

LOCAL EXISTENCE THEOREMS FOR NONLINEAR DIFFERENTIAL  
EQUATIONS AND COMPACTNESS  
OF INTEGRAL SOLUTIONS IN  $L^p(0, T; X)$

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**1. Introduction.** Let  $X$  be a real Banach space, let  $A \subset X \times X$  be an  $m$ -accretive set, let  $u_0 \in D(A)$  and let  $F_T$  be a mapping from a subset of  $L^1(0, T; X)$  into  $L^1(0, T; X)$ . In this paper, we study the initial value problem

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{du(t)}{dt} + Au(t) &\ni F_T u(t), \quad 0 \leq t \leq T, \\ u(0) &= u_0. \end{aligned} \tag{1.1}$$

Crandall and Nohel [6], Diaz and Vrabie [7], Gutman [8, 9], Hirano [10], Kenmochi and Koyama [11], Liu [12], Mitidieri and Vrabie [13, 14], Pazy [15], Vrabie [16–18] and others have studied this kind of problems under several different conditions. Many of these authors used Schauder's fixed point theorem in  $C(0, T; X)$  to prove the existence of local solutions of (1.1). So it is essential to study conditions that  $\{u^f : f \in B\}$  is relatively compact in  $C(0, T; X)$  for  $B \subset L^1(0, T; X)$ , where  $u^f$  is the unique integral solution of

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{du(t)}{dt} + Au(t) &\ni f(t), \quad 0 \leq t \leq T, \\ u(0) &= u_0 \end{aligned}$$

for  $f \in L^1(0, T; X)$ . But, in general, we need weaker conditions to prove that  $\{u^f : f \in B\}$  is relatively compact in  $L^p(0, T; X)$ . In this paper, we use Schauder's fixed point theorem in  $L^p(0, T; X)$  to prove the existence of local solutions of (1.1). Schauder's fixed point theorem in  $L^p(0, T; X)$  requires the continuity of  $F_T$  from  $L^p(0, T; X)$  into  $L^1(0, T; X)$  instead of that of  $F_T$  from  $C(0, T; X)$  into  $L^1(0, T; X)$ . But in many applications, it is not a restriction. Concerning relative compactness of  $\{u^f : f \in B\}$  in  $L^p(0, T; X)$ , Baras [1] showed that for every bounded subset  $B$  of  $L^1(0, T; X)$  and for every  $1 \leq p < \infty$ ,  $\{u^f : f \in B\}$  is relatively compact in  $L^p(0, T; X)$  under the condition that the nonlinear semigroup  $\{S(t) : \overline{D(A)} \rightarrow \overline{D(A)}, t \geq 0\}$  generated by  $-A$  is compact. We use this result to prove the existence of local solutions of (1.1) in the case that  $\{S(t)\}$  is compact. When the resolvent  $(I + \lambda A)^{-1}$  is compact for every  $\lambda > 0$ , we show a sufficient condition that for every  $1 \leq p < \infty$ ,  $\{u^f : f \in B\}$  is relatively compact in  $L^p(0, T; X)$  under some hypotheses. We also use this result to prove the existence of local solutions of (1.1).

The next section is devoted to some preliminaries. In section 3, we state our main results and we prove those in section 4. In the final section, we study some examples.

**2. Preliminaries.** Let  $X$  be a real Banach space with norm  $\|\cdot\|$ . If  $D$  is a subset of  $X$ ,  $\overline{D}$  denotes the closure of  $D$ . For each  $(x, y) \in X \times X$ , define

$$\langle x, y \rangle_+ = \lim_{t \downarrow 0} \frac{\|x + ty\| - \|x\|}{t}.$$

Let  $A \subset X \times X$ . For  $x \in X$ , we denote by  $Ax$  the set  $\{y \in X : (x, y) \in A\}$ . We define  $D(A) = \{x \in X : Ax \neq \emptyset\}$  and  $R(A) = \bigcup\{Ax : x \in D(A)\}$ . A subset  $A \subset X \times X$  is called accretive if

$$\langle x_1 - x_2, y_1 - y_2 \rangle_+ \geq 0$$

for every  $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2) \in A$ . An accretive set  $A$  is called  $m$ -accretive if  $R(I + \lambda A) = X$  for every  $\lambda > 0$ . Let  $T > 0$ .  $C(0, T; X)$  denotes the space of all continuous functions from  $[0, T]$  into  $X$ . For  $1 \leq p < \infty$ ,  $L^p(0, T; X)$  denotes the space of all strongly measurable,  $p$ -integrable,  $X$ -valued functions defined almost everywhere on  $[0, T]$ , and  $L^\infty(0, T; X)$  denotes the space of all strongly measurable, essentially bounded,  $X$ -valued functions defined almost everywhere on  $[0, T]$ . Let  $U$  be an open subset of  $X$ .  $C(0, T; U)$  and  $L^\infty(0, T; U)$  denote the sets  $\{f \in C(0, T; X) : f(t) \in U \text{ on } [0, T]\}$  and  $\{f \in L^\infty(0, T; X) : f(t) \in U \text{ a.e. on } [0, T]\}$  respectively.

Let  $A \subset X \times X$  be an  $m$ -accretive set,  $f \in L^1(0, T; X)$  and  $u_0 \in \overline{D(A)}$ . A function  $u : [0, T] \rightarrow X$  is called a strong solution of the initial value problem:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{du(t)}{dt} + Au(t) &\ni f(t), \quad 0 \leq t \leq T, \\ u(0) &= u_0, \end{aligned} \tag{2.1}$$

if  $u$  is differentiable almost everywhere on  $[0, T]$ ,  $u$  is absolutely continuous,  $u(0) = u_0$  and  $u'(t) + Au(t) \ni f(t)$  almost everywhere on  $[0, T]$ . A function  $u : [0, T] \rightarrow X$  is called an integral solution of the initial value problem (2.1), if  $u$  is continuous on  $[0, T]$ ,  $u(0) = u_0$ ,  $u(t) \in \overline{D(A)}$  for every  $0 \leq t \leq T$  and

$$\|u(t) - x\| \leq \|u(s) - x\| + \int_s^t \langle u(\tau) - x, f(\tau) - y \rangle_+ d\tau$$

for every  $(x, y) \in A$  and  $0 \leq s \leq t \leq T$ . If  $u$  is a strong solution of (2.1), then  $u$  is an integral solution of (2.1). It is known [2, 3] that the initial value problem (2.1) has a unique integral solution. If  $u$  and  $v$  are the integral solutions of (2.1) corresponding to  $(f, u_0), (g, v_0) \in L^1(0, T; X) \times \overline{D(A)}$  respectively, then

$$\|u(t) - v(t)\| \leq \|u(s) - v(s)\| + \int_s^t \langle u(\tau) - v(\tau), f(\tau) - g(\tau) \rangle_+ d\tau$$

for  $0 \leq s \leq t \leq T$ . Concerning integral solutions, we also know the following. For its proof, see [19, p.74].

**Proposition 1.** Let  $T > 0$ ,  $f \in L^1(0, T; X)$  and  $u_0 \in \overline{D(A)}$ . Let  $u$  be the unique integral solution of (2.1). Then

$$\|u(t+s) - u(t)\| \leq \int_0^s \|f(\tau)\| d\tau + \|S(s)u_0 - u_0\| + \int_0^{T-s} \|f(\tau+s) - f(\tau)\| d\tau$$

for  $t, s \geq 0$  with  $t+s \leq T$ .

If  $A \subset X \times X$  is  $m$ -accretive, then

$$S(t)x = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( I + \frac{t}{n}A \right)^{-n} x$$

exists for each  $x \in \overline{D(A)}$  and uniformly for  $t$  on every bounded interval in the set of nonnegative real numbers [2, 5].  $\{S(t) : \overline{D(A)} \rightarrow \overline{D(A)}, t \geq 0\}$  is called the nonlinear semigroup generated by  $-A$ . We remark that  $t \mapsto S(t)u_0$  is the unique integral solution of (2.1) corresponding to  $(0, u_0) \in L^1(0, T; X) \times \overline{D(A)}$ . We say  $\{S(t) : \overline{D(A)} \rightarrow \overline{D(A)}, t \geq 0\}$  is compact if  $S(t) : \overline{D(A)} \rightarrow \overline{D(A)}$  is compact for every  $t > 0$ . It is well known [4] that  $\{S(t) : \overline{D(A)} \rightarrow \overline{D(A)}, t \geq 0\}$  is compact if and only if  $J_\lambda = (I + \lambda A)^{-1}$  is compact for every  $\lambda > 0$  and for each bounded subset  $B$  of  $X$ ,  $\{S(t)x : [0, \infty) \rightarrow X, x \in B\}$  is equicontinuous at each  $t > 0$ . We also know the following.

**Proposition 2 (Brézis [4]).** For each  $\lambda > 0$  and  $x \in \overline{D(A)}$ ,

$$\|x - J_\lambda x\| \leq \frac{4}{\lambda} \int_0^\lambda \|S(s)x - x\| ds.$$

**3. Main results.** We begin this section with hypotheses (cf. [18]) and notations which we shall use in the sequel.

- (H1)  $X$  is a real Banach space and  $A \subset X \times X$  is an  $m$ -accretive set.  $J_\lambda$  is the resolvent  $(I + \lambda A)^{-1}$  for each  $\lambda > 0$  and  $\{S(t) : \overline{D(A)} \rightarrow \overline{D(A)}, t \geq 0\}$  is the nonlinear semigroup generated by  $-A$ .
- (H2)  $1 \leq p < \infty$ ,  $T_0 > 0$  and for each  $0 < T \leq T_0$ ,  $M(0, T; X)$  is a subset of  $L^p(0, T; X)$ .  $\mathcal{F} = \{F_T : M(0, T; X) \rightarrow L^1(0, T; X), 0 < T \leq T_0\}$  is a family of mappings such that for each  $0 < T \leq S \leq T_0$ ,  $u \in M(0, T; X)$  and  $v \in M(0, S; X)$  with  $u(t) = v(t)$  a.e. on  $[0, T]$ , it follows that  $F_T u(t) = F_S v(t)$  a.e. on  $[0, T]$ .
- (H3) For each  $0 < T \leq T_0$ ,  $M(0, T; X) = L^p(0, T; X)$  and  $F_T : L^p(0, T; X) \rightarrow L^1(0, T; X)$  is continuous.
- (H4)  $U$  is an open subset of  $X$ . For each  $0 < T \leq T_0$ ,  $M(0, T; X) = L^\infty(0, T; U)$  and for every  $d > 0$ ,  $F_T : Z_{d,T} \rightarrow L^1(0, T; X)$  is continuous, where  $Z_{d,T}$  is the topological space  $\{u \in L^\infty(0, T; U) : \text{ess sup}_{0 \leq \tau \leq T} \|u(\tau)\| \leq d\}$  which is endowed with the  $L^p(0, T; X)$  topology.
- (H5) For every  $d > 0$ ,

$$\lim_{h \downarrow 0} \int_0^h \|F_{T_0} u(\tau)\| d\tau = 0$$

uniformly for  $u \in Z_{d,T_0}$ .

(H6) There exist  $1 \leq \eta < \infty$  and  $k : (0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  such that for each  $d > 0$ , there exists a function  $\alpha_d : (0, T_0] \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  which satisfies

- (i)  $\lim_{h \downarrow 0} \alpha_d(h) = 0$ , and
- (ii) for every  $u \in Z_{d, T_0}$ ,

$$\int_0^{T-h} \|F_T u(\tau+h) - F_T u(\tau)\| d\tau \leq \alpha_d(h) + k(d) \left( \int_0^{T-h} \|u(\tau+h) - u(\tau)\|^\eta d\tau \right)^{\frac{1}{\eta}}$$

for every  $0 < T \leq T_0$  and for every  $0 < h < T$ .

Now we state local existence results for nonlinear differential equations.

**Theorem 1.** Assume that (H1), (H2) and (H3) are satisfied and that  $\{S(t) : \overline{D(A)} \rightarrow \overline{D(A)}, t \geq 0\}$  is compact. Then for each  $u_0 \in \overline{D(A)}$ , there exists  $0 < T \leq T_0$  such that (1.1) has at least one integral solution  $u$  belonging to  $C(0, T; X)$ .

**Theorem 2.** Assume that (H1), (H2), (H4) and (H5) are satisfied and that  $\{S(t) : \overline{D(A)} \rightarrow \overline{D(A)}, t \geq 0\}$  is compact. Then for each  $u_0 \in \overline{D(A)} \cap U$ , there exists  $0 < T \leq T_0$  such that (1.1) has at least one integral solution  $u$  belonging to  $C(0, T; U)$ .

**Theorem 3.** Assume that (H1), (H2), (H4), (H5) and (H6) are satisfied and that  $J_\lambda$  is compact for every  $\lambda > 0$ . Then for each  $u_0 \in \overline{D(A)} \cap U$ , there exists  $0 < T \leq T_0$  such that (1.1) has at least one integral solution  $u$  belonging to  $C(0, T; U)$ .

Next we show a sufficient condition in order that a set of integral solutions is relatively compact in  $L^q(0, T; X)$  for every  $1 \leq q < \infty$ . It will be used in the proof of Theorem 3. For  $f \in L^1(0, T; X)$  and  $u_0 \in \overline{D(A)}$ , we denote by  $u^f$  the unique integral solution of (2.1) corresponding to  $f$  and  $u_0$ .

**Theorem 4.** Assume that (H1) is satisfied and that  $J_\lambda : X \rightarrow X$  is compact for every  $\lambda > 0$ . Let  $T > 0$  and let  $B$  be a bounded subset of  $L^1(0, T; X)$  such that

$$\lim_{h \downarrow 0} \int_0^{T-h} \|f(t+h) - f(t)\| dt = 0$$

uniformly for  $f \in B$  and

$$\lim_{h \downarrow 0} \int_0^h \|f(t)\| dt = 0$$

uniformly for  $f \in B$ . Let  $u_0 \in \overline{D(A)}$ . Then  $\{u^f : f \in B\}$  is relatively compact in  $L^q(0, T; X)$  for every  $1 \leq q < \infty$  and it is bounded in  $L^\infty(0, T; X)$ .

**4. Proof of Theorems.** First we prove local existence results for nonlinear differential equations under the condition that  $\{S(t)\}$  is compact. In the next proof, we use the method employed in [16].

**PROOF OF THEOREM 1.** Let  $u_0 \in \overline{D(A)}$ . Choose  $0 < T \leq T_0$ ,  $M > 0$  and  $r > 0$  such that  $T^{\frac{1}{p}}M \leq r$  and

$$\int_0^T \|F_T u(t)\| dt \leq M$$

for every  $u \in L^p(0, T; X)$  with  $\left(\int_0^T \|u(t) - S(t)u_0\|^p dt\right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \leq r$ . Put

$$K = \{u \in L^p(0, T; X) : \left(\int_0^T \|u(t) - S(t)u_0\|^p dt\right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \leq r\}.$$

By the method employed in [16], we define an operator  $Q : K \rightarrow L^p(0, T; X)$  as follows: for each  $u \in K$ , let  $Qu$  be the unique integral solution  $v \in C(0, T; X)$  of

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dv(t)}{dt} + Av(t) &\ni F_T u(t), \quad 0 \leq t \leq T, \\ v(0) &= u_0. \end{aligned}$$

We shall show that  $Q$  is a continuous operator from  $K$  into  $K$ . Let  $u \in K$ . Since

$$\|Qu(t) - S(t)u_0\| \leq \int_0^t \|F_T u(s)\| ds$$

for  $0 \leq t \leq T$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\int_0^T \|Qu(t) - S(t)u_0\|^p dt\right)^{\frac{1}{p}} &\leq \left(\int_0^T \left(\int_0^t \|F_T u(s)\| ds\right)^p dt\right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \\ &\leq T^{\frac{1}{p}} \int_0^T \|F_T u(s)\| ds \\ &\leq r. \end{aligned}$$

This inequality implies  $Q(K) \subset K$ . Let  $u, v \in K$ . Since

$$\|Qu(t) - Qv(t)\| \leq \int_0^t \|F_T u(s) - F_T v(s)\| ds$$

for  $0 \leq t \leq T$ , we have

$$\left(\int_0^T \|Qu(t) - Qv(t)\|^p dt\right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \leq T^{\frac{1}{p}} \int_0^T \|F_T u(s) - F_T v(s)\| ds. \quad (4.1)$$

This inequality and the continuity of  $F_T : L^p(0, T; X) \rightarrow L^1(0, T; X)$  imply that  $Q$  is continuous. From Théorème 1 in [1], it follows that  $Q$  is compact. Hence, by Schauder's fixed point theorem, (1.1) has at least one integral solution.  $\square$

PROOF OF THEOREM 2. Let  $u_0 \in \overline{D(A)} \cap U$ . Choose  $r > 0$  and  $0 < T_1 \leq T_0$  such that the closed ball with center  $u_0$  and radius  $r + \max_{0 \leq \tau \leq T_1} \|S(\tau)u_0 - u_0\|$  is contained in  $U$ . Put  $d = r + \max_{0 \leq \tau \leq T_0} \|S(\tau)u_0\|$  and choose  $0 < T \leq T_1$  such that

$$\int_0^T \|F_{T_0} u(\tau)\| d\tau \leq r$$

for every  $u \in Z_{d, T_0}$ . Set

$$K = \{u \in L^\infty(0, T; U) : \text{ess sup}_{0 \leq t \leq T} \|u(t) - S(t)u_0\| \leq r\}$$

which is endowed with  $L^p(0, T; X)$  topology and define  $Q : K \rightarrow L^p(0, T; X)$  by the same way in the proof of Theorem 1. It is easy to see that  $K$  is closed in  $L^p(0, T; X)$ . We shall show that  $Q$  is a continuous operator from  $K$  into  $K$ . Let  $u \in K$ . Since

$$\begin{aligned} \|Qu(t) - S(t)u_0\| &\leq \int_0^T \|F_T u(s)\| ds \\ &\leq r \end{aligned}$$

for  $0 \leq t \leq T$  and

$$\begin{aligned} \|Qu(t) - u_0\| &\leq \|Qu(t) - S(t)u_0\| + \|S(t)u_0 - u_0\| \\ &\leq r + \max_{0 \leq \tau \leq T_1} \|S(\tau)u_0 - u_0\| \end{aligned}$$

for  $0 \leq t \leq T$ , we have  $Q(K) \subset K$ .  $Q$  is continuous by (4.1). From Théorème 1 in [1], it follows that  $Q$  is compact. Hence, by Schauder's fixed point theorem, (1.1) has at least one integral solution.  $\square$

Next we prove a sufficient condition in order that a set of integral solutions is relatively compact in  $L^p(0, T; X)$ .

PROOF OF THEOREM 4. Let  $1 \leq q < \infty$  and put  $c = \sup_{f \in B} \int_0^T \|f(\tau)\| d\tau$ . First we remark that  $\{u^f(t) : f \in B, 0 \leq t \leq T\}$  is a bounded subset of  $X$ . Let  $f \in B$  and let  $\lambda > 0$ . Since, by Proposition 1,

$$\begin{aligned} &\left( \int_0^{T-s} \|J_\lambda u^f(t+s) - J_\lambda u^f(t)\|^q dt \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ &\leq \left( \int_0^{T-s} \|u^f(t+s) - u^f(t)\|^q dt \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ &\leq T^{\frac{1}{q}} \left( \int_0^s \|f(\tau)\| d\tau + \|S(s)u_0 - u_0\| + \int_0^{T-s} \|f(\tau+s) - f(\tau)\| d\tau \right), \end{aligned}$$

we have

$$\lim_{s \downarrow 0} \left( \int_0^{T-s} \|J_\lambda u^f(t+s) - J_\lambda u^f(t)\|^q dt \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} = 0 \quad \text{uniformly for } f \in B.$$

Hence  $\{J_\lambda u^f : f \in B\}$  is relatively compact in  $L^q(0, T; X)$  by the same lines as those in the proof of Theorem A.1 in [8]. Using Proposition 1 and Proposition 2, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|J_\lambda u^f(t) - u^f(t)\| &\leq \frac{4}{\lambda} \int_0^\lambda \|S(s)u^f(t) - u^f(t)\| ds \\ &\leq \frac{4}{\lambda} \int_0^\lambda \|S(s)u^f(t) - u^f(t+s)\| ds + \frac{4}{\lambda} \int_0^\lambda \|u^f(t+s) - u^f(t)\| ds \\ &\leq \frac{4}{\lambda} \int_0^\lambda \int_t^{t+s} \|f(\tau)\| d\tau ds + 4 \sup_{0 \leq s \leq \lambda} \|u^f(t+s) - u^f(t)\| \\ &\leq 4 \int_t^{t+\lambda} \|f(\tau)\| d\tau + 4 \sup_{0 \leq s \leq \lambda} \left\{ \int_0^s \|f(\tau)\| d\tau + \|S(s)u_0 - u_0\| + \int_0^{T-s} \|f(\tau+s) - f(\tau)\| d\tau \right\} \end{aligned}$$

for  $0 \leq t \leq T$ . So we get

$$\begin{aligned} &\left( \int_0^{T-\lambda} \|J_\lambda u^f(t) - u^f(t)\|^q dt \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ &\leq 4 \left( \int_0^{T-\lambda} \left( \int_t^{t+\lambda} \|f(\tau)\| d\tau \right)^q dt \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ &\quad + 4T^{\frac{1}{q}} \sup_{0 \leq s \leq \lambda} \left\{ \int_0^s \|f(\tau)\| d\tau + \|S(s)u_0 - u_0\| + \int_0^{T-s} \|f(\tau+s) - f(\tau)\| d\tau \right\} \\ &\leq 4 \left( \int_0^{T-\lambda} c^{q-1} \int_t^{t+\lambda} \|f(\tau)\| d\tau dt \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ &\quad + 4T^{\frac{1}{q}} \sup_{0 \leq s \leq \lambda} \left\{ \int_0^s \|f(\tau)\| d\tau + \|S(s)u_0 - u_0\| + \int_0^{T-s} \|f(\tau+s) - f(\tau)\| d\tau \right\} \\ &\leq 4c\lambda^{\frac{1}{q}} + 4T^{\frac{1}{q}} \sup_{0 \leq s \leq \lambda} \left\{ \int_0^s \|f(\tau)\| d\tau + \|S(s)u_0 - u_0\| + \int_0^{T-s} \|f(\tau+s) - f(\tau)\| d\tau \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

Hence we have

$$\lim_{\lambda \downarrow 0} \left( \int_0^{T-\lambda} \|J_\lambda u^f(t) - u^f(t)\|^q dt \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} = 0 \quad \text{uniformly for } f \in B,$$

which implies that  $\{u^f : f \in B\}$  is relatively compact in  $L^q(0, T; X)$ .  $\square$

Finally we prove a local existence result for nonlinear differential equations under the condition that  $J_\lambda$  is compact for every  $\lambda > 0$ . In the next proof, we use the method employed in [10, 16].

**PROOF OF THEOREM 3.** Let  $u_0 \in \overline{D(A)} \cap U$ . Choose  $r, T_1, d$  and  $T$  by the similar way in the proof of Theorem 2 such that  $1 - T^{\frac{1}{n}}k(d) > 0$  is also satisfied. Define  $K$  and  $Q : K \rightarrow K$  by the same way in the proof of Theorem 2. Put

$$K_1 = \left\{ u \in K : \left( \int_0^{T-h} \|u(t+h) - u(t)\|^n dt \right)^{\frac{1}{n}} \leq \beta(h) \text{ for every } 0 < h < T \right\},$$

where

$$\beta(h) = \frac{T^{\frac{1}{n}} \left( \sup_{u \in K} \int_0^h \|F_T u(\tau)\| d\tau + \|S(h)u_0 - u_0\| + \alpha_d(h) \right)}{1 - T^{\frac{1}{n}}k(d)}, \quad 0 < h < T.$$

It is easy to see that  $K_1$  is closed in  $L^p(0, T; X)$ . We shall prove that  $Q(K_1) \subset K_1$ . Let  $u \in K_1$ . Since, by Proposition 1,

$$\begin{aligned} & \|Qu(t+h) - Qu(t)\| \\ & \leq \int_0^h \|F_T u(\tau)\| d\tau + \|S(h)u_0 - u_0\| + \int_0^{T-h} \|F_T u(\tau+h) - F_T u(\tau)\| d\tau \end{aligned}$$

for  $t, h \geq 0$  with  $t+h \leq T$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left( \int_0^{T-h} \|Qu(t+h) - Qu(t)\|^n dt \right)^{\frac{1}{n}} \\ & \leq T^{\frac{1}{n}} \left( \int_0^h \|F_T u(\tau)\| d\tau + \|S(h)u_0 - u_0\| + \int_0^{T-h} \|F_T u(\tau+h) - F_T u(\tau)\| d\tau \right) \\ & \leq T^{\frac{1}{n}} \left( \sup_{v \in K} \int_0^h \|F_T v(\tau)\| d\tau + \|S(h)u_0 - u_0\| + \alpha_d(h) + k(d) \left( \int_0^{T-h} \|u(t+h) - u(t)\|^n dt \right)^{\frac{1}{n}} \right) \\ & \leq T^{\frac{1}{n}} \left( \sup_{v \in K} \int_0^h \|F_T v(\tau)\| d\tau + \|S(h)u_0 - u_0\| + \alpha_d(h) + k(d)\beta(h) \right) \\ & \leq \beta(h) \end{aligned}$$

for every  $0 < h < T$ . So we have  $Q(K_1) \subset K_1$ . By Theorem 4,  $Q : K_1 \rightarrow K_1$  is compact. Hence, by Schauder's fixed point theorem, (1.1) has at least one integral solution.  $\square$

**5. Examples.** Throughout this section,  $\Omega$  is a bounded open subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  ( $n \geq 2$ ) with sufficiently smooth boundary  $\Gamma$ .

**Example 1.** We consider the following nonlinear differential equation:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} - \Delta \rho(u) = f(t, x, u(t, x)) \quad \text{on } [0, T] \times \Omega, \quad (5.1)$$

with a boundary condition

$$\rho(u) = 0 \quad \text{on } [0, T] \times \Gamma \quad (5.2)$$



and an initial condition

$$u(0, x) = u_0(x) \quad \text{on } \Omega. \quad (5.3)$$

**Theorem 5.** Let  $\rho \in C(\mathbb{R}) \cap C^1(\mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\})$  such that  $\rho(0) = 0$  and there exist  $C > 0$  and  $a > \frac{n-2}{n}$  with

$$\rho'(r) \geq C|r|^{a-1} \quad \text{for each } r \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}.$$

Let  $T_0 > 0$  and let  $f : [0, T_0] \times \Omega \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that  $f(t, x, \cdot)$  is continuous for a.e.  $(t, x) \in [0, T_0] \times \Omega$  and  $f(\cdot, \cdot, u)$  is measurable for every  $u \in \mathbb{R}$ . Assume that there exist  $b \in L^1(0, T_0; \mathbb{R})$  and  $c \in L^1(0, T_0; L^1(\Omega))$  such that

$$|f(t, x, u)| \leq b(t)|u| + c(t, x)$$

for a.e.  $(t, x) \in [0, T_0] \times \Omega$  and for every  $u \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then for each  $u_0 \in L^1(\Omega)$ , there exists  $0 < T \leq T_0$  such that (5.1), (5.2) and (5.3) have an integral solution on  $[0, T]$ .

**PROOF.** Let  $A \subset L^1(\Omega) \times L^1(\Omega)$  be an operator defined by

$$Au = -\Delta\rho(u) \quad \text{for } D(A) = \{u \in L^1(\Omega) : \rho(u) \in W_0^{1,1}(\Omega), \Delta\rho(u) \in L^1(\Omega)\}.$$

It is known [19, Lemma 2.6.2] that  $A$  is  $m$ -accretive and  $-A$  generates a compact semigroup on  $\overline{D(A)} = L^1(\Omega)$ . For  $0 < T \leq T_0$  and  $d > 0$ , set  $Z_{d,T}$  be the space  $\{u \in L^\infty(0, T; L^1(\Omega)) : \text{ess sup}_{0 \leq \tau \leq T} \|u(\tau)\| \leq d\}$  which is endowed with the  $L^1(0, T; L^1(\Omega))$  topology. The operator defined by

$$F_T u(t)(x) = f(t, x, u(t, x)), \quad u \in L^\infty(0, T; L^1(\Omega))$$

is continuous from  $Z_{d,T}$  into  $L^1(0, T; L^1(\Omega))$ . So (H4) is satisfied. For  $u \in L^\infty(0, T; L^1(\Omega))$ , we write  $f(s, u(s))(x)$  instead of  $f(s, x, u(s, x))$ . Since

$$\int_0^h \|f(s, u(s))\| ds \leq d \int_0^h |b(h)| ds + \int_0^h \|c(h)\| ds$$

for  $u \in Z_{d,T_0}$ , (H5) is satisfied. Then applying Theorem 2, we can see that for each  $u_0 \in L^1(\Omega)$ , there exists  $0 < T \leq T_0$  such that (5.1), (5.2) and (5.3) have an integral solution on  $[0, T]$ .  $\square$

**Example 2.** Consider the following differential operator of the form

$$Au = \sum_{|\alpha| \leq m} (-1)^{|\alpha|} D^\alpha A_\alpha(x, u, Du, \dots, D^m u),$$

where  $A_\alpha : \Omega \times \mathbb{R}^N \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .  $A_\alpha$  is measurable in  $x$  and continuous in the rest of the variables, and there exists  $\omega > 0$  such that

$$\sum_{|\alpha| \leq m} \left( A_\alpha(x, u) - A_\alpha(x, v) \right) (u_\alpha - v_\alpha) \geq \omega \sum_{|\alpha| \leq m} |u_\alpha - v_\alpha|^2$$

for a.e.  $x \in \Omega$  and for every  $(u, v) \in \mathbb{R}^N \times \mathbb{R}^N$ . Now we consider the following nonlinear integrodifferential equation:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + \sum_{|\alpha| \leq m} (-1)^{|\alpha|} D^\alpha A_\alpha(x, u, \dots, D^m u) \\ + \int_0^t a(t-s) f(s, x, u(s, x)) ds = 0 \quad \text{on } [0, T] \times \Omega \end{aligned} \quad (5.4)$$

with Dirichlet boundary conditions

$$D^\alpha u = 0 \quad \text{on } [0, T] \times \Gamma \text{ for } |\alpha| \leq m-1 \quad (5.5)$$

and an initial condition

$$u(0, x) = u_0(x) \quad \text{on } \Omega. \quad (5.6)$$

We improve Theorem 5.1 in [10].

**Theorem 6.** Let  $A : H_0^m(\Omega) \rightarrow H^{-m}(\Omega)$  be the nonlinear operator defined above. Let  $T_0 > 0$ , let  $a \in L^1(0, T_0)$ , and let  $f : [0, T_0] \times \Omega \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that  $f(t, x, \cdot)$  is continuous for a.e.  $(t, x) \in [0, T_0] \times \Omega$  and  $f(\cdot, \cdot, u)$  is measurable for every  $u \in \mathbb{R}$ . Assume that there exist  $b \in L^1(0, T_0; \mathbb{R})$  and  $c \in L^1(0, T_0; L^2(\Omega))$  such that

$$|f(t, x, u)| \leq b(t)|u| + c(t, x)$$

for a.e.  $(t, x) \in [0, T_0] \times \Omega$  and for every  $u \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then for each  $u_0 \in L^2(\Omega)$ , there exists  $0 < T \leq T_0$  such that (5.4), (5.5) and (5.6) have an integral solution on  $[0, T]$ .

**PROOF.** Let  $A_H$  be an operator defined by

$$A_H u = Au \quad \text{for } u \in D(A_H) = \{u \in H_0^m(\Omega) : Au \in L^2(\Omega)\}.$$

Then  $A_H$  is a maximal monotone operator on  $L^2(\Omega)$  and  $(I + \lambda A_H)^{-1} : L^2(\Omega) \rightarrow L^2(\Omega)$  is compact for every  $\lambda > 0$ . For  $0 < T \leq T_0$ , define

$$F_T u(t)(x) = - \int_0^t a(t-s) f(s, x, u(s, x)) ds \quad \text{for } u \in L^\infty(0, T; L^2(\Omega)).$$

Let  $0 < T \leq T_0$ , let  $d > 0$  and let  $Z_{d,T}$  be the space  $\{u \in L^\infty(0, T; L^2(\Omega)) : \text{ess sup}_{0 \leq \tau \leq T} \|u(\tau)\| \leq d\}$  which is endowed with the  $L^1(0, T; L^2(\Omega))$  topology. Since

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^T \left\| \int_0^t a(t-s) f(s, u(s)) ds - \int_0^t a(t-s) f(s, v(s)) ds \right\| dt \\ \leq \int_0^T \int_0^t |a(t-s)| \|f(s, u(s)) - f(s, v(s))\| ds dt \\ \leq \int_0^T |a(t)| dt \int_0^T \|f(s, u(s)) - f(s, v(s))\| ds \end{aligned}$$

for  $u, v \in Z_{d,T}$ ,  $F_T$  is continuous from  $Z_{d,T}$  into  $L^1(0, T; L^2(\Omega))$ . So (H4) is satisfied. Since

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^h \left\| \int_0^t a(t-s)f(s, u(s)) ds \right\| dt &\leq \int_0^h |a(t)| dt \int_0^h \|f(s, u(s))\| ds \\ &\leq \int_0^h |a(t)| dt \left( d \int_0^h |b(s)| ds + \int_0^h \|c(s)\| ds \right) \end{aligned}$$

for  $u \in Z_{d,T_0}$ , (H5) is satisfied. We shall show (H6) is satisfied. Let  $u \in Z_{d,T_0}$ . Since

$$\begin{aligned} &\|F_T u(t+h) - F_T u(t)\| \\ &= \left\| \int_0^{t+h} a(t+h-s)f(s, u(s)) ds + \int_0^t a(t-s)f(s, u(s)) ds \right\| \\ &\leq \int_0^t |a(t+h-s) - a(t-s)| \|f(s, u(s))\| ds + \int_t^{t+h} |a(t+h-s)| \|f(s, u(s))\| ds, \end{aligned}$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_0^{T-h} \|F_T u(t+h) - F_T u(t)\| dt \\ &\leq \int_0^{T-h} \int_0^t |a(t+h-s) - a(t-s)| \|f(s, u(s))\| ds dt \\ &\quad + \int_0^{T-h} \int_t^{t+h} |a(t+h-s)| \|f(s, u(s))\| ds dt \\ &\leq \left( \int_0^{T-h} |a(t+h) - a(t)| dt + \int_0^h |a(t)| dt \right) \int_0^T \|f(s, u(s))\| ds \\ &\leq \left( \int_0^{T-h} |a(t+h) - a(t)| dt + \int_0^h |a(t)| dt \right) \left( d \int_0^T |b(s)| ds + \int_0^T \|c(s)\| ds \right) \end{aligned}$$

So (H6) is satisfied. Then applying Theorem 3, we can see that for each  $u_0 \in L^2(\Omega)$ , there exists  $0 < T \leq T_0$  such that (5.4), (5.5) and (5.6) have an integral solution on  $[0, T]$ .  $\square$

**Example 3.** Let  $A$  be the differential operator defined in Example 2. Consider the following nonlinear differential equation:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + \sum_{|\alpha| \leq m} (-1)^{|\alpha|} D^\alpha A_\alpha(x, u, \dots, D^m u) = f(t, x, u(t, x)) \quad \text{on } [0, T] \times \Omega \quad (5.7)$$

with Dirichlet boundary conditions (5.5) and an initial condition (5.6).

**Theorem 7.** Let  $A : H_0^m(\Omega) \rightarrow H^{-m}(\Omega)$  be the nonlinear operator defined in Example 2. Let  $T_0 > 0$  and let  $f : [0, T_0] \times \Omega \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that  $f(t, x, \cdot)$  is continuous for a.e.  $(t, x) \in [0, T_0] \times \Omega$  and  $f(\cdot, \cdot, u)$  is measurable for every  $u \in \mathbb{R}$ . Assume that there exist  $b \in L^1(0, T_0; \mathbb{R})$ ,  $c \in L^1(0, T_0; L^2(\Omega))$ ,  $\beta \in L^\eta(0, T_0)$  with  $1 < \eta < \infty$ ,  $\gamma : [0, 2T_0] \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  and  $\delta \in L^2(\Omega)$  which satisfy

- (i)  $|f(t, x, u)| \leq b(t)|u| + c(t, x)$  for a.e.  $(t, x) \in [0, T_0] \times \Omega$  and for every  $u \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

- (ii)  $|f(t, x, u) - f(t, x, v)| \leq \beta(t)|u - v|$  for a.e.  $(t, x) \in [0, T_0] \times \Omega$  and for every  $(u, v) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$ ,  
 (iii)  $\lim_{h \downarrow 0} \gamma(h) = 0$ , and  
 (iv)  $|f(t, x, u) - f(s, x, u)| \leq \gamma(|t - s|) (|u| + \delta(x))$  for a.e.  $(t, s, x) \in [0, T_0] \times [0, T_0] \times \Omega$  and for every  $u \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Then for each  $u_0 \in L^2(\Omega)$ , there exists  $T > 0$  such that (5.7), (5.5) and (5.6) have an integral solution on  $[0, T]$ .

PROOF. Define  $A_H$  by the same way in the proof of Theorem 6. For  $0 < T \leq T_0$  and  $d > 0$ , set  $Z_{d,T}$  be the space  $\{u \in L^\infty(0, T; L^2(\Omega)) : \text{ess sup}_{0 \leq \tau \leq T} \|u(\tau)\| \leq d\}$  which is endowed with the  $L^1(0, T; L^2(\Omega))$  topology. Define

$$F_T u(t)(x) = f(t, x, u(t, x)) \quad \text{for } u \in L^\infty(0, T; L^2(\Omega)).$$

Let  $0 < T \leq T_0$  and let  $d > 0$ .  $F_T$  is continuous from  $Z_{d,T}$  into  $L^1(0, T; L^2(\Omega))$ . For  $u \in L^\infty(0, T; L^2(\Omega))$ , we write  $f(t, u(s))(x)$  instead of  $f(t, x, u(s, x))$ . Let  $u \in Z_{d,T_0}$ . We get

$$\int_0^h \|f(t, u(t))\| dt \leq d \int_0^h |b(t)| dt + \int_0^h \|c(t)\| dt.$$

So (H5) is satisfied. Since

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^{T-h} \|f(t+h, u(t+h)) - f(t, u(t))\| dt \\ & \leq \int_0^{T-h} \|f(t+h, u(t+h)) - f(t+h, u(t))\| dt + \int_0^{T-h} \|f(t+h, u(t)) - f(t, u(t))\| dt \\ & \leq \left( \int_0^T |\beta(t)|^n dt \right)^{\frac{1}{n}} \left( \int_0^{T-h} \|u(t+h) - u(t)\|^{n'} dt \right)^{\frac{1}{n'}} + \gamma(h) (dT + \|\delta\|), \end{aligned}$$

(H6) is satisfied. Then applying Theorem 3, we can see that for each  $u_0 \in L^2(\Omega)$ , there exists  $0 < T \leq T_0$  such that (5.7), (5.5) and (5.6) have an integral solution on  $[0, T]$ .  $\square$

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