

# Oscillation of Nonlinear Differential Equations with Advanced Arguments

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## Abstract

This paper is concerned with the oscillation of all solutions of the  $n$ -th order delay differential equation  $x^{(n)}(t) + P(t)f(x(\tau(t))) = 0$ ,  $n \geq 2$ . The necessary and sufficient conditions for oscillatory solutions are obtained and other conditions for nonoscillatory solution to converge to zero are established.

## 1. Introduction

Consider the nonlinear differential equation of order  $n$  with advanced argument of the type:-

$$\begin{aligned} x^{(n)}(t) + P(t)f(x(\tau(t))) &= 0, \\ n \geq 2, t \geq t_0 \end{aligned} \quad (1.1)$$

Where the continuous function

$P: [t_0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is allowed to oscillate, while the continuous functions  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\tau: [t_0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  satisfies the

following conditions :

H1 :  $\tau(t)$  is continuous nondecreasing

$$\tau(t) > t, \quad \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \tau(t) = \infty.$$

H2 :  $f$  is nondecreasing such that

$$u f(u) > 0 \quad \text{for } u \neq 0.$$

By a solution of eq. (1.1) we mean a function  $x \in C^1([t_0, \infty), \mathbb{R})$  which

satisfies eq. (1.1) for all  $t \geq t_0$  where  $\sup\{|x(t)| : t \in [t_x, \infty)\} > 0$ . A solution is said to be non-oscillatory if it is eventually of constant sign otherwise is said oscillatory, eq. (1.1) is said oscillatory if all of its solutions are oscillatory. Many literatures studied the oscillation of eq.(1.1) of first and second order, and a few investigated the higher order. One may see the monographs due to Berezansky [1] Stavrovlakis [2] Ladde [3], Rath and Padhy [4], Kulenovic [5], Kiguradze,[6].

## 2. Mean Results

In this section we give some theorems describe the oscillatory behavior of the solutions of equation (1.1).

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**Definition:-** [see Kiguradze,[6] ]

Let  $u(t) \in C^n([0, \infty), R)$  be of constant sign and let  $u^{(n)}(t)$  be also of constant sign and not equivalent to zero in any interval

$[T, \infty)$ ,  $T \geq 0$  and  $u(t) u^{(n)}(t) \leq 0$  then there exists  $t_0 \geq 0$  such that  $u^{(i)}(t)$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$  are of constant sign on  $[t_0, \infty)$  and there exists an integer  $k \in \{1, 3, 5, \dots, n-1\}$  when  $n$  is even, or exists an integer  $k \in \{0, 2, 4, \dots, n-1\}$  when  $n$  is odd such that

$$\begin{aligned} u(t)u^{(i)}(t) > 0 \text{ for } 0 \leq i \leq k \text{ on } [t_0, \infty) \\ (-1)^{n+i-1}u(t)u^{(i)}(t) > 0, \quad k+1 \leq i \leq n-1, t \geq t_0 \end{aligned} \tag{2.1}$$

Such  $u(t)$  is said to be of degree  $k$   
The following Lemma improve Lemma 6, Mohamad H. [7]

**Lemma 1.** Suppose that

$$\delta \{u^{(n)}(t) + \delta P(t) f(u(\tau(t)))\} \operatorname{sgn} u(t) \leq 0, \tag{2.2}$$

Where  $\delta = \pm 1$ ,  $P, f, \tau$  satisfies H1-H2,  $P(t) \geq 0$  and

$$\int_T^\infty t^2 P(t) dt = \infty \tag{2.3}$$

Then the following statements are true:

- 1- Let  $\delta = 1$ , if  $n$  even then every possible non-oscillatory solution of

(2.2) are of degree  $n-1$ . if  $n$  odd then

every possible non- oscillatory solution of (2.2) are either of degree 0 or degree  $n-1$ .

- 2- Let  $\delta = -1$ , if  $n$  even then every possible non oscillatory solution of (2.2) are either of degree 0 or degree  $n$ . if  $n$  odd then every possible non oscillatory solution of (2.2) are of degree  $n$ .

**Proof:** See [7].

Other literatures study the case when

the coefficient is constant see [8]-[10], while Olach [11] study eq.(1.1) and gives some sufficient conditions for oscillation. Now we give the first result in this paper.

**Theorem (1)** :Suppose that  $P(t) \geq 0$ , and

$$\int^\infty t^{n-1} P(t) dt = \infty, \tag{2.4}$$

Then every bounded solution of (1.1) is oscillatory if  $n$  even, and every bounded solution are either oscillatory or  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} x(t) = 0$  if  $n$  is odd.

**Proof:** Let  $x(t)$  is bounded nonoscillatory solution of eq. (1.1) on  $[t_0, \infty)$  .Without loss of generality let

$x(t) > 0$  on  $[t_0, \infty)$ , we have  
 $x^{(n)}(t) = -P(t)f(x(\tau(t))) \leq 0$

Consider the equality

$$x^{(i)}(t) = \sum_{s=1}^{n-1} (-1)^{i-j} \frac{(s-t)^{i-j}}{(i-j)!} x^{(i)}(s) + \frac{(-1)^{n-j}}{(n-j-1)!} \int_t^s (u-t)^{n-j-1} x^{(n)}(u) du$$

Where  $s \geq t \geq t_0$ . By using eq. (1.1) the last equality leads to

$$x^{(j)}(t) = \sum_{s=j}^{n-1} (-1)^{i-j} \frac{(s-t)^{i-j}}{(i-j)!} x^{(i)}(s) + \frac{(-1)^{n-j+1}}{(n-j-1)!} \int_t^s (u-t)^{n-j-1} P(u)f(x(\tau(u))) du \tag{2.5}$$

let  $n$  be even, since  $x(t)$  is positive bounded and  $x^{(n)}(t) \leq 0$  then  $x(t)$  must be of degree 1, let  $j=1$  then the last equality reduce to :

$$x'(t) \geq \frac{1}{(n-2)!} \int_t^\infty (u-t)^{n-2} P(u)f(x(\tau(u))) du \geq 0$$

Integrate the last inequality from  $t_1$  to  $t$  where  $t \geq t_1 \geq t_0$  we obtain

$$x(t) \geq \frac{1}{(n-1)!} \int_{t_1}^t (u-t_1)^{n-1} P(u)f(x(\tau(u))) du \tag{2.6}$$

Since  $x(t)$  is non-decreasing and bounded, then

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} x(t) = c > 0, \quad x(t) \leq c$$

so we can find  $t_2$  large enough such that.

$$\frac{c}{2} \leq x(\tau(t)) \leq c \quad \text{and}$$

$$f(x(\tau(t))) \geq f\left(\frac{c}{2}\right) = c_1, \quad t \geq t_2 \geq t_1$$

, where  $c_1$  is positive constant, as  $t \rightarrow \infty$  we get from inequality (2.6)

$$c \geq \frac{c_1}{(n-1)!} \int_{t_2}^\infty (u-t_2)^{n-1} P(u) du,$$

which is a contradiction with (2.4).

Now let  $n$  be odd, since  $x^{(n)}(t) \leq 0$  then  $x(t)$  must be of degree 0 which implies that  $x(t)$  is non-increasing, from eq.(2.5) with  $j = 0$ , we get :

$$x(t_1) \geq \frac{1}{(n-1)!} \int_{t_1}^t (u-t_1)^{n-1} P(u)f(x(\tau(u))) du, \quad t \geq t_1 \geq t_0$$

Since  $x'(t) \leq 0$ , and  $x(t)$  is bounded, then  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} x(t) = c \geq 0, \quad x(t) \geq c$ .

if  $c \neq 0$  then  $c > 0$ , we can find  $t_2 \geq t_1$  large enough such that  $x(\tau(t)) \geq c$ , and

$$f(x(\tau(t))) \geq f(c) = c_1 \quad \text{for } t \geq t_2 \text{ then}$$

$$x(t_1) \geq \frac{c_1}{(n-1)!} \int_{t_2}^t (u-t_1)^{n-1} P(u) du$$

as  $t \rightarrow \infty$  we get a contradiction, so either  $c = 0$  or  $x(t)$  is oscillatory.

**Theorem (2)** : Suppose that  $P(t) \leq 0$ , and

$$\int_0^\infty t^{n-1} |P(t)| dt = \infty,$$

(2,4)'

If  $n$  even then every bounded solution of (1.1) are either oscillatory or

$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} x(t) = 0$  , and if  $n$  odd then every bounded solution of (1.1) are oscillatory.

**Proof:** Let  $x(t)$  is non oscillatory bounded solution of eq. (1.1) ,  $t \geq t_0$  Without loss of generality let  $x(t) > 0$  on  $[t_0, \infty)$ , then

$$x^{(n)}(t) = -P(t) f(x(\tau(t))) \geq 0$$

Let  $n$  be even , since  $x(t)$  is bounded and  $x^{(n)}(t) \geq 0$ , then  $x(t)$  must be of degree 0, which implies that  $x(t)$  is non-increasing and bounded hence (2.5) reduce to

$$x(t) \geq \frac{1}{(n-1)!} \int_t^s (u-t)^{n-1} |P(u)| f(x(\tau(u))) du \geq 0$$

$$x(t_1) \geq \frac{1}{(n-1)!} \int_{t_1}^s (u-t_1)^{n-1} |P(u)| f(x(\tau(u))) du$$

$$\geq 0, \quad t \geq t_1 \quad (2.7)$$

Let  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} x(t) = c \geq 0$ ,  $x(t) \geq c$ , if  $c \neq 0$  then  $c > 0$ , we can find  $t_2 \geq t_1$  large enough such that  $x(\tau(t)) \geq c$ , and

$$f(x(\tau(t))) \geq f(c) = c_1 > 0 \quad \text{for } t \geq t_2$$

then (2.7) implies to

$$x(t_1) \geq \frac{c_1}{(n-1)!} \int_{t_2}^t (u-t_1)^{n-1} |P(u)| du$$

as  $t \rightarrow \infty$  we get a contradiction , so either  $c=0$  or  $x(t)$  is oscillatory.

Let  $n$  be odd, since  $x^{(n)}(t) \geq 0$  then  $x(t)$  must be of degree 1 which implies that  $x(t)$  is non decreasing and

bounded, from eq.(2.5) with  $j = 1$ , we get :

$$x'(t) \geq \frac{1}{(n-2)!} \int_t^s (u-t)^{n-2} |P(u)| f(x(\tau(u))) du$$

Integrate the last inequality from  $t_1$  to  $t$  where  $t \geq t_1 \geq t_0$  we obtain

$$x(t_1) \geq \frac{1}{(n-1)!} \int_{t_1}^s (u-t_1)^{n-1} |P(u)| f(x(\tau(u))) du$$

$$\geq 0, \quad t \geq t_0 \quad (2.8)$$

$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} x(t) = c > 0$ ,  $x(t) \leq c$  so we can find  $t_2$  large enough such that.

$$\frac{c}{2} \leq x(\tau(t)) \leq c \quad \text{and}$$

$$f(x(\tau(t))) \geq f\left(\frac{c}{2}\right) = c_1, \quad t \geq t_2 \geq t_1$$

, where  $c_1$  is positive constant, and as  $t \rightarrow \infty$  we get from inequality (2.8) a contradiction.

**Theorem (3)**

Suppose that  $P(t) \geq 0$ , and (2.3) holds then if  $n$  is even every solutions of (1.1) are oscillatory and if  $n$  is odd every solutions of (1.1) are either oscillatory or  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} x(t) = 0$ .

**Proof:** Let  $x(t)$  be non oscillatory solution of (1.1) and say  $x(t) > 0, t \geq t_0$

$$x^{(n)}(t) = -P(t) f(x(\tau(t))) \leq 0, \quad \text{then } x^{(i)}(t) \text{ are monotone } i = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$$

If  $n$  even, then by Lemma 1 every non oscillatory solution of (1.1) are of degree  $n-1$  , integrate eq.(1.1) from  $s$  to  $t$   $s \leq t$  we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 x^{(n-1)}(t) - x^{(n-1)}(s) &= \int_s^t P(\xi) f(x(\tau(\xi))) d\xi, \quad s < t \\
 x^{(n-1)}(s) &\geq \int_s^t P(\xi) f(x(\tau(\xi))) d\xi, \\
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{2.9}$$

consider the integral equality

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_{t_0}^t \xi^2 x^{(n)}(\xi) d\xi &= t^2 x^{(n-1)}(t) - t_0^2 x^{(n-1)}(t_0) - t x^{(n-2)}(t) \\
 &\quad + t_0 x^{(n-2)}(t_0) + x^{(n-3)}(t) - x^{(n-3)}(t_0) \\
 f(x(\tau(t_0))) \int_{t_0}^t \xi^2 P(\xi) d\xi &\leq t_0^2 x^{(n-1)}(t_0) - t^2 x^{(n-1)}(t) + t x^{(n-2)}(t) \\
 &\quad - t_0 x^{(n-2)}(t_0) - x^{(n-3)}(t) + x^{(n-3)}(t_0)
 \end{aligned}$$

as  $t \rightarrow \infty$  and apply (2.3) it follows that

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \{ t x^{(n-2)}(t) - t^2 x^{(n-1)}(t) - x^{(n-3)}(t) \} = \infty$$

there is  $t_1 \geq t_0$  such that

$$t x^{(n-2)}(t) - t^2 x^{(n-1)}(t) - x^{(n-3)}(t) \geq 0, \quad t \geq t_1$$

which implies that

$$\begin{aligned}
 x^{(n-2)}(t) &\geq t x^{(n-1)}(t), \quad t \geq t_1 \\
 \int_{t_1}^t \{ s x^{(n-2)}(s) - s^2 x^{(n-1)}(s) - x^{(n-3)}(s) \} ds &= t_1^2 x^{(n-2)}(t_1) - t^2 x^{(n-2)}(t) \\
 &\quad + 3t x^{(n-3)}(t) - 3t_1 x^{(n-3)}(t_1) - 4x^{(n-4)}(t) + 4x^{(n-3)}(t_1)
 \end{aligned}$$

as  $t \rightarrow \infty$  we get

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} [3t x^{(n-3)}(t) - t^2 x^{(n-1)}(t) - 4x^{(n-4)}(t)] = \infty$$

there is  $t_2 \geq t_1$  such that

$$3t x^{(n-2)}(t) - t^2 x^{(n-1)}(t) - 4x^{(n-3)}(t) \geq 0, \quad t \geq t_2$$

which implies that

$$3x^{(n-2)}(t) \geq t x^{(n-1)}(t), \quad t \geq t_2, \text{ follow}$$

in this procures we get there is

$$t_{n-2} \geq t_{n-3} \text{ such that}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2n-3)t x(t) - t^2 x'(t) - (n-1)^2 \int_{t_{n-2}}^t x(s) ds &\geq 0, \\
 t &\geq t_{n-2}
 \end{aligned}$$

which implies that

$$(2n-3)x(t) \geq t x'(t), \quad t \geq t_{n-2},$$

$$\text{then } x(t) \geq \frac{t^{n-1}}{\prod_{i=1}^{n-1} (2i-1)} x^{(n-1)}(t),$$

from the last inequality and (2.9) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 x(s) &\geq \frac{s^{n-1}}{\prod_{i=1}^{n-1} (2i-1)} x^{(n-1)}(s) \\
 &\geq \frac{s^{n-1}}{\prod_{i=1}^{n-1} (2i-1)} \int_s^t P(\xi) f(x(\tau(\xi))) d\xi, \\
 &\geq \frac{s^{n-1} f(x(\tau(s)))}{\prod_{i=1}^{n-1} (2i-1)} \int_s^t P(\xi) d\xi \\
 &\geq \frac{f(x(\tau(s)))}{\prod_{i=1}^{n-1} (2i-1)} \int_s^t \xi^{n-1} P(\xi) d\xi,
 \end{aligned}$$

$$x(t_{n-2}) \geq \frac{f(x(\tau(t_{n-2})))}{\prod_{i=1}^{n-1} (2i-1)} \int_{t_{n-2}}^t \xi^{n-1} P(\xi) d\xi,$$

as  $t \rightarrow \infty$  and according to (2.3) we get a contradiction

Let n be odd, by Lemma 1 every non-oscillatory solution of (1.1) are either of degree 0 or of degree n-1.

Suppose  $x(t)$  is of degree 0, then  $x(t)$  is positive decreasing and so it is bounded and by Theorem 1 either  $x(t)$  oscillatory or  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} x(t) = 0$ .

Suppose  $x(t)$  is of degree n-1, in this case the proof is similar when n even.

**Theorem (4)**

Assume that  $P(t) \leq 0$ , and

$$\frac{f(u)}{u} \geq M > 0$$

$$\int_T^\infty t^2 |P(t)| dt = \infty, \quad (2.3)'$$

$$\limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{M}{(n-1)!} \int_{\tau^{-1}(t)}^t (t-s)^{n-1} |P(s)| ds > 1,$$

(2.10)

If  $n$  is even then every solution of (1.1) are either oscillatory or  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} x(t) = 0$ ,

If  $n$  is odd then every solution of (1.1) are oscillatory.

*Proof* : Let  $x(t)$  be non-oscillatory solution of (1.1) and assume that

$$x(t) > 0, t \geq t_0 \text{ hence}$$

$$x^{(n)}(t) = -P(t) f(x(\tau(t))) \leq 0, \text{ then}$$

$$x^{(i)}(t) \text{ are monotone } i = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$$

Let  $n$  be even, eq.(1.1) can be written as

$$x^{(n)}(t) - |P(t)| f(x(\tau(t))) = 0,$$

so by Lemma 1 the only possible non-oscillatory solution of (1.1) are either of degree 0 or of degree  $n$ . Let  $x(t)$  be of degree 0, then  $x(t)$  is positive non-increasing so it is bounded then by Theorem 1  $x(t)$  is either oscillatory or

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} x(t) = 0.$$

Let  $x(t)$  be of degree  $n$ , using the equality where  $\xi < t$

$$x(t) = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \frac{(t-\xi)^i}{i!} x^{(i)}(\xi) + \frac{1}{(n-1)!} \int_{\xi}^t (t-s)^{n-1} x^{(n)}(s) ds,$$

$$x(t) \geq \frac{1}{(n-1)!} \int_{\xi}^t (t-s)^{n-1} |P(s)| f(x(\tau(s))) ds,$$

Let  $\tau(\xi) \geq t, t \geq \xi \geq t_1$ , hence

$$x(\tau(\xi)) \geq \frac{1}{(n-1)!} \int_{\xi}^t (t-s)^{n-1} |P(s)| f(x(\tau(s))) ds$$

$$1 \geq \frac{1}{(n-1)! x(\tau(\xi))} \int_{\xi}^t (t-s)^{n-1} |P(s)| f(x(\tau(s))) ds$$

$$\geq \frac{1}{(n-1)!} \int_{\tau^{-1}(t)}^t (t-s)^{n-1} |P(s)| \frac{f(x(\tau(s)))}{x(\tau(s))} ds$$

$$\geq \frac{M}{(n-1)!} \int_{\xi}^t (t-s)^{n-1} |P(s)| ds,$$

This contradicts (2.10).

Let  $n$  be odd, by Lemma 1  $x(t)$  must be of degree  $n$ , the prove is similar to the case when  $n$  is even.

**3. Remarks and Examples :**

In this section we give some remarks and examples to illustrate the obtained results given in section 2

**Remark1.** If we use the condition

$$\frac{f(u)}{u} \geq M > 0 \text{ then the}$$

nondecreasing property of  $f(u)$  needed not be necessary as we can see in Theorem 4.

**Remark2.** We can use the condition

$$(2.10) \text{ with } \frac{f(u)}{u} \geq M > 0 \text{ to}$$

excluded the non-decreasing property of  $f(u)$  in Theorem 1-Theorem 3.

**Remark3.** The conclusion of Theorem 4 remains true if we replace (2,10) by the condition

$$\liminf_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_t^{\tau(t)} \frac{(\tau(s) - h(s))^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} |q(s)| ds > \frac{1}{e}$$

where  $h(t)$  is continuous function such that  $\tau(t) \geq h(t) \geq t$ .

**Example 1.** Consider the delay differential equation:

$$x'''(t) + \frac{6}{(2t^2 - 1)^2} f(x(\tau(t))) = 0, \quad t \geq 1$$

(E.1) with

$$p(t) = \frac{6}{(2t^2 - 1)^2}, \quad f(x(\tau(t))) = 1 - \frac{8t^2}{2t^2 - 1},$$

satisfies H1, H2 and all the conditions of Theorem 1, so all the solutions of

equation (E.1) are either oscillatory or tends to zero as  $t \rightarrow \infty$  for instance

$$x(t) = \ln\left(\frac{2t-1}{2t+1}\right) \text{ is such solution.}$$

**Example 2.** Consider the delay differential equation:

$$x''(t) + (a - \sin t) f(x(\tau(t))) = 0, \quad t \geq t_0$$

E.2

with

$$a \geq 1, \quad P(t) = 1 - \sin t, \quad f(x(\tau(t))) = -e^{-t}$$

it is easy to see that all conditions of Theorem 1 or Theorem 3 are hold so all solutions of equation (E.2) are either oscillatory or  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} x(t) = 0$ , for

$$\text{instance } x(t) = -e^{-t} \left( a + \frac{\sin t - \cos t}{4} \right) \text{ is}$$

such oscillatory solution of (E.2).

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## تذبذب المعادلات التفاضلية غير الخطية ذات المعاملات التقدمية

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### الخلاصة:

في هذا البحث قمنا باستخراج شروط كافية وضرورية لحلول المعادلات التفاضلية التباطئية ذات الرتب  $n$  من النوع  $x^{(n)}(t) + P(t)f(x(\tau(t))) = 0, n \geq 2$ . كذلك اعطيت بعض الشروط الكافية للحلول غير المتذبذبة كي تكون متقاربة الى الصفر. كما واعطيت في البحث بعض الامثلة لتوضيح النتائج المستخرجة.