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ANALYTICITY OF SOLUTIONS OF QUASILINEAR EVOLUTION EQUATIONS

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0. Introduction

In this paper we establish analyticity in t of solutions to quasilinear evolution equations

$$(0.1) \quad \frac{du}{dt} + A(t, u)u = f(t, u), \quad 0 \leq t \leq T,$$

$$(0.2) \quad u(0) = u_0.$$

The unknown, u , is a function of t with values in a Banach space X . For fixed t and $v \in X$, the linear operator $-A(t, v)$ is the generator of an analytic semigroup in X and $f(t, v) \in X$. Several authors Ōuchi [6], Hayden and Massey[2], have considered analyticity for semilinear equations $du/dt + A(t)u = f(t, u)$. And Massey[5] discussed analyticity for quasilinear equations (0.1) when the domain $D(A(t, u))$ of $A(t, u)$ does not depend on t, u .

In the present paper, we consider analyticity for (0.1), (0.2) under the assumption that $D(A(t, u)^h)$ is independent of t, u for some $h=1/m$ where m is a positive integer. In order to prove it we shall make use of the linear theory of Kato[3].

In the following $L(X, Y)$ is the space of linear operators from a normed space X to another normed space Y , and $B(X, Y)$ is the space of bounded linear operators belonging to $L(X, Y)$. $L(X) = L(X, X)$ and $B(X) = B(X, X)$. $\| \cdot \|$ will be used for the norm both in X and $B(X)$; it should be clear from the context which is intended.

We shall make the following assumptions:

- A-1°) $u_0 \in D(A_0)$ and $A_0^{-\alpha}$ is a well-defined operator $\in B(X)$ where $A_0 \equiv A(0, u_0)$.
- A-2°) There exist $h=1/m$, where m is an integer, $m \geq 2$, $R > 0$, $T_0 > 0$, $\phi_0 > 0$ and $0 \leq \alpha < h$, such that $A(t, A_0^{-\alpha} w)$ is a well-defined operator $\in L(X)$ for each $t \in \Sigma_0 \equiv \{t \in C; |\arg t| < \phi_0, 0 \leq |t| < T_0\}$ and $w \in N \equiv \{w \in X; \|w - A_0^\alpha u_0\| < R\}$.
- A-3°) For any $t \in \Sigma_0$ and $w \in N$

(0.3) $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{the resolvent set of } A(t, A_0^{-\sigma} w) \text{ contains the left half-plane} \\ \text{and there exists } C_1 \text{ such that } \|(\lambda - A(t, A_0^{-\sigma} w))^{-1}\| \leq C_1(1 + |\lambda|)^{-1}, \operatorname{Re} \lambda \leq 0. \end{array} \right.$

A-4°) The domain $D(A(t, A_0^{-\sigma} w)^h) = D$ of $A(t, A_0^{-\sigma} w)^h$ is independent of $t \in \Sigma_0$ and $w \in N$.

A-5°) The map $\Phi: (t, w) \mapsto A(t, A_0^{-\sigma} w)^h A_0^{-h}$ is analytic from $(\Sigma_0 \setminus \{0\}) \times N$ to $B(X)$.

A-6°) There exist $C_2, C_3, \sigma, 1-h < \sigma \leq 1$ such that

$$(0.4) \quad \|A(t, A_0^{-\sigma} w)^h A(s, A_0^{-\sigma} v)^{-h}\| \leq C_2 \quad t, s \in \Sigma_0, w, v \in N,$$

$$(0.5) \quad \|A(t, A_0^{-\sigma} w)^h A(s, A_0^{-\sigma} v)^{-h} - I\| \leq C_3 \{|t-s|^\sigma + \|w-v\|\} \\ t, s \in \Sigma_0, w, v \in N.$$

A-7°) $f(t, A_0^{-\sigma} w)$ is defined and belongs to X for each $t \in \Sigma_0$ and $w \in N$, and there exists C_4 such that

$$(0.6) \quad \|f(t, A_0^{-\sigma} w) - f(s, A_0^{-\sigma} v)\| \leq C_4 \{|t-s|^\sigma + \|w-v\|\} \quad t, s \in \Sigma_0, w, v \in N.$$

A-8°) The map $\Psi: (t, w) \mapsto f(t, A_0^{-\sigma} w)$ is analytic from $(\Sigma_0 \setminus \{0\}) \times N$ into X .

These constants $C_i (i \in N_+)$ do not depend on t, s, w, v .

The main result of this paper is the following theorem.

Theorem 1. *Let the assumptions A-1°)—A-8°) hold. Then there exist $T, 0 < T \leq T_0, \phi, 0 < \phi \leq \phi_0, K > 0, k, 1-h < k < 1$ and a unique continuous function u mapping $\Sigma \equiv \{t \in \mathbb{C}; |\arg t| < \phi, 0 \leq |t| < T\}$ into X such that $u(0) = u_0, u(t) \in D(A(t, u(t)))$ and $\|A_0^\sigma u(t) - A_0^\sigma u_0\| < R$ for $t \in \Sigma \setminus \{0\}$; $u: \Sigma \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow X$ is analytic, $\frac{du(t)}{dt} + A(t, u(t))u(t) = f(t, u(t))$ for $t \in \Sigma \setminus \{0\}$, and $\|A_0^\sigma u(t) - A_0^\sigma u_0\| \leq K|t|^k$ for $t \in \Sigma$.*

REMARK. Under the assumption that $D(A(t, u)^h)$ is constant, Sobolevskii [8] gave the existence of solutions to (0.1) with *differentiable* coefficients. But, as far as the author knows, the proof of [8] (or similar results) is not published yet. In this paper we give the existence of local solutions to (0.1) for $A(t, u)$ differentiable in t, u (Theorem 2). But in this case, the condition (3.5) seems to be too restrictive to apply Theorem 2 to the Neumann problems. The condition may be reasonable when $A(t, u)$ is *analytic* in u and *differentiable* in t .

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1. Fractional powers of operators which generate analytic semi-groups

Assume that A is a closed operator in Banach space X with domain, $D(A)$, dense in X and that the resolvent set of A contains the left half-plane and $(1 +$

$|\lambda|)(A-\lambda)^{-1}$ is uniformly bounded in $\operatorname{Re} \lambda \leq 0$. Then there exist M, θ , $0 < \theta < \frac{\pi}{2}$ such that the resolvent set of A contains closed sectorial domain $\Sigma \equiv \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C}; |\arg \lambda| \geq \theta\} \cup \{0\}$ and

$$(1.1) \quad \|(A-\lambda)^{-1}\| \leq M(1+|\lambda|)^{-1} \quad \lambda \in \Sigma,$$

$$(1.1)' \quad \|A(A-\lambda)^{-1}\| = \|I - \lambda(A-\lambda)^{-1}\| \leq 1 + M = \tilde{M} \quad \lambda \in \Sigma.$$

$-A$ is a generator of an analytic semigroup in X , and the fractional powers A^α ($\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$) are defined as follows;

$$(1.2) \quad A^\alpha = \begin{cases} (A^{-\alpha})^{-1} & \alpha > 0 \\ I & \alpha = 0 \\ \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\Gamma} \lambda^\alpha (A-\lambda)^{-1} d\lambda & \alpha < 0 \end{cases}$$

where the integration path Γ consists of the two rays $a + re^{\pm i\phi}$ [$\theta < \phi < \pi$, $a > 0$, $0 \leq r < \infty$] and run in the resolvent of A from $\infty e^{-i\phi}$ to $\infty e^{i\phi}$. We define that λ^α attain positive values when $\lambda > 0$.

A^α have the following properties;

- 1) For $\alpha < 0$, $A^\alpha \in B(X)$.
- 2) For $\alpha > 0$, A^α is a closed operator in X with domain, $D(A^\alpha)$, dense in X .
- 3) $D(A^\alpha) \supset D(A^\beta)$ for $\beta > \alpha > 0$.
- 4) For any $\alpha > 0$, $\beta > 0$, $A^{\alpha+\beta} = A^\alpha A^\beta = A^\beta A^\alpha$ holds.

It follows from (1.1) that there exist $\delta > 0$, $C > 0$ such that

$$(1.3) \quad \|\exp(-\tau A)\| \leq C e^{-\delta \tau},$$

$$(1.4) \quad \|A \exp(-\tau A)\| \leq C e^{-\delta \tau} \tau^{-1}.$$

For an operator A satisfying (1.3) we can give an equivalent definition of the fractional powers A^α as follows;

$$(1.5) \quad A^\alpha = \begin{cases} (A^{-\alpha})^{-1} & \alpha > 0 \\ I & \alpha = 0 \\ \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^\infty \exp(-sA(t)) s^{\alpha-1} ds & \alpha < 0. \end{cases}$$

For any $\alpha < \beta < \gamma$ an inequality of moments

$$(1.6) \quad \|A^\beta u\| \leq C(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) \|A^\alpha u\|^{(\beta-\alpha)/(\gamma-\alpha)} \|A^\gamma u\|^{(\gamma-\beta)/(\gamma-\alpha)} \quad [u \in D(A^\gamma)]$$

holds. (Krein[4] Chapter 1. Theorem 5.2)

For $0 \leq \alpha < 1$, $-A^\alpha$ is also the generator of an analytic semigroup in X and has similar properties as A with θ replaced by $\alpha\theta$.

Assume that A and B are closed operators in X with domain, $D(A)$ and $D(B)$, dense in X and with property (1.1), and that $D(A) \subset D(B)$. Then $D(A^\beta) \subset D(B^\alpha)$ for $0 < \alpha < \beta \leq 1$. (Krein [4] Chapter 1. Lemma 7.3)

For these and other properties of analytic semigroups, see Tanabe [9] Sobolevskii [7] Krein [4] Friedman [1] etc..

2. Kato's results

We shall make the following assumptions:

1°) For each $t \in [0, T]$, $A(t)$ is a densely defined, closed linear operator in X with its spectrum contained in a fixed sector $S_\theta = \{z \in \mathbb{C}; |\arg z| < \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2}\}$. The resolvent of $A(t)$ satisfies the inequality

$$(2.1) \quad \| [z - A(t)]^{-1} \| \leq M_0 / |z| \quad \text{for } z \notin S_\theta$$

where M_0 is a constant independent of t . Furthermore, $z=0$ also belongs to the resolvent set of $A(t)$ and

$$(2.2) \quad \| A(t)^{-1} \| \leq M_1$$

M_1 being independent of t .

2°) For some $h=1/m$, where m is a positive integer, ≥ 2 , $D(A(t)^h) = D$ is independent of t , and there are constants k , M_2 and M_3 such that

$$(2.3) \quad \| A(t)^h A(s)^{-h} \| \leq M_2, \quad 0 \leq t \leq T, \quad 0 \leq s \leq T.$$

$$(2.4) \quad \| A(t)^h A(s)^{-h} - I \| \leq M_3 |t-s|^k, \quad 0 \leq t \leq T, \quad 0 \leq s \leq T, \quad 1-h < k \leq 1.$$

REMARK. From (2.2) there exists $C_h > 0$ such that

$$(2.2)' \quad \| A(t)^{-h} \| \leq C_h \quad \text{for } t \in [0, T]$$

C_h being independent of t .

Under these assumptions, we get the following theorems. They are due to Kato.

Theorem A. *Let the conditions 1°) and 2°) be satisfied. Then there exists a unique evolution operator $U(t, s) \in B(X)$ defined for $0 \leq s \leq t \leq T$, with following properties. $U(t, s)$ is strongly continuous for $0 \leq s \leq t \leq T$ and*

$$(2.5) \quad U(t, r) = U(t, s)U(s, r), \quad r \leq s \leq t,$$

$$(2.6) \quad U(t, t) = I.$$

For $s < t$, the range of $U(t, s)$ is a subset of $D(A(t))$ and

$$(2.7) \quad A(t)U(t, s) \in B(X), \quad \| A(t)U(t, s) \| \leq M |t-s|^{-1},$$

where M is a constant depending only on $\theta, h, k, T, M_0, M_1, M_2$ and M_3 . Furthermore, $U(t, s)$ is strongly continuously differentiable in t for $t > s$ and

$$(2.8) \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial t} U(t, s) + A(t)U(t, s) = 0.$$

If $u \in D$, $U(t, s)u$ is strongly continuously differentiable in s for $s < t$. If in particular $u \in D(A(s_0))$, then

$$(2.9) \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial s} U(t, s)u|_{s=s_0} = U(t, s_0)A(s_0)u.$$

If $f(t)$ is continuous in t , any strict solution of

$$(2.10) \quad \frac{du}{dt} + A(t)u = f(t)$$

must be expressible in the form

$$(2.11) \quad u(t) = U(t, 0)u(0) + \int_0^t U(t, s)f(s)ds.$$

Conversely, the $u(t)$ given by (2.11) is a strict solution of (2.10) if $f(t)$ is Hölder continuous on $[0, T]$; here $u(0)$ may be an arbitrary element of X .

Proof. See, [3].

Theorem B. Assume that $A(t)$ can be continued to a complex neighborhood Δ of the interval $[0, T]$ in such a way that the conditions 1°), 2°) are satisfied for $t, s \in \Delta$. Furthermore, let $A(t)^{-h}$ be holomorphic for $t \in \Delta$. Then the evolution operator $U(t, s)$ exists for $s \leq t$, satisfies the assertions of Theorem A and is holomorphic in s and t for $s < t$. (Here “ $s < t$ ” should be interpreted as meaning “ $t - s \in \Sigma$ ”, where Σ is the sector $|\arg t| < \pi/2 - \theta$ of the t -plane, and “ $s \leq t$ ” as “ $s < t$ or $s = t$ ”.) If $f(t)$ is holomorphic for $t \in \Delta$, $t > 0$, and Hölder continuous at $t = 0$, every solution of (2.10) has a continuation holomorphic for $t \in \Delta$, $t > 0$.

Proof. See, [3].

It follows from 1°) and 2°) that

$$(2.12) \quad \|A(t)^\alpha \exp(\tau A(t))\| \leq N_6 |\tau|^{-\alpha}: 0 \leq \alpha \leq 2, |\arg \tau| \leq \frac{\pi}{2} - \theta$$

$$(2.13) \quad \|A(t)^\alpha U(t, s)\| \leq (h + k - \alpha)^{-1} N_{18} (t - s)^{-\alpha}: 0 \leq \alpha < k + h$$

$$(2.14) \quad \|A(t)^{\alpha+h} U(t, s) A(s)^{-h}\| \leq (k - \alpha)^{-1} N_{19} (t - s)^{-\alpha}: 0 \leq \alpha < k, 0 \leq s \leq t \leq T$$

Here the constants $N_i (i \geq 4, i \in \mathbb{N})$ are determined by $M_0, M_1, M_2, M_3, \theta, h, k, T$. For a proof of the above estimates, (2.12)–(2.14), see the argument in [3]. In addition to these, we shall prove some estimates which will be used in the following.

Proposition 1. *If $1-h < k < 1$, $0 < \alpha < \alpha' < 1-k$, then for any $0 \leq r \leq s \leq t \leq T$, the following inequalities hold:*

$$(2.15) \quad \|A(0)^\alpha [U(t, 0) - U(s, 0)] A(0)^{-1}\| \leq C(t-s)^{1-\alpha'}$$

$$(2.16) \quad \|A(0)^\alpha [U(t, r) - U(s, r)]\| \leq C(t-s)^{1-\alpha'}(s-r)^{-1},$$

where the constant C is determined by $M_0, M_1, M_2, M_3, \theta, h, k, \alpha, T$.

Proof of (2.15). Actually, by (2.5), the identity

$$\begin{aligned} (2.17) \quad & A(0)^\alpha [U(t, 0) - U(s, 0)] A(0)^{-1} \\ &= \{A(0)^\alpha A(t)^{-\alpha'} A(t)^{\alpha'} [U(t, s) - e^{-(t-s)A(t)}] A(s)^{-1} \\ &\quad - A(0)^\alpha A(t)^{-\alpha'} \int_0^{t-s} A(t)^{\alpha'} e^{-rA(t)} dr \\ &\quad + A(0)^\alpha A(t)^{-\alpha'} \int_0^{t-s} A(t)^{1+\alpha'-h} e^{-rA(t)} A(t)^h [A(t)^{-1} - A(s)^{-1}] dr\} \\ &\quad \times A(s) U(s, 0) A(0)^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

holds.

For any $0 \leq t \leq T$ the following inequality holds:

$$(2.18) \quad \|A(0)^\alpha A(t)^{-\alpha'}\| \leq M_{\alpha\alpha'}$$

where the constant $M_{\alpha\alpha'}$ depends on α and α' , but is independent of t .

In fact, from formula (1.5) and from the inequalities (1.6), (1.3), (1.4) and (2.3) it follows that for any $v \in X$, we have $A(t)^{-\alpha'} v \in D(A(0)^\alpha)$ and there exist $C > 0$, $\tilde{\delta} > 0$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} & \|A(0)^\alpha A(t)^{-\alpha'} v\| \\ &= \|A(0)^h A(t)^{h-(\alpha'/h)} v\| \\ &= \|A(0)^h A(t)^{\alpha'/h} \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha'/h)} \int_0^\infty e^{-sA(t)^h} s^{(\alpha'/h)-1} v \, ds\| \\ &\leq \frac{C(0, \frac{\alpha}{h}, 1)}{\Gamma(\frac{\alpha'}{h})} \int_0^\infty \|A(0)^h A(t)^{-h} A(t)^h e^{-sA(t)^h} v\|^{\alpha/h} \|e^{-sA(t)^h} v\|^{1-(\alpha/h)} s^{(\alpha'/h)-1} ds \\ &\leq \frac{C' \|v\|}{\Gamma(\frac{\alpha'}{h})} \|A(0)^h A(t)^{-h}\|^{\alpha/h} \int_0^\infty \|A(t)^h e^{-sA(t)^h}\|^{\alpha/h} \|e^{-sA(t)^h}\|^{1-(\alpha/h)} s^{(\alpha'/h)-1} ds \\ &\leq \frac{\|v\|}{\Gamma(\frac{\alpha'}{h})} M^{\alpha/h} C \int_0^\infty e^{-\tilde{\delta}s(\alpha/h)} s^{-(\alpha/h)} e^{-\tilde{\delta}s(1-\alpha/h)} s^{(\alpha'/h)-1} ds \\ &= \frac{\|v\|}{\Gamma(\frac{\alpha'}{h})} M^{\alpha/h} C \tilde{\delta}^{(\alpha-\alpha')/h} \int_0^\infty e^{-t\tilde{\delta}(\alpha-\alpha')/h-1} dt \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq \Gamma\left(\frac{\alpha'}{h}\right)^{-1} M^{\alpha/h} C \delta^{(\alpha-\alpha')/h} \Gamma\left(\frac{\alpha'-\alpha}{h}\right) \|v\| \\ &\leq M_{\alpha\alpha'} \|v\|. \end{aligned}$$

Thus we obtain (2.18).

In the following, the constants C_1, C_2, \dots do not depend on s, t .

We verify the following inequality:

$$(2.19) \quad \|A(t)^h[A(t)^{-1}-A(s)^{-1}]\| \leq C_1 |t-s|^h \quad 0 \leq s \leq t \leq T.$$

From formula (1.2) and from the inequalities (2.1) and (2.4) it follows that $A(t)^{-1}v \in D(A(t)^h)$ and $A(s)^{-1}v \in D(A(t)^h)$ for any $v \in X$ and

$$\begin{aligned} &\|A(t)^h[A(t)^{-1}-A(s)^{-1}]v\| \\ &= \|A(t)^h[A(t)^{h(-m)}-A(s)^{h(-m)}]v\| \\ &= \|A(t)^h \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\Gamma} \lambda^{-m} [(A(t)^h-\lambda)^{-1}-(A(s)^h-\lambda)^{-1}] v \, d\lambda\| \\ &\leq \frac{\|v\|}{2\pi} \int_{\Gamma} \|A(t)^h \lambda^{-m} (\lambda-A(t)^h)^{-1} (A(t)^h-A(s)^h) (\lambda-A(s)^h)^{-1}\| |d\lambda| \\ &\leq \frac{\|v\|}{2\pi} \int_{\Gamma} |\lambda^{-m}| \|A(t)^h (\lambda-A(t)^h)^{-1}\| \cdot \|A(t)^h A(s)^{-h} - I\| \cdot \|A(s)^h (\lambda-A(s)^h)^{-1}\| |d\lambda| \\ &\leq C_1 |t-s|^h \|v\|. \end{aligned}$$

Thus we have (2.19).

For any $0 \leq s \leq t \leq T$, the inequality

$$(2.20) \quad \|A(t)e^{-tA(t)}A(s)^{-1}\| \leq C_2 e^{-\delta t}$$

holds. In fact, from (1.3), (1.4), (2.19) and $k > 1-h$ it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} &\|A(t)e^{-tA(t)}A(s)^{-1}\| \\ &= \|e^{-tA(t)}-A(t)^{1-h}e^{-tA(t)}A(t)^h[A(t)^{-1}-A(s)^{-1}]\| \\ &\leq \|e^{-tA(t)}\| + \|A(t)^{1-h}e^{-tA(t)}\| \cdot \|A(t)^h[A(t)^{-1}-A(s)^{-1}]\| \\ &\leq Ce^{-\delta t} + Ce^{-\delta t} t^{h-1} C_1 (t-s)^h \\ &\leq C(1+C_1 T^{h-(1-h)})e^{-\delta t} \\ &\leq C_2 e^{-\delta t}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus we get (2.20).

For any $0 \leq s \leq t \leq T$ we get the bound

$$(2.21) \quad \|A(r)U(r,s)A(s)^{-1}\| \leq C_3$$

Actually, for any $v \in X$ we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& A(r)U(r, s)A(s)^{-1}v \\
&= A(r) [e^{-(s-r)A(r)}A(s)^{-1}v + \int_s^r e^{-(r-\zeta)A(r)}[A(r)-A(\zeta)]U(\zeta, s)A(s)^{-1}v d\zeta] \\
&= A(r)e^{-(s-r)A(r)}A(s)^{-1}v \\
&\quad + \int_s^r A(r)e^{-(r-\zeta)A(r)} \sum_{p=1}^m A(r)^{1-p}h [A(r)^h A(\zeta)^{-h} - I] A(\zeta)^{ph} U(\zeta, s)A(s)^{-1}v d\zeta \\
&= A(r)e^{-(s-r)A(r)}A(s)^{-1}v \\
&\quad + \sum_{p=1}^m \int_s^r A(r)^{2-p}h e^{-(r-\zeta)A(r)} [A(r)^h A(\zeta)^{-h} - I] A(\zeta)^{ph} U(\zeta, s)A(s)^{-1}v d\zeta.
\end{aligned}$$

Applying (2.20), (1.4) and (2.4), we get

$$\begin{aligned}
& \|A(r)U(r, s)A(s)^{-1}v\| \\
&\leq C_2 e^{-\delta(r-s)} \|v\| \\
&\quad + \sum_{p=1}^m \int_s^r C(r-\zeta)^{ph-2} e^{-\delta(r-\zeta)} M_3 |r-\zeta|^k \|A(\zeta)^{(p-m)h}\| \cdot \|A(\zeta)U(\zeta, s)A(s)^{-1}v\| d\zeta \\
&\leq C_2 e^{-\delta(r-s)} \|v\| \\
&\quad + \int_s^r C_4 \sum_{p=1}^m (r-\zeta)^{ph-2+k} e^{-\delta(r-\zeta)} C_h^{m-p} \|A(\zeta)U(\zeta, s)A(s)^{-1}v\| d\zeta \\
&\leq C_2 e^{-\delta(r-s)} \|v\| \\
&\quad + \int_s^r C_5 (r-\zeta)^{h-2+k} \sum_{p=1}^m T^{(p-1)h} e^{-\delta(r-\zeta)} \max_{1 \leq p \leq m} C_h^{m-p} \|A(\zeta)U(\zeta, s)A(s)^{-1}v\| d\zeta \\
&\leq C_2 e^{-\delta(r-s)} \|v\| \\
&\quad + \int_s^r C_5 (r-\zeta)^{h-2+k} e^{-\delta(r-\zeta)} \|A(\zeta)U(\zeta, s)A(s)^{-1}v\| d\zeta.
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, applying Gronwall's Lemma, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \|A(r)U(r, s)A(s)^{-1}\| \\
&\leq C_2 e^{-\delta(r-s)} \exp \left| \int_s^r C_5 (r-\zeta)^{h-2+k} e^{-\delta(r-\zeta)} d\zeta \right| \\
&= C_2 e^{-\delta(r-s)} \exp \left| \delta^{-k+(1-h)} C_5 \int_0^{(r-s)/\delta} e^{-t} t^{k-(1-h)-1} dt \right| \\
&\leq C_3.
\end{aligned}$$

Thus (2.21) is proved.

Next, for any $0 \leq s \leq t \leq T$, the inequality

$$(2.22) \quad \|A(t)^{\alpha'} [U(t, s) - e^{-(t-s)A(t)}] A(s)^{-1}\| \leq C_6 (t-s)^{k+h-\alpha'}$$

holds. In fact we can write

$$\begin{aligned}
& A(t)^{\alpha'} [U(t, s) - e^{-(t-s)A(t)}] A(s)^{-1} \\
&= A(t)^{\alpha'} \left[\int_s^t \exp(-(t-r)A(t)) [A(t) - A(r)] U(r, s) dr \right] A(s)^{-1}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \int_s^t A(t)^{\alpha'} e^{-(t-r)A(t)} \sum_{p=1}^m A(t)^{1-p} [A(t)^h A(r)^{-h} - I] A(r)^{ph} U(r, s) A(s)^{-1} dr \\
&= \sum_{p=1}^m \int_s^t A(t)^{\alpha'+1-p} e^{-(t-r)A(t)} [A(t)^h A(r)^{-h} - I] A(r)^{(p-m)h} A(r) U(r, s) A(s)^{-1} dr.
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, from (2.12), (2.4) and (2.21), it follows that

$$\begin{aligned}
&||A(t)^{\alpha'} [U(t, s) - e^{-(t-s)A(t)}] A(s)^{-1}|| \\
&\leq \sum_{p=1}^m \int_s^t N_6 (t-r)^{p-1-\alpha'} M_3 (t-r)^k ||A(r)^{(p-m)h}|| C_3 dr \\
&\leq N_6 M_3 C_3 \int_s^t (t-r)^{k+h-\alpha'-1} \sum_{p=1}^m T^{(p-1)h} \max_{1 \leq p \leq m} ||A(r)^{(p-m)h}|| dr \\
&\leq C_6 (t-s)^{k+h-\alpha'}.
\end{aligned}$$

Thus (2.22) is obtained.

$$(2.23) \quad ||\int_0^{t-s} A(t)^{\alpha'} e^{-rA(t)} dr|| \leq \int_0^{t-s} N_6 r^{-\alpha'} dr \leq C_7 (t-s)^{1-\alpha'}.$$

This follows from (2.12).

Finally, from (2.12) and (2.19) it follows that

$$\begin{aligned}
(2.24) \quad &||\int_0^{t-s} A(t)^{1+\alpha'-h} e^{-rA(t)} A(t)^h [A(t)^{-1} - A(s)^{-1}] dr|| \\
&\leq \int_0^{t-s} N_6 r^{h-1-\alpha'} C_1 (t-s)^k dr \\
&\leq C_8 (t-s)^{k+h-\alpha'}.
\end{aligned}$$

Then from (2.17), (2.18), (2.22), (2.23), (2.24) and (2.21), we get

$$\begin{aligned}
&||A(0)^{\alpha} [U(t, 0) - U(s, 0)] A(0)^{-1}|| \\
&\leq \{M_{\alpha\alpha'} C_6 (t-s)^{k+h-\alpha'} + M_{\alpha\alpha'} C_7 (t-s)^{1-\alpha'} + M_{\alpha\alpha'} C_8 (t-s)^{k+h-\alpha'}\} C_2 \\
&\leq C_3 M_{\alpha\alpha'} \{C_6 T^{k-(1-h)} + C_7 + C_8 T^{k-(1-h)}\} (t-s)^{1-\alpha'} \\
&\leq C(t-s)^{1-\alpha'}.
\end{aligned}$$

Thus, (2.15) is proved.

Proof of (2.16). Actually, by (2.5), the identity

$$\begin{aligned}
(2.25) \quad &A(0)^{\alpha} [U(t, r) - U(s, r)] \\
&= \{A(0)^{\alpha} A(t)^{-\alpha'} A(t)^{\alpha'} [U(t, s) - e^{-(t-s)A(t)}] A(s)^{-1} \\
&\quad - A(0)^{\alpha} A(t)^{-\alpha'} \int_0^{t-s} A(t)^{\alpha'} e^{-\zeta A(t)} d\zeta \\
&\quad + A(0)^{\alpha} A(t)^{-\alpha'} \int_0^{t-s} A(t)^{1+\alpha'-h} e^{-\zeta A(t)} A(t)^h [A(t)^{-1} - A(s)^{-1}] d\zeta\} A(s) U(s, r)
\end{aligned}$$

holds. By (2.13)

$$(2.26) \quad \|A(s)U(s, r)\| \leq (h+k-1)^{-1}N_{18}(s-r)^{-1}.$$

Then, from (2.25), (2.18), (2.22), (2.23), (2.24) and (2.26), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \|A(0)^\alpha[U(t, r) - U(s, r)]\| \\ & \leq \{M_{\alpha\alpha'}C_6(t-s)^{k+h-\alpha'} + M_{\alpha\alpha'}C_7(t-r)^{1-\alpha'} + M_{\alpha\alpha'}C_8(t-s)^{k+h-\alpha'}\} \\ & \quad \times (h+k-1)^{-1}N_{18}(s-r)^{-1} \\ & \leq C(t-s)^{1-\alpha'}(s-r)^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

Thus, (2.16) is proved.

REMARK. Even if $0 < \alpha < \alpha' \leq h$, (2.18) holds good.

Proposition 2. *Let the function $f(t)$ be continuous on $[0, T]$. Then for any $0 \leq s \leq t \leq T$, $0 < \alpha < \alpha' < \alpha'' < h$, the following inequality holds:*

$$(2.27) \quad \|A_0^\alpha \left[\int_0^t U(t, r)f(r)dr - \int_0^s U(s, r)f(r)dr \right]\| \leq C_{\alpha\alpha'} |t-s|^{1-\alpha''} (|\log(t-s)| + 1).$$

Proof. In fact, first let $s \leq t-s$. Then from (2.18) and (2.13) it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} & \|A_0^\alpha \left[\int_0^t U(t, r)f(r)dr - \int_0^s U(s, r)f(r)dr \right]\| \\ & \leq \int_0^t \|A_0^\alpha U(t, r)\| \cdot \|f(r)\| dr + \int_0^s \|A_0^\alpha U(s, r)\| \cdot \|f(r)\| dr \\ & \leq \|A_0^\alpha A(t)^{-\alpha'}\| \int_0^t \|A(t)^{\alpha'} U(t, r)\| \cdot \|f(r)\| dr \\ & \quad + \|A_0^\alpha A(s)^{-\alpha'}\| \int_0^s \|A(s)^{\alpha'} U(s, r)\| \cdot \|f(r)\| dr \\ & \leq M_{\alpha\alpha'}(h+k-\alpha')^{-1}N_{18} \left[\int_0^t (t-r)^{-\alpha'} \|f(r)\| dr + \int_0^s (s-r)^{-\alpha'} \|f(r)\| dr \right] \\ & \leq M_{\alpha\alpha'}(h+k-\alpha')^{-1}N_{18}(1-\alpha')^{-1} [t^{1-\alpha'} + s^{1-\alpha'}] \max_{0 \leq r \leq t} \|f(r)\|. \end{aligned}$$

And $t \leq 2(t-s)$ since $s \leq t-s$. Therefore

$$t^{1-\alpha'} + s^{1-\alpha'} \leq [2(t-s)]^{1-\alpha'} + (t-s)^{1-\alpha'} \leq (2^{1-\alpha'} + 1)(t-s)^{1-\alpha'}$$

hence, put

$$C_{\alpha\alpha'} = M_{\alpha\alpha'}(h+k-\alpha')^{-1}(1-\alpha')^{-1}(2^{1-\alpha'} + 1) \max_{0 \leq r \leq T} \|f(r)\| N_{18}$$

and we obtain (2.27) for $s \leq t-s$.

If $s \geq t-s$, then $s - (2s-t) \leq t-s$ and from (2.18) and (2.16)

$$\|A_0^\alpha \left[\int_0^t U(t, r)f(r)dr - \int_0^s U(s, r)f(r)dr \right]\|$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\leq \|A_0^\alpha [\int_{2s-t}^t U(t,r)f(r)dr - \int_{2s-t}^s U(s,r)f(r)dr]\| \\
&\quad + \|A_0^\alpha A(t)^{-\alpha'} \int_0^{2s-t} A(t)^{\alpha'} [U(t,r) - U(s,r)]f(r)dr\| \\
&\leq C'_{\alpha\alpha'} |t-s|^{1-\alpha'} + M_{\alpha\alpha'} C \int_0^{2s-t} (t-s)^{1-\alpha''} (s-r)^{-1} \|f(r)\| dr \\
&\leq C'_{\alpha\alpha'} |t-s|^{1-\alpha'} + C''_{\alpha\alpha'} (t-s)^{1-\alpha''} [|\log(t-s)| + 1] \max_{0 \leq r \leq t} \|f(r)\|
\end{aligned}$$

Hence, put

$$C_{\alpha\alpha'} = C'_{\alpha\alpha'} + C''_{\alpha\alpha'} \max_{0 \leq r \leq T} \|f(r)\|$$

and we obtain (2.27).

Proposition 3. *If $0 < \alpha' < \alpha'' < h$, then for any $0 \leq r \leq t \leq T$, the following inequality holds:*

$$(2.28) \quad \|A(t)^{\alpha'} U(t,r) A(r)^{1-ph}\| \leq E(t-r)^{ph-\alpha''-1} \quad p = 1, 2, \dots, m.$$

Proof. First we note the following identity:

$$\begin{aligned}
(2.29) \quad &A(t)^{\alpha'} U(t,r) A(r)^{1-ph} \\
&= A(t)^{\alpha'} \{ \exp(-(t-r)A(r)) \\
&\quad - \sum_{i=1}^m \int_r^t U(t,s) A(s)^{1-lh} [A(s)^h A(r)^{-h} - I] A(r)^{lh} \\
&\quad \quad \quad \times \exp(-(s-r)A(r)) ds \} A(r)^{1-ph} \\
&= A(t)^{\alpha'} \exp(-(t-r)A(r)) A(r)^{1-ph} \\
&\quad - \sum_{i=1}^m \int_r^t A(t)^{\alpha'} U(t,s) A(s)^{1-lh} [A(s)^h A(r)^{-h} - I] A(r)^{1-ph+lh} \\
&\quad \quad \quad \times \exp(-(s-r)A(r)) ds.
\end{aligned}$$

Set

$$(2.30) \quad \begin{cases} X_p(t,s) = A(t)^{\alpha'} U(t,s) A(s)^{1-ph} \\ X_{p,0}(t,s) = A(t)^{\alpha'} A(s)^{1-ph} \exp(-(t-s)A(s)) \\ K_{l,p}(s,r) = -[A(s)^h A(r)^{-h} - I] A(r)^{1-ph+lh} \exp(-(s-r)A(r)). \end{cases}$$

We obtain a system of integral equations satisfied by $X_p, p=1, \dots, m$.

In writing down these integral equations, we find it convenient to introduce the following notation. For any two operator-valued functions $K'(t,s), K''(t,s)$ defined for $0 < s < t < T$, we define their convolution by

$$K = K' * K'', \quad K(t,r) = \int_r^t K'(t,s) K''(s,r) ds.$$

Then the system of integral equations for X_p has the form

$$(2.31) \quad X_p = X_{p,0} + \sum_{l=1}^m X_l * K_{l,p} \quad P = 1, 2, \dots, m.$$

From (2.30), (2.18) and (2.12) it follows that

$$(2.32) \quad \begin{aligned} & \|X_{p,0}(t, r)\| \\ & \leq \|A(t)^{\alpha'} A(r)^{-\alpha''}\| \cdot \|A(r)^{1-ph+\alpha''} \exp(-(t-r)A(r))\| \\ & \leq M_{\alpha'\alpha''} N_6(t-r)^{ph-1-\alpha''} \leq E_1(t-r)^{ph-\alpha''-1}. \end{aligned}$$

From (2.30), (2.4) and (2.12) it follows that

$$(2.33) \quad \begin{aligned} \|K_{l,p}(s, r)\| & \leq \|A(s)^h A(r)^{-h} - I\| \cdot \|A(r)^{1-ph+lh} \exp(-(s-r)A(r))\| \\ & \leq M_3(s-r)^h N_6(s-r)^{ph-lh-1} \leq E_2(s-r)^{h+ph-lh-1}. \end{aligned}$$

Suppose that the system (2.31) has been solved for X_p by successive approximation in the form

$$(2.34) \quad X_p(t, r) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} X_{p,i}(t, r),$$

$$(2.35) \quad X_{p,i+1} = \sum_{l=1}^m X_{l,i} * K_{l,p}.$$

Applying (2.32) and (2.33), we shall show that the series (2.34) are in fact convergent, with the rate of convergence determined by the constants, $T, \theta, h, k, \alpha', \alpha'', M_0, M_1, M_2, M_3$ alone. For convenience in this estimation, we further introduce the following notation. We denote by $P(a, M)$ the set of all operator-valued function $K(t, s)$, defined and strongly continuous for $0 \leq s \leq t \leq T$ such that

$$\|K(t, s)\| \leq M(t-s)^{a-1}.$$

In particular, $K \in P(a, M)$ with $a > 1$ implies that $K(t, s)$ is continuous even for $s=t$ and $K(t, t)=0$. The following Lemma is a direct consequence of the definition.

Lemma 1. *If $K' \in P(a', M')$ and $K'' \in P(a'', M'')$ with a' and a'' positive, then $K' * K'' \in P(a' + a'', B(a', a'')M'M'')$. Here B denotes the beta function.*

Now we have from (2.32) and (2.33)

$$(2.36) \quad X_{p,0} \in P(ph - \alpha'', E_1),$$

$$(2.37) \quad K_{l,p} \in P(k + ph - lh, E_2);$$

(2.36) and (2.37) lead to the following estimate on $X_{p,i}$:

$$(2.38) \quad X_{p,i} \in P(ph - \alpha'' + ik, L_i E_1(mE_2)^i) \quad i \in N$$

where $\{L_i\}$ is a sequence defined successively by

$$(2.39) \quad L_0 = 1, L_{i+1}/L_i = B(h - \alpha'' + ik, h + k - 1).$$

(2.38) can be proved by mathematical induction. For $i=0$, it coincides with (2.36). Assuming that it was proved for i , we have from (2.35) and (2.37), using Lemma 1,

$$\begin{aligned} X_{l,i} * K_{l,p} &\in P(ph - \alpha'' + (i+1)k, C_{l,p,i}), \\ C_{l,p,i} &= B(lh - \alpha'' + ik, k + ph - lh) L_i E_1 m^i E_2^{i+1} \\ &\leq B(h - \alpha'' + ik, h + k - 1) L_i E_1 m^i E_2^{i+1} \end{aligned}$$

from which (2.38) follows for i replaced by $i+1$ in virtue of (2.39). Here it should be noted that $lh - \alpha'' + ik \geq h - \alpha'' + ik > 0$, $k + ph - lh \geq k - mh + h = k - 1 + h > 0$.

It follows from (2.39) that

$$L_{i+1}/L_i = O(i^{-(h+k-1)}) \quad [i \rightarrow +\infty].$$

Since $h+k-1 > 0$, we see from (2.38) that the series in (2.34) are absolutely convergent for $s < t$, the convergence being uniform for $t-s \geq a > 0$. Noting that the first term in each of these series is estimated by (2.36), we thus obtain the estimates

$$X_p \in P(ph - \alpha'', E) \quad p = 1, 2, \dots, m.$$

where E may depend on $\alpha, \theta, h, k, M_0, \dots$ alone. Thus (2.28) is proved.

Proposition 4. *Let the function $f(t)$ be Hölder continuous on $[0, T]$. Then for any $0 \leq r \leq T$, the following inequality holds:*

$$(2.40) \quad \|A(r)^{ph} \int_0^r U(r, s) f(s) ds\| \leq E' r^{1-ph} \quad : p = 1, 2, \dots, m.$$

Proof. Actually, the identity

$$\begin{aligned} (2.41) \quad &\int_0^r U(r, s) f(s) ds \\ &= \int_0^r [\exp(-(r-s)A(r)) + \int_s^r \exp(-(r-\zeta)A(r)) [A(r) - A(\zeta))] \\ &\quad \times U(\zeta, s) d\zeta] f(s) ds \\ &= \int_0^r \exp(-(r-s)A(r)) f(s) ds \\ &\quad + \sum_{p=1}^m \int_0^r \int_s^r A(r)^{1-ph} \exp(-(r-\zeta)A(r)) [A(r)^h A(\zeta)^{-h} - I] \\ &\quad \times A(\zeta)^{ph} U(\zeta, s) d\zeta f(s) ds \\ &= \int_0^r \exp(-(r-s)A(r)) f(s) ds \end{aligned}$$

$$+ \sum_{p=1}^m \int_0^r A(r)^{1-p^h} \exp(-(r-\zeta)A(r)) [A(r)^h A(\zeta)^{-h} - I] \\ \times \int_0^\zeta A(\zeta)^{p^h} U(\zeta, s) f(s) ds d\zeta.$$

Multiplying (2.41) from left by $A(r)^{q^h}$, we obtain a system of integral equations

$$(2.42) \quad Y_q = Y_{q,0} + \sum_{p=1}^m H_{q,p} * Y_p \quad q = 1, 2, \dots, m,$$

where

$$(2.43) \quad \begin{cases} Y_q(r, 0) = A(r)^{q^h} \int_0^r U(r, s) f(s) ds, \\ Y_{q,0}(r, 0) = A(r)^{q^h} \int_0^r \exp(-(r-s)A(r)) f(s) ds, \\ H_{q,p}(r, s) = A(r)^{1+q^h-p^h} \exp(-(r-s)A(r)) [A(r)^h A(s)^{-h} - I]. \end{cases}$$

In the following the constants E_3, E_4, \dots do not depend on r, s .

We get

$$(2.44) \quad \|Y_{q,0}(r, 0)\| \leq E_3 r^{1-p^h} \quad q = 1, 2, \dots, m.$$

In fact, for $q=1, 2, \dots, m-1$, from (2.12) it follows that

$$\|Y_{q,0}(r, 0)\| \leq \int_0^r \|A(r)^{q^h} \exp(-(r-s)A(r))\| \cdot \|f(s)\| ds \\ \leq \int_0^r N_6 (r-s)^{-q^h} ds \max_{0 \leq t \leq r} \|f(t)\| \leq E_4 r^{1-q^h}.$$

The case $q=m$. Noting that there exists $E_5 > 0$, $0 < k \leq 1$ such that $\|f(t) - f(s)\| \leq E_5 |t-s|^k$ for every s, t in $[0, T]$, from (2.12), we have

$$\|Y_{m,0}(r, 0)\| \\ = \left\| \int_0^r A(r) \exp(-(r-s)A(r)) [f(s) - f(r)] ds + \int_0^r A(r) \exp(-(r-s)A(r)) f(r) ds \right\| \\ \leq \int_0^r \|A(r) \exp(-(r-s)A(r))\| \cdot \|f(s) - f(r)\| ds + \left\| \int_0^r \frac{\partial}{\partial s} \exp(-(r-s)A(r)) ds f(r) \right\| \\ \leq \int_0^r N_6 (r-s)^{-1} E_5 |s-r|^k ds + 2N_6 \max_{0 \leq t \leq r} \|f(t)\| \\ \leq E_6.$$

Hence for a constant $E_3 \geq \max\{E_4, E_6\}$ we obtain (2.44).

From (2.11) and (2.4) it follows that

$$(2.45) \quad \|H_{q,p}(r, s)\| \\ \leq \|A(r)^{1+q^h-p^h} \exp(-(r-s)A(r))\| \cdot \|A(r)^h A(s)^{-h} - I\| \\ \leq N_6 (r-s)^{-1-q^h+p^h} M_3(r-s)^k \\ \leq E_7 (r-s)^{k+p^h-q^h-1}.$$

Suppose that the system (2.42) has been solved for Y_q by successive approximation in the form

$$(2.46) \quad Y_q(r, 0) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} Y_{q,i}(r, 0),$$

$$(2.47) \quad Y_{q,i+1} = \sum_{p=1}^m H_{q,p} * Y_{p,i}.$$

Applying (2.44) and (2.45), we shall show that the series (2.46) are in fact convergent.

We have from (2.44) and (2.45)

$$(2.48) \quad Y_{q,0} \in P(2 - qh, E_3)$$

$$(2.49) \quad H_{q,p} \in P(k + ph - qh, E_7)$$

(2.48) and (2.49) lead to the following estimates on $Y_{q,i}$:

$$(2.50) \quad Y_{q,i} \in P(2 - qh + ik, L_i E_3 (m E_7)^i) \quad i \in N$$

where L_i is a sequence defined successively by

$$(2.51) \quad L_0 = 1, L_{i+1}/L_i = B(1 + ik, k + h - 1)$$

It follows from (2.51) that

$$L_{i+1}/L_i = O(i^{-(h+k-1)}) \quad [i \rightarrow +\infty]$$

Since $h + k - 1 > 0$ we see from (2.50) that the series in (2.46) are absolutely convergent for $s < t$, the convergence being uniform for $t - s \geq a > 0$. Noting that the first term in each of these series is estimated by (2.48), we thus obtain the estimates

$$(2.52) \quad Y_q \in P(2 - qh, E_8) \quad q = 1, 2, \dots, m$$

Hence put $E' = E_8$, and (2.40) is proved.

3. Existence of the solutions on the real axis

We consider the Cauchy problem

$$(3.1) \quad \frac{du}{dt} + A(t, u)u = f(t, u) \quad 0 \leq t \leq T$$

$$(3.2) \quad u(0) = u_0.$$

We shall make the following assumptions:

3°) For some $0 < \alpha < h = 1/m$, where m is an integer, ≥ 2 , and $R > 0$ and for any $v \in N(R) \equiv \{v \in X; \|v\| < R\}$ the operator $A(t, A_0^{-\alpha} v) = A(t, A(0, u_0)^{-\alpha} v)$ is well defined on $D(A(t, A_0^{-\alpha} v))$, for all $0 \leq t \leq T$.

4°) For any $t \in [0, T]$ and $v \in N(R)$, the operator $A(t, A_0^{-\alpha}v)$ is a closed operator from X to X with a domain $D(A(t, A_0^{-\alpha}v))$ dense in X and

$$(3.3) \quad \|(\lambda I - A(t, A_0^{-\alpha}v))^{-1}\| \leq C_1/(1 + |\lambda|) \quad \text{for all } \lambda \text{ with } \operatorname{Re} \lambda \leq 0$$

where C_1 is a constant independent of t, v .

5°) For every $t \in [0, T]$ and $v \in N(R)$, the domain $D(A(t, A_0^{-\alpha}v)^h) \equiv D$ of $A(t, A_0^{-\alpha}v)^h$ does not depend on t, v . Furthermore, for any $t, s \in [0, T]$ and $v, w \in N(R)$

$$(3.4) \quad \|A(t, A_0^{-\alpha}v)^h A(s, A_0^{-\alpha}w)^{-h}\| \leq C_2$$

$$(3.5) \quad \|A(t, A_0^{-\alpha}v)^h A(s, A_0^{-\alpha}w)^{-h} - I\| \leq C_3\{|t-s|^\sigma + \|v-w\|\}$$

where $1-h < \sigma \leq 1$.

(6°) For every $t, s \in [0, T]$ and $v, w \in N(R)$

$$(3.6) \quad \|f(t, A_0^{-\alpha}v) - f(s, A_0^{-\alpha}w)\| \leq C_4\{|t-s|^\sigma + \|v-w\|\}$$

7°) $u_0 \in D(A_0)$ and

$$(3.7) \quad A_0^\alpha u_0 \in N(R).$$

Theorem 2. *Let the assumptions 3°)-7°) hold. Then there exists a unique solution of (3.1) which is continuously differentiable for $0 < t \leq t^*$, continuous for $0 \leq t \leq t^*$ and satisfies (3.2).*

Proof. We first introduce sets $Q(s, L, k)$. Here k is any number satisfying $1-h < k < \min\{1-\alpha, \sigma\}$ and L is any positive number. A function $v(t)$, defined for $0 \leq t \leq s$, is said to belong to $Q(s, L, k)$ if

$$v(0) = A_0^\alpha u_0$$

and if for any t_1, t_2 in $[0, s]$

$$(3.8) \quad \|v(t_1) - v(t_2)\| \leq L|t_1 - t_2|^k.$$

Suppose $s_1 \in (0, T]$. Then for any $v \in Q(s_1, L, k)$

$$(3.9) \quad \|v(t)\| \leq L|t-0|^k + \|v(0)\| \leq Lt^k + \|A_0^\alpha u_0\|.$$

From (3.7) and (3.8) it follows that if $0 < s_2 < \min\{s_1, [L^{-1}(R - \|A_0^\alpha u_0\|)]^{1/k}\}$, then

$$\|v(t)\| < L[L^{-1}(R - \|A_0^\alpha u_0\|)] + \|A_0^\alpha u_0\| = R \quad \text{for } t \in [0, s_2].$$

Hence the operator

$$(3.10) \quad A_v(t) = A(t, A_0^{-\alpha}v(t))$$

is well defined for $t \in [0, s_2]$ and, by (3.3)

$$\|(\lambda I - A_v(t))^{-1}\| \leq C_1/(1 + |\lambda|) \quad \text{if } \operatorname{Re} \lambda \leq 0, t \in [0, s_2].$$

From (3.4) we obtain

$$\|A_v(t)^h A_v(s)^{-h}\| \leq C_2 \quad \text{if } t, s \in [0, s_2].$$

From (3.5) and (3.8) we also get

$$\begin{aligned} \|A_v(t)^h A_v(s)^{-h} - I\| &\leq C_3 \{|t-s|^\sigma + \|v(t) - v(s)\|\} \\ &\leq C_3 \{T^{\sigma-k} + L\} |t-s|^k. \end{aligned}$$

By Theorem A, there exists a fundamental solution $U_v(t, s)$ corresponding to $A_v(t)$ and all the estimates for fundamental solutions derived in previous section hold uniformly with respect to v in $Q(s_2, L, k)$. In particular, from (2.15) and (2.16) we get for $0 < \alpha < \alpha' < 1 - k$, $0 \leq r \leq s \leq t \leq s_2$

$$(3.11) \quad \|A_0^\alpha [U_v(t, 0) - U_v(s, 0)] A_0^{-1}\| \leq \tilde{C} |t-s|^{1-\alpha'}$$

$$(3.12) \quad \|A_0^\alpha [U_v(t, r) - U_v(s, r)]\| \leq \tilde{C} |t-s|^{1-\alpha'} |s-r|^{-1}$$

where \tilde{C} is the constant depending on $\theta, h, k, \alpha, C_1, C_2, C_3, s_2$.

Setting $f_v(t) = f(t, A_0^{-\alpha} v(t))$, it follows from (3.6) and (3.8) that

$$(3.13) \quad \|f_v(t) - f_v(s)\| \leq C_4 \{|t-s|^\sigma + \|v(t) - v(s)\|\} \\ \leq C_4 \{T^{\sigma-k} + L\} |t-s|^k.$$

Since $f_v(0) = f(0, A_0^{-\alpha} v(0)) = f(0, u_0)$ is independent of v , (3.13) implies that

$$(3.14) \quad \max_{0 \leq t \leq s_2} \|f_v(t)\| \leq \|f(0, u_0)\| + C_4 \{s_2^{\sigma-k} + L\} s_2^k \leq C_5$$

Set $w_v(t) = A_0^\alpha w(t)$, where w is the unique solution of

$$(3.15) \quad \frac{dw}{dt} + A_v(t)w = f_v(t) \quad t \in [0, s_2]$$

$$(3.16) \quad w(0) = u_0.$$

Then from (3.13) and Theorem A, w_v is given by

$$(3.17) \quad w_v(t) = A_0^\alpha U_v(t, 0)u_0 + A_0^\alpha \int_0^t U_v(t, s)f_v(s)ds.$$

In view of (3.17), for any t_1, t_2 in $[0, s_2]$ we obtain

$$(3.18) \quad \begin{aligned} &\|w_v(t_1) - w_v(t_2)\| \\ &\leq \|A_0^\alpha [U_v(t_1, 0) - U_v(t_2, 0)] A_0^{-1}\| \cdot \|A_0 u_0\| \\ &\quad + \|A_0^\alpha [\int_0^{t_1} U_v(t_1, s)f_v(s)ds - \int_0^{t_2} U_v(t_2, s)f_v(s)ds]\| \end{aligned}$$

Making use of (3.13), (3.14) and (2.27), we find that

$$(3.19) \quad \begin{aligned} & \|A_0^\alpha [\int_0^{t_1} U_v(t_1, s) f_v(s) ds - \int_0^{t_2} U_v(t_2, s) f_v(s) ds]\| \\ & \leq \tilde{C} |t_1 - t_2|^{1-\alpha'} (|\log(t_1 - t_2)| + 1) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore from (3.18), (3.11) and (3.19) it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} & \|w_v(t_1) - w_v(t_2)\| \\ & \leq \tilde{C} |t_1 - t_2|^{1-\alpha'} \|A_0 u_0\| + C |t_1 - t_2|^{1-\alpha'} (|\log(t_1 - t_2)| + 1) \end{aligned}$$

Hence if $s_3 > 0$ satisfies $\tilde{C} s_3^{1-k-\alpha'} \|A_0 u_0\| + C s_3^{1-k-\alpha'-\varepsilon} |t_1 - t_2|^\varepsilon (|\log(t_1 - t_2)| + 1) \leq L$ where $0 < \varepsilon < 1 - k - \alpha'$ and if $s_3 \leq s_2$, the inequality

$$(3.20) \quad \|w_v(t_1) - w_v(t_2)\| \leq L |t_1 - t_2|^k \quad \text{for } t_1, t_2 \in [0, s_3]$$

holds.

Since (3.16) implies

$$(3.21) \quad w_v(0) = A_0^\alpha w(0) = A_0^\alpha u_0,$$

we get $w_v \in Q(s_3, L, k)$.

We set $F_3 = Q(s_3, L, k)$ and define a transformation $w_v = Tv$ for $v \in F_3$. Then from (3.21) and (3.20) we have

$$\begin{aligned} (Tv)(0) &= w_v(0) = A_0^\alpha u_0, \\ \|(Tv)(t_1) - (Tv)(t_2)\| &\leq L |t_1 - t_2|^k \quad \text{for } t_1, t_2 \in [0, s_3] \end{aligned}$$

that is, T maps F_3 into itself.

We now consider F_3 as a subset of the Banach space $Y \equiv C([0, s_3]; X)$ consisting of all the continuous functions $v(t)$ from $[0, s_3]$ into X with norm

$$\|v\| = \sup_{0 \leq t \leq s_3} \|v(t)\|.$$

We shall prove that T is a continuous mapping in F_3 (with the topology induced by Y) and that furthermore, if s_3 is sufficiently small, then T is a contraction mapping.

i) The case of bounded $A(t, A_0^{-\alpha} v)$.

If $A(t, A_0^{-\alpha} v)$ is assumed to be bounded for some $t \in [0, s_3]$ and some $v \in N(R)$, in addition to the assumptions 4°) and 5°), it follows that $A(t, A_0^{-\alpha} v) \in B(X)$ for all $t \in [0, s_3]$ and $v \in N(R)$. In fact the boundedness of $A(t, A_0^{-\alpha} v)$ implies that of $A(t, A_0^{-\alpha} v)^h$ so that the constant domain $D = D(A(t, A_0^{-\alpha} v)^h)$ must coincide with X . From (3.4) it follows that for any s in $[0, s_3]$ and $w \in N(R)$

$$\begin{aligned} \|A(s, A_0^{-\alpha} w)^h\| &\leq \|A(s, A_0^{-\alpha} w)^h A(t, A_0^{-\alpha} v)^{-h}\| \cdot \|A(t, A_0^{-\alpha} v)^h\| \\ &\leq C_2 \|A(t, A_0^{-\alpha} v)^h\| \end{aligned}$$

Thus $A(s, A_0^{-\alpha} w)^h \in B(X)$ and hence $A(s, A_0^{-\alpha} w) \in B(X)$ for all s and w .

Let v_1, v_2 belong to F_3 and set

$$(3.22) \quad \begin{cases} A_i(t) = A(t, A_0^{-\alpha} v_i(t)) \\ U_i(t, s) = U_{v_i}(t, s) \\ f_i(t) = f(t, A_0^{-\alpha} v_i(t)) \\ z_i(t) = A_0^{-\alpha} w_{v_i}(t) \end{cases} \quad i = 1, 2.$$

Thus, for $i=1, 2$.

$$(3.23) \quad \begin{cases} \frac{dz_i}{dt} + A_i(t)z_i = f_i(t) \\ z_i(0) = u_0. \end{cases}$$

Note that $z_1(t) \in D(A_2(t))$, $z_2(t) \in D(A_1(t))$ since $A_i(t) \in B(X)$ [$i=1, 2$], and we get

$$(3.24) \quad \frac{d}{dt}(z_1 - z_2) + A_1(t)(z_1 - z_2) = [A_2(t) - A_1(t)]z_2 + [f_1(t) - f_2(t)].$$

Now, we shall show the following,

Lemma 2. $[A_2(t) - A_1(t)]z_2(t)$ is Hölder continuous in t for $0 \leq t \leq s_3$.

Proof of Lemma. Write

$$(3.25) \quad \begin{aligned} & [A_2(t) - A_1(t)]z_2(t) - [A_2(s) - A_1(s)]z_2(s) \\ &= [A_2(t) - A_2(s)]z_2(t) + A_2(s)[z_2(t) - z_2(s)] \\ & \quad - [A_1(t) - A_1(s)]z_2(t) - A_1(s)[z_2(t) - z_2(s)]. \end{aligned}$$

First we verify the following two inequalities:

$$(3.26) \quad \|[A_i(t) - A_i(s)]z_2(t)\| \leq D_1(t-s)^\sigma \quad 0 \leq s \leq t \leq s_3, \quad i = 1, 2,$$

$$(3.27) \quad \|A_i(s)[z_2(t) - z_2(s)]\| \leq D_2(t-s)^{1-h} \quad 0 \leq s \leq t \leq s_3, \quad i = 1, 2,$$

where the constants D_1, D_2 do not depend on v_i, s, t but depend on $\|A_0^h\|$.

In fact from (3.4), (3.5), (2.13) and (3.14) we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \|[A_i(t) - A_i(s)]z_2(t)\| \\ &= \left\| \sum_{p=1}^m A_i(t)^{1-p} [A_i(t)^h A_i(s)^{-h} - I] A_i(s)^{ph} \{U_2(t, 0)u_0 + \int_0^t U_2(t, r)f_2(r)dr\} \right\| \\ &\leq \sum_{p=1}^m \|A_i(t)^h\|^{m-p} \|A_i(t)^h A_i(s)^{-h} - I\| \cdot \|A_i(s)^h\|^p \\ & \quad \times [\|U_2(t, 0)u_0\| + \int_0^t \|U_2(t, r)f_2(r)\|dr] \\ &\leq mC_2^m(t-s)^\sigma [(h+k)^{-1}N_{18}\|u_0\| + t(h+k)^{-1}N_{18}C_5]\|A_0^h\|^m C_3 \\ &\leq E_1(t-s)^\sigma. \end{aligned}$$

In fact from (3.4), (3.11) and (3.19) we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \|A_i(s)[z_2(t) - z_2(s)]\| \\
 & \leq \|A_i(s)A_0^{-\alpha}\| \cdot \|A_0^\alpha\{U_2(t,0)u_0 + \int_0^t U_2(t,r)f_2(r)dr \\
 & \quad - U_2(s,0)u_0 - \int_0^s U_2(s,r)f_2(r)dr\}\| \\
 & \leq \|A_i(s)A_0^{-\alpha}\| \{\|A_0^\alpha[U_2(t,0) - U_2(s,0)]A_0^{-1}\| \cdot \|A_0u_0\| \\
 & \quad + \|A_0^\alpha[\int_0^t U_2(t,r)f_2(r)dr - \int_0^s U_2(s,r)f_2(r)dr]\|\} \\
 & \leq C_2^m \|A_0^h\|^m \|A_0^{-\alpha}\| \{\tilde{C}(t-s)^{1-\alpha'} \|A_0u_0\| + C(t-s)^{1-\alpha'} (|\log(t-s)| + 1)\} \\
 & \leq D_2(t-s)^{1-h}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus using (3.25), (3.26) and (3.27) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3.28) \quad & \| [A_2(t) - A_1(t)]z_2(t) - [A_2(s) - A_1(s)]z_2(s) \| \\
 & \leq 2D_1|t-s|^\sigma + 2D_2|t-s|^{1-h} \\
 & \leq D_3|t-s|^{1-h}
 \end{aligned}$$

so that $[A_2(t) - A_1(t)]z_2(t)$ is Hölder continuous.

q.e.d.

From (3.6) for any $0 \leq s \leq t \leq s_3$ it follows that

$$(3.29) \quad \| [f_1(t) - f_2(t)] - [f_1(s) - f_2(s)] \| \leq 2C_4|t-s|^\sigma.$$

Hence from (3.28) and (3.29) the right-hand side of (3.24) is Hölder continuous. Then applying Theorem A to (3.23) and $z_1(0) - z_2(0) = 0$ we can write

$$(3.30) \quad z_1(t) - z_2(t) = \int_0^t U_1(t,r) \{ [A_2(r) - A_1(r)]z_2(r) + [f_1(r) - f_2(r)] \} dr$$

Therefore from the definition of w_v we get the identity

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3.31) \quad & w_{v_1}(t) - w_{v_2}(t) \\
 & = A_0^\alpha z_1(t) - A_0^\alpha z_2(t) \\
 & = -A_0^\alpha \int_0^t U_1(t,r) \{ [A_1(r) - A_2(r)]z_2(r) + [f_2(r) - f_1(r)] \} dr \\
 & = -A_0^\alpha \int_0^t U_1(t,r) \sum_{p=1}^m A_1(r)^{1-ph} [A_1(r)^h A_2(r)^{-h} - I] A_2(r)^{ph} z_2(r) dr \\
 & \quad + A_0^\alpha \int_0^t U_1(t,r) [f_1(r) - f_2(r)] dr \\
 & = -\sum_{p=1}^m \int_0^t A_0^\alpha U_1(t,r) A_1(r)^{1-ph} [A_1(r)^h A_2(r)^{-h} - I] A_2(r)^{ph} z_2(r) dr \\
 & \quad + \int_0^t A_0^\alpha U_1(t,r) [f_1(r) - f_2(r)] dr.
 \end{aligned}$$

In the following the constants E_1, E_2, \dots do not depend on $s, t, v_i, \|A_0^h\|$.

For any $0 \leq t \leq s_3$, the following inequality holds:

$$(3.32) \quad \left\| \int_0^t A_0^\alpha U_1(t, r) [f_1(r) - f_2(r)] dr \right\| \leq E_1 t^{1-h} \|v_1 - v_2\|.$$

We see this, using (2.18), (2.13) and (3.6) for $0 < \alpha < \alpha' < h$, as follows;

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\| \int_0^t A_0^\alpha U_1(t, r) [f_1(r) - f_2(r)] dr \right\| \\ & \leq \int_0^t \|A_0^\alpha A_1(t)^{-\alpha'}\| \cdot \|A_1(t)^{\alpha'} U_1(t, r)\| \cdot \|f_1(r) - f_2(r)\| dr \\ & \leq \int_0^t M_{\alpha\alpha'} (h + k - \alpha')^{-1} N_{18} (t-r)^{-\alpha'} C_4 \|v_1(r) - v_2(r)\| dr \\ & \leq E_1 t^{1-h} \|v_1 - v_2\|. \end{aligned}$$

Here we cite (2.28) for $A = A_1$, $U = U_1$;

$$(3.33) \quad \|A_1(t)^{\alpha'} U_1(t, r) A_1(r)^{1-ph}\| \leq E_2 (t-r)^{ph-\alpha'-1}.$$

Note that

$$(3.34) \quad A_2(r)^{ph} z_2(r) = A_2(r)^{ph} U_2(r, 0) u_0 + A_2(r)^{ph} \int_0^r U_2(r, s) f_2(s) ds$$

$$\begin{aligned} (3.35) \quad \|A_2(r)^{ph} U_2(r, 0) u_0\| & \leq \|A_2(r)^{ph} U_2(r, 0) A_0^{-h}\| \cdot \|A_0^h u_0\| \\ & \leq (k-ph+h)^{-1} N_{19} r^{h-ph} \|A_0^h u_0\| \\ & \leq E_3 r^{h-ph} \end{aligned}$$

since by (2.14).

From (2.40) we find that

$$(3.36) \quad \|A_2(r)^{ph} \int_0^r U_2(r, s) f_2(s) ds\| \leq E_4 r^{1-ph}.$$

Hence using (3.34), (3.35) and (3.36) we have

$$\begin{aligned} (3.37) \quad \|A_2(r)^{ph} z_2(r)\| & \leq E_3 r^{h-ph} + E_4 r^{1-ph} \\ & \leq E_5 r^{h-ph} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore from (3.31), (3.33), (3.5), (3.37) and (3.32) it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} (3.38) \quad & \|w_{v_1}(t) - w_{v_2}(t)\| \\ & \leq \sum_{p=1}^m \int_0^t \|A_0^\alpha U_1(t, r) A_1(r)^{1-ph}\| \cdot \|A_1(r)^h A_2(r)^{-h} - I\| \cdot \|A_2(r)^{ph} z_2(r)\| dr \\ & \quad + \left\| \int_0^t A_0^\alpha U_1(t, r) [f_1(r) - f_2(r)] dr \right\| \\ & \leq \sum_{p=1}^m \int_0^t E_2 (t-r)^{ph-\alpha''-1} \|v_1(r) - v_2(r)\| E_5 r^{h-ph} dr + E_1 t^{1-h} \|v_1 - v_2\| \\ & \leq E_6 [t^{h-\alpha''} + t^{1-h}] \|v_1 - v_2\| \end{aligned}$$

$$\leq E_7 t^{h-\alpha''} \|v_1 - v_2\|.$$

Hence

$$(3.39) \quad \|Tv_1 - Tv_2\| = \sup_{0 \leq t \leq s_3} \|w_{v_1}(t) - w_{v_2}(t)\| \leq E_7 s_3^{h-\alpha''} \|v_1 - v_2\|.$$

This means that T is a Lipschitz continuous operator.

Furthermore, if $0 < s_3 < E^{1/(\alpha''-h)}$ for $\theta = E_7 s_3^{h-\alpha''} < 1$, we get

$$(3.40) \quad \|Tv_1 - Tv_2\| = \sup_{0 \leq t \leq s_3} \|w_{v_1}(t) - w_{v_2}(t)\| \leq E_7 s_3^{h-\alpha''} \|v_1 - v_2\| \leq \theta \|v_1 - v_2\|. \quad v_1, v_2 \in F_3$$

So T is a contraction mapping, and by applying fixed point theorem we can prove that there exists unique point v in F_3 such that $Tv = v$.

ii) The general case.

We now turn to general case in which $A(t, A_0^{-\alpha}v)$ is not necessarily bounded. We first construct a sequence of bounded operators $A_n(t, A_0^{-\alpha}v)$ that approximate $A(t, A_0^{-\alpha}v)$ in a certain sense. We set

$$(3.41) \quad \begin{cases} A_n(t, A_0^{-\alpha}v) = A(t, A_0^{-\alpha}v) J_n(t, A_0^{-\alpha}v) \\ J_n(t, A_0^{-\alpha}v) = [1 + n^{-1}A(t, A_0^{-\alpha}v)]^{-n} \end{cases} \quad n = 1, 2, \dots$$

Obviously $A_n(t, A_0^{-\alpha}v)$ belong to $B(X)$ and satisfy the assumptions 1°), 2°). Therefore, all the estimates deduced in the preceding section are valid with constants independent of n . Hence from i) there exist a fundamental solution $U_{i,n}(t, s)$ corresponding to $A_n(t, A_0^{-\alpha}v_i(t))$ and a solution $z_{i,n}$ of

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dz_{i,n}}{dt} + A_n(t, A_0^{-\alpha}v_i(t))z_{i,n} = f_i(t) \\ z_{i,n}(0) = u_0 \end{cases} \quad \begin{matrix} v_i \in F_3 \\ i = 1, 2. \end{matrix}$$

Then, we get

$$(3.42) \quad \|A_n(0, u_0)[z_{1,n}(t) - z_{2,n}(t)]\| \leq E_8 s_3^{h-\alpha''} \|v_1 - v_2\| \quad n \in N_+$$

Due to Kato [3], we obtain that $A_n(0, u_0)^\alpha U_{i,n}(t, 0) \rightarrow A_0^\alpha U_i(t, 0)$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Thus T is a Lipschitz continuous operator.

Furthermore, if $0 < s_4 < \min\{s_3, E_8^{1/(h-\alpha'')}\}$ and set $F_4 = Q(s_4, L, k)$, same as i), there exists $0 < \theta < 1$ such that for any $v_1, v_2 \in F_4$ the inequality $\|Tv_1 - Tv_2\| < \theta \|v_1 - v_2\|$ holds. Then there exists unique point v in F_4 such that $Tv = v$.

Thus in i) and ii) we have shown the existence of the fixed point v for T . Noting $Tv = w$, and $w_v(t) = A_0^\alpha w(t)$, we have $A_0^\alpha w(t) = v(t)$ or $w(t) = A_0^{-\alpha}v(t)$. Applying (3.15) we find that

$$\frac{d}{dt} A_0^{-\alpha}v(t) + A(t, A_0^{-\alpha}v(t))A_0^{-\alpha}v(t) = f(t, A_0^{-\alpha}v(t)).$$

This finishes the proof of Theorem 2 for $t^*=s_4$ and $u=A_0^{-\alpha}v$.

4 Further results on linear equations

In the proof of Theorem 1 we shall use some results on analyticity of solutions of linear evolution equations of the form

$$(4.1) \quad \begin{cases} \frac{du}{dt} + A(t)u = f(t) \\ u(0) = u_0. \end{cases}$$

We shall make the following assumptions:

8°) For each $t \in \Sigma \equiv \{t \in \mathbf{C}; |\arg t| < \phi, 0 \leq |t| \leq T\}$, $A(t) \in L(X)$ which has resolvent set containing the sector $Q \equiv \{\lambda \in \mathbf{C}; |(\arg \lambda) - \pi| \leq \pi/2 + \phi\}$ and

$$(4.2) \quad \|(\lambda + A(t))^{-1}\| \leq C(1 + |\lambda|)^{-1}, \quad \lambda \in Q, t \in \Sigma,$$

where C is a constant independent of λ and t .

9°) There exists $h=1/m$, where m is an integer, ≥ 2 such that the domain, D , of $A(t)^h$ is independent of t and dense in X .

10°) There exist $C_1, C_2, C_3, k, 1-h < k < 1$ such that

$$(4.3) \quad \|A(t)^h A(s)^{-h}\| \leq C_1 \quad t, s \in \Sigma, |\arg(t-s)| < \phi,$$

$$(4.4) \quad \|A(t)^h A(s)^{-h} - I\| \leq C_2 |t-s|^k \quad t, s \in \Sigma, |\arg(t-s)| < \phi.$$

11°) The map $t \mapsto A(t)^h A(0)^{-h}$ is analytic from $\Sigma \setminus \{0\}$ to $B(X)$.

12°) f maps Σ into X with

$$(4.5) \quad \|f(t) - f(s)\| \leq C_3 |t-s|^k \quad t, s \in \Sigma, |\arg(t-s)| < \phi,$$

13°) $f: \Sigma \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow X$ is analytic.

14°) $u_0 \in D(A(0))$.

Theorem 3. *Let the assumptions 8°)–14°) hold. Then there exists a unique continuous function $u: \Sigma \rightarrow X$ such that $u: \Sigma \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow X$ is analytic, $u(t) \in D(A(t))$ with $du(t)/dt + A(t)u(t) = f(t)$ for $t \in \Sigma \setminus \{0\}$ and $u(0) = u_0$. Furthermore, $A(0)^h u: \Sigma \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow X$ is analytic and, for $0 < \alpha < 1-k$, there exists constant $G > 0$, such that*

$$(4.6) \quad \|A(0)^\alpha u(t) - A(0)^\alpha u(s)\| \leq G |t-s|^k, \quad t, s \in \Sigma, |\arg(t-s)| < \phi.$$

Proof. We first restrict t to be real in (4.1), $t \in [0, T]$. Then the family $\{A(t); 0 \leq t \leq T\}$ and the function $f: [0, T] \rightarrow X$ satisfy the hypotheses of Theorem A. Thus there is a continuous function $u: [0, T] \rightarrow X$ which is a solution to (4.1).

From (2.15) and (2.27) for any $0 < \alpha < 1-k$ and s, t in $[0, T]$ we obtain

$$(4.7) \quad \|A(0)^\alpha u(t) - A(0)^\alpha u(s)\|$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \|A(0)^\alpha[U(t,0)u_0 + \int_0^t U(t,r)f(r)dr] \\
&\quad - A(0)^\alpha[U(s,0)u_0 + \int_0^s U(s,r)f(r)dr]\| \\
&\leq \|A(0)^\alpha[U(t,0) - U(s,0)]A(0)^{-1}\| \cdot \|A(0)u_0\| \\
&\quad + \|A(0)^\alpha[\int_0^t U(t,r)f(r)dr - \int_0^s U(s,r)f(r)dr]\| \\
&\leq CT^{1-k-\alpha'}|t-s|^k + C|t-s|^{1-\alpha'}(|\log(t-s)|+1) \quad 0 < \alpha < \alpha' < 1-k \\
&\leq G_1|t-s|^k.
\end{aligned}$$

We fix α , $0 < \alpha < 1-k$, and we have $\|A(0)^\alpha u(t)\|$ bounded on $[0, T]$. In fact for any t in $[0, T]$ from (4.7) we have

$$\|A(0)^\alpha u(t)\| \leq G_1|t|^k + \|A(0)^\alpha u_0\| \leq G_1T^k + \|A(0)^\alpha u_0\|.$$

For $0 < \varepsilon < T/2$ we consider the sector $\Sigma_\varepsilon = \{t \in \mathbf{C}; |\arg(t-\varepsilon)| < \phi, |t| < T-\varepsilon\}$. Since the functions $t \mapsto A(t)^h A(0)^{-h}$ and $t \mapsto f(t)$ are analytic in a neighborhood of the closure of Σ_ε , and by (4.5) $f(t)$ is Hölder continuous, we can apply Theorem B: u has an extension to $\cup \{\Sigma_\varepsilon; \varepsilon > 0\} = \Sigma \setminus \{0\}$ such that $u: \Sigma \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow X$ is analytic, $u(t) \in D(A(t))$ and $du(t)/dt + A(t)u(t) = f(t)$ for $t \in \Sigma \setminus \{0\}$.

Next we shall show that $A(0)^h u: \Sigma \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow X$ is analytic. Actually seeing that $t \mapsto A(t)^h A(0)^{-h}$ is analytic, $t \mapsto A(0)^h A(t)^{-h}$ is analytic. By rewriting the equation as $A(t)u(t) = f(t) - u'(t)$ and using the fact that $t \mapsto u(t)$ and $t \mapsto f(t)$ are analytic, we have that $t \mapsto A(t)^h u(t) = A(t)^{-1+h} [f(t) - u'(t)]$ is analytic. Then $t \mapsto A(0)^h u(t)$ is analytic from $\Sigma \setminus \{0\}$ to X as we see the differentiability of $A(0)^h u(t)$ in the following identity

$$\begin{aligned}
&A(0)^h u(t+\Delta t) - A(0)^h u(t) \\
&= A(0)^h A(t+\Delta t)^{-h} [A(t+\Delta t)^h u(t+\Delta t) - A(t)^h u(t)] \\
&\quad + [A(0)^h A(t+\Delta t)^{-h} - A(0)^h A(t)^{-h}] A(t)^h u(t).
\end{aligned}$$

It remains to show inequality (4.6). We do this in several steps.

i) First, suppose $s \in (0, T)$ and

$$(4.8) \quad t = s + \lambda_0 e^{i\theta} \in \Sigma, \quad |\theta| < \phi, \quad \lambda_0 > 0.$$

Then $v(\lambda) = u(s + \lambda e^{i\theta})$ is a solution of the equation

$$(4.9) \quad \begin{cases} \frac{d}{d\lambda} v(\lambda) + e^{i\theta} A(s + \lambda e^{i\theta}) v(\lambda) = e^{i\theta} f(s + \lambda e^{i\theta}) & 0 \leq \lambda \leq \lambda_0, \\ v(0) = u(s). \end{cases}$$

The family $B(\lambda) = e^{i\theta} A(s + \lambda e^{i\theta})$, $0 \leq \lambda \leq \lambda_0$, and the function $g(\lambda) = e^{i\theta} f(s + \lambda e^{i\theta})$, $0 \leq \lambda \leq \lambda_0$, satisfy the hypotheses 1°) and 2°), and the various constants are in-

dependent of s, t . In fact, set $t_\lambda = s + \lambda e^{i\theta} \in \Sigma$, $0 \leq \lambda \leq \lambda_0$. Then for any $\lambda \in [0, \lambda_0]$, $D(B(\lambda)) = D(A(t_\lambda))$ is dense in X and $B(\lambda)$ has resolvent containing the sector $\tilde{Q} \equiv \{\gamma \in \mathbb{C} : \operatorname{Re} \gamma \leq 0\}$.

And for any $\gamma \in \tilde{Q}$ from (4.2) it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \|(\gamma - B(\lambda))^{-1}\| &= \|(e^{-i\theta}\gamma - A(t_\lambda))^{-1}\| \\ &\leq C(1 + |e^{-i\theta}\gamma|)^{-1} = C(1 + |\gamma|)^{-1}. \end{aligned}$$

Furthermore for any λ, μ in $[0, \lambda_0]$ from (4.3), (4.4) and (4.5) we get the followings,

$$\begin{aligned} \|B(\lambda)^h B(\mu)^{-h}\| &= \|e^{ih\theta} A(t_\lambda)^h e^{-ih\theta} A(t_\mu)^{-h}\| \\ &= \|A(t_\lambda)^h A(t_\mu)^{-h}\| \leq C_1, \\ \|B(\lambda)^h B(\mu)^{-h} - I\| &= \|A(t_\lambda)^h A(t_\mu)^{-h} - I\| \\ &\leq C_2 |s + \lambda e^{i\theta} - (s + \mu e^{i\theta})|^k = C |\lambda - \mu|^k, \\ \|g(\lambda) - g(\mu)\| &= \|f(s + \lambda e^{i\theta}) - f(s + \mu e^{i\theta})\| \\ &\leq C_2 |s + \lambda e^{i\theta} - (s + \mu e^{i\theta})|^k = C_3 |\lambda - \mu|^k. \end{aligned}$$

Thus $B(\lambda)$ satisfy 1°) and 2°) and g is a Hölder continuous mapping. Hence in the same way as (4.7), we find that

$$(4.20) \quad \|B(0)^{\alpha'} v(\lambda) - B(0)^{\alpha'} v(\mu)\| \leq G_2 |\lambda - \mu|^k \quad \alpha < \alpha' < 1 - k$$

where $B(0) = e^{i\theta} A(s)$.

Therefore from (2.18) and (4.10) we get

$$\begin{aligned} (4.11) \quad &\|A(0)^{\alpha} u(t) - A(0)^{\alpha} u(s)\| \\ &= \|A(0)^{\alpha} A(s)^{-\alpha'} A(s)^{\alpha'} u(s + \lambda e^{i\theta}) - A(0)^{\alpha} A(s)^{-\alpha'} A(s)^{\alpha'} u(s + 0 e^{i\theta})\| \\ &\leq \|A(0)^{\alpha} A(s)^{-\alpha'}\| |e^{-i\theta}| \|B(0)^{\alpha'} v(\lambda) - B(0)^{\alpha'} v(0)\| \\ &\leq M_{\alpha\alpha'} G_2 |\lambda|^k \leq G_3 |t - s|^k. \end{aligned}$$

ii) in the case of $s=0$.

From (4.7) for any $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists $s \in (0, T)$, $|\arg(t-s)| < \phi$, such that $\|A(0)^{\alpha} u(s) - A(0)^{\alpha} u(0)\| < \varepsilon$.

Hence according to i) we get

$$\begin{aligned} &\|A(0)^{\alpha} u(t) - A(0)^{\alpha} u(0)\| \\ &\leq \|A(0)^{\alpha} u(t) - A(0)^{\alpha} u(s)\| + \|A(0)^{\alpha} u(s) - A(0)^{\alpha} u(0)\| \\ &\leq G_3 |t - s|^k + \varepsilon \\ &\leq G_3 |t|^k + \varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

Then as $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$, we get

$$(4.12) \quad \|A(0)^{\alpha} u(t) - A(0)^{\alpha} u(0)\| \leq G_3 |t|^k \quad |\arg t| < \phi, t \in \Sigma.$$

iii) The general case.

In the same way as in i) for with general $s, t \in \Sigma \setminus \{0\}$, $|\arg(t-s)| < \phi$, we obtain

$$(4.13) \quad \|A(0)^\alpha u(t) - A(0)^\alpha u(s)\| \leq G_4 |t-s|^k.$$

Thus for $G = \max\{G_1, G_3, G_4\}$ Theorem 3 is proved.

5. Proof of Theorem 1

From (0.3) there are constants $C_4, \phi_1 > 0, T_1 > 0$ such that for $t \in \Sigma_1, w \in N$ and $|\theta| < \phi_1$ the resolvent set of $e^{i\theta} A(t, A_0^{-\alpha} w)$ contains the left plane and

$$(5.1) \quad \|(\lambda - e^{i\theta} A(t, A_0^{-\alpha} w))^{-1}\| \leq C_4(1 + |\lambda|)^{-1} \quad \operatorname{Re} \lambda \leq 0.$$

where $\Sigma_1 \equiv \{t \in \mathbb{C}; |\arg t| < \phi_1, 0 \leq |t| < T_1\}$.

We let $\phi = \min\{\phi_0, \phi_1\}$, and in (0.1) and (0.2) we make the change of variable $t = \tau e^{i\theta}$, $\tau \in [0, T_1]$, $|\theta| < \phi$, so equations (0.1) and (0.2) become

$$(5.2) \quad \begin{cases} \frac{\partial v}{\partial \tau} + e^{i\theta} A(\tau e^{i\theta}, v)v = e^{i\theta} f(\tau e^{i\theta}, v), \\ v(0, e^{i\theta}) = u_0. \end{cases}$$

where $v(\tau, e^{i\theta}) = u(\tau e^{i\theta})$, $u(t) = v(|t|, t/|t|)$.

We hold $|\theta| < \phi$ fixed and apply Theorem 2 to equation (5.2). In order to make precise, let

$$B(\tau, w, \theta) = e^{i\theta} A(\tau e^{i\theta}, w), \quad g(\tau, w, \theta) = e^{i\theta} f(\tau e^{i\theta}, w)$$

for $\tau \in [0, T_1]$, $\|A_0^\alpha w - A_0^\alpha u_0\| < R$, $|\theta| < \phi$. We shall show that for fixed θ , $B(\tau, w, \theta)$ and $g(\tau, w, \theta)$ satisfy the hypotheses 3°)–7°) of section 3 with constants independent of θ .

Since $A(t, A_0^{-\alpha} w)$ is well defined for any $w \in N$ and $t \in \Sigma$ and

$$B(\tau, B_0^{-\alpha} w, \theta) \equiv B(\tau, B(0, u_0, \theta)^{-\alpha} w, \theta) = e^{i\theta} A(\tau e^{i\theta}, A_0^{-\alpha}(e^{-i\alpha\theta} w))$$

$B(\tau, B_0^{-\alpha} w, \theta)$ is well defined for $w \in N$ and $\tau \in [0, T_1]$, which verifies 3°).

4°) is verified since by (5.1) and $D(B(\tau, B_0^{-\alpha} w, \theta)) = D(A(\tau e^{i\theta}, A_0^{-\alpha}(e^{-i\alpha\theta} w)))$.

For any $w \in N$ and $\tau \in [0, T_1]$ we have

$$D(B(\tau, B_0^{-\alpha} w, \theta)^h) = D(e^{i\theta} A(\tau, A_0^{-\alpha}(e^{-i\alpha\theta} w))^h) \equiv D,$$

and from (0.4) and (0.5) it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} & \|B(\tau_1, B_0^{-\alpha} w, \theta)^h B(\tau_2, B_0^{-\alpha} w, \theta)^{-h}\| \\ & \leq \|e^{i h \theta} A(\tau_1 e^{i\theta}, A_0^{-\alpha} e^{-i\alpha\theta} w)^h e^{-i h \theta} A(\tau_2 e^{i\theta}, A_0^{-\alpha} e^{-i\alpha\theta} w)^{-h}\| \\ & \leq C_2 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \|B(\tau_1, B_0^{-\alpha}w, \theta)^h B(\tau_2, B_0^{-\alpha}v, \theta)^{-h} - I\| \\
 &= \|A(\tau_1 e^{i\theta}, A_0^{-\alpha} e^{-i\alpha\theta} w)^h A(\tau_2 e^{i\theta}, A_0^{-\alpha} e^{-i\alpha\theta} v)^{-h} - I\| \\
 &\leq C_3 \{ |\tau_1 e^{i\theta} - \tau_2 e^{i\theta}|^\sigma + \|e^{-i\alpha\theta} w - e^{-i\alpha\theta} v\| \} \\
 &= C \{ |\tau_1 - \tau_2|^\sigma + \|w - v\| \} \quad w, v \in N, \tau_1, \tau_2 \in [0, T_1].
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore 5°) is verified.

Next from (0.6) we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \|g(\tau_1, B_0^{-\alpha}w, \theta) - g(\tau_2, B_0^{-\alpha}v, \theta)\| \\
 &= \|e^{i\theta} f(\tau_1 e^{i\theta}, A_0^{-\alpha} e^{-i\alpha\theta} w) - e^{i\theta} f(\tau_2 e^{i\theta}, A_0^{-\alpha} e^{-i\alpha\theta} v)\| \\
 &\leq C_4 \{ |\tau_1 e^{i\theta} - \tau_2 e^{i\theta}|^\sigma + \|e^{-i\alpha\theta} w - e^{-i\alpha\theta} v\| \} \\
 &= C_4 \{ |\tau_1 - \tau_2|^\sigma + \|w - v\| \} \quad \tau_1, \tau_2 \in [0, T_1], v, w \in N,
 \end{aligned}$$

which verifies 6°).

Finally, note that

$$\begin{aligned}
 e^{i\theta} u_0 &\in D(e^{i\theta} A_0) = D(B_0), \\
 \|B_0^\alpha e^{i\theta} u_0 - e^{i\theta} A_0^\alpha u_0\| &< R,
 \end{aligned}$$

and 7°) is verified.

Hence it follows from Theorem 2, that there exist $T, 0 < T \leq \min \{T_0, T_1\}$ and a unique solution $v(\tau, e^{i\theta})$ of (5.2) defined for $\tau \in [0, T]$, $|\theta| < \phi$, which also satisfies

$$\begin{aligned}
 (5.3) \quad \|A_0^\alpha v(\tau_1, e^{i\theta}) - A_0^\alpha v(\tau_2, e^{i\theta})\| &\leq K |\tau_1 - \tau_2|^h \quad \tau_1, \tau_2 \in [0, T] \\
 &1 - h < h < \min \{1 - \alpha, \sigma\}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$(5.4) \quad \|A_0^\alpha v(\tau, e^{i\theta}) - A_0^\alpha u_0\| < R \quad \tau \in [0, T]$$

where the constant K does not depend on θ .

Let $\Sigma \equiv \{t \in \mathbf{C}; |\arg t| < \phi, 0 \leq |t| \leq T\}$ and

$$(5.5) \quad \begin{cases} u(t) = v(|t|, t/|t|) & t \in \Sigma \setminus \{0\} \\ u(0) = u_0. \end{cases}$$

We shall show that u satisfies the conclusions of Theorem 1.

The fact that $u(t) \in D(A(t, u(t)))$ and

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|A_0^\alpha u(t) - A_0^\alpha u_0\| &< R \quad \text{for } t \in \Sigma \setminus \{0\}, \\
 \|A_0^\alpha u(t) - A_0^\alpha u_0\| &\leq K |t|^h \quad \text{for } t \in \Sigma
 \end{aligned}$$

follow from the corresponding properties of v .

We now show that $A_0^\alpha u; \Sigma \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow X$ is analytic. Actually the proof of

Theorem 2 shows that $v(\tau, e^{i\theta})$ is the limit of a sequence $\{v_n(\tau, e^{i\theta})\}$ where $v_0(\tau, e^{i\theta}) \equiv u_0$, $\tau \mapsto v_n(\tau, e^{i\theta})$ is the unique solution of the linear equation $\partial v_n / \partial \tau + e^{i\theta} A(\tau e^{i\theta}, v_{n-1}) v_n = e^{i\theta} f(\tau e^{i\theta}, v_{n-1})$ $\tau \in [0, T]$, (set $A_0^\alpha v_{n+1} = T(A_0^\alpha v_n)$ for $n \in N$), and also $A_0^\alpha v_n(\tau, e^{i\theta})$ converges to $A_0^\alpha v(\tau, e^{i\theta})$ uniformly in $\tau \in [0, T]$, v_n also satisfies

$$(5.6) \quad \|A_0^\alpha v_n(\tau, e^{i\theta}) - A_0^\alpha u_0\| < R \quad \tau \in [0, T],$$

$$(5.7) \quad \|A_0^\alpha v_n(\tau_1, e^{i\theta}) - A_0^\alpha v_n(\tau_2, e^{i\theta})\| \leq K |\tau_1 - \tau_2|^k \quad \tau_1, \tau_2 \in [0, T].$$

Since $A_0^\alpha v_n$ converges to $A_0^\alpha v$, we have

$$A_0^\alpha u(t) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_0^\alpha u_n(t) \quad \text{where } u_n(t) = v_n(|t|, t/|t|).$$

Therefore, we get the following Lemma.

Lemma 3. $A_0^\alpha u$ is analytic.

Proof of Lemma. From (5.6) it follows that $\{\|A_0^\alpha u_n(t)\|\}$ is uniformly bounded in $n \in N$ and $t \in \Sigma$. Therefore, in order to show $A_0^\alpha u$ is analytic, it suffices to show

$$(5.8) \quad A_0^\alpha u_n: \Sigma \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow X \text{ is analytic for each } n.$$

We shall show (5.8) by induction, combining with the following inequality

$$(5.9) \quad \|A_0^\alpha u_n(t) - A_0^\alpha u_n(s)\| \leq K_n |t - s|^k \quad \text{for } t, s \in \Sigma, |\arg(t - s)| < \phi.$$

This is true for $n=0$ since $u_0(t) = v_0(|t|, t/|t|) \equiv u_0$. Suppose they are true for u_{n-1} . We shall apply Theorem 3 to the equation

$$(5.10) \quad \begin{cases} \frac{dw}{dt} + A(t, u_{n-1})w = f(t, u_{n-1}) & t \in \Sigma \\ w(0) = u_0. \end{cases}$$

We must show

$$H(t) \equiv A(t, u_{n-1}(t)) \text{ and } h(t) \equiv f(t, u_{n-1}(t))$$

satisfy the hypotheses of Theorem 3.

The fact that each $H(t)$ has resolvent containing the sector $|(\arg \lambda) - \pi| \leq \pi/2 + \phi$ with the estimate

$$\|(\lambda - H(t))^{-1}\| = \|(\lambda - A(t, A_0^{-\alpha} A_0^\alpha u_{n-1}(t)))^{-1}\| \leq C_1(1 + |\lambda|)^{-1}, t \in \Sigma$$

follows from (0,3) and the fact that

$$\|A_0^\alpha u_{n-1}(t) - A_0^\alpha u_0\| < R \quad t \in \Sigma.$$

From (0.4), we have

$$\|H(t)^h H(s)^{-h}\| = \|A(t, A_0^{-\alpha} A_0^\alpha u_{n-1}(t))^h A(s, A_0^{-\alpha} A_0^\alpha u_{n-1}(s))^{-h}\| \leq C_2$$

$$t, s \in \Sigma, |\arg(t-s)| < \phi.$$

Using (0.5), $k \leq \sigma$ and the induction hypothesis on u_{n-1} it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \|H(t)^h H(s)^{-h} - I\| &= \|A(t, A_0^{-\alpha} A_0^\alpha u_{n-1}(t))^h A(s, A_0^{-\alpha} A_0^\alpha u_{n-1}(s))^{-h} - I\| \\ &\leq C_3 \{|t-s|^\sigma + \|A_0^\alpha u_{n-1}(t) - A_0^\alpha u_{n-1}(s)\|\} \\ &\leq C_3 \{T^{\sigma-k} + K_{n-1}\} |t-s|^k \\ &\leq C'_3 |t-s|^k \quad t, s \in \Sigma, |\arg(t-s)| < \phi. \end{aligned}$$

The analyticity of the map

$$H(t)^h H(0)^{-h} = A(t, A_0^{-\alpha} A_0^\alpha u_{n-1}(t))^h A_0^{-h}$$

follows from the analyticity of the maps $\Phi: (t, w) \mapsto A(t, A_0^{-\alpha} w)^h A_0^{-h}$

Applying (0.6), $h \leq \sigma$ and the induction hypothesis on u_{n-1} and $t \mapsto A_0^\alpha u_{n-1}(t)$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \|h(t) - h(s)\| &= \|f(t, A_0^{-\alpha} A_0^\alpha u_{n-1}(t)) - f(s, A_0^{-\alpha} A_0^\alpha u_{n-1}(s))\| \\ &\leq C_4 \{|t-s|^\sigma + \|A_0^\alpha u_{n-1}(t) - A_0^\alpha u_{n-1}(s)\|\} \\ &\leq C_4 \{T^{\sigma-k} + K_{n-1}\} |t-s|^k \\ &\leq C'_4 |t-s|^k \quad t, s \in \Sigma, |\arg(t-s)| < \phi. \end{aligned}$$

The analyticity of the map

$$h(t) = f(t, A_0^{-\alpha} A_0^\alpha u_{n-1}(t))$$

follows from the analyticity of the maps $\Psi: (t, w) \mapsto f(t, A_0^{-\alpha} w)$ and $t \mapsto A_0^\alpha u_{n-1}(t)$.

Therefore $H(t)$ and $h(t)$ satisfy the hypotheses of Theorem 3. So (5.10) has a unique solution w satisfying the conclusions of Theorem 3, i.e. w satisfies (5.10) and $w: \Sigma \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow X$ is analytic. Furthermore $A(0)^h w: \Sigma \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow X$ is analytic, and there exists $K_n > 0$ such that

$$\|A_0^\alpha w(t) - A_0^\alpha w(s)\| \leq K_n |t-s|^k \quad t, s \in \Sigma, |\arg(t-s)| < \phi.$$

Next, we claim $u_n \equiv w$. We must show $v_n(\tau, e^{i\theta}) = w(\tau e^{i\theta})$. This is true because the function $\tau \mapsto w(\tau e^{i\theta})$ is also a solution to $\frac{\partial v_n}{\partial \tau} + e^{i\theta} A(\tau e^{i\theta}, v_{n-1}) v_n = e^{i\theta} f(\tau e^{i\theta}, v_{n-1})$ and hence $v_n(\tau, e^{i\theta}) = w(\tau e^{i\theta})$ by uniqueness. Hence (5.8) and (5.9) are obtained.

This completes the proof that $A_0^\alpha u: \Sigma \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow X$ is analytic. q.e.d.

The continuity of $A_0^\alpha u: \Sigma \rightarrow X$ follows from the analyticity of $A_0^\alpha u: \Sigma \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow X$ and the estimate $\|A_0^\alpha u(t) - A_0^\alpha u_0\| \leq K |t|^k$ for t in Σ . Finally the fact that u satisfies the differential equation (0.1) and (0.2) follows from the corresponding property

of v .

To show that u is unique, it suffices to restrict to real t since u is analytic. However, for real t , uniqueness is included in Theorem 2.

This finishes the proof of Theorem 1.

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