

SOLUTIONS OF IMPLICIT EVOLUTION INCLUSIONS WITH PSEUDO-MONOTONE MAPPINGS

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ABSTRACT. Existence results are given for the implicit evolution inclusions $(Bx(t))' + A(t, x(t)) \ni f(t)$ and $(Bx(t))' + A(t, x(t)) - G(t, x(t)) \ni f(t)$ with B a bounded linear operator, $A(t, \cdot)$ a bounded, coercive and pseudo-monotone set-valued mapping and G a set-valued mapping of non-monotone type. Continuity of the solution set of first inclusion with respect to f is also obtained which is used to solve the second inclusion.

1. Introduction

In this paper, we shall consider existence and continuity problems of solutions for the implicit inclusion

$$(1.1) \quad \begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt}(Bx(t)) + A(t, x(t)) &\ni f(t) \quad \text{a.e. on } [0, T], \\ Bx(0) &= Bx_0, \end{aligned}$$

and the perturbation problem

$$(1.2) \quad \begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt}(Bx(t)) + A(t, x(t)) - G(t, x(t)) &\ni f(t) \quad \text{a.e. on } [0, T], \\ Bx(0) &= Bx_0, \end{aligned}$$

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in an evolution triple (V, H, V^*) with V, H real separable Hilbert spaces. Here B is a linear bounded, symmetric and positive operator from V to V^* and $\inf_{\|u\|_V} \|Bu\|_{V^*} > 0$, $A(t, \cdot)$ is a set-valued, bounded and coercive pseudo-monotone mapping from V to V^* , $f \in L^q(0, T; V^*)$ and G is a set-valued mapping of non-monotone type with values in H . The initial value x_0 is supposed to be in V although it can be in the larger space H . We will prove that these two problems have solutions $x \in L^p(0, T; V)$ with $x' \in L^q(0, T; V^*)$ and the set of all such solutions to (1.1) is continuous with respect to f .

Problems (1.1) and (1.2) allow many special cases that have been studied already. When B is the identity operator on V , (1.1) is the problem considered by the Bian and Webb in [3] (where V can be a reflexive Banach space). When $A(t, x) \equiv A(x)$ and A is a maximal monotone mapping, (1.1) is studied by Barbu and Favini in [2]. When A is monotone and Lipschitz, it is a problem treated by Andrews, Kuttler and Shillor in [1]. When A is monotone and B is the identity operator on V , (1.2) is the problem considered by Migórski in [4]. More further special cases can be found in the references of the papers cited above.

We remark that we work in $L^p(0, T; V)$ and $L^q(0, T; V^*)$ with $p \geq 2$, $q = p/(p-1)$, and in [1] and [2], the spaces used are $L^2(0, T; V)$ and $L^2(0, T; V^*)$. We also note that, in [1] and [2], the coercivity condition was imposed on the sum $A + \lambda B$ for some $\lambda > 0$ and the assumption $\inf\{\|Bu\| : \|u\| = 1\} > 0$ was not imposed, but in this paper, coercivity condition is made on A (if $p > 2$, these are equivalent). The extra condition we imposed on B makes that the solution x of (1.1) is such that $x' \in L^q(0, T; V^*)$ (particularly if $p = q = 2$, $x' \in L^2(0, T; V)$) and, from this property, the continuity result for (1.1) and the solvability for (1.2) can be derived which are not given in [1], [2] or [3].

2. Preliminaries

In this paper, we always suppose that (V, H, V^*) is an evolution triple with V, H Hilbert spaces, we suppose $p \geq 2$ is a given number and write $q = p/(p-1)$. The scalar product in H and the duality pairing between V and V^* are denoted by (\cdot, \cdot) . The space $L^r(0, T; V)$ will be abbreviated as $L^r(V)$ and the duality pairing between $L^p(V)$ and $L^q(V^*)$ will be denoted by $((\cdot, \cdot))$. The set of all bounded linear operators from V to V^* is denoted by $L(V, V^*)$. The norm in a space X is denoted by $\|\cdot\|_X$ except that in $L(V, V^*)$ which will be denoted by $\|\cdot\|$ only. Convergence in the weak topology will be written $x_n \rightharpoonup x$. The space X endowed with the weak topology will be denoted by X_w .

Suppose $N : V \rightarrow 2^{V^*}$ is a set-valued mapping. N is said to be of class (S_+) if

$$(2.1) \quad x_n \rightharpoonup x \quad \text{in } V, \quad u_n \in Nx_n \quad \text{and} \quad \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} (u_n, x_n - x) \leq 0$$

imply $x_n \rightarrow x$. N is said to be pseudo-monotone if (2.1) implies that for each $y \in V$, there exists $u = u(y) \in Nx$ such that $(u, x - y) \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} (u_n, x_n - y)$. N is said to be quasi-monotone if $x_n \rightarrow x$ in V . It is known that, if the mapping involved is bounded and demicontinuous, monotonicity implies pseudo-monotonicity, pseudo-monotonicity implies quasi-monotonicity, and a mapping of class (S_+) is pseudo-monotone.

Now, we introduce the following conditions regarding B and A .

(H1) $B \in L(V, V^*)$ is symmetric, positive and

$$l := \inf\{\|Bu\| : u \in V, \|u\|_V = 1\} > 0.$$

(H2) $A : [0, T] \times V \rightarrow 2^{V^*}$ is measurable with nonempty closed convex values and $v \mapsto A(t, v)$ is pseudo-monotone for every $t \in [0, T]$.

(H3) There exist $b_1 \geq 0, b_2 \in L^q(0, T)$ such that

$$\sup\{\|u\|_{V^*} : u \in A(t, v)\} \leq b_1 \|v\|_V^{p-1} + b_2(t), \quad \text{for all } v \in V, t \in [0, T].$$

(H4) There exist $b_3 \geq 0, b_4 \in L^1(0, T)$ such that

$$\inf_{u \in A(t, v)} (u, v) \geq b_3 \|v\|_V^p - b_4(t), \quad \text{for all } v \in V, t \in [0, T].$$

We denote by

$$(Lx)(t) = \int_0^t x(s) ds, \quad \text{for each } x \in L^r(V), r \geq 1,$$

$$\widehat{Ax} = \{g \in L^1(V^*) : g(t) \in A(t, x(t)) \text{ a.e.}\}, \quad \text{for each } x \in L^p(V).$$

It is known that, under (H2)–(H4), \widehat{A} is a well-defined bounded mapping from $L^p(V)$ to $L^q(V^*)$ with closed convex values. Moreover, in [3], the authors proved the following results which remains valid if we replace the general triple by a Hilbert space one.

LEMMA 2.1 ([3]). *Suppose (H2)–(H4) are satisfied. Then the following assertions hold.*

(i) *For each $f \in L^q(V^*)$ and each $x_0 \in V$, there exists $x \in L^p(V)$ such that*

$$x' \in L^q(V^*), \quad x'(t) + A(t, x(t)) \ni f(t) \text{ a.e.} \quad \text{and } x(0) = x_0.$$

(ii) *If x_n are functions from $[0, T]$ into V with $x_n \rightarrow x$ in $L^q(V^*)$, $Lx_n \rightarrow Lx$ in $L^p(V)$ and $z_n \in \widehat{Ax}_n$, $\limsup ((z_n, Lx_n - Lx)) \leq 0$, then there exist $z \in \widehat{Ax}$, a subsequence $\{z_{n_j}\}$ such that $z_{n_j} \rightarrow z$ and $((z_{n_j}, Lx_{n_j})) \rightarrow ((z, Lx))$.*

Let $\Lambda : V \rightarrow V^*$ be the canonical isomorphism and $\varepsilon > 0$ be given. Under assumption (H1), we see that $\varepsilon\Lambda + B$ is an isomorphism from V to V^* . So we can let

$$\langle u, v \rangle_W := ((\varepsilon\Lambda + B)^{-1}u, v) \quad \text{and} \quad A_\varepsilon(t, v) := A(t, (\varepsilon\Lambda + B)^{-1}v)$$

for all $u, v \in V^*$. Since B is symmetric, $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_W$ is an inner product on V^* and the space $W := (V^*, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_W)$ is a Hilbert space in which the norm is denoted by $\|\cdot\|_W$.

The following conclusion regarding the equivalence of the two norms on V^* might be known, but for completeness, we give it with proof.

LEMMA 2.2. $\|(\varepsilon\Lambda + B)^{-1}\|^{-1/2}\|v\|_W \leq \|v\|_{V^*} \leq \|\varepsilon\Lambda + B\|^{1/2}\|v\|_W$ for each $v \in W$.

PROOF. Let $v \in V^*$. Then

$$\|v\|_W^2 = ((\varepsilon\Lambda + B)^{-1}v, v) \leq \|(\varepsilon\Lambda + B)^{-1}\| \|v\|_{V^*}^2$$

which implies the first part of our inequalities. Also, there exists $u \in V$, $\|u\|_V = 1$ such that $\|v\|_{V^*} = (u, v)$. Write $z = (\varepsilon\Lambda + B)u \in V^*$. Then

$$\|z\|_W^2 = \langle z, z \rangle_W = (u, z) \leq \|z\|_{V^*},$$

and, therefore, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|v\|_{V^*} &= ((\varepsilon\Lambda + B)^{-1}z, v) = \langle z, v \rangle_W \\ &\leq \|v\|_W \|z\|_W \leq \|v\|_W \|z\|_{V^*}^{1/2} \\ &\leq \|v\|_W \|\varepsilon\Lambda + B\|^{1/2} \|u\|_V^{1/2} = \|\varepsilon\Lambda + B\|^{1/2} \|v\|_W \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

3. Existence

In this section, we consider the existence of solutions for problem (1.1) and some related second order problems.

LEMMA 3.1. *Under assumptions (H1)–(H4), suppose $\varepsilon \in (0, l/(2\|\Lambda\|))$. Then $A_\varepsilon : [0, T] \times W \rightarrow 2^W$ is a measurable mapping with closed convex values, $A_\varepsilon(t, \cdot)$ is pseudo-monotone and, for each $v \in W$ and each $y \in A_\varepsilon(t, v)$, we have*

$$(3.1) \quad \|y\|_W \leq b_1(2/l)^{p-(1/2)}(2\|B\|)^{(p-1)/2}\|v\|_W^{p-1} + (2/l)^{1/2}b_2(t),$$

$$(3.2) \quad \langle y, v \rangle_W \geq b_3k^p(l/2)^{p/2}\|v\|_W^p - b_4(t).$$

PROOF. First, under our assumptions, we see

$$(3.3) \quad \|\varepsilon\Lambda + B\| \leq \|B\| + \varepsilon\|\Lambda\| \leq 2\|B\|,$$

$$(3.4) \quad \|(\varepsilon\Lambda + B)^{-1}\| = \sup_{\|u\|_V=1} \frac{1}{\|(\varepsilon\Lambda + B)u\|_{V^*}} \leq \frac{2}{l}.$$

By our assumption (H2) and Lemma 2.2, A_ε is a measurable mapping from $[0, T] \times W$ to 2^W with closed convex values.

Suppose $v_n \rightharpoonup v$ in W , $w_n \in A_\varepsilon(t, v_n)$ and $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle w_n, v_n - v \rangle_W \leq 0$. Let $x_n = (\varepsilon\Lambda + B)^{-1}v_n, x = (\varepsilon\Lambda + B)^{-1}v$. Then we see that $w_n \in A(t, x_n), x_n \rightharpoonup x$ in V and

$$0 \geq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle w_n, v_n - v \rangle_W = \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle w_n, x_n - x \rangle.$$

Since $A(t, \cdot)$ is pseudo-monotone, for each $y \in V^*$, there exists $w(y) \in A(t, x)$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} \langle w(y), v - y \rangle_W &= \langle w(y), x - (\varepsilon\Lambda + B)^{-1}y \rangle \\ &\leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle w_n, x_n - (\varepsilon\Lambda + B)^{-1}y \rangle = \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle w_n, v_n - y \rangle_W. \end{aligned}$$

This means that $A_\varepsilon(t, \cdot)$ is pseudo-monotone.

To verify (3.1) and (3.2), we suppose $v \in W$ and let $y \in A(t, (\varepsilon\Lambda + B)^{-1}v)$. Then

$$\|y\|_W^2 = \langle y, y \rangle_W = \langle (\varepsilon\Lambda + B)^{-1}y, y \rangle \leq \|(\varepsilon\Lambda + B)^{-1}\| \|y\|_{V^*}^2.$$

Since $\varepsilon \in (0, l/(2\|\Lambda\|))$, by (3.4), we see $\|(\varepsilon\Lambda + B)^{-1}\| \leq 2/l$. So from (H3), Lemma 2.2 and (3.3), it follows

$$\begin{aligned} \|y\|_W &\leq b_1 \|(\varepsilon\Lambda + B)^{-1}\|^{1/2} \|(\varepsilon\Lambda + B)^{-1}v\|_{V^*}^{p-1} + \|(\varepsilon\Lambda + B)^{-1}\|^{1/2} b_2(t) \\ &\leq b_1 \|(\varepsilon\Lambda + B)^{-1}\|^{p-(1/2)} \|\varepsilon\Lambda + B\|^{(p-1)/2} \|v\|_W^{p-1} + \|(\varepsilon\Lambda + B)^{-1}\|^{1/2} b_2(t) \\ &\leq b_1 (2/l)^{p-(1/2)} (2\|B\|)^{(p-1)/2} \|v\|_W^{p-1} + (2/l)^{1/2} b_2(t). \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, let

$$k = \inf_{\varepsilon > 0} \inf_{v \in V^* \setminus \{0\}} \frac{\|(\varepsilon\Lambda + B)^{-1}v\|_V}{\|v\|_{V^*}}.$$

If $k = 0$, then there exist sequences $\{v_n\} \in V^*$ and $\{\varepsilon_n\}$ such that $\|v_n\|_{V^*} = 1$, $\varepsilon_n \rightarrow 0$ and $\|(\varepsilon_n\Lambda + B)^{-1}v_n\|_V \rightarrow 0$. Writing $u_n = (\varepsilon_n\Lambda + B)^{-1}v_n$, we see

$$1 = \|v_n\|_{V^*} = \|(\varepsilon_n\Lambda + B)u_n\|_{V^*} \leq (\varepsilon_n\|\Lambda\| + \|B\|)\|u_n\|_V \rightarrow 0$$

which is a contradiction. So $k > 0$ and, by (H4), Lemma 2.2 and (3.3), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \langle y, v \rangle_W &= \langle (\varepsilon\Lambda + B)^{-1}v, y \rangle \geq b_3 \|(\varepsilon\Lambda + B)^{-1}v\|_V^p - b_4(t) \\ &\geq b_3 k^p \|v\|_{V^*}^p - b_4(t) \geq b_3 k^p \|(\varepsilon\Lambda + B)^{-1}\|^{-p/2} \|v\|_W^p - b_4(t) \\ &\geq b_3 k^p (l/2)^{p/2} \|v\|_W^p - b_4(t). \end{aligned} \quad \square$$

The main result of this section is

THEOREM 3.2. *Under the assumptions (H1)–(H4), there exists $c > 0$ such that, for each $f \in L^q(V^*)$, problem (1.1) has at least one solution $x \in L^p(V)$ with $x' \in L^q(V^*)$ and $\|x\|_{L^p(V)}, \|x'\|_{L^q(V^*)} \leq c(1 + \|f\|_{L^q(V^*)})$. If, in addition, $p = 2$, then $x' \in L^2(V)$.*

PROOF. For each $\varepsilon \in (0, l/(2\|\Lambda\|))$, applying Lemma 3.1 and Lemma 2.1(i) in the triple (W, W, W) , we see that there exists $x_\varepsilon \in L^p(W)$ with $x_\varepsilon(0) = x_1 := (\varepsilon\Lambda + B)x_0$ and $x'_\varepsilon \in L^q(W)$ such that

$$(3.5) \quad x'_\varepsilon(t) + A_\varepsilon(t, (\varepsilon\Lambda + B)^{-1}x_\varepsilon(t)) \ni f(t), \quad \text{a.e. } t \in [0, T].$$

Scalar multiplying (3.5) by $x_\varepsilon(t)$ and using the coercivity (3.2) of A_ε , we have

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \|x_\varepsilon(t)\|_W^2 + C_1 \|x_\varepsilon(t)\|_W^p - b_4(t) \leq \|f(t)\|_W \|x_\varepsilon(t)\|_W$$

with $C_1 := (l/2)^{p/2} b_3 k^p$. Therefore

$$\frac{1}{2} \|x_\varepsilon(T)\|_W^2 + C_1 \|x_\varepsilon\|_{L^p(W)}^p \leq \frac{1}{2} \|x_1\|_W^2 + \int_0^T |b_4(t)| dt + \|f\|_{L^q(W)} \|x_\varepsilon\|_{L^p(W)}.$$

Using (3.5) and the growth condition (3.1), we see

$$\|x'_\varepsilon\|_{L^q(W)} \leq \|f\|_{L^q(W)} + C_2 \|x_\varepsilon\|_{L^p(W)}^{p-1} + C_2$$

with $C_2 > 0$ a constant independent of f and ε . By Lemma 2.2, (3.3) and (3.4), we see

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_1\|_W &\leq \|(\varepsilon\Lambda + B)^{-1}\|^{1/2} \|x_1\|_{V^*} \\ &\leq (2/l)^{1/2} \|\varepsilon\Lambda + B\| \|x_0\|_V \leq 2\|B\| (2/l)^{1/2} \|x_0\|_V. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, $\|f\|_{L^q(W)} \leq 2\|B\| (2/l)^{1/2} \|f\|_{L^q(V^*)}$. So there exists constant $C_3 > 0$, independent of f and ε , such that

$$(3.6) \quad \|x'_\varepsilon\|_{L^q(W)}, \|x_\varepsilon\|_{L^p(W)} \leq C_3(1 + \|f\|_{L^q(V^*)}).$$

Let n be so large that $1/n < l/(2\|\Lambda\|)$. Let $\varepsilon = 1/n$, $y_n = ((1/n)\Lambda + B)^{-1}x_\varepsilon$. Then $y_n \in L^p(V)$, $y'_n = ((1/n)\Lambda + B)^{-1}x'_\varepsilon \in L^q(V) \subset L^q(V^*)$ and there exists $z_n \in L^q(V^*)$ with $z(t) \in A(t, y_n(t))$ a.e. (that is $z_n \in \widehat{A}Ly'_n$) such that

$$(3.7) \quad y_n(0) = x_0 \quad \text{and} \quad ((1/n)\Lambda + B)y'_n(t) + z_n(t) = f(t), \quad \text{a.e. on } [0, T].$$

Since (V, H, V^*) is an evolution triple, there exists $\beta > 0$ such that

$$(3.8) \quad \|u\|_{V^*} \leq \beta \|u\|_V \quad \text{and} \quad \|u\|_H \leq \beta \|u\|_V \quad \text{for all } u \in V.$$

From (3.6), Lemma 2.2, (3.3) and (3.4), it follows that there exist constants $C_4 > 0$, independent of f and ε , such that

$$(3.9) \quad \begin{aligned} \|y'_n\|_{L^q(V^*)} &\leq \beta \|y'_n\|_{L^q(V)} \leq \beta \|((1/n)\Lambda + B)^{-1}\| \|x'_\varepsilon\|_{L^q(V^*)} \\ &\leq C_4(1 + \|f\|_{L^q(V^*)}), \\ \|y_n\|_{L^p(V)} &\leq \|((1/n)\Lambda + B)^{-1}\| \|x_\varepsilon\|_{L^p(V^*)} \leq C_4(1 + \|f\|_{L^q(V^*)}). \end{aligned}$$

So we may suppose that $y_n \rightarrow y := Ly' + x_0$ in $L^p(0, T; V)$, $y'_n \rightharpoonup y'$ in $L^q(0, T; V^*)$, $z_n \rightarrow z$ in $L^q(0, T; V^*)$ and $((1/n)\Lambda + B)y'_n \rightharpoonup (By)'$ in $L^q(0, T; V^*)$ (by passing to subsequences). By (3.7) and noting $y_n(0) - y(0) = x_0 - x_0 = 0$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} ((z_n, y_n - y)) &= \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^T (-((1/n)\Lambda - B)y'_n(t), y_n(t) - y(t)) dt \\ &= - \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^T \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} (B(y_n(t) - y(t)), y_n(t) - y(t)) dt \\ &= - \frac{1}{2} \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} (B(y_n(T) - y(T)), y_n(T) - y(T)) \leq 0. \end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 2.1(ii), $z_n \rightarrow z \in \widehat{A}(Ly')$. So $(By)' + z = f$, that is, y is a solution for (1.1). Obviously, $\|y'\|_{L^q(V^*)}, \|y\|_{L^p(V)} \leq C_4(1 + \|f\|_{L^q(V^*)})$.

If $p = q = 2$, from (3.9), it follows that $\{y'_n\}$ is bounded in $L^2(V)$. So we may suppose $y'_n \rightharpoonup y'$ in $L^2(V)$. This means that $y' \in L^2(V)$. \square

REMARK 3.3. In [1] or [2], $l > 0$ is not imposed, but, the boundedness of x (the solution) and x' are not derived there either. The property that $x' \in L^2(0, T; V)$ when $p = q = 2$ is claimed in [1] under other extra assumptions.

COROLLARY 3.4. *Under the assumptions (H1)–(H4), suppose, A is measurable mapping from $[0, T] \times V$ to V^* with closed convex values and, for each $t \in [0, T], v \mapsto A(t, v)$ is quasi-monotone and weakly closed. Then, for each $f \in L^q(V^*)$, problem (1.1) is almost solvable in the sense that $f \in \overline{\text{range}(L^*B + L^*\widehat{A}L)}$. More precisely, if we denote by j the duality map from V to V^* , then for each n , there exists $x_n \in L^p(V)$, $x(0) = x_0$ such that*

$$(3.10) \quad \frac{d}{dt}(Bx_n(t)) + A(t, x_n(t)) \ni -\frac{1}{n}j(x_n(t)) + f(t), \quad \text{a.e.}$$

and $j(x_n)/n \rightarrow 0$ in $L^q(V^*)$.

PROOF. For each n , define a mapping $A_n : [0, T] \times V \rightarrow V^*$ by

$$A_n(t, v) = \frac{1}{n}j(v) + A(t, v) \quad \text{for } t \in [0, T], v \in V.$$

Since j is single-valued, of class (S_+) and demicontinuous, It can be proved easily that $v \mapsto A_n(t, v)$ is pseudo-monotone and

$$\begin{aligned} \sup_{u \in A_n(t, v)} \|u\|_{V^*} &\leq (1 + b_1)\|v\|_V^{p-1} + 1 + b_2(t), \\ \inf_{u \in A_n(t, v)} (u, v) &\geq b_3\|v\|_V^p - b_4(t) \end{aligned}$$

for all $v \in V$, $t \in [0, T]$ and $n > 0$. Applying Theorem 3.2, there exists $x_n \in L^p(V)$ satisfying (3.10) for each $n > 0$ and $\|x_n\|_{L^p(V)} \leq c$ for some constant c independent of n . As $\|j(x_n(t))\|_{V^*} = \|x_n(t)\|_V$, $\{j(x_n)\}$ is bounded in $L^q(V^*)$. So, $j(x_n)/n \rightarrow 0$ in $L^q(V^*)$. \square

Now, we consider some second order differential inclusions. The first one is

$$\begin{aligned} (3.11) \quad &((Px(t))' + m(x(t)))' + Qx(t) = f(t), \quad m(x(t)) \in N(t, x(t)) \quad \text{a.e.}, \\ &Px(0) = Px_0, \quad ((Px)' + m(x))(0) = Qx_1, x_0, x_1 \in V. \end{aligned}$$

Here, $P, Q \in L(V, V^*)$ are symmetric operators and $(Pu, u) \geq 0$, $(Qu, u) \geq \omega\|u\|_V^p$ for some $\omega > 0$ for all $u \in V$, $\inf_{\|u\|_V} \|Pu\|_{V^*} > 0$, and $N : [0, T] \times V \rightarrow 2^{V^*}$ is a set-valued mapping. Its solvability can be obtained directly from Theorem 3.2.

COROLLARY 3.5. *Suppose $x_0, x_1 \in V$, N satisfies (H2)–(H4). Then problem (3.11) has at least one solution $x \in L^p(V)$ with $Px' + m(x) \in L^q(V^*)$.*

PROOF. Obviously, (3.11) is equivalent to

$$(Bz(t))' + A(t, z(t)) \ni \hat{f}(t) \quad \text{a.e. and } Bz(0) = Bz_0$$

in the evolution triple (V^2, H^2, V^{*2}) with

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} P & 0 \\ 0 & Q \end{pmatrix}, \quad A(t, \cdot) = \begin{pmatrix} N(t, \cdot) & -Q \\ Q & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \hat{f} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ f \end{pmatrix}, \quad z_0 = \begin{pmatrix} x_0 \\ x_1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

We take the duality pairing between V^2 and V^{*2} as

$$\langle\langle (u, v), (x, y) \rangle\rangle = \langle u, x \rangle + \langle v, y \rangle \quad \text{for } u, v \in V^*, \quad x, y \in V.$$

Here, in order to distinguish the duality pairing different from the points-pairing $(u, v) \in V^2$ or V^{*2} , we use $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ to stand for the duality pairing between V and V^* . Let $z_n := (x_n, y_n) \in V^2$, $w_n = (u_n, v_n) \in A(t, z_n)$ such that $z_n \rightharpoonup z = (x, y) \in V^2$ and

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle\langle (u_n, v_n), (x_n, y_n) - (x, y) \rangle\rangle \leq 0.$$

Then $u_n \in N(t, x_n) - Qy_n, v_n = Qx_n$ and $x_n \rightharpoonup x, y_n \rightharpoonup y, Qx_n \rightharpoonup Qx, Qy_n \rightharpoonup Qy$. Since Q is symmetric, we see that

$$(3.12) \quad \begin{aligned} & (\liminf) \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle (u_n, v_n), (x_n, y_n) - (x^*, y^*) \rangle \\ & = (\liminf) \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle u_n + Qy_n, x_n - x^* \rangle + \langle Qy, x^* \rangle - \langle Qx, y^* \rangle, \end{aligned}$$

for all $x^*, y^* \in V$. By taking $x^* = x, y = y^*$ in (3.12), we obtain $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle u_n + Qy_n, x_n - x \rangle \leq 0$ and, therefore, the pseudo-monotonicity of N implies that, for each $(\hat{x}, \hat{y}) \in V^2$, there exists $u^* \in N(t, x)$ such that

$$\langle u^*, x - \hat{x} \rangle \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle u_n + Qy_n, x_n - \hat{x} \rangle.$$

Let $\hat{u} = u^* - Qy, \hat{v} = Qx$. Then $(\hat{u}, \hat{v}) \in A(t, (x, y))$. Using (3.12), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \langle (\hat{u}, \hat{v}), (x, y) - (\hat{x}, \hat{y}) \rangle & = \langle u^*, x - \hat{x} \rangle + \langle Qy, \hat{x} \rangle - \langle Qx, \hat{y} \rangle \\ & \leq \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle (u_n, v_n), (x_n, y_n) - (\hat{x}, \hat{y}) \rangle, \end{aligned}$$

that is, $A(t, \cdot)$ is pseudo-monotone. Also, it can be proved easily that the other conditions of Theorem 3.2 are satisfied in the present situation. So, the conclusion follows. \square

THEOREM 3.6. *Under the assumptions (H1)–(H4), suppose $P : V \rightarrow V^*$ is a linear, bounded, symmetric and positive operator. Then, for each $f \in L^q(V^*), x_0, x_1 \in V$, there exists $x \in L^p(V)$ such that*

$$(3.13) \quad \begin{aligned} & (Bx(t))'' + A(t, x'(t)) + Px(t) \ni f(t) \quad \text{a.e.}, \\ & Bx(0) = Bx_0, \quad (Bx(0))' = Bx_1. \end{aligned}$$

PROOF. Consider the problem

$$(3.14) \quad (By(t))' + A(t, y(t)) + PLy(t) \ni f(t) \quad \text{a.e.}, \quad By(0) = Bx_1.$$

Let \hat{P} be the realization of P . By our assumptions on $P, \hat{P}L$ is continuous and positive from $L^p(V)$ to $L^q(V^*)$. So $L^*(\hat{A} + \hat{P}L)L$ is pseudo-monotone and satisfies the same coercive and growth conditions as $L^*\hat{A}L$. Using almost the same method as used in Theorem 3.2 (just replace \hat{A} by $\hat{A} + \hat{P}L$), problem (3.14) has a solution y . Obviously, $x = Ly + x_0$ is a solution of (3.13). \square

4. Continuity

Now, we denote the solution set of problem (1.1) by

$$S(f) = \{x \in W(0, T) : x \text{ is a solution of (1.1),} \\ \|x\|_{L^p(V)}, \|x'\|_{L^q(V^*)} \leq c(1 + \|f\|_{L^q(V^*)})\}$$

and consider its continuity with respect to f . Here c is the constant obtained in Theorem 3.2 and $W(0, T) = \{x \in L^p(V) : x' \in L^q(V^*)\}$. Recall that is compact, then $W(0, T) \hookrightarrow L^p(H)$ compactly.

THEOREM 4.1. *Under the assumptions (H1)–(H4), $S(f)$ is a bounded weakly closed subset of $W(0, T)$. If, in addition, $V \hookrightarrow H$ compactly, then $f \mapsto S(f)$ is upper semicontinuous as a set-valued mapping from $L^q(H)_w$ to both $W(0, T)_w$ and $L^p(H)$.*

PROOF. Suppose $f \in L^q(V^*)$ and $x_n \in S(f)$ with $x_n \rightharpoonup x$ in $W(0, T)$. Then $x_n \rightharpoonup x$ in $L^p(V)$, $x'_n \rightharpoonup x'$ in $L^q(V^*)$ and there exist $z_n \in S_{A(\cdot, x_n(\cdot))}^q$ such that

$$(Bx_n(t))' + z_n(t) = f(t) \quad \text{a.e.}$$

Multiplying both sides by $x_n - x$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} ((Bx(t))', x_n(t) - x(t)) + \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} (Bx_n(t) - Bx(t), x_n(t) - x(t)) \\ + (z_n(t), x_n(t) - x(t)) = (f(t), x_n(t) - x(t)) \end{aligned}$$

and, therefore

$$\begin{aligned} (4.1) \quad \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} ((z_n, x_n - x)) &= \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} ((f - (Bx)')', x_n - x) \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} [-(B(x_n(T) - x(T)), x_n(T) - x(T))] \leq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Applying Lemma 2.1(ii) to the sequence $\{x'_n\}$, we see that there exist a subsequence $\{z_{n_j}\}$ and a point $z \in S_{A(\cdot, x(\cdot))}^q$ such that $z_{n_j} \rightharpoonup z$ in $L^q(V^*)$. Hence $(Bx_{n_j})' = f - z_{n_j} \rightharpoonup f - z$. Since $(Bx_n)' \rightharpoonup (Bx)'$, we see $(Bx)' + z = f$, that is. $x \in S(f)$. This proves the closedness. Obviously, $S(f)$ is a bounded subset.

Now, suppose $V \hookrightarrow H$ compactly. If S is not u.s.c. from $L^q(H)_w$ to $W(0, T)_w$ or $L^p(H)$, then there exist $f_n \rightharpoonup f$ in $L^q(H)$, $x_n \in S(f_n)$ and a neighbourhood \mathcal{V} of $S(f)$ in $W(0, T)_w$ or $L^p(H)$ with $x_n \notin \mathcal{V}$ for all $n > 0$. Since $\{f_n\}$ is bounded in $L^q(V^*)$, we see that $\{x_n\}$ is bounded in $W(0, T)$. We may suppose (by passing to subsequences) that

$$x_n \rightharpoonup x \quad \text{in } L^p(V), \quad x'_n \rightharpoonup x' \quad \text{in } L^q(V^*)$$

for some $x \in W(0, T)$ and, therefore, $Bx_n \rightharpoonup Bx$, $(Bx_n)' \rightharpoonup (Bx)'$ in $L^q(V^*)$. The continuous embedding of $W(0, T)$ into $C(0, T; H)$ implies $x(0) = x_0$. Since $W(0, T) \hookrightarrow L^p(H)$ compactly, we may suppose $x_n \rightarrow x$ in $L^p(H)$. Therefore

$$((f_n, x_n - x)) = ((f_n, x_n - x))_H \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Here, $((\cdot, \cdot))_H$ stands for the duality pairing between $L^p(H)$ and $L^q(H)$. Let $z_n \in S_{A(\cdot, x_n(\cdot))}^q$ be the functions such that $(Bx_n)'(t) + z_n(t) = f_n(t)$ a.e. So,

using the same method as used to obtain (4.1), we have

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} ((z_n, x_n - x)) = \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[((f_n - (Bx)')', x_n - x) - \frac{1}{2}(Bx_n(T) - Bx(T), x_n(T) - x(T)) \right] \leq 0.$$

Applying Lemma 2.1(ii) to the sequence $\{x'_n\}$, we see that there exist a subsequence $\{z_{n_j}\}$ and $z \in S_{A(\cdot, x(\cdot))}^q$ such that $z_{n_j} \rightharpoonup z$ in $L^q(V^*)$ and $((z_{n_j}, x_{n_j} - x)) \rightarrow 0$. So $(Bx(t))' + z(t) = f(t)$ a.e. which implies $x \in S(f) \subset \mathcal{V}$. In case \mathcal{V} is a neighbourhood of $S(f)$ in $W(0, T)_w$, this has contradicted the assumption that $x_n \notin \mathcal{V}$ for all n . In case \mathcal{V} is a neighbourhood of $S(f)$ in $L^p(H)$, the compact embedding of $W(0, T)$ into $L^p(H)$ implies that we can suppose (by passing to a further sequence) $x_{n_j} \rightarrow x$ in $L^p(H)$ which also contradicts our assumption. \square

5. Perturbation problem

In this section, we consider the solvability of (1.2).

THEOREM 5.1. *Under the assumptions (H1)–(H4), let $V \hookrightarrow H$ compactly and, for each $f \in L^q(H)$, problem (1.1) has a unique solution. Suppose $G : [0, T] \times H \rightarrow 2^H$ is a measurable set-valued mapping with closed convex values, $v \mapsto G(t, v)$ is u.s.c. as a mapping from H into H_w . If there exist $d_1 \in L^q(H)$, $d_2, d_3 > 0$ such that either*

$$(5.1) \quad \|G(t, u)\|_H := \sup\{\|v\|_H : v \in G(t, u)\} \leq d_1(t) \quad \text{for all } t \in [0, T], u \in H$$

or

$$(5.2) \quad (Bu, u) \geq d_2\|v\|_H^2, \quad \|G(t, u)\|_H \leq d_3\|u\|_H^{p-1} + d_1(t)$$

for all $t \in [0, T]$, $u \in H$, then, for each $x_0 \in V$ and each $f \in L^q(V^*)$, problem (1.2) has solutions.

PROOF. First, we suppose (5.1) is satisfied. Let x_f be the unique solution of problem (1.1) and let

$$F(g) = S_{G(\cdot, x_{f+g}(\cdot))}^1 = \{z \in L^1(H) : z(t) \in G(t, x_{f+g}(t)) \text{ a.e.}\},$$

$$D = \{x \in L^q(H) : \|x(t)\|_H \leq d(t)\}.$$

Then, our assumptions imply that F is a well-defined mapping from D into itself with closed convex values.

Let $(g_n, z_n) \in \text{Graph}(F)$ and $g_n \rightharpoonup g, z_n \rightharpoonup z$ in $L^q(H)$. By Theorem 4.1, $x_{g_n+f} \rightarrow x_{g+f}$ in $L^p(H)$ and, therefore, $x_{g_n+f}(t) \rightarrow x_{g+f}(t)$ in H a.e. (by passing to a subsequence). Since $G(t, \cdot)$ is u.s.c., we see

$$w\text{-}\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} G(t, x_{g_n+f}(t)) \subset G(t, x_{g+f}(t))$$

for almost all t . Invoking Theorem 4.2 of [5], we have

$$z \in w\text{-}\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} F(g_n) \subset S_{w\text{-}\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} G(\cdot, x_{g_n+f}(\cdot))}^1 \subset S_{G(\cdot, x_{g+f}(\cdot))}^1 = F(g).$$

So $(g, z) \in \text{Graph } F$, that is F is closed under the weak topology. Since D is weakly compact, we see F is weakly upper semicontinuous under the weak topology. Since D is convex, from Kakutani's fixed point theorem, it follows that F has fixed point, say g . Obviously, x_{g+f} is a solution of (1.2).

Now, suppose (5.2) is satisfied. We claim that there exists $M > 0$ such that

$$(5.3) \quad \|x(t)\|_H \leq M \quad \text{for each } t \in [0, T] \text{ and each solution } x \text{ of (1.2).}$$

In fact, let x be a solution to (1.2). Then there exist $g_1 \in L^q(V^*)$, $g_2 \in L^q(H)$ such that $g_1(t) \in A(t, x(t))$, $g_2(t) \in G(t, x(t))$ a.e. and $(Bx(t))' + g_1(t) - g_2(t) = f(t)$ a.e. Therefore, by (5.3) and Young's inequality, for each $\varepsilon > 0$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} (Bx(t), x(t))^2 + (g_1(t), x(t)) \\ &= (g_2(t), x(t)) + (f(t), x(t)) \\ &\leq (d_3 \|x(t)\|_H^{2/q} + d_1(t)) \|x(t)\|_H + \|f(t)\|_{V^*} \|x(t)\|_V \\ &\leq \frac{1}{\varepsilon^{q/q}} (d_3 \|x(t)\|_H^{2/q} + d_1(t))^q \\ &\quad + \frac{\varepsilon^p}{p} \|x(t)\|_H^p + \frac{1}{\varepsilon^{q/q}} \|f(t)\|_{V^*}^q + \frac{\varepsilon^p}{p} \|x(t)\|_V^p. \end{aligned}$$

Noting (5.2), (H4) and (3.8), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2} d_2 \|x(t)\|_H^2 + b_3 \int_0^t \|x(s)\|_V^p ds \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} (Bx_0, x_0) + \int_0^t b_4(s) ds + \frac{2^q d_3^q}{\varepsilon^{q/q}} \int_0^t \|x(s)\|_H^2 ds \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{\varepsilon^{q/q}} \int_0^t (2^q d_1^q(s) + \|f(s)\|_{V^*}^q)^q ds + \frac{\varepsilon^p}{p} (\beta^p + 1) \int_0^t \|x(s)\|_V^p ds. \end{aligned}$$

Choosing $\varepsilon = [(pb_3)/(\beta^p + 1)]^{1/p}$, and by Gronwall's Inequality, we see that *a priori* estimates (5.3) hold. Let

$$\begin{aligned} G_1(t, x) &= G(t, x) && \text{if } \|x\|_H \leq M, \\ G_1(t, x) &= G(t, Mx/\|x\|_H) && \text{if } \|x\|_H > M. \end{aligned}$$

Then G_1 is an upper semicontinuous mapping from $[0, T] \times H$ into H with closed convex values and $\|G_1(t, x)\|_H \leq d_1(t) + d_3 M^{2/q}$. Applying the conclusion obtained in the first case, we see that there exists $x \in W(0, T)$ such that

$$Bx(0) = Bx_0 \quad \text{and} \quad (Bx(t))' + A(t, x(t)) - G_1(t, x(t)) \ni f(t) \quad \text{a.e..}$$

Using the same method as the one used to obtain (5.3), we can prove that $\|x(t)\|_H \leq M$ on $[0, T]$ and, therefore, $G_1(t, x(t)) = G(t, x(t))$ a.e. Hence, x is a solution of (1.1). \square

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