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ON OSCILLATORY PROPERTIES OF SOLUTIONS OF
THIRD-DIMENSIONAL LINEAR DIFFERENTIAL SYSTEMS
WITH DEVIATING ARGUMENTS

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1. INTRODUCTION

The problem of oscillation of solutions is well studied for differential equations of high order. In particular, many interesting results of optimal types are obtained (see, for example [1], [2]). Analogous results for two-dimensional linear systems were obtained in [3]. The purpose of the present paper is to establish some optimal sufficient conditions for the oscillation of solutions of three-dimensional linear systems.

Let us consider the following linear system

$$\begin{aligned}x'_1(t) &= p_i(t) x_{i+1}(\tau_i(t)) \quad (i = 1, 2), \\x'_3(t) &= -p_3(t) x_1(\tau_3(t)),\end{aligned}\tag{1.1}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}p_i &\in L_{loc}(T_+; R_+), \quad \tau_i \in C(R_+; R_+), \\ \lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} \tau_i(t) &= +\infty \quad (i = 1, 2, 3), \quad \tau'_1(t) \geq 0.\end{aligned}\tag{1.2}$$

Below, we will assume that the following conditions

$$\int_0^{+\infty} p_i(t) dt = +\infty \quad (i = 1, 2)\tag{1.3}$$

hold.

Definition 1.1. Let $t_0 \in R_+$. A continuous vector function $x = (x_i)_{i=1}^3 : [t_0; +\infty) \rightarrow R^3$ is said to be a proper solution of system (1.1) if it is locally absolutely continuous on $[t_0, +\infty)$, almost everywhere on this interval the equality (1.1) is fulfilled, and $\sup\{\|x(s)\|; s \in [t_0; +\infty)\} > 0$, for $t \geq t_0$, where $\tau_0 = \inf\{\tau_*(t); t \geq t_0\}$, $\tau_*(t) = \min\{\tau_i(t); i = 1, 2, 3\}$.

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Definition 1.2. A proper solution of the system (1.1) is said to be oscillatory if every component of this solution has a sequence of zeroes tending to $+\infty$. Otherwise the solution is said to be nonoscillatory.

2. SUFFICIENT CONDITIONS FOR OSCILLATION OF SOLUTIONS

Theorem 2.1. Assume that the conditions (1.2), (1.3) and

$$\int_0^{+\infty} p_3(t) h(t) h(\tau_3(t)) dt = +\infty, \quad \int_0^{+\infty} p_3(t) h^2(\tau_3(t)) dt = +\infty \quad (2.1)$$

are fulfilled. If, moreover for any $\lambda \in [1, 2]$ the inequality

$$\limsup_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \left(\liminf_{t \rightarrow +\infty} h^{-\lambda - \delta_{2\varepsilon}(\lambda)}(t) \int_0^t \tau_1'(s) \left(\int_s^t p_1(\xi) d\xi \right) \times \right. \\ \left. \times (h(\sigma(s)))^{\delta_{2\varepsilon}(\lambda) + \delta_{1\varepsilon}(\lambda)} \int_{\tau_2(\tau_1(s))}^{+\infty} p_3(\xi) (h(\tau_3(\xi)))^{\lambda - \delta_{1\varepsilon}(\lambda)} d\xi ds \right) > 1$$

holds, then each proper solution of system (1.1) either is oscillatory or satisfies the conditions

$$\|x_i(t)\| \downarrow 0 \quad \text{for } t \uparrow +\infty \quad (i = 1, 2, 3), \quad (2.2)$$

where

$$h(t) = \int_0^t p_1(s) ds, \quad \sigma(t) = \inf \{ \min(s, \tau_3(s)) : s \geq t \}, \quad (2.3)$$

$$\delta_{1\varepsilon}(\lambda) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } \lambda = 1, \\ \varepsilon & \text{for } \lambda \in (1, 2], \end{cases} \quad \delta_{2\varepsilon}(\lambda) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } \lambda = 2, \\ \varepsilon & \text{for } \lambda \in [1, 2). \end{cases} \quad (2.4)$$

Theorem 2.2. Assume that the conditions (1.2), (1.3), (2.1) and

$$\liminf_{t \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{h(\sigma(t))}{h(t)} > 0 \quad (2.5)$$

are fulfilled. If, moreover for any $\lambda \in [1, 2]$

$$\limsup_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \left(\liminf_{t \rightarrow +\infty} h^{-\lambda - \delta_{2\varepsilon}(\lambda)}(t) \int_0^t \tau_1'(s) \left(\int_s^t p_1(\xi) d\xi \right) \times \right. \\ \left. \times (h(s))^{\delta_{2\varepsilon}(\lambda) + \delta_{1\varepsilon}(\lambda)} \int_{\tau_2(\tau_1(s))}^{+\infty} p_3(\xi) (h(\tau_3(\xi)))^{\lambda - \delta_{1\varepsilon}(\lambda)} d\xi ds \right) > 1,$$

then each proper solution of system (1.1) either is oscillatory or satisfies condition (2.2), where the functions $h, \sigma, \delta_{1\varepsilon}, \delta_{2\varepsilon}$ are defined by (2.3) and (2.4).

Theorem 2.3. Assume that the conditions (1.2) and (2.1) hold, if

$$p_1(t) = c_1 > 0, \quad p_2(t) \geq c_2 > 0 \quad \text{for } t \in R_+. \quad (2.6)$$

If, moreover for any $\lambda \in [1, 2]$

$$\limsup_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0+} \left(\liminf_{t \rightarrow +\infty} \tau_1'(t) t^{2-\lambda+\delta_{1\varepsilon}(\lambda)} \int_{\tau_2(\tau_1(t))}^{+\infty} p_3(\xi) (\tau_3(\xi))^{\lambda-\delta_{1\varepsilon}(\lambda)} d\xi \right) > \frac{\lambda(\lambda-1)}{c_1 c_2},$$

then each proper solution of the system (1.1) either is oscillatory or satisfies the condition (2.2), where $\delta_{1\varepsilon}$ is defined by the first equality of (2.4).

Corollary 2.1. Assume that the conditions (1.2), (2.1), (2.6) hold and $\tau_1(t) = \alpha_1 t$ for $t \in R^+$, where $\alpha_1 > 0$. If, moreover for any $\lambda \in [1, 2]$ the following inequality

$$\begin{aligned} \limsup_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0+} \left(\liminf_{t \rightarrow +\infty} t^{2-\lambda+\delta_{1\varepsilon}(\lambda)} \int_{\tau_2(\alpha_1(t))}^{+\infty} p_3(\xi) (\tau_3(\xi))^{\lambda-\delta_{1\varepsilon}(\lambda)} d\xi \right) > \\ > \frac{\lambda(\lambda-1)}{c_1 c_2 \alpha_1} \end{aligned} \quad (2.7)$$

holds, then each proper solution of system (1.1) either is oscillatory or satisfies condition (2.2).

Remark 2.1. It should be mentioned that we can not change the inequality (2.7) by the nonstrong one because in this case Corollary 2.1 will not be true.

The next theorem demonstrates that condition (2.7) is optimal.

Theorem 2.4. Let us assume that $\alpha_i, c_i \in (0, +\infty)$ ($i = 1, 2, 3$). Then every proper solution of the system

$$\begin{aligned} x_i'(t) &= c_i x_{i+1}(\alpha_i t) \quad (i = 1, 2), \\ x_3'(t) &= -\frac{c_3}{t^3} x_1(\alpha_3 t), \end{aligned}$$

either is oscillatory or satisfies the condition (2.2), if and only if the inequality

$$c_1 c_2 c_3 \alpha_1^{-1} \alpha_2^{-1} > \max \{ \lambda(\lambda-1)(2-\lambda)(\alpha_1 \alpha_2 \alpha_3)^{-\lambda}; \lambda \in [1, 2] \}$$

holds.

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