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## CAUCHY PROBLEM FOR THE ESSENTIALLY INFINITE-DIMENSIONAL HEAT EQUATION ON A SURFACE IN HILBERT SPACE\*

### ЗАДАЧА КОШІ ДЛЯ СУТТЄВО НЕСКІНЧЕННОВІМІРНОГО РІВНЯННЯ ТЕПЛОПРОВІДНОСТІ НА ПОВЕРХНІ У ГІЛЬБЕРТОВОМУ ПРОСТОРИ

It is proved that the Cauchy problem for the simplest parabolic equation with essentially infinite-dimensional coefficients on bounded level surfaces of smooth functions in a Hilbert space is uniformly well-posed.

На обмежених поверхнях рівня гладких функцій у гільбертовому просторі доведена рівномірна коректність задачі Коші для найпростішого параболічного рівняння з суттєво нескінченновимірними коефіцієнтами.

This paper deals with the Cauchy problem for the parabolic equation  $\partial v(x, t)/\partial t = L_S v(x, t)$  on a level surface of a smooth function in an infinite-dimensional Hilbert space. An operator  $L_S$  is supposed to be "essentially infinite-dimensional" with respect to  $x$  in the sense given below (see (2)). A similar problem on the Hilbert sphere was studied in [1].

The investigation is developed by constructing a  $(C_0)$ -semigroup on some Banach space of functions.  $L_S$  turns out to be a generator of this semigroup. The fact that  $L_S$  is essentially infinite-dimensional turns out to be a simplifying condition (Lemma 1). The solution of this problem is based on [2, 3], where an analogous problem in a linear space was investigated, and on Theorem 1 from this paper.

1. Let  $H$  be a separable infinite-dimensional real Hilbert space and let  $B_S(H)$  be the Banach space of selfadjoint bounded operators on  $H$  (with operator norm). Assume that  $j \in B_S(H)^*$  is a nonnegative functional which vanishes on all finite-dimensional operators from  $B_S(H)$ . The functional  $j$  generates the linear elliptic second-order differential operator

$$(Lu)(x) = \frac{1}{2} j(u''(x)). \quad (1)$$

Here,  $u \in C^2(H)$  and, for all cylindrical functions,  $Lu = 0$ .

Let  $S$  be a smooth ( $C^2$ -class) surface in  $H$  of co-dimension 1. The embedding  $i: S \hookrightarrow H$  induces the Riemann metric on  $S$ .

Let  $\nabla$  be the corresponding Levi-Civita connection. The embedding  $di_x: T_x S \rightarrow H$  of the tangent space  $T_x S$  into  $H$  at a point  $x \in S$  allows us to assume that a bounded selfadjoint operator in  $T_x S$  is the restriction of some bounded selfadjoint operator in  $H$ , which is determined up to a finite-dimensional operator. In this sense, we identify the second covariant derivative  $\nabla^2 u(x)$  with some operator from  $B_S(H)$  and the differential operator on  $S$  may be introduced by the formula

$$(L_S u)(x) = \frac{1}{2} j(\nabla^2 u(x)). \quad (2)$$

2. Let  $\mathfrak{A}$  be an algebra of twice continuously Frechet-differentiable functions on  $H$  with the conditions:

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a) for any  $u \in \mathfrak{A}$ , there is a compact set  $\mathfrak{N} = \mathfrak{N}_u \subset B_s(H)$  and a number  $d = d_u > 0$  such that  $u''(x) \in \mathfrak{N} + \Gamma_d$  for all  $x \in H$  (where  $\Gamma_d$  is the set of selfadjoint Hilbert–Schmidt operators with the Hilbert–Schmidt norm  $\leq d$ ):

b)  $u''(\cdot)$  is uniformly continuous on  $H$ :  $\sup_H |u(\cdot)| < \infty$ .

Let  $X$  be the closure of  $\mathfrak{A}$  in the norm of uniform convergence on  $H$ .

We say that  $u \in C^3(H) \cap \mathfrak{A}$  belongs to  $\mathfrak{A}_1$  if, for any  $h \in H$ , the function  $(u'(\cdot), h) = v_h(\cdot) \in \mathfrak{A}$  and there exist a compact set  $\mathfrak{N} \subset B_s(H)$  and  $d > 0$  such that  $v_h''(x) \in \mathfrak{N} + \Gamma_d$  for all  $x \in H$  and  $h \in \{h \mid \|h\| = 1\}$ .

Obviously,  $\mathfrak{A}_1$  is a subalgebra in  $\mathfrak{A}$ .

For an open set  $G \subset H$ , a functional algebra  $\mathfrak{A}(G)$  is introduced by substituting  $G$  for  $H$  in conditions a) and b). Analogously, we obtain  $\mathfrak{A}_1(G)$  and  $X(G)$ .

If the surface  $S$  may be represented as a level surface of a function  $g \in \mathfrak{A}_1(S_\varepsilon)$  ( $S_\varepsilon$  is  $\varepsilon$ -neighborhood of  $S$  in  $H$ ) with

$$\|g'(\cdot)\| \geq \delta > 0, \quad (3)$$

then we say that  $S$  is a surface of the class  $\mathfrak{A}_1$ . Assume that  $S = \{x \mid g(x) = 1\}$ .

Examples of such surfaces are:  $\{x \mid (C_1 x, x)^2 + (C_2 x, x) = 1\}$ , where  $C_1, C_2 \in B_s(H)$ ; and  $C_1 \geq 0$ ;  $C_2 \geq \delta I > 0$  (see [4]).

**Lemma 1.** Let  $u \in C^2(S_\varepsilon)$  and  $S$  be a level surface of  $g \in C^2(S_\varepsilon)$ . Then, for  $x \in S$ ,

$$L_S u(x) = L u(x) - \frac{(u'(x), g'(x))}{\|g'(x)\|^2} L g(x). \quad (4)$$

**Proof.** Let vector fields  $X$  and  $Y$  be defined in a neighborhood  $W \subset H$  of the point  $x \in S$  and tangent to  $S$  on  $S \cap W$ . Let  $n$  be the field of a single normal vector to  $S$ .

If  $X'_x$  is the derivative of the map  $y \mapsto X(y)$  in  $x$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla_Y X(y) &= X'_x(Y(x)) - (X'_x(Y(x)), n(x))n(x) = \\ &= X'_x(Y(x)) - (X'_x(Y(x)), g'(x)) \frac{g'(x)}{\|g'(x)\|^2}. \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand,

$$(\nabla^2 u)(X, Y) = YXu - (\nabla_Y X)u;$$

$$(YXu - X'(Y)u)(x) = (u''(x)X(x), Y(x));$$

$$(X'(Y), g')(x) = Y(X, g')(x) - (X, g''(Y))(x) = -(g''(x)X(x), Y(x))$$

and, therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} (\nabla^2 u)(X, Y)(x) &= (u''(x)X(x), Y(x)) - \\ &- (g''(x)X(x), Y(x)) \frac{(g'(x), u'(x))}{\|g'(x)\|^2}. \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

This implies the assertion.

The algebra  $\mathfrak{A}(S)$  on a  $C^2$ -class surface is introduced similarly to  $\mathfrak{U}$  and  $\mathfrak{A}(G)$  by replacing  $u''$  by  $\nabla^2 u$ . Let  $X(S)$  be the closure of  $\mathfrak{A}(S)$  in the norm of uniform convergence.

Any function  $\varphi \in \mathfrak{A}(S)$  may be extended from the surface of class  $\mathfrak{A}_1$  to the function  $\tilde{\varphi} \in \mathfrak{A}$  [4].

It should be observed that, for  $\gamma \in C^2(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $\varphi \in \mathfrak{A}(S)$ ,

$$\gamma \circ \varphi \in \mathfrak{A}(S); \quad L_S(\gamma \circ \varphi) = (\gamma' \circ \varphi) \cdot L_S \varphi.$$

Let  $C_u^2(S)$  be the space of functions from  $C^2(S)$  with uniformly continuous Hessians.

**Lemma 2.** *Suppose that  $S$  is a surface of class  $\mathfrak{A}_1$ ,  $W$  is an open set in  $H$ ;  $u \in C_u^2(S)$ ;  $L_S u > \varepsilon > 0$  in  $W \cap S$ . Then*

$$\sup_{W \cap S} u = \sup_{\partial(W \cap S)} u.$$

**Proof.** Without loss of generality, we may assume that  $u(x) > 1$  on  $S \cap W$ . Let there be given  $\beta > 0$ ,  $C_1 > 0$  such that, in a  $\beta$ -neighborhood  $S_\beta$  of the surface  $S$ , we have  $\delta/2 < \|g'(x)\| < C_1$  (see (3)).

The flow  $\Phi(t, x)$  of the vector field  $g'(x)/\|g'(x)\|^2$  is defined in  $S_\beta$ , for  $x \in S_\beta$ , we have  $\Phi(-g(x) + 1, x) \in S$ . For  $x \in S_\beta$ , we set  $\tilde{u}(x) = u(\Phi(-g(x) + 1, x) s(g(x)))$ , where the function  $s(t) = p(|t-1|)$  of the real variable  $t$  satisfies the conditions:  $p(t)$  monotonically decreases:  $s \in C^2(\mathbb{R})$ ;  $s(t) \in (0, 1)$  as  $t \neq 1$ ,  $s(1) = 1$ ,  $s'(1) = 0$ . For this reason,  $(\tilde{u}', g') = 0$  on  $S \cap W$  and, by virtue of Lemma 1, we have  $L\tilde{u}|_{S \cap W} = L_S u$ .

Let  $(S \cap W)_\beta = \{\Phi(t, x) \in S_\beta | x \in S \cap W\}$  be the part of  $S_\beta$  filled with the integral curves that begin in  $S \cap W$ . Because of uniform continuity of  $L\tilde{u}$  in  $S_\beta$ , decreasing  $\beta$  if necessary, one can consider that  $L\tilde{u}(x) > \varepsilon/2$  in  $(S \cap W)_\beta$ . Furthermore, there exists such  $\gamma > 0$  that  $\Phi(t, x) \in (S \cap W)_\beta$  for  $|t| < \gamma$  ( $x \in S \cap W$ ). For this reason,  $\tilde{u}(\Phi(t, x)) \leq u(x)p(\gamma)$  ( $p(\gamma) \in (0, 1)$ ), where  $\Phi(t, x) \in \partial(S \cap W)_\beta$  and  $x \in S \cap W$ .

Let  $C = \sup_{W \cap S} u$  and  $x \in S \cap W$  be such that  $u(x) > p(\gamma)C$ . By virtue of the maximum principle for domains in  $H$  [3, 5], we have:  $u(x) \leq \sup_{\partial((S \cap W)_\beta)} \tilde{u}$ . But then

there exists  $y \in \partial(S \cap W)$  for which  $u(y) \geq u(x)$ , for otherwise there would exist  $y \in \partial((S \cap W)_\beta)$  of the form  $y = \Phi(t, z)$ ,  $z \in S \cap W$ , and  $\tilde{u}(y) \geq u(x)$ ; thus  $u(z) > \tilde{u}(y)/p(\gamma) > C$ . The lemma is proved.

The analogous statement holds true for  $\inf$ .

The next proposition proves that  $L_S$  is subtended in the space  $C_u^2(S)$ .

**Lemma 3.** *Let  $S$  be a surface of class  $\mathfrak{A}_1$ ;  $u_n \in C_u^2(S)$ ;  $u_n \rightarrow 0$  and  $L_S u_n \rightarrow v$  uniformly on  $S$ . Then  $v \equiv 0$ .*

**Proof.** Suppose the converse. Without loss of generality, we consider:  $v(x_0) = \varepsilon > 0$  ( $x_0 \in S$ ). Hence, a neighborhood  $W = W_\alpha(x_0)$  of  $x_0$  exists with radius  $\alpha > 0$  such that  $L_S u_n(x) > \varepsilon/2$  ( $x \in W \cap S$ ), beginning with some  $N$ .

Let  $\alpha > 0$  be taken so that  $|(x-x_0, g'(x))| \leq (\delta^2/2) \left( \sup_S |Lg| \right)^{-1} \|j\|$  for any  $x \in W \cap S$ . This is possible as the left-hand side of the last inequality is continuous. But then, for  $h(x) = c(\|x-x_0\|^2)$  ( $c > 0$ ), we have  $(x \in S \cap W)$ :

$$\left| \left( h'(x), \frac{g'(x)}{\|g'(x)\|^2} \right) Lg(x) \right| = 2c |(x-x_0, g'(x))| \frac{|Lg(x)|}{\|g'(x)\|^2} \leq c \|j\|.$$

So  $L_S h = c \|j\| - (h', g'/\|g'\|^2) Lg \leq 2c \|j\|$  in  $W \cap S$  and  $L_S(u_n - h)(x) > \varepsilon/2 - 2c \|j\| > \varepsilon/4$  if  $c = \varepsilon/(8 \|j\|)$ ;  $x \in W \cap S$ . In view of Lemma 2,

$$u_n(x_0) \leq \sup_{\partial(W \cap S)} u_n - \frac{\varepsilon}{8 \|j\|} \alpha^2,$$

contrary to the condition:  $u_n \rightarrow 0$  on  $S$ .

**Lemma 4.** Let  $S$  be a surface of class  $\mathfrak{A}_1$ . Then, for any  $u \in C_u^2(S)$ , we have  $\|u - L_S u\| \geq \|u\|$ , where  $\|u\| = \sup_S |u|$ .

*Proof.* We assume, without loss of generality, that  $\|u\| = \sup_S u = 1$  and admit  $\|u - L_S u\| = 1 - \gamma < 1$ .

Take  $x_0 \in S$  such that  $u(x_0) = 1 - \varepsilon > 1 - \gamma$ . Then  $L_S u(x_0) > \gamma - \varepsilon$ . By using the method of Lemma 3, we can find  $\alpha > 0$  such that there exists  $x \in \partial W_\alpha(x_0) \cap S$  for which  $u(x) > u(x_0) + (\gamma - \varepsilon) \alpha^2 / (8 \|j\|)$ .

Furthermore, we can choose  $\alpha$  independently of  $\varepsilon$  and  $x_0$  for  $\varepsilon < \gamma/2$ . It suffices to choose  $\alpha$  under the conditions:

a)  $|L_S u(x) - L_S u(y)| < \gamma/4$  for  $\|x - y\| < \alpha$  (because of the uniform continuity of  $L_S u$ );

$$b) |(x-x_0, g'(x))| \leq \frac{1}{2} \delta^2 \left( \sup_S |Lg| \right)^{-1} \|j\|, \quad x \in W_\alpha(x_0) \cap S.$$

(the left-hand side of the inequality is continuous with respect to  $x$  uniformly in  $x_0$ ).

If  $\varepsilon \in (0, \min(\gamma/2, \gamma\alpha^2/(16 \|j\|)))$ , we have  $u(x) > 1$  at some point  $x \in \partial W_\alpha \cap S$ , i.e., we arrive at a contradiction.

**Remark 1.** The proof of Lemmas 2-4 does not rely on  $S$  belonging to  $\mathfrak{A}_1$  and, therefore, the statements proved above hold for a considerably broader class of surfaces. Lemmas 2-4 can be generalized to the case of operator  $L$  having variable coefficients.

**3. Theorem 1.** Let  $B(t)$  ( $t \in [0, t_0) \subset [0, \infty)$ ) be a one-parameter family of bounded linear operators on a Banach space  $X$ :  $\|B(t)\| \leq 1$ ;  $B(0) = I$ . Let  $\mathcal{D}$  be a dense linear manifold in  $X$ , on which a linear operator  $A: \mathcal{D} \rightarrow X$  and a nonnegative function  $h: \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  are defined. Furthermore, assume that

1)  $B(t)\mathcal{D} \subset \mathcal{D}$  for any  $t \in [0, t_0)$ ;

2) there exists  $\alpha > 0$  such that  $\|B(t)B(s)x - B(t+s)x\| \leq t^\alpha s h(x)$  for any  $x \in \mathcal{D}$ ,  $t, s, t+s \in [0, t_0)$ ;

3) there exists  $a > 0$  such that  $h(B(t)x) \leq \exp(at)h(x)$  for any  $x \in \mathcal{D}$ ,  $t \in [0, t_0)$ ;

4)  $\|B(t)x - x\| \leq t h(x)$  for any  $x \in \mathcal{D}$ ,  $t \in [0, t_0)$ ;

5) there exists a function  $q: [0, t_0) \times \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that, for any  $t \in [0, t_0)$ ,  $x \in \mathcal{D}$ , we have  $\left\| \frac{1}{t} (B(t)x - x) - Ax \right\| \leq q(t, x)$ ,  $q(t, x) \rightarrow 0$  as  $t \rightarrow 0+$ , and

$$q\left(\frac{t}{n}, B\left(\frac{t}{n}\right)^n x\right) \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty. \quad (6)$$

Then, for any  $t \in [0, \infty)$ ,

$$V(t) = s\text{-}\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} B\left(\frac{t}{n}\right)^n;$$

is defined:  $V(t)$  is a contraction  $(C_0)$ -semigroup on  $X$  and  $V'(0) = \bar{A}$ .

**Proof.** Step 1. We shall show that  $B(t/2^n)^{2^n} x$  has a limit as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  for any  $t \in [0, \infty)$  and  $x \in X$ .

Let  $x \in \mathcal{D}$ . By virtue of conditions 1–3 we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\| B\left(\frac{t}{2^{n+1}}\right)^{2^{n+1}} x - B\left(\frac{t}{2^n}\right)^{2^n} x \right\| \leq \\ & \leq \sum_{k=0}^{2^n-1} \left\| B\left(\frac{t}{2^{n+1}}\right)^{2k} \left( B\left(\frac{t}{2^{n+1}}\right)^2 - B\left(\frac{t}{2^n}\right) \right) B^{2^n-k-1} \left(\frac{t}{2^n}\right) x \right\| \leq \\ & \leq \left(\frac{t}{2^{n+1}}\right)^{\alpha} \sum_{k=0}^{2^n-1} \exp\left(ka\frac{t}{2^n}\right) h(x) = \\ & = \left(\frac{t}{2^{n+1}}\right)^{1+\alpha} h(x) \frac{\exp(at) - 1}{\exp(at/2^n) - 1}. \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

Therefore, the left-hand side of (7) is  $O(1/2^{n\alpha})$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . This involves the convergence

$$V(t)x = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} B\left(\frac{t}{2^n}\right)^{2^n} x$$

for any  $x \in \mathcal{D}$  and, hence, for any  $x \in X$ .

Step 2.  $V(t)$  is a  $(C_0)$ -semigroup on  $X$ .

We verify that  $V(nt)x = V^n(t)x$  ( $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $x \in X$ ). Let  $x \in \mathcal{D}$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \|B(nt)x - B^n(t)x\| & \leq \sum_{k=0}^{n-2} \left\| B^k(t)(B((n-k)t)x - B(t)B((n-k-1)t)x) \right\| \leq \\ & \leq h(x) t^{1+\alpha} \frac{(n-1)n}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we have, due to the identity

$$A^m - B^m = \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} A^{m-k-1} (A - B) B^k,$$

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| B^m\left(\frac{nt}{m}\right)x - B^{nm}\left(\frac{t}{m}\right)x \right\| & \leq h(x) \left(\frac{t}{m}\right)^{1+\alpha} \frac{n^2}{2} \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} \exp\left(\frac{knt}{m}\right) = \\ & = h(x) \left(\frac{t}{m}\right)^{1+\alpha} \frac{n^2}{2} \frac{\exp(nat) - 1}{\exp(nat/m) - 1}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $V(nt)x = V^n(t)x$  when passing to the limit for  $m = 2^k \rightarrow \infty$ .

This implies that

$$V(rt+t)x = V(rt)V(t)x \quad (8)$$

for any  $x \in X$ ,  $r \in \mathcal{Q}$ .

Let us verify the strong right continuity of  $V(t)$  for  $t > 0$ .

Assume that  $x \in \mathcal{D}$ ,  $\Delta t > 0$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \|B(t+\Delta t)x - B(t)x\| &\leq \|B(t+\Delta t)x - B(t)B(\Delta t)x\| + \\ &+ \|B(t)(B(\Delta t)x - x)\| \leq h(x)(t^\alpha + 1)\Delta t; \\ \left\| B\left(\frac{t+\Delta t}{m}\right)^m x - B\left(\frac{t}{m}\right)^m x \right\| &\leq \\ \leq \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} \left\| B^{m-k-1}\left(\frac{t+\Delta t}{m}\right) \left( B\left(\frac{t+\Delta t}{m}\right) - B\left(\frac{t}{m}\right) \right) B^k\left(\frac{t}{m}\right) x \right\| &\leq \\ \leq h(x) \frac{\Delta t}{m} \left( \left(\frac{t}{m}\right)^\alpha + 1 \right) \frac{\exp(at) - 1}{\exp(at/m) - 1}. \end{aligned}$$

When passing to the limit for  $m = 2^k \rightarrow \infty$ , we have

$$\|V(t+\Delta t)x - V(t)x\| \leq h(x) \frac{\Delta t}{at} (\exp(at) - 1).$$

Hence, condition (8) holds for any  $r > 0$ ,  $x \in X$ , and, together with condition 4) of the theorem, it proves that  $V(t)$  is a  $(C_0)$ -semigroup on  $X$ .

*Step 3.* We shall prove that  $V'(0) = \bar{A}$ .

Let  $x \in \mathcal{D}$ ,  $t > 0$ . Due to (7),

$$\|V(t)x - B(t)x\| \leq t^{1+\alpha} h(x) \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} 2^{-(k+1)(1+\alpha)} \left( \sum_{l=0}^{2^k-1} \exp \frac{alt}{2^k} \right). \quad (9)$$

Since

$$\frac{1}{m} \sum_{l=0}^{m-1} \exp \frac{alt}{m} < \exp(at),$$

the right-hand side of (9) does not exceed

$$t^{1+\alpha} h(x) \frac{1}{2^{1+\alpha}} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^{k\alpha}} \exp(at) = C t^{1+\alpha} h(x) \quad (t \in (0, t_0)).$$

Condition 5) gives now:  $\|(V(t)x - x)/t - Ax\| \rightarrow 0$  as  $t \rightarrow 0+$ , so  $V'(0)|_{\mathcal{D}} = A$  and  $A$  is subtended.

We shall verify that  $V(t)x \in \mathcal{D}(\bar{A})$  for  $x \in \mathcal{D} = \mathcal{D}(A)$  and  $\bar{A}V(t)x = V(t)Ax$ . In this case,  $V(t)\mathcal{D}(\bar{A}) \subset \mathcal{D}(\bar{A})$ , so  $V'(0) = \bar{A}$ .

In view of condition 5 for  $x \in \mathcal{D}$ ,  $t \in [0, t_0)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| B\left(\frac{t}{n}\right)^{n+1} x - B\left(\frac{t}{n}\right)^n x - \frac{t}{n} B\left(\frac{t}{n}\right)^n Ax \right\| &\leq \frac{t}{n} q\left(\frac{t}{n}, x\right); \\ \left\| B\left(\frac{t}{n}\right)^{n+1} x - B\left(\frac{t}{n}\right)^n x - \frac{t}{n} AB\left(\frac{t}{n}\right)^n x \right\| &\leq \frac{t}{n} q\left(\frac{t}{n}, B\left(\frac{t}{n}\right)^n x\right), \end{aligned}$$

whence  $\left\| AB\left(\frac{t}{n}\right)^n x - B\left(\frac{t}{n}\right)^n Ax \right\| \leq q\left(\frac{t}{n}, x\right) + q\left(\frac{t}{n}, B\left(\frac{t}{n}\right)^n x\right)$ .

Passing to the limit, we get  $V(t)x \in \mathcal{D}(\bar{A})$  and  $\bar{A}V(t)x = V(t)Ax$ . It remains to note that, by virtue of the Chernoff theorem [6],

$$V(t)x = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} B\left(\frac{t}{n}\right)^n x \quad (x \in X, t \in [0, \infty)).$$

**Remark 2.** Theorem 1 is close by nature to Theorem 2.1 in Chapter VI from [7].

4. Let  $S$  be a surface of class  $\mathcal{U}_1$ ,  $S = \{x \mid g(x) = 1\}$ ,  $g \in \mathcal{U}_1(S_\varepsilon)$  (see pt. 1):

$$Z(x) = -\frac{g'(x)}{\|g'(x)\|^2} Lg(x)$$

is a vector field which is defined in  $S_\alpha$  for some  $\alpha \in (0, \varepsilon)$ . Let  $\beta > 0$  be such that  $\{x \mid |g(x) - 1| < \beta\} \subset S_\alpha$  (existence of  $\beta$  is guaranteed by the properties of  $g$ ) and let  $q \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R})$  be given by

$$q(s) = \begin{cases} 1, & s \in [1 - \beta/3, 1 + \beta/3], \\ 0, & s \notin (1 - 2\beta/3, 1 + 2\beta/3). \end{cases}$$

Let  $Y$  be the vector field on  $H$ , which is equal to  $q(g(x))Z(x)$  on  $\{x \mid |g(x) - 1| < \beta\}$  and vanishes in other points. Let  $\Phi_t(x) = \Phi(t, x)$  be the flow of  $Y$ .

Basically simple but cumbersome calculation shows that  $u \circ \Phi_t \in \mathcal{U}$  for  $u \in \mathcal{U}$ . In doing so, for fixed  $t$ , we have

$$(u \circ \Phi_t)'(x) = u'(\Phi_t(x)) \circ \Phi_t'(x); \quad (10)$$

$$(u \circ \Phi_t)''(x) = \langle u'(\Phi_t(x)), \Phi_t''(x)(\cdot, \cdot) \rangle + [\Phi_t'(x)]^* u''(\Phi_t(x)) \Phi_t'(x) \quad (11)$$

(here and below, the operation of "lifting-lowering of indices" is not specified).

For fixed  $x$ ,  $\Phi_t'(x)$  and  $\Phi_t''(x)$  satisfy the equations

$$\frac{d}{dt} \Phi_t'(x) = Y'(\Phi_t(x)) \Phi_t'(x), \quad \Phi_0'(x) = I; \quad (12)$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \langle \Phi_t''(x), h \rangle = Y'(\Phi_t(x)) \langle \Phi_t''(x), h \rangle + \langle Y''(\Phi_t(x)), \Phi_t'(x)h \rangle \Phi_t'(x), \quad (13)$$

$$\Phi_0''(x) = I; \quad \Phi_0''(x) = 0 \quad (h \in H).$$

If  $u \in \mathcal{U}$ , then

$$Yu = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{t} (u \circ \Phi_t - u) \in X \quad (14)$$

due to the uniform boundedness of

$$\frac{d^2}{dt^2} (u \circ \Phi_t)(x) \quad (x \in H, t \in [0, t_0]).$$

on  $H$ .

For this reason, we can speak about the well-defined operator  $L + Y: \mathcal{U} \rightarrow X$ . Furthermore,  $L_S u \mid_S(x) = Lu(x) + Yu(x)$  for  $x \in S$ .

We shall show that  $L + Y$  is subtended and  $\overline{L + Y}$  is a generator of contraction  $(C_0)$ -semigroup  $V(t)$ .

Let us apply Theorem 1.

Let  $T(t)$  be a  $(C_0)$ -semigroup on  $X$  with a generator  $\bar{L}$  [2, 3]:

$$P(t)u = u \circ \Phi_t, \quad B(t) = P(t)T(t), \quad \mathcal{D} = \mathfrak{A},$$

$$h(u) = C \left( \sup_H \|u''(\cdot)\| + \sup_H \|u'(\cdot)\| \right)$$

(the constant  $C > 0$  can be found from computations given below).

Condition 1 follows from the embeddings  $T(t)\mathfrak{A} \subset \mathfrak{A}$ ;  $P(t)\mathfrak{A} \subset \mathfrak{A}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \|P(t)T(t)P(s)T(s)u - P(t+s)T(t+s)u\| &\leq \\ &\leq \|(T(t)P(s) - P(s)T(t))T(s)u\|. \end{aligned}$$

As follows from [7],

$$h(T(t)u) \leq h(u). \quad (15)$$

Thus, to verify condition 2, it suffices to prove that  $\|(T(t)P(s) - P(s)T(t))v\| \leq t^{1/2}sh(v)$ . In the notation of [2, 3],

$$\begin{aligned} &T(t)(v \circ \Phi_s)(x) - T(t)v(\Phi_s(x)) = \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_H (v(\Phi(s, x+y)) - v(\Phi(s, x)+y)) \mu_{tA_n}(dy). \end{aligned}$$

Since the value of the left-hand side of the last equality depends on the value  $y$  in the ball  $\|y\| \leq \sqrt{t\|j\|}$  [3, 5] and

$$\|\Phi(s, x+y) - \Phi(s, x) - y\| \leq \|\Phi'_s(x) - I\| \|y\| \leq C_1 s \|y\| \leq C_2 s \sqrt{t}$$

with some  $C_2 > 0$  for  $s \in (0, 1)$  because of (12),

$$\|T(t)P(s)v - P(s)T(t)v\| \leq C_2 s \sqrt{t} \sup_H \|v'(\cdot)\| \leq s \sqrt{t} h(v).$$

Standard integral inequalities yield the following estimates of solutions of equations (12), (13):

$$\begin{aligned} \|\Phi'_t(x)\| &\leq \exp(C_3 t); \quad \|\Phi''_t(x)\| \leq C_4 t \exp(C_5 t) \\ &(C_3, C_4, C_5 > 0; t \in [0, t_0] \subset [0, \infty)). \end{aligned}$$

In view of (10), (11), we get  $h(P(t)u) \leq [\exp(2C_3 t) + C_4 t \exp(C_5 t)] h(u)$ . By virtue of (15), this proves condition 3) of Theorem 1.

Let us verify condition 4).

$$\|T(t)u - u\| = \left\| \int_0^t T(t-\tau) Lu d\tau \right\| \leq \frac{1}{2} t \|j\| \sup_H \|u''(\cdot)\|;$$

$$u(\Phi(t, x)) - u(x) = (u'(\Phi(\tau, x)), Y(\Phi(\tau, x)))t \quad (\exists \tau \in (0, t)),$$

so  $\|(P(t) - I)u\| \leq C_6 t \sup_H \|u'(\cdot)\|$  and

$$\|P(t)T(t)u - u\| \leq \|(P(t) - I)T(t)u\| + \|T(t)u - u\| \leq th(u)$$

(for an appropriate constant  $C > 0$ );

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \frac{1}{t} (P(t)T(t)u - u) - (L + Y)u \right\| &\leq \left\| \frac{1}{t} (P(t)T(t)u - T(t)u) - Y(T(t)u) \right\| + \\ &+ \|Y(T(t)u - u)\| + \left\| \frac{1}{t} (T(t)u - u) - Lu \right\|; \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \frac{1}{t} (P(t)v - v) - Yv \right\| &\leq \frac{1}{2} t \sup_{x \in H; \tau \in [0, t]} \left| \frac{d^2}{d\tau^2} (v \circ \Phi_\tau)(x) \right| \leq C_7 t h(v); \\ \| Y(T(t)u - u) \| &\leq \sqrt{t \| j \|} \sup_H \| u'' \| \cdot \sup_H \| Y \| \leq C_8 t^{1/2} h(u); \\ \left\| \frac{1}{t} (T(t)u - u) - Lu \right\| &\leq \frac{1}{t} \int_0^t \| L(T(t)u - u) \| dt. \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

Let

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon(\delta, u) &= \sup \{ \| u''(x) - u''(y) \| \mid \| x - y \| \leq \delta \} + \\ &\quad + \sup \{ \| u'(x) - u'(y) \| \mid \| x - y \| \leq \delta \}, \end{aligned}$$

$\varepsilon(\delta, u) \rightarrow 0$  as  $\delta \rightarrow 0+$ .

Since  $\| (T(t)u - u)'' \| \leq \varepsilon(\sqrt{t \| j \|}, u)$  and because of (16),

$$\left\| \frac{1}{t} (T(t)u - u) - Lu \right\| \leq \frac{1}{2} \| j \| \varepsilon(\sqrt{t \| j \|}, u).$$

Since  $h(T(t)u) \leq h(u)$ , it is natural to set

$$q(t, u) = C_7 t h(u) + C_8 t^{1/2} h(u) + \frac{1}{2} \| j \| \varepsilon(\sqrt{t \| j \|}, u).$$

To verify condition (6), it suffices to verify that

$$\varepsilon\left(\sqrt{\frac{t}{n} \| j \|}, B\left(\frac{t}{n}\right)^n u\right) \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Let

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha(\delta) &= \sup \{ \| Y''(x) - Y''(y) \| \mid \| x - y \| \leq \delta \} + \\ &\quad + \sup \{ \| Y'(x) - Y'(y) \| \mid \| x - y \| \leq \delta \} \end{aligned}$$

(the uniform continuity of  $Y''$  on  $H$  follows from the construction of the vector field  $Y$ ). It follows from (10)–(13) by means of the integral inequalities [8] that there exist  $t_0 > 0$ ,  $c > 0$  such that

$$\varepsilon(\delta, P(t)u) \leq ct h(u) \alpha(e^{ct} \delta) + e^{ct} \varepsilon(e^{ct} \delta, u)$$

for any  $t \in (0, t_0)$ ,  $u \in \mathfrak{U}$ .

Also, we have  $\varepsilon(\delta, T(t)u) \leq \varepsilon(\delta, u)$ . This implies that (put  $c \geq a$ )

$$\varepsilon\left(\delta, B\left(\frac{t}{n}\right)^n u\right) \leq ct e^{ct} h(u) \alpha(e^{ct} \delta) + e^{ct} \varepsilon(e^{ct} \delta, u).$$

It only remains to note that  $\alpha(\delta) \rightarrow 0$  and  $\varepsilon(\delta, u) \rightarrow 0$  as  $\delta \rightarrow 0$ .

5. The continuation procedure of the function  $v \in X(S)$  to a function on the whole  $H$  described in [4], defines a mapping  $i: X(S) \rightarrow X$  for which  $i(\mathfrak{U}(S)) \subset \subset \mathfrak{U}$ . The restriction of the function  $u \in X$  to  $S$  gives the function  $p(u) \in X(S)$ . Furthermore,  $p(\mathfrak{U}) = \mathfrak{U}(S)$ .  $i$  and  $p$  are linear bounded operators.

We define operators  $W(t): X(S) \rightarrow X(S)$  ( $t \geq 0$ ) by the rule:  $W(t) = pV(t)i$ .

By virtue of (4) and (14),  $L_S v \in X(S)$  for  $v \in \mathfrak{U}(S)$ . Put  $\mathcal{D}(L_S) = \mathfrak{U}(S)$ .

**Theorem 2.**  $W(t)$  is a contraction  $(C_0)$ -semigroup on  $X(S)$ ,  $W'(0) = \bar{L}_S$ .

**Proof.** To verify the semigroup rule, it suffices to verify that

$$W(t)(\text{Ker } p) \subset \text{Ker } p. \quad (17)$$

**Lemma 5.** Let  $V(t)$  be a contraction  $(C_0)$ -semigroup on a Banach space  $X$  with a generator  $A$  and let  $X_1$  be a subspace in  $X$  invariant with respect to  $(\lambda - A)^{-1}$  for  $\lambda > \lambda_0 \geq 0$ . Then  $X_1$  is invariant with respect to the operators  $V(t)$  ( $t \geq 0$ ).

**Proof.**  $X_1$  is invariant with respect to the bounded operators  $A_\lambda = \lambda A (\lambda - A)^{-1}$  ( $\lambda > \lambda_0$ ) and, hence, it is invariant with respect to  $\exp(tA_\lambda)$ . It remains to note that

$$V(t) = s - \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow +\infty} \exp(tA_\lambda).$$

The lemma is proved.

In the case under consideration,  $A = \overline{L+Y}$ . The condition  $(\lambda - A)^{-1}(\text{Ker } p) \subset \text{Ker } p$  ( $\lambda > 0$ ) follows from Lemma 4. Thus, (17) is proved.

The conditions  $I = s - \lim_{t \rightarrow 0+} W(t)$  and  $\|W(t)\| \leq 1$  are evident.

In view of Lemma 1,  $p(L+Y)i = L_S$ . Hence,  $L_S \subset W'(0)$ . We shall show that  $p(\mathcal{D}(\overline{L+Y})) = \mathcal{D}(\overline{L_S})$ . Let  $u_n \in \mathfrak{A}$ ,  $u_n \rightarrow u \in \mathcal{D}(\overline{L+Y})$ ,  $(L+Y)u_n \rightarrow (\overline{L+Y})u$ . Then  $pu_n \rightarrow pu$ ,  $L_S pu_n = p(L+Y)u_n \rightarrow p(\overline{L+Y})u$ , so  $pu \in \mathcal{D}(\overline{L_S})$  and  $\overline{L_S} pu = p(\overline{L+Y})u$ .

For this reason, for  $v \in \mathfrak{A}(S) = \mathcal{D}(L_S)$  we have  $W(t)v = pV(t)iv \in \mathcal{D}(\overline{L_S})$  and

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{L_S} W(t)v &= \overline{L_S} pV(t)iv = p(\overline{L+Y})V(t)iv = \\ &= pV(t)(L+Y)iv = pV(t)iL_S v = W(t)L_S v \end{aligned}$$

(due to (17) for  $(L+Y)iv - iL_S v \in \text{Ker } p$ ).

Thus,  $W(t)\mathcal{D}(\overline{L_S}) \subset \mathcal{D}(\overline{L_S})$  and  $W'(0) = \overline{L_S}$ .

So it is proved that the Cauchy problem

$$\begin{cases} \frac{du}{dt} = \overline{L_S} u, \\ u(0) \in D(\overline{L_S}) \end{cases}$$

is uniformly well-posed.

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