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# A FOUR-POINT PROBLEM FOR DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS OF THE SECOND ORDER 

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#### Abstract

The paper deals with the four-point problem $u^{\prime \prime}=f\left(t, u, u^{\prime}\right), u(c)-u(a)=A$, $u(b)-u(d)=B$, where $a, b, c, d, A, B \in R, a<c<d<b$. The sufficient conditions for the existence of solutions of this problem are established.


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The questions of existence and uniqueness of solutions of the two-point boundary value problem for differential equations of the second order have a long history, going back to Picard (1893).

The boundary problems

$$
\begin{gather*}
u^{\prime \prime}=f\left(t, u, u^{\prime}\right)  \tag{0.1}\\
\sum_{j=1}^{2}\left(a_{i j} u^{(j-1)}(a)+b_{i j} u^{(j-1)}(b)\right)=c_{i}, \quad i=1,2 \tag{0.2}
\end{gather*}
$$

where $a, b, a_{i j}, b_{i j}, c_{i} \in(-\infty,+\infty), a<b$, and $f$ is a continuous function or satisfies the local Carathéodory conditions, are solved for example in [3], [5], [7], [8], [12],. In [10], [12] the linear conditions (0.2) are generalized for the case of nonlinear ones.

The three-point problems for differential equations of the second order were studied in [1], [2], [9], and [11]. The problem of existence of solutions of the equation

$$
u^{\prime \prime}=f(t, u)
$$

satisfying the conditions

$$
u(0)=u(a)=u(2 a), \quad a \in(-\infty,+\infty)
$$

is solved in [1], [2].

The theorems of existence and uniqueness of solutions of the equation (0.1) satisfying the conditons

$$
u(a)=c_{1}, \quad u(b)=u\left(t_{0}\right)+c_{2}, \quad a, b, t_{0}, c_{1}, c_{2} \in(-\infty,+\infty), a<t_{0}<b
$$

are proved in [11] and for the linear differential equation in [9].

## I

Our paper deals with the problem of existence of solutions of the equation

$$
\begin{equation*}
u^{\prime \prime}=f\left(t, u, u^{\prime}\right) \tag{1.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

defined on the interval $[a, b]$ and satisfying the conditions

$$
\begin{equation*}
u(c)-u(a)=A, \quad u(b)-u(d)=B \tag{1.2}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $A, B \in(-\infty, \infty),-\infty<a<c<d<b<+\infty$.
We shall use the following notations:

$$
\begin{gathered}
R=(-\infty,+\infty), \quad R_{+}=[0,+\infty), \quad D=[a, b] \times R^{2}, \quad D_{+}=[a, b] \times R_{+}^{2}, \\
\tau= \begin{cases}\max \{c-a, b-c\} & \text { for } d-a>b-c, \\
\max \{d-a, b-d\} & \text { for } d-a \leqq b-c, \\
\alpha=(B /(b-d)-A /(c-a))(b-c+d-a)^{-1}\end{cases} \\
\beta=(A(b+d) /(c-a)-B(c+a) /(b-d))(b-c+d-a)^{-1}, \\
\gamma \in R, \quad r_{0}=\max \left\{\left|g_{0}(t)\right|: a \leqq t \leqq b\right\}, \quad r_{1}=\max \left\{\left|g_{0}^{\prime}(t)\right|: a \leqq t \leqq b\right\}
\end{gathered}
$$

$A C^{1}(a, b)$ is the set of all real functions which are absolutely continuous with their first derivatives on $[a, b]$.

Car $_{\text {loc }}(D)$ is the set of all real functions satisfying the local Carathéodory conditions on $D$, i.e. $f \in \operatorname{Car}_{\text {loc }}(D)$ iff
$f(., x, y):[a, b] \rightarrow R$ is measurable for every $(x, y) \in R^{2}$, $f(t, \ldots): R^{2} \rightarrow R$ is continuous for almost every $t \in[a, b]$,
$\sup \{|f(., x, y)|: 1 x 1+1 y 1 \leqq \varrho\} \in L(a, b)$ for any $\varrho \in(0,+\infty)$.
Definition. A function $u \in A C^{1}(a, b)$ which fulfils (1.1) for almost every $t \in[a, b]$ will be called a solution of the equation (1.1). Each solution of (1.1) which satisfies the conditions (1.2) will be called a solution of the problem (1.1), (1.2).

In the whole paper we suppose that $f \in \operatorname{Car}_{\mathrm{loc}}(D)$ and $\lambda \in\{-1,1\}$.
Theorem 1. Let there exist $r \in(0,+\infty)$ such that on the set $D$ the inequalities

$$
\begin{equation*}
\lambda[f(t, x, y)-2 \alpha] \operatorname{sgn} x \geqq 0 \quad \text { for }|x|>r \tag{1.3}
\end{equation*}
$$

$$
\begin{equation*}
|f(t, x, y)| \leqq \omega(t,|x|,|y|) \tag{1.4}
\end{equation*}
$$

are fulfilled, where $\omega \in \operatorname{Car}_{1 \mathrm{loc}}\left(D_{+}\right)$is a non-negative function, non-decreasing with respect to its second and third variables and satisfying the conditions

$$
\begin{equation*}
\limsup _{e \rightarrow+\infty} \frac{1}{\varrho} \int_{a}^{b} \omega(t, \varrho(b-a), \varrho) \mathrm{d} t<1 \tag{1.5}
\end{equation*}
$$

Then the problem (1.1), (1.2) has at least one solution.

Corollary. Let there exist $r \in(0,+\infty)$ such that on the set $D$ the inequalities (1.3) and

$$
\begin{equation*}
|f(t, x, y)| \leqq h_{1}(t)|x|+h_{2}(t)|y|+\omega(t,|x|+|y|) \tag{1.6}
\end{equation*}
$$

are fulfilled, where $h_{1}, h_{2} \in L(a, b)$ are non-negative functions satisfying

$$
\begin{equation*}
(b-a) \int_{a}^{b} h_{1}(t) \mathrm{d} t+\int_{a}^{b} h_{2}(t) \mathrm{d} t<1 \tag{1.7}
\end{equation*}
$$

and $\omega \in \operatorname{Car}_{\text {loc }}\left([a, b] \times R_{+}\right)$is a non-negative function, non-decreasing with respect to its second variable and satisfying the condition

$$
\begin{equation*}
\lim _{\varrho \rightarrow+\infty} \frac{1}{\varrho}+\int_{a}^{b} \omega(t, \varrho) \mathrm{d} t=0 \tag{1.8}
\end{equation*}
$$

Then the problem (1.1), (1.2) has at least one solution.

Theorem 2. Let there exist $r \in(0,+\infty)$ such that on the set $D$ the inequalities (1.3) and

$$
\begin{equation*}
|f(t, x, y)| \leqq a_{1}|x|+a_{2}|y|+\omega(t,|x|+|y|) \tag{1.9}
\end{equation*}
$$

are fulfilled, where $a_{1}, a_{2} \in(0,+\infty)$ satisfy

$$
\begin{equation*}
a_{1}(2(b-a) / \pi)^{2}+a_{2}(2(b-a) / \pi)<1 \tag{1.10}
\end{equation*}
$$

and $\omega$ is the function from Corollary.
Then the problem (1.1), (1.2) has at least one solution.

Theorem 3. Let there exist $r \in(0,+\infty)$ such that on the set $D$ the inequalities (1.3) and (1.9) are fulfilled, where $a_{1}, a_{2} \in(0,+\infty)$ satisfy

$$
\begin{equation*}
a_{1} \tau(b-a)(2 / \pi)^{2}+a_{2} \tau 2 / \pi<1 \tag{1:11}
\end{equation*}
$$

and $\omega:[a, b] \times R_{+} \rightarrow R_{+}$is a function such that

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(1.12)

$$
\begin{cases}\omega(., \varrho) \in L^{2}(a, b) & \text { for any } \varrho \in R_{+} \\ \omega(t, .) \in C\left(R_{+}\right) & \text {is non-decreasing } \\ \lim _{\varrho \rightarrow+\infty} \frac{1}{\varrho}\left(\int_{a}^{b} \omega^{2}(t, \varrho) \mathrm{d} t\right)^{1 / 2}=0\end{cases}
$$

Then the problem (1.1), (1.2) has at least one solution.

II
Lemma 1. ([6], Theorem 256, p. 219). If $f \in A C\left(t_{1}, t_{2}\right), f^{\prime} \in L^{2}\left(t_{1}, t_{2}\right)$ and $f\left(t_{0}\right)=$ $=0$, where $-\infty<t_{1}<t_{2}<+\infty, t_{0} \in\left[t_{1}, t_{2}\right]$, then .

$$
\int_{t_{1}}^{t_{2}} f^{2}(t) \mathrm{d} t=\left(2\left(t_{2}-t_{1}\right) / \pi\right)^{2} \int_{t_{1}}^{t_{2}} f^{\prime 2}(t) \mathrm{d} t
$$

Lemma 2. Let $\varepsilon \in(0,+\infty)$ satisfy the inequality

$$
\begin{equation*}
\varepsilon \tau(b-a)(2 / \pi)^{2}<1 \tag{2.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

Then the problem

$$
\begin{equation*}
v^{\prime \prime}=\lambda \varepsilon v \tag{2.2}
\end{equation*}
$$

$$
\begin{equation*}
v(c)-v(a)=0, \quad v(b)-v(d)=0 \tag{2.3}
\end{equation*}
$$

has only the trivial solution.
Proof. Let $v$ be a solution of the problem (2.2), (2.3). By (2.3), there exist $t_{1} \in(a, c), t_{2} \in(d, b)$ such that $v^{\prime}\left(t_{1}\right)=v^{\prime}\left(t_{2}\right)=0$. Therefore, in view of (2.2), we have $t_{0} \in\left(t_{1}, t_{2}\right)$ such that $v^{\prime \prime}\left(t_{0}\right)=v\left(t_{0}\right)=0$. It follows from Lemma 1 , that

$$
\int_{a}^{b} v^{\prime 2}(t) \mathrm{d} t \leqq(2 \tau / \pi)^{2} \int_{a}^{b} v^{\prime \prime 2}(t) \mathrm{d} t
$$

and

$$
\begin{equation*}
\int_{a}^{b} v^{2}(t) \mathrm{d} t \leqq(2 / \pi)^{4}(\tau(b-a))^{2} \int_{a}^{b} v^{\prime \prime 2}(t) \mathrm{d} t . \tag{2.4}
\end{equation*}
$$

Hence, by (2.2), (2.4), we find, that

$$
\cdot \int_{a}^{b} v^{\prime \prime 2}(t) \mathrm{d} t \leqq\left(\varepsilon(2 / \pi)^{2} \tau(b-a)\right)^{2} \int_{a}^{b} v^{\prime \prime 2}(t) \mathrm{d} t
$$

and by (2.1) (2.4), we find, that $v(t)=0$ for $t \in[a, b]$.
Lemma 3. Let $a_{1}, a_{2} \in(0,+\infty)$ satisfy (1.10) and $h_{1}, h_{2} \in L(a, b)$ be such that

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left|h_{i}(t)\right| \leqq a_{i}, \quad i=1,2, \quad a \leqq t \leqq b \tag{2.5}
\end{equation*}
$$

Then the problem

$$
\begin{gather*}
v^{\prime \prime}=h_{1}(t) v+h_{2}(t) v^{\prime}  \tag{2.6}\\
v\left(t_{0}\right)=v^{\prime}\left(t_{1}\right)=0, \quad t_{0}, t_{1} \in(a, b) \tag{2.7}
\end{gather*}
$$

has only the trivial solution.
Proof. Let $v$ be a solution of the problem (2.6), (2.7). Then, by Lemma 1, we have

$$
\begin{equation*}
\int_{a}^{b} v^{\prime 2}(t) \mathrm{d} t \leqq(2(b-a) / \pi)^{2} \int_{a}^{b} v^{\prime \prime 2}(t) \mathrm{d} t \tag{2.8}
\end{equation*}
$$

and

$$
\begin{equation*}
\int_{a}^{b} v^{2}(t) \mathrm{d} t \leqq(2(b-a) / \pi)^{4} \int_{a}^{b} v^{\prime \prime 2}(t) \mathrm{d} t . \tag{2.9}
\end{equation*}
$$

Therefore, by (2.5), (2.6), (2.8), (2.9), we obtain

$$
\left(\int_{a}^{b} v^{\prime \prime 2}(t) \mathrm{d} t\right)^{1 / 2} \leqq\left(\left(a_{1} 2(b-a) / \pi\right)^{2}+a_{2} 2(b-a) / \pi\right)\left(\int_{a}^{b} v^{\prime \prime 2}(t) \mathrm{d} t\right)^{1 / 2}
$$

From the last inequality, according to (1.10) and (2.9), it follows $v(t)=0$ for $t \in[a, b]$.

Lemma 4. Let $g \in \operatorname{Car}_{\text {loc }}(D)$ and $\varepsilon \in(0,+\infty)$ satisfy (2.1). If there exists $g^{*} \in$ $\in L(a, b)$ such that

$$
|g(t, x, y)| \leqq g^{*}(t) \quad \text { on } D
$$

then the problem

$$
\begin{equation*}
v^{\prime \prime}=\lambda \varepsilon v+g\left(t, v, v^{\prime}\right) \tag{2.3}
\end{equation*}
$$

is solvable.
Proof. See [4] or [8], Theorem 2.4, p. 25.
Lemma 5. Let $a_{1}, a_{2} \in(0,+\infty)$ and let for any $h_{1}, h_{2} \in L(a, b)$ satisfying (2.5) the problem (2.6), (2.7) have only the trivial solution. Then there exists such $\gamma \in$ $\epsilon(0,+\infty)$, that for any $h_{1}, h_{2} \in L(a, b)$ satisfying (2.5), the inequality

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left|\frac{\partial G(t, s)}{\partial t}\right|+|G(t, s)| \leqq \gamma, \quad a \leqq t, s \leqq b \tag{2.10}
\end{equation*}
$$

is fulfilled, where $G$ is the Green function of the problem (2.6), (2.7).
Proof. See [8], Lemma 2.2, p. 12.

## Lemmas for a priori estimates

Lemma 6. Let $r \in(0,+\infty)$ and $\omega \in \operatorname{Car}_{\text {loc }}\left(D_{+}\right)$be a non-negative function, nondecreasing with respect to its second and third variables and satisfying (1.5).

Then there exists $r^{*} \in(r,+\infty)$ such that for any function $v \in A C^{1}(a, b)$ the conditions

$$
\begin{equation*}
v(a)=v(c), \quad v(d)=v(b) \tag{3.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

$$
\begin{equation*}
\lambda v^{\prime \prime}(t) \operatorname{sgn} v(t)>0 \quad \text { for }|v(t)|>r, t \in[a, b] \tag{3.2}
\end{equation*}
$$

imply the estimate

$$
\begin{equation*}
|v(t)|+\left|v^{\prime}(t)\right| \leqq r^{*} \quad \text { for } a \leqq t \leqq b \tag{3.4}
\end{equation*}
$$

Proof. The condition (3.1) implies the existence of $t_{1}, t_{2} \in(a, b)$ such that $v^{\prime}\left(t_{1}\right)=v^{\prime}\left(t_{2}\right)=0$. If $|v(t)|>r$ on $(a, b)$ then, by (3.2), $v^{\prime}$ has to be strictly monotonous on $(a, b)$ and we get the contradiction. Therefore there exists $t_{0} \in(a, b)$ such that $\mid v\left(t_{0}\right) \mathrm{L} \leqq r$.

Put $\varrho_{0}=\max \left\{\left|v^{\prime}(t)\right|: a \leqq t \leqq b\right\}$. Integrating the inequality $\left|v^{\prime}(t)\right| \leqq \varrho_{0}$ from $t_{0}$ to $t$, we have $\mid v(t) \mathrm{L} \leqq r+(b-a) \varrho_{0}$. Let $t^{*} \in[a, b]$ be such that $\left|v^{\prime}\left(t^{*}\right)\right|=\varrho_{0}$. Integrating (3.3) from $t_{1}$ to $t^{*}$, we get

$$
\begin{equation*}
\varrho_{0} \leqq \int_{a}^{b} \omega\left(t, r+(b-a) \varrho_{0}, \varrho_{0}\right) \mathrm{d} t \tag{3.5}
\end{equation*}
$$

Hence, by (1.5), there exists $\delta>0$ such that.

$$
(1+\delta) \limsup _{\varrho \rightarrow+\infty} \frac{1}{\varrho} \int_{a}^{b} \omega(t, \varrho(b-a), \varrho) \mathrm{d} t<1
$$

Consequently there exists $\varrho^{*}>0$ such that for any $\varrho>\varrho^{*}$ the inequalities

$$
r+\varrho(b-a) \leqq(1+\delta) \varrho(b-a)
$$

and

$$
\begin{equation*}
\frac{1}{\varrho} \int_{a}^{b} \omega(t,(1+\delta)(b-a) \varrho, \quad(1+\delta) \varrho) \mathrm{d} t<1 \tag{3.6}
\end{equation*}
$$

are satisfied. By (3.5) and (3.6), we obtain $\varrho_{0} \leqq \varrho^{*}$. Putting

$$
r^{*}=r+(b-a+1) \varrho^{*}
$$

we get the estimate (3.4).
Lemma 7. Let $r \in(0,+\infty), a_{1}, a_{2} \in(0,+\infty)$ satisfy (1.10) and $\omega \in \operatorname{Car}_{\mathrm{loc}}([a, b] \times$
$\times R_{+}$) is a non-negative function, non-decreasing with respect to its second variable and satisfying (1.8).

Then there exists $r^{*} \in(r,+\infty)$ such that for any function $v \in A C^{1}(a, b)$ the conditions (3.1), (3.2) and
(3.7) $\quad\left|v^{\prime \prime}(t)\right| \leqq a_{1}|v(t)|+a_{2}\left|v^{\prime}(t)\right|+\omega\left(t,|v|+\left|v^{\prime}\right|\right), \quad t \in(a, b)$
imply the estimate (3.4).
Proof. From (3.1), (3.2) it follows that there exist $t_{0}, t_{1}, t_{2} \in(a, b)$ such that $v^{\prime}\left(t_{1}\right)=v^{\prime}\left(t_{2}\right)=0$ and $v\left(t_{0}\right)=c_{0}$, where $\left|c_{0}\right| \leqq r$. Put $y(t)=v(t)-c_{0}$ for $a \leqq t \leqq b$ and consider the equation

$$
\begin{equation*}
y^{\prime \prime}=h_{1}(t) y+h_{2}(t) y^{\prime}+h_{0}(t) \tag{3.8}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $h_{i}(t)=a_{i} \cdot k(t) v^{\prime \prime}(t) \operatorname{sgn} v^{(i-1)}(t), i=1,2, h_{0}(t)=\omega\left(t,|v|+\left|v^{\prime}\right|\right) k(t) v^{\prime \prime}(t)+$ $+h_{1}(t) c_{0}, k(t)=\left(a_{1}|v|+a_{2}\left|v^{\prime}\right|+\omega\left(t,|v|+\left|v^{\prime}\right|\right)\right)^{-1}$. Since $\left|h_{i}(t)\right| \leqq a_{i}$, $i=1,2$, it follows from Lemma 3 that the problem

$$
\begin{gather*}
y^{\prime \prime}=h_{1}(t) \cdot y+h_{2}(t) y^{\prime}  \tag{3.9}\\
y\left(t_{0}\right)=y^{\prime}\left(t_{1}\right)=0 \tag{3.10}
\end{gather*}
$$

has only the trivial solution. Consequently, by Lemma 5, the solution

$$
y(t)=\int_{a}^{b} G(t, s) h_{0}(s) \mathrm{d} s
$$

of the problem (3.8), (3.10) satisfies
$|y(t)|+\left|y^{\prime}(t)\right| \leqq \gamma \int_{a}^{b}\left|h_{0}(s)\right| \mathrm{d} s \leqq \gamma(1+r) \int_{a}^{b}\left(\left|h_{1}(s)\right|+\omega\left(s, r+|y|+\left|y^{\prime}\right|\right)\right) \mathrm{d} s$.
Let $\varrho_{0}=\max \left\{|y(t)|+\left|y^{\prime}(t)\right|: a \leqq t \leqq b\right\}$. Then

$$
\begin{equation*}
\varrho_{0} \leqq \gamma(r+1) \int_{a}^{b}\left(\left|h_{1}(s)\right|+\omega\left(s, r+\varrho_{0}\right)\right) \mathrm{d} s \tag{3.11}
\end{equation*}
$$

In view of (1.8) there exists $\varrho^{*}>0$ such that for any $\varrho>\varrho^{*}$ the inequality

$$
\begin{equation*}
\gamma(1+r) \int_{a}^{b}\left(\left|h_{1}(t)\right|+\omega(t, r+\varrho)\right) \mathrm{d} t<\varrho \tag{3.12}
\end{equation*}
$$

is satisfied. From (3.11), (3.12) it is clear that $\varrho_{0} \leqq \varrho^{*}$. Putting $r^{*}=\varrho^{*}+r$, we get the estimate (3.4).

Lemma 8. Let $r \in(0,+\infty), a_{1}, a_{2} \in(0,+\infty)$ satisfy (1.11) and $\omega:[a, b] \times$ $+R_{+} \rightarrow R_{+}$satisfy (1.12).

Then there exists $r^{*} \in(r,+\infty)$ such that for any function $v \in A C^{1}(a, b)$ the conditions (3.1), (3.2) and (3.7) imply the estimate (3.4).

Proof. In the same way as in the proof of Lemma 6 we can find zeros of $v^{\prime}$ and the point $t_{0}$ such that $\left|v\left(t_{0}\right)\right| \leqq r$. By Lemma 1 we obtain

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left(\int_{a}^{b} v^{\prime 2}(t) \mathrm{d} t\right)^{1 / 2} \leqq 2 \tau / \pi\left(\int_{a}^{b} v^{\prime \prime 2}(t) \mathrm{d} t\right)^{1 / 2} \tag{3.13}
\end{equation*}
$$

and

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left(\int_{a}^{b}\left(v(t)-v\left(t_{0}\right)\right)^{2} \mathrm{~d} t\right)^{1 / 2} \leqq \tau(b-a)(2 / \pi)^{2}\left(\int_{a}^{b} v^{\prime \prime 2}(t) \mathrm{d} t\right)^{1 / 2} \tag{3.14}
\end{equation*}
$$

Let us put $\rho_{0}^{\prime}=\left(\int_{a}^{b} v^{\prime \prime 2}(t) \mathrm{d} t\right)^{1 / 2}$ ! Then, by the Hölder inequality, we get

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left|v^{\prime}(t)\right|=\left|\int_{t_{1}}^{t} v^{\prime \prime}(s) \mathrm{d} s\right| \leqq \varrho_{0}(b-a)^{1 / 2} \tag{3.15}
\end{equation*}
$$

and

$$
\begin{equation*}
|v(t)| \leqq\left|\int_{t_{0}}^{t} v^{\prime}(s) \mathrm{d} s\right|+r \leqq \varrho_{0}(b-a)_{t_{d}}^{3 / 2}+r . \tag{3.16}
\end{equation*}
$$

From (3.7) it follows, by virtue of (3.13), 3.14), (3.15) and (3.16)

$$
\begin{gathered}
\varrho_{0-1} \leqq\left(a_{1} \tau(b-a)(2 / \pi)^{2}+a_{2} 2 \tau / \pi\right) \varrho_{0}+a_{1} r \sqrt{b-a}+ \\
+_{l}\left(\int_{a}^{b} \omega^{2}\left(t, r+\varrho_{0}(b-a+1)^{2}\right) \mathrm{d} t\right)^{1 / 2}
\end{gathered}
$$

In view of (1.11) and (1.12), there exists $\varrho^{*}>0$ such that for any $\varrho>\varrho^{*}$ the inequality

$$
\begin{gathered}
\left(a_{1} \tau(b-a)(2 / \pi)^{2}+a_{2} 2 \tau / \pi\right) \varrho+a_{1} r \sqrt{b-a}+ \\
\quad+\left(\int_{a}^{b} \omega^{2}\left(t, r+\varrho(b-a+1)^{2} \mathrm{~d} t\right)^{1 / 2}<\varrho\right.
\end{gathered}
$$

is valid and consequently $\varrho_{0} \leqq \varrho^{*}$. Putting

$$
r^{*}=r+\varrho^{*}\left((b-a)^{1 / 2}+(b-a)^{3 / 2}\right)
$$

in accordance to (3.15), (3.16), we get the estimate (3.4).

## IV

## Proofs of Theorems

Proof of Theorem 1. Let $\varepsilon_{0} \in(0 .+\infty)$ satisfy

$$
\begin{equation*}
\varepsilon_{0}(b-a)^{2}+\lim _{\varrho \rightarrow+\infty} \frac{1}{\varrho} \int_{a}^{b} \omega(t, \varrho(b-a), \varrho) \mathrm{d} t<1 \tag{4.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

and $r^{*}$ be the constant constructed by means of Lemma 6 for the function
$\tilde{\omega}(t,|x|,|y|)=\omega\left(t,|x|+r_{0},|y|+r_{1}\right)+\varepsilon_{0}|x|+2|\alpha|$ and for the constant $\tilde{r}=r+r_{0}$. Put

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \chi\left(r^{*}, s\right)= \begin{cases}1 & \text { for } 0 \leqq s \leqq r^{*} \\
2-s / r^{*} & \text { for } r^{*}<s<2 r^{*} \\
0 & \text { for } s \geqq 2 r^{*}\end{cases} \\
& g(t, x, y)=f\left(t, x+g_{0}(t), y+g_{0}^{\prime}(t)\right)-2 \alpha \\
& \tilde{g}(t, x, y)=\chi\left(r^{*},|x|+|y|\right) g(t, x, y)
\end{aligned}
$$

and consider the equation

$$
\begin{equation*}
v^{\prime \prime}=\lambda \varepsilon v+\tilde{g}\left(t, v, v^{\prime}\right), \quad \varepsilon \in\left(0, \varepsilon_{0}\right] \tag{4.2}
\end{equation*}
$$

Since $\varepsilon$ and $\tilde{g}$ satisfy the assumptions of Lemma 4, the problem (4.2), (2.3) has a solution $v$. Clearly $v$ satisfies (3.1). Let $v(t)>\tilde{r}$ for some $t \in[a, b]$. Then $v(t)+$ $+g_{0}(t)>r$ and

$$
\lambda v^{\prime \prime}(t)=\lambda \chi\left(r^{*},|v|+\left|v^{\prime}\right|\right)\left(f\left(t, v+g_{0}(t), v^{\prime}+g_{0}^{\prime}(t)\right)-2 \alpha\right)+\varepsilon v(t)>0
$$

Analogously, if $v(t)<-\tilde{r}$, then $v(t)+g_{0}(t)<-r$ and $\left.\lambda v^{\prime \prime} t\right)<0$. Consequently $v$ satisfies (3.2) with the constant $\tilde{r}$. Further

$$
\begin{gathered}
\left|v^{\prime \prime}(t)\right| \leqq\left|f\left(t, v+g_{0}(t), v^{\prime}+g_{0}^{\prime}(t)\right)-2 \alpha\right|+\varepsilon|v(t)| \leqq \\
\leqq \omega\left(t,|v|+r_{0},\left|v^{\prime}\right|+r_{1}\right)+2|\alpha|+\varepsilon_{0}|v(t)|=\tilde{\omega}\left(t,|v|,\left|v^{\prime}\right|\right) .
\end{gathered}
$$

According to (4.1) there exists $\delta>0$ such that

$$
\begin{equation*}
\varepsilon_{0}(b-a)^{2}+(1+\delta) \limsup _{\varrho \rightarrow+\infty} \frac{1}{\varrho} \int_{a}^{b} \omega(t, \varrho(b-a), \varrho) \mathrm{d} t<1 \tag{4.3}
\end{equation*}
$$

It follows from (4.3) that there exists $\varrho^{*}>0$ such that for any $\varrho>\varrho^{*}$ the inequalities

$$
\begin{gathered}
r_{0}+\varrho(b-a) \leqq(1+\delta) \varrho(b-a), \quad r_{1}+\varrho \leqq(1+\delta) \varrho \\
\varepsilon_{0}(b-a)^{2}+\frac{1}{!} \int_{a}^{b}(\omega(t,(1+\delta) \varrho(b-a),(1+\delta) \varrho)+2|\alpha|) \mathrm{d} t<1
\end{gathered}
$$

The latter inequality implies that $\tilde{\omega}$ satisfies (1.5). Hence, by Lemma 6, the estimate (3.4) is valid and $v$ is a solution of the equation $v^{\prime \prime}=\lambda \varepsilon v+g\left(t, v, v^{\prime}\right)$. Thus $u$ $=v+g_{0}$ is a solution of the equation

$$
\begin{equation*}
u^{\prime \prime}=\lambda \varepsilon\left(u-g_{0}(t)\right)+f\left(t, u, u^{\prime}\right) \tag{4.4}
\end{equation*}
$$

and satisfies the conditions (1.2). Therefore for any $\varepsilon \in\left(0, \varepsilon_{0}\right]$ there exists a solution $u_{z}$ of the problem (4.4), (1.2) satisfying the estimate $\left|u_{z}\right|+\left|u_{z}^{\prime}\right| \leqq r^{*}+r_{0}+$ $+r_{1}$ for $a \leqq t \leqq b$. From this it follows that all functions of the set $\left\{u_{\varepsilon}: \varepsilon \in\left(0, \varepsilon_{0}\right]\right\}$ are uniformly bounded with their derivatives and so also equi-continuous on
[ $a, b]$. Therefore, by the Arzelà - Ascoli lemma, there exists a sequence $\left(\varepsilon_{k}\right)_{k=1}^{\infty}$, $\varepsilon_{k} \rightarrow 0$ for $k \rightarrow \infty$, and a sequence ( $\left.u_{\varepsilon_{k}}\right)_{k=1}^{\infty}$ uniformly converging together with $\left(u_{c_{k}}^{\prime}\right)_{k=1}^{\infty}$ on [a,b] such that $u_{0}(t)=\lim _{k \rightarrow \infty} u_{\varepsilon_{k}}(t)$ is a solution of the problem (1.1), (1.2).

Proof of Theorem 2. Let $\varepsilon_{0} \in(0,+\infty)$ satisfy the inequality $\varepsilon_{0}(2 / \pi)^{2}(b-a)^{2}+$ $+a_{1}(2 / \pi)^{2}(b-a)^{2}+a_{2}(2 / \pi)(b-a)<1$ and $r^{*}$ be the constant constructed by means of Lemma 7 for the function $\tilde{\omega}(t,|x|+|y|)=\omega(t,|x|+|y|+$ $\left.+r_{0}+r_{1}\right)+a_{1} r_{0}+a_{2} r_{1}+2|\alpha|$ and for the constants $a_{1}+\varepsilon_{0}, a_{2}, \tilde{r}=r+r_{0}$. Then, using Lemma 7, we can prove Theorem 2 in a similar way as Theorem 1.

Proof of Theorem 3. Theorem 3 can be proved in the same way as Theorem 2, only by means of Lemma 8.

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