

**CONTINUABILITY OF THE SOLUTIONS OF DIFFERENTIAL  
EQUATIONS WITH VARIABLE STRUCTURE AND UNLIMITED  
NUMBER OF IMPULSIVE EFFECTS**

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**ПРОДЪЛЖИМОСТ НА РЕШЕНИЯТА НА ДИФЕРЕНЦИАЛНИ  
УРАВНЕНИЯ С ПРОМЕНЛИВА СТРУКТУРА И НЕОГРАНИЧЕН БРОЙ  
ИМПУЛСНИ ВЪЗДЕЙСТВИЯ**

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***Резюме.** Изследват се нелинейни неавтономни системи диференциални уравнения с променлива структура и импулсни въздействия. Предполага се, че смяната на структурата и импулсните въздействия се осъществяват едновременно в така наречените превключващи моменти. Тези моменти зависят от решението, т.е. те са променливи. Определят се с помощта на предварително зададени превключващи множества, съответни на десните страни на системата. Множествата са разположени във фазовото пространство. Точно в тези превключващи моменти траекторията среща превключващите множества. Възможно е при някои решения (това означава при някои начални точки) съответните на решението превключващи моменти да притежават точка на съгъстяване. Следователно, в тези случаи решението на съответната начална задача не е продължимо до безкрайност. В работата са получени достатъчни условия за неограничено нарастване на моментите на превключване за почти всички решения, т.е. за почти всички начални точки.*

***Ключови думи:** неавтономни нелинейни диференциални уравнения, импулсни ефекти, превключващи моменти*

The object of research in the paper is the following initial problem for nonlinear non-autonomous systems of ordinary differential equations with variable structure and impulses in non fixed moments and nonlinear switching functions:

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = f_i(t, x), \quad \varphi_i(x(t)) \neq 0, \quad t_{i-1} < t < t_i, \quad (1)$$

$$\varphi_i(x(t_i)) = 0, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, \quad (2)$$

$$x(t_i + 0) = x(t_i) + I_i(x(t_i)), \quad (3)$$

$$x(t_0) = x_0, \quad (4)$$

where the functions  $f_i : R^+ \times D \rightarrow R^n$ ,  $f_i = (f_i^1, f_i^2, \dots, f_i^n)$ ; the phase space  $D$  is non empty domain in  $R^n$ ; the functions  $\varphi_i : D \rightarrow R$ ; the functions  $I_i : D \rightarrow R^n$ ;  $(Id + I_i) : D \rightarrow D$ . An identity in  $R^n$  is denoted by  $Id$ , i.e.  $Id(x) = x$ ; an initial point  $(t_0, x_0) \in R^+ \times D$ ,  $\varphi_1(x_0) \neq 0$ .

The solution of the considered initial problem is a piecewise continuous function. It is continuous on the left at each point of the interval domain, including the moments  $t_1, t_2, \dots$ , named moments of switching. The functions  $I_i, i = 1, 2, \dots$ , are impulsive and  $\varphi_i, i = 1, 2, \dots$ , are switching functions.

The following notations are used:

- $f = \{f_1, f_2, \dots\}$ ,  $\varphi = \{\varphi_1, \varphi_2, \dots\}$ ,  $I = \{I_1, I_2, \dots\}$ ;
- $x(t; t_0, x_0)$  is a solution of problem (1) - (4);
- The sets  $\Phi_i = \{x \in D; \varphi_i(x) = 0\}$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots$  are named switching hypersurfaces of the initial problem which is investigated;
- The function  $I_0(x) = 0$  for  $x \in D$ ;
- The function  $x_i(t; t_0, x_0)$  is a solution of the problem with constant structure and without impulses;

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = f_i(t, x), \quad x(t_0) = x_0, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots; \quad (5)$$

- The curve  $\gamma(t_0, x_0) = \{x(t; t_0, x_0), t \in J(t_0, x_0, f)\}$  is a trajectory of the studied problem, where  $J(t_0, x_0, f)$  is the maximum interval of existence of this solution;
- The curve  $\gamma_i(t_0, x_0) = \{x_i(t; t_0, x_0), t \in J(t_0, x_0, f_i)\}$  is a trajectory of problem (5), where  $J(t_0, x_0, f_i)$  is the maximum interval of existence of the solution,  $i = 1, 2, \dots$ ;
- $\|\cdot\|$  and  $\langle \dots \rangle$  are the Euclidean norm and the scalar product in  $R^n$ , respectively.

The following conditions are introduced:

H1. The functions  $f_i \in C[R^+ \times D, R^n]$  and the constants  $C_{f_i} > 0$  exist such that

$$(\forall (t, x) \in R^+ \times D) \Rightarrow \|f_i(t, x)\| \leq C_{f_i}, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots$$

H2. The functions  $\varphi_i \in C^1[D, R]$  and the constants  $C_{grad\varphi_i} > 0$  exist such that

$$(\forall x \in D) \Rightarrow \|grad\varphi_i(x)\| \leq C_{grad\varphi_i}, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots$$

H3. The functions  $I_i \in C[\Phi_i, R^n]$  and  $(Id + I_i) : \Phi_i \rightarrow D$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots$

H4. The following inequalities are valid:

$$\varphi_i((Id + I_{i-1})(x)) \langle grad\varphi_i(x), f_i(t, x) \rangle < 0, (t, x) \in R^+ \times D, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots,$$

where  $I_0(x) = 0, x \in D$ .

H5. There are constants  $C_{\langle grad\varphi_i, f_i \rangle} > 0$  such that

$$(\forall (t, x) \in R^+ \times D) \Rightarrow \langle grad\varphi_i(x), f_i(t, x) \rangle \geq C_{\langle grad\varphi_i, f_i \rangle}, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots$$

H6. For any point  $(t_0, x_0) \in R^+ \times D$  and for each  $i = 1, 2, \dots$ , a solution of initial problem (5) exists and it is unique for  $t \geq t_0$ .

H7. There are constants  $C_{\varphi_{i+1}(Id+I_i)} > 0$  such that

$$(\forall x \in \Phi_i) \Rightarrow |\varphi_{i+1}((Id + I_i)(x))| \geq C_{\varphi_{i+1}(Id+I_i)}, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots$$

H8. The series  $\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{C_{\varphi_j(Id+I_{j-1})}}{C_{grad\varphi_j} \cdot C_{f_j}}$  are divergent.

The next theorems are valid:

**Theorem 1.** *Let the conditions H1 and H6 be fulfilled. Then the solution of problem (1) - (4) exists and it is unique for any  $t \geq t_0$ .*

**Theorem 2.** *Let the conditions H1÷ H6 be fulfilled. Then the trajectory of problem (1) - (4) meets each one of the hypersurfaces  $\Phi_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots$ .*

**Proof.** Firstly, we show that the trajectory  $\gamma_1(t_0, x_0)$  of the initial problem with fixed structure and without impulses

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = f_1(t, x), \quad x(t_0) = x_0$$

meets the hypersurface  $\Phi_1$ . Recall that

$$(Id + I_0)(x) = x, \quad x \in D.$$

Then, using condition H4 (for  $i = 1$ ), it follows that one of both cases is satisfied:

Case 1.  $\varphi_1(x) < 0$ ,  $x \in D$  and  $\langle grad\varphi_1(x), f_1(t, x) \rangle > 0, (t, x) \in R^+ \times D$ ;

Case 2.  $\varphi_1(x) > 0$ ,  $x \in D$  and  $\langle grad\varphi_1(x), f_1(t, x) \rangle < 0, (t, x) \in R^+ \times D$ .

We will discuss first case. The other one is considered analogously. For the convenience of recording, we introduce the function

$$\phi_1(t) = \varphi_1(x_1(t; t_0, x_0)) = \varphi_1(x_1^1(t; t_0, x_0), x_1^2(t; t_0, x_0), \dots, x_1^n(t; t_0, x_0)),$$

which is defined for  $t \in J(t_0, x_0, f_1) = [t_0, \infty)$ . We have

$$\phi_1(t_0) = \varphi_1(x_1(t_0; t_0, x_0)) = \varphi_1(x_0) < 0.$$

Under condition H5, it is fulfilled

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \phi_1(t) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x^1} \varphi_1(x_1(t; t_0, x_0)) \frac{d}{dt} x_1^1(t; t_0, x_0) \\ &\quad + \frac{\partial}{\partial x^2} \varphi_1(x_1(t; t_0, x_0)) \frac{d}{dt} x_1^2(t; t_0, x_0) \\ &\quad + \dots + \\ &\quad + \frac{\partial}{\partial x^n} \varphi_1(x_1(t; t_0, x_0)) \frac{d}{dt} x_1^n(t; t_0, x_0) \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x^1} \varphi_1(x_1(t; t_0, x_0)) f_1^1(t, x_1(t; t_0, x_0)) \\ &\quad + \frac{\partial}{\partial x^2} \varphi_1(x_1(t; t_0, x_0)) f_1^2(t, x_1(t; t_0, x_0)) \\ &\quad + \dots + \\ &\quad + \frac{\partial}{\partial x^n} \varphi_1(x_1(t; t_0, x_0)) f_1^n(t, x_1(t; t_0, x_0)) \\ &= \langle grad\varphi_1(x_1(t; t_0, x_0)), f_1(t, x_1(t; t_0, x_0)) \rangle \\ &= \left| \langle grad\varphi_1(x_1(t; t_0, x_0)), f_1(t, x_1(t; t_0, x_0)) \rangle \right| \\ &\geq C_{\langle grad\varphi_1, f_1 \rangle} = const > 0. \end{aligned}$$

By the fact

$$\phi_1(t_0) < 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{d}{dt}\phi_1(t) = \text{const} > 0, \quad t > t_0,$$

it follows that there exists a point  $t_1 > t_0$  such that

$$\varphi_1(x_1(t_1; t_0, x_0)) = \phi_1(t_1) = 0.$$

i.e. at the moment  $t_1$ , trajectory  $\gamma_1(t_0, x_0)$  meets the hypersurface  $\Phi_1$ . Since

$$\gamma(t_0, x_0) \equiv \gamma_1(t_0, x_0) \quad \text{for} \quad t_0 \leq t \leq t_1,$$

we conclude that the trajectory of the problem with variable structure and impulses also meets the hypersurface  $\Phi_1$  at moment  $t_1$ .

Assume that, the trajectory of problem (1) - (4) meets successively the hypersurfaces  $\Phi_1, \Phi_2, \dots, \Phi_i$  at the moments  $t_1, t_2, \dots, t_i$ , respectively. We will show that the trajectory

$$\gamma_{i+1}(t_i, x(t_i; t_0, x_0) + I_i(x(t_i; t_0, x_0))) \equiv \gamma_{i+1}(t_i, x(t_i + 0; t_0, x_0))$$

of the problem with fixed structure and without impulses

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = f_{i+1}(t, x), \quad x(t_i) = x(t_i; t_0, x_0) + I_i(x(t_i; t_0, x_0)) = x(t_i + 0; t_0, x_0)$$

for  $t \in J(t_i, x(t_i + 0; t_0, x_0), f_{i+1}) = [t_i, \infty)$  meets the hypersurface  $\Phi_{i+1}$ . Under condition H4, the functions

$$\varphi_{i+1}((Id + I_i)(x)) \quad \text{and} \quad \langle \text{grad} \varphi_{i+1}(x), f_{i+1}(t, x) \rangle$$

do not cancel in their domains and for any point  $(t, x) \in R^+ \times D$ , they have opposite signs. Without loss of generality, we suppose that the next inequalities are valid:

$$\varphi_{i+1}((Id + I_i)(x)) < 0, \quad x \in D \quad \text{and} \quad \langle \text{grad} \varphi_{i+1}(x), f_{i+1}(t, x) \rangle > 0, \quad (t, x) \in R^+ \times D. \quad (6)$$

We consider the function  $\phi_{i+1} : [t_i, \infty) \rightarrow R$ , which is defined by the equalities

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_{i+1}(t) &= \varphi_{i+1}(x_{i+1}(t; t_i, x(t_i; t_0, x_0) + I_i(x(t_i; t_0, x_0)))) \\ &= \varphi_{i+1}(x_{i+1}(t; t_i, x(t_i + 0; t_0, x_0))). \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_{i+1}(t_i) &= \varphi_{i+1}(x_{i+1}(t_i; t_i, x(t_i + 0; t_0, x_0))) \\ &= \varphi_{i+1}(x(t_i + 0; t_0, x_0)) \\ &= \varphi_{i+1}(x(t_i; t_0, x_0) + I_i(x(t_i; t_0, x_0))) \\ &= \varphi_{i+1}((Id + I_i)(x(t_i; t_0, x_0))) < 0. \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

For  $t > t_i$  it is satisfied

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{d}{dt}\phi_{i+1}(t) \\ &= \frac{d}{dt}\varphi_{i+1}(x_{i+1}(t; t_i, x(t_i + 0; t_0, x_0))) \\ &= \langle \text{grad} \varphi_{i+1}(x_{i+1}(t; t_i, x(t_i + 0; t_0, x_0))), f_{i+1}(t, x_{i+1}(t; t_i, x(t_i + 0; t_0, x_0))) \rangle \\ &= \left\langle \text{grad} \varphi_{i+1}(x_{i+1}(t; t_i, x(t_i + 0; t_0, x_0))), f_{i+1}(t, x_{i+1}(t; t_i, x(t_i + 0; t_0, x_0))) \right\rangle \\ &\geq C_{\langle \text{grad} \varphi_{i+1}, f_{i+1} \rangle} = \text{const} > 0. \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

From (8) and (9) it follows that there exists a point  $t_{i+1} > t_i$  such that

$$\phi_{i+1}(t_{i+1}) = 0 \Leftrightarrow \varphi_{i+1}\left(x_{i+1}(t_{i+1}; t_i, x(t_i + 0; t_0, x_0))\right) = 0.$$

The last equality means that the trajectory  $\gamma_{i+1}(t_i, x(t_i + 0; t_0, x_0))$  meets the hypersurface  $\Phi_{i+1}$  at the moment  $t_{i+1}$ . As

$$\gamma(t_0, x_0) \equiv \gamma_{i+1}(t_i, x(t_i + 0; t_0, x_0)) \text{ for } t_i < t \leq t_{i+1},$$

we find that the trajectory  $\gamma(t_0, x_0)$  of problem (1) - (4) also meets the hypersurface  $\Phi_{i+1}$ . The proof follows by induction.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.** *Let the conditions H1÷H7 be fulfilled. Then the next estimates are valid:*

$$t_{i+1} - t_i \geq \frac{C_{\varphi_{i+1}(Id+I_i)}}{C_{grad\varphi_{i+1}} \cdot C_{f_{i+1}}}, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots$$

**Proof.** Again, without loss of generality, we suppose that the inequalities (6) are valid. For the function  $\phi_{i+1}$ , which is defined by (7), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \phi_{i+1}(t_{i+1}) - \phi_{i+1}(t_i) & (10) \\ &= \varphi_{i+1}\left(x_{i+1}(t_{i+1}; t_i, x(t_i + 0; t_0, x_0))\right) - \varphi_{i+1}\left(x_{i+1}(t_i + 0; t_i, x(t_i + 0; t_0, x_0))\right) \\ &= 0 - \varphi_{i+1}\left(x(t_i; t_0, x_0) + I_i(x(t_i; t_0, x_0))\right) \\ &= -\varphi_{i+1}\left((Id + I_i)(x(t_i; t_0, x_0))\right) \\ &= \left| \varphi_{i+1}\left((Id + I_i)(x(t_i; t_0, x_0))\right) \right| \\ &\geq C_{\varphi_{i+1}(Id+I_i)}. \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, there exists a point  $\tau$ , where  $t_i < \tau < t_{i+1}$ , such that

$$\begin{aligned} & \phi_{i+1}(t_{i+1}) - \phi_{i+1}(t_i) \\ &= \frac{d}{dt} \phi(\tau)(t_{i+1} - t_i) = \frac{d}{dt} \varphi_{i+1}(x(\tau; t_0, x_0)) \cdot (t_{i+1} - t_i) \\ &= \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} \varphi_{i+1}(x(\tau; t_0, x_0)) f_{i+1}^1(\tau, x(\tau; t_0, x_0)) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_2} \varphi_{i+1}(x(\tau; t_0, x_0)) f_{i+1}^2(\tau, x(\tau; t_0, x_0)) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \dots + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_n} \varphi_{i+1}(x(\tau; t_0, x_0)) f_{i+1}^n(\tau, x(\tau; t_0, x_0)) \right) \cdot (t_{i+1} - t_i) \\ &= \left\langle grad \varphi_{i+1}(x(\tau; t_0, x_0)), f_{i+1}(\tau, x(\tau; t_0, x_0)) \right\rangle \cdot (t_{i+1} - t_i) \\ &\leq \left\| grad \varphi_{i+1}(x(\tau; t_0, x_0)) \right\| \cdot \left\| f_{i+1}(\tau, x(\tau; t_0, x_0)) \right\| \cdot (t_{i+1} - t_i) \\ &\leq C_{grad\varphi_{i+1}} \cdot C_{f_{i+1}} \cdot (t_{i+1} - t_i). \end{aligned}$$

From the inequality above we obtain

$$t_{i+1} - t_i \geq \frac{1}{C_{grad\varphi_{i+1}} \cdot C_{f_{i+1}}} (\phi(t_{i+1}) - \phi(t_i)),$$

from where, bearing in mind inequality (10), we obtain the required estimate. □

**Theorem 4.** *Let the conditions H1÷H8 be fulfilled. Then the solution of problem (1) - (4) is defined for  $t \geq t_0$ .*

**Proof.** The statement follows from the fact that

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} t_i &= \lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} ((t_i - t_{i-1}) + (t_{i-1} - t_{i-2}) + \dots + (t_1 - t_0) + t_0) \\ &\geq \lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{j=1}^i \Delta_j + t_0 = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \Delta_j + t_0 \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{C_{\varphi_j(I_d + I_{j-1})}}{C_{grad \varphi_j} \cdot C_{f_j}} + t_0 = \infty. \end{aligned}$$

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