



# Existence of solutions of system of functional-integral equations using measure of noncompactness

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## Abstract

We propose to investigate the solutions of system of functional-integral equations in the setting of measure of noncompactness on real-valued bounded and continuous Banach space. To achieve this, we first establish some new Darbo type fixed and coupled fixed point results for  $\mu$ -set  $(\omega, \vartheta)$ -contraction operator using arbitrary measure of noncompactness in Banach spaces. An example is given in support for the solutions of a pair of system of functional-integral equations.

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## 1. Introduction and preliminaries

The measure of noncompactness (MNC, in short) is coined by Kuratowski [11] and combined with some algebraic arguments are useful for studying the mathematical formulations, particularly for solving the existence of solutions of some nonlinear problems under certain conditions.

Denote by  $\mathbb{R}$  the set of real numbers and put  $\mathbb{R}_+ = [0, +\infty)$ . Let  $(E, \|\cdot\|)$  be a real Banach space with zero element 0. Let  $\overline{B}(x, r)$  denote the closed ball centered at  $x$  with radius  $r$ . The symbol

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$\overline{B}_r$  stands for the ball  $\overline{B}(0, r)$ . For  $X$ , a nonempty subset of  $E$ , we denote by  $\overline{X}$  and  $\text{Conv}X$  the closure and the closed convex hull of  $X$ , respectively. Moreover, let us denote by  $\mathfrak{M}_E$  the family of nonempty bounded subsets of  $E$  and by  $\mathfrak{N}_E$  its subfamily consisting of all relatively compact subsets of  $E$ .

**Definition 1.1.** [7] A mapping  $\mu : \mathfrak{M}_E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  is said to be a MNC in  $E$  if it satisfies the following conditions:

(1°) The family  $\ker\mu = \{X \in \mathfrak{M}_E : \mu(X) = 0\}$  is nonempty and  $\ker\mu \subset \mathfrak{N}_E$ ;

(2°)  $X \subset Y \implies \mu(X) \leq \mu(Y)$ ;

(3°)  $\mu(\overline{X}) = \mu(X)$ ;

(4°)  $\mu(\text{Conv}X) = \mu(X)$ ;

(5°)  $\mu(\lambda X + (1 - \lambda)Y) \leq \lambda\mu(X) + (1 - \lambda)\mu(Y)$  for  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$ ;

(6°) If  $\{X_n\}$  is a sequence of closed sets from  $\mathfrak{M}_E$  such that  $X_{n+1} \subset X_n$  for  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ , and if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu(X_n) = 0$ , then the intersection set  $X_\infty = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} X_n$  is nonempty.

The subfamily  $\ker\mu$  defined (1°) represents the kernel of the measure  $\mu$  of noncompactness and since

$$\mu(X_\infty) = \mu\left(\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} X_n\right) \leq \mu(X_n),$$

we see that

$$\mu\left(\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} X_n\right) = 0.$$

Therefore,  $X_\infty \in \ker\mu$ .

For a bounded subset  $A$  of a metric space  $(X, d)$  the Kuratowski MNC is defined as

$$\alpha(A) = \inf \left\{ \delta > 0 : A = \bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i, \text{diam}(A_i) \leq \delta \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n \leq \infty \right\},$$

where  $\text{diam}(A_i) = \sup \{d(x, y) : x, y \in A_i\}$ .

The Hausdorff MNC for a bounded set  $A$  is defined by

$$\chi(A) = \inf \{\epsilon > 0 : A \text{ has finite } \epsilon\text{-net in } X\}.$$

From now onwards unless otherwise specified, we take  $\mu(\cdot)$  as an arbitrary MNC in Banach space  $\mathcal{X}$ .

In [8], the notion of MNC is very well utilized by Darbo to generalized Schauder's and Banach's fixed point theorems.

We denote  $\Gamma = \{C : \emptyset \neq C, \text{ closed, bounded and convex subset of a Banach space } E\}$ .

**Theorem 1.2.** (Schauder's fixed point theorem)[6] Let  $C \in \Gamma$  without boundedness. Then every compact, continuous map  $T : C \rightarrow C$  has at least one fixed point.

**Theorem 1.3.** (Darbo's fixed point theorem) [5]. Let  $C \in \Gamma$  and let  $T : C \rightarrow C$  be a continuous mapping such that  $\exists$  a constant  $k \in [0, 1)$  with the property

$$\mu(TX) \leq k\mu(X),$$

for any  $\emptyset \neq X \subset C$ . Then  $T$  has a fixed point in the set  $C$ .

## 2. Fixed point theorems for $\mu$ -set $(\omega, \vartheta)$ -contraction condition

In this section, we propose some new fixed point results for new notion of  $\mu$ -set  $(\omega, \vartheta)$ -contraction condition in the frame of Banach space. Before introducing  $\mu$ -set  $(\omega, \vartheta)$ -contraction, we recall following definitions:

**Definition 2.1.** (Altun and Turkoglu [1]) Let  $F([0, \infty))$  be class of all function  $f : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty]$  and let  $\Theta$  be class of all operators

$$\mathcal{O}(\circ; \cdot) : F([0, \infty)) \rightarrow F([0, \infty)), f \rightarrow \mathcal{O}(f; \cdot)$$

satisfying the following conditions:

- (i)  $\mathcal{O}(f; t) > 0$  for  $t > 0$  and  $\mathcal{O}(f; 0) = 0$ ,
- (ii)  $\mathcal{O}(f; t) \leq \mathcal{O}(f; s)$  for  $t \leq s$ ,
- (iii)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{O}(f; t_n) = \mathcal{O}(f; \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} t_n)$ ,
- (iv)  $\mathcal{O}(f; \max\{t, s\}) = \max\{\mathcal{O}(f; t), \mathcal{O}(f; s)\}$  for some  $f \in F([0, \infty))$ .

**Definition 2.2.** [12] A function  $\varphi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, 1)$  is said to be an MT-function if

$$\limsup_{s \rightarrow t^+} \varphi(s) < 1 \text{ for all } t \in [0, \infty).$$

**Definition 2.3.** [10] A function  $\vartheta : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is called a GMT function if the following conditions hold:

- ( $\vartheta_1$ )  $0 < \vartheta(t, s) < 1$  for all  $t, s > 0$ ;
- ( $\vartheta_2$ ) for any bounded sequence  $\{t_n\} \subset (0, +\infty)$  and any non-increasing sequence  $\{s_n\} \subset (0, +\infty)$ , we have

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \vartheta(t_n, s_n) < 1.$$

We denote the set of all GMT functions by  $\widehat{GMT}(R)$ .

**Definition 2.4.** Let  $\Omega$  denote the set of all functions  $\omega : [0; +\infty) \rightarrow [0, +\infty)$  satisfying:

- (I)  $\omega$  is non-decreasing,
- (II)  $\omega(t) = 0 \Leftrightarrow t = 0$ .

Now we are in position to establish generalized form of Darbo fixed point theorem.

**Theorem 2.5.** Let  $C \in \Gamma$  and  $T : C \rightarrow C$  is continuous function and satisfying

$$\omega(\mathcal{O}(f; \mu(TX))) \leq \vartheta(\mathcal{O}(f; \mu(TX)), \omega(\mathcal{O}(f; \mu(X))))\omega(\mathcal{O}(f; \mu(X))), \quad (2.1)$$

for any  $\emptyset \neq X \subset C$ , where  $\mathcal{O}(\circ; \cdot) \in \Theta$ ,  $\vartheta \in \widehat{GMT}(R)$  and  $\omega \in \Omega$ . Then  $T$  has at least one fixed point in  $C$ .

**Proof .** We start with constructing a sequence  $\{C_n\}$  such that  $C_0 = C$ ,  $C_{n+1} = Conv(TC_n)$ , for  $n \geq 0$ . If  $\mu(C_N) = 0$  for some natural number  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ , then  $\mu(C_{n_0}) = 0$ , then  $C_{n_0}$  is compact and since  $T(C_{n_0}) \subseteq Conv(TC_{n_0}) = C_{n_0+1} \subseteq C_{n_0}$ . Thus we conclude the result from Theorem 1.2, hence we assume that

$$0 < \mu(C_n), \forall n \geq 1.$$

From (2.1), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \omega(\mathcal{O}(f; \mu(C_{n+1}))) &= \omega(\mathcal{O}(f; \mu(Conv(TC_n)))) = \omega(\mathcal{O}(f; \mu(TC_n))) \\ &\leq \vartheta(\mathcal{O}(f; \mu(TC_n)), \omega(\mathcal{O}(f; \mu(C_n)))) \omega(\mathcal{O}(f; \mu(C_n))), \end{aligned} \quad (2.2)$$

which, by the fact that  $\vartheta < 1$  implies

$$\omega(\mathcal{O}(f; \mu(C_{n+1}))) \leq \omega(\mathcal{O}(f; \mu(C_n))).$$

Therefore the sequence  $\{\omega(\mathcal{O}(f; \mu(C_n)))\}$  is nonincreasing and nonnegative, we suppose that

$$\delta_1 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \omega(\mathcal{O}(f; \mu(C_n))), \quad \delta_2 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{O}(f; \mu(C_n)), \quad (2.3)$$

where  $\delta_1, \delta_2 \geq 0$  are nonnegative real numbers.

We show that  $\delta_1 = \delta_2 = 0$ . Suppose, to the contrary, that  $\delta_1, \delta_2 > 0$ .

Since  $\{\mathcal{O}(f; \mu(C_n))\}$  is a non-increasing sequence and  $\{\mathcal{O}(f; \mu(TC_n))\}$  is a bounded sequence. By  $(\vartheta_2)$ , we have

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \vartheta(\mathcal{O}(f; \mu(TC_n)), \omega(\mathcal{O}(f; \mu(C_n)))) < 1.$$

Passing to the limit as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  in (2.2) and using (2.3) with (iii) property of  $\mathcal{O}(\circ; \cdot)$ , we obtain that

$$\delta_1 \leq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \vartheta(\mathcal{O}(f; \mu(TC_n)), \omega(\mathcal{O}(f; \mu(C_n)))) \delta_1 < \delta_1.$$

Therefore  $\delta_1 = 0$ , that is,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \omega(\mathcal{O}(f; \mu(C_n))) = 0. \quad (2.4)$$

Since  $\{\mu(C_n)\}$  is a non-increasing sequence of positive numbers. This implies that there exists  $\delta \geq 0$  such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu(C_n) = \delta. \quad (2.5)$$

Since  $\omega$  is non-decreasing and by the (ii)-(iii) properties of  $\mathcal{O}(\circ; \cdot)$ , we have

$$\omega(\mathcal{O}(f; \mu(C_n))) \geq \omega(\mathcal{O}(f; \delta)). \quad (2.6)$$

Passing to the limit as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  in (2.6) and using (2.4) with (i) and (iii) properties of  $\mathcal{O}(\circ; \cdot)$ , we get  $0 \geq \omega(\delta)$  which, by (II) implies that  $\delta = 0$ . Therefore

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu(C_n) = 0.$$

Since  $C_n \supseteq C_{n+1}$  and  $TC_n \subseteq C_n$  for all  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ , then from  $(6^0)$ ,  $X_\infty = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} X_n$  is nonempty convex closed set, invariant under  $T$  and belongs to  $Ker\mu$ . Therefore, by Theorem 1.2, we conclude the result.  $\square$

Following are the some special cases of Theorem 2.5.

**Corollary 2.6.** Let  $C \in \Gamma$  and  $T : C \rightarrow C$  is continuous function and satisfying

$$\omega(\mathcal{O}(f; \mu(TX))) \leq \lambda \omega(\mathcal{O}(f; \mu(X))),$$

for any  $\emptyset \neq X \subset C$ , where  $0 \leq \lambda < 1$ ,  $\mathcal{O}(\circ; \cdot) \in \Theta$  and  $\omega \in \Omega$ . Then  $T$  has at least one fixed point in  $C$ .

**Proof .** It suffices to take  $\vartheta(t, s) = \lambda$  and apply Theorem 2.5.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.7.** Let  $C \in \Gamma$  and  $T : C \rightarrow C$  is continuous function and satisfying

$$\omega(\mathcal{O}(f; \mu(TX))) \leq \varphi(\omega(\mathcal{O}(f; \mu(X))))\omega(\mathcal{O}(f; \mu(X))),$$

for any  $\emptyset \neq X \subset C$ , where  $\varphi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, 1)$  be an MT-function,  $\mathcal{O}(\circ; \cdot) \in \Theta$  and  $\omega \in \Omega$ . Then  $T$  has at least one fixed point in  $C$ .

**Proof .** It suffices to take  $\vartheta(t, s) = \varphi(s)$  and apply Theorem 2.5.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.8.** Let  $C \in \Gamma$  and  $T : C \rightarrow C$  is continuous function and satisfying

$$\omega(\mathcal{O}(f; \mu(TX))) \leq \varphi(\omega(\mathcal{O}(f; \mu(X)))),$$

for any  $\emptyset \neq X \subset C$ , where  $\mathcal{O}(\circ; \cdot) \in \Theta$ ,  $\omega \in \Omega$  and  $\varphi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, 1)$  be a function such that  $\varphi(s) < s$  and  $\limsup_{s \rightarrow t^+} \frac{\varphi(s)}{s} < 1$ . Then  $T$  has at least one fixed point in  $C$ .

**Proof .** It suffices to take  $\vartheta(t, s) = \frac{\varphi(s)}{s}$  and apply Theorem 2.5.  $\square$

### 3. Darbo type coupled fixed point

**Definition 3.1.** [9] An element  $(u^*, v^*) \in E^2$  is called a coupled fixed point of a mapping  $G : E^2 \rightarrow E$  if  $G(u^*, v^*) = u^*$  and  $G(v^*, u^*) = v^*$ .

**Theorem 3.2.** [3] Suppose  $\mu_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$ ) are MNCs in Banach spaces  $E_i$  respectively. Moreover assume that the function  $F : [0, \infty)^n \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  is convex and  $F(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = 0$  if and only if  $x_i = 0$  ( $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$ ). Then

$$\mu(C) = F(\mu_1(C_1), \mu_2(C_2), \dots, \mu_n(C_n)),$$

defines a MNC in  $\prod_{i=1}^n E_i$  where  $C_i$  denotes the natural projection of  $C$  into  $E_i$ , for  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$ .

**Theorem 3.3.** Let  $C \in \Gamma$  and  $F : C^2 \rightarrow C$  be a continuous function such that

$$\begin{aligned} \omega(\mathcal{O}(f; \mu(F(X_1 \times X_2)))) &\leq \frac{1}{2} \vartheta(\mathcal{O}(f; \mu(F(X_1))) \\ &+ \mu(F(X_2))), \omega(\mathcal{O}(f; \mu(X_1) + \mu(X_2))) \omega(\mathcal{O}(f; \mu(X_1) + \mu(X_2))), \end{aligned}$$

for any  $\emptyset \neq X_1, X_2 \subset C$ , where  $\vartheta \in \widehat{GMT}(R)$  and  $\omega$  is sub-additive and  $\omega \in \Omega$ . Also  $\mathcal{O}(\circ; \cdot) \in \Theta$  and  $\mathcal{O}(f; t + s) \leq \mathcal{O}(f; t) + \mathcal{O}(f; s)$  for all  $t, s \geq 0$ . Then  $F$  has at least a coupled fixed point.

**Proof .** Consider the map  $\hat{F} : C^2 \rightarrow C^2$  defined by the formula

$$\hat{F}(u, v) = (F(u, v), F(v, u)).$$

Since  $F$  is continuous,  $\hat{F}$  is also continuous. We define a new MNC in the space  $C^2$  as

$$\hat{\mu}(X) = \mu(X_1) + \mu(X_2)$$

where  $X_i, i = 1, 2$  denote the natural projections of  $C$ . Now let  $X \subset C^2$  be a nonempty subset. Hence, due to (3.1) and the condition (2<sup>0</sup>) of Definition 1.1 we conclude that

$$\begin{aligned} &\omega(\mathcal{O}(f; \hat{\mu}(\hat{F}(X)))) \\ &\leq \omega(\mathcal{O}(f; \hat{\mu}(F(X_1 \times X_2) \times F(X_2 \times X_1)))) \\ &\leq \omega(\mathcal{O}(f; \mu(F(X_1 \times X_2)))) + \omega(\mathcal{O}(f; \mu(F(X_2 \times X_1)))) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2}\vartheta(\mathcal{O}(f; \mu(F(X_1)) + \mu(F(X_2))), \omega(\mathcal{O}(f; \mu(X_1) + \mu(X_2))))\omega(\mathcal{O}(f; \mu(X_1) + \mu(X_2))) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2}\vartheta(\mathcal{O}(f; \mu(F(X_2)) + \mu(F(X_1))), \omega(\mathcal{O}(f; \mu(X_2) + \mu(X_1))))\omega(\mathcal{O}(f; \mu(X_2) + \mu(X_1))) \\ &= \vartheta(\mathcal{O}(f; \mu(F(X_1)) + \mu(F(X_2))), \omega(\mathcal{O}(f; \mu(X_1) + \mu(X_2))))\omega(\mathcal{O}(f; \mu(X_1) + \mu(X_2))) \\ &= \vartheta(\mathcal{O}(f; \hat{\mu}(\hat{F}(X))), \omega(\mathcal{O}(f; \hat{\mu}(X))))\omega(\mathcal{O}(f; \hat{\mu}(X))), \end{aligned}$$

that is,

$$\omega(\mathcal{O}(f; \hat{\mu}(\hat{F}(X)))) \leq \vartheta(\mathcal{O}(f; \hat{\mu}(\hat{F}(X))), \omega(\mathcal{O}(f; \hat{\mu}(X))))\omega(\mathcal{O}(f; \hat{\mu}(X))).$$

Theorem 2.5 suggest that  $\hat{F}$  has a fixed point, and hence  $F$  has a coupled fixed point.  $\square$

**Corollary 3.4.** Let  $C \in \Gamma$  and  $F : C^2 \rightarrow C$  be a continuous function such that

$$\omega(\mathcal{O}(f; \mu(F(X_1 \times X_2)))) \leq \frac{\lambda}{2}\omega(\mathcal{O}(f; \mu(X_1) + \mu(X_2))), \quad 0 \leq \lambda < 1$$

for any  $\emptyset \neq X_1, X_2 \subset C$ , where  $\omega$  is sub-additive and  $\omega \in \Omega$ . Also  $\mathcal{O}(\circ; \cdot) \in \Theta$  and  $\mathcal{O}(f; t + s) \leq \mathcal{O}(f; t) + \mathcal{O}(f; s)$  for all  $t, s \geq 0$ . Then  $F$  has at least a coupled fixed point.

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for any  $\emptyset \neq X_1, X_2 \subset C$ , where  $\vartheta \in \widehat{GMT}(R)$ ,  $\mathcal{O}(\circ; \cdot) \in \Theta$  and  $\mathcal{O}(f; t + s) \leq \mathcal{O}(f; t) + \mathcal{O}(f; s)$  for all  $t, s \geq 0$ . Then  $F$  has at least a coupled fixed point.

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for any  $\emptyset \neq X_1, X_2 \subset C$ , where  $\mathcal{O}(\circ; \cdot) \in \Theta$ ,  $\omega \in \Omega$  and  $\varphi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, 1)$  be a function such that  $\varphi(s) < s$  and  $\limsup_{s \rightarrow t^+} \frac{\varphi(s)}{s} < 1$ . Then  $T$  has at least one fixed point in  $C$ .

**Proof .** It suffices to take  $\vartheta(t, s) = \frac{\varphi(s)}{s}$  and apply Theorem 3.3.  $\square$

#### 4. Applications

Writing classical Banach space  $E = BC(\mathbb{R}^+)$  consisting of all real functions defined, bounded and continuous on  $\mathbb{R}_+$  equipped with the standard norm

$$\|x\| = \sup\{|x(t)| : t \geq 0\}.$$

Following [5], the MNC in  $BC(\mathbb{R}^+)$  is defined in the below.

Let us fix  $X$  as a nonempty and bounded subset of  $BC(\mathbb{R}^+)$  and  $T$  as a positive number. For  $x \in X$  and  $\epsilon > 0$ , denote by  $\omega^T(x, \epsilon)$  the modulus of the continuity of function  $x$  on the interval  $[0, T]$ , i.e.,

$$\omega^T(x, \epsilon) = \sup\{|x(t) - x(u)| : t, u \in [0, T], |t - u| \leq \epsilon\}.$$

Further, let us put

$$\begin{aligned}\omega^T(X, \epsilon) &= \sup\{\omega^T(x, \epsilon) : x \in X\}, \\ \omega_0^T(X) &= \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \omega^T(X, \epsilon)\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\omega_0(X) = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \omega_0^T(X).$$

Moreover, for two fixed numbers  $t \in \mathbb{R}^+$  let us define the function  $\mu$  on the family  $\mathfrak{M}_{BC(\mathbb{R}^+)}$  by the following formula

$$\mu(X) = \omega_0(X) + \alpha(X),$$

where  $\alpha(X) = \limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} \text{diam} X(t)$ ,  $X(t) = \{x(t) : x \in X\}$  and  $\text{diam} X(t) = \sup\{|x(t) - y(t)| : x, y \in X\}$ . Following [5] (cf. also [4]), it is easy to see the function  $\mu$  is the MNC in the space  $E = BC(\mathbb{R}^+)$ . Now we consider the system of integral equations

$$\begin{cases} x(t) = h\left(t, x(t), y(t), \int_0^t g(t, s, x(s), y(s)) ds\right) \\ y(t) = h\left(t, y(t), x(t), \int_0^t g(t, s, y(s), x(s)) ds\right). \end{cases} \quad (4.1)$$

Our aim here is to find the existence of solutions of (4.1).

Consider the following assumptions:

- (a<sub>1</sub>) The function  $h : \mathbb{R}^+ \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is continuous and there exists an upper semicontinuous, nondecreasing and concave function  $\varphi : \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow [0, 1)$  such that  $\varphi(t) < t$  for all  $t > 0$ ,  $\limsup_{s \rightarrow t^+} \frac{\varphi(s)}{s} < 1$  and a non-decreasing continuous function  $\psi : \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  with  $\psi(0) = 0$ , for any  $t \geq 0$  and for all  $x, y, u, v \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\mathcal{O}(f; |h(t, x, y, z) - h(t, u, v, w)|) \leq \frac{1}{4}\varphi(\mathcal{O}(f; |x - u| + |y - v|)) + \psi(|z - w|),$$

where  $\mathcal{O}(o; \cdot) \in \Theta$  and  $\mathcal{O}(f; t + s) \leq \mathcal{O}(f; t) + \mathcal{O}(f; s)$  for all  $t, s \geq 0$ .

- (a<sub>2</sub>) The function defined by  $t \rightarrow |h(t, 0, 0, 0)|$  is bounded on  $\mathbb{R}^+$ , i.e.

$$M_1 = \sup\{\mathcal{O}(f; |h(t, 0, 0, 0)|) : t \in \mathbb{R}^+\} < \infty,$$

and  $\mathcal{O}(f; \epsilon) < \epsilon$ .

(a<sub>3</sub>)  $g : \mathbb{R}^+ \times \mathbb{R}^+ \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is continuous and there exists a positive constant  $M_2$  such that

$$M_2 = \sup\{\mathcal{O}(f; \int_0^t |g(t, s, x(s), y(s))| ds) : t \in \mathbb{R}^+, x, y \in E\}.$$

Moreover,

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} | \int_0^t [g(t, s, x(s), y(s)) - g(t, s, u(s), v(s))] ds | = 0$$

uniformly respect to  $x, y \in E$ .

(a<sub>4</sub>) There exists a positive solution  $r_0$  of the inequality  $\frac{1}{4}\varphi(\mathcal{O}(f; 2r_0)) + M_1 + \psi(M_2) \leq r_0$ .

**Theorem 4.1.** *If the assumptions (a<sub>1</sub>) – (a<sub>4</sub>) are satisfied, then the equation (4.1) has at least one solution  $x \in E$ .*

**Proof .** Let  $F : E \times E \rightarrow E$  be defined by,

$$F(x, y)(t) = h \left( t, x(t), y(t), \int_0^t g(t, s, x(s), y(s)) ds \right).$$

We know that  $E \times E$  is a Banach space equipped with the norm,

$$\| (x, y) \| = \| x \|_{BC(\mathbb{R}_+)} + \| y \|_{BC(\mathbb{R}_+)}$$

where  $\| u \|_{BC(\mathbb{R}_+)} = \sup \{ |u(t)| : t \geq 0 \}$  and  $u \in BC(\mathbb{R}_+)$ . It is obvious that  $F(x, y)(t)$  is continuous for any  $x, y \in BC(\mathbb{R}_+)$ .

Let  $\bar{B}_r = \{ x \in BC(\mathbb{R}_+) : \| x \|_{BC(\mathbb{R}_+)} \leq r \}$ . By considering conditions of theorem we infer that  $F(x, y)$  is continuous on  $\mathbb{R}^+$ . Now we prove that  $F(x, y) \in E$  for any  $x, y \in E$ . For arbitrarily fixed  $t \in \mathbb{R}^+$  and  $f \in F([0, \infty))$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathcal{O}(f; |F(x, y)(t)|) \\ & \leq \mathcal{O} \left( f; \left| h(t, x(t), y(t), \int_0^t g(t, s, x(s), y(s)) ds) - h(t, 0, 0, 0) \right| \right) \\ & \quad + \mathcal{O}(f; |h(t, 0, 0, 0)|) \\ & \leq \frac{1}{4}\varphi(\mathcal{O}(f; |x(t)| + |y(t)|)) + \psi \left( \left| \int_0^t g(t, s, x(s), y(s)) ds \right| \right) + M_1 \\ & \leq \frac{1}{4}\varphi(\mathcal{O}(f; \|x\| + \|y\|)) + \psi(M_2) + M_1. \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $F$  is well defined and condition (a<sub>4</sub>) implies that  $F(\bar{B}_r \times \bar{B}_r) \subseteq \bar{B}_r$ .

Now, we have to prove that  $F$  is continuous on  $\bar{B}_r \times \bar{B}_r$ . For this, take  $(x, y) \in \bar{B}_{r_0} \times \bar{B}_{r_0}$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$



arbitrarily. Moreover consider  $(p, q) \in \bar{B}_{r_0} \times \bar{B}_{r_0}$  with  $\|(x, y) - (p, q)\|_{BC(\mathbb{R}_+) \times BC(\mathbb{R}_+)} < \frac{\epsilon}{2}$ . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathcal{O}(f; |F(x, y)(t) - F(p, q)(t)|) \\ &= \mathcal{O} \left( f; \left| \begin{array}{l} h \left( t, x(t), y(t), \int_0^t g(t, s, x(s), y(s)) ds \right) \\ -h \left( t, p(t), q(t), \int_0^t g(t, s, p(s), q(s)) ds \right) \end{array} \right| \right) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{4} \varphi(\mathcal{O}(f; |x - p| + |y - q|)) \\ &\quad + \psi \left( \left| \int_0^t \{g(t, s, x(s), y(s)) - g(t, s, p(s), q(s))\} ds \right| \right) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{4} \varphi(\mathcal{O}(f; \|x - p\| + \|y - q\|)) \\ &\quad + \psi \left( \int_0^t |g(t, s, x(s), y(s)) - g(t, s, p(s), q(s))| ds \right). \end{aligned}$$

By applying assumption  $(a_1)$  and  $(a_3)$  we get for  $\epsilon > 0$  there exists  $T > 0$  such that if  $t > T$  then  $\psi \left( \int_0^t |g(t, s, x(s), y(s)) - g(t, s, p(s), q(s))| ds \right) \leq \frac{\epsilon}{2}$ , for any  $x, y, p, q \in BC(\mathbb{R}_+)$ .

Case 1:

If  $t > T$ , then we get

$$\mathcal{O}(f; |F(x, y)(t) - F(p, q)(t)|) \leq \frac{1}{4} \varphi(\mathcal{O}(f; \frac{\epsilon}{2} + \frac{\epsilon}{2})) + \frac{\epsilon}{2} < \frac{\epsilon}{2} + \frac{\epsilon}{2} = \epsilon.$$

Case 2:

If  $t \in [0, T]$  then

$$\mathcal{O}(f; |F(x, y)(t) - F(p, q)(t)|) \leq \frac{1}{4} \varphi(\mathcal{O}(f; \frac{\epsilon}{2} + \frac{\epsilon}{2})) + \psi(T\hat{\omega}) < \frac{\epsilon}{4} + \psi(T\hat{\omega})$$

where

$$\hat{\omega} = \sup \left\{ |g(t, s, x, y) - g(t, s, p, q)| : t, s \in [0, T], x, y, p, q \in [-r, r], \|(x, y) - (p, q)\| < \frac{\epsilon}{2} \right\}.$$

Since  $g$  is continuous on  $[0, T] \times [0, T] \times [-r, r] \times [-r, r]$  therefore  $\hat{\omega} \rightarrow 0$  as  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$  i.e. since  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$  gives  $T\hat{\omega} \rightarrow 0$  therefore  $\psi_2(T\hat{\omega}) \rightarrow 0$ .

Thus  $F$  is a continuous function from  $\bar{B}_r \times \bar{B}_r$  into  $\bar{B}_r$ .

We have,  $T, \epsilon \in \mathbb{R}_+$  and  $X_1, X_2$  are arbitrary non-empty subset of  $\bar{B}_r$  and let  $t, s \in [0, T]$  such that  $|t - s| \leq \epsilon$ .

Without loss of generality we can assume that  $t < s$ . Also let  $x \in X_1, y \in X_2$  and

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{K} &= T \sup \{ |g(t, s, x(s), y(s))| : t, s \in [0, T], x, y \in [-r, r] \}, \\ \omega^T(x, \epsilon) &= \sup \{ |x(t) - x(s)| : t, s \in [0, T], |t - s| \leq \epsilon \}, \\ \omega^T(y, \epsilon) &= \sup \{ |y(t) - y(s)| : t, s \in [0, T], |t - s| \leq \epsilon \}, \\ \omega_r^T(h, \epsilon) &= \sup \left\{ \begin{array}{l} |h(t, x, y, z) - h(s, x, y, z)| : t, s \in [0, T], \\ |t - s| \leq \epsilon, x, y \in [-r, r], z \in [-\hat{K}, \hat{K}] \end{array} \right\}, \\ \omega_r^T(g, \epsilon) &= \sup \left\{ \begin{array}{l} |g(t, u, x(u), y(u)) - g(s, u, x(u), y(u))| : t, s, u \in [0, T], \\ |t_2 - t_1| \leq \epsilon, x, y \in [-r, r], z \in [-\hat{K}, \hat{K}], \end{array} \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Then we get

$$\begin{aligned} &\mathcal{O}(f; |F(x, y)(t) - F(x, y)(s)|) \\ &= \mathcal{O} \left( f; \left| \begin{array}{l} h \left( t, x(t), y(t), \int_0^t g(t, u, x(u), y(u)) du \right) \\ -h \left( s, x(s), y(s), \int_0^s g(s, u, x(u), y(u)) du \right) \end{array} \right| \right) \\ &\leq \mathcal{O} \left( f; \left| \begin{array}{l} h \left( t, x(t), y(t), \int_0^t g(t, u, x(u), y(u)) du \right) \\ -h \left( t, x(s), y(s), \int_0^t g(t, u, x(u), y(u)) du \right) \end{array} \right| \right) \\ &+ \mathcal{O} \left( f; \left| \begin{array}{l} h \left( t, x(s), y(s), \int_0^t g(t, u, x(u), y(u)) du \right) \\ -h \left( s, x(s), y(s), \int_0^t g(t, u, x(u), y(u)) du \right) \end{array} \right| \right) \\ &+ \mathcal{O} \left( f; \left| \begin{array}{l} h \left( s, x(s), y(s), \int_0^t g(t, u, x(u), y(u)) du \right) \\ -h \left( s, x(s), y(s), \int_0^s g(s, u, x(u), y(u)) du \right) \end{array} \right| \right) \\ &+ \mathcal{O} \left( f; \left| \begin{array}{l} h \left( s, x(s), y(s), \int_0^t g(s, u, x(u), y(u)) du \right) \\ -h \left( s, x(s), y(s), \int_0^s g(s, u, x(u), y(u)) du \right) \end{array} \right| \right) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{4} \varphi(\mathcal{O}(f; |x(t) - x(s)| + |y(t) - y(s)|)) + \mathcal{O}(f; \omega_r^T(h, \epsilon)) \\ &+ \psi \left( \left| \int_0^t (g(t, u, x(u), y(u)) - g(s, u, x(u), y(u))) du \right| \right) \\ &+ \psi \left( \left| \int_0^t g(s, u, x(u), y(u)) du - \int_0^s g(s, u, x(u), y(u)) du \right| \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{4}\varphi(\mathcal{O}(f; \omega^T(x, \epsilon) + \omega^T(y, \epsilon))) + \mathcal{O}(f; \omega_r^T(h, \epsilon)) + \psi(\hat{\omega}_r^T(g, \epsilon)) \\ + \psi\left(\left|\int_0^t g(s, u, x(u), y(u)) du - \int_0^s g(s, u, x(u), y(u)) du\right|\right).$$

By the uniform continuity of  $h$  on  $[0, T] \times [-r, r] \times [-r, r] \times [-\hat{K}, \hat{K}]$  and  $g$  on  $[0, T] \times [0, T] \times [-r, r] \times [-r, r]$  we have as  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$ , gives  $\omega_r^T(g, \epsilon) \rightarrow 0, \omega_r^T(h, \epsilon) \rightarrow 0$ . Thus as  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$  we have

$$\left|\int_0^t g(s, u, x(u), y(u)) du - \int_0^s g(s, u, x(u), y(u)) du\right| \rightarrow 0$$

which gives

$$\psi\left(\left|\int_0^t g(s, u, x(u), y(u)) du - \int_0^s g(s, u, x(u), y(u)) du\right|\right) \rightarrow 0.$$

Now taking the limit as  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$  we have

$$\mathcal{O}(f; \omega_0^T(F(X_1 \times X_2))) \leq \frac{1}{4}\varphi(\mathcal{O}(f; \omega_0^T(X_1) + \omega_0^T(X_2))).$$

As  $T \rightarrow \infty$  we get

$$\mathcal{O}(f; \omega_0(F(X_1 \times X_2))) \leq \frac{1}{4}\varphi(\mathcal{O}(f; \omega_0(X_1) + \omega_0(X_2))). \quad (4.2)$$

For arbitrary  $(x, y), (p, q) \in X_1 \times X_2$  and  $t \in \mathbb{R}_+$  we have,

$$\mathcal{O}(f; |F(x, y)(t) - F(p, q)(t)|) \\ \leq \frac{1}{4}\varphi(\mathcal{O}(f; |x(t) - p(t)| + |y(t) - q(t)|)) \\ + \psi\left(\left|\int_0^t \{g(t, u, x, y) - g(t, u, p, q)\} du\right|\right) \\ \leq \frac{1}{4}\varphi(\mathcal{O}(f; \text{diam}(X_1(t)) + \text{diam}(X_2(t)))) \\ + \psi\left(\left|\int_0^t \{g(t, u, x, y) - g(t, u, p, q)\} du\right|\right).$$

Since  $(x, y), (p, q)$  and  $t$  are arbitrary, therefore we have,

$$\mathcal{O}(f; \text{diam}F(X_1 \times X_2)(t)) \leq \frac{1}{4}\varphi(\mathcal{O}(f; \text{diam}(X_1(t)) + \text{diam}(X_2(t)))) \\ + \psi\left(\left|\int_0^t \{g(t, u, x, y) - g(t, u, p, q)\} du\right|\right).$$

As  $t \rightarrow \infty$ , by applying  $(a_3)$  we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathcal{O}(f; \limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} \text{diam} F(X_1 \times X_2)(t)) \\ & \leq \frac{1}{4} \varphi(\mathcal{O}(f; \limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} \text{diam}(X_1(t)) + \limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} \text{diam}(X_2(t))). \end{aligned} \quad (4.3)$$

From (4.2) and (4.3) we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathcal{O}(f; \mu(F(X_1 \times X_2)) \\ & = \mathcal{O}(f; \omega_0(F(X_1 \times X_2)) + \limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} \text{diam} F(X_1 \times X_2)(t)) \\ & \leq \mathcal{O}(f; \omega_0(F(X_1 \times X_2)) + \mathcal{O}(f; \limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} \text{diam} F(X_1 \times X_2)(t))) \\ & \leq \frac{1}{4} \varphi(\mathcal{O}(f; \omega_0(X_1) + \omega_0(X_2))) \\ & \quad + \frac{1}{2} \phi(\mathcal{O}(f; \limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} \text{diam}(X_1(t)) + \limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} \text{diam}(X_2(t))) \\ & \leq \frac{1}{4} \varphi(\mathcal{O}(f; \omega_0(X_1) + \omega_0(X_2) + \limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} \text{diam}(X_1(t)) + \limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} \text{diam}(X_2(t)))) \\ & \quad + \frac{1}{4} \varphi(\mathcal{O}(f; \limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} \text{diam}(X_1(t)) + \limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} \text{diam}(X_2(t))) + \omega_0(X_1) + \omega_0(X_2))) \\ & = \frac{1}{2} \varphi(\mathcal{O}(f; \mu(X_1) + \mu(X_2))). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\mathcal{O}(f; \mu(F(X_1 \times X_2)) \leq \frac{1}{2} \varphi(\mathcal{O}(f; \mu(X_1) + \mu(X_2)))$$

Therefore by Corollary 3.6,  $F$  has at least a coupled fixed point in the space  $E \times E$ . Thus, the system of equation (4.1) has at least a solution in  $E \times E$ .  $\square$

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