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**A CRITERION FOR DETERMINING THE  $2^{\text{nd}}$  ORDER LINEAR  
DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS POSSESSING THE CENTRAL  
DISPERSION WITH THE INDEX  $n$  EQUAL TO  $t + \pi$**

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In this paper we shall concern ourselves with a differential equation

$$y'' = q(t)y, \quad q \in C_j^0, \quad j = (-\infty, \infty). \quad (\text{q})$$

Throughout, the equation (q) will be understood to be oscillatory on both sides on  $j$  (which implies every nontrivial solution of (q) with infinitely many zeros on each of the intervals  $(-\infty, a)$  and  $(b, \infty)$ ,  $a \in j$ ,  $b \in j$ ).

We now recall some definitions and results adopted from the monograph [1] that will be of need below. Trivial solutions of (q) will be always from our considerations eliminated.

Let  $n$  be a positive integer,  $x \in j$  and  $y$  be a solution of (q) such that  $y(x) = 0$ . If  $\varphi_n(x)$  denotes the  $n$ -th zero of the  $y$  lying to the right of  $x$ , then  $\varphi_n$  is called the 1st kind central dispersion (from now on only the central dispersion) with the index  $n$  of (q). Instead of  $\varphi_1$  we write  $\varphi$  which is called the basic dispersion (of the 1st kind) of (q).

Let  $(u, v)$  be a basis of (q) and  $w$  its Wronskian ( $w = uv' - u'v$ ). Then  $r(t) := \sqrt{u^2(t) + v^2(t)}$ ,  $t \in j$ , is called the (first) amplitude of the basis  $(u, v)$  and every function  $\alpha$ ,  $\alpha \in C_j^0$ , satisfying the equation  $\text{tg } \alpha(t) = \frac{u(t)}{v(t)}$  wherever  $v(t) \neq 0$  is called the (first) phase of the basis  $(u, v)$ . Let us say that  $\alpha$  is a phase of (q) if there is a basis  $(u, v)$  of (q) possessing the function  $\alpha$  as a phase. If  $\alpha$  is a phase and  $r$  the amplitude of the basis  $(u, v)$  with the Wronskian equal to  $w$  then  $\alpha'(t) = \frac{w}{r^2(t)}$ ,  $t \in j$ .

Let  $\varphi$  be the basic dispersion and  $\alpha$  a phase of (q). Then

- (i)  $\alpha \in C_j^3, \alpha'(t) \neq 0$  on  $j$ ,
- (ii)  $-\frac{1}{2} \frac{\alpha'''(t)}{\alpha'(t)} + \frac{3}{4} \left( \frac{\alpha''(t)}{\alpha'(t)} \right)^2 - \alpha'^2(t) = q(t), \quad t \in j,$
- (iii)  $\varphi_n(t) = \underbrace{\varphi \circ \varphi \circ \dots \circ \varphi}_n(t), \varphi \in C_j^3, \varphi'(t) \neq 0$  on  $j$ ,
- (iv)  $\alpha \circ \varphi_n(t) = \alpha(t) + n\pi \operatorname{sgn} \alpha', \quad t \in j,$

(v)  $\alpha_1$  is a phase of (q) if and only if there are the numbers  $a_{11}, a_{12}, a_{21}, a_{22}$ ,  $\det(a_{ik}) \neq 0$  such that

$$\operatorname{tg} \alpha_1(t) = \frac{a_{11} \operatorname{tg} \alpha(t) + a_{12}}{a_{21} \operatorname{tg} \alpha(t) + a_{22}}$$

for all  $t$  for which both sides of the last formula are meaningful,

(vi) If  $\alpha$  is a phase of the basis  $(u, v)$  of (q),  $w = uv' - u'v$  then  $r, r(t) := \sqrt{-\frac{w}{\alpha'(t)}}$ ,  $t \in j$ , is a solution of the equation

$$r'' = q(t)r + \frac{w^2}{r^3}.$$

**Theorem.** Let  $q \in C_j^1, q'(t) \neq 0$ . Let next  $\alpha$  be a phase and  $\varphi$  the basic dispersion of (q). Then there exists a positive integer  $n$  such that  $\varphi_n(t) = t + \pi$  if and only if it holds:

$$q(t + \pi) = q(t), \quad t \in j, \quad (1)$$

$$\int_t^{t+\pi} \frac{q'(s)}{\alpha'(s)} ds = 0, \quad \int_t^{t+\pi} \frac{q'(s)}{\alpha'(s)} \sin^2 \alpha(s) ds = 0, \quad t \in j. \quad (2)$$

Proof: a) Let for a positive integer  $n$   $\varphi_n(t) = t + \pi, t \in j$ . Let  $\alpha$  be a phase of the basis  $(u, v)$  of (q) whose Wronskian is equal to  $w$ . Following (iv) we have

$$\alpha(t + \pi) = \alpha(t) + n\pi \operatorname{sgn} \alpha', \quad t \in j, \quad (3)$$

and according to (vi)

$$r''(t) = q(t)r(t) + \frac{w^2}{r^3(t)}, \quad t \in j, \quad (4)$$

for  $r(t) := \sqrt{-\frac{w}{\alpha'(t)}}$ ,  $t \in j$ .

From the formula  $q(t) = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{\alpha'''(t)}{\alpha'(t)} + \frac{3}{4} \left( \frac{\alpha''(t)}{\alpha'(t)} \right)^2 - \alpha'^2(t)$  and  $\alpha'(t + \pi) = \alpha'(t)$  that follows from (3), we get (1).

On multiplying out both sides of (4) by  $2r'$  we get after an elementary modification the equality

$$(r'^2(t))' = q(t)(r^2(t))' - \left(\frac{w^2}{r^2(t)}\right)', \quad t \in j$$

and integrating this from  $t$  to  $t + \pi$  we have

$$r'^2(t + \pi) - r'^2(t) = \int_t^{t+\pi} q(s)(r^2(s))' ds - w^2 \left( \frac{1}{r^2(t + \pi)} - \frac{1}{r^2(t)} \right), \quad t \in j. \quad (5)$$

The functions  $qr^2$ ,  $r$ ,  $r'$  are periodic with the period  $\pi$  which follows from (1), (3) and from the definition of the function  $r$ . Next we have

$$\int_t^{t+\pi} q(s)(r^2(s))' ds = - \int_t^{t+\pi} q'(s) r^2(s) ds, \quad t \in j,$$

and with respect to (5)  $\left(r^2 = -\frac{w}{\alpha'}\right)$ , also

$$\int_t^{t+\pi} \frac{q'(s)}{\alpha'(s)} ds = 0, \quad t \in j. \quad (6)$$

Let us note that  $\alpha$  in (6) is an arbitrary phase of  $(q)$ . We will utilize this fact to the proof of (2). Let  $x \neq 0$  and  $\alpha_x \in C_j^0$  a function such that  $\operatorname{tg} \alpha_x(t) = x^2 \operatorname{tg} \alpha(t)$  for all  $t$  for which  $\operatorname{tg} \alpha(t)$  has been defined. Then  $\alpha_x$  is a phase of  $(q)$  as follows from (vi)  $\left(a_{11} = \frac{1}{a_{22}} = x, a_{12} = a_{21} = 0\right)$ . Next we have

$$\alpha'_x(t) = \frac{x^2}{\cos^2 \alpha(t) + x^4 \sin^2 \alpha(t)} \alpha'(t), \quad t \in j, x \neq 0.$$

Since

$$0 = \int_t^{t+\pi} \frac{q'(s)}{\alpha'(s)} ds = \frac{1}{x^2} \int_t^{t+\pi} \frac{q'(s)}{\alpha'(s)} (\cos^2 \alpha(s) + x^4 \sin^2 \alpha(s)) ds$$

for every  $x \neq 0$  and hence also

$$\int_t^{t+\pi} \frac{q'(s)}{\alpha'(s)} \cos^2 \alpha(s) ds = -x^4 \int_t^{t+\pi} \frac{q'(s)}{\alpha'(s)} \sin^2 \alpha(s) ds,$$

it is necessarily

$$\int_t^{t+\pi} \frac{q'(s)}{\alpha'(s)} \sin^2 \alpha(s) ds = 0, \quad \int_t^{t+\pi} \frac{q'(s)}{\alpha'(s)} \cos^2 \alpha(s) ds = 0, \quad t \in j.$$

By this we have proved statement of the Theorem in one direction.

b) Let the phase  $\alpha$  and  $q$  satisfy the assumptions (1), (2),  $q \in C_j^1$  and  $q' \not\equiv 0$ . The function  $q$  is periodic with the period  $\pi$  and therefore exists (uniquely) a phase  $\varepsilon$  of the equation  $y'' = -y: \alpha(t + \pi) = \varepsilon \circ \alpha(t)$  ([2], § 3.8). By the assumption  $q \in C_j^1, q' \not\equiv 0$  thus there exists an interval  $(\lambda, \mu)$ , where  $q'(t) \neq 0$ . By differentiating (2) we obtain  $\frac{q'(t + \pi)}{\alpha'(t + \pi)} = \frac{q'(t)}{\alpha'(t)}, \frac{q'(t + \pi)}{\alpha'(t + \pi)} \sin^2 \alpha(t + \pi) = \frac{q'(t)}{\alpha'(t)} \sin^2 \alpha(t) (t \in j)$  and making use of (1) we get  $\alpha'(t + \pi) = \alpha'(t)$  and  $\sin^2 \alpha(t + \pi) = \sin^2 \alpha(t)$  for  $t \in (\lambda, \mu)$ . Therefore  $\alpha(t + \pi) = \alpha(t) + c$ , where  $c (\neq 0)$  is a constant,  $\text{sgn } c = \text{sgn } \alpha'$  and from  $\sin^2(\alpha(t) + c) = \sin^2 \alpha(t)$  then follows  $c = n\pi \text{sgn } \alpha'$  ( $n$  is a positive integer). So, we have proved  $\alpha(t + \pi) = \alpha(t) + n\pi \text{sgn } \alpha', t \in (\lambda, \mu)$ . From the last equality and from  $\alpha(t + \pi) = \varepsilon \circ \alpha(t)$  we get  $\varepsilon(t) = t + n\pi \text{sgn } \alpha'$  for  $t$  from the open interval with the end points  $\alpha(\lambda), \alpha(\mu)$ . By the Theorem in [1] p. 209 there is the phase  $\varepsilon$  uniquely determined by the values of  $\varepsilon, \varepsilon', \varepsilon''$  at a point  $t_0 (\in j)$ . Therefore  $\varepsilon(t) = t + n\pi \text{sgn } \alpha'$  even for  $t \in j$  and from  $\alpha(t + \pi) = \alpha(t) + n\pi \text{sgn } \alpha'$  and (iv) we have  $\varphi_n(t) = t + \pi$ . This completes the proof.

Remark 1. There is  $q' \not\equiv 0$  on  $j$  in the assumptions of the Theorem. If  $q$  is a constant ( $= k$ ), then we can easily see  $\varphi_n(t) = t + \pi(t \in j)$  for a positive integer  $n$  if and only if  $k = -n^2$ .

Remark 2. The integral conditions (2) may be formulated in terms of  $q$ . Then these are more complicated.

Remark 3. A general form of the carrier  $q$  of (q) having the basic dispersion equal to  $t + \pi$  has been found in [1] and [3].

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#### Shrnutí

KRITÉRIUM PRO URČENÍ LINEÁRNÍCH DIFERENCIÁLNÍCH ROVNIC 2. ŘÁDU, KTERÉ MAJÍ CENTRÁLNÍ DISPERSI S INDEXEM  $n$  ROVNU  $t + \pi$

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V práci jsou uvedeny nutné a postačující podmínky, aby funkce  $t + \pi$  byla rovna centrální dispersi s indexem  $n$  diferenciální rovnice (q):  $y'' = q(t)y, q \in C_{(-\infty, \infty)}^0$ . Tyto podmínky jsou vyjádřeny pomocí funkce  $q$  a první fáze diferenciální rovnice (q).

*Резюме*

**КРИТЕРИУМ ДЛЯ ОПРЕДЕЛЕНИЯ ЛИНЕЙНЫХ  
ДИФФЕРЕНЦИАЛЬНЫХ УРАВНЕНИЙ КОТОРЫЕ ОБЛАДАЮТ  
ЦЕНТРАЛЬНОЙ ДИСПЕРСИЕЙ С ИНДЕКСОМ  $n$  РОВНОЙ  $t + \pi$**

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В работе исследуются линейные дифференциальные уравнения второго порядка вида  $(q) : y'' = q(t)y$ ,  $q \in C_{(-\infty, \infty)}^0$ . Указаны необходимые и достаточные условия при выполнении которых центральная дисперсия с индексом  $n$  дифференциального уравнения  $(q)$  равна  $t + \pi$ . Эти условия представлены при помощи функции  $q$  и первой фазы дифференциального уравнения  $(q)$ .