

ASYMPTOTIC BEHAVIOR OF SOLUTIONS TO SECOND-ORDER DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS WITH FRACTIONAL DERIVATIVE PERTURBATIONS

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ABSTRACT. In this article we study the asymptotic behavior of solutions to nonlinear second-order differential equations having perturbations that involve Caputo's derivatives of several fractional orders. We find sufficient conditions for all solutions to be asymptotic to a straight line.

1. INTRODUCTION

The aim of this article is to study the asymptotic properties of solutions to scalar second-order ordinary differential equations that are perturbed with a term involving fractional derivatives. In these equations, the fractional derivatives most frequently used are the Riemann-Liouville and the Caputo's fractional derivatives. For basic definitions of fractional calculus and fundamentals of the theory of fractional differential equations, we refer the reader to the monographs [28, 29].

Fractional derivatives play the role of a damping force in vibrating systems in viscous fluids; which is the case in the well known Bagley-Torvik equation,

$$u''(t) + A {}^c D^{3/2} u(t) = au(t) + \phi(t). \quad (1.1)$$

This equation models the motion of a rigid plate immersing in a viscous liquid with the fractional damping term $A {}^c D^{3/2} u(t)$ which has Caputo's fractional derivative (see [36]). Solutions of the linear fractionally damped oscillator equation with the Caputo's derivative are analyzed in [26]. Existence results on boundary-value problems for the generalized Bagely-Torvik equation

$$u''(t) + A {}^c D^\alpha u(t) = f(t, u(t), {}^c D^\beta u(t), u'(t)) \quad (1.2)$$

and for some other fractional differential equations can be found in [2, 3, 34, 27]. An existence and uniqueness result for the multi-fractional initial-value problem

$$Au'' + \sum_{k=1}^N B_k {}^c D^{\alpha_k} u(t) = f(t, u), \quad (1.3)$$
$$u(0) = u_0, \quad u'(0) = c_1, \quad 0 < \alpha_k < 2, \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, N$$

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can be found in [33]. Caputo's fractional derivatives in equation (1.3) play the role of damping terms. Abstract evolution equations with the Caputo's fractional derivatives in the nonlinearities are studied in [13, 14]. Fractionally damped pendulums or oscillators are studied in [26, 33]. More articles devoted to this type of equations can be found in the list of references.

The following equation for a pendulum has the ordinary damping term $\lambda x'(t)$ and the fractional damping terms $\lambda_1 {}^c D^{\beta_1} x(t), \dots, \lambda_m {}^c D^{\beta_m} x(t)$:

$$x''(t) + \lambda_1 {}^c D^{\beta_1} x(t) + \dots + \lambda_m {}^c D^{\beta_m} x(t) + \lambda x'(t) + \omega^2 x(t) = g(t, x(t), x'(t)),$$

where $t > 0$, $\beta_i \in (0, 1)$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$.

In [26], the equation

$$x'' + \lambda_0 {}^c D^\alpha x + \omega^2 x = 0, \quad x(0) = x_0, \quad x'(0) = x_1, \quad \lambda > 0.$$

is analyzed by using the fractional version of the Laplace transformation. The Laplace image of $x(t)$ is

$$X(s) = \frac{sx_0 + x_1 + \lambda s^{\alpha-1} x_0}{s^2 + \lambda s^\alpha + \omega^2},$$

and the characteristic equation for the fractional differential equation is

$$s^2 + \lambda s^\alpha + \omega^2 = 0.$$

When $\alpha = p/q$ this characteristic equation is analyzed in [28]. For the linear fractionally damped oscillator with $\alpha = 1/2$ the characteristic equation is

$$s^2 + \lambda s^{1/2} + \omega^2 = 0,$$

whose analysis is much more complicated than in the case of the harmonic oscillator with the classical damping term (see [26]). It is clear that the exact analysis of linear fractional systems is extraordinary difficult. Some analysis and simulations of fractional-order systems can be found in the book [28]. The form of the equation (1.3) enables us to avoid some difficulties in the study of the stability problem by using a desingularization method developed in [19, 20, 22].

In the asymptotic theory of the n -th order nonlinear ordinary differential equations

$$y^{(n)} = f(t, y, y', \dots, y^{(n-1)}), \quad (1.4)$$

a classical problem is to establish some conditions for the existence of a solution which approaches a polynomial of degree $1 \leq m \leq n-1$ as $t \rightarrow \infty$. The first paper concerning this problem was published by Caligo [7] in 1941. He proved that if

$$|A(t)| < \frac{k}{t^{2+\rho}} \quad (1.5)$$

for all large t , where k, ρ are given, then any solution $y(t)$ of the linear differential equation

$$y''(t) + A(t)y(t) = 0, \quad t > 0, \quad (1.6)$$

can be represented asymptotically as $y(t) = c_1 t + c_2 + o(1)$ when $t \rightarrow +\infty$, with $c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{R}$ (see [1]). The first article on the nonlinear second-order differential equation

$$y''(t) + f(t, y(t)) = 0 \quad (1.7)$$

was published by Trench [37] in 1963. Then there are publications by Cohen [9], Trench [37], Kusano and Trench [15] and [16], Dannan [12], Constantin [10] and [11], Rogovchenko [31], Rogovchenko [32], Mustafa, Rogovchenko [25], Lipovan [17]

and others. In the proofs of their results the key role is played by the Bihari inequality [6] which is a generalization of the Gronwall inequality. Some results on the existence of solutions of the n -th order differential equation approaching a polynomial function of the degree m with $1 \leq m \leq n - 1$ are proved by Philos, Purnaras and Tsamatos [30]. Their proofs are based on an application of the Schauder Fixed Point Theorem. The paper by Agarwal, Djebali, Moussaoui and Mustafa [1] surveys the literature concerning the topic in asymptotic integration theory of ordinary differential equations. Several conditions under which all solutions of the one-dimensional p -Laplacian equation

$$(|y'|^{p-1}y')' = f(t, y, y'), \quad p > 1 \quad (1.8)$$

are asymptotic to $a + bt$ as $t \rightarrow \infty$ for some real numbers a, b are proved in [24]. Some sufficient conditions for the existence of such solutions of the equation

$$(\Phi(y^{(n)}))' = f(t, y), \quad n \geq 1, \quad (1.9)$$

where $\Phi : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is an increasing homeomorphism with a locally Lipschitz inverse satisfying $\Phi(0) = 0$ are given in the paper [21].

In the papers [22, 23] the fractional differential equation of the Caputo's type

$${}^c D_a^\alpha x(t) = f(t, x(t)), \quad a \geq 1, \quad \alpha \in (1, 2) \quad (1.10)$$

is studied. In [23] a higher order fractional differential equation is studied. In the both papers sufficient conditions under which all solutions of these equations are asymptotic to $at + b$, is proved. The problem of asymptotic integration of fractional differential equations of the Riemann-Liouville type is studied in [4, 5]. The obtained results are proved by an application of the fixed point method.

The aim of this paper is to give some conditions under which all solutions of a nonlinear second order differential equations perturbed by the Riemann-Liouville integral of a nonlinear function are asymptotic to $at + b$. The proof of this result is based on a desingularization method proposed by the author in the paper [19] (see also [20]).

2. SECOND-ORDER ODEs PERTURBED WITH A FRACTIONAL DERIVATIVE

In this section we study the following fractional initial-value problem

$$u''(t) + f(t, u(t), u'(t)) + \sum_{i=1}^m r_i(t) \int_0^t (t-s)^{\alpha_i-1} h_i(\tau, u(\tau), u'(\tau)) d\tau = 0, \quad (2.1)$$

$$u(1) = c_1 \quad u'(1) = c_2, \quad (2.2)$$

where $t > 0$ and $0 < \alpha < 1$.

Definition 2.1. A function $u : [0, T) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $0 < T \leq \infty$, is called a solution of (2.1) if $u \in C^2$ on the interval $(0, T)$, $\lim_{\tau \rightarrow 0^+} u(\tau)$ exists and $u(t)$ satisfies (2.1) on the interval $(0, T)$. This solution is called global if it exists for all $t \in [0, \infty)$.

We assume the following hypotheses:

- (H1) Every solution of the equation (2.1) is global;
- (H2) The functions $f(t, u, v), h_i(t, u, v)$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$ are continuous on $D = \{(t, u, v) : t \in [0, \infty), u, v \in \mathbb{R}\}$ and the functions $r_i(t)$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$ are continuous on the interval $[0, \infty)$;

(H3) There exist continuous, nonnegative functions $h_i : [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $i = 1, 2, 3$ and continuous, positive and nondecreasing functions $g_j : [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that

$$|f(t, u, v)| \leq S e^{-\gamma t} \left(h_1(t) g_1\left(\frac{|u|}{t}\right) + h_2(t) g_2(|v|) + h_3(t) \right), \quad t > 0,$$

where $S, \gamma > 0$;

(H4) There exist continuous, nonnegative functions $h_{ij} : [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$; $j = 1, 2, 3$ and continuous positive, nondecreasing functions $G_{ij} : [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$; $j = 1, 2, 3$ such that

$$|f_i(t, u, v)| \leq h_{1i}(t) G_{ij}\left(\frac{|u|}{t}\right) + h_{2i}(t) G_{2i}(|v|) + h_{3i}(t), \quad t > 0;$$

for all $(t, u, v) \in D$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$;

(H5) $|r_i(t)| \leq S_i e^{-\omega_i t}$, $t \geq 0$, where $S_i > 0$, $\omega_i > 1$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$;

(H6) There exist numbers $p_i > 1$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$ such that $p_i(\alpha_i - 1) + 1 > 0$ with

$$\int_0^\infty h_i(s)^q < \infty, \quad \int_0^\infty h_{ij}(s)^q < \infty, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, m; \quad j = 1, 2, 3,$$

where $q = q_1 q_2 \dots q_m$, $q_i = p_i / (p_i - 1)$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$;

(H7)

$$\int_0^\infty \frac{\tau^{q-1} d\tau}{\omega(\tau)} = \infty,$$

where

$$\omega(w) = g_1(w)^q + g_2(w)^q + \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^2 G_{ij}(w)^q.$$

Theorem 2.2. *If the conditions (H1)–(H7) are satisfied then for every global solution $u(t)$ of (2.1) there exist real numbers a, b such that $u(t) = at + b + o(t)$ as $t \rightarrow \infty$.*

For the proof of this theorem we use the following lemma, proved in [19].

Lemma 2.3. *Let p_j, α_j , $j = 1, 2, \dots, m$ satisfy (H4). Then*

$$\int_0^t (t-s)^{p_j(\alpha_j-1)} e^{p_j s} ds \leq Q_j e^{p_j t}, \quad t \geq 0, \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, m,$$

where

$$Q_j = \frac{\Gamma(1 + p_j(\alpha_j - 1))}{p^{1+p_j(\alpha_j-1)}},$$

and

$$\Gamma(x) = \int_0^\infty s^{x-1} e^{-s} ds, \quad x > 0$$

which is the Euler gamma function.

Proof of Theorem 2.2. Let $u(t)$ be a solution of (2.1) corresponding to the initial conditions (2.2). Then

$$\begin{aligned} u'(t) &= c_2 - \int_1^t f(s, u(s), u'(s)) ds \\ &\quad - \sum_{i=1}^m \int_1^t r_i(s) \int_0^s (s-\tau)^{\alpha_i-1} f_i(\tau, u(\tau), u'(\tau)) d\tau ds, \end{aligned} \tag{2.3}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
u(t) &= c_1 + c_2(t-1) - \int_1^t (t-s)f(s, u(s), u'(s))ds \\
&\quad - \sum_{i=1}^m \int_1^t (t-s)r_i(s) \left(\int_0^s (s-\tau)^{\alpha_i-1} f_i(\tau, u(\tau), u'(\tau))d\tau \right) ds.
\end{aligned} \tag{2.4}$$

From conditions (H3)–(H5) it follows that for $t \geq 1$,

$$\begin{aligned}
|u'(t)| &\leq |c_2| + \int_1^t [h_1(s)g_1\left(\frac{|u(s)|}{s}\right) + h_2(s)g_2(|u'(s)|) + h_3(s)]ds \\
&\quad + \sum_{i=1}^m \int_1^t |r_i(s)| \int_0^s (s-\tau)^{\alpha_i-1} [h_{1i}(\tau)G_{1i}\left(\frac{|u(\tau)|}{\tau}\right) \\
&\quad + h_{2i}(\tau)G_{2i}(|u'(\tau)|) + h_{3i}(\tau)]d\tau ds
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{|u(t)|}{t} &\leq C + \int_1^t [h_1(s)g_1\left(\frac{|u(s)|}{s}\right) + h_2(s)g_2(|u'(s)|) + h_3(s)]ds \\
&\quad + \sum_{i=1}^m \int_1^t |r_i(s)| \int_0^s (s-\tau)^{\alpha_i-1} [h_{1i}(\tau)G_{1i}\left(\frac{|u(\tau)|}{\tau}\right) \\
&\quad + h_{2i}(\tau)G_{2i}(|u'(\tau)|) + h_{3i}(\tau)]d\tau ds,
\end{aligned}$$

where $C = |c_1| + |c_2|$. If $q_i = p_i/(p_i - 1)$ then using Lemma 2.3 and the Hölder inequality we estimate

$$\begin{aligned}
&\int_0^s (s-\tau)^{\alpha_i-1} k_{1i}(\tau)G_{1i}\left(\frac{|u(\tau)|}{\tau}\right)d\tau \\
&\leq \left(\int_0^s (s-\tau)^{p_i(\alpha_i-1)} e^{p_i\tau} d\tau \right)^{1/p_i} \left(\int_0^s e^{-q_i\tau} h_{1i}(\tau)^{q_i} G_{1i}\left(\frac{|u(\tau)|}{\tau}\right)^{q_i} d\tau \right)^{1/q_i} \\
&\leq Q_i e^s \left(\int_0^s e^{-q_i\tau} h_{1i}(\tau)^{q_i} G_{1i}\left(\frac{|u(\tau)|}{\tau}\right)^{q_i} d\tau \right)^{1/q_i}, \\
&\int_0^s (s-\tau)^{\alpha_i-1} h_{2i}(\tau)G_{2i}(|u'(\tau)|)d\tau \leq Q_i e^s \left(\int_0^s e^{-q_i\tau} h_{2i}(\tau)^{q_i} G_{2i}(|u'(\tau)|)^{q_i} d\tau \right)^{1/q_i}, \\
&\int_0^s (s-\tau)^{\alpha_i-1} h_{3i}(\tau)d\tau \leq Q_i e^s \left(\int_0^s e^{-q_i\tau} h_{3i}(\tau)^{q_i} d\tau \right)^{1/q_i}.
\end{aligned}$$

These inequalities yield

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{|u(t)|}{t} &\leq C + S \int_1^t e^{-\gamma s} \left(h_1(s)g_1\left(\frac{|u(s)|}{s}\right) + h_2(s)g_2(|u'(s)|) + h_3(s) \right) ds \\
&\quad + \sum_{i=1}^m S_i Q_i \int_1^t e^{-(\omega_i-1)s} \left\{ \left(\int_0^s e^{-q_i\tau} h_{1i}(\tau)^{q_i} G_{1i}\left(\frac{|u(\tau)|}{\tau}\right)^{q_i} d\tau \right)^{1/q_i} \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \left(\int_0^s e^{-q_i\tau} h_{2i}(\tau)^{q_i} G_{2i}(|u'(\tau)|)^{q_i} d\tau \right)^{1/q_i} + \left(\int_0^s e^{-q_i\tau} h_{3i}(\tau)^{q_i} d\tau \right)^{1/q_i} \right\} ds
\end{aligned}$$

Since $\omega_i > 1$ and $\gamma > 0$, we have the estimate

$$\frac{|u(t)|}{t} \leq C + S \int_0^t e^{-\gamma s} \left(h_1(s)g_1\left(\frac{|u(s)|}{s}\right) + h_2(s)g_2(|u'(s)|) + h_3(s) \right) ds$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + \sum_{i=1}^m S_i \frac{Q_i}{\omega_i - 1} \left\{ \left(\int_0^t e^{-q_i \tau} h_{1i}(\tau)^{q_i} G_{1i} \left(\frac{|u(\tau)|}{\tau} \right)^{q_i} d\tau \right)^{1/q_i} \right. \\
& \left. + \left(\int_0^t e^{-q_i \tau} h_{2i}(\tau)^{q_i} G_{2i} (|u'(\tau)|)^{q_i} d\tau \right)^{1/q_i} + \left(\int_0^t e^{-q_i \tau} h_{3i}(\tau)^{q_i} d\tau \right)^{1/q_i} d\tau \right\}.
\end{aligned}$$

Denoting by $z(t)$ the right-hand side of this inequality, we have

$$\frac{|u(t)|}{t} \leq z(t), \quad |u'(t)| \leq z(t), \quad t \geq 0.$$

Since $g_1, g_2, G_{1i}, G_{2i}, G_{3i}$ are nondecreasing functions these inequalities yield

$$\begin{aligned}
z(t) & \leq C + S \int_0^t e^{-\gamma s} \left(h_1(s)g_1(z(s)) + h_2(s)g_2(z(s)) + h_3(s) \right) ds \\
& + \sum_{i=1}^m S_i \frac{Q_i}{\omega_i - 1} \left\{ \left(\int_0^t e^{-q_i \tau} h_{1i}(\tau)^{q_i} G_{1i}(z(\tau))^{q_i} d\tau \right)^{1/q_i} \right. \\
& \left. + \left(\int_0^t e^{-q_i \tau} h_{2i}(\tau)^{q_i} G_{2i}(z(\tau))^{q_i} d\tau \right)^{1/q_i} + \left(\int_0^t e^{-q_i \tau} h_{3i}(\tau)^{q_i} d\tau \right)^{1/q_i} d\tau \right\}.
\end{aligned}$$

Let $Q = \max\{\frac{S_i Q_i}{\omega_i - 1}, i = 1, 2, \dots, m\}$ and $q = q_1 q_2 \dots q_m$. Then using the inequality $(\sum_{i=1}^{3m+2} a_i)^q \leq (3m+2)^{q-1} (\sum_{i=1}^{3m+2} a_i^q)$ for any nonnegative numbers a_i , $i = 1, 2, \dots, 3m+2$, we obtain the estimate

$$\begin{aligned}
& z(t)^q \\
& \leq (3m+2)^{q-1} \left(C^q + S^q \int_1^t e^{-\gamma s} \left(\int_1^t (h_1(s)g_1(z(s)) + h_2(s)g_2(z(s)) + h_3(s)) ds \right)^q \right. \\
& + Q^q \sum_{i=1}^m \left\{ \left(\int_0^t e^{-q_i \tau} h_{1i}(\tau)^{q_i} G_{1i}(z(\tau))^{q_i} d\tau \right)^{\hat{q}_i} \right. \\
& \left. + \left(\int_0^t e^{-q_i \tau} h_{2i}(\tau)^{q_i} G_{2i}(z(\tau))^{q_i} d\tau \right)^{\hat{q}_i} + \left(\int_0^t e^{-q_i \tau} h_{3i}(\tau)^{q_i} d\tau \right)^{\hat{q}_i} d\tau \right\},
\end{aligned}$$

where $\hat{q}_i = q_1 q_2 \dots q_{i-1} q_{i+1} \dots q_m$. If $\hat{p}_i = \frac{\hat{q}_i}{\hat{q}_i - 1}$ and $p = \frac{q}{q-1}$, then using the Hölder inequality we obtain the following inequalities

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_0^t e^{-\gamma s} \left\{ \int_1^s (h_1(\tau)g_1(z(\tau)) + h_2(\tau)g_2(z(\tau)) + h_3(\tau)) d\tau \right\}^q ds \\
& \leq \left(\frac{1}{p\gamma} \right)^{1/p} \int_0^t (h_1(s)g_1(z(s)) + h_2(s)g_2(z(s)) + h_3(s))^q ds \\
& \leq 3^{q-1} \left(\frac{1}{p\gamma} \right)^{1/p} \int_0^t (h_1(s)^q g_1(z(s))^q + h_2(s)^q g_2(z(s))^q + h_3(s)^q) ds, \\
& \quad \left(\int_0^t e^{-q_i \tau} h_{1i}(\tau)^{q_i} G_{1i}(z(\tau))^{q_i} d\tau \right)^{\hat{q}_i} \\
& \leq \left(\int_0^t e^{-\hat{p}_i q_i s} ds \right)^{\frac{1}{\hat{p}_i}} \left(\int_0^t h_{1i}(s)^q G_{1i}(z(s))^q ds \right) \\
& \leq \frac{1}{(\hat{p}_i q_i - 1)^{1/\hat{p}_i}} \int_0^t h_{1i}(s)^q G_{1i}(z(s))^q ds,
\end{aligned}$$

$$\left(\int_0^t e^{-q_i \tau} h_{2i}(\tau)^{q_i} G_{2i}(z(\tau))^{q_i} d\tau \right)^{\hat{q}_i} \leq \frac{1}{(\hat{p}_i q_i - 1)^{1/\hat{p}_i}} \int_0^t h_{2i}(s)^q G_{2i}(z(s))^q ds,$$

$$\int_0^t e^{-q_i s} h_{3i}(s)^{q_i} ds \leq \frac{1}{(\hat{p}_i q_i - 1)^{1/\hat{p}_i}} \int_0^t h_{3i}(s)^q ds.$$

From these inequalities and (H6) it follows that there exist a constant $A > 0$ such that

$$z(t)^q \leq A + A \int_0^t [h_1(s)^q g_1(z(s))^q + h_2(s)^q g_2(z(s)) + h_3(s)^q] ds$$

$$+ A \sum_{i=1}^m \int_0^t h_{1i}(s)^q G_{1i}(z(s))^q ds + A \sum_{i=1}^m \int_0^t h_{2i}(s)^q G_{2i}(z(s))^q ds.$$

This inequality implies that the function $v(t) = z(t)^q$ satisfy the inequality

$$v(t) \leq A + \int_0^t F(s) \omega(v(s)^{\frac{1}{q}}) ds, \quad t \geq 0,$$

where

$$\omega(z) = g_1(z)^q + g_2(z)^q + \sum_{i=1}^m [G_{1i}(z)^q + G_{2i}(z)^q],$$

$$F(t) = A \left(h_1(t)^q + h_2(t)^q + \sum_{i=1}^m [h_{1i}(t)^q + h_{2i}(t)^q] \right).$$

From (H6) it follows that $\int_0^\infty F(s) ds < \infty$, and from the Bihari inequality we obtain

$$v(t) \leq K_0 = \Omega^{-1}[\Omega(A) + \int_0^\infty F(s) ds] < \infty, \quad t \geq 0,$$

where

$$\Omega(u) = \int_{v_0}^u \frac{\sigma}{\omega(\sigma)}.$$

Note that $\Omega(A) + \int_0^\infty F(s) ds$ is always in the range of Ω^{-1} , as $\omega(\infty) = \infty$ by (H7). This implies that there is a constant $K > 0$ such that

$$|u'(t)| \leq z(t) \leq K, \quad \frac{|u(t)|}{t} \leq z(t) \leq K, \quad t \geq 0.$$

In conclusion, we obtain the existence of the limit

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|u(t)|}{t} = c,$$

which completes the proof. \square

3. EXAMPLE

The following example is a fractional modification of the Caligo's example mentioned in the introduction.

$$\begin{aligned} u''(t) + Se^{-\gamma t} \left\{ \omega^2 \frac{1}{(t+1)^{1+\frac{1}{q}}} \left(\frac{u(t)}{t} \right) + k_1 \frac{1}{(t+1)^{1+\frac{1}{q}}} u'(t) + k_2 \frac{1}{t^{1+\frac{1}{q}}} \right\} \\ + \sum_{i=1}^m S_i e^{-\omega_i t} \int_0^t (t-s)^{\alpha_i-1} \left\{ \frac{\eta_{1i}}{(s+1)^{1+\frac{1}{q_i}}} \ln \left[\left(\frac{u(s)}{s} \right)^{q_i} + 2 \right]^{1/q_i} \right. \\ \left. + \frac{\eta_{2i}}{(s+1)^{1+\frac{1}{q_i}}} (\ln [u'(s)]^{q_i} + 2)^{1/q_i} + \frac{\eta_{3i}}{(s+1)^{1+\frac{1}{q_i}}} \right\} ds = 0, \end{aligned} \quad (3.1)$$

where $S, \gamma, \omega, k_1, k_2, \eta_{1i}, \eta_{2i}, \eta_{3i}, i = 1, 2, \dots, m$ are positive numbers and $\gamma, \omega_i, q, q_i, \alpha_i$ satisfy the conditions in Theorem 2.2. Here

$$h_i(t) = \frac{k_i}{(t+1)^{1+\frac{1}{q}}}, \quad h_{ji}(t) = \frac{\eta_{ji}}{(t+1)^{1+\frac{1}{q_i}}},$$

$i = 1, 2, \dots, m, j = 1, 2, 3, g_1(u) = g_1(u) = [\ln(u^q + 2)]^{\frac{1}{q}}, g_{1i}(u) = g_{2i}(u) = [\ln(u^{q_i} + 2)]^{1/q_i}$. Since

$$\int_0^\infty h_i(s)^q ds = \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{(s+1)^{1+q}} ds = \frac{1}{q}$$

and

$$\int_0^\infty \frac{\sigma^{q-1} d\sigma}{g_1(\sigma)^q} = \int_0^\infty \frac{\sigma^{q-1} d\sigma}{[\ln(\sigma^q + 2)]} = \frac{1}{q} \int_0^\infty \frac{d\tau}{\ln(\tau + 2)} = \infty,$$

all conditions of Theorem 2.2 are satisfied and therefore for any solution of (3.1) there exist constants $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $u(t) = at + b + o(t)$ as $t \rightarrow \infty$.

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