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## A PERIODIC BOUNDARY VALUE PROBLEM FOR A SYSTEM OF LINEAR DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS WITH A DELAY ARGUMENT

**Abstract.** In the paper, a periodic boundary value problem for a system of linear differential equations with a delay argument is considered. On the basis of the parameterization method, a two-parametric family of algorithms for finding a solution of the periodic boundary value problem is offered.

**Key words:** parameterization method, differential equations, delay argument, algorithm, unique solution

In various applications, there has been an increasing interest in the theory of linear boundary value problems for differential equations with a delay argument. Due to applications in physics, biology, epidemiology, and other fields, most of the literature on delay differential equations has been focused on the existence of a periodic solution, oscillations, etc. An analysis of the literature indicates that in recent decades, boundary value problems for delay differential equations have been extensively studied; see, for example, [1-4].

We consider the periodic boundary value problem for the system of linear differential equations with a delay argument

$$\frac{dx(t)}{dt} = A(t)x(t) + B(t)x(t - \tau) + f(t), \quad t \in [0, T], \quad x \in R^n, \quad (1)$$

$$x(z) = \text{diag}[x(0)] \cdot \varphi(z), \quad z \in [-\tau, 0], \quad (2)$$

$$x(0) = x(T), \quad (3)$$

where the matrices  $A(t)$ ,  $B(t)$ , and the vector function  $f(t)$  are continuous on  $[0, T]$ ,  $\varphi(t)$  is a continuous vector function given on the initial set  $[-\tau, 0]$ , such that  $\varphi_i(0) = 1$ ,  $i = \overline{1, n}$ ,  $\tau > 0$  is a constant delay,  $\|A(t)\| = \max_{i=1,n} \sum_{j=1}^n \|a_{ij}(t)\| \leq \alpha$ ,  $\|B(t)\| \leq \beta$ ,  $\alpha, \beta - \text{const.}$ ,  $\|x(t)\| = \max_{i=1,n} |x_i|$ .

A solution of problems (1)-(3) is a vector-function  $x(t)$  continuous on  $[-\tau, T]$  and continuously differentiable on  $[-\tau, 0] \cup (0, T]$  that satisfies the system of differential equations (1) on  $[0, T]$ , coincides with the function  $\text{diag}[x(0)] \cdot \varphi(t)$  on  $[-\tau, 0]$ , and have the values at the points  $t = 0, t = T$  for which equality (3) is valid.

Using the parameterization method [5], a partition of the interval  $[-\tau, T]$  is performed with step size  $h = \tau/l$ :  $N\tau = T$ ,  $l \in \mathbb{N}$

$$[-\tau, 0] \cup [0, T) = \bigcup_{s=1}^1 [-t_s, -t_{s-1}) \cup \bigcup_{r=1}^{lN} [t_{r-1}, t_r),$$

where  $t_0 = 0$ ,  $-t_s = -sh$ ,  $s = \overline{1, l}$ ,  $t_r = rh$ ,  $r = \overline{1, lN}$ .

The restriction of the function  $x(t)$  to the  $r$ -th subinterval  $[t_{r-1}, t_r)$  is denoted by  $x_r(t)$ ,  $r = \overline{1, lN}$ . By  $\varphi_s(t)$ ,  $s = \overline{1, l}$ , we denote the restrictions of the initial function  $\varphi(t)$  to the  $s$ -th subinterval  $[-t_{l-(s-1)}, -t_{l-s})$ . If the argument  $t - \tau$  is changed on  $[t_{r-1-l}, t_{r-l})$ , then

$$[t_{r-1-l}, t_{r-l}) = \begin{cases} [t_{r-1-l}, t_{r-l}), & \text{if } r-1-l \geq 0, r-l \geq 1, \\ [-t_{l-(r-1)}, -t_{l-r}), & \text{if } r-1-l < 0, r-l < 1, \end{cases}$$

therefore, the function  $x(t-\tau)$  is the same as the function  $x_{r-l}(t-\tau)$ .

Introducing the parameters  $\lambda_r = x(t_{r-1})$  and making the substitution the functions  $u_r(t) = x(t) - \lambda_r$  on each  $r$ -th subinterval, we get the boundary-value problem with parameters:

$$\frac{du_r}{dt} = A(t)(u_r(t) + \lambda_r) + B(t)\Phi_r(t-\tau)\lambda_1 + f(t), \quad t \in [t_{r-1}, t_r], \quad r = \overline{1, l}, \quad (4)$$

$$\frac{du_r}{dt} = A(t)(u_r(t) + \lambda_r) + B(t)(u_{r-l}(t-\tau) + \lambda_{r-l}) + f(t), \quad r = \overline{l+1, lN}, \quad (5)$$

$$u_r(t_{r-1}) = 0, \quad r = \overline{1, lN}, \quad (6)$$

$$\lambda_1 = \lambda_{lN} + \lim_{t \rightarrow T-0} u_{lN}(t), \quad (7)$$

$$\lambda_s + \lim_{t \rightarrow t_s-0} u_s(t) = \lambda_{s+1}, \quad s = \overline{1, lN-1}, \quad (8)$$

where  $\Phi_r(t-\tau)$  is an  $(n \times n)$  matrix of the form  $\text{diag}[\varphi_r(t-\tau)]$ ,  $r = \overline{1, l}$ .

If  $x(t)$  is a solution of problem (1)-(3), then the system of pairs  $(\lambda_r, u_r(t))$ ,  $r = \overline{1, lN}$ , is a solution to problems (4)-(8). Conversely, if the system  $(\tilde{\lambda}_r, \tilde{u}_r(t))$ ,  $r = \overline{1, lN}$ , is a solution of problems (4)-(8), then the function

$$\tilde{x}(t) = \begin{cases} \tilde{\lambda}_r + \tilde{u}_r(t), & t \in [t_{r-1}, t_r], \quad r = \overline{1, lN}, \\ \tilde{\lambda}_{lN} + \lim_{t \rightarrow T-0} \tilde{u}_{lN}(t), & t = T, \end{cases}$$

is a solution of problem (1)-(3).

In problems (4)-(8), initial conditions (6) appeared that allow us to determine unknown functions from the Volterra integral equations of the 2-nd kind. The functions  $u_r(t)$ ,  $t \in [t_{r-1}, t_r]$ ,  $r = \overline{1, l}$ , for a fixed parameter  $\lambda_r$ , are defined from the equation

$$u_r(t) = \int_{t_{r-1}}^t A(s)[u_r(s) + \lambda_r]ds + \int_{t_{r-1}}^t B(s)\Phi_r(s-\tau)ds + \int_{t_{r-1}}^t f(s)ds, \quad (9)$$

and the function  $u_r(t)$ ,  $t \in [t_{r-1}, t_r]$ ,  $r = \overline{l+1, lN}$ , for a fixed  $\lambda_r, \lambda_{r-l}, u_{r-l}(t-\tau)$ , is defined from the equation

$$u_r(t) = \int_{t_{r-1}}^t A(s)[u_r(s) + \lambda_r]ds + \int_{t_{r-1}}^t B(s)[u_{r-l}(s-\tau) + \lambda_{r-l}]ds + \int_{t_{r-1}}^t f(s)ds, \quad (10)$$

where the pair  $(\lambda_r, u_r(t))$ ,  $r = \overline{1, l}$ , satisfies equation (9), and the pairs  $(\lambda_{r-l}, u_{r-l}(t))$ ,  $r = l+1, l+2, \dots, l(N-1)$ , satisfy the equations

$$u_{r-l}(t) = \int_{t_{r-l-1}}^t A(s)[u_{r-l}(s) + \lambda_{r-l}]ds + \int_{t_{r-l-1}}^t B(s)[u_{r-2l}(s-\tau) + \lambda_{r-2l}]ds + \int_{t_{r-l-1}}^t f(s)ds, \quad t \in [t_{r-l-1}, t_{r-l}).$$

In (9), replacing  $u_r(s)$  by the right-hand side of this equation, and repeating the process  $v$  ( $v = 1, 2, \dots$ ) times, we get the following representation of the function  $u_r(t)$ ,  $t \in [t_{r-1}, t_r]$ ,  $r = \overline{1, l}$ :

$$u_r(t) = D_{vr}(t, 0)\lambda_r + E_{vr}(t, 0)\lambda_1 + F_{vr}(t, f_0) + G_{vr}(t, u_{r,0}). \quad (11)$$

In the same way, from (10) we get the following representation of  $u_{il+j}(t)$ ,  $i = \overline{1, N-1}$ ,  $j = \overline{1, l}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} u_{il+j}(t) &= D_{v,il+j}(t,0)\lambda_{il+j} + P_{v,il+j}^i[t, E_{v,il+j}(t,i\tau)] \cdot \lambda_1 + \\ &+ \sum_{k=1}^i P_{v,il+j}^{k-1}[t, H_{v,il+j}(t,(k-1)\tau) + P_{v,il+j}[t, D_{v,il+j}(t,k\tau)]] \cdot \lambda_{(i-k)l+j} + \\ &+ \sum_{k=0}^i P_{v,il+j}^{k-1}[t, F_{v,il+j}(t,f_{k\tau}) + G_{v,il+j}(t,u_{(i-k)l+j,k\tau})], t \in [t_{il+j-1}, t_{il+j}), \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} D_{v,il+j}(t,m\tau) &= \sum_{k=0}^{v-1} \int_{t_{il+j-1}}^t A(s_1 - m\tau) \dots \int_{t_{il+j-1}}^{s_k} A(s_{k+1} - m\tau) ds_{k+1} \dots ds_1, \\ H_{v,il+j}(t,m\tau) &= \int_{t_{il+j-1}}^t B(s_1 - m\tau) ds_1 + \sum_{k=1}^{v-1} \int_{t_{il+j-1}}^t A(s_1 - m\tau) \dots \\ &\dots \int_{t_{il+j-1}}^{s_{k-1}} A(s_k - m\tau) \int_{t_{il+j-1}}^{s_k} B(s_{k+1} - m\tau) ds_{k+1} ds_k \dots ds_1 \\ F_{v,il+j}(t,f_{m\tau}) &= \int_{t_{il+j-1}}^t f(s_1 - m\tau) ds_1 + \sum_{k=1}^{v-1} \int_{t_{il+j-1}}^t A(s_1 - m\tau) \dots \\ &\dots \int_{t_{il+j-1}}^{s_{k-1}} A(s_k - m\tau) \int_{t_{il+j-1}}^{s_k} f(s_{k+1} - m\tau) ds_{k+1} ds_k \dots ds_1, \\ G_{v,il+j}(t,u_{il+j,m\tau}) &= \int_{t_{il+j-1}}^t A(s_1 - m\tau) \dots \int_{t_{il+j-1}}^{s_{v-2}} A(s_{v-1} - m\tau) \int_{t_{il+j-1}}^{s_{v-1}} A(s_{v-1} - m\tau) u_{il+j}(s_v) ds_v ds_{v-1} \dots ds_1, \\ P_{v,il+j}(t,u_{(i-1)l+j,m\tau}) &= \int_{t_{il+j-1}}^t B(s_1 - (m-1)\tau) u_{(i-1)l+j}(s_1 - m\tau) ds_1 + \sum_{k=1}^{v-1} \int_{t_{il+j-1}}^t A(s_1 - (m-1)\tau) \dots \\ &\dots \int_{t_{il+j-1}}^{s_{k-1}} A(s_k - (m-1)\tau) \int_{t_{il+j-1}}^{s_k} B(s_{k+1} - (m-1)\tau) u_{(i-1)l+j}(s_{k+1} - m\tau) ds_{k+1} ds_k \dots ds_1, \\ E_{v,il+j}(t,m\tau) &= \int_{t_{il+j-1}}^t B(s_1 - m\tau) \Phi_j(s_1 - (m+1)\tau) ds_1 + \sum_{k=1}^{v-1} \int_{t_{il+j-1}}^t A(s_1 - m\tau) \dots \\ &\dots \int_{t_{il+j-1}}^{s_{k-1}} A(s_k - m\tau) \int_{t_{il+j-1}}^{s_k} B(s_{k+1} - m\tau) \Phi_j(s_{k+1} - (m+1)\tau) ds_{k+1} ds_k \dots ds_1, \\ m &= \overline{0, i}, i = \overline{1, N-1}, j = \overline{1, l}, P^0[t, y] = y, P^k[t, y] = P[t, P^{k-1}[t, y]]. \end{aligned}$$

In (11) and (12), passing to the limits and substituting them in the boundary conditions (7) and the continuity conditions (9), we obtain a system of linear algebraic equations in unknown parameters  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_{IN}$ . This system can be written in the matrix form

$$Q_v(l) \cdot \lambda = -\tilde{F}_v(f, l) - \tilde{G}_v(u, l), \quad (13)$$

here  $Q_v(l)$  is an  $(nlN \times nlN)$  matrix composed of the coefficients of unknown parameters

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_r, r = \overline{1, lN}, \quad \lambda = (\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_{lN})' \in R^{nlN}, \\ \tilde{F}_v(l) = (-\tilde{F}_{v, lN}(T), \tilde{F}_{v1}(t_1), \tilde{F}_{v2}(t_2), \dots, \tilde{F}_{v, lN-1}(t_{lN-1}))' \in R^{nlN}, \\ \tilde{G}_v(u, l) = (-\tilde{G}_{v, lN}(u, T), \tilde{G}_{v1}(u, t_1), \tilde{G}_{v2}(u, t_2), \dots, \tilde{G}_{v, lN-1}(u, t_{lN-1}))' \in R^{nlN}, \\ \tilde{F}_{v, il+j}(t_{il+j}) = \sum_{k=0}^i P_{v, il+j}^k [t_{il+j}, F_{v, il+j}(t, f_{k\tau})], \\ \tilde{G}_{v, il+j}(u, t_{il+j}) = \sum_{k=0}^i P_{v, il+j}^k [t_{il+j}, G_{v, il+j}(t, u_{(i-k)l+j, k\tau})], \quad i = \overline{0, N-1}, \quad j = \overline{1, l}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we have the system of equations (9), (10) and (13) for finding the pair  $(\lambda, u[t])$ , where  $\lambda = (\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_{lN})$ ,  $u[t] = (u_1(t), u_2(t), \dots, u_{lN}(t))$ .

We find a solution  $(\lambda, u[t])$  of problems (4)-(8) as the limit of the sequence  $(\lambda^{(k)}, u^{(k)}[t])$ ,  $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ , using the following algorithm:

**Step 0.** (a) Assuming that the matrix  $Q_v(l)$  is invertible for some  $v$  and  $l$ , the initial approximation for the parameter  $\lambda^{(0)} = (\lambda_1^{(0)}, \lambda_2^{(0)}, \dots, \lambda_{lN}^{(0)})$  is determined from the equation  $Q_v(l) \cdot \lambda = -\tilde{F}_v(l)$ , that is  $\lambda^{(0)} = -[Q_v(l)]^{-1} \tilde{F}_v(l)$ ;

(b) By solving the Cauchy problems (4) and (6) on  $[t_{r-1}, t_r]$  with  $\lambda_r = \lambda_r^{(0)}$ , we find  $u_r^{(0)}(t)$ ,  $r = \overline{1, l}$ . Substituting  $\lambda_r, \lambda_{r-l}, u_{r-l}(t-\tau)$  in (5) by the corresponding values  $\lambda_r^{(0)}, \lambda_{r-l}^{(0)}, u_{r-l}^{(0)}(t-\tau)$  and solving the Cauchy problems (5) and (6) on  $[t_{r-1}, t_r]$ ,  $r = \overline{l+1, lN}$ , we find  $u_r^{(0)}(t)$ ,  $r = \overline{l+1, lN}$ .

**Step 1.** (a) Substituting  $u_r^{(0)}(t)$  found above in the right-hand side of (13), we determine  $\lambda^{(1)}$  from the equation  $Q_v(l) \cdot \lambda = -\tilde{F}_v(f, l) - \tilde{G}_v(u^{(0)}, l)$ ;

(b) on the interval  $[t_{r-1}, t_r]$ , solving the Cauchy problems (4) and (6) with  $\lambda_r = \lambda_r^{(1)}$ , we find  $u_r^{(1)}(t)$ ,  $r = \overline{1, l}$ . Substituting  $\lambda_r, \lambda_{r-l}, u_{r-l}(t-\tau)$  by  $\lambda_r^{(1)}, \lambda_{r-l}^{(1)}, u_{r-l}^{(1)}(t-\tau)$ , respectively, we solve the Cauchy problems (5) and (6) on the interval  $[t_{r-1}, t_r]$ ,  $r = \overline{l+1, lN}$ , and find  $u_r^{(1)}(t)$ ,  $r = \overline{l+1, lN}$ .

And so on. Continuing the process, in the  $k$ -th step, we get a system of pairs  $(\lambda^{(k)}, u^{(k)}[t])$ . Sufficient conditions for convergence and feasibility of the proposed algorithm is established.

*Theorem 1.* Let for some  $l, l \in N$ , and  $v, v \in N$  the matrix  $Q_v(l) : RnlN \rightarrow RnlN$  be invertible and the inequalities

$$(a) \quad \| [Q_v(l)]^{-1} \| \leq \gamma_v(l);$$

$$(b) \quad q_v(l) = \gamma_v(l) \frac{1}{v!} \left( \frac{\alpha\tau}{l} \right)^v \max_{i=0, N-1} \sum_{p=0}^i \frac{1}{p!} \left( \frac{\beta\tau}{l} \sum_{k_1=0}^{v-1} \frac{1}{k_1!} \left( \frac{\alpha\tau}{l} \right)^{k_1} \right)^p \cdot P(l) < 1,$$

hold, where

$$P(l) = \max \left\{ \max_{1 \leq j \leq l} \sup_{t \in [t_{j-1}, t_j]} \left\{ e^{\frac{\alpha\tau}{l}} - 1 + \frac{\beta\tau}{l} \cdot e^{\frac{\alpha\tau}{l}} \|\Phi_j(t - (i+1)l)\| \right\} \right\}.$$

$$\max_{\substack{i=0, N-1 \\ j=1, l}} \sup_{t \in [t_{il+j-1}, t_{il+j})} \left\{ e^{\frac{\alpha\tau}{l}} \sum_{k_1=0}^i \left( \frac{\beta\tau}{l} \cdot e^{\frac{\alpha\tau}{l}} \right)^{k_1} + e^{\frac{\alpha\tau}{l}} - 1 + \left( \frac{\beta\tau}{l} \cdot e^{\frac{\alpha\tau}{l}} \right)^{i+1} \|\Phi_j(t-(i+1)l)\| \right\}.$$

Then the sequence of pairs  $(\lambda^{(k)}, u^{(k)}[t])$  converges to a unique solution  $(\lambda^*, u^*[t])$  of the problem (4)-(8) as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ .

Due to the equivalence of problems (1)-(3) and (4)-(8), the following statement holds true.

*Theorem 2.* Let the conditions of Theorem 1 be fulfilled. Then problem (1)-(3) has a unique solution  $x^*(t)$  and the estimate

$$\begin{aligned} \|x^*(t) - x^{(k)}(t)\| &\leq \gamma_v(l) \frac{(q_v(l))^k}{1-q_v(l)} \cdot \frac{1}{v!} \left( \frac{\alpha\tau}{l} \right)^v \times \\ &\times \max_{i=0, N-1} \sum_{p=0}^i \frac{1}{p!} \left( \frac{\beta\tau}{l} \sum_{k=0}^{v-1} \frac{1}{k!} \left( \frac{\alpha\tau}{l} \right)^k \right)^p \cdot M(l)(1+P(l)), \quad t \in [0, T] \end{aligned}$$

is valid, where  $x^{(k)}(t)$  is a function piecewise continuously differentiable on  $[0, T]$ , for which the function  $\lambda_r^{(k)} + u_r^{(k)}(t)$ ,  $r = \overline{1, IN}$ ,  $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$  is a restriction on  $[t_{r-1}, t_r)$ ,  $r = \overline{1, IN}$ .

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Кешігулі аргументі бар сызықтық дифференциалдық  
тендеулер жүйесі үшін периодтық шеттік есеп**

**Аннотация:** Мақалада кешігулі аргументі бар сызықтық дифференциалдық тендеулер жүйесі үшін периодтық шеттік есеп қарастырылады. Параметризация әдісі негізінде периодтық шеттік есептің шешімін табу үшін алгоритмдердің екі параметрлік тобы ұсынылады.

**Түйінді сөздер:** параметризация әдісі, дифференциалдық тендеулер, кешігулі аргумент, алгоритм, жалғыз шешім

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Периодическая краевая задача для системы линейных  
дифференциальных уравнений с запаздывающим аргументом**

**Аннотация.** В статье рассматривается периодическая краевая задача для системы линейных дифференциальных уравнений с запаздывающим аргументом. На основе метода па-

раметризации предлагается двухпараметрическое семейство алгоритмов для нахождения решения периодической краевой задачи.

**Ключевые слова:** метод параметризации, дифференциальные уравнения, запаздывающий аргумент, алгоритм, единственное решение.

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