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# Solutions of Four Point Boundary Value Problems for Non-Linear Second-Order Differential Equations

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Abstract: In this paper, we are concerned with the existence of symmetric positive solutions for second-order differential equations. Under the suitable conditions, the existence and symmetric positive solutions are established by using Krasnoselskii's fixed-point theorems.

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# I. INTRODUCTION

There are many results about the existence and multiplicity of positive solutions for nonlinear second-order differential equations. The existence of symmetric positive solutions of second-order four –point differential equations as follows,

 $\begin{cases} -u''(t) = f(t, v), \\ -v''(t) = g(t, u), 0 \le t \le 1 \end{cases}$ Subject to the boundary conditions  $\begin{cases} u(t) = u(1-t), u'(0) - u'(1) = u(\xi_1) + u(\xi_2) \\ v(t) = v(1-t), v'(0) - v'(1) = v(\xi_1) + v(\xi_2), 0 < \xi_1 < \xi_2 < 1, \end{cases}$ (1.2)

Where  $f, g: [0,1] \times R^+ \to R^+$  are continuous, both f(., u) and g(., u) are symmetric on  $[0,1], f(x, 0) \equiv g(x, 0) \equiv 0$ . The arguments for establishing the symmetric positive solution of (1.1) and (1.2) involve the properties of the functions in Lemma1 that plays a key role in defining some cones. A fixed point theorem due to Krasnoselskii is applied to yield the existence of symmetric positive solution of (1.1) and (1.2).

## **II. NOTATIONS AND DEFINITIONS**

In this section, we present some necessary definitions and preliminary lemmas that will be used in the proof of the results. Definition 1. Let *E* be a real Bananch space. A nonempty closed set  $P \subset E$  is called a cone of E if it satisfies the following conditions:

1)  $x \in P, \lambda > 0$  implies  $\lambda x \in P$ ;

2)  $x \in P, -x \in P$  implies x = 0.

Definition 2. Function u is called to be concave on [0,1] if  $u(rt_1 + (1-r)t_2) \ge ru(t_1) + (1-r)u(t_2), r, t_1, t_2 \in [0,1]$ Definition 3. The function u is symmetric on [0,1] if  $u(t) = u(1-t), t \in [0,1]$ .

Definition 4. The function (u, v) is called a symmetric positive solution if the equation (1.1) if u and v are symmetric and positive on [0,1], and satisfy the equation (1.2).

We shall consider the real Banach space C[0,1], equipped with norm  $||u|| = \max_{0 \le t \le 1} |u(t)|$ . Denote  $C^+[0,1] = \{u \in C[0,1]: u(t) \ge 0, t \in [0,1]\}.$ 

## **III.MAIN RESULTS**

Lemma 1. Let  $y \in C[0,1]$  be symmetrical on [0,1] then the four point BVP  $(y''(t) + y(t) = 0.0 \le t \le 1$ 

$$\begin{aligned} u''(t) + y(t) &= 0, 0 < t < 1\\ u(t) &= u(1-t), u'(0) - u'(1) = u(\xi_1) + u(\xi_2) \end{aligned}$$
(3.1)

has a unique symmetric solution  $u(t) = \int_0^1 G(t, s) y(s) ds$ , where  $G(t, s) = G_1(t, s) + G_2(s)$ , here

 $G_1(t,s) = \begin{cases} t(1-s), 0 \le t \le s \le 1, \\ s(1-t), 0 \le s \le t \le 1, \end{cases}$ 



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$$G_{2}(s =) \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} [(\xi_{1} - s) + (\xi_{2} - s) - \xi_{1}(1 - s) - \xi_{2}(1 - s) + 1], 0 \le s \le \xi_{1} \\ \frac{1}{2} [(\xi_{2} - s) - \xi_{1}(1 - s) - \xi_{2}(1 - s) + 1], \xi_{1} \le s \le \xi_{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} [-\xi_{1}(1 - s) - \xi_{2}(1 - s) + 1], \xi_{2} \le s \le 1. \end{cases}$$

Proof. From (3.1), we have u''(t) = -y(t). For  $t \in [0,1]$ , integrating from 0 to t we get

$$u'(t) = -\int_0^t y(s)ds + A_1$$
(3.2)

Since u'(t) = -u'(1-t), we obtain that  $-\int_0^t y(s)ds + A_1 = \int_0^{1-t} y(s)ds - A_1$ , which leads to  $\int_0^t \int_0^t y(s)ds + A_1 = \int_0^{1-t} y(s)ds - A_1$ , which leads to

$$A_{1} = \frac{1}{2} \int_{0}^{t} y(s) ds + \frac{1}{2} \int_{0}^{t} y(s) ds$$
  
=  $\frac{1}{2} \int_{0}^{t} y(s) ds - \frac{1}{2} \int_{0}^{1-t} y(1-s) d(1-s)$   
=  $\int_{0}^{1} (1-s) y(s) ds.$ 

Integrating again we obtain

$$u(t) = -\int_0^t (t-s)y(s)ds + t\int_0^1 (1-s)y(s)ds + A_2$$

From (3.1) and (3.2) we have

$$\int_{0}^{1} y(s)ds = -\int_{0}^{\xi_{1}} (\xi_{1} - s)y(s)ds + \xi_{1} \int_{0}^{1} (1 - s)y(s)ds + A_{2}$$
$$-\int_{0}^{\xi_{2}} (\xi_{2} - s)y(s)ds + \xi_{2} \int_{0}^{1} (1 - s)y(s)ds + A_{2}.$$

Thus

$$A_{2} = \frac{1}{2} \int_{0}^{\xi_{1}} [(\xi_{1} - s) + (\xi_{2} - s) - \xi_{1}(1 - s) - \xi_{2}(1 - s) + 1]y(s)ds$$
$$+ \frac{1}{2} \int_{\xi_{1}}^{\xi_{2}} [(\xi_{2} - s) - \xi_{1}(1 - s) - \xi_{2}(1 - s) + 1]y(s)ds$$
$$+ \frac{1}{2} \int_{\xi_{2}}^{1} [-\xi_{1}(1 - s) - \xi_{2}(1 - s) + 1]y(s)ds.$$

From the above we can obtain the BVP (3.1) has a unique symmetric solution

$$u(t) = -\int_{0}^{t} (t-s) y(s) ds + t \int_{0}^{1} (1-s) y(s) ds$$
  
+  $\frac{1}{2} \int_{0}^{\xi_{1}} [(\xi_{1}-s) + (\xi_{2}-s) - \xi_{1}(1-s) - \xi_{2}(1-s) + 1] y(s) ds$   
+  $\frac{1}{2} \int_{\xi_{1}}^{\xi_{2}} [(\xi_{2}-s) - \xi_{1}(1-s) - \xi_{2}(1-s) + 1] y(s) ds$   
+  $\frac{1}{2} \int_{\xi_{2}}^{1} [-\xi_{1}(1-s) - \xi_{2}(1-s) + 1] y(s) ds.$   
=  $\int_{0}^{1} G_{1}(t,s) y(s) ds + \int_{0}^{1} G_{2}(s) y(s) ds = \int_{0}^{1} G(t,s) y(s) ds.$   
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Lemma 2. Let  $m_{G_2} = \min[G_2(\xi_1), G_2(\xi_2)]$ ,  $L = \frac{4m_{G_2}}{4m_{G_2}+1}$ , then the function G(t, s) satisfies  $LG(s,s) \leq G(t,s) \text{ for } t,s \in [0,1].$ Proof. For any  $t \in [0,1]$  and  $s \in [0,1]$ , we have



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$$G(t,s) = G_{1}(t,s) + G_{2}(s) \ge G_{2}(s) = \frac{1}{4m_{G_{2}} + 1}G_{2}(s) + \frac{4m_{G_{2}}}{4m_{G_{2}} + 1}G_{2}(s)$$
  
$$\ge \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{4m_{G_{2}}}{4m_{G_{2}} + 1} + \frac{4m_{G_{2}}}{4m_{G_{2}} + 1}G_{2}(s) \ge s(1-s)\frac{4m_{G_{2}}}{4m_{G_{2}} + 1} + \frac{4m_{G_{2}}}{4m_{G_{2}} + 1}G_{2}(s)$$
  
$$\ge LG_{1}(s,s) + LG_{2}(s) = LG(s,s).$$

It is obvious that  $G(s,s) \ge G(t,s)$  for  $t, s \in [0,1]$ . The proof is complete. Lemma 3. Let  $y \in C^+[0,1]$ , then the unique symmetric solution u(t) of the BVP (3.1) is nonnegative on [0,1] Proof. Let  $y \in C^+[0,1]$  From the fact  $u''(t) = -y(t) \le 0, t \in [0,1]$ , we have known that the graph of u(t) is concave on [0,1]. From (3.1). We have that

$$u(0) = u(1) = \frac{1}{2} \int_{0}^{\xi_{1}} [(\xi_{1} - s) + (\xi_{2} - s) - \xi_{1}(1 - s) - \xi_{2}(1 - s) + 1]y(s)ds$$
  
+  $\frac{1}{2} \int_{\xi_{1}}^{\xi_{2}} [(\xi_{2} - s) - \xi_{1}(1 - s) - \xi_{2}(1 - s) + 1]y(s)ds$   
+  $\frac{1}{2} \int_{\xi_{2}}^{1} [-\xi_{1}(1 - s) - \xi_{2}(1 - s) + 1]y(s)ds \ge 0.$ 

Note that (u)t is concave, thus  $u(t) \ge 0$  for  $t \in [0,1]$ . This complete the proof. Lemma 4. Let  $y \in C^+[0,1]$ , then the unique symmetric solution u(t) of BVP (3.1) satisfies.  $\min_{t \in [0,1]} u(t) \ge L ||u||.$ (3.3)

Proof. For any  $t \in [0,1]$ , on one hand, from Lemma 2. We have that  $u(t) = \int_0^1 G(t,s)y(s)ds \le \int_0^1 G(s,s)y(s)ds$ . Therefore,

$$||u|| \le \int_0^1 G(s, s) y(s) ds.$$
(3.4)

On the other hand, for any  $t \in [0,1]$ , from Lemma 2. We can obtain that

$$u(t) = \int_{0}^{1} G(t,s)y(s)ds \ge L \int_{0}^{1} G(s,s)y(s)ds \ge L ||u||$$
(3.5)

From (3.4) and 3.5) we know that (3.3) holds. Obviously,  $(u, v) \in C^2[0,1] \times C^2[0,1]$  is the solution of (1.1) and 1.(2) if and only if  $(u, v) \in C$  [0,1] × C[0,1] is the solution of integral equations

$$\begin{cases} (u)t = \int_0^1 G(t,s)f(s,v(s))ds \\ (v)t = \int_0^1 G(t,s)f(s,u(s))ds \end{cases}$$
(3.6)

Integral equation (3.6) can be transferred to the non linear integral equation

$$u(t) = \int_{0}^{1} G(t,s)f(s, \int_{0}^{1} G(s,\xi)g(\xi, u(\xi))d\xi)ds$$
(3.7)

Let  $P = \{u \in C^+ [0,1]: u(t) \text{ is symmetric, concave on } [0,1] \text{ and } \min_{0 \le t \le 1} u(t) \ge L ||u||\}$ . It is obvious that P is a positive cone in C [0,1]. Define an integral operator  $A: P \to C$  by.

$$Au(t) = \int_{0}^{1} G(t,s)f(s, \int_{0}^{1} G(s,\xi)g(\xi, u(\xi))d\xi)ds$$
(3.8)

It is easy to see that the BVP (1.1) and (1.2) has a solution u = u(t) if and only if u is a fixed point of the operator A defined by (3.8).

Lemma 5. If the operator A is defined as (3.8), then  $A: P \rightarrow P$  is completely continuous

Proof. It is obvious that Au is symmetric on [0,1]. Note that  $(Au)''(t) - f(t, v(t)) \le 0$ , we have that Au is concave, and from Lemma 3, it is easily known that  $Au \in C^+[0,1]$ . Thus from Lemma 2 and non-negativity of f and g.

$$Au(t) = \int_{0}^{1} G(t,s)f(s, \int_{0}^{1} G(s,\xi)g(\xi, u(\xi))d\xi)ds$$
  
$$\leq \int_{0}^{1} G(s,s)f(s, \int_{0}^{1} G(s,\xi)g(\xi, u(\xi))d\xi)ds,$$



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Then

$$||Au|| \leq \int_0^1 G(s,s)f(s,\int_0^1 G(s,\xi)g(\xi,u(\xi))d\xi)ds,$$

For another hand,

$$Au \ge L \int_0^1 G(s, s) f(s, \int_0^1 G(s, \xi) g(\xi, u(\xi)) d\xi) ds \ge L ||Au||$$

Thus,  $A(P) \subset P$ . Since G(t, s), f(t, u) and g(t, u) are continuous, it is easy to know that  $A: P \to P$  is completely continuous. The proof is complete.

#### **IV.CONCLUSIONS**

From this paper we conclude that under the suitable conditions, the existence and symmetric positive solutions are established and five Lemma's are proved.

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