## Monotone and Oscillatory Solutions of Higher Order Nonlinear Functional Differential Systems

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On an infinite interval  $[a, +\infty]$ , the functional differential system

$$u_1^{(n_1)}(t) = f_1(t, u_2(\tau_1(t))), \quad u_2^{(n_2)}(t) = f_2(t, u_1(\tau_2(t)))$$
(1)

is considered, where  $n_1 \ge 1$ ,  $n_2 \ge 2$ , a > 0, while  $f_i : [a, +\infty[\times\mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R} \text{ and } \tau_i : [a, +\infty[\to\mathbb{R} (i = 1, 2) \text{ are continuous functions. Moreover,}]$ 

$$\lim_{t \to +\infty} \tau_i(t) = +\infty \ (i = 1, 2),$$

and one of the following two conditions

$$f_i(t,0) = 0, \quad (-1)^{i-1} f_i(t,x) \le (-1)^{i-1} f_i(t,y) \text{ for } t > a, \ x < y \ (i = 1,2);$$
 (2)

$$f_i(t,0) = 0, \quad f_i(t,x) \le f_i(t,y) \text{ for } t \ge a, \ x < y \ (i=1,2)$$
 (3)

is satisfied.

Asymptotic (including oscillatory) properties of solutions of system (1) previously have been investigated mainly in the cases where this system can be reduced to one  $n_1 + n_2$ -order functional differential equation, or in the cases where  $n_1 = n_2 = 1$ (see, [1, 2] and the references therein). The results below concern the case, where  $n_1 + n_2 > 2$ ,  $\tau_i(t) \neq t$  (i = 1, 2), and system (1) cannot be reduced to one equation.

Let  $a_0 \geq a$ . A vector function  $(u_1, u_2) : [a_0, +\infty[ \to \mathbb{R} \text{ is said to be a solution}$ of system (1) if  $u_1$  and  $u_2$  are, respectively,  $n_1$ -times and  $n_2$ -times continuously differentiable functions, and there exist continuous functions  $v_i : ] - \infty, a_0] \to \mathbb{R}$ (i = 1, 2) such that on  $[a_0, +\infty[$  equalities (1) are fulfilled, where

$$u_i(t) = v_i(t)$$
 for  $t \le a_0$   $(i = 1, 2)$ .

A solution  $(u_1, u_2)$  of system (1), defined on some interval  $[a_0, +\infty] \subset [a, +\infty]$ , is said to be **proper** if it is not identically zero in any neighborhood of  $+\infty$ .

A proper solution of system (1) is said to be **oscillatory** if at least one of its components changes the sign in any neighborhood of  $+\infty$ .

Note that if one of conditions (2) and (3) is satisfied, then both components of every oscillatory solution of system (1) change the sign in any neighborhood of  $+\infty$ .

A nontrivial solution  $(u_1, u_2) : [a_0, +\infty[ \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ of system } (1) \text{ is said to be a Kneser solution if on } [a_0, +\infty[$  it satisfies the inequalities

$$(-1)^{i} u_{1}^{(i)}(t) u_{1}(t) \ge 0 \quad (i = 1, \dots, n_{1}),$$
  
$$(-1)^{k} u_{2}^{(k)}(t) u_{2}(t) \ge 0 \quad (k = 1, \dots, n_{2}),$$

and it is said to be **rapidly increasing** if

$$\lim_{t \to +\infty} |u_i^{(n_i - 1)}(t)| = +\infty \ (i = 1, 2).$$

Let

$$n = n_1 + n_2,$$

and following I. Kiguradze [1, 2] introduce the definitions.

**Definition 1** System (1) has the **property**  $A_0$  if every its proper solution for n even is oscillatory, and for n odd either is oscillatory or is a Kneser solution.

**Definition 2** System (1) has the **property**  $B_0$  if every its proper solution for n even either is oscillatory, or is a Kneser solution, or is rapidly increasing, and for n odd either is oscillatory or is rapidly increasing.

I. Kiguradze [1, 2] has established unimprovable in a certain sense conditions under which the differential system

$$u_1^{(n_1)}(t) = f_1(t, u_2(t)), \quad u_2^{(n_2)}(t) = f_2(t, u_1(t))$$

has the property  $A_0$  (the property  $B_0$ ). The theorems below are the generalizations of those results for system (1).

If m is a natural number, then by  $\mathcal{N}_m^0$  we denote the set of those  $k \in \{1, \ldots, m\}$  for which m + k is even.

For any natural k, we put

$$\varphi_k(t,x) = x \bigg[ |\tau_2(t)|^{n_1-1} + \int_a^{\tau_2(t)} (\tau_2(t) - s)^{n_1-1} \big| f_1(t,x|\tau_1(s)|^{k-1}) \big| \, ds \bigg].$$

**Theorem 1** Let condition (2) hold and let for any  $x \neq 0$  and  $k \in \mathcal{N}_{n_2-1}^0$  the equalities

$$\int_{a}^{+\infty} |f_1(t,x)| \, dt = +\infty, \qquad \int_{a}^{+\infty} t^{n_2 - 1} |f_2(t,x)| \, dt = +\infty, \tag{4}$$

$$\int_{a}^{+\infty} t^{n_2-k-1} \left| f_2(t,\varphi_k(t,x)) \right| dt = +\infty$$
(5)

be satisfied. Then system (1) has the property  $A_0$ .

**Theorem 2** Let  $n_2 > 2$   $(n_2 = 2)$  and condition (3) hold. If, moreover, for any  $x \neq 0$  and  $k \in \mathcal{N}_{n_2-2}^0$  equalities (4) and (5) are satisfied (for any  $x \neq 0$  equalities (4) are satisfied), then system (1) has the property  $B_0$ .

**Remark 1** For equality (5) to be satisfied for any  $x \neq 0$  and  $k \in \mathcal{N}_{n_2-1}^0$  it is sufficient that the equality

$$\int_{a}^{+\infty} \left| f_2(t, x | \tau_2(t) |^{n_1 - 1}) \right| dt = +\infty$$

be satisfied for any  $x \neq 0$ .

The conditions of Theorems 1 and 2 do not guarantee the existence of proper solutions appearing in the definitions of the properties  $A_0$  and  $B_0$ . The problem on the existence of such solutions needs additional investigation.

The following theorems are valid.

**Theorem 3** Let  $n_1 + n_2$  be even and along with (2) the condition

$$\tau_i(t) < t, \ f_i(t,x) \neq 0 \ for \ t \ge a, \ x \neq 0 \ (i = 1,2)$$
 (6)

be satisfied. If, moreover, for any  $x \neq 0$  and  $k \in \mathcal{N}_{n_2-1}^0$  equalities (4) and (5) are fulfilled, then system (1) has an infinite set of proper solutions and every such solution is oscillatory.

**Theorem 4** Let  $n_1 + n_2$  be odd and conditions (3) and (6) hold. If, moreover,  $n_2 > 2$  ( $n_2 = 2$ ) and for any  $x \neq 0$  and  $k \in \mathcal{N}_{n_2-2}^0$  equalities (4) and (5) are satisfied (for any  $x \neq 0$  equalities (4) are satisfied), then system (1) has infinite sets of oscillatory and rapidly increasing solutions.

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