

## ON A CLASS OF EQUATIONS INDUCED BY A NILPOTENT OPERATOR AND ITS APPLICATIONS

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**Abstract.** In this paper we deal with a class of equations of the form  $\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} A_k S^k x = y$  where  $A_k, S \in L_0(X) (k = \overline{0, n-1})$ ,  $S$  is a nilpotent operator. We show that under some assumptions on operators  $A_k (k = \overline{0, n-1})$ , all solutions of these equations can be obtained. We shall give some applications to study some classes of singular integral and differential equations.

A particular case of these equations with  $A_0, A_1, \dots, A_{n-1}$  being operators of multiplication by complex numbers  $a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{n-1} (a_0 \neq 0)$  respectively was solved by Przeworski and Rolewicz in [4].

Let  $X$  be a linear space over the field of complex numbers. We denote by  $L(X)$  the set of all linear operators with the domains and the ranges contained in the space  $X$  and

$$L_0(X) = \{A \in L(X) : \text{dom}A = X\}.$$

An algebraic operator  $S \in L_0(X)$  is said to be nilpotent operator of order  $n (n \geq 1)$  if its characteristic polynomial is of the form  $P(t) = t^n$ , i.e.,

$$S^n = 0, S^k \neq 0 (1 \leq k < n) \quad \text{on } X. \quad (1)$$

**Theorem 1.** Let  $S, A_0, A_1, \dots, A_{n-1} \in L_0(X)$ , and let  $S$  be a nilpotent operator of order  $n (n \geq 2)$ . Suppose that  $A_0$  is invertible and

$$A_0 X_k = X_k, \quad (2)$$

$$A_i X_k \subset X_k \quad (i, k = \overline{1, n-1}), \quad (3)$$

where  $X_k = \{x \in X : S^k x = 0\}$ . Then the equation

$$\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} A_k S^k x = y \quad (4)$$

(where  $y \in X$ ) has a unique solution

$$x = A_0^{-1} y + \sum_{i=2}^n (-1)^{i-1} \sum_{\substack{1 \leq j_1 + j_2 + \dots + j_{i-1} \leq n-1 \\ j_1, j_2, \dots, j_{i-1} = \overline{1, n-1}}} A_0^{-1} B_{j_1} A_0^{-1} B_{j_2} \dots A_0^{-1} B_{j_{i-1}} A_0^{-1} y, \quad (5)$$

where  $B_k = A_k S^k \quad (k = \overline{1, n-1})$

*Proof.* We have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} A_k S^k x &= A_0 x + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} B_k x = \\
 &= y + \sum_{i=2}^n (-1)^{i-1} \sum_{\substack{1 \leq j_1 + j_2 + \dots + j_{i-1} \leq n-1 \\ j_1, j_2, \dots, j_{i-1} = \overline{1, n-1}}} B_{j_1} A_0^{-1} B_{j_2} \cdots A_0^{-1} B_{j_{i-1}} A_0^{-1} y \\
 &+ B_1 A_0^{-1} y + \sum_{i=2}^n (-1)^{i-1} \sum_{\substack{1 \leq j_1 + j_2 + \dots + j_{i-1} \leq n-1 \\ j_1, j_2, \dots, j_{i-1} = \overline{1, n-1}}} B_1 A_0^{-1} B_{j_1} A_0^{-1} B_{j_2} \cdots A_0^{-1} B_{j_{i-1}} A_0^{-1} y \\
 &+ B_2 A_0^{-1} y + \sum_{i=2}^n (-1)^{i-1} \sum_{\substack{1 \leq j_1 + j_2 + \dots + j_{i-1} \leq n-1 \\ j_1, j_2, \dots, j_{i-1} = \overline{1, n-1}}} B_2 A_0^{-1} B_{j_1} A_0^{-1} B_{j_2} \cdots A_0^{-1} B_{j_{i-1}} A_0^{-1} y \\
 &\dots \\
 &+ B_{n-1} A_0^{-1} y + \sum_{i=2}^n (-1)^{i-1} \sum_{\substack{1 \leq j_1 + j_2 + \dots + j_{i-1} \leq n-1 \\ j_1, j_2, \dots, j_{i-1} = \overline{1, n-1}}} B_{n-1} A_0^{-1} B_{j_1} A_0^{-1} B_{j_2} \cdots A_0^{-1} B_{j_{i-1}} A_0^{-1} y \\
 &= y + \sum_{i=3}^n (-1)^{i-1} \sum_{\substack{1 \leq j_1 + j_2 + \dots + j_{i-1} \leq n-1 \\ j_1, j_2, \dots, j_{i-1} = \overline{1, n-1}}} B_{j_1} A_0^{-1} B_{j_2} \cdots A_0^{-1} B_{j_{i-1}} A_0^{-1} y \\
 &+ \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \sum_{i=2}^n (-1)^{i-1} \sum_{\substack{1 \leq j_1 + j_2 + \dots + j_{i-1} \leq n-1 \\ j_1, j_2, \dots, j_{i-1} = \overline{1, n-1}}} B_k A_0^{-1} B_{j_1} A_0^{-1} B_{j_2} \cdots A_0^{-1} B_{j_{i-1}} A_0^{-1} y.
 \end{aligned}$$

From (1), (2) and (3) we obtain  $B_k A_0^{-1} B_{j_1} A_0^{-1} B_{j_2} \cdots A_0^{-1} B_{j_{i-1}} A_0^{-1} = 0$  if  $k + j_1 + \dots + j_{i-1} \geq n$  ( $k, j_1, j_2, \dots, j_{i-1} = \overline{1, n-1}, i = \overline{1, n}$ ). Hence

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\sum_{\substack{1 \leq j_1 + j_2 + \dots + j_{i-1} \leq n-1 \\ j_1, j_2, \dots, j_{i-1} = \overline{1, n-1}}} B_k A_0^{-1} B_{j_1} A_0^{-1} B_{j_2} \cdots A_0^{-1} B_{j_{i-1}} A_0^{-1} y = \\
 &= \sum_{\substack{1 \leq j_1 + j_2 + \dots + j_{i-1} \leq n-1 \\ j_1, j_2, \dots, j_{i-1} = \overline{1, n-1}}} B_k A_0^{-1} B_{j_1} A_0^{-1} B_{j_2} \cdots A_0^{-1} B_{j_{i-1}} A_0^{-1} y \quad (k = \overline{1, n-1}).
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} A_k S^k x &= y + \sum_{i=3}^n (-1)^{i-1} \sum_{\substack{1 \leq j_1 + j_2 + \dots + j_{i-1} \leq n-1 \\ j_1, j_2, \dots, j_{i-1} = \overline{1, n-1}}} B_{j_1} A_0^{-1} B_{j_2} \cdots A_0^{-1} B_{j_{i-1}} A_0^{-1} y + \\
 &+ \sum_{i=2}^n (-1)^{i-1} \sum_{\substack{1 \leq j_1 + j_2 + \dots + j_{i-1} \leq n-1 \\ j_1, j_2, \dots, j_{i-1} = \overline{1, n-1}}} B_{j_1} A_0^{-1} B_{j_2} \cdots A_0^{-1} B_{j_{i-1}} A_0^{-1} y = y.
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $x$  defined by (5) is a solution of equation (4).

Suppose that  $x_1, x_2 \in X$  are solution of (4). Then we have

$$\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} A_k S^k z = 0,$$

where  $z = x_1 - x_2$ .

Acting on both sides of equation (6) with the operators  $S^{n-1}, S^{n-2}, \dots, S^2, S$  and using (1) and (3) we obtain the system of equations

$$\begin{aligned} S^{n-1} A_0 z &= 0 \\ S^{n-2} A_0 z + S^{n-2} A_1 S z &= 0 \\ &\dots\dots\dots \\ S A_0 z + S A_1 S z + \dots + S A_{n-3} S^{n-3} z + S A_{n-2} S^{n-2} z &= 0 \\ A_0 z + A_1 S z + A_2 S^2 z + \dots + A_{n-2} S^{n-2} z + A_{n-1} S^{n-1} z &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

By (2) and the first equation of system (7) we have  $z \in X_{n-1}$ . This result and imply that  $S^{n-1-i} A_i S^i z = 0, i = \overline{1, n-1}$ .

Thus, the system (7) is equivalent to the system

$$\begin{aligned} S^{n-2} A_0 z &= 0 \\ S^{n-3} A_0 z + S^{n-3} A_1 S z &= 0 \\ &\dots\dots\dots \\ S A_0 z + S A_1 S z + \dots + S A_{n-4} S^{n-4} z + S A_{n-3} S^{n-3} z &= 0 \\ A_0 z + A_1 S z + A_2 S^2 z + \dots + A_{n-3} S^{n-3} z + A_{n-2} S^{n-2} z &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

After  $n-1$  steps, we obtain  $A_0 z = 0$ , hence  $x_1 = x_2$ . Thus equation (4) has unique solution. Theorem is proved.  $\square$

Similarly, we can prove the following result.

**Theorem 2.** *If the assumptions of theorem 1 are satisfied, then equation*

$$\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} S^k A_k x = y,$$

(where  $y \in X$ ) has a unique solution

$$x = A_0^{-1} y + \sum_{i=2}^n (-1)^{i-1} \sum_{\substack{1 \leq j_1 + j_2 + \dots + j_{i-1} \leq n-1 \\ j_1, j_2, \dots, j_{i-1} = \overline{1, n-1}}} A_0^{-1} C_{j_1} A_0^{-1} C_{j_2} \dots A_0^{-1} C_{j_{i-1}} A_0^{-1} y,$$

where  $C_k = S^k A_k \quad (k = \overline{1, n-1})$ .

**Theorem 3.** Let  $S, A_0, A_1, \dots, A_{n-1} \in L_0(X)$ ,  $X_k = \{x \in X : S^k x = 0\}$  ( $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ ) and  $\tilde{X} = \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} X_k$ . Suppose that  $A_0$  is invertible,  $A_0 X_k = X_k$  and  $A_i X_k \subset X_k, i = \overline{1, n-1}, k = 1, 2, \dots$ . Then the equation

$$\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} A_k S^k x = y, \tag{8}$$

where  $y \in \tilde{X}$ ) has a unique solution in  $\tilde{X}$ . More precisely: if  $y \in X_m$ , then there is a unique  $x \in X_N$  satisfying equation (8) and such that:

$$x = A_0^{-1} y + \sum_{i=2}^N (-1)^{i-1} \sum_{\substack{1 \leq j_1 + j_2 + \dots + j_{i-1} \leq N-1 \\ j_1, j_2, \dots, j_{i-1} = \overline{1, n-1}}} A_0^{-1} B_{j_1} A_0^{-1} B_{j_2} \dots A_0^{-1} B_{j_{i-1}} A_0^{-1} y,$$

where  $N = \max(n, m)$  and  $B_k = A_k S^k$  ( $k = \overline{1, n-1}$ )

*Proof.* Let  $y \in X_m$  and suppose that  $m > n$ . Putting  $A_n = A_{n+1} = \dots = A_{m-1} = 0$ , we can write  $\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} A_k S^k x = \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} A_k S^k x$ . This and Theorem 1 imply that

$$x = A_0^{-1} y + \sum_{i=2}^m (-1)^{i-1} \sum_{\substack{1 \leq j_1 + j_2 + \dots + j_{i-1} \leq m-1 \\ j_1, j_2, \dots, j_{i-1} = \overline{1, m-1}}} A_0^{-1} B_{j_1} A_0^{-1} B_{j_2} \dots A_0^{-1} B_{j_{i-1}} A_0^{-1} y,$$

where  $B_k = A_k S^k, k = \overline{1, m-1}$ .

By  $B_k = 0$  ( $k = \overline{n, m-1}$ ), we have

$$x = A_0^{-1} y + \sum_{i=2}^m (-1)^{i-1} \sum_{\substack{1 \leq j_1 + j_2 + \dots + j_{i-1} \leq m-1 \\ j_1, j_2, \dots, j_{i-1} = \overline{1, n-1}}} A_0^{-1} B_{j_1} A_0^{-1} B_{j_2} \dots A_0^{-1} B_{j_{i-1}} A_0^{-1} y \in X_m,$$

In the second case we have  $m \leq n$  and  $X_m \subset X_n$ . Indeed, if  $x \in X_m$ , then  $S^m x = S^{m-m}(S^m x) = 0$ , which implies  $x \in X_n$ . We assume that  $y \in X_n$ . By theorem 1, with  $X = X_n$ , we obtain

$$x = A_0^{-1} y + \sum_{i=2}^n (-1)^{i-1} \sum_{\substack{1 \leq j_1 + j_2 + \dots + j_{i-1} \leq n-1 \\ j_1, j_2, \dots, j_{i-1} = \overline{1, n-1}}} A_0^{-1} B_{j_1} A_0^{-1} B_{j_2} \dots A_0^{-1} B_{j_{i-1}} A_0^{-1} y \in X_n.$$

Suppose that  $x_1, x_2 \in \tilde{X}$  ( $x_1 \neq x_2$ ) are solution of (8), suppose that  $x_1 \in X_{m_1}, x_2 \in X_{m_2}$ , we have

$$\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} A_k S^k (x_1 - x_2) = 0.$$

If  $m_1, m_2 \leq n$  then  $x_1 - x_2 \in X_n$ . Consider the equation (9) in  $X_n$  by similar arguments as in the proof of Theorem 1, we obtain  $x_1 - x_2 = 0$  which contradicts to our assumption.

If  $\max(m_1, m_2) = N_1 > n$  then  $x_1 - x_2 \in X_{N_1}$ . Consider the equation (9) in  $X_{N_1}$ . We can write (9) as follows

$$\sum_{k=0}^{N_1-1} A_k S^k(x_1 - x_2) = 0,$$

where  $A_n = A_{n+1} = \dots = A_{N_1-1} = 0$ . By similar arguments as in the proof of Theorem 1 we obtain  $x_1 - x_2 = 0$  which contradicts to our assumption.

Thus equation (8) has a unique solution. Theorem is proved.  $\square$

### Applications

Let  $\Gamma$  be a simple regular closed arc and let  $X$  be the space  $H^\mu(\Gamma)$  ( $0 < \mu < 1$ ). Denote by  $D^+$  the domain bounded by  $\Gamma$  and by  $D^-$  its complement including the point at infinity.

Let

$$\begin{aligned} (S\varphi)(t) &= \frac{1}{\pi i} \int_{\Gamma} \frac{\varphi(\tau)}{\tau - t} d\tau, \\ (N\varphi)(t) &= \int_{\Gamma} N(t, \tau) \varphi(\tau) d\tau, \\ (T\varphi)(t) &= \int_{\Gamma} \sum_{j=1}^n a_j(t) b_j(\tau) \varphi(\tau) d\tau, \end{aligned}$$

where  $a_j(t), b_j(t), \varphi(t) \in X$  ( $j = \overline{1, n}$ );  $\{a_j(t)\}_{j=\overline{1, n}}$  is a linear independent system.

Write  $P = \frac{1}{2}(I + S)$ ,  $Q = \frac{1}{2}(I - S)$ ,  $X^+ = PX$ ,  $X^- = QX$ .

**Corollary 1.** Suppose that  $N(t, \tau)$  admits an analytic prolongation in every variable on  $D^+$  and is continuous for  $t, \tau \in \Gamma$ . Then the equation

$$c_0 \varphi(t) + c_1 (N\varphi)(t) = f(t),$$

where  $c_0, c_1 \in C$ ,  $c_0 \neq 0$ ,  $f(t) \in X$  has a unique solution

$$\varphi(t) = c_0^{-1} f(t) - c_0^{-2} c_1 (Nf)(t).$$

*Proof.* By our assumption for  $N(t, \tau)$  from the Cauchy integral Theorem, we get  $N^2 = 0$  on  $X$  (see [1]). We have

$$c_0 IX_1 = X_1, \quad c_1 IX_1 \subset X_1 \quad \text{where} \quad X_1 = \{g(t) \in X : (Ng)(t) = 0\}.$$

Applying theorem 1 we obtain the required result.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.** Suppose that  $N(t, \tau)$  admits an analytic prolongation in every variable on  $D^+$  and is continuous for  $t, \tau \in \Gamma$ . Then the equation

$$c_0 \varphi(t) + c_1 (S\varphi)(t) + c_2 (NS\varphi)(t) = f(t), \quad (1)$$

where  $c_0, c_1, c_2 \in C, c_0 \pm c_1 \neq 0, f(t) \in X$  has a unique solution

$$\varphi(t) = \frac{1}{c_0^2 - c_1^2} [c_0 f(t) - c_1 (Sf)(t) + c_2 (Nf)(t)].$$

*Proof.* By our assumption for  $N(t, \tau)$  from the Cauchy integral Theorem, we get  $N^2 = 0, SN = N, NS = -N$  (see [2]). Rewrite to equation (10) as follows

$$[(c_0 I + c_1 S)\varphi](t) - c_2 (N\varphi)(t) = f(t).$$

It is easy to see that  $c_0 I + c_1 S$  is invertible  $(c_0 I + c_1 S)X_1 = X_1, -c_2 I X_1 \subset X_1$ , where  $X_1 = \{g(t) \in X : (Ng)(t) = 0\}$ .

Applying Theorem 1, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(t) &= [(c_0 I + c_1 S)^{-1} f](t) + c_2 [(c_0 I + c_1 S)^{-1} N(c_0 I + c_1 S)^{-1} f](t) = \\ &= \frac{1}{c_0^2 - c_1^2} [c_0 f(t) - c_1 (Sf)(t) + c_2 (Nf)(t)]. \end{aligned}$$

**Corollary 3.** Suppose that  $N(t, \tau)$  admits an analytic prolongation in every variable onto  $\Gamma^+$  and is continuous for  $t, \tau \in \Gamma$ . Let  $a_j(t) \in X^+ (j = \overline{1, n})$ , Then the equation

$$c_0 \varphi(t) + c_1 (S\varphi)(t) + (TN\varphi)(t) = f(t), \tag{11}$$

where  $c_0, c_1 \in C, c_0 \pm c_1 \neq 0, f(t) \in X$  has a unique solution

$$\varphi(t) = \frac{1}{c_0^2 - c_1^2} [c_0 f(t) - c_1 (Sf)(t)] - \frac{1}{(c_0^2 - c_1^2)^2} [(c_0 I - c_1 S)TN(c_0 I - c_1 S)f](t).$$

*Proof.* Rewrite the equation (11) as follows

$$[(c_0 I - c_1 S)\varphi](t) + (TN\varphi)(t) = f(t).$$

By our assumption we have  $N^2 = 0, c_0 I + c_1 S$  is invertible,  $(c_0 I + c_1 S)X_1 = X_1, TX_1 \subset TX \subset X_1$ , where  $X_1 = \{g(t) \in X : (Ng)(t) = 0\}$ .

Applying Theorem 1 we obtain the required result.

Let  $X = C_{[a,b]}^\infty$  be the space of all real valued defined on a closed interval  $[a, b]$  and having continuous derivatives of an arbitrary order in  $(a, b)$ . Let

$$\begin{aligned} (Dx)(t) &= \frac{d}{dt} x(t), \\ (A_k x)(t) &= \int_a^b \sum_{j=1}^q t^j a_{kj}(\tau) (D^j x)(\tau) d\tau \quad (k = \overline{1, n-1}, n \geq 2, q \geq 1), \\ A_0 &= c_0 I, \end{aligned}$$

where  $c_0 \in R, c_0 \neq 0; a_{kj}(t), x(t) \in X, k = \overline{1, n-1}, j = \overline{1, q}$ . Denote

$$X_\nu = \{x(t) \in X : (D^\nu x)(t) = 0\}, \quad \nu = 1, 2, \dots$$

$$\tilde{X} = \bigcup_{\nu=1}^{\infty} X_\nu$$

**Corollary 4.** *The equation*

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n-1} (A_k D^k x)(t) = y(t), \quad (12)$$

where  $y(t) \in \tilde{X}$  has a unique solution in  $\tilde{X}$ . More precisely if  $y(t) \in X_m$ , then there is unique  $x(t) \in X_N$  satisfying equation (8) and such that

$$x = c_0^{-1} y(t) + \sum_{\mu=2}^N (-1)^{\mu-1} \sum_{\substack{1 \leq j_1 + j_2 + \dots + j_{\mu-1} \leq N-1 \\ j_1, j_2, \dots, j_{\mu-1} = \overline{1, n-1}}} c_0^{-\mu} (B_{j_1} B_{j_2} \dots B_{j_{\mu-1}} y)(t),$$

where  $N = \max(n, m)$ ,  $B_k = A_k D^k (k = \overline{1, n-1})$ .

*Proof.* By our assumption we have  $A_0, A_1, \dots, A_{n-1} \in L_0(X)$ ,  $A_0$  is invertible and  $A_0 X_\nu = X_\nu, \nu = 1, 2, \dots$

It is easy to check that

$$A_k X_\nu \subset X_\nu, \quad k = \overline{1, n-1}, \nu = 1, 2, \dots$$

Applying Theorem 3 we obtain the required result.  $\square$

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### VỀ MỘT LỚP PHƯƠNG TRÌNH SINH BỞI TOÁN TỬ LŨY LINH VÀ ÁP DỤNG

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Bài báo này đề cập đến một lớp phương trình dạng  $\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} A_k S^k x = y$ , trong đó

$A_k, S \in L_0(X) (k = \overline{0, n-1})$ ,  $S$  là toán tử lũy linh. Chúng ta chỉ ra rằng với một vài giả thiết của  $A_k (k = \overline{0, n-1})$  tất cả các nghiệm của phương trình này thu được dưới dạng đóng. Sau đó ta đưa ra một vài áp dụng đối với các phương trình vi phân và tích phân