

Challenging Problems 1.

1. Let $f(t, y)$ be a continuous function on $[0, \infty) \times \mathbb{R}$ and satisfies the Lipchitz conditions with respect to the second variable, i.e. there exists $L > 0$ such that

$$|f(t, u) - f(t, v)| \leq L|u - v|, \quad \forall t \in [0, T], \quad u, v \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Suppose that $y_1(t)$ is a solution of the equation

$$y'(t) = f(t, y(t)), \quad t \in [0, T] \tag{1}$$

that satisfies the initial condition

$$y_1(0) = A_1 \tag{2}$$

and $y_2(t)$ is a solution of the equation (1) that satisfies the initial condition

$$y_2(0) = A_2 \tag{3}.$$

Show that if $|A_1 - A_2|$ is small enough then the difference of solutions of the problems (1), (2) and (1) (3) is small enough on the interval $[0, T]$.

2. Consider the Cauchy problem

$$\begin{cases} y''(t) + by'(t) + cy(t) = h(t), & t > 0, \\ y(0) = y_0, \quad y'(0) = y_1, \end{cases} \tag{B}$$

where $b > 0, c > 0$ are given positive numbers and $h(t)$ is a given function that is continuous and bounded on $[0, \infty)$.

(i) Show that there exists $M_0 > 0$ such that for each initial data y_0, y_1 the solution of the problem (B) satisfies

$$[y'(t)]^2 + [y(t)]^2 \leq M_0, \quad \forall t > T_0,$$

where $T_0 > 0$ depends on y_0, y_1 .

(ii) Show that if $h(t) \rightarrow 0$, as $t \rightarrow \infty$, then the solution of the problem (B) tends to zero as $t \rightarrow \infty$.