

# THE SOLUTIONS GROWTH OF 2ND ORDER DES WHERE THE COEFFICIENTS ARE MEROMORPHIC BELONG TO EDREI-FUCHS CLASS

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**ABSTRACT:** In this paper, we shall consider the second order linear complex differential equations with meromorphic coefficients. One of the coefficients belongs to Edrei-Fuchs class and the other one satisfy some conditions under which any nontrivial solution of mentioned equation is of infinite order.

**Key words:** Edrei-Fuchs class, deficient value, meromorphic function, order, lower order

## 1. INTRODUCTION

In our paper, we shall investigate the following complex DE

$$f'' + A(z)f' + B(z)f = 0 \tag{1}$$

where the functions  $A(z)$  &  $B(z) \not\equiv 0$  are meromorphic.

The fundamental concepts of the theory of value distribution of meromorphic functions are used [1, 2]. By  $\rho(f)$  and  $\mu(f)$  we meant the order and lower order, respectively, of the meromorphic function  $f(z)$ .

Some equations like (1) have a finite order nontrivial solution, for instance,  $f(z) = e^z$  has order one and it is a solution of  $f + e^{-z}f' - (e^{-z} + 1)f = 0$ . Hence, we ask the following question: what condition(s) on  $A(z)$ ,  $B(z)$  which gives us guarantee that any solution of (1) has order equal to infinite?. Here, there are much works give the answer of this question [3, 4, 5-8].

The authors in [3] proved the following results:

**Theorem A** Suppose that  $A(z)$  is a finite order entire function with finite deficient value,  $B(z)$  is a transcendental entire function with  $\mu(B) < \frac{1}{2}$ . Then any solution  $f \neq 0$  of (1) has  $\rho(f) = \infty$ .

**Theorem B** Suppose that  $A(z)$  satisfy the hypothesis of Theorem A,  $B(z) \neq 0$  is an entire function. Assume that a constants  $\alpha > 0, \beta > 0$  exists, and for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ , two sets of reals  $\{\varphi_k\}, \{\theta_k\}$  of finite elements satisfies  $\varphi_1 < \theta_1 < \varphi_2 < \theta_2 < \dots < \varphi_m < \theta_m < \varphi_{m+1}(\varphi_{m+1} = \varphi_1 + 2\pi)$ , and

$$\sum_{k=1}^m (\varphi_{k+1} - \varphi_k) < \varepsilon$$

for which

$$|B(z)| \geq \exp\{(1 + o(1))\alpha|z|^\beta\}$$

when  $z \rightarrow \infty$  in  $\varphi_k \leq \arg z \leq \theta_k, (k = 1, 2, \dots, m)$ .

Then any solution  $f \neq 0$  of (1) has  $\rho(f) = \infty$ .

**Theorem C** Suppose that  $A(z)$  satisfy the hypothesis of Theorem A,  $B(z) \neq 0$  is an entire function satisfy that for every  $k > 0$

$$\lim_{|z|=r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|B(z)|}{r^k} = \infty$$

holds for  $z \notin G$  where  $G$  is a set of  $r$ -values satisfying  $m_l(G) < \infty$ . Then any solution  $f \neq 0$  of (1) has  $\rho(f) = \infty$ .

**Definition 1.1 [9]** Let  $f(z)$  be a finite order meromorphic function in the whole complex plane with  $0 < \rho(f) < \infty$ . We say that a ray  $\arg z = \theta$  that start from origin is a zero pole limit point (ZPL) of  $f(z)$ , if

$$\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \sup \frac{\log n\{\bar{\Omega}(\theta - \varepsilon, \theta + \varepsilon, r), f=0\} + \log n\{\bar{\Omega}(\theta - \varepsilon, \theta + \varepsilon, r), f=\infty\}}{\log r} = \rho(f)$$

holds for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ .

**Theorem D [10]** Let  $f(z)$  be as in Definition 1.1. Suppose, also, that  $f(z)$  as  $q$  (ZPL) rays and  $p$  deficient values where  $p \neq 0, \infty$ . Then  $p \leq q$ .

$p \leq q$  mentioned in the previous Theorem is called the Edrei-Fuchs inequality.

**Definition 1.2 [9]** The meromorphic function  $f(z)$  is said to belong to *Edrei-Fuchs (EF)* class if  $f(z)$  satisfy the conditions mentioned in the previous Theorem with  $p = q \geq 1$ , i.e,  $f(z)$  has order finite and positive and  $q$  (ZPL) rays and  $p \neq 0$  deficient values.

**Definition 1.3 [8]** Let  $E \subseteq [1, \infty)$ . We define the logarithmic measure of  $E$  by

$$m_l(E) = \int_E \frac{dt}{t}$$

We define the upper and lower logarithmic densities of  $E$  by

$$\overline{\log dens} E = \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{m_l(E \cap [1, r])}{\log r}$$

and

$$\underline{\log dens} E = \liminf_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{m_l(E \cap [1, r])}{\log r}$$

respectively.  $E$  has logarithmic density if  $\overline{\log dens} E = \underline{\log dens} E$ .

Our results in this paper depend heavily on (EF) class. Some examples shows that there are a functions belong to this class can be found in [9].

## 2. SOME NEEDED LEMMAS

In this section, we give some lemmas which will be used to prove our results.

**Lemma 2.1 [11]** Let  $(f, \Gamma)$  be a pair contains a finite order transcendental, meromorphic function  $f$  and

$$\Gamma = \{(k_1, j_1), (k_2, j_2), \dots, (k_q, j_q)\}$$

denote a set of distinct integers order pairs satisfying  $k_i > j_i \geq 0, i = 1, 2, \dots, q$ . Let  $\varepsilon > 0$  be a constant. Then the following hold:

1. There is  $E_1 \subset [0, 2\pi)$  with zero linear measure, such that, when  $\psi_0 \in [0, 2\pi) \setminus E_1$ , then a real constant  $R_0 = R_0(\psi_0) > 1$  exists such that, for  $z$  with  $\arg z = \psi_0, |z| \geq R_0$ , and for each  $(k, j) \in \Gamma$ , we have

$$\frac{\left| \frac{f^{(k)}(z)}{f^{(j)}(z)} \right|}{\leq |z|^{(k-j)(\rho-1+\varepsilon)}} \tag{2}$$

2. There is  $E_2 \subseteq (1, \infty)$  with  $m_l(E_2) < \infty$ , such that, for each  $z$  with  $|z| \notin E_2 \cup [0, 1]$  and, for each  $(k, j) \in \Gamma$ , we have (2).

3. There is  $E_3 \subset [0, \infty)$  with linear measure is finite, such that

$$\frac{\left| \frac{f^{(k)}(z)}{f^{(j)}(z)} \right|}{\leq |z|^{(k-j)(\rho+\varepsilon)}} \tag{3}$$

for each  $z$  with  $|z| \notin E_3$  and  $(k, j) \in \Gamma$ .

**Lemma 2.2 [9]** Let  $A(z)$  be a finite order meromorphic function with  $0 < \rho(A) < \infty$  that has  $p$  deficient values,  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_p, (p \geq 1)$ ,  $B(z)$  be a finite order meromorphic function that has a deficient value  $\infty$ . Suppose that  $\beta > 1$ ,  $0 < \eta < \rho(A)$  are real constants. Then, a sequence  $\{t_n\}$  exists satisfying

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{t_n^\eta}{T(t_n, A)} = 0 \tag{4}$$

Moreover, there is  $F_n \subseteq [t_n, (\beta + 1)t_n]$ , with  $m(F_n) \leq \frac{(\beta-1)t_n}{4}$  for any sufficiently large  $n$  such that for any  $R \in [t_n, \beta t_n] \setminus F_n$ , the argument  $\theta$  sets,  $E_v(R), (v = 1, 2, \dots, p)$ ,  $E_\infty(R)$  such that

$$m(E_v(R)) =: m \left( \left\{ \theta \in [0, 2\pi) \left| \log \frac{1}{|A(Re^{i\theta}) - a_v|} \geq \frac{\delta_0}{4} T(R, A) \right. \right\} \right) \geq M_1 > 0 \tag{5}$$

and

$$m(E_\infty(R)) =: m \left( \left\{ \theta \in [0, 2\pi) \left| \log |B(Re^{i\theta})| \geq \frac{\delta_1}{4} T(R, B) \right. \right\} \right) \geq M_2 > 0 \tag{6}$$

holds where  $M_1 > 0$ ,  $M_2 > 0$  depending on  $A, B, \delta_0 = \min_{1 \leq v \leq p} \delta(a_v, A)$

$\delta_1 = \delta(\infty, B), \beta$  and  $\eta$  only.

**Lemma 2.3 [3]** Let  $g(z)$  be a finite lower order entire function, with  $0 < \mu(g) < \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $A(z)$  be a meromorphic function, with finite order. Let  $a$  be a finite deficient value of  $A(z)$  with deficiency  $\delta = \delta(a, A) > 0$ . Then, for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , a sequence  $R_n \rightarrow \infty$  exists, such that

$$\begin{aligned} |g(R_n e^{i\varphi})| &> \exp\{R_n^{\mu(g)-\varepsilon}\}, \\ \varphi &\in [0, 2\pi) \tag{7} \\ m(F_n) &=: m \left\{ \theta \in [0, 2\pi) : \log |A(R_n e^{i\theta}) - a| \geq -\frac{\delta}{4} T(R_n, A) \right\} \geq d > 0 \tag{8} \end{aligned}$$

hold, for all sufficiently large  $n$ , where  $d$  is a constant that depend on  $\rho(A), \mu(g)$  and  $\delta$  only.

**Lemma 2.4 [4]** Let  $w$  be an entire function and assume that,  $|w'(z)|$  is un bounded on the ray,  $arg z = \theta$ .

Then a sequence  $z_n = r_n e^{i\theta}$  exists where  $r_n \rightarrow \infty$  such that  $w'(z_n) \rightarrow \infty$ , and

$$\frac{|w(z_n)|}{|w'(z_n)|} \leq (1 + o(1))|z_n| \tag{9}$$

as  $z_n \rightarrow \infty$ .

**Lemma 2.5 [12]** Suppose that  $g(z)$  is a finite lower order entire function with  $0 \leq \mu(g) < 1$ . Then, for any  $\alpha \in (\mu(g), 1)$ , there is  $E \subseteq [0, \infty)$  such that  $\overline{\text{logdens}} E \geq 1 - \frac{\mu(g)}{\alpha}$ , where  $E = \{r \in [0, \infty) : m(r) > M(r) \cos \pi\alpha\}$ ,  $m(r) = \inf_{|z|=r} \log |g(z)|$ ,  $M(r) = \sup_{|z|=r} \log |g(z)|$

**Remark [3]** If  $g$  is an entire function with zero lower order, in view of Lemma 2.5, we only need to give a slightly modification which make the previous Lemma remains holds.

### 3. MAIN RESULTS

In this section, we give our main results which are the generalization of the results in [3,9]. In our proofs we shall let  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_p, p \geq 1$  be a deficient values of  $A(z)$  with deficiencies  $\delta(a_v, A) > 0, 1 \leq v \leq p$ .

**Theorem 3.1** Let  $A(z)$  be a meromorphic function belongs to EF class and let  $B(z)$  be a transcendental entire function with  $\mu(B) < \frac{1}{2}$ . Then every nontrivial solution  $f$  of (1) has infinite order.

**Proof:** Suppose that  $f \neq 0$  is a solution of (1) with  $\rho(f) < \infty$ . From equation (1) we have

$$|B(z)| \leq \left| \frac{f''(z)}{f(z)} \right| + |A(z)| \left| \frac{f'(z)}{f(z)} \right| \tag{10}$$

According to Lemma 2.1, a set  $E_1 \subseteq (1, \infty)$  exists with  $m_l(E_1) < \infty$ , such that

$$\left| \frac{f^{(k)}(z)}{f(z)} \right| \leq |z|^{2\rho(f)}, k = 1, 2 \tag{11}$$

holds, for all  $z$  with  $|z| = r \notin E_1 \cup [0, r_0], r_0 > 1$ . There are the following two cases:

**First Case:**  $0 < \mu(B) < \frac{1}{2}$ . By using Lemma 2.2 and Lemma 2.3, there exists  $R_n$  with  $R_n < R_{n-1}$ , and  $R_n \rightarrow \infty$ , such that

$$m(E_v(R_n)) =: m \left( \left\{ \theta \in [0, 2\pi) \left| \log \frac{1}{|A(R_n e^{i\theta}) - a_v|} \geq \frac{\delta}{4} T(R_n, A) \right. \right\} \right) \geq M_1 > 0 \tag{12}$$

$$|B(R_n e^{i\theta})| > \exp \left\{ R_n^{\frac{1}{2}\mu(B)} \right\}, \theta \in [0, 2\pi) \tag{13}$$

for every  $n$ .

For every  $n \geq n_0$  we choose  $\theta_n \in E_v(R_n)$ . From (10-12), we get

$$|B(R_n e^{i\theta_n})| < |z|^{2\rho(f)} \left(1 + \exp\left\{-\frac{\delta}{4}T(R_n, A)\right\} + |a|\right) \tag{14}$$

Thus

$$\exp\left\{R_n^{\frac{1}{2}\mu(B)}\right\} < |z|^{2\rho(f)} \left(1 + \exp\left\{-\frac{\delta}{4}T(R_n, A)\right\} + |a|\right) \tag{15}$$

When  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , this is a contradiction.

**Second Case:**  $\mu(B) = 0$ . By Lemma 2.5, a set  $E_2 \subset [0, \infty)$  exists with  $\overline{\log dens} E_2 = 1$ , such that

$$\log|B(z)| > \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \log M(r, B) \tag{16}$$

for all  $z$  with  $|z| = r \in E_2$  where,  $M(r, B) = \max_{|z|=r} |B(z)|$ . By the above Remark, there is a sequence  $R_n$  such that (12), (16) hold. By (10-12) we get (14). Thus, from (14), (16) we obtain

$$M(r, B)^{\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}} \leq R_n^{2\rho(f)} \left(1 + \exp\left\{-\frac{\delta}{4}T(R_n, A)\right\} + |a|\right) \tag{17}$$

Since  $B(z)$  is a transcendental, we get

$$\liminf_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log M(r, B)}{\log r} = \infty$$

Thus, the contradiction is obtained from (17). The proof is now completed.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.2** Let  $A(z) \in EF$  be a meromorphic function,  $B(z) \neq 0$  be an entire function. Suppose that, two constants  $\alpha > 0$  and  $\beta > 0$  exists, and for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ , two of finite collections of real  $\{\varphi_k\}$ ,  $\{\theta_k\}$  satisfying  $\varphi_1 < \theta_1 < \varphi_2 < \theta_2 < \dots < \varphi_m < \theta_m < \varphi_{m+1} (\varphi_{m+1} = \varphi_1 + 2\pi)$  and

$$\sum_{k=1}^m (\varphi_{k+1} - \varphi_k) < \varepsilon \tag{18}$$

such that

$$|A(z)| \geq \exp\{(1 + o(1))\alpha|z|^\beta\} \tag{19}$$

where  $z \rightarrow \infty$  in  $\varphi_k \leq \arg z \leq \theta_k$ ,  $(k = 1, 2, \dots, m)$  and let

$$|B(z)| \leq \exp\{o(1)|z|^\beta\} \tag{20}$$

as  $z \rightarrow \infty$  in  $\theta_1 \leq \arg z \leq \theta_2$ . Then every solution  $f \neq 0$  of (1) has  $\rho(f) = \infty$ .

**Proof:** Suppose there is  $f \neq 0$  of (1) has  $\rho(f) < \infty$ . From (1) we have

$$|A(z)| \leq \left|\frac{f''(z)}{f'(z)}\right| + |B(z)| \left|\frac{f(z)}{f'(z)}\right| \tag{21}$$

By Lemma 2.1 there is  $E_1 \subseteq [0, \infty)$  with finite linear measure, such that, for  $z$  with  $|z| = r \notin E_1 \cup [0, r_1], (r_1 > 1)$  the inequality

$$\left|\frac{f''(z)}{f'(z)}\right| \leq |z|^{2\rho(f)} \tag{22}$$

holds.

By Lemma 2.2 and Lemma 2.3 there is a sequence  $R_n$  satisfying (12). Take  $0 < \varepsilon < \frac{\delta}{2}$ , then for any integer  $n$ , choose  $\varphi_n \in E_v(R_n) \cap (\cup_{k=1}^m [\varphi_k, \theta_k])$ . Thus there is  $k \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$  such that, for any  $n$  satisfies  $\varphi_n \in E_v(R_n) \cap [\varphi_k, \theta_k]$  (for otherwise  $\varphi_n$  is replaced with subsequence  $\varphi_{n_j}$ ). Hence, from our hypothesis, we get

$$|A(z_n)| \geq \exp\{(1 + o(1))\alpha|z_n|^\beta\} \tag{23}$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

Assume that  $|f'(z)|$  is unbounded on  $\arg z = \phi_0$  where  $\phi_0 \in [\theta_1, \theta_2] \setminus E$ . Thus, by Lemma 2.4, there is a sequence,  $z_n = r_n \exp(i\phi_0)$  where  $r_n \rightarrow \infty$ , so that,  $f'(z_n) \rightarrow \infty$  and

$$\left|\frac{f(z_n)}{f'(z_n)}\right| \leq (1 + o(1))|z_n| \tag{24}$$

Now combining 20-24 we get a contradiction. The proof is completed.  $\square$

**Corollary 3.3** Suppose that  $A(z)$  be a meromorphic function belongs to  $EF$  class and  $B(z) \neq 0$  is an entire function. Also, suppose that, there is a constants  $\alpha > 0$ ,  $\beta > 0$  and for  $\varepsilon > 0$ , two sets of reals  $\{\varphi_k\}$ ,  $\{\theta_k\}$ , satisfies  $\varphi_1 < \theta_1 < \varphi_2 < \theta_2 < \dots < \varphi_m < \theta_m < \varphi_{m+1}, (\varphi_{m+1} = \varphi_1 + 2\pi)$ , and

$$\sum_{k=1}^m (\varphi_{k+1} - \varphi_k) < \varepsilon \tag{25}$$

such that

$$|B(z)| \geq \exp\{(1 + o(1))\alpha|z|^\beta\} \tag{26}$$

as  $z \rightarrow \infty$  in  $\varphi_k \leq \arg z \leq \theta_k$ ,  $(k = 1, 2, \dots, m)$ . Then any solution  $f \neq 0$  of (1) has  $\rho(f) = \infty$ .

**Theorem 3.4** Let  $A(z) (\neq 0) \in EF$  be a meromorphic function,  $B(z) \neq 0$  be an entire function satisfying (20) and suppose that

$$\lim_{|z|=r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|A(z)|}{r^k} = \infty \tag{27}$$

holds for any  $k > 0$  and  $z \notin G$  of  $r$ -values with  $m_l(G) < \infty$ . Then for any nontrivial solution  $f$  of (1) we have  $\rho(f) = \infty$ .

**Proof:** Assume that (1) possesses a finite order solution  $f \neq 0$ . Using Lemma 2.1 there is  $E_2 \subseteq (1, \infty)$ , with,  $m_l(E_2) < \infty$ , such that (22) holds for  $z$  with  $|z| = r \notin E_2 \cup [0, r_2], (r_2 > 1)$ . From Lemma 2.4 as in the proof of Theorem 3.2 we have

$$\left|\frac{f(z)}{f'(z)}\right| \leq (1 + o(1))|z| \tag{28}$$

For  $k > 0$  we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|A(R_n e^{i\theta})|}{R_n^k} = \infty \tag{29}$$

Combining 20-22, 24 and 29 we get a contradiction. Therefore every nontrivial solution  $f$  of (1) has infinite order.  $\square$

**Corollary 3.5** Suppose that  $A(z) \in EF$  be a meromorphic function and  $B(z) \neq 0$  is an entire function such that

$$\lim_{|z|=r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|B(z)|}{r^k} = \infty \quad (30)$$

holds for any  $k > 0$  and  $z \notin G$  of  $r$ -values with  $m_l(G) < \infty$ . Then any nontrivial solution  $f$  of (1.1) is of infinite order.

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