

# EXISTENCE RESULTS FOR FUNCTIONAL DIFFERENTIAL AND INTEGRODIFFERENTIAL INCLUSIONS IN BANACH SPACES

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In this paper, we investigate the existence of mild solutions on a compact interval to first order initial value problems for functional differential and integrodifferential inclusions in Banach spaces. We shall rely on a fixed point theorem for condensing maps due to Martelli.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

In this paper we study the existence of mild solutions, defined on a compact interval, for initial value problem (IVP for short) for first order functional differential and integrodifferential inclusions. In section 3, we consider the following IVP

$$y' - A(t)y \in F(t, y_t), \text{ a.e. } t \in J = [0, b] \quad \dots (1.1)$$

and  $y_0 = \phi, \quad \dots (1.2)$

where  $F : J \times C(J_0, E) \rightarrow 2^E$  (Here  $J_0 = [-r, 0]$ ) is a bounded, closed, convex multivalued map,  $\phi \in C(J_0, E)$ ,  $A(t)$ ,  $t \in J$  a linear closed operator from a dense subspace  $D(A(t))$  of  $E$  into  $E$  and  $E$  a real Banach space with the norm  $|\cdot|$ .

For any continuous function  $y$  defined on the interval  $J_1 = [-r, b]$  and any  $t \in J$ , we denote by  $y_t$  the element of  $C(J_0, E)$  defined by

$$y_t(\theta) = y(t + \theta), \theta \in J_0.$$

Here  $y_t(\cdot)$  represents the history of the state from time  $t - r$ , up to the present time  $t$ .

In Section 4, we investigate the existence of mild solutions, defined on a compact real interval, for the IVP for first order functional semilinear integrodifferential inclusions with the form

$$y' - A(t)y \in \int_0^t K(t,s) F(s, y_s, 0) ds, t \in J = [0, b], \quad \dots (1.3)$$

and  $y_0 = \phi, \quad \dots (1.4)$

where  $F, \phi$  are as in the problem (1.1)-(1.2) and  $K: D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, D = \{(t, s) \in J \times J : t \geq s\}$ .

Existence results for differential inclusions on compact intervals, are given in the papers of Avgerinos and Papageorgiou<sup>1</sup>, Papageorgiou<sup>17&18</sup>, and Benchohra<sup>3</sup> for differential inclusions on noncompact intervals. Additional results for differential equations in abstract spaces, and properties of semigroup theory can be found in the book of Goldstein<sup>7</sup>.

Recent results on existence of solutions on compact intervals for functional differential equations, may be found in Erbe, Kong and Zhang<sup>6</sup>, Henderson<sup>8</sup>, the survey paper of Ntouyas<sup>16</sup>, Hristova and Bainov<sup>9</sup>, Neito, Jiang and Jurang<sup>15</sup> and Liz and Nieto<sup>13</sup> and the references cited therein. The methods used are usually the topological transversality of Granas<sup>5</sup> and the monotone iterative method combined with upper and lower solutions<sup>11</sup>.

The method we are going to use is to reduce the existence of mild solutions to problems (1.1)-(1.2) and (1.3)-(1.4) to the search for fixed points of a suitable multivalued map on the Banach space  $C(J_1, E)$ . In order to prove the existence of fixed points, we shall rely on a theorem due to Martelli<sup>14</sup>.

## 2. PRELIMINARIES

In this section, we introduce notations, definitions, and preliminary facts from multivalued analysis which are used throughout this paper.

$C(J, E)$  is the Banach space of continuous functions from  $J$  into  $E$  normed by

$$\|y\|_\infty = \sup \{|y(t)| : t \in J\}.$$

$B(E)$  denotes the Banach space of bounded linear operators from  $E$  into  $E$ .

A measurable function  $y: J \rightarrow E$  is Bochner integrable if and only if  $|y|$  is Lebesgue integrable. (For properties) of the Bochner integral see Yosida<sup>19</sup>).

$L^1(J, E)$  denotes the linear space of equivalence classes of measurable functions  $y: J \rightarrow E$  such that  $\int_0^\infty |y(s)| ds < \infty$ .

Let  $(X, \|\cdot\|)$  be a Banach space. A multivalued map  $G: X \rightarrow 2^X$  is convex (closed) valued if  $G(x)$  is convex (closed) for all  $x \in X$ .  $G$  is bounded on bounded sets if  $G(B) = \bigcup_{x \in B} G(x)$  is bounded in  $X$  for any bounded set  $B$  of  $X$ , that is  $\sup_{x \in B} \{\sup \{\|y\| : y \in G(x)\}\} < \infty$ .

$G$  is called upper semicontinuous (u.s.c.) on  $X$  if for each  $x_0 \in X$  the set  $G(x_0)$  is a nonempty, closed subset of  $X$ , and if for each open set  $B$  of  $X$  containing  $G(x_0)$ , there exists an open neighbourhood  $A$  of  $x_0$  such that  $G(A) \subseteq B$ .

$G$  is said to be completely continuous if  $G(B)$  is relatively compact for every bounded subset  $B \subseteq X$ .

If the multivalued map  $G$  is completely continuous with nonempty compact values, then  $G$  is u.s.c. if and only if  $G$  has a closed graph (i.e.  $x_n \rightarrow x_0, y_n \rightarrow y_0, y_n \in Gx_n$  imply  $y_0 \in Gx_0$ ).

$G$  has a fixed point if there is  $x \in X$  such that  $x \in Gx$ .

In the following  $BCC(X)$  denotes the set of all nonempty bounded, closed and convex subsets of  $X$ .

A multivalued map  $G : J \rightarrow BCC(X)$  is said to be measurable if for each  $x \in X$  the distance between  $x$  and  $G(t)$  is a measurable function on  $J$ . For more details on multivalued maps see Deimling<sup>4</sup>.

An upper semi-continuous map  $G : X \rightarrow X$  is said to be condensing if for any subset  $B \subseteq X$  with  $\alpha(B) \neq 0$ , we have  $\alpha(G(B)) < \alpha(B)$ , where  $\alpha$  denotes the Kuratowski measure of noncompactness. For properties of the Kuratowski measure, we refer to Banas and Goebel<sup>2</sup>.

We remark that a completely continuous multivalued map is the easiest example of a condensing map.

The consideration of this paper are based on the following fixed point theorem.

*Lemma 2.1*<sup>14</sup> — Let  $X$  be a Banach space and  $N : X \rightarrow BCC(X)$  a condensing map. If the set

$$\Omega := \{y \in X : \lambda y \in Ny \text{ for some } \lambda > 1\}$$

is bounded, then  $N$  has a fixed point.

### 3. FIRST ORDER DIFFERENTIAL INCLUSIONS

In this section we give an existence result for the IVP (1.1)-(1.2). Let us list the following hypotheses:

(H1)  $A(\cdot) : t \rightarrow A(t), t \in J$  is continuous such that

$$A(t)y = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{T(t+h,t)y - y}{h}, y \in D(A(t)),$$

where  $T(t,s) \in B(E)$  for each  $(t,s) \in \gamma := \{(t,s); 0 \leq s \leq t < b\}$ , satisfying

- (i)  $T(t,t) = I$  ( $I$  is the identity operator in  $E$ ),
- (ii)  $T(t,s)T(s,r) = T(t,r)$  for  $0 \leq r \leq s \leq t \leq b$  and
- (iii) the mapping  $(t,s) \mapsto T(t,s)y$  is strongly continuous in  $\gamma$  for each  $y \in E$ ;

(H2)  $F : J \times C(J_0, E) \rightarrow BCC(E); (t,u) \mapsto F(t,u)$  is measurable with respect to  $t$  for each  $u \in C(J_0, E)$ , u.s.c. with respect to  $u$  for each  $t \in J$  and for each fixed  $u \in C(J_0, E)$  the set

$$S_{F,u} = \{g \in L^1(J, E) : g(t) \in F(t,u) \text{ for a.e. } t \in J\}$$

is nonempty;

(H3)  $\|F(t, u)\| := \sup \{\|v\| : v \in F(t, u)\} \leq p(t) \psi(\|u\|)$  for almost all  $t \in J$  and all  $u \in C(J_0, E)$ , where  $p \in L^1(J, \mathbb{R}_+)$  and  $\psi: \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow (0, \infty)$  is continuous and increasing with

$$M \int_0^b p(s) ds < \int_c^\infty \frac{d\tau}{\psi(\tau)},$$

where  $c = M \|\phi\|$  and  $M \geq 1$  be such that  $|T(t, s)| \leq M$  for  $(t, s) \in \gamma$ , and

(H4) for each bounded set  $B \subset C(J, E)$ ,  $y \in B$  and  $t \in J$  the set

$$\left\{ T(t, 0) \phi(0) + \int_0^t T(t, s) g(s) ds : g \in S_{F, u} \right\}$$

is relatively compact.

*Remark 3.1* : If  $\dim E < \infty$ , then for each  $u \in C(J_0, E)$ ,  $S_{F, u} \neq \emptyset$  (see Lasota and Opial)<sup>12</sup>

*Definition 3.2* — A function  $y \in C([-r, b], E)$  is said to be a mild solution of (1.1) – (1.2) if there exists a function  $v \in L^1(J, E)$  such that  $v(t) \in F(t, y_t)$  a.e. on  $J$ ,  $y(t) = y(t)$ ,  $t \in (-r, 0)$  and

$$y(t) = T(t, 0) \phi(0) + \int_0^t T(t-s) v(s) ds, \quad t \in J.$$

with  $y_0 = \phi$ , is called a mild solution of (1.1)-(1.2) on  $J_1$ .

The following lemma is crucial in the proof of our main theorem.

*Lemma 3.3*<sup>12</sup> — Let  $I$  be a compact real interval and  $X$  be a Banach space. Let  $F$  be a multivalued map satisfying (H2) and let  $\Gamma$  be a linear continuous mapping from  $L^1(I, X)$  to  $C(I, X)$ , then the operator

$$\Gamma \circ S_F : C(I, X) \rightarrow BCC(C(I, X)), \quad y \mapsto (\Gamma \circ S_F)(y) := \Gamma(S_{F, y})$$

is a closed graph operator in  $C(I, X) \times C(I, X)$ .

Now, we are able to state and prove our main theorem.

*Theorem 3.4* — Assume that hypotheses (H1)-(H4) are satisfied. Then the IVP (1.1)-(1.2) has at least one mild solution on  $J_1$ .

**PROOF** : We transform the problem into a fixed point problem. Consider the multivalued map,  $N : C(J_1, E) \rightarrow 2^{C(J_1, E)}$  defined by :

$$N_y := \left\{ h \in C(J_1, E) : h(t) = \begin{cases} \phi(t), & \text{if } t \in J_0 \\ T(t, 0) \phi(0) + \int_0^t T(t, s) g(s) ds, & \text{if } t \in J \end{cases} \right\},$$

where

$$g \in S_{F, y} = \left\{ g \in L^1(J, E) : g(t) \in F(t, y_t) \text{ for a.e. } t \in J \right\}.$$

*Remark 3.5* : It is clear that the fixed points of  $N$  are mild solutions to (1.1)-(1.2).

We shall show that  $N$  is completely continuous with bounded, closed, convex values and it is upper semicontinuous. The proof will be given in several steps.

*Step 1* —  $Ny$  is convex for each  $y \in C(J_1, E)$ .

Indeed, if  $h_1, h_2$  belong to  $Ny$ , then there exist  $g_1, g_2 \in S_{F,y}$  such that for each  $t \in J$  we have

$$h_1(t) = T(t, 0)\phi(0) + \int_0^t T(t, s)g_1(s) ds$$

and

$$h_2(t) = T(t, 0)\phi(0) + \int_0^t T(t, s)g_2(s) ds.$$

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

$$(kh_1 + (1 - k)h_2)(t) = T(t, 0)\phi(0) + \int_0^t T(t, s)[kg_1(s) + (1 - k)g_2(s)] ds.$$

Since  $S_{F,y}$  is convex (because  $F$  has convex values) then

$$kh_1 + (1 - k)h_2 \in Ny.$$

*Step 2* —  $N$  is bounded on bounded sets of  $C(J_1, E)$ .

Indeed, it is enough to show that there exists a positive constant  $l$  such that for each  $h \in Ny, y \in B_q$  ( $B_q = \{y \in C(J_1, F) : \|y\|_\infty \leq a\}$ ) one has  $\|h\|_\infty \leq l$ . If  $h \in Ny$ , then there exists  $g \in S_{F,y}$  such that for each  $t \in J$  we have

$$h(t) = T(t, 0)\phi(0) + \int_0^t T(t, s)g(s) ds.$$

By (H3) we have for each  $t \in J$

$$\begin{aligned} \|h(t)\| &\leq \|T(t, 0)\phi(0)\| + \int_0^t \|T(t, s)g(s)\| ds \\ &\leq M\|\phi\| + M \cdot \sup_{t \in [0, b]} \left( \int_0^t p(s) ds \right) \max_{y \in B_r} \sup_{y \in [0, q]} \psi(y) := l. \end{aligned}$$

*Step 3* —  $N$ -sends bounded sets into equicontinuous sets of  $C(J_1, E)$ .

Let  $t_1, t_2 \in J, t_1 < t_2$  and  $B_q$  be a bounded set in  $C(J_1, E)$ .

For each  $y \in B_q$  and  $h \in Ny$ , there exists  $g \in Ny$ , there exists  $g \in S_{F, y}$  such that

$$h(t) = T(t, 0) \phi(0) + \int_0^t T(t, s) g(s) ds.$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \|h(t_2) - h(t_1)\| &\leq \|T(t_2, 0) \phi(0) - T(t_1, 0) \phi(0)\| + \left\| \int_0^{t_2} [T(t_2, s) - T(t_1, s)] g(s) ds \right\| \\ &\quad + \left\| \int_{t_1}^{t_2} T(t_1, s) g(s) ds \right\| \\ &\leq \|T(t_2, 0) \phi(0) - T(t_1, 0) \phi(0)\| + \left\| \int_0^{t_2} [T(t_2, s) - T(t_1, s)] g(s) ds \right\| \\ &\quad + M \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \|g(s)\| ds \\ &\leq \|T(t_2, 0) \phi(0) - T(t_1, 0) \phi(0)\| + \left\| \int_0^{t_2} [T(t_2, s) - T(t_1, s)] g(s) ds \right\| \\ &\quad + M \cdot \sup_{y \in [0, q]} \psi(y) \left( \int_{t_1}^{t_2} p(s) ds \right) \end{aligned}$$

As  $t_2 \rightarrow t_1$  the right-hand side of the above inequality tends to zero.

The equicontinuity for the cases  $t_1 < t_2 \leq 0$  and  $t_1 \leq 0 \leq t_2$  follows from the uniform continuity of  $\phi$  on the interval  $J_0$  and from the relation

$$\|h(t_2) - h(t_1)\| = \|h(t_2) - \phi(t_1)\| \leq \|h(t_2) - h(0)\| + \|(0) - \phi(t_1)\|$$

respectively.

As a consequence of Step 2, Step 3 and (H4) together with the Ascoli-Arzelà theorem we can conclude that  $N$  is completely continuous, and therefore, a condensing map.

*Step 4* —  $N$  has a closed graph.

Let  $y_n \rightarrow y^*, h_n \in Ny_n$ , and  $h_n \rightarrow h^*$ . We shall prove that  $h^* \in Ny^*$ .  $h_n \in Ny_n$  means that there exists  $g_n \in S_{F, y_n}$  such that

$$h_n(t) = T(t, 0) \phi(0) + \int_0^t T(t, s) g_n(s) ds.$$

We must prove that there exists  $g^* \in S_{F, y^*}$  such that

$$h^*(t) = T(t, 0) \phi(0) + \int_0^t T(t, s) g^*(s) ds. \quad \dots (3.1)$$

Consider the linear continuous operator

$$\Gamma: L^1(J, E) \rightarrow C(J, E)$$

$$g \mapsto \Gamma(g)(t) = \int_0^t T(t, s) g(s) ds.$$

Clearly we have that

$$\| (h_n - T(t, 0) \phi(0)) - (h^* - T(t, 0) \phi(0)) \|_\infty \rightarrow 0, \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

From Lemma 3.3, it follows that  $\Gamma \circ S_F$  is a closed graph operator.

Moreover, we have that

$$h_n(t) - T(t, 0) \phi(0) \in \Gamma(S_{F, y_n}).$$

Since  $y_n \rightarrow y^*$ , it follows from Lemma 3.3 that

$$h^*(t) - T(t, 0) \phi(0) = \int_0^t T(t, s) g^*(s) ds$$

for some  $g^* \in S_{F, y^*}$ .

Step 5 — The set

$$\Omega := \{y \in C(J_1, E) : \lambda y \in N(y), \text{ for some } \lambda > 1\}$$

is bounded.

Let  $y \in \Omega$ . Then  $\lambda y \in Ny$  for some  $\lambda > 1$ . Thus there exists  $g \in S_{F, y}$  such that

$$y(t) = \lambda^{-1} T(t, 0) \phi(0) + \lambda^{-1} \int_0^t T(t, s) g(s) ds, t \in J.$$

This implies by (H3) that for each  $t \in J$  we have

$$|y(t)| \leq M \|\phi\| + M \int_0^t p(s) \psi(\|y_s\|) ds.$$

We consider the function  $\mu$  defined by

$$\mu(t) = \sup \{|y(s)| : -r \leq s \leq t\}, \quad 0 \leq t \leq b.$$

Let  $t^* \in [-r, t]$  be such that  $\mu(t) = |y(t^*)|$ . If  $t^* \in [0, b]$ , by the previous inequality we have for  $t \in [0, b]$

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(t) &\leq M \|\phi\| + M \int_0^t p(s) \psi(\|y_s\|) ds \\ &\leq M \|\phi\| + M \int_0^t p(s) \psi(\mu(s)) ds. \end{aligned}$$

If  $t^* \in J_0$  then  $\mu(t) = \|\phi\|$  and the previous inequality holds since  $M \geq 1$ .

Let us take the right-hand side of the above inequality as  $v(t)$ , then we have

$$v(0) = M \|\phi\| \text{ and } \mu(t) \leq v(t), \quad t \in [0, b].$$

Using the nondecreasing character of  $\psi$  we get

$$v'(t) \leq M p(t) \psi(v(t)), \quad t \in [0, b].$$

This implies for each  $t \in J$  that

$$\int_{v(0)}^{v(t)} \frac{du}{\psi(u)} \leq M \int_0^t p(s) ds < \int_{v(0)}^{\infty} \frac{du}{\psi(u)}.$$

This inequality implies that there exists a constant  $L$  such that  $v(t) \leq L, t \in J$ , and hence  $\mu(t) \leq L, t \in J$ . Since for every  $t \in [0, b], \|y_t\| \leq \mu(t)$ , we have

$$\|y\|_{\infty} := \sup \{|y(t)| : -r \leq t \leq b\} \leq L,$$

where  $L$  depends on  $b$  and on the functions  $p$  and  $\psi$ . This shows that  $\Omega$  is bounded.

Set  $X := C(J_1, E)$ . As a consequence of Lemma 2.1 we deduce that  $N$  has a fixed point which is a mild solution of (1.1)-(1.2) □

#### 4. FIRST ORDER INTEGRODIFFERENTIAL INCLUSIONS

In this section we consider the solvability of the IVP (1.3)-(1.4). We need the following assumptions

(H5) for each  $t \in J, K(t, s)$  is measurable on  $[0, t]$  and

$$K(t) = \text{ess sup} \{|K(t, s)|, 0 \leq s \leq t\},$$

is bounded on  $J$ ;

(H6) the map  $t \mapsto K_t$  is continuous from  $J$  to  $L^\infty(J, \mathbb{R})$ ; here  $K_t(s) = K(t, s)$ ;

(H7)  $\|F(t, u)\| := \sup \{ |v| : v \in F(t, u) \} \leq p(t) \psi(\|u\|)$  for almost all  $t \in J$  and all  $u \in C(J_0, E)$ , where  $p \in L^1(J, \mathbb{R}_+)$  and  $\psi: \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow (0, \infty)$  is continuous and increasing with

$$Mb \sup_{t \in J} K(t) \int_0^b p(s) ds < \int_c^\infty \frac{d\tau}{\psi(\tau)}$$

where  $c = M \|\phi\|$  and  $M \geq 1$  be such that  $\|T(t, s)\| \leq M$  for  $(t, s) \in \gamma$ ,

(H8) for each bounded set  $B \subset C(J, E)$ ,  $y \in B$  and  $t \in J$  the set

$$\left\{ T(t, 0) \phi(0) + \int_0^t T(t, s) \int_0^s K(s, u) g(u) du ds : g \in S_{F, y} \right\}$$

is relatively compact.

*Definition 4.1* — A function on  $y \in C([-r, b], F)$  is said to be a mild solution of (1.3)-(1.4) if there exists on function  $v \in L^1(J, E)$  see that  $v(t) \in F(t, y_t)$  a.e. on  $J$ ,  $y(t) = \phi(t)$ ,  $t \in [-r, 0]$ , and

$$y(t) \in T(t, 0) \phi(0) + \int_0^t T(t, s) \int_0^s K(s, u) V(u), du ds, t \in J_1$$

with  $y_0 = \phi$ , is called a mild solution of (1.3)-(1.4) on  $J_1$ .

*Theorem 4.2* — Assume that hypotheses (H1), (H2), (H5)-(H8) are satisfied. Then the IVP (1.3)-(1.4) has at least one mild solution on  $J_1$ .

PROOF : We transform the problem into a fixed point problem. Consider the multivalued map,  $N: C(J_1, E) \rightarrow 2^{C(J_1, E)}$  defined by :

$$N_y := \left\{ h \in C(J_1, E) : h(t) = \begin{cases} \phi(t), & \text{if } t \in J_0 \\ T(t, 0) \phi(0) + \int_0^t T(t, s) \int_0^s K(s, u) g(u) du ds, & \text{if } t \in J \end{cases} \right\}$$

where  $g \in S_{F, y} = \{ g \in L^1(J, E) : g(t) \in F(t, y_t) \text{ for a.e. } t \in J \}$ .

*Remark 4.3* : It is clear that the fixed points of  $N$  are mild solutions to (1.3)-(1.4).

As in Theorem 3.4 we can show that  $N$  is completely continuous with bounded, closed, convex values and it is upper semicontinuous. We repeat only the step 5, i.e. we show that the set

$$\Omega := \{ y \in C(J_1, E) : \lambda y \in Ny, \text{ for some } \lambda > 1 \}$$

is bounded.

Let  $y \in \Omega$ . Then  $\lambda y \in Ny$  for some  $\lambda > 1$ . Thus there exists  $g \in S_{F, y}$  such that

$$y(t) = \lambda^{-1} T(t, 0) \phi(0) + \lambda^{-1} \int_0^t T(t, s) \int_0^s K(s, u) g(u) \, du \, ds, \quad t \in J.$$

This implies by (H7) that for each  $t \in J$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} |y(t)| &\leq M \|\phi\| + M \left\| \int_0^t \int_0^s K(s, u) g(u) \, du \, ds \right\| \\ &\leq M \|\phi\| + M \int_0^t \int_0^s |K(s, u)| p(u) \psi(\|y_u\|) \, du \, ds \\ &\leq M \|\phi\| + Mb \sup_{t \in J} K(t) \int_0^t p(s) \psi(\|y_s\|) \, ds. \end{aligned}$$

We consider the function  $\mu$  defined by

$$\mu(t) = \sup \{|y(s)| : -r \leq s \leq t\}, \quad 0 \leq t \leq b.$$

Let  $t^* \in [-r, t]$  be such that  $\mu(t) = |y(t^*)|$ . If  $t^* \in [0, b]$ , by the previous inequality we have for  $t \in [0, b]$

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(t) &\leq M \|\phi\| + Mb \sup_{t \in J} K(t) \int_0^t p(s) \psi(\|y_s\|) \, ds \\ &\leq M \|\phi\| + Mb \sup_{t \in J} K(t) \int_0^t p(s) \psi(\mu(s)) \, ds. \end{aligned}$$

If  $t^* \in J_0$  then  $\mu(t) = \|\phi\|$  and the previous inequality holds, since  $M \geq 1$ .

Let us take the right-hand side of the above inequality as  $v(t)$ , then we have

$$v(0) = M \|\phi\| \text{ and } \mu(t) \leq v(t), \quad t \in J.$$

Using the nondecreasing character of  $\psi$  we get

$$v'(t) \leq Mb \sup_{t \in J} K(t) p(t) \psi(v(t)), \quad t \in J.$$

This implies for each  $t \in J$  that

$$\int_{v(0)}^{v(t)} \frac{du}{\psi(u)} \leq Mb \sup_{t \in J} K(t) \int_0^b p(s) \, ds < \int_{v(0)}^{\infty} \frac{du}{\psi(u)}.$$

This inequality implies that there exists a constant  $L$  such that  $v(t) \leq L$ ,  $t \in J$ , and hence  $\mu(t) \leq L$ ,  $t \in J$ . Since for every  $t \in [0, b]$ ,  $\|y_t\| \leq \mu(t)$ , we have

$$\|y\|_{\infty} := \sup \{|y(t)| : -r \leq t \leq b\} \leq L,$$

where  $L$  depends only  $b$  and on the functions  $p$  and  $\psi$ . This shows that  $\Omega$  is bounded.

Set  $X := C(J_1, E)$ . As a consequence of Lemma 2.1 we deduce that  $N$  has a fixed point which is a mild solution of (1.3)-(1.4).

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