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Let a be a positive real number and G be the set of functions f meromorphic in the unit disc for which the Nevanlinna characteristic is unbounded and the limit superior of the ratio of $T(r,f)$ to $-\log(1-r)$ equals a as r approaches one. Properties of solutions of differential equations in the disc will be discussed where the equations have their coefficients in special subclasses of G . (Received October 02, 2000)