

Existence of Nonoscillatory Solutions of Third-Order Nonlinear Neutral Delay Difference Equations

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ABSTRACT: In this paper, we consider the following third order nonlinear neutral delay difference equation

$$\Delta \left(a(n) \left(\Delta^2 (x(n) + p(n)x(\delta(n))) \right)^\gamma \right) + q(n)x^\gamma(\tau(n)) = e(n)$$

Where $a(n), p(n), q(n), e(n)$ are real sequences. We use the Krasnoselskii's fixed point theorem to establish the existence of nonoscillatory solutions.

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1. INTRODUCTION:

We consider the nonlinear neutral delay difference equations of the form

$$\Delta \left(a(n) \left(\Delta^2 (x(n) + p(n)x(\delta(n))) \right)^\gamma \right) + q(n)x^\gamma(\tau(n)) = e(n). \quad (1.1)$$

where γ is a quotient of odd positive integers, Δ is a forward difference operator defined by $\Delta x(n) = x(n+1) - x(n)$, δ, τ are positive integers and $n \in N_{n_0} = \{n_0, n_0 + 1, \dots\}$, n_0 is a nonnegative integer.

We set $z(n) = x(n) + p(n)x(\delta(n))$. The oscillatory and nonoscillatory behavior of solutions of difference equations have been considered in [1]–[9] and conditions for the existence of nonoscillatory solutions using either Schauder fixed point theorem or Banach contraction principle are obtained. The aim of this paper is to obtain sufficient conditions for the existence of nonoscillatory solution of equation (1.1) using Krasnoselskii's fixed point theorem.

Let $\theta = \max\{\delta, \tau\}$. By a solution of equation (1.1) we mean a real sequence $x(n)$ is defined for all $n \geq n_0 - \theta$ satisfies (1.1) for all $n \geq n_0$. A nontrivial solution $x(n)$ is said to be oscillatory if it is neither eventually positive nor eventually negative; otherwise, it is nonoscillatory. Equation (1.1) is said to be oscillatory if all its solutions are oscillatory.

2. EXISTENCE OF NONOSCILLATORY SOLUTIONS

In this section we establish sufficient condition for the existence of bounded nonoscillatory solution of equation (1.1).

Lemma 2.1 (Krasnoselskii's Fixed Point Theorem): Let X be a Banach space, let Ω be a bounded closed convex subset of X and let S_1, S_2 be maps of Ω into X such that $S_1x + S_2y \in \Omega$ for every pair $x, y \in \Omega$. If S_1 is a contraction and S_2 is completely continuous, then the equation $S_1x + S_2y = x$ has a solution in Ω .

Theorem 2.2 Assume that $-1 < c_1 \leq p(n) \leq 0$ and that

$$\sum_{n=n_0}^{\infty} |q(n)| < \infty, \quad (2.1)$$

$$\sum_{n=n_0}^{\infty} |e(n)| < \infty, \tag{2.2}$$

and

$$\sum_{n=n_0}^{\infty} \left| \frac{1}{a^\gamma(n)} \right| < \infty. \tag{2.3}$$

Then equation (1.1) has a bounded nonoscillatory solution.

Proof. By (2.1) – (2.3), we choose $n \geq n_0$ sufficiently such that

$$\sum_{l=n_1}^{\infty} \sum_{t=l}^{\infty} \left(\left| \frac{1}{a(t)} \right| \sum_{s=t}^{\infty} |q(s)| M_1 + |e(s)| \right)^{\frac{1}{\gamma}} < \frac{1}{3} (1 + c_1).$$

where $M_1 = \max_{\frac{2(1+c_1)}{3} \leq x \leq \frac{4}{3}} |x^\gamma(\tau(s))|$. Let $\ell_{n_0}^\infty$ be the set of all real sequences with the norm

$\|x\| = \sup_{n \geq n_0} |x(n)| < \infty$. Then $\ell_{n_0}^\infty$ is a Banach space. We define a closed, bounded and convex subset Ω of

$\ell_{n_0}^\infty$ as follows.

$$\Omega = \left\{ x = \{x(n)\} \in \ell_{n_0}^\infty : \frac{2}{3}(1 + c_1) \leq x(n) \leq \frac{4}{3}, n \geq n_0 \right\}.$$

Define two maps S_1 and $S_2 : \Omega \rightarrow \ell_{n_0}^\infty$ as follows:

$$(S_1 x)_n = \begin{cases} 1 + c_1 - p(n)x(\delta(n)), & n \geq n_1, \\ (S_1 x)_n, & n_0 \leq n \leq n_1. \end{cases}$$

$$(S_2 x)_n = \begin{cases} \sum_{l=n}^{\infty} \sum_{t=l}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{a(t)} \sum_{s=t}^{\infty} (q(s)x^\gamma(\tau(s)) - e(s)) \right)^{\frac{1}{\gamma}}, & n \geq n_1, \\ (S_2 x)_n, & n_0 \leq n \leq n_1. \end{cases}$$

Case 1.(i) We shall show that for any $x, y \in \Omega$, $(S_1 x)_n + (S_2 y)_n \in \Omega$. In fact for every $x, y \in \Omega$ and $n \geq n_0$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} (S_1 x)_n + (S_2 y)_n &\leq 1 + c_1 - p(n)x(\delta(n)) + \sum_{l=n}^{\infty} \sum_{t=l}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{a(t)} \sum_{s=t}^{\infty} (q(s)y^\gamma(\tau(s)) - e(s)) \right)^{\frac{1}{\gamma}} \\ &\leq 1 + c_1 - \frac{4}{3}c_1 + \sum_{l=n_1}^{\infty} \sum_{t=l}^{\infty} \left(\left| \frac{1}{a(t)} \right| \sum_{s=t}^{\infty} |q(s)| M_1 + |e(s)| \right)^{\frac{1}{\gamma}} \\ &\leq 1 + c_1 - \frac{4}{3}c_1 + \frac{1+c_1}{3} = \frac{4}{3}. \end{aligned}$$

Furthermore we have,

$$\begin{aligned}
 (S_1x)_n + (S_2y)_n &\geq 1 + c_1 - p(n)x(\delta(n)) - \sum_{l=n}^{\infty} \sum_{t=l}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{a(t)} \sum_{s=t}^{\infty} (q(s)y^\gamma(\tau(s)) - e(s)) \right)^{\frac{1}{\gamma}} \\
 &\geq 1 + c_1 - \sum_{l=n_1}^{\infty} \sum_{t=l}^{\infty} \left(\left| \frac{1}{a(t)} \sum_{s=t}^{\infty} |q(s)|M_1 + |e(s)| \right| \right)^{\frac{1}{\gamma}} \\
 &\geq 1 + c_1 - \frac{1+c_1}{3} = \frac{2(1+c_1)}{3}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\frac{2(1+c_1)}{3} \leq (S_1x)_n + (S_2y)_n \leq \frac{4}{3}, \quad n \geq n_0.$$

Thus we have proved that $(S_1x)_n + (S_2y)_n \in \Omega$ for any $x, y \in \Omega$.

(ii) $n_0 \leq n \leq n_1$. For any $x \in \Omega$ we know that $(S_1x)_n = (S_1x)_{n_1}$ and $(S_2x)_n = (S_2x)_{n_1}$.

$$\frac{2(1+c_1)}{3} \leq (S_1x)_{n_1} + (S_2x)_{n_1} \leq \frac{4}{3}.$$

Considering the two cases, for any $x \in \Omega$, we have

$$\frac{2(1+c_1)}{3} \leq (S_1x)_n + (S_2x)_n \leq \frac{4}{3}.$$

Case 2. We shall show that S_1 is a contraction mapping on Ω . For $x, y \in \Omega$ and $n \geq n_0$, we have

$$\left| (S_1x)_n + (S_2y)_n \right| \leq -p(n) \left| x(\delta(n)) - y(\delta(n)) \right| \leq -c_1 \|x - y\|.$$

Since $0 < -c_1 < 1$, we conclude that S_1 is a contraction mapping on Ω .

Case 3. next we shall show that S_2 is uniformly Cauchy. First we shall show that S_2 continuous. Let $\{x^i\}$ be a sequence in Ω such that $x^{(i)} \rightarrow x = x(n)$ as $i \rightarrow \infty$. Since Ω is closed $x \in \Omega$. Furthermore, for $n \geq n_1$ we have,

$$\left| (S_2x^{(i)})_n - (S_2x)_n \right| \leq \sum_{l=n_1}^{\infty} \sum_{t=l}^{\infty} \left(\left| \frac{1}{a(t)} \sum_{s=t}^{\infty} |q(s)| \left| x^{(i)\gamma}(\tau(n)) - x^\gamma(\tau(n)) \right| \right)^{\frac{1}{\gamma}}.$$

Since $\left| x^{(i)\gamma}(\tau(n)) - x^\gamma(\tau(n)) \right| \rightarrow 0$ as $i \rightarrow \infty$ by applying the Lebeque dominated convergence theorem, we conclude that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left\| (S_2x^{(i)})_n - (S_2x)_n \right\| = 0.$$

This means that S_2 is continuous. Finally we prove that S_2 is uniformly Cauchy. By (2.1) – (2.3), for any $\varepsilon > 0$, choose $n \geq n_1$ large enough so that

$$\sum_{l=n}^{\infty} \sum_{t=l}^{\infty} \left(\left| \frac{1}{a(t)} \sum_{s=t}^{\infty} |q(s)|M_1 + |e(s)| \right| \right)^{\frac{1}{\gamma}} < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}.$$

Then for $x \in \Omega, n_2 > n_1 > N$.

$$\begin{aligned}
|(S_2x)_t - (S_2x)_n| &\leq \sum_{l=n_2}^{\infty} \sum_{t=l}^{\infty} \left(\left| \frac{1}{a(t)} \sum_{s=t}^{\infty} |q(s)| x^\gamma(\tau(n)) + |e(s)| \right| \right)^{\frac{1}{\gamma}} \\
&\quad + \sum_{l=n_1}^{\infty} \sum_{t=l}^{\infty} \left(\left| \frac{1}{a(t)} \sum_{s=t}^{\infty} |q(s)| x^\gamma(\tau(n)) + |e(s)| \right| \right)^{\frac{1}{\gamma}} \\
&\leq \sum_{l=n_2}^{\infty} \sum_{t=l}^{\infty} \left(\left| \frac{1}{a(t)} \sum_{s=t}^{\infty} |q(s)| M_1 + |e(s)| \right| \right)^{\frac{1}{\gamma}} \\
&\quad + \sum_{l=n_1}^{\infty} \sum_{t=l}^{\infty} \left(\left| \frac{1}{a(t)} \sum_{s=t}^{\infty} |q(s)| M_1 + |e(s)| \right| \right)^{\frac{1}{\gamma}} \\
&\leq \frac{\varepsilon}{2} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} = \varepsilon.
\end{aligned}$$

Thus S_2 is uniformly Cauchy.

On summarizing the above cases we can conclude from the Kronoseselskii's fixed point theorem that there exists a fixed point x on Ω such that $(S_1x)_n + (S_2x)_n = x$, where $x = x(n)$ satisfies

$$\begin{aligned}
(S_1x)_n + (S_2x)_n &= 1 + c_1 - p(n)x(\delta(n)) + \sum_{l=n}^{\infty} \sum_{t=l}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{a(t)} \sum_{s=t}^{\infty} (q(s)x^\gamma(\tau(s)) - e(s)) \right)^{\frac{1}{\gamma}} \\
x(n) &= 1 + c_1 - p(n)x(\delta(n)) + \sum_{l=n}^{\infty} \sum_{t=l}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{a(t)} \sum_{s=t}^{\infty} (q(s)x^\gamma(\tau(s)) - e(s)) \right)^{\frac{1}{\gamma}}.
\end{aligned}$$

From this, $x(n)$ is a positive sequence. Differentiating three times the above expression, we get

$$\Delta \left(a(n) \left(\Delta^2 (x(n) + p(n)x(\delta(n))) \right)^\gamma \right) + q(n)x^\gamma(\tau(n)) = e(n).$$

Hence this fixed point $x(n)$ is a positive solution of the equation (1.1). This completes the proof of Theorem 2.2.

Theorem 2.3 Assume that $-\infty < p(n) \equiv c_2 < -1$ and that (2.1) to (2.3) Then equation (1.1) has a bounded nonoscillatory solution.

Proof: By (2.1) – (2.3), we choose a $n_1 \geq n_0$ sufficiently such that

$$-\frac{1}{c_2} \sum_{l=n_1+\delta}^{\infty} \sum_{t=l}^{\infty} \left(\left| \frac{1}{a(t)} \sum_{s=t}^{\infty} |q(s)| M_2 + |e(s)| \right| \right)^{\frac{1}{\gamma}} < -\frac{1}{2}(1+c_2).$$

where $M_2 = \max_{-\frac{(1+c_2)}{2} \leq x \leq -2c_2} |x^\gamma(\tau(s))|$. Let $\ell_{n_0}^\infty$ be the set of all real sequences with the norm

$\|x\| = \sup_{n \geq n_0} |x(n)| < \infty$. Then $\ell_{n_0}^\infty$ is a Banach space. We define a closed, bounded and convex subset Ω of

$\ell_{n_0}^\infty$ as follows.

$$\Omega = \left\{ x = \{x(n)\} \in \ell_{n_0}^\infty : -\frac{1}{2}(1+c_2) \leq x(n) \leq -2c_2, n \geq n_0 \right\}.$$

Define two maps S_1 and $S_2 : \Omega \rightarrow \ell_{n_0}^\infty$ as follows:

$$(S_1x)_n = \begin{cases} -c_2 - 1 - \frac{1}{p(n)}x(n+\delta), & n \geq n_1, \\ (S_1x)_n, & n_0 \leq n \leq n_1. \end{cases}$$

$$(S_2x)_n = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{p(n)} \sum_{l=n+\delta}^{\infty} \sum_{t=l}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{a(t)} \sum_{s=t}^{\infty} (q(s)x^\gamma(\tau(s)) - e(s)) \right)^{\frac{1}{\gamma}}, & n \geq n_1, \\ (S_2x)_n, & n_0 \leq n \leq n_1. \end{cases}$$

(i) We shall show that for any $x, y \in \Omega$, $(S_1x)_n + (S_2y)_n \in \Omega$. In fact for every $x, y \in \Omega$ and $n \geq n_1$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} (S_1x)_n + (S_2y)_n &\leq -c_2 - 1 - \frac{1}{p(n)}x(n+\delta) - \frac{1}{p(n)} \sum_{l=n+\delta}^{\infty} \sum_{t=l}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{a(t)} \sum_{s=t}^{\infty} (q(s)y^\gamma(\tau(s)) - e(s)) \right)^{\frac{1}{\gamma}} \\ &\leq -c_2 - 1 + 2 - \frac{1}{c_2} \sum_{l=n_1+\delta}^{\infty} \sum_{t=l}^{\infty} \left(\left| \frac{1}{a(t)} \sum_{s=t}^{\infty} |q(s)|M_2 + |e(s)| \right| \right)^{\frac{1}{\gamma}} \\ &\leq -c_2 + 1 - \frac{c_2 + 1}{2} = -2c_2. \end{aligned}$$

Furthermore we have,

$$\begin{aligned} (S_1x)_n + (S_2y)_n &\geq -c_2 - 1 - \frac{1}{p(n)}x(n+\delta) + \frac{1}{p(n)} \sum_{l=n+\delta}^{\infty} \sum_{t=l}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{a(t)} \sum_{s=t}^{\infty} (q(s)y^\gamma(\tau(s)) - e(s)) \right)^{\frac{1}{\gamma}} \\ &\geq -c_2 - 1 + \frac{1}{c_2} \sum_{l=n_1+\delta}^{\infty} \sum_{t=l}^{\infty} \left(\left| \frac{1}{a(t)} \sum_{s=t}^{\infty} |q(s)|M_2 + |e(s)| \right| \right)^{\frac{1}{\gamma}} \\ &\geq (-c_2 - 1) + \frac{c_2 + 1}{2} = -\frac{c_2 + 1}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$-\frac{(c_2 + 1)}{2} \leq (S_1x)_n + (S_2y)_n \leq -2c_2.$$

Thus we have proved that $(S_1x)_n + (S_2y)_n \in \Omega$ for any $x, y \in \Omega$. We shall show that S_1 is a contraction mapping on Ω . In fact $x, y \in \Omega$ and $n \geq n_1$ we have

$$|(S_1x)_n - (S_1y)_n| \leq -\frac{1}{p(n)}|x(n+\delta) - y(n+\delta)| \leq -\frac{1}{c_2}\|x - y\|.$$

Since $0 < -\frac{1}{c_2} < 1$ that S_1 is a contraction mapping on Ω . Proceeding similarly as in the proof of

Theorem 2.2 we obtain S_2 is uniformly Cauchy. By Lemma 2.1, there is an $x^* \in \Omega$ such that $S_1x^* + S_2x^* = x^*$. It is easy to see that $x^* = \{x^*(n)\}$ is a nonoscillatory solution of the equation (1.1). This completes the proof of Theorem 2.3.

Theorem 2.4 Assume that $0 < p(n) \leq c_3 < 1$ and that (2.1) to (2.3) Then equation (1.1) has a bounded nonoscillatory solution.

Proof: By (2.1) – (2.3), we choose a $n_1 \geq n_0$ sufficiently such that

$$\sum_{s=n_1}^{\infty} \sum_{t=l}^{\infty} \left(\left| \frac{1}{a(t)} \right| \sum_{s=t}^{\infty} |q(s)| M_3 + |e(s)| \right)^{\frac{1}{\gamma}} < 1 - c_3.$$

where $M_3 = \max_{2(1-c_3) \leq x \leq 4} |x^\gamma(\tau(s))|$. Let $\ell_{n_0}^\infty$ be the set of all real sequences with the norm $\|x\| = \sup_{n \geq n_0} |x(n)| < \infty$.

Then $\ell_{n_0}^\infty$ is a Banach space. We define a closed, bounded and convex subset Ω of $\ell_{n_0}^\infty$ as follows.

$$\Omega = \{x = \{x(n)\} \in \ell_{n_0}^\infty : 2(1-c_3) \leq x(n) \leq 4, n \geq n_0\}.$$

Define two maps S_1 and $S_2 : \Omega \rightarrow \ell_{n_0}^\infty$ as follows:

$$(S_1 x)_n = \begin{cases} 3 + c_3 - p(n)x(\delta(n)), & n \geq n_1, \\ (S_1 x)_n, & n_0 \leq n \leq n_1. \end{cases}$$

$$(S_2 x)_n = \begin{cases} \sum_{l=n}^{\infty} \sum_{t=l}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{a(t)} \sum_{s=t}^{\infty} (q(s)x^\gamma(\tau(s)) - e(s)) \right)^{\frac{1}{\gamma}}, & n \geq n_1, \\ (S_2 x)_n, & n_0 \leq n \leq n_1. \end{cases}$$

(i) We shall show that for any $x, y \in \Omega$, $(S_1 x)_n + (S_2 y)_n \in \Omega$. In fact for every $x, y \in \Omega$ and $n \geq n_1$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} (S_1 x)_n + (S_2 y)_n &\leq 3 + c_3 - p(n)x(\delta(n)) + \sum_{l=n}^{\infty} \sum_{t=l}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{a(t)} \sum_{s=t}^{\infty} (q(s)y^\gamma(\tau(s)) - e(s)) \right)^{\frac{1}{\gamma}} \\ &\leq 3 + c_3 + \sum_{l=n_1}^{\infty} \sum_{t=l}^{\infty} \left(\left| \frac{1}{a(t)} \right| \sum_{s=t}^{\infty} |q(s)| M_3 + |e(s)| \right)^{\frac{1}{\gamma}} \\ &\leq 3 + c_3 + 1 - c_3 = 4. \end{aligned}$$

Furthermore we have,

$$\begin{aligned} (S_1 x)_n + (S_2 y)_n &\geq 3 + c_3 - p(n)x(\delta(n)) - \sum_{l=n}^{\infty} \sum_{t=l}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{a(t)} \sum_{s=t}^{\infty} (q(s)y^\gamma(\tau(s)) - e(s)) \right)^{\frac{1}{\gamma}} \\ &\geq 3 + c_3 - p(n)x(\delta(n)) - \sum_{l=n_1}^{\infty} \sum_{t=l}^{\infty} \left(\left| \frac{1}{a(t)} \right| \sum_{s=t}^{\infty} |q(s)| M_3 + |e(s)| \right)^{\frac{1}{\gamma}} \\ &\geq 3 + c_3 - 4c_3 - (1 - c_3) = 2(1 - c_3). \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$2(1 - c_3) \leq (S_1 x)_n + (S_2 y)_n \leq 4, \text{ for } n \geq n_0.$$

Thus we have proved that $(S_1 x)_n + (S_2 y)_n \in \Omega$ for any $x, y \in \Omega$. Proceeding similarly as in the proof of Theorem 2.2 we obtain the mapping S_1 is a contraction mapping on Ω and the mapping S_2 is uniformly Cauchy. By Lemma 2.1, there is an $x^* \in \Omega$ such that $S_1 x^* + S_2 x^* = x^*$. It is easy to see that $x^* = \{x^*(n)\}$ is a nonoscillatory solution of the equation (1.1). This completes the proof of Theorem 2.4.

Theorem 2.5. Assume that $1 < c_4 \equiv p(n) < \infty$ and that (2.1) to (2.3) Then equation (1.1) has a bounded nonoscillatory solution.

Proof: By (2.1) – (2.3), we choose a $n_1 \geq n_0$ sufficiently such that

$$\frac{1}{c_4} \sum_{s=n_1+\delta}^{\infty} \sum_{t=l}^{\infty} \left(\left| \frac{1}{a(t)} \sum_{s=t}^{\infty} |q(s)| M_4 + |e(s)| \right| \right)^{\frac{1}{\gamma}} < c_4 - 1.$$

Where $M_4 = \max_{2(c_4-1) \leq x \leq 4c_4} |x^\gamma (\tau(s))|$. Let $\ell_{n_0}^\infty$ be the set of all real sequences with the norm $\|x\| = \sup_{n \geq n_0} |x(n)| < \infty$. Then $\ell_{n_0}^\infty$ is a Banach space. We define a closed, bounded and convex subset Ω of

$\ell_{n_0}^\infty$ as follows.

$$\Omega = \{x = \{x(n)\} \in \ell_{n_0}^\infty : 2(c_4 - 1) \leq x(n) \leq 4c_4, n \geq n_0\}.$$

Define two maps S_1 and $S_2 : \Omega \rightarrow \ell_{n_0}^\infty$ as follows:

$$(S_1 x)_n = \begin{cases} 3c_4 + 1 - \frac{1}{p(n)} x(n+k), & n \geq n_1, \\ (S_1 x)_n, & n_0 \leq n \leq n_1. \end{cases}$$

$$(S_2 x)_n = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{p(n)} \sum_{l=n+\delta}^{\infty} \sum_{t=l}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{a(t)} \sum_{s=t}^{\infty} (q(s) x^\gamma (\tau(s)) - e(s)) \right)^{\frac{1}{\gamma}}, & n \geq n_1, \\ (S_2 x)_n, & n_0 \leq n \leq n_1. \end{cases}$$

(i) We shall show that for any $x, y \in \Omega$, $(S_1 x)_n + (S_2 y)_n \in \Omega$. In fact for every $x, y \in \Omega$ and $n \geq n_0$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} (S_1 x)_n + (S_2 y)_n &\leq 3c_4 + 1 - \frac{1}{p(n)} x(n+k) + \frac{1}{p(n)} \sum_{l=n+\delta}^{\infty} \sum_{t=l}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{a(t)} \sum_{s=t}^{\infty} (q(s) y^\gamma (\tau(s)) - e(s)) \right)^{\frac{1}{\gamma}} \\ &\leq 3c_4 + 1 + \frac{1}{c_4} \sum_{l=n_1}^{\infty} \sum_{t=l}^{\infty} \left(\left| \frac{1}{a(t)} \sum_{s=t}^{\infty} |q(s)| M_4 + |e(s)| \right| \right)^{\frac{1}{\gamma}} \\ &\leq 3c_4 + 1 + (c_4 - 1) = 4c_4. \end{aligned}$$

Furthermore we have,

$$\begin{aligned} (S_1 x)_n + (S_2 y)_n &\geq 3c_4 + 1 - \frac{1}{p(n)} x(n+k) - \frac{1}{p(n)} \sum_{l=n+\delta}^{\infty} \sum_{t=l}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{a(t)} \sum_{s=t}^{\infty} (q(s) y^\gamma (\tau(s)) - e(s)) \right)^{\frac{1}{\gamma}} \\ &\geq 3c_4 + 1 - \frac{1}{p(n)} x(n+k) - \frac{1}{c_4} \sum_{l=n_1}^{\infty} \sum_{t=l}^{\infty} \left(\left| \frac{1}{a(t)} \sum_{s=t}^{\infty} |q(s)| M_4 + |e(s)| \right| \right)^{\frac{1}{\gamma}} \\ &\geq 3c_4 - 3 - (c_4 - 1) = 2(c_4 - 1). \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$2(c_4 - 1) \leq (S_1 x)_n + (S_2 y)_n \leq 4c_4 \text{ for } n \geq n_0.$$

Thus we have proved that $(S_1 x)_n + (S_2 y)_n \in \Omega$ for any $x, y \in \Omega$. Proceeding similarly as in the proof of Theorem 2.2 we obtain the mapping S_1 is a contraction mapping on Ω and the mapping S_2 is uniformly Cauchy. By Lemma 2.1, there is an $x^* \in \Omega$ such that $S_1 x^* + S_2 x^* = x^*$. It is easy to see that $x^* = \{x^*\}$ is a nonoscillatory solution of the equation (1.1). This completes the proof of Theorem 2.5.

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