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ON RELATIONS AMONG DISPERSIONS  
 OF AN OSCILLATORY DIFFERENTIAL  
 EQUATION  $y'' = q(t)y$

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1.1. This paper is a generalization of some results of Laitoch [3] and Barvíněk [1].

Consider a differential equation

$$(q) \quad y'' = q(t) \cdot y, \quad q \in C^0[a, b], b \leq \infty$$

where  $C^n[a, b]$  ( $n$  a non-negative integer) is the set of all continuous functions with continuous derivatives up to and including the order  $n$  on  $[a, b]$ . Let  $(q)$  be an oscillatory ( $t \rightarrow b_-$ ) differential equation on  $[a, b]$  (i.e. every non-trivial solution has infinitely many zeros on every interval of the form  $[t_c, b)$ ,  $t_0 \in [a, b)$ ).

Let  $y_1, y_2$  be non-trivial solutions of  $(q)$  and  $y_1(t) = 0, y_2'(t) = 0$ . If  $\varphi(t)$  ( $\psi(t)$ ) is the first zero of  $y_1(y_2)$  lying on the right of  $t$ , then  $\varphi$  ( $\psi$ ) is called the basic central dispersion of the 1st (2nd) kind (briefly, dispersion of the 1st (2nd) kind). If  $\chi(t)$  ( $\omega(t)$ ) is the first zero of  $y_1'(y_2)$  lying on the right of  $t$ , then  $\chi$  ( $\omega$ ) is called the basic central dispersion of the 3rd (4th) kind (briefly, dispersion of the 3rd (4th) kind).

The properties of dispersions can be found in [2]. If  $\delta$  is the dispersion of the  $k$ -th kind of  $(q)$ , ( $k = 1, 2, 3, 4$ ), then  $\delta$  has the following properties:

- 1)  $\delta \in C^3[a, b]$  if  $k = 1,$   
 $\delta \in C^1[a, b]$  if  $k \neq 1.$
- 2)  $\delta'(t) > 0$  on  $[a, b).$  (1)
- 3)  $\delta(t) > t$  on  $[a, b).$
- 4)  $\lim_{t \rightarrow b_-} \delta(t) = b.$

Let  $y$  be an arbitrary non-trivial solution of  $(q)$  and  $q < 0$  on  $[a, b)$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi'(t) &= \frac{y^2(\varphi(t))}{y^2(t)} && \text{for } y(t) \neq 0, \\ &= \frac{y'^2(t)}{y'^2(\varphi(t))} && \text{for } y(t) = 0, \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

$$\begin{aligned}\psi'(t) &= \frac{q(t)}{q(\psi(t))} \frac{y'^2(\psi(t))}{y'^2(t)} \quad \text{or } y'(t) \neq 0, \\ &= \frac{q(t)}{q(\psi(t))} \frac{y^2(t)}{y^2(\psi(t))} \quad \text{for } y'(t) = 0,\end{aligned}\tag{3}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\chi'(t) &= -\frac{1}{q(\chi(t))} \frac{y'^2(\chi(t))}{y^2(t)} \quad \text{for } y(t) \neq 0, \\ &= -\frac{1}{q(\chi(t))} \frac{y'^2(t)}{y^2(\chi(t))} \quad \text{for } y(t) = 0,\end{aligned}\tag{4}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\omega'(t) &= -q(t) \cdot \frac{y^2(\omega(t))}{y'^2(t)} \quad \text{for } y'(t) \neq 0, \\ &= -q(t) \cdot \frac{y^2(t)}{y'^2(\omega(t))} \quad \text{for } y'(t) = 0,\end{aligned}\tag{5}$$

see [2] § 13.3.

**2.1. Theorem 1.** *Let  $\varphi(\psi)$  be the dispersion of the 1st (2nd) kind of an oscillatory ( $t \rightarrow b_-$ ) differential equation ( $q$ ),  $q \in C^0[a, b]$ ,  $q < 0$ .*

<i>Let <math>t_0 \in [a, b]</math>.</i>	<i>Then</i>
a) $\varphi(t_0) < \psi(t_0)$	<i>if, and only if <math>\varphi''(t_0) &gt; 0</math></i>
b) $\varphi(t_0) = \psi(t_0)$	<i>if, and only if <math>\varphi''(t_0) = 0</math></i>
c) $\varphi(t_0) > \psi(t_0)$	<i>if, and only if <math>\varphi''(t_0) &lt; 0</math>.</i>

*Proof.* Let  $y$  be a non-trivial solution of ( $q$ ),  $y(t) \neq 0$ . Then according to (2)

$$\varphi'(t) = \frac{y^2(\varphi(t))}{y^2(t)},$$

in a neighbourhood of the point  $t$ . From this

$$\varphi''(t) = 2 \cdot \frac{y^2(\varphi(t))}{y^4(t)} (y'(\varphi(t)) \cdot y(\varphi(t)) - y'(t) y(t)).\tag{6}$$

Let us put:  $\varphi_0 = \varphi(t_0)$ ,  $\psi_0 = \psi(t_0)$ .

a) Let us choose such a solution  $y$  of ( $q$ ) that  $y(t_0) > 0$ ,  $y'(t_0) = 0$ . Hence  $y'(\psi_0) = 0$ ,  $y'(t) < 0$  on  $(t_0, \psi_0)$ ,  $y'(t) > 0$  on  $(\psi_0, \psi(\psi_0))$ ,  $y(\varphi_0) < 0$  (using separation Theorems, see [2] § 2.3).

Let  $\varphi''(t_0) > 0$ . Then it follows from (6) that  $y'(\varphi_0) \cdot y(\varphi_0) > 0$ . As  $y(\varphi_0) < 0$ , then  $y'(\varphi_0) < 0$  and thus  $\varphi_0 < \psi_0$ .

Let  $\varphi_0 < \psi_0$ . Then  $y'(\varphi_0) < 0$  and it follows from (6) that

$$\varphi''(t_0) = 2 \cdot \frac{y^2(\varphi_0)}{y^2(t_0)} (y'(\varphi_0) \cdot y(\varphi_0)) > 0.$$

The cases b) c) can be proved in the same way as in a).

**Corollary.** Let  $(q)$  be an oscillatory  $(t \rightarrow b_-)$  differential equation,  $q \in C^0[a, b)$ ,  $q < 0$ . Then its dispersions of the 1st and 2nd kind coincide

$$\varphi(t) = \psi(t), \quad t \in [a, b)$$

if, and only if  $\varphi''(t) = 0$ ,  $t \in [a, b)$ , i.e.

$$\varphi = ct + d$$

where  $c, d$  are suitable constants.

This is the Theorem of Laitoch, see [2], § 16.1 and [3].

**Theorem 2.** Let  $\varphi(\psi)$  be the dispersion of the 1st (2nd) kind of an oscillatory  $(t \rightarrow b)$  differential equation  $(q)$ ,  $q \in C^0[a, b)$ ,  $q < 0$ . Let  $t_0 \in [a, b)$ .

Then

$$a) \varphi(t_0) \neq \psi(t_0) \text{ if, and only if } \psi'(t_0) \cdot \varphi'(t_0) < \frac{q(t_0)}{q(\psi(t_0))},$$

$$b) \varphi(t_0) = \psi(t_0) \text{ if, and only if } \psi'(t_0) \cdot \varphi'(t_0) = \frac{q(t_0)}{q(\psi(t_0))}.$$

**Proof.** Let us choose a solution of  $(q)$  such that  $y(t_0) = 0$ ,  $y'(t_0) > 0$ . Then according to (2) and (3) we have

$$\psi'(t_0) = \frac{q(t_0)}{q(\psi_0)} \cdot \frac{1}{\varphi'(t_0)} \frac{y'^2(\psi_0)}{y'^2(\varphi_0)}, \quad (7)$$

where we put  $\varphi_0 = \varphi(t_0)$ ,  $\psi_0 = \psi(t_0)$ .

a) Let  $y$  be a non-trivial solution of  $(q)$ ,  $y(t_0) = 0$ ,  $y'(t_0) > 0$ . From this and from Separation Theorems it follows that  $t_0 < t_1 < \varphi_0$ ,  $\psi_0 < t_2$ ,  $y(t) > 0$  on  $[t_1, \varphi_0)$ ,

$$y(t) < 0 \text{ on } (\varphi_0, t_2], y'(t) < 0 \text{ on } (t_1, t_2),$$

where

$$t_1 = \chi(t_0), \quad t_2 = \chi(\varphi_0).$$

Thus  $y$  is an increasing function on  $(\varphi_0, t_2]$  and a decreasing function on  $[t_1, \varphi_0)$  (because

$$y''(t) = q(t) \cdot y(t) > 0 \quad (< 0) \quad \text{on } (\varphi_0, t_2] \text{ (}[t_1, \varphi_0)\text{)).$$

Let  $\varphi_0 < \psi_0$ . Then  $\frac{y'^2(\psi_0)}{y'^2(\varphi_0)} < 1$  and the statement is valid according to (7).

Let  $\varphi_0 > \psi_0$ . Then the proof is similar.

Let the inequality

$$\psi'(t_0) \cdot \varphi'(t_0) < \frac{q(t_0)}{q(\psi_0)},$$

be valid. Then it follows from (7) that  $\frac{y'^2(\psi_0)}{y'^2(\varphi_0)} < 1$  and thus  $\psi_0 \neq \varphi_0$ .

b)c) We can prove the statement in the same way as in a).

Remark. 1. If  $\varphi = \psi$ ,  $t \in [a, b)$ , then  $\varphi'(t) = \sqrt{\frac{q(t)}{q(\varphi(t))}}$ .

As  $\varphi' \equiv C = \text{const}$  (Corollary), then

$$\frac{q(t)}{q(ct + d)} = c^2, \quad (8)$$

(see Laitoch [3]).

Remark. 2. If  $\varphi \equiv \psi$ , then the formula (8) is valid and thus  $\varphi \equiv \psi$  if

$$\frac{q(t)}{q(ct + d)} \equiv c^2, \quad t \in [a, b),$$

for any constant  $c > 0$ ,  $d$ .

This statement can be used for the proof of noncoincidence of dispersions of some special differential equations.

**Example.** Bessel equation.

$$q(t) = -1 - \frac{c_1}{t^2}, \quad t \in [a, \infty), a > 0,$$

where  $C_1 \neq 0$  is a constant. As the identity

$$c^2 \equiv \frac{q(t)}{g(ct + d)} \equiv 1 + c_1 \frac{(ct + d)^2 - t^2}{t^2(ct + d)^2 + c_1 t^2}, \quad t \in [a, \infty),$$

is fulfilled only for constants  $c = 0$ ,  $d = 0$ , we can see that the dispersions  $\varphi$ ,  $\psi$  of the 1st and 2nd kind of Bessel equation do not coincide on  $[a, \infty)$ .

**2.2. Theorem 3.** Let  $\chi(\omega)$  be the dispersion of the 3rd (4th) kind of an oscillatory ( $t \rightarrow b_-$ ) differential equation (q),  $q \in C^0[a, b)$ . Let

$q < 0$ ,  $t_0 \in [a, b)$ . Then

a)  $\omega(t_0) > \chi(t_0)$  if, and only if  $\left(\frac{q(t_0)}{\omega'(t_0)}\right)' < 0$ ,

b)  $\omega(t_0) = \chi(t_0)$  if, and only if  $\left(\frac{q(t_0)}{\omega'(t_0)}\right)' = 0$ ,

c)  $\omega(t_0) < \chi(t_0)$  if, and only if  $\left(\frac{q(t_0)}{\omega'(t_0)}\right)' > 0$ .

Proof. Let  $y$  be an arbitrary solution of (q) such that  $y'(t) \neq 0$ . Then according to (5) we have

$$\left(\frac{q}{\omega'}\right)' = \left(-\frac{y'^2(t)}{y^2(\omega)}\right)' = \frac{2y'^2(t) \cdot \omega'}{y^4(\omega)} y(\omega) y'(\omega) - \frac{2 \cdot y'(t) q(t) y(t)}{y^2(\omega)}. \quad (9)$$

Let us put:  $\omega_0 = \omega(t_0)$ ,  $\chi_0 = \chi(t_0)$ .

Let  $y$  be a solution of  $(q)$  such that  $y(t_0) = 0$ ,  $y'(t_0) > 0$ . Hence  $y(\omega) > 0$ ,  $y(\chi) = 0$ ,  $y'(t) > 0$  on  $[t_0, \chi_0)$  and  $y'(t) < 0$  on  $(\chi_0, \varphi(t_0))$ .

a) Let  $\omega_0 > \chi_0$ . Then  $y'(\omega) < 0$  and according to (9) we have

$$\left( \frac{q}{\omega'} \right)' \Big|_{t=t_0} < 0.$$

Let  $\left( \frac{q(t_0)}{\omega'(t_0)} \right)' < 0$ . Then it follows from (9) that  $y'(\omega) < 0$  and thus  $\chi_0 < \omega_0$ .

b)c) We can prove the statement in the same way as in a).

Remark 3. Proving Theorem 5 of [1] the author has in fact proved a more powerful statement – the case b) from our Theorem 3.

Remark 4. The following statement follows from Theorem 3:

The dispersions of the 3rd and 4th kind of  $(q)$  coincide if, and only if

$$\omega'(t) = -\frac{q(t)}{c^2},$$

where  $C$  is a suitable constant.

This is the result of Barvinek [1].

**Theorem 4.** Let  $\chi(\omega)$  be the dispersion of the 3rd (4th) kind of an oscillatory  $(t \rightarrow b -)$  – differential equation  $(q)$ ,  $q \in C^0[a, b]$ ,  $q < 0$ . Let

$$t_0 \in [a, b).$$

Then

$$a) \omega(t_0) = \chi(t_0) \text{ if, and only if } \chi'(t_0) \cdot \omega'(t_0) = \frac{q(t_0)}{q(\omega(t_0))},$$

$$b) \omega(t_0) \neq \chi(t_0) \text{ if, and only if } \chi'(t_0) \cdot \omega'(t_0) < \frac{q(t_0)}{q(\omega(t_0))}.$$

Proof. We can prove the theorem in the same way as Theorem 2.

2.3. Let  $(q)$  be a differential equation such that its dispersion of the 3rd and 4th kind coincide,  $q \in C^0[a, b)$ :

$$\omega(t) = \chi(t), \quad t \in [a, b).$$

Then

$$\varphi(t) = \psi(t), \quad t \in [a, b)$$

(because  $\psi = \omega(\chi) = \chi(\omega) = \varphi$ ).

It follows from Theorem 4 and Remark 4 that

$$q(t) \cdot q(\omega) = \frac{1}{c^4},$$

where  $C$  is a suitable constant. Thus

$$q(\omega) \cdot q(\omega(\omega)) = \frac{1}{c^4}, \quad q(t) = q(\varphi).$$

According to Remark 1 we get

$$\varphi = t + d$$

and relation (2) gives us

$$y(t + d) = -y(t).$$

We can see that the following theorem is valid (see [2] § 16.8.).

**Theorem 5.** *Let  $(q)$  be an oscillatory  $(t \rightarrow b_-)$  differential equation,  $q \in C^\circ[a, b)$ , such that its dispersions of the 3rd and 4th kind coincide*

$$\chi(t) = \omega(t), \quad t \in [a, b).$$

Then

$$\varphi(t) = \psi(t) = t + d,$$

$$\omega'(t) = -\frac{q(t)}{c^2},$$

$$y(t + d) = -y(t),$$

$$q(t) = q(t + d), \quad t \in [a, b)$$

where  $c, d$  are convenient constants.

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## SHRnutí

# O VZTAZÍCH MEZI DISPERSEMI OSCILAČNÍ DIFERENCIÁLNÍ ROVNICE $y = q(t)y$

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Tato práce se zabývá některými závislostmi mezi základními centrálními dispersemi prvního a druhého, resp. třetího a čtvrtého druhu oscilatorické ( $t \rightarrow b_-$ ) diferenciální rovnice

$$(q) \quad y'' = q(t)y, \quad q \in C^0[a, b), \quad b \leq \infty.$$

Nechť  $\varphi(\psi)$  značí základní centrální dispersemi prvního (druhého) druhu. Věty 1 a 2 dávají nutnou a postačující podmínku pro to, aby v libovolně zvoleném bodě  $t$  definičního intervalu  $[a, b)$  platilo  $\varphi(t) < \psi(t)$  resp.  $\varphi(t) > \psi(t)$  resp.  $\varphi(t) = \psi(t)$ . Věty 3 a 4 řeší tutéž problematiku, avšak pro základní centrální disperse 3. a 4. druhu. Přímými důsledky uvedených vět jsou některá (již dříve dokázaná jiným způsobem) tvrzení o dispersích diferenciální rovnice  $(q)$  se splývajícími dispersemi prvního a druhého, resp. třetího a čtvrtého druhu.

## РЕЗЮМЕ

# О СООТНОШЕНИЯХ МЕЖДУ ДИСПЕРСИЯМИ ОСЦИЛЛИРУЮЩЕГО ДИФФЕРЕНЦИАЛЬНОГО УРАВНЕНИЯ $y = q(t)y$

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Эта работа занимается некоторыми отношениями между фундаментальными центральными дисперсиями первого и второго (третьего и четвертого) рода дифференциального уравнения с колеблющимися  $(m - b)$  решениями

$$(q) \quad y'' = q(t)y, \quad q \in C^0[a, n), \quad n \leq \infty.$$

Пусть  $\varphi(\psi)$  фундаментальная центральная дисперсия первого (второго) рода. Теоремы 1 и 2 дают нам необходимое и достаточное условие для того, чтобы в произвольно выбранной точке  $m$  из интервала определения  $[a, b)$  имело силу утверждение  $\varphi(m) < \psi(m)$  или же  $\varphi(m) > \psi(m)$  или же  $\varphi(m) = \psi(m)$ . Теоремы 3 и 4 решают эту самую проблематику, но для центральных дисперсий третьего и четвертого рода. Непосредственными соедствиями этих теорем являются некоторые (уже ранее другим образом доказанные) утверждения о дисперсиях дифференциального уравнения  $(p)$  со совпадающими дисперсиями первого и второго или же третьего и четвертого рода.