

WEAK FUNDAMENTAL SOLUTION OF THE FIRST ORDER EVOLUTION EQUATION

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Abstract. The purpose of this paper is to present some theorems on existence, uniqueness, continuity and differentiability with respect to a parameter h of a weak solution of the evolution equation $\dot{u}(t) = A(h, t)u(t) + f(h, t)$ in case when operators $A(h, t)$ have domains depending on a parameter h .

Introduction. We consider the abstract first-order initial value problem

$$(1) \quad \frac{d}{dt}u(t) = A(h, t)u(t) + f(h, t) \quad \text{for } t \in [0, T],$$

$$(2) \quad u(0) = x_h^0.$$

It is known that under some assumption on the family of the operators $A(h, t)$ and the function f , the problem (1)–(2) has the unique classical solution given by

$$(3) \quad u(h, t) = U(h, t, 0)x_h^0 + \int_0^t U(h, t, s)f(h, s)ds,$$

where, for each $h \in \Omega$, U is the fundamental solution for the problem (1)–(2). In this paper we investigate the continuity and differentiability of the mapping

$$\Omega \times [0, T] \ni (h, t) \longrightarrow u(h, t) \in X,$$

where $u(h, \cdot)$ is a suitable defined weak solution of the problem (1)–(2).

1. Preliminaries. Now we consider a family $\{A(t)\}_{t \in [0, T]} \subset C(X)$ of densely defined operators. Assume that the domains $D(A(t)^*) = D^*$ are independent of $t \in [0, T]$ and suppose that $\forall t \in [0, T] : 0 \in \rho(A(t))$. By Theorem 5, paper [6], for any $t, s \in [0, T] : \overline{A^{-1}(t)A(s)} \in \text{Aut}(X)$.

Let

$$B(t, s) := \overline{A^{-1}(t)A(s)}.$$

THEOREM 1. *Let the family $\{A(t)\}_{t \in [0, T]}$ be strongly continuously differentiable and suppose that for each $t \in [0, T]$:*

- (a) $A(t) \in C(X)$ and $\overline{D(A(t))} = X$,
- (b) $0 \in \rho(A(t))$,
- (c) a mapping $[0, T] \ni s \rightarrow B(s, t) \in \text{Aut}(X)$ is continuous in $s = t$,

then

- (i) operators $A^{-1}(t)A'(s)$ are bounded,
- (ii) there exists $K \geq 0$ that

$$\|A^{-1}(t)A'(s)\| \leq K \text{ for } t, s \in [0, T].$$

PROOF. By Theorem 7, paper [6], the family $\{A^*(t)\}_{t \in [0, T]}$ is w^* -differentiable. It easy to see that

$$[A'(t)]^* = [A^*(t)]'.$$

It follows that $[A^{-1}(t)A'(s)]^* = [A'(s)]^*[A^{-1}(t)]^*$. This operator is closed and with domain X^* , therefore the operator $A^{-1}(t)A'(s)$ is bounded.

To prove (ii), first note that for any $x \in X$ and $v \in X^*$

$$\left\langle \overline{A^{-1}(0)A'(s)x}, v \right\rangle = \left\langle \frac{\partial}{\partial s} \overline{A^{-1}(0)A(s)x}, v \right\rangle,$$

where $\frac{\partial}{\partial s} \overline{A^{-1}(0)A(s)}$ is a weak derivative of the family $\{\overline{A^{-1}(0)A(s)}\}$.

Indeed, for $x \in D$

$$\begin{aligned} \left\langle \frac{\partial}{\partial s} \overline{A^{-1}(0)A(s)x}, v \right\rangle &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left\langle \frac{A^{-1}(0)A(s+h)x - A^{-1}(0)A(s)x}{h}, v \right\rangle \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left\langle \frac{A(s+h)x - A(s)x}{h}, (A^{-1}(0))^* v \right\rangle = \left\langle A'(s)x, (A^{-1}(0))^* v \right\rangle \\ &= \left\langle A^{-1}(0)A'(s)x, v \right\rangle \end{aligned}$$

and by density of D in X and Theorem 7, paper [6], it holds for each $x \in X$.

By Theorem 7 (iv), paper [6], the mapping $A^{-1}(0)A'(\cdot)$ is weakly continuous, so it is uniformly bounded, i.e.

$$\|A^{-1}(0)A'(s)\| \leq M \text{ for } s \in [0, T].$$

This implies, by Theorem 5 (i), paper [6], that

$$\|A^{-1}(t)A'(s)\| \leq \|A^{-1}(t)A(0)\| \|A^{-1}(0)A'(s)\| \leq K < \infty.$$

This ends proof. □

2. Existence and uniqueness of the weak solution. In this section we consider a family of operators $\{A(t)\} \subset C(X)$, $t \in [0, T]$, where for every $t \in [0, T]$: $D(A(t)) = D$, $\overline{D} = X$ and $0 \in \varrho(A(t))$.

We investigate the Cauchy problem

$$(4) \quad \frac{du}{dt} = A(t)u, \quad u(s) = x, \quad 0 \leq s \leq t \leq T,$$

where $x \in X$.

DEFINITION 1. An operator valued function

$$U : \Delta_T := \{(t, s) : 0 \leq s \leq t \leq T\} \ni (t, s) \longrightarrow U(t, s) \in B(X)$$

is called the fundamental solution of the problem (4) if

- (i) the family $\{U(t, s)\}$ is strongly continuous with respect to $(t, s) \in \Delta_T$,
- (ii) for each $(t, s) \in \Delta_T$: $\|U(t, s)\| \leq Me^{\beta(t-s)}$,
- (iii) for $0 \leq s \leq r \leq t \leq T$: $U(t, t) = I$, $U(t, r)U(r, s) = U(t, s)$,
- (iv) for each $x \in D$: $U(t, s)x \in D$,
- (v) for each $x \in D$ and $(t, s) \in \Delta_T$:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} U(t, s)x = A(t)U(t, s)x,$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial s} U(t, s)x = -U(t, s)A(s)x,$$

- (vi) the mappings $\Delta_T \ni (t, s) \rightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial t} U(t, s)$ and $\Delta_T \ni (t, s) \rightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial s} U(t, s)$ are strongly continuous on D .

In [8] is proved that

THEOREM 2. *If the family $\{A(t)\} \subset B(X)$ is strongly continuous, then there exists exactly one fundamental solution of the problem (4).*

DEFINITION 2. If there exists a sequence of bounded operators $A_n(t)$, $t \in [0, T]$, such that

$$\forall n \in \mathbb{N} : \quad \text{a function } t \longrightarrow A_n(t) \text{ is strongly continuous}$$

and

$$\forall x \in X : \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{0 \leq t \leq T} \|[A(t) - A_n(t)]A^{-1}(t)x\| = 0$$

and the fundamental solutions of the problems

$$(5) \quad \frac{du}{dt}(t) = A_n(t)u(t), \quad u(s) = x$$

are uniformly bounded, i.e.

$$(6) \quad \|U_n(t, s)\| \leq M,$$

where M does not depend on $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $(t, s) \in \Delta_T$, then we say that the family $\{A(t)\}$, $t \in [0, T]$, is stably approximated by the sequence $\{A_n(t)\}$.

DEFINITION 3. A family $\{A(t)\}_{t \in [0, T]}$ is called stable if there are constants $M \geq 1$ and $\beta \geq 0$ such that

$$(7) \quad \forall t \in [0, T] : \quad (\beta, \infty) \subset \varrho(A(t))$$

and

$$(8) \quad \left\| \prod_{j=1}^n R(\lambda, A(t_j)) \right\| \leq M(\lambda - \beta)^{-n} \quad \text{for } \lambda > \beta$$

and for every finite sequence $0 \leq t_1 \leq t_2 \leq \dots \leq t_n \leq T$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Now we give sufficient conditions for the family $\{A(t)\}_{t \in [0, T]}$ to be stably approximated.

THEOREM 3. (see [2]) Assume that

- (i) the family $\{A(t)\}_{t \in [0, T]}$ is stable,
- (ii) for each $t \in [0, T]$, the domain $D(A(t)) = D$ does not depend on t ,
- (iii) $\forall x \in D$, the mapping $[0, T] \ni t \rightarrow A(t)x \in X$ is of class C^1 ,
- (iv) for each $t \in [0, T] : 0 \in \varrho(A(t))$.

Then the family $\{A(t)\}_{t \in [0, T]}$ is stable approximated by the sequence $\{A_n(t)\}$ defined by

$$(9) \quad A_n(t) := -nA(t)R(n, A(t)).$$

The sequence $(U_n(t, s))$ of the fundamental solutions corresponding to $\{A_n(t)\}$ is strongly and uniformly convergent to $U(t, s)$ in Δ_T .

ASSUMPTION A_t . Now suppose that

- (i) $\forall t \in [0, T] : A(t) \subset C(X)$ with $D(A(t)) = D$ and $\bar{D} = X$,
- (ii) $\forall t \in [0, T] : D(A^*(t)) = D^*$,
- (iii) $\exists M \geq 1, \beta \geq 0 \forall t \in [0, T] : A(t) \in G(M, \beta)$,
- (iv) $\forall t \in [0, T] : 0 \in \varrho(A(t))$,
- (v) $\forall s \in [0, T] : [0, T] \ni t \rightarrow \overline{A^{-1}(s)A(t)} \in \text{Aut}(X)$ is continuous in $t = s$,
- (vi) $\forall s \in [0, T]$ the family $\{\overline{A^{-1}(s)A(t)}\}_{t \in [0, T]}$ has weakly continuous weak derivative.

EXAMPLE. Let A be a generator of a strongly continuous semigroup and let $0 \in \rho(A)$. Suppose that $\forall t \in [0, T] : \Phi_t \in \text{Aut}(X) \cap \text{Aut}(D(A))$. If a mapping $t \rightarrow \Phi_t$ is suitable regular, then a family $\{A_t\}_{t \in [0, T]}$, $A_t := \Phi_t \circ A$, satisfies Assumption A_t .

THEOREM 4. *If the family $\{A(t)\}$ is stable and strongly continuously differentiable and satisfies Assumption A_t , then the fundamental solution of the problem (4) has following properties:*

- (i) $\forall x \in X \forall s \in [0, T] \forall t \in [s, T] \forall v \in D^*$:
- $$(10) \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \langle U(t, s)x, v \rangle = \langle U(t, s)x, A^*(t)v \rangle,$$
- (ii) $U^*(t, s)(D^*) \subset D^*$,
- (iii) $\forall x \in X \forall t \in (0, T] \forall s \in [0, t] \forall v \in D^*$:
- $$(11) \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial s} \langle U(t, s)x, v \rangle = -\langle x, A^*(s)U^*(t, s)v \rangle.$$
- (iv) $\Delta_T \ni (t, s) \rightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \langle U(t, s)x, v \rangle$ and $\Delta_T \ni (t, s) \rightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial s} \langle U(t, s)x, v \rangle$ are continuous.

PROOF. Equation (10) holds for $x \in D$. By w^* -differentiability of the function $A^*(\cdot)v$, $\|A^*(\cdot)v\|$ is uniformly bounded. Now, in view of the Banach–Steinhaus Theorem, (10) holds for each $x \in X$.

To prove (ii) we show that

$$\forall x \in D : |\langle A(s)x, U^*(t, s)v \rangle| \leq C\|x\|,$$

where a constant C does not depend on x . Since

$$(12) \quad |\langle A(s)x, U_n^*(t, s)v \rangle| = |\langle A^{-1}(t)U_n(t, s)A(s)x, A^*(t)v \rangle| \\ \leq \|A^*(t)v\| \|A^{-1}(t)U_n(t, s)A(s)x\|,$$

where $U_n(t, s)$ is the fundamental solution of the problem (5) with $A_n(t) = -nA(t)R(n, A(t))$, it is enough, by Theorem 5, paper [6], to show that the sequence $(W_n(t, s))$, where

$$(13) \quad W_n(t, s) := A^{-1}(t)U_n(t, s)A(s), \quad D(W_n(t, s)) = D$$

has following properties:

- a) $\forall n \forall t, s \in \Delta_T$, operators $W_n(t, s)$ are densely defined and bounded,
 b) the family $(\overline{W_n(t, s)})$ is uniformly bounded, i.e.

$$\exists K > 0 \forall n \in \mathbb{N} \forall (t, s) \in \Delta_T : \|\overline{W_n(t, s)}\| \leq K.$$

Functions $t \rightarrow A^{-1}(t)$ and $(t, s) \rightarrow U_n(t, s)$ are strongly continuously differentiable, so by (13) the function $t \rightarrow W_n(t, s)x$ is of class C^1 and

$$\frac{\partial W_n(t, s)}{\partial t} x = -A^{-1}(t)A'(t)A^{-1}(t)U_n(t, s)A(s)x + A^{-1}(t)A_n(t)U_n(t, s)A(s)x \\ = [-A^{-1}(t)A'(t) + A_n(t)]A^{-1}(t)U_n(t, s)A(s)x.$$

So

$$(14) \quad \frac{\partial W_n(t, s)}{\partial t} x = A_n(t)W_n(t, s)x - A^{-1}(t)A'(t)W_n(t, s)x.$$

It follows from (14) that

$$(15) \quad W_n(t, s)x = U_n(t, s)x - \int_s^t U_n(t, r)A^{-1}(r)A'(r)W_n(r, s)x dr,$$

where

$$(16) \quad W_n(s, s)x = U_n(s, s)x = x.$$

Let

$$(17) \quad W_n^{(0)}(t, s)x := U_n(t, s)x, \text{ for } x \in X$$

and

$$(18) \quad W_n^{(k)}(t, s)x := - \int_s^t U_n(t, r)A^{-1}(r)A'(r)W_n^{(k-1)}(r, s)x dr \text{ for } x \in D.$$

Then one can verify, by induction, that $W_n^{(k)}(t, s)(D) \subset D$, and the operators $W_n^{(k)}(t, s)$ can be extended, by continuity, to bounded, everywhere defined operators. From (16) it follows that

$$(19) \quad \overline{\|W_n^{(0)}(t, s)x\|} = \|U_n(t, s)x\| \leq M\|x\|.$$

By (9), (18) and (19)

$$(20) \quad \overline{\|W_n^{(k)}(t, s)\|} \leq M^{k+1}K^k \frac{(t-s)^k}{k!}, \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

The estimates (20) imply that the series $\overline{W_n(t, s)} := \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \overline{W_n^{(k)}(t, s)}$ converges uniformly, in the uniform operator topology, for $(t, s) \in \Delta_T$. As a consequence $\overline{W_n(t, s)}$ is uniformly continuous in $B(X)$ for $(t, s) \in \Delta_T$. The continuity of $W_n^{(k)}(t, s)$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and (20) imply that one can interchange the summation and integration in

$$\overline{W_n(t, s)} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \overline{W_n^{(k)}(t, s)} = U_n(t, s) - \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \int_s^t U_n(t, r)A^{-1}(r)A'(r)\overline{W_n^{(k-1)}(r, s)} dr$$

and thus see that $\overline{W_n(t, s)}$ is a solution of the integral equation (15). Moreover there exists constant K_1 such that

$$\forall (t, s) \in \Delta_T \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N} : \quad \|\overline{W_n(t, s)}\| \leq K_1.$$

So

$$|\langle A(s)x, U_n^*(t, s)v \rangle| \leq K_1 \|A^*(t)v\| \|x\|$$

and passing with n to ∞ we have

$$|\langle A(s)x, U^*(t, s)v \rangle| \leq K_1 \|A^*(t)v\| \|x\|, \quad \forall x \in D.$$

This implies that

$$U^*(t, s)v \in D(A^*(s)) = D^*.$$

Moreover

$$(21) \quad \sup\{\|A^*(s)U^*(t, s)v\| : (t, s) \in \Delta_T\} \leq K_2,$$

where $K_2 := K_1 \cdot \sup\{\|A^*(t)v\| : t \in [0, T]\} < \infty$.

Equation (11) holds for $x \in D$ and by (21), it holds for $x \in X$. \square

We now investigate the Cauchy problem

$$(22) \quad \frac{du}{dt} = A(t)u + f(t), \quad u(0) = x \quad 0 \leq t \leq T,$$

where $f \in L^1(0, T; X)$, $\{A(t)\}_{t \in [0, T]} \subset C(X)$ and $\forall t \in [0, T] : \overline{D(A(t))} = X$ and $D(A^*(t)) = D^*$.

DEFINITION 4. A function $u \in C([0, T]; X)$ is a weak solution of (22) if for each $v \in D^*$

- (i) the function $[0, T] \ni t \rightarrow \langle u(t), v \rangle \in \mathbb{R}$ is absolutely continuous and differentiable almost everywhere in $[0, T]$,
- (ii) $\forall v \in D^* : \frac{d}{dt} \langle u(t), v \rangle = \langle u(t), A^*(t)v \rangle + \langle f(t), v \rangle$ a.e. in $[0, T]$,
- (iii) $u(0) = x$.

THEOREM 5. If the family $\{A(t)\}_{t \in [0, T]}$ satisfies the assumptions of Theorem 4 and $f \in L^1(0, T; X)$, then for each $x \in X$ there exists exactly one weak solution of the problem (22) and it is given by

$$(23) \quad u(t) = U(t, 0)x + \int_0^t U(t, s)f(s)ds \quad t \in [0, T],$$

where $\{U(t, s)\}_{(t, s) \in \Delta_T}$ is the fundamental solution of the problem (4).

PROOF. By Theorem 3, there exists the fundamental solution of the problem (4) and the function u , given by (23), is continuous.

Fix $v \in D^*$. First assume that $f \in C([0, T]; X)$. By (10) and continuity of the function $\Delta_T \times X \ni (t, s, x) \rightarrow U(t, s)x \in X$ we see that

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_0^t \langle U(t, s)f(s), v \rangle ds = \langle f(t), v \rangle + \int_0^t \langle U(t, s)f(s), A^*(t)v \rangle ds.$$

This implies that

$$(24) \quad \frac{d}{dt} \langle u(t), v \rangle = \langle u(t), A^*(t)v \rangle + \langle f(t), v \rangle.$$

Now suppose that f is Bochner integrable, i.e. $f \in L^1(0, T; X)$. Let ϕ_n be an approximate identity. Then $f * \phi_n$ is of class C^∞ and $f * \phi_n \rightarrow f$ in L^1 norm. Let a sequence $(f_n) \subset C([0, T]; X)$ converg to f in $L^1(0, T; X)$ norm. Let

$$(25) \quad u_n(t) := U(t, 0)x + \int_0^t U(t, s)f_n(s)ds \text{ for } t \in [0, T].$$

Function u_n is a weak solution of the problem

$$\frac{d}{dt}\langle u_n(t), v \rangle = \langle u_n(t), A^*(t)v \rangle + \langle f_n(t), v \rangle, \quad u_n(0) = x$$

and by integrating this equation over $[0, t]$, we have

$$(26) \quad \langle u_n(t), v \rangle = \langle x, v \rangle + \int_0^t [\langle u_n(s), A^*(s)v \rangle + \langle f_n(s), v \rangle] ds.$$

From

$$\|u_n(t) - u(t)\| \leq Me^{\beta T} \int_0^T \|f_n(s) - f(s)\| ds$$

it follows that $u_n \rightarrow u$ in $C([0, T], X)$ norm. Thus, by the Lebesgue Theorem, u , given by (23), satisfies equation

$$\langle u(t), v \rangle = \langle x, v \rangle + \int_0^t [\langle u(s), A^*(s)v \rangle + \langle f(s), v \rangle] ds.$$

Existence of the weak solution is proved.

To prove uniqueness suppose that there exists \bar{u} another weak solution of the problem (22) and set $w = u - \bar{u}$. Then the function w is a weak solution of the problem

$$\frac{d}{dt}w(t) = A(t)w(t), \quad w(0) = 0.$$

Fix $v \in D^*$ and $t \in (0, T]$. By Theorem 4,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{ds}\langle U(t, s)w(s), v \rangle &= \frac{d}{ds}\langle w(s), U^*(t, s)v \rangle \\ &= \langle w(s), A^*(s)U^*(t, s)v \rangle - \langle w(s), A^*(s)U^*(t, s)v \rangle = 0. \end{aligned}$$

From continuity of the function $\langle U(t, \cdot)w(\cdot), v \rangle$ it follows that

$$\langle U(t, s)w(s), v \rangle = \text{const.}$$

If $s_1, s_2 \in [0, t]$, then $\langle U(t, s_1)w(s_1), v \rangle = \langle U(t, s_2)w(s_2), v \rangle$ for each $v \in D^*$. By w^* -density of D^* , $U(t, s_1)w(s_1) = U(t, s_2)w(s_2)$ for $s_1, s_2 \in [0, t]$. Taking $s_1 = 0$ and $s_2 = t$ we get $w(t) = 0$. \square

3. Dependence of the weak solution on a parameter. Let Ω be a compact subset of \mathbb{R}^m . We shall consider the following initial value problem with a parameter $h \in \Omega$:

$$(27) \quad \frac{d}{dt}u(t) = A(h, t)u(t) + f_h(t), \quad u(0) = u_h^0,$$

where $A : \Omega \times [0, T] \ni (h, t) \longrightarrow A(h, t) \in C(X)$, $u_h^0 \in X$, $f_h \in L^1(0, T; X)$.

DEFINITION 5. A family $\{A(h, t)\}_{(h, t) \in \Omega \times [0, T]}$ is said to be uniformly stable with respect to $h \in \Omega$, when there exist constants M and β such that for any $h \in \Omega$ the family $\{A(h, t)\}_{t \in [0, T]}$ is stable with constants M and β .

In this section we adopt the following:

ASSUMPTION $A_{h, t}$.

- (i) $\forall t \in [0, T] \forall h \in \Omega : D(A(h, t)) = D_h$,
- (ii) $\forall t \in [0, T] \forall h \in \Omega : D(A^*(h, t)) = D^*$,
- (iii) $\forall t \in [0, T] \forall h \in \Omega : 0 \in \varrho(A(h, t))$,
- (iv) $\forall h, k \in \Omega \forall s \in [0, T]$, the mapping

$$[0, T] \ni t \longrightarrow \overline{A^{-1}(k, s)A(h, t)} \in \text{Aut}(X)$$

is continuous in $t = s$,

- (v) $\forall h, k \in \Omega \forall s \in [0, T]$, the family $\left\{ \overline{A^{-1}(h, s)A(h, t)} \right\}_{t \in [0, T]}$ has weakly continuous weak derivative,
- (vi) $\forall k \in \Omega \forall t \in [0, T]$, a mapping

$$\Omega \ni h \longrightarrow \overline{A^{-1}(k, t)A(h, t)} \in \text{Aut}(X)$$

is continuous, uniformly in $t \in [0, T]$.

One can easily verify (see Theorems 5 and 6, paper [6]) that this operators are well-defined.

COROLLARY 1. From Assumption $A_{h, t}$ it follows that mappings

- $[0, T] \ni t \longrightarrow \overline{A^{-1}(k, s)A(h, t)} \in \text{Aut}(X)$,
 - $[0, T] \ni t \longrightarrow \overline{A^{-1}(h, t)A(k, s)} \in \text{Aut}(X)$,
 - $[0, T] \ni t \longrightarrow \overline{A^{-1}(k, t)A(h, t)} \in \text{Aut}(X)$,
- are continuous.

PROOF. One can easily verify that $[0, T] \ni t \longrightarrow \overline{A^{-1}(k, s)A(h, t)} \in \text{Aut}(X)$ is continuous.

It is known that if a mapping $[0, T] \ni t \longrightarrow B(t) \in \text{Aut}(X)$ is continuous and $\forall t \in [0, T] : 0 \in \varrho(B(t))$, then the mapping $[0, T] \ni t \longrightarrow \overline{B^{-1}(t)} \in \text{Aut}(X)$ is continuous. Continuity of the mapping $[0, T] \ni t \longrightarrow \overline{A^{-1}(h, t)A(k, s)} \in \text{Aut}(X)$ follows from the above. \square

THEOREM 6. *If the family $\{A(h, t)\}_{(h, t) \in \Omega \times [0, T]}$ is uniformly stable with respect to $h \in \Omega$, satisfies Assumption $A_{h, t}$ and $\forall h \in \Omega \forall x \in D_h : [0, T] \ni t \rightarrow A(h, t)x \in X$ is of class C^1 , then there exists for each $h \in \Omega$, one fundamental solution $\{U(h, t, s)\}_{(t, s) \in \Delta_T} \subset B(X)$. Moreover for each $v \in D^*$ and $x \in X$*

- (i) $\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \langle U(h, t, s)x, v \rangle = \langle U(h, t, s)x, A^*(h, t)v \rangle,$
- (ii) $U^*(h, t, s)(D^*) \subset D^*,$
- (iii) $\frac{\partial}{\partial s} \langle U(h, t, s)x, v \rangle = -\langle x, A^*(h, s)U^*(h, t, s)v \rangle,$
- (iv) $\lim_{h \rightarrow h_0} \langle U(h, t, s)x, v \rangle = \langle U(h_0, t, s)x, v \rangle$ uniformly in $(t, s, x) \in \Delta_T \times K,$ where K is a compact subset of X .

PROOF. (i), (ii) and (iii) follow from Theorems 3 and 4.

Fix $x \in X$ and $v \in D^*$.

$$(28) \quad \begin{aligned} & \frac{d}{d\tau} \langle U(h, \tau, s)x, U^*(h_0, t, \tau)v \rangle \\ &= \langle U(h, \tau, s)x, [A^*(h, \tau) - A^*(h_0, \tau)]U^*(h_0, t, \tau)v \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

By integrating (28) over $[s, t]$ we have

$$(29) \quad \begin{aligned} & \langle U(h, t, s)x - U(h_0, t, s)x, v \rangle \\ &= \int_s^t \langle U(h, \tau, s)x, [A^*(h, \tau) - A^*(h_0, \tau)]U^*(h_0, t, \tau)v \rangle d\tau, \end{aligned}$$

so

$$\begin{aligned} & \langle U(h, t, s)x - U(h_0, t, s)x, v \rangle \\ &= \int_s^t \left\langle U(h, \tau, s)x, \left\{ \left[A^{-1}(h_0, \tau)A(h, \tau) \right]^* - I^* \right\} A^*(h_0, \tau)U^*(h_0, t, \tau)v \right\rangle d\tau. \end{aligned}$$

By (21), Assumption $A_{h, t}$ and the Lebesgue Theorem

$$(30) \quad \lim_{h \rightarrow h_0} \langle U(h, t, s)x, v \rangle = \langle U(h_0, t, s)x, v \rangle$$

uniformly in $(t, s) \in \Delta_T$.

Let $B_h(t, s) : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $h \in \Omega$, $(t, s) \in \Delta_T$ be a family of linear functionals given by

$$B_h(t, s)x := \langle U(h, t, s)x, v \rangle \quad \text{for } x \in X$$

for fixed $v \in D^*$.

This family is uniformly bounded: $\|B_h(t, s)\| \leq \|v\| \|U(h, t, s)\| \leq Me^{\beta T} \|v\|$ and by (30)

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow h_0} \langle U(h, t, s)x, v \rangle = \lim_{h \rightarrow h_0} B_h(t, s)x = B_{h_0}(t, s)x = \langle U(h_0, t, s)x, v \rangle$$

uniformly in $(t, s, x) \in \Delta_T \times K$. □

THEOREM 7. Let X be a reflexive Banach space and suppose that the family $\{A(h, t)\}_{(h,t) \in \Omega \times [0, T]}$ satisfies the assumptions of Theorem 6, then $\forall v \in X^*$:

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow h_0} \langle U(h, t, s)x, v \rangle = \langle U(h_0, t, s)x, v \rangle$$

uniformly in $(t, s, x) \in \Delta_T \times K$, where K is a compact subset of X .

PROOF. By reflexivity of X , D^* is dense in X^* , so by Theorem 6 the assertion follows. \square

THEOREM 8. If the family $\{A(h, t)\}_{(h,t) \in \Omega \times [0, T]}$ satisfies the assumptions of Theorem 7 and mappings $\Omega \ni h \rightarrow u_h^0 \in X$, $h \rightarrow f_h \in L^1(0, T; X)$ are continuous, then for each $h \in \Omega$ there exists exactly one weak solution of the problem (27) given by

$$(31) \quad u_h(t) = U(h, t, 0)u_h^0 + \int_0^t U(h, t, s)f_h(s)ds$$

and for any $v \in D^*$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow h_0} \langle u_h(t), v \rangle = \langle u_{h_0}(t), v \rangle,$$

uniformly in $t \in [0, T]$.

PROOF. By Theorem 5, function given by (31) is a weak solution of a problem (27) and

$$\begin{aligned} u_h(t) - u_{h_0}(t) &= [U(h, t, 0) - U(h_0, t, 0)]u_h^0 + U(h_0, t, 0)[u_h^0 - u_{h_0}^0] \\ &+ \int_0^t [U(h, t, s) - U(h_0, t, s)]f_{h_0}(s)ds + \int_0^t U(h, t, s)[f_h(s) - f_{h_0}(s)]ds. \end{aligned}$$

Fix $v \in D^*$. By Theorem 6 (iv), for $K := \{u_h^0; h \in \Omega\}$:

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow h_0} \langle [U(h, t, 0) - U(h_0, t, 0)]u_h^0, v \rangle = 0,$$

uniformly in $t \in [0, T]$.

From $\|U(h, t, s)\| \leq Me^{\beta T}$ it follows that $\lim_{h \rightarrow h_0} U(h_0, t, 0)[u_h^0 - u_{h_0}^0] = 0$, uniformly in $t \in [0, T]$ and moreover by continuity of the mapping $h \rightarrow f_h$,

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow h_0} \int_0^t U(h, t, s)[f_h(s) - f_{h_0}(s)]ds = 0,$$

uniformly in $t \in [0, T]$.

To complete the proof we note that there exists a sequence $(\varphi_n) \subset C([0, T]; X)$ such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \varphi_n = f_{h_0}$ in L^1 -norm. For fixed $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists such $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ that

$$(32) \quad \|f_{h_0} - \varphi_{n_0}\|_{L^1} \leq \varepsilon(4Me^{\beta T}\|v\|)^{-1}.$$

From compactness of $K_1 := \{\varphi_{n_0}(s); s \in [0, T]\}$, the inequality $\|U(h, t, s)\| \leq Me^{\beta T}$, (32) and Theorem 6 (iv) there exists $\delta > 0$ for which

$$\left| \left\langle \int_0^t [U(h, t, s) - U(h_0, t, s)] f_{h_0}(s) ds, v \right\rangle \right| \leq 2Me^{\beta T} \|v\| \int_0^t \|f_{h_0}(s) - \varphi_{n_0}(s)\| ds \\ + \int_0^t | \langle [U(h, t, s) - U(h_0, t, s)] \varphi_{n_0}(s), v \rangle | ds < \varepsilon$$

for $|h - h_0| < \delta$ and $t \in [0, T]$. The assertion is proved. \square

From Theorems 7 and 8 it follows that

THEOREM 9. *If the assumptions of Theorem 8 hold in a reflexive Banach space X , then for any $v \in X^*$:*

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow h_0} \langle u_h(t), v \rangle = \langle u_{h_0}(t), v \rangle,$$

uniformly in $t \in [0, T]$.

We will now present theorems on differentiability of the weak solution with respect to a parameter h . To do this assume

ASSUMPTION Z_h . *For each $v \in D^*$ a mapping*

$$\Omega \ni h \longrightarrow A^*(h, t)v \in X^*$$

is of class C^1 and $\frac{\partial}{\partial h} (A^(h, t)v)$ is continuous with respect to $(h, t) \in \Omega \times [0, T]$.*

It is not difficult to show that

COROLLARY 2. *For each $t \in [0, T]$ and $k \in \Omega$ the family $\left\{ \overline{A^{-1}(k, t)A(h, t)} \right\}$ is weakly differentiable with respect to h and $\forall x \in X, \forall v \in X^*$:*

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial h} \left\langle \overline{A^{-1}(k, t)A(h, t)} x, v \right\rangle = \left\langle x, \frac{\partial}{\partial h} \left[A^*(h, t) (A^*(k, t))^{-1} v \right] \right\rangle.$$

Moreover above partial derivative is a continuous function with respect to (h, t) .

COROLLARY 3. *There exists a constant M_1 independent of h and s such that*

$$(33) \quad \left\| \frac{\overline{A^{-1}(k, s)A(h, s)} - I}{h - k} \right\| \leq M_1.$$

PROOF. By Assumption Z_h and Corollary 2, for each $v \in X^*$ we obtain

$$(34) \quad \lim_{h \rightarrow k} \left\langle \frac{\overline{A^{-1}(k, s)A(h, s)} - I}{h - k} x, v \right\rangle = \left\langle x, \frac{\partial}{\partial h} \left(\overline{A^{-1}(k, s)A(h, s)} \right) \Big|_{h=k}^* v \right\rangle,$$

uniformly in $s \in [0, T]$. Setting

$$f(h, s) := \left\langle \overline{A^{-1}(k, s)A(h, s)}x, v \right\rangle,$$

for fixed $k \in \Omega$, we will show that

$$(35) \quad \frac{f(k + \Delta h, s) - f(k, s)}{\Delta h} \rightarrow f'_h(k, s), \quad \Delta h \rightarrow 0,$$

uniformly in s .

The mapping $(h, t) \rightarrow f'_h(h, s)$ is uniformly continuous, so for any $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists $\delta > 0$ such that

$$(36) \quad (|h_1 - h_2| < \delta \wedge |s_1 - s_2| < \delta) \Rightarrow (|f'_h(h_2, s_2) - f'_h(h_1, s_1)| < \varepsilon).$$

By the Lagrange Theorem there exists $\theta \in (0, 1)$ such that

$$(37) \quad f'_h(k + \theta\Delta h, s) = \frac{f(k + \Delta h, s) - f(k, s)}{\Delta h}.$$

Setting $s_1 = s_2 = s$, $h_1 = k$ and $h_2 = k + \theta\Delta h$ for $|\Delta h| < \delta$ we have, by (36) and (37),

$$\left| \frac{f(k + \Delta h, s) - f(k, s)}{\Delta h} - f'_h(k, s) \right| < \varepsilon.$$

Next, let us consider the mapping $B_x(h, s) \in B(X^*, \mathbb{R})$ defined by

$$B_x(h, s)v := \left\langle \frac{\overline{A^{-1}(k, s)A(h, s)} - I}{h - k}x, v \right\rangle.$$

The family $H := \{B_x(h, s) \in X^{**}; (h, s) \in \Omega \times [0, T]\}$ satisfies the assumptions of the Banach–Steinhaus Theorem, so

$$(38) \quad \|B_x(h, s)\| = \left\| \frac{\overline{A^{-1}(k, s)A(h, s)} - I}{h - k}x \right\| \leq M(x, k),$$

with a constant M independent of h and s . By inequality (38) and the Banach–Steinhaus Theorem we have

$$(39) \quad \left\| \frac{\overline{A^{-1}(k, s)A(h, s)} - I}{h - k} \right\| \leq M_1(k),$$

where a constant M_1 is independent of h and s . □

Let X be a reflexive Banach space.

THEOREM 10. *If the family $\{A(h, t)\}_{(h,t) \in \Omega \times [0, T]}$ satisfies the assumptions of Theorem 6 and Assumption Z_h , mappings $\Omega \ni h \rightarrow u_h^0 \in X$ and $f : \Omega \ni h \rightarrow f_h \in L^1(0, T; X)$ are of class C^1 , then for each $v \in D^*$ a mapping*

$$\Omega \times [0, T] \ni (h, t) \rightarrow \langle u_h(t), v \rangle \in \mathbb{R}$$

is differentiable with respect to a parameter h and

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial h} \langle u_h(t), v \rangle|_{h=h_0} &= \left\langle U(h_0, t, 0)(u_{h_0}^0)', v \right\rangle + \int_0^t \langle U(h_0, t, s) f'_{h_0}(s), v \rangle ds \\ &\quad + \int_0^t \left\langle u_{h_0}(s), \frac{\partial}{\partial h} A^*(h, s)|_{h=h_0} U^*(h_0, t, s) v \right\rangle ds. \end{aligned}$$

PROOF. Let u_h be a weak solution of the problem (27). This function is continuous and almost everywhere weakly differentiable. Fix $v \in D^*$. A function $s \rightarrow U^*(h_0, t, s)v$ is w^* -differentiable, so

$$(40) \quad \begin{aligned} \frac{d}{ds} \langle u_h(s), U^*(h_0, t, s)v \rangle &= \langle u_h(s), A^*(h, s)U^*(h_0, t, s)v \rangle \\ &\quad + \langle f(h, s), U^*(h_0, t, s)v \rangle - \langle u_h(s), A^*(h, s)U^*(h_0, t, s)v \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Integrating (40) over $[0, t]$ and applying this formula to $\left\langle \frac{u_h(t) - u_{h_0}(t)}{h - h_0}, v \right\rangle$ we get

$$(41) \quad \begin{aligned} \left\langle \frac{u_h(t) - u_{h_0}(t)}{h - h_0}, v \right\rangle &= \left\langle U(h_0, t, 0) \frac{u_h^0 - u_{h_0}^0}{h - h_0}, v \right\rangle \\ &\quad + \int_0^t \left\langle U(h_0, t, s) \frac{f(h, s) - f(h_0, s)}{h - h_0}, v \right\rangle ds \\ &\quad + \int_0^t \left\langle u_h(s), \frac{A^*(h, s) - A^*(h_0, s)}{h - h_0} U^*(h_0, t, s)v \right\rangle ds \quad h \neq h_0. \end{aligned}$$

Denote

$$z_h(t) := U(h_0, t, 0) \frac{u_h^0 - u_{h_0}^0}{h - h_0} + \int_0^t U(h_0, t, s) \frac{f_h(s) - f_{h_0}(s)}{h - h_0} ds.$$

The function z_h is a weak solution of the Cauchy problem

$$\begin{cases} \frac{d}{dt} z_h(t) = A(h_0, t) z_h(t) + F(h, t) \\ z_h(0) = z_h^0, \end{cases}$$

where

$$F(h, t) = \begin{cases} \frac{f(h, t) - f(h_0, t)}{h - h_0} & \text{for } h \neq h_0 \\ f'(h_0, t) & \text{for } h = h_0 \end{cases}$$

and

$$z_h^0 = \begin{cases} \frac{u_h - u_{h_0}}{h - h_0} & \text{for } h \neq h_0 \\ (u_{h_0}^0)' & \text{for } h = h_0. \end{cases}$$

By Theorem 8,

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow h_0} \langle z_h(t), v \rangle = \langle z_{h_0}(t), v \rangle$$

uniformly in $t \in [0, T]$, where

$$z_{h_0}(t) = U(h_0, t, 0)(u_{h_0}^0)' + \int_0^t U(h_0, t, s)f'_{h_0}(s)ds.$$

Now we consider third term of the right side of the formula (41).

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^t \left\langle u_h(s), \frac{A^*(h, s) - A^*(h_0, s)}{h - h_0} U^*(h_0, t, s)v \right\rangle ds \\ &= \int_0^t \left\langle u_h(s) - u_{h_0}(s), \frac{A^*(h, s) - A^*(h_0, s)}{h - h_0} U^*(h_0, t, s)v \right\rangle ds \\ &+ \int_0^t \left\langle u_{h_0}(s), \left(\frac{A^{-1}(h_0, s)A(h, s) - I}{h - h_0} \right)^* A^*(h_0, s)U^*(h_0, t, s)v \right\rangle ds. \end{aligned}$$

For any $(t, s) \in \Delta_T$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow h_0} \left\langle u_h(s) - u_{h_0}(s), \frac{A^*(h, s) - A^*(h_0, s)}{h - h_0} U^*(h_0, t, s)v \right\rangle = 0.$$

Indeed, the mapping $\Omega \ni h \rightarrow u_h(s) \in X$ is weakly continuous and the mapping $\Omega \ni h \rightarrow A^*(h, s)w \in X^*$ is differentiable for $w \in D^*$.

Moreover,

$$\|u_h(s)\| \leq C \quad \text{for } (h, s) \in \Omega \times [0, T].$$

By the Assumption Z_h , (39), (21) and the Lebesgue Theorem we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^t \left\langle u_h(s), \frac{A^*(h, s) - A^*(h_0, s)}{h - h_0} U^*(h_0, t, s)v \right\rangle ds \\ & \rightarrow \int_0^t \left\langle u_{h_0}(s), \frac{\partial}{\partial h} A^*(h, s)|_{h=h_0} U^*(h_0, t, s)v \right\rangle ds, \end{aligned}$$

when $h \rightarrow h_0$. This ends proof. \square

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