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**ON A PRIORI ESTIMATES OF SOLUTIONS OF
NONLINEAR FUNCTIONAL DIFFERENTIAL
INEQUALITIES OF HIGHER ORDER
WITH BOUNDARY CONDITIONS OF PERIODIC TYPE**

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In the present paper, we consider nonlinear functional differential inequalities appearing in the theory of boundary value problems (see [1]–[6] and the references therein) and formulate new results on a priori estimates of their solutions satisfying the boundary conditions of periodic type.

Let n be a natural number, $\omega > 0$, $C^{n-1}([0, \omega])$ be the space of $(n - 1)$ times continuously differentiable functions with the norm

$$\|u\|_{C^{n-1}} = \max \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n |u^{(i-1)}(t)| : 0 \leq t \leq \omega \right\},$$

and $L([0, \omega])$ be the space of Lebesgue integrable functions $v : [0, \omega] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ with the norm

$$\|v\|_L = \int_a^b |v(t)| dt.$$

On the interval $[0, \omega]$, let us consider the nonlinear differential inequality

$$\left| u^{(n)}(t) - p(u)(t)u(\tau(t)) \right| \leq q(t) \tag{1}$$

with the boundary conditions of periodic type

$$\sum_{i=1}^n |u^{(i-1)}(0) - u^{(i-1)}(\omega)| \leq c_0, \tag{2}$$

where $p : C^{n-1}([0, \omega]) \rightarrow L([0, \omega])$ is an operator, $q \in L([0, \omega])$ is a non-negative function, c_0 is a nonnegative number, and $\tau : [0, \omega] \rightarrow [0, \omega]$ is a measurable function.

The function $u : [0, \omega] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is said to be a **solution of the differential inequality (1)** if it is absolutely continuous together with its derivatives

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up to the order $n - 1$ inclusive and almost everywhere on $[0, \omega]$ satisfies the inequality (1).

A solution of the differential inequality (1) satisfying the condition (2) is called a **solution of the problem (1), (2)**.

For an arbitrary $v \in L([0, \omega])$ and a measurable function $w : [0, \omega] \rightarrow [0, \omega]$ we assume

$$\ell(v, w) = \left(\int_0^\omega |v(t)| |w(t) - t| dt \right)^{1/2}.$$

Theorem 1. *Let $n = 2m$ and let there exist $k \in \{0, 1\}$ and nonnegative functions $p_i : L([0, \omega])$ ($i = 0, 1$) such that*

$$p_0(t) \leq (-1)^{m+k} p(x)(t) \leq p_1(t) \text{ for } t \in [0, \omega] \text{ and } x \in C([0, \omega]).$$

Moreover, let

$$\int_0^\omega p_0(t) dt > 0 \tag{3}$$

and

$$(1 - k)p_1(t) + \frac{2\pi}{\omega} |p_1(t)|^{1/2} \ell(p_1, \tau) < \left(\frac{2\pi}{\omega} \right)^n \text{ for } t \in [0, \omega].$$

Then there exists a positive constant ρ , independent of p , q , and c_0 , such that an arbitrary solution of the problem (1), (2) admits the estimate

$$\|u\|_{C^{n-1}} \leq \rho(c_0 + \|q\|_L). \tag{4}$$

Corollary 1. *Let $n = 2m$ and there exist nonnegative functions $p_i \in L([0, \omega])$ ($i = 0, 1$) such that*

$$p_0(t) \leq (-1)^m p(x)(t) \leq p_1(t) \text{ for } t \in [0, \omega] \text{ and } x \in C^{m-1}([0, \omega]),$$

and the inequality (3) holds. Let, moreover,

$$|p_1(t)| + \left(\frac{2\pi}{\omega} \right)^{m+1} \ell(p_1, \tau) < \left(\frac{2\pi}{\omega} \right)^n \text{ for } t \in [0, \omega].$$

Then there exists a positive constant ρ , independent of p , q , and c_0 , such that an arbitrary solution of the problem (1), (2) admits the estimate (4).

Corollary 2. *Let $n = 2m$ and there exist nonnegative functions $p_i \in L([0, \omega])$ ($i = 0, 1$) such that*

$$p_0(t) \leq (-1)^{m-1} p(x)(t) \leq p_1(t) \text{ for } t \in [0, \omega] \text{ and } x \in C^{m-1}([0, \omega])$$

and the inequality (3) holds. Let, moreover,

$$|p_1(t)|^{1/2} \ell(p_1, \tau) < \left(\frac{2\pi}{\omega} \right)^{n-1} \text{ for } t \in [0, \omega]. \tag{5}$$

Then there exists a positive constant ρ , independent of p , q , and c_0 , such that every solution of the problem (1), (2) admits the estimate (4).

Theorem 2. Let $n = 2m + 1$ and there exist $k \in \{0, 1\}$ and nonnegative functions $p_i \in L([0, \omega])$ ($i = 0, 1$) such that

$$p_0(t) \leq (-1)^k p(x)(t) \leq p_1(t) \text{ for } t \in [0, \omega] \text{ and } x \in C^{n-1}([0, \omega])$$

and the inequalities (3) and (5) hold. Then there exists a positive constant ρ , independent of p , q , and c_0 , such that every solution of the problem (1), (2) admits the estimate (4).

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