

ON THE SOLVABILITY OF THE CAUCHY PROBLEM
FOR SOME CLASSES OF EVOLUTION EQUATIONS
WITH NON-DENSELY DEFINED OPERATOR
COEFFICIENTS

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Abstract: In this paper we describe some classes of arbitrary order evolution equations in a Banach space with linear unbounded non-densely defined operator coefficients, for which the Cauchy problem is well-posed solvable.

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In this paper we describe some classes of differential operator equations of an arbitrary order with linear unbounded non-densely defined operator coefficients in a Banach space, for which the Cauchy problem is well-posed solvable. Also, we establish the well-posed solvability of non-regular initial-boundary value problems with functional boundary conditions for some classes of well-posed in the sense of Petrovsky equations.

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Notations. Let E be a Banach space with the norm $\|\cdot\|$, and let A be a closed operator in E with the domain $D(A)$. Denote

$$E(A) := \{u : u \in D(A), \|u\|_{E(A)} = \|Au\| + \|u\|\}, \quad u^{(k)}(t) := \frac{d^k}{dt^k} u(t),$$

$$C^n([0, T]; E(A_n), \dots, E(A_1), E) := \{f(\cdot) : A_n f, \dots, A_1 f^{(n-1)}, \\ f^{(n)} \in C([0, T]; E)\},$$

$$F_{p,\mu}^\alpha((0, T); E) := \{f(\cdot) : f \in C((0, T); E), \|f\|_{F_{p,\mu}^\alpha((0, T); E)}$$

$$= \sup_{t \in (0, T]} \|t^\mu f(t)\| + \sup_{0 < \tau < t \leq T} \int_\tau^t \frac{\|f(t) - f(s)\|^p}{|t - s|^{p\alpha}} s^{p\mu} ds\},$$

$$\alpha \in (0, 1], \quad \mu \geq 0, \quad p \geq 1.$$

1. Differential Equations with Constant Operator Coefficients

We consider the Cauchy problem for the differential operator equation

$$u^{(n)}(t) + \sum_{k=1}^n (A_k + B_k) u^{(n-k)}(t) = f(t), \quad (1)$$

$$u^{(k)}(0) = u_k, \quad k = 0, 1, \dots, n-1, \quad (2)$$

in a Banach space E . Here A_k and B_k ($k = 1, \dots, n$) are linear unbounded operators with the domains $D(A_k)$ and $D(B_k)$, respectively, $f(t)$ is a function with values in E , and u_0, \dots, u_{n-1} is elements from E .

Boundary value problems for differential operator equations for $n = 1, 2$ have been studied in various aspects by many authors (see, for example, [1-5] and the references therein). Higher-order evolution equations were investigated in [6-9,10,11] and other works.

It is usually assumed that the domains $D(A_k)$ of the operators A_k ($k = 1, \dots, n$) are dense in E , and these operators generate strongly continuous and analytic semigroups. However, in some problems we deal with non-densely defined operators and semigroups with a singularity at zero. In such cases P.E.

Sobolevskii and Y.T. Silchenko [5] worked out a method for the solution of the Cauchy problem for the first-order evolution equations in a Banach space.

A. Favini and H. Tanabe [8] studied the existence, the uniqueness and the regularity of the solution of the problem (1)-(2) for some classes of arbitrary order evolution equations in the case when the operator A_k is basic, and other operators are subordinate to it. We note that in this paper it is not assumed that the domains of A_k are dense.

S.Ya. Yakubov [10] investigated higher-order equations in the case when A_1 or A_2 is basic and other operators are subordinate to them. Without these suggestions a class of equations of the form (1) for $n = 2$ was studied fairly completely in [12-13].

In this paper the problem (1)-(2) is studied without conditions of the subordination to the basic operator in the case when the domains $D(A_k)$ and $D(B_k)$ of the operators A_k and B_k , $k = 1, \dots, n$, generally speaking, are not dense in E . Moreover, $f(t)$, $t > 0$ is assumed to be weak continuous.

Theorem 1. *Let the following conditions be fulfilled:*

1) *The linear operators A_k , $k = 1, \dots, n - 1$, have the bounded inverse operators A_k^{-1} , $k = 1, \dots, n - 1$ in E .*

2) *The closed operators $A_k A_{k-1}^{-1}$, $k = 1, \dots, n$ ($A_0 := I$), for some $\eta > 0$, $\sigma_k \in (0, 1]$, $k = 1, \dots, n$, satisfy the condition*

$$\|R(\lambda; -A_k A_{k-1}^{-1})\| \leq C|\lambda|^{-\sigma_k}, \quad |\arg \lambda| \leq \frac{\pi}{2} + \eta, \quad |\lambda| \rightarrow \infty,$$

and

$$\delta_{pj} := \sum_{k=p}^j \sigma_k \in [j - p, n], \quad 1 \leq p \leq n.$$

3) *For each $\varepsilon > 0$ and $u \in D(A_k A_{k-1}^{-1}) \subset D(A_{k+1} A_k^{-1})$, $k = 1, \dots, n - 1$, the following inequality is valid*

$$\|A_{k+1} A_k^{-1} u\| \leq \varepsilon \|A_k A_{k-1}^{-1} u\| + \Phi_{k,\varepsilon}(u),$$

where $\Phi_{k,\varepsilon}(u)$ is a continuous convex functional of u .

4) *For each $\varepsilon > 0$ and $u \in D(A_{k-1}) \cap D(A_k) \subset D(B_k)$, $k = 1, \dots, n$, the following inequality is valid*

$$\|B_k u\| \leq \varepsilon (\|A_{k-1} u\| + \|A_k u\|) + \Phi_{k,\varepsilon}(u).$$

5) $f \in F_{p,\mu}^\alpha((0, T); E)$, $\alpha \in (n - \delta_{1n}, 1]$, $\mu \in [0, \delta_{1n} - n + 1)$, $p \in [1/\beta, \infty)$.

6) If $\overline{D(A_k)} \neq E$, $k = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$, then $u_k \in D(A_{n-k-1}) \cap D(A_{n-k})$, and if $\overline{D(A_k)} = E$, $k = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$, then $u_k \in D(A_{n-k-1})$.

Then the problem (1)-(2) has the unique solution

$$u \in C^{n-1}([0, T], E(A_{n-1}), \dots, E(A_1), E) \cap C^n((0, T]; \\ E(A_{n-1}) \cap E(A_n), \dots, E(A_1), E).$$

Moreover, the following estimate is valid

$$\|u^{(n)}(t)\| + \|A_1 u^{(n-1)}(t)\| + \dots + \|A_n u(t)\| \\ \leq Ct^{-1}(\|A_1 u_{n-1}\| + \|A_1 u_{n-2}\| + \dots + \|A_{n-1} u_0\| + \|A_n u_0\| + \|u_{n-1}\| \\ + \|f\|_{F_{p,\mu}^\alpha((0,T);E)}), \quad t \in (0, T].$$

2. Differential Equations with Variable Operator Coefficients

We consider the following Cauchy problem for differential-operator equations with variable coefficients

$$u^{(n)}(t) + \sum_{k=1}^n (A_k + B_k(t))u^{(n-k)}(t) = f(t), \quad (3)$$

$$u^{(k)}(0) = u_k, \quad k = 0, 1, \dots, n-1. \quad (4)$$

Theorem 2. Let the following conditions be fulfilled:

1) The operators A_k , $k = 1, \dots, n-1$, have the bounded inverse operators A_k^{-1} , $k = 1, \dots, n-1$ in E .

2) For a certain real α , the closed operators $A_k A_{k-1}^{-1}$, $k = 1, \dots, n$ ($A_0 := I$), satisfy the condition

$$\|R(\lambda; A_k A_{k-1}^{-1})\| \leq C|\lambda|^{-1}, \quad k = 1, \dots, n, \quad \operatorname{Re} \lambda \geq \alpha.$$

3) For each $\varepsilon > 0$ and $u \in D(A_1^2) \subset D(A_2)$,

$$\|A_2 u\| \leq \varepsilon(\|A_1 u\| + \|A_1^2 u\|) + \Phi_{1,\varepsilon}(u),$$

and for each $\varepsilon > 0$ and $u \in D(A_k A_{k-1}^{-1}) \subset D(A_{k+1} A_k^{-1})$,

$$\|A_{k+1} A_k^{-1} u\| \leq \varepsilon \|A_k A_{k-1}^{-1} u\| + \Phi_{k,\varepsilon}(u), \quad k = 2, \dots, n-1,$$

where $\Phi_{k,\varepsilon}(u)$ is a continuous convex functional of u .

4) For each $\varepsilon > 0$ and $u \in D(A_{k-1}) \cap D(A_{k-1}) \subset D(B_k)$, $k = 1, \dots, n$, the following inequality is valid

$$\|B_k(t)u\| \leq \varepsilon(\|A_{k-1}u\| + \|A_k u\|) + \Phi_{k,\varepsilon}(u).$$

5) For a certain $\varepsilon > 0$ and each $t, \tau \in [0, T]$,

$$\|[B_k(t) - B_k(\tau)]\| \leq C(t - \tau)^\beta (\|A_{k-1}u\| + \|A_k u\| + \|u\|),$$

$$f \in F_{p,\mu}^\alpha((0, T); E), \quad \beta \in (0, 1], \quad \mu \in (0, 1], \quad p \in [1, \infty).$$

6) If $\overline{D(A_k)} \neq E$, $k = 0, 1, \dots, n - 1$, then $u_k \in D(A_{n-k-1}) \cap D(A_{n-k})$, and if $\overline{D(A_k)} = E$, $k = 0, 1, \dots, n - 1$, then $u_k \in D(A_{n-k-1})$.

Then the problem (3)-(4) has the unique solution

$$u \in C^n([0, T]; E(A_n), \dots, E(A_1), E).$$

Moreover, the following estimate is valid

$$\|u^{(n)}(t)\| + \sum_{k=1}^n \|A_k u^{(n-k)}(t)\| \leq C \left(\sum_{k=1}^n \|A_{k-1} u_{n-k}\| + \|f\|_{F_{p,\mu}^\beta((0,T);E)} \right), \quad t \in [0, T].$$

We investigate the problems (1)-(2) and (3)-(4) by the method of the semi-group theory as in [9].

3. Initial-boundary Value Problems for Partial Differential Equations

In the rectangle $\Omega = [0, T] \times [0, 1]$ we consider the equation

$$\begin{aligned} Lu := & \frac{\partial^n u(t, x)}{\partial t^n} + (-1)^{p_1} \frac{\partial^{2p_1+n-1} u(t, x)}{\partial t^{n-1} \partial x^{2p_1}} + \dots + (-1)^{p_n} \frac{\partial^{2p_n} u(t, x)}{\partial x^{2p_n}} \\ & + \sum_{\alpha=0}^{2p_1-1} b_{1\alpha}(x) \frac{\partial^{\alpha+n-1} u(t, x)}{\partial t^{n-1} \partial x^\alpha} + \dots + \sum_{\alpha=0}^{2p_n-1} b_{n\alpha}(x) \frac{\partial^\alpha u(t, x)}{\partial x^\alpha} = f(x, t), \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

with the boundary conditions

$$\left. \begin{aligned} L_\nu u = & \alpha_\nu u_x^{(k_\nu)}(t, 0) + \beta_\nu u_x^{(k_\nu)}(t, 1) + T_0 u(t, \cdot) = 0, \\ & \nu = 1, 2, \dots, 2m - r, \\ L_\nu u = & \int_0^1 \varphi_\nu(x) u(t, x) dx = 0, \\ & \nu = 2m - r + 1, \dots, 2m \quad (0 \leq r \leq 2m), \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (6)$$

and the initial conditions

$$u_t^{(k)}(0, x) = u_k(x), \quad k = 0, 1, \dots, n-1. \quad (7)$$

Here α_ν and β_ν are complex numbers, $|\alpha_\nu| + |\beta_\nu| \neq 0$, $0 \leq k_1 \leq \dots \leq k_\nu \leq k_{\nu+1} \leq \dots \leq 2m-1$, T_ν are linear functionals in $W_p^{k_\nu-1}(0,1)$ for a certain $p \in [1, \infty)$, $m = \max_{1 \leq k \leq n} p_k$, $2p_k > p_{k+1} - p_{k-1}$, $k = 1, \dots, n$, $p_0 = 0$, and $\{\varphi_k(x)\}$ are continuous and linear independent on $[0,1]$. Boundary conditions (6) is not assumed to be regular (see [2], p. 17). However, we suppose that boundary conditions (6) satisfy the condition by Y.T. Silchenko [14].

Reducing this problem to the Cauchy problem for the evolution equation (1) and applying Theorem 1 and the estimate from [14], one can prove the well-posed solvability of the problem (5)-(7) in $L_p(0,1)$ for some p_k and p .

Particular cases of this problem with regular boundary conditions were investigated in [3, 12]. For $p_2 > p_1$, equation (5) is quasi-elliptic or quasi-parabolic. For $p_2 < 2p_1$, it is well-posed by Petrovsky, and mixed problem (5)-(7) has not been studied, yet. Here we point out sufficiently wide class of the boundary conditions (6) for which the problem (5)-(7) is well-posed for $p_2 < 2p_1$, and equation (5) is parabolic in the sense that the problem (5)-(7) is reduced to the Cauchy problem for a parabolic differential-operator equation.

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