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# $\Psi$ -Stability of Nonlinear Volterra Integro-Differential Systems with Time Delay

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We give some sufficient conditions for  $\Psi$ -uniform stability of the trivial solutions of a nonlinear differential system and of nonlinear Volterra integro-differential systems with time delay.

## 1. Introduction

Akinyele [1] introduced the notion of  $\Psi$ -stability of the degree  $k$  with respect to a function  $\Psi \in C(\mathbb{R}_+, \mathbb{R}_+)$ , increasing and differentiable on  $\mathbb{R}$  and such that  $\Psi(t) \geq 1$  for  $t \geq 0$  and  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \Psi(t) = b$ ,  $b \in [1, \infty)$ . Constantin [2] introduced the notions of degree of stability and degree of boundedness of solutions of an ordinary differential equation, with respect to a continuous positive and nondecreasing function  $\Psi : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ ; some criteria for these notions are proved there too.

Morchała [3] introduced the notions of  $\Psi$ -stability,  $\Psi$ -uniform stability, and  $\Psi$ -asymptotic stability of trivial solution of the nonlinear system  $x' = f(t, x)$ . Several new and sufficient conditions for the mentioned types of stability are proved for the linear system  $x' = A(t)x$ ; in this paper  $\Psi$  is a scalar continuous function. In [4, 5], Diamandescu gives some sufficient conditions for  $\Psi$ -asymptotic stability and  $\Psi$ -(uniform) stability of the nonlinear Volterra integro-differential system  $x' = A(t)x + \int_0^t F(t, s, x(s))ds$ ; in these papers  $\Psi$  is a matrix function. Furthermore, in [6], sufficient conditions are given for the uniform Lipschitz stability of the system  $x' = f(t, x) + g(t, x)$ .

In paper [7], for the nonlinear system

$$y' = f(t, y) + g(t, y) \quad (1)$$

and the nonlinear Volterra integro-differential system

$$z' = f(t, z) + \int_0^t F(t, s, z(s)) ds, \quad (2)$$

by using the knowledge of fundamental matrix and nonlinear variation of constants, we give some sufficient conditions for  $\Psi$ -(uniform) stability of trivial solution for the system. The purpose of this paper is to provide sufficient conditions for  $\Psi$ -uniform stability of trivial solutions for the nonlinear delayed system

$$x'(t) = f(t, x(t)) + g(t, x(t - \tau(t))) \quad (3)$$

and the nonlinear delayed Volterra integro-differential systems

$$x'(t) = f(t, x(t)) + g(t, x(t - \tau(t))) + p(t, x(t)) \int_0^t q(s, x(s - \tau(s))) ds, \quad (4)$$

$$x'(t) = f(t, x(t)) + g(t, x(t - \tau(t))) + p(t, x(t - \tau(t))) \int_0^t q(s, x(s)) ds, \quad (5)$$

where  $f, g, p, q \in C(\mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R}^n)$ ,  $f(t, 0) = g(t, 0) = p(t, 0) = q(t, 0) = 0$  for  $t \in \mathbb{R}_+$ , and  $\tau \in C^1(\mathbb{R}_+, \mathbb{R}_+)$  with

$\tau(t) \leq t$  on  $\mathbb{R}_+$ . The systems studied in [7] do not include time delay, whereas all the systems studied in this paper have time delay.

In this paper, we investigate conditions on the functions  $f, g, p, q$  under which the trivial solutions of systems (3), (4), and (5) are  $\Psi$ -stability on  $\mathbb{R}_+$ ; the main tool used is the integral inequalities and the integral technique. Here  $\Psi$  is a matrix function whose introduction allows us to obtain a mixed behavior for the components of solutions.

Let  $\mathbb{R}^n$  denote the Euclidean  $n$ -space. For  $x = (x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n)^T \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , let  $\|x\| = \max\{|x_1|, |x_2|, \dots, |x_n|\}$  be the norm of  $x$ . For an  $n \times n$  matrix  $A = (a_{ij})$ , we define the norm  $|A| = \sup_{\|x\| \leq 1} \|Ax\|$ . It is well known that

$$|A| = \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \sum_{j=1}^n |a_{ij}|. \tag{6}$$

Let  $\Psi_i : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow (0, \infty)$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ , be continuous functions and  $\Psi = \text{diag}[\Psi_1, \Psi_2, \dots, \Psi_n]$ .

Now we give the definitions of  $\Psi$ -(uniform) stability that we will need in the sequel.

*Definition 1* (see [4, 8]). The trivial solution of (3) ((4) or (5)) is said to be  $\Psi$ -stable on  $\mathbb{R}_+$  if for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  and any  $t_0 \in \mathbb{R}_+$ , there exists  $\delta = \delta(\varepsilon, t_0) > 0$  such that any solution  $x(t)$  of (3) ((4) or (5)), which satisfies the inequality  $\|\Psi(t_0)x(t_0)\| < \delta$ , exists and satisfies the inequality  $\|\Psi(t)x(t)\| < \varepsilon$  for all  $t \geq t_0$ .

*Definition 2* (see [4, 8]). The trivial solution of (3) ((4) or (5)) is said to be  $\Psi$ -uniformly stable on  $\mathbb{R}_+$  if it is  $\Psi$ -stable on  $\mathbb{R}_+$  and the previous  $\delta$  is independent of  $t_0$ .

## 2. $\Psi$ -Stability of the Systems

To prove our theorems, we need the following lemmas.

**Lemma 3.** Let  $h, k, p, q \in C(\mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathbb{R}_+, \mathbb{R}_+)$  with  $(t, s) \mapsto \partial_t h(t, s), \partial_t k(t, s), \partial_t p(t, s), \partial_t q(t, s) \in C(\mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathbb{R}_+, \mathbb{R}_+)$ . Assume, in addition, that  $b \in C(\mathbb{R}_+, \mathbb{R}_+)$  and  $\alpha \in C^1(\mathbb{R}_+, \mathbb{R}_+)$  are nondecreasing functions and  $\alpha(t) \leq t$  for  $t \geq 0$ . If  $u \in C(\mathbb{R}_+, \mathbb{R}_+)$  satisfies

$$u(t) \leq b(t) + \int_0^t h(t, s) u(s) ds + \int_0^{\alpha(t)} k(t, s) u(s) ds + \int_0^t p(t, s) u(s) \left( \int_0^{\alpha(s)} q(s, v) u(v) dv \right) ds, \tag{7}$$

for  $t \geq 0$ , and  $b(t) \int_0^t R(s)Q(s)ds < 1$ , then

$$u(t) \leq \frac{b(t)Q(t)}{1 - b(t) \int_0^t R(s)Q(s)ds}, \quad t \geq 0, \tag{8}$$

where  $Q(t) = \exp\left(\int_0^t h(t, s)ds + \int_0^{\alpha(t)} k(t, s)ds\right)$ ,  $R(t) = (d/dt) \int_0^t p(t, s) \left(\int_0^{\alpha(s)} q(s, v)dv\right)ds$ .

*Proof.* Let  $T \geq 0$  be fixed and denote

$$x(t) = \int_0^t h(t, s) u(s) ds + \int_0^{\alpha(t)} k(t, s) u(s) ds + \int_0^t p(t, s) u(s) \left( \int_0^{\alpha(s)} q(s, v) u(v) dv \right) ds, \quad t \geq 0, \tag{9}$$

then  $u(t) \leq b(t) + x(t)$ , and  $x$  is nondecreasing on  $\mathbb{R}_+$ . For  $t \in [0, T]$ , by calculations we get the following:

$$\begin{aligned} x'(t) &= \left[ h(t, t) u(t) + \int_0^t \partial_t h(t, s) u(s) ds \right] \\ &+ \left[ k(t, \alpha(t)) u(\alpha(t)) \alpha'(t) + \int_0^{\alpha(t)} \partial_t k(t, s) u(s) ds \right] \\ &+ \left[ p(t, t) u(t) \int_0^{\alpha(t)} q(t, v) u(v) dv \right. \\ &\left. + \int_0^t \partial_t p(t, s) u(s) \left( \int_0^{\alpha(s)} q(s, v) u(v) dv \right) ds \right] \\ &\leq [b(T) + x(t)] \left[ \frac{d}{dt} \left( \int_0^t h(t, s) ds + \int_0^{\alpha(t)} k(t, s) ds \right) \right] \\ &+ [b(T) + x(t)]^2 \frac{d}{dt} \int_0^t p(t, s) \left( \int_0^{\alpha(s)} q(s, v) dv \right) ds. \end{aligned} \tag{10}$$

Suppose that  $b(0) > 0$  (if  $b(0) = 0$ , carry out the following arguments with  $b(t) + \varepsilon$  instead of  $b(t)$ , where  $\varepsilon > 0$  is an arbitrary small constant, and subsequently pass to the limit as  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$  to complete the proof), then we get

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{x'(t)}{[b(T) + x(t)]^2} \\ &- \frac{1}{b(T) + x(t)} \frac{d}{dt} \left( \int_0^t h(t, s) ds + \int_0^{\alpha(t)} k(t, s) ds \right) \\ &\leq \frac{d}{dt} \int_0^t p(t, s) \left( \int_0^{\alpha(s)} q(s, v) dv \right) ds. \end{aligned} \tag{11}$$

Let

$$\begin{aligned} z(t) &= \frac{1}{b(T) + x(t)}, \\ q(t) &= \int_0^t h(t, s) ds + \int_0^{\alpha(t)} k(t, s) ds, \\ Q(t) &= \exp(q(t)) \\ &= \exp\left(\int_0^t h(t, s) ds + \int_0^{\alpha(t)} k(t, s) ds\right), \end{aligned} \tag{12}$$

$$R(t) = \frac{d}{dt} \int_0^t p(t, s) \left( \int_0^{\alpha(s)} q(s, v) dv \right) ds,$$

then, we have

$$z'(t) + z(t) \left( \frac{d}{dt} q(t) \right) \geq -R(t). \tag{13}$$

Multiplying the above inequality by  $e^{q(t)} = Q(t)$ , we get

$$\frac{d}{dt} (z(t) Q(t)) \geq -Q(t) R(t). \tag{14}$$

Consider now the integral on the interval  $[0, t]$  to obtain

$$z(t) Q(t) \geq z(0) - \int_0^t Q(s) R(s) ds, \quad 0 \leq t \leq T, \tag{15}$$

so

$$\begin{aligned} z(t) &= \frac{1}{b(T) + x(t)} \\ &\geq \left[ \frac{1}{b(T)} - \int_0^t Q(s) R(s) ds \right] \frac{1}{Q(t)} \\ &= \frac{1 - b(T) \int_0^t Q(s) R(s) ds}{b(T) Q(t)} \end{aligned} \tag{16}$$

for  $0 \leq t \leq T$ . Let  $t = T$ , since  $b(T) \int_0^T Q(s) R(s) ds < 1$ , then we have

$$b(T) + x(T) \leq \frac{b(T) Q(T)}{1 - b(T) \int_0^T Q(s) R(s) ds}. \tag{17}$$

Since  $T \geq 0$  was arbitrarily chosen, considering  $u(t) \leq b(t) + x(t)$ , we get (8).  $\square$

**Lemma 4.** Let  $h, k, p, q, b, \alpha$  be as in Lemma 3. If  $u \in C(\mathbb{R}_+, \mathbb{R}_+)$  satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} u(t) &\leq b(t) + \int_0^t h(t, s) u(s) ds + \int_0^{\alpha(t)} k(t, s) u(s) ds \\ &\quad + \int_0^{\alpha(t)} p(t, s) u(s) \left( \int_0^s q(s, v) u(v) dv \right) ds, \end{aligned} \tag{18}$$

for  $t \geq 0$ , and  $b(t) \int_0^t R(s) Q(s) ds < 1$ , then

$$u(t) \leq \frac{b(t) Q(t)}{1 - b(t) \int_0^t R(s) Q(s) ds}, \quad t \geq 0, \tag{19}$$

where  $Q(t) = \exp(\int_0^t h(t, s) ds + \int_0^{\alpha(t)} k(t, s) ds)$ ,  $R(t) = (d/dt) \int_0^{\alpha(t)} p(t, s) (\int_0^s q(s, v) dv) ds$ .

The proof is similar to the proof of Lemma 3, we omit the details.

**Theorem 5.** If there exist functions  $a(t, s), b(t, s) \in C(\mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathbb{R}_+, \mathbb{R}_+)$  with  $(t, s) \mapsto \partial_t a(t, s), \partial_t b(t, s) \in C(\mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathbb{R}_+, \mathbb{R}_+)$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} \|\Psi(t) f(s, x)\| &\leq a(t, s) \|\Psi(s) x\|, \\ \|\Psi(t) g(s, x)\| &\leq b(t, s) \|\Psi(s) x\|, \end{aligned} \tag{20}$$

for  $0 \leq s \leq t$  and for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . Moreover,

$$\limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^t (a(t, s) + b(t, s)) ds = L_1, \tag{21}$$

$$\|\Psi(t) \Psi^{-1}(s)\| \leq L_2 \quad \text{for } 0 \leq s \leq t,$$

and  $|\Psi(t)x(\alpha(t))| \leq |\Psi(\alpha(t))x(\alpha(t))|$ , where  $L_1, L_2$  are nonnegative constants. If  $\alpha(t) = t - \tau(t)$  is an increasing diffeomorphism of  $\mathbb{R}_+$ . Then, the trivial solution of system (3) is  $\Psi$ -uniformly stable on  $\mathbb{R}_+$ .

*Proof.* Suppose that  $x(t, t_0, x_0) := x(t)$  is the unique solution of system (3) which satisfies  $x(t_0) = x_0$ , since

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) &= x_0 + \int_{t_0}^t f(s, x(s)) ds + \int_{t_0}^t g(s, x(\alpha(s))) ds \\ &= x_0 + \int_{t_0}^t f(s, x(s)) ds + \int_{\alpha(t_0)}^{\alpha(t)} \frac{g(\alpha^{-1}(r), x(r))}{\alpha'(\alpha^{-1}(r))} dr, \end{aligned} \tag{22}$$

after performing the change of variables  $r = \alpha(s)$  in the second integral, and  $\alpha^{-1}$  is the inverse of the diffeomorphism  $\alpha$  then, it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \|\Psi(t) x(t)\| &\leq \|\Psi(t) \Psi^{-1}(t_0) \Psi(t_0) x_0\| \\ &\quad + \int_{t_0}^t \|\Psi(t) f(s, x(s))\| ds \\ &\quad + \int_{\alpha(t_0)}^{\alpha(t)} \left\| \Psi(t) \frac{g(\alpha^{-1}(r), x(r))}{\alpha'(\alpha^{-1}(r))} \right\| ds \\ &\leq L_2 \|\Psi(t_0) x_0\| + \int_{t_0}^t a(t, s) \|\Psi(s) x(s)\| ds \\ &\quad + \int_{\alpha(t_0)}^{\alpha(t)} \frac{b(t, \alpha^{-1}(r))}{\alpha'(\alpha^{-1}(r))} \|\Psi(r) x(r)\| dr, \end{aligned} \tag{23}$$

this implies by Lemma 3 that

$$\begin{aligned} \|\Psi(t) x(t)\| &\leq L_2 \|\Psi(t_0) x_0\| \exp \\ &\quad \times \left( \int_{t_0}^t a(t, s) ds + \int_{\alpha(t_0)}^{\alpha(t)} \frac{b(t, \alpha^{-1}(r))}{\alpha'(\alpha^{-1}(r))} dr \right) \\ &= L_2 \|\Psi(t_0) x_0\| \exp \left( \int_{t_0}^t (a(t, s) + b(t, s)) ds \right) \\ &\leq L_2 e^{L_1} \|\Psi(t_0) x_0\|, \end{aligned} \tag{24}$$

so for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ , choose  $\delta = \varepsilon / (L_2 e^{L_1})$ , then

$$\|\Psi(t) x(t)\| \leq L_2 e^{L_1} \|\Psi(t_0) x_0\| < \varepsilon \tag{25}$$

for  $\|\Psi(t_0) x_0\| < \delta$  and for all  $0 \leq t_0 \leq t < \infty$ . Hence, the conclusion of the theorem follows.  $\square$

**Theorem 6.** *Let all the conditions in Theorem 5 hold. Suppose further that there exist functions  $m(t, s), n(t, s) \in C(\mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathbb{R}_+, \mathbb{R}_+)$  with  $(t, s) \mapsto \partial_t m(t, s), \partial_t n(t, s) \in C(\mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathbb{R}_+, \mathbb{R}_+)$  such that*

$$\begin{aligned} \|\Psi(t) p(s, x) \Psi^{-1}(s)\| &\leq m(t, s) \|\Psi(s) x\|, \\ \|\Psi(t) q(s, x)\| &\leq n(t, s) \|\Psi(s) x\|, \end{aligned} \tag{26}$$

for  $0 \leq s \leq t$  and for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , moreover,

$$\limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^t m(t, s) \left( \int_0^s n(s, u) du \right) ds = L_3, \tag{27}$$

where  $L_3$  is a nonnegative constant. Then, the trivial solutions of systems (4) and (5) are  $\Psi$ -uniformly stable on  $\mathbb{R}_+$ .

*Proof.* For that system (4), suppose  $x(t, t_0, x_0) := x(t)$  is the unique solution of system (4) which satisfies  $x(t_0) = x_0$ , since

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) &= x_0 + \int_{t_0}^t f(s, x(s)) ds + \int_{t_0}^t g(s, x(\alpha(s))) ds \\ &\quad + \int_{t_0}^t p(s, x(s)) \int_0^s q(u, x(\alpha(u))) du ds, \quad 0 \leq t_0 \leq t, \end{aligned} \tag{28}$$

it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \|\Psi(t) x(t)\| &\leq \|\Psi(t) \Psi^{-1}(t_0) \Psi(t_0) x_0\| \\ &\quad + \int_{t_0}^t \|\Psi(t) f(s, x(s))\| ds \\ &\quad + \int_{\alpha(t_0)}^{\alpha(t)} \frac{\|\Psi(t) g(\alpha^{-1}(r), x(r))\|}{\alpha'(\alpha^{-1}(r))} dr \\ &\quad + \int_{t_0}^t \|\Psi(t) p(s, x(s)) \Psi^{-1}(s)\| \\ &\quad \times \left( \int_0^{\alpha(s)} \frac{\|\Psi(s) q(\alpha^{-1}(r), x(r))\|}{\alpha'(\alpha^{-1}(r))} dr \right) ds \\ &\leq L_2 \|\Psi(t_0) x_0\| + \int_{t_0}^t a(t, s) \|\Psi(s) x(s)\| ds \\ &\quad + \int_{\alpha(t_0)}^{\alpha(t)} \frac{b(t, \alpha^{-1}(r))}{\alpha'(\alpha^{-1}(r))} \|\Psi(r) x(r)\| dr \\ &\quad + \int_{t_0}^t m(t, s) \|\Psi(s) x(s)\| \\ &\quad \times \left( \int_0^{\alpha(s)} \frac{n(s, \alpha^{-1}(r)) \|\Psi(r) x(r)\|}{\alpha'(\alpha^{-1}(r))} dr \right) ds \end{aligned} \tag{29}$$

after performing the change of variables  $r = \alpha(s)$  (or  $r = \alpha(u)$ ) at some intermediate step, and  $\alpha^{-1}$  is the inverse of the diffeomorphism  $\alpha$ . Denote

$$\begin{aligned} Q(t) &= \exp \left( \int_{t_0}^t a(t, s) ds + \int_{\alpha(t_0)}^{\alpha(t)} \frac{b(t, \alpha^{-1}(r))}{\alpha'(\alpha^{-1}(r))} dr \right) \\ &= \exp \left( \int_{t_0}^t (a(t, s) + b(t, s)) ds \right), \\ R(t) &= \frac{d}{dt} \left[ \int_{t_0}^t m(t, s) \left( \int_0^{\alpha(s)} \frac{n(s, \alpha^{-1}(r))}{\alpha'(\alpha^{-1}(r))} dr \right) ds \right] \\ &= \frac{d}{dt} \left[ \int_{t_0}^t m(t, s) \left( \int_0^s n(s, u) du \right) ds \right]. \end{aligned} \tag{30}$$

This implies by Lemma 3 that

$$\begin{aligned} \|\Psi(t) x(t)\| &\leq L_2 \|\Psi(t_0) x_0\| \frac{Q(t)}{1 - L_2 \|\Psi(t_0) x_0\| \int_0^t Q(v) R(v) dv} \\ &\leq \|\Psi(t_0) x_0\| \frac{L_2 e^{L_1}}{1 - L_2 \|\Psi(t_0) x_0\| e^{L_1} \int_0^t R(v) dv} \\ &= \|\Psi(t_0) x_0\| \\ &\quad \times \frac{L_2 e^{L_1}}{1 - L_2 \|\Psi(t_0) x_0\| e^{L_1} \int_{t_0}^t m(t, s) \left( \int_0^s n(s, u) du \right) ds} \\ &\leq \|\Psi(t_0) x_0\| \frac{L_2 e^{L_1}}{1 - L_2 L_3 \|\Psi(t_0) x_0\| e^{L_1}} \end{aligned} \tag{31}$$

for  $L_2 L_3 \|\Psi(t_0) x_0\| e^{L_1} < 1$  and  $0 \leq t_0 \leq t$ . So, for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $t_0 \geq 0$ , let  $0 < q < 1/L_2 L_3 e^{L_1}$  be a constant and choose  $\delta = \min\{q, ((1 - qL_2 L_3 e^{L_1})\varepsilon)/L_2 e^{L_1}\}$ , then

$$\|\Psi(t) x(t)\| < \frac{(1 - qL_2 L_3 e^{L_1}) \varepsilon}{L_2 e^{L_1}} \times \frac{L_2 e^{L_1}}{1 - qL_2 L_3 e^{L_1}} = \varepsilon \tag{32}$$

for  $\|\Psi(t_0) x_0\| < \delta$  and for all  $0 \leq t_0 \leq t < \infty$ . This proves that the trivial solution of system (4) is  $\Psi$ -uniformly stable on  $\mathbb{R}_+$ .

Using Lemma 4, the proof of system (5) is similar to that of system (4) and the details are left to the readers.  $\square$

*Remark 7.* For  $\Psi_i = 1, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ , we obtain the theorems of classical stability and uniform stability.

### 3. Examples

*Example 8.* Consider the nonlinear differential system

$$\begin{aligned} x_1'(t) &= x_1(t) + x_1\left(\frac{t}{2}\right) \sin t, \\ x_2'(t) &= -x_2(t) + x_2\left(\frac{t}{2}\right) \cos t. \end{aligned} \tag{33}$$

In (33),  $f(t, x(t)) = (x_1(t), -x_2(t))^T$ ,  $g(t, x(t/2)) = (x_1(t/2) \sin t, x_2(t/2) \cos t)^T$ . Let  $\Psi(t) = \begin{pmatrix} e^{-t} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{-t} \end{pmatrix}$ , then  $a(t, s) = b(t, s) = e^{-(t-s)}$  for  $0 \leq s \leq t \leq \infty$ , it is easy to verify that  $L_1 = 2$ ,  $L_2 = 1$ , and all the assumptions in Theorem 5 satisfied, so the trivial solution of system (33) is  $\psi$ -uniformly stable on  $\mathbb{R}_+$ .

*Example 9.* Consider the nonlinear Volterra integro-differential system as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} x_1'(t) &= x_1(t) + x_1(t) e^{-t} \int_0^t x_1\left(\frac{s}{2}\right) \cos s \, ds, \\ x_2'(t) &= -x_2(t) + x_2(t) e^{-t} \int_0^t x_2\left(\frac{s}{2}\right) \sin s \, ds. \end{aligned} \quad (34)$$

In (34),  $f(t, x(t)) = (x_1(t), -x_2(t))^T$ ,  $g \equiv 0$ ,  $p(t, x(t)) = (x_1(t)e^{-t}, x_2(t)e^{-t})^T$ ,  $q(s, x(s/2)) = (x_1(s/2) \cos s, x_2(s/2) \sin s)^T$ . Choose the same matrix function  $\Psi(t)$ , then  $a(t, s) = n(t, s) = e^{-(t-s)}$ ,  $b(t, s) \equiv 0$ ,  $m(t, s) = e^{-2(t-s)}$  for  $0 \leq s \leq t \leq \infty$ , it is easy to verify that  $L_1 = L_2 = 1$ ,  $L_3 = 1/2$ , and all the assumptions in Theorem 6 are satisfied, so the trivial solution of system (34) is  $\psi$ -uniformly stable on  $\mathbb{R}_+$ .

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