

## On Integral Conditions Determining Some $\Gamma$ -Ultimate Classes of Perturbations

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Consider the linear differential system

$$\dot{x} = A(t)x, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}^n, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}^+ := [0, +\infty[, \tag{1}$$

with a piecewise continuous bounded coefficient matrix  $A$  and with the Cauchy matrix  $X_A$ . Together with system (1), consider the perturbed system

$$\dot{y} = A(t)y + Q(t)y, \quad y \in \mathbb{R}^n, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}^+, \tag{2}$$

with a piecewise continuous bounded perturbation matrix  $Q$ . For the higher exponent of system (2), we use the notation  $\lambda_n(A + Q)$ . By  $\mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  we denote the set of all real  $n \times n$ -matrices with the spectral norm  $\|\cdot\|$ . By  $\text{PC}_n(\mathbb{R}^+)$  we denote the linear space of all piecewise continuous matrix functions  $S : \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ . The space of bounded elements of  $\text{PC}_n(\mathbb{R}^+)$  is denoted by  $\text{KC}_n(\mathbb{R}^+)$ . Lyapunov exponent of  $\beta \in \text{PC}_1(\mathbb{R}^+)$  is denoted by  $\lambda[\beta]$ . We say that a function  $\gamma \in \text{PC}_1(\mathbb{R}^+)$  is strictly positive iff the condition  $\inf_{t \in J} \gamma(t) > 0$  holds for every finite interval  $J \subset \mathbb{R}^+$ .

Let  $\mathfrak{M}$  be a class of perturbations. It is well known that the number  $\Lambda(\mathfrak{M}) := \sup\{\lambda_n(A + Q) : Q \in \mathfrak{M}\}$  is an important asymptotic characteristics for system (1) [1, p. 157], [2, p. 39]. Many authors investigated how to find  $\Lambda(\mathfrak{M})$  for various  $\mathfrak{M}$  (see, e.g. [3]– [13]). In numerous cases, an algorithm similar to the algorithm for the computation of the sigma-exponent [3] can be constructed for  $\Lambda(\mathfrak{M})$ . In some other cases [4], [5], [10]– [13], the result is similar to the formula

$$\Omega(A) = \lim_{T \rightarrow +\infty} \overline{\lim}_{m \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{mT} \sum_{k=1}^m \ln \|X_A(kT, kT - T)\|$$

for the computation of the central exponent [1, p. 99], [10].

Let  $\mathbb{T}$  be the set of all sequences  $\tau : \mathbb{N}_0 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\mathbb{N}_0 := \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ , monotonically increasing to  $+\infty$ . For arbitrary  $\tau \in \mathbb{T}$ , let

$$\Omega(A, \tau) = \overline{\lim}_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{t_{k+1}} \sum_{i=0}^k \ln \|X_A(t_{i+1}, t_i)\|,$$

where  $t_i := \tau(i), i \in \mathbb{N}_0$ .

**Definition 1.** A class of perturbations  $\mathfrak{M}$  is called  $\Gamma$ -ultimate if there exists a set  $\Gamma \subset \mathbb{T}$  such that the relation

$$\Lambda(\mathfrak{M}) = \sup_{\tau \in \Gamma} \Omega(A, \tau)$$

is valid for every system (1).

In [14] we give sufficient conditions for  $\mathfrak{M}$  to be  $\Gamma$ -ultimate when  $\mathfrak{M}$  is defined by some conditions of the form  $\|Q(t)\| \leq N\beta(t)$ , where  $N > 0$  and  $\beta$  is taken from a certain family  $\mathcal{K} \subset \text{KC}_1(\mathbb{R}^+)$ .

In the report we present an analogous condition for classes of perturbations  $\mathfrak{N}_n[\mathcal{P}] \subset \text{KC}_n(\mathbb{R}^+)$  defined by integral conditions. More precisely, by  $\mathfrak{N}_n[\mathcal{P}]$  we denote the set of perturbations  $Q \in \text{KC}_n(\mathbb{R}^+)$  such that  $Q$  satisfies the condition

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} t^{-1} \int_0^t p(s) \|Q(s)\| ds = 0$$

for some  $p \in \mathcal{P}$ , where  $\mathcal{P} \subset \text{PC}_1(\mathbb{R}^+)$  is a given set of nonnegative functions. In what follows, we refer to  $\mathcal{P}$  as a collection of weights.

For each  $\tau \in \mathbb{T}$  and  $N > 0$ , define the function  $K_N^\tau : \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by  $K_N^\tau(s) = e^{N(s-t_k)}$  for  $s \in ]t_k, t_{k+1}]$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , and  $K_N^\tau(s) = 0$  for  $s \leq t_0$ , where  $t_k := \tau(k)$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{N}_0$ , are the elements of the sequence  $\tau$ . Let us also put

$$\gamma(\beta, \tau) = \overline{\lim}_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{t_{k+1}} \sum_{i=m_0}^k \ln \frac{2}{\sin \varphi_i}, \quad \varphi_i = \min \left\{ \frac{\pi}{2}, e^{-2N_A} \int_{t_{i-1}}^{t_i} \beta(s) ds \right\}, \quad i \geq m_\tau,$$

where  $\tau \in \mathbb{T}$ ,  $\beta \in \text{KC}_1(\mathbb{R}^+)$ ,  $m_\tau := \min\{i \in \mathbb{N} : t_i \geq 1\} \geq 1$ , and  $m_0 \geq m_\tau$  is such that  $\varphi_i > 0$  for all  $i \geq m_0$ . If the inequality  $\varphi_i \leq 0$  holds for arbitrarily large  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ , we put  $\gamma(\beta, \tau) = +\infty$ .

Finally, by  $\mathbb{T}_0$  we denote the subset of  $\mathbb{T}$  that consists of sequences satisfying the condition  $\lim_{k \rightarrow +\infty} t_k^{-1} t_{k+1} = 1$  of slow growth [15] and the condition  $\lim_{k \rightarrow +\infty} (t_{k+1} - t_k) = +\infty$ .

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $\mathcal{P}$  be a collection of weights. If there exists a set  $\Gamma \subset \mathbb{T}_0$  such that the equality  $\inf_{\beta \in \mathfrak{N}_1[\mathcal{P}]} \gamma(\beta, \tau) = 0$  holds for any  $\tau \in \Gamma$ , and for any  $p \in \mathcal{P}$  and  $M > 0$  there exists a sequence  $\tau \in \Gamma$  such that  $K_M^\tau \leq Cp$  with some  $C = C(p, M, \tau) > 0$ , then  $\mathfrak{N}_n[\mathcal{P}]$  is  $\Gamma$ -ultimate.*

Let  $\mathfrak{M}_0[\theta]$  be the set of all perturbations satisfying the estimate  $\|Q(t)\| \leq N_Q e^{-\sigma\theta(t)}$ , where  $N_Q \geq 0$ ,  $\sigma > 0$  are numbers depending on  $Q$  and  $\theta : \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow ]0, +\infty[$  is a fixed piecewise continuous function increasing to  $+\infty$  such that  $\overline{\lim}_{t \rightarrow +\infty} t^{-1}\theta(t) < +\infty$ . It was proved in [4], [5] that

$$\Lambda(\mathfrak{M}_0[\theta]) = \lim_{\delta \rightarrow +0} \Omega(A, \eta(\theta, \delta)), \tag{3}$$

where the sequence  $\eta(\theta, \delta) \in \mathbb{T}$  is defined by the recursion formula

$$T_{k+1}(\delta) = T_k(\delta) + \delta\theta(T_k(\delta)), \quad k \in \mathbb{N}_0, \tag{4}$$

with arbitrary initial condition  $T_0(\delta) \geq 0$ . The sequence  $\eta(\theta, \delta)$  is called the  $\delta$ -characteristic sequence of  $\theta$ . This notion was introduced in [4], [5]. It should be stressed that relation (3) is not valid if  $\theta$  is not monotonic and  $\eta$  is given by (4).

In [14] we define an implicit  $\delta$ -characteristic sequence of  $\theta$  by the recurrence relation

$$t_{k+1} = t_k + \delta\theta(t_{k+1}) \tag{5}$$

for continuous non-monotonic functions. It occurs that in general settings of  $\theta \in \text{PC}_1(\mathbb{R}^+)$  the appropriate definition can be given in the form

$$\delta\theta(t_{k+1} - 0) \geq t_{k+1} - t_k \geq \delta\theta(t_{k+1} + 0). \tag{6}$$

Obviously, (6) is equivalent to (5) if  $\theta$  is continuous. If condition (6) does not define the value of  $t_{k+1}$  uniquely, we consider the set  $S_k$  of all values satisfying (6) and take the minimal element. It can be proved that the required minimal value exists if  $S_k$  is not empty.

We denote the set of all implicit  $\delta$ -characteristic sequences of  $\theta$  by  $\mathbb{X}(\theta)$ . The element of  $\mathbb{X}(\theta)$  corresponding to certain values of  $\delta$  and  $t_0$  is denoted by  $\xi(\theta, \delta, t_0)$ . It can be easily proved that  $\mathbb{X}(\theta) \subset \mathbb{T}_0$  if  $\overline{\lim}_{t \rightarrow +\infty} t^{-1}\theta(t) = 0$  and  $\theta(t) \rightarrow +\infty$  as  $t \rightarrow +\infty$ .

**Definition 2.** A collection of weights  $\mathcal{P}$  is said to be radical if for any  $\varepsilon \in ]0, 1]$  and  $p \in \mathcal{P}$  there exist a weight  $p_\varepsilon \in \mathcal{P}$  and a number  $R_p(\varepsilon) > 0$  such that  $p_\varepsilon < R_p(\varepsilon)p^\varepsilon$ .

**Definition 3.** A function  $q \in PC_1(\mathbb{R}^+)$  is said to be moderately discontinuous if  $q$  is strictly positive and there exists a number  $c_q > 0$  such that  $q(t^* + 0) \geq c_q q(t^* - 0)$  for any discontinuity point  $t^*$  of  $q$ .

**Theorem 2.** *Suppose that  $\mathcal{P}$  is radical and each  $p \in \mathcal{P}$  is left-continuous, moderately discontinuous, and bounded away from zero by some constant  $C_p > 1$ . If for any  $p \in \mathcal{P}$  the conditions  $\lambda[p] = 0$  and  $p(t) \rightarrow +\infty$  as  $t \rightarrow +\infty$  hold, then  $\mathfrak{N}_n[\mathcal{P}]$  is  $\Gamma_{\mathcal{P}}$ -ultimate with  $\Gamma_{\mathcal{P}} = \{\xi(\ln p, \delta, t_p) : p \in \mathcal{P}, \delta \in ]0, 1]\} \subset \mathbb{T}_0$ , where the mapping  $\mathcal{P} \ni p \mapsto t_p \in \mathbb{R}^+$  is arbitrary.*

**Corollary 1.** *If  $\mathcal{P}$  is radical and each  $p \in \mathcal{P}$  satisfy the conditions  $\lambda[p] = 0$  and  $p(t) \rightarrow +\infty$  as  $t \rightarrow +\infty$ , then  $\mathfrak{N}_n[\mathcal{P}]$  is  $\Gamma$ -ultimate for some appropriate  $\Gamma \subset \mathbb{T}_0$ .*

**Remark.** It can be easily observed from the proof that the inequality

$$\Lambda(\mathfrak{N}_n[\mathcal{P}]) \leq \sup_{\tau \in \Gamma_{\mathcal{P}}} \Omega(A, \tau)$$

follows from the conditions  $\lambda[p] = 0$  and  $p(t) \rightarrow +\infty$  as  $t \rightarrow +\infty$ , whereas the rest of conditions of Theorem 2 is used only to prove the opposite relation. So we are motivated to consider some radicalization operation on weight collections.

**Corollary 2.** *Any collection of weights  $\mathcal{P}$  such that each  $p \in \mathcal{P}$  satisfies the conditions  $\lambda[p] = 0$  and  $p(t) \rightarrow +\infty$  as  $t \rightarrow +\infty$  may be extended to a collection  $\bar{\mathcal{P}}$  such that  $\mathfrak{N}_n[\bar{\mathcal{P}}]$  is  $\Gamma$ -ultimate for some appropriate  $\Gamma \subset \mathbb{T}_0$ .*

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