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## FUNCTIONAL STABILITY OF LINEAR SYSTEMS

In the author's paper PR [3] there was introduced and studied a notion of stability of solutions to linear systems with right invertible operators in the homogeneous case. The non-homogeneous case has been examined in PR [4].

The purpose of the present paper is a generalization of the mentioned results for stability induced by functional shifts introduced by Z. Binderman (cf. B[1]–B[4]).

### 1. Preliminaries

We shall recall some definitions and theorems (without proofs) which will be used in our subsequent considerations.

Let  $X$  be a linear space over a field  $\mathcal{F}$  of scalars.  $L(X)$  will stand for the set of all linear operators with domains and ranges in  $X$  and  $L_0(X) = \{A \in L(X) : \text{dom } A = X\}$ . By  $\mathcal{F}[t]$  is denoted the set of all polynomials in the variable  $t$  with coefficients belonging to  $\mathcal{F}$ . Write

$$v_{\mathcal{F}A} = \{0 \neq \lambda \in \mathcal{F} : I - \lambda A \text{ is invertible}\} \quad \text{for } A \in L(X).$$

If  $\lambda \in v_{\mathcal{F}A}$  then  $1/\lambda$  is a regular value of  $A$ .

Denote by  $R(X)$  the set of all right invertible operators belonging to  $L(X)$ , by  $\mathcal{R}_D$  - the set of all right inverses of a  $D \in R(X)$  and by  $\mathcal{F}_D$  - the set of all *initial* operators for  $D$ , i.e.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{R}_D &= \{R \in L_0(X) : DR = I\}, \\ \mathcal{F}_D &= \{F \in L_0(X) : F^2 = F, FX = \ker D \text{ and } \exists_{R \in \mathcal{R}_D} FR = 0\}. \end{aligned}$$

In the sequel we shall assume that  $\ker D \neq \{0\}$ , i.e.  $D$  is right invertible but not invertible. The theory of right invertible operators and its applications can be found in PR [1].

We admit that  $0^0 = 1$ . We also write:  $N_0 = \{0\} \cup N$ . For a given operator  $D \in R(X)$  write

$$(1.1) \quad S = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} \ker D^i.$$

The set  $S$  is equal to the linear span  $P(R)$  of all  $D$ -monomials:

$$S = P(R) = \text{lin}\{R^k z : z \in \ker D, k \in N_0\}$$

independently of the choice of a right inverse  $R$  of  $D$  (cf. PR [1]).

For a given  $D \in R(X)$  we shall consider the space of *smooth* elements

$$D_{\infty} = \bigcap_{k \in N} \text{dom } D^k.$$

Clearly,  $S \subset D_{\infty} \subset \text{dom } D$  (cf. PR [2]).

Let  $\mathcal{F} = \mathbf{C}$ . In the sequel,  $K$  will stand either for a disk  $K_{\rho} = \{h \in \mathbf{C} : |h| < \rho, 0 < \rho < \infty\}$  or for the complex plane  $\mathbf{C}$ . Denote by  $H(K)$  the space of all functions analytic on the set  $K$ . Suppose that a function  $f \in H(K)$  has the following expansion

$$(1.2) \quad f(h) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k h^k \quad \text{for all } h \in K.$$

**DEFINITION 1.1.** (cf. B [1]) Suppose that  $D \in R(X)$  and  $\ker D \neq \{0\}$ . A family  $T_K = \{T_h\}_{h \in K} \subset L_0(X)$  is said to be a family of *functional shifts* for the operator  $D$  induced by a function  $f \in H(K)$  (i.e. of the form (1.2)) if

$$(1.3) \quad T_h x = [f(hD)]x = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k h^k D^k x \quad \text{for all } h \in K, x \in S,$$

where  $S$  is defined by Formula (1.1).

We should point out that, by definition of  $S$ , the last sum has only a finite number of members different than zero.

**PROPOSITION 1.1** (cf. B [2]). *Suppose that  $D \in R(X)$ ,  $\ker D \neq \{0\}$ ,  $F$  is an initial operator for  $D$  corresponding to an  $R \in \mathcal{R}_D$  and  $T_K = \{T_h\}_{h \in K} \subset L_0(X)$ . Let  $f \in H(K)$ . Then the following conditions are equivalent:*

(i)  *$T_K$  is a family of functional shifts for the operator  $D$  induced by the function  $f$ ;*

$$(ii) \quad T_h R^k F = \sum_{j=0}^k a_j h^j R^{k-j} F \quad \text{for all } h \in K, k \in N_0.$$

**PROPOSITION 1.2** (cf. B [2]). *Suppose that  $D \in R(X)$ ,  $\ker D \neq \{0\}$  and  $T_{f,K} = \{T_{f,h}\}_{h \in K}$  is a family of functional shifts for the operator  $D$  induced by a function  $f \in H(K)$ . Let  $F$  be an initial operator for  $D$  corresponding to an  $R \in \mathcal{R}_D$ . Then*

(i) *For all  $h \in K$ ,  $z \in \ker D$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{N}_0$*

$$(1.4) \quad T_{f,h} R^k z = \sum_{j=0}^k a_j h^j R^{k-j} z;$$

(ii) *The operators  $T_{f,h}$  ( $h \in K$ ) are uniquely determined on the set  $S$ ;*

(iii) *If  $X$  is a complete linear metric space,  $\overline{S} = X$  and  $T_{f,h}$  are continuous for  $h \in K$  then  $T_{f,h}$  are uniquely determined on the whole space;*

(iv) *For all  $h \in K$  the operators  $T_{f,h}$  commute on the set  $S$  with the operator  $D$ .*

The listed properties and other informations about functional shifts for right invertible operators can be found in B[1]–B[4] (cf. PR [1], PR [3], PR [4] for shifts induced by the function  $f(h) = e^h$ ).

Proposition 1.2 of B [3] implies

**PROPOSITION 1.3.** *Suppose that all assumptions of Proposition 1.2 are satisfied and  $f(0) = a_0 \neq 0$ . Let*

$$(1.5) \quad F_h = [f(0)]^{-1} F T_{f,h} \quad \text{for } h \in K.$$

*Then  $F_h$  is an initial operator for  $D$  corresponding to the right inverse*

$$(1.6) \quad R_h = R - F_h R \quad (h \in K).$$

It is well-known that  $H(K)$  is a commutative ring with the following algebraic operations

$$(f+g)(h) = f(h) + g(h), \quad (\alpha g)(h) = \alpha g(h), \quad (fg)(h) = f(h)g(h),$$

where  $f, g \in H(K)$ ,  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $h \in K$ .

Let  $T(K)$  be the set of all families of functional shifts for an operator  $D \in R(X)$  induced by the members of  $H(K)$ , i.e.

$$(1.7) \quad T(K) = \{T_{f,K} : f \in H(K)\}.$$

Define the following operations

$$(1.8) \quad T_{f,K} + T_{g,K} = T_{f+g,K}, \quad \alpha T_{g,K} = T_{\alpha g,K}, \quad T_{f,K} T_{g,K} = T_{fg,K},$$

where  $f, g \in H(K)$ ,  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$ .

**THEOREM 1.1** (cf. B [2]). *Suppose that  $D \in R(X)$ ,  $\ker D \neq \{0\}$  and  $T(K)$  is defined by Formula (1.7). Then*

(i) *The set  $T(K)|_S = \{T_{f,K}|_S : f \in H(K)\}$  is a commutative ring with the operations defined by Formulae (1.8);*

(ii) *The rings  $H(K)$  and  $T(K)|_S$  are isomorphic. The mapping*

$$T : f \mapsto T_{f,K}|_S$$

*is a ring isomorphism of  $H(K)$  onto  $T(K)|_S$ .*

**THEOREM 1.2** (cf. B&PR [1]). *Suppose that  $D \in R(X)$ ,  $\ker D \neq \{0\}$  and  $T_{f,K} = \{T_{f,h}\}_{h \in K} \in T(K)$ . Let  $F$  be an initial operator for  $D$  corresponding to an  $R \in \mathcal{R}_D$ . Suppose, moreover, that  $1/f \in H(K)$ , i.e.  $T_{1/f,K} = \{T_{1/f,h}\}_{h \in K} \in T(K)$ . Then*

$$(1.9) \quad R_h^n z = f(0) T_{1/f,h} R^n z \quad \text{for all } n \in \mathbb{N}, h \in K, z \in \ker D,$$

where the operators  $R_h$  ( $h \in K$ ) are defined by Formula (1.6).

Assume that  $X$  is a complete linear metric space over  $\mathbf{C}$  and the function  $f \in H(K)$  has the expansion (1.2). Write for an operator  $D \in R(X)$  (cf. B [4])

$$(1.10) \quad S_f(D) = \left\{ x \in X : \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k h^k D^k x \text{ is convergent for all } h \in K \right\}.$$

**PROPOSITION 1.4** (cf. B [4]). *Suppose that  $X$  is a complete linear metric space over  $\mathbf{C}$ ,  $D \in R(X)$ ,  $\ker D \neq \{0\}$  and  $f \in H(K)$ . Then  $S \subset S_f(D) \subset \text{dom } D$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ .*

Similarly, as Definition 1.1, we have

**DEFINITION 1.2** (cf. B [2]). *Suppose that  $X$  is a complete linear metric space over  $\mathbf{C}$ ,  $D \in R(X)$  and  $\ker D \neq \{0\}$ . A family  $T_{f,K} = \{T_{f,h}\}_{h \in K} \subset L_0(X)$  is said to be a family of *functional shifts* for  $D$  induced by a function  $f \in H(K)$  if*

$$(1.11) \quad T_{f,h} x = f(hD)x \quad \text{for all } h \in K, x \in S_f(D),$$

where the operator  $f(hD)$  is defined by Formula (1.3) and the set  $S_f(D)$  is defined by Formula (1.10).

**NOTE 1.1.** Let  $X$  be a complete linear metric space  $X(\mathcal{F} = \mathbf{C} \text{ or } \mathcal{F} = \mathbf{R})$ . Let be given  $D \in R(X)$  and an initial operator  $F$  for  $D$  corresponding to an  $R \in \mathcal{R}_D$ . Consider the space of  $D$ -analytic elements

$$A_R(D) = \left\{ x \in D_\infty : x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} R^n F D^n x \right\} = \{x \in D_\infty : \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} R^n D^n x = 0\},$$

Clearly,  $S \subset A_R(D) \subset D_\infty \subset \text{dom } D$  (cf. PR [1], PR [2]). If  $x \in A_R(D)$ , then for an arbitrary family  $T_{f,K}$  of continuous functional shifts induced by a function  $f \in H(K)$  we have  $T_{f,h} x = f(hD)x$  for all  $h \in K$  (cf. B [4]).

**DEFINITION 1.3** (cf. PR [3]). *Let  $X$  be a complete linear metric space over  $\mathcal{F}$  ( $\mathcal{F} = \mathbf{C}$  or  $\mathcal{F} = \mathbf{R}$ ). Let  $E$  be a subspace of  $X$ . A continuous operator*

$A \in L(X)$  is said to be *almost quasinilpotent on  $E$*  if

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \lambda^n A^n x = 0 \quad \text{for every } x \in E, \lambda \in v_{\mathcal{F}} A.$$

The set of all operators almost quasinilpotent on  $E$  will be denoted by  $AQN(E)$ .

**THEOREM 1.3** (cf. PR [3]). *Let  $E$  be a subspace of a complete linear metric space (over  $\mathcal{F}$ ). If  $A \in L(X)$ ,  $E \subset \text{dom } A$  and  $\lambda \in v_{\mathcal{F}} A$  then the following conditions are equivalent:*

- (i)  *$A$  is almost quasinilpotent on  $E$ ;*
- (ii) *for every  $x \in X$  the series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \lambda^n A^n x$  is convergent and  $(I - \lambda A)^{-1} x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \lambda^n A^n x$ ;*
- (iii) *for every  $x \in X$  the series  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \binom{n+m-1}{m-1} \lambda^n A^n x$  is convergent and  $(I - \lambda A)^{-m} x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \binom{n+m-1}{m-1} \lambda^n A^n x$ .*

**THEOREM 1.4** (cf. B&PR [1]). *Suppose that  $X$  is a complete linear metric space over  $\mathbf{C}$ ,  $D \in R(X)$ ,  $\ker D \neq \{0\}$ ,  $\lambda \in \mathbf{C}$ ,  $\ker(D - \lambda I) \neq \{0\}$ ,  $\lambda K \subset K$ ,  $R \in \mathcal{R}_D \cap AQN[\ker(D - \lambda I)]$  and  $T_{f,K} = \{T_{f,h}\}_{h \in K}$ ,  $T_{1/f,K} = \{T_{1/f,h}\}_{h \in K}$  are families of functional shifts for  $D$  induced by the functions  $f, 1/f \in H(K)$ , respectively. If the operator  $T_{f,h}$  is continuous for some  $h \in K$  then*

$$R_h \in \mathcal{R}_D \cap AQN[\ker(D - \lambda I)],$$

where the operators  $R_h (h \in K)$  are defined by Formula (1.6).

## 2. Homogeneous case

Let now  $K = \mathbf{C}$ . Consider the space  $H(\mathbf{C})$  of entire functions. We begin with

**DEFINITION 2.1.** Suppose that  $X$  is a complete linear metric space over  $\mathbf{C}$ ,  $D \in R(X)$ ,  $\ker D \neq 0$ ,  $F$  is an initial operator for  $D$  corresponding to an  $R \in \mathcal{R}_D$  and  $T_{f,C} = \{T_{f,h}\}_{h \in \mathbf{C}} \in T(\mathbf{C})$ . Write

$$(2.1) \quad x^{\wedge}(h) = F_h x = FT_{f,h} x \quad \text{for } x \in S_f(D), h \in \mathbf{C}.$$

$$\text{If } \lim_{h \in \mathbf{R}_+, h \rightarrow +\infty} T_{f,h} x = 0 \quad \text{for an } x \in S_f(D)$$

then  $x$  is said to be *f-stable*, or *functionally stable*. If

$$\lim_{h \in \mathbf{R}_+, h \rightarrow +\infty} FT_{f,h} x = 0, \text{ i.e. } \lim_{h \in \mathbf{R}_+, h \rightarrow +\infty} x^{\wedge}(h) = 0 \quad \text{for an } x \in S_f(D),$$

then  $x$  is said to be *( $F, f$ )-stable*, or *functionally  $F$ -stable*.

The stability introduced in PR [3] is a functional stability induced by the function  $f(h) = e^h$ . It should be pointed out that the functional  $F$ -stability is, in a sense, a *local* functional stability, as a stability introduced by an initial

operator. Clearly, if  $x$  is  $f$ -stable and  $F$  is continuous, then  $x$  is  $(F, f)$ -stable. The zero element is  $f$ -stable for every  $f \in H(\mathbf{C})$ .

Let  $R \in \mathcal{R}_D$  be a VOLTERRA right inverse, i.e.  $v_{\mathcal{F}}R = \mathcal{F} \setminus \{0\}$ . Consider the space of *exponentials*:

$$E(R) = \bigcup_{\lambda \in \mathcal{F}} \ker(D - \lambda I) = \text{lin}\{(I - \lambda R)^{-1}z : z \in \ker D, \lambda \in \mathcal{F}\} \subset D_{\infty}.$$

Note that  $E(R)$  is independent of the choice of  $R$  (cf. PR [1], PR [2]).

Write for  $A \in L_0(X)$ :

$$(2.2) \quad \begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}_A[t] &= \\ &= \{P(t) = t^M Q(t) : Q(t) \in \mathcal{F}[t] \text{ and } Q(\lambda) = 0 \text{ implies } \lambda \in v_{\mathcal{F}}A; M \in \mathbf{N}_0\}. \end{aligned}$$

**THEOREM 2.1** (cf. PR [3]). *Suppose that  $X$  is a complete linear metric locally convex space (over  $\mathbf{R}$ ),  $D \in R(X)$  is closed,  $\ker D \neq \{0\}$ ,  $F$  is a continuous initial operator corresponding to an  $R \in \mathcal{R}_D \cap AQN(\ker D)$ ,  $f(h) = e^h$ ,  $A(\mathbf{R})$  is either  $\mathbf{R}_+$  or  $\mathbf{R}$ ,  $\{T_{f,h}\}_{h \in A(\mathbf{R})}$  is a strongly continuous semigroup (group) of functional shifts induced by the function  $f$  and either  $\overline{S} = X$  or  $R$  is a VOLTERRA right inverse and  $\overline{E(R)} = X$ . Then*

(i)  *$D$  is an infinitesimal generator for  $\{T_{f,h}\}_{h \in A(\mathbf{R})}$ , hence  $\overline{\text{dom } D} = X$  and  $T_{f,h}D = DT_{f,h}$  on  $\text{dom } D$ . Moreover, for the canonical mapping  $\kappa$  defined as*

$$\kappa x = \{x^{\wedge}(t)\}_{t \in A(\mathbf{R})}, \quad \text{where} \quad x^{\wedge}(t) = FT_{f,t}x \quad (x \in X)$$

*we have*

$$\kappa D = \frac{d}{dt} \kappa, \quad \kappa R = \int_0^t, \quad \kappa Fx = \kappa x|_{t=0},$$

*and  $(\kappa T_{f,h})(t) = (\kappa x)(t+h)$  for  $x \in X, t, h \in A(\mathbf{R})$ ;*

- (ii)  *$x$  is stable if and only if  $x$  is  $F$ -stable;*
- (iii)  *$x \in \ker P(D)$  is stable if and only if all roots of the polynomials  $P(t) \in \mathcal{F}_R[t]$  have negative real parts.*

Points (i) and (ii) of Theorem 2.1 are proved by Corollaries 2.1 and 3.1 of PR [3]. In order to prove Point (iii) of Theorem 2.1 we had to use Theorem 3.1 of PR [3] with the following

**LEMMA 2.1.** *Write*

$$p^o(t) = e^{-t} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} p(j) \frac{t^j}{j!} \quad \text{for } p(t) \in \mathcal{F}[t].$$

*Then  $p^o(t) \in \mathcal{F}[t]$ .*

Theorem 2.1 shows that the following (non-trivial) elements are not stable (hence not  $F$ -stable):

*D-polynomials*, i.e. elements of the set  $S$ ;

*exponentials*, i.e. elements of  $\ker(D - \lambda I)$ , provided that  $\operatorname{Re} \lambda \geq 0$  ( $\lambda \in v_{\mathcal{F}} R$ );

*$T_{f,\omega}$ -periodic* elements, i.e. such elements  $x$  that  $T_{f,\omega}x = x$  for an  $\omega \in \mathbf{R}$  (cf. PR [3]).

Write

$$(2.3) \quad St(f) = \left\{ \lambda \in \mathbf{C} : \bigwedge_{p(t) \in \mathcal{F}[t]} \lim_{h \in \mathbf{R}_+, h \rightarrow +\infty} p(\lambda h) f(\lambda h) = 0 \right\} \quad \text{for } f \in H(\mathbf{C});$$

$$(2.4) \quad H_0 = \left\{ f \in H(\mathbf{C}) : \bigwedge_{h \in \mathbf{C}} f(h) \neq 0 \right\}.$$

Clearly, if  $f \in H_0$  then  $1/f \in H_0$  and

$$(2.5) \quad f = e^g, \quad \text{where } g \in H(\mathbf{C}),$$

since  $\mathbf{C}$  is simply connected.

**PROPOSITION 2.1.** *Suppose that all assumptions of Definition 2.1 are satisfied. If  $x \in S \setminus \{0\}$  then  $x$  is not  $f$ -stable for every  $f \in H(\mathbf{C})$ .*

**Proof.** Take any element of the set  $S$  defined by Formula (1.1) of the form:  $R^n z$ , where  $z \in \ker D \setminus \{0\}$ . Then, by Proposition 1.4, for all  $h \in \mathbf{C}$ ,  $n \in \mathbf{N}_0$  we have

$$T_{f,h} R^n z = f(hD) R^n z = \sum_{k=0}^n a_k h^k R^{n-k} z \in S.$$

Hence  $T_{f,h} R^n z \neq 0$  as  $h \rightarrow +\infty$  ( $h \in \mathbf{R}_+$ ). ■

**NOTE 2.1.** Let  $R_h$  be defined by Formula (1.6). Suppose that  $f, 1/f \in H(\mathbf{C})$ . This means that  $f(0) \neq 0$ . Let  $z \in \ker D \setminus \{0\}$ ,  $n \in \mathbf{N}_0$  be arbitrarily fixed. Proposition 2.1 and Theorem 1.2 together imply that  $T_{f,h} R_h^n z = f(0) R^n z \neq 0$  as  $h \rightarrow +\infty$  ( $h \in \mathbf{R}_+$ ).

**PROPOSITION 2.2.** *Suppose that all assumptions of Definition 2.1 are satisfied. An element  $x \in \ker(D - \lambda I)$  is  $f$ -stable if and only if  $\lim_{h \in \mathbf{R}_+, h \rightarrow +\infty} f(\lambda h) = 0$ .*

**Proof.** By our assumption,  $T_{f,h} x = f(hD)x = f(\lambda h)x \rightarrow 0$  as  $h \rightarrow +\infty$  ( $h \in \mathbf{R}_+$ ) if and only if  $\lim_{h \in \mathbf{R}_+, h \rightarrow +\infty} f(\lambda h) = 0$  (cf. B [4]). ■

LEMMA 2.2. Let  $f \in H_0$  (i.e.  $f$  is of the form (2.5)). Write

$$(2.6) \quad p^f(t) = e^{-g(t)} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} p(j) \frac{g^j(t)}{j!} \quad \text{for } p(t) \in \mathcal{F}[t].$$

Then  $p^f(t) \in \mathcal{F}[t]$  if and only if  $g \in \mathcal{F}[t]$ .

Proof. Write

$$(2.7) \quad \alpha_n(t) = t^n \quad \text{for } n \in \mathbb{N}_0.$$

Then

$$(2.8) \quad \alpha_{n+1}^f(t) = g(t) \sum_{j=0}^n \binom{n}{j} \alpha_j^f(t) \quad \text{for } n \in \mathbb{N}_0 \text{ (we admit: } \alpha_0^f = 1).$$

Indeed,

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_{n+1}^f(t) &= e^{-g(t)} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} j^{n+1} \frac{g^j(t)}{j!} = e^{-g(t)} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} j^n \frac{g^j(t)}{(j-1)!} \\ &= e^{-g(t)} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (k+1)^n \frac{g^{k+1}(t)}{k!} = e^{-g(t)} g(t) \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (k+1)^n \frac{g^k(t)}{k!} \\ &= g(t) e^{-g(t)} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{j=0}^n \binom{n}{j} k^j \frac{g^k(t)}{k!} \\ &= g(t) \sum_{j=0}^n \binom{n}{j} e^{-g(t)} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} k^j \frac{g^k(t)}{k!} = g(t) \sum_{j=0}^n \binom{n}{j} \alpha_j^f(t). \end{aligned}$$

We therefore conclude that all  $\alpha_n^f$  are polynomials if and only if  $g$  is a polynomial. Suppose then that  $g(t) \in \mathcal{F}[t]$ . Let  $p(t) \in \mathcal{F}[t]$ . By (2.7),  $p(t)$  is of the form

$$p(t) = \sum_{n=0}^N p_n t^n = \sum_{n=0}^N p_n \alpha_n(t).$$

This, and Formula (2.8) together imply that

$$\begin{aligned} p^f(t) &= \sum_{n=0}^N p_n \alpha_n^f(t) = p_0 + \sum_{k=0}^{N+1} p_{k+1} \alpha_{k+1}^f(t) \\ &= p_0 \alpha_0(t) + g(t) \sum_{k=0}^{N+1} p_{k+1} \sum_{j=0}^k \binom{k}{j} \alpha_j^f(t) \in \mathcal{F}[t]. \blacksquare \end{aligned}$$

Write

$$(2.9) \quad H_1 = \{e^g : g(t) \in \mathcal{F}[t]\} \subset H_0 \subset H(\mathbb{C}).$$

Then Lemma 2.2 can be formulated in the following manner:

**COROLLARY 2.1.** *Suppose that  $f \in H_0$ . Then  $p^f(t) \in \mathcal{F}[t]$  if and only if  $f \in H_1$ , where  $H_1$  is defined by Formula (2.9).*

**THEOREM 2.2.** *Suppose that  $X$  is a complete linear metric space over  $\mathbf{C}$ ,  $D \in R(X)$ ,  $\ker D \neq \{0\}$ ,  $F$  is a continuous initial operator for  $D$  corresponding to an  $R \in \mathcal{R}_D \cap AQN(\ker D)$ ,  $T_{f,K} = \{T_{f,h}\}_{h \in K}$  is a family of continuous functional shifts for  $D$  induced by a function  $f \in H_1$  and  $P(t) \in \mathcal{F}_R[t]$ . Then  $x \in \ker P(D) \setminus \{0\}$  is  $f$ -stable if and only if all roots of  $P(t)$  belong to the set  $St(f)$  defined by Formula (2.3).*

**P r o o f.** Suppose that  $P(t) \in \mathcal{F}_R[t]$  (cf. Formula (2.2)). Then  $P(t)$  is of the form

$$(2.10) \quad P(t) = t^M Q(t), \quad \text{where} \quad Q(t) = \prod_{j=1}^n (t - \lambda_j)^{r_j},$$

$$r_1 + \dots + r_n = N, \quad \lambda_j \in v_{\mathcal{F}} R \quad (j = 1, \dots, n).$$

If  $x \in \ker P(D)$  then

$$x = \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{m=1}^{r_j} (I - \lambda_j R)^{-m} z_{jm} + P_{M-1},$$

where  $z_{jm} \in \ker D$  and  $P_{M-1}$  is an arbitrary  $D$ -polynomial of degree at most  $M-1$ . We admit:  $P_{M-1} = 0$  if  $M = 0$ , i.e. if  $P(0) \neq 0$  (cf. PR [1], PR [2]). By Proposition 2.1, non-trivial  $D$ -polynomials are not  $f$ -stable. Thus 0 cannot be a root of the polynomial  $P(t)$ . Hence we put  $P_{M-1} = 0$ . We have to examine elements of the form:  $(I - \lambda R)^{-(m+1)} z$ , where  $z \in \ker D$ ,  $m = 0, 1, \dots, r_j$  ( $j = 1, \dots, n$ ) and  $\lambda \in \mathbf{C} \setminus \{0\}$  is not yet determined. For  $k, m \in \mathbf{N}_0$  write

$$(2.11) \quad q_{mk}(t) = \prod_{j=1}^m (k + j + t) \in \mathcal{F}[t];$$

$$(2.12) \quad A_{mk}(t) = -\frac{1}{m!} e^{g(t)} q_{mk}^f(t).$$

We will show that

$$(2.13) \quad A_{mk}(t) = -\frac{1}{m!} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} q_{mk}(j) a_j t^j \quad \text{for } k, m \in \mathbf{N}_0.$$

Indeed, by our assumptions,  $f = e^g$  where  $g \in \mathcal{F}[t]$ . Thus  $g$  can be repre-

sented in the form

$$g(t) = \prod_{j=1}^m (t - t_j)^{\alpha_j}, \quad \text{where } t_i \neq t_j \text{ if } i \neq j, \alpha_1 + \dots + \alpha_m = M = \deg g,$$

and  $t_j \in \mathbf{C}$ ,  $\alpha_j \in \mathbf{N}$  ( $j = 1, \dots, m$ ). Hence for every  $n \in \mathbf{N}$  we have

$$g^n(t) = \left[ \prod_{j=1}^m (t - t_j)^{\alpha_j} \right]^n = \prod_{j=1}^m (t - t_j)^{\alpha_j n} = \sum_{k=0}^{Mn} g_{kn} t^k,$$

where the coefficients  $g_{kn}$  are well-determined. Observe that, by definition, we also have

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n t^n = f(t) = e^{g(t)} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{g^n(t)}{n!} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} \sum_{k=0}^{Mn} g_{kn} t^k = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} b_n t^n,$$

where the scalar coefficients  $b_j$  ( $j \in \mathbf{N}_0$ ) are well-determined by coefficients  $g_{kn}$  (hence by  $g$ ), but there is no neediness to determine relations between their numerical values. Clearly,  $a_n = \frac{1}{n!} b_n$  ( $n \in \mathbf{N}_0$ ). This implies that

$$p^f(t) = e^{-g(t)} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} p(j) \frac{g^j(t)}{j!} = e^{-g(t)} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{p(j)}{j!} b_j t^j.$$

We therefore conclude that for all  $k, m \in \mathbf{N}_0$

$$\begin{aligned} - \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \binom{m+k+j}{m} a_j t^j &= - \frac{1}{m!} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{(m+k+j)!}{(k+j)!} a_j t^j = - \frac{1}{m!} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} q_{mk}(j) a_j t^j \\ &= - \frac{1}{m!} e^{g(t)} e^{-g(t)} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{p(j)}{j!} b_j t^j = - \frac{1}{m!} e^{g(t)} q_{mk}^f(t) = A_{mk}(t). \end{aligned}$$

Formulae (2.12) and (2.13) together imply that for all  $h \in \mathbf{C}$

$$\begin{aligned} T_{f,h}(I - \lambda R)^{-(m+1)} z &= -T_{f,h} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \binom{n+m}{m} \lambda^n R^n z \\ &= - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \binom{n+m}{m} \lambda^n T_{f,h} R^n z \\ &= - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \binom{n+m}{m} \lambda^n \sum_{k=0}^n a_{n-k} h^{n-k} R^k z \\ &= - \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{n=k}^{\infty} \binom{n+m}{m} \lambda^n a_{n-k} h^{n-k} R^k z \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= - \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left[ \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \binom{m+k+j}{m} a_j h^j \lambda^j \right] \lambda^k R^k z \\
&= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} A_{mk}(\lambda h) \lambda^k R^k z = -\frac{1}{m!} e^{g(\lambda h)} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} q_{mk}^f(\lambda h) \lambda^k R^k z.
\end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 2.2, all  $q_{mk}^f(t) \in \mathcal{F}[t]$ , because  $f = e^g$  and  $g \in \mathcal{F}[t]$ . Hence

$$\lim_{h \in \mathbf{R}_+, h \rightarrow +\infty} T_{f,h}(I - \lambda R)^{-(m+1)} z = 0,$$

if and only if  $\lambda \in St(f) = St(e^g)$ . ■

**COROLLARY 2.2.** *Suppose that all assumptions of Theorem 2.2 are satisfied and  $P(t) = (t - \lambda)^m$  ( $\lambda \in \mathbf{C}$ ,  $m \in \mathbf{N}$  are arbitrarily fixed). If  $\lambda \in St(f)$  then for an arbitrary  $z \in \ker D$  we have  $\lim_{h \in \mathbf{R}_+, h \rightarrow +\infty} T_{f,h}(I - \lambda R)^m z = 0$ , i.e. the element  $(I - \lambda R)^m z$  is  $f$ -stable.*

**COROLLARY 2.3.** *Suppose that all assumptions of Theorem 2.2 are satisfied. Let  $g \in \mathcal{F}[t]$  and let  $M = \deg g$ . Then*

$$St(f) = St(e^g) = \{\lambda \in \mathbf{C} : \operatorname{Re}[g^{(M)}(0)\lambda^M] < 0\}.$$

**P r o o f.** Let  $g \in \mathcal{F}[t]$ , i.e.  $g$  is of the form:  $g(t) = \sum_{m=0}^M g_m t^m$ ,  $g_0, \dots, g_m \in \mathbf{C}$ . Clearly,  $g_m = \frac{g^{(m)}(0)}{m!}$  for  $m = 0, 1, \dots, M$ . Hence

$$\begin{aligned}
f(t) = e^{g(t)} &= \exp \left( \sum_{m=0}^M g_m t^m \right) = \prod_{m=0}^M \exp(g_m t^m) \\
&= g(0) \prod_{m=0}^M \exp \left( \frac{g^{(m)}(0)}{m!} t^m \right),
\end{aligned}$$

i.e.  $\lim_{h \in \mathbf{R}_+, h \rightarrow +\infty} f(\lambda h) = 0$  if and only if  $\operatorname{Re}[g^{(M)}\lambda^M] < 0$ . ■

In particular, we obtain the condition for the stability studied in PR [3]:

**COROLLARY 2.4.** *Suppose that all assumptions of Theorem 2.2 are satisfied and  $g(t) \equiv t$ . Then  $St(f) = St(e^t) = \{\lambda \in \mathbf{C} : \operatorname{Re} \lambda < 0\}$ .*

### 3. Non-homogeneous case

Let  $D \in R(X)$  and  $R \in \mathcal{R}_D$ . Let  $\mathcal{F}_R[t]$  be defined by Formula (2.2). If  $P(t) \in \mathcal{F}_R[t]$  is of the form (2.10). Write

$$(3.1) \quad Q(t, s) = \prod_{j=1}^n (t - \lambda_j s)^{r_j}.$$

Decompose the rational function  $1/Q(1, s)$  onto vulgar fractions

$$(3.2) \quad 1/Q(1, s) = \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{m=1}^{r_j} d_{jm} (1 - \lambda_j s)^{-m},$$

where  $d_{jm}$  are well-determined scalar coefficients.

Recall that the general solution of the equation

$$(3.3) \quad P(D)x = y \quad \text{where } y \in X, P(t) \in \mathcal{F}_R[t]$$

is of the form

$$(3.4) \quad x = [Q(I, R)]^{-1} R^{M+N} y + x^o, \quad \text{where } x^o \in \ker P(D).$$

(cf. PR [1], also PR [2]).

The  $f$ -stability of the element  $x^o \in \ker P(D)$  is established by Theorem 2.2. Thus it is sufficient to study the  $f$ -stability of the element

$$(3.5) \quad y^o = [Q(I, R)]^{-1} R^{M+N} y = \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{m=1}^{r_j} d_{jm} (I - \lambda_j R)^{-1} y.$$

(cf. Formulae (2.10), (3.1)–(3.4)).

**DEFINITION 3.1.** Suppose that all conditions of Definition 2.1 are satisfied. An element  $x \in X$  is said to be *completely  $f$ -stable with respect to an  $R \in \mathcal{R}_D$*  if the elements  $R^n x$  are  $f$ -stable for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ . The set of all elements in  $X$  which are completely  $f$ -stable with respect to  $R$  will be denoted by  $S_\infty^f(X; R)$ , i.e.

$$S_\infty^f(X; R) = \{x \in X : \lim_{h \in \mathbb{R}_+, h \rightarrow +\infty} T_{f,h} R^n x = 0 \quad \text{for all } n \in \mathbb{N}_0\}.$$

If  $x \notin S_\infty^f(X; R)$  for any  $R \in \mathcal{R}_D$  then  $x$  is said to be *not completely  $f$ -stable*.

**PROPOSITION 3.1.** Suppose that all conditions of Definition 1.2 are satisfied. Then  $D$ -polynomials are not completely  $f$ -stable independently of the choice of an  $f \in H(\mathbb{C})$ . In particular, constants different than zero (i.e. elements of  $\ker D \setminus \{0\}$ ) are not completely  $f$ -stable.

**Proof.** By Proposition 2.1,  $D$ -polynomials are not  $f$ -stable. If  $z \in \ker D \subset S$  then  $T_{f,h} z = z$  for all  $h \in (\mathbb{C})$ , hence constants are not  $f$ -stable. If  $u \in S$  then  $R^n u \in S$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . ■

**PROPOSITION 3.2.** Suppose that all conditions of Definition 2.1 are satisfied,  $R \in \mathcal{R}_D$  is arbitrarily fixed and  $f(h) = e^h$ . Even if  $\operatorname{Re} \lambda < 0$  for  $\lambda \in v_{\mathcal{F}} R$ , exponentials  $(I - \lambda R)^{-1} z$  ( $z \in \ker D$ ) are not completely  $f$ -stable with respect to  $R$ , provided that  $z \in \ker D$  is not equal to zero.

**Proof.** If  $\lambda = 0$  then the corresponding exponential is a constant. Hence, by Proposition 3.1, is not completely  $f$ -stable independently of  $R$ . Suppose

that  $\lambda \neq 0$ . Then the element  $R(I - \lambda R)^{-1}z = \frac{1}{\lambda}[(I - \lambda R)^{-1}z - z]$  is not  $f$ -stable, even if  $\operatorname{Re}\lambda < 0$ , since constants different than zero are not  $f$ -stable. By an easy induction, we prove that elements  $R^n(I - \lambda R)^{-1}z$  are not  $f$ -stable for all  $z \in \ker D \setminus \{0\}$ ,  $n \in \mathbf{N}$ . ■

A consequence of Proposition 3.2 and Theorem 1.3(iii) is the following

**PROPOSITION 3.3.** *Suppose that all conditions of Definition 2.1 are satisfied,  $f(h) = e^h$  and  $R \in AQN(\ker D)$ . Then elements  $(I - \lambda R)^{-m}z$  are not completely  $f$ -stable with respect to  $R$  for all  $z \in \ker D \setminus \{0\}$ ,  $\lambda \in v_F R$ ,  $m \in \mathbf{N}$ .*

The proof is going on similar lines as that of Theorem 3.1 in PR [3], by an application of Lemma 2.1.

**THEOREM 3.1.** *Suppose that all conditions of Definition 2.1 are satisfied,  $R \in \mathcal{R}_D$  and  $f \in H_1$ . Then the following conditions are equivalent:*

- (i) *the element  $y^o$  defined by Formula (3.5) is  $f$ -stable;*
- (ii)  *$R^{M+N}y \in S_\infty^f(X; R)$ ;*
- (iii) *the characteristic roots  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$  of the polynomial  $Q(t)$  belong to  $St(f)$ .*

**P r o o f.** By definition, we have

$$\begin{aligned} y^o &= [Q(I, R)]^{-1}R^{M+N}y = \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{m=1}^{r_j} d_{jm}(I - \lambda_j R)^{-m}R^{M+N}y \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{m=1}^{r_j} d_{jm} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \binom{k+m-1}{m-1} \lambda_j^k R^{M+N+k}y. \end{aligned}$$

Hence for  $h \in \mathbf{C}$

$$T_{f,h}y^o = \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{m=1}^{r_j} e^{\lambda_j h} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} q_{jm}^f(\lambda_h) \lambda_j^k R^{M+N+k}y,$$

where, by Lemma 2.2,  $q_{jm}^f(t)$  are polynomials. We therefore conclude that  $R^{M+N}y \in S_\infty^f(X; R)$  if and only if  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n \in St(f)$ . On the other hand,  $y^o$  is  $f$ -stable if and only if  $R^{M+N}y \in S_\infty^f(X; R)$ . ■

Theorems 2.2 and 3.1 together imply

**COROLLARY 3.1.** *Suppose that all conditions of Definition 2.1 are satisfied,  $R \in \mathcal{R}_D$  and  $f \in H_1$ . Then the following conditions are equivalent:*

- (i) *all solutions of Equation (3.3) are  $f$ -stable;*
- (ii)  *$R^{M+N}y \in S_\infty^f(X; R)$ ;*

(iii) the characteristic roots  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$  of the polynomial  $Q(t)$  belong to  $St(f)$ .

Let  $F$  be an initial operator for  $D$  corresponding to an  $R \in \mathcal{R}_D$ . Consider Equation (3.3) together with the *initial conditions*:

$$(3.6) \quad FD^k x = x_k, \quad \text{where } x_k \in \ker D \quad (k = 0, 1, \dots, M + N - 1).$$

It is well-known that by the substitution

$$(3.7) \quad u = x - \sum_{k=0}^{M+N-1} R^k FD^k x = x - \sum_{k=0}^{M+N-1} R^k x_k$$

we reduce the problem (3.3)-(3.6) to the initial value problem with *homogeneous* initial conditions

$$(3.8) \quad FD^k u = 0 \quad (k = 0, 1, \dots, M + N - 1).$$

(cf. PR [1]).

Observe that solutions  $x$  of the problem (3.3)–(3.6) and  $u$  of the problem (3.3)–(3.8) differs each from another by a  $D$ -polynomial. This means that  $f$ 'stability of solutions to one of that problems does not necessarily imply the  $f$ -stability of solutions to another problem.

In a similar manner we can consider systems of linear equations with scalar coefficients

$$(3.9) \quad Dx_j - \sum_{k=1}^K a_{jk} x_k = y_j \quad (j = 1, \dots, K), \quad D \in R(X),$$

where  $y_j \in X$ ,  $a_{kj} \in \mathcal{F}$  ( $j, k = 1, \dots, K$ ). Write

$$X^o = X^K = \underbrace{X \times \dots \times X}_{K \text{ times}}, \quad x = (x_1, \dots, x_K), \quad y = (y_1, \dots, y_K) \in X^o,$$

where  $x_1, \dots, x_K, y_1, \dots, y_K \in X$ ,

$$(3.10) \quad A^o = (a_{jk})_{j,k=1,\dots,K}; \quad I^o = (\delta_{jk} I)_{j,k=1,\dots,K},$$

$$(3.11) \quad D^o = (\delta_{jk} D)_{j,k=1,\dots,K}; \quad R^o = (\delta_{jk} R)_{j,k=1,\dots,K},$$

$R \in \mathcal{R}_D$  and  $\delta_{jk}$  denotes the KRONECKER symbol, i.e.  $\delta_{jk} = 1$  if  $j = k$  and 0 otherwise. Then the system (3.9) can be written as follows

$$(3.12) \quad P(D^o)x = A_1^o y,$$

where

$$(3.13) \quad A_1^o = \sum_{k=1}^{M+N} p_k \sum_{m=0}^{k-1} (A^o)^{k-1-m} (D^o)^m,$$

$P(t) = \sum_{k=0}^{M+N} p_k t^k = t^M Q(t)$  is the characteristic (minimal) polynomial of the matrix  $A^o$ ,  $D^o \in R(X^o)$ ,  $R^o \in \mathcal{R}_{D^o}$  (cf. PR [1], Section 3.5). As a matter of fact, Equation (3.12) is of the same form, as (3.3). We therefore conclude that every solution of (3.12) is of the form

$$x = [Q(I^o, R^o)]^{-1}(R^o)^{M+N}A_1^o y + x^o, \quad \text{where } x^o \in \ker P(D^o),$$

$$x^o = \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{m=1}^{r_j} (I^o - \lambda_j R^o)^{-1} z_{jm} + \sum_{m=1}^M (R^o)^{m-1} z_{0m}$$

with the additional condition that

$$(3.14) \quad (A^o - \lambda_j I^o)^m z_{jm} = 0, z_{jm} \in \ker D^o$$

$$(m = 1, \dots, r_j; j = 0, 1, \dots, n; r_0 = M).$$

(cf. PR [1], Theorem 3.5.1). This, and Theorem 3.1 together imply

**COROLLARY 3.2.** *Suppose that all conditions of Definition 2.1 are satisfied by the operators  $D$  and  $R$ , hence also by the operators  $D^o$  and  $R^o$  defined by Formulae (3.11). Let  $\{T_{f,h}\}_{h \in \mathbb{C}}$  be a family of functional shifts for  $D$  induced by a function  $f \in H_1$ . Let Condition (3.14) be satisfied. Let  $A_1^o$  be defined by Formula (3.13). Then the following conditions are equivalent:*

- (i) *all solutions of the system (3.8) are  $f$ -stable;*
- (ii)  $(R^o)^{M+N} A_1^o y \in S_\infty^f(X^K; R)$ ;
- (iii) *all roots of the characteristic polynomial of the matrix  $(a_{jk})_{j,k=1,\dots,K}$  belong to the set  $St(f)$ .*

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