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ON A FOURTH ORDER OPERATOR-DIFFERENTIAL EQUATION IN HILBERT SPACE

Abstract

In this paper algebraic conditions, providing existence and uniqueness of a regular solution of a class of elliptic type fourth order operator-differential equations, are obtained

Consider the following fourth order equation in separable Hilbert space H :

$$P(d/dt)u = \frac{d^4u}{dt^4} + A^4u + \sum_{j=0}^4 A_{4-j}u^{(j)} = f(t), \quad t \in R = (-\infty, \infty). \quad (1)$$

Here $f(t)$, $u(t)$ are vector-valued functions with the values in H , A and A_j ($j = \overline{0,4}$) are linear operators in H .

Let A be a self-adjointed positive operator in H , i.e. $A = A^* \geq \mu_0 > 0$. Determine the following Hilbert spaces [1-3] for $\gamma \in (-\infty, \infty)$

$$L_{2,\gamma}(R; H) = \left\{ f \mid \|f\|_{L_{2,\gamma}} = \left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \|f(t)\|^2 e^{-2\gamma t} dt \right)^{1/2} < \infty \right\}$$

and

$$W_{2,\gamma}^4(R; H) = \left\{ u \mid \frac{d^4u}{dt^4}, A^4u \in L_{2,\gamma}(R; H), \right. \\ \left. \|u\|_{W_{2,\gamma}} = \left(\|A^4u\|_{L_{2,\gamma}}^2 + \|u^{(4)}\|_{L_{2,\gamma}}^2 \right)^{1/2} \right\}.$$

For $\gamma = 0$ we'll assume, that $L_{2,0}(R; H) = L_2(R; H)$, $W_{2,0}^4(R; H) = W_2^4(R; H)$.

Definition. *If for $f \in L_{2,\gamma}(R; H)$ there exists a vector-function $u \in W_{2,\gamma}^4(R; H)$ which satisfies equation (1) almost everywhere in R , we call it regular solution of equation (1), in addition, if the following inequality holds:*

$$\|u\|_{W_{2,\gamma}} \leq \text{const} \|f\|_{L_{2,\gamma}},$$

then, equation (1) will be called regularly solvable.

In the given paper we find condition on coefficients of equation (1), that provide regular solvability of equation (1).

Note, that for A an elliptical operator with discrete spectrum, and operators $A_j = a_j$ constant scalar numbers of equation (1) in some weight spaces are investigated in the paper [3]. For $\gamma = 0$ and A_j some unbounded operators of equation (1) are investigated in [4], and for some conditions on resolvents $P^{-1}(\lambda)$, are considered in the papers [1], [5].

In the given paper solvability conditions of equation (1) are expressed by some properties of operator coefficients A and A_j ($j = \overline{0,4}$) and therefore easy verifiable in concrete problems.

Denote by

$$P_0 u = \frac{d^4 u}{dt^4} + A^4 u, \quad P_1 u = \sum_{j=0}^4 A_{4-j} u^{(j)}, \quad u \in W_{2,\gamma}^4(R; H).$$

It holds the following

Theorem 1. *Let A be a positive-definite self-adjoint operator and $\inf \sigma(A) = \mu_0 > 0$. Then for $|\gamma| < \frac{1}{\sqrt[4]{8}} \mu_0$ the following equation*

$$P_0 u = \frac{d^4 u}{dt^4} + A^4 u = f \tag{2}$$

is regularly solvable.

Proof. Let $u(t) = \vartheta(t) e^{-\gamma t}$, $g(t) = f(t) e^{-\gamma t}$, then equation (2) takes the following form

$$P_{0,\gamma} \vartheta = \left(\frac{d}{dt} + \gamma \right)^4 \vartheta + A^4 \vartheta = g, \tag{3}$$

where $\vartheta \in W_2^4(R; H)$, $g \in L_2(R; H)$. Since the roots of the characteristic equation $(\lambda + \gamma)^4 + \mu^4 = 0$ ($\mu \in \sigma(A)$) has the form $\lambda_i = -\gamma + \omega_i \mu$, where ω_i are roots of equation $z^4 + 1 = 0$, two roots of characteristic equation lie in half-plane $\operatorname{Re} \lambda < -\gamma + \operatorname{Re} \omega_i \mu_0 = -\gamma - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \mu_0 < 0$, and two of them lie in half plane $\operatorname{Re} \lambda > -\gamma + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \mu_0 > 0$.

Therefor for any $\xi \in R = (-\infty, \infty)$ the operator bundle $P_0(-i\xi) = (-i\xi + \gamma)^4 E + A^4$ has a bounded inverse $P_{0,\gamma}^{-1}(-i\xi)$. Then denote by

$$\hat{\vartheta}(\xi) = P_{0,\gamma}^{-1}(-i\xi) \hat{g}(\xi), \tag{4}$$

where $\hat{g}(\xi)$ is a Fourier transformation of the vector-function $g(t)$ and show that

$$\vartheta(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} P_{0,\gamma}^{-1}(-i\xi) \hat{g}(\xi) e^{i\xi t} d\xi \tag{5}$$

is a regular solution of equation (2) for $|\gamma| < \frac{1}{\sqrt[4]{8}}$.

Show, that for $|\gamma| < \frac{1}{\sqrt[4]{8}} \mu_0$ a vector-function $v \in W_2^4(R; H)$. From (2) and (3) it follows, that it sufficies to prove, that $A^4 \vartheta \in L_2(R; H)$. So, by Plansharel theorem it sufficies to show, that $A^4 \hat{\vartheta}(\xi) \in L_2(R; H)$. From (4) it follows, that

$$\|A^4 \hat{\vartheta}\|_{L_2} = \|A^4 P_0^{-1}(-i\xi) \hat{g}(\xi)\|_{L_2} \leq \sup_{\xi \in R} \|A^4 P_0^{-1}(-i\xi)\| \|\hat{g}\|_{L_2}. \tag{6}$$

On the other hand for $\xi \in R$ the following inequalities hold

$$\|A^4 P_0^{-1}(-i\xi)\| \leq$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq \sup_{\mu \geq \mu_0} \left| \mu^4 \left((\xi^4 - 6\xi^2\gamma^2 + \gamma^4 + \mu^4)^2 + 16\xi^2\gamma^2 (\xi^2 + \gamma^2) \right)^{-1/2} \right| \leq \\ &\leq \sup_{\mu \geq \mu_0} \left| \mu^4 (\xi^4 - 6\xi^2\gamma^2 + \gamma^4 + \mu^4)^{-1} \right| \leq \\ &\leq \sup_{\mu \geq \mu_0} \left| \mu^4 \left((\xi^2 - 3\gamma^2)^2 + \mu^4 - 8\gamma^4 \right)^{-1} \right| \leq \\ &\leq \sup_{\mu \geq \mu_0} \left| \mu^4 (\mu^4 - 8\gamma^4)^{-1} \right| \leq \frac{\mu_0^4}{\mu_0^4 - 8\gamma^4} > 0. \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$\|A^4 \vartheta\|_{L_2} = \|A^4 \hat{\vartheta}\|_{L_2} \leq \frac{\mu_0^4}{\mu_0^4 - 8\gamma^4} \|\hat{g}\|_{L_2} = \frac{\mu_0^4}{\mu_0^4 - 8\gamma^4} \|g\|_{L_2}. \quad (7)$$

Further, obviously, that $\vartheta(t)$ satisfies equation (2) almost everywhere in R . Then vector-function $u(t) = \vartheta(t) e^{\gamma t} \in W_{2,\gamma}^4(R; H)$ satisfy equation (2) almost everywhere in R and from (2) and (7) it follows, that

$$\|u\|_{W_{2,\gamma}} \leq \text{const} \|f\|_{L_{2,\gamma}}.$$

The theorem is proved.

Theorem 2. *Let conditions of theorem 1 be fulfilled. Then for any $u \in W_{2,\gamma}^4(R; H)$ the following inequalities hold:*

$$\|A^{4-j} u^{(j)}\|_{L_{2,\gamma}} \leq c_j(\gamma; \mu_0) \|P_0 u\|_{L_{2,\gamma}} \quad j = \overline{0, 4}, \quad (8)$$

where

$$c_0(\gamma; \mu_0) = \frac{\mu_0^4}{\mu_0^4 - 8\gamma^4} \quad (9)$$

$$c_1(\gamma; \mu_0) = c_3(\gamma; \mu_0) = \frac{3^{3/4}}{4} \left(1 + \frac{32\mu_0^4}{\mu_0^4 - 8\gamma^4} + \frac{4\gamma^2}{\sqrt{\mu_0^4 - 8\gamma^4}} \right) \quad (10)$$

$$c_2(\gamma; \mu_0) = \frac{1}{2} \left(1 + \frac{8\gamma^4 + 2\gamma^2\mu_0^2}{\mu_0^4 - 8\gamma^4} \right) \quad (11)$$

$$c_4(\gamma; \mu_0) = 1 + \frac{24\gamma^4}{\mu_0^4 - 8\gamma^4} + \frac{4\gamma^2}{\sqrt{\mu_0^4 - 8\gamma^4}}. \quad (12)$$

Proof. Write inequality (9) in the equivalent form

$$\left\| A^{4-j} \left(\frac{d}{dt} + \gamma \right)^j \vartheta \right\|_{L_2} \leq c_j(\gamma; \mu_0) \|P_{0,\gamma} \vartheta\|_{L_2}, \quad j = \overline{0, 4}, \quad (13)$$

where $\vartheta(t) = u(t) e^{-\gamma t} \in W_2^4(R; H)$ and $P_{0,\gamma} \vartheta$ is determined from (3).

Note, that inequality (13) for $j = 0$ follows from inequality (7). Prove the other inequalities. Using equality (4) we get, that

$$\left\| A^{4-j} (-i\xi + \gamma)^j \hat{\vartheta}(\xi) \right\|_{L_2} = \left\| A^{4-j} (-i\xi + \gamma)^j P_{0,\gamma}^{-1}(-i\xi) \hat{g}(\xi) \right\|_{L_2} \leq$$

$$\leq \sup_{\xi \in R} \left\| A^{4-j} (-i\xi + \gamma)^j P_{0,\gamma}^{-1} (-i\xi) \right\| \|\hat{g}\|_{L_2}.$$

Denote by

$$\varphi_j(\xi; \gamma; \mu) = \frac{\mu^{4-j} (\xi^2 + \gamma^2)^{1/2}}{\xi^4 - 6\xi^2\gamma^2 + \gamma^4 + \mu^4}, \quad \xi \in R, \quad \mu \geq \mu_0, \quad |\gamma| < \frac{1}{\sqrt[4]{8}}\mu_0, \quad (14)$$

$j = \overline{1, 4}$. Then by spectral decomposition of operator A we have:

$$\left\| A^{4-j} (-i\xi + \gamma)^j \hat{\vartheta}(\xi) \right\|_{L_2} \leq \sup_{\xi \in R} \sup_{\mu \in R} \varphi_j(\xi; \gamma; \mu) \|\hat{g}\|_{L_2}. \quad (15)$$

So, estimate functions $\varphi_j(\xi; \gamma; \mu)$ for $j = \overline{1, 4}$. For $j = 1$ we have:

$$\varphi_1(\xi; \gamma; \mu) = \frac{\mu^3 (\xi^2 + \gamma^2)^{1/2}}{\xi^4 - 6\xi^2\gamma^2 + \gamma^4 + \mu^4}, \quad \xi^2 \geq 0, \quad \mu \geq \mu_0 > 0, \quad |\gamma| < \frac{1}{\sqrt[4]{8}}\mu_0.$$

Let $\delta > 0$. Then, by Young inequality we have:

$$\varphi_1(\xi; \gamma; \mu) = \frac{(\delta (\xi^2 + \gamma^2))^{1/4} (\delta^{-1/3} \mu^4)^{3/4}}{(\xi^2 - 3\gamma^2)^2 + (\mu^4 - 8\gamma^4)} \leq \frac{\frac{1}{4}\delta (\xi^2 + \gamma^2)^2 + \frac{3}{4}\delta^{-1/3} \mu^4}{(\xi^2 - 3\gamma^2)^2 + (\mu^4 - 8\gamma^4)}.$$

Let $\frac{1}{4}\delta = \frac{3}{4}\delta^{-1/3}$, i.e. $\delta = 3^{3/4}$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_1(\xi; \gamma; \mu) &= \frac{3^{3/4}}{4} \frac{\xi^4 + \gamma^4 + 2\xi^2\gamma^2 + \mu^4}{(\xi^2 - 3\gamma^2)^2 + (\mu^4 - 8\gamma^4)} \leq \\ &\leq \frac{3^{3/4}}{4} \left(1 + \frac{8\xi^2\gamma^2 + 8\gamma^4}{(\xi^2 - 3\gamma^2)^2 + (\mu^4 - 8\gamma^4)} \right) \leq \\ &\leq \frac{3^{3/4}}{4} \left(1 + 8\gamma^2 \frac{(\xi^2 - 3\gamma^2) + 4\gamma^2}{(\xi^2 - 3\gamma^2)^2 + \mu^4 - 8\gamma^4} \right) \leq \\ &\leq \frac{3^{3/4}}{4} \left(1 + \frac{32\gamma^4}{\mu_0^4 - 8\gamma^4} + 8\gamma^2 \frac{\xi^2 - 3\gamma^2}{(\xi^2 - 3\gamma^2)^2 + \mu_0^4 - 8\gamma^4} \right) \leq \\ &\leq \frac{3^{3/4}}{4} \left(1 + \frac{32\gamma^4}{\mu_0^4 - 8\gamma^4} + \frac{4\gamma^2}{\sqrt{\mu_0^4 - 8\gamma^4}} \right) = c_1(\gamma; \mu_0). \end{aligned}$$

Analogously we prove that

$$\varphi_3(\xi; \gamma; \mu) = \frac{\mu (\xi^2 + \gamma^2)^{3/2}}{\xi^4 - 6\xi^2\gamma^2 + \gamma^4 + \mu^4} \leq c_1(\gamma; \mu_0) = c_3(\gamma; \mu_0).$$

Let $j = 2$. Then

$$\varphi_2(\xi; \gamma; \mu) = \frac{\mu^2 (\xi^2 + \gamma^2)}{\xi^4 - 6\xi^2\gamma^2 + \gamma^4 + \mu^4} = \frac{(\xi^2 - 3\gamma^2) \mu^2 + 4\gamma^2 \mu^2}{(\xi^2 - 3\gamma^2)^2 + \mu^4 - 8\gamma^4} \leq$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{(\xi^2 - 3\gamma^2)^2 + \mu^2 + 2\gamma^2\mu^2}{(\xi^2 - 3\gamma^2)^2 + \mu^4 - 8\gamma^4} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \left(1 + \frac{8\gamma^4 + 2\gamma^2\mu^2}{(\xi^2 - 3\gamma^2)^2 + \mu^4 - 8\gamma^4} \right) \leq \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} \left(1 + \frac{8\gamma^4 + 2\gamma^2\mu_0^2}{\mu_0^4 - 8\gamma^4} \right) = C_2(\gamma; \mu_0). \end{aligned}$$

For $j = 4$ it is easy to see, that

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_4(\xi; \gamma; \mu) &= 1 + \frac{8\xi^2\gamma^2 - \mu^4}{(\xi^2 - 3\gamma^2)^2 + \mu^4 - 8\gamma^4} \leq 1 + \frac{8(\xi^2 - 3\gamma^2)\gamma^2 + 24\gamma^4}{(\xi^2 - 3\gamma^2)^2 + \mu^4 - 8\gamma^4} \leq \\ &\leq 1 + \frac{24\gamma^4}{\mu_0^4 - 8\gamma^4} + 8\gamma^2 \frac{\xi^2 - 3\gamma^2}{(\xi^2 - 3\gamma^2)^2 + \mu_0^4 - 8\gamma^4} \leq \\ &\leq 1 + \frac{24\gamma^4}{\mu_0^4 - 8\gamma^4} + \frac{4\gamma^2}{\sqrt{\mu_0^4 - 8\gamma^4}} = c_4(\gamma; \mu_0) \end{aligned}$$

Thus, from the inequality (15) it follows, that

$$\left\| A^{4-j} (-i\xi + \gamma)^j \hat{\vartheta}(\xi) \right\|_{L_2} \leq c_j(\gamma; \mu_0) \|\hat{g}\|_{L_2}, \quad j = \overline{1, 4}.$$

By Plancharel theorem

$$\left\| A^{4-j} \left(\frac{d}{dt} + \gamma \right)^j \vartheta \right\|_{L_2} \leq c_j(\gamma; \mu_0) \|g\|_{L_2} = c_j(\gamma; \mu_0) \|P_{0,\gamma}(d/dt)\vartheta\|_{L_2}$$

or

$$\left\| A^{4-j} u^j \right\|_{L_{2,\gamma}} \leq c_j(\gamma; \mu_0) \|P_0 u\|_{L_{2,\gamma}}, \quad j = \overline{1, 4}.$$

The theorem is proved.

Note, that for $\gamma = 0$ the constants of inequality (8) are exact [4].

Now prove a theorem on regular solvability of equation (1).

Theorem 3. *Let conditions of theorem 1 be fulfilled, operators $B_j = A_j A^{-j}$ ($j = \overline{0, 4}$) be bounded in H , $|\gamma| < \frac{1}{\sqrt[4]{8}}\mu_0$ and*

$$\alpha(\gamma; \mu_0) = \sum_{j=0}^4 c_j(\gamma; \mu_0) \|B_{4-j}\| < 1,$$

where numbers $c_j(\gamma; \mu_0)$ ($j = \overline{0, 4}$) are determined from (9)-(12). Then equation (1) is regularly solvable.

Proof. By theorem 1 operator $P_0^{-1} : L_{2,\gamma}(R; H) \rightarrow W_{2,\gamma}^4(R; H)$ is bounded. Then, after substitution of $u = P_0^{-1}\omega$, where $\omega \in L_{2,\gamma}(R; H)$ we get equation

$$\omega + P_1 P_0^{-1} \omega = f$$

in space $L_{2,\gamma}(R; H)$. Since for any $\omega \in L_{2,\gamma}(R; H)$ the following estimations are true (see theorem 2)

$$\|P_1 P_0^{-1} \omega\|_{L_{2,\gamma}} = \|P_1 u\|_{L_{2,\gamma}} \leq \sum_{j=0}^4 \left\| A_{4-j} u^{(j)} \right\|_{L_{2,\gamma}} \leq$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq \sum_{j=0}^4 \|B_{4-j}\| \left\| A_{4-j} u^{(j)} \right\|_{L_{2,\gamma}} \leq \sum_{j=0}^4 \|B_{4-j}\| c_j(\gamma; \mu_0) \|P_1 u\|_{L_{2,\gamma}} = \\ &= \left(\sum_{j=0}^4 c_j(\gamma; \mu_0) \|B_{4-j}\| \right) \|\omega\|_{L_{2,\gamma}} = \alpha(\gamma; \mu_0) \|\omega\|_{L_{2,\gamma}}. \end{aligned}$$

Since $\alpha(\gamma; \mu_0) < 1$, then operator $E + P_1 P_0^{-1}$ is reversible in $L_{2,\gamma}(R; H)$, we can find ω :

$$\omega = (E + P_1 P_0^{-1})^{-1} f.$$

Hence we get

$$u = P_0^{-1} (E + P_1 P_0^{-1}) f$$

and

$$\|u\|_{W_{2,\gamma}} \leq \text{const} \|f\|_{L_{2,\gamma}}.$$

The theorem is proved.

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