

**OSCILLATIONS OF SECOND ORDER NONLINEAR NEUTRAL DELAY  
DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS**

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**ABSTRACT**

*Sufficient conditions for oscillations of second order nonlinear neutral delay differential equations of the form*

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left\{ r_1(t) \frac{d}{dt} \left\{ m(t)y(t) + \frac{r(t)}{r(t-\tau)} y^\alpha(t-\tau) \right\} \right\} + f(t)y^\alpha(t-\sigma) = 0, \quad t \geq t_0$$

*are obtained, where  $r_1(t)$ ,  $r(t)$ ,  $m(t)$  are positive real valued continuous functions  $f(t) \geq 0$ , and  $\alpha$  is the ratio of odd positive integers.*

**Key words:** *Oscillation, Second Order, Neutral Differential equation.*

**1. INTRODUCTION**

In this paper we consider the second order nonlinear neutral delay differential equation

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left\{ r_1(t) \frac{d}{dt} \left\{ m(t)y(t) + \frac{r(t)}{r(t-\tau)} y^\alpha(t-\tau) \right\} \right\} + f(t)y^\alpha(t-\sigma) = 0 \tag{1}$$

where  $r_1(t), m(t) \in C^1([t_0, \infty), (0, \infty))$ ,  $r(t), f(t) \in C([t_0, \infty), [0, \infty))$ .

Corresponding equation in the absence of neutral term is given by

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left\{ r_1(t) \frac{d}{dt} \{m(t)y(t)\} \right\} + f(t)y^\alpha(t-\sigma) = 0 \tag{2}$$

which is a delay differential equation and further if we take  $m(t) = 1, \sigma = 0$  in equation (2) we get

$$\frac{d}{dt} (r_1(t) \frac{d}{dt} y(t)) + f(t)y^\alpha(t) = 0 \tag{3}$$

which is an ordinary differential equation.

The study of behavior of solutions of the equation (3) is voluminous. The differential equation (2) has been a subject of interest for several researchers. We mention the works of [1, 2, 10 and 12]. Oscillatory behavior of delay differential equations is extensively studied by several authors [3- 9, 11, 13-16, 18, and 19]. In particular, differential equations of the form (1) and for special cases when  $r_1(t) \equiv 1$ , is a subject of intensive research.

Here we have some interesting results

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(i) Jiqin Deng [6]: Let  $r_1(t) \equiv 1$  and  $\alpha = 1$  If for large  $t \in R$ ,

$$\int_t^\infty f(s) ds \geq \frac{\alpha_0}{t} \text{ where } \alpha_0 > \frac{1}{4}$$

then equation (3) is oscillatory.

(ii) Ch.G.Philos [10]: Let  $r_1(t) \equiv 1$  and  $\alpha = 1$  Let  $n$  be an integer with  $n \geq 3$  and  $\rho$  be positive continuously differentiable function on the interval  $[t_0, \infty)$  such that

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \sup \frac{1}{t^{n-1}} \int_{t_0}^t \frac{(t-s)^{n-3}}{\rho(s)} [(n-1)\rho(s) - (t-s)\rho'(s)] ds < \infty .$$

Then (3) is oscillatory if

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \sup \frac{1}{t^{n-1}} \int_{t_0}^t (t-s)^{n-1} \rho(s) f(s) ds = \infty$$

Motivated by some of these works, we present oscillation criteria of the equations of the type (1) under certain ntegral conditions.

By a solution of equation (1) we mean a function  $y(t) \in C([T_y, \infty))$  where  $T_y \geq t_0$  which satisfies (1) on  $[T_y, \infty)$ .

We consider only those solutions of  $y(t)$  of (1) which satisfy  $\text{Sup} \{ |y(t)| : t \geq T \} > 0$  for all  $T \geq T_y$  and assume that (1) possesses such solutions.

A solution of equation (1) is called oscillatory if it has arbitrary large zeros on  $[T_y, \infty)$ ; otherwise it is called nonoscillatory. Equation (1) is said to be oscillatory if all its solutions oscillate .Unless otherwise stated, when we write a functional inequality, it will be assumed to hold for sufficiently large  $t$  in our subsequent discussion.

## II. MAIN RESULTS

We need the following in our discussion:

$$(H_1) : r_1(t), m(t), \in C'([t_0, \infty), (0, \infty)); \quad r_1(t), m(t) > 0$$

$$(H_2) : r(t), f(t) \in C(t_0, \infty), [0, \infty)), \quad f(t) > 0.$$

$$(H_3) : 0 < \alpha \leq 1, \text{ and } \alpha \text{ is the ratio of odd positive integers.}$$

We set

$$z(t) = m(t)y(t) + \frac{r(t)}{r(t-\tau)} y^\alpha(t-\tau) \tag{4}$$

and 
$$R(t) = \int_{t_0}^t \frac{1}{r_1(s)} ds = \infty \text{ as } t \rightarrow \infty \tag{5}$$

We have the following Lemma:

**Lemma 2.1:** Let  $\alpha \geq 1$ , be a ratio of odd positive integers. Then

$$-Cu^{\frac{\alpha+1}{\alpha}} + Du \leq \frac{\alpha^\alpha}{(\alpha+1)^{\alpha+1}} \frac{D^{\alpha+1}}{C^\alpha}, \quad C > 0 \tag{6}$$

**Proof:** The proof can be found in [19].

Now we state our main result.

**Theorem 2.2:** Assume  $(H_1) - (H_3)$  and (5) hold. If  $\alpha \geq 1$  and there exists a positive non decreasing function  $\rho \in C^1([t_0, \infty), R)$  such that

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \sup \int_{t_1}^t \left[ \rho(s) f(s) \left\{ \frac{1}{m(s-\sigma)} \left( 1 - \frac{r(s-\sigma)}{r(s-\sigma-\tau)M^{1-\alpha}} \right) \right\}^\alpha - \frac{a(s-\sigma)(\rho'(s))^2}{4\alpha M^{\alpha-1}\rho(s)} \right] ds = \infty \quad (7)$$

then every solution of equation (1) is oscillatory.

**Proof:** Suppose to the contrary .And let  $y(t)$  be a nonoscillatory solution of equation (1).Without loss of generality we may assume that  $y(t)$  is eventually positive.

Since  $z(t) > 0, \quad z'(t) > 0, \quad (r_1(t)z'(t))' \leq 0;$  for  $t \geq t_1$  (8)

From (8) and also since  $t - \sigma \leq t$  we have

$$r_1(t)z'(t) \leq r_1(t-\sigma)z'(t-\sigma) \quad \text{for } t \geq t_1$$

Since  $z'(t) > 0$ , there exists a constant  $M > 0$  such that  $z(t) \geq M$  for all large  $t$ .

From the definition of  $z$ , we have

$$z(t) = m(t)y(t) + \frac{r(t)}{r(t-\tau)}y^\alpha(t-\tau)$$

$$m(t)y(t) = z(t) - \frac{r(t)}{r(t-\tau)}y^\alpha(t-\tau)$$

$$y(t) = \frac{1}{m(t)} \left[ z(t) - \frac{r(t)}{r(t-\tau)}y^\alpha(t-\tau) \right]$$

$$\geq \frac{1}{m(t)} \left[ z(t) - \frac{r(t)}{r(t-\tau)}z^\alpha(t-\tau) \right]$$

$$\geq \frac{1}{m(t)} \left[ 1 - \frac{r(t)}{r(t-\sigma)} \frac{z^\alpha(t)}{z(t)} \right] z(t)$$

$$y(t) \geq \frac{1}{m(t)} \left[ 1 - \frac{r(t)}{r(t-\sigma)} \frac{M^\alpha}{M} \right] z(t)$$

Hence  $y(t) \geq \frac{1}{m(t)} \left[ 1 - \frac{r(t)}{r(t-\sigma)M^{1-\alpha}} \right] z(t)$  (9)

Define

$$\omega(t) = \rho(t) \frac{r_1(t)z'(t)}{z^\alpha(t-\sigma)}; \quad t \geq t_1 \quad (10)$$

Differentiating with respect to  $t$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \omega'(t) &= \rho'(t) \frac{r_1(t)z'(t)}{z^\alpha(t-\sigma)} + \rho(t) \left\{ \frac{r_1(t)z'(t)}{z^\alpha(t-\sigma)} \right\}' \\ &= \rho'(t) \frac{r_1(t)z'(t)}{z^\alpha(t-\sigma)} + \rho(t) \left[ \frac{z^\alpha(t-\sigma)\{r_1(t)z'(t)\}' - r_1(t)z'(t)\{z^\alpha(t-\sigma)\}'}{z^{2\alpha}(t-\sigma)} \right] \\ &= \rho'(t) \frac{r_1(t)z'(t)}{z^\alpha(t-\sigma)} + \rho(t) \frac{\{r_1(t)z'(t)\}'}{z^\alpha(t-\sigma)} - \left[ \rho(t) \frac{r_1(t)z'(t)\{z^\alpha(t-\sigma)\}'}{z^{2\alpha}(t-\sigma)} \right] \end{aligned}$$

From (10), (1), and (9) we have

$$\omega'(t) \leq \frac{\rho'(t)}{\rho(t)} \omega(t) - \rho(t) f(t) \left\{ \frac{1}{m(t-\sigma)} \left( 1 - \frac{r(t-\sigma)}{r(t-\sigma-\tau)M^{\alpha-1}} \right) \right\}^\alpha - \left[ \rho(t) \frac{r_1(t)z'(t) \{z^\alpha(t-\sigma)\}'}{z^{2\alpha}(t-\sigma)} \right]$$

$$\omega'(t) \leq -\rho(t) f(t) \left\{ \frac{1}{m(t-\sigma)} \left( 1 - \frac{r(t-\sigma)}{r(t-\sigma-\tau)M^{1-\alpha}} \right) \right\}^\alpha + \frac{\rho'(t)}{\rho(t)} \omega(t) - \frac{\beta M^{\alpha-1} \omega^2(t)}{\rho(t)a(t-\sigma)}.$$

Since

$$-Cu^{\frac{\alpha+1}{\alpha}} + Du \leq \frac{\alpha^\alpha}{(\alpha+1)^{\alpha+1}} \frac{D^{\alpha+1}}{C^\alpha}, \quad C > 0$$

We have

$$\omega'(t) \leq -\rho(t) f(t) \left\{ \frac{1}{m(t-\sigma)} \left( 1 - \frac{r(t-\sigma)}{r(t-\sigma-\tau)M^{1-\alpha}} \right) \right\}^\alpha + \frac{a(t-\sigma)(\rho'(t))^2}{4\alpha M^{\alpha-1} \rho(t)}.$$

Integrating the above inequality from  $t_1$  to  $t$  we get,

$$\int_{t_1}^t \left[ \rho(s) f(s) \left\{ \frac{1}{m(s-\sigma)} \left( 1 - \frac{r(s-\sigma)}{r(s-\sigma-\tau)M^{\alpha-1}} \right) \right\}^\alpha - \frac{a(s-\sigma)(\rho'(s))^2}{4\alpha M^{\alpha-1} \rho(s)} \right] ds < \omega(t_1)$$

which is a contradiction to equation (7) as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ . Thus the proof is completed.

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