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## GLOBAL EXISTENCE RESULTS FOR NEUTRAL FUNCTIONAL DIFFERENTIAL INCLUSIONS WITH STATE-DEPENDENT DELAY

### РЕЗУЛЬТАТИ ПРО ГЛОБАЛЬНЕ ІСНУВАННЯ РОЗВ'ЯЗКІВ НЕЙТРАЛЬНИХ ФУНКЦІОНАЛЬНИХ ДИФЕРЕНЦІАЛЬНИХ ВКЛЮЧЕНЬ ІЗ ЗАТРИМКОЮ, ЩО ЗАЛЕЖИТЬ ВІД СТАНУ

We consider the existence of global solutions for a class of neutral functional differential inclusions with state-dependent delay. The proof of the main result is based on the semigroup theory and the Bohnenblust–Karlin fixed point theorem.

Розглянуто питання про існування глобальних розв'язків одного класу нейтральних функціональних диференціальних включень із затримкою, що залежить від стану. Доведення основного результату базується на теорії напівгруп та теоремі про нерухому точку Боненблуста та Карліна.

**1. Introduction.** Neutral functional differential equations arise in many areas of applied mathematics and for this reason these equations have received much attention in the last decades. The literature relative to ordinary neutral functional differential equations is very extensive and refer to [8, 9, 11, 22, 32, 33]. Partial neutral differential equation with finite delay arise, for instance, from the transmission line theory [38]. Wu and Xia have shown in [39] that a ring array of identical resistibly coupled lossless transmission lines leads to a system of neutral functional differential equations with discrete diffusive coupling which exhibits various types of discrete waves. For more results on partial neutral functional differential equations and related issues we refer to Adimy and Ezzinbi [2], Hale [20], Wu and Xia [38, 39] for finite delay equations, and Hern'andez and Henriquez [24, 25] for unbounded delays. Functional differential equations with state-dependent delay appear frequently in applications as model of equations and for this reason the study of this type of equations has received a significant amount of attention in the last years, see for instance [1–3, 6, 10, 15, 35] and the references therein. We also cite [4, 5, 16, 19, 23, 30, 31, 40] for the case neutral differential equations with state-dependent delay. In [12, 13] Benchohra et al. considered the global existence of mild solutions for some classes of functional evolutions equations on unbounded intervals.

In this work we prove the existence of solutions of a neutral functional differential inclusion. Our investigations will be situated in the Banach space of real functions which are defined, continuous and bounded on the real axis  $\mathbb{R}$ . We will use Bohnenblust–Karlin fixed point theorem, combined with the Corduneanu's compactness criteria. More precisely we will consider the following problem:

$$\frac{d}{dt}[y(t) - g(t, y_{\rho(t, y_t)})] - A[y(t) - g(t, y_{\rho(t, y_t)})] \in F(t, y_{\rho(t, y_t)}) \quad \text{a.e. } t \in J := [0, +\infty), \quad (1)$$

$$y(t) = \phi(t), \quad t \in (-\infty, 0], \quad (2)$$

where  $F : J \times \mathcal{B} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(E)$  is a multivalued map with nonempty compact values,  $\mathcal{P}(E)$  is the family of all nonempty subsets of  $E$ ,  $g : J \times \mathcal{B} \rightarrow E$  is given function,  $A : D(A) \subset E \rightarrow E$  is the infinitesimal

generator of a strongly continuous semigroup  $\{T(t)\}_{t \geq 0}$ ,  $\mathcal{B}$  is the phase space to be specified later,  $\phi \in \mathcal{B}$ ,  $\rho : J \times \mathcal{B} \rightarrow (-\infty, +\infty)$  and  $(E, |\cdot|)$  is a real separable Banach space. For any function  $y$  defined on  $(-\infty, +\infty)$  and any  $t \in J$  we denote by  $y_t$  the element of  $\mathcal{B}$  defined by  $y_t(\theta) = y(t + \theta)$ ,  $\theta \in (-\infty, 0]$ . Here  $y_t(\cdot)$  represents the history of the state from time  $-\infty$ , up to the present time  $t$ . We assume that the histories  $y_t$  belongs to some abstract phases  $\mathcal{B}$ , to be specified later.

To our knowledge the literature on the global existence of neutral evolution inclusions is very limited. Some of the exiting ones are obtained in the Fréchet space setting. The present results are given in the Banach space setting, and hence are considered as a contribution of this class of problems.

**2. Preliminaries.** In this section we present briefly some notations and definition, and theorem which are used throughout this work.

In this paper, we will employ an axiomatic definition of the phase space  $\mathcal{B}$  introduced by Hale and Kato in [21] and follow the terminology used in [27]. Thus,  $(\mathcal{B}, \|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{B}})$  will be a seminormed linear space of functions mapping  $(-\infty, 0]$  into  $E$ , and satisfying the following axioms:

(A<sub>1</sub>) If  $y : (-\infty, b) \rightarrow E$ ,  $b > 0$ , is continuous on  $J$  and  $y_0 \in \mathcal{B}$ , then for every  $t \in J$  the following conditions hold:

- (i)  $y_t \in \mathcal{B}$ ;
- (ii) there exists a positive constant  $H$  such that  $|y(t)| \leq H\|y_t\|_{\mathcal{B}}$ ;
- (iii) there exist two functions  $L(\cdot), M(\cdot) : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  independent of  $y$  with  $L$  continuous and bounded, and  $M$  locally bounded such that

$$\|y_t\|_{\mathcal{B}} \leq L(t) \sup \{|y(s)| : 0 \leq s \leq t\} + M(t)\|y_0\|_{\mathcal{B}}.$$

(A<sub>2</sub>) For the function  $y$  in (A<sub>1</sub>),  $y_t$  is a  $\mathcal{B}$ -valued continuous function on  $J$ .

(A<sub>3</sub>) The space  $\mathcal{B}$  is complete.

Assume that

$$l = \sup \{L(t) : t \in J\}, \quad m = \sup \{M(t) : t \in J\}.$$

**Remark 2.1.** 1. Condition (ii) is equivalent to  $|\phi(0)| \leq H\|\phi\|_{\mathcal{B}}$  for every  $\phi \in \mathcal{B}$ .

2. Since  $\|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{B}}$  is a seminorm, two elements  $\phi, \psi \in \mathcal{B}$  can verify  $\|\phi - \psi\|_{\mathcal{B}} = 0$  without necessarily  $\phi(\theta) = \psi(\theta)$  for all  $\theta \leq 0$ .

3. From the equivalence of in the first remark, we can see that for all  $\phi, \psi \in \mathcal{B}$  such that  $\|\phi - \psi\|_{\mathcal{B}} = 0$ : we necessarily have that  $\phi(0) = \psi(0)$ .

By *BUC* we denote the space of bounded uniformly continuous functions defined from  $(-\infty, 0]$  to  $E$ .

Let  $BC := BC([0, +\infty))$  be the Banach space of all bounded and continuous functions from  $[0, +\infty)$  into  $E$  equipped with the standard norm

$$\|y\|_{BC} = \sup_{t \in [0, +\infty)} |y(t)|.$$

Let  $(E, d)$  be a metric space. We use the following notations:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{P}_{cl}(E) &= \{Y \in \mathcal{P}(E) : Y \text{ closed}\}, & \mathcal{P}_{cv}(E) &= \{Y \in \mathcal{P}(E) : Y \text{ convex}\}, \\ \mathcal{P}_b(E) &= \{Y \in \mathcal{P}(E) : Y \text{ bounded}\}. \end{aligned}$$

Consider  $H_d : \mathcal{P}(E) \times \mathcal{P}(E) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+ \cup \{\infty\}$ , given by

$$H_d(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B}) = \max \left\{ \sup_{a \in \mathcal{A}} d(a, \mathcal{B}), \sup_{b \in \mathcal{B}} d(\mathcal{A}, b) \right\},$$

where  $d(\mathcal{A}, b) = \inf_{a \in \mathcal{A}} d(a, b)$ ,  $d(a, \mathcal{B}) = \inf_{b \in \mathcal{B}} d(a, b)$ .

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $X, Y$  be Hausdorff topological spaces and  $F : X \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(Y)$  is called upper semicontinuous (u.s.c.) on  $X$  if for each  $x_0 \in X$ , the set  $F(x_0)$  is a nonempty closed subset of  $Y$  and if for each open set  $N$  of  $Y$  containing  $F(x_0)$ , there exists an open neighborhood  $N_0$  of  $x_0$  such that  $F(N_0) \subseteq N$ .

Let  $(E, \|\cdot\|)$  be a Banach space. A multivalued map  $A : E \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(E)$  has convex (closed) values if  $A(x)$  is convex (closed) for all  $x \in E$ . We say that  $A$  is bounded on bounded sets if  $A(B)$  is bounded in  $E$  for each bounded set  $B$  of  $E$ , i.e.,

$$\sup_{x \in B} \{ \sup \{ \|y\| : y \in A(x) \} \} < \infty.$$

$F$  is said to be completely continuous if  $F(B)$  is relatively compact for every  $B \in \mathcal{P}_b(E)$ . If the multivalued map  $F$  is completely continuous with non empty values, then  $F$  is u.s.c. if and only if  $F$  has a closed graph (i.e.,  $x_n \rightarrow x_*, y_n \rightarrow y_*, y_n \in F(x_n)$  implies  $y_* \in F(x_*)$ ).

**Definition 2.2.** A function  $F : J \times \mathcal{B} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(E)$  is said to be an  $L^1$ -Carathéodory multivalued map if it satisfies:

- (i)  $y \mapsto F(t, y)$  is upper semicontinuous for almost all  $t \in J$ ;
- (ii)  $t \mapsto F(t, y)$  is measurable for each  $y \in \mathcal{B}$ ;
- (iii) for every positive constant  $l$  there exists  $h_l \in L^1(J, \mathbb{R}^+)$

$$\|F(t, y)\| = \sup \{ |v| : v \in F(t, y) \} \leq h_l$$

for all  $|y| \leq l$  for almost all  $t \in J$ .

**Definition 2.3.** A function  $F : J \times \mathcal{B} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(E)$  is said to be an Carathéodory multivalued map if it satisfies (i) and (ii).

The following two results are easily deduced from the limit properties.

**Lemma 2.1** (see, e.g., [7], Theorem 1.4.13). If  $G : X \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X)$  is u.s.c., then, for any  $x_0 \in X$ ,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} \sup G(x) = G(x_0).$$

**Lemma 2.2** (see, e.g., [7], Lemma 1.1.9). Let  $(K_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subset K \subset X$  be a sequence of subsets where  $K$  is compact in the separable Banach space  $X$ . Then

$$\overline{\text{co}} \left( \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sup K_n \right) = \bigcap_{N > 0} \overline{\text{co}} \left( \bigcup_{n \geq N} K_n \right),$$

where  $\overline{\text{co}}$   $A$  refers to the closure of the convex hull of  $A$ .

The second one is due to Mazur (1933).

**Lemma 2.3** (Mazur's lemma [41]). Let  $E$  be a normed space and  $\{x_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \subset E$  be a sequence weakly converging to a limit  $x \in E$ . Then there exists a sequence of convex combinations  $y_m = \sum_{k=1}^m \alpha_{mk} x_k$  with  $\alpha_{mk} > 0$  for  $k = 1, 2, \dots, m$  and  $\sum_{k=1}^m \alpha_{mk} = 1$ , which converges strongly to  $x$ .

**Lemma 2.4** [29]. *Let  $E$  be a Banach space. Let  $F : J \times E \rightarrow \mathcal{P}_{cl,cv}(E)$  be a  $L^1$ -Carathéodory multivalued map, and let  $\Gamma$  be a linear continuous from  $L^1(J; E)$  into  $C(J; E)$ , then the operator*

$$\Gamma \circ S_F : C(J, E) \longrightarrow \mathcal{P}_{cp,cv}(C(J, X)), \quad y \longmapsto (\Gamma \circ S_F)(y) := \Gamma(S_{F,y})$$

*is a closed graph operator in  $C(J; X) \times C(J; X)$ .*

Finally, we say that  $A$  has a *fixed point* if there exists  $x \in E$  such that  $x \in A(x)$ .

For each  $y : (-\infty, +\infty) \rightarrow E$  let the set  $S_{F,y}$  known as the set of selectors from  $F$  defined by

$$S_{F,y} = \{v \in L^1(J; E) : v(t) \in F(t, y_{\rho(t,y_t)}) \text{ a.e. } t \in J\}.$$

For more details on multivalued maps we refer to the books of Deimling [18], Hu and Papageorgiou [28], Górniewicz [34], and Perestyuk et al. [37].

**Theorem 2.1** (Bohnenblust–Karlin fixed point [14]). *Let  $B \in \mathcal{P}_{cl,cv}(E)$ ,  $N : B \rightarrow \mathcal{P}_{cl,cv}(B)$  be a upper semicontinuous operator and  $N(B)$  is a relatively compact subset of  $E$ . Then  $N$  has at least one fixed point in  $B$ .*

**Lemma 2.5** (Corduneanu [17]). *Let  $D \subset BC([0, +\infty), E)$ . Then  $D$  is relatively compact if the following conditions hold:*

- (a)  *$D$  is bounded in  $BC$ .*
- (b) *The function belonging to  $D$  is almost equicontinuous on  $[0, +\infty)$ , i.e., equicontinuous on every compact of  $[0, +\infty)$ .*
- (c) *The set  $D(t) := \{y(t) : y \in D\}$  is relatively compact on every compact of  $[0, +\infty)$ .*
- (d) *The function from  $D$  is equiconvergent, that is, given  $\epsilon > 0$ , responds  $T(\epsilon) > 0$  such that  $|u(t) - \lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} u(t)| < \epsilon$ , for any  $t \geq T(\epsilon)$  and  $u \in D$ .*

**3. Existence of mild solutions.** Now we give our main existence result for problem (1), (2). Before starting and proving this result, we give the definition of the mild solution.

**Definition 3.1.** *We say that a continuous function  $y : (-\infty, +\infty) \rightarrow E$  is a mild solution of problem (1), (2) if  $y(t) = \phi(t)$  for all  $t \in (-\infty, 0]$ , and the restriction of  $y(\cdot)$  to the interval  $J$  is continuous and there exists  $f(\cdot) \in L^1(J; E) : f(t) \in F(t, y_{\rho(t,y_t)})$  a.e. in  $J$  such that  $y$  satisfies the integral equation*

$$y(t) = T(t)[\phi(0) - g(0, \phi(0))] + g(t, y_{\rho(t,y_t)}) + \int_0^t T(t-s)f(s) ds, \quad t \in J. \tag{3}$$

Set

$$\mathcal{R}(\rho^-) = \{\rho(s, \phi) : (s, \phi) \in J \times \mathcal{B}, \rho(s, \phi) \leq 0\}.$$

We always assume that  $\rho : J \times \mathcal{B} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is continuous. Additionally, we introduce following hypothesis:

$(H_\phi)$  The function  $t \rightarrow \phi_t$  is continuous from  $\mathcal{R}(\rho^-)$  into  $\mathcal{B}$  and there exists a continuous and bounded function  $\mathcal{L}^\phi : \mathcal{R}(\rho^-) \rightarrow (0, \infty)$  such that

$$\|\phi_t\| \leq \mathcal{L}^\phi(t)\|\phi\| \quad \text{for every } t \in \mathcal{R}(\rho^-).$$

**Remark 3.1.** The condition  $(H_\phi)$ , is frequently verified by functions continuous and bounded. For more details, see, for instance, [27].

**Lemma 3.1** [26]. *If  $y : (-\infty, +\infty) \rightarrow E$  is a function such that  $y_0 = \phi$ , then*

$$\|y_s\|_{\mathcal{B}} \leq (M + \mathcal{L}^\phi)\|\phi\|_{\mathcal{B}} + l \sup \{|y(\theta)|; \theta \in [0, \max\{0, s\}]\}, \quad s \in \mathcal{R}(\rho^-) \cup J,$$

where  $\mathcal{L}^\phi = \sup_{t \in \mathcal{R}(\rho^-)} \mathcal{L}^\phi(t)$ .

Let us introduce the following hypotheses:

(H<sub>1</sub>) The semigroup  $T(t)$  is compact for  $t > 0$ , and there is a positive constant  $M$  such that

$$\|T(t)\|_{B(E)} \leq M.$$

(H<sub>2</sub>) The multifunction  $F : J \times \mathcal{B} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(E)$  is Carathéodory with compact, closed and convex values.

(H<sub>3</sub>) There exists a continuous function  $k : J \rightarrow [0, +\infty)$  such that

$$H_d(F(t, u), F(t, v)) \leq k(t)\|u - v\|_{\mathcal{B}}$$

for each  $t \in J$  and for all  $u, v \in \mathcal{B}$  and

$$d(0, F(t, 0)) \leq k(t)$$

with

$$k^* := \sup_{t \in J} \int_0^t k(s) ds < \infty. \tag{4}$$

(H<sub>4</sub>) The function  $g(t, \cdot)$  is continuous on  $J$  and there exists a constant  $k_g > 0$  such that

$$|g(t, u) - g(t, v)| \leq k_g \|u - v\|_{\mathcal{B}} \quad \text{for each } u, v \in \mathcal{B}$$

and

$$g^* := \sup_{t \in J} |g(t, 0)| < \infty.$$

(H<sub>5</sub>) For each  $t \in J$  and any bounded set  $B \subset \mathcal{B}$ , the set  $\{g(t, u) : u \in B\}$  is relatively compact in  $E$ .

(H<sub>6</sub>) For any bounded set  $B \subset \mathcal{B}$ , the function  $\{t \rightarrow g(t, u) : u \in B\}$  is equicontinuous on each compact interval of  $[0, +\infty)$ .

Set

$$\Omega = \{y : (-\infty, +\infty) \rightarrow E : y|_{(-\infty, 0]} \in \mathcal{B} \text{ and } y|_{[0, +\infty)} \in BC\}.$$

**Remark 3.2.** By the condition (H<sub>4</sub>) we deduce that

$$|g(t, u)| \leq k_g \|u\|_{\mathcal{B}} + g^*, \quad t \in J, \quad u \in \mathcal{B}.$$

**Theorem 3.1.** *Assume that (H<sub>1</sub>)–(H<sub>6</sub>) and (H<sub>\phi</sub>) hold. If  $l(Mk^* + k_g) < 1$ , then the problem (1), (2) has at least one mild solution.*

**Proof.** Transform the problem (1), (2) into a fixed point problem. Consider the operator  $N : \Omega \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\Omega)$  defined by

$$N(y) := \left\{ h \in \Omega : h(t) = \begin{cases} \phi(t), & \text{if } t \in (-\infty, 0], \\ T(t)[\phi(0) - g(0, \phi(0))] + \\ + g(t, y_{\rho(t, y_t)}) + \int_0^t T(t-s)f(s) ds, & \text{if } t \in J \end{cases} \right\}$$

where  $f \in S_{F, y_{\rho(t, y_t)}}$ .

Let  $x(\cdot) : (-\infty, +\infty) \rightarrow E$  be the function defined by

$$x(t) = \begin{cases} \phi(t), & \text{if } t \in (-\infty, 0], \\ T(t)\phi(0), & \text{if } t \in J. \end{cases}$$

Then  $x_0 = \phi$ . For each  $z \in \Omega$  with  $z(0) = 0$ , we denote by  $\bar{z}$  the function

$$\bar{z}(t) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } t \in (-\infty, 0], \\ z(t), & \text{if } t \in J, \end{cases}$$

if  $y(\cdot)$  satisfies (3) we can decompose it as  $y(t) = z(t) + x(t)$ ,  $t \in J$ , which implies  $y_t = z_t + x_t$  for every  $t \in J$  and the function  $z(\cdot)$  satisfies

$$z(t) = g(t, z_{\rho(t, z_t+x_t)} + x_{\rho(t, z_t+x_t)}) - T(t)g(0, \phi(0)) + \int_0^t T(t-s)f(s) ds, \quad t \in J,$$

where  $f \in S_{F, z_{\rho(t, z_t+x_t)} + x_{\rho(t, z_t+x_t)}}$ . Set

$$\Omega_0 = \{z \in \Omega : z(0) = 0\}$$

and let

$$\|z\|_{\Omega_0} = \sup \{|z(t)| : t \in J\} \quad z \in \Omega_0.$$

$\Omega_0$  is a Banach space with the norm  $\|\cdot\|_{\Omega_0}$ .

We define the operator  $\mathcal{A} : \Omega_0 \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\Omega_0)$  by

$$\mathcal{A}(z) := \left\{ h \in \Omega_0 : h(t) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } t \leq 0, \\ g(t, z_{\rho(t, z_t+x_t)} + x_{\rho(t, z_t+x_t)}) - \\ - T(t)g(0, \phi(0)) + \int_0^t T(t-s)f(s) ds, & \text{if } t \in J \end{cases} \right\}$$

where  $f \in S_{F, z_{\rho(t, z_t+x_t)} + x_{\rho(t, z_t+x_t)}}$ .

The operator  $\mathcal{A}$  maps  $\Omega_0$  into  $\Omega_0$ , indeed the map  $\mathcal{A}(z)$  is continuous on  $[0, +\infty)$  for any  $z \in \Omega_0$ ,  $h \in \mathcal{A}(z)$  and for each  $t \in J$  we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 |h(t)| &\leq |g(t, z_{\rho(t, z_t+x_t)} + x_{\rho(t, z_t+x_t)})| + M|g(0, \phi(0))| + M \int_0^t |f(s)| ds \leq \\
 &\leq M(k_g \|\phi\|_{\mathcal{B}} + g^*) + k_g \|z_{\rho(t, z_t+x_t)} + x_{\rho(t, z_t+x_t)}\|_{\mathcal{B}} + g^* + \\
 &+ M \int_0^t |F(s, 0)| ds + M \int_0^t k(s) \|z_{\rho(s, z_s+x_s)} + x_{\rho(s, z_s+x_s)}\|_{\mathcal{B}} ds \leq \\
 &\leq M(k_g \|\phi\|_{\mathcal{B}} + g^*) + k_g(l|z(t)| + (m + \mathcal{L}^\phi + lMH)\|\phi\|_{\mathcal{B}}) + g^* + \\
 &+ Mk^* + M \int_0^t k(s)(l|z(s)| + (m + \mathcal{L}^\phi + lMH)\|\phi\|_{\mathcal{B}}) ds.
 \end{aligned}$$

Set

$$\begin{aligned}
 C_1 &:= (m + \mathcal{L}^\phi + lMH)\|\phi\|_{\mathcal{B}}, \\
 C_2 &:= M(k_g \|\phi\|_{\mathcal{B}} + g^*) + k_g C_1 + g^* + Mk^*.
 \end{aligned}$$

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 |h(t)| &\leq C_2 + k_g l|z(t)| + MC_1 \int_0^t k(s) ds + M \int_0^t l|z(s)|k(s) ds \leq \\
 &\leq C_2 + k_g l\|z\|_{\Omega_0} + MC_1 k^* + Ml\|z\|_{\Omega_0} k^*.
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $\mathcal{A}(z) \in \Omega_0$ .

Moreover, let  $r > 0$  be such that

$$r \geq \frac{C_2 + MC_1 k^*}{1 - l(Mk^* + k_g)},$$

and  $B_r$  be the closed ball in  $\Omega_0$  centered at the origin and of radius  $r$ . Let  $z \in B_r$  and  $t \in [0, +\infty)$ . Then

$$|h(t)| \leq C_2 + k_g l r + MC_1 k^* + Mk^* l r.$$

Thus

$$\|h\|_{\Omega_0} \leq r,$$

which means that the operator  $\mathcal{A}$  transforms the ball  $B_r$  into itself.

Now we prove that  $\mathcal{A}: B_r \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(B_r)$  satisfies the assumptions of Bohnenblust–Karlin fixed point theorem. The proof will be given in several steps.

**Step 1.** We shall show that the operator  $\mathcal{A}$  is closed and convex valued. This will be given in several claims.

**Claim 1.**  $\mathcal{A}(z)$  is closed for each  $z \in B_r$ .

Let  $(h_n)_{n \geq 0} \in \mathcal{A}(z)$  such that  $h_n \rightarrow \tilde{h}$  in  $B_r$ . Then for  $h_n \in B_r$  there exists  $f_n \in S_{F, z_{\rho(t, z_t+x_t)} + x_{\rho(t, z_t+x_t)}}$  such that for each  $t \in J$ ,

$$h_n(t) = g(t, z_{\rho(t, z_t + x_t)} + x_{\rho(t, z_t + x_t)}) - T(t)g(0, \phi(0)) + \int_0^t T(t-s)f_n(s) ds.$$

We shall use the fact that  $F$  has compact values and from hypotheses (H<sub>2</sub>), (H<sub>3</sub>), and Mazur’s lemma we may pass a subsequence if necessary to get that  $f_n$  converges to  $f \in L^1(J, E)$  and hence  $f \in S_{F,y}$ . Indeed, Lemma 2.3 yields the existence of  $\alpha_i^n \geq 0, i = n, \dots, k - n$ , such that  $\sum_{i=1}^{k(n)} \alpha_i^n = 1$  and the sequence of convex combinations  $g_n(\cdot) = \sum_{i=1}^{k(n)} \alpha_i^n f_i(\cdot)$  converges strongly to  $f \in L^1$ . Since  $F$  takes convex values, using Lemma 2.2, we obtain that for a.e.  $t \in J$

$$\begin{aligned} f(t) &\in \bigcap_{n \geq 1} \overline{\{g_n(t)\}} \subset \\ &\subset \bigcap_{n \geq 1} \overline{\text{co}} \{f_k(t), k \geq n\} \subset \bigcap_{n \geq 1} \overline{\text{co}} \left\{ \bigcup_{k \geq n} F(t, z_{\rho(z_t^k + x_t)}^k + x_{\rho(t, z_t^k + x_t)}) \right\} = \\ &= \overline{\text{co}} \left( \limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} F(t, z_{\rho(z_t^k + x_t)}^k + x_{\rho(t, z_t^k + x_t)}) \right). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $F$  is u.s.c. with compact values, then by Lemma 2.1, we have

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} F(t, z_{\rho(z_t^n + x_t)}^n + x_{\rho(t, z_t^n + x_t)}) = F(t, z_{\rho(t, z_t + x_t)} + x_{\rho(t, z_t + x_t)}) \quad \text{for a.e. } t \in J.$$

This implies that  $f(t) \in \overline{\text{co}} F(t, z_{\rho(t, z_t + x_t)} + x_{\rho(t, z_t + x_t)})$ . Since  $F(\cdot, \cdot)$  has closed, convex values, we deduce that  $f(t) \in F(t, z_{\rho(t, z_t + x_t)} + x_{\rho(t, z_t + x_t)})$  for a.e.  $t \in J$ .

Let  $f \in S_{F, z_{\rho(s, z_s + x_s)} + x_{\rho(s, z_s + x_s)}}$ . Then, for each  $t \in J$ ,

$$h_n(t) \rightarrow \tilde{h}(t) = g(t, z_{\rho(t, z_t + x_t)} + x_{\rho(t, z_t + x_t)}) - T(t)g(0, \phi(0)) + \int_0^t T(t-s)f(s) ds.$$

So,  $\tilde{h} \in \mathcal{A}(z)$ .

**Claim 2.**  $\mathcal{A}(z)$  is convex for each  $z \in B_r$ .

Let  $h_1, h_2 \in \mathcal{A}(z)$ , then there exists  $f_1, f_2 \in S_{F, z_{\rho(t, z_t + x_t)} + x_{\rho(t, z_t + x_t)}}$  such that, for each  $t \in J$  we have

$$h_i(t) = g(t, z_{\rho(t, z_t + x_t)} + x_{\rho(t, z_t + x_t)}) - T(t)g(0, \phi(0)) + \int_0^t T(t-s)f_i(s) ds, \quad i = 1, 2.$$

Let  $0 \leq \delta \leq 1$ . Then we have, for each  $t \in J$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} (\delta h_1 + (1 - \delta)h_2)(t) &= g(t, z_{\rho(t, z_t + x_t)} + x_{\rho(t, z_t + x_t)}) - T(t)g(0, \phi(0)) + \\ &+ \int_0^t T(t-s)[\delta f_1(s) + (1 - \delta)f_2(s)] ds. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $F$  has convex values, one has



$$\delta h_1 + (1 - \delta)h_2 \in \mathcal{A}(z).$$

**Step 2.**  $\mathcal{A}(B_r) \subset B_r$  this is clear.

**Step 3.**  $\mathcal{A}(B_r)$  is equicontinuous on every compact interval  $[0, b]$  of  $[0, +\infty)$  for  $b > 0$ .

Let  $\tau_1, \tau_2 \in [0, b]$ ,  $h \in \mathcal{A}(z)$  with  $\tau_2 > \tau_1$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & |h(\tau_2) - h(\tau_1)| \leq \\ & \leq |g(\tau_2, z_{\rho(\tau_2, z_{\tau_2} + x_{\tau_2})} + x_{\rho(\tau_2, z_{\tau_2} + x_{\tau_2})}) - g(\tau_1, z_{\rho(\tau_1, z_{\tau_1} + x_{\tau_1})} + x_{\rho(\tau_1, z_{\tau_1} + x_{\tau_1})})| + \\ & \quad + \|T(\tau_2) - T(\tau_1)\|_{B(E)} |g(0, \phi(0))| + \\ & \quad + \int_0^{\tau_1} \|T(\tau_2 - s) - T(\tau_1 - s)\|_{B(E)} |f(s)| ds + \\ & \quad + \int_{\tau_1}^{\tau_2} \|T(\tau_2 - s)\|_{B(E)} |f(s)| ds \leq \\ & \leq |g(\tau_2, z_{\rho(\tau_2, z_{\tau_2} + x_{\tau_2})} + x_{\rho(\tau_2, z_{\tau_2} + x_{\tau_2})}) - g(\tau_1, z_{\rho(\tau_1, z_{\tau_1} + x_{\tau_1})} + x_{\rho(\tau_1, z_{\tau_1} + x_{\tau_1})})| + \\ & \quad + \|T(\tau_2) - T(\tau_1)\|_{B(E)} (k_g \|\phi\|_{\mathcal{B}} + g^*) + \\ & + \int_0^{\tau_1} \|T(\tau_2 - s) - T(\tau_1 - s)\|_{B(E)} (k(s) \|z_{\rho(s, z_s + x_s)} + x_{\rho(s, z_s + x_s)}\|_{\mathcal{B}} + |F(s, 0)|) ds + \\ & \quad + \int_{\tau_1}^{\tau_2} \|T(\tau_2 - s)\|_{B(E)} (k(s) \|z_{\rho(s, z_s + x_s)} + x_{\rho(s, z_s + x_s)}\|_{\mathcal{B}} + |F(s, 0)|) ds \leq \\ & \leq |g(\tau_2, z_{\rho(\tau_2, z_{\tau_2} + x_{\tau_2})} + x_{\rho(\tau_2, z_{\tau_2} + x_{\tau_2})}) - g(\tau_1, z_{\rho(\tau_1, z_{\tau_1} + x_{\tau_1})} + x_{\rho(\tau_1, z_{\tau_1} + x_{\tau_1})})| + \\ & \quad + C_1 \int_0^{\tau_1} \|T(\tau_2 - s) - T(\tau_1 - s)\|_{B(E)} k(s) ds + \\ & \quad + r l \int_0^{\tau_1} \|T(\tau_2 - s) - T(\tau_1 - s)\|_{B(E)} k(s) ds + \\ & \quad + \int_0^{\tau_1} \|T(\tau_2 - s) - T(\tau_1 - s)\|_{B(E)} k(s) ds + C_1 \int_{\tau_1}^{\tau_2} \|T(\tau_2 - s)\|_{B(E)} k(s) ds + \\ & \quad + r l \int_{\tau_1}^{\tau_2} \|T(\tau_2 - s)\|_{B(E)} k(s) ds + \int_{\tau_1}^{\tau_2} \|T(\tau_2 - s)\|_{B(E)} k(s) ds. \end{aligned}$$

When  $\tau_2 \rightarrow \tau_1$ , the right-hand side of the above inequality tends to zero, since  $(H_6)$  and  $T(t)$  is a strongly continuous operator and the compactness of  $T(t)$  for  $t > 0$ , implies the continuity in the uniform operator topology (see [36]), this proves the equicontinuity.

**Step 4.**  $\mathcal{A}(B_r)$  is relatively compact on every compact interval of  $[0, \infty)$ .

Let  $t \in [0, b]$  for  $b > 0$  and let  $\varepsilon$  be a real number satisfying  $0 < \varepsilon < t$ . For  $z \in B_r$  we define

$$h_\varepsilon(t) = g(t, z_{\rho(t, z_t + x_t)} + x_{\rho(t, z_t + x_t)}) - T(\varepsilon)(T(t - \varepsilon)g(0, \phi(0))) + \\ + T(\varepsilon) \int_0^{t-\varepsilon} T(t - s - \varepsilon)f(s) ds.$$

Note that the set

$$\left\{ g(t, z_{\rho(t, z_t + x_t)} + x_{\rho(t, z_t + x_t)}) - T(t - \varepsilon)g(0, \phi(0)) + \right. \\ \left. + \int_0^{t-\varepsilon} T(t - s - \varepsilon)f(s) ds : z \in B_r \right\}$$

is bounded,

$$\left| g(t, z_{\rho(t, z_t + x_t)} + x_{\rho(t, z_t + x_t)}) - T(t - \varepsilon)g(0, \phi(0)) + \right. \\ \left. + \int_0^{t-\varepsilon} T(t - s - \varepsilon)f(s) ds \right| \leq r.$$

Since  $T(t)$  is a compact operator for  $t > 0$ , and (H<sub>5</sub>) we have that the set

$$\{h_\varepsilon(t) : z \in B_r\}$$

is precompact in  $E$  for every  $\varepsilon$ ,  $0 < \varepsilon < t$ . Moreover, for every  $z \in B_r$  we have

$$|h(t) - h_\varepsilon(t)| \leq M \int_{t-\varepsilon}^t |f(s)| ds \leq \\ \leq M \int_{t-\varepsilon}^t k(s) ds + MC_1 \int_{t-\varepsilon}^t k(s) ds + rM \int_{t-\varepsilon}^t lk(s) ds \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } \varepsilon \rightarrow 0.$$

Therefore, the set  $\{h(t) : z \in B_r\}$  is precompact, i.e., relatively compact.

**Step 5.**  $\mathcal{A}$  has closed graph.

Let  $\{z_n\}$  be a sequence such that  $z_n \rightarrow z_*$ ,  $h_n \in \mathcal{A}(z_n)$  and  $h_n \rightarrow h_*$ . We shall show that  $h_* \in \mathcal{A}(z_*)$ .

$h_n \in \mathcal{A}(z_n)$  means that there exists  $f_n \in S_{F, z_{\rho(t, z_t^n + x_t)} + x_{\rho(t, z_t^n + x_t)}}$  such that

$$h_n(t) = g(t, z_{\rho(t, z_t^n + x_t)} + x_{\rho(t, z_t^n + x_t)}) - T(t)g(0, \phi(0)) + \int_0^t T(t - s)f_n(s) ds,$$

we must prove that there exists  $f_*$

$$h_*(t) = g(t, z_{\rho(t, z_t + x_t)} + x_{\rho(t, z_t + x_t)}) - T(t)g(0, \phi(0)) + \int_0^t T(t - s)f_*(s) ds.$$

Consider the linear and continuous operator  $K : L^1(J, E) \rightarrow B_r$  defined by

$$K(v)(t) = g(t, z_{\rho(t, z_t+x_t)} + x_{\rho(t, z_t+x_t)}) - T(t)g(0, \phi(0)) + \int_0^t T(t-s)v(s) ds.$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} |K(f_n)(t) - K(f_*)(t)| &= |(h_n(t) - g(t, z_{\rho(t, z_t+x_t)} + x_{\rho(t, z_t+x_t)}) + T(t)g(0, \phi(0))) - \\ &\quad - (h_*(t) - g(t, z_{\rho(t, z_t+x_t)} + x_{\rho(t, z_t+x_t)}) + T(t)g(0, \phi(0)))| \leq \\ &\leq \|h_n - h_*\|_\infty \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty. \end{aligned}$$

From Lemma 2.2 it follows that  $K \circ S_F$  is a closed graph operator and from the definition of  $K$  has

$$h_n(t) \in K \circ S_{F, z_{\rho(t, z_t^n+x_t)} + x_{\rho(t, z_t^n+x_t)}}.$$

As  $z_n \rightarrow z_*$  and  $h_n \rightarrow h_*$ , there exist  $f_* \in S_{F, z_{\rho(t, z_t^*+x_t)} + x_{\rho(t, z_t^*+x_t)}}$  such that

$$h_*(t) = g(t, z_{\rho(t, z_t+x_t)} + x_{\rho(t, z_t+x_t)}) - T(t)g(0, \phi(0)) + \int_0^t T(t-s)f_*(s) ds.$$

Hence the multivalued operator  $\mathcal{A}$  is upper semicontinuous.

**Step 6.**  $\mathcal{A}(B_r)$  is equiconvergent.

Let  $z \in B_r$ , we have, for  $h \in \mathcal{A}(z)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} |h(t)| &\leq |g(t, z_{\rho(t, z_t+x_t)} + x_{\rho(t, z_t+x_t)})| + M|g(0, \phi(0))| + M \int_0^t |f(s)| ds \leq \\ &\leq M(k_g\|\phi\|_{\mathcal{B}} + g^*) + k_g(l|z(t)| + (m + \mathcal{L}^\phi + lMH)\|\phi\|_{\mathcal{B}}) + g^* + \\ &\quad + Mk^* + M \int_0^t k(s)(l|z(s)| + (m + \mathcal{L}^\phi + lMH)\|\phi\|_{\mathcal{B}}) ds \leq \\ &\leq C_2 + k_g l \|z\|_{BC'_0} + MC_1 k^* + Ml \|z\|_{BC'_0} k^*. \end{aligned}$$

Then we obtain

$$|h(t)| \rightarrow l \leq C_2 + k_g l r + MC_1 k^* + Ml r k^* \quad \text{as } t \rightarrow +\infty.$$

Hence,

$$|h(t) - h(+\infty)| \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } t \rightarrow +\infty.$$

As a consequence of Steps 1–4, with Lemma 2.5, we can conclude that  $\mathcal{A} : B_r \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(B_r)$  is continuous and compact. From Schauder’s theorem, we deduce that  $\mathcal{A}$  has a fixed point  $z^*$ . Then  $y^* = z^* + x$  is a fixed point of the operators  $N$ , which is a mild solution of the problem (1), (2).

**4. An example.** Consider the following neutral functional partial differential inclusion

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\partial}{\partial t} [z(t, x) - g(t, z(t - \sigma(t, z(t, 0))), x)] - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} [z(t, x) - g(t, z(t - \sigma(t, z(t, 0))), x)] \in \\ & \in \int_{-\infty}^t f(s, z(t - \sigma(s, z(s, 0))), x) ds, \quad x \in [0, \pi], \quad t \in J := [0, +\infty), \end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

$$z(t, 0) = z(t, \pi) = 0, \quad t \in J, \tag{6}$$

$$z(\theta, x) = \tilde{z}(\theta, x), \quad t \in (-\infty, 0] \quad x \in [0, \pi], \tag{7}$$

where  $f$  is a given multivalued map,  $g$  a given function, and  $\sigma : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ . Take  $E = L^2[0, \pi]$  and define  $A : E \rightarrow E$  by  $A\omega = \omega''$  with domain

$$D(A) = \{ \omega \in E, \omega, \omega' \text{ are absolutely continuous } \omega'' \in E, \omega(0) = \omega(\pi) = 0 \}.$$

Then

$$A\omega = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^2 (\omega, \omega_n) \omega_n, \quad \omega \in D(A),$$

where  $\omega_n(s) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \sin ns$ ,  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ , is the orthogonal set of eigenvectors in  $A$ . It is well know (see [36]) that  $A$  is the infinitesimal generator of an analytic semigroup  $T(t)$ ,  $t \geq 0$ , in  $E$  and is given by

$$T(t)\omega = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \exp(-n^2 t) (\omega, \omega_n) \omega_n, \quad \omega \in E.$$

Since the analytic semigroup  $T(t)$  is compact for  $t > 0$ , there exists a positive constant  $M$  such that

$$\|T(t)\|_{B(E)} \leq M.$$

Let  $\mathcal{B} = BCU(\mathbb{R}^-; E)$  and  $\phi \in \mathcal{B}$ , then  $(H_\phi)$  is satisfied with

$$\rho(t, \varphi) = t - \sigma(\varphi), \quad t \in J.$$

Set

$$\begin{aligned} & y(t)(x) = z(t, x), \quad (t, x) \in J \times [0, \pi], \\ & F(t, \varphi)(x) = \int_{-\infty}^t f(s, \varphi) ds, \quad (t, x) \in J \times [0, \pi], \\ & \phi(t)(x) = \tilde{z}(t, x), \quad (t, x) \in (-\infty, 0] \times [0, \pi]. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, the problem (1), (2) in an abstract formulation of the problem (5)–(7), and if the conditions  $(H_1)$ – $(H_6)$  are satisfied, Theorem 3.1 implies that the problem (5)–(7) has at least one mild solutions.

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