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# Nonlocal Cauchy Problem for Delay Integrodifferential Equations of Sobolev Type in Banach Spaces

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**Abstract**—In this paper, we prove the existence of mild and strong solutions of nonlinear time varying delay integrodifferential equations of Sobolev type with nonlocal conditions in Banach spaces. The results are obtained by using the theory of compact semigroups and Schaefer's fixed-point theorem. © 2002 Elsevier Science Ltd. All rights reserved.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

The problem of existence of solutions of semilinear differential equations and integrodifferential equations in Banach spaces has been studied by several authors [1–7]. Byszewski [8] has established the existence and uniqueness of mild, strong, and classical solutions of the following nonlocal Cauchy problem:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{du(t)}{dt} + Au(t) &= f(t, u(t)), & t \in (0, a), \\ u(t_0) + g(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_p, u(\cdot)) &= u_0, \end{aligned}$$

where  $0 \leq t_0 < t_1 < \dots < t_p \leq a$ ,  $a > 0$ ,  $-A$  is the infinitesimal generator of a  $C_0$ -semigroup in a Banach space  $X$ ,  $u_0 \in X$ , and  $f : [0, a] \times X \rightarrow X$ ,  $g : [0, a]^p \times X \rightarrow X$  are given functions. Subsequently, he has investigated the same problem for different types of evolution equations in Banach spaces [9–12]. Many papers have been written on nonlocal Cauchy problems for various

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classes of differential and integrodifferential equations [13–19]. Physical motivation for this kind of problem is given in [8–11,20].

Brill [21] investigated the existence of solutions for a semilinear Sobolev evolution equation in a Banach space. Existence theorems for Sobolev type equations in Banach spaces have been proved in papers [22–25]. These types of equations arise in various applications such as in the flow of fluid through fissured rocks, thermodynamics, and shear in second-order fluids (see [24]). Recently, Balachandran *et al.* [26] discussed the problem for nonlinear integrodifferential equations of Sobolev type with nonlocal conditions in Banach spaces. In this paper, we shall establish the existence of solutions of time varying delay integrodifferential equations of Sobolev type with nonlocal conditions by using the compact semigroup and the Schaefer theorem.

## 2. BASIC ASSUMPTIONS

Consider the nonlinear time varying integrodifferential equation of Sobolev type with nonlocal condition of the form

$$(Eu(t))' + Au(t) = f(t, u(\sigma_1(t)), \dots, u(\sigma_n(t)), \int_0^t k(t, s)h(s, u(\sigma_{n+1}(s))) ds), \quad t \in [0, a], \quad (1)$$

$$u(0) + g(u) = u_0, \quad (2)$$

where  $f : I \times X^{n+1} \rightarrow Y$ ,  $k : \Delta \rightarrow R$ ,  $h : I \times X \rightarrow X$ , and  $g : X \rightarrow X$  are given functions. Moreover,  $\sigma_i : I \rightarrow I$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n+1$ , are continuous functions such that  $\sigma_i(t) \leq t$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n+1$ , and  $u_0 \in D(E)$ . Let  $I = [0, a]$  and  $\Delta = \{(t, s) : 0 \leq s \leq t \leq a\}$ . We assume the following.

- (i) For each  $t \in I$ , the function  $f(t, \dots, \dots) : X^{n+1} \rightarrow Y$  is continuous and for each  $u_1, \dots, u_{n+1} \in X$ , the function  $f(\cdot, u_1, \dots, u_{n+1}) : I \rightarrow Y$  is strongly measurable.
- (ii) For each  $t \in I$ , the function  $h(t, \cdot) : X \rightarrow X$  is continuous and for each  $u \in X$ , the function  $h(\cdot, u) : I \rightarrow X$  is strongly measurable.
- (iii) For every positive integer  $r$ , there exists  $h_r \in L^1(I)$  such that

$$\sup_{|u| \leq r} \left\| f \left( t, u(\sigma_1(t)), \dots, u(\sigma_n(t)), \int_0^t k(t, s)h(s, u(\sigma_{n+1}(s))) ds \right) \right\| \leq h_r(t).$$

DEFINITION 2.1. (See [7].) A continuous solution  $u(t)$  of the integral equation

$$u(t) = E^{-1}T(t)Eu_0 - E^{-1}T(t)Eg(u) + \int_0^t E^{-1}T(t-s) f \left( s, u(\sigma_1(s)), \dots, u(\sigma_n(s)), \int_0^s k(s, \tau)h(\tau, u(\sigma_{n+1}(\tau))) d\tau \right) ds$$

is called a mild solution of (1),(2) on  $I$ .

DEFINITION 2.2. (See [7].) A function  $u$  is said to be a strong solution of problem (1),(2) on  $I$  if  $u$  is differentiable almost everywhere on  $I$ ,  $u'(t) \in L^1(I, X)$ ,  $u(0) + g(u) = u_0$  and

$$(Eu(t))' + Au(t) = f \left( t, u(\sigma_1(t)), \dots, u(\sigma_n(t)), \int_0^t k(t, s)h(s, u(\sigma_{n+1}(s))) ds \right), \quad \text{a.e. on } I.$$

In order to prove our main theorem, we assume certain conditions on the operators  $A$  and  $E$ . Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be Banach spaces with norm  $|\cdot|$  and  $\|\cdot\|$ , respectively. The operators  $A : D(A) \subset X \rightarrow Y$  and  $E : D(E) \subset X \rightarrow Y$  satisfy the following hypotheses.

(H<sub>1</sub>).  $A$  and  $E$  are closed, linear operators.

(H<sub>2</sub>).  $D(E) \subset D(A)$  and  $E$  is bijective.

(H<sub>3</sub>).  $E^{-1} : Y \rightarrow D(E)$  is continuous.

Hypotheses (H<sub>1</sub>) and (H<sub>2</sub>) and the closed graph theorem imply the boundedness of the linear operator  $AE^{-1} : Y \rightarrow Y$  and  $-AE^{-1}$  generates a uniformly continuous semigroup  $T(t), t \geq 0$ , of bounded linear operators from  $Y$  into  $Y$ .

(H<sub>4</sub>). For some  $\lambda \in \rho(-AE^{-1})$ , the resolvent set of  $-AE^{-1}$ , the resolvent  $R(\lambda, -AE^{-1})$  is a compact operator.

Let  $T(t)$  be a uniformly continuous semigroup and let  $A$  be its infinitesimal generator. If the resolvent set  $R(\lambda : A)$  of  $A$  is compact for every  $\lambda \in \rho(A)$ , then  $T(t)$  is a compact semigroup [7].

From the above fact that  $-AE^{-1}$  generates a compact semigroup  $T(t), t \geq 0$ , and so  $\max_{t \in J} \|T(t)\|$  is finite and denote  $\alpha = \|E^{-1}\|$ . We need the following fixed-point theorem to prove our results.

SCHAEFER'S THEOREM. (See [27].) Let  $Z$  be a normed linear space. Let  $F : Z \rightarrow Z$  be a completely continuous operator, that is, it is continuous and the image of any bounded set is contained in a compact set, and let

$$\zeta(F) = \{x \in Z : x = \lambda Fx, \text{ for some } 0 < \lambda < 1\}.$$

Then either  $\zeta(F)$  is unbounded or  $F$  has a fixed point.

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THEOREM 3.1. Let  $f : I \times X^{n+1} \rightarrow Y$  and  $h : I \times X \rightarrow X$  be functions satisfying Conditions (i)–(iii). Assume that (H<sub>1</sub>)–(H<sub>4</sub>) hold. Further assume the following.

(iv) There exists a continuous function  $m : I \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  such that

$$|h(t, u)| \leq m(t)\Omega(|u|),$$

where  $\Omega : [0, \infty) \rightarrow (0, \infty)$  is a continuous nondecreasing function.

(v) There exists a continuous function  $p : I \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  such that

$$\|f(t, u_1, \dots, u_{n+1})\| \leq p(t)\Omega_0(|u_1| + \dots + |u_{n+1}|),$$

where  $\Omega_0 : [0, \infty) \rightarrow (0, \infty)$  is a continuous nondecreasing function.

(vi)  $k : \Delta \rightarrow R$  is a measurable function such that there exists a constant  $L > 0$  such that

$$|k(t, s)| \leq L, \quad \text{for } t \geq s \geq 0.$$

(vii)  $T(t)$  is a compact semigroup and there exists a constant  $M > 0$  such that

$$\|T(t)\| \leq M.$$

(viii)  $g : C(I : X) \rightarrow D(E) \subset X$ , is continuous, compact, and there exists a constant  $G > 0$  such that

$$\|Eg(u)\| \leq G, \quad \text{for } u \in C(I : X).$$

Further, if

$$\int_0^a m^*(s) ds < \int_c^\infty \frac{ds}{\Omega_0(s) + \Omega(s)},$$

where  $c = \alpha nM(\|Eu_0\| + G)$  and  $m^*(t) = \max\{n\alpha Mp(t), Lm(t)\}$ , then problem (1),(2) has at least one mild solution on  $I$ .

PROOF. We establish the existence of a mild solution of problem (1),(2) by applying the Schaefer fixed-point theorem. First, we obtain *a priori* bounds for the mild solutions of problem (3),(4), as in [18],

$$(Eu(t))' + Au(t) = \lambda f \left( t, u(\sigma_1(t)), \dots, u(\sigma_n(t)), \int_0^t k(t, s)h(s, u(\sigma_{n+1}(s))) ds \right), \quad (3)$$

$$u(0) = \lambda(u_0 - g(u)), \quad \lambda \in (0, 1). \quad (4)$$

Let  $u(t)$  be a mild solution of problem (3),(4). Then from the equation

$$u(t) = \lambda E^{-1}T(t)Eu_0 - \lambda E^{-1}T(t)Eg(u) + \lambda \int_0^t E^{-1}T(t-s)f \left( s, u(\sigma_1(s)), \dots, u(\sigma_n(s)), \int_0^s k(s, \tau)h(\tau, u(\sigma_{n+1}(\tau))) d\tau \right) ds,$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} |u(t)| &\leq \alpha M \|Eu_0\| + \alpha MG \\ &\quad + M \int_0^t \alpha \left\| f \left( s, u(\sigma_1(s)), \dots, u(\sigma_n(s)), \int_0^s k(s, \tau)h(\tau, u(\sigma_{n+1}(\tau))) d\tau \right) \right\| ds \\ &\leq \alpha M \|Eu_0\| + \alpha MG + M \int_0^t \alpha p(s)\Omega_0 \left[ |u(\sigma_1(s))| + \dots + |u(\sigma_n(s))| \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \int_0^s |k(s, \tau)| |h(\tau, u(\sigma_{n+1}(\tau)))| d\tau \right] ds \\ &\leq \alpha M \|Eu_0\| + \alpha MG + \alpha M \int_0^t p(s)\Omega_0 \left[ |u(\sigma_1(s))| + \dots + |u(\sigma_n(s))| \right. \\ &\quad \left. + L \int_0^s m(\tau)\Omega(|u(\sigma_{n+1}(\tau))|) d\tau \right] ds. \end{aligned}$$

Let us take the right-hand side of the above inequality as  $v(t)$ . Then we have  $v(0) = \alpha M(\|Eu_0\| + G)$ ,  $|u(t)| \leq v(t)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} v'(t) &\leq \alpha Mp(t)\Omega_0 \left[ |u(\sigma_1(t))| + \dots + |u(\sigma_n(t))| + L \int_0^t m(s)\Omega(|u(\sigma_{n+1}(s))|) ds \right] \\ &\leq \alpha Mp(t)\Omega_0 \left[ v(\sigma_1(t)) + \dots + v(\sigma_n(t)) + L \int_0^t m(s)\Omega(v(\sigma_{n+1}(s))) ds \right] \\ &\leq \alpha Mp(t)\Omega_0 \left[ v(t) + \dots + v(t) + L \int_0^t m(s)\Omega(v(\sigma_{n+1}(s))) ds \right] \\ &\leq \alpha Mp(t)\Omega_0 \left[ nv(t) + L \int_0^t m(s)\Omega(v(s)) ds \right], \end{aligned}$$

since  $v$  is obviously increasing and  $\sigma_i(t) \leq t, i = 1, \dots, n + 1$ .

Let  $w(t) = nv(t) + L \int_0^t m(s)\Omega(v(s)) ds$ .

Then  $w(0) = nv(0) = c, v(t) \leq w(t)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} w'(t) &= nv'(t) + Lm(t)\Omega(v(t)) \\ &\leq n\alpha Mp(t)\Omega_0(w(t)) + Lm(t)\Omega(w(t)) \\ &\leq m^*(t) [\Omega_0(w(t)) + \Omega(w(t))]. \end{aligned}$$

This implies

$$\int_{w(0)}^{w(t)} \frac{ds}{\Omega_0(s) + \Omega(s)} \leq \int_0^a m^*(s) ds < \int_c^\infty \frac{ds}{\Omega_0(s) + \Omega(s)}.$$

This inequality implies that there exists a constant  $K$  such that  $w(t) \leq K$ ,  $t \in I$ , and hence,  $u(t) \leq K$  where  $K$  depends only on  $a$  and on the functions  $m, p, \Omega_0$ , and  $\Omega$ .

Next we prove that the operator  $F : B = C(I, X) \rightarrow B$  defined by

$$(Fy)(t) = E^{-1}T(t)Eu_0 - E^{-1}T(t)Eg(y) + \int_0^t E^{-1}T(t-s)f\left(s, y(\sigma_1(s)), \dots, y(\sigma_n(s)), \int_0^s k(s, \tau)h(\tau, y(\sigma_{n+1}(\tau))) d\tau\right) ds$$

is a completely continuous operator.

Let  $B_r = \{y \in B : \|y\| \leq r\}$  for some  $r \geq 1$ . We first show that  $F$  maps  $B_r$  into an equicontinuous family. Let  $y \in B_r$  and  $t_1, t_2 \in I$  and  $\epsilon > 0$ . Then if  $0 < \epsilon < t_1 < t_2 \leq a$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & \| (Fy)(t_1) - (Fy)(t_2) \| \\ & \leq \| T(t_1) - T(t_2) \| \alpha (\|Eu_0\| + \|Eg(y)\|) + \int_0^{t_1} \alpha \| (T(t_1-s) - T(t_2-s)) \| \\ & \quad \times \left\| f\left(s, y(\sigma_1(s)), \dots, y(\sigma_n(s)), \int_0^s k(s, \tau)h(\tau, y(\sigma_{n+1}(\tau))) d\tau\right) \right\| ds \\ & \quad + \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \alpha \| T(t_2-s) \| \left\| f\left(s, y(\sigma_1(s)), \dots, y(\sigma_n(s)), \int_0^s k(s, \tau)h(\tau, y(\sigma_{n+1}(\tau))) d\tau\right) \right\| ds \\ & \leq \| T(t_1) - T(t_2) \| \alpha (\|Eu_0\| + G) + \int_0^{t_1} \alpha \| (T(t_1-s) - T(t_2-s)) \| h_r(s) ds \\ & \quad + \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \alpha \| T(t_2-s) \| h_r(s) ds. \end{aligned}$$

As  $t_2 - t_1 \rightarrow 0$ , the right-hand side of the above inequality tends to zero since the compactness of  $T(t)$  for  $t > 0$  implies the continuity in the uniform operator topology. Thus,  $F$  maps  $B_r$  into an equicontinuous family of functions. It is easy to see that the family  $FB_r$  is uniformly bounded.

Next we show that  $\overline{FB_r}$  is compact. Since we have proved that  $FB_r$  is an equicontinuous family, it is sufficient, by the Arzela-Ascoli theorem, to show that  $F$  maps  $B_r$  into a precompact set in  $X$ . This is clear when  $t = 0$ , the set  $Fy(0) = \{u_0 - g(y)\}$  is precompact in  $X$ , since  $g$  is compact.

Let  $0 < t \leq a$  be fixed and  $\epsilon$  a real number satisfying  $0 < \epsilon < t$ . For  $y \in B_r$ , we define

$$(F_\epsilon y)(t) = E^{-1}T(t)Eu_0 - E^{-1}T(t)Eg(y) + \int_0^{t-\epsilon} E^{-1}T(t-s)f\left(s, y(\sigma_1(s)), \dots, y(\sigma_n(s)), \int_0^s k(s, \tau)h(\tau, y(\sigma_{n+1}(\tau))) d\tau\right) ds.$$

Since  $T(t)$  is a compact operator, the set  $Y_\epsilon(t) = \{(F_\epsilon y)(t) : y \in B_r\}$  is precompact in  $X$ , for every  $\epsilon$ ,  $0 < \epsilon < t$ . Moreover, for every  $y \in B_r$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \| (Fy)(t) - (F_\epsilon y)(t) \| \\ & \leq \int_{t-\epsilon}^t \alpha \left\| T(t-s)f\left(s, y(\sigma_1(s)), \dots, y(\sigma_n(s)), \int_0^s k(s, \tau)h(\tau, y(\sigma_{n+1}(\tau))) d\tau\right) \right\| ds \\ & \leq \int_{t-\epsilon}^t \alpha \| T(t-s) \| h_r(s) ds. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, there are precompact sets arbitrarily close to the set  $\{(Fy)(t) : y \in B_r\}$ .

Hence, the set  $\{(Fy)(t) : y \in B_r\}$  is precompact in  $X$ .

It remains to be shown that  $F : B \rightarrow B$  is continuous. Let  $\{u_j\}$  be a sequence such that  $u_j \rightarrow u$  in  $B$ . Then there is an integer  $q$  such that  $\|u_j\| \leq q$  for all  $j$  and  $\|u\| \leq q$ ,  $t \in I$ , and so

$u_j \in B_q$  and  $u \in B_q$ . By (i) and (ii),

$$f \left( t, u_j(\sigma_1(t)), \dots, u_j(\sigma_n(t)), \int_0^t k(t,s)h(s, u_j(\sigma_{n+1}(s))) ds \right) \rightarrow f \left( t, u(\sigma_1(t)), \dots, u(\sigma_n(t)), \int_0^t k(t,s)h(s, u(\sigma_{n+1}(s))) ds \right),$$

for each  $t \in I$  and since

$$\left\| f \left( t, u_j(\sigma_1(t)), \dots, u_j(\sigma_n(t)), \int_0^t k(t,s)h(s, u_j(\sigma_{n+1}(s))) ds \right) - f \left( t, u(\sigma_1(t)), \dots, u(\sigma_n(t)), \int_0^t k(t,s)h(s, u(\sigma_{n+1}(s))) ds \right) \right\| \leq 2h_q(t),$$

we have, by dominated convergence theorem,

$$\begin{aligned} & \|Fu_j - Fu\| \\ &= \sup_{t \in I} \left\| \int_0^t E^{-1}T(t-s) \left\{ f \left( s, u_j(\sigma_1(s)), \dots, u_j(\sigma_n(s)), \int_0^s k(s,\tau)h(\tau, u_j(\sigma_{n+1}(\tau))) d\tau \right) - f \left( s, u(\sigma_1(s)), \dots, u(\sigma_n(s)), \int_0^s k(s,\tau)h(\tau, u(\sigma_{n+1}(\tau))) d\tau \right) \right\} ds \right\| \\ &\leq \sup_{t \in I} \int_0^t \|E^{-1}T(t-s)\| \left\| \left\{ f \left( s, u_j(\sigma_1(s)), \dots, u_j(\sigma_n(s)), \int_0^s k(s,\tau)h(\tau, u_j(\sigma_{n+1}(\tau))) d\tau \right) - f \left( s, u(\sigma_1(s)), \dots, u(\sigma_n(s)), \int_0^s k(s,\tau)h(\tau, u(\sigma_{n+1}(\tau))) d\tau \right) \right\} \right\| ds \rightarrow 0, \quad \text{as } j \rightarrow \infty. \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $F$  is continuous. This completes the proof that  $F$  is completely continuous.

We have already proved that the set  $\zeta(F) = \{y \in B : y = \lambda Fy, \lambda \in (0, 1)\}$  is bounded and, by Schaefer's theorem, the operator  $F$  has a fixed point in  $B$ . This means that problem (1),(2) has a mild solution.

**THEOREM 3.2.** *Let Assumptions (i)–(viii) in Theorem 3.1 be satisfied and the following additional assumptions hold.*

- (ix)  $Y$  is a reflexive Banach space and  $B_r = \{y \in B : \|y\| \leq r\}$ .
- (x)  $f : I \times X^{n+1} \rightarrow Y$  is continuous in  $t$  on  $I$  and there exists constants  $N_0 > 0$  and  $N > 0$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} & \|f(t, u_1, \dots, u_{n+1})\| \leq N_0, \\ & \|f(s, u_1, \dots, u_{n+1}) - f(t, v_1, \dots, v_{n+1})\| \leq N [|s - t| + |u_1 - v_1| + \dots + |u_{n+1} - v_{n+1}|], \\ & s, t \in I, \quad u_i, v_i \in B_r, \quad i = 1, \dots, n + 1. \end{aligned}$$

- (xi)  $k : \Delta \rightarrow R$  is such that there exists a constant  $L^* > 0$  such that

$$|k(t, \tau) - k(s, \tau)| \leq L^*|t - s|.$$

- (xii)  $u$  is the unique mild solution of problem (1),(2) and there is a constant  $\gamma$  such that

$$|u(\sigma_i(s)) - u(\sigma_i(t))| \leq \gamma|u(s) - u(t)|, \quad \text{for } t, s \in I \text{ and } i = 1, \dots, n.$$

Then  $u$  is the unique strong solution of problem (1),(2) on  $I$ .

PROOF. Since all the assumptions of Theorem 3.1 are satisfied, then problem (1),(2) possesses a mild solution  $u$  which, according to Assumption (xii), is the unique mild solution of problem (1),(2).

Now we show that this mild solution is the unique strong solution of problem (1),(2) on  $I$ . For any  $t \in I$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} u(t+h) - u(t) &= E^{-1}[T(t+h) - T(t)]Eu_0 - E^{-1}[T(t+h) - T(t)]Eg(u) \\ &+ \int_0^h E^{-1}T(t+h-s)f(s, u(\sigma_1(s)), \dots, u(\sigma_n(s)), \int_0^s k(s, \tau)h(\tau, u(\sigma_{n+1}(\tau))) d\tau) ds \\ &+ \int_h^{t+h} E^{-1}T(t+h-s)f(s, u(\sigma_1(s)), \dots, u(\sigma_n(s)), \int_0^s k(s, \tau)h(\tau, u(\sigma_{n+1}(\tau))) d\tau) ds \\ &- \int_0^t E^{-1}T(t-s)f(s, u(\sigma_1(s)), \dots, u(\sigma_n(s)), \int_0^s k(s, \tau)h(\tau, u(\sigma_{n+1}(\tau))) d\tau) ds. \end{aligned}$$

From our assumptions, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|u(t+h) - u(t)\| &\leq \alpha \|T(t+h) - T(t)\| (\|Eu_0\| + \|Eg(u)\|) + \alpha MN_0h \\ &+ \int_0^t \left\| E^{-1}T(t-s) \left[ f \left( s+h, u(\sigma_1(s+h)), \dots, u(\sigma_n(s+h)), \right. \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. \times \int_0^{s+h} k(s+h, \tau)h(\tau, u(\sigma_{n+1}(\tau))) d\tau \right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. - f \left( s, u(\sigma_1(s)), \dots, u(\sigma_n(s)), \int_0^s k(s, \tau)h(\tau, u(\sigma_{n+1}(\tau))) d\tau \right) \right] \right\| ds \\ &\leq \alpha \|T(t+h) - T(t)\| (\|Eu_0\| + \|Eg(u)\|) + \alpha Mh(N_0 + Na) \\ &+ \alpha MN \left[ \int_0^t (|u(\sigma_1(s+h)) - u(\sigma_1(s))| + \dots + |u(\sigma_n(s+h)) - u(\sigma_n(s))|) ds \right. \\ &\quad \left. + a \left| \int_0^{s+h} k(s+h, \tau)h(\tau, u(\sigma_{n+1}(\tau))) d\tau - \int_0^s k(s, \tau)h(\tau, u(\sigma_{n+1}(\tau))) d\tau \right| \right] \\ &\leq \alpha hM \|AE^{-1}\| (\|Eu_0\| + G) + \alpha Mh(N_0 + Na) \\ &+ \alpha MNah(L^*a + L) + \alpha MN \int_0^t n\gamma|u(s+h) - u(s)| ds \\ &\leq Qh + P \int_0^t |u(s+h) - u(s)| ds, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} Q &= \alpha M \|AE^{-1}\| (\|Eu_0\| + G) + \alpha M(N_0 + Na) + \alpha MNa(L^*a + L), \\ P &= \alpha \gamma MNn. \end{aligned}$$

Using Gronwall's inequality, we get

$$\|u(t+h) - u(t)\| \leq hQe^{Pa}, \quad t \in I.$$

Therefore,  $u$  is Lipschitz continuous on  $I$ .

The Lipschitz continuity of  $u$  on  $I$ , combined with (x), gives that

$$t \rightarrow f \left( t, u(\sigma_1(t)), \dots, u(\sigma_n(t)), \int_0^t k(t, s)h(s, u(\sigma_{n+1}(s))) ds \right)$$

is Lipschitz continuous on  $I$ . Using Corollary 2.11 in Section 4.2 in [7] and the definition of strong solution, we observe that the linear Cauchy problem

$$\begin{aligned} (Ev(t))' + Av(t) &= f\left(t, u(\sigma_1(t)), \dots, u(\sigma_n(t)), \int_0^t k(t, s)h(s, u(\sigma_{n+1}(s))) ds\right), \\ v(0) &= u_0 - g(u), \end{aligned}$$

has a unique strong solution  $v$  satisfying the equation

$$\begin{aligned} v(t) &= E^{-1}T(t)Eu_0 - E^{-1}T(t)Eg(u) \\ &\quad + \int_0^t E^{-1}T(t-s)f\left(s, u(\sigma_1(s)), \dots, u(\sigma_n(s)), \int_0^s k(s, \tau)h(\tau, u(\sigma_{n+1}(\tau))) d\tau\right) ds \\ &= u(t). \end{aligned}$$

Consequently,  $u$  is the unique strong solution of problem (1),(2) on  $I$ .

### 4. EXAMPLE

Consider the partial integrodifferential equation of the form

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial t}[z(t, x) - z_{xx}(t, x)] &= \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} z(t, x) + \frac{1}{(1+t)(1+t^2)} \left[ z(\sin t, x) + \sin z(t, x) \int_0^t e^{-z(\sin s, x)} ds \right], \\ 0 \leq x \leq \pi, \quad t \in J = [0, 1], & \tag{5} \\ z(0, t) = z(\pi, t) = 0, \quad t \in J, \quad z(x, 0) + g(z) &= z_0(x) \in C^2[0, \pi], \end{aligned}$$

where  $g(z) = \int_0^a z(s, x) ds$ ,  $a < 1$ , satisfies the Lipchitz condition.

Take  $X = Y = L^2[0, \pi]$  and let

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^t k(t, s)h(s, z(\sigma(s)))(x) ds &= \frac{\sin z(t, x)}{(1+t)(1+t^2)} \int_0^t e^{-z(\sin s, x)} ds, \\ f(t, z(\sigma(t))) \int_0^t k(t, s)h(s, z(\sigma(s))) ds(x) &= \frac{1}{(1+t)(1+t^2)}, \\ &\quad \left[ z(\sin t, x) + \sin z(t, x) \int_0^t e^{-z(\sin s, x)} ds \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Define the operators  $A : D(A) \subset X \rightarrow Y$  and  $E : D(E) \subset X \rightarrow Y$  by

$$Aw = w'' \quad \text{and} \quad Ew = w - w'',$$

where each domain  $D(A)$  and  $D(E)$  is given by

$$\{w \in X : w, w' \text{ are absolutely continuous, } w'' \in X, w(0) = w(\pi) = 0\}.$$

Then  $A$  and  $E$  can be written, respectively, as

$$\begin{aligned} Aw &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^2 (w, w_n) w_n, & w \in D(A), \\ Ew &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 + n^2) (w, w_n) w_n, & w \in D(E), \end{aligned}$$



where  $w_n(x) = \sqrt{2/\pi} \sin nx$ ,  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ , is the orthogonal set of vectors of  $A$ . Furthermore, for  $w \in X$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} E^{-1}w &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{1+n^2} (w, w_n) w_n, \\ AE^{-1}w &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{-n^2}{1+n^2} (w, w_n) w_n, \\ T(t)w &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \exp\left(\frac{-n^2 t}{1+n^2}\right) (w, w_n) w_n. \end{aligned}$$

It is easy to see that  $AE^{-1}$  generates a strongly continuous semigroup  $T(t)$  on  $Y$  and  $T(t)$  is compact such that  $|T(t)| \leq e^{-t}$  for each  $t > 0$ . Further, we have

$$\left| \frac{1}{(1+t)(1+t^2)} \left[ z(\sin t, x) + \sin z(t, x) \int_0^t e^{-z(\sin s, x)} ds \right] \right| \leq \frac{1}{(1+t^2)} |z|.$$

Moreover, all the other conditions stated in Theorem 3.1 are satisfied. Hence, equation (5) has a mild solution on  $[0, 1]$ .

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