

Existence and uniqueness for semilinear parabolic equations in Banach spaces

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In this talk we consider the Cauchy problem for semilinear parabolic equations of the form

$$(CP) \quad \begin{cases} u'(t) = Au(t) + J(u(t)), \\ u(0) = \varphi \end{cases}$$

in a Banach space E with norm $\|\cdot\|$, where $u : [0, T] \rightarrow E$ is an unknown function, A is the generator of a C_0 -semigroup $\{e^{tA}\}_{t \geq 0}$ on E such that $\|e^{tA}\varphi\| \leq Me^{\gamma t}\|\varphi\|$ ($\varphi \in E$, $t \geq 0$) for some constants $M \geq 1$ and $\gamma \geq 0$, and J is a nonlinear function from a subset of E into E . Suppose that the domain of J is itself a Banach space E_J with norm $|\cdot|_J$ and $J : E_J \rightarrow E$ is locally Lipschitz continuous, i.e., for every $r > 0$ there exists $\ell(r) > 0$ such that

$$\|J\varphi - J\psi\| \leq \ell(r)|\varphi - \psi|_J, \quad \varphi, \psi \in E_J \quad (|\varphi|_J \leq r, |\psi|_J \leq r).$$

Also we assume that there exist positive constants N and a with $a < 1$ such that

$$\|e^{tA}\varphi\|_J \leq Nt^{-a}\|\varphi\|, \quad \varphi \in E, \quad t \in (0, T].$$

Moreover, suppose that $e^{tA}\varphi \in C((0, T]; E_J)$ for every $\varphi \in E$.

The first purpose is to give a detailed proof of the following existence theorem [1, Theorem 2] for “continuous” solutions to the corresponding integral equation

$$(IE) \quad u(t) = e^{tA}\varphi + \int_0^t e^{(t-s)A}J(u(s))ds.$$

Theorem 1. *Let E , A , $\{e^{tA}\}_{t \geq 0}$, J , E_J , $\ell(r)$, N and a be as above.*

- a) *Assume that $\int_\tau^\infty \ell(r)r^{-1/a}dr < \infty$ for some $\tau > 0$. Then for every $\varphi \in E$ there exists a unique solution $u \in C([0, T_\varphi]; E) \cap C((0, T_\varphi); E_J)$ to (IE) such that $\overline{\lim}_{t \downarrow 0} t^a |u(t)|_J < \infty$, where $T_\varphi := \sup\{T; \text{a continuous solution to (IE) exists on } [0, T]\}$. Moreover, if $T_\varphi < \infty$, then $\lim_{t \uparrow T_\varphi} \|u(t)\| = \infty$ and $\overline{\lim}_{t \uparrow T_\varphi} |u(t)|_J = \infty$.*
- b) *Assume that $\int_1^\infty \ell(r)r^{-1/a}dr = \infty$ and there exist constants $C > 0$, $b \in (0, a)$ and $r_0 \geq 0$ such that $\ell(r) \leq Cr^{\frac{1-a}{b}}$ for every $r \geq r_0$. Let $K_0 > 0$ with $NBC(2K_0)^{\frac{1-a}{b}} \leq 1/2$ and $T_2 > 0$ with $Me^{\gamma T_2}C(2K_0)^{\frac{1-a}{b}}(a-b)^{-1}T_2^{a-b} < 1$ and $r_0T_2^b \leq 2K_0$, where $B := \int_0^1 (1-s)^{-a}s^{a-1-b}ds$. If $\varphi \in E$ satisfies $t^b|e^{tA}\varphi|_J \leq K_0$ for every $t \in (0, T_2]$, then there exists a unique solution $u \in C([0, T_2]; E) \cap C((0, T_2]; E_J)$ to (IE) such that $t^b|u(t)|_J \leq 2K_0$ for every $t \in (0, T_2]$.*

The second purpose is to show the following corollary [1, Corollary 2.1] for the “differentiability” of the solution $u(t)$ in Theorem 1 by employing the argument in [2].

Corollary 2. *Assume that $\{e^{tA}\}_{t \geq 0}$ is an analytic semigroup on both E and E_J . Then the solution $u(t)$ in Theorem 1 is continuously differentiable on $(0, T)$ in E , $u(t) \in D(A)$ for every $t \in (0, T)$ and satisfies (CP), where $T = T_\varphi$ or $T = T_2$.*

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