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Properties of Integral Operators Corresponding to
Ordinary Differential Equations in Banach Spaces

Własności operatorów całkowych związanych
z równaniami różniczkowymi zwyczajnymi w przestrzeniach Banacha

Abstract. Using Darbo's fixed point theorem, it is shown that initial value problems for ordinary differential equations in Banach spaces have a solution provided the right hand side of the equation is a sum of a β -Lipschitz and dissipative function.

Let E be a Banach space with norm $|\cdot|$, $T > 0$, and $f : [0, T] \times E \rightarrow E$ a continuous function with $\sup\{|f(t, x)| : 0 \leq t \leq T, x \in E\} \leq M$. We denote by $C([0, T], E)$ the Banach space of continuous functions $x : [0, T] \rightarrow E$ provided with the norm $\|x\| = \max\{|x(t)| : 0 \leq t \leq T\}$. The existence of solutions of the initial value problem

$$(*) \quad x(0) = a, \quad x' = f(t, x) \quad (0 \leq t \leq T)$$

can be proved by finding a fixed point of the operator $\Phi : C([0, T], E) \rightarrow C([0, T], E)$ defined by

$$\Phi x(t) = a + \int_0^t f(\tau, x(\tau)) d\tau \quad (x \in C([0, T], E), 0 \leq t \leq T).$$

A function f is called β -Lipschitz, if it satisfies

$$\beta(f[0, T] \times A)) \leq \lambda \beta(A) \quad (A \subseteq E \text{ bounded}).$$

β denotes the Hausdorff measure of noncompactness (for definition and properties see [2], [8]). A compact function f is β -Lipschitz with $\lambda = 0$. If the function f is Lipschitz with constant λ , i.e.

$$|f(t, x) - f(t, y)| \leq \lambda |x - y| \quad (0 \leq t \leq T; x, y \in E),$$

then it is β -Lipschitz with constant λ . The following results are known.

Theorem 1.

- (i) f is compact $\Rightarrow \Phi$ is compact and $\Phi(C[0, T], E) \subseteq L$.
- (ii) f is Lipschitz with constant λ $\Rightarrow \Phi$ is Lipschitz with constant λT .
- (iii) f is β -Lipschitz with constant λ $\Rightarrow \Phi : L \rightarrow L$ is β -Lipschitz with constant λT [10].

Here L denotes the convex, closed and bounded subset $\{x \in C([0, T], E) : x(0) = a, |x(t) - xs| \leq M|t - s|, 0 \leq t, s \leq T\}$ of $C([0, T], E)$. In case (i) the fixed point theorem of Schauder gives a fixed point of Φ . If $\lambda T < 1$ we obtain a fixed point of Φ by means of the fixed point theorems of Banach (case (iii)) and of Darbo [3] (case (iii)).

Martin [6] used approximate solutions to show that the initial value problem $(*)$ has a unique solution, if f is dissipative, i.e.

$$[x, y, f(t, x) - f(t, y)]_- \leq \lambda|x - y| \quad (0 \leq t \leq T; x, y \in E),$$

where $[x, y]_- = \lim_{h \downarrow 0} \frac{1}{h}(|x| - |x - hy|)$.

We do not know, if this case can also be treated by a fixed point theorem. As generalization of Theorem 1 we will prove

Theorem 2. Let $g, k : [0, T] \times E \rightarrow E$ be continuous functions with

$$(1) \quad \sup\{|g(t, x)| : 0 \leq t \leq T, x \in E\} + \sup\{|k(t, x)| : 0 \leq t \leq T, x \in E\} \leq M$$

such that g is dissipative with constant $\lambda (> 0)$ and k is β -Lipschitz with constant κ . Define $\Psi : C([0, T], E) \rightarrow C([0, T], E)$ by $\Psi(x) = y$ where y is the unique solution of

$$y(0) = a, \quad y' = g(t, y) + k(t, x(t)) \quad (0 \leq t \leq T).$$

Then Ψ is continuous, $\Psi(C[0, T], E) \subseteq L$ and $\Psi : L \rightarrow L$ is β -Lipschitz with constant $q = \frac{\kappa}{\lambda}(e^{\lambda T} - 1)$.

We will use the following lemmata.

Lemma 1 [1]. Let \mathcal{A} be a bounded and equicontinuous subset of $C([0, T], E)$ and $A = \{x(t) : x \in \mathcal{A}, 0 \leq t \leq T\}$. Then

$$\beta(\mathcal{A}) = \beta(A).$$

Lemma 2 [9]. Let $k : [0, T] \times E \rightarrow E$ be a continuous, bounded and β -Lipschitz function with constant κ and $A \subseteq E$ bounded. Then to each $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists a finite dimensional subspace Y of E and a continuous and bounded function $s : [0, T] \times E \rightarrow Y$ with the property

$$(2) \quad |k(t, x) - s(t, x)| \leq \kappa\beta(A) + \varepsilon \quad (0 \leq t \leq T, x \in A).$$

Proof of Theorem 2. We define $\Gamma : C([0, T], E) \rightarrow C([0, T], E)$ by $\Gamma(x) = y + x$, where y is the unique solution of

$$y(0) = a - x(0), \quad y' = g(t, y + x(t)) \quad (0 \leq t \leq T),$$

or equivalently $\Gamma(x) = z$, where z is the unique solution of

$$(3) \quad z(t) = a + \int_0^t g(\tau, z(\tau)) d\tau + x(t) \quad (0 \leq t \leq T).$$

If $K : C([0, T], E) \rightarrow C([0, T], E)$ denotes the Nemytskii operator $Kx(t) = k(t, x(t))$ ($x \in C([0, T], E)$, $0 \leq t \leq T$) and $I : C([0, T], E) \rightarrow C([0, T], E)$ the Integral operator $Ix(t) = \int_0^t x(\tau) d\tau$ ($x \in C([0, T], E)$, $0 \leq t \leq T$), we claim

- (i) $\Gamma \circ I \circ K = \Psi$,
- (ii) Γ is continuous,
- (iii) $\Gamma \circ I$ is Lipschitz with constant $\frac{1}{\lambda}(e^{\lambda T} - 1)$.

Equation (4) easily follows from (3) and the definition of Ψ . Since the propositions (ii) and (iii) can be proved by analogous arguments, we only show (ii). Let $x, u \in C([0, T], E)$ and $\Gamma(x) = x + y$, $\Gamma(u) = u + v$. Then $y, v : [0, T] \times E \rightarrow E$ are differentiable functions and, with the properties of $[\cdot, \cdot]_-$ (see Lemma II 5.6 and Lemma VI 4.1 in [7]), we get for $t > 0$

$$\begin{aligned} |y(y) - v(t)|_- &= [y(t) - v(t), y'(t) - v'(t)]_- \\ &= [y(t) - v(t), g(t, x(t) + y(t)) - g(t, u(t) + v(t))]_- \\ &\leq [y(t) - v(t), g(t, u(t) + y(t) - g(t, u(t) + v(t))]_- + |w(t)| \\ &\leq \lambda|y(t) - v(t)| + |w(t)|, \end{aligned}$$

where $w(t) = g(t, x(t) + y(t)) - g(t, u(t) + v(t))$ ($0 \leq t \leq T$). From the above inequality and $|y(0) - v(0)| = |x(0) - u(0)|$ we deduce by means of well-known theorems on differential inequalities (see Walter [12])

$$\|y - v\| = \|\Gamma x - \Gamma u - (x - u)\| \leq e^{\lambda T}|x(0) - u(0)| + \frac{1}{\lambda}(e^{\lambda T} - 1)\|w\|.$$

This and the continuity of g gives the continuity of Γ , and with (4) we obtain the continuity of Ψ . Furthermore (1), (3), (4) implies $\Psi(C([0, T], E)) \subseteq L$. Now we will prove that $\Psi : L \rightarrow L$ is Lipschitz. Let \mathcal{A} be a subset of L and $A = \{x(t) : x \in \mathcal{A}, 0 \leq t \leq T\}$. Then by Lemma 1,

$$(6) \quad \beta(A) = \beta(\mathcal{A}).$$

We choose $\varepsilon > 0$. By Lemma 2 there exist a finite dimensional subspace Y of E and a continuous and bounded functions $s : [0, T] \times E \rightarrow Y$ with property (1). If $S : C([0, T], E) \rightarrow C([0, T], E)$ denotes the Nemytskii operator of s , the Arzelà-Ascoli theorem shows the relative compactness of $I \circ S(C([0, T], E))$ and therefore the relative compactness of $\Gamma \circ I \circ S(C([0, T], E))$. From (2), (5), (6) we deduce for $x \in \mathcal{A}$

$$\|\Gamma \circ I(Kx) - \Gamma \circ I(Sx)\| \leq \frac{1}{\lambda}(e^{\lambda T} - 1)(\kappa\beta(\mathcal{A}) + \varepsilon).$$

This implies

$$\beta(\{\Gamma \circ I \circ K(x) - \Gamma \circ I \circ S(x) : x \in \mathcal{A}\}) \leq \frac{1}{\lambda}(e^{\lambda T} - 1)(\kappa\beta(\mathcal{A}) + \varepsilon).$$

Since $\beta(\Gamma \circ I \circ S(\mathcal{A})) = 0$ and $\varepsilon > 0$ is arbitrary, we conclude $\beta(\Psi(\mathcal{A})) = \beta(\Gamma \circ I \circ K(\mathcal{A})) \leq q\beta(\mathcal{A})$.

Corollary . Under the assumptions of Theorem 2 the initial value problem (*) with $f = g + h$ has a solution $x \in C([0, T], E)$.

Proof. We first choose $t_0 \in (0, T]$ such that $\frac{\kappa}{\lambda}(e^{\lambda t_0} - 1) < 1$. Then from Theorem 2 and the fixed point theorem of Darbo we obtain a solution $x : [0, t_0] \rightarrow E$ of (*). This solution can be continued to the whole interval $[0, T]$.

This corollary answers the question in [4], [11] and is proved without use of a fixed point theorem in [9]. For completeness we refer to a result of Lemmert [5], who proves the monotonicity of an operator Ψ corresponding to an initial value problem in ordered Banach spaces, where the right hand side is assumed to satisfy some monotonicity conditions.

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STRESZCZENIE

Stosując twierdzenie Darbo o punkcie stałym wykazano, że zadanie początkowe dla równania różniczkowego zwyczajnego w przestrzeni Banacha ma rozwiązanie, o ile tylko prawa strona równania jest sumą funkcji β -Lipschitzowskiej i dysympatywnej.

