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AN ESTIMATION OF THE SOLUTION OF VOLTERRA'S
INTEGRAL EQUATION FOR VECTOR-VALUED FUNCTIONS
WITH VALUES IN AN ORLICZ SPACE

1. In [2] we dealt with a Volterra integral equation

$$(1) u(x) = \int_a^x T(x, t) u(t) dt + b(x)$$

where $x, t, a \in \mathbb{R}^n$; b and u are vector-valued functions of the variable $t (a \leq t \leq x)$ with values in a Banach space Y , and $T(x, t)$ is a linear bounded operator of Y into itself for $a \leq t \leq x$, strongly measurable in both variables.

The order relation $c \leq d$ for $c = (c_1, \dots, c_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $d = (d_1, \dots, d_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ means here that $c_i \leq d_i$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$. Denoting by \mathcal{U} the space of all such operators and supposing that $\|b(x)\|_Y \leq B(x)$ where $B(x)$ is measurable and bounded for $x \geq a$, there was proved the following theorem:

Let us suppose that $A(x, t)$ is a realvalued function, defined for $a \leq t \leq x$, nondecreasing with respect to x for every t and such that $A(t, t)$ is measurable and bounded for $t \geq a$, $\alpha \int_a^x A(t, t) dt < 1$ for $x \geq a$. Moreover, let us suppose that.

$$(2) \|T(x, t)\|_{\mathcal{U}} \leq \alpha A(x, t) \text{ for } a \leq t \leq x,$$

where α is independent of x and t .

Then the integral equation (1) has a unique solu-

tion in the space of Y - valued bounded and strongly measurable functions in $x \geq a$.

Moreover, we have an estimation

$$\|u(x)\|_Y \leq \beta(x) \exp \left(\int_a^x \alpha A(t, t) dt \right) \text{ for } x \geq a,$$

where $\beta(x) = \sup_{a \leq t \leq x} B(t)$.

2. In this paper there will be verified the inequality (2) in case when Y is an Orlicz space L^φ . Let Ω be a σ -algebra of subsets of a nonempty set E and let μ be a non-trivial measure in E . Moreover let $\varphi(s)$ be a function defined in $\langle 0, \infty \rangle$, satisfying the following conditions:

- (a) $\varphi(s) \geq 0$; $\varphi(s) = 0$ iff $s = 0$.
- (b) $\varphi(s)$ is an even, continuous and convex function.

Then the set of all measurable, extended real - valued functions u on E such that $\int_E \varphi(\lambda |u(t)|) \mu(dt) < \infty$ for some $\lambda > 0$, is a Banach space. This space is defined as the space L^φ generated by means of the function φ , (see [4]).

Let φ^* be function conjugate to φ in the sense of Young, i.e.

$$\varphi^*(s) = \sup_{\sigma > 0} (s\sigma - \varphi(\sigma)) \text{ for } s \geq 0$$

$$\varphi^*(s) = \varphi^*(|s|) \text{ for } s < 0.$$

Let us write

$$\rho(u) = \int_E \varphi(|u(\tau)|) \mu(d\tau); \quad \rho^*(u) = \int_E \varphi^*(|u(\tau)|) \mu(d\tau)$$

The following two norms are defined in L^φ :

$$\|u\|_\varphi = \inf \left\{ \delta > 0: \rho\left(\frac{u}{\delta}\right) \leq 1 \right\} - \text{Luxemburg norm,}$$

$$\|u\|_\varphi^0 = \sup \left\{ \int_E u(\tau) w(\tau) \mu(d\tau) : \rho^*(w) \leq 1 \right\} - \text{Orlicz norm;}$$

we have $\|u\|_{\varphi} \leq \|u\|_{\varphi}^0$ (in case of φ dependent only on s , see: [3]). Also the unit ball $\{u \in L^{\varphi} : \|u\|_{\varphi} \leq 1\}$ is equal to the set $\{u \in L^{\varphi} : \varphi(u) \leq 1\}$ (see: [3], theorem 9.5, p. 96).

3. Let T be defined by the formula $v = Tu$ for $u \in L^{\varphi}$, where $v_{\sigma} = \int_E T_{\sigma, \tau} u_{\tau} \mu(d\tau)$, $\tau \in E$, $\sigma \in E$. Then we have, taking ψ with the norm, generated by means of the Luxemburg norm in L^{φ} :

$$\begin{aligned} \|T\|_{\psi} &= \sup_{\|u\|_{\varphi} \leq 1} \|Tu\|_{\varphi} = \sup_{\varphi(u) \leq 1} \|Tu\|_{\varphi} = \sup_{\varphi(u) \leq 1} \left\| \int_E T_{\sigma, \tau} u_{\tau} \mu(d\tau) \right\|_{\varphi} \leq \\ &\leq \sup_{\varphi(u) \leq 1} \left\| \int_E T_{\sigma, \tau} u_{\tau} \mu(d\tau) \right\|_{\varphi}^0 \leq \\ &\leq \sup_{\varphi^*(w) \leq 1} \sup_{\varphi(u) \leq 1} \left\{ \left| \int_E T_{\sigma, \tau} w_{\sigma} \mu(d\sigma) \right| |u_{\tau}| \mu(d\tau) \right\} = \\ &= \sup_{\varphi^*(w) \leq 1} \left\| \int_E T_{\sigma, \tau} w_{\sigma} \mu(d\sigma) \right\|_{\varphi^*}^0. \end{aligned}$$

Now, we apply this inequality to $T(x, t)$ in place of T . We suppose that there holds the inequality

(3) $|T_{\sigma, \tau}(x, t)| \leq A(x, t)$ for all x, t, σ, τ .
We suppose now that μ is a finite measure i.e. $\mu(E) < \infty$.
Thus we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \|T(x, t)\|_{\psi} &\leq \sup_{\varphi^*(w) \leq 1} \left\| \int_E A(x, t) |w_{\sigma}| \mu(d\sigma) \right\|_{\varphi^*}^0 \leq \\ &\leq \|1\|_{\varphi^*}^0 \sup_{\varphi^*(w) \leq 1} \int_E |w_{\sigma}| \mu(d\sigma) \cdot A(x, t). \end{aligned}$$

By Jensen's inequality for convex function we have:

$$(4) \quad \int_E |w_{\sigma}| \mu(d\sigma) \leq \mu(E) \varphi^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{\mu(E)} \varphi(w) \right)$$

$$(5) \quad \int_E |w_{\sigma}| \mu(d\sigma) \leq \mu(E) (\varphi^*)^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{\mu(E)} \varphi^*(w) \right).$$

Hence, applying (4) we get

$$\|1\|_{\varphi^*}^0 = \sup_{\varphi(w) \leq 1} \int_E |w_{\sigma}| \mu(d\sigma) \leq \mu(E) \varphi^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{\mu(E)} \right),$$

and applying (5) we obtain

$$\sup_{\varphi^*(w) \leq 1} \int_E |w_\sigma| \mu(d\sigma) \leq \mu(E) (\varphi^*)^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{\mu(E)} \right).$$

Consequently

$$\|T(x, t)\|_y \leq (\mu(E))^2 \varphi^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{\mu(E)} \right) (\varphi^*)^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{\mu(E)} \right) \cdot A(x, t)$$

Thus, we obtained the following result:

4. If μ is finite $T(x, t)$ is defined as above and if there holds the inequality (3) then

$$(6) \quad \|T(x, t)\|_y \leq \alpha A(x, t)$$

where

$$\alpha = (\mu(E))^2 \varphi^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{\mu(E)} \right) (\varphi^*)^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{\mu(E)} \right).$$

5. Let us observe that in case of $\varphi(u) = |u|^p$ with $p > 1$ i.e. $L^q = L^p$, we have $\varphi^{-1}(u) = |u|^{1/p}$,

$$\varphi^*(u) = |u|^q, (\varphi^*)^{-1}(u) = |u|^{1/q} \quad \text{where } \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1.$$

Hence we get

$$\alpha = \mu(E)$$

which is the result obtained in [2].

6. We omit now the assumption $\mu(E) < \infty$. Let two functions

$e \in L^q$ and $\varepsilon \in L^{q^*}$ be given and let us suppose that in place of (3) there holds

$$(7) \quad |T_{\sigma, \tau}(x, t)| \leq e(\sigma) \varepsilon(\tau) A(x, t) \quad \text{for all } x, t, \sigma, \tau.$$

Then it is easily seen that

$$\begin{aligned} \|T(x, t)\|_y &\leq \sup_{\varphi^*(w) \leq 1} \int_E |e(\sigma) \varepsilon(\tau) A(x, t) w_\sigma| \mu(d\sigma) \|\varphi^*\|_0 \\ &\leq \|e\|_q^0 \sup_{\varphi^*(w) \leq 1} \int_E |e(\sigma) w_\sigma| \mu(d\sigma) \cdot A(x, t) = \\ &= \|e\|_q^0 \|e\|_q^0 A(x, t) \end{aligned}$$

and we obtain the inequality (6) with

$$\alpha = \|e\|_{\varphi}^0 \| \varepsilon \|_{\varphi^*}^0 .$$

This includes the case considered in [2], 4, with φ as in 5 and $e(\sigma) = \frac{1}{\sigma}$; $\varepsilon(\tau) = \frac{1}{\tau}$.

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THERE IS INVESTIGATED A VOLTERRA INTEGRAL EQUATION

Summary

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The problem originates in some results of T. Ważewski concerning a differential equation and investigated by T. Sato and Z. Butlewski for systems of Volterra equations with real - valued functions.

In the paper [2] the autor of this note generalised the above result to the case of vector - valued functions among other with values in the space L^p . New, estimations are obtained in case of an Orlicz space L^{φ} .

O OSZACOWANIU ROZWIĄZANIA RÓWNIANIA CAŁKOWEGO VOLTERRY DLA FUNKCJI WEKTOROWYCH O WARTOŚCIACH Z PRZESTRZENI ORLICZA

Streszczenie

Rozważa się równanie całkowe Volterry

$$(1) \quad u(x) = \int_a^x T(x,t)u(t)dt + b(x),$$

gdzie $x, t, a \in \mathbb{R}^n$; b oraz u są funkcjami wektorowymi zmiennej t ($a \leq t \leq x$), o wartościach z przestrzeni Orlicza L^{φ} , zaś $T(x,t)$ jest liniowym, ograniczonym operatorem, działającym z przestrzeni L^{φ} w nią samą, dla $a \leq t \leq x$.

Zagadnienie to, zapoczątkowane przez T. Ważewskiego dla równania różniczkowego, było badane przez T. Sato i Z. Butlewskiego dla układu równań Volterry z funkcjami o wartościach rzeczywistych.

W pracy [2], autor tego artykułu uogólnił powyższe rezultaty na przypadek funkcji wektorowych, między innymi o wartościach w przestrzeni L^p .

Tutaj otrzymane oszacowanie dotyczy przypadku przestrzeni Orlicza L^{φ} .