

## ON THE STEPANOV ALMOST PERIODIC SOLUTION OF A SECOND-ORDER INFINITESIMAL GENERATOR DIFFERENTIAL EQUATION

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**ABSTRACT.** The Stepanov almost periodic solution of a certain second-order differential equation in a reflexive Banach space is shown to be almost periodic.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION.

Let  $X$  be a Banach space and  $J$  the interval  $-\infty < t < \infty$ . A continuous function  $f: J \rightarrow X$  is said to be (Bochner or strongly) almost periodic if, given  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists a positive real number  $r = r(\epsilon)$  such that any interval of the real line of length  $r$  contains at least one point  $\tau$  for which

$$\sup_{t \in J} \|f(t + \tau) - f(t)\| \leq \epsilon. \quad (1.1)$$

A function  $f \in L^p_{loc}(J; X)$  with  $1 \leq p < \infty$  is said to be Stepanov-bounded or  $S^p$ -bounded on  $J$  if

$$\|f\|_{S^p} = \sup_{t \in J} \int_t^{t+1} \|f(s)\|^p ds^{1/p} < \infty. \quad (1.2)$$

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$$\sup_{t \in J} \int_t^{t+1} \|f(s + \tau) - f(s)\|^p ds^{1/p} < \epsilon. \quad (1.3)$$

We denote by  $L(X, X)$  the set of all bounded linear operators on  $X$  into itself, with the uniform operator topology. An operator-valued function  $T: J \rightarrow L(X, X)$  is called a strongly continuous group if

$$T(t_1 + t_2) = T(t_1)T(t_2) \quad \text{for all } t_1, t_2 \in J; \quad (1.4)$$

$$T(0) = I = \text{the identity operator on } X; \quad (1.5)$$

$$\text{for each } x \in X, T(t)x, t \in J \rightarrow X \text{ is continuous.} \quad (1.6)$$

The infinitesimal generator  $A$  of a strongly continuous group  $T: J \rightarrow L(X, X)$  is a closed linear operator, with domain  $D(A)$  dense in  $X$ , defined by

$$Ax = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{T(t)x - x}{t} \quad \text{for } x \in D(A) \quad (1.7)$$

(see Dunford and Schwartz [3]).

The group  $T$  is said to be almost periodic if  $T(t)x, t \in J \rightarrow X$  is almost periodic for each  $x \in X$ .

NOTE 1. Suppose  $A$  and  $B$  are two densely-defined closed linear operators, having their domains and ranges in a Banach space  $X$ , and a function  $f: J \rightarrow X$  is continuous. Then a solution of the differential equation

$$u''(t) = Au'(t) + Bu(t) + f(t) \quad \text{a.e. on } J \quad (1.8)$$

is a twice differentiable function  $u(t)$  with  $u'(t) \in D(A)$ ,  $u(t) \in D(B)$  for all  $t \in J$  and satisfying the equation (1.8) a.e. (almost everywhere) on  $J$ .

Our result is as follows.

THEOREM. Suppose  $X$  is a reflexive Banach space,  $f: J \rightarrow X$  is an  $S^1$ -almost periodic continuous function, and  $A$  is the infinitesimal generator of an almost periodic group  $T: J \rightarrow L(X, X)$ . Further, suppose that  $u: J \rightarrow X$ , with its derivative  $u'(t) \in D(A)$  for all  $t \in J$ , is a strong solution of the differential equation

$$u''(t) = Au'(t) + B(t)u(t) + f(t) \quad \text{a.e. on } J, \quad (1.9)$$

where  $B: J \rightarrow L(X, X)$  is almost periodic with respect to the norm of  $L(X, X)$ . If  $u$  is  $S^1$ -almost periodic and  $u'$  is  $S^1$ -bounded on  $J$ , then  $u$  and  $u'$  are both almost periodic from  $J$  to  $X$ .

## 2. LEMMAS.

LEMMA 1. The derivative of any solution of (1.9) has the representation

$$u'(t) = T(t)u'(0) + \int_0^t T(t-s)[B(s)u(s) + f(s)] ds \text{ on } J. \quad (2.1)$$

PROOF. For an arbitrary but fixed  $t \in J$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{ds} [T(t-s)u'(s)] &= T(t-s)[u''(s) - Au'(s)] \\ &= T(t-s)[B(s)u(s) + f(s)] \text{ a.e. on } J, \text{ by (1.9).} \end{aligned} \quad (2.2)$$

Integrating (2.2) from 0 to t, we obtain the representation (2.1).

LEMMA 2. If  $g: J \rightarrow X$  is an almost periodic function, and if  $G: J \rightarrow L(X, X)$  is an almost periodic group, then  $G(t)g(t)$ ,  $t \in J \rightarrow X$  is an almost periodic function ( $X$  a Banach space).

PROOF. See Zaidman [5].

LEMMA 3. Let  $X$  be a reflexive Banach space,  $h: J \rightarrow X$  an  $S^1$ -almost periodic continuous function, and

$$H(t) = \int_0^t h(s) ds \quad \text{on } J. \tag{2.3}$$

Then  $H$  is almost periodic if it is  $S^1$ -bounded on  $J$ .

PROOF. See Notes (ii) of Rao [4].

3. PROOF OF THEOREM.

From (2.1), we obtain

$$T(-t)u'(t) = u'(0) + \int_0^t T(-s)[B(s)u(s) + f(s)] ds \quad \text{on } J. \tag{3.1}$$

We write

$$v(t) = B(t)u(t) + f(t) \quad \text{on } J. \tag{3.2}$$

Since  $B$  is almost periodic from  $J$  to  $L(X, X)$ , we have

$$\sup_{t \in J} \|B(t)\| = M < \infty. \tag{3.3}$$

Further, since  $u$  is  $S^1$ -almost periodic from  $J$  to  $X$ , it is  $S^1$ -bounded on  $J$ .

Now, given  $\epsilon > 0$ , we may choose  $\tau$  to be an  $\epsilon$ -almost period of  $B$  and also an  $\epsilon S^1$ -almost period of  $u$  (see pp. 10, 77 and 78, Amerio and Prouse [1]).

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_t^{t+\tau} \|B(s+\tau)u(s+\tau) - B(s)u(s)\| ds \tag{3.4} \\ & \leq \int_t^{t+\tau} \|B(s+\tau) - B(s)\| \|u(s+\tau)\| ds \\ & + \int_t^{t+\tau} \|B(s)\| \|u(s+\tau) - u(s)\| ds \\ & \leq \epsilon \|u\|_{S^1} + M\epsilon \quad \text{on } J, \text{ by (1.2) and (3.3)}. \end{aligned}$$

So  $B(t)u(t)$  is  $S^1$ -almost periodic from  $J$  to  $X$ . Hence  $v$  is  $S^1$ -almost periodic from  $J$  to  $X$ .

Consider the function on  $J$

$$v_h(t) = \frac{1}{h} \int_0^h v(t+s) ds \quad \text{for any } h > 0 \tag{3.5}$$

Since  $v$  is  $S^1$ -almost periodic, it follows easily that  $v_h(t)$  is almost periodic for each fixed  $h > 0$ . As shown for scalar-valued functions in Besicovitch [2], pp. 80-81, we can prove that  $v_h \rightarrow v$  as  $h \rightarrow 0+$  in the

$S^1$ - sense, that is,

$$\sup_{t \in J} \int_t^{t+1} \|v(s) - v_h(s)\| ds \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } h \rightarrow 0+. \quad (3.6)$$

Obviously,  $T(-s), s \in J - L(X, X)$  is an almost periodic group. So, for each  $x \in X$ , the function  $T(-s)x$  is almost periodic, and hence is bounded on  $J$ . Thus, by the uniform boundedness principle,

$$\sup_{s \in J} \|T(-s)\| = K < \infty. \quad (3.7)$$

Now we have

$$T(-s)v(s) = T(-s)[v(s) - v_h(s)] + T(-s)v_h(s), \quad (3.8)$$

and, by (3.7),

$$\begin{aligned} & \sup_{t \in J} \int_t^{t+1} \|T(-s)[v(s) - v_h(s)]\| ds \\ & \leq K \sup_{t \in J} \int_t^{t+1} \|v(s) - v_h(s)\| ds \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } h \rightarrow 0+. \end{aligned} \quad (3.9)$$

By LEMMA 2, the functions  $T(-t)v_h(t)$  are almost periodic from  $J$  to  $X$ . Therefore it follows that  $T(-t)v(t)$  is  $S^1$ -almost periodic from  $J$  to  $X$ .

Furthermore, by (3.7),  $T(-t)u'(t)$  is  $S^1$ -bounded on  $J$ . Hence, by LEMMA 3,  $T(-t)u'(t)$  is almost periodic from  $J$  to  $X$ . Therefore, by LEMMA 2,  $T(t)[T(-t)u'(t)] = u'(t)$  is almost periodic from  $J$  to  $X$ . So  $u'$  is bounded on  $J$ , and hence  $u$  is uniformly continuous on  $J$ . Consequently, by Theorem VII, p. 78, Amerio and Prouse [1],  $u$  is almost periodic from  $J$  to  $X$ , completing the proof of the theorem.

NOTE 2. In a reflexive space  $X$ , consider the first-order infinitesimal generator differential equations

$$u'(t) = [A + B(t)]u(t) + f(t) \quad \text{a.e. on } J, \quad (3.10)$$

$$u'(t) = Au(t) + f(t) \quad \text{a.e. on } J, \quad (3.11)$$

where  $f: J \rightarrow X$  is an  $S^1$ -almost periodic continuous function,  $A$  is the infinitesimal generator of an almost periodic group  $T: J \rightarrow L(X, X)$ , and  $B: J \rightarrow L(X, X)$  is almost periodic with respect to the norm of  $L(X, X)$ . Then, from (3.10) and (3.11), we have the representations

$$u(t) = T(t)u(0) + \int_0^t T(t-s)[B(s)u(s) + f(s)]ds \text{ on } J \quad (3.12)$$

and

$$u(t) = T(t)u(0) + \int_0^t T(t-s)f(s)ds \text{ on } J, \quad (3.13)$$

respectively. From the proof of our THEOREM, it follows that, (a) if  $u: J \rightarrow D(A)$  is an  $S^1$ -almost periodic solution of the differential equation (3.10), then it is almost periodic from  $J$  to  $X$ , and (b) if  $u: J \rightarrow D(A)$  is an  $S^1$ -bounded solution of the differential equation (3.11), then it is almost periodic from  $J$  to  $X$ .

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