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APPLICATION OF SOME EXISTENCE THEOREMS FOR THE SOLUTIONS OF  
HAMMERSTEIN INTEGRAL EQUATIONS

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The purpose of this note is to present some applications of the existence theorems [1],[2] concerning the solutions of Hammerstein equations. For recent investigations of these topics see for instance [3],[4],[5],[6],[7].

1. Throughout this paper  $I$  denotes the identity mapping of a real or complex separable and complete Hilbert space  $X$ ,  $X \neq (0)$ . A linear continuous mapping  $A: X \rightarrow X$  of a Hilbert space  $X$  into  $X$  is said to be normal if  $AA^* = A^*A$ , where  $A^*$  denotes the mapping adjoint to  $A$ . For the convenience of reader we recall the theorems which we shall use in the sequel.

Theorem 1 [1]. Let  $F: X \rightarrow X$  be a mapping of a Hilbert space  $X$  into  $X$  which has the Gâteaux derivative  $F'(x)$  for every  $x \in X$ . Let  $PF'(x)$  be a normal mapping for every  $x \in X$  and such that  $(PF'(x)h, h) \geq 0$  for every  $x \in X$ ,  $h \in X$ , where  $P$  is a linear mapping of  $X$  into  $X$  having an inverse  $P^{-1}$ ,  $\|P\| \leq (\sup_{x \in X} \|F'(x)\|)^{-1}$ . If there exist positive numbers  $\alpha, \gamma, \gamma < 1$  such that  $\|x - PF(x)\| \leq \gamma \|x\|$  whenever  $\|x\| \geq \alpha$ , then the equation  $F(x) = y$  has at least one solution for every  $y \in X$ .

**Remark 1.** Let  $F : X \rightarrow X$  be a mapping of a Hilbert space  $X$  into  $X$ . If the number

$$|F| = \inf_{0 < \varphi < +\infty} \left\{ \sup_{\|x\| \geq \varphi} \frac{\|F(x)\|}{\|x\|} \right\}$$

is finite, then  $F$  is linearly upper bounded (i.e. there exist  $\alpha, \gamma > 0$  such that  $\|F(x)\| \leq \gamma \|x\|$  whenever  $\|x\| \geq \alpha$ ); also conversely. It is easy to prove the

**Theorem 2.** Let  $F : X \rightarrow X, P : X \rightarrow X, \varphi : X \rightarrow X$  be mappings of a Hilbert space  $X$  into  $X$ ,  $\varphi, P$  be linear continuous having bounded inverses  $P^{-1}, \varphi^{-1}$ . Let the inequality

$$\|PF(u) - PF(v) - \varphi(u-v)\| \leq \alpha \|u-v\|$$

hold for every  $u, v \in X$  with  $\alpha \|\varphi^{-1}\| \leq 1$ . If there exist positive numbers  $\alpha, \gamma, \gamma < \|\varphi^{-1}\|$  such that  $\|\varphi(u) - PF(u)\| \leq \frac{\gamma}{\|\varphi^{-1}\|} \|u\|$  whenever  $\|u\| \geq \alpha$ , then the equation  $F(u) = y$  has at least one solution for every  $y \in X$ .

**Theorem 3** [2]. Let  $F : X \rightarrow X$  be a mapping of a real Hilbert space  $X$  into  $X$  such that for every  $x \in E \subset X$  it has the Gâteaux derivative  $F'(x)$  and that

$$(1) \quad (P_1 F'(x)h, h) \geq m \|h\|^2, \quad m > 0$$

holds for every  $x \in E, h \in X$ , where  $E$  is a convex closed subset of  $X$  and  $P_1$  is a linear continuous mapping of  $X$  into  $X$  having an inverse  $P_1^{-1}$ . Let the closed ball  $D = \{x \in X : \|x - x_1\| \leq r\}$  be contained in  $E$ , where  $x_{n+1} = x_n - PF(x_n) + Pf$ , ( $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ ),  $P = \vartheta P_1, 0 < \vartheta < 2mkr^{-1}, k = \sup_{x \in E} \|P_1 F'(x)\|^2 <$

$< +\infty$ ,  $\alpha_{\nu_0} \geq \alpha_{\nu_0} (1 - \alpha_{\nu_0})^{-1} \|x_1 - x_0\|$ ,  $\alpha_{\nu_0} = \sup_{x \in E} \|I - PF(x)\|$ ,

$x_0$  is an arbitrary element from  $E$ .

Then the equation  $F(x) = f$  has a unique solution  $x^*$  in  $D$ . Furthermore,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n - x^*\| = 0$  and  $\|x^* - x_n\| \leq \alpha_{\nu_0}^n (1 - \alpha_{\nu_0})^{-1} \|x_1 - x_0\|$ . If  $\nu = \nu_0 = m h^{-1}$ , then  $\alpha_{\nu_0} \leq (1 - m^2 h^{-1})^{1/2}$ .

**Remark 2.** If (1) is fulfilled for every  $x$ ,  $h \in X$ , then we obtain a global existence theorem. In this case the assumption  $D \subset E$  is unnecessary.

According to [8], [9], [10] we can state the theorem 5 [2] in the following form.

**Theorem 4.** Let  $F: X \rightarrow X$  be a mapping of a Hilbert space  $X$  into  $X$  such that in a convex closed bounded set  $E \subset X$  it has the Gâteaux derivative  $F'(x)$ . Let  $PF'(x)$  be a normal mapping for every  $x \in E$  and such that  $(PF'(x)h, h) \geq 0$  for every  $x \in E$ ,  $h \in X$ , where  $P$  is a linear mapping of  $X$  into  $X$  having an inverse  $P^{-1}$  and  $\|P\| \leq (\sup_{x \in E} \|F'(x)\|)^{-1}$ . If  $(I - PF)E \subset E$ , then the equation  $F(x) = 0$  has at least one solution  $x^*$  in  $E$ . Moreover,  $x_n \rightarrow x^*$  weakly in  $X$ , where  $x_{n+1} = x_n - \beta PF(x_n)$ ,  $0 < \beta < 1$  ( $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ ) and  $x_0$  is an arbitrary element from  $E$ .

2. Consider the equation

$$(2) \quad x(s) - \lambda \int_G K(s, t) g(x(t), t) dt = f(s),$$

where the measurable function  $K(s, t)$  is defined on

$G \times G$ ,  $G$  is a measurable subset of  $E_n$  ( $E_n$  denotes the euclidean  $S$ -space). Throughout this paper we assume that a linear operator  $A$  maps a real space  $L_2(G)$  into itself and is defined on  $L_2(G)$  by

$$(3) \quad Ax(t) = \int_G K(s, t) x(s) ds.$$

In the sequel,  $\phi(x(t)) = q(x(t), t)$  denotes an operator of Nemytzkij (cf. [11], chapt. VI.),  $\lambda$  is a real parameter and  $f(s)$  an arbitrary function from  $L_2(G)$ .

**Theorem 5.** Let the following conditions be fulfilled:

1° A function  $q(x, t)$  measurable in  $t \in G$  has a partial derivative  $q'_x(x, t)$  which is continuous in  $x \in (-\infty, +\infty)$  and for every  $x \in (-\infty, +\infty)$  and almost every  $t \in G$  there is  $-N \leq q'_x(x, t) \leq M$  ( $0 < N, M < +\infty$ ,  $N, M = \text{const.}$ ). 2° A linear mapping  $A$  is self-adjoint positive definite ( $A \geq mI$ ,  $m > 0$ ) in  $L_2(G)$  and such that  $|\lambda| M \|A\| \leq 1$ . 3°  $|q(x, t)| \leq \sum_{k=1}^m g_k(t) |x|^{1-\alpha_k} + \psi(t)$  ( $t \in G$ ,  $x \in (-\infty, +\infty)$ ), where  $g_k(t) \in L_{\frac{2}{1-\alpha_k}}(G)$ ,  $0 < \alpha_k < 1$  ( $k=1, 2, \dots, m$ ),  $\psi(t) \in L_2(G)$ .

Then the equation (2) has at least one solution in  $L_2(G)$  for every  $f \in L_2(G)$ .

**Proof.** We rewrite the equation (2) in the form

$$(4) \quad x - \lambda A \phi(x) = f.$$

According to 2° there exist the mappings  $A^{\frac{1}{2}}$ ,  $A^{-\frac{1}{2}}$  and they are bounded self-adjoint positive definite in  $L_2(G)$  and  $R(A^{\frac{1}{2}}) = L_2(G)$ , where  $R(A^{\frac{1}{2}})$  denotes the range of  $A^{\frac{1}{2}}$ . Instead of (4), we shall solve the equation

$$(5) \quad x - \lambda A^{\frac{1}{2}} \phi(A^{\frac{1}{2}} x) = A^{-\frac{1}{2}} f.$$

Now, if  $x^*$  is a solution of (5), then  $A^{\frac{1}{2}}x^*$  is a solution of (4). According to the assumption 1° (cf. [11], § 20), the mapping  $\phi : L_2(G) \rightarrow L_2(G)$  is continuous and it has a linear bounded Gâteaux differential  $D\phi(x, h) = g'_x(x(t), t)h(t) = \phi'(x)h$  for every  $x, h \in L_2(G)$ . Therefore, if  $\varepsilon$  is an arbitrary positive number, then there exists a  $\sigma(\varepsilon) > 0$  such that, for every  $t$  with  $|t| < \sigma(\varepsilon)$  and  $h \in L_2(G)$  we have  $\|\frac{1}{t} \omega(A^{\frac{1}{2}}x, tA^{\frac{1}{2}}h)\| < \varepsilon \|A^{\frac{1}{2}}\|^{-1}$ , where  $\omega(A^{\frac{1}{2}}x, tA^{\frac{1}{2}}h) = \phi(A^{\frac{1}{2}}x + tA^{\frac{1}{2}}h) - \phi(A^{\frac{1}{2}}x) - tD\phi(A^{\frac{1}{2}}x, A^{\frac{1}{2}}h)$ . Set  $Q(x) = A^{\frac{1}{2}}\phi(A^{\frac{1}{2}}x)$ ; then  $\frac{1}{t}[Q(x + th) - Q(x)] - A^{\frac{1}{2}}g'_x(A^{\frac{1}{2}}x, t)A^{\frac{1}{2}}h = \frac{1}{t}A^{\frac{1}{2}}\omega(A^{\frac{1}{2}}x, tA^{\frac{1}{2}}h)$ . If  $|t| < \sigma(\varepsilon)$ , we obtain that  $\|\frac{1}{t}A^{\frac{1}{2}}\omega(A^{\frac{1}{2}}x, tA^{\frac{1}{2}}h)\| < \varepsilon$ .

Hence

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{Q(x + th) - Q(x)}{t} = A^{\frac{1}{2}}g'_x(A^{\frac{1}{2}}x(t), t)A^{\frac{1}{2}}h(t).$$

Thus the mapping  $Q : L_2(G) \rightarrow L_2(G)$  has a linear bounded Gâteaux differential

$$(6) \quad DQ(x, h) = Q'(x)h = A^{\frac{1}{2}}g'_x(A^{\frac{1}{2}}x(t), t)A^{\frac{1}{2}}h(t),$$

on the space  $L_2(G)$ . Moreover, assuming 2°,

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda(Q'(x)h, h) &= \lambda \int g'_x(A^{\frac{1}{2}}x(t), t)(A^{\frac{1}{2}}h(t))^2 dt \leq \\ &\leq |\lambda| M(A^{\frac{1}{2}}h, A^{\frac{1}{2}}h) = |\lambda| M(Ah, h) \leq |\lambda| M \|A\| \|h\|^2 \leq \|h\|^2 \end{aligned}$$

for every  $x, h \in L_2(G)$ . Thus  $(F'(x)h, h) \geq 0$  for every  $x, h \in L_2(G)$ . According to 1° and [11, § 20.2],

cf. also [12], § 5, we see that  $D\phi(x, h)$  is continuous in  $x \in L_2(G)$ . But  $\phi(x)$  is a potential operator in  $L_2(G)$ ;  $\phi(x) = \text{grad } \varphi(x)$ , where

$$\varphi(x) = \varphi_0 + \int_G dt \int_0^{x(t)} \varphi(u, t) du.$$

Using Theorem 5.1 [11, § 5] we get that

$$(D\phi(x, h_1), h_2) = (D\phi(x, h_2), h_1).$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} (A^{\frac{1}{2}} D\phi(A^{\frac{1}{2}}x, A^{\frac{1}{2}}h_1), h_2) &= (D\phi(A^{\frac{1}{2}}x, A^{\frac{1}{2}}h_1), A^{\frac{1}{2}}h_2) = \\ &= (D\phi(A^{\frac{1}{2}}x, A^{\frac{1}{2}}h_2), A^{\frac{1}{2}}h_1) = (A^{\frac{1}{2}} D\phi(A^{\frac{1}{2}}x, A^{\frac{1}{2}}h_2), h_1) = \\ &= (h_1, A^{\frac{1}{2}} D\phi(A^{\frac{1}{2}}x, A^{\frac{1}{2}}h_2)). \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $DQ(x, h) = Q'(x)h$  is a self-adjoint operator in  $L_2(G)$  for every  $x \in L_2(G)$ . Hence  $F'(x)$  is a self-adjoint mapping for every  $x \in L_2(G)$ .

By (6) and according to [13, pp.250],

$$\begin{aligned} \|Q'(x)h\|^2 &\leq \|A\| \|g'_x(A^{\frac{1}{2}}x(t), t) A^{\frac{1}{2}}h\|^2 \leq \\ &\leq N_1^2 \|A\|^2 \|h\|^2, \end{aligned}$$

where  $N_1 = \max(M, N)$ . Hence  $\sup_{x \in L_2} \|Q'(x)\| \leq N_1 \|A\|$ .

Using 3° we have

$$\frac{\|\phi(x)\|}{\|x\|} \leq \|x\|^{-1} \left\{ \sum_{k=1}^m \left( \int_G \varphi_k^{\frac{1}{2}}(t) dt \right)^{\frac{2}{\nu}} \|x\|^{1-\frac{2}{\nu}} + |\psi| \right\}.$$

Thus  $\phi$  is asymptotically close to zero and is bounded on  $L_2(G)$  (cf. [11], chapt.VI). According to lemma 1 [14],

$\phi(A^{\frac{1}{2}})$  and obviously also  $A^{\frac{1}{2}}\phi(A^{\frac{1}{2}})$  are asymptotically

close to zero. Set  $P = \nu I$ , where  $\nu$  is a fixed number satisfying the inequality  $0 < \nu < (1 + |\lambda| N_1 \|A\|)^{-1}$ .

Then  $\|x - \nu F(x)\| \leq (1 - \nu) \|x\| + \nu |\lambda| \|A^{\frac{1}{2}}\phi(A^{\frac{1}{2}}x)\|$ .

Taking  $0 < \varepsilon < \nu$ , there exists a positive number  $N_2$  such that, for every  $x \in L_2$  with  $\|x\| \geq N_2$ , we have

$\gamma |\lambda| \|A^{\frac{1}{2}} \phi(A^{\frac{1}{2}} x)\| < \varepsilon \|x\|$ . Clearly, for every  $x \in L_2$  with  $\|x\| \geq N_2$  there is  $\|x - \gamma F(x)\| \leq \gamma \|x\|$ , where  $\gamma = 1 - \sigma + \varepsilon < 1$ . According to Theorem 1, the equation (5) has at least one solution  $x^*$  in  $L_2(G)$ . Therefore  $A^{\frac{1}{2}} x^*$  is a solution of (4). This proves the existence and, thus, concludes the proof of the theorem.

**Corollary 1.** Under the assumptions 1<sup>o</sup>, 3<sup>o</sup> of Theorem 1, let  $A$  be a self-adjoint positive  $((Ax, x) \geq 0$  for every  $x \in L_2$ ) mapping in  $L_2(G)$  such that  $M \|A\| \leq 1$ . Then the equation

$$x(s) - \int_G K(s, t) g(x(t), t) dt = 0$$

has at least one solution in  $L_2(G)$ .

**Theorem 6.** Let the following conditions be fulfilled:  
 1<sup>o</sup>  $A$  is a positive  $((Ax, x) \geq 0$  for every  $x \in L_2(G)$ ) self-adjoint mapping from  $L_2(G)$  into  $L_2(G)$  such that  $\text{vrai} \sup_{s, t \in G} |K(s, t)| = d^2 < +\infty$ , where  $G$  is a subset of  $E_n$  with  $\text{mes}(G) < +\infty$ . 2<sup>o</sup> The function  $g(x, t)$  measurable in  $t \in G$  has a continuous partial derivative  $g'_x(x, t)$  in  $x \in \langle -c, c \rangle$ , ( $c > 0$ ) and for every  $x \in \langle -c, c \rangle$  and almost every  $t \in G$  there is  $0 \leq g'_x(x, t) \leq M < +\infty$  and  $g(0, t) \in L_2(G)$ .

Then the equation

$$(7) \quad x(s) + \mu \int_G K(s, t) g(x(t), t) dt = 0$$

with  $0 < \mu < R \|A^{\frac{1}{2}} \phi(0)\|^{-1}$ ,  $\phi(0) = g(0, t)$ , has at least one solution  $x^*$  in  $A^{\frac{1}{2}}(D_R) \subset L_2(G)$ , where  $D_R = \{x \in L_2 : \|x\| \leq R, R = cd^{-1}\}$ . Moreover, if

$$(8) \quad 0 < \gamma < \text{Min}(k^{-1}, 2Ra^{-1}),$$



where  $k = (1 + \mu M \|A\|)^2$ ,  $a = R - \mu \|A^{\frac{1}{2}} \phi(0)\|$ ,  $b = R^2 k - \mu^2 \|A^{\frac{1}{2}} \phi(0)\|^2$ , then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n - x^*\| = 0$ ,

where

$$(9) \quad x_n = A^{\frac{1}{2}} \tilde{x}_n, \tilde{x}_{n+1} = (1 - \nu) \tilde{x}_n - \mu \nu A^{\frac{1}{2}} \phi(A^{\frac{1}{2}} \tilde{x}_n), \tilde{x}_0 = 0$$

and  $\|x_n - x^*\| \leq \mu \nu \tilde{\alpha}_n^m (1 - \tilde{\alpha}_n)^{-1} \|A\| \|\phi(0)\|$  with  $0 < \tilde{\alpha}_n < 1$ .

**Proof.** By the Golomb-Vajnberg theorem [11, lemma 24.1] we have that  $\text{vrai sup}_{t \in G} |A^{\frac{1}{2}} x| \leq c \|x\|$  for every  $x \in L_2(G)$ , where  $A^{\frac{1}{2}}$  denotes a positive square root of  $A$ . Thus for every  $x \in D_R$ ,  $R = cd^{-1}$  there is  $\text{vrai sup} |A^{\frac{1}{2}} x| \leq c$  and

$$(10) \quad 0 \leq g'_x(A^{\frac{1}{2}} x(t), t) \leq M < +\infty.$$

Using 2° we have

$$|g(x, t)| \leq M|x| + |g(0, t)| \leq 2cM + |g(0, t)| = g(t) \in L_2(G),$$

for every  $x \in \langle -c, c \rangle$  and almost every  $t \in G$ . Thus

we can extend the function  $g(x, t)$  outside the line-segment  $\langle -c, c \rangle$  in such a manner that, according to

[11, theorem 19.2],  $\phi(x) = g(x(t), t)$  is a continuous mapping from  $L_2(G)$  into itself. Set  $Q(x) = A^{\frac{1}{2}} \phi(A^{\frac{1}{2}} x)$ .

By (10) and using the results of [11, § 20] we see that

the mapping  $Q: L_2 \rightarrow L_2$  has, for every  $x \in D_R$ , a

linear bounded Gâteaux differential

$$DQ(x, h) = Q'(x)h = A^{\frac{1}{2}} g'_x(A^{\frac{1}{2}} x, t) A^{\frac{1}{2}} h, \quad h \in L_2(G).$$

Put  $F(x) = x + \mu Q(x)$ . Then for every  $x \in D_R$

and  $h \in L_2(G)$

$$(F'(x)h, h) = \|h\|^2 + \mu \int_G g'_x(A^{\frac{1}{2}} x, t) (A^{\frac{1}{2}} h)^2 dt \geq \|h\|^2,$$

and  $\sup_{x \in D_R} \|F'(x)\|^2 \leq (1 + \mu M \|A\|)^2$ . We shall use

theorem 3 with  $E = D_R$ ,  $\tilde{x}_0 = 0$ ,  $m = 1$ ,  $P_1 = I$  and

$k = (1 + \mu M \|A\|)^2$ . It remains to prove that  $D_{\kappa_{\vartheta}} = \{x \in L_2 : \|x - \tilde{x}_1\| \leq \kappa_{\vartheta}\} \subset D_R$ , where  $\tilde{x}_1 = -(\mu \vartheta A^{\frac{1}{2}} \phi(0))$ ,  $\kappa_{\vartheta} = \alpha_{\vartheta} (1 - \alpha_{\vartheta})^{-1} \mu \vartheta \|A^{\frac{1}{2}} \phi(0)\|$ ,  $\alpha_{\vartheta} = \sup_{x \in D_R} \|I - \vartheta F'(x)\| \leq (1 - 2\vartheta + \vartheta^2 k)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \tilde{\alpha}_{\vartheta} < 1$  (cf. [2]). Since  $\|\tilde{x}_1\| = \vartheta \mu \|A^{\frac{1}{2}} \phi(0)\| < \vartheta R < R$ , then  $\tilde{x}_1 \in D_R$ .

According to (8) we have that

$$\vartheta R^2 k - \mu^2 \vartheta \|A^{\frac{1}{2}} \phi(0)\|^2 \leq 2R^2 - 2R \mu \|A^{\frac{1}{2}} \phi(0)\|.$$

Add  $R^2$  and multiply by  $\vartheta$ . Then

$$R^2 \tilde{\alpha}_{\vartheta}^2 \leq (R - \mu \vartheta \|A^{\frac{1}{2}} \phi(0)\|)^2. \quad \text{Hence } \mu \vartheta \|A^{\frac{1}{2}} \phi(0)\| \leq R(1 - \tilde{\alpha}_{\vartheta}), \text{ and therefore}$$

$$\mu \vartheta \|A^{\frac{1}{2}} \phi(0)\| (\tilde{\alpha}_{\vartheta} (1 - \tilde{\alpha}_{\vartheta})^{-1} + 1) \leq R.$$

Thus we have  $\|\tilde{x}_1\| + \tilde{\kappa}_{\vartheta} \leq R$  with  $\kappa_{\vartheta} \leq \tilde{\kappa}_{\vartheta}$ ,

where  $\tilde{\kappa}_{\vartheta} = \mu \vartheta \tilde{\alpha}_{\vartheta} (1 - \tilde{\alpha}_{\vartheta})^{-1} \|A^{\frac{1}{2}} \phi(0)\|$ . Hence

$D_{\kappa_{\vartheta}} \subset D_R$ . According to theorem 3, the equation

$$x + \mu A^{\frac{1}{2}} \phi(A^{\frac{1}{2}} x) = 0$$

has a unique solution  $x_1^*$  in  $D_{\kappa_{\vartheta}}$  and also in  $D_{\tilde{\kappa}_{\vartheta}}$ .

Moreover,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|\tilde{x}_n - x_1^*\| = 0$ , where  $\{\tilde{x}_n\}$  is defined by (9) and  $\|\tilde{x}_n - x_1^*\| \leq \mu \vartheta \alpha_{\vartheta}^n (1 - \alpha_{\vartheta})^{-1} \|A^{\frac{1}{2}} \phi(0, t)\|$ .

Set  $x^* = A^{\frac{1}{2}} x_1^*$ , so that  $x^*$  is a solution of (7) and  $x^* \in A^{\frac{1}{2}}(D_R) \subset L_2(G)$ . Now

$$\begin{aligned} \|x^* - x_n\| &= \|A^{\frac{1}{2}} x_1^* - A^{\frac{1}{2}} \tilde{x}_n\| \leq \|A^{\frac{1}{2}}\| \|\tilde{x}_n - x_1^*\| \leq \\ &\leq \mu \vartheta \tilde{\alpha}_{\vartheta}^n (1 - \tilde{\alpha}_{\vartheta})^{-1} \|A\| \|g(0, t)\|. \end{aligned}$$

The proof is complete.

**Corollary 2.** Let the following conditions be fulfilled:

- 1°  $A$  is a positive self-adjoint continuous mapping from  $L_2(G)$  into itself, where  $G$  is a measurable subset of  $E_b$ .
- 2° A function  $g(x, t)$  measurable in  $t \in G$  has a con-

tinuous partial derivative  $g'_x(x, t)$  in  $x \in \in(-\infty, +\infty)$  and for every  $x \in (-\infty, +\infty)$  and almost every  $t \in G$  there is  $0 \leq g'_x(x, t) \leq M < +\infty$ , ( $M = \text{const.}$ ).

Then the equation (7) has at least one solution  $x^*$  in  $L_2(G)$  for every  $\mu$  ( $0 < \mu < \infty$ ). Moreover, if  $0 < \nu < 2(1 + \mu M \|A\|)^2$ , then  $x_n \rightarrow x^*$  in the norm topology of  $L_2(G)$  with the rate of a geometric sequence, where  $x_n = A^{\frac{1}{2}} \tilde{x}_n$ ,  $\tilde{x}_{n+1} = (1 - \nu) \tilde{x}_n - \mu \nu A^{\frac{1}{2}} \phi(A^{\frac{1}{2}} x_n)$  and  $x_0$  is an arbitrary element of  $L_2(G)$ .

Theorem 7. Let the following conditions be fulfilled:

1° A function  $g(x, t)$  measurable in  $t \in G$  has a continuous partial derivative  $g'_x(x, t)$  in  $x \in \langle -c, c \rangle$ , ( $c > 0$ ), and for every  $x \in \langle -c, c \rangle$  and almost every  $t \in G$  with  $\text{mes}(G) < +\infty$  there is  $-N \leq g'_x(x, t) \leq M$ , ( $0 < N, M < +\infty$ ,  $M, N$  are constants) and  $g(0, t) \in L_2(G)$ . 2°  $A$  is a positive definite ( $A \geq mI$ ,  $m > 0$ ) self-adjoint mapping from  $L_2(G)$  into itself such that  $\text{vrai sup}_{s, t \in G} |K(s, t)| = d^2 < +\infty$  and  $|\lambda| \|A\| M < 1$ . If

$$(11) \quad 0 < \nu < \text{Min}(m_1 k^{-1}, 2R a b^{-1}),$$

where  $m_1 = 1 - |\lambda| M \|A\|$ ,  $k^{\frac{1}{2}} = 1 + N_1 \|A\|$ ,

$$N_1 = \max(N, M), R = cd^{-1}\sqrt{m}, a = Rm_1 - \|\lambda A \phi(0)\|,$$

$b = kR^2 - \|\lambda A \phi(0)\|^2$ ,  $\phi(0) = g(0, t)$ , then the equation

$$x(s) - \lambda \int_G K(s, t) g(x(t), t) dt = 0$$

with  $|\lambda| < \frac{Rm_1}{\|A \phi(0)\|}$  has a unique solution  $x^*$  in

the ball  $D_{R_{\beta}}$ , where  $D_{R_{\beta}} = \{x : \|x - x_1\| \leq R_{\beta}\}$   
 $x_1 = \nu \lambda A \phi(0)$ ,  $R_{\beta} = \tilde{\alpha}_{\beta} (1 - \tilde{\alpha}_{\beta})^{-1} \|x_1\|$ ,  $\tilde{\alpha}_{\beta} = 1 - 2m_1 \nu + \nu^2 k$ .  
 Moreover,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n - x^*\| = 0$ ,  $\|x_n - x^*\| \leq$   
 $\leq \nu \tilde{\alpha}_{\beta}^n (1 - \tilde{\alpha}_{\beta})^{-1} \lambda \|A \phi(0)\|$ , where  $x_{n+1} = x_n -$   
 $-\nu(x_n - \lambda A \phi(x_n))$ , ( $n=0, 1, 2, \dots$ ) and  $x_0 = 0$ .

Proof. Since  $A \geq m I$ , ( $m > 0$ ), then  $A^{\frac{1}{2}} \geq m^{\frac{1}{2}} I$   
 and  $\sqrt{m} \leq \|A^{\frac{1}{2}} x\| \|x\|^{-1}$  for every  $x \in$   
 $\in L_2(G)$ . Hence  $\sqrt{m} \leq \inf_{x \neq 0} \|A^{\frac{1}{2}} x\| \|x\|^{-1} = m(A^{\frac{1}{2}})$ .

But  $\|A^{-\frac{1}{2}}\| = \frac{1}{m(A^{\frac{1}{2}})} \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{m}}$ .

Since  $R(A^{\frac{1}{2}}) = L_2(G)$ , then according to the Vajnberg-Golomb theorem for every  $x \in L_2(G)$  there is  
 $\text{vrai sup}_{t \in G} |x(t)| = \text{vrai sup}_{t \in G} |A^{\frac{1}{2}}(A^{\frac{1}{2}}x)| \leq$   
 $\leq d \|A^{-\frac{1}{2}}x\| \leq \frac{d}{\sqrt{m}} \|x\|$ .

Denote  $D_R = \{x : \|x\| \leq R\}$ , where  $R = cd^{-1}\sqrt{m}$ .  
 Then for every  $x \in D_R \subset L_2(G)$  we have that  
 $\text{vrai sup}_{t \in G} |x(t)| \leq c$ . Thus for every  $x \in D_R$  we  
 get

$$(12) \quad -N \leq q'_x(x(t), t) \leq M.$$

Since

$|g(x, t)| \leq N_1 |x| + |g(0, t)| \leq 2cN_1 + |g(0, t)| = g(t) \in L_2(G)$   
 for every  $x \in \langle -c, c \rangle$  and almost every  $t \in G$ ,  
 we extend the function  $g(x, t)$  outside the line-segment  $\langle -c, c \rangle$  in such a manner that, according to [11, theorem 19.2],  $\phi(x) = g(x(t), t)$  is a continuous mapping from  $L_2(G)$  into  $L_2(G)$ . In view of 1°, 2° and (12) we have that  $(F'(x)h, h) \geq m_1 \|h\|^2$ ,

$$\|F'(x)\| \leq 1 + N_1 \|A\| \quad \text{for every } x \in D_R \text{ and}$$

$h_1 \in L_2(G)$ . Since  $\nu < 1, m_1 < 1$ , then  $\|x_1\| = \nu \| \lambda A \phi(0) \| < R m_1 \nu < R$ . Therefore  $x_1 \in D_R$ . Using (11) it is easy to show that  $D_{R,\nu} \subset D_R$ . The assertions of our Theorem follow from Theorem 3. This concludes the proof.

**Remark 3.** Under the assumptions of Theorem 6 let be a positive definite ( $A \geq mI, m > 0$ ) operator in  $L_2(G)$ . Then the equation (7) has a unique solution  $x^*$  in the ball  $D_{\tilde{R},\nu} = \{x : \|x - x_1\| \leq \tilde{R}_{\nu}\}$ , where  $x_1 = (\mu \nu A \phi(0)), \tilde{R}_{\nu} = (\mu \nu \tilde{\alpha}_{\nu}^{-1} (1 - \tilde{\alpha}_{\nu})^{-1} \|A \phi(0)\|, \tilde{\alpha}_{\nu} = 1 - 2\nu + \nu^2 k, k = (1 + \mu M \|A\|)^2$  and  $\nu$  satisfies  $0 < \nu < \text{Min}(k^{-1}, 2R a \nu^{-1}), a = R - \mu \|A \phi(0)\|, b = k R^2 - \mu^2 \|A \phi(0)\|^2, R = c d^{-1} \sqrt{m}$ .

Moreover,

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n - x^*\| = 0, \|x_n - x^*\| \leq (\mu \nu \tilde{\alpha}_{\nu}^{-n} (1 - \tilde{\alpha}_{\nu})^{-1} \|A \phi(0)\|,$   
 where  $x_{n+1} = x_n - \nu (x_n + \mu \int_G K(s,t) g(x_n(t), t) dt), x_0 = 0, (n = 0, 1, 2, \dots)$ .

**Corollary 3.** Let the following conditions be fulfilled: 1° A function  $g(x, t)$  measurable in  $t \in G$  has a continuous partial derivative  $g'_x(x, t)$  in  $x \in (-\infty, +\infty)$  and for every  $x \in (-\infty, +\infty)$  and almost every  $t \in G$  there is  $-N \leq g'_x(x, t) \leq M$ , where  $M, N$  are constants,  $0 < M, N < +\infty$  and  $G$  is a measurable subset of  $E_p$ . 2°  $A$  is a positive self-adjoint mapping from  $L_2(G)$  into itself and such that  $|\lambda| M \|A\| < 1$ .

Then the equation (2) with  $f \in L_2(G)$  has a unique solution  $x^*$  in  $L_2(G)$ . Moreover, if  $0 < \nu < 2 m k^{-1}$ , where  $m = 1 - |\lambda| M \|A\|, k = (1 + \|A\| N_1)^2,$

$N_1 = \text{Max}(M, N)$ , then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|x_n - x^*\| = 0$ , where  $x_{n+1}(s) = x_n(s) - \nu (x_n(s) - \lambda \int_G K(s,t) g(x_n(t), t) dt) + \nu f(s)$

and  $x_0$  is an arbitrary element from  $L_2(G)$ . The error

$\|x^* - x_n\|$  satisfies  $\|x_n - x^*\| \leq \alpha_{\beta}^n (1 - \alpha_{\beta})^{-1} \|x_1 - x_0\|$   
 with  $0 < \alpha_{\beta} < 1$ . If  $\beta = \beta_0 = m k^{-1}$ , then  $\alpha_{\beta_0} \leq$   
 $\leq (1 - m^2 k^{-1})^{\frac{1}{2}}$ .

For the result of Corollary 3 compare [11, th.10.2] and [15].

In the sequel we use the following

Lemma 1 [11, § 19]. If  $\phi(x) = q(x(t), t)$  is an operator of Nemytzkiij and  $\phi : L_2(G) \rightarrow L_2(G)$ , then

$$(13) \quad \int_G |q(x(t), t)|^2 \leq c_1 + b_1 \int_G |x(t)|^2 dt,$$

where  $c_1, b_1$  are constants,  $c_1, b_1 \geq 0$ .

Let us solve the equation (2) with  $\lambda = 1, f(s) = 0$ .

We establish the following

Theorem 8. Let the following conditions be fulfilled:

1° A function  $q(x, t)$  measurable in  $t \in G$  has a continuous partial derivative in  $x \in (-\infty, +\infty)$  and for every  $x \in (-\infty, +\infty)$  and almost every  $t \in G$  ( $G$  is a measurable subset of  $E_s$ ) there is  $-N \leq q'_x(x, t) \leq M$  for constants  $M, N, 0 < M, N < +\infty$ .

2°  $A$  is a positive self-adjoint mapping from  $L_2(G)$  into itself and such that  $M \|A\| \leq 1$ . 3°  $\frac{1}{2} q(x, t)x \leq a x^2 + b(t)|x|^{2-\gamma} + c(t), (x \in (-\infty, +\infty), t \in G)$ , where  $0 < \gamma < 2, b(t) \in L_{\frac{2}{\gamma}}(G), c(t) \in L_1(G), a < \frac{1}{2} \|A\|^{-1}$ .

Then the equation

$$(14) \quad x(s) - \int_G K(s, t) q(x(t), t) dt = 0$$

has at least one solution  $x^*$  in  $L_2(G)$ . Moreover, if

$$(15) \quad 0 < \beta < \text{Min} \left( (1 + N_1 \|A\|)^{-1}, \frac{2(1 - a \|A\|)}{1 + b_1 \|A\|^2 - 2a \|A\|} \right),$$

where  $N_1 = \text{Max}(M, N)$ ,  $\theta_1$  is the constant from lemma 1, then the sequence  $\{x_n\}$ , where  $x_n = A^{\frac{1}{2}} \tilde{x}_n$ ,  $\tilde{x}_{n+1} = \tilde{x}_n - \beta \vartheta (\tilde{x}_n - A^{\frac{1}{2}} \phi(A^{\frac{1}{2}} \tilde{x}_n))$ ,  $(n=0, 1, 2, \dots)$ ,  $0 < \beta < 1$ ,  $\tilde{x}_0 = 0$ , converges weakly in  $L_2(G)$  to any solution of (14).

Proof. We shall solve the equation

$$(16) \quad x - A^{\frac{1}{2}} \phi(A^{\frac{1}{2}} x) = 0,$$

where  $A^{\frac{1}{2}}$  denotes a positive square root of  $A$ . Set  $Q(x) = A^{\frac{1}{2}} \phi(A^{\frac{1}{2}} x)$ ,  $F(x) = x - A^{\frac{1}{2}} \phi(A^{\frac{1}{2}} x)$ ,  $P = \vartheta I$ , where  $\vartheta$  satisfies (15). The mapping  $Q(x)$  is continuous from  $L_2(G)$  into itself and for every  $x \in L_2(G)$  has a linear bounded Gâteaux differential

$$DQ(x, h) = Q'(x)h = A^{\frac{1}{2}} g'_x(A^{\frac{1}{2}} x, t) A^{\frac{1}{2}} h, \quad h \in L_2(G).$$

$$\text{Furthermore, } (Q'(x)h, h) = (g'_x(A^{\frac{1}{2}} x, t) A^{\frac{1}{2}} h, A^{\frac{1}{2}} h) \leq \leq M \int_G (A^{\frac{1}{2}} h)^2 dt \leq M \|A\| \|h\|^2 \leq \|h\|^2.$$

Hence  $(PF'(x)h, h) \geq 0$  for every  $x \in L_2(G)$  and  $h \in L_2(G)$ . Clearly,  $PF'(x)$  is a self-adjoint mapping in  $L_2(G)$ . We shall apply Theorem 4. It is sufficient to prove that the mapping  $\psi = (1-\vartheta)I + \vartheta A^{\frac{1}{2}} \phi(A^{\frac{1}{2}})$  maps some closed ball  $D = \{x \in L_2(G): \|x\| \leq \rho\}$  into itself ( $\vartheta$  is a number satisfying (15)). If  $x \in D$ , then  $\|\psi(x)\| \leq (1-\vartheta)^2 \rho^2 + 2\vartheta(1-\vartheta) \int_G g(A^{\frac{1}{2}} x, t) A^{\frac{1}{2}} x(t) dt + \vartheta^2 \|A^{\frac{1}{2}} \phi(A^{\frac{1}{2}} x)\|^2$ .

Assuming  $3^0$ , we have that

$$\int_G g(A^{\frac{1}{2}} x, t) A^{\frac{1}{2}} x(t) dt \leq a \|A^{\frac{1}{2}} x\|^2 + \int_G b(t) |A^{\frac{1}{2}} x(t)|^{2-r} dt + \int_G c(t) dt \leq$$

$$\leq \alpha \|A\| \varphi^2 + \beta \|A^{\frac{1}{2}}\|^{2-\sigma} \varphi^{2-\sigma} + c,$$

where  $\beta = \left( \int_G |\beta(t)|^{\frac{2}{\sigma}} dt \right)^{\frac{\sigma}{2}}$ ,  $c = \int_G c_1(t) dt$ .

Since  $\phi$  is a continuous mapping and  $\phi: L_2(G) \rightarrow L_2(G)$  [11, § 20], then according to lemma 1

$$\|A^{\frac{1}{2}}\phi(A^{\frac{1}{2}}x)\|^2 \leq \|A\| \|\phi(A^{\frac{1}{2}}x)\|^2 \leq \|A\| (c_1 + \beta_1 \|A^{\frac{1}{2}}x\|^2) \\ \leq \|A\| (c_1 + \beta_1 \|A\| \varphi^2)$$

for every  $x \in D$ . We can now infer that, for every  $x \in D$ ,  $\|\psi(x)\|^2 \leq d\varphi^2 + 2\vartheta(1-\vartheta)\beta \|A^{\frac{1}{2}}\|^{2-\sigma} \varphi^{2-\sigma} + c_2$ ,

where  $d = (1-\vartheta)^2 + 2\vartheta(1-\vartheta)\alpha \|A\| + \vartheta^2 \beta_1 \|A\|$ ,

$c_2 = 2\vartheta(1-\vartheta)c + \vartheta^2 \|A\| c_1$ . Because  $\alpha < \frac{1}{2} \|A\|^{-1}$ , there is  $1 - \alpha \|A\| > 0$ ,  $1 + \beta_1 \|A\|^2 - 2\alpha \|A\| > 0$ .

According to (15) we obtain that  $d < 1$ . Now, let  $\varphi$  be a positive number such that  $d\varphi^2 + 2\vartheta(1-\vartheta)\beta \|A^{\frac{1}{2}}\|^{2-\sigma} \varphi^{2-\sigma} + c_2 < \varphi^2$ . Then  $\psi(D) \subset D$ . Hence the equation (16) has at least one solution  $x_1^*$  in  $L_2(G)$ , and thus  $x^* = A^{\frac{1}{2}}x_1^*$  is a solution of (14) in  $L_2(G)$ . The second part of our theorem is evident. This completes the proof.

Now we shall state a theorem concerning the solution of Hammerstein equations of the first kind. Consider the equation

$$(17) \quad A\phi(x) = f,$$

where  $f$  is an arbitrary element from  $L_2(G)$  ( $G$  is a measurable subset of  $E_S$ ).

**Theorem 9.** Let the following conditions be fulfilled:  
1° A function  $g(x, t)$  measurable in  $t \in G$  has a



continuous partial derivative  $g'_x(x, t)$  in  $x \in (-\infty, +\infty)$  and for every  $x \in (-\infty, +\infty)$  and almost every  $t \in G$  there is  $0 \leq g'_x(x, t) \leq M < +\infty$  ( $M$  is a constant). 2° A linear continuous self-adjoint mapping  $A$  maps  $L_2(G)$  into itself and  $(Ax, x) \geq m \|x\|^2$ , ( $m > 0$ ) holds for every  $x \in L_2(G)$ . 3°  $\frac{1}{2}g(x, t)x \geq ax^2 - b(t)|x|^{2-\gamma} - c(t)$ , ( $x \in (-\infty, +\infty)$ ,  $t \in G$ ), where  $0 < \gamma < 2$ ,  $b(t) \in L_{\frac{2}{\gamma}}(G)$ ,  $c(t) \in L_1(G)$ ,  $a > 0$ .

Then the equation

$$(18) \quad \int_G K(s, t) g(x(t), t) dt = f(s)$$

has at least one solution  $x^*$  in  $L_2(G)$ .

Remark. For some result concerning the solution of the equations of the first kind see [11, § 11]. For  $A$  one may set in theorems of § 2 an integral operator with the Carleman kernel.

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