

HYERS-ULAM STABILITY OF FREDHOLM INTEGRAL EQUATION

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Abstract

We prove the Hyers-Ulam stability of Fredholm integral equation. That is, if x is an approximate solution of $x(t) = f(t) + \lambda \int_a^b K(t, s)x(s)ds$, then there exists an exact solution of the differential equation near to x .

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1 Introduction

S.M. Ulam[14] gave a wide-ranging talk about a series of important unsolved problems in 1940. The question concerning the stability of group homomorphisms is one of them. A year later, D.H. Hyers[1] proved the stability for the case of approximately additive mappings under the assumption that G_1 and G_2 are Banach spaces. After then, the Hyers-Ulam stability of function equation(see [10, 11, 12, 2]) and differential function(see[8, 9, 13, 5, 6, 7, 3, 4]) was investigated by several mathematicians.

In this paper, we will investigate the Hyers-Ulam stability of integral equation:

$$x(t) = f(t) + \lambda \int_a^b K(t, s)x(s)ds \quad (\text{Fredholm equation}) \quad (1.1)$$

by fixed point theorem.

The following theorems are the key in proving our main theorem.

Theorem 1.1 (fixed point theorem). *Let (X, d) be a completed metric space. Assume that $T : X \rightarrow X$ is a strictly contractive operator with $d(Tx, Ty) \leq \theta d(x, y)$ ($0 < \theta < 1$). Then*

- (a) *there exists an unique fixed point x^* of T ($Tx^* = x^*$);*
- (b) *the sequence $\{T^n x\}$ converges to x^* .*

Theorem 1.2 (Hölder inequality). *Assume that $p > 1, \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1, x \in L^p(E), y \in L^q(E)$, then $xy \in L(E)$ and*

$$\int_E |x(t)y(t)|dt \leq \left(\int_E |x(t)^p|dt\right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left(\int_E |y(t)^q|dt\right)^{\frac{1}{q}}.$$

2 Main Results

The following theorem is the main result of this paper.

Theorem 2.1. *Suppose that $z : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f \in L^2([a, b])$ and $K(t, s) \in L^2([a, b] \times [a, b])$. If $z(t)$ satisfies the following inequality*

$$|z(t) - f(t) - \lambda \int_a^b K(t, s)z(s)ds| \leq \varepsilon \quad (\varepsilon \geq 0), \tag{2.1}$$

where $|\lambda \int_a^b K(t, s)ds| \leq M < 1$ for every $t \in [a, b]$ and $|\lambda [\int_a^b \int_a^b K^2(t, s)dsdt]^{\frac{1}{2}}| \leq M < 1$, then there exists a solution x satisfies Eq.(1.1) and

$$|x(t) - z(t)| < \frac{1}{1 - M}\varepsilon$$

for every $t \in [a, b]$.

Proof. Define an operator T by:

$$(Tx)(t) = f(t) + g(t) + \lambda \int_a^b K(t, s)x(s)ds, \quad x \in L^2([a, b]). \tag{2.2}$$

Then, by using the Hölder inequality(theorem 1.2), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_a^b \left| \int_a^b K(t, s)x(s)ds \right|^2 dt &\leq \int_a^b \left[\int_a^b K^2(t, s)ds \int_a^b x^2(s)ds \right] dt \\ &\leq \int_a^b x^2(s)ds \cdot \int_a^b \int_a^b K^2(t, s)dsdt \leq \infty, \end{aligned}$$

which implies that $Tx \in L^2([a, b])$ and T is a self-mapping of $L^2([a, b])$. Thus, the solution of Eq.(2.2) is the fixed point of T .

Moreover,

$$\begin{aligned} d_2(Tx, Ty) &= \left[\int_a^b |(Tx)(t) - (Ty)(t)|^2 dt \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= \left[\int_a^b \left| \lambda \int_a^b K(t, s) \{x(s) - y(s)\} ds \right|^2 dt \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &\leq |\lambda| \left[\int_a^b \left\{ \int_a^b K^2(t, s) ds \int_a^b |x(s) - y(s)|^2 ds \right\} dt \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= |\lambda| \left[\int_a^b \int_a^b K^2(t, s) ds dt \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} d(x, y). \end{aligned}$$

And we note that

$$\left| \lambda \left[\int_a^b \int_a^b K^2(t, s) ds dt \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \right| \leq M < 1.$$

Thus, T is a contractive operator.

It follows from theorem 1.1 that Eq.(2.2) has a unique solution $x^* \in L^2([a, b])$, where $x^* = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n$ for $x_n(t) = f(t) + g(t) + \lambda \int_a^b K(t, s)x_{n-1}(s)ds$ and $x_0 \in L^2([a, b])$ is an arbitrary function.

Now, assume that $g(t) = 0$ in Eq.(2.2)(equivalent to Eq.(1.1)), then we can know that there exists an unique solution $x^* \in L^2([a, b])$ of

$$x(t) = f(t) + \lambda \int_a^b K(t, s)x(s)ds, \tag{2.3}$$

where $x^* = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n$ for $x_n(t) = f(t) + \lambda \int_a^b K(t, s)x_{n-1}(s)ds$ and x_0 is an arbitrary function in $L^2([a, b])$.

Then, let $z \in L^2([a, b])$ be a solution of Ineq.(2.1) and

$$z(t) - f(t) - \lambda \int_a^b K(t, s)z(s)ds := h(t). \tag{2.4}$$

Obviously, $|h(t)| \leq \varepsilon$ for all $t \in [a, b]$. Then we can know that the solution of Eq.(2.4) is $z^* = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} z_n$, where $z^* \in L^2([a, b])$ and $z_n(t) = f(t) + h(t) + \lambda \int_a^b K(t, s)z_{n-1}(s)ds$ and z_0 is an arbitrary function in $L^2([a, b])$.

At last, let $x_0(t) = z_0(t) = 0$, then we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 |x_1(t) - z_1(t)| &= |h(t)| \leq \varepsilon; \\
 |x_2(t) - z_2(t)| &= |h(t) + \lambda \int_a^b K(t, s)(x_1(s) - z_1(s))ds| \leq \varepsilon(1 + \lambda \int_a^b |K(t, s)|ds); \\
 |x_3(t) - z_3(t)| &= |h(t) + \lambda \int_a^b K(t, s)(x_2(s) - z_2(s))ds| \\
 &\leq \varepsilon + \varepsilon\lambda \int_a^b |K(t, s_2)|(1 + \lambda \int_a^b |K(s_2, s_1)|ds_1)ds_2 \\
 &\leq \varepsilon(1 + \lambda \int_a^b |K(t, s)|ds + \lambda^2 \int_a^b |K(t, s_2)| \int_a^b |K(s_2, s_1)|ds_1ds_2); \\
 &\dots\dots\dots \\
 |x_n(t) - z_n(t)| &\leq \varepsilon(1 + \lambda \int_a^b |K(t, s)|ds + \lambda^2 \int_a^b |K(t, s_2)| \int_a^b |K(s_2, s_1)|ds_1ds_2 \\
 &\quad + \lambda^n \int_a^b \dots \int_a^b |K(t, s_n)K(s_n, s_{n-1}) \dots K(s_2, s_1)|ds_n \dots ds_2ds_1) \\
 &\leq \varepsilon(1 + M + M^2 + \dots + M^n) \quad (|\lambda \int_a^b K(t, s)ds| \leq M < 1) \\
 &= \varepsilon \frac{1 - M^{n+1}}{1 - M}; \\
 |x^*(t) - z^*(t)| &\leq \frac{1}{1 - M}\varepsilon, \quad (\text{as } n \rightarrow \infty),
 \end{aligned}$$

which completes our proof.

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