Essentially Nonlinear Functional Differential Equation with Advanced Argument

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Consider the functional differential equation

 $u^{(n)}(t) + p(t) |u(\sigma(t))|^{\mu(t)} \operatorname{sign} u(\sigma(t)) = 0,$

where $n \ge 2$, $\mu(t) > 0$ for $t \ge 0$, $p \in L_{loc}(R_+; R)$.

Sufficient (necessary and sufficient) conditions of new type for oscillation of solutions of the above equation are established.