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with each $\sigma_{j,\nu}^{(0)}(z)$ analytic, and $\sigma_{j,r}^{(0)}(z,\lambda)$ bounded. We shall show that the elements $\alpha_{j,\nu}^{(0)}(z)$ in (6.7) may be so specified as to yield

$$\sigma_{j,\nu}^{(0)}(z) \equiv \begin{cases} 1 \text{ when } (j,\nu) = (1,0), \quad \nu = 0, 1, 2, \dots, (r-1) \\ 0 \text{ when } (j,\nu) \neq (1,0). \end{cases}$$
(6,14)

The effect of this will be to give the formula (6. 11) the form

$$m^{*}(\eta_{i}) = \lambda^{q} \left\{ v_{i}(z,\lambda) + \frac{1}{\lambda^{r}} \sum_{j=1}^{p} \lambda^{1-j} \sigma_{j,r}^{(0)}(z,\lambda) D^{j-1} v_{i} \right\}.$$
 (6.15)

7. Another determination of coefficients.

The dependence of the functions (6. 12) upon the unspecified ones $\alpha_{j,\nu}^{(0)}(z)$ of (6. 7) is advantageously set forth in terms of vector-matrix notation. To this end, let a column vector with the components φ_i , i = 1, 2, ..., p, be denoted by (φ) and let the vector whose components are the terms in $1/\lambda^{\nu}$ of (φ), namely with the components $\varphi_{i,\nu}$ i = 1, 2, ..., p, be denoted by (φ)_{ν}. Also let *H* designate the square matrix

$$H = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda^{-1}D & 0 & 0 & - & - & -\bar{\beta}_{p} \\ 1 & \lambda^{-1}D & 0 & - & - & -\bar{\beta}_{p-1} \\ 0 & 1 & \lambda^{-1}D & - & - & -\bar{\beta}_{p-2} \\ - & - & - & - & - & - \\ 0 & 0 & - & - & - & - \\ 0 & 0 & - & - & - & -\bar{\beta}_{1} + \lambda^{-1}D \end{bmatrix}$$
(7. 1)

the elements of which are in part functions of z and λ , and in part the indicated differential operator. Again let H_{ν} designate the matrix that is obtainable from (7. 1) by replacing its elements by their terms in $1/\lambda^{\nu}$. The relations (6. 10) are then seen at once to take the form

$$(\alpha^{(k)}) = H(\alpha^{(k-1)}).$$

With iteration defined in the manner

$$H^{[k]}(\varphi) = H(H^{[k-1]}(\varphi)), \ H^{[1]} = H, \qquad (7.2)$$

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and with $H^{[0]}$ signifying the unit matrix, it is then easily seen that

$$(\alpha^{(k)}) = H^{[k]}(\alpha^{(0)}).$$
 (7.3)

The relation (6. 12) may thus be written in the form

$$(\sigma^{(0)}) = J(\alpha^{(0)}), \qquad (7.4)$$

with J standing for the matrix

$$J = \sum_{k=0}^{q} \bar{\gamma}_k H^{[q-k]}.$$
 (7.5)

The evaluations

$$(\sigma^{(0)})_{\nu} = \sum_{j=0}^{\nu} J_j(\alpha^{(0)})_{\nu-j},$$
$$J_j = \sum_{k=0}^{q} \sum_{i=0}^{j} \bar{\gamma}_{k,i} H^{[q-k]}_{j-i},$$

evidently combine to yield the formula

$$(\sigma^{(0)})_{\nu} = \sum_{k=0}^{q} \sum_{j=0}^{\nu} \sum_{i=0}^{j} \bar{\gamma}_{k,i} H_{j-i}^{[q-k]}(\alpha^{(0)})_{\nu-j} . \qquad (7.6)$$

In connection with this, certain observations are apropos. To begin with, the index value j = 0 implies i = 0, whereas by (6.5) and (4.1), $\bar{\gamma}_{k,0} = c_k(z)$. Further when i = j the matrix $H_{j-i}^{[q-k]}$ reduces to precisely $K^{q-k}(z)$, with K(z) as given in (3.3). On the basis of these facts the equation (7.6) may be arranged into the form

$$\sum_{k=0}^{q} c_{k}(z) K^{q-k}(z) (\alpha^{(0)})_{\nu} = (\sigma^{(0)})_{\nu} - \sum_{k=0}^{q} \sum_{j=1}^{\nu} \sum_{i=0}^{j} \bar{\gamma}_{k,i} H^{[q-k]}_{j-i} (\alpha^{(0)})_{\nu-j}$$
(7.7)

This is a vector equation for $(a^{(0)})_{\nu}$, which we shall consider for successive values of ν , assuming that the values (6.14) have been assigned.

When v = 0, the triple sum on the right of the equality in (7.7) vanishes, and the right-hand member is, therefore, the vector $(\sigma^{(0)})_0$ whose first component is 1 and whose other components are 0. The equation is therefore a non-homogeneous

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one, and accordingly admits of an analytic solution for $(a^{(0)})_0$ provided the matrix multiplier of this vector on the left is non-singular. This condition is assured by the relation (3. 4).

Now we may proceed by induction. Assuming that the vectors $(a^{(0)})_j$ for j = 1, 2, ..., (v-1), have been determined and are analytic, the right-hand member of the equation (7.7) is known. As in the case v = 0, so now, the equation is analytically solvable. The solutions for the successive values v = 0, 1, 2, ..., (r-1), yield the coefficients (6.7) for which the functions $\eta_i(z, \lambda)$, as given by the formulas (6.8), fulfill the relations (6.5).

8. ON LINEAR INDEPENDENCE.

With the functions $a_j^{(0)}(z, \lambda)$ now at hand, we have at our disposal the *n* known functions $y_j(z, \lambda)$, j = 1, 2, ..., q, which are the solutions of the differential equation (6.3), and $\eta_i(z, \lambda)$, i = 1, 2, ..., p, which are given by the formulas (6.8). We shall show that these functions are linearly independent.

Let the Wronskians of the entire set and of the respective sub-sets be denoted respectively by W_n , $W_q(y)$ and $W_p(\eta)$. If the usual form

is modified by adding to each of the last p rows suitable multiples of the preceding ones, the formula can be made to appear thus