

Hyers-Ulam Stability of Certain Class of Nonlinear Second Order Differential Equations

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Abstract

We investigate the Hyers-Ulam stability of certain classes of nonlinear second order differential equations using a nonlinear generalisation of Gronwall-Bellman integral inequality known as Bihari integral inequality.

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1. Introduction

In 1940, Ulam [30] gave a wide-range talk before the Mathematics Club of the University of Wisconsin in which he discussed a number of important unsolved problems. Among these was the question concerning the stability of homomorphisms. Hyers [10] solved the problem of Ulam for additive functions defined on Banach spaces thus: If X and Y are real Banach spaces and $\epsilon > 0$. Then for every function $f : X \rightarrow Y$ satisfying $\|f(x+y) - f(x) - f(y)\| \leq \epsilon$, for all $x, y \in X$, there exists a unique additive function $A : X \rightarrow Y$ with the property $\|f(x) - A(x)\| \leq \epsilon$ for all $x \in X$. Since then, the stability problems of functional equations have been extensively investigated by several mathematicians [8, 9, 11, 16, 22].

Obloza [20, 21] investigated the Hyers-Ulam stability of linear differential equation and connections between Hyers and Lyapunov stability of the ordinary differential equation. Alsina and Ger [1] continued and investigated the Hyers-Ulam stability of the differential $g' = g$. They proved that if a differentiable function $y : \mathbf{I} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ satisfies $|y' - y| \leq \epsilon$ for all $t \in \mathbf{I}$, then there exists a differentiable function $g : \mathbf{I} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ satisfying $g'(t) = g(t)$ for any $t \in \mathbf{I}$ such that $|g(t) - y(t)| \leq 3\epsilon$ for all $t \in \mathbf{I}$. The result by Alsina and Ger has been generalised by others including: Miura [17, 18], Takhasi [29, 30] and Jung [11, 12, 13, 14, 15] who proved the Hyers-Ulam stability of linear differential equations. Rus [25, 26] investigated the Hyers-Ulam stability of differential and integral equations using the Gronwall lemma [7] and the technique of weakly Picard operators. Recently, Quasuay [24] applied the Gronwall lemma to investigate the Hyers-Ulam stability of the form $u''(t) + f(t, u(t)) = 0$. and Emden-Fowler nonlinear differential equation of second order $u''(t) + h(t)u(t)^\alpha = 0$ for the case where α is a positive odd integer. Quasuay did not consider the case when α is even integers and the function f is of the form $f(t, u(t), u'(t))$. These are the problems we consider in this paper using nonlinear generalisation of Gronwall-Bellman [2, 3] called Bihari inequality [4, 5].

The result obtained in this paper generalises the works of Quasuay [23] and Qarawani [24] on nonlinear second order differential equations. In this paper, we focus on the investigation of the Hyers-Ulam stability of the nonlinear second order differential equations given below.

$$u''(t) + f(t, u(t)) = 0 \quad (1.1)$$

$$u''(t) + f(t, u(t), u'(t)) = 0 \quad (1.2)$$

2. Preliminaries

In this section, we shall state the Bihari lemma and other useful results and definitions.

Lemma 2.1. [4, 5] Let $u(t)$, $f(t)$ be positive continuous functions defined on $a \leq t \leq b$, ($\leq \infty$) and $K > 0$, $M \geq 0$, further let $\omega(u)$ be a nonnegative nondecreasing continuous function for $u \geq 0$, then the inequality

$$u(t) \leq K + M \int_a^t f(s)\omega(u(s))ds, \quad a \leq t < b \quad (2.1)$$

implies the inequality

$$u(t) \leq \Omega^{-1} \left(\Omega(k) + M \int_a^t f(s)ds \right), \quad a \leq t \leq b' \leq b \quad (2.2)$$

where

$$\Omega(u) = \int_{u_0}^u \frac{dt}{\omega(t)}, \quad 0 < u_0 < u \quad (2.3)$$

In the case $\omega(0) > 0$ or $\Omega(0+)$ is finite, one may take $u_0 = 0$ and Ω^{-1} is the inverse function of Ω and t must be in the subinterval $[a, b']$ of $[a, b]$ such that

$$\Omega(k) + M \int_a^t f(s)ds \in \text{Dom}(\Omega^{-1})$$

Theorem 2.2. (Generalised First Mean Value Theorem) [19, 27] If $f(t)$ and $g(t)$ are continuous in $[t_0, t] \subseteq \mathbf{I}$ and $f(t)$ does not change sign in the interval, then there is a point $\xi \in [t_0, t]$ such that

$$\int_{t_0}^t g(s)f(s)ds = g(\xi) \int_{t_0}^t f(s)ds$$

Definition 2.3. [6] A function ω is said to belong to a class H if it satisfies the following conditions

- i $\omega(u) > 0$ is nondecreasing and $\omega \in C^0$ for $u > 0$
- ii $(\frac{1}{v})\omega(u) \leq \omega(\frac{u}{v})$ for all u and $v \geq 1$ when ω is a positive, nondecreasing function defined and continuous on \mathbf{I} .

Definition 2.4. The equation (1.1) with the initial condition $u(t_0) = u'(t_0) = 0$ has Hyers-Ulam stability if there exists a positive constant $K > 0$ with following property. For every $\epsilon > 0$ $u \in C^2(\mathbf{I})$, if

$$|u''(t) + f(t, u(t))| \leq \epsilon \tag{2.1}$$

then, there exist a solution $u_0(t) \in C^2(\mathbf{I})$ of the equation (1.1), such that

$$|u(t) - u_0(t)| \leq K\epsilon.$$

Definition 2.5. Equation (1.2) with the initial condition $u(t_0) = u'(t_0) = 0$ has Hyers-Ulam stability if there exists a positive constant $K > 0$ with following property. For every $\epsilon > 0$ $u \in C^2(\mathbf{I})$, if

$$|u''(t) + f(t, u(t), u'(t))| \leq \epsilon \tag{2.2}$$

then, there exist a solution $u_0(t) \in C^2(\mathbf{I})$ of the equation (1.2), such that

$$|u(t) - u_0(t)| \leq K\epsilon.$$

3. Main Result

As earlier stated, we first investigate the Hyers-Ulam stability of the second order non-linear differential equation of the form (1.1) where the function $f(t, u(t))$ satisfies the condition

$$|f(t, u(t))| \leq \phi(t)\omega(|u(t)|) \tag{3.1}$$

Where $\phi(t)$ is a continuous, nonnegative function for $t \geq t_0$ and $\omega(u)$ is a continuous, nondecreasing, nonnegative function for $u > 0$. Besides, the function $f(t, u(t))$ is continuous on $D := \{t, u : t \in [t_0, \infty), u \in \mathbf{I}\}$.

Theorem 3.1. Let $\int_{t_0}^{\infty} |u'(s)| ds \leq L$ for $L > 0$ be assumed and let the function $f(t, u(t))$ satisfies the following conditions:

$$c_1 \quad u(t) \leq f(t, u(t))u(t), \text{ where } f(t, u(t)) > 1 \text{ for all } t \geq t_0.$$

$$c_2 \quad \frac{f'(t, u(t))u(t)}{f(t, u(t))} = g(t, u(t)) \text{ } g \text{ a positive, continuous function.}$$

$$c_3 \quad |f(t, u(t))| \leq \phi(t)\omega(|u(t)|), \text{ where } \omega(t) \text{ belongs to the class } H$$

$$c_4 \quad \Omega(r) = \int_{r_0}^r \frac{ds}{\omega(s)} \quad r_0 \geq 0, r \geq r_0$$

If $u : \mathbf{I} \rightarrow \mathbf{I}$ satisfying $u \in C^2(\mathbf{I})$ and the inequality

$$|u''(t) + f(t, u(t))| \leq \epsilon \text{ for all } t \geq t_0 \text{ and for some } \epsilon > 0,$$

then there exist a solution $u_0(t) \in C^2(\mathbf{I})$ of the differential equation (1.1) such that $|u(t) - u_0(t)| \leq K\epsilon$ for any $t \geq 0$, provided

$\int_{t_0}^{\infty} \phi(s) < M < \infty$ and $K = L\Omega^{-1}(\Omega(1) + |g(\xi, u(\xi))|M)$. Therefore, equation (1.1) has Hyers-Ulam stability with initial condition $u(t_0) = u'(t_0) = 0$.

Proof. Multiplying (2.1) by $|u'(t)|$ to get

$$-\epsilon|u'(t)| \leq u'(t)u''(t) + f(t, u(t))u'(t) \leq \epsilon|u'(t)| \quad (3.2)$$

for all $t \geq t_0$. Integrating each term from t_0 to t , then,

$$-\epsilon \int_{t_0}^t |u'(s)| ds \leq \frac{1}{2}u'(t)^2 + \int_{t_0}^t f(s, u(s))u'(s) ds \leq \epsilon \int_{t_0}^t |u'(s)| ds$$

for any $t \geq t_0$, Integrating by part, let $\int_{t_0}^{\infty} |u'(s)| ds \leq L$ for $L > 0$ and $f_u(t, u(t)) \leq 0$.

$$-\epsilon L \leq \frac{1}{2}u'(t)^2 + f(t, u(t))u(t) - \int_{t_0}^t f'(s, u(s))u(s) ds \leq \epsilon L$$

for all $t \geq t_0$. Then, it follows that

$$f(t, u(t))u(t) \leq \epsilon L + \int_{t_0}^t f'(s, u(s))u(s) ds \quad (3.3)$$

Applying c_1 to (3.3),

$$u(t) \leq \epsilon L + \int_{t_0}^t f'(s, u(s))u(s)ds \text{ for } t \geq t_0 \quad (3.4)$$

We write (3.4) as,

$$u(t) \leq \epsilon L + \int_{t_0}^t \frac{f'(s, u(s))u(s)}{f(s, u(s))} f(s, u(s))ds \text{ for } t \geq t_0 \quad (3.5)$$

Applying c_2 and using generalised Mean value theorem in a closed region D .

$$\begin{aligned} u(t) &\leq \epsilon L + g(\xi, u(\xi)) \int_{t_0}^t f(s, u(s))ds \text{ for } t \leq t_0 \\ &\leq \epsilon L + |g(\xi, u(\xi))| \int_{t_0}^t |f(s, u(s))|ds \text{ for } t \leq t_0 \\ &\leq \epsilon L + |g(\xi, u(\xi))| \int_{t_0}^t |f(s, u(s))|ds \text{ for } t \leq t_0 \end{aligned}$$

Since $\epsilon L > 0$, we have

$$\frac{|u(t)|}{\epsilon L} \leq 1 + |g(\xi, u(\xi))| \int_{t_0}^t \phi(s)\omega\left(\frac{|u(s)|}{\epsilon L}\right) ds \text{ } t \leq t_0 \quad (3.6)$$

Setting $v(t) = \text{R.H.S (3.6)}$

since ω is nondecreasing we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 < \omega\left(\frac{|u(t)|}{\epsilon L}\right) &\leq \omega(v(t)) \\ v'(t) &= |g(\xi, u(\xi))|\phi(t)\omega\left(\frac{|u(t)|}{\epsilon L}\right) \\ &\leq |g(\xi, u(\xi))|\phi(t)\omega(v(t)) \end{aligned}$$

then,

$$\frac{v'(t)}{\omega(v(t))} \leq |g(\xi, u(\xi))|\phi(t)$$

By the definition of Ω , this gives

$$\frac{d\Omega(v(t))}{dt} \leq |g(\xi, u(\xi))|\phi(t)$$

Integrating from t_0 to t gives

$$\Omega(v(t)) - \Omega(v(t_0)) \leq |g(\xi, u(\xi))| \int_{t_0}^t \phi(s)ds$$

since $v(t_0) = 1$ and $\Omega^{-1}(u)$ being increasing. Also we have

$$v(t) \leq \Omega^{-1} \left(\Omega(1) + |g(\xi, u(\xi))| \int_{t_0}^t \phi(s) ds \right)$$

and finally from (3.6) we obtain

$$\frac{|u(t)|}{\epsilon L} \leq \Omega^{-1} \left(\Omega(1) + |g(\xi, u(\xi))| \int_{t_0}^t \phi(s) ds \right), \quad t \geq t_0$$

As $t \rightarrow \infty$ then,

$$\frac{|u(t)|}{\epsilon L} \leq \Omega^{-1} (\Omega(1) + |g(\xi, u(\xi))| M)$$

provided $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_{t_0}^t \phi(s) ds \leq M < \infty$

Hence,

$$|u(t)| \leq \epsilon L (\Omega^{-1} (\Omega(1) + |g(\xi, u(\xi))| M)) \quad \text{for all } t \geq t_0.$$

$$|u(t) - u_0(t)| \leq K \epsilon$$

Where $K = \epsilon L (\Omega^{-1} (\Omega(1) + |g(\xi, u(\xi))| M))$. ■

Hence, the equation (1.1) has Hyers-Ulam stability.

Example 3.2. Consider Hyers-Ulam stability of the nonlinear differential equation of the form

$$u''(t) + t^{-4} u^2 \exp(u(t)) = 0. \quad (3.7)$$

taking

$$f(t, u(t)) = t^{-4} u^2(t) \exp(u(t))$$

and allow

$$\omega(u) = u^2 \exp(u(t)), \quad \phi(t) = t^{-4}$$

Where $u(t_0) = u'(t_0) = 0$ and $u_0(t) = 0$.

Therefore, the equation (3.7) is Hyers-Ulam stable.

In our next result we consider the Hyers-Ulam stability of the nonlinear differential equation (1.2), Where the function $f(t, u(t), u'(t))$ is continuous on $D = \{t, u, u' : t \in [t_0, \infty), u, u' \in \mathbf{I}\}$ and satisfies some conditions to be prescribed later.

Theorem 3.3. Let $\int_{t_0}^{\infty} |u'(s)| ds \leq L$ for $L > 0$ be assumed and let function $f(t, u(t), u'(t))$ satisfies the following conditions:

$$H_1 \quad u(t) \leq f(t, u(t), u'(t))u(t), \text{ where } f(t, u(t), u'(t)) > 1 \text{ for all } t \geq t_0.$$

$$H_2 \quad \frac{f'(t, u(t), u'(t))u(t)}{f(t, u(t), u'(t))} = g(t, u(t), u'(t)), \text{ } g \text{ a positive, continuous function.}$$

H_3 $|f(t, u(t), u'(t))| \leq h(t)\omega(|u(t)|)|u'(t)|$ where $\omega(t)$ belongs to the class H , for $s > 0$ the function $\omega(s)$ is nondecreasing. Where $h, \omega : \mathbf{I} \rightarrow \mathbf{I}$ are nonnegative, continuous functions

$$H_4 \quad \Omega(r) = \int_{r_0}^r \frac{ds}{s\omega(s)} \quad r_0 \geq 0, r \geq r_0$$

If $u \in C^2(\mathbf{I})$, $|u'(t)| \leq \frac{|u(t)|}{\epsilon L}$ and the inequality

$$|u''(t) + f(t, u(t), u'(t))| \leq \epsilon \quad \text{for all } t \geq t_0 \quad \text{and for some } \epsilon > 0,$$

then there exist a solution $u_0(t) \in C^2(\mathbf{I})$ of the differential equation (1.2) such that $|u(t) - u_0(t)| \leq K\epsilon$ for any $t \geq 0$, provided

$\int_{t_0}^{\infty} h(s)ds < M < \infty$ and $\Omega^{-1}(\Omega(1) + |g(\xi, u(\xi), u'(\xi))|M) < \infty$, where $K = L\Omega^{-1}(\Omega(1) + |g(\xi, u(\xi), u'(\xi))|M)$.

Therefore, equation(1.2) has Hyers-Ulam stability with initial condition $u(t_0) = u'(t_0) = 0$.

Proof. Multiplying (2.2) by $|u'(t)|$ to get

$$-\epsilon|u'(t)| \leq u'(t)u''(t) + f(t, u(t), u'(t))u'(t) \leq \epsilon|u'(t)| \quad (3.8)$$

for all $t \geq t_0$. Integrating each term from t_0 to t , then,

$$-\epsilon \int_{t_0}^t |u'(s)|ds \leq \frac{1}{2}u'(t)^2 + \int_{t_0}^t f(s, u(s), u'(s))u'(s)ds \leq \epsilon \int_{t_0}^t |u'(s)|ds$$

for any $t \geq t_0$.

Integrating by part, let $f_u(t, u(t), u'(t)) + f_{u'}(t, u(t), u'(t)) \leq 0$ and using hypothesis in the theorem, we have

$$-\epsilon L \leq \frac{1}{2}u'(t)^2 + f(t, u(t), u'(t))u(t) - \int_{t_0}^t f'(s, u(s), u'(s))u(s)ds \leq \epsilon L$$

for all $t \geq t_0$. Then,

$$f(t, u(t), u'(t))u(t) \leq \epsilon L + \int_{t_0}^t f'(s, u(s), u'(s))u(s)ds$$

Using H_1

$$u(t) \leq \epsilon L + \int_{t_0}^t f'(s, u(s), u'(s))u(s)ds \quad \text{for } t \geq t_0 \quad (3.9)$$

We can write (3.9) as

$$u(t) \leq \epsilon L + \int_{t_0}^t \frac{f'(s, u(s), u'(s))u(s)}{f(s, u(s), u'(s))} f(s, u(s), u'(s))ds \quad \text{for } t \geq t_0$$

Applying H_2

$$u(t) \leq \epsilon L + \int_{t_0}^t g(s, u(s), u'(s)) f(s, u(s), u'(s)) ds \quad \text{for } t \geq t_0$$

By application of generalised Mean value theorem of integral in the closed region D ,

$$u(t) \leq \epsilon L + g(\xi, u(\xi), u'(\xi)) \int_{t_0}^t f(s, u(s), u'(s)) ds \quad \text{for } t \geq t_0$$

$$|u(t)| \leq \epsilon L + |g(\xi, u(\xi), u'(\xi))| \int_{t_0}^t |f(s, u(s), u'(s))| ds \quad \text{for } t \geq t_0$$

$$|u(t)| \leq \epsilon L + |g(\xi, u(\xi), u'(\xi))| \int_{t_0}^t h(s) \omega(|u(s)|) |u'(s)| ds \quad \text{by } H_3$$

$$\frac{|u(t)|}{\epsilon L} \leq 1 + |g(\xi, u(\xi), u'(\xi))| \int_{t_0}^t h(s) \omega\left(\frac{|u(s)|}{\epsilon L}\right) |u'(s)| ds \quad (3.10)$$

Setting $z(t) = \text{R.H.S}$ of (3.10)

Hence,

$$z(t) \leq 1 + |g(\xi, u(\xi), u'(\xi))| \int_{t_0}^t h(s) \omega(z(s)) z(s) ds \quad (3.11)$$

Setting $v(t) = \text{R.H.S}$ of (3.11) since ω is nondecreasing we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 < \omega(z(t)) &\leq \omega(v(t)) \\ v'(t) &= |g(\xi, u(\xi), u'(\xi))| h(t) \omega(z(t)) z(t) \\ &\leq |g(\xi, u(\xi), u'(\xi))| h(t) \omega(v(t)) v(t) \\ \frac{v'(t)}{\omega(v(t)) v(t)} &\leq |g(\xi, u(\xi), u'(\xi))| h(t) \end{aligned}$$

Application of H_4 , this gives,

$$\frac{d\Omega(v(t))}{dt} \leq |g(\xi, u(\xi), u'(\xi))| h(t)$$

Integrating from t_0 to t gives

$$\Omega(v(t)) - \Omega(v(t_0)) \leq |g(\xi, u(\xi), u'(\xi))| \int_{t_0}^t h(s) ds$$

since $v(t_0) = 1$ and $\Omega^{-1}(u)$ being increasing also we have

$$z(t) \leq v(t) \leq \Omega^{-1} \left(\Omega(1) + |g(\xi, u(\xi), u'(\xi))| \int_{t_0}^t h(s) ds \right)$$

Finally from (3.11) we obtain

$$\frac{|u(t)|}{\epsilon L} \leq \Omega^{-1} \left(\Omega(1) + |g(\xi, u(\xi), u'(\xi))| \int_{t_0}^t h(s) ds \right) \text{ for } t \geq t_0$$

As $t \rightarrow \infty$, then,

$$\frac{|u(t)|}{\epsilon L} \leq \Omega^{-1} (\Omega(1) + |g(\xi, u(\xi), u'(\xi))| M)$$

provided $\lim_{t_0} \rightarrow \infty \int_{t_0}^t h(s) ds \leq M < \infty$

Hence,

$$|u(t)| \leq \epsilon L (\Omega^{-1} (\Omega(1) + |g(\xi, u(\xi), u'(\xi))| M)) \text{ for all } t \geq t_0.$$

Where,

$$K = L (\Omega^{-1} (\Omega(1) + |g(\xi, u(\xi), u'(\xi))| M)) \text{ for all } t \geq t_0.$$

Hence, it holds that $|u(t)| \leq K\epsilon$ for any $t \geq t_0$, with initial condition $u_0(t) = u'(t) = 0$ satisfies (1.2) and $u_0 \in C^2(\mathbf{I})$ such that $|u(t) - u_0(t)| \leq K\epsilon$. ■

Example 3.4. To investigate Hyers-Ulam stability of the second order nonlinear differential equation of the form

$$u''(t) + (2t)^{-4} u^2 \exp(u'(t)) u'(t) = 0 \quad (3.12).$$

We take

$$f(t, u(t), u'(t)) = (2t)^{-4} u^2 \exp(u'(t)) u'(t)$$

and allow $\omega(u) = u^2$, $h(t) = (2t)^{-4}$,

Where $u(t_0) = u'(t_0) = 0$ and $u_0(t) = 0$. Therefore, the equation(3.12) is Hyers-Ulam stable.

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