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**COMPARISON THEOREMS FOR DEVIATED  
DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS**

Consider the equations

$$u^{(n)}(t) + \sum_{i=1}^m p_i(t)u(\tau_i(t)) = 0, \quad (1)$$

$$v^{(n)}(t) + \sum_{i=1}^k q_i(t)v(\sigma_i(t)) = 0, \quad (2)$$

where  $m, k \in N$ ,  $n \geq 2$ ,  $p_i \in L_{loc}(R_+; R)$  ( $i = 1, \dots, m$ ),  $q_i \in L_{loc}(R_+; R)$  ( $i = 1, \dots, k$ ),  $\tau_i \in C(R_+; R_+)$ ,  $\lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} \tau_i(t) = +\infty$  ( $i = 1, \dots, m$ ),  $\sigma_i \in C(R_+; R_+)$ ,  $\lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} \sigma_i(t) = +\infty$  ( $i = 1, \dots, k$ ). Comparison theorems of new type are established for the equations (1), (2) which enable one to obtain sufficient conditions for the equations (1) to have properties *A* and *B*.