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ON THE ARONSZAJN PROPERTY
FOR AN INTEGRO-DIFFERENTIAL EQUATION
IN BANACH SPACES

In this paper we shall present two existence theorems for local solutions of an initial value problem for a nonlinear integro-differential equation in Banach space. Moreover, we also shall prove that the set of all these solutions is an R_δ in the Aronszajn sense [1], i.e. it is homeomorphic to the intersection of a decreasing sequence of compact absolute retracts. Let us recall that in the case of ordinary differential equations this problem was investigated by many authors. For example see to [10], [11] and [6], [9].

1. Consider a Cauchy problem

$$(1) \quad x'(t) = f(t, x(t)) + \int_0^t g(t, s, x(s)) ds,$$

$$(2) \quad x(0) = 0$$

in a Banach space E . We assume that $D = \langle 0, d \rangle$, $B = \{x \in E: \|x\| \leq b\}$ and $f: D \times B \rightarrow E$, $g: D^2 \times B \rightarrow E$ are bounded continuous functions. Let

$$m_1 = \sup\{\|f(t, x)\|: t \in D, x \in B\},$$

$$m_2 = \sup\{\|g(t, s, x)\|: t, s \in D, x \in B\}.$$

We choose a positive number a such that $a \leq d$ and

$$(3) \quad m_1 a + m_2 a^2 \leq b.$$

Let $J = \langle 0, a \rangle$. Denote by $C = C(J, E)$ the Banach space of continuous functions $z: J \rightarrow E$ with the usual norm $\|z\|_c = \max_{t \in J} \|z(t)\|$. Let $Q = \{x \in C: \|x\|_c \leq b\}$. For $t \in J$ and $x \in Q$ put

$$\tilde{g}(t, x) = \int_0^t g(t, s, x(s)) ds.$$

Fix $\tau \in J$ and $x \in Q$. As the set $J \times x(J)$ is compact, from the continuity of g it follows that for each $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists $\delta > 0$ such that

$$\|g(t, s, x(s)) - g(\tau, s, x(s))\| < \varepsilon \quad \text{for } t, s \in J \quad \text{with } |t - \tau| < \delta.$$

In view of the inequality

$$\|\tilde{g}(t, x) - \tilde{g}(\tau, x)\| \leq m_2 |t - \tau| + \int_0^\tau \|g(t, s, x(s)) - g(\tau, s, x(s))\| \, ds,$$

this implies the continuity of the function $t \rightarrow \tilde{g}(t, x)$.

On the other hand, the Lebesgue dominated convergence theorem proves that for each fixed $t \in J$ the function $x \rightarrow \tilde{g}(t, x)$ is continuous on Q . Moreover

$$(4) \quad \|\tilde{g}(t, x)\| \leq m_2 t \quad \text{for } t \in J \text{ and } x \in Q.$$

2. Assume that h is a Kamke function, i.e. $(t, r) \rightarrow h(t, r)$ is a non-negative function defined on $D \times R_+$ which is Lebesgue measurable in t for fixed r , and continuous in r for fixed t , and

(i) for every bounded subset Z of $D \times R_+$ there exists a function ψ_z defined on $(0, d)$ such that $h(t, r) \leq \psi_z(t)$ for $(t, r) \in Z$ and ψ_z is Lebesgue integrable on $[c, d]$ for every $c > 0$;

(ii) for each c , $0 < c \leq d$, the identically zero function is the only absolutely continuous function on $\langle 0, c \rangle$ which satisfies $z'(t) = h(t, z(t))$ almost everywhere on $\langle 0, c \rangle$ and such that $D_+ z(0) = z(0) = 0$.

THEOREM 1. *If*

$$\|f(t, x) - f(t, y)\| \leq h(t, \|x - y\|) \quad \text{for } t \in D \text{ and } x, y \in B,$$

and the set $g(D^2 \times B)$ is relatively compact in E , then the set S of all solutions of the problem (1)–(2), defined on J , is an R_δ .

PROOF. Let us remark that on J the problem (1)–(2) is equivalent to

$$x'(t) = f(t, x(t)) + \tilde{g}(t, x), \quad x(0) = 0.$$

Let $W = \bigcup_{0 \leq \lambda \leq a^2} \lambda \overline{\text{conv}} g(D^2 \times B)$. By (3) and the Mazur Lemma, W is a compact subset of B . Fix $n \in N$ and $v \in Q$. Put $t_i = ai/n$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots, n$. We define a mapping $u_n(v): J \rightarrow B$ by

$$\begin{aligned} u_n(v)(0) &= 0, \\ u_n(v)(t) &= u_n(v)(t_i) + \int_{t_i}^t f(s, u_n(v)(t_i)) \, ds + \int_{t_i}^t \tilde{g}(s, v) \, ds \end{aligned}$$

for $t \in \langle t_i, t_{i+1} \rangle$, $i = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$.

Similarly as in [7] and [8] it can be shown that

$$(5) \quad \|u_n(v)(t) - u_n(v)(\tau)\| \leq M|t - \tau| \quad \text{for } t, \tau \in J \text{ and } v \in Q,$$

where $M = m_1 + m_2 a$;

$$(6) \quad u_n(v)(t) \in V_n \quad \text{for } t \in J \text{ and } v \in Q,$$

where V_n is a compact subset of B defined by

$$V_0 = \{0\}, \quad V_{k+1} = \bigcup_{0 \leq \lambda \leq a} \lambda \overline{\text{conv}} f(J \times V_k) + W \quad \text{for } k = 0, 1, \dots, n-1;$$

$$(7) \quad D_+ \|u_n(v)(t) - u_m(v)(t)\| \\ \leq \min(\mu(t), h(t, \|u_n(v)(t) - u_m(v)(t)\|) + 2\varepsilon(t, q_n))$$

for $m \geq n$, $t \in J$ and $v \in Q$, where $\varepsilon(t, p) = \sup_{0 \leq r \leq p} h(t, r)$,

$$\mu(t) = \sup\{\|f(t, x) - f(t, y)\|: \|x\| \leq Mt, \|y\| \leq Mt\} \quad \text{and } q_n = Ma/n;$$

$$(8) \quad \left\| u_n(v)(t) - \int_0^t f(s, u_n(v)(s)) ds - \int_0^t \tilde{g}(s, v) ds \right\| \leq m(q_n)$$

for $t \in J$ and $v \in Q$, where $m(p) = \int_0^a \min(\mu(t), \varepsilon(t, p)) dt$ for $p \geq 0$; moreover, $\lim_{p \rightarrow 0+} m(p) = 0$;

(9) for any $\varepsilon > 0$ and $v_0 \in Q$ there exists $\delta > 0$ such that

$$\int_0^t \|\tilde{g}(s, v) - \tilde{g}(s, v_0)\| ds \leq \varepsilon \quad \text{for } t \in J, v \in Q, \|v - v_0\|_c < \delta,$$

and consequently $\|u_n(v)(t) - u_n(v_0)(t)\| \leq m_n(\varepsilon)$, where $m_0(p) = 0$, $m_{k+1}(p) = m(m_k(p)) + p$ for $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ and $p \geq 0$; obviously $\lim_{p \rightarrow 0+} m_n(p) = 0$.

Let u_n denote the mapping $v \rightarrow u_n(v)$ for $v \in Q$. From (5) and (6) it follows that $u_n(Q)$ is a relatively compact set in C . Since, by (9), u_n is continuous, it is completely continuous mapping $Q \rightarrow Q$. Furthermore, analogously as in [5], the inequality (7) implies

$$(10) \quad \|u_n(v)(t) - u_m(v)(t)\| \leq w_n(t) \quad \text{for } m \geq n, t \in J, v \in Q,$$

where w_n is the maximal solution of $z'(t) = \min(\mu(t), h(t, z(t)) + 2\varepsilon(t, q_n))$ issuing from $(0, 0)$. Since w_n uniformly converges to 0 as $n \rightarrow \infty$, from (10) we conclude that the sequence (u_n) converges uniformly on Q to a limit u . By passing to the limit in (8), we obtain

$$(11) \quad u(v)(t) = \int_0^t f(s, u(v)(s)) ds + \int_0^t \tilde{g}(s, v) ds \quad (t \in J, v \in Q).$$

Since u is the uniform limit of the sequence of completely continuous mappings u_n , u is a completely continuous mapping $Q \rightarrow Q$. Remark that

$$u(v)'(t) = f(t, u(v)(t)) + \tilde{g}(t, v) \quad \text{for } t \in J \text{ and } v \in Q.$$

Now we shall show that for each $\varepsilon > 0$

$$(12) \quad v \mid \langle 0, \varepsilon \rangle = z \mid \langle 0, \varepsilon \rangle \Rightarrow u(v) \mid \langle 0, \varepsilon \rangle = u(z) \mid \langle 0, \varepsilon \rangle \quad (v, z \in Q).$$

Indeed, if $v, z \in Q$ and $v(t) = z(t)$ for $t \in \langle 0, \varepsilon \rangle$, then $\tilde{g}(t, v) = \tilde{g}(t, z)$ for $t \in \langle 0, \varepsilon \rangle$, and hence

$$\begin{aligned} D_+ \|u(v)(t) - u(z)(t)\| &\leq \|u(v)'(t) - u(z)'(t)\| \\ &= \|f(t, u(v)(t)) - f(t, u(z)(t))\| \\ &\leq \min(\mu(t), h(t, \|u(v)(t) - u(z)(t)\|)) \quad \text{for } t \in \langle 0, \varepsilon \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Since $u(v)(0) = u(z)(0) = 0$ and h is a Kamke function, by Olech's Lemma [5, Lemma 1] this implies $\|u(v)(t) - u(z)(t)\| = 0$ for $t \in \langle 0, \varepsilon \rangle$. This proves (12). We see that the mapping $v \rightarrow u(v)$ satisfies all assumptions of a Viodossich theorem [11; Corollary 1.2]. By applying this theorem, we conclude that the set $\text{Fix } u$ is an R_δ . From (11) it is clear that $\text{Fix } u \subset S$. Conversely, let $v \in S$. Since f satisfies the Kamke condition, the Cauchy problem

$$(13) \quad z'(t) = f(t, z(t)) + \tilde{g}(t, v), \quad z(0) = 0$$

has a unique solution $z = u(v)$. As v satisfies (13), we get $v = u(v)$, so that $v \in \text{Fix } u$. Thus $S = \text{Fix } u$ which ends our proof.

3. Let α be the Kuratowski measure of noncompactness in E .

THEOREM 2. *If there exist Lebesgue integrable functions $h: D \rightarrow R_+$ and $k: D^2 \rightarrow R_+$ such that*

$$(14) \quad \alpha(f(t, X)) \leq h(t)\alpha(X) \quad \text{and} \quad \alpha(g(t, s, X)) \leq k(t, s)\alpha(X)$$

for $t, s \in D$ and for each subset X of B , then the set S of all solutions of the problem (1)–(2), defined on J , is an R_δ .

Proof. Put

$$r(x) = \begin{cases} x & \text{for } x \in B \\ \frac{bx}{\|x\|} & \text{for } x \in E \setminus B. \end{cases}$$

Then r is a continuous function $E \rightarrow B$ and

$$r(X) \subset \bigcup_{0 \leq \lambda \leq 1} \lambda X \quad \text{for } X \subset E,$$

so that $\alpha(r(X)) \leq \alpha(X)$ for each bounded subset X of E . Consequently, putting

$$\tilde{f}(t, x) = f(t, r(x)),$$

$$\bar{g}(t, s, x) = g(t, s, r(x)) \quad (t, s \in D, x \in E),$$

we obtain bounded continuous functions $\bar{f}: D \times E \rightarrow E$ and $\bar{g}: D^2 \times E \rightarrow E$, satisfying (14) for bounded subsets X of E , such that on J the problem (1)-(2) is equivalent to

$$x'(t) = \bar{f}(t, x(t)) + \int_0^t \bar{g}(t, s, x(s)) ds, \quad x(0) = 0.$$

For simplicity, we shall write f and g instead of \bar{f} and \bar{g} , respectively. We define a mapping F by

$$F(x)(t) = \int_0^t f(s, x(s)) ds + \int_0^t \tilde{g}(s, x) ds \quad (t \in J, x \in C).$$

By the Lebesgue dominated convergence theorem, from the considerations of Section 1 we deduce that F is a continuous mapping $C \rightarrow C$. Moreover, $F(C)$ is an equiuniformly continuous subset of C , $F(x)(0) = 0$ for $x \in C$ and for each $\varepsilon > 0$

$$x \mid \langle 0, \varepsilon \rangle = y \mid \langle 0, \varepsilon \rangle \Rightarrow F(x) \mid \langle 0, \varepsilon \rangle = F(y) \mid \langle 0, \varepsilon \rangle \quad (x, y \in C).$$

From (3) and (4) it follows that

$$\|F(x)(t)\| \leq b \quad \text{for } x \in C.$$

Consequently, a function $x \in C$ is a solution of (1)-(2) iff $x = F(x)$. Now we shall show that

(15) Each sequence (x_n) in C such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n - F(x_n)\|_C = 0 \text{ has a limit point.}$$

Let (x_n) be a sequence in C such that

$$(16) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n - F(x_n)\|_C = 0.$$

Put $V = \{x_n: n \in N\}$ and $V(t) = \{x_n(t): n \in N\}$. As $V \subset \{x_n - F(x_n): n \in N\} + F(V)$, from (16) it follows that the set V is equicontinuous. Thus the function $t \rightarrow v(t) = \alpha(V(t))$ is continuous on J . By (14) and Heinz's theorem [4, Th. 2.1] we have

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha(\{\tilde{g}(\tau, x_n): x \in N\}) &= \alpha\left(\left\{\int_0^\tau g(\tau, s, x_n(s)) ds: n \in N\right\}\right) \\ &\leq 2 \int_0^\tau \alpha(\{g(\tau, s, x_n(s)): n \in N\}) ds = 2 \int_0^\tau \alpha(g(\tau, s, V(s))) ds \end{aligned}$$

$$\leq 2 \int_0^{\tau} k(\tau, s) \alpha(V(s)) ds = 2 \int_0^{\tau} k(\tau, s) v(s) ds \quad \text{for } \tau \in J,$$

and further

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha\left(\left\{\int_0^t \tilde{g}(\tau, x_n) d\tau: n \in N\right\}\right) &\leq 2 \int_0^t \alpha(\{\tilde{g}(\tau, x_n): n \in N\}) d\tau \\ &\leq 4 \int_0^t \left[\int_0^{\tau} k(\tau, s) v(s) ds\right] d\tau \quad \text{for } t \in J. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha\left(\left\{\int_0^t f(s, x_n(s)) ds: n \in N\right\}\right) &\leq 2 \int_0^t \alpha(\{f(s, x_n(s)): n \in N\}) ds \\ &\leq 2 \int_0^t h(s) v(s) ds \quad \text{for } t \in J. \end{aligned}$$

Since $V(t) \subset \{x_n(t) - F(x_n)(t): n \in N\} + F(V)(t)$ and $\alpha(\{x_n(t) - F(x_n)(t): n \in N\}) = 0$, we have $\alpha(V(t)) \leq \alpha(F(V)(t))$. This implies that

$$\begin{aligned} v(t) &\leq \alpha(F(V)(t)) \\ &\leq \alpha\left(\left\{\int_0^t f(s, x_n(s)) ds: n \in N\right\}\right) + \alpha\left(\left\{\int_0^t \tilde{g}(\tau, x_n) d\tau: n \in N\right\}\right) \\ &\leq 2 \int_0^t h(s) v(s) ds + 4 \int_0^t \left[\int_0^{\tau} k(\tau, s) v(s) ds\right] d\tau \quad \text{for } t \in J. \end{aligned}$$

Consequently

$$(17) \quad v(t) \leq 2 \int_0^t h(s) v(s) ds + 4 \int_0^t q(t, s) v(s) ds \quad \text{for } t \in J,$$

where

$$q(t, s) = \int_s^t k(\tau, s) d\tau \quad \text{for } 0 \leq s \leq t \leq a.$$

The function $t \rightarrow q(t, s)$ is continuous and the function $s \rightarrow q(t, s)$ is integrable, because

$$\int_0^t q(t, s) ds = \int_0^t \left[\int_s^t k(\tau, s) d\tau\right] ds = \int_0^t \left[\int_0^{\tau} k(\tau, s) ds\right] d\tau.$$

As the function v is continuous, from (17) we deduce that $\alpha(V(t)) = v(t) = 0$ for $t \in J$. Therefore the set $V(t)$ is relatively compact in E . Hence, by

Ascoli's theorem, V is a relatively compact subset of C . This proves (15). Applying now Th. 5 of [9], we conclude that the set $S = \text{Fix } F$ is an R_δ .

4. The continuity of the functions f and g guaranteed that a solution of (1)–(2) was of class C^1 . Clearly the integrals in (1) make sense for many functions f and g which are not continuous. In this case we must replace classical solutions by solutions in the Caratheodory sense (cf. [12], p. 42). In this section we assume that

1^0 $(t, x) \rightarrow f(t, x)$ is a function from $D \times E$ into E which is strongly measurable in t and continuous in x , and there exists an integrable function $m_1: D \rightarrow R_+$ such that $\|f(t, x)\| \leq m_1(t)$ for $t \in D$ and $x \in B$;

2^0 $(t, s, x) \rightarrow g(t, s, x)$ is a function from $D^2 \times B$ into E which is strongly measurable in (t, s) and continuous in x , and there exists an integrable function $m: D^2 \rightarrow R_+$ such that $\|g(t, s, x)\| \leq m(t, s)$ for $t, s \in D$ and $x \in B$. It is clear that the function $m_2: D \rightarrow R_+$ defined by $m_2(t) = \int_0^t m(t, s) ds$ is integrable. Choose a positive number a in such a way that $a \leq d$ and $\int_0^a (m_1(t) + m_2(t)) dt \leq b$. Let $J = \langle 0, a \rangle$.

THEOREM 3. *If the functions f and g satisfy (14), then the set S of all Caratheodory solutions of the problem (1)–(2), defined on J , is an R_δ .*

Proof. It follows from 2^0 that for each fixed $x \in C$ the function $t \rightarrow \tilde{g}(t, x)$ is strongly measurable and $\|\tilde{g}(t, x)\| \leq m_2(t)$ for $t \in J$, $x \in C$.

Moreover, by the Lebesgue dominated convergence theorem for each fixed $t \in J$ the function $x \rightarrow \tilde{g}(t, x)$ is continuous on C . Hence we may repeat the proof of Theorem 2.

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