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## EXISTENCE AND UNIQUENESS OF SOLUTIONS OF QUASILINEAR HYPERBOLIC SYSTEMS OF PARTIAL DIFFERENTIAL-FUNCTIONAL EQUATIONS

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### 1. Introduction

In the present paper we take into consideration the following Schauder canonic form of quasilinear hyperbolic systems of differential-functional equations

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{j=1}^n A_{ij}(x, y, z(x, y), (V^{(1)}z)(x, y)) [\partial z_j(x, y) / \partial x + \\ & + \sum_{k=1}^m Q_{ik}(x, y, z(x, y), (V^{(2)}z)(x, y)) \partial z_j(x, y) / \partial y_k] = \\ & = f_i(x, y, z(x, y), (V^{(3)}z)(x, y)), \quad (x, y) \in D_a = I_a \times R^m, \quad i = 1, \dots, n, \end{aligned}$$

where  $I_a = [0, a]$ ,  $a \geq 0$ ,  $y = [y_1, \dots, y_m] \in R^m$ ,  $m \geq 1$ ,  $z(x, y) = [z_1(x, y), \dots, z_n(x, y)]$ , and  $(V^{(k)}z)(x, y) = [(V_1^{(k)}z)(x, y), \dots, (V_l^{(k)}z)(x, y)]$ ,  $k = 1, 2, 3$ , are operators of the Volterra type.

For matrices  $B = [b_{ij}]$ ,  $C = [c_{ij}]$ ,  $i, j = 1, \dots, n$ , we define  $B * C = d$ ,  $d = [d_1, \dots, d_n]^T$  where  $d_i = \sum_{j=1}^n b_{ij} c_{ji}$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$ , and  $T$  means transposition of a vector or matrix.

We can write such systems in the matrix form

$$\begin{aligned} & A(x, y, z(x, y), (V^{(1)}z)(x, y)) \partial z(x, y) / \partial x + A(x, y, z(x, y), (V^{(1)}z)(x, y)) * \\ & * [Q(x, y, z(x, y), (V^{(2)}z)(x, y)) \partial z(x, y) / \partial y]^T = \\ & = f(x, y, z(x, y), (V^{(3)}z)(x, y)) \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

where  $A = [A_{ij}]$ ,  $i, j = 1, \dots, n$ ,  $\partial z / \partial x = [\partial z_1 / \partial x, \dots, \partial z_n / \partial x]^T$ ,  $Q = [Q_{ik}]$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$ ,  $k = 1, \dots, m$ ,  $\partial z / \partial y = [\partial z_j / \partial y_i]$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, m$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, n$ , and  $f = [f_1, \dots, f_n]^T$ .

In this paper we consider the existence and uniqueness of a local generalized solution (in the sense "almost everywhere") of the Cauchy problem obtained by adding to systems (1) the following initial condition

$$z(0, y) = \varphi(y), \quad y \in R^m \tag{2}$$

where  $\varphi = [\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_n]$  is a given function.

Quasilinear hyperbolic systems in the "second canonic" form which have been considered by L. Cesari [5], P. Bassanini [1—3], and M. Cinquni-Cibrario [7], are the special cases ( $A$ ,  $q$  and  $f$  do not depend on the last variable) of systems (1).

Systems of differential equations with a retarded argument [10—11], and a few kinds of integrodifferential systems (cf. for instance [4]) can be obtained from systems (1) by specializing the operators  $V^{(k)}$  (see Section 4).

System (1) is a generalization of the systems considered in [12] where the matrix function  $A$  does not depend on the last variable.

Classical solutions (belonging to  $C^1$ ) of nonlinear and quasilinear hyperbolic systems with a retarded argument were discussed by Z. Kamont [8—9].

The method used in the present paper is based on the Banach fixed point theorem and it is close to that used in [5].

## 2. Bicharacteristics

Let  $|y|_m = \max_{1 \leq k \leq m} |y_k|$  and  $|z|_n = \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |z_i|$ , denote the norms of  $y$  in  $R^m$  and  $z$  in  $R^n$ , respectively. We denote by  $|(x, y)|_{m+1} = \max(|x|, |y|_m)$  the norm of  $(x, y)$  in  $R^{m+1}$ . If  $D = [d_{ij}]$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, m$ , is a  $n \times m$  matrix, then  $D_i = [d_{i1}, \dots, d_{im}]$ . If  $D$  an  $n \times n$  matrix, then  $\|D\| = \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \sum_{j=1}^n |d_{ij}|$ . We shall use the symbol  $\Omega$  to denote the interval  $[-\Omega, \Omega]^n \subset R^n$ ,  $\Omega > 0$ .

Let us denote by  $\mathcal{J}$  the class of all continuous functions  $\varphi: R^m \rightarrow R^n$ , such that, for all  $y, \bar{y} \in R^m$ , we have

$$|\varphi(y)|_n \leq \omega, \quad |\varphi(y) - \varphi(\bar{y})|_n \leq \Lambda |y - \bar{y}|_m,$$

where  $\omega, 0 \leq \omega < \Omega$ , and  $\Lambda \geq 0$  are given constants.

We denote by  $K$  the set of all continuous functions  $z: D_a \rightarrow R^n$ , such that  $|z(x, y)|_n \leq \Omega$ ,  $(x, y) \in D_a$ .

For every  $\varphi \in \mathcal{J}$  let us consider the set  $K_\varphi$  of all functions  $z \in K$  satisfying the following conditions:

- (i)  $z(0, y) = \varphi(y)$ ,  $y \in R^m$ ;
- (ii) there are constants  $P, Q \geq 0$ , such that, for all  $(x, y), (\bar{x}, \bar{y}) \in D_a$ , we have

$$|z(x, y) - z(\bar{x}, \bar{y})|_n \leq P|x - \bar{x}| + Q|y - \bar{y}|_m,$$

where the constants  $P$  and  $Q$  will be defined by (4). Here,  $K_\varphi$  is the closed (convex) subset of the Banach space  $(\mathcal{C}(D_a) \cap \mathcal{L}_\infty(D_a))^n$  with norm

$$\|z\|_a = \sup_{(x,y) \in D_a} |z(x,y)|_n.$$

We shall denote by  $K_1$  the set of all functions  $z: D_a \rightarrow R^n$  satisfying the following conditions:

- (i)  $z(\cdot, y): I_a \rightarrow R^n$  is measurable for every  $y \in R^m$ ;
- (ii)  $z(x, \cdot): R^m \rightarrow R^n$  is continuous for a.e.  $x \in I_a$ ;
- (iii)  $|z(x, y)|_n \leq \Omega, (x, y) \in D_a$ .

Assumption  $H_1$ . Suppose that

1°  $V^{(j)}: K_\varphi \rightarrow K, V_j^{(k)}: K_\varphi \rightarrow K_1, k = 2, 3, j = 1, \dots, l$ ;

2° there are constants  $p_j^{(k)}, q_j^{(k)}, k = 1, 2, 3, j = 1, \dots, l$ , such that, for all  $z \in K_\varphi$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|(V_j^{(1)}z)(\cdot)\| &\leq p_j^{(1)}\|z(\cdot)\| + q_j^{(1)}, \quad \|(V_j^{(k)}z)(x, \cdot)\| \leq p_j^{(k)}\|z(x, \cdot)\| + q_j^{(k)}, \\ k &= 2, 3, \quad j = 1, \dots, l, \quad \text{a.e. } x \in I_{a_0} \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\|z(\cdot)\| = \sup_{(x,y), (\bar{x}, \bar{y}) \in D_a} \frac{|z(x,y) - z(\bar{x}, \bar{y})|_n}{|(x,y) - (\bar{x}, \bar{y})|_{m+1}}, \quad \|z(x, \cdot)\| = \sup_{y, \bar{y} \in R^m} \frac{|z(x,y) - z(x, \bar{y})|_n}{|y - \bar{y}|_m}$$

$x \in I_{a_0}$ , and  $a_0$  is a given positive constant;

3° there are constants  $M_j^{(k)} \geq 0, k = 1, 2, 3, j = 1, \dots, l$ , such that, for all  $z, \bar{z} \in K_\varphi, y \in R^m$ , and a.e.  $x \in I_{a_0}$ , we have

$$|(V_j^{(k)}z)(x, y) - (V_j^{(k)}\bar{z})(x, y)|_n \leq M_j^{(k)}\|z - \bar{z}\|_x, \quad k = 1, 2, 3, j = 1, \dots, l,$$

where  $\|z\|_x = \sup_{D_x} |z(x, y)|_n, D_x = I_x \times R^m$ .

Remark 1. It follows from 3° of  $H_1$  that  $V_j^{(k)}, k = 1, 2, 3, j = 1, \dots, l$ , satisfy the following Volterra condition: if  $z, \bar{z} \in K_\varphi$  and  $z(t, y) = \bar{z}(t, y)$  for  $t \in I_x, y \in R^m$ , then  $(V_j^{(k)}z)(x, y) = (V_j^{(k)}\bar{z})(x, y), k = 1, 2, 3, j = 1, \dots, l$ .

Assumption  $H_2$ . Suppose that

1° the matrix function  $\varrho(\cdot, y, z, U) = [\varrho_{ik}(\cdot, y, z, U)]: I_{a_0} \rightarrow R^{nm}, i = 1, \dots, n, k = 1, \dots, m$ , is measurable for every  $(y, z, U) \in D = R^m \times \bar{\Omega} \times \bar{\Omega}'$ , where  $U = [u_1, \dots, u_l]$ ;

2°  $\varrho(x, \cdot): D \rightarrow R^{nm}$  is continuous for a.e.  $x \in I_{a_0}$ ;

3° there is a function  $l: I_{a_0} \rightarrow R_+ = [0, +\infty), l \in \mathcal{L}_1[0, a_0]$ , and a constant  $b > 0$ , such that, for all  $(y, z, U), (\bar{y}, \bar{z}, \bar{U}) \in D, i = 1, \dots, n$ , a.e.  $x \in I_{a_0}$ , we have

$$|\varrho_i(x, y, z, U)|_m \leq b,$$

$$|\varrho_i(x, y, z, U) - \varrho_i(x, \bar{y}, \bar{z}, \bar{U})|_m \leq l(x) \left[ |y - \bar{y}|_m + |z - \bar{z}|_n + \sum_{j=1}^l |u_j - \bar{u}_j|_n \right],$$

where  $\bar{U} = [\bar{u}_1, \dots, \bar{u}_l]$ .

We shall use  $\tilde{K}_0$  to denote the set of all continuous vector functions  $h: \Delta_a = I_a \times I_a \times R^m \rightarrow R^m$  satisfying the following conditions

$$h(x, x, y) = 0, \quad (x, y) \in D_a,$$

$$|h(\xi, x, y) - h(\xi, x, \bar{y})|_m \leq b|\xi - \bar{\xi}|,$$

$$|h(\xi, x, y) - h(\xi, x, \bar{y})|_m \leq s|y - \bar{y}|_m,$$

for all  $(\xi, x, y), (\xi, x, \bar{y}) \in \Delta_a$ , and some constant  $s, 0 < s < 1$ .

Let us consider the set  $K_0$  defined by

$$K_0 = \{g: g(\xi, x, y) = y + h(\xi, x, y), (\xi, x, y) \in \Delta_a, h \in \tilde{K}_0\}.$$

Consequently, for all  $(\xi, x, y), (\xi, x, \bar{y}) \in \Delta_a$ , and  $g \in K_0$ , we have

$$|g(\xi, x, y) - g(\xi, x, \bar{y})|_m \leq (1 + s)|y - \bar{y}|_m.$$

Note that  $\tilde{K}_0$  is a closed (convex) subset of the Banach space  $(\mathcal{C}(\Delta_a) \cap \mathcal{L}_x(\Delta_a))^m$  with norm

$$\|h\|_a = \sup_{(\xi, x, y) \in \Delta_a} |h(\xi, x, y)|_m.$$

For further properties of  $h$  and  $g$  we refer to [5—6].

Let us define the following constants

$$p = \sum_{j=1}^l (p_j^{(1)}P + q_j^{(1)}), \quad Q_{(k)} = \sum_{j=1}^l (p_j^{(k)}Q + q_j^{(k)}),$$

$$\bar{P} = 1 + P + p, \quad \bar{Q}_{(k)} = 1 + Q + Q_{(k)}, \quad k = 1, 2, 3.$$

**Lemma 1.** *If Assumptions  $H_1$  and  $H_2$  are satisfied and  $a, 0 < a \leq a_0$ , is sufficiently small such that  $L_a(1 + s)\bar{Q}_{(2)} \leq s$ , then for every fixed  $z \in K_\varphi$ , and for each  $i, i = 1, \dots, n$ , the transformation  $T_i^z: \tilde{K}_0 \rightarrow \tilde{K}_0$  defined by*

$$(T_i^z h)(\xi, x, y) = - \int_{\xi}^x \varrho_i(t, g(t, x, y), z(t, g(t, x, y)), (V^{(2)}z)(t, g(t, x, y))) dt,$$

*$(\xi, x, y) \in \Delta_a, i = 1, \dots, n$ , has a unique fixed point  $h_i[z] \in \tilde{K}_0$ . Furthermore, for all  $z, \bar{z} \in K_\varphi$ , we have*

$$\|g_i[z] - g_i[\bar{z}]\|_a = \|h_i[\bar{z}]\|_a \leq L_a[1 + M^{(2)}] \exp(L_a Q_{(2)}) \|z - \bar{z}\|_a,$$

where  $g_i[z](\xi, x, y) = h_i[z](\xi, x, y) + y$ . It means that  $z \rightarrow h_i[z]$  ( $z \rightarrow g_i[z]$ ) is a continuous map of  $K_\varphi$  into  $\tilde{K}_0$  ( $K_\varphi \rightarrow K_0$ ),  $i = 1, \dots, n$ .

**Proof.** Note that, for every  $h \in \tilde{K}_0$ , and  $i, i = 1, \dots, n$ , the function  $T_z^i h$  is obviously continuous, and that

$$\begin{aligned} (T_z^i h)(x, x, y) &= 0, \quad (x, y) \in D_a, \\ |(T_z^i h)(\xi, x, y) - (T_z^i h)(\bar{\xi}, x, y)|_m &\leq b|\xi - \bar{\xi}|, \\ |(T_z^i h)(\xi, x, y) - (T_z^i h)(\xi, x, \bar{y})|_m &\leq \left| \int_\xi^x |l(t)| \bar{Q}_{(2)} |g(t, x, y) - g(t, x, \bar{y})|_m dt \right| \leq \\ &\leq L_a(1 + s) \bar{Q}_{(2)} |y - \bar{y}|_m \leq s|y - \bar{y}|_m, \quad i = 1, \dots, n. \end{aligned}$$

Hence we conclude that  $T_z^i h$  belongs to  $\tilde{K}_0$ .

In order to prove that  $T_z^i$  is a contraction we introduce norm

$$\|h\|_0 = \sup_{A_a} \exp \left[ -\lambda \left| \int_\xi^x l(t) dt \right| \right] |h(\xi, x, y)|_m \quad (3)$$

with  $\lambda > \bar{Q}_{(2)}$ .

Now, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|T_z^i h - T_z^i \bar{h}\|_0 &\leq \sup_{A_a} \exp \left[ -\lambda \left| \int_\xi^x l(t) dt \right| \right] \left| \int_\xi^x l(t) \exp \left[ \lambda \left| \int_t^x l(s) ds \right| \right] dt \right| \cdot \\ &\cdot \bar{Q}_{(2)} \|h - \bar{h}\|_0 \leq \frac{\bar{Q}_{(2)}}{\lambda} \|h - \bar{h}\|_0, \quad i = 1, \dots, n. \end{aligned}$$

Hence and by the Banach fixed point theorem it follows that, for every  $z \in K_\varphi$  and  $i, i = 1, \dots, n$ , the transformation  $T_z^i$  has a unique fixed point  $h_i[z] \in \tilde{K}_0$ .

Let us prove that  $z \rightarrow h_i[z]$  is a continuous map. Indeed, for any two  $z, \bar{z} \in K_\varphi$  and corresponding  $h_i, \bar{h}_i$ , or fixed points  $h_i = T_z^i h_i, \bar{h}_i = T_{\bar{z}}^i \bar{h}_i$ , and for  $\xi \geq x$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} |h_i(\xi, x, y) - \bar{h}_i(\xi, x, y)|_m &\leq \int_x^\xi l(t) \bar{Q}_{(2)} |h_i(t, x, y) - \bar{h}_i(t, x, y)|_m dt + \\ &+ L_a(1 + M^{(2)}) \|z - \bar{z}\|_a, \quad i = 1, \dots, n. \end{aligned}$$

Hence and by Gronwall's inequality we have

$$|h_i(\xi, x, y) - \bar{h}_i(\xi, x, y)|_m \leq L_a(1 + M^{(2)}) \exp(L_a \bar{Q}_{(2)}) \|z - \bar{z}\|_a.$$

By the definition of norm  $\|h\|_a$  we get

$$\|h_i - \bar{h}_i\|_a \leq L_a(1 + M^{(2)}) \exp(L_a Q_{(2)}) \|z - \bar{z}\|_a, \quad i = 1, \dots, n.$$

If  $\xi < x$ , by introducing a new variable  $\eta$ , where  $\xi = 2x - \eta$ , we obtain the same estimate as above. This ends the proof.

Remark 2. By introducing norm (3) in  $\tilde{K}_0$  we can improve the estimate of the slab width  $a$  (by which the existence and the uniqueness are proved) (cf. [5, 1, 10]).

Remark 3. Note that, for each  $i, i = 1, \dots, n$ , the function  $h_i[z]$  of the variables  $(\xi, x, y)$  is absolutely continuous in  $x$  for every  $(\xi, y)$ . Indeed, for  $h_i \in \tilde{K}_0$  and any two  $(\xi, x, y), (\xi, \bar{x}, y) \in \Delta_a$ , for  $\xi \geq x$ , we have

$$|h_i(\xi, x, y) - h_i(\xi, \bar{x}, y)|_m \leq b|x - \bar{x}| + \int_x^\xi l(t) \bar{Q}_{(2)} |h_i(t, x, y) - h_i(t, \bar{x}, y)|_m dt,$$

$i = 1, \dots, n$ . Hence and by Gronwall's inequality we have

$$|h_i(\xi, x, y) - h_i(\xi, \bar{x}, y)|_m \leq b \exp(L_a \bar{Q}_{(2)}) |x - \bar{x}|.$$

For  $\xi < x$ , similarly as in the proof of Lemma 1, we get by change of the variable the same estimate.

### 3. Lemmas and the main result

Assumption  $H_3$ . Suppose that

- 1°  $A = [A_{ij}] : I_{a_0} \times D \rightarrow R^{n^2}$ ,  $i, j = 1, \dots, n$ , is continuous;
- 2°  $\det A(x, y, z, U) \geq \kappa > 0$  in  $I_{a_0} \times D$ , for some constant  $\kappa$ ;
- 3° there are constants  $H > 0$ ,  $C \geq 0$ , such that, for all  $(x, y, z, U), (\bar{x}, \bar{y}, \bar{z}, \bar{U}) \in I_{a_0} \times D$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|A(x, y, z, U)\| &\leq H, \\ \|A(x, y, z, U) - A(\bar{x}, \bar{y}, \bar{z}, \bar{U})\| &\leq \\ &\leq C \left[ |x - \bar{x}| + |y - \bar{y}|_m + |z - \bar{z}|_n + \sum_{j=1}^l |u_j - \bar{u}_j|_n \right]; \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\det A(x, y, z, U) \geq \kappa > 0$  in  $I_{a_0} \times D$ , the relations of  $H_3$  yield analogous relations for the inverse matrix  $A^{-1}$ . Thus, there are constants  $H'$  and  $C'$ , such that, for all  $(x, y, z, U), (\bar{x}, \bar{y}, \bar{z}, \bar{U}) \in I_{a_0} \times D$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|A^{-1}(x, y, z, U)\| &\leq H', \\ \|A^{-1}(x, y, z, U) - A^{-1}(\bar{x}, \bar{y}, \bar{z}, \bar{U})\| &\leq \\ &\leq C' \left[ |x - \bar{x}| + |y - \bar{y}|_m + |z - \bar{z}|_n + \sum_{j=1}^l |u_j - \bar{u}_j|_n \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Assumption  $H_4$ . Suppose that

- 1°  $f(\cdot, y, z, U) : I_{a_0} \rightarrow R^n$  is measurable for every  $(y, z, U) \in D$ ;
- 2°  $f(x, \cdot) : D \rightarrow R^n$  is continuous for a.e.  $x \in I_{a_0}$ ;

3° there is a constant  $N > 0$  and a function  $l_1: I_{a_0} \rightarrow R_+$ ,  $l_1 \in \mathcal{L}_1[0, a_0]$  such that, for all  $(y, z, U)$ ,  $(\bar{y}, \bar{z}, \bar{U}) \in D$ , a.e. in  $I_{a_0}$ , we have

$$|f(x, y, z, U)|_n \leq N,$$

$$|f(x, y, z, U) - f(x, \bar{y}, \bar{z}, \bar{U})|_n \leq l_1(x) \left[ |y - \bar{y}|_m + |z - \bar{z}|_n + \sum_{j=1}^l |u_j - \bar{u}_j|_n \right];$$

4° the vector function  $\varphi: R^m \rightarrow R^n$  belongs to  $\mathcal{F}$ .

For every fixed  $z \in K_\varphi$  and corresponding  $g_i = g_i[z] \in K_0$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$  we consider now the transformation  $F$  defined by

$$(Fz)(x, y) = \varphi(y) + A^{-1}(x, y, z(x, y), (V^{(1)}z)(x, y)) \cdot \\ \cdot [\Delta^1(x, y) + \Delta^2(x, y) + \Delta^3(x, y)]$$

where  $\Delta^k = [\Delta_1^k, \dots, \Delta_n^k]^T$ ,  $k = 1, 2, 3$ ,

$$\Delta^1(x, y) = \int_0^x f(t, g(t, x, y), z(t, g(t, x, y)), (V^{(3)}z)(t, g(t, x, y))) dt,$$

$$\Delta^2(x, y) = A(0, g(0, x, y), z(0, g(0, x, y)), (V^{(1)}z)(0, g(0, x, y))) * \\ * [\varphi(g(0, x, y)) - \varphi(g(x, x, y))],$$

$$\Delta^3(x, y) = \int_0^x \frac{d}{dt} [A(t, g(t, x, y), z(t, g(t, x, y)), (V^{(1)}z)(t, g(t, x, y)))] * \\ * [z(t, g(t, x, y)) - \varphi(g(x, x, y))] dt,$$

and

$$f(t, g(t, x, y), z(t, g(t, x, y)), (V^{(3)}z)(t, g(t, x, y))) = \\ = [f_1(t, g_1(t, x, y), z(t, g_1(t, x, y)), (V^{(3)}z)(t, g_1(t, x, y))), \dots \\ \dots, f_n(t, g_n(t, x, y), z(t, g_n(t, x, y)), (V^{(3)}z)(t, g_n(t, x, y)))]^T,$$

$$A(t, g(t, x, y), z(t, g(t, x, y)), (V^{(1)}z)(t, g(t, x, y))) = \\ = [A_{ij}(t, g_i(t, x, y), z(t, g_i(t, x, y)), (V^{(1)}z)(t, g_i(t, x, y)))] \quad i, j = 1, \dots, n,$$

$$\varphi(g(0, x, y)) = [\varphi_i(g_j(0, x, y))], \quad z(t, g(t, x, y)) = [z_i(t, g_j(t, x, y))], \\ i, j = 1, \dots, n.$$

**Lemma 2.** Let Assumptions  $H_1$ — $H_4$  hold. Then for sufficiently small  $a$ ,  $0 < a \leq a_0$ , the transformation  $F$  maps  $K_\varphi$  into itself.

**Proof.** Let us denote by

$$z(t, g_i(t, x, y)) - \varphi(g_i(x, x, y)) = \\ = [z_1(t, g_i(t, x, y)) - \varphi_1(t, g_i(x, x, y)), \dots, z_n(t, g_i(t, x, y)) - \varphi_n(g_i(x, x, y))]^T$$

the vector of the  $i$ th column of the matrix  $z(t, g(t, x, y)) - \varphi(g(x, x, y))$ .

By applying the Chain Rule Differentiation Lemma (4.ii) of [6] we have (cf. [5])

$$\int_0^x \left\| \frac{d}{dt} A(t, g(t, x, y), z(t, g(t, x, y)), (V^{(1)}z)(t, g(t, x, y))) \right\| dt \leq \\ \leq aC(\bar{P} + b\bar{Q}_{(1)}), \\ \left| \frac{d}{dt} z(t, g_i(t, x, y)) \right|_n \leq P + Qb,$$

$$|z(t, g_i(t, x, y)) - \varphi(g_i(x, x, y))|_n \leq a(P + Qb), \quad (t, x, y) \in \Delta_a, \quad i = 1, \dots, n,$$

and hence

$$|\Delta^1(x, y)|_n \leq Na,$$

$$|\Delta^2(x, y)|_n \leq \|A(0, g(0, x, y), z(0, g(0, x, y)), (V^{(1)}z)(0, g(0, x, y)))\| \cdot \\ \cdot \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |\varphi(g_i(0, x, y)) - \varphi(y)|_n \leq H\Lambda ba,$$

$$|\Delta^3(x, y)|_n \leq \int_0^x \left\| \frac{d}{dt} A(t, g(t, x, y), z(t, g(t, x, y)), (V^{(1)}z)(t, g(t, x, y))) \right\| dt \cdot \\ \cdot \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |z(t, g_i(t, x, y)) - \varphi(g_i(x, x, y))|_n \leq C(\bar{P} + b\bar{Q}_{(1)})(P + Qb)a^2.$$

Thus

$$|(Fz)(x, y)|_n \leq \omega + h'Sa \leq \omega + (\Omega - \omega) = \Omega,$$

provided  $a$  is assumed sufficiently small in order that  $H'Sa \leq \Omega - \omega$ , where  $S = N + H\Lambda b + C(\bar{P} + b\bar{Q}_{(1)})(P + Qb)a$ .

For any two points  $(x, y), (\bar{x}, \bar{y}) \in D_a$ , we see that the difference  $(Fz)(x, y) - (Fz)(\bar{x}, \bar{y})$  can be written as the sum of the terms

$$(Fz)(x, y) - (Fz)(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) = \varphi(y) - \varphi(\bar{y}) + \delta_0 + \delta_1 + \delta_2 + \delta_3,$$

where

$$\delta_0 = [A^{-1}(x, y, z(x, y), (V^{(1)}z)(x, y)) - A^{-1}(\bar{x}, \bar{y}, z(\bar{x}, \bar{y}), (V^{(1)}z)(\bar{x}, \bar{y}))] \cdot \\ \cdot [\Delta^1(x, y) + \Delta^2(x, y) + \Delta^3(x, y)],$$

$$\delta_k = A^{-1}(\bar{x}, \bar{y}, z(\bar{x}, \bar{y}), (V^{(1)}z)(\bar{x}, \bar{y})) [\Delta^k(x, y) - \Delta^k(\bar{x}, \bar{y})], \quad k = 1, 2, 3,$$

and estimate below one by one:

$$|\delta_0|_n \leq aC'\bar{P}S|x - \bar{x}| + aC'\bar{Q}_{(1)}S|y - \bar{y}|_m,$$

$$|\delta_1|_n \leq H'[L_{1a}\bar{Q}_{(3)}b \exp(L_a\bar{Q}_{(2)}) + N]|x - \bar{x}| + H'L_{1a}\bar{Q}_{(3)}(1 + s)|y - \bar{y}|_m,$$

$$|\delta_2|_n \leq H'\Lambda b[C\bar{Q}_{(3)}ba + H] \exp(L_a\bar{Q}_{(2)})|x - \bar{x}| +$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + H' \Lambda [C \bar{Q}_{(1)} (1 + s) ba + H(2 + s)] |y - \bar{y}|_m, \\
& |\delta_3|_n \leq H' C a \{2 \bar{Q}_{(1)} b (P + Qb) \exp(L_a \bar{Q}_{(2)}) + \\
& + (\bar{P} + b \bar{Q}_{(1)}) [P + Qb(1 + \exp(L_a \bar{Q}_{(2)}))] |x - \bar{x}| + \\
& + H' C a [2 \bar{Q}_{(1)} (1 + s) (P + Qb) + (\bar{P} + b \bar{Q}_{(1)}) (\Lambda + Q(1 + s))] |y - \bar{y}|_m.
\end{aligned}$$

Combining the previous estimates we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& |(Fz)(x, y) - (Fz)(\bar{x}, \bar{y})|_n \leq [H' N + HH' \Lambda b \exp(L_a \bar{Q}_{(2)}) + \\
& + \sigma_1 L_{1a} + \sigma_2 a] |x - \bar{x}| + [\Lambda + HH' \Lambda (2 + s) + \bar{\sigma}_1 L_{1a} + \bar{\sigma}_2 a] |y - \bar{y}|_m,
\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
\sigma_1 &= H' \bar{Q}_{(3)} b \exp(L_a \bar{Q}_{(2)}), \\
\sigma_2 &= C' S + H' C b \exp(L_a \bar{Q}_{(2)}) [\bar{Q}_{(3)} b \Lambda + 2 \bar{Q}_{(1)} (P + Qb)] + \\
& H' C (\bar{P} + b \bar{Q}_{(1)}) [P + Qb(1 + \exp(L_a \bar{Q}_{(2)}))], \\
\bar{\sigma}_1 &= H' \bar{Q}_{(3)} (1 + s), \\
\bar{\sigma}_2 &= C' \bar{Q}_{(1)} S + H' C \bar{Q}_{(1)} (1 + s) (\Lambda b + 2(P + Qb) + \\
& + H' C (\bar{P} + b \bar{Q}_{(1)}) (\Lambda + Q(1 + s))).
\end{aligned}$$

Let us choose constants  $P$  and  $Q$  such that

$$P > H' N + HH' \Lambda b \exp(L_a \bar{Q}_{(2)}), \quad Q > \Lambda(1 + HH'(2 + s)). \quad (4)$$

Suppose that  $a$  is sufficiently small so that

$$\begin{aligned}
\sigma_1 L_{1a} + \sigma_2 a &\leq P - (H' N + HH' \Lambda b \exp(L_a \bar{Q}_{(2)})), \\
\bar{\sigma}_1 L_{1a} + \bar{\sigma}_2 a &\leq Q - \Lambda(1 + HH'(2 + s)).
\end{aligned}$$

Then, for all  $(x, y), (\bar{x}, \bar{y}) \in D_a$ , we have

$$|(Fz)(x, y) - (Fz)(\bar{x}, \bar{y})|_n \leq P|x - \bar{x}| + Q|y - \bar{y}|_m.$$

This completes the proof.

**Lemma 3.** *If Assumptions  $H_1$ — $H_4$  are satisfied, then for sufficiently small  $a$ ,  $0 < a \leq a_0$ , the transformation  $F: K_\varphi \rightarrow K_\varphi$  is a contraction.*

**Proof.** We first prove the following estimate

$$\|Fz - F\bar{z}\|_a \leq [1 + 2HH' + H' C (\bar{P} + b \bar{Q}_{(1)}) a] \|\varphi - \bar{\varphi}\|_a + \delta \|z - \bar{z}\|_a \quad (5)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
\delta &= [C'(1 + M^{(1)}) S + H \Lambda b + H' C (1 + M^{(1)}) P + 2H' C (P + Qb) + \\
& + C(\bar{P} + b \bar{Q}_{(1)}) a + H' L_{1a} + \{H' (\bar{Q}_{(3)} + M^{(3)}) + H' [C(\bar{Q}_{(1)} + M^{(1)}) ba + \\
& + 2H] \Lambda + 2H' C (P + Qb) (\bar{Q}_{(1)} + M^{(1)}) a + C(\bar{P} + b \bar{Q}_{(1)}) Qa\}.
\end{aligned}$$

$$\cdot L_a(1 + M^{(2)}) \exp(L_a \bar{Q}_{(2)}),$$

and  $\|\varphi\|_a = \sup_{y \in R^m} |\varphi(y)|_n$ .

Let  $\varphi, \bar{\varphi}$  be any two elements of  $\mathcal{J}$ ,  $z, \bar{z}$  any two elements  $K_\varphi$  and  $K_{\bar{\varphi}}$ , respectively, and let  $g = g[z], \bar{g} = g[\bar{z}]$  be the corresponding elements in  $K_0$ . Then we can derive

$$(Fz)(x, y) - (F\bar{z})(x, y) = \varphi(y) - \bar{\varphi}(y) + \varepsilon_0 + \varepsilon_1 + \varepsilon_2 + \varepsilon_3,$$

where

$$\varepsilon_0 = [A^{-1}(x, y, z(x, y), (V^{(1)}z)(x, y)) - A^{-1}(x, y, \bar{z}(x, y), (V^{(1)}\bar{z})(x, y))] \cdot [\Delta^1(x, y) + \Delta^2(x, y) + \Delta^3(x, y)],$$

$$\varepsilon_k = A^{-1}(x, y, \bar{z}(x, y), (V^{(1)}\bar{z})(x, y)) [\Delta^k(x, y) - \bar{\Delta}^k(x, y)], \quad k = 1, 2, 3,$$

and

$$|\varepsilon_0|_n \leq aC'(1 + M^{(1)})S \|z - \bar{z}\|_a,$$

$$|\varepsilon_1|_n \leq H'L_{1a}[(\bar{Q}_{(3)} + M^{(3)})(1 + M^{(2)})L_a \exp(L_a \bar{Q}_{(2)}) + 1] \|z - \bar{z}\|_a,$$

$$|\varepsilon_2|_n \leq 2HH'\|\varphi - \bar{\varphi}\|_a + H'\{[C(\bar{Q}_{(1)} + M^{(1)})ba + 2H] \cdot \Lambda(1 + M^{(2)})L_a \exp(L_a \bar{Q}_{(2)}) + C\Lambda ba\} \|z - \bar{z}\|_a,$$

$$|\varepsilon_3|_n \leq H'Ca(\bar{P} + b\bar{Q}_{(1)})\|\varphi - \bar{\varphi}\|_a + H'\{C(1 + M^{(1)})Pa + 2C[(\bar{Q}_{(1)} + M^{(1)})(1 + M^{(2)})L_a \exp(L_a \bar{Q}_{(2)}) + 1](P + Qb)a + aC(\bar{P} + b\bar{Q}_{(1)})(1 + M^{(2)})L_a \exp(L_a \bar{Q}_{(2)})\} \|z - \bar{z}\|_a.$$

Here  $\bar{\Delta}^k, k = 1, 2, 3$ , can be obtained from  $\Delta^k, k = 1, 2, 3$ , by replacing  $\varphi, z$  and  $g$  with  $\bar{\varphi}, \bar{z}$  and  $\bar{g}$ , respectively.

Thus, combining the estimates above, we get estimate (5).

Now we shall take a sufficiently small so that  $\delta \leq k < 1$ . Then from (5), for fixed  $\varphi \in \mathcal{J}$  and for every pair  $z, \bar{z} \in K_\varphi$ , corresponding  $g, \bar{g} \in K_0$ , we find

$$\|Fz - F\bar{z}\|_a \leq k \|z - \bar{z}\|_a,$$

where  $k < 1$ . Thus, the transformation  $F$  is a contraction.

**Theorem.** *If Assumptions  $H_1$ — $H_4$  are satisfied then for a sufficiently small,  $0 < a \leq a_0$ , there is a vector function  $z: D_a \rightarrow R^n, z \in K_\varphi$ , which satisfies (1) a.e. in  $D_a$  and (2) everywhere in  $R^n$ . Furthermore,  $z$  is unique in the class  $K_\varphi$  and depends continuously on  $\varphi$ .*

**Proof.** From Lemmas 2 and 3 and by the Banach fixed point theorem it

follows that there exists a unique fixed point  $z \in K_\varphi$ ,  $Fz = z$ , such that the following integral equations hold:

$$g_i(\xi, x, y) = y - (T_z^i g_i)(\xi, x, y), \quad (\xi, x, y) \in \Delta_a, \quad i = 1, \dots, n,$$

$$z(x, y) = (Fz)(x, y), \quad (x, y) \in D_a.$$

We can show similarly as in [5] (see also [11]) that the fixed point  $z = z[\varphi]$  is the (unique in the class  $K_\varphi$ ) solution of the Cauchy problem (1), (2).

It remains to prove that  $z[\varphi]$  depends continuously on  $\varphi$ . Indeed, if  $\varphi, \bar{\varphi} \in \mathcal{J}$  and  $z = z[\varphi]$ ,  $\bar{z} = z[\bar{\varphi}]$ , then from (5) we have

$$\|z - \bar{z}\|_a = \|z[\varphi] - z[\bar{\varphi}]\| \leq (1 - \delta)^{-1} [1 + 2HH' + H'C(\bar{P} + b\bar{Q}_{(1)})a] \|\varphi - \bar{\varphi}\|_a.$$

The Theorem is thereby proved.

4. Examples. We list below a few particular cases of systems (1) which can be derived from (1) by specializing the operators  $V^{(k)}$ ,  $k = 1, 2, 3$ .

(i) Let

$$(V_j^{(k)}z)(x, y) = (z \circ \alpha_j^{(k)})(x, y) \tag{6}$$

where  $(z \circ \alpha^{(k)})(x, y) = [(z \circ \alpha_1^{(k)})(x, y), \dots, (z \circ \alpha_l^{(k)})(x, y)]$ ,  $(z \circ \alpha_j^{(k)})(x, y) = z(\alpha_j^{(k)}(x, y))$ ,  $\alpha_j^{(k)}(x, y) = [\alpha_{j0}^{(k)}(x, y), \bar{\alpha}_j^{(k)}(x, y)]$ ,  $\bar{\alpha}_j^{(k)}(x, y) = [\alpha_{j1}^{(k)}(x, y), \dots, \alpha_{jm}^{(k)}(x, y)]$ ,  $k = 1, 2, 3$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, l$ . Then problem (1), (2) reduces to the Cauchy problem for quasilinear hyperbolic systems of partial differential equations with a retarded argument (cf. [11])

$$\sum_{j=1}^n A_{ij}(x, y, z(x, y), (z \circ \alpha^{(1)})(x, y)) \left[ \partial z_j(x, y) / \partial x + \right.$$

$$\left. + \sum_{k=1}^m Q_{ik}(x, y, z(x, y), (z \circ \alpha^{(2)})(x, y)) \partial z_j(x, y) / \partial y_k \right] =$$

$$= f_i(x, y, z(x, y), (z \circ \alpha^{(3)})(x, y)), \quad i = 1, \dots, n, \quad (x, y) \in D_a,$$

$$z(0, y) = \varphi(y), \quad y \in R^m.$$

Let us suppose that

1°  $\alpha_j^{(1)}: I_{a_0} \times R^m \rightarrow I_{a_0} \times R^m$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, l$ , are continuous,  $\alpha_{j0}^{(1)}(x, y) \leq x$ ,  $(x, y) \in I_{a_0} \times R^m$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, l$ , and there constants  $c_j^{(1)} \geq 0$ , such that, for all  $(x, y)$ ,  $(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) \in I_{a_0} \times R^m$ , we have

$$|\alpha_j^{(1)}(x, y) - \alpha_j^{(1)}(\bar{x}, \bar{y})|_{m+1} \leq c_j^{(1)} |x - \bar{x}|_{m+1};$$

2°  $\alpha_j^{(k)}(\cdot, y): I_{a_0} \rightarrow I_{a_0} \times R^m$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, l$ ,  $k = 2, 3$ , are measurable for every  $y \in R^m$ ,  $\alpha_{j0}^{(k)}(x, y) \leq x$ ,  $(x, y) \in I_{a_0} \times R^m$ ,  $k = 2, 3$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, l$ , and there are constants  $c_j^{(k)} \geq 0$ , such that, for all  $y, \bar{y} \in R^m$ , a.e.  $x \in I_{a_0}$ , we have

$$|\alpha_j^{(k)}(x, y) - \alpha_j^{(k)}(x, \bar{y})|_{m+1} \leq c_j^{(k)}|y - \bar{y}|_m, \quad i = 2, 3, j = 1, \dots, l.$$

Then Assumption H<sub>1</sub> is satisfied for the operators  $V_j^{(k)}$  defined by (6) with  $p_j^{(1)} = c_j^{(1)}$ ,  $q_j^{(1)} = 0$ ,  $p_j^{(k)} = c_j^{(k)}$ ,  $q_j^{(k)} = 0$ ,  $k = 2, 3$ , and  $M_j^{(i)} = 1$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, l$ .

(ii) As a particular case of (1), (2) we get the initial problem for systems of partial integrodifferential equations if we put

$$(V_j^{(k)}z)(x, y) = \int_{\beta_j^{(k)}(x, y)}^{\gamma_j^{(k)}(x, y)} K_j^{(k)}(s, t, x, y)z(s, t) ds dt \quad (7)$$

where  $K_j^{(k)}$ ,  $k = 1, 2, 3, j = 1, \dots, l$ , are  $n \times n$  matrices.

Let us assume that

1°  $\beta_j^{(1)}, \gamma_j^{(1)}: I_{a_0} \times R^m \rightarrow I_{a_0} \times R^m$  are continuous,  $\beta_j^{(1)}(x, y) \leq x$ ,  $\gamma_j^{(1)}(x, y) \leq x$ ,  $(x, y) \in I_{a_0} \times R^m$ , and there are constants  $d_j^{(1)}, \bar{d}_j^{(1)} \geq 0$ , such that, for all  $(x, y), (\bar{x}, \bar{y}) \in I_{a_0} \times R^m$ , we have

$$|\beta_j^{(1)}(x, y) - \beta_j^{(1)}(\bar{x}, \bar{y})|_{m+1} \leq d_j^{(1)}|(x, y) - (\bar{x}, \bar{y})|_m^{1/m+1},$$

$$|\gamma_j^{(1)}(x, y) - \gamma_j^{(1)}(\bar{x}, \bar{y})|_{m+1} \leq \bar{d}_j^{(1)}|(x, y) - (\bar{x}, \bar{y})|_m^{1/m+1}, \quad j = 1, \dots, l;$$

2°  $\beta_j^{(k)}(\cdot, y), \gamma_j^{(k)}(\cdot, j): I_{a_0} \rightarrow I_{a_0} \times R^m$  are measurable,  $\beta_j^{(k)}(x, y) \leq x$ ,  $\gamma_j^{(k)}(x, y) \leq x$ ,  $(x, y) \in I_{a_0} \times R^m$ ,  $k = 2, 3, j = 1, \dots, l$ , and there are constants  $d_j^{(k)}, \bar{d}_j^{(k)} \geq 0$ , such that, for all  $y, \bar{y} \in R^m$ , a.e.  $x \in I_{a_0}$ , we have

$$|\beta_j^{(k)}(x, y) - \beta_j^{(k)}(x, \bar{y})|_{m+1} \leq d_j^{(k)}|y - \bar{y}|_m^{1/m+1},$$

$$|\gamma_j^{(k)}(x, y) - \gamma_j^{(k)}(x, \bar{y})|_{m+1} \leq \bar{d}_j^{(k)}|y - \bar{y}|_m^{1/m+1}, \quad k = 2, 3, j = 1, \dots, l;$$

3° there are constants  $e_j^{(k)} > 0$ , such that, for every  $(x, y) \in I_{a_0} \times R^m$ , we have

$$\prod_{i=0}^m |\gamma_{ji}^{(k)}(x, y) - \beta_{ji}^{(k)}(x, y)| \leq e_j^{(k)}, \quad k = 1, 2, 3, j = 1, \dots, l;$$

4° the matrix functions  $K_j^{(1)}(\cdot, x, y): I_{a_0} \times R^m \rightarrow R^{n^2}$ ,  $K_j^{(k)}(\cdot, y): I_{a_0} \times R^m \times I_{a_0} \rightarrow R^{n^2}$ , are measurable for every  $(x, y) \in I_{a_0} \times R^m$ ,  $k = 2, 3, j = 1, \dots, l$ , and there are constants  $\bar{c}_j^{(k)} > 0$ ,  $r_j^{(1)}, r_j^{(i)} \geq 0$ , such that, for all  $(x, y), (\bar{x}, \bar{y}) \in I_{a_0} \times R^m$ ,  $(s, t, x) \in I_{a_0} \times R^m \times I_{a_0}$ , we have

$$\|K_j^{(k)}(s, t, x, y)\| \leq \bar{c}_j^{(k)}, \quad k = 1, 2, 3, j = 1, \dots, l,$$

$$\|K_j^{(1)}(s, t, x, y) - K_j^{(1)}(s, t, \bar{x}, \bar{y})\| \leq r_j^{(1)}|(x, y) - (\bar{x}, \bar{y})|_{m+1},$$

$$\|K_j^{(i)}(s, t, x, y) - K_j^{(i)}(s, t, x, \bar{y})\| \leq r_j^{(i)}|y - \bar{y}|_m, \quad i = 2, 3, j = 1, \dots, l.$$

Then Assumption H<sub>1</sub> is satisfied for the operators  $V_j^{(k)}$  defined by (7) with  $p_j^{(k)} = 0$ ,  $q_j^{(k)} = \Omega\{e_j^{(k)}r_j^{(k)} + \bar{c}_j^{(k)}[(d_j^{(k)})^{m+1} + (\bar{d}_j^{(k)})^{m+1}]\}$ , and  $M_j^{(k)} = e_j^{(k)}\bar{c}_j^{(k)}$ ,  $k = 1, 2, 3, j = 1, \dots, l$ , provided  $e_j^{(k)}\bar{c}_j^{(k)} < 1$ ,  $k = 1, 2, 3, j = 1, \dots, l$ .

(iii) Let  $(V_j^{(k)}z)(x, y) = \int_{-\infty}^y K_j^{(k)}(y-t)z(x, t) dt$ ,  $k = 1, 2, 3, j = 1, \dots, l$ . Then systems (1) are systems of integrodifferential equations of which the particular case ( $l = 1, A(x, y, z, u) = \bar{A}(x, y, z), \varrho(x, y, z, u) = \bar{\varrho}(x, y, z)$  and  $f(x, y, z, u) = \bar{f}(x, y, z) + u$ ) were considered by P. Bassanini, M. C. Salvadori [4].

(iv) We denote by  $A_m$  the set of all elements  $\mu = (\mu_0, \mu_1, \dots, \mu_m)$ , such that  $\mu_i = 0$  or  $\mu_i = 1$  for  $i = 0, 1, \dots, m$ , and  $1 \leq |\mu| = \mu_0 + \dots + \mu_m$ . It is easy to see that the number of elements of  $A_m$  is equal to  $2^{m+1} - 1$ . Let  $N_\mu = \{i: \mu_i = 1\}$ . For  $(s, t) \in D_a$  we define  $\mu \cdot (s, t) = (\mu_0s, \mu_1t_1, \dots, \mu_mt_m)$  (we shall often write  $\mu(s, t)$ ). Let  $1 - \mu = (1 - \mu_0, 1 - \mu_1, \dots, 1 - \mu_m)$  and  $(1 - \mu)(s, t) = ((1 - \mu_0)s, (1 - \mu_1)t_1, \dots, (1 - \mu_m)t_m)$ . Suppose that

$$\mu ds dt = \begin{cases} ds dt_{i_1} \dots dt_{i_k} & \text{if } 0 \in N_\mu, i_1, \dots, i_k \in N_\mu, \\ dt_{i_0} dt_{i_1} \dots dt_{i_k} & \text{if } 0 \notin N_\mu, i_0, i_1, \dots, i_k \in N_\mu, k = 1, \dots, m, \end{cases}$$

and  $\beta_{(\mu)}^{(s)}, \gamma_{(\mu)}^{(s)}: D_a \rightarrow R^{|\mu|}$ , where

$$\beta_{(\mu)}^{(s)} = (\beta_{(\mu)_{i_0}}^{(s)}, \dots, \beta_{(\mu)_{i_k}}^{(s)}), \quad \gamma_{(\mu)}^{(s)} = (\gamma_{(\mu)_{i_0}}^{(s)}, \dots, \gamma_{(\mu)_{i_k}}^{(s)}),$$

$$0 \leq i_0 < i_1 < \dots < i_k \leq m, \quad i_0, i_1, \dots, i_k \in N_\mu, \quad k = 1, \dots, m, \quad s = 1, 2, 3.$$

We define the operators  $V_\mu^{(s)}$  in the following way

$$(V_\mu^{(s)}z)(x, y) = \int_{\beta_{(\mu)}^{(s)}(x, y)}^{\gamma_{(\mu)}^{(s)}(x, y)} z(\mu(s, t) + (1 - \mu)(x, y)) \mu ds dt.$$

Here  $\int \mu ds dt$  is the  $|\mu|$ -dimensional integral with respect to the variables,  $t_{i_1}, \dots, t_{i_k}$  if  $0 \in N_\mu, i_1, \dots, i_k \in N_\mu$ , and it is the integral with respect to  $t_{i_0}, \dots, t_{i_k}$  if  $0 \notin N_\mu$ .

Now we consider the Cauchy problem (1), (2) for integrodifferential systems with  $V^{(s)}z = (V_{(1, \dots, 1)}^{(s)}z, V_{(0, 1, \dots, 1)}^{(s)}z, V_{(1, 0, 1, \dots, 1)}^{(s)}z, \dots, V_{(1, \dots, 1, 0)}^{(s)}z, V_{(0, 0, 1, \dots, 1)}^{(s)}z, \dots, V_{(1, \dots, 1, 0, 0)}^{(s)}z, \dots, V_{(1, 0, \dots, 0)}^{(s)}z)$ ,  $s = 1, 2, 3$ .

We introduce the following assumptions:

1°  $\beta_{(\mu)}^{(1)}, \gamma_{(\mu)}^{(1)}: I_{a_0} \times R^m \rightarrow R, \mu \in A_m$ , are continuous,  $\beta_{(\mu)0}^{(1)}(x, y) \leq x, \gamma_{(\mu)0}^{(1)}(x, y) \leq x, (x, y) \in I_{a_0} \times R^m$ , and  $\beta_{(\mu)}^{(s)}(\cdot, y), \gamma_{(\mu)}^{(s)}(\cdot, y): I_{a_0} \rightarrow R, s = 2, 3, \mu \in A_m$ , are measurable,  $\beta_{(\mu)0}^{(s)}(x, y) \leq x, \gamma_{(\mu)0}^{(s)}(x, y) \leq x, s = 2, 3, (x, y) \in I_{a_0} \times R^m$ ;

2° there are constants  $d_{(\mu)}^{(s)}, \bar{d}_{(\mu)}^{(s)} \geq 0$ , such that, for all  $(x, y), (\bar{x}, \bar{y}) \in I_{a_0} \times R^m$ , we have

$$|\beta_{(\mu)j}^{(1)}(x, y) - \beta_{(\mu)j}^{(1)}(\bar{x}, \bar{y})| \leq d_{(\mu)}^{(1)} |x, y) - (\bar{x}, \bar{y})|_{m+1}^{1/\mu},$$

$$|\gamma_{(\mu)j}^{(1)}(x, y) - \gamma_{(\mu)j}^{(1)}(\bar{x}, \bar{y})| \leq \bar{d}_{(\mu)}^{(1)} |x, y) - (\bar{x}, \bar{y})|_{m+1}^{1/\mu},$$

$$|\beta_{(\mu)j}^{(s)}(x, y) - \beta_{(\mu)j}^{(s)}(x, \bar{y})| \leq d_{(\mu)}^{(s)} |y - \bar{y}|_m^{1/\mu},$$

$$|\gamma_{(\mu)j}^{(s)}(x, y) - \gamma_{(\mu)j}^{(s)}(x, \bar{y})| \leq \bar{d}_{(\mu)}^{(s)} |y - \bar{y}|_m^{1/\mu}, \quad s = 2, 3, j = 1, \dots, m;$$

3° there are constants  $e_{(\mu)}^{(s)} > 0$ , such that, for every  $(x, y) \in I_{d_0} \times R^m$ , we have

$$\prod_{j \in N_\mu} |\gamma_{(\mu)j}^{(s)}(x, y) - \beta_{(\mu)j}^{(s)}(x, y)| \leq e_{(\mu)}^{(s)}, \quad s = 1, 2, 3.$$

Then Assumption  $H_1$  is satisfied for the operators  $V_\mu^{(s)}$  defined by (8) with  $p_\mu^{(s)} = e_{(\mu)}^{(s)}$ ,  $q_\mu^{(s)} = \Omega[(d_{(\mu)}^{(s)})^{|\mu|} + (\bar{d}_{(\mu)}^{(s)})^{|\mu|}]$ , and  $M_\mu^{(s)} = e_{(\mu)}^{(s)}$ ,  $s = 1, 2, 3$ , (here  $l = 2^{m+1} - 1$ ).

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**СУЩЕСТВОВАНИЕ И ЕДИНСТВЕННОСТЬ РЕШЕНИЙ КВАЗИЛИНЕЙНЫХ  
ГИПЕРБОЛИЧЕСКИХ СИСТЕМ ДИФФЕРЕНЦИАЛЬНО-ФУНКЦИОНАЛЬНЫХ  
УРАВНЕНИЙ С ЧАСТНЫМИ ПРОИЗВОДНЫМИ**

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Резюме

В работе доказывается теорема о существовании, единственности и непрерывной зависимости обобщенных решений (в смысле всюду «почти всюду») от начальных данных задачи Коши для квазилинейных гиперболических систем дифференциально-функциональных уравнений с частными производными первого порядка.