

# Well-Posed Initial Problem for Parabolic Differential-Difference Equations with Shifts of Time Argument

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**Abstract**—In the present paper we study an initial problem on half-axis for differential-difference equations of parabolic type with deviations of time argument. We establish conditions under which the problem is well-posed in the Sobolev spaces with exponential weight. In terms of spectrum of operator of the problem, we obtain necessary conditions for its well-posing, and sufficient conditions for absence of its solutions and for their non-uniqueness.

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**1. Introduction.** In the present paper we study well-posing and solvability of an initial problem for model parabolic differential-difference equation

$$u_t(t, x) = \mathcal{L}u(t, x) + f(t, x), \quad t > 0, \quad x \in R^d, \quad (1)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}u(t, x) = \Delta u(t, x) + \sum_{k=1}^N \{ [a_k(u(t + h_k, x))] + i[(\mathbf{b}_k, \nabla u(t + h_k, x))] \\ + [c_k \Delta u(t + h_k, x)] \} - \gamma_0 u(t, x), \quad (t, x) \in (0, +\infty) \times R^d. \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

Here  $\Delta$  (the Laplace operator in  $R^d$ ) is linear self-adjoint operator in the space  $H = L_2(R^d)$  acting from the domain  $D(\Delta) = W_2^2(R^d) \subset H$  into the space  $H$ ; coefficients  $a_k, c_k, h_k, k = \overline{1, N}$ , are real,  $h = h_1 < h_2 < \dots < h_N$ , and  $h < 0$ , but  $h_N$  can be positive. Coefficients  $\mathbf{b}_1, \mathbf{b}_2, \dots, \mathbf{b}_N$  are vectors of Euclidean space  $R^d$ . In equality (1)  $f$  stands for a given scalar function on the domain  $(0, +\infty) \times R^d$ , and the desired scalar function  $u$  is defined on the set  $(h, +\infty) \times R^d$ . It is required to find a function  $u : (h, +\infty) \times R^d \rightarrow R$ , which satisfies Eq. (1) in the domain  $(0, +\infty) \times R^d$ , and initial condition

$$u|_{(h,0] \times R^d} = \varphi \quad (3)$$

on the set  $(h, 0] \times R^d$ ; here  $\varphi(t, x)$  is initial function defined on this set.

Since we allow positiveness of the value  $h_N$ , we investigate problems not only with retarded, but with advanced argument. The investigation of well-posing of that problems is more difficult.

The well-posing of initial-boundary problems for evolution equations with retarded time argument and with deviations of spatial variables is actual problem of theory of differential equations [1–3]. In papers [4, 5] they study solvability and properties of solutions to initial problem for a parabolic equation with deviated argument of neutral type. Analogous questions for hyperbolic equations with delayed time argument are investigated in paper [3]. An approximation by means of the Feynman formulas for semigroups generated by a differential-difference equation of parabolic type is obtained in work [6].

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