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# **Pseudo Almost Periodic Solutions to a Class of Semilinear Differential Equations**

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**Abstract.** This paper is concerned with the existence and uniqueness of pseudo almost periodic solutions to a class of semilinear differential equations involving the algebraic sum of two (possibly noncommuting) densely defined closed linear operators acting on a Hilbert space. Sufficient conditions for the existence and uniqueness of pseudo almost periodic solutions to those semilinear equations are obtained.

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# 1. Introduction

Let  $(\mathbb{H}, \|\cdot\|, \langle\cdot, \cdot\rangle)$  be a Hilbert space. In [1] the author had shown through the so-called method of the *invariant subspaces* for unbounded linear operators [1–4] that under some suitable assumptions, every bounded solution to the abstract differential equation

$$u'(t) = Au(t) + Bu(t) + g(t), \quad t \in \mathbb{R},$$
(1)

where *A*, *B* are densely defined closed linear operators on  $\mathbb{H}$ , and  $g : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{H}$  is a continuous function, is *pseudo almost periodic*.

In this paper, we combine the above-mentioned method and the classical Banach fixed-point principle to obtain some sufficient conditions, which do guarantee the existence and uniqueness of a pseudo almost periodic solution to the class of the semilinear differential equations

$$u'(t) = Au(t) + Bu(t) + f(t, Cu(t)), \quad t \in \mathbb{R},$$
(2)

where *A*, *B* are densely defined closed (possibly noncommuting) linear operators on  $\mathbb{H}$ , *C*:  $\mathbb{H} \to \mathbb{H}$  is a nonzero bounded linear operator, and  $f: \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{H} \to \mathbb{H}$  is a jointly continuous function.

The concept of the pseudo almost periodicity, which is the central question in this paper was first initiated by Zhang in [5–7] and is a natural generalization of the of the classical (Bochner) almost periodicity. Thus, this new concept is welcome to implement another existing generalization of the (Bochner) almost periodicity, the so-called notion of asymptotically almost periodicity due to Fréchet, see e.g., [4, 8–10]. More details on the concepts of almost periodicity and pseudo almost periodicity and related applications can be found in [1, 4–7, 9, 11–17] and the references therein.

The existence and uniqueness of pseudo almost periodic solutions to some semilinear differential equations has been studied in [5–7, 11–13, 16] and the references therein. Here, it goes back to examine some sufficient conditions which do guarantee the existence and uniqueness of a pseudo almost periodic solution to Equation (2), by using the above-mentioned techniques.

Let us recall some definitions and notations that we shall use in the sequel.

# 2. Preliminaries

## 2.1. INVARIANT AND REDUCING SUBSPACES FOR LINEAR OPERATORS

Let  $(\mathbb{H}, \|\cdot\|, \langle\cdot, \cdot\rangle)$  be a Hilbert space and let  $\mathcal{M} \subset \mathbb{H}$  be a closed subspace. Let A be a densely defined closed unbounded linear operator on  $\mathbb{H}$  and let  $P_{\mathcal{M}}$  denote the orthogonal projection onto the closed subspace  $\mathcal{M}$ .

*Definition 2.1.*  $\mathcal{M} \subset \mathbb{H}$  is called an invariant subspace for A if the linear operator A maps  $D(A) \cap \mathcal{M}$  into  $\mathcal{M}$ .

*Example 2.2.* Let  $\mathbb{H}$  be a Hilbert space and let  $A : D(A) \subset \mathbb{H} \to \mathbb{H}$  be a densely defined closed linear operator on  $\mathbb{H}$ .

(i)  $\mathcal{M} = N(A) = \{u \in D(A) : Au = 0\}$  is an invariant subspace for A.

(ii) If A is self-adjoint, then each eigenspace  $\mathcal{M}_{\lambda} = N(\lambda I - A)$  is invariant for the linear operator A.

*Example 2.3* Let  $\mathbb{H} = L^2([\alpha, \beta])$ . If  $V \in L^2([\alpha, \beta] \times [\alpha, \beta])$ , let A be the integral operator defined by

$$(A\phi)(s) := \int_{\alpha}^{s} V(s,t)\phi(t) dt, \quad s \in [\alpha,\beta].$$

Setting  $\mathcal{M}_{\gamma} = \{\phi \in L^2([\alpha, \beta]) : \phi = 0 \text{ a.e. on } [\alpha, \gamma]\}$ , it is not hard to see that  $(\mathcal{M}_{\gamma})_{\gamma \in [\alpha, \beta]}$  is invariant for *A*.

**Theorem 2.4.** The equality  $P_{\mathcal{M}}AP_{\mathcal{M}} = AP_{\mathcal{M}}$  is a necessary and sufficient condition for a subspace  $\mathcal{M}$  to be invariant for a linear operator A.

**Proof.** Suppose  $P_{\mathcal{M}}AP_{\mathcal{M}} = AP_{\mathcal{M}}$ . If  $x \in D(A) \cap \mathcal{M}$ , then  $x = P_{\mathcal{M}}x \in D(A)$ , and so,  $Ax = AP_{\mathcal{M}}x = P_{\mathcal{M}}AP_{\mathcal{M}}x \in \mathcal{M}$ .

Conversely, if  $\mathcal{M}$  is invariant for A; let  $x \in \mathbb{H}$  such that  $P_{\mathcal{M}}x \in D(A)$ . Then  $AP_{\mathcal{M}}x \in \mathcal{M}$  and so  $P_{\mathcal{M}}AP_{\mathcal{M}}x = AP_{\mathcal{M}}x$ , hence  $AP_{\mathcal{M}} \subset P_{\mathcal{M}}AP_{\mathcal{M}}$ . Since  $D(AP_{\mathcal{M}}) = D(P_{\mathcal{M}}AP_{\mathcal{M}})$  it follows that  $AP_{\mathcal{M}} = P_{\mathcal{M}}AP_{\mathcal{M}}$ .

*Definition 2.5.* A closed proper subspace  $\mathcal{M}$  of the Hilbert space  $\mathbb{H}$  is said to reduce an operator A if  $P_{\mathcal{M}}D(A) \subset D(A)$  and both  $\mathcal{M}$  and  $H \ominus \mathcal{M}$ , the orthogonal complement of  $\mathcal{M}$ , are invariant for A.

**Theorem 2.6.** A closed subspace  $\mathcal{M}$  of  $\mathbb{H}$  reduces an operator A if and only if  $P_{\mathcal{M}}A \subset AP_{\mathcal{M}}$ .

**Proof.** See the proof of [18, Theorem 4.11., p. 29].

*Remark* 2.7. Notice that the inclusion  $P_{\mathcal{M}}A \subset AP_{\mathcal{M}}$  yields if  $x \in D(A)$ , then  $P_{\mathcal{M}}x \in D(A)$  and  $P_{\mathcal{M}}Ax = AP_{\mathcal{M}}x$ .

From now on,  $(\mathbb{H}, \|\cdot\|, \langle\cdot, \cdot\rangle)$ , D(T), R(T) and N(T) stand for a Hilbert space, the domain, the range, and the kernel of a given (possibly unbounded) linear operator T, respectively. If S, T are densely defined closed (unbounded) linear operators on  $\mathbb{H}$ , then their algebraic sum is the linear operator defined by  $D(S + T) = D(S) \cap D(T)$  and (S + T)u := Su + Tu, for each  $u \in D(S) \cap D(T)$ .

Throughout the rest of the paper, we suppose that the algebraic sum A + B of A and B appearing in Equation (2) is densely defined.

2.2. PSEUDO ALMOST PERIODIC FUNCTIONS

Let  $(BC(\mathbb{H}), \|\cdot\|_{\infty})$  be the Banach space of bounded continuous functions  $g : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{H}$  endowed with the sup norm defined by  $\|g\|_{\infty} := \sup_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \|g(t)\|$ . Similarly,  $BC(\mathbb{R} \times \Omega)$  where  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{H}$  is an open subset denotes the vector space of bounded continuous functions  $F : \mathbb{R} \times \Omega \to \mathbb{H}$ .

Definition 2.8 [8] A function  $f \in BC(\mathbb{H})$  is called almost periodic if for each  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists  $l_{\varepsilon} > 0$  such that every interval of length  $l_{\varepsilon}$  contains a number  $\tau$  with the following property

 $\|f(t+\tau) - f(t)\| < \varepsilon \quad (t \in \mathbb{R}).$ 

The number  $\tau$  above is called an  $\varepsilon$ -translation number of f, and the collection of such functions will be denoted  $AP(\mathbb{H})$ .

Similarly,

Definition 2.9. A function  $F \in BC(\mathbb{R} \times \Omega)$  is called almost periodic in  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  uniformly in any  $K \subset \Omega$ a bounded subset if for each  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists  $l_{\varepsilon} > 0$  such that every interval of length  $l_{\varepsilon} > 0$  contains a number  $\tau$  with the following property

 $\|F(t+\tau, x) - F(t, x)\| < \varepsilon, \quad (t \in \mathbb{R}, x \in K).$ 

Here again, the number  $\tau$  above is called an  $\varepsilon$ -translation number of F, and the class of such functions will be denoted  $AP(\mathbb{R} \times \Omega)$ .

More details on properties of almost periodic functions  $f: \mathbb{R} \mapsto \mathbb{H}$  and as well as those of the form  $F: \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{H} \mapsto \mathbb{H}$  can be found in the literature, especially in [4, 8, 9, 17] and the references therein.

From now on, one supposes that  $\Omega=\mathbb{H}$  and set

$$AP_0(\mathbb{H}) := \left\{ f \in BC(\mathbb{H}) : \lim_{r \to \infty} \frac{1}{2r} \int_{-r}^r \|f(s)\| ds = 0 \right\}, \text{ and}$$
$$AP_0(\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{H}) = \left\{ F \in BC(\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{H}) : \lim_{r \to \infty} \frac{1}{2r} \int_{-r}^r \|F(t, u)\| dt = 0, \ \forall u \in \mathbb{H} \right\}.$$

*Definition 2.10.* A function  $f \in BC(\mathbb{H})$  is called pseudo almost periodic if it can be expressed as

 $f = g + \phi$ ,

where  $g \in AP(\mathbb{H})$  and  $\phi \in AP_0(\mathbb{H})$ .

The collection of such functions will be denoted by  $PAP(\mathbb{H})$ .

Let us mention that the functions g and  $\phi$  appearing in Definition 2.10 are respectively called the almost periodic and the ergodic perturbation components of f. Furthermore, the decomposition in Definition 2.10 is unique [5].

We now equip  $PAP(\mathbb{H})$  the collection of pseudo almost periodic functions from  $\mathbb{R}$  into  $\mathbb{H}$  with the sup norm. It is well-known that  $(PAP(\mathbb{H}), \|\cdot\|_{\infty})$  is a Banach space, see e.g., [16].

*Definition 2.11.* A function  $f \in BC(\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{H})$  is called pseudo almost periodic in  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  uniformly in  $x \in \mathbb{H}$  if it can be expressed as

 $f = g + \phi,$ 

where  $g \in AP(\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{H})$  and  $\phi \in AP_0(\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{H})$ .

The collection of such functions will be denoted by  $PAP(\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{H})$ .

The following assumptions will be made:

(H.1) The function  $f: \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{H} \mapsto \mathbb{H}$ ,  $(t, u) \mapsto f(t, u)$  is pseudo almost periodic in  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  uniformly in  $u \in \mathbb{H}$ , i.e.  $f = g + \phi$ , where  $g \in AP(\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{H})$  and  $\phi \in AP_0(\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{H})$ ; and that f satisfies Lipschitz condition in  $u \in \mathbb{H}$  for each  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ , i.e., there exists L > 0,

 $||f(t, u) - f(t, v)|| \le L \cdot ||u - v||,$ 

for all  $u, v \in \mathbb{H}$  and  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ ;

- (H.2) there exists  $\mathcal{M} \subset \mathbb{H}$  a closed subspace which reduces both *A* and *B*. In this event, we denote by  $P_{\mathcal{M}}, Q_{\mathcal{M}} = (I P_{\mathcal{M}}) = P_{\mathbb{H} \ominus \mathcal{M}}$ , the orthogonal projections onto  $\mathcal{M}$  and  $\mathbb{H} \ominus \mathcal{M}$ , respectively;
- (H.3) A, B are the infinitesimal generators of  $c_0$ -groups of bounded operators  $(T(s))_{s \in \mathbb{R}}$ ,  $(R(s))_{s \in \mathbb{R}}$ , respectively, such that, there exist M, K, c, d > 0 with

 $\|T(s-\sigma)P_{\mathcal{M}}\| \le Me^{-c(s-\sigma)} \quad \text{for each } s \ge \sigma, \quad \text{and} \\ \|T(s-\sigma)Q_{\mathcal{M}}\| \le Me^{-c(\sigma-s)} \quad \text{for each } s \le \sigma, \quad \text{and} \\ \|R(s-\sigma)P_{\mathcal{M}}\| \le Ke^{-d(s-\sigma)} \quad \text{for each } s \ge \sigma, \quad \text{and} \\ \|R(s-\sigma)Q_{\mathcal{M}}\| \le Ke^{-d(\sigma-s)} \quad \text{for each } s \le \sigma; \end{cases}$ 

(H.4)  $R(A) \subset R(P_{\mathcal{M}}) = N(Q_{\mathcal{M}});$ (H.5)  $R(B) \subset R(Q_{\mathcal{M}}) = N(P_{\mathcal{M}}).$ 

Remark 2.12

- (i) If A, B are infinitesimal generators of  $c_0$ -groups of bounded operators, then their algebraic sum A + B need not be the infinitesimal generator of a  $c_0$ -group of bounded operators.
- (ii) Since A + B is assumed to be densely defined, then from the assumption (H.2) it follows that both  $\mathcal{M}$  and  $[\mathbb{H} \ominus \mathcal{M}]$  are invariant for A + B.
- (iii) The method of the invariant subspaces consists of imposing the assumptions (H.2), (H.4), and (H.5) on A and B.

# 3. Existence and Uniqueness of Pseudo Almost Periodic Solutions

Throughout the rest of the paper,  $C: \mathbb{H} \mapsto \mathbb{H}$  denotes a nonzero bounded linear operator.

**Theorem 3.1** Under assumptions (H.1), (H.2), (H.3), (H.4), and (H.5), Equation (2) has a unique pseudo almost periodic solution whenever

$$||C|| < \frac{1}{L} \left[ \left( \frac{M}{c} \right) + \left( \frac{K}{d} \right) \right]^{-1}.$$

The proof of our main result (Theorem 3.1) requires the following technical lemmas:

**Lemma 3.2.** Under assumptions (H.1), (H.2), (H.3), (H.4), and (H.5), every bounded solution to Equation (2) can be expressed as:  $u = \zeta(u) + \xi(u)$ , where

$$\zeta(u)(t) := \int_{-\infty}^{t} T(t-s) P_{\mathcal{M}}g(s, Cu(s)) \, ds + \int_{-\infty}^{t} R(t-s) Q_{\mathcal{M}}g(s, Cu(s)) \, ds, \quad and$$
  
$$\xi(u)(t) := \int_{-\infty}^{t} T(t-s) P_{\mathcal{M}}\phi(s, Cu(s)) \, ds + \int_{-\infty}^{t} R(t-s) Q_{\mathcal{M}}\phi(s, Cu(s)) \, ds.$$

**Proof.** (Lemma 3.2). Let u be a bounded solution to Equation (2). In view of (H.2), u can be decomposed as

$$u(t) = P_{\mathcal{M}}u(t) + (I - P_{\mathcal{M}})u(t), \ \forall t \in \mathbb{R},$$

where  $P_{\mathcal{M}}u(t) \in R(P_{\mathcal{M}}) = N(Q_{\mathcal{M}})$  and  $Q_{\mathcal{M}}u(t) \in N(P_{\mathcal{M}}) = R(Q_{\mathcal{M}})$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt}(P_{\mathcal{M}}u(t)) &= P_{\mathcal{M}}\frac{d}{dt}u(t) \\ &= P_{\mathcal{M}}Au(t) + P_{\mathcal{M}}Bu(t) + P_{\mathcal{M}}f(t,Cu(t)) \\ &= AP_{\mathcal{M}}u(t) + P_{\mathcal{M}}Bu(t) + P_{\mathcal{M}}f(t,Cu(t)), \quad \text{by (H.2),} \\ &= AP_{\mathcal{M}}u(t) + P_{\mathcal{M}}f(t,Cu(t)), \quad \text{by (H.5).} \end{aligned}$$

From the previous equation and the fact that  $P_M$  is a bounded linear operator on  $\mathbb{H}$  it is clear that  $P_M u(t)$  is a bounded solution to the differential equation

$$\frac{d}{dt}(z(t)) = Az(t) + P_{\mathcal{M}}f(t, Cu(t)).$$

It follows that (see [13]):

$$P_{\mathcal{M}}u(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{t} T(t-s)P_{\mathcal{M}}f(s,Cu(s))\,ds.$$

And hence,

$$P_{\mathcal{M}}u(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{t} T(t-s)P_{\mathcal{M}}g(s,Cu(s))\,ds + \int_{-\infty}^{t} T(t-s)P_{\mathcal{M}}\phi(s,Cu(s))\,ds,$$

by (H.1).

Arguing similarly as above, it follows that

$$Q_{\mathcal{M}}u(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{t} R(t-s)Q_{\mathcal{M}}f(s,Cu(s))\,ds,$$

and therefore

$$Q_{\mathcal{M}}u(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{t} R(t-s)Q_{\mathcal{M}}g(s,Cu(s))\,ds + \int_{-\infty}^{t} R(t-s)Q_{\mathcal{M}}\phi(s,Cu(s))\,ds,$$

by (H.1).

One completes the proof by combining expressions of both  $P_{\mathcal{M}}u$  and  $Q_{\mathcal{M}}u$  above.

**Lemma 3.3.** Under assumptions (H.1), (H.2), (H.3), (H.4), and (H.5), if  $u \in PAP(\mathbb{H})$  is a solution to Equation (2), then  $u = \zeta(u) + \xi(u)$ , where  $\zeta(u) \in AP(\mathbb{H})$  and  $\xi(u) \in AP_0(\mathbb{H})$  ( $\zeta$  and  $\xi$  being as in Lemma 3.2).

**Proof.** (Lemma 3.3). Let  $u \in PAP(\mathbb{H})$ . Clearly, u is bounded. If u is a solution to Equation (2), then  $u = \zeta(u) + \xi(u)$ , by Lemma 3.2.

First of all, let us notice that since  $f \in PAP(\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{H})$  and satisfies Lipschitz condition, (H.1), for each  $v \in PAP(\mathbb{H})$ , the function  $f(\cdot, v(\cdot))$  belongs to  $PAP(\mathbb{H})$ , see, e.g., [14, Proposition 2.2]. Furthermore,  $g(\cdot, v(\cdot))$  and  $\phi(\cdot, v(\cdot))$  are respectively the almost periodic and ergodic perturbation components of  $f(\cdot, v(\cdot))$ . In particular,  $g(\cdot, u(\cdot)) \in AP(\mathbb{H})$  and  $\phi(\cdot, u(\cdot)) \in AP_0(\mathbb{H})$ .

We next show that  $\zeta(u) \in AP(\mathbb{H})$ . Since *C* is bounded, it follows that  $t \mapsto Cu(t)$  is almost periodic, and hence  $g(\cdot, Cu(\cdot)) \in AP(\mathbb{H})$ . Thus for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that for all  $\gamma$ , there is  $\tau \in [\gamma, \gamma + \delta]$  with

$$\|g(s+\tau, Cu(s+\tau)) - g(s, Cu(s))\| < \mu \cdot \varepsilon, \quad \forall s \in \mathbb{R},$$

where

$$\mu = \left(\frac{M}{c} + \frac{K}{d}\right)^{-1}.$$

Considering  $\zeta(u)(t + \tau) - \zeta(u)(t)$  and using the assumption (H.3) it easily follows that

$$\|\zeta(u)(t+\tau) - \zeta(u)(t)\| < \varepsilon, \quad \forall t \in \mathbb{R},$$

and hence  $t \mapsto \zeta(t)$  is an almost periodic function.

It remains to show that  $t \mapsto \xi(u)(t)$  is in  $AP_0(\mathbb{H})$ . For that, write

$$\xi(u)(t) = Y_T(t) + Y_R(t),$$

where

$$Y_T(t) := \int_{-\infty}^t T(t-s) P_{\mathcal{M}} \phi(s, Cu(s)) \, ds,$$

$$Y_R(t) := \int_{-\infty}^t R(t-s) Q_{\mathcal{M}} \phi(s, Cu(s)) \, ds.$$

We will only show that  $Y_T \in AP_0(\mathbb{H})$  since the proof for  $Y_R$  follows along the same lines. Indeed, it is clear that  $s \mapsto Y_T(s)$  is a bounded continuous function. Thus, the remaining task is to show that

$$\lim_{r \to \infty} \frac{1}{2r} \int_{-r}^{r} \|Y_T(t)\| dt = 0.$$

Using the assumption (H.3) it follows that,

$$\lim_{r\to\infty}\frac{1}{2r}\int_{-r}^{r}\|Y_T(t)\|\ dt\leq I+J,$$

where

$$I := \lim_{r \to \infty} \frac{M}{2r} \int_{-r}^{r} dt \left( \int_{-r}^{t} e^{-c(t-s)} \|\phi(s, Cu(s))\| ds \right),$$

and

$$J := \lim_{r \to \infty} \frac{M}{2r} \int_{-r}^{r} dt \int_{-\infty}^{-r} e^{-c(t-s)} \|\phi(s, Cu(s))\| ds.$$

To complete the proof we must show that I = J = 0. For that, we mainly use the facts that  $\phi(\cdot, Cu(\cdot)) \in AP_0(\mathbb{H})$  and  $G = \sup_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \|\phi(t, Cu(t))\| < \infty$ . Indeed,

$$I = \lim_{r \to \infty} \frac{M}{2r} \int_{-r}^{r} \|\phi(t, Cu(t))\| dt \left( \int_{-r}^{t} e^{-c(t-s)} ds \right)$$
  
=  $\lim_{r \to \infty} \frac{M}{2r} \int_{-r}^{r} \|\phi(t, Cu(t))\| dt \left( \frac{1}{c} [1 - e^{-c(t+r)}] \right)$   
 $\leq \frac{M}{c} \cdot \lim_{r \to \infty} \frac{1}{2r} \int_{-r}^{r} \|\phi(t, Cu(t))\| dt$   
= 0,

by  $\phi(\cdot, Cu(\cdot)) \in AP_0(\mathbb{H})$ . Similarly,

$$J = \lim_{r \to \infty} \frac{M}{2r} \int_{-\infty}^{-r} e^{cs} \|\phi(s, Cu(s))\| ds \int_{-r}^{r} e^{-ct} dt$$
  
$$\leq \lim_{r \to \infty} \frac{MG}{2r} \int_{-\infty}^{-r} e^{cs} ds \left(\frac{1}{c}[e^{cr} - e^{-cr}]\right)$$
  
$$= \lim_{r \to \infty} \frac{MG}{2rc^2} (1 - e^{-2cr})$$
  
$$= 0.$$

and

Thus  $s \mapsto Y_T(s)$  belongs to  $AP_0(\mathbb{H})$ . In this way,  $s \mapsto Y_R(s)$  is also in  $AP_0(\mathbb{H})$ , and therefore  $\xi(u) \in AP_0(\mathbb{H})$ .

**Proof.** (Theorem 3.1). In view of Lemma 3.2, each bounded solution to Equation (2) can be written as  $\Lambda(u) := \zeta(u) + \xi(u)$ , where

$$\Lambda(u)(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{t} T(t-s) P_{\mathcal{M}}f(s, Cu(s)) \, ds + \int_{-\infty}^{t} R(t-s) Q_{\mathcal{M}}f(s, Cu(s)) \, ds.$$

Now using Lemma 3.2 it follows that  $\Lambda$  given above maps  $PAP(\mathbb{H})$  into itself. To complete the proof we must show that  $\Lambda$  is a strict contraction from  $(PAP(\mathbb{H}), \|\cdot\|_{\infty})$  into itself.

Let  $u, v \in PAP(\mathbb{H})$ ,

$$\left\|\int_{-\infty}^{t} T(t-s)P_{\mathcal{M}}[f(s,Cu(s)) - f(s,Cv(s))]\,ds\right\| \le \alpha \|u-v\|_{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{t} e^{-c(t-s)}\,ds$$
$$\le \frac{\alpha}{c} \cdot \|u-v\|_{\infty}$$

for each  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $\alpha = LM ||C||$ .

Consequently,

$$\sup_{t\in\mathbb{R}}\left\|\int_{-\infty}^{t}T(t-s)P_{\mathcal{M}}[f(s,Cu(s))-f(s,Cv(s))]\,ds\right\|\leq \left(\frac{LM\|C\|}{c}\right).\,\|u-v\|_{\infty}.$$

Similarly,

$$\left\|\int_{-\infty}^{t} R(t-s)Q_{\mathcal{M}}[f(s,Cu(s)) - f(s,Cv(s))]\,ds\right\| \leq \frac{\beta}{d} \cdot \|u-v\|_{\infty}$$

for each  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $\beta = LK ||C||$ . And hence,

$$\sup_{t\in\mathbb{R}}\left\|\int_{-\infty}^{t}R(t-s)\mathcal{Q}_{\mathcal{M}}[f(s,Cu(s))-f(s,Cv(s))]\,ds\right\|\leq \left(\frac{LK\|C\|}{d}\right).\|u-v\|_{\infty}.$$

In summary,

$$\begin{split} \|\Lambda(u) - \Lambda(v)\|_{\infty} &\leq \left[ \left( \frac{LM \|C\|}{c} \right) + \left( \frac{LK \|C\|}{d} \right) \right] \cdot \|u - v\|_{\infty} \\ &= \left[ \left( \frac{M}{c} \right) + \left( \frac{K}{d} \right) \right] \|C\| \cdot L \cdot \|u - v\|_{\infty}. \end{split}$$

Thus, if

$$\|C\| < \frac{1}{L} \left[ \left( \frac{M}{c} \right) + \left( \frac{K}{d} \right) \right]^{-1},$$

then the nonlinear operator  $\Lambda: (PAP(\mathbb{H}), \|.\|_{\infty}) \mapsto (PAP(\mathbb{H}), \|.\|_{\infty})$  is a strict contraction, and therefore by the Banach fixed point principle there exists a unique  $u_0 \in PAP(\mathbb{H})$  such that  $\Lambda(u_0) = u_0$ .

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