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ON THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE INITIAL
AND THE MULTIPOINT BOUNDARY VALUE
PROBLEMS FOR n -TH ORDER LINEAR
DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS WITH DELAY

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Abstract. In the paper it is shown that for each solution $\varphi(t; \tau_0, \Phi)$ of initial value problem for linear differential equation with delay there are the solutions $\varphi_v = \varphi(t; \bar{\tau}_v, \bar{\beta}_v)$, $v = 1, 2, \dots$ of boundary value problems such that

$$\lim_{v \rightarrow \infty} \varphi^{(k)}(t; \bar{\tau}_v, \bar{\beta}_v) = \varphi^{(k)}(t; \tau_0, \Phi), \quad k = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$$

uniformly in the considered interval.

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Let us consider the following n -th order linear differential equation with delay

$$(E_n) \quad x^{(n)}(t) + \sum_{i=1}^n a_i(t) x^{(n-i)}(t) + \sum_{i=1}^n b_i(t) x^{(n-i)}(t - \Delta(t)) = 0$$

having continuous coefficients $a_i(t)$, $b_i(t)$, $i = 1, \dots, n$ and a continuous delay $\Delta(t) \geq 0$ on an interval $I = \langle a, b \rangle$. The underlying initial value problem for the equation (E_n) is defined as follows:

Let $\tau_0 \in \langle a, b \rangle$ and let on the initial set

$$E_{\tau_0} = \{t - \Delta(t) : t - \Delta(t) < \tau_0, t \in \langle \tau_0, b \rangle\} \cup \{\tau_0\}$$

bounded and continuous vector function

$$\Phi(t) = (\Phi_0(t), \Phi_1(t), \dots, \Phi_{n-1}(t))$$

be given. The problem is to find the solution of the equation (E_n) which satisfies the conditions

$$(IV) \quad \begin{aligned} x^{(k)}(\tau_0) &= \Phi_k(\tau_0), \quad k = 0, 1, \dots, n-1, \\ x^{(k)}(t - \Delta(t)) &= \Phi_k(t - \Delta(t)), \quad \text{if } t - \Delta(t) < \tau_0. \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 1. Under the above assumptions the initial value problem (E_n) , (IV) has exactly one solution $\varphi(t; \tau_0, \Phi)$ which is defined on the interval $\langle \tau_0, b \rangle$.

Definition 1. A vector function Φ is called admissible if it is continuous and bounded on its domain of definition.

In [1] is considered the following multipoint boundary value problem for (E_n) :
Let $\tau_0 \in \langle a, b \rangle$,

$$(T) \quad \begin{aligned} \tau_1, \tau_2, \dots, \tau_m \in \langle \tau_0, b \rangle, \quad \tau_1 \leq \tau_2 \leq \dots \leq \tau_m (m \leq n), \\ r_1, r_2, \dots, r_m \in N, \quad r_1 + r_2 + \dots + r_m = n \end{aligned}$$

and let

$$\bar{\beta} \quad \beta_1^{(1)}, \dots, \beta_1^{(r_1)}, \beta_2^{(1)}, \dots, \beta_m^{(r_m)} \in R.$$

The problem is to find the solution of the equation (E_n) which satisfies the conditions

$$(BV) \quad \begin{aligned} x^{(v_i-1)}(\tau_i) &= \beta_i^{(v_i)}, & v_i &= 1, \dots, r_i; \\ & & i &= 1, \dots, m. \end{aligned}$$

Further, let an admissible vector function $\Phi(t) = (\Phi_0(t), \Phi_1(t), \dots, \Phi_{n-1}(t))$ defined on E_{τ_0} be given. By $H_{\Phi}^{\tau_0}$ we shall denote the following set of functions defined on E_{τ_0}

$$H_{\Phi}^{\tau_0} = \{(\Phi_0(t) + c_0, \Phi_1(t) + c_1, \dots, \Phi_{n-1}(t) + c_{n-1}) : c_i \in R, i = 0, 1, \dots, n-1\}.$$

For the formulation of the existence and uniqueness theorem for boundary value problem (E_n) , (BV) the function $\chi(\varrho)$ is useful: let for the coefficients $a_i(t)$, $b_i(t)$, $i = 1, \dots, n$ the inequalities

$$(1) \quad |a_i(t)| \leq A_i, \quad |b_i(t)| \leq B_i, \quad t \in \langle a, b \rangle, \quad i = 1, \dots, n$$

hold. Then $\chi(\varrho)$ is defined by the formula

$$\chi(\varrho) = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{A_i + B_i \varrho}{i \left[\frac{i-1}{2} \right]! \left[\frac{i}{2} \right]!} \varrho^i.$$

Theorem 2. (A. Haščák [2].) Let $\chi(b-a) < 1$ and $\tau_0 \in \langle a, b \rangle$. Then for each admissible function $\Phi(t)$ defined on E_{τ_0} there is a unique $\psi \in H_{\Phi}^{\tau_0}$ such that the solution $\varphi(t; \tau_0, \psi)$ satisfies the boundary condition (E_n) , (BV). This solution will be denoted as $\varphi(t; \tau, \bar{\beta})$.

The purpose of this note is to show a relation between the initial value problem (E_n), (IV) and boundary value problem (E_n), (BV).

Now we shall introduce notations, notions and preliminary remarks which will be needed in the sequel.

Let a function $f(t)$ in the interval $\langle a, b \rangle$ be given. Consider the points

$$a < \tau_1 < \tau_2 < \dots < \tau_n < b.$$

Denote

$$\beta_i = f(\tau_i), \quad i = 1, \dots, n.$$

By difference quotient of the n -th order we shall understand

$$\begin{aligned} D^n(\tau_1, \dots, \tau_n; \beta_1, \dots, \beta_n) &= [\tau_1, \dots, \tau_n] = \\ &= \frac{\beta_1}{(\tau_1 - \tau_2)(\tau_1 - \tau_3) \dots (\tau_1 - \tau_n)} + \frac{\beta_2}{(\tau_2 - \tau_1)(\tau_2 - \tau_3) \dots (\tau_2 - \tau_n)} + \\ &+ \dots + \frac{\beta_n}{(\tau_n - \tau_1)(\tau_n - \tau_2) \dots (\tau_n - \tau_{n-1})} \end{aligned}$$

and specially for $n = 1$

$$D^1(\tau_1; \beta_1) = [\tau_1] = \beta_1 \quad (\text{see [3] p. 17}).$$

If the function f has continuous derivatives to the n -th order (including the n -th order) in $\langle a, b \rangle$, then there are numbers ξ_k , $k = 0, \dots, n - 1$, such that

$$\tau_1 < \xi_k < \tau_{k+1}$$

and

$$(2) \quad D^{k+1}(\tau_1, \dots, \tau_{k+1}; \beta_1, \dots, \beta_{k+1}) = \frac{f^{(k)}(\xi_k)}{k!}, \quad k = 0, \dots, n - 1$$

holds.

It turns out, that in this case

$$\begin{aligned} (3) \quad \lim_{\substack{\tau_i \rightarrow \tau_0 \\ i=1, \dots, k+1}} D^{k+1}(\tau_1, \dots, \tau_{k+1}; \beta_1, \dots, \beta_{k+1}) &= \\ = \lim_{\xi_k \rightarrow \tau_0} \frac{f^{(k)}(\xi_k)}{k!} = \frac{f^{(k)}(\tau_0)}{k!}, \quad k = 0, 1, \dots, n - 1. \end{aligned}$$

Now we shall formulate a relation between initial and boundary value problem:

Theorem 3. Let

$$(4) \quad \chi(b - a) < 1,$$

$\tau_0 \in \langle a, b \rangle$ and let an admissible function $\Phi(t)$ defined on E_{τ_0} be given.

Let h fulfils the inequalities

$$(5) \quad 0 < h < \min \left(b - \tau_0, 1, \frac{1}{1 + L} \right),$$

where

$$L = \max (A_1, \dots, A_n, B_1, \dots, B_n).$$

Let the boundary conditions

$$(\tau_v, \bar{\beta}_v) \quad \tau_{v1}, \tau_{v2}, \dots, \tau_{vn}; \beta_{v1}, \beta_{v2}, \dots, \beta_{vn}, \quad v = 1, 2, \dots$$

be such that

$$(6) \quad \begin{aligned} \tau_{v1} < \tau_{v2} < \dots < \tau_{vn}, \quad v = 1, 2, \dots, \\ 0 < \tau_{vi} - \tau_0 < h, \quad i = 1, \dots, n; v = 1, 2, \dots, \\ \lim_{v \rightarrow \infty} \tau_{vi} = \tau_0, \quad i = 1, \dots, n \end{aligned}$$

and

$$(7) \quad \lim_{v \rightarrow \infty} D^{k+1}(\tau_{v1}, \dots, \tau_{vk+1}; \beta_{v1}, \dots, \beta_{vk+1}) = \frac{\Phi_k(\tau_0)}{k!}, \quad k = 0, 1, \dots, n - 1.$$

Then the sequence $\varphi(t; \tau_v, \bar{\beta}_v)$, $v = 1, 2, \dots$ of solutions of the boundary value problem (E_n) , (BV) and the sequences $\varphi^{(k)}(t; \tau_v, \bar{\beta}_v)$, $(k = 1, \dots, n - 1)$ $v = 1, 2, \dots$ of their derivatives converge uniformly to the solution $\varphi(t; \tau_0, \Phi)$ of the initial value problem (E_n) , (IV) resp. to its derivatives $\varphi^{(k)}(t; \tau_0, \Phi)$, $k = 1, \dots, n - 1$ on $\langle \tau_0, b \rangle$ as $v \rightarrow \infty$.

Proof. From (7) we conclude that

$$D^{k+1}(\tau_{v1}, \dots, \tau_{vk+1}; \beta_{v1}, \dots, \beta_{vk+1}), \quad k = 0, \dots, n - 1; v = 1, 2, \dots$$

are bounded i.e. there is a positive number M such that

$$(8) \quad |n! D^{k+1}(\tau_{v1}, \dots, \tau_{vk+1}; \beta_{v1}, \dots, \beta_{vk+1})| \leq M, \\ k = 0, \dots, n - 1; v = 1, 2, \dots$$

By (2) there are the numbers

$$(9) \quad \xi_{vk}(\tau_{v1}, \dots, \tau_{vk+1}; \beta_{v1}, \dots, \beta_{vk+1}) \in (\tau_{v1}, \tau_{vn}), \quad v = 1, 2, \dots,$$

such that

$$(10) \quad D^{k+1}(\tau_{v1}, \dots, \tau_{vk+1}; \beta_{v1}, \dots, \beta_{vk+1}) = \frac{\varphi^{(k)}(\xi_{vk}; \tau_v, \beta_v)}{k!}, \\ k = 0, \dots, n - 1; v = 1, 2, \dots$$

Thus we have

$$\begin{aligned} |\varphi^{(k)}(\tau_0; \tau_v, \bar{\beta}_v) - \Phi_k(\tau_0)| &\leq |\varphi^{(k)}(\tau_0; \tau_v, \bar{\beta}_v) - \varphi^{(k)}(\xi_{vk}; \tau_v, \bar{\beta}_v)| + \\ &+ |k! D^{k+1}(\tau_{v1}, \dots, \tau_{vk+1}; \beta_{v1}, \dots, \beta_{vk+1}) - \Phi_k(\tau)|, \\ k &= 0, \dots, n-1; v = 1, 2, \dots \end{aligned}$$

from where by Mean Value Theorem we get

$$\begin{aligned} (11) \quad |\varphi^{(k)}(\tau_0; \tau_v, \bar{\beta}_v) - \Phi_k(\tau_0)| &\leq (\tau_{vn} - \tau_0) \max_{t \in \langle \tau_0, \tau_0+h \rangle} |\varphi^{(k+1)}(t; \tau_v, \bar{\beta}_v)| + \\ &+ |k! D^{k+1}(\tau_{v1}, \dots, \tau_{vk+1}; \beta_{v1}, \dots, \beta_{vk+1}) - \Phi_k(\tau_0)|, \\ k &= 0, \dots, n-1; v = 1, 2, \dots \end{aligned}$$

Further, by Theorem 2 for each $(\tau_v, \bar{\beta}_v)$, $v = 1, 2, \dots$ there is unique function $\psi_v \in H_{\Phi}^{\tau_0}$, $\psi_v = (\psi_{v0}, \dots, \psi_{vn-1})$ such that $\varphi(t; \tau_0, \psi_v) = \varphi(t; \tau_v, \bar{\beta}_v)$, $t \in \langle \tau_0, b \rangle$, $v = 1, 2, \dots$ i.e. there are constants c_{vk} , $k = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$; $v = 1, 2, \dots$ such that

$$(12) \quad \psi_{vk}(t) = \Phi_k(t) + c_{vk}, \quad t \in E_{\tau_0}, \quad k = 0, 1, \dots, n-1; v = 1, 2, \dots$$

Thus the equality

$$(13) \quad \psi_{vk}(\tau_0) = \Phi_k(\tau_0) + c_{vk}, \quad k = 0, 1, \dots, n-1; v = 1, 2, \dots$$

holds. By (12) and (13) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \psi_{vk}(t) &= \Phi_k(t) + (\varphi^{(k)}(\tau_0; \tau_v, \bar{\beta}_v) - \Phi_k(\tau_0)), \quad t \in E_{\tau_0}, \\ k &= 0, 1, \dots, n-1; v = 1, 2, \dots \end{aligned}$$

from where by (11) we get

$$\begin{aligned} (14) \quad |\psi_{vk}(t) - \Phi(t)| &\leq (\tau_{vn} - \tau_0) \max_{t \in \langle \tau_0, \tau_0+h \rangle} |\varphi^{(k+1)}(t; \tau_v, \bar{\beta}_v)| + \\ &+ |k! D^{k+1}(\tau_{v1}, \dots, \tau_{vk+1}; \beta_{v1}, \dots, \beta_{vk+1}) - \Phi_k(\tau_0)|, \\ t \in E_{\tau_0}, \quad k &= 0, 1, \dots, n-1, \end{aligned}$$

To show that $\psi_{vk}(t)$, $k = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$; $v = 1, 2, \dots$ uniformly converge to $\Phi_k(t)$ on E_{τ_0} as $v \rightarrow \infty$ it suffices to show (because of (7), (8) and (14)) that there is a constant C which is not dependent on $\tau_v, \bar{\beta}_v$ such that

$$(15) \quad p_i(\tau_v, \bar{\beta}_v) = \max_{t \in \langle \tau_0, \tau_0+h \rangle} |\varphi^{(i)}(t; \tau_v, \bar{\beta}_v)| \leq C, \quad i = 1, \dots, n, v = 1, 2, \dots$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} |\varphi^{(k)}(t; \tau_v, \bar{\beta}_v)| &\leq |\varphi^{(k)}(\xi_{vk}; \tau_v, \bar{\beta}_v)| + |\varphi^{(k)}(t; \tau_v, \bar{\beta}_v) - \varphi^{(k)}(\xi_{vk}; \tau_v, \bar{\beta}_v)|, \\ k &= 0, 1, \dots, n-1, v = 1, 2, \dots \end{aligned}$$

From this by (8), (10) and (15) we get

$$(16) \quad p_k(\bar{\tau}_v, \bar{\beta}_v) \leq M + h p_{k+1}(\bar{\tau}_v, \bar{\beta}_v), \quad k = 0, 1, \dots, n-1, v = 1, 2, \dots$$

From (16) and (5) we get

$$(17) \quad \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} p_k(\bar{\tau}_v, \bar{\beta}_v) \leq nM + h \sum_{i=1}^n p_i(\bar{\tau}_v, \bar{\beta}_v)$$

and

$$(18) \quad p_k(\bar{\tau}_v, \bar{\beta}_v) \leq M(h_0 + \dots + h^{n-k-1}) + h^{n-k} p_n(\bar{\tau}_v, \bar{\beta}_v) \leq nM + h p_n(\bar{\tau}_v, \bar{\beta}_v),$$

$$k = 0, 1, \dots, n-1, v = 1, 2, \dots$$

On the other hand $\varphi(t; \bar{\tau}_v, \bar{\beta}_v)$ is a solution of (E_n) . Thus (by (1) and (5)) the inequalities

$$(19) \quad |\varphi^{(n)}(t; \bar{\tau}_v, \bar{\beta}_v)| \leq L \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} |\varphi^{(k)}(t; \bar{\tau}_v, \bar{\beta}_v)|, \quad t \in \langle \tau_0, b \rangle, v = 1, 2, \dots,$$

$$p_n(\bar{\tau}_v, \bar{\beta}_v) \leq L \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} p_k(\bar{\tau}_v, \bar{\beta}_v), \quad v = 1, 2, \dots$$

hold.

Now, from (17) and (19) we get

$$\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} p_k(\bar{\tau}_v, \bar{\beta}_v) \leq nM + h \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} p_k(\bar{\tau}_v, \bar{\beta}_v) + h p_n(\bar{\tau}_v, \bar{\beta}_v) \leq$$

$$\leq nM + h(1+L) \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} p_k(\bar{\tau}_v, \bar{\beta}_v),$$

from where

$$(1 - h(1+L)) \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} p_k(\bar{\tau}_v, \bar{\beta}_v) \leq nM.$$

Since (5) holds, we have

$$(20) \quad \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} p_k(\bar{\tau}_v, \bar{\beta}_v) \leq \frac{nM}{1 - h(1+L)}.$$

At last, from (18), (20) and (19) we conclude

$$p_j(\bar{\tau}_v, \bar{\beta}_v) \leq \frac{nM}{1 - h(1+L)}, \quad j = 0, 1, \dots, n, v = 1, 2, \dots$$

Thus (15) is valid with the constant $C = \frac{nM}{1 - h(1+L)}$ and thus $\psi_{vk}(t)$, $k = 0, 1, \dots, n-1, v = 1, 2, \dots$ uniformly converge to $\Phi_k(t)$ on E_{τ_0} as $v \rightarrow \infty$. From this fact by theorem on continuous dependence of solutions on initial conditions we have that $\varphi^{(k)}(t; \bar{\tau}_v, \bar{\beta}_v)$, $k = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$ uniformly converge to

$$\varphi^{(k)}(t; \tau_0, \Phi) \quad \text{on} \quad \langle \tau_0, b \rangle.$$

The proof of theorem is complete.

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