

# Singularly perturbed semilinear Neumann problem with non-normally hyperbolic critical manifold\*

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## Abstract

In this paper, we investigate the problem of existence and asymptotic behavior of the solutions for the nonlinear boundary value problem

$$\epsilon y'' + ky = f(t, y), \quad t \in \langle a, b \rangle, \quad k > 0, \quad 0 < \epsilon \ll 1$$

satisfying Neumann boundary conditions and where critical manifold is not normally hyperbolic. Our analysis relies on the method upper and lower solutions.

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## 1 Introduction

We will consider the singularly perturbed Neumann problem

$$\epsilon y'' + ky = f(t, y), \quad t \in \langle a, b \rangle, \quad k > 0, \quad 0 < \epsilon \ll 1 \quad (1.1)$$

$$y'(a) = 0, \quad y'(b) = 0. \quad (1.2)$$

The qualitative behavior of the dynamical systems near a normally hyperbolic manifold of critical points is well known (Theorem on persistence of normally hyperbolic manifold, see [2, 3, 5, 9, 12], for reference). However, the framework of the geometric singular perturbation theory is not useful for the non-hyperbolic critical manifolds, i.e. when the characteristic roots of the linearization of (1.1) along a solution  $u$  of the reduced problem  $ku = f(t, u)$  lie on the imaginary axis.

The main result (Theorem 1) is the existence of a solution  $y_\epsilon(t)$  for  $\epsilon$  belonging to a non-resonant set and an estimate of the difference between the solution  $y_\epsilon(t)$  and a solution  $u(t)$  of the reduced problem. It is accomplished

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by a construction of a lower and an upper solution for the corresponding boundary value problem.

As usual, we say that  $\alpha_\epsilon \in C^2(\langle a, b \rangle)$  is a lower solution for problem (1.1), (1.2) if  $\epsilon \alpha_\epsilon''(t) + k\alpha_\epsilon(t) \geq f(t, \alpha_\epsilon(t))$  and  $\alpha_\epsilon'(a) \geq 0$ ,  $\alpha_\epsilon'(b) \leq 0$  for every  $t \in \langle a, b \rangle$ . An upper solution  $\beta_\epsilon \in C^2(\langle a, b \rangle)$  satisfies  $\epsilon \beta_\epsilon''(t) + k\beta_\epsilon(t) \leq f(t, \beta_\epsilon(t))$  and  $\beta_\epsilon'(a) \leq 0$ ,  $\beta_\epsilon'(b) \geq 0$  for every  $t \in \langle a, b \rangle$ . Then

**Lemma 1** ([1, 8]). *If  $\alpha_\epsilon, \beta_\epsilon$  are lower and upper solutions for (1.1), (1.2) such that  $\alpha_\epsilon \leq \beta_\epsilon$ , then there exists solution  $y_\epsilon$  of (1.1), (1.2) with  $\alpha_\epsilon \leq y_\epsilon \leq \beta_\epsilon$ .*

Denote  $\mathcal{D}_\delta(u) = \{(t, y) \mid a \leq t \leq b, |y - u(t)| < \delta\}$ ,  $\delta$  is a positive constant and  $u \in C^2$  is a solution of reduced problem  $ku = f(t, u)$ .

Let

$$v_{1,\epsilon}(t) = |u'(a)| \frac{\cos \left[ \sqrt{\frac{m}{\epsilon}}(b-t) \right]}{\sqrt{\frac{m}{\epsilon}} \sin \left[ \sqrt{\frac{m}{\epsilon}}(b-a) \right]}$$

and

$$v_{2,\epsilon}(t) = -|u'(b)| \frac{\cos \left[ \sqrt{\frac{m}{\epsilon}}(t-a) \right]}{\sqrt{\frac{m}{\epsilon}} \sin \left[ \sqrt{\frac{m}{\epsilon}}(b-a) \right]}$$

where  $m = k + w$  (for the constant  $w$  see Theorem 1 below).

Let

$$J_n(\lambda) = \left\langle m \left( \frac{b-a}{(n+1)\pi - \lambda} \right)^2, m \left( \frac{b-a}{n\pi + \lambda} \right)^2 \right\rangle, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots,$$

$\lambda > 0$  is an arbitrarily small, but fixed constant and

$$\mathcal{M} = \left\{ \bigcup J_n, n = 0, 1, 2, \dots \right\}.$$

The function  $v_{1,\epsilon}(t)$  satisfies:

1.  $\epsilon v_{1,\epsilon}'' + m v_{1,\epsilon} = 0$
2.  $v_{1,\epsilon}'(a) = |u'(a)|$ ,  $v_{1,\epsilon}'(b) = 0$
3.  $v_{1,\epsilon}(t)$  be periodic in the variable  $t$  with the period  $\frac{2\pi\sqrt{\epsilon}}{\sqrt{m}} \rightarrow 0$
4.  $v_{1,\epsilon_n}(t)$  converges uniformly to 0 for every sequence  $\{\epsilon_n\}_{n=0}^\infty$  such that  $\epsilon_n \in J_n$  and  $|v_{1,\epsilon_n}(t)| \leq \frac{\sqrt{\epsilon_n}}{\sqrt{m} \sin \lambda}$ ,  $t \in \langle a, b \rangle$ .

The function  $v_{2,\epsilon}(t)$  satisfies:

1.  $\epsilon v_{2,\epsilon}'' + m v_{2,\epsilon} = 0$
2.  $v_{2,\epsilon}'(a) = 0$ ,  $v_{2,\epsilon}'(b) = |u'(b)|$
3.  $v_{2,\epsilon}(t)$  be periodic in the variable  $t$  with the period  $\frac{2\pi\sqrt{\epsilon}}{\sqrt{m}} \rightarrow 0$
4.  $v_{2,\epsilon_n}(t)$  converges uniformly to 0 for every sequence  $\{\epsilon_n\}_{n=0}^\infty$  such that  $\epsilon_n \in J_n$  and  $|v_{2,\epsilon_n}(t)| \leq \frac{\sqrt{\epsilon_n}}{\sqrt{m} \sin \lambda}$ ,  $t \in \langle a, b \rangle$ .

Denote  $\omega_{0,\epsilon}(t) = v_{2,\epsilon}(t) - v_{1,\epsilon}(t)$ .

Let  $\omega_{1,\epsilon,i}(t)$  be a solution of the linear problem

$$\epsilon y'' + my = \pm \epsilon u''(t), \quad i = \alpha_\epsilon, \beta_\epsilon$$

with the Neumann boundary condition (1.2), where the sign  $+$  and  $-$  is considered for  $i = \alpha_\epsilon$  and  $i = \beta_\epsilon$ , respectively. These solutions may be computed exactly

$$\begin{aligned} \omega_{1,\epsilon,i}(t) = & \frac{\cos \left[ \sqrt{\frac{m}{\epsilon}}(t-a) \right] \int_a^b \cos \left[ \sqrt{\frac{m}{\epsilon}}(b-s) \right] (\pm u''(s)) ds}{\sqrt{\frac{m}{\epsilon}} \sin \left[ \sqrt{\frac{m}{\epsilon}}(b-a) \right]} \\ & + \int_a^t \frac{\sin \left[ \sqrt{\frac{m}{\epsilon}}(t-s) \right] (\pm u''(s)) ds}{\sqrt{\frac{m}{\epsilon}}} ds = \mathcal{O}(\epsilon), \epsilon \in \mathcal{M}. \end{aligned}$$

Obviously,  $\omega_{1,\epsilon,\alpha_\epsilon}(t) = -\omega_{1,\epsilon,\beta_\epsilon}(t)$  on  $\langle a, b \rangle$ .

Let  $r_{\epsilon,i}(t)$  is a continuous solution of the Fredholm equation of the first kind

$$\Gamma(\epsilon) \int_a^b K_\epsilon(t, s) r_{\epsilon,i}(s) ds + \Omega_{\epsilon,i}(t) = z_{\epsilon,i}(t), \quad z_{\epsilon,i}(t) \geq 0 \quad i = \alpha_\epsilon, \beta_\epsilon \quad (1.3)$$

where  $\Gamma(\epsilon) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\frac{m}{\epsilon}} \sin \left[ \sqrt{\frac{m}{\epsilon}}(b-a) \right]} \cdot \frac{1}{\epsilon}$ ,  $\Gamma^{-1}(\epsilon) = \mathcal{O}(\sqrt{\epsilon})$ ,  $\epsilon \in \mathcal{M}$ ,

$$\Omega_{\epsilon,i}(t) = \omega_{0,\epsilon}(t) + \omega_{1,\epsilon,i}(t)$$

and the kernel

$$K_\epsilon(t, s) = \begin{cases} K_{1,\epsilon}(t, s), & a \leq s \leq t \leq b \\ K_{2,\epsilon}(t, s), & a \leq t \leq s \leq b, \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} K_{1,\epsilon}(t, s) = & \cos \left[ \sqrt{\frac{m}{\epsilon}}(t-a) \right] \cos \left[ \sqrt{\frac{m}{\epsilon}}(b-s) \right] + \\ & \sin \left[ \sqrt{\frac{m}{\epsilon}}(b-a) \right] \sin \left[ \sqrt{\frac{m}{\epsilon}}(t-s) \right] \\ K_{2,\epsilon}(t, s) = & \cos \left[ \sqrt{\frac{m}{\epsilon}}(t-a) \right] \cos \left[ \sqrt{\frac{m}{\epsilon}}(b-s) \right] \end{aligned}$$

for  $\epsilon \in \mathcal{M}$  and a modulation function  $z_{\epsilon,i}(t)$  is an appropriate continuous nonnegative function such that  $r_{\epsilon,i}(t) \leq 0$ .

This is an integral equation of the kernel  $K_\epsilon(t, s)$  that is continuous on the square  $\langle a, b \rangle \times \langle a, b \rangle$ . The problem (1.3) is defined as ill-posed and, in general,

may be described numerically with Tikhonov regularization ([6, 7, 10, 11]).  
 By substituting  $z_{\epsilon,i}(t) = r_{\epsilon,i}(t) + \tilde{z}_{\epsilon,i}(t)$ ,  $i = \alpha_\epsilon, \beta_\epsilon$  into (1.3) we obtain

$$\Gamma(\epsilon) \int_a^b K_\epsilon(t, s) r_{\epsilon,i}(s) ds + \tilde{\Omega}_{\epsilon,i}(t) = r_{\epsilon,i}(t), \quad i = \alpha_\epsilon, \beta_\epsilon,$$

i.e.  $r_{\epsilon,i}(t)$  is a solution of Fredholm integral equation of second kind

$$\Gamma(\epsilon) \int_a^b K_\epsilon(t, s) y(s) ds + \tilde{\Omega}_{\epsilon,i}(t) = y(t), \quad i = \alpha_\epsilon, \beta_\epsilon, \quad (1.4)$$

where  $\tilde{\Omega}_{\epsilon,i}(t) = \Omega_{\epsilon,i}(t) - \tilde{z}_{\epsilon,i}(t)$  and  $\tilde{z}_{\epsilon,i}(t)$  is an appropriate chosen function such that

$$\tilde{z}_{\epsilon,i}(t) \geq -r_{\epsilon,i}(t), \quad (1.5)$$

$$r_{\epsilon,i}(t) \leq 0, \quad (1.6)$$

$t \in \langle a, b \rangle$ ,  $i = \alpha_\epsilon, \beta_\epsilon$ .

The kernel  $K_\epsilon$  is semiseparable ([4]), therefore the equation (1.4) can be rewritten as

$$y(t) = \sum_{k=1}^3 A_{k,\epsilon,a}(t) \int_a^t B_{k,\epsilon,a}(s) y(s) ds + A_{1,\epsilon,b}(t) \int_t^b B_{1,\epsilon,b}(s) y(s) ds + \tilde{\Omega}_{\epsilon,i}(t)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} A_{1,\epsilon,a}(t) &= \Gamma(\epsilon) \cos \left[ \sqrt{\frac{m}{\epsilon}}(t-a) \right] \\ A_{2,\epsilon,a}(t) &= \Gamma(\epsilon) \sin \left[ \sqrt{\frac{m}{\epsilon}}(b-a) \right] \sin \left[ \sqrt{\frac{m}{\epsilon}}t \right] \\ A_{3,\epsilon,a}(t) &= -\Gamma(\epsilon) \sin \left[ \sqrt{\frac{m}{\epsilon}}(b-a) \right] \cos \left[ \sqrt{\frac{m}{\epsilon}}t \right] \\ A_{1,\epsilon,b}(t) &= \Gamma(\epsilon) \cos \left[ \sqrt{\frac{m}{\epsilon}}(t-a) \right] \\ B_{1,\epsilon,a}(s) &= \cos \left[ \sqrt{\frac{m}{\epsilon}}(b-s) \right] \\ B_{2,\epsilon,a}(s) &= \cos \left[ \sqrt{\frac{m}{\epsilon}}s \right] \\ B_{3,\epsilon,a}(s) &= \sin \left[ \sqrt{\frac{m}{\epsilon}}s \right] \\ B_{1,\epsilon,b}(s) &= \cos \left[ \sqrt{\frac{m}{\epsilon}}(b-s) \right] \end{aligned}$$

or

$$y(t) = \sum_{k=1}^3 A_{k,\epsilon,a}(t) X_{k,\epsilon,a,i}(t) + A_{1,\epsilon,b}(t) X_{1,\epsilon,b,i}(t) + \tilde{\Omega}_{\epsilon,i}(t), \quad i = \alpha_\epsilon, \beta_\epsilon \quad (1.7)$$

where

$$X_{k,\epsilon,a,i}(t) = \int_a^t B_{k,\epsilon,a}(s)y(s)ds, \quad X_{1,\epsilon,b,i}(t) = \int_t^b B_{1,\epsilon,b}(s)y(s)ds, \quad k = 1, 2, 3.$$

Multiply both sides of the integral equation (1.7) by  $B_{j,\epsilon,a}(t)$  and integrate from  $a$  to  $t$  and by  $B_{1,\epsilon,b}(t)$  and integrate from  $t$  to  $b$ , respectively. We obtain

$$X_{j,\epsilon,a,i} = \sum_{k=1}^3 \int_a^t A_{k,\epsilon,a} B_{j,\epsilon,a} X_{k,\epsilon,a,i} dt + \int_a^t A_{1,\epsilon,b} B_{1,\epsilon,a} X_{1,\epsilon,b,i} dt + \int_a^t B_{j,\epsilon,a} \tilde{\Omega}_{\epsilon,i} dt$$

$$X_{1,\epsilon,b,i} = \sum_{k=1}^3 \int_t^b A_{k,\epsilon,a} B_{1,\epsilon,b} X_{k,\epsilon,a,i} dt + \int_t^b A_{1,\epsilon,b} B_{1,\epsilon,b} X_{1,\epsilon,b,i} dt + \int_t^b B_{1,\epsilon,b} \tilde{\Omega}_{\epsilon,i} dt$$

$j = 1, 2, 3, i = \alpha_\epsilon, \beta_\epsilon$ .

Differentiating these equations and taking into consideration the definition of  $X_{j,\epsilon,a}, X_{1,\epsilon,b}$  we obtain the boundary value problem for the system of linear differential equations

$$X'_{j,\epsilon,a,i} = \sum_{k=1}^3 A_{k,\epsilon,a} B_{j,\epsilon,a} X_{k,\epsilon,a,i} + A_{1,\epsilon,b} B_{1,\epsilon,a} X_{1,\epsilon,b,i} + B_{j,\epsilon,a} \tilde{\Omega}_{\epsilon,i} \quad (1.8)$$

$$X'_{1,\epsilon,b,i} = - \sum_{k=1}^3 A_{k,\epsilon,a} B_{1,\epsilon,b} X_{k,\epsilon,a,i} - A_{1,\epsilon,b} B_{1,\epsilon,b} X_{1,\epsilon,b,i} - B_{1,\epsilon,b} \tilde{\Omega}_{\epsilon,i} \quad (1.9)$$

$$X_{j,\epsilon,a,i}(a) = 0, \quad X_{1,\epsilon,b,i}(b) = 0 \quad (1.10)$$

$j = 1, 2, 3, i = \alpha_\epsilon, \beta_\epsilon$  or in the block matrix notation

$$X' = \begin{pmatrix} P_{1,\epsilon}(t) & P_{3,\epsilon}(t) \\ P_{2,\epsilon}(t) & P_{4,\epsilon}(t) \end{pmatrix} X + D_{\epsilon,i}(t)$$

where

$$X = (X_{1,\epsilon,a,i}(t), X_{2,\epsilon,a,i}(t), X_{3,\epsilon,a,i}(t), X_{1,\epsilon,b,i}(t))^T,$$

$$P_{1,\epsilon}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} A_{1,\epsilon,a}(t)B_{1,\epsilon,a}(t) & A_{2,\epsilon,a}(t)B_{1,\epsilon,a}(t) & A_{3,\epsilon,a}(t)B_{1,\epsilon,a}(t) \\ A_{1,\epsilon,a}(t)B_{2,\epsilon,a}(t) & A_{2,\epsilon,a}(t)B_{2,\epsilon,a}(t) & A_{3,\epsilon,a}(t)B_{2,\epsilon,a}(t) \\ A_{1,\epsilon,a}(t)B_{3,\epsilon,a}(t) & A_{2,\epsilon,a}(t)B_{3,\epsilon,a}(t) & A_{3,\epsilon,a}(t)B_{3,\epsilon,a}(t) \end{pmatrix},$$

$$P_{2,\epsilon}(t) = - \begin{pmatrix} A_{1,\epsilon,a}(t)B_{1,\epsilon,b}(t) & A_{2,\epsilon,a}(t)B_{1,\epsilon,b}(t) & A_{3,\epsilon,a}(t)B_{1,\epsilon,b}(t) \end{pmatrix},$$

$$P_{3,\epsilon}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} A_{1,\epsilon,b}(t)B_{1,\epsilon,a}(t) \\ A_{1,\epsilon,b}(t)B_{2,\epsilon,a}(t) \\ A_{1,\epsilon,b}(t)B_{3,\epsilon,a}(t) \end{pmatrix}, \quad P_{4,\epsilon}(t) = - (A_{1,\epsilon,b}(t)B_{1,\epsilon,b}(t))$$

and

$$D_{\epsilon,i}(t) = \tilde{\Omega}_{\epsilon,i}(t) (B_{1,\epsilon,a}(t), B_{2,\epsilon,a}(t), B_{3,\epsilon,a}(t), -B_{1,\epsilon,b}(t))^T,$$

$i = \alpha_\epsilon, \beta_\epsilon$ . Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} r_{\epsilon,i}(t) &= r_{\epsilon,i}(\tilde{z}_{\epsilon,i}(t)) \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^3 A_{k,\epsilon,a}(t) X_{k,\epsilon,a,i}(t) + A_{1,\epsilon,b}(t) X_{1,\epsilon,b,i}(t) + \tilde{\Omega}_{\epsilon,i}(t) \end{aligned} \quad (1.11)$$

where  $X$  is a solution of the linear boundary value problem (1.8), (1.9), (1.10).

The conditions (1.5), (1.6) we may write in the form

$$-\tilde{z}_{\epsilon,i}(t) \leq r_{\epsilon,i}(t) \leq 0, \quad i = \alpha_\epsilon, \beta_\epsilon \quad (1.12)$$

or

$$0 \leq \sum_{k=1}^3 A_{k,\epsilon,a}(t) X_{k,\epsilon,a,i}(t) + A_{1,\epsilon,b}(t) X_{1,\epsilon,b,i}(t) + \Omega_{\epsilon,i}(t) \leq \tilde{z}_{\epsilon,i}(t). \quad (1.13)$$

**Remark 1.** The matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} P_{1,\epsilon}(t) & P_{3,\epsilon}(t) \\ P_{2,\epsilon}(t) & P_{4,\epsilon}(t) \end{pmatrix}$$

of the system is periodic with period  $p$  tendings to 0 for  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+$ ,  $\epsilon \in \mathcal{M}$  and using the Floquet theory, then the solution of the linear homogeneous system

$$X' = \begin{pmatrix} P_{1,\epsilon}(t) & P_{3,\epsilon}(t) \\ P_{2,\epsilon}(t) & P_{4,\epsilon}(t) \end{pmatrix} X$$

can be written as  $X_{hom,\epsilon}(t) = p_\epsilon(t)e^{\Theta_\epsilon t}$  where  $p_\epsilon(t)$  is a periodic function and a matrix  $\Theta_\epsilon$  is time independent. This fact is instructive for the numerical description and the computer simulation of the system (1.8), (1.9).

**Remark 2.** The condition (1.13) is the fundamental assumption for existence of the barrier functions  $\alpha_\epsilon, \beta_\epsilon$  for proving Theorem 1.

Now let  $v_{c,\epsilon,i}(t)$  be a solution of Neumann boundary value problem (1.2) for Diff. Eq.

$$\epsilon y'' + my = r_{\epsilon,i}(t), \quad i = \alpha_\epsilon, \beta_\epsilon \quad (1.14)$$

i.e.

$$\begin{aligned} v_{c,\epsilon,i}(t) &= \frac{\cos[\sqrt{\frac{m}{\epsilon}}(t-a)] \int_a^b \cos[\sqrt{\frac{m}{\epsilon}}(b-s)] \frac{r_{\epsilon,i}(s)}{\epsilon} ds}{\sqrt{\frac{m}{\epsilon}} \sin[\sqrt{\frac{m}{\epsilon}}(b-a)]} \\ &+ \int_a^t \frac{\sin[\sqrt{\frac{m}{\epsilon}}(t-s)] \frac{r_{\epsilon,i}(s)}{\epsilon} ds}{\sqrt{\frac{m}{\epsilon}}} = \mathcal{O}(r_{\epsilon,i}(t)), \epsilon \in \mathcal{M}. \end{aligned}$$

As follows from (1.3), the functions  $v_{c,\epsilon,i}(t)$  must appear in the region as illustrated in Figure 1.1.

Now we may state the main result of this article.

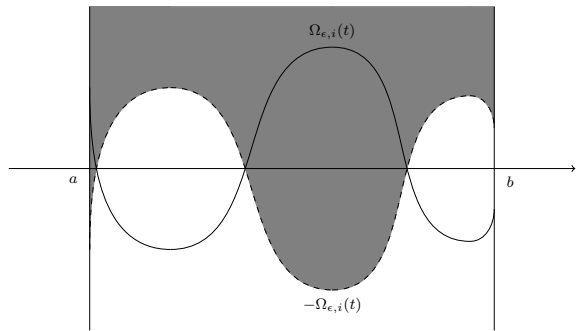


Figure 1.1: The region for  $v_{c,\epsilon,i}(t)$

## 2 Main result

### Theorem 1.

- (A1) Let  $\tilde{z}_{\epsilon,i}(t)$ ,  $\epsilon \in (0, \epsilon_0] \cap \mathcal{M}$ ,  $i = \alpha_\epsilon, \beta_\epsilon$  be the continuous functions such that (1.13) holds.
- (A2) Let  $f \in C^1(\mathcal{D}_\delta(u))$  satisfies the condition

$$\left| \frac{\partial f(t, y)}{\partial y} \right| \leq w < k \quad \text{for every } (t, y) \in \mathcal{D}_\delta(u)$$

(nonhyperbolicity condition)

where

$$\delta \geq \max \{ \omega_{0,\epsilon}(t) + \omega_{1,\epsilon,i}(t) + v_{c,\epsilon,i}(t) : i = \alpha_\epsilon, \beta_\epsilon; t \in \langle a, b \rangle; \epsilon \in (0, \epsilon_0] \cap \mathcal{M} \}.$$

Then the problem (1.1), (1.2) has for  $\epsilon \in (0, \epsilon_0] \cap \mathcal{M}$  a solution satisfying the inequality

$$-\omega_{0,\epsilon}(t) - \omega_{1,\epsilon,\alpha_\epsilon}(t) - v_{c,\epsilon,\alpha_\epsilon}(t) \leq y_\epsilon(t) - u(t) \leq \omega_{0,\epsilon}(t) + \omega_{1,\epsilon,\beta_\epsilon}(t) + v_{c,\epsilon,\beta_\epsilon}(t)$$

on  $\langle a, b \rangle$ .

**Proof.** We define the lower solutions by

$$\alpha_\epsilon(t) = u(t) - (\omega_{0,\epsilon}(t) + \omega_{1,\epsilon,\alpha_\epsilon}(t) + v_{c,\epsilon,\alpha_\epsilon}(t))$$

and the upper solutions by

$$\beta_\epsilon(t) = u(t) + (\omega_{0,\epsilon}(t) + \omega_{1,\epsilon,\beta_\epsilon}(t) + v_{c,\epsilon,\beta_\epsilon}(t)).$$

After simple algebraic manipulation we obtain

$$\omega_{0,\epsilon}(t) + \omega_{1,\epsilon,i}(t) + v_{c,\epsilon,i}(t) = z_{\epsilon,i}(t) \geq 0, \quad i = \alpha_\epsilon, \beta_\epsilon$$

on  $\langle a, b \rangle$ . The functions  $\alpha_\epsilon, \beta_\epsilon$  satisfy the boundary conditions prescribed for the lower and upper solutions of (1.1), (1.2) and  $\alpha_\epsilon(t) \leq \beta_\epsilon(t)$  on  $\langle a, b \rangle$ .

Now we show that

$$\epsilon \alpha_\epsilon''(t) + k \alpha_\epsilon(t) \geq f(t, \alpha_\epsilon(t)) \quad (2.1)$$

and

$$\epsilon \beta_\epsilon''(t) + k \beta_\epsilon(t) \leq f(t, \beta_\epsilon(t)). \quad (2.2)$$

Denote  $h(t, y) = f(t, y) - ky$ . From the assumption  $(\mathcal{A}2)$  on the function  $f(t, y)$  we have

$$-m \leq \frac{\partial h(t, y)}{\partial y} \leq 2w - m < 0$$

in  $\mathcal{D}_\delta(u)$ . By the Taylor theorem we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \epsilon \alpha_\epsilon''(t) - h(t, \alpha_\epsilon(t)) &= \epsilon \alpha_\epsilon''(t) - [h(t, \alpha_\epsilon(t)) - h(t, u(t))] \\ &= \epsilon u''(t) - \epsilon \omega_{0,\epsilon}''(t) - \epsilon \omega_{1,\epsilon,\alpha_\epsilon}''(t) - \epsilon v_{c,\epsilon,\alpha_\epsilon}''(t) \\ &\quad - \frac{\partial h(t, \theta_\epsilon(t))}{\partial y} (-\omega_{0,\epsilon}(t) - \omega_{1,\epsilon,\alpha_\epsilon}(t) - v_{c,\epsilon,\alpha_\epsilon}(t)) \\ &\geq \epsilon u''(t) - \epsilon \omega_{0,\epsilon}''(t) - \epsilon \omega_{1,\epsilon,\alpha_\epsilon}''(t) - \epsilon v_{c,\epsilon,\alpha_\epsilon}''(t) \\ &\quad + (-m) (\omega_{0,\epsilon}(t) + \omega_{1,\epsilon,\alpha_\epsilon}(t) + v_{c,\epsilon,\alpha_\epsilon}(t)) \\ &= -\epsilon v_{c,\epsilon,\alpha_\epsilon}''(t) - m v_{c,\epsilon,\alpha_\epsilon}(t) = -r_{\epsilon,\alpha_\epsilon}(t). \end{aligned}$$

From the condition (1.6) is  $-r_{\epsilon,\alpha_\epsilon}(t) \geq 0$  therefore  $\epsilon \alpha_\epsilon''(t) - h(t, \alpha_\epsilon(t)) \geq 0$  on  $\langle a, b \rangle$ .

The inequality for  $\beta_\epsilon(t)$  :

$$\begin{aligned} h(t, \beta_\epsilon(t)) - \epsilon \beta_\epsilon''(t) &= \frac{\partial h(t, \tilde{\theta}_\epsilon(t))}{\partial y} (\omega_{0,\epsilon}(t) + \omega_{1,\epsilon,\beta_\epsilon}(t) + v_{c,\epsilon,\beta_\epsilon}(t)) \\ &\quad - \epsilon u''(t) - \epsilon \omega_{0,\epsilon}''(t) - \epsilon \omega_{1,\epsilon,\beta_\epsilon}''(t) - \epsilon v_{c,\epsilon,\beta_\epsilon}''(t) \\ &\geq (-m) (\omega_{0,\epsilon}(t) + \omega_{1,\epsilon,\beta_\epsilon}(t) + v_{c,\epsilon,\beta_\epsilon}(t)) \\ &\quad - \epsilon u''(t) - \epsilon \omega_{0,\epsilon}''(t) - \epsilon \omega_{1,\epsilon,\beta_\epsilon}''(t) - \epsilon v_{c,\epsilon,\beta_\epsilon}''(t) \\ &= -\epsilon v_{c,\epsilon,\beta_\epsilon}''(t) - m v_{c,\epsilon,\beta_\epsilon}(t) = -r_{\epsilon,\beta_\epsilon}(t) \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

where  $(t, \theta_\epsilon(t))$  is a point between  $(t, \alpha_\epsilon(t))$  and  $(t, u(t))$ ,  $(t, \theta_\epsilon(t)) \in \mathcal{D}_\delta(u)$ . Analogously,  $(t, \tilde{\theta}_\epsilon(t))$  is a point between  $(t, u(t))$  and  $(t, \beta_\epsilon(t))$ ,  $(t, \tilde{\theta}_\epsilon(t)) \in \mathcal{D}_\delta(u)$  for  $\epsilon \in (0, \epsilon_0] \cap \mathcal{M}$ . The existence of a solution for (1.1), (1.2) satisfying the inequality above follows from Lemma 1.

**Remark 3.** We note, that if there exists the solution of (1.3) such that  $r_{\epsilon,i}(t) = \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^\nu)$ ,  $\nu > 0$  then for every sequence  $\{\epsilon_n\}$ ,  $\epsilon_n \in (0, \epsilon_0] \cap \mathcal{M}$ ,  $\epsilon_n \in \mathcal{J}_n$  we have

$$|y_{\epsilon_n}(t) - u(t)| \leq (|u'(a)| + |u'(b)|) \mathcal{O}(\sqrt{\epsilon_n}) + M_{u''} \mathcal{O}(\epsilon_n) + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon_n^\nu),$$

$$M_{u''} = \max \{|u''(t)|, t \in \langle a, b \rangle\} \text{ on } \langle a, b \rangle.$$



**Remark 4.** In the trivial case, when  $u(t) = c = \text{const}$  is  $\omega_{0,\epsilon}(t) = \omega_{1,\epsilon,i}(t) \stackrel{\text{id}}{=} 0$ ,  $r_{\epsilon,i}(t) \stackrel{\text{id}}{=} 0$ ,  $i = \alpha_\epsilon, \beta_\epsilon$  and

$$|y_\epsilon(t) - u(t)| \leq 0$$

i.e.  $y_\epsilon(t) = u(t)$  on  $\langle a, b \rangle$ .

**Example 1.** Consider nonlinear problem (1.1), (1.2) with  $f(t, y) = y^2 + g(t)$ , i.e.

$$\begin{aligned} \epsilon y'' + ky &= y^2 + g(t), \quad t \in \langle a, b \rangle, \quad k > 0, \quad 0 < \epsilon \ll 1 \\ y'(a) &= 0, \quad y'(b) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

For  $0 \leq g(t) < \frac{k^2}{4}$  on  $\langle a, b \rangle$  the solution

$$u(t) = \frac{1}{2} \left( k - \sqrt{k^2 - 4g(t)} \right)$$

of the reduced problem  $ku = u^2 + g(t)$  satisfies the assumption (A2) of Theorem 1. Let  $\tilde{z}_{\epsilon,i}(t)$ ,  $\epsilon \in (0, \epsilon_0] \cap \mathcal{M}$ ,  $i = \alpha_\epsilon, \beta_\epsilon$  are the functions satisfying (1.13) (the assumption (A1)).

Thus, according to Theorem 1 above, there is for  $\epsilon \in (0, \epsilon_0] \cap \mathcal{M}$  a solution  $y_\epsilon(t)$  of the considered boundary value problem satisfying the inequality

$$-\omega_{0,\epsilon}(t) - \omega_{1,\epsilon,\alpha_\epsilon}(t) - v_{c,\epsilon,\alpha_\epsilon}(t) \leq y_\epsilon(t) - u(t) \leq \omega_{0,\epsilon}(t) + \omega_{1,\epsilon,\beta_\epsilon}(t) + v_{c,\epsilon,\beta_\epsilon}(t)$$

on  $\langle a, b \rangle$ .

### 3 Generalization of the assumption (A1)

The assumption of nonnegativity of  $z_{\epsilon,i}(t)$  in (1.3) and the condition (1.12) may be generalized in the following sense.

Denote

$$I_{+,\epsilon,i} = \{t \in \langle a, b \rangle : z_{\epsilon,i}(t) \geq 0\}, \quad i = \alpha_\epsilon, \beta_\epsilon$$

and

$$I_{-,\epsilon,i} = \{t \in \langle a, b \rangle : z_{\epsilon,i}(t) \leq 0\}, \quad i = \alpha_\epsilon, \beta_\epsilon.$$

Let there exist the functions  $\tilde{z}_{\epsilon,i}(t)$  such that

$$r_{\epsilon,i}(t) \leq 0 \quad \text{on} \quad I_{+,\epsilon,i}, \quad i = \alpha_\epsilon, \beta_\epsilon \quad (3.1)$$

and

$$r_{\epsilon,i}(t) \leq 2wz_{\epsilon,i}(t) \quad \text{on} \quad I_{-,\epsilon,i}, \quad i = \alpha_\epsilon, \beta_\epsilon \quad (3.2)$$

and

$$v_{c,\epsilon,\alpha_\epsilon}(t) + v_{c,\epsilon,\beta_\epsilon}(t) \geq -2\omega_{0,\epsilon}(t) \quad \text{on} \quad I_{-,\epsilon,\alpha_\epsilon} \cup I_{-,\epsilon,\beta_\epsilon} \quad (3.3)$$

where  $r_{\epsilon,i}(t)$  is from (1.11) and  $z_{\epsilon,i}(t) = r_{\epsilon,i}(t) + \tilde{z}_{\epsilon,i}(t)$ ,  $i = \alpha_\epsilon, \beta_\epsilon$ .

Taking into consideration the fact that

$$\omega_{0,\epsilon}(t) + \omega_{1,\epsilon,i}(t) + v_{c,\epsilon,i}(t) = z_{\epsilon,i}(t) \leq 0 \quad \text{on} \quad I_{-,\epsilon,i}, \quad i = \alpha_\epsilon, \beta_\epsilon, \quad (3.4)$$

for the required inequality (2.1) for  $\alpha_\epsilon(t)$  on the interval  $I_{-, \epsilon, \alpha_\epsilon}$  (in the case of the inequality for  $\beta_\epsilon(t)$  i.e. (2.2) on  $I_{-, \epsilon, \beta_\epsilon}$ , we proceed analogously) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \epsilon \alpha_\epsilon''(t) - h(t, \alpha_\epsilon(t)) &= \epsilon u''(t) - \epsilon \omega_{0, \epsilon}''(t) - \epsilon \omega_{1, \epsilon, \alpha_\epsilon}''(t) - \epsilon v_{c, \epsilon, \alpha_\epsilon}''(t) \\ &\quad - \frac{\partial h(t, \theta_\epsilon(t))}{\partial y} (-\omega_{0, \epsilon}(t) - \omega_{1, \epsilon, \alpha_\epsilon}(t) - v_{c, \epsilon, \alpha_\epsilon}(t)) \\ &\geq \epsilon u''(t) - \epsilon \omega_{0, \epsilon}''(t) - \epsilon \omega_{1, \epsilon, \alpha_\epsilon}''(t) - \epsilon v_{c, \epsilon, \alpha_\epsilon}''(t) \\ &\quad + (-m + 2w)(\omega_{0, \epsilon}(t) + \omega_{1, \epsilon, \alpha_\epsilon}(t) + v_{c, \epsilon, \alpha_\epsilon}(t)) \\ &= -r_{\epsilon, \alpha_\epsilon}(t) + 2w(\omega_{0, \epsilon}(t) + \omega_{1, \epsilon, \alpha_\epsilon}(t) + v_{c, \epsilon, \alpha_\epsilon}(t)). \end{aligned}$$

From (3.2) and (3.4),  $-r_{\epsilon, \alpha_\epsilon}(t) + 2w(\omega_{0, \epsilon}(t) + \omega_{1, \epsilon, \alpha_\epsilon}(t) + v_{c, \epsilon, \alpha_\epsilon}(t)) \geq 0$  for  $t \in I_{-, \epsilon, \alpha_\epsilon}$ . The condition (3.3) guarantees that  $\alpha_\epsilon(t) \leq \beta_\epsilon(t)$  on  $\langle a, b \rangle$ . Hence, Theorem 1 holds.

From (3.2), we get

$$(1 - 2w)r_{\epsilon, i}(t) \leq 2w\tilde{z}_{\epsilon, i}(t) \leq -2wr_{\epsilon, i}(t) \quad (3.5)$$

and we may generalize the assumption (A1) as follows.

(A1') Let  $\tilde{z}_{\epsilon, i}(t)$ ,  $i = \alpha_\epsilon, \beta_\epsilon$  be the continuous functions such that

$$[(1.12)] \vee [(3.5) \wedge (v_{c, \epsilon, \alpha_\epsilon}(t) + v_{c, \epsilon, \beta_\epsilon}(t) \geq -2w\omega_{0, \epsilon}(t))]$$

on  $\langle a, b \rangle$ ,  $\epsilon \in (0, \epsilon_0] \cap \mathcal{M}$  holds.

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