SOLVABILITY FOR A THIRD ORDER DISCONTINUOUS FULLY EQUATION WITH NONLINEAR FUNCTIONAL BOUNDARY CONDITIONS

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ABSTRACT. We prove an existence and location result for the third order functional nonlinear boundary value problem

> $u'''(t) = f(t, u, u'(t), u''(t)), \text{ for } t \in [a, b],$ $0 = L_0(u, u', u(t_0)),$ $0 = L_1(u, u', u'(a), u''(a)),$ $0 = L_2(u, u', u'(b), u''(b)),$

with $t_0 \in [a, b]$ given, $f: I \times C(I) \times \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}$ is a L^1 – Carathéodory function allowing some discontinuities on t and L_0, L_1, L_2 are continuous functions depending functionally on u and u'.

The arguments make use of an $a \ priori$ estimate on u'', lower and upper solutions method and degree theory.

Applications to a multipoint problem and to a beam equation will be presented.

1. INTRODUCTION

In this paper it is studied the third order nonlinear functional equation

(1.1)
$$u'''(t) = f(t, u, u'(t), u''(t)), \text{ for } t \in I$$

where $I = [a, b], f : I \times C(I) \times \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}$ is a L^1 – Carathéodory function together with the nonlinear functional boundary conditions

(1.2)
$$\begin{aligned} L_0(u, u', u(t_0)) &= 0, \\ L_1(u, u', u'(a), u''(a)) &= 0, \\ L_2(u, u', u'(b), u''(b)) &= 0, \end{aligned}$$

where $t_0 \in I$ is given and L_0 , L_1 , L_2 are continuous functions satisfying some monotonicity assumptions to be defined in Section 2.

We remark that functional dependence on the solution is allowed in f, moreover functions L_0 , L_1 and L_2 depend functionally on the solution of the equation and on the first derivative. Such dependence allows us to consider, amongst others, integro - differential equations, delay equations or equations with maxima coupled with Sturm - Liouville or multipoint boundary value conditions under the same formulation.

This type of fully third order differential equation has been studied by several authors, considering nonlinear boundary conditions (see [5, 7, 14]) or two functional

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