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## MULTI-POINT BOUNDARY VALUE PROBLEM FOR A CLASS OF FUNCTIONAL DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS WITH PARAMETER

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ABSTRACT. The existence and uniqueness of solutions of the problem  $y''(t) - q(t)y(t) = f(t, y(t), y(h_0(t)), y'(t), y'(h_1(t)), \mu)$ ,  $\sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i y(t_i) = 0$ ,  $y(c) = 0$ ,  $\sum_{j=1}^n \beta_j y(x_j) = 0$  are studied.

### 1. Introduction

Consider the one-parameter functional differential equation

$$y''(t) - q(t)y(t) = f(t, y(t), y(h_0(t)), y'(t), y'(h_1(t)), \mu) \tag{1}$$

in which  $f \in C^0(J \times \mathbb{R}^4 \times I; \mathbb{R})$ ,  $h_0, h_1 \in C^0(J; J)$ ,  $q \in C^0(J; \mathbb{R})$ ,  $q(t) > 0$  for  $t \in J$ , where  $J = \langle a, b \rangle$ ,  $I = \langle k_1, k_2 \rangle$ ,  $-\infty < a < b < \infty$ ,  $-\infty < k_1 < k_2 < \infty$ .

Suppose  $m, n$  are positive integers,  $c \in (a, b)$ ,  $a = t_1 < t_2 < \dots < t_m < c < x_n < \dots < x_2 < x_1 = b$  and  $\alpha_i, \beta_j$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$ ;  $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ) are positive constants,  $\sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i = \sum_{j=1}^n \beta_j = 1$ ,  $\alpha_1 \geq \sum_{i=2}^m \alpha_i$  (provided  $m \geq 2$ ),  $\beta_1 \geq \sum_{j=2}^n \beta_j$  (provided  $n \geq 2$ ).

Our aim is to give sufficient conditions on the functions  $q$  and  $f$  for the existence and uniqueness of solutions of (1) satisfying the boundary conditions

$$\sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i y(t_i) = 0, \quad y(c) = 0, \quad \sum_{j=1}^n \beta_j y(x_j) = 0. \tag{2}$$

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The results presented in the paper may be formulated without difficulty for the equation

$$\begin{aligned} y''(t) - q(t)y(t) \\ = g(t, y(t), y(h_{00}(t)), \dots, y(h_{0r}(t)), y'(t), y'(h_{10}(t)), \dots, y'(h_{1s}(t)), \mu) \end{aligned}$$

with  $g \in C^0(J \times \mathbb{R}^{r+s+4} \times I; \mathbb{R})$ ,  $h_{ij} \in C^0(J; J)$ .

The boundary value problem  $y'' - q(t)y = h(t, y, y', \mu)$ ,  $y(a) = y(c) = y(b) = 0$  was studied by the author in [1].

## 2. Notation, lemmas

Let  $u, v$  be the solutions of the equation

$$y'' = q(t)y, \quad q \in C^0(J; \mathbb{R}), \quad q(t) > 0 \quad \text{for } t \in J, \quad (q)$$

$u(c) = 0$ ,  $u'(c) = 1$ ,  $v(c) = 1$ ,  $v'(c) = 0$ . Setting

$$\begin{aligned} r(t, s) &= u(t)v(s) - u(s)v(t) && (= -r(s, t)), \\ r'_1(t, s) &= u'(t)v(s) - u(s)v'(t) && (= \frac{\partial r}{\partial t}(t, s)), \end{aligned}$$

for  $(t, s) \in J^2$  then  $r(t, s) > 0$  for  $a \leq s < t \leq b$ ,  $r(t, s) < 0$  for  $a \leq t < s \leq b$  and  $r'_1(t, s) > 1$  for  $(t, s) \in J^2$ ,  $t \neq s$  (see [1]).

Let  $K, L, Q, \tau$  denote the positive constants defined by

$$\begin{aligned} K &= \left( \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i r(c, t_i) \right)^{-1}, \quad L = \sum_{j=1}^n \beta_j r(x_j, c), \quad Q = \max\{q(t); t \in J\}, \\ \tau &= \max\{c - a, b - c\}. \end{aligned}$$

**LEMMA 1.** *Let  $h \in C^0(J; \mathbb{R})$ . The function*

$$y(t) = \int_c^t r(t, s)h(s) ds + Kr(t, c) \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i \int_c^{t_i} r(t_i, s)h(s) ds, \quad t \in J, \quad (3)$$

*is the unique solution of the equation*

$$y'' - q(t)y = h(t) \quad (4)$$

satisfying the boundary conditions

$$\sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i y(t_i) = 0, \quad y(c) = 0. \tag{5}$$

**P r o o f.** One can easily check that the function  $y$  defined by (3) is a solution of (4) satisfying (5). Let  $z$  be a solution of (q),  $z(c) = 0$ . Since (q) is a disconjugate equation on  $J$  without loss of generality we may assume  $z(t) \geq 0$  for  $t \in \langle a, c \rangle$ . Then  $\sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i z(t_i) = 0$  if and only if  $z(t) \equiv 0$  on  $J$ . Consequently the boundary value problem (q), (5) has only the trivial solution and therefore the boundary value problem (4), (5) has the unique solution.

**LEMMA 2.** Assume that  $h \in C^0(J \times I; \mathbb{R})$ ,  $h(t, \cdot)$  is an increasing function on  $I$  for every fixed  $t \in J$  and

$$h(t, k_1)h(t, k_2) \leq 0 \quad \text{for } t \in J. \tag{6}$$

Then there exists the unique  $\mu_0 \in I$  such that the equation

$$y'' - q(t)y = h(t, \mu) \tag{7}$$

with  $\mu = \mu_0$  has a (and then the unique) solution  $y$  satisfying (2).

**P r o o f.** Let  $y(t, \mu)$  be the solution of (7),  $\sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i y(t_i, \mu) = 0$ ,  $y(c, \mu) = 0$ . Then by Lemma 1

$$y(t, \mu) = \int_c^t r(t, s)h(s, \mu) ds + Kr(t, c) \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i \int_c^{t_i} r(t_i, s)h(s, \mu) ds, \tag{8}$$

$(t, \mu) \in J \times I,$

and thus

$$\sum_{j=1}^n \beta_j y(x_j, \mu) = \sum_{j=1}^n \beta_j \int_c^{x_j} r(x_j, s)h(s, \mu) ds + KL \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i \int_c^{t_i} r(t_i, s)h(s, \mu) ds.$$

Since  $r(x_j, s) > 0$  for  $c \leq s < x_j$ ,  $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$  and  $r(t_i, s) < 0$  for  $t_i < s \leq c$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$ , we see that  $\sum_{j=1}^n \beta_j y(x_j, \cdot)$  is a continuous increasing function on  $I$  and

$$\sum_{j=1}^n \beta_j y(x_j, k_1) \leq 0, \quad \sum_{j=1}^n \beta_j y(x_j, k_2) \geq 0,$$

by assumption (6). Consequently  $\sum_{j=1}^n \beta_j y(x_j, \mu_0) = 0$  for the unique  $\mu_0 \in I$ .

This proves that the problem (7), (2) has a solution  $y$  if and only if  $\mu = \mu_0$  and by Lemma 1 this solution  $y$  is unique.

Next we shall assume that the functions  $q, f$  satisfy for positive constants  $r_0, r_1$  the following assumptions:

- (8)  $|f(t, y, z, w, s, \mu)| \leq q(t)r_0$  for  $(t, y, z, w, s, \mu) \in D \times I$ , where  $D = J \times \langle -r_0, r_0 \rangle \times \langle -r_0, r_0 \rangle \times \langle -r_1, r_1 \rangle \times \langle -r_1, r_1 \rangle$ ;
- (9)  $f(t, y, z, w, s, \cdot)$  is an increasing function on  $I$  for every fixed  $(t, y, z, w, s) \in D$ ;
- (10)  $f(t, y, z, w, s, k_1)f(t, y, z, w, s, k_2) \leq 0$  for  $(t, y, z, w, s) \in D$ ;
- (11)  $\min \left\{ (A + r_0 Q)\tau, 2\sqrt{r_0}\sqrt{A + r_0 Q} \right\} \leq r_1$ , where  $A = \sup \{|f(t, y, z, w, s, \mu)|; (t, y, z, w, s, \mu) \in D \times I\}$ .

**LEMMA 3.** *Suppose that assumptions (8)–(11) are satisfied for positive constants  $r_0, r_1$ . Then to every  $\varphi \in C^1(J; \mathbb{R})$ ,  $|\varphi^{(i)}(t)| \leq r_i$  for  $t \in J$ ,  $i = 0, 1$ , there exists the unique  $\mu_0 \in I$  such that the equation*

$$y'' - q(t)y = f(t, \varphi(t), \varphi(h_0(t)), \varphi'(t), \varphi'(h_1(t)), \mu) \quad (12)$$

with  $\mu = \mu_0$  has a (and then the unique) solution  $y$  satisfying (2).

For this  $y$  the inequalities

$$|y^{(i)}(t)| \leq r_i, \quad t \in J, \quad i = 0, 1, \quad (13)$$

hold.

**Proof.** Setting  $h(t, \mu) = f(t, \varphi(t), \varphi(h_0(t)), \varphi'(t), \varphi'(h_1(t)), \mu)$  for  $(t, \mu) \in J \times I$ , then  $|h(t, \mu)| \leq A$  on  $J \times I$ ,  $h(t, \cdot)$  is an increasing function on  $I$  for every fixed  $t \in J$  (by (9)) and  $h(t, k_1)h(t, k_2) \leq 0$  on  $J$  (by (10)). Therefore by Lemma 2 there exists the unique  $\mu_0 \in I$  such that equation (12) with  $\mu = \mu_0$  has a (and then the unique) solution  $y$  satisfying (2).

Now we prove inequalities (13). From (8) follows  $y''(t) > 0$  ( $y''(t) < 0$ ) for every  $t \in J$  where  $y(t) > r_0$  ( $y(t) < -r_0$ ). Consequently  $y$  does not achieve its local maximum (minimum) at any point  $t - \xi$  where  $y(\xi) > r_0$  ( $y(\xi) < -r_0$ ). Next if  $y(a) > r_0$  ( $y(a) < -r_0$ ), then  $y$  is a decreasing (increasing) function in every right neighbourhood of the point  $a$  where  $y(t) > r_0$  ( $y(t) < -r_0$ ) and if  $y(b) > r_0$  ( $y(b) < -r_0$ ), then  $y$  is an increasing (decreasing) function in every left neighbourhood of the point  $b$ , where  $y(t) > r_0$  ( $y(t) < -r_0$ ). From this follows  $|y'(t)| \leq r_0$  on  $J$  if and only if  $|y(a)| \leq r_0$ ,  $|y(b)| \leq r_0$ .

Suppose  $|y(a)| > r_0$ . Then  $m > 1$  and let for example  $y(a) < -r_0$ . Since  $-y(a) > y(t_i)$  for  $i = 2, 3, \dots, m$ , we have  $\sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i y(t_i) < \alpha_1 y(a) - \sum_{i=2}^m \alpha_i y(a) = (\alpha_1 - \sum_{i=2}^m \alpha_i) y(a) \leq 0$  contradicting  $\sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i y(t_i) = 0$ . Suppose  $|y(b)| > r_0$ . Then  $n > 1$  and let for example  $y(b) > r_0$ . Since  $y(b) > -y(x_j)$  for  $j = 2, 3, \dots, n$ , we have  $\sum_{j=1}^n \beta_j y(x_j) > \beta_1 y(b) - \sum_{j=2}^n \beta_j y(b) = (\beta_1 - \sum_{j=2}^n \beta_j) y(b) \geq 0$  contradicting  $\sum_{j=1}^n \beta_j y(x_j) = 0$ .

Next there exists  $\xi_1 \in (a, c)$  ( $\xi_2 \in (c, b)$ ) such that  $y'(\xi_1) = 0$  ( $y'(\xi_2) = 0$ ). In the opposite case we have  $\sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i y(t_i) \neq 0$  ( $\sum_{j=1}^n \beta_j y(x_j) \neq 0$ ). Integrating the equality  $y''(t) = q(t)y(t) + h(t, \mu_0)$  for  $t \in J$  from  $\xi_i$  to  $t$  ( $t \in J$ ), we obtain

$$y'(t) = \int_{\xi_i}^t (q(s)y(s) + h(s, \mu_0)) ds, \quad i = 1, 2,$$

and thus

$$|y'(t)| \leq (A + Qr_0)\tau, \quad t \in J. \tag{14}$$

Let  $|y'(t)| > 0$  for  $t \in (s_1, s_2) \subset J$  and let  $y'(s_i) = 0$  for some  $i \in \{1, 2\}$ . Then integrating the equality  $2y''(t)y'(t) = 2q(t)y(t)y'(t) + 2h(t, \mu_0)y'(t)$  from  $s_i$  to  $t$  ( $t \in (s_1, s_2)$ ) we get

$$[y']^2(t) = 2 \int_{s_i}^t q(s)y'(s)y(s) ds + 2 \int_{s_i}^t h(s, \mu_0)y'(s) ds,$$

consequently

$$[y']^2(t) \leq 2Qr_0|y(t) - y(s_i)| + 2A|y(t) - y(s_i)| \leq 4r_0(A + Qr_0).$$

This proves

$$|y'(t)| \leq 2\sqrt{r_0}\sqrt{A + Qr_0}, \quad t \in J. \tag{15}$$

From (14) and (15) we conclude  $|y'(t)| \leq r_1$  for  $t \in J$ .

Assume that the function  $f(t, y, z, w, s, \mu) = g(t, y, z, \mu)$  in equation (1) is independent on  $w, s$ . Consider the equation

$$y''(t) - q(t)y(t) = g(t, y(t), y(h_0(t)), \mu) \tag{16}$$

with  $g \in C^0(J \times \mathbb{R}^2 \times I; \mathbb{R})$ , which is a special case of (1). Suppose that  $q, g$  satisfy for a positive constant  $r_0$  the following assumptions:

- (17)  $|g(t, y, z, \mu)| \leq q(t)r_0$  for  $(t, y, z, \mu) \in H \times I$ , where  
 $H = J \times (-r_0, r_0) \times (-r_0, r_0)$ ;
- (18)  $g(t, y, z, \cdot)$  is an increasing function on  $I$  for every fixed  $(t, y, z) \in H$ ;
- (19)  $g(t, y, z, k_1)g(t, y, z, k_2) \leq 0$  for  $(t, y, z) \in H$ .

**LEMMA 4.** *Suppose that assumptions (17)–(19) are satisfied for a positive constant  $r_0$ . Then to every  $\varphi \in C^0(J; \mathbb{R})$ ,  $|\varphi(t)| \leq r_0$  for  $t \in J$  there exists the unique  $\mu_0 \in I$  such that the equation*

$$y'' - q(t)y = g(t, \varphi(t), \varphi(h_0(t)), \mu) \tag{20}$$

with  $\mu = \mu_0$  has a (and then the unique) solution  $y$ . For this  $y$

$$|y(t)| \leq r_0, \quad |y'(t)| \leq (B + Qr_0)\tau \quad \text{for } t \in J, \tag{21}$$

where  $B = \max\{|g(t, y, z, \mu)|; (t, y, z, \mu) \in H \times I\}$ , hold.

**Proof.** Setting  $h(t, \mu) = g(t, \varphi(t), \varphi(h_0(t)), \mu)$  for  $(t, \mu) \in J \times I$ , then by Lemma 2 there exists the unique  $\mu = \mu_0$  such that equation (20) with  $\mu = \mu_0$  has a (and then the unique) solution  $y$  and  $|y(t)| \leq r_0$  for  $t \in J$ . Since  $|h(t, \mu)| \leq B$  for  $(t, \mu) \in J \times I$  and  $y'(\xi_1) = y'(\xi_2) = 0$ , where  $a < \xi_1 < c < \xi_2 < b$  (see the proof of Lemma 3), it follows from  $|y''(t)| \leq B + Qr_0$  and  $y'(t) = \int_{\xi_i}^t y''(s) ds$  for  $t \in J$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ , that  $|y'(t)| \leq (B + Qr_0)\tau$  for  $t \in J$ .

### 3. Existence theorems

**THEOREM 1.** *Assume that assumptions (8)–(11) are satisfied for positive constants  $r_0, r_1$ . Then there exists  $\mu_0 \in I$  such that equation (1) with  $\mu = \mu_0$  has a solution  $y$  satisfying (2) and (13).*

**Proof.** Let  $X = \{y; y \in C^1(J; \mathbb{R})\}$  be the Banach space with the norm  $\|y\| = \max\{|y(t)| + |y'(t)|; t \in J\}$  and let  $\mathcal{K} = \{y; y \in X, |y^{(i)}(t)| < r_i \text{ for } t \in J, i = 0, 1\}$ .  $\mathcal{K}$  is a bounded convex closed subset of  $X$ . By Lemma 3 to every  $\varphi \in \mathcal{K}$  there exists the unique  $\mu_0 \in I$  such that equation (12) with  $\mu = \mu_0$  has a (and then the unique) solution  $y \in \mathcal{K}$  satisfying (2). Setting  $T(\varphi) = y$  we obtain an operator  $T: \mathcal{K} \rightarrow \mathcal{K}$ . We prove  $T$  is a completely continuous operator. Let  $\{y_n\}$ ,  $y_n \in \mathcal{K}$  be a convergent sequence,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n = y$  and let

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$z_n = T(y_n)$ ,  $z = T(y)$ . Then there exists a sequence  $\{\mu_n\}$ ,  $\mu_n \in I$  and  $\mu_0 \in I$  such that

$$z_n(t) = \int_c^t r(t, s)h_n(s, \mu_n) ds + Kr(t, c) \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i \int_c^{t_i} r(t_i, s)h_n(s, \mu_n) ds, \\ t \in J, \quad n \in \mathbb{N},$$

and

$$z(t) = \int_c^t r(t, s)h(s, \mu_0) ds + Kr(t, c) \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i \int_c^{t_i} r(t_i, s)h(s, \mu_0) ds, \quad t \in J,$$

where

$$h_n(t, \mu) = f(t, y_n(t), y_n(h_0(t)), y'_n(t), y'_n(h_1(t)), \mu), \\ h(t, \mu) = f(t, y(t), y(h_0(t)), y'(t), y'(h_1(t)), \mu) \\ \text{for } (t, \mu) \in J \times I, n = 1, 2, \dots$$

To prove that  $\{\mu_n\}$  is a convergent sequence, suppose that there exist subsequences  $\{\mu_{k_n}\}$ ,  $\{\mu_{r_n}\}$ ,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu_{k_n} = \lambda_1$ ,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu_{r_n} = \lambda_2$  and  $\lambda_1 < \lambda_2$ . Then

$$(w_1(t) =) \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} z_{k_n}(t) \\ = \int_c^t r(t, s)h(s, \lambda_1) ds + Kr(t, c) \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i \int_c^{t_i} r(t_i, s)h(s, \lambda_1) ds,$$

$$(w_2(t) =) \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} z_{r_n}(t) \\ = \int_c^t r(t, s)h(s, \lambda_2) ds + Kr(t, c) \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i \int_c^{t_i} r(t_i, s)h(s, \lambda_2) ds$$

uniformly on  $J$ . Since  $h(t, \lambda_1) < h(t, \lambda_2)$  (by (9)), we have  $\sum_{j=1}^n \beta_j w_1(x_j) < \sum_{j=1}^n \beta_j w_2(x_j)$  contradicting  $\sum_{j=1}^n \beta_j z_n(x_j) = 0$  for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , consequently  $\{\mu_n\}$  is



convergent and let  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu_n = \mu^*$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} (w(t) =) \quad & \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} z_n(t) \\ & = \int_c^t r(t, s)h(s, \mu^*) \, ds + Kr(t, c) \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i \int_c^{t_i} r(t_i, s)h(s, \mu^*) \, ds \end{aligned}$$

uniformly on  $J$  and therefore the function  $w$  is a solution of the equation

$$w'' - q(t)w = h(t, \mu^*)$$

satisfying (2). Hence by Lemma 3  $w = z$  and  $\mu_0 = \mu^*$ . Next

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} z'_n(t) & = \int_c^t r'_1(t, s)h(s, \mu_0) \, ds + Kr'_1(t, c) \sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i \int_c^{t_i} r(t_i, s)h(s, \mu_0) \, ds \\ & (= z'(t)) \end{aligned}$$

uniformly on  $J$ , consequently  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} T(y_n) = T(y)$ . This proves  $T$  is a continuous operator.

Let  $y \in \mathcal{K}$  and let  $z = T(y)$ . From the equality

$$z''(t) = q(t)z(t) + f(t, y(t), y(h_0(t)), y'(t), y'(h_1(t)), \mu_0), \quad t \in J,$$

where  $\mu_0 \in I$  is an appropriate number, we conclude

$$|z''(t)| \leq Qr_0 + A (=S) \quad \text{for } t \in J.$$

Since  $T(\mathcal{K}) \subset \mathcal{L} = \{y; y \in C^2(J; \mathbb{R}), |y^{(i)}(t)| \leq r_i, |y''(t)| \leq S \text{ for } t \in J, i = 0, 1\}$  and  $\mathcal{L}$  is a compact subset of  $X$ ,  $T(\mathcal{K})$  is a compact subset of  $X$ , too. Using the Schauder fixed point theorem there exists a fixed point  $y$  of  $T$ . This  $y$  has the required properties in the assertion of Theorem 1.

**Example 1.** Assume that  $\nu$  is a positive integer,  $J = (1, 10)$ ,  $I = (-(1 + 5\pi), 1 + 5\pi)$ ,  $h_0, h_1 \in C^0(J; J)$ ,  $q \in C^0(J; \mathbb{R})$ ,  $q(t) \geq 3(1 + 5\pi)$  for  $t \in J$ . Let  $c \in (1, 10)$ . Consider the equation

$$y''(t) - q(t)y(t) = \frac{\cos y^\nu(t)}{1 + (y'(h_1(t)))^2} + t \cdot \text{arctg}(\sinh y'(t)) + \mu \ln(e + |y(h_0(t))|). \tag{22}$$

The assumptions of Theorem 1 hold with  $r_0 = 3$ ,  $r_1 = 6\sqrt{1 + 5\pi + Q}$ , where  $Q = \max\{q(t); t \in J\}$ , and therefore there exists  $\mu_0 \in I$  such that equation (22) with  $\mu = \mu_0$  has a solution  $y$  satisfying (2) and  $|y(t)| \leq 3$ ,  $|y'(t)| \leq 6\sqrt{1 + 5\pi + Q}$  for  $t \in J$ .

**THEOREM 2.** *Let assumptions (17)–(19) be satisfied for a positive constant  $r_0$ . Then there exists  $\mu_0 \in I$  such that equation (16) with  $\mu = \mu_0$  has a solution  $y$  satisfying (2) and (21), where  $B$  is defined as in Lemma 4.*

**Proof.** Let  $Y = C^0(J; \mathbb{R})$  be the Banach space with the norm  $\|y\| = \max\{|y(t)|; t \in J\}$ . Setting  $\mathcal{K} = \{y; \|y\| \leq r_0\}$  and  $\mathcal{L} = \{y; y \in C^1(J; \mathbb{R}), \|y\| \leq r_0, \|y'\| \leq (Qr_0 + B)\tau\}$ , then  $\mathcal{K}$  is a bounded convex closed subset of  $Y$  and  $\mathcal{L}$  is a precompact set of  $Y$ . By Lemma 4 to every  $\varphi \in \mathcal{K}$  there exists the unique  $\mu_0 \in I$  such that equation (20) with  $\mu = \mu_0$  has the unique solution  $y \in \mathcal{K}$  satisfying (2). Setting  $T(\varphi) = y$  we obtain an operator  $T: \mathcal{K} \rightarrow \mathcal{L}$ . Analogous to the proof of Theorem 1 we can prove  $T$  is a completely continuous operator and using the Schauder fixed point theorem a fixed point  $y$  of  $T$  is a solution of (16) with some  $\mu = \mu_0 \in I$  satisfying (2) and (21).

**Example 2.** Let  $\xi, \nu, \varrho$  be positive integers. Consider the equation

$$y''(t) - q(t)y(t) = t^\xi \exp\{y^\nu(t)[y(h_0(t))]^\varrho\} + \mu \tag{23}$$

where  $Q \geq q(t) \geq 2e \cdot \max\{|a|^\xi, |b|^\xi\}$  for  $t \in J$ . For equation (23) are satisfied assumptions of Theorem 2 with  $r_0 = 1$ ,  $I = \langle k_1, k_2 \rangle$ , where  $k_2 = -k_1 = e \cdot \max\{|a|^\xi, |b|^\xi\}$ . Consequently there exists  $\mu_0 \in I$  such that equation (23) with  $\mu = \mu_0$  has a solution  $y$  satisfying (2) and  $|y(t)| \leq 1$ ,  $|y'(t)| \leq (Q + 2e \cdot \max\{|a|^\xi, |b|^\xi\})\tau$  for  $t \in J$ .

#### 4. Uniqueness theorem

**THEOREM 3.** *Assume that assumptions (8)–(11) are satisfied for positive constants  $r_0, r_1$ . Let  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial z}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial \omega}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial s} \in C^0(D \times I; \mathbb{R})$  and let*

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(t, y, z, w, s, \mu) + q(t) &\geq 0, & \frac{\partial f}{\partial z}(t, y, z, w, s, \mu) &\geq 0, \\ (t - c) \frac{\partial f}{\partial s}(t, y, z, w, s, \mu) &\geq 0 & \text{for } (t, y, z, w, s, \mu) &\in D \times I. \end{aligned} \tag{24}$$

*If  $t \leq h_i(t) \leq c$  for  $t \in \langle a, c \rangle$  and  $c \leq h_i(t) \leq t$  for  $t \in \langle c, b \rangle$  ( $i = 0, 1$ ), then there exists the unique  $\mu_0 \in I$  such that equation (1) with  $\mu = \mu_0$  has a solution  $y$  satisfying (2) and (13). Furthermore this solution  $y$  is unique.*

**Proof.** By Theorem 1 there exists  $\mu_0 \in I$  such that equation (1) with  $\mu = \mu_0$  has a solution  $y$  satisfying (2) and (13). Suppose there exists  $\mu_1 \in I$ ,  $\mu_0 \leq \mu_1$  such that equation (1) with  $\mu = \mu_1$  has a solution  $y_1$  satisfying (2)

and (13), where in place of  $y$  we put  $y_1$  and let  $y \neq y_1$ . Setting  $w = y - y_1$  we have

$$\sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i w(t_i) = 0, \quad w(c) = 0, \quad \sum_{j=1}^n \beta_j w(x_j) = 0$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} w''(t) = & (q(t) + p_1(t))w(t) + p_2(t)w(h_0(t)) + p_3(t)w'(t) \\ & + p_4(t)w'(h_1(t)) + p(t) \quad \text{for } t \in J, \end{aligned} \quad (25)$$

where  $p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4, p \in C^0(J; \mathbb{R})$ ,  $p_1(t) + q(t) \geq 0$ ,  $p_2(t) \geq 0$ ,  $(t - c)p_4(t) \geq 0$  for  $t \in J$  (by (24)) and if  $\mu_0 < \mu_1$  ( $\mu_0 = \mu_1$ ), then  $p(t) < 0$  ( $p(t) = 0$ ) for  $t \in J$ .

Let  $\mu_0 < \mu_1$ . If  $w'(t) < 0$  for  $t \in \langle c, c_2 \rangle \subset \langle c, b \rangle$  and  $w'(c_2) = 0$  (such  $c_2$  always exists), then  $w(t) < 0$ ,  $w(h_0(t)) < 0$ ,  $w'(h_1(t)) < 0$  for  $t \in \langle c, c_2 \rangle$  and from (25) it follows  $w''(c_2) \leq p(c_2) < 0$  contradicting  $w'(c_2) = 0$ . If  $w'(t) > 0$  for  $t \in \langle c_1, c \rangle \subset \langle a, c \rangle$  and  $w'(c_1) = 0$  (such  $c_1$  always exists), then  $w(t) < 0$ ,  $w(h_0(t)) < 0$ ,  $w'(h_1(t)) > 0$  for  $t \in \langle c_1, c \rangle$  and from (25) it follows  $w''(c_1) \leq p(c_1) < 0$  contradicting  $w'(c_1) = 0$ . If  $w'(c) = 0$ , then using (25) we have  $w''(c) = p(c) < 0$  and proceeding as in the case  $w'(t) < 0$  for  $t \in \langle c, c_2 \rangle$  we obtain once again a contradiction. Consequently  $\mu_0 = \mu_1$  and then from (25) we get

$$\begin{aligned} w'(t) = & \exp\left(\int_c^t p_3(s) ds\right) \left[ w'(c) + \int_c^t \exp\left(-\int_c^s p_3(\tau) d\tau\right) \cdot \right. \\ & \left. \cdot \left( (q(s) + p_1(s))w(s) + p_2(s)w(h_0(s)) + p_4(s)w'(h_1(s)) \right) ds \right], \quad t \in J. \end{aligned}$$

If  $w'(c) > 0$  ( $w'(c) < 0$ ), then necessarily  $w'(t) > 0$ ,  $w(t) < 0$  for  $t \in \langle a, c \rangle$  ( $w'(t) < 0$ ,  $w(t) < 0$  for  $t \in \langle c, b \rangle$ ) contradicting  $\sum_{i=1}^m \alpha_i w(t_i) = 0$  ( $\sum_{j=1}^n \beta_j w(x_j) = 0$ ). If  $w'(c) = 0$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} w'(t) = & \int_c^t \exp\left(\int_s^t p_3(\tau) d\tau\right) \left[ (q(s) + p_1(s)) \int_c^s w'(\tau) d\tau \right. \\ & \left. + p_2(s) \int_c^{h_0(s)} w'(\tau) d\tau + p_4(s)w'(h_1(s)) \right] ds, \quad t \in J. \end{aligned} \quad (26)$$

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Let  $X(t) = \max\{|w'(s)|; t \leq s \leq c\}$  for  $t \in \langle a, c \rangle$  and let  $Y(t) = \max\{|w'(s)|; c \leq s \leq t\}$  for  $t \in \langle c, b \rangle$ . To prove  $X(a) = Y(b) = 0$  let  $X(a) > 0$  ( $Y(b) > 0$ ). Then  $X(t) > 0$  for  $t \in \langle a, a_1 \rangle$  and  $X(t) = 0$  for  $t \in \langle a_1, c \rangle$  ( $Y(t) > 0$  for  $t \in \langle b_1, b \rangle$  and  $Y(t) = 0$  for  $t \in \langle c, b_1 \rangle$ ) and from (26) we get

$$\begin{aligned} |w'(t)| &\leq X(t) \int_t^{a_1} \exp\left(\int_t^s |p_3(\tau)| d\tau\right) \left[ (q(s) + p_1(s))(a_1 - s) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + p_2(s)(a_1 - h_0(s)) - p_4(s) \right] ds, \quad t \in \langle a, a_1 \rangle \\ (|w'(t)| &\leq Y(t) \int_{b_1}^t \exp\left(\int_s^t |p_3(\tau)| d\tau\right) \left[ (q(s) + p_1(s))(s - b_1) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + p_2(s)(h_0(s) - b_1) + p_4(s) \right] ds, \quad t \in \langle b_1, b \rangle), \end{aligned}$$

consequently

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &\leq \int_t^{a_1} \exp\left(\int_t^s |p_3(\tau)| d\tau\right) \left[ (q(s) + p_1(s))(a_1 - s) + p_2(s)(a_1 - h_0(s)) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - p_4(s) \right] ds, \quad t \in \langle a, a_1 \rangle \\ (1 &\leq \int_{b_1}^t \exp\left(\int_s^t |p_3(\tau)| d\tau\right) \left[ (q(s) + p_1(s))(s - b_1) + p_2(s)(h_0(s) - b_1) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + p_4(s) \right] ds, \quad t \in \langle b_1, b \rangle), \end{aligned}$$

which is a contradiction. Thus  $w(t)$  is a constant function on  $J$  and since  $w(c) = 0$  we get  $w = 0$  contradicting  $w = y - y_1 \neq 0$ .

**COROLLARY 1.** Assume that assumptions (17)-(19) are satisfied for a positive constant  $r_0$ . Let  $\frac{\partial g}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial g}{\partial z} \in C^0(H \times I; \mathbb{R})$  and let

$$\frac{\partial g}{\partial y}(t, y, z, \mu) + q(t) \geq 0 \quad \text{for } (t, y, z, \mu) \in H \times I.$$

If  $t \leq h_0(t) \leq c$  for  $t \in \langle a, c \rangle$  and  $c \leq h_0(t) \leq t$  for  $t \in \langle c, b \rangle$ , then there exists the unique  $\mu_0 \in I$  such that equation (16) with  $\mu = \mu_0$  has a solution  $y$  satisfying (2) and (21) Furthermore this solution  $y$  is unique.

Example 3. Let  $\nu$  be a positive integer. Consider the equation

$$y''(t) - q(t)y(t) = \frac{\sin t}{12e} e^{y'(t/2)} + \frac{e^t}{12e \cosh(1)} y^2(t) \cosh(y'(t)) (y(\sin t))^{2\nu+1} + \mu. \quad (27)$$

Assumptions (8)–(11) are satisfied for  $J = \langle -1, 1 \rangle$ ,  $c = 0$ ,  $I = \langle -\frac{1}{6}, \frac{1}{6} \rangle$ ,  $\frac{2}{3} \geq q(t) \geq \frac{1}{3}$  for  $t \in J$  and  $r_0 = r_1 = 1$ . Setting  $f(t, y, z, w, s, \mu) = \frac{\sin t}{12e} e^s + \frac{e^t}{12e \cosh(1)} y^2 (\cosh w) z^{2\nu+1} + \mu$  for  $(t, y, z, w, s, \mu) \in J \times \langle -1, 1 \rangle \times \langle -1, 1 \rangle \times \langle -1, 1 \rangle \times \langle -1, 1 \rangle \times I (= S)$ , then

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} + q(t) = \frac{e^t y \cosh(w)}{6e \cosh(1)} z^{2\nu+1} + q(t) \geq \frac{1}{6}, \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial z} = \frac{(2\nu+1)e^t \cosh(w)}{12e \cosh(1)} y^2 z^{2\nu} \geq 0,$$

$t \frac{\partial f}{\partial s} = \frac{t e^s \sin t}{12e} \geq 0$  for  $(t, y, z, w, s, \mu) \in S$  and since  $t \leq \frac{t}{2} \leq 0$ ,  $t \leq \sin t \leq 0$  for  $t \in \langle -1, 0 \rangle$  and  $0 \leq \frac{t}{2} \leq t$ ,  $0 \leq \sin t \leq t$  for  $t \in \langle 0, 1 \rangle$ , there follows from Theorem 3 the existence of the unique  $\mu_0 \in I$  such that equation (27) with  $\mu = \mu_0$  has a solution  $y$  satisfying (2) and  $|y(t)| \leq 1$ ,  $|y'(t)| \leq 1$  for  $t \in J$ . Moreover this solution  $y$  is unique.

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