

OSCILLATION OF THE SOLUTIONS TO SECOND ORDER NON-LINEAR DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS

OSHIACIONI I ZGJIDHJEVE PËR EKUACIONET DIFERENCIALE JOLINEARE TË RENDIT TË DYTË

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Konsiderojmë ekuacionin diferencial të rendit të dytë jolinear

$$(p(t)y'(t))' + q(t)f(y(t)) = 0 \quad (1)$$

ku p është një funksion me derivat të parë të vazhdueshëm rigorozi pozitiv, q është një funksion i vazhdueshëm për $t \geq t_0$ $t \geq t_0$ dhe f është një funksion i vazhdueshëm me vlera reale mbi R , i cili kënaq kushtet $yf(y) > 0$ dhe $f'(y) \geq 0$ $f'(y) \geq 0$ për çdo $y \neq 0$ $y \neq 0$.

Qëllimi i këtij punimi konsiston në zgjerimin e rezultateve të Kong [14] dhe Jan Seman [21,22] për rastin jolinear (1) nën supozimin $f'(y) \geq \mu > 0$ për $y \neq 0$ dhe më pas në marrjen e disa kushteve të reja të mjaftueshme për oshilacionin e zgjidhjeve të një rasti të veçantë të (1) ku rezultatet e njohura nuk mund të aplikohen. Rezultatet që do të merren do të zbatohen edhe në një shembull, i cili ka vetëm zgjidhje oshilatore për $4km - \beta^2 > 0$. Elementët më të rëndësishëm të përdorur në këtë punim janë teknikat Rikati dhe të mesatarizuara (*averaging*).
Fjalët çelës: kriter oshilacioni, ekuacion diferencial i rendit të dytë jolinear.

SUMMARY

Consider the second order nonlinear differential equation

$$(p(t)y'(t))' + q(t)f(y(t)) = 0 \quad (1)$$

Where $p(t) \in C^1([t_0, \infty[, R^+)$, $q(t) \in C([t_0, \infty[, R)$, $t_0 \geq 0$

$q(t) \in C([t_0, \infty[, R)$ and $f \in C(R, R)$ $f \in C(R, R)$ which satisfies the conditions $yf(y) > 0$ and $f'(y) \geq 0$ for all $y \neq 0$.

The purpose of this paper is to extend the results in Kong [14] and Jan Seman [21,22] for the nonlinear case (1) under the assumption $f'(y) \geq \mu > 0$ for all $y \neq 0$ and then getting some new sufficient conditions for oscillatory solutions of a special case of (1) to which the known results do not apply. This result will be implemented also in an example, which has only oscillatory solutions for $4km - \beta^2 > 0$. The important tools used in this paper are the *Riccati* and *averaging* techniques.

Key words: oscillation criteria, second order nonlinear differential equation.

1. INTRODUCTION

In this paper we will focus mainly on the oscillation behavior of the solutions of second order nonlinear differential equation

$$(p(t)y'(t))' + q(t)f(y(t)) = 0 \tag{1.1}$$

where

$$p(t) \in C^1([t_0, \infty[, R^+), q(t) \in C([t_0, \infty[, R), t_0 \geq 0$$

$$q(t) \in C([t_0, \infty[, R), t_0 \geq 0$$

$$q(t) \in C([t_0, \infty[, R) \text{ and}$$

$f \in C(R, R), f \in C(R, R)$ is continuously differentiable function on the real line R , except perhaps at point 0 and satisfies the following condition (the condition of its monotonous growth)

$$yf'(y) > 0 \text{ and } f'(y) \geq 0 \tag{1.2}$$

where μ is a real constant. In what follows the integral of the function $\frac{1}{p(t)}$ is divergent or convergent (see [21] for comparison).

By a solution of (1.1) we mean a function $y(t)$, $t \in [t_0, \infty)$, which is twice continuously differentiable and satisfies equation (1.1) on $[t_0, \infty)$. Our interest in this paper lies to those solutions of (1.1) that exists on the half-line $[t_0, \infty[$ and satisfy the inequality,

$$\sup\{|y(t)| : t \geq T\} > 0 \text{ for } T \geq t_0.$$

A nontrivial $y(t)$ solution of (1.1) will be called *oscillatory*, if it has arbitrarily large zeros for all $t \geq t_0$. In other words there exists a sequence

$$\{t_n\} \text{ with } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} t_n = \infty \text{ where } y(t_n) = 0.$$

Otherwise $y(t)$ will be called *nonoscillatory*, therefore there exists a $t_1 \geq t_0$ such that $y(t) \neq 0$ for

$t \geq t_1$ and in this case the solution $y(t)$ is eventually positive or eventually negative. The equation itself is said to be *oscillatory* if all its solutions are oscillatory.

Especially in these last two decades, oscillation and nonoscillation behavior of the solutions for different classes of the second order differential equations has been the subject of study with different methods by numerous authors. A lot of work has been the object of study for special cases of (1.1) such as these

$$y''(t) + q(t)y(t) = 0 \tag{1.3}$$

$$y''(t) + q(t)|y(t)|^\gamma \operatorname{sgn} y(t) = 0 \quad \gamma > 0 \tag{1.4}$$

$$(p(t)y'(t))' + q(t)|y(t)|^\gamma \operatorname{sgn} y(t) = 0 \quad \gamma > 0 \tag{1.5}$$

Equations (1.4) and (1.5) so-called *Emden-Fowler* equations, considered as prototypes of the respective equations (1.3) and (1.1).

Equations (1.4) and (1.5) are said to be *linear* if $\gamma = 1$. Equations (1.1) and [(1.4), (1.5)] are said to be *superlinear* if they satisfy the conditions of superlinearity respectively

$$0 < \int_\varepsilon^\infty \frac{dy}{f(y)} < \infty \text{ and } 0 < \int_{-\varepsilon}^{-\infty} \frac{dy}{f(y)} < \infty \text{ for all } \varepsilon > 0 \text{ or } [\gamma > 1]$$

Equations (1.1) and [(1.4), (1.5)] are said to be *sublinear* if they satisfy the conditions of sublinearity respectively

$$0 < \int_0^\varepsilon \frac{dy}{f(y)} < \infty \text{ and } 0 < \int_0^{-\varepsilon} \frac{dy}{f(y)} < \infty \text{ for all } \varepsilon > 0 \text{ or } [0 < \gamma < 1]$$

In this paper we shall provide conditions which guarantee that all solutions oscillate. We remark that Kong [14], obtained several interval oscillation results for second order differential equation (1.3) or equation (1.1) where $f(y) \equiv y$. This results however, cannot be applied to the nonlinear equation (1.1). Especially, using phase plane analysis of the Liénard system, Sugie et.al. [23] discussed the oscillation problem for (1.1) whether the integral

of the function $\frac{1}{p(t)}$ is divergent or convergent.

2. SOME OSCILLATION CRITERIA FOR SOLUTIONS OF THE SECOND ORDER LINEAR DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS

In this section, we shall begin with some well-known oscillation criteria for the type (1.3). Most of the oscillation criteria obtained so far involve the interval of the function $q(t)$ and hence require the information of $q(t)$ on the entire life-line $[t_0, \infty[$. In the linear case (1.3) some of the most interesting criteria, in chronological order, are the following:

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{t} \int_{t_0}^t \int_{t_0}^s q(v) dv ds = \infty \quad (\text{Wintner 1949, [26]}) \quad (C 1)$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_{t_0}^t q(s) ds = \infty \quad (\text{Leighton 1950, [18]}) \quad (C 2)$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} i) \quad \liminf_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{t} \int_{t_0}^t \int_{t_0}^s q(v) dv ds > -\infty \\ ii) \quad \limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{t} \int_{t_0}^t \int_{t_0}^s q(v) dv ds = \infty \end{array} \right. \quad (\text{Hartman 1952, [11]}) \quad (C 3)$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{t^n} \int_{t_0}^t (t-s)^n q(s) ds = \infty \quad \text{for some } n \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{1\} \quad (\text{Kamenev 1978, [13]}) \quad (C 4)$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} i) \quad \limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{t^n} \int_{t_0}^t (t-s)^n q(s) ds < \infty \quad \text{për ndonjë } n \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{1\} \\ ii) \quad \limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{t^n} \int_{t_0}^t (t-s)^n q(s) ds > B(T) \quad \text{për } \forall T \geq t_0 \\ iii) \quad \int_{t_0}^{\infty} B_+^2(t) dt = \infty \quad \text{ku } B_+(t) = \max\{B(t), 0\} \end{array} \right. \quad (\text{Yan 1986, [24]}) \quad (C 5)$$

$$\limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{H(t, t_0)} \int_{t_0}^t \left[H(t, s) q(s) - \frac{[h(t, s)]^2}{4} \right] ds = \infty \quad \text{where } H : D = \{(t, s) : t \geq s \geq t_0\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

is a continuous function such that $H(t, t) = 0$ for $t \geq t_0$, $H(t, s) > 0$ for $t > s \geq t_0$ and has a continuous

and nonpositive partial derivative on D with $\frac{\partial H}{\partial s}(t, s) = -h(t, s) \sqrt{H(t, s)} \leq 0$ for all $(t, s) \in D$,

where $h \in C(D, \mathbb{R})$.

$$(\text{Philos 1989, [19]}) \quad (C 6)$$

For equation (1.4) (Butler [7]) proved that the conditions (C 1) and (C 3) are sufficiently for the superlinear case ($\gamma > 1$). But for the sublinear case ($0 < \gamma < 1$) (Kamenev [12]) proved that only the second part ii) of condition (C 3) is enough, without any other condition on

$$\liminf_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{t} \int_{t_0}^t \int_{t_0}^s q(v) dv ds \cdot$$

Now the question arises whether we can take the same result for the superlinear case. Willett (1969, [27]) gave a negative response. Again Butler, by comparing the two parts of condition (C3), obtained another sufficiently condition for the sublinear case.

$$-\infty < \liminf_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{t} \int_{t_0}^t \int_{t_0}^s q(v) dv ds < \limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{t} \int_{t_0}^t \int_{t_0}^s q(v) dv ds \leq \infty$$

$$-\infty < \liminf_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{t} \int_{t_0}^t \int_{t_0}^s q(v) dv ds < \limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{t} \int_{t_0}^t \int_{t_0}^s q(v) dv ds \leq \infty \quad (C7)$$

Wong (1990, [28]) also gave another sufficiently condition for the sublinear case

$$\limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{t} \int_{t_0}^t \left[\int_{t_0}^s q(v) dv \right]^2 ds = \infty \quad (C8)$$

Li and Yan (1997, [16]) for the superlinear case proved this sufficiently condition

$$\begin{cases} \liminf_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{t^\beta} \int_{t_0}^t (t-s)^\beta q(s) ds > -\infty & \text{për ndonjë } \beta \geq 1 \\ \limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{t^\alpha} \int_{t_0}^t (t-s)^\alpha q(s) ds = \infty & \text{për ndonjë } \alpha > 1 \end{cases} \quad \text{ku } \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{N}$$

But many of these conditions cannot be applied to the case when $q(t)$ has a “bad” behavior on a large part of $[t_0, \infty[$, for example, when $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_{t_0}^t q(s) ds = -\infty$

3. MAIN RESULTS

In this section, we present our main theorems.

Theorem 3.1. Assume that $f'(y) \geq \mu > 0$ for all $y \neq 0$.

Let $D_0 = \{(t, s) : t > s \geq t_0\}$, and $H \in C(D, \mathbb{R})$ $H \in C(D, \mathbb{R})$ which satisfies the following conditions

- i) $H(t, t) = 0$, for $t \geq t_0$ and $H(t, s) > 0$ for $t > s \geq t_0$ (on D_0),
- ii) Function H has continuous and partial derivative on D_0 with respect both variables t and s .
- iii) $\frac{\partial H}{\partial t}(t, s) = h_1(t, s) \sqrt{H(t, s)} \geq 0$ and $\frac{\partial H}{\partial s}(t, s) = -h_2(t, s) \sqrt{H(t, s)} \leq 0$

where h_1, h_2 and h_1, h_2 are continuous and nonnegative on D_0 .

If there exists a function such that

$$\frac{1}{H(c, a)} \int_a^c H(s, a) g(s) q(s) ds + \frac{1}{H(b, c)} \int_c^b H(b, s) g(s) q(s) ds > \quad (3.1)$$

$$> \frac{1}{4\mu H(c, a)} \int_a^c [Q_1(s, a)]^2 g(s) p(s) ds + \frac{1}{4\mu H(b, c)} \int_c^b [Q_2(b, s)]^2 g(s) p(s) ds$$

where

$$Q_1(s, t) = h_1(s, t) + \frac{g'(s)}{g(s)} \sqrt{H(s, t)}$$

$$Q_2(t, s) = h_2(t, s) - \frac{g'(s)}{g(s)} \sqrt{H(t, s)}$$

then all solutions of (1.1) are oscillatory.

Proof. Without any loss of generality , we may assume that there exists a solution $y(t)$ for our equation such that on $[T_0, \infty)$ for some sufficiently large . We build the Riccati support function $u(t)$ as follows :

$$u(t) = g(t)p(t) \left\{ \frac{y'(t)}{f(y(t))} \right\} \text{ for all } t \geq T_0$$

Differentiating the above equation we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} &= -q(t)f(y(t)) \left\{ \frac{g'(t)}{f(y(t))} \right\} + y'(t)p(t) \left\{ \frac{g'(t)}{f(y(t))} \right\} = -q(t)g'(t) + y'(t)p(t) \left[\frac{g'(t)f(y(t)) - g(t)f'(y)y'(t)}{f^2(y(t))} \right] = \\ &= -q(t)g(t) + \frac{g'(t)}{g(t)}u(t) - \frac{f'(y)}{p(t)g(t)}u^2(t) \leq -q(t)g(t) + \frac{g'(t)}{g(t)}u(t) - \frac{\mu}{p(t)g(t)}u^2(t) \end{aligned}$$

Thus we get the following inequality

$$q(t)g(t) \leq -u'(t) + \frac{g'(t)}{g(t)}u(t) - \frac{\mu}{p(t)g(t)}u^2(t) \tag{3.2}$$

Multiplying to the above inequality by the function $H(t, s)$ and integrating it with respect to s , over $[c, t)$ for $t \in [c, b)$ we get for $s \in [c, t)$

Integrating by parts the first integral of A , we have

$$\begin{aligned} A &= H(t, c)u(c) - \int_c^t u(s)h_2(t, s)\sqrt{H(t, s)}ds + \int_c^t H(t, s) \left[\frac{g'(s)}{g(s)}u(s) - \frac{\mu}{p(s)g(s)}u^2(s) \right] ds = \\ &= H(t, c)u(c) - \int_c^t \left\{ \left[\frac{\mu H(t, s)}{p(s)g(s)} \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} u(s) - \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{p(s)g(s)}{\mu} \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} Q_2(t, s) \right\} ds + \int_c^t \frac{p(s)g(s)}{4\mu} Q_2^2(t, s) ds \leq \\ &\leq H(t, c)u(c) + \int_c^t \frac{p(s)g(s)}{4\mu} Q_2^2(t, s) ds \end{aligned}$$

From

the above inequality, we have

$$\int_c^t H(t, s)g(s)q(s)ds \leq H(t, c)u(c) + \int_c^t \frac{p(s)g(s)}{4\mu} Q_2^2(t, s)ds$$

Passing to the limit for $t \rightarrow b^-$ on both sides and also dividing by

$$\frac{\lim_{t \rightarrow b^-} \int_c^t H(t,s)g(s)q(s)ds}{H(b,c)} \leq \frac{\lim_{t \rightarrow b^-} H(t,c)u(c) + \lim_{t \rightarrow b^-} \int_c^t \frac{p(s)g(s)}{4\mu} Q_2^2(t,s)ds}{H(b,c)}$$

This implies that

$$\frac{\int_c^b H(b,s)g(s)q(s)ds}{H(b,c)} \leq \frac{H(b,c)u(c) + \int_c^b \frac{p(s)g(s)}{4\mu} Q_2^2(b,s)ds}{H(b,c)} \tag{3.3}$$

On the other hand , by multiplying the function $H(s,t)$ in inequality (3.2) and integrating it with respect to s, over $[t,c]$ for $t \in [a,c]$ us to take for

So define

$$\begin{aligned} B &= -H(c,t)u(c) + \int_t^c u(s)h_1(s,t)\sqrt{H(s,t)}ds + \int_t^c H(s,t) \left[\frac{g'(s)}{g(s)}u(s) - \frac{\mu}{p(s)g(s)}u^2(s) \right] ds = \\ &= -H(c,t)u(c) - \int_t^c \left\{ \left[\frac{\mu H(s,t)}{p(s)g(s)} \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} u(s) - \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{p(s)g(s)}{\mu} \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} Q_1(s,t) \right\}^2 ds + \int_t^c \frac{p(s)g(s)}{4\mu} Q_2^2(s,t)ds \leq \\ &\leq H(c,t)u(c) + \int_t^c \frac{p(s)g(s)}{4\mu} Q_2^2(s,t)ds \end{aligned}$$

Finally we have

$$\int_t^c H(s,t)g(s)q(s)ds \leq -H(c,t)u(c) + \int_t^c \frac{p(s)g(s)}{4\mu} Q_2^2(s,t)ds$$

Passing to the limit on both its sides for $t \rightarrow a^+$ and also dividing by

$$H(c,a) \neq 0$$

$$\frac{\lim_{t \rightarrow a^+} \int_t^c H(s,t)g(s)q(s)ds}{H(c,a)} \leq \frac{\lim_{t \rightarrow a^+} -H(c,t)u(c) + \lim_{t \rightarrow a^+} \int_t^c \frac{p(s)g(s)}{4\mu} Q_2^2(s,t)ds}{H(c,a)}$$

$$\frac{\int_a^c H(s,a)g(s)q(s)ds}{H(c,a)} \leq \frac{-H(c,a)u(c) + \int_a^c \frac{p(s)g(s)}{4\mu} Q_2^2(s,a)ds}{H(c,a)} \tag{3.4}$$

Combining the two inequalities (3.3) and (3.4), we obtain

$$\frac{\int_a^c H(s,a)g(s)q(s)ds}{H(c,a)} + \frac{\int_c^b H(b,s)g(s)q(s)ds}{H(b,c)} \leq \frac{\int_a^c \frac{p(s)g(s)}{4\mu} Q_2^2(s,a)ds}{H(c,a)} + \frac{\int_c^b \frac{p(s)g(s)}{4\mu} Q_2^2(b,s)ds}{H(b,c)}$$

which contradicts (3.1). The proof is complete.

Remark 3.2

In many other articles it is assumed that $q(t) > 0$ for $t \geq t_0$. Our Theorem 3.1, does not exclude the case when $q(t) < 0$ for $t \geq t_0$.

Remark 3.3

One of the most popular appearances of the function $H(t, s)$ is $H(t, s) = (t - s)^\lambda$ where $t \geq s \geq t_0$ and $\lambda > 1$ is a constant. For the other choices of $H(t, s)$ condition (3.1) reduces to the other type conditions (see [12]).

Theorem 3.4 Assume that the conditions of Theorem 3.1 are satisfied. If there exists a function $g(t) \in C^1([t_0, \infty[, R^+)$ and for each $l \geq t_0$ the following conditions

$$\limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{t^{\lambda-1}} \left[\int_t^l (s-l)^\lambda g(s) q(s) ds - \int_t^l \frac{(s-l)^{\lambda-2}}{4\mu} g(s) p(s) \left[\lambda + \frac{g'(s)(s-l)^2}{g(s)} \right] ds \right] > 0, \quad (3.5)$$

$$\limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{t^{\lambda-1}} \left[\int_t^l (t-s)^\lambda g(s) q(s) ds - \int_t^l \frac{(t-s)^{\lambda-2}}{4\mu} g(s) p(s) \left[\lambda + \frac{g'(s)(t-s)^2}{g(s)} \right] ds \right] > 0, \quad (3.6)$$

are satisfied, then all solutions of (1.1) are oscillatory.

Proof . We get after substitution

$$\begin{aligned} [Q_1(s, t)]^2 &= \left[\frac{\partial H}{\partial s}(s, t) + \frac{g'(s)}{g(s)} \sqrt{H(s, t)} \right]^2 = \left[\lambda (s-t)^{\lambda-1/2} + \frac{g'(s)}{g(s)} (s-t)^{\lambda/2} \right]^2 = \\ &= \left[(s-t)^{\lambda/2} \left\{ -\lambda + \frac{g'(s)}{g(s)} (s-t) \right\} \right]^2 = (s-t)^{\lambda-2} \left\{ \lambda + \frac{g'(s)}{g(s)} (s-t) \right\}^2 \\ [Q_2(t, s)]^2 &= \left[\frac{-\partial H}{\partial s}(t, s) - \frac{g'(s)}{g(s)} \sqrt{H(t, s)} \right]^2 = \left[\lambda (t-s)^{\lambda-1/2} - \frac{g'(s)}{g(s)} (t-s)^{\lambda/2} \right]^2 = \\ &= \left[(t-s)^{\lambda/2} \left\{ \lambda - \frac{g'(s)}{g(s)} (t-s) \right\} \right]^2 = (t-s)^{\lambda-2} \left\{ \lambda - \frac{g'(s)}{g(s)} (t-s) \right\}^2 \end{aligned}$$

Let us replace in the inequality (3.5) $l = a$ where $a \geq t_0$

Then there exists $c > a$ such that

$$\limsup_{c \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{c^{\lambda-1}} \left[\int_c^a (s-a)^\lambda g(s) q(s) ds - \int_c^a \frac{(s-a)^{\lambda-2}}{4\mu} g(s) p(s) \left[\lambda + \frac{g'(s)(s-a)^2}{g(s)} \right] ds \right] > 0$$

Let us replace in the inequality (3.6) $l = c$ where $c \geq t_0$

Then exists $b > c$ where have

$$\limsup_{b \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{b^{\lambda-1}} \left[\int_c^b (b-s)^\lambda g(s) q(s) ds - \int_c^b \frac{(b-s)^{\lambda-2}}{4\mu} g(s) p(s) \left[\lambda + \frac{g'(s)(b-s)^2}{g(s)} \right] ds \right] > 0$$

By combining the above two inequalities we get condition (3.1). So, the conclusion now follows from Theorem 3.1.

Theorem 3.5 Assume that the conditions of Theorem 3.1 be satisfied, by adding the condition $q(t) > 0$ for all $T \geq t_0$. Assume further there exists a function and $w \in C[a, b]$ that satisfies the conditions $w'(t) \in L^2[a, b]$ and $w(a) = w(b) = 0$. If we have

$$\int_a^b \left\{ w^2(s)q(s)g(s) - \frac{g(s)p(s)}{\mu} \left[w'(s) + \frac{1}{2} \frac{g'(s)}{g(s)} w(s) \right]^2 \right\} ds > 0 \quad (3.7)$$

then equation (1.1) is oscillatory.

Proof. Without loss of generality, we may assume that there exists a solution $y(t)$ for (1.1), such that $y(t) > 0$ on $[T_0, \infty]$ for some sufficiently large T_0 . As in Theorem 3.1 in inequality (3.2) we multiply (1.1) and have

$$q(t)g(t)w^2(t) \leq -u'(t)w^2(t) + \frac{g'(t)}{g(t)}u(t)w^2(t) - \frac{\mu}{p(t)g(t)}u^2(t)w^2(t) \quad (3.8)$$

Integrate with respect to s , using the condition $w(a) = w(b) = 0$. Then we get

$$\begin{aligned} \int_a^b q(s)g(s)w^2(s)ds &\leq \int_a^b -u'(s)w^2(s)ds + \int_a^b w^2(s) \left\{ \frac{g'(s)}{g(s)}u(s) - \frac{\mu}{p(s)g(s)}u^2(s) \right\} ds = \\ &= 2 \int_a^b u(s)w(s)w'(s)ds + \int_a^b w^2(s) \left\{ \frac{g'(s)}{g(s)}u(s) - \frac{\mu}{p(s)g(s)}u^2(s) \right\} ds \end{aligned} \quad (3.9)$$

Use the following substitutions

$$a_1(s) = \frac{p(s)g(s)}{\mu} \quad \text{and} \quad a_2(s) = \frac{g'(s)}{g(s)}$$

$$A(s) = \sqrt{\frac{p(s)g(s)}{\mu}} \left[w'(s) + \frac{1}{2} \frac{g'(s)}{g(s)} w(s) \right] = \sqrt{a_1(s)} \left[w'(s) + \frac{1}{2} a_2(s) w(s) \right]$$

$$B(s) = \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{p(s)g(s)}} u(s)w(s) - \sqrt{\frac{p(s)g(s)}{\mu}} \left[w'(s) + \frac{1}{2} \frac{g'(s)}{g(s)} w(s) \right]$$

$$\frac{u(s)w(s)}{\sqrt{a_1(s)}} - \sqrt{a_1(s)} \left[w'(s) + \frac{1}{2} a_2(s) w(s) \right] = \frac{u(s)w(s)}{\sqrt{a_1(s)}} - A(s)$$

$$A^2(s) - B^2(s) = \left[2A(s) - \frac{u(s)w(s)}{\sqrt{a_1(s)}} \right] \left[\frac{u(s)w(s)}{\sqrt{a_1(s)}} \right] = 2A(s) \frac{u(s)w(s)}{\sqrt{a_1(s)}} - \left[\frac{u(s)w(s)}{\sqrt{a_1(s)}} \right]^2$$

$$2u(s)w(s) \left[w'(s) + \frac{1}{2} a_2(s) w(s) \right] - \left[\frac{u(s)w(s)}{\sqrt{a_1(s)}} \right]^2 =$$

$$= 2u(s)w(s)w'(s) + u(s)w^2(s) \frac{g'(s)}{g(s)} - \frac{\mu}{p(s)g(s)}u^2(s)w^2(s)$$

From inequality (3.9) we have

$$\int_a^b q(s)g(s)w^2(s)ds \leq \int_a^b [A^2(s) - B^2(s)]ds \leq \int_a^b A^2(s)ds =$$

$$\int_a^b \left\{ \sqrt{\frac{p(s)g(s)}{\mu}} \left[w'(s) + \frac{1}{2} \frac{g'(s)}{g(s)} w(s) \right] \right\}^2 ds = \int_a^b \frac{p(s)g(s)}{\mu} \left[w'(s) + \frac{1}{2} \frac{g'(s)}{g(s)} w(s) \right]^2 ds$$

which contradicts assumption (3.7), so equation (1.1) is oscillatory.

The following example illustrates our results.

Example 3.6. Consider the differential equation i^* (special case: free ,damped motion with the damping coefficient $\beta > 0$, $m > 0$, $k > 0$ for all $t \geq 0$). Differential equation i^* reduces to ii^* and iii^* as follows :

$$i^*) \quad x'' + \frac{\beta}{m}x' + \frac{k}{m}x = 0 \quad ,$$

$$ii^*) \quad u'' + \left(\frac{k}{m} - \frac{1}{4} \frac{\beta^2}{m^2} \right) e^{\frac{\beta}{m}t} u = 0$$

$$iii^*) \quad (p(t)x'(t))' + q(t)x(t) = 0$$

Here, $p(t) = e^{\frac{\beta}{m}t}$, $q(t) = \frac{k}{m} e^{\frac{\beta}{m}t}$, $f(x) = x$, $u(t) = e^{\frac{1}{2}\frac{\beta}{m}t} x(t)$ and $f'_x(x) = \mu = 1$

- $\int_0^\infty \frac{ds}{p(s)} = \int_0^\infty e^{-\frac{\beta}{m}s} ds = \frac{m}{\beta} < \infty$,

- By (C 2) , equation ii^* is oscillatory for $\frac{k}{m} - \frac{1}{4} \frac{\beta^2}{m^2} > 0$ [$4km - \beta^2 > 0$] and $\frac{m}{\beta} > 0$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^t q(s) ds = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^t \left(\frac{k}{m} - \frac{1}{4} \frac{\beta^2}{m^2} \right) e^{\frac{\beta}{m}s} ds = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{k}{m} - \frac{1}{4} \frac{\beta^2}{m^2} \right) \frac{m}{\beta} \left(e^{\frac{\beta}{m}t} - 1 \right) = +\infty$$

- While by Theorem 3.1, we have for iii^*

$$H(t, s) = e^{\frac{\beta}{m}(t-s)} , \quad Q_1(t, s) = h_1(t, s) = Q_2(t, s) = h_2(t, s) = \frac{\beta}{m} e^{\frac{1}{2}\frac{\beta}{m}(t-s)} , \quad g(s) = 1$$

$$\int_a^c H(s, a) \frac{k}{m} e^{\frac{\beta}{m}s} ds + \int_c^b H(b, s) \frac{k}{m} e^{\frac{\beta}{m}s} ds > \frac{1}{4} \int_a^c H(s, a) \frac{\beta^2}{m^2} e^{\frac{\beta}{m}s} ds + \frac{1}{4} \int_c^b H(b, s) \frac{\beta^2}{m^2} e^{\frac{\beta}{m}s} ds$$

$$\frac{k}{m} \left[\int_a^c e^{\frac{\beta}{m}(s-a)} e^{\frac{\beta}{m}s} ds + \int_c^b e^{\frac{\beta}{m}(b-s)} e^{\frac{\beta}{m}s} ds \right] > \frac{1}{4} \frac{\beta^2}{m^2} \left[\int_a^c e^{\frac{\beta}{m}(s-a)} e^{\frac{\beta}{m}s} ds + \int_c^b e^{\frac{\beta}{m}(b-s)} e^{\frac{\beta}{m}s} ds \right]$$

$$\left[\frac{k}{m} - \frac{1}{4} \frac{\beta^2}{m^2} \right] \left[\int_a^c e^{\frac{\beta}{m}(2s-a)} ds + \int_c^b e^{\frac{\beta}{m}(b-s)} e^{\frac{\beta}{m}s} ds \right] > 0$$

So for $4km - \beta^2 > 0$ and $\frac{m}{\beta} > 0$, equation iii^*) is oscillatory by the Theorem 3.1 .

- Theorem 3.5, when applied to iii^* , leads to the following results.

$$w(s) = \sin s \quad (\sin 2k\pi = \sin 2k\pi + \pi = 0) \quad , \quad g(s) = 1 \quad \text{or}$$

$$\left[g(s) = e^{-\frac{\beta}{m}s} \right] \text{ then equation } iii^*) \text{ is oscillatory where } 2km - 2m^2 > \beta^2 .$$

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