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Existence of Pseudo Almost Automorphic Solutions for the Heat Equation with S^p-Pseudo **Almost Automorphic Coefficients**

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We obtain the existence of pseudo almost automorphic solutions to the N-dimensional heat equation with S^p -pseudo almost automorphic coefficients.

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1. Introduction

Let $\Omega \subset \mathbf{R}^N (N \ge 1)$ be an open bounded subset with C^2 boundary $\partial \Omega$, and let $\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{L}^2(\Omega)$ be the space square integrable functions equipped with its natural $\|\cdot\|_{\mathbf{L}^2(\Omega)}$ topology. Of concern is the study of pseudo almost automorphic solutions to the *N*-dimensional heat equation with divergence terms

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left[\varphi + F\left(t, \widehat{B}\varphi\right) \right] = \Delta \varphi + G\left(t, \widehat{B}\varphi\right), \quad t \in \mathbf{R}, \ x \in \Omega$$

$$\varphi(t, x) = 0, \quad t \in \mathbf{R}, \ x \in \partial\Omega,$$
(1.1)

where the symbols \hat{B} and Δ stand, respectively, for the first- and second-order differential operators defined by

$$\widehat{B} := \sum_{j=1}^{N} \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j}, \qquad \Delta = \sum_{j=1}^{N} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_j^2}, \tag{1.2}$$

and the coefficients $F, G : \mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{H}_0^1(\Omega) \mapsto \mathbf{L}^2(\Omega)$ are S^p -pseudo almost automorphic.

To analyze (1.1), our strategy will consist of studying the existence of pseudo almost automorphic solutions to the class of partial hyperbolic differential equations

$$\frac{d}{dt}\left[u(t) + f(t, Bu(t))\right] = Au(t) + g(t, Cu(t)), \quad t \in \mathbf{R},$$
(1.3)

where $A : D(A) \subset \mathbf{X} \mapsto \mathbf{X}$ is a sectorial linear operator on a Banach space \mathbf{X} whose corresponding analytic semigroup $(T(t))_{t\geq 0}$ is hyperbolic; that is, $\sigma(A) \cap i\mathbf{R} = \emptyset$, the operator B, C are arbitrary linear (possibly unbounded) operators on \mathbf{X} , and f, g are S^p -pseudo almost automorphic for p > 1 and jointly continuous functions.

Indeed, letting $A\varphi = \Delta \varphi$ for all $\varphi \in D(A) = H_0^1(\Omega) \cap H^2(\Omega)$, $\hat{B}\varphi = B\varphi = C\varphi$ for all $\varphi \in H_0^1(\Omega)$, and f = F and g = G, one can readily see that (1.1) is a particular case of (1.3).

The concept of pseudo almost automorphy, which is the central tool here, was recently introduced in literature by Liang et al. [1, 2]. The pseudo almost automorphy is a generalization of both the classical almost automorphy due to Bochner [3] and that of pseudo almost periodicity due to Zhang [4–6]. It has recently generated several developments and extensions. For the most recent developments, we refer the reader to [1, 2, 7–9]. More recently, in Diagana [7], the concept of S^p -pseudo almost automorphy (or Stepanov-like pseudo almost automorphy) was introduced. It should be mentioned that the S^p -pseudo almost automorphy is a natural generalization of the notion of pseudo almost automorphy.

In this paper, we will make extensive use of the concept of S^p -pseudo almost automorphy combined with the techniques of hyperbolic semigroups to study the existence of pseudo almost automorphic solutions to the class of partial hyperbolic differential equations appearing in (1.3) and then to the *N*-dimensional heat equation (1.1).

In this paper, as in the recent papers [10–12], we consider a general intermediate space X_{α} between D(A) and X. In contrast with the fractional power spaces considered in some recent papers by Diagana [13], the interpolation and Hölder spaces, for instance, depend only on D(A) and X and can be explicitly expressed in many concrete cases. Literature related to those intermediate spaces is very extensive; in particular, we refer the reader to the excellent book by Lunardi [14], which contains a comprehensive presentation on this topic and related issues.

Existence results related to pseudo almost periodic and almost automorphic solutions to the partial hyperbolic differential equations of the form (1.3) have recently been established in [12, 15–18], respectively. Though to the best of our knowledge, the existence of pseudo almost automorphic solutions to the heat equation (1.1) in the case when the coefficients f, g are S^p -pseudo almost automorphic is an untreated original problem and constitutes the main motivation of the present paper.

2. Preliminaries

Let $(\mathbf{X}, \|\cdot\|), (\mathbf{Y}, \|\cdot\|_{\mathbf{Y}})$ be two Banach spaces. Let $BC(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{X})$ (resp., $BC(\mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{X})$) denote the collection of all **X**-valued bounded continuous functions (resp., the class of jointly bounded continuous functions $F : \mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{Y} \mapsto \mathbf{X}$). The space $BC(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{X})$ equipped with the sup norm $\|\cdot\|_{\infty}$ is a Banach space. Furthermore, $C(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{Y})$ (resp., $C(\mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{X})$) denotes the class of continuous functions from **R** into **Y** (resp., the class of jointly continuous functions $F : \mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{Y} \mapsto \mathbf{X}$).

The notation $L(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y})$ stands for the Banach space of bounded linear operators from **X** into **Y** equipped with its natural topology; in particular, this is simply denoted $L(\mathbf{X})$ whenever $\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{Y}$.

Definition 2.1 (see [19]). The Bochner transform $f^b(t, s), t \in \mathbb{R}, s \in [0, 1]$ of a function $f : \mathbb{R} \mapsto X$ is defined by $f^b(t, s) := f(t + s)$.

Remark 2.2. (i) A function $\varphi(t, s)$, $t \in \mathbf{R}$, $s \in [0, 1]$, is the Bochner transform of a certain function f, $\varphi(t, s) = f^b(t, s)$, if and only if $\varphi(t + \tau, s - \tau) = \varphi(s, t)$ for all $t \in \mathbf{R}$, $s \in [0, 1]$ and $\tau \in [s - 1, s]$.

(ii) Note that if $f = h + \varphi$, then $f^b = h^b + \varphi^b$. Moreover, $(\lambda f)^b = \lambda f^b$ for each scalar λ .

Definition 2.3. The Bochner transform $F^b(t, s, u)$, $t \in \mathbf{R}$, $s \in [0, 1]$, $u \in \mathbf{X}$ of a function F(t, u) on $\mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{X}$, with values in \mathbf{X} , is defined by $F^b(t, s, u) := F(t + s, u)$ for each $u \in \mathbf{X}$.

Definition 2.4. Let $p \in [1, \infty)$. The space $BS^p(\mathbf{X})$ of all Stepanov bounded functions, with the exponent p, consists of all measurable functions $f : \mathbf{R} \mapsto \mathbf{X}$ such that $f^b \in L^{\infty}(\mathbf{R}; L^p((0, 1), \mathbf{X}))$. This is a Banach space with the norm

$$\|f\|_{S^{p}} := \|f^{b}\|_{L^{\infty}(\mathbf{R},L^{p})} = \sup_{t \in \mathbf{R}} \left(\int_{t}^{t+1} \|f(\tau)\|^{p} d\tau \right)^{1/p}.$$
(2.1)

2.1. S^p-Pseudo Almost Periodicity

Definition 2.5. A function $f \in C(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{X})$ is called (Bohr) almost periodic if for each $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists $l(\varepsilon) > 0$ such that every interval of length $l(\varepsilon)$ contains a number τ with the property that

$$\|f(t+\tau) - f(t)\| < \varepsilon \quad \text{for each } t \in \mathbf{R}.$$
(2.2)

The number τ above is called an ε -translation number of f, and the collection of all such functions will be denoted $AP(\mathbf{X})$.

Definition 2.6. A function $F \in C(\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{Y}, \mathbb{X})$ is called (Bohr) almost periodic in $t \in \mathbb{R}$ uniformly in $y \in K$ where $K \subset \mathbb{Y}$ is any compact subset $K \subset \mathbb{Y}$ if for each $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists $l(\varepsilon)$ such that every interval of length $l(\varepsilon)$ contains a number τ with the property that

$$\left\|F(t+\tau,y) - F(t,y)\right\| < \varepsilon \quad \text{for each } t \in \mathbf{R}, \ y \in K.$$
(2.3)

The collection of those functions is denoted by $AP(\mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{Y})$.

Define the classes of functions $PAP_0(\mathbf{X})$ and $PAP_0(\mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{X})$, respectively, as follows:

$$PAP_0(\mathbf{X}) := \left\{ u \in BC(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{X}) : \lim_{T \to \infty} \frac{1}{2T} \int_{-T}^{T} ||u(s)|| ds = 0 \right\},$$
(2.4)

and $PAP_0(\mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{Y})$ is the collection of all functions $F \in BC(\mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{X})$ such that

$$\lim_{T \to \infty} \frac{1}{2T} \int_{-T}^{T} \|F(t, u)\| dt = 0$$
(2.5)

uniformly in $u \in \mathbf{Y}$.

Definition 2.7 (see [13]). A function $f \in BC(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{X})$ is called pseudo almost periodic if it can be expressed as $f = h + \varphi$, where $h \in AP(\mathbf{X})$ and $\varphi \in PAP_0(\mathbf{X})$. The collection of such functions will be denoted by $PAP(\mathbf{X})$.

Definition 2.8 (see [13]). A function $F \in C(\mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{X})$ is said to be pseudo almost periodic if it can be expressed as $F = G + \Phi$, where $G \in AP(\mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{Y})$ and $\phi \in PAP_0(\mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{Y})$. The collection of such functions will be denoted by $PAP(\mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{Y})$.

Define $AA_0(\mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{Y})$ as the collection of all functions $F \in BC(\mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{X})$ such that

$$\lim_{T \to \infty} \frac{1}{2T} \int_{-T}^{T} \|F(t, u)\| dt = 0$$
(2.6)

uniformly in $u \in K$, where $K \subset Y$ is any bounded subset. Obviously,

$$PAP_0(\mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{Y}) \subset AA_0(\mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{Y}). \tag{2.7}$$

A weaker version of Definition 2.8 is the following.

Definition 2.9. A function $F \in C(\mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{X})$ is said to be B-pseudo almost periodic if it can be expressed as $F = G + \Phi$, where $G \in AP(\mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{Y})$ and $\phi \in AA_0(\mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{Y})$. The collection of such functions will be denoted by $BPAP(\mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{Y})$.

Definition 2.10 (see [20, 21]). A function $f \in BS^p(\mathbf{X})$ is called S^p -pseudo almost periodic (or Stepanov-like pseudo almost periodic) if it can be expressed as $f = h + \varphi$, where $h^b \in AP(L^p((0,1),\mathbf{X}))$ and $\varphi^b \in PAP_0(L^p((0,1),\mathbf{X}))$. The collection of such functions will be denoted by $PAP^p(\mathbf{X})$.

In other words, a function $f \in L^p_{loc}(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{X})$ is said to be S^p -pseudo almost periodic if its Bochner transform $f^b : \mathbf{R} \to L^p((0, 1), \mathbf{X})$ is pseudo almost periodic in the sense that there exist two functions $h, \varphi : \mathbf{R} \mapsto \mathbf{X}$ such that $f = h + \varphi$, where $h^b \in AP(L^p((0, 1), \mathbf{X}))$ and $\varphi^b \in PAP_0(L^p((0, 1), \mathbf{X}))$.

To define the notion of S^p -pseudo almost automorphy for functions of the form F: $\mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{Y} \mapsto \mathbf{Y}$, we need to define the S^p -pseudo almost periodicity for these functions as follows.

Definition 2.11. A function $F : \mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{Y} \mapsto \mathbf{X}$, $(t, u) \mapsto F(t, u)$ with $F(\cdot, u) \in L^p_{loc}(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{X})$ for each $u \in \mathbf{X}$, is said to be S^p -pseudo almost periodic if there exist two functions $H, \Phi : \mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{Y} \mapsto \mathbf{X}$ such that $F = H + \Phi$, where $H^b \in AP(\mathbf{R} \times L^p((0, 1), \mathbf{X}))$ and $\Phi^b \in AA_0(\mathbf{R} \times L^p((0, 1), \mathbf{X}))$.

The collection of those S^p -pseudo almost periodic functions $F : \mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{Y} \mapsto \mathbf{X}$ will be denoted $PAP^p(\mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{Y})$.

2.2. S^p-Almost Automorphy

The notion of S^{p} -almost automorphy is a new notion due to N'Guérékata and Pankov [22].

Definition 2.12 (Bochner). A function $f \in C(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{X})$ is said to be almost automorphic if for every sequence of real numbers $(s'_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ there exists a subsequence $(s_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ such that

$$g(t) := \lim_{n \to \infty} f(t + s_n) \tag{2.8}$$

is well defined for each $t \in \mathbf{R}$, and

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} g(t - s_n) = f(t) \tag{2.9}$$

for each $t \in \mathbf{R}$.

Remark 2.13. The function *g* in Definition 2.12 is measurable but not necessarily continuous. Moreover, if *g* is continuous, then *f* is uniformly continuous. If the convergence above is uniform in $t \in \mathbf{R}$, then *f* is almost periodic. Denote by $AA(\mathbf{X})$ the collection of all almost automorphic functions $\mathbf{R} \to \mathbf{X}$. Note that $AA(\mathbf{X})$ equipped with the sup norm, $\|\cdot\|_{\infty}$, turns out to be a Banach space.

We will denote by $AA_u(\mathbf{X})$ the closed subspace of all functions $f \in AA(\mathbf{X})$ with $g \in C(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{X})$. Equivalently, $f \in AA_u(\mathbf{X})$ if and only if f is almost automorphic, and the convergences in Definition 2.12 are uniform on compact intervals, that is, in the Fréchet space $C(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{X})$. Indeed, if f is almost automorphic, then its range is relatively compact. Obviously, the following inclusions hold:

$$AP(\mathbf{X}) \subset AA_u(\mathbf{X}) \subset AA(\mathbf{X}) \subset BC(\mathbf{X}).$$
 (2.10)

Definition 2.14 (see [22]). The space $AS^p(\mathbf{X})$ of Stepanov-like almost automorphic functions (or S^p -almost automorphic) consists of all $f \in BS^p(\mathbf{X})$ such that $f^b \in AA(L^p(0, 1; \mathbf{X}))$. That is, a function $f \in L^p_{loc}(\mathbf{R}; \mathbf{X})$ is said to be S^p -almost automorphic if its Bochner transform f^b : $\mathbf{R} \to L^p(0, 1; \mathbf{X})$ is almost automorphic in the sense that for every sequence of real numbers $(s'_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ there exists a subsequence $(s_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ and a function $g \in L^p_{loc}(\mathbf{R}; \mathbf{X})$ such that

$$\left[\int_{t}^{t+1} \|f(s_{n}+s) - g(s)\|^{p} ds \right]^{1/p} \longrightarrow 0,$$

$$\left[\int_{t}^{t+1} \|g(s-s_{n}) - f(s)\|^{p} ds \right]^{1/p} \longrightarrow 0$$

$$(2.11)$$

as $n \to \infty$ pointwise on **R**.

Remark 2.15. It is clear that if $1 \le p < q < \infty$ and $f \in L^q_{loc}(\mathbf{R}; \mathbf{X})$ is S^q -almost automorphic, then f is S^p -almost automorphic. Also if $f \in AA(\mathbf{X})$, then f is S^p -almost automorphic for any $1 \le p < \infty$. Moreover, it is clear that $f \in AA_u(\mathbf{X})$ if and only if $f^b \in AA(L^\infty(0, 1; \mathbf{X}))$. Thus, $AA_u(\mathbf{X})$ can be considered as $AS^\infty(\mathbf{X})$.

Definition 2.16. A function $F : \mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{Y} \mapsto \mathbf{X}$, $(t, u) \mapsto F(t, u)$ with $F(\cdot, u) \in L^p_{loc}(\mathbf{R}; \mathbf{X})$ for each $u \in \mathbf{Y}$, is said to be S^p -almost automorphic in $t \in \mathbf{R}$ uniformly in $u \in \mathbf{Y}$ if $t \mapsto F(t, u)$ is S^p -almost automorphic for each $u \in \mathbf{Y}$; that is, for every sequence of real numbers $(s'_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$, there exists a subsequence $(s_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ and a function $G(\cdot, u) \in L^p_{loc}(\mathbf{R}; \mathbf{X})$ such that

$$\left[\int_{t}^{t+1} \|F(s_{n}+s,u) - G(s,u)\|^{p} ds \right]^{1/p} \longrightarrow 0,$$

$$\left[\int_{t}^{t+1} \|G(s-s_{n},u) - F(s,u)\|^{p} ds \right]^{1/p} \longrightarrow 0$$

$$(2.12)$$

as $n \to \infty$ pointwise on **R** for each $u \in \mathbf{Y}$.

The collection of those S^p -almost automorphic functions $F : \mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{Y} \mapsto \mathbf{X}$ will be denoted by $AS^p(\mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{Y})$.

2.3. Pseudo Almost Automorphy

The notion of pseudo almost automorphy is a new notion due to Liang et al. [2, 9].

Definition 2.17. A function $f \in C(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{X})$ is called pseudo almost automorphic if it can be expressed as $f = h + \varphi$, where $h \in AA(\mathbf{X})$ and $\varphi \in PAP_0(\mathbf{X})$. The collection of such functions will be denoted by $PAA(\mathbf{X})$.

Obviously, the following inclusions hold:

$$AP(\mathbf{X}) \subset PAP(\mathbf{X}) \subset PAA(\mathbf{X}), \qquad AP(\mathbf{X}) \subset AA(\mathbf{X}) \subset PAA(\mathbf{X}).$$
 (2.13)

Definition 2.18. A function $F \in C(\mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{X})$ is said to be pseudo almost automorphic if it can be expressed as $F = G + \Phi$, where $G \in AA(\mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{Y})$ and $\varphi \in AA_0(\mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{Y})$. The collection of such functions will be denoted by $PAA(\mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{Y})$.

A substantial result is the next theorem, which is due to Liang et al. [2].

Theorem 2.19 (see [2]). The space $PAA(\mathbf{X})$ equipped with the sup norm $\|\cdot\|_{\infty}$ is a Banach space.

We also have the following composition result.

Theorem 2.20 (see [2]). If $f : \mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{Y} \mapsto \mathbf{X}$ belongs to $PAA(\mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{Y})$ and if $x \mapsto f(t, x)$ is uniformly continuous on any bounded subset K of \mathbf{Y} for each $t \in \mathbf{R}$, then the function defined by $h(t) = f(t, \varphi(t))$ belongs to $PAA(\mathbf{X})$ provided $\varphi \in PAA(\mathbf{Y})$.

3. S^p-Pseudo Almost Automorphy

This section is devoted to the notion of S^p -pseudo almost automorphy. Such a concept is completely new and is due to Diagana [7].

Definition 3.1 (see [7]). A function $f \in BS^p(\mathbf{X})$ is called S^p -pseudo almost automorphic (or Stepanov-like pseudo almost automorphic) if it can be expressed as

$$f = h + \varphi, \tag{3.1}$$

where $h^b \in AA(L^p((0,1), \mathbf{X}))$ and $\varphi^b \in PAP_0(L^p((0,1), \mathbf{X}))$. The collection of such functions will be denoted by $PAA^p(\mathbf{X})$.

Clearly, a function $f \in L^p_{loc}(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{X})$ is said to be S^p -pseudo almost automorphic if its Bochner transform $f^b : \mathbf{R} \to L^p((0, 1), \mathbf{X})$ is pseudo almost automorphic in the sense that there exist two functions $h, \varphi : \mathbf{R} \mapsto \mathbf{X}$ such that $f = h + \varphi$, where $h^b \in AA(L^p((0, 1), \mathbf{X}))$ and $\varphi^b \in PAP_0(L^p((0, 1), \mathbf{X}))$.

Theorem 3.2 (see [7]). If $f \in PAA(\mathbf{X})$, then $f \in PAA^p(\mathbf{X})$ for each $1 \le p < \infty$. In other words, $PAA(\mathbf{X}) \subset PAA^p(\mathbf{X})$.

Obviously, the following inclusions hold:

$$AP(\mathbf{X}) \subset PAP(\mathbf{X}) \subset PAA(\mathbf{X}) \subset PAA^{p}(\mathbf{X}),$$

$$AP(\mathbf{X}) \subset AA(\mathbf{X}) \subset PAA(\mathbf{X}) \subset PAA^{p}(\mathbf{X}).$$
(3.2)

Theorem 3.3 (see [7]). The space $PAA^{p}(\mathbf{X})$ equipped with the norm $\|\cdot\|_{S^{p}}$ is a Banach space.

Definition 3.4. A function $F : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{Y} \mapsto \mathbb{X}$, $(t, u) \mapsto F(t, u)$ with $F(\cdot, u) \in L^p(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{X})$ for each $u \in \mathbb{Y}$, is said to be S^p -pseudo almost automorphic if there exists two functions $H, \Phi : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{Y} \mapsto \mathbb{X}$ such that

$$F = H + \Phi, \tag{3.3}$$

where $H^b \in AA(\mathbf{R} \times L^p((0,1),\mathbf{X}))$ and $\Phi^b \in AA_0(\mathbf{R} \times L^p((0,1),\mathbf{X}))$. The collection of those S^p -pseudo almost automorphic functions will be denoted by $PAA^p(\mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{Y})$.

We have the following composition theorems.

Theorem 3.5. Let $F : \mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{X} \mapsto \mathbf{X}$ be a S^p -pseudo almost automorphic function. Suppose that F(t, u) is Lipschitzian in $u \in \mathbf{X}$ uniformly in $t \in \mathbf{R}$; that is there exists L > 0 such

$$\|F(t,u) - F(t,v)\| \le L \cdot \|u - v\|$$
(3.4)

for all $t \in \mathbf{R}$, $(u, v) \in \mathbf{X} \times \mathbf{X}$. If $\phi \in PAA^p(\mathbf{X})$, then $\Gamma : \mathbf{R} \to \mathbf{X}$ defined by $\Gamma(\cdot) := F(\cdot, \phi(\cdot))$ belongs to $PAA^p(\mathbf{X})$. *Proof.* Let $F = H + \Phi$, where $H^b \in AA(\mathbf{R} \times L^p((0,1), \mathbf{X}))$ and $\Phi^b \in AA_0(\mathbf{R} \times L^p((0,1), \mathbf{X}))$. Similarly, let $\phi = \phi_1 + \phi_2$, where $\phi_1^b \in AA(L^p((0,1), \mathbf{X}))$ and $\phi_2^b \in PAP_0(L^p((0,1), \mathbf{X}))$, that is,

$$\lim_{T \to \infty} \frac{1}{2T} \int_{-T}^{T} \left(\int_{t}^{t+1} \|\varphi_{2}(\sigma)\|^{p} d\sigma \right)^{1/p} dt = 0$$
(3.5)

for all $t \in \mathbf{R}$.

It is obvious to see that $F^b(\cdot, \phi(\cdot)) : \mathbf{R} \mapsto L^p((0, 1), \mathbf{X})$. Now decompose F^b as follows:

$$F^{b}(\cdot,\phi(\cdot)) = H^{b}(\cdot,\phi_{1}(\cdot)) + F^{b}(\cdot,\phi(\cdot)) - H^{b}(\cdot,\phi_{1}(\cdot))$$

$$= H^{b}(\cdot,\phi_{1}(\cdot)) + F^{b}(\cdot,\phi(\cdot)) - F^{b}(\cdot,\phi_{1}(\cdot)) + \Phi^{b}(\cdot,\phi_{1}(\cdot)).$$
(3.6)

Using the theorem of composition of almost automorphic functions, it is easy to see that $H^b(\cdot, \phi_1(\cdot)) \in AA(L^p((0, 1), \mathbf{X}))$. Now, set

$$G^{b}(\cdot) := F^{b}(\cdot, \phi(\cdot)) - F^{b}(\cdot, \phi_{1}(\cdot)).$$
(3.7)

Clearly, $G^b(\cdot) \in PAP_0(L^p((0,1), \mathbf{X}))$. Indeed, we have

$$\int_{t}^{t+1} \|G(\sigma)\|^{p} d\sigma = \int_{t}^{t+1} \|F(\sigma, \phi(\sigma)) - F(\sigma, \phi_{1}(\sigma))\|^{p} d\sigma$$

$$\leq L^{p} \int_{t}^{t+1} \|\phi(\sigma) - \phi_{1}(\sigma)\|^{p} d\sigma$$

$$= L^{p} \int_{t}^{t+1} \|\phi_{2}(\sigma)\|^{p} d\sigma,$$
(3.8)

and hence for T > 0,

$$\frac{1}{2T} \int_{-T}^{T} \left(\int_{t}^{t+1} \|G(\sigma)\|^{p} d\sigma \right)^{1/p} dt \le \frac{L}{2T} \int_{-T}^{T} \left(\int_{t}^{t+1} \|\phi_{2}(\sigma)\|^{p} d\sigma \right)^{1/p} dt.$$
(3.9)

Now using (3.5), it follows that

$$\lim_{T \to \infty} \frac{1}{2T} \int_{-T}^{T} \left(\int_{t}^{t+1} \|G(\sigma)\|^{p} d\sigma \right)^{1/p} dt = 0.$$
(3.10)

Using the theorem of composition of functions of $PAP(L^{p}((0,1),\mathbf{X}))$ (see [13]) it is easy to see that $\Phi^{b}(\cdot, \phi_{1}(\cdot)) \in PAP_{0}(L^{p}((0,1),\mathbf{X}))$.

Theorem 3.6. Let $F = H + \Phi : \mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{X} \mapsto \mathbf{X}$ be an S^p -pseudo almost automorphic function, where $H^b \in AA(\mathbf{R} \times L^p((0,1), \mathbf{X}))$ and $\Phi^b \in AA_0(\mathbf{R} \times L^p((0,1), \mathbf{X}))$. Suppose that F(t, u) and $\Phi(t, x)$ are

uniformly continuous in every bounded subset $K \subset \mathbf{X}$ uniformly for $t \in \mathbf{R}$. If $g \in PAA^p(\mathbf{X})$, then $\Gamma : \mathbf{R} \to \mathbf{X}$ defined by $\Gamma(\cdot) := F(\cdot, g(\cdot))$ belongs to $PAA^p(\mathbf{X})$.

Proof. Let $F = H + \Phi$, where $H^b \in AA(\mathbf{R} \times L^p((0,1), \mathbf{X}))$ and $\Phi^b \in AA_0(\mathbf{R} \times L^p((0,1), \mathbf{X}))$. Similarly, let $g = \phi_1 + \phi_2$, where $\phi_1^b \in AA(L^p((0,1), \mathbf{X}))$ and $\phi_2^b \in PAP_0(L^p((0,1), \mathbf{X}))$. It is obvious to see that $F^b(\cdot, g(\cdot)) : \mathbf{R} \mapsto L^p((0,1), \mathbf{X})$. Now decompose F^b as follows:

$$F^{b}(\cdot,g(\cdot)) = H^{b}(\cdot,\phi_{1}(\cdot)) + F^{b}(\cdot,g(\cdot)) - H^{b}(\cdot,\phi_{1}(\cdot))$$

$$= H^{b}(\cdot,\phi_{1}(\cdot)) + F^{b}(\cdot,g(\cdot)) - F^{b}(\cdot,\phi_{1}(\cdot)) + \Phi^{b}(\cdot,\phi_{1}(\cdot)).$$
(3.11)

Using the theorem of composition of almost automorphic functions, it is easy to see that $H^b(\cdot, \phi_1(\cdot)) \in AA(L^p((0, 1), \mathbf{X}))$. Now, set

$$G^{b}(\cdot) := F^{b}(\cdot, g(\cdot)) - F^{b}(\cdot, \phi_{1}(\cdot)).$$

$$(3.12)$$

We claim that $G^b(\cdot) \in PAP_0(L^p((0,1), \mathbf{X}))$. First of all, note that the uniformly continuity of *F* on bounded subsets $K \subset \mathbf{X}$ yields the uniform continuity of its Bohr transform F^b on bounded subsets of \mathbf{X} . Since both g, ϕ_1 are bounded functions, it follows that there exists $K \subset \mathbf{X}$ a bounded subset such that $g(\sigma), \phi_1(\sigma) \in K$ for each $\sigma \in \mathbf{R}$. Now from the uniform continuity of F^b on bounded subsets of \mathbf{X} , it obviously follows that F^b is uniformly continuous on *K* uniformly for each $t \in \mathbf{R}$. Therefore for every $\varepsilon > 0$ there exists $\delta > 0$ such that for all $X, Y \in K$ with $||X - Y|| < \delta$ yield

$$\left\|F^{b}(\sigma, X) - F^{b}(\sigma, X)\right\| < \varepsilon \quad \forall \sigma \in \mathbf{R}.$$
(3.13)

Using the proof of the composition theorem [2, Theorem 2.4], (applied to F^b) it follows

$$\lim_{T \to \infty} \frac{1}{2T} \int_{-T}^{T} \left(\int_{t}^{t+1} \|G(\sigma)\|^{p} d\sigma \right)^{1/p} dt = 0.$$
(3.14)

Using the theorem of composition [2, Theorem 2.4] for functions of $PAP_0(L^p((0,1), \mathbf{X}))$ it is easy to see that $\Phi^b(\cdot, \phi_1(\cdot)) \in PAP_0(L^p((0,1), \mathbf{X}))$.

4. Sectorial Linear Operators

Definition 4.1. A linear operator $A : D(A) \subset \mathbf{X} \mapsto \mathbf{X}$ (not necessarily densely defined) is said to be sectorial if the following holds: there exist constants $\omega \in \mathbf{R}$, $\theta \in (\pi/2, \pi)$, and M > 0 such that $\rho(A) \supset S_{\theta,\omega}$,

$$S_{\theta,\omega} := \{ \lambda \in \mathbb{C} : \lambda \neq \omega, \quad |\arg(\lambda - \omega)| < \theta \},$$

$$\|R(\lambda, A)\| \le \frac{M}{|\lambda - \omega|}, \quad \lambda \in S_{\theta,\omega}.$$

$$(4.1)$$

The class of sectorial operators is very rich and contains most of classical operators encountered in literature.

Example 4.2. Let $p \ge 1$ and let $\Omega \subset \mathbf{R}^d$ be open bounded subset with regular boundary $\partial \Omega$. Let $\mathbf{X} := (\mathbf{L}^p(\Omega), \|\cdot\|_p)$ be the Lebesgue space.

Define the linear operator *A* as follows:

$$D(A) = W^{2,p}(\Omega) \cap W_0^{1,p}(\Omega), \qquad A(\varphi) = \Delta \varphi, \ \forall \varphi \in D(A).$$
(4.2)

It can be checked that the operator *A* is sectorial on $L^p(\Omega)$.

It is wellknown that [14] if *A* is sectorial, then it generates an analytic semigroup $(T(t))_{t\geq 0}$, which maps $(0, \infty)$ into $B(\mathbf{X})$ and such that there exist $M_0, M_1 > 0$ with

$$||T(t)|| \le M_0 e^{\omega t}, \quad t > 0, \tag{4.3}$$

$$||t(A-\omega)T(t)|| \le M_1 e^{\omega t}, \quad t > 0.$$
 (4.4)

Throughout the rest of the paper, we suppose that the semigroup $(T(t))_{t\geq 0}$ is hyperbolic; that is, there exist a projection *P* and constants $M, \delta > 0$ such that T(t) commutes with *P*, N(P) is invariant with respect to T(t), $T(t) : R(Q) \mapsto R(Q)$ is invertible, and the following hold:

$$||T(t)Px|| \le Me^{-\delta t} ||x|| \quad \text{for } t \ge 0,$$
 (4.5)

$$||T(t)Qx|| \le Me^{\delta t} ||x|| \quad \text{for } t \le 0,$$
 (4.6)

where Q := I - P and, for $t \le 0$, $T(t) := (T(-t))^{-1}$.

Recall that the analytic semigroup $(T(t))_{t \ge 0}$ associated with *A* is hyperbolic if and only if

$$\sigma(A) \cap i\mathbf{R} = \emptyset, \tag{4.7}$$

see details in [23, Proposition 1.15, page 305]

Definition 4.3. Let $\alpha \in (0, 1)$. A Banach space $(\mathbf{X}_{\alpha}, \|\cdot\|_{\alpha})$ is said to be an intermediate space between D(A) and \mathbf{X} , or a space of class \mathcal{J}_{α} , if $D(A) \subset \mathbf{X}_{\alpha} \subset \mathbf{X}$, and there is a constant c > 0 such that

$$\|x\|_{\alpha} \le c \|x\|^{1-\alpha} \|x\|_{A}^{\alpha}, \quad x \in D(A),$$
(4.8)

where $\|\cdot\|_A$ is the graph norm of *A*.

Concrete examples of X_{α} include $D((-A^{\alpha}))$ for $\alpha \in (0, 1)$, the domains of the fractional powers of A, the real interpolation spaces $D_A(\alpha, \infty)$, $\alpha \in (0, 1)$, defined as the space of all $x \in X$ such

$$[x]_{\alpha} = \sup_{0 < t \le 1} \left\| t^{1-\alpha} AT(t) x \right\| < \infty$$

$$(4.9)$$

with the norm

$$\|x\|_{\alpha} = \|x\| + [x]_{\alpha}, \tag{4.10}$$

the abstract Hölder spaces $D_A(\alpha) := \overline{D(A)}^{\|.\|_{\alpha}}$ as well as the complex interpolation spaces $[\mathbf{X}, D(A)]_{\alpha}$; see Lunardi [14] for details.

For a hyperbolic analytic semigroup $(T(t))_{t\geq 0}$, one can easily check that similar estimations as both (4.5) and (4.6) still hold with the α -norms $\|\cdot\|_{\alpha}$. In fact, as the part of *A* in *R*(*Q*) is bounded, it follows from (4.6) that

$$\|AT(t)Qx\| \le C'e^{\delta t} \|x\| \quad \text{for } t \le 0.$$
(4.11)

Hence, from (4.8) there exists a constant $c(\alpha) > 0$ such that

$$\|T(t)Qx\|_{\alpha} \le c(\alpha)e^{\delta t}\|x\| \quad \text{for } t \le 0.$$

$$(4.12)$$

In addition to the above, the following holds:

$$\|T(t)Px\|_{\alpha} \le \|T(1)\|_{B(\mathbf{X},\mathbf{X}_{\alpha})} \|T(t-1)Px\|, \quad t \ge 1,$$
(4.13)

and hence from (4.5), one obtains

$$\|T(t)Px\|_{\alpha} \le M'e^{-\delta t}\|x\|, \quad t \ge 1,$$
(4.14)

where M' depends on α . For $t \in (0, 1]$, by (4.4) and (4.8),

$$\|T(t)Px\|_{\alpha} \le M''t^{-\alpha}\|x\|.$$
(4.15)

Hence, there exist constants $M(\alpha) > 0$ and $\gamma > 0$ such that

$$||T(t)Px||_{\alpha} \le M(\alpha)t^{-\alpha}e^{-\gamma t}||x|| \quad \text{for } t > 0.$$
(4.16)

5. Existence of Pseudo Almost Automorphic Solutions

This section is devoted to the search of an almost automorphic solution to the partial hyperbolic differential equation (1.3). *Definition* 5.1. Let $\alpha \in (0, 1)$. A bounded continuous function $u : \mathbf{R} \mapsto \mathbf{X}_{\alpha}$ is said to be a mild solution to (1.3) provided that the function $s \to AT(t-s)Pf(s, Bu(s))$ is integrable on $(-\infty, t), s \to AT(t-s)Qf(s, Bu(s))$ is integrable on (t, ∞) for each $t \in \mathbf{R}$, and

$$u(t) = -f(t, Bu(t)) - \int_{-\infty}^{t} AT(t-s)Pf(s, Bu(s))ds$$

+
$$\int_{t}^{\infty} AT(t-s)Qf(s, Bu(s))ds$$

+
$$\int_{-\infty}^{t} T(t-s)Pg(s, Cu(s))ds$$

-
$$\int_{t}^{\infty} T(t-s)Qg(s, Cu(s))ds$$

(5.1)

for all $t \in \mathbf{R}$.

Throughout the rest of the paper we denote by Γ_1 , Γ_2 , Γ_3 , and Γ_4 the nonlinear integral operators defined by

$$(\Gamma_{1}u)(t) := \int_{-\infty}^{t} AT(t-s)Pf(s, Bu(s))ds,$$

$$(\Gamma_{2}u)(t) := \int_{t}^{\infty} AT(t-s)Qf(s, Bu(s))ds,$$

$$(\Gamma_{3}u)(t) := \int_{-\infty}^{t} T(t-s)Pg(s, Cu(s))ds,$$

$$(\Gamma_{4}u)(t) := \int_{t}^{\infty} T(t-s)Qg(s, Cu(s))ds.$$
(5.2)

Let p > 1 and let $q \ge 1$ such that 1/p + 1/q = 1. Throughout the rest of the paper, we suppose that the operator A is sectorial and generates a hyperbolic (analytic) semigroup $(T(t))_{t>0}$ and requires the following assumptions.

- (H.1) Let $0 < \alpha < 1$. Then $X_{\alpha} = D((-A^{\alpha}))$, or $X_{\alpha} = D_A(\alpha, p)$, $1 \le p \le \infty$, or $X_{\alpha} = D_A(\alpha)$, or $X_{\alpha} = [X, D(A)]_{\alpha}$. Moreover, we assume that the linear operators $B, C : X_{\alpha} \mapsto X$ are bounded.
- (H.2) Let $0 < \alpha < \beta < 1$, $f : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{X} \mapsto \mathbb{X}_{\beta}$ be an S^p -pseudo almost automorphic function in $t \in \mathbb{R}$ uniformly in $u \in \mathbb{X}$, and let $g : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{X} \mapsto \mathbb{X}$ be S^p -pseudo almost automorphic in $t \in \mathbb{R}$ uniformly in $u \in \mathbb{X}$. Moreover, the functions f, g are uniformly Lipschitz with respect to the second argument in the following sense: there exists K > 0 such that

$$\|f(t,u) - f(t,v)\|_{\beta} \le K \|u - v\|,$$

$$\|g(t,u) - g(t,v)\| \le K \|u - v\|$$
(5.3)

for all $u, v \in \mathbf{X}$ and $t \in \mathbf{R}$.

In order to show that Γ_1 and Γ_2 are well defined, we need the next lemma whose proof can be found in Diagana [12].

Lemma 5.2 (see [12]). *Let* $0 < \alpha, \beta < 1$. *Then*

$$\|AT(t)Qx\|_{\alpha} \le ce^{\delta t} \|x\|_{\beta} \quad \text{for } t \le 0,$$
(5.4)

$$\|AT(t)Px\|_{\alpha} \le ct^{\beta-\alpha-1}e^{-\gamma t}\|x\|_{\beta}, \quad for \ t > 0.$$
(5.5)

The proof for the pseudo almost automorphy of $\Gamma_2 u$ is similar to that of $\Gamma_1 u$ and hence will be omitted.

Lemma 5.3. Under assumptions (H.1)-(H.2), consider the function $\Gamma_1 u$, for $u \in PAP^p(X_{\alpha})$, defined by

$$(\Gamma_1 u)(t) := \int_{-\infty}^t AT(t-s) Pf(s, Bu(s)) ds$$
(5.6)

for each $t \in \mathbf{R}$. If

$$L(q,\gamma,\alpha,\beta) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[\int_{n-1}^{n} e^{-q\gamma s} s^{q(\beta-\alpha-1)} ds \right]^{1/q} < \infty,$$
(5.7)

then $\Gamma_1 u \in PAA(\mathbf{X}_{\alpha})$ *.*

Remark 5.4. Note that the assumption $L(c, q, \gamma, \alpha, \beta) < \infty$ holds in several case. This is in particular the case when $\beta - \alpha > 1/p$.

Proof. Let $u \in PAA^{p}(\mathbf{X}_{\alpha})$. Since $B \in B(\mathbf{X}_{\alpha}, \mathbf{X})$, it follows that $Bu \in PAA^{p}(\mathbf{X})$. Setting h(t) = f(t, Bu(t)) and using Theorem 3.5 it follows that $h \in PAA^{p}(\mathbf{X}_{\beta})$. Moreover, using (5.5) it follows that

$$\|AT(t-s)Ph(s)\|_{\alpha} \le c(t-s)^{\beta-\alpha-1}e^{-\gamma(t-s)}\|h(s)\|_{\beta},$$
(5.8)

and hence the function $s \mapsto AT(t - s)Ph(s)$ is integrable over $(-\infty, t)$ for each $t \in \mathbf{R}$.

Let h = Y + Z where $Y^b \in AA(L^p(0,1), \mathbf{X}_{\alpha}))$ and $Z^b \in PAP_0(L^p(0,1), \mathbf{X}_{\alpha}))$. Define, for all n = 1, 2, ..., the sequence of integral operators

$$\Gamma_n^1(t) := \int_{n-1}^n AT(s) PY(t-s) ds, \qquad \widehat{\Gamma}_n^1(t) := \int_{n-1}^n AT(s) PZ(t-s) ds$$
(5.9)

for each $t \in \mathbf{R}$.

Now letting r = t - s, it follows that

$$\Gamma_n^1(t) = \int_{t-n}^{t-n+1} AT(t-r)Y(r)dr \quad \forall t \in \mathbf{R}.$$
(5.10)

Using Hölder's inequality and the estimate (5.8), it follows that

$$\|\Gamma_{n}^{1}(t)\|_{\alpha} \leq \int_{t-n}^{t-n+1} c(t-r)^{\beta-\alpha-1} e^{-\gamma(t-r)} \|Y(r)\|_{\beta} dr$$

= $c \left[\int_{n-1}^{n} e^{-q\gamma s} s^{q(\beta-\alpha-1)} ds \right]^{1/q} \|Y\|_{S^{p}}.$ (5.11)

Using the assumption $L(q, \gamma, \alpha, \beta) < \infty$, we then deduce from the well-known Weirstrass theorem that the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \Gamma_n^1(t)$ is uniformly convergent on **R**. Furthermore,

$$\Gamma_Y(t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \Gamma_n^1(t), \qquad (5.12)$$

 $\Gamma_Y \in C(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{X}_{\alpha})$, and

$$\|\Gamma_{Y}(t)\|_{\alpha} \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left\|\Gamma_{n}^{1}(t)\right\|_{\alpha} \leq cL(q,\gamma,\alpha,\beta) \|Y\|_{S^{p}}$$
(5.13)

for each $t \in \mathbf{R}$.

We claim that $\Gamma_n^1 \in AA(\mathbf{X}_{\alpha})$). Indeed, let $(s_m)_{m \in \mathbb{N}}$ be a sequence of real numbers. Since $Y \in AS^p(\mathbf{X}_{\beta})$, there exists a subsequence $(s_{m_k})_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$ of $(s_m)_{m \in \mathbb{N}}$ and a function $\hat{Y} \in AS^p(\mathbf{X}_{\beta})$ such that

$$\left[\int_{t}^{t+1} \left\|Y(s_{m_{k}}+\sigma)-\widehat{Y}(\sigma)\right\|_{\beta}^{p} d\sigma\right]^{1/p} \longrightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } k \longrightarrow \infty.$$
(5.14)

Define

$$\Delta_n^1(t) = \int_{n-1}^n AT(\xi) P\widehat{Y}(t-\xi) d\xi.$$
(5.15)

Set $H_{\alpha,\beta}^{\gamma}(\xi) = \xi^{\beta-\alpha-1}e^{-\gamma\xi}$ for $\xi > 0$. Then using both Hölder's inequality and (5.5), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \Gamma_{n}^{1}(t+s_{m_{k}}) - \Gamma_{n}^{1}(t) \right\|_{\alpha} &= \left\| \int_{n-1}^{n} AT(\xi) P \Big[Y(t+s_{m_{k}}-\xi) - \widehat{Y}(t-\xi) \Big] d\xi \right\|_{\alpha} \\ &\leq c \int_{n-1}^{n} H_{\alpha,\beta}^{\gamma}(\xi) \left\| Y(t+s_{m_{k}}-\xi) - \widehat{Y}(t-\xi) \right\|_{\beta} d\xi \\ &\leq L_{c,q}^{\gamma,\alpha,\beta} \Big[\int_{n-1}^{n} \left\| Y(t+s_{m_{k}}-\xi) - \widehat{Y}(t-\xi) \right\|_{\beta}^{p} d\xi \Big]^{1/p}, \end{aligned}$$
(5.16)

where $L_{c,q}^{\gamma,\alpha,\beta} = c \cdot \sup_{n} \left[\int_{n-1}^{n} (H_{\alpha,\beta}^{c,\gamma}(s))^{q} ds \right]^{1/q} < \infty$, as $L(q,\gamma,\alpha,\beta) < \infty$.

Obviously,

$$\left\|\Gamma_n^1(t+s_{m_k}) - \Delta_n^1(t)\right\|_{\alpha} \longrightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } k \longrightarrow \infty.$$
(5.17)

Similarly, we can prove that

$$\left\|\Delta_n^1(t+s_{m_k})-\Gamma_n^1(t)\right\|_{\alpha}\longrightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } k\longrightarrow \infty.$$
(5.18)

Therefore the sequence $\Gamma_n^1 \in AA(\mathbf{X}_{\alpha})$ for each n, and hence its uniform limit $\Gamma_Y \in AA(\mathbf{X}_{\alpha})$. Let us show that each $\widehat{\Gamma}_n^1 \in PAP_0(\mathbf{X}_{\alpha})$. Indeed,

$$\begin{split} \left\| \widehat{\Gamma}_{n}^{1}(t) \right\|_{\alpha} &\leq \int_{t-n}^{t-n+1} c(t-r)^{\beta-\alpha-1} e^{-\gamma(t-r)} \|Z(r)\|_{\beta} dr \\ &\leq c \left[\int_{n-1}^{n} e^{-q\gamma s} s^{q(\beta-\alpha-1)} ds \right]^{1/q} \cdot \left[\int_{t-n}^{t-n+1} \|Z(s)\|_{\beta}^{p} ds \right]^{1/p}, \end{split}$$
(5.19)

and hence $\widehat{\Gamma}_n^1 \in PAP_0(\mathbf{X}_{\alpha})$, as $Z^b \in PAP_0(L^p((0,1),\mathbf{X}_{\alpha}))$. Furthermore, using the assumption $L(q, \gamma, \alpha, \beta) < \infty$, we then deduce from the well-known Weirstrass theorem that the series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \widehat{\Gamma}_n^1(t) \tag{5.20}$$

is uniformly convergent on R. Moreover,

$$\widehat{\Gamma}_{Z}(t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \widehat{\Gamma}_{n}^{1}(t), \qquad (5.21)$$

 $\widehat{\Gamma}_1 u \in C(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{X}_{\alpha})$, and

$$\left\|\widehat{\Gamma}_{Z}(t)\right\|_{\alpha} \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left\|\widehat{\Gamma}_{n}^{1}(t)\right\|_{\alpha} \leq L(c,q,\gamma,\alpha,\beta) \|Z\|_{S^{p}}$$
(5.22)

for each $t \in \mathbf{R}$.

Consequently the uniform limit $\widehat{\Gamma}_{Z}(t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \widehat{\Gamma}_{n}^{1}(t) \in PAP_{0}(\mathbf{X}_{\alpha})$; see [21, Lemma 2.5]. Therefore, $\Gamma_{1}u = \Gamma_{Y} + \widehat{\Gamma}_{Z}$: $\mathbf{R} \mapsto \mathbf{X}_{\alpha}$ is pseudo almost automorphic.

The proof for the almost automorphy of $\Gamma_4 u$ is similar to that of $\Gamma_3 u$ and hence will be omitted.

Lemma 5.5. Under assumptions (H.1)-(H.2), consider the function $\Gamma_3 u$, for $u \in PAA^p(\mathbf{X}_{\alpha})$, defined by

$$(\Gamma_3 u)(t) := \int_{-\infty}^t T(t-s) Pg(s, Cu(s)) ds$$
(5.23)

for each $t \in \mathbf{R}$.

If $M(q, \gamma, \alpha) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[\int_{n-1}^{n} s^{-q\alpha} e^{-q\gamma s} ds \right]^{1/q} < \infty$, then $\Gamma_3 u \in PAA(\mathbf{X}_{\alpha})$.

Proof. The proof is similar to that of Lemma 5.3 and hence omitted, though here we make use of the approximation (5.4) rather than (5.5). \Box

Throughout the rest of the paper, the constant $k(\alpha)$ denotes the bound of the embedding $X_{\beta} \hookrightarrow X_{\alpha}$, that is,

$$\|u\|_{\alpha} \le k(\alpha) \|u\|_{\beta} \quad \text{for each } u \in \mathbf{X}_{\beta}.$$
(5.24)

Theorem 5.6. Under the previous assumptions and if assumptions (H.1)-(H.2) hold, then the evolution equation (1.3) has a unique pseudo almost automorphic solution whenever K is small enough, that is,

$$\Theta := K\varpi\left[k(\alpha) + \frac{c}{\delta} + c\frac{\Gamma(\beta - \alpha)}{\gamma^{\beta - \alpha}} + \frac{M(\alpha)\Gamma(1 - \alpha)}{\gamma^{1 - \alpha}} + \frac{c(\alpha)}{\delta}\right] < 1,$$
(5.25)

where $\varpi = \max(\|B\|_{B(\mathbf{X}_{\alpha},\mathbf{X})}, \|C\|_{B(\mathbf{X}_{\alpha},\mathbf{X})}).$

Proof. In $PAA^{p}(\mathbf{X}_{\alpha})$, define the operator $\mathbb{L} : PAA^{p}(\mathbf{X}_{\alpha}) \to C(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{X}_{\alpha})$ by setting

$$\mathbb{L}u(t) = -f(t, Bu(t)) - \int_{-\infty}^{t} AT(t-s)Pf(s, Bu(s))ds$$

+ $\int_{t}^{\infty} AT(t-s)Qf(s, Bu(s))ds$
+ $\int_{-\infty}^{t} T(t-s)Pg(s, Cu(s))ds$
- $\int_{t}^{\infty} T(t-s)Qg(s, Cu(s))ds$ (5.26)

for each $t \in \mathbf{R}$.

As we have previously seen, for every $u \in PAA^p(X_{\alpha})$, $f(\cdot, Bu(\cdot)) \in PAA^p(X_{\beta}) \subset PAA^p(X_{\alpha})$. From previous assumptions one can easily see that $\mathbb{L}u$ is well defined and continuous. Moreover, from Theorem 3.5, Lemma 5.3, and Lemma 5.5 we infer that \mathbb{L} maps $PAA^p(X_{\alpha})$ into $PAA(X_{\alpha})$. In particular, \mathbb{L} maps $PAA(X_{\alpha}) \subset PAA^p(X_{\alpha})$ into $PAA(X_{\alpha})$. To

complete the proof one has to show that \mathbb{L} has a unique fixed point. Let $v, w \in PAA(\mathbf{X}_{\alpha})$. It is routine to see that

$$\|\mathbb{L}v - \mathbb{L}w\|_{\infty,\alpha} \le \Theta \cdot \|v - w\|_{\infty,\alpha}.$$
(5.27)

Therefore, by the Banach fixed-point principle, if $\Theta < 1$, then \mathbb{L} has a unique fixed-point, which obviously is the only pseudo almost automorphic solution to (1.3).

6. Example

Let $\Omega \subset \mathbf{R}^N (N \ge 1)$ be an open bounded subset with C^2 boundary $\partial \Omega$, and let $\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{L}^2(\Omega)$ equipped with its natural topology $\|\cdot\|_{\mathbf{L}^2(\Omega)}$.

Define the linear operator appearing in (1.3) as follows:

$$Au = \Delta \ u \quad \forall u \in D(A) = \mathbf{H}_0^1(\Omega) \cap \mathbf{H}^2(\Omega).$$
(6.1)

The operator *A* defined above is sectorial and hence is the infinitesimal generator of an analytic semigroup $(T(t))_{t>0}$. Moreover, the semigroup $(T(t))_{t>0}$ is hyperbolic as $\sigma(A) \cap i\mathbf{R} = \emptyset$.

Throughout the rest of the paper, for each $\mu \in (0, 1)$, we take $\mathbf{X}_{\mu} = D((-\Delta)^{\mu})$ equipped with its μ -norm $\|\cdot\|_{\mu}$. Moreover, we let $\alpha = 1/2$ and suppose that $1/2 < \beta < 1$. Letting $\widehat{B}u = Bu = Cu$ for all $u \in \mathbf{X}_{1/2} = D((-\Delta)^{1/2}) = \mathbf{H}_0^1(\Omega)$, one easily sees that both operators are bounded from $\mathbf{H}_0^1(\Omega)$ into $\mathbf{L}^2(\Omega)$ with $\varpi = 1$.

We require the following assumption.

(H.3) Let $1/2 < \beta < 1$, let $F : \mathbb{R} \times H_0^1(\Omega) \mapsto X_\beta$ be an S^p -pseudo almost automorphic function in $t \in \mathbb{R}$ uniformly in $u \in H_0^1(\Omega)$, and let $G : \mathbb{R} \times H_0^1(\Omega) \mapsto L^2(\Omega)$ be S^p -pseudo almost automorphic in $t \in \mathbb{R}$ uniformly in $u \in H_0^1(\Omega)$. Moreover, the functions F, G are uniformly Lipschitz with respect to the second argument in the following sense: there exists K' > 0 such that

$$\|F(t,u) - F(t,v)\|_{\beta} \le K' \|u - v\|_{L^{2}(\Omega)},$$

$$\|G(t,u) - G(t,v)\|_{L^{2}(\Omega)} \le K' \|u - v\|_{L^{2}(\Omega)}$$

(6.2)

for all $u, v \in L^2(\Omega)$ and $t \in \mathbf{R}$.

We have the following.

Theorem 6.1. Under the previous assumptions including (H.3), then the N-dimensional heat equation (1.1) has a unique pseudo almost automorphic solution $\varphi \in \mathbf{H}_0^1(\Omega) \cap \mathbf{H}^2(\Omega)$ whenever K' is small enough.

Classical examples of the above-mentioned functions $F, G : \mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{H}_0^1(\Omega) \mapsto \mathbf{L}^2(\Omega)$ are given as follows:

$$F(t,\widehat{B}u) = \frac{Ke(t)}{1+|\widehat{B}u|}, \qquad G(t,\widehat{B}u) = \frac{Km(t)}{1+|\widehat{B}u|}, \tag{6.3}$$

where the functions $e, m : \mathbf{R} \mapsto \mathbf{R}$ are S^p -pseudo almost automorphic.

In this particular case, the corresponding heat equation, that is,

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left[\varphi + \frac{Ke(t)}{1 + \left| \widehat{B} \varphi \right|} \right] = \Delta \varphi + \frac{Km(t)}{1 + \left| \widehat{B} \varphi \right|}, \quad t \in \mathbf{R}, \ x \in \Omega,$$

$$\varphi(t, x) = 0, \quad t \in \mathbf{R}, \ x \in \partial \Omega$$
(6.4)

has a unique pseudo almost automorphic solution $\varphi \in H^1_0(\Omega) \cap H^2(\Omega)$ whenever *K* is small enough.

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