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EXISTENCE AND NON-EXISTENCE OF SOLUTIONS OF THIRD ORDER  
EQUATIONS COUPLED TO THREE-POINT BOUNDARY CONDITIONS.

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In this talk, we present some results, obtained in [1], of existence and non-existence of solutions of the third order nonlinear one-parameter differential equation

$$u'''(t) = -\lambda p(t) f(u(t)), \text{ a.e. } t \in [0, 1], \quad (1)$$

coupled to the three-point boundary value conditions

$$u(0) = 0, \quad u''(\eta) = \alpha u'(1), \quad u'(1) = \beta u(1), \quad (2)$$

with  $0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$ ,  $0 \leq \beta < \frac{2}{2-\alpha}$  and  $0 \leq \eta \leq \frac{1}{3}$ .

We construct its related Green's function and prove that it changes sign on its square of definition, but it has (different) constant sign whenever  $0 \leq s < \eta$  or  $\eta < s \leq 1$ .

By assuming suitable sign conditions on the nonlinear part of the equation and under additional conditions on the asymptotic behavior of function  $f$ , by defining suitable cones on  $C^1([0, 1])$ , we deduce, for a particular set of values of the parameter  $\lambda$ , the existence of positive and increasing solutions on the whole interval of definition which are convex on  $[0, \eta]$ . The results hold by means of degree theory.

[1] A. Cabada, N. D. Dimitrov, *Third-order differential equations with three-point boundary conditions*. Open Math. **19** (2021), 1, 11–31.

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