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ASYMPTOTIC FORMULAS FOR SOLUTIONS OF THE EQUATION $[p(t)y'] = q(t)y + r(t)$

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Let us consider the differential equation

$$(1) \quad [p(t)y']' = q(t)y + r(t).$$

Throughout the paper we suppose that p, q, r are continuous complex-valued functions defined for $t \in J = [t_0, \infty)$ and $p(t) \neq 0, r(t) \not\equiv 0$. In [1] asymptotic formulas for solutions of (1) in the case $r(t) \equiv 0$ have been derived considering (1) for a perturbed equation of $[p(t)z']' = 0$. In this paper we shall derive asymptotic formulas for a particular solution of (1) satisfying the integral equation

$$y(t) = \int_{t_1}^t \frac{1}{p(\xi)} \int_{t_2}^{\xi} q(\eta)y(\eta) d\eta d\xi + \int_{t_3}^t \frac{1}{p(\xi)} \int_{t_4}^{\xi} r(\eta) d\eta d\xi,$$

where $t_i, i = 1, \dots, 4$ are suitable numbers, $t_0 \leq t_i \leq \infty$. In this way, regarding the results contained in [1], the asymptotic nature of the general solution (1) will be described.

Let us denote

$$\delta(t) = \int_{t_3}^t \frac{1}{p(\xi)} \int_{t_4}^{\xi} r(\eta) d\eta d\xi$$

and define linear operators $K_n, L_n : C(J) \rightarrow C(J)$ where $C(J)$ is the set of all continuous functions $x(t)$ defined on J in the following way

$$(2) \quad K_0 x(t) = x(t), \quad K_n x(t) = \int_{t_1}^t \frac{1}{p(\xi)} \int_{t_2}^{\xi} q(\eta) K_{n-1} x(\eta) d\eta d\xi,$$

$$(3) \quad L_0 x(t) = x(t), \quad L_n x(t) = \int_{t_2}^t q(\xi) \int_{t_1}^{\xi} \frac{1}{p(\eta)} L_{n-1} x(\eta) d\eta d\xi.$$

Then the series $y(t) = \sum_0^{\infty} K_n \delta(t)$ is a formal solution of (1) and its derivative is given by

$$p(t) y'(t) = \int_{t_4}^t r(\xi) d\xi + \sum_0^{\infty} L_n \int_{t_2}^t q(\xi) \int_{t_3}^{\xi} \frac{1}{p(\eta)} \int_{t_4}^{\eta} r(\sigma) d\sigma d\eta d\xi.$$

Further, the following special cases of (2) and (3) will be investigated

$$T_n x(t) = \int_{\infty}^t \frac{1}{p(\xi)} \int_{\infty}^{\xi} q(\eta) T_{n-1} x(\eta) d\eta d\xi, \quad \Phi_n x(t) = \int_{\infty}^t q(\xi) \int_{\infty}^{\xi} \frac{1}{p(\eta)} \Phi_{n-1}(\eta) d\eta d\xi,$$

$$\Psi_n x(t) = \int_{\infty}^t \frac{1}{p(\xi)} \int_{t_0}^{\xi} q(\eta) \Psi_{n-1} x(\eta) d\eta d\xi, \quad \Omega_n x(t) = \int_{t_0}^t q(\xi) \int_{\infty}^{\xi} \frac{1}{p(\eta)} \Omega_{n-1} x(\eta) d\eta d\xi,$$

$$n = 1, 2, \dots,$$

$$T_0 x(t) = \Phi_0 x(t) = \Psi_0 x(t) = \Omega_0 x(t) = x(t).$$

Theorem 1. Suppose

$$\int_{t_0}^{\infty} \frac{d\xi}{|p(\xi)|} < \infty, \quad \int_{t_0}^{\infty} |q(\xi)| d\xi < \infty, \quad \int_{t_0}^{\infty} |r(\xi)| d\xi < \infty.$$

Then there exists a solution $y(t)$ of (1) such that

$$(4) \quad y(t) = \sum_0^n T_k \int_{\infty}^t \frac{1}{p(\xi)} \int_{\infty}^{\xi} r(\eta) d\eta d\xi + \varepsilon_1(t)$$

and

$$p(t) y'(t) = \sum_0^n \Phi_k \int_{\infty}^t r(\xi) d\xi + \varepsilon_2(t).$$

Here

$$(5) \quad |\varepsilon_1(t)| \leq \alpha(t) \frac{\tau^{n+1}(t)}{(n+1)!} \exp\{\tau(t)\},$$

$$\alpha(t) = \int_t^{\infty} \frac{1}{|p(\xi)|} \int_{\xi}^{\infty} |r(\eta)| d\eta d\xi, \quad \tau(t) = \int_t^{\infty} \frac{1}{|p(\xi)|} \int_{\xi}^{\infty} |q(\eta)| d\eta d\xi,$$

$$(6) \quad |\varepsilon_2(t)| \leq \frac{\varphi^{n+1}(t)}{(n+1)!} \exp\{\varphi(t)\} \int_t^{\infty} |r(\xi)| d\xi, \quad \varphi(t) = \int_t^{\infty} |q(\xi)| \int_{\xi}^{\infty} \frac{1}{|p(\eta)|} d\eta d\xi.$$

Proof. Let us denote

$$a(t) = \int_{-\infty}^t \frac{1}{p(\xi)} \int_{-\infty}^{\xi} r(\eta) d\eta d\xi.$$

We shall prove by induction

$$(7) \quad |T_n a(t)| \leq \alpha(t) \frac{\tau^n(t)}{n!}.$$

It holds $|T_0 a(t)| = |a(t)| \leq \alpha(t)$ and by means of (7) we receive

$$\begin{aligned} |T_{n+1} a(t)| &= \left| \int_{-\infty}^t \frac{1}{p(\xi)} \int_{-\infty}^{\xi} q(\eta) T_n a(\eta) d\eta d\xi \right| \leq \int_{-\infty}^t \frac{1}{|p(\xi)|} \int_{-\infty}^{\xi} |q(\eta)| \alpha(\eta) \frac{\tau^n(\eta)}{n!} d\eta d\xi \leq \\ &\leq \alpha(t) \int_{-\infty}^t \frac{1}{|p(\xi)|} \int_{-\infty}^{\xi} |q(\eta)| d\eta \frac{\tau^n(\xi)}{n!} d\xi = \alpha(t) \int_{-\infty}^t -\tau'(\xi) \frac{\tau^n(\xi)}{n!} d\xi = \alpha(t) \frac{\tau^{n+1}(t)}{(n+1)!} \end{aligned}$$

using the fact that $\alpha(t)$, $\tau(t)$ are nonincreasing functions on J . From this it follows that the series $y(t) = \sum_0^{\infty} T_n a(t)$ is uniformly convergent on J since

$$\sum_0^{\infty} \alpha(t_0) \frac{\tau^n(t_0)}{n!}$$

is its convergent majorant on this interval. Thus $y(t)$ is a solution of (1). If we write $y(t)$ in the form (4) we receive for $\varepsilon_1(t)$ the following estimation

$$\begin{aligned} |\varepsilon_1(t)| &= \left| \sum_{n+1}^{\infty} T_n a(t) \right| \leq \alpha(t) \frac{\tau^{n+1}(t)}{(n+1)!} \left[1 + \frac{\tau(t)}{n+2} + \frac{\tau^2(t)}{(n+2)(n+3)} + \dots \right] \leq \\ &\leq \alpha(t) \frac{\tau^{n+1}(t)}{(n+1)!} \exp \{ \tau(t) \}. \end{aligned}$$

In the same manner one proves the uniform convergence of the series

$$p(t) y'(t) = \sum_0^{\infty} \Phi_k \int_{-\infty}^t r(\xi) d\xi$$

and the estimation (6) for $\varepsilon_2(t) = \sum_{n+1}^{\infty} \Phi_k \int_{-\infty}^t r(\xi) d\xi$.

An easy modification of the preceding proof leads to the following statement.

If

$$\int_{t_0}^{\infty} |q(\xi)| d\xi < \infty, \quad \int_{t_0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{|p(\xi)|} \int_{t_0}^{\xi} |r(\eta)| d\eta d\xi < \infty$$

then there exists a solution $y(t)$ of (1) such that

$$y(t) = \sum_0^n T_k \int_{t_0}^t \frac{1}{p(\xi)} \int_{t_0}^{\xi} r(\eta) d\eta d\xi + \varepsilon_3(t)$$

and

$$p(t)y'(t) = \int_{t_0}^t r(\xi) d\xi + \sum_0^{n-1} \Phi_k \int_{t_0}^t q(\xi) \int_{t_0}^{\xi} \frac{1}{p(\eta)} \int_{t_0}^{\eta} r(\sigma) d\sigma d\eta d\xi + \varepsilon_4(t).$$

Here

$$|\varepsilon_3(t)| \leq \frac{\tau^{n+1}(t)}{(n+1)!} \exp\{\tau(t)\} \int_t^{\infty} \frac{1}{|p(\xi)|} \int_{t_0}^{\xi} |r(\eta)| d\eta d\xi,$$

$$|\varepsilon_4(t)| \leq \frac{\varphi^n(t)}{n!} \exp\{\varphi(t)\} \int_t^{\infty} |q(\xi)| \int_{t_0}^{\xi} \frac{1}{|p(\eta)|} \int_{t_0}^{\eta} |r(\sigma)| d\sigma d\eta d\xi.$$

Theorem 2. Suppose

$$\int_{t_0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{|p(\xi)|} \int_{t_0}^{\xi} |r(\eta)| d\eta d\xi < \infty, \quad \int_{t_0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{|p(\xi)|} \int_{t_0}^{\xi} |q(\eta)| d\eta d\xi < 1.$$

Then there exists a solution $y(t)$ of (1) of the form

$$(8) \quad y(t) = \sum_0^n \Psi_k \int_{t_0}^t \frac{1}{p(\xi)} \int_{t_0}^{\xi} r(\eta) d\eta d\xi + \varepsilon_5(t),$$

where

$$|\varepsilon_5(t)| \leq \int_{t_0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{|p(\xi)|} \int_{t_0}^{\xi} |r(\eta)| d\eta d\xi \frac{\psi^{n+1}}{1-\psi}, \quad \psi = \int_{t_0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{|p(\xi)|} \int_{t_0}^{\xi} |q(\eta)| d\eta d\xi.$$

Adding further assumption

$$(9) \quad \int_{t_0}^{\infty} |r(\xi)| d\xi < \infty,$$

then

$$(10) \quad p(t)y'(t) = \sum_0^n \Omega_k \int_{t_0}^t r(\xi) d\xi + \varepsilon_6(t),$$

and

$$(11) \quad |\varepsilon_6(t)| \leq \frac{\omega^{n+1}}{1-\omega} \int_{t_0}^{\infty} |r(\xi)| d\xi, \quad \omega = \int_{t_0}^{\infty} |q(\xi)| \int_{\xi}^{\infty} \frac{1}{|p(\eta)|} d\eta d\xi.$$

If we suppose instead of (9)

$$\int_{t_0}^{\infty} |q(\xi)| \int_{\xi}^{\infty} \frac{1}{|p(\eta)|} \int_{t_0}^{\eta} |r(\sigma)| d\sigma d\eta d\xi < \infty,$$

it holds again (10) with

$$|\varepsilon_6(t)| \leq \frac{\omega^n}{1-\omega} \int_{t_0}^{\infty} |q(\xi)| \int_{\xi}^{\infty} \frac{1}{|p(\eta)|} \int_{t_0}^{\eta} |r(\sigma)| d\sigma d\eta d\xi.$$

Proof. First of all we shall prove by induction

$$(12) \quad |\Psi_n a(t)| \leq \alpha \psi^n$$

$$\text{where } a(t) = \int_{t_0}^t \frac{1}{p(\xi)} \int_{t_0}^{\xi} r(\eta) d\eta d\xi, \quad \alpha = \int_{t_0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{|p(\xi)|} \int_{t_0}^{\xi} |p(\eta)| d\eta d\xi.$$

For $n = 0$ we have $|\Psi_0 a(t)| = |a(t)| \leq \alpha$ and using (12) we receive

$$\begin{aligned} |\Psi_{n+1} a(t)| &= \left| \int_t^{\infty} \frac{1}{p(\xi)} \int_{t_0}^{\xi} q(\eta) \Psi_n a(\eta) d\eta d\xi \right| \leq \int_t^{\infty} \frac{1}{|p(\xi)|} \int_{t_0}^{\xi} |q(\eta)| \alpha \psi^n d\eta d\xi \leq \\ &\leq \alpha \psi^n \int_{t_0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{|p(\xi)|} \int_{t_0}^{\xi} |q(\eta)| d\eta d\xi = \alpha \psi^{n+1}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, the series $y(t) = \sum_0^{\infty} \Psi_n a(t)$ converges uniformly on J since $\sum_0^{\infty} \alpha \psi^n$ is its convergent majorant on J . Thus $y(t)$ is a solution of (1). If we write $y(t)$ in the form (8) we have

$$|\varepsilon_5(t)| = \left| \sum_{n+1}^{\infty} \Psi_n a(t) \right| \leq \alpha \psi^{n+1} [1 + \psi + \psi^2 + \dots] = \alpha \frac{\psi^{n+1}}{1-\psi}.$$

This is the first part of the theorem.

Now, let us suppose (9). Using the fact that the assumption

$$\int_{t_0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{|p(\xi)|} \int_{t_0}^{\xi} |q(\eta)| d\eta d\xi < 1 \quad \text{implies} \quad \int_{t_0}^{\infty} |q(\xi)| \int_{\xi}^{\infty} \frac{1}{|p(\eta)|} d\eta d\xi < 1$$

and that the function $\omega(t) = \int_{t_0}^t |q(\xi)| \int_{\xi}^{\infty} \frac{1}{|p(\eta)|} d\eta d\xi$ is nondecreasing we verify easily by induction

$$(13) \quad \left| \Omega_n \int_{t_0}^{\infty} r(\xi) d\xi \right| \leq \omega^n \int_{t_0}^{\infty} |r(\xi)| d\xi.$$

It is namely $\left| \Omega_0 \int_{t_0}^{\infty} r(\xi) d\xi \right| \leq \int_{t_0}^{\infty} |r(\xi)| d\xi$ and by means of (13) we receive

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \Omega_{n+1} \int_{t_0}^t r(\xi) d\xi \right| &\leq \int_{t_0}^t |q(\xi)| \int_{\xi}^{\infty} \frac{1}{|p(\eta)|} \omega^n \int_{t_0}^{\infty} |r(\sigma)| d\sigma d\eta d\xi \leq \\ &\leq \omega^n \int_{t_0}^{\infty} |r(\xi)| d\xi \int_{t_0}^t |q(\xi)| \int_{\xi}^{\infty} \frac{1}{|p(\eta)|} d\eta d\xi \leq \omega^{n+1} \int_{t_0}^{\infty} |r(\xi)| d\xi. \end{aligned}$$

From this inequality it follows the uniform convergence of the series $\sum_0^{\infty} \Omega_n \int_{t_0}^t r(\xi) d\xi$ and the estimate (11) for $\epsilon_6(t)$ in (10).

In the same manner we obtain the last part of the theorem.

Note. Let us define under the assumption

$$\int_{t_0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{|p(\xi)|} \int_{t_0}^{\xi} [|q(\eta)| + |r(\eta)|] d\eta d\xi < \infty,$$

the operator Θ_n

$$\Theta_0 x(t) = x(t), \quad \Theta_n x(t) = \int_{t_0}^t \frac{1}{p(\xi)} \int_{t_0}^{\xi} q(\eta) \Theta_{n-1} x(\eta) d\eta d\xi.$$

Then there is a solution $y(t)$ of (1) such that

$$y(t) = \sum_0^n \Theta_k \int_{t_0}^t \frac{1}{p(\xi)} \int_{t_0}^{\xi} r(\eta) d\eta d\xi + \epsilon_7(t)$$

and

$$|\varepsilon_7(t)| \leq \frac{\mathfrak{B}^{n+1}(t)}{(n+1)!} e^{\mathfrak{B}(t)} \int_{t_0}^t \frac{1}{|p(\xi)|} \int_{t_0}^{\xi} |r(\eta)| d\eta d\xi,$$
$$\mathfrak{B}(t) = \int_{t_0}^t \frac{1}{|p(\xi)|} \int_{t_0}^{\xi} |q(\eta)| d\eta d\xi.$$

The proof of this statement is similar to that of Theorem 1 and will be omitted here.

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