

SOLUTIONS OF DELAY EQUATIONS IN BANACH SPACES

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ABSTRACT

The aim of this talk is to show two characterizations of well-posedness for the equation

$$(1) \quad u'(t) = Au(t) + Fu_t + f(t), \quad t \in \mathbb{R},$$

where $(A, D(A))$ is a closed linear operator on a Banach space X , $u_t(\cdot) = u(t+\cdot)$ on $[-r, 0]$, $r > 0$, and the delay operator F is supposed to belong to $\mathcal{B}(L^p([-r, 0], X), X)$ for some $1 \leq p < \infty$ or $\mathcal{B}(C([-r, 0], X), X)$.

First studies on equation (1) goes back to J. Hale and G. Webb. A general and systematic study of linear delay equations with emphasis on the qualitative behavior and asymptotic properties can be found in the recent monograph by Bátkai and Piazzera [1]. The problem to characterize the well-posedness of (1) arises naturally from recent studies on maximal regularity and their application to nonlinear problems in the theory of evolution equations, see the recent monograph by Denk-Hieber-Prüss [2] and references therein. Our main tool to solve the problem is the connection between differential equations and operator-valued Fourier multipliers as noticed in [3, 4].

We first show necessary and sufficient conditions in order to obtain existence and uniqueness of periodic solutions for equation (1) in the periodic Lebesgue spaces $L^p(\mathbb{T}, X)$, $1 < p < \infty$ (see [5]). In contrast with earlier papers on the subject, we do not assume that A generates a C_0 -semigroup. Instead, our results involves UMD -spaces and R -boundedness, which are not too restrictive conditions for applications concerning nonlinear problems.

In the second part, we are able to obtain necessary and sufficient conditions in order to guarantee well-posedness of the delay equation (1) in the Hölder spaces $C^\alpha(\mathbb{R}, X)$ ($0 < \alpha < 1$), and under the condition that X is a B -convex space (see [6]). We stress that also here A is not necessarily the generator of a C_0 -semigroup and that now, in contrast with the case of Lebesgue spaces, the condition of R -boundedness is not required.

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