

## INHOMOGENEOUS TWO-PARAMETER ABSTRACT CAUCHY PROBLEM

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ABSTRACT. We use the semigroup theory to study the inhomogeneous two-parameter abstract Cauchy problem 2-IACP

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial}{\partial t_i} u(t_1, t_2) = H_i u(t_1, t_2) + f(t_1, t_2) \\ i = 1, 2 \quad t_i \in [0, a_i) \\ u(0, 0) = u_0, \quad u_0 \in X, \end{cases}$$

where  $X$  is a Banach space,  $H_i : D(H_i) \subseteq X \rightarrow X$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ , is a densely-defined closed linear operator and  $f : [0, a_1) \times [0, a_2) \rightarrow X$  is a continuous function ( $a_1, a_2 > 0$ ). We discuss the existence and uniqueness of solution of 2-IACP. In fact, we claim that if  $(H_1, H_2)$  is the generator of a  $C_0$ -two-parameter semigroup  $\{W(t_1, t_2)\}_{t_1, t_2 \geq 0}$ , then 2-IACP with some conditions has a unique solution.

### 1. Introduction

Let  $X$  be a Banach space,  $B(X)$  is the Banach space of all bounded linear operators on  $X$  and  $\mathbb{R}_+^n = \{(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n) : t_i \geq 0, i = 1, 2, \dots, n\}$ . By an  $n$ -parameter semigroup of operators we mean a homomorphism  $W : (\mathbb{R}_+^n, +) \rightarrow B(X)$  for which  $W(0) = I$  and denote it by  $(X, \mathbb{R}_+^n, W)$ . Let now  $\{e_i\}_{i=1}^n$  be the standard basis of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Trivially for  $s \in \mathbb{R}^+$ , the component  $u_i(s) = W(se_i)$  of  $W$  defines a one-parameter semigroup of

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operators,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . Also for each integers  $0 \leq i, j \leq n$ , the  $n$ -parameter semigroup property implies that,  $u_i(s)u_j(s') = u_j(s')u_i(s)$ . The  $n$ -parameter semigroup  $(X, \mathbb{R}_+^n, W)$  is called strongly (respectively, uniformly) continuous if for each  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ , the one-parameter components  $u_i(s) = W(se_i)$  are strongly (respectively, uniformly) continuous. One can prove that the  $n$ -parameter semigroup  $(X, \mathbb{R}_+^n, W)$  is strongly continuous if and only if  $\lim_{t \in \mathbb{R}_+^n, t \rightarrow 0} W(t)x = x$ , for all  $x \in X$ , and it is uniformly continuous if and only if  $\lim_{t \in \mathbb{R}_+^n, t \rightarrow 0} W(t) = I$ .

Consider an  $n$ -parameter semigroup of operators  $(X, \mathbb{R}_+^n, W)$  and let  $H_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ , be the infinitesimal generator of the component semigroup  $\{u_i(t)\}_{t \geq 0}$  of  $W, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . We shall think of  $(H_1, H_2, \dots, H_n)$  as the infinitesimal generator of  $(X, \mathbb{R}_+^n, W)$ .

$N$ -parameter semigroups of operators introduced by Hille in 1944 and one can see some of their properties in [3]. For some new results in the theory of  $n$ -parameter semigroups and their applications one can see [4] and [5].

If  $W$  is a  $C_0$ - $n$ -parameter semigroup of operators then by the Hille-Yosida theorem,  $H_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ , is a closed and densely defined operator.

Let  $D(H_i) \subseteq X$  be the domain of  $H_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . For  $x \in X_1 = \bigcap_{i=1}^n D(H_i)$  we define  $\|x\|_1 = \|x\| + \sum_{i=1}^n \|H_i x\|$ .

In [1] one can see that if  $(X, \mathbb{R}_+^n, W)$  is a  $C_0$ - $n$ -parameter semigroup of operators with the infinitesimal generator  $(H_1, H_2, \dots, H_n)$  then

- There is  $M \geq 1$  and  $\omega_i \in \mathbb{R}, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ , such that  $\|W(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n)\| \leq M e^{\sum_{i=1}^n t_i \omega_i}$ . So  $\|W(t_1, \dots, t_n)\|$  is bounded in any compact subset of  $\mathbb{R}_+^n$ ;
- If  $x \in D(H_i)$ , so does  $W(t)x$ , for each  $t \in \mathbb{R}_+^n$ , and  $H_i W(t)x = W(t)H_i x, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ ;
- $X_1 = \bigcap_{i=1}^n D(H_i)$  is a dense subspace of  $X$  and moreover  $(X_1, \|\cdot\|_1)$  is a Banach space;
- For each integers  $1 \leq i, j \leq n, D(H_i H_j) \cap D(H_i) \subseteq D(H_j H_i)$  and for every  $x \in D(H_i H_j) \cap D(H_i), H_i H_j x = H_j H_i x$ .

Also we have the Hille-Yosida theorem for  $n$ -parameter semigroups as follows ([4]):

$(H_1, \dots, H_n)$  is the infinitesimal generator of a  $C_0$ - $n$ -parameter semigroup  $\{W(t)\}_{t \in \mathbb{R}_+^n}$  satisfying  $\|W(t_1, \dots, t_n)\| \leq M_0 e^{\sum_{i=1}^n t_i \omega_i}$  for some  $M_0 \geq 1$  and  $\omega_i > 0, i = 1, \dots, n$ , if and only if

- $H_i$  is a closed densely defined operator,  $i = 1, \dots, n$ , and

$R(\lambda', H_j)R(\lambda, H_i) = R(\lambda, H_i)R(\lambda', H_j)$ , for all  $\lambda > \omega_i$ ,  $\lambda' > \omega_j$  and integers  $1 \leq i, j \leq n$ ,

(b) For each  $i = 1, \dots, n$ ,  $[\omega_i, \infty) \subseteq \rho(H_i)$  and there is  $M \geq 1$  such that  $\|R(\lambda, H_i)^k\| \leq \frac{M}{(Re\lambda - \omega_i)^k}$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$ , and  $Re\lambda > \omega_i$ .

Now we introduce n-ACP and its solution ([4]).

Suppose that  $X$  is a Banach space,  $H_i$  are closed linear operators from  $D(H_i) \subseteq X$  into  $X$  and  $a_i > 0$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . Then a continuous  $X$ -valued function  $u: [0, a_1] \times \dots \times [0, a_n] \rightarrow X$  with continuous partial derivatives which satisfies the following  $n$ -parameter abstract Cauchy problem  $n$ -ACP

$$(1.1) \quad \begin{cases} \frac{\partial}{\partial t_i} u(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_i, \dots, t_n) = H_i u(t_1, \dots, t_n) \\ i = 1, 2, \dots, n \quad t_i \in [0, a_i] \\ u(0) = u_0 \quad u_0 \in \bigcap_{i=1}^n D(H_i) \end{cases}$$

is called a solution of the initial value problem (1.1).

It is proved ([4, Theorem. 2.1]) that if  $(H_1, H_2, \dots, H_n)$  is the infinitesimal generator of a  $C_0$ - $n$ -parameter semigroup  $(X, \mathbb{R}_+^n, W)$ , then (1.1) has the unique solution  $u(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n) = W(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n)u_0$  for each  $u_0 \in \bigcap_{i=1}^n D(H_i)$ , where  $(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n) \in [0, a_1] \times \dots \times [0, a_n]$ ,

For convenience we denote by  $I_a$  the positive two-cell  $[0, a_1] \times [0, a_2]$  where  $a = (a_1, a_2) \in \mathbb{R}_+^2$ . So one can see that for a closed linear operator  $A : D(A) \subseteq X \rightarrow X$ , the two-parameter initial value problem

$$(1.2) \quad \begin{cases} \frac{\partial}{\partial t_1} u(t_1, t_2) - \frac{\partial}{\partial t_2} u(t_1, t_2) = Au(t_1, t_2) \quad (t_1, t_2) \in I_a \\ u(0) = x \quad x \in D(A), \end{cases}$$

doesn't have a unique solution for each  $x \in D(A)$  in both  $I_a$  and  $I_{a'}$  (this can be proved in a similar way as in the proof of Theorem 2.5 of [4]). The initial value problem (1.2) can have a solution, for example if  $(H_1, H_2)$  is the generator of a  $C_0$ -two-parameter semigroup  $\{W(t_1, t_2)\}_{t_1, t_2 \geq 0}$  and  $A = H_1 - H_2$  then obviously  $u(t_1, t_2) = W(t_1, t_2)x$  is a solution of (1.2) in any positive two-cell  $I_a$  and for the initial value  $x \in \bigcap_{i=1}^2 D(H_i) = D(A)$ .

In this paper we intend to study the inhomogeneous two-parameter abstract Cauchy problem 2-IACP

$$(1.3) \quad \begin{cases} \frac{\partial}{\partial t_i} u(t_1, t_2) = H_i u(t_1, t_2) + f(t_1, t_2) \\ u(0, 0) = u_0, \quad u_0 \in \bigcap_{i=1}^2 D(H_i), \end{cases} \quad t_i \in [0, a_i), \quad i = 1, 2,$$

where  $H_i : D(H_i) \subseteq X \rightarrow X$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ , is a densely-defined closed linear operator and  $f : [0, a_1) \times [0, a_2) \rightarrow X$  is a continuous function and  $a_1, a_2 > 0$ .

By a (classical) solution of 2-IACP we mean a continuous  $X$ -valued function  $u : [0, a_1) \times [0, a_2) \rightarrow X$  having continuous partial derivatives such that  $u(t_1, t_2) \in \bigcap_{i=1}^2 D(H_i)$  for all  $(t_1, t_2) \in (0, a_1) \times (0, a_2)$  and  $u$  satisfies 2-IACP. In the next section we study conditions under which 2-IACP has a unique solution.

We end this section with the definition of the Bochner line integral that we use in the next section. Suppose that  $M(x, y)$  and  $N(x, y)$  are continuous functions of two variables from the open disk  $B$  in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  to a Banach space  $X$  and suppose also that  $C$  is a curve in  $B$  with parametric equations

$$\begin{cases} x = f(t) \\ y = g(t) \end{cases} \quad a \leq t \leq b$$

Such that  $f, g$  have continuous first derivative on  $[a, b]$ . In this case Bochner line integral  $M(x, y)dx + N(x, y)dy$  on  $C$  which is defined by

$$\oint_C M(x, y)dx + N(x, y)dy$$

is

$$\int_a^b [M(f(t), g(t))f'(t) + N(f(t), g(t))g'(t)]dt.$$

Also it is easily proved that if  $\frac{\partial M}{\partial y}(x, y)$  and  $\frac{\partial N}{\partial x}(x, y)$  are continuous in  $B$  and there exists a function  $\phi$  such that  $\nabla\phi(x, y) = M(x, y)\underline{i} + N(x, y)\underline{j}$ , where  $\underline{i}$  and  $\underline{j}$  are the unit vectors of axes  $X$  and  $Y$ , respectively, and  $C$  is a sectionally smooth curve (it means  $f(t)$  and  $g(t)$  are differentiable functions except probably in the finite points) in  $B$  from the point  $(x_1, y_1)$  to point  $(x_2, y_2)$ , then the Bochner line integral

$$\oint_C M(x, y)dx + N(x, y)dy$$

is independent of the path  $C$  and

$$\oint_C M(x, y)dx + N(x, y)dy = \phi(x_2, y_2) - \phi(x_1, y_1).$$

## 2. Inhomogeneous two-parameter abstract Cauchy problem

Consider 2-IACP as we mentioned before.

Let  $\{W(t_1, t_2)\}_{t_1, t_2 \geq 0}$  be the  $C_0$ -two-parameter semigroup generated by  $(H_1, H_2)$  and let  $u(t_1, t_2)$  be a solution of 2-IACP. Then the  $X$ -valued function of two-variables  $g(s_1, s_2) = W(t_1 - s_1, t_2 - s_2)u(s_1, s_2)$  has partial derivatives for  $0 < s_1 < t_1$ ,  $0 < s_2 < t_2$  and for  $i=1,2$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial g}{\partial s_i} &= -H_i W(t_1 - s_1, t_2 - s_2)u(s_1, s_2) \\ &\quad + W(t_1 - s_1, t_2 - s_2)H_i u(s_1, s_2) \\ &\quad + W(t_1 - s_1, t_2 - s_2)f(s_1, s_2) \\ &= W(t_1 - s_1, t_2 - s_2)f(s_1, s_2). \end{aligned}$$

So one obtains

$$(2.1) \quad dg = W(t_1 - s_1, t_2 - s_2)f(s_1, s_2)(ds_1 + ds_2).$$

If 2-IACP has a solution and the Bochner line integral of the above assertion from the point  $(0,0)$  to point  $(t_1, t_2)$  exists (for example if  $f(t, t_0) \in L^1(0, a_1, X)$  for each  $t_0 \in [0, a_2)$ , and  $f(t_0, t) \in L^1(0, a_2, X)$  for each  $t_0 \in [0, a_1)$ ), then this Bochner line integral is independent of the path that connecting these two points to each other. So by line integrating of two-sided of the assertion (2.1) from  $(0,0)$  to  $(t_1, t_2)$  it yields to

$$(2.2) \quad u(t_1, t_2) = W(t_1, t_2)u_0 + \oint_{(0,0)}^{(t_1, t_2)} W(t_1 - s_1, t_2 - s_2)f(s_1, s_2)(ds_1 + ds_2).$$

This proves the uniqueness of the solution. Now we introduced a path that we use in the Bochner line integral

$$v(t_1, t_2) = \oint_{(0,0)}^{(t_1, t_2)} W(t_1 - s_1, t_2 - s_2)f(s_1, s_2)(ds_1 + ds_2).$$

This path contains two line segments

$$\begin{cases} s_1 = t & 0 \leq t \leq t_1 \\ s_2 = 0, \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} s_1 = t_1 \\ s_2 = t & 0 \leq t \leq t_2. \end{cases}$$

We calculate the Bochner line integral  $v(t_1, t_2)$  on this special path and denote it by  $V(t_1, t_2)$ , so we have

$$(2.3) \quad V(t_1, t_2) = \int_0^{t_1} W(t_1 - t, t_2) f(t, 0) dt + \int_0^{t_2} W(0, t_2 - t) f(t_1, t) dt.$$

Now if  $V(t_1, t_2)$  exists then for every  $u_0 \in X$  the 2-IACP has at most one solution and if it has a solution, then  $V(t_1, t_2) = v(t_1, t_2)$  and the solution of 2-IACP is given by (2.2). It is natural to consider the right-hand side of (2.3) as a generalized solution of 2-IACP even if it has not partial derivatives relative to  $t_1$  or  $t_2$ , and does not strictly satisfy the equation in the sense of (classical) solution. We therefore give the following definition:

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $(H_1, H_2)$  be the infinitesimal generator of a  $C_0$ -two-parameter semigroup  $\{W(t_1, t_2)\}_{t_1, t_2 \geq 0}$ . Let  $u_0 \in X$  and  $f(t_1, t) \in L^1(0, a_2; X)$  and  $f(t, t_2) \in L^1(0, a_1; X)$  for each  $t_1 \in [0, a_1)$  and  $t_2 \in [0, a_2)$ . The continuous function

$$u(t_1, t_2) = W(t_1, t_2)u_0 + \int_0^{t_1} W(t_1 - t, t_2) f(t, 0) dt + \int_0^{t_2} W(0, t_2 - t) f(t_1, t) dt$$

is called the mild solution of the 2-IACP.

We will be interested in imposing further conditions on  $f$  so that for  $u_0 \in \bigcap_{i=1}^2 D(H_i)$ , the mild solution becomes a (classical) one. Now we show that the continuity of  $f$ , in general is not sufficient to ensure the existence of solutions of 2-IACP for  $u_0 \in \bigcap_{i=1}^2 D(H_i)$ . Indeed, let  $(H_1, H_2)$  be the infinitesimal generator of a  $C_0$ -two-parameter semigroup  $\{W(t_1, t_2)\}_{t_1, t_2 \geq 0}$  and let  $x \in X$  be such that  $W(t_1, t_2)x$  does not belong to  $D(H_1)$  for any  $t_1, t_2 \geq 0$ . Let  $f(s_1, s_2) = W(s_1, s_2)x$ . Then  $f(s_1, s_2)$  is continuous for  $s_1, s_2 \geq 0$ . Consider the following 2-IACP

$$(2.4) \quad \begin{cases} \frac{\partial}{\partial t_i} u(t_1, t_2) = H_i u(t_1, t_2) + W(t_1, t_2)x & i = 1, 2 \\ u(0, 0) = 0. \end{cases}$$

We claim that (2.4) has no solution even though  $u(0, 0) = 0 \in \bigcap_{i=1}^2 D(H_i)$ . Indeed, the mild solution of (2.4) is

$$u(t_1, t_2) = \oint_{(0,0)}^{(t_1,t_2)} W(t_1-s_1, t_2-s_2)W(s_1, s_2)x(ds_1+ds_2) = (t_1+t_2)W(t_1, t_2)x.$$

But  $(t_1 + t_2)W(t_1, t_2)x$  does not have partial derivative relative to  $t_1$  for  $t_1 > 0$  and therefore  $u(t_1, t_2)$  cannot be the solution of (2.4).

Thus in order to prove the existence of solutions of 2-IACP we have to require more than just the continuity of  $f$ . In the following theorem we state a general criterion for the existence of solutions of 2-IACP. In fact we prove that if  $u_0 \in \bigcap_{i=1}^2 D(H_i)$  and  $f$  has some conditions then

$$u(t_1, t_2) = W(t_1, t_2)u_0 + \int_0^{t_1} W(t_1 - t, t_2)f(t, 0)dt + \int_0^{t_2} W(0, t_2 - t)f(t_1, t)dt$$

is a solution of 2-IACP. Our technique for proving theorem 2.2 is based on Pazy's technique for the one-parameter case [6].

**Theorem 2.2.** *Let  $(H_1, H_2)$  be the infinitesimal generator of a  $C_0$ -two-parameter semigroup  $\{W(t_1, t_2)\}_{t_1, t_2 \geq 0}$  and let  $f$  be a continuous function on  $[0, a_1) \times [0, a_2)$  such that  $f(t_1, t) \in L^1(0, a_2; X)$  for each  $t_1 \in [0, a_1)$  and  $f(t, t_2) \in L^1(0, a_1; X)$  for each  $t_2 \in [0, a_2)$ ,  $\text{rang}(f) \subseteq \bigcap_{i=1}^2 D(H_i)$  and  $f$  has continuous partial derivatives and satisfies the following partial differential equation*

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t_1} f(t_1, t_2) - \frac{\partial}{\partial t_2} f(t_1, t_2) = (H_1 - H_2)f(t_1, t_2).$$

Let

$$V(t_1, t_2) = \int_0^{t_1} W(t_1 - t, t_2)f(t, 0)dt + \int_0^{t_2} W(0, t_2 - t)f(t_1, t)dt$$

for  $0 \leq t_1 \leq a_1, 0 \leq t_2 \leq a_2$ .

Then 2-IACP has a (classical) solution  $u$  on  $[0, a_1) \times [0, a_2)$  for every  $u_0 \in \bigcap_{i=1}^2 D(H_i)$  if one of the following conditions is satisfied:

- (i)  $V(t_1, t_2)$  has continuous partial derivatives on  $(0, a_1) \times (0, a_2)$ .
- (ii)  $V(t_1, t_2) \in \bigcap_{i=1}^2 D(H_i)$  for  $0 < t_1 < a_1, 0 < t_2 < a_2$  and  $H_1V(t_1, t_2)$  and  $H_2V(t_1, t_2)$  are continuous on  $(0, a_1) \times (0, a_2)$ .

If 2-IACP has a (classical) solution  $u$  on  $[0, a_1) \times [0, a_2)$  for some  $u_0 \in$

$\bigcap_{i=1}^2 D(H_i)$ , then  $V(t_1, t_2) = v(t_1, t_2)$  satisfies both (i) and (ii).

**Proof.** If 2-IACP has a solution  $u$  for some  $u_0 \in \bigcap_{i=1}^2 D(H_i)$ , then this solution is given by (2.2). Consequently  $v(t_1, t_2) = u(t_1, t_2) - W(t_1, t_2)u_0$  has partial derivatives for  $t_1 > 0$  and  $t_2 > 0$  and we have

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t_i} v(t_1, t_2) = \frac{\partial}{\partial t_i} u(t_1, t_2) - W(t_1, t_2)H_i u_0, \quad i = 1, 2.$$

Obviously the above derivatives are continuous on  $(0, a_1) \times (0, a_2)$ . Therefore (i) is satisfied. Also if  $u_0 \in \bigcap_{i=1}^2 D(H_i)$ , then  $W(t_1, t_2)u_0 \in \bigcap_{i=1}^2 D(H_i)$  for  $t_1, t_2 \geq 0$  and therefore  $v(t_1, t_2) = u(t_1, t_2) - W(t_1, t_2)u_0 \in \bigcap_{i=1}^2 D(H_i)$  for  $t_1, t_2 > 0$  and

$$\begin{aligned} H_i v(t_1, t_2) &= H_i u(t_1, t_2) - H_i W(t_1, t_2)u_0 \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial t_i} u(t_1, t_2) - f(t_1, t_2) - W(t_1, t_2)H_i u_0 \end{aligned}$$

is continuous on  $(0, a_1) \times (0, a_2)$ . Thus (ii) also is satisfied.

Now we show that if  $V(t_1, t_2)$  satisfies one of the conditions (i) or (ii), then  $u(t_1, t_2) = W(t_1, t_2)u_0 + V(t_1, t_2)$  is the unique solution of 2-IACP. For  $V(t_1, t_2)$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{W(h, 0) - I}{h} V(t_1, t_2) &= \frac{V(t_1 + h, t_2) - V(t_1, t_2)}{h} \\ (2.5) \quad &= -\frac{1}{h} \int_{t_1}^{t_1+h} W(t_1 + h - t, t_2) f(t, 0) dt \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{h} \int_0^{t_2} W(0, t_2 - t) f(t_1 + h, t) dt \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{h} \int_0^{t_2} W(h, t_2 - t) f(t_1, t) dt \end{aligned}$$

By the continuity of  $f$  the second term on the right-hand side of (2.5) tends to  $W(0, t_2) f(t_1, 0)$  when  $h$  tends to zero. Also by adding

$$\pm \frac{1}{h} \int_0^{t_2} W(0, t_2 - t) f(t_1, t) dt$$

to the last term of the right-hand side of (2.5), and letting  $h$  goes to zero we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} H_1 V(t_1, t_2) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial t_1} V(t_1, t_2) - W(0, t_2) f(t_1, 0) \\ &\quad - \int_0^{t_2} W(0, t_2 - t) \frac{\partial f}{\partial t_1}(t_1, t) dt \\ &\quad + \int_0^{t_2} H_1 W(0, t_2 - t) f(t_1, t) dt. \end{aligned}$$



So we have

$$(2.6) \quad \begin{aligned} H_1 V(t_1, t_2) - \frac{\partial}{\partial t_1} V(t_1, t_2) = & -W(0, t_2)f(t_1, 0) \\ & + \int_0^{t_2} W(0, t_2 - t)[H_1 f(t_1, t) - \frac{\partial f}{\partial t_1}(t_1, t)dt]. \end{aligned}$$

Now we show that the right-hand side of (2.6) is equal to  $-f(t_1, t_2)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} & W(0, t_2)f(t_1, 0) - \int_0^{t_2} W(0, t_2 - t)[H_1 f(t_1, t) - \frac{\partial f}{\partial t_1}(t_1, t)dt] \\ & = W(0, t_2)f(t_1, 0) - \int_0^{t_2} W(0, t_2 - t)[H_2 f(t_1, t) - \frac{\partial f}{\partial t_2}(t_1, t)dt] \\ & = W(0, t_2)f(t_1, 0) - \int_0^{t_2} H_2 W(0, t_2 - t)f(t_1, t) - W(0, t_2 - t)\frac{\partial f}{\partial t_2}(t_1, t)dt \\ & = W(0, t_2)f(t_1, 0) + \int_0^{t_2} \frac{dW(0, t_2 - t)}{dt}f(t_1, t)dt + W(0, t_2 - t)\frac{df(t_1, t)}{dt}dt \\ & = W(0, t_2)f(t_1, 0) + f(t_1, t_2) - W(0, t_2)f(t_1, 0) = f(t_1, t_2). \end{aligned}$$

So we obtain

$$(2.7) \quad H_1 V(t_1, t_2) = \frac{\partial}{\partial t_1} V(t_1, t_2) - f(t_1, t_2).$$

On the other hand it is easy to verify that for  $h > 0$  the identity

$$(2.8) \quad \begin{aligned} \frac{W(0, h) - I}{h} V(t_1, t_2) = & \frac{V(t_1, t_2 + h) - V(t_1, t_2)}{h} \\ & - \frac{1}{h} \int_{t_2}^{t_2 + h} W(0, t_2 + h - t)f(t_1, t)dt \end{aligned}$$

holds.

By the continuity of  $f$  it is clear that the second term on the right-hand side of (2.8) has the limit  $f(t_1, t_2)$  as  $h \rightarrow 0$ . So we have

$$(2.9) \quad H_2 V(t_1, t_2) = \frac{\partial}{\partial t_2} V(t_1, t_2) - f(t_1, t_2).$$

If  $V(t_1, t_2)$  has continuous partial derivatives on  $(0, a_1) \times (0, a_2)$ , then it follows from (2.7) and (2.9) that  $V(t_1, t_2) \in \bigcap_{i=1}^2 D(H_i)$  for  $0 < t_1 < a_1, 0 < t_2 < a_2$  and since  $V(0, 0) = 0$  it follows that  $u(t_1, t_2) = W(t_1, t_2)u_0 + V(t_1, t_2)$  is the solution of 2-IACP for  $u_0 \in \bigcap_{i=1}^2 D(H_i)$ . If  $V(t_1, t_2) \in \bigcap_{i=1}^2 D(H_i)$  then it follows from (2.4) and (2.7) that  $V(t_1, t_2)$  has partial derivatives from the right at  $t_1$  and  $t_2$  and the right partial derivative  $\frac{\partial^+}{\partial t_i} V(t_1, t_2), i = 1, 2$ , of  $V$  satisfies the equation  $\frac{\partial^+}{\partial t_i} V(t_1, t_2) = H_i V(t_1, t_2) + f(t_1, t_2)$ . Since  $\frac{\partial^+}{\partial t_i} V(t_1, t_2), i = 1, 2$ , is continuous,  $V(t_1, t_2)$  has continuous partial derivatives at  $t_1$  and  $t_2$

and  $\frac{\partial}{\partial t_i} V(t_1, t_2) = H_i V(t_1, t_2) + f(t_1, t_2)$ . Since  $V(0, 0) = 0$ ,  $u(t_1, t_2) = W(t_1, t_2)u_0 + V(t_1, t_2)$  is the solution of 2-IACP for  $u_0 \in \bigcap_{i=1}^2 D(H_i)$  and the proof is complete.  $\square$

Now we can obtain  $f(t_1, t_2)$  from two-parameter initial value problem (1.2). As we mentioned two-parameter initial value problem (1.2) doesn't have a unique solution for each  $x \in \bigcap_{i=1}^2 D(H_i)$  in both positive two-cells  $I_a$  and  $I_{a'}$ , so  $f(t_1, t_2)$  is not unique for each  $x \in \bigcap_{i=1}^2 D(H_i)$  in both positive two-cells  $I_a$  and  $I_{a'}$ . For example, assume that  $u_0 \in \bigcap_{i=1}^2 D(H_i)$  and  $f(t_1, t_2) = W(t_1, t_2)u_0$ . By these assumptions, the conditions of Theorem 2.2 hold and  $v(t_1, t_2) = (t_1 + t_2)W(t_1, t_2)u_0$ . So  $u(t_1, t_2) = (t_1 + t_2 + 1)W(t_1, t_2)u_0$  becomes a classical solution of 2-IACP.

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