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SP.157. Let $f: [0, +\infty) \rightarrow [0, +\infty)$ a derivable function and $a > 1$. If $f'(x)(f(x) + x^2 + 2x + a) = 1, \forall x \geq 0$ then: $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x)$ exists and it is finite.

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$$\begin{aligned}
 & f'(x)(f(x) + x^2 + 2x + a) = 1 \\
 \Rightarrow & f'(x) > 0 \quad \forall x \geq 0 \quad (\text{because } f(x) \geq 0 \quad \forall x \geq 0, a > 1) \\
 \Rightarrow & f(x) \nearrow \text{ on } [0, +\infty) \\
 \Rightarrow & \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} f(x) = l \in [0, +\infty) \quad \text{or} \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} f(x) = +\infty. \\
 \text{If } & \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} f(x) = +\infty \Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} f'(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{1}{f(x) + x^2 + 2x + a} = 0 \\
 \Rightarrow & \exists \alpha > 0: 0 < f'(x) \leq \frac{1}{x^2 + 1} \quad (\forall x \geq \alpha) \\
 \Rightarrow & 0 < \int_0^x f'(t) dt \leq \int_0^x \frac{1}{t^2 + 1} dt \\
 \Rightarrow & 0 < f(x) - f(\alpha) \leq \tan^{-1}(x) - \tan^{-1}(\alpha) \\
 \Rightarrow & f(x) \leq \tan^{-1}(x) + f(\alpha) - \tan^{-1}(\alpha) \\
 \Rightarrow & \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} f(x) \leq \frac{\pi}{2} + f(\alpha) - \tan^{-1}(\alpha)
 \end{aligned}$$

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which is contrary with $\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} f(x) = +\infty$.

*So, we have $\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} f(x) = l \in [0, +\infty)$. **Proved.***