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#### FUNDAMENTAL CENTRAL DISPERSIONS OF THE PHASE FUNCTION WITH THE FINAL OSCILLATION

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#### Abstract

Phase functions and phases of ordered pairs of independent solutions of second-order linear differential equations y'' = q(t)y have fundamental importance in the theory of second-order linear differencial transformations [1], [2] and in two-dimensional spaces of continuous functions [5], [6].

In this paper we shall study the phase function  $\alpha$  with the final oscillation [4] and respective fundamental central dispersion  $\varphi$ . We shall deal with the relation between them which is expressed by the Abel functional equation [3].

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In this paper we denote N the set of all natural numbers, Z the set of all integers,  $\mathbb{R}$  the set of all real numbers, j = (a, b) an open interval,  $C_0(j)$  the set of all continuous functions defined in the interval j. We suppose that the interval  $j = (-\infty, \infty)$  that is  $a = -\infty, b = \infty$  throughout the paper.

## **1** Phase functions

Now we give the definition of phase function from [1] and its fundamental characteristics.

**Definition 1.1** The phase function in the interval j is a real function  $\alpha = \alpha(t)$  with the following properties:

1.  $\alpha \in C_0(j)$ ,

2.  $\alpha(t)$  is increasing or decreasing in the interval j.

We denote by  $M_1(M_2)$  the set of all increasing (decreasing) phase functions and by M the set of all phase functions. Thus  $M = M_1 \cup M_2$ .

Let  $\alpha \in M$ . The continuity of the phase function  $\alpha$  yields an existence of proper or improper limits

$$c = \lim \alpha(t)$$
 for  $t \to -\infty$ ,  
 $d = \lim \alpha(t)$  for  $t \to \infty$ .

**Definition 1.2** The proper or improper limit c (d) is called the left (right) boundary value of the phase function  $\alpha$ .

To denote that c(d) is the left (right) boundary value of phase function  $\alpha$  we write also  $c_{\alpha}(d_{\alpha})$ .

If the phase function  $\alpha$  increases (decreases) in the interval j we have

$$c_{\alpha} < d_{\alpha} \qquad (c_{\alpha} > d_{\alpha}).$$

Let J denotes the set of all functional values of the phase function  $\alpha$ . It is clear that J is an open interval with boundary values  $c_{\alpha}, d_{\alpha}$ . When the phase function  $\alpha$  increases (decreases), it holds  $J = (c_{\alpha}, d_{\alpha}) (J = (d_{\alpha}, c_{\alpha}))$ .

**Definition 1.3** The number |c - d|, where c(d) is the left (right) boundary value of the phase function  $\alpha$ , we call the oscillation of the phase function  $\alpha$  in the interval j and denote by  $O(\alpha/j)$  or briefly  $O(\alpha)$ . Thus  $O(\alpha) = |c - d|$ .

# 2 Conjugate numbres according to the phase function

**Definition 2.1** Let  $\alpha \in M$ . Let  $t \in j$  be any number. The number  $x \in j$  we call conjugate with the number t according to the phase function  $\alpha$ , if

$$\alpha(x) - \alpha(t) = \mu \pi, \qquad (2.1)$$

where  $\mu \in Z$ .

The definition follows that every number is self-conjugate. This trivial case is excluded from other considerations.

**Definition 2.2** Let (2.1) holds and  $n = |\mu|$ ,  $\mu \neq 0$ . For  $\mu > 0$  ( $\mu < 0$ ) the number x we call n-th right (left) conjugate number with the number t.

The definition yields that for  $O(\alpha) \leq \pi$  there are no conjugate numbers according to the phase function  $\alpha$ . For  $O(\alpha) > \pi$  there are different conjugate numbers according to the phase function  $\alpha$ . We also say that the phase function  $\alpha$  induces conjugate numbers in the interval j.

Our further considerations are devoted to phase functions with a final oscillation. It means a case of the phase functions  $\alpha \in M$  such that  $O(\alpha) \in \mathbb{R}$ . The definition of the oscillation follows that this case sets in if and only if the left and right boundary values of the phase function  $\alpha$  are proper numbers. Thus  $c_{\alpha}, d_{\alpha} \in \mathbb{R}$ .

# 3 Fundamental numbers and fundamental sequences

**Theorem 3.1** Let  $\alpha \in M$  and  $m \in N$ ,  $m \geq 2$ . Let  $(m-1)\pi < O(\alpha/j) \leq m\pi$ . Let  $c_{\alpha}(d_{\alpha})$  be left (right) boundary value of the phase function  $\alpha$ . Then there are numbers  $a_{\mu}, b_{-\mu}, \mu = 1, 2, ..., m-1$ , in the interval j such that

$$\alpha(a_{\mu}) = c_{\alpha} + \varepsilon_{\alpha} \mu \pi, \qquad (3.1)$$

$$\alpha(b_{-\mu}) = d_{\alpha} - \varepsilon_{\alpha} \mu \pi, \qquad (3.2)$$

where  $\varepsilon_{\alpha} = 1$  for  $\alpha$  increasing and  $\varepsilon_{\alpha} = -1$  for  $\alpha$  decreasing in the interval j. The numbers  $a_{\mu}, b_{-\mu}, \mu = 1, 2, ..., m-1$  are just the numbers from the interval j such that  $\alpha(a_{\mu}), \alpha(b_{-\mu}) \in J, \mu \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

**Proof** The assumption

$$O(\alpha/j) \in ((m-1)\pi, m\pi)$$

yields that the boundary points  $c_{\alpha}$ ,  $d_{\alpha}$  of the open interval J, which means the set of all values of the phase function  $\alpha$ , hold the following relations

$$c_{\alpha} + (m-1)\pi < d_{\alpha} \le c_{\alpha} + m\pi,$$
 if  $\alpha$  increases in  $j$ ,  
 $c_{\alpha} - m\pi \le d_{\alpha} < c_{\alpha} - (m-1)\pi,$  if  $\alpha$  decreases in  $j$ .

So the interval J possesses exactly (m-1) points  $a_{\mu}$  and exactly (m-1) points  $b_{-\mu}$  holding the formulae (3.1) and (3.2).

**Definition 3.1** The final sequence of points

$$\{a_{\mu}\}_{\mu=1}^{m-1}$$

we call the left fundamental sequence of points induced in the interval j by the phase function  $\alpha$ .

The final sequence of points

$${b_{-\mu}}_{\mu=1}^{m-1}$$

we call the right fundamental sequence of points induced in the interval j by the phase function  $\alpha$ .

It is obvious that:

- 1. The points of left (right) fundamental sequence are conjugate numbers according to the phase function  $\alpha$ .
- 2. For fundamental sequences of points in j induced by the phase function  $\alpha$  there hold the relations

$$a_1 < a_2 < \ldots < a_{m-1},$$
 (3.3)

$$b_{-1} > b_{-2} > \ldots > b_{-(m-1)}.$$
 (3.4)

3. If we set  $a_0 = a$ ,  $b_0 = b$  then

$$a_0 < b_{-(m-1)} \le a_1 < b_{-(m-2)} \le \dots < b_{-1} \le a_{m-1} < b_0.$$
 (3.5)

If  $O(\alpha) \in ((m-1)\pi, m\pi)$  then in (3.5) signs of inequality are valid there. If  $O(\alpha) = m\pi$  then in (3.5) signs of equality are valid there and thus the left and right fundamental sequences coinside.

4. Let  $O(\alpha) \in ((m-1)\pi, m\pi)$ . Then we have

$$0 < |\alpha(b_{-(m-\mu)}) - \alpha(a_{\mu})| < \pi.$$

Let  $O(\alpha) = m\pi$ . Then we have

$$|\alpha(b_{-(m-\mu)}) - \alpha(a_{\mu})| = 0.$$

**Definition 3.2** Let  $m \in M$ ,  $m \ge 2$ . Let  $O(\alpha) \in ((m-1)\pi, m\pi)$ ,  $\alpha \in M$ . The phase function  $\alpha$  we call of finite type (m) general.

Let  $m \in M$ ,  $m \ge 2$ . Let  $O(\alpha) = m\pi$ ,  $\alpha \in M$ . The phase function  $\alpha$  we call of finite type (m) special.

We notice now some properties of fundamental sequences of points in the interval j.

In the case that  $O(\alpha) \in ((m-1)\pi, m\pi)$  points of fundamental sequences  $\{a_{\mu}\}_{\mu=1}^{m-1}, \{b_{-\mu}\}_{\mu=1}^{m-1}$  divide the interval j into intervals  $j_{\mu}, i_{\nu}$  where

$$j_{\mu} = (a_{\mu}, b_{-(m-1-\mu)}), \qquad \mu = 0, 1, 2, \dots, m-1,$$
 (3.6)

$$i_{\nu} = (b_{-(m-\nu)}, a_{\nu}), \qquad \nu = 1, 2, \dots, m-1.$$
 (3.7)

In the case that  $O(\alpha) = m\pi$  the intervals  $i_{\nu}, \nu = 1, 2, ..., m-1$ , are empty sets and

$$j_{\mu} = (a_{\mu}, a_{\mu+1}), \qquad \mu = 0, 1, \dots, m-1.$$
 (3.8)

**Definition 3.3** The number  $a_1(b_{-1})$  defined by (3.1) ((3.2)) we call left (right) fundamental number in the interval j and denote by r(s). Thus

$$r=a_1, \qquad s=b_{-1}.$$

In the case that the phase function  $\alpha$  is of finite type (m) general the numbers r, s are not conjugate. In the case that the phase function  $\alpha$  is of finite type (m) special the numbers r, s are conjugate.

Let  $O(\alpha) \in ((m-1)\pi, m\pi)$ . Let  $t_0 \in j_{\mu}$  for one of the numbers  $\mu = 0, 1, \ldots, m-1$ . Then in any interval  $j_{\mu}$  for the other  $\mu$  there is exactly one conjugate number with the number  $t_0$ . We have m conjugate numbers here.

Let  $t_0 \in i_{\nu}$  for one of the numbers  $\nu = 1, 2, ..., m-1$ . Then in any interval  $i_{\nu}$  for the other  $\nu$  there is exactly one conjugate number with the number  $t_0$ . We have m-1 conjugate numbers here.

Let  $O(\alpha) = m\pi$ . Let  $t_0 \in j_{\mu}$  for one of the numbers  $\mu = 0, 1, \ldots, m-1$ . Then in any interval  $j_{\mu}$  for the other  $\mu$  there is exactly one conjugate number with the number  $t_0$ . We have m conjugate numbers in this case.

We note that left and right fundamental sequence of points of the phase function  $\alpha$ ,  $O(\alpha) \in ((m-1)\pi, m\pi)$  possesses always m-1 conjugate numbers so even in a case that both fundamental sequences of points coinside.

## 4 Equivalent phase functions

In the set M of all phase functions we define an equivalence relation which we denote by  $\sim$ .

**Definition 4.1** We say that phase functions  $\alpha, \beta \in M$  are equivalent in M and write  $\alpha \sim \beta$  if in the interval j with the exception of singularities of functions  $tg\alpha$ ,  $tg\beta$  there holds the relation

$$\operatorname{tg}\beta(t) = \frac{a_{11}\operatorname{tg}\alpha(t) + a_{12}}{a_{21}\operatorname{tg}\alpha(t) + a_{22}}$$
(4.1)

where

$$a_{11}a_{22} - a_{12}a_{21} \neq 0, \quad t \in (-\infty, \infty).$$

It is evident that

1. The equivalence relation  $\sim$  in M is reflexive, symmetric and transitive. 2. Let  $a_{ik} \in \mathbb{R}$ , i, k = 1, 2. Let  $a_{11}a_{22} - a_{12}a_{21} \neq 0$ .

Let  $\delta = \text{sgn}(a_{11}a_{22} - a_{12}a_{21})$ . The linear rational function

$$\frac{a_{11}t + a_{12}}{a_{21}t + a_{22}}$$

increases (decreases) by parts in j if and only if  $\delta = 1$  ( $\delta = -1$ ).

**Theorem 4.1** Let  $\alpha, \beta \in M$ . Let  $\beta \sim \alpha$ . Then fundamental sequences of points of function  $\alpha$  are fundamental sequences of points of the phase function  $\beta$ .

**Proof** Let  $O(\alpha) \in ((m-1)\pi, m\pi)$ ,  $m \ge 2$ . Let us consider left and right fundamental sequence of conjugate points according to the phase function  $\alpha$ , that means points  $a_{\mu}$ ,  $b_{-\mu}$  defined by (3.1) and (3.2). Then (4.1) yields

$$\mathrm{tg}\beta(a_{\mu}) = \frac{a_{11}\mathrm{tg}\alpha(a_{\mu}) + a_{12}}{a_{21}\mathrm{tg}\alpha(a_{\mu}) + a_{22}} = \frac{a_{11}\mathrm{tg}c_{\alpha} + a_{12}}{a_{21}\mathrm{tg}c_{\alpha} + a_{22}}$$

for  $\mu = 1, ..., m - 1$ .

From here we have

$$\beta(a_{\mu}) = c_{\beta} + \delta \varepsilon_{\alpha} \mu \pi, \quad \mu = 1, \dots, m-1, \tag{4.2}$$

since from (4.1) for  $t \to -\infty$  we get

$$\mathrm{tg}c_{\beta} = \frac{a_{11}\mathrm{tg}c_{\alpha} + a_{12}}{a_{21}\mathrm{tg}c_{\alpha} + a_{22}}$$

Further from (4.1) we have

$$\mathrm{tg}\beta(b_{-\mu}) = \frac{a_{11}\mathrm{tg}\alpha(b_{-\mu}) + a_{12}}{a_{21}\mathrm{tg}\alpha(b_{-\mu}) + a_{22}} = \frac{a_{11}\mathrm{tg}d_{\alpha} + a_{12}}{a_{21}\mathrm{tg}d_{\alpha} + a_{22}}$$

for  $\mu = 1, ..., m - 1$ .

From here we have

$$\beta(b_{-\mu}) = d_{\beta} - \delta \varepsilon_{\alpha} \mu \pi, \quad \mu = 1, \dots, m - 1, \tag{4.3}$$

since from (4.1) for  $t \to \infty$  we get

$$\mathrm{tg}d_{\beta} = \frac{a_{11}\mathrm{tg}d_{\alpha} + a_{12}}{a_{21}\mathrm{tg}d_{\alpha} + a_{22}}$$

The formulas (4.2) and (4.3) certify the validity of the theorem.

**Corollary 4.1** Let  $O(\alpha) \in ((m-1)\pi, m\pi)$ . Let  $\beta \sim \alpha$ . Then

 $0 < \left|\beta(b_{-(m-\mu)}) - \beta(a_{\mu})\right| < \pi.$ 

**Proof** The assertion follows from the above theorem and the assertion 4. of paragraph 3.

**Theorem 4.2** Let  $\alpha, \beta \in M$ . Let  $\beta \sim \alpha$ . Let  $O(\alpha) \in ((m-1)\pi, m\pi)$ . Then also  $((m-1)\pi, m\pi)$ , and the constant of the second O(B)

$$O(\beta) \in ((m-1)\pi, m\pi)$$

**Proof** From (4.2) and (4.3) we get

$$\beta(a_{\mu}) = c_{\beta} + \delta \varepsilon_{\alpha} \mu \pi, \qquad (4.4)$$
$$\beta(b_{-(m-\mu)}) = d_{\beta} - \delta \varepsilon_{\alpha} (m-\mu) \pi.$$

From here

$$\beta(a_{\mu}) - \beta(b_{-(m-\mu)}) = c_{\beta} - d_{\beta} + \delta \varepsilon_{\alpha} m \pi.$$

As a consequence of (4.1) and (3.5) it holds

$$\begin{aligned} &-\pi < \beta(b_{-(m-\mu)}) - \beta(a_{\mu}) < 0, & \text{if} \quad \delta \varepsilon_{\alpha} = 1, \\ &0 < \beta(b_{-(m-\mu)}) - \beta(a_{\mu}) < \pi, & \text{if} \quad \delta \varepsilon_{\alpha} = -1, \end{aligned}$$

or

$$0 < \beta(a_{\mu}) - \beta(b_{-(m-\mu)}) < \pi, \quad \text{if} \quad \delta\varepsilon_{\alpha} = 1, \tag{4.5}$$

$$-\pi < \beta(a_{\mu}) - \beta(b_{-(m-\mu)}) < 0, \quad \text{if} \quad \delta\varepsilon_{\alpha} = -1. \tag{4.6}$$

From (4.4) and (4.5) we get

$$0 < c_{\beta} - d_{\beta} + m\pi = \beta(a_{\mu}) - \beta(b_{-(m-\mu)}) < \pi, \quad \text{if} \quad \delta\varepsilon_{\alpha} = 1$$

and then the phase function  $\beta$  increases so

$$-m\pi < c_\beta - d_\beta < -(m-1)\pi$$

or

$$(m-1)\pi < d_{\beta} - c_{\beta} = O(\beta) < m\pi.$$

If  $\delta \varepsilon_{\alpha} = -1$  then the phase function  $\beta$  decreases and (4.4) and (4.6) follows that

$$-\pi < c_{\beta} - d_{\beta} - m\pi = \beta(a_{\mu}) - \beta(b_{-(m-\mu)}) < 0$$

or

$$(m-1)\pi < c_{\beta} - d_{\beta} = O(\beta) < m\pi$$

Thus in both cases we have

$$O(\beta) \in ((m-1)\pi, m\pi).$$

**Theorem 4.3** Let  $\alpha, \beta \in M$ . Let  $\beta \sim \alpha$ . Let  $O(\alpha) = m\pi$ . Then

 $O(\beta) = m\pi.$ 

**Proof** In this case both fundamental sequences of points coinside and we have

$$b_{-(m-\mu)} = a_{\mu}.$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \beta(a_{\mu}) &= c_{\beta} + \delta \varepsilon_{\alpha} m \pi, \\ \beta(a_{\mu}) &= \beta(b_{-(m-\mu)}) = d_{\beta} - \delta \varepsilon_{\alpha} (m-\mu) \pi \end{aligned}$$

After subtracting

$$c_{\beta} - d_{\beta} = \delta \varepsilon_{\alpha} m \pi$$

and then

$$O(\beta) = |c_{\beta} - d_{\beta}| = m\pi.$$

## 5 Fundamental central dispersions

Let  $\alpha \in M$ . Let  $O(\alpha) \in ((m-1)\pi, m\pi)$ ,  $m \in N$ ,  $m \ge 2$ . Let  $\varepsilon_{\alpha} = 1(\varepsilon_{\alpha} = -1)$ , when  $\alpha$  increases (decreases) in the interval j.

The fundamental points

$$a_{\mu}, b_{-\mu}, \mu = 1, \dots, m-1$$

defined by (3.1) and (3.2) and the intervals  $j_{\mu}$ ,  $i_{\nu}$  defined by (3.6) and (3.7):

$$j_{\mu} = (a_{\mu,}b_{-(m-1-\mu)}), \qquad \mu = 0, 1, \dots, m-1,$$
  
$$i_{\nu} = (b_{-(m-\nu)}, a_{\nu}), \qquad \nu = 1, 2, \dots, m-1,$$

form a partition of the interval j.

Let  $r = a_1$ ,  $s = b_{-1}$ . The fundamental points will be completed by points  $a_0 = a = -\infty$ ,  $b_0 = b = \infty$ .

Now we define a function  $\varphi = \varphi(t)$ ,  $t \in j$ , which maps each point  $t \in j$  on a point  $\varphi(t) \in j$ , where  $\varphi(t)$  is the first right conjugate point with the point t according to the phase function  $\alpha$ . If the point t does not possess any right conjugate point then  $\varphi$  maps the point t on the smallest conjugate point with t in the interval j according to the phase function  $\alpha$ . That means: The function  $\varphi$  maps points

 $a_0$  on  $a_1$ ,  $a_1$  on  $a_2$ ,...,  $a_{m-2}$  on  $a_{m-1}$ ,  $a_{m-1}$  on  $a_0$ , etc.,

$$b_0$$
 on  $b_{-(m-1)}$ ,  $b_{-(m-1)}$  on  $b_{-(m-2)}$ , ...,  $b_{-2}$  on  $b_{-1}$ ,  $b_{-1}$  on  $b_0$ , etc.,

and intervals

 $j_0$  on  $j_1$ ,  $j_1$  on  $j_2$ , ...,  $j_{m-1}$  on  $j_0$ , etc.,  $i_1$  on  $i_2$ ,  $i_2$  on  $i_3$ , ...,  $i_{m-1}$  on  $i_1$ , etc. So we get following relations:

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha[\varphi(t)] &= \alpha(t) + \varepsilon_{\alpha} \pi \\ &\text{for } t \in j_0 \cup b_{-(m-1)} \cup i_1 \cup a_1 \cup j_1 \cup \ldots \cup b_{-2} \cup i_{m-2} \cup a_{m-2} \cup j_{m-2}, \\ \alpha[\varphi(t)] &= \alpha(t) - \varepsilon_{\alpha}(m-2)\pi \quad \text{for } t \in i_{m-1}, \\ \alpha[\varphi(t)] &= \alpha(t) - \varepsilon_{\alpha}(m-1)\pi \quad \text{for } t \in j_{m-1}, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\varphi(s-) = b_0 = b = \infty, \qquad \varphi(s+) = b_{-(m-1)},$$
(5.1)

and the symbol  $\varphi(s-)$  resp.  $\varphi(s+)$  means the limit of the function  $\varphi(t)$  at the point s on the left resp. on the right

$$\varphi(a_{m-1}-) = a_1 = r, \qquad \varphi(a_{m-1}+) = a_0 = a = -\infty,$$
 (5.2)

where the symbol  $\varphi(a_{m-1}-)$  resp.  $\varphi(a_{m-1}+)$  has the above given meaning,

$$\varphi(a_0) = a_1 = r, \qquad \varphi(b_0) = b_{-(m-1)}$$
 (5.3)

and the symbol  $\varphi(a_0)$  resp.  $\varphi(b_0)$  means the limit  $\varphi(t)$  for  $t \to -\infty$  resp. for  $t \to \infty$ .

**Definition 5.1** Let  $\alpha \in M$ ,  $O(\alpha) \in ((m-1)\pi, m\pi)$ ,  $m \in N$ ,  $m \ge 2$ . Let  $\alpha^{-1}$  denotes the inverse function of the phase function  $\alpha$ . We define the function  $\varphi$  in the interval j as follows

$$\varphi(t) = \begin{cases} \alpha^{-1}(\alpha(t) + \varepsilon_{\alpha}\pi) & \text{for } t \in (-\infty, s), \\ \alpha^{-1}(\alpha(t) - \varepsilon_{\alpha}(m-2)\pi) & \text{for } t \in i_{m-1} = (b_{-1}, a_{m-1}), \ b_{-1} = s, \\ \alpha^{-1}(\alpha(t) - \varepsilon_{\alpha}(m-1)\pi) & \text{for } t \in j_{m-1} = (a_{m-1}, b_0), \end{cases}$$
(5.4)

and in the points of discontinuity  $s = b_{-1}$ ,  $a_{m-1}$  and in the points  $a_0$ ,  $b_0$  there are the limits of the function  $\varphi$  given by (5.1), (5.2) and (5.3).

We call the function  $\varphi$  the fundamental central dispersion of the phase function  $\alpha$ .

This function  $\varphi$  is continuous in the interval j with the exception of points s,  $a_{m-1}$ .

So the fundamental properties of the function  $\varphi$  are:

- 1.  $\varphi$  is defined and continuous in the interval j with the exeption of the points  $s, a_{m-1}$ .
- 2.  $\lim_{t \to s^-} \varphi(t) = \infty$ ,  $\lim_{t \to s^+} \varphi(t) = b_{-(m-1)}$ , we prove the set of the set
- 3.  $\lim_{t \to \alpha_{m-1}-} \varphi(t) = r$ ,  $\lim_{t \to \alpha_{m-1}+} \varphi(t) = -\infty$ , examples by the definition of  $\varphi(t) = -\infty$

- 4.  $\lim_{t \to -\infty} \varphi(t) = r$ ,  $\lim_{t \to +\infty} \varphi(t) = b_{-(m-1)} \ (< r)$ ,
- 5.  $\varphi$  increases by parts in the interval j, namely from r to  $\infty$  in the interval  $(-\infty, s)$ , from  $b_{-(m-1)}$  to r in the interval  $(s, a_{m-1})$ , from  $-\infty$  to  $b_{-(m-1)}$  in the interval  $(a_{m-1}, \infty)$ .
- 6.  $\varphi(t) > t$  for  $t \in (-\infty, s)$ ,  $\varphi(t) < t$  for  $t \in (s, a_{m-1})$ ,  $t \in (a_{m-1}, \infty)$ . Indeed, in the interval  $(-\infty, s)$  we have

$$\varphi(t) = \alpha^{-1}(\alpha(t) + \varepsilon_{\alpha}\pi) > \alpha^{-1}(\alpha(t)) = t,$$

since for  $\varepsilon_{\alpha} = 1$  the function  $\alpha^{-1}$  increases and for  $\varepsilon_{\alpha} = -1$  it decreases. Similarly we show that in the interval  $(s, a_{m-1}) = i_{m-1}$  we have for  $m \in N, m \ge 2$ 

$$\varphi(t) = \alpha^{-1}(\alpha(t) - \varepsilon_{\alpha}(m-2)\pi) < \alpha^{-1}(\alpha(t)) = t;$$

if m = 2 then

$$\varphi(t) \equiv t$$

and in the interval  $(a_{m-1}, \infty) = j_{m-1}$  we have for  $m \in N$ ,  $m \ge 2$ 

$$\varphi(t) = \alpha^{-1}(\alpha(t) - \varepsilon_{\alpha}(m-1)\pi) < \alpha^{-1}(\alpha(t)) = t.$$

7. For  $t \in (-\infty, s)$  it holds  $\alpha(\varphi(t)) = \alpha(t) + \varepsilon_{\alpha} \pi$ , for  $t \in (s, a_{m-1})$  it holds  $\alpha(\varphi(t)) = \alpha(t) - \varepsilon_{\alpha}(m-2)\pi$ , for  $t \in (a_{m-1}, \infty)$  it holds  $\alpha(\varphi(t)) = \alpha(t) - \varepsilon_{\alpha}(m-1)\pi$ .

**Definition 5.2** Let  $\alpha \in M$ ,  $O(\alpha) = m\pi$ ,  $m \in N$ ,  $m \ge 2$ . Let  $\alpha^{-1}$  denotes the inverse of the function  $\alpha$ . We define the function  $\varphi$  by the following relation

$$\varphi(t) = \begin{cases} \alpha^{-1}(\alpha(t) + \varepsilon_{\alpha}\pi) & \text{for } t \in (-\infty, s), \ s = b_{-1}, \\ \alpha^{-1}(\alpha(t) - \varepsilon_{\alpha}(m-1)\pi) & \text{for } t \in (s, \infty), \end{cases}$$
(5.5)

and we call it the fundamental central dispersion of the phase function  $\alpha(t)$ ,  $t \in j$ .

The following relations hold

$$\varphi(s-) = \infty, \qquad \varphi(s+) = -\infty, \qquad \varphi(a_0) = r, \qquad \varphi(b_o) = r.$$

The function  $\varphi$  is not continuous in the point s.

Thus we can summarize properties of the function  $\varphi$ :

1.  $\varphi$  is defined and continuous in j with the exception of the point s.

- 2.  $\lim_{t \to s-} \varphi(t) = \infty$ ,  $\lim_{t \to s+} \varphi(t) = -\infty$ , 3.  $\lim_{t \to -\infty} \varphi(t) = r$ ,  $\lim_{t \to +\infty} \varphi(t) = r$ ,
- 4.  $\varphi$  increases by parts in the interval j, namely from r to  $\infty$  in the interval  $(-\infty, s)$  and from  $-\infty$  to r in the interval  $(s, \infty)$ .
- 5.  $\varphi(t) > t$  for  $t \in (-\infty, s)$ ,  $\varphi(t) < t$  for  $t \in (s, \infty)$ .
- 6.  $\alpha(\varphi(t)) = \alpha(t) + \varepsilon_{\alpha}\pi$  for  $t \in (-\infty, s)$  $\alpha(\varphi(t)) = \alpha(t) - \varepsilon_{\alpha}(m-1)\pi$  for  $t \in (s, \infty)$ .

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