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On the structure of the L^{p_1, p_2} -solution sets of Volterra integral equations in Banach spaces

Abstract. It was proved by Szuffla in [6] that the set of L^p -solutions of a Volterra integral equation in Banach spaces is a compact R_δ , i.e. it is homeomorphic to the intersection of a decreasing sequence of compact absolute retracts. We prove a similar theorem for the set of L^{p_1, p_2} -solutions.

Let $D_1 = [0, d_1]$, $D_2 = [0, d_2]$ be compact intervals in \mathbf{R} , $D = D_1 \times D_2$, and let E, F be Banach spaces. For a pair $p = (p_1, p_2)$ of real numbers $p_1, p_2 > 1$ we denote by $L^p(D, E)$ the space of all strongly measurable functions $u: D \rightarrow E$ with

$$\|u\|_p = \left(\int_{D_2} \left(\int_{D_1} \|u(t_1, t_2)\|^{p_1} dt_1 \right)^{p_2/p_1} dt_2 \right)^{1/p_2} < \infty,$$

provided with the norm $\|u\|_p$.

Consider the integral equation

$$(1) \quad x(t) = f(t) + \int_{D(t)} K(t, s)g(s, x(s))ds,$$

where $D(t) = \{\tau \in \mathbf{R}^2: 0 \leq \tau_1 \leq t_1, 0 \leq \tau_2 \leq t_2\}$ and $t = (t_1, t_2) \in D$.

We assume that

1° $p = (p_1, p_2)$, $q = (q_1, q_2)$, $p_1 \geq q_1 > 1$ and $p_2 \geq q_2 > 1$; let $r = (r_1, r_2)$ be such that $1/q_1 + 1/r_1 = 1$ and $1/q_2 + 1/r_2 = 1$, and let $m = (m_1, m_2)$ be such that $1/p_1 + 1/r_1 + 1/m_1 = 1$ and $1/p_2 + 1/r_2 + 1/m_2 = 1$ (if $p_i = q_i$ we put $m_i = \infty$).

2° $f \in L^p(D, E)$.

3° $(s, x) \rightarrow g(s, x)$ is a function from $D \times E$ into F such that

(i) g is strongly measurable in s and continuous in x ;

(ii) $\|g(s, x)\| \leq a(s) + b\|x\|$ for $s \in D$ and $x \in E$, where $a \in L^q(D, \mathbf{R})$ and $b \geq 0$.

4° K is a strongly measurable function from $D \times D$ into the space $\mathcal{L}(F, E)$ of continuous linear mappings $F \rightarrow E$ such that $\|K(t, \cdot)\| \in L^r(D, \mathbf{R})$ for a.e. $t \in D$ and the function $t \rightarrow k(t) = \|K(t, \cdot)\|_r$ belongs to $L^p(D, \mathbf{R})$.

5° H is a nonnegative function belonging to $L^m(D, \mathbf{R})$ and $\alpha(g(s, X)) \leq H(s)\alpha(X)$ for $s \in D$ and for each bounded subset X of E , where α denotes the Kuratowski measure of noncompactness.

The purpose of this paper is to prove the following Aronszajn-type

THEOREM. *If 1°–5° hold, then the set S of all solutions $x \in L^p(D, E)$ of (1) is a compact R_δ , i.e. S is homeomorphic to the intersection of a decreasing sequence of compact absolute retracts.*

This result extends a similar theorem from [6] concerning the case when p is a real number > 1 .

Proof. For simplicity put $L^p = L^p(D, E)$. Note that from 1° it follows that each $x \in L^p$ belongs to $L^q(D, E)$ and

$$(2) \quad \|x\|_q \leq \omega \|x\|_p,$$

where $\omega = d_1^{1/q_1 - 1/p_1} d_2^{1/q_2 - 1/p_2}$.

Consider now a mapping F defined by

$$F(x)(t) = \int_{D(t)} K(t, s)g(s, x(s))ds \quad (x \in L^p, t \in D).$$

By 1°, 3°, 4°, (2) and the Hölder inequality, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \|F(x)(t)\| &\leq \int_{D(t)} \|K(t, s)\|(a(s) + b\|x(s)\|)ds \\ &\leq k(t)(\|a\|_q + b\|x\chi_{D(t)}\|_q) \leq k(t)(\|a\|_q + b\omega\|x\chi_{D(t)}\|_p) \end{aligned}$$

for $t \in D$ and $x \in L^p$, so that $F(x) \in L^p$ for $x \in L^p$.

We shall show that F is a continuous mapping $L^p \rightarrow L^p$. Let $x_n, x_0 \in L^p$ and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n - x_0\|_p = 0$. Suppose that $\|F(x_n) - F(x_0)\|_p$ does not converge to 0 as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Then there are $\varepsilon > 0$ and a subsequence (x_{n_j}) such that

$$(3) \quad \|F(x_{n_j}) - F(x_0)\|_p > \varepsilon \quad \text{for } j = 1, 2, \dots$$

and

$$\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} x_{n_j}(t) = x_0(t) \quad \text{for a.e. } t \in D.$$

By 3°(i) we have

$$\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \|g(t, x_{n_j}(t)) - g(t, x_0(t))\| = 0 \quad \text{for a.e. } t \in D.$$

Moreover, as $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n - x_0\|_p = 0$, the sequence (x_n) has equi-absolutely continuous norms in L^p . By 3°(ii) and (2) this implies that the sequence $(g(\cdot, x_n))$ has equi-absolutely continuous norms in $L^q(D, F)$. Thus

$$\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \|g(\cdot, x_{n_j}) - g(\cdot, x_0)\|_q = 0.$$

Since

$$\|F(x_{n_j}) - F(x_0)\|_p \leq \|k\|_p \|g(\cdot, x_{n_j}) - g(\cdot, x_0)\|_q,$$

this proves that $\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \|F(x_{n_j}) - F(x_0)\|_p = 0$, which contradicts (3).

For any positive integer n and $x \in L^p$ put

$$F_n(x)(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } t \in D(d^n), \\ \int_{D(t-d^n)} K(t, s)g(s, x(s))ds & \text{if } t \in D \setminus D(d^n), \end{cases}$$

where $d^n = (d_1/n, d_2/n)$. Arguing as for F , it can be shown that F_n is a continuous mapping $L^p \rightarrow L^p$ and

$$(4) \quad \|F_n(x)(t)\| \leq k(t)(\|a\|_q + b\omega \|x\chi_{D(t)}\|_p) \quad \text{for } x \in L^p \text{ and } t \in D.$$

Moreover,

$$(5) \quad \|F(x)(t) - F_n(x)(t)\| \leq k_n(t)(\|a\|_q + b\omega \|x\chi_{D(t)}\|_p)$$

for $x \in L^p$ and $t \in D$, where

$$k_n(t) = \begin{cases} k(t) & \text{if } t \in D(d^n), \\ \|K(t, \cdot)\chi_{D(t) \setminus D(t-d^n)}\|_r & \text{if } t \in D \setminus D(d^n). \end{cases}$$

Choose $\delta > 0$ such that $\|k\chi_A\|_p < 1/(2b\omega)$ for each measurable subset A of D with $\mu(A) < \delta$ (μ the Lebesgue measure), and choose points $a^0, a^1, \dots, a^j \in D$ in such a way that $0 = a^0 \leq a^1 \leq \dots \leq a^j = d$ and $\mu(D(a^{i+1}) \setminus D(a^i)) < \delta$ for $i = 0, \dots, j-1$. Let c be a positive number, $\varrho = (2^{j+1} - 2)(c + \|f\|_p + \|a\|_q/(2b\omega))$, $U = \{x \in L^p: \|x\|_p \leq c\}$, and let $B = \{x \in L^p: \|x\|_p \leq \varrho\}$.

Put $G(x) = f + F(x)$ and $G_n(x) = f + F_n(x)$ for $x \in B$. Then G and G_n are continuous mappings of B into L^p and, by (5),

$$(6) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|G(x) - G_n(x)\|_p = 0 \quad \text{uniformly in } x \in B.$$

Now we shall prove that $I - G_n: B \rightarrow L^p$ is an into homeomorphism (I is the identity mapping).

It is easy to see that for any $x, y \in B$

$$x - G_n(x) = y - G_n(y) \Rightarrow x = y.$$

It is enough to prove the continuity of $(I - G_n)^{-1}$. Suppose that $x_i, x_0 \in B$ and

$$\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \|x_i - G_n(x_i) - x_0 + G_n(x_0)\|_p = 0.$$

Since

$$G_n(x_i)(t) = G_n(x_0)(t) = f(t) \quad \text{for } t \in D(d^n), \text{ we have } \lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \|(x_i - x_0)\chi_{D(d^n)}\|_p = 0.$$

Further

$$\begin{aligned} x_i(t) - x_0(t) &= (x_i(t) - G_n(x_i)(t) - x_0(t) + G_n(x_0)(t)) \\ &\quad + (F_n(x_i \chi_{D(d^n)})(t) - F_n(x_0 \chi_{D(d^n)})(t)) \end{aligned}$$

for $t \in D(2d^n) \setminus D(d^n)$ and $i = 1, 2, \dots$. By the continuity of F_n this proves that

$$\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \|(x_i - x_0) \chi_{D(2d^n) \setminus D(d^n)}\|_p = 0$$

and, consequently, $\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \|(x_i - x_0) \chi_{D(2d^n)}\|_p = 0$. Arguing similarly we get $\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \|(x_i - x_0) \chi_{D(d^l)}\|_p = 0$ for $l = 3, \dots, n$, so that $\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \|x_i - x_0\|_p = 0$. This proves the continuity of $(I - G_n)^{-1}$.

Fix n . For a given $y \in U$ we define a sequence of functions x_i , $i = 1, \dots, n$, by

$$\begin{aligned} x_1(t) &= y(t) + f(t) \quad \text{for } t \in D(d^n), \\ \bar{x}_i(t) &= \begin{cases} x_i(t) & \text{for } t \in D(id^n), \\ 0 & \text{for } t \in D \setminus D(id^n), \end{cases} \\ x_{i+1}(t) &= \begin{cases} x_i(t) & \text{for } t \in D(id^n), \\ y(t) + f(t) + F_n(\bar{x}_i)(t) & \text{for } t \in D((i+1)d^n) \setminus D(id^n). \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Then $x_n \in L^p$ and

$$x_n(t) = y(t) + f(t) + F_n(x_n)(t) \quad \text{for } t \in D.$$

In view of (4) we have

$$(7) \quad \|x_n(t)\| \leq \|y(t)\| + \|f(t)\| + k(t)(\|a\|_q + b\omega \|x_n \chi_{D(i)}\|_p) \quad \text{for } t \in D.$$

We shall show that

$$(8) \quad \|x_n \chi_{D(a^i)}\|_p \leq (2^{i+1} - 2) \left(c + \|f\|_p + \frac{\|a\|_q}{2b\omega} \right) \quad (i = 1, 2, \dots, j).$$

It follows from (7) that

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_n \chi_{D(a^i)}\|_p &\leq \|y\|_p + \|f\|_p + \|k \chi_{D(a^i)}\|_p (\|a\|_q + b\omega \|x_n \chi_{D(a^i)}\|_p) \\ &\leq c + \|f\|_p + \frac{\|a\|_q}{2b\omega} + \frac{1}{2} \|x_n \chi_{D(a^i)}\|_p, \end{aligned}$$

i.e.

$$\|x_n \chi_{D(a^i)}\|_p \leq 2 \left(c + \|f\|_p + \frac{\|a\|_q}{2b\omega} \right).$$

Suppose that (8) holds for some i , $1 \leq i < j$. Then by (7)

$$\|x_n \chi_{D(a^{i+1}) \setminus D(a^i)}\|_p \leq \|y\|_p + \|f\|_p + \|k \chi_{D(a^{i+1}) \setminus D(a^i)}\|_p (\|a\|_q + b\omega \|x_n \chi_{D(a^{i+1})}\|_p)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\leq c + \|f\|_p + \frac{1}{2b\omega} (\|a\|_q + b\omega \|x_n \chi_{D(a^i+1) \setminus D(a^i)}\|_p + b\omega \|x_n \chi_{D(a^i)}\|_p) \\
&\leq c + \|f\|_p + \frac{\|a\|_q}{2b\omega} + \frac{1}{2} \|x_n \chi_{D(a^i+1) \setminus D(a^i)}\|_p + (2^i - 1) \left(c + \|f\|_p + \frac{\|a\|_q}{2b\omega} \right) \\
&= 2^i \left(c + \|f\|_p + \frac{\|a\|_q}{2b\omega} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \|x_n \chi_{D(a^i+1) \setminus D(a^i)}\|_p,
\end{aligned}$$

so that

$$\|x_n \chi_{D(a^i+1) \setminus D(a^i)}\|_p \leq 2^{i+1} \left(c + \|f\|_p + \frac{\|a\|_q}{2b\omega} \right).$$

Consequently,

$$\begin{aligned}
\|x_n \chi_{D(a^i+1)}\|_p &\leq \|x_n \chi_{D(a^i+1) \setminus D(a^i)}\|_p + \|x_n \chi_{D(a^i)}\|_p \\
&\leq (2^{i+1} - 2) \left(c + \|f\|_p + \frac{\|a\|_q}{2b\omega} \right).
\end{aligned}$$

This proves (8). From (8) it is clear that $x_n \in B$. This shows that

$$(10) \quad U \subset (I - G_n)(B) \quad \text{for all } n.$$

Before passing to further considerations we shall quote two lemmas. For a given set V of functions from D into E we define a function v by $v(t) = \alpha(V(t))$ for $t \in D$, where $V(t) = \{x(t) : x \in V\}$.

LEMMA 1 (Heinz [2]). *Let V be a countable set of strongly measurable functions $D \rightarrow E$ such that there exists $\mu \in L^1(D, \mathbf{R})$ such that $\|x(t)\| \leq \mu(t)$ for $x \in V$ and $t \in D$. Then the corresponding function v is integrable and*

$$\alpha\left(\int_D x(t) dt : x \in V\right) \leq 2 \int_D v(t) dt.$$

Let α_1 denote the Kuratowski measure of noncompactness in $L^1(D, E)$.

LEMMA 2 (Szufla [5]). *Let V be a countable set of strongly measurable functions $D \rightarrow E$ such that*

(i) *there exists $\mu \in L^1(D, E)$ such that $\|x(t)\| \leq \mu(t)$ for $x \in V$ and $t \in D$;*

(ii) $\limsup_{h \rightarrow 0} \int_{x \in V} \|x(t+h) - x(t)\| dt = 0.$

Then $\alpha_1(V) \leq 2 \int_D v(t) dt.$

Now we shall prove that

(11) $(I - G)^{-1}(C)$ is compact for each compact subset C of L^p .

Let C be a given compact subset of L^p and let (u_n) be a sequence in $(I - G)^{-1}(C)$.

Since $u_n - G(u_n) \in C$, we can find a subsequence (u_{n_k}) and $z \in C$ such that

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \|u_{n_k} - G(u_{n_k}) - z\|_p = 0.$$

By passing to a subsequence if necessary, we may assume that

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} (u_{n_k}(t) - G(u_{n_k})(t)) = z(t) \quad \text{for a.e. } t \in D.$$

Moreover, by the inequality

$$(12) \quad \|F(x)(t)\| \leq k(t)(\|a\|_q + b\omega\varrho) \quad \text{for } x \in B \text{ and } t \in D$$

and the Egorov and Lusin theorems, for each $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists a closed subset D_ε of D and $M_\varepsilon > 0$ such that $\mu(D \setminus D_\varepsilon) < \varepsilon$ and $\|u_{n_k}(t)\| \leq M_\varepsilon$ for all k and $t \in D_\varepsilon$. Let $V = \{u_{n_k} : k = 1, 2, \dots\}$ and let $W = F(V)$. It is clear that $\alpha_1(V) = \alpha_1(W)$ and $\alpha(V(t)) = \alpha(W(t))$ for a.e. $t \in D$.

Observe that for $x \in B$ and $t \in D$ we have

$$\|F(x)(t+h) - F(x)(t)\| \leq d(t, h),$$

where

$$d(t, h) = \begin{cases} k(t)(\|a\|_q + b\omega\varrho) & \text{if } t+h \notin D, \\ \|K(t+h, \cdot) - K(t, \cdot)\|_r(\|a\|_q + b\omega\varrho) & \text{if } t+h \in D. \end{cases}$$

From 4° it is clear that $\|K\|$ belongs to the mixed norm space $L^{r,1} = L^1[L^r]$ (see [3], pp. 401–402). Since $C(D \times D, \mathcal{L}(F, E))$ is dense in the space $L^{r,1}(\mathcal{L}(F, E))$ of all strongly measurable functions $u: D \times D \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(F, E)$ such that $\|u\| \in L^{r,1}$, we have

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \int_D \|K(t+h, \cdot) - K(t, \cdot)\|_r dt = 0.$$

Consequently,

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \sup_{x \in W} \int_D \|x(t+h) - x(t)\| dt = 0.$$

From the above and (12) it follows that the function $t \rightarrow v(t) = \alpha(V(t))$ satisfies all assumptions of Lemmas 1 and 2. Hence v is integrable on D and

$$(13) \quad \alpha_1(V) = \alpha_1(W) \leq 2 \int_D v(t) dt.$$

Fix now $t \in D$ such that $k(t) < \infty$, and put $T = D(t) \cap D_\varepsilon$ and $P = D(t) \setminus D_\varepsilon$. Let $Z = \{K(t, \cdot)g(\cdot, u_{n_i}) : i = 1, 2, \dots\}$. As

$$\|K(t, s)g(s, u_{n_i}(s))\| \leq \|K(t, s)\|(\|a(s)\| + b\omega M_\varepsilon)$$

for $s \in T$ and $i = 1, 2, \dots$, by 5° and Lemma 1 we get

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha\left(\int_T Z(s) ds\right) &\leq 2 \int_T \alpha(Z(s)) ds \leq 2 \int_T \|K(t, s)\| \alpha(g(s, V(s))) ds \\ &\leq 2 \int_T \|K(t, s)\| H(s) v(s) ds \leq 2 \int_{D(t)} \|K(t, s)\| H(s) v(s) ds. \end{aligned}$$

Moreover, by 3° and the Hölder inequality

$$\int_P \|K(t, s)\| \|g(s, u_{n_i}(s))\| ds \leq \|K(t, \cdot)\|_{\mathcal{X}_P} (\|a\|_q + b\omega\varrho)$$

for $i = 1, 2, \dots$. Since

$$v(t) \leq \alpha \left(\int_T Z(s) ds \right) + \alpha \left(\int_P Z(s) ds \right),$$

we obtain

$$v(t) \leq 2 \int_{D(t)} \|K(t, s)\| H(s)v(s) ds + 2 \|K(t, \cdot)\|_{\mathcal{X}_P} (\|a\|_q + b\omega\varrho).$$

As ε is arbitrary, this shows that

$$(14) \quad v(t) \leq 2 \int_{D(t)} \|K(t, s)\| H(s)v(s) ds \quad \text{for a.e. } t \in D.$$

Now we shall prove that $v(t) = 0$ for a.e. $t \in D$. Choose $\eta > 0$ such that $2\|H\|_m \|k\chi_A\|_p < 1$ for each measurable subset A of D with $\mu(A) < \eta$, and choose $b^0, b^1, \dots, b^k \in D$ in such a way that $0 = b^0 \leq b^1 \leq \dots \leq b^k = d$ and $\mu(D(b^{l+1}) \setminus D(b^l)) < \eta$ for $l = 0, \dots, k-1$. From (14) it follows that

$$v(t) \leq 2k(t) \|H\|_m \|v\chi_{D(b^1)}\|_p \quad \text{for } t \in D(b^1),$$

so that

$$\|v\chi_{D(b^1)}\|_p \leq 2 \|k\chi_{D(b^1)}\|_p \|H\|_m \|v\chi_{D(b^1)}\|_p.$$

This implies that $\|v\chi_{D(b^1)}\|_p = 0$, i.e. $v(t) = 0$ for a.e. $t \in D(b^1)$. Again from (14) we obtain

$$v(t) \leq 2k(t) \int_{D(t) \setminus D(b^1)} \|K(t, s)\| H(s)v(s) ds \quad \text{for } t \in D,$$

so that

$$v(t) \leq 2k(t) \|H\|_m \|v\chi_{D(b^2) \setminus D(b^1)}\|_p \quad \text{for } t \in D(b^2).$$

Hence

$$\|v\chi_{D(b^2) \setminus D(b^1)}\|_p \leq 2 \|k\chi_{D(b^2) \setminus D(b^1)}\|_p \|H\|_m \|v\chi_{D(b^2) \setminus D(b^1)}\|_p,$$

which proves that $\|v\chi_{D(b^2) \setminus D(b^1)}\|_p = 0$ and, consequently, $v(t) = 0$ for a.e. $t \in D(b^2)$. Arguing similarly we deduce that $v(t) = 0$ for a.e. $t \in D(b^l)$, $l = 3, \dots, k$, i.e. $v(t) = 0$ for a.e. $t \in D$.

Therefore, by (13), $\alpha_1(W) = 0$, i.e. W is relatively compact in L^1 . On the other hand, from (12) it follows that W has equi-absolutely continuous norms in L^p . Thus W is relatively compact in L^p . From the above it follows that V is relatively compact in L^p , which proves (11).

From (6), (10) and (11) we deduce that the mapping $I - G$ satisfies all assumptions of Theorem 7 of [1]. Therefore, the set $(I - G)^{-1}(0)$ is a compact R_δ . On the other hand, if $x \in S$, then analogously as for x_n in the proof of (10), it can be shown that $x \in B$. Consequently, $S = (I - G)^{-1}(0)$. This completes the proof.

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