BARUCH CAHLON, Oakland University, Dept. of Math., Rochester, MI 48309, USA *Stability Criteria for Certain High Even Order Delay Differential Equations*

In this paper we study the asymptotic stability of the zero solution of even order linear delay differential equations of the form

$$y^{(2m)}(t) = \sum_{j=0}^{2m-1} a_j y^{(j)}(t) + \sum_{j=0}^{2m-1} b_j y^{(j)}(t-\tau)$$

where a_j and b_j are certain constants and $m \ge 1$. Here $\tau > 0$ is a constant delay. In proving our results we make use of Pontryagin's theory for quasi-polynomials.

It is clear that with 4m independent parameters in (1.1) one cannot expect to get regions of stability. Our goal is to derive algorithmic type stability criteria.