

## OSCILLATIONS OF THIRD ORDER LINEAR NEUTRAL DELAY DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS

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### ABSTRACT

*In this paper we study the sufficient conditions for oscillations of third order linear neutral delay differential equations of the form*

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left\{ r_1(t) \frac{d^2}{dt^2} \left( m(t)y(t) + \frac{r(t)}{r(t-\tau)} y^\alpha(t-\tau) \right) \right\} + f(t)y(t-\sigma) = 0; \quad t \geq t_0$$

where  $r_1(t), r(t), m(t)$  are positive real valued continuous functions and  $f(t) \geq 0$  and  $\alpha$  is the ratio of odd positive integers such that  $0 < \alpha \leq 1$ .

**Key Words:** Oscillations, Third order, Neutral Differential Equation.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

This paper is concerned with the oscillatory behavior of third order linear neutral delay differential equation

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left\{ r_1(t) \frac{d^2}{dt^2} \left\{ m(t)y(t) + \frac{r(t)}{r(t-\tau)} y^\alpha(t-\tau) \right\} \right\} + f(t)y(t-\sigma) = 0 \quad (1)$$

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

Recently oscillation of solutions of neutral delay differential equations attracted many researchers [1, 2, 10 and 12]. Hanan[16], Erbe;[10] studied the special case of the equation (1) given by

$$\frac{d^3 y}{dt^3} + f(t)y(t) = 0 \quad (2)$$

We can find the oscillatory behavior of solutions of third order delay equations in [3,4,6,7,8,9,11,20] and [14-19, 21-27].

We present sufficient conditions for the solutions to be oscillatory or asymptotically tend to zero.

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.

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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:

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

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

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

$$\text{Set} \quad z(t) = m(t)y(t) + \frac{r(t)}{r(t-\tau)} y^\alpha(t-\tau) \tag{3}$$

$$\text{and} \quad R(t) = \int_{t_0}^t \frac{1}{r_1(s)} ds = \infty. \tag{4}$$

We have the following Lemma

**Lemma 2.1:** If  $a > 0, b > 0$  and  $0 < \alpha \leq 1$ , then

$$a^\alpha b^{1-\alpha} \leq \alpha a + (1-\alpha)b. \tag{5}$$

**Proof:** The proof of this Lemma be found in (13)

**Lemma 2.2** (See [5 Lemma 3]): Assume that  $u(t) > 0, u'(t) > 0$ , and  $u''(t) \leq 0$  for  $t \geq t_0$ . Then for every  $\alpha \in (0,1)$ , there exists a  $\alpha T_\alpha \geq T_0$  such that  $\frac{u(t-\sigma)}{t-\sigma} \geq \frac{\alpha u(t)}{t}$  for  $t \geq T_0$ .

**Lemma 2.3:** If  $u$  satisfies conditions of Lemma 2.2, then  $\frac{u(t-\sigma)}{u(t)} \geq \frac{\alpha(t-\sigma)}{t}$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$ .

**Lemma 2.4:** (See [5, Lemma 4]) Assume that  $u(t) > 0, u'(t) > 0$ , and  $u''(t) \leq 0$  for  $t \geq t_0$ . Then for each  $\beta \in (0,1)$ , there exists a  $T\beta \geq t_0$  such that  $u(t) \geq \frac{\beta t u'(t)}{2}$  for  $t \geq T\beta$ .

**Lemma 2.5:** If  $u$  satisfies conditions of Lemma 2.4 then  $\frac{u(t-\sigma)}{u'(t-\sigma)} \geq \frac{\beta(t-\sigma)}{2}$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$

We use the Integral averaging technique to establish a Philos-Type criteria for (1)

Let

$$D = \{(t, s) : t \geq s \geq t_0\} \text{ and } D_0 = \{(t, s) : t > s \geq t_0\}.$$

$$(i) \quad H(t, t) = 0, \quad t \geq t_0; \quad H(t, s) > 0, (t, s) \in D_0;$$

(ii)  $H$  has a non positive continuous partial derivative  $\partial H / \partial s$  on  $D_0$  w.r.t the second variable, and there exists a function  $\rho \in C'([t, \infty), (0, \infty))$ ,  $\delta \in C'([t_0, \infty), R)$  and  $h \in C(D_0, R)$  such that

$$\frac{\partial H(t, s)}{\partial s} + \frac{\rho'(s)}{\rho(s)} H(t, s) = -h(t, s) \sqrt{H(t, s)}. \tag{6}$$

Now we state our main Theorem

**Theorem 2.4:** Assuming that conditions  $(H_1) - (H_3)$  are satisfied. If

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \sup \frac{1}{H(t, t_0)} \int_{t_0}^t \left[ H(t, s)G(s) - \frac{1}{4} \rho(s)r(s)h^2(t, s) \right] ds = \infty \quad (7)$$

for some  $\alpha \in (0,1)$ ,  $\beta \in (0,1)$  and for some  $H \in X$ , where

$$G(s) = -\rho(s) \left( f(t) \frac{1}{m(s-\sigma)} \left\{ 1 - \alpha \frac{r(s-\sigma)}{r(s-\sigma-\tau)} - \frac{r(s-\sigma)}{r(s-\sigma-\tau)} (1-\alpha) \frac{1}{M} \right\} \frac{\alpha\beta(s-\sigma)^2}{2s} \right)$$

Then every solution of  $y$  of (1) is either oscillatory or satisfies  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} y(t) = 0$ .

Set

$$\begin{aligned} z(t) &= m(t)y(t) + \frac{r(t)}{r(t-\tau)} y^\alpha(t-\tau) \\ m(t)y(t) &= z(t) - \frac{r(t)}{r(t-\tau)} y^\alpha(t-\tau) \\ y(t) &= \frac{1}{m(t)} \left\{ z(t) - \frac{r(t)}{r(t-\tau)} y^\alpha(t-\tau) \right\} \\ y(t) &= \frac{1}{m(t)} \left\{ z(t) - \frac{r(t)}{r(t-\tau)} z^\alpha(t-\tau) \right\} \\ y(t) &\geq \frac{1}{m(t)} \left\{ z(t) - \frac{r(t)}{r(t-\tau)} z^\alpha(t) \right\} \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

Using the above Lemma with  $b = 1$

$$\begin{aligned} y(t) &\geq \frac{1}{m(t)} \left\{ z(t) - \frac{r(t)}{r(t-\tau)} (\alpha z(t) + (1-\alpha)) \right\} \\ y(t) &\geq \frac{1}{m(t)} \left\{ 1 - \alpha \frac{r(t)}{r(t-\tau)} - \frac{r(t)}{r(t-\tau)} (1-\alpha) \frac{1}{M} \right\} z(t) \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

we have used  $z(t) \geq M > 0$  for all  $t \geq t_1$ .

Using (1) and (9)

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \left\{ r_1(t) \frac{d^2}{dt^2} \left( m(t)y(t) + \frac{r(t)}{r(t-\tau)} \right) \right\} &\leq \\ &- f(t) \frac{1}{m(t-\sigma)} \left\{ 1 - \alpha \frac{r(t-\sigma)}{r(t-\sigma-\tau)} - \frac{r(t-\sigma)}{r(t-\sigma-\tau)} (1-\alpha) \frac{1}{M} \right\} z(t-\sigma) \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

Define

$$\omega(t) = \rho(t) \cdot \frac{r_1(t) z''(t)}{z'(t)} \quad \text{for } t \geq t_1 \quad (11)$$

Then  $\omega(t) > 0$

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

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \rho'(t) \frac{r_1(t)z''(t)}{z'(t)} + \rho(t) \frac{\{r_1(t)z''(t)\}'}{z'(t)} - \left[ \rho(t) \frac{r_1(t)z''(t)\{z''(t)\}}{\{z'(t)\}^2} \right] \\
 &= \rho'(t) \frac{r_1(t)z''(t)}{z'(t)} + \rho(t) \frac{\{r_1(t)z''(t)\}'}{z'(t)} - \left[ \rho(t) \frac{r_1(t)\{z''(t)\}^2}{\{z'(t)\}^2} \right] \\
 &= \frac{\rho'(t)}{\rho(t)} \omega(t) + \rho(t) \frac{\{r_1(t)z''(t)\}'}{z'(t)} - \left[ \rho(t) \frac{r_1(t)\{z''(t)\}^2}{\{z'(t)\}^2} \right] \tag{12}
 \end{aligned}$$

By (11) we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{\omega(t)}{\rho(t)} &= \frac{r_1(t)z''(t)}{z'(t)}; \\
 \frac{z''(t)}{z'(t)} &= \frac{\omega(t)}{r_1(t)\rho(t)}
 \end{aligned}$$

Squaring both sides  $\left\{ \frac{z''(t)}{z'(t)} \right\}^2 = \frac{\omega^2(t)}{r_1^2(t)\rho^2(t)}$  (13)

Substituting (10) and (13) into (12) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 \omega'(t) &\leq \\
 \frac{\rho'(t)}{\rho(t)} \omega(t) + \rho(t) &\left( -f(t) \frac{1}{m(t-\sigma)} \left\{ 1 - \alpha \frac{r(t-\sigma)}{r(t-\sigma-\tau)} - \frac{r(t-\sigma)}{r(t-\sigma-\tau)} (1-\alpha) \frac{1}{M} \right\} \frac{z(t-\sigma)}{z'(t)} \right) \\
 &\quad - \left[ \frac{\omega^2(t)}{\rho(t)r_1(t)} \right] \\
 \omega'(t) &\leq \\
 -\rho(t) &\left( f(t) \frac{1}{m(t-\sigma)} \left\{ 1 - \alpha \frac{r(t-\sigma)}{r(t-\sigma-\tau)} - \frac{r(t-\sigma)}{r(t-\sigma-\tau)} (1-\alpha) \frac{1}{M} \right\} \frac{z(t-\sigma)}{z'(t)} \right) \\
 &\quad + \frac{\rho'(t)}{\rho(t)} \omega(t) - \left[ \frac{\omega^2(t)}{\rho(t)r_1(t)} \right] \tag{14}
 \end{aligned}$$

It follows from Lemma 2.3 and Lemma 2.5 that for any  $\alpha \in (0,1)$ , and  $\beta \in (0,1)$

$$\frac{z(t-\sigma)}{z'(t)} = \frac{z(t-\sigma)}{z'(t-\sigma)} \cdot \frac{z'(t-\sigma)}{z'(t)} \geq \frac{\alpha\beta(t-\sigma)^2}{2t} \tag{15}$$

Again substituting (15) into (14) we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 \omega'(t) &\leq \\
 -\rho(t) &\left( f(t) \frac{1}{m(t-\sigma)} \left\{ 1 - \alpha \frac{r(t-\sigma)}{r(t-\sigma-\tau)} - \frac{r(t-\sigma)}{r(t-\sigma-\tau)} (1-\alpha) \frac{1}{M} \right\} \frac{\alpha\beta(t-\sigma)^2}{2t} \right) \\
 &\quad + \frac{\rho'(t)}{\rho(t)} \omega(t) - \frac{1}{\rho(t)r_1(t)} \omega^2(t)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\omega'(t) \leq -G(t) + A(t)\omega(t) - B(t)\omega^2(t)$$

where  $A(t) = \frac{\rho'(t)}{\rho(t)}$ ;  $B(t) = \frac{1}{\rho(t)r_1(t)}$  and

$$G(t) = -\rho(t) \left( f(t) \frac{1}{m(t-\sigma)} \left\{ 1 - \alpha \frac{r(t-\sigma)}{r(t-\sigma-\tau)} - \frac{r(t-\sigma)}{r(t-\sigma-\tau)} (1-\alpha) \frac{1}{M} \right\} \frac{\alpha\beta(t-\sigma)^2}{2t} \right)$$

Multiplying both sides by  $H(t,s)$  and integrating w.r.t  $s$  from  $T_1$  ( $T_1 \geq T$ ) to  $t$  we derive from  $H(t, t)=0$  and (1) that

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{T_1}^t H(t,s)G(s) ds &\leq \int_{T_1}^t H(t,s) \left[ -\omega'(s) + A(s)\omega(s) - B(s)\omega^2(s) \right] ds \\ &= H(t,T_1)\omega(T_1) + \int_{T_1}^t \left[ \left( \frac{\partial H(t,s)}{\partial s} + A(s)H(t,s) \right) \omega(s) - H(t,s)B(s)\omega^2(s) \right] ds \\ &= H(t,T_1)\omega(T_1) - \int_{T_1}^t \left[ h(t,s)\sqrt{H(t,s)}\omega(s) + H(t,s)B(s)\omega^2(s) \right] ds \\ &= H(t,T_1)\omega(T_1) - \int_{T_1}^t \left( \sqrt{H(t,s)B(s)}\omega(s) + \frac{h(t,s)}{2\sqrt{B(s)}} \right)^2 ds + \int_{T_1}^t \frac{h^2(t,s)}{4B(s)} ds \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\int_{T_1}^t H(t,s)G(s) ds \leq H(t,T_1)\omega(T_1) + \int_{T_1}^t \frac{h^2(t,s)}{4B(s)} ds$$

and hence

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{H(t,T_1)} \int_{T_1}^t \left[ H(t,s)G(s) - \frac{1}{4} \rho(s)r(s)h^2(t,s) \right] ds \leq \omega(T_1) \text{ which contradicts (7).}$$

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