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## ON SOME PROPERTIES OF SOLUTIONS OF THE SECOND ORDER LINEAR DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS WITH PERIODIC COEFFICIENTS HAVING A COMMON ONEPARAMETRIC CONTINUOUS GROUP OF DISPERSIONS

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

O. Borůvka described in [4] the set of coefficients of all both side oscillatory equations on  $\mathbf{R} (= (-\infty, \infty))$  having the form

$$(r) \quad y'' = r(t)y, \quad r \in C^0(\mathbf{R}),$$

which have a common oneparametric continuous group of dispersions. If the coefficients of two different equations relating to this set are  $\pi$ -periodic (on  $\mathbf{R}$ ), then all its function possess the above property. The paper below presents another characterization of the set of equations with  $\pi$ -periodic coefficients having a common oneparametric continuous group of dispersions. This characterization is connected with the coincidence of finite intervals of nonstability in a certain equation  $y'' = (q(t) + \lambda p(t))y$  with  $\pi$ -periodic coefficients  $p, q; \lambda \in \mathbf{R}$ .

### 2. DEFINITIONS, NOTATION, BASIC PROPERTIES

Let (r) be an on both side oscillatory equation on  $\mathbf{R}$  (meaning thereby that any nontrivial solution of (r) has infinitely many zeros on the right and on the left of each point  $t_0$ ). Say that a function  $\alpha$  is the (first) phase of (r) if there exist its independent solutions  $u, v$ :

$$\operatorname{tg} \alpha(t) = u(t)/v(t) \quad \text{for } t \in \mathbf{R} - \{t \in \mathbf{R}; v(t) = 0\}.$$

Any phase  $\alpha$  of (r) has the following three properties:

- (i)  $\alpha \in C^3(\mathbf{R})$ ,
- (ii)  $\alpha'(t) \neq 0$  for  $t \in \mathbf{R}$ ,
- (iii)  $\alpha(\mathbf{R}) = \mathbf{R}$ .

The phase  $\alpha$  of (r) uniquely determines the coefficient  $r$  of this equation in the sense as follows

$$r(t) = -\{\alpha, t\} - \alpha'^2(t), \quad t \in \mathbf{R},$$

where  $\{\alpha, t\} := \alpha'''(t)/2\alpha'(t) - (3/4)(\alpha''(t)/\alpha'(t))^2$  is the Schwarzian derivative of the function  $\alpha$  at the point  $t$ .

Say that the function  $\alpha$  is a phase function if it possesses the properties (i)–(iii). Any phase of (r) is a phase function. The set of phase functions forms the group  $\mathfrak{G}$  with respect to rule of composition of functions.

Let (q), (Q) be both side oscillatory equations,  $q \in C^0(\mathbf{R})$ ,  $Q \in C^0(\mathbf{R})$ . Any solution  $X, X'(t) \neq 0$  for  $t \in \mathbf{R}$ , of the differential equation

$$(Qq) \quad -\{X, t\} + X'^2 \cdot Q(X) = q(t)$$

is called the general dispersion of (q) and (Q) (in the above order). The general dispersion  $X$  of (q) and (Q) is a phase function and possesses the following characteristic property: There is one-to-one correspondence of solutions  $y$  of (q) and  $Y$  of (Q) given by

$$y(t) = YX(t)/|X'(t)|^{1/2}, \quad t \in \mathbf{R}. \quad (1)$$

Let  $X$  be a general dispersion of (q) and (Q) and let  $X^{-1}$  denote the inverse function to the function  $X$  (on  $\mathbf{R}$ ). Then  $X^{-1}$  is a general dispersion of (Q) and (q), consequently, it is a solution of (qQ).

Let  $q = Q$ . Then the solutions of (qq) are called the dispersions (of the first kind) of (q). The dispersions of (q) form a group with respect to the rule of composition, which is called the group of dispersions of (q); denotion  $\mathcal{L}_q$ . The set  $\mathcal{L}_q^+$  of increasing dispersions of (q) is a subgroup of the group  $\mathcal{L}_q$ . Let  $\alpha$  be a phase of (q). Then the function  $\varphi(t) := \alpha^{-1}(\alpha(t) + \pi \cdot \text{sign } \alpha')$ ,  $t \in \mathbf{R}$ , is a dispersion of (q);  $\varphi \in \mathcal{L}_q^+$ . The function  $\varphi$  is called the basic central dispersion (of the first kind) of (q).

All the above definitions and properties are stated in [2], [3].

Conformably with [4] let us say that a group  $\mathfrak{A}$ ,  $\mathfrak{A} \subset \mathfrak{G}$ , is a oneparametric continuous group if exactly one element from  $\mathfrak{A}$  passes through any point  $(t_0, x_0) \in \mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{R}$ . In other words, to any point  $(t_0, x_0)$  there exists one and only one function  $X \in \mathfrak{A}$  such that  $X(t_0) = x_0$ .

**Lemma 1 ([4]).**

Let  $(q_1), (q_2)$  be both side oscillatory equations,  $q_1 \in C^0(\mathbf{R})$ ,  $q_2 \in C^0(\mathbf{R})$ ,  $q_1 - q_2 \in C^2(\mathbf{R})$ ,  $q_1(t) \neq q_2(t)$ ,  $t \in \mathbf{R}$ . Then  $\mathbf{P}_{q_1 q_2}^+ := \mathcal{L}_{q_1}^+ \cap \mathcal{L}_{q_2}^+$  is a oneparametric continuous group (we say that  $(q_1)$  and  $(q_2)$  have a common oneparametric continuous group of dispersions) just if there exist a phase function  $X$  and positive numbers  $k_1, k_2$ ,  $k_1 \neq k_2$ , such that

$$q_i(t) = -\{X, t\} - k_i \cdot X'^2(t), \quad t \in \mathbf{R}, \quad i = 1, 2.$$

Let  $X$  be a phase function and put  $[\mathbf{X}] := \{q(t); q(t) = -\{X, t\} - k \cdot X'^2(t), k \in \mathbf{R}^+, t \in \mathbf{R}\}$ , where  $\mathbf{R}^+ := (0, \infty)$ . It follows from Lemma 1 that  $[\mathbf{X}]$  is the set

of coefficients  $q$  of exactly those both side oscillatory equations (q), that  $\bigcap_{q \in [\mathbf{X}]} \mathcal{L}_q^+$  is a oneparametric continuous group. It is easy to verify that  $[\mathbf{X}] = [\mathbf{Y}]$  holds for the phase functions  $X, Y$  exactly if  $X = aY + b$ , where  $a \neq 0, b$  are constants. The equality  $[\mathbf{X}] = [\mathbf{Y}]$  is to be taken as an equality of two sets.

Assume that  $r$  is a continuous and a  $\pi$ -periodic function. Let  $\lambda \in \mathbf{R}$  and  $u, v$  be solutions of the equation  $y'' = (r(t) + \lambda)y$  satisfying the initial conditions  $u(0) = v'(0) = 0, u'(\pi) = v(0) = 1$ . Let us put  $\Delta(\lambda) := v(\pi) + u'(\pi)$ . We know from the Floquet theory ([6]–[8], [10]) that there exist sequences  $\{\lambda_i\}_{i=0}^\infty, \{\lambda'_i\}_{i=1}^\infty$ ,

$$\lambda_0 > \lambda'_1 \geq \lambda'_2 > \lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 > \lambda'_3 \geq \lambda'_4 > \dots$$

such that  $\Delta(\lambda) = 2$  exactly for  $\lambda = \lambda_i$  ( $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ ) and  $\Delta(\lambda) = -2$  exactly for  $\lambda = \lambda'_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ ). The intervals  $[\lambda_{2n-1}, \lambda_{2n}], [\lambda'_{2n-1}, \lambda'_{2n}]$  ( $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ ) are called the finite intervals of nonstability of the equation  $(r + \lambda)$ . The above mentioned intervals degenerate to one point, i.e.  $\lambda'_1 = \lambda'_2, \lambda_1 = \lambda_2, \lambda'_3 = \lambda'_4, \dots$  exactly if  $r(t) = a$  constant. That is, the equation  $(r + \lambda)$  is for any  $\lambda < \lambda_0$  stable on  $\mathbf{R}$  (all solutions of the equation  $(r + \lambda)$  are bounded on  $\mathbf{R}$ ) exactly if  $r(t) = a$  constant (cf. [1], [6], [10]). The equation  $(r + \lambda)$  is stable exactly if there exists a phase  $\alpha$  of this equation such that

$$\alpha(t + \pi) = \alpha(t) + a, \quad t \in \mathbf{R},$$

where  $a \neq 0$  is a constant (cf. [3]).

It should be noted here that the equation (r) with a  $\pi$ -periodic coefficient  $r$  is either both side oscillatory or disconjugate (i.e. any nontrivial solution of (r) has one zero on  $\mathbf{R}$  at most).

### 3. MAIN RESULTS

#### Theorem 1.

Let  $p, q$  be  $\pi$ -periodic functions,  $p \in C^2(\mathbf{R}), q \in C^0(\mathbf{R}), p(t) > 0$  for  $t \in \mathbf{R}$ . Let the equation

$$(q + \lambda p) \quad y'' = (q(t) + \lambda p(t))y, \quad \lambda \in \mathbf{R},$$

be both side oscillatory for  $\lambda < \lambda_0 > 0$  and disconjugate for  $\lambda \geq \lambda_0$ . The equation  $(q + \lambda p)$  is then stable on  $\mathbf{R}$  for any  $\lambda < \lambda_0$  exactly if there exists a phase function  $X$  such that

$$[\mathbf{X}] = \{q + \lambda p; \lambda < \lambda_0\}.$$

#### Remark 1.

It is implied from Theorem 1 that for  $\lambda < \lambda_0$  both side oscillatory equations  $(q + \lambda p)$  have a common oneparametric continuous group of dispersions exactly if the equation  $(q + \lambda p)$  is stable for any  $\lambda < \lambda_0$ .

To prove Theorem 1 we use the following lemmas:

**Lemma 2.**

Let  $X$  be a phase function. Then there exists exactly one function  $q \in [\mathbf{X}]$  such that  $X$  is a phase of  $(q)$ .

Proof. Let  $X$  be a phase function. Putting  $q(t) := -\{X, t\} - X'^2(t)$ ,  $t \in \mathbf{R}$ , we have  $q \in [\mathbf{X}]$  and  $X$  is a phase of  $(q)$  (see § 2).

**Lemma 3.**

Let  $X$  be a phase function. Then two different  $\pi$ -periodic functions lie in the set  $[\mathbf{X}]$  if and only if all functions in  $[\mathbf{X}]$  are  $\pi$ -periodic.

Proof. The proof in one direction is obvious. Let now  $q_1, q_2$  be  $\pi$ -periodic function in  $[\mathbf{X}]$ ,  $q_1 \neq q_2$ . It follows from the definition of the set  $[\mathbf{X}]$  the existence of numbers  $k_1, k_2 \in \mathbf{R}^+$ ,  $k_1 \neq k_2$ :  $q_i(t) = -\{X, t\} - k_i \cdot X'^2(t)$ . Since  $q_2(t) - q_1(t)$  is a  $\pi$ -periodic function and  $q_2(t) - q_1(t) = (k_1 - k_2) X'^2(t)$ , then  $X'(t)$  is a  $\pi$ -periodic function. Hence, also the function  $-\{X, t\} - k \cdot X'^2(t)$  is  $\pi$ -periodic for any  $k \in \mathbf{R}^+$ .

From the proof of Lemma 3 follows:

**Corollary 1.**

Let  $X$  be a phase function. Then  $[\mathbf{X}]$  contains two different  $\pi$ -periodic functions exactly if  $X'$  is a  $\pi$ -periodic function.

**Lemma 4.**

Let  $X$  be a phase function and  $X'$  a  $\pi$ -periodic function. Let  $q \in [\mathbf{X}]$ . Then  $(q)$  is stable on  $\mathbf{R}$ .

Proof. Let the assumptions of Lemma 4 be fulfilled. According to Corollary 1 is  $q$  a  $\pi$ -periodic function. From the assumptions now follows the existence of numbers  $a \neq 0$  and  $k \in \mathbf{R}^+$  such that  $X(t + \pi) = X(t) + a$ ,  $q(t) = -\{X, t\} - k \cdot X'^2(t)$ . Putting  $\alpha(t) := k^{1/2} \cdot X(t)$ ,  $t \in \mathbf{R}$ , then  $\alpha$  is a phase of  $(q)$  and it follows from  $\alpha(t + \pi) = k^{1/2} \cdot X(t + \pi) = k^{1/2} \cdot X(t) + ak^{1/2} = \alpha(t) + ak^{1/2}$  that  $(q)$  is stable on  $\mathbf{R}$ .

**Corollary 2.**

Let  $X$  be a phase function and let two different  $\pi$ -periodic functions exist in  $[\mathbf{X}]$ . Then the equation  $(q)$  is stable on  $\mathbf{R}$  for any  $q \in [\mathbf{X}]$ .

Proof. It follows from Corollary 1 that the function  $X'$  is  $\pi$ -periodic and by Lemma 4 the equation  $(q)$  are stable on  $\mathbf{R}$  for any  $q \in [\mathbf{X}]$ .

**Lemma 5.**

Let  $p, q$  be continuous  $\pi$ -periodic functions,  $p(t) > 0$  for  $t \in \mathbf{R}$ . Then there exists a number  $\lambda_0$  such that the equation  $(q + \lambda p)$  is both side oscillatory for  $\lambda < \lambda_0$ , and disconjugate for  $\lambda \geq \lambda_0$ .

Proof. Let the assumptions of Lemma 5 be fulfilled. It is evident that the equation  $(q + \lambda p)$  is not for all  $\lambda$  either both side oscillatory or disconjugate. We know ([5]) that for a fixed  $t$  is the basic central dispersion  $\varphi(t, \lambda)$  of  $(q + \lambda p)$  a continuous function of  $\lambda$  whenever it is defined. Herefrom and from the Sturm comparison

theorem then follows the existence of the number  $\lambda_0$  having the properties given in Lemma 5.

**Lemma 6.**

Let  $p, q$  be  $\pi$ -periodic function,  $p \in C^2(\mathbf{R}), q \in C^0(\mathbf{R}), p(t) > 0$  for  $t \in \mathbf{R}$ . Let  $\lambda_0 > 0$  be a number with the property stated in Lemma 5. Then the equation  $(q + \lambda p)$  is stable for all  $\lambda < \lambda_0$  if and only if  $\lambda_0^{1/2} \int_0^t p^{1/2}(\tau) d\tau$  is a phase of  $(q)$ .

*Proof.* Let the assumptions of Lemma 6 be fulfilled. We prove first that  $(q + \lambda p)$  may be transformed onto an equation of the type

$$(Q + \mu) \quad y'' = (Q(t) + \mu), y, \quad \mu \in \mathbf{R},$$

where  $Q$  is a continuous  $\pi$ -periodic function (cf. [9]). Putting  $s := \pi / \int_0^\pi p^{1/2}(\tau) d\tau (> 0)$ ,  $X(t) := s \int_0^t p^{1/2}(\tau) d\tau, t \in \mathbf{R}$ , then  $X \in C^3(\mathbf{R}), X'(t) > 0, X(t + \pi) = s \int_0^{\pi+t} p^{1/2}(\tau) d\tau = X(t) + s \int_t^{\pi+t} p^{1/2}(\tau) d\tau = X(t) + \pi$  for  $t \in \mathbf{R}$  and  $X(\mathbf{R}) = \mathbf{R}$ . Let  $X^{-1}$  be the inverse function to  $X$  on  $\mathbf{R}$ . Obviously  $X^{-1} \in C^3(\mathbf{R}), X^{-1}(t) > 0$  and  $X^{-1}(t + \pi) = X^{-1}(t) + \pi$  for  $t \in \mathbf{R}$ . Putting  $Q(t) := -\{X^{-1}, t\} + X^{-1/2}(t) \cdot q(X^{-1}(t)), t \in \mathbf{R}$ , then  $Q \in C^0(\mathbf{R})$  is a  $\pi$ -periodic function and it holds

$$(2) \quad -\{X, t\} + X'^2(t) \cdot Q(X(t)) = q(t), \quad t \in \mathbf{R},$$

whence

$$-\{X, t\} + X'^2(t) \cdot (Q(X(t)) + \lambda s^{-2}) = q(t) + \lambda p(t).$$

It follows from the theory of dispersions that there is one-to-one correspondence of solutions  $y$  of  $(q + \lambda p)$  and  $Y$  of  $(Q + \lambda s^{-2})$  given by (1).

According to the assumption, the equation  $(q + \lambda p)$  is both side oscillatory for  $\lambda < \lambda_0$  and disconjugate for  $\lambda \geq \lambda_0$ . Consequently also  $(Q + \lambda s^{-2})$  is both side oscillatory for  $\lambda < \lambda_0$  and disconjugate for  $\lambda \geq \lambda_0$ . We know from the Floquet theory that  $(Q + \lambda s^{-2})$  is nonstable for  $\lambda \geq \lambda_0$ . Hence  $(q + \lambda p)$  is also nonstable for these  $\lambda$ . Let  $(q + \lambda p)$  be stable for any  $\lambda < \lambda_0$  and thus  $(Q + \lambda s^{-2})$  is also stable for this  $\lambda$ . This is possible exactly if the finite intervals of nonstability of  $(Q + \lambda s^{-2})$  coincide which occurs exactly if  $Q(t) = a$  constant ( $:= k$ ). Since  $(k + \lambda s^{-2})$  is stable exactly if  $k + \lambda s^{-2} < 0$ , there is necessarily  $k = -\lambda_0 s^{-2}$ . Then  $-\{X, t\} - \lambda_0 s^{-2} \cdot X'^2(t) = q(t)$  follows from (2), which implies that  $\lambda_0^{1/2} s^{-1} \cdot X(t) = \lambda_0^{1/2} \int_0^t p^{1/2}(\tau) d\tau$  is a phase of  $(q)$ .

Let  $X(t) := \lambda_0^{1/2} \int_0^t p^{1/2}(\tau) d\tau, t \in \mathbf{R}$ , be a phase of  $(q)$ . Then  $X(t + \pi) = X(t) + a$ , where  $a := \lambda_0^{1/2} \int_0^\pi p^{1/2}(\tau) d\tau$  and therefore  $(q)$  is stable. Let  $\mu \in \mathbf{R}^+$  and put  $Y_\mu(t) := \mu \cdot X(t), t \in \mathbf{R}$ . Then  $Y_\mu$  is a phase of  $(r_\mu)$ , where  $r_\mu(t) = -\{Y_\mu, t\} - Y_\mu'^2(t) = -\{X, t\} - \mu^2 \cdot X'^2(t) = -\{X, t\} - X'^2(t) + (1 - \mu^2) X'^2(t) = q(t) + (1 - \mu^2) \lambda_0$ .

$p(t) = q(t) + \lambda p(t)$ ;  $\lambda := (1 - \mu^2) \lambda_0$ . Since  $Y_\mu(t + \pi) = \mu \cdot (X(t) + a) = Y_\mu(t) + \mu a$ , the equation  $(r_\mu)$  is stable. Consequently  $(q + \lambda p)$  is stable for  $\lambda < \lambda_0$ , which we were to prove.

**Proof of Theorem 1.** Let the assumptions of Theorem 1 be fulfilled and  $(q + \lambda p)$  be stable for any  $\lambda < \lambda_0$ . By Lemma 6 is then the function  $X(t) := \lambda_0^{1/2} \int_0^t p^{1/2}(\tau) d\tau$ ,  $t \in \mathbf{R}$ , a phase of  $(q)$  and we get from the second part of the proof to Lemma 6 that  $[\mathbf{X}] = \{q + \lambda p; \lambda < \lambda_0\}$ .

Let  $[\mathbf{X}] = \{q + \lambda p; \lambda < \lambda_0\}$ . According to Corollary 1,  $X'$  is then a  $\pi$ -periodic function which means by Corollary 2 that  $(q + \lambda p)$  are stable for  $\lambda < \lambda_0$ .

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SOUHRN

## O NĚKTERÝCH VLASTNOSTECH ŘEŠENÍ LINEÁRNÍCH DIFERENCIÁLNÍCH ROVNIC 2. ŘÁDU S PERIODICKÝMI KOEFICIENTY, KTERÉ MAJÍ SPOLEČNOU JEDNOPARAMETRICKOU SPOJITOU GRUPU DISPERSÍ

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Nechť  $r \in C^0(\mathbf{R})$  a nechť rovnice  $(r): y'' = r(t)y$  je oscilatorická na  $\mathbf{R}$ . Řekneme, že funkce  $X$ ,  $X \in C^3(\mathbf{R})$ ,  $X'(t) \neq 0$  pro  $t \in \mathbf{R}$ , je disperse rovnice  $(r)$ , když je řešením rovnice

$$-X'''/2X' + (3/4)(X''/X')^2 + X'^2 \cdot r(X) = r(t).$$

Подгруппа  $\mathfrak{A}$  группы  $\mathcal{L}_r$  дисперсий уравнения (r) се называетъ однопараметрической группой дисперсий, если же каждымъ точкой  $(t_0, x_0) \in \mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{R}$  проходитъ только одна функция изъ  $\mathfrak{A}$ . В работе доказывается теорема: Пусть  $p, q$  являются  $\pi$ -периодическими функциями,  $p \in C^2(\mathbf{R}), q \in C^0(\mathbf{R}), p(t) > 0$  для  $t \in \mathbf{R}$ . Пусть уравнение

$$(q + \lambda p) y'' = (q(t) + \lambda p(t)) y$$

является осциллирующей для  $\lambda < \lambda_0 > 0$  и неосциллирующей для  $\lambda \geq \lambda_0$ . Тогда уравнение  $(q + \lambda p)$  устойчиво для  $\lambda < \lambda_0$  тогда и только тогда, когда уравнения  $(q + \lambda p)$  имеют для  $\lambda < \lambda_0$  совместную однопараметрическую непрерывную группу дисперсий.

## РЕЗЮМЕ

# ОБ НЕКОТОРЫХ СВОЙСТВАХ РЕШЕНИЙ ЛИНЕЙНЫХ ДИФФЕРЕНЦИАЛЬНЫХ УРАВНЕНИЙ 2-ОГО ПОРЯДКА С ПЕРИОДИЧЕСКИМИ КОЭФФИЦИЕНТАМИ КОТОРЫЕ ИМЕЮТ СОВМЕСТНУЮ ОДНОПАРАМЕТРИЧЕСКУЮ НЕПРЕРЫВНУЮ ГРУППУ ДИСПЕРСИЙ

СВАТОСЛАВ СТАНЕК

Пусть  $r \in C^0(\mathbf{R})$  и уравнение (r) :  $y'' = r(t) y$  — осциллирующее на  $\mathbf{R}$ . Функция  $X, X \in C^3(\mathbf{R}), X'(t) \neq 0$  для  $t \in \mathbf{R}$ , называется дисперсией уравнения (r), если является решением уравнения

$$-X'''/2X' + (3/4)(X''/X')^2 + X'^2 \cdot r(X) = r(t).$$

Подгруппа  $\mathfrak{A}$  группы  $\mathcal{L}_r$  дисперсий уравнения (r) называется однопараметрической непрерывной группой, если каждой точкой  $(t_0, x_0) \in \mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{R}$  проходит только одна функция изъ  $\mathfrak{A}$ . В работе приводится теорема: Пусть  $p, q$  — периодические функции,  $p \in C^2(\mathbf{R}), q \in C^0(\mathbf{R}), p(t) > 0, t \in \mathbf{R}$ . Пусть

$$(q + \lambda p) y'' = (q(t) + \lambda p(t)) y$$

является осциллирующим уравнением для  $\lambda < \lambda_0 > 0$  и уравнением без сопряженных точек для  $\lambda \geq \lambda_0$ . Тогда уравнение  $(q + \lambda p)$  устойчиво для  $\lambda < \lambda_0$  тогда и только тогда, когда уравнения  $(q + \lambda p)$  имеют для  $\lambda < \lambda_0$  совместную однопараметрическую непрерывную группу дисперсий.