

**ON THE SPECTRUM OF WEAKLY ALMOST PERIODIC SOLUTIONS  
OF CERTAIN ABSTRACT DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS**

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**ABSTRACT.** In a sequentially weakly complete Banach space, if the dual operator of a linear operator  $A$  satisfies certain conditions, then the spectrum of any weakly almost periodic solution of the differential equation  $u' = Au + f$  is identical with the spectrum of  $f$  except at the origin, where  $f$  is a weakly almost periodic function.

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1. INTRODUCTION.

Suppose  $X$  is a Banach space and  $X^*$  is the dual space of  $X$ . Let  $J$  be the interval  $-\infty < t < \infty$ . A continuous function  $f : J \rightarrow X$  is said to be strongly almost periodic if, given  $\epsilon > 0$ , there is a positive real number  $\lambda = \lambda(\epsilon)$  such that any interval of the real line of length  $\lambda$  contains at least one point  $\tau$  for which

$$\sup_{t \in J} \|f(t+\tau) - f(t)\| \leq \epsilon. \quad (1.1)$$

We say that a function  $f : J \rightarrow X$  is weakly almost periodic if the scalar-valued function  $\langle x^*, f(t) \rangle = x^*f(t)$  is almost periodic for each  $x^* \in X^*$ .

It is known that, if  $X$  is sequentially weakly complete,  $f : J \rightarrow X$  is weakly almost periodic, and  $\lambda$  is a real number, then the weak limit

$$m(e^{-i\lambda t}f(t)) = w\text{-}\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T e^{-i\lambda t} f(t) dt \tag{1.2}$$

exists in  $X$  and is different from the null element  $\theta$  of  $X$  for at most a countable set  $\{\lambda_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$ , called the spectrum of  $f(t)$  (see Theorem 6, p. 43, Amerio-Prouse [1]). We denote by  $\sigma(f(t))$  the spectrum of  $f(t)$ .

2. RESULTS

Our first result is as follows (see Theorem 9, p. 79, Amerio-Prouse [1] for the spectrum of an  $S^1$ -almost periodic function).

**THEOREM 1.** Suppose  $X$  is a sequentially weakly complete Banach space,  $A$  is a densely defined linear operator with domain  $D(A)$  and range  $R(A)$  in  $X$ , and the dual operator  $A^*$  is densely defined in  $X^*$ , with  $R(i\lambda - A^*)$  being dense in  $X^*$  for all real  $\lambda \neq 0$ . Further, suppose  $f : J \rightarrow X$  is a weakly almost periodic (or an  $S^1$ -almost periodic continuous) function. If a differentiable function  $u : J \rightarrow D(A)$  is a weakly almost periodic solution of the differential equation

$$u'(t) = Au(t) + f(t) \tag{1.3}$$

on  $J$ , with  $u'$  being weakly continuous on  $J$ , then  $\sigma(u(t)) \setminus \{0\} = \sigma(f(t)) \setminus \{0\}$ .

**PROOF OF THEOREM 1.** First we note that  $u$  is bounded on  $J$ , since  $u$  is weakly almost periodic. Hence, for  $x^* \in X^*$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T e^{-i\lambda t} x^* u'(t) dt &= x^* \frac{1}{T} \left\{ [e^{-i\lambda t} u(t)] \Big|_0^T + \frac{i\lambda}{T} \int_0^T e^{-i\lambda t} u(t) dt \right\} \\ &\rightarrow i\lambda x^* m(e^{-i\lambda t} u(t)) \text{ as } T \rightarrow \infty. \end{aligned} \tag{2.1}$$

So, for  $x^* \in D(A^*)$ , it follows from (1.3) that

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T e^{-i\lambda t} x^* Au(t) dt &= \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T e^{-i\lambda t} (A^* x^*) u(t) dt \\ &= \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} (A^* x^*) \left[ \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T e^{-i\lambda t} u(t) dt \right] \\ &= (A^* x^*) m(e^{-i\lambda t} u(t)) \\ &= i\lambda x^* m(e^{-i\lambda t} u(t)) - x^* m(e^{-i\lambda t} f(t)). \end{aligned} \tag{2.2}$$

Consequently, we have

$$x^* m(e^{-i\lambda t} f(t)) = (i\lambda x^* - A^* x^*) m(e^{-i\lambda t} u(t)). \tag{2.3}$$

Now suppose that  $\lambda \in \sigma(f(t)) \setminus \{0\}$ . Then, since  $D(A^*)$  is dense in  $X^*$ , there exists  $x_1^* \in D(A^*)$  such that

$$0 \neq x_1^* m(e^{-i\lambda t} f(t)) = (-\lambda x_1^* - A^* x_1^*) m(e^{-i\lambda t} u(t)). \tag{2.4}$$

Therefore  $m(e^{-i\lambda t}u(t)) \neq 0$  and so  $\lambda \in \sigma(u(t)) \setminus \{0\}$ .

Thus we have

$$\sigma(f(t)) \setminus \{0\} = \sigma(u(t)) \setminus \{0\}. \quad (2.5)$$

Now assume that  $\lambda \in \sigma(u(t)) \setminus \{0\}$ . Then, since  $R(i\lambda - A^*)$  is dense in  $X^*$ , there exists  $x_2^* \in D(A^*)$  such that

$$0 \neq (-i\lambda x_2^* - A^* x_2^*)m(e^{-i\lambda t}u(t)) = x_2^*m(e^{-i\lambda t}f(t)). \quad (2.6)$$

Therefore  $m(e^{-i\lambda t}f(t)) \neq 0$  and so  $\lambda \in \sigma(f(t)) \setminus \{0\}$ .

Consequently, we have

$$\sigma(u(t)) \setminus \{0\} = \sigma(f(t)) \setminus \{0\}. \quad (2.7)$$

It follows from (2.5) and (2.7) that  $\sigma(u(t)) \setminus \{0\} = \sigma(f(t)) \setminus \{0\}$ , which completes the proof of the theorem.

REMARK 1. The conclusion of Theorem 1 remains valid if  $D(A^*)$  is total and  $R(i\lambda - A^*)$  is total for all real  $\lambda \neq 0$ , instead of dense in  $X^*$ .

We indicate the proof of the following result.

THEOREM 2. In a sequentially weakly complete Banach space  $X$ , suppose  $A$  is a densely defined linear operator, the dual operator  $A^*$  is densely defined in  $X^*$ , with  $R(\lambda^2 + A^*)$  being dense in  $X^*$  for all real  $\lambda \neq 0$ , and  $f : J \rightarrow X$  is a weakly almost periodic (or an  $S^1$ -almost periodic continuous) function. If a twice differentiable function  $u : J \rightarrow D(A)$  is a weakly almost periodic solution of the differential equation

$$u''(t) = Au(t) + f(t) \quad (3.1)$$

on  $J$ , with  $u''$  being weakly continuous and  $u'$  bounded on  $J$ , then

$$\sigma(u(t)) \setminus \{0\} = \sigma(f(t)) \setminus \{0\}.$$

PROOF. For  $x^* \in D(A^*)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T e^{-i\lambda t} x^* u''(t) dt &= x^* \left\{ \frac{1}{T} [e^{-i\lambda t} u'(t)]_0^T + \frac{i\lambda}{T} \int_0^T e^{-i\lambda t} u'(t) dt \right\} \\ &= x^* \left\{ \frac{1}{T} [e^{-i\lambda t} u'(t)]_0^T + \frac{i\lambda}{T} [e^{-i\lambda t} u(t)]_0^T - \frac{\lambda^2}{T} \int_0^T e^{-i\lambda t} u(t) dt \right\} \\ &\rightarrow -\lambda^2 x^* m(e^{-i\lambda t} u(t)) \text{ as } T \rightarrow \infty. \end{aligned} \quad (3.2)$$

Hence it follows from (3.1) that

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T e^{-i\lambda t} x^* Au(t) dt &= (A^* x^*) m(e^{-i\lambda t} u(t)) \\ &= -\lambda^2 x^* m(e^{-i\lambda t} u(t)) - x^* m(e^{-i\lambda t} f(t)). \end{aligned} \quad (3.3)$$

Thus we have

$$-x^* m(e^{-i\lambda t} f(t)) = (\lambda^2 x^* + A^* x^*) m(e^{-i\lambda t} u(t)). \quad (3.4)$$

Now the rest of the proof parallels that of Theorem 1.

REMARK 2. The conclusion of Theorem 2 also remains valid if  $D(A^*)$  is total and  $R(\lambda^2 + A^*)$  is total for all real  $\lambda \neq 0$ , instead of dense in  $X^*$ .

REMARK 3. If  $X$  is a Hilbert space and  $A$  is a nonnegative self-adjoint operator, then the hypotheses on  $A$  in Theorem 2 are verified (see Corollary 2, p. 208, Yosida [2]) and so Theorem 2 is a generalization of a result of Zaidman [3].

NOTE. As a consequence of our Theorem 1, we have the following result:

THEOREM 3. In a Hilbert space  $H$ , suppose  $A$  is a self-adjoint operator and  $f : J \rightarrow H$  is a weakly almost periodic (or an  $S^1$ -almost periodic continuous) function. If a differentiable function  $u : J \rightarrow D(A)$  is a weakly almost periodic solution of the differential equation

$$u'(t) = Au(t) + f(t)$$

on  $J$ , with  $u'$  being weakly continuous on  $J$ , then

$$\sigma(u(t)) \setminus \{0\} = \sigma(f(t)) \setminus \{0\}.$$

PROOF. By Example 4, p. 210, Yosida [2],  $R(i\lambda - A) = H$  for all real  $\lambda \neq 0$ .

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