_2 are integers.

In this case $(-1)^{k_1-n_1} \frac{\sqrt{\alpha'(t_1+\tilde{T})}}{\sqrt{\alpha'(t_1)}}$, $(-1)^{k_1-n_1} \frac{\sqrt{\alpha'(t_1)}}{\sqrt{\alpha'(t_1+\tilde{T})}}$

(or also $(-1)^{k_2-n_2} \frac{\sqrt{\alpha'(t_2+\tilde{T})}}{\sqrt{\alpha'(t_2)}}$, $(-1)^{k_2-n_2} \frac{\sqrt{\alpha'(t_2)}}{\sqrt{\alpha'(t_2+\tilde{T})}}$) are

the characteristic multipliers of (Q).

Proof. (\Rightarrow) Let there exist independent solutions u , v of (Q) satisfying (29), both having zeros on \mathbb{R} . Without loss of generality we may assume $u^2(t) + v^2(t) \neq 0$ for $t \in \mathbb{R}$. From (29) there follows that u , v have zeros on $[0, \tilde{T})$. Suppose now $u(t_1) = v(t_2) = 0$, where $t_1, t_2 \in [0, \tilde{T})$, $t_1 \neq t_2$. Let α

be a phase of the basis (u, v) of (Q). Then $u(t) = c \frac{\sin \alpha(t)}{\sqrt{\alpha'(t)}}$,

$v(t) = c \frac{\cos \alpha(t)}{\sqrt{\alpha'(t)}}$ for $t \in \mathbb{R}$, where $c \in \mathbb{C}$, $c \neq 0$. Since

$u(t_1 + \tilde{T}) = u(t_1) = 0$, $v(t_2 + \tilde{T}) = v(t_2) = 0$, we have

$$\alpha(t_1 + \tilde{T}) = k_1 \tilde{T}, \quad \alpha(t_1) = n_1 \tilde{T}, \quad \alpha(t_2 + \tilde{T}) = \frac{\tilde{T}}{2} + k_2 \tilde{T},$$

$\alpha(t_2) = \frac{\tilde{T}}{2} + n_2 \tilde{T}$, where n_1, n_2, k_1, k_2 are integers. With

respect to $\varrho^2 \neq 1$, it follows from Corollary 2 that α' is not a \mathcal{T} -periodic function.

(\Leftarrow) Let there exist such a phase α of (Q) that α' is not a \mathcal{T} -periodic function and (30) is valid, where $t_1, t_2 \in [0, \mathcal{T})$, $t_1 \neq t_2$ with n_1, n_2, k_1, k_2 being integers.

Setting $u(t) := \frac{\sin \alpha(t)}{\sqrt{\alpha'(t)}}$, $v(t) := \frac{\cos \alpha(t)}{\sqrt{\alpha'(t)}}$ ($t \in \mathbb{R}$), then u, v are independent solutions of (Q), $u(t_1 + \mathcal{T}) = 0$, $v(t_2) = v(t_2 + \mathcal{T}) = 0$. Thus (29) holds for a $\varrho \in \mathbb{C}, \varrho \neq 0$ and since α' is not a \mathcal{T} -periodic function, then - by Corollary 2 - we get $\varrho^2 \neq 1$. Writing now t_2 and t_1 for t in the equations

$$\frac{\sin \alpha(t + \mathcal{T})}{\sqrt{\alpha'(t + \mathcal{T})}} = \varrho \frac{\sin \alpha(t)}{\sqrt{\alpha'(t)}}, \quad \frac{\cos \alpha(t + \mathcal{T})}{\sqrt{\alpha'(t + \mathcal{T})}} = \varrho^{-1} \frac{\cos \alpha(t)}{\sqrt{\alpha'(t)}},$$

$t \in \mathbb{R}$,

respectively, we obtain

$$\varrho = (-1)^{k_2 - n_2} \frac{\sqrt{\alpha'(t_2)}}{\sqrt{\alpha'(t_2 + \mathcal{T})}} \left((-1)^{k_1 - n_1} \frac{\sqrt{\alpha'(t_1 + \mathcal{T})}}{\sqrt{\alpha'(t_1)}} = \varrho \right),$$

thus $(-1)^{k_2 - n_2} \frac{\sqrt{\alpha'(t_2)}}{\sqrt{\alpha'(t_2 + \mathcal{T})}}$, $(-1)^{k_2 - n_2} \frac{\sqrt{\alpha'(t_2 + \mathcal{T})}}{\sqrt{\alpha'(t_2)}}$ (or also $(-1)^{k_1 - n_1} \frac{\sqrt{\alpha'(t_1)}}{\sqrt{\alpha'(t_1 + \mathcal{T})}}$, $(-1)^{k_1 - n_1} \frac{\sqrt{\alpha'(t_1 + \mathcal{T})}}{\sqrt{\alpha'(t_1)}}$) are the characteristic multipliers of (Q).

Theorem 8. Suppose α is a phase of (Q). This equation has independent solutions u, v satisfying (2), where v has a zero on \mathbb{R} exactly if α' is not a \mathcal{T} -periodic function and $\alpha(t_1 + \mathcal{T}) = \alpha(t_1) + k\mathcal{T}$, $(-1)^k \sqrt{\alpha'(t_1 + \mathcal{T})} = \varrho \sqrt{\alpha'(t_1)}$, where $t_1 \in [0, \mathcal{T})$, k being an integer.

Proof. (\Rightarrow) Let (Q) have independent solutions u, v satisfying (2) where v has a zero on \mathbb{R} . It follows from (2)

that there may be assumed without any loss on generality $v(t_1) = 0$ for $t_1 \in [0, \mathcal{T})$. If we put $\beta(t) := \alpha(t) - \alpha(t_1)$ for $t \in \mathbb{R}$, then β is a phase of (Q), $\beta(t_1) = 0$ and $v(t) = c \frac{\sin \beta(t)}{\sqrt{\beta'(t)}}$ for $t \in \mathbb{R}$, where $0 \neq c \in \mathbb{C}$. Since $v(t_1 + \mathcal{T}) = 0$, we have $\beta(t_1 + \mathcal{T}) = k\mathcal{T}$, k being an integer, hence $\beta(t_1 + \mathcal{T}) - \beta(t_1) = \alpha(t_1 + \mathcal{T}) - \alpha(t_1) = k\mathcal{T}$.

Differentiating the equality $\frac{\sin(\alpha(t+\mathcal{T})-\alpha(t_1))}{\sqrt{\alpha'(t+\mathcal{T})}} =$
 $= \varrho \frac{\sin(\alpha(t)-\alpha(t_1))}{\sqrt{\alpha'(t)}}$ and inserting t_1 in place of t in the resulting equality, we obtain $(-1)^k \sqrt{\alpha'(t_1 + \mathcal{T})} = \varrho \sqrt{\alpha'(t_1)}$.

Since it follows from (2) that every solution of (Q) is not a \mathcal{T} -periodic or \mathcal{T} -halfperiodic, then by Corollary 2, α' is not a \mathcal{T} -periodic function, too.

(\Leftarrow) Let α not to be a \mathcal{T} -periodic function and $\alpha(t_1 + \mathcal{T}) = \alpha(t_1) + k\mathcal{T}$, $(-1)^k \sqrt{\alpha'(t_1 + \mathcal{T})} = \varrho \sqrt{\alpha'(t_1)}$, where $t_1 \in [0, \mathcal{T})$, k being an integer, and $\varrho^2 = 1$. Without any loss on generality there may be assumed $\alpha(t_1) = 0$. Putting $v(t) := \frac{\sin \alpha(t)}{\sqrt{\alpha'(t)}}$ for $t \in \mathbb{R}$, then v is a solution of (Q),

$v(t_1) = v(t_1 + \mathcal{T}) = 0$, thus $v(t + \mathcal{T}) = \tau \cdot v(t)$ for $t \in \mathbb{R}$, where $\tau \in \mathbb{C}$ is an appropriate number and from the equality $(-1)^k \sqrt{\alpha'(t_1 + \mathcal{T})} = \varrho \sqrt{\alpha'(t_1)}$ there follows $\varrho = \tau = 1$. Since α' is not a \mathcal{T} -periodic function, it follows from Corollary 2 that every solution of (Q) is not \mathcal{T} -periodic or \mathcal{T} -half-periodic. Consequently it follows for (Q) from the Floquet theory that there exist such a solution u of (Q) that u, v are independent solutions of this equation and (2) holds.

Remark 12. If the assumptions of Theorem 7 or of Theorem 8 are satisfied, then there do not exist any \mathcal{T} -periodic solutions of the Riccati equation (11).

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Souhrn

Je vyšetřována diferenciální rovnice

$$y'' = Q(t)y, Q(t+\mathcal{T}) = Q(t), \operatorname{Im} Q(t) \neq 0 \text{ pro } t \in \mathbb{R}, \quad (Q)$$

kde Q je spojitá komplexní funkce na \mathbb{R} . Z Floquetovy teorie plyne, že ke každé rovnici (Q) lze přiřadit čísla ϱ, ϱ^{-1} , která se nazývají charakteristické multiplikátory rovnice (Q). Tato čísla jsou důležitá při vyšetřování kvalitativních vlastností řešení rovnice (Q). V práci je dán nový pohled na Floquetovu teorii rovnic typu (Q) z hlediska teorie fází. Zejména je dokázáno, jak lze hodnoty charakteristických multiplikátorů vyjádřit pomocí nějaké fáze rovnice (Q).

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Резюме

Изучается дифференциальное уравнение

$$y'' = Q(t)y, Q(t+\mathcal{T}) = Q(t), \operatorname{Im} Q(t) \neq 0, t \in \mathbb{R}, \quad (Q)$$

где Q — непрерывная комплексная функция на \mathbb{R} . Из теории

Флоке следует, что к каждому уравнению (Q) присоединяются числа ρ , ρ^{-1} , которые называются характеристические мультипликаторы уравнения (Q). Эти числа важны при исследовании качественных свойств решений уравнения (Q).

В этой работе приводится новый взгляд на теорию Флоке уравнений типа (Q) с точки зрения теории фаз. В особенности доказывается как значения характеристик мультипликаторов уравнения (Q) представить с помощью некоторой фазы уравнения (Q).

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