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A NOTE ON ITERATIVE SOLUTIONS OF AN ITERATIVE FUNCTIONAL DIFFERENTIAL EQUATION*

ЗАУВАЖЕННЯ ЩОДО ІТЕРАЦІЙНИХ РОЗВ'ЯЗКІВ ІТЕРАТИВНИХ ФУНКЦІОНАЛЬНО-ДИФЕРЕНЦІАЛЬНИХ РІВНЯНЬ

We propose an iterative method for solving the iterative functional differential equation

$$x''(t) = \lambda_1 x(t) + \lambda_2 x^{[2]}(t) + \ldots + \lambda_n x^{[n]}(t) + f(t).$$

Запропоновано ітераційний метод знаходження розв'язків ітеративного функціонально-диференціального рівняння

$$x''(t) = \lambda_1 x(t) + \lambda_2 x^{[2]}(t) + \ldots + \lambda_n x^{[n]}(t) + f(t).$$

1. Introduction. Second-order functional differential equation

$$x''(t) = H(t, x(t - \tau_0(t)), x(t - \tau_1(t)), x^{[2]}(t), \dots, x(t - \tau_n(t)))$$

has been studied in [1] and [5]. If take $\tau_i(t) = t - x^{[i-1]}(t)$, we obtain iterative functional differential equations of the form

$$x''(t) = H(t, x^{[0]}(t), x^{[1]}(t), x^{[2]}(t), \dots, x^{[n]}(t)),$$

where $x^{[0]}(t) = t$, $x^{[1]}(t) = x(t)$, $x^{[2]}(t) = x(x(t))$,..., $x^{[n]}(t) = x(x^{[n-1]}(t))$. Petahov [9] considers the iterative functional differential equation

$$x''(t) = cx(x(t))$$

and obtains an existence theorem for solutions. Later, Si and Wang [11] study

$$x''(x^{[r]}(t)) = c_0 t + c_1 x(t) + c_2 x^{[2]}(t) + \dots + x^{[n]}(t),$$

and show the existence theorem of analytic solutions. Some various properties of solutions for several second-order iterative functional differential equations, we refer the interested reader to [12-16].

In this paper, we intend to determine explicit approximate solutions, with given initial values, of equations of the form

$$x''(t) = \lambda_1 x(t) + \lambda_2 x^{[2]}(t) + \dots + \lambda_n x^{[n]}(t) + f(t).$$
(1.1)

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To the best of our knowledge, there are little results about approximate solutions for iterative functional differential equations. There exists several perturbative methods to determine explicit approximate solutions [6, 8, 10], most of them require a small perturbative parameter. In this paper, our iteration schemes inspired by [2-4, 7]. For convenience, we will make use $C^1(I,I)$ to denote the set of all continuous differential functions from closed interval I to I with the norm $\|x\| = \sup_{t \in I} |x(t)|$. For M > 0, define

$$C_M^1(I) = \Big\{ \varphi \in C^1(I, I) \Big| |\varphi(t_2) - \varphi(t_1)| \le M|t_2 - t_1| \text{ for all } t, \ t_1, \ t_2 \in \mathbb{R} \Big\}.$$

It is easy to see $C_M^1(I)$ is closed convex and bounded subsets of $C^1(I,I)$.

2. Convergence of the sequence of approximate solutions. Now we will use iteration method to solve Eq. (1.1), where f is a continuous function on a domain $I = [\alpha - \delta, \alpha + \delta]$.

Lemma 2.1. For any $x, y \in C^1_M(I)$, $t_1, t_2 \in \mathbb{R}$, the following inequality holds:

$$||x^{[k]} - y^{[k]}|| \le \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} M^j ||x - y||, \quad k = 1, 2, \dots$$
 (2.1)

Proof. It can be obtained by direct calculation by the definition of $C_M^1(I)$. Noting the kth step equation for (1.1) is

$$x_{k+1}''(t) = \lambda_1 x_{k+1}(t) + \lambda_2 x_k^{[2]}(t) + \dots + \lambda_n x_k^{[n]}(t) + f(t), \quad t \in [\alpha - \delta, \alpha + \delta], \tag{2.2}$$

with $x_{k+1}(\alpha) = \alpha, x'_{k+1}(\alpha) = \beta$ and $\lambda_1 < 0$, where $x_0(t)$ is an initial function, α and β are given real numbers. Integrating (2.2), we obtain

$$x_{k+1}(t) = \alpha \cos\left(\sqrt{-\lambda_1}(t-\alpha)\right) + \frac{\beta}{\sqrt{-\lambda_1}} \sin\left(\sqrt{-\lambda_1}(t-\alpha)\right) - \frac{1}{\sqrt{-\lambda_1}} \sum_{i=2}^n \lambda_i \cos\sqrt{-\lambda_1} t \int_{\alpha}^t x_k^{[i]}(s) \sin\sqrt{-\lambda_1} s ds - \frac{1}{\sqrt{-\lambda_1}} \cos\sqrt{-\lambda_1} t \int_{\alpha}^t f(s) \sin\sqrt{-\lambda_1} s ds + \frac{1}{\sqrt{-\lambda_1}} \sum_{i=2}^n \lambda_i \sin\sqrt{-\lambda_1} t \int_{\alpha}^t x_k^{[i]}(s) \cos\sqrt{-\lambda_1} s ds + \frac{1}{\sqrt{-\lambda_1}} \sin\sqrt{-\lambda_1} t \int_{\alpha}^t f(s) \cos\sqrt{-\lambda_1} s ds = \frac{1}{\sqrt{-\lambda_1}} \sin\sqrt{-\lambda_1} t \int_{\alpha}^t f(s) \cos\sqrt{-\lambda_1} s ds = \frac{1}{\sqrt{-\lambda_1}} \sin\sqrt{-\lambda_1} t \int_{\alpha}^t f(s) \cos\sqrt{-\lambda_1} s ds = \frac{1}{\sqrt{-\lambda_1}} \sin\sqrt{-\lambda_1} t \int_{\alpha}^t f(s) \cos\sqrt{-\lambda_1} s ds = \frac{1}{\sqrt{-\lambda_1}} \sin\sqrt{-\lambda_1} t \int_{\alpha}^t f(s) \cos\sqrt{-\lambda_1} s ds = \frac{1}{\sqrt{-\lambda_1}} \sin\sqrt{-\lambda_1} t \int_{\alpha}^t f(s) \cos\sqrt{-\lambda_1} s ds = \frac{1}{\sqrt{-\lambda_1}} \sin\sqrt{-\lambda_1} t \int_{\alpha}^t f(s) \cos\sqrt{-\lambda_1} s ds = \frac{1}{\sqrt{-\lambda_1}} \sin\sqrt{-\lambda_1} t \int_{\alpha}^t f(s) \sin\sqrt{-\lambda_1} t ds = \frac{1}{\sqrt{-\lambda_1}} \sin\sqrt{-\lambda_1} t \int_{\alpha}^t f(s) \sin\sqrt{-\lambda_1} t ds = \frac{1}{\sqrt{-\lambda_1}} \sin\sqrt{-\lambda_1} t \int_{\alpha}^t f(s) \sin\sqrt{-\lambda_1} t ds = \frac{1}{\sqrt{-\lambda_1}} \sin\sqrt{-\lambda_1} t \int_{\alpha}^t f(s) \sin\sqrt{-\lambda_1} t ds = \frac{1}{\sqrt{-\lambda_1}} \sin\sqrt{-\lambda_1} t \int_{\alpha}^t f(s) \sin\sqrt{-\lambda_1} t ds = \frac{1}{\sqrt{-\lambda_1}} \sin\sqrt{-\lambda_1} t \int_{\alpha}^t f(s) \sin\sqrt{-\lambda_1} t ds = \frac{1}{\sqrt{-\lambda_1}} \sin\sqrt{-\lambda_1} t \int_{\alpha}^t f(s) \sin\sqrt{-\lambda_1} t ds = \frac{1}{\sqrt{-\lambda_1}} \sin\sqrt{-\lambda_1} t \int_{\alpha}^t f(s) \sin\sqrt{-\lambda_1} t ds = \frac{1}{\sqrt{-\lambda_1}} \sin\sqrt{-\lambda_1} t \int_{\alpha}^t f(s) \sin\sqrt{-\lambda_1} t ds = \frac{1}{\sqrt{-\lambda_1}} \sin\sqrt{-\lambda_1} t \int_{\alpha}^t f(s) \sin\sqrt{-\lambda_1} t ds = \frac{1}{\sqrt{-\lambda_1}} \sin\sqrt{-\lambda_1} t \int_{\alpha}^t f(s) \sin\sqrt{-\lambda_1} t ds = \frac{1}{\sqrt{-\lambda_1}} \sin\sqrt{-\lambda_1} t \int_{\alpha}^t f(s) \sin\sqrt{-\lambda_1} t ds = \frac{1}{\sqrt{-\lambda_1}} \sin\sqrt{-\lambda_1} t \int_{\alpha}^t f(s) \sin\sqrt{-\lambda_1} t ds = \frac{1}{\sqrt{-\lambda_1}} \sin\sqrt{-\lambda_1} t \int_{\alpha}^t f(s) \sin\sqrt{-\lambda_1} t ds = \frac{1}{\sqrt{-\lambda_1}} \sin\sqrt{-\lambda_1} t \int_{\alpha}^t f(s) \sin\sqrt{-\lambda_1} t ds = \frac{1}{\sqrt{-\lambda_1}} \sin\sqrt{-\lambda_1} t \int_{\alpha}^t f(s) \sin\sqrt{-\lambda_1} t ds = \frac{1}{\sqrt{-\lambda_1}} \sin\sqrt{-\lambda_1} t \int_{\alpha}^t f(s) \sin\sqrt{-\lambda_1} t ds = \frac{1}{\sqrt{-\lambda_1}} \sin\sqrt{-\lambda_1} t \int_{\alpha}^t f(s) \sin\sqrt{-\lambda_1} t ds = \frac{1}{\sqrt{-\lambda_1}} \sin\sqrt{-\lambda_1} t \int_{\alpha}^t f(s) \sin\sqrt{-\lambda_1} t ds = \frac{1}{\sqrt{-\lambda_1}} \sin\sqrt{-\lambda_1} t \int_{\alpha}^t f(s) \sin\sqrt{-\lambda_1} t ds = \frac{1}{\sqrt{-\lambda_1}} \sin\sqrt{-\lambda_1} t ds = \frac{1}{\sqrt{-\lambda_1}} \sin\sqrt{-\lambda_1} t ds = \frac{1}{\sqrt{-\lambda_1}} t \int_{\alpha}^t f(s) \sin\sqrt{-\lambda_1} t ds = \frac{1}{\sqrt{-\lambda_1}} t ds = \frac{1}{\sqrt{-\lambda_1}} t \int_{\alpha}^t f(s) \sin\sqrt{-\lambda_1} t ds = \frac{1}{\sqrt{-\lambda_1}} t \int_{\alpha}^t f(s) \sin\sqrt{-\lambda_1} t ds = \frac{1}{\sqrt{-\lambda_1}} t \int_{\alpha}^t f(s) \sin\sqrt{-\lambda_1} t ds = \frac{1}{\sqrt{-\lambda_1}} t ds = \frac{1}{\sqrt{-\lambda_1}} t \int_{\alpha}^t f(s)$$

$$+\frac{1}{\sqrt{-\lambda_1}} \sum_{i=2}^{n} \lambda_i \int_{\alpha}^{t} x_k^{[i]}(s) \sin \sqrt{-\lambda_1} (t-s) ds +$$

$$+\frac{1}{\sqrt{-\lambda_1}} \int_{\alpha}^{t} f(s) \sin \sqrt{-\lambda_1} (t-s) ds, \qquad (2.3)$$

where

$$\sin\sqrt{-\lambda_1}\nu = \frac{\alpha}{\sqrt{\alpha^2 - \frac{\beta^2}{\lambda_1}}}.$$

Next we will show sequence $\{x_k(t)\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$ convergent to x(t) which is the solution of (1.1) if we take any x_0 satisfies $x_0(t) \in I$ for any $t \in I$.

Theorem 2.1. Let $I = [\alpha - \delta, \alpha + \delta], \ \lambda_1 < 0, \ and \ the following conditions hold:$

(i)

$$\sqrt{\beta^2 - \alpha^2 \lambda_1} + L\delta \sum_{i=2}^n |\lambda_i| + L'\delta \le \min\{M, 1\}, \tag{2.4}$$

where $L = \max\{|\alpha - \delta|, |\alpha + \delta|\};$

(ii)

$$\frac{\delta}{\sqrt{-\lambda_1}} \sum_{i=2}^{n} \sum_{j=0}^{i-1} M^j |\lambda_i| < 1.$$
 (2.5)

Then, for any $||f|| \leq L'$, (1.1) has a solution in $C_M^1(I)$.

Proof. First, we need $x_k \in C^1_M(I)$, $k=1,2,\ldots$, for any $t \in I$. We will prove it by induction. It is easy to find $x_1 \in C^1_M(I)$ if we take any x_0 such that $x_0(t) \in I$ for any $t \in I$. Assume $x_k \in C^1_M(I)$, $k \geq 2$. By (2.3), it is obvious that $x_{k+1}(\alpha) = \alpha, x'_{k+1}(\alpha) = \beta$. From (2.4), we have

$$|x_{k+1}(t) - \alpha| = |x_{k+1}(t) - x_{k+1}(\alpha)| \le$$

$$\le \left(\sqrt{\beta^2 - \alpha^2 \lambda_1} + L\delta \sum_{i=2}^n |\lambda_i| + L'\delta\right) |t - \alpha| \le \delta$$

and

$$|x_{k+1}(t_2) - x_{k+1}(t_1)| \le$$

$$\le \left(\sqrt{\beta^2 - \alpha^2 \lambda_1} + L\delta \sum_{i=2}^n |\lambda_i| + L'\delta\right) |t_2 - t_1| \le M|t_2 - t_1|.$$

This proves that x_{k+1} belongs to $C_M^1(I)$.

By (2.1), it is obviously that

$$\sup_{t \in [\alpha - \delta, \alpha + \delta]} |x_{k+1}(t) - x_k(t)| \le \frac{\delta}{\sqrt{-\lambda_1}} \sum_{i=2}^n |\lambda_i| \sup_{t \in [\alpha - \delta, \alpha + \delta]} |x_k^{[i]}(t) - x_{k-1}^{[i]}(t)| \le \frac{\delta}{\sqrt{-\lambda_1}} \sum_{i=2}^n \sum_{j=0}^{i-1} M^j |\lambda_i| \|x_k - x_{k-1}\|,$$

i.e.,

$$||x_{k+1} - x_k|| \le \Gamma ||x_k - x_{k-1}||,$$

where

$$\Gamma = \frac{\delta}{\sqrt{-\lambda_1}} \sum_{i=2}^{n} \sum_{j=0}^{i-1} M^j |\lambda_i|.$$

Therefore,

$$||x_{k+1} - x_k|| \le \Gamma^{k-1} ||x_2 - x_1||. \tag{2.6}$$

Now, let us go back to Eq. (1.1) and its solution $x_k(t)$ as given in (2.3). Let

$$x_m(t) = x_1(t) + \sum_{k=1}^{m-1} (x_{k+1} - x_k).$$

We shall show that $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left(x_{k+1}(t) - x_k(t)\right)$ converges on the interval $[\alpha - \delta, \alpha + \delta]$. This would imply that $x_m(t)$ has a limit on this interval as $m \to \infty$. Clearly to show the convergence of $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left(x_{k+1}(t) - x_k(t)\right)$. From (2.5), series

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \|x_{k+1} - x_k\| \le \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \Gamma^{k-1} \|x_2 - x_1\| = \frac{1}{1 - \Gamma} \|x_2 - x_1\|$$

converges.

This shows that $\{x_m(t)\}\$ is a Cauchy sequence under the supreme norm and, therefore, converges uniformly to a continuous function x(t) on $[\alpha - \delta, \alpha + \delta]$. Thus,

$$x(t) = \lim_{k \to \infty} x_{k+1}(t) = \sqrt{\alpha^2 - \frac{\beta^2}{\lambda_1}} \sin\left(\sqrt{-\lambda_1}(\nu + t - \alpha)\right) +$$

$$+ \frac{1}{\sqrt{-\lambda_1}} \sum_{i=2}^n \lambda_i \int_{\alpha}^t \lim_{k \to \infty} x_k^{[i]}(s) \sin\sqrt{-\lambda_1}(t - s) ds +$$

$$+ \frac{1}{\sqrt{-\lambda_1}} \int_{\alpha}^t f(s) \sin\sqrt{-\lambda_1}(t - s) ds =$$

$$= \sqrt{\alpha^2 - \frac{\beta^2}{\lambda_1}} \sin\left(\sqrt{-\lambda_1}(\nu + t - \alpha)\right) +$$

$$+\frac{1}{\sqrt{-\lambda_1}} \sum_{i=2}^{n} \lambda_i \int_{\alpha}^{t} x_k^{[i]}(s) \sin \sqrt{-\lambda_1} (t-s) ds +$$

$$+\frac{1}{\sqrt{-\lambda_1}} \int_{\alpha}^{t} f(s) \sin \sqrt{-\lambda_1} (t-s) ds. \tag{2.7}$$

By direct substitution of (2.7) in (1.1), we show that x(t) satisfies this equation. In addition (2.7) also shows that $x(\alpha) = \alpha$ and $x'(\alpha) = \beta$. Then x(t) satisfies (1.1) along the required initial conditions. In consequence, the sequence of functions given by $S = \{x_0(t), x_1(t), \dots, x_m(t) \dots \}$ can be considered as approximate solutions of Eq. (1.1).

Theorem 2.1 is proved.

Now, we shall give the result for $\lambda_1 > 0$. Integrating (2.2), we obtain

$$x_{k+1}(t) = \frac{1}{2} \left(\left(\alpha + \frac{\beta}{\sqrt{\lambda_1}} \right) e^{\sqrt{\lambda_1}(t-\alpha)} + \left(\alpha - \frac{\beta}{\sqrt{\lambda_1}} \right) e^{\sqrt{\lambda_1}(\alpha-t)} + \right.$$

$$+ \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda_1}} \sum_{i=2}^n \lambda_i e^{\sqrt{\lambda_1}t} \int_{\alpha}^t x_k^{[i]}(s) e^{-\sqrt{\lambda_1}s} ds + \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda_1}} e^{\sqrt{\lambda_1}t} \int_{\alpha}^t f(s) e^{-\sqrt{\lambda_1}s} ds -$$

$$- \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda_1}} \sum_{i=2}^n \lambda_i e^{-\sqrt{\lambda_1}t} \int_{\alpha}^t x_k^{[i]}(s) e^{\sqrt{\lambda_1}s} ds - \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda_1}} e^{-\sqrt{\lambda_1}t} \int_{\alpha}^t f(s) e^{\sqrt{\lambda_1}s} ds \right) =$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left(\left(\alpha + \frac{\beta}{\sqrt{\lambda_1}} \right) e^{\sqrt{\lambda_1}(t-\alpha)} + \left(\alpha - \frac{\beta}{\sqrt{\lambda_1}} \right) e^{\sqrt{\lambda_1}(\alpha-t)} + \right.$$

$$+ \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda_1}} \sum_{i=2}^n \lambda_i \int_{\alpha}^t x_k^{[i]}(s) e^{\sqrt{\lambda_1}(t-s)} ds + \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda_1}} \int_{\alpha}^t f(s) e^{\sqrt{\lambda_1}(t-s)} ds -$$

$$- \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda_1}} \sum_{i=2}^n \lambda_i \int_{\alpha}^t x_k^{[i]}(s) e^{\sqrt{\lambda_1}(s-t)} ds - \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda_1}} \int_{\alpha}^t f(s) e^{\sqrt{\lambda_1}(s-t)} ds \right).$$

$$(2.8)$$

Theorem 2.2. Let $I = [\alpha - \delta, \alpha + \delta]$, $\lambda_1 > 0$, and the following conditions hold: (i)

$$\sqrt{\lambda_1} \left(\alpha + \frac{\beta}{\sqrt{\lambda_1}} \right) e^{\sqrt{\lambda_1}\delta} + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\lambda_1}} \left(e^{\sqrt{\lambda_1}\delta} - e^{-\sqrt{\lambda_1}\delta} \right) \left(L' + L \sum_{i=2}^n |\lambda_i| \right) \le \min\{M, 1\}, \quad (2.9)$$

where $L = \max\{|\alpha - \delta|, |\alpha + \delta|\};$ (ii)

$$\frac{1}{2\lambda_1} \left(e^{\sqrt{\lambda_1}(\alpha+\delta)} - e^{-\sqrt{\lambda_1}(\alpha+\delta)} \right) \sum_{i=2}^n \sum_{j=0}^{i-1} M^j |\lambda_i| < 1. \tag{2.10}$$

If we take $x_0 \in C^1(I, I)$, then for any $||f|| \leq L'$, Eq. (1.1) has a solution in $C^1_M(I)$.

Proof. Similar as Theorem 2.1, if we take any $x_0 \in C^1(I, I)$, easy to see that x_1 belongs to $C^1_M(I)$. Assume $x_k(\alpha) = \alpha$ and $x'_k(\alpha) = \beta$, by (2.8), it is obviously $x_{k+1}(\alpha) = \alpha$ and $x'_{k+1}(\alpha) = \beta$. Furthermore, by (2.9),

$$|x_{k+1}(t) - \alpha| = |x_{k+1}(t) - x_{k+1}(\alpha)| \le$$

$$\le \left(\sqrt{\lambda_1} \left(\alpha + \frac{\beta}{\sqrt{\lambda_1}}\right) e^{\sqrt{\lambda_1}\delta} + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\lambda_1}} \left(e^{\sqrt{\lambda_1}\delta} - e^{-\sqrt{\lambda_1}\delta}\right) \left(L' + L\sum_{i=2}^n |\lambda_i|\right)\right) |t - \alpha| \le \delta$$

and

$$|x_{k+1}(t_2) - x_{k+1}(t_1)| \le$$

$$\le \left(\sqrt{\lambda_1} \left(\alpha + \frac{\beta}{\sqrt{\lambda_1}}\right) e^{\sqrt{\lambda_1}\delta} + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\lambda_1}} \left(e^{\sqrt{\lambda_1}\delta} - e^{-\sqrt{\lambda_1}\delta}\right) \left(L' + L\sum_{i=2}^n |\lambda_i|\right)\right) |t_2 - t_1| \le$$

$$\le M|t_2 - t_1|.$$

This proves that x_{k+1} belongs to $C_M^1(I)$.

Using (2.1), we see that

$$\sup_{t \in [\alpha - \delta, \alpha + \delta]} \left| x_{k+1}(t) - x_k(t) \right| \le$$

$$\le \frac{1}{2\lambda_1} \left(e^{\sqrt{\lambda_1}t} - e^{-\sqrt{\lambda_1}t} \right) \sum_{i=2}^n \left| \lambda_i \right| \sup_{t \in [\alpha - \delta, \alpha + \delta]} \left| x_k^{[i]}(t) - x_{k-1}^{[i]}(t) \right| \le$$

$$\le \frac{1}{2\lambda_1} \left(e^{\sqrt{\lambda_1}(\alpha + \delta)} - e^{-\sqrt{\lambda_1}(\alpha + \delta)} \right) \sum_{i=2}^n \sum_{j=0}^{i-1} M^j |\lambda_i| ||x_k - x_{k-1}||,$$

i.e.,

$$||x_{k+1} - x_k|| \le \Gamma_1 ||x_k - x_{k-1}||,$$

where

$$\Gamma_1 = \frac{1}{2\lambda_1} \left(e^{\sqrt{\lambda_1}(\alpha + \delta)} - e^{-\sqrt{\lambda_1}(\alpha + \delta)} \right) \sum_{i=2}^n \sum_{j=0}^{i-1} M^j |\lambda_i|.$$

Therefore,

$$||x_{k+1} - x_k|| \le \Gamma_1^{k-1} ||x_2 - x_1||. \tag{2.11}$$

Now, let us go back to Eq. (1.1) and its solution $x_k(t)$ as given in (2.8). Let

$$x_m(t) = x_1(t) + \sum_{k=1}^{m-1} (x_{k+1} - x_k).$$

We shall show that $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left(x_{k+1}(t) - x_k(t)\right)$ converges on the interval $[\alpha - \delta, \alpha + \delta]$. This would imply that $x_m(t)$ has a limit on this interval as $m \to \infty$. Clearly to show the convergence of

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (x_{k+1}(t) - x_k(t))$$
. From (2.10), series

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} ||x_{k+1} - x_k|| \le \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \Gamma_1^{k-1} ||x_2 - x_1|| = \frac{1}{1 - \Gamma_1} ||x_2 - x_1||$$

converges.

This shows that $\{x_m(t)\}$ is a Cauchy sequence under the supreme norm and, therefore, converges uniformly to a continuous function x(t) on $[\alpha - \delta, \alpha + \delta]$. Thus,

$$x(t) = \lim_{k \to \infty} x_{k+1}(t) =$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left(\left(\alpha + \frac{\beta}{\sqrt{\lambda_1}} \right) e^{\sqrt{\lambda_1}(t-\alpha)} + \left(\alpha - \frac{\beta}{\sqrt{\lambda_1}} \right) e^{\sqrt{\lambda_1}(\alpha-t)} + \right.$$

$$+ \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda_1}} \sum_{i=2}^n \lambda_i \int_{\alpha}^t \lim_{k \to \infty} x_k^{[i]}(s) e^{\sqrt{\lambda_1}(t-s)} ds + \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda_1}} \int_{\alpha}^t f(s) e^{\sqrt{\lambda_1}(t-s)} ds -$$

$$- \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda_1}} \sum_{i=2}^n \lambda_i \int_{\alpha}^t \lim_{k \to \infty} x_k^{[i]}(s) e^{\sqrt{\lambda_1}(s-t)} ds - \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda_1}} \int_{\alpha}^t f(s) e^{\sqrt{\lambda_1}(s-t)} ds \right) =$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left(\left(\alpha + \frac{\beta}{\sqrt{\lambda_1}} \right) e^{\sqrt{\lambda_1}(t-\alpha)} + \left(\alpha - \frac{\beta}{\sqrt{\lambda_1}} \right) e^{\sqrt{\lambda_1}(\alpha-t)} + \right.$$

$$+ \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda_1}} \sum_{i=2}^n \lambda_i \int_{\alpha}^t x^{[i]}(s) e^{\sqrt{\lambda_1}(t-s)} ds + \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda_1}} \int_{\alpha}^t f(s) e^{\sqrt{\lambda_1}(t-s)} ds -$$

$$- \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda_1}} \sum_{i=2}^n \lambda_i \int_{\alpha}^t x^{[i]}(s) e^{\sqrt{\lambda_1}(s-t)} ds - \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda_1}} \int_{\alpha}^t f(s) e^{\sqrt{\lambda_1}(s-t)} ds \right). \tag{2.12}$$

By direct substitution of (2.12) in (1.1), we show that x(t) satisfies this equation. In addition (2.12) also shows that $x(\alpha) = \alpha$ and $x'(\alpha) = \beta$. Then x(t) satisfies (1.1) along the required initial conditions. In consequence, the sequence of functions given by $S = \{x_0(t), x_1(t), \dots, x_m(t), \dots\}$ can be considered as approximate solutions of Eq. (1.1).

Theorem 2.2 is proved.

3. Examples. In this section, some examples will be showed.

Example **3.1.** Now, we will show that the conditions in Theorem 2.1 do not self-contradict. Consider the equation

$$x''(t) = -25x(t) + x(x(t)) + \sin t, (3.1)$$

where
$$\lambda_1=-25,\ \lambda_2=1,\ f(t)=\sin t.$$
 Here, $\alpha=0,\ \beta=\frac{1}{3}.$ Take $L=\delta=\frac{1}{10},\ M=1,$ $L'=1,x_0=\frac{1}{12},$ a simple calculation yields

$$\sqrt{\beta^2 - \alpha^2 \lambda_1} + L\delta |\lambda_2| + L'\delta = \frac{133}{300} \le 1 = \min\{M, 1\},$$

and

$$\frac{\delta}{\sqrt{-\lambda_1}} |\lambda_2| \sum_{j=0}^{1} M^j = \frac{1}{25} < 1.$$

Then (2.4) and (2.5) are satisfied. By Theorem 2.1, equation (3.1) has sequence of approximate solutions $\{x_k\}, k \geq 0$, such that $\left|x_k(t_2) - x_k(t_1)\right| = \left| \leq |t_2 - t_1| \ \forall t_1, t_2 \in \left[-\frac{1}{10}, \frac{1}{10}\right]$. Here,

$$\begin{aligned} x_{k+1}(t) &= \frac{1}{15}\sin 5t + \frac{1}{5}\int\limits_0^t x_k^{[2]}(s)\sin 5(t-s)ds + \frac{1}{5}\int\limits_0^t \sin s\sin 5(t-s)ds = \\ &= \frac{7}{120}\sin 5t + \frac{1}{24}\sin t + \frac{1}{5}\int\limits_0^t x_k^{[2]}(s)\sin 5(t-s)ds. \end{aligned}$$

Moreover, we can find $x_k(0)=0$ and $x_k'(0)=\frac{1}{3}$, then Eq. (3.1) has a solution in $C_M^1\left(\left[-\frac{1}{10},\frac{1}{10}\right]\right)$.

Example 3.2. Now, we will show that the conditions in Theorem 2.2 do not self-contradict. Consider the equation

$$x''(t) = 25x(t) + x(x(t)) + \sin t, (3.2)$$

where $\lambda_1=25,\ \lambda_2=1,\ f(t)=\sin t.$ Here, $\alpha=0,\ \beta=\frac{1}{3}.$ Take $L=\delta=\frac{1}{10},\ M=1,\ L'=1,$ $x_0=\frac{1}{12},$ a simple calculation yields

$$\sqrt{\lambda_1} \left(\alpha + \frac{\beta}{\sqrt{\lambda_1}} \right) e^{\sqrt{\lambda_1} \delta} + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\lambda_1}} \left(e^{\sqrt{\lambda_1} \delta} - e^{-\sqrt{\lambda_1} \delta} \right) \left(L' + L|\lambda_2| \right) < 0.665 \le 1 = \min\{M, 1\}$$

and

$$\frac{1}{2\lambda_1} \left(e^{\sqrt{\lambda_1}(\alpha+\delta)} - e^{-\sqrt{\lambda_1}(\alpha+\delta)} \right) |\lambda_2| (1+M) < 0.209 < 1.$$

Then (2.9) and (2.10) are satisfied. By Theorem 2.2, equation (3.2) has sequence of approximate solutions $\{x_k\}$, $k \ge 0$ such that $\left|x_k(t_2) - x_k(t_1)\right| \le |t_2 - t_1| \ \forall t_1, t_2 \in \left[-\frac{1}{10}, \frac{1}{10}\right]$. Here,

$$x_{k+1}(t) = \frac{1}{30} \left(e^{5t} - e^{-5t} \right) + \frac{1}{5} \int_{0}^{t} \left(x_{k}^{[2]}(s) + \sin s \right) \left(e^{5(t-s)} - e^{5(s-t)} \right) ds.$$

Moreover, we can find $x_k(0) = 0$ and $x_k'(0) = \frac{1}{3}$, then Eq. (3.2) has a solution in $C_M^1\left(\left[-\frac{1}{10}, \frac{1}{10}\right]\right)$.

Example 3.3. Consider the equation

$$x''(t) = \lambda x(t) + x(x(t)) + \sin t, \tag{3.3}$$

where $\lambda_1 = \lambda$, $\lambda_2 = 1$, $f(t) = \sin t$. Here, $\alpha = 0$, $\beta = \frac{1}{3}$, take $L = \frac{1}{10}$, $\delta = \delta$, M = M, L' = 1. We shall study (3.3) with $\lambda < 0$ or $\lambda > 0$.

If $\lambda < 0$, then

$$\sqrt{\beta^2 - \alpha^2 \lambda_1} + L\delta |\lambda_2| + L'\delta = \frac{1}{3} + \frac{11}{10}\delta \le \min\{M, 1\}$$

and

$$\frac{\delta}{\sqrt{-\lambda_1}}|\lambda_2|(1+M) = \frac{\delta(1+M)}{\sqrt{-\lambda}} < 1$$

or

$$0 < \delta \le \frac{10}{11}M - \frac{10}{33}, \qquad \delta < \frac{\sqrt{-\lambda}}{1+M}, \quad 0 < M < 1,$$
 $0 < \delta \le \frac{20}{33}, \qquad \delta < \frac{\sqrt{-\lambda}}{1+M}, \quad M \ge 1.$

We see that the range of δ depend on the value of M and λ , i.e.,

$$0 < \delta \le \frac{10}{11}M - \frac{10}{33}, \quad \text{if} \quad \lambda < -\frac{100}{1089}(1+M)^2(3M-1)^2, \quad 0 < M < 1,$$

$$0 < \delta < \frac{\sqrt{-\lambda}}{1+M}, \quad \text{if} \quad -\frac{100}{1089}(1+M)^2(3M-1)^2 \le \lambda < 0, \quad 0 < M < 1,$$

$$0 < \delta \le \frac{20}{33}, \quad \text{if} \quad \lambda < -\frac{400}{1089}(1+M)^2, \quad M \ge 1,$$

$$0 < \delta < \frac{\sqrt{-\lambda}}{1+M}, \quad \text{if} \quad -\frac{400}{1089}(1+M)^2 \le \lambda < 0, \quad M \ge 1.$$

$$(3.4)$$

Then (2.4) and (2.5) are satisfied. By Theorem 2.1, equation (3.3) has sequence of approximate solutions $\{x_k\}$, $k \geq 0$, such that $|x_k(t_2) - x_k(t_1)| \leq M|t_2 - t_1| \ \forall t_1, t_2 \in [-\delta, \delta]$. Here take $x_0 \in C^1([-\delta, \delta], [-\delta, \delta])$ and

$$x_{k+1}(t) = \frac{1}{3\sqrt{-\lambda}}\sin(\sqrt{-\lambda}t) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{-\lambda}}\int_{0}^{t} x_{k}^{[2]}(s)\sin(\sqrt{-\lambda}(t-s))ds + \frac{1}{\sqrt{-\lambda}}\int_{0}^{t} f(s)\sin(\sqrt{-\lambda}(t-s))ds.$$

Moreover, we see that $x_k(0) = 0$ and $x_k'(0) = \frac{1}{3}$. Then Eq. (3.3) has a solution in $C_M^1([-\delta, \delta])$.

If $\lambda > 0$, then

$$\sqrt{\lambda_1} \left(\alpha + \frac{\beta}{\sqrt{\lambda_1}} \right) e^{\sqrt{\lambda_1}\delta} + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\lambda_1}} \left(e^{\sqrt{\lambda_1}\delta} - e^{-\sqrt{\lambda_1}\delta} \right) \left(L' + L|\lambda_2| \right) =$$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{3} + \frac{11}{20\sqrt{\lambda}} \right) e^{\sqrt{\lambda}\delta} - \frac{11}{20\sqrt{\lambda}} e^{-\sqrt{\lambda}\delta} \le \min\{M, 1\}$$

and

$$\frac{1}{2\lambda_1} \left(e^{\sqrt{\lambda_1}(\alpha+\delta)} - e^{-\sqrt{\lambda_1}(\alpha+\delta)} \right) |\lambda_2| (1+M) = \frac{1}{2\lambda} \left(e^{\sqrt{\lambda}\delta} - e^{-\sqrt{\lambda}\delta} \right) (1+M) < 1$$

or

$$\delta < \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda}} \ln \frac{\sqrt{\lambda^2 + (1+M)^2 + \lambda}}{1+M} = H_1(\lambda, M)$$

and

$$0 < \delta \le \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda}} \ln \left(\frac{30}{20 + 33\sqrt{\lambda}} \left(\sqrt{\sqrt{\lambda}} M^2 + \frac{11}{15} + \frac{121}{100\sqrt{\lambda}} + 1 \right) \right) = H_2(\lambda, M), \quad 0 < M < 1,$$

$$0 < \delta \le \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda}} \ln \left(\sqrt{\frac{33}{33 + 20\sqrt{\lambda}} + \frac{90\lambda}{(20\sqrt{\lambda} + 33)^2}} + \frac{30\sqrt{\lambda}}{20\sqrt{\lambda} + 33} \right) = H_3(\lambda), \quad M \ge 1.$$

We see that the range of δ depend on the value of M and λ , i.e.,

$$0 < \delta < H_1(\lambda, M), \quad \text{if} \quad H_1(\lambda, M) < H_2(\lambda, M), \quad 0 < M < 1,$$

$$0 < \delta \le H_2(\lambda, M), \quad \text{if} \quad H_2(\lambda, M) < H_1(\lambda, M), \quad 0 < M < 1,$$

$$0 < \delta \le H_3(\lambda), \quad \text{if} \quad H_3(\lambda) < H_1(\lambda, M), \quad M \ge 1,$$

$$0 < \delta < H_1(\lambda, M), \quad \text{if} \quad H_1(\lambda, M) < H_3(\lambda), \quad M \ge 1.$$

$$(3.5)$$

Then (2.9) and (2.10) are satisfied. By Theorem 2.2, equation (3.3) has sequence of approximate solutions $\{x_k\}$, $k \geq 0$, such that $|x_k(t_2) - x_k(t_1)| \leq M|t_2 - t_1| \ \forall t_1, t_2 \in [-\delta, \delta]$. Here take $x_0 \in C^1([-\delta, \delta], [-\delta, \delta])$ and

$$x_{k+1}(t) = \frac{1}{6\sqrt{\lambda}} \left(e^{\sqrt{\lambda}t} - e^{-\sqrt{\lambda}t} \right) + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\lambda}} \int_{0}^{t} \left(\lambda_2 x_k^{[2]} + f(s) \right) \left(e^{\sqrt{\lambda}(t-s)} - e^{\sqrt{\lambda}(s-t)} \right) ds.$$

Moreover, we see that $x_k(0) = 0$ and $x_k'(0) = \frac{1}{3}$. Then Eq. (3.3) has a solution in $C_M^1([-\delta, \delta])$.

Remark 3.1. It is easy to see that $M=1,\ \lambda=-25$ and $0<\delta=\frac{1}{10}\leq\frac{20}{33}$ in Example 3.1, satisfies the third line of (3.4). In Example 3.2,

$$M=1, \qquad \lambda=25,$$

$$H_1(\lambda, M) = \frac{1}{5} \ln \left(\frac{25 + \sqrt{629}}{2} \right) > 0.644 > 0.10026 > \frac{1}{5} \ln \left(\frac{1}{133} (\sqrt{4839} + 150) \right) = H_3(\lambda)$$

and $\delta = 0.1 < H_3$, satisfies the third line of (3.5).

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