

57. On a Theorem of R. H. Martin on Certain Cauchy Problems for Ordinary Differential Equations^{*)}

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1. Introduction. Let E be a real Banach space with norm $\|\cdot\|$ and X be a locally closed and convex subset of E . If $B, C: [0, 1] \times X \rightarrow E$ are two (suitable) functions, we consider the following Cauchy problem

$$(CP) \quad \dot{x} = B(t, x) + C(t, x), \quad x(0) = x_0$$

where $x_0 \in X$.

In the paper [2] R. H. Martin obtained the existence of a local solution of (CP) under the following assumptions;

- (C₁) B and C are continuous and bounded in $[0, 1] \times X$;
- (C₂) $\langle x - y, B(t, x) - B(t, y) \rangle \leq \omega(t, \|x - y\|) \|x - y\|$ for all $(t, x), (t, y)$ in $[0, 1] \times X$, where $\omega(t, u): [0, 1] \times [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ is a continuous function such that $\omega(t, 0) = 0$ for all $t \in [0, 1]$ and for which the Cauchy problem $\dot{u} = \omega(t, u), u(0) = 0$ has the unique solution $u(t) = 0$ for all $t \in [0, 1]$;
- (C₃) K is a relatively compact subset of E such that $C(t, x) \in K$ for all $(t, x) \in [0, 1] \times X$;
- (C₄) $\liminf_{h \rightarrow +0} d(x + h(B(t, x) + C(t, x)); X)/h = 0$ for all $(t, x) \in [0, 1] \times X$;
- (C₅) C is uniformly continuous on $[0, 1] \times X$.

A diligent examination of the proof of this result shows the important role of the assumptions (C₃) and (C₅).

The hypothesis (C₃) plays a fundamental role also in other results contained in the same paper of Martin; however, recently (see [1]) it has been weakened using the following one;

- (C₃)' there is a Lebesgue measurable subset J of $[0, 1]$ with Lebesgue measure $m(J) = 0$ for which $C(t, X)$ is relatively compact for any $t \in J^c$ (J^c denotes the complement of J in $[0, 1]$)

in the setting of Gelfand-Phillips spaces, so improving certain results of [2].

Purpose of this note is to generalize the above cited result of Martin in general Banach spaces using (C₃)' instead of (C₃).

2. The existence results. This section contains the announced generalization of Martin's theorem. Together (C₃)' we shall also use the following other assumptions;

- (C₁)' $B + C$ is continuous on $[0, 1] \times X$ and B and C are both bounded

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