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Abstract: We present a result on the existence, uniqueness and continuous dependence on given functions and initial conditions of a solution for the differential equation with deviated argument $F(t, y(t), y(h(t)), y'(t)) = 0$. These facts are a consequence of an application of some fixed-point theorem. This theorem generalizes the well-known Banach principle and is connected with Bielecki's method of changing the norm.

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1. Let $I = [0, a]$, let $(\mathbb{R}^k, \|\cdot\|)$ be a k -dimensional Euclidean space and let $C(I, \mathbb{R}^k)$ denote the space of all continuous functions from an interval I to \mathbb{R}^k , with the usual supremum metric.

By (PC) we shall denote the problem of finding the solution of the differential equation with deviated argument

$$F(t, y(t), y(h(t)), y'(t)) = 0$$

(cf. [1], [4], [9]) satisfying the initial condition

$$y(0) = X,$$

where $h: I \rightarrow I$, $F: I \times \mathbb{R}^k \times \mathbb{R}^k \times \mathbb{R}^k \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$ are continuous functions, $X \in \mathbb{R}^k$ and $y(\cdot)$ denotes an unknown function such

that $y' \in C(I, \mathbb{R}^k)$.

In this note we present a result on the existence, uniqueness and continuous dependence on given functions and initial conditions of a solution for the (PC) problem. These facts are a consequence of an application of some theorem (given in Sec. 2) of the type of Banach fixed-point principle.

2. Let $(E, \|\cdot\|)$ be a Banach space, let S be a normal cone in E (see e.g. [7]) and let \mathcal{M} denote the partial order generated by the S . Suppose that X is a non-empty set and $d_E: X \times X \rightarrow S$ is some function. Moreover, let us put $d_E^+(x, y) = \|\| d_E(x, y) \|\|$ for x, y in X .

The pair (X, d_E) is called a generalized metric space [7] (cf. also [3], [11]) if for all x, y and z in X the following conditions are satisfied:

1° $d_E(x, y) = \Theta$ if and only if $x = y$ (Θ denotes the zero of a space E);

2° $d_E(x, y) = d_E(y, x)$;

3° $d_E(x, y) \preceq d_E(x, z) + d_E(z, y)$.

If, further: every d_E^+ -Cauchy sequence in X is d_E^+ -convergent in X (i.e., $\lim_{p, q \rightarrow \infty} d_E^+(x_p, x_q) = 0$ for a sequence (x_n) in X , implies the existence of an element $x_0 \in X$ such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d_E^+(x_n, x_0) = 0$), then (X, d_E) is called a complete generalized metric space.

In this section suppose we are given: A - an arbitrary set, (X, d_E) - a generalized metric space, L - a bounded positive linear operator of E into itself with the spectral radius $r(L)$ less than one.

We shall use the following

Lemma (cf. [6]). Let P, R be two transformations defined on the set A with the values in X and such that $P[A] \subset R[A]$. Suppose that $R[A]$ is a complete generalized metric subspace of X , and $d_E(Px, Py) \approx L(d_E(Rx, Ry))$ for all x, y in A . Then:

- (i) for every $u \in R[A]$ the set $P[R_{-1}u]$ contains only one element ($R_{-1}u$ denotes the inverse image of u under R);
- (ii) there exists a unique element ξ in $R[A]$ such that $P[R_{-1}\xi] = \xi$, and every sequence of successive approximations $u_{n+1} = P[R_{-1}u_n]$ ($n = 1, 2, \dots$) is d_E^+ -convergent to ξ ;
- (iii) $Px = Rx$ for all $x \in R_{-1}\xi$;
- (iv) if $Px_i = Rx_i$ for $i = 1, 2$, then $Rx_1 = Rx_2$.

Proof. Fix u in $R[A]$. Suppose that $v_i = P[R_{-1}u]$ for $i = 1, 2$. Then $v_i = Px_i$, where $Rx_i = u$. Hence

$$d_E(v_1, v_2) = d_E(Px_1, Px_2) \approx L(d_E(Rx_1, Rx_2)) = \theta$$

and therefore $v_1 = v_2$.

Let us put $Fu = P[R_{-1}u]$ for $u \in R[A]$. For $u_i \in R[A]$ ($i = 1, 2$) with $x_i \in R_{-1}u_i$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} d_E(Fu_1, Fu_2) &= d_E(Px_1, Px_2) \approx L(d_E(Rx_1, Rx_2)) = \\ &= L(d_E(u_1, u_2)). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, applying Theorem II.6.2 from [7, p. 94], we can conclude the proof of (ii). Further, if $\xi \in R[A]$ satisfies (ii) and $x \in R_{-1}\xi$, then $Rx = \xi = F\xi = P[R_{-1}\xi] = Px$.

Now, we prove (iv). Let $Px_i = Rx_i$ ($i = 1, 2$) and $Rx_1 \neq Rx_2$. Obviously, $d_E(Rx_1, Rx_2) \approx L(d_E(Rx_1, Rx_2))$ and $-d_E(Rx_1, Rx_2) \notin S$. Consequently, by Stečenko theorem [7, th. II.5.4, p.81] we

obtain $r(L) \geq 1$. This contradiction completes the proof.

We shall be using the notations of \mathcal{L}^* -space, the \mathcal{L}^* -product of \mathcal{L}^* -spaces and a continuous mapping of \mathcal{L}^* -space into \mathcal{L}^* -space (see e.g. [8]).

Proposition (of Banach type). Let B be an \mathcal{L}^* -space and let $L, A, (X, d_{\mathbb{R}})$ be as above. Suppose that Q, T are two transformations defined on the set $A \times B$ with the values in X such that for all y in B :

(j) $\{Q(x, y) : x \in A\} \subset \{T(x, y) : x \in A\}$ and $\{T(x, y) : x \in A\}$ is a complete generalized metric subspace of X ;

(jj) $d_{\mathbb{R}}(Q(x_1, y), Q(x_2, y)) \leq L(d_{\mathbb{R}}(T(x_1, y), T(x_2, y)))$ for every x_1, x_2 in A ;

(jjj) the mapping $T(\cdot, y)$ is one-to-one on A .

Then there exists a unique function $\varphi : B \rightarrow A$ such that $Q(\varphi(y), y) = T(\varphi(y), y)$ for all y in B . Moreover, if for every fixed x in A the functions $Q(x, \cdot), T(x, \cdot)$ maps continuously \mathcal{L}^* -space B into a metric space $(X, d_{\mathbb{R}}^+)$, then the functions $T(\varphi(\cdot), \cdot), Q(\varphi(\cdot), \cdot)$ are continuous from B into $(X, d_{\mathbb{R}}^+)$.

Proof. Let us fix y in B and put $Px = Q(x, y), Rx = T(x, y)$ for x in A . For P and R all the conditions of our Lemma are satisfied. Therefore, by conditions (jjj), there exists exactly one element $\varphi(y)$ in A such that

$$Q(\varphi(y), y) = T(\varphi(y), y).$$

Now, we consider the mapping $y \mapsto \varphi(y)$. Suppose that (y_n) is a sequence in B converging to y_0 , and $Q(x, \cdot), T(x, \cdot)$ (x is fixed in A) are continuous on B . Let $\varepsilon > 0$ be such that $r(L) + \varepsilon < 1$. Further, let us denote by $\|\cdot\|_{\varepsilon}$

the norm equivalent to $\|\cdot\|$ such that $\|L\|_{\varepsilon} \leq r(L) + \varepsilon$ (see [7, p. 15]) ($\|L\|_{\varepsilon}$ is the norm of operator L generated by $\|\cdot\|_{\varepsilon}$).

We have

$$\begin{aligned} d_{\mathbb{E}}(T(\varphi(y_n), y_n), T(\varphi(y_0), y_0)) &= d_{\mathbb{E}}(Q(\varphi(y_n), y_n), \\ Q(\varphi(y_0), y_0)) &\leq L(d_{\mathbb{E}}(T(\varphi(y_n), y_n), T(\varphi(y_0), y_0))) + \\ &+ d_{\mathbb{E}}(Q(\varphi(y_0), y_n), Q(\varphi(y_0), y_0)) \leq \\ &\leq L(d_{\mathbb{E}}(T(\varphi(y_n), y_n), T(\varphi(y_0), y_0))) + L(d_{\mathbb{E}}(T(\varphi(y_0), y_0), \\ T(\varphi(y_0), y_n))) &+ d_{\mathbb{E}}(Q(\varphi(y_0), y_n), Q(\varphi(y_0), y_0)), \end{aligned}$$

hence

$$\begin{aligned} \|d_{\mathbb{E}}(T(\varphi(y_n), y_n), T(\varphi(y_0), y_0)) - L(d_{\mathbb{E}}(T(\varphi(y_n), y_n), \\ T(\varphi(y_0), y_0)))\|_{\varepsilon} &\leq M \|L\|_{\varepsilon} \cdot \|d_{\mathbb{E}}(T(\varphi(y_0), y_n), T(\varphi(y_0), \\ y_0))\|_{\varepsilon} + M \|d_{\mathbb{E}}(Q(\varphi(y_0), y_n), Q(\varphi(y_0), y_0))\|_{\varepsilon}, \end{aligned}$$

where M is some constant. Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \|d_{\mathbb{E}}(T(\varphi(y_n), y_n), T(\varphi(y_0), y_0))\|_{\varepsilon} &\leq \|d_{\mathbb{E}}(T(\varphi(y_n), y_n), \\ T(\varphi(y_0), y_0)) - L(d_{\mathbb{E}}(T(\varphi(y_n), y_n), T(\varphi(y_0), y_0)))\|_{\varepsilon} + \\ + \|L\|_{\varepsilon} \cdot \|d_{\mathbb{E}}(T(\varphi(y_n), y_n), T(\varphi(y_0), y_0))\|_{\varepsilon} &\leq M \|L\|_{\varepsilon} \cdot \\ \cdot \|d_{\mathbb{E}}(T(\varphi(y_0), y_n), T(\varphi(y_0), y_0))\|_{\varepsilon} + M \|d_{\mathbb{E}}(Q(\varphi(y_0), y_n), \\ Q(\varphi(y_0), y_0))\|_{\varepsilon} + (r(L) + \varepsilon) \cdot \|d_{\mathbb{E}}(T(\varphi(y_n), y_n), T(\varphi(y_0), \\ y_0))\|_{\varepsilon} \text{ and consequently} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|d_{\mathbb{E}}(T(\varphi(y_n), y_n), T(\varphi(y_0), y_0))\|_{\varepsilon} &\leq (r(L) + \varepsilon) \cdot \\ \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|d_{\mathbb{E}}(T(\varphi(y_n), y_n), T(\varphi(y_0), y_0))\|_{\varepsilon}. \end{aligned}$$

Since $r(L) + \varepsilon < 1$, so

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|d_{\mathbb{E}}(T(\varphi(y_n), y_n), T(\varphi(y_0), y_0))\|_{\varepsilon} = 0,$$

which completes the proof.

This Proposition generalizes the well-known Banach fixed-point principle and is connected with the Bielecki's method [2] of changing the norm in the theory of differential equations. If we put above: $E = \mathbb{R}^1$, $S = [0, \infty)$, $0 \leq k < 1$ and $Lx = k \cdot x$ for $x \in \mathbb{R}^1$, we get the result from [10].

Note, finally, that [5] a non-negative and non-zero matrix $M = [a_{ij}]$ ($1 \leq i, j \leq k$) has the spectral radius $r(M)$ less than one if and only if

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 - a_{11} & -a_{12} & \dots & -a_{1k} \\ -a_{21} & 1 - a_{22} & \dots & -a_{2k} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ -a_{k1} & -a_{k2} & \dots & 1 - a_{kk} \end{vmatrix} > 0$$

for all $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$. Let us remark that there exists a positive constant p_0 such that $r(p \cdot M) < 1$ for every $0 < p \leq p_0$.

3. Let us denote:

by Φ_0 - the space of all continuous functions from I into I , with the usual supremum metric ρ ;

by Φ - the some non-empty subspace of Φ_0

by \mathcal{F} - the set of all continuous functions $F = (f_1, \dots, f_k)$ from $I \times \mathbb{R}^k \times \mathbb{R}^k \times \mathbb{R}^k$ into \mathbb{R}^k satisfying the following conditions:

$$\begin{aligned} |w_i - \bar{w}_i + \mu_i (f_i(t, u, v, w) - f_i(t, u, v, \bar{w}))| &\leq \sum_{j=1}^k N_{ij} |w_j - \bar{w}_j|, \\ |f_i(t, u, v, w) - f_i(t, \bar{u}, \bar{v}, w)| &\leq \sum_{j=1}^k M_{ij} (|u_j - \bar{u}_j| + |v_j - \bar{v}_j|) \\ (i = 1, 2, \dots, k) \end{aligned}$$

for all $t \in I$ and $u = (u_1, \dots, u_k)$, $\bar{u} = (\bar{u}_1, \dots, \bar{u}_k)$, $v = (v_1, \dots, v_k)$, $\bar{v} = (\bar{v}_1, \dots, \bar{v}_k)$, $w = (w_1, \dots, w_k)$, $\bar{w} = (\bar{w}_1, \dots, \bar{w}_k)$ in

\mathbb{R}^k , where $\mu_i \neq 0$, $M_{ij} \geq 0$, $N_{ij} \geq 0$ ($1 \leq i, j \leq k$) are constants.

In the sequel we shall deal with the set \mathcal{F} as an \mathcal{L}^* -space endowed with the almost uniform convergence. Moreover, $\mathcal{F} \times \Phi \times \mathbb{R}^k$ considered as an \mathcal{L}^* -product of the spaces \mathcal{F} , Φ and \mathbb{R}^k .

It is easy to verify that (PC) problem is equivalent to the equation

$$(*) \quad F(t, X + \int_0^t z(s) ds, X + \int_0^t h(s) z(s) ds, z(t)) = 0.$$

In particular, if $z \in C(I, \mathbb{R}^k)$ is a solution of (*) then the function $t \mapsto X + \int_0^t z(s) ds$ is a solution of (PC). We shall prove the following

Theorem. Let $\sup_{h \in \Phi} \sup_{t \in I} (h(t) - t) < \infty$. Suppose that there exists a constant $p > 0$ such that the matrix

$$(*) \quad [N_{ij}] + p^{-1}(1 + \exp(p \sup_{h \in \Phi} \sup_{t \in I} (j(t) - t))) \cdot [|\mu_i| \cdot M_{ij}] \quad (1 \leq i, j \leq k)$$

has spectral radius less than 1. Then, for an arbitrary $F \in \mathcal{F}$, $h \in \Phi$ and $X \in \mathbb{R}^k$ there exists a unique function $\mathcal{Y}(F, h, X)$ (*) satisfying the (PC) problem on I . Moreover, the function

$$(F, h, X) \mapsto \mathcal{Y}(F, h, X)$$

maps continuously \mathcal{L}^* -space $\mathcal{F} \times \Phi \times \mathbb{R}^k$ into $C(I, \mathbb{R}^k)$.

Proof. Let \mathcal{X} denote the set of all continuous functions from I to \mathbb{R}^k . Let us put: $E = \mathbb{R}^k$, $S = \{(q_1, \dots, q_k) \in \mathbb{R}^k: q_i \geq 0 \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq k\}$. Obviously, $X \leq Y$ for $X = (x_1, \dots, x_k)$, $Y = (y_1, \dots, y_k)$ in \mathbb{R}^k means $x_i \leq y_i$ for every $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$. In \mathcal{X} we define the distance functions $d_{\mathcal{X}}$,

$d_{\mathbb{E}}^+$: for $z = (z_1, \dots, z_k)$, $w = (w_1, \dots, w_k)$ in \mathfrak{E} we put

$$d_{\mathbb{E}}(z, w) = (\varphi(z_1, w_1), \varphi(z_2, w_2), \dots, \varphi(z_k, w_k))$$

$$\text{and } d_{\mathbb{E}}^+(z, w) = \|d_{\mathbb{E}}(z, w)\|.$$

Then $(\mathfrak{E}, d_{\mathbb{E}})$ is a complete generalized metric space.

Let us put $B = \mathfrak{F} \times \Phi \times \mathbb{R}^k$. For $y = (y_1, \dots, y_k) \in \mathfrak{E}$, $F = (f_1, \dots, f_k) \in \mathfrak{F}$, $h \in \Phi$ and $X \in \mathbb{R}^k$ we define on I :

$$T_i(y, (F, h, X))(t) = y_i(t) \cdot \exp(-pt),$$

$$Q_i(y, (F, h, X))(t) = (y_i(t) + \mu_i \cdot f_i(t, X + \int_0^t y(s) ds, X + \int_0^{h(t)} y(s) ds, y(t))) \cdot \exp(-pt)$$

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$$(y, (F, h, X))(t) = (T_1(y, (F, h, X))(t), \dots, T_k(y, (F, h, X))(t)),$$

$$Q(y, (F, h, X))(t) = (Q_1(y, (F, h, X))(t), \dots, Q_k(y, (F, h, X))(t)).$$

Obviously, T and Q map the set $\mathfrak{E} \times B$ into \mathfrak{E} and

$$\{Q(y, \eta) : y \in \mathfrak{E}\} \subset \{T(y, \eta) : y \in \mathfrak{E}\}, \{T(y, \eta) : y \in \mathfrak{E}\} = \mathfrak{E}$$

for each $\eta \in B$.

Denote by L a linear operator generated by the matrix $(*)$. Let us fix $\eta = (F, h, X) \in B$, where $F = (f_1, \dots, f_k)$.

First, observe that the mapping $T(\cdot, \eta)$ is one-to-one on \mathfrak{E} . Further, for $1 \leq i \leq k$, $t \in I$ and $z = (z_1, \dots, z_k)$, $w = (w_1, \dots, w_k)$ in \mathfrak{E}

$$|Q_i(z, \eta)(t) - Q_i(w, \eta)(t)| \leq \left(\sum_{j=1}^k N_{ij} |z_j(t) - w_j(t)| + \right.$$

$$\left. + |\mu_i| \cdot \sum_{j=1}^k M_{ij} \cdot \int_0^t |z_j(s) - w_j(s)| ds + \right.$$

$$\left. + |\mu_i| \cdot \sum_{j=1}^k M_{ij} \cdot \int_0^{h(t)} |z_j(s) - w_j(s)| ds \right) \cdot \exp(-pt) \leq \sum_{j=1}^k N_{ij} \cdot \varphi(T_j(z, \eta), T_j(w, \eta)) +$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + |\mu_i| \cdot \exp(-pt) \cdot \left(\int_0^t e^{ps} ds + \int_0^{h(t)} e^{ps} ds \right) \cdot \\
& \quad \cdot \sum_{j=1}^k M_{ij} \cdot \varphi(T_j(z, \eta), T_j(w, \eta)) \leq \\
& \leq \sum_{j=1}^k (N_{ij} + p^{-1}(1 + \exp(pC)) \cdot |\mu_i| \cdot M_{1j}) \cdot \varphi(T_j(z, \eta), \\
& T_j(w, \eta)),
\end{aligned}$$

where $C = \sup_{h \in \Phi} \sup_{t \in I} (h(t) - t)$. Hence $d_{\mathbb{R}}(Q(z, \eta), Q(w, \eta)) \leq L(T(z, \eta), T(w, \eta))$ for $\eta \in B$ and $z, w \in \mathcal{X}$.

Fix y in \mathcal{X} . Let $\eta_m = (F_m, h_m, X_m) \in B$ ($m = 0, 1, \dots$), where $F_m = (f_1^{(m)}, \dots, f_k^{(m)})$ and $X_m = (x_1^{(m)}, \dots, x_k^{(m)})$. For $1 \leq i \leq k, n \geq 1$ and $t \in I$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
& |Q_i(y, \eta_n)(t) - Q_i(y, \eta_0)(t)| \leq |\mu_i| \cdot \sum_{j=1}^k M_{ij} (2|x_j^{(n)} - \\
& - x_j^{(0)}| + \sup_{t \in I} \left| \int_0^{h_n(t)} y_j(s) ds - \int_0^{h_0(t)} y_j(s) ds \right|) + \\
& + |\mu_i| \cdot \sup_{t \in I} |f_i^{(n)}(t, X_0 + \int_0^t y(s) ds, X_0 + \int_0^{h_0(t)} y(s) ds, y(t)) - \\
& - f_i^{(0)}(t, X_0 + \int_0^t y(s) ds, X_0 + \int_0^{h_0(t)} y(s) ds, y(t))|
\end{aligned}$$

hence

$$\|d_{\mathbb{R}}(Q(y, \eta_n), Q(y, \eta_0))\| \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

if $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|X_n - X_0\| = 0$, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \varphi(h_n, h_0) = 0$ and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_n = F_0$ almost uniformly. Finally, $Q(y, \cdot)$ is continuous from B into $(\mathcal{X}, d_{\mathbb{R}}^+)$.

Consequently, the Proposition given in Sec. 2 is applicable to the mapping T and Q . Hence there exists a unique continuous function $\varphi: B \rightarrow C(I, \mathbb{R}^k)$ such that $\varphi(\eta)$ ($\eta \in B$) satisfies the equation (+) on I . This completes the proof of our theorem.

Remark. Suppose that for each $h \in \Phi$ we have: $h(t) \leq t$

on I. Then $C = \sup_{t \in I} \sup_{h \in \Phi} (h(t) - t) < 0$, and therefore $\exp(pC) < 1$ for every $p > 0$. Consequently, there exists $p > 0$ such that the matrix $(*)$ has spectral radius less than 1 if $r([N_{ij}]) < 1$.

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