

ON CLASSIFICATIONS FOR SOLUTIONS OF INTEGROQUASI-DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS

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ABSTRACT

In this paper, we have considered a quasi-differential expressions τ of order n with complex coefficients and its formal adjoint τ^+ on $[0, b)$ respectively. We have shown in the case of one singular end-point and under suitable conditions on the integrand function $F(t, y, y^{[1]}, \dots, y^{[n]}, S(y))$ that all solutions of integroquasi-differential equation $[\tau - \lambda I]y(t) = wF$ are bounded and L_w^2 -bounded on $[0, b)$ provided that all solutions of the equation $(\tau - \lambda I)y = 0$ and its formal adjoint $(\tau^+ - \bar{\lambda}I)v = 0$ possess the same property, where $S(y)$ is the Sumudu transform of the function y .

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1. INTRODUCTION

The problem that all solutions of a perturbed linear differential equation belong to $L_w^2(0, \infty)$ assuming the fact that all solutions of the unperturbed equation possess the same property considered by Wong, Zettland, Everitt [1-4]. In [5,6] S. E. Ibrahim extended their results for a general quasi-differential expression τ of arbitrary order n with complex coefficients, and considered the property of boundedness of solutions of a general integro quasi-differential equation

$$\tau[y] - \lambda wy = wf(t, y) \quad (\lambda \in \mathbb{C}) \text{ on } [0, b), \quad (1.1)$$

where $f(t, y)$ satisfies

$$|f(t, y)| \leq k(t) + h(t)|y(t)|^\sigma, \quad t \in [0, b) \text{ for some } \sigma \in [0, 1],$$

provided that all solutions of the equations:

$$(\tau - \lambda I)u = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad (\tau^+ - \bar{\lambda}I)v = 0 \quad (\lambda \in \mathbb{C}), \quad (1.2)$$

and their quasi-derivatives are in the space $L_w^2(0, b)$.

Our objective in this paper is to extend the results in [1 - 6] to more general class of integroquasi-differential equation in the form:

$$[\tau - \lambda I]y(t) = wF[t, y, y^{[1]}, \dots, y^{[n]}, S(y)] \text{ on } [0, b), \quad (1.3)$$

where $F[t, y, y^{[1]}, \dots, y^{[n]}, S(y)]$ satisfies

$$|F[t, y, y^{[1]}, \dots, y^{[n]}, S(y)]| \leq k(t) + h(t) \sum_{i=0}^n |S(y)y^{[i]}|^{\sigma}, t \in [0, b), 0 < b \leq \infty \quad (1.4)$$

for some $\sigma \in [0, 1]$, $k(t)$, $h(t)$ are non-negative continuous functions on $[0, b)$ and $S(y)$ is the Sumudu transform of the function y . Also, we prove under suitable conditions on the function F that, all solutions of the equation (1.3) are bounded and L_w^2 - bounded on the interval $[0, b)$ provided that all solutions of the equation $(\tau - \lambda I)y = 0$ and its formal adjoint $(\tau^+ - \bar{\lambda} I)v = 0$ possess the same property, where τ^+ is the formal adjoint of τ .

2. Sumudu Transform and Some Technical Lemmas

The Sumudu transform method (STM) was in part re-initiated in 1993 by Watugala [7-9] who used it to solve engineering control problems. The first application of the inverse formula was done by Weerakoon [10]. Sumudu transform based solutions to convolution type integral equations and discrete dynamic systems were later obtained by Asiru [11-13]. Subsequently, it expanded to two variables in [14].

Definition 2.1 (cf. [7-14]): The Sumudu transform is defined for possibly bilateral functions in the set,

$$A = \{f(t) \mid \exists K, t_1, t_2 > 0, |f(t)| < Ke^{\frac{|t|}{t_i}}, \text{ if } t \in (-1)^i \times [0, \infty)\}, \quad (2.1)$$

by the following integration,

$$F(u) = S[f(t)] = \int_0^{\infty} f(ut)e^{-t} dt, \quad u \in (-t_1, t_2). \quad (2.2)$$

Remark: Note that by considering for instance, $f(t) = e^t$, then $f(ut) = e^{ut}$ and hence, the Sumudu transform (Right side, t is non-negative) of the function f is then,

$$\begin{aligned} S[f(t)] &= \int_0^{\infty} e^{ut} e^{-t} dt, \\ &= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^b e^{ut} e^{-t} dt \\ &= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^b e^{(u-1)t} dt \\ &= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^{(u-1)t}}{u-1} \Big|_0^b = \frac{1}{1-u}, \quad 0 \leq u < 1. \end{aligned} \quad (2.3)$$

If $u \geq 1$, then the previous integral will be divergent.

The Sumudu transform of the first derivative of the function $f(t)$, $f'(t) = df(t)/dt$ is given by:

$$S\left[\frac{df(t)}{dt}\right] = \frac{1}{u}[F(u) - f(0)]. \quad (2.4)$$

The Sumudu transform of the second derivative of $f(t)$, $f''(t) = d^2f(t)/dt^2$ is given by:

$$S \left[\frac{d^2 f(t)}{dt^2} \right] = \frac{1}{u^2} \left[F(u) - f(0) - u \frac{df(t)}{dt} \Big|_{t=0} \right]. \tag{2.5}$$

Theorem 2.2 (cf. [14]): If $F(u)$ is Sumudu transform of $f(t)$, then the Sumudu transform of any integer n -order derivative of $f(t)$, $f^{(n)}(t) = d^n f(t)/dt^n$ is given by:

$$S \left[\frac{d^n f(t)}{dt^n} \right] = u^{-n} \left[F(u) - f(0) - \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} u^k \frac{d^k f(t)}{dt^k} \Big|_{t=0} \right]. \tag{2.6}$$

In the sequel we shall require the following nonlinear integral inequality which generalizes those integral inequalities used in [1- 6] and [15 - 22].

Lemma 2.3: Gronwall's Inequality (cf. [1-6] and [15-17]): Let $u(t)$ and $v(t)$ be two non-negative continuous functions on the interval $I = [0, b)$, $c \geq 0$ be a constant. The classical Gronwall's inequality states that: if

$$u(t) \leq c + \int_0^t v(s)u(s)dx, \quad 0 \leq t \leq 1.$$

Then

$$u(t) \leq c \exp \left(\int_0^t v(s)ds \right). \quad 0 \leq t \leq 1. \tag{2.7}$$

Lemma 2.4: (cf. [1-6] and [21, 22]): Let $u(t)$ and $v(t)$ be two non-negative continuous functions and locally integrable on the interval $I = [0, b)$, $\sigma \in [0,1]$. Then the inequality

$$u(t) \leq c_0 + \int_0^t v(s)u^\sigma(s)dx, \quad c_0 > 0.$$

For $0 \leq \sigma < 1$, implies that

$$u(t) \leq \left((c_0)^{(1-\sigma)} + (1-\sigma) \int_0^t v(s)ds \right)^{\frac{1}{(1-\sigma)}} ds. \tag{2.8}$$

In particular, if $v(s) \in L^1(0, b)$, then (2.8) implies that $u(t)$ is bounded.

Lemma 2.5: (cf. [1-6], [21, 22]): Let $u(t)$, $z(t)$, $g(t)$ and $h(t)$ be non-negative continuous functions defined on the interval $I = [0, b)$ and suppose that the inequality

$$u(t) \leq z(t) + g(t) \left(\int_0^t u^2(s)h(s)dx \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \text{ for } t \geq 0.$$

Then

$$u(t) \leq z(t) + g(t) \left(\int_0^t 2z^2(s)h(s) \exp \left[\int_0^s 2g^2(x)h(x)dx \right] ds \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}, \text{ for } t \geq 0. \tag{2.9}$$

3. Quasi-Differential Expressions

The quasi-differential expressions are defined in terms of a Shin-Zettl matrix A on an interval I . The set $Z_n(I)$ of Shin-Zettl matrices on I consists of $n \times n$ -matrices $A = \{a_{rs}\}$ whose entries are complex-valued functions on I which satisfy the following conditions:

$$\begin{aligned} & a_{rs} \in L^2_{loc}(I), \quad (1 \leq r, s \leq n, n \geq 2) \\ & a_{r,r+1} \neq 0, \quad a. e., \text{ on } I, \quad (1 \leq r \leq n - 1) \end{aligned} \tag{3.1}$$

$$a_{rs} = 0, a. e., \text{ on } I, \quad (2 \leq r + 1 < s \leq n).$$

For $A \in Z_n(I)$, the quasi-derivatives associated with A are defined by:

$$\begin{aligned} y^{[0]} &:= y, \\ y^{[r]} &:= (f_{r,r+1})^{-1} \left\{ (y^{[r-1]})' - \sum_{s=1}^r a_{rs} y^{[s-1]} \right\}, \quad (1 \leq r \leq n-1), \\ y^{[n]} &:= \left\{ (y^{[n-1]})' - \sum_{s=1}^n a_{ns} y^{[s-1]} \right\}, \end{aligned} \quad (3.2)$$

where the prime ' denotes differentiation .

The quasi-differential expression τ associated with A is given by

$$\tau[.] := i^n y^{[n]}, \quad (n \geq 2), \quad (3.3)$$

this being defined on the set :

$$V(\tau) := \{y: y^{[r-1]} \in AC_{loc}(I), \quad r = 1, 2, \dots, n\},$$

where $AC_{loc}(I)$, denotes the set of functions which are absolutely continuous on every compact subinterval of I .

The formal adjoint τ^+ of τ is defined by the matrix A^+ given by:

$$\begin{aligned} \tau^+[.] &:= i^n y_+^{[n]}, \quad \text{for all } y \in V(\tau^+), \\ V(\tau^+) &:= \{y: y_+^{[r-1]} \in AC_{loc}(I), r = 1, 2, \dots, n\}, \end{aligned} \quad (3.4)$$

where $y_+^{[r-1]}$, the quasi-derivatives associated with the matrix A^+ in $Z_n(I)$,

$$A^+ = (a_{rs})^+ = (-1)^{r+s+1} \overline{a_{n-s+1, n-r+1}}, \quad (3.5)$$

for each r and s .

Note that: $(A^+)^+ = A$ and $(\tau^+)^+ = \tau$. We refer to [4 -6], [15] and [18-20] for a full account of the above and subsequent results on quasi-differential expressions.

For $u \in V(\tau)$, $v \in V(\tau^+)$ and $\alpha, \beta \in I$, we have the Green's formula

$$\int_a^b \{ \overline{v} \tau[u] - u \overline{\tau^+[v]} \} dx = [u, v](b) - [u, v](a), \quad (3.6)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} [u, v](x) &= i^n \left(\sum_{r=0}^{n-1} (-1)^{r+s+1} u^{[r]}(x) \overline{v_+^{[n-r-1]}}(x) \right) \\ &= (-i)^n (u, u^{[1]}, \dots, u^{[n-1]}) \times J_{n \times n} \times \begin{pmatrix} \overline{v} \\ \vdots \\ \overline{v_+^{[n-1]}} \end{pmatrix} (x); \end{aligned} \quad (3.7)$$

see [1], [5, 6], [15] and [20].

Let the interval I have end-points $a, b (-\infty \leq a < b \leq \infty)$, and let $w : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a non-negative weight function with $w \in L^1_{loc}(I)$ and $w > 0$ (for almost all $x \in I$). Then $H = L^2_w(I)$ denotes the Hilbert function space of equivalence classes of Lebesgue measurable functions such that $\int_I w|f|^2 < \infty$; the inner-product is defined by:

$$(f, g) := \int_I f(x)\overline{g(x)}dx \quad (f, g \in L^2_w(I)). \tag{3.8}$$

The equation

$$\tau[u] - \lambda wu = 0 (\lambda \in \mathbb{C}) \text{ on } I, \tag{3.9}$$

is said to be **regular** at the left end-point $a \in \mathbb{R}$, if for all $X \in (a, b), a \in \mathbb{R}, w, f_{rs} \in L^1(a, X), (r, s = 1, 2, \dots, n)$.

Otherwise (3.9) is said to be **singular** at a . If (3.9) is regular at both end-points, then it is said to be regular; in this case, we have

$$a, b \in \mathbb{R}, \quad w, f_{rs} \in L^1(a, b), \quad (r, s = 1, 2, \dots, n).$$

We shall be concerned with the case when a is a regular end-point of (3.9), the end-point b being allowed to be either regular or singular. Note that, in view of (3.5), an end-point of I is regular for (3.9), if and only if it is regular for the equation

$$\tau^+[v] - \bar{\lambda} wv = 0 (\lambda \in \mathbb{C}) \text{ on } I. \tag{3.10}$$

Note that, at a regular end-point a , say, $u^{[r-1]}(a) \left(v_+^{[r-1]}(a) \right), r = 1, 2, \dots, n$ is defined for all $u \in V(\tau) (v \in V(\tau^+))$.

Denote by $S(\tau)$ and $S(\tau^+)$ the sets of all solutions of the equations

$$(\tau - \lambda_0 I)u = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad (\tau^+ - \bar{\lambda}_0 I)v = 0 \tag{3.11}$$

respectively, and let $S^r(\tau) = \{y^{[r]} : (\tau - \lambda_0 I)y = 0, r = 1, 2, \dots, n - 1\}$ denote the set of all quasi-derivatives of solutions of the equation $(\tau - \lambda_0 I)u = 0$. Let $\varphi_k(t, \lambda), k = 1, 2, \dots, n$ be the solutions of the homogeneous equation

$$(\tau - \lambda I)u = 0 (\lambda \in \mathbb{C}), \tag{3.12}$$

satisfying

$$\varphi_j^{[k-1]}(t_0, \lambda) = \delta_{k,r+1} \text{ for all } t_0 \in [a, b), \quad (j, k = 1, 2, \dots, n, r = 0, 1, \dots, n - 1),$$

for fixed $t_0, a < t_0 < b$. Then $\varphi_j^{[r]}(t, \lambda)$ is continuous in (t, λ) for $a < t < b, |\lambda| < \infty$, and for fixed t it is entire in λ . Let $\varphi_k^+(t, \lambda), k = 1, 2, \dots, n$ denote the solutions of the adjoint homogeneous equation

$$(\tau^+ - \bar{\lambda} I)v = 0 (\lambda \in \mathbb{C}), \tag{3.13}$$

satisfying

$$(\varphi_k^+)^{[r]}(t_0, \lambda) = (-1)^{k+r} \delta_{k,n-r} \text{ for all } t_0 \in [0, b), (k = 1, 2, \dots, n, r = 0, 1, \dots, n - 1).$$

Suppose $0 < c < b$. By [5, 6] and [15], a solution of the equation

$$(\tau - \lambda I)u = wf (\lambda \in \mathbb{C}), \quad f \in L^1_w(0, b), \tag{3.14}$$

satisfying $u^{[r]}(c) = 0$, $r = 0, 1, \dots, n - 1$ is giving by

$$\varphi(t, \lambda) = ((\lambda - \lambda_0)/i^n) \sum_{j,k=1}^n \xi^{jk} \varphi_j(t, \lambda) \int_a^t \overline{\varphi_k^+(s, \lambda)} f(s) w(s) ds,$$

where $\varphi_k^+(t, \lambda)$ stands for the complex conjugate of $\varphi_k(t, \lambda)$ and for each j, k , ξ^{jk} is constant which is independent of t, λ (but does depend in general on t).

The next lemma is a form of the variation of parameters formula for a general quasi-differential equation is giving by the following Lemma.

Lemma 3.1: (cf. [5, 6, 15]): Suppose $f \in L_w^1(0, b)$ locally integrable function and $\varphi(t, \lambda)$ is the solution of the equation (3.14) satisfying:

$$\varphi^{[r]}(t_0, \lambda) = \alpha_{r+1} \text{ for } r = 0, 1, \dots, n - 1, t_0 \in [0, b).$$

Then

$$\varphi(t, \lambda) = \sum_{j=1}^n \alpha_j(\lambda) \varphi_j(t, \lambda_0) + ((\lambda - \lambda_0)/i^n) \sum_{j,k=1}^n \xi^{jk} \varphi_j(t, \lambda_0) \int_a^t \overline{\varphi_k^+(s, \lambda_0)} f(s) w(s) ds. \quad (3.15)$$

for some constants $\alpha_1(\lambda), \alpha_2(\lambda), \dots, \alpha_n(\lambda) \in \mathbb{C}$, where $\varphi_j(t, \lambda_0)$ and $\varphi_k^+(s, \lambda_0)$, $j, k = 1, 2, \dots, n$ are solutions of the equations in (3.11) respectively, ξ^{jk} is a constant which is independent of t .

Proof: The proof is similar to that in [5,6], [15] and [18-20] for more details.

Remark: Lemma 3.1 contains the following lemma as a special case.

Lemma 3.2: Suppose $f \in L_w^1(0, b)$ locally integrable function and $\phi(t, \lambda)$ is the solution of the equation (3.14) satisfying:

$$\varphi^{[r]}(t_0, \lambda) = \alpha_{r+1} \text{ for } r = 0, 1, \dots, n - 1, t_0 \in [a, b).$$

Then

$$\varphi^{[r]}(t, \lambda) = \sum_{j=1}^n \alpha_j(\lambda) \varphi_j^{[r]}(t, \lambda_0) + \frac{1}{i^n} (\lambda - \lambda_0) \sum_{j,k=1}^n \xi^{jk} \varphi_j^{[r]}(t, \lambda_0) \int_a^t \overline{\varphi_k^+(t, \lambda_0)} f(s) w(s) ds, \quad (3.16)$$

for $r = 0, 1, \dots, n - 1$.

Proof: The proof follows from Lemma 3.1 and on applying the r^{th} quasi-derivatives on both sides of the equation (3.15). We refer to [4 -6] and [15-18] for more details.

Lemma 3.3: Suppose that for some $\lambda_0 \in \mathbb{C}$ all solutions of the equations in (3.11) are in $L_w^2(0, b)$. Then all solutions of the equations (3.12) and (3.13) are in $L_w^2(0, b)$ for every complex number $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$.

Proof: The proof is similar to that in [4 - 6], [15-18] and [20].

Lemma 3.4: If all solutions of the equation $(\tau - \lambda_0 w)u = 0$ are bounded on $[0, b)$ and $\varphi_k^+(t, \lambda_0) \in L_w^1(0, b)$ for some $\lambda_0 \in \mathbb{C}$, $k = 1, \dots, n$. Then all solutions of the equation $(\tau - \lambda w)u = 0$ are also bounded on $[0, b)$ for every complex number $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$.

Lemma 3.5: Suppose that for some complex number $\lambda_0 \in \mathbb{C}$ all solutions of the equations in (3.11) are in $L_w^2(0, b)$. Suppose $f \in L_w^2(0, b)$, then all solutions of the equation (3.14) are in $L_w^2(0, b)$ for all $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$.

Proof: Let $\{\varphi_1(t, \lambda), \varphi_2(t, \lambda), \dots, \varphi_n(t, \lambda)\}, \{\varphi_1^+(s, \lambda), \varphi_2^+(s, \lambda), \dots, \varphi_n^+(s, \lambda)\}$ be two sets of linearly independent solutions

of the equations (3.11). Then for any solutions $\phi(t, \lambda)$ of the equation $(\tau - \lambda I)\phi = wf (\lambda \in \mathbb{C})$ which may be written as follows $(\tau - \lambda_0 w)\phi = (\lambda - \lambda_0)w\phi + wf$ and it follows from (3.15) that

$$\phi(t, \lambda) = \sum_{j=1}^n \alpha_j(\lambda)\phi_j(t, \lambda_0) + \frac{1}{i^n} \sum_{j,k=1}^n \xi^{jk} \phi_j(t, \lambda_0) \int_a^t \overline{\varphi_k^+(t, \lambda_0)} [(\lambda - \lambda_0)\phi(s, \lambda) + f(s)]w(s)ds, \tag{3.17}$$

for some constants $\alpha_1(\lambda), \alpha_2(\lambda), \dots, \alpha_n(\lambda) \in \mathbb{C}$. Hence

$$|\phi(t, \lambda)| = \sum_{j=1}^n (|\alpha_j(\lambda)| |\phi_j(t, \lambda_0)|) + \sum_{j,k=1}^n |\xi^{jk}| |\phi_j(t, \lambda_0)| \times \int_a^t \overline{\varphi_k^+(t, \lambda_0)} [|\lambda - \lambda_0| |\phi(s, \lambda)| + |f(s)|]w(s)ds. \tag{3.18}$$

Since $f \in L_w^2(0, b)$ and $\varphi_k^+(\cdot, \lambda_0) \in L_w^2(a, b)$ for some $\lambda_0 \in \mathbb{C}$, then $\varphi_k^+(\cdot, \lambda_0) f \in L_w^1(a, b)$, for some $\lambda_0 \in \mathbb{C}$ and $k = 1, \dots, n$. Setting

$$C_j(\lambda) = \sum_{j,k=1}^n |\xi^{jk}| \int_a^b \overline{\varphi_k^+(t, \lambda_0)} |f(s)|w(s)ds, \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, n, \tag{3.19}$$

then

$$|\phi(t, \lambda)| \leq \sum_{j=1}^n (|\alpha_j(\lambda)| + C_j(\lambda)) |\phi_j(t, \lambda_0)| + |\lambda - \lambda_0| \sum_{j,k=1}^n |\xi^{jk}| |\phi_j(t, \lambda_0)| \int_a^b \overline{\varphi_k^+(t, \lambda_0)} |\phi(s, \lambda)| |f(s)|w(s)ds. \tag{3.20}$$

On application of the Cauchy-Schwartz inequality to the integral in (3.18), we get

$$|\phi(t, \lambda)| \leq \sum_{j=1}^n (|\alpha_j(\lambda)| + C_j(\lambda)) |\phi_j(t, \lambda_0)| + |\lambda - \lambda_0| \sum_{j,k=1}^n |\xi^{jk}| |\phi_j(t, \lambda_0)| \left(\int_a^b \overline{\varphi_k^+(t, \lambda_0)} w(s)ds \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(\int_0^b |\phi(s, \lambda)|^2 w(s)ds \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}. \tag{3.21}$$

By using the inequality $(u + v)^2 \leq 2(u^2 + v^2)$, it follows that

$$|\phi(t, \lambda)|^2 \leq 4 \sum_{j=1}^n (C_j^2 + |\alpha_j(\lambda)|^2) |\phi_j(t, \lambda_0)|^2 + 4|\lambda - \lambda_0|^2 \times \sum_{j,k=1}^n |\xi^{jk}|^2 |\phi_j(t, \lambda_0)|^2 \left(\int_a^b \overline{\varphi_k^+(t, \lambda_0)} w(s)ds \right) \left(\int_0^b |\phi(s, \lambda)|^2 w(s)ds \right). \tag{3.22}$$

By hypothesis there exist positive constant K_0 and K_1 such that

$$\|\phi_j(t, \lambda_0)\|_{L_w^2(0,b)} \leq K_0 \text{ and } \|\overline{\varphi_k^+(s, \lambda_0)}\|_{L_w^2(0,b)} \leq K_1; \quad j, k = 1, 2, \dots, n. \tag{3.23}$$

Hence

$$|\phi(t, \lambda)|^2 \leq 4 \sum_{j=1}^n (C_j^2 + |\alpha_j(\lambda)|^2) |\phi_j(t, \lambda_0)|^2 + 4K_1^2 |\lambda - \lambda_0|^2 \sum_{j,k=1}^n |\xi^{jk}|^2 |\phi_j(t, \lambda_0)|^2 \left(\int_0^b |\phi(s, \lambda)|^2 w(s)ds \right). \tag{3.24}$$

By integrating the inequality in (3.24) between 0 and t , we obtain

$$\int_0^t |\phi(s, \lambda)|^2 w(s)ds \leq K_2 + \left(4|\lambda - \lambda_0|^2 \sum_{j,k=1}^n |\xi^{jk}|^2 \right) \int_0^t |\phi_j(t, \lambda_0)|^2 \left(\int_0^s |\phi(x, \lambda)|^2 w(x)dx \right) w(s)ds, \tag{3.25}$$

where

$$K_2 = 4K_0^2 \sum_{j=1}^{n^2N} (C_j^2 + |\alpha_j(\lambda)|^2). \quad (3.26)$$

Now, on using Gronwall's inequality, it follows that

$$\int_0^t |\varphi(s, \lambda)|^2 w(s) ds \leq K_2 \exp \left(4K_1^2 |\lambda - \lambda_0|^2 \sum_{j,k=1}^n |\xi^{jk}|^2 \int_0^t |\varphi_j(t, \lambda_0)|^2 w(s) ds \right). \quad (3.27)$$

Since, $\varphi_j(t, \lambda_0) \in L_w^2(a, b)$ for some $\lambda_0 \in \mathbb{C}$ and for $j = 1, \dots, n$, then $\phi(t, \lambda) \in L_w^2(0, b)$.

Remark: Lemma 3.5 also holds if the function f is bounded on $[0, b)$.

Lemma 3.6: Let $f \in L_w^2(0, b)$. Suppose for some $\lambda_0 \in \mathbb{C}$ that:

- (i) All solutions of $(\tau^+ - \bar{\lambda}I) \varphi^+ = 0$ are in $L_w^2(a, b)$.
- (ii) $\varphi_j^{[r]}(t, \lambda_0)$, $j = 1, \dots, n$ are bounded on $[0, b)$ for some $r = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$.

Then $\varphi^{[r]}(t, \lambda) \in L_w^2(0, b)$ for any solution $\phi(t, \lambda)$ of the equation $(\tau - \lambda I)\varphi = wf$, for all $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$.

Proof: The proof is the same up to (3.20). By using Lemma 3.2, (3.20) becomes,

$$\begin{aligned} |\varphi^{[r]}(t, \lambda)| &\leq \sum_{j=1}^n (|\alpha_j(\lambda)| + C_j(\lambda)) |\varphi_j^{[r]}(t, \lambda_0)| + |\lambda - \lambda_0| \\ &\times \sum_{j,k=1}^n \sum_{r=0}^{n-1} |\xi^{jk}| \left| \varphi_j^{[r]}(t, \lambda_0) \right| \int_a^b \overline{|\varphi_k^+(t, \lambda_0)|} |\varphi^{[r]}(t, \lambda)| w(s) ds. \end{aligned} \quad (3.28)$$

On applying the Cauchy-Schwartz inequality to the integral in (3.28), we get

$$\begin{aligned} |\varphi^{[r]}(t, \lambda)| &\leq \sum_{j=1}^n (C_j + |\alpha_j(\lambda)|) |\varphi_j^{[r]}(t, \lambda_0)| + |\lambda - \lambda_0| \sum_{j,k=1}^n \sum_{r=0}^{n-1} |\xi^{jk}| |\varphi_j^{[r]}(t, \lambda_0)| \\ &\times \left(\int_0^t \overline{|\varphi_k^+(t, \lambda_0)|}^2 w(s) ds \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(\int_0^t |\varphi^{[r]}(t, \lambda)|^2 w(s) ds \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}, \end{aligned} \quad (3.29)$$

By using the inequality $(u + v)^2 \leq 2(u^2 + v^2)$, it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} |\varphi^{[r]}(t, \lambda)|^2 &\leq 4 \sum_{j=1}^n (C_j^2 + |\alpha_j(\lambda)|^2) |\varphi_j^{[r]}(t, \lambda_0)|^2 + 4|\lambda - \lambda_0|^2 \sum_{j,k=1}^n \sum_{r=0}^{n-1} |\xi^{jk}|^2 |\varphi_j^{[r]}(t, \lambda_0)|^2 \\ &\times \left(\int_0^t \overline{|\varphi_k^+(t, \lambda_0)|}^2 w(s) ds \right) \left(\int_0^t |\varphi^{[r]}(s, \lambda)|^2 w(s) ds \right), \end{aligned} \quad (3.30)$$

Since $\varphi_k^+(t, \lambda_0) \in L_w^2(0, b)$ for some $\lambda_0 \in \mathbb{C}$ and $\varphi_j^{[r]}(t, \lambda_0)$, $j = 1, \dots, n$ are bounded on $[0, b)$ for some $r = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$ by hypothesis, then there exist positive constants K_0 and K_1 such that

$$\left| \varphi_j^{[r]}(t, \lambda_0) \right| \leq K_0 \text{ and } \left\| \overline{|\varphi_k^+(s, \lambda_0)|} \right\|_{L_w^2(0, b)} \leq K_1. \quad (3.31)$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} |\varphi^{[r]}(t, \lambda)|^2 &\leq 4K_0^2 \sum_{j=1}^n (C_j^2 + |\alpha_j(\lambda)|^2) + 4K_0^2 K_1 |\lambda - \lambda_0|^2 \\ &\times \sum_{j,k=1}^n \sum_{r=0}^{n-1} |\xi^{jk}|^2 \left(\int_0^t |\varphi^{[r]}(s, \lambda)|^2 w(s) ds \right). \end{aligned} \quad (3.32)$$

By integrating the inequality in (3.32) between 0 and t , and by using Lemma2.3 (Gronwall' s inequality),we have the result.

4. Boundedness and L_w^2 – Solutions

In this section, we shall consider the question of determining conditions under which all solutions of the equation (1.3) are bounded and L_w^2 – bounded.

Suppose there exist non-negative continuous functions $k(t)$ and $h(t)$ on $[0, b)$, $0 < b \leq \infty$; such that

$$|F[t, y, y^{[1]}, \dots, y^{[n]}, S(y)]| \leq k(t) + h(t) \sum_{i=0}^n |S(y)y^{[i]}|^\sigma, \quad t \in [0, b), \tag{4.1}$$

for some $\sigma \in [0, 1]$, $-\infty < y^{[i]} < \infty$, for each $i = 0, 1, \dots, n - 1$; see [1 - 6] and [15].

Theorem 4.1: Suppose that the function F satisfies (4.1) with $\sigma = 1$, $S^r(\tau) \cup S(\tau^+) \subset L^\infty(0, b)$ for some $r = 0, 1, \dots, n - 1$, for some $\lambda_0 \in \mathbb{C}$ and that

- (i) $k(t) \in L_w^1(0, b)$ for all $t \in [0, b)$,
- (ii) $h_i(t) \in L_w^1(0, b)$ for all $t \in [0, b)$, $i = 0, 1, \dots, n - 1$.

Then $\varphi^{[r]}(t, \lambda)$, $r = 0, 1, \dots, n - 1$ are bounded on $[0, b)$ for any solutions $\varphi(t, \lambda)$ of the equation (1.3), for all $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$.

Proof: Note that (4.1) and Lemma 3.6 implies that all solutions are defined on $[0, b)$, see [1-6], [15] and [20, Chapter 3]. Let $\{\varphi_1(t, \lambda_0), \varphi_2(t, \lambda_0), \dots, \varphi_n(t, \lambda_0)\}$, $\{\varphi_1^+(s, \lambda_0), \varphi_2^+(s, \lambda_0), \dots, \varphi_n^+(s, \lambda_0)\}$ be two sets of linearly independent solutions of the equations (3.11) respectively, and let $\varphi(t, \lambda)$ be any solution of the equation (1.3) on $[0, b)$, then by Lemma 3.2, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi^{[r]}(t, \lambda) &= \sum_{j=1}^n \alpha_j(\lambda) \varphi_j^{[r]}(t, \lambda_0) + \frac{1}{i^n} (\lambda - \lambda_0) \sum_{j,k=1}^n \xi^{jk} \varphi_j^{[r]}(t, \lambda_0) \\ &\times \int_a^t \overline{\varphi_k^+(s, \lambda_0)} F[t, y, y^{[1]}, \dots, y^{[n]}, S(\varphi(t))] w(s) ds, \text{ for } r = 0, 1, \dots, n - 1. \end{aligned} \tag{4.2}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} |\varphi^{[r]}(t, \lambda)| &\leq \sum_{j=1}^n |\alpha_j(\lambda)| |\varphi_j^{[r]}(t, \lambda_0)| + |\lambda - \lambda_0| \sum_{j,k=1}^n |\xi^{jk}| |\varphi_j^{[r]}(t, \lambda_0)| \int_a^t |\overline{\varphi_k^+(s, \lambda_0)}| \\ &\times \int_0^t |\overline{\varphi_k^+(s, \lambda_0)}| [k(s) + \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} h_i(s) |S(\varphi(s)) \varphi^{[i]}|] w(s) ds, \text{ } r = 0, 1, \dots, n - 1. \end{aligned} \tag{4.3}$$

Since $k(s) \in L_w^1(0, b)$ and $\varphi_k^+(s, \lambda_0)$, $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$ are bounded on $[0, b)$ for some $\lambda_0 \in \mathbb{C}$, we have $\varphi_k^+(s, \lambda_0) k(s) \in L_w^1(0, b)$, $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$ for some $\lambda_0 \in \mathbb{C}$. Setting

$$C_j = |\lambda - \lambda_0| \sum_{j,k=1}^n |\xi^{jk}| \int_a^t \overline{\varphi_k^+(t, \lambda_0)} k(s) w(s) ds, \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, n. \tag{4.4}$$

Then by (2.3)

$$\begin{aligned} |\varphi^{[r]}(t, \lambda)| &\leq \sum_{j=1}^n (C_j + |\alpha_j(\lambda)|) |\varphi_j^{[r]}(t, \lambda_0)| + \frac{1}{|1 - u|} |\lambda - \lambda_0| \sum_{j,k=1}^n \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} |\xi^{jk}| |\varphi_j^{[r]}(t, \lambda_0)| \\ &\times \int_0^t |\overline{\varphi_k^+(t, \lambda_0)}| h_i(s) |\varphi^{[i]}(s, \lambda)| w(s) ds, \quad r = 0, 1, \dots, n - 1. \end{aligned} \tag{4.5}$$

By hypothesis, there exist a positive constants K_0 and K_1 such that

$$|\varphi_j^{[r]}(t, \lambda_0)| \leq K_0 \text{ and } |\varphi_k^+(t, \lambda_0)| \leq K_1 \text{ for all } t \in [0, b); \quad j, k = 1, \dots, n, \quad r = 0, 1, \dots, n - 1.$$

Hence, by summing both sides of (4.5) from $r = 0$ to $n - 1$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{r=0}^{n-1} |\varphi^{[r]}(t, \lambda)| &\leq (n - 1)K_0 \sum_{j=1}^n (C_j + |\alpha_j(\lambda)|) + (n - 1)K_0K_1|\lambda - \lambda_0| \sum_{j,k=1}^n |\xi^{jk}| \\ &\times \int_0^t (\max_{0 \leq i \leq (n-1)} h_i(s)) (\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} |\varphi^{[i]}(s, \lambda)|) w(s) dx. \end{aligned} \tag{4.6}$$

On applying Gronwall's inequality to (4.6) and by using (ii), we deduce that $\sum_{r=1}^{n-1} |\varphi^{[r]}(t, \lambda)|$ is finite and hence the result.

Remark: From [3, Section 3] and [4], φ and $\varphi^{[j]} \in L_w^1(0, b)$ implies that $\varphi^{[r]}(t, \lambda) \in L_w^1(0, b)$ for any solution $\varphi(t, \lambda)$ of the equation (1.3) for all $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$, $r = 1, \dots, j - 1$, $1 \leq j \leq n - 1$.

Theorem 4.2: Suppose that the function F satisfies (4.1) with $\sigma = 1$, $S^r(\tau) \cup S(\tau^+) \subset L_w^2(0, b)$, for some $\lambda_0 \in \mathbb{C}$ and some $r = 0, 1, \dots, n - 1$, and that

- (i) $k(t) \in L_w^2(0, b)$ for all $t \in [0, b)$,
- (ii) $h_i(t) \in L_w^2(0, b)$ for all $t \in [0, b)$, $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n - 1$.

Then $\varphi^{[r]}(t, \lambda) \in L_w^2(0, b)$, $r = 0, 1, \dots, n - 1$ for any solutions $\varphi(t, \lambda)$ of the equation (1.3), for all $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$.

Proof: Applying the Cauchy-Schwartz inequality to the integral in (4.5) we get,

$$\begin{aligned} |\varphi^{[r]}(t, \lambda)| &\leq \sum_{j=1}^n (C_j + |\alpha_j(\lambda)|) |\varphi_j^{[r]}(t, \lambda_0)| + \frac{1}{|1 - u|} |\lambda - \lambda_0| \sum_{j,k=1}^n \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} |\xi^{jk}| |\varphi_j^{[r]}(t, \lambda_0)| \\ &\times \left(\int_0^t |\overline{\varphi_k^+(t, \lambda_0)}|^2 |h_i(s)| w(s) ds \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(\int_0^t |h_i(s)| |\varphi^{[i]}(s, \lambda)|^2 w(s) ds \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}, \quad r = 0, 1, \dots, n - 1. \end{aligned} \tag{4.7}$$

Since $\varphi_k^+(t, \lambda_0) \in L_w^2(0, b)$, for some $\lambda_0 \in \mathbb{C}$ and $h_i(t) \in L^\infty(0, b)$ by hypothesis, then $\varphi_k^+(t, \lambda_0) |h_i(t)|^{\frac{1}{2}} \in L_w^2(0, b)$, $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$, $i = 0, 1, \dots, n - 1$. Let,

$$D_{ki} = \left(\int_0^t |\overline{\varphi_k^+(t, \lambda_0)}|^2 |h_i(s)| w(s) ds \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}, \quad z(t) = \sum_{j=1}^n (C_j + |\alpha_j(\lambda)|) |\varphi_j^{[r]}(t, \lambda_0)|$$

and

$$G(t) = \frac{1}{|1 - u|} |\lambda - \lambda_0| \sum_{j,k=1}^n \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} |\xi^{jk}| |\varphi_j^{[r]}(t, \lambda_0)|.$$

From Lemma 2.5 we have

$$|\varphi^{[r]}(t, \lambda)| \leq Z(t) + G(t) \left(\int_0^t 2Z^2(s) |h_i(s)| \exp\left[\int_0^s 2G^2(x) |h_i(x)| w(x) dx\right] w(s) ds \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

Since $\int_0^t Z^2(s) |h_i(s)| w(s) ds$ and $\int_0^s G^2(x) |h_i(x)| w(x) dx$ are both finite, we conclude that $\varphi^{[r]}(t, \lambda)$ is bounded by a linear combination of $L_w^2(0, b)$ functions $Z(t)$ and $G(t)$. Therefore, by using Lemma 2.5, $\varphi^{[r]}(t, \lambda) \in L_w^2(0, b)$, $r =$

$0, 1, \dots, n - 1$ for all $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$.

Remark: If we use the Cauchy-Schwartz inequality for the integral in (4.5) as:

$$\int_0^t \left| \overline{\varphi_k^+(t, \lambda_0)} \right| |h_i(s)| |\varphi^{[i]}(s, \lambda)| w(s) ds \leq \left(\int_0^t \left| \overline{\varphi_k^+(s, \lambda_0)} \right|^2 |h_i(s)|^2 w(s) ds \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left(\int_0^t |\varphi^{[i]}(s, \lambda)|^2 w(s) ds \right)^{\frac{1}{2}},$$

$i = 0, 1, \dots, n - 1$, we also get the result. We refer to [1 - 3] for more details.

Corollary 4.3: Suppose that $|F(t, y(t), S(y))| = k(t) + h(t)|S(y)|$, $S^r(\tau) \cup S(\tau^+) \subset L_w^2(0, b)$ for some $\lambda_0 \in \mathbb{C}$, and that $h(t) \in L_w^p(0, b)$ for some $p \geq 2$, $t \in [0, b)$. Then $\varphi^{[r]}(t, \lambda) \in L_w^1(0, b)$ for any solutions $\varphi(t, \lambda)$ of the equation (1.3), for all $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ and all $r = 0, 1, \dots, n - 1$.

Corollary 4.4: Suppose that for some $\lambda_0 \in \mathbb{C}$, if all solutions of the equations $[\tau]u = \lambda_0 wu$ and $[\tau^+]v = \overline{\lambda_0} wv$ are in the space $L_w^2(0, b)$ for some $\lambda_0 \in \mathbb{C}$ and $k(t) \in L_w^2(0, b)$. Then all solutions of the equations $[\tau - \lambda w]\varphi = wk$ are in the space $L_w^2(0, b)$ for every complex number $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$.

Next, for considering (4.1) with $0 \leq \sigma < 1$, we have the following.

Theorem 4.5: Suppose that F satisfies (4.1) with $0 \leq \sigma < 1$, $S^r(\tau) \cup S(\tau^+) \subset L_w^2(0, b)$ for some $\lambda_0 \in \mathbb{C}$ and some $r = 0, 1, \dots, n - 1$, and that

- (i) $k(t) \in L_w^2(0, b)$ for all $t \in [0, b)$,
- (ii) $h_i(t) \in L_w^{2/(1-\sigma)}(0, b)$ for all $t \in [0, b)$, $i = 0, 1, \dots, n - 1$.

Then $\varphi^{[r]}(t, \lambda) \in L_w^2(0, b)$, $r = 0, 1, \dots, n - 1$ for any solutions $\varphi(t, \lambda)$ of the equation (1.3), for all $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$.

Proof: For $0 \leq \sigma < 1$, the proof is the same up to (4.5). In this case (4.5) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} |\varphi^{[r]}(t, \lambda)| &\leq \sum_{j=1}^n (C_j + |\alpha_j(\lambda)|) |\varphi_j^{[r]}(t, \lambda_0)| + \frac{1}{|1-u|} |\lambda - \lambda_0| \sum_{j,k=1}^n \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} |\xi^{jk}| |\varphi_j^{[r]}(t, \lambda_0)| \\ &\times \int_0^t \left| \overline{\varphi_k^+(t, \lambda_0)} \right| |h_i(s)| |\varphi^{[i]}(s, \lambda)|^\sigma w(s) ds, \quad r = 0, 1, \dots, n - 1. \end{aligned} \tag{4.8}$$

On applying the Cauchy-Schwartz inequality to the integral in (4.8) we get

$$\int_0^t \left| \overline{\varphi_k^+(t, \lambda_0)} \right| |h_i(s)| |\varphi^{[i]}(s, \lambda)|^\sigma w(s) ds \leq \left(\int_0^t \left| \overline{\varphi_k^+(s, \lambda_0)} \right|^2 |h_i(s)|^\mu w(s) ds \right)^{\frac{1}{\mu}} \left(\int_0^t |\varphi^{[i]}(s, \lambda)|^2 w(s) ds \right)^{\frac{\sigma}{2}}, \tag{4.9}$$

where $\mu = 2/(2 - \sigma)$. Since $\varphi_k^+(t, \lambda_0) \in L_w^2(0, b)$ for some $\lambda_0 \in \mathbb{C}$, $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$ and $h_i(s) \in L_w^{2/(1-\sigma)}(0, b)$ by hypothesis, then we have $\varphi_k^+(s, \lambda_0) |h_i(s)| \in L_w^\mu(0, b)$, for some $\lambda_0 \in \mathbb{C}$, $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$. Using this fact and (4.9), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} |\varphi^{[r]}(t, \lambda)| &\leq \sum_{j=1}^n (C_j + |\alpha_j(\lambda)|) |\varphi_j^{[r]}(t, \lambda_0)| + \frac{1}{|1-u|} K_0 |\lambda - \lambda_0| \sum_{j,k=1}^n \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} |\xi^{jk}| |\varphi_j^{[r]}(t, \lambda_0)| \\ &\times \left(\int_0^t |\varphi^{[i]}(s, \lambda)|^2 w(s) ds \right)^{\frac{\sigma}{2}}, \quad r = 0, 1, \dots, n - 1. \end{aligned} \tag{4.10}$$

where $K_0 = \|\varphi_k^+(t, \lambda_0) h(t)\|_\mu$, $\|\cdot\|_\mu$ denotes the norm in $L_w^\mu(0, b)$. By using the inequality

$$(u + v)^2 \leq 2(u^2 + v^2), \tag{4.11}$$

implies that

$$|\varphi^{[r]}(t, \lambda)|^2 \leq 4 \sum_{j=1}^n (C_j^2 + |\alpha_j(\lambda)|^2) |\varphi_j^{[r]}(t, \lambda_0)|^2 + \frac{1}{(1-u)^2} 4K_0^2 |\lambda - \lambda_0|^2 \sum_{j,k=1}^n \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} |\xi^{jk}|^2 |\varphi_j^{[r]}(t, \lambda_0)|^2 \times \left(\int_0^t |\varphi^{[i]}(s, \lambda)|^2 w(s) ds \right)^\sigma, \quad r = 0, 1, \dots, n-1. \tag{4.12}$$

Setting $K_1 = \int_0^t |\varphi_j^{[r]}(t, \lambda_0)|^2 w(s) ds$ for some $\lambda_0 \in \mathbb{C}$ and some $r = 0, \dots, n-1$; and integrating (4.12) we obtain

$$\int_0^t |\varphi^{[r]}(t, \lambda)|^2 w(s) ds \leq K_2 + \frac{1}{(1-u)^2} 4K_0^2 |\lambda - \lambda_0|^2 \sum_{j,k=1}^n \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} |\xi^{jk}|^2 \int_0^t |\varphi_j^{[r]}(s, \lambda_0)|^2 \times \left[\left(\int_0^s |\varphi^{[i]}(x, \lambda)|^2 w(x) dx \right)^\sigma \right] w(s) ds, \tag{4.13}$$

where $K_2 = 4 \sum_{j=1}^n (C_j^2 + |\alpha_j(\lambda)|^2) K_1$.

An application of Lemma 2.4 to (4.12) for $0 \leq \sigma < 1$ and of Gronwall's inequality to (4.13) for $\sigma = 1$ yields the result.

Theorem 4.6: Suppose that F satisfies (4.1) with $0 \leq \sigma < 1$, $S^r(\tau) \cup S(\tau^+) \subset L_w^2(0, b) \cap L^\infty(0, b)$, for some $\lambda_0 \in \mathbb{C}$ and some $r = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$, and that

(i) $k(t) \in L_w^2(0, b)$ for all $t \in [0, b)$,

(ii) $h_i(t) \in L_w^p(0, b)$ for some p , $1 \leq p \leq 2/(1-\sigma)$, $i = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$. Then $\varphi^{[r]}(t, \lambda) \in L_w^2(0, b) \cap L^\infty(0, b)$,

$r = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$ for any solution $\varphi(t, \lambda)$ of the equation (1.3), for all $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$.

Proof: Since $S^r(\tau) \cup S(\tau^+) \subset L_w^2(0, b)$ for some $\lambda_0 \in \mathbb{C}$ and some $r = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$, then $\varphi_j^{[r]}(t, \lambda_0), \varphi_k^+(s, \lambda_0) \in L_w^q(0, b)$, $j, k = 1, \dots, n$ for every $q \geq 2$ and for some $\lambda_0 \in \mathbb{C}$ and some $r = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$.

First, suppose that $h_i(t) \in L_w^p(0, b)$ for some p , $1 \leq p \leq 2$. Setting

$$K_0 = \left\| \varphi_j^{[r]}(t, \lambda_0) \right\|_\infty \text{ and } K_1 = \left\| \varphi_k^+(t, \lambda_0) \right\|_\infty; j, k = 1, \dots, n,$$

for some $\lambda_0 \in \mathbb{C}$ and some $r = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$, we have from (4.8) that

$$|\varphi^{[r]}(t, \lambda)| \leq K_0 \sum_{j=1}^n (C_j + |\alpha_j(\lambda)|) + \frac{1}{|1-u|} K_0 K_1 |\lambda - \lambda_0| \times \left(\sum_{j,k=1}^n \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} |\xi^{jk}| \int_0^t h_i(s) |\varphi^{[i]}(s, \lambda)|^\sigma w(s) ds \right). \tag{4.14}$$

Since $h_i(t) \in L_w^p(0, b)$ for some p , $1 \leq p \leq 2$, then Lemma 2.2 together with Gronwall's inequality implies that $\varphi^{[r]}(t, \lambda) \in L^\infty(0, b)$ for all $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$, i.e., there exists a positive constant K_3 such that

$$|\varphi^{[r]}(t, \lambda)| \leq K_3 \text{ for all } \lambda \in \mathbb{C}, t \in [0, b), r = 0, 1, \dots, n-1. \tag{4.15}$$

From (4.8) and (4.15) we obtain

$$|\varphi^{[r]}(t, \lambda)| \leq \sum_{j=1}^n (C_j + |\alpha_j(\lambda)| + K_3) |\varphi_j^{[r]}(t, \lambda_0)|$$

for any appropriate constant K_3 . Since $\varphi_j^{[r]}(t, \lambda_0) \in L_w^2(0, b)$ for some $\lambda_0 \in \mathbb{C}$ and some $r = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$, then $\varphi^{[r]}(t, \lambda) \in L_w^p(0, b)$ for all $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$, $1 \leq p \leq 2$. Next, suppose that $h_i(t) \in L_w^p(0, b)$ for some p , $2 < p \leq 2/(1-\sigma)$, $i = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$. Define $q \geq 2$ by

$$\frac{1}{q} = \frac{2-\sigma}{2} - \frac{1}{p}$$

(which is possible because of the restriction on p). Thus $\varphi_j^{[r]}(s, \lambda_0)$, $\varphi_k^+(t, \lambda_0) \in L_w^q(0, b)$ and $\varphi_k^+(t, \lambda_0)h(t) \in L_w^\mu(0, b)$, $\mu = 2/(2-\sigma)$.

Repeating the same argument in the proof of Theorem 4.5 and from (4.9) to (4.13), we obtain that $\varphi^{[r]}(t, \lambda) \in L_w^2(0, b)$. Returning to (4.9), we find that the integral on the left-hand side is bounded, which implies, by (4.8) that

$$|\varphi^{[r]}(t, \lambda)| \leq \sum_{j=1}^n (C_j + |\alpha_j(\lambda)| + K_3) |\varphi_j^{[r]}(t, \lambda_0)|$$

for an appropriate constant K_3 . Since $\varphi_j^{[r]}(t, \lambda_0) \in L^\infty(0, b)$, this completes the proof. We refer to [1 - 6] and [15] for more details.

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