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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  $R_\delta$  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  $D = (0, d)$ ,  $B = \{x \in E: \|x\| \leq b\}$  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  $J = (0, a)$ . 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  $\psi_z$  defined on  $(0, d)$  such that  $h(t, r) \leq \psi_z(t)$  for  $(t, r) \in Z$  and  $\psi_z$  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  $(0, c)$  which satisfies  $z'(t) = h(t, z(t))$  almost everywhere on  $(0, c)$  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  $R_\delta$ .*

**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

$$u_n(v)(0) = 0,$$

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

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

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  $\varepsilon(t, p) = \sup_{0 \leq r \leq p} h(t, r)$ ,

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

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

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 Vi-dossich theorem [11; Corollary 1.2]. By applying this theorem, we conclude that the set  $\text{Fix } u$  is an  $R_\delta$ . 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 $\alpha$ 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  $R_\delta$ .*

**P r o o f.** 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

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

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

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  $R_\delta$ .

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  $R_\delta$ .*

**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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