

## FUNCTIONAL EVOLUTION EQUATIONS WITH NONCONVEX LOWER SEMICONTINUOUS MULTIVALUED PERTURBATIONS

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**ABSTRACT.** In this paper we prove some existence theorems concerning the solutions and integral solution for functional (delay) evolution equations with nonconvex lower semicontinuous multivalued perturbations

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $E$  be a Banach space,  $\tau, T \in \mathbb{R}^+$  and  $I = [a, b]$ . Let us denote  $C_E([-r, T])$  the vector space of all continuous functions from  $[-r, T]$  to  $E$  endowed with the uniform topology

For all  $t \geq 0$ ,  $s_t : C_E([-r, t]) \rightarrow C_E([-r, 0])$ ,

$$(s_t f)(\theta) = f(t + \theta), \quad \forall \theta \in [-r, 0].$$

$A : I \times E \rightarrow 2^E$  such that  $A(t, \cdot)$  is an  $m$ -accretive multivalued operator

$P_{wc}(E)$  the family of nonempty weakly compact subsets of  $E$

In this paper we are concerned with the following problems

(1) Existence of solutions of the perturbed evolution equation with delay

$$(P) \begin{cases} u'(t) \in -A(t, u(t)) + F(t, s_t u) & \text{a.e. on } I, \\ u \equiv \psi & \text{on } [-r, 0] \end{cases}$$

where  $F : I \times C_E([-r, 0]) \rightarrow P_{wc}(E)$  is a multivalued function such that  $F(t, \cdot)$  is lower semicontinuous and  $\psi \in C_E([-r, 0])$  is arbitrary but fixed.

(2) Existence of solutions of the perturbed evolution equation with delay

$$(Q) \begin{cases} u'(t) \in -N_{\Gamma(t)}(u(t)) + F(t, s_t u) & \text{a.e. on } I, \\ u \equiv \psi & \text{on } [-r, 0] \end{cases}$$

where  $N_{\Gamma(t)}(x)$  is the normal cone of the convex set  $\Gamma(t)$  at the point  $x \in E$ ;  $t \in I$ . It should be noticed that the problem (Q) is not a special case of the problem (P)

(3) Existence of integral solutions of (P), when the operator  $A$  is independent of  $t$ , under conditions that are weaker than those imposed in (P)

The results obtained in the present paper generalized the following interesting known cases

Problem (P) for which the dual of  $E$  is uniformly convex,  $A(t, \cdot)$  is an  $m$ -accretive single-valued operator and  $F$  is a Lipschitz single-valued function cf Kartsatos and Parrott [1]

Problem (P) for which  $E$  is reflexive,  $A(t, \cdot)$  is an  $m$ -accretive multivalued operator and  $F$  is a Lipschitz single-valued function of Tanaka [2]

Problems (P) and (Q) without delay of Cichon [3], [4], Ibrahim [5] and the references therein

## 2. NOTATIONS AND DEFINITIONS

Let  $E^*$  be the dual of  $E$ ,  $E_\sigma$  the Banach space  $E$  endowed with the weak topology  $\sigma(E, E^*)$ . If  $B$  is a multivalued operator from  $E$  to  $2^E$  then  $B$  is said to be accretive if for each  $\lambda > 0, x_1, x_2 \in D(B)$  (the domain of  $B$ ),  $y_1 \in B(x_1)$  and  $y_2 \in B(x_2)$  we have

$$\|x_1 - x_2\| \leq \|x_1 - x_2 + \lambda(y_1 - y_2)\|.$$

We say that  $B$  is  $m$ -accretive if  $B$  is accretive and if there exists  $\lambda > 0$  such that  $R(I + \lambda B) = E$ , where  $I$  is the identity map. It is known that if  $B$  is  $m$ -accretive, then for every  $\lambda > 0$  the resolvent  $J_\lambda B = (I + \lambda B)^{-1}$  and the Yosida approximation of  $B$ ;  $B_\lambda = (I - J_\lambda B)/\lambda$ , are defined everywhere. The generalized domain of  $B$  is defined by

$$D^*(B) = \left\{ x \in E : |B(x)| = \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow \infty} \|B_\lambda x\| < \infty \right\}.$$

For the properties of  $m$ -accretive multivalued operators refer to [6] and [7]

If  $C$  is a convex subset of  $E$  and  $x \in C$ , then the normal cone of  $C$  at  $x$  is defined by

$$N_C(x) = \{y \in E^* : \langle y, z - x \rangle \leq 0, \forall z \in C\}.$$

Now we recall some concepts concerning multivalued functions. Let  $Y$  be a locally convex space and let  $G : E \rightarrow 2^Y - \{\emptyset\}$ . We say that  $G$  is lower semicontinuous (resp. upper semicontinuous) if for every open  $V$  in  $Y$  the set  $\{x \in E : G(x) \cap V \neq \emptyset\}$  (resp.  $\{x \in E : G(x) \subset V\}$ ) is open in  $E$ . We say that  $G$  is lower semicontinuous (resp. upper semicontinuous) in the Kuratowski sense iff for all  $v_n \rightarrow v$  in  $E$ ,  $G(v) \subseteq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \inf G(v_n)$  (resp.  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sup G(v_n) \subseteq G(v)$ ), where

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \inf G(v_n) &= \left\{ z \in Y : z = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} z_n, z_n \in G(v_n), \forall n \geq 1 \right\}, \\ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sup G(v_n) &= \left\{ z \in Y : z = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} z_{n_k}, z_{n_k} \in G(v_{n_k}), \forall k \geq 1 \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

If  $E$  is metrizable then lower semicontinuity and lower semicontinuity in the Kuratowski sense are equivalent (cf [8], [9])

The following known result will be used in the sequel

**LEMMA 2.1** [6]. For every  $t \in I$ , let  $A(t, \cdot)$  be an  $m$ -accretive multivalued operator from  $E$  to  $2^E - \{\emptyset\}$  satisfying the following condition:

(C<sub>1</sub>) There exist  $\lambda_0 > 0$ , a continuous function  $h : I \rightarrow E$  and a nondecreasing continuous function  $L : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  such that for all  $\lambda \in (0, \lambda_0)$  and for almost  $t, s \in I$ ,

$$\|A_\lambda(t, x) - A_\lambda(s, x)\| \leq \|h(s) - h(t)\|L(\|x\|), \quad \forall x \in E.$$

Then  $D^*(A(t, \cdot))$  and  $\overline{D}(A(t, \cdot))$  are independent of  $t$

So if  $A$  is as in Lemma 2.1 we may write  $D^*(A) := D^*(A(t, \cdot))$  and  $\overline{D}(A) := \overline{D}(A(t, \cdot))$ ;  $t \in I$  respectively

**LEMMA 2.2** [10]. Let  $E$  be a Banach space and  $M$  a compact metric space. If  $T$  is a lower semicontinuous multivalued function on  $M$  and with nonempty closed decomposable values in  $L_E^1(I)$ , then  $T$  has a continuous selection.

## 3. EXISTENCE OF SOLUTIONS FOR THE PROBLEMS (P) AND (Q)

To prove our results we need the following lemmas

**LEMMA 3.1.** Let  $\psi$  be an element of  $C_E([-\tau, 0])$  and  $\beta$  be a positive real number. The set

$$\chi = \left\{ u \in C_E([-r, 0]) : u \equiv \psi \text{ on } [-r, 0] \text{ and } u(t) = \psi(0) + \int_0^t f(s)ds; f \in K_\beta \right\},$$

is nonempty and convex, where  $K_\beta = \{f \in L^1_E(I) : |f(t)| \leq \beta \text{ a.e. on } I\}$ . If  $E$  is reflexive then  $\chi$  is compact subset of  $C_{E_\sigma}([-r, T])$ . If, in addition,  $E$  is separable then  $\chi$  is metrizable.

**PROOF.** It is obvious that  $\chi$  is nonempty, convex and equicontinuous and that the set  $\{u(t) : u \in \chi; t \in I\}$ , is bounded. So, if  $E$  is reflexive then,  $\chi$  is relatively compact in  $C_{E_\sigma}([-r, T])$  by Ascoli's theorem. Let us verify that  $\chi$  is closed in  $C_{E_\sigma}([-r, T])$ . Let  $(u_n)$  be a sequence in  $\chi$  converging to  $u \in C_{E_\sigma}([-r, T])$ . Then  $u \equiv \psi$  on  $[-r, 0]$  and for each  $n \geq 1$  there exists  $f_n \in K_\beta$  such that  $u_n(t) = \psi(0) + \int_0^t f_n(s)ds; t \in I$ . Since  $E$  is reflexive,  $K_\beta$  is weakly compact in  $L^1_E(I)$ . Hence, the sequence  $(f_n)$  has a subsequence, denoted again by  $(f_n)$ , converging weakly to  $f \in K_\beta$ . Then  $u(t) = \psi(0) + \int_0^t f(s)ds; t \in I$ . This proves that  $\chi$  is closed in  $C_{E_\sigma}([-r, T])$ . Now if  $E$  is separable then so is  $L^1_E(I)$ . Consequently,  $K_\beta$  is metrizable. Since  $\chi$  is isomorphic to  $\{\psi(0)\} \times K_\beta$ , then  $\chi$  is metrizable.

**LEMMA 3.2.** Let  $G$  be a multivalued function from  $E_\sigma$  to the nonempty closed subsets of  $E$  such that  $G$  is lower semicontinuous in the Kuratowski sense. If  $(x_n)$  is a sequence converging to  $x$  in  $E_\sigma$ , then for every  $z \in E$ ,

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(z, G(x_n)) \leq d\left(z, \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} G(x_n)\right) \leq d(z, G(x)).$$

**PROOF.** Let  $y \in \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} G(x_n)$ . Then there exists a sequence  $(y_n)$  such that  $y_n \in G(x_n); n \geq 1$  and  $y_n \rightarrow y$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . For any  $z \in E$  we have

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(z, G(x_n)) \leq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|z - y_n\| = \|z - y\|,$$

which proves the first inequality. The second inequality follows from the lower semicontinuity of  $G$ .

**THEOREM 3.1.** Let  $E$  be a reflexive separable Banach space. Let  $A(t, \cdot); t \in I$  be an  $m$ -accretive multivalued operator from  $E$  to  $2^E - \{\phi\}$  satisfying condition  $(C_1)$  together with the following conditions

$(C_2)$  There exist  $\mu > 0$  such that for all  $x \in E$ , the function  $w_x : t \rightarrow (I + \mu A(t, \cdot))^{-1}$  belongs to  $L^2_E(I)$

$(C_3)$  For all  $r > 0$  there exists  $\delta(r) > 0$  such that for all  $\lambda > 0$  and all  $x \in \overline{D}(A)$  with  $\|x\| < r$ ,

$$\|J_\lambda A(0, x) - x\| \leq \lambda \delta(r).$$

Let  $F$  be a measurable multivalued function from  $I \times C_E([-r, 0])$  to  $P_{uc}(E)$  satisfying the following conditions

$(F_1)$  There exists  $\alpha > 0$  such that

$$\sup\{\|y\| : y \in F(t, u)\} \leq \alpha, \quad \forall (t, u) \in I \times C_E([-r, 0]).$$

$(F_2)$  For all  $t \in I, F(t, \cdot)$  is lower semicontinuous in the sense of Kuratowski from  $C_{E_\sigma}([-r, 0])$  to  $E$ .

$(F_3)$  For all  $u \in C_E([-r, 0])$  the multivalued function  $t \rightarrow F(t, s_t u)$  admits a measurable selection. Then for every  $\psi \in C_E([-r, 0])$  with  $\psi(0) \in D^*(A)$ , the problem  $(P)$  has a solution.

**PROOF.** We split the proof into the following three steps

(1) Let  $f \in K_\alpha = \{g \in L^1_E(I) : \|g(t)\| \leq \alpha \text{ a.e. on } I\}$ . Since  $A$  satisfies conditions  $(C_1), (C_2)$  and  $(C_3)$ , then by Theorem 4 of [5], there exists a unique absolutely continuous function  $u_f : I \rightarrow E$  such that:

- (i)  $u'_f(t) \in -A(t, u(t)) + f(t)$  a.e. on  $I, u_f(0) = \psi(0)$ ,
- (ii)  $\|u_f(t)\| \leq \beta_1 = (\alpha + 1)T + L(r)\sup_{t \in I}\|h(t)\| + \delta(r), \forall t \in I$ , where  $r = \alpha(1 + L(\|\psi(0)\|)) + \|A(0, x_0)\|$ ,

(iii) the function  $f \rightarrow u_f$  is continuous from  $K_\alpha$  to  $C_{E\sigma}(I)$

(2) Set  $\chi_1 = \left\{ u \in C_E([-r, T]), u \equiv \psi \text{ on } [-r, 0] \text{ and } u(t) = \psi(0) + \int_0^t f(s)ds, f \in K_\beta \right\}$  By

Lemma 3 1,  $\chi_1$  is a compact subset of  $C_\sigma([-r, T])$  and is metrizable. Define a multivalued function  $T_1$  on  $\chi_1$  by  $T_1(u) = \{ f \in K_\alpha : f(t) \in F(t, s_t u) \text{ a.e. on } I \}$  In this step we prove that  $T_1$  has a continuous selection  $V_1 : \chi_1 \rightarrow K_\alpha$  For this purpose, we show that  $T_1$  satisfies the conditions of Lemma 2 2 Condition  $(F_3)$  assures that the values of  $T_1$  are nonempty Moreover, if  $D$  is a measurable subset of  $I$  and  $g_1, g_2 \in T_1(u)$  for some  $u \in \chi_1$ , then the function  $g = N_D g_1 + N_{I-D} g_2$  belongs to  $T_1(u)$ , where  $N$  is the characteristic function. Then the values of  $T_1$  are decomposable It remains to prove that  $T_1$  is lower semicontinuous Since  $\chi_1$  is compact metrizable in  $C_{E\sigma}([-r, T])$ , it suffices to show that  $T_1$  is lower semicontinuous in the Kuratowski sense So, let  $(u_n)$  be a sequence in  $\chi_1$  converging to  $u \in \chi_1$ , with respect to the topology on  $C_{E\sigma}([-r, T])$  and let  $g \in T_1(u)$  Since  $F$  is measurable, then for all  $n \geq 1$  the multivalued function

$$t \rightarrow B_n(t) = \{ z \in F(t, s_t u_n) : \|g(t) - z\| = d(g(t), F(t, s_t u_n)) \}$$

has a measurable selection  $g_n : I \rightarrow E$ . Thus, by Lemma 3 2, for all  $t \in I$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|g(t) - g(t_n)\| &\leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sup d(g(t), F(t, s_t u_n)) \\ &\leq d\left(g(t), \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \text{inf } F(t, s_t u_n)\right) \\ &= d(g(t), F(t, s_t u)) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

This means that  $T_1$  is lower semicontinuous and hence there exists a continuous function  $V_1 : \chi_1 \rightarrow K_\alpha$  such that  $V_1(x) \in T(x), \forall x \in \chi_1$

(3) Define a function  $\theta : \chi_1 \rightarrow \chi_1$  by  $\theta(x) = u_f, f = V_1(x)$  By (iii) of the first step,  $\theta$  is continuous Hence, by Tichonoff's fixed point theorem, there exists  $u \in \chi_1$  such that  $u = u_f, f = V_1(u) \in T_1(u)$  This means that  $u'(t) \in -A(t, u(t)) + f(t)$  and  $f(t) \in F(t, s_t u)$  a.e. on  $I$  The theorem is thus proved.

**THEOREM 3.2.** Let  $H$  be a Hilbert space and  $F$  be a measurable multivalued function from  $I \times C_H([-r, 0])$  to  $P_{wc}(H)$  satisfying conditions  $(F_1), (F_2)$  and  $(F_3)$  Let  $\Gamma$  be a multivalued function from  $I$  to the family of nonempty closed convex subsets of  $H$ , with compact graph  $G$  and satisfies the following conditions.

( $\Gamma_1$ ) There exists  $\gamma > 0$  such that  $\|x - \text{proj}_{\Gamma(t)} x\| \leq \gamma(\tau - t)$  for all  $(t, x) \in G$  and all  $\tau \in I, (t < \tau)$

( $\Gamma_2$ ) The function  $(t, x) \rightarrow \delta^x(x, \Gamma(t)) = \sup\{(x, y) : y \in \Gamma(t)\}$  is lower semicontinuous on  $I \times B_\sigma$ , where  $B_\sigma$  is the relative weak topology

Then for all  $\psi \in C_E([-r, 0])$  with  $\psi(0) \in \Gamma(0)$ , the problem (Q) has a solution

**PROOF.** We split the proof into the following three steps

(1) Let  $f \in K_\alpha$  Since  $\Gamma$  has a compact graph and satisfies conditions  $(\Gamma_1)$  and  $(\Gamma_2)$  then by Theorem 3 1 [11], there exists a unique absolutely continuous function  $u_f : I \rightarrow H$  such that

(i)  $u'_f(t) \in -N_{\Gamma(t)}(u(t)) + f(t)$  a.e. on  $I$ ,

(ii)  $u_f(0) = \psi(0), u_f(t) \in \Gamma(t), \forall t \in I$ ,

(iii)  $\|u_f(t)\| \leq \beta_2 = T(\gamma + \alpha), \forall t \in I$  and the function  $f \rightarrow u_f$  is continuous from  $K_\alpha$  to  $C_{H\sigma}$

(2) Set  $\chi_2 = \left\{ u \in C_H([-r, T]) : u = \psi \text{ on } [-r, 0] \text{ and } u(t) = \psi(0) + \int_0^t f(s)ds, f \in K_{\beta_2} \right\}$  and define a multivalued function  $T_2$  on  $\chi_2$  by  $T_2(u) = \{ f \in K_\alpha : f(t) \in F(t, s_t u) \text{ a.e. on } I \}$  As in the second step of the proof of Theorem 3.1 we can show that  $T_2$  has a continuous selection  $V_2 : \chi_2 \rightarrow K_\alpha$

(3) Define the function  $\theta : \chi_2 \rightarrow \chi_2$  by  $\theta(x) = u_f, f = V_2(x)$  As in the third step of the proof of Theorem 3.1, we can show that there exists a unique  $u \in \chi_2$  such that  $u = u_f, f \in T_2(u)$  Clearly  $u$  is a solution of (Q)

**4. EXISTENCE OF INTEGRAL SOLUTIONS FOR THE PROBLEM (P) WHEN THE OPERATOR A IS INDEPENDENT OF TIME**

In this section  $A$  denotes a multivalued operator from  $E$  to  $2^E - \{\phi\}$ . Consider the evolution equation

$$(P^*) \begin{cases} u'(t) \in -A(u(t)) + f(t) & \text{a.e. on } I \\ u(0) = x_0 \in \overline{D(A)}, \end{cases}$$

where  $f \in L^1_E(I)$ . By an integral solution of  $(P^*)$  we mean a continuous function  $u : I \rightarrow \overline{D(A)}$  with  $u(0) = x_0$  such that

$$\|u(t) - z\| \leq \|u(s) - z\| + \int_s^t [u(r) - z, f(r) - y]_+ dr,$$

for each  $z \in D(A), y \in A(z)$  and  $0 \leq s \leq t < T$ , where

$$[x_1, x_2]_+ = \lim_{h \downarrow 0} (\|x_1 + hx_2\| - \|x_1\|)/h, \forall x_1, x_2 \in E.$$

It is known that [7] if  $A$  is an  $m$ -accretive operator then for each  $(x_0, f) \in \overline{D(A)} \times L^1_E(I)$ , the problem  $(P^*)$  has a unique integral solution  $u_f$ , such that the function  $f \rightarrow u_f$  is continuous. In this section we are concerned with the existence of integral solutions of the functional evolution equation

$$(P^{**}) \begin{cases} u'(t) \in -A(u(t)) + F(t, s_t u) & \text{a.e. on } I \\ u \equiv \psi & \text{on } [-\tau, 0], \end{cases}$$

where  $F$  is a multivalued function from  $I \times C_E([-\tau, 0])$  to  $2^E - \{\phi\}, S_t; t > 0$  is the operator of translation defined in section 1 and  $\psi$  is a given function, belongs to  $C_E([-\tau, 0])$  with  $\psi(0) \in \overline{D(A)}$ . By an integral solution of  $(P^{**})$  we mean a continuous function  $u : [-\tau, T] \rightarrow E$  with  $u \equiv \psi$  on  $[-\tau, 0]$ , such that  $u$  is an integral solution of the evolution equation  $u'(t) \in -A(u(t)) + f(t), u(0) = \psi(0)$ , where  $f \in L^1_E(I)$  and  $f(t) \in F(t, s_t u), \text{ a.e. on } I$ .

We say that the operator  $A : E \rightarrow 2^E - \{\phi\}$  has the (M)-property ([7], [12]) if for each  $x_0 \in D(A)$  and each uniformly integrable subset  $Q$  of  $L^1_E(I)$ , the set  $\{u_g : g \in Q\}$  is a relatively compact subset of  $C_E(I)$  where  $u_g$  is the unique integral solution of the evolution equation  $u'(t) \in -A(u(t)) + g(t)$  a.e. on  $I; u(0) = x_0$ . It is well known that ([7], [12]) if the proper operator  $-A$  generates a compact semigroup (via Crandall-Liggett's exponential formula [3], [13]), then  $A$  has the property (M).

**THEOREM 4.1.** Let  $E$  be a Banach space and  $A$  an  $m$ -accretive multivalued operator from  $E$  to  $2^E - \{\phi\}$  having the (M)-property. Let  $F$  be a measurable multivalued function from  $I \times C_E([-\tau, 0])$  to the non-empty closed subsets of  $E$  satisfying the condition  $(F_3)$  together with the following conditions

$(F_4)$  There exists a function  $h \in L^1_{\mathbb{R}}(I)$  such that

$$\sup\{\|z\| : z \in F(t, u)\} \leq h(t), \quad \forall (t, u) \in I \times C_E([-\tau, 0]).$$

$(F_5)$  For all  $t \in I, F(t, \cdot) : C_E([-\tau, 0]) \rightarrow E$  is lower semicontinuous in the Kuratowski sense

Then for all  $\psi \in C_E([-\tau, 0])$  with  $\psi(0) \in \overline{D(A)}$ , the problem  $(P^{**})$  has an integral solution

**PROOF.** Consider the set  $Q = \{f \in L^1_E(I) : \|f(t)\| \leq h(t) \text{ a.e. on } I\}$ . One can easily show that  $Q$  is nonempty and uniformly integrable subset of  $L^1_E(I)$ . As mentioned above, for each  $f \in Q$  there exists a unique continuous function  $u_f : I \rightarrow \overline{D(A)}$  such that  $u_f$  is the unique integral solution of the evolution equation  $u'(t) \in A(u(t)) + f(t), u(0) = \psi(0)$  and the function  $f \mapsto u_f$  is continuous from  $Q$  to  $C_E(I)$ . Let  $\chi^* = \overline{\{u_f^* \in C_E([-\tau, T]) : f \in Q\}}$ , where  $u_f^* \equiv \psi$  on  $[-\tau, 0]$  and  $u_f^* \equiv u_f$  on  $I$ . Since  $A$  has the property (M),  $\chi^*$  is compact in the metric space  $C_E([-\tau, T])$ . Now, define a multivalued function  $T$  on  $\chi^*$  by  $T(x) = \{f \in L^1_E(I) : f(t) \in F(t, s_t x) \text{ a.e. on } I\}$ . As in the second step of the proof of Theorem 3.1, we can show that  $T$  has a continuous selection  $V : \chi^* \rightarrow L^1_E(I)$ .

Also, define a function  $\Phi : \chi^* \rightarrow \chi^*$ ,  $\Phi(x) = u_f^*$ ,  $f = V(x)$ . The function  $\Phi$  is clearly continuous and hence has a fixed point  $x \in \chi^*$ . It is obvious that  $x$  is the desired solution.

## 5. EXAMPLES

In this section we give some examples illustrating the scope of the results developed in sections 3 and 4.

**EXAMPLE 1.** Let for all  $t \in I$ ,  $A(t) = B - h(t)$  where  $h : I \rightarrow E$  is integrable and  $B$  is an  $m$ -accretive operator on  $E$ . Clearly  $A(t)$  is  $m$ -accretive for all  $t \in I$ . Let  $\lambda > 0$ ,  $s, t \in I$  and  $x \in E$ . Then

$$\|A_\lambda(t, x) - A_\lambda(s, x)\| \leq \frac{1}{\lambda} \|J_\lambda A(t, x) - J_\lambda A(s, x)\| \leq \|h(t) - h(s)\|.$$

Hence condition  $(C_1)$  of Lemma 2.1 holds.

**EXAMPLE 2.** In [6] there are several examples for operators  $A$  such that for every  $t \in I$ ,  $A(t)$  is  $m$ -accretive and satisfies condition  $(C_1)$ .

**EXAMPLE 3.** Let  $H$  be a real Hilbert space with inner product  $(\cdot, \cdot)$  and let  $\Phi : H \rightarrow H$  be a proper lower semicontinuous convex function. The set  $\partial\Phi(x) = \{z \in H : \Phi(x) \leq \Phi(y) + \langle x - y, z \rangle \text{ for each } y \in H\}$  is called the subdifferential of  $\Phi$  at the point  $x$ . We recall that  $D(\partial\Phi) = \{x \in H : \partial\Phi(x) \text{ is nonempty}\}$ . Now if we define an operator  $A : D(A) = D\partial(\Phi) \rightarrow 2^H$  by  $A(x) = \partial\Phi(x)$ , then  $A$  is  $m$ -accretive and the following conditions are equivalent [7]

- (i) For each  $\lambda > 0$ , the resolvent  $J_\lambda A$  is a compact operator
- (ii) The function  $\Phi$  is of compact type
- (iii) The semigroup generated by the operator  $-A$  is compact

**EXAMPLE 4.** Take  $E = L^2_{\mathbb{R}}([0, \pi])$  and let us define  $A : D(A) \subseteq E \rightarrow E$  by  $Au = -u^{(2)}(t)$  for each  $u \in D(A)$  where  $D(A) = \{u \in E : u^{(2)} \in E, u(0) = u(\pi) = 0\}$ . The operator  $A$  is  $m$ -accretive and the semigroup  $\{S(t) : t > 0\}$  generated by  $-A$  ( $S(t) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (I + \frac{t}{n} A)^{-n}$ ) is compact [7].

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