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**ON INTRINSIC COMPACTNESS PROPERTIES OF
GENERALIZED SOLUTIONS OF A FOURTH
ORDER OPERATOR-DIFFERENTIAL EQUATION
ON THE SEGMENT**

Abstract

In the paper we obtain conditions on coefficients of a fourth order operator-differential equation on the finite segment that provide intrinsic compactness of generalized solutions of the given equation.

On a separable Hilbert space H consider the boundary value problem:

$$P(d/dt)u \equiv \frac{d^4u(t)}{dt^4} + A^4u(t) + \sum_{j=1}^4 A_j u^{(4-j)}(t) = 0, \quad t \in (0; 1), \quad (1)$$

$$u^{(j)}(0) = \varphi_j, \quad u^{(j)}(1) = \psi_j, \quad j = 0, 1, \quad (2)$$

where $u(t)$ is a vector-function with values in H , φ_j, ψ_j ($j = 0, 1$) are the known vectors from H , the derivatives are understood in the sense of distributions theory, A and A_j ($j = \overline{1, 4}$) are linear, generally speaking, unbounded operators.

Let A be a positive-definite self-adjoint operator. By H_γ we denote a Hilbert scale of spaces generated by the operator A i.e

$$H_\gamma = D(A^\gamma), \quad (x, y)_\gamma = (A^\gamma x, A^\gamma y), \quad \gamma \geq 0, \quad x, y \in H_\gamma.$$

Further we determine the following Hilbert spaces [1].

Let $a, b \in R = (-\infty, \infty), \quad a < b$. Let

$$L_2((a, b), H) = \left\{ f \mid \|f\|_{L_2((a,b),H)} = \left(\int_a^b \|f(t)\|^2 dt \right)^{1/2} < \infty \right\},$$

$$W_2^2((a, b), H) = \{ u \mid u'' \in L_2((a, b), H), \quad A^2u \in L_2(a, b), H \}$$

with norm

$$\|u\|_{W_2^2((a,b),H)} = \left(\|u''\|_{L_2((a,b),H)} + \|A^2u\|_{L_2((a,b),H)} \right)^{1/2}.$$

By $\overset{\circ}{W}_2^2((a, b), H)$ we denote the subspace

$$\overset{\circ}{W}_2^2((a, b), H) = \left\{ u \mid u \in W_2^2((a, b), H), \quad u^{(j)}(a) = u^{(j)}(b) = 0, \quad j = 0, 1 \right\}.$$

We similarly determine the Hilbert space

$$W_2^1((a, b), H) = \{ u \mid u' \in L_2((a, b), H), \quad Au \in L_2((a, b), H) \}$$

with norm

$$\|u\|_{W_2^1((a,b),H)} = \left(\|u'\|_{L_2((a,b),H)}^2 + \|Au\|_{L_2((a,b),H)}^2 \right)^{1/2}.$$

Let $D([a, b], H_4)$ be a linear set of vector-functions with values in H_4 having compact supports on the segment $[a; b]$. Obviously, $D([a, b], H_4)$ is everywhere dense set in the space $W_2^2((a, b), H)$ [1].

$$D^0([a, b], H_4) = \left\{ u \mid u \in D([a, b], H_4), u^{(j)}(a) = u^{(j)}(b) = 0, j = 0, 1 \right\}$$

is similarly determined. It follows from trace theorem [1] that $D^0([a, b], H_4)$ is everywhere dense set in the space $W_2^2((a, b), H)$.

In the paper [2] it is proved.

Lemma 1. *Let the following conditions be fulfilled:*

- a) *A is a positive-definite self-adjoint operator;*
- b) *The operators $B_j = A_j A^{-j}$ ($j = 1, 2$) and $D_j = A^{-2} A_j A^{-1}$ are bounded in H . Then the bilinear functional*

$$P(u, g) = P((d/dt)u, g)_{L_2((0,1);H)}$$

continues from the space $D([0, 1], H_4) + D^0([0, 1], H_4)$ to the space $W_2^2((0, 1), H) + W_2^2((0, 1), H)$ a functional acting in the following way

$$\begin{aligned} P(u, g) &= (u, g)_{W_2^2((0,1),H)} + P_1(u, g) \equiv \\ &\equiv (u'', g'')_{L_2((0,1),H)} + (A^2 u, A^2 g)_{L_2((0,1);H)} + \\ &+ \sum_{j=1}^2 (A_j u^{(2-j)}, g'')_{L_2((0,1);H)} + \sum_{j=3}^4 (A_j u^{(4-j)}, g)_{L_2((0,1);H)}. \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

Further, in [2] definition of the generalized solution of problem (1), (2) was given and a theorem on its existence was proved.

Definition. *The vector-function $u(t) \in W_2^2((0, 1), H)$ is said to be a generalized solution of problem (1), (2), if $u^{(j)}(0) = \varphi_j$, $u^{(j)}(1) = \psi_j$, ($j = 0, 1$) and for any $g \in W_2^2((0, 1), H)$ the identity*

$$P(u, g) = (u, g)_{W_2^2((0,1),H)} + P_1(u, g) = 0 \quad (4)$$

holds.

It is proved the following.

Theorem 1. [2] *Let conditions a) and b) from lemma 1 be fulfilled, and it hold the inequality*

$$\alpha = \sum_{j=1}^2 m_j \|B_j\| + \sum_{j=3}^4 m_j \|D_j\| < 1, \quad (5)$$

where $m_1 = m_3 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$, $m_2 = \frac{1}{2}$, $m_4 = 1$. Then for any $\varphi_j \in H_{2-j-\frac{1}{2}}$ and $\psi_j \in H_{2-j-\frac{1}{2}}$ ($j = 0, 1$) there exists a unique generalized solution that satisfies the inequality

$$P(g, g) \geq (1 - \alpha) \|g\|_{W_2^2((0,1),H)}^2 \text{ for any } g \in \overset{\circ}{W}_2^2((0,1),H). \quad (6)$$

In the present paper, following the Lax paper [3] we give definition of intrinsic compactness of generalized solutions of problem (1), (2) and under some additional conditions on coefficients of operator-differential equation (1) we show intrinsic compactness of generalized solutions of problem (1), (2).

By $N(P)$ we denote a space of generalized solutions of problem (1), (2) that is a close subspace of the space $W_2^2((0,1),H)$. We complete this space by the norm $\|u\|_{W_2^1((0,1),H)}$ that is weaker than the norm $\|u\|_{W_2^2((0,1),H)}$.

Denote the obtained space by $\tilde{N}(P)$.

Definition 2. Let a, b, a_1, b_1 be any numbers satisfying the conditions:
 $0 \leq a < a_1 < b_1 < b \leq 1$. If any set

$$\tilde{N}(P) \left\{ u \mid u \in \tilde{N}(P), \|u\|_{W_2^1((a,b),H)} \leq M \right\},$$

where M is a constant positive number, compact by the norm of the space $W_2^1((a_1, b_1), H)$, we'll say the space of generalized solutions of problem (1), (2) is intrinsically compact.

It holds the following.

Theorem 2. Let all the conditions of theorem 1 be fulfilled, the operator A^{-1} be completely continuous, and the operator $C_2 = A^{-1}A_2A^{-1}$ be bounded in H . Then a space of generalized solutions of problem (1), (2) is intrinsically compact.

Proof. Let $u \in N(P)$, and a scalar function $\varphi(t) \in C_0^\infty(a; b)$

($0 \leq a < a_1 < b_1 < b \leq 1$), moreover $\varphi(t) = 1$ for $t \in (a_1; b_1)$. Then it is obvious that the vector-function $\varphi(t)u(t) \in \overset{\circ}{W}_2^2((0,1),H)$ and by theorem 1 we have

$$(P(\varphi u), \varphi u) \geq (1 - \alpha) \|\varphi u\|_{W_2^2((0,1),H)}^2.$$

Hence we get

$$((\varphi u), (\varphi u))_{W_2^2((0,1),H)} + P_1(\varphi u, \varphi u) \geq \text{const} \|\varphi u\|_{W_2^2((0,1),H)}^2$$

or

$$\begin{aligned} & \|\varphi u\|_{W_2^2((a,b),H)}^2 + P_1(\varphi u, \varphi u) \geq \\ & \geq \text{const} \left(\|\varphi u\|_{W_2^2((a,b),H)} \cdot \|u\|_{W_2^2((a_1,b_1),H)} \right) \geq \text{const} \|u\|_{W_2^2((a_1,b_1),H)}^2. \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

Consequently

$$\|u\|_{W_2^2((a_1,b_1),H)} \leq \text{const} \|\varphi u\|_{W_2^2((a,b),H)} \quad (8)$$

Further, we upper bound the left hand side of inequality (7). First of all we consider the expression $\|\varphi u\|_{W_2^2((a,b),H)}^2$. Obviously

$$\|\varphi u\|_{W_2^2((a,b),H)}^2 = ((\varphi u)'' , (\varphi u)'')_{L_2((a,b),H)} + (A^2(\varphi u), A^2(\varphi u))_{L_2((a,b),H)} =$$

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$$= ((\varphi u)'' , (\varphi u)'')_{L_2((a,b),H)} + (A^2 u, A^2 (\varphi^2 u))_{L_2((a,b),H)}. \quad (9)$$

Denote $g = \varphi^2 u \in \overset{\circ}{W}_2^2((0,1),H)$. Obviously

$$\begin{aligned} ((\varphi u)'' , (\varphi u)'')_{L_2((a,b),H)} &= \|\varphi u'' + 2\varphi' u' + \varphi'' u\|_{L_2((a,b),H)}^2 = \|\varphi u''\|_{L_2((a,b),H)}^2 + \\ &+ 2 \operatorname{Re} (\varphi u'' , 2\varphi' u' + \varphi'' u)_{L_2((a,b),H)} + \|2\varphi' u' + \varphi'' u\|_{L_2((a,b),H)}^2. \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

Notice that

$$\|2\varphi' u' + \varphi'' u\|_{L_2((a,b),H)} \leq \operatorname{const} \|u\|_{W_2^1((a,b),H)}^2. \quad (11)$$

On the other hand we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|\varphi u''\|_{L_2((a,b),H)}^2 &= (\varphi u'' , \varphi u'')_{L_2((a,b),H)} = (u'' , \varphi^2 u'')_{L_2((a,b),H)} = \\ &= (u'' , (\varphi^2 u)'')_{L_2((a,b),H)} + (u'' , \varphi^2 u'' - (\varphi^2 u)'')_{L_2((a,b),H)} = \\ &= (u'' , g'')_{L_2((a,b),H)} - (u'' , 4\varphi' \varphi' u' - (\varphi^2)'' u)_{L_2((a,b),H)} = (u'' , g'')_{L_2((a,b),H)} - \\ &- (\varphi u'' , 4\varphi' u')_{L_2((a,b),H)} - \left(u' , \left((\varphi^2)'' u \right)' \right)_{L_2((a,b),H)}. \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

It is easily seen that

$$\left| \left(u' , \left((\varphi^2)'' u \right)' \right)_{L_2((a,b),H)} \right| \leq \operatorname{const} \|u\|_{W_2^1((a,b),H)}^2. \quad (13)$$

Now let's consider the second term in (12):

$$\begin{aligned} &\left| (\varphi u'' , 4\varphi' u')_{L_2((a,b),H)} \right| = \left| ((\varphi u)'' , 4\varphi' u')_{L_2((a,b),H)} \right| + \\ &+ \left| (\varphi u'' - (\varphi u)'', 4\varphi' u')_{L_2((a,b),H)} \right| \leq \|(\varphi u)''\|_{L_2((a,b),H)} 4 \|\varphi' u'\|_{L_2((a,b),H)} + \\ &\quad + \left| (2\varphi' u' + \varphi'' u , 4\varphi' u')_{L_2((a,b),H)} \right| \leq \\ &\leq \operatorname{const} \left(\|(\varphi u)\|_{W_2^2((a,b),H)} \cdot \|u\|_{W_2^1((a,b),H)} + \|u\|_{W_2^1((a,b),H)}^2 \right) \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

From (9)-(14) we get ($g = \varphi^2 u$)

$$\|(\varphi u)\|_{W_2^2((a,b),H)}^2 = (u'' , g'')_{L_2((a,b),H)} + (A^2 u, A^2 g)_{L_2((a,b),H)} + K_0(u, \varphi),$$

moreover

$$|K_0(u, \varphi)| \leq \operatorname{const} \left(\|(\varphi u)\|_{W_2^2((a,b),H)} \cdot \|u\|_{W_2^1((a,b),H)} + \|u\|_{W_2^1((a,b),H)}^2 \right). \quad (15)$$

Now let's estimate $P_1(u, \varphi)$.

Obviously

$$(A_1(\varphi u)' , (\varphi u)'')_{L_2((a,b),H)} = (A_1(\varphi u' + \varphi' u) , (\varphi u)'')_{L_2((a,b),H)} =$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= (A_1 u', \varphi(\varphi u''))_{L_2((a,b),H)} + (A_1 u, \varphi'(\varphi u''))_{L_2((a,b),H)} = \\
 &= (A_1 u', (\varphi^2 u''))_{L_2((a,b),H)} + (A_1 u', \varphi(\varphi u'') - (\varphi^2 u''))_{L_2((a,b),H)} + \\
 &\quad + (A_1 u, \varphi'(\varphi u''))_{L_2((a,b),H)} = (A_1 u', g'')_{L_2((a,b),H)} + \\
 &\quad + (A_1 \varphi u', -2\varphi' u' + \varphi'' u)_{L_2(R_+,H)} - (A_1 u', (\varphi^2)' u)_{L_2(R_+,H)} + \\
 &\quad + (A_1 u, \varphi'(\varphi u''))_{L_2((a,b),H)}. \tag{16}
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence we get:

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\left| (A_1 \varphi u', \varphi'' u - 2\varphi' u')_{L_2((a,b),H)} \right| = \\
 &= \left| (A_1 ((\varphi u)' - \varphi' u), \varphi'' u - 2\varphi' u')_{L_2((a,b),H)} \right| \leq \\
 &\leq \|A_1 A^{-1}\| \|A(\varphi u)'\|_{L_2((a,b),H)} \cdot \|\varphi'' u - 2\varphi' u'\|_{L_2((a,b),H)} + \\
 &+ \|A_1 A^{-1}\| \|Au\|_{L_2((a,b),H)} \left(\|\varphi' \varphi'' u\|_{L_2((a,b),H)} + \|2\varphi'^2 u'\|_{L_2((a,b),H)} \right) \leq \\
 &\leq \text{const} \left(\|(\varphi u)\|_{W_2^2((a,b),H)} \cdot \|u\|_{W_2^1((a,b),H)} + \|u\|_{W_2^1((a,b),H)}^2 \right). \tag{17}
 \end{aligned}$$

Since

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\left| (A_1 u', (\varphi^2)' u)_{L_2((a,b),H)} \right| = \left| (A_1 u, ((\varphi^2)' u)')_{L_2((a,b),H)} \right| \leq \\
 &\leq \|A_1 A^{-1}\| \|Au\|_{L_2((a,b),H)} \left\| ((\varphi^2)' u)' \right\|_{L_2((a,b),H)} \leq \text{const} \|u\|_{W_2^1((a,b),H)}^2
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\left| (A_1 u, \varphi(\varphi u''))_{L_2((a,b),H)} \right| \leq \text{const} \|(\varphi u)''\|_{L_2((a,b),H)} \|A_1 A^{-1}\| \|Au\|_{L_2((a,b),H)} \leq \\
 &\leq \text{const} \|\varphi u\|_{W_2^2((a,b),H)} \cdot \|u\|_{W_2^1((a,b),H)}, \tag{18}
 \end{aligned}$$

then from equality (16) and inequalities (17) and (18) it follows

$$(A_1 (\varphi u)', (\varphi u''))_{L_2((a,b),H)} = (A_1 u', g'')_{L_2((a,b),H)} + K_1(u, \varphi), \tag{19}$$

where

$$|K_1(u, \varphi)| \leq \text{const} \left(\|(\varphi u)\|_{W_2^2((a,b),H)} \cdot \|u\|_{W_2^1((a,b),H)} + \|u\|_{W_2^1((a,b),H)}^2 \right). \tag{20}$$

Now, let's estimate expression $(A_2(\varphi u), (\varphi u''))_{L_2((a,b),H)}$.

It is easily verified that

$$\begin{aligned}
 &(A_2(\varphi u), (\varphi u''))_{L_2((a,b),H)} = (A_2 u, \varphi(\varphi u''))_{L_2((a,b),H)} = \\
 &= (A_2(\varphi^2 u''))_{L_2((a,b),H)} + (A_2 u, \varphi(\varphi u'') - (\varphi^2 u''))_{L_2((a,b),H)} = \\
 &= (A_2 u, g'')_{L_2((a,b),H)} + (A_2 u, \varphi \varphi'' u - 2\varphi' \varphi u' - (\varphi^2)' u)_{L_2((a,b),H)} =
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= (A_2 u, g'')_{L_2((a,b),H)} + (A_2 \varphi u, \varphi'' u - 2\varphi' u')_{L_2((a,b),H)} - \\
&\quad - (A_2 u, (\varphi^2)'' u)_{L_2((a,b),H)}. \tag{21}
\end{aligned}$$

Since the inequalities

$$\begin{aligned}
&\left| (A_2 \varphi u, \varphi'' u - 2\varphi' u')_{L_2((a,b),H)} \right| \leq \|A_2 A^{-2}\| \|A^2(\varphi u)\|_{L_2((a,b),H)} \times \\
&\quad \times \|\varphi'' u - 2\varphi' u'\|_{L_2((a,b),H)} \leq \\
&\leq \text{const} \|\varphi u\|_{W_2^2((a,b),H)} \cdot \|u\|_{W_2^1((a,b),H)}, \tag{22}
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
&\left| (A_2 u, (\varphi^2)'' u)_{L_2((a,b),H)} \right| = \left| (A^{-1} A_2 A^{-1} A u, (\varphi^2)'' A u)_{L_2((a,b),H)} \right| \leq \\
&\leq \|C_2\| \text{const} \|A u\|_{L_2((a,b),H)}^2 = \text{const} \|u\|_{W_2^1((a,b),H)}^2,
\end{aligned}$$

hold, from (21) it follows that

$$(A_2(\varphi u), (\varphi u)'')_{L_2((a,b),H)} = (A_2 u, g'') + K_2(u, \varphi), \tag{23}$$

where

$$|K_2(u, \varphi)| \leq \text{const} \left(\|(\varphi u)\|_{W_2^2((a,b),H)} \cdot \|u\|_{W_2^1((a,b),H)} + \|u\|_{W_2^1((a,b),H)}^2 \right). \tag{24}$$

Further we get

$$\begin{aligned}
&(A_3(\varphi u)', \varphi u)_{L_2((a,b),H)} = (A_3(\varphi u' + \varphi' u), \varphi u)_{L_2((a,b),H)} = \\
&= (A_3 u', \varphi^2 u)_{L_2((a,b),H)} + (A_3 u, \varphi'(\varphi u))_{L_2((a,b),H)} = \\
&= (A_3 u', g)_{L_2((a,b),H)} + (A_3 u, \varphi'(\varphi u))_{L_2((a,b),H)}. \tag{25}
\end{aligned}$$

Since

$$\begin{aligned}
&\left| (A_3 u, \varphi'(\varphi u))_{L_2((a,b),H)} \right| = \left| (A^{-2} A_3 A^{-1} A u, \varphi' A^2(\varphi u))_{L_2((a,b),H)} \right| \leq \\
&\leq \text{const} \|\varphi u\|_{W_2^2((a,b),H)} \cdot \|u\|_{W_2^1((a,b),H)}, \tag{26}
\end{aligned}$$

it follows from (25) that

$$(A_3(\varphi u)', (\varphi u))_{L_2((a,b),H)} = (A_3 u', g)_{L_2((a,b),H)} + K_3(u, \varphi), \tag{27}$$

where

$$|K_3(u, \varphi)| \leq \text{const} \left(\|(\varphi u)\|_{W_2^2((a,b),H)} \cdot \|u\|_{W_2^1((a,b),H)} \right). \tag{28}$$

Finally we consider the expression

$$(A_4(\varphi u), (\varphi u))_{L_2((a,b),H)} = (A_4 u, \varphi^2 u)_{L_2((a,b),H)} = (A_4 u, g)_{L_2((a,b),H)} \tag{29}$$

From equalities (9), (12), (16), (23), (27) and (29) we get

$$P(\varphi u, \varphi u) = P(u, g) + \sum_{i=0}^3 K_i(u, \varphi).$$

Since $u \in N(P)$, then $P(u, g) = 0$. Therefore by inequalities (15), (20), (24) and (28)

$$\begin{aligned} |P(\varphi u, \varphi u)| &\leq \sum_{i=0}^3 |K_i(u, \varphi)| \leq \\ &\leq \text{const} \left(\|(\varphi u)\|_{W_2^2((a,b),H)} \cdot \|u\|_{W_2^1((a,b),H)} + \|u\|_{W_2^1((a,b),H)}^2 \right). \end{aligned} \quad (30)$$

Allowing for inequality (30) in inequality (7) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|(\varphi u)\|_{W_2^2((a,b),H)} \cdot \|u\|_{W_2^2((a_1,b_1),H)} &\leq \\ &\leq \text{const} \left(\|(\varphi u)\|_{W_2^2((a,b),H)} \cdot \|u\|_{W_2^1((a,b),H)} + \|u\|_{W_2^1((a,b),H)}^2 \right). \end{aligned} \quad (31)$$

Now, using inequality (8) and (31) we prove the theorem.

Let's consider the two cases:

1) If the set $\left\{ \|\varphi u\|_{W_2^2((a,b),H)}, u \in \tilde{N}_0(P) \right\}$ is bounded, it follows from inequality (8) that the set $\left\{ \|u\|_{W_2^2((a_1,b_1),H)}, u \in \tilde{N}_0(P) \right\}$ is bounded, i.e. $\tilde{N}_0(P)$ is bounded in $W_2^2((a_1, b_1), H)$. Since A^{-1} is completely continuous operator, $W_2^2((a_1, b_1), H)$ is compactly imbedded into the space $W_2^1((a_1, b_1), H)$ [4, p.81]. Thus, $\tilde{N}_0(P)$ is a compact space. In this case the theorem is proved.

2) The set $\left\{ \|\varphi u\|_{W_2^2((a,b),H)}, u \in \tilde{N}_0(P) \right\}$ is unbounded. Then by inequality (31) we get that $\left\{ \|u\|_{W_2^2((a_1,b_1),H)}, u \in \tilde{N}_0(P) \right\}$ is bounded. Further, operating as in case 1) we complete the proof of the theorem.

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