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Abstract

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ON THE STABILITY OF SOLUTIONS OF AN EQUATION IN A BANACH SPACE*

Let B be a Banach space. Consider the collection of functions $x(t)$, defined on the half-line $J = [0, +\infty)$, with values in B . By L we denote the collection of functions $x(t)$ that are locally Bochner integrable and have a countable family of compatible norms

$$\|x\|_n = \int_0^n \|x(t)\| dt, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots$$

Let $U(t, s)$, for any fixed values of t and s ($0 \leq s \leq t < +\infty$), be a linear bounded operator acting in the space B and satisfying the conditions:

1°. $U(t, s)$ is strongly continuous in the aggregate of t and s ; $U(t, t) = I$ (I is the identity operator).

2°. $U(t, s)U(s, 0) = U(t, 0)$, $0 \leq s \leq t$.

Consider the nonlinear integral equation

$$x(t) = U(t, 0)x_0 + \int_0^t U(t, s)h(x(s), s) ds, \quad x_0 \in B. \quad (1)$$

Obviously, $x_0 = x(0)$. We shall establish conditions under which the solutions of equation (1) are stable.

By M_1 we denote the set of functions $x(t)$ having the representation

$$x(t) = U(t, 0)x_0, \quad x_0 \in B. \quad (2)$$

Obviously, the functions belonging to M_1 are continuous on J .

By M_2 we denote the set of functions $x(t)$ having the representation

$$x(t) = U(t, 0)x_0 + \int_0^t U(t, s)f(s) ds, \quad x_0 \in B, \quad (3)$$

where $f(t) \in \mathbf{B}$; \mathbf{B} is a Banach space stronger than L , whose norm we denote by $|f|_{\mathbf{B}}$. For example, C is the set of continuous functions with norm $|x| = \sup_{t \in J} \|x(t)\|$. It is not difficult to verify that the functions of the set M_2 are also continuous on J .

Lemma 1. *The set X of all bounded functions from the set M_1 is a subspace of the space C .*

Denote by B_0 the collection of all elements of B that are initial values of bounded functions in M_1 , $|x| < +\infty$. As examples show, B_0 , generally speaking, is not closed.

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Lemma 2. If B_0 is closed, then there exists a positive number S such that, for all $x(t) \in X$,

$$|x| \leq S\|x(0)\|,$$

where $|x|$, here and below, denotes the norm in C .

Proof is carried out by applying the theorem on the continuity of the inverse of a one-to-one linear operator to the operator T , which assigns to each element of X its initial value x_0 .

Let there exist a set B_1 , a complement of the closed B_0 . It is not always closed. Introduce the projection operators P_0, P_1 , $x_0 = P_0x$, $x_1 = P_1x$, $x \in B$, $x_0 \in B_0$, $x_1 \in B_1$.

Lemma 3. Suppose B_0 is closed and has a closed complement B_1 . Let there correspond to each $f(t) \in B$ at least one bounded function from M_2 . Then there exists a constant $K > 0$ such that to each $f(t) \in B$ there corresponds an $x(t) \in M_2$ satisfying the inequality $|x| \leq K|f|_B$; this function can be chosen so that $x(0) \in B_1$, and then it is determined uniquely.

Proof. Let Y be the set of all functions $x(t)$ satisfying the conditions: $x(0) \in B_1$, $x(t)$ is continuous and bounded, and

$$x(t) = U(t, 0)x_0 + \int_0^t U(t, s)f(s) ds, \quad f(t) \in B.$$

In this linear manifold Y introduce the norm

$$|x|_Y = |x| + |f|_B.$$

It is easy to prove that Y , so normed, is a Banach space.

Let T be the linear mapping of Y into B : $Tx = f$. From the inequality

$$|Tx|_B = |f|_B \leq |x| + |f|_B = |x|_Y$$

it follows that T is bounded and $\|T\| \leq 1$. It is not difficult to show that there exists T^{-1} , $D(T^{-1}) = B$, if one takes $x_1 \in B_1$ for $x(0)$.

We now apply to T the theorem on the continuity of the inverse of a one-to-one linear transformation. Then $\|T^{-1}\|$ exists and $|x_1| \leq k|f|_B$, where $K = \|T^{-1}\| - 1$.

In what follows we shall assume that the nonlinear operator $h(x(t), t)$ is such that, for every $x(t) \in C$, $|x| < a$, $h(x(t), t) \in B$. Let there also exist a constant $\gamma > 0$ such that

$$|h(x', t) - h(x'', t)|_B \leq \gamma|x' - x''|$$

for every pair x' and $x'' \in C$, $|x'| < a$, $|x''| < a$.

Theorem 1. Let $\beta = |h(0, t)|_B$. Under the conditions of Lemma 3, if $K\gamma < 1$ and $\beta < K^{-1}(1 - K\gamma)a$, then for each $\xi_0 \in B_0$, $\|\xi_0\| < b = S^{-1}((1 - K\gamma)a - K\beta)$, there exists a unique solution $x(t)$ of equation (1) such that $|x| < a$ and $P_0x(0) = \xi_0$; this solution satisfies the inequality

$$|x| \leq (1 - K\gamma)^{-1}(K\beta + S\|\xi_0\|). \quad (4)$$

The theorem is proved by the method of successive approximations on the basis of Lemmas 2 and 3.

From (4) follows the boundedness of solutions of equation (1).

Corollary. If $h(0, t) = 0$, then the zero solution of equation (1) is stable in the sense of Lyapunov.

Indeed, for $\beta = 0$, from (4) we have:

$$|x| \leq (1 - K\gamma)^{-1}S\|\xi_0\|.$$

Let us now consider the Cauchy problem

$$\frac{dx(t)}{dt} = A(t)x(t) + h(x(t), t), \quad x(0) = x_0, \quad (5)$$

where the operator $A(t)$ satisfies the following conditions:

C_1 . For each $t \in J$, $A(t)$ satisfies the condition

$$\|(I - \alpha A(t))^{-1}\| \leq 1$$

for $\alpha > 0$.

C_2 . 1) The domain of definition of $A(t)$ does not depend on t ; 2) $B(t, s) = (I - A(t))(I - A(s))^{-1}$ is uniformly bounded for all s, t ; 3) $B(t, s)$ has bounded variation with respect to t , at least for some s .

As T. Kato ⁽¹⁾ showed, under conditions C_1 and C_2 there exists $U(t, s)$ with certain properties, whence our conditions 1° and 2° follow.

Under conditions C_1 and C_2 , we associate with the Cauchy problem (5) the nonlinear integral equation (1), whose solution we shall call a **generalized solution** of the Cauchy problem (5). Consequently, Theorem 1 establishes boundedness, and then stability, of generalized solutions of the Cauchy problem (5).

If the operator $A(t)$ also satisfies the condition that

$$A(t) \frac{d}{dt} A^{-1}(t)$$

is a strongly continuous operator in t ; if $h(x(t), t)$ is a strongly differentiable function in t , and $x_0 \in D(A(t))$, then the generalized solution is strongly differentiable and is a solution of the Cauchy problem (5) ⁽²⁻⁴⁾.

Since nonstationary problems for a parabolic equation, in a certain sense, are reducible to the Cauchy problem (5), Theorem 1 gives boundedness (stability) conditions for solutions of the indicated nonstationary problems.

The question of stability of solutions of equation (5) was first investigated by M. G. Krein ⁽⁵⁾ in the case of bounded $A(t)$. Theorem 1 is a generalization of the theorem of Massera and Schäffer ⁽⁶⁾ for almost bounded $A(t)$, which in turn is a generalization of the well-known theorem of Perron ⁽⁷⁾ for finite-dimensional space.

Theorem 1 can also be formulated and proved for B distinct from C .

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