

INTEGRODIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS WITH TIME DELAY IN HILBERT SPACE

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1. Introduction

In this paper we consider two types of integro-differential equations containing time delay in a complex Hilbert space H . One is an equation of Volterra type

$$(1.1) \quad \frac{d}{dt}u(t) + Au(t) + \int_0^t a(t-s)Bu(s)ds = f(t), \quad 0 < t < T,$$

$$(1.2) \quad u(0) = x.$$

The other is the following retarded functional differential equation

$$(1.3) \quad \frac{d}{dt}u(t) + Au(t) + A_1u(t-h) + \int_{-h}^0 a(-s)A_2u(t+s)ds = f(t),$$
$$0 < t < T,$$

$$(1.4) \quad u(0) = x, \quad u(s) = y(s), \quad s \in [-h, 0).$$

Here, A is the operator associated with a sesquilinear form $a(u, v)$ defined in $V \times V$ and satisfying Garding's inequality and (2.2) of Section 2 where V is another Hilbert space such that $V \subset H \subset V^*$. B , A_1 , A_2 are bounded linear operators from V to V^* such that BA^{-1} , A_1A^{-1} , A_2A^{-1} map H into itself boundedly. The function a in (1.1), is a numerical valued function of bounded variation in the interval $[0, T]$, and that in (1.3) is a similar function in $[-h, 0]$. The right member f is some function with values in H .

We try to solve (1.1) and (1.2) for an arbitrary $x \in H$ and f which does not necessarily belong to $L^1(0, T; H)$, assuming some other conditions

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(F.i) and (F.ii) of Section 2 instead. An example of such a function $f \notin L^1(0, T; H)$ is given in the appendix.

Following the method in M. G. Crandall and J. A. Nohel [5] we can reduce (1.1) to the equation

$$(1.5) \quad \frac{du}{dt} + Au = G(u)$$

where letting R be the solution of

$$aBA^{-1} + R + aBA^{-1} * R = 0$$

$G(u)$ is defined by

$$(1.6) \quad G(u) = f + R * f - R(0)u + Rx - \dot{R} * u.$$

The function R is of bounded variation with values in $B(H)$ as well as in $B(V^*)$, and $G(u)$ will be considered as a function with values in H and also in V^* for $u \in C([0, T]; H)$. Since f is not assumed to belong to $L^1(0, T; H)$, $R * f$ in the right side of (1.6) is defined as an improper integral

$$(R * f)(t) = \int_{+0}^t R(t - s)f(s)ds = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow +0} \int_{\epsilon}^t R(t - s)f(s)ds,$$

when it is considered as a function taking values in H . Then (1.5) and (1.2) can be solved by successive approximation, which establish the existence and uniqueness of a solution u of (1.1) and (1.2) such that

$$u \in L^2(0, T; V) \cap C([0, T]; H) \\ u', Au \in L^2(0, T; H, tdt).$$

The third term of the left side of (1.1) exists as a Bocher integral in V^* , but it should be understood in the improper sense when it is considered as an integral in H :

$$\int_{+0}^t a(t - s)Bu(s)ds = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow +0} \int_{\epsilon}^t a(t - s)Bu(s)ds.$$

Next, we apply this result to the second equation (1.3) under the same assumption for f as above. Assuming

$$x \in H, y \in L^2(-h, 0; V) \cap L^2(-h, 0; D(A), (s + h)ds)$$

$$\int_{-h+0}^0 Ay(s)ds \in H,$$

we can solve (1.3) and (1.4) step by step in $[nh, (n + 1)h \wedge T]$ for $n = 0, 1, \dots$, and show the existence and uniqueness of the solution u such that

$$u \in C([nh, (n + 1)h \wedge T]; H) \cap L^2(nh, (n + 1)h \wedge T; V),$$

$$u', Au \in L^2(nh, (n + 1)h \wedge T; H, (t - nh)dt),$$

$$\int_{nh+0}^{(n+1)h \wedge T} Au(t)dt \in H,$$

for any integer n such that $nh < T$. The integral in the left side of (1.3) should be understood in the improper sense

$$\left\{ \int_{-h}^{nh-t} + \int_{nh-t+0}^0 \right\} a(-s)A_2u(t + s)ds$$

when it is considered as an integral in H .

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2. Assumption and main theorems

Let H and V be complex Hilbert spaces such that V is a dense subspace of H and the embedding of V to H is continuous. The norms of H and V are denoted by $|\cdot|$ and $\|\cdot\|$, respectively. Identifying H with its antidual we may consider $V \subset H \subset V^*$. The norm of V^* is denoted by $\|\cdot\|_*$. For a couple of Hilbert spaces X and Y the notation

$B(X, Y)$ denotes the totality of bounded linear operators from X to Y , and $B(X) = B(X, X)$.

Let $a(u, v)$ be a sesquilinear form defined in $V \times V$. Suppose that there exists positive constants C_1, c, c_1 such that

$$(2.1) \quad |a(u, v)| \leq C_1 \|u\| \|v\|$$

$$(2.2) \quad \operatorname{Re} a(u, u) \geq c \|u\|^2 - c_1 |u|^2$$

for any $u, v \in V$.

Let A be the operator associated with the sesquilinear form $a(u, v)$:

$$(2.3) \quad a(u, v) = (Au, v), \quad u, v \in V.$$

The operator A belongs to $B(V, V^*)$. The realization of A in H which is the restriction of A to

$$D(A) = \{u \in V : Au \in H\}$$

is also denoted by the same letter A . It is known that $-A$ generates an analytic semigroup in both of V^* and H .

We assume that there exist a positive constant C_2 such that

$$(2.4) \quad |a(u, v) - a^*(u, v)| \leq C_2 \|u\| \|v\|.$$

The operator A^* associated with $a^*(u, v)$ is the adjoint of A . From (2.4) it follows that $(A - A^*)u \in H$ for any $u \in V$ and

$$(2.5) \quad |(A - A^*)u| \leq C_2 \|u\|.$$

Let B, A_1, A_2 be operators belonging to $B(V, V^*)$. We assume that their restrictions to $D(A)$ all belong to $B(D(A), H)$, where $D(A)$ is a Hilbert space with the graph norm of A .

As for the inhomogeneous term f we assume

$$(F.i) \quad f \in L^2(0, T; V^*) \cap L^2(0, T; H, t dt)$$

where $f \in L^2(0, T; H, tdt)$ means that f is a strongly measurable function with values in H in $(0, T)$ and $\int_0^T |f(t)|^2 t dt < \infty$,

(F.ii) $\int_{+0}^T f(t)dt = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow +0} \int_{\epsilon}^T f(t)dt$ exists in H .

Concerning the function a and the initial value x we assume that for the problem (1.1), (1.2)

(I.i) a is a complex valued function of bounded variation in $[0, T]$,

(I.ii) $x \in H$;

and for the problem (1.3), (1.4)

(II.i) h is some fixed positive number,

(II.ii) a is a complex valued function of bounded variation in $[0, h]$,

(II.iii) $x \in H$,

(II.iv) $y \in L^2(-h, 0; V) \cap L^2(-h, 0; D(A), (s + h)ds)$

where $y \in L^2(-h, 0; D(A), (s + h)ds)$ means that y is a strongly measurable function with values in $D(A)$ in $(-h, 0)$ and

$$\int_{-h}^0 (|Ay(s)|^2 + |y(s)|^2)(s + h)ds < \infty,$$

(II.v) $\int_{-h+0}^0 Ay(s)ds = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow +0} \int_{-h+\epsilon}^0 Ay(s)ds$ exists in H .

DEFINITION 2.1. A strong solution u of (1.1), (1.2) is a function $u \in L^2(0, T; V) \cap C([0, T]; H)$ such that $u(0) = x$, u is absolutely continuous as a function taking values in H in $[\delta, T]$ for any $\delta > 0$, $u(t) \in D(A)$ a.e in $[0, T]$ and $Au \in L^2(\delta, T; H)$ for any $\delta > 0$, the improper integral

(2.6)
$$\int_{+0}^t a(t - s)Bu(s)ds = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow +0} \int_{\epsilon}^t a(t - s)Bu(s)ds$$

exists in H for any $t \in (0, T)$, and (1.1) holds a.e in $[0, T]$, where the integral in the left side of (1.1) is understood as the improper integral (2.6).

DEFINITION 2.2. A strong solution u of (1.3), (1.4) is a function $u \in L^2(-h, T; V) \cap C([0, T]; H)$ such that $u(0) = x$, $u(s) = y(s)$ a.e. in $[-h, 0)$, u is absolutely continuous in $[nh + \delta, (n + 1)h \wedge T]$ for each $n = 0, 1, \dots, [T/h]$ and $\delta > 0$ as a function with values in H , $u(t) \in D(A)$

a.e. in $[0, T]$ and $Au \in L^2(nh + \delta, (n + 1)h \wedge T; H)$ for $n = 0, 1, \dots, [T/h]$ and $\delta > 0$, the improper integral

$$(2.7) \quad \int_{-h}^0 a(-s)A_2u(t + s)ds = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow +0} \left(\int_{-h}^{nh-t} + \int_{nh-t+\epsilon}^0 \right) a(-s)A_2u(t + s)ds$$

exists in H for $t \in (nh, (n + 1)h \wedge T)$, $n = 0, 1, \dots, [T/h]$, and (1.3) holds a.e. in $[0, T]$, where the integral in the left side of (1.3) is understood as the improper integral (2.7).

THEOREM 1. *A strong solution u of (1.1), (1.2) exists and is unique, and we have $u', Au \in L^2(0, T; h, tdt)$.*

THEOREM 2. *A strong solution u of (1.3) and (1.4) exists and is unique, and we have*

$$u', Au \in L^2(nh, (n + 1)h \wedge T; H, (t - nh)dt)$$

for any nonnegative integer n such that $nh < T$.

3. Proof of Theorem 1

Since the solution u we are seeking belongs to $L^2(0, T; V) \cap C([0, T]; H)$ and $f \in L^2(0, T; V^*)$ by the assumption (F.i), the function $a * Bu$ and $G(u)$ both belong to $L^2(0, T; V^*)$. Hence, $u', Au \in L^2(0, T; V^*)$ in view of J. L. Lions ([7]:Theorem 1.1). Thus, in the proof of the equivalence of (1.1) and (1.5) we can argue in the space V^* so that all integrals which appear are ones in Bocher's sense. Hence,

$$(R * f)(t) = \int_{+0}^t R(t - s)f(s)ds$$

exists as an improper integral in H , and is bounded:

$$(3.1) \quad |(R * f)(t)| \leq |R(0)| \left| \int_{+0}^t f(\sigma)d\sigma \right| + V(R; [0, t]) \sup_{0 \leq s \leq t} \left| \int_{+0}^s f(\sigma)d\sigma \right|,$$

LEMMA 3.1. *Let u be the solution of*

$$(3.2) \quad u'(t) + Au(t) = g(t), \quad 0 < t \leq T,$$

$$(3.3) \quad u(0) = x,$$

where $x \in H$ and $g \in L^2(0, T; V^*)$. Then

$$(3.4) \quad |u(t)|^2 + c \int_0^t \|u(s)\|^2 ds \leq |x|^2 + \frac{1}{c} \int_0^t \|g(s)\|_*^2 ds.$$

If $g \in L^2(0, T; H, t dt)$ in addition, then

$$(3.5) \quad \int_0^t |u'(t)|^2 s ds \leq (1 + \frac{C_2^2}{2c} t) |x|^2 + \frac{1}{c} (1 + \frac{C_2^2}{2c} t) \int_0^t \|g(s)\|_*^2 ds + 2 \int_0^t |g(s)|^2 s ds.$$

Proof. The inequality (3.4) is well known (see J. L. Lions [7], Theorem 1.1). The second inequality (3.5) is also rather well known, and we only sketch the proof. Assuming that $u(t)$ is a nice function we make formal calculations which are easily justified by approximating x and $f(t)$ by sequences of nice elements. Taking inner product of both sides of (3.2) and $u(t)$, and using (2.2) ($c_1 = 0$), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} |u(t)|^2 + \text{Rea}(u(t), u(t)) &= \text{Re}(g(t), u(t)) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2c} \|g(t)\|_*^2 + \frac{c}{2} \|u(t)\|^2 \leq \frac{1}{2c} \|g(t)\|_*^2 + \frac{1}{2} \text{Rea}(u(t), u(t)), \end{aligned}$$

from which we readily obtain

$$\frac{d}{dt} |u(t)|^2 + \text{Rea}(u(t), u(t)) \leq \frac{1}{c} \|g(t)\|_*^2.$$

Integrating this inequality from 0 to t , we have

$$(3.6) \quad |u(t)|^2 + \int_0^t \text{Rea}(u(s), u(s)) ds \leq |x|^2 + \frac{1}{c} \int_0^t \|g(s)\|_*^2 ds,$$

and we also get

$$\begin{aligned} & |u'(t)|^2 + \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} a(u(t), u(t)) \\ &= \operatorname{Re}(g(t), u'(t)) + \frac{1}{2} (u'(t), (A^* - A)u(t)). \end{aligned}$$

Multiplying both sides of this equality by t and integrating from 0 to t we get after an integration by parts

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^t |u'(s)|^2 s ds + \frac{t}{2} a(u(t), u(t)) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t a(u(s), u(s)) ds + \operatorname{Re} \int_0^t (g(s), u'(s)) s ds \\ & \quad + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t (u'(s), (A^* - A)u(s)) s ds. \end{aligned}$$

We obtain

$$\begin{aligned} (3.7) \quad & \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t |u'(s)|^2 s ds \\ & \leq \frac{1}{2} \left(1 + \frac{1}{2c} C_2^2 t\right) \int_0^t \operatorname{Re} a(u(s), u(s)) ds + \int_0^t |g(s)|^2 s ds. \end{aligned}$$

From (3.6) and (3.7) we conclude

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t |u'(s)|^2 s ds \\ & \leq \frac{1}{2} \left(1 + \frac{1}{2c} C_2^2 t\right) (|x|^2 + \frac{1}{c} \int_0^t \|g(s)\|_*^2 ds) + \int_0^t |g(s)|^2 s ds \end{aligned}$$

which completes the proof.

Set $u_0(t) \equiv x$. Let u_1 be the solution of the following initial value problem

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{d}{dt} u(t) + Au_1(t) = G(u_0)(t), \\ & u_1(0) = x. \end{aligned}$$

Since $u_0 \in C([0, T] : H)$ and G maps $C([0, T]; H)$ to $L^2(0, T; V^*)$, $G(u_0) \in L^2(0, T; V^*)$. Hence, by the above mentioned result of J.L. Lions [7], the solution $u_1(t)$ exists.

Since $u_1(t) \in C([0, T]; H)$, $G(u_1) \in L^2(0, T; V^*)$. Hence, we can define $u_2(t)$ as the solution of

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt}u_2(t) + Au_2(t) &= G(u_1)(t), \\ u_2(0) &= x. \end{aligned}$$

Iterating this process, we can show that there exist a sequence $\{u_n(t)\}$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt}u_n(t) + Au_n(t) &= G(u_{n-1})(t), \\ u_n(0) &= x \end{aligned}$$

for any $n = 1, 2, \dots$.

To prove the convergence of $\{u_n(t)\}$, we prove the following lemma.

LEMMA 3.2. *Let u and \hat{u} be elements of $C([0, T]; H)$, and $v(t)$ and $\hat{v}(t)$ be solutions of the following equations :*

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt}v(t) + Av(t) &= G(u)(t), \quad v(0) = x, \\ \frac{d}{dt}\hat{v}(t) + A\hat{v}(t) &= G(\hat{u})(t), \quad \hat{v}(0) = x. \end{aligned}$$

Then the following inequality holds :

$$(3.8) \quad |v(t) - \hat{v}(t)| \leq (|R(0)| + V(R; 0, t)) \int_0^t |u(s) - \hat{u}(s)| ds.$$

Proof. Taking the inner product of both sides of

$$\frac{d}{dt}(v(t) - \hat{v}(t)) + A(v(t) - \hat{v}(t)) = G(u)(t) - G(\hat{u})(t)$$

and $(v(t) - \hat{v}(t))$, we obtain

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} |v(t) - \hat{v}(t)|^2 \leq |G(u)(t) - G(\hat{u})(t)| |v(t) - \hat{v}(t)|.$$

By Lemma A.5 of page 157 of [4], we have

$$|v(t) - \widehat{v}(t)| \leq \int_0^t |G(u)(s) - G(\widehat{u})(s)| ds.$$

Note that $G(u)$ and $G(\widehat{u})$ themselves do not belong to $L^1(0, T; H)$, but their difference does. By the definition of $G(u)(t)$, we obtain

$$G(u)(s) - G(\widehat{u})(s) = -R(0)(u(s) - \widehat{u}(s)) - (\dot{R} * (u - \widehat{u}))(s).$$

Hence

$$|v(t) - \widehat{v}(t)| \leq R(0) \int_0^t |u(s) - \widehat{u}(s)| ds + \int_0^t |(\dot{R} * (u - \widehat{u}))(s)| ds.$$

By an elementary calculation, we obtain (3.8).

Applying (3.8) to u_n, u_{n-1} in place of u, \widehat{u}

$$|u_{n+1}(t) - u_n(t)| \leq (|R(0)| + V(R; 0, t)) \int_0^t |u_n(s) - u_{n-1}(s)| ds.$$

If $0 \leq t \leq T$ then $V(R; 0, t) \leq V(R; 0, T)$. Hence, putting

$$C_0 = |R(0)| + V(R; 0, T),$$

we have

$$(3.9) \quad |u_{n+1}(t) - u_n(t)| \leq C_0 \int_0^t |u_n(s) - u_{n-1}(s)| ds.$$

Iterating (3.9) one shows by induction that

$$|u_{n+1}(t) - u_n(t)| \leq \frac{(C_0 T)^n}{n!} \max_{0 \leq \tau \leq T} |u_1(\tau) - u_0(\tau)|,$$

which implies that $\{u_n(t)\}$ converges uniformly in H .

Put $u(t) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_n(t)$. Applying (3.4), (3.5) to u_{n+1} , we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 c \int_0^t \|u_{n+1}(s)\|^2 ds &\leq |x|^2 + \frac{1}{c} \int_0^t \|G(u_n)(s)\|_*^2 ds, \\
 \int_0^t |u'_{n+1}(s)|^2 s ds &\leq (1 + \frac{C^2}{2c}t)|x|^2 + \frac{1}{c}(1 + \frac{C^2}{2c}t) \int_0^t \|G(u_n)(s)\|_*^2 ds \\
 &\quad + 2 \int_0^t |G(u_n)(s)|^2 s ds.
 \end{aligned}$$

As is easily seen the right hand sides of the above inequalities are uniformly bounded. Hence, we see that u and u' belong to $L^2(0, T : V)$ and $L^2(0, T : H, t dt)$, respectively, and u satisfies (1.5) and (1.2). Thus u is a solution of (1.1) and (1.2).

For $0 < \varepsilon < t$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3.10) \quad \int_\varepsilon^t a(t-s)Bu(s)ds &= \int_\varepsilon^t a(t-s)BA^{-1}(G(u)(s) - u'(s))ds \\
 &= \int_\varepsilon^t a(t-s)BA^{-1}(G(u)(s) - f(s))ds + BA^{-1} \int_\varepsilon^t a(t-s)(f(s) - u'(s))ds.
 \end{aligned}$$

Since $G(u)(s) - f(s)$ is bounded in H in view of (3.1), the first term in the right side of (3.10) converges in H as $\varepsilon \rightarrow +0$. Since

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\int_\varepsilon^t a(t-s)(f(s) - u'(s))ds \\
 &= \int_\varepsilon^t a(t-s) \frac{d}{ds} \left(\int_{+0}^s f(\sigma)d\sigma - u(s) \right) ds \\
 &= a(0) \left(\int_{+0}^t f(\sigma)d\sigma - u(t) \right) - \int_{+0}^t d_s a(t-s) \left(\int_{+0}^s f(\sigma)d\sigma - u(s) \right) + a(t)x
 \end{aligned}$$

as $\varepsilon \rightarrow +0$, the second term also converges in H as $\varepsilon \rightarrow +0$. Hence,

$$\int_{+0}^t a(t-s)Bu(s)ds$$

exists as an improper integral in H for each $t \in (0, T]$.

Uniqueness of solutions of (1.1) and (1.2) follows from Lemma 3.2.

4. Proof of Theorem 2

We have only to consider the case $h < T$. First we show the existence of solutions of (1.3) and (1.4) in $[0, h]$. For $0 < t < h$ the problems (1.3) and (1.4) are reduced to

$$(4.1) \quad \begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt}u(t) + Au(t) + \int_0^t a(t-s)A_2u(s) ds \\ = f(t) - A_1y(t-h) - \int_{t-h}^0 a(t-s)A_2y(s)ds \equiv g(t), \end{aligned}$$

$$(4.2) \quad u(0) = x$$

By the assumption (F.i) (II.iv) it is obvious that $g \in L^2(0, T; V^*)$. In view of (II.iv)

$$(4.3) \quad \int_0^h |A_1y(t-h)|^2 t dt = |A_1A^{-1}|^2 \int_{-h}^0 |Ay(s)|^2 (s+h) ds < \infty.$$

With the aid of an integration by parts

$$(4.4) \quad \begin{aligned} \int_{t-h}^0 a(t-s)A_2y(s)ds \\ = A_2A^{-1} \left\{ a(t) \int_{t-h}^0 Ay(\sigma) d\sigma - \int_{t-h}^0 \int_{t-h}^s Ay(\sigma) d\sigma d_s a(t-s) \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

By (II.iv), (II.v)

$$C_1 \equiv \sup_{-h < s < t \leq 0} \left| \int_s^t Ay(\sigma) d\sigma \right| < \infty.$$

Hence, using (4.4)

$$(4.5) \quad \left| \int_{t-h}^0 a(t-s)A_2y(s)ds \right| \leq C_1 |A_2A^{-1}| \{ |a(-t)| + V(a; t, h) \}.$$

From (F.i), (4.3), and (4.5) it follows that $g \in L^2(0, h; H, t dt)$. In view of (F.ii), (II.v), and (4.5)

$$\int_{+0}^h g(t)dt = \int_{+0}^h f(t) dt + A_1 A^{-1} \int_{-h+0}^0 A y(s) ds + \int_{-h}^0 \int_{t-h}^0 a(t-s) A_2 y(s) ds dt$$

exists in H . Hence, we can apply Theorem 1 to show the existence of a solution u of (4.1) and (4.2) such that

$$u \in L^2(0, h; V) \cap L^2(0, h; D(A), t dt), \int_{+0}^h Au(t) dt \text{ exists in } H.$$

Suppose that it has been shown that a solution u exists in $[0, nh]$ for some integer n with $nh < T$ such that

$$(4.6) \quad u \in L^2(ih, (i+1)h; V) \cap L^2(ih, (i+1)h; D(A), (t-ih) dt),$$

$$(4.7) \quad \int_{ih+0}^{(i+1)h} Au(t) dt \in H$$

for $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n-1$. For $nh < t < (n+1)h \wedge T$ the equation (1.3) is reduced to

$$(4.8) \quad \frac{d}{dt}u(t) + Au(t) + \int_{nh}^t a(t-s)A_2u(s) ds = f(t) - A_1u(t-h) - \int_{t-h}^{nh} a(t-s)A_2u(s)ds \equiv g(t).$$

From (4.6) with $i = n-1$ it readily follows that $g \in L^2(nh, (n+1)h \wedge T; V^*)$. Following the technique of the proof of (4.4) we get

$$(4.9) \quad \int_{t-h}^{nh} a(t-s)A_2u(s) ds = A_2A^{-1} \{a(t-nh) \int_{t-h}^{nh} Au(\sigma) d\sigma - \int_{t-h}^{nh} \int_{t-h}^s Au(\sigma) d\sigma d_s a(t-s)\}.$$

In view of (4.6), (4.7)

$$(4.10) \quad C_2 \equiv \sup_{(n-1)h \leq \tau < s \leq nh} \left| \int_{\tau}^s Au(\sigma) d\sigma \right| < \infty.$$

From (4.9) and (4.10) we get

$$(4.11) \quad \left| \int_{t-h}^{nh} a(t-s)A_2u(s) ds \right| \leq C_2|A_2A^{-1}|\{|a(t-nh)| + V(a; t-h, nh)\}.$$

By virtue of (4.6), (4.7) with $i = n - 1$

$$(4.12) \quad \int_{nh}^{(n+1)h \wedge T} |A_1u(t-h)|^2(t-nh) dt = \int_{(n-1)h}^{nh \wedge T} |A_1u(t)|^2(t-(n-1)h) dt < \infty,$$

$$(4.13) \quad \int_{nh+0}^{(n+1)h \wedge T} A_1u(t-h) dt = A_1A^{-1} \int_{(n-1)h+0}^{nh \wedge T} Au(t) dt \in H.$$

With the aid of (F.ii), (4.11), (4.12), and (4.13) we get

$$g \in L^2(nh, (n+1)h \wedge T; H, (t-nh)dt), \int_{nh+0}^{(n+1)h \wedge T} g(t) dt \in H.$$

Hence, applying Theorem 1 to (4.8) in $[nh, (n+1)h \wedge T]$ we see that there exists a solution u of (4.8) satisfying the initial condition $u(nh+0) = u(nh-0)$ such that

$$u \in C([nh, (n+1)h \wedge T]; H) \cap L^2(nh, (n+1)h \wedge T; V) \cap L^2(nh, (n+1)h \wedge T; D(A), (t-nh) dt)$$

and

$$\int_{nh+0}^{(n+1)h \wedge T} Au(t) dt \text{ exists in } H.$$

Appendix

We give an example of H, V, f such that

(A.1) $f \in L^2(0, T; V^*) \cap L^2(0, T; H, tdt),$

(A.2) $\int_{+0}^T f(t)dt$ exists in H

(A.3) $\int_0^T |f(t)|dt = \infty.$

Let Λ be the operator associated with the inner product $((\cdot, \cdot))$ of V :

$$(\Lambda u, v) = ((u, v)), \quad u, v \in V.$$

Then, the realization of Λ in H is positive definite and self-adjoint. For $u_0 \in H$ set $u(t) = e^{-t\Lambda}u_0$. Then, it is easy to see that

(a.1) $f(t) = u'(t) = -\Lambda e^{-t\Lambda}u_0$

satisfies (A.1), and (A.2) (cf. Lemma 3.1).

It remains to choose H, V, u_0 so that the function $f(t)$ defined by (a.1) satisfies (A.3).

Let Ω be a bounded domain in \mathbf{R}^n with smooth boundary. Let $H = L^2(\Omega), V = H_0^1(\Omega)$. Then

(a.2) $((u, v)) = \sum_{n=1}^n \int_{\Omega} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} \cdot \overline{\frac{\partial v}{\partial x_i}} dx$

is an inner product in $H_0^1(\Omega)$. The realization in $L^2(\Omega)$ of the operator associated with (a.2) is

$$D(\Lambda) = H^2(\Omega) \cap H_0^1(\Omega), \quad \Lambda u = -\Delta u \quad \text{for } u \in D(\Lambda).$$

Denote the eigenvalues of Λ by $\lambda_j, j = 1, 2, \dots$, and the corresponding orthonormal set of eigenfunctions by $\{\varphi_j\}$. We suppose that $\{\lambda_j\}$ are arranged in the increasing order and repeated according to the multiplicity.

For $\lambda \geq 0$ let $N(\lambda)$ be the number of the eigenvalues of Λ which do not exceed λ . It is known that

$$N(\lambda) = c_0 \lambda^{n/2} + o(\lambda^{n/2})$$

as $\lambda \rightarrow \infty$, where c_0 is some positive constant. Hence, there exists a positive constant c such that

$$(a.3) \quad \lambda_j \geq cj^{2/n}, \quad j = 1, 2, \dots,$$

$$(a.4) \quad (c\lambda)^{n/2} \leq N(\lambda) \leq (c^{-1}\lambda)^{n/2} \text{ for } \lambda \geq \lambda_1.$$

We use the following elementary fact:

$$(a.5) \quad \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n(\log n)^p} \quad \begin{cases} < \infty, & \text{if } p > 1 \\ = \infty, & \text{if } p \leq 1. \end{cases}$$

Let

$$u_0 = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} a_j \varphi_j, \quad a_j = (j+1)^{-1/2} \{\log(j+1)\}^{-2/3}.$$

In view of (a.5) $\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} a_j^2 < \infty$. Hence, u_0 is an element of $L^2(\Omega)$. Put $u(t) = e^{-t\Lambda} u_0$. Then,

$$u'(t) = - \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} a_j \lambda_j e^{-\lambda_j t} \varphi_j.$$

In what follows we suppose $0 < t \leq \lambda_1^{-1}$. Since $\{a_j\}$ is a decreasing sequence

$$(a.6) \quad |u'(t)|^2 = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} a_j^2 \lambda_j^2 e^{-2\lambda_j t} \geq \sum_{j=1}^{N(1/t)} \lambda_j^2 e^{-2\lambda_j t} a_{N(1/t)}^2.$$

Noting that $x^2 e^{-2xt}$ is an increasing function of x in the interval $[0, 1/t]$ and $cj^{2/n} \leq \lambda_j \leq 1/t$ for $j \leq N(1/t)$ in view of (a.3) we get

$$(a.7) \quad \sum_{j=1}^{N(1/t)} \lambda_j^2 e^{-2\lambda_j t} \geq \sum_{j=1}^{N(1/t)} (cj^{2/n})^2 e^{-2cj^{2/n} t}.$$

Since $x^{4/n}e^{-2cx^{2/n}t}$ is an increasing function of x in $[0, (cj)^{-n/2}]$ and $N(1/t) \leq (ct)^{-n/2}$ in view of (a.4)

$$\begin{aligned}
 (a.8) \quad & \int_0^{N(1/t)} x^{4/n} e^{-2cx^{2/n}t} dx \\
 &= \sum_{j=1}^{N(1/t)} \int_{j-1}^j x^{4/n} e^{-2cx^{2/n}t} dx \\
 &\leq \sum_{j=1}^{N(1/t)} j^{4/n} e^{-2cj^{2/n}t}.
 \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand noting $N(1/t) \geq (c/t)^{n/2}$ in view of (a.4) and by the change of the variable $y = x^{2/n}t$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (a.9) \quad & \int_0^{N(1/t)} x^{4/n} e^{-2cx^{n/2}t} dx \\
 &\geq \int_0^{(c/t)^{n/2}} x^{4/n} e^{-2cx^{2/n}t} dx \\
 &= \frac{n}{2} t^{-2-n/2} \int_0^c y^{n/2+1} e^{-2cy} dy
 \end{aligned}$$

Combining (a.6), (a.7), (a.8), (a.9) we get

$$(a.10) \quad |u'(t)|^2 \geq \frac{n}{2} c^2 t^{-2-n/2} \int_0^c y^{n/2+1} e^{-2cy} dy \cdot a_{N(1/t)}^2.$$

Set $b(t) = [(ct)^{-n/2}]$, where $[\cdot]$ means the integral part. By view of (a.4) $N(1/t) \leq b(t)$. Since $\{a_j\}$ is a decreasing sequence, it follows from (a.10) that

$$(a.11) \quad |u'(t)| \geq c_1 t^{-1-n/4} a_{b(t)}$$

for some positive constant c_1 . Hence, with the aid of the change of the variable $s = (ct)^{-n/2}$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{\lambda_1} |u'(t)| dt &\geq c_1 \int_0^{\lambda_1} t^{-1-n/4} a_{b(t)} dt \\ &\geq \frac{2}{n} c_1 c^{n/4} \int_N^\infty s^{-1/2} a_{[s]} ds, \end{aligned}$$

where $N = [(\lambda_1/c)^{n/2}] + 1$. As is easily seen

$$\begin{aligned} \int_N^\infty s^{-1/2} a_{[s]} ds &= \sum_{j=N}^\infty \int_j^{j+1} s^{-1/2} a_{[s]} ds \\ &\geq \sum_{j=N}^\infty (j+1)^{-1/2} a_j \\ &= \sum_{j=N}^\infty (j+1)^{-1} \{\log(j+1)\}^{-2/3} = \infty \end{aligned}$$

by virtue of (a.5). Thus we conclude

$$\int_0^{\lambda_1} |f(t)| dt = \int_0^{\lambda_1} |u'(t)| dt = \infty.$$

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