

## RESOLUTION IN HÖLDER SPACES OF AN ELLIPTIC PROBLEM IN AN UNBOUNDED DOMAIN

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### Abstract

In this paper we give new results concerning the maximal regularity of the strict solution of an abstract second-order differential equation, with non-homogeneous boundary conditions of Dirichlet type, and set in an unbounded interval. The right-hand term of the equation is a Hölder continuous function.

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### 1. Introduction

This work is devoted to the study of the second-order abstract differential equation

$$(1.1) \quad u''(t) + Au(t) = f(t), \quad t \in (0, +\infty),$$

under non-homogeneous boundary conditions of Dirichlet type given by

$$(1.2) \quad u(0) = \varphi, \quad u(+\infty) = 0,$$

where  $\varphi$  and  $f(t)$  belong to a complex Banach space  $E$  and  $A$  is a closed linear operator with domain  $D(A)$  not necessarily dense in  $E$ .

For  $l \in \mathbb{N}$ , we denote by  $BUC^l([0, +\infty[; E)$  the space of vector-valued functions with uniformly continuous and bounded derivatives up to order  $l$  in  $[0, +\infty[$  and by  $C^\sigma([0, +\infty[; E)$  for  $\sigma \in ]0, 1[$ , the space of bounded and  $\sigma$ -Hölder continuous functions  $f : [0, +\infty[ \rightarrow E$ , such that  $\sup_{t \in [0, +\infty[} \|f(t)\|_E < \infty$  and there exists  $C > 0$  such that for all  $t, \tau \in [0, +\infty[$ ,

$$\|f(t) - f(\tau)\|_E \leq C|t - \tau|^\sigma,$$

endowed with the norm

$$\begin{aligned} \|f\|_{C^\sigma([0, +\infty[; E)} &= \sup_{t \in [0, +\infty[} \|f(t)\|_E + \sup_{t \neq \tau} \frac{\|f(t) - f(\tau)\|_E}{|t - \tau|^\sigma} \\ &= \|f\|_\infty + [f]_{C^\sigma([0, +\infty[; E)}. \end{aligned}$$

For simplicity, we shall write  $C^\sigma(E)$  instead of  $C^\sigma([0, +\infty[; E)$ .

In the present study, we are interested in the existence, the uniqueness and the maximal regularity of the strict solution  $u$  in the Banach space  $X = BUC([0, +\infty[; E)$ , when the right-hand term  $f$  is regular (Hölder continuous function).

We recall that  $u \in BUC([0, +\infty[; E)$  is a *strict solution* of Problem (1.1)–(1.2) if

$$u \in BUC([0, +\infty[; E) \cap BUC([0, +\infty[; D(A)),$$

and  $u$  satisfies (1.1) and (1.2).

Throughout this paper we assume that the resolvent of  $A$  verifies the hypothesis that there exists  $K > 0$  such that for all  $\lambda \geq 0$

$$(1.3) \quad \|(A - \lambda I)^{-1}\|_{L(E)} \leq \frac{K}{1 + \lambda}.$$

Equations (1.1)–(1.2) can be illustrated by the following example of a Laplacian problem

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2}(t, x) + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}(t, x) = f(t, x), & (t, x) \in (0, +\infty) \times (0, 1), \\ u(0, x) = \varphi(x), \quad u(+\infty, x) = 0, & x \in (0, 1), \\ u(t, 0) = u(t, 1) = 0. \end{cases}$$

Indeed, in  $E = C([0, 1])$ , we can choose the operator  $A$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} D(A) &= \{v \in C^2([0, 1]) : v(0) = v(1) = 0\} \subset E, \\ (Av)(x) &= v''(x), \quad v \in D(A). \end{aligned}$$

Several authors have studied equation (1.1) under various (homogeneous or non-homogeneous) boundary conditions, as well as in the case of variable operators, but on a finite interval. See, for instance, Krein [5], Sobolevskii [11], Véron [13], Kuyazyuk [6], Da Prato-Grisvard [9], Labbas [7].

Our approach is based on the direct use of the operational calculus and of Dunford’s integrals as in Da Prato-Grisvard [9]. We make use of the real Banach interpolation spaces  $D_A(\theta, +\infty)$ , between  $D(A)$  and  $E$ , which are well-known in many concrete cases and can be characterized by

$$D_A(\theta, +\infty) = \left\{ \xi \in E : \sup_{t > 0} \|t^\theta A(A - tI)^{-1} \xi\|_E < \infty \right\},$$

where  $\theta \in (0, 1)$  (see Grisvard [4]).

Assumption (1.3) does not imply that  $A$  is an infinitesimal generator of an analytical semigroup. However it allows us to define  $(-A)^{1/2}$ , (for details, see Balakrishnan [1]). We do not use this fractional power of the operator nor the techniques of semigroups estimates generated by them as in Krein [5].

Our main results are the following.

**THEOREM 1.1.** *Let  $\varphi \in D(A)$  and  $f \in C^{2\theta}(E)$ , with  $\theta \in (0, 1/2)$  such that*

$$f(0) - A\varphi \in \overline{D(A)}.$$

*Then Problem (1.1)–(1.2) admits a unique strict solution.*

**THEOREM 1.2.** *Let  $\varphi \in D(A)$  and  $f \in C^{2\theta}(E)$ , with  $\theta \in (0, 1/2)$  such that*

$$f(0) - A\varphi \in D_A(\theta, +\infty).$$

*Then the unique strict solution of (1.1)–(1.2) satisfies the property of maximal regularity  $Au(\cdot)$ ,  $u''(\cdot) \in C^{2\theta}(E)$ .*

If  $f$  is in a  $L^p$ -Lebesgue space, we can prove that the same representation given in (2.1) leads to the existence of a strict solution, because Lebesgue spaces satisfy the so-called UMD property. This no longer holds true for Hölder spaces; so the function needs more regularity (see, for instance, Favini *et al.* [3]).

The paper is organized as follows. In Section 2, we give the natural representation of the solution  $u$  to Problem (1.1)–(1.2) by using the operational calculus and Dunford’s integral. In Section 3, we give necessary and sufficient conditions on  $\varphi$  and  $A\varphi - f(0)$  to obtain the maximal smoothness of the solution  $u$  given by Dunford’s integral when  $f$  is Hölderian. In Section 4, we present an example, to which our abstract results can be applied.

## 2. Construction of the solution

If  $A$  is a complex scalar  $z$  such that  $\operatorname{Re} \sqrt{-z}$  is positive, then the solution of (1.1)–(1.2) is given by

$$u(t) = e^{-\sqrt{-z}t}\varphi - \int_0^{+\infty} k(t, s)f(s) ds,$$

where

$$k(t, s) = \begin{cases} \frac{e^{-\sqrt{-z}t} \sinh \sqrt{-z}s}{\sqrt{-z}} & 0 \leq s \leq t, \\ \frac{e^{-\sqrt{-z}s} \sinh \sqrt{-z}t}{\sqrt{-z}} & s \geq t. \end{cases}$$

Here  $\sqrt{-z}$  is the analytic determination defined by  $\text{Re } \sqrt{-z} > 0$ . In the general case, it is well known that Hypothesis (1.3) implies the existence of  $\delta_0 \in (0, \pi/2)$  and  $\epsilon_0 > 0$  such that the resolvent set of  $A$  contains a sectorial domain of the form

$$S_{\epsilon_0, \delta_0} = S = \{ \lambda \in \mathbb{C}^* : |\arg \lambda| \leq \delta_0 \} \cup \overline{B(O, \epsilon_0)},$$

where  $B(O, \epsilon_0)$  is an open ball of radius  $\epsilon_0$ . If  $\gamma$  denotes the sectorial boundary curve of  $S_{\epsilon_0, \delta_0}$  oriented positively, remaining in  $\rho(A) \setminus \mathbb{R}_+$ , and defined by

$$\gamma = \{ z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| \geq \epsilon_0 \text{ and } |\arg z| = \delta_0 \} \cup \{ z = \epsilon_0 e^{i\nu} : \delta_0 \leq \nu \leq 2\pi - \delta_0 \},$$

then the natural representation of the solution of (1.1)–(1.2), in the abstract case, is given by Dunford’s integral

$$(2.1) \quad \begin{aligned} u(t) = & \frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{\gamma} e^{-\sqrt{-z}t} (A - zI)^{-1} \varphi \, dz \\ & - \frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{\gamma} \int_0^{+\infty} k(t, s) (A - zI)^{-1} f(s) \, ds \, dz. \end{aligned}$$

These integrals converge absolutely for every  $t \in (0, +\infty)$ . Indeed, we have for  $z \in \gamma$ ,  $|e^{-\sqrt{-z}t}| \leq e^{-\text{Re } \sqrt{-z}t} = e^{-c_0|z|^{1/2}t}$ , where  $c_0 = \cos((\pi - \delta_0)/2)$ . On the other hand, for any  $f \in X$ , we see that

$$\left\| \int_0^{+\infty} k(t, s) (A - zI)^{-1} f(s) \, ds \right\|_E \leq \frac{1}{c_0|z|^2} \|f\|_X.$$

Set, for  $\varphi \in E$  and  $t \in (0, +\infty)$ ,

$$B(t, A)\varphi = \frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{\gamma} e^{-\sqrt{-z}t} (A - zI)^{-1} \varphi \, dz.$$

Then we have the following result, which allows us to study the properties of the solution  $u$ .

**PROPOSITION 2.1.** *Under Assumption (1.3) we have*

- (1) *that there exists  $K > 0$  depending only on  $\gamma$  such that for all  $\varphi \in E$  and for all  $t > 0$ ,  $\|B(t, A)\varphi\|_E \leq K\|\varphi\|_E$ ;*
- (2) *for all  $\varphi \in E$  and for all  $t > 0$ ,  $B(t, A)\varphi \in D(A)$ ;*
- (3)  *$B(\cdot, A)\varphi \in X$  if and only if  $\varphi \in \overline{D(A)}$ .*

**PROOF.** (1) For  $t > 0$ , we can write

$$\begin{aligned} B(t, A)\varphi &= \frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{\gamma^+} e^{-\sqrt{-z}t} (A - zI)^{-1} \varphi \, dz + \frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{\gamma^-} e^{-\sqrt{-z}t} (A - zI)^{-1} \varphi \, dz \\ &= I_+ + I_-, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$(2.2) \quad \gamma_t^+ = \{z \in \gamma : |z| \geq 1/t^2\}, \quad \gamma_t^- = \{z \in \gamma : |z| \leq 1/t^2\}.$$

Then

$$\|I_+\|_E \leq K \int_{\gamma_t^+} e^{-(\operatorname{Re} \sqrt{-z})t} \frac{|dz|}{|z|} \|\varphi\|_E \leq K \int_1^{+\infty} \frac{e^{-c_0\sigma}}{\sigma^2/t^2} \frac{2\sigma}{t^2} d\sigma \|\varphi\|_E \leq K \|\varphi\|_E,$$

and

$$I_- = \frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{\gamma_t^-} (e^{-\sqrt{-z}t} - 1)(A - zI)^{-1} \varphi dz - \frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{C_t} (A - zI)^{-1} \varphi dz = I'_- + I''_-,$$

where  $C_t = \{z = e^{i\nu}/t^2 : -\delta_0 \leq \nu \leq \delta_0\}$ . For  $I'_-$ , we write

$$\begin{aligned} I'_- &= \frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{z \in \gamma_t^-, \epsilon_0 \leq |z| \leq 1/t^2} (e^{-\sqrt{-z}t} - 1)(A - zI)^{-1} \varphi dz \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{z \in \gamma_t^-, z = \epsilon_0 e^{i\nu}} (e^{-\sqrt{-z}t} - 1)(A - zI)^{-1} \varphi dz = J_-^1 + J_-^2, \end{aligned}$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} \|J_-^1\|_E &\leq K \int_{\epsilon_0}^{1/t^2} \frac{|e^{-\sqrt{-z}t} - 1|}{|z|} d|z| \|\varphi\|_E \leq K \int_0^{1/t^2} |z|^{1/2} t \frac{d|z|}{|z|} \|\varphi\|_E \leq K \|\varphi\|_E, \\ \|J_-^2\|_E &\leq \frac{2\epsilon_0}{2\pi} \int_{\delta_0}^{2\pi - \delta_0} \|(A - \epsilon_0 e^{i\nu} I)^{-1} \varphi\|_E d\nu \leq K \|\varphi\|_E. \end{aligned}$$

For  $I''_-$ , we have

$$\|I''_-\|_E \leq K \int_{-\delta_0}^{+\delta_0} \left\| \left( A - \frac{1}{t^2} e^{i\nu} \right)^{-1} \varphi \right\| \frac{1}{t^2} d\nu \leq K \|\varphi\|_E.$$

(2) This rises from the convergence of the integral

$$\frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{\gamma} e^{-\sqrt{-z}t} A(A - zI)^{-1} \varphi dz,$$

and from the fact that  $e^{-\sqrt{-z}t}(A - zI)^{-1}\varphi \in D(A)$  for all  $\varphi \in E$  and  $t > 0$ .

(3) Fix  $\epsilon > 0$  and let  $\varphi \in \overline{D(A)}$ , then there exists  $\psi \in D(A)$  such that

$$(2.3) \quad \|\varphi - \psi\|_E \leq \epsilon.$$

Using the resolvent's identity  $(A - zI)^{-1}A\psi = \psi + z(A - zI)^{-1}\psi$ , we obtain

$$B(t, A)\psi = \frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{\gamma} \frac{e^{-\sqrt{-z}t}}{z} (A - zI)^{-1}A\psi dz.$$

Thanks to the inequality

$$\left\| \frac{e^{-\sqrt{-z}t}}{z} (A - zI)^{-1}A\psi \right\|_E \leq \frac{K}{|z|^2} \|A\psi\|_E,$$

Lebesgue's and Cauchy's theorems give us

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} B(t, A)\psi = \frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{\gamma} \frac{(A - zI)^{-1}}{z} A\psi dz = \psi.$$

Now from the equality

$$B(t, A)\varphi - \varphi = (B(t, A)\varphi - B(t, A)\psi) + (B(t, A)\psi - \psi) + (\psi - \varphi),$$

and from the estimate (2.3), we deduce that  $B(t, A)\varphi - \varphi \rightarrow 0$  as  $t \rightarrow 0^+$ . The uniform continuity in  $t > 0$  is easily verified.

Conversely, if  $B(\cdot, A)\varphi \in X$ , then for  $z \in \gamma$  one has

$$\begin{aligned} (A - zI)^{-1} \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} B(t, A)\varphi &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} (A - zI)^{-1}B(t, A)\varphi \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} B(t, A)(A - zI)^{-1}\varphi \\ &= (A - zI)^{-1}\varphi, \end{aligned}$$

wich implies that  $\varphi = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} B(t, A)\varphi \in \overline{D(A)}$ . □

**PROPOSITION 2.2.** *Under Assumption (1.3) and for  $\theta \in (0, 1/2)$  we have*

$$B(\cdot, A)\varphi \in C^{2\theta}(E) \quad \text{if and only if} \quad \varphi \in D_A(\theta, +\infty).$$

**PROOF.** Let  $\varphi \in D_A(\theta, +\infty)$  and  $0 \leq \tau < t$ . Thus

$$\begin{aligned} (\tau, A)\varphi - B(t, A)\varphi &= \frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{\gamma} \left( e^{-\sqrt{-z}\tau} - e^{-\sqrt{-z}t} \right) \frac{A(A - zI)^{-1}}{z} \varphi dz \\ &= \frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{z \in \gamma, |z| \geq (t-\tau)^{-2}} \left( e^{-\sqrt{-z}\tau} - e^{-\sqrt{-z}t} \right) \frac{A(A - zI)^{-1}}{z} \varphi dz \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{z \in \gamma, |z| \leq (t-\tau)^{-2}} \left( e^{-\sqrt{-z}\tau} - e^{-\sqrt{-z}t} \right) \frac{A(A - zI)^{-1}}{z} \varphi dz, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
& \|B(\tau, A)\varphi - B(t, A)\varphi\|_E \\
& \leq K \int_{z \in \gamma, |z| \geq (t-\tau)^{-2}} \frac{|dz|}{|z|^{\theta+1}} \|\varphi\|_{D_A(\theta, +\infty)} \\
& \quad + K' \int_{z \in \gamma, |z| \leq (t-\tau)^{-2}} \frac{e^{-(\operatorname{Re} \sqrt{-z})\tau} |z|^{1/2} (t-\tau)}{|z|^{\theta+1}} |dz| \|\varphi\|_{D_A(\theta, +\infty)} \\
& \leq K \int_{z \in \gamma, |z| \geq (t-\tau)^{-2}} \frac{|dz|}{|z|^{\theta+1}} \|\varphi\|_{D_A(\theta, +\infty)} \\
& \quad + K' \int_{z \in \gamma, |z| \leq (t-\tau)^{-2}} \frac{|z|^{1/2} (t-\tau)}{|z|^{\theta+1}} |dz| \|\varphi\|_{D_A(\theta, +\infty)} \\
& \leq \max(K, K')(t-\tau)^{2\theta} \|\varphi\|_{D_A(\theta, +\infty)}.
\end{aligned}$$

For the proof of the direct sense, we know (see Sinestrari [10]) that if  $B$  is the infinitesimal generator of an analytic semigroup  $V(t)$ , then  $V(t)\varphi - \varphi = O(t^\alpha)$ , as  $t \rightarrow 0^+$ , if and only if  $\varphi \in D_B(\alpha, +\infty)$ . Observe that  $-(-A)^{1/2}$  is the infinitesimal generator of the analytic semigroup  $V(t) = B(t, A)$  (see Krein [5]). Therefore,

$$\varphi \in D_{(-A)^{1/2}}(2\theta, +\infty) = D_A(\theta, +\infty).$$

The last equality holds by using the reiteration theorem in interpolation theory (see Lions-Peetre [8]).  $\square$

### 3. Smoothness of the solution

Now we can state some regularity properties of  $u$  and  $Au$ .

**PROPOSITION 3.1.** *Let  $\varphi \in D(A)$  and  $f \in C^{2\theta}(E)$ , with  $\theta \in (0, 1/2)$ . Then*

- (1) *for all  $t \geq 0$ ,  $u(t) \in D(A)$ ;*
- (2)  *$u(\cdot)$  and  $u'(\cdot) \in X$ ;*
- (3)  *$S(\cdot) = Au(\cdot) - B(\cdot, A)(A\varphi - f(0)) \in C^{2\theta}(E)$ ;*
- (4)  *$Au(\cdot) \in X$  if and only if  $A\varphi - f(0) \in \overline{D(A)}$ ;*
- (5)  *$Au(\cdot) \in C^{2\theta}(E)$  if and only if  $A\varphi - f(0) \in D_A(\theta, +\infty)$ .*

**PROOF.** (1) In the second integral in (2.1) we write  $f(s) = (f(s) - f(t)) + f(t)$ . Then, after a calculation of the integral in  $f(t)$ , we get

$$u(t) = B(t, A)\varphi - \frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{\gamma} \int_0^{+\infty} k(t, s)(A - zI)^{-1}(f(s) - f(t)) ds dz$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & -\frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{\gamma} \frac{e^{-\sqrt{-z}t}}{z} (A - zI)^{-1} f(t) dz \\
 & + \frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{\gamma} \frac{1}{z} (A - zI)^{-1} f(t) dz \\
 & = I_1 + I_2 + I_3 + I_4.
 \end{aligned}$$

From Proposition 2.1, we deduce that  $I_1 \in D(A)$ . The convergence of the integral

$$\frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{\gamma} \frac{e^{-\sqrt{-z}t}}{z} A(A - zI)^{-1} f(t) dz$$

implies that  $I_3 \in D(A)$ . For  $I_4$  we use the Cauchy theorem, which gives

$$I_4 = A^{-1} f(t) \in D(A).$$

Finally for  $I_2$ , it is sufficient to prove the convergence of the integral

$$\frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{\gamma} \int_0^{+\infty} k(t, s) A(A - zI)^{-1} (f(s) - f(t)) ds dz.$$

In fact, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left\| \frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{\gamma} \int_0^{+\infty} k(t, s) A(A - zI)^{-1} (f(s) - f(t)) ds dz \right\|_E \\
 & \leq K \int_{\epsilon_0}^{+\infty} \left( \sup_{t>0} \int_0^{+\infty} |k(t, s)| |t - s|^{2\theta} ds \right) d|z| \|f\|_{C^{2\theta}(E)} \\
 & \leq K \int_{\epsilon_0}^{+\infty} \frac{d|z|}{|z|^{1+\theta}} \|f\|_{C^{2\theta}(E)},
 \end{aligned}$$

where the last estimate holds by Hölder’s inequality.

(2) Let us prove that  $u(\cdot) \in X$  (the same techniques give the result  $u'(\cdot) \in X$ ). For  $0 \leq \tau < t$ , we get  $u(t) - u(\tau) = I + \Delta_1 + \Delta_2 + J$ , where

$$\begin{aligned}
 I & = B(t, A)\varphi - B(\tau, A)\varphi, \quad J = A^{-1}(f(t) - f(\tau)), \\
 \Delta_1 & = -\frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{\gamma} \int_0^{+\infty} k(t, s) (A - zI)^{-1} (f(s) - f(t)) ds dz \\
 & \quad + \frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{\gamma} \int_0^{+\infty} k(\tau, s) (A - zI)^{-1} (f(s) - f(\tau)) ds dz, \\
 \Delta_2 & = -\frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{\gamma} \frac{e^{-\sqrt{-z}t}}{z} (A - zI)^{-1} f(t) dz + \frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{\gamma} \frac{e^{-\sqrt{-z}\tau}}{z} (A - zI)^{-1} f(\tau) dz.
 \end{aligned}$$

The result is obvious for  $I$ , since  $\varphi \in D(A)$ . For  $J$  we use Assumption (1.3).

On the other hand, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_2 &= \frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{\gamma} \frac{e^{-\sqrt{-z}t}}{z} (A - zI)^{-1} (f(\tau) - f(t)) dz \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{\gamma} \frac{(e^{-\sqrt{-z}t} - e^{-\sqrt{-z}\tau})}{z} (A - zI)^{-1} f(\tau) dz \\ &= \Delta'_2 + \Delta''_2, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\|\Delta'_2\|_E \leq \left( \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\epsilon_0}^{+\infty} \frac{|dz|}{|z|^2} \right) (t - \tau)^{2\theta} \|f\|_{C^{2\theta}(E)} \leq K(t - \tau)^{2\theta} \|f\|_{C^{2\theta}(E)},$$

and writing  $\Delta''_2$  as

$$\Delta''_2 = \frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{\gamma} \frac{1}{z} \left( \int_{\tau}^t \sqrt{-z} e^{-\sqrt{-z}\xi} d\xi \right) (A - zI)^{-1} f(\tau) dz,$$

we obtain

$$\|\Delta''_2\|_E \leq \left( \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\epsilon_0}^{+\infty} \frac{|dz|}{|z|^{3/2}} \right) (t - \tau) \|f\|_X \leq K(t - \tau) \|f\|_X.$$

Now for the quantity  $\Delta_1$ , one has

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_1 &= -\frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{\gamma} \int_{\tau}^t \frac{e^{-\sqrt{-z}t} \sinh \sqrt{-z}s}{\sqrt{-z}} (A - zI)^{-1} (f(s) - f(t)) ds dz \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{\gamma} \int_{\tau}^t \frac{e^{-\sqrt{-z}s} \sinh \sqrt{-z}\tau}{\sqrt{-z}} (A - zI)^{-1} (f(s) - f(\tau)) ds dz \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{\gamma} \int_0^{\tau} \frac{e^{-\sqrt{-z}t} \sinh \sqrt{-z}s}{\sqrt{-z}} (A - zI)^{-1} (f(\tau) - f(t)) ds dz \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{\gamma} \int_0^{\tau} \frac{e^{-\sqrt{-z}t} - e^{-\sqrt{-z}\tau}}{\sqrt{-z}} \sinh \sqrt{-z}s (A - zI)^{-1} (f(s) - f(\tau)) ds dz \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{\gamma} \int_t^{+\infty} \frac{e^{-\sqrt{-z}s} \sinh \sqrt{-z}\tau}{\sqrt{-z}} (A - zI)^{-1} (f(\tau) - f(t)) ds dz \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{\gamma} \int_t^{+\infty} \frac{(\sinh \sqrt{-z}t - \sinh \sqrt{-z}\tau)}{e^{\sqrt{-z}s} \sqrt{-z}} (A - zI)^{-1} (f(s) - f(t)) ds dz \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{i=6} I_i. \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\|I_1\|_E \leq K \int_{\tau}^t \left( \int_{\epsilon_0}^{+\infty} \frac{|dz|}{|z|^{3/2}} \right) (t-s)^{2\theta} ds \|f\|_{C^{2\theta}(E)} \leq K(t-\tau)^{2\theta+1} \|f\|_{C^{2\theta}(E)},$$

and

$$\|I_2\|_E \leq K \int_{\tau}^t \left( \int_{\epsilon_0}^{+\infty} \frac{|dz|}{|z|^{3/2}} \right) (s-\tau)^{2\theta} ds \|f\|_{C^{2\theta}(E)} \leq K(t-\tau)^{2\theta+1} \|f\|_{C^{2\theta}(E)}.$$

Writing  $I_4$  and  $I_6$  as

$$I_4 = \frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{\gamma} \int_0^{\tau} \left( \int_{\tau}^t e^{-\sqrt{-z}\xi} d\xi \right) \sinh \sqrt{-z}s (A - zI)^{-1} (f(s) - f(\tau)) ds dz,$$

$$I_6 = -\frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{\gamma} \int_t^{+\infty} e^{-\sqrt{-z}s} \left( \int_{\tau}^t \cosh \sqrt{-z}\xi d\xi \right) (A - zI)^{-1} (f(s) - f(t)) ds dz,$$

we get

$$\begin{aligned} \|I_4\|_E &\leq \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\epsilon_0}^{+\infty} \left( \int_0^{\tau} \int_{\tau}^t e^{-\operatorname{Re} \sqrt{-z}(\xi-s)} (\tau-s)^{2\theta} d\xi ds \right) \frac{|dz|}{1+|z|} \|f\|_{C^{2\theta}(E)} \\ &\leq K \int_0^{\tau} \int_{\tau-s}^{t-s} \frac{(\tau-s)^{2\theta}}{\eta^2} \left( \int_0^{+\infty} e^{-c_0\sigma} 2\sigma d\sigma \right) d\eta ds \|f\|_{C^{2\theta}(E)} \\ &\leq K \int_0^{\tau} (\tau-s)^{2\theta} \left( \frac{1}{\tau-s} - \frac{1}{t-s} \right) ds \|f\|_{C^{2\theta}(E)} \\ &\leq K(t-\tau) \int_0^{\tau} \frac{(\tau-s)^{2\theta-1}}{(t-\tau+\tau-s)} ds \|f\|_{C^{2\theta}(E)}, \end{aligned}$$

by making the change of variable  $(\tau - s) = \xi(t - \tau)$ , we obtain

$$\|I_4\|_E \leq K(t-\tau)^{2\theta} \left( \int_0^{+\infty} \frac{\xi^{2\theta-1}}{(1+\xi)} d\xi \right) \|f\|_{C^{2\theta}(E)} \leq K(t-\tau)^{2\theta} \|f\|_{C^{2\theta}(E)}.$$

For  $I_6$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|I_6\|_E &\leq K \int_{\epsilon_0}^{+\infty} \int_t^{+\infty} \int_{\tau}^t e^{-\operatorname{Re} \sqrt{-z}(s-\xi)} (s-t)^{2\theta} d\xi ds \frac{|dz|}{1+|z|} \|f\|_{C^{2\theta}(E)} \\ &\leq K \int_t^{+\infty} \int_{\tau}^t \left( \int_0^{+\infty} e^{-c_0\sigma} \sigma d\sigma \right) \frac{(s-t)^{2\theta}}{(s-\xi)^2} d\xi ds \|f\|_{C^{2\theta}(E)} \\ &\leq K \int_t^{+\infty} (s-t)^{2\theta} \left( \int_{s-t}^{s-\tau} \frac{d\eta}{\eta^2} \right) ds \|f\|_{C^{2\theta}(E)} \\ &\leq K(t-\tau) \int_t^{+\infty} \frac{(s-t)^{2\theta-1}}{(s-t+t-\tau)} ds \|f\|_{C^{2\theta}(E)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq K(t-\tau)^{2\theta} \left( \int_0^{+\infty} \frac{\rho^{2\theta-1}}{(1+\rho)} d\rho \right) \|f\|_{C^{2\theta}(E)} \\ &\leq K(t-\tau)^{2\theta} \|f\|_{C^{2\theta}(E)}. \end{aligned}$$

A direct calculation of the integrals in  $(f(\tau) - f(t))$  implies that

$$\begin{aligned} I_3 + I_5 &= \frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{\gamma} \frac{e^{-\sqrt{-z}(t-\tau)}}{z} (A - zI)^{-1} (f(\tau) - f(t)) dz \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{\gamma} \frac{e^{-\sqrt{-z}t}}{z} (A - zI)^{-1} (f(\tau) - f(t)) dz \\ &= J - \Delta'_2. \end{aligned}$$

We write  $J$  as

$$\begin{aligned} J &= \frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{\gamma_{(t-\tau)}^+} \frac{e^{-\sqrt{-z}(t-\tau)}}{z} (A - zI)^{-1} (f(\tau) - f(t)) dz \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{\gamma_{(t-\tau)}^-} \frac{e^{-\sqrt{-z}(t-\tau)}}{z} (A - zI)^{-1} (f(\tau) - f(t)) dz \\ &= J^+ + J^-, \end{aligned}$$

(where  $\gamma_{(t-\tau)}^+$  and  $\gamma_{(t-\tau)}^-$  are defined in (2.2)), then

$$\begin{aligned} \|J^+\|_E &\leq K \int_1^{+\infty} \frac{e^{-\operatorname{Re} \sqrt{-z}(t-\tau)} (t-\tau)^{2\theta}}{|z| (1+|z|)} |dz| \|f\|_{C^{2\theta}(E)} \\ &\leq K(t-\tau)^{2\theta} \left( \int_1^{+\infty} \frac{e^{-\operatorname{Re} \sqrt{-z}(t-\tau)}}{|z|} |dz| \right) \|f\|_{C^{2\theta}(E)} \\ &\leq K(t-\tau)^{2\theta} \left( \int_1^{+\infty} \frac{e^{-c_0\sigma}}{\sigma} d\sigma \right) \|f\|_{C^{2\theta}(E)} \\ &\leq K(t-\tau)^{2\theta} \|f\|_{C^{2\theta}(E)}, \end{aligned}$$

and for  $J^-$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} J^- &= \frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{\gamma_{(t-\tau)}^-} \left( e^{-\sqrt{-z}(t-\tau)} - 1 \right) \frac{(A - zI)^{-1} (f(\tau) - f(t))}{z} dz \\ &\quad + A^{-1} (f(\tau) - f(t)) - \frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{C_{(t-\tau)}} \frac{(A - zI)^{-1} (f(\tau) - f(t))}{z} dz \\ &= J_1^- + A^{-1} (f(\tau) - f(t)) + J_2^-, \end{aligned}$$

with  $C_{(t-\tau)} = \{z = (t-\tau)^{-2} e^{i\nu} : -\delta_0 \leq \nu \leq \delta_0\}$ .

So we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \|J_1^-\|_E &\leq K \int_0^{1/(t-\tau)^2} \frac{|z|^{1/2}(t-\tau)(t-\tau)^{2\theta}}{|z| \quad 1+|z|} |dz| \|f\|_{C^{2\theta}(E)} \\ &\leq K(t-\tau)^{2\theta+1} \int_0^{1/(t-\tau)^2} \frac{|z|^{1/2}}{|z|} |dz| \|f\|_{C^{2\theta}(E)} \leq K(t-\tau)^{2\theta} \|f\|_{C^{2\theta}(E)}, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\|J_2^-\|_E \leq K \frac{(t-\tau)^{2\theta}}{1+(t-\tau)^{-2}} \int_{-\delta_0}^{\delta_0} (t-\tau)^2 \frac{dv \|f\|_{C^{2\theta}(E)}}{(t-\tau)^2} \leq K(t-\tau)^{2\theta} \|f\|_{C^{2\theta}(E)}.$$

(3) We have

$$\begin{aligned} S(t) &= \frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{\gamma} \frac{e^{-\sqrt{-z}t}}{z} A(A-zI)^{-1} A\varphi dz \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{\gamma} \int_0^{+\infty} k(t,s) A(A-zI)^{-1} (f(s) - f(t)) ds dz \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{\gamma} \frac{e^{-\sqrt{-z}t}}{z} A(A-zI)^{-1} f(t) dz + f(t) \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{\gamma} \frac{e^{-\sqrt{-z}t}}{z} A(A-zI)^{-1} (A\varphi - f(0)) dz, \end{aligned}$$

thus

$$\begin{aligned} S(t) &= \frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{\gamma} \frac{e^{-\sqrt{-z}t}}{z} A(A-zI)^{-1} f(0) dz \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{\gamma} \int_0^{+\infty} k(t,s) A(A-zI)^{-1} (f(s) - f(t)) ds dz \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{\gamma} \frac{e^{-\sqrt{-z}t}}{z} A(A-zI)^{-1} f(t) dz + f(t). \end{aligned}$$

Let  $0 \leq \tau < t$ , then  $S(t) - S(\tau) = f(t) - f(\tau) + \Lambda + \Pi$ , where

$$\begin{aligned} \Lambda &= \frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{\gamma} \int_0^{+\infty} k(\tau,s) A(A-zI)^{-1} (f(s) - f(\tau)) ds dz \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{\gamma} \int_0^{+\infty} k(t,s) A(A-zI)^{-1} (f(s) - f(t)) ds dz, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\Pi = \frac{1}{2i\pi} \left( \int_{\gamma} \frac{e^{-\sqrt{-z}t}}{z} A(A-zI)^{-1} f(0) dz - \int_{\gamma} \frac{e^{-\sqrt{-z}t}}{z} A(A-zI)^{-1} f(t) dz \right)$$

$$- \frac{1}{2i\pi} \left( \int_{\gamma} \frac{e^{-\sqrt{-z}\tau}}{z} A(A-zI)^{-1} f(0) dz - \int_{\gamma} \frac{e^{-\sqrt{-z}\tau}}{z} A(A-zI)^{-1} f(\tau) dz \right).$$

Regarding the quantity  $\Pi$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Pi &= \frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{\gamma} \frac{(e^{-\sqrt{-z}t} - e^{-\sqrt{-z}\tau})}{z} A(A-zI)^{-1} f(0) dz \\ &+ \frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{\gamma} \frac{e^{-\sqrt{-z}\tau}}{z} A(A-zI)^{-1} f(\tau) dz \\ &+ \frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{\gamma} \frac{e^{-\sqrt{-z}t}}{z} A(A-zI)^{-1} f(\tau) dz \\ &- \frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{\gamma} \frac{e^{-\sqrt{-z}t}}{z} A(A-zI)^{-1} f(\tau) dz \\ &- \frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{\gamma} \frac{e^{-\sqrt{-z}t}}{z} A(A-zI)^{-1} f(t) dz \\ &= -\frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{\gamma} \frac{(e^{-\sqrt{-z}t} - e^{-\sqrt{-z}\tau})}{z} A(A-zI)^{-1} (f(\tau) - f(0)) dz \\ &+ \frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{\gamma} \frac{e^{-\sqrt{-z}t}}{z} A(A-zI)^{-1} (f(\tau) - f(t)) dz \\ &= \Pi_1 + \Pi_2. \end{aligned}$$

From Proposition 2.1, we deduce that

$$\|\Pi_2\|_E = \|B(t, A)(f(\tau) - f(t))\|_E \leq K(t - \tau)^{2\theta} \|f\|_{C^{2\theta}(E)}.$$

For  $\Pi_1$ , we get

$$\|\Pi_1\|_E \leq K \int_{\tau}^t \int_{\epsilon_0}^{+\infty} \frac{|z|^{1/2} e^{-c_0|z|^{1/2}s} \tau^{2\theta}}{|z|} |dz| ds \|f\|_{C^{2\theta}(E)},$$

and setting  $|z|^{1/2}s = \sigma$  in this last inequality, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \|\Pi_1\|_E &\leq K \int_{\tau}^t \frac{\tau^{2\theta}}{s} \left( \int_0^{+\infty} e^{-c_0\sigma} d\sigma \right) ds \|f\|_{C^{2\theta}(E)} \leq K \left( \int_{\tau}^t s^{2\theta-1} ds \right) \|f\|_{C^{2\theta}(E)} \\ &\leq K (t^{2\theta} - \tau^{2\theta}) \|f\|_{C^{2\theta}(E)} \leq K(t - \tau)^{2\theta} \|f\|_{C^{2\theta}(E)}. \end{aligned}$$

$\Lambda$  may be written as

$$\Lambda = -\frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{\gamma} \int_{\tau}^t \frac{e^{-\sqrt{-z}t} \sinh \sqrt{-z}s}{\sqrt{-z}} A(A-zI)^{-1} (f(s) - f(t)) ds dz$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & + \frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{\gamma} \int_{\tau}^t \frac{e^{-\sqrt{-z}s} \sinh \sqrt{-z} \tau}{\sqrt{-z}} A(A - zI)^{-1} (f(s) - f(\tau)) ds dz \\
 & - \frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{\gamma} \int_0^{\tau} \frac{e^{-\sqrt{-z}t} \sinh \sqrt{-z} s}{\sqrt{-z}} A(A - zI)^{-1} (f(\tau) - f(t)) ds dz \\
 & - \frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{\gamma} \int_0^{\tau} \frac{(e^{-\sqrt{-z}t} - e^{-\sqrt{-z}\tau})}{\sqrt{-z}} \sinh \sqrt{-z} s \\
 & \quad \times A(A - zI)^{-1} (f(s) - f(\tau)) ds dz \\
 & - \frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{\gamma} \int_t^{+\infty} \frac{e^{-\sqrt{-z}s} \sinh \sqrt{-z} \tau}{\sqrt{-z}} A(A - zI)^{-1} (f(\tau) - f(t)) ds dz \\
 & - \frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{\gamma} \int_t^{+\infty} \frac{e^{-\sqrt{-z}s} (\sinh \sqrt{-z} t - \sinh \sqrt{-z} \tau)}{\sqrt{-z}} \\
 & \quad \times A(A - zI)^{-1} (f(s) - f(t)) ds dz \\
 & = \sum_{i=1}^{i=6} \Lambda_i.
 \end{aligned}$$

For  $\Lambda_1$  and  $\Lambda_2$ , we prove that

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|\Lambda_1\|_E & \leq K \int_{\epsilon_0}^{+\infty} \int_{\tau}^t \frac{e^{-\operatorname{Re} \sqrt{-z}(t-s)}}{|z|^{1/2}} |t - s|^{2\theta} ds |dz| \|f\|_{C^{2\theta}(E)} \\
 & \leq K \int_{\tau}^t (t - s)^{2\theta-1} \left( \int_0^{+\infty} e^{-c_0\sigma} d\sigma \right) ds \|f\|_{C^{2\theta}(E)} \\
 & \leq K(t - \tau)^{2\theta} \|f\|_{C^{2\theta}(E)}, \\
 \|\Lambda_2\|_E & \leq K \int_{\epsilon_0}^{+\infty} \int_{\tau}^t \frac{e^{-\operatorname{Re} \sqrt{-z}(s-\tau)}}{|z|^{1/2}} |s - \tau|^{2\theta} ds |dz| \|f\|_{C^{2\theta}(E)} \\
 & \leq K \int_{\tau}^t (s - \tau)^{2\theta-1} \left( \int_0^{+\infty} e^{-c_0\sigma} d\sigma \right) ds \|f\|_{C^{2\theta}(E)} \\
 & \leq K(t - \tau)^{2\theta} \|f\|_{C^{2\theta}(E)}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Writing  $\Lambda_4$  and  $\Lambda_6$  as

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Lambda_4 & = \frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{\gamma} \int_0^{\tau} \left( \int_{\tau}^t e^{-\sqrt{-z}\xi} d\xi \right) \sinh \sqrt{-z}s A(A - zI)^{-1} (f(s) - f(\tau)) ds dz, \\
 \Lambda_6 & = -\frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{\gamma} \int_t^{+\infty} e^{-\sqrt{-z}s} \left( \int_{\tau}^t \cosh \sqrt{-z}\xi d\xi \right) A(A - zI)^{-1} (f(s) - f(t)) ds dz,
 \end{aligned}$$

we obtain

$$\|\Lambda_4\|_E \leq K \int_{\epsilon_0}^{+\infty} \int_0^{\tau} \int_{\tau}^t e^{-\operatorname{Re} \sqrt{-z}(\xi-s)} (\tau - s)^{2\theta} d\xi ds |dz| \|f\|_{C^{2\theta}(E)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq K \int_0^\tau \int_{\tau-s}^{t-s} \frac{(\tau-s)^{2\theta}}{\eta^2} \left( \int_0^{+\infty} e^{-c_0\sigma} 2\sigma d\sigma \right) d\eta ds \|f\|_{C^{2\theta}(E)} \\ &\leq K(t-\tau)^{2\theta} \|f\|_{C^{2\theta}(E)}, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \|\Lambda_6\|_E &\leq \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\epsilon_0}^{+\infty} \int_t^{+\infty} \int_\tau^t e^{-\operatorname{Re}\sqrt{-z}(s-\xi)} (s-t)^{2\theta} d\xi ds |dz| \|f\|_{C^{2\theta}(E)} \\ &\leq K \int_t^{+\infty} \int_\tau^t \left( \int_0^{+\infty} e^{-c_0\sigma} \sigma d\sigma \right) \frac{(s-t)^{2\theta}}{(s-\xi)^2} d\xi ds \|f\|_{C^{2\theta}(E)} \\ &\leq K \int_t^{+\infty} (s-t)^{2\theta} \left( \int_{s-t}^{s-\tau} \frac{d\eta}{\eta^2} \right) ds \|f\|_{C^{2\theta}(E)} \\ &\leq K(t-\tau)^{2\theta} \|f\|_{C^{2\theta}(E)}. \end{aligned}$$

By calculating the integrals in  $(f(\tau) - f(t))$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} \Lambda_3 + \Lambda_5 &= \frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_\gamma \frac{e^{-\sqrt{-z}(t-\tau)}}{z} A(A-zI)^{-1} (f(\tau) - f(t)) dz \\ &\quad - B(t, A)(f(\tau) - f(t)) \\ &= Q - \Pi_2, \end{aligned}$$

where  $Q = B(t-\tau, A)(f(\tau) - f(t))$ . Proposition 2.1 implies that

$$\|Q\|_E \leq K(t-\tau)^{2\theta} \|f\|_{C^{2\theta}(E)}.$$

(4) Assume that  $A\varphi - f(0) \in \overline{D(A)}$ . Then, by Proposition 2.1

$$Au(\cdot) = S(\cdot) + B(\cdot, A)(A\varphi - f(0)) \in X.$$

Conversely, if  $Au(\cdot) \in X$ , the function  $B(\cdot, A)(A\varphi - \underline{f(0)}) = Au(\cdot) - S(\cdot)$ , is in  $X$ . Now using Proposition 2.1, we obtain  $A\varphi - f(0) \in \overline{D(A)}$ .

(5) Let us suppose that  $A\varphi - f(0) \in D_A(\theta, +\infty)$ . By Proposition 2.1,  $Au(\cdot) \in C^{2\theta}(E)$ . Conversely, if  $Au(\cdot) \in C^{2\theta}(E)$ , then  $B(\cdot, A)(A\varphi - f(0)) \in C^{2\theta}(E)$ , and  $A\varphi - f(0) \in D_A(\theta, +\infty)$ .  $\square$

**REMARK.** By using the same methods and techniques of calculation, we have a similar result to Proposition 3.1, when the right-hand term of the equation has a spatial smoothness, that is, for all  $t \geq 0$ ,  $f(t) \in D_A(\theta, +\infty)$ ,  $\sup_{t \geq 0} \|f(t)\|_{D_A(\theta, +\infty)} < \infty$ , with  $\theta \in (0, 1/2)$ . See [2] for details.

Now, we can deduce our main results concerning the regularity of  $u$ .

**THEOREM 3.2.** *Let  $\varphi \in D(A)$  and  $f \in C^{2\theta}(E)$ , with  $\theta \in (0, 1/2)$  such that*

$$f(0) - A\varphi \in \overline{D(A)}.$$

*Then  $u$ , given in (2.1), is a strict solution of (1.1)–(1.2).*

By the continuity of  $B(\cdot, A)\varphi$  and Lebesgue’s theorem we can verify that  $u(0) = \varphi$  and  $u(+\infty) = 0$ . On the other hand, we prove that  $u$  verifies (1.1) by using Dunford’s operational calculus.

Finally, by Proposition 3.1, the solution  $u$  belongs to

$$BUC^2([0, +\infty[; E) \cap BUC([0, +\infty[; D(A)).$$

Furthermore, if  $f(0) - A\varphi \in D_A(\theta, +\infty)$ , then we have more regularity on  $Au(\cdot)$  and  $u''(\cdot)$ .

**THEOREM 3.3.** *Let  $\varphi \in D(A)$  and  $f \in C^{2\theta}(E)$ , with  $\theta \in (0, 1/2)$  such that*

$$f(0) - A\varphi \in D_A(\theta, +\infty).$$

*Then the unique strict solution of (1.1)–(1.2) satisfies the property of maximal regularity  $Au(\cdot), u''(\cdot) \in C^{2\theta}(E)$ .*

**PROOF.** It suffices to apply the previous results, using the fact that  $D_A(\theta, +\infty) \subset \overline{D(A)}$ . □

### 4. Example

We give an example governed by (1.1)–(1.2). Consider  $E = C([0, 1])$  and

$$\begin{aligned} D(A) &= \{v \in C^2([0, 1]) : v(0) = v(1) = 0\}, \\ Av &= v''. \end{aligned}$$

It is easy to check that  $A$  satisfies Assumption (1.3). We can thus apply our results to Laplacian problem in an infinite interval, given by

$$(4.1) \quad \begin{cases} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2}(t, x) + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}(t, x) = f(t, x), & (t, x) \in (0, +\infty) \times (0, 1), \\ u(0, x) = \varphi(x), & x \in (0, 1), \\ u(+\infty, x) = 0, & x \in (0, 1), \\ u(t, 0) = u(t, 1) = 0. \end{cases}$$

Observe that conditions  $\varphi \in D(A)$  and  $f(0) - A\varphi \in \overline{D(A)}$ , become

$$(4.2) \quad \begin{aligned} &\varphi \in C^2([0, 1]) : \varphi(0) = \varphi(1) = 0, \\ &f(0, \cdot) - \varphi''(\cdot) \in C([0, 1]) \quad \text{and} \\ &f(0, 0) - \varphi''(0) = f(0, 1) - \varphi''(1) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

The interpolation space  $D_A(\theta, +\infty)$  is given by

$$D_A(\theta, +\infty) = \begin{cases} \{v \in C^{2\theta}([0, 1]) : v(0) = v(1) = 0\} & \text{if } 2\theta < 1, \\ C^{1,*}([0, 1]), & \text{if } 2\theta = 1, \\ \{v \in C^{1,2\theta-1}([0, 1]) : v(0) = v(1) = 0\} & \text{if } 2\theta > 1, \end{cases}$$

where  $C^{1,*}([0, 1])$  is a Zigmund space (see, for example, [12]). Applying Theorem 3.2 and Theorem 3.3 we have the following results.

**THEOREM 4.1.** *Let  $f \in C^{2\theta}([0, +\infty[; C([0, 1]))$ , with  $2\theta \in (0, 1)$ , be such that the conditions (4.2) are satisfied. Then Problem (4.1) has a unique solution  $u$  satisfying  $u \in BUC^2([0, +\infty[; C([0, 1])) \cap BUC([0, +\infty[; C^2([0, 1]))$ .*

**THEOREM 4.2.** *Let  $f \in C^{2\theta}([0, +\infty[; C([0, 1]))$ , with  $2\theta \in (0, 1)$ , be such that*

$$\begin{cases} \varphi \in C^2([0, 1]) : \varphi(0) = \varphi(1) = 0, \\ f(0, \cdot) - \varphi''(\cdot) \in C^{2\theta}([0, 1]) \quad \text{and} \\ f(0, 0) - \varphi''(0) = f(0, 1) - \varphi''(1) = 0. \end{cases}$$

*Then Problem (4.1) has a unique solution*

$$u \in BUC^2([0, +\infty[; C([0, 1])) \cap BUC([0, +\infty[; C^2([0, 1])).$$

*Moreover,  $u$  satisfies the maximal regularity*

$$\partial_x^2 u(\cdot, x), \partial_t^2 u(\cdot, x) \in C^{2\theta}([0, +\infty[; C([0, 1])).$$

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