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Delay Differential Equations of Fourth-Order: Oscillation and Asymptotic Properties of Solutions

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Abstract: In this work, by using the comparison method and Riccati transformation, we obtain some oscillation criteria of solutions of delay differential equations of fourth-order in canonical form. These criteria complement those results in the literature. We give two examples to illustrate the main results. Symmetry plays an essential role in determining the correct methods for solutions to differential equations.

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1. Introduction

Delay differential equations appear in many problems and applications especially in applications of physics, medicine, engineering, aviation and biology. Moreover, they are used in heartbeats and vibrational motion in bridges. Also, symmetrical properties contribute in Euler equation in some variational problems. In other words, it contributes to determining the appropriate method for finding the correct solution to this equation, see [1,2].

Nowadays, the oscillatory properties of differential equations has been the subject of intensive study, especially their oscillations and asymptotic, see Agarwal et al. [3] and Saker [4].

Baculikova [5], Dzurina and Jadlovska [6], and Bohner et al. [7] developed some techniques that can be used in second-order differential equations to test the qualitative and oscillatory behavior of this type of equation. Xing et al. [8] and Moaaz et al. [9] contributed to the development of the theory of oscillation by obtaining some new criteria for the oscillation of solutions of differential equations of even order. Despite the great interest by many researchers to obtain qualitative and oscillatory properties of different types of equations such as fractional order differential equations, the oscillation criteria for delay differential equations have received some few studies, although such equations are of usefulness and importance in some fields of science for its appearance in many applications. Many researchers have discussed the qualitative and oscillatory behavior of differential equations with neutral and damped terms, see [10–21].

For even-order differential equations, Park et al. [22] were interested in studying the oscillation conditions of the equations

$$\left(\alpha(t)\left(y^{(n-1)}(t)\right)^\kappa\right)' + \vartheta(t)y^\ell(\phi(t)) = 0, \tag{1}$$

(or some of its special cases) where κ and ℓ are ratios of odd positive integers, $\ell \leq \kappa$ and they only focused on studying the oscillation of (1) in the canonical case, that is,

$$\int_{t_0}^\infty \alpha^{-1/\kappa}(s)ds = \infty.$$

In [23], Zhang et al. examined the qualitative properties of (1) in the noncanonical case, that is,

$$\int_{t_0}^\infty \alpha^{-1/\kappa}(s)ds < \infty. \tag{2}$$

Baculikova et al. [24] presented oscillation results for Emden–Fowler equation

$$\left[\alpha(t)\left(y^{(n-1)}(t)\right)^\kappa\right]' + \vartheta(t)f(y(\phi(t))) = 0$$

and used the Riccati method to obtain some oscillation theorems. Moreover, by introducing a generalized Riccati substitution, Moaaz and Muhib [25] extended the technique used in [26] to study the oscillation of (1).

Zhang et al. [27] discussed some oscillation theorems for (3) where $\kappa = \ell$ and contributed to improving the oscillatory properties for this equation.

In case $n = 4$, Zhang et al. [28] investigated some oscillation theorems of equation

$$\left[\alpha(t)(y'''(t))^\kappa\right]' + \vartheta(t)f(y(\phi(t))) = 0,$$

where κ and ℓ are the ratio of odd natural numbers.

Bazighifan [29] investigated the oscillation of equation

$$\left[\alpha(t)(y'''(t))^\kappa\right]' + \vartheta(t)y^\ell(\phi(t)) = 0.$$

The authors in [30] considered that Equation (4) where $\kappa = \ell = 1$ is oscillatory if

$$\int_{t_0}^\infty \left(\zeta(s)\vartheta(s)\frac{r}{2}\phi^2(s) - \frac{1}{4\zeta(s)\alpha(s)} \left[\frac{\zeta'(s)}{\zeta(s)} - \frac{\beta(s)}{\alpha(s)} \right]^2 \right) ds = \infty,$$

for some $r \in (0, 1)$, and

$$\int_{t_0}^\infty \left[\theta(s) \int_s^\infty \left[\frac{1}{\alpha(v)} \int_v^\infty \vartheta(s) \left(\frac{\phi^2(s)}{s^2} \right) ds \right] dv - \frac{(\theta'(s))^2}{4\theta(s)} \right] ds = \infty$$

and under the condition (6).

Based on the above results of previous scholars, in this work, we are concerned with the following differential equations with delay term of the form

$$\left(\alpha(t)(y'''(t))^\kappa\right)' + \sum_{j=1}^m \vartheta_j(t)y^\ell(\phi_j(t)) = 0 \tag{3}$$

and

$$\left(\alpha(t)(y'''(t))^\kappa\right)' + \beta(t)(y'''(t))^\kappa + \sum_{j=1}^m \vartheta_j(t)y^\ell(\phi_j(t)) = 0. \tag{4}$$

where κ and ℓ are quotient of odd positive integers and under the conditions:

Hypothesis (H₁). $\alpha, \beta, \vartheta \in C([t_0, \infty), [0, \infty)), \phi_j(t) \in C([t_0, \infty), \mathbb{R}),$

Hypothesis (H₂). $\alpha'(t) + \beta(t) \geq 0, \alpha(t) > 0, \vartheta_j(t) > 0, \phi_j(t) \leq t, \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \phi_j(t) = \infty, j = 1, 2, \dots, r.$ Throughout this article, we study (3) under the hypothesis

$$\int_{t_0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\alpha^{1/\kappa}(s)} ds = \infty \tag{5}$$

and (4) under the condition

$$\int_{t_0}^{\infty} \left[\frac{1}{\alpha(s)} \exp\left(-\int_{t_0}^s \frac{\beta(w)}{\alpha(w)} dw\right) \right]^{1/\kappa} ds = \infty. \tag{6}$$

Definition 1. A nontrivial solution y of (3) and (4) is called oscillatory or nonoscillatory according if it contains does or does not have infinitely many zeros.

Definition 2. Equations (3) and (4) are called oscillatory if each of their solutions is oscillatory.

The motivation for this article is to continue the previous works [23,30], which discussed the oscillatory properties of equations in a canonical form.

The authors in [23,30] used the comparison method that differs from the one we used in this work. So, the technique used gives more accurate criteria. Moreover, these criteria complement those results in the literature.

The main idea of our method in this article is to make a comparison with a first-order differential equation whose oscillatory behavior has been known before, also we use the Riccati transformation to reduce the order of the studied equation. Thus, we claim that the obtained results are new and complement those results in the literature.

To obtain our results, we shall need the following lemmas:

Lemma 1 ([31]). If $y^{(m)}(t) > 0, m = 0, 1, \dots, r,$ and $y^{(r+1)}(t) < 0,$ then

$$\frac{y(t)}{t^r/r!} \geq \frac{y'(t)}{t^{r-1}/(r-1)!}.$$

Lemma 2 ([32]). Let $w \in C^r([t_0, \infty), (0, \infty))$ and $w^{(r)}(t)$ is of a fixed sign, on $[t_0, \infty)$ such that, for all $t \geq t_1,$

$$w^{(r-1)}(t)w^{(r)}(t) \leq 0.$$

If we have $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} w(t) \neq 0,$ then there exists $t_\lambda \geq t_0$ such that

$$w(t) \geq \frac{\lambda}{(r-1)!} t^{r-1} |w^{(r-1)}(t)|,$$

for every $\lambda \in (0, 1)$ and $t \geq t_\lambda.$

Lemma 3 ([33]). Let $F > 0.$ Then

$$Eu - Fu^{(v+1)/v} \leq \frac{v^v}{(v+1)^{v+1}} E^{v+1} F^{-v}. \tag{7}$$

For convenience, we denote:

$$R(t) := \int_t^\infty \left(\frac{1}{\alpha(x)} \int_x^\infty \sum_{j=1}^m \vartheta_j(s) ds \right)^{1/\kappa} dx,$$

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{R}(t) &:= \mu_2^{\ell/\kappa} \int_t^\infty \left(\frac{1}{\alpha(x)} \int_x^\infty \sum_{j=1}^m \vartheta_j(s) \left(\frac{\phi_j(s)}{s} \right)^\ell ds \right)^{1/\kappa} dx, \\ \zeta_{t_0}(t) &:= \exp \left(\int_{t_0}^t \frac{\beta(x)}{\alpha(x)} dx \right) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\hat{R}(t) := \mu_2^{\ell/\kappa} \int_t^\infty \left(\frac{1}{\alpha(x)\zeta_{t_0}(t)} \int_x^\infty \zeta_{t_0}(t) \sum_{j=1}^m \vartheta_j(s) \left(\frac{\phi_j(s)}{s} \right)^\ell ds \right)^{1/\kappa} dx,$$

where $\mu_2 \in (0, 1)$.

2. Oscillation Criteria for (3)

Lemma 4. *Let (5) holds and y is an eventually positive solution of (3), then $y' > 0$ and $y''' > 0$.*

Proof. The proof is clear and easy and thus it has been deleted. \square

Theorem 1. *If*

$$x'(t) + \frac{\lambda^\ell \sum_{j=1}^m \vartheta_j(t) \phi_j^{3\ell}(t)}{6^\ell \alpha^{\ell/\kappa}(\phi_j(t))} x^{\ell/\kappa}(\phi_j(t)) = 0, \lambda \in (0, 1), \tag{8}$$

is oscillatory, then (3) is oscillatory.

Proof. Let (3) has a nonoscillatory solution in $[t_0, \infty)$. Then $y(t) > 0$ and $y(\phi_j(t)) > 0$ for $t \geq t_1$. Let

$$x(t) := \alpha(t)(y'''(t))^{\kappa} > 0 \text{ [from Lemma 4],}$$

which with (3) gives

$$x'(t) + \sum_{j=1}^m \vartheta_j(t) y^\ell(\phi_j(t)) = 0. \tag{9}$$

Since $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} y(t) \neq 0$. Thus, by Lemma 2, we obtain

$$y^\ell(\phi_j(t)) \geq \frac{\lambda^\ell}{6^\ell} \phi_j^{3\ell}(t) (y'''(\phi_j(t)))^\ell, \tag{10}$$

for all $\lambda \in (0, 1)$. By (9) and (10), we see that

$$x'(t) + \frac{\lambda^\ell}{6^\ell} \sum_{j=1}^m \vartheta_j(t) \phi_j^{3\ell}(t) (y'''(\phi_j(t)))^\ell \leq 0.$$

So, we obtain $x(t) > 0$ and

$$x'(t) + \frac{\lambda^\ell \sum_{j=1}^m \vartheta_j(t) \phi_j^{3\ell}(t)}{6^\ell \alpha^{\ell/\kappa}(\phi_j(t))} x^{\ell/\kappa}(\phi_j(t)) \leq 0.$$

When using ([13], Theorem 1), we notice that (8) is nonoscillatory, which is an obvious contradiction, so the proof of this theorem is complete. \square

Corollary 1. *Let $\kappa = \ell$ and*

$$\liminf_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\phi(t)}^t \frac{\lambda^\ell \sum_{j=1}^m \vartheta_j(s) \phi_j^{3\ell}(s)}{6^\ell \alpha^{\ell/\kappa}(\phi_j(s))} ds > \frac{1}{e}, \tag{11}$$

then (3) is oscillatory.

Lemma 5. *If*

$$\int_{t_0}^{\infty} \left(M^{\ell-\kappa} \zeta(t) \sum_{j=1}^m \vartheta_j(t) \frac{\phi_j^{3\kappa}(t)}{t^{3\kappa}} - \frac{2^\kappa}{(\kappa+1)^{\kappa+1}} \frac{\alpha(t)(\zeta'(t))^{\kappa+1}}{\mu^\kappa t^{2\kappa} \zeta^\kappa(t)} \right) ds = \infty, \tag{12}$$

for some $\mu \in (0, 1)$, then $y'' < 0$.

Proof. If $y''(t) > 0$. When using Lemmas 1 and 2, we obtain

$$\frac{y(\phi_j(t))}{y(t)} \geq \frac{\phi_j^3(t)}{t^3} \tag{13}$$

and

$$y'(t) \geq \frac{\mu}{2} t^2 y'''(t). \tag{14}$$

Let

$$\psi(t) := \zeta(t) \frac{\alpha(t)(y'''(t))^\kappa}{y^\kappa(t)} > 0. \tag{15}$$

From (13)–(15), we find

$$\psi'(t) \leq \frac{\zeta'(t)}{\zeta(t)} \eta(t) - \zeta(t) \sum_{j=1}^m \vartheta_j(t) \frac{\phi_j^{3\kappa}(t)}{t^{3\kappa}} y^{\ell-\kappa}(\phi_j(t)) - \frac{\kappa\mu}{2} \frac{t^2}{\zeta^{1/\kappa}(t) \alpha^{1/\kappa}(t)} \psi^{1+1/\kappa}(t). \tag{16}$$

Since $y'(t) > 0$. From Lemmas 3 with $E = \zeta'/\zeta, F = \kappa\mu t^2 / (2\alpha^{1/\kappa}(t)\zeta^{1/\kappa}(t))$ and $u = \psi$, we see that

$$\psi'(t) \leq -M^{\ell-\kappa} \zeta(t) \sum_{j=1}^m \vartheta_j(t) \frac{\phi_j^{3\kappa}(t)}{t^{3\kappa}} + \frac{2^\kappa}{(\kappa+1)^{\kappa+1}} \frac{\alpha(t)(\zeta'(t))^{\kappa+1}}{\mu^\kappa t^{2\kappa} \zeta^\kappa(t)}.$$

This implies that

$$\int_{t_1}^t \left(M^{\ell-\kappa} \zeta(s) \sum_{j=1}^m \vartheta_j(s) \frac{\phi_j^{3\kappa}(s)}{t^{3\kappa}} - \frac{2^\kappa}{(\kappa+1)^{\kappa+1}} \frac{\alpha(s)(\zeta'(s))^{\kappa+1}}{\mu^\kappa t^{2\kappa} \zeta^\kappa(s)} \right) ds \leq \psi(t_1),$$

which contradicts (12). The proof is complete. \square

Theorem 2. *If*

$$u''(t) + M^{\ell-\kappa} \tilde{R}(t)u(t) = 0 \tag{17}$$

is oscillatory, then (3) is oscillatory.

Proof. Proceeding as in the proof of Theorem 1. By Lemmas 2 and 4, we have

$$y'(t) > 0, y''(t) < 0 \text{ and } y'''(t) > 0. \tag{18}$$

Now, integrating (3) from t to b , we have

$$\alpha(b)(y'''(b))^\kappa = \alpha(t)(y'''(t))^\kappa - \int_t^b \sum_{j=1}^m \vartheta_j(s) y^\ell(\phi_j(s)) ds. \tag{19}$$

By Lemma 3 in [33] with (18), we get

$$\frac{y(\phi_j(t))}{y(t)} \geq \lambda \frac{\phi_j(t)}{t},$$

which with (19) gives

$$\alpha(b)(y'''(b))^\kappa - \alpha(t)(y'''(t))^\kappa + \lambda^\ell \int_t^b \sum_{j=1}^m \vartheta_j(s) \left(\frac{\phi_j(s)}{s}\right)^\ell y^\ell(s) ds \leq 0.$$

By $y' > 0$, we find

$$\alpha(b)(y'''(b))^\kappa - \alpha(t)(y'''(t))^\kappa + \lambda^\ell y^\ell(t) \int_t^b \sum_{j=1}^m \vartheta_j(s) \left(\frac{\phi_j(s)}{s}\right)^\ell ds \leq 0. \tag{20}$$

Taking $b \rightarrow \infty$, we obtain

$$-\alpha(t)(y'''(t))^\kappa + \lambda^\ell y^\ell(t) \int_t^\infty \sum_{j=1}^m \vartheta_j(s) \left(\frac{\phi_j(s)}{s}\right)^\ell ds \leq 0,$$

that is

$$y'''(t) \geq \frac{\lambda^{\ell/\kappa}}{\alpha^{1/\kappa}(t)} y^{\ell/\kappa}(t) \left(\int_t^\infty \sum_{j=1}^m \vartheta_j(s) \left(\frac{\phi_j(s)}{s}\right)^\ell ds \right)^{1/\kappa}.$$

Integrating from t to ∞ , we get

$$-y''(t) \geq \lambda^{\ell/\kappa} y^{\ell/\kappa}(t) \int_t^\infty \left(\frac{1}{\alpha(x)} \int_x^\infty \sum_{j=1}^m \vartheta_j(s) \left(\frac{\phi_j(s)}{s}\right)^\ell ds \right)^{1/\kappa} dx,$$

hence

$$y''(t) \leq -\tilde{R}(t)y^{\ell/\kappa}(t). \tag{21}$$

Now, if we define η by

$$\eta(t) = \frac{y'(t)}{y(t)},$$

then $\eta(t) > 0$ for $t \geq t_1$, and

$$\eta'(t) = \frac{y''(t)}{y(t)} - \left(\frac{y'(t)}{y(t)}\right)^2.$$

From (21), we find

$$\eta'(t) \leq -\tilde{R}(t) \frac{y^{\ell/\kappa}(t)}{y(t)} - \eta^2(t). \tag{22}$$

Since $y'(t) > 0$. Thus, (22) becomes

$$\eta'(t) + \eta^2(t) + M^{\ell-\kappa} \tilde{R}(t) \leq 0, \tag{23}$$

From [17], we obtain (17) is nonoscillatory, which contradicts, so the proof of this theorem is complete. \square

Theorem 3. If $\ell \geq \kappa$ and

$$\left(\frac{1}{\phi_j'(t)} u'(t)\right)' + M^{\ell/\kappa-1} R(t)u(t) = 0 \tag{24}$$

is oscillatory, then (3) is oscillatory.

Proof. Let (12) and (19) hold. So, we note from $\phi_j'(t) \geq 0$ and $y'(t) \geq 0$

$$\alpha(b)(y'''(b))^\kappa - \alpha(t)(y'''(t))^\kappa + y^\ell(\phi_j(t)) \int_1^b \sum_{j=1}^m \vartheta_j(s) ds \leq 0. \tag{25}$$

Thus, (18) becomes

$$y''(t) \leq -R(t)y^{\ell/\kappa}(\phi_j(t)). \tag{26}$$

Let

$$\omega(t) = \frac{y'(t)}{y(\phi_j(t))}, \tag{27}$$

then $\omega(t) > 0$ for $t \geq t_1$, and

$$\begin{aligned} \omega'(t) &= \frac{y''(t)}{y(\phi_j(t))} - \frac{y'(t)}{y^2(\phi_j(t))}y'(\phi_j(t))\phi_j'(t) \\ &\leq \frac{y''(t)}{y(\phi_j(t))} - \phi_j'(t) \left(\frac{y'(t)}{y(\phi_j(t))} \right)^2 \end{aligned}$$

From (26) and (27), we find

$$\omega'(t) + M^{\ell/\kappa-1}R(t) + \phi_j'(t)\omega^2(t) \leq 0. \tag{28}$$

From [17], we find (24) is nonoscillatory, which is a contradiction, thus the proof of the theorem is completed. \square

Corollary 2. If $\ell = \kappa$ and

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{G(t, t_0)} \int_{t_0}^t \left(G(t, s)\tilde{R}(s) - \frac{1}{4}h^2(t, s) \right) ds = \infty$$

or

$$\liminf_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_t^\infty \tilde{R}(s) ds > \frac{1}{4}, \tag{29}$$

then (3) is oscillatory.

Corollary 3. Let $\ell = \kappa$ and (12) hold. If

$$t^2\tilde{R}(s) \geq \varepsilon$$

and

$$\limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left(t^{\varepsilon-1} \int_{t_0}^t s^{2-\varepsilon}\tilde{R}(s) ds + t^{1-\tilde{\varepsilon}} \int_t^\infty s^{\tilde{\varepsilon}}\tilde{R}(s) ds \right) > 1,$$

where $\tilde{\varepsilon} = \frac{1}{2}(1 - \sqrt{1 - 4\varepsilon})$ and $\varepsilon \in (0, 1/4]$, then (3) is oscillatory.

3. Oscillation Results for Equation (4)

In this section, we shall get oscillation conditions for (4) by converting to (3), easily, we find

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\zeta_{i_0}(t)} \frac{d}{dt} \left(\mu(t) \alpha(t) (y'''(t))^\kappa \right) &= \frac{1}{\zeta_{i_0}(t)} \left[\zeta_{i_0}(t) \left(\alpha(t) (y'''(t))^\kappa \right)' + \zeta'_{i_0}(t) \alpha(t) (y'''(t))^\kappa \right] \\ &= \left(\alpha(t) (y'''(t))^\kappa \right)' + \frac{\zeta'_{i_0}(t)}{\zeta_{i_0}(t)} \alpha(t) (y'''(t))^\kappa, \\ &= \left(\alpha(t) (y'''(t))^\kappa \right)' + \beta(t) (y'''(t))^\kappa, \end{aligned}$$

which with (4) gives

$$\left(\zeta_{i_0}(t) \alpha(t) (y'''(t))^\kappa \right)' + \zeta_{i_0}(t) \sum_{j=1}^m \vartheta_j(t) y^\ell(\phi_j(t)) = 0.$$

Corollary 4. Assume that $\kappa = \ell$, $\lambda \in (0, 1)$, (6) holds. If

$$\liminf_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\phi(t)}^t \frac{\lambda^\ell \zeta_{i_0}(s) \sum_{j=1}^m \vartheta_j(s) \phi_j^{3\ell}(s)}{6^\ell \zeta_{i_0}^{\ell/\kappa}(\phi_j(s)) \alpha^{\ell/\kappa}(\phi_j(s))} ds > \frac{1}{e},$$

then (4) is oscillatory.

Corollary 5. Let $\ell = \kappa$, (6) and

$$\int_{i_0}^\infty \left(M^{\ell-\kappa} \zeta(t) \zeta_{i_0}(t) \sum_{j=1}^m \vartheta_j(t) \frac{\phi_j^{3\kappa}(t)}{t^{3\kappa}} - \frac{2^\kappa}{(\kappa+1)^{\kappa+1}} \frac{\alpha(t) \zeta_{i_0}(t) (\zeta'(t))^{\kappa+1}}{\mu^\kappa t^{2\kappa} \zeta^\kappa(t)} \right) ds = \infty. \quad (30)$$

If

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{G(t, t_0)} \int_{t_0}^t \left(G(t, x) \widehat{R}(x) - \frac{1}{4} h^2(t, x) \right) dx = \infty$$

or

$$\liminf_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_t^\infty \widehat{R}(x) dx > \frac{1}{4},$$

then (4) is oscillatory.

Corollary 6. Let $\ell = \kappa$ and (30) hold. If

$$t^2 \widehat{R}(s) \geq \varepsilon$$

and

$$\limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left(t^{\varepsilon-1} \int_{t_0}^t s^{2-\varepsilon} \widehat{R}(s) ds + t^{1-\varepsilon} \int_t^\infty s^\varepsilon \widehat{R}(s) ds \right) > 1,$$

then (4) is oscillatory.

Example 1. Let the equation:

$$\left(t^3 (y'''(t))^3 \right)' + \frac{\vartheta_0}{t^7} y^3(\gamma t) = 0, \quad (31)$$

where $t \geq 1$, $\gamma \in (0, 1]$ and $\vartheta_0 > 0$. We note that $\kappa = \ell = 3$, $\phi_j(t) = \gamma t$, $\alpha(t) = t^3$, and $\vartheta(t) = \vartheta_0/t^7$. So, we obtain

$$\widetilde{R}(t) = \lambda \left(\frac{\vartheta_0}{6} \right)^{1/3} \gamma \frac{1}{2t^2}.$$

By Corollarys 1 and 2, we find that Equation (31) is oscillatory if

$$\vartheta_0 > \frac{6^3}{e\left(\ln \frac{1}{\gamma}\right)\gamma^6},$$

$$\vartheta_0 > \left(\frac{3^4}{2}\right)\frac{1}{\gamma^9}$$

and

$$\vartheta_0 > 6\left(\frac{1}{4\gamma}\right)^3.$$

So, Equation (31) is oscillatory if

$$\vartheta_0 > \max\left\{\left(\frac{3^4}{2}\right)\frac{1}{\gamma^9}, 6\left(\frac{1}{4\gamma}\right)^3\right\} = \left(\frac{3^4}{2}\right)\frac{1}{\gamma^9}. \tag{32}$$

Example 2. Let the equation

$$y^{(4)}(t) + \frac{1}{t}y^{(3)}(t) + \frac{\theta_0}{t^4}y\left(\frac{t}{2}\right) = 0, \tag{33}$$

where $t \geq 1$, and $\theta_0 > 0$ is a constant. Let $\kappa = \ell = 1, n = 4, \alpha(t) = 1, \phi_j(t) = t/2, \beta(t) = 1/t$ and $\vartheta(t) = \theta_0/t^4$. Then

$$\zeta_{t_0}(t) = t, \zeta_{t_0}(\phi_j(t)) = t/2.$$

So, we see that

$$\begin{aligned} & \liminf_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\phi(t)}^t \frac{\lambda^\ell \zeta_{t_0}(s) \sum_{j=1}^m \vartheta_j(s) \phi_j^{3\ell}(s)}{6^\ell \zeta_{t_0}^{\ell/\kappa}(\phi_j(s)) \alpha^{\ell/\kappa}(\phi_j(s))} ds \\ &= \liminf_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_{t/2}^t \frac{\lambda \theta_0}{3} \frac{1}{t^4} \left(\frac{t^3}{8}\right) ds = \frac{\lambda \theta_0}{24} \ln 2. \end{aligned}$$

The condition become

$$\theta_0 > \frac{24}{\lambda e \ln 2}. \tag{34}$$

Using Corollary 4, all solution of (33) is oscillatory if $\theta_0 > \frac{24}{\lambda e \ln 2}$ for all $\lambda \in (0, 1)$.

4. Conclusions

In this work, a large amount of attention has been focused on the oscillation problem of Equations (3) and (4). By Riccati transformation and comparison technique, we establish some new oscillatory properties. These criteria complement those results in the literature. For future consideration, it will be of a great importance to study the qualitative properties of p -Laplacian differential equations

$$\left[\alpha(t)\left|y^{(n-1)}(t)\right|^{p-2}y^{(n-1)}(t)\right]' + \sum_{j=1}^m \vartheta_j(t)y^\ell(\phi_j(t)) = 0,$$

under the assumption that

$$\int_{t_0}^\infty \frac{1}{\alpha^{1/p-1}(s)} ds < \infty,$$

where $p > 1$ is a constant.

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