

**Positive Solutions of Nonlinear Boundary Value Problems
on an Infinite Interval
for Two-Dimensional Singular Differential Systems**

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Let $a > 0$, $\mathbb{R}_- =] - \infty, 0]$, $\mathbb{R}_+ = [0, +\infty[$, and $\mathbb{R}_{0+} =]0, +\infty[$. On a positive semi-axis \mathbb{R}_{0+} , we consider the differential system

$$\frac{du_i}{dt} = f_i(t, u_1, u_2) \quad (i = 1, 2) \quad (1)$$

with the boundary condition

$$\int_0^a \varphi(u_1(s)) d\sigma(s) = c, \quad (2)$$

where c is a positive constant, $f_i : \mathbb{R}_{0+} \times \mathbb{R}_{0+}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_-$ ($i = 1, 2$) are continuous functions, $\varphi : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ is a continuous nondecreasing function, and $\sigma : [0, a] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ is a nondecreasing function such that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \varphi(x) = +\infty, \quad \sigma(a) - \sigma(0) = 1.$$

A continuously differentiable vector function $(u_1, u_2) : \mathbb{R}_{0+} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{0+}^2$, satisfying system (1) in \mathbb{R}_{0+} , is said to be a **positive solution** of that system.

If the component u_i of a positive solution (u_1, u_2) at the point 0 has the right-hand limit

$$u_i(0+) = \lim_{t > 0, t \rightarrow 0} u_i(t),$$

then we put $u_i(0) = u_i(0+)$.

A positive solution (u_1, u_2) of system (1) is said to be a **positive solution of problem** (1), (2) if there exists $u_1(0+)$ and equality (2) is satisfied.

If

$$f_1(t, x, y) \equiv -y, \quad f_2(t, x, y) \equiv -f(t, x, -y),$$

then the differential system (1) is equivalent to the differential equation

$$u'' = f(t, u, u'), \quad (3)$$

and condition (2) is equivalent to the condition

$$\int_0^a \varphi(u(s)) d\sigma(s) = c, \quad (4)$$

respectively. Consequently, problem (1), (2) has a positive solution if and only if problem (3), (4) has a so-called Kneser solution, i.e. a solution satisfying the inequalities

$$u(t) > 0, \quad u'(t) < 0 \text{ for } t \in \mathbb{R}_{0+}.$$

Problem (1), (2), as problem (3), (4), is said to be the nonlinear Kneser problem.

We investigate problem (1), (2) in the case where system (1) is singular in the phase variables; more precisely, in the case where

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f_i(t, x, y) = +\infty \text{ for } t > 0, \quad y > 0 \quad (i = 1, 2),$$

and

$$\lim_{y \rightarrow 0} f_2(t, x, y) = +\infty \text{ for } t > 0, \quad x > 0.$$

We have obtained unimprovable in a certain sense sufficient conditions for the existence of at least one positive solution of that problem.

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