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Analisi matematica. — *On the existence and uniqueness of solutions of certain boundary value problem.* Nota di JAROSŁAW MORCHAŁO, presentata (*) dal Socio G. ZAPPA.

RIASSUNTO. — Scopo di questo lavoro è quello di investigare il problema della esistenza e unicità delle soluzioni di un problema di valori al contorno per un'equazione differenziale o integrodifferenziale con argomento deviato.

INTRODUCION

In this article the existence and uniqueness theorems for a boundary value problem of the de La Vallée-Poussin type for differential or integro-differential equations with deviated argument, not solvable with respect to the highest derivative will be given.

Namely, we shall consider a differential equation

$$(1) \quad y^{(n)}(x) = F[x, y(g_0(x)), \dots, y(g_m(x)), \dots, y^{(n-1)}(g_0(x)), \dots, \\ \dots, y^{(n-1)}(g_m(x)), y^{(n)}(g_1(x)), \dots, y^{(n)}(g_m(x))] \equiv \\ \equiv F(x, [y], [y'], \dots, [y^{(n)}]) \equiv F(x, u_0, \dots, u_n), \quad x \in \langle a, b \rangle,$$

or an integrodifferential equation

$$(2) \quad y^{(n)}(x) = F(x, [y], [y'], \dots, [y^{(n)}]) + \int_a^b K(x, t, y(g_0(t)), \dots, \\ \dots, y(g_m(t)), \dots, y^{(n-1)}(g_0(t)), \dots, y^{(n-1)}(g_m(t)), y^{(n)}(g_1(t)), \dots, y^{(n)}(g_m(t))) dt \\ \equiv F(x, u_0, \dots, u_n) + \int_a^b K(x, t, u_0, \dots, u_n) dt, \quad x \in \langle a, b \rangle,$$

with boundary conditions

$$(3) \quad y^{(r)}(a_k) = 0, \quad (k = 1, 2, \dots, p, \quad r = 0, 1, \dots, r_k - 1),$$

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where

$$a \leq a_1 < a_2 < \dots < a_p \leq b, \quad 1 \leq p \leq n, \quad \sum_{k=1}^p r_k = n,$$

$$y^{(k)}(z) = \begin{cases} \frac{d^k y(z)}{dz^k} & \text{if } z \in \langle a, b \rangle \\ 0 & \text{if } z \notin \langle a, b \rangle \end{cases} \quad k = 0, 1, \dots, n.$$

Notations. We shall denote by,

$B_C(\langle a, b \rangle)$ - the Banach space of all continuous functions with their k -th order ($k = 1, \dots, n$) derivatives and with the norm

$$(*) \quad \|y\|_C = \max \left\{ \frac{n! n^n}{(n-1)^{n-1} (b-a)^n} \|y\|_1, \frac{(n-1)! n}{(b-a)^{n-1}} \|y\|_1, \dots, \right. \\ \left. \frac{n}{(n-1)(b-a)} \|y^{(n-1)}\|_1, \|y^{(n)}\|_1 \right\},$$

where $\|y\|_1 = \max \{ |y(x)| : x \in \langle a, b \rangle \}$.

$B_A(\langle a, b \rangle)$ - the class of all functions defined on $\langle a, b \rangle$ for which the $(n-1)$ -th derivative is absolutely continuous in this interval thus $y^{(n)}(x)$ exists almost everywhere and is summable in $\langle a, b \rangle$:

$B_B(\langle a, b \rangle)$ - the Banach space whose elements are functions $y \in B_A(\langle a, b \rangle)$ such that $\text{vrai Sup}_{x \in \langle a, b \rangle} |y^{(n)}(x)| < \infty$, and the norm is defined by

$$(**) \quad \|y\|_B = \max \left\{ \frac{n! n^n}{(n-1)^{n-1} (b-a)^n} \|y\|_2, \frac{(n-1)! n}{(b-a)^{n-1}} \|y\|_2, \dots, \right. \\ \left. \frac{(n-k)! n}{k(b-a)^{n-k}} \|y^{(k)}\|_2, \dots, \|y^{(n)}\|_2 \right\},$$

where $\|y\|_2 = \text{vrai max}_{x \in \langle a, b \rangle} |y(x)|$.

By the solution of the boundary value problems (1), (3) or (2), (3) in B_B [respect. B_C] we mean the function $y \in B_B(\langle a, b \rangle)$ [respect. $y \in B_C(\langle a, b \rangle)$], satisfying almost everywhere in $\langle a, b \rangle$ [respect. everywhere in $\langle a, b \rangle$] the equations (1) or (2) and the boundary conditions (3).

Assumptions. The following assumptions will play an important role in what follows.

Assumption H_1 . Suppose that

$$1) \quad F \in C(\langle a, b \rangle \times B_C^{n+1}, (-\infty, \infty)) \cap \text{Lip}_{u_i}(p_i, B_C), \quad (i = 0, 1, \dots, n)$$

$$\text{where } p_0 = \sum_{k=0}^m p_k^0, \dots, p_{n-1} = \sum_{k=0}^m p_k^{n-1}, \quad p_n = \sum_{k=1}^m p_k^n,$$

2) $g_i \in C(\langle a, b \rangle, \langle a, b \rangle)$, $g_0(x) \equiv x$, ($i = 0, 1, \dots, m$),

3) there exists an $r > 0$ such that

$$K_C = \left[\frac{p_0(n-1)^{n-1}(b-a)^n}{n!n^n} + \sum_{k=2}^n \frac{p_{k-1}(k-1)(b-a)^{n-k+1}}{(n-k+1)!n} + p_n \right] < 1$$

for all

$$x \in \langle a, b \rangle, \quad \|y\|_C \leq r,$$

where

$$M_C \leq r(1 - K_C), \quad M_C = \|F(x, [0], \dots, [0])\|_1.$$

Assumption H_2 . Suppose that

1) the function $F: \langle a, b \rangle \times B_B^{n+1} \rightarrow (-\infty, \infty)$ is measurable with respect to the variable $x \in \langle a, b \rangle$ for all $u_i \in B_B$ ($i = 0, \dots, n$), continuous with respect to the variable $u_i \in B_B$ almost everywhere in $\langle a, b \rangle$,

2) the function F is essentially bounded with respect to the variable $x \in \langle a, b \rangle$ for all $u_i \in B_B$,

3) the functions g_i ($i = 1, \dots, m$) are measurable in $\langle a, b \rangle$ and such that the sets $g_i^{-1}(E) = \{x: x \in \langle a, b \rangle \mid g_i(x) \in E\}$ are measurable for arbitrary set $E \in \langle a, b \rangle$ of measure zero.

4) $F \in \text{Lip}_{u_i}(p_i, B_B)$, ($i = 0, \dots, n$),

5) there exists an $r > 0$ such that

$$K_B = \left[\frac{p_0(n-1)^{n-1}(b-a)^n}{n!n^n} + \sum_{k=2}^n \frac{p_{k-1}(k-1)(b-a)^{n-k+1}}{(n-k+1)!n} + p_n \right] < 1$$

for all

$$x \in \langle a, b \rangle, \quad \|y\|_B \leq r,$$

where

$$M_B \leq r(1 - K_B), \quad M_B = \|F(x, [0], [0], \dots, [0])\|_2.$$

Assumption H_3 . Suppose that

1) conditions 1° and 2° from the assumption H_1 are satisfied,

2) the function

$$K \in C(a \leq t \leq x \leq b \times B_C^{n+1}, (-\infty, \infty)) \cap \text{Lip}_{u_i}(q_i, B_C),$$

where

$$q_0 = \sum_{k=0}^m q_k^0, \dots, q_{n-1} = \sum_{k=0}^m q_k^{n-1}, \quad q_n = \sum_{k=1}^m q_k^n, \quad (i = 0, 1, \dots, n),$$

3) there exists an $r > 0$ such that

$$\bar{K}_C = K_C + (b-a) \left[q_0 \frac{(n-1)^{n-1} (b-a)^n}{n! n^n} + \sum_{k=2}^n q_{k-1} \frac{(k-1) (b-a)^{n-k+1}}{(n-k+1)! n} + q_n \right] < 1$$

for all

$$x \in \langle a, b \rangle, \quad \|y\|_C \leq r,$$

where

$$\bar{M}_C \leq r(1 - \bar{K}_C),$$

$$\|F(x, [0], \dots, [0])\|_1 + \left\| \int_a^b K(x, t, [0], \dots, [0]) dt \right\|_1 \leq \bar{M}_C.$$

Assumption H_4 . Suppose that

1) conditions 1^o, 2^o from assumption H_2 and 4^o from assumption H_3 are satisfied,

2) the function K is measurable with respect to the variable t ($a \leq t \leq x \leq b$) for every $x \in \langle a, b \rangle$, $u_i \in B_B(\langle a, b \rangle)$, ($i = 0, 1, \dots, n$) and continuous with respect to the variables $u_i \in B_B$ for every $x \in \langle a, b \rangle$ and for almost all t ,

3) the function K is essentially bounded with respect to the variable $x \in \langle a, b \rangle$ for all t ($a \leq t \leq x \leq b$), $u_i \in B_B$,

4) $K \in \text{Lip}_{u_i}(q_i, B_B)$,

5) there exists an $r > 0$ such that $\bar{K}_B = \bar{K}_C$ for all $x \in \langle a, b \rangle$, $\|y\|_B \leq r$, where

$$\bar{M}_B \leq r(1 - \bar{K}_B), \quad \|F(x, [0], \dots, [0])\|_2 + \left\| \int_a^b K(x, t, [0], \dots, [0]) dt \right\|_2 \leq \bar{M}_B.$$

Main results. Let us write the problem (1), (3) in the equivalent form of an integral equation

$$(4) \quad y(x) = \int_a^b G(x, t) F(t, [y], \dots, [y^{(n)}]) dt$$

where $G(x, t)$ is the Green function of the differential equation $y^{(n)}(x) = 0$ with boundary conditions (3).

Let A denote the operator defined by the right side of (4) i.e.

$$(5) \quad (Ay)(x) = \int_a^b G(x, t) F(t, [y], \dots, [y^{(n)}]) dt.$$

THEOREM 1. Suppose that assumption H_1 hold. Then the problem (1), (3): has a unique solution on the set $K_0 = \{y(x) : y(x) \in B_C(\langle a, b \rangle), \|y\|_C \leq r\}$. This solution is the limit of the sequence of Picard's successive approximations.

$$y_0(x) = \int_a^b G(x, t) F(t, [0], \dots, [0]) dt,$$

$$y_k = Ay_{k-1}, \quad (k = 1, 2, \dots).$$

Proof. We have to prove that operator A has the contraction property. By (5), assumption H_1 and Lemma from [2] we have for $y, z \in K_0$:

$$\|(Ay)(x) - (Az)(x)\|_1 \leq \frac{(n-1)^{n-1}(b-a)^n}{n! n^n} K_C \|y - z\|_C,$$

$$\|(Ay)'(x) - (Az)'(x)\|_1 \leq \frac{(b-a)^{n-1}}{(n-1)! n} K_C \|y - z\|_C,$$

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$$\|(Ay)^{(n-1)}(x) - (Az)^{(n-1)}(x)\|_1 \leq \frac{(n-1)(b-a)}{n} K_C \|y - z\|_C,$$

$$\|(Ay)^{(n)}(x) - (Az)^{(n)}(x)\|_1 \leq K_C \|y - z\|_C.$$

Hence

$$(6) \quad \|(Ay)(x) - (Az)(x)\|_C \leq K_C \|y - z\|_C.$$

Moreover

$$\|(Ao)(x)\|_1 \leq M_C \frac{(n-1)^{n-1}(b-a)^n}{n! n^n},$$

$$\|(Ao)'(x)\|_1 \leq M_C \frac{(b-a)^{n-1}}{(n-1)! n},$$

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$$\|(Ao)^{(n-1)}(x)\|_1 \leq M_C \frac{(n-1)(b-a)}{n},$$

$$\|(Ao)^{(n)}(x)\|_1 \leq M_C.$$

Hence

$$(7) \quad \| (A_0)(x) \|_C \leq r(1 - K_C).$$

New theorem 1 is implied by the fixed-point theorem given in [3].

In the same way we prove the following theorems.

THEOREM 2. *Let assumption H_2 hold. Then the problem (1), (3) has a unique solution in $K_0 = \{y(x) : y(x) \in B_B(\langle a, b \rangle), \|y\|_B \leq r\}$.*

THEOREM 3. *Assume that H_3 hold. Then the problem (2), (3) has a unique solution in K_0 .*

THEOREM 4. *If assumption H_4 is satisfied, then the problem (2), (3) has a unique solution in K_0 .*

Remark. From Theorems 1 and 2 (in the case $n = 2$) we get Theorems 1 and 3 given in the paper by G. A. Kamiński and A. D. Myszkis [1].

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