

EXISTENCE OF ψ -BOUNDED SOLUTIONS FOR NONHOMOGENEOUS LINEAR DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS

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ABSTRACT. In this article we present a necessary and sufficient condition for the existence of ψ -bounded solution on \mathbb{R} of the nonhomogeneous linear differential equation $x' = A(t)x + f(t)$. We associate that with the condition of the concept ψ -dichotomy on \mathbb{R} of the homogeneous linear differential equation $x' = A(t)x$.

1. INTRODUCTION

The existence of ψ -bounded and ψ -stable solutions on \mathbb{R}_+ for systems of ordinary differential equations has been studied by many authors; see for example Akinyele [1], Avramescu [2], Constantin [4], Diamandescu [5, 6, 7]. Denote by \mathbb{R}^d the d -dimensional Euclidean space. Elements in this space are denoted by $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_d)^T$ and their norm by $\|x\| = \max\{|x_1|, |x_2|, \dots, |x_d|\}$. For real $d \times d$ matrices, we define norm $|A| = \sup_{\|x\| \leq 1} \|Ax\|$. Let $\mathbb{R}_+ = [0, \infty)$, $\mathbb{R}_- = (-\infty, 0]$, $J = \mathbb{R}_-, \mathbb{R}_+$ or \mathbb{R} and $\psi_i : J \rightarrow (0, \infty)$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, d$ be continuous functions. Set

$$\psi = \text{diag}[\psi_1, \psi_2, \dots, \psi_d].$$

Definition 1.1. A function $f : J \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$ is said to be

- ψ -bounded on J if $\psi(t)f(t)$ is bounded on J .
- ψ -integrable on J if $f(t)$ is measurable and $\psi(t)f(t)$ is Lebesgue integrable on J .
- ψ -integrally bounded on J if $f(t)$ is measurable and the Lebesgue integrals $\int_t^{t+1} \|\psi(u)f(u)\| du$ are uniformly bounded for any $t, t+1 \in J$.

In \mathbb{R}^d , consider the following equations

$$x' = A(t)x + f(t), \tag{1.1}$$

$$x' = A(t)x. \tag{1.2}$$

where $A(t)$ is continuous matrix on J , $f(t)$ is a continuous function on J . Let $Y(t)$ be fundamental matrix of (1.2) with $Y(0) = I_d$, the identity $d \times d$ matrix. The

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$d \times d$ matrices P_1, P_2 is said to be the pair of the supplementary projections if $P_1^2 = P_1, P_2^2 = P_2, P_1 + P_2 = I_d$.

Definition 1.2. The equation (1.2) is said to have a ψ -exponential dichotomy on J if there exist positive constants K, L, α, β and a pair of the supplementary projections P_1, P_2 such that

$$|\psi(t)Y(t)P_1Y^{-1}(s)\psi^{-1}(s)| \leq Ke^{-\alpha(t-s)} \quad \text{for } s \leq t, s, t \in J, \quad (1.3)$$

$$|\psi(t)Y(t)P_2Y^{-1}(s)\psi^{-1}(s)| \leq Le^{\beta(t-s)} \quad \text{for } t \leq s, s, t \in J. \quad (1.4)$$

The equation (1.2) is said to have a ψ -ordinary dichotomy on J if (1.3), (1.4) hold with $\alpha = \beta = 0$.

We say that (1.2) has a ψ -bounded grow if for some fixed $h > 0$ there exists a constant $C \geq 1$ such that every solution $x(t)$ of (1.2) is satisfied

$$\|\psi(t)x(t)\| \leq C\|\psi(s)x(s)\| \quad \text{for } s \leq t \leq s + h, s, t \in J. \quad (1.5)$$

Remark 1.3. It is easy to see that if (1.2) has a ψ -exponential dichotomy on \mathbb{R}_+ and on \mathbb{R}_- with a pair of the supplementary projections P_1, P_2 then (1.2) has a ψ -exponential dichotomy on \mathbb{R} with the pair of the supplementary projections P_1, P_2 .

Theorem 1.4 ([3, 5, 7]). (a) The equation (1.1) has at least one ψ -bounded solution on \mathbb{R}_+ for every ψ -integrable function f on \mathbb{R}_+ if and only if (1.2) has a ψ -ordinary dichotomy on \mathbb{R}_+ .

(b) The equation (1.1) has at least one ψ -bounded solution on \mathbb{R}_+ for every ψ -integrally bounded function f on \mathbb{R}_+ if and only if (1.2) has a ψ -exponential dichotomy on \mathbb{R}_+ .

(c) Suppose that (1.2) has a ψ -bounded grow on \mathbb{R}_+ . Then, (1.1) has at least one ψ -bounded solution on \mathbb{R}_+ for every ψ -bounded function f on \mathbb{R}_+ if and only if (1.2) has a ψ -exponential dichotomy on \mathbb{R}_+ .

Theorem 1.5 ([7]). Suppose that (1.1) has a ψ -exponential dichotomy on \mathbb{R}_+ and, $P_1 \neq 0, P_2 \neq 0$. If $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \|\psi(t)f(t)\| = 0$ then every ψ -bounded solution $x(t)$ of (1.1) is such that $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \|\psi(t)x(t)\| = 0$.

2. PRELIMINARIES

Lemma 2.1. (a) Let (1.2) has a ψ -exponential dichotomy on \mathbb{R}_+ with a pair of the supplementary projections P_1, P_2 . If Q_1, Q_2 is a pair of the supplementary projections such that $\text{Im}P_1 = \text{Im}Q_1$, then (1.2) also has a ψ -exponential dichotomy on \mathbb{R}_+ with the pair of the supplementary projections Q_1, Q_2 .

(b) Let (1.2) have a ψ -exponential dichotomy on \mathbb{R}_- with a pair of the supplementary projections P_1, P_2 . If Q_1, Q_2 is a pair of supplementary projections such that $\text{Im}P_2 = \text{Im}Q_2$, then (1.2) also has a ψ -exponential dichotomy on \mathbb{R}_- with the pair of the supplementary projections Q_1, Q_2 .

Proof. First, we prove in the case of $J = \mathbb{R}_+$. Note that (1.2) has a ψ -exponential dichotomy on \mathbb{R}_+ with the pair of the supplementary projections P_1, P_2 if only if following statements are satisfied:

$$\|\psi(t)Y(t)P_1\xi\| \leq K'e^{-\alpha(t-s)}\|\psi(s)Y(s)\xi\| \quad \text{for all } \xi \in \mathbb{R}^d \text{ and } t \geq s \geq 0, \quad (2.1)$$

$$\|\psi(t)Y(t)P_2\xi\| \leq L'e^{\beta(t-s)}\|\psi(s)Y(s)\xi\| \quad \text{for all } \xi \in \mathbb{R}^d \text{ and } s \geq t \geq 0. \quad (2.2)$$

In fact, if (1.3) and (1.4) are true, we have for any vector $y \in \mathbb{R}^d$

$$\|\psi(t)Y(t)P_1Y^{-1}(s)\psi^{-1}(s)y\| \leq Ke^{-\alpha(t-s)}\|y\| \quad \text{for } t \geq s \geq 0,$$

$$\|\psi(t)Y(t)P_2Y^{-1}(s)\psi^{-1}(s)y\| \leq Le^{\beta(t-s)}\|y\| \quad \text{for } s \geq t \geq 0.$$

Choose $y = \psi(s)Y(s)\xi$, we obtain (2.1), (2.2). Conversely, suppose that inequalities (2.1), (2.2) are true. For any vector $y \in \mathbb{R}^d$, putting $\xi = Y^{-1}(s)\psi^{-1}(s)y$ we get (1.3), (1.4).

Now prove the lemma. It follows from $\text{Ker}P_2 = \text{Im}P_1 = \text{Im}Q_1 = \text{Ker}Q_2$ that $P_2Q_1 = 0$. Hence $P_1Q_1 = P_1Q_1 + P_2Q_1 = Q_1$. Similarly $Q_1P_1 = P_1$. Then

$$P_1 - Q_1 = P_1^2 - P_1Q_1 = P_1(P_2 - Q_2), \quad (2.3)$$

$$P_1 - Q_1 = -Q_1P_2 = P_1P_2 - Q_1P_2 = (P_1 - Q_1)P_2. \quad (2.4)$$

For each $u \in \mathbb{R}^d$, put $\xi = (P_1 - Q_1)u$. The relation (2.3) implies that $\xi \in \text{Im}P_1$, then $P_1\xi = \xi$. Result from (2.1), for $s = 0$ that

$$\|\psi(t)Y(t)[P_1 - Q_1]u\| \leq K'e^{-\alpha t}\|\psi(0)[P_1 - Q_1]u\|, t \geq 0. \quad (2.5)$$

By (2.4) we conclude

$$\begin{aligned} K'e^{-\alpha t}\|\psi(0)[P_1 - Q_1]u\| &= K'e^{-\alpha t}\|\psi(0)[P_1 - Q_1]P_2u\| \\ &\leq K'|\psi(0)|\|P_1 - Q_1\|e^{-\alpha t}\|P_2u\|, \quad t \geq 0. \end{aligned} \quad (2.6)$$

Applying (2.2), for $t = 0$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \|P_2u\| &= \|\psi^{-1}(0)\psi(0)P_2u\| \\ &\leq |\psi^{-1}(0)|\|\psi(0)P_2u\| \\ &\leq L'e^{-\beta s}|\psi^{-1}(0)|\|\psi(s)Y(s)u\|, \quad \text{for } s \geq 0. \end{aligned} \quad (2.7)$$

The relations (2.5)–(2.7) imply

$$\begin{aligned} \|\psi(t)Y(t)[P_1 - Q_1]u\| &\leq K'L'|\psi(0)|\|\psi^{-1}(0)\|P_1 - Q_1|e^{-\alpha t}e^{-\beta t}\|\psi(s)Y(s)u\| \\ &\leq K_1e^{\beta(t-s)}\|\psi(s)Y(s)u\|, \quad \text{for } t, s \geq 0. \end{aligned} \quad (2.8)$$

On the other hand, by (2.2) we get

$$\|\psi(t)Y(t)P_2u\| \leq L'e^{\beta(t-s)}\|\psi(s)Y(s)u\|, \quad \text{for } 0 \leq t \leq s. \quad (2.9)$$

It follows from $Q_2 = P_2 + P_1 - Q_1$, (2.8) and (2.9) that

$$\begin{aligned} \|\psi(t)Y(t)Q_2u\| &\leq \|\psi(t)Y(t)P_2u\| + \|\psi(t)Y(t)[P_1 - Q_1]u\| \\ &\leq (L' + K_1)e^{\beta(t-s)}\|\psi(s)Y(s)u\| \\ &\leq L_2e^{\beta(t-s)}\|\psi(s)Y(s)u\|, \quad \text{for } 0 \leq t \leq s. \end{aligned} \quad (2.10)$$

Similarly, for $u \in \mathbb{R}^d$, we have

$$\|\psi(t)Y(t)Q_1u\| \leq K_2e^{-\alpha(t-s)}\|\psi(s)Y(s)u\|, \quad \text{for } 0 \leq s \leq t. \quad (2.11)$$

Then from this inequality, (2.10) and the preceding note it follows that (1.2) has a ψ -exponential dichotomy on \mathbb{R}_+ with the pair of the supplementary projections Q_1, Q_2 . In the case of $J = \mathbb{R}_-$, the proof is similar. \square

Remark 2.2. (a) Suppose that (1.2) has a ψ -exponential dichotomy on \mathbb{R}_+ with a pair of supplementary projections P_1, P_2 . The set $P_1\mathbb{R}^d$ is the subspace of \mathbb{R}^d consisting of the values $x(0)$ of all ψ -bounded solutions $x(t)$ on \mathbb{R}_+ of (1.2). In fact, denote by X_1 this subspace, if $v \in P_1\mathbb{R}^d$ then $v \in X_1$ by virtue of (2.1). Conversely if $u \in X_1$, we have to show that $P_2u = 0$. Suppose otherwise that $P_2u \neq 0$, by (2.1), (2.2) we have $\|\psi(t)Y(t)P_1u\|$ is bounded and the limit of $\|\psi(t)Y(t)P_2u\|$ is ∞ , as t tend to ∞ . Denote y the solution of (1.2), $y(0) = u$. The relation $\psi(t)y(t) - \psi(t)Y(t)P_1u = \psi(t)Y(t)P_2u$ follows that y is non ψ -bounded on \mathbb{R}_+ , which is a contradiction.

(b) Similarly if (1.2) has a ψ -exponential dichotomy on \mathbb{R}_- with a pair of supplementary projections P_1, P_2 then the set $P_2\mathbb{R}^d$ is the subspace of \mathbb{R}^d consisting of the values $x(0)$ of all ψ -bounded solutions $x(t)$ on \mathbb{R}_- of (1.2).

(c) Suppose that (1.2) has a ψ -exponential dichotomy on \mathbb{R} , then (1.2) has no nontrivial ψ -bounded solution on \mathbb{R} . In fact if $x(t)$ is the ψ -bounded solution of (1.2) on \mathbb{R} then it is ψ -bounded on \mathbb{R}_+ and on \mathbb{R}_- . Because equation (1.2) has a ψ -exponential dichotomy on \mathbb{R}_+ , and on \mathbb{R}_- with a pair of supplementary projections P_1, P_2 , by preceding notice we have $P_2x(0) = 0$ and $P_1x(0) = 0$. Hence $x(0) = 0$, then $x(t)$ is the trivial solution of (1.2).

Lemma 2.3 ([8]). *Let $h(t)$ be a non-negative, locally integrable such that*

$$\int_t^{t+1} h(s)ds \leq c, \quad \text{for all } t \in \mathbb{R}$$

If $\theta > 0$ then, for all $t \in \mathbb{R}$,

$$\int_t^\infty e^{-\theta(s-t)} h(s)ds \leq c[1 - e^{-\theta}]^{-1}, \quad (2.12)$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^t e^{-\theta(t-s)} h(s)ds \leq c[1 - e^{-\theta}]^{-1}. \quad (2.13)$$

Proof. We prove (2.12), the proof of (2.13) is similar.

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{t+m}^{t+m+1} e^{-\theta(s-t)} h(s)ds &\leq \int_{t+m}^{t+m+1} e^{-\theta(t+m)} e^{\theta t} h(s)ds \\ &= \int_{t+m}^{t+m+1} e^{-\theta m} h(s)ds \leq ce^{-\theta m} \end{aligned}$$

implies that

$$\int_t^\infty e^{-\theta(s-t)} h(s)ds = \sum_{m=0}^\infty \int_{t+m}^{t+m+1} e^{-\theta(s-t)} h(s)ds \leq c \sum_{m=0}^\infty e^{-\theta m} = c[1 - e^{-\theta}]^{-1}$$

□

Lemma 2.4. *Equation (1.1) has at least one ψ -bounded solution on \mathbb{R} for every ψ -integrally bounded function f on \mathbb{R} if and only if the following three conditions are satisfied:*

- (1) *Equation (1.1) has at least one solution on \mathbb{R} , ψ -bounded on \mathbb{R}_+ for every ψ -integrally bounded function f on \mathbb{R}_+*
- (2) *Equation (1.1) has at least one solution on \mathbb{R} , ψ -bounded on \mathbb{R}_- for every ψ -integrally bounded function f on \mathbb{R}_- .*

- (3) Every solution of (1.2) is the sum of two solution of (1.2), one of that is ψ -bounded on \mathbb{R}_+ , another is ψ - bounded on \mathbb{R}_- .

Proof. Suppose the three conditions are satisfied we have to prove that (1.1) has at least one ψ -bounded solution on \mathbb{R} for every ψ -integrally bounded function f on \mathbb{R} . Every ψ -integrally bounded function f on \mathbb{R} is ψ -integrally bounded function f on \mathbb{R}_+ and on \mathbb{R}_- . Then for each ψ -integrally bounded function f on \mathbb{R} exists the solution y_1 and y_2 of (1.1), which is defined on \mathbb{R} and corresponding ψ -bounded on \mathbb{R}_+ and on \mathbb{R}_- . Denote by $x(t)$ the solution of (1.2) such that $x(0) = y_2(0) - y_1(0)$. By 3, we get $x(t) = x_1(t) + x_2(t)$, here x_1, x_2 are two solutions of (1.2), that are corresponding ψ -bounded solution on \mathbb{R}_+ and \mathbb{R}_- . Set $z_1 = y_1 + x_1, z_2 = y_2 - x_2$.

Hence z_1 and z_2 are the solutions of (1.1) corresponding ψ -bounded solution on \mathbb{R}_+ and on \mathbb{R}_- . Further, $z_2(0) = y_2(0) - x_2(0) = y_1(0) + x_1(0) = z_1(0)$, then $z_1 = z_2$. Consequently z_1 is a ψ -bounded solution on \mathbb{R} of (1.1).

Conversely, now if (1.1) has at least one ψ -bounded solution on \mathbb{R} for every ψ -integrally bounded function f on \mathbb{R} we have to prove three condition are satisfied. The conditions 1, 2 are satisfied since every ψ -integrally bounded function f on \mathbb{R}_+ , or \mathbb{R}_- is the restriction of a ψ - integrally bounded function f on \mathbb{R} . We prove that the condition 3 is satisfied. Set

$$h(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } |t| \geq 1 \\ 1 & \text{for } t = 0 \\ \text{linear} & \text{for } t \in [-1, 0], t \in [0, 1] \end{cases}$$

Fix a solution $x(t)$ of (1.2). Then $h(t)x(t)$ is a ψ -integrally bounded function on \mathbb{R} . Set $y(t) = x(t) \int_0^t h(s)ds$, we have

$$y'(t) = A(t)x(t) \int_0^t h(s)ds + h(t)x(t) = A(t)y(t) + h(t)x(t).$$

By hypothesis, the equation

$$y'(t) = A(t)y(t) + h(t)x(t)$$

has a solution $\tilde{y}(t)$, which is ψ -bounded on \mathbb{R} . Set $x_1(t) = \tilde{y}(t) - y(t) + \frac{1}{2}x(t)$ and $x_2(t) = \tilde{y}(t) + y(t) + \frac{1}{2}x(t)$. It follows from $\int_{-1}^0 h(t)dt = \int_0^1 h(t)dt = \frac{1}{2}$ that $x_1(t) = \tilde{y}(t)$ for $t \geq 1$; $x_2(t) = \tilde{y}(t)$ for $t \leq -1$. Then x_1, x_2 are the corresponding ψ -bounded solutions on $\mathbb{R}_+, \mathbb{R}_-$ of (1.2). Consequently the solution $x(t)$ of (1.2) is the sum of two solutions $x_1(t)$ and $x_2(t)$ of (1.2), those solutions satisfy the condition 3. The lemma is proved. \square

3. MAIN RESULTS

Theorem 3.1. Equation (1.1) has at least one ψ -bounded solution on \mathbb{R}_- for every ψ -integrally bounded function f on \mathbb{R}_- if and only if (1.2) has a ψ -exponential dichotomy on \mathbb{R}_- .

Proof. This Theorem can be shown as in [3, Theorem 3.3]. We give the main steps of the proof as follows. In the proof of “if part”: Suppose that $\int_{t-1}^t \|\psi(s)f(s)\|ds \leq c$

for $t \leq 0$. By using Lemma 2.3 we get

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \int_{-\infty}^t \psi(t)Y(t)P_1Y^{-1}(s)ds \right\| &\leq \int_{-\infty}^t |\psi(t)Y(t)P_1Y^{-1}(s)\psi^{-1}(s)| \|\psi(s)f(s)\| ds \\ &\leq \int_{-\infty}^t e^{-\alpha(t-s)} \|\psi(s)f(s)\| ds \leq c(1 - e^{-\alpha})^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \int_t^0 \psi(t)Y(t)P_2Y^{-1}(s)f(s)ds \right\| &\leq \int_t^0 e^{-\beta(s-t)} \|\psi(s)f(s)\| ds \\ &\leq \int_t^{\infty} e^{-\beta(s-t)} \|\psi(s)f(s)\| ds \leq c(1 - e^{-\beta})^{-1}. \end{aligned}$$

It follows that the function

$$\tilde{x}(t) = \int_{-\infty}^t \psi(t)Y(t)P_1Y^{-1}(s)f(s)ds - \int_t^0 \psi(t)Y(t)P_2Y^{-1}(s)f(s)ds$$

is bounded on \mathbb{R}_- . Hence the function

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) &= \psi^{-1}(t)\tilde{x}(t) \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^t \psi(t)Y(t)P_1Y^{-1}(s)f(s)ds - \int_t^0 \psi(t)Y(t)P_2Y^{-1}(s)f(s)ds \end{aligned}$$

is ψ -bounded on \mathbb{R}_- . On the other hand

$$\begin{aligned} x'(t) &= A(t) \left(\int_{-\infty}^t Y(t)P_1Y^{-1}(s)f(s)ds - \int_t^0 Y(t)P_2Y^{-1}(s)f(s)ds \right) \\ &\quad + Y(t)P_1Y^{-1}(t)f(t) + Y(t)P_2Y^{-1}(t)f(t) \\ &= A(t)x(t) + f(t), \end{aligned}$$

it implies that $x(t)$ is a solution of (1.1).

In the proof of “only if part”: The set

$$\tilde{C}_\psi = \{x : \mathbb{R}_- \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d : x$$

is ψ -bounded and continuous on \mathbb{R}_- . It is a Banach space with the norm $\|x\|_{\tilde{C}_\psi} = \sup_{t \leq 0} \|\psi(t)x(t)\|$. The first step: we show that (1.1) has a unique ψ -bounded solution $x(t)$ with $x(0) \in \tilde{X}_1 = P_1\mathbb{R}^d$ for each $f \in \tilde{C}_\psi$ and $\|x\|_{\tilde{C}_\psi} \leq r\|f\|_{\tilde{C}_\psi}$, here r is a positive constant independent of f .

The next steps of the proof are similar to the proof of [3, Theorem 3.3], with the corresponding replacement (for example replace $t \geq t_0 \geq 0$ by $0 \geq t_0 \geq t$, P_1 by $-P_2$, P_2 by $-P_1$, ∞ by $-\infty$, $-\infty$ by ∞ , ...). \square

Theorem 3.2. *The equation (1.1) has a unique ψ -bounded solution on \mathbb{R} for every ψ -integrally bounded function f on \mathbb{R} if and only if (1.2) has a ψ -exponential dichotomy on \mathbb{R} .*

Proof. First, we prove the “if” part. By Lemma 2.3 and in the same way as in the proof of Theorem 3.1, the function

$$x(t) = \int_{-\infty}^t Y(t)P_1Y^{-1}(s)f(s)ds - \int_t^{\infty} Y(t)P_2Y^{-1}(s)f(s)ds$$

is ψ -bounded and continuous on \mathbb{R} . Moreover,

$$\begin{aligned} x'(t) &= A(t)\left(\int_{-\infty}^t Y(t)P_1Y^{-1}(s)f(s)ds - \int_t^{\infty} Y(t)P_2Y^{-1}(s)f(s)ds\right) \\ &\quad + Y(t)P_1Y^{-1}(t)f(t) - Y(t)P_2Y^{-1}(t)f(t) \\ &= A(t)x(t) + f(t), \end{aligned}$$

it follows that $x(t)$ is a solution of (1.1).

The uniqueness of the solution $x(t)$ result from (1.2) having no nontrivial ψ -bounded solution on \mathbb{R} (Remark 2.2). Suppose that y is a ψ -bounded solution of (1.1) then $x - y$ is a ψ -bounded solution of (1.2) on \mathbb{R} . We conclude $x = y$ since $x - y$ is the trivial solution of (1.2).

We prove the “only if” part. Suppose that (1.1) has unique ψ -bounded solution on \mathbb{R} for every ψ -integrally bounded function f on \mathbb{R} , we have to prove that (1.1) has a ψ -exponential dichotomy on \mathbb{R} . By Lemma 2.4, Theorem 1.4 and Theorem 3.1 we get (1.2) has a ψ -exponential dichotomy on \mathbb{R}_+ with a pair of the supplementary projections P_1, P_2 and has a ψ -exponential dichotomy on \mathbb{R}_- with a pair of the supplementary projections Q_1, Q_2 . Remark 2.2 follows that $P_1\mathbb{R}^d$ is the subspace of \mathbb{R}^d consisting of the values $x(0)$ of all ψ -bounded solutions $x(t)$ on \mathbb{R}_+ of (1.2) and $Q_2\mathbb{R}^d$ is the subspace of \mathbb{R}^d consisting of the values $x(0)$ of all ψ -bounded solutions $x(t)$ on \mathbb{R}_- of (1.2). We are going to prove that

$$\mathbb{R}^d = P_1\mathbb{R}^d \oplus Q_2\mathbb{R}^d. \quad (3.1)$$

For each $u \in \mathbb{R}^d$, denote by $x = x(t)$ the solution of (1.2), $x(0) = u$. By Lemma 2.4 we get $x = x_1 + x_2$, where x_1, x_2 are the solutions of (1.2) corresponding ψ -bounded on $\mathbb{R}_+, \mathbb{R}_-$. It follows from Remark 2.2 that $x_1(0) \in P_1\mathbb{R}^d$ and $x_2(0) \in Q_2\mathbb{R}^d$. It follows from $u = x_1(0) + x_2(0)$, that

$$\mathbb{R}^d = P_1\mathbb{R}^d + Q_2\mathbb{R}^d. \quad (3.2)$$

By hypothesis (1.1) with $f = 0$ has unique ψ -bounded solution on \mathbb{R} i.e. (1.2) have no nontrivial ψ -bounded solution on \mathbb{R} . For any $v \in P_1\mathbb{R}^d \cap Q_2\mathbb{R}^d$, denote by $x(t)$ the solution of (1.2) such that $x(0) = v$. Then $x(t)$ is the ψ -bounded solution of (1.2), it implies that $x(t)$ is the trivial solution. Hence $v = 0$. Consequently

$$P_1\mathbb{R}^d \cap Q_2\mathbb{R}^d = 0. \quad (3.3)$$

The relations (3.2) and (3.3) imply (3.1). Now, we prove the existence of a pair supplementary projections, for which (1.1) has a ψ -exponential dichotomy on \mathbb{R} . Choose the projection P of \mathbb{R}^d such that $ImP = P_1\mathbb{R}^d$, $kerP = Q_2\mathbb{R}^d$. By Lemma 2.1, (1.2) has a ψ -exponential dichotomy on \mathbb{R}_+ , and have a ψ -exponential dichotomy on \mathbb{R}_- with the pair of the supplementary projections $P, I_d - P$. From Remark 1.3 it follows that (1.2) has a ψ -exponential dichotomy on \mathbb{R} with the pair of the supplementary projections $P, I_d - P$. The proof is complete. \square

Theorem 3.3. *Suppose that (1.2) has a ψ -exponential dichotomy on \mathbb{R} . If*

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \pm\infty} \int_t^{t+1} \|\psi(s)f(s)\|ds = 0 \quad (3.4)$$

then the ψ -bounded solution of (1.1) is such that

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \pm\infty} \|\psi(t)x(t)\| = 0. \quad (3.5)$$

Proof. By Theorem 3.2, the unique solution of (1.1) is

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) &= \int_{-\infty}^t Y(t)P_1Y^{-1}(s)f(s)ds - \int_t^{\infty} Y(t)P_2Y^{-1}(s)f(s)ds. \\ \|\psi(t)x(t)\| &\leq \int_{-\infty}^t \|\psi(t)Y(t)P_1Y^{-1}(s)f(s)\|ds + \int_t^{\infty} \|\psi(t)Y(t)P_2Y^{-1}(s)f(s)\|ds \\ &\leq K \int_{-\infty}^t e^{-\alpha(t-s)}\|\psi(s)f(s)\|ds + L \int_t^{\infty} e^{-\beta(s-t)}\|\psi(s)f(s)\|ds \\ &\leq K_1 \left\{ \int_{-\infty}^t e^{-\alpha(t-s)}\|\psi(s)f(s)\|ds + \int_t^{\infty} e^{-\beta(s-t)}\|\psi(s)f(s)\|ds \right\}, \end{aligned} \tag{3.6}$$

where $K_1 = \max\{K, L\}$. Denote by $\gamma = \min\{\alpha, \beta\}$. Under the hypothesis (3.4), for a given $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists $T > 0$ such that

$$\int_t^{t+1} \|\psi(s)f(s)\|ds < \frac{\varepsilon}{2K_1}(1 - e^{-\gamma}) \quad \text{for } |t| > T.$$

Then from Lemma 2.3 and inequality (3.6) it follow that

$$\begin{aligned} \|\psi(t)x(t)\| &\leq K_1 \frac{\varepsilon}{2K_1} (1 - e^{-\gamma}) [(1 - e^{-\alpha})^{-1} + (1 - e^{-\beta})^{-1}] \\ &\leq K_1 \frac{\varepsilon}{2K_1} (1 - e^{-\gamma}) 2(1 - e^{-\gamma})^{-1} = \varepsilon \quad \text{for all } |t| > T, \end{aligned}$$

this implies (3.5). The proof is complete. \square

Corollary 3.4. *Suppose that (1.2) has a ψ -exponential dichotomy on \mathbb{R} . If*

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \pm\infty} \|\psi(t)f(t)\| = 0 \tag{3.7}$$

then the ψ -bounded solution of (1.1) is such that

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \pm\infty} \|\psi(t)x(t)\| = 0. \tag{3.8}$$

Proof. It is easy to see that (3.7) implies (3.4) \square

Now, we consider the perturbed equation

$$x'(t) = [A(t) + B(t)]x(t) \tag{3.9}$$

where $B(t)$ is a $d \times d$ continuous matrix function on \mathbb{R} . We have the following result.

Theorem 3.5. *Suppose that (1.2) has a ψ -exponential dichotomy on \mathbb{R} . If $\delta = \sup_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \int_t^{t+1} |\psi(s)B(s)\psi^{-1}(s)|ds$ is sufficiently small, then (3.9) has a ψ -exponential dichotomy on \mathbb{R} .*

Proof. By Theorem 3.2 it suffices to show that the equation

$$x'(t) = [A(t) + B(t)]x(t) + f(t) \tag{3.10}$$

has a unique ψ -bounded solution on \mathbb{R} for every ψ -integrally bounded f function on \mathbb{R} . Denote by G_ψ the set

$$G_\psi = \{x : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d : x \text{ is } \psi\text{-bounded and continuous on } \mathbb{R}\}.$$

It is well-known that G_ψ is a real Banach space with the norm

$$\|x\|_{G_\psi} = \sup_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \|\psi(t)x(t)\|.$$

Consider the mapping $T : G_\psi \rightarrow G_\psi$ which is defined by

$$\begin{aligned} Tz(t) &= \int_{-\infty}^t Y(t)P_1Y^{-1}(s)[B(s)z(s) + f(s)]ds \\ &\quad - \int_t^\infty Y(t)P_2Y^{-1}(s)[B(s)z(s) + f(s)]ds. \end{aligned}$$

It is easy verified that $Tz \in G_\psi$. More ever if $z_1, z_2 \in G_\psi$ then

$$\begin{aligned} &\|Tz_1 - Tz_2\|_{G_\psi} \\ &\leq \int_{-\infty}^t |\psi(t)Y(t)P_1Y^{-1}(s)\psi^{-1}(s)| |\psi(s)B(s)\psi^{-1}(s)| \|\psi(s)z_1(s) - \psi(s)z_2(s)\| ds \\ &\quad + \int_t^\infty |\psi(t)Y(t)P_2Y^{-1}(s)\psi^{-1}(s)| |\psi(s)B(s)\psi^{-1}(s)| \|\psi(s)z_1(s) - \psi(s)z_2(s)\| ds \end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 2.3, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|Tz_1 - Tz_2\|_{G_\psi} &\leq K\|z_1 - z_2\|_{G_\psi} \int_{-\infty}^t e^{-\alpha(t-s)} |\psi(s)B(s)\psi^{-1}(s)| ds \\ &\quad + L\|z_1 - z_2\|_{G_\psi} \int_t^\infty e^{\beta(t-s)} |\psi(s)B(s)\psi^{-1}(s)| ds \\ &\leq \delta[K(1 - e^{-\alpha})^{-1} + L(1 - e^{-\beta})^{-1}] \|z_1 - z_2\|_{G_\psi} \end{aligned}$$

Hence, by the contraction principle, if $\delta[K(1 - e^{-\alpha})^{-1} + L(1 - e^{-\beta})^{-1}] < 1$, then the mapping T has a unique fixed point. Denoting this fixed point by z , we have

$$\begin{aligned} z(t) &= \int_{-\infty}^t Y(t)P_1Y^{-1}(s)[B(s)z(s) + f(s)]ds \\ &\quad - \int_t^\infty Y(t)P_2Y^{-1}(s)[B(s)z(s) + f(s)]ds. \end{aligned}$$

It follows that $z(t)$ is a solution on \mathbb{R} of (3.10).

Now, we prove the uniqueness of this solution. Suppose that $x(t)$ is a arbitrary ψ -bounded solution on \mathbb{R} of (3.10). Consider the function

$$\begin{aligned} y(t) &= x(t) - \int_{-\infty}^t Y(t)P_1Y^{-1}(s)[B(s)x(s) + f(s)]ds \\ &\quad + \int_t^\infty Y(t)P_2Y^{-1}(s)[B(s)x(s) + f(s)]ds. \end{aligned}$$

It is easy to see that $y(t)$ is a ψ -bounded solution on \mathbb{R} of (1.2). Then from Theorem 3.2 follows that $y(t)$ is the trivial solution. Then

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) &= \int_{-\infty}^t Y(t)P_1Y^{-1}(s)[B(s)x(s) + f(s)]ds \\ &\quad - \int_t^\infty Y(t)P_2Y^{-1}(s)[B(s)x(s) + f(s)]ds. \end{aligned}$$

Hence $x(t)$ is the fixed point of mapping T . From the uniqueness of this point, it follows that $x = z$. The proof is complete. \square

Corollary 3.6. *Suppose that (1.2) has a ψ -exponential dichotomy on \mathbb{R} . If $\delta = \sup_{t \in \mathbb{R}} |\psi(t)B(t)\psi^{-1}(t)|$ is sufficiently small, then (3.9) has a ψ -exponential dichotomy on \mathbb{R} .*

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