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ON THE EXISTENCE AND UNIQUENESS OF SOLUTION
OF THE CAUCHY PROBLEM FOR A CLASS OF LINEAR
INTEGRO-DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS

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INTRODUCTION

Some problems in the theory of viscoelasticity [1], [2] may be described by means of integro-differential equations. In the present paper a class of problems is considered, which includes these physical examples. The weak solution is defined on the variational basis [3] and its existence, uniqueness and continuous dependence on the given data proved, using the theory of integral equations of Volterra's type in Banach spaces.

Sections 1 and 4 deal with the equations of the first order in time coordinate, Sections 2 and 5 with equations of the second order. The theory is restricted to the equations only, possessing the highest spatial derivative by the term with the highest time derivative. In Section 3 the existence and uniqueness theorem for integral equations of Volterra's type in a Banach space is proved.

1. THE PROBLEM OF THE FIRST ORDER AND THE CORRESPONDING
INTEGRAL EQUATION

Let a bounded interval $I = \langle 0, T \rangle$ and a basic Hilbert space H be given, with the scalar product (u, v) and the norm $|u| = (u, u)^{1/2}$.

V will denote a Hilbert space with the scalar product $((u, v))$ and the norm $\|u\| = ((u, u))^{1/2}$.

$L_2(I, X_0)$ will denote the space of functions $u(t)$, mapping the interval I into a part X_0 of a Banach space X , and such that

$$\int_0^T |u|_X^2 dt < \infty .$$

Similarly, $L_2(I \times I, X_0)$ is defined.

$\mathcal{L}(X, Y)$ denotes the space of linear continuous mappings of a Hilbert space X into a Hilbert space Y . Let us denote $u'(t) = du/dt$ and the domain of the operator A by D_A .

Consider the following equation in H

$$(1) \quad \frac{d}{dt} (B(t) u(t)) + A_0(t) u(t) + \int_0^t A_1(t, \tau) u(\tau) d\tau = f(t)$$

and the initial condition

$$(2) \quad u(0) = u_0.$$

Here $B(t)$, $A_0(t)$, $A_1(t, \tau)$ are linear (in general unbounded) operators in H . Assume that there exists a Hilbert space V , positive constants c, β and operators $\mathcal{B}(t) \in \mathcal{L}(V, V)$ for all $t \in I$, such that

$$(3) \quad V \subset H, \quad \|u\| \geq c|u| \quad \text{for every } u \in V,$$

$$(3') \quad D_{B(t)} \text{ is dense in } V \text{ for all } t \in I,$$

$$(4) \quad ((\mathcal{B}(t) u, v)) = (B(t) u, v) \quad \text{for } u \in D_{B(t)}, v \in V, t \in I,$$

$$(5) \quad ((\mathcal{B}(t) u, u)) \geq \beta \|u\|^2 \quad \text{for } u \in V, t \in I \text{ and}$$

$$(5') \quad ((\mathcal{B}(t) u, v)) \text{ is bounded on } I \text{ for any fixed } u, v \in V.$$

Furthermore, assume that the operators $\mathcal{A}_0(t) \in \mathcal{L}(V, V)$ and $\mathcal{A}_1(t, \tau) \in \mathcal{L}(V, V)$ exist for almost all $t \in I$ and $t, \tau \in I$, respectively, such that

$$(6) \quad ((\mathcal{A}_0(t) u, v)) = (A_0(t) u, v),$$

$$(7) \quad ((\mathcal{A}_1(t, \tau) u, v)) = (A_1(t, \tau) u, v),$$

$$\mathcal{A}_1(t, \tau) = \Theta \quad \text{for } t < \tau$$

hold for almost all $t \in I, v \in V, u \in D_{A_0(t)} \cap V$ and almost all $t, \tau \in I, u \in D_{A_1(t, \tau)} \cap V$, respectively.

Finally, let

$$(8) \quad \mathcal{A}_0(t) \in L_2(I; \mathcal{L}(V, V)),$$

$$(9) \quad \mathcal{A}_1(t, \tau) \in L_2(I \times I; \mathcal{L}(V, V))$$

and $u_0 \in V, f \in L_2(I; H)$.

Remark 1. In case of differential operators, the above-mentioned conditions imply that the operators A_0 and A_1 may involve only spatial derivatives, the order of which is bounded from above by the order of the spatial derivatives of the operator B .

Define

$$(10) \quad \mathcal{A}_2(t, \tau) = \int_{\tau}^t \mathcal{A}_1(z, \tau) dz,$$

$$(11) \quad \mathcal{K}_0(t, \tau) = \mathcal{A}_0(\tau) + \mathcal{A}_2(t, \tau).$$

It is obvious that $\mathcal{K}_0(t, \tau) \in L_2(I \times I; \mathcal{L}(V, V))$. In fact,

$$(11') \quad \|\mathcal{A}_2(t, \tau)\| = 0 \quad \text{for } \tau > t,$$

$$\|\mathcal{A}_2(t, \tau)\|^2 \leq \int_{\tau}^t dz \int_{\tau}^t \|\mathcal{A}_1(z, \tau)\|^2 dz \leq T \int_0^T \|\mathcal{A}_1(z, \tau)\|^2 dz \quad \text{for } \tau \leq t.$$

Definition 1. (Weak solution of the Cauchy problem.) *We say that a function u is a solution of the Cauchy problem $\mathcal{P}(u_0, f)$, if $u \in L_2(I; V)$ and*

$$(12) \quad \int_0^T \left(\mathcal{B}(t) u(t) + \int_0^t \mathcal{K}_0(t, \tau) u(\tau) d\tau, \varphi(t) \right) dt = \\ = \int_0^T \left[\left(\int_0^t f(\tau) d\tau, \varphi(t) \right) + ((\mathcal{B}(0) u_0, \varphi(t))) \right] dt$$

holds for every $\varphi \in L_2(I; D_{B(t)})$.

Remark 2. Let us suppose the "convolution symmetry" of the operators, occurring in (1), i.e., let

$$\int_0^T (B(t) u(t), v(T-t)) dt = \int_0^T (B(t) v(t), u(T-t)) dt, \\ \int_0^T \left(A_0(t) u(t) + \int_0^t A_1(t, \tau) u(\tau) d\tau, v(T-t) \right) dt = \\ = \int_0^T \left(A_0(t) v(t) + \int_0^t A_1(t, \tau) v(\tau) d\tau, u(T-t) \right) dt.$$

Then (12) means the condition of the stationary value for the functional (see [3])

$$(13) \quad \mathcal{F}(u) = \int_0^T \left\{ \left(\mathcal{B}(t) u(t) + \int_0^t \left[\mathcal{A}_0(\tau) u(\tau) + \int_0^{\tau} \mathcal{A}_1(\tau, z) u(z) dz \right] d\tau - \right. \right. \\ \left. \left. - 2 \mathcal{B}(0) u_0, u(T-t) \right) \right\} - 2 \left(\int_0^t f(\tau) d\tau, u(T-t) \right) \Big\} dt,$$

if we set $\delta u(T-t) = \varphi(t)$.

Remark 3. The relation (12) follows from (1) formally, if we integrate it with respect to t , insert (2), multiply by $\varphi(t)$ in H , extend the result with the use of (4), (6), (7) and integrate over I .

Example. Some three-dimensional problems of linear viscoelasticity for ageing isotropic and homogeneous materials ([1], [2]) may be described in terms of displacements $u_i(X, t)$, ($i = 1, 2, 3$), $X \in \Omega \subset E_3$, $t \in I$, by an integro-differential equation

$$(14) \quad Lu(X, t) - \int_0^t K_0(t, \tau) Lu(X, \tau) d\tau = F(t),$$

where $K_0(t, \tau)$ is a real continuous function on $I \times I$ with continuous $\partial K_0(t, \tau)/\partial t$, Lu is a vector-function with the components

$$(Lu)_i = \nabla^2 u_i + (c_0 + \frac{1}{3}) \sum_{k=1}^3 \frac{\partial^2 u_k}{\partial x_k \partial x_i}$$

(where c_0 is a positive constant, ∇^2 Laplace operator). For simplicity, we shall consider the conditions

$$u_i(t) = 0$$

on the boundary of the (bounded) region Ω , for all $t \in I$. Let us set

$$H = [L_2(\Omega)]^3, \quad B(t) = L, \quad V = [\dot{W}_2^{(1)}(\Omega)]^3, \quad D_{B(t)} = [\mathcal{D}(\Omega)]^3.$$

Here $\mathcal{D}(\Omega)$ denotes the set of functions having continuous derivatives of all orders and a compact support in Ω . $\dot{W}_2^{(1)}(\Omega)$ denotes the closure of $\mathcal{D}(\Omega)$ in the sense of the norm of $W_2^{(1)}(\Omega)$, i.e.,

$$\|u\|_{W_2^{(1)}(\Omega)}^2 = \int_{\Omega} \left[u^2 + \sum_{i=1}^3 \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x_i} \right)^2 \right] dX.$$

Extending the product (Lu, \mathbf{v}) according to (4), we derive

$$((\mathcal{B}u, \mathbf{v})) = \int_{\Omega} \sum_{i,k=1}^3 \left[\frac{\partial u_k}{\partial x_i} + (c_0 + \frac{1}{3}) \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_k} \right] \frac{\partial v_k}{\partial x_i} dX,$$

where

$$((u, \mathbf{v})) = \int_{\Omega} \sum_{i,k=1}^3 \frac{\partial u_k}{\partial x_i} \frac{\partial v_k}{\partial x_i} dX.$$

Consequently, \mathcal{B} is defined by means of

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} (\mathcal{B}u)_k = \frac{\partial u_k}{\partial x_i} + (c_0 + \frac{1}{3}) \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_k}.$$

Evidently, $\mathcal{B} \in \mathcal{L}(V, V)$, because

$$\|\mathcal{B}\|^2 \leq 2 \max [1, (c_0 + \frac{1}{3})^2]$$

and the inequality (5) holds. In fact, the operator \mathcal{B} corresponds with that of isotropic elasticity with the Poisson's ratio

$$\nu = \frac{1}{2} - (2c_0 + \frac{2}{3})^{-1}.$$

Consequently, $-1 < \nu < \frac{1}{2}$ for $c_0 > 0$ and the quadratic form of the strain energy in terms of strain tensor components is positive definite. Then (5) follows from so called KORN's inequality (see [4], [5]). The operators A_0 and A_1 are defined by means of

$$A_0(t) = -K_0(t, t) L, \quad A_1(t, \tau) = -\frac{\partial}{\partial t} K_0(t, \tau) L,$$

as follows from (14) by differentiation with respect to t and by comparison with (1). Then (8) and (9) can be verified for

$$\mathcal{A}_0(t) = -K_0(t, t) \mathcal{B}, \quad \mathcal{A}_1(t, \tau) = -\frac{\partial}{\partial t} K_0(t, \tau) \mathcal{B}.$$

Suppose $\mathbf{u}_0 \in [\dot{W}_2^{(1)}(\Omega)]^3$, $\mathbf{f} \in L_2(I; [L_2(\Omega)]^3)$ are given and

$$\mathbf{F}(t) = \int_0^t \mathbf{f}(\tau) d\tau.$$

The solution of the Cauchy problem $\mathcal{P}(u_0, f)$ is any function $\mathbf{u} \in L_2(I; [\dot{W}_2^{(1)}(\Omega)]^3)$, satisfying (according to (12)) the relation

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^T \int_{\Omega} \left\{ \sum_{i,k=1}^3 \left[\frac{\partial u_k(t)}{\partial x_i} + (c_0 + \frac{1}{3}) \frac{\partial u_i(t)}{\partial x_k} - \int_0^t K_0(t, \tau) \left[\frac{\partial u_k(\tau)}{\partial x_i} + \right. \right. \right. \\ & \quad \left. \left. \left. + (c_0 + \frac{1}{3}) \frac{\partial u_i(\tau)}{\partial x_k} \right] d\tau \right\} \frac{\partial \varphi_k(t)}{\partial x_i} dX dt = \\ & = \int_0^T \int_{\Omega} \left\{ F_i(t) \varphi_i(t) + \sum_{i,k=1}^3 \left(\frac{\partial u_{0k}}{\partial x_i} + (c_0 + \frac{1}{3}) \frac{\partial u_{0i}}{\partial x_k} \right) \frac{\partial \varphi_k(t)}{\partial x_i} \right\} dX dt \end{aligned}$$

for every $\varphi \in L_2(I; [\mathcal{D}(\Omega)]^3)$.

In accordance with Definition 1, we shall consider the integral equation

$$(15) \quad \mathcal{B}(t) u(t) + \int_0^t \mathcal{K}_0(t, \tau) u(\tau) d\tau = G(t),$$

in $L_2(I; V)$, where $G(t) \in V$ is defined by means of the relation

$$(15') \quad ((G(t), \varphi)) = ((\mathcal{B}(0) u_0, \varphi)) + \left(\int_0^t f(\tau) d\tau, \varphi \right)$$

for every $\varphi \in V$, $t \in I$.

Note that the norms $\|\mathcal{B}(t)\|$ are bounded on I . This may be concluded on the base of (5') (see Lemma 1 in [6]). Hence we can prove easily, that $G(t) \in L_2(I; V)$. In fact,

$$\|G(t)\| \leq \mathcal{B}_1 \|u_0\| + T^{1/2} c^{-1} \left(\int_0^T |f(t)|^2 dt \right)^{1/2},$$

where \mathcal{B}_1 is the upper bound of $\|\mathcal{B}(t)\|$, consequently

$$(16) \quad \int_0^T \|G(t)\|^2 dt \leq 2T \left(\mathcal{B}_1 \|u_0\|^2 + Tc^{-2} \int_0^T |f(t)|^2 dt \right).$$

2. THE PROBLEM OF THE SECOND ORDER AND THE CORRESPONDING INTEGRAL EQUATION

Consider the equation

$$(17) \quad \frac{d}{dt} (C(t) u'(t)) + B_0(t) u'(t) + \int_0^t B_1(t, \tau) u'(\tau) d\tau + \\ + A_0(t) u(t) + \int_0^t A_1(t, \tau) u(\tau) d\tau = f(t)$$

in H and the initial conditions

$$(18) \quad u(0) = u_0, \quad u'(0) = v_0.$$

Here $A_0(t)$, $A_1(t, \tau)$, $B_0(t)$, $B_1(t, \tau)$ and $C(t)$ are linear operators in H . Assume that three Hilbert spaces $V_A, V_B, V_C \subset H$, positive constants $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, c_1$ and operators $\mathcal{A}_0(t)$, $\mathcal{B}_0(t)$, $\mathcal{C}(t)$ exist such that

$$(19) \quad \|u\|_A \geq \frac{1}{2}|u|, \quad \|u\|_B \geq \beta|u|, \quad \|u\|_C \geq \gamma|u|,$$

$$(20) \quad ((\mathcal{A}_0(t) u, v))_A = (A_0(t) u, v) \quad \text{for } u \in D_{A_0(t)} \subset V_A, \quad v \in V_A, \quad t \in I, \\ ((\mathcal{B}_0(t) u, v))_B = (B_0(t) u, v) \quad \text{for } u \in D_{B_0(t)} \subset V_B, \quad v \in V_B, \quad t \in I, \\ ((\mathcal{C}(t) u, v))_C = (C(t) u, v) \quad \text{for } u \in D_{C(t)} \subset V_C, \quad v \in V_C, \quad t \in I,$$

$$(21) \quad \mathcal{A}_0(t) \in \mathcal{L}(V_A, V_A), \quad \mathcal{B}_0(t) \in \mathcal{L}(V_B, V_B), \quad \mathcal{C}(t) \in \mathcal{L}(V_C, V_C),$$

$$(22) \quad ((\mathcal{C}(t) u, u))_C \geq c_1 \|u\|_C^2 \quad \text{for } t \in I, \quad u \in V_C \quad \text{and} \\ ((\mathcal{C}(t) u, v))_C \quad \text{is bounded on } I \text{ for every fixed } u, v \in V_C.$$

Suppose that

$$(23) \quad V = V_A \cap V_B \cap V_C$$

is not empty nor restricted to zero element only. Let us define the norm in V by

$$\|u\|^2 = \|u\|_A^2 + \|u\|_B^2 + \|u\|_C^2$$

and suppose that

$$(24) \quad \|u\| \leq c_2 \|u\|_C.$$

The latter inequality implies, in case of differential operators, that the operator C contains the spatial derivatives of the maximal order in the equation (17).

Choosing a fixed $u \in V$,

$$g(v) = ((\mathcal{A}_0(t) u, v))_A$$

is a continuous functional on V , because

$$|((\mathcal{A}_0(t) u, v))_A| \leq \|\mathcal{A}_0(t)\| \|u\|_A \|v\|.$$

Therefore an operator $\mathcal{A}_{00}(t) \in \mathcal{L}(V, V)$ exists, such that

$$((\mathcal{A}_0(t) u, v))_A = ((\mathcal{A}_{00}(t) u, v)) \quad \text{for } u, v \in V,$$

where

$$\|\mathcal{A}_{00}(t) u\| = \sup_{\|v\|=1} |((\mathcal{A}_0(t) u, v))_A| \leq \|\mathcal{A}_0(t)\| \|u\|,$$

consequently

$$(25) \quad \|\mathcal{A}_{00}(t)\| \leq \|\mathcal{A}_0(t)\|.$$

In the same way, we define the operators $\mathcal{B}_{00}(t) \in \mathcal{L}(V, V)$ and $\mathcal{C}_{00}(t) \in \mathcal{L}(V, V)$ on the base of operators $\mathcal{B}_0(t)$ and $\mathcal{C}(t)$, respectively.

Furthermore, let us assume that operators $\mathcal{A}_1(t, \tau) \in \mathcal{L}(V, V)$ and $\mathcal{B}_1(t, \tau) \in \mathcal{L}(V, V)$ exist for almost all $t, \tau \in I$, such that

$$(26) \quad \begin{aligned} ((\mathcal{A}_1(t, \tau) u, v)) &= (A_1(t, \tau) u, v), \\ ((\mathcal{B}_1(t, \tau) u, v)) &= (B_1(t, \tau) u, v) \end{aligned}$$

holds for almost all $t, \tau \in I$, $t \geq \tau$, $v \in V$, $u \in D_{A_1(t, \tau)} \cap V$ and $u \in D_{B_1(t, \tau)} \cap V$, respectively, $\mathcal{A}_1(t, \tau) = \mathcal{B}_1(t, \tau) = \Theta$ for $t < \tau$.

Let

$$(27) \quad \mathcal{A}_0(t) \in L_2(I; \mathcal{L}(V_A, V_A)), \quad \mathcal{B}_0(t) \in L_2(I; \mathcal{L}(V_B, V_B)).$$

Then by virtue of (25) and an analogous inequality

$$\mathcal{A}_{00}(t), \mathcal{B}_{00}(t) \in L_2(I; \mathcal{L}(V, V)).$$

The norms $\|\mathcal{C}_{00}(t)\|$ are bounded on I . This follows from (21), (22) and an analogue of (25) (see Lemma 1 in [6]).

Moreover, let

$$(28) \quad \begin{aligned} \mathcal{A}_1(t, \tau), \mathcal{B}_1(t, \tau) &\in L_2(I \times I; \mathcal{L}(V, V)), \\ u_0, v_0 &\in V, \quad f \in L_2(I; H). \end{aligned}$$

Define

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{A}_{01}(t, \tau) &= \int_{\tau}^t \mathcal{A}_{00}(z) dz \quad \text{for } t \geq \tau, \quad \mathcal{A}_{01}(t, \tau) = \Theta \quad \text{for } t < \tau, \\ \mathcal{A}_2(t, \tau) &= \int_{\tau}^t \mathcal{A}_1(z, \tau) dz, \quad \mathcal{B}_2(t, \tau) = \int_{\tau}^t \mathcal{B}_1(z, \tau) dz, \\ \mathcal{A}_3(t, \tau) &= \int_{\tau}^t \left(\int_{\tau}^z \mathcal{A}_1(z, s) ds \right) dz. \end{aligned}$$

Setting

$$\mathcal{K}_0(t, \tau) = \mathcal{B}_{00}(\tau) + \mathcal{B}_2(t, \tau) + \mathcal{A}_{01}(t, \tau) + \mathcal{A}_3(t, \tau),$$

we obtain

$$(29) \quad \mathcal{K}_0(t, \tau) \in L_2(I \times I; \mathcal{L}(V, V)).$$

This can be proved, using the following inequalities together with (25), (27) and (28)

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^T \int_0^T \|\mathcal{B}_{00}(\tau)\|^2 dt d\tau &\leq T \int_0^T \|\mathcal{B}_0(\tau)\|^2 d\tau, \\ \int_0^T \int_0^T \|\mathcal{A}_{01}(t, \tau)\|^2 dt d\tau &\leq \int_0^T \int_0^T \left(\int_{\tau}^t \|\mathcal{A}_{00}(z)\| dz \right)^2 dt d\tau \leq T^3 \int_0^T \|\mathcal{A}_0(z)\|^2 dz, \\ \|\mathcal{A}_3(t, \tau)\|^2 &\leq \left[\int_{\tau}^t \left(\int_{\tau}^z \|\mathcal{A}_1(z, s)\| ds \right) dz \right]^2 \leq T^2 \int_0^T \int_0^T \|\mathcal{A}_1(z, s)\|^2 dz ds. \end{aligned}$$

$\mathcal{B}_2(t, \tau)$ is quite analogous to $\mathcal{A}_2(t, \tau)$ in (10), therefore we have an analogue to (11').

Definition 2. (Weak solution of the Cauchy problem.) *Let $D(I)$ denote the linear manifold of functions $\varphi \in L_2(I; V)$, for which $\varphi' \in L_2(I; V)$, $\varphi(T) = \Theta$. We say that a function u is a solution of the Cauchy problem $\mathcal{P}(u_0, v_0, f)$, if $u \in L_2(I; V)$, $u' \in L_2(I; V)$, $u(0) = u_0$ and*

$$(30) \quad \begin{aligned} &\int_0^T \left(\left(\mathcal{E}_{00}(t) u'(t) + \int_0^t \mathcal{K}_0(t, \tau) u'(\tau) d\tau, \varphi(t) \right) \right) dt = \\ &= \int_0^T \left\{ \left(\left(\mathcal{E}_{00}(0) v_0 - \mathcal{A}_{01}(t, 0) u_0 - \int_0^t \mathcal{A}_2(t, \tau) u_0 d\tau, \varphi(t) \right) \right) + \left(\int_0^t f(\tau) d\tau, \varphi(t) \right) \right\} dt \end{aligned}$$

holds for every $\varphi \in D(I)$.

Remark 4. Let the operators be “symmetric in convolutions” in the following sense

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^T (C(t) u(t), v(T-t)) dt &= \int_0^T (C(t) v(t), u(T-t)) dt, \\ \frac{d}{dt} \int_0^t (C(\tau) u(\tau), v(t-\tau)) d\tau|_{t=T} &= \frac{d}{dt} \int_0^t (C(\tau) v(\tau), u(t-\tau)) d\tau|_{t=T}, \\ \int_0^t \left(B_0(\tau) u(\tau) + \int_0^\tau B_1(\tau, z) u(z) dz, v(t-\tau) \right) d\tau &= \\ = \int_0^t \left(B_0(\tau) v(\tau) + \int_0^\tau B_1(\tau, z) v(z) dz, u(t-\tau) \right) d\tau \end{aligned}$$

for any $t \in I$ and let an analogous equation hold for $A_0(t)$ and $A_1(t, \tau)$. Then (30) means the condition of the stationary value of the functional ([3])

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}(u) &= \int_0^T \left\{ \left(\mathcal{C}_{00}(t) u'(t) + \int_0^t \left(\mathcal{B}_{00}(\tau) u'(\tau) + \int_0^\tau \mathcal{B}_1(\tau, z) u'(z) dz \right) d\tau + \right. \right. \\ &+ \left. \int_0^t \left(\mathcal{A}_{00}(\tau) u(\tau) + \int_0^\tau \mathcal{A}_1(\tau, z) u(z) dz \right) d\tau - 2 \mathcal{C}_{00}(0) v_0 - \right. \\ &\left. - \mathcal{B}_{00}(t) u_0 - \int_0^t \mathcal{B}_1(t, \tau) u_0 d\tau, u(T-t) \right) - 2 \left(\int_0^t f(\tau) d\tau, u(T-t) \right) \Big\} dt - \\ &- ((u_0, \mathcal{C}_{00}(T) u(T))), \end{aligned}$$

if we insert

$$(31) \quad u(t) = u_0 + \int_0^t u'(\tau) d\tau$$

and set $\delta u(T-t) = \varphi(t)$.

Remark 5. The relation (30) follows from (17) formally, if we integrate it on $(0, t)$ with respect to t , insert (31), multiply by φ in H , extend the result with the use of (20), (26) and integrate over I .

In accordance with Definition 2, we shall consider the integral equation

$$(32) \quad \mathcal{C}_{00}(t) u'(t) + \int_0^t \mathcal{K}_0(t, \tau) u'(\tau) d\tau = G(t)$$

in $L_2(I; V)$, where $G(t) \in V$ is defined by means of the relation

$$(32') \quad ((G(t), \varphi)) = \left(\left(\mathcal{C}_{00}(0) v_0 - \mathcal{A}_{01}(t, 0) u_0 - \int_0^t \mathcal{A}_2(t, \tau) u_0 d\tau, \varphi \right) \right) + \left(\int_0^t f(\tau) d\tau, \varphi \right)$$

for every $\varphi \in V$ and $t \in I$. We can prove easily, that $G(t) \in L_2(I; V)$. In fact, the norms $\|\mathcal{C}_{00}(t)\|$ are bounded on I , therefore

$$\|\mathcal{C}_{00}(0) v_0\| \leq C_1 \|v_0\|, \quad C_1 = \text{const.}$$

Further, using (25) and (27), we derive

$$\|\mathcal{A}_{01}(t, 0) u_0\| \leq \|u_0\| t^{1/2} \left(\int_0^T \|\mathcal{A}_0(\tau)\|^2 d\tau \right)^{1/2}$$

and similarly, with the use of (11') and (28), we obtain

$$\left\| \int_0^t \mathcal{A}_2(t, \tau) u_0 d\tau \right\| \leq \|u_0\| T \left(\int_0^T \int_0^T \|\mathcal{A}_1(t, \tau)\|^2 dt d\tau \right)^{1/2}.$$

Altogether, we have

$$(33) \quad \|G(t)\| \leq C_1 \|v_0\| + \|u_0\| \left[T^{1/2} \left(\int_0^T \|\mathcal{A}_0(t)\|^2 dt \right)^{1/2} + \right. \\ \left. + T \left(\int_0^T \int_0^T \|\mathcal{A}_1(t, \tau)\|^2 dt d\tau \right)^{1/2} \right] + c^{-1} T^{1/2} \left(\int_0^T |f(t)|^2 dt \right)^{1/2}, \\ c = (\alpha^2 + \beta^2 + \gamma^2)^{1/2},$$

consequently $G(t)$ is bounded and therefore square-integrable on I .

3. INTEGRAL EQUATION OF VOLTERRA'S TYPE IN $L_2(I, V)$

The main object of this section is the following

Theorem 1. *Let $K(t, \tau) \in L_2(I \times I; \mathcal{L}(V, V))$, $F(t) \in L_2(I; V)$. Then the integral equation*

$$(34) \quad U(t) - \int_0^t K(t, \tau) U(\tau) d\tau = F(t)$$

has precisely one solution $U \in L_2(I; V)$. This solution is determined by the formula

$$(35) \quad U(t) = F(t) - \int_0^t \mathcal{G}(t, \tau) F(\tau) d\tau,$$

where the resolvent kernel

$$\mathcal{G}(t, \tau) \in L_2(I \times I; \mathcal{L}(V, V))$$

is given by the series of iterated kernels

$$(36) \quad \mathcal{G}(t, \tau) = - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} K_n(t, \tau),$$

$$K_1(t, \tau) = K(t, \tau), \quad K_{n+1}(t, \tau) = \int_{\tau}^t K(t, z) K_n(z, \tau) dz,$$

$$(n = 1, 2, \dots, \tau \leq t),$$

which converges almost everywhere on $I \times I$. Moreover, it holds

$$(37) \quad \int_0^T \|U(t)\|^2 dt \leq 2 \left(1 + \int_0^T \int_0^T \|\mathcal{G}(t, \tau)\|^2 dt d\tau \right) \int_0^T \|F(t)\|^2 dt.$$

Proof. The Fubini's theorem yields the existence of functions

$$\alpha^2(x) = \int_0^T \|K(x, z)\|^2 dz, \quad \beta^2(y) = \int_0^T \|K(z, y)\|^2 dz$$

for almost all $x \in I$ and $y \in I$, respectively, where $\alpha(x) \in L_2(I)$, $\beta(y) \in L_2(I)$. Let us set

$$(38) \quad \int_0^T \alpha^2(x) dx = \int_0^T \beta^2(y) dy = \int_0^T \int_0^T \|K(t, \tau)\|^2 dt d\tau = N^2.$$

We have the following estimates

$$(39) \quad \|K_2(x, y)\|^2 \leq \alpha^2(x) \beta^2(y),$$

$$\|K_{n+2}(x, y)\|^2 \leq \alpha^2(x) \beta^2(y) h_n(x, y), \quad (n = 1, 2, \dots)$$

where

$$h_1(x, y) = \int_y^x \alpha^2(z) dz, \quad h_{n+1}(x, y) = \int_y^x \alpha^2(z) h_n(z, y) dz, \quad (y \leq x).$$

The formula

$$(40) \quad h_n(x, y) = \frac{1}{n!} h_1^n(x, y), \quad (n = 1, 2, \dots)$$

can be derived by induction and from (38)

$$0 \leq h_1(x, y) \leq N^2$$

follows. Then

$$h_n(x, y) \leq \frac{1}{n!} N^{2n}$$

holds and inserting into (39), we obtain

$$\|K_{n+2}(x, y)\| \leq \alpha(x) \beta(y) N^n / \sqrt{n!}, \quad (n = 0, 1, 2, \dots).$$

Consequently

$$(41) \quad \sum_{n=1}^m \|K_n(t, \tau)\| \leq \|K(t, \tau)\| + \alpha(t) \beta(\tau) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} N^n (n!)^{-1/2} = M(t, \tau)$$

holds for every finite m . The latter infinite series converges for any N , so that $M(t, \tau) \in L_2(I \times I)$. Consequently, the series of norms (41) converges for $m \rightarrow \infty$ almost everywhere on $I \times I$. Hence the series (36) converges almost everywhere to $\mathcal{G}(t, \tau) \in \mathcal{L}(V, V)$.

From the Lebesgue theorem ([7], III.6.16) it follows that

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^T \int_0^T \left\| \sum_{n=1}^m K_n(t, \tau) - \mathcal{G}(t, \tau) \right\|^2 dt d\tau = 0$$

and

$$\mathcal{G}(t, \tau) \in L_2(I \times I; \mathcal{L}(V, V))$$

(if we define simply $\mathcal{M}(t, \tau) \in \mathcal{L}(V, V)$ as the usual multiplication of u by $M(t, \tau)$).

Next we shall derive the relation

$$(42) \quad K(t, \tau) + \mathcal{G}(t, \tau) = \int_{\tau}^t K(t, z) \mathcal{G}(z, \tau) dz$$

for almost every $t \in I$ and $\tau \in I$. In fact, choosing τ_0 such that $\beta(\tau_0) < \infty$, $M(t, \tau_0)$ is a majorant for the series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \|K_n(t, \tau_0)\|$$

and belongs to $L_2(I)$. Consequently,

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} K_n(t, \tau_0) = -\mathcal{G}(t, \tau_0)$$

in $L_2(I; \mathcal{L}(V, V))$ again by virtue of the Lebesgue theorem. Therefore we may write almost everywhere

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\tau_0}^t K(t, z) \mathcal{G}(z, \tau_0) dz &= -\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\tau_0}^t \sum_{n=1}^m K(t, z) K_n(z, \tau_0) dz = \\ &= -\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{n=1}^m K_{n+1}(t, \tau_0) = K(t, \tau_0) - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} K_n(t, \tau_0) = K(t, \tau_0) + \mathcal{G}(t, \tau_0), \end{aligned}$$

that is (42). Now inserting (35) into the left-hand side of (34), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} F(t) - \int_0^t \mathcal{G}(t, \tau) F(\tau) d\tau - \int_0^t K(t, \tau) \left[F(\tau) - \int_0^{\tau} \mathcal{G}(\tau, z) F(z) dz \right] d\tau = \\ = F(t) - \int_0^t [\mathcal{G}(t, \tau) + K(t, \tau)] F(\tau) d\tau + \int_0^t d\tau \int_0^{\tau} K(t, \tau) \mathcal{G}(\tau, z) F(z) dz. \end{aligned}$$

Applying the Fubini theorem ([7] III.11.9) to the last integral, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^t d\tau \int_0^\tau K(t, \tau) \mathcal{G}(\tau, z) F(z) dz &= \int_0^t dz \int_z^t K(t, \tau) \mathcal{G}(\tau, z) F(z) d\tau = \\ &= \int_0^t \left(\int_\tau^t K(t, z) \mathcal{G}(z, \tau) dz \right) F(\tau) d\tau. \end{aligned}$$

Consequently, making use of (42), we can verify that (35) satisfies the equation (34) almost everywhere in I . The inequality (37) follows from (35), if we realize that

$$\|U(t)\|^2 \leq 2\|F(t)\|^2 + 2 \int_0^T \|\mathcal{G}(t, \tau)\|^2 d\tau \int_0^T \|F(t)\|^2 dt$$

and use the properties of $F(t)$ and $\mathcal{G}(t, \tau)$.

It remains to prove the uniqueness of the solution of (34) in $L_2(I; V)$. Suppose that $v(t) \in L_2(I, V)$ satisfies the homogeneous equation (34) with $F(t) = \Theta$, and denote

$$\int_0^T \|v(t)\|^2 dt = v^2.$$

Using the Schwartz-Cauchy inequality, we obtain successively

$$\begin{aligned} \|v(t)\|^2 &\leq v^2 \alpha^2(t), \quad \|v(t)\|^2 \leq v^2 \alpha^2(t) \int_0^t \alpha^2(\tau) d\tau, \dots \\ \|v(t)\|^2 &\leq v^2 \alpha^2(t) h_n(t, 0), \quad (n = 1, 2, \dots). \end{aligned}$$

From (38) and (40) it follows that

$$h_n(t, 0) = \frac{1}{n!} h_1^n(t, 0) = \frac{1}{n!} \left[\int_0^t \alpha^2(\tau) d\tau \right]^n \leq N^{2n}/n!,$$

consequently

$$\int_0^T \|v(t)\|^2 dt \leq (n!)^{-1} v^2 N^{2n} \int_0^T \alpha^2(t) dt \leq v^2 N^{2n+2}/n!.$$

As the last term converges to zero for $n \rightarrow \infty$, $v = \Theta$ in $L_2(I, V)$.

4. EXISTENCE AND UNIQUENESS THEOREM FOR THE PROBLEM OF THE FIRST ORDER

We shall need the auxiliary

Lemma 1. *There exists the inverse operator $\mathcal{B}^{-1}(t) \in \mathcal{L}(V, V)$ for $t \in I$ and the norms $\|\mathcal{B}^{-1}(t)\|$ are bounded on I .*

Proof. Let $w \in V$ be an arbitrary element and $t \in I$. The bilinear form $((\mathcal{B}(t) u, v))$ and the linear functional $((w, v))$ satisfy all the assumptions of the Lax-Milgram theorem in V , consequently there exists precisely one element $u \in V$ such that

$$((\mathcal{B}(t) u, v)) = ((w, v))$$

for every $v \in V$. Therefore $\mathcal{B}(t) u = w$. Making use of (5), we obtain

$$\beta \|u\| \leq \|\mathcal{B}(t) u\|,$$

which yields

$$\|\mathcal{B}^{-1}(t) w\| \leq \beta^{-1} \|w\|,$$

so that

$$(43) \quad \|\mathcal{B}^{-1}(t)\| \leq \beta^{-1} \quad \text{for all } t \in I.$$

Theorem 2. Let (3) till (9) hold. Then there exists one and only one solution u of the problem $\mathcal{P}(u_0, f)$ and it holds

$$(44) \quad \int_0^T \|u(t)\|^2 dt \leq c \left(\|u_0\|^2 + \int_0^T |f(t)|^2 dt \right).$$

Proof. Existence. Let us consider the equation (15) and apply the operator $\mathcal{B}^{-1}(t)$ to it. Using Lemma 1, we obtain

$$(45) \quad u(t) - \int_0^t \mathcal{K}(t, \tau) u(\tau) d\tau = F(t),$$

where

$$(46) \quad \begin{aligned} \mathcal{K}(t, \tau) &= -\mathcal{B}^{-1}(t) \mathcal{K}_0(t, \tau) \in L_2(I \times I; \mathcal{L}(V, V)), \\ F(t) &= \mathcal{B}^{-1}(t) G(t) \in L_2(I; V). \end{aligned}$$

Consequently, we may apply Theorem 1 to obtain a solution $u \in L_2(I, V)$ of (45). Then u is a solution of the problem $\mathcal{P}(u_0, f)$. In fact, applying $\mathcal{B}(t)$ to (45), multiplying the result by φ in V , inserting (15') and integrating over I , we derive (12).

Uniqueness. First we shall prove the following

Lemma 2. $L_2(I; D_{\mathcal{B}(t)})$ is dense in $L_2(I; V)$.

Proof. The set \mathcal{C}_0 of continuous mappings $w(t)$ of I into V is dense in $L_2(I, V)$ (see e.g. Lemma IV.8.19 in [7]), therefore it suffices to prove the density of $L_2(I; D_{\mathcal{B}(t)})$ in \mathcal{C}_0 . Choose an arbitrary $t \in I$ and $w \in \mathcal{C}_0$. As $w(t) \in V$ and $D_{\mathcal{B}(t)}$ is dense in V , a sequence $\{v_n(t)\} \subset D_{\mathcal{B}(t)}$ exists such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|v_n(t) - w(t)\| = 0, \quad \|v_n(t)\| \leq 2\|w(t)\|, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots$$

Define in this way a sequence of functions $v_n(t) \in L_2(I; D_{B(t)})$. As the function $2w \in L_2(I, V)$ represents a majorant of the sequence $\{v_n(t)\}$ and $v_n(t)$ converge everywhere in I to $w(t)$, we may apply the Lebesgue theorem to obtain

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^T \|v_n(t) - w(t)\|^2 dt = 0$$

and the proof is complete.

Next let $u \in L_2(I; V)$ satisfy the equation

$$\int_0^T \left(\mathcal{B}(t) u(t) + \int_0^t \mathcal{K}_0(t, \tau) u(\tau) d\tau, \varphi(t) \right) dt = 0$$

for every $\varphi \in L_2(I; D_{B(t)})$. By virtue of Lemma 2, we have

$$\mathcal{B}(t) u(t) + \int_0^t \mathcal{K}_0(t, \tau) u(\tau) d\tau = \Theta.$$

Applying also the inverse operator $\mathcal{B}^{-1}(t)$ and Lemma 1, we are led to the equation (45) with $F(t) = \Theta$; hence

$$\int_0^T \|u(t)\|^2 dt = 0$$

according to (37), and the uniqueness of solution is proved.

It remains to prove the inequality (44). From Theorem 1, (37), (46), (43) and (16) it follows that

$$\int_0^T \|u(t)\|^2 dt \leq 2 \left(1 + \int_0^T \int_0^T \|\mathcal{G}(t, \tau)\|^2 dt d\tau \right) \beta^{-2} 2T \left(\tilde{\mathcal{B}} \|u_0\|^2 + Tc^{-2} \int_0^T |f(t)|^2 dt \right),$$

which is of the form (44).

5. EXISTENCE AND UNIQUENESS THEOREM FOR THE PROBLEM OF THE SECOND ORDER

In the present section we shall prove the following

Theorem 3. *Let (19) till (24), (26), (27) and (28) hold. Then there exists one and only one solution u of the problem $\mathcal{P}(u_0, v_0, f)$ and*

$$(48) \quad \int_0^T (\|u(t)\|^2 + \|u'(t)\|^2) dt \leq c \left(\|u_0\|^2 + \|v_0\|^2 + \int_0^T |f(t)|^2 dt \right)$$

holds.

Proof. Existence. There exists the inverse operator $\mathcal{C}_{00}^{-1}(t) \in \mathcal{L}(V, V)$ for any $t \in I$ and

$$(49) \quad \|\mathcal{C}_{00}^{-1}(t)\| \leq c_1^{-1} \quad \text{for } t \in I.$$

This follows from (21) and (22) in a way similar to the proof of Lemma 1. Let us consider the equation (32) and apply the operator $\mathcal{C}_{00}^{-1}(t)$ to it. We obtain the equation

$$(50) \quad u'(t) - \int_0^t \mathcal{K}(t, \tau) u'(\tau) d\tau = F(t),$$

where

$$(51) \quad \mathcal{K}(t, \tau) = -\mathcal{C}_{00}^{-1}(t) \mathcal{K}_0(t, \tau) \in L_2(I \times I; \mathcal{L}(V, V)),$$

$$(52) \quad F(t) = \mathcal{C}_{00}^{-1}(t) G(t) \in L_2(I; V).$$

By virtue of Theorem 1, a solution $u' \in L_2(I, V)$ of (50) exists. Setting

$$(53) \quad u(t) = u_0 + \int_0^t u'(\tau) d\tau,$$

we obtain $u \in L_2(I; V)$, $u(0) = u_0$. Then u is a solution of the problem $\mathcal{P}(u_0, v_0, f)$. In fact, applying $\mathcal{C}_{00}(t)$ to (50), multiplying the result by $\varphi \in D(I)$ in V , inserting (32') and integrating over I , we derive (30).

Uniqueness. First we shall prove the following

Lemma 3. *The linear manifold $D(I)$ is dense in $L_2(I; V)$.*

Proof. As the set \mathcal{C}_0 of continuous mappings $v(t)$ of I into V is dense in $L_2(I; V)$, it will suffice to prove the density of $D(I)$ in \mathcal{C}_0 . Let $v \in \mathcal{C}_0$ and let the real functions $\vartheta_n(t)$, ($n = 1, 2, \dots$), be defined as follows

$$\vartheta_n(t) = 1 \quad \text{for } 0 \leq t \leq T - 2/n,$$

$$\vartheta_n(t) = n(T - 1/n - t) \quad \text{for } T - 2/n \leq t \leq T - 1/n,$$

$$\vartheta_n(t) = 0 \quad \text{for } T - 1/n \leq t \leq T.$$

Then the products $v_n(t) = \vartheta_n(t) v \in \mathcal{C}_0$ and

$$(54) \quad \int_0^T \|v_n(t) - v(t)\|^2 dt \leq \int_{T-2/n}^T \|v(t)\|^2 dt \rightarrow 0$$

for $n \rightarrow \infty$. Let us extend $v_n(t)$ continuously on the interval $I_1 = (-\delta, T + \delta)$ for

a $\delta > 0$, so that

$$\bar{v}_n(t) = \Theta \quad \text{for } T - 1/n \leq t \leq T + \delta,$$

denoting the extension of $v_n(t)$ by $\bar{v}_n(t)$. Let us regularize \bar{v}_n by means of the function

$$\omega_h(x) = \begin{cases} \exp\left(\frac{x^2}{x^2 - h^2}\right) & \text{for } |x| < h, \\ 0 & \text{for } |x| \geq h, \end{cases}$$

that is, we introduce

$$\bar{v}_{nh}(t) = \frac{1}{h\kappa} \int_{-\delta}^{T+\delta} \omega_h(t - \tau) \bar{v}_n(\tau) d\tau \quad \text{for } t \in I, \quad h < \delta,$$

where

$$\kappa = \int_{-1}^1 \omega_1(x) dx.$$

From there

$$(55) \quad \int_{t-h}^{t+h} \omega_h(t - \tau) d\tau = h\kappa$$

follows. Then

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \bar{v}_{nh}(t) = \bar{v}_n(t)$$

uniformly on I . In fact, using (55), we may write (for $t \in I$)

$$(56) \quad \begin{aligned} \|\bar{v}_{nh}(t) - \bar{v}_n(t)\| &= \left\| \frac{1}{h\kappa} \int_{t-h}^{t+h} \omega_h(t - \tau) [\bar{v}_n(\tau) - \bar{v}_n(t)] d\tau \right\| \leq \\ &\leq \frac{1}{h\kappa} \int_{t-h}^{t+h} \|\bar{v}_n(\tau) - \bar{v}_n(t)\| \omega_h(t - \tau) d\tau. \end{aligned}$$

To any $\varepsilon > 0$, we can find $h > 0$, such that

$$(57) \quad \|\bar{v}_n(\tau) - \bar{v}_n(t)\| < \varepsilon$$

holds for any pair of $t, \tau \in I_1$, satisfying $|t - \tau| < h$. Inserting (57) into (56), we obtain the uniform convergence, which implies

$$(58) \quad \lim_{h \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^T \|\bar{v}_{nh}(t) - v_n(t)\|^2 dt = 0.$$

Obviously $\bar{v}_{nh}(T) = \Theta$ for all $n > 1/\delta$, $h < 1/n$. Further, $\bar{v}_{nh}(t)$ and $\bar{v}'_{nh}(t)$ belong to \mathcal{C}_0 , as a consequence of the uniform continuity of $\omega_h(t)$ and $d\omega_h(t)/dt$ on any compact interval. Hence $\bar{v}_{nh}, \bar{v}'_{nh}$ belong to $L_2(I; V)$, if we restrict them again to the interval I .

Hence $\bar{v}_{nh} \in D(I)$. Finally, from (54) and (58), we obtain

$$\int_0^T \|\bar{v}_{nh}(t) - v(t)\|^2 dt \rightarrow 0$$

for $n \rightarrow \infty$, $h < 1/n$, and the Lemma is proved.

Next let $u, u' \in L_2(I; V)$ satisfy the equations

$$u(0) = \Theta,$$

$$\int_0^T \left(\mathcal{G}_{00}(t) u'(t) + \int_0^t \mathcal{K}_0(t, \tau) u'(\tau) d\tau, \varphi(t) \right) dt = 0$$

for every $\varphi \in D(I)$. By virtue of Lemma 3, we have

$$\mathcal{G}_{00}(t) u'(t) + \int_0^t \mathcal{K}_0(t, \tau) u'(\tau) d\tau = \Theta$$

and applying the inverse operator $\mathcal{G}_{00}^{-1}(t)$, we are led to the equation (50) with $F(t) = \Theta$, consequently

$$\int_0^T \|u'(t)\|^2 dt = 0$$

according to (37). Then we have also

$$\int_0^T \|u(t)\|^2 dt = \int_0^T \left\| \int_0^t u'(\tau) d\tau \right\|^2 dt \leq \int_0^T t dt \int_0^T \|u'(\tau)\|^2 d\tau = 0.$$

In order to prove the inequality (48), we use (37), (52) and (33). Thus we obtain

$$(59) \quad \int_0^T \|u'(t)\|^2 dt \leq 2 \left(1 + \int_0^T \int_0^T \|\mathcal{G}(t, \tau)\|^2 dt d\tau \right) T c_1^{-2} \cdot \left\{ C_1 \|v_0\| + \|u_0\| \left[T^{-1/2} \left(\int_0^T \|\mathcal{A}_0(t)\|^2 dt \right)^{1/2} + T \left(\int_0^T \int_0^T \|\mathcal{A}_1(t, \tau)\|^2 dt d\tau \right)^{1/2} \right] + c^{-1} T^{1/2} \left(\int_0^T |f(t)|^2 dt \right)^{1/2} \right\}^2.$$

Finally, a similar inequality follows for $u(t)$ from (53). Adding the latter to (59), we obtain (48).

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Souhrn

EXISTENCE A JEDNOZNAČNOST ŘEŠENÍ CACHYOVY ÚLOHY PRO JEDNU TŘÍDU LINEÁRNÍCH INTEGRO-DIFERENCIÁLNÍCH ROVNIC

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V teorii vazkopružnosti se vyskytují úlohy, které lze popsat integro-diferenciálními rovnicemi s počátečními podmínkami. Cílem tohoto článku je dokázat korektnost variační formulace jisté třídy úloh, zahrnující zmíněné fyzikální příklady. Teorie se omezuje na rovnice, které mají nejvyšší derivace podle prostorových souřadnic u členu s nejvyšší derivací podle času.

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