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ABSTRACT. We first investigate in this paper further properties of the new concept of (ω,c) -periodic functions; then we apply the results to study the existence of (ω,c) -periodic mild solutions of the fractional differential equations $D_t^{\alpha}(u(t)-F_1(t,u(t)))=A(u(t)-F_1(t,u(t)))+D_t^{\alpha-1}F_2(t,u(t)),\ t\in\mathbb{R},$ where $1<\alpha<2,\ A:D(A)\subseteq X\to X$ is a linear densely defined operator of sectorial type on a complex Banach space $X,F_1,F_2:\mathbb{R}\times X\to X$ are two (ω,c) -periodic functions satisfying suitable conditions in the second variable. The fractional derivative is understood in the sense of Riemann-Liouville.

1. Introduction

Recently, Alvarez et al. [1] introduced the concept of (ω,c) -periodic functions which contains the classes periodic, antiperiodic and Bloch periodic functions among others. This concept is motivated by the Mathieu's equation

$$y''(t) + [a - 2q\cos(2t)]y(t) = 0$$

which is used in the modelling of several phenomena including the stability of railroads as trains drive over them, or seasonally forced population dynamics.

In their paper [2], the authors generalize this concept to the one of (ω,c) -pseudo periodic functions which are functions with ergodic parts. Both papers [1, 2] generalize several results in [7, 10, 11, 12].

The aim of this work is to investigate further properties of (ω,c) -periodic functions in Section 2 and their applications to some ordinary differential equations (Section 3) and fractional differential equations of the form $D_t^{\alpha}(u(t) - F_1(t, u(t))) = A(u(t) - F_1(t, u(t))) + D_t^{\alpha-1}F_2(t, u(t)), t \in \mathbb{R}$, where $1 < \alpha < 2$ (Section 4) in a complex Banach space $(X, \|\cdot\|)$. D_t^{α} denotes the time fractional derivative of order α in the Riemann-Liouville sense.

2. (ω, c) -periodic functions and their properties

In this paper we will consider $(X, \|\cdot\|)$ a complex Banach space, $\omega > 0$, and $c \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$.

Definition 2.1. [1, 2] A function
$$f \in C(\mathbb{R}, X)$$
 is said to be (ω, c) -periodic if $f(t + \omega) = c f(t), \ \forall \ t \in \mathbb{R}$.

In this case, ω is called the c-period of f. The set of all (ω, c) -periodic functions $\mathbb{R} \to X$ is denoted $P_{\omega c}(\mathbb{R}, X)$. Examples of (ω, c) -periodic include ω - periodic $(P_{\omega}(\mathbb{R}, X))$, antiperiodic $(P_{a\omega}(\mathbb{R}, X))$ and Bloch periodic $(B_{p,k}(\mathbb{R}, X))$ functions (cf. for instance [7, 10, 11, 12] for more information on these functions).

Proposition 2.2. [1] A function $f \in C(\mathbb{R}, X)$ is (ω, c) -periodic if and only if

$$f(t) = c^{\wedge}(t)u(t), \quad c^{\wedge}(t) := c^{\frac{t}{\omega}}, \quad u \in P_{\omega}(\mathbb{R}, X).$$

Theorem 2.3. [1] Equipped with the norm $||f||_{\omega c} := \sup_{t \in [0,\omega]} |||c^{\wedge}(-t)||f(t)||, P_{\omega c}(\mathbb{R}, X)$

turns out to be a Banach space

Let's state and prove

Theorem 2.4. Let $f \in P_{\omega,c}(\mathbb{R},X)$. Then the following are true:

- (i) If $f(t) \neq 0$ $\forall t \in \mathbb{R}$, then the function $g(t) := \frac{1}{f(t)}$, $t \in \mathbb{R}$ belongs to $P_{\omega,\frac{1}{c}}(\mathbb{R},X)$
- (ii) The function $f_a(t) := f(t+a), \ a \in \mathbb{R}$ belongs to $P_{\omega,c}(\mathbb{R}, X)$.
- (iii) If $\lambda \in P_{\omega,c}(\mathbb{R},\mathbb{C})$, then $\lambda f \in P_{\omega,c^2}(\mathbb{R},X)$
- (iv) If $A: X \to X$ is a bounded linear operator, then $Af \in P_{\omega,c}(\mathbb{R}, X)$.

Proof. It comes straightforward from the definition of (ω, c) -periodic functions. \square

Lemma 2.5. For all $(s, u) \in \mathbb{R} \times X$, there exists $\varphi \in P_{\omega,c}(\mathbb{R}, X)$ such that $\varphi(s) = u$ Proof. Let $\Psi : \mathbb{R} \to X$ be define by $\Psi(t) = c^{\wedge}(t)$. Then obviously $\Psi \in P_{\omega,c}(\mathbb{R}, X)$ with $\Psi(0) = 1$. This implies that the function $\varphi(t) := \Psi(t - s)u$ satisfies the property.

For a given function $F \in BC(\mathbb{R},X)$, define the Nemytskii's superposition operator

(2.1)
$$\mathcal{N}_F(\varphi)(\cdot) := F(\cdot, \varphi(\cdot)), \quad \varphi \in P_{\omega,c}(\mathbb{R}, X).$$

In [7], the authors proved the following result in the framework of Bloch-periodic functions. This result was generalized in the case of (ω, c) -periodic functions [1]. Here we give a more rigourous proof using the lemma above.

Theorem 2.6. Let $F \in BC(\mathbb{R}, X)$. The following are equivalent

- (i) For every $\varphi \in P_{\omega,c}(\mathbb{R}, X)$, $\mathcal{N}_F(\varphi) \in P_{\omega,c}(\mathbb{R}, X)$.
- (ii) For all $(t, x) \in \mathbb{R} \times X$, $F(t + \omega, cx) = cF(t, x)$.

Proof. Assume (i) and let $(t,x) \in \mathbb{R} \times X$. Then by Lemma (2.5) there exists $\varphi \in P_{\omega,c}(\mathbb{R},X)$ such that $\varphi(t)=x$. Let $\Phi(.):=\mathcal{N}(\cdot,\varphi(\cdot))$. Then $\Phi \in P_{\omega,c}(\mathbb{R},X)$ and using (2.1) we have

$$F(t + \omega, cx) = F(t + \omega, c\varphi(t))$$

$$= F(t + \omega, \varphi(t + \omega))$$

$$= \Phi(t + \omega)$$

$$= c\Phi(t)$$

$$= c\mathcal{N}_F(\varphi)(t)$$

$$= cF(t, \varphi(t))$$

which means $F(t + \omega, cx) = cF(t, x)$ because $\varphi(t) = x$.

Conversely assume that $F(t + \omega, cx) = cF(t, x)$ and let $\varphi \in P_{\omega,c}(\mathbb{R}, X)$. Then using (2.1), we have

$$\mathcal{N}_{F}(\varphi)(t+w) = F(t+\omega,\varphi(t+\omega))
= F(t+\omega,c\varphi(t))
= cF(t,\varphi(t))
= c\mathcal{N}_{F}(\varphi)(t).$$

The proof is complete.

Theorem 2.7. Suppose $f \in C^1(\mathbb{R}, X) \cap P_{\omega,c}(\mathbb{R}, X)$. Then $f' \in P_{\omega,c}(\mathbb{R}, X)$

Proof. We have

$$f(t+h) - f(t) = f'(t)h + o(h)$$

where $o(h) = |h|\varepsilon(h)$ with $\lim_{h\to 0} \varepsilon(h) = 0$. But

$$f(t + \omega + h) - f(t + \omega) = c[f(t + h) - f(t)] = cf'(t)h + o(h).$$

Therefore

$$f'(t+\omega) = cf'(t)$$

which means

$$f' \in P_{\omega,c}(\mathbb{R}, X)$$
.

Theorem 2.7 leads to the following corollary:

Corollary 2.8. Let $F \in C^1(\mathbb{R} \times X, X)$ satisfies one of the equivalent properties (i) and (ii) of Theorem 2.6. Then for every function $\varphi \in C^1(\mathbb{R}, X) \cap P_{\omega,c}(\mathbb{R}, X)$, the function $\Phi : \mathbb{R} \longrightarrow X$ defined by $\Phi(\cdot) = F(\cdot, \varphi(\cdot))$ is (ω, c) -periodic), differentiable and Φ' is (ω, c) -periodic.

Proposition 2.9. Let $f \in P_{\omega,c}(\mathbb{R}, X)$ and suppose $(T(t))_{t\geq 0}$ be a C_0 -semigroup of linear operators. Then the function $\Upsilon(t)$ defined by

$$\Upsilon(t) := \int_{-\infty}^{t} T(t-s)f(s) \, \mathrm{d}s$$

is also in $P_{\omega,c}(\mathbb{R},X)$.

Proof. It is straightforward. Indeed we have.

$$\Upsilon(t+\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{t+\omega} T(t+\omega - s) f(s) \, \mathrm{d}s$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{t} T(t-\sigma) f(\sigma + \omega) \, \mathrm{d}\sigma$$

$$= c \int_{-\infty}^{t} T(t-\sigma) f(\sigma) \, \mathrm{d}\sigma$$

$$= c \Upsilon(t).$$

This completes the proof.

Theorem 2.10. [1] Let $f \in P_{\omega,c}(\mathbb{R},X)$ with $f(t) = c^{\wedge}(t)u(t)$, $u \in P_{\omega}(\mathbb{R},X)$. If $k^{\sim}(t) := c^{\wedge}(-t)k(t) \in L^{1}(\mathbb{R})$, then $(k \star f) \in P_{\omega c}(\mathbb{R},X)$, where

$$(k \star f)(t) = \int_{\mathbb{P}} k(t - \sigma) f(\sigma) d\sigma$$

Let $\varphi \in L^1(\mathbb{R})$ and $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$. Consider the operator $A_{\lambda,\varphi}$ defined by

$$A_{\lambda,\varphi}x = \lambda x + \varphi \star x.$$

Then it obvious that $A_{\lambda,\varphi}(P_{\omega}(\mathbb{R},X)) \subset P_{\omega}(\mathbb{R},X)$. Moreover $A_{\lambda,\varphi}$ acts continuously on $P_{\omega c}(\mathbb{R},X)$, that means there exists a constant $\gamma > 0$ such that

$$||A_{\lambda,\omega}x|| \le \gamma ||x||, \ \forall x \in P_{\omega c}(\mathbb{R}, X).$$

Consider now

$$a(\xi) := \lambda + \hat{\varphi}(\xi)$$

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where $\hat{\varphi}(\xi)$ is the Fourier transform of the function φ , $a(\xi)$ is the *symbol* of the operator $A_{\lambda,\varphi}$, where $\varphi \in L^1(\mathbb{R})$. Now since $\lim_{\xi \to \infty} \hat{\varphi}(\xi) = 0$, the symbol $a(\xi)$ is a well-defined continuous function on $\overline{\mathbb{R}} = \mathbb{R} \cup (\infty)$, and $a(\infty) = \lambda$.

Now we state and prove

Theorem 2.11. Suppose $\varphi \in L^1(\mathbb{R})$. Then the operator $A_{\lambda,\varphi}$ is invertible in $P_{\omega c}(\mathbb{R}, X)$ if $a(\xi) \neq 0$, $\forall \xi \in \overline{\mathbb{R}}$.

Proof. Suppose $a(\xi) \neq 0$, $\forall \xi \in \mathbb{R}$. The function $\frac{1}{a(\xi)}$ is then well-defined on \mathbb{R} and in view of the classical Wiener's theorem, we get

$$\frac{1}{a(\xi)} = \frac{1}{\lambda} + \hat{\Psi}(\xi),$$

where $\Psi \in L^1(\mathbb{R})$. It is easy to verify that $A_{\frac{1}{\lambda},\Psi}$ is the inverse to the operator $A_{\lambda,\varphi}$ which acts on $P_{\omega c}(\mathbb{R},X)$ in view of the remark above.

3. Ordinary differential equations

3.1. Linear case. Consider the following equation in \mathbb{C}

(3.1)
$$u'(t) = \lambda u(t) + h(t), \quad t \in \mathbb{R}$$

If $\Re e\lambda \neq 0$, the we have either

$$u(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{t} e^{\lambda(t-s)} h(s) \, ds \ (\Re e\lambda < 0)$$

or

$$u(t) = \int_{t}^{\infty} e^{\lambda(t-s)} h(s) ds \ (\Re e\lambda > 0)$$

is the unique solution of Eq. (3.1). We deduce in view of Proposition 2.9 that $u \in P_{\omega,c}(\mathbb{C})$. We have the following Massera type result.

Theorem 3.1. Let f be (ω, c) -periodic. Then every bounded solution of the differential equation

$$(3.2) x'(t) = A(t)x(t) + f(t), t \in \mathbb{R},$$

where $A(t): \mathbb{R} \to \mathcal{M}_k(\mathbb{C})$ is ω -periodic, is in $P_{\omega,c}(\mathbb{C}^k)$

Proof. The proof is similar to Theorem 3.1 [8]. First let us note that by Floquet's theory and without loss of generality we may assume that A(t) = A is independent of t. Next we will show that the problem can be reduced to the one-dimensional case. In fact, if A is independent of t, by a change of variable if necessary, we may assume that A is of Jordan normal form. In this direction we can go further with assumption that A has only one Jordan box. That is, we have to prove the theorem for equations of the form

$$\begin{pmatrix} x'_1(t) \\ x'_2(t) \\ \vdots \\ x'_k(t) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & \lambda \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \\ \vdots \\ x_k(t) \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} f_1(t) \\ f_2(t) \\ \vdots \\ f_k(t) \end{pmatrix}, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Let's assume that $\Re e\lambda \neq 0$, then consider the last equation

$$x_k'(t) = \lambda x_k(t) + f_k(t),$$

Using the above result, we can show that the solution x_k is in $P_{\omega,c}(\mathbb{C})$. The same way we can prove that x_{k-1} is also in $P_{\omega,c}(\mathbb{C})$ We continue the process to prove that all x_i , i = 1, 2, ...k are in $P_{\omega,c}(\mathbb{C})$, which shows that $x \in P_{\omega,c}(\mathbb{C}^k)$

3.2. Semilinear case. Consider the following equation in \mathbb{C}

(3.3)
$$u'(t) = \lambda u(t) + h(t, u(t)), \quad t \in \mathbb{R}$$

where $\Re e\lambda \neq 0$ and $f: \mathbb{R} \times X \to X$ satisfies either condition (i) or condition (ii) of Theorem (2.6) and there exists L > 0 such that

$$||h(t,x) - h(t,y)|| \le L||x - y||, \ \forall x, y \in X.$$

Then there exists a unique solution of Eq. (2.7) which is in $P_{\omega,c}(X)$ provided $L < |\mathcal{R}e\lambda|$.

Indeed by assumption the operator $\Lambda: P_{\omega,c}(X) \to P_{\omega,c}(X)$ defined by

$$(\Lambda u)(t) := \int_{-\infty}^{t} e^{\lambda(t-s)} h(s, u(s)) \, \mathrm{d}s \ (\mathcal{R}e\lambda < 0)$$

is well-defined based on the assumption on h. Now if we take $u, b \in \int_{-\infty}^{t} e^{\lambda(t-s)} h(s) ds$ ($\Re e \lambda < 0$) then

$$(\|\Lambda u)(t) - \Lambda v)(t)\| \le \int_{-\infty}^{t} \|e^{\lambda(t-s)}(h(s, u(s)) - h(s, v(s))\| \, \mathrm{d}s$$

$$\le L\|u - v\|_{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{t} e^{\mathcal{R}e\lambda(t-s)} \, \mathrm{d}s$$

$$\le \frac{L}{|\mathcal{R}e\lambda|} \|u - v\|_{\infty}$$

and we conclude using the Banach contraction principle.

4. Fractional Differential equations

We consider the fractional differential equation

(4.1)
$$D_t^{\alpha}(u(t) - F_1(t, u(t))) = A(u(t) - F_1(t, u(t))) + D_t^{\alpha - 1}F_2(t, u(t)), t \in \mathbb{R},$$

where $1 < \alpha < 2, A : D(A) \subseteq X \to X$ is a linear densely defined operator

of sectorial type on a complex Banach space X, $F_1, F_2 : \mathbb{R} \times X \to X$ are two (ω, c) -periodic functions satisfying suitable conditions in the second variable. The fractional derivative is understood in the Riemann-Liouville sense.

4.1. **Sectorial operators.** We need to recall some definitions about sectorial operators.

Definition 4.1. A closed linear operator (A, D(A)) with dense domain D(A) in Banach space X is said to be sectorial of type ω and angle θ if there are constants $\omega \in \mathbb{R}, \ \theta \in]0, \frac{\pi}{2}[$, and M > 0 such that its resolvent exists outside the sector

(4.2)
$$\omega + \Sigma_{\theta} := \{ \omega + \lambda : \lambda \in \mathbb{C}, |arg(-\lambda)| < \theta \},$$

$$(4.3) ||(\lambda - A)^{-1}|| \le \frac{M}{|\lambda - \omega|}, \ \lambda \notin \omega + \Sigma_{\theta},$$

for more details on sectorial operators we refer to [6].

We denote by $\mathcal{B}(X)$ the space of all bounded linear operators from X into X endowed with the norm of operators. Let A be a closed linear operator with domain D(A) defined on a Banach space X, the notation $\rho(A)$ stands for the resolvent set of A.

To study the fractional differential equation

$$(4.4) D_t^{\alpha} u(t) = Au(t) + D_t^{\alpha - 1} f(t), \ t \in \mathbb{R},$$

where f is an X-valued function. We consider the following concept.

Definition 4.2. We call A the generator of a solution operator (or α -resolvent family) if there are $\omega \in \mathbb{R}$ and a strongly continuous function $S_{\alpha} : \mathbb{R}_{+} \to \mathcal{B}(X)$ such that $\{\lambda^{\alpha} : Re\lambda > \omega\} \subseteq \rho(A)$ and $\lambda^{\alpha-1}(\lambda^{\alpha} - A)^{-1}x = \int_{0}^{\infty} e^{-\lambda t} S_{\alpha}(t)x \, dt$, $Re\lambda > \omega$, $x \in X$. In this case, $S_{\alpha}(t)$ is called the solution operator generated by A. We observe that the power function λ^{α} is uniquely defined as $\lambda^{\alpha} = |\lambda|^{\alpha} e^{iarg\lambda}$, with $-\pi < arg(\lambda) < \pi$.

We note that if A is sectorial of type ω with $0 \le \theta < \pi(1 - \frac{\alpha}{2})$, then A is the generator of a solution operator given by $S_{\alpha}(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma} e^{\lambda t} \lambda^{\alpha-1} (\lambda^{\alpha} - A)^{-1} d\lambda$, where γ is a suitable path lying outside the sector $\omega + \Sigma_{\theta}$.

Lemma 4.3. ([4, Theorem 1]) Let $A:D(A)\subseteq X\to X$ be a sectorial operator in a complex Banach space X, satisfying (4.2) and (4.3) for M>0, $\omega<0$ and $0\leq\theta<\pi(1-\frac{\alpha}{2})$. Then there is $C(\theta,\alpha)>0$ depending solely on θ and α , such that

$$(4.5) ||S_{\alpha}(t)|| \leq \frac{C(\theta, \alpha)M}{1 + |\omega|t^{\alpha}}, \ t \geq 0.$$

We recall here the following definition that will be essential in the sequel.

Definition 4.4. Assume that A is sectorial of type $\omega < 0$ and angle θ satisfying $0 \le \theta < \pi(1 - \frac{\alpha}{2})$. A function $u : \mathbb{R} \to X$ is called a mild solution of (4.1) if the function $s \to S_{\alpha}(t-s)F_2(s,u(s))$ is integrable on $(-\infty,t)$ for each $t \in \mathbb{R}$ and

(4.6)
$$u(t) = F_1(t, u(t)) + \int_{-\infty}^t S_{\alpha}(t-s)F_2(s, u(s)) ds,$$

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

Definition 4.5. We call A the generator of a solution operator (or α -resolvent family) if there are $\omega \in \mathbb{R}$ and a strongly continuous function $S_{\alpha} : \mathbb{R}_{+} \to \mathcal{B}(X)$ such that $\{\lambda^{\alpha} : Re\lambda > \omega\} \subseteq \rho(A)$ and $\lambda^{\alpha-1}(\lambda^{\alpha} - A)^{-1}x = \int_{0}^{\infty} e^{-\lambda t} S_{\alpha}(t)x \, dt$, $Re\lambda > \omega$, $x \in X$. In this case, $S_{\alpha}(t)$ is called the solution operator generated by A. We observe that the power function λ^{α} is uniquely defined as $\lambda^{\alpha} = |\lambda|^{\alpha} e^{iarg\lambda}$, with $-\pi < arg(\lambda) < \pi$.

We note that if A is of sectorial of type ω with $0 \le \theta < \pi(1 - \frac{\alpha}{2})$, then A is the generator of a solution operator given by $S_{\alpha}(t) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma} e^{\lambda t} \lambda^{\alpha-1} (\lambda^{\alpha} - A)^{-1} d\lambda$, where γ is a suitable path lying outside the sector $\omega + \Sigma_{\theta}$.

Lemma 4.6. Let $A: D(A) \subseteq X \to X$ be a sectorial operator in a complex Banach space X, satisfying (4.2) and (4.3) for M>0, $\omega<0$ and $0\leq\theta<\pi(1-\frac{\alpha}{2})$. Then there is $C(\theta,\alpha)>0$ depending solely on θ and α , such that

$$(4.7) ||S_{\alpha}(t)|| \leq \frac{C(\theta, \alpha)M}{1 + |\omega|t^{\alpha}}, \ t \geq 0.$$

Lemma 4.7. Assume that A is sectorial of type $\omega < 0$ and angle θ satisfying $0 \le \theta < \pi(1 - \frac{\alpha}{2})$. If $f : \mathbb{R} \to X$ is a (ω, c) -periodic function and Γf is given by $(\Gamma f)(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{t} S_{\alpha}(t-s)f(s) \, \mathrm{d}s, \ t \in \mathbb{R}$, then $\Gamma f \in P_{\omega,c}(\mathbb{R}, X)$.

Proof. We have

$$(\Gamma f)(t+\omega) = \int_{-\infty}^{t+\omega} S_{\alpha}(t+\omega-s)f(s) \, \mathrm{d}s$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{t} S_{\alpha}(t-\sigma)f(\sigma+\omega) \, \mathrm{d}\sigma$$

$$= c \int_{-\infty}^{t} S_{\alpha}(t-\sigma)f(\sigma) \, \mathrm{d}\sigma$$

$$= c(\Gamma f)(t)$$

which proves the result.

Theorem 4.8. Assume that A is sectorial of type $\omega < 0$ and angle θ satisfying $0 \le \theta < \pi(1 - \frac{\alpha}{2})$. Let F_1, F_2 satisfy Theorem 2.6 (i) and there are a positive constant μ_1 and positive bounded continuous function $\mu_2(t)$ so that

$$(4.8) ||F_1(t, u_1) - F_1(t, u_2)|| \le \mu_1 ||u_1 - u_2||, \ \forall \ u_1, u_2 \in X, \ \forall \ t \in \mathbb{R},$$

$$(4.9) ||F_2(t, u_1) - F_2(t, u_2)|| \le \mu_2(t)||u_1 - u_2||, \ \forall \ u_1, u_2 \in X, \ \forall \ t \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Let $\beta_2(t) = \int_{-\infty}^t \frac{\mu_2(s)}{1+|\omega|(t-s)^{\alpha}} ds$. If there is a constant $\gamma > 0$ such that

for all $t \in \mathbb{R}$, where $C(\theta, \alpha)$ and M are the constants in (4.7). Then Eq. (4.1) has a unique (ω, c) -periodic mild solution.

Proof. Note that the operator $F: P_{\omega,c}(\mathbb{R},X) \to P_{\omega,c}(\mathbb{R},X)$ given by

(4.11)
$$(F\varphi)(t) = F_1(t,\varphi(t)) + \int_{-\infty}^t S_\alpha(t-s)F_2(s,\varphi(s)) \,\mathrm{d}s,$$

is well defined. Indeed, let $\varphi \in P_{\omega,c}(\mathbb{R}, X)$, then in view of Theorem 2.6, the functions $t \to F_1(t, \varphi(t))$ and $t \to F_2(t, \varphi(t))$ belong to $P_{\omega,c}(\mathbb{R}, X)$. By Lemma 4.7 we obtain that $F\varphi \in P_{\omega,c}(\mathbb{R}, X)$.

On the other hand, if $\varphi_1, \ \varphi_2 \in P_{\omega,c}(\mathbb{R}, X)$, we have

$$||F\varphi_{1}(t) - F\varphi_{2}(t)|| \leq ||F_{1}(t, \varphi_{1}(t)) - F_{1}(t, \varphi_{2}(t))|| + \int_{-\infty}^{t} ||S_{\alpha}(t - s)|| ||F_{2}(s, \varphi_{1}(s)) - F_{2}(s, \varphi_{2}(s))|| ds \leq \mu_{1}||\varphi_{1} - \varphi_{2}||_{\infty} + C(\theta, \alpha)M\beta_{2}(t)||\varphi_{1} - \varphi_{2}||_{\infty} < \gamma||\varphi_{1} - \varphi_{2}||_{\infty},$$

hence F is a γ -contraction. Now, the assertion is a consequence of the contraction mapping principle. The proof is now completed.

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