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# FIXED POINT RESULTS FOR $\varphi$ -CONTRACTIONS ON A SET WITH TWO SEPARATING GAUGE STRUCTURES

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## Abstract

The purpose of this article is to present some fixed point theorems for Ćirić-type generalized  $\varphi$ -contractions on a set with two separating gauge structures. Fixed point theorems and a homotopy result are given in Section 2. Then, as applications, some existence results for a multivalued Cauchy problem and a Volterra-type integral inclusion are presented in Section 3. Our theorems extend and generalize some previous results in the literature, such as: [1], [3], [7], [10], [11], [13].

## 1 Introduction

Throughout this paper  $X$  will denote a gauge space endowed with a separating gauge structure  $\mathcal{P} = \{p_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A}$ , where  $A$  is a directed set (see [8] for definitions).

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A sequence  $(x_n)$  of elements in  $X$  is said to be Cauchy if for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $\alpha \in A$ , there is an  $N$  with  $p_\alpha(x_n, x_{n+p}) \leq \varepsilon$  for all  $n \geq N$  and  $p \in \mathbb{N}$ . The sequence  $(x_n)$  is called convergent if there exists an  $x_0 \in X$  such that for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $\alpha \in A$ , there is an  $N$  with  $p_\alpha(x_0, x_n) \leq \varepsilon$  for all  $n \geq N$ .

A gauge space is called sequentially complete if any Cauchy sequence is convergent. A subset of  $X$  is said to be sequentially closed if it contains the limit of any convergent sequence of its elements.

If  $\mathcal{P} = \{p_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A}$  and  $\mathcal{Q} = \{q_\beta\}_{\beta \in B}$  are two separating gauge structures ( $A, B$  are directed sets), then for  $r = \{r_\beta\}_{\beta \in B} \in (0, \infty)^B$  and  $x_0 \in X$  we will denote by  $\overline{B}_q^p(x_0, r)$  the closure of  $B_q(x_0, r)$  in  $(X, \mathcal{P})$ , where

$$B_q(x_0, r) = \{x \in X \mid q_\beta(x, x_0) < r_\beta \text{ for all } \beta \in B\}.$$

Let  $P((X, \mathcal{P}))$  be the set of all nonempty subsets of  $X$  regarding to the separating gauge structure  $\mathcal{P}$ . We will use the following symbols where is no place to confusion:

$$P(X) := \{Y \in \mathcal{P}(X) \mid Y \neq \emptyset\}; P_b(X) := \{Y \in P(X) \mid Y \text{ is bounded}\};$$

$$P_{cl}(X) := \{Y \in P(X) \mid Y \text{ is closed}\}.$$

Let us define the gap functional between  $Y$  and  $Z$  in the  $(X, \mathcal{P})$  gauge space

$$D_\alpha : P(X) \times P(X) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+ \cup \{+\infty\}, D_\alpha(Y, Z) = \inf\{p_\alpha(y, z) \mid y \in Y, z \in Z\}$$

(in particular, if  $x_0 \in X$  then  $D_\alpha(x_0, Z) := D_\alpha(\{x_0\}, Z)$ ) and the (generalized) Pompeiu-Hausdorff functional

$$H_\alpha : P(X) \times P(X) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+ \cup \{+\infty\}, H_\alpha(Y, Z) = \max\{\sup_{y \in Y} D_\alpha(y, Z), \sup_{z \in Z} D_\alpha(Y, z)\}.$$

If  $F : X \rightarrow P(X)$  is a multivalued operator, then  $x \in X$  is called fixed point for  $F$  if and only if  $x \in F(x)$ . The set  $FixF := \{x \in X \mid x \in F(x)\}$

is called the fixed point set of  $F$ . The multivalued operator  $F$  is said to be closed if  $GraphF := \{(x, y) \in X \times X \mid y \in F(x)\}$  is closed in  $X \times X$ .

The aim of this paper is to give some (local and global) fixed point theorems for multivalued operators on a set endowed with two separating gauge structures. As a consequence we also obtain a homotopy result. Then, as applications, some existence results for a multivalued Cauchy problem and a Volterra-type integral inclusion are presented in Section 3. Our theorems extend and generalize some previous results (in metric spaces as well as in gauge spaces) given by: R.P. Agarwal, J. Dshalalow, D. O'Regan [1], L.B. Ćirić [7], M. Frigon [10], [11], T. Lazăr, D. O'Regan, A. Petruşel [13], R.P. Agarwal, D. O'Regan, M. Sambandham [3].

## 2 The main results

Ćirić ([7]) proved that if  $(X, d)$  is a complete metric space,  $F : X \rightarrow P_{cl}(X)$  is a multivalued operator and there exists  $\alpha \in [0, 1]$  such that  $H(F(x), F(y)) \leq \alpha \cdot M_d^F(x, y)$ , for every  $x, y \in X$  (where  $M_d^F(x, y) = \max\{d(x, y), D(x, F(x)), D(y, F(y)), \frac{1}{2}[D(x, F(y)) + D(y, F(x))]\}$ ). Then  $FixF \neq \emptyset$  and for every  $x \in X$  and  $y \in F(x)$  there exists a sequence  $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  such that

- (1)  $x_0 = x, x_1 = y$ ;
- (2)  $x_{n+1} \in F(x_n), n \in \mathbb{N}$ ;
- (3)  $x_n \xrightarrow{d} x^* \in F(x^*),$  for every  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

V.G. Angelov [4] introduced the notion of generalized  $\varphi$ -contractive single-valued map in gauge spaces in 1987, meanwhile the concept for multivalued operators was given in 1998 (see V.G. Angelov [5]). In what follows we will give a local version of Ćirić's theorem ([7]) for generalized  $\varphi$ -contractions on a set with two separating gauge structures.

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let  $X$  be a nonempty set endowed with two separating gauge structures  $\mathcal{P} = \{p_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A}$ ,  $\mathcal{Q} = \{q_\beta\}_{\beta \in B}$  ( $A, B$  are directed sets),  $r = \{r_\beta\}_{\beta \in B} \in (0, \infty)^B$ ,  $x_0 \in X$  and  $F : \overline{B}_q^p(x_0, r) \rightarrow P(X)$ . We suppose that:*

(i)  $(X, \mathcal{P})$  is a sequentially complete gauge space;

(ii) there exists a function  $\psi : A \rightarrow B$  and  $c = \{c_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A} \in (0, \infty)^A$  such that

$$p_\alpha(x, y) \leq c_\alpha \cdot q_{\psi(\alpha)}(x, y), \text{ for every } \alpha \in A \text{ and } x, y \in \overline{B}_q^p(x_0, r).$$

(iii)  $F : \overline{B}_q^p(x_0, r) \rightarrow P(X)$  has closed graph;

(iv) Suppose that for each  $\beta \in B$  there exists a continuous function  $\varphi_\beta : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ , with  $\varphi_\beta(t) < t$ , for every  $t > 0$  and  $\varphi_\beta$  is strictly increasing on  $(0, r_\beta]$  such that for  $x, y \in \overline{B}_q^p(x_0, r)$  we have

$$H_\beta(F(x), F(y)) \leq \varphi_\beta(M_\beta^F(x, y)),$$

where  $M_\beta^F(x, y) = \max\{q_\beta(x, y), D_\beta(x, F(x)), D_\beta(y, F(y)), \frac{1}{2}[D_\beta(x, F(y)) + D_\beta(y, F(x))]\}$ .

In addition assume for each  $\beta \in B$  that

$$\Phi_\beta \text{ is strictly increasing on } [0, \infty), \text{ where } \Phi_\beta(x) = x - \varphi_\beta(x), \quad (2.1)$$

$$\text{and } \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \varphi_\beta^i(t) < \infty, \text{ for } t \in (0, r_\beta - \varphi(r_\beta)] \quad (2.2)$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \varphi_\beta^i(r_\beta - \varphi_\beta(r_\beta)) \leq \varphi_\beta(r_\beta) \quad (2.3)$$

hold. Finally suppose the following two conditions are satisfied:

$$(i) \text{ For each } \beta \in B, \text{ we have: } D_\beta(x_0, F(x_0)) < r_\beta - \varphi_\beta(r_\beta) \quad (2.4)$$

and

$$(ii) \text{ For every } x \in \overline{B}_q^p(x_0, r) \text{ and every } \varepsilon = \{\varepsilon_\beta\}_{\beta \in B} \in (0, \infty)^B, \quad (2.5)$$

there exists  $y \in F(x)$  with  $q_\beta(x, y) \leq D_\beta(x, F(x)) + \varepsilon_\beta$ , for every  $\beta \in B$ .

Then  $F$  has a fixed point.

*Proof.* From (2.4) we may choose  $x_1 \in F(x_0)$  with

$$q_\beta(x_0, x_1) < r_\beta - \varphi_\beta(r_\beta), \text{ for every } \beta \in B. \quad (2.6)$$

Then  $x_1 \in \overline{B}_q^p(x_0, r)$ .

For  $\beta \in B$  choose  $\varepsilon_\beta > 0$  with  $\Phi_\beta^{-1}(\varepsilon_\beta) < r_\beta$  so that

$$\varphi_\beta(q_\beta(x_0, x_1) + \varepsilon_\beta) + \varepsilon_\beta + \varphi_\beta(\Phi_\beta^{-1}(\varepsilon_\beta)) < \varphi_\beta(r_\beta - \varphi_\beta(r_\beta)). \quad (2.7)$$

This is possible from (2.6) and the fact that  $\varphi_\beta$  is strictly increasing on  $(0, r_\beta]$ .

From (2.16) we can choose  $x_2 \in F(x_1)$  so that for every  $\beta \in B$  we have

$$q_\beta(x_1, x_2) \leq D_\beta(x_1, F(x_1)) + \varepsilon_\beta \leq H_\beta(F(x_0), F(x_1)) + \varepsilon_\beta. \quad (2.8)$$

We want to see if

$$q_\beta(x_1, x_2) \leq \varphi_\beta(q_\beta(x_0, x_1) + \varepsilon_\beta) + \varepsilon_\beta + \varphi_\beta(\Phi_\beta^{-1}(\varepsilon_\beta)). \quad (2.9)$$

We can notice that

$$H_\beta(F(x_0), F(x_1)) + \varepsilon_\beta \leq \varphi_\beta(M_\beta(x_0, x_1)) + \varepsilon_\beta. \quad (2.10)$$

Let us consider  $\gamma_\beta = \max\{q_\beta(x_0, x_1), D_\beta(x_0, F(x_0)), D_\beta(x_1, F(x_1)), \frac{1}{2}[D_\beta(x_0, F(x_1)) + D_\beta(x_1, F(x_0))]\}$ .

If  $\gamma_\beta = q_\beta(x_0, x_1)$  then from (2.8) and (2.10) we have

$$\begin{aligned} q_\beta(x_1, x_2) &\leq H_\beta(F(x_0), F(x_1)) + \varepsilon_\beta \leq \varphi_\beta(q_\beta(x_0, x_1)) + \varepsilon_\beta \leq \\ &\leq \varphi_\beta(q_\beta(x_0, x_1) + \varepsilon_\beta) + \varepsilon_\beta + \varphi_\beta(\Phi_\beta^{-1}(\varepsilon_\beta)). \end{aligned}$$

So (2.9) is true.

If  $\gamma_\beta = D_\beta(x_0, F(x_0))$  then  $\gamma_\beta \leq q_\beta(x_0, x_1)$  so (2.9) is true again.

If  $\gamma_\beta = D_\beta(x_1, F(x_1))$  then (2.8) implies

$$\begin{aligned} D_\beta(x_1, F(x_1)) &\leq q_\beta(x_1, x_2) \leq H_\beta(F(x_0), F(x_1)) + \varepsilon_\beta \leq \\ &\leq \varphi_\beta(D_\beta(x_1, F(x_1))) + \varepsilon_\beta, \end{aligned}$$

from where we have  $D_\beta(x_1, F(x_1)) - \varphi_\beta(D_\beta(x_1, F(x_1))) \leq \varepsilon_\beta$ , so

$$D_\beta(x_1, F(x_1)) \leq \Phi_\beta^{-1}(\varepsilon_\beta).$$

Thus,  $q_\beta(x_1, x_2) \leq \varphi_\beta(\Phi_\beta^{-1}(\varepsilon_\beta)) + \varepsilon_\beta$  and (2.9) is true.

If  $\gamma_\beta = \frac{1}{2}[D_\beta(x_0, F(x_1)) + D_\beta(x_1, F(x_0))]$  then

$$\begin{aligned} q_\beta(x_1, x_2) &\leq \frac{1}{2}[D_\beta(x_0, F(x_1)) + D_\beta(x_1, F(x_0))] + \varepsilon_\beta \leq \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2}[q_\beta(x_0, x_1) + q_\beta(x_1, x_2)] + \varepsilon_\beta, \end{aligned}$$

from where  $\frac{1}{2}q_\beta(x_1, x_2) \leq \frac{1}{2}q_\beta(x_0, x_1) + \varepsilon_\beta$ . So

$$\begin{aligned} q_\beta(x_1, x_2) &\leq \varphi_\beta\left(\frac{1}{2}[D_\beta(x_0, F(x_1)) + D_\beta(x_1, F(x_0))]\right) + \varepsilon_\beta \leq \\ &\leq \varphi_\beta\left(\frac{1}{2}[q_\beta(x_0, x_1) + q_\beta(x_1, x_2)]\right) + \varepsilon_\beta \leq \\ &\leq \varphi_\beta(q_\beta(x_0, x_1) + \varepsilon_\beta) + \varepsilon_\beta. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, (2.9) is true again, which means that it holds in all cases. We now have from (2.7) that

$$q_\beta(x_1, x_2) < \varphi_\beta(r_\beta - \varphi_\beta(r_\beta)). \quad (2.11)$$

Also we can point out that

$$\begin{aligned} q_\beta(x_0, x_2) &\leq q_\beta(x_0, x_1) + q_\beta(x_1, x_2) < \\ &< [r_\beta - \varphi_\beta(r_\beta)] + \varphi_\beta(r_\beta - \varphi_\beta(r_\beta)) \leq \\ &\leq r_\beta - \varphi_\beta(r_\beta) + \varphi_\beta(r_\beta) = r_\beta, \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $x_2 \in \overline{B}_q^p(x_0, r)$ .

Next, for  $\beta \in B$ , we choose  $\delta_\beta > 0$ , with  $\Phi_\beta^{-1}(\delta_\beta) < r_\beta$  so that

$$\varphi_\beta(q_\beta(x_1, x_2) + \delta_\beta) + \delta_\beta + \varphi(\Phi_\beta^{-1}(\delta_\beta)) < \varphi_\beta^2(r_\beta - \varphi_\beta(r_\beta)). \quad (2.12)$$

This is possible from (2.11).

From (2.16) we can choose  $x_3 \in F(x_2)$  so that for every  $\beta \in B$  we have

$$q_\beta(x_2, x_3) \leq D_\beta(x_2, F(x_2)) + \delta_\beta \leq H_\beta(F(x_1), F(x_2)) + \delta_\beta.$$

As above, we can easily prove that

$$q_\beta(x_2, x_3) \leq \varphi_\beta(q_\beta(x_2, x_3) + \delta_\beta) + \delta_\beta + \varphi_\beta(\Phi_\beta^{-1}(\delta_\beta)). \quad (2.13)$$

From (2.12) and (2.13) we have that  $q_\beta(x_2, x_3) < \varphi_\beta^2(r_\beta - \varphi_\beta(r_\beta))$ .

For  $\beta \in B$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} q_\beta(x_0, x_3) &\leq q_\beta(x_0, x_1) + q_\beta(x_1, x_2) + q_\beta(x_2, x_3) \leq \\ &\leq [r_\beta - \varphi_\beta(r_\beta)] + \varphi_\beta(r_\beta - \varphi_\beta(r_\beta)) + \varphi_\beta^2(r_\beta - \varphi_\beta(r_\beta)) \leq \\ &\leq r_\beta + \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \varphi_\beta^i(r_\beta - \varphi_\beta(r_\beta)) - \varphi_\beta(r_\beta) \right] \leq r_\beta. \end{aligned}$$

Proceeding in the same way, we obtain  $x_{n+1} \in F(x_n)$ , for  $n \in \{3, 4, \dots\}$ , with  $x_{n+1} \in \overline{B}_q^p(x_0, r)$  and

$$q_\beta(x_n, x_{n+1}) < \varphi_\beta^n(r_\beta - \varphi_\beta(r_\beta)), \text{ for every } \beta \in B.$$

From (2.2) it is immediate that  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence with respect to  $q_\beta$ , for each  $\beta \in B$ . (ii) implies that  $\{x_n\}$  is also  $\mathcal{P}$ -Cauchy, hence it is  $\mathcal{P}$ -convergent to some  $x \in \overline{B}_q^p(x_0, r)$ . It only remains to show that  $x \in F(x)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} D_\beta(x, F(x)) &\leq q_\beta(x, x_n) + D_\beta(x_n, F(x)) \leq \\ &\leq q_\beta(x, x_n) + H_\beta(F(x_{n-1}), F(x)) \leq \\ &\leq q_\beta(x, x_n) + \varphi_\beta(\max\{q_\beta(x_{n-1}, x), D_\beta(x_{n-1}, F(x_{n-1})), D_\beta(x, F(x)), \\ &\quad \frac{1}{2}[D_\beta(x_{n-1}, F(x)) + D_\beta(x, F(x_{n-1}))]\}). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $D_\beta(x, F(x_{n-1})) \leq q_\beta(x, x_n) \rightarrow 0$ ,  $D_\beta(x_{n-1}, F(x_{n-1})) \leq q_\beta(x_{n-1}, x_n) \rightarrow 0$  and  $|D_\beta(x_{n-1}, F(x)) - D_\beta(x, F(x))| \leq q_\beta(x_{n-1}, x) \rightarrow 0$ , then, letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we obtain:

$$D_\beta(x, F(x)) \leq 0 + \varphi_\beta(\{0, 0, D_\beta(x, F(x)), \frac{1}{2}D_\beta(x, F(x))\}).$$

Thus,  $D_\beta(x, F(x)) = 0$ , so  $x \in F(x)$ .  $\square$

We continue with a global version of Ćirić's theorem ([7]) for generalized  $\varphi$ -contractions on a set with two separating gauge structures.

**Theorem 2.2.** *Let  $X$  be a nonempty set endowed with two separating gauge structures  $\mathcal{P} = \{p_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A}$ ,  $\mathcal{Q} = \{q_\beta\}_{\beta \in B}$  ( $A, B$  are directed sets),  $x_0 \in X$  and  $F : (X, \mathcal{P}) \rightarrow P((X, \mathcal{P}))$  be a multivalued operator with closed graph. We suppose that:*

(i)  $(X, \mathcal{P})$  is a sequentially complete gauge space;

(ii) there exists a function  $\psi : A \rightarrow B$  and  $c = \{c_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A} \in (0, \infty)^A$  such that

$$p_\alpha(x, y) \leq c_\alpha \cdot q_{\psi(\alpha)}(x, y), \text{ for every } \alpha \in A \text{ and } x, y \in X;$$

(iii) suppose for each  $\beta \in B$ , there exists a continuous function  $\varphi_\beta : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ , with  $\varphi_\beta(t) < t$ , for every  $t > 0$  and  $\varphi_\beta$  is strictly increasing such that for  $x, y \in X$  we have

$$H_\beta(F(x), F(y)) \leq \varphi_\beta(M_\beta^F(x, y)),$$

where

$$M_\beta^F(x, y) = \max\{q_\beta(x, y), D_\beta(x, F(x)), D_\beta(y, F(y)), \frac{1}{2}[D_\beta(x, F(y)) + D_\beta(y, F(x))]\}.$$

In addition assume for each  $\beta \in B$  that

$$\Phi_\beta \text{ is strictly increasing } [0, \infty), \text{ where } \Phi_\beta(x) = x - \varphi_\beta(x), \quad (2.14)$$

and 
$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \varphi_\beta^i(t) < \infty, \text{ for } t > 0 \quad (2.15)$$

$$\text{for every } x \in X \text{ and every } \varepsilon = \{\varepsilon_\beta\}_{\beta \in B} \in (0, \infty)^B \text{ there} \quad (2.16)$$

exists  $y \in F(x)$ , with  $q_\beta(x, y) \leq D_\beta(x, F(x)) + \varepsilon_\beta$ , for every  $\beta \in B$ .

Then  $F$  has a fixed point.



*Proof.* Let  $r = \{r_\beta\}_{\beta \in B} \in (0, \infty)^B$ . We claim that we can choose  $x_0 \in X$  and  $x_1 \in F(x_0)$  such that

$$q_\beta(x_1, x_0) < r_\beta - \varphi(r_\beta). \quad (2.17)$$

If (2.17) is true then as in Theorem 2.1 we can choose  $x_{n+1} \in F(x_n)$ , for  $n \in \{1, 2, \dots\}$ , with

$$q_\beta(x_n, x_{n+1}) < \varphi_\beta^n(r_\beta - \varphi_\beta(r_\beta)), \text{ for every } \beta \in B.$$

The same reasonings guarantees that  $\{x_n\}$  is a  $\mathcal{P}$ -Cauchy sequence to some  $x \in X$ , hence it is  $\mathcal{P}$ -convergent to some  $x \in X$ . So as in Theorem 2.1, we have  $D_\beta(x, F(x)) = 0$ , thus  $x \in F(x)$ .

It remains to show (2.17).

We can observe that (2.17) is immediate if we could show that for any  $\beta \in B$  we have

$$\inf_{x \in X} D_\beta(x, F(x)) = 0. \quad (2.18)$$

Assuming that (2.18) is true there exists  $x \in X$  with  $D_\beta(x, F(x)) < r_\beta - \varphi(r_\beta)$ , so there exists  $y \in F(x)$ , with  $q_\beta(x, y) < r_\beta - \varphi(r_\beta)$ .

Suppose that (2.18) is false, i.e. suppose that there exists  $\beta \in B$  such that

$$\inf_{x \in X} D_\beta(x, F(x)) = \delta_\beta. \quad (2.19)$$

Since  $\varphi_\beta(\delta_\beta) < \delta_\beta$  and  $\varphi_\beta$  is continuous, we have that there exists  $\varepsilon_\beta > 0$  such that

$$\varphi_\beta(t) < \delta_\beta, \text{ for } t \in [\delta_\beta, \delta_\beta + \varepsilon_\beta). \quad (2.20)$$

We can choose  $v \in X$  such that

$$\delta_\beta \leq D_\beta(v, F(v)) < \delta_\beta + \varepsilon_\beta. \quad (2.21)$$

Then there exists  $y \in F(v)$  such that

$$\delta_\beta \leq q_\beta(v, y) < \delta_\beta + \varepsilon_\beta. \quad (2.22)$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} D_\beta(y, F(y)) &\leq H_\beta(F(v), F(y)) \leq \\ &\leq \varphi_\beta(\max\{q_\beta(v, y), D_\beta(v, F(v)), D_\beta(y, F(y)), \\ &\quad \frac{1}{2}[D_\beta(v, F(y)) + D_\beta(y, F(v))]\}) \end{aligned}$$

Let

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma &= \max\{q_\beta(v, y), D_\beta(v, F(v)), D_\beta(y, F(y)), \\ &\quad \frac{1}{2}[D_\beta(v, F(y)) + D_\beta(y, F(v))]\}. \end{aligned}$$

If  $\gamma = q_\beta(v, y)$  then (2.20) and (2.22) yields

$$D_\beta(y, F(y)) \leq \varphi_\beta(q_\beta(v, y)) < \delta_\beta.$$

If  $\gamma = D_\beta(v, F(v))$  then (2.20) and (2.21) yields

$$D_\beta(y, F(y)) \leq \varphi_\beta(D_\beta(v, F(v))) < \delta_\beta.$$

If  $\gamma = D_\beta(y, F(y))$  then  $\gamma = 0$ , since  $\gamma \neq 0$  results the following inequality

$$D_\beta(y, F(y)) \leq \varphi_\beta(D_\beta(y, F(y))) < D_\beta(y, F(y))$$

which is a contradiction.

If  $\gamma = \frac{1}{2}[D_\beta(v, F(y)) + D_\beta(y, F(v))]$  and  $\gamma \neq 0$  then

$$\begin{aligned} D_\beta(y, F(y)) &\leq \varphi_\beta(\gamma) < \gamma = \frac{1}{2}[D_\beta(v, F(y)) + D_\beta(y, F(v))] \leq \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2}[q_\beta(v, y) + D_\beta(y, F(y)) + 0], \end{aligned}$$

so  $\frac{1}{2}D_\beta(y, F(y)) \leq \frac{1}{2}q_\beta(v, y)$ . Thus,  $\gamma = \frac{1}{2}[D_\beta(v, F(y)) + D_\beta(y, F(v))] \leq \frac{1}{2}[q_\beta(v, y) + D_\beta(y, F(y))] < \frac{1}{2}q_\beta(v, y) + \frac{1}{2}q_\beta(v, y) = q_\beta(v, y)$ , which contradicts the definition of  $\gamma$ . So we have proved that in this case  $\gamma = 0$ , which implies  $D_\beta(y, F(y)) \leq \varphi_\beta(\gamma) = \varphi(0) = 0$ .

We can notice that in all cases we have  $D_\beta(y, F(y)) < \delta_\beta$ , which contradicts (2.19), thus, (2.18) is true, so (2.17) is immediate and the proof is complete.  $\square$

In what follows we will present a homotopy result for Ćirić-type generalized  $\varphi$ -contractions on a set with two separating gauge structures.

**Theorem 2.3.** *Let  $X$  be a nonempty set endowed with two separating gauge structures  $\mathcal{P} = \{p_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A}$ ,  $\mathcal{Q} = \{q_\beta\}_{\beta \in B}$  ( $A, B$  are directed sets),  $(X, \mathcal{P})$  is a sequentially complete gauge space, there exists a function  $\psi : A \rightarrow B$  and  $c = \{c_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in A} \in (0, \infty)^A$  such that  $p_\alpha(x, y) \leq c_\alpha \cdot q_{\psi(\alpha)}(x, y)$  for every  $\alpha \in A$  and  $x, y \in X$ . Let  $U$  be an open subset of  $(X, \mathcal{Q})$ . Let  $G : \bar{U} \times [0, 1] \rightarrow P(X, \mathcal{P})$  be a multivalued operator such that the following assumptions are satisfied:*

- (i)  $x \notin G(x, t)$ , for each  $x \in \partial U$  and each  $t \in [0, 1]$ ;
- (ii) suppose for each  $\beta \in B$  there exists a continuous and strictly increasing function  $\varphi_\beta : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ , with  $\varphi_\beta(t) < t$ , for every  $t > 0$ , such that for  $x, y \in X$  we have

$$H_\beta(G(x, t), G(y, t)) \leq \varphi_\beta(M_\beta^{G(\cdot, t)}(x, y)),$$

where

$$M_\beta^{G(\cdot, t)}(x, y) = \max\{q_\beta(x, y), D_\beta(x, G(x, t)), D_\beta(y, G(y, t)), \frac{1}{2}[D_\beta(x, G(y, t)) + D_\beta(y, G(x, t))]\};$$

- (iii) there exists a continuous increasing function  $\gamma : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that

$$H_\beta(G(x, t), G(x, s)) \leq |\gamma(t) - \gamma(s)|, \text{ for all } t, s \in [0, 1] \text{ and each } x \in \bar{U};$$

- (iv)  $G : (\bar{U}, \mathcal{P}) \times [0, 1] \rightarrow P(X, \mathcal{P})$  has closed graph;

- (v)  $\Phi_\beta$  is strictly increasing on  $[0, \infty)$  for each  $\beta \in B$ , where  $\Phi_\beta(x) = x - \varphi_\beta(x)$ ;
- (vi)  $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \varphi^i(t) < \infty$ , for  $t > 0$ ;
- (vii) for every  $x \in X$  and every  $\varepsilon = \{\varepsilon_\beta\}_{\beta \in B} \in (0, \infty)^B$  there exists  $y \in F(x)$  with  $q_\beta(x, y) \leq D_\beta(x, F(x)) + \varepsilon_\beta$ , for every  $\beta \in B$ .

Then  $G(\cdot, 0)$  has a fixed point if and only if  $G(\cdot, 1)$  has a fixed point.

*Proof.* Suppose that  $z \in \text{Fix}G(\cdot, 0)$ . From (i) we have that  $z \in U$ . We will define the following set:

$$E := \{(x, t) \in U \times [0, 1] \mid x \in G(x, t)\}.$$

Since  $(z, 0) \in E$ , we have that  $E \neq \emptyset$ . We introduce a partial order defined on  $E$

$$(x, t) \leq (y, s) \text{ if and only if } t \leq s \text{ and } q_\beta(x, y) \leq \Phi_\beta^{-1}(2[\gamma(s) - \gamma(t)]).$$

Let  $M$  be a totally ordered subset of  $E$ ,  $t^* := \sup\{t \mid (x, t) \in M\}$  and  $(x_n, t_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}^*} \subset M$  be a sequence such that  $(x_n, t_n) \leq (x_{n+1}, t_{n+1})$  and  $t_n \rightarrow t^*$ , as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Then

$$q_\beta(x_m, x_n) \leq \Phi_\beta^{-1}(2[\gamma(t_m) - \gamma(t_n)]), \text{ for each } m, n \in \mathbb{N}^*, m > n,$$

from where we can conclude that  $q_\beta(x_m, x_n) - \varphi_\beta(q_\beta(x_m, x_n)) \leq 2[\gamma(t_m) - \gamma(t_n)]$ .

Letting  $m, n \rightarrow +\infty$ , we obtain that  $q_\beta(x_m, x_n) - \varphi_\beta(q_\beta(x_m, x_n)) \rightarrow 0$ , so  $\varphi_\beta(q_\beta(x_m, x_n)) \rightarrow q_\beta(x_m, x_n)$ , as  $m, n \rightarrow +\infty$ . Therefore  $q_\beta(x_m, x_n) \rightarrow 0$ , as  $m, n \rightarrow +\infty$ . Thus,  $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}^*}$  is  $\mathcal{Q}$ -Cauchy, so is  $\mathcal{P}$ -Cauchy too. Denote by  $x^* \in (X, \mathcal{P})$  its limit. We know that  $x_n \in G(x_n, t_n)$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$  and  $G$  is  $\mathcal{P}$ -closed. Therefore we have that  $x^* \in G(x^*, t^*)$ . From (i) we can notice that  $x^* \in U$ . So  $(x^*, t^*) \in E$ .

From the fact that  $M$  is totally ordered we have that  $(x, t) \leq (x^*, t^*)$ , for each  $(x, t) \in M$ . Thus,  $(x^*, t^*)$  is an upper bound of  $M$ . We can apply Zorn's Lemma, so  $E$  admits a maximal element  $(x_0, t_0) \in E$ . We want to prove that  $t_0 = 1$ .

Suppose that  $t_0 < 1$ . Let  $r = \{r_\beta\}_{\beta \in B} \in (0, \infty)^B$  and  $t \in ]t_0, 1]$  such that  $B_q(x_0, r_\beta) \subset U$  and  $r_\beta := \Phi_\beta^{-1}(2[\gamma(t) - \gamma(t_0)])$ , for every  $\beta \in B$ . Then for each  $\beta \in B$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} D_\beta(x_0, G(x_0, t)) &\leq D_\beta(x_0, G(x_0, t_0)) + H_\beta(G(x_0, t_0), G(x_0, t)) \leq \\ &\leq \gamma(t) - \gamma(t_0) = \frac{\Phi_\beta(r_\beta)}{2} = \frac{r_\beta - \varphi_\beta(r_\beta)}{2} < r_\beta - \varphi_\beta(r_\beta). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\overline{B}_q^p(x_0, r_\beta) \subset U \subset \overline{U}$ , the closed multivalued operator  $G(\cdot, t) : \overline{B}_q^p(x_0, r_\beta) \rightarrow P(X, \mathcal{P})$  satisfies the assumptions of Theorem 2.1, for all  $t \in [0, 1]$ . Hence there exists  $x \in \overline{B}_q^p(x_0, r_\beta)$  such that  $x \in G(x, t)$ . Thus,  $(x, t) \in E$ . But we know that

$$q_\beta(x_0, x) \leq r_\beta = \Phi_\beta^{-1}(2[\gamma(t) - \gamma(t_0)]),$$

so we have that  $(x_0, t_0) \leq (x, t)$ , which is a contradiction with the maximality of  $(x_0, t_0)$ . Thus,  $t_0 = 1$  and the proof is complete.  $\square$

### 3 Applications

The following result is a particular case of Theorem 2.2, namely the case where the complete gauge space is endowed with one separating gauge structure and the multivalued operator is a  $\varphi$ -contraction.

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let  $X$  be a sequentially complete gauge space endowed with a separating gauge structure and let  $F : X \rightarrow P(X)$  be a  $\varphi$ -contraction with closed graph, i.e. for each  $\alpha \in A$  ( $A$  is a directed set) there exists a continuous strict comparison function  $\varphi_\alpha : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  such that for  $x, y \in X$  we have*

$$H_\alpha(F(x), F(y)) \leq \varphi_\alpha(d_\alpha(x, y)).$$

We assume that for every  $x \in X$  and every  $\varepsilon \in (0, \infty)^A$  there exists  $y \in F(x)$  such that

$$d_\alpha(x, y) \leq D_\alpha(x, F(x)) + \varepsilon_\alpha, \text{ for every } \alpha \in A.$$

Then  $F$  has a fixed point.

**Remark 3.1.** Some well-known examples of continuous strict comparison functions are:

a)  $\varphi(t) = at$ , with  $a \in [0, 1]$ ;

b)  $\varphi(t) = \frac{t}{1+t}$ ,  $t \in [0, \infty)$ .

**Definition 3.1.** Let  $E$  be a Hilbert space. The multivalued operator  $F : [0, \infty) \times E \rightarrow P_{b,cl}(E)$  is said to be locally Carathéodory if

(i)  $t \mapsto F(t, x)$  is measurable, for all  $x \in E$ ;

(ii)  $x \mapsto F(t, x)$  is continuous, for a.e.  $t \in [0, \infty)$ ;

(iii) for all  $R > 0$ , there exists a function  $h_R \in L^1_{loc}[0, \infty)$  such that for a.e.  $t \in [0, \infty)$  and for every  $x \in E$ , with  $\|x\| \leq R$ , we have  $H(\{0\}, F(t, x)) \leq h_R(t)$ .

Throughout  $E$  is a Hilbert space. As usual,  $L^1([a, b], E)$  denotes the Banach space of measurable functions  $u : [a, b] \rightarrow E$  such that  $|u|$  is Lebesgue integrable with  $\|u\|_1 = \int_a^b |u(t)| dt$ . We define the Sobolev class  $W^{1,1}([a, b], E)$  as follows: a function  $u \in W^{1,1}([a, b], E)$  if it is continuous and there exists  $v \in L^1[a, b]$  such that  $u(t) - u(a) = \int_a^t v(s) ds$ , for all  $t \in [a, b]$ . Notice that if  $u \in W^{1,1}([a, b], E)$  then  $u$  is differentiable almost everywhere on  $[a, b]$ ,  $u' \in L^1([a, b], E)$  and  $u(t) - u(a) = \int_a^t u'(s) ds$ , for almost every  $t \in [a, b]$ .

Let us consider the following Cauchy-problem

$$\begin{cases} x'(t) \in F(t, x(t)) \text{ a.e } t \in [0, \infty], \\ x(0) = 0 \in E, \end{cases} \quad (3.23)$$

where  $E$  is also a Hilbert space and the locally Carathéodory multivalued operator  $F$  is a  $\varphi$ -contraction.

**Theorem 3.2.** *Let  $(E, \|\cdot\|)$  be a Hilbert space and  $F : [0, \infty) \times E \rightarrow P_{b,cl}(E)$  be a locally Carathéodory multivalued operator. We suppose that*

- (a) *for every  $R > 0$ , there exists  $l_R \in L^1_{loc}[0, \infty)$  and a continuous, strict comparison function  $\varphi_R \in L^1_{loc}[0, \infty)$ , with  $\varphi_R(at) \leq a \cdot \varphi(t)$ , for every  $a > 1$ , such that for a.e.  $t \geq 0$  and for every  $x, y \in E$ , with  $\|x\|, \|y\| \leq R$ , we have*

$$H(F(t, x), F(t, y)) \leq l_R(t) \cdot \varphi_R(\|x - y\|);$$

- (b) *there exists  $\theta \in L^1_{loc}[0, \infty)$  and  $\psi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  an increasing and Borel measurable function such that*

- (b1)  *$H(\{0\}, F(t, v)) \leq \theta(t) \cdot \psi(\|v\|)$ , for a.e.  $t \in [0, \infty)$  and every  $v \in E$  such that  $1/\psi \in L^1_{loc}[0, \infty)$ ;*

- (b2)  *$\int_0^\infty \frac{dz}{\psi(z)} > \|\theta\|_{L^1[0,r]}$ , for all  $r > 0$ .*

Then (3.23) has a solution in  $W^{1,1}_{loc}([0, \infty), E)$ .

*Proof.* For the proof of our theorem let  $M : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  be a continuous and increasing function such that

$$\int_0^\infty \frac{ds}{\psi(s)} > \int_0^{M(t)} \frac{ds}{\psi(s)} \geq \|\theta\|_{L^1[0,t]},$$

which is possible by assumption (b2). Let  $\tilde{F} : [0, \infty) \times E \rightarrow P_{b,cl}(E)$  be defined by

$$\tilde{F}(t, u) = \begin{cases} F(t, u), & \|u\| \leq M(t), \\ F(t, \frac{M(t)u}{\|u\|}), & \|u\| > M(t). \end{cases} \quad (3.24)$$

Define  $T : C([0, \infty), E) \rightarrow P(C([0, \infty), E))$ ,  $T(x)(t) := \int_0^t \tilde{F}(s, x(s)) ds$ . Suppose  $x$  is a fixed point for  $T$ , thus,  $x$  is continuous and  $x \in T(x)$ , which means that  $x(t) \in T(x)(t)$ , for every  $t \in [0, \infty)$ , so  $x(t) \in \int_0^t \tilde{F}(s, x(s)) ds$ , for every  $t \in [0, \infty)$ . Since

$$\int_0^t \tilde{F}(s, x(s)) ds := \left\{ \int_0^t v_x(s) ds \mid v_x(s) \in \tilde{F}(s, x(s)), \forall s \in [0, t], v_x \in L^1([0, t], E) \right\},$$

it follows that there exists  $v_x \in L^1([0, t], E)$  such that  $x(t) := \int_0^t v_x ds$ , for every  $t \in [0, \infty)$ , with  $v_x(s) \in \tilde{F}(s, x(s))$ , for every  $s \in [0, t]$ . Hence we obtain that there exist  $x'(t) = v_x(t)$  for a.e.  $t \in [0, \infty)$  and  $x \in W^{1,1}([0, \infty), E)$ . Thus,  $x'(t) \in \tilde{F}(t, x(t))$ , for a.e.  $t \in [0, \infty)$  and  $x(0) = 0$ .

We will show that  $x'(t) \in F(t, x(t))$ , for a.e.  $t \in [0, \infty)$ .

Suppose that there exists  $t > 0$  such that  $\|x(t)\| > M(t)$ . Then we have that  $x'(t) \in F\left(t, \frac{M(t)x'(t)}{\|x'(t)\|}\right)$ . By assumption (b1) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|x'(t)\| &\leq \theta(t) \cdot \psi\left(\left\|\frac{M(t) \cdot x'(t)}{\|x'(t)\|}\right\|\right) = \theta(t) \cdot \psi(M(t)) \\ &\leq \theta(t) \cdot \psi(\|x(t)\|). \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$\frac{\|x'(t)\|}{\psi(\|x(t)\|)} \leq \theta(t),$$

which means that

$$\frac{\|x(t)\|'}{\psi(\|x(t)\|)} \leq \theta(t).$$

Integrating from 0 to  $t$  and via change of variables theorem ( $v = \|x(s)\|$ ) we obtain

$$\int_0^{\|x(t)\|} \frac{dv}{\psi(v)} \leq \|\theta\|_{L^1[0,t]} \leq \int_0^{M(t)} \frac{ds}{\psi(s)},$$

thus  $\|x(t)\| \leq M(t)$ , which is a contradiction.



Hence  $\|x(t)\| \leq M(t)$ , for a.e.  $t \in [0, \infty)$  and thus

$$\begin{cases} x'(t) \in F(t, x(t)) \text{ a.e } t \in [0, \infty], \\ x(0) = 0, \end{cases}$$

so  $x$  is a solution for (3.23).

Let  $l_R(t) = l_{M(n)}(t)$  in assumption (a), for  $t \in [0, n]$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$ . Define on  $C([0, \infty), E)$  the Bielecki-type semi-norm:

$$|x|_n = \sup_{t \in [0, n]} \left\{ e^{-\int_0^t l_{M(n)}(s) ds} \cdot \|x(t)\| \right\}.$$

Then  $T$  is an admissible  $\varphi$ -contraction if:

- (i)  $H_{M(n)}(T(x), T(y)) \leq \varphi_{M(n)}(|x - y|_n)$ , for every  $x, y \in C([0, \infty), E)$ ;
- (ii) for every  $x \in C([0, \infty), E)$  and for every  $\varepsilon \in (0, \infty)^{\mathbb{N}^*}$  there exists  $y \in T(x)$  such that  $|x - y|_n \leq D_n(x, T(x)) + \varepsilon_n$ .

For (i) let  $t \in [0, n]$ ,  $x, y \in C([0, n], E)$  and  $u_1 \in T(x)$  such that  $\|x(t)\| \leq M(t)$ ,  $\|y(t)\| \leq M(t)$ . Then there exists  $v_{u_1} \in F(s, x(s))$ ,  $s \in [0, t]$ , such that  $v_{u_1} \in L^1([0, n], E)$  and  $u_1(t) = \int_0^t v_{u_1}(s) ds$ . From the inequality below

$$H(F(t, x), F(t, y)) \leq l_{M(n)}(t) \cdot \varphi_{M(n)}(\|x - y\|),$$

it follows that there exists  $w \in F(t, y(s))$ ,  $s \in [0, t]$ ,  $w \in L^1([0, n], E)$  such that

$$\|v_{u_1} - w\| \leq l_{M(n)}(s) \cdot \varphi_{M(n)}(\|x - y\|).$$

Thus, the multivalued operator  $G$  defined by

$$G(t) = F(s, y(s)) \cap \left\{ w \mid \|v_{u_1} - w\| \leq l_{M(n)}(s) \cdot \varphi_{M(n)}(\|x - y\|) \right\}$$

has nonempty values and is measurable. By Kuratowski and Ryll Nardzewski's selection theorem (see [12]) there exists  $v_{u_2}(s)$  a measurable selection for  $G$ .

Then  $v_{u_2}(s) \in F(s, y(s))$ ,  $s \in [0, t]$ ,  $v_{u_2} \in L^1([0, n], E)$ . Define  $u_2(t) = \int_0^t v_{u_2}(s) ds \in T(y)(t)$ ,  $t \in [0, n]$ . We have:

$$\begin{aligned}
\|u_1(t) - u_2(t)\| &\leq \int_0^t \|v_{u_1}(s) - v_{u_2}(s)\| ds \\
&\leq \int_0^t l_{M(n)}(s) \cdot \varphi_{M(n)}(\|x(s) - y(s)\|) ds \\
&\leq \int_0^t l_{M(n)}(s) \cdot \varphi_{M(n)}\left(\|x(s) - y(s)\| e^{-\int_0^s l_{M(n)}(z) dz} \cdot e^{\int_0^s l_{M(n)}(z) dz}\right) ds \\
&\leq \int_0^t l_{M(n)}(s) \cdot e^{\int_0^s l_{M(n)}(z) dz} \cdot \varphi_{M(n)}\left(\|x(s) - y(s)\| e^{-\int_0^s l_{M(n)}(z) dz}\right) ds \\
&\leq \varphi_{M(n)}(|x - y|_n) \cdot \int_0^t l_{M(n)}(s) \cdot e^{\int_0^s l_{M(n)}(z) dz} ds \\
&\leq \varphi_{M(n)}(|x - y|_n) \cdot e^{\int_0^t l_{M(n)}(s) ds}.
\end{aligned}$$

Thus, we obtained that  $|u_1 - u_2|_n \leq \varphi_{M(n)}(|x - y|_n)$ , for a.e.  $t \in [0, \infty)$ . By the analogous relation obtained by interchanging the roles of  $x$  and  $y$  it follows that

$$H_{M(n)}(T(x), T(y)) \leq \varphi_{M(n)}(|x - y|_n).$$

For (ii) we will suppose the contrary, i.e. there exists  $\varepsilon \in (0, \infty)^{\mathbb{N}^*}$  and exists  $x \in C([0, \infty), E)$  such that for all  $y \in T(x)$  we have  $|x - y|_n > D_n(x, T(x)) + \varepsilon_n$ . It follows that  $D_n(x, T(x)) \geq D_n(x, T(x)) + \varepsilon_n$ , thus  $\varepsilon_n \leq 0$ , for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$ . This is a contradiction.

Thus, by Theorem 3.1, the proof is complete. □

**Definition 3.2.** Let  $(\Omega, \Sigma)$ ,  $(\Phi, \Gamma)$  be two measurable spaces and  $X$  be a topo-

logical space. Then a mapping  $F : \Omega \times \Phi \rightarrow P(X)$  is said to be jointly measurable if for every closed subset  $B$  of  $X$ ,  $F^{-1}(B) \in \Sigma \otimes \Gamma$ , where  $\Sigma \otimes \Gamma$  denotes the smallest  $\sigma$ -algebra on  $\Omega \times \Phi$ , which contains all the sets  $A \times B$  with  $A \in \Sigma$  and  $B \in \Gamma$ .

Let us consider the following Volterra-type inclusion

$$x(t) \in \int_0^t K(t, s, x(s))ds + g(t) \text{ a.e. } t \in [0, \infty). \quad (3.25)$$

**Theorem 3.3.** Let  $K : [0, \infty) \times [0, \infty) \times \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow P_{cl,b}(\mathbb{R}^m)$  be a multivalued operator and  $g : [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  be a continuous function such that  $g(0) = 0$ . We suppose that

- (i)  $K$  is jointly measurable for all  $x \in C[0, \infty)$ ;
- (ii) for almost every  $(t, s) \in [0, \infty) \times [0, \infty)$   $K(t, s, \cdot) : \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow P(\mathbb{R}^m)$  is continuous;
- (iii) for every  $R > 0$ , there exists  $l_R \in L^1_{loc}[0, \infty)$  and a continuous, strict comparison function  $\varphi_R \in L^1_{loc}[0, \infty)$  with  $\varphi_R(at) \leq a \cdot \varphi_R(t)$ , for  $a > 1$ , such that

$$H_R(K(t, s, x), K(t, s, y)) \leq l_R(s) \cdot \varphi_R(\|x - y\|),$$

for every  $s \leq t$  and every  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^m$ , with  $\|x\|, \|y\| \leq R$ ;

- (iv) there exists  $\theta \in L^1_{loc}[0, \infty)$  and  $\psi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  a Borel measurable function such that

$$H(\{0\}, K(t, s, x(s))) \leq \theta(s) \cdot \psi(\|x\|),$$

for a.e.  $t \in [0, \infty)$  with  $s \leq t$  and every  $x \in \mathbb{R}^m$ , where  $1/\psi \in L^1_{loc}[0, \infty)$  and

$$\int_0^\infty \frac{dz}{\psi(z)} > \|\theta\|_{L^1[0,r]}, \text{ for all } r > 0.$$

Then (3.25) has a solution.

*Proof.* Let  $M : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  be a continuous nondecreasing function such that

$$\int_0^{M(t)} \frac{ds}{\psi(s)} \geq \|\theta\|_{L^1[0,t]}.$$

Suppose that there exists a solution  $x$  such that  $\|x\| \geq M(t)$ , for some  $t \in [0, \infty)$ . Then there exists  $0 \leq t_1 < \infty$  such that

$$\|x(t_1)\| = M(t_1) \text{ and } 0 < \|x(t)\| \leq M(t_1), \text{ for every } t \in (0, t_1).$$

The function  $t \mapsto \|x(t)\|$  is differentiable on  $(0, t_1)$  and

$$\left| \|x(t)\|' \right| = \left\langle \frac{x(t)}{\|x(t)\|}, x'(t) \right\rangle \leq \|x'(t)\|.$$

From assumption (iv) we have that  $H(0, K(t, s, x(s))) \leq \theta(s) \cdot \psi(\|x(t)\|)$  a.e.  $t \in [0, \infty)$  and every  $x \in \mathbb{R}^m$ . Since  $x'(t) \in K(t, s, x(s))$  we have that  $\|x'(t)\| \leq \theta(t) \cdot \psi(\|x\|)$ . Thus we obtain that  $\|x(t)\|' \leq \theta(t) \cdot \psi(\|x\|)$ , from where we have that

$$\frac{\|x(t)\|'}{\psi(\|x\|)} \leq \theta(t).$$

Integrating from 0 to  $t_1$  and via Change of variables Theorem we obtain

$$\int_0^{\|x(t_1)\|=M(t_1)} \frac{ds}{\psi(s)} = \int_0^{t_1} \frac{\|x(s)\|'}{\psi(\|x\|)} \leq \int_0^{t_1} \theta(s) ds < \int_0^{M(t_1)} \frac{ds}{\psi(s)},$$

which is a contradiction.

Let  $l_R(s) = l_{M(n)}(s)$  in assumption (iii). For  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  we consider the Bielecki-type semi-norm:

$$|x|_n = \sup_{t \in [0, n]} \left\{ e^{-\int_0^t l_{M(n)}(s) ds} \cdot \|x(t)\| \right\}.$$

Let  $X = \{x \in C([0, \infty), \mathbb{R}^m) : \|x(t)\| \leq M(t) \text{ for } t \in [0, n]\}$ .

We define  $F : X \rightarrow C([0, \infty), \mathbb{R}^m)$ ,  $F(x)(t) = \int_0^t K(t, s, x(s))ds + g(t)$ . We want to show that  $F$  is a  $\varphi$ -contraction.

Let  $x_1, x_2 \in C([0, n], \mathbb{R}^m)$  and  $u_1 \in F(x_1)$ . Then  $u_1 \in C([0, n], \mathbb{R}^m)$  and  $u_1(t) \in \int_0^t K(t, s, x_1(s))ds + g(t)$ . Thus, there exists  $k_1(t, s) \in K(t, s, x_1(s))$  such that  $u_1(t) = \int_0^t k_1(t, s)ds + g(t)$ . Since

$$H_{M(n)}(K(t, s, x_1(s)), K(t, s, x_2(s))) \leq l_{M(n)}(s) \cdot \varphi_{M(n)}(\|x_1 - x_2\|),$$

for  $s \leq t$  and  $\|x_1\|, \|x_2\| \leq M(n)$ , follows that there exists  $v \in K(t, s, x_2(s))$  such that

$$\|k_1(t, s) - v\| \leq l_{M(n)}(s) \cdot \varphi_{M(n)}(\|x_1 - x_2\|).$$

Thus, the multivalued operator  $G$  defined by

$$G(t) = K(t, s, x_2(s)) \cap \left\{ v \mid \|k_1(t, s) - v\| \leq l_{M(n)}(s) \cdot \varphi_{M(n)}(\|x_1 - x_2\|) \right\}$$

has nonempty values and is measurable. By Kuratowski and Ryll Nardzewski's selection theorem (see [12]) there exists  $k_2(t, s)$  a measurable selection for  $G$ . Then  $k_2(t, s) \in K(t, s, x_2(s))$  and

$$\|k_1(t, s) - k_2(t, s)\| \leq l_{M(n)}(s) \cdot \varphi_{M(n)}(\|x_1 - x_2\|), \text{ for a.e. } t \in [0, \infty), s \leq t.$$

Define  $u_2(t) = \int_0^t k_2(t, s) ds + g(t) \in F(x_2)$ . We have:

$$\begin{aligned}
\|u_1(t) - u_2(t)\| &\leq \int_0^t \|k_1(t, s) - k_2(t, s)\| ds \\
&\leq \int_0^t l_{M(n)}(s) \cdot \varphi_{M(n)}(\|x_1 - x_2\|) ds \\
&\leq \int_0^t l_{M(n)}(s) \cdot \varphi_{M(n)}\left(\|x_1 - x_2\| e^{-\int_0^s l_{M(n)}(z) dz} \cdot e^{\int_0^s l_{M(n)}(z) dz}\right) ds \\
&\leq \int_0^t l_{M(n)}(s) \cdot \varphi_{M(n)}\left(\|x_1 - x_2\| e^{-\int_0^s l_{M(n)}(z) dz}\right) \cdot e^{\int_0^s l_{M(n)}(z) dz} ds \\
&\leq \varphi_{M(n)}(\|x_1 - x_2\|_n) \cdot \int_0^t l_{M(n)}(s) \cdot e^{\int_0^s l_{M(n)}(z) dz} ds \\
&\leq \varphi_{M(n)}(\|x_1 - x_2\|_n) \cdot e^{\int_0^t l_{M(n)}(s) ds}
\end{aligned}$$

Thus, we obtained that  $|u_1(t) - u_2(t)|_n \leq \varphi(\|x_1 - x_2\|_n)$ , for a.e.  $t \in [0, \infty)$ . By the analogous relation obtained by interchanging the roles of  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  it follows that

$$H_{M(n)}(F(x_1), F(x_2)) \leq \varphi(\|x_1 - x_2\|_n).$$

In order to see if  $F$  is an admissible  $\varphi$ -contraction we have to prove that for every  $\varepsilon \in (0, \infty)^{\mathbb{N}^*}$  and for every  $x \in C([0, \infty), H)$  there exists  $y \in F(x)$  such that  $|x - y|_n > D_n(x, F(x)) + \varepsilon_n$ . We will suppose the contrary, i.e. there exists  $\varepsilon \in (0, \infty)^{\mathbb{N}^*}$  and exists  $x \in C([0, \infty), H)$  such that for all  $y \in F(x)$  we have  $|x - y|_n > D_n(x, F(x)) + \varepsilon_n$ . It follows that  $D_n(x, F(x)) \geq D_n(x, F(x)) + \varepsilon_n$ , thus,  $\varepsilon_n \leq 0$ , for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$ . Which is a contradiction.

Thus, by Theorem 3.1, the proof is complete.  $\square$

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