

## Bounded Solutions for a System of Third-Order Nonlinear Neutral Delay Differential Equations

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### Abstract

A system of third-order nonlinear neutral delay differential equations

$$[r_{12}(t)[r_{11}(t)(x_1(t) - P_1(t)x_1(t - \tau_1))]'']' = F_1(t, x_2(t - \sigma_1), \dots, x_2(t - \sigma_m)),$$

$$[r_{22}(t)[r_{21}(t)(x_2(t) - P_2(t)x_2(t - \tau_2))]'']' = F_2(t, x_1(t - \sigma_1), \dots, x_1(t - \sigma_m)),$$

where  $\tau_i > 0, \sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_m \geq 0, r_{ij}(t) \in C([t_0, +\infty), \mathbb{R}^+), P_i(t) \in C([t_0, +\infty), \mathbb{R}),$

$F_i \in C([t_0, +\infty) \times \mathbb{R}^m, \mathbb{R}), i, j \in \{1, 2\}$  is studied in this paper, and some sufficient conditions for existence of bounded solutions for this system are established by Krasnoselkii and Schauder fixed point theorems, and expressed through several theorems according to the range of the value of the functions  $P_1(t), P_2(t)$  and their combination.

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### Introduction and preliminaries

Recently, the interest in the study of differential equations and the system of differential equations has been increasing (see [1,3,6-14] and references cited therein).

We consider the following nonlinear differential system

$$[r_{12}(t)[r_{11}(t)(x_1(t) - P_1(t)x_1(t - \tau_1))]'']' = F_1(t, x_2(t - \sigma_1), \dots, x_2(t - \sigma_m)),$$

$$[r_{22}(t)[r_{21}(t)(x_2(t) - P_2(t)x_2(t - \tau_2))]'']' = F_2(t, x_1(t - \sigma_1), \dots, x_1(t - \sigma_m)),$$

which may be rewritten as

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[ r_{i2}(t)[r_{i1}(t)(x_i(t) - P_i(t)x_i(t - \tau_i))]' \right]' \\ & = F_i(t, x_{3-i}(t - \sigma_1), x_{3-i}(t - \sigma_2), \dots, x_{3-i}(t - \sigma_m)), t \geq t_0, \end{aligned} \quad (1.1)$$

where  $\tau_i > 0, \sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_m \geq 0, r_{ij}(t) \in C([t_0, +\infty), \mathbb{R}^+), P_i(t) \in C([t_0, +\infty), \mathbb{R}),$   
 $F_i \in C([t_0, +\infty) \times \mathbb{R}^m, \mathbb{R})$  and  $i, j \in \{1, 2\}$ .

By applying Krasnoselkii and Schauder fixed point theorems, we obtained a few sufficient conditions for the existence of a bounded solution of the system (1.1).

**Lemma 1.1(Krasnoselkii Fixed Point Theorem)[2]** Let  $\Omega$  be a bounded closed convex subset of a Banach space  $X$  and  $Q, S: \Omega \rightarrow X$  satisfy  $Qx + Sy \in \Omega$  for each  $x, y \in \Omega$ . If  $Q$  is a contraction mapping and  $S$  is a completely continuous mapping, then the equation  $Qx + Sx = x$  has at least one solution in  $\Omega$ .

**Lemma 1.2(Schauder Fixed Point Theorem)[2]** Let  $\Omega$  be a closed, convex and nonempty subset of a Banach space  $X$  and  $S: \Omega \rightarrow \Omega$  be a continuous mapping such that  $S\Omega$  is a relatively compact subset of  $X$ . Then  $S$  has at least one fixed point in  $\Omega$ . That is there exists an  $x \in \Omega$  such that  $Sx = x$ .

### Existence of bounded solutions

In this section, a few sufficient conditions of the existence of bounded solutions for system (1.1) will be given.

**Theorem 2.1** Let functions  $h_i, q_i, r_{ij}(t) \in C([t_0, +\infty), \mathbb{R}^+)$  and  $P_i(t) \in C([t_0, +\infty), \mathbb{R})$  satisfy that

$$P_i(t) \equiv 1, \quad (2.1)$$

$$|F_i(t, u_1, u_2, \dots, u_m) - F_i(t, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m)| \leq h_i(t) \max\{|u_j - v_j| : 1 \leq j \leq m\}, \quad (2.2)$$

$$|F_i(t, u_1, u_2, \dots, u_m)| \leq q_i(t), \quad (2.3)$$

$$\int_{t_0}^{+\infty} s_1 |R_{i1}'(s_1)| \int_{s_1}^{+\infty} |R_{i2}'(s_2)| \int_{s_2}^{+\infty} \max\{q_i(s), h_i(s)\} ds ds_2 ds_1 < +\infty, \quad (2.4)$$

where  $R_{ij}(t) = \int_{t_0}^t \frac{ds}{r_{ij}(s)}$  and  $i, j \in \{1, 2\}$ . Then the system (1.1) has a bounded solution.

**Proof** According to a known result (Theorem 3.2.6 in [4]), (2.4) is equivalent to the condition

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \int_{t_0+k\tau_i}^{+\infty} |R_{i1}'(s_1)| \int_{s_1}^{+\infty} |R_{i2}'(s_2)| \int_{s_2}^{+\infty} \max\{q_i(s), h_i(s)\} ds ds_2 ds_1 < +\infty, \quad i \in \{1, 2\}, \quad (2.5)$$

By (2.5), a sufficiently large  $T > t_0$  can be chosen such that

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \int_{T+k\tau_i}^{+\infty} |R_{i1}'(s_1)| \int_{s_1}^{+\infty} |R_{i2}'(s_2)| \int_{s_2}^{+\infty} \max\{q_i(s), h_i(s)\} ds ds_2 ds_1 < 1, \quad i \in \{1, 2\}, \quad (2.6)$$

Let  $C([t_0, +\infty), \mathbb{R}^2)$  be the set of all continuous vector functions  $x(t) = (x_1(t), x_2(t))$  with the norm  $\|x\| = \sup_{t \geq t_0} \{|x_1(t)|, |x_2(t)|\} < +\infty$ . Obviously,

$C([t_0, +\infty), \mathbb{R}^2)$  is a Banach space. Now, define a bounded, closed and convex subset  $\Omega$  of  $C([t_0, +\infty), \mathbb{R}^2)$  by:

$$\Omega = \{x = (x_1, x_2) \in C([t_0, +\infty), \mathbb{R}^2) : 1 \leq x_i(t) \leq 3, i \in \{1, 2\}, t \geq t_0\}.$$

Let mapping  $S = (S_1, S_2) : \Omega \rightarrow C([t_0, +\infty), \mathbb{R}^2)$  be defined by

$$(S_i x)(t) = \begin{cases} 2 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \int_{t+k\tau_i}^{+\infty} |R_{i1}'(s_1)| \int_{s_1}^{+\infty} |R_{i2}'(s_2)| \int_{s_2}^{+\infty} q_i(s) ds ds_2 ds_1, & t \geq T \\ F_i(s, x_{3-i}(s - \sigma_1), \dots, x_{3-i}(s - \sigma_m)) ds ds_2 ds_1, & t_0 \leq t < T \\ (S_i x)(T), & \end{cases} \quad (2.7)$$

for all  $x \in \Omega$ , where  $i \in \{1, 2\}$ .

It is claimed that  $S$  is a self mapping on  $\Omega$ . For all  $x = (x_1, x_2) \in \Omega, i \in \{1, 2\}$  and  $t \geq T$ , by (2.3) and (2.6), we have

$$(S_i x)(t) \geq 2 - \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \int_{T+k\tau_i}^{+\infty} |R_{i1}'(s_1)| \int_{s_1}^{+\infty} |R_{i2}'(s_2)| \int_{s_2}^{+\infty} q_i(s) ds ds_2 ds_1 \geq 1,$$

$$(S_i x)(t) \leq 2 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \int_{T+k\tau_i}^{+\infty} |R_{i1}'(s_1)| \int_{s_1}^{+\infty} |R_{i2}'(s_2)| \int_{s_2}^{+\infty} q_i(s) ds ds_2 ds_1 \leq 3.$$

Therefore,  $S\Omega \subset \Omega$ .

Now we show that  $S$  is continuous. Let  $x_k = (x_{1k}, x_{2k}) \in \Omega$  and  $x_{ik}(t) \rightarrow x_i(t)$  as  $k \rightarrow +\infty$ . Since  $\Omega$  is closed,  $x = (x_1, x_2) \in \Omega$ . For  $t \geq T$ , (2.2) guarantees that

$$\begin{aligned}
 & |(S_i x_k)(t) - (S_i x)(t)| \\
 & \leq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \int_{t+k\tau_i}^{+\infty} |R_{i1}'(s_1)| \int_{s_1}^{+\infty} |R_{i2}'(s_2)| \left| \int_{s_2}^{+\infty} |F_i(s, x_{3-i, k}(s - \sigma_1), \dots, x_{3-i, k}(s - \sigma_m)) \right. \\
 & \quad \left. - F_i(s, x_{3-i}(s - \sigma_1), \dots, x_{3-i}(s - \sigma_m)) \right| ds ds_2 ds_1 \\
 & \leq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \int_{t+k\tau_i}^{+\infty} |R_{i1}'(s_1)| \int_{s_1}^{+\infty} |R_{i2}'(s_2)| \int_{s_2}^{+\infty} \\
 & \quad h_i(s) \max\{|x_{3-i, k}(s - \sigma_j) - x_{3-i}(s - \sigma_j)| : 1 \leq j \leq m\} ds ds_2 ds_1 \\
 & \leq \|x_k - x\| \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \int_{T+k\tau_i}^{+\infty} |R_{i1}'(s_1)| \int_{s_1}^{+\infty} |R_{i2}'(s_2)| \int_{s_2}^{+\infty} h_i(s) ds ds_2 ds_1
 \end{aligned}$$

This above inequality together with (2.6) implies that  $S$  is continuous.

Next, we prove  $S\Omega$  is relatively compact. It is sufficient to show that the family of functions  $\{Sx : x \in \Omega\}$  is uniformly bounded and equicontinuous on  $[t_0, +\infty)$ .  $S\Omega \subset \Omega$  ensures the uniform boundedness. For the equicontinuity, it is only need to prove that, for any given  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $[t_0, +\infty)$  can be decomposed into finite subintervals in such a way that on each subinterval all functions of the family have change of amplitude less than  $\varepsilon$ . By (2.6), for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , take  $T' \geq T$  large enough so that

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \int_{T'+k\tau_i}^{+\infty} |R_{i1}'(s_1)| \int_{s_1}^{+\infty} |R_{i2}'(s_2)| \int_{s_2}^{+\infty} q_i(s) ds ds_2 ds_1 < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}. \tag{2.8}$$

Then, for any  $x \in \Omega$  and  $t_2 > t_1 \geq T'$ , (2.8) ensures that

$$\begin{aligned}
 & |(S_i x)(t_2) - (S_i x)(t_1)| \\
 & \leq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \int_{t_2+k\tau_i}^{+\infty} |R_{i1}'(s_1)| \int_{s_1}^{+\infty} |R_{i2}'(s_2)| \int_{s_2}^{+\infty} |F_i(s, x_{3-i}(s - \sigma_1), \dots, x_{3-i}(s - \sigma_m))| ds ds_2 ds_1 \\
 & \quad + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \int_{t_1+k\tau_i}^{+\infty} |R_{i1}'(s_1)| \int_{s_1}^{+\infty} |R_{i2}'(s_2)| \int_{s_2}^{+\infty} |F_i(s, x_{3-i}(s - \sigma_1), \dots, x_{3-i}(s - \sigma_m))| ds ds_2 ds_1 \\
 & \leq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \int_{T'+k\tau_i}^{+\infty} |R_{i1}'(s_1)| \int_{s_1}^{+\infty} |R_{i2}'(s_2)| \int_{s_2}^{+\infty} q_i(s) ds ds_2 ds_1 \\
 & \quad + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \int_{T'+k\tau_i}^{+\infty} |R_{i1}'(s_1)| \int_{s_1}^{+\infty} |R_{i2}'(s_2)| \int_{s_2}^{+\infty} q_i(s) ds ds_2 ds_1 \\
 & < \frac{\varepsilon}{2} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} = \varepsilon.
 \end{aligned}$$

For any  $x \in \Omega$  and  $T \leq t_1 < t_2 \leq T'$ , there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that if  $0 < t_2 - t_1 < \delta$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}
 & |(S_i x)(t_2) - (S_i x)(t_1)| \\
 & \leq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \int_{t_1+k\tau_i}^{t_2+k\tau_i} |R_{i1}'(s_1)| \int_{s_1}^{+\infty} |R_{i2}'(s_2)| \int_{s_2}^{+\infty} |F_i(s, x_{3-i}(s-\sigma_1), \dots, x_{3-i}(s-\sigma_m))| ds ds_2 ds_1 \\
 & \leq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \int_{t_1+k\tau_i}^{t_2+k\tau_i} |R_{i1}'(s_1)| \int_{s_1}^{+\infty} |R_{i2}'(s_2)| \int_{s_2}^{+\infty} q_i(s) ds ds_2 ds_1 < \varepsilon.
 \end{aligned}$$

For any  $x \in \Omega$  and  $t_0 \leq t_1 < t_2 \leq T$ , it is easy to get that

$$|(S_i x)(t_2) - (S_i x)(t_1)| = 0 < \varepsilon.$$

Consequently,  $\{S_i x : x \in \Omega\}$  is uniformly bounded and equicontinuous on  $[t_0, +\infty)$ . Therefore  $S\Omega$  is relatively compact. Applying Lemma 1.2, we could find a  $x_0 = (x_{01}, x_{02}) \in \Omega$  such that  $Sx_0 = x_0$ . That is

$$x_{0i}(t) = \begin{cases} 2 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \int_{t+k\tau_i}^{+\infty} R_{i1}'(s_1) \int_{s_1}^{+\infty} R_{i2}'(s_2) \int_{s_2}^{+\infty} F_i(s, x_{0\ 3-i}(s-\sigma_1), \dots, x_{0\ 3-i}(s-\sigma_m)) ds ds_2 ds_1, & t \geq T \\ x_{0i}(T), & t_0 \leq t < T \end{cases} \tag{2.9}$$

where  $i \in \{1, 2\}$ . For  $t \geq T$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
 x_{0i}(t) - x_{0i}(t - \tau_i) &= - \int_t^{+\infty} R_{i1}'(s_1) \int_{s_1}^{+\infty} R_{i2}'(s_2) \int_{s_2}^{+\infty} F_i(s, x_{0\ 3-i}(s-\sigma_1), \dots, x_{0\ 3-i}(s-\sigma_m)) ds ds_2 ds_1.
 \end{aligned}$$

Then,

$$(x_{0i}(t) - x_{0i}(t - \tau_i))' = R_{i1}'(t) \int_t^{+\infty} R_{i2}'(s_2) \int_{s_2}^{+\infty} F_i(s, x_{0\ 3-i}(s-\sigma_1), \dots, x_{0\ 3-i}(s-\sigma_m)) ds ds_2,$$

which we can rewrite it as

$$r_{i1}(t)(x_{0i}(t) - x_{0i}(t - \tau_i))' = \int_t^{+\infty} R_{i2}'(s_2) \int_{s_2}^{+\infty} F_i(s, x_{0\ 3-i}(s-\sigma_1), \dots, x_{0\ 3-i}(s-\sigma_m)) ds ds_2.$$

Finding the derivative,

$$[r_{i1}(t)(x_{0i}(t) - x_{0i}(t - \tau_i))']' = -R_{i2}'(t) \int_t^{+\infty} F_i(s, x_{0\ 3-i}(s-\sigma_1), \dots, x_{0\ 3-i}(s-\sigma_m)) ds.$$

Proceeding as before, we get

$$[r_{i2}(t)[r_{i1}(t)(x_{0i}(t) - x_{0i}(t - \tau_i))']]' = F_i(t, x_{0\ 3-i}(t-\sigma_1), \dots, x_{0\ 3-i}(t-\sigma_m)).$$

Therefore,  $x_0(t)$  is a bounded solution of the system (1.1). This completes the

proof.

**Theorem 2.2** Let functions  $h_i, q_i, r_{ij}(t) \in C([t_0, +\infty), \mathbb{R}^+)$  and  $P_i(t) \in C([t_0, +\infty), \mathbb{R})$  satisfy that (2.2), (2.3) and

$$|P_i(t)| \leq \bar{P}_i < \frac{1}{2}, \quad (2.10)$$

$$\int_{t_0}^{+\infty} \max\left\{\frac{1}{|r_{ij}(t)|}, q_i(t), h_i(t)\right\} dt < +\infty, \quad (2.11)$$

where  $i, j \in \{1, 2\}$ . Then the system (1.1) has a bounded solution.

**Proof:** In virtue of (2.11), a sufficiently large  $T > t_0$  can be chosen such that

$$\int_T^{+\infty} \int_{s_1}^{+\infty} \int_{s_2}^{+\infty} \frac{q_i(s)}{|r_{i1}(s_1)r_{i2}(s_2)|} ds ds_2 ds_1 \leq \frac{1}{2} - \bar{P}_i, \quad (2.12)$$

where  $i \in \{1, 2\}$ . Let  $C([t_0, +\infty), \mathbb{R}^2)$  be the set like that in the proof of Theorem 2.1 and define a bounded, closed and convex subset  $\Omega$  of  $C([t_0, +\infty), \mathbb{R}^2)$  as following:

$$\Omega = \{x = (x_1, x_2) \in C([t_0, +\infty), \mathbb{R}^2) : 0 \leq x_i(t) \leq 1, i \in \{1, 2\}, t \geq t_0\}.$$

Let mappings  $Q = (Q_1, Q_2)$  and  $S = (S_1, S_2) : \Omega \rightarrow C([t_0, +\infty), \mathbb{R}^2)$  be defined by

$$(Q_i x)(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} + P_i(t)x(t - \tau_i), & t \geq T \\ (Q_i x)(T), & t_0 \leq t < T \end{cases} \quad (2.13)$$

$$(S_i x)(t) = \begin{cases} -\int_t^{+\infty} \int_{s_1}^{+\infty} \int_{s_2}^{+\infty} \frac{F_i(s, x_{3-i}(s - \sigma_1), \dots, x_{3-i}(s - \sigma_m))}{r_{i1}(s_1)r_{i2}(s_2)} ds ds_2 ds_1, & t \geq T \\ (S_i x)(T), & t_0 \leq t < T \end{cases} \quad (2.14)$$

for all  $x \in \Omega$ , where  $i \in \{1, 2\}$ .

(i) It is claimed that  $Qx + Sy \in \Omega$  for all  $x, y \in \Omega$ , i.e.  $Q\Omega \cup A\Omega \subset \Omega$ .

In fact, for each  $x, y \in \Omega$  and  $t \geq T$ , it follows from (2.3), (2.10) and (2.12) that

$$\begin{aligned} & (Q_i x)(t) + (S_i y)(t) \\ & \geq \frac{1}{2} - \bar{P}_i x(t - \tau_i) - \int_t^{+\infty} \int_{s_1}^{+\infty} \int_{s_2}^{+\infty} \left| \frac{F_i(s, y_{3-i}(s - \sigma_1), \dots, y_{3-i}(s - \sigma_m))}{r_{i1}(s_1)r_{i2}(s_2)} \right| ds ds_2 ds_1 \\ & \geq \frac{1}{2} - \bar{P}_i - \int_T^{+\infty} \int_{s_1}^{+\infty} \int_{s_2}^{+\infty} \frac{q_i(s)}{|r_{i1}(s_1)r_{i2}(s_2)|} ds ds_2 ds_1 \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$(Q_i x)(t) + (S_i y)(t) \leq \frac{1}{2} + \overline{P}_i + \int_T^{+\infty} \int_{s_1}^{+\infty} \int_{s_2}^{+\infty} \frac{q_i(s)}{|r_{i1}(s_1)r_{i2}(s_2)|} ds ds_2 ds_1 \leq 1.$$

Thus,  $0 \leq (Q_i x)(t) + (S_i y)(t) \leq 1, i \in \{1, 2\}$  for  $t > t_0$ .

(ii) It is declared that  $Q$  is a contraction mapping on  $\Omega$ .

In reality, for any  $x, y \in \Omega$  and  $t \geq T$ , it is easy to derive that

$$|(Q_i x)(t) + (Q_i y)(t)| \leq |P_i(t)| |x(t - \tau_i) - y(t - \tau_i)| \leq \overline{P}_i \|x - y\| \leq \frac{1}{2} \|x - y\|,$$

which implies that

$$\|Q_i x - Q_i y\| \leq \frac{1}{2} \|x - y\|.$$

That is,  $Q$  is a contraction mapping on  $\Omega$ .

(iii) It can be asserted that  $S$  is completely continuous, just like what we did in Theorem 2.1. Hence, we omit it.

It follows from Lemma 1.1 that there is  $x_0 \in \Omega$  such that  $Qx_0 + Sx_0 = x_0$ . Obviously,  $x_0(t)$  is a bounded solution of the system (1.1). This completes the proof.

**Theorem 2.3** Let functions  $h_i, q_i, r_{ij}(t) \in C([t_0, +\infty), \mathbb{R}^+)$  and  $P_i(t) \in C([t_0, +\infty), \mathbb{R})$  satisfy that (2.2), (2.3) and

$$P_1(t) \equiv 1, \tag{2.15}$$

$$|P_2(t)| \leq \overline{P}_2 < \frac{1}{2}, \tag{2.16}$$

$$\int_{t_0}^{+\infty} s_1 |R_{11}'(s_1)| \int_{s_1}^{+\infty} |R_{12}'(s_2)| \int_{s_2}^{+\infty} \max\{q_1(s), h_1(s)\} ds ds_2 ds_1 < +\infty, \tag{2.17}$$

$$\int_{t_0}^{+\infty} \max\left\{\frac{1}{|r_{2j}(t)|}, q_2(t), h_2(t)\right\} dt < +\infty, \tag{2.18}$$

where  $j \in \{1, 2\}$ . Then the system (1.1) has a bounded solution.

**Proof** By (2.17) and (2.18), a sufficiently large  $T > t_0$  can be chosen such that

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \int_{T+k\tau_i}^{+\infty} |R_{11}'(s_1)| \int_{s_1}^{+\infty} |R_{12}'(s_2)| \int_{s_2}^{+\infty} \max\{q_1(s), h_1(s)\} ds ds_2 ds_1 < 1, \tag{2.19}$$

$$\int_T^{+\infty} \int_{s_1}^{+\infty} \int_{s_2}^{+\infty} \frac{\max\{q_2(s), h_2(s)\}}{|r_{21}(s_1)r_{22}(s_2)|} ds ds_2 ds_1 \leq \frac{1}{2} - \bar{P}_i, \quad (2.20)$$

where  $i \in \{1, 2\}$ . Let  $C([t_0, +\infty), \mathbb{R}^2)$  be the set like that in the proof of Theorem 2.1 and define a bounded, closed and convex subset  $\Omega$  of  $C([t_0, +\infty), \mathbb{R}^2)$  as following:

$$\Omega = \{x = (x_1, x_2) \in C([t_0, +\infty), \mathbb{R}^2) : 1 \leq x_1(t) \leq 3, 0 \leq x_2(t) \leq 1, t \geq t_0\}.$$

Let mappings  $S_1, Q_2$  and  $S_2 : \Omega \rightarrow C([t_0, +\infty), \mathbb{R}^2)$  be defined as

$$(S_1 x)(t) = \begin{cases} 2 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \int_{t+k\tau_1}^{+\infty} R'_{11}(s_1) \int_{s_1}^{+\infty} R'_{12}(s_2) \int_{s_2}^{+\infty} F_1(s, x_2(s-\sigma_1), \dots, x_2(s-\sigma_m)) ds ds_2 ds_1, & t \geq T \\ (S_1 x)(T), & t_0 \leq t < T \end{cases} \quad (2.21)$$

$$(Q_2 x)(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} + P_2(t)x(t-\tau_2), & t \geq T \\ (Q_2 x)(T), & t_0 \leq t < T \end{cases} \quad (2.22)$$

$$(S_2 x)(t) = \begin{cases} - \int_t^{+\infty} \int_{s_1}^{+\infty} \int_{s_2}^{+\infty} \frac{F_2(s, x_1(s-\sigma_1), \dots, x_1(s-\sigma_m))}{r_{21}(s_1)r_{22}(s_2)} ds ds_2 ds_1, & t \geq T \\ (S_2 x)(T), & t_0 \leq t < T \end{cases} \quad (2.23)$$

for all  $x \in \Omega$ .

Proceeding similarly as in the proof of Theorem 2.1 and 2.2, we get that there are  $x_{01}, x_{02} \in \Omega$  such that  $S_1 x_{01} = x_{01}$  and  $Q_2 x_{02} + S_2 x_{02} = x_{02}$ . Then  $x_0(t) = (x_{01}(t), x_{02}(t))$  is a bounded solution of the system (1.1). This finishes the proof.

**Remark 2.4** Proceeding as before, we can prove that no matter  $P_i(t)$  belongs to which cases:



- (1)  $P_i(t) \equiv 1$ ,
- (2)  $|P_i(t)| \leq \bar{P}_i < \frac{1}{2}$ ,
- (3)  $0 < P_i(t) \leq \bar{P}_i < 1$ ,
- (4)  $1 < \underline{P}_i \leq P_i(t) \leq \bar{P}_i < +\infty$ ,
- (5)  $-1 < \underline{P}_i \leq P_i(t) < 0$ ,
- (6)  $-\infty < \underline{P}_i \leq P_i(t) \leq \bar{P}_i < -1$ ,
- (7) any combination of the above.

The system (1.1) has a bounded solution.

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