

**ON EXACT CONSTRUCTION OF THE CAUCHYY  
FUNCTION FOR A DIFFERENTIAL EQUATION WITH  
LINEAR DELAY**

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**Abstract.** Within the framework of a constructive approach to the study of functional differential equations, a way for the exact construction of the Cauchy function for differential equation with linear delay is proposed. For purposes of illustration, an example of the exact solution of one control problem is given.

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**1. Introduction.** Our study is based on the main results of the theory of functional differential equations [1] and is a development of earlier studies in this area (see, for instance, [2, 3]). We will consider the differential equation with linear delay

$$(1) \quad \begin{aligned} \dot{x}(t) + p(t)x[h(t)] &= f(t), \quad t \in [0, T], \\ x(\xi) &= 0, \quad \xi < 0, \end{aligned}$$

where  $p, f$  are polynomials with rational coefficients,  $h$  is a linear increasing function with rational coefficients,  $h(t) < t$ . As is known, for  $x(0) = 0$  the general solution  $x$  of (1) has the presentation

$$(2) \quad x(t) = \int_0^t C(t, s) f(s) ds, \quad t \in [0, T],$$

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where  $C(\cdot, \cdot)$  is the desired Cauchy function. In Section 1 one way of the exact construction of this function is proposed. An example of construction the Cauchy function is given in Section 2. In Section 3 an example of solving one control problem based on the proposed way for constructing the Cauchy function is described.

**2. Method of construction.** Define the points  $t_q$ ,  $q = 0, \dots, m+1$ , by the equalities

$$(3) \quad t_0 = 0, \quad t_q = h^{-1}(t_{q-1}), \quad q = 1, \dots, m, \quad t_{m+1} = T,$$

where constant  $m$  is such that both conditions  $t_m < T$  and  $h^{-1}(t_m) \geq T$  are fulfilled. Denote by  $\mathfrak{J}_q$  the intervals

$$(4) \quad \mathfrak{J}_0 = (-\infty, 0), \quad \mathfrak{J}_q = [t_{q-1}, t_q), \quad q = 1, \dots, m, \quad \mathfrak{J}_{m+1} = [t_m, T].$$

By construction we have

$$(5) \quad x(t) \in \begin{cases} \mathfrak{J}_0, & t < 0, \\ \mathfrak{J}_{q-1}, & t \in \mathfrak{J}_q, \quad q = 1, \dots, m+1. \end{cases}$$

Under the above assumptions the solution  $x$  of the Cauchy problem

$$(6) \quad \begin{aligned} \dot{x}(t) + p(t)x[h(t)] &= f(t), \quad t \in [0, T], \\ x(\xi) &= 0, \quad \xi < 0, \\ x(0) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

can be found in the form

$$(7) \quad x(t) = \sum_{q=1}^{m+1} \chi_{\mathfrak{J}_q}(t) x_q(t), \quad t \in [0, T],$$

where  $\chi_{\mathfrak{J}_q}(\cdot)$  is the characteristic function of  $\mathfrak{J}_q$ ,  $x_q$  is defined as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
 x_1(t) &= \int_0^t f(s) ds, \quad t \in \mathfrak{I}_1, \quad q = 1, \\
 (8) \quad x_q(t) &= x_{q-1}(t_{q-1}) + \int_{t_{q-1}}^t x_{q-1}[h(s)] ds + \\
 &\quad + \int_{t_{q-1}}^t f(s) ds, \quad t \in \mathfrak{I}_q, \quad q = 2, \dots, m + 1.
 \end{aligned}$$

We will construct the Cauchy function  $C(\cdot, \cdot)$  in the form

$$(9) \quad C(t, s) = \sum_{q=1}^{m+1} \chi_{\mathfrak{I}_q}(t) C_q(t, s), \quad 0 \leq s \leq t \leq T.$$

Below the way of construction of this function based on equalities (2), (7), (8) will be described. Define the functions  ${}^\nu\omega$  as follows:

$$(10) \quad {}^1\omega(t) = t, \quad {}^\nu\omega(t) = {}^{\nu-1}\omega[h(t)], \quad \nu = 2, \dots, m + 1, \quad t \in [0, T],$$

and let  ${}^\nu\omega(t) = c_1^\nu t + c_0^\nu$ .

**Step 1.**  $t \in \mathfrak{I}_1$ . In this case  $h(t) = 0$  and we get

$$(11) \quad x_1(t) = \int_0^t C_1(t, s) f(s) ds, \quad C_1(t, s) = \kappa_1^1(t, s) p_1^1(t, s),$$

where  $\kappa_1^1(t, s)$  is the characteristic function of the set  $\{(t, s) : 0 \leq s \leq {}^1\omega(t)\}$ ,  $p_1^1(t, s) = 1$ .

**Step 2.**  $t \in \mathfrak{I}_2$ . Since  $h(t) \in \mathfrak{I}_1$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 x_2(t) &= \int_0^{t_1} C_1(t_1, s) f(s) ds + \int_{t_1}^t f(s) ds + \\
 &\quad + \int_{t_1}^t -p(s) \int_0^{h(s)} C_1(h(s), \tau) f(\tau) d\tau ds,
 \end{aligned}$$

whence the equality

$$(12) \quad C_2(t, s) = \delta_1(s) r_2^1(t) + \kappa_2^1(t, s) p_2^1(t, s) + \kappa_2^2(t, s) p_2^2(t, s),$$

follows, where  $\kappa_2^1(t, s)$  is the characteristic function of the set  $\{(t, s) : t_1 \leq s \leq {}^1\omega(t)\}$ ,  $\kappa_2^2(t, s)$  is the characteristic function of the set  $\{(t, s) : 0 \leq s \leq {}^2\omega(t)\}$ ,  $\delta_1(s)$  is the characteristic function of the set  $\{s : 0 \leq s \leq t_1\}$ ,

$$p_2^2(t, s) = \int_{t_1 + \frac{s}{c_1^2}}^t -p(\tau) d\tau, \quad p_2^1(t, s) = 1, \quad r_2^1(t) = 1.$$

**Step  $q$ .**  $q = 3, \dots, m+1$ ,  $t \in \mathfrak{I}_q$ ,  $h(t) \in \mathfrak{I}_{q-1}$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} x_q(t) &= \int_0^{t_{q-1}} C_{q-1}(t_{q-1}, s) f(s) ds + \int_{t_{q-1}}^t f(s) ds + \\ &+ \int_{t_{q-1}}^t -p(s) \int_0^{h(s)} C_{q-1}(h(s), \tau) f(\tau) d\tau ds. \end{aligned}$$

After some transformations we get

$$(13) \quad C_q(t, s) = \sum_{i=1}^{q-1} \delta_i(s) C_i(t_i, s) r_q^i(t) + \sum_{j=1}^q \kappa_q^j(t, s) p_q^j(t, s),$$

where

$$r_q^{q-1}(t) = 1, \quad r_q^{q-i}(t) = \int_{t_{q-1}}^t -p(s) r_{q-1}^i[h(s)] ds, \quad i = 1, \dots, q-2,$$

$\kappa_q^j(t, s)$  is the characteristic function of the set  $\{(t, s) : {}^j\omega(t_{q-1}) \leq s \leq {}^j\omega(t)\}$ ,  $\delta_i(s)$  is the characteristic function of the set  $\{s : 0 \leq s \leq t_i\}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} p_q^1(t, s) &= 1, \quad p_q^j(t, s) = \int_{t_{q-1} + \frac{s - {}^j\omega(t_{q-1})}{c_1^j}}^t -p(\tau) p_{q-1}^{j-1}(h(\tau), s) d\tau, \\ &j = 2, \dots, q. \end{aligned}$$

**3. Example.** Computer aided implementation of the above method for constructing the Cauchy function was created using the programming language Python (the module SymPy). It was constructed the Cauchy function for the equation (1), where

$$p(t) = -\frac{3}{2}t^2 + 5t, \quad h(t) = \frac{2}{3}t - \frac{2}{9}, \quad t \in [0, \frac{65}{24}].$$

In the case  $m = 3$  and the intervals  $\mathfrak{J}_q$  are defined as follows:

$$\mathfrak{J}_1 = [0, \frac{1}{3}), \quad \mathfrak{J}_2 = [\frac{1}{3}, \frac{5}{6}), \quad \mathfrak{J}_3 = [\frac{5}{6}, \frac{19}{12}), \quad \mathfrak{J}_4 = [\frac{19}{12}, \frac{65}{24}].$$

The graph of this Cauchy function is demonstrated in Fig.1.

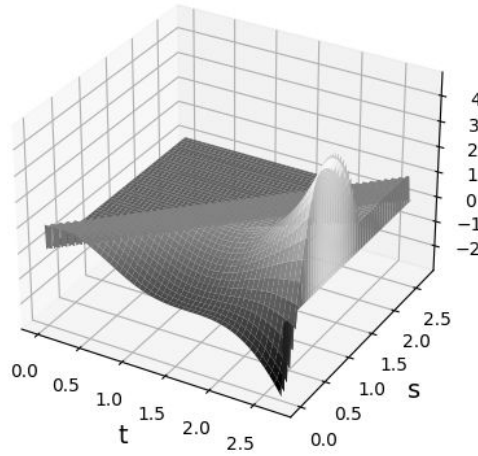


FIG. 1. *Cauchy function*

**4. Control problem.** As an example of the application of the constructed Cauchy function, consider the following control problem

$$(14) \quad \begin{aligned} \dot{x}(t) &= -p(t)x[h(t)] + b(t)u(t), \quad t \in [0, T], \\ x(\xi) &= 0, \quad \xi < 0, \\ x(0) &= 0, \quad x(t_q) = \alpha_q, \quad q = 1, \dots, m + 1, \end{aligned}$$

where  $p, h$  are from (1),  $t_q$  are from (3),  $b$  is a polynomial with rational coefficients,  $\alpha_q$  are rational numbers. We have

$$(15) \quad x(t_q) = \int_0^T M_q(s) u(s) ds, \quad M_q(s) = \chi_{[0, t_q]}(s) C_q(t_q, s) b(s).$$

Let  $\mathbf{M}(\cdot) = \text{col} \{M_1(\cdot), \dots, M_n(\cdot)\}$  and

$$(16) \quad \mathbf{W} = \int_0^T \mathbf{M}(s) \mathbf{M}^\top(s) ds,$$

$(\cdot)^\top$  stands for transposition. As it is known [1], the fulfillment of the condition  $\det \mathbf{W} \neq 0$  is the necessary and sufficient condition for the solvability of (14) for any  $\alpha = \text{col} \{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_m\}$ . If  $\det \mathbf{W} \neq 0$ , then the control  $\bar{u}$  which has the minimal norm  $\|\cdot\|_{\mathbb{L}_2}$  can be defined as

$$(17) \quad \bar{u}(s) = M^\top(s) d, \quad d = \mathbf{W}^{-1} \alpha.$$

Here  $\mathbb{L}_2$  is the space of square-summable functions  $u : [0, T] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  with the norm  $\|u\|_{\mathbb{L}_2} = \sqrt{\int_0^T u^2(s) ds}$ . The problem (14) was successfully solved for the following values of parameters

$$t \in [0, \frac{65}{24}], \quad p(t) = -\frac{3}{2}t^2 + 5t, \quad h(t) = \frac{2}{3}t - \frac{2}{9}, \quad b(t) = t^2 - 1,$$

$$t_1 = \frac{1}{3}, \quad \alpha_1 = \frac{3}{2}, \quad t_2 = \frac{5}{6}, \quad \alpha_3 = 4, \quad t_3 = \frac{19}{12}, \quad \alpha_3 = \frac{5}{2}, \quad t_4 = \frac{65}{24}, \quad \alpha_4 = 5.$$

The solution found in this case turned out to be as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{u}(t) &= \sum_{q=1}^4 \tilde{u}_q(t), \quad \tilde{u}_q(t) = \sum_{i=1}^q \chi_i(t) \varphi_q^i(t), \\ \tilde{x}(t) &= \sum_{q=1}^4 \chi_q(t) \tilde{x}_q(t), \end{aligned} \quad t \in [0, \frac{65}{24}],$$

where  $\chi_i(\cdot)$  is the characteristic function of the interval  $[t_{i-1}, t_i]$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, 4$ ,

$$\varphi_1^1(t) = \frac{140907671052621538757291159669136583539635643290534452288682773305}{35836509549191627285354971639024497774671792272832771047520166721} t^2 + \dots,$$

$$\varphi_2^1(t) = -\frac{913751019490072918846586836000912382533608708708105932184837973890}{35836509549191627285354971639024497774671792272832771047520166721} t^5 + \dots,$$

$$\varphi_2^2(t) = \frac{270741042811873457436025729185455520750698876654253609536248288560}{35836509549191627285354971639024497774671792272832771047520166721} t^2 + \dots,$$

$$\varphi_3^1(t) = \frac{225023648724371881350076876052144805362959598335153339889979081525}{1886132081536401436071314296790763040772199593306987949869482459} t^8 + \dots,$$

$$\varphi_3^2(t) = -\frac{39510325153250481224704856151816920557556692163099626208391388800}{1886132081536401436071314296790763040772199593306987949869482459} t^5 + \dots,$$

$$\varphi_3^3(t) = \frac{11706763008370512955468105526464272757794575455733222580264115200}{1886132081536401436071314296790763040772199593306987949869482459} t^2 + \dots,$$

$$\varphi_4^1(t) = \frac{101643866734055446667181907379828871581697760833676238166826441200}{1886132081536401436071314296790763040772199593306987949869482459} t^{11} + \dots,$$

$$\varphi_4^2(t) = -\frac{7931970700782866741898664316182347546079752102856612397716070400}{1886132081536401436071314296790763040772199593306987949869482459} t^8 + \dots,$$

$$\varphi_4^3(t) = \frac{1392719135391230374434882074720631667898776775261517677513932800}{1886132081536401436071314296790763040772199593306987949869482459} t^5 + \dots,$$

$$\varphi_4^4(t) = -\frac{412657521597401592425150244361668642340378303781190422967091200}{1886132081536401436071314296790763040772199593306987949869482459} t^2 + \dots,$$

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{x}_1(t) &= \\ &= \frac{7260276195289674761941564812844919398692697202405445583344745800}{1886132081536401436071314296790763040772199593306987949869482459} t^{14} + \dots, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{x}_2(t) &= \\ &= \frac{4388820804804297398429250235464175424050767148933354025779200}{1886132081536401436071314296790763040772199593306987949869482459} t^{17} + \dots, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{x}_3(t) &= \\ &= \frac{54121861178127851314343331325844298913819422263712489144320}{152776698604448516321776458040051806302548167057866023939428079179} t^{20} + \dots, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{x}_4(t) &= \\ &= \frac{2467429769857243035642994477753413546863352805199764652912803840}{177566469843423185306121350167694557149199478482836438873296798447576695593} t^{23} + \dots \end{aligned}$$

We give here incomplete expressions for functions  $x_q, \varphi_q^i$  due to limited space.

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