

## Corollary7.5

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**Corollary.** Let  $u(x), p(x), q(x)$  be nonnegative continuous functions in the interval  $|x - x_0| \leq a$  and the function  $p(x)$  is non-decreasing in  $[x_0, x_0 + a]$  and non-increasing in  $[x_0 - a, x_0]$ , if

$$u(x) \leq p(x) + \left| \int_{x_0}^x q(t)u(t)dt \right| \text{ for } |x - x_0| \leq a. \quad (1)$$

then

$$u(x) \leq p(x) \exp \left( \left| \int_{x_0}^x q(t)dt \right| \right) \text{ for } |x - x_0| \leq a. \quad (2)$$

*Proof.* According to symmetry, we assume that  $x \geq x_0$ . According to Theorem 7.3, we know that

$$u(x) \leq p(x) + \int_{x_0}^x q(t)p(t)e^{\int_t^x q(s)ds}dt. \quad (3)$$

Because  $p(x)$  is non-decreasing in  $[x_0, x_0 + a]$ , from (3), we can deduce that

$$\begin{aligned} u(x) &\leq p(x) + p(x) \int_{x_0}^x q(t)e^{\int_t^x q(s)ds}dt \\ &= p(x) \left( 1 + \int_{x_0}^x q(t)e^{\int_t^x q(s)ds}dt \right). \end{aligned}$$

We only need to prove that

$$1 + \int_{x_0}^x q(t)e^{\int_t^x q(s)ds}dt \leq e^{\int_{x_0}^x q(t)dt}. \quad (4)$$

When  $x = x_0$ , (4) obviously holds. When  $x > x_0$ , differentiate both sides of (4), we get

$$q(x)e^{\int_t^x q(s)ds}$$

and

$$q(x)e^{\int_{x_0}^x q(t)dt}.$$

We know that

$$q(x)e^{\int_t^x q(s)ds} \leq q(x)e^{\int_{x_0}^x q(t)dt},$$

so we have (4) holds. □