

PATULA, HARTMAN—WINTNER AND LYAPUNOV TYPE INEQUALITIES FOR A CLASS OF STURM—LIOUVILLE PROBLEMS

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Abstract. We derive Patula, Hartman–Wintner, and Lyapunov type inequalities for Sturm–Liouville problems of the form

$$-u''(x) + g(x)u(x) = f(x)u(x), \quad a < x < b,$$

where $f, g \in C([a, b])$ and $g \geq 0$. We then apply these inequalities to several special cases. In particular, we obtain a refinement of Bargmann’s inequality for the radial Schrödinger equation.

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