

## THE CONSTRUCTION OF PHASE PATHS OF A HAMILTONIAN SYSTEM IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD OF AN EQUILIBRIUM\*

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A non-autonomous periodic Hamiltonian system with one degree of freedom is studied in the neighbourhood of an elliptical equilibrium point. A uniform approximation of the solution in a finite time interval in the resonance case is determined using the projection method, instead of the traditional perturbation theoretical method.

The Cauchy problem is reduced to a functional equation in the space of the derivatives, and a Galerkin scheme is constructed for this equation. A theorem is proved on convergence of the sequence of approximations to the exact solution. Every finite-dimensional approximation of sufficiently high order may be found by explicit iterations. The results can be generalized to dynamical systems of higher dimensions.

**1. Statement of the problem.** Near the equilibrium  $q = p = 0$ , the canonical system with  $n$  degrees of freedom has the form

$$q' = H_p, \quad p' = -H_q \quad (q, p \in \mathbb{R}^n) \quad (1.1)$$

where the Hamilton function can be expanded in a power series around zero starting with second-order terms

$$H(q, p, t) = H_2(q, p, t) + H_3(q, p, t) + \dots$$

The paths in a small neighbourhood can be constructed by perturbation theory. Changing to new variables  $q = \varepsilon x$ ,  $p = \varepsilon y$ , we obtain the system of equations

$$x' = K_y, \quad y' = -K_x \quad (x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n)$$

The new Hamiltonian has the form

$$K(x, y, t, \varepsilon) = H_2(x, y, t) + \varepsilon H_3(x, y, t) + \dots \quad (1.2)$$

The non-perturbed case corresponds to a linear (in general non-autonomous) system. We can change to new variables by the method of variation of arbitrary constants. Denoting the phase vector by  $z = (x, y)^T$ , we can write the solution of the Hamiltonian system in the form

$$z = Z(t) \zeta \quad (Z(0) = E, \zeta \in \mathbb{R}^{2n}) \quad (1.3)$$

where  $Z(t)$  is the fundamental matrix. The transformation defined by  $Z(t)$  is obviously canonical. Changing to the phase vector  $\zeta$ , we obtain the Hamiltonian system

$$\begin{aligned} \zeta' &= \varepsilon I F_\zeta(\zeta, t, \varepsilon) \quad (I^2 = -E) \\ \varepsilon F(\zeta, t, \varepsilon) &= \varepsilon H_3(Z(t) \zeta, t) + \dots \end{aligned} \quad (1.4)$$

The procedure proposed in this paper can be applied after the given problem has been reduced to this form.

To fix our ideas, consider a system with one degree of freedom and a  $2\pi$ -periodic (in time) Hamilton function  $K(q, p, t)$  ( $q, p \in \mathbb{R}$ ). The problem of the motion of an asteroid in the neighbourhood of a periodic orbit can be reduced to such a problem. Thus, let  $\pm i\lambda \neq 0$  be the characteristic exponents of the first-approximation system, where  $2\lambda$  is a non-integer. Then the canonical  $2\pi$ -periodic transformation  $(q, p) \mapsto (Q, P)$  reduces  $H_2$  to normal form  $H_2 = 2^{-1}\lambda(Q^2 + P^2)$ .

We apply a scaling transformation to enlarge the neighbourhood of the equilibrium as described above:  $Q = \varepsilon x$ ,  $P = \varepsilon y$ . The solution of the unperturbed problem now has the form (1.3), where  $z = (x, y)^T$ , and  $Z(t)$  is the fundamental matrix

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$$Z(t) = \begin{vmatrix} \cos \lambda t & \sin \lambda t \\ -\sin \lambda t & \cos \lambda t \end{vmatrix}$$

Thus,

$$z(t) = \xi \cos \lambda t + I \zeta \sin \lambda t = 2^{-1}(\xi - i I \zeta) e^{i \lambda t} + (2i)^{-1}(\xi + i I \zeta) e^{-i \lambda t}$$

where  $\xi = (\xi_1, \xi_2)$ , and  $I$  is the symplectic matrix ( $I^2 = -E$ ). Thus, the system of differential equations has a standard form (1.4) (in the sense of Bogolyubov /1/) with the Hamilton function

$$\varepsilon F(\xi, t, \varepsilon) = \varepsilon H_3(2^{-1}(\xi - i I \zeta) e^{i \lambda t} + (2i)^{-1}(\xi + i I \zeta) e^{-i \lambda t}, t) + \dots$$

Since the explicit dependence of the homogeneous forms  $H_k(z, t)$  ( $k \geq 3$ ) on  $t$  is  $2\pi$ -periodic, their coefficients can be expanded in Fourier series in the functions  $e^{in t}$  ( $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ ). These expansions may be treated as Laurent series in the variable  $e^{it}$ . The Hamiltonian can be conveniently represented in the form

$$\varepsilon F(\xi, t, \varepsilon) = \sum_{s=3}^{\infty} \varepsilon^{s-2} F_s(\xi, e^{i \lambda t}, e^{it})$$

where the homogeneous forms  $F_s$  (in the variables  $\zeta_i$  ( $i = 1, 2$ )) are expressed as  $F_s = H_s(Z(t), \xi, t)$ .

Resonance cases are of particular interest. In these cases, we should have  $k\lambda = r \in \mathbb{Z}$  ( $k \geq 3$ ) and the Hamilton function  $\varepsilon F(\xi, t, \varepsilon)$  is  $t$ -periodic. For ease of presentation, we will change to a new independent variable  $\tau$  by the formula  $t = k\tau$ . The homogeneous forms  $F_s$  are polynomial in  $\xi$ ,  $e^{i r \tau}$ , and  $e^{i k \tau}$ , and their expansions contain both positive and negative powers of exponential functions.

In what follows, the phase space is  $\mathbb{C}^2$  - the complexification of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

After all these transformations, we obtain a non-autonomous  $\tau$ -periodic system of second-order differential equations (the prime denotes differentiation with respect to  $\tau$ )

$$\xi' = \varepsilon Z(\xi, \tau, \varepsilon) \quad (1.5)$$

$$\varepsilon Z(\xi, \tau, \varepsilon) = \varepsilon k I F_{\xi}(\xi, k\tau, \varepsilon) = \sum_{s=3}^{\infty} \varepsilon^{s-2} k I F_{s\xi}(\xi, e^{i r \tau}, e^{i k \tau}) = \sum_{s=3}^{\infty} \varepsilon^{s-2} Z_s(\xi, \tau) \quad (1.6)$$

The vector functions  $Z_s$  are homogeneous in  $\xi$  of degree  $s$ .

**2. Reduction.** Our goal now is construct in  $[0, 2\pi]$  the solution of the Cauchy problem of system (1.5) corresponding to the initial condition vector  $\xi_0$ . We will use the projection method. In order to ensure uniform approximation to the solution in  $[0, 2\pi]$ , further transformation of the problem is required. We will change from the space of continuous vector functions  $\xi(\tau)$  to the space of the derivatives  $\xi'(\tau)$ .

Let us formalize our statements in rigorous form. We denote by  $CA$  the class of functions  $\xi: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^n$  absolutely continuous in  $[a, b] \subset \mathbb{R}$ .  $CA$  is a linear space, and if we introduce the norm

$$\|\xi\|_A = \|\xi(a)\| + \text{Var}([a, b], \xi) \quad (2.1)$$

then  $CA$  becomes a Banach space.

On the other hand, consider the Banach space  $L_1$  of classes of almost everywhere equal Lebesgue-integrable functions  $\gamma: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^n$ . The norm in  $L_1$  is defined by the formula

$$\|\gamma\|_1 = \int_a^b \|\gamma(\tau)\| d\tau \quad (2.2)$$

Now let  $D: CA \rightarrow L_1$  be the differentiation operator with respect to the variable  $\tau$ :  $(D\xi)(\tau) = \xi'(\tau)$ . We know from analysis /2/ that there is a unique correspondence between the properties of summability and absolute continuity of functions of a real variable. If the function  $\xi(\tau)$  is absolutely continuous, then  $\xi'(\tau)$  is summable in  $[a, b]$  and, conversely, if  $\gamma \in L_1$ , then the function

$$\xi(\tau) = (D^{-1}\gamma)(\tau) = \xi_0 + \int_a^{\tau} \gamma(\alpha) d\alpha \quad (2.3)$$

is absolutely continuous. The operator  $D^{-1}$  is uniquely defined if the vector  $\xi_0 \in \mathbb{C}^n$  is fixed.

In what follows, we consider solutions of systems of differential equations of the form (1.5). Let  $Q$  be a neighbourhood of an equilibrium where the vector function  $Z(\xi, \tau, \varepsilon)$  is defined for all  $\tau \in [a, b]$ ,  $\varepsilon \in [-\varepsilon_0, \varepsilon_0]$ .

*Theorem 1.* If  $\xi_0 \in Q$  is fixed, then  $\xi \in CA$  is the solution of the Cauchy problem for Eqs. (1.5) in  $[a, b]$  if and only if  $\gamma = D\xi$  is the solution of the functional equation

$$\gamma = \Phi(\gamma) \quad (2.4)$$

in the space  $L_1$ , with the non-linear operator  $\Phi$  defined by the formula

$$[\Phi(\gamma)](\tau) = \varepsilon Z[(D^{-1}\gamma)(\tau), \tau, \varepsilon] \quad (2.5)$$

We will apply the projection method to Eq. (2.4). To this end, we have to pass from the space  $L_1$  to a more restricted (Hilbert) space  $L_2$  of classes of functions  $\gamma: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^n$  with the Hermitian product

$$\langle \gamma_1, \gamma_2 \rangle_2 = \int_a^b \langle \gamma_1(\tau), \gamma_2(\tau) \rangle d\tau \quad (2.6)$$

where  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  is the Hermitian product in  $\mathbb{C}^n$ . The norm in  $L_2$  is defined by the formula

$$\|\gamma\|_2 = \left( \int_a^b \|\gamma(\tau)\|^2 d\tau \right)^{1/2} \quad (2.7)$$

We know that when the interval  $[a, b]$  is finite, the space  $L_2$  is continuously embedded in  $L_1$ . Therefore, its pre-image  $D^{-1}(L_2)$  for a fixed  $\xi_0$  is also continuously embedded in  $CA$ , which follows from the continuity of the operators  $D$  and  $D^{-1}$ . In symmetry, we have the following proposition.

*Theorem 2.* If the sequences  $\{\gamma_s\}_{s=1}^\infty$  converge to the solution  $\gamma$  of Eq. (2.4) in the space  $L_2$ , then the sequence  $\{D^{-1}\gamma_s\}_{s=1}^\infty$  converges to the solution  $D^{-1}\gamma$  of Eq. (1.5) in the space  $CA$ , and in particular the convergence is uniform.

**3. Approximation theorem.** Let  $\{e_j\}_{j=1}^n$  be an orthonormal basis in  $\mathbb{C}^n$  and  $\{g_m(\tau)\}_{m=1}^\infty$  an orthonormal basis in  $L_2([a, b], \mathbb{C})$ . Then all the vector functions  $g_m(\tau)e_j = \Psi_{jm}(\tau)$  ( $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ;  $m = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$ ) form an orthonormal basis in  $L_2$ . Linearly ordering the system of functions  $\{\Psi_{jm}\}$ , we obtain the orthonormal basis  $\{\psi_m\}_{m=1}^\infty$ . For the case of the interval  $[0, 2\pi]$ , the basis  $\{g_m(\tau)\}$  is conveniently chosen as the trigonometric system of functions  $\{(2\pi)^{-1/2}e^{im\tau}\}$  ( $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ ).

Let  $P_m$  ( $m \in \mathbb{N}$ ) be the orthogonal projection operator on the finite-dimensional space spanned by the first  $m$  basis vectors  $\{\psi_s\}_{s=1}^m$ .

The right-hand sides of Eq. (1.5) are usually assumed to be sufficiently smooth. In our case, we have analyticity in the variables  $\xi$ . Therefore, the condition  $Z \in L_2([a, b], C^1(Q))$  or

$$\|Z\|_2^2 = \int_a^b \left[ \sup_{\xi \in Q} (\|Z(\xi, \tau, \varepsilon)\|, \|Z_\xi(\xi, \tau, \varepsilon)\|)^2 d\tau \right]^{1/2} < \infty \quad (3.1)$$

used below is sufficiently weak and a priori satisfied.

By the existence and uniqueness of the solution of the Cauchy problem  $\xi(\tau)$  for Eq. (1.5), Eq. (2.4) should also have a unique solution  $\xi'(\tau)$  (by Theorem 1). It remains to construct the Galerkin approximations  $\gamma_m(\tau)$  of this function in the space  $L_2$ . They are solutions of the (in general non-linear) finite-dimensional equations

$$\gamma_m = P_m \Phi(\gamma_m) \quad (\gamma_m \in P_m L_2, m \in \mathbb{N}) \quad (3.2)$$

We will apply the result of /3/ to the functional Eq. (2.4). This requires refining the domain of definition of the operator  $\Phi$ . This is the set  $\Omega \subset L_2$  of functions  $\gamma(\tau)$  such that for a fixed  $\xi_0 \in Q$  for all  $\tau \in [a, b]$  we have  $(D^{-1}\gamma)(\tau) \in Q$ . Since  $Q \subset \mathbb{C}^n$  is open and the value set of the vector function  $(D^{-1}\gamma)(\tau)$  is compact (because the interval  $[a, b]$  is finite), we obtain that the set  $\Omega$  is open in the space  $L_2$ . Thus,  $\Omega$  is a domain in  $L_2$ .

*Theorem 3.* When condition (3.1) holds for a fixed  $\xi_0 \in Q$ , Eq. (2.4) has a unique solution  $\gamma^0$  if the solution of the Cauchy problem of Eq. (1.5) exists in the entire interval.

Moreover, if  $\varepsilon > 0$  is sufficiently small, then there exist an integer  $N$  and  $\delta > 0$  such that for any  $m > N$  Eq. (3.2) has a unique solution  $\gamma_m$  in the sphere  $\|\gamma - \gamma^0\|_2 \leq \delta$  and

$$\|\gamma_m - \gamma^0\|_2 \leq \|\gamma^0 - P_m \gamma^0\|_2 + \|\gamma_m - P_m \gamma^0\|_2 \rightarrow 0 \quad (m \rightarrow \infty)$$

and for some  $c_1, c_2 > 0$  we also have the two-sided bound

$$c_1 \|P_m \Phi(\gamma^0) - P_m \Phi(P_m \gamma^0)\|_2 \leq \|\gamma_m - P_m \gamma^0\|_2 \leq c_2 \|P_m \Phi(\gamma^0) - P_m \Phi(P_m \gamma^0)\|_2$$

This theorem guarantees that the finite-dimensional solution  $\gamma_m(\tau)$  obtained by the Galerkin scheme (3.2) is an approximation in  $L_2$  to the exact solution  $\gamma^0(\tau)$  of Eq. (2.4). Suppose that the function  $\gamma_m$  has been found in the form

$$\gamma_m(\tau) = \sum_{j=1}^m \gamma_m^j \Phi_j(\tau) \quad (\gamma_m^j \in \mathbb{C}) \tag{3.3}$$

Then by Theorem 2 the vector function

$$\xi_m(\tau) = \xi_0 + \sum_{j=1}^m \gamma_m^j \int_a^\tau \Phi_j(\alpha) d\alpha$$

is a uniform approximation to the required solution of the Cauchy problem.

**4. Approximation algorithm.** Returning to the two-dimensional system of differential Eqs. (1.5), consider an orthonormal basis in the vector functions space  $L_2([0, 2\pi], \mathbb{C}^2)$ . It is defined by a trigonometric orthonormal system and consists of vector functions of the form  $(2\pi)^{-1/2} e^{is\tau} \mathbf{e}_j$  ( $j = 1, 2; s \in \mathbb{Z}$ ). We number the basis functions so that

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_m(\tau) &= (2\pi)^{-1/2} e^{is\tau} \mathbf{e}_j \quad (j = m - 2 \lfloor (m-1)/2 \rfloor, \\ s &= \lfloor s'/2 \rfloor (2(s' - 2 \lfloor s'/2 \rfloor) - 1), s' = \lfloor (m-1)/2 \rfloor + 1, m \in \mathbb{N}) \end{aligned} \tag{4.1}$$

In the Galerkin scheme we use the projectors  $P_{3m+2}$ . Then the finite-dimensional approximations to the exact solution lie in the space formed by the functions  $(2\pi)^{-1/2} e^{is\tau} \mathbf{e}_j$  ( $j = 1, 2; s = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$ ).

We recall that the basis vectors in  $\mathbb{C}^2$  may be treated as coordinate columns  $\mathbf{e}_1 = (1, 0)^T$ ,  $\mathbf{e}_2 = (0, 1)^T$ . Then any function in the space  $P_{3m+2} L_2([0, 2\pi], \mathbb{C}^2) \simeq \mathbb{C}^{4m+2}$  can be represented in the form

$$\gamma_m(\tau) = \sum_m e^{is\tau} \mathbf{c}_s \quad (\mathbf{c}_s = (c_s^1, c_s^2)^T) \tag{4.2}$$

where  $\mathbf{c}_s \in \mathbb{C}^2$  are arbitrary complex column vectors. Here and henceforth,  $\sum_m$  stands for summation over  $s$  from  $s = -m$  to  $s = m$ .

Consider the right-hand side of system (1.5) defined by relationship (1.6). The homogeneous forms  $Z_s(\xi, \tau)$  with periodic coefficients can be represented in terms of symmetrical  $s$ -linear forms  $L_s(\xi_1, \xi_2, \dots, \xi_s, \tau)$ . Therefore  $Z_s(\xi, \tau) = L_s(\xi, \xi, \dots, \xi, \tau)$  (see equality (1.6)).

In order to derive an equation of the form (3.2), we apply the operator  $D^{-1}$  to the function (4.2), which gives

$$(D^{-1} \gamma_m)(\tau) = \xi_0 - \sum_m' \frac{1}{is} \mathbf{c}_s + \sum_m' \frac{1}{is} e^{is\tau} \mathbf{c}_s + \tau \mathbf{c}_0 \tag{4.3}$$

Here and henceforth,  $\sum_m'$  denotes summation over  $s$  from  $s = -m$  to  $s = -1$  and from  $s = +1$  to  $s = m$ .

After substituting this formula and the Fourier expansions of the periodic coefficients of the forms  $L_s$  into the right-hand side of (1.6), we obtain a function of the form

$$\varepsilon Z(\xi, \tau, \varepsilon) = \varepsilon \sum_\infty (f_{0s}(\mathbf{c}, \varepsilon) + f_{1s}(\mathbf{c}, \varepsilon) \tau + f_{2s}(\mathbf{c}, \varepsilon) \tau^2) e^{is\tau} + \sum_{j=3}^\infty e^{j-1} \tau^j \sum_\infty f_{js}(\mathbf{c}, \varepsilon) e^{is\tau} \tag{4.4}$$

$\mathbf{c} = (c_0^1, c_0^2, c_{-1}^1, c_{-1}^2, c_1^1, c_1^2, \dots, c_m^1, c_m^2)^T$  ( $\mathbf{c}$  is the vector of unknown coefficients). The functions  $f_{js}(\mathbf{c}, \varepsilon)$  ( $j = 0, 1, \dots; s = -\infty, \dots, +\infty$ ) are analytic in  $\mathbf{c}$  and  $\varepsilon$ . Power series expansions can be obtained after collecting similar terms with products of the form  $\tau^j e^{is\tau}$ .

Representing the functions  $\tau^j e^{is\tau}$  as Fourier series in  $[0, 2\pi]$  and substituting these expansions into (4.4), we obtain the right-hand side in the form

$$\varepsilon Z(\xi, \tau, \varepsilon) = \varepsilon \sum_\infty h_s(\mathbf{c}, \varepsilon) e^{is\tau} \tag{4.5}$$

Note that the products  $\tau e^{is\tau}$  occur on the right-hand side with a multiplier  $\varepsilon^{j-1}$ . This enables us to take into account perturbations in the procedure of the expansion of the right-

hand side, because for sufficiently small  $\varepsilon > 0$  the product  $\varepsilon^{j-1}\tau^j$  tends to zero as  $j \rightarrow \infty$ . Applying the projection operators  $P_{4m+2}$  to the function (4.5), we obtain the Galerkin equation ( $\mathbf{h}(\mathbf{c}, \varepsilon)$  is an analytical vector function)

$$\mathbf{c} = \varepsilon \mathbf{h}(\mathbf{c}, \varepsilon) \quad (4.6)$$

Eq. (4.6) can be solved iteratively by the formula

$$\mathbf{c}^{(n+1)} = \varepsilon \mathbf{h}(\mathbf{c}^{(n)}, \varepsilon) \quad (n = 0, 1, \dots) \quad (4.7)$$

starting with the initial approximation  $\mathbf{c}^{(0)}$  (we may take the vector  $\mathbf{c}^{(0)} = \mathbf{0}$ , which is the solution for  $\varepsilon = 0$ ). For sufficiently small  $\varepsilon > 0$ , the iterative process is convergent.

Indeed, we see from the proof of Theorem 3 that, for  $\varepsilon > 0$  satisfying the condition of the theorem, the norm of the derivative of the operator  $\Phi$  in Eq. (2.4) is less than 1. Therefore, for sufficiently large  $m$ , the norm of the derivative of the finite-dimensional approximation  $\varepsilon \mathbf{h}(\mathbf{c}, \varepsilon)$  of the operator  $\Phi$  in the space of sequences is less than 1.

Therefore, in the metric of the Hermitian space  $C^{4m+2}$ ,  $\varepsilon \mathbf{h}(\mathbf{c}, \varepsilon)$  is a contracting mapping, which ensures convergence of the iterative process to the exact solution of Eq. (4.6).

Thus, assume that we have obtained an approximation  $\mathbf{c}^{(n)}$  to the solution of Eq. (4.6) in the space of sequences  $C^{4m+2}$ . This means that in the metric of the space  $L_2([0, 2\pi], C^2)$  the function

$$\gamma_{4m+2}^{(n)}(\tau) = \sum_m e^{is\tau} c_s^{(n)} \quad (4.8)$$

approximates the solution (3.3) of Eq. (3.2). But for sufficiently large  $m$  the function  $\gamma_{4m+2}^{(n)}(\tau)$  in (3.3) approximates by Theorem 3 the exact solution  $\gamma(\tau)$  of Eq. (2.4). Therefore, in the interval  $[0, 2\pi]$  the function

$$\xi_{4m+2}^{(n)}(\tau) = \xi_0 + \tau c_0^{(n)} + \sum_m' \frac{e^{is\tau} - 1}{is} c_s^{(n)} \quad (4.9)$$

ensures uniform approximation of the exact solution of Eq. (1.5). The coefficients  $c_s^{(n)}$  depend on the vector  $\xi_0$  as a parameter. Formula (4.7) enables us to obtain a solution of Eq. (4.6) in both numerical and analytical form.

Formula (4.9) may be applied to construct a Poincaré recurrence mapping. For each initial vector  $\xi_0$ , use either a numerical procedure or (4.9) with analytical expressions for the coefficients to construct a path by substituting into (4.9) the coordinates of different initial vectors  $\xi_0$ .

### 5. Appendix.

*Proof of Theorem 1.* The space  $CA$  may be decomposed into a direct sum  $C^n + CA^\circ$ , where  $CA^\circ$  consists of functions  $\xi(\tau)$  such that  $\xi(0) = 0$ . Then we can show that the differentiation operator restricted to the affine subspace  $\xi_0 + CA^\circ$  is a homeomorphism.

We know that the derivative of an absolutely continuous function is summable, and

$$\text{Var}([a, b], \xi) = \int_a^b \|(D\xi)(\tau)\| d\tau = \|D\xi\|_1$$

This property leads to continuity, bijectivity, and openness of the mapping  $D$ , i.e., this is a homeomorphism.

Therefore, by fixing the initial vector  $\xi_0$  we fix the affine subspace  $\xi_0 + CA^\circ$ , and the solutions of Eq. (1.5) and (2.4) are in one-to-one correspondence by the homeomorphism  $D: \xi_0 + CA^\circ \rightarrow L_1$ .

*Proof of Theorem 2.* Convergence in  $L_2$  in the finite interval  $[a, b]$  implies convergence in  $L_1$ . Since  $D$  is a homeomorphism on the subspace  $\xi_0 + CA^\circ$  the sequence  $\{D^{-1}\gamma_k\}_{k=1}^\infty$  converges to the solution  $D^{-1}\gamma$  uniformly.

*Proof of Theorem 3.* In order to apply the results of [3/], we need to check a number of conditions.

First, we need to prove Fréchet-differentiability of the operators  $\Phi$  and  $P_m\Phi$ . The mapping  $\Phi$  is the composition of mappings  $\varepsilon Z \circ D^{-1}$ . The affine operator  $D^{-1}$  is continuous and therefore differentiable.

Differentiability of  $Z$  can be proved by the Lebesgue theorem on the passage to the limit under the sign of the integral by examining the functional expression

$$Z(\xi + h) - Z(\xi) - Z'_\xi(\xi) \cdot h = \omega(h)$$

The derivative is given by the formula

$$(Z'_\xi h)(\tau) = Z'_\xi[\xi(\tau), \tau, \varepsilon] h(\tau) \quad (h \in CA)$$

The differentiability of  $P_m\Phi$  follows from continuity of the projector, and  $(P_m\Phi)' = P_m \circ \Phi'$ .

Now, we have to show continuous invertibility in the Hilbert space  $L_2$  of the operator  $E - \Phi'(\gamma)$ , where  $E$  is the identity operator. Applying a chain of inequalities, we obtain a bound for the operator norm of  $\Phi'(\gamma)$ :

$$\|\Phi'(\gamma)\|_{2,2} \leq (b-a)^{1/2} \|\mathbf{Z}\|_2$$

We see that for sufficiently small  $\varepsilon$  the operator  $E - \Phi'(\gamma)$  is invertible.

Finally, we have to check the approximation conditions. The first condition  $\|\gamma - P_m \gamma\|_2 \rightarrow 0$  ( $m \rightarrow \infty$ ) follows from completeness of the basis functions. The second condition  $\|P_m \Phi(P_m \gamma) - \Phi(\gamma)\|_2 \rightarrow 0$  ( $m \rightarrow \infty$ ) follows from the continuity of the operator  $\Phi$ . The approximation conditions for the derivatives of the operators  $\|P_m \Phi'(P_m \gamma) - \Phi'(\gamma)\|_{2,2} \rightarrow 0$  ( $m \rightarrow \infty$ ) are checked as follows. The triangle inequality (and also the bound  $\|P_m\|_{2,2} \leq 1$ ) give

$$\|P_m \Phi'(P_m \gamma) - \Phi'(\gamma)\|_{2,2} \leq \|\Phi'(P_m \gamma) - \Phi'(\gamma)\|_{2,2} + \|P_m \Phi'(\gamma) - \Phi'(\gamma)\|_{2,2}$$

As before, we use the Lebesgue lemma to prove continuity of the mapping  $\Phi': \Omega \rightarrow L(L_2)$  to the algebra of linear continuous operators of the space  $L_2$ . Therefore  $\|\Phi'(P_m \gamma) - \Phi'(\gamma)\|_{2,2} \rightarrow 0$  ( $m \rightarrow \infty$ ). Continuity of  $\Phi'$  is also needed to prove the existence of a solution of Eq.(3.2) by the method of contracting mappings.

Now it is easy to see that the operator  $\Phi'(\gamma)$  is compact. Therefore, the set  $\Phi'(\gamma)S$ , where  $S$  is the unit sphere in  $L_2$ , is precompact. From pointwise convergence of the sequence of operators  $\{P_m - E\}_{m=1}^{\infty}$  we obtain by the Banach-Steinhaus theorem /2/ that the convergence on the set  $\Phi'(\gamma)S$  is uniform. Therefore, we finally get

$$\|P_m \Phi'(\gamma) - \Phi'(\gamma)\|_{2,2} = \sup_{\|h\|_2=1} \|(P_m - E) \Phi'(\gamma) h\|_2 \rightarrow 0 \quad (m \rightarrow \infty)$$

All the conditions of /3/ have been checked for Eq.(2.4).

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