

## COMMON FIXED POINT THEOREMS FOR MULTIVALUED MAPPINGS VIA CONE-VALUED MEASURE OF NONCOMPACTNESS

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**Abstract.** We obtain common fixed point theorems for a pair of condensing multivalued mappings with respect to a cone-valued measure of noncompactness under a semi-weakly isotone condition, and we apply it to the system of multivalued differential equations with deviating argument of the form

$$x'(t) \in f[t, x(t), x(h(t))] \text{ and} \quad (0.1)$$

$$x'(t) \in g[t, x(t), x(h(t))], x(0) = x_0, t \in [0, b]. \quad (0.2)$$

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

The study of fixed points for single/multi-valued mappings using spaces endowed with a partial ordering has interested several mathematicians; see [2, 5, 7, 10, 11, 12, 15, 16, 18] and the references therein. S. Heikkilä and S. Hu in [10], S. Heikkilä in [9] obtained some fixed point theorems for a multivalued mapping  $T$ , defined on an ordered topological space, under the following condition

$$x_1 \leq y_1 \in Tx_1 \text{ and } x_1 \leq x_2 \text{ imply } y_1 \leq y_2 \text{ for some } y_2 \in Tx_2. \quad (1.3)$$

In a Banach space  $X$  with a partial ordering  $\leq$ , and a binary relation  $\preceq$  on the family of all nonempty subsets of  $X$  defined by  $A \preceq B$  if and only if  $a \leq b$  for all  $(a, b) \in A \times B$ , B.C. Dhage, Donal O'Regan and R. P. Agarwal [7] suggested a weakly isotone condition for a pair multivalued mappings and under this condition they proved common fixed point results of two condensing multivalued mappings with respect to a real-valued measure of noncompactness. One of these results (see Theorem 2.4 in Section 2) was applied to integral inclusions by D. Turkoglu and I. Altun

[18]. The weakly isotone notion was generalized by H. K. Nashine and Z. Kadelburg [16] (see Definition 2.3 in Section 2). In that work, the authors established the existence of common fixed points for a pair of weakly isotone increasing multivalued mappings under a general weakly contractive condition using altering distance functions. Recently, this topic has been interested by many mathematicians, see for example [3, 6, 13, 17, 19].

In this paper, we first prove common fixed point theorems for a pair of condensing-contractive multivalued mappings with respect to a cone-valued measure of noncompactness (c-MNC for brevity) satisfying a semi-weakly isotone condition (defined in Definition 2.5) which is weaker than the weakly isotone condition (see Example 2.6 in Section 2). Next, in Section 4, we prove the existence of a local solution for a system of multivalued differential equations with deviating argument (0.1)-(0.2) to illustrate the advantage of using the c-MNC.

## 2. PRELIMINARIES

Let  $X$  be a real Banach space and  $P$  be a cone, that is,  $P$  is a nonempty closed convex subset of  $X$  such that  $\lambda P \subset P$  for all  $\lambda \geq 0$  and  $P \cap (-P) = \{0\}$ . In  $X$  we define a partial ordering  $\preceq$  with respect to  $P$  by  $x \preceq y$  if and only if  $y - x \in P$ , and then the triplet  $(X, P, \preceq)$  is called an ordered Banach space. The cone  $P$  is said to be normal if there exists a number  $N > 0$  such that  $0 \preceq u \preceq v$  implies  $\|u\| \leq N\|v\|$  for all  $u, v \in X$ .

The following notations will be used throughout the paper. Denote by  $2^X$  (resp.  $c(X)$ ,  $b(X)$ ,  $cb(X)$ ,  $cc(X)$ ) the class of all nonempty (resp. nonempty closed, nonempty bounded, nonempty closed bounded, nonempty closed convex) subsets of  $X$ . Let  $S, T : X \rightarrow 2^X$  be two multivalued mappings, and we say that  $x \in X$  is a common fixed point of a pair  $(S, T)$  if  $x \in Sx \cap Tx$ .

We need the following lemma and definition.

**Lemma 2.1.** [8] *Let  $X$  be an ordered Banach space with a normal cone. Assume that  $\{x_n\}$  is a monotone sequence which contains a subsequence  $\{x_{\sigma(n)}\}$  converging weakly to some  $x \in X$ . Then  $\{x_n\}$  converges to  $x$ .*

**Definition 2.2.** [16] Let  $(X, P, \preceq)$  be an ordered Banach space. For every  $(A, B) \in 2^X \times 2^X$  we define

1.  $A \preceq_1 B$  iff  $\forall a \in A, \exists b \in B, a \preceq b$ ,
2.  $A \preceq_2 B$  iff  $\forall b \in B, \exists a \in A, a \preceq b$ ,
3.  $A \preceq_3 B$  iff  $a \preceq b \forall (a, b) \in A \times B$ .

Let us recall the notion of weakly isotone increasing maps and one of the results in [7].

**Definition 2.3.** [7, 16] Let  $(X, \preceq)$  be a partially ordered set.

Two maps  $S, T : X \rightarrow 2^X$  are said to be *weakly isotone increasing* if for any  $x \in X$  we have  $Sx \preceq_1 Ty$  for all  $y \in Sx$  and  $Tx \preceq_1 Sy$  for all  $y \in Tx$ .

The following theorem is given by B. C. Dhage, D. O'Regan and R. P. Agarwal [7].

**Theorem 2.4.** [7, Theorem 3.1] *Let  $B$  be a closed subset of an ordered Banach space  $X$  and let  $S, T : B \rightarrow cb(B)$  be two closed (i.e. have closed graph) weakly isotone mappings (w.r.t. the relation  $\preceq_3$ ) satisfying for any  $a \in B$  and for any countable subset  $A$  of  $B$  the condition*

$$A \subset \{a\} \cup S(A) \cup T(A)$$

*implies  $A$  is relatively compact, called condition  $(C_*)$ ; here  $T(A) = \cup_{x \in A} Tx$ . Then  $S$  and  $T$  have a common fixed point.*

Let  $(X, P, \preceq)$  be an ordered Banach space,  $a \in X$ . Denote  $(a] = \{x \in X : x \leq a\}$  and  $[a) = \{x \in X : a \leq x\}$ . We use the following definitions in our main results.

**Definition 2.5.** Let  $D$  be a nonempty subset of  $X$ , and  $S, T : D \rightarrow 2^D$  be two multivalued mappings. The pair  $(S, T)$  is said to be

1. *semi-weakly isotone increasing* if for any  $x \in D$  we have

$$\{y\} \preceq_1 Ty \text{ for all } y \in Sx \cap [x) \text{ and } \{y\} \preceq_1 Sy \text{ for all } y \in Tx \cap [x);$$

2. *semi-weakly isotone decreasing* if for any  $x \in D$  we have

$$Ty \preceq_2 \{y\} \text{ for all } y \in Sx \cap (x] \text{ and } Sy \preceq_2 \{y\} \text{ for all } y \in Tx \cap (x];$$

3. *semi-weakly isotone* if it is either semi-weakly isotone increasing or semi-weakly isotone decreasing.

Clearly, the pair  $(S, T)$  satisfying a weakly isotone condition implies that it is semi-weakly isotone. The following example shows that the backward direction of the assertion is not true.

**Example 2.6.** In the Banach space  $X = \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$  with a partial ordering  $\preceq$  by the cone  $P = \{(\lambda, \lambda) : \lambda \geq 0\}$  and we consider two maps  $S, T : X \rightarrow 2^X$  defined by, for  $x \in X$ ,  $Sx = \{x + (0, \lambda) : \lambda \geq 0\}$  and  $Tx = \{x + (\lambda, \lambda) : \lambda \geq 0\}$ . Clearly,  $x \in Sx$  and  $x \in Tx$  for all  $x \in X$ . Hence,  $(S, T)$  is semi-weakly isotone increasing in the sense of Definition 2.5. Now, choose  $x = (1, 1)$ ,  $y = (1, 1 + 1) \in Sx$ ,  $a = x$ , then  $x \leq a \in Sx$ . Suppose  $b \in Ty$ , then  $b = (1 + \lambda, 2 + \lambda)$  for some  $\lambda \geq 0$ . It follows that  $b - a \notin P$ , i.e.  $a \not\leq b$ , and so  $Sx \not\preceq_1 Ty$ . We deduce that the pair  $(S, T)$  is not weakly isotone increasing in the sense of Definition 2.3.

We use some definitions and statements from [1, 4, 5].

**Definition 2.7.** [1, Definition 1.2.1] Let  $(Y, K, \leq)$  be an ordered Banach space with a partial ordering by the cone  $K$ ,  $X$  be a Banach space,  $\mathfrak{M}$  be a family of bounded subsets of  $X$  such that if  $\Omega \in \mathfrak{M}$ , then  $\overline{c\Omega} \in \mathfrak{M}$ . A function  $\psi : \mathfrak{M} \rightarrow K$  is called a *measure of noncompactness* (c-MNC for brevity) if  $\psi(\overline{c\Omega}) = \psi(\Omega)$  for all  $\Omega \in 2^X$ . The c-MNC  $\psi$  is called

1. *monotone* if  $\Omega_1, \Omega_2 \in \mathfrak{M}$  and  $\Omega_1 \subset \Omega_2$  implies  $\psi(\Omega_1) \leq \psi(\Omega_2)$ ;
2. *semi-additive* if  $\psi(\cup_{\Omega \in \zeta} \Omega) \leq \sup_{\Omega \in \zeta} \psi(\Omega)$ , where  $\zeta \subset \mathfrak{M}$ ;
3. *regular* if for  $\Omega \in \mathfrak{M}$ ,  $\psi(\Omega) = 0 \Leftrightarrow \Omega$  is relatively compact;
4. *semi-homogeneous* if  $\psi(\lambda\Omega) = |\lambda|\psi(\Omega)$  for  $\Omega \in \mathfrak{M}$ ,  $\lambda\Omega \in \mathfrak{M}$ ;
5. *algebraic semi-additive* if  $\psi(\Omega_1 + \Omega) \leq \psi(\Omega_1) + \psi(\Omega)$  for  $\Omega_1, \Omega \in \mathfrak{M}$ ,  $\Omega_1 + \Omega \in \mathfrak{M}$ ;
6. *invariant under translations* if  $\psi(x + \Omega) = \psi(\Omega)$ , for  $x \in X$ ,  $\Omega \in \mathfrak{M}$ ,  $x + \Omega \in \mathfrak{M}$ ;

7. *continuous* (w.r.t. the Hausdorff metric  $\rho$ ) if  $\forall \varepsilon > 0, \Omega \in \mathfrak{M}, \exists \delta > 0$  we have

$$\|\psi(\Omega_1) - \psi(\Omega)\| < \varepsilon \text{ for all } \Omega_1 \in \mathfrak{M}, \rho(\Omega_1, \Omega) < \delta.$$

**Remark 2.8.** If the c-MNC  $\psi$  satisfies the properties 1, 2, 3 (in Definition 2.7) then we have

1.  $\psi(\cup_{\Omega \in \zeta} \Omega) = \sup_{\Omega \in \zeta} \psi(\Omega)$ , where  $\zeta \subset \mathfrak{M}$  and
2.  $\psi(\Omega \cup \{a\}) = \psi(\Omega)$  for all  $a \in X$  and  $\Omega \subset X$  satisfying  $\Omega \in \mathfrak{M}, \{a\} \cup \Omega \in \mathfrak{M}$ .

**Example 2.9.** [1, subsection 1.2.4] Consider a Banach space  $(E, |\cdot|)$  and a real-valued measure of noncompactness  $\varphi$  defined on the class of all bounded subsets of  $E$ . Let  $X = C([a, b]; E)$  be the Banach space of all  $E$ -valued continuous functions on  $[a, b]$  with the norm  $\|x\| = \sup_{t \in [a, b]} |x(t)|$ . We denote by  $\mathfrak{M}$  the family of all bounded equicontinuous subsets of  $X$ . For each  $\Omega \in \mathfrak{M}$  we set  $\Omega(t) = \{x(t) : x \in \Omega\}$  and define a function  $\psi(\Omega) : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by  $\psi(\Omega)(t) = \varphi[\Omega(t)]$ . If  $\varphi$  is continuous, then  $\psi(\Omega) \in C([a, b], \mathbb{R})$ . Consequently, there exists the mapping  $\psi$  from  $\mathfrak{M}$  into the cone  $K$  of nonnegative functions in  $C([a, b]; \mathbb{R})$ . The map  $\psi$  is a c-MNC in the sense of Definition 2.7 and if  $\varphi$  has a property in Definition 2.7 then  $\psi$  has the same property.

**Definition 2.10.** [5, 1, 16] Let  $X$  be a Banach space,  $D$  be a subset of  $X$  and  $\mathfrak{M}$  be a subset of  $b(D)$ . Assume that  $\psi$  is a c-MNC defined on  $\mathfrak{M}$  with values in some partially ordered set  $(K, \leq)$ . A map  $T : D \rightarrow 2^D$  is said to be

1.  *$\psi$ -condensing* if for  $\Omega \in 2^D \cap \mathfrak{M}$  such that  $T(\Omega) \in \mathfrak{M}$  and  $\psi(\Omega) \leq \psi(T(\Omega))$ , then  $\Omega$  is relatively compact;
2.  *$\psi$ -contractive* if for  $\Omega \in 2^D \cap \mathfrak{M}$  satisfying  $T(\Omega) \in \mathfrak{M}$ , then  $\psi(T(\Omega)) \leq \psi(\Omega)$ .

We need the following definitions and notations in the following.

**Definition 2.11.** Let  $X$  be a Banach space,  $D \in 2^X$ . A map  $T : D \rightarrow 2^X$  is said to be upper semicontinuous (u.s.c. for brevity) if the set  $\{x \in D : F(x) \subset W\}$  is open in  $D$  for every open subset  $W$  in  $X$ .

**Definition 2.12.** Let  $X$  be an ordered Banach space,  $D \in c(X)$ . A map  $T : D \rightarrow 2^X$  is said to be monotone-closed if for each monotone sequence  $\{x_n\}$  with  $x_n \rightarrow x$  and for each sequence  $\{y_n\}$  with  $y_n \in Tx_n$  such that  $y_n \rightarrow y$ , we have  $y \in Tx$ .

Let  $E$  be a Banach space with the norm  $|\cdot|$ , and  $J$  be a closed bounded interval in  $\mathbb{R}$ . Denote by  $C(J, E)$  the space of all  $E$ -valued continuous functions on  $J$  with the norm  $\|x\| = \sup_{t \in J} |x(t)|$ , by  $L^1(J, E)$  the class of all  $E$ -valued Bochner integrable functions on  $J$ , and by  $L^1(J, \mathbb{R})$  the class of all real-valued measurable functions whose absolute value is Lebesgue integrable on  $J$ .

**Definition 2.13.** Let  $D$  be a bounded subset of  $E$ . A map  $F : J \times D \rightarrow 2^E$  is said to be Carathéodory if

- (i) for every  $y \in E$  the function  $t \mapsto \inf\{|z - y| : z \in F(t, x)\}$  is a measurable function for all  $x \in D$ , and
- (ii) the map  $x \mapsto F(t, x)$  is an u.s.c. almost everywhere for  $t \in J$

**Definition 2.14.** Let  $D$  be a bounded subset of  $E$ . A map  $F : J \times D \rightarrow 2^E$  is said to be  $L^1$ -Carathéodory if

- (i)  $F$  is Carathéodory, and  
(ii) for every real number  $r > 0$ , there exists a function  $\varphi_r \in L^1(J, \mathbb{R})$  such that  $\sup_{|x| \leq r} \|F(t, x)\| \leq \varphi_r(t)$ , a.e.  $t \in J$ ; where

$$\|F(t, x)\| = \sup\{|u| : u \in F(t, x(t))\}.$$

**Remark 2.15.** Let  $F : J \times E \rightarrow c(E)$  be a  $L^1$ -Carathéodory and  $x \in L^1(J, E)$ . Then, the set  $S_F^1(x) := \{u \in L^1(J, E) : u(t) \in F(t, x(t)) \text{ a.e. } t \in J\}$  is nonempty.

We also need the following lemma. due to Lasota and Opial [14].

**Lemma 2.16.** [14] Let  $F : J \times E \rightarrow cc(E)$  be a Carathéodory function with  $S_F^1(x) \neq \emptyset$  for all  $x \in L^1(J, E)$  and  $\mathfrak{L} : L^1(J, E) \rightarrow C(J, E)$  be a continuous linear mapping. Then the graph of the operator  $\mathfrak{L} \circ S_F^1 : L^1(J, E) \rightarrow 2^{C(J, E)}$ , defined by  $\mathfrak{L} \circ S_F^1(x) = \mathfrak{L}(S_F^1(x))$ , is a closed subset in  $C(J, E) \times C(J, E)$ .

### 3. MAIN RESULTS

In this section, we prove common fixed point theorems for a pair of c-MNC-condensing multivalued mappings under a semi-weakly isotone condition.

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $(X, P, \preceq)$  be an ordered Banach space with the normal cone  $P$ ,  $D$  be a nonempty subset of  $X$ , and  $\psi$  be a monotonic and semi-additive c-MNC defined on  $2^D$  such that for any countable subset  $A$  of  $X$  we have

$$\psi(A \cup \{a\}) = \psi(A) \text{ for all } a \in X. \quad (3.4)$$

Assume that  $S, T : D \rightarrow 2^D$  are two monotone-closed mappings satisfying the following conditions:

1.  $S$  is  $\psi$ -condensing and  $T$  is  $\psi$ -contractive,
2.  $(S, T)$  is semi-weakly isotone increasing (resp. decreasing).
3. There exists  $x_0 \in D$  such that  $\{x_0\} \preceq_1 Sx_0$  (resp.  $Sx_0 \preceq_2 \{x_0\}$ ).

Then  $S, T$  have a common fixed point.

*Proof.* Assume that  $(S, T)$  is semi-weakly isotone increasing. Since  $\{x_0\} \preceq_1 Sx_0$ , we can choose  $x_1 \in Sx_0$  such that  $x_0 \preceq x_1$ . Since  $\{x_1\} \preceq_1 Tx_1$  we can choose an element  $x_2 \in Tx_1$  such that  $x_1 \preceq x_2$ . Repeating the argument above for the pair  $x_1, x_2$ , and so on, we can construct an increasing sequence  $\{x_n\}$  satisfying

$$x_{2n+1} \in Sx_{2n} \text{ and } x_{2n+2} \in Tx_{2n+1} \text{ for all } n = 0, 1, 2, \dots \quad (3.5)$$

Now, define  $A_j = \{x_{np+j} : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ ,  $j = 0, 1$ , and  $A_2 = A_0 \setminus \{x_0\}$  we have

$$A_1 \subset S(A_0) \text{ and } A_2 \subset T(A_1). \quad (3.6)$$

Set  $A = (\cup_{k=1}^2 A_k) \cup \{x_0\}$ . Since  $T$  is  $\psi$ -contractive and from the monotonic property of  $\psi$ , it follows from (3.6) that

$$\psi(A_2) \leq \psi(T(A_1)) \leq \psi(A_1) \leq \psi(S(A_0)). \quad (3.7)$$

Therefore, we have

$$\begin{aligned}\psi(A) &= \psi((\cup_{k=1}^2 A_k) \cup \{x_0\}) \\ &= \psi(\cup_{k=1}^2 A_k) \\ &\leq \sup\{\psi(A_k) : k = 1, 2\} \\ &\leq \psi(S(A_0)) \\ &\leq \psi(S(A)).\end{aligned}$$

Since  $S$  is  $\psi$ -condensing we deduce that  $A$  is relatively compact. It follows from the normality of  $P$  that  $\{x_n\}$  is convergent to some  $x_*$ . Since  $x_{2n+1} \in Sx_{2n}$  and  $S$  has closed graph, we obtain  $x_* \in S(x_*)$ . Similarly  $x_* \in T(x_*)$ , consequently  $x_*$  is a common fixed point for  $S, T$ . The case  $(S, T)$  is semi-weakly isotone decreasing is similar, which ends the proof.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.2.** *Let  $(X, P, \preceq)$  be an ordered Banach space with the normal cone  $P$ ,  $D$  be a nonempty subset of  $X$ ,  $(E, K, \leq)$  be an ordered Banach space with the cone  $K$ , and  $\psi : 2^D \rightarrow K$  be a regular monotonic semi-additive  $c$ -MNC. Let  $S, T : D \rightarrow 2^D$  be two monotone-closed mappings satisfying the following conditions:*

$(C_1)$  *there exists a increasing mapping  $\gamma : K \rightarrow K$  such that*

$$\psi(S(\Omega)) \leq \gamma(\psi(\Omega)) \text{ and } \psi(T(\Omega)) \leq \gamma(\psi(\Omega)) \text{ for all } \Omega \in 2^D, \quad (3.8)$$

$(C_2)$  *if  $u \in K$  and  $u \leq \gamma(u)$  then  $u = 0$ ,*

$(C_3)$   *$(S, T)$  is semi-weakly isotone increasing (resp. decreasing), and*

$(C_4)$  *there exists  $x_0 \in D$  satisfying  $\{x_0\} \preceq_1 Sx_0$  (resp.  $Sx_0 \preceq_2 \{x_0\}$ ).*

*Then  $S, T$  have a common fixed point.*

*Proof.* Assume that  $(S, T)$  is semi-weakly isotone increasing. We can construct an increasing sequece  $\{x_n\}$ , and the sets  $A_0, A_1, A_2, A$  similar to the proof in Theorem 3.1. From (3.6) and hypothesis  $(C_1)$  we have

$$\psi(A_2) \leq \psi(T(A_1)) \leq \gamma(\psi(A_1)) \leq \gamma(\psi(A)) \quad (3.9)$$

and

$$\psi(A_1) \leq \psi(S(A_0)) \leq \gamma(\psi(A_0)) \leq \gamma(\psi(A)) \quad (3.10)$$

From (3.9), (3.10) and the properties (monotonic, semi-additive) of  $\psi$  we obtain  $\psi(A) \leq \gamma(\psi(A))$ . This implies  $\psi(A) = 0$  by using hypothesis  $(C_2)$ . It follows from the regularity of the  $c$ -MNC  $\psi$  that  $A$  is relatively compact. The rest of this proof is argued similarly as in the roof of Theorem 3.1.  $\square$

**Remark 3.3.** If  $S, T, \psi$  satisfy conditions  $(C_1)$  and  $(C_2)$ , then condition  $(C_*)$  holds.

**Corollary 3.4.** *Suppose that the mappings  $S, T$  and the measure  $\psi$  satisfy conditions  $(C_1), (C_3), (C_4)$  and*

$(C'_2)$  *the mapping  $\gamma$  is increasing satisfying  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \gamma^n(u) = 0$  for all  $u \in K$ .*

*Then  $S, T$  have a common fixed point.*

*Proof.* Let us prove that  $(C'_2)$  implies  $(C_2)$ . In fact, assume that  $u \in K$  and  $u \leq \gamma(u)$ . It follows from the monotonicity of  $\gamma$  that  $u \leq \gamma^n(u)$ , so  $u = 0$  by using  $(C'_2)$ .  $\square$

## 4. APPLICATION

Let  $(E, P_E, \leq)$  be an ordered Banach space with norm  $|\cdot|$  and the normal cone  $P_E$ . In  $E$ , we denote by  $B(x_0, r)$  the closed ball centered at  $x_0$  of radius  $r$ . Let  $J = [0, b]$  be a closed and bounded interval in  $\mathbb{R}$ , and we consider the following multivalued differential equations

$$x'(t) \in f[t, x(t), x(h(t))] \text{ and } x'(t) \in g[t, x(t), x(h(t))], \quad (4.11)$$

for  $t \in J$  and  $x(0) = x_0$ , where  $h : J \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is continuous, and  $f, g : J \times B(x_0, r) \times B(x_0, r) \rightarrow 2^E$ . By a common local solution for the system of equations (4.11), we mean a differentiable function  $x$  defined on  $[0, b_1]$  such that

$$x'(t) = v_1(t), x'(t) = v_2(t), x(0) = x_0, \quad (4.12)$$

for some  $v_1, v_2$  which are  $E$ -valued Bochner integrable functions on  $[0, b_1]$  satisfying

$$v_1(t) \in f[t, x(t), x(h(t))] \text{ and } v_2(t) \in g[t, x(t), x(h(t))] \text{ for all } t \in [0, b_1];$$

where  $0 < b_1 \leq b$ .

Assume that  $\varphi$  is a real-valued measure of noncompactness, defined for all bounded subsets of  $E$ , satisfying properties 1-7 in Definition 2.7, for example,  $\varphi$  is either the Hausdorff MNC or the Kuratowski MNC. Let  $F, G : J \times B(x_0, r) \rightarrow 2^E$  be two multivalued mappings defined by

$$F(t, x) = f(t, x(t), x(h(t))) \text{ and } G(t, x) = g(t, x(t), x(h(t))). \quad (4.13)$$

We consider the equations in (4.11) under the following assumptions.

(H<sub>1</sub>)  $f, g : J \times D \rightarrow cc(E)$  are Carathéodory, where  $D = B(x_0, r) \times B(x_0, r)$ ,

(H<sub>2</sub>) there exists a number  $M > 0$  such that  $\|F(t, x)\| \leq M$  and  $\|G(t, x)\| \leq M$  for all  $x \in B(x_0, r), t \in J$ ,

(H<sub>3</sub>)  $\exists m, l > 0, \exists \alpha \in (0, 1]$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi[f(t, \Omega_1, \Omega_2)] &\leq l\varphi(\Omega_1) + m[\varphi(\Omega_2)]^\alpha, \text{ and} \\ \varphi[g(t, \Omega_1, \Omega_2)] &\leq l\varphi(\Omega_1) + m[\varphi(\Omega_2)]^\alpha \end{aligned}$$

for all  $(t, \Omega_1, \Omega_2) \in J \times B(x_0, r) \times B(x_0, r)$  and

(H<sub>4</sub>)  $0 \leq h(t) \leq t^{1/\alpha}$  for all  $t \in J$ ,

(H<sub>5</sub>)  $0 \in F(t, a_0(t))$ , where  $a_0(t) = x_0$  for all  $t \in J$ , and

(H<sub>6</sub>) for each  $x \in C(J, E)$  we have  $F(t, x) \leq_1 G(t, y)$  for all  $y \in S_F^1(x)$  and  $G(t, x) \leq_1 F(t, y)$  for all  $y \in S_G^1(x)$ .

**Theorem 4.1.** *Assume (H<sub>1</sub>)–(H<sub>6</sub>) hold. Then there exists a number  $b_1 \in (0, b]$  such that the system of multivalued differential equations (4.11) has a solution on  $[0, b_1]$ .*

*Proof.* First we observe that if  $\Omega$  is an equicontinuous subset of  $C(J, E)$ , by using properties 4, 5, 7 of the measure  $\varphi$  and that the value  $\int_0^t v(s)ds$  can be uniformly approximated by integral sums we deduce that

$$\varphi\left(\left\{\int_0^t v(s)ds : v \in \Omega\right\}\right) \leq \int_0^t \varphi(\Omega)ds. \quad (4.14)$$

Since  $\alpha \leq 1$  we can choose  $b_1 \in (0, b]$  small enough so that  $b_1^\alpha \leq b_1$  and  $M \leq \frac{r}{b_1}$ . We shall prove that the two maps  $S, T : C(J, E) \rightarrow 2^{C(J, E)}$ , defined by

$$Sx(t) = \left\{ x_0 + \int_0^t v(s)ds : v \in S_F^1(x) \right\} \text{ and}$$

$$Tx(t) = \left\{ x_0 + \int_0^t v(s)ds : v \in S_G^1(x) \right\},$$

have a common fixed point in the set

$$D = \left\{ x \in C([0, b_1], E) : x(0) = x_0, x \text{ is Lipschitz with constant } \frac{r}{b_1} \right\}.$$

For any  $x \in D$  and  $u \in Sx$ , there exists  $v \in S_F^1(x)$  so that  $u(t) = x_0 + \int_0^t v(s)ds$ . It follows from (H<sub>2</sub>) that

$$|u(t) - u(t')| \leq \int_{\min\{t, t'\}}^{\max\{t, t'\}} |v(s)|ds \leq M|t - t'| \leq \frac{r}{b_1}|t - t'|$$

for all  $t, t' \in [0, b_1]$ . Therefore  $u \in D$ , so consequently  $Sx \in 2^D$ . Similarly  $Tx \in 2^D$ . Let  $Y = C([0, b_1], \mathbb{R})$ ,  $K \subset Y$  be the cone of nonnegative functions, and  $\psi$  be the c-MNC, defined on the family  $\mathfrak{M}$  of all bounded equicontinuous subsets of  $C(J, E)$ , which is introduced in Example 2.9. Let us define the operators  $B : Y \rightarrow Y$ ,  $C : K \rightarrow K$  by

$$Bu(t) = l \int_0^t u(s)ds; \quad Cu(t) = \int_0^t (u[h(s)])^\alpha ds$$

Clearly,  $B$  is positive linear with spectral radius  $r(B) = 0$  and  $C$  is increasing. For  $\Omega \in 2^D \cap \mathfrak{M}$ , using (H<sub>3</sub>) and (4.14) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi[S(\Omega)(t)] &= \varphi \left\{ \cup_{x \in \Omega} \left( \{x_0\} + \int_0^t F(s, x)ds \right) \right\} \\ &= \sup \left\{ \varphi \left( \{x_0\} + \int_0^t F(s, x)ds \right) : x \in \Omega \right\} \\ &= \sup \left\{ \varphi \left( \int_0^t F(s, x)ds \right) : x \in \Omega \right\} \\ &\leq \varphi \left( \int_0^t F(s, \Omega)ds \right) \\ &\leq \int_0^t \varphi(F(s, \Omega)) ds \\ &\leq l \int_0^t \varphi[\Omega(s)] ds + m \int_0^t (\varphi[\Omega(h(s))])^\alpha ds. \end{aligned}$$

Consequently,  $\psi(S(\Omega)) \leq \gamma(\psi(\Omega))$ , where  $\gamma = B + mC$ .

Similarly, we have  $\psi(T(\Omega)) \leq \gamma(\psi(\Omega))$ . Now we show condition (C<sub>2</sub>) holds.

Consider an element  $u \in K$  satisfying  $u \leq \gamma(u)$ , that is,

$$u(t) \leq l \int_0^t u(s) ds + m \int_0^t (u[h(s)])^\alpha ds. \quad (4.15)$$

Using the Gronwall inequality from (4.15), where  $\phi(t) = m \int_0^t (u[h(s)])^\alpha ds$  is a non-decreasing function, we obtain

$$u(t) \leq e^{lt} m \int_0^t (u[h(s)])^\alpha ds \leq kC(u)(t) \quad (4.16)$$

for some  $k > 0$ . From (4.16) we can prove by induction that

$$\begin{aligned} u(t) &\leq (kC)^n(u)(t) \\ &\leq k^{1+\alpha+\dots+\alpha^n} \|u\|^{\alpha^n} t^n \left[ 2^{\alpha^{n-2}} 3^{\alpha^{n-3}} \dots (n-1)^{\alpha n} \right]^{-1}. \end{aligned}$$

This implies  $u = 0$ . We denote by  $\preceq$  the partial ordering in  $C(J, E)$  with respect to the cone  $P$  defined by  $x \in P$  iff  $x(t) \in P_E$  for all  $t \in J$ . Clearly,  $P$  is normal. Next, we claim that the pair  $(S, T)$  is semi-isotone increasing. Suppose that  $x \in D$ , and  $y \in Sx$ , then

$$y(t) = x_0 + \int_0^t v(s) ds$$

for some  $v \in S_F^1(x)$ . From (H7) we can choose  $w \in S_G^1(y)$  satisfying

$$\int_0^t v(s) ds \leq \int_0^t w(s) ds.$$

This implies

$$y(t) \leq x_0 + \int_0^t w(s) ds,$$

thus  $\{y\} \preceq_1 Ty$ . Similarly,  $\{y\} \preceq_1 Sy$  for all  $y \in Tx$ . From (H6) we have  $a_0 \in D$  and  $\{a_0\} \preceq_1 Sa_0$ . Finally, we prove that  $S, T : D \rightarrow 2^D$  are monotone-closed. Let  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence in  $D$  satisfying  $x_n \rightarrow x$ , and  $\{y_n\}$  be a sequence such that  $y_n \in Sx_n$  and  $y_n \rightarrow y$ . From  $y_n \in Sx_n$  it follows that

$$y_n(t) = x_0 + \int_0^t u_n(s) ds, \quad t \in [0, b_1] \text{ for some } u_n \in S_F^1(x_n) \quad (4.17)$$

Denote

$$z_n(t) = \int_0^t u_n(s) ds.$$

From (4.17) it follows that  $\lim z_n(t) = y(t) - x_0$  (in  $E$ ). From inequality

$$|z_n(t) - (y(t) - x_0)| = |y_n(t) - y(t)| \leq \|y_n - y\|$$

for all  $t \in [0, b_1]$  we obtain  $z_n \rightarrow y - a_0$ .

Consider the continuous linear  $\mathfrak{L} : L^1([0, b_1], E) \rightarrow C([0, b_1], E)$  defined by

$$\mathfrak{L}u(t) = \int_0^t u(s) ds, \quad t \in [0, b_1].$$

It follows from Lemma 2.16 that  $\mathfrak{L} \circ S_F^1(C(J, E))$  is a closed subset in  $C([0, b_1], E) \times C([0, b_1], E)$ . Moreover, since  $z_n \in \mathfrak{L} \circ S_F^1(x_n)$  we have  $y - a_0 \in \mathfrak{L} \circ S_F^1(x)$ . This implies  $y \in Sx$ , hence  $S$  is monotone-closed. Similarly,  $T$  also is too. Therefore, the conditions of Theorem 3.2 are satisfied for the pair  $(S, T)$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

**Remark 4.2.** *In this section, we illustrated the advantage of using the  $c$ -MNC, that is,  $T$  is a multivalued mapping and  $\psi$  is a  $c$ -NMC satisfying  $\psi(T(\Omega)) \leq \gamma(\psi(\Omega))$ , where  $\psi(\Omega)$  and  $\psi(T(\Omega))$  are elements of an ordered cone  $P$  and  $\gamma : P \rightarrow P$  is an increasing operator. Then from the relation  $\psi(\Omega) \leq \psi(T(\Omega))$  it follows that  $\psi(\Omega) \leq \gamma(\psi(\Omega))$  and using some analysis we prove  $\psi(\Omega) = 0$ .*

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