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ANALOGUES OF WHITTAKER'S THEOREM FOR LAPLACE-STIELTJES INTEGRALS

Lower estimates on a sequence for the maximum of the integrand of Laplace-Stieltjes integrals are found. Using these estimates we obtained analogues of Whittaker's theorem for entire functions given by lacunary power series.

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INTRODUCTION

For an entire function

$$g(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^{\lambda_n}, \quad z = r e^{i\theta}, \tag{1}$$

let $M_g(r) = \max\{|g(z)| : |z| = r\}$ and $\varrho = \lim_{r \to +\infty} \frac{\ln \ln M_g(r)}{\ln r}$, $\lambda = \lim_{r \to +\infty} \frac{\ln \ln M_g(r)}{\ln r}$ be the order and the lower order of g correspondingly. J.M. Whittaker [1] has proved that $\lambda \leq \varrho\beta$, where $\beta = \lim_{n \to +\infty} (\ln \lambda_n) / \ln \lambda_{n+1}$. For an analytic in $\{z : |z| < 1\}$ function (1) of the order $\varrho_0 = \overline{\lim_{n \to +\infty} \ln \ln M_g(r)}$ and the lower order $\lambda_0 = \overline{\lim_{r \uparrow 1} \frac{\ln \ln M_g(r)}{-\ln (1-r)}}$ L.R. Sons [2] tried to prove that $\lambda_0 + 1 \leq (\varrho_0 + 1)\beta$. In [3] this result is disproved and it is showed that $\lambda_0 \leq \varrho_0\beta$, i. e. absolute analogue of Whittaker's theorem is valid. Moreover, in [3] it is obtained analogues of Whittaker's theorem for Dirichlet series $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n e^{\lambda_n s}$, $s = \sigma + it$, with an arbitrary abscissa of the absolute convergence $\sigma_a = A \in (-\infty, +\infty]$, where $0 = \lambda_0 < \lambda_n \uparrow +\infty$, $n \to \infty$.

Here we investigate similar problems for Laplace-Stieltjes integrals.

1 MAIN RESULTS

Let *V* be the class of all nonnegative nondecreasing unbounded continuous on the right functions *F* on $[0, +\infty)$. We say that $F \in V(l)$ if $F \in V$ and $F(x) - F(x - 0) \le l < +\infty$ for all $x \ge 0$.

For a nonnegative function *f* on $[0, +\infty)$ the integral

$$I(\sigma) = \int_{0}^{\infty} f(x)e^{x\sigma}dF(x), \quad \sigma \in \mathbb{R},$$
(2)

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is called of Laplace-Stieltjes [4]. Integral (1) is a direct generalisation of the ordinary Laplace integral $I(\sigma) = \int_0^{\infty} f(x)e^{x\sigma}dx$ and of the Dirichlet series $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n e^{\lambda_n \sigma}$ with nonnegative coefficients a_n and exponents λ_n , $0 \le \lambda_n \uparrow +\infty$, $n \to \infty$, if we choose $F(x) = n(x) = \sum_{\lambda_n \le x} 1$ and $f(\lambda_n) = a_n \ge 0$ for all $n \ge 0$. The maximal therm of this Dirichlet series is defined by formula $\mu(\sigma) = \max\{a_n e^{\lambda_n \sigma} : n \ge 0\}$.

By $\Omega(A)$ we denote the class of all positive unbounded on $(-\infty, A)$ functions Φ such that the derivative Φ' is positive continuously differentiable and increasing to $+\infty$ on $(-\infty, A)$. From now on, we denote by φ the inverse function to Φ' , and let $\Psi(x) = x - \Phi(x)/\Phi'(x)$ be the function associated with Φ in the sense of Newton. It is clear that the function φ is continuously differentiable and increasing to A on $(0, +\infty)$. The function Ψ is [4–6] continuously differentiable and increasing to A on $(-\infty, A)$.

For $\Phi \in \Omega(A)$ and $0 < a < b < +\infty$ we put

$$G_1(a,b,\Phi) = \frac{ab}{b-a} \int_a^b \frac{\Phi(\varphi(t))}{t^2} dt, \quad G_2(a,b,\Phi) = \Phi\left(\frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b \varphi(t) dt\right).$$

It is known [5] that $G_1(a, b, \Phi) < G_2(a, b, \Phi)$, and in [3] the following Lemma is proved.

Lemma 1. Let (x_k) be an increasing to $+\infty$ sequence of positive numbers, $\Phi \in \Omega(A)$ and $\mu_D(\sigma)$ be the maximal term of formal Dirichlet series

$$D(s) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \exp\{-x_k \Psi(\varphi(x_k)) + sx_k\}, \quad s = \sigma + it.$$

Then

$$\overline{\lim_{\sigma \uparrow A}} \frac{\ln \mu_D(\sigma)}{\Phi(\sigma)} = 1, \quad \overline{\lim_{\sigma \uparrow A}} \frac{\ln \ln \mu_D(\sigma)}{\ln \Phi(\sigma)} = 1, \tag{3}$$

$$\underline{\lim_{\sigma\uparrow A} \frac{\ln \mu_D(\sigma)}{\Phi(\sigma)}} = \underline{\lim_{k\to\infty} \frac{G_1(x_k, x_{k+1}, \Phi)}{G_2(x_k, x_{k+1}, \Phi)}}$$
(4)

and if

$$\ln \mu_D(\sigma) + \left(\frac{\Phi(\sigma)\Phi''(\sigma)}{(\Phi'(\sigma))^2} - 1\right) \ln \Phi(\sigma) \ge 0, \quad \sigma \in [\sigma_0, A), \tag{5}$$

then

$$\underbrace{\lim_{\sigma \uparrow A} \frac{\ln \ln \mu_D(\sigma)}{\ln \Phi(\sigma)}}_{k \to \infty} = \underbrace{\lim_{k \to \infty} \frac{\ln G_1(x_k, x_{k+1}, \Phi)}{\ln G_2(x_k, x_{k+1}, \Phi)}}_{\text{In } G_2(x_k, x_{k+1}, \Phi)}.$$
(6)

It is clear that integral (2) either converges for all $\sigma \in \mathbb{R}$ or diverges for all $\sigma \in \mathbb{R}$ or there exists a number σ_c such that integral (2) converges for $\sigma < \sigma_c$ and diverges for $\sigma > \sigma_c$. In the latter case the number σ_c is called abscissa of the convergence of integral (2). If integral (2) converges for all $\sigma \in \mathbb{R}$ then we put $\sigma_c = +\infty$, and if it diverges for all $\sigma \in \mathbb{R}$ then we put $\sigma_c = -\infty$.

Let

$$\mu(\sigma, I) = \sup\{f(x)e^{x\sigma} : x \ge 0\}, \quad \sigma \in \mathbb{R},$$

be the maximum of the integrand. Then either $\mu(\sigma, I) < +\infty$ for all $\sigma \in \mathbb{R}$ or $\mu(\sigma, I) = +\infty$ for all $\sigma \in \mathbb{R}$ or there exists a number σ_{μ} such that $\mu(\sigma, I) < +\infty$ for all $\sigma < \sigma_{\mu}$ and $\mu(\sigma, I) = +\infty$

for for all $\sigma > \sigma_{\mu}$. By analogy the number σ_{μ} is called abscissa of maximum of the integrand. It is well known ([4]) that if $F \in V$ and $\ln F(x) = o(x)$ as $x \to +\infty$ then $\sigma_c \ge \sigma_{\mu}$.

For each Dirichlet series $\sigma_c \leq \sigma_{\mu}$. In general case this inequality can be not executed. We will say in this connection as in [4] that a nonnegative function *f* has regular variation in regard to *F* if there exist $a \geq 0$, $b \geq 0$ and h > 0 such that for all $x \geq a$

$$\int_{x-a}^{x+b} f(t)dF(t) \ge hf(x).$$
(7)

In [4] it is proved that if $F \in V$ and f has regular variation in regard to F then $\sigma_c \leq \sigma_{\mu}$. We need also the following lemma.

Lemma 2 ([4]). Let $\sigma_{\mu} = A \in (-\infty, +\infty]$ and $\Phi \in \Omega(A)$. In order that $\ln \mu(\sigma, I) \leq \Phi(\sigma)$ for all $\sigma \in [\sigma_0, A)$, it is necessary and sufficient that $\ln f(x) \leq -x\Psi(\varphi(x))$ for all $x \geq x_0$.

Let *L* be the class of all positive continuous functions α increasing to $+\infty$ on $(x_0, +\infty)$, $x_0 \ge -\infty$. We say that $\alpha \in L^0$ if $\alpha \in L$ and $\alpha((1 + o(1))x) = (1 + o(1))\alpha(x)$ as $x \to +\infty$, and $\alpha \in L_{si}$ if $\alpha(cx) = (1 + o(1))\alpha(x)$ as $x \to +\infty$ for each $c \in (0, +\infty)$.

Using Lemmas 1 and 2 first we will prove the following theorem.

Theorem 1. Let $\sigma_{\mu} = +\infty$, $\Phi \in \Omega(+\infty)$, $\ln \mu(\sigma, I) \leq \Phi(\sigma)$ for all $\sigma \geq \sigma_0$ and $X = (x_k)$ be a some sequence of positive numbers increasing to $+\infty$. Suppose that f is a nonincreasing function. Then:

1) if either $\ln f(x_k) - \ln f(x_{k+1}) = O(1)$ as $k \to \infty$ or $\ln f(x_k) = (1 + o(1)) \ln f(x_{k+1})$ as $k \to \infty$ and $\Phi \in L^0$, or $x_{k+1} - x_k \le H < +\infty$ for all $k \ge 0$, or $x_{k+1} = (1 + o(1))x_k$ as $k \to \infty$ and $\Phi \in L^0$, then

$$\underbrace{\lim_{\sigma \to +\infty} \frac{\ln \mu(\sigma, I)}{\Phi(\sigma)}}_{k \to \infty} \leq \underbrace{\lim_{k \to \infty} \frac{G_1(x_k, x_{k+1}, \Phi)}{G_2(x_k, x_{k+1}, \Phi)}}_{G_2(x_k, x_{k+1}, \Phi)};$$
(8)

2) if

$$\ln \sigma + \left(\frac{\Phi(\sigma)\Phi''(\sigma)}{(\Phi'(\sigma))^2} - 1\right)\ln \Phi(\sigma) \ge q > -\infty, \quad \sigma \ge \sigma_0, \tag{9}$$

and either $\ln f(x_k) - \ln f(x_{k+1}) = O(1)$ as $k \to \infty$ or $\ln f(x_k) = (1 + o(1)) \ln f(x_{k+1})$ as $k \to \infty$ and $\ln \Phi \in L^0$, or $\ln f(x_k) \le a \ln f(x_{k+1})$, 0 < a < 1, and $\ln \Phi \in L_{si}$, or $x_{k+1} - x_k \le H < +\infty$ for all $k \ge 0$, or $x_{k+1} = (1 + o(1))x_k$ as $k \to \infty$ and $\Phi \in L^0$ or $x_{k+1} \le Ax_k$ for all $k \ge 0$ and $\ln \Phi \in L_{si}$ then

$$\underbrace{\lim_{\sigma \to +\infty} \frac{\ln \ln \mu(\sigma, I)}{\ln \Phi(\sigma)}}_{k \to \infty} \leq \underbrace{\lim_{k \to \infty} \frac{\ln G_1(x_k, x_{k+1}, \Phi)}{\ln G_2(x_k, x_{k+1}, \Phi)}}.$$
(10)

Proof. We remark that in view of the condition $\sigma_{\mu} = +\infty$ we have $f(x) \to 0$ as $x \to +\infty$ and $\sigma = o(\ln \mu(\sigma, I))$ as $\sigma \to +\infty$. Now, we put $x_0 = 0$ and $\mu(\sigma, I; X) = \max \{f(x_k)e^{\sigma x_k} : k \ge 0\}$. Clearly,

$$\ln \mu(\sigma, I) = \sup_{x \ge 0} (\ln f(x) + \sigma x) \ge \sup_{k \ge 0} (\ln f(x_k) + \sigma x_k) = \ln \mu(\sigma, I, X).$$
(11)

Therefore, $\ln \mu(\sigma, I; X) \leq \Phi(\sigma)$ for all $\sigma \geq \sigma_0$ and by Lemma 2 $\ln f(x_k) \leq -x_k \Psi(\varphi(x_k))$ for all $k \geq k_0$. Hence it follows that $\ln \mu(\sigma, I; X) \leq \ln \mu_D(r)$ for $\sigma \geq \sigma_0$. Therefore, by Lemma 1 from (4) we obtain

$$\lim_{\sigma \to +\infty} \frac{\ln \mu(\sigma, I; X)}{\Phi(\sigma)} \le \lim_{k \to \infty} \frac{G_1(x_k, x_{k+1}, \Phi)}{G_2(x_k, x_{k+1}, \Phi)}.$$
(12)

On the other hand for $\sigma > 0$

$$\ln \mu(\sigma, I) = \max_{k \ge 0} \sup_{x_k \le x < x_{k+1}} (\ln f(x) + x\sigma) \le \max_{k \ge 0} (\ln f(x_k) + x_{k+1}\sigma).$$
(13)

If $\ln f(x_k) = (1 + o(1)) \ln f(x_{k+1})$ as $k \to \infty$ then for every $\varepsilon > 0$ we have $\ln f(x_k) \le (\ln f(x_{k+1}))/(1 + \varepsilon)$ for all $k \ge k_0 = k_0(\varepsilon)$. Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{k>0} (\ln f(x_k) + x_{k+1}\sigma) \\ &= \max\left\{ \max_{k \le k_0} (\ln f(x_k) + x_{k+1}\sigma), \max_{k \ge k_0} \left(\frac{\ln f(x_k)}{\ln f(x_{k+1})} \ln f(x_{k+1}) + x_{k+1}\sigma \right) \right\} \\ &\leq \max\left\{ O(\sigma), \max_{k \ge k_0} \left(\frac{\ln f(x_{k+1})}{1 + \varepsilon} + x_{k+1}\sigma \right) \right\} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{1 + \varepsilon} \max_{k \ge 0} \left(\ln f(x_{k+1}) + x_{k+1}\sigma(1 + \varepsilon) \right) + O(\sigma), \quad \sigma \to +\infty. \end{aligned}$$

Hence and from (13) it follows that $\ln \mu(\sigma, I) \leq \ln \mu(\sigma(1+\varepsilon), I; X)$ for $\sigma \geq \sigma_0^*$. Thus,

$$\underbrace{\lim_{r \to +\infty} \frac{\ln \mu(\sigma, I)}{\Phi(\sigma)}}_{s \to +\infty} \leq \underbrace{\lim_{\sigma \to +\infty} \frac{\ln \mu(\sigma(1+\varepsilon), I; X)}{\Phi(\sigma)}}_{d(\sigma)} \leq \underbrace{\lim_{r \to +\infty} \frac{\ln \mu(\sigma, I; X)}{\Phi(\sigma)}}_{\sigma \to +\infty} \frac{\overline{\dim} \frac{\Phi(\sigma(1+\varepsilon))}{\Phi(\sigma)}}{\Phi(\sigma)} \leq A(\varepsilon) \underbrace{\lim_{k \to \infty} \frac{G_1(x_k, x_{k+1}, \Phi)}{G_2(x_k, x_{k+1}, \Phi)}}_{G_2(x_k, x_{k+1}, \Phi)},$$
(14)

where $A(\varepsilon) = \lim_{r \to +\infty} \frac{\Phi(\sigma(1 + \varepsilon))}{\Phi(\sigma)}$. For $\Phi \in L^0$ in [7] is proved that $A(\varepsilon) \searrow 1$ as $\varepsilon \downarrow 0$. Therefore, (14) implies (8).

If $x_{k+1} = (1 + o(1))x_k$ as $k \to \infty$ then for arbitrary $\varepsilon > 0$ from (13) it follows that

$$\ln \mu(\sigma, I) \le \ln \mu \left(\sigma(1+\varepsilon), I; X \right) + O(\sigma), \quad \sigma_0^*(\varepsilon) \le \sigma \to +\infty,$$

whence in view of the condition $\Phi \in L^0$ as above we obtain (8).

If $\ln f(x_k) - \ln f(x_{k+1}) = O(1)$ as $k \to \infty$ then from (13) we have

$$\ln \mu(\sigma, I) \le \max_{k \ge 0} (\ln f(x_{k+1}) + x_k \sigma + \ln f(x_k) - \ln f(x_{k+1})) \le \ln \mu(\sigma, I; X) + \text{const}, \quad (15)$$

that is in view of (12)

$$\lim_{r \to +\infty} \frac{\ln \mu(\sigma, I)}{\Phi(\sigma)} \le \lim_{\sigma \to +\infty} \frac{\ln \mu(\sigma, I; X)}{\Phi(\sigma)} \le \lim_{k \to \infty} \frac{G_1(x_k, x_{k+1}, \Phi)}{G_2(x_k, x_{k+1}, \Phi)}.$$
(16)

Finally, if $x_{k+1} - x_k \le H < +\infty$ for all $k \ge 0$ then from (13) follows that

$$\ln \mu(\sigma, I) \le \max_{k \ge 0} (\ln f(x_k) + x_k \sigma + \sigma(x_{k+1} - x_k)) \le \ln \mu(\sigma, I; X) + H\sigma,$$
(17)

that is in view of (12) we obtain again (16). The first part of Theorem 1 is proved.

Now we will prove the second part. Since $\ln \sigma = o(\ln \mu(\sigma, I))$ as $\sigma \to +\infty$, condition (9) follows from (5).

If either $\ln f(x_k) - \ln f(x_{k+1}) = O(1)$ as $k \to \infty$ or $x_{k+1} - x_k \le H < +\infty$ for all $k \ge 0$ then from either (16), or (17) in view of (12) and Lemma 1 we obtain

$$\lim_{\sigma \to +\infty} \frac{\ln \ln \mu(\sigma, I)}{\ln \Phi(\sigma)} \le \lim_{\sigma \to +\infty} \frac{\ln \ln \mu(\sigma, I; X)}{\ln \Phi(\sigma)} \le \lim_{k \to \infty} \frac{\ln G_1(x_k, x_{k+1}, \Phi)}{\ln G_2(x_k, x_{k+1}, \Phi)}$$

If either $\ln f(x_k) \leq (1 + o(1)) \ln f(x_{k+1})$ or $x_{k+1} = (1 + o(1))x_k$ as $k \to \infty$ as $x \to +\infty$ then as above from (13) we have $\ln \ln \mu(\sigma, I) \leq \ln \ln \mu(\sigma(1 + \varepsilon), I; X)$ for every $\varepsilon > 0$ and all $\sigma \geq \sigma_0(\varepsilon)$, whence (10) follows in view of the condition $\ln \Phi \in L^0$.

If $\ln f(x_k) \le a \ln f(x_{k+1})$, 0 < a < 1, then from (13) we have

$$\ln \mu(\sigma, I) \le a \max_{k \ge 0} (\ln f(x_{k+1}) + x_{k+1}\sigma/a) = a \ln \mu(\sigma/a, I; X);$$

and since $\ln \Phi \in L_{si}$, we obtain

$$\underbrace{\lim_{\sigma \to +\infty} \frac{\ln \ln \mu(\sigma, I)}{\ln \Phi(\sigma)}}_{r \to +\infty} \leq \underbrace{\lim_{r \to +\infty} \frac{\ln \ln \mu(\sigma/a, I; X)}{\ln \Phi(\sigma/a)}}_{r \to +\infty} \frac{\lim_{r \to +\infty} \frac{\ln \Phi(\sigma/a)}{\ln \Phi(\sigma)}}{\ln \Phi(\sigma)} \leq \underbrace{\lim_{k \to \infty} \frac{\ln G_1(x_k, x_{k+1}, \Phi)}{\ln G_2(x_k, x_{k+1}, \Phi)}}_{r \to +\infty}.$$

If $x_{k+1} \leq Ax_k$ for all $k \geq 0$ then $\ln \mu(\sigma, I) \leq \ln \mu(A\sigma, I; X) + O(\sigma)$ as $\sigma \to +\infty$, whence in view of the condition $\ln \Phi \in L_{si}$ we obtain (10). The proof of Theorem 1 is complete.

Now we consider the case $\sigma_{\mu} = 0$. Let \hat{L} be the class of all positive continuous on $(\sigma_0, 0)$, $\sigma_0 \ge -\infty$, functions β , increasing to $+\infty$. We say that $\beta \in \hat{L}^0$ if $\beta \in \hat{L}$ and $\beta((1 + o(1))\sigma) = (1 + o(1))\beta(\sigma)$ as $\sigma \uparrow 0$, and $\beta \in \hat{L}_{si}$ if $\beta(c\sigma) = (1 + o(1))\beta(\sigma)$ as $\sigma \uparrow 0$ for each $c \in (0, +\infty)$.

Lemma 3. Let $\beta \in \hat{L}$ and $B(\delta) = \overline{\lim_{\sigma \uparrow 0}} \frac{\beta(\sigma/(1+\delta))}{\beta(\sigma)}$ ($\delta > 0$). In order that $\beta \in \hat{L}^0$, it is necessary and sufficient that $B(\delta) \to 1$ as $\delta \downarrow 0$.

Proof. Suppose that $\beta \in \hat{L}^0$ but $B(\delta) \not\rightarrow 1$ as $\delta \downarrow 0$. Since the function $B(\delta)$ is nondecreasing, there exists $\lim_{\delta \downarrow 0} B(\delta) = b^* > 1$, that is $B(\delta) \ge b^* > 1$. We choose an arbitrary sequence $(\delta_n) \downarrow 0$. For every δ_n there exists a sequence $(\sigma_{n,k}) \uparrow 0$ such that $\beta((1 + \delta_n)\sigma_{n,k}) \ge b\beta(\sigma_{n,k}), 1 < b < b^*$. We put $\sigma_1 = \sigma_{1,1}$ and $\sigma_n = \min\{\sigma_{n,k} \ge \sigma_{n-1} : k \ge n-1\}$ and construct a function $\gamma(\sigma) \rightarrow 0$, $\sigma \uparrow 0$, such that $\gamma(\sigma_n) = \delta_n$. Then $\beta(\sigma_n/(1 + \gamma(\sigma_n))) = \beta(\sigma_n/(1 + \delta_n)) \ge b\beta(\sigma_n)$. In view of definition of \hat{L}^0 it is impossible.

On the contrary, let $B(\delta) \to 1$ as $\delta \downarrow 0$ but $\beta \notin \hat{L}^0$. Then there exists a function $\gamma(\sigma) \to 0$, $\sigma \uparrow 0$, and sequence $(\sigma_n) \uparrow 0$, $n \to \infty$, such that $\lim_{n \to \infty} \beta(\sigma_n/(1 + \gamma(\sigma_n))/\beta(\sigma_n) = a \neq 1$. Clearly, a < 1 provided $\gamma(\sigma_n) < 0$ and a > 1 provided $\gamma(\sigma_n) > 0$. We examine, for example, the second case. Let $\delta > 0$ be an arbitrary number. Then $\gamma(\sigma_n) < \delta$ for $n \ge n_0$ and

$$B(\delta) = \overline{\lim_{\sigma \uparrow 0}} \frac{\beta(\sigma/(1+\delta))}{\beta(\sigma)} \ge \overline{\lim_{n \to \infty}} \frac{\beta(\sigma_n/(1+\delta))}{\beta(\sigma_n)} \ge \overline{\lim_{n \to \infty}} \frac{\beta(\sigma_n/(1+\gamma(\sigma_n)))}{\beta(\sigma_n)} = a > 1,$$

which is impossible. Lemma 3 is proved.

Theorem 2. Let $\sigma_{\mu} = 0$, $\Phi \in \Omega(0)$, $\ln \mu(\sigma, I) \leq \Phi(\sigma)$ for all $\sigma \geq \sigma_0$ and $X = (x_k)$ be some sequence $X = (x_k)$ of positive numbers increasing to $+\infty$. Suppose that $f(x) \nearrow +\infty$ as $x \to +\infty$. Then:

1) if either $\ln f(x_{k+1}) - \ln f(x_k) \le H$ or $x_{k+1} - x_k \le H < +\infty$ for all $k \ge 0$, or $\ln f(x_k) = (1 + o(1)) \ln f(x_{k+1})$ as $k \to \infty$ and $\Phi \in \hat{L}^0$, or $x_{k+1} = (1 + o(1)) x_k$ as $k \to \infty$ and $\Phi \in \hat{L}^0$, or $x_{k+1} \le A x_k$ for $k \ge 0$ and $\Phi \in \hat{L}_{si}$ then

$$\underbrace{\lim_{\sigma \uparrow 0} \frac{\ln \mu(\sigma, I)}{\Phi(\sigma)}}_{k \to \infty} \leq \underbrace{\lim_{k \to \infty} \frac{G_1(x_k, x_{k+1}, \Phi)}{G_2(x_k, x_{k+1}, \Phi)}}_{G_2(x_k, x_{k+1}, \Phi)},$$
(18)

2) if

$$\left(\frac{\Phi(\sigma)\Phi''(\sigma)}{(\Phi'(\sigma))^2} - 1\right)\ln\Phi(\sigma) \ge q > -\infty, \quad \sigma \in [\sigma_0, 0), \tag{19}$$

$$\underbrace{\lim_{\sigma \uparrow 0} \frac{\ln \ln \mu(\sigma, I)}{\ln \Phi(\sigma)}}_{k \to \infty} \le \underbrace{\lim_{k \to \infty} \frac{\ln G_1(x_k, x_{k+1}, \Phi)}{\ln G_2(x_k, x_{k+1}, \Phi)}}.$$
(20)

Proof. As above let $\mu(\sigma, I; X) = \max \{f(x_k)e^{\sigma x_k} : k \ge 0\}$. Clearly, (11) holds. Therefore, $\ln \mu(\sigma, I; X) \le \Phi(\sigma)$ for all $\sigma \in [\sigma_0, 0)$ and by Lemma 2 $\ln f(x_k) \le -x_k \Psi(\varphi(x_k))$ for all $k \ge k_0$, that is $\ln \mu(\sigma, I; X) \le \ln \mu_D(r)$ for $\sigma \ge \sigma_0$. Therefore, by Lemma 1

$$\underline{\lim_{\sigma\uparrow 0}} \frac{\ln \mu(\sigma, I; X)}{\Phi(\sigma)} \le \underline{\lim_{k\to\infty}} \frac{G_1(x_k, x_{k+1}, \Phi)}{G_2(x_k, x_{k+1}, \Phi)}.$$
(21)

On the other hand for $\sigma < 0$ now we have

$$\ln \mu(\sigma, I) = \max_{k \ge 0} \sup_{x_k \le x < x_{k+1}} (\ln f(x) + x\sigma) \le \max_{k \ge 0} (\ln f(x_{k+1}) + x_k\sigma).$$
(22)

Therefore, if either $\ln f(x_{k+1}) - \ln f(x_k) \le H$ or $x_{k+1} - x_k \le H < +\infty$ for all $k \ge 0$ hence we obtain either $\ln \mu(\sigma, I) \le \ln \mu(\sigma, I; X) + H$ or $\ln \mu(\sigma, I) \le \ln \mu(\sigma, I; X) + H\sigma$, whence

$$\underline{\lim_{\sigma\uparrow 0}} \frac{\ln \mu(\sigma, I)}{\Phi(\sigma)} \le \underline{\lim_{\sigma\uparrow 0}} \frac{\ln \mu(\sigma, I; X)}{\Phi(\sigma)}.$$
(23)

Inequalities (21) and (23) imply (18).

If either $x_{k+1} = (1 + o(1))x_k$ or $\ln f(x_k) = (1 + o(1)) \ln f(x_{k+1})$ as $k \to \infty$ then from (23) as in the proof of Theorem 1 for every $\varepsilon > 0$ we have correspondingly $\ln \mu(\sigma, I) \le \ln \mu(\sigma/(1 + \varepsilon), I; X)$ and $\ln \mu(\sigma, I) \le (1 + \varepsilon) \ln \mu(\sigma/(1 + \varepsilon), I; X)$ for $\sigma \in [\sigma_0(\varepsilon), 0)$, whence in view of condition $\ln \Phi \in \hat{L}^0$, of Lemma 3 and of the arbitrariness of ε we obtain (23) and, thus, (18) holds.

Finally, if $x_{k+1} \leq Ax_k$ for $k \geq 0$ then $\ln \mu(\sigma, I) \leq \ln \mu(\sigma/A, I; X)$, whence in view of condition $\Phi \in \hat{L}_{si}$ we obtain again (23). The first part of Theorem 2 is proved.

For the proof of the second part we remark that from the condition $f(x) \nearrow +\infty$ as $x \to +\infty$ it follows that $\ln \mu(\sigma, I) \uparrow +\infty$ as $\sigma \uparrow 0$. Therefore, (19) implies (5). We remark also that if either $\ln f(x_{k+1}) - \ln f(x_k) \le H$ or $x_{k+1} - x_k \le H < +\infty$ for all $k \ge 0$ or $\ln f(x_k) =$ $(1 + o(1)) \ln f(x_{k+1})$ as $k \to \infty$ and $\ln \Phi \in \hat{L}^0$ or $x_{k+1} = (1 + o(1))x_k$ as $k \to \infty$ and $\ln \Phi \in \hat{L}^0$ or $x_{k+1} \le Ax_k$ for $k \ge 0$ and $\ln \Phi \in \hat{L}_{si}$ then from the inequalities obtained above we get (20). If $\ln f(x_{k+1}) \le A \ln f(x_k)$ for $k \ge 0$ then from (21) we obtain the inequality $\ln \mu(\sigma, I) \le$ $A \ln \mu(\sigma/A, I; X)$, whence in view of the condition $\ln \Phi \in \hat{L}_{si}$ inequality (20) follows. The proof of Theorem 2 is complete. \Box

2 ANALOGUES OF WHITTAKER'S THEOREM

Examing the other scale of growth from Theorems 1 and 2 gives us a possible to get the series of results for Laplace-Stieltjes integrals. Here we will be stopped only for two cases which more frequent at meet in mathematical works. The most used characteristics of growth for integrals (2) with $\sigma_c = +\infty$ (by analogy with Dirichlet series) are *R*-order $\varrho_R[I]$, lower *R*-order $\lambda_R[I]$ and (if $\varrho_R[I] \in (0, +\infty)$) *R*-type $T_R[I]$, lower *R*-type $t_R[I]$, which are defined by formulas

$$\varrho_{R}[I] = \lim_{\sigma \to +\infty} \frac{\ln \ln I(\sigma)}{\sigma}, \quad \lambda_{R}[I] = \lim_{\sigma \to +\infty} \frac{\ln \ln I(\sigma)}{\sigma},$$
$$T_{R}[I] = \lim_{\sigma \to +\infty} \frac{\ln I(\sigma)}{\exp\{\sigma \varrho_{R}[I]\}}, \quad t_{R}[I] = \lim_{\sigma \to +\infty} \frac{\ln I(\sigma)}{\exp\{\sigma \varrho_{R}[I]\}}.$$

We will show that in this formulas $\ln I(\sigma)$ can be replaced by $\ln \mu(\sigma, I)$ and will use the following Lemmas for this purpose.

Lemma 4 ([4,8]). Let $F \in V$, f has regular variation in regard to F and either $\sigma_{\mu} = +\infty$ or $\sigma_{\mu} = 0$ and $\lim_{x \to +\infty} f(x) = +\infty$. Then $\ln \mu(\sigma, I) \le (1 + o(1)) \ln I(\sigma)$ as $\sigma \uparrow \sigma_{\mu}$.

Lemma 5 ([4,9]). Let $F \in V$, $\sigma_{\mu} = +\infty$ and $\overline{\lim_{x \to +\infty}} (\ln F(x))/x = \tau < +\infty$. Then $I(\sigma) \leq \mu(\sigma + \tau + \varepsilon, I)$ for every $\varepsilon > 0$ and all $\sigma \geq \sigma(\varepsilon)$.

It is easy to check that these lemmas imply the following statement.

Proposition 1. Let $F \in V$, f has regular variation in regard to F and $\sigma_{\mu} = +\infty$. If $\ln F(x) = O(x)$ as $x \to +\infty$ then

$$\varrho_R[I] = \lim_{\sigma \to +\infty} \frac{\ln \ln \mu(\sigma, I)}{\sigma}, \quad \lambda_R[I] = \lim_{\sigma \to +\infty} \frac{\ln \ln \mu(\sigma, I)}{\sigma}, \quad (24)$$

and if $\ln F(x) = o(x)$ as $x \to +\infty$ then

$$T_R[I] = \lim_{\sigma \to +\infty} \frac{\ln \mu(\sigma, I)}{\exp\{\sigma \varrho_R[I]\}}, \quad t_R[I] = \lim_{\sigma \to +\infty} \frac{\ln \mu(\sigma, I)}{\exp\{\sigma \varrho_R[I]\}}.$$
(25)

Using Theorem 1 and Proposition 1 we prove the following theorem.

Theorem 3. Let $F \in V$, $\sigma_{\mu} = +\infty$ and $X = (x_k)$ be some sequence of positive numbers increasing to $+\infty$. Suppose that f is a nonincreasing function and has regular variation in regard to F.

If
$$\ln F(x) = O(x)$$
 as $x \to +\infty$ and $\ln f(x_k) = (1 + o(1)) \ln f(x_{k+1})$ as $k \to \infty$ then

$$\lambda_R[I] \le \beta \varrho_R[I], \quad \beta = \lim_{k \to \infty} \frac{\ln x_k}{\ln x_{k+1}}.$$
 (26)

If $\ln F(x) = o(x)$ as $x \to +\infty$ and $\ln f(x_k) - \ln f(x_{k+1}) = O(1)$ as $k \to \infty$ then

$$t_R[I] \le T_R[I] \frac{\gamma}{1-\gamma} \exp\left\{1 + \frac{\gamma \ln \gamma}{1-\gamma}\right\} \ln \frac{1}{\gamma}, \quad \gamma = \lim_{k \to \infty} \frac{x_k}{x_{k+1}}.$$
(27)

Proof. From (24) and (25) for every ε and all $\sigma \geq \sigma_0(\varepsilon)$ we have accordingly $\ln \mu(\sigma, I) \leq \exp\{(\varrho_R[I] + \varepsilon)\sigma\}$ and $\ln \mu(\sigma, I) \leq (T_R[I] + \varepsilon)\exp\{\varrho_R[I]\sigma\}$. We choose $\Phi \in \Omega(+\infty)$ such that $\Phi(\sigma) = Te^{\varrho\sigma}$ for $\sigma \geq \sigma_0(\varepsilon)$, where either $\varrho = \varrho_R[I] + \varepsilon$ and T = 1 or $\varrho = \varrho_R[I]$ and $T = T_R[I] + \varepsilon$. Then $\ln \mu(\sigma, I) \leq \Phi(\sigma)$ for $\sigma \geq \sigma_0(\varepsilon)$, $\ln \Phi \in L^0$ and it is well known ([4, 10]) that

$$G_1(x_k, x_{k+1}, \Phi) = \frac{1}{\varrho} \frac{x_k x_{k+1}}{x_{k+1} - x_k} \ln \frac{x_{k+1}}{x_k}$$

and

$$G_2(x_k, x_{k+1}, \Phi) = \frac{1}{e\varrho} \exp\left\{\frac{x_{k+1} \ln x_{k+1} - x_k \ln x_k}{x_{k+1} - x_k}\right\}$$

Since $\Phi(\sigma)\Phi''(\sigma)/\Phi'(\sigma)^2 = 1$, condition (9) holds and by Theorem 1 we have

$$\lambda_{R}[I] \leq \varrho \lim_{k \to \infty} \frac{(x_{k+1} - x_{k}) \ln \left(\frac{x_{k} x_{k+1}}{x_{k+1} - x_{k}} \ln \frac{x_{k+1}}{x_{k}}\right)}{x_{k+1} \ln x_{k+1} - x_{k} \ln x_{k}}$$
(28)

provided $\ln f(x_k) = (1 + o(1)) \ln f(x_{k+1})$ as $k \to \infty$, and

$$t_{R}[I] \leq eT \lim_{k \to \infty} \frac{\frac{x_{k}x_{k+1}}{x_{k+1} - x_{k}} \ln \frac{x_{k+1}}{x_{k}}}{\exp\left\{\frac{x_{k+1}\ln x_{k+1} - x_{k}\ln x_{k}}{x_{k+1} - x_{k}}\right\}}$$
(29)

provided $\ln f(x_k) - \ln f(x_{k+1}) = O(1)$ as $k \to \infty$.

We suppose that $\beta < 1$. Then there exist a number $\beta^* \in (\beta, 1)$ and an increasing sequence (k_j) of positive integers such that $\ln x_{k_j} \leq \beta^* \ln x_{k_j+1}$, that is $x_{k_j} = o(x_{k_j+1})$ as $j \to \infty$. Therefore, from (28) we obtain

$$\lambda_R[I] \le \varrho \lim_{j \to \infty} rac{(x_{k_j+1} - x_{k_j}) \ln\left(rac{x_{k_j} x_{k_j+1}}{x_{k_j+1} - x_{k_j}} \ln rac{x_{k_j+1}}{x_{k_j}}
ight)}{x_{k_j+1} \ln x_{k_j+1} - x_{k_j} \ln x_{k_j}} \le arrho \lim_{j \to \infty} rac{\ln x_{k_j} + o(1) + \ln \ln x_{k_j+1}}{\ln x_{k_j+1}} \le arrho eta^*,$$

whence in view of the arbitrariness of β^* and ε we obtain inequality (26) follows.

Further, if $\gamma \in (0, 1)$, then $x_{k_j} = (1 + o(1))\gamma x_{k_j+1}$ as $j \to \infty$ for some increasing sequence (k_j) of positive integers and from (29) we obtain

$$t_{R}[I] \leq eT \lim_{j \to \infty} \frac{x_{k_{j}} x_{k_{j}+1} \ln (x_{k_{j}+1}/x_{k_{j}})}{(x_{k_{j}+1} - x_{k_{j}}) \exp\left\{\frac{x_{k_{j}+1} \ln x_{k_{j}+1} - x_{k_{j}} \ln x_{k_{j}}}{x_{k_{j}+1} - x_{k_{j}}}\right\}}$$

= $eT \lim_{j \to \infty} \frac{\gamma x_{k_{j}+1} \ln (1/\gamma)}{(1-\gamma) \exp\{\ln x_{k_{j}+1} - (\gamma \ln \gamma)/(1-\gamma)\}} = T \frac{\gamma}{1-\gamma} \ln \frac{1}{\gamma} \exp\left\{1 + \frac{\gamma \ln \gamma}{1-\gamma}\right\},$

whence in view of the arbitrariness of ε we get (27). Since $\frac{\gamma}{1-\gamma} \ln \frac{1}{\gamma} \exp \left\{ 1 + \frac{\gamma \ln \gamma}{1-\gamma} \right\} \rightarrow 1$ as $\gamma \rightarrow 1$, then inequality (27) is obvious if $\gamma = 1$. Finally, if $\gamma = 0$, then $\ln x_{k_j} = o(\ln x_{k_j+1})$ as $j \rightarrow \infty$ for some increasing sequence (k_j) of positive integers and from (29) we obtain

$$t_R[I] \le eT \lim_{j \to \infty} \frac{x_{k_j}(\ln x_{k_j+1} - \ln x_{k_j})}{\exp\{\ln x_{k_j+1} + o(1)\}} = eT \lim_{j \to \infty} \frac{x_{k_j}}{x_{k_j+1}} \ln \frac{x_{k_j+1}}{x_{k_j}} = 0,$$

i.e. inequality (27) holds. The proof of Theorem 3 is complete.

Now we consider the case $\sigma_{\mu} = 0$. The order $\varrho_0[I]$, the lower order $\lambda_0[I]$ and (if $0 < \varrho_0[I] < +\infty$) the type $T_0[I]$ and the lower type $t_0[I]$ are defined by formulas

$$\begin{split} \varrho_0[I] &= \overline{\lim_{\sigma \uparrow 0}} \frac{\ln \ln I(\sigma)}{\ln (1/|\sigma|)}, \quad \lambda_0[\varphi] = \underline{\lim_{\sigma \uparrow 0}} \frac{\ln \ln I(\sigma)}{\ln (1/|\sigma|)}, \\ T_0[I] &= \overline{\lim_{\sigma \uparrow 0}} |\sigma|^{\varrho_0[I]} \ln I(\sigma), \quad t_0[I] = \underline{\lim_{\sigma \uparrow 0}} |\sigma|^{\varrho_*[I]} \ln I(\sigma). \end{split}$$

We will show that in this formulas $\ln I(\sigma)$ can be replaced by $\ln \mu(\sigma, I)$ and will use for this purpose the following lemmas.

Lemma 6 ([4,9]). Let $F \in V$, $\sigma_{\mu} = 0$ and $\ln F(x) \le h \ln f(x)$ for $x \ge x_0$. Then for every $\varepsilon > 0$ and all $\sigma \in [\sigma_0(\varepsilon), 0)$

$$\ln I(\sigma) \le (1+h+\varepsilon) \ln \mu \left(\frac{\sigma}{1+h+\varepsilon}, I\right) + K, \quad K = K(\varepsilon) = const.$$

Lemma 7 ([4,9]). Let $F \in V$, $\sigma_{\mu} = 0$ and $\ln F(x) = o(x\gamma(x))$ as $x \to +\infty$, where γ is a positive continuous and decreasing to 0 function on $[0, +\infty)$ such that $x\gamma(x) \uparrow +\infty$ as $x \to +\infty$. Then for every $\varepsilon > 0$ and all $\sigma \in [\sigma_0(\varepsilon), 0)$

$$\ln I(\sigma) \le \ln \mu \left(\frac{\sigma}{1+\varepsilon}, I\right) + \frac{\varepsilon |\sigma|}{1+\varepsilon} \gamma^{-1} \left(\frac{|\sigma|}{\varepsilon (1+\varepsilon)^2}\right).$$

Lemmas 4, 6 and 7 imply the following statement.

Proposition 2. Let $F \in V$, $\sigma_{\mu} = +\infty$, f has regular variation in regard to F and $f(x) \nearrow +\infty$ as $x \to +\infty$. If either $\ln F(x) = O(\ln f(x))$ or $\ln \ln F(x) = o(\ln x)$ as $x \to +\infty$ then

$$\varrho_0[I] = \overline{\lim_{\sigma \uparrow 0}} \frac{\ln \ln \mu(\sigma, I)}{\ln (1/|\sigma|)}, \quad \lambda_0[\varphi] = \underline{\lim_{\sigma \uparrow 0}} \frac{\ln \ln \mu(\sigma, I)}{\ln (1/|\sigma|)}, \tag{30}$$

and if either $\ln F(x) = o(\ln f(x))$ or $\ln \ln F(x) = o(\ln x)$ as $x \to +\infty$ then

$$T_0[I] = \overline{\lim_{\sigma \uparrow 0}} \, |\sigma|^{\varrho_0[I]} \ln \, \mu(\sigma, I), \quad t_0[I] = \underline{\lim_{\sigma \uparrow 0}} \, |\sigma|^{\varrho_0[I]} \ln \, \mu(\sigma, I)). \tag{31}$$

Proof. If $\ln F(x) = O(\ln f(x))$ (accordingly $\ln F(x) = o(\ln f(x))$) as $x \to +\infty$ then formulas (30) (accordingly (31)) easy follows from Lemmas 4 and 6.

If we choose function γ such that $\gamma(x) = x^{\delta-1}$ for $x \ge x_0$, where $\delta \in (0, 1)$ is an arbitrary numbers, then γ satisfies the conditions of Lemma 7. Therefore, if $\ln F(x) = o(x^{\delta})$ as $x \to +\infty$ then

$$\ln I(\sigma) \leq \ln \mu \left(\frac{\sigma}{1+\varepsilon}, I\right) + \frac{\varepsilon |\sigma|}{1+\varepsilon} \left(\frac{\varepsilon (1+\varepsilon)^2}{|\sigma|}\right)^{1-\delta} \\ = \ln \mu \left(\frac{\sigma}{1+\varepsilon}, I\right) + \varepsilon^{2-\delta} (1+\varepsilon)^{1-2\delta} |\sigma|^{\delta} = \ln \mu \left(\frac{\sigma}{1+\varepsilon}, I\right) + o(1), \quad \sigma \uparrow 0,$$

whence the formulas (30) and (31) follow. It remained to notice that the condition $\ln \ln F(x) = o(\ln x)$ as $x \to +\infty$ implies the condition $\ln F(x) = o(x^{\delta})$ as $x \to +\infty$ for $\delta \in (0, 1)$. Proposition 2 is proved.

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Using Theorem 2 and Proposition 2 we prove the following theorem.

Theorem 4. Let $F \in V$, $\sigma_{\mu} = 0$ and $X = (x_k)$ be some sequence of positive numbers increasing to $+\infty$. Suppose that f has regular variation in regard to F and $f(x) \nearrow +\infty$ as $x \to +\infty$.

If either $\ln F(x) = O(\ln f(x))$ or $\ln \ln F(x) = o(\ln x)$ as $x \to +\infty$ and $\ln f(x_{k+1}) = O(\ln f(x_k))$ as $k \to \infty$ then

$$\lambda_0[I] \le \beta \varrho_0[I], \quad \beta = \lim_{k \to \infty} \frac{\ln x_k}{\ln x_{k+1}}.$$
(32)

If either $\ln F(x) = o(\ln f(x))$ or $\ln \ln F(x) = o(\ln x)$ as $x \to +\infty$ and $\ln f(x_{k+1}) = (1 + o(1)) \ln f(x_k)$ as $k \to \infty$ then

$$t_0[I] \le T_0[I]A(\gamma), \quad \gamma = \lim_{k \to \infty} \frac{x_k}{x_{k+1}},\tag{33}$$

where

$$A(\gamma) =: \frac{\gamma^{\varrho/(\varrho+1)}(1-\gamma^{1/(\varrho+1)})(1-\gamma^{\varrho/(\varrho+1)})^{\varrho}}{(1-\gamma)^{\varrho+1}}.$$

Proof. If $\varrho_0[I] < +\infty$ ($T_0[I] < +\infty$) then $\ln \mu(\sigma, I) \le \Phi(\sigma) = \frac{T}{|\sigma|^{\varrho}}$ for all $\sigma \in [\sigma_0(\varepsilon), 0)$, where either $\varrho = \varrho_0[I] + \varepsilon$ and T = 1 or $\varrho = \varrho_0[I]$ and $T = T_0[I] + \varepsilon$. Clearly, $\Phi \in \hat{L}^0$ and $\ln \Phi \in \hat{L}_{si}$. It is known [4, p. 40] that for this function

$$G_1(x_k, x_{k+1}, \Phi) = \frac{T(\varrho+1)}{(T\varrho)^{\varrho/(\varrho+1)}} \frac{x_k x_{k+1}}{x_{k+1} - x_k} \left(\frac{1}{x_k^{1/(\varrho+1)}} - \frac{1}{x_{k+1}^{1/(\varrho+1)}} \right)$$

and

$$G_2(x_k, x_{k+1}, \Phi) = T \left(\frac{(\varrho+1)(T\varrho)^{1/(\varrho+1)}}{\varrho} \frac{x_{k+1}^{\varrho/(\varrho+1)} - x_k^{\varrho/(\varrho+1)}}{x_{k+1} - x_k} \right)^{-\varrho}$$

We remark that

$$\left(\frac{\Phi(\sigma)\Phi''(\sigma)}{(\Phi'(\sigma))^2} - 1\right)\ln\,\Phi(\sigma) = \frac{1}{\varrho}\ln\,\frac{T}{|\sigma|^{\varrho}}\uparrow +\infty, \quad \sigma\uparrow 0,$$

that is (19) holds.

Therefore, if $\ln f(x_{k+1}) = O(\ln f(x_k))$ as $k \to \infty$ then by Theorem 2 in view of arbitrariness of ε

$$\lambda_{0}[I] \leq \varrho_{0}[I] \lim_{k \to \infty} \frac{\ln \left(\frac{x_{k} x_{k+1}}{x_{k+1} - x_{k}} \left(\frac{1}{x_{k}^{1/(\varrho+1)}} - \frac{1}{x_{k+1}^{1/(\varrho+1)}} \right) \right)}{\ln \left(\frac{x_{k+1} - x_{k}}{x_{k+1}^{\varrho/(\varrho+1)} - x_{k}^{\varrho/(\varrho+1)}} \right)^{\varrho}}$$
(34)

and if $\ln f(x_{k+1}) = (1 + o(1)) \ln f(x_k)$ as $k \to \infty$ then

$$t_0[I] \le T_0[I] \frac{(\varrho+1)^{\varrho+1}}{\varrho^{\varrho}} \lim_{k \to \infty} \frac{x_k x_{k+1}}{x_{k+1} - x_k} \left(\frac{1}{x_k^{1/(\varrho+1)}} - \frac{1}{x_{k+1}^{1/(\varrho+1)}} \right) \left(\frac{x_{k+1}^{\varrho/(\varrho+1)} - x_k^{\varrho/(\varrho+1)}}{x_{k+1} - x_k} \right)^{\varrho}.$$
 (35)

We suppose that $\beta < 1$. Then there exists a number $\beta^* \in (\beta, 1)$ and an increasing sequence (k_j) of positive integers such that $\ln x_{k_j} \leq \beta^* \ln x_{k_j+1}$, that is $x_{k_j} = o(x_{k_j+1})$ as $j \to \infty$. Therefore, from (34) we obtain

$$\begin{split} \lambda_0[I] &\leq \varrho_0[I] \lim_{j \to \infty} \frac{\ln \left(\frac{x_{k_j} x_{k_j+1}}{x_{k_j+1} - x_{k_j}} \left(\frac{1}{x_{k_j}^{1/(\varrho+1)}} - \frac{1}{x_{k_j+1}^{1/(\varrho+1)}} \right) \right)}{\ln \left(\frac{x_{k_j+1} - x_{k_j}}{x_{k_j+1}^{\varrho/(\varrho+1)} - x_{k_j}^{\varrho/(\varrho+1)}} \right)^{\varrho}} \\ &= \varrho_0[I] \lim_{j \to \infty} \frac{\ln x_{k_j}^{\varrho/(\varrho+1)}}{\varrho \ln x_{k_j+1}^{1/(\varrho+1)}} = \varrho_0[I] \lim_{j \to \infty} \frac{\ln x_{k_j}}{\ln x_{k_j+1}} \leq \varrho_0[I] \beta^*, \end{split}$$

i.e. in view of arbitrariness of β^* we obtain the inequality $\lambda_0[I] \leq \beta \varrho_0[I]$. For $\beta = 1$ this inequality is trivial.

Now we suppose that $\gamma \in (0, 1)$. Then there exists an increasing sequence (k_j) of positive integers such that $x_{k_j} = (1 + o(1))\gamma x_{k_j+1}$ as $j \to \infty$. Therefore, from (35) we obtain

$$\begin{split} t_0[I] &\leq T_0[I] \frac{(\varrho+1)^{\varrho+1}}{\varrho^{\varrho}} \lim_{j \to \infty} \frac{x_{k_j} x_{k_i+1}}{x_{k_j+1} - x_{k_j}} \left(\frac{1}{x_{k_j}^{1/(\varrho+1)}} - \frac{1}{x_{k_j+1}^{1/(\varrho+1)}} \right) \left(\frac{x_{k_j+1}^{\varrho/(\varrho+1)} - x_{k_j}^{\varrho/(\varrho+1)}}{x_{k_j+1} - x_{k_j}} \right)^{\varrho} \\ &\leq T_0[I] \frac{(\varrho+1)^{\varrho+1}}{\varrho^{\varrho}} \frac{\gamma}{\gamma-1} \left(\frac{1}{\gamma^{1/(\varrho+1)}} - 1 \right) \frac{(1-\gamma^{\varrho/(\varrho+1)})^{\varrho}}{(1-\gamma)^{\varrho}} = T_0[I] \frac{(\varrho+1)^{\varrho+1}}{\varrho^{\varrho}} A(\gamma). \end{split}$$

It is easy to show that $A(\gamma) \to \frac{\varrho^{\varrho}}{(\varrho+1)^{\varrho+1}}$ as $\gamma \to 1$ that (2) is transformed in obvious inequality $t_0[\varphi] \leq T_0[\varphi]$ as $\gamma \to 1$. If $\gamma = 0$ then $x_{k_j} = o(x_{k_j+1})$ as $j \to \infty$ and from (2) we obtain easy that $t_0[I] = 0$, because A(0) = 0. The proof of Theorem 4 is complete.

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