

ASYMPTOTIC BEHAVIOR OF THE NONOSCILLATORY SOLUTION OF  
 THE N-TH ORDER DIFFERENTIAL EQUATION WITH DELAY  
 DEPENDING ON THE UNKNOWN FUNCTION

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Abstract

The asymptotic behavior of the solutions of the differential equations  
 $(r_{n-1}(t)(r_{n-2}(t)(\dots(r_1(t)x'(t))\dots)))' + f(t, x(t), x(\Delta(t, x(t)))) = 0$   
 is considered.

We consider the n-th order differential equation of the form

$$L_n x(t) + f(t, x(t), x(\Delta(t, x(t)))) = 0 \quad (1)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} L_1 x(t) &= r_1(t)x'(t) \\ L_i x(t) &= r_i(t)(L_{i-1}x(t))', \quad \text{for } i = 2, \dots, n-1, \\ L_n x(t) &= (L_{n-1}x(t))'. \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

Troughout the paper we shall assume that :

- H1.  $r_i \in C(R_+, R_+)$  and  $\int dt/r_i(t) = \infty$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$
- H2.  $f \in C(R_+ \times R^2, R)$ ,  $f(t, u, v)$  is nondecreasing function in  $u$  and  $v$  for each fixed  $t$ .
- H3.  $u f(t, u, v) > 0$  for  $u, v > 0$  and  $t$  arbitrary
- H4.  $\Delta \in C(R_+ \times R, R)$
- H5. There exist a function  $\Delta_*(t) \in C(R_+, R)$  and  $T \in R_+$  such that  
 $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \Delta_*(t) = \infty$  and  $\Delta_*(t) \leq \Delta(t, x)$  for  $t \geq T$ ,
- H6. There exist a function  $\Delta^*(t) \in C(R_+, R)$  and  $T \in R_+$  such that  $\Delta^*(t)$  is nondecreasing function  
 for  $t \geq T$  and  $\Delta(t, x) \leq \Delta^*(t) \leq t$  for  $t \geq T, x \in R$

By a solution of equation (1) is meant a function  $x(t)$ , such that  $L_i x(t)$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$  exist and are continuous on  $[T, \infty)$  and  $x(t)$  satisfies (1). We restrict our considerations to those solutions of (1) which exist on some ray  $[T_x, \infty)$  and satisfy

$$\sup \{y(t) : t_1 \leq t < \infty\} > 0 \quad \text{for any } t_1 \in [T_x, \infty).$$

Define  $T_{-1} = \inf \{\Delta(t, x) : t \geq T, x \in R\}$ .

**Lemma 1.** Let  $x(t)$  be a nonoscillatory solution of equation (1). Then there exist an integer  $l$ ,  $0 \leq l \leq n$  and  $t_1 \geq t_0$  with  $n+l$  odd such that

$$x(t) L_i x(t) > 0, \quad 1 \leq i \leq l, \quad (3)$$

$(-1)^{i-1} x(t) L_i x(t) > 0$  ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$   
for all  $t \geq t_1$  ,

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} |L_i x(t)| = \infty \quad \text{for } i = 1, \dots, l-2,$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} L_{l-1} x(t) \neq 0 \quad , \quad \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} L_l x(t) \text{ is own}$$

and

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} L_j x(t) = 0 \quad \text{for } j = l+1, \dots, n-1.$$

Lemma generalizes a well-known lemma of Kiguradze and can be proved similarly.

A function  $x(t)$  satisfying (3) is said to be a function of degree  $l$  (see [ 2 ]). The set of all nonoscillatory solutions of degree  $l$  of equation (1) is denoted by  $N_l$ .

If

$$N_l^1 = \{x \in N_l : \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} L_l x(t) \neq 0\},$$

$$N_l^0 = \{x \in N_l : \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} L_l x(t) = 0\},$$

then  $N_l = N_l^1 \cup N_l^0$  ,

$$N_0 = N_2 = \dots = N_{2k} = \emptyset \quad \text{for } n \text{ even}$$

and

$$N_1 = N_3 = \dots = N_{2k+1} = \emptyset \quad \text{for } n \text{ odd} .$$

We shall use the following notation

$$\phi_{k,T}(r_1, \dots, r_j; t) = \int_T^t 1/r_1(s_1) \int_T^{s_1} 1/r_2(s_2) \dots \int_T^{s_{j-1}} k/r_j(s_j) ds_j \dots ds_2 ds_1$$

$$\phi_k(r_1, \dots, r_j; t) = \phi_{k,0}(r_1, \dots, r_j; t) , \text{ for } j = 1, 2, \dots, n-1 .$$

Using  $H_1$  we have that

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} |\phi_{k,T}(r_1, \dots, r_j; t)| = \infty \quad \text{for all } k \neq 0,$$

$$|\phi_{k,T}(r_1, \dots, r_j; t)| > |\phi_{l,T}(r_1, \dots, r_j; t)| \quad \text{for all } |k| > |l|$$

$$\phi_{k,T}(r_1, \dots, r_j; t) = 0$$

**Lemma 2.** Let  $x(t)$  be a nonoscillatory solution of equation (1) degree  $l \geq 1$ . Then  $x(t)$  possesses one of the following properties:

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} x(t) / \phi_k(r_1, \dots, r_l; t) = c \neq 0 ; \quad (\text{P1})$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} x(t) / \phi_k(r_1, \dots, r_l; t) = 0 , \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} |x(t)| = \infty ; \quad (\text{P2})$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} x(t) / \phi_k(r_1, \dots, r_l; t) = 0 , \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} |x(t)| = c_1 . \quad (\text{P3})$$

**Proof.** Let  $x(t)$  be a nonoscillatory solution of equation (1) degree  $l$ . Using L'Hospital rule we have

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} x(t) / \phi_k(r_1, \dots, r_l; t) = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} L_1 x(t)$$

and from the Lemma 1 it follows that Lemma 2 is true.

**Remark 1.** It is obviously that  $x(t)$  possesses P1 (P2 or P3) if and only if  $x(t) \in N_1^l$  ( $x(t) \in N_1^0$ ).

**Theorem 1.** Let equation (1) has a nonoscillatory solution  $x(t)$  degree  $l$  possesses property (P1). Then

$$\int_1^{\infty} |f(t, c \phi_k(r_1, \dots, r_l; t), c \phi_k(r_1, \dots, r_l; \Delta^*(t)))| dt < \infty \quad (6)$$

for some constants  $k \neq 0$  and  $c > 0$ .

**Proof.** Let  $x(t)$  be a nonoscillatory solutions of equation (1) degree  $l$  for which

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} x(t) / \phi_k(r_1, \dots, r_l; t) = c_1 \neq 0.$$

Without loss of generality, we suppose that  $c_1 > 0$  (the proof for  $c_1 < 0$  is similar). Then there exists  $c > 0$  and  $t_1 \geq T \geq 0$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) &\geq c \phi_k(r_1, \dots, r_l; t), \\ x(\Delta(t, x(t))) &\geq c \phi_n(r_1, \dots, r_l; \Delta^*(t)), \quad t \geq t_1 \text{ (using tts and (4))} \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

Integrating (1) from  $t$  to  $\infty$  and using properties of the solution  $x(t)$  we obtain

$$\int_1^{\infty} f(s, x(s), x(\Delta(s, x(s)))) ds < \infty.$$

From the last inequality in view of (7) we obtain

$$\int_1^{\infty} f(s, c \phi_k(r_1, \dots, r_l; s), c \phi_k(r_1, \dots, r_l; \Delta^*(s))) ds < \infty$$

which implies (6). This completes the proof.

**Theorem 2.** Suppose that for each fixed  $k \neq 0$  and  $T \geq 0$

$$\lim_{l \rightarrow 0, k > 0} \phi_{l,T}(r_1, \dots, r_{n-1}; t) / \phi_{k,T}(r_1, \dots, r_{n-1}; t) = 0 \quad (8)$$

uniformly on any interval of the form  $[T', \infty)$ ,  $T' > T$ .

If for some  $c > 0$  and  $k \neq 0$  we have

$$\int_1^{\infty} |f(t, c \phi_k(r_1, \dots, r_{n-1}; t), c \phi_k(r_1, \dots, r_{n-1}; \Delta^*(t)))| dt < \infty \quad (9)$$

then equation (1) has a solution degree  $(n-1)$  with property (P1).

**Proof.** Suppose that (9) holds for some  $c > 0$  and  $k' > 0$ . As (8) holds, there exist  $l_1, k > l_1 > 0$ , such that

$$\phi_{l_1}(r_1, \dots, r_{n-1}; t) < c \phi_{k'}(r_1, \dots, r_{n-1}; t).$$

We choose  $m$  such that  $0 < m \leq c/2$ ,  $T > 0$ ,  $2m < l_1 < k$  and

$$\int_T^\infty f(t, \phi_{2m}(r_1, \dots, r_{n-1}; t), \phi_{2m}(r_1, \dots, r_{n-1}; \Delta^*(t))) dt \leq m. \quad (10)$$

We define the set

$$X = \{x \in C([T_{-1}, \infty), \mathbb{R}) : x(t) = 0 \text{ for } t \in [T_{-1}, T) \text{ and}$$

$\phi_{m,T}(r_1, \dots, r_{n-1}; t) \leq x(t) \leq \phi_{2m,T}(r_1, \dots, r_{n-1}; t) \text{ for } t \geq T\}$ ,  
and the mapping  $S : X \rightarrow C([T_{-1}, \infty), \mathbb{R})$  by the formula

$$S_{x(t)} = \begin{cases} 0, & T_{-1} \leq t < T, \\ \int_T^{s_1} \frac{1}{r_1(s_1)} \int_T^{s_2} \dots \int_T^{s_{n-1}} \frac{1}{r_{n-1}(s_{n-1})} (m + \int_{s_{n-1}}^\infty f(s, x(s), x(\Delta(s, x(s)))) ds) ds_{n-1} ds_{n-2} \dots ds_2 ds_1, & t \geq T. \end{cases} \quad (11)$$

It is standard to verify that all conditions of the Schauder-Tychonoff fixed point theorem are fulfilled and therefore there exists  $x \in X$  such that  $x(t) = Sx(t)$ . Differentiating this integral equation we obtain that  $x(t)$  is a solution of equation (1) degree  $(n-1)$  with property (P1). This completes the proof.

**Theorem 3.** Let the condition (8) holds. Then equation (1) has a nonoscillatory solution  $x(t)$  degree  $(n-1)$  with property (P1) if and only if (9) holds for some constants  $c > 0$  and  $k \neq 0$ .

**Proof.** Theorem 3 follows from Theorem 1 and Theorem 2.

**Remark 2.** Theorems generalize some results from the paper [1]. Exactly if  $n=2$  we obtain Theorem 5 from the paper [1]. If  $\Delta(t, x(t)) = h_1(t)$  we obtain Theorems 1,2,3 from the paper [2] in the special case  $\varphi(t) = t$ ,  $m = 1$ .

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