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# ON THE CRITERION OF THE CONVERGENCE OF DIFFERENCE SCHEMES FOR LINEAR GENERAL BOUNDARY PROBLEMS FOR SYSTEMS OF ORDINARY DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS

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**Abstract**. The necessary and sufficient condition and effective sufficient conditions are presented for the convergence difference schemes corresponding to the general linear boundary value problems for systems of ordinary differential equations.

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Let the vector-function  $x_0: I \to \mathbb{R}^n$  be the unique solution of problem

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = P(t)x + q(t) \text{ for a.a. } t \in I, \ \ell(x) = c_0$$
(1)

 $I = [a, b], P \in L(I; \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}), q \in L(I; \mathbb{R}^n), \ell : C(I; \mathbb{R}^n) \to \mathbb{R}^n$  is a linear vector-functional, bounded with respect to the norm  $\|.\|_c$ , and  $c_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

Along with the problem we consider the difference scheme

$$\Delta y(k-1) = \frac{1}{m} \left( G_{1m}(k) \, y(k) + G_{2m}(k-1) \, y(k-1) + g_{1m}(k) + g_{2m}(k-1) \right) (k = 1, \dots, m), \ \mathcal{L}_m(y) = \gamma_m$$
(1<sub>m</sub>)

(m = 1, 2, ...), where  $G_{jm} \in E(N_m; \mathbb{R}^{n \times n})$ ,  $g_{jm} \in E(N_m; \mathbb{R}^n)$  (j = 1, 2) and  $\mathcal{L}_m : E(J; \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}) \to \mathbb{R}^n$  is a given linear bounded vector-functional. In addition, assume  $G_{1m}(0) = G_{2m}(m) = O_{n \times n}$  and  $g_{1m}(0) = g_{2m}(m) = 0_n$   $(m \in \mathbb{N})$ .

We present the effective necessary and sufficient (moreover, the effective sufficient) conditions for the convergence of the solution of difference scheme  $(1_m)$  to  $x_0$ . They are proved in [2]. The analogous problem is investigated in [1] for the initial one.

Designations.  $\mathbb{R} = ] - \infty, +\infty[, \mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, ...\}, \mathbb{N}_m = \{1, ..., m\}, \widetilde{\mathbb{N}}_m = \{0, 1, ..., m\};$  $I_n$  is the identity  $n \times n$ -matrix,  $O_{n \times n}$  and  $0_n$  are, the zero  $n \times n$ -matrix and zero nvector, respectively;  $||x||_c = \max\{||x(t)|| : t \in I\}$  is the norm of the vector-function  $x : I \to \mathbb{R}^n, |||\ell|||$  is the norm of the linear bounded vector-functional  $\ell$ . If  $J \subset \mathbb{N}$ , then  $\mathbb{E}(J; \mathbb{R}^{n \times m})$  is the space of all bounded matrix-functions  $Y : J \to \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$  with the norm  $||Y||_J = \max\{||Y(k)|| : k \in J\}.$ 

Let  $\Delta Y(i-1) \equiv Y(i) - Y(i-1)$  for  $Y \in E(\widetilde{\mathbb{N}}_m; \mathbb{R}^{n \times m})$ . Further,  $\tau_m = (b-a)/m$ ,  $\tau_{0m} = a$ ,  $\tau_{km} = a + k\tau_m$  and  $I_{km} = ]\tau_{k-1m}, \tau_{km}[(k \in \mathbb{N}_m; m \in \mathbb{N})]$ . Let  $\nu_m$  be function defined by

$$\begin{split} \nu_m(t) &\equiv [(t-a)(b-a)^{-1}m] \ (m \in \mathbb{N}), \text{ where } [T] \text{ stands for the integer part of } T. \text{ Obviously,} \\ \nu_m(\tau_{km}) &= k \ (k \in \widetilde{\mathbb{N}}_m; m \in \mathbb{N}). \ p_m : \mathrm{BV}([a,b]; \mathbb{R}^n) \to \mathrm{E}(\widetilde{N}_m; \mathbb{R}^n) \text{ and } q_m : \mathrm{E}(\widetilde{N}_m; \mathbb{R}^n) \to \mathrm{BV}([a,b]; \mathbb{R}^n) \ (m \in \mathbb{N}) \text{ are operators defined, respectively, by } p_m(x)(k) = x(\tau_{km}) \text{ and} \\ q_m(y)(t) &\equiv \begin{cases} y(k) \ \text{if } t = \tau_{km} \ \text{for some } k \in \widetilde{\mathbb{N}}_m, \\ y(k) - \frac{1}{m}G_{1m}(k)y(k) - \frac{1}{m}g_{1m}(k) \ \text{if } t \in ]\tau_{k-1m}, \tau_{km}[ \ \text{for some } k \in \widetilde{\mathbb{N}}_m. \end{cases} \end{split}$$

**Definition.** The inclusion

$$\left(\left(G_{1m}, G_{2m}, g_{1m}, g_{2m}; \mathcal{L}_m\right)\right)_{m=1}^{+\infty} \in \mathcal{CS}(P, q; \ell)$$

$$\tag{2}$$

means that for every  $c_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and the sequence  $\gamma_m \in \mathbb{R}^n$   $(m \in \mathbb{N})$ , satisfying the condition  $\lim_{m \to +\infty} \gamma_m = c_0$ , the difference problem  $(1_m)$  has a unique solution  $y_m \in \mathcal{E}(\widetilde{N}_m; \mathbb{R}^n)$  for any sufficiently large m and  $\lim_{m \to +\infty} \|y_m - p_m(x_0)\|_{\widetilde{N}_m} = 0$ .

### Theorem 1. Let

$$\lim_{n \to +\infty} \mathcal{L}_m(p_m(x)) = \ell(x) \quad \text{for } x \in \mathrm{BV}(I; \mathbb{R}^n), \quad \text{and} \quad \limsup_{m \to +\infty} |||\mathcal{L}_m||| < +\infty.$$
(3)

Then inclusion (2) holds if and only if there exist matrix-functions  $H \in AC(I; \mathbb{R}^{n \times n})$  and  $H_{1m}, H_{2m} \in E(\widetilde{\mathbb{N}}_m; \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}) \ (m \in \mathbb{N})$  such that  $\inf\{|\det(H(t))| : t \in I\} > 0$ ,

$$\limsup_{m \to +\infty} \sum_{k=1}^{m} \left( \left\| H_{2m}(k) - Q_{1m}(k) \right\| + \left\| H_{1m}(k) - Q_{2m}(k) \right) \right\| \right) < +\infty, \tag{4}$$

$$\lim_{m \to +\infty} \max_{k \in \widetilde{\mathbb{N}}_m} \{ \| H_{jm}(k) - H(\tau_{km}) \| \} = 0 \quad (j = 1, 2),$$
(5)

where  $Q_{j+1m}(k) \equiv H_{jm}(k-j) - \frac{1}{m}H_{1m}(k)G_{j+1m}(k-j)$  (j=0,1), and uniformly on I

$$\lim_{m \to +\infty} \frac{1}{m} \sum_{k=1}^{\nu_m(t)} \sum_{j=0}^1 H_{1m}(k) \, G_{j+1m}(k-j) = \int_a^s H(\tau) P(\tau) d\tau),\tag{6}$$

$$\lim_{m \to +\infty} \frac{1}{m} \sum_{k=1}^{\nu_m(t)} \sum_{j=0}^{1} H_{1m}(k) g_{j+1m}(k-j) = \int_a^t H(\tau) q(\tau) d\tau.$$
(7)

**Remark.** The limits equalities (6) and (7) are fulfilled uniformly on I if, respectively,  $\lim_{m \to +\infty} \max_{i \in \mathbb{N}_m} \left\{ \left| \frac{1}{m} \sum_{k=1}^{i} \sum_{j=0}^{1} H_{1m}(k) G_{j+1m}(k-j) - \int_{a}^{\tau_{im}} H(\tau) P(\tau) d\tau \right| \right\} = O_{n \times n},$   $\lim_{m \to +\infty} \max_{i \in \mathbb{N}_m} \left\{ \left| \frac{1}{m} \sum_{k=1}^{i} \sum_{j=0}^{1} H_{1m}(k) g_{j+1m}(k-j) - \int_{a}^{\tau_{im}} H(\tau) q(\tau) d\tau \right| \right\} = O_n.$ 

Let X and  $Y_m$  be the normal fundamental matrices of systems (1) and  $(1_m)$   $(m \in \mathbb{N})$ . **Theorem 2.** Let conditions (3) and det  $\left(I_n + (-1)^j \frac{1}{m} G_{jm}(k)\right) \neq 0$   $(j = 1, 2; k \in \mathbb{N}_m$   $m \in \mathbb{N}$ ) hold. Then inclusion (2) holds if and only if  $\lim_{m \to +\infty} \max_{k \in \widetilde{\mathbb{N}}_m} \{\|Y_m^{-1}(k) - X^{-1}(\tau_{km})\|\}$ = 0 and  $\lim_{m \to +\infty} \max_{i \in \mathbb{N}_m} \left\{ \left| \frac{1}{m} \sum_{k=1}^i \sum_{j=0}^1 Y_m^{-1}(k) g_{j+1m}(k-j) - \int_a^{\tau_{im}} X^{-1}(\tau) q(\tau) d\tau \right| \right\} = 0_n.$  If P satisfied the Lappo–Danilevskiĭ condition then  $X(t) \equiv \exp\left(\int_{s}^{t} P(\tau) d\tau\right)$ . Further,  $Y_m(k) \equiv \prod_{i=k}^{1} \left(I_n - \frac{1}{m}G_{1m}(i)\right)^{-1} \left(I_n + \frac{1}{m}G_{2m}(i-1)\right) (m \in \mathbb{N})$ . In Theorem 1, condition (4) automatically holds because  $Y_m$  is the fundamental matrix of system  $(1_m) (m \in \mathbb{N})$ .

Now we give a method of constructing of discrete real matrix-and vector-functions, respectively,  $G_{jm}$  and  $g_{jm}$   $(j = 1, 2; m \in \mathbb{N})$  for which the conditions of Theorem hold.

We use the inductive method. Let  $\mathcal{E}_m \in E(\widetilde{\mathbb{N}}_m; \mathbb{R}^{n \times n})$  and let  $\xi_m \in E(\widetilde{\mathbb{N}}_m; \mathbb{R}^n)$   $(m \in \mathbb{N})$ be such that  $\lim_{m \to +\infty} \|\mathcal{E}_m\|_{\widetilde{\mathbb{N}}_m} = 0$  and  $\lim_{m \to +\infty} m \|\xi_m\|_{\widetilde{\mathbb{N}}_m} = 0$ . Let  $P_{lm} = X(\tau_{lm}) + \mathcal{E}_m(l)$ , and let  $G_{1m}(1)$  and  $G_{2m}(0)$  be such that  $Y_m(1) = P_{1m}$   $(l \in \widetilde{\mathbb{N}}_m \ m \in \mathbb{N})$ . It is evident that  $(I_n - m^{-1}G_{1m}(1))^{-1}(I_n + m^{01}G_{2m}(0)) = P_{1m}$ . So,  $G_{1m}(1)$  and  $G_{2m}(0)$  are arbitrary matrices such that  $G_{1m}(1) = m(I_n - P_{1m}^{-1}) - G_{2m}(0) P_{1m}^{-1}$ . Let  $G_{1m}(k)$ ,  $G_{2m}(k-1)$  and  $Y_m(k)$   $(k = 1, \ldots, l-1)$  be constructed. For the construction  $G_{1m}(l)$  and  $G_{2m}(l-1)$  we use the equalities  $Y_m(l) = P_{lm}$  and  $Y_m(l) = (I_n - m^{-1}G_{1m}(l))^{-1}(I_n + m^{-1}G_{2m}(l-1))Y_m(l-1)$ . As above, we obtain the relation  $G_{1m}(l) = m(I_n - P_{l-1m}P_{lm}^{-1}) - G_{2m}(l-1) P_{l-1m}P_{lm}^{-1}$ . So,  $G_{1m}(l)$  and  $G_{2m}(l-1)$  will be an arbitrary matrix satisfying the last equality.

Let us now construct the discrete vector-functions  $g_{jm}$   $(j = 1, 2; m \in \mathbb{N})$ . As  $g_{1m}(l)$  and  $g_{2m}(l-1)$  we choose the vectors such that  $m^{-1}Y_m^{-1}(l)(g_{1m}(1)+g_{2m}(l-1)) = q_{lm}$   $(l \in \mathbb{N}_m)$ , where  $q_{lm} \equiv \xi_m(l) + \int_a^{\tau_{lm}} X^{-1}(\tau)q(\tau)d\tau$   $(l \in \mathbb{N}_m)$ . Therefore, we have the following equalities  $g_{1m}(l) + g_{2m}(l-1) = mY_m(l)q_{lm}$   $(l \in \mathbb{N}_m)$  for the definition of  $g_{jm}$   $(j = 1, 2; m \in \mathbb{N})$ . We realize constructed above discrete matrix-and vector-functions for the example.

**Example.** Let  $X(t) \equiv \exp\left(\int_{a}^{t} P(\tau)d\tau\right)$  be the fundamental matrix of system (1) and let  $\mathcal{E}_{m}(k) \equiv O_{n \times n}$  and  $\xi_{m}(k) \equiv 0_{n}$  for  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then  $P_{lm} = \exp\left(\int_{a}^{\tau_{lm}} P(\tau)d\tau\right)$   $(l \in \widetilde{\mathbb{N}}_{m}, m \in \mathbb{N})$ . If we choose  $G_{2m}(l-1) = P_{lm}P_{l-1m}^{-1} = \exp\left(\int_{\tau_{l-1m}}^{\tau_{lm}} P(\tau)d\tau\right)$   $(l \in \mathbb{N}_{m}, m \in \mathbb{N})$ , then  $G_{1m}(l) \equiv (m-1)I_{n} - m\exp\left(-\int_{\tau_{l-1m}}^{\tau_{lm}} P(\tau)d\tau\right)$ . For the definitions of  $g_{jm}$  (j = 1, 2) we have the relations  $g_{1m}(l) + g_{2m}(l-1) \equiv m\int_{a}^{\tau_{lm}} C(\tau_{lm}, \tau)q(\tau)d\tau$   $(m \in \mathbb{N})$ , where  $C(t, \tau)$  is the Cauchy matrix of system (1). In particular, we can take  $g_{1m}(l) \equiv \alpha m \int_{a}^{\tau_{lm}} C(\tau_{lm}, \tau)q(\tau)d\tau$  and  $g_{2m}(l-1) \equiv (1-\alpha) m \int_{a}^{\tau_{lm}} C(\tau_{lm}, \tau)q(\tau)d\tau$   $(m \in \mathbb{N})$ , where  $\alpha$  is some number.

**Theorem 3.** Let conditions (3),  $\lim_{m \to +\infty} \sup_{k=1}^{m} \left( \frac{1}{m} (\|G_{1m}(k)\| + \|G_{2m}(k-1)\|) \right) < \infty \text{ hold,}$ and  $\lim_{m \to +\infty} \frac{1}{m} \sum_{k=1}^{\nu_m(t)} \sum_{j=0}^{1} G_{j+1m}(k-j) = \int_a^t P(\tau) d\tau, \\ \lim_{m \to +\infty} \frac{1}{m} \sum_{k=1}^{\nu_m(t)} \sum_{j=0}^{1} g_{j+1m}(k-j) = \int_a^t q(\tau) d\tau$  hold uniformly on I. Then inclusion (2) holds.

**Proposition.** Let conditions (3), (4), (5),  $\lim_{m \to +\infty} \frac{1}{m} \max_{k \in \widetilde{\mathbb{N}}_m} \{ \|G_{jm}(k)\| + \|g_{jm}(k)\| \} = 0$  (j = 0)1,2) hold, and (6),(7) hold uniformly on I, where  $H \in AC(I; \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}), H_{1m}, H_{2m} \in$  $\mathrm{E}(\widetilde{\mathbb{N}}_m; \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}) \ (m \in \mathbb{N}).$  Let, moreover, either  $\limsup_{m \to +\infty} \left( \frac{1}{m} \sum_{k=0}^m (\|G_{jm}(k)\| + \|g_{jm}(k)\|) \right) < \infty$ (j = 1, 2) or  $\limsup_{m \to +\infty} \sum_{k=0}^{m} \sum_{i=0}^{1} ||H_{1m}(k) - H_{2m}(k-j)|| < \infty$ . Then inclusion (2) holds. **Corollary.** Let condition (3) hold and let there exist a natural  $\mu$  and matrix-functions  $B_{jl} \in \mathcal{E}(\widetilde{\mathbb{N}}_m; \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}), B_{jl}(a) = O_{n \times n} \ (j = 1, 2; l = 0, \dots, \mu - 1)$  such that  $\lim_{m \to +\infty} \sup_{k=1}^{m} \left( \left\| H_{2m}(k) - Q_{1m\mu}(k) \right\| + \left\| H_{1m}(k) - Q_{2m\mu}(k) \right\| \right) < \infty,$  $\lim_{m \to +\infty} \max_{k \in \widetilde{\mathbb{N}}_{m}} \{ \left\| H_{jm\mu}(k) - I_{n} \right\| \} = 0 \quad (j = 1, 2), \text{ where } Q_{j+1m\mu}(k) \equiv H_{jm\mu}(k-j)$  $-\frac{1}{m}H_{1m\mu}(k)G_{j+1m\mu}(k-j) \ (j=0,1), \text{ and } \lim_{m \to +\infty} \frac{1}{m} \sum_{k=1}^{\nu_m(t)} \sum_{i=0}^{1} G_{j+1m\mu}(k-j) = \int_{0}^{t} P(\tau)d\tau,$  $\lim_{m \to +\infty} \frac{1}{m} \sum_{k=1}^{\nu_m(t)} \sum_{i=0}^{1} g_{j+1\,m\mu}(k-j) = \int_{-1}^{t} q(\tau) d\tau \text{ hold uniformly on } I, \text{ where } H_{1m0}(k) = I_n,$  $H_{1ml+1}(k) \equiv \left(\frac{1}{m}H_{1ml}(k)G_{1m}(k) + \mathcal{Q}_1(H_{1ml},G_{1m},G_{2m})(k) + B_{1l+1}(k)\right)H_{1ml}(k),$  $H_{2m0}(k) \equiv I_n, H_{2ml+1}(k) \equiv \left(\mathcal{Q}_2(H_{1ml}, G_{1m}, G_{2m})(k) + B_{2l+1}(k)\right) H_{2ml}(k),$  $G_{1ml+1}(k) \equiv H_{1ml}(k)G_{1m}(k), \quad G_{2ml+1}(k) \equiv H_{1ml}(k+1)G_{2m}(k),$  $g_{1ml+1}(k) \equiv H_{ml}(k)g_{1m}(k), \quad g_{2ml+1}(k) \equiv H_{ml}(k+1)g_{2m}(k),$  $\mathcal{Q}_{j}(H_{1ml}, G_{1m}, G_{2m})(k) \equiv 2I_{n} - H_{jml}(k) - \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^{k} H_{1ml}(i) \left(G_{1m}(i) + G_{2m}(i-1)\right)$  $(j = 1, 2; l = 0, \dots, \mu - 1; m = 1, 2, \dots)$ . Then inclusion (2) holds. Everywhere, without loss of generality, we can assume that  $H(t) \equiv I_n$ .

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