

Disconjugacy via Lyapunov and Vallée-Poussin type inequalities for forced differential equations

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1. Introduction

$$(r(t)|x'|^{\beta-1}x')' + q(t)|x|^{\gamma-1}x = f(t); \quad (1)$$

Dirichlet Boundary Conditions:

$$x(a) = x(b) = 0 \quad (\text{BC})$$

- (i) $\gamma \in (0, 2\beta)$
- (ii) r , q and f are real-valued functions with $r(t) > 0$
- (iii) a and b are consecutive zeros ($a < b$)

$$(\beta = 1) \quad (r(t)x')' + q(t)|x|^{\gamma-1}x = 0; \quad \gamma > 0 \quad (2)$$

$\gamma = 1$: **Linear**

$0 < \gamma < 1$: **Sub-Linear** (Emden-Fowler)

$1 < \gamma$: **Super-Linear** (Emden-Fowler)

$$(r(t)|x'|^{\beta-1}x')' + q(t)|x|^{\gamma-1}x = 0; \quad \beta, \gamma > 0 \quad (3)$$

$\beta = \gamma$: ($\neq 1$) **Half-Linear**

$\beta > \gamma$: **Sub-Half-Linear**

$\beta < \gamma$: **Super-Half-Linear**

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2. Literature:

$$x''(t) + q(t)x(t) = 0 \quad (4)$$

$$x(a) = x(b) = 0 \quad (5)$$

Lyapunov's Ineq. (1907, A.M. Lyapunov) (R: 1947)

$$\int_a^b |q(t)| dt > \frac{4}{b-a} \quad (6)$$

Lyapunov's Ineq. (1951, Wintner)

$$\int_a^b q^+(t) dt > \frac{4}{b-a} \quad (7)$$

$$q^+(t) := \max\{q(t), 0\}$$

Hartman's Ineq. (1965, Hartman)

$$\int_a^b (b-t)(t-a)q^+(t)dt > b-a \quad (8)$$

$$\left(\frac{b-a}{2} = \frac{(b-t) + (t-a)}{2} \geq \sqrt{(b-t)(t-a)} \right)$$

Selfadjoint Eq.

$$(r(t)x'(t))' + q(t)x(t) = 0 \quad (9)$$

$$\int_a^b q^+(t)dt > 4 \left(\int_a^b r^{-1}(t)dt \right)^{-1} \quad (10)$$

Half-Linear Eq. $\gamma > 0$

$$(r(t)|x'|^{\gamma-1}x')' + q(t)|x|^{\gamma-1}x = 0, \quad (\text{HL})$$

Lyapunov Type Ineq. (2003, Yang)

$$\int_a^b q^+(t)dt > 2^{\gamma+1} \left(\int_a^b r^{-1/\gamma}(t)dt \right)^{-\gamma} \quad (11)$$

Hartman Type Ineq. (2010, Sim and Lee) $r(t) = 1, q(t) > 0$

$$\int_a^b (b-t)^{\gamma}(t-a)^{\gamma}q(t)dt > 2^{1-\gamma}(b-a)^{\gamma} \quad (12)$$

Lyapunov Type Ineq. (2011, Wang)

$$\int_a^b \left(\int_a^t r^{-1/\gamma(s)} ds \right)^\gamma \left(\int_t^b r^{-1/\gamma(s)} ds \right)^\gamma q^+(t) dt > C_\gamma \left(\int_a^b r^{-1/\gamma(t)} dt \right)^\gamma$$

$$C_\gamma = \begin{cases} 1, & 0 < \gamma \leq 1; \\ 2^{1-\gamma}, & \gamma > 1. \end{cases}$$

Lyapunov Type Ineq. (2012, Tang and He)

$$\int_a^b \left[\left(\int_a^t r^{-1/\gamma(s)} ds \right)^{-\gamma} + \left(\int_t^b r^{-1/\gamma(s)} ds \right)^{-\gamma} \right]^{-1} q^+(t) dt > 1$$

$$x''(t) + p(t)x'(t) + q(t)x(t) = 0 \quad (13)$$

$$x(a) = x(b) = 0 \quad (14)$$

Vallée-Poussin Ineq. (1929, C.D. Vallée Poussin)

$$\int_0^\infty \frac{dt}{t^2 + p_0 t + q_0} \leq \frac{b-a}{2} \quad (15)$$

$$p_0 = \max_{t \in [a,b]} |p(t)| \quad \text{and} \quad q_0 = \max_{t \in [a,b]} |q(t)|. \quad (16)$$

$$(|x'|^{\alpha-1}x')' + p(t)|x'|^{\alpha-1}x' + q(t)|x|^{\alpha-1}x = 0 \quad (17)$$

$$x(a) = x(b) = 0, \quad \alpha > 0 \quad (18)$$

Vallée-Poussin Ineq. (1999, Dosly and Lomtatidze)

$$\int_0^\infty \frac{dt}{\alpha t^{1+1/\alpha} + p_0 t + q_0} \leq \frac{b-a}{2} \quad (19)$$

$$p_0 = \max_{t \in [a,b]} |p(t)| \quad \text{and} \quad q_0 = \max_{t \in [a,b]} |q(t)|. \quad (20)$$

Application Areas.

- Oscillation and Sturmian Theory
- Asymptotic Theory
- Conjugacy/Disconjugacy
- Eigenvalue Problems
- Boundary Value Problems

Conjugacy/Disconjugacy.

$$x''(t) + q(t)x(t) = 0 \quad (21)$$

$$x(a) = x(b) = 0 \quad (22)$$

a and b are consecutive zeros :

$$\underbrace{\int_a^b q^+(t) dt}_{\text{(Lyapunov's Ineq.)}} > \frac{4}{b-a} \quad (23)$$

Disconjugacy Criteria :

$$\int_a^b q^+(t) dt \leq \frac{4}{b-a} \quad (24)$$

3. Motivation

(i) Forced Emden-Fowler Eq.

$$(r(t)x')' + q(t)|x|^{\alpha-1}x = \underbrace{f(t)}_{\text{or}(=0)} \quad (25)$$

Lyapunov Type Ineq. ?

$\alpha > 1$ (Super-Linear) ?

$\alpha = 1$ (Linear) ?

$\alpha < 1$ (Sub-Linear) ?

(ii) Forced Nonlinear Eq.'s

$$(r(t)|x'|^{\beta-1}x')' + q(t)|x|^{\gamma-1}x = \underbrace{f(t)}_{\text{or}(=0)} \quad (26)$$

Lyapunov Type Ineq. ?

$\gamma > \beta$ (Super-Half-Linear) ?

$\gamma = \beta$ (Half-Linear) ?

$\gamma < \beta$ (Sub-Half-Linear) ?

(iii) Forced Nonlinear Eq.'s

$$(r(t)|x'|^{\beta-1}x')' + p(t)|x'|^{\beta-1}x' + q(t)|x|^{\gamma-1}x = f(t) \quad (27)$$

$\gamma = \beta = 1$ and $f(t) = 0$ (Linear) OK

$\gamma = \beta$ and $f(t) = 0$ (Half-Linear) OK

Vallée Poussin Type Ineq. ? When $f(t) \underbrace{=}_{\neq} 0$

$\gamma > \beta$ (Super-Half-Linear) ? $\gamma = \beta$ (Half-Linear) ? $\gamma < \beta$ (Sub-Half-Linear) ?

$\gamma > \beta = 1$ (Super-Linear) ? $\gamma = \beta = 1$ (Linear) ? $\gamma < \beta = 1$ (Sub-Linear) ?

(iv) Lemma.

$$Az^{2\beta} - Bz^\gamma + \Gamma_{\gamma\beta} A^{-\gamma/(2-\gamma)} B^{2\beta/(2-\gamma)} \geq 0 \quad (28)$$

for any $\gamma \in (0, 2\beta)$, where

$$\Gamma_{\gamma\beta} = (2\beta - \gamma) \gamma^{\gamma/(2\beta-\gamma)} \beta^{-2\tau/(2\beta-\gamma)} 2^{-2\beta/(2\beta-\gamma)}. \quad (29)$$

$$\begin{aligned} B = z = 0 & \iff (=) \\ B > 0 & \implies (>) \end{aligned} \quad (30)$$

$A=B=1$:

$$z^\gamma < z^{2\beta} + \Gamma_{\gamma\beta} \quad (31)$$

4. Main Results

1. Lyapunov Type Ineq. Suppose that a and b are consecutive zeros of a nontrivial solution of Eq.

$$(r(t)|x'|^{\beta-1}x')' + q(t)|x|^{\gamma-1}x = f(t). \quad (32)$$

If $x(t) > 0$ on (a, b) , then the Ineq.

$$2\Gamma_{\gamma\beta} \int_a^b q^+(t)dt + \int_a^b f^-(t)dt > 2^{\beta+1} \sqrt{\Gamma_{\gamma\beta}} \left(\int_a^b r^{-1/\beta}(t)dt \right)^{-\beta} \quad (33)$$

holds, where $\gamma \in (0, 2\beta)$ and

$$f^-(t) = \max\{-f(t), 0\}$$

Proof. Let $c \in (a, b)$ be the least point of the local maxima of $x(t)$ in (a, b) , i.e., $x'(c) = 0$ and $x'(t) > 0$ on $[a, c)$.

Hölder's Ineq. \implies

$$\begin{aligned} x^{\beta+1}(c) &= \left(\int_a^c x'(t) dt \right)^{\beta+1} \\ &= \left(\int_a^c r^{-1/(\beta+1)}(t) r^{1/(\beta+1)}(t) x'(t) dt \right)^{\beta+1} \\ &\leq \left(\int_a^c r^{-1/\beta}(t) dt \right)^{\beta} \int_a^c r(t) [x'(t)]^{\beta+1} dt. \end{aligned} \tag{34}$$

$$(r(t)|x'|^{\beta-1}x')' + q(t)|x|^{\gamma-1}x = f(t) \quad (\times x(t)) \quad (35)$$

Int. a to c :

$$\begin{aligned} \int_a^c r(t)[x'(t)]^{\beta+1} dt &= \int_a^c q(t)x^{\gamma+1}(t) dt - \int_a^c f(t)x(t) dt \\ &\leq x^{\gamma+1}(c) \int_a^c q^+(t) dt + x(c) \int_a^c f^-(t) dt \end{aligned} \quad (36)$$

$$\Rightarrow x^\beta(c) \leq \mathcal{H}_0 x^\gamma(c) + \mathcal{H}_1 \quad (37)$$

$$\mathcal{H}_0 = \left(\int_a^c r^{-1/\beta}(t) dt \right)^\beta \int_a^c q^+(t) dt \quad (38)$$

$$\mathcal{H}_1 = \left(\int_a^c r^{-1/\beta}(t) dt \right)^\beta \int_a^c f^-(t) dt \quad (39)$$

$$\text{Lemma} \implies x^\gamma(c) < x^{2\beta}(c) + \Gamma_{\gamma\beta}$$

\implies

$$\mathcal{K}_0 x^{2\beta}(c) - x^\beta(c) + \mathcal{K}_0 \Gamma_{\gamma\beta} + \mathcal{K}_1 > 0 \quad (40)$$

\implies

$$\mathcal{K}_0(\Gamma_{\gamma\beta} \mathcal{K}_0 + \mathcal{K}_1) > 1/4 \quad (41)$$

i.e.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{4} \left(\int_a^c r^{-1/\beta}(t) dt \right)^{-2\beta} &< \Gamma_{\gamma\beta} \left(\int_a^c q^+(t) dt \right)^2 \\ &+ \left(\int_a^c q^+(t) dt \right) \left(\int_a^c f^-(t) dt \right). \end{aligned} \quad (42)$$

Mult. both side by $4\Gamma_{\gamma\beta}$ and completing square :

$$\sqrt{\Gamma_{\gamma\beta}} \left(\int_a^c r^{-1/\beta}(t) dt \right)^{-\beta} < 2\Gamma_{\gamma\beta} \int_a^c q^+(t) dt + \int_a^c f^-(t) dt. \quad (43)$$

Similarly, if $d \in (a, b)$ be the greatest point of the local maxima of $x(t)$ in (a, b) , i.e., $x'(d) = 0$ and $x'(t) < 0$ on $(d, b]$. \implies

$$\sqrt{\Gamma_{\gamma\beta}} \left(\int_d^b r^{-1/\beta}(t) dt \right)^{-\beta} < 2\Gamma_{\gamma\beta} \int_d^b q^+(t) dt + \int_d^b f^-(t) dt. \quad (44)$$

Adding;

$$\begin{aligned} & \sqrt{\Gamma_{\gamma\beta}} \left\{ \left(\int_a^c r^{-1/\beta}(t) dt \right)^{-\beta} + \left(\int_d^b r^{-1/\beta}(t) dt \right)^{-\beta} \right\} \\ & < 2\Gamma_{\gamma\beta} \int_a^b q^+(t) dt + \int_a^b f^-(t) dt. \end{aligned} \quad (45)$$

Jensen's Ineq. $c \in [0, 1]$, $u_{1,2} \geq 0$, $\beta > 0$

$$\implies (cu_1 + (1-c)u_2)^{-\beta} \leq cu_1^{-\beta} + (1-c)u_2^{-\beta}$$

$$c = 1/2 \implies u_1^{-\beta} + u_2^{-\beta} \geq 2^{\beta+1}(u_1 + u_2)^{-\beta}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(\underbrace{\int_a^c r^{-1/\beta}(t) dt}_{u_1} \right)^{-\beta} + \left(\underbrace{\int_d^b r^{-1/\beta}(t) dt}_{u_2} \right)^{-\beta} \\ & \geq 2^{\beta+1} \left(\underbrace{\int_a^c r^{-1/\beta}(t) dt}_{u_1} + \underbrace{\int_d^b r^{-1/\beta}(t) dt}_{u_2} \right)^{-\beta} \\ & \geq 2^{\beta+1} \left(\int_a^b r^{-1/\beta}(t) dt \right)^{-\beta}. \end{aligned} \tag{46}$$

2. Lyapunov Type Ineq. Suppose that a and b are consecutive zeros of a nontrivial solution of Eq.

$$(r(t)|x'|^{\beta-1}x')' + q(t)|x|^{\gamma-1}x = f(t). \quad (47)$$

If $x(t) < 0$ on (a, b) , then the Ineq.

$$2\Gamma_{\gamma\beta} \int_a^b q^+(t)dt + \int_a^b f^+(t)dt > 2^{\beta+1} \sqrt{\Gamma_{\gamma\beta}} \left(\int_a^b r^{-1/\beta}(t)dt \right)^{-\beta} \quad (48)$$

holds, where $\gamma \in (0, 2\beta)$.

Proof. In fact, if $x(t) < 0$ for $t \in (a, b)$, then $z(t) := -x(t) > 0$ solution of

$$(r(t)|z'|^{\beta-1}z')' + q(t)|z|^{\gamma-1}z = -f(t) \quad (49)$$

3. Lyapunov Type Ineq. Suppose that a and b are consecutive zeros of a nontrivial solution of Eq.

$$(r(t)|x'|^{\beta-1}x')' + q(t)|x|^{\gamma-1}x = f(t). \quad (50)$$

If $x(t) \neq 0$ on (a, b) , then the Ineq.

$$2\Gamma_{\gamma\beta} \int_a^b q^+(t)dt + \int_a^b |f(t)|dt > 2^{\beta+1} \sqrt{\Gamma_{\gamma\beta}} \left(\int_a^b r^{-1/\beta}(t)dt \right)^{-\beta} \quad (51)$$

holds, where $\gamma \in (0, 2\beta)$.

Proof. $|f(t)| \geq f^\pm(t)$ for all t .

Concluding Results/Remarks

$$(r(t)|x'|^{\beta-1}x')' + q(t)|x|^{\gamma-1}x = f(t) \quad (52)$$

A. (Forced) Sub-Half-Linear Eq.'s: $\gamma \in (0, \beta)$

$$2\Gamma_{\gamma\beta} \int_a^b q^+(t)dt + \int_a^b |f(t)|dt > 2^{\beta+1} \sqrt{\Gamma_{\gamma\beta}} \left(\int_a^b r^{-1/\beta}(t)dt \right)^{-\beta} \quad (53)$$

B. (Forced) Super-Half-Linear Eq.'s: $\gamma \in (\beta, 2\beta)$

$$2\Gamma_{\gamma\beta} \int_a^b q^+(t)dt + \int_a^b |f(t)|dt > 2^{\beta+1} \sqrt{\Gamma_{\gamma\beta}} \left(\int_a^b r^{-1/\beta}(t)dt \right)^{-\beta} \quad (54)$$

B¹. (Forced) Super-Half-Linear Eq.'s: $\gamma \in [2\beta, \infty)$

Open Problem!

C. (Forced) Half-Linear Eq.'s: $\gamma = \beta$ ($\Gamma_{\beta\beta} = 1/4$)

$$\int_a^b q^+(t)dt + 2 \int_a^b |f(t)|dt > 2^{\beta+1} \left(\int_a^b r^{-1/\beta}(t)dt \right)^{-\beta} \quad (55)$$

C¹. Half-Linear Eq.'s: $\gamma = \beta$ ($f(t) = 0$)

Existing Result:
$$\int_a^b q^+(t)dt > 2^{\beta+1} \left(\int_a^b r^{-1/\beta}(t)dt \right)^{-\beta} \quad (56)$$

$$\beta = 1: \quad (r(t)x')' + q(t)|x|^{\gamma-1}x = f(t) \quad (57)$$

D. (Forced) Emden-Fowler Sub-Linear: $\gamma \in (0,1)$

$$2\Gamma_{\gamma 1} \int_a^b q^+(t)dt + \int_a^b |f(t)|dt > 4\sqrt{\Gamma_{\gamma 1}} \left(\int_a^b r^{-1}(t)dt \right)^{-1} \quad (58)$$

E. (Forced) Emden-Fowler Super-Linear: $\gamma \in (1,2)$

$$2\Gamma_{\gamma 1} \int_a^b q^+(t)dt + \int_a^b |f(t)|dt > 4\sqrt{\Gamma_{\gamma 1}} \left(\int_a^b r^{-1}(t)dt \right)^{-1} \quad (59)$$

E¹. (Forced) Emden-Fowler Super-Linear: $\gamma \in [2, \infty)$

Open Problem!

F. (Forced) Linear Eq.'s: $\gamma = 1$ ($\Gamma_{11} = 1/4$)

$$\int_a^b q^+(t)dt + 2 \int_a^b |f(t)|dt > 4 \left(\int_a^b r^{-1}(t)dt \right)^{-1} \quad (60)$$

F¹. Linear Eq.'s: $\gamma = 1$ ($f(t) = 0$)

Existing Result:
$$\int_a^b q^+(t)dt > 4 \left(\int_a^b r^{-1}(t)dt \right)^{-1} \quad (61)$$

(Forced) Mixed Non-Linear Eq.'s: $0 < \gamma < 1 < \beta < 2$

$$x'' + p(t)|x|^{\beta-1}x + q(t)|x|^{\gamma-1}x = f(t) \quad (62)$$

4. Hartman Type Ineq. Suppose that $a, b, a < b$, are consecutive zeros of a nontrivial solution of Eq. (62), then the Ineq.

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(\int_a^b (b-t)(t-a)(p^+ + q^+)(t)dt \right) \\ & \quad \times \left(\int_a^b (b-t)(t-a) \{ \beta_0 p^+(t) + \gamma_0 q^+(t) + |f(t)| \} dt \right) \\ & > (b-a)^2/4 \end{aligned} \quad (63)$$

holds.

$$\beta_0 = (2 - \beta)\beta^{\beta/(2-\beta)}2^{2/(\beta-2)} > 0 \quad (64)$$

$$\gamma_0 = (2 - \gamma)\gamma^{\gamma/(2-\gamma)}2^{2/(\gamma-2)} > 0. \quad (65)$$

$$(b-a)^2/4 \geq (b-t)(t-a) \implies$$

5. Lyapunov Type Ineq.

$$\left(\int_a^b (p^+ + q^+)(t) dt \right) \left(\int_a^b \{ \beta_0 p^+(t) + \gamma_0 q^+(t) + |f(t)| \} dt \right) > 4/(b-a)^2 \quad (66)$$

Concluding Results

$$x'' + p(t)|x|^{\beta-1}x + q(t)|x|^{\gamma-1}x = f(t) \quad (67)$$

a. (Forced) Emden-Fowler Sub-Linear: $p(t) = 0$

Hartman Type Ineq.

$$\left(\int_a^b (b-t)(t-a)q^+(t)dt \right) \left(\int_a^b (b-t)(t-a) \{ \gamma_0 q^+(t) + |f(t)| \} dt \right) > (b-a)^2/4 \quad (68)$$

Lyapunov Type Ineq.

$$\left(\int_a^b q^+(t)dt \right) \left(\int_a^b \{ \gamma_0 q^+(t) + |f(t)| \} dt \right) > 4/(b-a)^2 \quad (69)$$

b. (Forced) Emden-Fowler Super-Linear: $q(t) = 0$

Hartman Type Ineq.

$$\left(\int_a^b (b-t)(t-a)p^+(t)dt \right) \left(\int_a^b (b-t)(t-a) \{ \beta_0 p^+(t) + |f(t)| \} dt \right) > (b-a)^2/4 \quad (70)$$

Lyapunov Type Ineq.

$$\left(\int_a^b p^+(t)dt \right) \left(\int_a^b \{ \beta_0 p^+(t) + |f(t)| \} dt \right) > 4/(b-a)^2 \quad (71)$$

$$x'' + p(t)|x|^{\beta-1}x + q(t)|x|^{\gamma-1}x = f(t) \quad (72)$$

c. (Forced) Linear: $\beta \rightarrow 1^+$ and $\gamma \rightarrow 1^-$ ($\beta_0, \gamma_0 \rightarrow 1/4$)

$$x'' + \underbrace{[p(t) + q(t)]}_{v(t)}x = f(t) \quad (73)$$

Hartman Type Ineq.

$$\left(\int_a^b (b-t)(t-a) v^+(t) dt \right) \left(\int_a^b (b-t)(t-a) \{ v^+(t) + 4|f(t)| \} dt \right) > (b-a)^2 \quad (74)$$

Lyapunov Type Ineq.

$$\left(\int_a^b v^+(t) dt \right) \left(\int_a^b \{ v^+(t) + 4|f(t)| \} dt \right) > 16/(b-a)^2 \quad (75)$$

Forced Sub-Half-Linear Eq.'s with Damping. $0 < \gamma < \beta$

$$(r(t)|x'|^{\beta-1}x')' + p(t)|x'|^{\beta-1}x' + q(t)|x|^{\gamma-1}x = f(t) \quad (76)$$

6. Vallée Poussin Type Ineq. Suppose that a, b , $a < b$, are consecutive zeros of a nontrivial solution of Eq. (76), then the Ineq.

$$\int_0^\infty \frac{dt}{\beta t^{1+1/\beta} + p_0 t + \lambda f_0^{1-\beta/\gamma} q_0^{\beta/\gamma}} \leq \frac{b-a}{2} \quad (77)$$

holds.

$$p_0 = \max_{t \in [a,b]} |p(t)|, \quad q_0 = \max_{t \in [a,b]} |q(t)|, \quad f_0 = \min_{t \in [a,b]} |f(t)| > 0 \quad (78)$$

$$\lambda = \gamma \beta^{-\beta/\gamma} (\beta - \gamma)^{\beta/\gamma - 1}.$$

Concluding Results/Remarks

$\beta \rightarrow \gamma$ and $f(t) = 0$:

$$(r(t)|x'|^{\gamma-1}x')' + p(t)|x'|^{\gamma-1}x' + q(t)|x|^{\gamma-1}x = 0 \quad (79)$$

a. Half-Linear Eq.'s with Damping.: $\lambda \rightarrow 1$

Existing Result:
$$\int_0^\infty \frac{dt}{\gamma t^{1+1/\gamma} + p_0 t + q_0} \leq \frac{b-a}{2} \quad (80)$$

Convention : $0^0 = 1$

$$\beta = 1 : 0 < \gamma < 1$$

$$x'' + p(t)x' + q(t)|x|^{\gamma-1}x = f(t) \quad (81)$$

b. Forced Sub-Linear Eq.'s with Damping.:

Vallée Poussin Type Ineq.

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{dt}{t^2 + p_0 t + \gamma(1-\gamma)^{1/\gamma-1} f_0^{1-1/\gamma} q_0^{1/\gamma}} \leq \frac{b-a}{2} \quad (82)$$

b¹. Linear Eq.'s: $\gamma \rightarrow 1^-$ ($f(t) = 0$)

Existing Result:
$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{dt}{t^2 + p_0 t + q_0} \leq \frac{b-a}{2} \quad (83)$$

$$(r(t)|x'|^{\beta-1}x')' + p(t)|x'|^{\beta-1}x' + q(t)|x|^{\gamma-1}x = f(t) \quad (84)$$

c. Vallée Poussin Type Ineq. Open Problems:

$\gamma = \beta = 1$ and $f(t) \neq 0$ (Linear) ?

$\gamma = \beta$ and $f(t) \neq 0$ (Half-Linear) ?

$\gamma < \beta$ and $f(t) = 0$ (Sub-Half-Linear) ?

$\gamma < \beta = 1$ and $f(t) = 0$ (Sub-Linear) ?

$\gamma > \beta$ (Super-Half-Linear) ?

$\gamma > \beta = 1$ (Super-Linear) ?

5. Examples

1. $x''(t) + 4\alpha^2 x(t) = \beta, \quad |\alpha| + |\beta| \neq 0; \quad (85)$

$$x(0) = x(b) = 0 \quad (86)$$

Lyapunov's Ineq. : $b > \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2\alpha^2 + |\beta|}} \quad (87)$

Disconjugacy on $[0, b]$: $b \leq \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2\alpha^2 + |\beta|}} \quad (88)$

$$x(0) = 0 \rightarrow \quad (89)$$

$$x(t) = c \sin(2\alpha t) + \frac{\beta}{4\alpha^2} \{1 - \cos(2\alpha t)\}, \quad c \in \mathbb{R} \quad (90)$$

$$\text{Zeros:} \quad t_n = n\pi/\alpha; \quad n \in \mathbb{N} \quad (91)$$

$$\text{Disconjugate on } [0, b]: \quad b \leq \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2\alpha^2 + |\beta|}} < \frac{\pi}{\alpha} \quad (92)$$

$$2. \quad ((\mu + \cos t)x'(t))' + (2 \cos t)x(t) = -\mu \sin t; \quad (93)$$

$$x(0) = x(\pi) = 0, \quad \mu > 1 \quad (94)$$

$$\rightarrow x(t) = \sin t \quad (95)$$

$$x(0) = x(b) = 0 :$$

Lyapunov Ineq.:

$$\{1 + \mu(1 - \cos b)\} \arctan \left(\sqrt{\frac{\mu - 1}{\mu + 1}} \tan(b/2) \right) > \sqrt{\mu^2 - 1}/4 \quad (96)$$

$\underbrace{\dots \leq \dots}_{\text{Disconjugacy on } [0, b]}$

$$b = \pi \rightarrow (96) \text{ OK}$$

$\mu = 2 \rightarrow$ (Disconjugacy:)

$$H(b) := (3 - 2 \cos b) \arctan \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \tan(b/2) \right) \leq \sqrt{3}/4 \approx 0.433012$$

$$H(\pi/2) \approx 1.570796 \quad (\times)$$

$$H(\pi/3) \approx 0.643501 \quad (\times)$$

$$H(\pi/4) \approx 0.372242 \quad (\checkmark)$$

$$H(\pi/6) \approx 0.194602 \quad (\checkmark)$$

$\exists \gamma_0 \in (\pi/4, \pi/3)$ s.t. $H(\gamma_0) = \sqrt{3}/4 \rightarrow$

Disconjugate on $[0, \gamma_0]$

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