

# Linear boundary-value problems for differential systems with a parameter in Sobolev spaces

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# Aim

## The aim of the talk is

to present the results about the character of solvability and continuity in the parameters of solutions to systems of linear differential equations of arbitrary order on a finite interval with the most general inhomogeneous boundary conditions. These boundary-value problems have essential features and require new research methods.

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# Background

## General boundary conditions

General boundary-value problems are a classic object of research in the theory of ordinary differential equations.

In the paper of I. Kiguradze (1987), for the first time sufficient conditions were obtained for uniform convergence of solutions to boundary-value problems with **general** inhomogeneous boundary conditions:

$$y'(t; n) = A(t; n)y(t; n) + f(t; n), \quad t \in [a, b],$$

$$B_n y(t; n) = c_n,$$

where  $A(\cdot; n) \in (L_1)^{m \times m}$ ,  $f(\cdot; n) \in (L_1)^m$ ,  $c_n \in \mathbb{R}^m$  and linear continuous operators

$$B_n : C([a, b]; \mathbb{R}^m) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m, \quad n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}.$$

These boundary conditions include classical boundary conditions, but cannot contain derivatives of the unknown function.

## Kiguradze theorem

Suppose that a homogeneous boundary-value problem, where  $n = 0$ , has only a trivial solution and the following conditions are satisfied:

- 1)  $\sup_n \|A(\cdot; n)\|_1 < \infty$ ;
- 2)  $\sup_n \|f(\cdot; n)\|_1 < \infty$ ;
- 3)  $\sup_n \|B_n\| < \infty$ ;
- 4)  $\max_{t \in [a, b]} \left| \int_a^t A(s; n) ds - \int_a^t A(s; 0) ds \right| \rightarrow 0$ ;
- 5)  $\max_{t \in [a, b]} \left| \int_a^t f(s; n) ds - \int_a^t f(s; 0) ds \right| \rightarrow 0$ ;
- 6)  $c_n \rightarrow c_0$ ;
- 7)  $B_n y \rightarrow B_0 y, \quad y \in (W_1^1)^m$ .

Then for sufficiently large  $n$  solutions to boundary-value problems exist, are unique, and

$$\|y(\cdot, 0) - y(\cdot, n)\|_\infty \rightarrow 0, \quad n \rightarrow \infty.$$

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For ordinary differential operators, the idea is to define such operators as quasi-differential with properly selected quasi-derivatives according to Shin-Zettl. In this connection, we can interpret some classes of quasi-differential operators as limits in the sense of norm or strong resolvent convergence of differential operators with smooth coefficients.

# One-dimensional Schrödinger operator

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be given on a compact interval, where the derivative of a function  $q$  is understood in the sense of distributions.

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This expression can be defined as the Shin–Zettl quasi-differential expression with following quasi-derivatives:

$$\begin{aligned} D^{[0]}y &:= y, & D^{[1]}y &:= y' - qy, \\ l(y) = D^{[2]}y &:= -(D^{[1]}y)' - qD^{[1]}y - q^2y. \end{aligned}$$

If the function  $q$  is smooth, then this definition is equivalent to the classical one.

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where matrices  $\alpha(\varepsilon), \beta(\varepsilon) \in \mathbb{C}^{2 \times 2}$ , and vectors

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## Theorem (Mikhailets, Goriunov 2010)

Suppose that the resolvent set of the operator  $L_0$  is not empty and

- i)  $\|q_\varepsilon - q_0\|_2 \rightarrow 0, \quad \varepsilon \rightarrow 0+;$
- ii)  $\alpha(\varepsilon) \rightarrow \alpha(0), \quad \beta(\varepsilon) \rightarrow \beta(0).$

Then  $L_\varepsilon \rightarrow L_0$  in the sense of norm resolvent convergence.

Thus, each of the introduced operators is the limit of similar operators with **smooth** coefficients.

## Generic boundary conditions

# Statement of the problem

Let  $(a, b) \subset \mathbb{R}$  and  $\{m, n, r\} \subset \mathbb{N}$ ,  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ , be given.

## Linear boundary-value problem

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It includes all known types of classical boundary conditions and numerous nonclassical conditions containing the **derivatives** (in general fractional) of an order  $\geq r$ .

# Invertibility of the operator

With problem (2), (3), we associate the linear operator

$$(L, B): (W_p^{n+r})^m \rightarrow (W_p^n)^m \times \mathbb{C}^{rm}. \quad (5)$$

By  $[BY_k]$ , we denote the numerical  $m \times m$  matrix, in which  $j$ -th column is result of the action of  $B$  on  $j$ -th column of  $Y_k(\cdot)$ .

## Definition 1.

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## Theorem 1.

The operator (5) is invertible **if and only if** the matrix  $M(L, B)$  is nondegenerate.

# Continuity in a parameter

# Parameterized boundary-value problem

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## Definition 2.

The solution to the problem (7), (8) **depends continuously in a parameter**  $\varepsilon$  at  $\varepsilon = 0$  if the conditions are satisfied:

- (\*) there exists a positive number  $\varepsilon_1 < \varepsilon_0$  such that, for any  $\varepsilon \in [0, \varepsilon_1)$  and arbitrary chosen  $f(\cdot; \varepsilon) \in (W_p^n)^m$ ,  $c(\varepsilon) \in \mathbb{C}^{rm}$ , this problem has a unique solution  $y(\cdot; \varepsilon) \in (W_p^{n+r})^m$ ;
- (\*\*) the convergence of right-hand sides  $f(\cdot; \varepsilon) \rightarrow f(\cdot; 0)$  and  $c(\varepsilon) \rightarrow c(0)$  implies the convergence of solutions

$$y(\cdot; \varepsilon) \rightarrow y(\cdot; 0) \quad \text{in} \quad (W_p^{n+r})^m \quad \text{as} \quad \varepsilon \rightarrow 0 +.$$

# The continuous dependence in a parameter

Consider the following conditions:

(0) the homogeneous boundary-value problem

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has only the trivial solution;

- (I)  $A_{r-j}(\cdot; \varepsilon) \rightarrow A_{r-j}(\cdot; 0)$  in  $(W_p^n)^{m \times m}$  for every  $j \in \{1, \dots, r\}$ ;
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## Theorem 2.

The solution to the problem (7), (8) depends continuously in the parameter  $\varepsilon$  at  $\varepsilon = 0$  **if and only if** this problem satisfies Conditions (0), (I), and (II).



## Remark

Gnyp, Mikhailets, and Murach (2016) gave a constructive criterion in Sobolev spaces  $W_p^{n+r}$ , where  $1 \leq p < \infty$ . The proof based on the unique analytic representation

$$By = \sum_{k=0}^{n+r-1} \alpha_k y^{(k)}(a) + \int_a^b \Phi(t) y^{(n+r)}(t) dt, \quad y(\cdot) \in (W_p^{n+r})^m. \quad (9)$$

Here,  $\alpha_k \in \mathbb{C}^{rm \times m}$ ,  $\Phi(\cdot) \in L_{p'}([a, b]; \mathbb{C}^{rm \times m})$ ,  $1/p + 1/p' = 1$ .

Our method of proof allows to investigate such problems in Sobolev spaces  $W_p^{n+r}$ , where  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ , and some others function spaces.

## Degree of convergence of the solutions

We supplement our result with a two-sided estimate of the error  $\|y(\cdot; 0) - y(\cdot; \varepsilon)\|_{n+r,p}$  of solution  $y(\cdot; \varepsilon)$  via its discrepancy

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### Theorem 3.

Let the problem (7), (8) satisfies Conditions (0), (I), and (II). Then there exist positive numbers  $\varepsilon_2 < \varepsilon_1$ ,  $\gamma_1$ , and  $\gamma_2$ , such that

$$\gamma_1 \tilde{d}_{n,p}(\varepsilon) \leq \|y(\cdot; 0) - y(\cdot; \varepsilon)\|_{n+r,p} \leq \gamma_2 \tilde{d}_{n,p}(\varepsilon)$$

for any  $\varepsilon \in (0, \varepsilon_2)$ . Here, the numbers  $\varepsilon_2$ ,  $\gamma_1$ , and  $\gamma_2$  do not depend on  $y(\cdot; 0)$ , and  $y(\cdot; \varepsilon)$ .

Thus, the error and discrepancy of the solution to problem (7), (8) are of **the same degree** of smallness.

## Multipoint boundary-value problem

For any  $\varepsilon \in [0, \varepsilon_0)$ ,  $\varepsilon_0 > 0$ , we associate with the system (7)

multipoint Fredholm boundary condition

$$B(\varepsilon)y(\cdot, \varepsilon) = \sum_{j=0}^N \sum_{k=1}^{\omega_j(\varepsilon)} \sum_{l=0}^{n+r-1} \beta_{j,k}^{(l)}(\varepsilon)y^{(l)}(t_{j,k}(\varepsilon), \varepsilon) = q(\varepsilon), \quad (10)$$

where the numbers  $\{N, \omega_j(\varepsilon)\} \subset \mathbb{N}$ , vectors  $q(\varepsilon) \in \mathbb{C}^{rm}$ , matrices  $\beta_{j,k}^{(l)}(\varepsilon) \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times m}$ , and points  $\{t_j, t_{j,k}(\varepsilon)\} \subset [a, b]$  are arbitrarily given.

The solution  $y(\cdot, \varepsilon)$  to problem (7), (10) is continuous in the parameter  $\varepsilon$  if it exists, is unique, and satisfies the limit relation

$$\|y(\cdot, \varepsilon) - y(\cdot, 0)\|_{n+r,p} \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as} \quad \varepsilon \rightarrow 0+. \quad (11)$$

# The limit theorem, $p = \infty$

## Assumptions as $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0+$ :

- ( $\alpha$ )  $t_{j,k}(\varepsilon) \rightarrow t_j$  for all  $j \in \{1, \dots, N\}$ , and  $k \in \{1, \dots, \omega_j(\varepsilon)\}$ ;
- ( $\beta$ )  $\sum_{k=1}^{\omega_j(\varepsilon)} \beta_{j,k}^{(l)}(\varepsilon) \rightarrow \beta_j^{(l)}$  for all  $j \in \{1, \dots, N\}$ , and  $l \in \{0, \dots, n+r-1\}$ ;
- ( $\gamma$ )  $\sum_{k=1}^{\omega_j(\varepsilon)} \|\beta_{j,k}^{(l)}(\varepsilon)\| |t_{j,k}(\varepsilon) - t_j| \rightarrow 0$  for all  $j \in \{1, \dots, N\}$ ,  $k \in \{1, \dots, \omega_j(\varepsilon)\}$ , and  $l \in \{0, \dots, n+r-1\}$ ;
- ( $\delta$ )  $\sum_{k=1}^{\omega_0(\varepsilon)} \|\beta_{0,k}^{(l)}(\varepsilon)\| \rightarrow 0$  for all  $k \in \{1, \dots, \omega_0(\varepsilon)\}$ , and  $l \in \{0, \dots, n+r-1\}$ .

## Theorem 4.

Let the boundary-value problem (7), (10) for  $p = \infty$  satisfies the assumptions ( $\alpha$ ), ( $\beta$ ), ( $\gamma$ ), ( $\delta$ ). Then it satisfies the limit condition (II). If, moreover, the conditions (0) and (I) are fulfilled, then for a sufficiently small  $\varepsilon$  its solution exists, is unique and satisfies the limit relation (11).

# The limit theorem, $1 \leq p < \infty$

## Assumptions as $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0+$ :

- ( $\gamma_p$ )  $\sum_{k=1}^{\omega_j(\varepsilon)} \|\beta_{j,k}^{(n+r-1)}(\varepsilon)\| |t_{j,k}(\varepsilon) - t_j|^{1/p'} = O(1)$  for all  $j \in \{1, \dots, N\}$ , and  $k \in \{1, \dots, \omega_j(\varepsilon)\}$ ;
- ( $\gamma'$ )  $\sum_{k=1}^{\omega_j(\varepsilon)} \|\beta_{j,k}^{(l)}(\varepsilon)\| |t_{j,k}(\varepsilon) - t_j| \rightarrow 0$  for all  $j \in \{1, \dots, N\}$ ,  $k \in \{1, \dots, \omega_j(\varepsilon)\}$ , and  $l \in \{0, \dots, n+r-2\}$ .

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# Applications

# Approximation

## Linear boundary-value problem

$$(Ly)(t) := y^{(r)}(t) + \sum_{j=1}^r A_{r-j}(t)y^{(r-j)}(t) = f(t), \quad t \in (a, b), \quad (12)$$

$$By = c, \quad (13)$$

where  $1 \leq p < \infty$ .

## A sequence of multipoint boundary-value problems

$$(L_k y_k)(t) := y_k^{(r)}(t) + \sum_{j=1}^r A_{r-j}(t)y_k^{(r-j)}(t) = f(t), \quad t \in (a, b), \quad (14)$$

$$B_k y_k := \sum_{j=0}^N \sum_{l=0}^{n+r-1} \beta_k^{(l,j)} y^{(l)}(t_{k,j}) = c. \quad (15)$$



# Approximation

## Theorem 6.

For the boundary-value problem (12), (13) there is a sequence of multipoint boundary-value problems of the form (14), (15) such that they are well-posedness for sufficiently large  $k$  and the asymptotic property is fulfilled

$$y_k \rightarrow y \quad \text{in} \quad (W_p^{n+r})^m \quad \text{for} \quad k \rightarrow \infty.$$

The sequence can be chosen independently of  $f$  and  $c$ , and constructed explicitly.

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