

# On the periodic problem for singular second-order ordinary differential equations

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the inequality

$$u(t) \leq 0 \quad \text{pro } t \in [0, \omega] \quad \left( \text{resp., } u(t) \geq 0 \quad \text{pro } t \in [0, \omega] \right)$$

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**Remark.** The inclusion  $p \in \mathcal{V}_0(\omega)$  holds if and only if the function  $p$  admits the representation

$$p(t) = g(t) + (\ell(g)(t))^2 \quad \text{pro } t \in \mathbb{R},$$

where  $g \in L_\omega$ ,  $\bar{g} = 0$ , and

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## On the set $\mathcal{V}^-(\omega)$

**Theorem.** Let  $p \in L_\omega$ . Then the inclusion  $p \in \mathcal{V}^-(\omega)$  holds if and only if there exists a function  $\gamma \in AC'([0, \omega])$  satisfying

$$\gamma''(t) \leq p(t)\gamma(t) \quad \text{pro } t \in [0, \omega],$$

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$$\gamma(0) \geq \gamma(\omega), \quad \frac{\gamma'(\omega)}{\gamma(\omega)} \geq \frac{\gamma'(0)}{\gamma(0)},$$

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**Corollary.** Let  $p \in L_\omega$ ,  $\bar{p} > 0$ , and

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$$p \not\equiv 0, \quad \int_0^\omega p(s)ds \leq 0.$$

Then  $p \in \mathcal{V}^+(\omega)$  ( $p \in \text{Int } \mathcal{V}^+(\omega)$ ) if and only if  $p \in \mathcal{D}(\omega)$  ( $p \in \text{Int } \mathcal{D}(\omega)$ ).

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$$\frac{1}{\ell} \left( e^{\omega \ell} - 1 \right) \sqrt{|\bar{p}| + \ell^2} \leq \pi.$$

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**Corollary.** Let  $p \in L_\omega$ ,  $p \neq \text{Const.}$ ,

$$\ell \leq \frac{1}{\omega} \ln(1 + \pi)$$

and

$$0 \leq \bar{p} \leq \frac{\ln(1 + \pi)}{\omega^2 \pi} \left( \int_0^\omega |\ell(p)(\xi)| d\xi \right)^2,$$

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**Example.** Let  $\omega = 2\pi$ ,  $p(t) = c + \lambda \cos t$ ,  $\lambda \neq 0$ . Then  $\bar{p} = c$ ,  $\ell(p)(t) = \lambda \sin t$ ,  $\ell = |\lambda|$ ,  $\int_0^\omega |\ell(p)(s)| ds = 4|\lambda|$ . If

$$\lambda^2 - \lambda^2 \frac{\pi^2}{(e^{2\pi|\lambda|} - 1)^2} \leq c \leq 0$$

then  $p \in \text{Int } \mathcal{V}^+(\omega)$ . On the other hand, if

$$|\lambda| \leq \frac{1}{2\pi} \ln(1 + \pi)$$

and

$$0 \leq c \leq \frac{4\lambda^2}{\pi^3} \ln(1 + \pi)$$

then  $p \in \text{Int } \mathcal{V}^+(\omega)$ , as well.



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**Theorem.** Let  $\lambda \in ]-1, 1]$ . Then the problem (2) is solvable for any  $h_0$  satisfying

$$h_0(t) \geq 0 \quad \text{pro } t \in [0, \omega], \quad h_0 \not\equiv 0.$$

if and only if the inclusion  $p \in \mathcal{V}^+(\omega)$  holds.

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**Theorem.** Let  $p \in \mathcal{V}^-(\omega)$  and at least one of the following items be fulfilled:

(i)  $\lambda > -1$  and

$$\rho(p)Q_+ \leq Q_-;$$

(ii)  $\lambda \in ]-1, 0[$  and

$$\|h_0\|_L^{\frac{1}{\lambda+1}} \geq \frac{1}{\lambda+1} \left( \frac{|\lambda|}{\rho(p)\|[p]_+\|_L - \|[p]_-\|_L} \right)^{\frac{|\lambda|}{\lambda+1}} (\rho(p)Q_+ - Q_-);$$

(iii)  $\lambda > 0$  and

$$\|h_0\|_L \geq \left( \frac{\omega}{4} \rho(p)Q_+ \right)^\lambda (\rho(p)Q_+ - Q_-);$$

(iv)  $\lambda \geq \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\eta \in [1/\lambda, 2[$ ,  $[q]_+^{\frac{1}{2-\eta}} \in L_\omega$ , and

$$\int_0^\omega \frac{h_0(s)}{|s-a|^{\lambda\eta}} ds = +\infty \quad \text{pro } a \in [0, \omega[.$$

Then the problem (3) is solvable. Moreover, if  $q(t) \leq 0$  for  $t \in [0, \omega]$  then the inclusion  $p \in \mathcal{V}^-(\omega)$  is necessary for solvability of (3), while if either (iii) or (iv) holds then the problem (3) is uniquely solvable.

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$$\lambda > 0, \quad h_0, q \in L_\omega, \quad h_0(t) \geq 0 \quad \text{pro} \quad t \in [0, \omega], \quad h_0 \not\equiv 0.$$

Let, moreover,

$$Q_- > \rho(p)Q_+$$

and

$$\|h_0\|_L \leq \frac{\lambda^\lambda}{(\lambda + 1)^{\lambda+1}} \frac{(Q_- - \rho(p)Q_+)^{\lambda+1}}{\rho(p)(\rho(p)\|[p]_+\|_L - \|[p]_-\|_L)^\lambda}.$$

Then the problem (4) is solvable.