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EXISTENCE OF SOLUTIONS OF SECOND ORDER NONLINEAR DIFFERENCE PROBLEMS

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Abstract: *This paper is devoted to the study of second order nonlinear difference equations. A nonlocal perturbation of a Dirichlet boundary value problem is considered. An exhaustive study of the related Green's function to the linear part is done. The exact expression of the function is given, moreover the range of parameter for which it has a constant sign is obtained. Using this, some existence results for the nonlinear problem are deduced from the classical Krasnoselski fixed point theorem.*

Keywords: *Difference equations, Green's function, Parameter dependence, Fixed point theorems.*

INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARIES

The study of difference equations represents an useful model for several mathematical models in different areas as economy or population dynamics. Moreover they are a fundamental tool in the discretization of a differential equation. The reader can found the classical theory on the monographs of R. P. Agarwal [1], S. Elaydi [8], Goldberg [10], V. Lakshmikantham and D. Trigiante [13].

The existence of solution for nonlinear difference problems has been treated in different ways . Here we mention the method of upper and lower solutions [2, 9], monotone iterative techniques [5, 16], variational methods [6, 7, 14] or fixed point theorems [3, 15].

Our aim is to obtain the existence result for the following parameter dependence nonlinear problem

$$(P) \begin{cases} -\Delta^2 u(k-1) = f(k, u(k)), & k=1, \dots, N-1, \quad N \geq 2, \\ u(0) = 0, \quad u(N) = \lambda \sum_{k=1}^{N-1} u(k), & \lambda > 0, \end{cases}$$

which is a nonlocal perturbation of the Dirichlet problem.

In the next Section 2 we study the Green's function related to considering the linear problem. The exact expression of such function is obtained. Moreover, we found the values of the parameter λ for which this function is strictly positive on its domain. The last Section is devoted to the study of the existence of solution for the considered nonlinear boundary value problem by using the classical expansion/contraction Krasnoselskii's fixed point theorem. An example is given.

STUDY OF THE GREEN'S FUNCTION

Denote $I = \{0, \dots, N\}$, $J = \{1, \dots, N-1\}$ and $J_1 = \{1, \dots, N\}$.

The Green's function to the related linear problem

$$\begin{cases} -\Delta^2 u(k-1) = 0, & k \in J, \quad N \geq 2, \\ u(0) = 0, \quad u(N) = \lambda \sum_{k=1}^{N-1} u(k), & \lambda > 0, \end{cases}$$

is given by a two variables function

$$G : (k, s) \in I \times J \rightarrow G(k, s) \in \mathbb{R}.$$

The main result of this section is the following

Theorem 1. *If $\lambda \in \left(0, \frac{2}{N-1}\right)$ then $G(k, s) > 0$ for all $k \in J_1$ and $s \in J$.*

Moreover, for such values of λ , there are two positive constants $0 < m < M$ for which

$$mG(N, s) \leq G(k, s) \leq MG(N, s) \tag{1}$$

for all $k \in J_1$ and $s \in J$.

Proof: Following the approach in [12], we know that function G follows a form as

$$G(k, s) = \begin{cases} G_1(k, s) \equiv C_1(s) + kC_2(s), & \text{if } k \leq s, \\ G_2(k, s) \equiv C_3(s) + kC_4(s), & \text{if } k > s. \end{cases}$$

To obtain the expression of the functions C_i , $i \in \{1, \dots, 4\}$, we must use the fact that the expression of the Green's function G is characterized by the following identities:

$$-\Delta^2 G(k-1, k) = 1,$$

$$\Delta^2 G(k-1, s) = 0, \quad s \neq k,$$

$$G(0, s) = 0, \quad G(N, s) = \lambda \sum_{k=1}^{N-1} G(k, s).$$

The diagonal equalities give us that

$$-1 = G(k+1, k) - 2G(k, k) + G(k-1, k)$$

$$= -(k+1)C_2(k) + C_3(k) + (k+1)C_4(k)$$

and

$$0 = G(k+2, k) - 2G(k+1, k) + G(k, k)$$

$$= kC_2(k) - C_3(k) - kC_4(k).$$

Moreover, the condition $G(0, s) = 0$ implies that $C_1(s) = 0$.

We may write the last condition as

$$G(N, s) = \lambda \sum_{k=1}^{N-1} G(k, s) = \lambda \sum_{k=1}^s G_1(k, s) + \lambda \sum_{k=s+1}^{N-1} G_2(k, s).$$

Thus the last equality about Green's function is as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} G(N, s) &= \lambda \sum_{k=1}^{N-1} G(k, s) = \lambda \sum_{k=1}^s kC_2(s) + \lambda \sum_{k=s+1}^{N-1} (C_3(s) + kC_4(s)) \\ &= \lambda \frac{s(s+1)}{2} C_2(s) + \lambda(N-s-1)C_3(s) + \lambda \frac{(N+s)(N-s-1)}{2} C_4(s) \\ &= C_3(s) + NC_4(s). \end{aligned}$$

After solving the system we obtain that

$$C_2(s) = \frac{(N-s)(2-\lambda(N-s-1))}{N(2-\lambda(N-1))},$$

$$C_3(s) = s$$

and

$$C_4(s) = \frac{s(-2+\lambda(2N-s-1))}{N(2-\lambda(N-1))}.$$

Finally for $\lambda \neq \frac{2}{N-1}$ the related Green's function to our problem is given by the following expression:

$$G(k, s) = \begin{cases} \frac{k(N-s)(2-\lambda(N-s-1))}{N(2-\lambda(N-1))}, & k \leq s, \\ s + \frac{ks(-2+\lambda(2N-s-1))}{N(2-\lambda(N-1))}, & k > s. \end{cases}$$

One can check that $G_1(k, s) > 0$ when $\lambda \in \left(0, \frac{2}{N-1}\right)$.

Now we will show that $G_2(k, s) > 0$ for all $\lambda \in \left(0, \frac{2}{N-1}\right)$. From the expression of Green's function we have that $G_2(k, s) > 0$ whenever

$$sN(2-\lambda(N-1)) + ks(-2+\lambda(2N-s-1)) > 0,$$

which is the same as

$$2(N-k) > \lambda(N^2 - N - 2Nk + sk + k)$$

Since $\lambda < \frac{2}{N-1}$ it is enough to show that

$$2(N-k) > \frac{2(N^2 - N - 2Nk + sk + k)}{N-1},$$

which is true since $N > s$.

In the sequel, we are interested in to find two positive constants m and M , satisfying inequalities (1) for $1 \leq s \leq N-1$.

Let us consider the case when $k \leq s$. Then

$$\frac{G_1(k, s)}{G_2(N, s)} = \frac{k(2-\lambda(N-s-1))}{\lambda s N}.$$

It is clear that

$$\frac{\min\{k(2-\lambda(N-s-1))\}}{\max\{\lambda s N\}} \leq \frac{G_1(k, s)}{G_2(N, s)} \leq \frac{\max\{k(2-\lambda(N-s-1))\}}{\min\{\lambda s N\}}.$$

Thus we obtain that

$$\frac{k(2-\lambda(N-2))}{\lambda N(N-1)} \leq \frac{G_1(k, s)}{G_2(N, s)} \leq \frac{2k}{\lambda N}.$$

Now, let us consider the case when $k > s$. We have that

$$\frac{G_2(k, s)}{G_2(N, s)} = \frac{2(N-k) - \lambda(N^2 - N - 2kN + k + ks)}{\lambda N(N-s)}.$$

Using the same arguments as before, we obtain that

$$\frac{2(N-k) - \lambda N(N-k-1)}{\lambda N(N-1)} \leq \frac{G_2(k, s)}{G_2(N, s)} \leq \frac{2(N-k) - \lambda(N^2 - N - 2kN + 2k)}{\lambda N}.$$

Let us denote

$$m_1(k) = \frac{k(2-\lambda(N-2))}{\lambda N(N-1)}, \quad m_2(k) = \frac{2(N-k) - \lambda N(N-k-1)}{\lambda N(N-1)},$$

$$M_1(k) = \frac{2k}{\lambda N} \quad \text{and} \quad M_2(k) = \frac{2(N-k) - \lambda(N^2 - N - 2kN + 2k)}{\lambda N}.$$

Finally, we conclude that, by defining $m = \min\{m_1, m_2\}$ and $M = \max\{M_1, M_2\}$, then for all $\lambda \in \left(0, \frac{2}{N-1}\right)$ the inequalities (1) hold for our problem.

KRASNOSELSKII'S FIXED POINT THEOREM

In this chapter we will prove the existence of solutions of problem (P), using the results proved in the previous section about the related Green's function and the classical expansion/contraction Krasnoselskii's fixed point theorem.

We now recall some definitions that will be useful in the sequel: a subset K of a real Banach space N is a *cone* if and only if it is closed, $K + K \subset K$, $\lambda K \subset K$ for all $\lambda \geq 0$ and $K \cap (-K) = \{0\}$.

In the sequel we enunciate the classical expansion/contraction Krasnoselskii's fixed point Theorem (see [17, Theorem 13.D]).

Theorem 2. *Let $T : K \rightarrow K$ be a completely continuous operator and $0 < r < R$. Moreover, if one of the following conditions are fulfilled:*

- (i) $\|Tu\| \leq \|u\|$ for any $u \in K$ with $\|u\| = r$ and $\|Tu\| \geq \|u\|$ for any $u \in K$ with $\|u\| = R$, or
- (ii) $\|Tu\| \geq \|u\|$ for any $u \in K$ with $\|u\| = r$ and $\|Tu\| \leq \|u\|$ for any $u \in K$ with $\|u\| = R$,

then operator T has a fixed point in K such that $r < \|x\| < R$.

Let us define the operator

$$Tu(k) := \sum_{s=1}^{N-1} G(k,s)f(s,u(s)), \quad k \in I, \tag{2}$$

and a cone

$$K = \left\{ u : I \rightarrow [0, \infty), u(k) \geq \frac{m}{M} \|u\|, k \in J_1 \right\}, \tag{3}$$

where

$$\|u\| := \max\{|u(k)|, k \in I\}.$$

To the end of this chapter we assume the following condition:

(F) $f : J \times [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ is a continuous function.

Let us introduce the following notations that will be used along the paper:

$$f_0^- = \lim_{u \rightarrow 0^+} \min_{s \in J} \frac{f(s,u)}{u}, \quad f_0^+ = \lim_{u \rightarrow 0^+} \max_{s \in J} \frac{f(s,u)}{u},$$

$$f_\infty^- = \lim_{u \rightarrow \infty} \min_{s \in J} \frac{f(s,u)}{u} \quad \text{and} \quad f_\infty^+ = \lim_{u \rightarrow \infty} \max_{s \in J} \frac{f(s,u)}{u}.$$

Now, in order to deduce existence results for problem (P), we introduce the following conditions:

$$(H1) \quad \lambda \in \left(0, \frac{2}{N-1}\right).$$

$$(H2) \quad f_0^- = \infty \text{ and } f_\infty^+ = 0.$$

$$(H3) \quad f_0^+ = 0 \text{ and } f_\infty^- = \infty.$$

Let $u \in K$ be arbitrarily chosen, then, by assuming conditions (F) and (H1) we have that $Tu \geq 0$ on I . Moreover, from (1), we deduce that the following inequalities are fulfilled for all $k \in J_1$:

$$Tu(k) = \sum_{s=1}^{N-1} G(k,s)f(s,u(s)) \geq m \sum_{s=1}^{N-1} G(N,s)f(s,u(s))$$

$$\geq \frac{m}{M} \sum_{s=1}^{N-1} \max_{k \in I} \{G(k,s)\} f(s,u(s)) \geq \frac{m}{M} \max_{k \in I} \left\{ \sum_{s=1}^{N-1} G(k,s)f(s,u(s)) \right\}$$

$$= \frac{m}{M} \|Tu\|.$$

In other words, $T : K \rightarrow K$.

Moreover, since f is continuous, it is clear that T is completely continuous. So we are in the hypothesis of Krasnoselskii's fixed point Theorem 2.

Our main result of this paper is the following.

Theorem 3. *Suppose that conditions (F), (H1) and either (H2) or (H3) are satisfied. Then problem (P) has a positive solution on J_1 .*

Proof: First, notice that the solutions of problem (P) coincide with the fixed points of operator T .

Assuming, at the beginning, that condition (H2) is fulfilled.

Since $f_0^- = \infty$, for $\delta_1 \geq \frac{1}{\frac{m}{M} \max_{k \in I} \left\{ \sum_{s=1}^{N-1} G(k, s) \right\}} > 0$ there exists $r > 0$, such that

$f(s, u) \geq \delta_1 u$ for all $0 < u \leq r$ and $s \in J$.

Let $u \in K, \|u\| = r$ then

$$\begin{aligned} \|Tu\| &= \max_{k \in I} \left\{ \sum_{s=1}^{N-1} G(k, s) f(s, u(s)) \right\} \geq \delta_1 \max_{k \in I} \left\{ \sum_{s=1}^{N-1} G(k, s) u(s) \right\} \\ &\geq \delta_1 \|u\| \frac{m}{M} \max_{k \in I} \left\{ \sum_{s=1}^{N-1} G(k, s) \right\} \geq \|u\|. \end{aligned}$$

Since $f_\infty^+ = 0$, for $0 < \delta_2 \leq \frac{1}{\max_{k \in I} \left\{ \sum_{s=1}^{N-1} G(k, s) \right\}}$, we can choose $R > r > 0$, such that

$f(s, u) \leq \delta_2 u$ for all $u \geq R$ and $s \in J$.

Let $u \in K, \|u\| = \frac{M}{m} R$ then $u(k) \geq \frac{m}{M} \|u\| = R$, for all $k \in J$ and

$$\begin{aligned} \|Tu\| &= \max_{k \in I} \left\{ \sum_{s=1}^{N-1} G(k, s) f(s, u(s)) \right\} \leq \delta_2 \max_{k \in I} \left\{ \sum_{s=1}^{N-1} G(k, s) u(s) \right\} \\ &\leq \delta_2 \|u\| \max_{k \in I} \left\{ \sum_{s=1}^{N-1} G(k, s) \right\} \leq \|u\|. \end{aligned}$$

If condition (H3) is fulfilled, the proof is analogous.

In both situations, the existence of a positive solution on J_1 holds from Theorem 2 and the fact that the fixed points of operator T coincide with the solutions of problem (P).

Now we give an example to illustrate the main result.

Example 4. *Consider the following problem*

$$\begin{cases} -\Delta^2 u(k-1) + g(k)u^\beta(k) = 0, & k \in J, \quad N \geq 2, \quad \beta > 0 \\ u(0) = 0, \quad u(N) = \frac{\alpha}{N-1} \sum_{k=1}^{N-1} u(k), & 0 < \alpha < 2, \end{cases}$$

with $g(k) > 0$ for all $k \in J$.

It is obvious that conditions (F) and (H1) are satisfied.

Furthermore, condition (H3) is fulfilled for all $\beta > 1$, and condition (H2) holds for any $\beta \in [0, 1)$. So in both situations we are in the conditions of Theorem 3 and we can ensure that this problem has a positive solution on J_1 .

When $\beta = 1$, our problem is linear and, in the particular case of $g(k) = 1$ for all $k \in J$, has as unique solution $u \equiv 0$. We point out that in this case neither (H2) nor (H3) are fulfilled. So this problem shows us that the conditions imposed in Theorem 3 are, in some sense optimal.

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**СЪЩЕСТВУВАНЕ НА МНОГО РЕШЕНИЯ НА ГРАНИЧНА
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