

## 133. Note on Singular Perturbation of Linear Operators

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**0. Introduction.** Consider the following problem in a Banach space  $X$ :

$$(0.1) \quad \begin{cases} \partial u(t, \varepsilon) / \partial t + A(\varepsilon)u(t, \varepsilon) = 0, & t > 0, \\ u(0, \varepsilon) = a. \end{cases}$$

Here  $\varepsilon$  is a positive parameter,  $0 < \varepsilon \leq 1$ ,  $A(\varepsilon) = \varepsilon A + B$ , and  $a \in X$ . We assume that  $A$  and  $B$  are closed linear operators in  $X$  with  $\mathbf{D}(A) \subset \mathbf{D}(B)$  and that  $-A(\varepsilon)$  with  $\mathbf{D}(A(\varepsilon)) = \mathbf{D}(A)$  generates a strongly continuous semi-group of bounded operators in  $X$  (i.e., of class  $(C_0)$ ), uniformly with respect to  $\varepsilon$ ; that is, with a constant  $M > 0$ ,

$$(0.2) \quad \|\exp(-tA(\varepsilon))\| \leq M$$

for all  $t \geq 0$  and  $0 < \varepsilon \leq 1$ .

The (mild) solution of (0.1) is given by

$$(0.3) \quad u(t, \varepsilon) = \exp(-tA(\varepsilon))a, \quad t \geq 0, a \in X.$$

The map  $]0, 1] \ni \varepsilon \mapsto u(t, \varepsilon) \in X$  is strongly continuous as seen immediately from the Trotter-Kato theorem (see Yosida [3], Kato [2]). However,  $u(t, \varepsilon)$  may not be convergent as  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ .

In the present note, we discuss a sufficient condition for the convergence of  $u(t, \varepsilon)$  as  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ . For that purpose, we introduce the set  $C(p, \theta)$ ,  $p > 1$ ,  $\theta < p - 1$ .  $C(p, \theta)$  consists of all such elements  $b$  in  $\mathbf{D}(A)$  that

$$(0.4) \quad \int_0^1 \varepsilon^\theta \sup_{t \geq 0} \|A \exp(-tA(\varepsilon))b\|^q d\varepsilon < \infty.$$

It is easy to see that  $C(p, \theta') \subset C(p, \theta)$  if  $\theta' \leq \theta$  and  $C(q, \theta') \subset C(p, \theta)$  if  $q \geq p$ ,  $p\theta' \leq q\theta$ .

Then we obtain the following

**Theorem.** *Let  $b \in C(p, \theta)$  for some  $p, \theta, 1 < p < \infty, \theta < p - 1$ . Then  $\exp(-tA(\varepsilon))b$  converges strongly to an element  $b(t) \in X$  as  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ , uniformly with respect to  $t$  in every compact interval. Furthermore,*

$$(0.5) \quad \exp(-tA(\varepsilon))b = b(t) + \mathbf{O}(\varepsilon^\rho), \quad 0 < \rho < 1 - \theta/(p-1).$$

Here  $\mathbf{O}(\varepsilon^\rho)$  denotes the element in  $X$  such that  $\varepsilon^{-\rho}\mathbf{O}(\varepsilon^\rho)$  remains bounded as  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ , uniformly in  $t$  in every compact interval.

Let  $\mathbf{D} = \bigcup_{p>1} \bigcup_{\theta < p-1} C(p, \theta)$ . Then we immediately have

**Corollary.** *Let  $\mathbf{D}$  be dense in  $X$ . Then there is an extension  $B_1$*

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of  $B$  with the following two properties :

- (i)  $-B_1$  generates a strongly continuous semi-group  $\exp(-tB_1)$ ;
- (ii)  $\exp(-tA(\epsilon))a \rightarrow \exp(-tB_1)a$  strongly as  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$  for every  $a \in X$ .

The convergence is uniform with respect to  $t$  in every compact interval.

Theorem will be proved by an elementary application of imbedding theorems for  $X$ -valued functions. In fact, this is a kind of the trace theorem. It seems that the requirement (0.4) is quite strong. In a certain sense, this is related to uniqueness property of the solution of (0.1) in a larger space, as will be seen in our proof. Our Corollary remains thus quite formal, for the substantial problem is, for instance, to determine when the set  $D$  is dense in  $X$ . On the other hand, if  $X$  is a Hilbert space, several results are known by using quadratic forms (see Kato [2], D. Huet (see the reference in [2]), Greenlee [1], etc).

**1. Proof of Theorem.** Let  $b \in C(p, \theta)$ ,  $1 < p < \infty$ ,  $\theta < p - 1$ . Put  $s = (p - 1) / (p - 1 - \theta)$ . Then  $s > 0$ . Now consider the following problem in  $L^p(X)$ :

$$(1.1) \quad \begin{cases} \partial u(t, y) / \partial t + A(|y|^s)u(t, y) = 0, & t > 0, |y| < 1, \\ u(0, y) = b. \end{cases}$$

Here  $L^p(X)$  is  $X$ -valued  $L^p$ -space over  $|y| < 1$ . By our assumption,  $-A(\epsilon)$  generates a strongly continuous semi-group in  $X$ . Hence, an explicit construction of resolvents shows that  $-A(|y|^s)$  generates a strongly continuous semi-group in  $L^p(X)$ . Here  $D(A(|y|^s)) = \{f \in L^p(X); f(y) \in D(A(|y|^s)) \text{ considered as element of } X \text{ for a.e. } y, \text{ and } A(|y|^s)f(y) \in L^p(X)\}$ . In particular, we have

$$u(t, y) = \exp(-tA(|y|^s))b.$$

Now consider the following system:

$$(1.2) \quad \begin{cases} \partial v(t, y) / \partial t + A(|y|^s)v(t, y) = -s y |y|^{s-2} Au(t, y), & t > 0, \\ v(0, y) = 0. \end{cases}$$

Note that the distribution derivative  $\partial u(t, y) / \partial y$  formally satisfies (1.2). We prove in fact that  $v(t, y) = \partial u(t, y) / \partial y$  under our hypothesis. (0.4) and the Lebesgue-Fatou convergence theorem imply that  $y |y|^{s-2} Au(t, y) \in L^p(X)$  and is strongly continuous in  $t$ . Thus  $v(t, y)$  as a mild solution of (1.2) is in  $L^p(X)$ . Let  $\varphi = ((\lambda + A(|y|^s))^{-1})^* \psi$ ,  $\psi \in L^{p'}(X^*)$ ,  $p' = p / (p - 1)$ . Here  $*$  denotes the adjoint and  $\text{Re } \lambda \geq \delta > 0$ . We denote by  $v^\wedge(\lambda, y)$  the Laplace transform of  $v(t, y)$ . Since for (almost) every  $y$ ,

$$\int_0^\infty e^{-t\lambda} y |y|^{s-2} Au(t, y) dt = y |y|^{s-2} A(\lambda + A(|y|^s))^{-1} b,$$

(0.4) implies that

$$(1.3) \quad y |y|^{s-2} A(\lambda + A(|y|^s))^{-1} b \in L^p(X).$$

Hence, noting that  $((\bar{\lambda} + A(|y|^s)^*)^{-1}) = ((\lambda + A(|y|^s))^{-1})^*$ , we obtain

$$\langle v^\wedge(\lambda, y), \psi \rangle = -s \langle y |y|^{s-2} A(\lambda + A(|y|^s))^{-1} b, ((\lambda + A(|y|^s))^{-1})^* \psi \rangle.$$

Here  $\langle , \rangle$  denotes the coupling of  $L^p(X)$  and  $L^{p'}(X^*)$ . It follows that

$$v^\wedge(\lambda, y) = -sy|y|^{s-2}(\lambda + A(|y|^s))^{-1}A(\lambda + A(|y|^s))^{-1}b.$$

Let  $\chi$  be any  $X^*$ -valued differentiable function with compact support. Then

$$\langle v^\wedge(\lambda, y), \chi(y) \rangle = -\langle \lambda + A(|y|^s) \rangle^{-1}b, \chi'(y) \rangle.$$

In particular,  $v^\wedge(\lambda, y)$  is holomorphic in  $\text{Re } \lambda > 0$ . Now the inverse Laplace transform shows

$$\langle v(t, y), \chi(y) \rangle = -\langle u(t, y), \chi'(y) \rangle,$$

or  $v(t, y) = \partial u(t, y) / \partial y$ . We thus see  $u(t, y) \in W^{p,1}(X)$ , the  $X$ -valued  $L^p$ -Sobolev space. We then apply the imbedding theorem and see that  $u(t, y)$  is Hölder continuous in  $y$  with exponent  $\sigma < 1 - 1/p$ . Rewriting this fact, taking  $\varepsilon = |y|^s$ , we obtain Theorem. Q.E.D.

**2. Some discussions.** It is immediately seen that  $b \in C(p, \theta)$  is equivalent to:

$$(2.1) \quad \int_0^1 \varepsilon^{\theta-p} \sup_{t \geq 0} \| \{ \exp(-tA(\varepsilon))B - B \exp(-tA(\varepsilon)) \} b \|^p \quad d\varepsilon < \infty.$$

In any case, this type of condition is difficult to verify. However, since the requirement of such a strong condition intervenes only for the proof of  $v = \partial u / \partial y$ , we can much relax the condition (0.4) or (2.1) in practical cases.

That  $\mathbf{D}$  is dense in  $X$ , as required in our Corollary, is also quite strong, as suggested by the following consideration of the convergence of resolvents. Define  $C^*(p, \theta; \lambda)$ ,  $1 < p < \infty$ ,  $\theta < p - 1$ ,  $\text{Re } \lambda > 0$ , as the set of all  $b \in X$  such that

$$(2.2) \quad \int_0^1 \varepsilon^\theta \| (\lambda + A(\varepsilon))^{-1}A(\lambda + A(\varepsilon))^{-1}b \|^p \quad d\varepsilon < \infty.$$

Then we have

**Proposition.** *If  $b \in C^*(p, \theta; \lambda)$ , then  $(\lambda + A(\varepsilon))^{-1}b$  converges strongly to an element  $b(\lambda) \in X$  as  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ , and*

$$(\lambda + A(\varepsilon))^{-1}b = b(\lambda) + \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon^\rho), \quad 0 < \rho < 1 - \theta / (p - 1).$$

Note that  $C(p, \theta) \subset C^*(p, \theta; \lambda)$  for all  $\lambda$ ,  $\text{Re } \lambda > 0$  (see (1.3)). On the other hand, only with some additional uniformity requirement,  $b \in C^*(p, \theta; \lambda)$  for all  $\text{Re } \lambda > 0$  implies  $b \in C(p, \theta)$ . Now put

$$\mathbf{D}^* = \bigcup_{p > 1} \bigcup_{p-1 > \theta} \bigcup_{\lambda} C^*(p, \theta; \lambda).$$

Thus the requirement that  $\mathbf{D}^*$  be dense in  $X$  is apparently much weaker than that of denseness of  $\mathbf{D}$ . However, we then need a condition which assures that the pseudoresolvents obtained as the limits of  $(\lambda + A(\varepsilon))^{-1}$  are in fact resolvents. By the way, we note that for the validity of Proposition, it is sufficient to require that  $\| (\lambda + A(\varepsilon))^{-1} \| \leq M(\lambda)$  uniformly with respect to  $\varepsilon$  with some function  $M(\lambda)$ .

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