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REPRESENTATION OF A SOLUTION OF THE CAUCHY PROBLEM FOR AN OSCILLATING SYSTEM WITH TWO DELAYS AND PERMUTABLE MATRICES

ЗОБРАЖЕННЯ РОЗВ'ЯЗКУ ЗАДАЧІ КОШІ ДЛЯ КОЛИВНОЇ СИСТЕМИ З ДВОМА ЗАПІЗНЮВАННЯМИ ТА ПЕРЕСТАВНИМИ МАТРИЦЯМИ

We represent a solution of a nonhomogeneous second-order differential equation with two delays using matrix functions under the assumption that the linear parts are given by permutable matrices.

Отримано зображення розв'язку неоднорідного диференціального рівняння другого порядку з двома запізнюваннями із використанням матричних функцій за припущення, що лінійні частини задано переставними матрицями.

1. Introduction. Representation of a solution of system of first-order differential equations with single delay using matrix polynomial derived in [9] led to many new results in theory of ordinary differential equations with delay, such as controllability, exponential stability, boundary-value problems, etc. [1–3, 10, 13], but also in theory of boundary-value problems in partial differential equations [4]. On the other side, solutions of differential equations with multiple fixed or variable delays and difference equations with single and more delays were represented in similar ways [7, 11, 12, 15]. Also their asymptotic properties and controllability were investigated [6, 11, 12, 14, 15].

In [8], any solution of a system of differential equations of second order with single delay is represented using matrix polynomials. This representation was used in control theory [5].

In the present paper, by the use of permutable matrices, we are able to construct matrix polynomials which solve a linear homogeneous system of differential equations of second order with two different delays and linear terms given by these matrices. Later, using these functions, we represent a solution of initial problem of the corresponding nonhomogeneous system. So, the assumption of permutability leads to extension of [8] to systems with two different delays. Without the assumption, the matrix functions would not solve the homogeneous equation.

Let us recall the result from [8].

Theorem 1.1. *Let $\tau > 0$, $\varphi \in C^2([-\tau, 0], \mathbb{R}^n)$, B be a nonsingular $n \times n$ matrix and $f: [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ be a given function. Solution $x: [-\tau, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ of equation*

$$\ddot{x}(t) = -B^2x(t - \tau) + f(t) \quad (1.1)$$

satisfying initial condition

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) &= \varphi(t), \\ \dot{x}(t) &= \dot{\varphi}(t), \end{aligned} \quad -\tau \leq t \leq 0, \quad (1.2)$$

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has the form

$$x(t) = \text{Cos}_\tau Bt \varphi(-\tau) + B^{-1} \text{Sin}_\tau Bt \dot{\varphi}(-\tau) + B^{-1} \int_{-\tau}^0 \text{Sin}_\tau B(t - \tau - s) \ddot{\varphi}(s) ds + B^{-1} \int_0^t \text{Sin}_\tau B(t - \tau - s) f(s) ds$$

for $t \in [-\tau, \infty)$, where

$$\text{Cos}_\tau Bt = \begin{cases} \Theta, & -\infty < t < -\tau, \\ E, & -\tau \leq t < 0, \\ E - B^2 \frac{t^2}{2!} + \dots + (-1)^k B^{2k} \frac{(t - (k-1)\tau)^{2k}}{(2k)!}, & (k-1)\tau \leq t < k\tau, \quad k \in \mathbb{N}, \end{cases} \quad (1.3)$$

$$\text{Sin}_\tau Bt = \begin{cases} \Theta, & -\infty < t < -\tau, \\ B(t + \tau), & -\tau \leq t < 0, \\ B(t + \tau) - B^3 \frac{t^3}{3!} + \dots + (-1)^k B^{2k+1} \frac{(t - (k-1)\tau)^{2k+1}}{(2k+1)!}, & (k-1)\tau \leq t < k\tau, \quad k \in \mathbb{N}. \end{cases} \quad (1.4)$$

Here, we used the notation Θ and E for the $n \times n$ zero and identity matrix, respectively. Moreover, \mathbb{N} denotes the set of all positive integers. The above stated matrix functions $\text{Cos}_\tau Bt$, $\text{Sin}_\tau Bt$ have the following properties (see [8])

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \text{Cos}_\tau Bt &= -B \text{Sin}_\tau B(t - \tau), \\ \frac{d^2}{dt^2} \text{Cos}_\tau Bt &= -B^2 \text{Cos}_\tau B(t - \tau), \\ \frac{d}{dt} \text{Sin}_\tau Bt &= B \text{Cos}_\tau Bt, \\ \frac{d^2}{dt^2} \text{Sin}_\tau Bt &= -B^2 \text{Sin}_\tau B(t - \tau) \end{aligned} \quad (1.5)$$

for any $t \in \mathbb{R}$, considering one-sided derivatives at $-\tau$ and 0 .

2. Systems with two delays. In this section, we derive the representation of a solution of equation (1.1) with two delays, using matrix functions analogical to (1.3) and (1.4). More precisely, we consider equation

$$\ddot{x}(t) = -B_1^2 x(t - \tau_1) - B_2^2 x(t - \tau_2) + f(t) \quad (2.1)$$

with $\tau_1, \tau_2 > 0$ and permutable matrices B_1, B_2 , i.e., $B_1 B_2 = B_2 B_1$. But first, we slightly improve Theorem 1.1 to C^1 -smooth initial function.

Proposition 2.1. Let $\tau > 0$, $\varphi \in C^1([-\tau, 0], \mathbb{R}^n)$, B be a nonsingular $n \times n$ matrix and $f: [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ be a given function. Solution $x: [-\tau, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ of equation (1.1) satisfying initial condition (1.2) has the form

$$x(t) = \begin{cases} \varphi(t), & -\tau \leq t < 0, \\ \text{Cos}_\tau B(t - \tau) \varphi(0) + B^{-1} \text{Sin}_\tau B(t - \tau) \dot{\varphi}(0) - \\ -B \int_{-\tau}^0 \text{Sin}_\tau B(t - 2\tau - s) \varphi(s) ds + \\ + B^{-1} \int_0^t \text{Sin}_\tau B(t - \tau - s) f(s) ds, & 0 \leq t. \end{cases} \quad (2.2)$$

Proof. Obviously, $x(t)$ satisfies the initial condition on $[-\tau, 0)$ and $x(0) = \varphi(0)$ due to (1.3), (1.4). Furthermore, if $0 \leq t < \tau$, then

$$x(t) = \varphi(0) + t\dot{\varphi}(0) - B^2 \int_{-\tau}^{t-\tau} (t - \tau - s) \varphi(s) ds + \int_0^t (t - s) f(s) ds$$

since

$$\text{Sin}_\tau B(t - 2\tau - s) = \begin{cases} B(t - \tau - s), & s \in [-\tau, t - \tau], \\ \Theta, & s \in (t - \tau, 0], \end{cases}$$

for $0 \leq t < \tau$ and $s \in [-\tau, 0]$. Accordingly,

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x}(t) &= \dot{\varphi}(0) - B^2 \int_{-\tau}^{t-\tau} \varphi(s) ds + \int_0^t f(s) ds, \\ \ddot{x}(t) &= -B^2 \varphi(t - \tau) + f(t). \end{aligned} \quad (2.3)$$

Hence, one can see that $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \dot{x}(t) = \dot{\varphi}(0)$, i.e., $x \in C^1([-\tau, \infty), \mathbb{R}^n)$.

Next, using properties (1.5) for $t \geq \tau$,

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x}(t) &= -B \text{Sin}_\tau B(t - 2\tau) \varphi(0) + \text{Cos}_\tau B(t - \tau) \dot{\varphi}(0) - \\ -B^2 \int_{-\tau}^0 \text{Cos}_\tau B(t - 2\tau - s) \varphi(s) ds + \int_0^t \text{Cos}_\tau B(t - \tau - s) f(s) ds, \\ \ddot{x}(t) &= -B^2 \text{Cos}_\tau B(t - 2\tau) \varphi(0) - B \text{Sin}_\tau B(t - 2\tau) \dot{\varphi}(0) + \\ + B^3 \int_{-\tau}^0 \text{Sin}_\tau B(t - 3\tau - s) \varphi(s) ds - B \int_0^t \text{Sin}_\tau B(t - 2\tau - s) f(s) ds + f(t) = \\ &= -B^2 x(t - \tau) + f(t). \end{aligned} \quad (2.4)$$

In the last step, we applied the identity

$$\int_0^t \text{Sin}_\tau B(t - 2\tau - s) f(s) ds = \int_0^{t-\tau} \text{Sin}_\tau B(t - 2\tau - s) f(s) ds.$$

Taking the second derivatives at τ , we get

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \tau^-} \ddot{x}(t) = -B^2 \varphi(0) + f(\tau) = \lim_{t \rightarrow \tau^+} \ddot{x}(t)$$

by (2.3) and (2.4). Summarizing, $x(t)$ given by (2.2) solves equation (1.1) on $[0, \infty)$, satisfies condition (1.2) on $[-\tau, 0]$ and

$$x \in C^1([-\tau, \infty), \mathbb{R}^n) \cap C^2([0, \infty), \mathbb{R}^n).$$

Proposition 2.1 is proved.

From now on, we assume the property of empty sum, i.e.,

$$\sum_{i \in \emptyset} f(i) = 0, \quad \sum_{i \in \emptyset} F(i) = \Theta$$

for any function f and matrix function F , whether they are defined or not. Define functions $\mathcal{X}_\tau^{B^2}, \mathcal{Y}_\tau^{B^2} : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow L(\mathbb{R}^n)$ as

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{X}_\tau^{B^2}(t) &:= \sum_{\substack{i \geq 0 \\ i\tau \leq t}} (-1)^i B^{2i} \frac{(t - i\tau)^{2i}}{(2i)!}, \\ \mathcal{Y}_\tau^{B^2}(t) &:= \sum_{\substack{i \geq 0 \\ i\tau \leq t}} (-1)^i B^{2i} \frac{(t - i\tau)^{2i+1}}{(2i + 1)!} \end{aligned}$$

for any $t \in \mathbb{R}$. Note that

$$\text{Cos}_\tau B(t - \tau) = \mathcal{X}_\tau^{B^2}(t), \quad \text{Sin}_\tau B(t - \tau) = B\mathcal{Y}_\tau^{B^2}(t).$$

Function $\mathcal{X}_\tau^{B^2}$ inherits its properties from function $\text{Cos}_\tau B(\cdot - \tau)$. As the next lemma explains, so does the function $\mathcal{Y}_\tau^{B^2}$ from $\text{Sin}_\tau B(\cdot - \tau)$.

Lemma 2.1. *Let $\tau > 0$ and B be $n \times n$ complex matrix. Function $\mathcal{Y}_\tau^{B^2}(t)$ solves equation*

$$\ddot{y}(t) = -B^2 y(t - \tau) \tag{2.5}$$

for $t \geq 0$ with initial condition

$$y(t) = \Theta, \quad -\tau \leq t \leq 0, \quad \dot{y}(t) = \begin{cases} \Theta, & -\tau \leq t < 0, \\ E, & t = 0. \end{cases}$$

Proof. The initial condition is immediately verified. If the matrix B is regular, then $\mathcal{Y}_\tau^{B^2}(t) = B^{-1}\text{Sin}_\tau B(t-\tau)$ and equation (2.5) is fulfilled by (1.5) (clearly, this is valid also if B is complex). Also the other case can be proved easily:

Let $t \geq 0$. Then

$$\mathcal{Y}_\tau^{B^2}(t) = \sum_{\substack{i \geq 0 \\ i\tau \leq t}} (-1)^i B^{2i} \frac{(t-i\tau)^{2i+1}}{(2i+1)!} = tE\chi_{[0,\infty)}(t) + \sum_{\substack{i \geq 1 \\ i\tau \leq t}} (-1)^i B^{2i} \frac{(t-i\tau)^{2i+1}}{(2i+1)!},$$

where χ_M is a characteristic function of a set M given by

$$\chi_M(t) = \begin{cases} 1, & t \in M, \\ 0, & t \notin M. \end{cases}$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} \ddot{\mathcal{Y}}_\tau^{B^2}(t) &= \sum_{\substack{i \geq 1 \\ i\tau \leq t}} (-1)^i B^{2i} \frac{(t-i\tau)^{2i-1}}{(2i-1)!} = \\ &= -B^2 \sum_{\substack{i-1 \geq 0 \\ (i-1)\tau \leq t-\tau}} (-1)^i B^{2(i-1)} \frac{(t-\tau-(i-1)\tau)^{2(i-1)+1}}{(2(i-1)+1)!} = -B^2 \mathcal{Y}_\tau^{B^2}(t-\tau). \end{aligned} \quad (2.6)$$

Lemma 2.1 is proved.

Define functions $\mathcal{X}_{\tau_1, \tau_2}^{B_1^2, B_2^2}, \mathcal{Y}_{\tau_1, \tau_2}^{B_1^2, B_2^2} : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow L(\mathbb{R}^n)$ as

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{X}_{\tau_1, \tau_2}^{B_1^2, B_2^2}(t) &:= \sum_{\substack{i, j \geq 0 \\ i\tau_1 + j\tau_2 \leq t}} (-1)^{i+j} \binom{i+j}{i} B_1^{2i} B_2^{2j} \frac{(t-i\tau_1-j\tau_2)^{2(i+j)}}{(2(i+j))!}, \\ \mathcal{Y}_{\tau_1, \tau_2}^{B_1^2, B_2^2}(t) &:= \sum_{\substack{i, j \geq 0 \\ i\tau_1 + j\tau_2 \leq t}} (-1)^{i+j} \binom{i+j}{i} B_1^{2i} B_2^{2j} \frac{(t-i\tau_1-j\tau_2)^{2(i+j)+1}}{(2(i+j)+1)!} \end{aligned} \quad (2.7)$$

for any $t \in \mathbb{R}$. Some properties of functions $\mathcal{X}_{\tau_1, \tau_2}^{B_1^2, B_2^2}$ and $\mathcal{Y}_{\tau_1, \tau_2}^{B_1^2, B_2^2}$ are concluded in the next lemma.

Lemma 2.2. Let $\tau_1, \tau_2 > 0$, B_1, B_2 be permutable matrices. Then the following holds for any $t \in \mathbb{R}$:

- (1) if $B_1 = \Theta$, then $\mathcal{X}_{\tau_1, \tau_2}^{B_1^2, B_2^2}(t) = \mathcal{X}_{\tau_2}^{B_2^2}(t)$,
- (2) if $B_2 = \Theta$, then $\mathcal{X}_{\tau_1, \tau_2}^{B_1^2, B_2^2}(t) = \mathcal{X}_{\tau_1}^{B_1^2}(t)$,
- (3) if $\tau := \tau_1 = \tau_2$, then $\mathcal{X}_{\tau_1, \tau_2}^{B_1^2, B_2^2}(t) = \mathcal{X}_\tau^{B_1^2 + B_2^2}(t)$,
- (4) $\mathcal{X}_{\tau_1, \tau_2}^{B_1^2, B_2^2}(t) = \mathcal{X}_{\tau_2, \tau_1}^{B_2^2, B_1^2}(t)$,
- (5) taking the one-sided derivatives at 0, τ_1, τ_2

$$\ddot{\mathcal{X}}_{\tau_1, \tau_2}^{B_1^2, B_2^2}(t) = -B_1^2 \mathcal{X}_{\tau_1, \tau_2}^{B_1^2, B_2^2}(t-\tau_1) - B_2^2 \mathcal{X}_{\tau_1, \tau_2}^{B_1^2, B_2^2}(t-\tau_2), \quad (2.8)$$

(6) considering the one-sided derivatives at 0 (they both equal Θ)

$$\mathcal{Y}_{\tau_1, \tau_2}^{B_1^2, B_2^2}(t) = \mathcal{X}_{\tau_1, \tau_2}^{B_1^2, B_2^2}(t).$$

Statements (1)–(5) hold with \mathcal{Y} instead of \mathcal{X} .

Proof. (1) and (2) are obtained easily from definition of $\mathcal{X}_{\tau_1, \tau_2}^{B_1^2, B_2^2}$, because $\Theta^{2i} = E$ if $i = 0$ and $\Theta^{2i} = \Theta$ whenever $i > 0$. Since

$$\sum_{\substack{i, j \geq 0 \\ (i+j)\tau \leq t}} f(i, j) = \sum_{\substack{l \geq 0 \\ l\tau \leq t}} \sum_{\substack{i, j \geq 0 \\ i+j=l}} f(i, j)$$

for any (matrix) function f , for (3) we get

$$\mathcal{X}_{\tau_1, \tau_2}^{B_1^2, B_2^2}(t) = \sum_{\substack{l \geq 0 \\ l\tau \leq t}} (-1)^l (B_1^2 + B_2^2)^l \frac{(t - l\tau)^{2l}}{(2l)!} = \mathcal{X}_{\tau}^{B_1^2 + B_2^2}(t).$$

Property (4) is trivial.

Next, if $\tau := \tau_1 = \tau_2$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \ddot{\mathcal{X}}_{\tau_1, \tau_2}^{B_1^2, B_2^2}(t) &= \ddot{\mathcal{X}}_{\tau}^{B_1^2 + B_2^2}(t) = -(B_1^2 + B_2^2) \mathcal{X}_{\tau}^{B_1^2 + B_2^2}(t - \tau) = \\ &= -B_1^2 \mathcal{X}_{\tau_1, \tau_2}^{B_1^2, B_2^2}(t - \tau_1) - B_2^2 \mathcal{X}_{\tau_1, \tau_2}^{B_1^2, B_2^2}(t - \tau_2) \end{aligned}$$

for any $t \in \mathbb{R}$, by (3) and the property of $\text{Cos}_{\tau} \sqrt{B_1^2 + B_2^2} t$ (see (1.5)). Note that $\text{Cos}_{\tau} B t$ solves equation (2.5) even for complex matrix B .

Without any loss of generality, we assume that $\tau_1 < \tau_2$ and consider two cases: $t < \tau_2$ and $t \geq \tau_2$.

If $t < \tau_2$, then $t - \tau_2 < 0$ and $\mathcal{X}_{\tau_1, \tau_2}^{B_1^2, B_2^2}(t) = \mathcal{X}_{\tau_1}^{B_1^2}(t)$. Thus (2.8) is verified for $t < \tau_2$ by the property of $\text{Cos}_{\tau_1} B_1(t - \tau_1)$.

Now, let $t \geq \tau_2$. We decompose

$$\mathcal{X}_{\tau_1, \tau_2}^{B_1^2, B_2^2}(t) = E \chi_{[0, \infty)}(t) + S_1(t) + S_2(t) + S_3(t),$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} S_1(t) &= \sum_{\substack{i \geq 1 \\ i\tau_1 \leq t}} (-1)^i B_1^{2i} \frac{(t - i\tau_1)^{2i}}{(2i)!}, \\ S_2(t) &= \sum_{\substack{j \geq 1 \\ j\tau_2 \leq t}} (-1)^j B_2^{2j} \frac{(t - j\tau_2)^{2j}}{(2j)!}, \\ S_3(t) &= \sum_{\substack{i, j \geq 1 \\ i\tau_1 + j\tau_2 \leq t}} (-1)^{i+j} \binom{i+j}{i} B_1^{2i} B_2^{2j} \frac{(t - i\tau_1 - j\tau_2)^{2(i+j)}}{(2(i+j))!}. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly to (2.6), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 S_1''(t) &= \sum_{\substack{i \geq 1 \\ i\tau_1 \leq t}} (-1)^i B_1^{2i} \frac{(t - i\tau_1)^{2(i-1)}}{(2(i-1))!} = \\
 &= -B_1^2 \sum_{\substack{i \geq 0 \\ i\tau_1 \leq t - \tau_1}} (-1)^i B_1^{2i} \frac{(t - \tau_1 - i\tau_1)^{2i}}{(2i)!} = -B_1^2 - B_1^2 S_1(t - \tau_1), \\
 S_2''(t) &= \sum_{\substack{j \geq 1 \\ j\tau_2 \leq t}} (-1)^j B_2^{2j} \frac{(t - j\tau_2)^{2(j-1)}}{(2(j-1))!} = \\
 &= -B_2^2 \sum_{\substack{j \geq 0 \\ j\tau_2 \leq t - \tau_2}} (-1)^j B_2^{2j} \frac{(t - \tau_2 - j\tau_2)^{2j}}{(2j)!} = -B_2^2 - B_2^2 S_2(t - \tau_2).
 \end{aligned}$$

Using the property of binomial numbers

$$\binom{i+j}{i} = \binom{i-1+j}{i-1} + \binom{i+j-1}{j-1},$$

for $i, j \geq 1$ we derive

$$\begin{aligned}
 S_3''(t) &= \sum_{\substack{i, j \geq 1 \\ i\tau_1 + j\tau_2 \leq t}} (-1)^{i+j} \binom{i+j}{i} B_1^{2i} B_2^{2j} \frac{(t - i\tau_1 - j\tau_2)^{2(i+j-1)}}{(2(i+j-1))!} = \\
 &= -B_1^2 \sum_{\substack{i-1 \geq 0, j \geq 1 \\ (i-1)\tau_1 + j\tau_2 \leq t - \tau_1}} (-1)^{i-1+j} \binom{i-1+j}{i-1} \times \\
 &\quad \times B_1^{2(i-1)} B_2^{2j} \frac{(t - \tau_1 - (i-1)\tau_1 - j\tau_2)^{2(i-1+j)}}{(2(i-1+j))!} - \\
 &\quad - B_2^2 \sum_{\substack{i \geq 1, j-1 \geq 0 \\ i\tau_1 + (j-1)\tau_2 \leq t - \tau_2}} (-1)^{i+j-1} \binom{i+j-1}{j-1} \times \\
 &\quad \times B_1^{2i} B_2^{2(j-1)} \frac{(t - \tau_2 - i\tau_1 - (j-1)\tau_2)^{2(i+j-1)}}{(2(i+j-1))!}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Rewrite $i-1 \rightarrow i$ in the first sum and $j-1 \rightarrow j$ in the second one:

$$S_3''(t) = -B_1^2 \sum_{\substack{i \geq 0, j \geq 1 \\ i\tau_1 + j\tau_2 \leq t - \tau_1}} (-1)^{i+j} \binom{i+j}{i} B_1^{2i} B_2^{2j} \frac{(t - \tau_1 - i\tau_1 - j\tau_2)^{2(i+j)}}{(2(i+j))!} -$$

$$-B_2^2 \sum_{\substack{i \geq 1, j \geq 0 \\ i\tau_1 + j\tau_2 \leq t - \tau_2}} (-1)^{i+j} \binom{i+j}{j} B_1^{2i} B_2^{2j} \frac{(t - \tau_2 - i\tau_1 - j\tau_2)^{2(i+j)}}{(2(i+j))!}.$$

Now, we split the first sum to $i = 0$ and $i \geq 1$, and the second sum to $j = 0$ and $j \geq 1$:

$$\begin{aligned} S_3''(t) &= -B_1^2 \sum_{\substack{j \geq 1 \\ j\tau_2 \leq t - \tau_1}} (-1)^j B_2^{2j} \frac{(t - \tau_1 - j\tau_2)^{2j}}{(2j)!} - B_1^2 S_3(t - \tau_1) - \\ &- B_2^2 \sum_{\substack{i \geq 1 \\ i\tau_1 \leq t - \tau_2}} (-1)^i B_1^{2i} \frac{(t - \tau_2 - i\tau_1)^{2i}}{(2i)!} - B_2^2 S_3(t - \tau_2) = \\ &= -B_1^2 S_2(t - \tau_1) - B_1^2 S_3(t - \tau_1) - B_2^2 S_1(t - \tau_2) - B_2^2 S_3(t - \tau_2). \end{aligned}$$

In conclusion (adding formulae for $S_1''(t)$, $S_2''(t)$ and $S_3''(t)$), we get exactly formula (2.8) for $t \geq \tau_2$.

For $\mathcal{Y}_{\tau_1, \tau_2}^{B_1^2, B_2^2}$, statements (1)–(4) are proved as for $\mathcal{X}_{\tau_1, \tau_2}^{B_1^2, B_2^2}$. Next, if $\tau := \tau_1 = \tau_2$, we apply (3) and Lemma 2.1 with $B = \sqrt{B_1^2 + B_2^2}$ to get

$$\begin{aligned} \ddot{\mathcal{Y}}_{\tau_1, \tau_2}^{B_1^2, B_2^2}(t) &= \ddot{\mathcal{Y}}_{\tau}^{B_1^2 + B_2^2}(t) = -(B_1^2 + B_2^2) \mathcal{Y}_{\tau}^{B_1^2 + B_2^2}(t - \tau) = \\ &= -B_1^2 \mathcal{Y}_{\tau_1, \tau_2}^{B_1^2, B_2^2}(t - \tau_1) - B_2^2 \mathcal{Y}_{\tau_1, \tau_2}^{B_1^2, B_2^2}(t - \tau_2). \end{aligned}$$

For $\tau_1 < \tau_2$, $t < \tau_2$, we have $\mathcal{Y}_{\tau_1, \tau_2}^{B_1^2, B_2^2}(t) = \mathcal{Y}_{\tau_1}^{B_1^2}(t)$ and (2.8) is verified with the aid of Lemma 2.1.

If $t \geq \tau_2$, we split the sum

$$\mathcal{Y}_{\tau_1, \tau_2}^{B_1^2, B_2^2}(t) = tE\chi_{[0, \infty)}(t) + S_1(t) + S_2(t) + S_3(t)$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} S_1(t) &= \sum_{\substack{i \geq 1 \\ i\tau_1 \leq t}} (-1)^i B_1^{2i} \frac{(t - i\tau_1)^{2i+1}}{(2i+1)!}, \\ S_2(t) &= \sum_{\substack{j \geq 1 \\ j\tau_2 \leq t}} (-1)^j B_2^{2j} \frac{(t - j\tau_2)^{2j+1}}{(2j+1)!}, \\ S_3(t) &= \sum_{\substack{i, j \geq 1 \\ i\tau_1 + j\tau_2 \leq t}} (-1)^{i+j} \binom{i+j}{i} B_1^{2i} B_2^{2j} \frac{(t - i\tau_1 - j\tau_2)^{2(i+j)+1}}{(2(i+j)+1)!}. \end{aligned}$$

The rest proceeds analogically to $\mathcal{X}_{\tau_1, \tau_2}^{B_1^2, B_2^2}(t)$.

Property (6) follows immediately from definition (2.7).

Lemma 2.2 is proved.

Remark 2.1. Using statement (5) of the previous lemma, statements (1)–(4) can be proved easily by the uniqueness of a solution of the corresponding initial value problem. For instance in the statement (2), both $\mathcal{X}_{\tau_1, \tau_2}^{B_1^2, B_2^2}(t)$ and $\mathcal{X}_{\tau_1}^{B_1^2}(t)$ are matrix solutions of equation

$$\ddot{x}(t) = -B_1^2 x(t - \tau_1)$$

with initial condition

$$x(t) = \begin{cases} \Theta, & -\tau_1 \leq t < 0, \\ E, & t = 0, \end{cases}$$

$$\dot{x}(t) = \Theta, \quad -\tau_1 \leq t \leq 0.$$

Definition 2.1. Let $\tau_1, \tau_2 > 0$, $\tau := \max\{\tau_1, \tau_2\}$, $\varphi \in C^1([-\tau, 0], \mathbb{R}^n)$, B_1, B_2 be $n \times n$ matrices and $f: [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ be a given function. Function $x: [-\tau, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ is a solution of equation (2.1) and initial condition (1.2), if $x \in C^1([-\tau, \infty), \mathbb{R}^n) \cap C^2([0, \infty), \mathbb{R}^n)$ (taken the second right-hand derivative at 0), satisfies equation (2.1) on $[0, \infty)$ and condition (1.2) on $[-\tau, 0]$.

We are ready to state and prove our main result.

3. Main result.

Theorem 3.1. Let $\tau_1, \tau_2 > 0$, $\tau := \max\{\tau_1, \tau_2\}$, $\varphi \in C^1([-\tau, 0], \mathbb{R}^n)$, B_1, B_2 be $n \times n$ permutable matrices and $f: [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ be a given function. Solution $x(t)$ of equation (2.1) satisfying initial condition (1.2) has the form

$$x(t) = \begin{cases} \varphi(t), & -\tau \leq t < 0, \\ \mathcal{X}(t)\varphi(0) + \mathcal{Y}(t)\dot{\varphi}(0) - B_1^2 \int_{-\tau_1}^0 \mathcal{Y}(t - \tau_1 - s)\varphi(s)ds - \\ - B_2^2 \int_{-\tau_2}^0 \mathcal{Y}(t - \tau_2 - s)\varphi(s)ds + \int_0^t \mathcal{Y}(t - s)f(s)ds, & 0 \leq t, \end{cases} \quad (3.1)$$

where $\mathcal{X} = \mathcal{X}_{\tau_1, \tau_2}^{B_1^2, B_2^2}$, $\mathcal{Y} = \mathcal{Y}_{\tau_1, \tau_2}^{B_1^2, B_2^2}$.

Proof. We consider only the case $\tau_1 \neq \tau_2$, since if $\tau_1 = \tau_2$, one can use (3) in Lemma 2.2 to show that this theorem coincides with Proposition 2.1.

Obviously, $x(t)$ satisfies the initial condition on $[-\tau, 0)$ and $x(0) = \varphi(0)$. For the derivative, it holds $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0^-} \dot{x}(t) = \dot{\varphi}(0)$. Moreover, if $0 \leq t < \min\{\tau_1, \tau_2\}$, then

$$x(t) = \varphi(0) + t\dot{\varphi}(0) - B_1^2 \int_{-\tau_1}^{t-\tau_1} (t - \tau_1 - s)\varphi(s)ds -$$

$$- B_2^2 \int_{-\tau_2}^{t-\tau_2} (t - \tau_2 - s)\varphi(s)ds + \int_0^t (t - s)f(s)ds \quad (3.2)$$

since

$$\mathcal{Y}(t - \tau_i - s) = \begin{cases} (t - \tau_i - s)E, & s \in [-\tau_i, t - \tau_i], \\ \Theta, & s \in (t - \tau_i, 0], \end{cases}$$

for $0 \leq t < \min\{\tau_1, \tau_2\}$, $s \in [-\tau_i, 0]$ and $i = 1, 2$. Thus

$$\dot{x}(t) = \dot{\varphi}(0) - B_1^2 \int_{-\tau_1}^{t-\tau_1} \varphi(s)ds - B_2^2 \int_{-\tau_2}^{t-\tau_2} \varphi(s)ds + \int_0^t f(s)ds \tag{3.3}$$

and $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \dot{x}(t) = \dot{\varphi}(0)$. Clearly,

$$x \in C^1((0, \infty), \mathbb{R}^n) \cap C^2([0, \infty) \setminus \{\tau_1, \tau_2\}, \mathbb{R}^n).$$

We show, that although $\mathcal{X}(t)$ is not C^2 at τ_1, τ_2 , function $x(t)$ is C^2 at these points, and, therefore, in $[0, \infty)$. At once, we show that $x(t)$ is a solution of equation (2.1).

For instance, let $\tau_1 < \tau_2$. Assume that $0 \leq t < \tau_1$. Then equalities (3.2), (3.3) are valid and we obtain

$$\ddot{x}(t) = -B_1^2 \varphi(t - \tau_1) - B_2^2 \varphi(t - \tau_2) + f(t).$$

Now, let $\tau_1 \leq t < \tau_2$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) &= \mathcal{X}(t)\varphi(0) + \mathcal{Y}(t)\dot{\varphi}(0) - B_1^2 \int_{-\tau_1}^0 \mathcal{Y}(t - \tau_1 - s)\varphi(s)ds - \\ &\quad - B_2^2 \int_{-\tau_2}^{t-\tau_2} \mathcal{Y}(t - \tau_2 - s)\varphi(s)ds + \int_0^t \mathcal{Y}(t - s)f(s)ds \end{aligned}$$

since $\mathcal{Y}(t - \tau_2 - s) = \Theta$ if $s \in (t - \tau_2, 0]$. By (6) of Lemma 2.2,

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x}(t) &= \dot{\mathcal{X}}(t)\varphi(0) + \dot{\mathcal{Y}}(t)\dot{\varphi}(0) - B_1^2 \int_{-\tau_1}^0 \dot{\mathcal{Y}}(t - \tau_1 - s)\varphi(s)ds - \\ &\quad - B_2^2 \int_{-\tau_2}^{t-\tau_2} \dot{\mathcal{X}}(t - \tau_2 - s)\varphi(s)ds + \int_0^t \dot{\mathcal{Y}}(t - s)f(s)ds. \end{aligned}$$

With the aid of (5) of Lemma 2.2 and since $\mathcal{X}(t) = \mathcal{Y}(t) = \Theta$ for $t < 0$, we derive

$$\begin{aligned} \ddot{x}(t) &= -B_1^2 \mathcal{X}(t - \tau_1)\varphi(0) - B_1^2 \mathcal{Y}(t - \tau_1)\dot{\varphi}(0) + \\ &\quad + B_1^4 \int_{-\tau_1}^0 \mathcal{Y}(t - 2\tau_1 - s)\varphi(s)ds - B_2^2 \varphi(t - \tau_2) + \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + B_1^2 B_2^2 \int_{-\tau_2}^{t-\tau_1-\tau_2} \mathcal{Y}(t-\tau_1-\tau_2-s)\varphi(s)ds + f(t) - \\
& - B_1^2 \int_0^{t-\tau_1} \mathcal{Y}(t-\tau_1-s)f(s)ds = \\
& = -B_1^2 x(t-\tau_1) - B_2^2 \varphi(t-\tau_2) + f(t).
\end{aligned}$$

Finally, if $\tau_2 \leq t$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
x(t) &= \mathcal{X}(t)\varphi(0) + \mathcal{Y}(t)\dot{\varphi}(0) - B_1^2 \int_{-\tau_1}^0 \mathcal{Y}(t-\tau_1-s)\varphi(s)ds - \\
& - B_2^2 \int_{-\tau_2}^0 \mathcal{Y}(t-\tau_2-s)\varphi(s)ds + \int_0^t \mathcal{Y}(t-s)f(s)ds.
\end{aligned}$$

So, using

$$\left(\int_0^t \mathcal{Y}(t-s)f(s)ds \right)'' = \left(\int_0^t \mathcal{X}(t-s)f(s)ds \right)' = f(t) + \int_0^t \ddot{\mathcal{Y}}(t-s)f(s)ds,$$

we get directly the second derivative

$$\begin{aligned}
\ddot{x}(t) &= \ddot{\mathcal{X}}(t)\varphi(0) + \ddot{\mathcal{Y}}(t)\dot{\varphi}(0) - B_1^2 \int_{-\tau_1}^0 \ddot{\mathcal{Y}}(t-\tau_1-s)\varphi(s)ds - \\
& - B_2^2 \int_{-\tau_2}^0 \ddot{\mathcal{Y}}(t-\tau_2-s)\varphi(s)ds + \int_0^t \ddot{\mathcal{Y}}(t-s)f(s)ds + f(t)
\end{aligned}$$

and after applying (5) of Lemma 2.2, relation (2.1) results. Hence, one can see, that function $x(t)$ given by (3.1) really solves equation (2.1), satisfies initial condition (1.2) and, moreover, that $x \in C^2((0, \infty), \mathbb{R}^n)$. Indeed, taking limits at τ_1, τ_2 in the computed second derivatives, one gets

$$\begin{aligned}
\lim_{t \rightarrow \tau_1^-} \ddot{x}(t) &= -B_1^2 \varphi(0) - B_2^2 \varphi(\tau_1 - \tau_2) + f(\tau_1) = \lim_{t \rightarrow \tau_1^+} \ddot{x}(t), \\
\lim_{t \rightarrow \tau_2^-} \ddot{x}(t) &= -B_1^2 x(\tau_2 - \tau_1) - B_2^2 \varphi(0) + f(\tau_2) = \lim_{t \rightarrow \tau_2^+} \ddot{x}(t).
\end{aligned}$$

Cases $\tau_1 = \tau_2$ and $\tau_1 > \tau_2$ can be proved analogically.

Theorem 3.1 is proved.

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