

Oscillation Criteria of second Order Non-Linear Differential Equations

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Abstract—In this paper we are concerned with the oscillation criteria of second order non-linear homogeneous differential equation. Example have been given to illustrate the results.

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1. Introduction

The purpose of this paper is to establish a new oscillation criteria for the second order non-linear differential equation with variable coefficients of the form

$$x'' + f(x(t))(x'(t))^2 + g(x(t)) = 0, \text{ for } t \geq t_0 \quad (1)$$

where $t_0 \geq 0$ is a fixed real number and $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ are continuously differentiable functions on the interval $[t_0, \infty)$.

The most studied equations are those equivalent to second order differential equations of the form

$$x'' + h(x) = 0, \quad (2)$$

where $h(x) > 0$ is a continuously differentiable functions on the interval $[t_0, \infty)$. Oscillation criteria for the second order nonlinear differential equations have been extensively investigated by authors (for example see [2], [3], [4], [5], [6], [8], [9] and the authors there in). Where the study is done by reducing the problem to the estimate of suitable first integral.

Definition 1: A solution $x(t)$ of the differential equation (2) is said to be "nontrivial" if $x(t) \neq 0$ for at least one $t \in [t_0, \infty)$

Definition 2: A nontrivial solution $x(t)$ of the differential equation (2) is said to be oscillatory if it has arbitrarily large zeros on $[t_0, \infty)$, otherwise it said to be "non oscillatory".

Definition 3: We say that the differential equation (1) oscillatory if an equivalent differential equation (2) is oscillatory.

2. Main Results

In [7] the author considered a class of systems equivalent to the second order non-linear differential equation (1). The standard equivalent system

$$\begin{aligned} x'(t) &= y(t) \\ y'(t) &= -g(x(t)) - f(x(t))(y(t))^2 \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

while he worked on a wider class of systems of the form

$$\begin{aligned} x'(t) &= y(t)\alpha(t) \\ y'(t) &= -\beta(x(t)) - \xi(x(t))(y(t))^2 \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

If $\alpha(t) > 0$ then (4) is equivalent to a differential equation of the type (1). This allows to choose a modified system in order to be able to cope with different problems related to (2). Taking

$\xi(x(t)) \equiv 0, \alpha(x(t)) = e^{-F(x)}$ and $\beta(x) = g(x)e^{-F(x)}$, where

$$F(x) = \int_0^{x(t)} f(s) ds$$

One obtains

$$\begin{aligned} x'(t) &= e^{-F(x)} y(t) \\ y'(t) &= -g(x(t))e^{F(x(t))} \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

System (5) can be transformed into

$$\begin{aligned} x'(t) &= y(t) \\ y'(t) &= -h(x(t)), \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

where

$h(x(t)) = g(x(t))e^{F(x(t))}$, which is equivalent to (2) where sufficient conditions for solutions of differential equation (1) to oscillate are given.

Remark: Assume that $f(x(t))$ and $g(x(t)) \in C^1(I, R)$ where $I = [t_0, \infty)$ with (possible $I = R$)

Let us set

$$F(x(t)) = \int_0^{x(t)} f(v) dv, \quad \phi(x(t)) = \int e^{F(s)} ds.$$

Since $\phi'(x(t)) > 0$, for all $t \in I$. then $\phi(x(t))$ is invertible on I , we define the transformation $u = \phi(x(t))$, acting on I . According to Lemma 1 in [7] any solution $x(t)$ of (3) is a solution is a solution of (6).

Theorem 1: Let $h(x)$ be continuous and continuously differentiable on $(-\infty, 0) \cup (0, \infty)$ with $uh'(u) \geq 0$ and let

$$\int_{x(t)}^{\infty} \frac{du}{h(u)} < \infty; \int_{-x(t)}^{-\infty} \frac{du}{h(u)} < \infty \text{ for every } x(t) > 0, \quad (7)$$

then any solution of the differential equation (2) is either oscillatory or tends monotonically to zero as $t \rightarrow \infty$.

Proof: Suppose that $x(t)$ is non-oscillatory solution of (2), and assume $x(t) > 0$ for some $[t_0, \infty)$.

From (2) we get

$$tx'' = -th(x) \text{ or } ((tx'')/(h(x))) = -t.$$

Put

$$u = \left(\frac{t}{h(x)}\right); \quad dv = x''$$

$$du = \left(\frac{1}{h} - tx' \left(\frac{h'}{h^2}\right)\right) dt.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{tx'}{h(x)} - \frac{t_0 x'(t_0)}{h(x(t_0))} &= \int_{t_0}^t \frac{x'(s)}{h(x(s))} ds \\ &- \int_{t_0}^t \frac{s(x'(s)^2)h'(x(s))}{(h(x(s)))^2} ds - \int_{t_0}^t s ds \end{aligned}$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{tx'}{h(x)} - \frac{t_0 x'(t_0)}{h(x(t_0))} &= \int_{t_0}^t \frac{x'(s)}{h(x(s))} ds \\ &- \int_{t_0}^t \frac{s(x'(s)^2)h'(x(s))}{(h(x(s)))^2} ds - \frac{1}{2}(t^2 - t_0^2) + \frac{t_0 x'(t_0)}{h(x(t_0))} \end{aligned}$$

Since $h'(x(t)) > 0$ then

$$\frac{tx'}{h(x)} \leq \int_{x(t_0)}^{x(t)} \frac{du}{h(u)} - \frac{1}{2}(t^2 - t_0^2) + \frac{t_0 x'(t_0)}{h(x(t_0))}$$

By hypothesis (7) we have

$$\frac{tx'}{h(x)} \rightarrow -\infty \text{ as } t \rightarrow \infty$$

this means we obtain for some constant $k > 0$

$$\frac{tx'}{h(x)} \leq -k \Rightarrow \frac{x'(t)}{h(x(t))} \leq -\frac{k}{t}.$$

Integrating from t_0 to t for $t_0 > 0$ we get

$$\int_{x(t_0)}^{x(t)} \frac{du}{h(u)} \leq \ln\left(\frac{t_0}{t}\right)^k. \quad (8)$$

The right hand side is negative, since $x(t_0) > 0$, $x(t)$ is positive.

From (8) we conclude

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} x(t) = 0.$$

Thus $x(t)$ is oscillatory or tends monotonically to zero as $t \rightarrow \infty$

Theorem 2: If In addition to hypotheses (7) we assume that for some $x(t) > 0$

$$\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_{\epsilon}^{x(t)} \frac{du}{h(u)} \leq \infty; \quad \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_{\epsilon}^{-x(t)} \frac{du}{h(u)} \leq \infty. \quad (9)$$

Then every solution $x(t)$ of the differential equation (2) is oscillatory.

Proof: As in theorem 1, we want to show that $x(t)$ doesn't tend monotonically to zero as $t \rightarrow \infty$.

Assume $x(t) > 0$ for $a > 0$ on $[t_0, \infty)$.

Since from (8) we have

$$\int_{x(a)}^{x(t)} \frac{du}{h(u)} \leq \ln\left(\frac{a}{t}\right)^k \text{ for } t \geq a \geq t_0,$$

then there exists a positive real number m such that

$$\int_{x(a)}^{x(t)} \frac{du}{h(u)} > m > 0.$$

This means $\int_{x(a)}^{x(t)} \frac{du}{h(u)}$ is bounded below by a finite positive number, then by hypothesis (9), $x(t)$ doesn't tend monotonically to zero as $t \rightarrow \infty$. Then $x(t)$ is oscillatory.

Theorem 3: Assume that $h(x)$ satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} i - \int_1^{\infty} \frac{du}{h(u)} &< \infty; \\ ii - \int_{-1}^{-\infty} \frac{du}{h(u)} &< \infty, \end{aligned}$$

then every solution $x(t)$ of (2) is oscillatory.

Proof: Let $x(t)$ be non-oscillatory solution of (2), which without loss of generality, may be assumed to be positive for large t .

Define

$$w(t) = \frac{tx'(t)}{h(x)},$$

then

$$w'(t) = \frac{1}{h(x)} [x'(t) + tx''(t)] - \frac{th'(t)(x'(t))^2}{(h(x))^2}$$

or

$$= \frac{x'(t)}{h(x)} + t + \frac{h'(x)}{t} (w(t))^2 = 0. \quad (10)$$

Integrating (10) from a to t we get

$$\begin{aligned} w(t) &= w(a) + \int_{x(a)}^{x(t)} \frac{du}{h(u)} + \int_a^t s ds - \int_a^t \frac{(w(s))^2 h'(x(s))}{s} ds \\ &= w(a) + \int_{x(a)}^{x(t)} \frac{du}{h(u)} + \frac{1}{2}(t^2 - a^2) + \int_a^t \frac{(w(s))^2 h'(x(s))}{s} ds. \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

Since $\int_{x(a)}^{x(t)} \frac{du}{h(u)} < \infty$ and $\frac{1}{2}(t^2 - a^2) \rightarrow \infty$ from (11) we get $w(t) < 0$ from which we get $x'(t) < 0$ for large t which is a contradiction (by lemma III.1.8, [1]) where $x(t) > 0$ and then $x'(t) > 0$ for large t .

This completes the proof of the theorem.

EXAMPLES

Consider the second order nonlinear order differential

$$x'' + \frac{6x}{1+x^2} (x')^2 + (1+x^2)^{-1} = 0, \quad (12)$$

for this differential equation we have $f(x) = \frac{6x}{1+x^2}$ and $g(x) = (1+x^2)^{-1}$. Then the equivalent second order differential equation to (12) is

$$x'' + (1+x^2)^2 = 0, \quad (13)$$

where $h(x) = (1+x^2)^2$. To show the applicability of Theorem 1, the hypothesis is satisfied as follows

$$\int_{x(t)}^{\infty} \frac{du}{h(u)} = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_{x(t)}^b \frac{2vdv}{(1+v^2)^2} = -\lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} [(1+v^2)^{-1}]_{x(t)}^b$$

$$= \frac{1}{1+(x(t))^2} < \infty.$$

Therefore the Theorem implies that the differential equation is oscillatory.

To show the applicability of Theorem 2 it is clear that the hypothesis is satisfied hence

$$\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \int_{\epsilon}^{x(t)} \frac{du}{h(u)} = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \int_{\epsilon}^{x(t)} \frac{2vdv}{(1+v^2)^2} = -\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+} [(1+v^2)^{-1}]_{\epsilon}^{x(t)}$$

$$-\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+} [(1+(x(t))^2)^{-1} - (1+\epsilon^2)^{-1}] = \frac{(x(t))^2}{1+(x(t))^2} < \infty.$$

and

$$\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \int_{\epsilon}^{x(t)} \frac{du}{h(u)} = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \int_{\epsilon}^{x(t)} \frac{2vdv}{(1+v^2)^2} = -\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+} [(1+v^2)^{-1}]_{\epsilon}^{x(t)}$$

$$-\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+} [(1+(x(t))^2)^{-1} - (1+\epsilon^2)^{-1}] = \frac{(x(t))^2}{1+(x(t))^2} < \infty.$$

Hence Theorem 2 is applicable.

To show the applicability of Theorem 3 the hypothesis is satisfied as follows

$$i - \int_1^{\infty} \frac{du}{h(u)} = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^b \frac{2vdv}{(1+v^2)^2} = -\lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} [(1+v^2)^{-1}]_1^b$$

$$= \ln\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) < \infty.$$

And

$$ii - \int_{-1}^{-\infty} \frac{du}{h(u)} = \lim_{b \rightarrow -\infty} \int_{-1}^b \frac{2vdv}{(1+v^2)^2} = -\lim_{b \rightarrow -\infty} [(1+v^2)^{-1}]_{-1}^b$$

$$= \ln\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) < \infty.$$

Hence Theorem 3 is applicable.

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