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# Asymptotic properties of solutions to third order neutral differential equations with delay 

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#### Abstract

This paper concerns the asymptotic properties of solutions of a class of third-order neutral differential equations with delay. We give sufficient conditions for every solution to be converges to zero, bounded and square integrable. An example is also given to illustrate the results.


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## 1. Introduction

In this article, sufficient conditions are obtained such that every solution of (1.1) tends to zero as $t \rightarrow \infty$ of the neutral equation of the form
$(1.1)[x(t)+\beta x(t-r)]^{\prime \prime \prime}+a(t) x^{\prime \prime}(t)+b(t) x^{\prime}(t)+c(t) f(x(t-r))=0$,
and the boundedness and the square integrability of
$\left(1.2[x(t)+\beta x(t-r)]^{\prime \prime \prime}+a(t) x^{\prime \prime}(t)+b(t) x^{\prime}(t)+c(t) f(x(t-r))=h(t)\right.$,
where, $\beta$ and $r$ are constants with $0 \leq \beta \leq 1$ and $r \geq 0, h(t)$ and $f(x)$ continuous functions depending only on the arguments shown and $f^{\prime}(x)$ exist and is continuous for all $x$.
By a solution of (1.1) we mean a continuous function $x:\left[t_{x}, \infty\right) \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ such that $x(t)+\beta x(t-r) \in C^{3}\left(\left[t_{x}, \infty\right), \mathbf{R}\right)$ and which satisfies equation (1.1) on $\left[t_{x}, \infty\right)$.

The asymptotic behavior of solutions in special cases $\beta=0$ or $r=0$ has been studied by serval authors see for example Ademola et al. [1, 2], Graef et al. [11, 12], Omeike [14], Oudjedi et al. [15], Remili et al. ([16]$[27])$, Tunç [29, 30]. This problem for neutral differential equations has received considerable attention in recent years Baculíková [4], Mihalíková and Kostiková [5], Das and Misra [6], Dorociaková [7], Došlá and Liška [8, 9], Kulenovic et al. [13], Tian et al. [28], Li et al. [31], Yu et al. [32], Yu Jianshe [33]. Many books dealt with the neutral delay differential equation and obtained many good results, for example Arino et al. [3], El'sgol'ts[10].

Neutral differential equations have many applications. For example, these equations arise in the study of two or more simple oscillatory systems with some interconnections between them and in modeling physical problems such as vibration of masses attached to an elastic bar. In the qualitative analysis of such systems, the stability and asymptotic behavior of solutions play an important role.

However, as far as we know, there aren't works studying the asymptotic behavior of third order neutral differential equations with delay of the form
(1.2) by using Lyapunov's functionals.

Motivated by this fact, in the present paper, we will investigate the asymptotic behavior, boundedness and square integrability of solutions of differential equation (1.2).

The organization of this article is as follows: In section 2, we give a theorem, which deal with asymptotic stability of every solution of the delay differential equation (1.1) when $h(t)=0$. In section 3, we introduced theorem which discuss the boundedness of the solutions of equation (1.2) for the case $h(t) \neq 0$. In section 4, we introduced theorem which discuss the square integrability of the solutions of equation (1.2). Eventually, example is given in section 5 .

## 2. Asymptotic stability

We shall state here some assumptions which will be used on the functions that appeared in equation (1.1), and suppose that there are positive constants $a_{0}, a_{1}, c_{0}, b_{1}, L, \delta, d, \gamma, \eta$ and $M$ such that the following conditions are satisfied:
$\left.\mathrm{H}_{0}\right) 0<a_{0} \leq a(t) \leq a_{1}, \quad 0<c_{0} \leq c(t) \leq b(t) \leq b_{1} ;$ for all $t \geq t_{0}+r$,
$\left.\mathrm{H}_{1}\right) \delta\left(1+\frac{\beta}{2}\right)<d<a_{0}, \quad-L \leq b^{\prime}(t) \leq c^{\prime}(t) \leq 0 ;$ for all $t \geq t_{0}+r$,
$\left.\mathrm{H}_{2}\right) f(0)=0, \frac{f(x)}{x} \geq M>0(x \neq 0)$, and $f^{\prime}(x) \leq \delta$; for all $x$,
$\left.\mathrm{H}_{3}\right) \quad \frac{1}{2} d a^{\prime}(t)-c_{0}\left(d-\left(1+\frac{\beta}{2}\right) \delta\right)+\frac{b_{1} \beta}{2}(1+\beta+\delta) \leq-\eta<0 ;$ for all $t \geq t_{0}+r$,
$\left.\mathrm{H}_{4}\right) \beta\left(a_{1}-d\right)+b_{1} \beta(1+\beta)-(2-\beta)\left(a_{0}-d\right)=-\gamma<0$.
For the brevity, we put

$$
X(t)=x(t)+\beta x(t-r) .
$$

The equation (1.1) is equivalent to the following system

$$
\begin{align*}
x^{\prime}(t) & =y(t) \\
y^{\prime}(t) & =z(t) \\
Z^{\prime}(t) & =-a(t) z(t)-b(t) y(t)-c(t) f(x(t))+c(t) \int_{t-r}^{t} f^{\prime}(x(s)) y(s) d s . \tag{2.1}
\end{align*}
$$

According to the definition of $X(t)$ and (2), we have

$$
X^{\prime}(t)=y(t)+\beta y(t-r)=Y(t),
$$

and

$$
X^{\prime \prime}(t)=z(t)+\beta z(t-r)=Z(t) .
$$

Theorem 2.1. Assume that all assuptions $\left(H_{0}-H_{4}\right)$ hold. Then, every solution of (2) is asymptoticaly stable if

$$
r<\min \left\{\frac{2 \eta}{\delta(1+\beta+2 d)}, \frac{\gamma}{\delta(1+\beta)}\right\} .
$$

Proof. Define a Lyapunov functional $V(t, x, y, Z)$ as
$V=V_{0}+V_{1}+\mu \int_{t-r}^{t} z^{2}(s) d s+\sigma \int_{t-r}^{t} y^{2}(s) d s+\lambda \int_{-r}^{0} \int_{t+s}^{t} y^{2}(\tau) d \tau d s$,
where

$$
\begin{aligned}
V_{0} & =d c(t) F(x)+c(t) Y f(x)+\frac{b(t)}{2} Y^{2}, \\
V_{1} & =\frac{1}{2} Z^{2}+d y Z+\frac{1}{2} d a(t) y^{2},
\end{aligned}
$$

such that $F(x)=\int_{0}^{x} f(u) d u . \mu, \sigma$ and $\lambda$ are to be selected below suitably. First we shall show that $V(t)$ defined by (2.2) is positive definite. From $H_{0}$ and $H_{1}$ we have

$$
\begin{aligned}
V_{1} & =\frac{1}{2}\left(Z^{2}+2 d y Z+d a(t) y^{2}\right) \\
& =\frac{1}{2}\left((Z+d y)^{2}+d y^{2}(a(t)-d)\right) .
\end{aligned}
$$

In the same way, it follows that

$$
V_{1}=\frac{d a(t)}{2}\left(y+\frac{1}{a(t)} Z\right)^{2}+\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{a(t)-d}{a(t)}\right) Z^{2} .
$$

Then

$$
\begin{aligned}
V_{1} & \left.=\frac{1}{4}(Z+d y)^{2}+\frac{1}{4} d a(t)\left(y+\frac{1}{a(t)} Z\right)^{2}+\frac{1}{4} d(a(t)-d) y^{2}+\frac{1}{4 a(t)}(a(t)-d)\right) Z^{2} \\
& \geq \frac{d\left(a_{0}-d\right)}{4} y^{2}+\frac{\left(a_{0}-d\right)}{4 a_{1}} Z^{2} .
\end{aligned}
$$

From this inequality we can deduce a positive constant $k_{0}$ such that

$$
V_{1} \geq k_{0}\left(y^{2}+Z^{2}\right)
$$

where $k_{0}=\min \left\{\frac{d}{4}\left(a_{0}-d\right), \frac{1}{4 a_{1}}\left(a_{0}-d\right)\right\}$. Using $H_{0}$, we obtain

$$
\begin{aligned}
V_{0} & =d c(t) F(x)+\frac{b(t)}{2}\left[Y^{2}+\frac{2 c(t) Y f(x)}{b(t)}\right] \\
& =d c(t) \int_{0}^{x} f(u) d u+\frac{b(t)}{2}\left[\left(Y+\frac{c(t)}{b(t)} f(x)\right)^{2}-\frac{c^{2}(t)}{b^{2}(t)} f^{2}(x)\right] \\
& \geq d c(t) \int_{0}^{x} f(u) d u-\frac{c^{2}(t)}{2 b(t)} f^{2}(x) .
\end{aligned}
$$

Since $f(0)=0$ and $f^{\prime}(x) \leq \delta$, it follows that

$$
\frac{1}{2} f^{2}(x)=\int_{0}^{x} f(u) f^{\prime}(u) d u \leq \delta \int_{0}^{x} f(u) d u
$$

Thus, from $H_{1}$ we get

$$
\begin{aligned}
V_{0} & \geq d c(t) \int_{0}^{x}\left(1-\frac{\delta}{d}\right) f(u) d u \\
& \geq \delta_{1} \int_{0}^{x} f(u) d u=\delta_{1} F(x)
\end{aligned}
$$

where $\delta_{1}=d c_{0}\left(1-\frac{\delta}{d}\right)$. Observe that by $H_{2}$ we have

$$
\frac{f^{2}(x)}{x^{2}} \geq M^{2}
$$

which implies that

$$
F(x) \geq \frac{1}{2 \delta} f^{2}(x) \geq \frac{M^{2}}{2 \delta} x^{2}(t)
$$

Since

$$
\sigma \int_{t-r}^{t} y^{2}(s) d s+\mu \int_{t-r}^{t} z^{2}(s) d s+\lambda \int_{-r}^{0} \int_{t+s}^{t} y^{2}(\tau) d \tau d s>0
$$

it follows that

$$
\begin{equation*}
V \geq k_{1}\left(Z^{2}+y^{2}+x^{2}\right), \tag{2.3}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $k_{1}=\min \left\{k_{0}, \frac{M^{2} \delta_{1}}{2 \delta}\right\}$. It is not difficult to verify that

$$
W(x, y, Z)=k_{1}\left(Z^{2}+y^{2}+x^{2}\right)=0 \Leftrightarrow x=y=Z=0
$$

and

$$
V \geq k_{1}\left(Z^{2}+y^{2}+x^{2}\right)=W(x, y, Z)>0 \text { if }(x, y, Z) \neq 0
$$

The derivative of the functional V along the trajectories of the system (2) is given by

$$
\begin{align*}
& =d c^{\prime}(t) F(x)+c^{\prime}(t) Y f(x)+\frac{b^{\prime}(t)}{2} Y^{2}+\frac{1}{2} d a^{\prime}(t) y^{2}+\beta c(t) y y(t-r) f^{\prime}(x)+b(t) \beta y(t-r) z  \tag{2}\\
& +b(t) \beta^{2} y(t-r) z(t-r)-\sigma y^{2}(t-r)-d b(t) y^{2}+c(t) y^{2} f^{\prime}(x)+\sigma y^{2}+\lambda r y^{2} \\
& +(d-a(t)) z^{2}+\mu z^{2}+\beta(d-a(t)) z z(t-r)-\mu z^{2}(t-r)-\lambda \int_{t-r}^{t} y^{2}(s) d s \\
& +c(t)(z+\beta z(t-r)+d y) \int_{t-r}^{t} f^{\prime}(x(s)) y(s) d s .
\end{align*}
$$

We claim that

$$
d c^{\prime}(t) F(x)+c^{\prime}(t) Y f(x)+\frac{b^{\prime}(t)}{2} Y^{2} \leq 0
$$

for all $t \geq 0, x$ and $y$. The remaining of this proof follows the strategy indicated in the proof of Theorem 3.1 in [22] and hence it is omitted.

By the condition $\mathrm{H}_{2}$ and applying the estimate $2 u v \leq u^{2}+v^{2}$ we obtain

$$
\begin{aligned}
z \int_{t-r}^{t} f^{\prime}(x(s)) y(s) d s & \leq \frac{\delta r}{2} z^{2}+\frac{\delta}{2} \int_{t-r}^{t} y^{2}(s) d s, \\
\beta z(t-r) \int_{t-r}^{t} f^{\prime}(x(s)) y(s) d s & \leq \frac{\beta \delta r}{2} z^{2}(t-r)+\frac{\delta \beta}{2} \int_{t-r}^{t} y^{2}(s) d s, \\
d y \int_{t-r}^{t} f^{\prime}(x(s)) y(s) d s & \leq \frac{\delta r}{2} d y^{2}++\frac{\delta d}{2} \int_{t-r}^{t} y^{2}(s) d s .
\end{aligned}
$$

From conditions $\mathrm{H}_{0}$ and $\mathrm{H}_{1}$ and the above estimates it is easy to see that $V_{(2)}^{\prime}$ can be replaced by

$$
\begin{aligned}
V_{(2)}^{\prime} & \leq\left(\frac{1}{2} d a^{\prime}(t)-b(t)\left(d-\delta\left(1+\frac{\beta}{2}\right) \frac{c(t)}{b(t)}\right)+\sigma+\frac{d \delta r}{2}+\lambda r\right) y^{2}(t) \\
& +\left(\mu-\frac{(2-\beta)\left(a_{0}-d\right)-\beta b_{1}}{2}+\frac{\delta r}{2}\right) z^{2}(t) \\
& +\left(\frac{b_{1} \beta}{2}(1+\beta)+\frac{\delta \beta b_{1}}{2}-\sigma\right) y^{2}(t-r) \\
& +\left(\frac{\beta\left(a_{1}-d\right)+b_{1} \beta^{2}}{2}-\mu+\beta \frac{\delta r}{2}\right) z^{2}(t-r) \\
& +\left(\frac{\delta}{2}+\beta \frac{\delta}{2}+\frac{d \delta}{2}-\lambda\right) \int_{t-r}^{t} y^{2}(s) d s
\end{aligned}
$$

Let
$\mu=\frac{\beta\left(a_{1}-d\right)+b_{1} \beta^{2}+\beta \delta r}{2}, \quad \lambda=\frac{\delta}{2}(1+\beta+d) \quad$ and $\quad \sigma=\frac{b_{1} \beta}{2}(1+\beta+\delta)$,
the last inequality becomes

$$
\begin{aligned}
V_{(2)}^{\prime} & \leq\left(\frac{1}{2} d a^{\prime}(t)-c_{0}\left(d-\left(1+\frac{\beta}{2}\right) \delta\right)+\frac{b_{1} \beta}{2}(1+\beta+\delta)+\frac{\delta r}{2}(1+\beta+2 d)\right) y^{2}(t) \\
& +\frac{1}{2}\left(\beta\left(a_{1}-d\right)+b_{1} \beta(1+\beta)-(2-\beta)\left(a_{0}-d\right)+\delta r(1+\beta)\right) z^{2}(t) \\
& \leq\left(-\eta+\frac{\delta r}{2}(1+\beta+2 d)\right) y^{2}(t)+\frac{1}{2}(-\gamma+\delta r(1+\beta)) z^{2}(t) .
\end{aligned}
$$

Therefore, from $H_{3}$ and $H_{4}$ there exists a positive constant $N$ such that

$$
\begin{equation*}
V_{(2)}^{\prime} \leq-N\left(y^{2}(t)+z^{2}(t)\right) \tag{2.4}
\end{equation*}
$$

provided that

$$
r<\min \left\{\frac{2 \eta}{\delta(1+\beta+2 d)}, \frac{\gamma}{\delta(1+\beta)}\right\}
$$

Finally, it follows that

$$
V_{(2)}^{\prime}(t, x, y, Z)=0 \quad \text { if and only if } \quad x=y=Z=0
$$

and

$$
V_{(2)}^{\prime}(t, x, y, Z)<0 \text { for }(x, y, Z) \neq 0
$$

Thus, all the conditions of theorem are satisfied. This shows that every solution of system (2) is asymptotically stable. The proof of Theorem 2.1 is now completed.

## 3. Boundedness

We would need to write (1.2) in the form

$$
\begin{align*}
x^{\prime}(t) & =y(t) \\
y^{\prime}(t) & =z(t) \\
Z^{\prime}(t) & =-a(t) z(t)-b(t) y(t)-c(t) f(x(t))+h(t)+c(t) \int_{t-r}^{t} f^{\prime}(x(s)) y(s) d s, \tag{3.1}
\end{align*}
$$

to study the boundedness of solutions of (3).
We conclude that

$$
1
$$

Our main theorem in this section is stated with respect to (3) as follows:
Theorem 3.1. Assume that all the conditions of Theorem 2.1 are satisfied and there exists a positive constant $D_{1}$ such that :
$\left.H_{5}\right) \int_{t_{1}}^{t}|h(s)| d s<D_{1}$.
Then there exists a positive constant $D$ such that any solution of (3) satisfies

$$
\begin{equation*}
|x(t)| \leq D,|y(t)| \leq D,|Z(t)| \leq D \tag{3.2}
\end{equation*}
$$

Proof. On differentiating (2.2) along the system (3.1) we obtain

$$
V_{(3)}^{\prime}=V_{(2)}^{\prime}+h(t)(d y+Z)
$$

since $V_{(2)}^{\prime} \leq 0$, then it follows that

$$
V_{(3)}^{\prime} \leq K_{2}|h(t)|(|y|+|Z|)
$$

where $K_{2}=\max \{d, 1\}$. Since $|y| \leq y^{2}+1,|Z| \leq Z^{2}+1$ and the inequality (2.3), we obtain

$$
\begin{align*}
V_{(3)}^{\prime} & \leq K_{2}|h(t)|\left(y^{2}+Z^{2}+2\right) \\
& \leq K_{3}|h(t)| V(t)+2 K_{2}|h(t)|, \tag{3.3}
\end{align*}
$$

where $K_{3}:=k_{1}^{-1} K_{2}>0$.
Integrating both sides (3.3) from $t_{1}$ to $t, t \geq t_{1}=t_{0}+r$, one can easily obtain

$$
V(t)-V\left(t_{1}\right) \leq 2 K_{2} \int_{t_{1}}^{t}|h(s)| d s+K_{3} \int_{t_{1}}^{t} V(s)|h(s)| d s .
$$

Thus

$$
V(t) \leq V\left(t_{1}\right)+2 K_{2} D_{1}+K_{3} \int_{t_{1}}^{t} V(s)|h(s)| d s
$$

Using Gronwall inequality it follows that

$$
\begin{equation*}
V(t) \leq\left(V\left(t_{1}\right)+2 K_{2} D_{1}\right) \exp \left(K_{3} \int_{t_{1}}^{t}|h(s)| d s\right) \leq D_{2} \tag{3.4}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $D_{2}=\left(V\left(t_{1}\right)+2 K_{2} D_{1}\right) \exp \left(K_{3} D_{1}\right)$.
This completes the proof of Theorem 3.1.

## 4. Square Integrability

Our next result concerns the square integrability of solutions of equation (1.2).

Theorem 4.1. In addition to the assumptions of Theorem 3.1, if we assume that
$\left.H_{6}\right) c_{0} M-\frac{b_{1}}{2}>0$;
$\left.H_{7}\right) \int_{t_{1}}^{+\infty}\left|a^{\prime}(s)\right| d s<A$.
Then all the solutions of (1.2) and their derivatives are elements of $L^{2}\left[t_{1},+\infty\right)$.
Proof. Define $W(t)$ as

$$
\begin{equation*}
W(t)=V(t)+\varepsilon \int_{t_{1}}^{t}\left(z^{2}(s)+y^{2}(s)\right) d s, \quad \forall t \geq t_{1}, \tag{4.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $\varepsilon>0$ is a constant to be specified later. By differentiating $\mathrm{W}(\mathrm{t})$ along the solution of system (3) and using (2.4) and (3.3) we obtain

$$
W_{(3)}^{\prime}(t) \leq(\varepsilon-N)\left(z(t)^{2}+y(t)^{2}\right)+\left(K_{3} V(t)+2 K_{2}\right)|h(t)| .
$$

If we choose $\varepsilon-N<0$, then from (3.4) we get

$$
\begin{equation*}
W_{(3)}^{\prime}(t) \leq K_{4}|h(t)|, \tag{4.2}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $K_{4}=K_{3} D_{2}+2 K_{2}$. Integrating (4.2) from $t_{1}$ to $t$, and using condition $\left(H_{5}\right)$ of Theorem 3.1 we obtain

$$
W(t)-W\left(t_{1}\right)=\int_{t_{1}}^{t} W_{(3)}^{\prime}(s) d s \leq K_{4} D_{1} .
$$

Using equality $V\left(t_{1}\right)=W\left(t_{1}\right)$ we get

$$
W(t) \leq K_{4} D_{1}+V\left(t_{1}\right)
$$

We can conclude by (4.1) that

$$
\int_{t_{1}}^{t}\left(y^{2}(s)+z^{2}(s)\right) d s<\frac{K_{4} D_{1}+V\left(t_{1}\right)}{\varepsilon},
$$

which imply the existence of positive constants $\sigma_{1}$ and $\sigma_{2}$ such that

$$
\int_{t_{1}}^{t} x^{\prime \prime 2}(s) d s=\int_{t_{1}}^{t} z^{2}(s) d s \leq \sigma_{2}
$$

and

$$
\int_{t_{1}}^{t} x^{\prime 2}(s) d s=\int_{t_{1}}^{t} y^{2}(s) d s \leq \sigma_{1} .
$$

We assert that $\int_{t_{1}}^{t} x^{2}(s) d s<\infty$, to prove this we multiply (1.2) by $x(t-r)$, we obtain

$$
x(t-r) x^{\prime \prime \prime}(t)+\beta x(t-r) x^{\prime \prime \prime}(t-r)+a(t) x(t-r) x^{\prime \prime}(t)+b(t) x(t-r) x^{\prime}(t)
$$

$$
\begin{equation*}
+c(t) x(t-r) f(x(t-r))=x(t-r) h(t) . \tag{4.3}
\end{equation*}
$$

Integrating (??) from $t_{1}$ to $t$, we have

$$
\begin{equation*}
\int_{t_{1}}^{t} c(s) x(s-r) f(x(s-r)) d s=\Delta_{1}(t)+\Delta_{2}(t)+\Delta_{3}(t) \tag{4.4}
\end{equation*}
$$

where

$$
\begin{aligned}
\Delta_{1}(t) & =-\int_{t_{1}}^{t}\left(x(s-r) x^{\prime \prime \prime}(s)+\beta x(s-r) x^{\prime \prime \prime}(s-r)\right) d s \\
\Delta_{2}(t) & =-\int_{t_{1}}^{t}\left(a(s) x(s-r) x^{\prime \prime}(s)+b(s) x(s-r) x^{\prime}(s)\right) d s \\
\Delta_{3}(t) & =\int_{t_{1}}^{t} h(s) x(s-r) d s
\end{aligned}
$$

Integrating by parts and using the estimate $2 u v \leq u^{2}+v^{2}$ we obtain

$$
\begin{aligned}
\Delta_{1}(t) & =M_{1}(t)-M_{1}\left(t_{1}\right)+\int_{t_{1}}^{t} x^{\prime}(s-r) x^{\prime \prime}(s) d s \\
& \leq\left|M_{1}(t)-M_{1}\left(t_{1}\right)\right|+\int_{t_{1}}^{t} \frac{1}{2}\left(x^{\prime 2}(s-r)+x^{\prime \prime 2}(s)\right) d s
\end{aligned}
$$

where

$$
M_{1}(t)=-x(t-r) X^{\prime \prime}(t)+\frac{\beta}{2} x^{\prime 2}(t-r) .
$$

By the fact that

$$
\int_{t_{1}}^{t} x^{\prime 2}(s-r) d s=\int_{t_{0}}^{t-r} x^{\prime 2}(u) d u \leq \int_{t_{0}}^{t_{1}} x^{\prime 2}(u) d u+\sigma_{1} \leq n+\sigma_{1} .
$$

We remark by our hypothesis and the inequalities (3.2) that $\left|M_{1}(t)-M_{1}\left(t_{1}\right)\right| \leq D^{2}\left(\frac{3 \beta}{2}+1\right)+\left|M_{1}\left(t_{1}\right)\right|$, for all $t \geq t_{1}$. Thus

$$
\Delta_{1}(t) \leq D^{2}\left(\frac{3 \beta}{2}+1\right)+\left|M_{1}\left(t_{1}\right)\right|+\frac{1}{2}\left(n+\sigma_{1}+\sigma_{2}\right)=l_{1} .
$$

Similarly we have

$$
\begin{aligned}
\Delta_{2}(t)= & -\int_{t_{1}}^{t}\left(a(s) x(s-r) x^{\prime \prime}(s)+b(s) x(s-r) x^{\prime}(s)\right) d s \\
= & -a(t) x(t-r) x^{\prime}(t)+a(t) \int_{t_{1}}^{t} x^{\prime}(s) x^{\prime}(s-r) d s+\int_{t_{1}}^{t} a^{\prime}(s) x(s-r) x^{\prime}(s) d s \\
& -\int_{t_{1}}^{t} a^{\prime}(s)\left[\int_{t_{1}}^{s} x^{\prime}(u) x^{\prime}(u-r) d u\right] d s-\int_{t_{1}}^{t} b(s) x(s-r) x^{\prime}(s) d s+M_{2}\left(t_{1}\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

where $M_{2}\left(t_{1}\right)=a\left(t_{1}\right) x\left(t_{1}-r\right) x^{\prime}\left(t_{1}\right)$. Then, from condition $H_{7}$ we have
$\quad \Delta_{2}(t) \leq a_{1}\left(D^{2}+\sigma_{1}+\frac{n}{2}\right)+$
$\int_{t_{1}}^{t}\left(\left|a^{\prime}(s)\right|\left|x^{\prime}(s)\right||x(s-r)|+\left|a^{\prime}(s)\right|\left[\int_{t_{1}}^{s} x^{\prime}(u) x^{\prime}(u-r) d u\right]\right) d s$
$+\frac{b_{1}}{2} \int_{t_{1}}^{t} x^{2}(s-r) d s+\frac{b_{1}}{2} \int_{t_{1}}^{t} x^{2}(s) d s+\left|M_{2}\left(t_{1}\right)\right|$
$\leq a_{1}\left(D^{2}+\sigma_{1}+\frac{n}{2}\right)+\left|M_{2}\left(t_{1}\right)\right|+\left(D^{2}+\sigma_{1}+\frac{n}{2}\right) \int_{t_{1}}^{t}\left|a^{\prime}(s)\right| d s$
$+\frac{b_{1}}{2} \int_{t_{1}}^{t} x^{2}(s-r) d s+\frac{b_{1}}{2} \sigma_{1}$
$\leq a_{1}\left(D^{2}+\sigma_{1}+\frac{n}{2}\right)+\left|M_{2}\left(t_{1}\right)\right|+\left(D^{2}+\sigma_{1}+\frac{n}{2}\right) A+\frac{b_{1}}{2} \sigma_{1}$
$+\frac{b_{1}}{2} \int_{t_{1}}^{t} x^{2}(s-r) d s$.
Next

$$
\begin{aligned}
\Delta_{3}(t) & \leq \int_{t_{1}}^{t}|x(s-r)||h(s)| d s \\
& \leq D \int_{t_{1}}^{t} h(s) d s \\
& \leq D_{1} D .
\end{aligned}
$$

By (4.4) and condition $\left(H_{6}\right)$ of Theorem 4.1 we obtain
$c_{0} M \int_{t_{1}}^{t} x^{2}(s-r) d s \leq \int_{t_{1}}^{t} c(s) x(s-r) f(x(s-r)) d s \leq K+\frac{b_{1}}{2} \int_{t_{1}}^{t} x^{2}(s-r) d s$,
then

$$
\left(c_{0} M-\frac{b_{1}}{2}\right) \int_{t_{1}}^{t} x^{2}(s-r) d s \leq K
$$

where

$$
K=l_{1}+\left(a_{1}+A\right)\left(D^{2}+\sigma_{1}+\frac{n}{2}\right)+\left|M_{2}\left(t_{1}\right)\right|+\frac{b_{1}}{2} \sigma_{1}+D_{1} D .
$$

from which it follows that $\int_{t_{1}}^{t} x^{2}(s-r) d s<\infty$ hence $\int_{t_{1}}^{+\infty} x^{2}(s) d s<\infty$. This fact completes the proof of theorem.

## 5. Example

We consider the following third order non-autonomous delay neutral differential equation

$$
\begin{aligned}
& {[x(t)+\beta x(t-r)]^{\prime \prime \prime}+\left(\frac{1}{\pi} \arctan t+\frac{13}{2}\right) x^{\prime \prime}+\left(\frac{1}{2+t^{2}}+1\right) x^{\prime}} \\
& +\left(\frac{1}{4+t^{2}}+1\right)\left(x(t-r)+\frac{x(t-r)}{1+x^{2}(t-r)}\right)=\frac{\sin t}{1+t^{2}} .
\end{aligned}
$$

Now, it is easy to see that for all $t \geq t_{1}$,

$$
\begin{aligned}
& 6=a_{0} \leq a(t)=\frac{1}{\pi} \arctan t+\frac{13}{2} \leq 7=a_{1}, \quad a^{\prime}(t)=\frac{1}{\pi\left(1+t^{2}\right)} \leq \frac{1}{\pi}, \\
& 1=c_{0} \leq c(t)=\frac{1}{4+t^{2}}+1 \leq b(t)=\frac{1}{2+t^{2}}+1 \leq \frac{3}{2}=b_{1}, \\
& 1=M \leq \frac{f(x)}{x}=1+\frac{1}{1+x^{2}} \text { with } x \neq 0, \text { and }\left|f^{\prime}(x)\right| \leq 2=\delta, \\
& \delta\left(1+\frac{\beta}{2}\right)=\frac{9}{4}<d<6=a_{0}, \text { for } \beta=\frac{1}{4}, \\
& c_{0} M-\frac{b_{1}}{2}=1-\frac{3}{4}>0, \\
& \frac{1}{2} d a^{\prime}(t)-c_{0}\left(d-\left(1+\frac{\beta}{2}\right) \delta\right)+\frac{b_{1} \beta}{2}(1+\beta+\delta) \leq-\frac{1}{2}<0, \text { for } d=4, \\
& \beta\left(a_{1}-d\right)-(2-\beta)\left(a_{0}-d\right)+\beta b_{1}(1+\beta)=-2,28<0, \\
& \int_{t_{1}}^{+\infty}\left|a^{\prime}(s)\right| d s=\frac{1}{\pi} \int_{t_{1}}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{1+s^{2}}<+\infty, \\
& \int_{t_{1}}^{+\infty}|h(s)| d s \leq \int_{t_{1}}^{+\infty} \frac{1}{1+s^{2}}<+\infty .
\end{aligned}
$$

All the assumptions of Theorem 4.1 are satisfied, we can conclude that every solution of (5.1) and their derivatives are bounded and elements of $L^{2}\left[t_{1},+\infty\right)$.

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