Generalized oscillations for linear Hamiltonian systems via Maslov index theory

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We present a generalized oscillation theory for linear Hamiltonian systems, also called canonical systems of differential equations, without assuming the Legendre condition. We show that this theory can be effectively developed via the comparative index of two Lagrangian planes. We present a connection of the comparative index with the Maslov index or the Hörmander index or the triple index, for which we use the Lidskii angles of a symplectic fundamental matrix of the system. We analyze and explain the exact role of the Legendre condition and the role of the minimal multiplicities of focal points in the (generalized) oscillation theory.

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