

## ON THE $\psi$ -DICHOTOMY FOR HOMOGENEOUS LINEAR DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS

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ABSTRACT. In this article we present some conditions for the  $\psi$ -dichotomy of the homogeneous linear differential equation  $x' = A(t)x$ . Under our condition every  $\psi$ -integrally bounded function  $f$  the nonhomogeneous linear differential equation  $x' = A(t)x + f(t)$  has at least one  $\psi$ -bounded solution on  $(0, +\infty)$ .

### 1. INTRODUCTION

The problem of solutions being  $\psi$ -bounded and  $\psi$ -stable for systems of ordinary differential equations has been studied by many authors; see for example Akinyele [1], Avramescu [2], Constantin [3]. In particular, Diamandescu [6, 7] presented some necessary and sufficient conditions for existence of a  $\psi$ -bounded solution to the linear nonhomogeneous system  $x' = A(t)x + f(t)$ .

Denote by  $\mathbb{R}^d$  the  $d$ -dimensional Euclidean space. Elements in this space are denoted by  $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_d)^T$  and their norm by  $\|x\| = \max\{|x_1|, |x_2|, \dots, |x_d|\}$ . For real  $d \times d$  matrices, we define norm  $|A| = \sup_{\|x\| \leq 1} \|Ax\|$ . Let  $\mathbb{R}_+ = [0, +\infty)$  and  $\psi_i : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow (0, \infty)$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, d$  be continuous functions. Set

$$\psi = \text{diag}[\psi_1, \psi_2, \dots, \psi_d].$$

**Definition 1.1** ([6]). A function  $f : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$  is said to be

- $\psi$ -bounded on  $\mathbb{R}_+$  if  $\psi(t)f(t)$  is bounded on  $\mathbb{R}_+$ .
- $\psi$ -integrable on  $\mathbb{R}_+$  if  $f(t)$  is measurable and  $\psi(t)f(t)$  is Lebesgue integrable on  $\mathbb{R}_+$ .

In  $\mathbb{R}^d$ , consider the following equations

$$x' = A(t)x + f(t) \tag{1.1}$$

$$x' = A(t)x \tag{1.2}$$

where  $A(t)$  is continuous matrix on  $\mathbb{R}_+$ .

By solution of (1.1), (1.2), we mean an absolutely continuous function satisfying the system for all  $t \in \mathbb{R}_+$ . Let  $Y(t)$  be fundamental matrix of (1.2) with  $Y(0) = I_d$ , the identity  $d \times d$  matrix. By  $X_1$  denote the subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^d$  consisting of the initial values of all  $\psi$ -bounded solutions of equation (1.2) and let  $X_2$  be the closed subspace

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of  $\mathbb{R}^d$ , supplementary to  $X_1$ . Also let  $P_1, P_2$  denote the corresponding projections of  $\mathbb{R}^d$  on to  $X_1, X_2$ .

**Definition 1.2.** The equation (1.2) is said to have a  $\psi$ -exponential dichotomy if there exist positive constants  $K, L, \alpha, \beta$  such that

$$|\psi(t)Y(t)P_1Y^{-1}(s)\psi^{-1}(s)| \leq Ke^{-\alpha(t-s)} \quad \text{for } 0 \leq s \leq t, \quad (1.3)$$

$$|\psi(t)Y(t)P_2Y^{-1}(s)\psi^{-1}(s)| \leq Ke^{\beta(t-s)} \quad \text{for } 0 \leq t \leq s. \quad (1.4)$$

The equation (1.2) is said to have a  $\psi$ -ordinary dichotomy if (1.3), (1.4) hold with  $\alpha = \beta = 0$ .

We say that (1.2) has  $\psi$ -bounded growth if for some fixed  $h > 0$  there exists a constant  $C \geq 1$  such that every solution  $x(t)$  of (1.2) is satisfied

$$\|\psi(t)x(t)\| \leq C\|\psi(s)x(s)\| \quad \text{for } 0 \leq s \leq t \leq s + h. \quad (1.5)$$

**Remark 1.3.** For  $\psi_i = 1, i = 1, 2, \dots, d$ , we obtain the notion exponential and ordinary dichotomy [4, 5].

Diamandescu proved the following results.

**Theorem 1.4** ([6]). *The equation (1.1) has at least one  $\psi$ -bounded solution on  $\mathbb{R}_+$  for every  $\psi$ -integrable function  $f$  on  $\mathbb{R}_+$  if and only if (1.2) has a  $\psi$ -ordinary dichotomy.*

**Theorem 1.5** ([8]). *Let*

$$\begin{aligned} |\psi(t)A(t)\psi^{-1}(t)| &\leq M \quad \text{for all } t \geq 0, \\ |\psi(t)\psi^{-1}(s)| &\leq L \quad \text{for } 0 \leq s \leq t. \end{aligned}$$

*Then (1.1) has at least one  $\psi$ -bounded solution on  $\mathbb{R}_+$  for every  $\psi$ -bounded function  $f$  on  $\mathbb{R}_+$  if and only if (1.2) has  $\psi$ -exponential dichotomy.*

In this paper we prove some condition of the  $\psi$ -dichotomy for a homogeneous linear differential equations and we connected that with the preceding results. Finally, it is noted that the concept of  $\psi$ -dichotomy for linear differential equations remain valid in Banach spaces. In this case we need a few changes for the definition of  $\psi$ . It seems to us that the majority of the results of this paper remain true for Banach spaces.

## 2. PRELIMINARIES

**lemma 2.1.** *The equation (1.2) has a  $\psi$ -exponential dichotomy if there exist positive constants  $K', L', T, \alpha, \beta$  such that*

$$|\psi(t)Y(t)P_1Y^{-1}(s)\psi^{-1}(s)| \leq K'e^{-\alpha(t-s)}, \quad \text{for } T \leq s \leq t \quad (2.1)$$

$$|\psi(t)Y(t)P_2Y^{-1}(s)\psi^{-1}(s)| \leq L'e^{\beta(t-s)}, \quad \text{for } T \leq s \leq t. \quad (2.2)$$

*Proof.* We will show that (1.3) holds. Using a lemma of Coppel [4],

$$|Y^{-1}(s)| \leq (2^d - 1) \frac{|Y(s)|^{d-1}}{|\det Y(s)|}.$$

On the other hand  $Y(s)$  is continuous, we deduce  $|Y^{-1}(s)| \leq N_1 < +\infty$  for  $0 \leq s \leq T$ . It follows from the continuity of  $\psi(t), \psi^{-1}(t), Y(t)$ , that  $|\psi(t)|, |\psi^{-1}(t)|, |Y(t)|$  are

bounded on  $[0, T]$ . Thus  $|\psi(t)Y(t)P_1Y^{-1}(s)\psi^{-1}(s)| \leq N < +\infty$  for  $0 \leq s \leq T$ ,  $0 \leq t \leq T$ . If  $0 \leq s \leq T \leq t$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} & |\psi(t)Y(t)P_1Y^{-1}(s)\psi^{-1}(s)| \\ & \leq |\psi(t)Y(t)P_1Y^{-1}(T)\psi^{-1}(T)| |\psi(T)Y(T)Y^{-1}(s)\psi^{-1}(s)| \\ & \leq N |\psi(t)Y(t)P_1Y^{-1}(T)\psi^{-1}(T)| \\ & \leq NK' e^{-\alpha(t-T)} \leq NK' e^{\alpha T} e^{-\alpha(t-s)}. \end{aligned}$$

If  $0 \leq s \leq t \leq T$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} & |\psi(t)Y(t)P_1Y^{-1}(s)\psi^{-1}(s)| \\ & \leq |\psi(t)Y(t)Y^{-1}(T)\psi^{-1}(T)| |\psi(T)Y(T)P_1Y^{-1}(T)\psi^{-1}(T)| \\ & \quad |\psi(T)Y(T)Y^{-1}(s)\psi^{-1}(s)| \\ & \leq N^2 K' \leq N^2 K' e^{\alpha T} e^{-\alpha(t-s)}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus the inequality (1.3) holds for  $K = \max\{K', NK' e^{\alpha T}, N^2 K' e^{\alpha T}\}$ . Similarly, inequality (1.4) holds for  $L = \max\{L', NL' e^{\alpha T}, N^2 L' e^{\alpha T}\}$ .  $\square$

**lemma 2.2.** Equation (1.2) has a  $\psi$ -exponential dichotomy if only if following statements are satisfied

$$\|\psi(t)Y(t)P_1\xi\| \leq K' e^{-\alpha(t-s)} \|\psi(s)Y(s)P_1\xi\|, \quad \text{for all } \xi \in \mathbb{R}^d \text{ and } t \geq s \geq 0 \quad (2.3)$$

$$\|\psi(t)Y(t)P_2\xi\| \leq L' e^{\beta(t-s)} \|\psi(s)Y(s)P_2\xi\|, \quad \text{for all } \xi \in \mathbb{R}^d \text{ and } s \geq t \geq 0 \quad (2.4)$$

$$|\psi(t)Y(t)P_1Y^{-1}(t)\psi^{-1}(t)| \leq M \quad \text{for } t \geq 0 \quad (2.5)$$

where  $K', L', M$  are positive constants.

*Proof.* If (1.2) has a  $\psi$ -exponential dichotomy then for any vector  $y \in \mathbb{R}^d$ , we get

$$\|\psi(t)Y(t)P_1Y^{-1}(s)\psi^{-1}(s)y\| \leq K e^{-\alpha(t-s)} \|y\| \quad \text{for } 0 \leq s \leq t.$$

Choose  $y = \psi(s)Y(s)P_1\xi$ , we obtain (2.3). The proof of (2.2) is similar. Inequality (2.5) evidently holds. Conversely, if inequality (2.3), (2.4), (2.5) are true. For any vector  $y \in \mathbb{R}^d$ , putting  $\xi = Y^{-1}(s)\psi^{-1}(s)y$  we get

$$\begin{aligned} \|\psi(t)Y(t)P_1Y^{-1}(s)\psi^{-1}(s)y\| & \leq K' e^{-\alpha(t-s)} \|\psi(s)Y(s)P_1Y^{-1}(s)\psi^{-1}(s)y\| \\ & \leq MK' e^{-\alpha(t-s)} \|y\| \quad \text{for } t \geq s \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we have (1.3). The proof of (1.4) is similar.  $\square$

**Remark 2.3.** By Lemma 2.1 and in the same way as in the proof of Lemma 2.2, we can show that (1.2) has  $\psi$ -exponential dichotomy if there exists positive constant  $Q$  such that

$$\|\psi(t)Y(t)P_1\xi\| \leq K' e^{-\alpha(t-s)} \|\psi(s)Y(s)P_1\xi\|, \quad \text{for all } \xi \in \mathbb{R}^d \text{ and } t \geq s \geq Q, \quad (2.6)$$

$$\|\psi(t)Y(t)P_2\xi\| \leq L' e^{\beta(t-s)} \|\psi(s)Y(s)P_2\xi\|, \quad \text{for all } \xi \in \mathbb{R}^d \text{ and } s \geq t \geq Q, \quad (2.7)$$

$$|\psi(t)Y(t)P_1Y^{-1}(t)\psi^{-1}(t)| \leq M \quad \text{for } t \geq Q. \quad (2.8)$$

**lemma 2.4.** Equation (1.2) has  $\psi$ -bounded grow if and only if there exist positive constants  $K, \gamma$  such that

$$|\psi(t)Y(t)Y^{-1}(s)\psi^{-1}(s)| \leq K e^{\gamma(t-s)}, \quad \text{for } t \geq s \geq 0. \quad (2.9)$$

*Proof.* Suppose that (1.2) has a  $\psi$ -bounded grow. For arbitrary vector  $\xi \in \mathbb{R}^d$ , we consider the solution  $x(t)$  of (1.2), with  $x(0) = Y^{-1}(s)\psi^{-1}(s)\xi$ . Setting  $n = \lceil \frac{t-s}{h} \rceil$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} \|\psi(t)x(t)\| &= \|\psi(nh+s)x(nh+s)\| \\ &\leq C\|\psi(nh+s-h)x(nh+s-h)\| \\ &\leq \cdots \leq C^n\|\psi(s)x(s)\| \\ &\leq C^{\frac{t-s}{h}}\|\psi(s)x(s)\| \text{ for } 0 \leq s \leq t. \end{aligned}$$

Set  $K = C$ ,  $\gamma = h^{-1} \ln C$ , we obtain

$$\|\psi(t)x(t)\| \leq Ke^{\gamma(t-s)}\|\psi(s)x(s)\|.$$

Therefore,  $\|\psi(t)Y(t)Y^{-1}(t)\psi^{-1}(s)\xi\| \leq Ke^{\gamma(t-s)}\|\xi\|$ . It follows (2.9).

Conversely, if (2.9) is true, then we can take  $C = Ke^{\gamma h}$ . Thus (1.5) is satisfied.  $\square$

**Remark 2.5.** The preceding proof shows that the condition of  $\psi$ -bounded grow of (1.2) is independent of the choice of  $h$ .

### 3. THE MAIN RESULTS

**Theorem 3.1.** *If (1.2) has a  $\psi$ -exponential dichotomy, then for any  $0 < \theta < 1$  there exists constants  $T > 0$  such that every solution  $x(t)$  of (1.2) satisfies*

$$\|\psi(t)x(t)\| \leq \theta \sup_{\|s-t\| \leq T} \|\psi(s)x(s)\| \text{ for all } t \geq T. \quad (3.1)$$

*Proof.* Set  $x_1(t) = Y(t)P_1Y^{-1}(t)x(t)$ ,  $x_2(t) = Y(t)P_2Y^{-1}(t)x(t)$ . Suppose that

$$\|\psi(s)x_2(s)\| \geq \|\psi(s)x_1(s)\|.$$

It follows from (2.3) that

$$\|\psi(s)x_1(s)\| \leq K'e^{-\alpha(t-s)}\|\psi(s)x_1(s)\| \leq K'e^{-\alpha(t-s)}\|\psi(s)x_2(s)\| \text{ for } 0 \leq s \leq t.$$

Applying (2.4) for  $\xi = Y^{-1}(s)x_2(s)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \|\psi(t)x_2(t)\| &= \|\psi(t)Y(t)P_2Y^{-1}(s)x_2(s)\| \\ &\geq L'^{-1}e^{\beta(t-s)}\|\psi(s)Y(s)P_2Y^{-1}(s)x_2(s)\| \text{ for } 0 \leq s \leq t. \end{aligned}$$

Note that  $x_2(t) = Y(t)P_2Y^{-1}(t)x_2(t)$ . Thus

$$\|\psi(t)x_2(t)\| \geq L'^{-1}e^{\beta(t-s)}\|\psi(s)x_2(s)\| \text{ for } 0 \leq s \leq t.$$

Therefore,

$$\|\psi(t)x(t)\| \geq \frac{1}{2}[L'^{-1}e^{\beta(t-s)} - K'e^{-\alpha(t-s)}]\|\psi(s)x(s)\| \text{ for } 0 \leq s \leq t.$$

Similarly, if  $\|\psi(s)x_1(s)\| \geq \|\psi(s)x_2(s)\|$ , then

$$\|\psi(t)x(t)\| \geq \frac{1}{2}[K'^{-1}e^{\alpha(t-s)} - L'e^{-\beta(t-s)}]\|\psi(s)x(s)\| \text{ for } 0 \leq t \leq s.$$

For any  $0 < \theta < 1$  we can choose  $T > 0$  large so that

$$L'^{-1}e^{\beta T} - K'e^{-\alpha T} \geq 2\theta^{-1} \quad \text{and} \quad K'^{-1}e^{\alpha T} - L'e^{-\beta T} \geq 2\theta^{-1}.$$

Thus for  $t \geq T$ ,

$$\|\psi(t)x(t)\| \leq \max\{\theta\|\psi(t+T)x(t+T)\|, \theta\|\psi(t-T)x(t-T)\|\}.$$

Then (3.1) is satisfied.  $\square$

**Definition 3.2.** The function  $f : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$  is said to be  $\psi$ -integrally bounded if it is measurable and Lebesgue integrals  $\int_t^{t+1} \|\psi(u)f(u)\| du$  are uniformly bounded for any  $t \in \mathbb{R}_+$ .

**Theorem 3.3.** Equation (1.1) has at least one  $\psi$ -bounded solution on  $\mathbb{R}_+$  for every  $\psi$ -integrally bounded function  $f$  if and only if (1.2) has a  $\psi$ -exponential dichotomy.

*Proof.* First we prove the “if” part. Suppose that (1.2) has a  $\psi$ -exponential dichotomy. Consider the function

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{x}(t) &= \int_0^t \psi(t)Y(t)P_1Y^{-1}(s)f(s)ds - \int_t^\infty \psi(t)Y(t)P_2Y^{-1}(s)f(s)ds \\ &= \int_0^t \psi(t)Y(t)P_1Y^{-1}(s)\psi^{-1}(s)\psi(s)f(s)ds \\ &\quad - \int_t^\infty \psi(t)Y(t)P_2Y^{-1}(s)\psi^{-1}(s)\psi(s)f(s)ds\end{aligned}$$

for  $t \geq 0$ . The function  $\tilde{x}(t)$  is bounded. In fact, suppose that

$$\int_t^{t+1} \|\psi(s)f(s)\| ds \leq c \quad \text{for } t \geq 0.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned}\int_0^t e^{-\alpha(t-s)} \|\psi(s)f(s)\| ds &\leq c(1 - e^{-\alpha})^{-1}, \\ \int_0^\infty e^{\beta(t-s)} \|\psi(s)f(s)\| ds &\leq c(1 - e^{-\beta})^{-1},\end{aligned}$$

by using a Lemma in Massera and Schaffer. Set

$$x(t) = \psi^{-1}(t)\tilde{x}(t) = \int_0^t Y(t)P_1Y^{-1}(s)f(s)ds - \int_t^\infty Y(t)P_2Y^{-1}(s)f(s)ds.$$

Then  $x(t)$  is the  $\psi$ -bounded and continuous function on  $\mathbb{R}_+$ .

$$\begin{aligned}x'(t) &= A(t) \left[ \int_0^t Y(t)P_1Y^{-1}(s)f(s)ds - \int_t^\infty Y(t)P_2Y^{-1}(s)f(s)ds \right] \\ &\quad + Y(t)P_1Y^{-1}(t)f(t) + Y(t)P_2Y^{-1}(t)f(t) \\ &= A(t)x(t) + f(t).\end{aligned}$$

It follows that  $x(t)$  is a solution of (1.1).

Now, we prove the “only part”. We define the set

$$C_\psi = \{x : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d; x \text{ is } \psi\text{-bounded and continuous on } \mathbb{R}_+\}.$$

It is well-known that  $C_\psi$  is real Banach space with the norm

$$\|x\|_{C_\psi} = \sup_{t \geq 0} \|\psi(t)x(t)\|.$$

First we show that (1.1) has a unique  $\psi$ -bounded solution  $x(t)$  with  $x(0) \in X_2$  for each  $f \in C_\psi$ . Further, there exists a positive constant  $r$  independent of  $f$  such that

$$\|x\|_{C_\psi} \leq r\|f\|_{C_\psi}. \quad (3.2)$$

We prove the existence. Suppose  $f \in C_\psi$ . By hypothesis, there exists a  $\psi$ -bounded solution  $x(t)$  of (1.1). We denote by  $y(t)$  the solution of the Cauchy problem

$$y' = A(t)y; \quad y(0) = -P_1x(0).$$

This solution  $y(t)$  is  $\psi$ -bounded by definition of the subset  $X_1$ . But then  $z = x + y$  is a  $\psi$ -bounded solution of (1.1) for which

$$P_1z(0) = P_1x(0) - P_1^2x(0) = 0.$$

Thus  $z(0) \in X_2$ . Hence  $z(t)$  is a  $\psi$ -bounded solution of (1.1) with  $z(0) \in X_2$ .

We prove the uniqueness. Let  $x(t)$  and  $y(t)$  be the  $\psi$ -bounded solutions of equation (1.1) with  $x(0) \in X_2, y(0) \in X_2$ . Hence  $x - y$  is a  $\psi$ -bounded of (1.2) and  $x(0) - y(0) \in X_2$ . But  $x(0) - y(0) \in X_1$ . we obtain  $x(0) = y(0)$ , hence  $x = y$ .

We prove the inequality (3.2) Consider the map  $T : c_\psi \rightarrow c_\psi$  which is defined  $Tf = x$ , where  $x$  is the  $\psi$ -bounded solution of (1.1) with  $x(0) \in X_2$ . We will show that  $T$  is continuous. Suppose that  $x_n = Tf_n, f_n \rightarrow f$  and  $x_n \rightarrow x$ . For any fixed  $t$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left\| \int_0^t [f_n(s) - f(s)] ds \right\| &\leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^t |\psi^{-1}(s)| \|\psi(s)f_n(s) - \psi(s)f(s)\| ds \\ &\leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|f_n - f\|_{C_\psi} \int_0^t |\psi^{-1}(s)| ds = 0. \end{aligned} \quad (3.3)$$

On the other hand

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left\| \int_0^t A(s)[x_n(s) - x(s)] ds \right\| \\ \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^t |A(s)\psi^{-1}(s)| \|\psi(s)x_n(s) - \psi(s)x(s)\| ds \\ \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n - x\|_{C_\psi} \int_0^t |A(s)\psi^{-1}(s)| ds = 0. \end{aligned} \quad (3.4)$$

From (3.3) and (3.4) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) - x(0) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (x_n(t) - x_n(0)) \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^t [A(s)x_n(s) + x'_n(t) - A(s)x_n(s)] ds \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^t [A(s)x_n(s) + f_n(s)] ds \int_0^t [A(s)x(s) + f(s)] ds. \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $x(t)$  is a solution of (1.1). Since  $x(t)$  is  $\psi$ -bounded and

$$x(0) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n(0) \in X_2$$

we have  $x = Tf$ . It follows from the Closed Graph Theorem that the linear map  $T$  is continuous. Hence (3.2) is proved. Now, put

$$G(t, s) = \begin{cases} Y(t)P_1Y^{-1}(s) & \text{for } 0 \leq s \leq t \\ -Y(t)P_2Y^{-1}(s) & \text{for } 0 \leq t \leq s. \end{cases}$$

If  $\tilde{f} \in C_\psi, \tilde{f}(t) = 0$  for  $t > t_1 > 0$ , then

$$\tilde{x}(t) = \int_0^{t_1} G(t, s)\tilde{f}(s) ds \quad (3.5)$$

is a solution of (1.1). Moreover  $\tilde{x} \in C_\psi$ , since

$$\psi(t)\tilde{x}(t) = \int_0^{t_1} \psi(t)Y(t)P_1Y^{-1}(s)\psi^{-1}(s)\psi(s)\tilde{f}(s)ds \quad \text{for } t \geq t_1.$$

On the other hand,  $\tilde{x}(0) = -P_2 \int_0^{t_1} Y^{-1}(s)\tilde{f}(s)ds \in X_2$ . Thus

$$\|\tilde{x}\|_{C_\psi} \leq r\|\tilde{f}\|_{C_\psi}. \quad (3.6)$$

Let  $x$  is a nontrivial solution of (1.2) and let  $\alpha(t)$  be any continuous real-valued function such that  $0 \leq \alpha(t) \leq 1$  for all  $t \geq 0$ ,  $\alpha(t) = 0$  for  $t \geq t_2$ ,  $\alpha(t) = 1$  for  $0 \leq t_0 \leq t \leq t_1 \leq t_2$ . Set

$$\tilde{f}(t) = \alpha(t)x(t)\|\psi(t)x(t)\|^{-1}.$$

Then  $\tilde{f} \in C_\psi$ . From (3.5) and (3.6), we have

$$\left\| \int_{t_0}^{t_1} \psi(t)G(t,s)x(s)\|\psi(s)x(s)\|^{-1}ds \right\|_{C_\psi} = r \quad \text{for } t_1 \geq t_0 \geq 0. \quad (3.7)$$

By continuity, (3.7) remains true also in the case  $t = s$ . Choose  $x(0) = P_1\xi, \xi \in \mathbb{R}^d$ . By the arbitrary of  $t_1$ , from (3.7) we get

$$\|\psi(t)Y(t)P_1\xi\| \int_{t_0}^t \|\psi(u)Y(u)P_1\xi\|^{-1}du \leq r \quad \text{for } t \geq t_0 \geq 0.$$

Choose  $x(0) = P_2\xi, \xi \in \mathbb{R}^d$ . By the arbitrary of  $t_0$ , from (3.7) we get

$$\|\psi(t)Y(t)P_2\xi\| \int_t^{t_1} \|\psi(u)Y(u)P_2\xi\|^{-1}du \leq r \quad \text{for } 0 \leq t \leq t_1.$$

Next, putting  $x_1(t) = Y(t)P_1Y^{-1}(s)x(s) = Y(t)P_1\xi$ , we have

$$\|\psi(t)x_1(t)\| \int_{t_0}^t \|\psi(u)x_1(u)\|^{-1}du \leq r \quad \text{for } t \geq t_0 \geq 0. \quad (3.8)$$

Also putting  $x_2(t) = Y(t)P_2Y^{-1}(s)x(s) = Y(t)P_2\xi$ , we get

$$\|\psi(t)x_2(t)\| \int_t^{t_1} \|\psi(u)x_2(u)\|^{-1}du \leq r \quad \text{for } t_1 \geq t \geq 0. \quad (3.9)$$

It follows by integration that

$$\int_{t_0}^s \|\psi(u)x_1(u)\|^{-1}du \leq e^{-r^{-1}(t-s)} \int_{t_0}^t \|\psi(u)x_1(u)\|^{-1}du \quad \text{for } t \geq s \geq t_0. \quad (3.10)$$

$$\int_s^{t_1} \|\psi(u)x_2(u)\|^{-1}du \leq e^{r^{-1}(s-t)} \int_t^{t_1} \|\psi(u)x_2(u)\|^{-1}du \quad \text{for } t_1 \geq s \geq t. \quad (3.11)$$

Because a  $\psi$ -integrable function is  $\psi$ -locally integrable, by Theorem 1.4 there exists a positive constant  $K$  such that

$$\|\psi(t)x_1(t)\| \leq K\|\psi(s)x(s)\| \quad \text{for } 0 \leq s \leq t, \quad (3.12)$$

$$\|\psi(t)x_2(t)\| \leq K\|\psi(s)x(s)\| \quad \text{for } 0 \leq t \leq s. \quad (3.13)$$

Thus

$$rK^{-1}\|\psi(s)x(s)\|^{-1} \leq \int_s^{r+s} \|\psi(u)x_1(u)\|^{-1}du \quad \text{for } s \geq 0.$$

Using (3.10), replacing  $t_0$  by  $s$ ,  $s$  by  $s + r$  we deduce

$$\begin{aligned} \int_s^{r+s} \|\psi(u)x_1(u)\|^{-1} du &\leq e^{-r^{-1}(t-r-s)} \int_s^t \|\psi(u)x_1(u)\|^{-1} du \\ &\leq ee^{-r^{-1}(t-s)} \int_s^t \|\psi(u)x_1(u)\|^{-1} du \quad \text{for } t \geq s+r. \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$r \left( \int_t^s \|\psi(u)x_1(u)\|^{-1} du \right)^{-1} \leq eK \|\psi(s)x(s)\| e^{-r^{-1}(t-s)} \quad \text{for } t \geq s+r.$$

From (3.8), replacing  $t_0$  by  $s$ ,  $s$  by  $s + r$ , we get

$$\|\psi(t)x_1(t)\| \leq eK \|\psi(s)x(s)\| e^{-r^{-1}(t-s)} \quad \text{for } t \geq s+r.$$

It is easy to see that the inequality holds also for  $s \leq t \leq s+r$ . Since  $x_1(t) = Y(t)P_1Y^{-1}(s)x(s)$ , it follows that

$$\|\psi(t)Y(t)P_1Y^{-1}(s)\psi^{-1}(s)\| \leq K'e^{-\alpha(t-s)} \quad \text{for } t \geq s \geq 0$$

where  $K' = eK$ ,  $\alpha = r^{-1}$ . By the same way, using (3.9), (3.11), (3.13), we get

$$\|\psi(t)Y(t)P_2Y^{-1}(s)\psi^{-1}(s)\| \leq K'e^{\alpha(s-t)} \quad \text{for } s \geq t \geq 0.$$

The proof is complete.  $\square$

Now, we are going to show some conditions for (1.2) has a  $\psi$ -exponential dichotomy in the case it has  $\psi$ -bounded grow.

**Theorem 3.4.** *Suppose that (1.2) has  $\psi$ -bounded grow. Equation (1.2) has a  $\psi$ -exponential dichotomy if there exists constants  $T > 0$ ,  $0 < \theta < 1$  such that every solution of (1.2) satisfies (3.1).*

*Proof.* By Remark 2.3, we shall show that (2.6), (2.7), (2.8) are satisfied for some  $Q > 0$ . We may consider  $x(t)$  is nontrivial solution of (1.2). The first we prove that every solution  $x(t)$  of (1.2) with  $x(0) \in X_1$  satisfies

$$\|\psi(t)x(t)\| \leq Ke^{-\alpha(t-s)} \|\psi(s)x(s)\| \quad \text{for } 0 \leq s \leq t.$$

By Remark 2.5 we can choose  $h = T$ , so that

$$\|\psi(t)x(t)\| \leq C \|\psi(s)x(s)\| \quad \text{for } 0 \leq s \leq t \leq s+T. \quad (3.14)$$

Hence  $\|\psi(t)x(t)\| \leq \theta \sup_{u \geq s} \|\psi(u)x(u)\|$  for  $s \geq 0$ ,  $t \geq s+T$ . Therefore,

$$\sup_{u \geq s} \|\psi(u)x(u)\| > \|\psi(t)x(t)\|$$

for  $t \geq s+T$ . It follow that

$$\sup_{u \geq s} \|\psi(u)x(u)\| = \sup_{s \leq \tau \leq s+T} \|\psi(\tau)x(\tau)\|. \quad (3.15)$$

Hence (3.14) and (3.15) yield  $\|\psi(t)x(t)\| \leq C\|\psi(s)x(s)\|$  for  $0 \leq s \leq t$ . Set  $n = \lceil \frac{t-s}{T} \rceil$  then

$$\begin{aligned} & \|\psi(t)x(t)\| \\ & \leq \theta \sup_{\|u-t\| \leq T} \|\psi(u)x(u)\| \\ & \leq \theta \sup_{\|u-t\| \leq T} \{ \theta \sup_{\|u-v\| \leq T} \|\psi(v)x(v)\| \} \leq \theta^2 \sup_{\|v-t\| \leq 2T} \|\psi(v)x(v)\| \\ & \leq \theta^n \sup_{\|v-t\| \leq nT} \|\psi(v)x(v)\| \leq \theta^n C \|\psi(s)x(s)\| \leq \theta^{-1} C \theta^{\frac{t-s}{T}} \|\psi(s)x(s)\|. \end{aligned}$$

Put  $K = \theta^{-1}C > 1$ ,  $\alpha = -T^{-1} \ln \theta > 0$ , we get

$$\|\psi(t)x(t)\| \leq K e^{-\alpha(t-s)} \|\psi(s)x(s)\| \quad \text{for } 0 \leq s \leq t.$$

Now, for each  $\xi \in \mathbb{R}^d$ , consider the solution  $x(t)$  of the equation (1) with  $x(0) = P_1 \xi$ . Apply this inequality we deduce (2.6) for any  $Q \geq 0$ .

Now, suppose that  $x(t)$  is any solution  $x(t)$  of (1.2) with  $x(0) \in X_2$ . May be consider  $\|\psi(0)x(0)\| = 1$ . We can define sequence  $t_n \rightarrow +\infty$  by

$$\|\psi(t_n)x(t_n)\| = \theta^{-n}C, \quad \|\psi(t)x(t)\| < \theta^{-n}C \quad \text{for } 0 \leq t \leq t_n.$$

Since  $\|\psi(t)x(t)\| \leq C$  for  $0 \leq t \leq T$  and  $\|\psi(t_1)x(t_1)\| = C\theta^{-1} > C$  we get  $T < t_1$ . Consequently,

$$T < t_1 < t_2 < \dots < t_n < \dots$$

From

$$\|\psi(t_n)x(t_n)\| \leq \theta \sup_{0 \leq u \leq t_n+T} \|\psi(u)x(u)\|$$

and

$$\|\psi(u)x(u)\| \leq \theta^{-1} \|\psi(t_n)x(t_n)\| \quad \text{for } 0 \leq u \leq t_n$$

we get  $t_{n+1} < t_n + T$ . Suppose that  $0 \leq s \leq t$  and  $t_m \leq t \leq t_{m+1}$ ,  $t_n \leq s \leq t_{n+1}$  ( $1 \leq m \leq n$ ). Then

$$\begin{aligned} \|\psi(t)x(t)\| & < \theta^{-m-1}C & & = \theta^{n-m} \|\psi(t_{n+1})x(t_{n+1})\| \\ & \leq C\theta^{-1} \theta^{n-m+1} \|\psi(s)x(s)\| \\ & \leq C\theta^{-1} \theta^{\frac{s-t}{T}} \|\psi(s)x(s)\|. \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $\|\psi(t)x(t)\| \leq K e^{-\alpha(s-t)} \|\psi(s)x(s)\|$  for  $t_1 \leq t \leq s$ .

For any unit vector  $\xi \in X_2$ , let  $x(t, \xi)$  be the solution of (1.2) with  $\psi(0)x(0) = \xi$ . Then  $x(t, \xi)$  is unbounded, and hence there is a value  $t = t_1(\xi)$  such that

$$\|\psi(t_1)x(t_1)\| = \theta^{-1}C.$$

We will show that the values  $t_1(\xi)$  are bounded. In fact, otherwise there exists a sequence of unit vector  $\xi_k \in X_2$  such that  $t_1^k = t_1(\xi_k) \rightarrow +\infty$  as  $k \rightarrow +\infty$ . By the compactness of the unit sphere in  $X_2$  we may suppose that  $\xi_k \rightarrow \xi$  as  $k \rightarrow +\infty$ , where  $\xi$  is a unit vector. Then  $x(t, \xi_k) \rightarrow x(t, \xi)$  for every  $t \geq 0$ . Since  $\|\psi(t)x(t, \xi_k)\| < \theta^{-1}C$  for  $0 \leq t \geq t_1^k$  and  $t_1^k \rightarrow +\infty$  we get

$$\|\psi(t)x(t, \xi)\| \leq \theta^{-1}C \quad \text{for all } t \geq 0$$

which is a contradiction because  $\xi \in X_2$ . Thus there exists  $Q > 0$  such that  $t_1(\zeta)$  for all unit vector  $\zeta$  and every solution  $x(t)$  of equation (1.2) with  $x(0) \in X_2$  satisfies

$$\|\psi(t)x(t)\| \leq K e^{-\alpha(s-t)} \|\psi(s)x(s)\| \quad \text{for } Q \leq t \leq s.$$

Thus  $|\psi(t)Y(t)P_2Y^{-1}(s)\psi^{-1}(s)| \leq Le^{\beta(t-s)}$ , for  $Q \leq t \leq s$ . Thus (2.7) is proved. Note that (2.8) is proved in [8, Theorem 2.1, estimate (12)]. So the proof is complete.  $\square$

From Theorem 3.1 and Theorem 3.4, we have the following result.

**Corollary 3.5.** *Suppose that (1.2) has  $\psi$ -bounded grow. Then equation (1.2) has a  $\psi$ -exponential dichotomy if and only if there exists constants  $T > 0$ ,  $0 < \theta < 1$  such that every solution of (1.2) is satisfied (3.1).*

**Theorem 3.6.** *Suppose that (1.2) has  $\psi$ -bounded grow. Then (1.1) has at least one  $\psi$ -bounded solution on  $\mathbb{R}_+$  for every  $\psi$ -bounded function  $f$  on  $\mathbb{R}_+$  if and only if (1.2) has  $\psi$ -exponential dichotomy.*

*Proof.* Diamandescu presented this Theorem. In the proof [8, Theorem 1.2], the author proved that  $|\psi(t)A(t)\psi^{-1}(t)| \leq M$  for all  $t \geq 0$  and  $|\psi(t)\psi^{-1}(s)| \leq L$  for  $t \geq s \geq 0$  deduce (2.9). Throughout the proof, he only used condition (2.9). By lemma 2.4, condition (2.9) is satisfied if and only if (1.2) has  $\psi$ -bounded grow. The proof is complete  $\square$

Now, consider the perturbed equation

$$x'(t) = [A(t) + B(t)]x(t) \quad (3.16)$$

where  $B(t)$  is a  $d \times d$  continuous matrix function on  $\mathbb{R}_+$ . We have the following result.

**Theorem 3.7.** (a) *Suppose that (1.2) has a  $\psi$ -exponential dichotomy. If  $\delta = \sup_{t \geq 0} |\psi(t)B(t)\psi^{-1}(t)|$  is sufficiently small, then (3.16) has a  $\psi$ -exponential dichotomy.*

(b) *Suppose that (1.2) has a  $\psi$ -exponential dichotomy or  $\psi$ -ordinary dichotomy. If  $\int_0^\infty |\psi(t)B(t)\psi^{-1}(t)|dt < \infty$ , then (3.16) has a  $\psi$ -ordinary dichotomy.*

*Proof.* (a) By Theorem 3.3 it suffices to show that the equation

$$x'(t) = [A(t) + B(t)]x(t) + f(t) \quad (3.17)$$

has at least a  $\psi$ -bounded solution for every  $\psi$ -integrally bounded  $f$  function. Denote  $Y(t)$ ,  $P_1$ ,  $P_2$  as in the proof of the Theorem 3.3.

Consider the map  $T : C_\psi \rightarrow C_\psi$  which is defined by

$$\begin{aligned} Tz(t) = & \int_0^t Y(t)P_1Y^{-1}(s)[B(s)z(s) + f(s)]ds \\ & - \int_t^\infty Y(t)P_2Y^{-1}(s)[B(s)z(s) + f(s)]ds. \end{aligned}$$

It is easy verified that  $Tz \in C_\psi$ . More ever if  $z_1, z_2 \in C_\psi$  then

$$\begin{aligned} & \|Tz_1 - Tz_2\| \\ & \leq \int_0^t |\psi(t)Y(t)P_1Y^{-1}(s)\psi^{-1}(s)| |\psi(s)B(s)\psi^{-1}(s)| \|\psi(s)z_1(s) - \psi(s)z_2(s)\| ds \\ & \quad + \int_t^\infty |\psi(t)Y(t)P_2Y^{-1}(s)\psi^{-1}(s)| |\psi(s)B(s)\psi^{-1}(s)| \|\psi(s)z_1(s) - \psi(s)z_2(s)\| ds \\ & \leq K\delta \|z_1 - z_2\|_{C_\psi} \int_0^t e^{-\alpha(t-s)} ds + L\delta \|z_1 - z_2\|_{C_\psi} \int_t^\infty e^{\beta(t-s)} ds \\ & \leq \delta(K\alpha^{-1} + L\beta^{-1}) \|z_1 - z_2\|_{C_\psi}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, by the contraction principle, if  $\delta(K\alpha^{-1} + L\beta^{-1}) < 1$ , then the mapping  $T$  has a unique fixed point. Denoting this fixed point by  $z$ , we have

$$z(t) = \int_0^t Y(t)P_1Y^{-1}(s)[B(s)z(s) + f(s)] ds - \int_t^\infty Y(t)P_2Y^{-1}(s)[B(s)z(s) + f(s)] ds.$$

It follows that  $z(t)$  is a solution of (3.17).

(b) We can assume that (1.2) has a  $\psi$ -ordinary dichotomy. By Theorem 1.4 it suffices to show that (3.17) has at least a  $\psi$ -bounded solution for every  $\psi$ -integrable  $f$ . From  $\int_0^\infty |\psi(t)B(t)\psi^{-1}(t)| dt < \infty$ , it follows that

$$k = K \int_T^\infty |\psi(t)B(t)\psi^{-1}(t)| dt < 1$$

for a sufficiently large and positive  $T$ . Let  $C_{T,\psi}$  be the Banach space of all  $\psi$ -bounded and continuous functions  $z(t)$  on  $[T, \infty)$  equipped with the norm

$$\|z\|_{C_{T,\psi}} = \sup_{t \geq T} \|\psi(t)z(t)\|.$$

Consider the map  $T : C_{T,\psi} \rightarrow C_{T,\psi}$  which is defined by

$$\begin{aligned} & Tz(t) \\ & = \int_T^t Y(t)P_1Y^{-1}(s)[B(s)z(s) + f(s)] ds - \int_t^\infty Y(t)P_2Y^{-1}(s)[B(s)z(s) + f(s)] ds. \end{aligned}$$

It is easy to check that  $Tz \in C_{T,\psi}$ . Moreover if  $z_1, z_2 \in C_{T,\psi}$  then

$$\begin{aligned} \|Tz_1 - Tz_2\|_{C_{T,\psi}} & \leq K \int_T^\infty |\psi(s)B(s)\psi^{-1}(s)| \|\psi(s)z_1(s) - \psi(s)z_2(s)\| ds \\ & \leq k \|z_1 - z_2\|_{C_{T,\psi}}. \end{aligned}$$

It follows from the contraction principle that the equation  $Tz = z$  has a unique solution  $\tilde{z} \in C_{T,\psi}$ . Denote by  $y$  the solution of (3.16), which is extension of  $\tilde{z}$  on  $\mathbb{R}_+$ . Clearly  $y$  is a  $\psi$ -bounded solution of (3.16). The proof is complete.  $\square$

We remark that (1.2) has a  $\psi$ -ordinary dichotomy with  $P_1 = I_d$  if and only if it is  $\psi$ -uniformly stable. Theorem 3.7 follows [7, Theorem 3.4].

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