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OSCILLATION CRITERIA FOR SECOND ORDER NONLINEAR RETARDED DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS

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ABSTRACT. In this paper the oscillatory behaviour of nonlinear delay differential equation of the form

$$(|u'(t)|^{\alpha-1}u'(t))' + p(t)f[u(\tau(t))] = 0$$

is investigated. Some new oscillatory criteria are given.

1. Introduction

In the recent papers [1]–[6], [8]–[10], [12]–[14], the oscillatory and asymptotic properties of various types of differential equations

$$(|u'(t)|^{\alpha-1}u'(t))' + p(t)f[u(\tau(t))] = 0 \tag{1}$$

have been considered. In this paper we shall study those properties under the following hypotheses (H1)–(H4):

- (H1) $\alpha > 0$ is a real constant;
- (H2) $p \in C[t_0, \infty)$, $p(t) > 0$;
- (H3) $\tau \in C^1[t_0, \infty)$, $\tau'(t) > 0$, $\tau(t) \leq t$, $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \tau(t) = \infty$;
- (H4) $f \in C(-\infty, \infty)$, f is nondecreasing on $(-\infty, \infty)$, $f \in C^1(M)$, $M = (-\infty, 0) \cup (0, \infty)$, $uf(u) > 0$ for $u \neq 0$.

By a solution of (1) we mean a function $u \in C^1[T_u, \infty)$, $T_u \geq t_0$, which has the property $|u'(t)|^{\alpha-1}u'(t) \in C^1[T_u, \infty)$ and satisfies (1) on $[T_u, \infty)$. We consider only those solutions of (1) that satisfy $\sup\{|u(t)| : t \geq T\} > 0$ for

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all $T \geq T_u$. We assume that (1) possesses such a solution. A nontrivial solution of (1) is said to be *oscillatory* if it has arbitrarily large zeros: otherwise it is said to be *nonoscillatory*. Equation (1) is called oscillatory if all its solutions are oscillatory. It is known that the condition $\int_0^\infty p(s) ds = \infty$ is enough for oscillation of (1). In this paper, we are concerned with the case when $\int_0^\infty p(s) ds < \infty$. The aim of this paper is to present some new oscillatory criteria, which are new also for $\alpha = 1$, namely, for the second order nonlinear differential equation

$$u''(t) + p(t)f[u(\tau(t))] = 0.$$

Some comparison with existing results is also included. As is customary, all functional inequalities are assumed to hold eventually, that is, they are satisfied for all sufficiently large t .

2. Main results

THEOREM 2.1. *Let $\alpha \geq 1$. Let $f'(u)$ be nondecreasing on $(-\infty, 0)$ and non-increasing on $(0, \infty)$. Further assume that*

$$\int_0^\infty p(s)|f[c\tau(s)]| ds = \infty \quad \text{for all } c \neq 0 \tag{2}$$

and moreover,

$$\int_0^\infty \left(\tau^\alpha(s)p(s) - \frac{\alpha^2 \tau^{\alpha-2}(s)\tau'(s)}{4f'[\pm\lambda\tau(s)]} \right) ds = \infty \quad \text{for some } \lambda > 0. \tag{3}$$

Then equation (1) is oscillatory.

Proof. Assume the converse and suppose that equation (1) possesses an eventually positive solution $u(t)$. The case $u(t) < 0$ can be treated similarly. Then

$$(|u'(t)|^{\alpha-1}u'(t))' = -p(t)f[u(\tau(t))] < 0.$$

Hence, the function $|u'(t)|^{\alpha-1}u'(t)$ is decreasing. Therefore, either

(i) $u'(t) > 0$, eventually

or

(ii) $u'(t) < 0$, eventually.

Since

$$0 > (|u'(t)|^{\alpha-1}u'(t))' = \alpha|u'(t)|^{\alpha-1}u''(t),$$

we see that $u''(t) < 0$. Then the case $u'(t) < 0$ yields $u(t) \rightarrow -\infty$ as $t \rightarrow \infty$. This is a contradiction. Therefore, we conclude that $u(t) > 0$, $u'(t) > 0$, $u''(t) < 0$, eventually and

$$\left[(u'(t))^\alpha \right]' = -p(t)f[u(\tau(t))]. \tag{4}$$

We claim that $u'(t) \rightarrow 0$ as $t \rightarrow \infty$. To prove it, assume the converse. Then $u'(t) \rightarrow 2c$ as $t \rightarrow \infty$, $c > 0$. The monotonicity of $u'(t)$ implies $u'(t) \geq 2c$. Integrating the last inequality from t_1 to t , we have

$$u(t) \geq u(t_1) + 2c(t - t_1) \geq ct, \tag{5}$$

eventually. Integrating (4) from t_1 to t and using (5), one gets

$$-[u'(t)]^\alpha + [u'(t_1)]^\alpha = \int_{t_1}^t p(s)f[u(\tau(s))] ds > \int_{t_1}^t p(s)f[c\tau(s)] ds.$$

Letting $t \rightarrow \infty$, we have

$$\int_{t_1}^\infty p(s)f[c\tau(s)] ds < \infty.$$

This contradiction shows that $u'(t) \rightarrow 0$ as $t \rightarrow \infty$. Therefore, for any $\lambda > 0$ there exists a t_1 such that $\lambda/2 > u'(t)$, $t \geq t_1$. Integrating the last functional inequality from t_1 to t , we get

$$u(t) \leq u(t_1) + \frac{\lambda}{2}(t - t_1) \leq \lambda t, \quad t \geq t_2 \geq t_1.$$

Hence for any $\lambda > 0$ and t large enough

$$f'[u(\tau(t))] \geq f'[\lambda\tau(t)]. \tag{6}$$

On the other hand, since $u'(t)$ is decreasing and $u'(t) \rightarrow 0$ as $t \rightarrow \infty$, it follows that

$$u'(\tau(t)) \geq u'(t) \geq (u'(t))^\alpha, \tag{7}$$

eventually. Define

$$w(t) = \tau^\alpha(t) \frac{[u'(t)]^\alpha}{f[u(\tau(t))]} . \tag{8}$$

It is easy to see that $w(t) > 0$ and

$$\begin{aligned} w'(t) &= \alpha\tau^{\alpha-1}(t)\tau'(t) \frac{[u'(t)]^\alpha}{f[u(\tau(t))]} + \tau^\alpha(t) \frac{[(u'(t))^\alpha]'}{f[u(\tau(t))]} \\ &\quad - \tau^\alpha(t) \frac{[u'(t)]^\alpha f'[u(\tau(t))]u'(\tau(t))\tau'(t)}{f^2[u(\tau(t))]} \\ &= \alpha \frac{\tau'(t)}{\tau(t)} w(t) - \tau^\alpha(t)p(t) - w(t) \frac{f'[u(\tau(t))]u'(\tau(t))\tau'(t)}{f[u(\tau(t))]} . \end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

Combining (6) and (7) together with (9), we see that

$$\begin{aligned} w'(t) &\leq -\tau^\alpha(t)p(t) + \alpha \frac{\tau'(t)}{\tau(t)} w(t) - \frac{\tau'(t)f'[\lambda\tau(t)]}{\tau^\alpha(t)} w^2(t) \\ &= -\tau^\alpha(t)p(t) - \frac{\tau'(t)f'[\lambda\tau(t)]}{\tau^\alpha(t)} \left[\left(w(t) - \frac{\alpha\tau^{\alpha-1}(t)}{2f'[\lambda\tau(t)]} \right)^2 - \frac{\alpha^2\tau^{2\alpha-2}(t)}{4(f'[\lambda\tau(t)])^2} \right] \\ &\leq -\tau^\alpha(t)p(t) + \frac{\alpha^2\tau^{\alpha-2}(t)\tau'(t)}{4f'[\lambda\tau(t)]}. \end{aligned} \tag{10}$$

Integrating the above inequality from t_2 to t , we conclude in view of (3) that $w(t) \rightarrow -\infty$ as $t \rightarrow \infty$. This contradicts positivity of $w(t)$ and the proof is complete. \square

Remark 1. There have been usually some conditions of the form (see [1], [2] and [8])

$$f(u) \operatorname{sgn} u \geq |u|^\beta \operatorname{sgn} u \tag{11}$$

imposed on the function f . Since we have relaxed this condition, Theorem 2.1 can be applied also to the equations, where [2; Theorem 1], [1; Theorem 2.3] and [8; Theorem 2.4] fail. We illustrate this fact in the example stated below.

For $\alpha = 1$ Theorem 2.1 gives:

COROLLARY 2.1. *Let $f'(u)$ be nondecreasing on $(-\infty, 0)$ and nonincreasing on $(0, \infty)$. Further assume that (2) holds for any $c \neq 0$ and*

$$\int_0^\infty \left(\tau(s)p(s) - \frac{\tau'(s)}{4\tau(s)f'[\pm\lambda\tau(s)]} \right) ds = \infty \quad \text{for some } \lambda > 0. \tag{12}$$

Then equation

$$u''(t) + p(t)f[u(\tau(t))] = 0 \tag{13}$$

is oscillatory.

Remark 2. In [7] and [3], Chanturia and Kiguradze have shown that if

$$\int_0^\infty \left(sp(s) - \frac{1}{4s} \right) ds = \infty, \tag{14}$$

then the equation

$$y''(t) + p(t)y(t) = 0 \tag{15}$$

is oscillatory. Corollary 2.1 extends this result to the more general equations.

In the following theorem we weaken conditions imposed on the derivative of the function $f(u)$.

THEOREM 2.2. *Let $\alpha \geq 1$. Let $f'(u)$ be nondecreasing on $(-\infty, -t^*)$ and nonincreasing on (t^*, ∞) , where $t^* \geq 0$. Further assume that (2) and (3) hold. If*

$$\int_{t_1}^{\infty} \left(\int_x^{\infty} p(s) \, ds \right)^{1/\alpha} dx = \infty, \tag{16}$$

then equation (1) is oscillatory.

Proof. We can proceed exactly as in the proof of Theorem 2.1 to see that equation (1) reduces to (4). Integrating (4) from $t (\geq t_1)$ to ∞ and taking into account the monotonicity of $f(u)$, we get

$$u'(t) \geq \left(\int_t^{\infty} p(s) f(u(\tau(s))) \, ds \right)^{1/\alpha} \geq k \left(\int_t^{\infty} p(s) \, ds \right)^{1/\alpha}, \tag{17}$$

$k = f^{1/\alpha}(u(\tau(t_1)))$. Integrating the last inequality from t_1 to t , we have

$$u(t) \geq k \int_{t_1}^t \left(\int_x^{\infty} p(s) \, ds \right)^{1/\alpha} dx. \tag{18}$$

Condition (16) yields $u(t) \rightarrow \infty$ as $t \rightarrow \infty$ and then $u(t) \geq t^*$, eventually. Hence (6) is satisfied. Next, we follow all steps of the proof of Theorem 2.1 to finish the proof. □

COROLLARY 2.2. *Let $f'(u)$ be nondecreasing on $(-\infty, -t^*)$ and nonincreasing on (t^*, ∞) for some $t^* \geq 0$. Further assume that (2), (12) and (16) are satisfied. Then equation (13) is oscillatory.*

EXAMPLE 1. Consider the second order nonlinear differential equation

$$u''(t) + p(t) \ln^3 \left(1 + |u[\tau(t)]| \right) \operatorname{sgn} u[\tau(t)] = 0. \tag{19}$$

By Corollary 2.2, equation (19) is oscillatory, provided that (16) holds and

$$\int_0^{\infty} p(s) \ln^3(1 + c\tau(s)) \, ds = \infty \quad \text{for any } c > 0,$$

$$\int_0^{\infty} \left(\tau(s)p(s) - \frac{\tau'(s)(1 + \lambda\tau(s))}{12\tau(s) \ln^2(1 + \lambda\tau(s))} \right) ds = \infty \quad \text{for some } \lambda > 0.$$

Note that [2; Theorem 1], [1; Theorem 2.3] and [8; Theorem 2.4] cannot be applied to (19) as (11) is not satisfied. On the other hand, Corollary 2.1 also fails for (19) since $f'(u)$ is nonincreasing on (t^*, ∞) , where $t^* > 0$.

Now we turn our attention to equations with “opposite” behavior of the function $f'(u)$.

THEOREM 2.3. *Let $f'(u)$ be nonincreasing on $(-\infty, 0)$ and nondecreasing on $(0, \infty)$. Further assume that (2) holds for any $c \neq 0$. Let one of the following conditions be satisfied*

- (i) $\alpha > 1$ and for some $M > 0$

$$\int_0^\infty (\tau^\alpha(s)p(s) - M\tau^{\alpha-2}(s)\tau'(s)) \, ds = \infty; \tag{20}$$

- (ii) $\alpha = 1$ and (20) is satisfied with $M = 1/4$.

Then equation (1) is oscillatory.

Proof. Let $\alpha > 1$. Assume that $M > 0$ is such that (20) holds. We admit that $u(t)$ is a positive solution of (1). Proceeding exactly as in the proof of Theorem 2.1 we can verify that $u'(t) > 0$, $u''(t) < 0$ and $u'(t) \rightarrow 0$ as $t \rightarrow \infty$. Then, there exists a $c > 0$ such that $u[\tau(t)] > c$, eventually. It is easy to see that

$$f'[u(\tau(t))]u'(\tau(t)) \geq f'(c)u'(t) = f'(c)(u'(t))^{1-\alpha}(u'(t))^\alpha. \tag{21}$$

Since $u'(t) \rightarrow 0$, then for any $\lambda > 0$, we have $u'(t) \leq \lambda$, eventually. It follows from (21) that

$$f'[u(\tau(t))]u'(\tau(t)) \geq f'(c)\lambda^{1-\alpha}(u'(t))^\alpha = K(u'(t))^\alpha,$$

where λ is chosen such that $f'(c)\lambda^{1-\alpha} = \alpha^2/(4M)$. Let $w(t)$ be defined by (8), then $w(t) > 0$ and (9) is fulfilled. On the other hand,

$$\begin{aligned} w'(t) &\leq -\tau^\alpha(t)p(t) + \alpha \frac{\tau'(t)}{\tau(t)}w(t) - K \frac{\tau'(t)}{\tau^\alpha(t)}w^2(t) \\ &= -\tau^\alpha(t)p(t) - K \frac{\tau'(t)}{\tau^\alpha(t)} \left[\left(w(t) - \frac{\alpha\tau^{\alpha-1}(t)}{2K} \right)^2 - \frac{\alpha^2\tau^{2\alpha-2}(t)}{4K^2} \right] \\ &\leq -\tau^\alpha(t)p(t) + \frac{\alpha^2}{4K}\tau^{\alpha-2}(t)\tau'(t). \end{aligned} \tag{22}$$

Integrating the obtained inequality from t_1 to t (t_1 large enough) and then letting $t \rightarrow \infty$, we get desirable contradiction. The case $\alpha = 1$ can be treated similarly. The proof is complete now. □

Now we present another easily verifiable oscillation criterion for (1).

COROLLARY 2.3. *Let $\alpha > 1$ and $f'(u)$ be nonincreasing on $(-\infty, 0)$ and nondecreasing on $(0, \infty)$. Further assume that (2) holds for any $c \neq 0$. If*

$$\liminf_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{p(t)\tau^2(t)}{\tau'(t)} > 0, \tag{23}$$

then equation (1) is oscillatory.

P r o o f . It follows from (23) that there exists a constant $k > 0$ such that

$$p(t) \geq k \frac{\tau'(t)}{\tau^2(t)},$$

eventually. Then, it follows from the last inequality that (20) is satisfied with $M = k/2$. Theorem 2.3 implies oscillation of equation (2.1). \square

EXAMPLE 2. Consider the equation

$$(|u'(t)|u'(t))' + p(t)|u[\tau(t)]|u[\tau(t)] = 0. \tag{24}$$

It is easy to verify that (23) implies (2) for equation (24). Then, by Corollary 2.3, equation (24) is oscillatory, provided that (23) holds. Note that [1; Theorem 1] fails for (24).

The following consideration is intended to relax the monotonicity conditions imposed onto $f'(u)$ in Theorems 2.1 and 2.3.

Let us consider the following differential equation

$$(|u'(t)|^{\alpha-1}u'(t))' + p(t)h[u(\tau(t))] = 0, \tag{25}$$

subject to conditions (H1)–(H3), and

(H5) $h \in C(-\infty, \infty)$, $uh(u) > 0$ for $u \neq 0$.

THEOREM 2.4. *Assume that*

$$h(u) \operatorname{sgn} u \geq f(u) \operatorname{sgn} u, \quad u \neq 0, \tag{26}$$

and (H4) holds. If all assumptions of Theorem 2.1 are satisfied, then equation (25) is oscillatory.

P r o o f . Assume that $u(t)$ is a positive solution of (25). Then $u'(t) > 0$, $u''(t) < 0$ and

$$([u'(t)]^\alpha)' = -p(t)h[u(\tau(t))] \leq -p(t)f[u(\tau(t))].$$

Let $w(t)$ be defined by (8). Then $w(t) > 0$ and

$$w'(t) \leq \alpha \frac{\tau'(t)}{\tau(t)} w(t) - \tau^\alpha(t)p(t) - w(t) \frac{f'[u(\tau(t))]u'(\tau(t))\tau'(t)}{f[u(\tau(t))]}.$$

The rest of the proof is similar to the proof of Theorem 2.1 and is omitted. \square

THEOREM 2.5. *Let (H4) and (26) hold. Assume that all assumptions of Theorem 2.3 are satisfied. Then equation (25) is oscillatory.*

It remains an open problem how to obtain oscillatory criteria similar to Theorem 2.1 and 2.3 for (1) with $0 < \alpha < 1$. The following theorem provides a partial answer.

THEOREM 2.6. *Assume that*

$$\int_{t_0}^{\infty} \frac{du}{|f(\pm u)|^{1/\alpha}} < \infty$$

and

$$\int_{t_0}^{\infty} \tau'(s) \left(\int_s^{\infty} p(x) \, dx \right)^{1/\alpha} ds = \infty.$$

Then equation (1) is oscillatory.

P r o o f . Assume that $u(t)$ is a positive solution of (1). Proceeding similarly as in the proof of Theorem 2.1, it can be shown that $u'(t) > 0$ and $u''(t) < 0$. Integrating (1) from t to s ($\geq t$), we obtain

$$-[u'(s)]^\alpha + [u'(t)]^\alpha = \int_t^s p(x)f[u(\tau(x))] \, dx \geq f[u(\tau(t))] \int_t^s p(s) \, ds.$$

Taking into account properties of $u'(t)$ and letting $s \rightarrow \infty$, we have

$$(u'[\tau(t)])^\alpha \geq (u'(t))^\alpha \geq f[u(\tau(t))] \int_t^{\infty} p(s) \, ds. \tag{27}$$

It is easy to see that the case $\int p(x) \, dx = \infty$ leads to a contradiction. It follows from (27) that

$$\frac{u'[\tau(t)]\tau'(t)}{f^{1/\alpha}[u(\tau(t))]} \geq \tau'(t) \left(\int_t^{\infty} p(x) \, dx \right)^{1/\alpha},$$

which on integration from t_1 to t gives

$$\int_{u[\tau(t_1)]}^{u[\tau(t)]} \frac{ds}{f^{1/\alpha}(s)} \geq \int_{t_1}^t \tau'(s) \left(\int_s^{\infty} p(x) \, dx \right)^{1/\alpha} ds. \tag{28}$$

The left side of (28) is bounded, however, the right side of (28) tends to ∞ as $t \rightarrow \infty$. The proof is complete. \square

Remark 3. Theorem 2.6 cannot be applied to equation (1) with $f(u) = u$ and $\alpha \geq 1$. In this case Theorem 2.1 may be successful.

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