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Stability and boundedness of solutions of nonlinear fourth order differential equations with bounded delay

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ABSTRACT

In this paper, we determine sufficient conditions for the boundedness, uniformly asymptotically stability of the solutions to a certain fourth-order non-autonomous differential equations with bounded delay by considering second method of Lyapunov. The results obtain essentially improve, include and complement the consequences in the current literature.

Keywords: Stability, Boundedness, Lyapunov functional, Delay differential equations, Fourth order.

Dördüncü mertebeden sınırlı gecikmeli nonlineer diferansiyel denklemlerin çözümlerinin kararlılığı ve sınırlılığı

ÖZ

Bu makalede Lyapunov'un ikinci metodu kullanılarak dördüncü mertebeden otonom olmayan değişken gecikmeli diferansiyel denklemlerin çözümlerinin düzgün asimptotik kararlılığı ve sınırlılığı için yeterli şartları veririz. Elde edilen sonuçlar literatürdeki sonuçları tamamlar, kapsar ve geliştirir.

Anahtar Kelimeler: Kararlılık, Sınırlılık, Lyapunov fonksiyonu, Gecikmeli diferansiyel denklemler, Dördüncü mertebe.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Differential equations with higher-order have been widely used in mechanics, vibration theory, electromechanical systems of physics and engineering. Solutions of the boundedness and stability problem associated to differential equation in fourth-order is one of the most prominent issue and it has been found highly remarkable for many authors. Very interesting results related to the solutions have been obtained. Particularly, majority of these results were obtained using the second method to the Lyapunov, which is thought as the most result-oriented and secured methods (see, Lyapunov [13] and Yoshizawa [28]). However, [4,5,16] include such a useful content about the qualitative behaviors of differential equations without or with delay. To gain much better perspective on the boundedness and stability, see the papers of Ezeilo [6,7], Hara [8], Harrow [9,10], Tunç [22,23,24,25,26], Remili et al. [15,17,18], Wu and Xiong [27] and others and their references. As motive from references, we obtain some new consequences on the uniformly asymptotically stability and boundedness of the solutions by means of the Lyapunov's functional approach. Our results differ from that obtained in the literature (see, [1]-[28] and the references therein). By this way, this paper enrich to the current literature and contribute future studies by presenting useful information for the solutions of higher-order functional differential equation's qualitative behaviors. In view of all the mentioned information, it can be checked the novelty and originality of the current paper.

In this paper, we seek sufficient condition to obtain the uniformly asymptotically stability of the solutions for $p(t, x, x', x'', x''') \equiv 0$ and boundedness of solutions to the fourth order nonlinear differential equation with bounded variable delay

$$\begin{aligned} & (g(x(t))x''(t))'' + a(t)(k(x(t))x''(t))' \\ & + b(t)(q(x(t))x'(t))' + c(t)f(x(t))x'(t) \\ & + d(t)h(x(t-r(t))) = p(t, x, x', x'', x'''). \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

For convenience, we let

$$\theta_1(t) = \frac{g'(x(t))}{g^2(x(t))} x'(t), \quad \theta_2(t) = \frac{k'(x(t))}{g^2(x(t))} x'(t)$$

and

$$\theta_3(t) = \frac{q'(x(t))}{g^2(x(t))} x'(t), \quad \theta_4(t) = \frac{f'(x(t))}{g^2(x(t))} x'(t).$$

We write (1) in the system form

$$\begin{aligned} x' &= y, \\ y' &= \frac{1}{g(x)} z, \\ z' &= w, \\ w' &= -a(t) \frac{k(x)}{g(x)} w \\ &+ \left(a(t)k(x)\theta_1(t) - b(t) \frac{q(x)}{g(x)} - a(t)g(x)\theta_2(t) \right) z \\ &- \left(b(t)g^2(x)\theta_3(t) + c(t)f(x) \right) y - d(t)h(x) \\ &+ d(t) \int_{t-r(t)}^t h'(x(\eta))y(\eta)d\eta + p(t, x, y, z, w), \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

where $r(t)$ is a bounded delay, $0 \leq r(t) \leq \Omega$, $r'(t) \leq \lambda$, $0 < \lambda < 1$, λ and Ω some positive constants, Ω which will be determined later, the functions a, b, c, d are continuously differentiable functions and the functions f, h, g, q, k and p are continuous functions depending only on the arguments shown. Also derivatives $g'(x), g''(x), k'(x), q'(x), f'(x)$ and $h'(x)$ exist and are continuous. The continuity of the functions $a, b, c, d, g, g', g'', k, k', q, q', f, p$ and h guarantees the existence of the solutions of equation (1). If the right-hand side of the system (2) satisfies a Lipchitz condition in $x(t), y(t), z(t), w(t)$ and $x(t-r(t))$ and exists of solutions of system (2), then it is unique solution of system (2).

Assuming

$a_0, b_0, c_0, d_0, f_0, g_0, q_0, k_0, a_1, b_1, c_1, d_1, f_1, g_1, q_1, k_1, m, M$, and δ are constants then, following assumptions hold:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(A1)} \quad & 0 < a_0 \leq a(t) \leq a_1; \\ & 0 < b_0 \leq b(t) \leq b_1; 0 < c_0 \leq c(t) \leq c_1; \\ & 0 < d_0 \leq d(t) \leq d_1 \text{ for } t \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(A2)} \quad & 0 < f_0 \leq f(x) \leq f_1; \\ & 0 < g_0 \leq g(x) \leq g_1; 0 < k_0 \leq k(x) \leq k_1; \\ & 0 < q_0 \leq q(x) \leq q_1 \quad \text{for } x \in R \quad \text{and} \\ & 0 < m < \min\{f_0, k_0, g_0, 1\}, \\ & M > \max\{f_1, g_1, k_1, 1\}. \end{aligned}$$

(A3) $\frac{h(x)}{x} \geq \delta > 0$ for $x \neq 0$, $h(0) = 0$.

(A4) $|p(t, x, y, z, w)| \leq |e(t)|$.

2. PRELIMINARIES

We also consider the functional differential equation

$$\dot{x} = f(t, x_t), \quad x_t(\theta) = x(t + \theta), \quad -r \leq \theta \leq 0, \quad t \geq 0. \quad (3)$$

where $f : IxC_H \rightarrow R^n$ is a continuous mapping, $f(t, 0) = 0$, $C_H := \{\phi \in (C[-r, 0], R^n) : \|\phi\| \leq H\}$, and for $H_1 < H$, there exists $L(H_1) > 0$, with $|f(t, \phi)| < L(H_1)$ when $\|\phi\| < H_1$.

Theorem 2.1. Let $V(t, \phi) : IxC_H \rightarrow R$ be a continuous functional satisfying a local Lipchitz condition, $V(t, 0) = 0$, and wedges W_i such that :

- 1) $W_1(\|\phi\|) \leq V(t, \phi) \leq W_2(\|\phi\|)$.
- 2) $V'_{(3)}(t, \phi) \leq -W_3(\|\phi\|)$.

Then, it implies that the equation (3) is uniformly asymptotically stable for the zero solution (Burton [4]).

3. MAIN RESULTS

Lemma 3.1. Let $h(0) = 0$, $xh(x) > 0$ ($x \neq 0$) and $\delta(t) - h'(x) \geq 0$, ($\delta(t) > 0$), then $2\delta(t)H(x) \geq h^2(x)$, where $H(x) = \int_0^x h(s)ds$ (Hara [8])

Theorem 3.1. Besides to the fundamental assumptions imposed on the functions a, b, c, d, g, k, q, f and h let we suppose that there exists non-negative constants $h_0, \delta_0, \nu_1, \nu_2, \eta_1, \eta_2, \eta_3$ and η_4 so that the following statements are hold:

- i. $\frac{h_0}{m} - \frac{a_0 m \delta_0}{d_1} \leq h'(x) \leq \frac{h_0}{2M}$, $|g'(x)| < \eta_4$ for $x \in R$.
- ii. $b_0 q_0 > \max\{\nu_1, \nu_2\}$ where

$$\begin{cases} \nu_1 = \frac{a_1 h_0 d_1 M^2}{c_0 m^3} + \frac{M^3 (c_1 + \delta_0)}{a_0 m^2} + a_0 a_1 m (M - 1) \\ \nu_2 = \frac{2d_1 h_0 a_0}{c_0 (M - 1)} \left(\frac{1}{m} - \frac{1}{M}\right)^2 + \frac{2c_0 M}{a_0} \\ \quad + \frac{2a_1 d_1 h_0 M}{c_0 m^3} + \frac{c_0 c_1 (M^2 + 2)mM}{d_1 h_0} \end{cases}$$

iii. $\int_0^\infty (|a'(t)| + |b'(t)| + |c'(t)| + |d'(t)|) dt < \eta_1$.

iv. $\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} (|g'(s)| + |k'(s)| + |q'(s)| + |f'(s)|) ds < \eta_2$.

v. $\int_0^\infty |e(t)| dt < \eta_3$.

Then any solution $x(t)$ equation (1) are bounded and trival solution of equation (1) for $p(t, x, x', x'', x''') \equiv 0$ is uniformly asymptotically stability, if

$$\Omega < \frac{2(1 - \lambda)}{d_1 h_1} \min \left\{ \frac{\varepsilon c_0 m}{\alpha + \beta(2 - \lambda) + 1}, \frac{\varepsilon a_0 m}{M\alpha(1 - \lambda)}, \frac{m^2 (b_0 q_0 - \nu_1) - \varepsilon M^2 (a_1 + c_1 m M)}{M m^2} \right\}.$$

Proof We take a Lyapunov functional for the usage of basic tool for the proof,

$$W = W(t, x, y, z, w) = e^{-\frac{1}{\eta} \int_0^t \gamma(s) ds} V, \quad (4)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma(t) = & |a'(t)| + |b'(t)| + |c'(t)| + |d'(t)| \\ & + |\theta_1(t)| + |\theta_2(t)| + |\theta_3(t)| + |\theta_4(t)|, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} 2V = & 2\beta d(t)H(x) + c(t)g(x)f(x)y^2 \\ & + ab(t)\frac{q(x)}{g(x)}z^2 + a(t)\frac{k(x)}{g(x)}z^2 \\ & + 2\beta a(t)\frac{k(x)}{g(x)}yz + [\beta b(t)q(x) - ah_0 d(t)]y^2 \\ & - \beta \frac{1}{g(x)}z^2 + \alpha w^2 + 2d(t)g(x)h(x)y \\ & + 2\alpha d(t)h(x)z + 2\alpha c(t)f(x)yz \\ & + 2\beta yw + 2zw + \sigma \int_{-r(t)}^0 \int_{t+s}^t y^2(\gamma) d\gamma ds \end{aligned}$$

with $H(x) = \int_0^x h(s)ds$, $\alpha = \frac{M}{a_0 m} + \varepsilon$,

$\beta = \frac{d_1 h_0}{c_0 m} + \varepsilon$, and η are non-negative constants to be described later. We can rewrite it in the form $2V$ as

$$\begin{aligned}
 2V = & a(t)k(x) \left[\frac{w}{a(t)k(x)} + z + \beta \frac{1}{g(x)} y \right]^2 \\
 & + c(t)f(x) \left[\frac{d(t)h(x)}{c(t)f(x)} + y + \alpha z \right]^2 \\
 & + c(t)f(x) \left[(g(x)-1)y + \frac{d(t)h(x)}{c(t)f(x)} \right]^2 \\
 & + 2\epsilon d(t)H(x) \\
 & + \sigma \int_{-r(t)}^0 \int_{t+s}^t y^2(\gamma) d\gamma ds + L_1 + L_2 + L_3,
 \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
 L_1 = & 2d(t) \int_0^x h(s) \left[\frac{d_1 h_0}{c_0 m} - 2 \frac{d(t)}{c(t)f(x)} h'(s) \right] ds, \\
 L_2 = & \left[ab(t) \frac{q(x)}{g(x)} - \beta \frac{1}{g(x)} - \alpha^2 c(t)f(x) \right. \\
 & \left. + a(t)k(x) \left(\frac{1}{g(x)} - 1 \right) \right] z^2, \\
 L_3 = & \left[\beta b(t)q(x) - \alpha h_0 d(t) - \beta^2 a(t) \frac{k(x)}{g^2(x)} \right. \\
 & \left. - c(t)f(x)(g^2(x) - 3g(x) + 2) \right] y^2 \\
 & + \left[\alpha - \frac{1}{a(t)k(x)} \right] w^2 + 2\beta \left(1 - \frac{1}{g(x)} \right) yw.
 \end{aligned}$$

Let

$$\epsilon < \min \left\{ \frac{M}{a_0 m}, \frac{d_1 h_0}{c_0 m}, \frac{m^2(b_0 q_0 - \nu_1)}{M^2(a_1 + mMc_1)} \right\} \quad (5)$$

then

$$\frac{M}{a_0 m} < \alpha < \frac{2M}{a_0 m}, \quad \frac{d_1 h_0}{c_0 m} < \beta < 2 \frac{d_1 h_0}{c_0 m}. \quad (6)$$

Considering conditions (A1)-(A3), (i)-(ii) and inequalities (5), (6) we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 L_1 \geq & 4d(t) \frac{d_1}{c_0 m} \int_0^x h(s) \left[\frac{h_0}{2M} - h'(s) \right] ds \geq 0, \\
 L_2 \geq & \alpha \left(\frac{b_0 q_0}{M} - \left(\frac{d_1 h_0}{c_0 m} + \epsilon \right) \frac{a_1}{m} - \left(\frac{M}{a_0 m} + \epsilon \right) c_1 m \right. \\
 & \left. - \frac{a_1 a_0 m}{M} (M-1) \right) z^2 + \beta \left(\alpha \frac{a_0}{M} - \frac{1}{m} \right) z^2
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \geq & \alpha \left(\frac{b_0 q_0}{M} - \frac{d_1 h_0 a_1}{c_0 m^2} - \frac{c_1 M^2}{a_0 m} - a_1 \frac{a_0 m}{M} (M-1) \right. \\
 & \left. - \frac{\epsilon}{m} (a_1 + c_1 mM) \right) z^2, \\
 \geq & \frac{\alpha}{Mm} (m(b_0 q_0 - \nu_1) - \epsilon M (a_1 + c_1 mM)) z^2 \geq 0,
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 L_3 \geq & \beta \left(b_0 q_0 - \frac{\alpha}{\beta} h_0 d_1 - \beta a_1 \frac{M}{g^2(x)} \right. \\
 & \left. - \frac{c_1 M (M^2 + 2)}{\beta} \right) y^2 + \left(\frac{M-1}{a_0 m} \right) w^2 \\
 & + 2\beta \left(1 - \frac{1}{g(x)} \right) yw \\
 \geq & \beta \left(b_0 q_0 - 2 \frac{Mc_0}{a_0} - 2a_1 \frac{d_1 h_0 M}{c_0 m^3} \right. \\
 & \left. - \frac{c_0 c_1 (M^2 + 2)mM}{d_1 h_0} \right) y^2 + \left(\frac{M-1}{a_0 m} \right) w^2 \\
 & + 2\beta \left(1 - \frac{1}{g(x)} \right) yw \\
 \geq & \beta \frac{2d_1 h_0 a_0}{c_0 (M-1)} \left(\frac{1}{m} - \frac{1}{M} \right)^2 y^2 + \left(\frac{M-1}{a_0 m} \right) w^2 \\
 & + 2\beta \left(1 - \frac{1}{g(x)} \right) yw,
 \end{aligned}$$

and by calculating the discriminant, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Delta = & \beta^2 \left(1 - \frac{1}{g(x)} \right)^2 - \beta \frac{2d_1 h_0}{c_0 m} \left(\frac{1}{m} - \frac{1}{M} \right)^2 \\
 \Delta \leq & \beta \left[\frac{2d_1 h_0}{c_0 m} \left(\frac{1}{m} - \frac{1}{M} \right)^2 - \frac{2d_1 h_0}{c_0 m} \left(\frac{1}{m} - \frac{1}{M} \right)^2 \right] = 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$L_3 \geq 0.$$

From the above inequalities, there exists non-negative constant D_0 so that

$$2V \geq D_0 (y^2 + z^2 + w^2 + H(x)). \quad (7)$$

Considering Lemma 3.1, (A3) and (i), we find a positive constant D_1 such that

$$2V \geq D_1 (x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + w^2) \quad (8)$$

In this way V is positive definite. In consideration of (A1)-(A3), we can have a positive constant U_1 such that

$$V \leq U_1(x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + w^2). \tag{9}$$

Considering the condition (iv), we write

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^t \sum_{i=1}^4 |\theta_i(s)| ds &= \int_{\alpha_1(t)}^{\alpha_2(t)} \frac{|g'(u)| + |k'(u)|}{g^2(u)} du \\ &\quad + \int_{\alpha_1(t)}^{\alpha_2(t)} \frac{|q'(u)| + |f'(u)|}{g^2(u)} du \\ &\leq \frac{1}{m^2} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} (|g'(u)| + |k'(u)|) du \tag{10} \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{m^2} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} (|q'(u)| + |f'(u)|) du \\ &< \frac{\eta_2}{m^2} < \infty \end{aligned}$$

where $\alpha_1(t) = \min\{x(0), x(t)\}$ and $\alpha_2(t) = \max\{x(0), x(t)\}$. From inequalities (5), (9) and (10), it follows that

$$W \geq D_2(x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + w^2) \tag{11}$$

where $D_2 = \frac{D_1}{2} e^{-\frac{1}{\tau}(\eta_1 + \frac{\eta_2}{m^2})}$.

Also, it is easy to see that there is a positive constant U_2 such that

$$W \leq U_2(x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + w^2) \tag{12}$$

for all x, y, z, w and all $t \geq 0$.

Now our goal is to show that \dot{W} is negative definite function. For the function V taking derivative with respect to t yields to obtain following statement along any solution $(x(t), y(t), z(t), w(t))$ of the system (2)

$$\begin{aligned} 2\dot{V}_{(2)} &= -2\epsilon c(t)f(x)y^2 + L_4 + L_5 + L_6 + L_7 \\ &\quad + L_8 + L_9 + 2(\beta y + z + \alpha w)p(t, x, y, z, w) \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} L_4 &= -2 \left(\frac{d_1 h_0}{c_0 m} c(t)f(x) - d(t)g(x)h'(x) \right) y^2 \\ &\quad - 2\alpha d(t) \left(\frac{h_0}{g(x)} - h'(x) \right) yz, \end{aligned}$$

$$L_5 = -2 \left(\frac{b(t)q(x)}{g(x)} - \alpha c(t) \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} - \beta a(t) \frac{k(x)}{g^2(x)} \right) z^2,$$

$$L_6 = -2 \left(\alpha \frac{a(t)k(x)}{g(x)} - 1 \right) w^2,$$

$$\begin{aligned} L_7 &= 2\alpha d(t)w \int_{t-r(t)}^t h'(x(\eta))y(\eta)d\eta \\ &\quad + 2\beta d(t)y(t) \int_{t-r(t)}^t h'(x(\eta))y(\eta)d\eta \\ &\quad + 2d(t)z(t) \int_{t-r(t)}^t h'(x(\eta))y(\eta)d\eta \\ &\quad + \sigma y^2(t) - \sigma(1-r'(t)) \int_{t-r(t)}^t y^2(\eta)d\eta \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} L_8 &= \theta_1(a(t)k(x)z^2 - \alpha b(t)q(x)z^2 \\ &\quad + c(t)f(x)g^2(x)y^2 + \beta z^2 \\ &\quad + 2d(t)g^2(x)h(x)y + 2\alpha a(t)k(x)zw) \\ &\quad - b(t)\theta_3 g(x)(\alpha z^2 + 2\alpha g(x)zw + \beta g(x)y^2 \\ &\quad + 2g(x)yz) - a(t)\theta_2 g(x)(z^2 + 2\alpha zw) \\ &\quad + \theta_4(c(t)g^3(x)y^2 + 2\alpha c(t)g^2(x)yz), \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} L_9 &= d'(t) [2\beta H(x) - \alpha h_0 y^2 + 2g(x)h(x)y + 2\alpha h(x)z] \\ &\quad + c'(t) [g(x)f(x)y^2 + 2\alpha f(x)yz] \\ &\quad + b'(t) \left[\alpha \frac{q(x)}{g(x)} z^2 + \beta q(x)y^2 \right] \\ &\quad + a'(t) \left[\frac{k(x)}{g(x)} z^2 + 2\beta \frac{k(x)}{g(x)} yz \right]. \end{aligned}$$

By regarding conditions (A1), (A2), (i), (ii) and inequality (6), (7) we have the following

$$\begin{aligned} L_4 &\leq -2d(t)g(x) \left[\frac{h_0}{g(x)} - h'(x) \right] y^2 \\ &\quad - 2\alpha d(t) \left[\frac{h_0}{g(x)} - h'(x) \right] yz \\ &\leq 2d(t)m \left[\frac{h_0}{g(x)} - h'(x) \right] \left[\left(y + \frac{\alpha}{2m} z \right)^2 - \left(\frac{\alpha}{2m} z \right)^2 \right] \\ &\leq \frac{\alpha^2}{2m} d(t) \left[\frac{h_0}{m} - h'(x) \right] z^2. \end{aligned}$$

In that case,

$$L_4 + L_5 \leq -2 \left[\frac{b_0 q_0}{M} - \left(\frac{M}{a_0 m} + \epsilon \right) \frac{c_1 M}{m} \right]$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & -\left(\frac{d_1 h_0}{c_0 m} + \varepsilon\right) \frac{a_1 M}{m^2} - \frac{\alpha^2}{4m} (a_0 \delta_0) \Big] z^2 \\
 & \leq -2 \left[\frac{b_0 q_0}{M} - \frac{M^2}{a_0 m^2} c_1 - \frac{d_1 h_0 a_1 M}{c_0 m^3} \right. \\
 & \quad \left. - \frac{M^2 \delta_0}{a_0 m^2} - \varepsilon \frac{M}{m} \left(\frac{a_1}{m} + c_1 \right) \right] z^2 \\
 & \leq -\frac{2}{M m^2} [m^2 (b_0 q_0 - \nu_1) - \varepsilon M^2 (a_1 + c_1 m)] z^2 \leq 0,
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$L_6 \leq -2 \left[\alpha \frac{a_0 m}{M} - 1 \right] w^2 = -2\varepsilon \frac{a_0 m}{M} w^2 \leq 0.$$

By taking $h_1 = \max \left\{ \frac{h_0}{m} - \frac{a_0 m \delta_0}{d_1}, \frac{h_0}{2M} \right\}$ we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 L_7 \leq & d_1 h_1 r(t) (\alpha w^2 + \beta y^2 + z^2) + \sigma r(t) y^2 \\
 & + [d_1 h_1 (\alpha + \beta + 1) - \sigma (1 - \lambda)] \int_{t-r(t)}^t y^2(s) ds
 \end{aligned}$$

If we choose $\sigma = \frac{d_1 h_1}{(1-\lambda)} (\alpha + \beta + 1)$, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 L_7 \leq & \frac{d_1 h_1 r(t)}{1-\lambda} [(1-\lambda) \alpha w^2 \\
 & + (\alpha + \beta (2 - \lambda) + 1) y^2 + z^2]
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus, there exists a positive constant D_3 such that

$$\begin{aligned}
 -2\varepsilon c(t) f(x) y^2 + L_4 + L_5 + L_6 + L_7 \\
 \leq -2D_3 (y^2 + z^2 + w^2).
 \end{aligned}$$

From (7), and the Cauchy Schwartz inequality, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 L_8 \leq & |\theta_1| (a(t) k(x) z^2 + \alpha b(t) q(x) z^2 \\
 & + c(t) f(x) g^2(x) y^2 + \beta z^2 \\
 & + d(t) g^2(x) (h^2(x) + y^2) + \alpha a(t) k(x) (z^2 + w^2)) \\
 & + |\theta_4| (c(t) g^3(x) y^2 + \alpha c(t) g^2(x) (y^2 + z^2)) \\
 & + a(t) |\theta_2| g(x) (z^2 + \alpha (z^2 + w^2)) \\
 & + b(t) |\theta_3| g(x) (\alpha z^2 + \alpha g(x) (z^2 + w^2)) \\
 & + \beta g(x) y^2 + g(x) (y^2 + z^2)) \\
 \leq & \lambda_1 (|\theta_1| + |\theta_2| + |\theta_3| + |\theta_4|) (y^2 + z^2 + w^2 + H(x)) \\
 \leq & 2 \frac{\lambda_1}{D_0} (|\theta_1| + |\theta_2| + |\theta_3| + |\theta_4|) V,
 \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
 \lambda_1 = & \max \{ d_1 h_0 M, b_1 M (\alpha + \alpha M + M + \beta M), \\
 & \beta + M (a_1 + \alpha b_1 + \alpha a_1), M^2 (d_1 + \alpha c_1 + c_1 M) \}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Using condition (i) and Lemma 3.1, we can write

$$\begin{aligned}
 |L_9| \leq & |d'(t)| [2\beta H(x) + \alpha h_0 y^2 \\
 & + g(x) (h^2(x) + y^2) + \alpha (h^2(x) + z^2)] \\
 & + |c'(t)| f(x) [g(x) y^2 + \alpha (y^2 + z^2)] \\
 & + |b'(t)| q(x) \left[\alpha \frac{1}{g(x)} z^2 + \beta y^2 \right] \\
 & + |a'(t)| \frac{k(x)}{g(x)} [z^2 + \beta (y^2 + z^2)] \\
 \leq & \lambda_2 [|a'(t)| + |b'(t)| + |c'(t)| + |d'(t)|] (y^2 + z^2 \\
 & + w^2 + H(x)) \\
 \leq & 2 \frac{\lambda_2}{D_0} [|a'(t)| + |b'(t)| + |c'(t)| + |d'(t)|] V,
 \end{aligned}$$

such that

$$\lambda_2 = \max \left\{ 2\beta + h_0 \left(1 + \frac{\alpha}{M} \right), \alpha h_0 + M (\alpha + M + 1), \frac{M}{m} (\alpha + \beta + 1) \right\}.$$

By taking $\frac{1}{\eta} = \frac{1}{D_0} \max \{ \lambda_1, \lambda_2 \}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \dot{V}_{(2)} \leq & -D_3 (y^2 + z^2 + w^2) \\
 & + (\beta y + z + \alpha w) p(t, x, y, z, w) \\
 & + \frac{1}{\eta} (|a'(t)| + |b'(t)| + |c'(t)| \\
 & + |d'(t)| + |\theta_1| + |\theta_2| + |\theta_3| + |\theta_4|) V.
 \end{aligned} \tag{13}$$

From (A4), (iii), (iv), (10), (11), (13) and the Cauchy Schwartz inequality, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 \dot{W}_{(2)} = & \left(\dot{V}_{(2)} - \frac{1}{\eta} \gamma(t) V \right) e^{-\frac{1}{\eta} \int_0^t \gamma(s) ds} \\
 \leq & (-D_3 (y^2 + z^2 + w^2) + (\beta y + z \\
 & + \alpha w) p(t, x, y, z, w)) e^{-\frac{1}{\eta} \int_0^t \gamma(s) ds} \\
 \leq & (\beta |y| + |z| + \alpha |w|) |p(t, x, y, z, w)| \\
 \leq & D_4 (|y| + |z| + |w|) |e(t)| \\
 \leq & D_4 (3 + y^2 + z^2 + w^2) |e(t)| \\
 \leq & D_4 \left(3 + \frac{1}{D_2} W \right) |e(t)| \\
 \leq & 3D_4 |e(t)| + \frac{D_4}{D_2} W |e(t)|
 \end{aligned} \tag{14}$$

$$\leq 3D_4 |e(t)| + \frac{D_4}{D_2} W |e(t)| \tag{15}$$

where $D_4 = \max\{\alpha, \beta, 1\}$. Integrating (15) from 0 to t and using the condition (v) and the Gronwall inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned} W &\leq W(0, x(0), y(0), z(0), w(0)) + 3D_4\eta_3 \\ &\quad + \frac{D_4}{D_2} \int_0^t W(s, x(s), y(s), z(s), w(s)) |e(s)| ds \\ &\leq (W(0, x(0), y(0), z(0), w(0)) + 3D_4\eta_3) e^{\frac{D_4}{D_2} \int_0^t |e(s)| ds} \\ &\leq (W(0, x(0), y(0), z(0), w(0)) + 3D_4\eta_3) e^{\frac{D_4}{D_2} \eta_3} \quad (16) \\ &= K_1 < \infty \end{aligned}$$

Because of inequalities (11) and (16), we write

$$(x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + w^2) \leq \frac{1}{D_2} W \leq K_2, \quad (17)$$

where $K_2 = \frac{K_1}{D_2}$. Clearly (17) implies that

$$\begin{aligned} |x(t)| &\leq \sqrt{K_2}, \quad |y(t)| \leq \sqrt{K_2}, \\ |z(t)| &\leq \sqrt{K_2}, \quad |w(t)| \leq \sqrt{K_2} \text{ for all } t \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, by using conditions (A2), (i) and (17) with the system (2) we have

$$\begin{aligned} |x(t)| &\leq \sqrt{K_2}, \quad |x'(t)| \leq \sqrt{K_2}, \\ |x''(t)| &\leq |y'(t)| = \left| \frac{1}{g(x)} z(t) \right| \leq \frac{1}{g_0} \sqrt{K_2}, \\ |x'''(t)| &\leq \frac{1}{g(x)} |w(t)| + \left| \frac{g'(x)}{g^2(x)} y(t) z(t) \right| \quad (18) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{g_0} \sqrt{K_2} + \frac{\eta_4}{g_0^2} K_2 \text{ for all } t \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

In this case $x(t), x'(t), x''(t)$ and $x'''(t)$ are bounded.

By taking $p(t, x, y, z, w) \equiv 0$ in the inequality (14) obtained

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{W}_{(2)} &= \left(\dot{V}_{(2)} - \frac{1}{\eta} \gamma(t)V \right) e^{-\frac{1}{\eta} \int_0^t \gamma(s) ds} \\ &\leq -D_3 (y^2 + z^2 + w^2) e^{-\frac{1}{\eta} \int_0^t \gamma(s) ds} \\ &\leq -\mu (y^2 + z^2 + w^2), \end{aligned}$$

where $\mu = D_3 e^{-\frac{\eta_1 + \eta_2}{\eta}}$. It can also be observed that the only solution of system (2) for which $\dot{W}_{(2)}(t, x, y, z, w) = 0$ is the solution $x = y = z = w = 0$. In this way, trivial solution of

equation (1) is uniformly asymptotically stable and are bounded solutions of equation (1).

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