

# ON THE EXISTENCE AND UNIQUENESS OF SOLUTIONS FOR A CLASS OF EVOLUTION EQUATIONS

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## I. INTRODUCTION

Let  $V$  and  $H$  be real separable Hilbert spaces such that  $V$  is densely continuously and compactly imbedded into  $H$ . Identifying  $H$  and its dual space we obtain  $V \subset H \subset V^*$  where  $V^*$  is the dual space of  $V$ . We denote by  $\|\cdot\|$ ,  $|\cdot|$  and  $\|\cdot\|_*$  the norm in  $V$ ,  $H$  and  $V^*$ , respectively, and by  $(\cdot, \cdot)$  the pairing between  $V^*$  and  $V$  as well as the scalar product in  $H$ . Let  $S = [0, T]$  be a finite interval of the real axis. For an arbitrary Hilbert space  $X$  we denote by  $L^2(S, X)$  and  $C(S, X)$  the usual spaces of the quadratically integrable and the continuous functions on  $S$  with values in  $X$ , respectively. Let us define

$$\mathcal{U} = L^2(S, V), \quad \mathcal{H} = L^2(S, H), \quad \mathcal{U}^* = L^2(S, V^*),$$

$$\langle f, u \rangle = \int_s f(f(t), u(t))dt, \quad f \in \mathcal{U}^*, \quad u \in \mathcal{U},$$

$$Y = \mathcal{U} \cap C(S, H), \quad \|u\|_Y = \|u\|_{\mathcal{U}}^2 + \|u\|_{C(S, H)}, \quad u \in \mathcal{U},$$

$$W = \{u \in \mathcal{U} : u' \in \mathcal{U}^*\}, \quad \|u\|_W^2 = \|u\|_{\mathcal{U}}^2 + \|u'\|_{\mathcal{U}^*}^2, \quad u \in W.$$

where  $u'$  is the derivative of  $u \in \mathcal{U}$  in the sense of distributions on  $S$  with values in  $V$ .

We consider the following initial value problem

$$\begin{cases} u' + A(u, u) + B(u, u) = 0 \\ u(0) = a \in H, \quad u \in W \end{cases} \quad (1.1)$$

where  $A$  and  $B$  are operators with the following properties

- (I)  $A \in (H \times V \rightarrow V^*)$ ,
- (II)  $A(\cdot, v) \in (H \rightarrow V^*)$  is continuous for each  $v \in V$ ,
- (III)  $\forall u \in H \quad \|A(u, 0)\|_* \leq M(|u| + 1)$ ,  $M = \text{const} > 0$ ,
- (IV)  $\forall v_1, v_2 \in V, \quad u \in H, \quad (A(u, v_1) - A(u, v_2), v_1 - v_2) \geq m \|v_1 - v_2\|^2$ ,  $m = \text{const} > 0$ ,
- (V)  $\forall v_1, v_2 \in V, \quad u \in H, \quad \|A(u, v_1) - A(u, v_2)\|_* \leq M \|v_1 - v_2\|$

$$(1) B \in (y \times y \rightarrow \mathcal{V}^*), \langle B(u, v), w \rangle = \int_S b((u, t), v(t), w(t)) dt,$$

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(H<sub>1</sub>)  $b \in (V \times V \times V \rightarrow R)$  3-linear,  $b(x, y, y) = 0 \forall x, \forall y \in V$ ,

$$|b(x, y, z)| \leq M_1 (|x| \|x\| |y| \|y\|)^{\frac{1}{2}} \|z\|,$$

$$|b(x, y, z)| \leq K(z) |x| |y| \quad \forall x, y \in V, z \in V,$$

where  $M_1$  is a positive constant and  $K(z)$  is bounded.

The purpose of the present paper is to study the existence and uniqueness solutions for Problem (1.1). In the case where the operator  $A$  depends only on one variable ( $A(u, v) = Cv$ ) Problem (1.1) was proved by Galerkin's method [2]. In this paper the solution existence will be shown by using the fixed point theorem of Schauder.

It is to be noticed that the space  $W$  defined above is continuously imbedded into  $C(S, H)$  (see e.g. [4]) so that the initial condition  $u(0) = a \in H$  in (1.1) makes sense. For the investigation in the next sections we also note that  $W$  is compactly imbedded into  $\mathcal{H}$  (see [5]). Furthermore, the function  $A(u, v)$  defined by  $A(u, v)(t) = A(u(t), v(t))$ ,  $u \in \mathcal{H}$ ,  $v \in \mathcal{V}$ , belongs to  $\mathcal{V}^*$  (see [1]).

The paper consists of three sections. After the introduction (Section I) we prove the existence and the uniqueness of solutions for Problem (1.1) in Section II and Section III, respectively.

Problem (1.1) has many applications in the hydrodynamics (see also [2]). An application to the Marangoni equation will be given in a subsequent paper.

## II. THE EXISTENCE THEOREM

**THEOREM 2.1.** *Let (I)-(V) and (I<sub>1</sub>), (II<sub>1</sub>) be satisfied. Then the initial value problem (1.1) has a solution.*

*Proof.* 1) By virtue of the Conditions (IV) and (V) we have for all  $x, y \in V$ ,  $u \in H$  and  $t \in S$

$$(A(u(t), x) - A(u(t), y), x - y) \geq m \|x - y\|^2,$$

and

$$\|A(u(t), x) - A(u(t), y)\|_* \leq M \|x - y\|^2.$$

From Theorem 1 in [2] it follows that for each  $u \in \mathcal{H}$  (arbitrary, but fixed) the initial value problem

$$\begin{cases} v' + A(u, v) + B(v, v) = 0 \\ v(0) = a \in H, v \in W \end{cases} \quad (2.1)$$

has a unique solution. We denote by  $Su$  this solution. It is clear that  $S \in (\mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{V} \subset \mathcal{H})$ . We shall prove by the fixed point theorem of Schauder that the operator  $S$  has a fixed point and, consequently, Problem (1.1) has a solution.

2) We first show that the operator  $S \in (\mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{H})$  is continuous. It is easy to see that for any fixed element  $v \in \mathcal{U}$  the mapping  $[s, u] \rightarrow A(u, v(s))$  satisfies the Carathéodory condition and

$$\begin{aligned} \|A(u, v(s))\|_* &\leq \|A(u, v(s)) - A(u, 0)\|_* + \|A(u, 0)\|_* \\ &\leq M \|v(s)\| + \|A(u, 0)\|_* \\ &\leq M (\|v(s)\| + |u| + 1). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, it follows from Krasnoselski's Theorem on the continuity of the myzki operator that the operator  $A(\cdot, v) \in (\mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{U}^*)$  is continuous [6].

Let  $\{u_n\} \subset \mathcal{H}$  be a sequence converging to  $u$  in  $\mathcal{H}$ . Let  $v_n = Su_n$ ,  $v = Su$ . Then, for all  $t \in S$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \int_0^t ((v' + A(u, v) + B(v, v) - v'_n - A(u_n, v_n) - \\ &\quad - B(v_n, v_n)(s), v(s) - v_n(s)) ds \\ &\equiv \frac{1}{2} |(v - v_n)(t)|^2 + \int_0^t \{ (A(u(s), v(s)) - A(u_n(s), v(s)), \\ &\quad v(s) - v_n(s)) + (A(u_n(s), v(s)) - A(u_n(s), v_n(s)), \\ &\quad v(s) - v_n(s)) + ((B(v - v_n, v)(s), v(s) - v_n(s))\} ds \\ &\equiv \frac{1}{2} |v(t) - v_n(t)|^2 + m \int_0^t \|v(s) - v_n(s)\|^2 ds - \int_0^t \|A(u(s), v(s)) - \\ &\quad A(u_n(s), v(s))\|_* \cdot \|v(s) - v_n(s)\| ds - M \int_0^t |v(s) - \\ &\quad v_n(s)|^{\frac{1}{2}} |v(s)|^{\frac{1}{2}} \|v(s)\|^{\frac{1}{2}} \|v(s) - v_n(s)\|^{\frac{3}{2}} ds \\ &\equiv \frac{1}{2} |v(t) - v_n(t)|^2 + \frac{m}{2} \int_0^t \|v(s) - v_n(s)\|^2 ds - \frac{1}{2m} \|A(u(s), v(s)) - \\ &\quad A(u_n, v)\|_{v^*}^2 - C \int_0^t \|v(s)\|^{\frac{1}{2}} |v(s) - v_n(s)|^{\frac{3}{2}} ds \\ &\equiv \frac{1}{2} |v(t) - v_n(t)|^2 + \left(\frac{m}{2} - \delta\right) \int_0^t \|v(s) - v_n(s)\|^2 ds - \\ &\quad \frac{1}{2m} \|A(u, v) - A(u_n, v)\|_{v^*}^2 - C_0(\delta) \int_0^t \|v(s)\|^2 |v(s) - v_n(s)|^2 ds, \quad (2.2) \end{aligned}$$

ere  $\delta = \text{const} > 0$  is arbitrary such that  $\frac{m}{2} - \delta > 0$  and  $C_0(\delta)$  is a positive constant depending only on  $\delta$ .

From the inequality (2.2) it follows that for all  $t \in S$  we have

$$|v(t) - v_n(t)|^2 \leq C(n) + \int_0^t k(s) |v(s) - v_n(s)|^2 ds,$$

ere  $C(n) := \frac{1}{m} \|A(u, v) - A(u_n, v)\|_{\mathcal{Q}^*}^2 \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and  $k(s) := (\delta) \|v(s)\|^2 \in L^1(s)$ . Using Gronwall's lemma we obtain from the last quality

$$\|v - v_n\|_{C(S, H)} \rightarrow 0 \text{ if } n \rightarrow \infty. \quad (2.3)$$

view of (2.2) we also have

$$\left(\frac{m}{2} - \delta\right) \int_0^T \|v(s) - v_n(s)\|^2 ds \leq \frac{1}{2} C(n) + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^T k(s) \|v(s) - v_n(s)\|^2 ds.$$

This inequality shows that

$$\|v - v_n\|_{\mathcal{Q}^*}^2 \leq C C(n) + C \|v - v_n\|_{C(S, H)}.$$

Hence  $\|v - v_n\|_{\mathcal{Q}^*} \rightarrow 0$  ( $n \rightarrow \infty$ ), and consequently;

$$\|v - v_n\|_{\mathcal{H}} \rightarrow 0 \text{ if } n \rightarrow \infty. \quad (2.4)$$

3) Now we prove the compactness of the operator  $S$ .

Let  $v$  be the solution of Problem (2.1) for  $u \in \mathcal{H}$  (i.e.  $v = Su$ ). Then we

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \int_0^t ((v' + A(u, v) + B(v, v))(s), v(s)) ds \\ &= \int_0^t ((v + A(u(s), v(s)) - A(u(s), 0) + A(u(s), 0), v(s)) ds \\ &\cong \frac{1}{2} |v(t)|^2 - \frac{1}{2} |a|^2 + m \int_0^t \|v(s)\|^2 ds - \int_0^t \|A(u(s), 0)\|_* \|v(s)\| ds \\ &\cong \frac{1}{2} |v(t)|^2 - \frac{1}{2} |a|^2 + \frac{m}{2} \int_0^t \|v(s)\|^2 ds - \frac{1}{2m} \int_0^t \|A(u(s), 0)\|_*^2 ds \\ &\cong \frac{1}{2} |v(t)|^2 - \frac{1}{2} |a|^2 + \frac{m}{2} \int_0^t \|v(s)\|^2 ds - \frac{1}{2m} \int_0^t M^2 |u(s)| + 1)^2 ds \\ &\cong \frac{1}{2} |v(t)|^2 + \frac{m}{2} \int_0^t \|v(s)\|^2 ds - C \left(1 + \int_0^t |u(s)|^2 ds\right), C = \text{const} > 0. \end{aligned} \quad (2.5)$$

From this inequality it follows that

$$|v(t)|^2 \leq C \left(1 + \|u\|_{\mathcal{H}}^2\right) \quad C = \text{const} > 0. \quad (2.6)$$

this implies

$$\|v\|_{C(S, H)}^2 \leq (1 + \|u\|_{\mathcal{H}}^2). \quad (2.7)$$

Using the inequality (2.5) we obtain

$$\frac{m}{2} \|v\|_{\mathcal{V}}^2 \leq C(1 + \|u\|_{\mathcal{H}}^2).$$

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$$\|v\|_{\mathcal{V}}^2 \leq C(1 + \|u\|_{\mathcal{H}}^2). \quad (2.8)$$

On the other hand,

$$\begin{aligned} \|v^*\|_{\mathcal{V}^*} &= \|-A(u, v) - B(v, v)\|_{\mathcal{V}^*} \\ &\leq \|A(u, v) - A(u, 0)\|_{\mathcal{V}^*} + \|A(u, 0)\|_{\mathcal{V}^*} + \|B(v, v)\|_{\mathcal{V}^*} \\ &\leq M \|v\|_{\mathcal{V}} + C(1 + \|u\|_{\mathcal{H}}) + \|B(v, v)\|_{\mathcal{V}^*}. \end{aligned}$$

For all  $w \in \mathcal{V}$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \langle B(v, v), w \rangle &= \int b(v(s), v(s), w(s)) ds \\ &\leq M \int |v(s)| |v(s)| \|w(s)\| ds \\ &\leq M_1 \left( \int |v(s)|^2 \|v(s)\|^2 ds \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left( \int \|w(s)\|^2 ds \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}. \end{aligned}$$

From this it follows that

$$\|B(v, v)\|_* = M_1 \|v\|_{C(S, H)} \|v\|_{\mathcal{V}}.$$

Using this inequality and (2.7), (2.8) we have

$$\|B(v, v)\|_{\mathcal{V}^*} \leq C(1 + \|u\|_{\mathcal{H}}^2) \quad C = \text{const} > 0. \quad (2.9)$$

Since  $v$  is a solution of the equation (2.1) we see that

$$\|v^*\|_{\mathcal{V}^*} \leq \|B(v, v)\|_{\mathcal{V}^*} + \|A(u, v) - A(u, 0)\|_{\mathcal{V}^*} + \|A(u, 0)\|_{\mathcal{V}^*}.$$

From the last inequality and (III), (V), (2.8) and (2.9) we obtain

$$\|v^*\|_{\mathcal{V}^*} \leq C(1 + \|u\|_{\mathcal{H}} + \|u\|_{\mathcal{H}}^2), \quad C = \text{const} > 0 \quad (2.10)$$

The inequalities (2.8) and (2.10) give the following estimate

$$\|v\|_W \leq C(1 + \|u\|_{\mathcal{H}} + \|u\|_{\mathcal{H}}^2), \quad C = \text{const} > 0.$$

Hence, the operator  $S$  maps a bounded subset of the space  $\mathcal{H}$  into a bounded subset of the space  $W$ . Since  $W$  is compactly imbedded into  $\mathcal{H}$  it follows that the operator  $S$  is compact.

We now prove that  $S(E) \subset E$  for a suitable set  $E \subset \mathcal{H}$ .

From (2.5) we have for all  $t \in S$

$$|v(t)|^2 \leq \lambda \left( 1 + \int_0^t \|u(s)\|^2 ds \right), \quad \lambda = \text{const} > 0.$$

This implies

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{\tau} e^{-2\lambda t} |v(t)|^2 dt &\leq \int_0^{\tau} \int_0^t e^{-2\lambda t} (1 + \int_0^t |u(s)|^2 ds) dt \\ &\leq -\frac{1}{2} e^{-2\lambda \tau} \left(1 + \int_0^{\tau} |u(s)|^2 ds\right) \Big|_0^{\tau} + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\tau} e^{-2\lambda t} |u(t)|^2 dt \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\tau} e^{-2\lambda t} |u(t)|^2 dt \end{aligned}$$

Let  $E$  be the set defined by

$$E = \left\{ u \in \mathcal{H} : \int_0^{\tau} e^{-2\lambda t} |u(t)|^2 dt \leq 1 \right\}.$$

It is clear that  $E$  is a closed bounded convex subset of the space  $\mathcal{H}$  and furthermore  $S(E) \subset E$ . By the fixed point theorem of Schauder it follows then that the operator  $S$  has a fixed point. This completes the proof of Theorem 2.1.

### III. UNIQUENESS THEOREM

In the previous Section, under assumptions (I) – (V) and  $(I_1)$ ,  $(II_1)$  we have proved the existence of a solution of the initial value Problem (1.1). In this section we shall show the uniqueness of this solution if the operator  $A$  satisfies certain regularity condition.

We make the following assumption:

(I) For each solution  $u$  of Problem (1.1), the function  $\varphi_{\delta}(u)$  defined by

$$\varphi_{\delta}(u) = \max \left\{ 0, \sup_{\substack{z=0 \\ z \in V}} \frac{1}{|z|} \left( \|A(u+z, u) - A(u, u)\|_* - \delta \|z\| \right) \right\}$$

satisfies the condition  $\forall u \in V, \delta \in R,$

$$\varphi_{m_0}(u(\cdot)) \in L^2(S) \text{ for } m_0 < m,$$

where  $m$  is the constant in the condition (IV).

In the sequel we need the following

LEMMA 3.1. Under the assumption (IV) we have for all  $m_0 \in (0, m)$ :

$$(A(u+z, u+z) - A(u, u), z) \geq m_1 \|z\|^2 - \rho(u) |z|^2 \quad \forall u, z \in V,$$

where

$$m_1 := \frac{m - m_0}{2}, \quad \rho(u) := \frac{1}{2(m - m_0)} (\varphi_{m_0}(u))^2$$

Proof. See [1], Lemma 1.2

**Remark 3.1.** The assumption (VI) is equivalent to the following

$$\rho(u(\cdot)) \in L^1(S) \quad (3.1)$$

**THEOREM 3.1.** Let the conditions (I) — (VI) and  $(II_1)$ ,  $(II_2)$  be satisfied. Then the initial value problem (1. 1) has a unique solution.

*Proof.* Let  $u$  be a solution of the Problem (1.1), which satisfies the Condition (3. 1) and let  $\bar{u}$  be another solution of the Problem (1. 1). We set  $z = \bar{u} - u$ .

Using Lemma 3.1 and Remark 3.1 we have for all  $t \in S$

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \int_0^t (\bar{u}' + A(\bar{u}, \bar{u}) + B(\bar{u}, \bar{u}) - u' - A(u, u) - B(u, u))(s, z(s)) ds \\ &= \int_0^t ([z' + A(u + z, u + z) - A(u, u) + B(z, \bar{u})](s, z(s)) ds \\ &\cong \frac{1}{2} |z(t)|^2 + \int_0^t \{m_1 \|z(s)\|^2 - \rho(u(s)) |Z(s)|^2 - \\ &\quad - M(|z(s)|^2 | \bar{u}(s) |^2 \cdot \| \bar{u}(s) \|^{\frac{1}{2}} \|z(s)\|^{\frac{3}{2}} \} ds \end{aligned}$$

and consequently

$$|z(t)|^2 + C_1 \int_0^t \|z(s)\|^2 ds \leq \int_0^t k(s) |z(s)|^2 ds, \quad (3.2)$$

where  $C_1 = 2(m_1 - \delta)$  and the constant  $\delta > 0$  is chosen so that  $m_1 - \delta > 0$ , and

$$k(s) = 2(C(\delta) | \bar{u}(s) |^2 \| \bar{u}(s) \|^2 + \rho(u(s))).$$

Since  $\rho(u(\cdot)) \in L^1(S)$  and  $\int_0^t | \bar{u}(s) |^2 \| \bar{u}(s) \|^2 ds \leq \| \bar{u} \|_{C(S,H)}^2 + \| \bar{u} \|_v^2 < \infty$ ,

we have then  $k(s) \in L^1(S)$ .

By Gronwall's lemma the inequality (3.2) implies that  $z = 0$ . This completes proof of Theorem 3.1.

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