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Preface.

The first aim of this book is to present in a coherent way some of the fundamental results and recent research on nonlinear evolution operators and semigroups. The second aim is to show how to apply these abstract results to unify the treatment of several types of partial differential equations arising in physics (the heat equation, wave equation, Schrödinger equation, and so on).

The motivation of this theory is clearly pointed out in the following quotation from: Autumn Course on Semigroups, Theory and Applications, held at the International Centre For Theoretical Physics, Trieste (Italy), 12 November - 14 December 1984 (Brezis-Crandall- Kappel, Directors).

"The last two decades have witnessed a tremendous use of semigroups and evolution equations techniques in solving problems related to PDE and FDE. This allows the treatment of PDE and FDE as suitable ODE in infinite dimensional Banach spaces. This method has considerably simplified and clarified the the proofs, and has unified the treatment of several different classes of differential equations. It has solved many problems that had been left open by previously known methods, and has been very succesful in dealing with discontinuous data and regularity."

Chapter 1 deals with the construction and main properties of nonlinear evolution operator $U(t, s)$ associated with a class of nonlinear (possible multivalued) operators $A(t)$ with time dependent domain, satisfying Hypotheses $H(2.1)$ and $H(2.2)$ in Section 2. We also say that $U(t, s)$ is associated with the nonautonomous differential equation (inclusion) $x'(t) \in A(t)x(t)$. In the convergence of DS -approximate solutions (i.e., in the construction of $U(t, s)$) the fundamental estimate is given by (2.40), essentially due to Kobayashi, Kobayasi and Oharu. Among other general results, we mention Theorem 5.1 which gives a characterization of the compactness of evolution operators.

Note that $U(t, s)$ associated with the equation $x'(t) \in A(t)x(t)$ allows a unifying treatment of the existence, uniqueness and behaviour of the various types of solutions to the Cauchy problem for this equation.

Chapter 2 is devoted to nonlinear semigroups $S_A(t)$ which are generated by the DS -limit solutions associated with the dissipative operator A . In the case A - m -dissipative, $S_A(t)$ is given by the exponential formula of Crandall-Liggett. We say also that $S_A(t)$ is generated by A via the exponential formula. The semigroup approach is important in the study of the solutions of the autonomous differential equation $x' \in Ax$, which includes several different classes of PDE and FDE.

In order to avoid duplication and to reduce the length of this work, we have tried to make (as much as possible) the autonomous case as a special subcase of the time-dependent case (this was also a suggestion of the referee). Of course this is an economic way to present such a theory, but not the simplest one. For the sake of simplicity, the reader may start with the autonomous case.

In the theory of the generation of nonlinear semigroups, the fundamental estimate (given by (1.16)) due to Kobayashi, is derived from (2.40) in Chapter 1, i.e., from nonautonomous case.

In Chapter 3, one applies the results of Chapters 1 and 2, both to a class of multivalued evolution equations and to some partial differential equations modelling physical phenomena.

Most of the results here are presented for the first time in a book (e.g., Brezis' characterization of nonlinear compact semigroups in Chapter 2, the theory of nonlinear evolution operators in Chapter 1 and most of the material in Chapter 3. Some of the results are very recent and not yet published (e.g., the characterization of compactness of evolution operators given by the author, the characterization of compactness of a linear semigroup solely in terms of the resolvent of its infinitesimal generator due to Vrabie and so on).

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Chapter 1

Nonlinear Evolution Operators

The aim of this chapter is to study the nonlinear evolution operators $U(t,s)$ associated with a class of nonlinear possible multivalued operators with time-dependent domain.

1. Preliminaries. Discrete Schemes (DS)

Let us consider the differential inclusion

$$u'(t) \in A(t)u(t), \quad s \leq t \leq T \quad (1.1)$$

with initial conditions

$$u(s) = x_0, \quad x_0 \in \overline{D(A(s))}, \quad (1.1)$$

where $A(t) : D(A(t)) \subset X \rightarrow 2^X$ is a time-dependent (possible multivalued) nonlinear operator acting in the real Banach space X with the time-dependent domain $D(A(t))$. (The equation (1.1) is said to be nonautonomous).

The conditions we shall impose on $A(t)$ (see (2.11)), allow even the closure $\overline{D(A(t))}$ of $D(A(t))$ to be time-dependent. We shall see that this is the case in some concrete situations (see Ch. 3, §2).

The key of the construction of $U(t,s)$ is the introduction of the "DS-approximate solution" u_n as the following step function

$$u_n(t) = \begin{cases} x_0^n, & \text{for } t = t_0^n = s \\ x_k^n, & \text{for } t \in [t_{k-1}^n, t_k^n], \end{cases} \quad (1.2)$$

where n is a positive integer ($n \in \mathbb{N}$), $k = 0, 1, \dots, N_n$ and $t_k^n \in [s, T]$ $x_k^n \in D(A(t_k^n))$ are defined in that follows. (Note that DS is the abbreviation of "Discrete Schemes").

Let $s, T \in \mathbb{R}$ with $s < T$ and $x_0 \in \overline{D(A(s))}$. Suppose that there is a partition P_n of $[s, T]$

$$P_n = \{s = t_0^n, t_1^n, \dots, t_{N_n-1}^n, t_{N_n}^n\}$$

with

$$s = t_0^n < t_1^n < \dots < t_{N_n-1}^n < T = t_{N_n}^n \quad (1.3)$$

and

$$d_n = \max_{1 \leq k \leq N_n} (t_k^n - t_{k-1}^n) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty, \quad \omega_{n-1} \leq \frac{1}{2} \quad (1.4)$$

(see (2.36))

Assume, in addition, that there are some elements $x_k^n \in D(A(t_k^n)) \subset X$ and $p_k^n \in X$ such that

$$y_k^n = \frac{x_k^n - x_{k-1}^n}{t_k^n - t_{k-1}^n} - p_k^n \in A(t_k^n) t_k^n, \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, N_n \quad (1.5)$$

$$x_0^n \in D(A(s)), \quad x_0^n \rightarrow x_0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty \quad (1.6)$$

$$b_n = \sum_{k=1}^{N_n} (t_k^n - t_{k-1}^n) \|p_k^n\| \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty. \quad (1.7)$$

In the situation $N_n \rightarrow \infty$, $t_{N_n}^n \equiv T \equiv \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} t_k^n$, and $u_n(T) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} x_k^n$. We shall give conditions that guarantee the existence of such elements with the properties (1.3)-(1.7), having the additional property that the corresponding "DS-approximate solution" u_n is convergent to a continuous function $u = u(t; s, x_0)$ (called DS-limit solution to (1.1)+(1.1)').

Moreover, we will prove that u is well-defined (i.e. every DS-approximate solution u_n has the same limit u) and that the operator $U(t, s): \overline{D(A(s))} \rightarrow \overline{D(A(t))}$ defined by

$$U(t, s)x_0 \equiv u(t; s, x_0) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_n(t), x_0 \in \overline{D(A(s))}, s \leq t \leq T \quad (1.8)$$

is an evolution operator (as in Section 3). Of course, we shall study the relationship of U with the "strong" solution to (1.1)+(1.1') (Section 3).

Various applications to some partial differential equations will be given in Chapter 3.

The DS-limit solution u

$$u(t; s, x_0) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_n(t) \quad (1.9)$$

is also called "generalized solution", or "mild solution" (or still "weak solution") to (1.1)+(1.1').

The uniqueness of the mild solution is provable by means of the "Be-nilan uniqueness theorem" (Section 3).

Roughly speaking, the existence of "DS-approximate solutions" is guaranteed by the "Range condition"

$$R(I - hA(t+h)) \supset \overline{D(A(t))}, \quad 0 < h \leq h_0, \quad s \leq t < T \quad (1.10)$$

for some small $h_0 > 0$. In this case (1.5) holds with $p_k^n = 0 \in X$.

As we shall see in Section 7, a strictly more general condition than (1.10) is the following "tangential condition"

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} d[x; R(I - hA(t+h))] = 0, \quad \forall x \in \overline{D(A(t))}, \quad s \leq t < T, \quad (1.11)$$

where $d[x; B]$ stands for the distance from $x \in X$ to the set $B \subset X$.

It is easy to check that

$$|d[x; B] - d[y; B]| \leq \|x - y\|, \quad x, y \in X, \quad (1.11)'$$

where $|r|$ is the absolute value of $r \in \mathbb{R}$ and $\|x\|$ is the norm of $x \in X$.

Another important "tangential condition" with significant geometric interpretation is the following one

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} d[x + hA(t)x; D(A(t+h))] = 0, \quad \forall x \in D(A(t)), \quad s \leq t < T, \quad (1.12)$$

(where $A(t) : D(A(t)) \subset X \rightarrow X$ is now supposed to be single-valued).

The relationship between (1.11) and (1.12) will be pointed out later (see § 7). Now, we only mention that if $D(A(t))$ is closed and if $(t, x) \rightarrow A(t)x$ is continuous, then (1.12) implies (1.11).

The convergence of the sequence of DS-approximate solutions u_n is guaranteed by a condition on the t -dependence of $A(t)$ (which implies that for each t , $A(t)$ is dissipative). Such a condition is given in the next section. See (H.(2.1)).

Remark 1.1. The condition (1.11) (and respectively (1.12)) is important in applications. Thus, in the case of the (PDE) (2.1) in Chapter 3, (1.10) is not satisfied, but (1.11) holds. The condition (1.12) plays also a crucial role in the theory of the flow-invariance of a set with respect to a differential equation (Cf. Pavel [15]).

§2. The convergence of DS-approximate solutions.

2.1. The time dependence of $A(t)$.

For the sake of selfcontainment we start with the introduction of the functions

$$\langle y, x \rangle_s = \lim_{h \downarrow 0} \frac{\|x+hy\|^2 - \|x\|^2}{2h}, \quad x, y \in X \quad (2.1)$$

$$\langle y, x \rangle_+ = \lim_{h \downarrow 0} \frac{\|x+hy\| - \|x\|}{h}, \quad x, y \in X \quad (2.2)$$

$$\langle y, x \rangle_i = \lim_{h \uparrow 0} \frac{\|x+hy\|^2 - \|x\|^2}{2h}, \quad x, y \in X \quad (2.3)$$

$$\langle y, x \rangle_- = \lim_{h \uparrow 0} \frac{\|x+hy\| - \|x\|}{h}, \quad x, y \in X. \quad (2.4)$$

These functions are well-defined since both $h \mapsto \|x+hy\|^2$ and $h \mapsto \|x+hy\|$ are real convex functions. For each $h \neq 0$ and $x, y \in X$ set

$$\langle y, x \rangle_h = \frac{\|x+hy\| - \|x\|}{h}. \quad (2.5)$$

The following properties are obvious

$$\langle y, x \rangle_s = \|x\| \langle y, x \rangle_+, \quad \langle y, x \rangle_i = \|x\| \langle y, x \rangle_- \quad (2.6)$$

$$\langle y, x \rangle_{+} \leq \langle y, x \rangle_h \leq \|y\|, \text{ if } h > 0; \quad \langle y, -x \rangle_p = \langle -y, x \rangle_p \quad (2.7)$$

where $p = i$ or s ,

$$\langle y, x \rangle_{h-} \leq \langle y, x \rangle_-, \text{ if } h < 0, \quad \langle y, x \rangle_{i-} \leq \langle y, x \rangle_{s-} \leq \|x\| \|y\|. \quad (2.8)$$

Recall also the definition of the duality mapping $F: X \rightarrow X^*$ of X , i.e.,

$$F(x) = \{x^* \in X^* ; x^*(x) = \|x\|^2 = \|x^*\|^2\} , \quad x \in X, \quad (2.9)$$

where X^* is the dual of X . The norm on X^* is denoted also by $\|\cdot\|$.

The result below is well-known.

Proposition 2.1. For each $x, y \in X$, there are $x_i^* \in F(x)$, $i = 1, 2$, such that:

$$\langle y, x \rangle_s = x_1^*(y) = \sup \{x^*(y) ; x^* \in F(x)\} , \quad (2.10)$$

$$\langle y, x \rangle_i = x_2^*(y) = \inf \{x^*(y) ; x^* \in F(x)\} .$$

Here $x^*(y)$ denotes the value of $x^* \in X^*$ at $y \in X$. The proof of Proposition 2.1 is given in Appendix (Corollary 1.1 and Remark 1.1).

We are now prepared to introduce the basic hypothesis (H(2.1)) on the t -dependence of $A(t)$.

(H(2.1)) - There exist $\omega \geq 0$, a continuous function $f:]a, b[\rightarrow X$, and a bounded (on bounded subsets) function $L: \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ such that:

$$\langle y_1 - y_2, x_1 - x_2 \rangle_i \leq \omega \|x_1 - x_2\|^2 + \|f(t) - f(s)\| \|x_1 - x_2\| L(\|x_2\|) \quad (2.11)$$

for all $a < s \leq t \leq b$, $[x_1, y_1] \in A(t)$, $[x_2, y_2] \in A(s)$, $-\infty \leq a < b \leq +\infty$.

(H(2.2)) - The domain $D(A(t))$ of $A(t)$ depends on $t \in [s, T]$ in the following sense:

If $t_n \rightarrow t$ in $]s, T]$, $x_n \in D(A(t_n))$ and $x_n \rightarrow x$ in X , then $x \in \overline{D(A(t))}$.

Remark 2.1 If $D(A(t))$ is a closed set for each $t \in [s, T]$, then (H(2.2)) means that the mapping $t \rightarrow D(A(t))$ is closed.

Example 2.1. Hypotheses (H(2.1)) and (H(2.2)) do not imply, in general, that $\overline{D(A(t))}$ is independent of t . For example, let $X = \mathbb{R} =]-\infty, +\infty[$ and

$$A(t)x = \sqrt{x-t} + 1, \text{ with } D(A(t)) = [t, +\infty[= \overline{D(A(t))}, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}.$$

In this case (1.11) is equivalent with (1.12) which is satisfied because $R(I+hA(t)) \subset D(A(t+h))$ for all $h > 0$. Clearly (2.11) holds since

$$(*) \quad (A(t)x - A(s)y)(x-y) \leq \sqrt{t-s}|x-y|, \quad x \geq t, \quad y \geq s.$$

Examples in partial differential equations in which $\overline{D(A(t))}$ is also

time-dependent are given in Chapter 3, § 2.

However, if $A(t)$ is m -dissipative for every $t \in [s, T]$, then $\overline{D(A(t))} = \overline{D}$ is necessarily independent on t (see Remark 4.2). Take for Example $\overline{D} = \overline{D(A(0))}$ (in this case). Obviously, the inequality (*) is stronger than (2.11) and corresponds to the case $\|f(t) - f(s)\| \leq \sqrt{t-s}$ (see (2.45)).

Remark 2.2. The notation $[x, y] \in A(t)$ means $x \in D(A(t))$ and $y \in A(t)x$. For $t=s$ Condition (2.11) implies the ω -dissipativity of $A(t)$, i.e.,

$$\langle y_1 - y_2, x_1 - x_2 \rangle_i \leq \omega \|x_1 - x_2\|^2, \quad [x_j, y_j] \in A(t), \quad (2.12)$$

$j = 1, 2, \quad t \in]a, b[$. Some details in this direction may be found in Appendix. Condition (H(2.1)) allows $\overline{D(A(t))}$ to be t -independent (see Example 2.1 above and Section 2 in Chapter 3).

In the theory of the convergence of DS-approximate solutions, the result below is essential.

Proposition 2.2. (1) the condition (2.11) is equivalent with

$$(1 - \lambda\omega) \|x_1 - x_2\| \leq \|x_1 - x_2 - \lambda(y_1 - y_2)\| + \lambda \|f(t) - f(s)\| L(\|x_2\|) \quad (2.13)$$

for all $\lambda > 0, a \leq s \leq t \leq T, [x_1, y_1] \in A(t), [x_2, y_2] \in A(s)$.

(2) The inequality (2.13) implies

$$\begin{aligned} (\lambda + \mu - \lambda\mu\omega) \|x_1 - x_2\| &\leq \lambda \|x_2 - \mu y_2 - x_1\| + \mu \|x_1 - \lambda y_1 - x_2\| + \\ &+ \lambda\mu \|f(t) - f(s)\| L(\|x_2\|) \end{aligned} \quad (2.14)$$

for all $\lambda, \mu > 0, a \leq s \leq t \leq T, [x_1, y_1] \in A(t), [x_2, y_2] \in A(s)$, and (2.14) implies

$$(1 - \lambda\omega) \|x_1 - u\| \leq \|x_1 - \lambda y_1 - u\| + \lambda |A(s)u| + \lambda \|f(t) - f(s)\| L(\|u\|) \quad (2.15)$$

for all $\lambda > 0, a < s \leq t \leq T, [x_1, y_1] \in A(t), u \in D(A(s))$, where

$$|A(s)u| = \inf \{ \|v\| ; v \in A(s)u \}. \quad (2.16)$$

Remark 2.3. Inequality (2.14) is equivalent to

$$\langle y_1, x_1 - x_2 \rangle_i + \langle y_2, x_2 - x_1 \rangle_i \leq \omega \|x_1 - x_2\|^2 + \|f(t) - f(s)\| \|x_1 - x_2\| L(\|x_2\|) \quad (2.14)'$$

for all $a < s \leq t \leq T$, $[x_1, y_1] \in A(t)$, $[x_2, y_2] \in A(s)$ (see Appendix).

Proof of Proposition 2.2. (1) In view of Proposition 2.1 there is $x^* \in F(x_1 - x_2)$, such that

$$\langle y_1 - y_2, x_1 - x_2 \rangle_i = x^* (y_1 - y_2). \quad (2.17)$$

It is now easy to check that (2.11) implies (2.13). Indeed, by (2.11) and (2.15) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_1 - x_2\|^2 &= x^* (x_1 - x_2) = x^* (x_1 - x_2 - \lambda(y_1 - y_2)) + \lambda x^* (y_1 - y_2) \\ &\leq \|x_1 - x_2\| \|x_1 - x_2 - \lambda(y_1 - y_2)\| + \lambda \omega \|x_1 - x_2\|^2 + \\ &\quad \lambda \|f(t) - f(s)\| L(\|x_2\|) \|x_1 - x_2\| \end{aligned}$$

which yields (2.13). We now prove that (2.13) implies (2.11). To this goal, observe that (2.13) can be written in the form

$$\frac{\|x_1 - x_2 - \lambda(y_1 - y_2)\| - \|x_1 - x_2\|}{-\lambda} \leq \omega \|x_1 - x_2\| + \|f(t) - f(s)\| L(\|x_2\|). \quad (2.18)$$

In view of (2.6) we see that (2.18) implies (2.11). Similarly, we show that (2.11) implies (2.14), namely

$$\begin{aligned} (\lambda + \mu) \|x_1 - x_2\|^2 &= \lambda x^* (x_1 - x_2) + \mu x^* (x_1 - x_2) = \\ &= \mu x^* (x_1 - x_2 - \lambda y_1) - \lambda x^* (x_2 - x_1 - \mu y_2) + \lambda \mu x^* (y_1 - y_2). \end{aligned} \quad (2.19)$$

Combining (2.11), (2.17) and (2.19), we get obviously (2.14). Finally, Triangular inequality, $x_2 = u$, $y_2 \in A(s)u$ and (2.14) imply clearly (subtracting $\lambda \|x_1 - x_2\|$ and then dividing by μ)

$$(1 - \lambda \omega) \|x_1 - u\| \leq \|x_1 - \lambda y_1 - u\| + \lambda \|y_2\| + \lambda \|f(t) - f(s)\| L(\|u\|),$$

$\forall y_2 \in A(s)u$, which yields (2.15). The proof is complete.

2.2. A remarkable estimate.

We now consider the discrete scheme $\{\hat{P}_m, \hat{x}_j^m, \hat{y}_j^m\} = DS$ corresponding to $\hat{S} \in [0, T]$ and $\hat{x}_0 \in D(A(\hat{S}))$ is the sense of (1.2)-(1.7). Therefore

$$\hat{P}_m = \{\hat{S} = \hat{t}_0^m, \hat{t}_1^m, \dots, \hat{t}_{N-1}^m, T\} \text{ with}$$

$$\hat{S} = \{ \hat{t}_0^m < \hat{t}_1^m < \dots < \hat{t}_j^m < \dots < \hat{t}_{N_m-1}^m < \hat{t}_{N_m}^m \equiv T \}, \quad m \in \mathbb{N}$$

$$\hat{d}_m = \max_{1 \leq j \leq N_m} (\hat{t}_j^m - \hat{t}_{j-1}^m) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } m \rightarrow \infty, \quad \omega \hat{d}_m > \frac{1}{2} \quad (2.19)$$

$$\hat{y}_j^m = \frac{\hat{x}_j^m - \hat{x}_{j-1}^m}{\hat{t}_j^m - \hat{t}_{j-1}^m} - \hat{p}_j^m \in A(\hat{t}_j^m) \hat{x}_j^m, \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, \hat{N}_m \quad (2.20)$$

$$\hat{x}_j^m \in D(A(\hat{t}_j^m)), \quad j = 0, 1, \dots, N_m, \quad \hat{x}_0^m \rightarrow \hat{x}_0 \in \overline{D(A(\hat{S}))} \quad (2.21)$$

$$\hat{b}_m = \sum_{j=1}^{N_m} (\hat{t}_j^m - \hat{t}_{j-1}^m) \|\hat{p}_j^m\| \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } m \rightarrow \infty. \quad (2.22)$$

The DS-approximate solution \hat{u}_m corresponding to the above discrete scheme is defined as u_n (see (1.2)), that is

$$u_m(t) = \begin{cases} \hat{x}_0^m, & t = \hat{t}_0^m = \hat{S} \\ \hat{x}_j^m, & t \in]\hat{t}_{j-1}^m, \hat{t}_j^m] \end{cases} \quad (2.23)$$

For simplicity of writing, set

$$h_k^n = t_k^n - t_{k-1}^n, \quad \hat{h}_j^m = \hat{t}_j^m - \hat{t}_{j-1}^m, \quad k=1, 2, \dots, N_n, \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, \hat{N}_m. \quad (2.24)$$

Then, by (1.6) and (2.20), we have

$$x_k^n - h_k^n y_k^n = x_{k-1}^n + h_k^n p_k^n, \quad \hat{x}_j^m - \hat{h}_j^m \hat{y}_j^m = \hat{x}_{j-1}^m + \hat{h}_j^m \hat{p}_j^m, \quad (2.25)$$

with

$$y_k^n \in A(t_k^n) x_k^n, \quad \hat{y}_j^m \in A(\hat{t}_j^m) \hat{x}_j^m, \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, N_n, \quad j=1, 2, \dots, \hat{N}_m.$$

It is also convenient to denote by

$$\begin{aligned} a_{k,j} &= \|x_k^n - \hat{x}_j^m\|, \quad d_{k,j} = \|f(t_k^n) - f(\hat{t}_j^m)\| \leq \rho(|t_k^n - \hat{t}_j^m|) \text{ (see (2.38))} \\ \alpha_{k,j} &= \hat{h}_j^m / (h_k^n + \hat{h}_j^m), \quad \beta_{k,j} = h_k^n / (h_k^n + \hat{h}_j^m), \quad \gamma_{k,j} = h_k^n \hat{h}_j^m / (h_k^n + \hat{h}_j^m) \end{aligned} \quad (2.26)$$

$$c_{k,j}^{(n)} = [(t_k^n - \hat{t}_j^m - n)^2 + d_n(t_k^n - s) + \hat{d}_m(\hat{t}_j^m - \hat{s})]^{\frac{1}{2}}, \quad 0 \leq |n| < T. \quad (2.27)$$

The next simple lemma will play an essential role in the proof of the main estimates.

Lemma 2.1. The following inequality

$$\alpha_{k,j} c_{k-1,j}^{(n)} + \beta_{k,j} c_{k,j-1}^{(n)} \leq c_{k,j}^{(n)} \quad (2.28)$$

holds for $k = 1, 2, \dots, N_n$, $j = 1, 2, \dots, \hat{N}_m$.

Proof. Since $\alpha_{k,j} + \beta_{k,j} = 1$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} I_1 &= \alpha_{k,j} c_{k-1,j}^{(n)} + \beta_{k,j} c_{k,j-1}^{(n)} \\ &\leq (\alpha_{k,j} c_{k-1,j}^{(n)} + \beta_{k,j} c_{k,j-1}^{(n)})^{\frac{1}{2}} \end{aligned} \quad (2.29)$$

Here we have used the elementary inequality

$$a_1 b_1 + a_2 b_2 \leq (a_1^2 + a_2^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} (b_1^2 + b_2^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

with $a_1 = (\alpha_{k,j})^{\frac{1}{2}}$, $a_2 = (\beta_{k,j})^{\frac{1}{2}}$, and so on.

For simplicity, and since there is no danger of confusion, in this proof we drop the indices m and n (i.e., we write $t_k^n = t_k$, $\hat{t}_j^m = \hat{t}_j$ and so on); Thus, according to the notations in (2.24) we have $t_{k-1} = t_k - h_k$, $\hat{t}_{j-1} = \hat{t}_j - \hat{h}_j$, and therefore

$$\begin{aligned} (t_{k-1} - \hat{t}_j - n)^2 &= (t_k - \hat{t}_j - n)^2 - 2h_k(t_k - \hat{t}_j - n) + h_k^2 \\ (t_k - \hat{t}_{j-1} - n)^2 &= (t_k - \hat{t}_j - n)^2 + 2\hat{h}_j(t_k - \hat{t}_j - n) + \hat{h}_j^2. \end{aligned} \quad (2.30)$$

Consequently

$$\begin{aligned} I_1 &\leq \frac{1}{h_k + \hat{h}_j} [\hat{h}_j(t_{k-1} - \hat{t}_j - n)^2 + d_n(t_{k-1} - s) + \hat{d}_m(\hat{t}_j - \hat{s}) + \\ &\quad \frac{1}{h_k + \hat{h}_j} h_k(t_k - \hat{t}_{j-1} - n)^2 + d_n(t_k - s) + \hat{d}_m(\hat{t}_{j-1} - \hat{s})] = \\ &\quad (t_k - \hat{t}_j - n)^2 + d_n(t_k - s) + \hat{d}_m(t_j - \hat{s}) + \frac{h_k \hat{h}_j}{h_k + \hat{h}_j} (h_k - d_n + \hat{h}_j - \hat{d}_m) \end{aligned}$$