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Integration of evolution equations in a locally convex space

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Abstract. Let $H = H(\mathbf{R}^m)$ be the space of all real-valued functions in $C^\infty(\mathbf{R}^m)$ having every partial derivative in $L_2(\mathbf{R}^m)$ and topologized by the seminorms defined as follows:

$$p_i(\varphi) = \left(\sum_{|\nu|=0}^i \int_{\mathbf{R}^m} |D^{(\nu)}\varphi(\underline{t})|^2 d\underline{t} \right)^{1/2}, \quad \varphi \in H, \quad i = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

Let A be an elliptic differential operator with coefficients possessing bounded derivatives of all orders. This paper solves the Cauchy problem for the system:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial u(\underline{\xi}, t)}{\partial \xi} &= (Au)(\underline{\xi}, t), \quad \xi > 0, \underline{t} \in \mathbf{R}^m, \\ u(0, \underline{t}) &= f(\underline{t}), \quad f \in H, \underline{t} \in \mathbf{R}^m. \end{aligned}$$

1. Introduction. The present paper is a follow-up to [2], and its knowledge is assumed here. Let Ω be an open subset of a Euclidean space. For convenience we shall denote by $C^\infty = C^\infty(\Omega)$ the space of all infinite times continuously differentiable real-valued functions on Ω and by $C_0^\infty(\Omega)$ the space of functions in $C^\infty(\Omega)$ having compact support in Ω .

Now let A be the partial differential operator of $2n$ th order in m -dimensional Euclidean space \mathbf{R}^m given by

$$(1.1) \quad A = -(-1)^n \sum_{|\varrho|, |\nu|=0}^n D^{(\varrho)} \alpha_{\varrho, \nu}(\underline{t}) D^{(\nu)},$$

where the coefficients $\alpha_{\varrho, \nu}$ belong to $C^\infty(\mathbf{R}^m)$ with bounded partial derivatives of all orders. We assume further that $\alpha_{\varrho, \nu}(\underline{t}) = \alpha_{\nu, \varrho}(\underline{t})$ for $|\varrho| = |\nu| = n$ and there is a constant $\varepsilon_0 > 0$ such that

$$(1.2) \quad \sum_{|\varrho|=|\nu|=n} \alpha_{\varrho, \nu}(\underline{t}) t_1^{\varrho_1} \dots t_m^{\varrho_m} \cdot t_1^{\nu_1} \dots t_m^{\nu_m} \geq \varepsilon_0 \left(\sum_{j=1}^m t_j^2 \right)^n$$

for each $(t_1, \dots, t_m) \in \mathbf{R}^m$; so that A is an elliptic differential operator.

Let $H = H(\mathbf{R}^m)$ be the space of all functions in $C^\infty(\mathbf{R}^m)$ with every partial derivative in $L_2(\mathbf{R}^m)$ and denote by H also the topological vector space obtained by imposing the topology determined by the set $\{p_i: i \geq N\} = \{p_\alpha: \alpha \in \mathcal{A}\}$ of semi-norms on this family of functions, where

$$(1.3) \quad p_i(\varphi) = \left(\sum_{|\nu|=0}^i \int_{\mathbf{R}^m} |D^{(\nu)}\varphi(\underline{t})|^2 d\underline{t} \right)^{1/2}, \quad \varphi \in H.$$

Note that H is a Fréchet Space.

In this paper we prove the following theorem:

1.4 THEOREM. *The Cauchy problem for the equation*

$$(1.5) \quad \begin{aligned} \frac{\partial u(\xi, \underline{t})}{\partial \xi} &= (Au)(\xi, \underline{t}), \quad \xi > 0, \underline{t} \in \mathbf{R}^m, \\ u(0, \underline{t}) &= f(\underline{t}), \quad \underline{t} \in \mathbf{R}^m, \end{aligned}$$

is solvable in the following sense: For any given $f \in H$ the equation (1.5) admits a solution $u = u(\xi, \underline{t}) = u(\xi, \underline{t}; f) \in C^\infty((0, \infty) \times \mathbf{R}^m)$ satisfying the following:

- (i) $u(\xi + \eta, \underline{t}; f) = u(\xi, \underline{t}; u(\eta, \cdot; f)) \quad (\xi, \eta > 0 \text{ and } \underline{t} \in \mathbf{R}^m),$
- (ii) $u(\xi, \cdot; f) \in H \quad \text{for each } \xi > 0,$
- (iii) $\lim_{\xi \rightarrow 0^+} u(\xi, \cdot; f) = f(\cdot) \quad \text{in } H.$

Moreover, the solution $u(\xi, \underline{t}; f)$ satisfying (ii) and (iii) is uniquely determined for $f \in H$.

2. Preliminaries.

2.1. Notations. For each non-negative integer i ,

$$(1) \quad (\varphi, \psi)_i = \sum_{|\nu|=0}^i \int_{\mathbf{R}^m} D^{(\nu)}\varphi(\underline{t}) D^{(\nu)}\psi(\underline{t}) d\underline{t} \quad \text{for all } \varphi, \psi \in H = H(\mathbf{R}^m)$$

and $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

(2) H_i is the pre-Hilbert space formed by H under the inner product (1).

(3) \bar{H}_i is the completion of H_i with respect to the norm $\|\cdot\|_i = p_i(\cdot)$.

Indeed the p_i 's are norms on H . Hence, under the topology induced by $p_i(\cdot)$, the normed linear space formed by the elements of $H/p_i^{-1}(0)$ can and will be replaced by H_i in the sequel. Whenever necessary $f_i (= f)$ will denote an element of H_i seen as a coset. Note that the operator A defined by (1.1) with domain H and range in H has the property that the linear operator $A_i: H_i \rightarrow H_i$ defined by

$$A_i f_i = (Af)_i \quad f_i \in H_i$$

is well-defined. For, clearly, $f_i = g_i$ in $H_i \Rightarrow f(\underline{t}) \equiv g(\underline{t}) \Rightarrow A(f-g)(\underline{t})$

$$\begin{aligned} &\equiv 0 \Rightarrow \sum_{|\nu|=0}^i \int_{\mathbf{R}^m} |D^{(\nu)}A(f-g)(\underline{t})|^2 d\underline{t} = 0 \Rightarrow (Af - Ag)_i = 0 \Rightarrow (Af)_i = (Ag)_i \\ &\Rightarrow A_i f_i = A_i g_i. \text{ Hence } A_i \text{ is well-defined on } H_i. \text{ Observe that } A_i \text{ is effectively the operator } A \text{ taken as acting on the normed linear space } H_i \text{ into itself.} \end{aligned}$$

We define the adjoint A^* of A by

$$(2.2) \quad A^* = -(-1)^n \sum_{|\alpha|, |\nu|=0}^n (-1)^{|\alpha|+|\nu|} D^{(\alpha)} a_{\alpha, \nu}(\underline{t}) D^{(\nu)}.$$

Note that $f \in H$ can be approximated by a sequence of functions in $C_0^\infty(\mathbf{R}^m)$ (cf. [4] page, 58). Thus, since (a) the inner product $(\cdot, \cdot)_0$ defined by 2.1(1) on $H \times H$ is continuous, (b) A^* is continuous on H and (c) by partial integration $(Af, \varphi)_0 = (f, A^*\varphi)_0$ for all $\varphi \in C_0^\infty(\mathbf{R}^m)$, it follows, in the limit that

$$(2.3) \quad (Af, g)_0 = (f, A^*g)_0 \quad \text{for all } f, g \in H.$$

Similarly

$$(2.4) \quad \left(\sum_{|\nu|=0}^i (-1)^{|\nu|} D^{(\nu)} D^{(\nu)} Af, g \right)_0 = \left(f, \sum_{|\nu|=0}^i (-1)^{|\nu|} A^* D^{(\nu)} D^{(\nu)} g \right)_0$$

for all $f, g \in H$.

Extend the inner product on H_i by continuity to \bar{H}_i . Still denote the extension by $(v, w)_i$ for all $v, w \in \bar{H}_i$ and the corresponding norm $\|\cdot\|_i$. Since $C_0^\infty(\mathbf{R}^m)$ is $\|\cdot\|_i$ -dense in \bar{H}_i , the following is immediate.

2.5. LEMMA. *Let $f, g \in \bar{H}_i$. Then $(f-g, \varphi)_i = 0$ for all $\varphi \in C_0^\infty(\mathbf{R}^m)$ implies $f = g$ in \bar{H}_i .*

We now state a suitable form of Gårding's inequality.

2.6. LEMMA. *Suppose the differential operator*

$$(2.7) \quad \check{A} = (-1)^j \sum_{|\beta|, |\nu|=0}^j D^{(\beta)} a_{\beta, \nu}(\underline{t}) D^{(\nu)}$$

defined on H into H satisfies the following:

(1) *The $a_{\beta, \nu}$'s are functions in $C^\infty(\mathbf{R}^m)$ with bounded partial derivatives of all orders.*

(2) $a_{\beta, \nu}(\underline{t}) = a_{\nu, \beta}(\underline{t})$ for $|\nu| = |\beta| = j$.

(3) *There exists a positive constant ε_0 such that*

$$\sum_{|\beta|=|\nu|=j} a_{\beta, \nu}(\underline{t}) t_1^{\beta_1} \dots t_m^{\beta_m} \cdot t_1^{\nu_1} \dots t_m^{\nu_m} \geq \varepsilon_0 \left(\sum_{i=1}^m t_i^2 \right)^j$$

for all $(t_1, \dots, t_m) \in \mathbf{R}^m$ (that is, \check{A} is strongly elliptic).

Then there exist positive constants c and C such that

$$(2.8) \quad (\check{A}f, f)_0 \geq c \|f\|_0^2 - C \|f\|_0^2 \quad \text{for all } f \in H.$$

Proof. By [1], Theorem 7.6,

$$(2.9) \quad (\check{A}\varphi, \varphi)_0 \geq c \|\varphi\|_0^2 - C \|\varphi\|_0^2$$

for all $\varphi \in C_0^\infty(\mathbf{R}^m)$. This class of functions is dense in H . Hence, for any $f \in H$, there exists a sequence $\{\varphi_k\} \subset C_0^\infty(\mathbf{R}^m)$ such that $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \varphi_k = f$ in H .

Now observe that the operator \check{A} , the norms $\|\cdot\|_j, \|\cdot\|_0$ are continuous on H and the inner product $(\cdot, \cdot)_0$ is continuous on $H \times H$. Hence, by taking $\varphi = \varphi_k$ in (2.9) and letting $k \rightarrow \infty$, we obtain the lemma.

2.10. COROLLARY. Let A be the differential operator defined by (1.1). There exist positive constants c_i and C_i such that if $\lambda > C_i$ then

$$(2.11) \quad \left(\sum_{|\nu|=0}^i (-1)^{|\nu|} D^{(\nu)} D^{(\nu)} (\lambda I - A) f, f \right)_0 = \left(f, \sum_{|\nu|=0}^i (-1)^{|\nu|} (\lambda I - A^*) D^{(\nu)} D^{(\nu)} f \right)_0 \geq c_i \|f\|_{n+i}^2$$

for all $f \in H$. Further, for each positive λ , there exists a positive constant $K_{\lambda,i}$ such that

$$(2.12) \quad \left| \left(\sum_{|\nu|=0}^i (-1)^{|\nu|} D^{(\nu)} D^{(\nu)} (\lambda I - A) f, g \right)_0 \right| = \left| \left(f, \sum_{|\nu|=0}^i (-1)^{|\nu|} (\lambda I - A^*) D^{(\nu)} D^{(\nu)} g \right)_0 \right| \leq K_{\lambda,i} \|f\|_{n+1} \|g\|_{n+1}$$

for all $f, g \in H$.

Proof. The equality in (2.11) is true by (2.4). It is easy to show that the differential operator $(-1) \sum_{|\nu|=0}^i (-1)^{|\nu|} D^{(\nu)} D^{(\nu)} A$ satisfies the hypotheses of Lemma 2.6. Thus there exist positive constants c_i, C_i such that

$$\left((-1) \sum_{|\nu|=0}^i (-1)^{|\nu|} D^{(\nu)} D^{(\nu)} A f, f \right)_0 \geq c_i \|f\|_{n+i}^2 - C_i \|f\|_0^2 \quad \text{for all } f \in H.$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(\sum_{|\nu|=0}^i (-1)^{|\nu|} D^{(\nu)} D^{(\nu)} (\lambda I - A) f, f \right)_0 \\ &= \lambda \left(\sum_{|\nu|=0}^i (-1)^{|\nu|} D^{(\nu)} D^{(\nu)} f, f \right)_0 - \left(\sum_{|\nu|=0}^i (-1)^{|\nu|} D^{(\nu)} D^{(\nu)} A f, f \right)_0 \end{aligned}$$

for all $f \in H$. Thus

$$(2.13) \quad \left(\sum_{|\nu|=0}^i (-1)^{|\nu|} D^{(\nu)} D^{(\nu)} (\lambda I - A) f, f \right)_0 \geq c_i \|f\|_{n+i}^2 + (\lambda - C_i) \|f\|_0^2$$

for all $f \in H$. Therefore, provided $\lambda > C_i$, we have

$$(2.14) \quad \left(\sum_{|\nu|=0}^i (-1)^{|\nu|} D^{(\nu)} D^{(\nu)} (\lambda I - A) f, f \right)_0 \geq c_i \|f\|_{n+i}^2$$

for all $f \in H$, and (2.11) is true.

Each $\binom{\gamma}{\beta} D^{(\beta)} a_{\beta,\nu}$ is bounded. Hence (2.12) follows as a consequence of the Schwartz inequality and the corollary is proved.

3. Proof of Theorem 1.4. We would have proved Theorem 1.4 if we had shown that the differential operator A with domain $D(A) = H$ generates an $L_{loc}(H)$ -operator semi-group of class $(C_0, 1)$. For this purpose we shall employ a variant of a technique of Yosida ([4], pp. 413-416).

It is clear that the linear operator A with $D(A) = H$ is continuous and therefore closed in H . It is also clear that $D(A) = H$ is dense in H . We have already noted that $A_i = A: H_i \rightarrow H_i$ is well-defined. Now to show that A with $D(A) = H$ generates an $L_{loc}(H)$ -operator semi-group of class $(C_0, 1)$ we still need, according to [2], establish the following:

- $$(3.1) \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{(i) For each } i, A_i \text{ is closable in } \bar{H}_i. \\ \text{(ii) For each } i, \text{ there exist positive numbers } \sigma_i, M_i \text{ such that} \\ \text{the resolvent } R(\lambda; \bar{A}_i) \text{ of the closure } \bar{A}_i \text{ of } A_i \text{ in } \bar{H}_i \text{ exists} \\ \text{for all } \lambda > \sigma_i \text{ and} \\ \|[R(\lambda; \bar{A}_i)]^k\|_i \leq M_i (\lambda - \sigma_i)^{-k} \text{ for all } \lambda > \sigma_i \text{ and } k = 1, 2, \dots \end{array} \right.$$

We first take up (3.1)(i).

3.2. LEMMA. The linear operator $A_i = A: H_i \rightarrow H_i$ is closable in \bar{H}_i .

Proof. Let $\{f_k\} \subset D(A_i) = H_i \subset \bar{H}_i$ be such that $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|f_k\|_i = 0$ and

$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|A_i f_k - g\|_i = 0, g \in \bar{H}_i$. It remains to show that $g = 0$ in \bar{H}_i to prove the lemma. Now for any $\varphi \in C_0^\infty(\mathbf{R}^m)$,

$$(3.3) \quad \begin{aligned} (A_i f_k, \varphi)_i &= \left(\sum_{|\nu|=0}^i (-1)^{|\nu|} D^{(\nu)} D^{(\nu)} A_i f_k, \varphi \right)_0 \\ &= \left(f_k, \sum_{|\nu|=0}^i (-1)^{|\nu|} A_i^* D^{(\nu)} D^{(\nu)} \varphi \right)_0 \end{aligned}$$

for all $k = 1, 2, \dots$ and $\varphi \in C_0^\infty(\mathbf{R}^m)$. Note that the inner products $(\cdot, \cdot)_i$

and $(\cdot, \cdot)_0$ are continuous on $\bar{H}_i \times \bar{H}_i$. Hence, passing to the limit in (3.3), we have

$$(g, \varphi)_i = \left(0, \sum_{|\nu|=0}^i (-1)^{|\nu|} A_i^* D^{(\nu)} D^{(\nu)} \varphi \right)_0 = 0.$$

Hence, by Lemma 2.5, $g = 0$ in \bar{H}_i . This proves the lemma.

To establish (3.1)(ii) we need a few preparatory results.

3.4 LEMMA. Let a positive number λ_i be so chosen that Corollary 2.10 is valid for $\lambda \geq \lambda_i$. Then, for any $f \in H$, the equation

$$(3.5) \quad \lambda u - Au = f, \quad (\lambda \geq \lambda_i),$$

has a solution $u_{f,i} \in \bar{H}_{n+i} \cap C^\infty$ in the sense that

$$(3.6) \quad ((\lambda I - A)u_{f,i}, \varphi)_i = (f, \varphi)_i \quad \text{for all } \varphi \in C_0^\infty(\mathbf{R}^m).$$

Moreover, $u_{f,i}$ is unique in $\bar{H}_{n+i} \cap C^\infty$.

PROOF. Observe that $\lambda I - A$ is strongly elliptic. Define a bilinear functional

$$B_{\lambda,i}(u, v) = \left(\sum_{|\nu|=0}^i (-1)^{|\nu|} (\lambda I - A^*) D^{(\nu)} D^{(\nu)} u, v \right)_0$$

for all $u, v \in H$. From Corollary 2.10,

$$|B_{\lambda,i}(u, v)| \leq K_{\lambda,i} \|u\|_{n+i} \|v\|_{n+i} \quad \text{and} \quad B_{\lambda,i}(u, u) \geq c_i \|u\|_{n+i}^2.$$

Hence we may extend $B_{\lambda,i}(u, v)$, by continuity, to a bilinear functional $\bar{B}_{\lambda,i}(u, v)$ defined for $u, v \in \bar{H}_{n+i}$ and such that

$$(3.7) \quad |\bar{B}_{\lambda,i}(u, v)| \leq K_{\lambda,i} \|u\|_{n+i} \|v\|_{n+i} \quad \text{and} \quad \bar{B}_{\lambda,i}(u, u) \geq c_i \|u\|_{n+i}^2.$$

The linear functional $F_i(u) = (u, f)_i$ defined on \bar{H}_{n+i} , is bounded since $|(u, f)_i| \leq \|u\|_i \|f\|_i \leq \|u\|_{n+i} \|f\|_i$. Hence, by the Riesz representation theorem, in the Hilbert space \bar{H}_{n+i} , (see [4], page 90), there exists a uniquely determined $v = v(f) \in \bar{H}_{n+i}$ such that $(u, f)_i = (u, v(f))_{n+i}$ for all $u \in \bar{H}_{n+i}$. Thus, by the Lax-Milgram theorem ([4], page 92),

$$(u, f)_i = (u, v(f))_{n+i} = B_{\lambda,i}(u, S_{\lambda,i}v(f)) \quad \text{for all } u \in \bar{H}_{n+i},$$

where $S_{\lambda,i}$ is a bounded linear operator from \bar{H}_{n+i} onto \bar{H}_{n+i} . Let $\{v_k\} \subset H$ be a sequence such that $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|v_k - S_{\lambda,i}v(f)\|_{n+i} = 0$. Then for $u \in C_0^\infty(\mathbf{R}^m) \subset H$,

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{B}_{\lambda,i}(u, S_{\lambda,i}v(f)) &= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \bar{B}_{\lambda,i}(u, v_k) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} B_{\lambda,i}(u, v_k) \\ &= \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left(\sum_{|\nu|=0}^i (-1)^{|\nu|} (\lambda I - A^*) D^{(\nu)} D^{(\nu)} u, v_k \right)_0 \\ &= \left(\sum_{|\nu|=0}^i (-1)^{|\nu|} (\lambda I - A^*) D^{(\nu)} D^{(\nu)} u, S_{\lambda,i}v(f) \right)_0, \end{aligned}$$

so that

$$\begin{aligned} (u, f)_i &= \left(u, \sum_{|\nu|=0}^i (-1)^{|\nu|} D^{(\nu)} D^{(\nu)} f \right)_0 \\ &= \left(\sum_{|\nu|=0}^i (-1)^{|\nu|} (\lambda I - A^*) D^{(\nu)} D^{(\nu)} u, S_{\lambda,i}v(f) \right)_0 \end{aligned}$$

for all $u \in C_0^\infty(\mathbf{R}^m)$. Hence by the strong ellipticity of $(\lambda I - A)$ and by the fact that $f \in C^\infty(\mathbf{R}^m)$, we see, from the Weyl-Schwartz theorem ([3], page 136), that $u_{f,i} = S_{\lambda,i}v(f) \in \bar{H}_{n+i}$ is a solution in $C^\infty(\mathbf{R}^m)$.

The uniqueness of such a solution $u = u_{f,i}$ of (3.5) is proved as follows. Let a function $u \in \bar{H}_{n+i} \cap C^\infty$ satisfy $\lambda u - Au = 0$ in the sense of (3.6). Thus $Au = \lambda u \in \bar{H}_{n+i} \cap C^\infty$ and so the expression $(\lambda u - Au, u)_i$ is defined and has value 0. As a consequence of Corollary 2.10, there exist C_i, c_i and $K_{\lambda,i}$ all positive such that $\lambda > C_i$ implies

$$K_{\lambda,i} \|u\|_{n+i}^2 \geq (\lambda u - Au, u)_i = \left(\sum_{|\nu|=0}^i (-1)^{|\nu|} D^{(\nu)} D^{(\nu)} (\lambda u - Au), u \right)_0 \geq c_i \|u\|_{n+i}^2$$

for all $u \in H$. This means that $((\lambda I - A) \cdot, \cdot)_i$ is an equivalent norm in H_{n+i} . Thus taking $\{u_k\} \subset H$ such that $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|u - u_k\|_{n+i} = 0$ gives

$$0 = (\lambda u - Au, u)_i = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} (\lambda u_k - Au_k, u_k)_i \geq c_i \|u\|_{n+i}^2.$$

Hence $\|u\|_{n+i} = 0$, that is, $u = 0$ in $\bar{H}_{n+i} \cap C^\infty$. We have proved the lemma.

3.8. COROLLARY. For each i , a positive constant σ_i exists such that for any $f \in H$, the equation

$$\lambda u - Au = f, \quad (\lambda \geq \sigma_i),$$

admits a uniquely determined solution $u = u_f \in \bar{H}_{n+i} \cap C^\infty$ in the sense of Lemma 3.4. Moreover,

$$(3.9) \quad \|u_f\|_i \leq (\lambda - \sigma_i)^{-1} \|f\|_i.$$

PROOF. It is clear from Lemma 3.4 that if $\lambda \geq \sigma_i > C_i$ then the solution $u = u_f$ exists in the sense of (3.6) and is unique. We now obtain the estimate (3.9). The inequality (2.13) implies

$$(3.10) \quad \left(\sum_{|\nu|=0}^i (-1)^{|\nu|} D^{(\nu)} D^{(\nu)} (\lambda I - A) u, u \right)_0 \geq (\lambda - C_i) \|u\|_i^2$$

for all $u \in H$ and $\lambda > C_i$. Now, for each $u \in H$, we have, by the Schwartz inequality,

$$(3.11) \quad \left\| \left(\sum_{|\gamma|=0}^i (-1)^{|\gamma|} D^{(\gamma)} D^{(\gamma)} (\lambda I - A) u, u \right)_0 \right\|^2 \\ \leq \left(\sum_{|\gamma|=0}^i \int_{\mathbf{R}^m} |D^{(\gamma)} (\lambda I - A) u(t)|^2 dt \right) \left(\int_{\mathbf{R}^m} |D^{(\gamma)} u(t)|^2 dt \right) \\ \leq \left(\sum_{|\gamma|=0}^i \int_{\mathbf{R}^m} |D^{(\gamma)} (\lambda I - A) u(t)|^2 dt \right) \left(\sum_{|\gamma|=0}^i \int_{\mathbf{R}^m} |D^{(\gamma)} u(t)|^2 dt \right) \\ = \|(\lambda I - A) u\|_i^2 \|u\|_i^2.$$

Combining (3.10) and (3.11) gives

$$(3.12) \quad \|(\lambda I - A) u\|_i \geq (\lambda - C_i) \|u\|_i \quad \text{whenever } u \in H.$$

Since the solution $u = u_f = u_{f,i} \in \bar{H}_{n+i} \cap C^\infty$ of (3.5) is approximated in $\|\cdot\|_{n+i}$ -norm by a sequence of functions in H and since the norm $\|\cdot\|_{n+i}$ is larger than the norm $\|\cdot\|_i$, we obtain, passing to the limit,

$$\|u_f\|_i \leq (\lambda - \sigma_i)^{-1} \|f\|_i, \quad \lambda \geq \sigma_i,$$

which concludes the proof.

3.13. COROLLARY. *The closure \bar{A}_i of A_i in \bar{H}_i possesses, for $\lambda > \sigma_i$, the resolvent $R(\lambda; \bar{A}_i)$ defined on \bar{H}_i into \bar{H}_i such that*

$$(3.14) \quad \| [R(\lambda; \bar{A}_i)]^k \|_i \leq (\lambda - \sigma_i)^{-k}, \quad k = 1, 2, \dots$$

Proof. Let $f \in H$. Now $(\lambda I - A)f \in H$. Set $(\lambda I - A)f = g$. Note that $g \in H$ is unique. If $\lambda > \sigma_i$, then as a consequence of this uniqueness and Lemma 3.4, the map $f \rightarrow g$ is one-one from H onto H . Thus if we set $f = R(\lambda)g$, then $R(\lambda)$ is a linear operator from H onto H . Now

$$(3.15) \quad (\lambda I - A)R(\lambda)g = g \quad \text{for all } g \in H.$$

Furthermore, consider $R(\lambda)(\lambda I - A)g$, $g \in H$. We have just seen that $g \in H$ implies that there exists $h \in H$ such that $R(\lambda)h = g$. Hence we have $R(\lambda)(\lambda I - A)R(\lambda)h = R(\lambda)h = g$; that is,

$$(3.16) \quad R(\lambda)(\lambda I - A)g = g \quad \text{for all } g \in H.$$

Now by Corollary 3.8

$$\|R(\lambda)g\|_i \leq (\lambda - \sigma_i)^{-1} \|g\|_i \quad \text{for all } g \in H.$$

Thus $R(\lambda)$ is a continuous linear operator on H_i onto H_i . Hence it is uniquely extensible to a continuous linear operator $\bar{R}_i(\lambda)$ on \bar{H}_i into

\bar{H}_i such that

$$(3.17) \quad \|\bar{R}_i(\lambda)g\|_i \leq (\lambda - \sigma_i)^{-1} \|g\|_i \quad \text{for all } g \in \bar{H}_i.$$

By Lemma 3.2, $A_i = A$ is closable in \bar{H}_i . Its closure is denoted by \bar{A}_i . Since H_i is $\|\cdot\|_i$ -dense in \bar{H}_i and $\bar{R}_i(\lambda)$ is continuous on \bar{H}_i we see that, for any $g \in \bar{H}_i$, there exists a sequence $\{g_k\} \subset H_i$ such that $\|g_k - g\|_i \rightarrow 0$ and $\|\bar{R}_i(\lambda)g_k - \bar{R}_i(\lambda)g\|_i \rightarrow 0$ as $k \rightarrow \infty$. Clearly $\{\bar{R}_i(\lambda)g_k\} \subset D(\bar{A}_i)$ and \bar{A}_i being closed in \bar{H}_i , we have, for any $g \in \bar{H}_i$,

$$(\lambda I - \bar{A}_i) \bar{R}(\lambda)g = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} (\lambda I - \bar{A}_i) \bar{R}_i(\lambda)g_k = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} (\lambda I - A)R(\lambda)g_k = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} g_k = g$$

in the topology of \bar{H}_i (consequence of (3.15)). Similarly,

$$\bar{R}_i(\lambda)(\lambda I - \bar{A}_i)g = g \quad \text{for all } g \in D(\bar{A}_i).$$

Thus $\bar{R}_i(\lambda)$ is the resolvent $R(\lambda; \bar{A}_i)$ of \bar{A}_i over the space \bar{H}_i . Moreover, (3.17) gives

$$\|R(\lambda; \bar{A}_i)g\|_i \leq (\lambda - \sigma_i)^{-1} \|g\|_i \quad \text{for all } g \in \bar{H}_i \text{ and } \lambda > \sigma_i,$$

from where it follows that

$$\| [R(\lambda; \bar{A}_i)]^k \|_i \leq (\lambda - \sigma_i)^{-k} \quad \text{for all } \lambda > \sigma_i \text{ and } k = 1, 2, \dots$$

This proves the corollary.

We have thus established (3.1)(ii). It follows that the differential operator $A: H \rightarrow H$, defined by (1.1), is the infinitesimal generator of an $L_{\mathcal{A}}(H)$ -operator semi-group of class $(C_0, 1)$ and thus Theorem 1.4 is established.

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