

BOUNDED SOLUTIONS OF SOME ABSTRACT DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS

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Introduction. We give here two theorems abstract versions and generalization of some results in our previous papers [2], [3].² For semigroup theory applied here look at [1].

THEOREM 1. *Let $T(t)$ be a strongly continuous semigroup in the Banach space X such that $T(0) = I$ and $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} T(t)x = 0 \quad \forall x \in X$.*

Let A be its infinitesimal generator and suppose $\exists \lambda_0 \in \mathbb{C}$ such that $(\lambda_0 - A)^{-1}$ is a compact operator in X .

Let $u(t) \in C^1(-\infty, \infty; X)$, $u(t) \in D(A) \quad \forall t \in (-\infty, \infty)$, be a solution of the abstract differential equation

$$u'(t) = Au(t)$$

which is defined for all $t \in (-\infty, \infty)$.

Suppose $\exists c > 0$ such that $\int_t^{t+1} \|u(t)\|_X^2 dt \leq c, \quad \forall t \in (-\infty, \infty)$. Then $u(t) \equiv \theta, \quad \forall t \in (-\infty, \infty)$.

PROOF OF THE THEOREM. We remark first that from our hypothesis

$$\sup_{-\infty < t < \infty} \int_t^{t+1} \|u(t)\|_X^2 dt < \infty$$

there follows the existence of a sequence $(t_n)_n \downarrow -\infty$, such that $\sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \|u(t_n)\|_X < \infty$. We remark also that, for each $t \geq t_0$, the function $u(t)$ admits the representation $u(t) = T(t - t_0)u(t_0)$.

Also, a well-known fact is that $(\lambda_0 - A)^{-1}T(t) = T(t)(\lambda_0 - A)^{-1}$. Let us put now: $\omega(t) = (\lambda_0 - A)^{-1}u(t)$; obviously sequence $\{\omega(t_n)\}_n$ contains a convergent subsequence $\omega(t_{n_k}) \rightarrow \omega_\infty \in X$, and $\omega(t) = T(t - t_0)\omega(t_0), \quad \forall t \geq t_0$. Let $t \in (-\infty, \infty)$ be fixed and k_0 big enough to get $t_{n_k} < t$ for $k \geq k_0$. Then we obtain, as $t > t_{n_k}$,

$$\omega(t) = T(t - t_{n_k})\omega(t_{n_k}) = T(t - t_{n_k})[\omega(t_{n_k}) - \omega_\infty] + T(t - t_{n_k})\omega_\infty$$

and, consequently,

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$$\begin{aligned} \|\omega(t)\| &\leq \|T(t - t_{nk})\|_{\mathcal{L}(X, X)} \|\omega(t_{nk}) - \omega_\infty\|_X + \|T(t - t_{nk})\omega_\infty\|_X \\ &\leq L \|\omega(t_{nk}) - \omega_\infty\|_X + \|T(t - t_{nk})\omega_\infty\|_X, \quad \forall k \geq k_0. \end{aligned}$$

(Because of the strong continuity of $T(t)$ and asymptotic decay to 0, it follows that $\|T(t)\|_{\mathcal{L}} \leq L$.) This obviously implies $\omega(t) = \theta$, hence $u(t) = \theta$.

In the second result, conditions on the compactness of $(\lambda_0 - A)^{-1}$ and on strong asymptotic decay of $T(t)$ are replaced by the condition of strong asymptotic decay of the adjoint semigroup $T^*(t)$. Precisely, we have

THEOREM 2. *Let $T(t)$ be a strongly continuous semigroup in the Banach space X , and let us suppose that*

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} T^*(t)x^* = 0, \quad \forall x^* \in X^*$$

$T^*(t)$ being, $\forall t \in (0, \infty)$, the adjoint operator of $T(t)$ acting in the dual space X^* . Let A be the infinitesimal generator of $T(t)$ and $u(t)$; $-\infty < t < \infty \Rightarrow D(A)$ be a strong solution of the differential equation $u'(t) = Au(t)$. Suppose $\exists c > 0$ such that

$$\int_t^{t+1} \|u(t)\|_X^2 dt \leq c, \quad -\infty < t < \infty.$$

Then $u(t) \equiv \theta$, $-\infty < t < \infty$.

PROOF OF THEOREM 2. As in Theorem 1 we find a sequence $(t_n)_1^\infty$ of real numbers, such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} t_n = -\infty$ and $\|u(t_n)\|_X \leq M$, $n = 1, 2, \dots$. For arbitrary real t_0 , we will have $t_n < t_0$ if $n \geq n_0$. Then we may represent $u(t_0)$ as: $u(t_0) = T(t_0 - t_n)u(t_n)$. Take now an arbitrary $x^* \in X^*$; then, if $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ means duality between X and X^* we will have $\langle x^*, u(t_0) \rangle = \langle x^*, T(t_0 - t_n)u(t_n) \rangle = \langle T^*(t_0 - t_n)x^*, u(t_n) \rangle$ and

$$|\langle x^*, u(t_0) \rangle| \leq \|T^*(t_0 - t_n)x^*\| \|u(t_n)\| \leq M \|T^*(t_0 - t_n)x^*\|.$$

As $n \rightarrow \infty$, $T^*(t_0 - t_n)x^* \rightarrow \theta$; hence $\langle x^*, u(t_0) \rangle = \theta \forall x^* \in X^*$ and consequently $u(t_0) = \theta$.

REMARK. An example of the situation arising in Theorem 2 is the following: (see our paper [3]).

Take $X = L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$; $T(t)f = e^{-(s_1^2 + \dots + s_n^2)t} f(s)_{t \geq 0}$, $s = (s_1 \cdot \dots \cdot s_n)$, $f(s) \in L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$. It is immediate that $T^*(t) = T(t)$, $\forall t \geq 0$, and that

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{-2(s_1^2 + \dots + s_n^2)t} f^2(s) ds \right)^{1/2} = 0, \quad \forall f(s) \in L^2.$$

Also, $Af = -(s_1^2 + \cdots + s_n^2)f(s)$ with $D(A) = \{f \in L^2, -|s|^2 f \in L^2\}$. Hence our Theorem 2 applies in this case.

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