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COPPEL-CONTI SETS OF LINEAR SYSTEMS

ABSTRACT. The paper contains a brief review of results, obtained by the authors, on certain topics in the theory of Coppel-Conti sets of linear systems: the solution of Conti's problem on the inclusion property as the parameter increases; the construction of criteria for the roughness of these sets and their limit sets under uniformly small or integrable perturbations; applications to the investigation of bounded solutions of perturbed nonhomogeneous linear systems.

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We consider the Coppel–Conti sets of linear systems

$$\dot{x} = A(t)x \tag{1}_A$$

with piecewise continuous real coefficients $A(\cdot) : [0, +\infty) \to \operatorname{Hom}(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R}^n)$, generally speaking, unbounded on the semiaxis $t \ge 0$. These sets deal with the problem of boundedness of solutions of the nonhomogeneous linear systems

$$\dot{y} = A(t)y + f(t) \tag{2}$$

raised in 1930 by O. Perron [1].

System (1_A) can be identified with its matrix $A(\cdot)$ and for convenience will be referred to as system A.

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1. R. Conti's Problem

We investigate the sets L^pS of linear systems (1_A) with Cauchy matrix $X_A(t,s)$ satisfying

$$C_p(A) \equiv \sup_{t \ge 0} \int_0^{+\infty} \|X_A(t,s)\|^p ds < +\infty.$$
(3)

The sets L^pS were introduced by W. Coppel [2] for p = 1 and by R.Conti [3] for p > 1. In these cases they are well studied. It was proved in the cited papers that for $p \ge 1$ the inclusion $A \in L^pS$ is equivalent to the boundedness of all solutions of system (2) with any piecewise continuous nonhomogeneous term f that is bounded (if p = 1) or p/(p-1) - st power integrable (if p > 1) on the semiaxis $t \ge 0$. We extend the definition of L^pS from $p \ge 1$ to all p > 0 by using the condition (3).

R. Conti [4, 5] investigated the sets L^pS as a function of the parameter p and proved [6] that the inclusion $L^pS \subset L^qS$ does not hold for arbitrary $q > p \ge 1$ and posed the following question:

Does the inclusion $L^pS \subset L^qS$ hold for constants p and q such that $p > q \ge 1$?

In our paper [7] we obtained the positive answer to this question.

Theorem 1 ([7]). The inclusion $L^p S \subset L^q S$ is valid for all p > q > 0.

Therefore, there exist limit sets $\lim_{p \to q \pm 0} L^p S$, q > 0, and they satisfy the inclusions

$$\lim_{p \to q=0} L^p S \supset L^q S \supset \lim_{p \to q+0} L^p S.$$

Moreover, there is no left or right continuity with respect to the parameter p > 0.

Indeed,

$$L^{q}S \setminus \lim_{p \to q+0} L^{p}S \neq \emptyset, \quad \lim_{p \to q-0} L^{p}S \setminus L^{q}S \neq \emptyset, \quad q > 0$$

(see [6]).

The following criterion for a system (1_A) to belong to the limit set has important applications in investigating the interiors of limit sets.

Theorem 2 ([8]). $A \in \lim_{p \to q=0} L^p S$, where $0 < q \le +\infty$, if and only if

$$2 \min_{\substack{\tau \in [t-T,t] \\ t \to +\infty \\ t-\tau \to +0}} \|X_A(t,\tau)\| \le 1 \quad \forall t \ge T = T_A \ge 1$$
$$\lim_{\substack{t \to +\infty \\ t-\tau \to +0}} \int_{\tau}^t \|X_A(t,s)\|^p ds = 0 \quad \forall p \in (0,q).$$

It was also established in [8] that the following two properties of the constants $C_p(A)$ regarded as functions of the parameter p > 0 are satisfied for a fixed $A \in \lim_{p \to q^{-o}} L^p S$, q > 0:1) the function $C_{(.)}(A): (0, +q) \to R^+$ is continuous and 2) there exists a system $A \in \lim_{p \to \infty} L^p S$ such that the function $C_{(.)}(A): (0, +\infty) \to R^+$ has the characteristic exponent $\lambda[C_{(.)}(A)] = +\infty$.

2. The Structure of the Interior of the Set L^pS

We define the interior Int $L^p S$ of the set $L^p S$ as the set consisting of all $A \in L^p S$ such that $A + Q \in L^p S$ for any piecewise continuous $n \times n$ matrix Q(t) satisfying $||Q(t)|| < \varepsilon_A$ for all $t \ge 0$ and some $\varepsilon_A > 0$.

Theorem 3 ([7]). Int $L^p S = L^p S$ if and only if $p \ge 1$.

Another Conti problem on the interior of the set $\bigcap_{p>0} L^p S$ to coincide with the set itself is solved (for $q = +\infty$) by the first of the following two theorems about the properties of the interior of the limit sets.

Theorem 4 ([8]). Int $\lim_{p \to q=0} L^p S = \lim_{p \to q=0} L^p S$ if and only if $1 < q \le +\infty$. **Theorem 5 ([8]).** Int $\lim_{p \to q=0} L^p S = \lim_{p \to q=0} L^p S$ if and only if $1 < q \le +\infty$.

Theorem 5 ([8]). Int $\lim_{p \to q+0} L^p S = \lim_{p \to q+0} L^p S$ if and only if $1 \le q < +\infty$.

We also considered [9] the similar problem whether systems (1_A) and (1_B) with coefficients close in some integral metric simultaneously belong to either of the sets L^pS , $\lim_{\gamma \to p-0} L^{\gamma}S$ and $\lim_{\gamma \to p+0} L^{\gamma}S$. We obtained the following general result for the integral interior $\operatorname{Int}_q L^pS \equiv \{A \in L^pS : B \in L^pS, \text{ for } \|B - A\|_q \equiv \{\int_0^{+\infty} \|B(r) - A(\tau)\|^q d\tau\}^{1/q} < +\infty\}, q > 0$, of the set L^pS and for the similar interiors $\operatorname{Int}_q \lim_{\gamma \to p-0} L^{\gamma}S$ and $\operatorname{Int}_q \lim_{\gamma \to p+0} L^{\gamma}S$ of the sets $\lim_{\gamma \to p+0} L^{\gamma}S$ and $\lim_{\gamma \to p+0} L^{\gamma}S$.

Theorem 6 ([9]). Int_q M = M if and only if 1) p > 1 and $q \ge p/(p-1)$ if $M = L^pS$; 2) p > 1 and $q \ge p/(p-1)$ if $M = \lim_{\gamma \to p-0} L^{\gamma}S$; 3) p > 1 and $q \ge p/(p-1)$ if $M = \lim_{\gamma \to p+0} L^{\gamma}S$.

Since inclusions $L^q S \subset L^p S$ are valid for all q > p > 0, the similar inclusions $\operatorname{Int} L^q S \subset \operatorname{Int} L^p S$ are valid for their interiors. For the integral interiors $\operatorname{Int}_q L^p S$ with different q > 0 but the same p the opposite inclusion is valid, at least for $p \geq 1$. This is given by the following theorem.

Theorem 7 ([9]). Int_q $L^p S \subset \text{Int}_l L^p S$ for $p \ge 1$ and q < l.

The interior $Int_q L^p S$ of $L^p S$, which is clearly a part of the interior $\operatorname{Int}_{q0} L^p S \ \equiv \ \{A \ \in \ L^p S \ : \ A \ + \ Q \ \in \ L^p S \ \text{for any} \ Q(t) \ \to \ 0, \ t \ \to \ +\infty,$ and $||Q||_q < +\infty$ of this set for all p > 0 and q > 0, does not coincide with the latter for some p > 0 and q > 0. The following assertion is valid in the case of small perturbations vanishing at infinity.

Theorem 8 ([9]). The interior $Int_0 L^p S$ of $L^p S$ with respect to perturbations Q(t) vanishing at infinity ($\rightarrow 0$ as $t \rightarrow +\infty$,) i.e., the set $\text{Int}_0 L^p S \equiv$ $\{A \in L^p S : A + Q \in L^p S \text{ for any } Q(t) \to 0 \text{ as } t \to +\infty\}, \text{ coincides for all }$ p > 0 with the usual interior Int $L^p S$.

3. Some Generalizations

In this section we consider, instead of a constant p > 0, a function p(t) > 0piecewise continuous for t > 0 and equal at the points of discontinuity to one of its limit values $p(t \pm 0) > 0$. We consider two generalizations of the set L^pS and obtain results for them analogous to Theorem 1 and 2.

First we introduce the set

$$L_1^{p(t)} = \left\{ A : \int_0^t \|X_A(t,\tau)\|^{p(t)} d\tau \le c_p(A) \equiv const < +\infty, \quad t \ge 0 \right\}.$$

We have the following properties of $L_1^{p(t)}S$: 1°. $\bigcup_{p>0} L^p S \subset \bigcup_{p(t)>0} L_1^{p(t)}S$ and $\bigcup_{p(t)>0} L_1^{p(t)}S \setminus \bigcup_{p>0} L^p S \neq \emptyset$; 2°. $\bigcap_{p(t)} L_1^{p(t)}S \neq \emptyset$ and $\bigcap_{p(t)\geq q(t)} L_1^{p(t)} \neq \emptyset$ for each fixed q(t) > 0.

The analog of Theorem 1 for the set $L_1^{p(t)}$ is

Theorem 9 ([7]). If p(t) > 0 is piecewise continuous for t > 0 and such that for some c > 0, d > 0 and a measurable set $M \subset [0, +\infty)$ with

$$\lim_{t-\tau\to+\infty} \operatorname{mes}\{[\tau,t]\cap M\}/(t-\tau)>0,$$

the inequality

$$\sum_{i=1}^{k} \inf_{\tau \in [0,\Theta] \cap M} \frac{p(t)}{p(t-i\Theta+\tau)} \ge c \ln k - d$$

holds for the positive integers $k = 1, \ldots, [t/\Theta]$ and sufficiently large constants $\Theta > 1$, then $L_1^{p(t)}S \subset L_1^{q(t)}S$ for each piecewise continuous q(t) such that $1 \ge q(t)/p(t) \ge const > 0$, $t \ge 0$.

The conclusion of Theorem 9 holds for:

1) a function p(t) > const > 0 bounded on the half-line t > 0;

2) a function p(t) > 0 such that there are constants $a, b \in (0, 1)$ for which $p(t)/p(\tau) > a$ when $\tau \in [b t, t]$ and t > 1;

3) a function p(t) > 0 nondecreasing for $t \ge 0$;

4) each power function $p(t) = t^m$ and a piecewise continuous q(t) such that $1 \ge q(t)/p(t) \ge const > 0, t \ge 1$.

The structure of the interior of $L_1^{p(t)}S$ for $p(t) \ge 1$ is established by the following analog of Theorem 2.

Theorem 10 ([7]). The equality Int $L_1^{p(t)}S = L_1^{p(t)}$ holds if and only if there is an interval $[t_0, +\infty)$ on which p(t) is nonicreasing and not smaller than 1.

Finally we inverstigate linear-system sets

$$L_0^{p(t)}S = \left\{ A : \int_0^{\xi} \|X_A(\xi,\tau)\|^{p(t)} d\tau \le c_p(A) < +\infty, 0 \le \xi \le t < +\infty \right\},$$

corresponding to functions p(t); these sets are clearly empty if $\lim_{t\to+\infty} p(t) = 0$. We have the following inclusions

$$\bigcup_{p>0} L^p S \subset \bigcup_{p(t)>0} L_0^{p(t)} S \subset \bigcup_{p(t)>0} L_1^{p(t)} S$$

and each of them is strict.

The properties of these sets ensure that they are nearer to the sets $L^{p}S$ than to the $L_{1}^{p(t)}S$. The following result corresponding to Theorem 1 holds for $L_{0}^{p(t)}S$.

Theorem 11 ([7]). The inclusion $L_0^{p(t)}S \subset L_0^{q(t)}S$ holds for each q(t) for which $1 \ge q(t)/p(t) \ge const > 0, t \ge t_0$.

The following assertion distinguishes a difference between properties of $L_0^{p(t)}S$ and L^pS .

Theorem 12 ([7]). The inclusion $L_0^{p(t)} \subset L_0^{q(t)}$ holds for each function q(t) such that $p(t) \ge q(t) \ge \lambda_q \min\{1, p(t)\}$, where $\lambda_q = const \in (0, 1)$ and $t \ge t_0$, if and only if $\lim_{t \to +\infty} p(t) < +\infty$.

We have the following necessary and sufficient condition for the coincidence of the set $L_0^{p(t)}S$ with its interior Int $L_0^{p(t)}S$.

Theorem 13 ([7]). Int $L_0^{p(t)}S = L_0^{p(t)}S \neq \emptyset$ if and only if p(t) > 0 is bounded on the half-line $t \ge 0$ and is larger than or equal to 1 on some interval $[t_0, +\infty)$.

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4. The Coppel-Conti sets M^pS of Unstable Linear Systems

We also considered the Coppel–Conti sets $M^p S$ of unstable linear systems (1_A) whose Cauchy matrix $X_A(t, \tau)$ satisfies the inequality

$$\int_{t}^{+\infty} ||X_A(t,\tau)||^p d\tau \le c_p(A) < +\infty, \quad t \ge 0.$$

These sets (if $p \ge 1$) connect with the existence of a unique bounded solution of system (2) for any vector-valued function $f \in L_q[0, +\infty)$ with q = p/(p-1) conjugate to p.

The Conti problem for these sets is also solved positively.

Theorem 14 ([10]). The inclusion $M^q S \subset M^p S$ is valid for all q > p > 0.

For the interior Int M^pS of the set M^pS , we have the assertion analogous to Theorem 2.

Theorem 15 ([10]). Int $M^p S = M^p S$ if and only if $p \ge 1$.

5. Linear Systems with L^p -dichotomy

Finally we consider the general case of linear systems with an L^p -dichotomy. This notion is the extension of the concept of exponential dichotomy [11, 12]. It has been inverstigated by W.A.Coppel [2, 12], R.Conti [3–6], P. Talpalaru [13], V.Staikos [14] and other authors. It is known [2, 3], that the system (2) has at least one solution bounded on R^+ for any $f \in L_q[0, +\infty)$, $q \geq 1$, if and only if the system (1_A) is L^p -dichotomous with 1/p + 1/q = 1.

We extend the definition of L^p -dichotomy from $p \ge 1$ to all p > 0. Denote by $X_A(t)$ the fundamental matrix of (1_A) , $X_A(0) = E$.

Definition. We say that the system (1_A) is L^p -dichotomous on R^+ , $0 , and write <math>A \in L^p D$ if there exist complementary projectors P_1 and P_2 such that

$$\int_{0}^{t} \|X_{A}(t)P_{1}X_{A}^{-1}(\tau)\|^{p}d\tau + \int_{t}^{+\infty} \|X_{A}(t)P_{2}X_{A}^{-1}(\tau)\|^{p}d\tau \le C_{p}(A) < +\infty, t \ge 0.$$

The asymptotic behavior of solutions of an L^p -dichotomous system is described by the following lemma (see [2, 15] for $p \ge 1$.)

Lemma 1. If the system (1_A) is L^p -dichotomous with some p > 0, then a) $\lim_{t \to +\infty} x(t) = 0$ for any solution x(t) with $x(0) \in B_1 = P_1 \mathbb{R}^n$, b) any solution x(t) with $x(0) \in \mathbb{R}^n \setminus B_1$ satisfies $\overline{\lim_{t \to +\infty}} ||x(t)|| = +\infty$. The property of exponential dichotomy is known to be self-dual [11] in the following sense: if a linear system (1_A) is exponentially dichotomous with projectors P_1 and P_2 , then the adjoint linear system $\dot{y} = -A^T(t)y$ is also exponentially dichotomous with projectors P_2^T and P_1^T . The property of L^p -dichotomy, however, is not self-dual in this sense.

Lemma 2 ([16]). For any p > 0 there exists an L^p -dichotomous system such that for any q > 0 the adjoint system is not L^q -dichotomous.

We obtained [16] that the sets $L^p D$ satisfy the same narrowing property as its two extreme subsets $L^p S$ and $M^p S$ corresponding to the cases $P_1 = E$ and $P_1 = 0$, respectively.

Theorem 16 ([16]). Any linear system L^p -dichotomous with p > 0 is also L^q -dichotomous with any q, 0 < q < p, and the same projectors.

This theorem follows from the following criterion for a linear system to be L^p -dichotomous.

Introduce the sets

$$T^{1}_{\alpha}(t) = \{ \tau \in [0, t] : \|X_{A}(t)P_{1}X_{A}^{-1}(\tau)\| \ge \alpha \}, T^{2}_{\alpha}(t) = \{ \tau \in [t, +\infty) : \|X_{A}(t)P_{2}X_{A}^{-1}(\tau)\| \ge \alpha \}$$

for any $\alpha > 0$.

Theorem 17 ([16]). A linear system (1_A) is L^p -dichotomous with some p > 0 and projectors P_1 and P_2 if and only if the following conditions are satisfied for some α , $0 < \alpha < 1$:

$$\max\{T_{\alpha}^{1}(t) \bigcup T_{\alpha}^{2}(t)\} \le c(\alpha) < \infty, \quad t \ge 0;$$
$$\int_{T_{1}^{1}(t)} \|X_{A}(t)P_{1}X_{A}^{-1}(\tau)\|^{p}d\tau + \int_{T_{1}^{2}(t)} \|X_{A}(t)P_{2}X_{A}^{-1}(\tau)\|^{p}d\tau \le C < \infty, \quad t \ge 0.$$

As to the structure of the integral interior of $L^p D$, we have

Theorem 18 ([13,16]). If p and q are conjugate numbers, then $\text{Int}_q L^p D = L^p D$.

From here we have the important property of roughness with respect to uniformly small perturbations for the set L^1D .

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6. A Linear Boundary Value Problem on \mathbb{R}^+

We consider the perturbed nonhomogeneous linear system

$$\dot{y} = F(t)y + g(t) \tag{4}$$

for which we study the following boundary value problem on R^+ : the existence and asymptotic behavior of bounded solutions.

Using the foregoing properties of the usual and integral interiors of the Coppel–Conti sets, the inclusion property and the Coppel–Conti theorem [2, 3] we obtain some applications to the above-mentioned boundary problem.

Theorem 19 ([17]). Let F(t) = A(t) + B(t) + D(t), $g(t) = f(t) + \varphi(t)$. If $A \in L^pS$ (respectively, $A \in M^pS$) for some p > 1, then there exists an $\varepsilon_A > 0$ such that all solutions of the system (5) are bounded (respectively, there exists a unique bounded solution) for any piecewise continuous matrix $B(\cdot)$ with $||B(t)|| < \varepsilon_A$ for any $t \ge t_B \ge 0$, for any matrix D(t) with $||D(t)|| \in L_q[0, +\infty), q \ge p/(p-1)$, for any vector function $f(\cdot)$ bounded on the positive semiaxis, and for any $\varphi(\cdot) \in L_q[0, +\infty), q \ge p/(p-1)$.

If p = 1, then the matrix $D(\cdot)$ and the function $\varphi(\cdot)$ are to be omitted in this assertion.

If p > 1, then a finite sum of the vector-valued functions $\varphi_i(\cdot) \in L_{q(i)}[0, +\infty)$ with arbitrary $q(i) \ge p/(p-1)$ can be taken for $\varphi(\cdot)$.

In the general case where the system (1_A) is L^p -dichotomous, $p \ge 1$, the dimension of the subspace of all bounded solutions of (1_A) coincides with the dimension of the corresponding subspace of the system (1_{A+B}) if $||B(t)|| \in \in L_q[0, +\infty)$ with q = p/(p-1).

It follows

Theorem 20 ([16]). Let F(t) = A(t) + B(t). If $A \in L^p D$, p > 1, then for any matrix $B(\cdot)$, $||B(t)|| \in L_q[0, +\infty)$ with q conjugate to p, and for any vector-function $g(\cdot) \in L_r[0, +\infty)$ with $r \ge p/(p-1)$, the system (4) has a k-parameter family of solutions y(t) such that $\lim_{t\to+\infty} y(t) = 0$, where $k = \operatorname{rank} P_1$.

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