

AN EXISTENCE THEOREM FOR
ORDINARY DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS
IN BANACH SPACES

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We prove the existence of bounded solution of the differential equation $y' = A(t)y + f(t, y)$ in a Banach space. The method used here is based on the concept of "admissibility" due to Massera and Schäffer when f satisfies the Caratheodory conditions and some regularity condition expressed in terms of the measure of noncompactness α .

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Throughout this paper J denotes the half-line $t \geq 0$, E a Banach space with norm $\|\cdot\|$, and $L(E)$ the algebra of continuous linear operators from E into itself with induced norm $\|\cdot\|$. Further, we will use standard notation and some of the notation, definitions and results from the book of Massera and Schäffer [5].

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Let us denote:

by $L(J, E)$ - the vector space of strongly measurable functions from J into E , Bochner integrable in every finite subinterval I of J , with the topology of the convergence in the mean, on every such I ;

by $B(J, \mathbb{R})$ - a Banach function space, provided with the norm $\|\cdot\|_{B(\mathbb{R})}$, of real-valued measurable functions on J such that

- (1) $B(J, \mathbb{R})$ is stronger than $L(J, \mathbb{R})$,
- (2) $B(J, \mathbb{R})$ contains all essentially bounded functions with compact support,
- (3) if $u \in B(J, \mathbb{R})$ and v is a real-valued measurable function on J with $|v| \leq |u|$, then $v \in B(J, \mathbb{R})$ and $\|v\|_{B(\mathbb{R})} \leq \|u\|_{B(\mathbb{R})}$, and
- (4) if v_n ($n = 1, 2, \dots$) are real-valued measurable functions on J such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} v_n(t) = 0$ for almost all $t \in J$ and $|v_n| \leq u$ with $u \in B(J, \mathbb{R})$, then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|v_n\|_{B(\mathbb{R})} = 0$;

by $B^*(J, \mathbb{R})$ - the associate space to $B(J, \mathbb{R})$, that is, the Banach space of measurable functions $u : J \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that

$$\|u\|_{B^*(\mathbb{R})} = \sup \left\{ \int_J |v(s)u(s)| ds : v \in B(J, \mathbb{R}), \|v\|_{B(\mathbb{R})} \leq 1 \right\} < \infty ;$$

by $B(J, E)$ (respectively $B^*(J, E)$) - the Banach space of all strongly measurable functions $u : J \rightarrow E$ such that $\|u\| \in B(J, \mathbb{R})$ (respectively $\|u\| \in B^*(J, \mathbb{R})$) provided with the norm $\|u\|_{B(E)} = \|\|u\|\|_{B(\mathbb{R})}$ (respectively $\|u\|_{B^*(E)} = \|\|u\|\|_{B^*(\mathbb{R})}$);

by $C(J, E)$ - the vector space of all continuous functions from J to E endowed with the topology of uniform convergence on compact subsets of J .

Assume that $A \in L(J, L(E))$. Let E_0 denote the set of all points of E which are values for $t = 0$ of bounded solutions of the

differential equation $y' = A(t)y$. Suppose that E_0 is closed and has a closed complement, that is, there exists a closed subspace E_1 of E such that E is the direct sum of E_0 and E_1 .

Let P be the projection of E onto E_0 , and let $U : J \rightarrow L(E)$ be the solution of the equation $U' = A(t)U$ with the initial condition $U(0) = I$ (the identity mapping). For any $t \in J$ we define a function $G(t, \cdot) \in L(J, L(E))$ by

$$G(t, s) = \begin{cases} U(t)PU^{-1}(s) & \text{for } 0 \leq s \leq t, \\ -U(t)(I-P)U^{-1}(s) & \text{for } s > t. \end{cases}$$

Assume in addition that there exists a constant $C > 0$ such that, for any $t \in J$, $G(t, \cdot) \in B^*(J, L(E))$ and $\|G(t, \cdot)\|_{B^*(L(E))} \leq C$.

Let α denote the Kuratowski measure of noncompactness in E , the properties of which may be found in [2] and [3]. Suppose $f : J \times E \rightarrow E$ is a function which satisfies the following conditions:

- 1°. for each $x \in E$ the mapping $t \mapsto f(t, x)$ is strongly measurable, and for each $t \in J$ the mapping $x \mapsto f(t, x)$ is continuous;
- 2°. $\|f(t, x)\| \leq m(t)$ for all $(t, x) \in J \times E$, where $m \in B(J, \mathbb{R})$;
- 3°. for any $\varepsilon > 0$, $t_0 > 0$ and bounded subset X of E there exists a closed subset Q of $[0, t_0]$ such that $\text{mes}([0, t_0] \setminus Q) < \varepsilon$ and

$$\alpha\{f[I \times X]\} \leq \sup\{g(t) : t \in I\} \cdot h(\alpha(X))$$

for each closed subset I of Q , where g and h are functions of J into itself, g is measurable, h is non-decreasing and

$$\sup\left\{\int_J \|G(t, s)\|g(s)ds : t \in J\right\} \cdot h(t) < t$$

for all $t > 0$.

Under the above hypotheses our result reads as follows.

THEOREM. For each $x_0 \in E_0$ with sufficiently small norm there exists a bounded solution of the differential equation

$$y'(t) = A(t)y(t) + f(t, y(t))$$

on J such that $Py(0) = x_0$.

Proof. The result can be proved by the fixed point theorem given in [6] as Theorem 2.

According to Theorem 4.1 of [4] there is a constant $M > 0$ such that every bounded solution of $y' = A(t)y$ satisfies the estimate $\|y(t)\| \leq M\|y(0)\|$ for $t \in J$. Pick $r > C\|m\|_{B(\mathbf{R})}$ and assume that $x_0 \in E_0$ with $\|x_0\| \leq M^{-1}(r - C\|m\|_{B(\mathbf{R})})$.

Denote by K the set of all $y \in C(J, E)$ such that $\|y(t)\| \leq r$ on J , and

$$\|y(t_1) - y(t_2)\| \leq r \left| \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \|A(s)\| ds \right| + \left| \int_{t_1}^{t_2} m(s) ds \right|$$

for t_1, t_2 in J . Define a mapping T as follows:

$$(Ty)(t) = U(t)x_0 + \int_J G(t, s)(Fy)(s) ds$$

for $y \in K$, where $(Fy)(t) = f(t, y(t))$.

Let $y_0 \in K$. By the Hölder inequality

$$\begin{aligned} \|(Ty_0)(t)\| &\leq M\|U(0)x_0\| + \int_J \|G(t, s)\| m(s) ds \\ &\leq M\|x_0\| + C\|m\|_{B(\mathbf{R})} \leq r \end{aligned}$$

on J . Since Ty_0 is a solution of the equation $y' = A(t)y + Fy_0$, we have

$$\|(Ty_0)(t_1) - (Ty_0)(t_2)\| \leq \left| \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \|A(s)(Ty_0)(s) + (Fy_0)(s)\| ds \right|$$

for $t_1, t_2 \in J$. Thus $Ty_0 \in K$. Evidently,

$$\|(Tu)(t) - (Tv)(t)\| \leq C\|Fu - Fv\|_{B(E)} \text{ for } u, v \in K.$$

Now, from this and from 2°, (3) and (4), we conclude that T is continuous as a map of K into itself.

Let us put $\Phi(Y) = \sup\{\alpha(Y(t)) : t \in J\}$ for any nonempty subset Y of K ; here $Y(t)$ stands for the set of all $y(t)$ with $y \in Y$. By the corresponding properties of α , $\Phi(Y_1) \leq \Phi(Y_2)$ whenever $Y_1 \subset Y_2$, $\Phi(Y \cup \{y\}) = \Phi(Y)$ for $y \in K$, and $\Phi(\overline{\text{conv } Y}) = \Phi(Y)$. If $\Phi(Y) = 0$ then $\overline{Y(t)}$ is compact for every $t \in J$; therefore Ascoli's theorem implies that \overline{Y} is compact in $C(J, E)$.

Assume that Y is a nonempty subset of K with $\Phi(Y) > 0$. We shall prove that $\Phi(T[Y]) < \Phi(Y)$.

Let $t \in J$ be fixed. Let $\epsilon > 0$ be arbitrary. Since $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|\chi_{[t, \infty)}^n\|_{B(\mathbb{R})} = 0$, so $C\|\chi_{[a, \infty)}^n\|_{B(\mathbb{R})} < \epsilon$ for some $a \geq t$. Further, let $\delta = \delta(\epsilon) > 0$ be a number such that $\int_A \|G(t, s)\| m(s) ds < \epsilon$ for each measurable $A \subset [0, a]$ with $\text{mes}(A) < \delta$. By the Luzin theorem there exists a closed subset Z_1 of $[0, a]$ with $\text{mes}([0, a] \setminus Z_1) < \delta/2$ and the function g is continuous on Z_1 .

Let $X_0 = \cup\{Y(s) : 0 \leq s \leq a\}$. It follows from 3° that there exists a closed subset Z_2 of $[0, a]$ such that $\text{mes}([0, a] \setminus Z_2) < \delta/2$ and $\alpha(f[I \times X_0]) \leq \sup\{g(s) : s \in I\} \cdot h(\alpha(x_0))$ for each closed subset I of Z_2 .

Define $A = ([0, a] \setminus Z_1) \cup ([0, a] \setminus Z_2)$ and $Z = [0, a] \setminus A$. For any given $\epsilon' > 0$ there exists a $\eta > 0$ such that if $|s' - s''| < \eta$ with $s', s'' \in [0, t] \cap Z$ or $s', s'' \in [t, a] \cap Z$, then $\|G(t, s') - G(t, s'')\| < \epsilon'$ and $|g(s') - g(s'')| < \epsilon'$. Now we divide the interval $[0, a]$ into $2n$ parts:

$$t_0 = 0 < t_1 < \dots < t_n = t < \dots < t_{2n} = a$$

with $t_i - t_{i-1} < \eta$. Denote by I_i ($i = 1, 2, \dots, 2n$) the set $[t_{i-1}, t_i] \setminus A$. Moreover, let

$$c_1 = \sup\{\|G(t, s)\| : s \in Z\}, \quad c_2 = \sup\{g(s) : s \in Z\},$$

and let p_i, r_i be points in I_i such that

$$\|G(t, p_i)\| = \sup\{\|G(t, s)\| : s \in I_i\}$$

and

$$g(r_i) = \sup\{g(s) : s \in I_i\}.$$

It is not hard to see that if H is a continuous mapping from a compact subinterval I to $L(E)$ and W is a bounded subset of E , then $\alpha(\cup\{H(s)W : s \in I\}) \leq \sup\{\|H(s)\| : s \in I\} \cdot \alpha(W)$. Hence

$$\alpha(\cup\{G(t, s)f[I_i \times X_0] : s \in I_i\}) \leq \|G(t, p_i)\|g(r_i) \cdot h(\alpha(X_0))$$

for $i = 1, 2, \dots, 2n$.

Applying the integral mean value theorem, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha\left\{\left\{\int_Z G(t, s)(Fy)(s)ds : y \in Y\right\}\right\} &\leq \alpha\left\{\sum_{i=1}^{2n} \text{mes}(I_i) \overline{\text{conv}}(\cup\{G(t, s)f[I_i \times X_0] : s \in I_i\})\right\} \\ &\leq h(\alpha(X_0)) \cdot \sum_{i=1}^{2n} \|G(t, p_i)\|g(r_i)\text{mes}(I_i) \\ &\leq h(\alpha(X_0)) \cdot \sum_{i=1}^{2n} \int_{I_i} (\|G(t, p_i) - G(t, s)\|g(r_i) \\ &\quad + \|G(t, s)\| |g(r_i) - g(s)| + \|G(t, s)\|g(s))ds \\ &\leq h(\alpha(X_0)) \cdot \left[a(c_1 + c_2)\varepsilon' + \int_Z \|G(t, s)\|g(s)ds \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Since Y is almost equicontinuous and bounded, we can apply Lemma 2.2 of [1] to get

$$\alpha(X_0) = \sup\{\alpha(Y(s)) : 0 \leq s \leq a\} \leq \Phi(Y).$$

Consequently

$$\begin{aligned}
& \alpha(T[Y])(t) \\
& \leq 2 \int_A \|G(t, s)\| m(s) ds + h(\alpha(S_0)) \int_Z \|G(t, s)\| g(s) ds + 2 \int_a^\infty \|G(t, s)\| m(s) ds \\
& < 2\varepsilon + h(\Phi(Y)) \int_Z \|G(t, s)\| g(s) ds + 2C \| \chi_{[\alpha, \infty)}^m \|_{B(\mathbb{R})} \\
& < 4\varepsilon + h(\Phi(Y)) \int_Z \|G(t, s)\| g(s) ds .
\end{aligned}$$

This proves

$$\alpha(T[Y])(t) \leq h(\Phi(Y)) \cdot \sup \left\{ \int_J \|G(t, s)\| g(s) ds : t \in J \right\}$$

for each $t \in J$, and our claim is proved.

The set K is closed and convex subset of $C(J, E)$. Thus all assumptions of our fixed point theorem are satisfied; T has a fixed point in K which ends the proof.

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