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**DYNAMICAL SYSTEMS MODELLED
BY THIRD ORDER DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS
WITH SPECIAL RESPECT TO THE INFLUENCE
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Dedicated to Professor M.Laitoch on his 65th birthday

1. The equations considered in this paper are of the form

$$x'''' + f(x')x'' + g(x)x' + h(x) = 0, \quad (L)$$

$$x'''' + f(x'') + g(x') + h(x) = 0, \quad (R)$$

where $h(x)$, $g(y)$, $f(z) \in C^1(-\infty, \infty)$. If we furthermore assume the existence of all their solutions and derivatives $x'(t)$, $x''(t)$ on the interval $(-\infty, \infty)$, then these Liénard (L) and Rayleigh (R) - type differential equations generate dynamical systems in the sense of Barbashin [1], significant for applications.

Since many earlier results [2], obtained for the second order nonautonomous equations (originated from (L), (R) by the substitution $y:=x'$), namely

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$$y'' + f(y)y' + g(t)y = h(t), \quad (L')$$

$$y'' + f(y') + g(y) = h(t), \quad (R')$$

may be used to satisfying the relation

$$\limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} (|x'(t)| + |x''(t)|) \leq D' \quad (D' \text{-const.}) \quad (D')$$

we shall be here mainly concerned with the behaviour of solutions $x(t)$ of (L), (R) under the influence of the restoring force, represented by the term $h(x)$. Hence, in what follows, let us assume that (D') holds.

If the functions $g(y)$, $f(z)$ from (R) are of the form

$$g(y) = by + g_0(y) \quad \text{with} \quad |g_0(y)| \leq G_0 \quad \text{for all } y, \quad (G_0)$$

$$f(z) = az + f_0(z) \quad \text{with} \quad |f_0(z)| \leq F_0 \quad \text{for all } z, \quad (F_0)$$

where a, b, F_0, G_0 are suitable constants, then the ultimate boundedness of solutions can be easily deduced from the identity, obtained on integrating (R) under the hypothesis

$$h(x) \operatorname{sgn} x \geq F_0 + G_0 \quad \text{for } |x| > R, \quad (H)$$

while for (L) the condition (H) reduces even to

$$h(x) \operatorname{sgn} x \geq 0 \quad \text{for } |x| > R,$$

where R is a suitable constant.

However, for

$$\liminf_{|x| \rightarrow \infty} h(x) \operatorname{sgn} x < 0$$

either some additional restrictions are necessary for the same goal, or there exists such an unbounded solution $x(t)$ of (L) or (R) that

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} |x(t)| = \infty. \quad (U)$$

2. Let $h(x)$ be such an oscillatory function with isolated

roots \bar{x} that

$$\limsup_{|x| \rightarrow \infty} h(x) \operatorname{sgn} x > 0, \quad \liminf_{|x| \rightarrow \infty} h(x) \operatorname{sgn} x < 0$$

throughout this section.

Theorem 1. If there exist such positive constants a, R, ξ that
the conditions

$$f(y) \geq a \quad \text{for all } y, \quad (1)$$

$$ag(x) - h'(x) \geq \xi \quad \text{for } |x| > R, \quad (2)$$

$$g'(\bar{x}) = 0$$

are satisfied, then all solutions of (L) are ultimately
bounded.

P r o o f. First of all we prove that the roots $\bar{x} = \bar{x}_+$
with

$$h'(x) > 0 \quad \text{for } 0 < |x - \bar{x}_+| < \delta \quad (|x| > R) \quad (4)$$

are stable with the attractivity area determined by $|x| \leq \delta_2$
and $|y| \leq D'$, where $\delta_2 \leq \delta$ are suitable constants. Showing
this, the ultimate boundedness of solutions $x(t)$ will be
already ensured with respect to (D') , because each suspicious
 $x(t)$ will be then attracted by some \bar{x}_+ with (4) (see bellow).

It is clear that the same is true for a trivial solution
instead of \bar{x}_+ , in considering

$$x'''' + f(x')x'' + g^*(x)x' + h^*(x) = 0$$

with $g^*(x) := g(x + \bar{x}_+)$, $h^*(x) := h(x + \bar{x}_+)$. Hence, replacing
this equation by

$$x' = y, \quad y' = z, \quad z' = -h^*(x) - g^*(x)y - f(y)z, \quad (L^*)$$

we can prove the stability of $(\bar{x}_+, 0, 0)$ under the following
well-known criterium [3], guaranteed by the existence of such
a function $V(x, y, z)$ with everywhere continuous first order
partial derivatives and such a positive constant δ that in

the cylinder $|x - \bar{x}_+| < \delta$, $|y| + |z| < D'$ conditions 1) - 3) are satisfied:

- 1) $V(x, y, z) > 0$ for $(x, y, z) \neq (\bar{x}_+, 0, 0)$,
- 2) $\frac{\partial V}{\partial x} y + \frac{\partial V}{\partial y} z - \frac{\partial V}{\partial z} [h^*(x) + g^*(x)y + f(z)z] := V' \leq 0$,
- 3) the set $\{(x, y, z) := V' = 0\}$ does not contain besides the points $(\bar{x}_+, 0, 0)$ any whole trajectory.

It follows from (4) that also

$$g(x) \geq \varepsilon/a \quad \text{for } 0 < |x - \bar{x}_+| < \delta \quad (|x| > R) \quad (5)$$

with respect to (2). Therefore defining

$$V(x, y, z) := a \int_0^x h^*(s) ds + h^*(x)y + \frac{1}{2} [g^*(x)y^2 + (ay + z)^2] + a \int_0^y [f(s) - a] s ds,$$

we can transform $V(x, y, z)$ for $0 < |x| < \delta$ into the form

$$V(x, y, z) := W(x) + \frac{1}{2} \left\{ g^*(x) \left[\frac{h^*(x)}{g^*(x)} + y \right]^2 + (ay + z)^2 \right\} + a \int_0^y [f(s) - a] s ds,$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{where } W(x) &:= \int_0^x \frac{h^*(s)}{g^*(s)} \left[\frac{1}{2} \frac{h^*(s)}{g^*(s)} g^{**}(s) + a g^*(s) - h^{**}(s) \right] ds \geq \\ &\geq \int_0^x \frac{h^*(s)}{g^*(s)} \left[\frac{1}{2} \frac{h^*(s)}{g^*(s)} g^{**}(s) + \varepsilon \right] ds. \end{aligned}$$

We can find such a positive number $\delta_1 \leq \delta$ that the relation

$$\frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{h^*(x)}{g^*(x)} g^{**}(x) \right] + \varepsilon > 0$$

will be satisfied with respect to

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left[\frac{h^*(x)}{g^*(x)} g^{**}(x) \right] = 0,$$

implied by (3), (5). Consequently the first condition of 1) -

3) is satisfied according to the above and (1), (4), (5).

Since we have furthermore

$$V' = -\left[ag^*(x) - h^{*'}(x) - \frac{1}{2}g^{*'}(x)y\right]y^2 - [f(y) - a]z^2 \leq -\frac{1}{2}\varepsilon y^2$$

with respect to (L*) for $|g^{*'}(x)y| \leq \varepsilon$ together with (1), (2), the remainder of the proof is completed, when $|x| \leq \delta_2 \leq \delta$, $|y| \leq D'$ for a suitable constant δ_2 .

Theorem 2. If there exist such positive constants a, F, H', R that the conditions

$$F \geq f(z)/z \geq a \quad \text{for all } z \text{ and } f(0)=0, \quad (6)$$

$$h'(x) \leq H' \quad \text{for } |x| > R, \quad (7)$$

$$g(y)/y \geq H' + (F-a)a/4 \quad \text{for all } y \text{ and } g(0)=0 \quad (8)$$

are satisfied, then all solutions of (R) are ultimately bounded.

P r o o f. The point of the proof is the same; consequently we restrict ourselves only on showing the fact that the roots $\bar{x} = \bar{x}_+$ with (4) are stable.

Hence, replacing (R) by

$$x' = y, \quad y' = z, \quad z' = -h^*(y) - g(y) - f(z), \quad (R^*)$$

where $h^*(x) := h(x + \bar{x}_+)$ again, we can examine the stability of the trivial solution by means of

$$V(x, y, z) := a \int_0^x h^*(s) ds + h^*(x)y + \int_0^y g(s) ds + \frac{1}{2}(ay + z)^2.$$

It can be verified just in the same way as in [3, p. 120] that $V(x, y, z)$ is positively defined under our assumptions. Therefore, since we have furthermore

$$V' = -\left[\frac{f(z)}{z} - a\right]\left(z + \frac{a}{2}y\right)^2 - \left\{-h^{*'}(x) + \left[a - \frac{f(z)}{z}\right]\left(\frac{a}{2}\right)^2 + \frac{ag(y)}{y}\right\}y^2 \leq 0$$

with respect to (6) - (8), the proof is done.

3. Now the existence of unbounded solutions with (U) will be studied.

Theorem 3. If there exist such positive constants g, G, h, H, R that the conditions

$$g \leq |g(x)| \leq G, \quad (9)$$

$$-H \leq h(x) \operatorname{sgn} x \leq -h \quad (10)$$

are satisfied for $|x| > R$, then the equation (L) admits an unbounded solution.

P r o o f. We proceed by the technique developed in [4], consisting of a construction of the Liapunov function $V(x, y, z)$ with everywhere continuous first order partial derivatives, such that the conditions i) - iii) are satisfied:

- i) $V(x, y, z)$ is bounded in the cylinder $|x| + |y| + |z| \leq D$,
- ii) $\lim_{|x| \rightarrow \infty} V(x, y, z) = \infty$ on the set $|y| + |z| \leq D'$,
- iii) $V' > \delta$ for $|y| + |z| \leq D'$ and $|x| > R$,

where δ, R are suitable positive constants.

Then the equation studied admits an unbounded solution $x(t)$ with (4) as we wish.

Therefore, denoting

$$F := \max_{|y| \leq D'} \left| \int_0^y f(s) ds \right|, \quad F_1 := \max_{|y| \leq D'} \left| \int_0^y f(s) ds - y \right| \quad (11)$$

and defining

$$2V(x, y, z) := 2 \int_0^x h(s) ds + \left[\int_0^x g(s) ds + \int_0^y f(s) ds + z \right]^2,$$

we have

$$\lim_{|x| \rightarrow \infty} V(x, y, z) \geq \lim_{|x| \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \left[\int_0^x g(s) ds \right]^2 - \int_0^{|x|} |h(s)| ds - \right.$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& - \int_0^{|x|} |g(s)| ds \left[\int_0^{|y|} |f(s)| ds + |z| \right] - \left[\int_0^{|y|} |f(s)| ds + |z| \right]^2 \geq \\
& \geq \lim_{|x| \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} (gx)^2 - |x| [H + GD'(F+1)] \right\} = \infty
\end{aligned}$$

for $|y| + |z| \leq D'$ under (9), (10), (11). Since there is furthermore

$$\begin{aligned}
V' &= -h(x) \left\{ z + \int_0^x g(s) ds + \left[\int_0^y f(s) ds - y \right] \right\} \geq |h(x)| \int_0^x g(s) ds - \\
& - H(D' + F_1) \geq hgR - H(D' + F_1) := \delta > 0
\end{aligned}$$

with respect to the system equivalent to (L), when $|y| + |z| \leq D'$ and $|x| > R > H(D' + F_1)/hg$, all conditions i) - iii) are satisfied.

Theorem 4. If there exist such positive constants F_0, G_0, H that the conditions $(F_0), (G_0)$ and

$$-H < \limsup_{|x| \rightarrow \infty} h(x) \operatorname{sgn} x < -F_0 - G_0 \quad (12)$$

are satisfied, then the equation (R) admits an unbounded solution.

P r o o f. Defining

$$2V(x, y, z) := (bx + ay + z)^2,$$

we have (cf. $(F_0), (G_0)$)

$$\begin{aligned}
V' &= (z + ay + bx) \left[(az - f(z)) + (by - g(y)) - h(x) \right] \geq |bx| \left[|h(x)| - \right. \\
& \left. - (F_0 + G_0) \right] - D'(a+1)(F_0 + G_0 + H) \geq \varepsilon bR - D'(a+1)(F_0 + G_0 + H) := \delta > 0
\end{aligned}$$

with respect to the system equivalent to (R), when $|x| > R > D'(a+1)(F_0 + G_0 + H)/\varepsilon b$, $y + |z| \leq D'$ (ε is a suitable constant, implied by (12)). Thus we can give the same conclusion as in the proof of Theorem 1.

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SOUHRN

Dynamické systémy modelované diferenciálními rovnicemi třetího řádu se zvláštním zřetelem k vlivu členu $h(x)$ na vlastnosti řešení

J a n A n d r e s

Pro rovnice třetího řádu Liénardova a Rayleighova typu ze zobecněné Levinsonovy třídy D^* (generující dynamické systémy ve smyslu Barbašina) je zkoumána otázka vlivu členu $h(x)$ na ohraničenost jejich řešení. Ukazuje se, že zatímco v případě oscilatorické funkce $h(x)$ lze této vlastnosti docílit podobně jako pro (H), existuje za podmínek (10) resp. (12) vždy alespoň jedno neohraničené řešení (U) příslušné rovnice.

РЕЗЮМЕ

Динамические системы моделированные дифференциальными уравнениями третьего порядка с особым отношением к влиянию члена $h(x)$ на свойства решений

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Для уравнений третьего порядка типа Лиенара и Рэяля из обобщенного класса D' Левинсона /порождающих динамические системы в смысле Барбашина/ рассматривается вопрос влияния члена $h(x)$ на ограниченность их решений. Между тем как оказывается это свойство в случае осциллирующей функции $h(x)$ подобно как для (Н), существует из-за (10) или (12) всегда почти одно неограниченное решение (U) соответствующих уравнений.

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