

# Multiplicity of solutions for nonlinear systems with two-point BVP

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**Abstract:** In this paper, we investigate the existence of solutions to a class of non-linear system. Using some theorems, we prove some existence results for this system.

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## 1 Introduction

In this paper, we study the following system:

$$\begin{cases} A_u + a^{n-1}f(u)m(v) = 0 \\ A_v + a^{n-1}g(u)n(v) = 0 \end{cases} \quad (1) \quad \begin{cases} u(1) = 0, u'(0) = 0 \\ v(1) = 0, v'(0) = 0 \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

Where  $A_u = a^{n-1} \operatorname{div}(|\nabla u|^{p-2} \nabla u)$ ,  $p > 1$ ,  $a = |x|$ ,  $x \in \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ ,

$i) f, g, m, n \in C^1(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $uf(u)m(v) > 0$ ,  $vg(u)n(v) > 0$ , when  $u, v \neq 0$ ,  $f, g \geq \epsilon_1 > 0$  on  $(0, +\infty]$ ,  $a \geq 0$  then  $f(0)m(0) = 0$ ,  $g(0)n(0) = 0$ .

In recent years, many authors studied the existence of solutions for nonlinear boundary value problems. See, [1-12] and the references therein. For example, in [10] the problem

$$-(a^{n-1} \varphi_p(u_1'))' = a^{n-1} \psi(a) f(u), \text{ on } [0, 1], \quad (3)$$

$$u'(0) = 0, u(1) = 0 \quad (4)$$

$\psi \in C^1(\mathbb{R}^+)$ ,  $\varphi_p(x) = |x|^{p-2}x$ ,  $p > 1$ , was studied.

We introduce the following eigenvalue problem

$$\begin{aligned} -(a^{n-1} \varphi_p(u_1'))' &= \lambda a^{n-1} \psi(a) |u|^{p-2} u, \\ u'(0) &= 0, u(1) = 0, \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

Consider

$$u(0) = \alpha, u'(0) = 0, \quad (6)$$

$$|(u, v)| = |u| + |v|.$$

**Lemma 1** [10]. Let  $\{r_i\}_{i=1}^k$  be zeros of an eigen function  $y_k$  for (5) corresponding to  $\lambda_k$  satisfying  $0 = r_0 < r_1 \dots < r_k = 1$ . *i)*

Assume  $\lambda > \lambda_k, 1 \leq i \leq k$ , there exist a solution  $z_i$  of

$$-(a^{n-1}|z'|^{p-2}z')' + \lambda a^{n-1}w(z)|z|^{p-2}z = 0, \quad (7)$$

it has at least two zeros in

$$(r_{i-1}, r_i). \text{ii) for } \lambda < \lambda_k, 1 \leq i \leq k,$$

there exist a solution  $\bar{z}_i$  of (1) satisfying  $\bar{z}_i(a)$  on  $[r_{i-1}, r_i]$ .

**Lemma 2** [10]. Let  $M > 0, w^* = \max\{\psi(a) | a \in [0,1]\}$  and  $\alpha$  satisfy  $k_2 + k_1F(\alpha) > w^*F(M)$ .

We define

$$\delta \equiv Mp^{-\frac{1}{p}}(k_2 + k_1F(\alpha) - w^*F(M))^{-\frac{1}{p}} > 0. \quad (8)$$

Then the solution  $u(a, \alpha)$  of (3), (6) has the following properties:

*i)* if  $u(r, \alpha)$  has no zero in  $(r_1, r_2)$  and satisfies  $|u(a, \alpha)| \leq M$  on  $[r_1, r_2]$  for some  $r_1, r_2 \in [0,1]$ ,

then we have  $r_2 - r_1 \leq \delta$ . *ii)* if  $u(r, \alpha)$  has no zero in  $(x, y)$  for some  $x, y \in [0,1]$  satisfying  $y - x > 2\delta$ , then  $|u(a, \alpha)| > M$  for  $r \in (x + \delta, y - \delta)$ . For  $M, \alpha > 0$  define  $I_{M, \alpha} = \{r \in [0,1] | |u(r, \alpha)| < M\}$ .

## 2 Main results

In this section I introduce Pruffer-type substitution for the solution  $u(a, \alpha)$  of (1) and (2) by using the generalized sine function  $S_p(a)$  has been well studied by [2]. The function  $S_p, S_q$  satisfies

$$\begin{cases} |S_p(a)|^p + \frac{|S'_p(a)|^p}{p-1} = 1 \\ |S_q(a)|^q + \frac{|S'_q(a)|^q}{q-1} = 1 \end{cases}, \quad (9)$$

$$\begin{cases} (|S'_p|^{p-2}S'_p)' + |S_p|^{p-2}S_p = 0 \\ (|S'_q|^{q-2}S'_q)' + |S_q|^{q-2}S_q = 0 \end{cases}, \quad (10)$$

I define phase-plane coordinates  $\rho_i > 0$  and  $\theta_i$  for solutions  $u(a, \alpha), v(a, \alpha)$  of (1) and (2) as following. With

$$\theta_1(0, \alpha) = \frac{\pi p}{2}, \theta_2(0, \alpha) = \frac{\pi q}{2} \cdot \begin{cases} \rho_1^{\frac{p}{p-1}}(a, \alpha) = |u(a, \alpha)|^p + \frac{a^{\frac{p(n-1)}{p-1}}}{p-1} |u'(a, \alpha)|^p \\ \rho_2^{\frac{q}{q-1}}(a, \alpha) = |v(a, \alpha)|^q + \frac{a^{\frac{q(n-1)}{q-1}}}{q-1} |v'(a, \alpha)|^q \end{cases} \quad (*)$$

After differentiating with respect to  $a$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \theta'_1(a, \alpha) &= \frac{a^{n-1}f(u)m(v)}{(p-1)|u|^{p-2}u} |S_p(\theta_1(a, \alpha))|^p + a^{\frac{1-n}{p-1}} |S'_p(\theta_1(a, \alpha))|^p, \quad (11) \\ \theta'_2(a, \alpha) &= \frac{a^{n-1}g(u)n(v)}{(q-1)|v|^{q-2}v} |S_q(\theta_2(a, \alpha))|^q \end{aligned}$$

Also

$$\frac{\rho'_2(a, \alpha)}{\rho_2(a, \alpha)} = \left( a^{\frac{1-n}{q-1}} - \frac{a^{n-1}g(u)n(v)}{|v|^{q-2}v} |S_q(\theta_2(a, \alpha))|^{q-2} S_q(\theta_2(a, \alpha)) S'_q(\theta_2(a, \alpha)), a^{\frac{1-n}{q-1}} |S'_q(\theta_2(a, \alpha))|^q \right), \quad (12)$$

he phase function for (1), (2) with  $\lambda = \lambda_k$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \phi'_{1k}(a, \lambda_k) &= F(a, \lambda_k, \phi_1), & (13), \\ \phi'_{2k}(a, \lambda_k) &\equiv G(a, \lambda_k, \phi_2), \phi_{1k}(0, \lambda_k) = \frac{\pi p}{2}, \phi_{1k}(1, \lambda_k) = k\pi_p, \phi_{2k}(0, \lambda_k) = \frac{\pi q}{2}, \phi_{2k}(1, \lambda_k) = k\pi_q, \end{aligned}$$

**Lemma 3.**

i) Suppose

$$\limsup_{|u| \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(u)m(v)}{|u|^{p-2}u} < \lambda_k, \quad \limsup_{|v| \rightarrow 0} \frac{g(u)n(v)}{|v|^{q-2}v} < \lambda_k, \quad \text{for } k \in \mathbb{N},$$

then there exists  $\alpha_* > 0$  such that

$$\theta_1(1, \alpha) < k\pi_p, \quad \theta_2(1, \alpha) < k\pi_q, \quad \text{for all } \alpha \in (0, \alpha_*).$$

That is the solution  $(u(a, \alpha), v(a, \alpha))$  of (1) and (2) has at most  $k-1$  zeros in  $(0, 1)$  for  $\alpha \in (0, \alpha_*]$ .

ii) Suppose

$$\liminf_{|u| \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(u)m(v)}{|u|^{p-2}u} > \lambda_k, \quad \liminf_{|v| \rightarrow 0} \frac{g(u)n(v)}{|v|^{q-2}v} > \lambda_k, \quad \text{for } k \in \mathbb{N},$$

then there exists  $\alpha_* > 0$  such that

$$\theta_1(1, \alpha) > k\pi_p, \quad \theta_2(1, \alpha) > k\pi_q, \quad \text{when } \alpha \in (0, \alpha_*].$$

That is, the solution  $(u(a, \alpha), v(a, \alpha))$  of (1) and (2) has at least  $k-1$  zeros in  $(0, 1)$  for  $\alpha \in (0, \alpha_*]$ .

**Proof.** i) The assumption implies that, there exists  $\delta > 0$  and  $\lambda > 0$  such that

$$\frac{f(u)m(v)}{|u|^{p-2}u} < \lambda < \lambda_k, \quad \frac{g(u)n(v)}{|v|^{q-2}v} < \lambda < \lambda_k \quad \text{for } 0 < |u| + |v| < \delta.$$

Since  $(u, v) \equiv 0$  is a solution of (1), (2), there exists  $\alpha_* > 0$  such that

$$|(u(a, \alpha), v(a, \alpha))| < \delta \quad \text{for } 0 < \alpha < \alpha_* \text{ and } r \in [0, 1].$$

From (11), (12) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \theta'_1(a, \alpha) &< \frac{a^{n-1}\lambda_k}{(p-1)} |S_p(\theta_1(a, \alpha))|^p + a^{\frac{1-n}{p-1}} |S_p(\theta_1(a, \alpha))|^p = F(a, \lambda_k, \phi_1), \\ \theta'_2(a, \alpha) &< \frac{a^{n-1}\lambda_k}{(q-1)} |S_q(\theta_2(a, \alpha))|^q + a^{\frac{1-n}{q-1}} |S_q(\theta_2(a, \alpha))|^q = G(a, \lambda_k, \phi_2). \end{aligned}$$

Let  $u_k, v_k$  be the solution of (5) with  $\lambda = \lambda_k$  and  $\phi_{1k}, \phi_{2k}$  be its Prüfer angle, then  $u_k, v_k$  are eigenfunctions of (5). Thus

$$\phi_{1k}(1, \lambda_k) = k\pi_p, \quad \phi_{2k}(1, \lambda_k) = k\pi_q,$$

The comparison theorem was studied by (Birkhoff & Rota 1989, p.30, in [3]), include that

$$\theta_1(1, \alpha) < \phi_{1k}(1, \lambda_k), \quad \theta_2(1, \alpha) < \phi_{2k}(1, \lambda_k), \quad 0 < \alpha < \alpha_*.$$

ii) By assumption, we have there exist exists  $\delta > 0$  and  $\lambda > 0$  such that

$$\frac{f(u)m(v)}{|u|^{p-2}u} > \lambda > \lambda_k, \quad \frac{g(u)n(v)}{|v|^{q-2}v} > \lambda > \lambda_k \quad \text{when } 0 < |u| + |v| < \delta.$$

Similar to (i), there exists  $\alpha_* > 0$  such that

$$0 < |(u(a, \alpha), v(a, \alpha))| < \delta \quad \text{for } 0 < \alpha < \alpha_*, \quad a \in [0, 1].$$

So,

$$\frac{f(u(a, \alpha))m(v(a, \alpha))}{|u(a, \alpha)|^{p-2}u(a, \alpha)} > \lambda_k, \quad \frac{g(u(a, \alpha))n(v(a, \alpha))}{|v(a, \alpha)|^{q-2}v(a, \alpha)} > \lambda_k,$$

by (11), (12) we get

$$\begin{aligned} \theta'_1(a, \alpha) &> \frac{a^{n-1}\lambda_k}{(p-1)} |S_p(\theta_1(a, \alpha))|^p + a^{\frac{1-n}{p-1}} |S_p(\theta_1(a, \alpha))|^p = F(a, \lambda_k, \phi_1), \\ \theta'_2(a, \alpha) &> \frac{a^{n-1}\lambda_k}{(q-1)} |S_q(\theta_2(a, \alpha))|^q + a^{\frac{1-n}{q-1}} |S_q(\theta_2(a, \alpha))|^q = G(a, \lambda_k, \phi_2). \end{aligned}$$

Similar as in (i), we have

$$\theta_1(1, \alpha) > k\pi_p, \theta_2(1, \alpha) > k\pi_q.$$

**Lemma 4.**

i) Assume that

$$\liminf_{|u| \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(u)m(v)}{|u|^{p-2}u} > \lambda_k, \liminf_{|v| \rightarrow \infty} \frac{g(u)n(v)}{|v|^{q-2}v} > \lambda_k, \text{ for } k \in \mathbb{N},$$

then there exists  $\alpha^* > 0$  such that the solution  $(u(a, \alpha), v(a, \alpha))$  has at least  $k$  zeros in  $(0,1) \times (0,1)$ ,  $\alpha \in [\alpha^*, \infty)$ .

ii) suppose

$$\limsup_{|u| \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(u)m(v)}{|u|^{p-2}u} < \lambda_k, \limsup_{|v| \rightarrow \infty} \frac{g(u)n(v)}{|v|^{q-2}v} < \lambda_k, \text{ for } k \in \mathbb{N},$$

then there exists  $\alpha^* > 0$  such that the solution  $(u(a, \alpha), v(a, \alpha))$  has at most  $(k-1)$  zeros in  $(0,1) \times (0,1)$  for  $\alpha^* < \alpha$ .

**Proof.** i) by assumption, there exist  $\lambda > \lambda_k$  and  $M > 0$  such that

$$\frac{f(u)m(v)}{|u|^{p-2}u} > \lambda > \lambda_k, \frac{g(u)n(v)}{|v|^{q-2}v} > \lambda > \lambda_k \text{ when } |u| + |v| \geq M, \quad (14)$$

Let  $u_k, v_k$  be the  $k$ -th eigenfunction of (5) corresponding to  $\lambda_k$  and  $\{r_i\}_{i=1}^k$  be zeros of  $u_k, v_k$  with  $r_0 = 0$  and  $r_k = 1$ . Lemma (1) implies that, there exists a solution  $z_{1i}, z_{2i}$  of (7) having at least two zeros in  $(r_{i-1}, r_i)$ .

Now, fix  $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, k\}$ , let  $t_1, t_2$  be zeros of  $z_{1i}, z_{2i}$  satisfying

$$r_{i-1} < t_1 < t_2 < r_i.$$

By (8) and remark that  $\delta$  tends to zero as  $\alpha$  tends to infinity. For this  $i$ , we can choose an  $\alpha_i > 0$  such that

$$r_i - r_{i-1} > 2\delta_i \text{ and } [t_1, t_2] \subset (r_{i-1} + \delta_i, r_i - \delta_i),$$

where  $\alpha_i$  and  $\delta_i$  are consistent with (8).

Let  $\alpha \geq \alpha_i$ , we prove  $u(a, \alpha), v(a, \alpha)$  have at least one zero in  $(r_{i-1}, r_i)$ . Suppose  $u(a, \alpha), v(a, \alpha)$  have no zero in  $(r_{i-1}, r_i)$ . Lemma (2) (ii) implies that

$$|u(a, \alpha)| > M, |v(a, \alpha)| > M, \text{ when } a \in (r_{i-1} + \delta_i, r_i - \delta_i).$$

From (17), we have

$$\lambda < \frac{f(u(a, \alpha)m(v(a, \alpha)))}{(u(a, \alpha))^{p-1}}, \lambda < \frac{g(u(a, \alpha)n(v(a, \alpha)))}{(v(a, \alpha))^{q-1}}, \text{ for } a \in [t_1, t_2] \subset (r_{i-1} + \delta_i, r_i - \delta_i).$$

So (in [8], p. 182) implies that  $u(a, \alpha), v(a, \alpha)$  have at least one zero in  $(t_1, t_2)$ . This leads to a contradiction. Hence  $u(a, \alpha), v(a, \alpha)$  with  $\alpha \geq \alpha_i$  have at least one zero in  $(r_{i-1}, r_i)$ .

Set

$$\alpha^* = \max\{\alpha_i | i = 1, 2, \dots, k\}.$$

If  $\alpha \geq \alpha^*$ , then  $u(a, \alpha), v(a, \alpha)$  have at least one zero in  $(r_{i-1}, r_i)$  for each  $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$ . It means that  $u(a, \alpha), v(a, \alpha)$  have at least  $k$  zeros in  $(0,1)$  for  $\alpha \in [\alpha^*, \infty)$ . ii) by assumption, there exist  $\lambda < \lambda_k$  and  $M > 0$  such that

$$\frac{f(u)m(v)}{|u|^{p-2}u} < \lambda < \lambda_k, \frac{g(u)n(v)}{|v|^{q-2}v} < \lambda < \lambda_k \text{ when } |u| + |v| \geq M, \quad (15)$$

For every  $\alpha > 0$ , let  $\phi_i(a, \alpha), \phi_{ik}(a, \alpha)$  be the Prüfer angle of the solutions of (5) and (6) with  $\lambda$  and  $\lambda_k$ . So,

$$\phi_{1k}(1, \alpha) = k\pi_p, \phi_{2k}(1, \alpha) = k\pi_q,$$

hence by the comparison theorem,

$\phi_1(1, \alpha) = k\pi_p - \varepsilon, \phi_2(1, \alpha) = k\pi_q - \varepsilon, \varepsilon > 0$  and from (11), (12)  $\phi_i(r, \alpha)$  satisfying

$$\begin{aligned} \phi'_1(a, \alpha) &= \frac{\alpha^{n-1}\lambda}{(p-1)} |S_p(\phi_1(a, \alpha))|^p + r^{\frac{1-n}{p-1}} |S_p(\phi_1(a, \alpha))|^p \equiv F(a, \alpha, \phi_1), \\ \phi'_2(a, \alpha) &= \frac{\alpha^{n-1}\lambda}{(q-1)} |S_q(\phi_2(a, \alpha))|^q + r^{\frac{1-n}{q-1}} |S_q(\phi_2(a, \alpha))|^q \equiv G(a, \lambda_k, \phi_2), \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

Define:

$$R(a, \alpha) = \begin{cases} \frac{f(u(a, \alpha))m(v(a, \alpha))}{|u(a, \alpha)|^{p-2}u(a, \alpha)}, & |u(a, \alpha)| < M \\ \lambda & , |u(a, \alpha)| \geq M \end{cases},$$

$$T(a, \alpha) = \begin{cases} \frac{g(u(a, \alpha))n(v(a, \alpha))}{|v(a, \alpha)|^{q-2}v(a, \alpha)}, & |v(a, \alpha)| < M \\ \lambda & , |v(a, \alpha)| \geq M \end{cases}$$

By (11) and (12) and comparing with (16) there exists a sufficiently large  $\alpha^*$ ,  $\left| \frac{f(u(a, \alpha))m(v(a, \alpha))}{\rho_1(a, \alpha)} \right|$ ,

$$\left| \frac{g(u(a, \alpha))n(v(a, \alpha))}{\rho_2(a, \alpha)} \right|$$

can be small for

$$|u(a, \alpha)| < M, |v(a, \alpha)| < M \text{ and } \alpha \geq \alpha^*.$$

So  $\theta_1(a, \alpha), \theta_2(a, \alpha)$  are bounded for  $\alpha \geq \alpha^*$  and  $a \in [0, 1]$ .

The number of zeros of  $u(a, \alpha), v(a, \alpha)$  of (3) and (6) is uniformly bounded for  $\alpha \geq \alpha^*$ . By ([10]), we have

$$\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow \infty} \|I_{M, \alpha}\| = 0 \quad (17)$$

let  $\psi_i(a, \alpha)$  be the solution of the equation  $\psi'_i(a, \alpha) = H_i(a, \alpha, \psi_i)$ , satisfying

$$\psi_1(0, \alpha) = \frac{\pi p}{2}, \psi_2(0, \alpha) = \frac{\pi q}{2} \text{ and from (13) with } \lambda = \lambda_k \quad (18)$$

we obtain ( $\alpha \geq \alpha^*$  and  $a \in [0, 1]$ ),

$$\begin{aligned} \psi_1(a, \alpha) - \phi_1(a, \alpha) &= \int_0^a (H(s, \alpha, \psi_1) - F(s, \alpha, \psi_1) + F(s, \alpha, \psi_1) - F(s, \alpha, \phi_1)) ds = \int_0^a \frac{s^{n-1}}{p-1} (R(s, \alpha) - \\ &\lambda) |S_p(\psi_1(s, \alpha))|^p ds + \int_0^a \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi_1} F(s, \alpha, \xi_1) (\psi_1(s, \alpha) - \phi_1(s, \alpha)) ds, \\ \psi_2(a, \alpha) - \phi_2(a, \alpha) &= \int_0^a \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi_2} G(s, \alpha, \xi_2) (\psi_2(s, \alpha) - \phi_2(s, \alpha)) ds, \end{aligned}$$

Where  $\xi_i(s, \alpha)$  is between  $\psi_i(s, \alpha)$  and  $\phi_i(s, \alpha)$ .

By (17),

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \int_0^a \frac{s^{n-1}}{p-1} (R(s, \alpha) - \lambda) |S_p(\psi_1(s, \alpha))|^p ds \right| &\leq \int_{M, \alpha}^a \frac{s^{n-1}}{p-1} (R(s, \alpha) - \lambda) ds < \delta, \\ \left| \int_0^a \frac{s^{n-1}}{q-1} (T(s, \alpha) - \lambda) |S_q(\psi_2(s, \alpha))|^q ds \right| &\leq \int_{M, \alpha}^a \frac{s^{n-1}}{q-1} B(s) (T(s, \alpha) - \lambda) ds < \delta \text{ when } \alpha \geq \alpha^*, \delta > 0. \end{aligned}$$

Note that

$$\left| \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi_1} F(s, \alpha, \xi_1) \right| \text{ and } \left| \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi_2} G(s, \alpha, \xi_2) \right| \text{ are bounded by } k_1, k_2 > 0.$$

So, we have

$$\begin{aligned} |\psi_1(a, \alpha) - \phi_1(a, \alpha)| &< \delta + \int_0^a k_1 |\psi_1(s, \alpha) - \phi_1(s, \alpha)| ds, \\ |\psi_2(a, \alpha) - \phi_2(a, \alpha)| &< \delta + \int_0^a k_2 |\psi_2(s, \alpha) - \phi_2(s, \alpha)| ds, \end{aligned}$$

If  $\delta < \varepsilon e^{-k_1}, \delta < \varepsilon e^{-k_2}$ , then  $|\psi_1(a, \alpha) - \phi_1(a, \alpha)| < \delta e^{k_1 a} < \varepsilon$ ,

$$|\psi_2(a, \alpha) - \phi_2(a, \alpha)| < \delta e^{k_2 a} < \varepsilon.$$

So

$$\begin{aligned} \psi_1(a, \alpha) &< \phi_1(a, \alpha) + \varepsilon, \psi_2(a, \alpha) < \phi_2(a, \alpha) + \varepsilon, \\ \theta_1(a, \alpha) \leq \psi_1(a, \alpha) &< \phi_1(a, \alpha) + \varepsilon = k_1 \pi_p, \theta_2(a, \alpha) \leq \psi_2(a, \alpha) < \phi_2(a, \alpha) + \varepsilon = k_2 \pi_q, \end{aligned}$$

thus the proof completed.

**Theorem 5.** Suppose that there exists an integer  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$\limsup_{|u| \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(u)m(v)}{|u|^{p-2}u} < \lambda_k < \liminf_{|u| \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(u)m(v)}{|u|^{p-2}u}, \quad (19)$$

$$\limsup_{|v| \rightarrow 0} \frac{g(u)n(v)}{|v|^{q-2}v} < \lambda_k < \liminf_{|v| \rightarrow \infty} \frac{g(u)n(v)}{|v|^{q-2}v}. \quad (20)$$

Then (1) and (2) have a solution with at most  $k-1$  zeros in  $(0,1)$ .

**Proof.** By (19) and lemma (3) (i), there exists  $\alpha_* > 0$  such that

$$\theta_1(1, \alpha) < k\pi_p, \theta_2(1, \alpha) < k\pi_q \text{ for } \alpha \leq \alpha_*.$$

Lemma (4) (i) implies that there exists  $\alpha^* > 0$  such that

$$\theta_1(1, \alpha) > k\pi_p, \theta_2(1, \alpha) > k\pi_q \text{ for } \alpha \geq \alpha^*.$$

Since

$$\theta_1(1, \alpha) = k\pi_p, \theta_2(1, \alpha) = k\pi_q.$$

Similarly, (20) can be proved. Now the proof is completed.

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