



# Article Nonlinear Neutral Delay Differential Equations of Fourth-Order: Oscillation of Solutions

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Abstract: The objective of this paper is to study oscillation of fourth-order neutral differential equation. By using Riccati substitution and comparison technique, new oscillation conditions are obtained which insure that all solutions of the studied equation are oscillatory. Our results complement some known results for neutral differential equations. An illustrative example is included.

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## 1. Introduction

In this paper, we study the oscillatory properties of solutions of the following fourthorder neutral differential equation

$$\left(r(x)\big|w'''(x)\big|^{p_1-2}w'''(x)\right)' + q(x)|y(g_1(x))|^{p_2-2}y(g_1(x)) = 0,$$
(1)

where

$$w(x) = y(x) + \delta(x)y(g_2(x))$$
(2)

and subject to the following conditions:

- $(W_1)$   $p_1, p_2 > 1$  are constants;
- (W<sub>2</sub>)  $r, \delta \in C[x_0, \infty), q \in C[x_0, \infty), q(x) > 0, r(x) > 0, r'(x) \ge 0, p_2 \ge p_1,$ 
  - $0 \le \delta(x) < \delta_0 < \infty$ , q(x) is not identically zero for large x,
- $(W_3)$  $g_2 \in C^1[x_0,\infty), g_1 \in C^1([x_0,\infty),\mathbb{R}), g'_2(x) > 0, g'_1(x) > 0, g_2(x) \le x,$  $\lim_{x \to \infty} g_2(x) = \lim_{x \to \infty} g_1(x) = \infty;$ (W<sub>4</sub>)  $\int_{x_0}^{\infty} r^{-1/(p_1 - 1)}(s) ds = \infty.$

**Definition 1.** A solution of (1) is said to be oscillatory if it has arbitrarily large zeros on  $[x_y, \infty)$ . Otherwise, a solution that is not oscillatory is said to be nonoscillatory.

**Definition 2.** The Equation (1) is said to be oscillatory if every solution of it is oscillatory.

**Definition 3.** A differential equation is said to be neutral if the highest-order derivative of the unknown function appears both with and without delay.

Neutral differential equations are used in numerous applications in technology and natural science. For instance, the problems of oscillatory behavior of neutral differential



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equations have a number of practical applications in the study of distributed networks containing lossless transmission lines which arise in high-speed computers where the lossless transmission lines are used to interconnect switching circuits, see [1-4]. In fact, half-linear differential equations arise in a variety of real world problems such as in the study of *p*-Laplace equations non-Newtonian fluid theory, the turbulent flow of a polytrophic gas in a porous medium, and so forth; see [5-7]. During the past few years there has been interest by many researchers to study the oscillatory behavior of this type of equation, see [8-12]. Furthermore, many researchers investigate regularity and existence properties of solutions to difference equations; see [13-15] and the references therein. In [16], the authors studied oscillation conditions for equation

$$\left(r(t)\Phi(y^{(n-1)}(t))\right)' + a(t)\Phi(y^{(n-1)}(t)) + q(t)\Phi(y(g(t))) = 0,$$

where  $\Phi = |s|^{p-2}s$  and *n* is even. The authors used Riccati substitution together with integral averaging technique.

In [17], Bazighifan obtained oscillation conditions for solutions of (1) and used comparison method with second-order equations. Moreover, in [16,18,19], the authors considered the equation

$$\left(r(x)|w'''(x)|^{p-2}w'''(x)\right)' + q(x)|y(\delta(x))|^{p-2}y(\delta(x)) = 0,$$

where  $w(x) = y(x) + \delta(x)y(g_2(x))$  and obtained a condition under which every solution of this equation is oscillatory.

Bazighifan and Abdeljawad [20] give some results providing information on the asymptotic behavior of solutions of fourth-order advanced differential equations. This time, the authors used comparison method with first and second-order equations.

In this article, we establish oscillatory properties of solutions of (1). By using Riccati substitution and comparison technique, new oscillatory criteria for (1) are established. Our results complement some known results in literature. Furthermore, an illustrative example is provided.

#### 2. Lemmas

The following lemmas will be used to establish our main results:

**Lemma 1.** [21] Let  $\beta$  be a ratio of two odd numbers, D > 0 and G are constants. Then

$$Gy - Dy^{(\beta+1)/\beta} \leq \frac{\beta^{\beta}}{(\beta+1)^{\beta+1}} \frac{G^{\beta+1}}{D^{\beta}}.$$

**Lemma 2.** [22] Let  $y \in C^n([x_0, \infty), (0, \infty))$ . Assume that  $y^{(n)}(x)$  is of fixed sign and not identically zero on  $[x_0, \infty)$  and that there exists a  $x_1 \ge x_0$  such that  $y^{(n-1)}(x)y^{(n)}(x) \le 0$  for all  $x \ge x_1$ . If  $\lim_{x\to\infty} y(x) \ne 0$ , then for every  $\mu \in (0, 1)$  there exists  $x_\mu \ge x_1$  such that

$$y(x) \ge \frac{\mu}{(n-1)!} x^{n-1} |y^{(n-1)}(x)|$$
 for  $x \ge x_{\mu}$ .

**Lemma 3.** [23] Let  $y^{(i)}(x) > 0$ , i = 0, 1, ..., n, and  $y^{(n+1)}(x) < 0$ . Then

$$\frac{y(x)}{x^n/n!} \ge \frac{y'(x)}{x^{n-1}/(n-1)!}$$

**Lemma 4.** [3] Let  $c, v \ge 0$  and  $\beta$  be a positive real number. Then

$$(c+v)^{eta} \leq 2^{eta-1} \Big( c^{eta} + v^{eta} \Big)$$
 , for  $eta \geq 1$ 

and

$$(c+v)^{\beta} \leq c^{\beta} + v^{\beta}$$
, for  $\beta \leq 1$ 

We consider the following notations:

$$\delta_{1}(x) = \frac{1}{\delta\left(g_{2}^{-1}(x)\right)} \left(1 - \frac{\left(g_{2}^{-1}\left(g_{2}^{-1}(x)\right)\right)^{3}}{\left(g_{2}^{-1}\left(g_{2}^{-1}(x)\right)\right)}\right),$$
  

$$\tilde{R}(x) = \left(\frac{\mu\left(g_{2}^{-1}(\varphi(x))\right)^{3}}{6}\right)^{(p_{2}-1)} q(x)\delta_{1}^{p_{2}-1}(\varphi(x))r^{-(p_{2}-1)/(p_{1}-1)}\left(g_{2}^{-1}(\varphi(x))\right),$$
  

$$R(x) = \int_{x}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{r(\varrho)}\int_{\varrho}^{\infty}q(s)\left(\frac{g_{2}^{-1}(\sigma(s))}{s}\right)^{p_{2}-1}ds\right)^{1/(p_{1}-1)}d\varrho$$

and

$$\delta_2(x) = \frac{1}{\delta(g_2^{-1}(x))} \left( 1 - \frac{\left(g_2^{-1}(g_2^{-1}(x))\right)}{\left(g_2^{-1}(x)\right)\delta\left(g_2^{-1}(g_2^{-1}(x))\right)} \right)$$

The following lemma summarizes the situations that are discussed in the proofs of our results.

**Lemma 5.** [24] Let y be an eventually positive solution of (1). Then there exist two possible cases:

$$(\mathbf{S}_1) \ w(x) > 0, \ w'(x) > 0, \ w''(x) > 0, \ w'''(x) > 0, \ w^{(4)}(x) < 0; \\ (\mathbf{S}_2) \ w(x) > 0, \ w'(x) > 0, \ w''(x) < 0, \ w'''(x) > 0, \ w^{(4)}(x) < 0,$$

for  $x \ge x_1$ , where  $x_1 \ge x_0$  is sufficiently large.

## 3. Main Results

**Lemma 6.** Let y be an eventually positive solution of (1). Then

$$y(x) \ge \frac{1}{\delta\left(g_2^{-1}(x)\right)} \left( w\left(g_2^{-1}(x)\right) - \frac{1}{\delta\left(g_2^{-1}\left(g_2^{-1}(x)\right)\right)} w\left(g_2^{-1}\left(g_2^{-1}(x)\right)\right) \right).$$
(3)

**Proof.** Let y be an eventually positive solution of (1). From the definition of w, we see that

$$\delta(x)y(g_2(x)) = w(x) - y(x)$$

and so

$$\delta(g_2^{-1}(x))y(x) = w(g_2^{-1}(x)) - y(g_2^{-1}(x)).$$

Repeating the same process, we obtain

$$y(x) = \frac{1}{\delta(g_2^{-1}(x))} \left( w(g_2^{-1}(x)) - \left( \frac{w(g_2^{-1}(g_2^{-1}(x)))}{\delta(g_2^{-1}(g_2^{-1}(x)))} - \frac{y(g_2^{-1}(g_2^{-1}(x)))}{\delta(g_2^{-1}(g_2^{-1}(x)))} \right) \right),$$

which yields

$$y(x) \ge \frac{w(g_2^{-1}(x))}{\delta(g_2^{-1}(x))} - \frac{1}{\delta(g_2^{-1}(x))} \frac{w(g_2^{-1}(g_2^{-1}(x)))}{\delta(g_2^{-1}(g_2^{-1}(x)))}$$

Thus, (3) holds.  $\Box$ 

The first result of the paper is a theorem providing oscillation criterion for Equation (1). For this purpose, we employ the Riccati method.

**Theorem 1.** Let  $g_1(x) \le g_2(x)$ . Assume that there exist positive functions  $\theta, \theta_1 \in C^1([x_0, \infty), \mathbb{R})$ ,  $\mu_1 \in (0, 1)$  and for every constants  $M_1, M_2 > 0$  such that

$$\int_{x_0}^{\infty} \left( \eta_1(s) - \frac{2^{p_1 - 1}}{p_1^{p_1}} \frac{r\left(g_2^{-1}(g_1(s))\right) (\theta'(s))^{p_1}}{\left(\mu_1 \theta(s) \left(g_2^{-1}(g_1(s))\right)' (g_1(s))' \left(g_2^{-1}(g_1(s))\right)^2\right)^{p_1 - 1}} \right) \mathrm{d}s = \infty \quad (4)$$

and

 $\int_{x_0}^{\infty} \left( \eta_2(s) - \frac{\left(\theta_1'(s)\right)^2}{4\theta_1(s)} \right) \mathrm{d}s = \infty, \tag{5}$ 

where

 $\eta_1(x) \ = \ M_1^{p_2-p_1}\theta(x)q(x)\delta_1^{p_2-1}(g_1(x))$ 

and

$$\eta_2(x) = \delta_2^{(p_2-1)/(p_1-1)} \theta_1(x) M_2^{(p_2-p_1)/(p_1-1)} \int_x^\infty \left( \frac{1}{r(\varrho)} \int_{\varrho}^\infty q(s) \left( \frac{g_2^{-1}(g_1(s))}{s} \right)^{p_2-1} \mathrm{d}s \right)^{1/(p_1-1)} \mathrm{d}\varrho$$

then (1) is oscillatory.

**Proof.** Let *y* be a non-oscillatory solution of (1) on  $[x_0, \infty)$ . Without loss of generality, we can assume that *y* is eventually positive. It follows from Lemma 5 that there exist two possible cases (**S**<sub>1</sub>) and (**S**<sub>2</sub>).

Let  $(S_1)$  hold. From Lemma 3, we obtain

$$\frac{w'(x)}{w(x)} \le \frac{3}{x}$$

Integrating from  $g_2^{-1}(x)$  to *x*, we find

$$\frac{w\left(g_2^{-1}(x)\right)}{w(x)} \ge \frac{\left(g_2^{-1}(x)\right)^3}{x^3}.$$
(6)

This yields

$$\left(g_2^{-1}(x)\right)^3 w\left(g_2^{-1}\left(g_2^{-1}(x)\right)\right) \le \left(g_2^{-1}\left(g_2^{-1}(x)\right)\right)^3 w\left(g_2^{-1}(x)\right).$$
(7)

From (3) and (7), we get

$$y(x) \geq \frac{w(g_2^{-1}(x))}{\delta(g_2^{-1}(x))} \left( 1 - \frac{(g_2^{-1}(g_2^{-1}(x)))^3}{(g_2^{-1}(x))^3 \delta(g_2^{-1}(g_2^{-1}(x)))} \right)$$
  
$$\geq \delta_1(x) w(g_2^{-1}(x)).$$
(8)

From (1) and (8), we obtain

$$\left(r(x)\left(w^{\prime\prime\prime}(x)\right)^{p_1-1}\right)' + q(x)\delta_1^{p_2-1}(g_1(x))w^{p_2-1}\left(g_2^{-1}(g_1(x))\right) \le 0.$$
(9)

Define

$$\psi_1(x) := \theta(x) \frac{r(x)(w'''(x))^{p_1 - 1}}{w^{p_1 - 1} \left(g_2^{-1}(g_1(x))\right)}.$$
(10)

From (9) and (10), we obtain

$$\psi_{1}'(x) \leq \frac{\theta'(x)}{\theta(x)}\psi_{1}(x) - \theta(x)w^{p_{2}-p_{1}}\left(g_{2}^{-1}(g_{1}(x))\right)q(x)\delta_{1}^{p_{2}-1}(g_{1}(x)) - (p_{1}-1)\theta(x)\frac{r(x)(w'''(x))^{p_{1}-1}\left(g_{2}^{-1}(g_{1}(x))\right)'(g_{1}(x))'w'\left(g_{2}^{-1}(g_{1}(x))\right)}{w^{p_{1}}\left(g_{2}^{-1}(g_{1}(x))\right)}.$$
(11)

Recalling that  $r(x)(w'''(x))^{p_1-1}$  is decreasing, we find

$$r\left(g_2^{-1}(g_1(x))\right)\left(w'''\left(g_2^{-1}(g_1(x))\right)\right)^{p_1-1} \ge r(x)\left(w'''(x)\right)^{p_1-1}.$$

This yields

$$\left(w'''\left(g_2^{-1}(g_1(x))\right)\right)^{p_1-1} \ge \frac{r(x)}{r\left(g_2^{-1}(g_1(x))\right)} \left(w'''(x)\right)^{p_1-1}.$$
(12)

It follows from Lemma 2 that

$$w'\left(g_2^{-1}(g_1(x))\right) \ge \frac{\mu_1}{2} \left(g_2^{-1}(g_1(x))\right)^2 w'''\left(g_2^{-1}(g_1(x))\right),\tag{13}$$

for all  $\mu_1 \in (0, 1)$ . Thus, by (11)–(13), we get

$$\begin{split} \psi_{1}'(x) &\leq \frac{\theta'(x)}{\theta(x)}\psi_{1}(x) - \theta(x)w^{p_{2}-p_{1}}\Big(g_{2}^{-1}(g_{1}(x))\Big)q(x)\delta_{1}^{p_{2}-1}(g_{1}(x))\\ &-(p_{1}-1)\theta(x)\frac{\mu_{1}}{2}\left(\frac{r(x)}{r\Big(g_{2}^{-1}(g_{1}(x))\Big)}\right)^{1/(p_{1}-1)}\frac{r(x)(w'''(x))^{p_{1}}\Big(g_{2}^{-1}(g_{1}(x))\Big)'(g_{1}(x))'\Big(g_{2}^{-1}(g_{1}(x))\Big)^{2}}{w^{p_{1}}\Big(g_{2}^{-1}(g_{1}(x))\Big)}. \end{split}$$

Hence,

$$\begin{split} \psi_1'(x) &\leq \frac{\theta'(x)}{\theta(x)}\psi_1(x) - \theta(x)w^{p_2-p_1}\Big(g_2^{-1}(g_1(x))\Big)q(x)\delta_1^{p_2-1}(g_1(x)) \\ &- (p_1-1)\frac{\mu_1}{2}\left(\frac{r(x)}{r\Big(g_2^{-1}(g_1(x))\Big)}\right)^{1/(p_1-1)}\frac{\Big(g_2^{-1}(g_1(x))\Big)'(g_1(x))'\Big(g_2^{-1}(g_1(x))\Big)^2}{(r\theta)^{1/(p_1-1)}(x)}\psi_1^{\frac{p_1}{p_1-1}}(x). \end{split}$$

Since w'(x) > 0, there exist  $x_2 \ge x_1$  and a constant M > 0 such that

$$w(x) > M, \tag{14}$$

for all  $x \ge x_2$ . Using Lemma 1, we put

$$G = \frac{\theta'(x)}{\theta(x)}, D = (p_1 - 1)\frac{\mu_1}{2} \left(\frac{r(x)}{r\left(g_2^{-1}(g_1(x))\right)}\right)^{1/(p_1 - 1)} \frac{\left(g_2^{-1}(g_1(x))\right)'(g_1(x))'\left(g_2^{-1}(g_1(x))\right)^2}{(r\theta)^{1/(p_1 - 1)}(x)}$$

and  $y = \psi_1$ , we get

$$\psi_1'(x) \le -\eta_1(x) + \frac{2^{p_1-1}}{p_1^{p_1}} \frac{r(g_2^{-1}(g_1(x)))(\theta'(x))^{p_1}}{(\mu_1\theta(x)(g_2^{-1}(g_1(x)))'(g_1(x))'(g_2^{-1}(g_1(x)))^2)^{p_1-1}}.$$

This implies that

$$\int_{x_1}^{x} \left( \eta_1(s) - \frac{2^{p_1 - 1}}{p_1^{p_1}} \frac{r\left(g_2^{-1}(g_1(s))\right) (\theta'(s))^{p_1}}{\left(\mu_1 \theta(s) \left(g_2^{-1}(g_1(s))\right)'(g_1(s))' \left(g_2^{-1}(g_1(s))\right)^2\right)^{p_1 - 1}} \right) \mathrm{d}s \le \psi_1(x_1),$$

which contradicts (4).

Let  $(S_2)$  hold. By using Lemma 3, we get

$$\frac{w'(x)}{w(x)} \le \frac{1}{x}$$

Integrating from  $g_2^{-1}(x)$  to *x*, we find

$$w\Big(g_2^{-1}(g_1(x))\Big) \ge \frac{g_2^{-1}(g_1(x))}{x}w(x).$$
(15)

which yields

$$g_2^{-1}(x)w\Big(g_2^{-1}\Big(g_2^{-1}(x)\Big)\Big) \le g_2^{-1}\Big(g_2^{-1}(x)\Big)w\Big(g_2^{-1}(x)\Big).$$
(16)

From (3) and (16), we have

$$\begin{split} y(x) &\geq \frac{1}{\delta\left(g_2^{-1}(x)\right)} \left( 1 - \frac{\left(g_2^{-1}\left(g_2^{-1}(x)\right)\right)}{\left(g_2^{-1}(x)\right)\delta\left(g_2^{-1}\left(g_2^{-1}(x)\right)\right)} \right) w\left(g_2^{-1}(x)\right) \\ &= \delta_2(x) w\left(g_2^{-1}(x)\right), \end{split}$$

which with (1) gives

$$\left(r(x)\left(w^{\prime\prime\prime}(x)\right)^{p_{1}-1}\right)' \leq -q(x)\delta_{2}^{p_{2}-1}(g_{1}(x))w^{p_{2}-1}\left(g_{2}^{-1}(g_{1}(x))\right).$$
(17)

Integrating (17) from x to  $\rho$ , we obtain

$$r(\varrho)(w'''(\varrho))^{p_1-1} - r(x)(w'''(x))^{p_1-1} \le -\int_x^\varrho \Big(q(s)\delta_2^{p_2-1}(g_1(s))w^{p_2-1}\Big(g_2^{-1}(g_1(s))\Big)\Big) \mathrm{d}s.$$
(18)

Letting  $\rho \to \infty$  in (18) and using (15), we obtain

$$r(x) \left( w^{\prime\prime\prime}(x) \right)^{p_1 - 1} \ge \delta_2^{p_2 - 1}(g_1(x)) w^{p_2 - 1}(x) \int_x^\infty q(s) \left( \frac{g_2^{-1}(g_1(s))}{s} \right)^{p_2 - 1} \mathrm{d}s.$$

Integrating this inequality again from *x* to  $\infty$ , we get

$$w''(x) \le -\delta_2^{(p_2-1)/(p_1-1)} w^{(p_2-1)/(p_1-1)}(x) \int_x^\infty \left( \frac{1}{r(\varrho)} \int_\varrho^\infty q(s) \left( \frac{g_2^{-1}(g_1(s))}{s} \right)^{p_2-1} \mathrm{d}s \right)^{1/(p_1-1)} \mathrm{d}\varrho, \quad (19)$$

Now, we define

$$\psi_2(x) := \theta_1(x) \frac{w'(x)}{w(x)}.$$

Then  $\psi_2(x) > 0$  for  $x \ge x_1$ . By differentiating  $\psi_2$  and using (19), we find

$$\begin{split} \psi_{2}'(x) &= \frac{\theta_{1}'(x)}{\theta_{1}(x)}\psi_{2}(x) + \theta_{1}(x)\frac{w''(x)}{w(x)} - \theta_{1}(x)\left(\frac{w'(x)}{w(x)}\right)^{2} \\ &\leq \frac{\theta_{1}'(x)}{\theta_{1}(x)}\psi_{2}(x) - \frac{1}{\theta_{1}(x)}\psi_{2}^{2}(x) \\ &\quad -\delta_{2}^{(p_{2}-1)/(p_{1}-1)}\theta_{1}(x)w^{(p_{2}-p_{1})/(p_{1}-1)}(x)\int_{x}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{r(\varrho)}\int_{\varrho}^{\infty}q(s)\left(\frac{g_{2}^{-1}(g_{1}(s))}{s}\right)^{p_{2}-1}ds\right)^{1/(p_{1}-1)}d\varrho. \end{split}$$

Thus, we obtain

$$\psi_2'(x) \le -\eta_2(x) + rac{ heta_1'(x)}{ heta_1(x)}\psi_2(x) - rac{1}{ heta_1(x)}\psi_2^2(x)$$

Using Lemma 1, we put

$$G = \frac{\theta_1'(x)}{\theta_1(x)}, D = \frac{1}{\theta_1(x)}$$

and  $y = \psi_2$ , we find

$$\psi'_2(x) \le -\eta_2(x) + \frac{(\theta'_1(x))^2}{4\theta_1(x)}.$$

Then, we get

$$\int_{x_1}^x \left(\eta_2(s) - \frac{\left(\theta'(s)\right)^2}{4\theta(s)}\right) \mathrm{d}s \le \psi_2(x_1),$$

which contradicts (5). This completes the proof.  $\Box$ 

The second result of the paper is a theorem providing oscillation criterion for Equation (1). For this purpose, we employ the comparison method with first-order differential equations.

Theorem 2. Let

$$\frac{\left(g_2^{-1}\left(g_2^{-1}(x)\right)\right)^3}{\left(g_2^{-1}(x)\right)^3\delta\left(g_2^{-1}\left(g_2^{-1}(x)\right)\right)} \le 1.$$
(20)

Assume that there exist positive functions  $\varphi$ ,  $\sigma \in \delta^1([x_0, \infty), \mathbb{R})$  satisfying

 $\varphi(x) \le g_1(x), \ \varphi(x) < g_2(x), \ \sigma(x) \le g_1(x), \ \sigma(x) < g_2(x), \ \sigma'(x) \ge 0 \text{ and } \lim_{x \to \infty} \varphi(x) = \lim_{x \to \infty} \sigma(x) = \infty.$  (21)

*If there exists*  $\varepsilon_1, \mu \in (0, 1)$  *such that the differential equations* 

$$u_1'(x) + \tilde{R}(x)u_1^{(p_2-1)/(p_1-1)}\left(g_2^{-1}(\varphi(x,a))\right) = 0$$
(22)

and

$$u_{2}'(x) + \delta_{2}^{(p_{2}-1)/(p_{1}-1)} \varepsilon_{1} \left( g_{2}^{-1}(\sigma(x)) \right)^{(p_{2}-1)/(p_{1}-1)} R(x) u_{2}^{(p_{2}-1)/(p_{1}-1)} \left( g_{2}^{-1}(\sigma(x)) \right) = 0$$
(23)

are oscillatory, then (1) is oscillatory.

**Proof.** Proceeding as in the proof of Theorem 1. Let Case (**S**<sub>1</sub>) hold. Since  $\varphi(x) \le g_1(x)$  and w'(x) > 0, we obtain

$$\left(r(x)\left(w^{\prime\prime\prime}(x)\right)^{p_{1}-1}\right)^{\prime} \leq -q(x)\delta_{1}^{p_{2}-1}(\varphi(x))w^{p_{2}-1}\left(g_{2}^{-1}(\varphi(x))\right).$$
(24)

Now, by using Lemma 2, we have

$$w(x) \ge \frac{\mu}{6} x^3 w'''(x),$$
 (25)

for some  $\mu \in (0, 1)$ . It follows from (24) and (25) that, for all  $\mu \in (0, 1)$ ,

$$\left(r(x)\left(w^{\prime\prime\prime\prime}(x)\right)^{p_{1}-1}\right)^{\prime} + \left(\frac{\mu\left(g_{2}^{-1}(\varphi(x))\right)^{3}}{6}\right)^{p_{2}-1}q(x)\delta_{1}^{p_{2}-1}(\varphi(x))\left(w^{\prime\prime\prime\prime}\left(g_{2}^{-1}(\varphi(x))\right)\right)^{p_{2}-1} \le 0.$$

Thus, we choose

$$u_1(x) = r(x)(w'''(x))^{p_1-1}$$

So, we find that  $u_1$  is a positive solution of the inequality

$$u_1'(x) + \tilde{R}(x)u_1^{(p_2-1)/(p_1-1)}\Big(g_2^{-1}(\varphi(x))\Big) \le 0.$$

Using (see [25], [Theorem 1]), we also see that (22) has a positive solution, a contradiction. Suppose that Case  $(S_2)$  holds. From Theorem 1, we get that (19) holds. Since

 $\sigma(x) \leq g_1(x)$  and w'(x) > 0, we have that

$$w''(x) \le -\delta_2^{(p_2-1)/(p_1-1)} w^{(p_2-1)/(p_1-1)} \left(g_2^{-1}(\sigma(x))\right) \int_x^\infty \left(\frac{1}{r(\varrho)} \int_{\varrho}^\infty q(s) \left(\frac{g_2^{-1}(\sigma(s))}{s}\right)^{p_2-1} \mathrm{d}s\right)^{1/(p_1-1)} \mathrm{d}\varrho.$$
(26)

Using Lemma 3, we get that

$$w(x) \ge \varepsilon_1 x w'(x). \tag{27}$$

From (16) and (27), we obtain

$$w''(x) \leq -\delta_2^{(p_2-1)/(p_1-1)} \varepsilon_1 \Big( w' \Big( g_2^{-1}(\sigma(x)) \Big) \Big)^{(p_2-1)/(p_1-1)} \Big( g_2^{-1}(\sigma(x)) \Big)^{(p_2-1)/(p_1-1)} R(x).$$

Now, we choose  $u_2(x) := w'(x)$ , thus, we find that  $u_2$  is a positive solution of

$$u_{2}'(x) + \delta_{2}^{(p_{2}-1)/(p_{1}-1)} \varepsilon_{1} \left( g_{2}^{-1}(\sigma(x)) \right)^{(p_{2}-1)/(p_{1}-1)} R(x) u_{2}^{(p_{2}-1)/(p_{1}-1)} \left( g_{2}^{-1}(\sigma(x)) \right) \leq 0.$$
(28)

Using (see [25], [Theorem 1]), we also see that (23) has a positive solution, a contradiction. The proof is complete.  $\Box$ 

**Example 1.** Consider the equation

$$\begin{cases} \left(y(x) + 16y\left(\frac{1}{2}x\right)\right)^{(4)} + \frac{q_0}{x^4}y\left(\frac{1}{3}x\right) = 0, \\ t \ge 1, \ q_0 > 0. \end{cases}$$
(29)

Let r(x) = 1,  $p_1 = p_2 = 2$ ,  $\delta(x) = 16$ ,  $g_2(x) = \frac{1}{2}x$ ,  $g_2^{-1}(x) = 2x$ ,  $g_1(x) = \frac{1}{3}x$  and  $q(t) = q_0/x^4$ .

Thus, it is easy to see that

$$\begin{split} \delta_1(x) &= \frac{1}{\delta\left(g_2^{-1}(x)\right)} \left( 1 - \frac{\left(g_2^{-1}\left(g_2^{-1}(x)\right)\right)^3}{\left(g_2^{-1}\left(g_2^{-1}(x)\right)\right)} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{16} \left(1 - \frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{32}, \\ \delta_2(x) &= \frac{1}{\delta\left(g_2^{-1}(x)\right)} \left( 1 - \frac{\left(g_2^{-1}\left(g_2^{-1}(x)\right)\right)}{\left(g_2^{-1}\left(x\right)\right)\delta\left(g_2^{-1}\left(g_2^{-1}(x)\right)\right)} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{16} \left(1 - \frac{1}{8}\right) = \frac{7}{128} \end{split}$$

and

$$\eta_1(x) = \frac{q_0}{32x}, \eta_2(x) = \frac{7q_0}{1152x}$$

*By applying conditions (4) and (5), we find* 

$$\int_{x_0}^{\infty} \left( \eta_1(s) - \frac{2^{p_1 - 1}}{p_1^{p_1}} \frac{r\left(g_2^{-1}(g_1(s))\right) (\theta'(s))^{p_1}}{\left(\mu_1 \theta(s) \left(g_2^{-1}(g_1(s))\right)'(g_1(s))' \left(g_2^{-1}(g_1(s))\right)^2\right)^{p_1 - 1}} \right) ds$$
  
=  $\int_{x_0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{q_0}{32s} - \frac{729}{32s}\right) ds = \left(\frac{q_0}{32} - \frac{729}{32}\right) \int_{x_0}^{\infty} \frac{ds}{s}$   
=  $+\infty$ , if  $q_0 > 729$ 

and for  $\theta_1(x) = x$ , we get

$$\int_{x_0}^{\infty} \left( \eta_2(s) - \frac{\left(\theta_1'(s)\right)^2}{4\theta_1(s)} \right) ds = \int_{x_0}^{\infty} \left( \frac{7q_0}{1152s} - \frac{1}{4s} \right) ds$$
  
=  $+\infty$ , if  $q_0 > 41.14$ .

*Hence, from Theorem 1, we conclude that (29) is oscillatory if*  $q_0 > 729$ *.* 

### 4. Conclusions

In this work, by using the comparison and Riccati methods we establish a new oscillation conditions of (1). This new conditions complement some known results for neutral differential equations. Furthermore, in future work we will study the oscillatory behavior of this equation by comparison method with second-order differential equations.

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