

## ALMOST AUTOMORPHIC SOLUTIONS OF SEMILINEAR EVOLUTION EQUATIONS

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ABSTRACT. We are concerned with the semilinear differential equation in a Banach space  $\mathbb{X}$ ,

$$x'(t) = Ax(t) + F(t, x(t)), \quad t \in \mathbb{R},$$

where  $A$  generates an exponentially stable  $C_0$ -semigroup and  $F(t, x) : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{X}$  is a function of the form  $F(t, x) = P(t)Q(x)$ . Under appropriate conditions on  $P$  and  $Q$ , and using the Schauder fixed point theorem, we prove the existence of an almost automorphic mild solution to the above equation.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

Consider in a Banach space  $(\mathbb{X}, \|\cdot\|)$  the semilinear differential equation

$$(1.1) \quad x'(t) = Ax(t) + F(t, x(t)), \quad t \in \mathbb{R},$$

where the linear operator  $A : D(A) \subset \mathbb{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{X}$  generates an exponentially stable  $C_0$ -semigroup  $\mathcal{T} = (T(t))_{t \geq 0}$ ; that is,  $\mathcal{T}$  satisfies the estimate

$$(1.2) \quad \|T(t)\| \leq Me^{-\epsilon t},$$

for some constants  $M > 0, \epsilon > 0$  and all  $t \geq 0$ . Let  $F : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{X}$  be jointly continuous. A *mild solution* to (1.1) is a function  $x \in C(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{X})$  satisfying the integral equation

$$(1.3) \quad x(t) = T(t-a)x(a) + \int_a^t T(t-s)F(s, x(s))ds$$

for every  $a \in \mathbb{R}$  and every  $t \geq a$ .

A fundamental problem is the existence of almost automorphic mild solutions to (1.1). Recently, G. M. N'Guérékata [5] showed, using the Banach fixed point theorem, that if

i)  $F$  is Lipschitzian in  $x \in \mathbb{X}$ , uniformly in  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ , that is,

$$(1.4) \quad \|F(t, x) - F(t, y)\| \leq L\|x - y\|$$

for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{X}$ , and  $t \geq 0$ , and  $L$  is sufficiently small, namely  $L < \frac{\epsilon}{M}$ , where  $\epsilon$  and  $M$  are as in (1.2), and

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ii)  $F(t, x)$  is almost automorphic in  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  for each  $x \in \mathbb{X}$ ,

then problem (1.1) has a unique almost automorphic mild solution.

In this paper, we are going to prove the existence of almost automorphic mild solutions to (1.1),  $F$  being not necessarily Lipschitzian. But first, let us recall some definitions.

**Definition 1.1.** A continuous function  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{X}$  is said to be *almost automorphic* if for every sequence of real numbers  $(s'_n)$ , there exists a subsequence  $(s_n)$  such that

$$g(t) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(t + s_n)$$

is well defined for each  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ , and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} g(t - s_n) = f(t)$$

for each  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ .

It is well known that the range  $\mathcal{R}_f = \{f(t) | t \in \mathbb{R}\}$  of an almost automorphic function  $f$  is relatively compact in  $\mathbb{X}$ , thus bounded in norm (see [6], Theorem 2.13). The function  $g$  in the definition is also bounded and strongly measurable. Also, the set  $AA(\mathbb{X})$  of all almost automorphic functions  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{X}$  equipped with the sup-norm

$$\|f\|_\infty = \sup_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \|f(t)\|,$$

is a Banach space (see [6], page 20).

Also, given two Banach spaces  $(\mathbb{X}_1, \|\cdot\|_1)$  and  $(\mathbb{X}_2, \|\cdot\|_2)$ ,  $B(\mathbb{X}_1, \mathbb{X}_2)$  will denote the Banach space of bounded linear operators  $L : \mathbb{X}_1 \rightarrow \mathbb{X}_2$ ,  $BC(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{X}_1)$  is the Banach space of all continuous and bounded functions  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{X}_1$ , and  $BUC(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{X}_1)$  is the Banach space of all bounded and uniformly continuous functions  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{X}_1$ .

## 2. PRELIMINARIES

In this paper  $(\mathbb{Y}, |\cdot|)$  will denote a Banach space algebraically contained in  $\mathbb{X}$  such that the canonical injection  $\mathbb{Y} \rightarrow \mathbb{X}$  is compact. An example of such a space  $\mathbb{Y}$  is an abstract Sobolev space that we construct as follows:

Let  $A$  be as in (1.1), (1.2). By (1.2),  $0 \in \rho(A)$ , so that the fractional powers  $(-A)^\alpha$ ,  $0 < \alpha < 1$ , are well defined. Also, since  $0 \in \rho(A)$ , the norm

$$(2.1) \quad |f| = \|(-A)^\alpha f\|$$

is equivalent to the graph norm

$$\|f\|_\alpha = \|(-A)^\alpha f\| + \|f\|.$$

Now we take  $\mathbb{X} = L^p(\Omega)$ , where  $1 < p < \infty$  and  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  is a smooth bounded domain in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Let  $A$  be a linear uniformly elliptic operator (with suitable boundary conditions), of order  $2m$ . Then let  $\mathbb{Y}$  be the domain of  $(-A)^\alpha$  with norm (2.1); we have

$$W_0^{2m\alpha, p}(\Omega) \subset \mathbb{Y} \subset W^{2m\alpha, p}(\Omega)$$

and the norm  $|\cdot|$  in  $\mathbb{Y}$  is equivalent to the usual norm in  $W^{2m\alpha, p}(\Omega)$ . Also, the injection  $\mathbb{Y} \rightarrow \mathbb{X}$  is compact in this case, by Sobolev embedding.

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Now let  $\mathbb{Y} = D((-A)^\alpha)$ , the domain of  $(-A)^\alpha$ , with norm

$$|y| = \|(-A)^\alpha y\|, \quad y \in D((-A)^\alpha),$$

where  $0 < \alpha < 1$  is fixed. We get

$$(3.1) \quad |T(t)y| = \|T(t)(-A)^\alpha y\| \leq Me^{-\epsilon t} \|(-A)^\alpha y\| = Me^{-\epsilon t} |y|$$

for each  $y \in \mathbb{Y}$  and every  $t \geq 0$ , by (1.2).

We also make the following assumptions:

$$(3.2) \quad F(t, x) = P(t)Q(x), \quad \text{for all } t \in \mathbb{R}, x \in \mathbb{X},$$

where  $P(t) \in AA(\mathbb{Z})$  for each  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $\mathbb{Z} = B(\mathbb{X}, \mathbb{Y})$ ;  $P$  is continuous from  $\mathbb{R}$  to  $AA(\mathbb{Z})$ , and  $Q : BC(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{X}) \rightarrow BC(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{X})$  is continuous and satisfies the estimate

$$(3.3) \quad \|Q\varphi\|_\infty \leq \mathcal{M}(\|\varphi\|_\infty),$$

where  $\|f\|_\infty := \sup_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \|f(t)\|$  and  $\mathcal{M} \in C(\mathbb{R}^+, \mathbb{R}^+)$  satisfies

$$(3.4) \quad \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\mathcal{M}(r)}{r} = 0.$$

Note that  $\mathcal{M}$  can be unbounded but must grow slower than a linear function. Let

$$(3.5) \quad [P] := \sup_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \|P(t)\|_{\mathbb{Z}} < \infty.$$

Define  $G : BC(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{X}) \rightarrow BC(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{Y})$  by

$$(3.6) \quad (G\varphi)(t) = \int_{-\infty}^t T(t-s)F(s, \varphi(s))ds.$$

For  $\varphi \in BC(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{X})$ , this integral exists. Indeed, we have

$$\begin{aligned} |(G\varphi)(t)| &\leq \int_{-\infty}^t |T(t-s)| |P(s)Q(\varphi(s))| ds \\ &\leq \int_{-\infty}^t Me^{-\epsilon(t-s)} [P] \mathcal{M}(\|\varphi\|_\infty) ds \end{aligned}$$

using (3.1), (3.3) and (3.5). Consequently

$$\begin{aligned} |G\varphi|_\infty &= \sup_{t \in \mathbb{R}} |(G\varphi)(t)| \\ (3.7) \quad &\leq M\epsilon^{-1} [P] \mathcal{M}(\|\varphi\|_\infty). \end{aligned}$$

Continuity of  $G$  is straightforward by virtue of continuity of both  $P$  and  $Q$ . Thus we have

$$G(BC(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{X})) \subset BC(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{Y}).$$

Finally, for  $0 < \delta \leq 1$ , let

$$BC^\delta(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{Y}) \equiv \{f \in BC(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{Y}) : |f|_{\delta, \mathbb{Y}} < \infty\},$$

where

$$|f|_{\delta, \mathbb{Y}} \equiv \sup_{t \in \mathbb{R}} |f(t)| + \delta \sup_{t, s \in \mathbb{R}, t \neq s} \frac{|f(t) - f(s)|}{|t - s|^\delta}.$$

With the norm  $|\cdot|_{\delta, \mathbb{Y}}$ ,  $BC^\delta(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{Y})$  turns out to be a Banach space of all bounded Hölder continuous  $\mathbb{Y}$ -valued functions on  $\mathbb{R}$  of Hölder exponent  $\delta$ .

**Proposition 3.1.** *The function  $G$  defined above maps bounded sets of  $BC(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{X})$  into bounded sets of  $BC^\delta(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{Y})$  for any  $\delta > 0$  satisfying  $\delta < \alpha$ , where  $0 < \alpha < 1$  is the exponent defining  $\mathbb{Y} = D(-A)^{-\alpha}$ .*

*Proof.* The proof is basically a modification of the above remarks. Let  $0 < \beta < \alpha$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} |(G\varphi)(t)| &= \left| \int_{-\infty}^t T(t-s)(-A)^\beta (-A)^{-\beta} F(s, \varphi(s)) ds \right| \\ (3.8) \quad &\leq \int_{-\infty}^t |T(t-s)(-A)^\beta| |(-A)^{-\beta} P(s)| |Q(\varphi(s))| ds. \end{aligned}$$

Now, by semigroup theory (see for instance [4]), there exists a constant  $M_1$  such that

$$\|T(r)(-A)^\beta\| \leq \frac{M_1 e^{-\epsilon r}}{r^\beta}$$

for all  $r > 0$ . Thus we obtain, as previously,

$$(3.9) \quad |T(r)(-A)^\beta| \leq M_1 e^{-\epsilon r} r^{-\beta}, \quad r > 0.$$

Next, we observe that the function  $s \mapsto (-A)^{-\beta} P(s)$  is a uniformly bounded function  $\mathbb{R} \rightarrow B(\mathbb{X}, D((-A)^{\alpha-\beta}))$ . Indeed, it is the composition of  $P(\cdot) : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow B(\mathbb{X}, D((-A)^\alpha))$ , which is bounded by  $[P]$ , with  $(-A)^{-\beta}$ , an isometry from  $D((-A)^\alpha)$  onto  $D((-A)^{\alpha-\beta})$ . Thus

$$\sup_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \|P(t)\|_{B(\mathbb{X}, D((-A)^{\alpha-\beta}))} \leq [P].$$

Now combining the estimates in (3.8) and (3.9), we deduce

$$|(G\varphi)(t)| \leq \int_{-\infty}^t M_1 e^{-\epsilon(t-s)} (t-s)^{-\beta} [P] \mathcal{M}(\|\varphi\|_\infty) ds.$$

Letting  $r = t - s$  in the integral gives

$$|(G\varphi)(t)| \leq \int_0^\infty M_1 e^{-r} r^{-\beta} [P] \mathcal{M}(\|\varphi\|_\infty) dr;$$

that is,

$$(3.10) \quad |(G\varphi)(t)| \leq C_1(\beta) \mathcal{M}(\|\varphi\|_\infty),$$

where  $C_1(\beta)$  depends on  $\beta, M_1, \epsilon$  and  $[P]$ . Next, for  $t_2 > t_1$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} &|(G\varphi)(t_2) - (G\varphi)(t_1)| \\ &\leq \left| \left( \int_{-\infty}^{t_2} - \int_{-\infty}^{t_1} \right) T(t-s)(-A)^\beta (-A)^{-\beta} P(s) Q(\varphi(s)) ds \right| \\ &\quad + \left| \int_{-\infty}^{t_1} (T(t_2-s) - T(t_1-s))(-A)^\beta (-A)^{-\beta} P(s) Q(\varphi(s)) ds \right| \\ &\leq \int_{t_1}^{t_2} |T(t_2-s)(-A)^\beta (-A)^{-\beta} P(s) Q(\varphi(s))| ds \\ &\quad + \int_{-\infty}^{t_1} |(T(t_2-t_1) - I)T(t_1-s)(-A)^\beta (-A)^{-\beta} P(s) Q(\varphi(s))| ds \\ &= J_1 + J_2. \end{aligned}$$

By the same argument leading to (3.10) we get

$$\begin{aligned} J_1 &\leq \int_0^{t_2-t_1} M_1 e^{-\epsilon r} r^{-\beta} [P] \mathcal{M}(\|\varphi\|_\infty) dr \\ &\leq C_2(\beta) \mathcal{M}(\|\varphi\|_\infty) (t_2 - t_1)^{1-\beta}. \end{aligned}$$

Also, we have

$$\begin{aligned} J_2 &\leq \int_{-\infty}^{t_1} |(T(t_2 - t_1) - I)(-A)^{-\gamma} (T(t_1 - s)(-A)^{(\beta-\gamma)}(-A)^{-\beta} P(s)Q(\varphi(s)))| ds \\ &\leq \int_{-\infty}^{t_1} |(T(t_2 - t_1) - I)(-A)^{-\gamma}| \\ &\quad \cdot |(T(t_1 - s)(-A)^{(\beta-\gamma)}(-A)^{-\beta} P(s)Q(\varphi(s)))| ds \\ &\leq |(T(t_2 - t_1) - I)(-A)^{-\gamma}| \\ &\quad \cdot \int_{-\infty}^{t_1} |T(t_1 - s)(-A)^{(\beta-\gamma)}(-A)^{-\beta} P(s)Q(\varphi(s))| ds \\ &\leq |(T(t_2 - t_1) - I)(-A)^{-\gamma}| C_3(\beta, \gamma) \mathcal{M}(\|\varphi\|_\infty) \end{aligned}$$

provided  $0 < \gamma < \beta$ . Next recall that  $(T(r) - I)g = \int_0^r T(s)A g ds$  for  $g \in D(A)$ , by the fundamental theorem of calculus. Thus, for  $f \in \mathbb{Y}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} |(T(r) - I)(-A)^{-\gamma} f| &= \left\| \int_0^r T(s)(-A)^{1-\gamma-\alpha}(-A)^\alpha f ds \right\| \\ &\leq \|(-A)^\alpha f\| \int_0^r M_1 e^{-\epsilon s} s^{1-\gamma-\alpha} ds \\ &= C_4(\gamma, \epsilon, M_1) r^{2-\gamma-\alpha} |f|, \end{aligned}$$

since  $1 - \gamma - \alpha > -1$ , because  $0 < \gamma < \beta < \alpha < 1$ .

In other words,  $|(T(r) - I)(-A)^{-\gamma}| \leq C_4 r^{2-\gamma-\alpha}$ ; consequently,

$$J_2 \leq C_4(t_2 - t_1)^{2-\gamma-\alpha} C_3 \mathcal{M}(\|\varphi\|_\infty).$$

For  $\delta = \min(2 - \gamma - \alpha, 1 - \beta) > 0$ , it follows that

$$(3.11) \quad |(G\varphi)(t_2) - (G\varphi)(t_1)| \leq C_5 |t_2 - t_1|^\delta \mathcal{M}(\|\varphi\|_\infty),$$

where  $C_5$  depends on  $\epsilon, M_1, [P], \alpha, \beta, \gamma$  and  $\mathbb{Y}$ , that is, on parameters of the problem.

It follows that, for  $\varphi \in BC(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{X})$  with  $\|\varphi(t)\| \leq R$  for all  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ , then  $G\varphi \in BC^\delta(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{Y})$  with  $\|G\varphi(t)\| \leq R_1$  for all  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  and some  $R_1$  that depends on  $R$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

**Proposition 3.2.** *The function  $G$  maps bounded sets of  $AA(\mathbb{X})$  into bounded sets of  $BC^\delta(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{Y}) \cap AA(\mathbb{X})$  for  $0 < \delta < \alpha$ .*

*Proof.* We just need to check that

$$G(AA(\mathbb{X})) \subset AA(\mathbb{X}).$$

To this end, let  $\varphi \in AA(\mathbb{X})$ . Then given a sequence  $(s'_n) \subset \mathbb{R}$ , there exists a subsequence  $(s_n) \subset (s'_n)$  such that

$$\psi(t) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \varphi(t + s_n)$$

is well defined for each  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \psi(t - s_n) = \varphi(t)$$

for each  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ . Since  $\psi \in BC(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{X})$ , then

$$(G\varphi)(t + s_n) = \int_{-\infty}^{t+s_n} T(t + s_n - s)P(s)Q(\varphi(s))ds.$$

Let  $\sigma = s - s_n$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} (G\varphi)(t + s_n) &= \int_{-\infty}^t T(t - \sigma)P(\sigma + s_n)Q(\varphi(\sigma + s_n))d\sigma \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^t T(t - \sigma)P_n(\sigma)Q_n(\sigma)d\sigma, \end{aligned}$$

where  $P_n(\sigma) = P(\sigma + s_n)$ ,  $Q_n(\sigma) = Q(\varphi(\sigma + s_n))$ ,  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ ,  $\sigma \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Since  $P \in AA(\mathbb{Z})$ , there exists a subsequence of  $(s_n)$ , which we still denote by  $(s_n)$ , such that

$$\hat{P}(\sigma) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P_n(\sigma)$$

exists for each  $\sigma \in \mathbb{R}$  and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \hat{P}(\sigma - s_n) = P(\sigma)$$

for each  $\sigma \in \mathbb{R}$ . Clearly we also have, by passing to a subsequence if necessary,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \varphi(t + s_n) = \psi(t)$$

and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \psi(t - s_n) = \varphi(t),$$

for each  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ . By the Bochner integral version of Lebesgue's dominated convergence theorem, we get

$$\begin{aligned} (G\varphi)(t + s_n) &= \int_{-\infty}^t T(t - \sigma)P_n(\sigma)Q_n(\sigma)d\sigma \\ &\longrightarrow \int_{-\infty}^t T(t - \sigma)\hat{P}(\sigma)Q(\varphi(\sigma))d\sigma = \chi(t) \end{aligned}$$

for each  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ , and

$$\begin{aligned} \chi(t - s_n) &= \int_{-\infty}^{t-s_n} T(t - s_n - \sigma)\hat{P}(\sigma)Q(\psi(\sigma))d\sigma \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^t T(t - r)\hat{P}(r - s_n)Q(\psi(r - s_n))dr \end{aligned}$$

by letting  $r = \sigma + s_n$ . Thus we obtain

$$\chi(t - s_n) \longrightarrow \int_{-\infty}^t T(t - r)P(r)Q(\varphi(r))dr = (G\varphi)(t),$$

again by Lebesgue's dominated convergence theorem. This shows that  $G(AA(\mathbb{X})) \subset AA(\mathbb{X})$ , and the proof is now complete.  $\square$

**Proposition 3.3.**  *$BC^\delta(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{Y})$  is compactly contained in  $BC(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{X})$ ; in other words, the canonical injection  $id : BC^\delta(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{Y}) \rightarrow BC(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{X})$  is compact, which implies that*

$$id : BC^\delta(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{Y}) \cap AA(\mathbb{X}) \rightarrow AA(\mathbb{X})$$

*is compact too.*

*Proof.* We show that  $id$  maps bounded sets of  $BC^\delta(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{Y})$  into relatively compact sets of  $BC(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{X})$ . To this end, let  $(\varphi_\nu)$  be a bounded sequence in  $BC^\delta(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{Y})$ . Let  $\mathbb{Q} = \{r_n\}$  be the set of all rational numbers. Then  $(\varphi_\nu(r_n))$  is a bounded sequence in  $\mathbb{Y}$ , for each  $n$ . By the well-known Cantor diagonalization process, there exists a subsequence  $(\varphi_{\nu_k})$  such that

$$\varphi_{\nu_k}(r_n) \rightarrow \varphi(r_n),$$

as  $k \rightarrow \infty$  in  $\mathbb{X}$ , for each  $n$ , and some  $\varphi : \mathbb{Q} \rightarrow \mathbb{X}$ . But the sequence  $(\varphi_n)$  is an equicontinuous family in  $BUC(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{Y}) \subset BUC(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{X})$ , because of the uniform Hölder condition. Thus, as in the proof of the Arzela-Ascoli theorem, there is a further subsequence (which we still denote by  $(\varphi_{\nu_k})$ ) satisfying

$$(3.12) \quad \varphi_{\nu_k}(t) \rightarrow \varphi(t), \text{ as } k \rightarrow \infty$$

in  $\mathbb{X}$ , for all  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ . In addition the convergence is uniform in  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ . Note that  $BUC(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{X})$  can be identified with  $C(K, \mathbb{X})$  for a suitable Hausdorff compactification  $K$  of  $\mathbb{R}$  (see for instance [3]). Thus the convergence  $\varphi_{\nu_k} \rightarrow \varphi$  holds in  $BUC(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{X}) \subset BC(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{X})$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

**Proposition 3.4.** *The function  $G$  has a fixed point in  $AA(\mathbb{X})$ .*

*Proof.* Let us recall that the estimates (3.10)-(3.11),  $|G\varphi|_\infty \leq C_1(\beta)\mathcal{M}(\|\varphi\|_\infty)$  and  $|(G\varphi)(t_2) - (G\varphi)(t_1)| \leq C_5|t_2 - t_1|\delta\mathcal{M}(\|\varphi\|_\infty)$ , hold for all  $\varphi \in BC(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{Y})$  and all  $t_1, t_2 \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $t_2$  not equal to  $t_1$ . It follows that there exists a constant  $C_6 = C_6(\epsilon, M, M_1, \alpha, \beta, \gamma)$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi \in BC(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{X}) \quad \text{and} \quad \|\varphi\|_\infty < R \text{ imply} \\ G\varphi \in BC^\delta(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{Y}) \quad \text{and} \quad |G\varphi| < R_1, \end{aligned}$$

where  $R_1 = C_6\mathcal{M}(R)$ .

Since  $\mathcal{M}(R)/R \rightarrow 0$  as  $R \rightarrow \infty$ , and since  $\|y\| \leq C_7|y|$  holds for some constant  $C_7$  and all  $y \in \mathbb{Y}$ , it follows that there exists  $\rho > 0$  such that for all  $R \geq \rho$ , we have

$$(3.13) \quad G(B_{AA(\mathbb{X})}(0, R)) \subset B_{BC^\delta(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{Y})}(0, R) \cap B_{AA(\mathbb{X})}(0, R).$$

Since  $G$  leaves  $AA(\mathbb{X}) \subset BC(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{X})$  invariant, the estimate (3.13) along with the continuity properties of  $G$  imply that  $G$  is a continuous, compact mapping  $S \rightarrow S$ , where  $S$  is the ball of radius  $R$  in  $AA(\mathbb{X})$  and  $R \geq \rho$ . By the Schauder fixed point theorem,  $G$  has a fixed point in  $S$ ,  $\varphi_0$ . Obviously,  $\varphi_0$  is a mild solution of (1.1).  $\square$

Finally, the above results can be summarized as follows.

**Theorem 3.5.** *Let  $A$  generate an exponentially stable  $C_0$ -semigroup  $\mathcal{T}$  in  $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{X})$ . Assume assumptions (1.1) and (3.2)-(3.5). Then (1.1) has a mild solution in  $AA(\mathbb{X})$ .*

Now we end this paper with the following

**Example of nonuniqueness.** Let  $\mathbb{X} = \mathbb{R}$ ,  $A = -1$  and

$$u(t) = \begin{cases} t^{3/2}e^{1-t}, & \text{for } t \in [0, \frac{3}{2}], \\ 0, & \text{for } t \in [-\frac{3}{2}, 0]. \end{cases}$$

Then for  $t \in [0, \frac{3}{2}]$  we have

$$u'(t) = -u(t) + \frac{3}{2}t^{1/2}e^{(1-t)} = -u(t) + \frac{3}{2}u(t)^{1/3}e^{\frac{2}{3}(1-t)} = -u(t) + f(t, u(t))$$

where

$$f(t, \varphi) = \begin{cases} \frac{3}{2}\varphi^{1/3}e^{\frac{2}{3}(1-t)}, & \text{for } t \in [0, \frac{3}{2}] \times \mathbb{R}, \\ \frac{3}{2}\varphi^{1/3}e^{2/3}, & \text{for } t \in [-\frac{3}{2}, 0] \times \mathbb{R}. \end{cases}$$

Note that  $u'(\frac{3}{2}) = 0$  and  $u(\frac{3}{2}) = (\frac{3}{2})^{\frac{2}{3}}e^{-\frac{3}{2}}$ .

Now let  $f(t, \varphi) = f(\frac{3}{2}, \varphi)$  on  $[\frac{3}{2}, 3] \times \mathbb{R}$  and  $f(t, \varphi) = f(\frac{9}{2} - t, \varphi)$  on  $[3, \frac{9}{2}] \times \mathbb{R}$ ; let  $u(t) = u(\frac{3}{2})$  on  $[\frac{3}{2}, 3]$ , and  $u(t) = u(\frac{9}{2} - t)$  on  $[3, \frac{9}{2}]$ . Then  $u' = -u + f(t, u)$  on  $[-\frac{3}{2}, \frac{9}{2}]$ , together with  $u(0) = 0$ .

Extend  $u$  to be a periodic function of period 6 (hence an almost automorphic function). Then  $u$  and  $v \equiv 0$  both satisfy

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = -x + f(t, x), \quad x(0) = 0.$$

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