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**Equazioni a derivate parziali.** — *On hyperbolic partial differential equations in Banach spaces.* Nota (\*) di BOGDAN RZEPECKI, presentata dal Corrisp. R. CONTI.

RIASSUNTO. — Viene dimostrata l'esistenza di soluzioni del problema di Darboux per l'equazione iperbolica  $z''_{xy} = f(x, y, z, z'_x, z'_y)$  sul planiquarto  $x \geq 0, y \geq 0$ . Qui,  $f$  è una funzione continua, con valori in uno spazio Banach che soddisfano alcune condizioni di regolarità espresse in termini della misura di non-compattezza  $\alpha$ .

We prove the existence of solutions of the Darboux problem for the hyperbolic equation  $z''_{xy} = f(x, y, z, z'_x, z'_y)$  on the quarter-plane  $x \geq 0, y \geq 0$ . Here  $f$  is a continuous function with values in a Banach space satisfying some regularity condition expressed in terms of the measure of noncompactness  $\alpha$ .

Throughout this paper  $\mathbf{R}^+ = [0, \infty)$ ,  $\mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{R}^+ \times \mathbf{R}^+$ ,  $\mathbf{E}$  is a Banach space with norm  $\|\cdot\|$ , and  $f$  is an  $\mathbf{E}$ -valued continuous function defined on the set  $\Omega = \mathbf{Q} \times \mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{E} \times \mathbf{E}$ . Further, let  $\alpha$  denote the Kuratowski's measure of noncompactness in  $\mathbf{E}$  (see e.g. [2]), and  $C^1(\mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{E})$  the standard Fréchet space of all  $\mathbf{E}$ -valued functions  $z$  continuous on  $\mathbf{Q}$  together with their partial derivatives  $z'_x$  and  $z'_y$ .

By (+) we shall denote the problem of finding a solution  $z \in C^1(\mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{E})$  of the partial differential equation of the hyperbolic type

$$z''_{xy} = f(x, y, z, z'_x, z'_y)$$

satisfying the initial conditions

$$z(x, 0) = 0 \quad , \quad z(0, y) = 0$$

for  $x \geq 0$  and  $y \geq 0$ .

Hartman and Wintner [3] have shown that, for the existence of a solution of (+) with real function  $f$ , it suffices to suppose that  $f$  is continuous bounded and satisfies a Lipschitz condition with respect to the two last variables. Using the fixed point theorem of Sadovskii ([4], Theorem 3.4.3) we prove the existence of solutions of (+) provided for  $f$  some regularity condition expressed in terms of  $\alpha$ .

Denote by  $S_\infty$  the set of all non-negative real sequences with standard partial order  $\leq$ ; for  $\xi, \eta \in S_\infty$  we write  $\xi < \eta$  if  $\xi \leq \eta$  and  $\xi \neq \eta$ . Let us state the Sadovskii theorem in the following form:

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Let  $\mathcal{V}$  be a closed convex subset of  $C^1(Q, E)$ , and  $\Phi$  a function which maps each non-empty subset  $Z \subset \mathcal{V}$  to a sequence  $\Phi(Z) \in S_\infty$  such that (1)  $\Phi(\{z\} \cup Z) = \Phi(Z)$  for  $z \in \mathcal{V}$ , (2)  $\Phi(\overline{\text{conv}} Z) = \Phi(Z)$  (here  $\overline{\text{conv}} Z$  is the closed convex hull of  $Z$ ), and (3) if  $\Phi(Z) = \theta$  (the zero sequence) then  $\overline{Z}$  is compact in  $C^1(Q, E)$ . Assume that  $F$  is a continuous mapping of  $\mathcal{V}$  into itself and  $\Phi(F[Z]) < \Phi(Z)$  whenever  $\Phi(Z) > \theta$ . Then  $F$  has a fixed point in  $\mathcal{V}$ .

For  $Z \subset C^1(Q, E)$  we denote by  $Z'_x, Z'_y$  and  $Z(s, t)$ , respectively, sets of all  $z'_x, z'_y, z(s, t)$  such that  $z \in Z$ . The lemma below is an adaptation of the corresponding result of Ambrosetti [1].

LEMMA. *If  $W$  is a bounded equicontinuous subset of usual Banach space of continuous  $E$ -valued functions defined on a compact subset  $P$  of  $Q$ , then  $\alpha(\cup\{Z(x, y) : (x, y) \in P\}) = \sup_{(x, y) \in P} \alpha(Z(x, y))$ .*

Our result reads as follows.

THEOREM. *Let  $f$  be uniformly continuous on bounded subsets of  $\Omega$ , and let  $\|f(x, y, z, p, q)\| \leq G(x, y, \|z\|, \|p\|, \|q\|)$  for  $(x, y, z, p, q) \in \Omega$ . Suppose that for each bounded subset  $D$  of  $\Omega$  and a compact subset  $P$  of  $Q$  there exist constants, respectively,  $L(D)$  and  $M(P)$  such that*

$$\begin{aligned} & \|f(x, y, z, p_1, q_1) - f(x, y, z, p_2, q_2)\| \leq \\ & \leq L(D) \cdot \max[\|p_1 - p_2\|, \|q_1 - q_2\|] \text{ on } D \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\alpha(f[P \times W_1 \times W_2 \times W_3]) \leq M(P) \cdot \max[\alpha(W_1), \alpha(W_2), \alpha(W_3)]$$

for all bounded subsets  $W, W_2, W_3$  of  $E$ . Assume in addition that  $G$  is a continuous function which is nondecreasing with respect to the three last variables and the scalar integral equation

$$g(x, y) = \int_0^x \int_0^y G(s, t, g(s, t), g'_x(s, t), g'_y(s, t)) ds dt$$

has a solution  $g \in C^1(Q, \mathbf{R}^+)$ .

Under the above hypotheses, (+) has at least one solution on  $Q$ .

Proof. Fix a positive integer  $n$ . Put  $Q_n = [0, n] \times [0, n]$ . Let

$$\begin{aligned} a_n &= \sup_{(s, t) \in Q_n} g(s, t), \quad b_n = \sup_{(s, t) \in Q_n} g'_x(s, t), \quad c_n = \sup_{(s, t) \in Q_n} g'_y(s, t), \\ d_n &= \sup_{(s, t) \in Q_n} G(s, t, g(s, t), g'_x(s, t), g'_y(s, t)) ds dt \end{aligned}$$

and

$$D_n = \left\{ (x, y, z, p, q) \in Q : (x, y) \in Q_n, \|z\| \leq a_n, \|p\| \leq b_n, \|q\| \leq c_n \right\}.$$

Let us denote by  $\delta_n(\varepsilon)$  ( $\varepsilon \geq 0$ ) the supremum of the numbers  $\|f(x_1, y_1, z_1, p_1, q_1) - f(x_2, y_2, z_2, p_2, q_2)\|$  such that  $\max[|x_1 - x_2|, |y_1 - y_2|, \|z_1 - z_2\|, \|p_1 - p_2\|, \|q_1 - q_2\|] \leq \varepsilon$  whenever  $(x_i, y_i, z_i, p_i, q_i) \in D_n$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ). We define

$$\sigma_n(x, y, \varepsilon) = n \cdot \delta_n(h_n \varepsilon) \cdot \exp(L(D_n)y),$$

$$\tau_n(x, y, \varepsilon) = n \cdot \delta_n(h_n \varepsilon) \cdot \exp(L(D_n)x)$$

for  $x, y, \varepsilon$  in  $\mathbf{R}^+$ , where  $h_n = \max(1, b_n, c_n, d_n)$ .

Let  $\mathcal{V}_0$  be the set of all  $z \in C^1(Q, E)$  with  $\|z(s, t)\| \leq g(s, t)$ ,  $\|z'_x(s, t)\| \leq g'_x(s, t)$  and  $\|z'_y(s, t)\| \leq g'_y(s, t)$  on  $Q$ . By  $\mathcal{V}$  we represent the set of all  $z \in \mathcal{V}_0$  such that

$$\|z'_x(s + \varepsilon, t) - z'_x(s, t)\| \leq \sigma_n(s, t, \varepsilon), \|z'_y(s + \varepsilon, t) - z'_y(s, t)\| \leq d_n \varepsilon$$

and

$$\|z'_y(s, t + \varepsilon) - z'_y(s, t)\| \leq \tau_n(s, t, \varepsilon), \|z'_x(s, t + \varepsilon) - z'_x(s, t)\| \leq d_n \varepsilon$$

( $n = 1, 2, \dots$ ) for  $(s, t)$  in  $Q_n$  and with sufficiently small  $\varepsilon > 0$ . It is not hard to see that  $\mathcal{V}$  is a convex closed bounded subset of  $C^1(Q, E)$ , and  $\mathcal{V}'_x, \mathcal{V}'_y$  are almost equicontinuous on  $Q$ .

Putting

$$(Fz)(x, y) = \int_0^x \int_0^y f(s, t, z(s, t), z'_x(s, t), z'_y(s, t)) ds dt$$

we shall write (+) in the form  $z = Fz$  (in  $\mathcal{V}$ ), because  $F$  is a continuous mapping of  $\mathcal{V}$  into itself.

Let

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_n(Z) = \max [ & \sup_{(s,t) \in Q_n} \exp(-r_n(s+t)) \alpha(Z(s,t)), \\ & \sup_{(s,t) \in Q_n} \exp(-r_n(s+t)) \alpha(z'_x(s,t)), \\ & \sup_{(s,t) \in Q_n} \exp(-r_n(s+t)) \alpha(z'_y(s,t)) ]. \end{aligned}$$

( $n = 1, 2, \dots$ ) for a nonempty subset  $Z$  of  $\mathcal{V}$ , where  $r_n > 0$ . Now we shall show the basic inequality:  $\min(r_n, r_n^2) \cdot \varphi_n(F[Z]) \leq 3 M_n \cdot \varphi_n(Z)$  with  $M_n = M(Q_n)$ .

To this end, fix  $(x, y)$  in  $Q_n$ . Let

$$\mu_0(s, t) = \alpha(Z(s, t)), \mu_1(s, t) = \alpha(Z'_x(s, t)), \mu_2(s, t) = \alpha(Z'_y(s, t))$$

for  $(s, t) \in Q$ . For any given  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists a  $\delta > 0$  such that  $(s', t'), (s'', t'') \in [0, x] \times [0, y]$  with  $|s' - s''| < \delta$  and  $|t' - t''| < \delta$  implies  $3 M_n |\mu_k(s', t') - \mu_k(s'', t'')| < \varepsilon$  ( $k = 0, 1, 2$ ). We divide the intervals  $[0, x]$  and  $[0, y]$  into  $m$  parts

$$x_0 = 0 < x_1 < \dots < x_m = x, \quad y_0 = 0 < y_1 < \dots < y_m = y$$

in such a way that  $\max |x_i - x_{i-1}| < \delta$  and  $\max |y_i - y_{i-1}| < \delta$ . Put:

$$\begin{aligned} P_{ij} &= [x_{i-1}, x_i] \times [y_{j-1}, y_j], \\ W_{ij}^{(0)} &= \cup \{Z(s, t): (s, t) \in P_{ij}\}, \\ W_{ij}^{(1)} &= \cup \{Z'_x(s, t): (s, t) \in P_{ij}\} \text{ and} \\ W_{ij}^{(2)} &= \cup \{Z'_y(s, t): (s, t) \in P_{ij}\} \end{aligned}$$

for  $i, j = 1, 2, \dots, m$ . By Lemma we obtain

$$\alpha(W_{ij}^{(k)}) = \sup_{(s, t) \in P_{ij}} \mu_k(s, t) \quad (k = 0, 1, 2);$$

let  $(s_i^{(k)}, t_j^{(k)})$  be a point in  $P_{ij}$  with  $\alpha(W_{ij}^{(k)}) = \mu_k(s_i^{(k)}, t_j^{(k)})$ .

Let  $\mu(s, t) = \mu_0(s, t) + \mu_1(s, t) + \mu_2(s, t)$  on  $Q$ .

Applying the integral mean value theorem, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha(F[Z](x, y)) &\leq \alpha\left(\sum_{i,j=1}^m \text{mes}(P_{ij}) \overline{\text{conv}}(f[Q_n \times W_{ij}^{(0)} \times W_{ij}^{(1)} \times W_{ij}^{(2)}])\right) \leq \\ &\leq M_n \sum_{i,j=1}^m \text{mes}(P_{ij}) \max[\alpha(W_{ij}^{(0)}), \alpha(W_{ij}^{(1)}), \alpha(W_{ij}^{(2)})] \leq \\ &\leq M_n \left\{ \int_0^x \int_0^y \mu(s, t) ds dt + \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \sum_{k=0}^2 \sum_{i,j=1}^m \int_{P_{ij}} |\mu_k(s, t) - \mu_k(s_i^{(k)}, t_j^{(k)})| ds dt \right\} < \\ &< M_n \cdot \int_0^x \int_0^y \mu(s, t) ds dt + \varepsilon xy; \end{aligned}$$

therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha (F [Z] (x, y)) &\leq M_n \cdot \int_0^x \int_0^y \mu (s, t) ds dt \leq \\ &\leq 3 M_n \cdot \varphi_n (Z) \cdot \int_0^x \int_0^y \exp (r_n (s + t)) ds dt \end{aligned}$$

and consequently

$$r_n^{-2} \cdot \sup_{(x, y) \in Q_n} \exp (-r_n (x + y)) \alpha (F [Z] (x, y)) \leq 3 M_n \cdot \varphi_n (Z).$$

Arguments similar to the above imply that

$$\begin{aligned} r_n^{-1} \cdot \sup_{(x, y) \in Q_n} \exp (-r_n (x + y)) \max [ \alpha (F [Z]'_x (x, y)), \alpha (F [Z]'_y (x, y)) ] \leq \\ \leq 3 M_n \cdot \varphi_n (Z), \end{aligned}$$

and our inequality is proved.

Define:

$\Phi (Z) = (\varphi_1 (Z), \varphi_2 (Z), \dots)$  for a non-empty subset  $Z$  of  $\mathcal{V}$ . Evidently,  $\Phi (Z) \in S_\infty$ . By properties of  $\alpha$  and Ascoli theorem the function  $\Phi$  satisfy conditions (1)-(3) listed above.

Assume  $r_n > \max (1, 3 M_n)$  for  $n \geq 1$ . Then from our basic inequality it follows that  $\Phi (F [Z]) < \Phi (Z)$  whenever  $\Phi (Z) > \theta$ . Thus all assumptions of Sadovskii's fixed point theorem are satisfied,  $F$  has a fixed point in  $\mathcal{V}$  and the proof is complete.

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