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# Topological Properties of Nonlinear Evolution Equations

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**Abstract.** The generic properties of solutions of the second order ordinary differential equations were studied by L. Brüll and J. Mawhin in [2], J. Mawhin in [5] and by V. Šeda in [9]. Such questions were solved for nonlinear diffusional type problems with the Dirichlet, Neumann and Newton type conditions by V. Ďurikovič, Ma. Ďurikovičová in [4]. In the present paper we study the set structure of classic solutions, bifurcation points and the surjectivity of an associated operator to a general second order nonlinear evolution problem by the Fredholm operator theory.

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# 1 The formulation of problem and basic notations

Throughout this paper we assume that the set  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  for  $n \in N$  is a bounded domain with the sufficiently smooth boundary  $\partial \Omega$ . The real number T is positive and  $Q := (0,T] \times \Omega, \Gamma := (0,T] \times \partial \Omega$ .

We use the notation  $D_t$  for  $\partial/\partial t$  and  $D_i$  for  $\partial/\partial x_i$  and  $D_{ij}$  for  $\partial^2/\partial x_i\partial x_j$ where  $i, j = 1, \ldots, n$  and  $D_0 u$  for u. The symbol cl M means the closure of a set M in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

We consider the nonlinear differential equation possibly a non-parabolic type

$$D_t u - A(t, x, D_x)u + f(t, x, u, D_1 u, \dots, D_n u) = g(t, x)$$
(1.1)

This is an overview article.

for  $(t, x) \in Q$ , where the coefficients  $a_{ij}, a_i, a_0$  for i, j = 1, ..., n of the second order linear operator

$$A(t, x, D_x)u = \sum_{i,j=1}^n a_{ij}(t, x)D_{ij}u + \sum_{i=1}^n a_i(t, x)D_iu + a_0(t, x)u$$

are continuous functions from the space  $C(\operatorname{cl} Q, R)$ . The function f is from the space  $C(\operatorname{cl} Q \times R^{n+1}, R)$  and  $g \in C(\operatorname{cl} Q, R)$ .

Together with the equation (1.1) we consider the following general homogeneous boundary condition

$$B_3(t, x, D_x)u|_{\Gamma} := \sum_{i=1}^n b_i(t, x)D_iu + b_0(t, x)u|_{\Gamma} = 0,$$
(1.2)

where the coefficients  $b_i$  for i = 1, ..., n and  $b_0$  are continuos functions from  $C(\operatorname{cl} \Gamma, R)$ .

Furthermore we require for the solution of (1.1) to satisfy the homogeneous initial condition

$$u|_{t=0} = 0 \quad \text{on} \quad \text{cl}\,\Omega. \tag{1.3}$$

In the following definitions we shall use the notations

$$\langle u \rangle_{t,\mu,Q}^{s} := \sup_{\substack{(t,x), (s,x) \in cl \ Q \\ t \neq s}} \frac{|u(t,x) - u(s,x)|}{|t-s|^{\mu}},$$
(1.4)

$$\langle u \rangle_{x,\nu,Q}^{y} := \sup_{\substack{(t,x),(t,y) \in cl \ Q \\ x \neq y}} \frac{|u(t,x) - u(t,y)|}{|x - y|^{\nu}},$$
(1.5)

$$\begin{split} \langle f \rangle_{t,x,u}^{s,y,v} &:= \left| f(t,x,u_0,u_1,\ldots,u_n) - f(s,y,v_0,v_1,\ldots,v_n) \right|, \\ \langle f \rangle_{t,x,u(t,x)}^{s,y,v(s,y)} &:= \left| f[t,x,u(t,x),D_1u(t,x),\ldots,D_nu(t,x)] - \right. \\ \left. - f[s,y,v(s,y),D_1v(s,y),\ldots,D_nv(s,y)] \right|, \end{split}$$

where  $x = (x_1, ..., x_n)$  and  $y = (y_1, ..., y_n)$  are from  $R^n, \mu, \nu \in R$  and  $|x - y| = \left[\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - y_i)^2\right]^{\frac{1}{2}}$ .

The concept of a domain with a locally smooth boundary is given in the following definition.

**Definition 1.1.** Let  $r \in (1, \infty)$  and  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  be a bounded domain. We say that the boundary  $\partial \Omega$  belongs to the class  $C^r, r \geq 1$  if:

- (i) There exists a tangential space to  $\partial \Omega$  at any point from the boundary  $\partial \Omega$ .
- (ii) Assume  $y \in \partial \Omega$  and let  $(y; z_1, \ldots, z_n)$  be a local orthonormal coordinate system with the center y and with the axis  $z_n$  oriented like the inner normal to  $\partial \Omega$  at the point y. Then there exists a number b > 0 such that for every

 $y \in \partial \Omega$  there exists a neighbourhood  $O(y) \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  of the point y and a function  $F \in C^r(\operatorname{cl} B, \mathbb{R})$  such that the part of boundary

$$\partial \Omega \cap O(y) = \{ (z', F(z')) \in \mathbb{R}^n, z' = (z_1, \dots, z_{n-1}) \in B \},\$$

where  $B = \{ z' \in \mathbb{R}^{n-1}; |z'| < b \}.$ 

Here  $C^r(\operatorname{cl} B, R)$  is a vector space of the functions  $u \in C^l(\operatorname{cl} B, R)$  for l = [r] with the finite norm

$$||u||_{l+\alpha} = \sum_{0 \le k \le l} \sup_{x \in \operatorname{cl} B} \left| D_x^k u(x) \right| + \sum_{k=l} \left\langle D_x^k u \right\rangle_{x,\alpha,B}^y ,$$

whereby  $\alpha = r - [r] \in [0, 1)$  and  $r = l + \alpha$ .

Further, we shall need the following Hölder spaces — see [3, p. 147].

#### **Definition 1.2.** Let $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ .

1. By the symbol  $C_{t,x}^{(1+\alpha)/2,1+\alpha}(\operatorname{cl} Q, R)$  we denote the vector space of continuous functions  $u: \operatorname{cl} Q \to R$  which have continuous derivatives  $D_i u$  for  $i = 1, \ldots, n$  on  $\operatorname{cl} Q$  and the norm

$$||u||_{(1+\alpha)/2,1+\alpha,Q} := \sum_{i=0}^{n} \sup_{(t,x)\in cl\,Q} |D_{i}u(t,x)| + \langle u \rangle_{t,(1+\alpha)/2,Q}^{s} + \sum_{i=1}^{n} \langle D_{i}u \rangle_{t,\alpha/2,Q}^{s} + \sum_{i=1}^{n} \langle D_{i}u \rangle_{x,\alpha/2,Q}^{y}$$
(1.6)

is finite.

2. The symbol  $C_{(t,x)}^{(2+\alpha)/2,2+\alpha}(\operatorname{cl} Q, R)$  means the vector space of continuous functions u:  $\operatorname{cl} Q \to R$  for which there exist continuous derivatives  $D_t u, D_i u, D_{ij} u$  on  $\operatorname{cl} Q, i, j = 1, \ldots n$  and the norm

$$\begin{aligned} ||u||_{(2+\alpha)/2,2+\alpha,Q} &:= \sum_{i=0}^{n} \sup_{(t,x)\in cl\,Q} |D_{i}u(t,x)| + \sup_{(t,x)\in cl\,Q} |D_{t}u(t,x)| + \\ &+ \sum_{i,j=1}^{n} \sup_{(t,x)\in cl\,Q} |D_{ij}u(t,x)| + \sum_{i=1}^{n} < D_{i}u >_{t,(1+\alpha)/2,Q}^{s} + < D_{t}u >_{t,\alpha/2,Q}^{s} + \\ &+ \sum_{i,j=1}^{n} < D_{ij}u >_{t,\alpha/2,Q}^{s} + < D_{t}u >_{x,\alpha,Q}^{y} + \sum_{i,j=1}^{n} < D_{ij}u >_{x,\alpha,Q}^{y} \end{aligned}$$
(1.7)

is finite.

3. The symbol  $C_{t,x}^{(3+\alpha)/2,3+\alpha}(\operatorname{cl} Q, R)$  means the vector space of continuous functions  $u: \operatorname{cl} Q \to R$  for which the derivatives  $D_t, D_i u, D_t D_i u, D_{ij} u, D_{ijk} u, i, j, k = 1, \ldots, n$  are continuous on  $\operatorname{cl} Q$  and the norm

$$\begin{aligned} ||u||_{(3+\alpha)/2,3+\alpha,Q} &:= \sum_{i=0}^{n} \sup_{(t,x)\in cl\,Q} |D_{i}u(t,x)| + \sum_{i,j=1}^{n} \sup_{(t,x)\in cl\,Q} |D_{ij}u(t,x)| + \\ &+ \sum_{i=0}^{n} \sup_{(t,x)\in cl\,Q} |D_{t}D_{i}u(t,x)| + \sum_{i,j,k=1}^{n} \sup_{(t,x)\in cl\,Q} |D_{ijk}u(t,x)| + \\ &+ \langle D_{t}u \rangle_{t,(1+\alpha)/2,Q}^{s} + \sum_{i,j=1}^{n} \langle D_{ij}u \rangle_{t,(1+\alpha)/2,Q}^{s} + \\ &+ \sum_{i=1}^{n} \langle D_{t}D_{i}u \rangle_{t,\alpha/2,Q}^{s} + \sum_{i,j,k=1}^{n} \langle D_{ijk}u \rangle_{t,\alpha/2,Q}^{s} + \\ &+ \sum_{i=1}^{n} \langle D_{t}D_{i}u \rangle_{x,\alpha,Q}^{y} + \sum_{i,j,k=1}^{n} \langle D_{ijk}u \rangle_{x,\alpha,Q}^{s} \end{aligned}$$
(1.8)

is finite.

The above defined norm spaces are Banach ones and we call them Hölder spaces.

**Definition 1.3.** (The smoothness condition  $(S_3^{1+\alpha})$ .) Let  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ . We say that the differential operator  $A(t, x, D_x)$  from (1.1) and  $B_3(t, x, D_x)$  from (1.2), respectively satisfies the smoothness condition  $(S_3^{1+\alpha})$  if

- (i) the coefficients  $a_{ij}, a_i, a_0$  from (1.1) for i, j = 1, ..., n belong to the space  $C_{t,x}^{(1+\alpha)/2,1+\alpha}(\operatorname{cl} Q, R)$  and  $\partial \Omega \in C^{3+\alpha}$  and
- (ii) the coefficients  $b_i$  from (1.2) for i = 1, ..., n belong to the space  $C_{t,x}^{(2+\alpha)/2, 2+\alpha}(\operatorname{cl} \Gamma, R).$

**Definition 1.4.** (The complementary condition (C).) If at least one of the coefficients  $b_i$  for i = 1, ..., n of the differential operator  $B_3(t, x, D_x)$  in (1.2) is not zero we say that  $B_3(t, x, D_x)$  satisfies the *complementary condition* (C).

In the following part we shall reformulate the problem (1.1), (1.2), (1.3) to the operator equation

$$F_3u = A_3u + N_3u = g$$

using several assumptions from

#### Definition 1.5.

1. Fredholm conditions  $(A_3, 1)$  Consider the operator  $A_3: X_3 \to Y_3$ , where

$$A_3u = D_t u - A(t, x, D_x)u, \ u \in X_3$$

and the operators  $A(t, x, D_x)$  and  $B_3(t, x, D_x)$  satisfy the smoothness condition  $(S_3^{1+\alpha})$  for  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$  and the complementary condition (C). Here we consider the vector spaces

$$D(A_3) := \{ u \in C_{t,x}^{(3+\alpha)/2,3+\alpha}(\operatorname{cl} Q, R); \\ B_3(t,x, D_x) u|_{\varGamma} = 0, \ u|_{t=0}(x) = 0 \quad \text{for } x \in \operatorname{cl} \Omega \}$$

and

$$H(A_3) := \{ v \in C_{t,x}^{(1+\alpha)/2, 1+\alpha}(\operatorname{cl} Q, R); \ B_3(t, x, D_x)v(t, x) |_{t=0, x \in \partial \Omega} = 0 \}$$

and Banach subspaces of the given Hölder spaces

$$X_3 = \left( D(A_3), ||.||_{(3+\alpha)/2, 3+\alpha, Q} \right)$$

and

$$Y_3 = (H(A_3), ||.||_{(1+\alpha)/2, 1+\alpha, Q}).$$

 $(A_3.2)$  There is a second order linear homeomorphism  $C_3: X_3 \to Y_3$  with

$$C_3 u = D_t u - C(t, x, D_x)u, \ u \in X_3 ,$$

where

$$C(t, x, D_x)u = \sum_{i,j=1}^n c_{ij}(t, x)D_{ij}u + \sum_{i=1}^n c_i(t, x)D_iu + c_0(t, x)u$$

satisfying the smoothness condition  $(S_3^{1+\alpha})$ . The operator  $C_3$  is not necessarily parabolic one.

2. Local Hölder and compatibility conditions.

Let  $f := f(t, x, u_0, u_1, \ldots, u_n)$ :  $cl Q \times R^{n+1} \to R$ ,  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$  and let  $p, q, p_r$ for  $r = 0, 1, \ldots, n$  be nonnegative constants. Here, D represents any compact subset of  $(cl Q) \times R^{n+1}$ . For f we need the following assumptions:

 $(N_3.1)$  Let  $f \in C^1(\operatorname{cl} Q \times R^{n+1}, R)$  and let the first derivatives  $\partial f / \partial x_i$ ,  $\partial f / \partial u_j$  be locally Hölder continuous on  $\operatorname{cl} Q \times R^{n+1}$  such that

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \langle \partial f / \partial x_i \rangle_{t,x,u}^{s,y,v} \\ \langle \partial f / \partial u_j \rangle_{t,x,u}^{s,y,v} \end{array} \right\} \quad \leq \quad p|t-s|^{\alpha/2} + q|x-y|^{\alpha} + \sum_{r=0}^n p_r |u_r - v_r|$$

for i = 1, ..., n and j = 0, 1, ..., n and any D.

 $(N_3.2)$  Let  $f \in C^3(\operatorname{cl} Q \times \mathbb{R}^{n+1}, \mathbb{R})$  and let the local growth conditions for the third derivatives of f hold on any D:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \langle \partial^{3} f / \partial \tau \partial x_{i} \partial u_{j} \rangle_{t,x,u}^{t,x,v} \\ \langle \partial^{3} f / \partial \tau \partial u_{j} \partial u_{k} \rangle_{t,x,u}^{t,x,v} \\ \langle \partial^{3} f / \partial x_{i} \partial x_{l} \partial u_{j} \rangle_{t,x,u}^{t,x,v} \\ \langle \partial^{3} f / \partial x_{i} \partial u_{j} \partial u_{k} \rangle_{t,x,u}^{t,x,v} \\ \langle \partial^{3} f / \partial u_{j} \partial u_{k} \partial u_{r} \rangle_{t,x,u}^{t,x,v} \end{array} \right\} \quad \leq \sum_{s=0}^{n} p_{s} |u_{s} - v_{s}|^{\beta}$$

where  $\beta_s > 0$  for s = 0, 1, ..., n and i, l = 1, ..., n; j, k, r = 0, 1, ..., n. (N<sub>3</sub>.3) The equality of compatibility

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} b_i(t,x) D_i f(t,x,0,\ldots,0) + b_0(t,x) f(t,x,0,\ldots,0)|_{t=0, x \in S} = 0$$

holds.

3. Almost coercive condition.

Let for any bounded set  $M_3 \subset Y_3$  there exist a number K > 0 such that for all solutions  $u \in X_3$  of the problem (1.1), (1.2), (1.3) with the right hand side  $g \in M_3$ , the following alternative holds:

 $(F_3.1)$  Either

 $(\alpha_3) \quad \|u\|_{(1+\alpha)/2,1+\alpha,Q} \leq K, \ f := f(t, x, u_0): \ \mathrm{cl} \ Q \times R \to R \ \mathrm{and} \ \mathrm{the \ coefficients}$ of the operators  $A_3$  and  $C_3$  (see (1.1) and (A<sub>3</sub>.2) satisfy the equations

$$a_{ij} = c_{ij}, a_i = c_i$$
 for  $i, j = 1, \dots, n, a_0 \neq c_0$  on  $\operatorname{cl} Q$ 

or

 $(\beta_3) \quad \|u\|_{(2+\alpha)/2, 2+\alpha, Q} \leq K, f := f(t, x, u_0, u_1, \dots, u_n): \operatorname{cl} Q \times \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \to \mathbb{R}$  and the coefficients of the operators  $A_3$  and  $C_3$  satisfy the relations

 $a_{ij} = c_{ij}$  for i, j = 1, ..., n and  $a_i \neq c_i$  for at least one i = 1, ..., n

on  $\operatorname{cl} Q$ .

#### Remark 1.6.

1. Especially, the condition  $(A_{3,2})$  is satisfied for the diffusion operator

$$C_3 u = D_t u - \Delta u, \ u \in X_3$$

or for any uniformly parabolic operator  $C_3$  with sufficiently smooth coefficients. However the operator  $C_3$  is not necessarily uniform parabolic.

2. The local Hölder conditions in  $(N_3.1)$  and  $(N_3.2)$  admit sufficiently strong growths of f in the last variables  $u_0, u_1, \ldots, u_n$ . For example, they include exponential and power type growths.

#### Definition 1.7.

- 1. A couple  $(u,g) \in X_3 \times Y_3$  will be called the bifurcation point of the mixed problem (1.1), (1.2), (1.3) if u is a solution of that mixed problem and there exists a sequence  $\{g_k\} \subset Y_3$  such that  $g_k \to g$  in  $Y_3$  as  $k \to \infty$  and the problem (1.1), (1.2), (1.3) for  $g = g_k$  has at least two different solutions  $u_k, v_k$  for each  $k \in N$  and  $u_k \to u, v_k \to u$  in  $X_3$  as  $k \to \infty$ .
- 2. The set of all solutions  $u \in X_3$  of (1.1), (1.2), (1.3) (or the set of all functions  $g \in Y_3$ ) such that (u, g) is a bifurcation point of the problem (1.1), (1.2), (1.3) will be called *the domain of bifurcation (the bifurcation range)* of that problem.

Under the previous hypotheses we have proved the fundamental lemas:

#### **Lemma 1.8.** The following implications are true:

- (1)  $(A_3.1)$ ,  $(A_3.2)$  imply that the operator  $A_3: X_3 \to Y_3$  is a linear bounded Fredholm operator of the zero index.
- (2)  $(N_3.1)$ ,  $(N_3.2)$  imply that the Nemitskij operator  $N_3: X_3 \to Y_3$  defined by

$$(N_3u)(t,x) = f[t,x,u(t,x), D_1u(t,x), \dots, D_nu(t,x)]$$

for  $u \in X_3$  and  $(t, x) \in \operatorname{cl} Q$  is completely continuous.

- (3)  $(A_{3.1})$ ,  $(A_{3.2})$ ,  $(N_{3.1})$ ,  $(N_{3.3})$ ,  $(F_{3.1})$  imply that the operator  $F_3 = A_3 + N_3: X_3 \to Y_3$  is coercive.
- (4)  $(N_{3}.2)$ ,  $(N_{3}.3)$  imply that  $N_{3} \in C^{1}(X_{3}, Y_{3})$  and is completely continuous.

**Lemma 1.9.** Let  $A_3: X_3 \to Y_3$  be the linear operator satysfying  $(A_3.1)$ ,  $(A_3.2)$  and let  $N_3: X_3 \to Y_3$  be the Nemitskij operator satysfying  $(N_3.1)$ ,  $(N_3.3)$  and  $F_3 = A_3 + N_3: X_3 \to Y_3$ . Then:

- (i) The function u ∈ X<sub>3</sub> is a solution of the initial-boundary value problem (1.1), (1.2), (1.3) for g ∈ Y<sub>3</sub> if and only if F<sub>3</sub>u = g.
- (ii) The couple (u, g) ∈ X<sub>3</sub> × Y<sub>3</sub> is the bifurcation point of the initial-boundary value problem (1.1), (1.2), (1.3) if and only if F<sub>3</sub>(u) = g and u ∈ Σ, where Σ means the set of all points of X<sub>3</sub> at which F<sub>3</sub> is not locally invertible.

### 2 Generic properties for continuous operators

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**Theorem (Ambrosetti).** Let  $F \in C(X, Y)$  be a proper mapping. Then the cardinal number card  $F^{-1}(\{q\})$  of the set  $F^{-1}(\{q\})$  is constant and finite (it may be zero) for each q taken from the same (connected) component of the set  $Y - F(\Sigma)$ . Here  $\Sigma$  means the set of all points  $u \in X$  for which F is not locally invertible.

and

**Theorem (S. Smale and F. Quinn).** If  $F: X \to Y$  is a Fredholm mapping of class  $C^q$ ,  $q > \max(\operatorname{ind} F, 0)$  and either

X has a countable basis (Smale)

or

F is  $\sigma$ -proper (Quinn),

then the set  $R_F$  of all regular values of F is residual in Y. If F is proper, then  $R_F$  is open and dense in Y.

we can prove the main results for the nonlinear problem (1.1), (1.2), (1.3). Here X and Y are Banach spaces either both real or complex.

**Theorem 2.1.** Under the assumptions  $(A_3.1)$ ,  $(A_3.2)$  and  $(N_3.1)$ ,  $(N_3.3)$  the following statements hold for the problem (1.1), (1.2), (1.3):

- (a) The operator  $F_3 = A_3 + N_3 : X_3 \to Y_3$  is continuous.
- (b) For any compact set of the right hand sides  $g \in Y_3$  from (1.1), the corresponding set of all solutions is a countable union of compact sets.
- (c) For  $u_0 \in X_3$  there exists a neighbourhood  $U(u_0)$  of  $u_0$  and  $U(F_3(u_0))$  of  $F_3(u_0) \in Y_3$  such that for each  $g \in U(F_3(u_0))$  there is a unique solution of (1.1), (1.2), (1.3) if and only if the operator  $F_3$  is locally injective at  $u_0$ .

Moreover, if  $(F_{3.1})$  is assumed, then:

 (d) For each compact set of Y<sub>3</sub> the corresponding set of all solutions is compact (possibly empty).

**Theorem 2.2.** If the hypotheses  $(A_3.1)$ ,  $(A_3.2)$ ,  $(N_3.1)$ ,  $(N_3.3)$  and  $(F_3.1)$  are satisfied, then for the initial-boundary value problem (1.1), (1.2), (1.3) the following statements hold:

- (e) For each  $g \in Y_3$  the set  $S_{3g}$  of all solutions is compact (possibly empty).
- (f) The set  $R(F_3) = \{g \in Y_3; \text{ there exists at least one solution of the given problem } is closed and connected in <math>Y_3$ .
- (g) The domain of bifurcation  $D_{3b}$  is closed in  $X_3$  and the bifurcation range  $R_{3b}$  is closed in  $Y_3$ .  $F_3(X_3 D_{3b})$  is open in  $Y_3$ .
- (h) If Y<sub>3</sub> R<sub>3b</sub> ≠ Ø, then each component of Y<sub>3</sub> R<sub>3b</sub> is a nonempty open set (i.e. a domain).
  The number n<sub>3g</sub> of solutions is finite, constant (it may be zero) on each component of the set Y<sub>3</sub> R<sub>3b</sub>, i.e. for every g belonging to the same component
- (i) If R<sub>3b</sub> = Ø, then the given problem has a unique solution u ∈ X<sub>3</sub> for each g ∈ Y<sub>3</sub> and this solution continuously depends on g as a mapping from Y<sub>3</sub> onto X<sub>3</sub>.
- (j) If R<sub>3b</sub> ≠ Ø, then the boundary of the F<sub>3</sub> image of the set of all points from X<sub>3</sub> in which the operator F<sub>3</sub> is locally invertible, is a subset of the F<sub>3</sub> image of all points from X<sub>3</sub> in which F<sub>3</sub> is not locally invertible, i.e.

$$\partial F_3(X_3 - D_{3b}) \subset F_3(D_{3b}) = R_{3b}$$

# 3 Generic properties for $C^1$ -differentiable operator

In case the Nemitskij operator  $N_3 \in C^1(X, Y)$ , we get stronger results. Using the theorem on a local  $C^1$ -diffeomorphism

**Theorem (E. Zeidler).** Let  $F: (U(u_0) \subset X) \to Y$  be a  $C^1$ -mapping. Then F is a local  $C^1$ -diffeomorphism at  $u_0$  if and only if  $u_0$  is a regular point of F.

and

of  $Y_3 - R_{3b}$ .

**Theorem (R. S. Sadyrchanov).** Let dim  $Y \ge 3$  and let  $F: X \to Y$  be a Fredholm mapping of the zero index. If  $u_0$  is an isolated singular point of F, then the mapping F is locally invertibly at  $u_0$ .

we obtain main results for  $C^1$ -differentiable operators.

**Theorem 3.1.** Assume that the hypotheses  $(A_3.1)$ ,  $(A_3.2)$ ,  $(N_3.2)$ ,  $(N_3.3)$  hold. Then the open set  $Y_3 - R_{3b}$  is dense in  $Y_3$  and thus the range of bifurcation  $R_{3b}$  of initial-boundary value problem (1.1), (1.2), (1.3) is nowhere dense in  $Y_3$ .

Also we shall investigate the linear problem in  $h \in X_3$  for some  $u \in X_3$ :

$$A_{3}h(t,x) + \sum_{j=0}^{n} \frac{\partial f}{\partial u_{j}} [t, x, u(t,x), D_{1}u(t,x), \dots, D_{n}u(t,x)] D_{j}h(t,x) = g(t,x)$$
(3.1)

with the conditions (1.2), (1.3).

**Theorem 3.2.** Assume that the hypotheses  $(A_{3}.1)$ ,  $(A_{3}.2)$ ,  $(N_{3}.2)$ ,  $(N_{3}.3)$  and  $(F_{3}.1)$  hold. Then

- (a) The number of solutions of (1.1), (1.2), (1.3) is constant and finite (it may be zero) on each connected component of the open set  $Y_3 - F(S_3)$ , i.e. for any g belonging to the same connected component of  $Y_3 - F_3(S_3)$ . Here  $S_3$  means the set of all critical points of problem (1.1), (1.2), (1.3).
- (b) Let u<sub>0</sub> ∈ X<sub>3</sub> be a regular solution of (1.1), (1.2), (1.3) with the right hand side g<sub>0</sub> ∈ Y<sub>3</sub>. Then there exists a neighbourhood U(g<sub>0</sub>) ⊂ Y<sub>3</sub> of g<sub>0</sub> such that for any g ∈ U(g<sub>0</sub>) the initial-boundary value problem (1.1), (1.2), (1.3) has one and only one solution u ∈ X<sub>3</sub>. This solution continuously depends on g. The associated linear problem (3.1), (1.2), (1.3) for u = u<sub>0</sub> has a unique solution h ∈ X<sub>3</sub> for any g from a neighbourhood U(g<sub>0</sub>) of g<sub>0</sub> = F<sub>3</sub>(u<sub>0</sub>). This solution continuously depends on g.
- (c) Denote by  $G_3$  the set of all right hand sides  $g \in Y_3$  of equation (1.1) for which the corresponding solutions  $u \in X_3$  of the problem (1.1), (1.2), (1.3) are its critical solutions. Then  $G_3$  is closed and nowhere dense in  $Y_3$ .
- (d) If the singular points set of the initial-boundary value problem (1.1), (1.2), (1.3) is empty, then this problem has unique solution  $u \in X_3$  for each  $g \in Y_3$ . It continuously depends of the right hand side g.

Corollary 3.3. Let the hypotheses of Theorem 3.2 hold and

(i) the linear homogeneous problem (3.1), (1.2), (1.3) (for g = 0) has only zero solution  $h = 0 \in X_3$  for any  $u \in X_3$ .

Then the initial-boundary value nonlinear problem (1.1), (1.2), (1.3) has a unique solution  $u \in X_3$  for any  $g \in Y_3$ . This solution u continuously depends on g. Moreover linear problem (3.1), (1.2), (1.3) has a unique solution  $h \in X_3$  for any  $u \in X_3$  and for each right hand side  $g \in Y_3$  of (3.1) and this solution continuously depends on g. **Theorem 3.4.** Suppose that the hypotheses  $(A_3.1)$ ,  $(A_3.2)$ ,  $(N_3.2)$ ,  $(N_3.3)$  and  $(F_3.1)$  hold together with the condition

(i) Each point u ∈ X<sub>3</sub> is either a regular point or an isolated critical point of problem (1.1), (1.2), (1.3).

Then to each  $g \in Y_3$  there exists one and only one solution  $u \in X_3$  of the problem (1.1), (1.2), (1.3) and it continuously depends on g.

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