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THE CAUCHY PROBLEM FOR CERTAIN GENERALIZED  
DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS OF FIRST ORDER  
WITH SINGULARITY

The present paper is devoted to a natural generalization of differential equations for mappings from subset of a Banach space into a Banach space. The subject matter refers to studies of generalized differential equations of the first order introduced in [7].

Let  $X, Y$  be Banach spaces over the field  $\mathbb{R}$  and let  $U$  and  $V$  be open subsets of  $X$  and  $Y$ , respectively. Let  $h$  be a mapping from  $U$  into  $X$  and  $F$  a mapping from  $U \times V$  into  $Y$ .

We shall start with defining a derivative of a function  $f$  in a direction of the mapping  $h$  on  $U$ , denoted by  $(\nabla_h f)(x)$  for  $x \in U$ , and generalizing the well known notion of the directional derivative [6]. From a point of view of differential geometry, a directional derivative  $\nabla_h f$  means a derivative in the direction of a vector field (with a singularity, because  $h(0) = 0$ ). Then we consider the Cauchy problem

$$(\nabla_h f)(x) + Af(x) = F(x, f(x)), \quad f(0) = 0$$

for mappings from a subset of a Banach space into a Banach space, which are defined in  $C$  or in  $C_*^{0,1}$ , with the assumption that 0 is a singular point (i.e.  $h(0) = 0$ ). We also study the Cauchy problem

$$Df(x)h(x) + Af(x) = F(x, f(x)), \quad f(0) = 0$$

for mappings from a subset of a Banach space into a Banach space which are defined in  $C^1$  class, with the assumption that 0 is a singular point (i.e.  $h(0) = 0$ ).

## 1. Introduction

In lemmas and theorems presented in this paper the real Banach space  $X$  will be considered with a semi-inner product, defined as follows [3], [4].

Let  $X^*$  be the dual space of  $Y$  and

$$T(x) = \{x^* \in X^*; \|x^*\| = 1, x^*(x) = \|x\|\} \quad \text{for } x \in X$$

and  $X_0$  a set of nonzero elements with norm equal to 1, chosen one by one from each line in  $X$  through zero. Let  $\mathfrak{S}_0$  be any (fixed in further considerations) mapping from  $X_0$  into  $X^*$  such that  $\mathfrak{S}_0(y) \in T(y)$  for  $y \in X_0$ . Define by  $\mathfrak{S}(\lambda y) = \lambda \mathfrak{S}_0(y)$  for  $y \in X_0$ ,  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  the homogenous extension  $\mathfrak{S}$  of  $\mathfrak{S}_0$  to the whole space  $X$  and a semi-inner product by  $\langle x, y \rangle = \mathfrak{S}(y)(x)$  for  $x, y \in X$ , having the following properties:

- (a) it maps  $X \times X$  into  $\mathbb{R}$ ,
- (b)  $\langle x + y, z \rangle = \langle x, z \rangle + \langle y, z \rangle$ ,  $\langle \lambda x, y \rangle = \lambda \langle x, y \rangle$ ,  $\langle x, \lambda y \rangle = \lambda \langle x, y \rangle$  for  $x, y, z \in X$ ,  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ ,
- (c)  $\langle x, x \rangle = \|x\|^2$  for  $x \in X$ ,
- (d)  $|\langle x, y \rangle|^2 \leq \langle x, x \rangle \langle y, y \rangle$  for  $x, y \in X$ .

Denote by  $B_\rho$  the open ball in  $X$  with radius  $\rho$  and centre zero, i. e.,  $B_\rho = \{x \in X : \|x\| \leq \rho\}$ .

**DEFINITION 1.** A mapping  $h : B_\rho \rightarrow X$  of the class  $C^1$  will be called a regular mapping (in zero) if:

- (i) is bounded with its first derivative  $Dh$  in  $B_\rho$ ,
- (ii)  $h(0) = 0$ ,
- (iii) there exists such a constant  $C > 0$  that

$$(1) \quad y^*(Dh(0)y) \geq C$$

for  $y^* \in T(y)$  and for every  $y \in X$  such that  $\|y\| = 1$ .

It is not difficult to prove the following lemma.

**LEMMA 1.** If  $h : B_\rho \rightarrow X$  is a regular mapping (in zero), then for every  $\alpha \in (0, C)$  there exists a constant  $r \in (0, \rho)$  such that Cauchy problem

$$(2) \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial t} v(t, x) = -h(v(t, x)), \quad v(0, x) = x$$

has in the domain  $[0, \infty) \times B_r$  exactly one continuously differentiable solution  $v = v(t, x)$ , having the properties

$$(3) \quad \|v(t, x)\| \leq e^{-\alpha t} \|x\| \quad \text{for } t \in [0, \infty), x \in B_r,$$

$$(4) \quad v(t, v(\tau, x)) = v(t + \tau, x) \quad \text{for } t, \tau \in [0, \infty), x \in B_r.$$

**LEMMA 2.** If  $h : B_\rho \rightarrow X$  is a regular mapping (in zero) of class  $C^2$  then for every  $\beta \in (0, C)$  there exists such  $\tilde{r} \in (0, r]$  (where  $r$  denotes the constant from Lemma 1), that

$$(5) \quad \|D_2 v(t, x)\| \leq e^{-\beta t} \quad \text{for } t \in [0, \infty), x \in B_{\tilde{r}}.$$

Proof. Let  $C$  denote such positive constant that the inequality (1) is fulfilled. Then

$$(6) \quad \langle Dh(0)g, g \rangle \geq C\|g\|^2 \quad \text{for every } g \in X.$$

Since  $h$  is a regular mapping of class  $C^2$ , we have

$$Dh(y) = Dh(0) + \check{r}(y), \quad \text{where } \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \|\check{r}(y)\| = 0.$$

Therefore for every  $\beta \in (0, C)$  there exists such  $\hat{r} \in (0, \rho)$ , that

$$(7) \quad \|\check{r}(y)\| \leq C - \beta \quad \text{for } y \in B_{\hat{r}}.$$

From (6), (7) and the Schwarz inequality for semi-inner product we obtain

$$(8) \quad \langle Dh(y)g, g \rangle \geq C\|g\|^2 - \|\check{r}(y)\|\|g\|^2 \geq \beta\|g\|^2$$

for  $y \in B_{\hat{r}}$ , for every  $g \in X$  and for  $\beta \in (0, C)$ .

The function  $v = v(t, x)$  for  $t \in [0, \infty)$  and  $x \in B_r$  fulfills the equations

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}v(t, x) = -h(v(t, x)), \quad v(0, x) = x.$$

Differentiating the above equations with respect to  $x$  at the point  $u \in B_r$  and considering Theorem 29 in [8] and Theorem IX.5' in [6] we obtain

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}(D_2v(t, x)u) = -Dh(v(t, x))D_2v(t, x)u \quad \text{and} \quad D_2v(0, x)u = u$$

for  $t \in [0, \infty)$  and  $x, u \in B_r$ .

Hence the function  $g(t, x, u) = D_2v(t, x)u$  for  $x, u \in B_r$  is the solution of the equations

$$\frac{d}{dt}g(t, x, u) = -Dh(v(t, x))g(t, x, u), \quad g(0, x, u) = u \quad \text{for } t \in [0, \infty).$$

The mapping  $g(\cdot, x, u)$  is continuously differentiable on  $[0, \infty)$ . Therefore the function  $\|g(\cdot, x, u)\|$  is absolutely continuous on every interval  $[0, \tau]$  ([5] p.172) and so almost every differentiable on  $[0, \infty)$ . By Lemma 1.3 in [2] we have

$$\frac{d}{dt}\|g(t, x, u)\|^2 = -2\langle Dh(v(t, x))g(t, x, u), g(t, x, u) \rangle$$

for almost every  $t \in [0, \infty)$ .

Fix now  $\beta \in (0, C)$  and denote  $\tilde{r} = \min(r, \hat{r})$ . By Lemma 1,  $v(t, x) \in B_r$  if  $x \in B_r$ . It follows from the inequality (8) that particular for  $g = g(t, x, u)$  we have

$$\langle Dh(v(t, x))g(t, x, u), g(t, x, u) \rangle \geq \beta\|g(t, x, u)\|^2$$

for almost every  $t \in [0, \infty)$  and  $x, u \in B_{\tilde{r}}$ . Therefore we obtain

$$\frac{d}{dt}\|g(t, x, u)\|^2 \leq -2\beta\|g(t, x, u)\|^2$$

for almost every  $t \in [0, \infty)$  and  $x, u \in B_{\tilde{r}}$ . Hence

$$\frac{d}{dt}(e^{2\beta t}\|g(t, x, u)\|^2) \leq 0$$

for almost every  $t \in [0, \infty)$  and  $x, u \in B_{\tilde{r}}$ .

From the absolute continuity of the function  $\|g(t, x, u)\|$  it follows that the function  $e^{2\beta t}\|g(t, x, u)\|^2$  is decreasing on  $t \in [0, \infty)$ . Therefore

$$\|g(0, x, u)\|^2 \geq e^{2\beta t}\|g(t, x, u)\|^2 \quad \text{for } t \in [0, \infty) \quad \text{and } x, u \in B_{\tilde{r}}.$$

Since  $g(0, x, u) = u$ , the above inequality takes the form

$$\|g(t, x, u)\| \leq e^{-\beta t}\|u\| \quad \text{for } t \in [0, \infty) \quad \text{and } x, u \in B_{\tilde{r}}.$$

Hence we obtain

$$\|D_2v(t, x)u\| \leq e^{-\beta t}\|u\| \quad \text{for } t \in [0, \infty) \quad \text{and } x, u \in B_{\tilde{r}}.$$

Consequently for  $\beta \in (0, C)$  there exists  $\tilde{r} > 0$  such that

$$\|D_2v(t, x)\| \leq e^{-\beta t} \quad \text{for } t \in [0, \infty) \quad \text{and } x, u \in B_{\tilde{r}}. \blacksquare$$

A function  $v$  satisfying the problem (2) will be called in this paper a natural transformation generated by the mapping  $h$ .

EXAMPLE 1. Consider the mapping  $h : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  defined by  $h(x_1, x_2) = [8x_1 - 2x_2, -2x_1 + 5x_2]$ . Then

$$v(t, x) = \left[ \frac{2}{5}(2x_1 - x_2)e^{-9t} + \frac{1}{5}(x_1 + 2x_2)e^{-4t}, -\frac{1}{5}(2x_1 - x_2)e^{-9t} + \frac{2}{5}(x_1 + 2x_2)e^{-4t} \right]$$

is the natural transformation generalized by  $h$ . Since the symmetric matrix

$$Dh(0) = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & -2 \\ -2 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

has the eigenvalues  $\lambda_1 = 4$ ,  $\lambda_2 = 9$ , the inequality (1) takes the form

$$\begin{bmatrix} y_1 & y_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 8 & -2 \\ -2 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix} = 8y_1^2 - 4y_1y_2 + 5y_2^2 = 4\bar{y}_1^2 + 9\bar{y}_2^2 \geq 4\|y\|^2 = 4,$$

where  $\bar{y}_1, \bar{y}_2$  are the coordinates of the vector  $y \in \mathbb{R}^2$  in the normed orthogonal base composed of the eigenvectors. Consequently  $C = 4$ . This is easy to verify that

$$\|v(t, x)\|^2 - \|x\|^2 e^{-8t} = \frac{1}{5}e^{-18t}(1 - e^{10t})(2x_1 - x_2)^2 \leq 0.$$

Therefore  $\|v(t, x)\| \leq \|x\|e^{-4t} \leq \|x\|e^{-\alpha t}$  for  $t \in [0, \infty)$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $\alpha \in (0, 4]$ . Moreover, it can be shown that

$$\|D_2v(t, x)u\|^2 - \|u\|^2 e^{-8t} = \frac{1}{5}e^{-18t}(1 - e^{10t})(2u_1 - u_2)^2 \leq 0.$$

Then  $\|D_2v(t, x)\| \leq e^{-4t} \leq e^{-\beta t}$  for  $t \in [0, \infty)$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}^2$ , and  $\beta \in (0, 4]$ .

Let  $C_*^{0,1}(B_{\tau_0}, Y)$  be the space of the continuous mappings  $f : B_{\tau_0} \rightarrow Y$ ,  $B_{\tau_0} \subset X$ , such that for every mapping  $f$  there exists such a constant  $C_* > 0$  that  $\|f(x)\| \leq C_* \|x\|$  for  $x \in B_{\tau_0}$ . Let

$$(9) \quad \|f\|_* = \inf\{C_* > 0; \|f(x)\| \leq C_* \|x\| \text{ for } x \in B_{\tau_0}\}.$$

This is not difficult to verify that this functional is a norm.

In what follows we shall denote by  $\mathcal{B}_\rho = C(B_{\tau_0}, B_\rho) \subset C(B_{\tau_0}, Y)$  the ball with centre at zero and radius  $\rho > 0$  considered in the space of the continuous functions with sup norm and by  $\mathcal{B}_\rho^* \subset C_*^{0,1}(B_{\tau_0}, Y)$  the ball with centre at zero and radius  $\rho > 0$  considered in the space  $C_*^{0,1}(B_{\tau_0}, Y)$  with the norm  $\|\cdot\|_*$ .

It is not difficult to prove

**THEOREM 1.** *The space  $C_*^{0,1}(B_{\tau_0}, Y)$  with the norm defined by (9) is the Banach space.*

## 2. The Cauchy problem for the generalized differential equations of first order with singularity in a point zero, in $C$ and $C_*^{0,1}$ classes

Let  $X, Y$  be a real Banach spaces,  $U$  an open subset of  $X$  and  $h : U \rightarrow X$  be a function of class  $C^1$ , bounded together with its first derivative on  $U$ . From Theorem 10.4.5 and Theorem 10.8.2 in [1] it follows that for any  $x_0 \in U$  there exists a constant  $t_0 > 0$  and a neighbourhood  $U_0 \subset U$  of a point  $x_0$  such that the Cauchy problem (2) has in the domain  $(-t_0, t_0) \times U_0$  exactly one continuously differentiable solution  $v = v(t, x)$ . Lemma 1 specifies the additional properties of the solution of the problem (2) for  $x$  in a neighbourhood of zero in the case of regular mapping  $h$ .

**DEFINITION 2.** We say that the mapping  $f : U \rightarrow Y$  has at a point  $x \in U$  a derivative in a direction of the mapping  $h$  if there exists a limit

$$(\nabla_h f)(x) := \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(v(0, x)) - f(v(t, x))}{t} \quad \text{for } t \in \mathbb{R},$$

where  $v = v(t, x)$  is the solution of the problem (2) in a neighbourhood of a point  $(0, x)$ .

We can use in Definition 2 the natural transformation generated by the regular mapping  $h$  (for  $t \geq 0$ ), since

$$(\nabla_h f)(x) = - \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial t} f(v(t, x)) \right]_{t=0}$$

in a neighbourhood of a point  $x = 0$ .

**COROLLARY 1.** *If the mapping  $f : U \rightarrow Y$  is differentiable at a point  $x \in U$ , then there exists a derivative of a function  $f$  in a direction of mapping  $h$  at a point  $x \in U$  and the following equality is true  $(\nabla_h)f(x) = Df(x)h(x)$ .*

**Proof.** Since  $f$  is differentiable, we have

$$\left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial t} f(v(t, x)) \right]_{t=0} = -[Df(v(t, x))h(v(t, x))]_{t=0} = -Df(x)h(x) \quad \text{for } x \in U.$$

Consequently, by Definition 2, we obtain the thesis. ■

**COROLLARY 2.** *The directional derivative from Definition 2 is equivalent to the ordinary derivative in the case of constant  $h$  and  $v$  having the form  $v(t, x) = x - th$  for  $t \in (-t_0, t_0)$  and  $x \in U$ .*

**COROLLARY 3.** *Let  $h : B_\rho \rightarrow X$ , with  $B_\rho \subset X$ , be a regular mapping. Moreover, let  $C > 0, r \in (0, \rho)$  be such constants that the inequalities (1), (3) hold. If there exists a derivative of a function  $f$  in a direction of the mapping  $h$  in  $B_\rho$  then*

$$(\nabla_h)f(v(t, x)) = -\frac{\partial}{\partial t} f(v(t, x)) \quad \text{for } t \in [0, \infty), x \in B_r.$$

**Proof.** Let  $v = v(t, x)$ , for  $t \in [0, \infty)$  and  $x \in B_r$ , be a natural transformation generated by a mapping  $h$ . By Lemma 1, we have  $v(t_0, v(t, x)) = v(t_0 + t, x)$  for  $t, t_0 \in [0, \infty)$ ,  $x \in B_r$ ; hence

$$\left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial t} f(v(t, x)) \right]_{t=t_0} = \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial t} f(v(t + t_0, x)) \right]_{t=0} = \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial t} f(v(t, v(t_0, x))) \right]_{t=0}$$

From Lemma 1 it follows that the inequality  $\|v(t_0, x)\| \leq e^{-\alpha t_0} \|x\|$  holds for  $t_0 \in [0, \infty)$ ,  $x \in B_r$ . Consequently,

$$\left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial t} f(v(t, v(t_0, x))) \right]_{t=0} = -(\nabla_h f)(v(t_0, x)) \quad \text{for } t_0 \in [0, \infty), x \in B_r. \blacksquare$$

**DEFINITION 3.** Let  $U$  and  $V$  be open subsets of Banach spaces  $X$  and  $Y$ , respectively. Let  $h : U \rightarrow X$  be a mapping of class  $C^1$ ,  $F$  be any function from  $U \times V$  into  $Y$ , and  $A$  ( $A \in L(Y, Y)$ ) be a linear and continuous operator in the Banach space  $Y$ . Every function  $f : U \rightarrow V$  which has a derivative in a direction of mapping  $h$  in  $U$  and fulfills the equation  $\nabla_h f(x) + Af(x) = F(x, f(x))$  for  $x \in U$  will be called its solution.

We shall introduce the following assumption.

**ASSUMPTION 1.** *Let  $h : B_{\rho_1} \rightarrow X$ , with  $B_{\rho_1} \subset X$ , be a regular mapping and let  $C > 0$  be a constant such that (1) holds. We assume that  $\alpha$  is a fixed constant from  $(0, C)$ ,  $v : [0, \infty) \times B_{r_1} \rightarrow X$ , where  $r_1 \in (0, \rho_1)$ , is a natural transformation generated by the mapping  $h$  and (3) holds for  $x \in B_{r_1}$ .*

For the mapping  $F : B_{\rho_1} \times B_{\rho_2} \rightarrow Y$ , with  $B_{\rho_1} \times B_{\rho_2} \subset X \times Y$ , and for the operator  $A \in L(Y, Y)$ , fulfilling one of the conditions:

- 1)  $A = aI_Y$  for  $a > -\alpha$ , where  $I_Y$  is the identity operator on  $Y$ ,
- 2)  $\|A\| < \alpha$ ,

we consider the Cauchy problem

$$(10) \quad (\nabla_h)f(x) + Af(x) = F(x, f(x)) \quad \text{for } x \in B_{\rho_1}, \quad f(0) = 0$$

under the Assumption 1.

LEMMA 3. Let  $F : B_{\rho_1} \times B_{\rho_2} \rightarrow Y$ , with  $B_{\rho_1} \times B_{\rho_2} \subset X \times Y$ , be a continuous mapping such that for certain constants  $\tilde{\rho}_1 \in (0, \rho_1]$ ,  $\tilde{\rho}_2 \in (0, \rho_2]$  and  $K > 0$  we have

$$(11) \quad \|F(x, y)\| \leq K\|x\| \quad \text{for } (x, y) \in B_{\tilde{\rho}_1} \times B_{\tilde{\rho}_2}.$$

Then for  $\tau_1 := \min(r_1, \tilde{\rho}_1)$  (where  $r_1$  is a constant from Assumption 1) and for any continuous function  $f : B_{\tau_1} \rightarrow B_{\tilde{\rho}_2}$  two following conditions are equivalent:

I.  $f$  is the solution of the Cauchy problem (10) in the class  $C_*^{0,1}(B_{\tau_1}, Y)$  (in particular  $f$  is differentiable in a direction of the mapping  $h$ ),

II.  $f \in C_*^{0,1}(B_{\tau_1}, Y)$  and

$$(12) \quad f(x) = \int_0^\infty e^{-At} F(v(t, x), f(v(t, x))) dt$$

for  $x \in B_{\tau_1}$ , where the above integral is absolutely convergent. If we reduce our considerations to the mapping  $A$  of the form  $A = aI_Y$ ,  $a \geq 0$ , two following conditions are equivalent in the class of continuous mappings:

III.  $f$  is the solution of Cauchy problem (10),

IV.  $f$  fulfills the integral equation (12).

Proof. Let  $\tau_1 = \min(r_1, \tilde{\rho}_1)$ . By (11) and according to the form of the mapping  $A$ , any function  $f \in B_{\tilde{\rho}_2} \subset C(B_{\tau_1}, Y)$  fulfills the following inequalities

$$(13) \quad \|e^{-At} F(v(t, x), f(v(t, x)))\| \leq e^{\|A\|t} K\|v(t, x)\| \leq K\|x\|e^{-(\alpha - \|A\|)t},$$

or

$$(13') \quad \|e^{-at} F(v(t, x), f(v(t, x)))\| \leq K\|x\|e^{-(\alpha + a)t}$$

for  $t \in [0, \infty)$ ,  $x \in B_{\tau_1}$ . Therefore for both forms of the mapping  $A$  we have

$$(14) \quad \|e^{-At} F(v(t, x), f(v(t, x)))\| \leq K\|x\|e^{-\mathbb{A}t}$$

for  $t \in [0, \infty)$ ,  $x \in B_{\tau_1}$ , where

- 1)  $\mathbb{A} = \alpha - \|A\|$  from the inequality (13);
- 2)  $\mathbb{A} = \alpha + a$  from the inequality (13').

Let  $f \in C(B_{\tau_1}, Y)$  be the solution of the problem (10). By Lemma IX.7, from [6] and Corollary 3 we get the equality

$$-\frac{\partial}{\partial t}[e^{-At}f(v(t, x))] = e^{-At}F(v(t, x), f(v(t, x))) \quad \text{for } t \in [0, \infty), x \in B_{\tau_1}$$

which, together with the initial condition  $v(0, x) = x$ , is equivalent to

$$(15) \quad e^{-At}f(v(t, x)) - f(x) = -\int_0^t e^{-A\tau}F(v(\tau, x), f(v(\tau, x)))d\tau$$

for  $t \in [0, \infty), x \in B_{\tau_1}$ . If in addition  $f \in C_*^{0,1}(B_{\tau_1}, Y)$ , then we have the estimate

$$\|f(v(t, x))\| \leq \|f\|_*\|v(t, x)\| \leq \|f\|_*e^{-\alpha t}\|x\| \quad \text{for } t \in [0, \infty), x \in B_{\tau_1}$$

implying, due to the condition  $f(0) = 0$  and the form of the mapping  $A$ , that  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} e^{-At}f(v(t, x)) = 0$ . By (15), we obtain

$$f(x) = \int_0^\infty e^{-A\tau}F(v(\tau, x), f(v(\tau, x)))d\tau \quad \text{for } x \in B_{\tau_1},$$

where the above integral is absolutely convergent, by (14).

Now we shall show that every solution  $f \in C_*^{0,1}(B_{\tau_1}, Y)$  of the above integral equation is a solution of the problem (10). By Lemma 1, we have  $v(t_1, v(t, x)) = v(t_1 + t, x)$  for  $t, t_1 \in [0, \infty)$  and  $x \in B_{\tau_1}$ . Hence

$$f(v(t, x)) = e^{At} \int_t^\infty e^{-A\tau}F(v(\tau, x), f(v(\tau, x)))d\tau \quad \text{for } t \in [0, \infty), x \in B_{\tau_1}.$$

Differentiating above equation with respect to  $t$ , we obtain

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}f(v(t, x)) = Ae^{At} \int_t^\infty e^{-A\tau}F(v(\tau, x), f(v(\tau, x)))d\tau - F(v(t, x), f(v(t, x)))$$

for  $t \in [0, \infty), x \in B_{\tau_1}$ . Therefore, by (12), for  $t = 0$  we have

$$\nabla_h f(x) + Af(x) = F(x, f(x)) \quad \text{for } x \in B_{\tau_1}.$$

Now, it is sufficient to show that  $f(0) = 0$ . By Lemma 1, we have  $v(t, 0) = 0$  for  $t \in [0, \infty)$  and the assumption (11) leads to  $F(0, y) = 0$  for  $y \in B_{\tilde{\rho}_2}$ . Therefore

$$\int_0^\infty e^{-A\tau}F(v(\tau, 0), f(v(\tau, 0)))d\tau = 0$$

and hence  $f(0) = 0$ . Consequently,  $f \in C_*^{0,1}(B_{\tau_1}, Y)$  is a solution of the problem (10).

If we only assume that  $f \in C(B_{\tau_1}, Y)$  and the mapping  $A$  has the form  $A = aI_Y, a \geq 0$ , then

$$\|e^{-at}f(v(t, x))\| \leq \|f(v(t, x))\| \quad \text{for } t \in [0, \infty), x \in B_{\tau_1}.$$

Moreover, the left-hand side of the above inequality tends to  $\|f(0)\| = 0$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ . Therefore, (15) implies (12). Further, the proof runs similarly as for  $f \in C_*^{0,1}(B_{\tau_1}, Y)$ . ■

**THEOREM 2.** *Let  $F : B_{\rho_1} \times B_{\rho_2} \rightarrow Y$ , with  $B_{\rho_1} \times B_{\rho_2} \subset X \times Y$ , be the continuous mapping such that for certain constants  $\tilde{\rho}_1 \in (0, \rho_1], \tilde{\rho}_2 \in (0, \rho_2]$  and  $K, L > 0$  the following conditions take places*

- (i)  $\|F(x, y)\| \leq K\|x\|$  for  $(x, y) \in B_{\tilde{\rho}_1} \times B_{\tilde{\rho}_2}$ ,
- (ii)  $\|F(x, y_1) - F(x, y_2)\| \leq L\|y_1 - y_2\|\|x\|$  for  $x \in B_{\tilde{\rho}_1}$  and  $y_1, y_2 \in B_{\tilde{\rho}_2}$ .

*Then for  $\tau_2 := \min(r_1, \tilde{\rho}_1, \frac{A\tilde{\rho}_2}{K}, \frac{A}{L})$  (where  $A = \alpha + a$  or  $A = \alpha - \|A\|$  and  $\alpha, r_1$  denote the constants from Assumption 1) the problem (10) has exactly one solution  $f$  in the ball  $\mathcal{B}_{\tilde{\rho}_2} \subset C(B_{\tau_2}, Y)$ . This solution belongs to the class  $C_*^{0,1}(B_{\tau_2}, Y)$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $\tau_2 = \min(r_1, \tilde{\rho}_1, \frac{A\tilde{\rho}_2}{K}, \frac{A}{L})$ . For every  $\tau < \tau_2$  we shall prove the existence and uniqueness of the solution  $f \in \mathcal{B}_{\tilde{\rho}_2} \subset C(B_\tau, Y)$  of the integral equation

$$f(x) = \int_0^\infty e^{-At}F(v(t, x), f(v(t, x)))dt \quad \text{for } x \in B_\tau$$

equivalent to the problem (10), by Lemma 3. On this purpose, using the Banach fixed point theorem ([6] Theorem VIII.1), consider a mapping  $S$  defined on the closed ball  $\bar{\mathcal{B}}_{\tilde{\rho}_2} \subset C(B_\tau, Y)$  by

$$S(f)(x) = \int_0^\infty e^{-At}F(v(t, x), f(v(t, x)))dt \quad \text{for } x \in B_\tau, f \in \bar{\mathcal{B}}_{\tilde{\rho}_2}.$$

Every solution of the problem (10) is the fixed point of the mapping  $S$ . From the inequality (14) we obtain

$$(16) \quad \|S(f)(x)\| \leq \int_0^\infty Ke^{-\alpha t}\|e^{-At}\|\|x\|dt = \frac{K\|x\|}{A} \quad \text{for } x \in B_\tau, f \in \bar{\mathcal{B}}_{\tilde{\rho}_2}.$$

Therefore, from the definition of  $\tau_2$ , it follows that

$$\|S(f)\| \leq \frac{K\tau}{A} < \tilde{\rho}_2 \quad \text{for } f \in \bar{\mathcal{B}}_{\tilde{\rho}_2}.$$

Hence,  $S$  is a well-defined mapping and  $S : \bar{\mathcal{B}}_{\tilde{\rho}_2} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}_{\tilde{\rho}_2} \subset \bar{\mathcal{B}}_{\tilde{\rho}_2}$ .

We shall prove that  $S$  is a contraction. Let  $f_1, f_2 \in \bar{\mathcal{B}}_{\tilde{\rho}_2} \subset C(B_\tau, Y)$ . Then from the assumption (ii) we have

$$\|S(f_1)(x) - S(f_2)(x)\| \leq \frac{L\|x\|}{\mathbb{A}} \sup_{t \in [0, \infty)} \|f_1(v(t, x)) - f_2(v(t, x))\| \quad \text{for } x \in B_\tau.$$

Hence

$$\|S(f_1) - S(f_2)\| \leq \frac{L\tau}{\mathbb{A}} \|f_1 - f_2\| \quad \text{for } f_1, f_2 \in \bar{\mathcal{B}}_{\tilde{\rho}_2}.$$

The inequality  $\frac{L\tau}{\mathbb{A}} < 1$  is satisfied by definition of  $\tau_2$ . Therefore the mapping  $S$  is a contraction. So, the assumptions of the Banach fixed point theorem hold. Therefore, there exists only one mapping  $f_\tau \in \bar{\mathcal{B}}_{\tilde{\rho}_2} \subset C(B_\tau, Y)$  which is a fixed point of the mapping  $S$  and so the solution of the problem (10) is unique; in addition,  $f_\tau = S(f_\tau)$  belongs to the open ball  $\mathcal{B}_{\tilde{\rho}_2}$ . From the uniqueness of the solution we obtain the equality  $f_\tau = f_{\tau'}|_{B_\tau}$  for  $\tau < \tau' < \tau_2$ . The searched solution  $f \in \mathcal{B}_{\tilde{\rho}_2} \subset C(B_{\tau_2}, Y)$  coincide with the function  $f_\tau$  on every ball  $B_\tau$ , i.e.,  $f(x) = f_\tau(x)$  for  $x \in B_\tau, \tau < \tau_2$ . By (16), the following inclusion takes place  $f \in C_*^{0,1}(B_{\tau_2}, Y)$ . ■

**THEOREM 3.** *Let  $F : B_{\rho_1} \times B_{\rho_2} \rightarrow Y$ , with  $B_{\rho_1} \times B_{\rho_2} \subset X \times Y$ , be the continuous mapping such that for certain constants  $\tilde{\rho}_1 \in (0, \rho_1], \tilde{\rho}_2 \in (0, \rho_2], L > 0$  and  $K_1, K_2, K_1^2 + K_2^2 > 0$ , the conditions*

- (i)  $\|F(x, y)\| \leq K_1\|x\| + K_2\|y\|$  for  $(x, y) \in B_{\tilde{\rho}_1} \times B_{\tilde{\rho}_2}$ ,
- (ii)  $\|F(x, y_1) - F(x, y_2)\| \leq L\|y_1 - y_2\|\|x\|$  for  $x \in B_{\tilde{\rho}_1}$  and  $y_1, y_2 \in B_{\tilde{\rho}_2}$ .

are fulfilled. In the case of  $A = aI_Y, a \geq 0$ , for  $K_1 \neq 0$  let be

$$\tau_3 := \begin{cases} \min(r_1, \tilde{\rho}_1, (\alpha + a)\frac{1}{L}) & \text{if } 0 \leq \frac{K_2}{a} \leq 1 - \frac{K_1/\tilde{\rho}_2}{L}, a \neq 0, \\ \min(r_1, \tilde{\rho}_1, (\alpha + a)\frac{1 - K_2/a}{K_1/\tilde{\rho}_2}) & \text{if } 1 - \frac{K_1/\tilde{\rho}_2}{L} \leq \frac{K_2}{a} \leq \frac{L}{K_1/\tilde{\rho}_2 + L}, a \neq 0, \\ \min(r_1, \tilde{\rho}_1, (\alpha + a)\frac{1}{K_1/\tilde{\rho}_2 + L}) & \text{if } \frac{K_2}{a} \geq \frac{L}{K_1/\tilde{\rho}_2 + L}, a \neq 0, \\ \min(r_1, \tilde{\rho}_1, \frac{\alpha}{K_1/\tilde{\rho}_2 + L}) & \text{if } a = 0, \end{cases}$$

and for  $K_1 = 0$  let be  $\tau_3 := \min(r_1, \tilde{\rho}_1, (\alpha + a)\frac{1}{L})$  (where  $\alpha, r_1$  denote constants from Assumption 1). The problem (10) has exactly one solution  $f$  in the ball  $\mathcal{B}_{\tilde{\rho}_2} \subset C(B_{\tau_3}, Y)$ . This solution is in  $C_*^{0,1}(B_{\tau_3}, Y)$ .

**Proof.** Let us denote  $\tau_1 = \min(r_1, \tilde{\rho}_1)$ . From (i), (ii) it follows that for every function  $f \in \mathcal{B}_{\tilde{\rho}_2} \subset C(B_{\tau_1}, Y)$  the inequalities

$$(17) \quad \|e^{-at}F(v(t, x), f(v(t, x)))\| \leq (K_1 + L\|f(v(t, x))\|)e^{-(\alpha+a)t}\|x\|$$

hold for  $t \in [0, \infty), x \in B_\tau$ .

The analysis similar to that in the proof of Lemma 3 (when (17) replaces (14)) shows that the problem (10) in the ball  $\mathcal{B}_{\tilde{\rho}_2} \subset C(B_\tau, Y), \tau \leq \tau_1$ , is

equivalent to the equation

$$f(x) = \int_0^\infty e^{-at} F(v(t, x), f(v(t, x))) dt \quad \text{for } x \in B_\tau.$$

Let  $\tau_3$  be as assumed. For every  $\tau < \tau_3$  we prove existence and uniqueness of the solution  $f \in \mathcal{B}_{\tilde{\rho}_2} \subset C(B_\tau, Y)$  of the equation (see (12)):

$$f(x) = \int_0^\infty e^{-at} F(v(t, x), f(v(t, x))) dt, \quad x \in B_\tau,$$

equivalent to the problem (10). The condition (i) implies that for every function  $f \in \mathcal{B}_{\tilde{\rho}_2} \subset C(B_\tau, Y)$  we have

$$(18) \quad \|e^{-at} F(v(t, x), f(v(t, x)))\| \leq K_1 \|x\| e^{-(\alpha+a)t} + K_2 \tilde{\rho}_2 e^{-at} \quad \text{for } t \in [0, \infty), x \in B_\tau.$$

Using the Banach fixed point theorem, consider a mapping  $S$  on the closed ball  $\bar{\mathcal{B}}_{\tilde{\rho}_2} \subset C(B_\tau, Y)$  defined by

$$S(f)(x) = \int_0^\infty e^{-at} F(v(t, x), f(v(t, x))) dt \quad \text{for } x \in B_\tau, f \in \bar{\mathcal{B}}_{\tilde{\rho}_2}.$$

This integral is absolutely convergent. Moreover, by (17), we have

$$(19) \quad \|S(f)(x)\| \leq \frac{(K_1 + L\tilde{\rho}_2)\|x\|}{\alpha + a} \quad \text{for } x \in B_\tau, f \in \bar{\mathcal{B}}_{\tilde{\rho}_2}.$$

Every solution of the problem (10) is a fixed point of the mapping  $S$ . Just as in the proof of Theorem 2, we can show that

$$(20) \quad \|S(f_1) - S(f_2)\| \leq \frac{L\tau}{\alpha + a} \|f_1 - f_2\| \quad \text{for } f_1, f_2 \in \bar{\mathcal{B}}_{\tilde{\rho}_2} \subset C(B_\tau, Y).$$

In the case of  $K_1 \neq 0$  and  $0 \leq \frac{K_2}{a} \leq \frac{L}{K_1/\tilde{\rho}_2 + L}$ , with  $a \neq 0$ , we have

$$\tau_3 = \min(r_1, \tilde{\rho}_1, (\alpha + a) \frac{1}{L}, (\alpha + a) \frac{1 - K_2/a}{K_1/\tilde{\rho}_2}),$$

because the condition  $\frac{K_2}{a} \geq 1 - \frac{K_1/\tilde{\rho}_2}{L}$  is equivalent to  $\frac{1}{L} \geq \frac{1 - K_2/a}{K_1/\tilde{\rho}_2}$  and from the condition  $\frac{K_2}{a} \leq \frac{L}{K_1/\tilde{\rho}_2 + L}$  it follows that  $\frac{1}{K_1/\tilde{\rho}_2 + L} \leq \frac{1 - K_2/a}{K_1/\tilde{\rho}_2}$ . By (18) and the condition  $\tau_3 \leq (\alpha + a) \frac{1 - K_2/a}{K_1/\tilde{\rho}_2}$ , we obtain

$$\|S(f)(x)\| < (1 - K_2/a)\tilde{\rho}_2 + \frac{K_2\tilde{\rho}_2}{a} = \tilde{\rho}_2 \quad \text{for } x \in B_\tau, f \in \bar{\mathcal{B}}_{\tilde{\rho}_2}.$$

The inequality  $\tau_3 \leq (\alpha + a) \frac{1}{L}$  is true, hence we conclude from (20) that the mapping  $S$  is a contraction.

Now let  $\frac{K_2}{a} \geq \frac{L}{K_1/\tilde{\rho}_2 + L}$  for  $a \neq 0$  or  $a = 0$  or  $K_1 = 0$ . Then

$$\tau_3 = \min \left( r_1, \tilde{\rho}_1, (\alpha + a) \frac{1}{K_1/\tilde{\rho}_2 + L} \right).$$

From (19) and the condition  $\tau_3 \leq (\alpha + a) \frac{1}{K_1/\tilde{\rho}_2 + L}$  it follows that  $\|S(f)\| < \tilde{\rho}_2$  for  $f \in \bar{\mathcal{B}}_{\tilde{\rho}_2}$ . Since  $\tau_3 \leq \frac{\alpha+a}{K_1/\tilde{\rho}_2 + L} \leq \frac{\alpha+a}{L}$ , from the inequality (20) it follows that  $S$  is a contraction. Thus  $S$  is a well-defined mapping and  $S : \bar{\mathcal{B}}_{\tilde{\rho}_2} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}_{\tilde{\rho}_2} \subset \bar{\mathcal{B}}_{\tilde{\rho}_2}$ . By the Banach theorem, in the same manner as in the proof of Theorem 2, we can state that the problem (10) has exactly one solution  $f \in \mathcal{B}_{\tilde{\rho}_2} \subset C(B_{\tau_3}, Y)$ . This solution is in  $C_*^{0,1}(B_{\tau_3}, Y)$ , by the inequality (19). ■

**THEOREM 4.** *Let  $F : B_{\rho_1} \times B_{\rho_2} \rightarrow Y$ , with  $B_{\rho_1} \times B_{\rho_2} \subset X \times Y$ , be a continuous mapping such that for certain constants  $\tilde{\rho}_1 \in (0, \rho_1]$ ,  $\tilde{\rho}_2 \in (0, \rho_2]$ ,  $L > 0$  and  $K_1, K_2, K_1^2 + K_2^2 > 0$ , the following conditions take places*

- (i)  $\|F(x, y)\| \leq K_1\|x\| + K_2\|y\|$  for  $(x, y) \in B_{\tilde{\rho}_1} \times B_{\tilde{\rho}_2}$ ,
- (ii)  $\|F(x, y_1) - F(x, y_2)\| \leq L\|y_1 - y_2\|\|x\|$  for  $x \in B_{\tilde{\rho}_1}$  and  $y_1, y_2 \in B_{\tilde{\rho}_2}$ .

For  $K_1 \neq 0$ , let  $\tau_4$  be defined by

$$\tau_4 := \begin{cases} \min(r_1, \tilde{\rho}_1, \frac{\alpha+\mathbb{A}}{L}, \frac{(\mathbb{A}-K_2)\tilde{\rho}_2}{K_1}) & \text{if } \mathbb{A} \geq K_2(1 + \frac{K_1}{\tilde{\rho}_2 L}), \\ \min(r_1, \tilde{\rho}_1, \frac{\mathbb{A}\tilde{\rho}_2}{K_1 + \tilde{\rho}_2 L}) & \text{if } 0 < \mathbb{A} \leq K_2(1 + \frac{K_1}{\tilde{\rho}_2 L}), \end{cases}$$

and for  $K_1 = 0$  by  $\tau_4 := \min(r_1, \tilde{\rho}_1, \frac{\mathbb{A}}{L})$  (where  $\mathbb{A} = \alpha + a$  or  $\mathbb{A} = \alpha - \|A\|$  and  $\alpha, r_1$  denote the constants from Assumption 1). The problem (10) has exactly one solution  $f$  in the ball  $\bar{\mathcal{B}}_{\kappa}^* \subset C_*^{0,1}(B_{\tau_4}, Y)$ ,  $\kappa = \frac{\tilde{\rho}_2}{\tau_4}$ . In the case  $\mathbb{A} \leq K_2(1 + \frac{K_1}{\tilde{\rho}_2 L})$  this solution is in the open ball  $\mathcal{B}_{\kappa}^*$ .

**Proof.** Let  $\tau_4$  be as assumed and  $\kappa = \frac{\tilde{\rho}_2}{\tau_4}$ . Note that, if  $f \in \bar{\mathcal{B}}_{\kappa}^* \subset C_*^{0,1}(B_{\tau_4}, Y)$ , then for every  $\tau < \tau_4$  we have

$$\|f(v(t, x))\| \leq \|f\|_* \|v(t, x)\| \leq \frac{\tilde{\rho}_2}{\tau_4} \|v(t, x)\| \leq \frac{\tilde{\rho}_2 \tau}{\tau_4} < \tilde{\rho}_2, \quad t \in [0, \infty), \quad x \in B_{\tau}.$$

Hence  $f(v(t, x)) \in \mathcal{B}_{\tilde{\rho}_2}$  for  $t \in [0, \infty)$  and  $x \in B_{\tau}$ . In particular, the inequalities (i), (ii) hold for  $y = f(v(t, x))$ . Hence, for every  $\tau < \tau_4$ , by (i), we get

$$(21) \quad \|e^{-At} F(v(t, x), f(v(t, x)))\| \leq (K_1 + K_2 \frac{\tilde{\rho}_2}{\tau_4}) e^{-At} \|x\|,$$

and, by (i) and (ii), we obtain

$$(22) \quad \|e^{-At} F(v(t, x), f(v(t, x)))\| < (K_1 + L\tilde{\rho}_2) e^{-At} \|x\|$$

for  $t \in [0, \infty)$ ,  $x \in B_{\tau}$ . The analysis similar to that in the proof of Lemma 3 (when one of the inequalities (21), (22) replaces (14)) shows that for every

$\tau < \tau_4$  the problem (10) in the ball  $\bar{\mathcal{B}}_\kappa^* \subset C_*^{0,1}(B_\tau, Y)$ ,  $\kappa = \frac{\tilde{\rho}_2}{\tau_4}$ , is equivalent to the searching of the solution  $f \in \bar{\mathcal{B}}_\kappa^* \subset C_*^{0,1}(B_\tau, Y)$  of the integral equation (12).

In order to prove the existence and uniqueness of the solution of the equation (12), using the Banach fixed point theorem, consider the mapping  $S$  on the closed ball  $\bar{\mathcal{B}}_\kappa^* \subset C_*^{0,1}(B_\tau, Y)$ ,  $\kappa = \frac{\tilde{\rho}_2}{\tau_4}$ , defined by

$$S(f)(x) = \int_0^\infty e^{-At} F(v(t, x), f(v(t, x))) dt \quad \text{for } x \in B_\tau, f \in \bar{\mathcal{B}}_\kappa^*.$$

If  $K_1 \neq 0$  and

$$(23) \quad \mathbb{A} \geq K_2 \left( 1 + \frac{K_1}{\tilde{\rho}_2 L} \right)$$

then  $\tau_4 = \min(r_1, \tilde{\rho}_1, \frac{\alpha+\mathbb{A}}{L}, \frac{(\mathbb{A}-K_2)\tilde{\rho}_2}{K_1})$ , because from (23) it follows that  $\frac{\mathbb{A}-K_2}{K_1} \geq \frac{\mathbb{A}}{K_1 + \tilde{\rho}_2 L}$ . The condition  $\tau_4 \leq \frac{(\mathbb{A}-K_2)\tilde{\rho}_2}{K_1}$  is equivalent to  $\frac{\tilde{\rho}_2}{\tau_4} \geq \frac{K_1}{\mathbb{A}-K_2}$ . Hence  $K_1\tau_4 + K_2\tilde{\rho}_2 \leq \mathbb{A}\tilde{\rho}_2$ . Therefore, from (21) we have

$$(24) \quad \|S(f)(x)\| \leq \int_0^\infty \frac{\mathbb{A}\tilde{\rho}_2}{\tau_4} e^{-\mathbb{A}t} \|x\| dt = \kappa \|x\| \quad \text{for } x \in B_\tau, f \in \bar{\mathcal{B}}_\kappa^*.$$

Now let

$$(25) \quad 0 < \mathbb{A} \leq K_2 \left( 1 + \frac{K_1}{\tilde{\rho}_2 L} \right)$$

or  $K_1 = 0$ . Then  $\tau_4 = \min(r_1, \tilde{\rho}_1, \frac{\mathbb{A}\tilde{\rho}_2}{K_1 + \tilde{\rho}_2 L})$ . From the inequality (25) and the condition  $\tau_4 \leq \frac{\mathbb{A}\tilde{\rho}_2}{K_1 + \tilde{\rho}_2 L}$  we have

$$(26) \quad \|S(f)(x)\| < \int_0^\infty (K_1 + \tilde{\rho}_2 L) e^{-\mathbb{A}t} \|x\| dt \leq \kappa \|x\| \quad \text{for } x \in B_\tau, f \in \bar{\mathcal{B}}_\kappa^*.$$

By the inequalities (24) or (26) we obtain  $\|S(f)\|_* \leq \kappa$  for  $f \in \bar{\mathcal{B}}_\kappa^*$ . Therefore  $S$  is a well-defined mapping and  $S : \bar{\mathcal{B}}_\kappa^* \rightarrow \bar{\mathcal{B}}_\kappa^*$ .

If (25) holds then from above considerations it follows, by (26), that  $\|S(f)\|_* < \kappa$  for  $f \in \bar{\mathcal{B}}_\kappa^*$ . Hence  $S : \bar{\mathcal{B}}_\kappa^* \rightarrow \bar{\mathcal{B}}_\kappa^* \subset \bar{\mathcal{B}}_\kappa^*$ .

Next we shall prove that  $S$  is a contraction. Let  $f_1, f_2 \in \bar{\mathcal{B}}_\kappa^* \subset C_*^{0,1}(B_\tau, Y)$ . Then, by the condition (ii), we have the estimate

$$\begin{aligned} \|S(f_1)(x) - S(f_2)(x)\| &\leq L \|f_1 - f_2\|_* \tau \int_0^\infty e^{-(\alpha+\mathbb{A})t} \|x\| dt \\ &\leq \frac{L\tau}{\alpha + \mathbb{A}} \|f_1 - f_2\|_* \|x\| \quad \text{for } x \in B_\tau, f_1, f_2 \in \bar{\mathcal{B}}_\kappa^* \end{aligned}$$

implying

$$\|S(f_1) - S(f_2)\|_* \leq \frac{L\tau}{\alpha + \mathbb{A}} \|f_1 - f_2\|_* \quad \text{for } f_1, f_2 \in \bar{\mathcal{B}}_\kappa^*,$$

where, by the inequality  $\frac{\mathbb{A}\tilde{\rho}_2}{K_1 + \tilde{\rho}_2 L} \leq \frac{\alpha + \mathbb{A}}{L}$  and the assumption on  $\tau_4$ , the coefficient  $\frac{L\tau}{\alpha + \mathbb{A}}$  is less than 1. Therefore  $S$  is a contraction.

By the Banach fixed point theorem, there exists exactly one mapping  $f_\tau \in \bar{\mathcal{B}}_\kappa^* \subset C_*^{0,1}(B_\tau, Y)$  which is a fixed point of the mapping  $S$  and so is a solution of the problem (10); in addition, if the condition (25) is fulfilled then,  $f_\tau = S(f_\tau)$  belongs to the open ball  $\mathcal{B}_\kappa^*$ . From the uniqueness of the solution we obtain the equality:  $f_\tau = f_{\tau'}|_{B_\tau}$  for  $\tau < \tau' < \tau_4$ . The searched solution  $f \in \bar{\mathcal{B}}_\kappa^* \subset C_*^{0,1}(B_{\tau_4}, Y)$  coincide with the function  $f_\tau$ , i. e.,  $f(x) = f_\tau(x)$  for  $x \in B_\tau$ ,  $\tau < \tau_4$ , on every ball  $B_\tau$  and besides the condition  $\|f\|_* \leq \kappa$  is fulfilled. ■

**REMARK.** For  $K_2 = 0$  the thesis of Theorem 4 is another version of Theorem 2 with the theoretically larger domain of the solution.

**EXAMPLE 2.** Let us consider the function  $F$  of the form

$$F(x, y) := G(x, y + y_0) \quad \text{for } x \in B_{\rho_1} \text{ and } y \in B_{\rho_2},$$

where  $y_0 \in Y$  is a certain constant and  $G \in L(X, Y; Y)$  is a bilinear and continuous operator from  $X \times Y$  into the Banach space  $Y$ . The following inequalities take place

$$(27) \quad \|G(x, y + y_0)\| \leq \|G\| \|x\| (\|y\| + \|y_0\|) \leq \|G\| (\tilde{\rho}_2 + \|y_0\|) \|x\|.$$

The assumptions of Theorem 2 are fulfilled if  $K := \|G\| (\tilde{\rho}_2 + \|y_0\|)$ ,  $L := \|G\|$ .

Therefore the Cauchy problem

$$(28) \quad \nabla_h f(x) + Af(x) = G(x, f(x) + y_0) \quad \text{for } x \in B_{\rho_1}, f(0) = 0$$

(i. e., the problem (10), in the case when  $F(x, y) = G(x, y + y_0)$ ,  $G \in L(X, Y; Y)$  and  $y_0 \in Y$  is a certain constant) has exactly one solution  $f$  in the ball  $\mathcal{B}_{\tilde{\rho}_2} \subset C(B_{\tau_2}, Y)$ , where

$$\tau_2 = \min(r_1, \tilde{\rho}_1, \frac{\mathbb{A}/\|G\|}{1 + \|y_0\|/\tilde{\rho}_2})$$

(if  $\mathbb{A} = \alpha + a$  or  $\mathbb{A} = \alpha - \|A\|$  and  $\alpha, r_1$  denote the constants from Assumption 1).

**EXAMPLE 3.** Let us consider the Cauchy problem (28). Notice, that for every  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} (28') \quad \|G(x, y + y_0)\| &\leq \|G(x, y)\| + \|G(x, y_0)\| \\ &\leq \lambda \|G\| \|x\| \|y\| + (1 - \lambda) \|G\| \|x\| \|y_0\| + \|G\| \|x\| \|y_0\| \\ &\leq \|G\| (\lambda \tilde{\rho}_2 + \|y_0\|) \|x\| + \|G\| (1 - \lambda) \tilde{\rho}_1 \|y\| \end{aligned}$$

(compare the inequality (28)). The assumptions of Theorem 4 are fulfilled if  $K_1 := \|G\|(\lambda\tilde{\rho}_2 + \|y_0\|)$ ,  $K_2 := \|G\|(1 - \lambda)\tilde{\rho}_1$ ,  $L := \|G\|$ . The analysis of the constant  $\tau_4 = \tau_4(\lambda)$ , used in the thesis of Theorem 4, leads to the conclusion that  $\max_{\tau \in [0,1]} \tau_4(\lambda) = \tau_4(1) = \tau_2$ .

### 3. The Cauchy problem for the generalized differential equations of first order with singularity in a point zero, in $C^1$ class

Let  $X, Y$  be real Banach spaces,  $U$  be an open subset of  $X$ .

Let  $C^1(B_\tau, Y)$  denotes a space of the mappings  $f : B_\tau \rightarrow Y$ , with  $B_\tau \subset X$ , of the class  $C^1$  on  $B_\tau$ , bounded together with its first derivative on  $B_\tau$ , with the norm

$$(29) \quad \|f\|_1 = \max_{x \in B_\tau} (\|f(x)\|, \|Df(x)\|).$$

The space  $C^1(B_\tau, Y)$  is complete ([8], p. 226).

By  $B_\rho^1 \subset C^1(B_\tau, Y)$  we shall denote the ball with centre at zero and radius  $\rho > 0$  considered in the space  $C^1(B_\tau, Y)$ .

We shall introduce the following assumption

**ASSUMPTION 2.** *Let  $h : B_{\rho_1} \rightarrow X$ , with  $B_{\rho_1} \subset X$ , be a regular mapping of the class  $C^2$  and let  $C > 0$  be a constant such that (1) holds. We assume that  $\alpha, \beta$  are fixed constants from  $(0, C)$ ,  $v : [0, \infty) \times B_{r_2} \rightarrow X$ , where  $r_2 \in (0, \rho_1)$ , is a natural transformation generated by the mapping  $h$  and (3), (5) hold for  $x \in B_{r_2}$ .*

For the mapping  $F : B_{\rho_1} \times B_{\rho_2} \rightarrow Y$ , with  $B_{\rho_1} \times B_{\rho_2} \subset X \times Y$ , and for the operator  $A \in L(Y, Y)$  fulfilling one of the conditions:

1)  $A = aI_Y$  for  $a > -(\alpha + \min(\alpha, \beta))$ , where  $I_Y$  is the identity operator on  $Y$ ,

2)  $\|A\| < \alpha$ ,

we consider the Cauchy problem

$$(30) \quad Df(x)h(x) + Af(x) = F(x, f(x)) \quad \text{for } x \in B_{\rho_1}, \quad f(0) = 0$$

under the Assumption 2.

We introduce the notation

$$\mathbb{A} = \alpha - \|A\| \quad \text{or} \quad \mathbb{A} = \alpha + a.$$

**LEMMA 4.** *Let  $F : B_{\rho_1} \times B_{\rho_2} \rightarrow Y$ , with  $B_{\rho_1} \times B_{\rho_2} \subset X \times Y$  be a mapping of the class  $C^1$  such that for certain constants  $\tilde{\rho}_1 \in (0, \rho_1]$ ,  $\tilde{\rho}_2 \in (0, \rho_2]$  and  $M > 0$  we have*

(i)  $F(0, 0) = 0$

(ii)  $\|DF(x, y)\| \leq M\|x\|$  for  $(x, y) \in B_{\tilde{\rho}_1} \times B_{\tilde{\rho}_2}$ .

Then for  $\tau_5 = \min(r_2, \tilde{\rho}_1)$  (where  $r_2$  is a constant from Assumption 2 and for any function  $f \in \mathcal{B}_{\tilde{\rho}_2}^1 \subset C^1(B_{\tau_5}, Y)$  two following conditions are equivalent:

I.  $f$  is the solution of the Cauchy problem (30)

II. the following equality takes place:

$$(31) \quad f(x) = \int_0^\infty e^{-At} F(v(t, x), f(v(t, x))) dt$$

for  $x \in B_{\tau_5}$ , where the above integral is absolutely convergent.

Proof. Let  $\tau_5 = \min(r_2, \tilde{\rho}_1)$ . By (i), (ii), we have

$$\|F(x, y) - F(0, 0)\| \leq (\|x\| + \|y\|) \sup \|DF(\cdot, \cdot)\| \leq M(\|x\| + \|y\|)\|x\|$$

for  $(x, y) \in B_{\tilde{\rho}_1} \times B_{\tilde{\rho}_2}$ .

Therefore for any function  $f \in \mathcal{B}_{\tilde{\rho}_2}^1 \subset C^1(B_{\tau_5}, Y)$  and for both forms of the mapping  $A$  we obtain

$$(32) \quad \|e^{-At} F(v(t, x), f(v(t, x)))\| \leq M e^{-(\alpha + \mathbb{A})t} (1 + \tilde{\rho}_2) \|x\|^2$$

for  $t \in [0, \infty), x \in B_{\tau_5}$ .

Let  $f \in \mathcal{B}_{\tilde{\rho}_2}^1 \subset C^1(B_{\tau_5}, Y)$  be the solution of problem (30). By Lemma IX.7, from [6] we get the equality

$$-\frac{\partial}{\partial t} [e^{-At} f(v(t, x))] = e^{-At} F(v(t, x), f(v(t, x))) \quad \text{for } t \in [0, \infty), x \in B_{\tau_5}$$

which, together with initial condition  $v(0, x) = x$ , is equivalent to

$$(33) \quad e^{-At} f(v(t, x)) - f(x) = - \int_0^t e^{-A\tau} F(v(\tau, x), f(v(\tau, x))) d\tau$$

for  $t \in [0, \infty), x \in B_{\tau_5}$ .

Now consider the case when  $A = aI_Y, a > -\alpha$ , or  $\|A\| < \alpha$ . Then  $\mathbb{A} > 0$ . From the assumptions that  $f \in \mathcal{B}_{\tilde{\rho}_2}^1 \subset C^1(B_{\tau_5}, Y)$  it follows that

$$f(x) = Df(0)(x) + o(x), \quad \text{where } \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\|o(x)\|}{\|x\|} = 0.$$

Therefore, we have the estimate

$$(34) \quad \|e^{-At} f(v(t, x))\| \leq e^{-\mathbb{A}t} (\|Df(0)\| + \frac{\|o(v(t, x))\|}{\|v(t, x)\|}) \|x\|$$

for  $t \in [0, \infty), x \in B_{\tau_5}$ .

Since  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} v(t, x) = 0$  from the inequality (34), due to the condition  $f(0) = 0$  and the form of the mapping  $A$ , we conclude that  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} e^{-At} f(v(t, x)) = 0$ . By (33) we obtain

$$f(x) = \int_0^\infty e^{-A\tau} F(v(\tau, x), f(v(\tau, x))) d\tau \quad \text{for } x \in B_{\tau_5},$$

where the above integral is absolutely convergent by (32).

Now we shall show that every solution  $f \in \mathcal{B}_{\tilde{\rho}_2}^1 \subset C^1(B_{\tau_5}, Y)$  of the above integral equation is a solution of the problem (30). By Lemma 1, we have  $v(t_1, v(t, x)) = v(t_1 + t, x)$  for  $t_1, t \in [0, \infty)$  and  $x \in B_{\tau_5}$ . Hence

$$f(v(t, x)) = e^{At} \int_t^\infty e^{-A\tau} F(v(\tau, x), f(v(\tau, x))) d\tau \quad \text{for } t \in [0, \infty), x \in B_{\tau_5}.$$

Differentiating above equation with respect to  $t$ , we obtain

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} f(v(t, x)) = Ae^{At} \int_t^\infty e^{-A\tau} F(v(\tau, x), f(v(\tau, x))) d\tau - F(v(t, x), f(v(t, x)))$$

for  $t \in [0, \infty)$ ,  $x \in B_{\tau_5}$ .

Therefore, by (31), we have

$$Df(x)h(x) + Af(x) = F(x, f(x)) \quad \text{for } x \in B_{\tau_5}.$$

Now, it is sufficient to show that  $f(0) = 0$ . By Lemma 1, we have  $v(t, 0) = 0$  for  $t \in [0, \infty)$  and the assumptions (i), (ii) lead to  $F(0, y) = 0$  for  $y \in \mathcal{B}_{\tilde{\rho}_2}$ . Therefore

$$\int_0^\infty e^{-At} F(v(t, 0), f(v(t, 0))) dt = 0$$

and hence  $f(0) = 0$ . Consequently,  $f \in C^1(B_{\tau_5}, Y)$  is a solution of the problem (30).

Let now  $A = aI_Y$  for  $-(\alpha + \min(\alpha, \beta)) < a \leq -\alpha$ . By (i), (ii), we have  
(35)  $\|e^{-at} D_x F(v(t, x), f(v(t, x)))\| \leq M(1 + \tilde{\rho}_2) e^{-(\beta + A)t} \|x\|$   
 $\quad \quad \quad \text{for } t \in [0, \infty), x \in B_{\tau_5}.$

Define the function

$$g(x) := \int_0^\infty e^{-a\tau} F(v(\tau, x), f(v(\tau, x))) d\tau \quad \text{for } t \in [0, \infty), x \in B_{\tau_5}.$$

Since  $\alpha + A > 0$  and  $\beta + A > 0$ , from (32), (33) it follows that  $g \in C^1(B_{\tau_5}, Y)$ . By Lemma 1, we have  $v(t_1, v(t, x)) = v(t_1 + t, x)$  for  $t, t_1 \in [0, \infty)$ ,  $x \in B_{\tau_5}$ . Hence

$$g(v(t, x)) = e^{at} \int_t^\infty e^{-a\tau} F(v(\tau, x), f(v(\tau, x))) d\tau \quad \text{for } t \in [0, \infty), x \in B_{\tau_5}.$$

Differentiating above equation with respect to  $t$ , we obtain

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} g(v(t, x)) = ae^{at} \int_t^\infty e^{-a\tau} F(v(\tau, x), f(v(\tau, x))) d\tau - F(v(t, x), f(v(t, x)))$$

for  $t \in [0, \infty)$ ,  $x \in B_{\tau_5}$ . Therefore, by the form of the mapping  $g$ , for  $t = 0$  we have

$$Dg(x)h(x) + ag(x) = F(x, f(x)) \quad \text{for } x \in B_{\tau_5}.$$

Naturally  $g(0) = 0$ . Simultaneously the function  $f$  is the solution of the problem (30) and so the function  $\bar{g}(x) := f(x) - g(x)$  is the solution of the equation

$$D\bar{g}(x)h(x) + a\bar{g}(x) = 0 \quad \text{with the condition } \bar{g}(0) = 0.$$

For  $x \in B_{\tau_5}$  the function  $\bar{G}(t) := \bar{g}(v(t, x))$  is the solution of the equation

$$\bar{G}' + a\bar{G} = 0 \quad \text{with the condition } \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \bar{G}(t) = 0.$$

Since for  $a < 0$  the function  $\bar{G} \equiv 0$  is the unique solution of the above equation, from our earlier considerations and from (34), (35) it follows that for  $-(\alpha + \min(\alpha, \beta)) < a \leq -\alpha$  the function  $f$  given by the formula (31) is the unique solution of the problem (30). ■

**THEOREM 5.** *Let  $F : B_{\rho_1} \times B_{\rho_2} \rightarrow Y$ , with  $B_{\rho_1} \times B_{\rho_2} \subset X \times Y$ , be the mapping of the class  $C^1$  such that for certain constants  $\tilde{\rho}_1 \in (0, \rho_1]$ ,  $\tilde{\rho}_2 \in (0, \rho_2]$  and  $M, W > 0$  the following conditions take places*

- (i)  $F(0, y) = 0$  for  $y \in B_{\tilde{\rho}_2}$ ,
- (ii)  $\|DF(x, y)\| \leq M\|x\|$  for  $(x, y) \in B_{\tilde{\rho}_1} \times B_{\tilde{\rho}_2}$ ,
- (iii)  $\|DF(x, y_1) - DF(x, y_2)\| \leq W\|y_1 - y_2\| \|x\|$  for  $x \in B_{\tilde{\rho}_1}$ ,  $y_1, y_2 \in B_{\tilde{\rho}_2}$ .

*Then for  $\tau_6 = \min(r_2, \tilde{\rho}_1, \frac{(\alpha+A)\tilde{\rho}_2}{M\tilde{\rho}_1}, \frac{\alpha+A}{W\tilde{\rho}_1}, \frac{(\beta+A)\tilde{\rho}_2}{M(1+\tilde{\rho}_2)}, \frac{\beta+A}{M+W(1+\tilde{\rho}_2)})$  (where  $A = \alpha + a$  or  $A = \alpha - \|A\|$  and  $\alpha, \beta, r_2$  denote the constants from Assumption 2) the problem (30) has exactly one solution  $f$  in the ball  $B_{\tilde{\rho}_2}^1 \subset C^1(B_{\tau_6}, Y)$ .*

**Proof.** Let

$$\tau_6 = \min \left( r_2, \tilde{\rho}_1, \frac{(\alpha+A)\tilde{\rho}_2}{M\tilde{\rho}_1}, \frac{\alpha+A}{W\tilde{\rho}_1}, \frac{(\beta+A)\tilde{\rho}_2}{M(1+\tilde{\rho}_2)}, \frac{\beta+A}{M+W(1+\tilde{\rho}_2)} \right).$$

For every  $\tau < \tau_6$  we shall prove the existence and uniqueness of the solution  $f \in B_{\tilde{\rho}_2}^1 \subset C^1(B_\tau, Y)$  of the integral equation

$$f(x) = \int_0^\infty e^{-At} F(v(t, x), f(v(t, x))) dt \quad \text{for } x \in B_\tau$$

equivalent to the problem (30) by Lemma 4. On this purpose, using the Banach fixed point theorem, consider a mapping  $S$  defined on the closed ball  $\bar{B}_{\tilde{\rho}_2}^1 \subset C^1(B_\tau, Y)$  by

$$S(f)(x) = \int_0^\infty e^{-At} F(v(t, x), f(v(t, x))) dt \quad \text{for } x \in B_\tau, f \in \bar{B}_{\tilde{\rho}_2}^1.$$

Every solution of the problem (30) is a fixed point of the mapping  $S$ . Notice, that by (i), (ii), we have  $\|F(x, y)\| = \|F(x, y) - F(0, y)\| \leq \|x\| \sup \|D_1 F(\cdot, y)\| \leq M \|x\|^2$  for  $(x, y) \in B_{\tilde{\rho}_1} \times B_{\tilde{\rho}_2}$ .

From the above inequalities for any function  $f \in \mathcal{B}_{\tilde{\rho}_2}^1$  and for both forms of the mapping  $A$  we obtain

$$(36) \quad \|e^{-At} F(v(t, x), f(v(t, x)))\| \leq M \|e^{-At}\| \|v(t, x)\|^2 \leq M e^{-(\alpha+\mathbb{A})t} \|x\|^2$$

for  $t \in [0, \infty)$ ,  $x \in B_\tau$ .

Consequently, from the assumption (i) and the inequality (36) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|S(f)(x)\| &\leq \int_0^\infty \|e^{-At} F(v(t, x), f(v(t, x)))\| dt \\ &\leq M \int_0^\infty e^{-(\alpha+\mathbb{A})t} \|x\|^2 dt = \frac{M \tilde{\rho}_1 \|x\|^2}{\alpha + \mathbb{A}} \end{aligned}$$

for  $x \in B_\tau$ . Therefore from the definition  $\tau_6$  we obtain

$$\|S(f)\| \leq \frac{M \tilde{\rho}_1 \tau}{\alpha + \mathbb{A}} < \tilde{\rho}_2 \quad \text{for } f \in \mathcal{B}_{\tilde{\rho}_2}^1.$$

Notice, that for both forms of the mapping  $A$  we have

$$(37) \quad \|e^{-At} D_x F(v(t, x), f(v(t, x)))\| \leq M(1 + \tilde{\rho}_2) e^{-(\beta+\mathbb{A})t} \|x\|$$

for  $t \in [0, \infty)$ ,  $x \in B_\tau$  (compare inequality (35)).

If  $f \in \mathcal{B}_{\tilde{\rho}_2}^1 \subset C^1(B_\tau, Y)$ , then  $\|Df(x)\| \leq \tilde{\rho}_2$  for  $x \in B_\tau$ . Consequently, by (ii), the inequality (37) and Theorem 135 in [8], we obtain

$$\|DS(f(x))\| \leq \frac{M(1 + \tilde{\rho}_2)\|x\|}{\beta + \mathbb{A}} \quad \text{for } x \in B_\tau.$$

From the definition of  $\tau_6$  it follows that

$$\|DS(f)\| \leq \frac{M(1 + \tilde{\rho}_2)\tau}{\beta + \mathbb{A}} < \tilde{\rho}_2 \quad \text{for } f \in \mathcal{B}_{\tilde{\rho}_2}^1.$$

Hence  $S$  is well-defined mapping and  $S : \mathcal{B}_{\tilde{\rho}_2}^1 \rightarrow \mathcal{B}_{\tilde{\rho}_2}^1 \subset \mathcal{B}_{\tilde{\rho}_2}^1$ .

We shall prove that  $S$  is a contraction. Let  $f_1, f_2 \in \mathcal{B}_{\tilde{\rho}_2}^1 \subset C^1(B_\tau, Y)$ . Then, by (i), (iii), we have

$$\|F(x, y_1) - F(x, y_2)\| \leq W \|x\|^2 \|y_1 - y_2\| \quad \text{for } x \in B_{\tilde{\rho}_1}, y_1, y_2 \in B_{\tilde{\rho}_2}.$$

Hence

$$\|S(f_1)(x) - S(f_2)(x)\| \leq \int_0^\infty W e^{-(\alpha+\mathbb{A})t} \tilde{\rho}_1 \|x\| \|f_1(v(t, x)) - f_2(v(t, x))\| dt$$

for  $x \in B_\tau$ . Therefore

$$(38) \quad \|S(f_1) - S(f_2)\| \leq \frac{W \tilde{\rho}_1 \tau}{\alpha + \mathbb{A}} \|f_1 - f_2\| \quad \text{for } f_1, f_2 \in \mathcal{B}_{\tilde{\rho}_2}^1.$$

Since  $\|Df_1(v(t, x))\| \leq \tilde{\rho}_2$  for  $t \in [0, \infty)$  and  $x \in B_\tau$ , by (ii), (iii), the formula (29) and the identity  $a_1b_1 - a_2b_2 = (a_1 - a_2)b_1 + (b_1 - b_2)a_2$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \|D_x F(v(t, x), f_1(v(t, x))) - D_x F(v(t, x), f_2(v(t, x)))\| \\ \leq e^{-(\alpha+\beta)t} \|x\| [W(1 + \tilde{\rho}_2) + M] \|f_1 - f_2\|_1. \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\|DS(f_1(x)) - DS(f_2(x))\| \leq \int_0^\infty e^{-(\beta+\mathbb{A})t} [W(1 + \tilde{\rho}_2) + M] \|x\| \|f_1 - f_2\|_1$$

for  $x \in B_\tau$ . Therefore

$$(39) \quad \|DS(f_1) - DS(f_2)\| \leq \frac{[W(1 + \tilde{\rho}_2) + M]\tau}{\beta + \mathbb{A}} \|f_1 - f_2\|_1 \quad \text{for } f_1, f_2 \in \bar{\mathcal{B}}_{\tilde{\rho}_2}^1.$$

Consequently, from (38), (39) and the definition of  $\tau_6$  it follows that the mapping  $S$  is a contraction.

By the Banach theorem, there exists exactly one mapping  $f_\tau \in \mathcal{B}_{\tilde{\rho}_2}^1 \subset C^1(B_\tau, Y)$  which is a fixed point of the mapping  $S$  and so is a solution of the problem (30); in addition  $f_\tau = S(f_\tau)$  belongs to an open ball  $\mathcal{B}_{\tilde{\rho}_2}^1$ . From the uniqueness of the solution we obtain the equality  $f_\tau = f_{\tau'}|_{B_\tau}$  dla  $\tau < \tau' < \tau_6$ . The searched solution  $f \in \mathcal{B}_{\tilde{\rho}_2}^1 \subset C^1(B_{\tau_6}, Y)$  coincide with the function  $f_\tau$  on every ball  $B_\tau$ , i. e.,  $f(x) = f_\tau(x)$  for  $x \in B_\tau, \tau < \tau_6$ . ■

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