

Short Communications

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ON THE EXISTENCE OF BOUNDED SOLUTIONS FOR SYSTEMS OF NONLINEAR GENERALIZED ORDINARY DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS

**Abstract.** Sufficient conditions are given for the existence of bounded solutions for the systems of nonlinear generalized ordinary differential equations.

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Let  $a_{mik} : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  ( $m = 1, 2; i, k = 1, \dots, n$ ) be nondecreasing functions,  $a_{ik}(t) \equiv a_{1ik}(t) - a_{2ik}(t)$ ,  $A = (a_{ik})_{i,k=1}^n$ ,  $A_m = (a_{mik})_{i,k=1}^n$  ( $m = 1, 2$ );  $f = (f_k)_{k=1}^n : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  be a vector-function belonging to the Carathéodory class corresponding to the matrix-function  $A$ .

In this paper we investigate the question of existence of solutions for the system of generalized ordinary differential equations

$$dx(t) = dA(t) \cdot f(t, x(t)), \tag{1}$$

where  $x = (x_i)_{i=1}^n$ , satisfying one of the following two conditions

$$\sup \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i(t)| : t \in \mathbb{R} \right\} < \infty \tag{2}$$

and

$$\sup \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i(t)| : t \in \mathbb{R}_+ \right\} < \infty. \tag{3}$$

We give sufficient conditions for the existence of solutions of the boundary value problems (1), (2) and (1), (3). Analogous results are contained in [9]–[14] for systems of ordinary differential and functional differential equations.

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The theory of generalized ordinary differential equations enables one to investigate ordinary differential, impulsive and difference equations from a common point of view (see [1]–[8], [15]).

Throughout the paper the following notation and definitions will be used.

$\mathbb{R} = ] - \infty, +\infty[$ ,  $\mathbb{R}_+ = [0, +\infty[$ ;  $[a, b]$  ( $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ ) is a closed segment.

$\mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$  is the set all real  $n \times m$ -matrices  $X = (x_{ij})_{i,j=1}^{n,m}$ .

$\mathbb{R}^n = \mathbb{R}^{n \times 1}$  is the set of all real column  $n$ -vectors  $x = (x_i)_{i=1}^n$ .

$\overset{b}{\underset{a}{V}}(X)$  is the total variation of the matrix-function  $X : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$ , i.e., the sum of total variations of the latter's components.

$X(t-)$  and  $X(t+)$  are the left and the right limits of the matrix-function  $X : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$  at the point  $t$  (we will assume  $X(t) = X(a)$  for  $t \leq a$  and  $X(t) = X(b)$  for  $t \geq b$ , if necessary);

$$d_1 X(t) = X(t) - X(t-), \quad d_2 X(t) = X(t+) - X(t).$$

$\text{BV}([a, b], \mathbb{R}^{n \times m})$  is the set of all matrix-functions of bounded variation  $X : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$  (i.e., such that  $\overset{b}{\underset{a}{V}}(X) < +\infty$ ).

$\text{BV}_{loc}(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}^{n \times m})$  is the set of all matrix-functions  $X : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$  for which  $\overset{b}{\underset{a}{V}}(X) < +\infty$  for every  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  ( $a < b$ ).

$s_j : \text{BV}([a, b], \mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \text{BV}([a, b], \mathbb{R})$  ( $j = 0, 1, 2$ ) are the operators defined, respectively, by

$$s_1(x)(a) = s_2(x)(a) = 0,$$

$$s_1(x)(t) = \sum_{a < \tau \leq t} d_1 x(\tau) \quad \text{and} \quad s_2(x)(t) = \sum_{a \leq \tau < t} d_2 x(\tau) \quad \text{for } a < t \leq b$$

and

$$s_0(x)(t) = x(t) - s_1(x)(t) - s_2(x)(t) \quad \text{for } t \in [a, b].$$

If  $g : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a nondecreasing function,  $x : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $a \leq s < t \leq b$ , then

$$\int_s^t x(\tau) dg(\tau) = \int_{]s,t[} x(\tau) ds_0(g)(\tau) + \sum_{s < \tau \leq t} x(\tau) d_1 g(\tau) + \sum_{s \leq \tau < t} x(\tau) d_2 g(\tau),$$

where  $\int_{]s,t[} x(\tau) ds_0(g)(\tau)$  is the Lebesgue–Stieltjes integral over the open interval  $]s, t[$  with respect to the measure  $\mu(s_0(g))$  corresponding to the function  $s_0(g)$ .

If  $a = b$ , then we assume

$$\int_a^b x(t) dg(t) = 0.$$

If  $g(t) \equiv g_1(t) - g_2(t)$ , where  $g_1$  and  $g_2$  are nondecreasing functions, then

$$\int_s^t x(\tau) dg(\tau) = \int_s^t x(\tau) dg_1(\tau) - \int_s^t x(\tau) dg_2(\tau) \quad \text{for } s \leq t.$$

$L([a, b], \mathbb{R}; g)$  is the set of all functions  $x : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  measurable and integrable with respect to the measures  $\mu(g_i)$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ), i.e. such that

$$\int_a^b |x(t)| dg_i(t) < +\infty \quad (i = 1, 2).$$

A matrix-function is said to be continuous, nondecreasing, integrable, etc., if each of its components is such.

If  $G = (g_{ik})_{i,k=1}^{l,n} : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{l \times n}$  is a nondecreasing matrix-function and  $D \subset \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$ , then  $L([a, b], D; G)$  is the set of all matrix-functions  $X = (x_{kj})_{k,j=1}^{n,m} : [a, b] \rightarrow D$  such that  $x_{kj} \in L([a, b], \mathbb{R}; g_{ik})$  ( $i = 1, \dots, l; k = 1, \dots, n; j = 1, \dots, m$ );

$$\int_s^t dG(\tau) \cdot X(\tau) = \left( \sum_{k=1}^n \int_s^t x_{kj}(\tau) dg_{ik}(\tau) \right)_{i,j=1}^{l,m} \quad \text{for } a \leq s \leq t \leq b,$$

$$S_j(G)(t) \equiv (s_j(g_{ik})(t))_{i,k=1}^{l,n} \quad (j = 0, 1, 2).$$

If  $D_1 \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $D_2 \subset \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$ , then  $K([a, b] \times D_1, D_2; G)$  is the Carathéodory class, i.e., the set of all mappings  $F = (f_{kj})_{k,j=1}^{n,m} : [a, b] \times D_1 \rightarrow D_2$  such that for each  $i \in \{1, \dots, l\}$ ,  $j \in \{1, \dots, m\}$  and  $k \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ : a) the function  $f_{kj}(\cdot, x) : [a, b] \rightarrow D_2$  is  $\mu(g_{ik})$ -measurable for every  $x \in D_1$ ; b) the function  $f_{kj}(t, \cdot) : D_1 \rightarrow D_2$  is continuous for  $\mu(g_{ik})$ -almost every  $t \in [a, b]$ , and  $\sup \{|f_{kj}(\cdot, x)| : x \in D_0\} \in L([a, b], \mathbb{R}; g_{ik})$  for every compact  $D_0 \subset D_1$ .

If  $G_j : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{l \times n}$  ( $j = 1, 2$ ) are nondecreasing matrix-functions,  $G = G_1 - G_2$  and  $X : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$ , then

$$\int_s^t dG(\tau) \cdot X(\tau) = \int_s^t dG_1(\tau) \cdot X(\tau) - \int_s^t dG_2(\tau) \cdot X(\tau) \quad \text{for } s \leq t,$$

$$S_k(G) = S_k(G_1) - S_k(G_2) \quad (k = 0, 1, 2),$$

$$L([a, b], D; G) = \bigcap_{j=1}^2 L([a, b], D; G_j),$$

$$K([a, b] \times D_1, D_2; G) = \bigcap_{j=1}^2 K([a, b] \times D_1, D_2; G_j).$$

$L_{loc}(\mathbb{R}, D; G)$  is the set of all matrix-functions  $X = \mathbb{R} \rightarrow D$  such that its restriction on  $[a, b]$  belongs to  $L([a, b], D; G)$  for every  $a$  and  $b$  from  $\mathbb{R}$  ( $a < b$ ).

$K_{loc}(\mathbb{R} \times D_1, D_2; G)$  is the set of all matrix-functions  $F = (f_{kj})_{k,j=1}^{n,m} : \mathbb{R} \times D_1 \rightarrow D_2$  such that its restriction on  $[a, b]$  belongs to  $K([a, b], D; G)$  for every  $a$  and  $b$  from  $\mathbb{R}$  ( $a < b$ ).

The inequalities between the matrices are understood componentwise.

A vector-function  $x \in BV_{loc}(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}^n)$  is said to be a solution of the system (1) if

$$x(t) = x(s) + \int_s^t dA(\tau) \cdot f(\tau, x(\tau)) \text{ for } s \leq t \text{ } (s, t \in \mathbb{R}).$$

**Theorem 1.** *Let there exist numbers  $\sigma_i \in \{-1, 1\}$  ( $i = 1, \dots, n$ ), vector-functions  $\alpha_m = (\alpha_{mi})_{i=1}^n \in BV_{loc}(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}^n)$  ( $m = 1, 2$ ) and matrix-functions  $(\beta_{mik})_{i,k=1}^n$ ,  $\beta_{mik} \in L_{loc}(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}; a_{jik})$  ( $m, j = 1, 2; i, k = 1, \dots, n$ ) such that*

$$\alpha_{mi}(t) \equiv \alpha_{mi}(0) + \sum_{k=1}^n \left( \int_0^t \beta_{mik}(\tau) da_{1ik}(\tau) - \int_0^t \beta_{3-mik}(\tau) da_{2ik}(\tau) \right) \text{ } (m=1, 2; i=1, \dots, n), \quad (4)$$

$$\alpha_1(t) \leq \alpha_2(t) \text{ for } t \in \mathbb{R}, \quad (5)$$

$$(-1)^m \sigma_i (f_k(t, x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}, \alpha_{ji}(t), x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n) - \beta_{mik}(t)) \leq 0$$

for  $\mu(a_{1+|m-j|ik})$ -almost all  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  and

$$\alpha_1(t) \leq (x_l)_{l=1}^n \leq \alpha_2(t) \text{ } (m, j = 1, 2; i, k = 1, \dots, n),$$

$$(-1)^m \left( x_i - (-1)^j \sum_{k=1}^n f_k(t, x_1, \dots, x_n) d_j a_{ik}(t) - \alpha_{mi}(t) - (-1)^j d_j \alpha_{mi}(t) \right) \leq 0$$

for  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\alpha_1(t) \leq (x_l)_{l=1}^n \leq \alpha_2(t)$  and

$$(-1)^j \sigma_i > 0 \text{ } (m, j = 1, 2; i = 1, \dots, n) \quad (6)$$

and

$$\sup \{ |\alpha_{mi}(t)| : t \in \mathbb{R} \} < \infty \text{ } (m = 1, 2; i = 1, \dots, n). \quad (7)$$

Then the problem (1), (2) is solvable.

**Corollary 1.** *Let the matrix-function  $A(t) = (a_{ik})_{i,k=1}^n$  be nondecreasing on  $\mathbb{R}$  and let there exist numbers  $\sigma_i \in \{-1, 1\}$  ( $i = 1, \dots, n$ ), vector-functions  $\alpha_m = (\alpha_{mi})_{i=1}^n \in BV_{loc}(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}^n)$  ( $m = 1, 2$ ) and matrix-functions  $(\beta_{mik})_{i,k=1}^n$ ,  $\beta_{mik} \in L_{loc}(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}; a_{jik})$  ( $m, j = 1, 2; i, k = 1, \dots, n$ ) such that*

$$\alpha_{mi}(t) \equiv \alpha_{mi}(0) + \sum_{k=1}^n \left( \int_0^t \beta_{mik}(\tau) da_{1ik}(\tau) \right) \text{ } (m=1, 2; i, k=1, \dots, n), \quad (8)$$

the conditions (5) – (7) hold, and the inequalities

$$\begin{aligned} (-1)^m \sigma_i (f_k(t, x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}, \alpha_{ji}(t), x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n) - \beta_{jik}(t)) &\leq 0 \\ (j = 1, 2; \quad i, k = 1, \dots, n) \end{aligned}$$

are fulfilled for  $\mu(a_{ik})$ -almost all  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $\alpha_1(t) \leq (x_l)_{l=1}^n \leq \alpha_2(t)$ . Then the problem (1), (2) is solvable.

**Theorem 2.** Let there exist numbers  $\sigma_i \in \{-1, 1\}$  ( $i = 1, \dots, n$ ), vector-functions  $\alpha_m = (\alpha_{mi})_{i=1}^n \in \text{BV}_{loc}(\mathbb{R}_+, \mathbb{R}^n)$  ( $m = 1, 2$ ) and matrix-functions  $(\beta_{mik})_{i,k=1}^n$ ,  $\beta_{mik} \in L_{loc}(\mathbb{R}_+, \mathbb{R}; a_{jik})$  ( $m, j = 1, 2; i, k = 1, \dots, n$ ) such that

$$\alpha_1(t) \leq \alpha_2(t) \quad \text{for } t \in \mathbb{R}_+, \quad (9)$$

$$\begin{aligned} (-1)^m \sigma_i (f_k(t, x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}, \alpha_{ji}(t), x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n) - \beta_{mik}(t)) &\leq 0 \\ \text{for } \mu(a_{1+|m-j|ik})\text{-almost all } t \in \mathbb{R}_+ \text{ and} \end{aligned}$$

$$\alpha_1(t) \leq (x_l)_{l=1}^n \leq \alpha_2(t) \quad (m, j = 1, 2; \quad i, k = 1, \dots, n),$$

$$(-1)^m \left( x_i - (-1)^j \sum_{k=1}^n f_k(t, x_1, \dots, x_n) d_j a_{ik}(t) - \alpha_{mi}(t) - (-1)^j d_j \alpha_{mi}(t) \right) \leq 0$$

$$\text{for } t \in \mathbb{R}_+, \quad \alpha_1(t) \leq (x_l)_{l=1}^n \leq \alpha_2(t) \quad \text{and}$$

$$(-1)^j \sigma_i > 0 \quad (m, j = 1, 2; \quad i = 1, \dots, n) \quad (10)$$

and

$$\sup \{ |\alpha_{mi}(t)| : t \in \mathbb{R}_+ \} < \infty \quad (m = 1, 2; \quad i = 1, \dots, n). \quad (11)$$

Then the problem (1), (3) is solvable.

**Corollary 2.** Let the matrix-function  $A(t) = (a_{ik})_{i,k=1}^n$  be nondecreasing on  $\mathbb{R}_+$  and let there exist numbers  $\sigma_i \in \{-1, 1\}$  ( $i = 1, \dots, n$ ), vector-functions  $\alpha_m = (\alpha_{mi})_{i=1}^n \in \text{BV}_{loc}(\mathbb{R}_+, \mathbb{R}^n)$  ( $m = 1, 2$ ) and matrix-functions  $(\beta_{mik})_{i,k=1}^n$ ,  $\beta_{mik} \in L_{loc}(\mathbb{R}_+, \mathbb{R}; a_{jik})$  ( $m, j = 1, 2; i, k = 1, \dots, n$ ) such that the conditions (8)–(11) hold, and the inequalities

$$\begin{aligned} (-1)^m \sigma_i (f_k(t, x_1, \dots, x_{i-1}, \alpha_{ji}(t), x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n) - \beta_{jik}(t)) &\leq 0 \\ (j = 1, 2; \quad i, k = 1, \dots, n) \end{aligned}$$

are fulfilled for  $\mu(a_{ik})$ -almost all  $t \in \mathbb{R}_+$  and  $\alpha_1(t) \leq (x_l)_{l=1}^n \leq \alpha_2(t)$ . Then the problem (1), (3) is solvable.

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