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THE EXISTENCE OF POSITIVE SOLUTIONS OF SINGULAR STURM-LIOUVILLE BOUNDARY VALUE PROBLEMS ON A MEASURE CHAIN *

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Abstract

The authors study the existence of positive solutions of singular Sturm-Liouville boundary value problem

$$(p(t)y^{\Delta}(t))^{\Delta} + \lambda q(t)f(t, y^{\sigma}(t)) = 0, \ \rho(a) < t < \sigma(b),$$

with boundary conditions

$$\begin{aligned} &\alpha y(\rho(a)) - \beta p(\rho(a)) y^{\Delta}(\rho(a)) = 0, \\ &\gamma y(\sigma(b)) + \delta p(\sigma(b)) y^{\Delta}(\sigma(b)) = 0, \end{aligned}$$

on a measure chain, where $\lambda > 0$ and q is allowed to be singular at both end points $t = \rho(a)$ and $t = \sigma(b)$. We shall use a fixed point theorem on a cone in a Banach space to obtain the existence of positive solutions for λ in a suitable interval of a measure chain.

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