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OSCILLATION OF EVEN ORDER NONLINEAR FUNCTIONAL EQUATION WITH DEVIATING ARGUMENTS

There are found oscillatory criteria for the n -th order nonlinear functional differential equations with deviating arguments of the form $p_n(t)(p_{n-1}(t)(\dots(p_1(t)(p_0(t)y(t))' \dots)')' \dots) + a(t)F(y(g(t))) = 0$.

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1. Introduction

Consider the differential equation

$$(1) \quad L_n y(t) + a(t)F(y(g(t))) = 0,$$

where n is even,

$$L_n y(t) = p_n(t)(p_{n-1}(t)(\dots(p_1(t)(p_0(t)y(t))' \dots)')' \dots)'$$

p_i , $i = 0, 1, \dots, n$ are positive and continuous functions on $\langle t_0, \infty \rangle$ such that $\int_0^\infty p_i^{-1}(t) dt = \infty$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$, $a(t) \geq 0$ is continuous on $\langle t_0, \infty \rangle$, $F: R \rightarrow R$ is continuous, g is continuous on $\langle t_0, \infty \rangle$ and $g(t) \rightarrow \infty$ as $t \rightarrow \infty$ and $x \cdot F(x) > 0$ for $x \neq 0$.

The expressions

$$(2) \quad L_0 y(t) = p_0(t)y(t), \quad L_i y(t) = p_i(t)[L_{i-1} y(t)]', \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

are called the quasi-derivatives of function y at the point $t \in \langle t_0, \infty \rangle$. We will consider the solutions of equation (1) which exist on $\langle T_y, \infty \rangle$ and satisfy the condition

$$(3) \quad \sup \{ |y(t)| : t_1 \leq t < \infty \} > 0 \text{ for every } t_1 \in \langle T_y, \infty \rangle.$$

Such a solution will be called *oscillatory* if its set of zeros is unbounded and will be called *nonoscillatory* otherwise. Equation (1) is said to be oscillatory if all of its solutions are oscillatory.

Many authors discuss the oscillatory properties of the equation (1). S.R. Grace gave in the paper [1] some oscillation criteria for the special case of the equation (1) that is to say if $p_i(t) \equiv 1$ for $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n$. This paper extends some results established there for the equation with the quasi-derivatives.

2. Definitions and basic lemmas

The following notation will be used throughout this paper:

$$R_\alpha = (-\infty, -\alpha) \cup (\alpha, \infty) \quad \text{if } \alpha > 0 \\ = (-\infty, 0) \cup (0, \infty) \quad \text{if } \alpha = 0$$

$$C(R) = \{F: R \rightarrow R \mid F \text{ is continuous and } x \cdot F(x) > 0 \text{ if } x \neq 0\}$$

$$C^1(R_\alpha) = \{F \in C(R) \mid F \text{ is continuously differentiable in } R_\alpha\}$$

$$C_p(R_\alpha) = \{F \in C(R) \mid F \text{ is of bounded variation on every interval } \langle a, b \rangle \subset R_\alpha\}.$$

We will use the known notation which is used for example in [5].

$$(4) \quad I_0 \equiv 1, \quad I_k(t, a; p_{i_1}, p_{i_2}, \dots, p_{i_k}) = \\ = \int_a^t p_{i_1}^{-1}(t_{i_1}) \int_a^{t_{i_1}} p_{i_2}^{-1}(t_{i_2}) \int_a^{t_{i_2}} \dots \int_a^{t_{i_{k-1}}} p_{i_k}^{-1}(t_{i_k}) dt_{i_k} dt_{i_{k-1}} \dots dt_{i_1}, \\ 1 \leq k \leq n-1, \quad t \leq a \leq t < \infty;$$

$$(5) \quad x_j(t, a) = p_0^{-1}(t) I_{j-1}(t, a; p_1, p_2, \dots, p_{j-1}), \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, n;$$

$$(6) \quad P_0(t, a) \equiv 1, \quad P_j(t, a) = I_j(t, a; p_1, \dots, p_j), \quad \text{for } j = 1, 2, \dots, n-1;$$

$$(7) \quad Q_n(t, a) \equiv 1, \quad Q_j(t, a) = I_{n-j}(t, a; p_{n-1}, p_{n-2}, \dots, p_j),$$

for $j = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$.

Remark 1. In the case all $p_i(t) \equiv 1$

$$P_j(t, a) = \frac{(t-a)^j}{j!}, \quad j = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n-1 \text{ and}$$

$$Q_j(t, a) = \frac{(t-a)^{n-j}}{(n-j)!}, \quad j = 0, 1, \dots, n.$$

In the following we will use the well known generalized Kiguradze lemmas published for example in [5].

Lemma 1. Let $\int p_i(t)^{-1} dt = \infty$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$ and let y be positive function on the interval $\langle t_1, \infty \rangle$, $t_1 \geq t_0$ such that $L_n y$ exists on $\langle t_1, \infty \rangle$, is of constant sign and is not identically zero on any interval of the form $\langle t_2, \infty \rangle$, $t_2 \geq t_1$.

Then there exists an integer l , $0 \leq l \leq n$, such that $n+l$ is odd for $L_n y \leq 0$ and $n+l$ is even for $L_n y \geq 0$ such that

$$l \leq n-1 \text{ implies } (-1)^{l+j} L_j y(t) > 0 \text{ for every } t \geq t_1, \\ j = l, l+1, \dots, n-1,$$

$$l > 1 \text{ implies } L_i y(t) > 0 \text{ for all large } t, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, l-1.$$

Lemma 2. Let l be an integer, $1 \leq l \leq n-1$, $a \in \langle t_0, \infty \rangle$. If the function y satisfies

$$L_0 y(a), \dots, L_{l-1} y(a) \geq 0, \quad L_{l+1} y(t) \leq 0 \quad \text{for } a \leq t < \infty$$

then

$$(a) \quad \left(\frac{L_i y(t)}{L_i x_{i+1}(t, a)} \right)' \leq 0, \quad i = 0, 1, \dots, l, \quad a < t < \infty,$$

$$(b) \quad L_i y(t) \geq L_{i+1} y(t) \frac{L_i x_{i+1}(t, a)}{L_{i+1} x_{i+1}(t, a)}, \quad i = 0, 1, \dots, l, \quad a < t < \infty,$$

$$(c) \quad \frac{L_0 y(t)}{P_l(t, a)} \text{ is a nonincreasing function in } (a, \infty),$$

$$(d) \quad L_0 y(t) \geq L_i y(t) \frac{P_l(t, a)}{L_i x_{i+1}(t, a)}, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, l, \quad a < t < \infty$$

and

$$(e) \quad L_0 y(t) \geq L_l y(t) P_l(t, a), \quad a \leq t < \infty.$$

In the paper [1] is presented this lemma.

Lemma 3. Suppose $\alpha \geq 0$ and $F \in C(\mathbb{R})$. Then $F \in C_p(\mathbb{R}_\alpha)$ if and only if $F(y) = G(y)H(y)$ for all $y \in \mathbb{R}_\alpha$, where $G: \mathbb{R}_\alpha \rightarrow (0, \infty)$, nondecreasing on $(-\infty, -\alpha)$ and nonincreasing on (α, ∞) and $H: \mathbb{R}_\alpha \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and nondecreasing in \mathbb{R}_α .

Definition. We call G in Lemma 3 a positive component of F , H and nondecreasing component of F and the ordered pair (G, H) a pair of components of F .

Suppose that there exists a continuous function $\sigma: \langle t_0, \infty \rangle \rightarrow \langle t_0, \infty \rangle$ such that

$$\sigma(t) \leq \min \{t, g(t)\} \text{ and } \sigma(t) \rightarrow \infty \text{ as } t \rightarrow \infty.$$

Define functions

$$(8) \quad R_i(u, t) = a(u) \frac{Q_i(u, t)}{p_n(u)} G\left(\frac{k^*}{p_0(g(u))} P_{n-1}(g(u), t_2)\right) \cdot H\left(\frac{x_{i+1}(g(u), t_2) L_{i-1} x_{i+1}(\sigma(u), t_2)}{L_{i-1} x_{i+1}(g(u), t_2) L_{i-1} x_{i+1}(u, t_2)}\right) \text{ for } i \in \{1, 3, 5, \dots, n-1\}, \text{ where } t_2 \geq t_0, |k^*| \geq 1.$$

3. Main results

Theorem 1. Let $\alpha \geq 1$ and (G, H) is a pair of components of F . Suppose moreover that

$$(9) \quad -H(-xy) \geq H(xy) \geq KH(x)H(y), \quad xy > 0,$$

where K is a positive constant and

$$(10) \quad \int^{\infty} \frac{du}{H(u)} < \infty, \quad \int^{-\infty} \frac{du}{H(u)} < \infty$$

If for every integer $l \in \{1, 3, \dots, n-1\}$

$$(11) \quad \int^{\infty} R_l(u, t) du = \infty \text{ for every } k^* \geq 1$$

or

$$(12) \quad \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_t^{\infty} R_l(u, t) du = \infty,$$

then equation (1) is oscillatory.

Proof. Let $y(t)$ is nonoscillatory solution of equation (1). Suppose $y(t) > 0$ and $y(g(t)) > 0$ for $t \geq t_0$. Lemma 1 implies that there exists $l \in \{1, 3, \dots, n-1\}$ such that

$$L_k y(t) > 0 (k = 0, 1, \dots, l-1),$$

$$(-1)^{k+l} L_k y(t) > 0 (k = l, l+1, \dots, n-1) \text{ for every } t \geq t_1 \geq t_0.$$

In particular $L_n y(t) < 0$, $L_{n-1} y(t) > 0$ so there exist a constant $k_1 > 0$ and $t_2 \geq t_1$ such that $L_{n-1} y(t) \leq k_1$ for every $t \geq t_2$.

If we multiply this relation by function $\frac{1}{p_{n-1}}$, integrate from t_2 to t and use the fact that

$$\int_{t_2}^{\infty} p_{n-1}(t) dt = \infty$$

we get

$$L_{n-2} y(t) \leq \bar{k}_1 \int_{t_2}^t \frac{1}{p_{n-1}(s_1)} ds_1 \text{ for every } t \geq t_2.$$

Repeating this consideration we have

$$y(t) \leq k_2 \frac{1}{p_0(t)} I_{n-1}(t, t_2; p_1, p_2, \dots, p_{n-1}),$$

where $k_2 \geq 1$.

Since $g(t) \rightarrow \infty$ as $t \rightarrow \infty$ there exists $t_3 \geq t_2$ such that (using (6))

$$y(g(t)) \leq k_2 \frac{1}{p_0(g(t))} P_{n-1}(g(t), t_2) \text{ for every } t \geq t_3.$$

By Lemma 3 we have

$$F(y(g(t))) = G(y(g(t))) H(y(g(t))) \geq G\left(k_2 \frac{1}{p_0(g(t))} P_{n-1}(g(t), t_2)\right) H(y(g(t)))$$

and so the inequality is satisfied.

$$(14) \quad L_n y(t) + a(t) G\left(k_2 \frac{1}{p_0(g(t))} P_{n-1}(g(t), t_2)\right) H(y(g(t))) \leq 0$$

for every $t \geq t_3$.

It is easy to show that

$$L_l y(t) = \sum_{j=l}^{n-1} (-1)^{j-l} I_{j-l}(s, t; p_j, \dots, p_{l+1}) L_j y(s) + \\ + (-1)^{n-l} \int_t^s \frac{I_{n-1-l}(u, t; p_{n-1}, \dots, p_{l+1}) L_n y(u)}{p_n(u)} du,$$

hence from Lemma 1 and (7) we have

$$L_l y(t) \geq - \int_t^s \frac{1}{p_n(u)} Q_{l+1}(u, t) L_n y(u) du.$$

Using (14) we obtain

$$(15) \quad L_l y(t) \geq \int_t^s \frac{1}{p_n(u)} Q_{l+1}(u, t) a(u) G\left(\frac{k_2}{p_0(g(u))} P_{n-1}(g(u), t_2)\right) H(y(g(u))) du$$

Lemma 2 case (a) implies that

$$\frac{L_{l-1} y(t)}{L_{l-1} x_{l+1}(t, t_2)}$$

is a nonincreasing function and hence

$$(16) \quad \frac{L_{l-1} y(\sigma(t))}{L_{l-1} x_{l+1}(\sigma(t), t_2)} \geq \frac{L_{l-1} y(t)}{L_{l-1} x_{l+1}(t, t_2)}.$$

From Lemma 2 case (d) for $i = l-1$ we have

$$L_0 y(t) \geq L_{l-1} y(t) \frac{P_l(t, t_2)}{L_{l-1} x_{l+1}(t, t_2)},$$

hence

$$y(t) \geq \frac{x_{l+1}(t, t_2)}{L_{l-1} x_{l+1}(t, t_2)} L_{l-1} y(t).$$

Since $g(t) \rightarrow \infty$ holds too

$$(17) \quad y(g(t)) \geq \frac{x_{l+1}(g(t), t_2)}{L_{l-1} x_{l+1}(g(t), t_2)} L_{l-1} y(g(t)).$$

From (16) we have

$$L_{l-1} y(\sigma(t)) \geq \frac{L_{l-1} x_{l+1}(\sigma(t), t_2)}{L_{l-1} x_{l+1}(t, t_2)} L_{l-1} y(t)$$

and because $L_{l-1} y(t) > 0$ and $L_{l-1} y(t)$ is increasing holds

$$L_{l-1} y(g(t)) > L_{l-1} y(\sigma(t)).$$

Then from (13) we have

$$(18) \quad y(g(t)) \geq \frac{x_{l+1}(g(t), t_2) L_{l-1} x_{l+1}(\sigma(t), t_2)}{L_{l-1} x_{l+1}(g(t), t_2) L_{l-1} x_{l+1}(t, t_2)} L_{l-1} y(t).$$

Multiply (15) by function $\frac{1}{p_l(t)}$ using (18) and (9). We obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{[L_{l-1} y(t)]'}{H(L_{l-1} y(t))} &\geq \frac{K}{p_l(t)} \int_t^s \frac{1}{p_n(u)} Q_{l+1}(u, t) a(u) G\left(\frac{k_2}{p_0(g(u))} P_{n-1}(g(u), t_2)\right) \\ &\cdot H\left(\frac{x_{l+1}(g(u), t_2) L_{l-1} x_{l+1}(\sigma(u), t_2)}{L_{l-1} x_{l+1}(g(u), t_2) L_{l-1} x_{l+1}(u, t_2)}\right) du. \end{aligned}$$

Integrating the last relation from t_3 to s , $s \geq t_3$, we get

$$\int_{t_3}^s \frac{[L_{l-1} y(t)]'}{H(L_{l-1} y(t))} dt \geq K \int_t^s R_l(u, t) du$$

When $s \rightarrow \infty$ we have

$$K \int_t^\infty R_l(u, t) du \leq \int_{L_{l-1} y(t_3)}^\infty \frac{dv}{H(v)} < \infty,$$

what is a contradiction to the assumption (11) or (12). The proof when $y(t) < 0$ is similar.

The proof is complete.

Theorem 2. Let $\alpha \geq 1$, $\sigma(t) \geq 0$ for $t \geq t_0$ and (G, H) is a pair of components of F . Suppose that

$$(19) \quad \frac{H(u)}{u} \geq c > 0 \quad \text{for } u \neq 0.$$

If for every $l \in \{1, 3, \dots, n-1\}$ is

$$(20) \quad \limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left(\int_{\sigma(t)}^t \frac{1}{p_n(u)} Q_{l+1}(u, \sigma(t)) a(u) G \left(\frac{k^*}{p_0(g(u))} P_{n-1}(g(u), t_2) \right) \cdot \right. \\ \left. \cdot x_{l+1}(\sigma(u), t_2) du + L_{l-1} x_{l+1}(\sigma(t), t_2) \cdot \right. \\ \left. \cdot \int_t^{\infty} \frac{1}{p_n(u)} Q_{l+1}(u, \sigma(t)) a(u) G \left(\frac{k^*}{p_0(g(u))} P_{n-1}(g(u), t_2) \right) \frac{x_{l+1}(\sigma(u), t_2)}{L_{l-1} x_{l+1}(\sigma(u), t_2)} du \right) > \\ > \frac{1}{c} \text{ for every } |k^*| \geq 1,$$

then is equation (1) oscillatory.

Proof. Let $y(t)$ be a nonoscillatory solution of equation (1). We can assume that for example $y(t) > 0$, $y(g(t)) > 0$ for every $t \geq t_0 \geq \alpha$ because $y(t)$ is a nondecreasing function (l is at least 1). Using (19) and (17) for $\sigma(t)$, from relation (15) we have

$$L_l y(\sigma(t)) \geq c \int_{\sigma(t)}^t \frac{1}{p_n(u)} Q_{l+1}(u, \sigma(t)) a(u) G \left(k_2 \frac{1}{p_0(g(u))} P_{n-1}(g(u), t_2) \right) \cdot \\ \cdot \frac{x_{l+1}(\sigma(u), t_2)}{L_{l-1} x_{l+1}(\sigma(u), t_2)} L_{l-1} y(\sigma(u)) du + \\ + c \int_t^{\infty} \frac{1}{p_n(u)} Q_{l+1}(u, \sigma(t)) a(u) G \left(k_2 \frac{1}{p_0(g(u))} P_{n-1}(g(u), t_2) \right) \cdot \\ \cdot G \left(\frac{k_2}{p_0(g(u))} P_{n-1}(g(u), t_2) \right) \frac{x_{l+1}(\sigma(u), t_2)}{L_{l-1} x_{l+1}(\sigma(u), t_2)} L_{l-1} y(\sigma(u)) du.$$

In the first integral we use the fact that the function $\frac{L_{l-1} y(t)}{L_{l-1} x_{l+1}(t, a)}$ is nonincreasing (Lemma 2 case (a) for $i = l-1$) and in the second integral that the functions $L_{l-1} y(t)$ and $\sigma(t)$ are nondecreasing and then we get

$$\frac{L_{l-1} x_{l+1}(\sigma(t), t_2) L_l y(\sigma(t))}{c L_{l-1} y(\sigma(t))} \geq \\ \geq \int_{\sigma(t)}^t \frac{1}{p_n(u)} Q_{l+1}(u, \sigma(t)) a(u) G \left(\frac{k_2}{p_0(g(u))} P_{n-1}(g(u), t_2) \right) x_{l+1}(\sigma(u), t_2) du + \\ + L_{l-1} x_{l+1}(\sigma(t), t_2) \int_t^{\infty} \frac{1}{p_n(u)} Q_{l+1}(u, \sigma(t)) a(u) G \left(\frac{k_2}{p_0(g(u))} P_{n-1}(g(u), t_2) \right) \cdot \\ \cdot \frac{x_{l+1}(\sigma(u), t_2)}{L_{l-1} x_{l+1}(\sigma(u), t_2)} du.$$

Lemma 2 case (b) for $i = l-1$ implies that

$$(21) \quad \frac{L_{l-1} x_{l+1}(\sigma(t), t_2) L_l y(\sigma(t))}{L_{l-1} y(\sigma(t))} \leq 1,$$

consequently

$$\begin{aligned} & \limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left(\int_{\sigma(t)}^t \frac{1}{p_n(u)} Q_{l+1}(u, \sigma(t)) a(u) G\left(\frac{k_2}{p_0(g(u))} P_{n-1}(g(u), t_2) \cdot \right. \right. \\ & \quad \left. \left. \cdot x_{l+1}(\sigma(u), t_2) du + L_{l-1} x_{l+1}(\sigma(t), t_2) \cdot \right. \right. \\ & \left. \left. \int_t^\infty \frac{1}{p_n(u)} Q_{l+1}(u, \sigma(t)) a(u) G\left(\frac{k_2}{p_0(g(u))} P_{n-1}(g(u), t_2) \right) \frac{x_{l+1}(\sigma(u), t_2)}{L_{l-1} x_{l+1}(\sigma(u), t_2)} du \right) \leq \frac{1}{c}, \end{aligned}$$

and this is a contradiction with the assumption (20). The proof when $y(t) < 0$ is similar. This completes the proof of Theorem 2.

Theorem 3. Let $\alpha \geq 1$ and (G, H) be a pair of components of F . Let hold (9) and

$$(22) \quad \int_0^{\pm \varepsilon} \frac{du}{H(u)} < \infty \quad \text{for every } \varepsilon > 0.$$

If for every $l \in \{1, 3, \dots, n-3\}$

$$(23) \quad \int \frac{H(L_{l-1} x_{l+1}(s, t_2))}{p_{l+1}(s)} \int_s^\infty R_{l+2}(u, s) du ds = \infty$$

and for $l = n-1$

$$(24) \quad \int \frac{1}{p_n(u)} a(u) G\left(\frac{k^*}{p_0(g(u))} P_{n-1}(g(u), t_2) \right) \cdot H\left(\frac{x_n(g(u), t_2) L_{l-2} x_n(\sigma(u), t_2)}{L_{l-2} x_n(g(u), t_2)}\right) du = \infty$$

for every $|k^*| \geq 1$, then the equation (1) is oscillatory.

Proof. Let $y(t)$ be nonoscillatory solution of equation(1). Suppose $y(t) > 0$ and $y(g(t)) > 0$ for every $t \geq t_0 \geq \alpha$. Consider two cases:

Case 1. $l < n-1$

It is evident that holds

$$-L_{l+1}y(t) = \sum_{j=l+1}^{n-1} (-1)^{j-l} I_{j-l-1}(s, t; p_j, \dots, p_{l+2}) L_j y(s) + \\ + (-1)^{n-l} \int_t^s \frac{I_{n-l-2}(u, t; p_{n-1}, \dots, p_{l+2}) L_n y(u)}{p_n(u)} du.$$

Using Lemma 1 and (14) we have

$$-L_{l+1}y(t) \geq \int_t^s \frac{1}{p_n(u)} Q_{l+2}(u, t) a(u) G\left(\frac{k_2}{p_0(g(u))} P_{n-1}(g(u), t)\right) \cdot H(y(g(u))) du,$$

hence by using relations (18), (9) and (21) we obtain

$$\frac{-L_{l+1}y(t)}{H(L_l y(t))} \geq K^2 \cdot H(L_{l-1} x_{l+1}(t, t_2)) \int_t^s R_{l+2}(u, t) du.$$

From the last relation after the multiplying by function $\frac{1}{p_{l+1}(t)}$ and integrating from t_2 to t we have

$$\int_{t_2}^t \frac{H(L_{l-1} x_{l+1}(v, t_2))}{p_{l+1}(v)} \int_v^\infty R_{l+2}(u, v) du dv \leq \frac{1}{K^2} \int_{L_l y(t)}^{L_l y(t_2)} \frac{dv}{H(v)},$$

hence for $t \rightarrow \infty$ we obtain the contradiction with (22), (23).

Case 2. $l = n-1$

From the realtions (14) and (18) we have

$$-L_n y(t) \geq a(t) G\left(k_2 \frac{1}{p_0(g(t))} P_{n-1}(g(t), t_2)\right) H\left(\frac{x_n(g(t), t_2) L_{n-2} x_n(\sigma(t), t_2)}{L_{n-2} x_n(g(t), t_2) L_{n-2} x_n(t, t_2)} L_{n-2} y(t)\right).$$

Since from Lemma 2 case (b) for $i = n-2$ we have

$$L_{n-2} y(t) \geq L_{n-1} y(t) L_{n-2} x_n(t, a),$$

from the last relation we get

$$\int_{t_2}^t \frac{1}{p_n(s)} a(s) G\left(\frac{k_2}{p_0(g(s))} P_{n-1}(g(s), t_2)\right) \cdot \\ \cdot H\left(\frac{x_n(g(s), t_2) L_{n-2} x_n(\sigma(s), t_2)}{L_{n-2} x_n(g(s), t_2)}\right) ds \leq \frac{1}{K} \int_{L_{n-1} y(t)}^{L_{n-1} y(t_2)} \frac{dv}{H(v)},$$

hence for $t \rightarrow \infty$ we have again the contradiction to (22) and (24). The proof when $y(t) < 0$ is similar. The proof is complete.

Remarac 2. If $p_i(t) \equiv 1$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots, n$, then we obtain from Theorems 1, 2, 3, the Theorems 1, 2, 3 in paper [1].

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