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INTERVAL OSCILLATION CRITERIA FOR SECOND-ORDER QUASI-LINEAR FUNCTIONAL DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS

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Abstract. In this paper, new oscillation criteria for the second-order quasi-linear functional differential equations with damping of the form

 $(r(t)\psi(x(t))|x'(t)|^{\alpha-1}x'(t))' + p(t)|x'(t)|^{\alpha-1}x'(t)$

$$+F(t, x(t), x(\tau(t)), x'(t), x'(\tau(t))) = e(t), \qquad t \ge t_0,$$

are established. Our results are based on the information only on a sequence of subintervals of $[t_0, \infty)$, rather than on the whole half-line.

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1 Introduction

This paper is concerned with the problem of oscillation of the forced secondorder quasi-linear functional differential equations with damping of the form

$$(r(t)\psi(x(t))|x'(t)|^{\alpha-1}x'(t))' + p(t)|x'(t)|^{\alpha-1}x'(t) +F(t,x(t),x(\tau(t)),x'(t),x'(\tau(t))) = e(t),$$
(1.1)

on the half-line $[t_0, \infty), t_0 \ge 0$. In what follows we assume with respect to (1.1) that

(i) $\alpha > 0$ is a constant;

(ii) $F : [t_0, \infty) \times R \times R \times R \times R \to R$ is a continuous function;

(iii) $r: [t_0, \infty) \to (0, \infty)$ is a continuous function;

(iv) $p: [t_0, \infty) \to R$ is a continuous function;

(v) $\psi: R \to R$ is a continuous function;

(vi) $e: [t_0, \infty) \to R$ is a continuous function;