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ADDENDUM TO PERIODIC SOLUTIONS
OF A THIRD-ORDER NONLINEAR DIFFERENTIAL EQUATION

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Abstract: This article is a follow-up to [1]. The existence of a periodic solution of (1) is investigated under the modified conditions for the functional coefficients in (1).

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Let us consider the equation

$$x''' + e(t, x, x', x'')a(t, x''') + f(t, x, x', x'')b(t, x'') + \\ + g(t, x, x', x'') \cdot c(t, x') + h(t, x, x', x'') = 0, \quad (1)$$

where e, f, g, h, a, b, c are continuous real functions of real variables moreover w -periodic relative to variable t . On the functions e, f, g, a, b, c we introduce the following assumptions:

for all $t, x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}$ hold the inequalities

$$|e(t,x,y,z)| \leq E_2|z| + E_1|y| + E, \\ \text{where } E_2 \geq 0, E_1 \geq 0, E > 0 \quad (2)$$

$$|f(t,x,y,z)| \leq F_2|z| + F_1|y| + F, \\ \text{where } F_2 \geq 0, F_1 \geq 0, F > 0 \quad (3)$$

$$|g(t,x,y,z)| \leq G_2|z| + G_1|y| + G, \\ \text{where } G_2 \geq 0, G_1 \geq 0, G > 0 \quad (4)$$

and there exist constants $A_0 > 0$, $B_0 > 0$, $C_0 > 0$ such that

$$|a(t,u)| \leq A_0 \quad \text{for all } t, u \in \mathbb{R} \quad (5)$$

$$|b(t,z)| \leq B_0 \quad \text{for all } t, z \in \mathbb{R} \quad (6)$$

$$|c(t,y)| \leq C_0 \quad \text{for all } t, y \in \mathbb{R} \quad (7)$$

holds, so that

$$|e(t,x,y,z)a(t,u)| \leq A_2|z| + A_1|y| + A, \quad (8)$$

where $A_2 = E_2A_0 \geq 0$, $A_1 = E_1A_0 \geq 0$, $A = EA_0 > 0$,

$$|f(t,x,y,z)b(t,z)| \leq B_2|z| + B_1|y| + B, \quad (9)$$

where $B_2 = F_2B_0 \geq 0$, $B_1 = F_1B_0 \geq 0$, $B = FB_0 > 0$,

$$|g(t,x,y,z)c(t,y)| \leq C_2|z| + C_1|y| + C, \quad (10)$$

where $C_2 = G_2C_0 \geq 0$, $C_1 = G_1C_0 \geq 0$, $C = GC_0 > 0$.

The function h will acquire successively the following forms: $h(x) - q$, $h_1(x') + h(x) - q$, $h_2(x'') + h(x) - q$ and $h_2(x'') + h_1(x') + h(x) - q$, where $h, h_1 \in C^1(\mathbb{R})$, $h_2 \in C^0(\mathbb{R})$, and where on $q = q(t,x,y,z)$ we assume that for all $t,x,y,z \in \mathbb{R}$ satisfy the inequality

$$|q(t,x,y,z)| \leq Q_2|z| + Q_1|y| + Q, \quad (11)$$

with constants $Q_2 \geq 0$, $Q_1 \geq 0$, $Q > 0$.

The additional assumptions on h , h_1 and h_2 will be formulated in our further theorems.

The sufficient condition of the existence of a w -periodic solution $x(t)$ to (1) give - according to Leray-Schauder alternative - the following

Proposition: The equation (1) admits a w -periodic solution if all w -periodic solutions $x(t)$ of the one-parametric system

$$x''' + \lambda \{e(t, x, x', x'')a(t, x''') + f(t, x, x', x'')b(t, x'') + g(t, x, x', x'')c(t, x') + h(t, x, x', x'')\} + (1 - \lambda)kx = 0, \quad (12)$$

where $\lambda \in (0, 1)$ is a parameter and $k \neq 0$ is a suited real number, are on \mathbb{R} uniformly a priori bounded together with their derivatives $x'(t)$ and $x''(t)$, independently of the parameter λ , and the equation

$$x''' + kx = 0, \quad (13)$$

obtained from (12) for $\lambda = 0$, has no nontrivial w -periodic solution.

Let us note that the last requirement can be always satisfied for a $|k| > 0$.

Proving the theorems, we restrict the integration on the interval $\langle t, t+w \rangle$, $t \in \mathbb{R}$, on the interval $\langle 0, w \rangle$, only. Besides the well-known Schwarz inequality we employ also the Wirtinger inequalities

$$\int_0^w [x^{(j)}(t)]^2 dt \leq w_0^2 \int_0^w [x^{(j+1)}(t)]^2 dt, \quad (14)$$

$$j = 1, 2, \quad w_0 = \frac{w}{2},$$

holding for arbitrary continuous w -periodic function $x(t)$ with the square integrable derivatives $x^{(j)2}(t)$, $j = 1, 2$, on the interval $\langle 0, w \rangle$.

Theorem 1: Let (2) - (7) hold in the differential equation

$$x''' + e(t, x, x', x'')a(t, x''') + f(t, x, x', x'')b(t, x'') + g(t, x, x', x'')c(t, x') + h(x) = q(t, x, x', x''). \quad (1.1)$$

Let

- (i) $\exists (H' \geq 0, H' \text{ const.}): |h'(x)| \leq H'$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$
- (ii) $\Omega_1 := \{1 - [(A_2 + B_2 + C_2 + Q_2)w_0 + (A_1 + B_1 + C_1 + Q_1)w_0^2 + H'w_0^3]\} > 0$
- (iii) $\exists (R > 0, R \text{ const.}): h(x)\text{sgn } x > m_1$ or $h(x)\text{sgn } x < -m_1$ for $|x| > R$, where $m_1 := [(A_2 + B_2 + C_2 + Q_2)D_1'' + (A_1 + B_1 + C_1 + Q_1)D_1' + A + B + C + Q] > 0$ with $D_1'' := \sqrt{w} D_{31}$, $D_1' := \sqrt{w} D_{21}$, $D_{21} := w_0 D_{31}$, $D_{31} := (A + B + C + Q) \frac{\sqrt{w}}{\Omega_1}$.

Then equation (1.1) admits a w -periodic solution.

Proof. Let $x(t)$ be a solution of the system

$$x''' + \lambda \{e(t, x, x', x'')a(t, x''') + f(t, x, x', x'')b(t, x''') + g(t, x, x', x'')c(t, x') + h(x) - q(t, x, x', x'')\} + (1 - \lambda)kx = 0, \quad (12.1)$$

where

$$x^{(j)}(0) = x^{(j)}(w), \quad j = 0, 1, 2.$$

Substituting $x^{(j)}(t)$ instead of $x^{(j)}$, $j = 0, 1, 2, 3$, into (12.1), multiplying it by $x'''(t)$ and integrating the obtained identity from 0 to w , we come to

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^w x''''^2(t) dt &= -\lambda \left\{ \int_0^w e[t, x(t), \dots] a[t, x''''(t)] x''''(t) dt + \right. \\ &+ \int_0^w f[t, x(t), \dots] b[t, x''(t)] x''''(t) dt + \\ &+ \int_0^w g[t, x(t), \dots] c[t, x'(t)] x''''(t) dt - \\ &\left. - \int_0^w q[t, x(t), \dots] x''''(t) dt \right\} - \end{aligned}$$

$$- \lambda \int_0^w h[x(t)] x'''(t) dt,$$

since $\int_0^w x(t) x'''(t) dt = 0$.

Regarding (8) - (11), taking into account that

$$\int_0^w h[x(t)] x'''(t) dt = - \int_0^w h'[x(t)] x'(t) x''(t) dt$$

and using (i) and (14), we come to

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^w x''^2(t) dt &\leq [(A_2 + B_2 + C_2 + Q_2) w_0 + (A_1 + B_1 + C_1 + Q_1) w_0^2 + \\ &+ H' w_0^3] \int_0^w x''^2(t) dt + \\ &+ (A + B + C + Q) \sqrt{w} \sqrt{\int_0^w x''^2(t) dt}, \end{aligned}$$

i.e. [see (ii)]

$$\int_0^w x''^2(t) dt \leq D_{31}^2, \quad \text{where } D_{31} := (A+B+C+Q) \frac{\sqrt{w}}{\Omega_1} (> 0), \quad (15)$$

and using (14) again, we have moreover

$$\int_0^w x''^2(t) dt \leq w_0^2 D_{31}^2 = D_{21}^2, \quad \text{where } D_{21} := w_0 D_{31} (> 0), \quad (16)$$

and

$$\int_0^w x'^2(t) dt \leq w_0^2 D_{21}^2 = D_{11}^2, \quad \text{where } D_{11} := w_0 D_{21} (> 0). \quad (17)$$

According to Rolle's theorem, the points $t_j \in (0, w)$, $j = 1, 2$, exist such that $x^{(j)}(t_j) = 0$ for $j = 1, 2$, and with respect to the relation

$$\int_{t_j}^t x^{(j+1)}(s) ds = x^{(j)}(t) - x^{(j)}(t_j), \text{ where } t_j, t \in (0, w),$$

$$j = 1, 2,$$

we arrive at the inequalities

$$|x''(t)| = \left| \int_{t_2}^t x'''(s) ds \right| \leq \left| \int_0^w x'''(t) dt \right| \leq$$

$$\leq \sqrt{w} D_{31} := D_1'' (> 0) \quad (18)$$

and

$$|x'(t)| = \left| \int_{t_1}^t x''(s) ds \right| \leq \left| \int_0^w x''(t) dt \right| \leq$$

$$\leq \sqrt{w} D_{21} := D_1' (> 0). \quad (19)$$

Now, substituting $x(t)$ into (12.1) and integrating from 0 to w , we obtain

$$\int_0^w \{ \lambda h[x(t)] + (1 - \lambda) k x(t) \} dt = - \lambda \left\{ \int_0^w e[t, x(t), \dots] a[t, x'''(t)] dt + \right.$$

$$+ \int_0^w f[t, x(t), \dots] b[t, x''(t)] dt +$$

$$+ \int_0^w g[t, x(t), \dots] c[t, x'(t)] dt -$$

$$\left. - \int_0^w q[t, x(t), \dots] dt \right\}.$$

If $\min_{t \in (0, w)} |x(t)| > R$, $R > 0$ const., then choosing $k \neq 0$ in order to be [see (iii)]

$$kh(x)x > 0,$$

we get by means of (iii), (18), (19) that

$$\int_0^w |h[x(t)]| dt \leq [(A_2 + B_2 + C_2 + Q_2)D_1'' + (A_1 + B_1 + C_1 + Q_1)D_1' + A + B + C + Q]w := w\bar{m}_1,$$

when we multiply the foregoing identity by $\text{sgn}(kx)$. But this result leads to the contradiction with assumption (iii). Therefore it must be

$$\min_{t \in \langle 0, w \rangle} |x(t)| \leq R$$

so that

$$|x(t)| \leq \int_0^w |x'(t)| dt + R \leq (\sqrt{w}D_{21} + R) := D_1 (> 0) \quad (20)$$

for all $t \in \langle 0, w \rangle$.

It follows from (18), (19) and (20) that

$$\sum_{j=0}^2 |x^{(j)}(t)| \leq (D_1'' + D_1' + D_1) := \bar{D}_1 (> 0)$$

holds for every w -periodic solution $x(t)$ of (12.1), independently of $\lambda \in \langle 0, 1 \rangle$. Hence, with respect to Proposition, the proof of theorem is completed.

Theorem 2: Let (2) - (7) hold in the differential equation

$$\begin{aligned} x'''' + e(t, x, x', x'')a(t, x''') + f(t, x, x', x'')b(t, x'') + \\ + g(t, x, x', x'')c(t, x') + h_1(x') + h(x) = \\ = q(t, x, x', x''). \end{aligned} \quad (1.2)$$

Let

(i) $\exists (H' \geq 0, H' \text{ const.}) : |h'(x)| \leq H'$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$

(ii) $\exists (H_1' \geq 0, H_1' \text{ const.}) : |h_1'(y)| \leq H_1'$ for all $y \in \mathbb{R}$

(iii) $\Omega_2 := \{1 - [(A_2 + B_2 + C_2 + Q_2)w_0 + (A_1 + B_1 + C_1 + Q_1 + H_1')w_0^2 + H'w_0^3]\} > 0$

(iv) $\exists (R > 0, R \text{ const.}) : h(x)\text{sgn } x > m_2$ or $h(x)\text{sgn } x < -m_2$
for $|x| > R$, where $m_2 := [(A_2 + B_2 + C_2 + Q_2)D_2'' + (A_1 + B_1 + C_1 + Q_1)D_2' + A + B + C + Q + \bar{H}_1] > 0$

$$\text{with } D_2'' := \sqrt{w} D_{32}, \quad D_2' := \sqrt{w} D_{22}, \quad D_{22} := w_0 D_{32}, \\ D_{32} := (A+B+C+Q) \frac{\sqrt{w}}{\Omega_2}, \quad H_1 = \max_{|x'| \leq D_2} |h_1(x')|.$$

Then equation (1.2) admits a w -periodic solution.

Proof. Proving by the same manner as the foregoing theorem, considering now the one-parametric system

$$x'''' + \lambda \{ e(t, x, x', x'') a(t, x''') + f(t, x, x', x'') b(t, x''') + \\ + g(t, x, x', x'') c(t, x') + h_1(x') + h(x) - \\ - q(t, x, x', x'') \} + (1 - \lambda) kx = 0 \quad (12.2)$$

with a parameter $\lambda \in (0, w)$ and a real number $k \neq 0$, and taking into account that [see (i), (ii)]

$$\left| \int_0^w h[x(t)] x''''(t) dt \right| \leq H' w_0^3 \int_0^w x''''^2(t) dt$$

and

$$\left| \int_0^w h_1[x'(t)] x''''(t) dt \right| = \left| - \int_0^w h_1'[x'(t)] x''^2(t) dt \right| \leq \\ \leq H_1' w_0^2 \int_0^w x''^2(t) dt,$$

we come to

$$\int_0^w x''''^2(t) dt \leq [(A_2 + B_2 + C_2 + Q_2) w_0 + (A_1 + B_1 + C_1 + Q_1 + H_1') w_0^2 + \\ + H' w_0^3] \int_0^w x''''^2(t) dt + (A+B+C+Q) \sqrt{w} \sqrt{\int_0^w x''''^2(t) dt},$$

i.e. [see (iii)]

$$\int_0^w x''''^2(t) dt \leq D_{32}^2, \quad \text{where } D_{32} := (A+B+C+Q) \frac{\sqrt{w}}{\Omega_2} (> 0), \quad (21)$$

and [cf. (16), (17)]

$$\int_0^w x''^2(t) dt \leq w_0^2 D_{32}^2 = D_{22}^2, \quad D_{22} := w_0 D_{32} (> 0), \quad (22)$$

$$\int_0^w x'^2(t) dt \leq w_0^2 D_{22}^2 = D_{12}^2, \quad D_{12} := w_0 D_{22} (> 0), \quad (23)$$

so that we arrive at the inequalities [cf. (18), (19)]

$$|x''(t)| \leq \sqrt{w} D_{32} := D_2'' (> 0) \quad (24)$$

and

$$|x'(t)| \leq \sqrt{w} D_{22} := D_2' (> 0) \quad (25)$$

On the assumption that $\min_{t \in \langle 0, w \rangle} |x(t)| > R$, $R > 0$ const., and choosing

$k \neq 0$ in order to be [see (iv)]

$$kh(x)x > 0,$$

we come by means of (ii), (iv), (23), (24) and denoting $\bar{H}_1 = \max |h_1(x')|$ for $|x'| \leq D_2'$ to be inequality

$$\int_0^w |h[x(t)]| dt \leq [(A_2 + B_2 + C_2 + Q_2) D_2'' + (A_1 + B_1 + C_1 + Q_1) D_2' + A + B + C + Q + \bar{H}_1] w := w m_2,$$

which leads to the contradiction with assumption (iv). Therefore it must be

$$\min_{t \in \langle 0, w \rangle} |x(t)| \leq R$$

so that

$$|x(t)| \leq (\sqrt{w} D_{22} + R) := D_2 (> 0 \text{ for all } t \in \langle 0, w \rangle). \quad (26)$$

It follows from (23), (24) and (25) that

$$|x^{(j)}(t)| \leq \bar{D}_2 := \max (D_2'', D_2', D_2) \quad \text{for } j = 0, 1, 2$$

holds for every w -periodic solution $x(t)$ of (12.2), independently of $\lambda \in (0, 1)$. This fact - with respect to Proposition - completes the proof.

Theorem 3: Let (2) - (7) hold in the differential equation

$$\begin{aligned} x'''' + e(t, x, x', x'')a(t, x''') + f(t, x, x', x'')b(t, x''') + \\ + g(t, x, x', x'')c(t, x') + h_2(x'') + h(x) = \\ = q(t, x, x', x''). \end{aligned} \quad (1.3)$$

Let

- (i) $\exists (H' \geq 0, H' \text{ const.}) : |h'(x)| \leq H'$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$
(ii) $\Omega_1 := \{1 - [(A_2 + B_2 + C_2 + Q_2)w_0 + (A_1 + B_1 + C_1 + Q_1)w_0^2 + H'w_0^3]\} > 0$
(iii) $\exists (R > 0, R \text{ const.}) : h(x) \operatorname{sgn} x > m_3$ or $h(x) \operatorname{sgn} x < -m_3$
for $|x| > R$, where $m_3 := [(A_2 + B_2 + C_2 + Q_2)D_3'' + (A_1 + B_1 + C_1 + Q_1)D_3' + A + B + C + Q + \bar{H}_2] > 0$ with
 $D_3'' := \sqrt{w} D_{33}$, $D_3' := \sqrt{w} D_{23} := w_0 D_{33}$, $D_{33} := (A + B + C + Q) \frac{\sqrt{w}}{\Omega_1}$,
 $\bar{H}_2 = \max_{|x''| \leq D_3''} |h_2(x'')|$.

Then equation (1.3) admits a w -periodic solution.

Proof - proceeds as that of the Theorem 1, now related to the one-parametric system

$$\begin{aligned} x'''' + \lambda \{e(t, x, x', x'')a(t, x''') + f(t, x, x', x'')b(t, x''') + \\ + g(t, x, x', x'')c(t, x') + h_2(x'') + h(x) - \\ - q(t, x, x', x'')\} + (1 - \lambda)kx = 0, \end{aligned} \quad (12.3)$$

where $\lambda \in (0, 1)$ is a parameter and $k \neq 0$ a real number. Since

$$\int_0^w h_2[x''(t)]x''''(t)dt = 0,$$

we come to

$$\int_0^w x''''^2(t)dt \leq [(A_2 + B_2 + C_2 + Q_2)w_0 + (A_1 + B_1 + C_1 + Q_1)w_0^2 + H'w_0^3] \int_0^w x''''^2(t)dt + (A + B + C + Q)\sqrt{w} \int_0^w x''''^2(t)dt,$$

i.e. [see (ii)]

$$\int_0^w x''^2(t) dt \leq D_{33}^2, \text{ where } D_{33} := (A+B+C+Q) \frac{\sqrt{w}}{\Omega_1} (> 0) \quad (27)$$

and [cf. (16), (17)]

$$\int_0^w x''^2(t) dt \leq w_0^2 D_{33}^2 = D_{23}^2, \quad D_{23} := w_0 D_{31} (> 0) \quad (28)$$

and

$$\int_0^w x''^2(t) dt \leq w_0^2 D_{23}^2 = D_{13}^2, \quad D_{13} := w_0 D_{23} (> 0), \quad (29)$$

so that [cf. (18), (19)]

$$|x''(t)| \leq \sqrt{w} D_{33} := D_3'' (> 0) \quad (30)$$

and

$$|x'(t)| \leq \sqrt{w} D_{23} := D_3' (> 0). \quad (31)$$

Assuming that $\min_{t \in \langle 0, w \rangle} |x(t)| > R$, $R > 0$ const., and choosing $k \neq 0$

in order to be [see (iii)] $kh(x)x > 0$, we come by means of (iii), (30), (31) and denoting $\bar{H}_2 = \max |h_2(x'')|$ for $|x''| \leq D_3''$ to the inequality

$$\int_0^w |h[x(t)]| dt \leq [(A_2+B_2+C_2+Q_2)D_3'' + (A_1+B_1+C_1+Q_1)D_3' + A+B+C+Q+\bar{H}_2]w := w m_3,$$

which leads to the contradiction with assumption (iii). Therefore it must be

$$\min_{t \in \langle 0, w \rangle} |x(t)| \leq R$$

so that

$$|x(t)| \leq (\sqrt{w} D_{23} + R) := D_3 (> 0) \text{ for all } t \in \langle 0, w \rangle. \quad (32)$$

It follows from (30), (31) and (32) that

$$|x^{(j)}(t)| \leq \bar{D}_3 := \max (D_3'', D_3', D_3) \text{ for } j = 0, 1, 2$$

holds for every w -periodic solution $x(t)$ of (12.3), independently of $\lambda \in (0, 1)$. This result - with regard to Proposition - completes the proof. \square

Theorem 4: Let (2) - (7) hold in the differential equation

$$\begin{aligned} x''' + e(t, x, x', x'')a(t, x''') + f(t, x, x', x'')b(t, x'') + \\ + g(t, x, x', x'')c(t, x') + h_2(x'') + h_1(x') + h(x) = \\ = q(t, x, x', x''). \end{aligned} \quad (1.4)$$

Let

- (i) $\exists (H' \geq 0, H' \text{ const.}) : |h'(x)| \leq H'$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$
- (ii) $\exists (H_1' \geq 0, H_1' \text{ const.}) : |h_1'(y)| \leq H_1'$ for all $y \in \mathbb{R}$
- (iii) $\Omega_2 := \{1 - [(A_2 + B_2 + C_2 + Q_2)w_0 + (A_1 + B_1 + C_1 + Q_1 + H_1')w_0^2 + H'w_0^3]\} > 0$
- (iv) $\exists (R > 0, R \text{ const.}) : h(x) \operatorname{sgn} x > m_4$ or $h(x) \operatorname{sgn} x < -m_4$ for $|x| > R$, where $m_4 := [(A_2 + B_2 + C_2 + Q_2)D_4'' + (A_1 + B_1 + C_1 + Q_1)D_4' + A + B + C + Q + \bar{H}_1 + \bar{H}_2] > 0$ with $D_4'' := \sqrt{w} D_{34}$, $D_4' := \sqrt{w} D_{24}$, $D_{24} := w_0 D_{34}$, $D_{34} := (A + B + C + Q) \frac{\sqrt{w}}{\Omega_2}$,
 $H_1 = \max_{|x'| \leq D_4'} |h_1(x')|$, $H_2 = \max_{|x''| \leq D_4''} |h_2(x'')|$.

The equation (1.4) admits a w -periodic solution.

Performing the proof as that of Theorem 1, but with relation to the one-parametric system

$$\begin{aligned} x''' + \lambda \{e(t, x, x', x'')a(t, x''') + f(t, x, x', x'')b(t, x'') + \\ + g(t, x, x', x'')c(t, x') + h_2(x'') + h_1(x') + h(x) - \\ - q(t, x, x', x'')\} + (1 - \lambda)kx = 0, \end{aligned} \quad (12.4)$$

where $\lambda \in (0, 1)$ is a parameter and $k \neq 0$ a real number, we come to

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^w x''''^2(t) dt \leq [(A_2 + B_2 + C_2 + Q_2)w_0 + (A_1 + B_1 + C_1 + Q_1 + H_1')w_0^2 + \\ + H'w_0^3] \int_0^w x''''^2(t) dt + (A + B + C + Q)\sqrt{w} \sqrt{\int_0^w x''''^2(t) dt}, \end{aligned}$$

i.e. [see (iii)]

$$\int_0^w x''^2(t) dt \leq D_{34}^2, \text{ where } D_{34} := (A+B+C+Q) \frac{\sqrt{w}}{\Omega_2} (> 0) \quad (33)$$

and [cf. (16), (17)]

$$\int_0^w x'^2(t) dt \leq w_0^2 D_{34}^2 = D_{24}^2, \quad D_{24} := w_0 D_{34} (> 0) \quad (34)$$

and

$$\int_0^w x^2(t) dt \leq w_0^2 D_{24}^2 = D_{14}^2, \quad D_{14} := w_0 D_{24} (> 0), \quad (35)$$

so that [cf. (18), (19)]

$$|x''(t)| \leq \sqrt{w} D_{34} := D_4'' (> 0) \quad (36)$$

and

$$|x'(t)| \leq \sqrt{w} D_{24} := D_4' (> 0). \quad (37)$$

Supposing that $\min_{t \in \langle 0, w \rangle} |x(t)| > R$, $R > 0$ const., and electing

$k \neq 0$ in order to be [see (iv)] $kh(x)x > 0$, we come by means of (iv), (36), (37) and denoting $\bar{H}_1 = \max |h_1(x')|$ for $|x'| \leq D_4'$, $\bar{H}_2 = \max |h_2(x'')|$ for $|x''| \leq D_4''$ to the inequality

$$\int_0^w |h[x(t)]| dt \leq [(A_2+B_2+C_2+Q_2)D_4'' + (A_1+B_1+C_1+Q_1)D_4' + A+B+C+Q+\bar{H}_1+\bar{H}_2]w := w m_4,$$

which leads to the contradiction with assumption (iv). Therefore it must be

$$\min_{t \in \langle 0, w \rangle} |x(t)| \leq R$$

so that

$$|x(t)| \leq (\sqrt{w} D_{24} + R) := D_4 (> 0) \text{ for all } t \in \langle 0, w \rangle. \quad (38)$$

It follows from (36), (37) and (38) that

$$|x^{(j)}(t)| \leq \bar{D}_4 := \max (D_4'', D_4', D_4) \text{ for } j = 0, 1, 2$$

holds for every w -periodic solution $x(t)$ of (12.4), independently of $\lambda \in (0,1)$. In view of the Proposition, this conclusion completes the proof.

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