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**EXISTENCE AND UNIQUENESS OF SOLUTIONS FOR
PARTIAL DIFFERENTIAL-FUNCTIONAL EQUATIONS OF
THE FIRST ORDER WITH DEVIATING ARGUMENT OF
THE DERIVATIVE OF UNKNOWN FUNCTION**

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ABSTRACT. We consider the existence and uniqueness problem for partial differential-functional equations of the first order with the initial condition for which the right-hand side depends on the derivative of unknown function with deviating argument.

1. Introduction. We consider the following Cauchy problem

$$(1) \quad \begin{cases} D_x z(x, y) = f(x, y, z(\cdot), D_y z(\alpha(x, y), \beta(x))), & (x, y) \in E \\ z(0, y) = v(y), & y \in [0, b], \end{cases}$$

where $E = [0, a] \times [0, b]$, $a, b > 0$, $f \in C(E \times C(E; \mathcal{R}^n) \times \mathcal{R}^n; \mathcal{R}^n)$, $v \in C([0, b]; \mathcal{R}^n)$, $\alpha \in C(E; [0, a])$, $\beta \in C([0, a]; [0, b])$ and $D_p g$ means the partial derivative of g with respect to p .

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The problem $D_x z(x, y) = f(x, y, z(\cdot), D_y z(x, y))$, $z(0, y) = v(y)$ has been investigated intensively in the literature (see [5], [6], [7] for references). But there are only few results concerning equations with $D_y z$ depending on a deviating argument (see [1]–[3], [8]–[10]). In the present paper we consider such an equation. But notice that the deviating argument we consider is of peculiar type and it is not a generalization of not deviating argument (x, y) .

The proof of our result is based on Bielecki method of changing norm (see [4]).

2. Notations and assumptions. We denote $E_x = \{(s, y) \in E : 0 \leq s \leq x\}$, $C = C(E; \mathcal{R}^n)$,

$$\|z\|_{0,x} = \sup\{|z(s, y)| : (s, y) \in E_x\},$$

$$\|z\|_K = \sup\{|z(x, y)|e^{-Kx} : (x, y) \in E\}$$

for $z \in C$, $x \in [0, a]$, $K \in \mathcal{R}$, where $|\cdot|$ means a fixed norm in \mathcal{R}^n . Notice that $\|\cdot\|_K$ is a norm equivalent to the supremum norm and C is a Banach space with this norm.

$D_q f$ means the partial derivative of f with respect to the fourth argument. We need the following assumptions.

(H₁) The function f satisfies the following Volterra condition: for all $(x, y) \in E$, $u, v \in C$, $q \in \mathcal{R}^n$ if $u(s, y) = v(s, y)$ for $(s, y) \in E_x$, then $f(x, y, u(\cdot), q) = f(x, y, v(\cdot), q)$.

(H₂) The functions f , $D_y f$, $D_q f$, α , $D_y \alpha$, β , v , $D_y v$ are continuous and there exists $L > 0$ such that

$$|f(x, y, p, q) - f(x, y, P, Q)| \leq L(\|p - P\|_{0,x} + |q - Q|),$$

$$|D_y f(x, y, p, q) - D_y f(x, y, P, Q)| \leq L(\|p - P\|_{0,x} + |q - Q|),$$

$$|D_q f(x, y, p, q) - D_q f(x, y, P, Q)| \leq L(\|p - P\|_{0,x} + |q - Q|),$$

for $(x, y) \in E$, $p, P \in C$, $q, Q \in \mathcal{R}^n$.

(H₃) $\alpha(x, y) \leq x$ for $(x, y) \in E$ and

$$l = \sup\{|D_y \alpha(x, y) D_q f(x, y, p, q)| : (x, y) \in E, p \in C, q \in \mathcal{R}^n\} < 1$$

Notice that (H_3) implies that the growth of $f(x, y, p, \cdot)$ is at most linear except for $D_y\alpha(x, y) = 0$.

3. The result. Now we state

Theorem. *Suppose that assumptions (H_1) , (H_2) , (H_3) are satisfied, then there exists exactly one solution \hat{z} of (1) such that $D_x D_y \hat{z}$ and $D_y D_x \hat{z}$ exist and they are continuous functions.*

Proof. Let us define

$$\begin{aligned}
 F(U, u)(x, y) &= \int_0^x \int_0^y u(s, t) dt ds + v(y) + \\
 &\quad + \int_0^x f\left(s, 0, U, v'(\beta(s)) + \int_0^{\alpha(s,y)} u(\sigma, \beta(s)) d\sigma\right) ds \\
 G(U, u)(x, y) &= D_y f\left(x, y, U, v'(\beta(x)) + \int_0^{\alpha(x,y)} u(s, \beta(x)) ds\right) + \\
 &\quad + D_y \alpha(x, y) D_q f\left(x, y, U, v'(\beta(x)) + \int_0^{\alpha(x,y)} u(s, \beta(x)) ds\right) u(\alpha(x, y), \beta(x))
 \end{aligned}$$

for $U, u \in C$, $(x, y) \in E$. We prove that there exists exactly one pair (\hat{U}, \hat{u}) of continuous functions, which are solutions of the equations

$$(2) \quad U = F(U, u) \quad \text{and} \quad u = G(U, u).$$

Let $K > L$ be fixed. For every $U_1, U_2, u \in C$ assumption (H_2) gives

$$\begin{aligned}
 |F(U_1, u)(x, y) - F(U_2, u)(x, y)| &\leq \int_0^x L \|U_1 - U_2\|_{0,s} ds \leq \\
 &\leq L \int_0^x \|U_1 - U_2\|_K e^{Ks} ds \leq \frac{L}{K} e^{Kx} \|U_1 - U_2\|_K,
 \end{aligned}$$

so

$$\|F(U_1, u) - F(U_2, u)\|_K \leq \frac{L}{K} \|U_1 - U_2\|_K.$$

Therefore $F(\cdot, u)$ is a contraction and for each $u \in C$ there exists exactly one fixed point $U(u)$ of $F(\cdot, u)$. Moreover

$$\begin{aligned} |U(u_1)(x, y) - U(u_2)(x, y)| &= |F(U(u_1), u_1)(x, y) - F(U(u_2), u_2)(x, y)| \leq \\ &\leq |F(U(u_1), u_1)(x, y) - F(U(u_2), u_1)(x, y)| + \\ &\quad + |F(U(u_2), u_1)(x, y) - F(U(u_2), u_2)(x, y)| \leq \\ &\leq \frac{L}{K} \|U(u_1) - U(u_2)\|_K e^{Kx} + \int_0^x \int_0^y |u_1(s, t) - u_2(s, t)| ds dt + \\ &\quad + L \int_0^x \int_0^{\alpha(s,t)} |u_1(\sigma, \beta(s)) - u_2(\sigma, \beta(s))| d\sigma ds \leq \\ &\leq \frac{L}{K} \|U(u_1) - U(u_2)\|_K e^{Kx} + b \int_0^x \|u_1 - u_2\|_K e^{Ks} ds + \\ &\quad + L \int_0^x \int_0^s \|u_1 - u_2\|_K e^{K\sigma} d\sigma ds \leq \\ &\leq \left(\frac{L}{K} \|U(u_1) - U(u_2)\|_K + \left(\frac{b}{K} + \frac{aL}{K}\right) \|u_1 - u_2\|_K\right) e^{Kx}, \end{aligned}$$

hence

$$\|U(u_1) - U(u_2)\|_K \leq l_K \|u_1 - u_2\|_K,$$

where $l_K = (K - L)^{-1}(b + aL)$. For sufficiently large K let us define

$$W_K = \{u \in C : \|u\|_K \leq M\},$$

where

$$M = (1 - (Ll_K + \frac{L}{K} + l))^{-1}P, \quad P = 1 + \max_{(x,y) \in E} |D_y f(x, y, U(\Theta), v'(\beta(x)))|$$

and $\Theta(x, y) = 0$ for $(x, y) \in E$. Denote also $G_U(u) = G(U(u), u)$. We prove that $G_U(W_K) \subset W_K$ for $K > 0$ such that $Ll_K + \frac{L}{K} + l < 1$.

If $u \in W_K$ then

$$\begin{aligned}
|G(U(u), u)(x, y)| &\leq \\
&\leq \left| D_y f \left(x, y, U(u), v'(\beta(x)) + \int_0^{\alpha(x,y)} u(s, \beta(x)) ds \right) - D_y f \left(x, y, U(\Theta), v'(\beta(x)) \right) \right| + \\
&\quad + |D_y f \left(x, y, U(\Theta), v'(\beta(x)) \right)| + l|u(\alpha(x, y), \beta(x))| \leq \\
&\leq L\|U(u) - U(\Theta)\|_{0,x} + L \int_0^{\alpha(x,y)} |u(s, \beta(x))| ds + P + l|u(\alpha(x, y), \beta(x))| \leq \\
&\leq (L\|U(u) - U(\Theta)\|_K + \frac{L}{K}\|u\|_K + P + l\|u\|_K)e^{Kx} \leq \\
&\leq (Ll_K + \frac{L}{K} + l)\|u\|_K e^{Kx} + Pe^{Kx},
\end{aligned}$$

therefore

$$\|G_U(u)\|_K \leq (Ll_K + \frac{L}{K} + l)M + P = M.$$

We have just showed that $G_U(W_K) \subset W_K$ for sufficiently large K . We prove that G_U is a contraction on W_K with respect to the norm $\|\cdot\|_J$ for sufficiently large J and K .

For $u, \bar{u} \in W_K$, $c = \max_{(x,y) \in E} |D_y \alpha(x, y)|$ we have

$$\begin{aligned}
|G(U(u), u)(x, y) - G(U(\bar{u}), \bar{u})(x, y)| &\leq \\
&\leq L\|U(u) - U(\bar{u})\|_{0,x} + L \int_0^{\alpha(x,y)} |u(s, \beta(x)) - \bar{u}(s, \beta(x))| ds + \\
&\quad + |D_y \alpha(x, y)| \left| D_q f \left(x, y, U(u), v'(\beta(x)) + \int_0^{\alpha(x,y)} u(s, \beta(x)) ds \right) - \right. \\
&\quad \left. - D_q f \left(x, y, U(\bar{u}), v'(\beta(x)) + \int_0^{\alpha(x,y)} \bar{u}(s, \beta(x)) ds \right) \right| |u(\alpha(x, y), \beta(x))| \\
&\quad + |D_y \alpha(x, y)| \left| D_q f \left(x, y, U(\bar{u}), v'(\beta(x)) + \int_0^{\alpha(x,y)} \bar{u}(s, \beta(x)) ds \right) \right| \times \\
&\quad \times |u(\alpha(x, y), \beta(x)) - \bar{u}(\alpha(x, y), \beta(x))| \leq
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\leq L\|U(u) - U(\bar{u})\|_J e^{Jx} + \frac{L}{J}\|u - \bar{u}\|_J e^{Jx} + \\
&\quad + cL\left(\|U(u) - U(\bar{u})\|_{0,x} + \int_0^{\alpha(x,y)} |u(s, \beta(x)) - \bar{u}(s, \beta(x))| ds\right) Me^{Kx} + \\
&\quad\quad\quad + l\|u - \bar{u}\|_J e^{Jx} \\
&\leq (Ll_J + \frac{L}{J} + cL(l_J + \frac{1}{J}))Me^{Kx} + l\|u - \bar{u}\|_J
\end{aligned}$$

so

$$\|G_U(u) - G_U(\bar{u})\|_J \leq (Ll_J + \frac{L}{J} + cLM(l_J + \frac{1}{J}))Me^{Kx} + l\|u - \bar{u}\|_J.$$

Now it is clear that the operator G_U is contractive in W_K if K and J are sufficiently large and this operator has exactly one fixed point \hat{u} in W_K . Since every fixed point \bar{u} of G_U in C satisfies $|\bar{u}(0, y)| \leq P - 1$ for $y \in [0, b]$ and $M > P$, then there exists K such that $\bar{u} \in W_K$. We get from the above that the function \hat{u} is the unique fixed point of G_U in C . Of course the pair $(U(\hat{u}), \hat{u})$ is the unique solution of (2). Now we demonstrate that $V = U(\hat{u})$ is a solution of (1). From the definition of the operators F and G we get

$$\begin{aligned}
V(0, y) &= v(y), \\
D_y V(x, y) &= \int_0^x \hat{u}(s, y) ds + v'(y), \\
\hat{u}(x, y) &= G(V, \hat{u})(x, y) = \frac{d}{dy} f(x, y, V, v'(\beta(x))) + \int_0^{\alpha(x,y)} \hat{u}(s, \beta(x)) ds = \\
&= \frac{d}{dy} f(x, y, V, D_y V(\alpha(x, y), \beta(x))), \\
D_x V(x, y) &= \int_0^y \hat{u}(x, t) dt + f(x, 0, V, D_y V(\alpha(x, 0), \beta(x))) = \\
&= f(x, y, V, D_y V(\alpha(x, y), \beta(x))),
\end{aligned}$$

so V is a solution of (1) and it is obvious that $D_x D_y V = D_y D_x V = \hat{u}$, hence these derivatives are continuous. On the other hand, if z is a solution of (1) and $D_x D_y z = D_y D_x z$ then differentiating equation (1) with respect to y we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} D_y D_x z(x, y) &= D_y f(x, y, z, D_y z(\alpha(x, y), \beta(x))) + \\ &+ D_q f(x, y, z, D_y z(\alpha(x, y), \beta(x))) D_x D_y z(\alpha(x, y), \beta(x)) D_y \alpha(x, y) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$D_y z(x, y) = \int_0^x D_x D_y z(s, y) ds + v'(y),$$

hence $D_x D_y z = G(z, D_x D_y z)$ and it is easy to verify that $z = F(z, D_x D_y z)$, so $z = U(D_x D_y z)$ and $D_x D_y z = \hat{u}$. We get that z is a solution of (1) if and only if $(z, D_x D_y z)$ is a solution of (2). The proof is complete.

Remark. Under analogous assumptions we can prove a similar result for equation (1) with $y = (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_k) \in \mathcal{R}^k$.

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