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INTRODUCTION

Let E be a real Banach space, and F a densely and continuously imbedded subspace in E ; moreover let $f : F \rightarrow E$ be a continuously differentiable mapping.

We shall consider the following Cauchy problem:

$$(P) \begin{cases} u'(t) = f(u(t)) \\ u(0) = u_0. \end{cases}$$

In [2] existence and uniqueness are established for the maximal classical solution $u(t, u_0)$, of (P), which is defined and continuous in a relatively open set $\Omega \subset \mathbf{R}^+ \times F$.

Roughly speaking, the assumptions required in [2] are the following: $f'(u_0)$ is the infinitesimal generator of an analytic semi-group in E , depending continuously on u_0 , and F and E are continuous interpolation spaces (see [2]).

In this paper we give a new and simpler proof of this result; the technique applied here allows us to study the analyticity of the solution u with respect to (t, u_0) . More precisely, we show that if $f : F_C \rightarrow E_C$ ⁽¹⁾ is holomorphic ⁽²⁾, then the maximal solution of (P) is analytic in (t, u_0) for $t > 0$. \square

DEFINITION 1.

Let E, F be two real (resp. complex) Banach spaces, F being densely and continuously imbedded in E . For every $T > 0$ and $\theta \in]0, \pi]$ set $S_\theta = \{z \in \mathbf{C} ; z \neq 0, |\arg z| < \theta\}$ and $S_{\theta, T} = S_\theta \cap \{z \in \mathbf{C} ; |z| < T\}$.

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(1) F_C, E_C denote respectively the complexifications of F and E .

(2) For definitions and properties of holomorphic functions in Banach spaces, see [1] and [4].

A linear operator $A : F \rightarrow E$ is said to satisfy the hypothesis $\mathcal{R} = \mathcal{R}(\theta, M, \omega, c', c'', \gamma)$ if:

(a) $A \in L(F, E)$ ⁽³⁾; there exist $c', c'' > 0$ such that

$$c' (\|y\|_E + \|Ay\|_F) \leq \|y\|_F \leq c'' (\|y\|_E + \|Ay\|_F) \quad \forall y \in F$$

(b) A is the infinitesimal generator of an analytic semi-group

$$e^{tA} : R^+ \rightarrow L(E) \quad (\text{resp. } e^{\lambda A} : S_\theta \rightarrow L(E) \text{ for some } \theta \in \left]0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right[)$$

and moreover we have:

$$\|e^{tA}\|_{L(E)} \leq M e^{\omega t} \quad \forall t > 0 \quad (\text{resp. } \|e^{\lambda A}\|_{L(E)} \leq M e^{\omega \operatorname{Re} \lambda} \quad \forall \lambda \in \bar{S}_\theta)$$

with $M > 0$ and $\omega \in \mathbf{R}$.

(c) There exists a continuous function γ such that for any $\varphi \in C([0, T]; E)$ ⁽⁴⁾ we have:

$$e^{tA} * \varphi \in C([0, T]; F) \text{ and}$$

$$\|e^{tA} * \varphi\|_{C([0, T]; F)} \leq \gamma(T) \|\varphi\|_{C([0, T]; E)}$$

(resp. $e^{\lambda A} * \varphi \in C(\bar{S}_{\theta, T}; F)$ for any $\varphi \in C(\bar{S}_{\theta, T}; E)$, and

$$\|e^{\lambda A} * \varphi\|_{C(\bar{S}_{\theta, T}; F)} \leq \gamma(T) \|\varphi\|_{C(\bar{S}_{\theta, T}; E)}).$$

If $U \subset F$ is any open set, a function:

$$A : U \rightarrow L(F; E) \quad ; \quad y \mapsto A(y)$$

is said to satisfy continuously the hypothesis \mathcal{R} if for every $y \in U$, $A(y)$ satisfies the hypothesis $\mathcal{R}(\theta(y), M(y), \omega(y), c'(y), c''(y), \gamma(y))$ and the functions $\theta, M, \omega, c', c'' : U \rightarrow \mathbf{R}, \gamma : U \rightarrow C(R^+; \mathbf{R})$ are continuous. \square

From now on E and F will be real Banach spaces, F being densely and continuously imbedded in E .

(3) $L(F; E)$ is the Banach space of all linear continuous operators $A : F \rightarrow E$; we set $L(E) = L(E, E)$.

(4) If X is a Banach space, $C([0, T]; X)$ is the Banach space of all continuous mappings $u : [0, T] \rightarrow X$; $C^1([0, T]; X)$ is the Banach space of all continuously differentiable mappings $u : [0, T] \rightarrow X$.

(5) For any $g \in C([0, T]; E)$ set $e^{tA} * g(s) = \int_0^s e^{(s-\tau)A} g(\tau) d\tau$; for any $g \in C(\bar{S}_{\theta, T}; E)$ set $e^{\lambda A} * g(z) = \int_0^z e^{(z-\xi)A} g(\xi) d\xi = \int_0^1 z e^{z(1-s)A} g(sz) ds$.

Let $\Omega \subset F$ be open and $f \in C^1(\Omega; E)$. Consider the following Cauchy problem:

$$(P) \begin{cases} u'(t) = f(u(t)) & t \geq 0 \\ u(0) = x & x \in \Omega. \end{cases}$$

THEOREM 2. Let $f \in C^1(\Omega; E)$ and assume that $f'(x)$ satisfies continuously the hypothesis \mathcal{R} . Then for any $x_0 \in \Omega$ there exist: $r = r(x_0) > 0$, $r' = r'(x_0) > 0$, $T = T(x_0) > 0$ and a continuous function:

$$u : [0, T] \times B(x_0, r) \rightarrow B(x_0, r')^{(6)} ; \quad (t, x) \mapsto u(t, x)$$

such that $u(\cdot, x) \in C^1([0, T]; E) \cap C([0, T]; F)$ is the unique solution of (P) with values in $B(x_0, r')$.

Proof. For fixed $x_0, x \in \Omega, T > 0$, set

$$\psi_x(y) = f(y) - f(x) - f'(x)(y - x) \quad \forall y \in \Omega.$$

Then (P) is equivalent to

$$(2) \quad \begin{aligned} u(t) &= x + \int_0^t e^{sf'(x)} f(x) ds + \int_0^t e^{(t-s)f'(x)} \psi_x(u(s)) ds = \\ &= v_x(t) + S_x(u)(t) \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{cases} v_x(t) = x + \int_0^t e^{sf'(x)} f(x) ds & \forall t \in [0, T] \\ S_x(w)(t) = \int_0^t e^{(t-s)f'(x)} \psi_x(w(s)) ds & \forall w \in C([0, T]; F), t \in [0, T]. \end{cases}$$

By the assumption $\mathcal{R}-(c)$, S_x maps $C([0, T]; F)$ into itself. Let us solve (2) by the Local Contractions Principle, in the ball $B(u_0, r)$ with $r > 0$ and $u_0(t) = x_0 \forall t \in [0, T]$.

Fix $\hat{T} > 0$, sufficiently large; then for every $w_1, w_2 \in B(u_0, r)$ we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \|S_x(w_1) - S_x(w_2)\|_{C([0, T]; F)} &\leq \sup_{T \in [0, \hat{T}]} \gamma(x)(T) \|\psi_x(w_1) - \psi_x(w_2)\|_{C([0, T]; E)} \leq \\ &\leq \sup_{T \in [0, \hat{T}]} \gamma(x)(T) [\|f(w_1) - f(w_2)\|_{C([0, T]; E)} + \|f'(x)\|_{L(F; E)} \|w_1 - w_2\|_{C([0, T]; F)}]. \end{aligned}$$

(6) If X is a Banach space, $x \in X, r > 0$, then $B(x, r) = \{y \in X; \|y - x\|_X \leq r\}$.

Let $r' = r'(x_0) \in]0, \text{dist}(x_0, \partial\Omega)[$ be such that

$$\|S_x(w_1) - S_x(w_2)\|_{C([0, T]; F)} \leq \frac{1}{2} \|w_1 - w_2\|_{C([0, T]; F)} \quad \forall x \in B(x_0, r'),$$

By $\mathcal{R} - (a) - (b)$ we have, for fixed $t \in [0, T]$:

$$\begin{aligned} \|v_x(t) - x_0 + S_x(u_0)(t)\|_F &\leq \|x - x_0\|_F + \left\| \int_0^t e^{sf'(x)} (f(x) + \psi_x(x_0)) ds \right\|_F \leq \\ &\leq \|x - x_0\|_F + c''(x) [\mathbf{M}(x) t e^{t\omega(x)} \|f(x) + \psi_x(x_0)\|_E + \\ &+ \|(e^{tf'(x)} - 1)(f(x) + \psi_x(x_0))\|_E] = \Phi(t, x). \end{aligned}$$

Since Φ is continuous and $\Phi(0, x_0) = 0$, we may choose $T = T(x_0) \in]0, \hat{T}]$, $r = r(x_0) \in [0, r'[$ such that

$$\|v_x - u_0 + S_x(u_0)\|_{C([0, T]; F)} \leq \frac{r'}{2} \quad \forall x \in B(x_0, r).$$

The statement follows now applying the Principle of Local Contractions (see [3]) in the ball $B(u_0, r'(x_0)) \subset C([0, T]; F)$, since one can prove that, for any fixed $w \in C([0, T]; F)$, the functions

$$\begin{cases} \Omega \rightarrow C([0, T]; F); & x \mapsto S_x(w) \\ \Omega \rightarrow C([0, T]; F); & x \mapsto v_x \end{cases}$$

are continuous. \square

For any fixed $x \in \Omega$ we can show, by classical arguments, global uniqueness of the solution of (P) and existence and uniqueness of the maximal solution (namely defined on a maximal time interval $J(x)$) of (P). Moreover $J(x)$ is relatively open in R^+ .

THEOREM 3. *Under the hypotheses of Theorem 2, for every $x \in \Omega$ let $u(\cdot, x) : J(x) \rightarrow F$ be the maximal solution of (P). Then, setting:*

$$\Lambda = \{(t, x) ; x \in \Omega, t \in J(x)\},$$

Λ is relatively open in $R^+ \times \Omega$ and $u : \Lambda \rightarrow F$; $(t, x) \mapsto u(t, x)$ is continuous.

Proof. Let $x_0 \in \Omega$, $0 < T < \tau(x) = \sup J(x)$. As the set $K = \{u(t, x_0) ; t \in [0, T]\}$ is compact, there exist $n \in \mathbf{N}$, $y_1, \dots, y_n \in K$ such that $\{\overset{\circ}{B}(y_i, r(y_i)) ; i = 1, \dots, n\}^{(7)}$ is a covering of K . Set $\bar{T} = \min\{T(y_i) ;$

(7) If X is a topological space and $A \subset X$, we denote by $\overset{\circ}{A}$ the interior of A .

$i = 1, \dots, n\}$ (here $r(y_i)$ and $T(y_i)$ are defined as in Theorem 2). Since $x_0 \in \overset{\circ}{B}(y_{i_1}, r(y_{i_1}))$, there exists $s_1 > 0$ such that

$$u : [0, \bar{T}] \times B(x_0, s_1) \rightarrow F ; \quad (t, x) \mapsto u(t, x)$$

is continuous. Similarly, we have $u(\bar{T}, x_0) \in B(y_{i_2}, r(y_{i_2}))$ and hence there exists $s_2 > 0$ such that

$$u : [0, 2\bar{T}] \times B(x_0, s_2) \rightarrow F ; \quad (t, x) \mapsto u(t, x)$$

is continuous. Iterating this argument, after a finite number of steps we find $s > 0$ such that

$$u : [0, T] \times B(x_0, s) \rightarrow F ; \quad (t, x) \mapsto u(t, x)$$

is continuous; thus we show that for every $x_0 \in \Omega$ and $t \in J(x_0)$ there exists a neighbourhood of (t, x_0) where u is continuous. \square

To prove the analyticity theorem we need the following lemma:

LEMMA 4. *Let X, Y be two complex Banach spaces, Y being densely and continuously imbedded in X ; let $U \subset Y$ be an open set and let $A : U \rightarrow L(Y; X)$ be a holomorphic mapping, satisfying continuously the hypothesis \mathcal{R} . Suppose that there exists $\theta \in]0, \theta(y)] \forall y \in U$. Let $g \in C(\bar{S}_{\theta, T} \times U; X)$ be holomorphic in $S_{\theta, T} \times U$; then the function $u(\lambda, x) = (e^{zA(x)} * g(x))(\lambda)$ ⁽⁵⁾ is the mild solution of the linear problem:*

$$\begin{cases} \frac{du}{d\lambda}(\lambda, x) = A(x)u(\lambda, x) + g(\lambda, x) & \lambda \in S_{\theta, T} \\ u(0) = 0. \end{cases}$$

Moreover u belongs to $C(\bar{S}_{\theta, T} \times U; Y)$ and is holomorphic in $S_{\theta, T} \times U$, with values in Y . \square

THEOREM 5. *Assume that f is defined and holomorphic, with values in E_C , on a neighbourhood Ω' of Ω in F_C . Let $f'(x)$ satisfy continuously the hypothesis \mathcal{R} on Ω' . Then the function $u : \Lambda \rightarrow F$, defined as in Theorem 4, is real analytic.*

Proof. Let $x_0 \in \Omega', \theta \in]0, \theta(x_0)[$; then there exists $\delta = \delta(x_0) \in]0, \text{dist}(x_0, \partial\Omega')[$ such that $S_{\theta(x)} \supset S_\theta$ for every $x \in B(x_0, \delta) \subset F_C$. Let us consider the problem:

$$\begin{cases} u'(z) = f(u(z)) & z \in S_{\theta, \sigma}; \sigma > 0 \\ u(0) = x & x \in B(x_0, \delta) \subset F_C. \end{cases}$$

We may show, following the proof of Theorem 2, that there exist $\rho \in]0, \delta[, \rho', \sigma > 0$, depending on x_0 , and a unique continuous function

$u : \bar{S}_{\theta,\sigma} \times B(x_0, \rho) \rightarrow B(x_0, \rho')$ which satisfies:

$$u(z, x) = x + \int_0^z e^{\lambda f'(x)} f(x) d\lambda + \int_0^z e^{(z-\lambda)f'(x)} \psi_x(u(\lambda)) d\lambda.$$

Let $\{u_n\}_{n \in \mathbf{N}} : \bar{S}_{\theta,\sigma} \times B(x_0, \rho) \rightarrow B(x_0, \rho')$ be the approximating functions of u given by the Contractions Theorem:

$$\begin{aligned} u_0(z, x) &= x \\ u_n(z, x) &= x + \int_0^z e^{\lambda f'(x)} f(x) d\lambda + \int_0^z e^{(z-\lambda)f'(x)} \psi_x(u_{n-1}(\lambda)) d\lambda. \end{aligned}$$

Clearly u_0 is holomorphic; moreover if u_{n-1} is assumed to be holomorphic in $S_{\theta,\sigma} \times \dot{B}(x_0, \rho)$ (7), then it follows from Lemma 4 that also u_n is holomorphic in $S_{\theta,\sigma} \times \dot{B}(x_0, \rho)$. Moreover $u_n \rightarrow u$ in $C(S_{\theta,\sigma} \times B(x_0, \rho); F_C)$, so that it can be shown that u is holomorphic in $S_{\theta,\sigma} \times \dot{B}(x_0, \rho)$. In particular, if $x_0 \in \Omega$, then u is real analytic, with values in F , in $]0, \sigma[\times B(x_0, \rho)$. To accomplish the proof it now suffices to use the same arguments as in Theorem 3. \square

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