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## AN ABSTRACT SECOND ORDER CAUCHY PROBLEM WITH NON-DENSELY DEFINED OPERATOR, II

**Abstract.** By using the theory of the extrapolation space  $X_{-1}$  associated with an operator  $A$  which is non-densely defined in a Banach space  $X$ , the existence and uniqueness of solutions of the semilinear second order differential initial value problem (1) is proved.

### 1. Introduction

We continue the study of abstract semilinear second order initial value problem

$$(1) \quad \begin{cases} \frac{d^2 u}{dt^2} = Au + f(t, u, \frac{du}{dt}), & t \in (0, T] \\ u(0) = u_0, \frac{du}{dt}(0) = u_1, & u_0, u_1 \in X. \end{cases}$$

In (1)  $X$  is a Banach space,  $u$  is a mapping from  $\mathbb{R}$  to  $X$ ,  $f$  is a nonlinear mapping from  $\mathbb{R} \times X \times X$  into  $X$ . In the preceding paper [2] we have discussed the problem of existence uniqueness and smoothness of solutions of the linear problem corresponding to (1) when the operator  $A$  is non-densely defined. The present paper is devoted to investigate the semilinear problem (1). Recall that a solution of (1) is defined as usual, as a function  $u : [0, T] \rightarrow X$  twice continuously differentiable in  $(0, T]$  and once continuously differentiable in  $[0, T]$  such that  $u(t) \in D(A)$  for  $t \in [0, T]$  and (1) holds.

Our main tools in this paper are the theory of strongly continuous cosine families of linear operators in a Banach space, a certain weak continuous cosine family and some extrapolation spaces associated with a linear operator  $A$ .

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## 2. Preliminaries

Let the operator  $A$  in Section 1 be closed such that its resolvent set  $\rho(A)$  contains  $\{\lambda^2 : \lambda > \omega\}$ , and

$$(2) \quad \left\| \frac{d^n}{d\lambda^n} [\lambda R(\lambda^2, A)] \right\| \leq \frac{Mn!}{(\lambda - \omega)^{n+1}} \text{ for } \lambda > \omega, n \in N$$

and some  $M \geq 1$ ,  $\omega \in R$ .

We do not recall the definition or properties of the cosine family generated by the operator  $A$  satisfying (2). For this we refer (e.g. [1, 2, 4 and 7]). We recall only the definition and some properties of extrapolation spaces from [2], see also [3], [5] and [6].

Let  $A$  be a closed linear operator on the Banach space  $X$  with non-empty resolvent set  $\rho(A)$ . We do not assume that  $A$  is densely defined. We define (see [6])

$$(3) \quad X^{-1} := (X \times X) / G_A,$$

where  $G_A$  denote the graph of the operator  $A$ . Note that  $G_A$  is a closed linear subspace of  $X \times X$  since  $A$  is closed. Let us define

$$(4) \quad i : X \ni x \rightarrow ix := (0, x) \in X^{-1}.$$

The function (4) maps the space  $X$  onto the linear subspace  $iX$  of  $X^{-1}$ . This allows us to identify  $X$  with  $iX$ . We also define a linear operator  $A^{-1}$  on  $X^{-1}$  by

$$(5) \quad D(A^{-1}) := iX,$$

$$(6) \quad A^{-1}(0, x) := (-x, 0) \text{ for } x \in X.$$

Note that, if  $x \in D(A)$  then  $(-x, 0) = (0, Ax)$ . The operator  $A^{-1}$  should not be confused with the inverse of  $A$  if this inverse exists. If we identify  $iX$  with  $X$ , we may regard  $A^{-1}$  as a bounded linear operator  $X \rightarrow X^{-1}$ . In fact if  $x \in D(A)$  then  $A^{-1}x = A^{-1}(ix) := A^{-1}(0, x) = iAx = Ax$ , so  $A^{-1}$  is an extension of  $A$ . In the space  $X^{-1}$  it may be defined an equivalent norm by formula

$$(7) \quad |(x, y)|_\mu := \|AR(\mu, A)x - R(\mu, A)y\|$$

for each  $\mu \in \rho(A)$  and  $(x, y) \in X^{-1}$ .

**THEOREM 1** ([6; Th.3.1.6]). *The space  $X$  is dense in  $X^{-1}$  if and only if  $A$  is densely defined, i.e.  $\overline{D(A)} = X$ .*

If the operator  $A$  is closed with nonempty resolvent set, we define the space  $X_{-1}$  as the closure of  $X$  in the norm of  $X^{-1}$ . From this and Theorem 1 follows that if  $A$  is densely defined, then  $X_{-1} = X^{-1}$ .

Let us denote by  $A_{-1}$  the part of  $A^{-1}$  in  $X_{-1}$  and by  $A_0$  the part of  $A$  in  $X_0 := \overline{D(A)}$ . Clearly,  $A_{-1}$  is an extension of  $A$ .

We have the following

**THEOREM 2** ([6; Prop. 3.1.9]). *If  $A$  is closed and  $\lambda \in \rho(A)$ , then*

- (i)  $D(A_{-1}) = X_0$  and  $\lambda - A_{-1} : X_0 \rightarrow X_{-1}$  is an isomorphism
- (ii)  $A$  is the part of  $A_{-1}$  in  $X$ : if  $\lambda \in \rho(A)$ , then  $\lambda \in \rho(A_{-1})$  and  $R(\lambda, A) = R(\lambda, A_{-1})|_X$ .

In the sequel we shall need the following theorem which is analogous to Theorem 3.1.10 in [6].

**THEOREM 3.** *Let  $A$  be a closed linear operator on  $X$  which resolvent  $R(\lambda^2, A)$  exists for  $\lambda > \omega$  and which satisfies the inequality (2). Then:*

- (i)  $A_0$  generates a cosine family  $\{C_0(t); t \in \mathbb{R}\}$  on  $X_0$  and  $R(\lambda^2, A_0) = R(\lambda^2, A)|_{X_0}$
- (ii)  $X_0$  is  $X_{-1}$  dense in  $X$  and  $(X_0)_{-1}$  is isomorphic to  $X_{-1}$ ,
- (iii) under the identification  $(X_0)_{-1} = X_{-1}$  we have  $(A_0)_{-1} = A_{-1}$ .

The proof of this theorem is given in [2].

**THEOREM 4** ([6, Th.3.1.11 and 2, Th.7]). *Under the assumptions of Theorem 3, the cosine family  $\{C_0(t) : t \in \mathbb{R}\}$  generated by  $A_0$  on  $X_0$  extends to a cosine family  $\{C_{-1}(t); t \in \mathbb{R}\}$  on  $X_{-1}$  whose generator is the operator  $A_{-1}$ .*

Let  $A$  be a closed linear operator on a Banach space  $X$  with non-empty resolvent set  $\rho(A)$ , satisfying to (2).

We denote

$$(8) \quad X_0^\odot = (X_0)^\odot := \{x^* \in X^* : \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow \infty} \|\lambda R(\lambda, A)^* x^* - x^*\| = 0\}$$

(cf. [6, Lemma 3.1.12]). Since the restriction of  $R(\lambda, A)^*$  to  $X_0^\odot$  form the resolvent of some densely defined operator on  $X_0^\odot$ , then we define

$$A_0^\odot : X_0^\odot \rightarrow X_0^\odot$$

such that  $R(\lambda, A_0^\odot) := R(\lambda, A)^*|_{X_0^\odot}$ . From this and from (2) follows that the operator  $A_0^\odot$  is the generator of a cosine family on  $X_0^\odot$ . This cosine family we denote by  $\{C_0^\odot(t) : t \in \mathbb{R}\}$  and the statement is that  $C_0^\odot(t) = C_0^*(t)|_{X_0^\odot}$ . We define

$$(9) \quad X^{\odot \times} := \{x^{\odot*} \in X^{\odot*} : R(\lambda, A^{\odot*})x^{\odot*} \in jX\},$$

where the map  $j$  is the natural embedding of  $X$  into  $X^{\odot*}$ .

The subspace  $X^{\odot \times} \subset X^{\odot*}$  is closed and  $C^{\odot*}(t)$  invariant. If the operator  $A$  satisfies the inequality (2) and is non-densely defined we define

$$(10) \quad X_0^{\odot \times} := (X_0)^{\odot \times}.$$

We have the following

PROPOSITION 1 ([6, Prop. 4.3.1]). *If  $A$  is the generator of the cosine family  $\{C(t), t \in \mathbb{R}\}$  on the space  $X$ , then*

$$(11) \quad X = \{x^{\odot \times} \in X^{\odot \times} : \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \|C^{\odot \times}(t)x^{\odot \times} - x^{\odot \times}\| = 0\}.$$

*If  $A$  satisfies (2) and is non-densely defined, then*

$$(12) \quad X \subset X_0^{\odot \times}$$

*and this inclusion is continuous.*

### 3. Existence and uniqueness of solutions of problem (1)

Following [6, Ch.4] we shall use the space  $X_0^{\odot \times}$  to obtain a method of solving the problem (1) for an arbitrary operator  $A$  satisfying (2). The basic idea of this method comes from [6, Ch.4]. For a given operator  $A$  satisfying (2) we use that  $X \subset X_0^{\odot \times}$  (see (12)) and first we study the problem (1) in the space  $X_0^{\odot \times}$ . Solutions to this problem which lie in  $X_0$  are likely to be also solutions to the problem (1) (cf. [2] and [6, Ch.4]).

We have

LEMMA 1 ([2, Lemma 1]). *If:*

1<sup>0</sup>  $A : X \supset D(A) \rightarrow X$  *is a linear operator satisfying (2),*

2<sup>0</sup>  $f : [0, T] \rightarrow X$  *is continuous,*

*then  $s \rightarrow C_{-1}(t-s)f(s)$  is Bochner integrable in  $X_{-1}$  and the mapping*

$$(13) \quad [0, T] \ni t \rightarrow v(t) := \int_0^t C_{-1}(t-s)f(s)ds \text{ is a norm continuous } X_0$$

*valued function such that*

$$(14) \quad \|v(t)\|_{X_0} \leq Mt\|f\|_{C([0, T], X_0^{\odot \times})},$$

*where  $X_0 := \overline{D(A)}$ ,  $M := \sup\{\|C_0(t)\| : t \in [0, T]\}$ ,  $\{C_0(t), t \in \mathbb{R}\}$  is a cosine family generated by  $A_0$  and  $\{C_{-1}(t); t \in \mathbb{R}\}$  is a cosine family on  $X_{-1}$  which is an extension of the cosine family  $\{C_0(t); t \in \mathbb{R}\}$  (cf. Th.4).*

Now we turn to study the problem (1). We recall the following

DEFINITION 1. A function  $u : [0, T] \rightarrow X_0$  is said to be a (classical) solution of the problem (1) if:

- (i)  $u \in C^1([0, T]) \cap C^2((0, T])$ ,
- (ii)  $u(0) = u_0$  and  $u'(0) = u_1$ ,
- (iii)  $u''(t) = Au(t) + f(t, u(t), u'(t))$  for  $t \in (0, T]$ .

Now we shall prove

THEOREM 5. *If:*

$1^0$   $A : X \supset D(A) \rightarrow X$  is a closed linear non-densely defined operator satisfying (2),

$2^0$   $f : [0, T] \times X_0 \times X_0 \rightarrow X$  is continuous,

$3^0$   $u_0, u_1 \in X_0$

then every classical solution of problem (1) is a solution of the following integral equation

$$(16) \quad u(t) = C_0(t)u_0 + S_0(t)u_1 + \int_0^t S_{-1}(t-s)f(s, u(s), u'(s))ds,$$

where  $S_0(t)x := \int_0^t C_0(s)x ds$  for  $t \in \mathbb{R}, x \in X_0$  and by extending the family  $\{S_0(t) : t \in \mathbb{R}\}$  on the space  $X_{-1}$  we get  $\{S_{-1}(t) : t \in \mathbb{R}\}$ .

Proof. According to [6, Ch.4] and [2, Th.11], we first study the following problem in  $X_{-1}$

$$(17) \quad \begin{cases} \frac{d^2 u}{dt^2} = A_{-1}u + f(t, u, u'(t)), & t \in (0, T], \\ u(0) = u_0, & u'(0) = u_1. \end{cases}$$

Since  $A_{-1}$  is the generator of the cosine family  $\{C_{-1}(t); t \in \mathbb{R}\}$  on  $X_{-1}$  and the function  $f : [0, T] \times X_0 \times X_0 \rightarrow X$  which is continuous is also continuous as  $f : [0, T] \times X_0 \times X_0 \rightarrow X_{-1}$ , standard arguments of cosine function theory (see e.g. [7]), show that every classical solution of (17) must be a solution of the following integral equation

$$(18) \quad u(t) = C_{-1}(t)u_0 + S_{-1}(t)u_1 + \int_0^t S_{-1}(t-s)f(s, u(s), u'(s))ds.$$

But since  $u_0, u_1 \in X_0$  and  $C_{-1}(t)|_{X_0} = C_0(t)$  and  $S_{-1}(t)|_{X_0} = S_0(t)$ , for  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ , we obtain that the equations (16) and (18) are identical, and so every classical solution of (17) is a solution of (16).

On the other hand every classical solution of (1) is a classical solution of (17). This implies that every classical solution of (1) is a solution of (16).

DEFINITION 2. Every function  $u \in C^1([0, T], X_0)$  which satisfies the integral equation (16) is said to be a mild solution of the problem (1).

THEOREM 6. *Let the assumptions  $1^0$  and  $2^0$  of Theorem 5 hold. Suppose that there exists  $L > 0$  such that*

$$\|f(t, x, y) - f(t, u, v)\| \leq L(\|x - u\| + \|y - v\|) \text{ for } t \in [0, T], \quad x, y, u, v \in X_0.$$

*Then for any  $u_0 \in E_0$  and  $u_1 \in X_0$  there exists exactly one solution of the integral equation (16) belonging to  $C^1([0, T], X_0)$ , where*

$$E_0 := \{x \in X_0 : C_0(t)x \text{ is once continuously differentiable in } t\}.$$

Proof. Note first that since  $f : [0, T] \times X_0 \times X_0 \rightarrow X$  is continuous the map  $\tilde{f} : [0, T] \rightarrow X$  is also continuous, where  $\tilde{f}(t) := f(t, u(t), u'(t))$  for  $t \in [0, T]$  and  $u \in C^1([0, T], X_0)$ . A necessary condition that the solution of (18) be of class  $C^1$  is that  $u_0 \in E_0$  and  $u_1 \in X_0$ . From this, by Lemma 1, the mappings:

$$[0, T] \ni t \rightarrow \int_0^t C_{-1}(t-s)f(s, u(s), u'(s))ds \quad \text{and}$$

$$[0, T] \ni t \rightarrow \int_0^t S_{-1}(t-s)f(s, u(s), u'(s))ds$$

are norm continuous  $X_0$ -valued functions.

Therefore the mapping  $G$ , defined by

$$(19) \quad (Gu)(t) := C_0(t)u_0 + S_0(t)u_1 + \int_0^t S_{-1}(t-s)f(s, u(s), u'(s))ds, \quad t \in [0, T],$$

is a mapping from  $C^1([0, T], X_0)$  into itself.

Now a standard contraction mapping argument (cf. e.g. [1, Th. 4]) shows that  $G$  has a unique fixed point  $u$ , which is obviously a mild solution of (1). On the other hand, every mild solution of (1) is a fixed point of  $G$ . Therefore  $u$  is unique.

**THEOREM 7.** *Suppose that*

1<sup>0</sup>  $A : X \supset D(A) \rightarrow X$  is a closed linear non-densely defined operator satisfying (2),

2<sup>0</sup>  $f : [0, T] \times X_0 \times X_0 \rightarrow X$  is of class  $C^1$ ,

3<sup>0</sup>  $u_0 \in D(A) \cap E_0$ ,  $u_1 \in E_0$ ,

4<sup>0</sup>  $Au_0 + f(0, u_0, u_1) \in X_0$ ,

then any  $u \in C^1([0, T], X_0)$ , which is a solution of the equation (16), is a classical solution of problem (1).

Proof. At first we prove that, under the assumptions of this theorem, each solution of (16) is twice continuously differentiable in  $(0, T]$ . Indeed,  $u$  satisfying (16), by definition,  $u \in C^1([0, T], X_0)$ .

Differentiating (16) we get

$$v(t) := u'(t) = A_0 S_0(t)u_0 + C_0(t)u_1 + \int_0^t C_{-1}(t-s)f(s, u(s), v(s))ds$$

and so

$$v(t) = A_0 S_0(t) u_0 + C_0(t) u_1 + \int_0^t C_{-1}(s) f(t-s, u(t-s), v(t-s)) ds.$$

Let  $t, t+h \in (0, T]$ , where  $t$  is fixed and  $h \neq 0$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} v(t+h) - v(t) &= A_0[S_0(t+h) - S_0(t)]u_0 + [C_0(t+h) - C_0(t)]u_1 \\ &\quad + \int_0^{t+h} C_{-1}(s)[f(t+h-s, u(t+h-s), v(t+h-s))]ds \\ &\quad - \int_0^t C_{-1}(s)f(t-s, u(t-s), v(t-s))ds. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $A_0$  is the part of  $A$  we get

$$\begin{aligned} A_0[S_0(t+h) - S_0(t)]u_0 &= A[S_0(t+h) - S_0(t)]u_0 \\ &= [S_{-1}(t+h) - S_{-1}(t)]Au_0 = \int_0^h C_{-1}(t+s)Au_0 ds, \end{aligned}$$

$$[C_0(t+h) - C_0(t)]u_1 = hA_0S_0(t)u_1 + \omega_1(t, h)h$$

and so

$$\begin{aligned} v(t+h) - v(t) &= \int_0^h C_{-1}(t+s)Au_0 ds + [A_0S_0(t)u_1 + \omega_1(t, h)]h \\ &\quad + \int_0^{t+h} C_{-1}(s)f(t+h-s, u(t+h-s), v(t+h-s))ds \\ &\quad - \int_0^t C_{-1}(s)f(t-s, u(t-s), v(t-s))ds. \end{aligned}$$

From this we obtain after some rearrangements

$$\begin{aligned} (20) \quad \frac{1}{h}[v(t+h) - v(t)] &= \frac{1}{h} \int_0^h C_{-1}(t+s)[Au_0 + f(0, u_0, u_1)]ds \\ &\quad + A_0S_0(t)u_1 + \omega_1(t, h) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{h} \int_0^t C_{-1}(t-s)[f(s+h, u(s+h), v(s+h)) - f(s, u(s), v(s))]ds \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{h} \int_0^h C_{-1}(t+s)[f(h-s, u(h-s), v(h-s)) - f(0, u_0, u_1)]ds. \end{aligned}$$

From the assumption on  $f$  we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 (21) \quad & f(s+h, u(s+h), v(s+h)) - f(s, u(s), v(s)) \\
 &= \frac{\partial f}{\partial s}(s, u(s+h), v(s+h))h + \omega_2(s, h)h \\
 &\quad + \frac{\partial f}{\partial u}(s, u(s), v(s+h))u'(s)h + \omega_3(s, h)h \\
 &\quad + \frac{\partial f}{\partial v}(s, u(s), v(s))[v(s+h) - v(s)] + \omega_4(s, h)h,
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $\|\omega_i(s, h)\| \rightarrow 0$  when  $h \rightarrow 0$  for  $i = 1, \dots, 4$ , uniformly in  $s \in [0, T]$ .

We employ the following notation:

$$\begin{aligned}
 B(s) &:= \frac{\partial f}{\partial v}(s, u(s), v(s)), \\
 g(t) &:= C_0(t)x_0 + A_0S_0(t)u_1 \\
 &\quad + \int_0^t C_{-1}(t-s) \left[ \frac{\partial f}{\partial s}(s, u(s), v(s)) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial u}(s, u(s))u'(s) \right] ds
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $x_0 := Au_0 + f(0, u_0, u_1) \in X_0$ .

By Lemma 1,  $g \in C([0, T], X)$ . Moreover, the function  $F(t, w) := B(t)w$  is continuous in  $t$ , and satisfies the Lipschitz condition in  $w$  uniformly in  $t$ , since the mapping  $[0, T] \ni t \rightarrow B(t) \in B(X)$  is continuous. Let  $w \in C([0, T], X)$  be a solution of

$$w(t) = g(t) + \int_0^t C_{-1}(t-s)B(s)w(s)ds.$$

The existence of such a solution follows from the assumptions on  $F, g$  and from Lemma 1. Denoting by

$$(22) \quad w_h(t) := h^{-1}[v(t+h) - v(t)] - w(t),$$

we obtain from (20)–(22)

$$\begin{aligned}
 (23) \quad & w_h(t) = \omega_1(t, h) \\
 &+ \frac{1}{h} \int_0^h C_{-1}(t+s) [f(h-s, u(h-s), v(h-s)) - f(0, u(0), v(0))] ds \\
 &+ \int_0^t C_{-1}(t-s) \left[ \frac{\partial f}{\partial s}(s, u(s+h), v(s+h)) - \frac{\partial f}{\partial s}(s, u(s), v(s)) \right] ds \\
 &+ \int_0^t C_{-1}(t-s) \left[ \frac{\partial f}{\partial u}(s, u(s), v(s+h)) - \frac{\partial f}{\partial u}(s, u(s), v(s)) \right] u'(s) ds
 \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
& + \int_0^t C_{-1}(t-s)[\omega_2(s, h) + \omega_3(s, h) + \omega_4(s, h)]ds \\
& + \left[ \frac{1}{h} \int_0^h C_{-1}(t+s)(Au_0 + f(0, u_0, u_1))ds - C_0(t)x_0 \right] \\
& + \int_0^t C_{-1}(t-s)B(s)w_h(s)ds.
\end{aligned}$$

Since the inclusion  $X \subset X_0^{\odot \times}$  is continuous, by assumption  $2^0$ , we see that all integrands are *weak\** - continuous  $X_0^{\odot \star}$  - valued functions.

Hence the integrals, in (23), can be interpreted as weak\* - integrals in  $X_0^{\odot \star}$ . Therefore, by inequality (14) in Lemma 1, the first four integrals on the right side of (23) tend to zero as  $h \rightarrow 0$  in the norm of  $X_0^{\odot \star}$ , hence in  $X$ . Let us remark that

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left\| \frac{1}{h} \int_0^h C_{-1}(t+s)(Au_0 + f(0, u_0, u_1))ds - C_0(t)x_0 \right\| = 0$$

in  $X_0$  because  $Au_0 + f(0, u_0, u_1) = x_0 \in X_0$ .

From this and from definition and properties of  $\omega_i(t, h)$ , for  $i = 1, \dots, 4$ , it follows that the norm of each one of the six first terms on the right hand of the equality (23) tends to zero as  $h \rightarrow 0$ . Therefore from (23), by Gronwall's inequality, we have

$$(24) \quad \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} w_h(t) = 0 \text{ in norm of } X_0.$$

The equality (24) means that there exists  $v'(t) = u''(t)$  and  $u''(t) = w(t)$  for  $t \in (0, T]$ . Since  $w \in C([0, T], X)$  so  $u \in C^2((0, T], X)$ .

Now we may to differentiate twice the equality (16) in  $X_{-1}$ . This and (24) show that

$$u''(t) = A_{-1}u(t) + f(t, u(t), u'(t))$$

for  $t \in (0, T]$ . It remains to show that  $u(t) \in D(A)$  for  $t \in (0, T]$ . But since  $u(t) \in X_0$  and  $u$  is twice differentiable in  $X$  we get that  $u'(t) \in X_0$  and that  $u''(t)$  belongs to  $X$ . We obtain

$$A_{-1}u(t) = u''(t) - f(t, u(t), u'(t)) \in X.$$

Since  $A$  is the part of  $A_{-1}$  in  $X$ , it follows that  $u(t) \in D(A)$ , which completes the proof.

As a consequence of Theorems 6 and 7 we get

**THEOREM 8.** *Under the assumptions of Theorem 7 the problem (1) has a unique classical solution which is the unique solution of the integral equation (16).*

REMARK. In this paper and in the previous paper [2] we study the Cauchy problem for the second order equation directly using the theory of the operator cosine function generated by the operator  $A$ . In my opinion this method is natural.

It is known the other (standard) method to reduce the second order equation to a system of first order equations. Unfortunately this method needs an additional assumptions on the operator  $A$  (see for example [7, Prop. 2.7.]).

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