

Almost periodic solutions of functional differential equations with infinite delays in a Banach space

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§ 1. Introduction and preliminaries

Let E be a Banach space with norm $\|\cdot\|$ and let $J = \mathbf{R} = (-\infty, \infty)$ or $\mathbf{R}_- = (-\infty, 0]$. We shall mean by $C(J; E)$ the set of E -valued continuous functions defined on J . By $C_B(J; E)$ we denote the set of E -valued functions continuous and bounded on J with the sup-norm $\|\cdot\|_\infty$. For each $t \in \mathbf{R}$ and $u \in C_B(\mathbf{R}; E)$, the symbol u_t is defined by $u_t(s) = u(t+s)$ for $s \in \mathbf{R}_-$. Clearly $u_t \in C_B(\mathbf{R}_-; E)$.

With these notations, we consider in this paper the following delay-differential equation

$$(D. D. E) \quad x' = F(t, x, x_t), \quad t \in \mathbf{R}.$$

Here $F(t, x, \phi)$ is an E -valued function defined on $\mathbf{R} \times E \times C_B(\mathbf{R}_-; E)$ which satisfies some conditions mentioned precisely later. By a solution of (D. D. E), we mean a continuously differentiable function u defined on \mathbf{R} such that $u'(t) = F(t, u(t), u_t)$ for all $t \in \mathbf{R}$. In this paper the term "continuous" means "strongly continuous".

Recently, we proved the existence and uniqueness of a solution of (D. D. E) in the case of $E = \mathbf{R}^n$, the n -dimensional Euclidean space. Moreover, we showed that if $F(t, x, \phi)$ is almost periodic (a. p. for short) with respect to t uniformly for (x, ϕ) in closed bounded subsets of $\mathbf{R}^n \times C_B(\mathbf{R}_-; \mathbf{R}^n)$, then (D. D. E) has a unique a. p. solution ([4]). These results give an affirmative answer to the open question proposed by G. Seifert [10]. The results of [4] and [10] are essentially based on a result of Medvedev [8] which guarantees the existence of a bounded solution on \mathbf{R} of a certain class of differential equation. The result of [8], however, can be treated in the framework of our previous papers [2, 3]. The purpose of this paper is to extend these results to the case of a functional differential equation with infinite delay in a general Banach space.

We define the functional $[\cdot, \cdot]: E \times E \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ by

$$[x, y] = \lim_{h \rightarrow +0} (\|x + hy\| - \|x\|) / h.$$