

ON A MILD SOLUTION OF A SEMILINEAR FUNCTIONAL-DIFFERENTIAL EVOLUTION NONLOCAL PROBLEM¹

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The existence, uniqueness, and continuous dependence of a mild solution of a nonlocal Cauchy problem for a semilinear functional-differential evolution equation in a general Banach space are studied. Methods of a C_0 semigroup of operators and the Banach contraction theorem are applied. The result obtained herein is a generalization and continuation of those reported in references [2-8].

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1. Introduction

In this paper we study the existence, uniqueness, and continuous dependence of a mild solution of a nonlocal Cauchy problem for a semilinear functional-differential evolution equation. Methods of functional analysis concerning a C_0 semigroup of operators and the Banach theorem about the fixed point are applied. The nonlocal Cauchy problem considered here is of the form:

$$u'(t) + Au(t) = f(t, u_t), \quad t \in [0, a], \quad (1.1)$$

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$$u(s) + (g(u_{t_1}, \dots, u_{t_p}))(s) = \phi(s), \quad s \in [-r, 0], \tag{1.2}$$

where $0 < t_1 < \dots < t_p \leq a$ ($p \in \mathbb{N}$); $-A$ is the infinitesimal generator of a C_0 semigroup of operators on a general Banach space; f, g and ϕ are given functions satisfying some assumptions, and $u_t(s) := u(t + s)$ for $t \in [0, a], s \in [-r, 0]$.

Theorems about the existence, uniqueness, and stability of solutions of differential and functional-differential abstract evolution Cauchy problems were studied previously by Byszewski and Lakshmikantham [2], by Byszewski [3-8], and by Lin and Liu [10]. The result obtained herein is a generalization and continuation of those reported in references [2-8].

If the case of the nonlocal condition considered in this paper is reduced to the classical initial condition, the result of the paper is reduced to previous results of Hale [9], Thompson [11], and Akca, Shakhmurow and Arslan [1] on the existence, uniqueness, and continuous dependence of the functional-differential evolution Cauchy problem.

2. Preliminaries

We assume that E is a Banach space with norm $\|\cdot\|$; $-A$ is the infinitesimal generator of a C_0 semigroup $\{T(t)\}_{t \geq 0}$ on E , $D(A)$ is the domain of A ;

$$0 < t_1 < \dots < t_p \leq a \quad (p \in \mathbb{N})$$

and

$$M := \sup_{t \in [0, a]} \|T(t)\|_{BL(E, E)}. \tag{2.1}$$

In the sequel the operator norm $\|\cdot\|_{BL(E, E)}$ will be denoted by $\|\cdot\|$.

For a continuous function $w: [-r, a] \rightarrow E$, we denote by w_t a function belonging to $C([-r, 0], E)$ given by the formula

$$w_t(s) := w(t + s) \text{ for } t \in [0, a], \quad s \in [-r, 0].$$

Let $f: [0, a] \times C([-r, 0], E) \rightarrow E$. We require the following assumptions:

Assumption (A₁): For every $w \in C([-r, a], E)$ and $t \in [0, a]$,

$$f(\cdot, w_t) \in C([0, a], E).$$

Assumption (A₂): There exists a constant $L > 0$ such that:

$$\|f(t, w_t) - f(t, \tilde{w}_t)\| \leq L \|w - \tilde{w}\|_{C([-r, t], E)}$$

$$\text{for } w, \tilde{w} \in C([-r, a], E), \quad t \in [0, a].$$

Let $g: [C([-r, 0], E)]^p \rightarrow C([-r, 0], E)$. We apply the assumption:

Assumption (A₃): There exists a constant $K > 0$ such that:

$$\|(g(w_{t_1}, \dots, w_{t_p}))(s) - (g(\tilde{w}_{t_1}, \dots, \tilde{w}_{t_p}))(s)\| \leq K \|w - \tilde{w}\|_{C([-r, a], E)}$$

$$\text{for } w, \tilde{w} \in C([-r, a], E), \quad s \in [-r, 0].$$

Moreover, we require the assumption:

Assumption (A₄): $\phi \in C([-r, 0], E)$.

A function $u \in C([-r, a], E)$ satisfying the conditions:

$$(i) \quad u(t) = T(t)\phi(0) - T(t) \left[(g(u_{t_1}, \dots, u_{t_p}))(0) \right] + \int_0^t T(t-s)f(s, u_s)ds, \quad t \in [0, a],$$

$$(ii) \quad u(s) + (g(u_{t_1}, \dots, u_{t_p}))(s) = \phi(s), \quad s \in [-r, 0],$$

is said to be a *mild solution* of the nonlocal Cauchy problem (1.1)-(1.2).

3. Existence and Uniqueness of a Mild Solution

Theorem 3.1: *Assume that the functions f, g , and ϕ satisfy Assumptions (A₁)-(A₄). Additionally, suppose that:*

$$M(aL + K) < 1. \tag{3.1}$$

Then the nonlocal Cauchy problem (1.1)-(1.2) has a unique mild solution.

Proof: Introduce an operator F on the Banach space $C([-r, a], E)$ by the formula:

$$(Fw)(t) = \begin{cases} \phi(t) - (g(w_{t_1}, \dots, w_{t_p}))(t), & t \in [-r, 0], \\ T(t)\phi(0) - T(t) \left[(g(w_{t_1}, \dots, w_{t_p}))(0) \right] + \int_0^t T(t-s)f(s, w_s)ds, & t \in [0, a], \end{cases}$$

where $w \in C([-r, a], E)$.

It is easy to see that

$$F: C([-r, a], E) \rightarrow C([-r, a], E). \tag{3.2}$$

Now, we will show that F is a contraction on $C([-r, a], E)$. For this purpose consider two differences:

$$(Fw)(t) - (F\tilde{w})(t) = (g(\tilde{w}_{t_1}, \dots, \tilde{w}_{t_p}))(t) - (g(w_{t_1}, \dots, w_{t_p}))(t) \tag{3.3}$$

$$\text{for } w, \tilde{w} \in C([-r, a], E), \quad t \in [-r, 0]$$

and

$$(Fw)(t) - (F\tilde{w})(t) = T(t) \left[(g(\tilde{w}_{t_1}, \dots, \tilde{w}_{t_p}))(0) - (g(w_{t_1}, \dots, w_{t_p}))(0) \right] + \int_0^t T(t-s)[f(s, w_s) - f(s, \tilde{w}_s)]ds \tag{3.4}$$

$$\text{for } w, \tilde{w} \in C([-r, a], E), \quad t \in [0, a].$$

From (3.3) and Assumption (A₃):

$$\begin{aligned} \|(Fw)(t) - (F\tilde{w})(t)\| &\leq K \|w - \tilde{w}\|_{C([-r, a], E)} \\ \text{for } w, \tilde{w} &\in C([-r, a], E), \quad t \in [-r, 0]. \end{aligned} \tag{3.5}$$

Moreover, by (3.4), (2.1), Assumption (A_2) , and Assumption (A_3) :

$$\begin{aligned} \|(Fw)(t) - (F\tilde{w})(t)\| &\leq \|T(t)\| \|(g(w_{t_1}, \dots, w_{t_p}))(0) - (g(\tilde{w}_{t_1}, \dots, \tilde{w}_{t_p}))(0)\| \\ &\quad + \int_0^t \|T(t-s)\| \|f(s, w_s) - f(s, \tilde{w}_s)\| ds \\ &\leq MK \|w - \tilde{w}\|_{C([-r, a], E)} + ML \int_0^t \|w - \tilde{w}\|_{C([-r, s], E)} ds \\ &\leq M(aL + K) \|w - \tilde{w}\|_{C([-r, a], E)} \\ \text{for } w, \tilde{w} &\in C([-r, a], E), \quad t \in [0, a]. \end{aligned} \tag{3.6}$$

Formulas (3.5) and (3.6) imply the inequality

$$\begin{aligned} \|Fw - F\tilde{w}\|_{C([-r, a], E)} &\leq q \|w - \tilde{w}\|_{C([-r, a], E)} \\ \text{for } w, \tilde{w} &\in C([-r, a], E), \end{aligned} \tag{3.7}$$

where $q = M(aL + K)$.

Since, from (3.1), $q \in (0, 1)$, then (3.7) shows that F is a contraction on $C([-r, a], E)$. Consequently, by (3.2) and (3.7), operator F satisfies all the assumptions of the Banach contraction theorem. Therefore, in space $C([-r, a], E)$ there is only one fixed point of F and this point is the mild solution of the nonlocal Cauchy problem (1.1)-(1.2).

The proof of Theorem 3.1 is complete.

4. Continuous Dependence of a Mild Solution

Theorem 4.1: *Suppose that the functions f and g satisfy Assumptions (A_1) - (A_3) and $M(aL + K) < 1$. Then, for each $\phi_1, \phi_2 \in C([-r, 0], E)$, and for the corresponding mild solutions u_1, u_2 of the problems*

$$\begin{cases} u'(t) + Au(t) = f(t, u_t), & t \in [0, a], \\ u(s) + (g(u_{t_1}, \dots, u_{t_p}))(s) = \phi_i(s), & s \in [-r, 0] \quad (i = 1, 2), \end{cases} \tag{4.1}$$

the inequality

$$\begin{aligned} &\|u_1 - u_2\|_{C([-r, a], E)} \\ &\leq Me^{aML} \left(\|\phi_1 - \phi_2\|_{C([-r, 0], E)} + K \|u_1 - u_2\|_{C([-r, a], E)} \right) \end{aligned} \tag{4.2}$$

is true.

Additionally, if $K < \frac{1}{Me^{aML}}$, then

$$\|u_1 - u_2\|_{C([-r, a], E)} \leq \frac{Me^{aML}}{1 - KMe^{aML}} \|\phi_1 - \phi_2\|_{C([-r, 0], E)}. \tag{4.3}$$

Proof: Let ϕ_i ($i = 1, 2$) be arbitrary functions belonging to $C([-r, 0], E)$, and let u_i ($i = 1, 2$) be the mild solutions of problems (4.1).

Consequently,

$$\begin{aligned} u_1(t) - u_2(t) &= T(t)[\phi_1(0) - \phi_2(0)] \\ &- T(t) \left[(g((u_1)_{t_1}, \dots, (u_1)_{t_p}))(0) - (g((u_2)_{t_1}, \dots, (u_2)_{t_p}))(0) \right] \\ &+ \int_0^t T(t-s)[f(s, (u_1)_s) - f(s, (u_2)_s)]ds \text{ for } t \in [0, a], \end{aligned} \tag{4.4}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} u_1(t) - u_2(t) &= \phi_1(t) - \phi_2(t) \\ &+ (g((u_2)_{t_1}, \dots, (u_2)_{t_p}))(t) - (g((u_1)_{t_1}, \dots, (u_1)_{t_p}))(t) \\ &\text{for } t \in [-r, 0). \end{aligned} \tag{4.5}$$

From (4.4), (2.1), Assumption (A_2) and Assumption (A_3) :

$$\begin{aligned} \|u_1(\tau) - u_2(\tau)\| &\leq M \|\phi_1 - \phi_2\|_{C([-r, 0], E)} + MK \|u_1 - u_2\|_{C([-r, a], E)} \\ &+ ML \int_0^\tau \|u_1 - u_2\|_{C([-r, s], E)} ds \\ &\leq M \|\phi_1 - \phi_2\|_{C([-r, 0], E)} + MK \|u_1 - u_2\|_{C([-r, a], E)} \\ &+ ML \int_0^t \|u_1 - u_2\|_{C([-r, s], E)} ds \text{ for } 0 \leq \tau \leq t \leq a. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} &\sup_{\tau \in [0, t]} \|u_1(\tau) - u_2(\tau)\| \\ &\leq M \|\phi_1 - \phi_2\|_{C([-r, 0], E)} + MK \|u_1 - u_2\|_{C([-r, a], E)} \\ &+ ML \int_0^t \|u_1 - u_2\|_{C([-r, s], E)} ds \text{ for } t \in [0, a]. \end{aligned} \tag{4.6}$$

Simultaneously, by (4.5) and Assumption (A_3) :

$$\|u_1(t) - u_2(t)\| \leq \|\phi_1 - \phi_2\|_{C([-r,0],E)} + K \|u_1 - u_2\|_{C([-r,a],E)}$$

for $t \in [-r, 0)$. (4.7)

Since $M \geq 1$, formulas (4.6) and (4.7) imply:

$$\begin{aligned} & \|u_1 - u_2\|_{C([-r,t],E)} \\ & \leq M \|\phi_1 - \phi_2\|_{C([-r,0],E)} + MK \|u_1 - u_2\|_{C([-r,a],E)} \\ & \quad + ML \int_0^t \|u_1 - u_2\|_{C([-r,s],E)} ds \text{ for } t \in [0, a]. \end{aligned}$$

(4.8)

From (4.8) and Gronwall's inequality:

$$\begin{aligned} & \|u_1 - u_2\|_{C([-r,a],E)} \\ & \leq \left[M \|\phi_1 - \phi_2\|_{C([-r,0],E)} + MK \|u_1 - u_2\|_{C([-r,a],E)} \right] e^{aML}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, (4.2) holds. Finally, inequality (4.3) is a consequence of inequality (4.2). The proof of Theorem 4.1 is complete.

Remark 4.1: If $K = 0$, inequality (4.2) is reduced to the classical inequality

$$\|u_1 - u_2\|_{C([-r,a],E)} \leq M e^{aML} \|\phi_1 - \phi_2\|_{C([-r,0],E)},$$

which is characteristic for the continuous dependence of the semilinear functional-differential evolution Cauchy problem with the classical initial condition.

5. Remarks

1. Let

$$0 < t_1 < \dots < t_p \leq a \quad (p \in \mathbb{N}).$$

Theorems 3.1 and 4.1 can be applied for g defined by the formula:

$$(g(w_{t_1}, \dots, w_{t_p}))(s) = \sum_{k=1}^p c_k w(t_k + s) \text{ for } w \in C([-r, a], E), \quad s \in [-r, 0],$$

where $c_k (k = 1, \dots, p)$ are given constants such that

$$M \left(aL + \sum_{k=1}^p |c_k| \right) < 1. \tag{5.1}$$

2. Let

$$0 < t_1 < \dots < t_p \leq a \quad (p \in \mathbb{N})$$

and let $\epsilon_k (k = 1, \dots, p)$ be given positive constants such that:

$$0 < t_1 - \epsilon_1 \text{ and } t_{k-1} < t_k - \epsilon_k \quad (k = 2, \dots, p).$$

Theorems 3.1 and 4.1 can be applied for g defined by the formula:

$$(g(w_{t_1}, \dots, w_{t_p}))(s) = \sum_{k=1}^p \frac{c_k}{\epsilon_k} \int_{t_k - \epsilon_k}^{t_k} w(\tau + s) d\tau$$

$$\text{for } w \in C([-r, a], E), \quad s \in [-r, 0],$$

where c_k ($k = 1, \dots, p$) are given constants satisfying condition (5.1). Indeed,

$$\begin{aligned} & \| (g(w_{t_1}, \dots, w_{t_p}))(s) - (g(\tilde{w}_{t_1}, \dots, \tilde{w}_{t_p}))(s) \| \\ &= \left\| \sum_{k=1}^p \frac{c_k}{\epsilon_k} \int_{t_k - \epsilon_k}^{t_k} [w(\tau + s) - \tilde{w}(\tau + s)] d\tau \right\| \\ &\leq \left(\sum_{k=1}^p |c_k| \right) \| w - \tilde{w} \|_{C([-r, a], E)} \quad \text{for } s \in [-r, 0]. \end{aligned}$$

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