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WEAK AND STRONG CONVERGENCE OF PROJECTION METHODS

IN NONREFLEXIVE BANACH SPACES

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Abstract: In this paper, two theorems are proved, concerning weak (or strong resp.) convergence of projection methods for solving the operator equation $Ax = f$ in a Banach space X (with $A: X \rightarrow X$ in general nonlinear and X in general non-reflexive). Further, there are proved three lemmas enabling us to verify the assumptions in these theorems.

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Introduction. W.V. Petryshyn, F.E. Browder and other authors (see references in [4]) have studied, by help of functional analytic methods, the convergence problem for projection methods applied to operators (in general nonlinear) in Banach spaces having certain approximation and compacticity properties, and also the use of projection methods for a constructive proof of existence and unicity of solutions to operator equations in these spaces.

This paper, starting from the above mentioned results contained in [4] and from the author's papers [1],[2],[3] gi-

ves sufficient conditions for the existence, unicity and approximative construction of solutions to operator equations in Banach spaces for the case that we know further informations concerning the operators in these equations. Similarly as in [1],[2] the assumptions imposed to the operators are stronger than in [4], but the assumptions concerning the space in which the operator equation is considered are somewhat weakened.

§ 1

Notations. Let us denote X a real or complex Banach space (in general nonreflexive), X^* the corresponding dual or antidual space, $A: X \rightarrow X$ an operator (in general nonlinear) mapping X into X , and $\langle \nu, \mu \rangle$, the value of the functional $\nu \in X^*$ applied to the element $\mu \in X$. Let $m, i \in \mathbb{N}$ where \mathbb{N} denotes the index set of positive integers.

We shall study the problem of existence, unicity and approximative construction of the solution $x \in X$ to the operator equation in the space X [4],[2]

$$(1.1) \quad Ax = f, \quad A: X \rightarrow X, \quad f \in X.$$

It is clear that, for obtaining an affirmative answer, suitable assumptions must be made concerning the space X and the operator A .

Definition 1.1 [4]: We say that the space X has the property $(\sigma)_C$, iff \exists a sequence $\{X_m\}$ of finite dimensional subspaces $X_m \subset \subset X$, $\dim X_m = m$, a sequence

$\{P_m\}$ of linear projections $P_m = P_m^2$ defined on X and a constant $C > 0$ such that we have

$$(1.2) \quad P_n X = X_n, X_n \subset X_{n+1} \quad \text{for } \forall m \in \mathbb{N}, \overline{\bigcup_{m=1}^{\infty} X_m} = X$$

$$(1.3) \quad \|P_m\| \leq C \quad \text{for } \forall m \in \mathbb{N}, P_m P_j = P_j \quad \text{for } m \geq j \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Now let $\{A_m: X \rightarrow X\}$, $m = 1, 2, \dots$ be a sequence of approximative operators and let for each $i \in \mathbb{N}$ there exist an index $m_i \in \mathbb{N}$ and an element $f_i \in X$ such that $f_i \in A_{m_i}(X)$. Let us consider the approximative equation

$$(1.4) \quad A_{m_i} x = f_i.$$

Then the following definition is useful:

Definition 1.2 [4] : We say that the equation (1.1) is projectionally strongly solvable or PS-solvable (projectionally weakly solvable or PW-solvable, resp.), if the following three propositions are valid:

- i) the equation (1.1) has the unique solution $x \in X$, $Ax = f$ for $\forall f \in X$
- ii) $\exists N \in \mathbb{N}$ such that for $\forall m_i \geq N$ and for $\forall f_i \in A_{m_i}(X)$ the approximative equation (1.4) has the unique solution

$$x_i \in A_{m_i}(X), \quad A_{m_i} x_i = f_i$$

- iii) $f_i \rightarrow f \Rightarrow x_i \rightarrow x, Ax = f$ (PS-solvability)
- $f_i \rightarrow f \Rightarrow x_i \rightarrow x, \langle v, Ax \rangle = \langle v, f \rangle$ for $\forall v \in X_0^* \subset X^*$ (PW-solvability) resp.

In Petryshyn's paper [4], there is solved the following

Problem A: To find sufficient conditions for PS-solvability (PW-solvability resp.) of the operator equation (1.1) in reflexive Banach spaces X .

With respect to the fact that, in practice, one often knows further informations concerning the operators A_m , A resp., it seems to be useful to formulate the following two problems:

Problem B ([1],[2]) : We know that the approximative equation (1.4) has the unique solution $x_i \in A_{m_i}(X)$ for $\forall f_i \in A_{m_i}(X)$ and for $\forall m_i \geq N \in \mathbb{N}$. We have to seek for sufficient conditions ensuring that $f_i \rightarrow f \in X \implies x_i$ converges to $x \in X$ (weakly or strongly) and that this x is the unique solution (weak or strong) to the operator equation (1.1).

Problem C ([2]): Let $\{B_m: X \rightarrow X\}$ be a sequence of operators in X . We know that the equation (1.1) has a unique (weak or strong) solution $x \in X$ for $\forall f \in A(X)$. We have to seek for sufficient conditions ensuring that for $A_m = A - B_m$ there exists a unique solution $x_m \in A_m(X)$ to the approximate operator equation (1.4) for $\forall f_m \in A_m(X)$ and $\forall m \geq N \in \mathbb{N}$, and that $f_m \rightarrow f \implies x_m$ converges to x (weakly or strongly).

§ 2 .

In this paragraph, we shall give a solution to Problem B.

Theorem 2.1. Let $Ax = f$ be a given operator equation in the real or complex Banach space X (in general nonreflexive), where $f \in X$ and $A: X \rightarrow X$ is a weakly continu-

ous on $X_0^* \subset X^*$ (demicontinuous resp.) operator, in general nonlinear (i.e., we have $x_m \in X, x_m \rightarrow x \in X, u \in X_0^* \subset X^* \implies \langle u, Ax_m \rangle \rightarrow \langle u, Ax \rangle$ (or $x_m \rightarrow x \implies Ax_m \rightarrow Ax$ resp.)).

Let the operator A and space X fulfil the following assumptions:

(i) \exists a sequence $\{A_m\}$ of operators $A_m: X \rightarrow X$ such that their restriction $\tilde{A}_m = A_m/A_m(X)$ to $A_m(X)$ is bijective with $\tilde{A}_m^{-1}: A_m(X) \rightarrow A_m(X)$ as inverse operator and such that the relation

$$(2.1) \quad \overline{\bigcup_{m=1}^{\infty} A_m(X)} = X$$

holds.

(ii) If for $\forall i \in \mathbb{N} \exists m_i \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $f_i \in A_{m_i}(X)$, then we have

$$(2.2) \quad f_i \in A_{m_i}(X), f_i \rightarrow f \implies (A_{m_i} \tilde{A}_{m_i}^{-1} - I) f_i \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{for } i \rightarrow \infty$$

(where I denotes the identity operator in $A_{m_i}(X)$ and \rightarrow or \longrightarrow resp. stands for the strong or weak convergence in X resp.).

(iii) \exists a weakly continuous (or strongly continuous resp.) operator $V: X \rightarrow X$ for which the relation (of left-hand side inverse)

$$(2.3) \quad x \in X \implies V(Ax) = x$$

is fulfilled.

Then the following assertions are valid:

$\forall f \in X \exists \{f_i \in A_{m_i}(X)\}, f_i \rightarrow f$ such that we have

$$1) f \in X, f_i \in A_{m_i}(X) \rightarrow f \Rightarrow x_i = \tilde{A}_{m_i}^{-1} f_i \rightarrow Vf$$

$$(\text{or } f \in X, f_i \in A_{m_i}(X) \rightarrow f \Rightarrow x_i = \tilde{A}_{m_i}^{-1} f_i \rightarrow Vf \text{ resp.}).$$

2) The operator equation $Ax = f$ has for $Vf \in X$ the unique weak solution $x = Vf$, i.e., we have

$$(2.4) \quad \omega \in X_0^* \subset X^* \Rightarrow \langle \omega, AVf \rangle = \langle \omega, f \rangle$$

(or the equation $Ax = f$ has for $Vf \in X$ the unique strong solution $x = Vf$, i.e., we have $A(Vf) = f$ resp.).

3) The relation

$$(2.4 a) \quad (\tilde{A}_{m_i}^{-1} - V)f_i \rightarrow 0$$

(or

$$(2.4b) \quad (\tilde{A}_{m_i}^{-1} - V)f_i \rightarrow 0 \text{ resp.})$$

is valid for $i \rightarrow \infty$.

Proof: (Existence of a solution) From (2.1) it follows that for $Vf \in X \exists$ a sequence $\{f_i\} \subset \bigcup_{m=1}^{\infty} A_m(X)$, so that \exists a sequence $\{m_i\} \subset \mathbb{N}$ of indices m_i such that we have

$$f_i \in A_{m_i}(X)$$

In virtue of the assumption (i), there exists also a sequence of elements $x_i = \tilde{A}_{m_i}^{-1} f_i$ such that

$$A_{m_i} x_i = f_i \rightarrow f.$$

Now, we shall prove, using (2.2), the following weak convergence in the space X :

$$(2.5) \quad Ax_i \rightarrow f .$$

We have, clearly, for $i \rightarrow \infty$

$$(2.5a) \quad \nu \in X^* \implies \langle \nu, Ax_i - f \rangle = \langle \nu, (A\tilde{A}_{m_i}^{-1} - I)f_i \rangle + \\ + \langle \nu, f_i - f \rangle \rightarrow 0$$

because the first term on the last right side goes to zero in virtue of the assumption (ii) and the second goes to zero by the continuity of $\nu \in X^*$.

Using the weak continuity of the operator V assumed in (iii), we obtain from (2.5)

$$(2.6) \quad Ax_i \rightarrow f \implies VAx_i = x_i \rightarrow Vf .$$

Now, let us take

$$(2.7) \quad \nu \in X_0^* \subset X^*$$

so that we have clearly, by (2.3),

$$(2.8) \quad \langle \nu, f_i \rangle = \langle \nu, A_{m_i} x_i \rangle = \langle \nu, Ax_i \rangle - \\ - \langle \nu, (A - A_{m_i}) x_i \rangle = \langle \nu, A(VAx_i) \rangle - \langle \nu, (A - A_{m_i}) \tilde{A}_{m_i}^{-1} f_i \rangle$$

so that we obtain for $i \rightarrow \infty$, using (2.6), (2.2) and the assumed weak continuity of the operator A on $X_0^* \subset X^*$

$$(2.9) \quad \nu \in X_0^* \subset X^*, f_i \rightarrow f, x_i \rightarrow Vf \implies \langle \nu, AVf \rangle = \langle \nu, f \rangle$$

i.e., the element $Vf \in X$ is for $Vf \in X$ a weak solution of the operator equation (1.1).

(Or, if we use the assumptions that the operator V is strongly continuous, i.e., $x_i \rightarrow y \implies Vx_i \rightarrow Vy$, and that

the operator A is demicontinuous, we have

$$(2.10) \quad Ax_i \rightarrow f \implies x_i = VAx_i \rightarrow Vf$$

and therefore also

$$(2.11) \quad Ax_i \rightarrow AVf .$$

Because the weak limit of Ax_i in X is unique, it follows from (2.10) and (2.11) that we have

$$(2.12) \quad AVf = f$$

i.e., the element $Vf \in X$ is a solution of $Ax = f$ for $Vf \in X$, resp.)

Assertion 3) follows in both the weak or strong version resp. from the relation

$$(2.13) \quad (\tilde{A}_{m_i}^{-1} - V)f_i = (\tilde{A}_{m_i}^{-1}f_i - Vf) + (Vf - Vf_i)$$

in virtue of the assertion 1) and Assumption (iii).

(Unicity of the solution): If there would exist $x', x'' \in X$ such that $Ax' = f$, $Ax'' = f$ then we would have by

(2.3)

$$(2.14) \quad x' - x'' = (VAx' - VAx'') = (Vf - Vf) = \emptyset . \quad \text{Q.E.D.}$$

Remark 2.1. Clearly, the sequence $\{f_i \in A_{m_i}(X)\}$, $f_i \rightarrow f \in X$ may be also stationary, this case being trivial from the point of view of projection methods. But for this trivial case, too, it follows from (2.2) that we have for all sufficiently great indices i the relation $f = f_i = A_{m_i}x_i = Ax_i$, so that, by (2.3), $\tilde{A}_{m_i}^{-1}f = x_i = VAx_i = Vf$ is the unique solution to $Ax = f$, and the relation $Ax \rightarrow f$ is fulfilled trivially.

Remark 2.2. Some applications of Theorem 2.1 are given in [1],[5],[6].

§ 3

In this paragraph, we shall give a solution to the problem C.

Theorem 3.1. Let $Ax = f$ be a given operator equation in the real or complex Banach space X (in general non-reflexive), where $f \in X$ and $A: X \rightarrow X$ is a weakly continuous (continuous resp.) operator, in general nonlinear.

Let the following assumptions be fulfilled:

(i) \exists a continuous monotonically increasing real function $\alpha(\kappa)$ defined for $\kappa \geq 0$ such that

$$(3.1) \quad \alpha(0) = 0,$$

(ii) \exists an operator $T: X^* \rightarrow X^*$ such that we have

$$(3.2) \quad x, y \in X, v \in X^* \Rightarrow |\langle Tv, Ax - Ay \rangle| \geq \alpha(|\langle v, x - y \rangle|)$$

so that the operator A is injective

(or

$$(3.2a) \quad x, y \in X \Rightarrow \|Ax - Ay\| \geq \alpha(\|x - y\|)$$

so that the operator A is injective, resp.)

(iii) \exists a sequence of operators $\{B_m\}, B_m: X \rightarrow X$ and $\exists Y \subset X$ such that we have: Y weakly closed, $Y \supset A(X)$, $(A - B_m)^2(X) = (A - B_m)(X) \subset Y$ and

$$(3.3) \quad x \in X \Rightarrow B_m x \rightarrow \emptyset \text{ for } m \rightarrow \infty$$

(or

$$(3.3a) \quad x \in X \Rightarrow B_m x \rightarrow \emptyset \text{ for } m \rightarrow \infty, \text{ resp.})$$

(iv) \exists a constant $\lambda \in (0, 1)$ such that we have for the

above mentioned operator $T : X^* \rightarrow X^*$ and for $\forall m \in \mathbb{N}$

$$(3.4) \quad x, y \in Y, v \in X^* \implies |\langle Tv, B_m x - B_m y \rangle| \leq K \alpha(|\langle v, x - y \rangle|)$$

(or \exists a constant $K \in (0, 1)$ such that we have for $\forall m \in \mathbb{N}$

$$(3.4a) \quad x, y \in Y \implies \|B_m x - B_m y\| \leq K \alpha(\|x - y\|) \quad \text{resp.})$$

Then for the sequence of operators

$$(3.5) \quad A_m = A - B_m, \quad A_m : X \rightarrow X$$

the following assertions are valid:

1) For $\forall m \in \mathbb{N}$, the operators A_m are injective (on Y).

2) We have

$$(3.6) \quad \omega \in X_0^* = T(X^*), \quad f_m \in A_m(X), \quad f_m \rightarrow f \in A(Y) \implies x_m = A_m^{-1} f_m \rightarrow x = A^{-1} f$$

and $f_m \rightarrow f \in Y, x_m \rightarrow x \implies \langle \omega, Ax \rangle = \langle \omega, f \rangle, x \in Y$ unique
(or

$$(3.6a) \quad f_m \in A_m(X), \quad f_m \rightarrow f \in A(Y) \implies x_m = A_m^{-1} f_m \rightarrow x = A^{-1} f$$

and $f_m \rightarrow f \in Y, x_m \rightarrow x \implies Ax = f \iff f \in A(Y), x$ unique, resp.)

3) We have the following error estimation by help of the residuum $\kappa_m = f - Ax_m$:

$$f \in Y, v \in X^*, \omega = Tv, \langle \omega, Ax \rangle = \langle \omega, f \rangle \implies |\langle Tv, f - Ax_m \rangle| = |\langle Tv, Ax - Ax_m \rangle| \geq \alpha(\langle v, x - x_m \rangle)$$

and therefore, denoting $\beta = \beta(\kappa), \kappa \geq 0$ the inverse function to $\alpha(\kappa)$

$$(3.6b) \quad 0 \leftarrow \beta(|\langle Tv, f - Ax_m \rangle|) \geq |\langle v, x - x_m \rangle|$$

(which represents a componentwise estimation for the error $x - x_m$ of the weak solution $x \in Y$ to the equation $Ax = f$,

(or

$$x_m \rightarrow x, Ax = f \implies \|x_m\| = \|f - Ax_m\| = \|Ax - Ax_m\| \geq \alpha(\|x - x_m\|)$$

and therefore

$$(3.6c) \quad 0 \leftarrow \beta(\|f - Ax_m\|) \geq \|x - x_m\| \quad \text{resp.})$$

Proof (Injectivity of A_m). We have, following (3.2) and (3.4),

$$(3.7) \quad \begin{aligned} \nu \in X^*, x, y \in Y, A_m x = A_m y &\implies 0 = |\langle \nu, A_m x - A_m y \rangle| = \\ &= |\langle \nu, Ax - Ay \rangle - \langle \nu, B_m x - B_m y \rangle| \geq \alpha(|\langle \nu, x - y \rangle|) - \\ &- K \cdot \alpha(|\langle \nu, x - y \rangle|) = (1-K) \alpha(|\langle \nu, x - y \rangle|) \end{aligned}$$

and therefore, because $(1-K) > 0$ by the assumption (iv), it follows from (3.7) by help of the properties of the function $\alpha(\kappa)$ assumed in (i), that we have

$$|\langle \nu, x - y \rangle| = 0 \quad \text{for } \forall \nu \in X^* \implies x = y$$

so that A_m is injective for $\forall m \in \mathbb{N}$ on Y (or we have, following (3.2a) and (3.4a),

$$(3.7a) \quad \begin{aligned} x, y \in Y, A_m x = A_m y &\implies 0 = \|A_m x - A_m y\| \geq \\ &\geq \|Ax - Ay\| - \|B_m x - B_m y\| \geq \\ &\geq (1-K) \alpha(\|x - y\|) \end{aligned}$$

and therefore, by the assumption (i), it follows from (3.7a) that

$$\|x - y\| = 0 \implies x = y$$

so that again A_m is injective for $\forall m \in \mathbb{N}$ on Y .

(Construction of the solution) Let $f_m \in A_m(X)$, $f_m \rightarrow f \in A(Y)$. For the unique solutions $x_m \in A(X)$, $x \in Y$ resp.

to the operator equations $A_m x_m = f_m$, $Ax = f$ resp., the relation

$$(3.8) \quad f - f_m = Ax - A_m x_m = (A - A_m)x + (A_m x - A_m x_m) = \\ = B_m x + (A_m x - A_m x_m)$$

must be valid following (3.5), from which we obtain with help of the inequality (3.7) and of (iii)

$$(3.9) \quad v \in X^* \implies |\langle Tv, f - f_m \rangle| = |\langle Tv, B_m x \rangle + \langle Tv, A_m x - A_m x_m \rangle| \geq (1-K)\alpha(|\langle v, x - x_m \rangle|) - |\langle Tv, B_m x \rangle|$$

so that, for $m \rightarrow \infty$, we obtain by help of (3.3), (3.9)

$$(3.10) \quad 0 \leq (1-K)\alpha(|\langle v, x - x_m \rangle|) \leq |\langle Tv, f - f_m \rangle| + |\langle Tv, B_m x \rangle| \rightarrow 0$$

for $\forall v \in X^*$ because $B_m x \rightarrow 0$, $f_m \rightarrow f$ and $Tv \in X^*$ is a continuous linear functional and therefore, in virtue of the assumption (i), we have for $f_m \in A_m(X)$, $f_m \rightarrow f \in A(Y)$

$$(3.11) \quad \langle v, x - x_m \rangle \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{for } \forall v \in X^* \quad \text{i.e., } x_m = \\ = A_m^{-1} f_m \rightarrow x = A^{-1} f .$$

Now we shall prove that also for $f_m \rightarrow f \in Y$ the element x which is the weak limit of $x_m = A_m^{-1} f_m$ (if it exists), is a weak solution to the operator equation (1.1) (the case of a generalized solution). Clearly, we have, in virtue of (3.5), (3.4) for $\forall v = Tv \in X_0^* = T(X^*)$ and for $f_m \rightarrow f \in Y$, $f_m \in A_m(X)$ the relation (because Y is weakly closed by (iii))

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3.12) \quad \langle w, f_m \rangle &= \langle w, A_m x_m \rangle = \langle w, Ax_m \rangle - \\
 &\quad - \langle w, (A - A_m)x_m \rangle = \langle w, Ax_m \rangle - \langle w, B_m x_m \rangle = \\
 &= \langle w, Ax_m \rangle - \langle w, B_m x \rangle + \langle T w, B_m x - B_m x_m \rangle
 \end{aligned}$$

from which it follows, using (3.4) and (iii)

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3.13) \quad 0 \leq |\langle w, f_m - Ax_m \rangle| &\leq |\langle T w, B_m x_m \rangle - \langle w, B_m x \rangle| \leq \\
 &\leq K \alpha (|\langle w, x - x_m \rangle|) + |\langle w, B_m x \rangle|
 \end{aligned}$$

But the operator A is, by assumption, weakly continuous, so that it follows from (3.11)

$$(3.14) \quad x_m \rightarrow x \Rightarrow Ax_m \rightarrow Ax, f_m \rightarrow f \in X \Rightarrow f_m - Ax_m \rightarrow f - Ax.$$

Clearly, we obtain from (3.13), using (3.11), (i), (3.3) and (3.14), for $m \rightarrow \infty$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3.15) \quad 0 \leq \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} |\langle w, f_m - Ax_m \rangle| &= |\langle w, f - Ax \rangle| \leq \\
 &\leq \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \{K \alpha (|\langle w, x - x_m \rangle|) + |\langle w, B_m x \rangle|\} = 0
 \end{aligned}$$

and therefore

$$(3.16) \quad \langle w, f - Ax \rangle = 0 \quad \text{for } \forall w \in X_0^* = T(X^*)$$

i.e., if $f_m \rightarrow f \in Y, x_m \rightarrow x$, then x is a generalized weak solution to (1.1).

(Or, if we suppose the continuity of the operator A and the validity of the relations (3.2a), (3.3a), (3.4a), we obtain, estimating the norms in the relation (3.8) by help of the inequality (3.7a) and (iii), for $f_m \in A_m(X), f_m \rightarrow f \in A(Y)$

$$(3.17) \quad \|f - f_m\| \geq \|B_m x\| + (1 - K) \alpha (\|x - x_m\|).$$

Because $f_m \rightarrow f$, it follows from the inequality (3.17), using (3.3a), (iv) and (i) and letting $n \rightarrow \infty$

$$(3.18) \quad \|x - x_m\| \rightarrow 0, \text{ i.e. } x_m = A_m^{-1} f_m \rightarrow x = A^{-1} f \in X.$$

Because the operator A is continuous by assumption, we have

$$(3.19) \quad x_m \rightarrow x = A^{-1} f \implies Ax_m \rightarrow Ax = f.$$

Now, we shall prove that for $f_m \rightarrow f \in Y$, the element $x \in X$ which is the strong limit of $x_m = A_m^{-1} f_m \in A_m(X)$ (if it exists), is a solution to the operator equation (1.1), i.e., $Ax = f$, so that $f \in A(X)$ (no generalized solutions). Clearly, we have for $f_m \rightarrow f \in Y$, $x_m = A_m^{-1} f_m \rightarrow x \in Y$ by (iii) and (3.5)

$$(3.20) \quad \begin{aligned} f_m = A_m x_m &= Ax_m - (A - A_m)x_m = Ax_m - B_m x_m = \\ &= Ax_m - B_m x + (B_m x - B_m x_m) \end{aligned}$$

so that we obtain by estimating the norms in (3.20) by help of the inequality (3.4a)

$$(3.21) \quad 0 \leq \|f_m - Ax_m\| \leq \|B_m x\| + K \alpha (\|x - x_m\|).$$

Because A is supposed to be continuous and $f_m \rightarrow f \in X$, $x_m \rightarrow x$ we have

$$(3.22) \quad f_m - Ax_m \rightarrow f - Ax$$

and therefore, letting $n \rightarrow \infty$ in (3.21), we obtain by help of the assumptions (3.3a) and (i)

$$(3.23) \quad 0 \leq \|f - Ax\| \leq 0 \iff Ax = f, \text{ i.e. } f \in A(X) = Y.$$

(Error estimation) The componentwise error estimation (3.6b) follows immediately from the inequality (3.2) in the assumption (ii) of Theorem 3.1.

Similarly, the norm error estimation (3.6c) follows immediately from the inequality (3.2a) in the injectivity assumption (ii) of Theorem 3.1.

(Unicity of the solution) Unicity of the solution to the equation (1.1) for $f \in A(X)$ follows from the fact that A is assumed to be injective. For weak solutions and $f \in X \setminus A(X)$ (generalized solutions) we can prove the uniqueness of the weak solution to (1.1) in the following way: let there exist for $f \in X \setminus A(X)$ two elements $x' \in X$, $x'' \in X$ such that $\langle w, Ax' \rangle = \langle w, f \rangle$ and $\langle w, Ax'' \rangle = \langle w, f \rangle$ for $\forall w = Tr \in X_0^* = T(X^*)$. Then we have, following (3.2),

$$(3.24) \quad 0 = |\langle w, Ax' - Ax'' \rangle| = |\langle Tr, Ax' - Ax'' \rangle| \geq \alpha (|\langle w, x' - x'' \rangle|)$$

and therefore, using the assumption (i), we obtain

$$(3.25) \quad \langle w, x' - x'' \rangle = 0$$

for $\forall w \in X$, so that $x' = x''$. Q.E.D.

§ 4.

In this last paragraph, we shall prove three simple lemmas which will enable us to verify the most important assumptions in the theorem 2.1.

The assumption (ii) in Theorem 2.1 can be verified by help of the following

Lemma 4.1. (i) Let the sequence $\{C_n\}$ of operators

$C_m: X \rightarrow X$ be so that their restrictions $\tilde{C}_m = C_m|_{C_m(X)}$ to $C_m(X)$ are bijective having the inverse operator $(\tilde{C}_m)^{-1}$.

(ii) Let \exists an injective operator $C: X \rightarrow X$ having the following properties:

$$(4.1) \quad x \in X \implies C_m x \rightarrow Cx$$

$$(4.1a) \quad C(X) \supset C_m(X) \quad \text{for } \forall m \in \mathbb{N} .$$

(iii) For $\forall m \in \mathbb{N}$, the operators $C(\tilde{C}_m)^{-1}$ are Lipschitz operators with the Lipschitz constants α , $0 < \alpha_m \leq \alpha < \infty$, so that we have

$$(4.2) \quad x', x'' \in C_m(X), m \in \mathbb{N} \implies \|C(\tilde{C}_m)^{-1}x' - C(\tilde{C}_m)^{-1}x''\| \leq \alpha \|x' - x''\| .$$

Then the relation

$$(4.3) \quad x_i \in C_{m_i}(X), x_i \rightarrow z \in C(X) \implies \langle \nu, (C - C_{m_i})(\tilde{C}_{m_i})^{-1}x_i \rangle \rightarrow 0$$

is valid for $\forall \nu \in X^*$.

Proof. In virtue of the injectivity assumption (ii), there exists the inverse operator $C^{-1}: C(X) \rightarrow X$ so that we have

$$(4.4) \quad z \in C(X) \implies \exists x = C^{-1}z \in X .$$

For $x_i \in C_{m_i}(X) \subset C(X), x_i \rightarrow z \in C(X), x_i = (\tilde{C}_{m_i})^{-1}z_i, x = C^{-1}z, x_i = C^{-1}z_i$ we have, using the triangle inequality and the boundedness of $\nu \in X^*$,

$$(4.4a) \quad |\langle \nu, (C - C_{m_i})(\tilde{C}_{m_i})^{-1}x_i \rangle| \leq |\langle \nu, C(\tilde{C}_{m_i})^{-1}x_i - z \rangle| + |\langle \nu, z - x_i \rangle| \leq \|\nu\| \cdot [\|C(\tilde{C}_{m_i})^{-1}x_i - z\| + \|z - x_i\|] \rightarrow 0$$

for $n \rightarrow \infty$, because we have $\|z - z_i\| \rightarrow 0$ by the continuity of the norm and further

$$\begin{aligned}
 (4.4b) \quad \|C(\tilde{C}_{m_i})^{-1}z_i - z\| &= \|C(\tilde{C}_{m_i})^{-1}Cx'_i - C(\tilde{C}_{m_i})^{-1}C_{m_i}x\| \leq \\
 &\leq \alpha \|Cx'_i - C_{m_i}x\| \leq \alpha \|Cx'_i - Cx\| + \alpha \|Cx - C_{m_i}x\| = \\
 &= \alpha \|z_i - z\| + \alpha \|Cx - C_{m_i}x\| \rightarrow 0
 \end{aligned}$$

for $i \rightarrow \infty$, in virtue of the assumptions (4.1), (4.2).

Q.E.D.

The assumption concerning the injectivity of the operators A_m in the theorem 2.1 can be verified using the following

Lemma 4.2. Let $\alpha_m(\kappa)$ be a sequence of continuous monotonically increasing real functions defined for $\kappa \geq 0$ and such that $\alpha_m(0) = 0$. Let us suppose that, for $\forall m \geq N \in \mathbb{N}$, the operators $A_m: X \rightarrow X$ fulfil the condition

$$(4.5) \quad x', x'' \in X \implies \|A_m x' - A_m x''\| \geq \alpha_m(\|x' - x''\|).$$

Then, for $\forall m \geq N \in \mathbb{N}$, the operators A_m are injective.

Proof: By contradiction.

If there would exist $x', x'' \in X$, such that $A_m x' = A_m x''$ and $x' \neq x''$ for some $m \geq N \in \mathbb{N}$, we would have

$$(4.6) \quad 0 = \|A_m x' - A_m x''\| \geq \alpha_m(\|x' - x''\|) \implies \|x' - x''\| = 0.$$

which is in contradiction with $x' \neq x''$. Q.E.D.

The assumption (2.1) in Theorem 2.1 can be verified by

help of the following

Lemma 4.3. Let the Banach space X have the property $(\mathcal{N})_C$ and let the operator $A: X \rightarrow X$ have the property

$$(4.7) \quad X_i = P_i(X) \implies A(X_i) \supset X_i, \quad i = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

Then the relation

$$(4.8) \quad \overline{\bigcup_{m=1}^{\infty} A_m(X)} = X \quad (\text{where } A_m = P_m A P_m)$$

is valid.

Proof. Because $P_m^2 = P_m$, we have, using (4.7) for $\forall m \in \mathbb{N}$

$$(4.9) \quad X \supset A(X_m) = A P_m(X) \supset P_m(X) = X_m \implies P_m X \supset A_m(X) = P_m A P_m(X) \supset P_m^2(X) = P_m(X) = X_m$$

and therefore

$$(4.10) \quad \overline{\bigcup_{m=1}^{\infty} X_m} \supset \overline{\bigcup_{m=1}^{\infty} A_m(X)} \supset \overline{\bigcup_{m=1}^{\infty} X_m} \implies X = \overline{\bigcup_{m=1}^{\infty} X_m} \supset \overline{\bigcup_{m=1}^{\infty} A_m(X)} \supset \overline{\bigcup_{m=1}^{\infty} X_m} = X$$

so that we have

$$\overline{\bigcup_{m=1}^{\infty} A_m(X)} = X$$

with $A_m = P_m A P_m$.

Q.E.D.

Remark 4.1. We see by Definition 1.2 that if $A: X \rightarrow X$ is surjective, Theorem 3.1 gives sufficient conditions for the PW-solvability (PS-solvability resp.) of the equation (1.1) in general normed linear spaces X which need not be reflexive. In [4], some applications are given for the case of reflexive Banach spaces.

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