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# On Generalized Solutions of Boundary Value Problems for Some Class of Fourth Order Operator-Differential Equations on the Segment

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## Abstract

*In the paper we give definition of a generalized solution of boundary value problems for some fourth order operator-differential equations, and prove the existence of generalized solution of this problem by the coefficients of the equations on the segment.*

**Keywords:** *Hilbert spaces, existence of generalized solution, operator-differential equation.*

## 1 Introduction

Let  $H$  be a separable Hilbert space,  $A$  be a positive-definite self-adjoint operator in  $H$  with domain of definition  $D(A)$ . By  $H_\gamma$  we denote a scale of Hilbert space that is generated by the operator  $A$ , i.e.  $H_\gamma = D(A^\gamma)$ ,  $(\gamma \geq 0)$ ,  $(x, y)_\gamma = (A^\gamma x, A^\gamma y)$ ,  $x, y \in D(A^\gamma)$ . By  $L_{2,\gamma}((a, b); H_\gamma)$  we denote a Hilbert space of the vector-function  $f(t)$  defined in  $(a, b)$  almost everywhere, with values from  $H$ , measurable square integrable in the Bochner sense

$$\|f\|_{L_{2((a,b);H)}} = \left( \int_a^b \|f\|_\gamma^2 dt \right)^{1/2}.$$

Then we determine the Hilbert spaces

$$W_2^2((a, b); H) = \{u | u'' \in L_2((a, b); H), A^2u \in L_2((a, b); H_2)\}$$

with the norm

$$\|u\|_{W_2^2((a,b);H)} = \left( \|u''\|_{L_2((a,b);H)} + \|A^2u\|_{L_2((a,b);H)}^2 \right)^{1/2}.$$

Here and in future the derivatives are understood in the sense of distribution [1]. By  $D^4((a, b); H)$  we denote a linear set of infinitely-differentiable functions with values from  $H_4 = D(A^4)$  having compact supports in  $(a, b)$ . Further we determine the space  $\overset{\circ}{W}_2^2((a, b); H) \subset W_2^2((a, b); H)$  in the following way.

$$\overset{\circ}{W}_2^2((a, b); H) = \{u | u \in W_2^2((a, b); H), u^{(j)}(a) = u^{(j)}(b) = 0, j = 0, 1\}.$$

In sequel, we'll assume that  $(a, b)$  is as  $[0, 1]$ . Assume that

$$L_2((a, b); H) \equiv L_2([0, 1]; H), \quad W_2^2((a, b); H) \equiv W_2^2([0, 1]; H),$$

$$\overset{\circ}{W}_2^2((a, b); H) \equiv \overset{\circ}{W}_2^2([0, 1]; H), \quad D^4((a, b); H) \equiv D^4([0, 1]; H).$$

In the separable Hilbert space  $H$  we consider a polynomial operator bundle in the following form

$$P(\lambda) = (-\lambda^2 E + A^2)^2 + \sum_{j=0}^4 A_j \lambda^{(4-j)}, \quad (1)$$

and the related boundary value problem

$$P(d/dt) u(t) \equiv \left( -\frac{d^2}{dt^2} + A^2 \right)^2 u(t) + \sum_{j=1}^4 A_j u^{(4-j)}(t) = f(t), \quad t \in [0, 1], \quad (2)$$

$$u^{(j)}(0) = \varphi_j, \quad u^{(j)}(1) = \psi_j, \quad j = 0, 1 \quad (3)$$

where  $A$  is a self-adjoint positive-definite operator,  $A_j$  ( $j = \overline{1, 4}$ ) are linear, generally speaking, unbounded operators in  $H$ ,  $f \in L_2([0, 1]; H)$ ,  $\varphi_j, \psi_j \in H$ ,  $j = 0, 1$ .

In the paper we'll give a generalized solution of boundary value problem (2), (3) and prove for it theorems on the existence of a generalized solution in terms of coefficients of the investigated fourth order differential equation on the segment.

## 2 Auxiliary Facts

Denote

$$P_0 \left( \frac{d}{dt} \right) u(t) = \left( -\frac{d^2}{dt^2} + A^2 \right)^2 u(t), \quad u(t) \in \overset{\circ}{W}_2^2([0, 1]; H),$$

$$P_1 \left( \frac{d}{dt} \right) u(t) = \sum_{j=0}^4 A_j u^{(4-j)}(t), \quad u(t) \in \overset{\circ}{W}_2^2([0, 1]; H),$$

and

$$Pu(t) = P_0 u(t) + P_1 u(t), \quad u(t) \in \overset{\circ}{W}_2^2([0, 1]; H).$$

Now we formulate a lemma that shows the conditions on operator coefficients (1) under which the expression  $P_1 \left( \frac{d}{dt} \right) u(t)$  makes sense for the function from the class  $\overset{\circ}{W}_2^2([0, 1]; H)$ .

**Lemma 2.1.** [2]. *Let  $A$  be a self-adjoint positive-definite operator,  $B_0 = A_0$ ,  $B_1 = A_1 A^{-1}$ ,  $B_2 = A^{-1} A_2 A^{-1}$ ,  $B_3 = A^{-2} A_3 A^{-1}$ ,  $B_4 = A^{-2} A_4 A^{-2}$  be bounded operators in  $H$ . Then the bilinear functional  $\left( P_1 \left( \frac{d}{dt} \right) u, \xi \right)_{L_2([0,1];H)}$  determined on  $D^4([0, 1]; H) \oplus \overset{\circ}{W}_2^2([0, 1]; H)$  continues to the space  $W_2^2([0, 1]; H) \oplus \overset{\circ}{W}_2^2([0, 1]; H)$  continuously up to the bilinear functional  $P_1(u, \xi)$  acting in the following way*

$$P_1(u, \xi) = \sum_{j=0}^1 (-1)^j (A_j u^{(2-j)}, \xi'')_{L_2([0,1];H)} - (A_2 u', \xi')_{L_2([0,1];H)} + \\ + \sum_{j=3}^4 (A_j u^{(4-j)}, \xi)_{L_2([0,1];H)}.$$

**Lemma 2.2.** *Let all the conditions of lemma 1 be fulfilled. Then a bilinear functional  $\left( P \left( \frac{d}{dt} \right) u, \xi \right)_{L_2([0,1];H)}$  determined on the space  $D^4([0, 1]; H) \oplus \overset{\circ}{W}_2^2([0, 1]; H)$  of the bilinear functional*

$$P(u, \xi) = (u, \xi)_{W_2^2([0,1];H)} + P_1(u, \xi) + 2 (Au', \xi')_{L_2([0,1];H)}$$

where  $P_1(u, \xi)$  is determined as in lemma 1.

**Proof.** Really

$$P \left( \frac{d}{dt} \right) u(t) = P_0 u(t) + P_1 u(t).$$

Integrating the following expression by parts we get

$$\begin{aligned} \left( P_0 \left( \frac{d}{dt} \right) u, \xi \right)_{L_2([0,1];H)} &= \left( \left( -\frac{d^2}{dt^2} + A^2 \right)^2 u, \xi \right)_{L_2([0,1];H)} = \\ &= \left( \left( \frac{d^4}{dt^4} - 2A^2 \frac{d^2}{dt^2} + A^4 \right) u, \xi \right)_{L_2([0,1];H)} = (u'', \xi'')_{L_2([0,1];H)} + \\ &\quad + 2(Au', A\xi')_{L_2([0,1];H)} + (A^2 u, A^2 \xi)_{L_2([0,1];H)}. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $Au'(t) \in L_2([0, 1]; H)$ ,  $A\xi'(t) \in L_2([0, 1]; H)$ , the right hand side of the last equality continues by continuity from the space  $D^4([0, 1]; H) \oplus \overset{\circ}{W}_2^2([0, 1]; H)$  to  $W_2^2([0, 1]; H) \oplus \overset{\circ}{W}_2^2([0, 1]; H)$ . The lemma is proved.

**Determination.** The vector function  $u(t) \in W_2^2([0, 1]; H)$  is said to be a generalized solution of boundary value problem (2), (3) if it satisfies conditions of (3) and for any function  $\xi(t) \in \overset{\circ}{W}_2^2([0, 1]; H)$  the equality

$$P(u, \xi) = (f, \xi)_{L_2([0,1];H)}$$

is fulfilled.

Now, let's cite a lemma on the solvability of a boundary value problem for an operator-differential equation representing the principal part of equation (3).

**Lemma 2.3.** *Let  $\varphi_0, \psi_0 \in H_{3/2} = D(A^{3/2})$ ,  $\varphi_1, \psi_1 \in H_{1/2} = D(A^{1/2})$ . Then the boundary value problems*

$$P_0 \left( \frac{d}{dt} \right) u(t) = \left( -\frac{d^2}{dt^2} + A^2 \right)^2 u(t) = f(t), \quad t \in [0, 1], \quad (4)$$

$$u^{(j)}(0) = \varphi_j, \quad u^{(j)}(1) = \psi_j, \quad j = 0, 1 \quad (5)$$

*has a unique solution.*

### 3 Basic Results

Assuming the above mentioned facts we prove a theorem on the existence of a generalized solution of boundary value problem (2), (3).

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let  $A$  be a self-adjoint positive-definite operator,  $B_0 = A_0$ ,  $B_1 = A_1A^{-1}$ ,  $B_2 = A^{-1}A_2A^{-1}$ ,  $B_3 = A^{-2}A_3A^{-1}$ ,  $B_4 = A^{-2}A_4A^{-2}$  be bounded operators in  $H$  and it holds the inequality*

$$\delta = \sum_{j=0}^4 \gamma_j \|B_j\| < 1, \quad (6)$$

where  $\gamma_0 = \gamma_4 = 1$ ,  $\gamma_1 = \gamma_3 = 1/2$ ,  $\gamma_2 = 1/4$ . Then boundary value problem (2), (3) has a unique generalized solution.

**Proof.** Show that by fulfilling inequality (6) for any  $\xi \in \overset{\circ}{W}_2^2([0, 1]; H)$  it holds the inequality

$$\left| \left( P \left( \frac{d}{dt} \right) \xi, \xi \right)_{L_2([0,1];H)} \right| \geq d \|\xi\|_{W_2^2([0,1];H)}^2, \quad (d > 0).$$

Obviously

$$\begin{aligned} & \left( P \left( \frac{d}{dt} \right) \xi, \xi \right)_{L_2([0,1];H)} = \|\xi\|_{W_2^2([0,1];H)}^2 + \\ & + 2 \|A\xi'\|_{L_2([0,1];H)}^2 + \left( P_1 \left( \frac{d}{dt} \right) \xi, \xi \right)_{L_2([0,1];H)}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \left( P \left( \frac{d}{dt} \right) \xi, \xi \right)_{L_2([0,1];H)} \right| \geq \|\xi\|_{W_2^2([0,1];H)}^2 + \\ & + 2 \|A\xi'\|_{L_2([0,1];H)}^2 - \left( P_1 \left( \frac{d}{dt} \right) \xi, \xi \right)_{L_2([0,1];H)}. \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

Since

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \left( P_1 \left( \frac{d}{dt} \right) \xi, \xi \right)_{L_2([0,1];H)} \right| \leq \left| \sum_{j=0}^1 (A_j \xi^{(2-j)}, \xi'')_{L_2([0,1];H)} \right| + \\ & + \left| (A_2 \xi', \xi)_{L_2([0,1];H)} \right| + \left| \sum_{j=3}^4 (A_j \xi^{(4-j)}, \xi)_{L_2([0,1];H)} \right|, \end{aligned}$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| (A_2 \xi', \xi)_{L_2([0,1];H)} \right| = \left| (B_2 A \xi', A \xi')_{L_2([0,1];H)} \right| \leq \\ & \leq \|B_2\| \|A \xi'\|_{L_2([0,1];H)} \|A \xi'\|_{L_2([0,1];H)} = \|B_2\| \|A \xi'\|_{L_2([0,1];H)}^2. \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

On the other hand

$$\|A \xi'\|_{L_2([0,1];H)}^2 \leq \frac{1}{2} \left( \|\xi''\|_{L_2([0,1];H)}^2 + \|A^2 \xi\|_{L_2([0,1];H)}^2 \right).$$

Then

$$2 \|A\xi'\|_{L_2([0,1];H)}^2 \leq \frac{1}{2} \left( \|\xi''\|_{L_2([0,1];H)}^2 + 2 \|A\xi'\|_{L_2([0,1];H)}^2 + \|A^2\xi\|_{L_2([0,1];H)}^2 \right)$$

or

$$\|A\xi'\|_{L_2([0,1];H)}^2 \leq \frac{1}{4} \left( \|\xi''\|_{L_2([0,1];H)}^2 + 2 \|A\xi'\|_{L_2([0,1];H)}^2 + \|A^2\xi\|_{L_2([0,1];H)}^2 \right).$$

Allowing for the last inequality in (8) we get

$$\|(A_2\xi', \xi')\|_{L_2([0,1];H)}^2 \leq \|B_2\| \frac{1}{4} \left( \|\xi\|_{W_2^2([0,1];H)}^2 + 2 \|A\xi'\|_{L_2([0,1];H)}^2 \right). \quad (9)$$

In the same way, for  $j = 0$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left| (A_0\xi'', \xi'') \right|_{L_2([0,1];H)} &\leq \|B_0\| \|\xi''\|_{L_2([0,1];H)}^2 \leq \\ &\leq \|B_0\| \left( \|\xi''\|_{W_2^2([0,1];H)}^2 + 2 \|A\xi'\|_{L_2([0,1];H)}^2 \right), \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

for  $j = 1$

$$\begin{aligned} \left| (A_1\xi', \xi') \right|_{L_2([0,1];H)} &\leq \left| (B_1A\xi', \xi'') \right|_{L_2([0,1];H)} \leq \\ &\leq \|B_1\| \|A\xi'\|_{L_2([0,1];H)} \|\xi''\|_{L_2([0,1];H)} \leq \\ &\leq \|B_1\| \frac{1}{2} \left( \|\xi''\|_{L_2([0,1];H)}^2 + \|A\xi'\|_{L_2([0,1];H)}^2 \right) \leq \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} \|B_1\| \left( \|\xi\|_{W_2^2([0,1];H)}^2 + 2 \|A\xi'\|_{L_2([0,1];H)}^2 \right), \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

for  $j = 3$

$$\begin{aligned} \left| (A_3\xi', \xi') \right|_{L_2([0,1];H)} &= \left| (B_3A\xi', A^2\xi) \right|_{L_2([0,1];H)} \leq \\ &\leq \|B_3\| \|A\xi'\|_{L_2([0,1];H)} \|A^2\xi\|_{L_2([0,1];H)} \leq \\ &\leq \|B_3\| \frac{1}{2} \left( \|A\xi'\|_{L_2([0,1];H)}^2 + \|A^2\xi\|_{L_2([0,1];H)}^2 \right) \leq \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} \|B_3\| \left( \|\xi\|_{W_2^2([0,1];H)}^2 + 2 \|A\xi'\|_{L_2([0,1];H)}^2 \right), \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

for  $j = 4$

$$\begin{aligned} \left| (A_4\xi, \xi) \right|_{L_2([0,1];H)} &= \left| (B_4A^2\xi, A^2\xi) \right|_{L_2([0,1];H)} \leq \|B_4\| \|A^2\xi\|_{L_2([0,1];H)}^2 = \\ &= \|B_4\| \left( \|\xi\|_{W_2^2([0,1];H)}^2 + 2 \|A^2\xi'\|_{L_2([0,1];H)}^2 \right). \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

Thereby, allowing for inequalities (9)-(13) in (7) we get

$$\left| \left( P \left( \frac{d}{dt} \right) \xi, \xi \right)_{L_2([0,1];H)} \right| \geq (1 - \delta) \left( \|\xi\|_{W_2^2([0,1];H)}^2 + 2 \|A\xi'\|_{L_2([0,1];H)}^2 \right).$$

Now, we search for the generalized solution of boundary value problem (2), (3) in the form of

$$u(t) = v_0(t) + v(t)$$

where  $v_0(t)$  is a generalized solution of boundary value problem (4), (5) and  $v(t) \in \overset{\circ}{W}_2([0, 1]; H)$ . Then, to determine  $v(t)$  we get

$$\begin{aligned} P(v_0 + v, \xi) &= (v_0 + v, \xi)_{W_2^2([0,1];H)} + P_1(v_0 + v, \xi) + 2(Av'_0 + Av', A\xi)_{L_2([0,1];H)} \equiv \\ &\equiv (v_0, \xi)_{W_2^2([0,1];H)} + (v, \xi)_{W_2^2([0,1];H)} + P_1(v_0, \xi) + P_1(v, \xi) + \\ &\quad + 2(Av'_0, A\xi')_{L_2([0,1];H)} = (f, \xi)_{L_2([0,1];H)}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence we get

$$(v_0, \xi)_{W_2^2([0,1];H)} + P_1(v, \xi) + 2(Av', A\xi)_{L_2([0,1];H)} = -P_1(v_0, \xi). \quad (14)$$

The right hand side of relation (14) determines a continuous functional in  $W_2^2([0, 1]; H) \oplus \overset{\circ}{W}_2([0, 1]; H)$ , the left-hand side uses equality (7) and satisfies the conditions of Lax-Milgram theorem [3]. Therefore there exists a unique vector - function  $v(t) \in \overset{\circ}{W}_2([0, 1]; H)$  satisfying equality (14), i.e.  $u(t) = v(t) + v_0(t)$  is a generalized solution of boundary value problem (2), (3). The theorem is proved.

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