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**A NOTE
TO A CERTAIN NONLINEAR DIFFERENTIAL
EQUATION OF THE THIRD-ORDER**

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Consider a nonlinear third order differential equation

$$x'''(t) + ax''(t) + bx'(t) + h[x(t)] = p(t), \quad (1)$$

where $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$, $a > 0$, $b > 0$ are given constants and the functions $h[x(t)]$, $p(t)$ with continuous first derivatives are oscillatory on the interval $I = (-\infty, +\infty)$ possessing simple zeros t_k , $k = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$ [with respect to the function $p(t)$] and $x_m(t)$, $m = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$ [with respect to the function $h[x(t)]$]. All roots $x_m(t)$ of the function $h[x(t)]$ are isolated here.

The boundedness of solutions $x(t)$ related to equation (1) has been investigated in [1] on condition of the inequality $a^2 > 4b$ being valid. It is the purpose of this paper to show that on the same assumptions to both functions $h[x(t)]$ and $p(t)$ as introduced in [1], the assumption of positive real constants a and b may be extended to both remaining cases, where $a^2 = 4b$ or $a^2 < 4b$.

Suppose, there exist such constants $H > 0$ and $P > 0$ that the inequalities

$$|h[x(t)]| \leq H \quad (2)$$

$$|p(t)| \leq P \quad (3)$$

hold for all functions $x(t)$, $x \in (-\infty, +\infty)$ and for all $t \in I_1 = \langle 0, +\infty \rangle$ [completely analogous we would proceed in case of $t \in (-\infty, 0]$]

Now we will prove that from the boundedness of functions $h[x(t)]$ and $p(t)$ on the interval I_1 there follows the existence of such a constant $D_1 > 0$ that in both above mentioned cases the inequality

$$\limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} |x'(t)| \leq D_1$$

holds. Hereby $D_1 = \frac{P+H}{b}$.

I. Let $a^2 = 4b$ hold in equation (1). Substituting $x'(t) = y(t)$, we obtain from (1) the differential equation

$$y''(t) + ay'(t) + by(t) = p(t) - h[x(t)], \quad (4)$$

where $x(t) = \int y(t) dt$.

Applying the well-known Lagrange's method of variation of constants $C_j \in \mathbb{R}$ ($j = 1, 2$) in a general solution $\bar{y}(t) = C_1 y_1(t) + C_2 y_2(t)$ of the differential equation

$$\bar{y}''(t) + a\bar{y}'(t) + b\bar{y}(t) = 0, \quad (5)$$

where $y_1(t) = e^{-\frac{a}{2}t}$, $y_2(t) = te^{-\frac{a}{2}t}$, $w[y_1(t), y_2(t)] = e^{-at}$, yields

$$C_1(t) = - \int te^{\frac{a}{2}t} [p(t) - h[x(t)]] dt + C_1,$$

$$C_2(t) = \int e^{\frac{a}{2}t} [p(t) - h[x(t)]] dt + C_2,$$

so that the solution $y(t)$ of (4) on the interval $I_1 = \langle 0, +\infty \rangle$ is of the form $y(t) = \bar{y}(t) + y_p(t)$, where

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{y}(t) &= (C_1 + C_2 t) e^{-\frac{a}{2} t}, \\ y_p(t) &= e^{-\frac{a}{2} t} \left\{ t \int_0^t e^{\frac{a}{2} \tau} [p(\tau) - h[x(\tau)]] d\tau - \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \int_0^t e^{\frac{a}{2} \tau} [p(\tau) - h[x(\tau)]] d\tau \right\} = \\ &= \int_0^t e^{-\frac{a}{2}(t-\tau)} (t-\tau) [p(\tau) - h[x(\tau)]] d\tau.\end{aligned}$$

Since

$$\begin{aligned}|y_p(t)| &= \left| \int_0^t e^{-\frac{a}{2}(t-\tau)} (t-\tau) [p(\tau) - h[x(\tau)]] d\tau \right| \leq \\ &\leq (P+H) \int_0^t e^{-\frac{a}{2}(t-\tau)} (t-\tau) d\tau = \\ &= \frac{2(P+H)}{a} \left| t e^{-\frac{a}{2} t} + \frac{2}{a} (e^{-\frac{a}{2} t} - 1) \right|,\end{aligned}$$

then it holds for $t \rightarrow +\infty$ that

$$(C_1 + C_2 t) e^{-\frac{a}{2} t} \rightarrow 0 \text{ for all } C_j \in \mathbb{R} (j = 1, 2)$$

and

$$\frac{2(P+H)}{a} \left| t e^{-\frac{a}{2} t} + \frac{2}{a} (e^{-\frac{a}{2} t} - 1) \right| \rightarrow \frac{4(P+H)}{a^2} = \frac{P+H}{b}.$$

Consequently

$$\limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} |x'(t)| \leq \frac{P+H}{b}.$$

II. Let $a^2 < 4b$ hold in (1) and denote

$$\alpha = -\frac{a}{2}, \quad \beta = \frac{\sqrt{4b - a^2}}{2}. \quad (6)$$

Proceeding analogous to I., where the basis of all solutions $\bar{y}(t)$ of (5) is now constituted by a pair of functions $y_1(t) = e^{\alpha t} \cos \beta t$, $y_2(t) = e^{\alpha t} \sin \beta t$ with the Wronskian $w[y_1(t), y_2(t)] = \beta e^{2\alpha t}$, gives

$$C_1(t) = -\frac{1}{\beta} \int e^{-\alpha t} \sin \beta t [p(t) - h[x(t)]] dt + C_1,$$

$$C_2(t) = \frac{1}{\beta} \int e^{-\alpha t} \cos \beta t [p(t) - h[x(t)]] dt + C_2.$$

Consequently, the solution $y(t)$ of (4) on $I_1 = \langle 0, +\infty \rangle$ is of the form $y(t) = \bar{y}(t) + y_p(t)$, where

$$\bar{y}(t) = e^{\alpha t} (C_1 \cos \beta t + C_2 \sin \beta t) = e^{\alpha t} \sqrt{C_1^2 + C_2^2} \cos(\beta t - \gamma),$$

putting here $\frac{C_1}{\sqrt{C_1^2 + C_2^2}} = \cos \gamma$, $\frac{C_2}{\sqrt{C_1^2 + C_2^2}} = \sin \gamma$ for

arbitrary constants $C_j \in \mathbb{R}$ ($j = 1, 2$), $C_1^2 + C_2^2 > 0$

and

$$\begin{aligned} y_p(t) &= \frac{1}{\beta} e^{\alpha t} \left\{ \sin \beta t \int e^{-\alpha t} \cos \beta t [p(t) - h[x(t)]] dt - \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \cos \beta t \int e^{-\alpha t} \sin \beta t [p(t) - h[x(t)]] dt \right\} = \\ &= \frac{1}{\beta} \int_0^t e^{\alpha(t-\tau)} \sin \beta(t-\tau) [p(\tau) - h[x(\tau)]] d\tau. \end{aligned}$$

Since

$$\begin{aligned}
 |y_p(t)| &= \frac{1}{\beta} \left| \int_0^t e^{\alpha(t-\tau)} \sin \beta(t-\tau) [p(\tau) - h[x(\tau)]] d\tau \right| \leq \\
 &\leq \frac{P+H}{\beta} \int_0^t e^{\alpha(t-\tau)} |\sin \beta(t-\tau)| d\tau = \\
 &= \frac{P+H}{\beta(\alpha^2+\beta^2)} \left| \left[e^{\alpha(t-\tau)} [\alpha \sin \beta(t-\tau) - \beta \cos \beta(t-\tau)] \right]_0^t \right| = \\
 &= \frac{P+H}{\beta(\alpha^2+\beta^2)} |e^{\alpha t} (\alpha \sin \beta t - \beta \cos \beta t) + \beta| = \\
 &= \frac{P+H}{\beta(\alpha^2+\beta^2)} \left| \sqrt{\alpha^2 + \beta^2} e^{\alpha t} \sin(\beta t - \delta) + \beta \right| ,
 \end{aligned}$$

where we set $\frac{\alpha}{\sqrt{\alpha^2 + \beta^2}} = \cos \delta$, $\frac{\beta}{\sqrt{\alpha^2 + \beta^2}} = \sin \delta$,

then for $t \rightarrow +\infty$ it holds

$$e^{\alpha t} \sqrt{C_1^2 + C_2^2} \cos(\beta t - \gamma) \rightarrow 0 \text{ for all } C_j \in \mathbb{R} \text{ (} j = 1, 2 \text{)}$$

and

$$\frac{P+H}{\beta(\alpha^2+\beta^2)} \left| \sqrt{\alpha^2 + \beta^2} e^{\alpha t} \sin(\beta t - \delta) + \beta \right| \rightarrow \frac{P+H}{\sqrt{\alpha^2 + \beta^2}} = \frac{P+H}{b}$$

because $\alpha < 0$ with respect to (6).

Thus again

$$\limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} |x'(t)| \leq \frac{P+H}{b} .$$

Both in I. and II. we have proved not only the boundedness of the first derivative $x'(t)$ of each solution $x(t)$ of the differential equation (1) but besides there was shown that

$\limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} |x'(t)|$ may be bounded by the same constant $D_1 = \frac{P+H}{b}$.

This fact enables us to further proceeding in I. and II. as did the author in [1]. Therefore we only briefly summarize the results achieved.

First, it may be shown that with respect to assumptions (2) and (3) about the functions $h[x(t)]$ and $p(t)$ there is also bounded the second derivative $x''(t)$ of the solution $x(t)$ of the differential equation (1). Substituting $z(t) = y'(t) [= x''(t)]$ in (4) yields the differential equation

$$z'(t) + az(t) = p(t) - h[x(t)] - by(t), \quad (7)$$

where $y(t) = x'(t)$, $x(t) = \int y(t) dt$. Since a general solution of the differential equation

$$\bar{z}'(t) + a\bar{z}(t) = 0$$

is $\bar{z}(t) = Ce^{-at}$, where $C \in \mathbb{R}$ is an arbitrary constant, the general solution $z(t)$ of (7) on $I_1 = \langle 0, +\infty \rangle$ may be written as $z(t) = \bar{z}(t) + z_p(t)$, where

$$\begin{aligned} z_p(t) &= e^{-at} \int e^{at} [p(t) - h[x(t)] - by(t)] dt = \\ &= \int_{T_x}^t e^{-a(t-\tau)} [p(\tau) - h[x(\tau)] - by(\tau)] d\tau, \end{aligned}$$

whereby $T_x \in I_1$, $T_x \leq t$, is a suitable number [generally dependent on the function $x(t)$].

In applying the result for $|x'(t)|$ on the interval $\langle T_x, +\infty \rangle$ in I. and II. we find that

$$\begin{aligned}
|z_p(t)| &= \left| \int_{T_x}^t e^{-a(t-\tau)} [p(\tau) - h[x(\tau)] - bx'(\tau)] d\tau \right| \leq \\
&\leq 2(P + H + |M_{T_x}|) \int_{T_x}^t e^{-a(t-\tau)} d\tau \leq \\
&\leq \frac{2}{a} (P + H + |M_{T_x}|) [1 - e^{-a(t-T_x)}],
\end{aligned}$$

where $M_{T_x} \rightarrow 0$ for $t \rightarrow +\infty$.

Hence in I. and II. also

$$\limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} |x''(t)| \leq \frac{2(P+H)}{a}.$$

Resulting statements.

A. If in addition to the assumption saying

- 1) there exist such constants $H > 0$ and $P > 0$ that for all $x = x(t) \in (-\infty, +\infty)$ and all $t \in I_1 = \langle 0, +\infty \rangle$ the inequalities

$$|h[x(t)]| \leq H, \quad |p(t)| \leq P$$

moreover the assumption saying

- 2) there exists such a constant $H_1 > 0$ that for all $x(t), x \in (-\infty, +\infty)$

$$|h'(x)| \leq H_1 \quad \text{whereby} \quad \left| \int_0^{\infty} p(t) dt \right| < +\infty$$

holds, then for every bounded solution $x(t)$ of the differential equation (1) either

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} x(t) = \bar{x}, \quad \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} x'(t) = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} x''(t) = 0,$$

where $h(\bar{x}) = 0$ or there exists such a root \bar{x} of the function $h[x(t)]$, that $x(t) - \bar{x}$ becomes oscillated.

- B. If there holds besides the above cited assumptions 1) and 2) sub A. that

3) there exists such a constant $P_1 > 0$ that for all $t \in I_1 = \langle 0, +\infty \rangle$ the inequality

$$|p'(t)| \leq P_1 \quad \text{whereby} \quad \limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} |p(t)| > 0$$

is valid, then there exists for every bounded solution $x(t)$ of the differential equation (1) such a root \bar{x} of the function $h[x(t)]$, that $x(t) - \bar{x}$ becomes oscillated.

C. If there exist such constants $H > 0$, $P > 0$, $H_1 > 0$, $P_1 > 0$, $P_0 > 0$ and $R > 0$ that for all $|x(t)| > R$ on the interval $I_1 = \langle 0, +\infty \rangle$ the inequalities

$$1) \quad |h[x(t)]| \leq H, \quad |h'[x(t)]| \leq H_1$$

$$2) \quad |p(t)| \leq P, \quad |p'(t)| \leq P_1,$$

$$\left| \int_0^t p(\tau) d\tau \right| \leq P_0, \quad \limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} |p(t)| > 0$$

$$3) \quad \min [\varphi(\bar{x}_m, \bar{x}_{m+1}), \varphi(\bar{x}_{m-1}, \bar{x}_m)] > \frac{2(P+H)}{b} \left(\frac{2}{a} + \frac{a}{b} \right) + \frac{P_0}{b}$$

are valid, where $\bar{x}_{m-1}, \bar{x}_m, \bar{x}_{m+1}$ ($m = 0, \pm 2, \pm 4, \dots$) are the three consecutive roots of the function $h(x)$, $h'(\bar{x}_m) > 0$, whereby $\varphi(\bar{x}_m, \bar{x}_{m+1})$ or $\varphi(\bar{x}_{m-1}, \bar{x}_m)$ means the distance among the roots \bar{x}_m, \bar{x}_{m+1} or \bar{x}_{m-1}, \bar{x}_m ,

then all solutions $x(t)$ of the differential equation (1) are bounded and to each of them there exists such a root \bar{x} of the function $h[x(t)]$ that $x(t) - \bar{x}$ becomes oscillated.

Finally, we would like to remark that the author's considerations in [1] may be carried out even in higher order differential equations of analogous type (see [2]).

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POZNÁMKA K JISTÉ NELINEÁRNÍ DIFERENCIÁLNÍ ROVNICI TŘETÍHO ŘÁDU

Souhrn

Autor se ve svém příspěvku zabývá případem, kdy v nelineární diferenciální rovnici 3.řádu tvaru

$$x''''(t) + ax''(t) + bx'(t) + h[x(t)] = p(t)$$

s oscilatorickými funkcemi $h[x(t)]$ a $p(t)$, majícími spojitou 1.derivaci na int. $(-\infty, +\infty)$ a s reálnými konstantami $a > 0$, $b > 0$, platí - krom případu $a^2 > 4b$ vyšetřovaného J.Andresem - že $a^2 = 4b$ resp. $a^2 < 4b$.

Za obou těchto předpokladů se ukazuje, že 1. i 2. derivace všech řešení $x(t)$ studované diferenciální rovnice jsou ohraničené a to týmiž konstantami jako v případě již uvažovaném. Práce tak umožňuje řešit otázku ohraničenosti a oscilatoričnosti řešení dané dif. rovnice ve všech případech vztahů mezi kladnými konstantami a a b .

ПРИМЕЧАНИЕ К НЕЛИНЕЙНОМУ ДИФФЕРЕНЦИАЛЬНОМУ
УРАВНЕНИЮ 3-ГО ПОРЯДКА ОПРЕДЕЛЕННОГО ТИПА

Резюме

Автор занимается случаем, когда в нелинейном дифференциальном уравнении 3-го порядка типа

$$x'''(t) + ax''(t) + bx'(t) + h[x(t)] = p(t)$$

с колеблющимися функциями $h[x(t)]$ и $p(t)$, у которых 1. производная непрерывна на интервале $(-\infty, +\infty)$ и с вещественными постоянными $a > 0$, $b > 0$ - возле случая $a^2 > 4b$ изучаемо-го уже Я. Андресом - присоединяются остаточные отношения $a^2 = 4b$ или $a^2 < 4b$.

В силу этих последних предположений показывается, что 1. и 2. производные всех решений $x(t)$ дифференциального уравнения ограничены теми же самыми постоянными как в случае уже совершенном. Таким образом работа предоставляет возможность решить вопрос об ограниченности и колебании решений этого дифференциального уравнения во всех возможных случаях отношений между положительными постоянными a и b .

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