

New Oscillation Criteria for Second Order Nonlinear Delay Differential Equations

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Abstract: New oscillation criteria for second order nonlinear differential equation

$$\left[a(t) |z'(t)|^{m-1} z'(t) \right]' + \sum_{i=1}^n q_i(t) f_i(y(\tau_i(t))) = 0$$

where $z(t) = y(t) + p(t) y(\sigma(t))$, for $t \geq t_0$, by using the so called a class of new function $\Phi(t, s, l)$ and H-method defined in the sequel. Furthermore, the results of the paper contain several results obtained previously as special cases.

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1 Introduction

In this paper, we are concerned with the oscillation behavior of solutions of the second order neutral differential equation of the form:

$$\left[a(t) |z'(t)|^{m-1} z'(t) \right]' + \sum_{i=1}^n q_i(t) f_i(y(\tau_i(t))) = 0 \quad (1)$$

where $z(t) = y(t) + p(t) y(\sigma(t))$, $m > 0$, for $t \geq t_0$.

We assume that:

(I₁) $a(t) \in C([t_0, \infty), (0, \infty))$; $a'(t) \geq 0$, $R(t) = \int_0^\infty a^{-\frac{1}{m}}(s) ds = \infty$,

(I₂) $p \in C([t_0, \infty), R)$; and $-1 < p(t) \leq p_0 \leq 1$, p_0 constant.

(I₃) $\sigma(t) \in C([t_0, \infty), R)$; and $\sigma(t) \leq t$ for $t \geq t_0$ and $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \sigma(t) = \infty$,

(I₄) $\tau_i(t) \in C([t_0, \infty), R)$; and $\tau_i(t) \leq t$ for $\tau_i'(t) > 0$ for $t \geq t_0$ and $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \tau_i(t) = \infty$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$

(I₅) $q_i(t) \in C([t_0, \infty), (0, \infty))$; and $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$

The aim of this paper is to improve and extend some of the main results of [1, 2]. We will use the function class Υ to study the oscillatory behavior of Eq. (1). We say that a function $\Phi = \Phi(t, s, l)$ belongs to the function class Υ , denoted by $\Phi \in \Upsilon$ if $\Phi \in C(E, R)$ where $E = \{(t, s, l); t_0 \leq l \leq s \leq t < \infty\}$.

which satisfies $\Phi(t, t, l) = 0$, $\Phi(t, s, l) \neq 0$ for $l < s < t$, and has the partial derivative $\frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial s}$ on E such that $\frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial s}$ is locally integrable with respect to s in E .

Define the operator $A[\cdot; l, t]$ by

$$A[g; l, t] = \int_l^t \Phi^2(t, s, l) g(s) ds \quad (2)$$

For $t \geq s \geq l \geq t_0$ and $g(s) \in C[t_0, \infty)$, the function $\varphi = \varphi(t, s, l)$ is defined by

$$\frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial s} = \varphi(t, s, l) \Phi(t, s, l) \quad (3)$$

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It is easy to verify that $A[.; l, t]$ is linear operator and satisfies

$$A[g'; l, t] = -2A[g\phi; l, t] \text{ for } g \in C'[t_0, \infty). \quad (4)$$

Define Also the function class Γ which will be needed extensively. Let, $D_0 = \{(t, s) \in R^2; t > s > t_0\}$ and $D_0 = \{(t, s) \in R^2; t > s > t_0\}$. We say that the function $H \in (D, R)$ belong to the class Γ , denoted by $H \in \Gamma$. If: $H(t, t) = 0$ for $t \geq t_0$, $H(t, s) > 0$ on $(t, s) \in D_0$.

Thus it has a continuous and non positive partial derivative on D_0 with respect to the second variable, such that:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial s} H(t, s) = -h(t, s) H(t, s) \text{ for } (t, s) \in D_0. \quad (5)$$

where $h \in C(D, R)$. For a given functions $h \in C(D, R)$, $\rho \in C'([t_0, \infty), R^+)$ and $\eta \in C'([t_0, \infty), R)$, we set

$$\lambda(t, s) = h(t, s) - \frac{\rho'(s)}{\rho(s)} \quad (6)$$

$$\theta_i(t, s) = Q_i(s) - \eta'(s) - \lambda(t, s) \eta(s) \quad (7)$$

where

$$Q_i(t) = \sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i q_i(t) [1 - p(\tau_j(t))]^m \quad (8)$$

and

$$\phi_i(t, s) = Q_i^*(s) - \eta'(s) - \lambda(t, s) \eta(s) \quad (9)$$

where $Q_i^*(t) = \sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i q_i(t)$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$

2 Main results

In order to prove our main theorems we shall need the following lemma:

Lemma 2.1 Suppose that $y(t)$ is an eventually positive of (1). Let

$$z(t) = y(t) + p(t) y(\sigma(t)) \quad (10)$$

For (i) $0 \leq p(t) \leq 1$, and (ii) $-1 < p_0 < p(t) \leq 0$.

Then there exist a number $t_1 \geq t_0$ such that

$$z(t) > 0, \quad z'(t) > 0 \text{ and } z''(t) \leq 0, \quad t \geq t_1$$

The proof of the above lemma is similar to the proof of lemma 1 ([7]).

Theorem 2.2 Let the conditions $(I_1 - I_5)$ be hold for $0 \leq p(t) \leq 1$. Assume that for each $l \geq t_0$ there exists a function $\Phi \in \Upsilon$ such that

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \sup A \left[\sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i q_i(s) [1 - p(\tau_i(s))]^m - \left(\frac{2\phi}{m+1} \right)^{m+1} \frac{a(\tau_i(s))}{(\tau_i'(s))^m}; l, t \right] > 0, \quad (11)$$

where the operator A is defined by (2) and $\phi = \phi(t, s, l)$ is defined by (3), then Eq. (1) is oscillatory.

Proof. Suppose the contrary that there exists a solution $y(t)$ of Eq. (1) such that $y(t) > 0$, $y(\sigma(t)) > 0$ and $y(\tau_j(t)) > 0$ for $t \geq t_1 \geq t_0$. Then by lemma 2.1, we have

$z(t) > 0$, $z'(t) > 0$. But since $a(t) |z'(t)|^{m-1} z'(t) = a(t) (z'(t))^m$ is decreasing function then $a(t) (z'(t))^m \leq a(\tau_i(t)) (z'(\tau_i(t)))^m$ for $t \geq t_1$

Thus it follows that

$$\frac{z'(\tau_i(t))}{z'(t)} \geq \left(\frac{a(t)}{a(\tau_i(t))} \right)^{\frac{1}{m}} \quad (12)$$

Now from (1) and (I_5) , we have

$[a(t) (z'(t))^m]' + \sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i q_i(t) y^m(\tau_i(t)) \leq 0, \quad t \geq t_1$, that is

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\geq [a(t) (z'(t))^m]' + \sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i q_i(t) y^m(\tau_i(t)) \\ &= [a(t) (z'(t))^m]' + \sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i q_i(t) [z(\tau_i(t)) - p(\tau_i(t)) y(\sigma(\tau_i(t)))]^m \\ &\geq [a(t) (z'(t))^m]' + \sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i q_i(t) z^m(\tau_i(t)) [1 - p(\tau_i(t))]^m \end{aligned}$$

So we have

$$\frac{[a(t) (z'(t))^m]'}{(z(\tau_i(t)))^m} \leq - \sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i q_i(t) [1 - p(\tau_i(t))]^m \tag{13}$$

Define

$$w(t) = \frac{a(t) (z'(t))^m}{(z(\tau_i(t)))^m}, \quad t \geq t_1 \tag{14}$$

Then from (12)-(14) we have

$$w'(t) \leq - \sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i q_i(t) [1 - p(\tau_i(t))]^m - m \tau_i'(t) \frac{w^{\frac{m+1}{m}}(t)}{a^{\frac{1}{m}}(\tau_i(t))} \tag{15}$$

Applying the operator $A[\cdot, l, t], t \geq l \geq t_0$, to (15) we have

$$A[w'(t), l, t] \leq A[- \sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i q_i(s) [1 - p(\tau_i(s))]^m - m \tau_i'(s) a^{-\frac{1}{m}}(\tau_i(s)) w^{\frac{m+1}{m}}(s); l, t] \tag{16}$$

Thus using (4) with the inequality (16), we have

$$A[\sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i q_i(s) [1 - p(\tau_i(s))]^m; l, t] \leq 2A[w(s) \phi(s); l, t] - A[m \tau_i'(s) a^{-\frac{1}{m}}(\tau_i(s)) w^{\frac{m+1}{m}}(s); l, t] \tag{17}$$

where $t \geq l \geq t_1$.

Now setting $F(w) = 2\phi w - m \tau_i'(s) a^{-\frac{1}{m}}(\tau_i(s)) w^{\frac{m+1}{m}}, w > 0$, then by simple calculation, we obtain

$$w = \left(\frac{2\phi a^{\frac{1}{m}}(\tau_i(s))}{(m+1)\tau_i'(s)} \right)^m,$$

and $F(w)$ have the maximum

$$\left(\frac{2\phi}{(m+1)} \right)^{m+1} \frac{a(\tau_i(s))}{(\tau_i'(s))^m},$$

i.e.

$$F(w) \leq F_{\max} = \left(\frac{2\phi}{(m+1)} \right)^{m+1} \frac{a(\tau_i(s))}{(\tau_i'(s))^m}, \tag{18}$$

Thus from (17) and (18), we get

$$A[\sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i q_i(s) [1 - p(\tau_i(s))]^m - \left(\frac{2\phi}{(m+1)} \right)^{m+1} \frac{a(\tau_i(s))}{(\tau_i'(s))^m}; l, t] \leq 0, t \geq l \geq t_1.$$

Thus

$$\limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} A[\sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i q_i(s) [1 - p(\tau_i(s))]^m - \left(\frac{2\phi}{(m+1)} \right)^{m+1} \frac{a(\tau_i(s))}{(\tau_i'(s))^m}; l, t] \leq 0,$$

This contradicts the assumption (11). This completes the proof. ■

Remark 2.1 If $n = 1$ then Eq. (1) include the case discussed by [2] and Theorem 2.2 cover Theorem 2.1 of [2].

Now choosing $\Phi(t, s, l) = \rho(s) (t-s)^\alpha (s-l)^\beta$ for $\alpha, \beta > \frac{1}{2}$ and $\rho(s) \in C'([t_0, \infty), (0, \infty))$, we have

$$\phi(t, s, l) = \frac{\rho'(s)}{\rho(s)} + \frac{\beta t - (\alpha + \beta)s + \alpha l}{(t-s)(s-l)}.$$

Thus by Theorem 2.2, we can easily prove the following oscillation result:

Theorem 2.3 Let the hypotheses of Theorem 2.2 be satisfied. Assume that for each $l \geq t_0$ there exists a function $\rho(s) \in C'([t_0, \infty), (0, \infty))$ and two constants $\alpha, \beta > \frac{1}{2}$ such that

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \sup \int_l^t [\rho^2(s) (t-s)^{2\alpha} (s-l)^{2\beta} \left[\sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i q_i(s) [1 - p(\tau_i(s))]^m - \left(\frac{2}{m+1}\right)^{m+1} \frac{a(\tau_i(s))}{(\tau_i'(s))^m} \left[\frac{\beta t - (\alpha + \beta)s + \alpha l}{(t-s)(s-l)}\right]^{m+1} \right] ds > 0. \quad (19)$$

Then Eq. (1) is oscillatory.

Note that Now if we choose $m = 1, a(t) = 1, \tau_i(t) = \lambda_i t$ ($0 < \lambda_i \leq 1$), and choose $\beta = 1$ and $\rho(s) = 1$ in Theorem 2.3, then we have the following result.

Corollary 2.1 Let $m = 1, a(t) = 1, \tau_i(t) = \lambda_i t$ ($0 < \lambda_i \leq 1$), and for each $l \geq t_0$ there exists a constant $\alpha > \frac{1}{2}$ such that

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \sup \frac{1}{t^{2\alpha+1}} \int_l^t [(t-s)^{2\alpha} (s-l)^2 \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i \mu_i q_i(s) [1 - p(\tau_i(s))] ds > \frac{\alpha}{(2\alpha-1)(2\alpha+1)} \quad (20)$$

Then Eq. (1) is oscillatory. Our corollary includes corollary 2.1 in [2].

Corollary 2.2 Let $m = 1, a(t) = 1, \tau_i(t) = \lambda_i t$ ($0 < \lambda_i \leq 1$), and for each $l \geq t_0$ there exists a constant $\beta > \frac{1}{2}$ such that

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \sup \frac{1}{t^{2\beta+1}} \int_l^t (t-s)^2 (s-l)^{2\beta} \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i \mu_i q_i(s) [1 - p(\tau_i(s))] ds > \frac{\beta}{(2\beta-1)(2\beta+1)} \quad (21)$$

Then Eq. (1) is oscillatory.

The proof is similar to proof of corollary 2.1 of [2].

Theorem 2.4 Let the conditions $(I_1 - I_5)$ hold and suppose that

$H \in \Upsilon, \rho \in C'([t_0, \infty), R^+)$ and $\eta \in C'([t_0, \infty), R)$, then Eq. (1) is oscillatory provided that one of the following conditions hold

$(c_1) 0 \leq p(t) \leq 1$ and

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \sup \frac{1}{H(t, t_0)} \int_l^t H(t, s) \rho(s) \left[\theta_i(t, s) - \frac{k \tau_i'(s)}{a^{\frac{1}{m}}(s)} |\lambda(t, s)|^{m+1} \right] ds = \infty \quad (22)$$

$(c_2) -1 < p_0 \leq p(t) \leq 0$, and

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \sup \frac{1}{H(t, t_0)} \int_{t_0}^t H(t, s) \rho(s) \left[\phi_i(t, s) - \frac{k \tau_i'(s)}{a^{\frac{1}{m}}(s)} |\lambda(t, s)|^{m+1} \right] ds = \infty \quad (23)$$

where $k = (m+1)^{-(m+1)}$

Proof. Consider the case (c_1) , let $y(t)$ be a nonoscillatory solution of (1) w.l.g, we may assume that $y(t) > 0$ for $t \geq t_0$. The case of $y(t) < 0$ is similar by the substitution $u = -y$. Now going through as in Theorem 2.1 in [1] we have $y(\tau_i(t)) \geq [1 - p(\tau_i(t))] z(\tau_i(t))$, thus from (1) and (I_5) we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\geq \left[a(t) |z'(t)|^{m-1} z'(t) \right]' + \sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i q_i(t) y^m(\tau_i(t)) \\ &\geq \left[a(t) |(z'(t))|^{m-1} z'(t) \right]' + \sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i q_i(t) [1 - p(\tau_i(t))]^m z^m(\tau_i(t)) \end{aligned} \quad (24)$$

Now define

$$v(t) = \rho(t) \left[\frac{a(t) |z'(t)|^{m-1} z'(t)}{z^m(\tau_i(t))} - \eta(t) \right], \quad t \geq t_0 \tag{25}$$

Differentiating (25) and using (24) we get

$$v'(t) \leq \frac{\rho'(t)}{\rho(t)} v(t) - \rho(t) \eta'(t) - \rho(t) \sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i q_i(t) [1 - p(\tau_i(t))]^m - \frac{m \rho(t) \tau_i'(t)}{a^{\frac{1}{m}}(t)} \left[\frac{v(t)}{\rho(t)} - \eta(t) \right]^{\frac{m+1}{m}} \tag{26}$$

Thus it follows from (8) that

$$v'(t) \leq -\rho(t) [Q(t) - \eta'(t)] + \frac{\rho'(t)}{\rho(t)} v(t) - \frac{m \rho(t) \tau_i'(t)}{a^{\frac{1}{m}}(t)} \left[\frac{v(t)}{\rho(t)} - \eta(t) \right]^{\frac{m+1}{m}} \tag{27}$$

Thus by (7), we get

$$\int_T^t H(t, s) \rho(s) [\theta_i(t, s) + \lambda(t, s) \eta(s)] ds \leq H(t, T) v(T) - \int_T^t H(t, s) \lambda(t, s) v(s) ds - m \int_T^t \frac{H(t, s) \rho(s) \tau_i'(s)}{a^{\frac{1}{m}}(s)} \left| \frac{v(s)}{\rho(s)} - \eta(s) \right|^{\frac{m+1}{m}} ds$$

Hence

$$\int_T^t H(t, s) \rho(s) \theta_i(t, s) ds \leq H(t, T) v(T) + \int_T^t H(t, s) \rho(s) |\lambda(t, s)| \left| \frac{v(s)}{\rho(s)} - \eta(s) \right| ds - m \int_T^t \frac{H(t, s) \rho(s) \tau_i'(s)}{a^{\frac{1}{m}}(s)} \left| \frac{v(s)}{\rho(s)} - \eta(s) \right|^{\frac{m+1}{m}} ds \tag{28}$$

Following [1], we have

$$\int_T^t H(t, s) \rho(s) \theta_i(t, s) ds \leq H(t, T) v(T) + k \int_T^t \frac{H(t, s) \rho(s) \tau_i'(s)}{a^{\frac{1}{m}}(s)} |\lambda(t, s)|^{m+1} ds \tag{29}$$

Setting $T = T_0$, so $\int_T^t H(t, s) \rho(s) \left[\theta_i(t, s) - \frac{k \tau_i'(s)}{a^{\frac{1}{m}}(s)} |\lambda(t, s)|^{m+1} \right] ds \leq H(t, T_0) v(T_0)$

Thus by (6), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{t_0}^t H(t, s) \rho(s) \left[\theta_i(t, s) - \frac{k \tau_i'(s)}{a^{\frac{1}{m}}(s)} |\lambda(t, s)|^{m+1} \right] ds \\ &= \left(\int_{t_0}^{T_0} + \int_{T_0}^t \right) H(t, s) \rho(s) \left[\theta_i(t, s) - \frac{k \tau_i'(s)}{a^{\frac{1}{m}}(s)} |\lambda(t, s)|^{m+1} \right] ds \\ &\leq H(t, s) \left(\int_{t_0}^{T_0} \rho(s) \left[\theta_i(t, s) - \frac{k \tau_i'(s)}{a^{\frac{1}{m}}(s)} |\lambda(t, s)|^{m+1} \right] ds + |v(T_0)| \right) \end{aligned} \tag{30}$$

Dividing by $H(t, t_0)$ and taking the limits as $t \rightarrow \infty$, we get a contradiction to the condition (22). This completes the proof of case (c_1) . ■

In the case (c_2) , we follow Theorem 2.1 of [1] to get

$$v'(t) \leq -\rho(t) [Q_i^*(t) - \eta'(t)] + \frac{\rho'(t)}{\rho(t)} v(t) - \frac{m \rho(t) \tau_i'(t)}{a^{\frac{1}{m}}(t)} \left[\frac{v(t)}{\rho(t)} - \eta(t) \right]^{\frac{m+1}{m}}$$

The rest of the proof is similar to that of case (c_1) .

Remark 2.2 If $\sum_{i=1}^n q_i(t) f_i(y(\tau_i(t))) = q_i(t) |y(t-\tau)|^{\alpha-1} y(t-\tau) + q_i(t) |y(t-\tau)|^{\beta-1} y(t-\beta)$

Then Theorem 2.3 includes Theorem 2.1 of [1].

Theorem 2.5 Let the hypotheses of Theorem 2.3.be satisfied assume that

$$0 < \inf_{s \geq t_0} \left\{ \liminf_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{H(t, s)}{H(t, t_0)} \right\} < \infty. \quad (31)$$

and

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \sup \frac{1}{H(t, t_0)} \int_{t_0}^t \frac{H(t, s) \rho(s) a(s)}{(\tau'_i(s))^m} |\lambda(t, s)|^{m+1} ds < \infty \quad (32)$$

Then Eq(1) is oscillatory provided that one of the following conditions hold

(c₁) $0 \leq p(t) \leq 1$. and there exists $\psi \in ([t_0, \infty), R)$ such that

$$\int_t^\infty \frac{\rho(s) \tau'_i(s)}{a^{\frac{1}{m}}(s)} \left(\frac{\psi(s)}{\rho(s)} - \eta(s) \right)^{\frac{m+1}{m}} ds = \infty. \quad (33)$$

and for any $T \geq t_0$.

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \sup \frac{1}{H(t, T)} \int_T^t H(t, s) \rho(s) \left[\theta_i(t, s) - \frac{k \tau'_i(s)}{a^{\frac{1}{m}}(s)} |\lambda(t, s)|^{m+1} \right] ds \geq \psi(T) \quad (34)$$

where $\psi(s) = \{\psi(s), 0\}$.

(c₂) $-1 < p_0 \leq p(t) \leq 0$. and there exists $\psi \in ([t_0, \infty), R)$ such that (33) holds and for all $T \geq t_0$.

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \sup \frac{1}{H(t, T)} \int_T^t H(t, s) \rho(s) \left[\varphi_i(t, s) - \frac{k \tau'_i(s)}{a^{\frac{1}{m}}(s)} |\lambda(t, s)|^{m+1} \right] ds \geq \psi(T) \quad (35)$$

Proof. Proceeding as in the proof of case (c₁) of theorem 2.3. We get (28) and (29) from (29), we get

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \sup \frac{1}{H(t, T)} \int_T^t H(t, s) \rho(s) \left[\theta_i(t, s) - \frac{k \tau'_i(s)}{a^{\frac{1}{m}}(s)} |\lambda(t, s)|^{m+1} \right] ds \leq v(T)$$

For all $t \geq T \geq T_0$

Also, by (33), we have

$$\psi(T) \leq v(T), T \geq T_0 \quad (36)$$

Define

$$P(t) = \frac{1}{H(t, T_0)} \int_{T_0}^t H(t, s) \rho(s) |\lambda(t, s)| \left| \frac{v(s)}{\rho(s)} - \eta(s) \right| ds.$$

and

$$O(t) = \frac{m}{H(t, T_0)} \int_{T_0}^t \frac{H(t, s) \rho(s) \tau'_i(s)}{a^{\frac{1}{m}}(s)} \left| -\frac{v(s)}{\rho(s)} - \eta(s) \right|^{\frac{m+1}{m}} ds$$

Then by (28) and (34), we see that

$$\left[O(t) - P(t) \leq v(T_0) - \int_T^t H(t, s) \rho(s) \theta_i(t, s) ds \right]$$

Thus

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \inf [O(t) - P(t)] \leq v(T_0) - \psi(T_0) < \infty \quad (37)$$

Now claim that

$$\int_{T_0}^\infty \frac{\rho(s) \tau'_i(s)}{a^{\frac{1}{m}}(s)} \left| -\frac{v(s)}{\rho(s)} - \eta(s) \right|^{\frac{m+1}{m}} ds < \infty \quad (38)$$

If this is false, then by (37), there exists a sequence $\{T_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$ in $[t_0, \infty)$ with $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} T_n = \infty$ satisfying

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} [O(T_n) - P(T_n)] = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \inf [O(t) - P(t)] < \infty$$

Following the same lines as [1], we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{P^{m+1}(T_n)}{O^m(T_n)} = \infty \tag{39}$$

On the other hand, by Holder's inequality with the definition of P , we get

$$P(T_n) \leq \left(\frac{m}{H(T_n, T_0)} \int_{T_0}^{T_n} \frac{H(T_n, s) \rho(s) \tau'_i(s)}{a^{\frac{1}{m}}(s)} \left| \frac{v(s)}{\rho(s)} - \eta(s) \right|^{\frac{m+1}{m}} ds \right)^{\frac{m}{m+1}} \\ \times \left(\frac{1}{m^m H(T_n, T_0)} \int_{T_0}^{T_n} \frac{H(T_n, s) a(s) \rho(s)}{(\tau'_i(s))^m} |\lambda(t, s)|^{m+1} ds \right)^{\frac{1}{m+1}} .$$

and, accordingly, we obtain,

$$\frac{P^{m+1}(T_n)}{O^m(T_n)} \leq \frac{1}{m^m H(T_n, T_0)} \int_{T_0}^{T_n} \frac{H(T_n, s) a(s) \rho(s)}{(\tau'_i(s))^m} |\lambda(t, s)|^{m+1} ds$$

So, because of (39), we have

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{H(T_n, T_0)} \int_{T_0}^{T_n} \frac{H(T_n, s) a(s) \rho(s)}{(\tau'_i(s))^m} |\lambda(t, s)|^{m+1} ds = \infty$$

This leads to

$$\limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{H(t, T_0)} \int_{T_0}^t \frac{H(t, s) a(s) \rho(s)}{(\tau'_i(s))^m} |\lambda(t, s)|^{m+1} ds = \infty$$

Contradicting (32). Therefore (38) holds. Now, in view of (36), from (38), we have

$$\int_{T_0}^{\infty} \frac{\rho(s) \tau'_i(s)}{a^{\frac{1}{m}}(s)} \left(\frac{\psi(s)}{\rho(s)} - \eta(s) \right)^{\frac{m+1}{m}} ds \leq \int_{T_0}^{\infty} \frac{\rho(s) \tau'_i(s)}{a^{\frac{1}{m}}(s)} \left| \frac{v(s)}{\rho(s)} - \eta(s) \right|^{\frac{m+1}{m}} ds < \infty$$

this contradicts (33), and the proof is completed. ■

Theorem 2.6 Let the hypotheses of Theorem 2.3 be satisfied. Suppose that (31) holds, and

$$\liminf_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{H(t, t_0)} \int_{t_0}^t \frac{H(t, s) a(s) \rho(s)}{(\tau'_i(s))^m} |\lambda(t, s)|^{m+1} ds < \infty . \tag{40}$$

Then Eq (1) is oscillatory provided that one of the following conditions hold (c_1) , and there exists $\psi \in ([t_0, \infty), R)$ such that (33) holds. and for any $T \geq t_0$.

$$\liminf_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{H(t, T)} \int_T^t H(t, s) \rho(s) \left[\theta_i(t, s) - \frac{k \tau'_i(s)}{a^{\frac{1}{m}}(s)} |\lambda(t, s)|^{m+1} \right] ds \geq \psi(T) \tag{41}$$

(c_2) , and there exists $\psi \in ([t_0, \infty), R)$ such that (33) holds. and for any $T \geq t_0$.

$$\liminf_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{H(t, T)} \int_T^t H(t, s) \rho(s) \left[\varphi_i(t, s) - \frac{k \tau'_i(s)}{a^{\frac{1}{m}}(s)} |\lambda(t, s)|^{m+1} \right] ds \geq \psi(T) \tag{42}$$

Theorem 2.7 Let the conditions of Theorem 2.3 be satisfied. Suppose that (31) holds, then Eq. (1) is oscillatory provided that one of the following conditions hold (c_1) , and for any $T \geq t_0$.

$$\liminf_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{H(t, T)} \int_T^t H(t, s) \rho(s) \theta_i(t, s) ds \leq \infty \tag{43}$$

and there exists $\psi \in ([t_0, \infty), R)$ such that (33) holds, and (41) hold.

(c_2) , and for any $T \geq t_0$.

$$\liminf_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{H(t, T)} \int_T^t H(t, s) \rho(s) \varphi_i(t, s) ds \leq \infty \tag{44}$$

and there exists such that (33) holds, and (42) hold.

3 Example

Example 1 Consider the following equation

$$\left[|z'(t)|^{m-1} z'(t) \right]' + \sum_{i=1}^2 \frac{a_i}{t^2} e^{\lambda_i \mu_i t} y(\lambda_i t) = 0 \tag{45}$$

where $z(t) = y(t) + p_0 y(t-1)$, $a(t) = 1$, $-1 < p_0 < 1$, $m > 0$, $\mu_i > 0$, $0 < \lambda_i < 1$, $q_1 = \frac{a_1}{t^2}$, $q_2 = \frac{a_2}{t^2}$, $a_i > 0$, $\tau_i(t) = \lambda_i t$, $t \geq 1$, $f_i(y(\tau_i(t))) = e^{\lambda_i \mu_i t} y(\lambda_i t)$, $i = 1, 2$, $\sigma(t) = t - 1$, $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \tau_i(t) = \infty$, $q_1, q_2 > 0$

For Theorem 2.5, let $H(t, s) = (t - s)^{m+1}$, $\rho(t) = t^{-(m+1)}$, $\eta(t) = 0$. then $h(t, s) = \frac{m+1}{t-s}$, $\lambda(t, s) = \frac{(m+1)t}{(t-s)s}$ and Eq. (32)

$$\limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{H(t, t_0)} \int_{t_0}^t \frac{H(t, s) a(s) \rho(s)}{(\tau'_i(s))^m} |\lambda(t, s)|^{m+1} ds = \limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(m+1)^{m+1} t^{m+1}}{\lambda_i^m (t-t_0)^{m+1}} \int_{t_0}^t s^{-2(m+1)} ds < \infty$$

Now, we consider the following two cases:

Case 1: $0 \leq p_0 \leq 1$.

$$Q_i(t) = \sum_{i=1}^2 \mu_i q_i(t) [1 - p(\tau_i(t))]^m = \sum_{i=1}^2 \mu_i (1 - p_0)^m \frac{q_i}{t^2}$$

and

$$\theta_i(t, s) = Q_i(s) - \eta'(s) - \lambda(t, s) \eta'(s) = Q_i(s) = \sum_{i=1}^2 \frac{\mu_i (1-p_0)^m a_i}{t^2}$$

Then the Eq. (34) takes the form

$$\begin{aligned} & \limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{H(t, T)} \int_T^t H(t, s) \rho(s) \left[\theta_i(t, s) - \frac{k \tau'_i(s)}{a^{\frac{1}{m}}(s)} |\lambda(t, s)|^{m+1} \right] ds \\ &= \limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{(t-T)^{m+1}} \int_T^\infty (t-s)^{m+1} s^{-(m+1)} \left[\frac{\sum_{i=1}^2 \mu_i a_i (1-p_0)^m}{s^2} - \frac{\lambda_i w (m+1)^{m+1} t^{m+1}}{(t-s)^{m+1} s^{m+1}} \right] ds \\ &= \frac{\sum_{i=1}^2 \mu_i a_i (1-p_0)^m}{T^{m+1}} - \frac{\lambda_i}{(2m+1)} \frac{1}{T^{2m+1}} \geq \frac{(1-p_0)^m \sum_{i=1}^2 \mu_i a_i}{T} \end{aligned}$$

For $t > T \in (-\infty, 0)$

Let $\psi(T) = \frac{(1-p_0)^m \sum_{i=1}^2 \mu_i a_i}{T}$, from (33) we have

$$\int_T^\infty \frac{\rho(s) \tau'_i(s)}{a^{\frac{1}{m}}(s)} \left(\frac{\psi(s)}{\rho(s)} - \eta(s) \right)^{\frac{m+1}{m}} ds = \lambda_i (1-p_0)^{m+1} \left(\sum_{i=1}^2 \mu_i a_i \right)^{\frac{m+1}{m}} \int_T^\infty ds = \infty$$

Hence, it follow from Theorem 2.5 that Eq. (45) is oscillatory.

Case 2: $-1 < p_0 \leq 0$. Note that

$$\phi_i(t, s) = Q_i^*(t) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^2 \mu_i a_i}{t^2}$$

The rest of the proof is similar to that of case 1. Hence by Theorem 2.5 Eq. (45) is oscillatory.

In the above example, if $m = 1$, $\sum_{i=1}^2 a_i \mu_i \lambda_i \geq 2$, $i = 1, 2$ and $p_0 = \frac{1}{2}$, then from (22) in corollary 2.2, we have the left hand side is in the from

$$\begin{aligned} & \limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{t^{2\beta+1}} \int_l^t (t-s)^2 (s-l)^{2\beta} \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i \mu_i q_i(s) [1 - p(\tau_i(s))] ds = \\ & \limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2t^3} \int_l^t \cdot \frac{(t-s)^2 (s-l)^2}{s^2} \sum_{i=1}^2 \lambda_i \mu_i a_i ds = \frac{1}{6} \sum_{i=1}^2 \lambda_i \mu_i a_i \geq \frac{1}{3} \end{aligned} \tag{46}$$

where $\beta = 1$, and the right hand side.

$$\frac{\beta}{(2\beta - 1) (2\beta + 1)} = \frac{1}{3} \tag{47}$$

From (46) and (47), the inequality (22) holds then Eq. (45) is oscillatory.

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