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VARIATION FORMULAS OF SOLUTION FOR  
NEUTRAL FUNCTIONAL-DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS  
WITH REGARD FOR THE DELAY FUNCTION  
PERTURBATION AND THE CONTINUOUS  
INITIAL CONDITION

**Abstract.** Variation formulas of solution are obtained for linear with respect to prehistory of the phase velocity (quasi-linear) neutral functional-differential equations with variable delays. In the variation formulas, the effect of perturbation of the delay function appearing in the phase coordinates is stated.

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Let  $I = [a, b]$  be a finite interval and  $\mathbb{R}^n$  be the  $n$ -dimensional vector space of points  $x = (x^1, \dots, x^n)^T$ , where  $T$  is the sign of transposition. Suppose that  $O \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  is an open set, and  $E_f$  is the set of functions  $f : I \times O^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  satisfying the following conditions: the function  $f(t, \cdot) : O^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  is continuously differentiable for almost all  $t \in I$ ; the functions  $f(t, x, y)$ ,  $f_x(t, x, y)$  and  $f_y(t, x, y)$  are measurable on  $I$  for any  $(x, y) \in O^2$ ; for each  $f \in E_f$  and compact set  $K \subset O$ , there exists a function  $m_{f,K}(t) \in L(I, \mathbb{R}_+)$ ,  $\mathbb{R}_+ = [0, \infty)$ , such that

$$|f(t, x, y)| + |f_x(t, x, y)| + |f_y(t, x, y)| \leq m_{f,K}(t)$$

for all  $(x, y) \in K^2$  and almost all  $t \in I$ .

Further, let  $D$  be the set of continuous differentiable scalar functions (delay functions)  $\tau(t), t \in I$ , satisfying the conditions:

$$\tau(t) < t, \quad \dot{\tau}(t) > 0, \quad \inf\{\tau(a) : \tau \in D\} := \hat{\tau} > -\infty.$$

Let  $\Phi$  be the set of continuously differentiable initial functions  $\varphi(t) \in O$ ,  $t \in I_1 = [\hat{\tau}, b]$ .

To each element  $\mu = (t_0, \tau, \varphi, f) \in \Lambda = [a, b] \times D \times \Phi \times E_f$  we assign the quasi-linear neutral functional-differential equation

$$\dot{x}(t) = A(t)\dot{x}(\sigma(t)) + f(t, x(t), x(\tau(t))) \quad (1)$$

with the continuous initial condition

$$x(t) = \varphi(t), \quad t \in [\widehat{\tau}, t_0], \quad (2)$$

where  $A(t)$  is a given continuous matrix function of dimension  $n \times n$ ;  $\sigma \in D$  is a fixed delay function.

**Definition 1.** Let  $\mu = (t_0, \tau, \varphi, f) \in \Lambda$ . A function  $x(t) = x(t; \mu) \in O$ ,  $t \in [\widehat{\tau}, t_1]$ ,  $t_1 \in (t_0, b]$ , is said to be a solution of equation (1) with the initial condition (2), or a solution corresponding to the element  $\mu$  and defined on the interval  $[\widehat{\tau}, t_1]$ , if  $x(t)$  satisfies condition (2) and is absolutely continuous on the interval  $[t_0, t_1]$  and satisfies equation (1) almost everywhere on  $[t_0, t_1]$ .

Let  $\mu_0 = (t_{00}, \tau_0, \varphi_0, f_0) \in \Lambda$  be the given element and  $x_0(t)$  be a solution corresponding to  $\mu_0$  and defined on  $[\widehat{\tau}, t_{10}]$ , with  $a < t_{00} < t_{10} < b$ .

Let us introduce the set of variations

$$V = \left\{ \delta\mu = (\delta t_0, \delta\tau, \delta\varphi, \delta f) : |\delta t_0| \leq \alpha, \|\delta\tau\| \leq \alpha, \right. \\ \left. \delta\varphi = \sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i \delta\varphi_i, \delta f = \sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i \delta f_i, |\lambda_i| \leq \alpha, i = \overline{1, k} \right\}.$$

Here

$$\delta t_0 \in \mathbb{R}, \quad \delta\tau \in D - \tau_0, \quad \|\delta\tau\| = \sup \{ |\delta\tau(t)| : t \in I \}$$

and

$$\delta\varphi_i \in \Phi - \varphi_0, \quad \delta f_i \in E_f - f_0, \quad i = \overline{1, k},$$

are the fixed functions and  $\alpha > 0$  is a fixed number.

There exist the numbers  $\delta_1 > 0$  and  $\varepsilon_1 > 0$  such that for arbitrary  $(\varepsilon, \delta\mu) \in (0, \varepsilon_1] \times V$  the element  $\mu_0 + \varepsilon\delta\mu \in \Lambda$  and there corresponds the solution  $x(t; \mu_0 + \varepsilon\delta\mu)$  defined on the interval  $[\widehat{\tau}, t_{10} + \delta_1] \subset I_1$  ([1, Theorem 2]).

Due to the uniqueness, the solution  $x(t; \mu_0)$  is a continuation of the solution  $x_0(t)$  on the interval  $[\widehat{\tau}, t_{10} + \delta_1]$ . Therefore, the solution  $x_0(t)$  is assumed to be defined on the interval  $[\widehat{\tau}, t_{10} + \delta_1]$ .

Let us define the increment of the solution

$$x_0(t) = x(t; \mu_0) : \Delta x(t; \varepsilon\delta\mu) = x(t; \mu_0 + \varepsilon\delta\mu) - x_0(t), \\ \forall (t, \varepsilon, \delta\mu) \in [\widehat{\tau}, t_{10} + \delta_1] \times (0, \varepsilon_1] \times V.$$

**Theorem 1.** *Let the following conditions hold:*

- 1) *the function  $f_0(t, x, y), (t, x, y) \in I \times O^2$  is bounded;*
- 2) *there exists the limit*

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} f_0(z) = f_0^-, \quad z = (t, x, y) \in (a, t_{00}] \times O^2,$$

where  $z_0 = (t_{00}, \varphi_0(t_{00}), \varphi_0(\tau_0(t_{00})))$ .

Then there exist the numbers  $\varepsilon_2 \in (0, \varepsilon_1)$  and  $\delta_2 \in (0, \delta_1)$  such that

$$\Delta x(t; \varepsilon \delta \mu) = \varepsilon \delta x(t; \delta \mu) + o(t; \varepsilon \delta \mu) \quad (3)$$

for arbitrary  $(t, \varepsilon, \delta \mu) \in [t_{00}, t_{10} + \delta_2] \times (0, \varepsilon_2] \times V^-$ , where  $V^- = \{\delta \mu \in V : \delta t_0 \leq 0\}$  and

$$\begin{aligned} \delta x(t; \delta \mu) &= Y(t_{00}^-; t) \left[ \dot{\varphi}_0(t_{00}) - A(t_{00}) \dot{\varphi}_0(\sigma(t_{00})) - f_0^- \right] \delta t_0 + \\ &+ \beta(t; \delta \mu), \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \beta(t; \delta \mu) &= \Psi(t_{00}; t) \delta \varphi(t_{00}) + \\ &+ \int_{\tau_0(t_{00})}^{t_{00}} Y(\gamma_0(s); t) f_{0y}[\gamma_0(s)] \dot{\gamma}_0(s) \delta \varphi(s) ds + \\ &+ \int_{\sigma(t_{00})}^{t_{00}} Y(\varrho(s); t) A(\varrho(s)) \dot{\varrho}(s) \delta \varphi(s) ds + \\ &+ \int_{t_{00}}^t Y(s; t) f_{0y}[s] \dot{x}_0(\tau_0(s)) \delta \tau(s) ds + \\ &+ \int_{t_{00}}^t Y(s; t) \delta f[s] ds, \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{o(t; \varepsilon \delta \mu)}{\varepsilon} = 0 \text{ uniformly for } (t, \delta \mu) \in [t_{00}, t_{10} + \delta_2] \times V^-,$$

$Y(s; t)$  and  $\Psi(s; t)$  are the  $n \times n$ -matrix functions satisfying the system

$$\begin{cases} \Psi_s(s; t) = -Y(s; t) f_{0x}[t] - Y(\gamma_0(s); t) f_{0y}[\gamma_0(s)] \dot{\gamma}_0(s), \\ Y(s; t) = \Psi(s; t) + Y(\varrho(s); t) A(\varrho(s)) \dot{\varrho}(s), \quad s \in [t_{00}, t], \end{cases}$$

and the condition

$$\Psi(s; t) = Y(s; t) = \begin{cases} H, & s = t, \\ \Theta, & s > t; \end{cases}$$

$$f_{0y}[s] = f_{0y}(s, x_0(s), x_0(\tau_0(s))), \quad \delta f[s] = \delta f(s, x_0(s), x_0(\tau_0(s)));$$

$\gamma_0(s)$  is the function, inverse to  $\tau_0(t)$ ,  $\varrho(s)$  is the function, inverse to  $\sigma(t)$ ,  $H$  is the identity matrix and  $\Theta$  is the zero matrix.

**Some comments.** The function  $\delta x(t; \delta \mu)$  is called the variation of the solution  $x_0(t)$ ,  $t \in [t_{00}, t_{10} + \delta_2]$ , and the expression (4) is called the variation formula.

The addend

$$\int_{t_0}^t Y(s; t) f_{0y}[s] \dot{x}_0(\tau_0(s)) \delta\tau(s) ds$$

in formula (5) is the effect of perturbation of the delay function  $\tau_0(t)$ .

The expression

$$Y(t_{00-}; t) [\dot{\varphi}_0(t_{00}) - A(t_{00}) \dot{\varphi}_0(\sigma(t_{00})) - f_0^-] \delta t_0$$

is the effect of the continuous initial condition (2) and perturbation of the initial moment  $t_{00}$ .

The expression

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi(t_{00}; t) \delta\varphi(t_{00}) + \int_{\tau_0(t_{00})}^{t_{00}} Y(\gamma_0(s); t) f_{0y}[\gamma_0(s)] \dot{\gamma}_0(s) \delta\varphi(s) ds + \\ + \int_{\sigma(t_{00})}^{t_{00}} Y(\varrho(s); t) A(\varrho(s)) \dot{\varrho}(s) \delta\varphi(s) ds + \int_{t_{00}}^t Y(s; t) \delta f[s] ds \end{aligned}$$

in formula (5) is the effect of perturbations both of the initial function  $\varphi_0(t)$  and of the function  $f_0(t, x, y)$ .

Variation formulas of solutions for various classes of neutral functional-differential equations without perturbation of delay function can be found in [2–4]. The variation formula of solution plays the basic role in proving the necessary conditions of optimality and under sensitivity analysis of mathematical models [5–8]. Finally, it should be noted that the variation formula allows one to get an approximate solution of the perturbed equation

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x}(t) = A(t) \dot{x}(\sigma(t)) + \\ + f_0(t, x(t), x(\tau_0(t) + \varepsilon\delta\tau(t))) + \varepsilon\delta f(t, x(t), x(\tau_0(t) + \varepsilon\delta\tau(t))) \end{aligned}$$

with the perturbed initial condition

$$x(t) = \varphi_0(t) + \varepsilon\delta\varphi(t), \quad t \in [\hat{\tau}, t_{00} + \varepsilon\delta t_0].$$

In fact, for a sufficiently small  $\varepsilon \in (0, \varepsilon_2]$  it follows from (3) that

$$x(t; \mu_0 + \varepsilon\delta\mu) = x_0(t) + \varepsilon\delta x(t; \delta\mu).$$

**Theorem 2.** *Let the following conditions hold:*

- 1) *the function  $f_0(t, x, y)$ ,  $(t, x, y) \in I \times O^2$  is bounded;*
- 2) *there exists the limit*

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow z_0} f_0(z) = f_0^+, \quad z \in [t_{00}, b) \times O^2.$$

Then for each  $\widehat{t}_0 \in (t_{00}, t_{10})$  there exist the numbers  $\varepsilon_2 \in (0, \varepsilon_1)$  and  $\delta_2 \in (0, \delta_1)$  such that for arbitrary  $(t, \varepsilon, \delta\mu) \in [\widehat{t}_0, t_{10} + \delta_2] \times (0, \varepsilon_2] \times V^+$ , where  $V^+ = \{\delta\mu \in V : \delta t_0 \geq 0\}$ , formula (3) holds, where

$$\delta x(t; \delta\mu) = Y(t_{00+}; t)(\dot{\varphi}(t_{00}) - A(t_{00})\dot{\varphi}_0(\sigma(t_{00})) - f_0^+)\delta t_0 + \beta(t; \delta\mu).$$

The following assertion is a corollary to Theorems 1 and 2.

**Theorem 3.** Let the assumptions of Theorems 1 and 2 be fulfilled. Moreover,  $f_0^- = f_0^+ := \widehat{f}_0$  and  $t_{00} \notin \{\sigma(t_{10}), \sigma^2(t_{10}), \dots\}$ . Then there exist the numbers  $\varepsilon_2 \in (0, \varepsilon_1)$  and  $\delta_2 \in (0, \delta_1)$  such that for arbitrary  $(t, \varepsilon, \delta\mu) \in [t_{10} - \delta_2, t_{10} + \delta_2] \times (0, \varepsilon_2] \times V$  formula (3) holds, where

$$\delta x(t; \delta\mu) = Y(t_{00}; t)(\dot{\varphi}(t_{00}) - A(t_{00})\dot{\varphi}_0(\sigma(t_{00})) - \widehat{f}_0)\delta t_0 + \beta(t; \delta\mu).$$

All assumptions of Theorem 3 are satisfied if the function  $f_0(t, x, y)$  is continuous and bounded. Clearly, in this case

$$\widehat{f}_0 = f_0(t_{00}, \varphi_0(t_{00}), \varphi_0(\tau_0(t_{00}))).$$

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