Fixed Point Theory, 17(2016), No. 1, 201-214 http://www.math.ubbcluj.ro/~nodeacj/sfptcj.html

MULTIPLE POSITIVE SOLUTIONS FOR A HIGHER ORDER BOUNDARY VALUE PROBLEM ON TIME SCALES

İSMAİL YASLAN

Pamukkale University Department of Mathematics 20070 Denizli, Turkey E-mail: iyaslan@pau.edu.tr

Abstract. In this paper, we consider a nonlinear higher order three-point boundary value problem on time scales. We establish the criteria for the existence of one or two positive solutions for a higher order boundary value problem on time scales by using a result from the theory of fixed point index. Later, Leggett-Williams fixed-point theorem is used to investigate the existence of at least three positive solutions for a higher order boundary value problem on time scales. As an application, to demonstrate our results we also give an example.

Key Words and Phrases: Boundary value problems, cone, fixed point theorems, positive solutions, time scales.

2010 Mathematics Subject Classification: 34B18, 34N05, 39A10.

Acknowledgment. The author shows his sincere thanks to the reviewer for his (her) helpful advice on the paper.

References

- R.P. Agarwal, D. O'Regan, Nonlinear boundary value problems on time scales, Nonlinear Anal., 44(2001), 527–535.
- [2] R.P. Agarwal, D. O'Regan, B. Yan, Positive solutions for singular three-point boundary value problems, Electron. J. Diff. Equations, 2008(2008), 1–20.
- [3] D.R. Anderson, Solutions to second order three-point problems on time scales, J. Difference Eq. Appl., 8(2002), 673–688.
- [4] D.R. Anderson, R.I. Avery, An even-order three-point boundary value problem on time scales, J. Math. Anal. Appl., 291(2004), 514–525.
- [5] D.R. Anderson, Nonlinear triple-point problems on time scales, Electron. J. Diff. Equations, 47(2004), 1–12.
- [6] D.R. Anderson, I.Y. Karaca, Higher-order three-point boundary value problem on time scales, Comput. Math. Appl., 56(2008), 2429–2443.
- [7] M. Bohner, A. Peterson, Dynamic Equations on Time Scales: An Introduction with Applications, Birkhäuser, Boston, 2001.
- [8] M. Bohner, A. Peterson (Eds.), Advances in Dynamic Equations on Time Scales, Birkhäuser, Boston, 2003.
- J.J. DaCunha, J.M. Davis, P.K. Singh, Existence results for singular three point boundary value problems on time scales, J. Math. Anal. Appl., 295(2004), 378–391.

201

İSMAİL YASLAN

- [10] P.W. Eloe, J. McKelwey, Positive solutions of three point boundary value problems, Comm. Appl. Nonlinear Anal., 4(1997), 45–54.
- [11] D. Guo, V. Lakshmikantham, Nonlinear Problems in Abstract Cones, Academic Press, San Diego, 1988.
- [12] S. Hilger, Analysis on measure chains-A unified approach to continuous and discrete calculus, Results Math., 18(1990), 18–56.
- [13] S. Hong, Triple positive solutions of three-point boundary value problems for p-Laplacian dynamic equations on time scales, J. Comput. Appl. Math., 206(2007), 967–976.
- [14] I.Y. Karaca, Positive solutions of an n th order three-point boundary value problem, Rocky Mountain J. Math., 43(2013), 205–224.
- [15] K.Q. Lan, Multiple positive solutions of semilinear differential equations with singularities, J. London Math. Soc., 63(2001), 690–704.
- [16] R.W. Leggett, L.R. Williams, Multiple positive fixed points of nonlinear operators on ordered Banach spaces, Indiana University Math. J., 28(1979), 673–688.
- [17] R. Ma, D. O'Regan, Positive solutions of singular sublinear second-order three-point boundary value problems, Fixed Point Theory, 7(2006), 65–81.
- [18] J.W. Neuberger, The lack of self-adjointness in three point boundary value problems, Pacific J. Math., 18(1966), 165–168.
- [19] A.C. Peterson, Y.N. Raffoul, C.C. Tisdell, *Three point bounday value problems on time scales*, J. Differ. Equations Appl., **10**(2004), 843–849.
- [20] Y. Sang, H. Su, Several sufficient conditions of solvability for a nonlinear higher order three point boundary value problem on time scales, Appl. Math. Comput., 190(2007), 566–575.
- [21] H.R. Sun, W.T. Li, Positive solutions for nonlinear three-point boundary value problems on time scales, J. Math. Anal. Appl., 299(2004), 508–524.
- [22] D. Wang, Three positive solutions of three-point boundary value problems for p-Laplacian dynamic equations on time scales, Nonlinear Anal., 68(2008), 2172–2180.
- [23] X. Xian, D. O'Regan, Z. Ruifang, Existence and location results for sign-changing solutions for three-point boundary value problems using Leray-Schauder degree, Monatsh. Math., 158(2009), 413–439.
- [24] İ. Yaslan, Existence results for an even-order boundary value problem on time scales, Nonlinear Anal., 70(2009), 483–491.

Received: June 25, 2013; Accepted: July 18, 2014.

202