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## Computation of a summation formula associated with certain special functions

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### Abstract

The main aim of the present paper is to establish a summation formula involving certain special functions.

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## 1 Introduction

Generalized Gaussian Hypergeometric function of one variable is defined by

$${}_A F_B \left[ \begin{matrix} a_1, a_2, \dots, a_A ; \\ b_1, b_2, \dots, b_B ; \end{matrix} z \right] = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a_1)_k (a_2)_k \dots (a_A)_k z^k}{(b_1)_k (b_2)_k \dots (b_B)_k k!} \quad (1)$$

where the parameters  $b_1, b_2, \dots, b_B$  are neither zero nor negative integers and  $A, B$  are non-negative integers and  $|z| = 1$

Contiguous Relation is defined by

[ Andrews p.363(9.16), E. D. p.51(10)]

$$(a-b) {}_2F_1 \left[ \begin{matrix} a, b ; \\ c ; \end{matrix} z \right] = a {}_2F_1 \left[ \begin{matrix} a+1, b ; \\ c ; \end{matrix} z \right] - b {}_2F_1 \left[ \begin{matrix} a, b+1 ; \\ c ; \end{matrix} z \right] \quad (2)$$

Gauss second summation theorem is defined by [Prudnikov., 491(7.3.7.5)]

$${}_2F_1 \left[ \begin{matrix} a, b ; \\ \frac{a+b+1}{2} ; \end{matrix} \frac{1}{2} \right] = \frac{\Gamma(\frac{a+b+1}{2}) \Gamma(\frac{1}{2})}{\Gamma(\frac{a+1}{2}) \Gamma(\frac{b+1}{2})} \quad (3)$$

$$= \frac{2^{(b-1)} \Gamma(\frac{b}{2}) \Gamma(\frac{a+b+1}{2})}{\Gamma(b) \Gamma(\frac{a+1}{2})} \quad (4)$$

In a monograph of Prudnikov et al., a summation theorem is given in the form [Prudnikov., p.491(7.3.7.8)]

$${}_2F_1 \left[ \begin{matrix} a, b ; \\ \frac{a+b-1}{2} ; \end{matrix} \frac{1}{2} \right] = \sqrt{\pi} \left[ \frac{\Gamma(\frac{a+b+1}{2})}{\Gamma(\frac{a+1}{2}) \Gamma(\frac{b+1}{2})} + \frac{2 \Gamma(\frac{a+b-1}{2})}{\Gamma(a) \Gamma(b)} \right] \quad (5)$$

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Now using Legendre's duplication formula and Recurrence relation for Gamma function, the above theorem can be written in the form

$${}_2F_1 \left[ \begin{matrix} a, b ; \\ \frac{a+b-1}{2} ; \end{matrix} \frac{1}{2} \right] = \frac{2^{(b-1)} \Gamma(\frac{a+b-1}{2})}{\Gamma(b)} \left[ \frac{\Gamma(\frac{b}{2})}{\Gamma(\frac{a-1}{2})} + \frac{2^{(a-b+1)} \Gamma(\frac{a}{2}) \Gamma(\frac{a+1}{2})}{\{\Gamma(a)\}^2} + \frac{\Gamma(\frac{b+2}{2})}{\Gamma(\frac{a+1}{2})} \right] \quad (6)$$

Recurrence relation is defined by

$$\Gamma(\zeta + 1) = \zeta \Gamma(\zeta) \quad (7)$$

## 2 Main formula

$$\begin{aligned} & {}_2F_1 \left[ \begin{matrix} a, b ; \\ \frac{a+b+46}{2} ; \end{matrix} \frac{1}{2} \right] = \\ & = \frac{2^b \Gamma(\frac{a+b+46}{2})}{(a-b) \Gamma(b)} \left[ \frac{\Gamma(\frac{b}{2})}{\Gamma(\frac{a}{2})} \left\{ \frac{1}{\left[ \prod_{\zeta=0}^{21} \{a-b-2\zeta\} \right] \left[ \prod_{\eta=1}^{22} \{a-b+2\eta\} \right]} \right\} \times \right. \\ & \times \left( 4194304(-107145471557284795514880000a + 195291838708627789578240000a^2 \right. \\ & \quad - 156569123088349991534592000a^3 + 74473358203764465677107200a^4 \\ & \quad - 23811192195736807158054912a^5 + 5481259447061368207835136a^6 \\ & \quad - 948292268763887952199680a^7 + 126888416217818346291200a^8 - 13393761871844011671552a^9 \\ & \quad + 1130574271590544777216a^{10} - 77005895857888757760a^{11} + 4254539623864857600a^{12} \\ & \quad - 191027711898895872a^{13} + 6960284638689536a^{14} - 204763953757440a^{15} + 4818538806400a^{16} \\ & \quad - 89349365952a^{17} + 1275548736a^{18} - 13518120a^{19} + 100100a^{20} - 462a^{21} + a^{22} \\ & \quad + 107145471557284795514880000b + 544099662756275407552512000ab \\ & \quad - 214707088455270681437798400a^2b + 558803648319188167242547200a^3b \\ & \quad - 124626488196420160060391424a^4b + 76589682258781485165182976a^5b \\ & \quad - 10211457792319715925295104a^6b + 2878977486669978884112384a^7b \\ & \quad - 246395819137011656949760a^8b + 38995817187683205431296a^9b - 2221801102545787496448a^{10}b \\ & \quad + 216261270555291906048a^{11}b - 8291822969736024576a^{12}b + 517746324868286976a^{13}b \\ & \quad - 13186658427534592a^{14}b + 533571656983552a^{15}b - 8636653092672a^{16}b + 221751421056a^{17}b \\ & \quad - 2057016456a^{18}b + 31308816a^{19}b - 125818a^{20}b + 946a^{21}b + 195291838708627789578240000b^2 \\ & \quad + 214707088455270681437798400ab^2 + 1013820737421028969037168640a^2b^2 \\ & \quad - 108314139708425338286505984a^3b^2 + 302158850748929274166640640a^4b^2 \\ & \quad - 29771284120854232910266368a^5b^2 + 19694196117372618265329664a^6b^2 \\ & \quad - 1388623739871132154593280a^7b^2 + 417983263466651432951808a^8b^2 \\ & \quad - 20622266111066467088384a^9b^2 + 3449288077905817511936a^{10}b^2 - 117885481520131060736a^{11}b^2 \\ & \quad + 11998017793499063040a^{12}b^2 - 277636257039660288a^{13}b^2 + 17919113392649216a^{14}b^2 \\ & \quad - 267151285637632a^{15}b^2 + 11020924611136a^{16}b^2 - 95167656760a^{17}b^2 + 2443673144a^{18}b^2 \\ & \quad - 9231068a^{19}b^2 + 135751a^{20}b^2 + 156569123088349991534592000b^3 \end{aligned}$$



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 & - 125818ab^{20} + 135751a^2b^{20} - 462b^{21} + 946ab^{21} + b^{22} \Big) \Big] \Big\} \tag{8}
 \end{aligned}$$

### 3 Derivation of the Main Formula

Putting  $c = \frac{a+b+46}{2}$  and  $z = \frac{1}{2}$  in equation (2), we get

$$(a - b) {}_2F_1 \left[ \begin{matrix} a, b & ; & 1 \\ \frac{a+b+46}{2} & ; & \frac{1}{2} \end{matrix} \right] = a {}_2F_1 \left[ \begin{matrix} a + 1, b & ; & 1 \\ \frac{a+b+46}{2} & ; & \frac{1}{2} \end{matrix} \right] - b {}_2F_1 \left[ \begin{matrix} a, b + 1 & ; & 1 \\ \frac{a+b+46}{2} & ; & \frac{1}{2} \end{matrix} \right]$$

Now involving the derived formula [Salahuddin et. al. p.12-41(8)], the summation formula is obtained.

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## General energy decay for nonlinear wave equation of $\phi$ –Laplacian type with a delay term in the internal feedback

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### Abstract

Under conditions on the delay term, using the multiplier method and general weighted integral inequalities, we study the question of asymptotic behavior of solutions for a nonlinear wave equation with  $\phi$ –Laplacian operator and a delay term in the internal feedback.

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### 1 Introduction

It is well known that the  $\phi$ –Laplacian operator degenerates equations in divergence form. It has been much studied during the last years and their results is by now rather developed, especially with delay. In the classical theory of the wave equations several main parts of mathematics are joined in a fruitful way, it is very remarkable that the  $\phi$ –Laplace wave equation occupies a similar position, when it comes to nonlinear problems. In recent years, the PDEs with time delay effects have become an active area of research and arise in many applied problems.

In this paper we investigate the decay properties of solutions for the initial boundary value problem of a nonlinear wave equation

$$\begin{cases} \left(|u'|^{l-2}u'\right)' - \Delta_\phi u + \mu_1 g(u'(x, t)) + \mu_2 g(u'(x, t - \tau)) = 0 & \text{in } \Omega \times ]0, +\infty[, \\ u(x, t) = 0 & \text{on } \Gamma \times ]0, +\infty[, \\ u(x, 0) = u_0(x), \quad u'(x, 0) = u_1(x) & \text{in } \Omega, \\ u'(x, t - \tau) = f_0(x, t - \tau) & \text{in } \Omega \times ]0, \tau(0)[, \end{cases} \quad (1.1)$$

where  $\Omega$  is a bounded domain in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$ , with a smooth boundary  $\partial\Omega = \Gamma$ ,  $\tau > 0$  is a time delay,  $\mu_1$  and  $\mu_2$  are positive real numbers and the initial data  $(u_0, u_1, f_0)$  belong to a suitable space. The operator  $\Delta_\phi$  is defined by

$$\Delta_\phi = \sum_{i=1}^n \partial_{x_i} (\phi(|\partial_{x_i}|^2) \partial_{x_i}). \quad (1.2)$$

For  $\phi \sim 1$ , when  $g$  is linear, it is well known that if  $\mu_2 = 0$ , that is, in the absence of a delay, the energy of problem (1.1) exponentially decays to zero (see for instance [5, 6, 12, 18]). On the contrary, if  $\mu_1 = 0$ , that is, there exists only the delay part in the interior, the system (1.1) becomes unstable (see for instance [8]). In [8], the authors showed that a small delay in a boundary control can turn such a well-behaved hyperbolic system into a wild one and therefore, delay becomes a source of instability. To stabilize a hyperbolic system involving input delay terms, additional control terms will be necessary (see [19, 20, 21]). In [19] the authors examined

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the problem (P) with  $\phi \sim 1$  and determined suitable relations between  $\mu_1$  and  $\mu_2$ , for which stability or, alternatively, instability takes place. More precisely, they showed that the energy is exponentially stable if  $\mu_2 < \mu_1$  and they found a sequence of delays for which the corresponding solution will be unstable if  $\mu_2 \geq \mu_1$ . The main approach used in [19], is an observability inequality obtained by means of a Carleman estimate. The same results were shown if both the damping and the delay act in the boundary domain. We also recall the result by Xu, Yung and Li in [21], where the authors proved the same result as in [19] for the one-dimension space by adopting the spectral analysis approach.

When  $g$  is nonlinear and in the case  $\mu_2 = 0, \phi \sim 1$ , the problem of existence and energy decay have been previously studied by several authors (see [1, 3, 11, 12, 13]) and many energy estimates have been derived for arbitrary growing feedbacks (polynomial, exponential or logarithmic decay). The decay rate of a global solution depends on the growth near zero of  $g(s)$  as it was proved in [11, 12, 13, 17].

In this article, we use some technique from [3] to give energy decay estimates of solutions to the problem (1.1) for a nonlinear damping and a delay term in the  $\phi$ -Laplace type. We use the multiplier method and some properties of convex functions. These arguments of convexity were introduced and developed in [4, 7, 13, 14, 15], and used by Liu and Zuazua [16], Eller et al. [9] and Alabau-Boussouira [1].

## 2 Preliminaries and Notations

We omit the space variable  $x$  of  $u(x, t), u'(x, t)$  and for simplicity reason denote  $u(x, t) = u$  and  $u'(x, t) = u'$ , when no confusion arises. The constants  $c$  used throughout this paper are positive generic constants which may be different in various occurrences also the functions considered are all real valued, here  $u' = du(t)/dt$  and  $u'' = d^2u(t)/dt^2$ . We use familiar function spaces  $W_0^{m,\Phi}$ , where the function  $\Phi : \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  si colled an N-function, in the sense of Definition 2.1 given in [3, pp 6-8].

We use the following hypotheses:

(hyp1)  $g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is an odd non-decreasing function of the class  $C^0(\mathbb{R})$  such that there exist  $\epsilon_1$  (sufficiently small),  $c_1, c_2, c_3, \alpha_1, \alpha_2 > 0$  and a convex and increasing function  $H : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  of the class  $C^1(\mathbb{R}_+) \cap C^2(]0, \infty[)$  satisfying  $H(0) = 0$ , and  $H$  linear on  $[0, \epsilon_1]$  or ( $H' > 0$  and  $H' = 0$  on  $]0, \epsilon_1]$ ), such that

$$c_1|s|^{l-1} \leq |g(s)| \leq c_2|s|^p \quad \text{if } |s| \geq \epsilon_1, \tag{2.3}$$

$$|s|^l + |g|^{(p+1)/p}(s) \leq H^{-1}(sg(s)) \quad \text{if } |s| \leq \epsilon_1, \tag{2.4}$$

with  $p$  satisfying

$$l - 1 \leq p \leq \frac{n+2}{n-2}, \text{ if } n > 2$$

$$l - 1 \leq p < \infty, \text{ if } n \leq 2$$

$$|g'(s)| \leq c_3, \tag{2.5}$$

$$\alpha_1 sg(s) \leq G(s) \leq \alpha_2 sg(s), \tag{2.6}$$

where

$$G(s) = \int_0^s g(r) dr$$

(hyp2)  $\phi : \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  is of class  $C^1(]0, +\infty[) \cap C(]0, +\infty[)$  satisfying  $\phi(s) > 0$  on  $]0, +\infty[$  and  $\phi$  is non decreasing.

(hyp3)

$$\alpha_2 \mu_2 < \alpha_1 \mu_1. \tag{2.7}$$

We first state some lemmas which will be needed later.

**Lemma 2.1 (Sobolev–Poincaré’s inequality).** *Let  $q$  be a number with  $2 \leq q < +\infty$  ( $n = 1, 2, \dots, p$ ) or  $2 \leq q \leq pn/(n - p)$  ( $n \geq p + 1$ ). Then there is a constant  $c_* = c_*(\Omega, q, p)$  such that*

$$\|u\|_q \leq c_* \|\nabla u\|_p \quad \text{for } u \in W_0^{1,p}(\Omega).$$

The case  $p = q = 2$  gives the known Poincaré’s inequality.

**Lemma 2.2** ([9, 10]). Let  $E : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  be a non-increasing differentiable function and  $\Psi : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  a convex and increasing function such that  $\Psi(0) = 0$ . Assume that

$$\int_s^T \Psi(E(t)) dt \leq E(s) \quad \forall 0 \leq s \leq T.$$

Then  $E$  satisfies the following estimate:

$$E(t) \leq \psi^{-1}(h(t) + \psi(E(0))) \quad \forall t \geq 0, \tag{2.8}$$

where  $\psi(t) = \int_t^1 \frac{1}{\Psi(s)} ds$  for  $t > 0$ ,  $h(t) = 0$  for  $0 \leq t \leq \frac{E(0)}{\Psi(E(0))}$ , and

$$h^{-1}(t) = t + \frac{\psi^{-1}(t + \psi(E(0)))}{\Psi(\psi^{-1}(t + \psi(E(0))))} \quad \forall t \geq \frac{E(0)}{\Psi(E(0))}.$$

We introduce as in [19] the new variable

$$z(x, \rho, t) = u_t(x, t - \tau\rho), \quad x \in \Omega, \quad \rho \in (0, 1), \quad t > 0. \tag{2.9}$$

Then we have

$$\tau z'(x, \rho, t) + z_\rho(x, \rho, t) = 0 \quad \text{in } \Omega \times (0, 1) \times (0, +\infty). \tag{2.10}$$

Therefore problem (1.1) is equivalent to:

$$\begin{cases} (|u'|^{l-2}u')' - \Delta_\phi u(x, t) + \mu_1 g(u'(x, t)) + \mu_2 g(z(x, 1, t)) = 0 & \text{in } \Omega \times ]0, +\infty[, \\ \tau z'(x, \rho, t) + z_\rho(x, \rho, t) = 0 & \text{in } \Omega \times ]0, 1[ \times ]0, +\infty[, \\ u(x, t) = 0 & \text{on } \partial\Omega \times ]0, +\infty[, \\ z(x, 0, t) = u'(x, t) & \text{on } \Omega \times ]0, +\infty[, \\ u(x, 0) = u_0(x) \quad u'(x, 0) = u_1(x) & \text{in } \Omega \\ z(x, \rho, 0) = f_0(x, -\rho\tau) & \text{in } \Omega \times ]0, 1[. \end{cases} \tag{2.11}$$

Let  $\xi$  be a positive constant such that

$$\tau \frac{\mu_2(1 - \alpha_1)}{\alpha_1} < \xi < \tau \frac{\mu_1 - \alpha_2\mu_2}{\alpha_2}. \tag{2.12}$$

The energy of  $u$  at time  $t$  of the problem (2.11) is defined by

$$E(t) = \frac{l-1}{l} \|u'(t)\|_l^l + \int_\Omega \sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{\phi}(|\partial_{x_i} u|^2) dx + \xi \int_\Omega \int_0^1 G(z(x, \rho, t)) d\rho dx. \tag{2.13}$$

where  $\tilde{\phi}(s) = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^s \phi(t) dt$ . We give an explicit formula for the derivative of the energy.

**Lemma 2.3.** Let  $(u, z)$  be a solution of the problem (2.11). Then, the energy functional defined by (2.13) satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} E'(t) &\leq - \left( \mu_1 - \frac{\xi\alpha_2}{\tau} - \mu_2\alpha_2 \right) \int_\Omega u' g(u') dx \\ &\quad - \left( \frac{\xi}{\tau} \alpha_1 - \mu_2(1 - \alpha_1) \right) \int_\Omega z(x, 1, t) g(z(x, 1, t)) dx \\ &\leq 0. \end{aligned} \tag{2.14}$$

*Proof.* Multiplying the first equation in (2.11) by  $u'$ , integrating over  $\Omega$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{l-1}{l} \|u'\|_l^l + \int_\Omega \sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{\phi}(|\partial_{x_i} u|^2) \right) dx \\ &\quad + \mu_1 \int_\Omega u' g(u') dx + \mu_2 \int_\Omega u' g(z(x, 1, t)) dx. \end{aligned} \tag{2.15}$$

We multiply the second equation in (2.11) by  $\xi g(z)$  and integrate the result over  $\Omega \times (0, 1)$  to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \xi \int_{\Omega} \int_0^1 z' g(z(x, \rho, t)) d\rho dx &= -\frac{\xi}{\tau} \int_{\Omega} \int_0^1 \frac{\partial}{\partial \rho} G(z(x, \rho, t)) d\rho dx \\ &= -\frac{\xi}{\tau} \int_{\Omega} (G(z(x, 1, t)) - G(z(x, 0, t))) dx. \end{aligned} \quad (2.16)$$

Then

$$\xi \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} \int_0^1 G(z(x, \rho, t)) d\rho dx = -\frac{\xi}{\tau} \int_{\Omega} G(z(x, 1, t)) dx + \frac{\xi}{\tau} \int_{\Omega} G(u') dx. \quad (2.17)$$

From (2.15), (2.17) and using the Young inequality we get

$$\begin{aligned} E'(t) &= -\left(\mu_1 - \frac{\xi \alpha_2}{\tau}\right) \int_{\Omega} u' g(u') dx \\ &\quad - \frac{\xi}{\tau} \int_{\Omega} G(z(x, 1, t)) dx - \mu_2 \int_{\Omega} u'(t) g(z(x, 1, t)) dx. \end{aligned} \quad (2.18)$$

Let us denote  $G^*$  to be the conjugate function of the convex function  $G$ , i.e.,  $G^*(s) = \sup_{t \in \mathbb{R}^+} (st - G(t))$ . Then  $G^*$  is the Legendre transform of  $G$  which is given by (see [2], [4], [7], [14], [15], [17])

$$G^*(s) = s(G')^{-1}(s) - G[(G')^{-1}(s)] \quad \forall s \geq 0, \quad (2.19)$$

and satisfies the following inequality

$$st \leq G^*(s) + G(t) \quad \forall s, t \geq 0. \quad (2.20)$$

Then by the definition of  $G$  we get

$$G^*(s) = sg^{-1}(s) - G(g^{-1}(s)).$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} G^*(g(z(x, 1, t))) &= z(x, 1, t)g(z(x, 1, t)) - G(z(x, 1, t)) \\ &\leq (1 - \alpha_1)z(x, 1, t)g(z(x, 1, t)). \end{aligned} \quad (2.21)$$

Making use of (2.18), (2.20) and (2.21), we have

$$\begin{aligned} E'(t) &\leq -\left(\mu_1 - \frac{\xi \alpha_2}{\tau}\right) \int_{\Omega} u' g(u') dx - \frac{\xi}{\tau} \int_{\Omega} G(z(x, 1, t)) dx \\ &\quad + \mu_2 \int_{\Omega} (G(u') + G^*(g(z(x, 1, t)))) dx \\ &\leq -\left(\mu_1 - \frac{\xi \alpha_2}{\tau} - \mu_2 \alpha_2\right) \int_{\Omega} u' g(u') dx - \frac{\xi}{\tau} \int_{\Omega} G(z(x, 1, t)) dx \\ &\quad + \mu_2 \int_{\Omega} G^*(g(z(x, 1, t))) dx. \end{aligned} \quad (2.22)$$

Using (2.6) and (2.12), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} E'(t) &\leq -\left(\mu_1 - \frac{\xi \alpha_2}{\tau} - \mu_2 \alpha_2\right) \int_{\Omega} u' g(u') dx \\ &\quad - \left(\frac{\xi}{\tau} \alpha_1 - \mu_2 (1 - \alpha_1)\right) \int_{\Omega} z(x, 1, t) g(z(x, 1, t)) dx \\ &\leq 0. \end{aligned}$$

### 3 Main result

Our main result reads as.

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $(u_0, u_1, f_0) \in W^{2,\Phi} \cap W_0^{1,\Phi} \times W_0^{1,l}(\Omega) \times W_0^{1,l}(\Omega; W^{1,l}(0,1))$  and assume that the hypotheses (hyp1)–(hyp3) hold. Then, for some constants  $\omega, \epsilon_0$  we have

$$E(t) \leq \psi^{-1}(h(t) + \psi(E(0))) \quad \forall t > 0, \quad (3.23)$$

where  $\psi(t) = \int_t^1 \frac{1}{\omega\varphi(\tau)} d\tau$  for  $t > 0$ ,  $h(t) = 0$  for  $0 \leq t \leq \frac{E(0)}{\omega\varphi(E(0))}$ ,

$$h^{-1}(t) = t + \frac{\psi^{-1}(t + \psi(E(0)))}{\omega\varphi(\psi^{-1}(t + \psi(E(0))))} \quad \forall t > 0,$$

$$\varphi(s) = \{s \text{ if } H \text{ is linear on } [0, \epsilon_1], sH'(\epsilon_0s) \text{ if } H'(0) = 0 \text{ and } H'' > 0 \text{ on } ]0, \epsilon_1[. \}$$

*Proof.* Multiplying the first equation of (2.11) by  $\frac{\varphi(E)}{E}u$ , we obtain for all  $0 \leq S \leq T$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \int_S^T \frac{\varphi(E)}{E} \int_{\Omega} u \left( (|u'|^{l-2}u')' - \Delta_{\phi}u + \mu_1g(u'(x,t)) + \mu_2g(z(x,1,t)) \right) dx dt \\ &= \left[ \frac{\varphi(E)}{E} \int_{\Omega} u|u'|^{l-2}u' dx \right]_S^T - \int_S^T \left( \frac{\varphi(E)}{E} \right)' \int_{\Omega} u|u'|^{l-2}u' dx dt \\ &\quad - \int_S^T \frac{\varphi(E)}{E} \int_{\Omega} u'' dx dt + \int_S^T \frac{\varphi(E)}{E} \int_{\Omega} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \phi(|\partial_{x_i}u|^2) |\partial_{x_i}u|^2 \right) dx dt \\ &\quad + \mu_1 \int_S^T \frac{\varphi(E)}{E} \int_{\Omega} u g(u') dx dt + \mu_2 \int_S^T \frac{\varphi(E)}{E} \int_{\Omega} u g(z(x,1,t)) dx dt \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we multiply the second equation of (2.11) by  $\frac{\varphi(E)}{E}e^{-2\tau\rho}g(z(x,\rho,t))$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \int_S^T \frac{\varphi(E)}{E} \int_{\Omega} \int_0^1 e^{-2\tau\rho} g(z)(\tau z' + z_{\rho}) dx d\rho dt \\ &= \left[ \frac{\varphi(E)}{E} \int_{\Omega} \int_0^1 \tau e^{-2\tau\rho} G(z) dx d\rho \right]_S^T \\ &\quad - \tau \int_S^T \left( \frac{\varphi(E)}{E} \right)' \int_{\Omega} \int_0^1 e^{-2\tau\rho} G(z) dx d\rho dt \\ &\quad + \int_S^T \frac{\varphi(E)}{E} \int_{\Omega} \int_0^1 \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial \rho} (e^{-2\tau\rho} G(z)) + 2\tau e^{-2\tau\rho} G(z) \right) dx d\rho dt \\ &= \left[ \frac{\varphi(E)}{E} \int_{\Omega} \int_0^1 \tau e^{-2\tau\rho} G(z) dx d\rho \right]_S^T \\ &\quad - \tau \int_S^T \left( \frac{\varphi(E)}{E} \right)' \int_{\Omega} \int_0^1 e^{-2\tau\rho} G(z) dx d\rho dt \\ &\quad + \int_S^T \frac{\varphi(E)}{E} \int_{\Omega} (e^{-2\tau} G(z(x,1,t)) - G(z(x,0,t))) dx dt \\ &\quad + 2\tau \int_S^T \frac{\varphi(E)}{E} \int_0^1 \int_{\Omega} e^{-2\tau\rho} G(z) dx d\rho dt. \end{aligned}$$

We have by (hyp2),  $s\phi(s) \geq 2\tilde{\phi}(s)$ , (note that  $\tilde{\phi}$  is convex and defines a bijection from  $\mathbb{R}^+$  to  $\mathbb{R}^+$ ), summing to

obtain, for  $A = 2 \min\{1, \tau e^{-2\tau}/2\xi\}$

$$\begin{aligned}
A \int_S^T \varphi(E) dt &\leq - \left[ \frac{\varphi(E)}{E} \int_{\Omega} u |u'|^{l-2} u' dx \right]_S^T + \int_S^T \left( \frac{\varphi(E)}{E} \right)' \int_{\Omega} u |u'|^{l-2} u' dx dt \\
&+ \frac{3l-2}{l} \int_S^T \frac{\varphi(E)}{E} \int_{\Omega} u^l dx dt - \mu_1 \int_S^T \frac{\varphi(E)}{E} \int_{\Omega} u g(u') dx dt \\
&- \mu_2 \int_S^T \frac{\varphi(E)}{E} \int_{\Omega} u g(z(x, 1, t)) dx dt - \left[ \frac{\varphi(E)}{E} \int_{\Omega} \int_0^1 \tau e^{-2\tau\rho} G(z) dx d\rho \right]_S^T \\
&+ \tau \int_S^T \left( \frac{\varphi(E)}{E} \right)' \int_{\Omega} \int_0^1 e^{-2\tau\rho} G(z) dx d\rho dt \\
&- \int_S^T \frac{\varphi(E)}{E} \int_{\Omega} (e^{-2\tau} G(z(x, 1, t)) - G(z(x, 0, t))) dx dt. \tag{3.24}
\end{aligned}$$

Using Lemma [2.1](#), since  $E$  is non-increasing, using the Holder, Cauchy-Schwartz, Poincare and Young's inequalities with exponents  $\frac{l}{l-1}, l$ , to get

$$\begin{aligned}
\left| \int_{\Omega} u |u'|^{l-2} u' dx \right| &\leq \left( \int_{\Omega} |u|^l dx \right)^{1/l} \left( \int_{\Omega} |u'|^l dx \right)^{(l-1)/l} \\
&\leq c \left( \int_{\Omega} |\nabla u|^2 dx \right)^{1/2} E^{(l-1)/l}(t) \\
&\leq c E^{(l-1)/l}(t) \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{\varphi}^{-1} \left( \int_{\Omega} \sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{\varphi}(|\partial_{x_i}|^2) dx \right) \right)^{1/2} \\
&\leq c E^{(l-1)/l}(t) (\tilde{\varphi}^{-1}(E(t)))^{1/2} \tag{3.25}
\end{aligned}$$

For  $l \geq 2$ ,  $\tilde{\varphi}^{-1}$  is non decreasing and  $\varphi$  is convex, increasing and of class  $C^1(]0, +\infty[)$  such that  $\varphi(0) = 0$  (then  $s \rightarrow s^{(l-1)/l}, s \rightarrow \tilde{\varphi}^{-1}(s)$  and  $s \rightarrow \frac{\varphi(s)}{s}$  are non decreasing), we deduce that

$$\begin{aligned}
- \left[ \frac{\varphi(E)}{E} \int_{\Omega} u |u'|^{l-2} u' dx \right]_S^T &= \frac{\varphi(E(S))}{E(S)} \int_{\Omega} u(S) |u'(S)|^{l-2} u'(S) dx \\
&- \frac{\varphi(E(T))}{E(T)} \int_{\Omega} u(T) |u'(T)|^{l-2} u'(T) dx \\
&\leq C \varphi(E(S)),
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\left| \int_S^T \left( \frac{\varphi(E)}{E} \right)' \int_{\Omega} u |u'|^{l-2} u' dx dt \right| &\leq c \int_S^T \left| \left( \frac{\varphi(E)}{E} \right)' \right| E dt \\
&\leq c \varphi(E(S)),
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
- \left[ \frac{\varphi(E)}{E} \int_{\Omega} \int_0^1 e^{-2\tau\rho} G(z) dx d\rho \right]_S^T &= \frac{\varphi(E(S))}{E(S)} \int_{\Omega} \int_0^1 e^{-2\tau\rho} G(z(x, \rho, S)) dx d\rho, \\
&- \frac{\varphi(E(T))}{E(T)} \int_{\Omega} \int_0^1 e^{-2\tau\rho} G(z(x, \rho, T)) dx d\rho \\
&\leq C \varphi(E(S)),
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_S^T \left( \left( \frac{\varphi(E)}{E} \right)' \right) \int_{\Omega} \int_0^1 e^{-2\tau\rho} G(z) dx d\rho dt &\leq c \int_S^T \left( - \left( \frac{\varphi(E)}{E} \right)' \right) E dt \\
&\leq c \varphi(E(S)),
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_S^T \frac{\varphi(E)}{E} \int_{\Omega} e^{-2\tau} G(z(x, 1, t)) dx dt &\leq c \int_S^T \frac{\varphi(E)}{E} (-E') dt \\
&\leq c \varphi(E(S)),
\end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned} \int_S^T \frac{\varphi(E)}{E} \int_{\Omega} G(z(x, 0, t)) dx dt &= \int_S^T \frac{\varphi(E)}{E} \int_{\Omega} G(u'(x, t)) dx dt \\ &\leq c \int_S^T \frac{\varphi(E)}{E} (-E') dt \\ &\leq c\varphi(E(S)), \end{aligned}$$

We conclude

$$\begin{aligned} A \int_S^T \varphi(E) dt &\leq c\varphi(E(S)) + \mu_1 \int_S^T \frac{\varphi(E)}{E} \int_{\Omega} |u| |g(u')| dx dt \\ &\quad + \frac{3l-2}{l} \int_S^T \frac{\varphi(E)}{E} \int_{\Omega} u^l dx dt + \mu_2 \int_S^T \frac{\varphi(E)}{E} \int_{\Omega} |u| |g(z(x, 1, t))| dx dt. \end{aligned} \quad (3.26)$$

In order to apply the results of Lemma 2.2, we estimate the terms of the right-hand side of (3.26).

We distinguish two cases.

**1.  $H$  is linear on  $[0, \epsilon_1]$ .** We have  $c_1|s|^{l-1} \leq |g(s)| \leq c_2|s|^p$  for all  $s \in \mathbb{R}$ , and then, using (2.6) and noting that  $s \mapsto \frac{\varphi(E(s))}{E(s)}$  is non-increasing,

$$\frac{3l-2}{l} \int_S^T \frac{\varphi(E)}{E} \int_{\Omega} |u'|^l dx dt \leq c \int_S^T \frac{\varphi(E)}{E} \int_{\Omega} u' g(u') dx dt \leq c\varphi(E(S)),$$

Using the Poincaré, Young inequalities and the energy inequality from Lemma 2.3, we obtain, for all  $\epsilon > 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_S^T \frac{\varphi(E)}{E} \int_{\Omega} |u g(u')| dx dt &\leq \epsilon \int_S^T \frac{\varphi(E)}{E} \int_{\Omega} u^{p+1} dx dt + c_{\epsilon} \int_S^T \frac{\varphi(E)}{E} \int_{\Omega} g^{1+\frac{1}{p}}(u') dx dt \\ &\leq \epsilon c \int_S^T \varphi(E) dt + c_{\epsilon} \int_S^T \frac{\varphi(E)}{E} \int_{\Omega} u' g(u') dx dt \\ &\leq \epsilon c \int_S^T \varphi(E) dt + c_{\epsilon} \varphi(E(S)), \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_S^T \frac{\varphi(E)}{E} \int_{\Omega} |u g(z(x, 1, t))| dx dt &\leq \epsilon \int_S^T \frac{\varphi(E)}{E} \int_{\Omega} u^{p+1} dx dt + c_{\epsilon} \int_S^T \frac{\varphi(E)}{E} \int_{\Omega} g^{1+\frac{1}{p}}(z(x, 1, t)) dx dt \\ &\leq \epsilon c \int_S^T \varphi(E) dt + c_{\epsilon} \int_S^T \frac{\varphi(E)}{E} \int_{\Omega} z(x, 1, t) g(z(x, 1, t)) dx dt \\ &\leq \epsilon c \int_S^T \varphi(E) dt + c_{\epsilon} \varphi(E(S)). \end{aligned}$$

Inserting these two inequalities into (3.26), choosing  $\epsilon > 0$  small enough, we deduce that

$$\int_S^T \varphi(E(t)) dt \leq c\varphi(E(S)).$$

Using Lemma 2.2 for  $E$  in the particular case where  $\varphi(s) = s$ , we deduce from (2.8) that

$$E(t) \leq ce^{-\omega t}.$$

**2.  $H'(0) = 0$  and  $H'' > 0$  on  $]0, \epsilon_1]$ .** For all  $t \geq 0$ , we consider the following partition of  $\Omega$

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega_t^1 &= \{x \in \Omega : |u'| \geq \epsilon_1\}, & \Omega_t^2 &= \{x \in \Omega : |u'| \leq \epsilon_1\}, \\ \tilde{\Omega}_t^1 &= \{x \in \Omega : |z(x, 1, t)| \geq \epsilon_1\}, & \tilde{\Omega}_t^2 &= \{x \in \Omega : |z(x, 1, t)| \leq \epsilon_1\}. \end{aligned}$$

Using (2.3), (2.6) and the fact that  $s \mapsto \frac{\varphi(s)}{s}$  is non-decreasing, we obtain

$$c \int_S^T \frac{\varphi(E)}{E} \int_{\Omega_t^1} (|u'|^l + g^{(p+1)/p}(u')) dx dt \leq c \int_S^T \frac{\varphi(E)}{E} \int_{\Omega} u' g(u') dx dt \leq c\varphi(E(S)).$$

On the other hand, since  $H$  is convex and increasing,  $H^{-1}$  is concave and increasing. Therefore (2.4) and the reversed Jensen's inequality for a concave function imply that

$$\begin{aligned} \int_S^T \frac{\varphi(E)}{E} \int_{\Omega_t^2} (|u'|^l + g^{(p+1)/p}(u')) dx dt &\leq \int_S^T \frac{\varphi(E)}{E} \int_{\Omega_t^2} H^{-1}(u'g(u')) dx dt \\ &\leq \int_S^T \frac{\varphi(E)}{E} |\Omega| H^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{|\Omega|} \int_{\Omega} u'g(u') dx\right) dt. \end{aligned} \quad (3.27)$$

Let us assume  $H^*$  to be the conjugate function of the convex function  $H$ , i.e.,  $H^*(s) = \sup_{t \in \mathbb{R}^+} (st - H(t))$ . Then  $H^*$  is the Legendre transform of  $H$ , which is given by (see Arnold [2, pp. 61–64] and [4, 7, 14, 15])

$$H^*(s) = s(H')^{-1}(s) - H[(H')^{-1}(s)] \quad \forall s \geq 0 \quad (3.28)$$

and satisfies the following inequality

$$st \leq H^*(s) + H(t) \quad \forall s, t \geq 0. \quad (3.29)$$

Due to our choice  $\varphi(s) = sH'(\epsilon_0 s)$ , we have

$$H^*\left(\frac{\varphi(s)}{s}\right) = \epsilon_0 s H'(\epsilon_0 s) - H(\epsilon_0 s) \leq \epsilon_0 \varphi(s). \quad (3.30)$$

Making use of (3.27), (3.29) and (3.30), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_S^T \frac{\varphi(E)}{E} \int_{\Omega_t^2} (|u'|^l + g^{(p+1)/p}(u')) dx dt &\leq c \int_S^T H^*\left(\frac{\varphi(E)}{E}\right) dt + c \int_S^T \int_{\Omega} u'g(u') dt \\ &\leq \epsilon_0 \int_S^T \varphi(E) dt + cE(S), \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_S^T \frac{\varphi(E)}{E} \int_{\Omega_t^2} g^{(p+1)/p}(z(x, 1, t)) dx dt &\leq \int_S^T \frac{\varphi(E)}{E} \int_{\Omega_t^2} H^{-1}(z(x, 1, t)g(z(x, 1, t))) dx dt \\ &\leq \int_S^T \frac{\varphi(E)}{E} |\Omega| H^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{|\Omega|} \int_{\Omega} z(x, 1, t)g(z(x, 1, t)) dx\right) dt \\ &\leq c \int_S^T H^*\left(\frac{\varphi(E)}{E}\right) dt + c \int_S^T \int_{\Omega} z(x, 1, t)g(z(x, 1, t)) dt \\ &\leq \epsilon_0 \int_S^T \varphi(E) dt + cE(S). \end{aligned} \quad (3.31)$$

Then, choosing  $\epsilon_0 > 0$  small enough and using (3.26), we obtain in both cases

$$\begin{aligned} \int_S^{+\infty} \varphi(E(t)) dt &\leq c(E(S) + \varphi(E(S))) \\ &\leq c\left(1 + \frac{\varphi(E(S))}{E(S)}\right) E(S) \\ &\leq cE(S) \quad \forall S \geq 0. \end{aligned} \quad (3.32)$$

Using Lemma 2.2 in the particular case where  $\Psi(s) = \omega\varphi(s)$ , we deduce from (2.8) our estimate (3.23). The proof of Theorem 3.1 is now complete.  $\square$

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## Mixed domination in an M-strong fuzzy graph

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### Abstract

In this paper, mixed dominating set, mixed domination number, mixed strong domination number and mixed weak domination number of an M-strong fuzzy graph  $G = (\sigma, \mu)$  are defined. Also these numbers are determined for various standard fuzzy graphs. The relationship between these numbers and other well known numbers are derived.

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## 1 Introduction

Zadeh [13] introduced the concept of Fuzzy sets in the year 1965. In 1975, Fuzzy graph was introduced by Rosenfeld [7]. Rosenfeld has obtained the fuzzy analogues of several basic graph-theoretic concepts like bridges, paths, cycles, trees, connectedness and established some of their properties. Fuzzy trees were characterized by Sunitha and Vijayakumar [11]. They have obtained a characterization for blocks in fuzzy graphs using the concept of strongest paths [12]. Bhutani and Rosenfeld have introduced the concepts of strong arcs, fuzzy end nodes and geodesics in fuzzy graphs [2]. Mordeson and Peng [6] introduced strong fuzzy graph using effective edges. Bhutani and Battou [1] consider the strong fuzzy graph of Mordeson and Peng as M-strong fuzzy graph.

The concept of domination in fuzzy graphs was defined by Somasundaram and Somasundaram [9]. The vertex neighbourhood number and edge neighbourhood number of an M-strong fuzzy graphs are introduced by S. Ismail Mohideen and A. Mohamed Ismayil [3, 4].

Mixed domination in crisp graph was introduced by E. Sampathkumar and S.S. Kamath [8]. In this paper, Mixed dominating set and mixed domination number in an M-strong fuzzy graph are defined. Mixed strong domination number and mixed weak domination number in an M-strong fuzzy graph are also defined. Theorems related to these mixed dominating sets and mixed domination numbers are stated and proved. The relation between these numbers and other well known parameters are derived.

## 2 Preliminaries

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $V$  be a finite non empty set and  $E$  be the collection of two element subsets of  $V$ . A fuzzy graph  $G = (\sigma, \mu)$  is a set with two functions  $\sigma : V \rightarrow [0, 1]$  and  $\mu : E \rightarrow [0, 1]$  such that  $\mu(u, v) \leq \sigma(u) \wedge \sigma(v)$  for all  $u, v \in V$ .

**Definition 2.2.** Let  $G = (\sigma, \mu)$  be a fuzzy graph defined on  $V$  and  $S \subseteq V$ . Then the scalar cardinality of  $S$  is defined by  $\sum_{u \in S} \sigma(u)$ . The order (denoted by  $p$ ) and size (denoted by  $q$ ) of a fuzzy graph  $G = (\sigma, \mu)$  are the scalar cardinality of  $\sigma$  and  $\mu$  respectively.

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**Definition 2.3.** A fuzzy graph  $G_1 = (\sigma_1, \mu_1)$  is called the fuzzy sub graph induced by  $V_1$  if  $\sigma_1(u) \leq \sigma(u)$  for all  $u \in V_1$  and  $\mu_1(u, v) \leq \sigma_1(u) \wedge \sigma_1(v) \wedge \mu(u, v)$  for all  $u, v \in V_1$  and is denoted by  $\langle V_1 \rangle$ . A fuzzy graph  $G_1 = (\sigma_1, \mu_1)$  is called the full fuzzy sub graph induced by  $V_1$  if  $\sigma_1(u) = \sigma(u)$  for all  $u \in V_1$  and  $\mu_1(u, v) = \mu(u, v)$  for all  $u, v \in V_1$  and is denoted by  $\langle\langle V_1 \rangle\rangle$ .

**Definition 2.4.** An edge  $e = (u, v)$  of a fuzzy graph is called an effective edge if  $\mu(u, v) = \sigma(u) \wedge \sigma(v)$ . If  $e = (u, v)$  is an effective edge, then  $u$  and  $v$  are adjacent vertices and  $e$  is incident with  $u$  and  $v$ . A fuzzy graph  $G = (\sigma, \mu)$  is said to be  $M$ -strong fuzzy graph [1] if  $\mu(u, v) = \sigma(u) \wedge \sigma(v)$  for all  $(u, v) \in E$ . That is, In an  $M$ -strong fuzzy graph every edge is an effective edge.

**Definition 2.5.** A fuzzy graph  $G = (\sigma, \mu)$  is said to be complete fuzzy graph if  $\mu(u, v) = \sigma(u) \wedge \sigma(v)$  for all  $u, v \in V$ . That is, In a complete fuzzy graph every pair of verices should have an effective edge.

**Definition 2.6.** Let  $u, v \in V$  and  $e = (u, v) \in E$  then  $N(u) = \{v \in V : \mu(u, v) = \sigma(u) \wedge \sigma(v)\}$  is called open neighbourhood of  $u$  and  $N[u] = N(u) \cup \{u\}$  is called closed neighbourhood of  $u$ .  $N[e] = N(u) \cup N(v)$  is called closed neighbourhood of  $e$ . If  $N(u) = \phi$  then  $u$  is said to be isolated vertex.

**Definition 2.7.** The neighbourhood degree of a vertex  $u$  is defined to be the sum of the weights of the vertices adjacent to  $u$  and is denoted by  $d_N(u)$ , the minimum neighbourhood degree is  $\delta_N(u) = \min\{d_N(u) : u \in V\}$  and the maximum neighbourhood degree is  $\Delta_N(G) = \max\{d_N(u) : u \in V\}$ .

**Definition 2.8.** A fuzzy graph  $G = (\sigma, \mu)$  is said to be bipartite if the vertex set  $V$  can be partitioned into two sets  $V_1$  defined on  $\sigma_1$  and  $V_2$  defined on  $\sigma_2$  such that  $\mu(v_1, v_2) = 0$  if  $(v_1, v_2) \in V_1 \times V_1$  or  $(v_1, v_2) \in V_2 \times V_2$ .

**Definition 2.9.** A bipartite fuzzy graph  $G = (\sigma, \mu)$  is said to be complete bipartite if  $\mu(u, v) = \sigma(u) \wedge \sigma(v)$  for all  $u \in V_1$  defined on  $\sigma_1$  and  $v \in V_2$  defined on  $\sigma_2$  and is denoted by  $K_{\sigma_1, \sigma_2}$ .

**Definition 2.10.** A path in a fuzzy graph  $G$  is a sequence of distinct vertices  $u_0, u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n$  such that  $\mu(u_{i-1}, u_i) = \sigma(u_{i-1}) \wedge \sigma(u_i), 1 \leq i \leq n, n > 0$  is called the length of the path. The path in a fuzzy graph is called a fuzzy cycle if  $u_0 = u_n, n \geq 3$ .

**Definition 2.11.** A fuzzy graph is said to be cyclic if it contains at least one cycle, otherwise it is called acyclic.

**Definition 2.12.** A fuzzy graph is said to be connected if there exists at least one path between every pair of vertices.

**Definition 2.13.** A connected acyclic fuzzy graph is said to be a tree.

**Definition 2.14.** A vertex in a fuzzy graph having only one neighbour is called a pendent vertex. Otherwise it is called non-pendent vertex.

**Definition 2.15.** An edge in a fuzzy graph incident with a pendent vertex is called a pendent edge. Otherwise it is called non-pendent edge.

**Definition 2.16.** A vertex in a fuzzy graph adjacent to the pendent vertices is called a support of the pendent edges.

**Definition 2.17.** [10] A vertex covering of fuzzy graph  $G$  is a subset  $K$  of  $V$  such that every effective edge of  $G$  has at least one end in  $K$ . The minimum scalar cardinality of vertices in  $K$  is called a vertex covering number of  $G$  and is denoted by  $\alpha_0$ .  $\alpha_0$ -set is a vertex cover with minimum scalar cardinality. Similarly edge cover number( $\alpha_1$ ), vertex independence number( $\beta_0$ ) and edge independence number ( $\beta_1$ ) can be defined.

**Theorem 2.1.** [10] For any fuzzy graph  $G, \alpha_0 + \beta_0 = p$ .

**Definition 2.18.** Let  $G = (\sigma, \mu)$  be a fuzzy graph and let  $u, v \in V$ . If  $\mu(u, v) = \sigma(u) \wedge \sigma(v)$  then  $u$  dominates  $v$  (or  $v$  is dominated by  $u$ ) in  $G$ . A subset  $D$  of  $V$  is called a dominating set in  $G$  if for every  $v \notin D$  there exist  $u \in D$  such that  $u$  dominates  $v$ . The minimum scalar cardinality taken over all dominating set is called domination number and is denoted by the symbol  $\gamma$ .

**Definition 2.19.** A set  $S \subseteq V$  in an  $M$ -strong fuzzy graph  $G(\sigma, \mu)$  is a vertex neighbourhood set of  $G$  if  $G = \cup_{u \in S} \langle\langle N[u] \rangle\rangle$ , where  $\langle\langle N[u] \rangle\rangle$  is the full fuzzy sub graph of  $G$  induced by  $N[u]$  and is denoted by  $n$ -set. The minimum scalar cardinality taken over all  $n$ -set of  $G$  is called vertex neighbourhood number and is denoted by  $n_0$ .

**Theorem 2.2.** [3] For any  $M$ -strong fuzzy graph  $G$  without isolated vertices. Then

1.  $\gamma(G) \leq n_0(G) \leq \alpha_0(G)$
2.  $n_0(G) \leq \alpha_1(G)$

**Corollary 2.1.** [3] If  $G$  is a  $M$ -strong fuzzy graph without isolated vertices and having no triangles, then  $n_0(G) = \alpha_0(G)$ .

**Definition 2.20.** Let  $e = (u, v)$  be an edge in an  $M$ -strong fuzzy graph  $G(\sigma, \mu)$ . A set  $M \subseteq E$  in  $G$  is an edge neighbourhood set of  $G$  if  $G = \cup_{u \in S} \langle\langle N[e] \rangle\rangle$ , where  $\langle\langle N[e] \rangle\rangle$  is a full induced fuzzy sub graph of  $G$  and is denoted by  $en$ -set. The minimum scalar cardinality taken over all  $en$ -set of  $G$  is called edge neighbourhood number and is denoted by  $n_0$ .

**Theorem 2.3.** [4] For any  $M$ -strong fuzzy graph  $G$

1.  $\gamma - m \leq n_1 \leq n_0$ , where  $m$  is the number of edges in minimum  $en$ -set.
2.  $n_1 \leq \gamma_1 \leq \min(\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \beta_1)$ .
3.  $n_1 \leq \beta_0$ .
4.  $n_1 \leq p/2$ , where  $p$  is the order of  $G$ .

### 3 Mixed Domination in an $M$ -strong fuzzy graph

**Definition 3.21.** Let  $G = (\sigma, \mu)$  be an  $M$ -strong fuzzy graph defined on  $V$ . A vertex  $v \in V$  dominates an edge  $e \in E$  if  $e \in \langle\langle N[v] \rangle\rangle$  Where  $\langle\langle N[v] \rangle\rangle$  is a full induced fuzzy sub graph of  $G$ . An edge  $e = (u, v) \in E$  dominates  $v \in V$  if  $v \in N[e]$ , where  $N[e] = N(u) \cup N(v)$ .

**Note 1.** If  $v$  dominates  $e$ , then  $e$  dominates  $v$  but the converse is not true.

**Example 3.1.** In the fuzzy graph given in Figure 1. Here  $e_1$  dominates  $v_3$  but  $v_3$  does not dominate  $e_1$ .

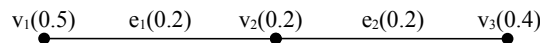


Figure 1:

Now, using this concept the vertex-edge dominating set, edge-vertex dominating set and mixed dominating sets in an  $M$ -strong fuzzy graphs are defined.

**Definition 3.22.** A set  $S \subseteq V$  in an  $M$ -strong fuzzy graph  $G$  is a vertex-edge dominating set ( $ved$  – set) if every edge of  $G$  is dominated by a vertex in  $S$ . The minimum scalar cardinality taken over all  $ved$ -set is called  $ve$ -domination number and is denoted by the symbol  $\gamma_{ve}$ . A  $ved$ -set with minimum scalar cardinality is called  $\gamma_{ve}$ -set. The  $\Gamma_{ve}$  is called the maximum scalar cardinality of a minimal  $ved$ -set of  $G$ .

**Remark 3.1.** Every  $n_0$  – set in an  $M$ -strong fuzzy graph without isolated vertices is an  $\gamma_{ve}$  – set and converse also true. That is  $\gamma_{ve} = n_0$ .

**Definition 3.23.** A set  $M \subseteq E$  in an  $M$ -strong fuzzy graph  $G$  is an edge-vertex dominating set ( $evd$  – set) if every vertex of  $G$  is dominated by an edge in  $M$ . The scalar cardinality taken over all  $evd$ -set is called  $ev$ -domination number and is denoted by the symbol  $\gamma_{ev}$ . An  $evd$ -set with minimum scalar cardinality is called  $\gamma_{ev}$ -set. The  $\Gamma_{ev}$  is called the maximum scalar cardinality of a minimal  $evd$ -set of  $G$ .

**Remark 3.2.** Every  $n_1$  – set in an  $M$ -strong fuzzy graph without isolated vertices is an  $evd$  – set but converse not true. That is  $\gamma_{ev} \leq n_1$ .

**Definition 3.24.** A set  $D \subseteq V \cup E$  in an  $M$ -strong fuzzy graph  $G$  is a mixed dominating set ( $md$ -set) if

1. every vertex  $v \notin D$  is dominated by at least an edge  $e \in D$  and

2. every edge  $e \notin D$  is dominated by at least one vertex in  $v \in D$ .

The minimum scalar cardinality taken over all md-set is called mixed domination number and is denoted by the symbol  $\gamma_m$ .  $\Gamma_m$  is called the maximum scalar cardinality of a minimal md-set of  $G$ .

**Note 2.** A ved-set with minimum scalar cardinality is called  $\gamma_{ve}$ -set, similarly  $\gamma_{ev}$ -set and  $\gamma_m$ -set.

**Observation 1.** Let  $K_\sigma$  be a complete fuzzy graph with more than two vertices defined on  $V$ ,  $\gamma_{ve} = \gamma_{ev} = \min_{u \in V} \sigma(u)$  and  $\gamma_m = 2 \min_{u \in V} \sigma(u)$ .

**Observation 2.** Let  $K_\sigma$  be a complete fuzzy graph with two vertices defined on  $V$ ,  $\gamma_{ve} = \gamma_{ev} = \gamma_m = \min_{u \in V} \sigma(u)$ .

**Observation 3.** Let  $K_{\sigma_1, \sigma_2}$  be a complete bipartite fuzzy graph,  $\sigma_1$  defined on  $V_1$  and  $\sigma_2$  defined on  $V_2$  respectively and  $V = V_1 \cup V_2$ . Then  $\gamma_{ve} = \min\{|\sigma_1|, |\sigma_2|\}$ ,  $\gamma_{ev} = \min_{u \in V} \sigma(u)$  and  $\gamma_m = \gamma_{ve} + \gamma_{ev}$ .

**Theorem 3.4.** For any  $M$ -strong fuzzy graph without isolated vertices  $G$

$$\gamma_{ev} \leq \gamma_{ve} \leq \gamma_m \leq \gamma_{ev} + \gamma_{ve}.$$

**proof:** The first inequality follows from the fact that an evd-set is obtained by choosing one edge incident at each vertex  $v$  in  $\gamma_{ve}$  - set. The second inequality follows from the fact that by replacing each of the edges in  $\gamma_m$ -set by one of its end vertices with minimum membership grade, we get a ved-set. The last inequality follows from the fact that the union of ved-set and an evd-set is an md-set.

**Note 3.** Let  $\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \beta_0$  and  $\beta_1$  are the vertex cover, edge cover, vertex independent and edge independent numbers of a fuzzy graph  $G$ .

**Theorem 3.5.** For any  $M$ -strong fuzzy graph  $G$  without isolated vertices, The following results are true:

1.  $\gamma_{ve} \leq \alpha_0$ , where  $\alpha_0$  is a vertex cover number of  $G$ .
2.  $\gamma_{ev} \leq \beta_0$  where  $\beta_0$  is a vertex independent number of  $G$ .
3.  $\gamma_m \leq p$ , where  $p$  is the order of  $G$ .

**proof:** (1) From the remark 3.1,  $\gamma_{ve} = n_0$  and from the theorem 2.2(1),  $n_0 \leq \alpha_0$ . Hence  $\gamma_{ve} \leq \alpha_0$ .

(2) From the remark 3.2,  $\gamma_{ev} = n_1$  and from the theorem 2.3(3),  $n_1 \leq \beta_0$ . Hence  $\gamma_{ev} \leq \beta_0$ .

(3) By theorem 3.4,  $\gamma_m \leq \gamma_{ev} + \gamma_{ve} \leq \alpha_0 + \beta_0$  and theorem 2.1,  $\alpha_0 + \beta_0 = p$ . Hence  $\gamma_m \leq p$ .

**Theorem 3.6.** If  $G$  is an  $M$ -strong fuzzy graph without isolated vertices and no triangles. Then

1.  $\gamma_{ve} = \alpha_0$
2.  $\gamma_{ev} \leq \gamma \leq \gamma_{ve}$
3.  $\gamma_m \leq \gamma_{ve} + \frac{p}{2}$
4.  $\gamma_m \leq \gamma + \alpha_0$ .

**proof:** (1) From the remark 3.1,  $\gamma_{ve} = n_0$  and from the corollary 2.1,  $n_0 = \alpha_0$ . Hence  $\alpha_0 = \gamma_{ve}$ .

(2) Every dominating set is an evd-set, because a vertex  $v$  in a dominating set dominates only adjacent vertices but an edge  $e$  in  $\gamma_{ev}$  - set dominates adjacent vertices of both the end vertices of  $e$ . Hence  $\gamma_{ev} \leq \gamma$ . Every ved-set is a dominating set, since  $G$  has no triangles. Hence  $\gamma \leq \gamma_{ve}$ .

(3) An edge will definitely dominate at least two vertices in an evd-set, therefore  $\gamma_{ev} \leq \frac{p}{2} \Rightarrow \gamma_{ev} \leq \frac{p}{2} + \gamma_{ve} + \gamma_{ev} - \gamma_m$  by theorem 3.4. Hence  $\gamma_m \leq \gamma_{ve} + \frac{p}{2}$ .

(4) From theorem 3.4,  $\gamma_m \leq \gamma_{ev} + \gamma_{ve} \leq \gamma + \alpha_0$

**Theorem 3.7.** For any  $M$ -strong fuzzy graph  $G$  without isolated vertices,  $\gamma_m \leq \min\{p, q\}$ . Where  $p$  and  $q$  be the order and size of  $G$  respectively.

**proof:** Let  $G$  be an  $M$ -strong fuzzy graph without isolated vertices and let  $p$  and  $q$  be the order and size of  $G$ .

The vertex set  $V = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_n\}$  is an md - set, since every edge of  $E$  is incident with at least two vertices in  $V$ . Hence  $\gamma_m \leq p$  --- (i).

The edge set  $E = \{e_1, e_2, e_3, \dots, e_m\}$  is also an md - set, since every vertex of  $V$  is incident with at least one edge in  $E$ . Hence  $\gamma_m \leq q$  --- (ii).

From (i) and (ii) we obtain  $\gamma_m \leq \min\{p, q\}$ .



**Theorem 3.8.** Let  $T_\sigma$  be a tree in an  $M$ -strong fuzzy graph  $G$ . If  $r$  and  $s$  are the scalar cardinality of the pendent vetices and supports of the pendent edges of  $T_\sigma$  respectively. Then  $\gamma_m(T_\sigma) \leq p + s - r - \sigma_0$ , where  $\sigma_0 = \min_{u \in V} \sigma(u)$ .

**proof:** Let  $T_\sigma$  be a tree in an  $M$ -strong fuzzy graph. Given  $r$  and  $s$  are the scalar cardinality of the pendent vertices and supports of the pendent edges of  $T_\sigma$  respectively.

Let  $M$ ,  $N$  and  $R$  be the set of all non-pendent edges, supports of the pendent edges and non-pendent vertices in  $T_\sigma$  respectively. Then the Union of  $M$  and  $N$  form an md-set. Therefore  $\gamma_m \leq |M| + |N|$  —(1)

The set of non-pendent edges of  $T_\sigma$  also form a tree. Therefore  $|M| \leq |R| - \sigma_0$ , where  $\sigma_0 = \min_{u \in V} \sigma(u)$ . From (1)  $\gamma_m(T_\sigma) \leq |R| - \sigma_0 + |N| \leq p - r + s - \sigma_0$ .

**Theorem 3.9.** Let  $G$  be an  $M$ -strong fuzzy graph without isolated vertices and  $|N(v)| = \Delta_N$ , if  $e_i = (v, v_i), 1 \leq i \leq n$ ,  $r = \sum_{i=1}^n \mu(e_i)$  and  $s = \min\{\mu(e_i)\}, i = 1$  to  $n$ . Then  $\gamma_m \leq p + q - \Delta_N - r + s$ .

**proof:** Let  $v$  be a vertex of an  $M$ -strong fuzzy graph  $G$  and  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  open neighbourhood set of  $v$ . Let  $\Delta_N$  be the maximum neighbourhood degree of  $G$ . That is  $|N(v)| = \Delta_N$ . If  $e_i = (v, v_i), 1 \leq i \leq k$ ,  $r = \sum_{i=1}^k \mu(e_i)$  and  $s = \min\{\mu(e_i)\}, i = 1$  to  $k$ . Then the set  $\{V - \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k\}\} \cup \{E - \{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_k\}\} \cup \{e_i\}$  such that  $e_i$  is the minimum of  $\mu(e_i), \forall i$ , is an md-set. Therefore  $\gamma_m \leq p + q - \Delta_N - r + s$ .

### 4 Mixed strong(Weak) Domination in an $M$ -strong fuzzy graph

**Definition 4.25.** Let  $v \in V$  and  $e = (u, v) \in E$  in an  $M$ -strong fuzzy graph  $G$ . Then

1.  $v$  and  $e$  strongly dominates each other if  $e \in \langle\langle N[v] \rangle\rangle$  and
2.  $v$  and  $e$  weakly dominates each other if  $v \in N[e]$ .

**Definition 4.26.** A set  $D \subseteq V$  in an  $M$ -strong fuzzy graph  $G$  is a vertex-edge strong dominating set of  $G$ , if every edge in  $G$  is strongly dominated by at least one vertex in  $D$ . It is denoted by  $vesd$  - set. The minimum scalar cardinality taken over all  $vesd$ -set is called vertex-edge strong domination number and it is denoted by the symbol  $\gamma_{ves}$ .

Similarly edge-vertex strong domination number ( $\gamma_{evs}$ ), vertex-edge weak domination number ( $\gamma_{vew}$ ) and edge-vertex weak domination number ( $\gamma_{evw}$ ) can be defined.

**Observation 4.** For any  $M$ -strong fuzzy graph  $G$  without isolated vertices:

1. a vertex  $v$  dominates an edge  $e \Leftrightarrow$  a vertex  $v$  strongly dominates an edge  $e$ . Therefore  $\gamma_{ves} = \gamma_{ve}$ .
2. an edge  $e$  dominates a vertex  $v \Leftrightarrow$  an edge  $e$  weakly dominates a vertex  $v$ . Therefore  $\gamma_{evw} = \gamma_{ev}$ .
3. a vertex  $v$  dominates an edge  $e \Rightarrow$  a vertex  $v$  weakly dominates an edge  $e$ . Therefore  $\gamma_{vew} \leq \gamma_{ve}$ .
4. an edge  $e$  strongly dominates a vertex  $v \Rightarrow$  an edge  $e$  dominates a vertex  $v$ . Therefore  $\gamma_{ev} \leq \gamma_{evs}$ .

**Remark 4.3.** For some of the  $M$ -strong fuzzy graph  $G$  that we considered, there is no relation exist between  $\gamma_{vew}$  and  $\gamma_{evw}$ .

**Example 4.2.** Consider the  $M$ -strong fuzzy graphs given in Figures 2 and Figure 3.

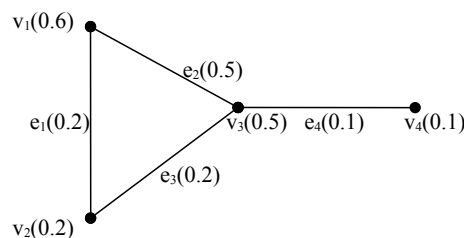


Figure 2:

From the Figure. 2  $\gamma_{vew}$  - set =  $\{v_2\} \Rightarrow \gamma_{vew} = 0.2$  and  $\gamma_{evw} = \{e_4\} \Rightarrow \gamma_{evw} = 0.1$

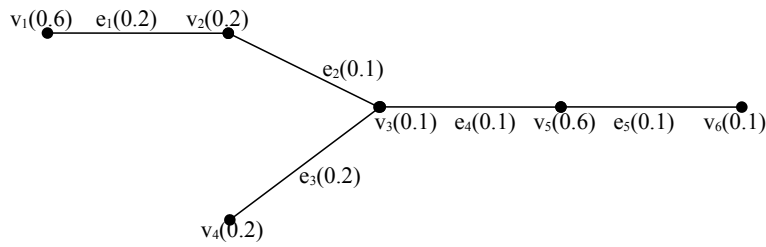


Figure 3:

Hence  $\gamma_{evw} \leq \gamma_{vew}$ .

From the Figure. 3  $\gamma_{vew} - set = \{v_3\} \Rightarrow \gamma_{vew} = 0.1$  and

$\gamma_{evw} = \{e_2, e_5\} \Rightarrow \gamma_{evw} = 0.2$

Hence  $\gamma_{vew} \leq \gamma_{evw}$ . Therefore there is no relation exist between  $\gamma_{vew}$  and  $\gamma_{evw}$ .

**Remark 4.4.** Similarly, for some of the  $M$ -strong fuzzy graph  $G$  that we considered, there is no relation exist between  $\gamma_{ves}$  and  $\gamma_{evs}$ .

**Example 4.3.** Consider the  $M$ -strong fuzzy graphs given in Figure 4 and Figure 5

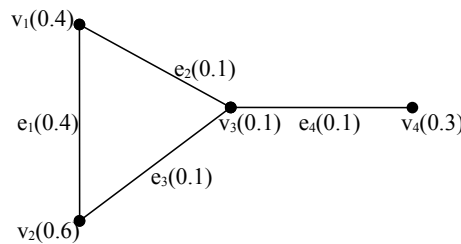


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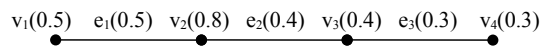


Figure 5:

From the Figure. 4  $\gamma_{ves} - set = \{v_3\} \Rightarrow \gamma_{ves} = 0.1$  and

$\gamma_{evs} = \{e_2, e_4\} \Rightarrow \gamma_{evs} = 0.2$

Hence  $\gamma_{ves} \leq \gamma_{evs}$ .

From the Figure. 5  $\gamma_{ves} - set = \{v_1, v_3\} \Rightarrow \gamma_{ves} = 0.9$  and

$\gamma_{evs} = \{e_1, e_3\} \Rightarrow \gamma_{evs} = 0.8$

Hence  $\gamma_{evs} \leq \gamma_{ves}$ . Therefore there is no relation exist between  $\gamma_{ves}$  and  $\gamma_{evs}$ .

**Theorem 4.10.** For any  $M$ -strong fuzzy graph without isolated vertices  $G$ ,

1.  $\gamma_{vew} \leq \gamma_{ves} = \gamma_{ve}$ .
2.  $\gamma_{ev} = \gamma_{evw} \leq \gamma_{evs}$ .

*Proof.* (1) From the Observation 4(1)  $\gamma_{ves} = \gamma_{ve}$  and the Observation 4(3)  $\gamma_{vew} \leq \gamma_{ve}$ . Hence  $\gamma_{vew} \leq \gamma_{ves} = \gamma_{ve}$ .  
 (2) From the Observation 4(2)  $\gamma_{evw} = \gamma_{ev}$  and the Observation 4(4)  $\gamma_{ev} \leq \gamma_{evs}$ . Hence  $\gamma_{ev} = \gamma_{evw} \leq \gamma_{evs}$ .  $\square$

**Definition 4.27.** A set  $D \subseteq V \cup E$  in an  $M$ -strong fuzzy graph  $G$  is a mixed strong(weak) dominating set of  $G$ , if

1. every vertex  $v \in V$  not in  $D$  is strongly(weakly) dominated by at least one edge in  $D$  and

2. every edge  $e \in E$  not in  $D$  is strongly(weakly) dominated by at least one vertex in  $D$ .

The mixed strong(weak) dominating set is denoted by  $msd$ -set( $mwd$ -set). The minimum scalar cardinality taken over all  $msd$ -set( $mwd$ -set) is called mixed strong(weak) domination number and it is denoted by the symbol  $\gamma_{ms}(\gamma_{mw})$ .

**Theorem 4.11.** For any  $M$ -strong fuzzy graph without isolated vertices  $G$ ,

1.  $\gamma_{vew} \leq \gamma_{mw} \leq \gamma_{vew} + \gamma_{evw}$ .
2.  $\gamma_{ves} \leq \gamma_{ms} \leq \gamma_{ves} + \gamma_{evs}$ .

*Proof.* (1) Let  $S = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m, e_{m+1}, e_{m+2}, \dots, e_n\}$  be a  $\gamma_{mw}$ -set in an  $M$ -strong fuzzy graph  $G$ . Replace each  $e_j$  of  $S$  by  $v_j$  such that  $\sigma(v_j) = \mu(e_j)$ ,  $m + 1 \leq j \leq n$  and form the  $s'$ . Therefore  $s' = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m, v_{m+1}, v_{m+2}, \dots, v_n\}$ . Hence  $\gamma_{vew} \leq \gamma_{mw}$ . Also the union of  $vew$ -set and  $evw$ -set forms an  $mwd$ -set. Therefore  $\gamma_{mw} \leq \gamma_{vew} + \gamma_{evw}$ .

(2) Similarly we can prove  $\gamma_{ves} \leq \gamma_{ms} \leq \gamma_{ves} + \gamma_{evs}$ . □

**Theorem 4.12.** For any  $M$ -strong fuzzy graph without isolated vertices  $G$ ,  $\gamma_{mw} \leq \gamma_m \leq \gamma_{ms}$ .

*Proof.* Let  $D = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m, e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n\}$  --- (i) be any  $\gamma_m$ -set in an  $M$ -strong fuzzy graph  $G$ . Let  $v \in D = \gamma_m$ -set. Then  $v$  dominates at least one edge  $e \in E - D$ . By Observation 4(3),  $v$  weakly dominates at least one edge  $e \in E - D$ . --- (ii). Also, let  $e \in D$ . Then  $e$  dominates at least one vertex  $v \in V - D$ . By Observation 4(2),  $e$  weakly dominates at least one vertex  $v \in V - D$ . --- (iii) Hence by (i), (ii) and (iii) every  $\gamma_m$ -set is a mixed weak dominating set. The scalar cardinality of mixed dominating set  $\leq \gamma_m$ . --- (iv) Hence  $\gamma_{mw} \leq \gamma_m$ .

Let  $S = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m, e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n\}$  --- (v) be any  $\gamma_{ms}$ -set. Let  $v \in S = \gamma_{ms}$ -set. Then  $v$  strongly dominates at least one edge  $e \in E - S$ . By Observation 4(1),  $v$  dominates at least one edge  $e \in E - S$ . --- (vi) Also, let  $e \in S$ . Then  $e$  strongly dominates at least one vertex  $v \in V - S$ . By Observation 4(4),  $e$  dominates at least one vertex  $v \in V - S$ . --- (vii) Hence by (v), (vi) and (vii) every  $\gamma_{ms}$ -set is a mixed dominating set. The scalar cardinality of mixed dominating set  $\leq \gamma_{ms}$ . --- (viii) Hence  $\gamma_{mw} \leq \gamma_m \leq \gamma_{ms}$ . □

**Example 4.4.** Consider an  $M$ -strong fuzzy graph given in Figure 6

$$\gamma_{ve} \text{- set} = \{v_1, v_3, v_5\} \Rightarrow \gamma_{ve} = 1.2.$$

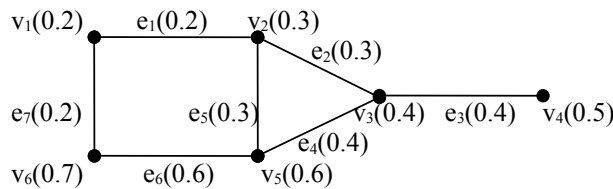


Figure 6:

- $\gamma_{ev} \text{- set} = \{e_1, e_2\} \Rightarrow \gamma_{ev} = 0.5.$
- $\gamma_m \text{- set} = \{v_3, v_5, e_1, e_2\} \Rightarrow \gamma_m = 1.5.$
- $\gamma_{vew} \text{- set} = \{v_2\} \Rightarrow \gamma_{vew} = 0.3.$
- $\gamma_{evw} \text{- set} = \{e_1, e_2\} \Rightarrow \gamma_{evw} = 0.5.$
- $\gamma_{mw} \text{- set} = \{v_2, e_1, e_2\} \Rightarrow \gamma_{mw} = 0.8.$
- $\gamma_{ves} \text{- set} = \{v_1, v_3, v_5\} \Rightarrow \gamma_{ves} = 1.2.$
- $\gamma_{evs} \text{- set} = \{e_1, e_3, e_6, e_7\} \Rightarrow \gamma_{evs} = 1.4.$
- $\gamma_{ms} \text{- set} = \{v_3, e_1, e_2, e_6, e_7\} \Rightarrow \gamma_{ms} = 1.8.$

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## Some vector-valued statistical convergent sequence spaces

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### Abstract

In the present paper we introduce some vector-valued statistical convergent sequence spaces defined by a sequence of modulus functions associated with multiplier sequences and we also make an effort to study some topological properties and inclusion relation between these spaces.

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## 1 Introduction and Preliminaries

The study on vector-valued sequence spaces was exploited by Kamthan [11], Ratha and Srivastava [18], Leonard [14], Gupta [9], Tripathy and Sen [26] and many others. The scope for the studies on sequence spaces was extended on introducing the notion of associated multiplier sequences. Goes and Goes [8] defined the differentiated sequence space  $dE$  and integrated sequence space  $\int E$  for a given sequence space  $E$ , with the help of multiplier sequences  $(k^{-1})$  and  $(k)$  respectively. Kamthan used the multiplier sequence  $(k!)$  see [11]. The study on multiplier sequence spaces were carried out by Colak [2], Colak et al. [3], Srivastava and Srivastava [25], Tripathy and Mahanta [28] and many others. Let  $w$  be the set of all sequences of real or complex numbers and let  $l_\infty$ ,  $c$  and  $c_0$  be the Banach spaces of bounded, convergent and null sequences  $x = (x_k)$  respectively with the usual norm  $\|x\| = \sup |x_k|$ , where  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , is the set of positive integers.

Throughout the paper, for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $E_k$  are seminormed spaces seminormed by  $q_k$  and  $X$  is a seminormed space seminormed by  $q$ . By  $w(E_k)$ ,  $c(E_k)$ ,  $l_\infty(E_k)$  and  $l_p(E_k)$  we denote the spaces of all, convergent, bounded and  $p$ -absolutely summable  $E_k$ -valued sequences. In the case  $E_k = \mathbb{C}$  (the field of complex numbers) for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , one has the scalar valued sequence spaces respectively. The zero element of  $E_k$  is denoted by  $\theta_k$  and the zero sequence is denoted by  $\bar{\theta} = (\theta_k)$ .

The notion of difference sequence spaces was introduced by Kizmaz [12], who studied the difference sequence spaces  $l_\infty(\Delta)$ ,  $c(\Delta)$  and  $c_0(\Delta)$ . The notion was further generalized by Et and Colak [4] by introducing the spaces  $l_\infty(\Delta^n)$ ,  $c(\Delta^n)$  and  $c_0(\Delta^n)$ . Let  $w$  be the space of all complex or real sequences  $x = (x_k)$  and let  $m, s$  be non-negative integers, then for  $Z = l_\infty, c, c_0$  we have sequence spaces

$$Z(\Delta_s^m) = \{x = (x_k) \in w : (\Delta_s^m x_k) \in Z\},$$

where  $\Delta_s^m x = (\Delta_s^m x_k) = (\Delta_s^{m-1} x_k - \Delta_s^{m-1} x_{k+1})$  and  $\Delta_s^0 x_k = x_k$  for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , which is equivalent to the following binomial representation

$$\Delta_s^m x_k = \sum_{v=0}^m (-1)^v \binom{m}{v} x_{k+sv}.$$

Taking  $s = 1$ , we get the spaces which were studied by Et and Colak [4]. Taking  $m = s = 1$ , we get the spaces which were introduced and studied by Kizmaz [12].

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**Definition 1.1.** A modulus function is a function  $f : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  such that

1.  $f(x) = 0$  if and only if  $x = 0$ ,
2.  $f(x + y) \leq f(x) + f(y)$  for all  $x \geq 0, y \geq 0$ ,
3.  $f$  is increasing,
4.  $f$  is continuous from right at 0.

It follows that  $f$  must be continuous everywhere on  $[0, \infty)$ . The modulus function may be bounded or unbounded. For example, if we take  $f(x) = \frac{x}{x+1}$ , then  $f(x)$  is bounded. If  $f(x) = x^p, 0 < p < 1$ , then the modulus  $f(x)$  is unbounded. Subsequently, modulus function has been discussed in ([1], [16], [19], [20], [23]) and many others.

**Definition 1.2.** Let  $X$  be a linear metric space. A function  $p : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is called paranorm, if

1.  $p(x) \geq 0$ , for all  $x \in X$ ,
2.  $p(-x) = p(x)$ , for all  $x \in X$ ,
3.  $p(x + y) \leq p(x) + p(y)$ , for all  $x, y \in X$ ,
4. if  $(\lambda_n)$  is a sequence of scalars with  $\lambda_n \rightarrow \lambda$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and  $(x_n)$  is a sequence of vectors with  $p(x_n - x) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , then  $p(\lambda_n x_n - \lambda x) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

A paranorm  $p$  for which  $p(x) = 0$  implies  $x = 0$  is called total paranorm and the pair  $(X, p)$  is called a total paranormed space. It is well known that the metric of any linear metric space is given by some total paranorm (see [29], Theorem 10.4.2, P-183).

Let  $p = (p_k)$  be a bounded sequence of positive real numbers, let  $F = (f_k)$  be a sequence of modulus function. Also let  $t = t_k = p_k^{-1}$  and suppose  $u = (u_k)$  is a sequence of strictly positive real numbers. In this paper we define the following sequence spaces:

$$W_0(\Delta_s^m, F, Q, p, u, t) = \left\{ (x_k) : x_k \in E_k \text{ for all } k \in \mathbb{N} \text{ and there exists } r > 0 \text{ such that } \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \left[ f_k(q_k(p_k^{-t_k} u_k \Delta_s^m x_k r)) \right]^{p_k} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty \right\},$$

$$W_1(\Delta_s^m, F, Q, p, u, t) = \left\{ (x_k) : x_k \in E_k \text{ for all } k \in \mathbb{N} \text{ and there exists } r > 0 \text{ such that } \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \left[ f_k(q_k(p_k^{-t_k} u_k \Delta_s^m x_k r - l)) \right]^{p_k} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty, l \in E_k \right\}$$

and

$$W_\infty(\Delta_s^m, F, Q, p, u, t) = \left\{ (x_k) : x_k \in E_k \text{ for all } k \in \mathbb{N} \text{ and there exists } r > 0 \text{ such that } \sup_n \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \left[ f_k(q_k(p_k^{-t_k} u_k \Delta_s^m x_k r)) \right]^{p_k} < \infty \right\}.$$

In the case  $f_k = f$  and  $q_k = q$  for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , we write  $W_0(\Delta_s^m, f, q, p, u, t)$ ,  $W_1(\Delta_s^m, f, q, p, u, t)$  and  $W_\infty(\Delta_s^m, f, q, p, u, t)$  instead of  $W_0(\Delta_s^m, F, Q, p, u, t)$ ,  $W_1(\Delta_s^m, F, Q, p, u, t)$  and  $W_\infty(\Delta_s^m, F, Q, p, u, t)$  respectively.

Throughout the paper  $Z$  denotes any of the values 0, 1 and  $\infty$ . If  $x = (x_k) \in W_1(\Delta_s^m, f, q, p, u, t)$ , we say that  $x$  is strongly  $u_{q,t}$  Cesaro summable with respect to the modulus function  $f$  and write  $x_k \rightarrow l$   $W_1(\Delta_s^m, f, q, p, u, t)$ ;  $l$  is called the  $u_{q,t}$  limit of  $x$  with respect to the modulus function  $f$ .

The main aim of this paper is to introduced the sequence spaces  $W_Z(\Delta_s^m, F, Q, p, u, t)$ ,  $Z = 0, 1$  and  $\infty$ . We also make an effort to study some topological properties and inclusion relations between these spaces.

## 2 Main Results

**Theorem 2.1.** Let  $F = (f_k)$  be a sequence of modulus functions and  $p = (p_k)$  be a bounded sequence of positive real numbers. Then the spaces  $W_Z(\Delta_s^m, F, Q, p, u, t)$ ,  $Z = 0, 1, \infty$  are linear spaces over the complex field  $\mathbb{C}$ .

*Proof.* We shall prove the result for  $Z = 0$ . Let  $x = (x_k) \in W_0(\Delta_s^m, F, Q, p, u, t)$ . Then there exists  $r > 0$  such that  $\frac{1}{n} \left[ f_k(q_k(p_k^{-t_k} u_k \Delta_s^m x_k r)) \right]^{p_k} \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Let  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ . Without loss of generality we can take  $\lambda \neq 0$ . Let  $\rho = r(|\lambda|)^{-1} > 0$ , then we have

$$\frac{1}{n} \left[ f_k(q_k(p_k^{-t_k} u_k \Delta_s^m \lambda x_k \rho)) \right]^{p_k} = \frac{1}{n} \left[ f_k(q_k(p_k^{-t_k} u_k \Delta_s^m x_k r)) \right]^{p_k} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Therefore  $\lambda x \in W_0(\Delta_s^m, F, Q, p, u, t)$ , for all  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$  and for all  $x = (x_k) \in W_0(\Delta_s^m, F, Q, p, u, t)$ . Next, suppose that  $x = (x_k)$ ,  $y = (y_k) \in W_0(\Delta_s^m, F, Q, p, u, t)$ . Then there exists  $r_1, r_2 > 0$  such that

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \left[ f_k(q_k(p_k^{-t_k} u_k \Delta_s^m x_k r_1)) \right]^{p_k} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

and

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \left[ f_k(q_k(p_k^{-t_k} u_k \Delta_s^m y_k r_2)) \right]^{p_k} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Thus given  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists  $k_1, k_2 > 0$  such that

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \left[ f_k(q_k(p_k^{-t_k} u_k \Delta_s^m x_k r_1)) \right]^{p_k} < \varepsilon p_k, \text{ for all } k \geq k_1$$

and

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \left[ f_k(q_k(p_k^{-t_k} u_k \Delta_s^m y_k r_2)) \right]^{p_k} < \varepsilon p_k, \text{ for all } k \geq k_2.$$

Let  $r = r_1 r_2 (r_1 + r_2)^{-1}$  and  $k_0 = \max(k_1, k_2)$ . Then we have for all  $k \geq k_0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \left[ f_k(q_k(p_k^{-t_k} u_k \Delta_s^m (x_k + y_k) r)) \right]^{p_k} \\ & \leq \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \left[ f_k(q_k(p_k^{-t_k} u_k \Delta_s^m x_k r_1) r_2 (r_1 + r_2)^{-1}) + f_k(q_k(p_k^{-t_k} u_k \Delta_s^m y_k r_2) r_1 (r_1 + r_2)^{-1}) \right]^{p_k} < \varepsilon p_k. \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $x + y \in W_0(\Delta_s^m, F, Q, p, u, t)$ . Thus  $W_0(\Delta_s^m, F, Q, p, u, t)$  is a linear space. Similarly we can prove that  $W_1(\Delta_s^m, F, Q, p, u, t)$  and  $W_\infty(\Delta_s^m, F, Q, p, u, t)$  are linear spaces.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.2.** Let  $F = (f_k)$  be a sequence of modulus functions and  $p = (p_k)$  be a bounded sequence of positive real numbers. Then the space  $W_0(\Delta_s^m, F, Q, p, u, t)$  is a complete paranormed space with paranorm defined by

$$g(x) = \sup_n \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \left[ f_k(q_k(p_k^{-t_k} u_k \Delta_s^m x_k r)) \right]^{p_k} \right)^{\frac{1}{M}},$$

where  $M = \max\{1, \sup p_k\}$ .

*Proof.* Let  $(x^{(i)})$  be a Cauchy sequence in  $W_0(\Delta_s^m, F, Q, p, u, t)$ . Then for a given  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists  $n_0$  such that  $g(x^i - x^j) < \varepsilon$ , for all  $i, j \geq n_0$ . Thus, we have

$$\left[ \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (f_k(q_k(p_k^{-t_k} u_k \Delta_s^m (x_k^i - x_k^j) r)) \right]^{p_k} \right]^{\frac{1}{M}} < \varepsilon, \text{ for all } i, j \geq n_0. \quad (2.1)$$

$$\implies \left( f_k(q_k(p_k^{-t_k} u_k \Delta_s^m (x_k^i - x_k^j) r)) \right) < \varepsilon, \text{ for all } i, j \geq n_0.$$

$$\implies \Delta_s^m(x_k^i - x_k^j) < \varepsilon, \text{ for all } i, j \geq n_0, \text{ for all } k \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Hence  $(x_k^i)_{i=1}^\infty$  is a Cauchy sequence in  $E_k$ , for each  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . Since  $E_k$ 's are complete for each  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , so  $(x_k^i)_{i=1}^\infty$  converges in  $E_k$ , for each  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . On taking limit as  $j \rightarrow \infty$  in (2.1), we have

$$\left[ \sum_{k=1}^\infty (f_k(q_k(p_k^{-t_k} u_k \Delta_s^m (x_k^i - x_k) r)))^{p_k} \right]^{\frac{1}{M}} < \varepsilon, \text{ for all } i \geq n_0.$$

$$\implies \Delta_s^m(x_k^i - x) \in W_0(\Delta_s^m, F, Q, p, u, t).$$

Since  $W_0(\Delta_s^m, F, Q, p, u, t)$  is a linear space, so we have  $x = x^{(i)} - (x^{(i)} - x) \in W_0(\Delta_s^m, F, Q, p, u, t)$ . Thus  $W_0(\Delta_s^m, F, Q, p, u, t)$  is a complete paranormed space. This completes the proof of the theorem.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.3.** Let  $F = (f_k)$  be a sequence of modulus functions and  $p = (p_k)$  be a bounded sequence of positive real numbers. Then

$$W_0(\Delta_s^m, F, Q, p, u, t) \subset W_1(\Delta_s^m, F, Q, p, u, t) \subset W_\infty(\Delta_s^m, F, Q, p, u, t).$$

*Proof.* It is easy to prove so we omit the details.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.4.** Let  $F = (f_k)$  and  $G = (g_k)$  be any two sequences of modulus functions. For any bounded sequences  $p = (p_k)$  and  $t = (t_k)$  of strictly positive real numbers and any two sequences of seminorms  $Q = (q_k)$ ,  $V = (v_k)$ , the following are true:

- (i)  $W_Z(\Delta_s^m, f, Q, u, t) \subset W_Z(\Delta_s^m, f \circ g, Q, u, t)$ ,
- (ii)  $W_Z(\Delta_s^m, F, Q, p, u, t) \cap W_Z(\Delta_s^m, F, V, p, u, t) \subset W_Z(\Delta_s^m, F, Q + V, p, u, t)$ ,
- (iii)  $W_Z(\Delta_s^m, F, Q, p, u, t) \cap W_Z(\Delta_s^m, G, Q, p, u, t) \subset W_Z(\Delta_s^m, F + G, Q, p, u, t)$ ,
- (iv) if  $q$  is stronger than  $v$ , then  $W_Z(\Delta_s^m, F, Q, p, u, t) \subset W_Z(\Delta_s^m, F, V, p, u, t)$ ,
- (v) if  $q$  is equivalent  $v$ , then  $W_Z(\Delta_s^m, F, Q, p, u, t) = W_Z(\Delta_s^m, F, V, p, u, t)$ ,
- (vi)  $W_Z(\Delta_s^m, F, Q, p, u, t) \cap W_Z(\Delta_s^m, F, V, p, u, t) \neq \varphi$ .

*Proof.* We shall prove (i) for the case  $Z = 0$ . Let  $\varepsilon > 0$ . We choose  $\delta, 0 < \delta < 1$ , such that  $f(t) < \varepsilon$  for  $0 \leq t \leq \delta$  and all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . We write  $y_k = g(q_k(p_k^{-t_k} u_k \Delta_s^m x_k r))$  and consider

$$\sum_{k=1}^n [f(y_k)] = \sum_1 [f(y_k)] + \sum_2 [f(y_k)],$$

where the first summation is over  $y_k \leq \delta$  and the second summation is over  $y_k > \delta$ . Since  $f$  is continuous, we have

$$\sum_1 [f(y_k)] < n\varepsilon. \tag{2.2}$$

By the definition of  $f$ , we have the following relation for  $y_k > \delta$ :

$$f(y_k) < 2f(1) \frac{y_k}{\delta}.$$

Hence

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_2 [f(y_k)] \leq 2\delta^{-1} f(1) \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n y_k. \tag{2.3}$$

It follows from (2.2) and (2.3) that  $W_Z(\Delta_s^m, f, Q, u, t) \subset W_Z(\Delta_s^m, f \circ g, Q, u, t)$ . Similarly, we can prove the result for other cases.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.5.** Let  $f$  be a modulus function. Then  $W_Z(\Delta_s^m, Q, u, t) \subset W_Z(\Delta_s^m, f, Q, u, t)$ .

*Proof.* It is easy to prove in view of Theorem 2.4(i).  $\square$

**Theorem 2.6.** Let  $0 < p_k < r_k$  and  $\left(\frac{r_k}{p_k}\right)$  be bounded. Then

$$W_Z(\Delta_s^m, F, Q, r, u, t) \subset W_Z(\Delta_s^m, F, Q, p, u, t).$$

*Proof.* By taking  $y_k = [f_k(q_k(p_k^{-t_k} u_k \Delta_s^m x_k r))]^{r_k}$  for all  $k$  and using the same technique as in Theorem 5 of Maddox [15], one can easily prove the theorem.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.7.** Let  $f$  be a modulus function. If  $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(m)}{m} = \beta > 0$ , then  $W_1(\Delta_s^m, Q, p, u, t) \subset W_1(\Delta_s^m, f, Q, p, u, t)$ .

*Proof.* It is easy to prove so we omit the details.  $\square$



### 3 $u_{q,t}$ -Statistical Convergence

The notion of statistical convergence was introduced by Fast [6] and Schoenberg [24] independently. Over the years and under different names, statistical convergence has been discussed in the theory of Fourier analysis, ergodic theory and number theory. Later on, it was further investigated from the sequence space point of view and linked with summability theory by Fridy [7], Connor [5], Salat [21], Murasaleen [17], Isik [10], Savas [22], Malkowsky and Savas [16], Kolk [13], Maddox [15], Tripathy and Sen [27] and many others. In recent years, generalizations of statistical convergence have appeared in the study of strong integral summability and the structure of ideals of bounded continuous functions on locally compact spaces. Statistical convergence and its generalizations are also connected with subsets of the Stone-Cech compactification of natural numbers. Moreover, statistical convergence is closely related to the concept of convergence in probability. The notion depends on the density of subsets of the set  $\mathbb{N}$  of natural numbers.

**Definition 3.3.** A subset  $E$  of  $\mathbb{N}$  is said to have the natural density  $\delta(E)$  if the following limit exists:

$$\delta(E) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \chi_E(k),$$

where  $\chi_E$  is the characteristic function of  $E$ . It is clear that any finite subset of  $\mathbb{N}$  has zero natural density and  $\delta(E^c) = 1 - \delta(E)$ .

**Definition 3.4.** A sequence  $x = (x_k)$  is said to be  $u_{q,t}$ -statistical convergent to  $l$  if for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,

$$\delta\left(\{k \in \mathbb{N} : q(p_k^{-t_k} u_k \Delta_s^m x_{kr} - l) \geq \varepsilon\}\right) = 0.$$

In this case we write  $x_k - l (S_{u,t}^q)$ . The set of all  $u_{q,t}$ -statistical convergent sequences is denoted by  $S_{u,t}^q$ . By  $S$ , we denote the set of all statistically convergent sequences.

If  $q(x) = |x|$ ,  $u_k = p_k = t_k = 1$  for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $r = 1$ , then  $S_{u,t}^q$  is same as  $S$ . In case  $l = 0$  we write  $S_{0u,t}^q$  instead of  $S_{u,t}^q$ .

**Theorem 3.8.** Let  $p = (p_k)$  be a bounded sequence and  $0 < h = \inf p_k \leq p_k \leq \sup p_k = H < \infty$  and let  $f$  be a modulus function. Then

$$W_1(\Delta_s^m, f, q, p, u, t) \subset S_{u,t}^q.$$

*Proof.* Let  $x \in W_1(\Delta_s^m, f, q, p, u, t)$  and let  $\varepsilon > 0$  be given. Let  $\Sigma_1$  and  $\Sigma_2$  denote the sums over  $k \leq n$  with  $q(p_k^{-t_k} u_k \Delta_s^m x_{kr} - l) \geq \varepsilon$  and  $q(p_k^{-t_k} u_k \Delta_s^m x_{kr} - l) < \varepsilon$ , respectively. Then

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \left[ f(q(p_k^{-t_k} u_k \Delta_s^m x_{kr} - l)) \right]^{p_k} \\ & \geq \frac{1}{n} \sum_1 \left[ f(q(p_k^{-t_k} u_k \Delta_s^m x_{kr} - l)) \right]^{p_k} \\ & \geq \frac{1}{n} \sum_1 [f(\varepsilon)]^{p_k} \\ & \geq \frac{1}{n} \sum_1 \min\left([f(\varepsilon)]^h, [f(\varepsilon)]^H\right) \\ & \geq \frac{1}{n} \left| \{k \leq n : q(p_k^{-t_k} u_k \Delta_s^m x_{kr} - l) \geq \varepsilon\} \right| \min\left([f(\varepsilon)]^h, [f(\varepsilon)]^H\right). \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $x \in S_{u,t}^q$ . □

**Theorem 3.9.** Let  $f$  be a bounded modulus function. Then  $S_{u,t}^q \subset W_1(\Delta_s^m, f, q, p, u, t)$ .

*Proof.* Suppose that  $f$  is bounded. Let  $\epsilon > 0$  and let  $\Sigma_1$  and  $\Sigma_2$  be the sums introduced in the Theorem 3.1. Since  $f$  is bounded, there exists an integer  $K$  such that  $f(x) < K$  for all  $x \geq 0$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \left[ f(q(p_k^{-t_k} u_k \Delta_s^m x_k r - l)) \right]^{p_k} \\
& \leq \frac{1}{n} \left( \sum_1 \left[ f(q(p_k^{-t_k} u_k \Delta_s^m x_k r - l)) \right]^{p_k} + \sum_2 \left[ f(q(p_k^{-t_k} u_k \Delta_s^m x_k r - l)) \right]^{p_k} \right) \\
& \leq \frac{1}{n} \sum_1 \max(K^h, K^H) + \frac{1}{n} \sum_2 [f(\varepsilon)]^{p_k} \\
& \leq \max(K^h, K^H) \frac{1}{n} \left| \{k \leq n : q(p_k^{-t_k} u_k \Delta_s^m x_k - l) \geq \varepsilon\} \right| + \max(f(\varepsilon)^h, f(\varepsilon)^H).
\end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $x \in W_1(\Delta_s^m, f, q, p, u, t)$ . □

**Theorem 3.10.**  $S_{u,t}^q = W_1(\Delta_s^m, f, q, p, u, t)$  if and only if  $f$  is bounded.

*Proof.* Let  $f$  be bounded. By Theorems 3.1 and 3.2, we have  $S_{u,t}^q = W_1(\Delta_s^m, f, q, p, u, t)$ .

Conversely, suppose that  $f$  is unbounded. Then there exists a sequence  $(t_k)$  of positive numbers with  $f(t_k) = k^2$  for  $k = 1, 2, \dots$ . If we choose

$$p_k^{-t_k} u_i \Delta_s^m x_i r = \begin{cases} t_k, & i = k^2, k = 1, 2, \dots \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Then we have

$$\frac{1}{n} |\{k \leq n : |p_k^{-t_k} u_k \Delta_s^m x_k r| \geq \varepsilon\}| \leq \frac{\sqrt{n}}{n}$$

for all  $n$ , and so  $x \in S_{u,t}^q$  but  $x \notin W_1(\Delta_s^m, f, q, p, u, t)$  for  $X = \mathbb{C}$ ,  $q(x) = |x|$  and  $p_k = 1$  for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . This contradicts the assumption that  $S_{u,t}^q = W_1(\Delta_s^m, f, q, p, u, t)$ . □

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## Global nonexistence of solutions for a system of viscoelastic wave equations with weak damping terms

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### Abstract

This paper deals with the initial boundary value problem for the viscoelastic wave equations

$$\begin{cases} u_{tt} - \Delta u + \int_0^t g_1(t-\tau) \Delta u(\tau) d\tau + u_t = f_1(u, v), \\ v_{tt} - \Delta v + \int_0^t g_2(t-\tau) \Delta v(\tau) d\tau + v_t = f_2(u, v) \end{cases}$$

in a bounded domain. We obtain the global nonexistence of solutions by applying a lemma due to Y. Zhou [Global existence and nonexistence for a nonlinear wave equation with damping and source terms, *Math. Nacht*, 278 (2005) 1341–1358].

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## 1 Introduction

In this paper we consider the following initial boundary value problem

$$\begin{cases} u_{tt} - \Delta u + \int_0^t g_1(t-\tau) \Delta u(\tau) d\tau + u_t = f_1(u, v), & (x, t) \in \Omega \times (0, T), \\ v_{tt} - \Delta v + \int_0^t g_2(t-\tau) \Delta v(\tau) d\tau + v_t = f_2(u, v), & (x, t) \in \Omega \times (0, T), \\ u(x, t) = v(x, t) = 0, & (x, t) \in \partial\Omega \times (0, T), \\ u(x, 0) = u_0(x), u_t(x, 0) = u_1(x), & x \in \Omega, \\ v(x, 0) = v_0(x), v_t(x, 0) = v_1(x), & x \in \Omega, \end{cases} \quad (1.1)$$

where  $\Omega$  is a bounded domain with smooth boundary  $\partial\Omega$  in  $R^n$ ,  $n = 1, 2, 3$ ; and  $g_i(\cdot) : R^+ \rightarrow R^+$ ,  $f_i(\cdot, \cdot) : R^2 \rightarrow R$  are given functions to be specified later.

The single viscoelastic wave equation of the form

$$u_{tt} - \Delta u + \int_0^t g(t-\tau) \Delta u(\tau) d\tau + h(u_t) = f(u), \quad x \in \Omega, t > 0, \quad (1.2)$$

has been extensively studied and many results concerning nonexistence have been proved. See in this regard [5, 8, 9, 17].

The equation (1.2) without the viscoelastic term (i.e.,  $g = 0$ ) can be written in the following form

$$u_{tt} - \Delta u + h(u_t) = f(u), \quad x \in \Omega, t > 0. \quad (1.3)$$

The local existence, global existence, and blow up in finite time of solution for (1.3) were established (see [3, 6, 7, 10, 11] and references therein).

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Agre and Rammaha [2] studied the global existence and blow up of the solution of the problem (1.1) with  $g_i = 0$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ) using the same techniques as in [3]. After that, the blow up result was improved by Said-Houari [15]. Also, he showed that the local solution obtained in [2] is global and decay of solutions [14].

Recently, Han and Wang [4] obtained the local existence, global existence and blow up of the solution of the problem (1.1) under some suitable conditions. Messaoudi and Houari [12] considered problem (1.1) and improved the blow up result in [4], for positive initial energy, using the some techniques as in [15]. Also, Houari et. al. [16] studied the general decay of the solution of the problem (1.1) by using the Lyapunov functional method.

In this paper, we consider the problem (1.1) and prove a global nonexistence result of solutions.

This paper is organized as follows. In section 2, we present some lemmas. In section 3, we state the local existence result. In section 4, we show the global nonexistence of solutions.

## 2 Preliminaries

In this section, we shall give some assumptions and lemmas which will be used throughout this work. Let  $\|\cdot\|$  and  $\|\cdot\|_p$  denote the usual  $L^2(\Omega)$  norm and  $L^p(\Omega)$  norm, respectively. Firstly, we make the following assumptions:

(A1)  $g_i : R^+ \rightarrow R^+$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ) nonincreasing differentiable function satisfying

$$1 - \int_0^\infty g_i(s) ds = l_i > 0.$$

(A2)  $g_i(t) \geq 0, \forall t \geq 0$ .

Concerning the functions  $f_1(u, v)$  and  $f_2(u, v)$ , we take

$$f_1(u, v) = a|u + v|^{2(p+1)}(u + v) + b|u|^p|v|^{p+2}u,$$

$$f_2(u, v) = a|u + v|^{2(p+1)}(u + v) + b|u|^{p+2}|v|^p v,$$

where  $a, b > 0$  are constants and  $p$  satisfies

$$\begin{cases} -1 < p & \text{if } n = 1, 2, \\ -1 < p \leq 1 & \text{if } n = 3. \end{cases} \tag{2.1}$$

According to the above equalities we can easily verify that

$$u f_1(u, v) + v f_2(u, v) = 2(p + 2) F(u, v), \forall (u, v) \in R^2, \tag{2.2}$$

where

$$F(u, v) = \frac{1}{2(p + 2)} \left[ a|u + v|^{2(p+2)} + 2b|uv|^{p+2} \right]. \tag{2.3}$$

We have the following result.

**Lemma 2.1** [12]. There exist two positive constants  $c_0$  and  $c_1$  such that

$$\frac{c_0}{2(p + 2)} \left( |u|^{2(p+2)} + |v|^{2(p+2)} \right) \leq F(u, v) \leq \frac{c_1}{2(p + 2)} \left( |u|^{2(p+2)} + |v|^{2(p+2)} \right) \tag{2.4}$$

is satisfied.

**Lemma 2.2** [13]. For any  $\phi \in C^1(R)$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_\Omega \int_0^t g(t - \tau) \Delta \phi(\tau) \phi'(t) d\tau dx &= -\frac{1}{2} (g' \circ \nabla \phi)(t) + \frac{1}{2} g(t) \|\nabla \phi\|^2 \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \left[ (g \circ \nabla \phi)(t) - \int_0^t g(\tau) \|\nabla \phi\|^2 d\tau \right]. \end{aligned}$$

**Lemma 2.3** (Sobolev-Poincare inequality) [1]. Let  $p$  be a number with  $2 \leq p < \infty$  ( $n = 1, 2$ ) or  $2 \leq p \leq 2n / (n - 2)$  ( $n \geq 3$ ), then there is a constant  $C_* = C_*(\Omega, p)$  such that

$$\|u\|_p \leq C_* \|\nabla u\| \text{ for } u \in H_0^1(\Omega).$$

**Lemma 2.4** [18]. Suppose that  $\psi(t)$  is a twice continuously differentiable function satisfying

$$\begin{cases} \psi''(t) + \psi'(t) \geq C_0 \psi^{1+\alpha}(t), & t > 0, \\ \psi(0) > 0, & \psi'(0) \geq 0, \end{cases}$$

where  $C_0 > 0, \alpha > 0$  are constants. Then,  $\psi(t)$  blows up in finite time.

### 3 Local existence

In this section we state local existence and the uniqueness of the solution of the problem (1.1).

**Definition 3.1.** A pair of functions  $(u, v)$  is said to be a weak solution of (1.1) on  $[0, T]$  if

$$\begin{aligned} u, v &\in C\left([0, T]; H_0^1(\Omega)\right) \cap C^1\left([0, T]; L^2(\Omega)\right), \\ u_t &\in L^2(\Omega \times (0, T)), v_t \in L^2(\Omega \times (0, T)), \\ u'' &\in L^2\left(0, T; H^{-1}(\Omega) + L^2(\Omega)\right), \\ v'' &\in L^2\left(0, T; H^{-1}(\Omega) + L^2(\Omega)\right), \end{aligned}$$

where  $H^{-1}(\Omega) + L^2(\Omega)$  is the dual space of  $H_0^1(\Omega) \cap L^2(\Omega)$ . In addition,  $(u, v)$  satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_{\Omega} u'(t) \phi dx - \int_{\Omega} u_1(t) \phi dx + \int_{\Omega} \nabla u \nabla \phi dx \\ &- \int_0^t \int_{\Omega} (g_1 * \nabla u) \nabla \phi dx d\tau + \int_0^t \int_{\Omega} u' \phi dx d\tau \\ = &\int_0^t \int_{\Omega} f_1(u(\tau), v(\tau)) \phi dx d\tau, \\ &\int_{\Omega} v'(t) \phi dx - \int_{\Omega} v_1(t) \phi dx + \int_{\Omega} \nabla v \nabla \phi dx \\ &- \int_0^t \int_{\Omega} (g_2 * \nabla v) \nabla \phi dx d\tau + \int_0^t \int_{\Omega} v' \phi dx d\tau \\ = &\int_0^t \int_{\Omega} f_2(u(\tau), v(\tau)) \phi dx d\tau, \end{aligned}$$

for all test functions  $\phi \in H_0^1(\Omega) \cap L^2(\Omega)$ ,  $\phi \in H_0^1(\Omega) \cap L^2(\Omega)$  and for almost all  $t \in [0, T]$ .

Now, we state the local existence theorem that is proved in [4].

**Theorem 3.1** (Local existence). Assume that (2.1), (A1) and (A2) hold. Then for any initial data  $(u_0, u_1) \in H_0^1(\Omega) \times L^2(\Omega)$ ,  $(v_0, v_1) \in H_0^1(\Omega) \times L^2(\Omega)$ , there exists a unique local weak solution  $(u, v)$  of problem (1.1) (in the sense of Definition 3.1) defined on  $[0, T]$  for some  $T > 0$ , and satisfies the energy identity

$$\begin{aligned} E(t) &+ \int_0^t \left( \|u_{\tau}(\tau)\|^2 + \|v_{\tau}(\tau)\|^2 \right) d\tau - \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t \left( (g_1' \circ \nabla u)(\tau) + (g_2' \circ \nabla v)(\tau) \right) d\tau \\ &\frac{1}{2} \int_0^t \left( g_1(\tau) \|\nabla u(\tau)\|^2 + g_2(\tau) \|\nabla v(\tau)\|^2 \right) d\tau \\ = &E(0) \end{aligned}$$

where  $E(t)$  is defined in (4.3).

### 4 Global nonexistence result

In this section, we prove the global nonexistence of the solution of the problem (1.1). In order to do so, let us first introduce the following functionals,

$$\begin{aligned} J(t) &= \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 - \int_0^t g_1(\tau) d\tau \right) \|\nabla u\|^2 + \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 - \int_0^t g_2(\tau) d\tau \right) \|\nabla v\|^2 \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} \left[ (g_1 \circ \nabla u)(t) + (g_2 \circ \nabla v)(t) \right] - \int_{\Omega} F(u, v) dx, \end{aligned} \quad (4.1)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 I(t) &= \left(1 - \int_0^t g_1(\tau) d\tau\right) \|\nabla u\|^2 + \left(1 - \int_0^t g_2(\tau) d\tau\right) \|\nabla v\|^2 \\
 &\quad + (g_1 \circ \nabla u)(t) + (g_2 \circ \nabla v)(t) - (p+1) \int_{\Omega} F(u, v) dx.
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{4.2}$$

We also define the energy function as follows

$$\begin{aligned}
 E(t) &= \frac{1}{2} (\|u_t\|^2 + \|v_t\|^2) + \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \int_0^t g_1(\tau) d\tau\right) \|\nabla u\|^2 + \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \int_0^t g_2(\tau) d\tau\right) \|\nabla v\|^2 \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{2} [(g_1 \circ \nabla u)(t) + (g_2 \circ \nabla v)(t)] - \int_{\Omega} F(u, v) dx,
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{4.3}$$

where

$$(\Phi \circ \Psi)(t) = \int_0^t \Phi(t-\tau) \int_{\Omega} |\Psi(t) - \Psi(\tau)| dx d\tau.$$

Finally, we define

$$W = \left\{ (u, v) : (u, v) \in H_0^1(\Omega) \times H_0^1(\Omega), I(u, v) > 0 \right\} \cup \{(0, 0)\}.
 \tag{4.4}$$

The next lemma shows that our energy functional (4.3) is a nonincreasing function along the solution of the problem (1.1).

**Lemma 4.1.**  $E(t)$  is a decreasing function for  $t \geq 0$  and

$$\begin{aligned}
 E'(t) &\leq -(\|u_t\|^2 + \|v_t\|^2) + \frac{1}{2} [(g_1' \circ \nabla u)(t) + (g_2' \circ \nabla v)(t)] \\
 &\leq 0, \quad \forall t \geq 0.
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{4.5}$$

**Proof.** Multiplying the first equation of (1.1) by  $u_t$  and the second equation by  $v_t$ , integrating over  $\Omega$ , and using (2.5) and the assumption (A1)-(A2), we obtain (4.5).

**Theorem 4.1.** Under the conditions of Theorem 3.1, assume that initial conditions satisfies

$$E(0) \leq 0, \quad \int_{\Omega} (u_0 u_1 + v_0 v_1) dx \geq 0,$$

and

$$\max \left\{ \int_0^t g_1(s) ds, \int_0^t g_2(s) ds \right\} \leq \frac{p+1}{p+3 - \frac{1}{4(p+2)}}$$

then the corresponding solution blows up in finite time. In other words, there exists a positive constant  $T^*$  such that  $\lim_{t \rightarrow T^*} (\|u\|^2 + \|v\|^2) = \infty$ .

**Proof.** To apply Lemma 2.4, we define

$$\psi(t) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Omega} (|u|^2 + |v|^2) dx.
 \tag{4.6}$$

Therefore,

$$\psi'(t) = \int_{\Omega} (uu_t + vv_t) dx,
 \tag{4.7}$$

and

$$\psi''(t) = \int_{\Omega} (u_t^2 + v_t^2) dx + \int_{\Omega} (uu_{tt} + vv_{tt}) dx.
 \tag{4.8}$$

Then, eq (1.1) is used to estimate (4.8) as follows

$$\begin{aligned}
 \psi''(t) &= \int_{\Omega} (u_t^2 + v_t^2) dx - (\|\nabla u\|^2 + \|\nabla v\|^2) \\
 &\quad + \int_{\Omega} \int_0^t g_1(t-s) \nabla u(t) \nabla u(s) ds dx \\
 &\quad + \int_{\Omega} \int_0^t g_2(t-s) \nabla v(t) \nabla v(s) ds dx \\
 &\quad - \int_{\Omega} (uu_t + vv_t) dx + 2(p+2) \int_{\Omega} F(u, v) dx.
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{4.9}$$

We then use Young's inequality to estimates third and fifth terms in (4.9);

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_{\Omega} \int_0^t g_1(t-s) \nabla u(t) \nabla u(s) ds dx \\
&= \int_{\Omega} \int_0^t g_1(t-s) \nabla u(t) [\nabla u(s) - \nabla u(t)] ds dx + \left( \int_0^t g_1(s) ds \right) \|\nabla u\|^2 \\
&\leq \delta \|\nabla u\|^2 + \frac{1}{4\delta} \left( \int_0^t g_1(s) ds \right) (g_1 \circ \nabla u)(t) + \left( \int_0^t g_1(s) ds \right) \|\nabla u\|^2
\end{aligned} \tag{4.10}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_{\Omega} \int_0^t g_2(t-s) \nabla v(t) [\nabla v(s) - \nabla v(t)] ds dx \\
&\leq \delta \|\nabla v\|^2 + \frac{1}{4\delta} \left( \int_0^t g_2(s) ds \right) (g_2 \circ \nabla v)(t) + \left( \int_0^t g_2(s) ds \right) \|\nabla v\|^2.
\end{aligned} \tag{4.11}$$

Inserting (4.10), (4.11) into (4.9) to get

$$\begin{aligned}
\psi''(t) + \psi'(t) &\geq \left( \|u_t\|^2 + \|v_t\|^2 \right) - \left( 1 + \int_0^t g_1(s) ds + \delta \right) \|\nabla u\|^2 \\
&\quad - \left( 1 + \int_0^t g_2(s) ds + \delta \right) \|\nabla v\|^2 + 2(p+2) \int_{\Omega} F(u, v) dx \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{4\delta} \left( \int_0^t g_1(s) ds \right) (g_1 \circ \nabla u)(t) - \frac{1}{4\delta} \left( \int_0^t g_2(s) ds \right) (g_2 \circ \nabla v)(t).
\end{aligned} \tag{4.12}$$

From the definition of  $E(t)$ , it follows that

$$\begin{aligned}
\|\nabla u\|^2 + \|\nabla v\|^2 &\leq \frac{2}{1-l} E(t) + \frac{2}{1-l} \int_{\Omega} F(u, v) dx - \frac{1}{1-l} \left( \|u_t\|^2 + \|v_t\|^2 \right) \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{1-l} [(g_1 \circ \nabla u)(t) + (g_2 \circ \nabla v)(t)],
\end{aligned} \tag{4.13}$$

where  $l = \max \left\{ \int_0^t g_1(s) ds, \int_0^t g_2(s) ds \right\}$ . Substituting (4.13) into (4.12), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\psi''(t) + \psi'(t) &\geq \left( \frac{2+\delta}{1-l} \right) \left( \|u_t\|^2 + \|v_t\|^2 \right) - 2 \left( \frac{1+l+\delta}{1-l} \right) E(t) \\
&\quad + \left[ 2(p+2) - 2 \left( \frac{1+l+\delta}{1-l} \right) \right] \int_{\Omega} F(u, v) dx \\
&\quad + \left[ \frac{1+l+\delta}{1-l} - \frac{1}{4\delta} \left( \int_0^t g_1(s) ds \right) \right] (g_1 \circ \nabla u)(t) \\
&\quad + \left[ \frac{1+l+\delta}{1-l} - \frac{1}{4\delta} \left( \int_0^t g_2(s) ds \right) \right] (g_2 \circ \nabla v)(t).
\end{aligned} \tag{4.14}$$

At this point we choose  $\delta > 0$ , so that

$$\frac{1+l+\delta}{1-l} - \frac{1}{4\delta} \left( \int_0^t g_1(s) ds \right) \geq 0, \quad \frac{1+l+\delta}{1-l} - \frac{1}{4\delta} \left( \int_0^t g_2(s) ds \right) \geq 0.$$

Therefore, (4.14) becomes

$$\begin{aligned}
\psi''(t) + \psi'(t) &\geq \left[ 2(p+2) - 2 \left( \frac{1+l+\delta}{1-l} \right) \right] \int_{\Omega} F(u, v) dx \\
&\geq \frac{c_0}{2(p+2)} \left[ 2(p+2) - 2 \left( \frac{1+l+\delta}{1-l} \right) \right] \left( \|u\|_{2(p+2)}^{2(p+2)} + \|v\|_{2(p+2)}^{2(p+2)} \right) \\
&\geq \gamma \left( \|u\|_{2(p+2)}^{2(p+2)} + \|v\|_{2(p+2)}^{2(p+2)} \right)
\end{aligned} \tag{4.15}$$

where  $\gamma = \frac{c_0}{2(p+2)} \left[ 2(p+2) - 2 \left( \frac{1+l+\delta}{1-l} \right) \right]$ . Also, from assumption of the theorem  $\gamma \geq 0$ .



Now, Hölder inequality are used to estimates  $\|u\|_{2(p+2)}^{2(p+2)}$  and  $\|v\|_{2(p+2)}^{2(p+2)}$  as follows

$$\int_{\Omega} |u|^2 dx \leq \left( \int_{\Omega} |u|^{2(p+2)} dx \right)^{\frac{1}{p+2}} \left( \int_{\Omega} 1 dx \right)^{\frac{p+1}{p+2}}.$$

$W_n$  is called the volume of the domain  $\Omega$ , then

$$\|u\|_{2(p+2)}^{2(p+2)} \geq \left( \int_{\Omega} |u|^2 dx \right)^{p+2} (W_n)^{-(p+1)},$$

and similarly, we have

$$\|v\|_{2(p+2)}^{2(p+2)} \geq \left( \int_{\Omega} |v|^2 dx \right)^{p+2} (W_n)^{-(p+1)}.$$

Consequently, we have

$$\psi''(t) + \psi'(t) \geq \gamma (W_n)^{-(p+1)} \left[ \left( \int_{\Omega} |u|^2 dx \right)^{p+2} + \left( \int_{\Omega} |v|^2 dx \right)^{p+2} \right]. \quad (4.16)$$

In order to estimate the right-hand side in (4.16), we make use of the following inequality

$$(X + Y)^\rho \leq 2^{\rho-1} (X^\rho + Y^\rho),$$

$X, Y \geq 0, 1 \leq \rho < \infty$ , applying the above inequality we have

$$2^{-(p+1)} \left( \int_{\Omega} |u|^2 dx + \int_{\Omega} |v|^2 dx \right)^{p+2} \leq \left( \int_{\Omega} |u|^2 dx \right)^{p+2} + \left( \int_{\Omega} |v|^2 dx \right)^{p+2}.$$

Consequently, (4.16) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \psi''(t) + \psi'(t) &\geq 2^{-(p+1)} \gamma (W_n)^{-(p+1)} \left( \int_{\Omega} |u|^2 dx + \int_{\Omega} |v|^2 dx \right)^{p+2} \\ &= 2\gamma (W_n)^{-(p+1)} \psi^{p+2}(t). \end{aligned}$$

It is easy to verify that the requirements of Lemma 2.4 are satisfied by

$$C_0 = 2\gamma (W_n)^{-(p+1)} > 0, \quad \alpha = p + 1 > 0.$$

Therefore  $\psi(t)$  blows up in finite. The proof of Theorem 4.1 is completed.

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## Further Results on Sum Cordial Graphs

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### Abstract

In this paper, we prove that wheel, closed helm, quadrilateral snake, double quadrilateral snake and gear graphs are sum cordial graphs.

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## 1 Introduction

All graphs  $G = (V(G), E(G))$  in this paper are finite, connected and undirected. For any undefined notations and terminology we follow [3]. If the vertices or edges or both of the graph are assigned valued subject to certain conditions it is known as graph labeling. A dynamic survey on graph labeling is regularly updated by Gallian [4]. Labeled graphs have variety of applications in graph theory, particularly for missile guidance code, design good radar type codes and convolution codes with optimal autocorrelation properties. Labeled graphs plays vital role in the study of X-ray crystallography, communication network and to determine optimal circuit layouts. A detailed study on variety of applications on graph labeling is carried out in Bloom and Golomb [1].

**Definition 1.1.** A mapping  $f : V(G) \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$  is called binary vertex labeling of  $G$  and  $f(v)$  is called the label of the vertex  $v$  of  $G$  under  $f$ .

The induced edge labeling  $f^* : E(G) \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$  is given by  $f^*(e = uv) = |f(u) - f(v)|$ . Let us denote  $v_f(0)$ ,  $v_f(1)$  be the number of vertices of  $G$  having labels 0 and 1 respectively under  $f$  and  $e_f(0)$ ,  $e_f(1)$  be the number of edges of  $G$  having labels 0 and 1 respectively under  $f^*$ .

**Definition 1.2.** A binary vertex labeling of a graph  $G$  is called a cordial labeling if  $|v_f(0) - v_f(1)| \leq 1$  and  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| \leq 1$ . A graph  $G$  is called cordial if it admits labeling.

The concept of cordial labeling was introduced by Cahit [2] in which he investigated several results on this newly defined concept. Also, some new graphs are investigated as product cordial graphs by Vaidya [6].

**Definition 1.3.** A binary vertex labeling of a graph  $G$  with induce edge labeling  $f^* : E(G) \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$  defined by  $f^*(uv) = (f(u) + f(v)) \pmod{2}$  is called sum cordial labeling if  $|v_f(0) - v_f(1)| \leq 1$  and  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| \leq 1$ . A graph  $G$  is sum cordial if it admits sum cordial labeling.

Shiama [5] investigated the sum cordial labeling and proved that path  $P_n$ , cycle  $C_n$ , star  $K_{1,n}$  etc are some cordial graphs.

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**Definition 1.4.** The wheel graph  $W_n$  is defined as the join of  $K_1 + C_n$ . The vertex corresponding to  $K_1$  is said to be apex vertex, the vertices corresponding to cycle are called rim vertices. The edges corresponding to cycle are called the rim edges and edges joining apex and vertices of the cycle are called spoke edges.

**Definition 1.5.** The helm  $H_n$  is the graph obtained from a wheel  $W_n$  by attaching a pendant edge to each rim vertex.

**Definition 1.6.** The closed helm  $CH_n$  is the graph obtained from a helm  $H_n$  by joining each pendant vertex to each rim vertex.

**Definition 1.7.** The quadrilateral snake  $Q_n$  is obtained from the path  $P_n$  by replacing every edge of a path by a cycle  $C_n$ .

**Definition 1.8.** The double quadrilateral snake  $DQ_n$  consists of two quadrilateral snakes that have a common path.

**Definition 1.9.** Let  $e = uv$  be an edge of a graph  $G$  and  $w$  is not a vertex of  $G$ . The edge  $e$  is sub divided when it is replaced by the edges  $e' = uw$  and  $e'' = vw$ .

**Definition 1.10.** The gear graph  $G_n$  is obtained from the wheel  $W_n$  by sub dividing each of its rim edge.

## 2 Main Results

**Theorem 2.1.** The wheel  $W_n$  is a sum cordial graph except  $n \equiv 3(mod4)$ .

**Proof:** Let  $v$  be an apex vertex and  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  are rim vertices for wheel  $W_n$ . Then  $|V(W_n)| = n + 1$  and  $|E(W_n)| = 2n$ .

To define  $f : V(W_n) \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ , we consider the following cases,

**For  $n \equiv 0, 1, 2(mod4)$**

$$f(v) = 0;$$

$$f(v_i) = \begin{cases} 1, & i \equiv 1 \text{ or } 2(mod4); \\ 0, & i \equiv 3 \text{ or } 4(mod4). \end{cases} ; 1 \leq i \leq n$$

Therefore,

$$v_f(0) = \begin{cases} \lceil \frac{n+1}{2} \rceil, & n \equiv 0(mod4); \\ \frac{n+1}{2}, & n \equiv 1(mod4); \\ \lfloor \frac{n+1}{2} \rfloor, & n \equiv 2(mod4). \end{cases}$$

$$v_f(1) = \begin{cases} \lfloor \frac{n+1}{2} \rfloor, & n \equiv 0(mod4); \\ \frac{n+1}{2}, & n \equiv 1(mod4); \\ \lceil \frac{n+1}{2} \rceil, & n \equiv 2(mod4). \end{cases}$$

$$e_f(0) = e_f(1) = n$$

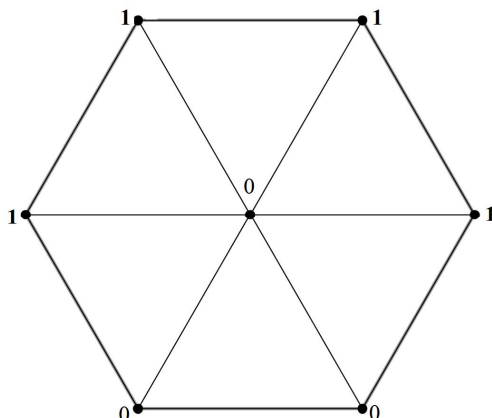
Therefore,

$$v_f(0) - v_f(1) = \begin{cases} 1, & n \equiv 0(mod4); \\ 0, & n \equiv 1(mod4); \\ -1, & n \equiv 2(mod4). \end{cases}$$

Hence,  $|v_f(0) - v_f(1)| \leq 1$  and  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| \leq 1$ . So, wheel  $W_n$  is a sum cordial for  $n \equiv 0, 1$  or  $2(mod4)$ .

**For  $n \equiv 3(mod4)$**  In order to satisfy the vertex condition for the sum cordial graph it is necessary to assign 0 to  $\frac{n+1}{2}$  vertices out of  $n + 1$  vertices. The vertices having label 1 will give rise at least  $\lceil \frac{2n+1}{2} \rceil$  edges with label 1 and at most  $\lfloor \frac{2n-1}{2} \rfloor$  edges with label 0 out of  $2n$  edges. Therefore,  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| \geq 2$ . Hence the edge condition for the sum cordial graph is not satisfied. So wheel  $W_n$  is not sum cordial for  $n \equiv 3(mod4)$ .

**Example 2.1.** *The wheel  $W_6$  is a sum cordial graph.*

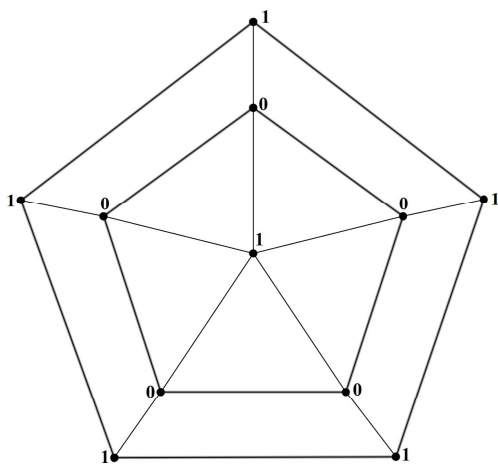


Sum cordial labeling of Wheel  $W_6$

**Theorem 2.2.** *The closed Helm  $CH_n$  is a sum cordial graph.*

**Proof:** Let  $v$  be an apex vertex and  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  are rim vertices. We denote the pendant vertices by  $v'_1, v'_2, \dots, v'_n$ . Then  $|V(CH_n)| = 2n + 1$  and  $|E(CH_n)| = 4n$ . Define  $f : V(CH_n) \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$  by  $f(v) = 1, f(v_i) = 0, f(v'_i) = 1$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . In view of the above labeling pattern, we have  $v_f(0) = n, v_f(1) = n + 1, e_f(0) = 2n = e_f(1)$ . Thus, we get  $|v_f(0) - v_f(1)| \leq 1, |e_f(0) - e_f(1)| \leq 1$ . Hence,  $CH_n$  is a sum cordial graph.

**Example 2.2.** *The Closed helm  $CH_5$  is a sum cordial graph.*



Sum cordial labeling of Closed helm  $CH_5$

**Theorem 2.3.** *The quadrilateral snake  $Q_n$  is a sum cordial graph.*

**Proof:** Let  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  be the vertices and  $e_1, e_2, \dots, e_{n-1}$  be the edges of a path  $P_n$ . To construct a quadrilateral snake  $Q_n$  from the path  $P_n$ , we join  $v_i$  and  $v_{i+1}$  to new vertices  $w_i$  and  $w'_i$  by edges  $e'_{2i-1} = v_i w_i, e'_{2i} = v_{i+1} w'_i$  and  $e''_i = w_i w'_i$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n - 1$ . Then  $|V(Q_n)| = 3n - 2$  and  $|E(Q_n)| = 4n - 4$ . To define  $f : V(Q_n) \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ , we consider the following cases,

**$n$  is even**

$$f(v_i) = 1 : 1 \leq i \leq n$$

$$f(w_i) = \begin{cases} 0, & 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2}; \\ 1, & \frac{n}{2} < i \leq n - 1. \end{cases}$$

$$f(w'_i) = 0 : 1 \leq i \leq n - 1$$

Therefore,  $v_f(0) = \frac{3n-2}{2} = v_f(1)$  and  $e_f(0) = 2n - 2 = e_f(1)$ .  
 Therefore,  $|v_f(0) - v_f(1)| = 0 = |e_f(0) - e_f(1)|$ .

**$n$  is odd**

$$f(v_i) = 1; 1 \leq i \leq n$$

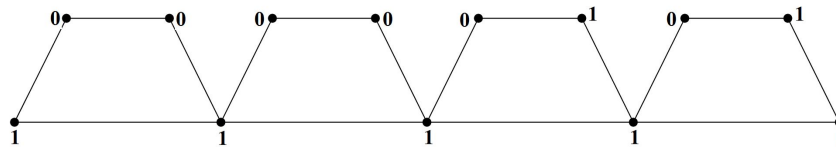
$$f(w_i) = 0; 1 \leq i \leq n - 1$$

$$f(w'_i) = \begin{cases} 0, & 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-1}{2}; \\ 1, & \frac{n-1}{2} < i \leq n - 1. \end{cases}$$

Therefore,  $v_f(0) = \lfloor \frac{3n-2}{2} \rfloor$ ,  $v_f(1) = \lceil \frac{3n-2}{2} \rceil$  and  $e_f(0) = 2n - 2 = e_f(1)$ .  
 Therefore,  $|v_f(0) - v_f(1)| = 1$  and  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| = 0$ .

Hence,  $Q_n$  is a sum cordial graph.

**Example 2.3.** The quadrilateral snake  $Q_5$  is a sum cordial graph.



Sum cordial labeling of Quadrilateral snake  $Q_5$

**Theorem 2.4.** The double quadrilateral snake  $DQ_n$  is a sum cordial graph.

**Proof:** Let  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  be the vertices and  $e_1, e_2, \dots, e_{n-1}$  be the edges of the path  $P_n$ . To construct a double quadrilateral snake  $DQ_n$  from the path  $P_n$ , we join  $v_i$  and  $v_{i+1}$  to new vertices  $u_i, u'_i, w_i$  and  $w'_i$  by edges  $e_{2i-1}^u = v_i u_i, e_{2i}^u = v_{i+1} u'_i, e_i^{uu'} = u_i u'_i, e_{2i-1}^w = v_i w_i, e_{2i}^w = v_{i+1} w'_i$  and  $e_i^{ww'} = w_i w'_i$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n - 1$ . Then  $|V(DQ_n)| = 5n - 4$  and  $|E(DQ_n)| = 7n - 7$ . Define  $f : V(DQ_n) \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$  such that

$$f(v_i) = \begin{cases} 1, & i \equiv 1 \text{ or } 2 \pmod{4}; \\ 0, & i \equiv 0 \text{ or } 3 \pmod{4}. \end{cases} \quad 1 \leq i \leq n$$

$$f(u_i) = f(u'_i) = \begin{cases} 1, & i \equiv 3 \pmod{4}; \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad 1 \leq i \leq n$$

$$f(w_i) = 1; 1 \leq i \leq n$$

$$f(w'_i) = \begin{cases} 0, & i \equiv 1 \text{ or } 3 \pmod{4}; \\ 1, & i \equiv 0 \text{ or } 2 \pmod{4}. \end{cases} \quad 1 \leq i \leq n$$

Therefore,

**For even  $n$**   $v_f(0) = \frac{5n-4}{2} = v_f(1)$  and  $e_f(0) = \lfloor \frac{7(n-1)}{2} \rfloor, e_f(1) = \lceil \frac{7(n-1)}{2} \rceil$ .  
 Therefore,  $|v_f(0) - v_f(1)| \leq 1$  and  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| \leq 1$ .

For odd  $n$

$$v_f(0) = \begin{cases} \lfloor \frac{5n-4}{2} \rfloor, & n \equiv 1 \pmod{4}; \\ \lceil \frac{5n-4}{2} \rceil, & n \equiv 3 \pmod{4}. \end{cases}$$

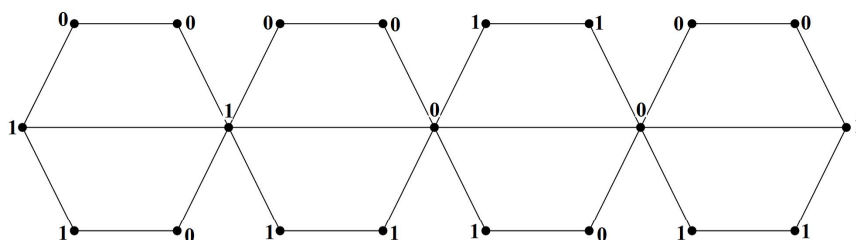
$$v_f(1) = \begin{cases} \lceil \frac{5n-4}{2} \rceil, & n \equiv 1 \pmod{4}; \\ \lfloor \frac{5n-4}{2} \rfloor, & n \equiv 3 \pmod{4}. \end{cases}$$

Also,  $e_f(0) = \frac{7(n-1)}{2} = e_f(1)$ .

Therefore,  $|v_f(0) - v_f(1)| = 1$  and  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| = 0$ .

Hence,  $DQ_n$  is a sum cordial graph.

**Example 2.4.** The double quadrilateral snake  $DQ_5$  is a sum cordial graph.



Sum cordial labeling of Double quadrilateral snake  $DQ_5$

**Theorem 2.5.** The gear graph  $G_n$  is a sum cordial graph.

**Proof:** Let  $W_n$  be the wheel with an apex vertex  $v$  and rim vertices be  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$ . To obtain the gear graph  $G_n$ , subdivide each rim edge of wheel by the vertices  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n$ , where each  $u_i$  sub divides the edge  $v_i v_{i+1}$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$  and  $u_n$  subdivides the edge  $v_1 v_n$ . Then  $|V(G_n)| = 2n + 1$  and  $|E(G_n)| = 3n$ . To define  $f : V(G_n) \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ , we consider the following two cases,

For even  $n$  Define

$$f(v) = 1$$

$$f(v_i) = \begin{cases} 1, & 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2}; \\ 0, & \frac{n}{2} < i \leq n. \end{cases}$$

$$f(u_i) = \begin{cases} 1, & i \text{ is odd}; \\ 0, & i \text{ is even}. \end{cases}$$

Therefore,  $v_f(0) = \lfloor \frac{2n+1}{2} \rfloor$ ,  $v_f(1) = \lceil \frac{2n+1}{2} \rceil$ ,  $e_f(0) = \frac{3n}{2} = e_f(1)$ . Thus, we get  $|v_f(0) - v_f(1)| \leq 1$ ,  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| \leq 1$ .

For odd  $n$  Define

$$f(v) = 1$$

$$f(v_1) = 1$$

$$f(v_i) = f(v_{n+2-i}) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } i \text{ is odd}; \\ 0, & \text{if } i \text{ is even}. \end{cases} ; 2 \leq i \leq \frac{n+1}{2}$$

$$f(u_i) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } i \text{ is odd except } i = \frac{n+1}{2}; \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} ; 1 \leq i \leq n$$

Therefore,  $v_f(0) = \lfloor \frac{2n+1}{2} \rfloor$ ,  $v_f(1) = \lceil \frac{2n+1}{2} \rceil$  and

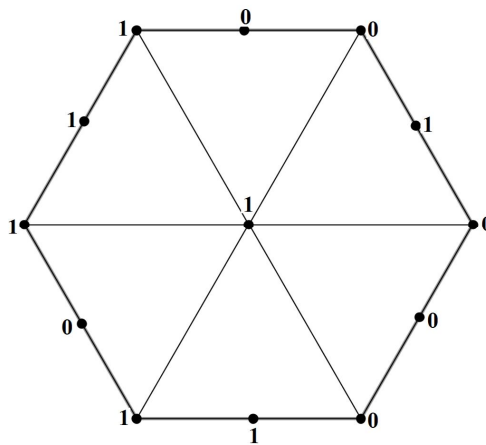
$$e_f(0) = \begin{cases} \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor, & \text{if } n \equiv 1(mod4); \\ \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil, & \text{if } n \equiv 3(mod4). \end{cases}$$

$$e_f(1) = \begin{cases} \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil, & \text{if } n \equiv 1(mod4); \\ \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor, & \text{if } n \equiv 3(mod4). \end{cases}$$

Therefore,  $|v_f(0) - v_f(1)| \leq 1$  and  $|e_f(0) - e_f(1)| \leq 1$ .

Hence, the gear  $G_n$  is a sum cordial graph.

**Example 2.5.** *The Gear  $G_6$  is a sum cordial graph.*



Sum cordial labeling of Gear  $G_6$

### 3 Conclusion

We contribute some new results on sum cordial labeling. The labeling pattern is demonstrated by means of examples. To derive similar results for other graph families and in the context of different labeling problems is an open area of research.

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## A note on Civin-Yood Theorem for locally $C^*$ -algebras

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### Abstract

In the present note we establish Civin-Yood Theorem for locally  $C^*$ -algebras, i.e. we show that if  $A$  be a locally  $C^*$ -algebra, and  $J$  be its closed Jordan ideal, then  $J$  is as well a closed two-sided  $*$ -ideals in  $A$ .

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### 1 Introduction

Let  $A$  be a  $C^*$ -algebra, and  $J$  be a closed Jordan ideal in  $A$ . In 1965 in their paper [2] Civin and Yood proved among other things that  $J$  is a two-sided  $*$ -ideal in  $A$ .

The Hausdorff projective limits of projective families of Banach algebras as natural locally-convex generalizations of Banach algebras have been studied sporadically by many authors since 1952, when they were first introduced by Arens [1] and Michael [8]. The Hausdorff projective limits of projective families of  $C^*$ -algebras were first mentioned by Arens [1]. They have since been studied under various names by many authors. Development of the subject is reflected in the monograph of Fragoulopoulou [4]. We will follow Inoue [6] in the usage of the name **locally  $C^*$ -algebras** for these algebras.

The purpose of the present notes is to extend the aforementioned result of Civin and Yood from [2] to locally  $C^*$ -algebras.

### 2 Preliminaries

First, we recall some basic notions on topological  $*$ -algebras. A  $*$ -algebra (or involutory algebra) is an algebra  $A$  over  $\mathbb{C}$  with an involution

$$* : A \rightarrow A,$$

such that

$$(a + \lambda b)^* = a^* + \bar{\lambda}b^*,$$

and

$$(ab)^* = b^*a^*,$$

for every  $a, b \in A$  and  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ .

A seminorm  $\|\cdot\|$  on a  $*$ -algebra  $A$  is a  $C^*$ -seminorm if it is submultiplicative, i.e.

$$\|ab\| \leq \|a\| \|b\|,$$

and satisfies the  $C^*$ -condition, i.e.

$$\|a^*a\| = \|a\|^2,$$

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for every  $a, b \in A$ . Note that the  $C^*$ -condition alone implies that  $\|\cdot\|$  is submultiplicative, and in particular

$$\|a^*\| = \|a\|,$$

for every  $a \in A$  (cf. for example [4]).

When a seminorm  $\|\cdot\|$  on a  $*$ -algebra  $A$  is a  $C^*$ -norm, and  $A$  is complete in the topology generated by this norm,  $A$  is called a  $C^*$ -algebra.

A topological  $*$ -algebra is a  $*$ -algebra  $A$  equipped with a topology making the operations (addition, multiplication, additive inverse, involution) jointly continuous. For a topological  $*$ -algebra  $A$ , one puts  $N(A)$  for the set of continuous  $C^*$ -seminorms on  $A$ . One can see that  $N(A)$  is a directed set with respect to pointwise ordering, because

$$\max\{\|\cdot\|_\alpha, \|\cdot\|_\beta\} \in N(A)$$

for every  $\|\cdot\|_\alpha, \|\cdot\|_\beta \in N(A)$ , where  $\alpha, \beta \in \Lambda$ , with  $\Lambda$  being a certain directed set.

For a topological  $*$ -algebra  $A$ , and  $\|\cdot\|_\alpha \in N(A)$ ,  $\alpha \in \Lambda$ ,

$$\ker \|\cdot\|_\alpha = \{a \in A : \|a\|_\alpha = 0\}$$

is a  $*$ -ideal in  $A$ , and  $\|\cdot\|_\alpha$  induces a  $C^*$ -norm (we as well denote it by  $\|\cdot\|_\alpha$ ) on the quotient  $A_\alpha = A / \ker \|\cdot\|_\alpha$ , and  $A_\alpha$  is automatically complete in the topology generated by the norm  $\|\cdot\|_\alpha$ , thus is a  $C^*$ -algebra (see [4] for details). Each pair  $\|\cdot\|_\alpha, \|\cdot\|_\beta \in N(A)$ , such that

$$\beta \succeq \alpha,$$

$\alpha, \beta \in \Lambda$ , induces a natural (continuous) surjective  $*$ -homomorphism

$$g_\alpha^\beta : A_\beta \rightarrow A_\alpha.$$

Let, again,  $\Lambda$  be a set of indices, directed by a relation (reflexive, transitive, antisymmetric) " $\preceq$ ". Let

$$\{A_\alpha, \alpha \in \Lambda\}$$

be a family of  $C^*$ -algebras, and  $g_\alpha^\beta$  be, for

$$\alpha \preceq \beta,$$

the continuous linear  $*$ -mappings

$$g_\alpha^\beta : A_\beta \longrightarrow A_\alpha,$$

so that

$$g_\alpha^\alpha(x_\alpha) = x_\alpha,$$

for all  $\alpha \in \Lambda$ , and

$$g_\alpha^\beta \circ g_\beta^\gamma = g_\alpha^\gamma,$$

whenever

$$\alpha \preceq \beta \preceq \gamma.$$

Let  $\Gamma$  be the collections  $\{g_\alpha^\beta\}$  of all such transformations. Let  $A$  be a  $*$ -subalgebra of the direct product algebra

$$\prod_{\alpha \in \Lambda} A_\alpha,$$

so that for its elements

$$x_\alpha = g_\alpha^\beta(x_\beta),$$

for all

$$\alpha \preceq \beta,$$

where

$$x_\alpha \in A_\alpha,$$

and

$$x_\beta \in A_\beta.$$

The  $*$ -algebra  $A$  constructed above is called a **Hausdorff projective limit** of the projective family

$$\{A_\alpha, \alpha \in \Lambda\},$$

relatively to the collection

$$\Gamma = \{g_\alpha^\beta : \alpha, \beta \in \Lambda : \alpha \preceq \beta\},$$

and is denoted by

$$\varprojlim A_\alpha,$$

$\alpha \in \Lambda$ , and is called the Arens-Michael decomposition of  $A$ .

It is well known (see, for example [11]) that for each  $x \in A$ , and each pair  $\alpha, \beta \in \Lambda$ , such that  $\alpha \preceq \beta$ , there is a natural projection

$$\pi_\beta : A \longrightarrow A_\beta,$$

defined by

$$\pi_\alpha(x) = g_\alpha^\beta(\pi_\beta(x)),$$

and each projection  $\pi_\alpha$  for all  $\alpha \in \Lambda$  is continuous.

A topological  $*$ -algebra  $(A, \tau)$  over  $\mathbb{C}$  is called a **locally  $C^*$ -algebra** if there exists a projective family of  $C^*$ -algebras

$$\{A_\alpha; g_\alpha^\beta; \alpha, \beta \in \Lambda\},$$

so that

$$A \cong \varprojlim A_\alpha,$$

$\alpha \in \Lambda$ , i.e.  $A$  is topologically  $*$ -isomorphic to a projective limit of a projective family of  $C^*$ -algebras, i.e. there exists its Arens-Michael decomposition of  $A$  composed entirely of  $C^*$ -algebras.

A topological  $*$ -algebra  $(A, \tau)$  over  $\mathbb{C}$  is a locally  $C^*$ -algebra iff  $A$  is a complete Hausdorff topological  $*$ -algebra in which the topology  $\tau$  is generated by a saturated separating family  $F$  of  $C^*$ -seminorms (see [4] for details).

Every  $C^*$ -algebra is a locally  $C^*$ -algebra.

A closed  $*$ -subalgebra of a locally  $C^*$ -algebra is a locally  $C^*$ -algebra.

The product  $\prod_{\alpha \in \Lambda} A_\alpha$  of  $C^*$ -algebras  $A_\alpha$ , with the product topology, is a locally  $C^*$ -algebra.

Let  $X$  be a compactly generated Hausdorff space (this means that a subset  $Y \subset X$  is closed iff  $Y \cap K$  is closed for every compact subset  $K \subset X$ ). Then the algebra  $C(X)$  of all continuous, not necessarily bounded complex-valued functions on  $X$ , with the topology of uniform convergence on compact subsets, is a locally  $C^*$ -algebra. It is well known that all metrizable spaces and all locally compact Hausdorff spaces are compactly generated (see [7] for details).

Let  $A$  be a locally  $C^*$ -algebra. Then an element  $a \in A$  is called **bounded**, if

$$\|a\|_\infty = \{\sup \|a\|_\alpha, \alpha \in \Lambda : \|\cdot\|_\alpha \in N(A)\} < \infty.$$

The set of all bounded elements of  $A$  is denoted by  $b(A)$ .

It is well-known that for each locally  $C^*$ -algebra  $A$ , its set  $b(A)$  of bounded elements of  $A$  is a locally  $C^*$ -subalgebra, which is a  $C^*$ -algebra in the norm  $\|\cdot\|_\infty$ , such that it is dense in  $A$  in its topology (see for example [4]).

### 3 Civin-Yood Theorem for locally $C^*$ -algebras

Let us recall that a subspace  $J$  of an associative algebra  $A$  is called a **Jordan ideal** of  $A$ , if for each  $a \in J$  and  $b \in A$ ,

$$\frac{ab + ba}{2} = a \circ b \in J,$$

where the multiplication  $a \circ b$  thus defined is called symmetric (see [5] for details).

Now we are ready to present the main theorem of the current notes.

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $(A, \tau_A)$  be a locally  $C^*$ -algebra, and  $(J, \tau_J)$  be a closed Jordan ideals in  $A$ , such that

$$\tau_J = \tau_A|_J.$$

Then  $(J, \tau_J)$  is a closed two-sided  $*$ -ideal of  $A$ .

*Proof.* Let now  $(A, \tau_A)$  be a locally  $C^*$ -algebra, and let

$$A = \varprojlim A_\alpha,$$

$\alpha \in \Lambda$ , be its Arens-Michael decomposition into a projective limit of a projective family of  $C^*$ -algebras  $A_\alpha, \alpha \in \Lambda$ , built using the family of seminorms  $\|\cdot\|_\alpha, \alpha \in \Lambda$ , that defines the topology  $\tau_A$ . Let

$$\pi_\alpha : A \rightarrow A_\alpha,$$

$\alpha \in \Lambda$ , be a projection from  $A$  onto  $A_\alpha$ , for each  $\alpha \in \Lambda$ . Each  $\pi_\alpha$  is an surjective  $*$ -homomorphism from  $A$  onto  $A_\alpha, \alpha \in \Lambda$ . Let

$$g_\alpha^\beta : A_\beta \rightarrow A_\alpha,$$

be a surjective  $*$ -homomorphism from  $A_\beta$  onto  $A_\alpha$ , for each pair  $\alpha, \beta \in \Lambda$ , such that  $\alpha \preceq \beta$ . Such family  $g_\alpha^\beta, \alpha, \beta \in \Lambda$  does exist because the family  $A_\alpha, \alpha \in \Lambda$  is projective. Let

$$J_\alpha = \pi_\alpha(J),$$

for each  $\alpha \in \Lambda$ . One can see now that

$$g_\alpha^\beta(J_\beta) = J_\alpha,$$

because

$$\pi_\alpha = g_\alpha^\beta \circ \pi_\beta,$$

for all  $\alpha \preceq \beta, \alpha, \beta \in \Lambda$ .

From the fact that  $J$  is a closed in  $\tau_J$  topology subspace of  $A$  it follows that  $J_\alpha$  is a closed in  $\|\cdot\|_\alpha$  subspace of  $A_\alpha$  for all  $\alpha \in \Lambda$ .

We show now that  $J_\alpha$  is a Jordan ideal of  $A_\alpha$  for each  $\alpha \in \Lambda$ . In fact, let  $a_\alpha \in J_\alpha$ , and  $b_\alpha \in A_\alpha$  be arbitrary, and  $\alpha \in \Lambda$ . We select arbitrary  $a \in \pi_\alpha^{-1}(a_\alpha)$  which is obviously in  $J$ , and  $b \in \pi_\alpha^{-1}(b_\alpha)$ , which is obviously in  $A$ . Because  $J$  is a Jordan ideal of  $A$  it follows that

$$a \circ b = \frac{ab + ba}{2} \in J.$$

One can see that

$$\pi_\alpha(a) = a_\alpha \text{ and } \pi_\alpha(b) = b_\alpha.$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} J_\alpha &\ni \pi_\alpha(a \circ b) = \pi_\alpha\left(\frac{ab + ba}{2}\right) = \frac{\pi_\alpha(ab + ba)}{2} = \frac{\pi_\alpha(ab) + \pi_\alpha(ba)}{2} \\ &= \frac{\pi_\alpha(a)\pi_\alpha(b) + \pi_\alpha(b)\pi_\alpha(a)}{2} = \frac{a_\alpha b_\alpha + b_\alpha a_\alpha}{2} = a_\alpha \circ b_\alpha. \end{aligned}$$

Now, applying to each  $J_\alpha, \alpha \in \Lambda$  Civin-Yood theorem from [2] we conclude that each  $J_\alpha, \alpha \in \Lambda$  is a two-sided  $*$ -ideal of  $A_\alpha$ , i.e. for arbitrary  $a_\alpha \in J_\alpha$  and  $b_\alpha \in A_\alpha$  it follows that  $a_\alpha b_\alpha, b_\alpha a_\alpha, a_\alpha^* \in J_\alpha$ .

Let now  $a \in J$  and  $b \in A$  be arbitrary elements from  $J$  and  $A$  respectively. Then for each  $\alpha \in \Lambda$ ,

$$J_\alpha \ni \pi_\alpha(a)\pi_\alpha(b) = \pi_\alpha(ab),$$

which implies that there exists a unique element  $ab \in J$ . Similarly we obtain that  $ba \in J$ .

At the same time for each  $\alpha \in \Lambda$ , even though generally speaking  $a^*$  exists in  $A$ , because

$$(\pi_\alpha(a))^* = \pi_\alpha(a^*) = a_\alpha^* \in J_\alpha,$$

which implies that  $a^* \in J$ . □

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## Numerical solution of weakly singular integro-differential equations

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### Abstract

In this work, we prove the existence and uniqueness of the solution of weakly singular integro-differential equations. After some transformations direct numerical schemes using collocation methods are proposed for any peicewise closed contours.

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### 1 Introduction

Singular integro-differential equations with logarithmic kernel arise in different problems of elasticity theory, aerodynamics, mechanics, elasticity, this kind of equations has gained a lot of interest in many application fields, in particular their numerical treatment is asked [1]. While several numerical methods for approximating the solution of Volterra integro-differential equations and Fredholm integro-differential equations are known [2, 4]. On the other hand, the singular integro-differential equations have poor documentation.

It is known that, the most effective methods for the approximate solution of weakly singular integro-differential equations consists in their reduction to a system of linear algebraic equations by the replacement of the integral with a proper quadrature sum [5, 6, 7].

Consider the weakly singular integro-differential equation of the form

$$\varphi(t_0) + \frac{1}{\pi i} \int_{\Gamma} \ln(t - t_0) \varphi'(t) dt = f(t_0), \quad (1.1)$$

where  $\Gamma$  designates a smooth-oriented contour;  $t$  and  $t_0$  are points on  $\Gamma$  and  $f(t)$  is a given function on  $\Gamma$ , the density  $\varphi(t)$  is the desired function has to satisfy the Holder condition  $H(\mu)$  [6].

The equation (1) can be put in the form of functional equation

$$\varphi(t_0) + AD\varphi(t_0) = f(t_0), \quad (1.2)$$

with the linear mappings  $A$  and  $D$  respectively given by

$$A\varphi(t_0) = \frac{1}{\pi i} \int_{\Gamma} \ln(t - t_0) \varphi(t) dt, \quad D\varphi(t) = \varphi'(t). \quad (1.3)$$

In this work we prove the existence and the uniqueness of the solution of the equation (1) and solve it numerically.

Let  $\varepsilon > 0$  be a sufficiently small number and describe around  $t_0$  a circle centred at  $t_0$  with a radius  $\varepsilon$  this circle intersects the curve  $\Gamma$  in the two points  $t_1$  and  $t_2$  such that the arc lengths  $t_1 t_0$  and  $t_0 t_2$  are equal to  $\varepsilon$  and denoting by  $\Gamma_\varepsilon$  this part of  $\Gamma$  limited by  $t_1 t_2$ .

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## 2 Main results

**Theorem:** Suppose that the function  $\varphi(t) \in W^1(\Gamma)$ ,  $t$  and  $t_0$  are points on the smooth-oriented contour  $\Gamma$  then, the equation (1) given by

$$\varphi(t_0) + \frac{1}{\pi i} \int_{\Gamma} \ln(t - t_0) \varphi'(t) dt = f(t_0),$$

admits a unique solution for all  $f(t_0)$  in the given space.

**Proof**

The integration by parts for the operator  $AD\varphi(t_0)$  in (2) gives

$$\begin{aligned} \pi i AD\varphi(t_0) &= \int_{\Gamma-\Gamma_\varepsilon} \ln(t - t_0) \varphi'(t) dt \\ &= \varphi(t_1) \ln(t_1 - t_0) - \varphi(t_2) \ln(t_2 - t_0) - \int_{\Gamma-\Gamma_\varepsilon} \frac{\varphi(t)}{t - t_0} dt \\ &= \varphi(t) [\ln(t_1 - t_0) - \ln(t_2 - t_0)] + (\varphi(t_1) - \varphi(t_0)) \ln(t_1 - t_0) \\ &\quad + (\varphi(t_2) - \varphi(t_0)) \ln(t_2 - t_0) - \int_{\Gamma-\Gamma_\varepsilon} \frac{\varphi(t)}{t - t_0} dt. \end{aligned}$$

The expansion  $\varphi(t) [\ln(t_1 - t_0) - \ln(t_2 - t_0)]$  converges to  $\pi i \varphi(t_0)$  as  $\varepsilon$  converges to zero, on the other hand the expansions

$(\varphi(t_1) - \varphi(t_0)) \ln(t_1 - t_0)$  and  $(\varphi(t_2) - \varphi(t_0)) \ln(t_2 - t_0)$  converge to zero as  $\varepsilon$  goes to zero. Hence the integral becomes

$$\begin{aligned} AD\varphi(t_0) &= \frac{1}{\pi i} \int_{\Gamma-\Gamma_\varepsilon} \ln(t - t_0) \varphi'(t) dt \\ &= \varphi(t_0) - \frac{1}{\pi i} \int_{\Gamma} \frac{\varphi(t)}{t - t_0} dt. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore the equation (1)

$$\varphi(t_0) + \frac{1}{\pi i} \int_{\Gamma} \ln(t - t_0) \varphi'(t) dt = f(t_0),$$

is transformed to the following equation

$$2\varphi(t_0) - \frac{1}{\pi i} \int_{\Gamma} \frac{\varphi(t)}{t - t_0} dt = f(t_0). \quad (2.4)$$

The equation (4) admits a unique solution for all second member, that is to say, the equation (1) admits a unique solution or all second member.

## 3 Numerical Experiments

In this section we describe some of the numerical experiments performed in solving the weakly singular integro-differential equations (1), using collocation methods with the approximation technical in [5,7]. In all cases, the curve is taking the unit circle and we chose the right hand side  $f(t)$  in such way that we know the exact solution. This exact solution is used only to show that the numerical solution obtained with the method is correct.

In each table,  $\varphi$  represents the given exact solution of the weakly singular integro-differential equations and  $\tilde{\varphi}$  corresponds to the approximate solution of the equation produced by the approximation method for singular integral with logarithmic kernel in [5,7].

### Example 1

Consider the weakly singular integro-differential equation on the unit circle  $\Gamma$

$$t_0 \varphi(t_0) + \int_{\Gamma} \ln(t - t_0) \varphi'(t) dt = t_0^3 - t_0^2,$$



where the function  $f(t_0)$  is chosen so that the solution  $\varphi(t)$  is given by

$$\varphi(t) = t^2.$$

The approximate solution  $\tilde{\varphi}(t)$  of  $\varphi(t)$  is obtained by the solution of a system of linear algebraic equations by the replacement of the integral with a proper quadrature sum.

Points of t	Exact solution	Approx solution	Error
1.0000	1.0000e+000	1.00e+000 +2.07e-014i	3.15e-014
3.68e-001 +9.29e-001i	-7.28e-001 +6.84e-001i	-7.28e-001 +6.84e-001i	3.37e-014
-7.70e-001 +6.37e-001i	1.87e-001 -9.82e-001i	1.87e-001 -9.82e-001i	3.19e-014
-8.44e-001 -5.35e-001i	4.25e-001 +9.04e-001i	4.25e-001 +9.04e-001i	2.86e-014
3.09e-001 -9.51e-001i	-8.09e-001 -5.87e-001i	-8.09e-001 -5.87e-001i	2.75e-014
9.98e-001 -6.27e-002i	9.92e-001 -1.25e-001i	9.92e-001 -1.25e-001i	3.25e-014

**Table 1.** The exact and approximate solutions of example 1 in some arbitrary points and the error

**Example 2**

Consider the weakly singular integro-differential equation on the unit circle  $\Gamma$

$$\varphi(t_0) + \int_{\Gamma} \ln(t - t_0)\varphi'(t)dt = \frac{1}{t_0 + 2},$$

where the function  $f(t_0)$  is chosen so that the solution  $\varphi(t)$  is given by

$$\varphi(t) = \frac{1}{t + 2}.$$

The approximate solution  $\tilde{\varphi}(t)$  of  $\varphi(t)$  is obtained by the solution of a system of linear algebraic equations by the replacement of the integral with a proper quadrature sum.

Points of t	Exact solution	Approx solution	Error
1.0000	3.3333e-001	3.33e-001 -3.70e-007i	5.13e-007
3.68e-001 +9.29e-001i	3.65e-001 -1.43e-001i	3.65e-001 -1.43e-001i	1.64e-006
-7.70e-001 +6.37e-001i	6.41e-001 -3.32e-001i	6.41e-001 -3.32e-001i	1.73e-005
-8.44e-001 -5.35e-001i	7.12e-001 +3.30e-001i	7.12e-001 +3.30e-001i	2.64e-005
3.09e-001 -9.51e-001i	3.70e-001 +1.52e-001i	3.70e-001 +1.52e-001i	1.00e-006
9.98e-001 -6.27e-002i	3.33e-001 +6.98e-003i	3.33e-001 +6.98e-003i	8.75e-007

**Table 2.** The exact and approximate solutions of example 2 in some arbitrary points and the error

**Example 3**

Consider the weakly singular integro-differential equation on the unit circle  $\Gamma$

$$\varphi(t_0) + \int_{\Gamma} \ln(t - t_0)\varphi'(t)dt = \frac{3}{t_0},$$

where the function  $f(t_0)$  is chosen so that the solution  $\varphi(t)$  is given by

$$\varphi(t) = \frac{1}{t}.$$

The approximate solution  $\tilde{\varphi}(t)$  of  $\varphi(t)$  is obtained by the solution of a system of linear algebraic equations by the replacement of the integral with a proper quadrature sum.

Points of t	Exact solution	Approx solution	Error
1.0000	1.000000e+000	9.99e-001 -1.61e-005i	5.82e-005
3.68e-001 +9.29e-001i	3.68e-001 -9.29e-001i	3.68e-001 -9.29e-001i	5.09e-005
-7.70e-001 +6.37e-001i	-7.70e-001 -6.37e-001i	-7.70e-001 -6.37e-001i	5.09e-005
-8.44e-001 -5.35e-001i	-8.44e-001 +5.35e-001i	-8.44e-001 +5.35e-001i	5.09e-005
3.09e-001 -9.51e-001i	3.09e-001 +9.51e-001i	3.09e-001 +9.51e-001i	5.82e-005
9.98e-001 -6.27e-002i	9.98e-001 +6.27e-002i	9.98e-001 +6.27e-002i	5.09e-005

**Table 3.** The exact and approximate solutions of example 2 in some arbitrary points and the error

## 4 Conclusion

In this work we remark the convergence of the method to the exact solution with a considerable accuracy for the weakly singular integro-differential equations. This numerical results show that the accuracy improves with increasing of the number of points on the curve. Finally we confirm that this method lead us to the good approximation of the exact solution.

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## On local attractivity of nonlinear functional integral equations via measures of noncompactness

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### Abstract

In this paper, we prove the local attractivity of solutions for a certain nonlinear Volterra type functional integral equations. We rely on a measure theoretic fixed point theorem of Dhage (2008) for nonlinear  $\mathcal{D}$ -set-contraction in Banach spaces. Finally, we furnish an example to validate all the hypotheses of our main result and to ensure the existence and ultimate attractivity of solutions for a numerical nonlinear functional integral equation.

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## 1 Introduction

The last three decades witnessed the active area of research in the connotation of measure theoretic fixed point theory and its applications to the problems of nonlinear differential and integral equations. The novelty of this approach lies in the advantage that along with existence we obtain some additional information about some characterizations of the solutions automatically. Local and global stability of the solutions of certain functional integral equations is discussed via measures of noncompactness by many researchers (see, for instance, Banas and Goebel [3], Banas and Rzepka [4], Dhage [8, 9], Dhage and Ntouyas [13] and the references therein). Very recently, Dhage [8] derived an abstract fixed point result more general than Darbo [5] fixed point theorem using the notion of measures of noncompactness and applied to stability problem of certain nonlinear functional integral equations. See Dhage and Lakshmikantham [12] and the references therein. Inspired or motivated by the idea of  $\mathcal{D}$ -functions that given in the examples of Dhage [10, 11], we prove in this paper the local attractivity of solutions for a certain nonlinear Volterra type functional integral equations via Dhage's measure theoretic fixed point theorem.

We now consider the following generalized nonlinear functional integral equation (in short GNFIGE)

$$x(t) = u(t, x(t)) + p \left( \int_0^{\gamma(t)} f(t, s, x(\theta(s))) ds, \int_0^{\sigma(t)} g(t, s, x(\eta(s))) ds \right) \quad (1.1)$$

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for  $t \in \mathbb{R}^+ = [0, \infty) \subset \mathbb{R}$ , where  $u : \mathbb{R}^+ \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $f, g : \mathbb{R}^+ \times \mathbb{R}^+ \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $p : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $\gamma, \theta, \sigma, \eta : \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  are continuous functions.

Notice that the functional integral equation (1.1) is “general” in the sense that it includes several classes of known integral equations discussed in the literature (see Banas and Rzepka [4], Dhage [8], Dhage and Ntouyas [13], O’Regan and Meehan [15], Krasnoselskii [14], Väth [16], Dhage [7, 8] and the references therein). In this paper, we intend to obtain solution of GNIE (1.1) in the space  $BC(\mathbb{R}^+, \mathbb{R})$  of all bounded and continuous real-valued functions on  $\mathbb{R}^+$ . We use a fixed point theorem of Dhage [8] involving general measures of noncompactness to prove the existence and ultimate attractivity of solutions of GNIE (1.1) under certain new conditions. The results of this paper are new to the theory of nonlinear differential and integral equations.

## 2 Auxiliary Results

This section is devoted to presenting a few auxiliary results needed in the sequel. Assume that  $E$  is a Banach space with the norm  $\|\cdot\|$  and the zero element  $\theta$ . Denote by  $B[x, r]$  the closed ball centered at  $x$  and with radius  $r$ . If  $X, Y$  are arbitrary subsets of  $E$  then the symbols  $\lambda X$  and  $X + Y$  stand for the usual algebraic operations on those sets. Moreover, we write  $\overline{X}$ ,  $\overline{\text{co}} X$  to denote the closure and the closed convex hull of  $X$ , respectively.

Further, let  $\mathcal{P}_p(E)$  denote the class of all nonempty subsets of  $E$  with a property  $p$ . Here  $p$  may be  $p$  =closed (cl, in short),  $p$  =bounded (bd, in short),  $p$  =relatively compact (rcp, in short) etc. Thus,  $\mathcal{P}_{cl}(E), \mathcal{P}_{bd}(E), \mathcal{P}_{cl,bd}(E)$  and  $\mathcal{P}_{rcp}(E)$  denote respectively the classes of closed, bounded, closed and bounded and relatively compact subsets of  $E$ .

The axiomatic way of defining the concept of the measure of noncompactness has been adopted in several papers in the literature. See Akhmerov *et al.* [2], Deimling [6], Väth [16] and Zeidler [17]. In this paper, we adopt the following axiomatic definition of the measure of noncompactness in a Banach space given in Banas and Goebel [3] and Dhage [7, 8].

**Definition 2.1.** A mapping  $\mu : \mathcal{P}_{bd}(E) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  is called the measure of noncompactness in  $E$  if it satisfies the following conditions:

1° The family  $\ker \mu = \{X \in \mathcal{P}_{bd}(E) : \mu(X) = 0\}$  is nonempty and  $\ker \mu \subset \mathcal{P}_{rcp}(E)$ .

2°  $\mu(\overline{X}) = \mu(X)$ .

3°  $\mu(\overline{\text{co}} X) = \mu(X)$ .

4°  $X \subset Y \Rightarrow \mu(X) \leq \mu(Y)$ .

5° If  $\{X_n\}$  is a decreasing sequence of sets in  $\mathcal{P}_{cl,bd}(E)$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu(X_n) = 0$ , then the intersection set  $\overline{X}_\infty = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} X_n$  is nonempty.

The family  $\ker \mu$  described in 1° is said to be the kernel of the measure of noncompactness  $\mu$ . We refer to [2, 3, 4, 6, 16, 17] for further facts concerning the measures of noncompactness and their properties. Let us only observe that the intersection set  $X_\infty$  is a member of the family  $\ker \mu$ . Indeed, since  $\mu(X_\infty) \leq \mu(X_n)$  for any  $n$ , we infer that  $\mu(X_\infty) = 0$ . In view of 1° this yields that  $X_\infty \in \ker \mu$ .

A measure  $\mu$  of noncompactness is said to be sublinear if

6°  $\mu(X + Y) \leq \mu(A) + \mu(B)$  for all  $X, Y \in \mathcal{P}_{bd}(E)$ , and

7°  $\mu(\lambda X) \leq |\lambda| \mu(X)$  for all  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $X \in \mathcal{P}_{bd}(E)$ .

Let  $E = BC(\mathbb{R}^+, \mathbb{R})$  be the space of all continuous and bounded functions on  $\mathbb{R}^+$  and define a norm  $\|\cdot\|$  in  $E$  by

$$\|x\| = \sup\{|x(t)| : t \geq 0\}.$$

Clearly  $E$  is a Banach space with this supremum norm. Let us fix a bounded subset  $A$  of  $E$  and a positive real number  $T$ . For any  $x \in A$  and  $\epsilon \geq 0$ , denote by  $\omega^T(x, \epsilon)$ , the modulus of continuity of  $x$  on the interval  $[0, T]$  defined by

$$\omega^T(x, \epsilon) = \sup\{|x(t) - x(s)| : t, s \in [0, T], |t - s| \leq \epsilon\}.$$

Moreover, let

$$\omega^T(A, \epsilon) = \sup\{\omega^T(x, \epsilon) : x \in A\},$$

$$\omega_0^T(A) = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \omega^T(A, \epsilon),$$

$$\omega_0(A) = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \omega_0^T(A).$$

By  $A(t)$  we mean a set in  $\mathbb{R}$  defined by  $A(t) = \{x(t) | x \in A\}$  for  $t \in \mathbb{R}^+$ . We denote  $\text{diam}(A(t)) = \sup\{|x(t) - y(t)| : x, y \in A\}$ . Finally we define a function  $\mu$  on  $\mathcal{P}_{bd}(E)$  by the formula

$$\mu(A) = \omega_0(A) + \limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} \text{diam}(A(t)). \tag{2.2}$$

It has been shown in Banas and Goebel [3] that  $\mu$  is a sublinear measure of noncompactness in  $E$ . From the definition of the measure  $\mu$ , it is clear that the thickness of the bundle of functions  $A(t)$  tends to zero as  $t$  tends to  $\infty$ . This particular characteristic of  $\mu$  has been utilized in formulating the main existence and attractivity result of this paper.

Before going to the key tool used in this paper, we recall the following useful definition introduced by Dhage [8].

**Definition 2.2.** A mapping  $\mathcal{T} : E \rightarrow E$  is called  $\mathcal{D}$ -set-Lipschitz if there exists a upper semi-continuous nondecreasing function  $\phi : \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  such that  $\mu(\mathcal{T}(A)) \leq \phi(\mu(A))$  for all  $A \in \mathcal{P}_{bd}(E)$  with  $\mathcal{T}(A) \in \mathcal{P}_{bd}(E)$ , where  $\phi(0) = 0$ . The function  $\phi$  is sometimes called a  $\mathcal{D}$ -function of  $\mathcal{T}$  on  $E$ . Especially when  $\phi(r) = kr, k > 0$ ,  $\mathcal{T}$  is called a  $k$ -set-Lipschitz mapping and if  $k < 1$ , then  $\mathcal{T}$  is called a  $k$ -set-contraction on  $E$ . Further, if  $\phi(r) < r$  for  $r > 0$ , then  $\mathcal{T}$  is called a nonlinear  $\mathcal{D}$ -set-contraction on  $E$ .

**Lemma 2.1 (Dhage [8]).** If  $\phi$  is a  $\mathcal{D}$ -function with  $\phi(r) < r$  for  $r > 0$ , then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \phi^n(t) = 0$  for all  $t \in [0, \infty)$  and vice-versa.

Using Lemma 2.1, Dhage [8] proved the following important result.

**Theorem 2.1.** Let  $C$  be a closed, convex and bounded subset of a Banach space  $E$  and let  $\mathcal{T} : C \rightarrow C$  be a continuous and nonlinear  $\mathcal{D}$ -set-contraction. Then  $\mathcal{T}$  has a fixed point.

**Remark 2.1.** Let us denote by  $\text{Fix}(\mathcal{T})$  the set of all fixed points of the operator  $\mathcal{T}$  which belong to  $C$ . It can be shown that the set  $\text{Fix}(\mathcal{T})$  existing in Theorem 2.1 belongs to the family  $\ker \mu$ . Indeed, if  $\text{Fix}(\mathcal{T}) \notin \ker \mu$ , then  $\mu(\text{Fix}(\mathcal{T})) > 0$  and  $\mathcal{T}(\text{Fix}(\mathcal{T})) = \text{Fix}(\mathcal{T})$ . Now from nonlinear set-contractivity it follows that  $\mu(\mathcal{T}(\text{Fix}(\mathcal{T}))) \leq \phi(\mu(\text{Fix}(\mathcal{T})))$  which is a contradiction since  $\phi(r) < r$  for  $r > 0$ . Hence  $\text{Fix}(\mathcal{T}) \in \ker \mu$ . This particular characteristic has been utilized in our study of local attractivity of the solutions of nonlinear integral equations.

### 3 Local Attractivity Results

In this section we prove our main existence and attractivity results for the GNFI (1.1) under some suitable conditions. We need the following definition in what follows. Let us assume that  $E = BC(\mathbb{R}^+, \mathbb{R})$  and let  $\Omega$  be a subset of  $E$ . Let  $\mathcal{T} : E \rightarrow E$  be an operator and consider the operator equation in  $E$ ,

$$\mathcal{T}x(t) = x(t) \text{ for all } t \in \mathbb{R}^+. \tag{3.3}$$

Below we give an attractivity characterizations of the solutions for the operator equation (3.3) on  $\mathbb{R}^+$ .

**Definition 3.3.** We say that solutions of the equation (3.3) are locally ultimately attractive if there exists a closed ball  $B[x_0, r_0]$  in the space  $BC(\mathbb{R}^+, \mathbb{R})$  for some  $x_0 \in BC(\mathbb{R}^+, \mathbb{R})$  such that, for arbitrary solutions  $x = x(t)$  and  $y = y(t)$  of equation (3.3) belonging to  $B[x_0, r_0] \cap \Omega$ , we have

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} (x(t) - y(t)) = 0. \quad (3.4)$$

In case the limit (3.2) is uniform with respect to the set  $B[x_0, r_0] \cap \Omega$ , i.e., for each  $\epsilon > 0$  there exists  $T > 0$  such that

$$|x(t) - y(t)| \leq \epsilon \quad (3.5)$$

for all solutions  $x, y \in B[x_0, r_0] \cap \Omega$  of (3.3) and for  $t \geq T$ , we will then say that solutions of equation (3.3) are uniformly locally ultimately attractive on  $\mathbb{R}^+$ .

We consider the following set of hypotheses in the sequel.

(H<sub>0</sub>) The functions  $\gamma, \theta, \sigma, \eta : \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  are continuous and  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \gamma(t) = 0$ .

(H<sub>1</sub>) The function  $u : \mathbb{R}^+ \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is continuous and there exists a continuous and nondecreasing function  $\varphi : \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  such that

$$|u(t, x) - u(t, y)| \leq \varphi(|x - y|)$$

for each  $t \in \mathbb{R}^+$  and  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ . Moreover, we assume  $\varphi(r) < r$  for  $r > 0$ .

(H<sub>2</sub>) The function  $U : \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  defined by  $U(t) = |u(t, 0)|$  is bounded with  $c_1 = \sup_{t \geq 0} U(t)$ .

(H<sub>3</sub>) The function  $f : \mathbb{R}^+ \times \mathbb{R}^+ \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is continuous and there exist a constant  $k > 0$  and a function  $\varphi$  as appears in (H<sub>1</sub>) such that

$$|f(t, s, x) - f(t, s, y)| \leq k \varphi(|x - y|)$$

for  $t, s \in \mathbb{R}^+$  and  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ .

(H<sub>4</sub>) The function  $F : \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  defined by  $F(t) = \int_0^{\gamma(t)} |f(t, s, 0)| ds$  is bounded with  $c_2 = \sup_{t \geq 0} F(t)$ .

(H<sub>5</sub>) The function  $g : \mathbb{R}^+ \times \mathbb{R}^+ \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is continuous and there exist functions  $a, b : \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  satisfying

$$|g(t, s, x)| \leq a(t)b(s)$$

for  $t, s \in \mathbb{R}^+$  and  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Moreover,  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} a(t) \int_0^{\sigma(t)} b(s) ds = 0$ .

(H<sub>6</sub>) The function  $p : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  satisfies the following condition

$$|p(t_1, t_2) - p(t'_1, t'_2)| \leq |t_1 - t'_1| + |t_2 - t'_2|$$

for all  $t_1, t_2, t'_1, t'_2 \in \mathbb{R}$ . Moreover,  $p(0, 0) = 0$ .

**Remark 3.2.** Since the hypothesis (H<sub>0</sub>) holds, there exists a constant  $c_0 > 0$  such that  $c_0 = \sup_{t \geq 0} \gamma(t)$ . Similarly, since (H<sub>5</sub>) holds, the function  $v : \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  defined by  $v(t) = a(t) \int_0^{\sigma(t)} b(s) ds$  is continuous and the number  $c_3 = \sup_{t \geq 0} v(t)$  exists.

**Theorem 3.2.** Assume that the hypotheses (H<sub>0</sub>) – (H<sub>6</sub>) hold. Further if there exists a positive solution  $r_0$  of the inequality

$$(1 + c_0 k) \varphi(r) + q \leq r, \quad (3.6)$$

where  $q$  is the constant defined by  $q = \sum_{i=1}^3 c_i$ , then the GNFIE (1.1) has a solution and the solutions are uniformly locally ultimately attractive on  $\mathbb{R}^+$ .

*Proof.* Now consider the closed ball  $B[0, r_0]$  in  $E$  centered at origin of radius  $r_0$ . Define the mapping  $\mathcal{T}$  on  $E$  by

$$\mathcal{T}x(t) = u(t, x(t)) + p\left(\int_0^{\gamma(t)} f(t, s, x(\theta(s)))ds, \int_0^{\sigma(t)} g(t, s, x(\eta(s)))ds\right) \quad (3.7)$$

for  $t \in \mathbb{R}^+$ . We shall show that the map  $\mathcal{T}$  satisfies all the conditions of Theorem 3.1 on  $E$ .

**Step I:** First we show that  $\mathcal{T}$  defines a mapping  $\mathcal{T} : E \rightarrow E$ . Since  $p, q, \gamma, \sigma$  are continuous,  $\mathcal{T}x$  is continuous and hence it is measurable on  $\mathbb{R}^+$  for each  $x \in E$ . As  $\theta(\mathbb{R}^+) \subseteq \mathbb{R}^+$ , we have  $\max_{t \geq 0} |x(\theta(t))| \leq \max_{t \geq 0} |x(t)|$ . On the other hand, hypotheses  $(H_0) - (H_3)$  and  $(H_5)$  imply that

$$\begin{aligned} |\mathcal{T}x(t)| &\leq |u(t, x(t))| + \left| p\left(\int_0^{\gamma(t)} f(t, s, x(\theta(s)))ds, \int_0^{\sigma(t)} g(t, s, x(\eta(s)))ds\right) - p(0, 0) \right| \\ &\leq |u(t, x(t)) - u(t, 0)| + |u(t, 0)| + \left| \int_0^{\gamma(t)} f(t, s, x(\theta(s)))ds \right| + \left| \int_0^{\sigma(t)} g(t, s, x(\eta(s)))ds \right| \\ &\leq \varphi(|x(t)|) + |u(t, 0)| + \int_0^{\gamma(t)} |f(t, s, x(\theta(s)))|ds + \int_0^{\sigma(t)} |g(t, s, x(\eta(s)))|ds \\ &\leq \varphi(|x(t)|) + |u(t, 0)| + \int_0^{\gamma(t)} |f(t, s, x(\theta(s))) - f(t, s, 0)|ds + \int_0^{\gamma(t)} |f(t, s, 0)|ds + \int_0^{\sigma(t)} a(t)b(s)ds \\ &\leq \varphi(\|x\|) + U(t) + k\gamma(t)\varphi(\|x\|) + c_2 + v(t) \\ &\leq (1 + c_0 k)\varphi(\|x\|) + q, \end{aligned}$$

for all  $t \in \mathbb{R}^+$ . Taking supremum over  $t$ , we obtain,

$$\|\mathcal{T}x\| \leq (1 + c_0 k)\varphi(\|x\|) + q \leq r. \quad (3.8)$$

From (3.7), we deduce that  $\mathcal{T}x \in E$  and  $\mathcal{T}$  defines a mapping  $\mathcal{T} : B[0, r_0] \rightarrow B[0, r_0]$ .

**Step II:** We show that  $\mathcal{T}$  is continuous on  $B[0, r_0]$ . Let  $\epsilon > 0$  be given and let  $x, y \in B[0, r_0]$  be such that  $\|x - y\| \leq \epsilon$ . Then by hypotheses  $(H_1) - (H_5)$

$$\begin{aligned} |\mathcal{T}x(t) - \mathcal{T}y(t)| &\leq |u(t, x(t)) - u(t, y(t))| + \left| p\left(\int_0^{\gamma(t)} f(t, s, x(\theta(s)))ds, \int_0^{\sigma(t)} g(t, s, x(\eta(s)))ds\right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - p\left(\int_0^{\gamma(t)} f(t, s, y(\theta(s)))ds, \int_0^{\sigma(t)} g(t, s, y(\eta(s)))ds\right) \right| \\ &\leq \varphi(|x(t) - y(t)|) + \left| \int_0^{\gamma(t)} [f(t, s, x(\theta(s))) - f(t, s, y(\theta(s)))]ds \right| \\ &\quad + \left| \int_0^{\sigma(t)} [g(t, s, x(\eta(s))) - g(t, s, y(\eta(s)))]ds \right| \\ &\leq \varphi(|x(t) - y(t)|) + \int_0^{\gamma(t)} |f(t, s, x(\theta(s))) - f(t, s, y(\theta(s)))|ds \\ &\quad + \int_0^{\sigma(t)} |g(t, s, x(\eta(s))) - g(t, s, y(\eta(s)))|ds \\ &\leq \varphi(\|x - y\|) + k\gamma(t)\varphi(\|x - y\|) + 2 \int_0^{\sigma(t)} a(t)b(s)ds \\ &\leq (1 + c_0 k)\varphi(\epsilon) + 2v(t) \\ &\leq (1 + c_0 k)\epsilon + 2v(t). \end{aligned} \quad (3.9)$$

Since  $v(t) \rightarrow 0$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ , there exists  $T > 0$  such that  $v(t) \leq \epsilon$ ,  $\forall t > T$ . Thus if  $t > T$ , then from (3.8) we have that

$$|\mathcal{T}x(t) - \mathcal{T}y(t)| \leq (3 + c_0 k)\epsilon.$$

If  $t < T$ , then define a function  $\omega = \omega(\epsilon)$  by the formula

$$\omega(\epsilon) = \sup\{|g(t, s, x) - g(t, s, y)| : t, s \in [0, T], x, y \in [-r_0, r_0], |x - y| \leq \epsilon\}. \quad (3.10)$$

Now  $g(t, s, x)$  is continuous and hence uniformly continuous on  $[0, T] \times [0, T] \times [-r_0, r_0]$ . As a result we have  $\omega(\epsilon) \rightarrow 0$  as  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$ . Therefore, from (3.10),

$$|\mathcal{T}x(t) - \mathcal{T}y(t)| \leq (1 + c_0k)\epsilon + \sigma^*\omega(\epsilon)$$

for all  $t \in \mathbb{R}^+$ , where  $\sigma^* = \max\{\sigma(t) : t \in [0, T]\}$ . Hence, it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mathcal{T}x - \mathcal{T}y\| &\leq \max\{(3 + c_0k)\epsilon, (1 + c_0k)\epsilon + \sigma^*\omega(\epsilon)\} \\ &\rightarrow 0 \text{ as } \epsilon \rightarrow 0. \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\mathcal{T}$  is a continuous mapping from  $B[0, r_0]$  into itself.

**Step III:** Here we show that  $\mathcal{T}$  is a nonlinear set-contraction on  $B[0, r_0]$ . This will be done in the following two cases:

**Case I :** Let  $A \subset B[0, r_0]$  be non-empty. Further fix the number  $T > 0$  and  $\epsilon > 0$ . Since the functions  $f$  and  $g$  are continuous on compact  $[0, T] \times [0, T] \times [-r_0, r_0]$ , there are constants  $c_4 > 0$  and  $c_5 > 0$  such that  $|f(t, s, x)| \leq c_4$  and  $|g(t, s, x)| \leq c_5$  for all  $t, s \in [0, T]$  and  $x \in [-r_0, r_0]$ . Then choosing  $t, \tau \in [0, T]$  such that  $|t - \tau| \leq \epsilon$  and taking into account our hypotheses, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} |\mathcal{T}x(t) - \mathcal{T}x(\tau)| &\leq |u(t, x(t)) - u(\tau, x(\tau))| + \left| p \left( \int_0^{\gamma(t)} f(t, s, x(\theta(s))) ds, \int_0^{\sigma(t)} g(t, s, x(\eta(s))) ds \right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - p \left( \int_0^{\gamma(\tau)} f(\tau, s, x(\theta(s))) ds, \int_0^{\sigma(\tau)} g(\tau, s, x(\eta(s))) ds \right) \right| \\ &\leq |u(t, x(t)) - u(t, x(\tau))| + |u(t, x(\tau)) - u(\tau, x(\tau))| \\ &\quad + \left| \int_0^{\gamma(t)} f(t, s, x(\theta(s))) ds - \int_0^{\gamma(\tau)} f(\tau, s, x(\theta(s))) ds \right| \\ &\quad + \left| \int_0^{\sigma(t)} g(t, s, x(\eta(s))) ds - \int_0^{\sigma(\tau)} g(\tau, s, x(\eta(s))) ds \right| \\ &\leq \varphi(|x(t) - x(\tau)|) + |u(t, x(\tau)) - u(\tau, x(\tau))| \\ &\quad + \left| \int_0^{\gamma(t)} f(t, s, x(\theta(s))) ds - \int_0^{\gamma(\tau)} f(\tau, s, x(\theta(s))) ds \right| \\ &\quad + \left| \int_0^{\gamma(\tau)} f(\tau, s, x(\theta(s))) ds - \int_0^{\gamma(\tau)} f(\tau, s, x(\theta(s))) ds \right| \\ &\quad + \left| \int_{\sigma(t)}^{\sigma(\tau)} g(t, s, x(\eta(s))) ds \right| \\ &\quad + \left| \int_0^{\sigma(\tau)} [g(t, s, x(\eta(s))) ds - g(\tau, s, x(\eta(s))) ds] \right| \\ &\leq \varphi(|x(t) - x(\tau)|) + |u(t, x(\tau)) - u(\tau, x(\tau))| \\ &\quad + \int_0^{\gamma(t)} |f(t, s, x(\theta(s))) - f(\tau, s, x(\theta(s)))| ds \\ &\quad + \left| \int_{\gamma(\tau)}^{\gamma(t)} |f(\tau, s, x(\theta(s)))| ds \right| + \left| \int_{\sigma(t)}^{\sigma(\tau)} |g(t, s, x(\eta(s)))| ds \right| \\ &\quad + \int_0^{\sigma(\tau)} |g(t, s, x(\eta(s))) ds - g(\tau, s, x(\eta(s)))| ds \\ &\leq \varphi(|x(t) - x(\tau)|) + \omega^T(u, \epsilon) + k\omega^T(f, \epsilon) + c_4\omega^T(\gamma, \epsilon) \\ &\quad + T\omega^T(g, \epsilon) + c_5\omega^T(\sigma, \epsilon), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \omega^T(\gamma, \epsilon) &= \sup\{|\gamma(t) - \gamma(\tau)| : t, \tau \in [0, T], |t - \tau| \leq \epsilon\}, \\ \omega^T(\sigma, \epsilon) &= \sup\{|\sigma(t) - \sigma(\tau)| : t, \tau \in [0, T], |t - \tau| \leq \epsilon\}, \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned} \omega^T(u, \epsilon) &= \sup\{|u(t, x) - u(\tau, x)| : t, \tau \in [0, T], |t - \tau| \leq \epsilon, |x| \leq r_0\}, \\ \omega^T(f, \epsilon) &= \sup\{|f(t, s, x) - f(\tau, s, x)| : t, \tau \in [0, T], |t - \tau| \leq \epsilon, |x| \leq r_0\}, \\ \omega^T(g, \epsilon) &= \sup\{|g(t, s, x) - g(\tau, s, x)| : t, \tau \in [0, T], |t - \tau| \leq \epsilon, |x| \leq r_0\}. \end{aligned}$$

The above inequality further implies that

$$\begin{aligned} \omega^T(Tx, \epsilon) &\leq \varphi(\omega^T(x, \epsilon)) + \omega^T(u, \epsilon) + c_0k\omega^T(f, \epsilon) \\ &\quad + c_4\omega^T(\gamma, \epsilon) + T\omega^T(g, \epsilon) + c_5\omega^T(\sigma, \epsilon). \end{aligned} \tag{3.11}$$

Since by hypotheses, the functions  $u, \varphi, \gamma, \sigma$  and  $f, g$  are continuous respectively on  $[0, T]$  and  $[0, T] \times [0, T] \times [-r_0, r_0]$ , we infer that they are uniformly continuous there. Hence we deduce that  $\varphi(\omega^T(x, \epsilon)) \rightarrow 0, \omega^T(u, \epsilon) \rightarrow 0, \omega^T(\gamma, \epsilon) \rightarrow 0, \omega^T(f, \epsilon) \rightarrow 0, \omega^T(g, \epsilon) \rightarrow 0$  as  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$ . Hence from the above estimate (3.11), we obtain

$$\omega_0^T(T(A)) = 0,$$

and consequently

$$\omega_0(T(A)) = 0. \tag{3.12}$$

**Case II:** Now for any  $x, y \in A$  one has:

$$\begin{aligned} |Tx(t) - Ty(t)| &\leq |u(t, x(t)) - u(t, y(t))| + \left| p \left( \int_0^{\gamma(t)} f(t, s, x(\theta(s))) ds, \int_0^{\sigma(t)} g(t, s, x(\eta(s))) ds \right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - p \left( \int_0^{\gamma(t)} f(t, s, y(\theta(s))) ds, \int_0^{\sigma(t)} g(t, s, y(\eta(s))) ds \right) \right| \\ &\leq \varphi(|x(t) - y(t)|) + \left| \int_0^{\gamma(t)} f(t, s, x(\theta(s))) - f(t, s, y(\theta(s))) ds \right| \\ &\quad + \left| \int_0^{\sigma(t)} g(t, s, x(\eta(s))) ds - g(t, s, y(\eta(s))) ds \right| \\ &\leq \varphi(\text{diam}(A(t))) + \int_0^{\gamma(t)} |f(t, s, x(\theta(s))) - f(t, s, y(\theta(s)))| ds \\ &\quad + \int_0^{\sigma(t)} |g(t, s, x(\eta(s))) - g(t, s, y(\eta(s)))| ds \\ &\leq \varphi(\text{diam}(A(t))) + k \int_0^{\gamma(t)} |x(\theta(s)) - y(\theta(s))| ds + 2v(t) \\ &\leq \varphi(\text{diam}(A(t))) + k \int_0^{\gamma(t)} \text{diam} A(\theta(s)) ds + 2v(t) \\ &\leq \varphi(\text{diam}(A(t))) + k \int_0^{\gamma(t)} \text{diam}(A) ds + 2v(t) \\ &\leq \varphi(\text{diam}(A(t))) + k\gamma(t)\text{diam}(A) + 2v(t). \end{aligned}$$

As a result of the above inequality we obtain

$$\text{diam}(T(A(t))) \leq \varphi(\text{diam}(A(t))) + k\gamma(t)\text{diam}(A) + 2v(t).$$

Taking the limit superior as  $t \rightarrow \infty$  in the above inequality yields

$$\begin{aligned} \limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} \text{diam}(T(A(t))) &\leq \varphi \left( \limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} \text{diam}(A(t)) \right) \\ &\quad + k \limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} \gamma(t) \text{diam} A + 2 \limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} v(t). \end{aligned}$$

Since both the limits, namely  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} v(t)$  and  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \gamma(t)$  exist and each one is equal to 0, it follows that  $\limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} v(t) = 0$  and  $\limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} \gamma(t) = 0$ . Hence, from the above inequality, we have

$$\limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} \text{diam}(T(A(t))) \leq \varphi \left( \limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} \text{diam}(A(t)) \right). \tag{3.13}$$

Now from the inequalities (3.12), (3.13) and the definition of  $\mu$  it follows that

$$\begin{aligned}\mu(\mathcal{T}(A)) &= \omega_0(\mathcal{T}(A)) + \limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} \text{diam}(\mathcal{T}(A(t))) \\ &\leq \varphi\left(0 + \limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} \text{diam}(A(t))\right) \\ &\leq \varphi\left(\omega_0(A) + \limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} \text{diam}(A(t))\right),\end{aligned}$$

or, equivalently,

$$\mu(\mathcal{T}(A)) \leq \varphi(\mu(A)), \quad (3.14)$$

where  $\mu$  is the measure of noncompactness defined in the space  $BC(\mathbb{R}^+, \mathbb{R})$ . This shows that  $\mathcal{T}$  is a nonlinear  $\mathcal{D}$ -set-contraction on  $B[0, r_0]$ . Thus, the map  $\mathcal{T}$  satisfies all the conditions of Theorem 2.2 with  $C = B[0, r_0]$  and an application of it yields that  $\mathcal{T}$  has a fixed point in  $B[0, r_0]$ . This further by definition of  $\mathcal{T}$  implies that the GNFI (1.1) has a solution in  $B[0, r_0]$ . Moreover, taking into account that the image of  $B[0, r_0]$  under the operator  $\mathcal{T}$  is again contained in the ball  $B[0, r_0]$  we infer that the set  $\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{T})$  of all fixed points of  $\mathcal{T}$  is contained in  $B[0, r_0]$ . If the set  $\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{T})$  contains all solutions of the equation (1.1), then we conclude from Remark 2.1 that the set  $\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{T})$  belongs to the family  $\ker \mu$ . Now, taking into account the description of sets belonging to  $\ker \mu$  (given in Section 2) we deduce that all solutions of the equation (1.1) are uniformly locally ultimately attractive on  $\mathbb{R}^+$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

## 4 An Example

As an application, we consider the following nonlinear functional integral equation

$$\begin{aligned}x(t) &= \frac{1}{1+t} \ln\left(1 + \frac{1}{2}|x(t)|\right) + \int_0^{\frac{t^2}{t^3+1}} \left(\frac{1+t}{1+t+t^2}\right) \ln\left(1 + \frac{1}{2}|x|\right) ds \\ &\quad + \int_0^{\frac{t}{1+t}} \exp(-t^2) \frac{s^2 \cos x(s)}{1 + |\sin x(s)|} ds,\end{aligned} \quad (4.15)$$

for all  $t \in \mathbb{R}^+$ .

Let

$$p(t, t') = t + t', \quad \varphi(t) = \ln\left(1 + \frac{1}{2}t\right), \quad \theta(t) = t^2 + 1, \quad \sigma(t) = \frac{t}{1+t}, \quad \eta(t) = t,$$

$$\gamma(t) = \frac{t^2}{t^3+1}, \quad u(t, x) = \frac{1}{1+t} \ln\left(1 + \frac{1}{2}|x(t)|\right), \quad a(t) = (1+t)^3 \exp(-t), \quad b(s) = s^2,$$

for all  $t, t', s \in \mathbb{R}^+$ , and

$$f(t, s, x) = \left(\frac{1+t}{1+t+t^2}\right) \ln\left(1 + \frac{1}{2}|x|\right),$$

$$g(t, s, x) = (1+t)^3 \exp(-t) \frac{s^2 \cos x(s)}{1 + |\sin x(s)|}$$

for all  $t, s \in \mathbb{R}^+$  and  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Notice that:

- (i) The functions  $\gamma, \theta, \sigma, \eta$  are obviously continuous and  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \gamma(t) = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{t^2}{1+t^3} = 0$ . Also  $c_0 = \sup_{t \geq 0} \gamma(t) =$

$$\sup_{t \geq 0} \frac{t^2}{1+t^3} \approx 0.441.$$

(ii) For arbitrary fixed  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} |u(t, x) - u(t, y)| &= \frac{1}{1+t} \left| \ln \left( 1 + \frac{1}{2}|x| \right) - \ln \left( 1 + \frac{1}{2}|y| \right) \right| \\ &\leq \ln \frac{1 + \frac{1}{2}|x|}{1 + \frac{1}{2}|y|} \leq \ln \left( 1 + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{|x| - |y|}{1 + \frac{1}{2}|y|} \right) \\ &< \ln \left( 1 + \frac{1}{2}|x - y| \right) \\ &= \varphi(|x - y|). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, hypothesis  $(H_1)$  is satisfied with  $\varphi(r) = \ln \left( 1 + \frac{1}{2}r \right) < r$ , for  $r > 0$ .

(iii)  $(H_2)$  is satisfied since  $U(t) = |u(t, 0)| = 0$  and  $c_1 = \sup_{t \geq 0} |u(t, 0)| = 0$ .

(iv) For arbitrary fixed  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $|x| \geq |y|$  and for  $t > 0$  we obtain

$$|f(t, s, x) - f(t, s, y)| = \left( \frac{1+t}{1+t+t^2} \right) \ln \frac{1 + \frac{1}{2}|x|}{1 + \frac{1}{2}|y|} \leq \varphi(|x - y|),$$

as in (ii). The case is similar when  $|y| \geq |x|$ . Thus  $(H_3)$  is satisfied with  $k = 1$  and  $\varphi(r) = \ln \left( 1 + \frac{1}{2}r \right) < r$ , for  $r > 0$ .

(v) Next, hypothesis  $(H_4)$  is satisfied, since the function  $F : \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by

$$F(t) = \int_0^{\gamma(t)} |f(t, s, 0)| ds = \int_0^{\frac{t^2}{t^3+1}} 0 ds = 0$$

is bounded with  $c_2 = \sup_{t \geq 0} F(t) = 0$ .

(vi) The function  $g$  acts continuously from the set  $\mathbb{R}^+ \times \mathbb{R}^+ \times \mathbb{R}$  into  $\mathbb{R}$ . Moreover, we have

$$|g(t, s, x)| \leq (1+t)^3 \exp(-t) s^2 = a(t)b(s),$$

for all  $t, s \in \mathbb{R}^+$  and  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , then we can see that hypothesis  $(H_5)$  is satisfied. Indeed, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} a(t) \int_0^{\frac{t}{1+t}} b(s) ds &= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} (1+t)^3 \exp(-t) \int_0^{\frac{t}{1+t}} s^2 ds \\ &= \frac{1}{3} \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} t^3 \exp(-t) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Also we have  $c_3 = \sup_{t \geq 0} \frac{1}{3} t^3 \exp(-t) \approx 0.37$ .

(vii) Obviously, hypothesis  $(H_6)$  is satisfied.

The inequality

$$(1 + c_0 k) \varphi(r) + q \leq r$$

reduces to the form

$$(1 + 0.441) \ln \left( 1 + \frac{1}{2}r \right) + 0.37 \leq r.$$

It is easily seen that each number  $r \geq 0.6$  satisfies the above inequality. Thus, as the number  $r_0$  we can take  $r_0 = 0.6$ . Note that this estimate of  $r_0$  can be improved.

Keeping in view the above observations, we find that the functions  $\gamma, \varphi, \theta, \sigma, \eta, u, f, g, a$  and  $b$  satisfy all the conditions of Theorem 3.2 and hence the GNFI (4.1) has at least one solution in the space  $BC(\mathbb{R}^+, \mathbb{R})$  and the solutions of the equation (4.1) are uniformly locally ultimately attractive on  $\mathbb{R}^+$  located in the ball  $B[0, 0.6]$ .

**Remark 4.3.** We remark that:

- (i) Taking  $u(t, x(t)) = q(t)$ ,  $p(t, t') = t + t'$  for all  $t, t' \in \mathbb{R}^+$  and for any  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  the generalized nonlinear functional integral equation (4.1) reduces to the nonlinear functional integral equation considered by Dhage [8] which, in turn, includes several classes of known integral equations discussed in the literature.
- (ii) Taking  $p(t, t') = t'$ ,  $\gamma(t) = t$  and  $\theta(s) = s$  for all  $t, s \in \mathbb{R}^+$ , we retrieve the functional integral equation studied by Aghajani, Banas and Sabzali [1].
- (iii) The authors in [1] generalized Theorem 2.2 under the weaker upper semi-continuity of the  $\mathcal{D}$ -function  $\psi$  and the requirement of the condition that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \psi^n(r) = 0$  for all  $t > 0$ , however to hold this condition, they needed an additional condition on the function  $\psi$  that  $\psi(r) < r$  for  $r > 0$ . But in actual practice, it is very difficult to verify this condition and the authors in [1] did not provide any example of the function  $\psi$  illustrating the comparison between two conditions in applications. Moreover, for applications to the existence result, they assumed an additional condition on the function  $\psi$ , namely, supperadditivity which automatically yields the upper semi-continuity together with the monotone characterization of the function  $\psi$  and so, the existence theorem for the nonlinear integral equation considered in Aghajani et.al. [1] follows by a direct application of Theorem 2.2 of Dhage [8].

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## Some Results for the Bessel transform

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### Abstract

In this paper, using a Bessel generalized translation, we prove the estimates for the Bessel transform in the space  $L^2_p(\mathbb{R}_+)$  on certain classes of functions.

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### 1 Introduction and preliminaries

Integral transforms and their inverses (e.g., the Bessel transform) are widely used to solve various problems in calculus, mechanics, mathematical physics, and computational mathematics (see, e.g., [3, 8]).

In [7], E.C. Titchmarsh characterized the set of functions in  $L^2(\mathbb{R})$  satisfying the Cauchy Lipschitz condition for the Fourier transform, namely we have

**Theorem 1.1.** *Let  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$  and assume that  $f \in L^2(\mathbb{R})$ . Then the following are equivalent*

1.  $\|f(x+h) - f(x)\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R})} = O(h^\alpha)$  as  $h \rightarrow 0$ ,
2.  $\int_{|\lambda| \geq r} |\mathcal{F}(\lambda)|^2 d\lambda = O(r^{-2\alpha})$  as  $r \rightarrow +\infty$ ,

where  $\mathcal{F}$  stands for the Fourier transform of  $f$ .

The main aim of this paper is to establish a generalization of Theorem 1.1 in the Bessel transform setting by means of the Bessel generalized translation. We point out that similar results have been established in the context of noncompact rank 1 Riemannian symmetric spaces and of Jacobi transform (see [2, 6]).

In this section, we give some definition and preliminaries concerning the Bessel transform. Everywhere below  $p$  is a real number,  $p \geq -\frac{1}{2}$ .

Let

$$D = \frac{d^2}{dx^2} + \frac{(2p+1)}{x} \frac{d}{dx}$$

be the Bessel differential operator. We introduce the normalized Bessel function of the first kind  $j_p$  defined by

$$j_p(z) = \Gamma(p+1) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n! \Gamma(n+p+1)} \left(\frac{z}{2}\right)^{2n}, z \in \mathbb{C}, \quad (1.1)$$

where  $\Gamma(x)$  is the gamma-function (see [4]). The function  $y = j_p(x)$  satisfies the differential equation

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$$Dy + y = 0$$

with the initial conditions  $y(0) = 1$  and  $y'(0) = 0$ . The function  $j_p(x)$  is infinitely differentiable, even, and, moreover entire analytic.

From (1.1) we see that

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow 0} \frac{j_p(z) - 1}{z^2} \neq 0$$

by consequence, there exist  $c > 0$  and  $\eta > 0$  satisfying

$$|z| \leq \eta \implies |j_p(z) - 1| \geq c|z|^2 \tag{1.2}$$

From [1], we have

$$|j_p(x)| \leq 1. \tag{1.3}$$

and

$$1 - j_p(x) = O(x^2), \quad 0 \leq x \leq 1. \tag{1.4}$$

Assume that  $L_p^2(\mathbb{R}_+)$ ,  $p \geq -\frac{1}{2}$ , is the Hilbert space of measurable functions  $f(x)$  on  $\mathbb{R}_+$  with the finite norm

$$\|f\| = \|f\|_{2,p} = \left( \int_0^\infty |f(x)|^2 x^{2p+1} dx \right)^{1/2}$$

Given  $f \in L_p^2(\mathbb{R}_+)$ , the Bessel transform is defined by

$$\widehat{f}(\lambda) = \int_0^\infty f(t) j_p(\lambda t) t^{2p+1} dt, \quad \lambda \in \mathbb{R}_+.$$

The inverse Bessel transform is given by the formula

$$f(t) = (2^p \Gamma(p+1))^{-2} \int_0^\infty \widehat{f}(\lambda) j_p(\lambda t) \lambda^{2p+1} d\lambda.$$

From [3], we have the Parseval's identity

$$\int_0^\infty |\widehat{f}(\lambda)|^2 \lambda^{2p+1} d\lambda = 2^{2p} \Gamma^2(p+1) \int_0^\infty |f(t)|^2 t^{2p+1} dt.$$

In  $L_p^2(\mathbb{R}_+)$ , consider the Bessel generalized translation  $T_h$  (see [3, p. 121])

$$T_h f(x) = c_p \int_0^\pi f(\sqrt{x^2 + h^2 - 2xh \cos t}) \sin^{2p} t dt, \quad p \geq -\frac{1}{2}, \quad h > 0,$$

where

$$c_p = \left( \int_0^\pi \sin^{2p} t dt \right)^{-1} = \frac{\Gamma(p+1)}{\Gamma(\frac{1}{2}) \Gamma(p + \frac{1}{2})}$$

From [5], we note important properties of Bessel transform

$$\widehat{(Df)}(\lambda) = (-\lambda^2) \widehat{f}(\lambda). \tag{1.5}$$

and

$$\widehat{(T_h f)}(\lambda) = j_p(\lambda h) \widehat{f}(\lambda). \tag{1.6}$$

We define the differences of first and higher orders as

$$\Delta_h f(x) = T_h f(x) - f(x) = (T_h - E)f(x)$$

$$\Delta_h^k f(x) = \Delta_h(\Delta_h^{k-1} f(x)) = (T_h - E)^k f(x) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{k-i} \binom{k}{i} T_h^i f(x), \tag{1.7}$$

where  $T_h^0 f(x) = f(x)$ ,  $T_h^i f(x) = T_h(T_h^{i-1} f(x))$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$ ;  $k=1, 2, \dots$  and  $E$  is the unit operator in the space  $L_p^2(\mathbb{R}_+)$ .

## 2 Main results

**Lemma 2.1.** For  $f \in L_p^2(\mathbb{R}_+)$ . Then

$$\|\Delta_h^k D^r f(x)\|^2 = \int_0^\infty t^{4r} |j_p(th) - 1|^{2k} |\widehat{f}(t)|^2 t^{2p+1} dt$$

**Proof** From formula (1.5), we have

$$\widehat{(D^r f)}(t) = (-1)^r t^{2r} \widehat{f}(t); \quad r = 0, 1, 2, \dots \tag{2.8}$$

We use formulas (1.6) and (2.8), we conclude that

$$\widehat{T_h^i D^r f}(t) = (-1)^r j_p^i(th) t^{2r} \widehat{f}(t); \quad 1 \leq i \leq k. \tag{2.9}$$

Or, from formulas (1.7) and (2.9) the image  $\Delta_h^k D^r f(x)$  under the Bessel transform has the form

$$\widehat{\Delta_h^k D^r f}(t) = (-1)^r (j_p(th) - 1)^k t^{2r} \widehat{f}(t).$$

By Parseval's identity, we have the result.

Our main result is as follows

**Theorem 2.2.** Let  $f \in L_p^2(\mathbb{R}_+)$ . Then the following are equivalents

1.  $\|\Delta_h^k D^r f(x)\| = O(h^\alpha)$  as  $h \rightarrow 0$ ,  $(0 < \alpha < k)$
2.  $\int_s^\infty t^{4r} |\widehat{f}(t)|^2 t^{2p+1} dt = O(s^{-2\alpha})$  as  $s \rightarrow +\infty$

**Proof** 1)  $\implies$  2) Suppose that

$$\|\Delta_h^k D^r f(x)\| = O(h^\alpha) \text{ as } h \rightarrow 0$$

From Lemma 2.1 we have

$$\|\Delta_h^k D^r f(x)\|^2 = \int_0^\infty t^{4r} |j_p(th) - 1|^{2k} |\widehat{f}(t)|^2 t^{2p+1} dt.$$

By formula (1.2), we obtain

$$\int_{\frac{\eta}{2h}}^{\frac{\eta}{h}} t^{4r} |j_p(th) - 1|^{2k} |\widehat{f}(t)|^2 t^{2p+1} dt \geq \frac{c^{2k} \eta^{4k}}{2^{4k}} \int_{\frac{\eta}{2h}}^{\frac{\eta}{h}} t^{4r} |\widehat{f}(t)|^2 t^{2p+1} dt.$$

There exists then a positive constant  $C$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\frac{\eta}{2h}}^{\frac{\eta}{h}} t^{4r} |\widehat{f}(t)|^2 t^{2p+1} dt &\leq C \int_0^\infty t^{4r} |j_p(th) - 1|^{2k} |\widehat{f}(t)|^2 t^{2p+1} dt \\ &\leq Ch^{2\alpha} \end{aligned}$$



Then

$$\int_s^{2s} t^{4r} |\widehat{f}(t)|^2 t^{2p+1} dt = O(s^{-2\alpha})$$

for all  $s > 0$ .

Moreover, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_s^\infty t^{4r} |\widehat{f}(t)|^2 t^{2p+1} dt &= \sum_{j=0}^\infty \int_{2^j s}^{2^{j+1} s} t^{4r} |\widehat{f}(t)|^2 t^{2p+1} dt \\ &\leq C \sum_{j=0}^\infty (2^j s)^{-2\alpha} \\ &\leq C s^{-2\alpha}. \end{aligned}$$

This proves that

$$\int_s^\infty t^{4r} |\widehat{f}(t)|^2 t^{2p+1} dt = O(s^{-2\alpha}) \text{ as } s \rightarrow +\infty.$$

2)  $\implies$  1) Suppose now that

$$\int_s^\infty t^{4r} |\widehat{f}(t)|^2 t^{2p+1} dt = O(s^{-2\alpha}) \text{ as } s \rightarrow +\infty.$$

We have to show that

$$\int_0^\infty t^{4r} |j_p(th) - 1|^{2k} |\widehat{f}(t)|^2 t^{2p+1} dt = O(h^{2\alpha}) \text{ as } h \rightarrow 0.$$

We write

$$\int_0^\infty t^{4r} |j_p(th) - 1|^{2k} |\widehat{f}(t)|^2 t^{2p+1} dt = I_1 + I_2,$$

where

$$I_1 = \int_0^{1/h} t^{4r} |j_p(th) - 1|^{2k} |\widehat{f}(t)|^2 t^{2p+1} dt$$

and

$$I_2 = \int_{1/h}^\infty t^{4r} |j_p(th) - 1|^{2k} |\widehat{f}(t)|^2 t^{2p+1} dt$$

From formula (1.3), we obtain

$$I_2 \leq 4^k \int_{1/h}^\infty t^{4r} |\widehat{f}(t)|^2 t^{2p+1} dt = O(h^{2\alpha}) \text{ as } h \rightarrow 0.$$

Set

$$\psi(t) = \int_t^\infty x^{4r} |\widehat{f}(x)|^2 x^{2p+1} dx$$

From formula (1.4) and integration by parts, we have

$$\begin{aligned} I_1 &= - \int_0^{1/h} |j_p(th) - 1|^{2k} \psi'(t) dt \\ &\leq -h^{2k} \int_0^{1/h} t^{2k} \psi'(t) dt \\ &\leq -\psi\left(\frac{1}{h}\right) + 2kh^{2k} \int_0^{1/h} t^{2k-1-2\alpha} dt \end{aligned}$$

Or, we see that  $\alpha < k$  the integral exists. Then

$$\begin{aligned} I_1 &\leq \frac{2k}{2k-2\alpha} h^{2k} h^{-2k+2\alpha} \\ &\leq Ch^{2\alpha} \end{aligned}$$

and this ends the proof.

**Corollary 2.1.** Let  $f \in L_p^2(\mathbb{R}_+)$ ,  $(p \geq -\frac{1}{2})$ , and let

$$\|\Delta_h^k D^r f(x)\| = O(h^\alpha) \text{ as } h \rightarrow 0.$$

Then

$$\int_s^\infty |\widehat{f}(t)|^2 t^{2p+1} dt = O(s^{-4r-2\alpha}) \text{ as } s \rightarrow +\infty$$

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## Remarks on rg-compact, gpr-compact and gpr-connected spaces

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### Abstract

We give some characterizations of rg-compact, gpr-compact and gpr-connected spaces by utilizing rg-open, gpr-open and gpr-closed sets. The paper is closely related to [A.M.Ai-Shibani, rg-compact spaces and rg-connected spaces, *Mathematica Pannonica*, 17/1 (2006), 61-68], [Y.Gnanambal and K.Balachandran, On gpr-continuous functions in topological spaces, *Indian J.Pure appl.Math.*, 30(6) (1999),581-593] and [P.Gnanachandra et. al., *Ultra Scientist*, 24(1) A (2012), 185-191]

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## 1 Introduction

In 1993, N.Palaniappan and K.Chandrasekhara Rao [8], introduced the concept of regular generalized closed (briefly, rg-closed) sets and regular generalized open (briefly, rg-open) sets in a topological space. They are also defined regular generalized continuous (briefly, rg-continuous) map and regular generalized irresolute (briefly, rg-irresolute) map between topological spaces and studied some of their properties. In 1999, Y.Gnanambal and K.Balachandran [5], introduced and investigated the concept of generalized pre-regular closed (briefly, gpr-closed) sets and generalized pre-regular open (briefly, gpr-open) sets in topological spaces. Further they introduced gpr-continuous functions, gpr-connected spaces and gpr-compact spaces [6]. A.M.Ai-Shibani [1] introduced and investigated rg-compact spaces and rg-connected spaces using rg-open sets.

The purpose of this paper is to characterize these spaces using the well known fact that " every singleton is rg-open and hence gpr-open" [3].

Throughout this paper, space  $X$  mean topological space  $(X, \tau)$ . For a subset  $A$  of  $X$ , the closure, rg-closure, gpr-closure, interior and the complement of  $A$  are denoted by  $cl(A)$ ,  $rg-cl(A)$ ,  $gpr-cl(A)$ ,  $int(A)$  and  $A^c$  respectively.

## 2 Definitions and Basic Properties

**Definition 2.1.** (i) A subset  $A$  of a space  $X$  is said to be regular open if  $A = int(cl(A))$  and regular closed if  $A = cl(int(A))$  [9].

(ii) A subset  $A$  of a space  $X$  is said to be pre-open if  $A \subseteq int(cl(A))$  and pre-closed if  $cl(int(A)) \subseteq A$  [7].

The pre-closure of a subset  $A$  of  $X$  is the intersection of all pre-closed sets containing  $A$  and is denoted by  $pcl(A)$ .

**Definition 2.2.** A subset  $A$  of a space  $X$  is said to be regular generalized closed (briefly, rg-closed) [8] if  $cl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$ , where  $U$  is regular open. It is said to be regular generalized open (briefly, rg-open) if  $A^c$  is rg-closed. (equivalently  $F \subseteq int(A)$  whenever  $F \subseteq A$  and  $F$  is regular closed).

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**Definition 2.3.** The intersection of all rg-closed sets containing a set  $A$  is called the regular generalized closure of  $A$  and is denoted by  $rg-cl(A)$ .

**Definition 2.4.** A subset  $A$  of a space  $X$  is said to be generalized pre-regular closed (briefly, gpr-closed) [5] if  $pcl(A) \subseteq U$  whenever  $A \subseteq U$ , where  $U$  is regular open. It is said to be generalized pre-regular open (briefly, gpr-open) if  $A^c$  is gpr-closed.

The intersection of all gpr-closed sets containing a set  $A$  is called the generalized pre-regular closure of  $A$  and is denoted by  $gpr-cl(A)$ .

**Definition 2.5.** Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be a function. Then  $f$  is

- (i). rg-continuous [8] if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is rg-closed for every closed set  $V$  of  $Y$ .
- (ii). rg-irresolute [8] if  $f^{-1}(G)$  is rg-closed in  $X$  for every rg-closed set  $G$  of  $Y$ .
- (iii). gpr-continuous [6] if  $f^{-1}(V)$  is gpr-closed for every closed set  $V$  of  $Y$ .

**Definition 2.6.** A collection  $\{A_\alpha: \alpha \in \nabla\}$  of rg-open sets in a topological space  $X$  is called rg-open cover [1] of a subset  $B$  of  $X$  if  $B \subseteq \cup\{A_\alpha: \alpha \in \nabla\}$  holds.

**Definition 2.7.** A topological space  $X$  is called regular generalized compact (briefly, rg-compact) [1] if every rg-open cover of  $X$  has a finite subcover.

**Definition 2.8.** A subset  $B$  of  $X$  is called rg-compact relative to  $X$  [1] if for every collection  $\{A_\alpha: \alpha \in \nabla\}$  of rg-open subsets of  $X$  such that  $B \subseteq \cup\{A_\alpha: \alpha \in \nabla\}$ , there exist a finite subset  $\nabla_\circ$  of  $\nabla$  such that  $B \subseteq \cup\{A_\alpha: \alpha \in \nabla_\circ\}$

**Definition 2.9.** A collection  $\{A_\alpha: \alpha \in \nabla\}$  of gpr-open sets in a topological space  $X$  is called gpr-open cover [6] of a subset  $B$  of  $X$  if  $B \subseteq \cup\{A_\alpha: \alpha \in \nabla\}$  holds.

**Definition 2.10.** A topological space  $X$  is called generalized pre-regular compact (briefly, gpr-compact) [6] if every gpr-open cover of  $X$  has a finite subcover.

**Definition 2.11.** A subset  $B$  of  $X$  is called gpr-compact relative to  $X$  [6] if for every collection  $\{A_\alpha: \alpha \in \nabla\}$  of gpr-open subsets of  $X$  such that  $B \subseteq \cup\{A_\alpha: \alpha \in \nabla\}$ , there exist a finite subset  $\nabla_\circ$  of  $\nabla$  such that  $B \subseteq \cup\{A_\alpha: \alpha \in \nabla_\circ\}$

**Lemma 2.13.** (i). If  $A \subseteq X$ , then  $A \subseteq rg-cl(A) \subseteq cl(A)$ .

(ii). If  $A \subseteq B$ , then  $rg-cl(A) \subseteq rg-cl(B)$ .

(iii). If  $A$  is rg-closed and  $A \subseteq B \subseteq cl(A)$ , then  $B$  is rg-closed.

**Lemma 2.14.** In a topological space  $X$ , the following hold: [3]

(i).  $\{x\}$  is rg-open for every  $x \in X$ .

(ii).  $rg-cl(A) = gpr-cl(A) = A$ , for every subset  $A$  of  $X$ .

**Lemma 2.15.** For a topological space, the following are equivalent: [6]

(i)  $X$  is gpr-connected.

(ii) The only subsets of  $X$  which are both gpr-open and gpr-closed are the empty set  $\phi$  and  $X$ .

(iii) Each gpr-continuous map of  $X$  into a discrete space  $Y$  with at least two points is a constant map.

**Lemma 2.16.** In a topological space  $X$ ,  $\{x\}$  is open or pre-closed for every  $x \in X$ . [4]

### 3 rg-compact spaces

A.M.Al-Shibani [Theorem 3.4 [1]] established the equivalence of the following statements in any topological space  $(X, \tau)$ .

(i). For each  $x \in X$  and each open set  $V$  in  $Y$  with  $f(x) \in V$ , there exists an rg-open set  $U$  in  $X$  such that  $x \in U$ ,  $f(U) \subseteq V$ .

(ii). For every subset  $A$  of  $X$ ,  $f(rg-cl(A)) \subseteq cl(f(A))$ .

(iii). For every subset  $B$  of  $Y$ ,  $rg-cl(f^{-1}(B)) \subseteq f^{-1}(cl(B))$ . However the above statements are always true in any topological space as shown in the next proposition.

**Proposition 3.1.** If  $(X, \tau)$  is a topological space, then the following hold: (1). For each  $x \in X$  and each open set  $V$  in  $Y$  with  $f(x) \in V$ , there exists an rg-open set  $U$  in  $X$  such that  $x \in U$ ,  $f(U) \subseteq V$ .

(2). For every subset  $A$  of  $X$ ,  $f(rg-cl(A)) \subseteq cl(f(A))$ .

(3). For every subset  $B$  of  $Y$ ,  $rg-cl(f^{-1}(B)) \subseteq f^{-1}(cl(B))$ .

*Proof.* (1). Take  $U=\{x\}$ , then by lemma 2.13,  $U$  is rg-open and  $f(U)=f(\{x\}) \subseteq V$ . (2) and (3) follows from the fact that  $\text{rg-cl}(A)=A$ , for any set  $A$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.2.** *A topological space  $X$  is rg-compact if and only if  $X$  is finite.*

*Proof.* Let  $X$  be a rg-compact space. Since  $\{x\}$  is rg-open for all  $x \in X$ ,  $\{\{x\} : x \in X\}$  is an rg-open cover of  $X$ . Since  $X$  is rg-compact, there exists a finite subset  $X_o$  of  $X$  such that  $X \subseteq \cup \{\{x\} : x \in X_o\} = X_o \subseteq X$ . Hence  $X = X_o$ , which is finite. Converse is obvious.  $\square$

**Remark 3.3.** *A.M.Al-Shibani established that*

(1) *If  $X$  is rg-compact and  $f:X \rightarrow Y$  is rg-continuous and bijective, then  $Y$  is compact.*

(2) *If  $f:X \rightarrow Y$  is rg-irresolute and  $B$  is rg-compact relative to  $X$ , then  $f(B)$  is rg-compact relative to  $Y$ .*

*But the conditions  $f:X \rightarrow Y$  is rg-continuous, bijective in (1) and  $f:X \rightarrow Y$  is rg-irresolute in (2) are not necessary as shown in the following theorem.*

**Theorem 3.4.** *Let  $f:X \rightarrow Y$  be a map.*

(1). *If  $X$  is rg-compact and  $f$  is surjective, then  $Y$  is compact.*

(2). *If  $B$  is rg-compact relative to  $X$ , then  $f(B)$  is rg-compact relative to  $Y$ .*

*Proof.* (1) Let  $f:X \rightarrow Y$  be a surjective map. If  $X$  is rg-compact, then by theorem 3.2,  $X$  is finite. Since  $f$  is surjective,  $Y=f(X)$ , which is also finite and hence  $Y$  is compact.

(2) If  $B$  is rg-compact relative to  $X$ , then  $B$  is a finite subset of  $X$ , by Theorem 3.2. Therefore  $f(B)$  is also a finite subset of  $Y$  and hence  $f(B)$  is rg-compact relative to  $Y$ .  $\square$

## 4 gpr-compact spaces

**Theorem 4.1.** *A topological space  $X$  is gpr-compact if and only if  $X$  is finite.*

*Proof.* Let  $X$  be a gpr-compact space. Since  $\{x\}$  is gpr-open for all  $x \in X$ ,  $\{\{x\} : x \in X\}$  is an gpr-open cover of  $X$ . Since  $X$  is gpr-compact, there exists a finite subset  $X_o$  of  $X$  such that  $X \subseteq \cup \{\{x\} : x \in X_o\} = X_o \subseteq X$ . Hence  $X = X_o$ , which is finite. Converse is obvious.  $\square$

## 5 gpr-connected spaces

A topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is said to be gpr-connected [2] if  $X$  cannot be written as the disjoint union of two non empty gpr-open sets.

**Theorem 5.1.** *No topological space is gpr-connected.*

*Proof.* Let  $(X, \tau)$  be topological space.

Case(1): Suppose  $\{x\}$  is open for all  $x \in X$ . In this case,  $(X, \tau)$  is a discrete space and hence every subset of  $X$  is both gpr-open and gpr-closed. Therefore by lemma 2.14,  $(X, \tau)$  cannot be gpr-connected.

Case (2): Suppose  $\{x\}$  is not open for all  $x \in X$ . Then  $\{y\}$  is not open for some  $y \in X$ . By lemma 2.15,  $\{y\}$  is pre-closed and hence  $\{y\}$  is gpr-closed. Also by lemma 2.13,  $\{y\}$  is gpr-open. Hence  $\{y\}$  is both gpr-closed and gpr-open. Therefore by using lemma 2.14,  $(X, \tau)$  is not gpr-connected.  $\square$

## 6 Conclusion

In this paper the following results are established:

1. A topological space  $X$  is rg-compact if and only if  $X$  is finite.
2. A topological space  $X$  is gpr-compact if and only if  $X$  is finite.
3. No topological space is gpr-connected.

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## Milovanović bounds for minimum dominating energy of a graph

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### Abstract

Recently Milovanović et.al gave a sharper lower bounds for energy of a graph. In this paper similar bounds for minimum dominating energy and Laplacian minimum dominating energy of a graph are established.

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## 1 Introduction

The concept of energy of a graph was introduced by I. Gutman [3] in the year 1978. Let  $G$  be a graph with  $n$  vertices  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  and  $m$  edges. Let  $|\lambda_1| \geq |\lambda_2| \geq \dots \geq |\lambda_n|$  be the eigenvalues of adjacency matrix  $A = (a_{ij})$  of the graph. Then the energy of a graph is defined by  $E(G) = \sum_{i=1}^n |\lambda_i|$ .

For details on the mathematical aspects of theory of graph energy see the papers [4, 5] and the references cited there in. The basic properties including various upper and lower bounds for energy of a graph have been established in [7, 8] and it has found remarkable chemical applications in the molecular orbital theory of conjugated molecules [2, 6].

Let  $|\mu_1| \geq |\mu_2| \geq |\mu_3| \geq \dots \geq |\mu_n|$  denotes eigenvalues of Laplacian matrix  $L = (l_{ij})$  of a graph  $G$ . Then Laplacian energy is defined by  $LE(G) = \sum_{i=1}^n \left| \mu_i - \frac{2m}{n} \right|$

Recently Milovanović [9] et.al gave a sharper lower bounds for energy of a graph. In this paper similar bounds for minimum dominating energy and Laplacian minimum dominating energy of a graph are established. Similar bounds for minimum covering energy and Laplacian minimum covering energy of a graph can also be derived.

## 2 Preliminaries

**Definition 2.1. Minimum Dominating Energy of a Graph:** Let  $G$  be a simple graph of order  $n$  with vertex set  $V = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  and edge set  $E$ . A subset  $D$  of  $V$  is called a dominating set of  $G$  if every vertex of  $V - D$  is incident to some vertex of  $D$ . Any dominating set with minimum cardinality is called a minimum dominating set. For the graph  $G$  with minimum dominating set  $D$ , the minimum dominating matrix is defined by

$$A_D(G) := (a_{ij}^D), \text{ where } a_{ij}^D = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } v_i v_j \in E \\ 1 & \text{if } i = j \text{ and } v_i \in D \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

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If  $|\lambda_1| \geq |\lambda_2| \geq \dots \geq |\lambda_n|$  are the eigenvalues of adjacency matrix  $A_D(G)$  of the graph, then the minimum Dominating energy of the graph  $G$  is defined by  $E_D(G) := \sum_{i=1}^n |\lambda_i|$ .

**Definition 2.2. Laplacian Minimum Dominating Energy of a Graph:** If  $D(G)$  denotes the diagonal matrix of vertex degree of the graph  $G$ , then  $L_D(G) = D(G) - A_D(G)$  is called Laplacian dominating matrix of  $G$ . If  $|\mu_1| \geq |\mu_2| \geq |\mu_3| \geq \dots \geq |\mu_n|$  denotes eigenvalues of matrix  $L_D(G)$ , then Laplacian minimum dominating energy is defined by  $LE_D(G) := \sum_{i=1}^n \left| \mu_i - \frac{2m}{n} \right|$ .

For the basic properties on minimum covering energy, Laplacian minimum covering energy, minimum dominating energy, Laplacian minimum dominating energy, see the papers [1, 10, 11, 12] and the references cited there in.

### 3 Milovanović bounds for minimum dominating energy of a graph

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $G$  be a graph with  $n$  vertices and  $m$  edges. Let  $|\lambda_1| \geq |\lambda_2| \geq \dots \geq |\lambda_n|$  be a non-increasing order of eigenvalues of  $A_D(G)$  and  $D$  is minimum dominating set then  $E_D(G) \geq \sqrt{n(2m + |D|) - \alpha(n)(|\lambda_1| - |\lambda_n|)^2}$  where  $\alpha(n) = n \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor (1 - \frac{1}{n} \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor)$  and  $[x]$  denotes the integral part of a real number

*Proof.* Let  $a, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n, A$  and  $b, b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n, B$  be real numbers such that  $a \leq a_i \leq A$  and  $b \leq b_i \leq B$   $\forall i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  then the following inequality is valid.  $\left| n \sum_{i=1}^n a_i b_i - \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \sum_{i=1}^n b_i \right| \leq \alpha(n)(A - a)(B - b)$  where  $\alpha(n) = n \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor (1 - \frac{1}{n} \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor)$  and equality holds if and only if  $a_1 = a_2 = \dots = a_n$  and  $b_1 = b_2 = \dots = b_n$ . If  $a_i = |\lambda_i|, b_i = |\lambda_i|, a = b = |\lambda_n|$  and  $A = B = |\lambda_1|$ , then

$$\left| n \sum_{i=1}^n |\lambda_i|^2 - \left( \sum_{i=1}^n |\lambda_i| \right)^2 \right| \leq \alpha(n)(|\lambda_1| - |\lambda_n|)^2$$

But  $\sum_{i=1}^n |\lambda_i|^2 = 2m + |D|$  and  $E_D(G) \leq \sqrt{n(2m + |D|)}$  [10] then the above inequality becomes

$$n(2m + |D|) - (E_D(G))^2 \leq \alpha(n)(|\lambda_1| - |\lambda_n|)^2$$

$$\text{i.e., } E_D(G) \geq \sqrt{n(2m + |D|) - \alpha(n)(|\lambda_1| - |\lambda_n|)^2}$$

□

The above theorem is also true for the minimum covering energy of a graph. Hence we have the following result.

Let  $G$  be a graph with  $n$  vertices and  $m$  edges. Let  $|\lambda_1| \geq |\lambda_2| \geq \dots \geq |\lambda_n|$  be a non-increasing order of eigenvalues of  $A_C(G)$  and  $C$  is minimum covering set, then  $E_C(G) \geq \sqrt{n(2m + |C|) - \alpha(n)(|\lambda_1| - |\lambda_n|)^2}$  where  $\alpha(n) = n \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor (1 - \frac{1}{n} \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor)$  and  $[x]$  denotes integral part of a real number

**Theorem 3.2.** Let  $G$  be a graph with  $n$  vertices and  $m$  edges. Let  $|\lambda_1| \geq |\lambda_2| \geq \dots \geq |\lambda_n| > 0$  be a non-increasing order of eigenvalues of  $A_D(G)$  then  $E_D(G) \geq \frac{2m + |D| + n|\lambda_1||\lambda_n|}{(|\lambda_1| + |\lambda_n|)}$

*Proof.* Let  $a_i \neq 0, b_i, r$  and  $R$  be real numbers satisfying  $ra_i \leq b_i \leq Ra_i$ , then the following inequality holds.[Theorem 2, [9]]

$$\sum_{i=1}^n b_i^2 + rR \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \leq (r + R) \sum_{i=1}^n a_i b_i$$



Put  $b_i = |\lambda_i|, a_i = 1, r = |\lambda_n|$  and  $R = |\lambda_1|$  then

$$\sum_{i=1}^n |\lambda_i|^2 + |\lambda_1||\lambda_n| \sum_{i=1}^n 1 \leq (|\lambda_1| + |\lambda_n|) \sum_{i=1}^n |\lambda_i|$$

i.e.,  $2m + |D| + |\lambda_1||\lambda_n|n \leq (|\lambda_1| + |\lambda_n|)E_D(G)$

$$E_D(G) \geq \frac{2m + |D| + n|\lambda_1||\lambda_n|}{(|\lambda_1| + |\lambda_n|)}$$

□

This bound is similar for minimum covering energy of a graph.

### 4 Milovanović bounds for laplacian minimum dominating energy

**Theorem 4.3.** Let  $G$  be a graph with  $n$  vertices and  $m$  edges. Let  $|\mu_1| \geq |\mu_2| \geq \dots \geq |\mu_n|$  be a non-increasing order of eigenvalues of  $L_D(G)$ . If  $D$  is minimum dominating set then  $LE_D(G) \geq \sqrt{2nM - \alpha(n)(|\mu_1| - |\mu_n|)^2} - 2m$ , where  $\alpha(n) = n[\frac{n}{2}](1 - \frac{1}{n}[\frac{n}{2}])$ ,  $[x]$  denotes greatest integer part of real number and  $M = m + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n (d_i - c_i)^2$ .

Here  $c_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } v_i \in D \\ 0 & \text{if } v_i \notin D \end{cases}$

*Proof.* Let  $a, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n, A$  and  $b, b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n, B$  be real numbers such that  $a \leq a_i \leq A$  and  $b \leq b_i \leq B \forall i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  then the following inequality is valid.

$$|n \sum_{i=1}^n a_i b_i - \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \sum_{i=1}^n b_i| \leq \alpha(n)(A - a)(B - b)$$

If  $a_i = |\mu_i|, b_i = |\mu_i|, a = b = |\mu_n|$  and  $A = B = |\mu_1|$

$$|n \sum_{i=1}^n |\mu_i|^2 - (\sum_{i=1}^n |\mu_i|)^2| \leq \alpha(n)(|\mu_1| - |\mu_n|)^2$$

But  $(\sum_{i=1}^n |\mu_i|)^2 \leq 2nM \Rightarrow n2M - (\sum_{i=1}^n |\mu_i|)^2 \leq \alpha(n)(|\mu_1| - |\mu_n|)^2$

$$(\sum_{i=1}^n |\mu_i|) \geq \sqrt{2Mn - \alpha(n)(|\mu_1| - |\mu_n|)^2}$$

Since  $LE_D(G) = \sum_{i=1}^n |\mu_i - \frac{2m}{n}| \geq \sum_{i=1}^n |\mu_i| - \frac{2m}{n}$

Hence  $LE_D(G) \geq \sqrt{2nM - \alpha(n)(|\mu_1| - |\mu_n|)^2} - 2m$  □

**Theorem 4.4.** Let  $G$  be a graph with  $n$  vertices and  $m$  edges. Let  $|\mu_1| \geq |\mu_2| \geq \dots \geq |\mu_n| > 0$  be a non-increasing order of eigenvalues of  $LE_D(G)$  and  $D$  is minimum dominating set then  $LE_D(G) \geq \frac{2M + n|\mu_1||\mu_n|}{(|\mu_1| + |\mu_n|)} - 2m$  where  $M =$

$m + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n (d_i - c_i)^2$ . Here  $c_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } v_i \in D \\ 0 & \text{if } v_i \notin D \end{cases}$

*Proof.* Let  $a_i \neq 0, b_i, r$  and  $R$  be real numbers satisfying  $ra_i \leq b_i \leq Ra_i$ , then we have the following inequality

$$\sum_{i=1}^n b_i^2 + rR \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \leq (r + R) \sum_{i=1}^n a_i b_i$$

Put  $b_i = |\mu_i|, a_i = 1, r = |\mu_n|$  and  $R = |\mu_1|$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n |\mu_i|^2 + |\mu_1||\mu_n| \sum_{i=1}^n 1 \leq (|\mu_1| + |\mu_n|) \sum_{i=1}^n |\mu_i|$$

$$\text{i.e., } 2M + |\mu_1||\mu_n|n \leq (|\mu_1| + |\mu_n|) \sum_{i=1}^n |\mu_i|$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^n |\mu_i| \geq \frac{2M + n|\mu_1||\mu_n|}{(|\mu_1| + |\mu_n|)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{We know that } LE_D(G) &= \sum_{i=1}^n \left| \mu_i - \frac{2m}{n} \right| & LE_D(G) &\geq \sum_{i=1}^n \left| \mu_i \right| - \left| \frac{2m}{n} \right| \\ & & \Rightarrow LE_D(G) &\geq \frac{2M + n|\mu_1||\mu_n|}{(|\mu_1| + |\mu_n|)} - 2m \end{aligned}$$

□

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# Oscillation Criteria of Third Order Nonlinear Neutral Difference Equations

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## Abstract

In this paper we consider the third order nonlinear neutral difference equation of the form

$$\Delta(r_n(\Delta^2(x_n \pm p_n x_{\sigma(n)}))^{\alpha}) + f(n, x_{\tau(n)}) = 0,$$

we establish some sufficient conditions which ensure that every solution of this equation are either oscillatory or converges to zero. Examples are provided to illustrate the main results.

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## 1 Introduction

In this paper, we establish oscillation criteria for third order nonlinear neutral difference equation of the form

$$\Delta(r_n(\Delta^2(x_n \pm p_n x_{\sigma(n)}))^{\alpha}) + f(n, x_{\tau(n)}) = 0, n \in \mathbb{N}_0 \quad (1)$$

where  $\mathbb{N}_0 = \{n_0, n_0 + 1, n_0 + 2, \dots\}$ , and  $n_0$  is a nonnegative integer subject to the following conditions:

- (C<sub>1</sub>)  $\{r_n\}$  is a positive real sequence with  $\sum_{n=n_0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{r_n^{1/\alpha}} = \infty$  and  $\alpha$  is a ratio of odd positive integers;
- (C<sub>2</sub>)  $\{p_n\}$  is a nonnegative real sequence with  $-\mu \leq p_n \leq 1$  for  $\mu \in (0, 1)$ ;
- (C<sub>3</sub>)  $\{\sigma(n)\}$  is a nonnegative sequence of integers with  $\sigma(n) \leq n$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sigma(n) = \infty$ ;
- (C<sub>4</sub>)  $\{\tau(n)\}$  is a nonnegative sequence of integers with  $\tau(n) \leq n$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \tau(n) = \infty$ ;
- (C<sub>5</sub>)  $f : \mathbb{N}_0 \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  and there is a nonnegative real sequence  $\{q_n\}$  such that  $\frac{f(n, u)}{u^{\alpha}} \geq Lq_n$ , for  $u \neq 0$  where  $L > 0$ .

By a solution of equation (1) we mean a real sequence  $\{x_n\}$  and satisfying equation (1) for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ . We consider only those solution  $\{x_n\}$  of equation (1) which satisfy  $\sup\{|x_n| : n \geq N\} > 0$  for all  $N \in \mathbb{N}_0$ . A solution of equation (1) is said to be oscillatory if it is neither eventually positive nor eventually negative and nonoscillatory otherwise.

In recent years, much research has been done on the oscillatory behavior of solutions of third order difference equations, see for example ([1], [2], [3], [4], [5], [6], [7], [8], [9], [10], [11], [12], [13], [14], [15]) and the references cited therein.

In ([13], [14]), the authors consider the following third order neutral difference equations of the form

$$\Delta(r_n(\Delta^2(x_n \pm p_n x_{n-\sigma}))^{\alpha}) + q_n x_{n+1-\tau}^{\alpha} = 0, \quad (2)$$

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and

$$\Delta(r_n(\Delta^2(x_n \pm p_n h(x_{n-\sigma})))^\alpha) + q_n f(x_{n+1-\tau}) = 0, \quad (3)$$

and established some criteria for the oscillation and asymptotic behavior of all solutions of equations (2) and (3).

In [12], the authors studied the following third order difference equation

$$\Delta(c_n \Delta(d_n \Delta(x_n + p_n x_{n-k}))) + q_n f(x_{n-m}) = e_n \quad (4)$$

and established some criteria for the oscillation and asymptotic behavior of all solutions of equation (4).

In [15], the authors considered the following third order difference equation

$$\Delta(a_n(\Delta^2(x_n + p_n x_{n-\sigma}))^\alpha) + q_n x_{n-\tau}^\alpha = 0 \quad (5)$$

and established some criteria for the oscillation and asymptotic behavior of all solutions of equation (5).

The oscillatory properties of oscillation of equation (1) was studied by the authors in [7], when  $p_n \equiv 0$ . Following this trend, in this paper, we establish some new sufficient conditions for the oscillation of all solutions of equation (1). In Section 2, we present some oscillation theorems and in Section 3, we provide examples to illustrate the main results.

## 2 Oscillation Theorems

First we consider the following difference equation

$$\Delta\left(r_n(\Delta^2(x_n + p_n x_{\sigma(n)}))^\alpha\right) + f(n, x_{\tau(n)}) = 0, n \in \mathbb{N}_0, \quad (6)$$

and establish some sufficient conditions for the oscillation and asymptotic behavior of its solutions. We begin with the following lemma.

**Lemma 2.1.** *Let  $\{x_n\}$  be a positive solution of equation (6), then the corresponding function  $z_n = x_n + p_n x_{\sigma(n)}$  satisfies only of the following two cases:*

$$(I) \quad z_n > 0, \quad \Delta z_n > 0, \quad \Delta^2 z_n > 0;$$

$$(II) \quad z_n > 0, \quad \Delta z_n < 0, \quad \Delta^2 z_n > 0$$

for  $n \geq n_1 \in \mathbb{N}_0$ , where  $n_1$  is sufficiently large.

*Proof.* The proof can be found in [13, 14], and hence the details are omitted.  $\square$

**Lemma 2.2.** *Let  $\{x_n\}$  be a positive solution of equation (6), and let the corresponding function  $\{z_n\}$  satisfies the Case (II) of Lemma 2.1. If*

$$\sum_{n=n_0}^{\infty} \sum_{s=n}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{1}{r_s} \sum_{t=s}^{\infty} q_t \right]^{1/\alpha} = \infty, \quad (7)$$

then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} z_n = 0$ .

*Proof.* The proof is similar to that of Lemma 2.2 in [13], and hence the details are omitted.  $\square$

Before stating the next lemma, we define

$$A_n = \sum_{s=n_0}^{\infty} r_s^{-1/\alpha},$$

$$Q_n = (1 - p_{\tau(n)})^\alpha L q_n,$$

and

$$R_n = \sum_{s=n_0}^{n-1} Q_s \text{ for all } n \in \mathbb{N}_0.$$

**Lemma 2.3.** Let  $\{x_n\}$  be a positive solution of equation (6) and the corresponding  $z_n$  satisfies Case(I) of Lemma 2.1. Then there exists a positive real sequence  $\{w_n\}$  such that

$$w_n \geq R_n + \sum_{s=n}^{\infty} \alpha A_{\tau(s)} w_{s+1}^{1+1/\alpha}, \tag{8}$$

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} [w_{n+1} A_{\tau(n)}^{\alpha/(\alpha+1)}] \leq c, \tag{9}$$

for some constant  $c > 0$ , and

$$\sum_{n=n_0}^{\infty} Q_n < \infty, \quad \sum_{n=n_0}^{\infty} A_{\tau(n)} R_{n+1}^{1+1/\alpha} < \infty. \tag{10}$$

*Proof.* Let  $\{x_n\}$  be a positive solution of equation (6). Assume that  $x_n > 0$ ,  $x_{\sigma(n)} > 0$  and  $x_{\tau(n)} > 0$  for all  $n \geq n_1 \geq n_0$ . Then  $z_n > x_n > 0$  and satisfies Case(I) of Lemma 2.1 for all  $n \geq N \geq n_1$ . From (6), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta(r_n(\Delta z_n)^\alpha) &\leq -f(n, x_{\tau(n)}) \\ &\leq -x_{\tau(n)}^\alpha Lq_n, \quad n \geq n_1. \end{aligned} \tag{11}$$

From the monotone nature of  $z_n$ , we have

$$x_n = z_n - p_n x_{\sigma(n)}$$

or

$$x_{\tau(n)} \geq (1 - p_{\tau(n)}) z_{\tau(n)}. \tag{12}$$

From (11) and (12), we have

$$\Delta(r_n(\Delta^2 z_n)^\alpha) \leq -(1 - p_{\tau(n)}) z_{\tau(n)}^\alpha Lq_n$$

or

$$\frac{\Delta(r_n(\Delta^2 z_n)^\alpha)}{z_{\tau(n)}^\alpha} \leq -(1 - p_{\tau(n)}) Lq_n. \tag{13}$$

Define

$$w_n = \frac{r_n(\Delta^2 z_n)^\alpha}{z_{\tau(n)}^\alpha}. \tag{14}$$

Then  $w_n > 0$  for all  $n \geq n_1$ , and

$$\Delta w_n = \frac{\Delta(r_n(\Delta^2 z_n)^\alpha)}{z_{\tau(n)}^\alpha} - \frac{r_{n+1}(\Delta^2 z_{n+1})^\alpha}{z_{\tau(n)}^\alpha z_{\tau(n+1)}^\alpha} \Delta(z_{\tau(n)}^\alpha).$$

Using (13) and (14) in the last inequality, we obtain

$$\Delta w_n \leq -(1 - p_{\tau(n)})^\alpha Lq_n - w_{n+1} \frac{\Delta(z_{\tau(n)}^\alpha)}{z_{\tau(n)}^\alpha}. \tag{15}$$

By Mean Value Theorem

$$\Delta z_{\tau(n)}^\alpha = \alpha t^{\alpha-1} \Delta z_{\tau(n)},$$

where  $z_{\tau(n)} \leq t \leq z_{\tau(n+1)}$ . Since  $\alpha \geq 1$ , we have

$$\Delta z_{\tau(n)}^\alpha \geq \alpha z_{\tau(n)}^{\alpha-1} \Delta z_{\tau(n)}. \tag{16}$$

Using (16) in the inequality (15), we obtain

$$\Delta w_n \leq -Q_n - \alpha w_{n+1} \frac{\Delta z_{\tau(n)}}{z_{\tau(n)}}. \tag{17}$$

From the monotonicity property of  $\{\Delta^2 z_n\}$ , we have

$$\Delta z_n = \Delta z_{n_0} + \sum_{s=n_0}^{n-1} \Delta^2 z_s \geq \sum_{s=n_0}^{n-1} \Delta^2 z_s$$

or

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta z_n &\geq \sum_{s=n_0}^{n-1} r_s^{-1/\alpha} (r_s (\Delta^2 z_s)^\alpha)^{1/\alpha} \\ &\geq (r_n (\Delta^2 z_n)^\alpha)^{1/\alpha} A_n.\end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\Delta z_{\tau(n)} \geq (r_{\tau(n)} (\Delta^2 z_{\tau(n)})^\alpha)^{1/\alpha} A_{\tau(n)}. \quad (18)$$

Using (18) in the inequality (17), we get

$$\Delta w_n \leq -Q_n - \alpha w_{n+1}^{1+1/\alpha} A_{\tau(n)}$$

or

$$\Delta w_n + Q_n + \alpha w_{n+1}^{1+1/\alpha} A_{\tau(n)} \leq 0, \quad n \geq N. \quad (19)$$

Summing the last inequality from  $N$  to  $n-1$ , we have

$$w_n \leq w_N - \sum_{s=N}^{n-1} Q_s - \sum_{s=N}^{n-1} \alpha A_{\tau(s)} w_{s+1}^{1+1/\alpha} \quad \text{for } n \geq N. \quad (20)$$

We claim that  $\sum_{n=N}^{\infty} Q_n < \infty$  for all  $n \geq N$ . Otherwise from the inequality (21), we obtain

$$w_n \leq w_N - \sum_{s=N}^{n-1} Q_s,$$

and letting limit  $n \rightarrow \infty$  we obtain  $w_n \rightarrow -\infty$ , which contradicts the positivity of  $w_n$ . Similarly we can show that

$$\sum_{s=N}^{\infty} A_{\tau(s)} w_{s+1}^{1+1/\alpha} < \infty. \quad (21)$$

Now, letting limit as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  in (20) we have

$$w_\infty - w_N + \sum_{s=N}^{\infty} Q_s + \sum_{s=N}^{\infty} \alpha A_{\tau(s)} w_{s+1}^{1+1/\alpha} \leq 0$$

or

$$w_n \geq R_n + \sum_{s=n}^{\infty} \alpha A_{\tau(s)} w_{s+1}^{1+1/\alpha} \quad \text{for } n \geq N. \quad (22)$$

Since  $Q_n > 0$  and  $w_n > 0$  for  $n \geq N$ , we have from (19) that  $\Delta w_n < 0$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} w_n = M$ , for some constant  $M > 0$ . Now from (19), we have

$$\Delta w_n \leq -\alpha A_{\tau(n)} w_{n+1}^{1+1/\alpha}$$

or

$$-\frac{\Delta w_n}{w_{n+1}^{1+1/\alpha}} \geq \alpha A_{\tau(n)}$$

or

$$\frac{w_n}{\alpha w_{n+1}^{1+1/\alpha}} \geq A_{\tau(n)}.$$

Taking limit supreme, we obtain

$$M \geq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} (w_{n+1}^{1+1/\alpha} A_{\tau(n)})$$

or

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} (w_{n+1} A_{\tau(n)}^{\alpha/(\alpha+1)}) \leq c,$$

for some constant  $c > 0$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

**Theorem 2.1.** Assume that

$$\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{R_n} \sum_{s=n}^{\infty} P_s R_{s+1}^{1+1/\alpha} > \frac{\alpha}{(\alpha + 1)^{(\alpha+1)/\alpha}}, \tag{23}$$

where  $P_n = \alpha A_{\tau(n)}$  then every solution of equation (6) is either oscillatory or converges to zero as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

*Proof.* Assume that  $\{x_n\}$  is a nonoscillatory solution of equation (6). Without loss of generality we may assume that  $x_n > 0$ ,  $x_{\sigma(n)} > 0$  and  $x_{\tau(n)} > 0$  for all  $n \geq n_1 \geq n_0$  and the corresponding  $\{z_n\}$  satisfies two cases of Lemma 2.1.

**Case(I).** Let  $\{z_n\}$  satisfies Case (I) of Lemma 2.1. From Lemma 2.3 we obtain (8), then

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{w_n}{R_n} &\geq 1 + \frac{1}{R_n} \sum_{s=n}^{\infty} \alpha A_{\tau(s)} w_{s+1}^{1+1/\alpha} \\ &\geq 1 + \frac{1}{R_n} \sum_{s=n}^{\infty} P_s R_{s+1}^{1+1/\alpha} \left(\frac{w_{s+1}}{R_{s+1}}\right)^{1+1/\alpha}. \end{aligned} \tag{24}$$

From the assumption of the theorem, there exists a  $\beta > \frac{\alpha}{(\alpha+1)^{(\alpha+1)/\alpha}}$ ,

$$\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{R_n} \sum_{s=n}^{\infty} P_s R_{s+1}^{1+1/\alpha} > \beta \tag{25}$$

and let

$$\lambda = \inf_{n \geq n_0} \frac{w_n}{R_n}, \tag{26}$$

then  $\lambda \geq 1$ . Using (25) and (26) in the inequality (24) we have

$$\lambda \geq 1 + \beta \lambda^{1+1/\alpha}.$$

Therefore

$$\lambda - \beta \lambda^{1+1/\alpha} \leq \frac{\alpha}{(\alpha + 1)^\alpha} \frac{1}{\beta^\alpha}.$$

Then, we get  $\beta \leq \frac{\alpha^\alpha}{(\alpha+1)^{(\alpha+1)/\alpha}}$ , which is a contradicts to our assumption.

If  $\{z_n\}$  satisfies Case(II) of Lemma 2.1, then by the condition (7) we have  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = 0$ . This completes the proof. □

**Theorem 2.2.** Assume that

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[ A_{\tau(n)}^{\alpha/(\alpha+1)} \left( R_{n+1} + \sum_{s=n+1}^{\infty} \alpha A_{\tau(s)} R_{s+1}^{1+1/\alpha} \right) \right] = \infty \tag{27}$$

then every solution of equation (6) is either oscillatory or converges to zero as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

*Proof.* Assume that  $\{x_n\}$  is a nonoscillatory solution of equation (6). Without loss of generality we may assume that  $x_n > 0$ ,  $x_{\sigma(n)} > 0$  and  $x_{\tau(n)} > 0$  for all  $n \geq n_1 \geq n_0$  and the corresponding  $\{z_n\}$  satisfies two cases of Lemma 2.1.

**Case(I).** Let  $\{z_n\}$  satisfies Case (I) of Lemma 2.1. From Lemma 2.3 we obtain (8), then

$$w_n \geq R_n + \sum_{s=n}^{\infty} \alpha A_{\tau(s)} w_{s+1}^{1+1/\alpha}.$$

Since  $w_n \geq R_n$ , we have

$$w_n \geq R_n + \sum_{s=n}^{\infty} \alpha A_{\tau(s)} R_{s+1}^{1+1/\alpha}.$$

Using this in (9), we have

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[ A_{\tau(n)}^{\alpha/(\alpha+1)} \left( R_{n+1} + \sum_{s=n+1}^{\infty} \alpha A_{\tau(s)} R_{s+1}^{1+1/\alpha} \right) \right] \leq c,$$

which is a contradiction. If  $\{z_n\}$  satisfies Case(II) of Lemma 2.1, then by the condition (7) we have  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = 0$ . This completes the proof. □



Next, we consider the case  $-\mu \leq p_n \leq 0$ , and the equation (1) takes the form

$$\Delta \left( r_n (\Delta^2 (x_n - p_n x_{\sigma(n)}))^\alpha \right) + f(n, x_{\tau(n)}) = 0, n \in \mathbb{N}_0. \tag{28}$$

**Lemma 2.4.** Let  $\{x_n\}$  be a positive solution of equation (28) and the corresponding  $\{z_n\}$  satisfies Case(I) of Lemma 2.1. Then there exists a positive function  $\{w_n\}$  such that

$$w_n \geq Q_n + \sum_{s=n}^{\infty} \alpha A_{\tau(s)} w_{s+1}^{1+1/\alpha}, \tag{29}$$

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} [w_{n+1} A_{\tau(n)}^{\alpha/(\alpha+1)}] \leq c, \tag{30}$$

for some constant  $c > 0$ , and

$$Q_n < \infty, \quad \sum_{s=n}^{\infty} A_{\tau(s)} Q_{s+1}^{1+1/\alpha} < \infty. \tag{31}$$

*Proof.* Let  $\{x_n\}$  be a positive solution of equation (28). Assume that  $x_n > 0$ ,  $x_{\sigma(n)} > 0$  and  $x_{\tau(n)} > 0$  for all  $n \geq n_1 \geq n_0$ . Then  $z_n > x_n > 0$  and satisfies Case(I) of Lemma 2.1 for all  $n \geq N \geq n_1$ . We have (11)

$$\Delta(r_n (\Delta z_n)^\alpha) \leq -x_{\tau(n)}^\alpha L q_n, \quad n \geq n_1. \tag{32}$$

We have two possible cases for  $z_n$ :

(i)  $z_n > 0$

(ii)  $z_n < 0$ .

**Case (i).**  $z_n > 0$ , the proof is similar to that of Lemma 2.3 and hence the details are omitted.

**Case (ii).**  $z_n < 0$  eventually for all  $n \geq n_2 \geq n_1 \geq n_0$ , then we have two cases for  $x_n$ :

(a)  $x_n$  is unbounded,

(b)  $x_n$  is bounded.

**Case (a).** Assume that  $x_n$  is unbounded, then

$$x_n = z_n - p_n x_{\sigma(n)} < -p_n x_{\sigma(n)} < x_{\sigma(n)}. \tag{33}$$

Since  $\{x_n\}$  is unbounded, we can choose a sequence  $\{x_{n_k}\}$  satisfying  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} x_k = \infty$  from which  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} x_{N_k} = \infty$  and  $\max x_n = x_{N_n}$  by choosing  $N$  large such that  $\sigma(N_k) > N_1$  for all  $N_k > n_2$ . Thus  $\max x_n = x_{N_n}$ . This contradicts with (33).

**Case (b).** Assume that  $\{x_n\}$  is bounded, and we show that  $x_n \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Since

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} z_n \leq 0,$$

then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} (x_n + p_n x_{\sigma(n)}) &\leq 0 \\ \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n + \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} p_n x_{\sigma(n)} &\leq 0 \\ \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n - \mu \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_{\sigma(n)} &\leq 0 \\ (1 - \mu) \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n &\leq 0. \end{aligned}$$

This shows that  $x_n \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . This completes the proof. □

**Theorem 2.3.** Assume that

$$\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{Q_n} \sum_{s=n}^{\infty} P_s Q_{s+1}^{1+1/\alpha} > \frac{\alpha}{(\alpha + 1)^{(\alpha+1)/\alpha}}, \tag{34}$$

where  $P_n = \alpha A_{\tau(n)}$  then every solution of equation (28) is either oscillatory or converges to zero as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

*Proof.* The proof is similar to that of Theorem 2.1 and hence the details are omitted. □

**Theorem 2.4.** Assume that

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[ A_{\tau(n)}^{\alpha/(\alpha+1)} \left( Q_{n+1} + \sum_{s=n+1}^{\infty} \alpha A_{\tau(s)} Q_{s+1}^{1+1/\alpha} \right) \right] = \infty \tag{35}$$

then every solution of equation (28) is either oscillatory or converges to zero as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

*Proof.* The proof is similar to that of Theorem 2.2 and hence the details are omitted. □

### 3 Examples

In this section, we present some examples to illustrate the main results.

**Example 3.1.** Consider the third order difference equation

$$\Delta \left( n(\Delta^2 \left( x_n + \frac{1}{2}x_{n-2} \right))^3 \right) + \frac{1}{(n+1)(n+2)} x_{n-3}^3 = 0, \quad n \geq 1. \tag{36}$$

Here  $r_n = n$ ,  $p_n = \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $q_n = \frac{1}{(n+1)(n+2)}$ ,  $\alpha = 3$ ,  $\sigma(n) = n - 2$ ,  $\tau(n) = n - 3$  and  $L = 1$ . It is easy to see that all conditions of Theorem 2.1 are satisfied. Hence every solution of equation (36) is either oscillatory or converges to zero as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

**Example 3.2.** Consider the third order difference equation

$$\Delta \left( \frac{1}{n} \Delta^2 \left( x_n + \frac{1}{2}x_{n-2} \right) \right) + \frac{1}{(n+1)(n+2)} x_{n-1} = 0, \quad n \geq 1. \tag{37}$$

Here  $r_n = \frac{1}{n}$ ,  $p_n = \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $q_n = \frac{1}{(n+1)(n+2)}$ ,  $\alpha = 1$ ,  $\sigma(n) = n - 2$ ,  $\tau(n) = n - 1$  and  $L = 1$ . It is easy to see that all conditions of Theorem 2.2 are satisfied. Hence every solution of equation (37) is either oscillatory or converges to zero as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

**Example 3.3.** Consider the third order difference equation

$$\Delta^3 \left( x_n - \frac{1}{3}x_{n-1} \right) + nx_{n-2} = 0, \quad n \geq 1. \tag{38}$$

Here  $r_n = 1$ ,  $p_n = \frac{1}{3}$ ,  $q_n = n$ ,  $\alpha = 1$ ,  $\sigma(n) = n - 1$ ,  $\tau(n) = n - 2$  and  $L = 1$ . It is easy to see that all conditions of Theorem 2.3 are satisfied. Hence every solution of equation (38) is either oscillatory or converges to zero as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

**Example 3.4.** Consider the third order difference equation

$$\Delta^3 \left( x_n - \frac{1}{2}x_{n-1} \right) + 12x_{n-2} = 0, \quad n \geq 1. \tag{39}$$

Here  $r_n = 1$ ,  $p_n = \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $q_n = 12$ ,  $\alpha = 1$ ,  $\sigma(n) = n - 1$ ,  $\tau(n) = n - 2$  and  $L = 1$ . It is easy to see that all conditions of Theorem 2.4 are satisfied. Hence every solution of equation (39) is either oscillatory or converges to zero as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . In fact  $\{x_n\} = \{(-1)^n\}$  is one such oscillatory solution of equation (39) is oscillatory or converging to zero.

We conclude this paper with the following remark.

**Remark 3.1.** It would be interesting to extend the results of this paper to the equation (1) when  $\sum_{n=n_0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{r_n^{1/\alpha}} < \infty$ .

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