

## ALMOST AUTOMORPHIC MILD SOLUTIONS OF HYPERBOLIC EVOLUTION EQUATIONS WITH STEPANOV-LIKE ALMOST AUTOMORPHIC FORCING TERM

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ABSTRACT. This article concerns the existence and uniqueness of almost automorphic solutions to the semilinear parabolic boundary differential equations

$$\begin{aligned}x'(t) &= A_m x(t) + f(t, x(t)), \quad t \in \mathbb{R}, \\Lx(t) &= \phi(t, x(t)), \quad t \in \mathbb{R},\end{aligned}$$

where  $A := A_m|_{\ker L}$  generates a hyperbolic analytic semigroup on a Banach space  $X$ , with Stepanov-like almost automorphic nonlinear term, defined on some extrapolated space  $X_{\alpha-1}$ , for  $0 < \alpha < 1$  and  $\phi$  takes values in the boundary space  $\partial X$ .

### 1. INTRODUCTION

In this article, we prove existence and uniqueness results of almost automorphic solutions to the following semilinear parabolic boundary differential equations, with Stepanov-like almost automorphic nonlinear term using the techniques initiated by Diagana and N'Guèrèkata in [4].

$$\begin{aligned}x'(t) &= A_m x(t) + h(t, x(t)), \quad t \in \mathbb{R}, \\Lx(t) &= \phi(t, x(t)), \quad t \in \mathbb{R},\end{aligned}\tag{1.1}$$

where the first equation stands in the complex Banach space  $X$ , called the state space and the second equation lies in a boundary space  $\partial X$ ;  $(A_m, D(A_m))$  is a densely defined linear operator on  $X$  and  $L : D(A_m) \rightarrow \partial X$  is a bounded linear operator.

Motivation for this paper come basically from the following three sources.

The first one is a nice paper by Boulite et al [1]. They have established the existence and uniqueness of almost automorphic solutions to the semilinear boundary differential equation (1.1) using extrapolation methods.

The second source of motivation is a recent paper by Baroun et al [2], where the authors have considered the same equation as (1.1) and proved the existence of almost periodic (almost automorphic) solutions, when the nonlinear term  $h$  is almost periodic (almost automorphic), whereas we prove the assertion by taking

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$h$  to be Stepanov-like almost automorphic function. The functions  $h$  and  $\phi$  are defined on some continuous interpolation space  $X_\beta$ ,  $0 \leq \beta < 1$ , with respect to the sectorial operator  $A := A_m|_{\ker L}$ .

To prove our results, we make use of the techniques initiated by Diagana and N'Guèrèkata [4], which is also our third source of motivation.

Likewise [1, 2] we solve the (1.1) by transforming the semilinear boundary differential equation (1.1) into an equivalent semilinear evolution equation,

$$x'(t) = A_{\alpha-1}x(t) + h(t, x(t)) + (\lambda - A_{\alpha-1})L_\lambda\phi(t, x(t)), \quad t \in \mathbb{R}, \quad (1.2)$$

where  $A_{\alpha-1}$   $0 \leq \beta < \alpha < 1$ , is the continuous extension of  $A := A_m|_{\ker L}$  to the extrapolated Banach space  $X_{\alpha-1}$  of  $X_\alpha$  with respect to  $A$  and the semilinear term  $h(t, x) + (\lambda - A_{\alpha-1})L_\lambda\phi(t, x) := f(t, x)$  is an  $X_{\alpha-1}$  valued function. As in [1, 2] we also assume Greiner's assumption introduced by Greiner [8], which is stated in Section 4. Under Greiner's assumption on  $L$ , the operator  $L_\lambda := (L|_{\ker(\lambda - A_m)})^{-1}$ , called the Drichilet map of  $A_m$ , is a bounded linear map from  $\partial X$  to  $X$ , where  $X_{\alpha-1}$  is a larger Banach space than  $X$ . The extrapolation theory was introduced by Da Prato, Grisvard [3] and Nagel [7] and is used for various purposes. One can see Section 2 for the mentioned notion (cf. [7, 11] for more details).

These days people have increasing interest in showing almost automorphy of the solutions of the functional differential equations see for e.g. [1, 2, 4, 6, 9, 10, 13]. We refer [9], for the more details on the topic.

Our results generalize the existing ones in [1], in the sense that the function  $h$  is assumed to be Stepanov-like almost automorphic functions.

## 2. PRELIMINARIES

In this section, we begin with fixing some notation and recalling the definitions and basic results on generators of interpolation and extrapolation spaces. Let  $X$  be a complex Banach space and  $(A, D(A))$  be a sectorial operator on  $X$ ; that is, there exist the constants  $\omega \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\phi \in (\frac{\pi}{2}, \pi)$  and  $M > 0$  such that

$$\|R(\lambda, A - \omega)\|_{\mathcal{L}(X)} \leq \frac{M}{|\lambda - \omega|}, \quad \forall \lambda \in \Sigma_{\omega, \phi},$$

$$\text{where } \Sigma_{\omega, \phi} := \{\lambda \in \mathbb{C} : \lambda \neq \omega, |\arg(\lambda - \omega)| \leq \phi\} \subset \rho(A).$$

The real *interpolation space*  $X_\alpha$  for  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ , is a Banach space endowed with the norm,

$$\|x\|_\alpha := \sup_{\lambda > 0} \|\lambda^\alpha (A - \omega)R(\lambda, A - \omega)x\|. \quad (2.1)$$

Here we denote by,  $X_0 := X$ ,  $X_1 := D(A)$ ,  $\|x\|_0 = \|x\|$ , and  $\|x\|_1 = \|(A - \omega)x\|$ . The *extrapolation space*  $X_{-1}$  associated with  $A$ , is defined to be the completion of  $(\widehat{X}, \|\cdot\|_{-1})$ , where  $\widehat{X} := \overline{D(A)}$ , endowed with the norm  $\|\cdot\|_{-1}$  given by

$$\|x\|_{-1} := \|(\omega - A)^{-1}x\|, \quad x \in X.$$

In a similar fashion, we can define the space  $X_{\alpha-1} := (X_{-1})_\alpha = \overline{\widehat{X}}^{\|\cdot\|_{\alpha-1}}$ , with  $\|x\|_{\alpha-1} = \sup_{\lambda > 0} \|\lambda^\alpha R(\lambda, A_{-1} - \omega)x\|$ . The restriction  $A_{\alpha-1} : X_\alpha \rightarrow X_{\alpha-1}$  of  $A_{-1}$  generates the analytic semigroup  $(T_{\alpha-1}(t))_{t \geq 0}$  on  $X_{\alpha-1}$  which is the extension of  $T(t)$  to  $X_{\alpha-1}$ . Observe that  $\omega - A_{\alpha-1} : X_\alpha \rightarrow X_{\alpha-1}$  is an isometric isomorphism.

We have the following continuous embedding of the spaces, which will be frequently used here.

$$\begin{aligned} D(A) &\hookrightarrow X_\beta \hookrightarrow D((\omega - A)^\alpha) \hookrightarrow X_\alpha \hookrightarrow X, \\ X &\hookrightarrow X_{\beta-1} \hookrightarrow D((\omega - A_{-1})^\alpha) \hookrightarrow X_{\alpha-1} \hookrightarrow X_{-1}, \end{aligned}$$

for all  $0 < \alpha < \beta < 1$ .

Now we state certain propositions for the proofs of which one can see [2].

**Proposition 2.1.** *Assume that  $0 < \alpha \leq 1$  and  $0 \leq \beta \leq 1$ . Then the following assertions hold for  $0 < t \leq t_0$ ,  $t_0 > 0$  and  $\tilde{\epsilon} > 0$  such that  $0 < \alpha - \tilde{\epsilon} < 1$  with constants possibly depending on  $t_0$ .*

- (i) *The operator  $T(t)$  has continuous extensions  $T_{\alpha-1}(t) : X_{\alpha-1} \rightarrow X$  satisfying*

$$\|T_{\alpha-1}(t)\|_{\mathcal{L}(X_{\alpha-1}, X)} \leq ct^{\alpha-1-\tilde{\epsilon}}, \tag{2.2}$$

- (ii) *For  $x \in X_{\alpha-1}$  we have*

$$\|T_{\alpha-1}(t)\|_\beta \leq ct^{\alpha-\beta-1-\tilde{\epsilon}}\|x\|_{\alpha-1}. \tag{2.3}$$

**Remark 2.2.** We can remove  $\tilde{\epsilon}$  in Proposition 2.1 by extending  $T(t)$  to operators from  $D(\omega - A_{-1})^{\alpha \pm \tilde{\epsilon}}$  to  $X$ , with norms bounded by  $t^{\alpha-1 \pm \tilde{\epsilon}}$ , where  $0 < \alpha \pm \tilde{\epsilon} < 1$ , and therefore by employing the reiteration theorem and the interpolation property, the inequality in the assertion (i) can be obtained without  $\tilde{\epsilon}$ . For a more general situation see [12].

**Definition 2.3.** An analytic semigroup  $(T(t))_{t \geq 0}$  is said to be hyperbolic if it satisfies the following three conditions.

- (i) there exist two subspaces  $X_s$  (the stable space) and  $X_u$  (the unstable space) of  $X$  such that  $X = X_s \oplus X_u$ ;
- (ii)  $T(t)$  is defined on  $X_u$ ,  $T(t)X_u \subset X_u$ , and  $T(t)X_s \subset X_s$  for all  $t \geq 0$ ;
- (iii) there exist constants  $M, \delta > 0$  such that

$$\|T(t)P_s\| \leq Me^{-\delta t}, \quad t \geq 0, \quad \|T(t)P_u\| \leq Me^{\delta t}, \quad t \leq 0, \tag{2.4}$$

where  $P_s$  and  $P_u$  are the projections onto  $X_s$  and  $X_u$ , respectively.

Recall that an analytic semigroup  $(T(t))_{t \geq 0}$  is hyperbolic if and only if  $\sigma(A) \cap i\mathbb{R} = \emptyset$ , (cf. [7, Prop. 1.15]). In the next proposition, we show the hyperbolicity of the extrapolated semigroup  $(T_{\alpha-1}(t))_{t \geq 0}$ . Before stating the proposition, we assume that the part of  $A$ ,  $A|_{P_u} : P_u(X) \rightarrow P_u(X)$  is bounded, which implies

$$\|AP_u\| \leq C,$$

where  $C$  is some constant.

**Proposition 2.4.** *Let  $T(\cdot)$  be hyperbolic and  $0 < \alpha \leq 1$ . Then the operators  $P_s$  and  $P_u$  admit continuous extensions  $P_{u,\alpha-1} : X_{\alpha-1} \rightarrow X$  and  $P_{s,\alpha-1} : X_{\alpha-1} \rightarrow X_{\alpha-1}$  respectively. Moreover we have the following assertions.*

- (i)  $P_{u,\alpha-1}X_{\alpha-1} = P_uX$ ;
- (ii)  $T_{\alpha-1}(t)P_{s,\alpha-1} = P_{s,\alpha-1}T_{\alpha-1}(t)$ ;
- (iii)  $T_{\alpha-1}(t) : P_{u,\alpha-1}(X_{\alpha-1}) \rightarrow P_{u,\alpha-1}(X_{\alpha-1})$  is an invertible function with inverse  $T_{\alpha-1}(-t)$ ;

(iv) for  $0 < \alpha - \tilde{\epsilon} < 1$ , we have

$$\|T_{\alpha-1}(t)P_{s,\alpha-1}x\| \leq mt^{\alpha-1-\tilde{\epsilon}}e^{-\gamma t}\|x\|_{\alpha-1} \quad \text{for } x \in X_{\alpha-1} \text{ and } t \geq 0, \quad (2.5)$$

$$\|T_{\alpha-1}(t)P_{u,\alpha-1}x\| \leq Ce^{\delta t}\|x\|_{\alpha-1} \quad \text{for } x \in X_{\alpha-1} \text{ and } t \leq 0, \quad (2.6)$$

**Proposition 2.5.** For  $x \in X_{\alpha-1}$  and  $0 \leq \beta \leq 1$ ,  $0 < \alpha < 1$ , we have the following assertions.

(i) there is a constant  $c(\alpha, \beta)$ , such that

$$\|T_{\alpha-1}(t)P_{u,\alpha-1}x\|_{\beta} \leq c(\alpha, \beta)e^{\delta t}\|x\|_{\alpha-1} \quad \text{for } t \leq 0, \quad (2.7)$$

(ii) there is a constant  $m(\alpha, \beta)$ , such that for  $t \geq 0$  and  $0 < \alpha - \tilde{\epsilon} < 1$ .

$$\|T_{\alpha-1}(t)P_{s,\alpha-1}x\|_{\beta} \leq m(\alpha, \beta)e^{-\gamma t}t^{\alpha-\beta-\tilde{\epsilon}-1}\|x\|_{\alpha-1}. \quad (2.8)$$

**Definition 2.6.** A continuous function  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow X$ , is called almost automorphic, if for every sequence  $(\sigma_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  of real numbers, there is a subsequence  $(s_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subset (\sigma_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  such that

$$\lim_{n,m \rightarrow \infty} f(t + s_n - s_m) = f(t), \quad \text{for each } t \in \mathbb{R}.$$

This is equivalent to

$$g(t) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(t + s_n), \quad \text{and} \quad f(t) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} g(t - s_n),$$

are well defined for each  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ . The function  $g$  in the above definition measurable but not necessarily continuous.

**Remark 2.7.** An almost automorphic function is continuous but may not be uniformly continuous, for e.g. let  $p(t) = 2 + \cos(t) + \cos(\sqrt{2}t)$  and  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined as  $f := \sin(1/p)$ , then  $f \in AA(X)$ , but  $f$  is not uniformly continuous on  $\mathbb{R}$ , so  $f \notin AP(X)$ .

**Lemma 2.8.** We have the following properties of almost automorphic functions:

- (a) For  $f \in AA(X)$ , the range  $\mathcal{R}_f := \{f(t) : t \in \mathbb{R}\}$  is precompact in  $X$ , so that  $f$  is bounded.
- (b) For  $f, g \in AA(X)$  then  $f + g \in AA(X)$ .
- (c) Assume that  $f_n \in AA(X)$  and  $f_n \rightarrow g$  uniformly on  $\mathbb{R}$ , then  $g \in AA(X)$ .
- (d)  $AA(X)$ , equipped with the sup norm given by

$$\|f\| = \sup_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \|f(t)\|, \quad (2.9)$$

turns out to be a Banach space.

### 2.1. $S^p$ -Almost automorphy.

**Definition 2.9.** [14] The Bochner transform  $f^b(t, s)$ ,  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $s \in [0, 1]$  of a function  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow X$  is defined by  $f^b(t, s) := f(t + s)$ .

**Definition 2.10.** The Bochner transform  $f^b(t, s, u)$ ,  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $s \in [0, 1]$ ,  $u \in X$  of a function  $f(t, u)$  on  $\mathbb{R} \times X$ , with values in  $X$ , is defined by

$$f^b(t, s, u) := f(t + s, u)$$

for each  $x \in X$ .

**Definition 2.11.** For  $p \in (1, \infty)$ , the space  $BS^p(X)$  of all Stepanov bounded functions, with the exponent  $p$ , consists of all measurable functions  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow X$  such that  $f^b$  belongs to  $L^\infty(\mathbb{R}; L^p((0, 1), X))$ . This is a Banach space with the norm

$$\|f\|_{S^p} := \|f^b\|_{L^\infty(\mathbb{R}, L^p)} = \sup_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \left( \int_t^{t+1} \|f(\tau)\|^p d\tau \right)^{1/p}. \quad (2.10)$$

**Definition 2.12.** [13] The space  $AS^p(X)$  of Stepanov almost automorphic functions (or  $S^p$ -almost automorphic) consists of all  $f \in BS^p(X)$  such that  $f^b \in AA(L^p(0, 1; X))$ . That is, a function  $f \in L^p_{\text{loc}}(\mathbb{R}, X)$  is said to be  $S^p$ -almost automorphic if its Bochner transform  $f^b : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow L^p(0, 1; X)$  is almost automorphic in the sense that, for every sequence  $(s'_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  of real numbers, there exists a subsequence  $(s_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  and a function  $g \in L^p_{\text{loc}}(\mathbb{R}, X)$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} \left[ \int_t^{t+1} \|f(s_n + s) - g(s)\|^p ds \right]^{1/p} &\rightarrow 0, \\ \left[ \int_t^{t+1} \|g(s - s_n) - f(s)\|^p ds \right]^{1/p} &\rightarrow 0, \end{aligned}$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  pointwise on  $\mathbb{R}$ .

**Remark 2.13.**  $AS^p(X_{\alpha-1})$  is the extrapolated space of  $AS^p(X_\alpha)$  equipped with norm  $\|\cdot\|_{S^p_{\alpha-1}}$ , given by

$$\|f\|_{S^p_{\alpha-1}} := \sup_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \left( \int_t^{t+1} \|f(\tau)\|_{\alpha-1}^p d\tau \right)^{1/p}.$$

**Remark 2.14.** It is clear that if  $1 \leq p < q < \infty$  and  $f \in L^q_{\text{loc}}(\mathbb{R}; X)$  is  $S^q$ -almost automorphic, then  $f$  is  $S^p$ -almost automorphic. Also if  $f \in AA(X)$ , then  $f$  is  $S^p$ -almost automorphic for any  $1 \leq p < \infty$ .

Let  $(Y, \|\cdot\|_Y)$  be an abstract Banach space.

**Definition 2.15.** A function  $F : \mathbb{R} \times Y \rightarrow X$ ,  $(t, u) \mapsto F(t, u)$  with  $F(\cdot, u) \in L^p_{\text{loc}}(\mathbb{R}; X)$  for each  $u \in Y$ , is said to be  $S^p$ -almost automorphic in  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  uniformly in  $u \in Y$  if  $t \mapsto F(t, u)$  is  $S^p$ -almost automorphic for each  $u \in Y$ , that is for every sequence of real numbers  $(s'_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ , there exists a subsequence  $(s_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  and a function  $G(\cdot, u) \in L^p_{\text{loc}}(\mathbb{R}, X)$  such that following statements hold

$$\begin{aligned} \left[ \int_t^{t+1} \|F(s_n + s) - G(s)\|^p ds \right]^{1/p} &\rightarrow 0, \\ \left[ \int_t^{t+1} \|G(s - s_n) - F(s)\|^p ds \right]^{1/p} &\rightarrow 0, \end{aligned}$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  pointwise on  $\mathbb{R}$  for each  $u \in Y$ .

The collection of all  $S^p$ -almost automorphic functions from  $f : \mathbb{R} \times Y \mapsto X$  will be denoted by  $AS^p(\mathbb{R} \times Y)$ . Now we have the following composition theorem due to Diagana [6].

**Theorem 2.16.** [6] Assume that  $\phi \in AS^p(Y)$  such that  $K := \overline{\{\phi(t) : t \in \mathbb{R}\}} \subset Y$  is a relatively compact subset of  $X$ . Let  $F \in AS^p(\mathbb{R} \times Y)$  and let the function  $(t, u) \mapsto F(t, u)$  be Lipschitz continuous that is there exists a constant  $L > 0$  such that

$$\|F(t, u) - F(t, v)\| \leq L\|u - v\|_Y,$$

for all  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $(u, v) \in Y \times Y$ . Then the function  $\Gamma : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow X$  defined by  $\Gamma(\cdot) := F(\cdot, \phi(\cdot))$  belongs to  $AS^p(X)$ .

### 3. MAIN RESULTS

In this section we discuss the existence and uniqueness of almost automorphic solutions of the following semilinear evolution equation,

$$x'(t) = A_{\alpha-1}x(t) + f(t, x(t)), \quad t \in \mathbb{R}, \quad (3.1)$$

with the following assumptions;

- (A1)  $A$  is the sectorial operator and the generator of a hyperbolic analytic semigroup  $(T(t))_{t \geq 0}$ .
- (A2)  $f : \mathbb{R} \times X_\beta \rightarrow X_{\alpha-1}$ , is Stepanov-like almost automorphic in  $t$ , for each  $x \in X_\beta$ .
- (A3)  $f$  is uniformly Lipschitz with respect to the second argument, that is

$$\|f(t, x) - f(t, y)\|_{\alpha-1} \leq k\|x - y\|_\beta, \quad (3.2)$$

for all  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $x, y \in X_\beta$ , and some constant  $k > 0$ .

**Definition 3.1.** A continuous function  $x : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow X_\beta$ , is said to be a mild solution of (3.1), if it satisfies following variation of constants formula

$$x(t) = T(t-s)x(s) + \int_s^t T_{\alpha-1}(t-\sigma)f(\sigma, x(\sigma))d\sigma \quad (3.3)$$

for all  $t \geq s$ ,  $t, s \in \mathbb{R}$ .

**Definition 3.2.** A function  $u : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow X_\beta$ , is said to be a bounded solution of (3.1) provided that

$$u(t) = \int_{-\infty}^t T_{\alpha-1}(t-\sigma)P_{s, \alpha-1}f(\sigma, u(\sigma))d\sigma - \int_t^\infty T_{\alpha-1}(t-\sigma)P_{u, \alpha-1}f(\sigma, u(\sigma))d\sigma, \quad (3.4)$$

$t \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Throughout the rest of this paper, we assume  $\mathcal{H}u(t) := H_1u(t) + H_2u(t)$ , where

$$\begin{aligned} H_1u(t) &:= \int_{-\infty}^t T_{\alpha-1}(t-\sigma)P_{s, \alpha-1}f(\sigma, u(\sigma))d\sigma, \\ H_2u(t) &:= \int_t^\infty T_{\alpha-1}(t-\sigma)P_{u, \alpha-1}f(\sigma, u(\sigma))d\sigma, \end{aligned}$$

for all  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ .

**Lemma 3.3.** Assume that assumptions (A1)–(A3) are satisfied. If

$$M(\alpha, \beta, q, \gamma) := \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ \int_{n-1}^n e^{-\gamma q \sigma} \sigma^{-q(\beta+1+\tilde{\epsilon}-\alpha)} d\sigma \right]^{1/q} < \infty, \quad (3.5)$$

then the operator  $\mathcal{H}$  maps  $AA(X_\beta) \mapsto AA(X_\beta)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $u$  be in  $AA(X_\beta)$ . Then  $u \in AS^p(X_\beta)$  and by Lemma 2.8 the set  $\{u(t) : t \in \mathbb{R}\}$  is compact in  $X_\beta$ . Since  $f$  is Lipschitz, then it follows from Theorem 2.16 (also see [5, Theorem 2.21]) that the function  $\phi(t) := f(t, u(t))$  belongs to  $AS^p(X_\beta)$ . Now we show that  $\mathcal{H}u \in AA(X_\beta)$ .

For that we first define a sequence of integral operators  $\{\phi_n\}$  as follows

$$\phi_n(t) := \int_{n-1}^n T_{\alpha-1}(t-\sigma)P_{s,\alpha-1}g(\sigma)d\sigma, \quad t \in \mathbb{R} \quad \text{and} \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots \quad (3.6)$$

Putting  $r = t - \sigma$ ,

$$\phi_n(t) := \int_{t-n}^{t-n+1} T_{\alpha-1}(r)P_{s,\alpha-1}g(t-r)dr. \quad (3.7)$$

Let  $0 < \tilde{\epsilon} + \beta < \alpha$ ,  $0 < \alpha - \tilde{\epsilon} < 1$  and using Proposition 2.5 we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|\phi_n(t)\|_{\beta} &\leq \int_{t-n}^{t-n+1} m(\alpha, \beta)r^{\alpha-1-\beta-\tilde{\epsilon}}e^{-\gamma r}\|g(t-r)\|_{S_{\alpha-1}^p}dr \\ &\text{now, } r \rightarrow (t-r), \\ &\leq \int_{n-1}^n m(\alpha, \beta)(t-r)^{\alpha-1-\beta-\tilde{\epsilon}}e^{-\gamma(t-r)}\|g(r)\|_{S_{\alpha-1}^p}dr, \\ &\leq \int_{n-1}^n m(\alpha, \beta)\sigma^{\alpha-\beta-1-\tilde{\epsilon}}e^{-\gamma\sigma}\|g\|_{S_{\alpha-1}^p}d\sigma, \\ &\leq q(\alpha, \beta)\left[\int_{n-1}^n e^{-\gamma q\sigma}\sigma^{q(\alpha-\beta-1-\tilde{\epsilon})}d\sigma\right]^{1/q}\|g\|_{S_{\alpha-1}^p}. \end{aligned}$$

By Weierstrass theorem and (3.5), it follows that the series

$$\Phi(t) := \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \phi_n(t)$$

is uniformly convergent on  $\mathbb{R}$ . Moreover  $\Phi \in C(\mathbb{R}, X_{\beta})$ ;

$$\|\Phi(t)\|_{\beta} \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \|\phi_n(t)\|_{\beta} \leq q(\alpha, \beta)M(\alpha, \beta, q, \gamma)\|\phi\|_{S_{\alpha-1}^p}. \quad (3.8)$$

We show that for all  $n = 1, 2, 3$ ,  $\phi_n \in AA(X_{\beta})$ . Since  $g \in AS^p(X_{\alpha-1})$ , which implies that for every sequence  $(s'_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  of real numbers, there exist a subsequence  $(s_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  and a function  $g'$  such that

$$\int_t^{t+1} \|g(\sigma + s_n) - g'(\sigma)\|_{\alpha-1}^p d\sigma \rightarrow 0. \quad (3.9)$$

Let us define another sequence of integral operators

$$\widehat{\phi}_n(t) = \int_{n-1}^n T_{\alpha-1}(t-\sigma)P_{s,\alpha-1}g'(\sigma)d\sigma \quad \text{for } n = 1, 2, 3, \dots \quad (3.10)$$

Now we show for  $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$  that  $\widehat{\phi}_n \in AA(X_{\beta})$ . Since  $g \in AS^p(X_{\alpha-1})$ , for every sequence  $(s'_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  of real numbers, there exists a subsequence  $(s_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  and a function  $g'$  such that

$$\int_t^{t+1} \|g(\sigma + s_n) - g'(\sigma)\|_{\alpha-1}^p d\sigma \rightarrow 0. \quad (3.11)$$

Define for all  $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$  another sequence of integral operators

$$\widehat{\phi}_n(t) = \int_{n-1}^n T_{\alpha-1}(t-\sigma)P_{s,\alpha-1}g'(\sigma)d\sigma, \quad (3.12)$$

for all  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ . Consider

$$\phi_n(t + s_{n_k}) - \widehat{\phi}_n(t)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \int_{n-1}^n T_{\alpha-1}(t + s_{n_k} - \sigma) P_{s, \alpha-1} g(\sigma) d\sigma - \int_{n-1}^n T_{\alpha-1}(t - \sigma) P_{s, \alpha-1} g'(\sigma) d\sigma, \\
&= \int_{n-1}^n T_{\alpha-1}(t - \sigma) P_{s, \alpha-1} g(\sigma + s_{n_k}) d\sigma - \int_{n-1}^n T_{\alpha-1}(t - \sigma) P_{s, \alpha-1} g'(\sigma) d\sigma, \\
&= \int_{n-1}^n T_{\alpha-1}(t - \sigma) P_{s, \alpha-1} [g(\sigma + s_{n_k}) - g'(\sigma)] d\sigma.
\end{aligned}$$

Using Proposition 2.5, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
&\|\phi_n(t + s_{n_k}) - \widehat{\phi}_n(t)\|_{\beta} \\
&\leq \int_{n-1}^n m(\alpha, \beta) e^{-\gamma(t-\sigma)} (t - \sigma)^{-(\beta-\alpha+\tilde{\epsilon}+1)} \|g(\sigma + s_{n_k}) - g'(\sigma)\|_{S_{\alpha-1}^p} d\sigma \\
&\rightarrow 0, \quad \text{as } k \rightarrow \infty, t \in \mathbb{R}, \quad (\text{since } g \in AS^p(X_{\alpha-1})).
\end{aligned}$$

This implies that  $\widehat{\phi}_n(t) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \phi_n(t + s_{n_k})$ ,  $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$  and  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ .

In a similar way, one can show that  $\phi_n(t) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \widehat{\phi}_n(t - s_{n_k})$ , for all  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ . Therefore for each  $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ , the sequence  $\phi_n \in AA(X_{\beta})$ .  $\square$

Now we state the main result of this Section.

**Theorem 3.4.** *Let  $0 \leq \beta < \alpha$ ,  $\tilde{\epsilon} > 0$  such that  $0 < \alpha - \tilde{\epsilon} < 1$  and  $0 < \beta + \tilde{\epsilon} < \alpha$ , moreover assume that the constant*

$$K := k.m(\alpha, \beta)\gamma^{\beta-\alpha+\tilde{\epsilon}}\Gamma(\alpha - \beta - \tilde{\epsilon}) + c(\alpha, \beta)\delta^{-1} < 1$$

and equation (3.5) hold. Then under assumptions (A1)–(A3) and for  $f \in AS^p(\mathbb{R} \times X_{\beta}, X_{\alpha-1})$ , equation (3.1) has unique almost automorphic solution  $u \in AA(X_{\beta})$ , satisfying the following variation of constants formula.

$$u(t) = \int_{-\infty}^t T_{\alpha-1}(t - \sigma) P_{s, \alpha-1} f(\sigma, u(\sigma)) d\sigma - \int_t^{\infty} T_{\alpha-1}(t - \sigma) P_{u, \alpha-1} f(\sigma, u(\sigma)) d\sigma,$$

$t \in \mathbb{R}$ .

*Proof.* We first show that  $\mathcal{H}$  is a contraction. Let  $v, w \in AA(X_{\beta})$  and consider the following

$$\begin{aligned}
&\|H_1 v(t) - H_1 w(t)\|_{\beta} \\
&\leq \int_{-\infty}^t m(\alpha, \beta) (t - s)^{\alpha-\beta-1-\tilde{\epsilon}} e^{-\gamma(t-s)} \|f(s, v(s)) - f(s, w(s))\|_{\alpha-1} ds \\
&\leq \int_{-\infty}^t km(\alpha, \beta) (t - s)^{\alpha-\beta-1-\tilde{\epsilon}} e^{-\gamma(t-s)} \|v(s) - w(s)\|_{\beta} ds \\
&\leq k.m(\alpha, \beta)\gamma^{\beta-\alpha+\tilde{\epsilon}}\Gamma(\alpha - \beta - \tilde{\epsilon})\|v - w\|_{\beta},
\end{aligned}$$

where  $\Gamma(\alpha) := \int_0^{\infty} t^{\alpha-1} e^{-t} dt$ . Similarly we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\|H_2 v(t) - H_2 w(t)\|_{\beta} &\leq \int_t^{\infty} c(\alpha, \beta) e^{-\delta(t-s)} \|v(s) - w(s)\|_{\beta} ds \\
&\leq c(\alpha, \beta)\delta^{-1}\|v - w\|_{\beta}.
\end{aligned}$$

Consequently,

$$\begin{aligned}
\|\mathcal{H}v(t) - \mathcal{H}w(t)\|_{\beta} &\leq \left(k.m(\alpha, \beta)\gamma^{\beta-\alpha+\tilde{\epsilon}}\Gamma(\alpha - \beta - \tilde{\epsilon}) + c(\alpha, \beta)\delta^{-1}\right)\|v - w\|_{\beta} \\
&< \|v - w\|_{\beta}.
\end{aligned}$$



Hence by the well-known Banach contraction principle,  $\mathcal{H}$  has unique fixed point  $u$  in  $AA(X_\beta)$  satisfying  $\mathcal{H}u = u$  (cf. Lemma 3.3 for almost automorphy of solution).  $\square$

#### 4. SEMILINEAR BOUNDARY DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS

Consider the semilinear boundary differential equation

$$\begin{aligned} x'(t) &= A_m x(t) + h(t, x(t)), \quad t \in \mathbb{R}, \\ Lx(t) &= \phi(t, x(t)), \quad t \in \mathbb{R}, \end{aligned} \quad (4.1)$$

where  $(A_m, D(A_m))$  is a densely defined linear operator on a Banach space  $X$  and  $L : D(A_m) \rightarrow \partial X$ , the boundary Banach space and the functions  $h : \mathbb{R} \times X_m \rightarrow \partial X$  and  $\phi : \mathbb{R} \times X_m \rightarrow \partial X$  are continuous.

Likewise [1, 2] here we assume the assumptions introduced by Greiner [8] which are given as follows

- (H1) There exists a new norm  $|\cdot|$  which makes the domain  $D(A_m)$  complete and then denoted by  $X_m$ . The space  $X_m$  is continuously embedded in  $X$  and  $A_m \in \mathcal{L}(X_m, X)$ .
- (H2) The restriction operator  $A := A_m|_{\ker(L)}$  is a sectorial operator such that  $\sigma(A) \cap i\mathbb{R} = \emptyset$ .
- (H3) The operator  $L : X_m \rightarrow \partial X$  is bounded and surjective.
- (H4)  $X_m \hookrightarrow X_\alpha$  for some  $0 < \alpha < 1$ .
- (H5)  $h : \mathbb{R} \times X_\beta \rightarrow \partial X$  and  $\phi : \mathbb{R} \times X_\beta \rightarrow \partial X$  are continuous for  $0 \leq \beta < \alpha$ .

A function  $x : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow X_\beta$  is a mild solution of (1.1) if we have the following

- (i)  $\int_s^t x(\tau) d\tau \in X_m$ ,
- (ii)  $x(t) - x(s) = A_m \int_s^t x(\tau) d\tau + \int_s^t h(\tau, x(\tau)) d\tau$ ,
- (iii)  $L \int_s^t x(\tau) d\tau = \int_s^t \phi(\tau, x(\tau)) d\tau$ ,

for all  $t \geq s$ ,  $t, s \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Now we transform (1.1) to the equivalent semilinear evolution equation

$$x'(t) = A_{\alpha-1} x(t) + h(t, x(t)) - A_{\alpha-1} L_0 \phi(t, x(t)), \quad t \in \mathbb{R}, \quad (4.2)$$

where  $L_0 := (L|_{\ker(A_m)})^{-1}$ .

**Theorem 4.1.** *Assume that functions  $\phi \in AS^p(\mathbb{R} \times X_\beta, \partial X)$  and  $h \in AS^p(\mathbb{R} \times X_\beta, X)$ , are globally Lipschitzian with small Lipschitz constants. Then under the assumptions (H1)-(H5), the semilinear boundary differential equation (1.1) has a unique mild solution  $x \in AA(X_\beta)$ , satisfying the following formula for all  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ .*

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) &= \int_{-\infty}^t T(t-s) P_s h(s, x(s)) ds - \int_t^{\infty} T(t-s) P_u h(s, x(s)) ds \\ &\quad - A \left[ \int_{-\infty}^t T(t-s) P_s L_0 \phi(s, x(s)) ds - \int_t^{\infty} T(t-s) P_u L_0 \phi(s, x(s)) ds \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (4.3)$$

*Proof.* It is clear that  $A_{\alpha-1} L_0$  is a bounded operator from  $\partial X \rightarrow X_{\alpha-1}$ . Since  $\phi \in AS^p(\mathbb{R} \times X_\beta, \partial X)$  and  $h \in AS^p(\mathbb{R} \times X_\beta, X)$  and from the injection  $X \hookrightarrow X_{\alpha-1}$ , the function  $f(t, x) := h(t, x) - A_{\alpha-1} L_0 \phi(t, x) \in AS^p(\mathbb{R} \times X_\beta, X_{\alpha-1})$ . This function

is also globally Lipschitzian with a small constant. Hence by Theorem 3.4, there is a unique mild solution  $x \in AA(X_\beta)$  of (4.2), satisfying

$$x(t) = \int_{-\infty}^t P_{s,\alpha-1} T_{\alpha-1}(t-s) f(s, x(s)) ds - \int_t^\infty P_{u,\alpha-1} T_{\alpha-1}(t-s) f(s, x(s)) ds,$$

from which we deduce the variation of constants formula (4.3) and  $x \in AA(X_\beta)$  is the unique mild solution.  $\square$

**Example 4.2.** Consider the partial differential equation

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} u(t, x) &= \Delta u(t, x) + au(t, x), \quad t \in \mathbb{R}, x \in \Omega \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial n} u(t, x) &= \Gamma(t, m(x)u(t, x)), \quad t \in \mathbb{R}, x \in \partial\Omega. \end{aligned} \quad (4.4)$$

Where  $a \in \mathbb{R}_+$  and  $m$  is a  $\mathbb{C}^1$  function and  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  is a bounded open subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  with smooth boundary  $\partial\Omega$ . Here we use the following notation/conventions:  $X = L^2(\Omega)$ ,  $X_m = H^2(\Omega)$  and the boundary space  $\partial X = H^{1/2}(\partial\Omega)$ . The operators  $A_m : X_m \rightarrow X$ , given by  $A_m \varphi = \Delta \varphi + a\varphi$  and  $L : X_m \rightarrow \partial X$ , given by  $L\varphi := \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial n}$ . The operator  $L$  is bounded and surjective, follows from Sections [15, 4.3.3, 4.6.1]. It is also known that the operator  $A := A_m|_{\ker L}$  generates an analytic semigroup, moreover we also have  $X_m \hookrightarrow X_\alpha$  for  $\alpha < 3/4$  (cf. [15, Sections 4.3.3, 4.6.1]). The eigenvalues of Neumann Laplacian  $A$  is a decreasing sequence  $(\lambda_n)$  with  $\lambda_0 = 0$ ,  $\lambda_1 < 0$ , taking  $a = -\lambda_1/2$ , we have  $\sigma(A) \cap i\mathbb{R} = \emptyset$ . Hence the analytic semigroup generated by  $A$  is hyperbolic.

$$\phi(t, \varphi)(x) = \Gamma(t, m(x)\varphi(x)) = \frac{kb(t)}{1 + |m(x)\varphi(x)|}, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}, x \in \partial\Omega$$

where  $b(t)$  is  $S^p$  Stepanov-like almost automorphic function and  $b(\cdot)$  has relatively compact range. It can be easily seen that  $\phi$  is continuous on  $\mathbb{R} \times H^{2\beta'}(\Omega)$  for some  $\frac{1}{2} < \beta < \beta' < \frac{3}{4}$ , which is embedded in  $\mathbb{R} \times X_\beta$  (cf. [15]). Using the definitions of fractional Sobolev spaces, one can easily show that  $\phi(t, \varphi)(\cdot) \in H^{1/2}(\partial\Omega)$  for all  $\varphi \in H^{2\beta'} \hookrightarrow H^1(\Omega)$ . Moreover  $\phi$  is globally Lipschitzian for each  $\varphi \in X_\beta$ . Now for a small constant  $k$ , all assumptions of Theorem 4.1 are satisfied. Hence (4.4) admits a unique almost automorphic mild solution  $u$  with values in  $X_\beta$ .

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