

ON THE EXISTENCE OF PERIODIC SOLUTIONS FOR A p-LAPLACIAN NEUTRAL FUNCTIONAL DIFFERENTIAL EQUATION WITH TIME-VARYING OPERATOR

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Abstract. In this paper, a kind of *p*-Laplacian neutral functional differential equation with timevarying operator as follows

$$\left(\varphi_p\left(u'(t) - \sum_{i=1}^n c_i(t)u'(t-r_i)\right)\right)' = f(u'(t)) + \beta(t)g(u(t-\gamma(t))) + e(t),$$

is studied and some new results are obtained. It is worth noting that the parameters $c_i(t)(i=1,2,\cdots,n)$ are functions and the coefficient $\beta(t)$ (which is ahead of g) is sign-variable here. It is interesting, but it is so challenging and difficult that few people have discussed it so far.

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