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AN ESTIMATION OF THE SOLUTION OF AN OPERATOR INTEGRAL EQUATION OF VOLTERRA'S TYPE FOR VECTOR- VALUED FUNCTION WITH VALUES IN AN ORLICZ-SOBOLEV SPACE WITH ARBITRARY MEASURE

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

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

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 $\|b(x)\|_Y \in B(x)$ 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 real-valued 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

$$(2) \quad \|T(x,t)\|_Y = \alpha A(x,t) \quad \text{for } a \leq t \leq x,$$

where α is independent of x and t .

Then the integral equation (1) has a unique solution in the space of Y -valued, bounded and strongly measurable functions in $x \geq a$. Moreover, we have an estimation

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

where $\beta(x) = \sup_{a \leq t \leq x} B(t)$, and where $\|b(x)\|_Y \leq B(x)$.

2. In [3] the case $Y = W_\varphi^k(E)$ Orlicz-Sobolev space were considered, where E denoted a bounded open subset of R^n and where φ denoted a convex, nondecreasing real function, φ^* the function complementary to φ in the sense of Young and $W_\varphi^k(E)$ the space of measurable functions with generalized derivatives $D^\beta u \in L^\varphi(E)$ for $|\beta| \leq k$, and $L^\varphi(E)$ is an Orlicz space. In [3] there was given an estimation for the norm of an integral operator T of the form $v = Tu$, where $v_\sigma = \int_E T_{\sigma, \tau} u_\tau d\tau$, in case of function u from the Orlicz-Sobolev space $W_\varphi^k(E)$ over an open subset τ of R^n of finite measure. Writing $T = T(x, t)$ with fixed $x, t \in E$, this estimation was of the form $\|T\|_{\mathcal{U}} \leq \alpha A$, where \mathcal{U} is the space of linear, continuous operators in $W_\varphi^k(E)$,

$$\|T\|_{\mathcal{U}} = \sup_{\|u\|_{\mathcal{U}} \leq 1} \|Tu\|_{\mathcal{U}} \quad \text{with}$$

$$\|u\|_{\mathcal{U}} = \sum_{|\beta| \leq k} \|D^\beta u\|_{\mathcal{U}}; \quad \mathcal{U}(u) = \int_E \varphi(|u_\tau|) d\tau,$$

and $T_{\sigma, \tau}$ satisfy the following conditions:

- 1° $D_\sigma^\beta(T_{\sigma, \tau})$ exist in the usual sense for $\sigma, \tau \in E$, $\beta \leq k$ and are continuous functions of the variable $\tilde{\sigma} \in E$ uniformly with respect to $\tau \in E$
- 2° $D_\sigma^\beta(T_{\sigma, \tau}) \in L^{\varphi^*}(E)$ as a function of variable $\tau \in E$ for every $\sigma \in E$, $|\beta| \leq k$
- 3° $|D_\sigma^\beta(T_{\sigma, \tau})| \leq A_\beta$ for $\sigma, \tau \in E$, $|\beta| \leq k$.
- 4° $A = \sum_{|\beta| \leq k} A_\beta$

3. Here we are going to extend this result to the case of an open set $E \subset R^n$ of arbitrary measure possibly also infinite. The assumptions 1° and 3° will be now replaced by the following ones:

- 1° 1° holds in every set of finite measure $E_1 \subset E$
- 3° $|D_\sigma^\beta(T_{\sigma, \tau})| \leq e_\beta(\sigma) \varepsilon_\beta(\tau) \cdot A_\beta$ for $|\beta| \leq k$ where $0 < e_\beta(\sigma) \leq 1$ in E and $0 < \varepsilon_\beta(\tau) \in L^{\varphi^*}$ for $|\beta| \leq k$, being complementary to φ in the sense of Young.

Let us write $M = \text{Max } \|\mathcal{C}_\beta\|_{\tilde{\mathcal{G}}^*}$, $A = \max_{|\beta| \leq k} A_\beta$, where

$$\tilde{\mathcal{G}}^*(u) = \int_E \varphi^*(|u_\tau|) d\tau.$$

First, let us observe that the following lemma holds.

Lemma. Let φ satisfy the condition

$$(\Delta_2) \quad \varphi(2u) \leq K\varphi(u) \text{ for } u \geq 0.$$

Assuming $T_{\sigma, \tau}$ satisfies the assumptions 1°, 2° and 3°, there holds

$$(*) \quad D_\sigma^\beta \left(\int_E T_{\sigma, \tau} u_\tau d\tau \right) = \int_E D_\sigma^\beta (T_{\sigma, \tau}) u_\tau d\tau \text{ for every } u \in L^{\tilde{\mathcal{G}}}(E).$$

Proof. Existence of the integral at the right-hand side of (*) follows from the inequality

$$\int_E |D_\sigma^\beta (T_{\sigma, \tau}) u_\tau| d\tau \leq \|D_\sigma^\beta (T_{\sigma, \cdot})\|_{\tilde{\mathcal{G}}^*} \|u\|_{\tilde{\mathcal{G}}},$$

where $\|\cdot\|_{\tilde{\mathcal{G}}}$ is the Orlicz norm in $L^{\tilde{\mathcal{G}}}(E)$ and

$\tilde{\mathcal{G}}(u) = \int_E \varphi(|u_\tau|) d\tau$ is the modular defining the Orlicz space

$L^{\tilde{\mathcal{G}}}(E)$, $\tilde{\mathcal{G}}^*$ is the modular defined as above, where φ^* is the complementary function to φ in the sense of Young.

Obviously, (*) is true for $\beta = (0, 0, \dots, 0)$. Now let us suppose that (*) holds for $|\beta| \leq 1$ if $0 \leq 1 < k$. Let $|\beta| \leq 1$,

$$\beta = (\beta_1, \dots, \beta_i, \dots, \beta_n), \quad \beta' = (\beta_1, \dots, \beta_i + 1, \dots, \beta_n),$$

$\bar{h} = (0, \dots, h, \dots, 0)$ with $h > 0$ at the i -th place. Let

$\varepsilon > 0$ be given. There exists a $\delta > 0$ such that

$$|D^{\beta'}(T_{\sigma + \bar{h}, \tau}) - D^{\beta'}(T_{\sigma, \tau})| < \varepsilon \text{ for } |h| < \delta \text{ and all } \sigma \text{ such}$$

that $\sigma, \sigma + \bar{h} \in E$.

Let us write

$$\Delta_h = \frac{1}{h} \int_E [D_\sigma^\beta (T_{\sigma + \bar{h}, \tau}) - D_\sigma^\beta (T_{\sigma, \tau}) - D_\sigma^{\beta'} (T_{\sigma, \tau}) h] u_\tau d\tau$$

where β, β', \bar{h} are defined as above, $0 < |\beta| \leq 1 < k$.

Applying the mean-value theorem, we get

$$|\Delta_h| = \int_E |D_\sigma^{\beta'} (T_{\sigma + \nu \bar{h}, \tau}) - D_\sigma^{\beta'} (T_{\sigma, \tau})| |u_\tau| d\tau \text{ with } 0 < \nu < 1.$$

We split now the last integral over E into integrals I_1

and I_2 over disjoint sets E_1 and E_2 such that $E = E_1 \cup E_2$

and E_1 is of finite measure obtain $|\Delta_h| \leq I_1 + I_2$. It

is easily seen that

$$I_2 \leq \int_{E_2} |D_{\sigma'}^{\beta'}(T_{\sigma+h\bar{h}, \tau})| |u_{\tau}| d\tau + \int_E |D_{\sigma'}^{\beta'}(T_{\sigma, \tau})| |u_{\tau}| d\tau \leq$$

$$\leq (\|D_{\sigma'}^{\beta'}(T_{\sigma+h\bar{h}, \cdot})\|_{\tilde{y}^*} + \|D_{\sigma'}^{\beta'}(T_{\sigma, \cdot})\|_{\tilde{y}^*}) \|u\|_{E_2} \chi_{E_2}^c \|\tilde{y}\|_{\tilde{y}^*},$$

where χ_{E_2} is the characteristic function of the set E_2 . But by assumption 3', where we have $0 < \varepsilon_{\rho}(\sigma) \leq 1$ in E ,

$$\|D_{\sigma'}^{\beta'}(T_{\sigma, \cdot})\|_{\tilde{y}^*} \leq \|\varepsilon_{\rho}\|_{\tilde{y}^*} A_{\rho'}; \|D_{\sigma'}^{\beta'}(T_{\sigma+h\bar{h}, \cdot})\|_{\tilde{y}^*} \leq \|\varepsilon_{\rho'}\|_{\tilde{y}^*} A_{\rho'}.$$

Hence

$$I_2 \leq 2A_{\rho'} \|\varepsilon_{\rho'}\|_{\tilde{y}^*} \|u\|_{E_2} \chi_{E_2} \|\tilde{y}\|_{\tilde{y}^*} \leq 2AM \|u\|_{E_2} \chi_{E_2} \|\tilde{y}\|_{\tilde{y}^*} \leq 4AM \|u\|_{E_2} \|\tilde{y}\|_{\tilde{y}^*}.$$

Let $\varepsilon > 0$ be given and let us take $\eta = \frac{\varepsilon}{8AM}$. Since $u \in L^{\varphi}(E)$ and φ satisfies (Δ_2) for $u \geq 0$, so

$$\int_E \varphi\left(\frac{1}{\eta} |u_{\tau}|\right) d\tau < +\infty.$$

But we have $E = E_1 \cup E_2$, where the set $E_1 \subset E$ is of finite measure and therefore writing $E_2 = E \setminus E_1$ we see easily that

$$\int_{E_2} \varphi\left(\frac{1}{\eta} |u_{\tau}|\right) d\tau < 1$$

and consequently $\|u\|_{E_2} \|\tilde{y}\|_{\tilde{y}^*} < \eta$. Thus $I_2 < \frac{1}{2} \varepsilon$. Now keeping E_1 fixed from the assumption 1' we conclude that there exists a $\delta > 0$ such that

$$|D_{\sigma'}^{\beta'}(T_{\sigma+h\bar{h}, \tau}) - D_{\sigma'}^{\beta'}(T_{\sigma, \tau})| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2\|\chi_{E_1}\|_{\tilde{y}^*} \|u\|_{\tilde{y}^*}}$$

for $\tau \in E_1$ and $|h| < \delta$, where $\sigma, \sigma+h\bar{h} \in E_1^1$. Hence

$$I_1 \leq \|D_{\sigma'}^{\beta'}(T_{\sigma+h\bar{h}, \cdot}) - D_{\sigma'}^{\beta'}(T_{\sigma, \cdot})\| \|\chi_{E_1}\|_{\tilde{y}^*} \|u\|_{\tilde{y}^*} \leq$$

$$\leq \frac{\varepsilon}{2\|\chi_{E_1}\|_{\tilde{y}^*} \|u\|_{\tilde{y}^*}} \|1\|_{\tilde{y}^*} \|u\|_{\tilde{y}^*} = \frac{1}{2} \varepsilon \text{ for } |h| < \delta.$$

Consequently, $|\Delta_h| < \varepsilon$ for $|h| < \delta$. This proves the lemma.

Theorem. Let us suppose that $T_{\sigma, \tau}$ satisfies the assumptions 1', 2°, 3' and 4° with $0 < \varepsilon_{\rho}(\tau) < 1$. Additionally, let the functions $e_{\rho}(\sigma)$ and $\varepsilon_{\rho}(\tau)$ from 3' be integrable over E and $0 < \varepsilon_{\rho}(\tau) \leq 1$ for $\tau \in E$. Then $\|T\|_{\tilde{y}}^{\wedge} \leq \alpha \wedge$ with $\alpha = C'$, where

$$C' = \max_{|\phi| \leq K} \left\{ \max \left(\int_E \phi \circ \rho(\sigma) d\sigma, \int_E \xi_\rho(\tau) d\tau \right) \right\}.$$

Proof. Let $\nu(\Lambda) = \int_\Lambda \xi(\tau) d\tau$, $\lambda(\Lambda) = \int_\Lambda \phi(\sigma) d\sigma$ for measurable $\Lambda \subset E$. Then we have with $0 < \xi_\rho(\tau) < 1$

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\xi}(D^\rho \nu) &= \int_E \varphi(|D_\sigma^\rho \nu_\sigma|) d\sigma = \int_E \varphi \left[D_\sigma^\rho \left(\int_E \tau_{\sigma, \tau} u_\tau d\tau \right) \right] d\sigma = \\ &= \int_E \varphi \left[\int_E D_\sigma^\rho(\tau_{\sigma, \tau}) u_\tau d\tau \right] d\sigma \leq \int_E \varphi \left[\int_E \phi(\sigma) \xi_\rho(\tau) \lambda_\rho u_\tau \right] d\sigma \leq \\ &\leq \int_E \phi(\sigma) d\sigma \cdot \varphi \left(\lambda_\rho \int_E u_\tau \xi_\rho(\tau) d\tau \right) = \lambda(E) \varphi \left(\lambda_\rho \int_E u_\tau \nu(d\tau) \right) = \\ &= \lambda(E) \varphi \left(\frac{1}{\nu(E)} \int_E \lambda_\rho \nu(E) u_\tau \cdot \nu(d\tau) \right) \leq \lambda(E) \frac{1}{\nu(E)} \int_E \varphi(\lambda_\rho \nu(E) u_\tau) \nu(d\tau). \end{aligned}$$

Then we obtain

$$\tilde{\xi}(D^\rho \nu) = \frac{\lambda(E)}{\nu(E)} \int_E \varphi(\lambda_\rho \nu(E) u_\tau) \nu(d\tau).$$

Let us consider two cases:

1) $0 < \lambda(E) \leq \nu(E)$

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\xi}(D^\rho \nu) &\leq \int_E \varphi(\lambda_\rho \nu(E) u_\tau) \nu(d\tau) = \int_E \xi(\tau) \varphi(\lambda_\rho \nu(E) u_\tau) d\tau \leq \\ &\leq \int_E \varphi(\lambda_\rho \nu(E) u_\tau) d\tau \end{aligned}$$

2) $\lambda(E) > \nu(E)$ that is $\Lambda = \frac{\lambda(E)}{\nu(E)} > 1$, then $\varphi(\Lambda w) \geq \Lambda \varphi(w)$.

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\xi}(D^\rho \nu) &\leq \Lambda \int_E \varphi(\lambda_\rho \nu(E) u_\tau) \nu(d\tau) \leq \\ &\leq \int_E \varphi \left(\frac{\lambda(E)}{\nu(E)} \lambda_\rho \nu(E) u_\tau \right) \nu(d\tau) = \int_E \varphi(\lambda(E) \lambda_\rho u_\tau) \nu(d\tau) = \\ &= \int_E \xi(\tau) \varphi(\lambda(E) \lambda_\rho u_\tau) d\tau \leq \int_E \varphi(\lambda(E) \lambda_\rho u_\tau) d\tau \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\xi}(h^\beta \nu) &\leq \int_E \varphi(\lambda_\rho \max(\lambda(E); \nu(E)) u_\tau) d\tau = \\ &= \int_E \varphi(C' \lambda_\rho u_\tau) d\tau = \tilde{\xi}(C' \lambda_\rho u) \end{aligned}$$

Consequently,

$$\|D^\beta v\|_{\tilde{S}} \leq \|C' A_\beta u\|_{\tilde{S}} = C' A_\beta \|u\|_{\tilde{S}}$$

$$\|T\|_{\hat{Y}} = \sup_{\|u\|_{\tilde{S}} \leq 1} \sum_{\beta} \|D^\beta v\|_{\tilde{S}} \leq \sup_{\|u\|_{\tilde{S}} \leq 1} \sum_{\beta} C' A_\beta \|u\|_{\tilde{S}} = C' \sum_{\beta} A_\beta \|u\|_{\tilde{S}} = C' A_0^A$$

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OSZACOWANIE ROZWIĄZANIA OPERATOROWEGO RÓWNANIA CAŁKOWEGO
VOLTERRY DLA FUNKCJI WEKTOROWYCH O WARTOŚCIACH
W PRZESTRZENIACH ORLICZA-SOBOLEWA Z DOWOLNĄ MIARĄ

Streszczenie

W artykule oszacowania rozwiązania równania

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

są przeniesione na przypadek funkcji wektorowych o wartościach w przestrzeni Orlicza-Sobolewa $W_{\varphi}^k(E)$, gdzie zbiór otwarty E może być dowolnej (również nieskończonej) miary .