

## ON THE SOLUTIONS OF A CAPUTO-KATUGAMPOLA FRACTIONAL INTEGRO-DIFFERENTIAL INCLUSION

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### Abstract

We consider a Cauchy problem associated to a integro-differential inclusion of fractional order defined by Caputo-Katugampola derivative and by a set-valued map with nonconvex values and we prove that the set of selections corresponding to the solutions of the problem considered is a retract of the space of integrable functions on unbounded interval.

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## 1 Introduction

In the last years one may see a strong development of the theory of differential equations and inclusions of fractional order ([2, 7, 9, 10, 11] etc.). The main reason is that fractional differential equations are very useful tools in order to model many physical phenomena.

Recently, a generalized Caputo-Katugampola fractional derivative was proposed in [8] by Katugampola and further he proved the existence of solutions for fractional differential equations defined by this derivative. This Caputo-Katugampola fractional derivative extends the well known Caputo and Caputo-Hadamard fractional derivatives. Also, in some recent papers [1, 12], several qualitative properties of solutions of fractional differential equations defined by Caputo-Katugampola derivative were obtained.

This paper is devoted to the following Cauchy problem

$$D_c^{\alpha,p}x(t) \in F(t, x(t), V(x)(t)) \quad a.e. ([0, \infty)), \quad x(0) = x_0, \quad (1)$$

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where  $\alpha \in (0, 1]$ ,  $\rho > 0$ ,  $D_c^{\alpha, \rho}$  is the Caputo-Katugampola fractional derivative,  $F : [0, \infty) \times \mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\mathbf{R})$  is a set-valued map,  $V : C([0, \infty), \mathbf{R}) \rightarrow C([0, \infty), \mathbf{R})$  is a nonlinear Volterra integral operator defined by  $V(x)(t) = \int_0^t k(t, s, x(s))ds$  with  $k(\cdot, \cdot, \cdot) : [0, \infty) \times \mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  a given function and  $x_0 \in \mathbf{R}$ .

The aim of the present paper is to prove that the set of selections of the multifunction  $F$  that correspond to the solutions of problem (1) is a retract of  $L_{loc}^1([0, \infty), \mathbf{R})$ . Our main hypothesis is that the multifunction is Lipschitz with respect to the second and third variable and the proof uses a well known selection theorem due to Bressan and Colombo ([3]) which gives continuous selections for multifunctions that are lower semicontinuous and with decomposable values.

We note that a similar result for a fractional differential inclusion defined by the classical Caputo fractional derivative may be found in our previous paper [4]. Afterwards, this result was generalized to fractional integro-differential inclusions defined by the same Caputo derivative in [6]. The present paper extends and unifies all these results in the case of the more general problem (1).

The paper is organized as follows: in Section 2 we recall some preliminary results that we need in the sequel and in Section 3 we prove our result.

## 2 Preliminaries

In what follows  $I \subset \mathbf{R}$  is a given interval,  $\mathcal{L}(I)$  is the  $\sigma$ -algebra of all Lebesgue measurable subsets of  $I$  and  $(X, |\cdot|)$  is a real separable Banach.  $C(I, X)$  denotes the space of continuous functions  $x : I \rightarrow X$  with the norm  $\|x\|_C = \sup_{t \in I} |x(t)|$  and  $L^1(I, X)$  denotes the space of integrable functions  $x : I \rightarrow X$  with the norm  $\|x\|_1 = \int_0^T |x(t)| dt$ .

The distance between a point  $x \in X$  and a subset  $A \subset X$  is defined by  $d(x, A) = \inf\{|x - a|; a \in A\}$  and Pompeiu-Hausdorff distance between the closed subsets  $A, B \subset X$  is defined by  $d_H(A, B) = \max\{d^*(A, B), d^*(B, A)\}$ ,  $d^*(A, B) = \sup\{d(a, B); a \in A\}$ .

$\mathcal{P}(X)$  denotes the family of all nonempty subsets of  $X$  and with  $\mathcal{B}(X)$  the family of all Borel subsets of  $X$ . For  $A \subset I$  with  $\chi_A(\cdot) : I \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$  we describe the characteristic function of  $A$ . Finally, for any  $A \subset X$   $cl(A)$  is its closure.

By definition a subset  $D \subset L^1(I, X)$  is *decomposable* if for any  $u, v \in D$  and any subset  $A \in \mathcal{L}(I)$  one has  $u\chi_A + v\chi_{B} \in D$ , where  $B = I \setminus A$ .

We use the notation  $\mathcal{D}(I, X)$  for the family of all decomposable closed subsets of  $L^1(I, X)$ .

In the next two results  $(S, d)$  is a separable metric space. By definition a set-valued map  $H : S \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X)$  is said to be lower semicontinuous (l.s.c.) if for any closed subset  $G \subset X$ , the subset  $\{s \in S; H(s) \subset G\}$  is closed. The next two lemmas are proved in [3].

**Lemma 1.** *Consider  $F^* : I \times S \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X)$  a set-valued map with closed values,  $\mathcal{L}(I) \otimes \mathcal{B}(S)$ -measurable and  $F^*(t, \cdot)$  is l.s.c. for any  $t \in I$ .*

*Then the set-valued map  $H : S \rightarrow \mathcal{D}(I, X)$  defined by*

$$H(s) = \{f \in L^1(I, X); \quad f(t) \in F^*(t, s) \quad a.e. (I)\}$$

is l.s.c. with nonempty closed values if and only if there exists a continuous mapping  $q : S \rightarrow L^1(I, X)$  such that

$$d(0, F^*(t, s)) \leq q(s)(t) \quad \text{a.e. } (I), \quad \forall s \in S.$$

**Lemma 2.** Let  $F : S \rightarrow \mathcal{D}(I, X)$  be a l.s.c. set-valued map with closed decomposable values and let  $\psi : S \rightarrow L^1(I, X)$ ,  $\phi : S \rightarrow L^1(I, \mathbf{R})$  be continuous mappings such that the set-valued map  $H : S \rightarrow \mathcal{D}(I, X)$  given by

$$H(s) = cl\{f(\cdot) \in F(s); \quad |f(t) - \psi(s)(t)| < \phi(s)(t) \quad \text{a.e. } (I)\}$$

has nonempty values.

Then  $H$  admits a continuous selection, i.e. there exists  $h : S \rightarrow L^1(I, X)$  continuous with  $h(s) \in H(s) \quad \forall s \in S$ .

Let  $\rho > 0$ .

**Definition 1.** ([8]) a) The generalized left-sided fractional integral of order  $\alpha > 0$  of a Lebesgue integrable function  $f : (0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  is defined by

$$I^{\alpha, \rho} f(t) = \frac{\rho^{1-\alpha}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^t (t^\rho - s^\rho)^{\alpha-1} s^{\rho-1} f(s) ds, \quad (2)$$

provided the right-hand side is pointwise defined on  $(0, \infty)$  and  $\Gamma(\cdot)$  is the (Euler's) Gamma function defined by  $\Gamma(\alpha) = \int_0^\infty t^{\alpha-1} e^{-t} dt$ .

b) The generalized fractional derivative, corresponding to the generalized left-sided fractional integral in (2) of a function  $f : [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  is defined by

$$D^{\alpha, \rho} f(t) = (t^{1-\rho} \frac{d}{dt})^n (I^{n-\alpha, \rho})(t) = \frac{\rho^{\alpha-n+1}}{\Gamma(n-\alpha)} (t^{1-\rho} \frac{d}{dt})^n \int_0^t \frac{s^{\rho-1} f(s)}{(t^\rho - s^\rho)^{\alpha-n+1}} ds$$

if the integral exists and  $n = [\alpha]$ .

c) The Caputo-Katugampola generalized fractional derivative is defined by

$$D_c^{\alpha, \rho} f(t) = (D^{\alpha, \rho} [f(s) - \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{f^{(k)}(0)}{k!} s^k])(t)$$

We note that if  $\rho = 1$ , the Caputo-Katugampola fractional derivative becomes the well known Caputo fractional derivative. On the other hand, passing to the limit with  $\rho \rightarrow 0+$ , the above definition yields the Hadamard fractional derivative.

In what follows  $\rho > 0$  and  $\alpha \in [0, 1]$

**Lemma 3.** For a given integrable function  $f(\cdot) : [0, T] \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ , the unique solution of the initial value problem

$$D_c^{\alpha, \rho} x(t) = f(t) \quad \text{a.e. } ([0, T]), \quad x(0) = x_0,$$

is given by

$$x(t) = x_0 + \frac{\rho^{1-\alpha}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^t (t^\rho - s^\rho)^{\alpha-1} s^{\rho-1} f(s) ds$$

For the proof of Lemma 3, see [8]; namely, Lemma 4.2.

**Definition 2.** A function  $x \in C([0, \infty), \mathbf{R})$  is called a solution of problem (1) if there exists a function  $f \in L^1_{loc}([0, \infty), \mathbf{R})$  with  $f(t) \in F(t, x(t), V(x)(t))$  a.e.  $([0, \infty))$  such that  $D_c^{\alpha, \rho} x(t) = f(t)$  a.e.  $([0, \infty))$  and  $x(0) = x_0$ .

In this case  $(x(\cdot), f(\cdot))$  is called a *trajectory-selection* pair of problem (1).

Next we shall use the following notations.

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{f}(t) &= x_0 + \frac{\rho^{1-\alpha}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^t (t^\rho - s^\rho)^{\alpha-1} s^{\rho-1} f(s) ds, \quad f \in L^1_{loc}([0, \infty), \mathbf{R}) \\ \mathcal{T}(x_0) &= \{f \in L^1_{loc}([0, \infty), \mathbf{R}); \quad f(t) \in F(t, \tilde{f}(t), V(\tilde{f})(t)) \quad \text{a.e. } [0, \infty)\}. \end{aligned}$$

### 3 The result

In order to prove our result we need the following assumptions.

**Hypothesis.** i) The set-valued map  $F(\cdot, \cdot) : [0, \infty) \times \mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\mathbf{R})$  is  $\mathcal{L}([0, \infty)) \otimes \mathcal{B}(\mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{R})$  measurable and has nonempty closed values.

ii) For almost all  $t \in I$ , the set-valued map  $F(t, \cdot, \cdot)$  is  $L(t)$ -Lipschitz in the sense that there exists  $L(\cdot) \in L^1_{loc}([0, \infty), \mathbf{R}_+)$  with

$$d_H(F(t, x_1, y_1), F(t, x_2, y_2)) \leq L(t)(|x_1 - x_2| + |y_1 - y_2|) \quad \forall x_1, x_2, y_1, y_2 \in \mathbf{R}.$$

iii) There exists a locally integrable function  $q(\cdot) \in L^1_{loc}([0, \infty), \mathbf{R})$  such that

$$d_H(\{0\}, F(t, 0, V(0)(t))) \leq q(t) \quad \text{a.e. } ([0, \infty)).$$

iv)  $k(\cdot, \cdot, \cdot) : [0, \infty) \times \mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  is a function such that  $\forall x \in \mathbf{R}$ ,  $(t, s) \rightarrow k(t, s, x)$  is measurable.

v)  $|k(t, s, x) - k(t, s, y)| \leq L(t)|x - y| \quad \text{a.e. } (t, s) \in [0, \infty) \times [0, \infty), \forall x, y \in \mathbf{R}.$

We use next the following notations

$$M(t) := L(t)(1 + \int_0^t L(u) du), \quad t \in I, \quad I^{\alpha, \rho} M := \sup_{t \in [0, \infty)} |I^{\alpha, \rho} M(t)|. \quad (3)$$

$$q_0(h)(t) = |h(t)| + q(t) + L(t)(|\tilde{h}(t)| + \int_0^t L(s)|\tilde{h}(s)| ds), \quad t \in I \quad (4)$$

Let us note that

$$d(h(t), F(t, \tilde{h}(t), V(\tilde{h})(t))) \leq q_0(h)(t) \quad \text{a.e. } (I) \quad (5)$$

and for any  $u_1, u_2 \in L^1(I, \mathbf{R})$

$$|q_0(h_1) - q_0(h_2)|_1 \leq (1 + |I^{\alpha, \rho} M(T)|)|h_1 - h_2|_1;$$

therefore, the mapping  $q_0 : L^1(I, \mathbf{R}) \rightarrow L^1(I, \mathbf{R})$  is continuous.

Also define

$$\mathcal{T}_I(x_0) = \{h \in L^1(I, \mathbf{R}); \quad h(t) \in F(t, \tilde{h}(t), V(\tilde{h})(t)) \quad \text{a.e. } (I)\}.$$

$$I_k = [0, k], \quad k \geq 1, \quad |h|_{1,k} = \int_0^k |h(t)| dt, \quad h \in L^1(I_k, \mathbf{R}).$$

The proof of the next result may be found in [4].

**Lemma 4.** *Suppose that Hypothesis is verified and consider  $\phi : L^1(I, \mathbf{R}) \rightarrow L^1(I, \mathbf{R})$  a continuous function with  $\phi(h) = h$  for all  $h \in \mathcal{T}_I(x_0)$ . If  $h \in L^1(I, \mathbf{R})$ , we put*

$$\Psi(h) = \{h \in L^1(I, \mathbf{R}); \quad h(t) \in F(t, \widetilde{\phi(h)}(t), V(\widetilde{\phi(h)})(t)) \quad \text{a.e. } (I)\},$$

$$\Phi(h) = \begin{cases} \{h\} & \text{if } h \in \mathcal{T}_I(x_0), \\ \Psi(h) & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Then the set-valued map  $\Phi : L^1(I, \mathbf{R}) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(L^1(I, \mathbf{R}))$  is l.s.c. with nonempty closed and decomposable values.

**Theorem 1.** *Assume that Hypothesis is satisfied,  $I^{\alpha,\rho}M < 1$  and  $x_0 \in \mathbf{R}$ .*

- Then there exists  $G : L^1_{loc}([0, \infty), \mathbf{R}) \rightarrow L^1_{loc}([0, \infty), \mathbf{R})$  continuous with the properties
- (i)  $G(h) \in \mathcal{T}(x_0), \quad \forall h \in L^1_{loc}([0, \infty), \mathbf{R}),$
  - (ii)  $G(h) = h, \quad \forall h \in \mathcal{T}(x_0).$

*Proof.* The idea of the proof consists in the construction, for every  $k \geq 1$ , of a sequence of continuous functions  $g^k : L^1(I_k, \mathbf{R}) \rightarrow L^1(I_k, \mathbf{R})$  satisfying the following conditions

- (I)  $g^k(h) = h, \quad \forall h \in \mathcal{T}_{I_k}(x_0)$
- (II)  $g^k(h) \in \mathcal{T}_{I_k}(x_0), \quad \forall h \in L^1(I_k, \mathbf{R})$
- (III)  $g^k(h)(t) = g^{k-1}(h|_{I_{k-1}})(t), \quad t \in I_{k-1}$

If this construction is realized, we introduce  $G : L^1_{loc}([0, \infty), \mathbf{R}) \rightarrow L^1_{loc}([0, \infty), \mathbf{R})$  with

$$G(h)(t) = g^k(h|_{I_k})(t), \quad k \geq 1.$$

The continuity of  $g^k(\cdot)$  and (III) allows to deduce that  $G(\cdot)$  is continuous. Taking into account (II), for each  $h \in L^1_{loc}([0, \infty), \mathbf{R})$ , we get

$$G(h)|_{I_k}(t) = g^k(h|_{I_k})(t) \in \mathcal{T}_{I_k}(x_0), \quad \forall k \geq 1,$$

which shows that  $G(h) \in \mathcal{T}(x_0)$ .

Consider  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $m \geq 0$ . We define  $\varepsilon_m = \frac{m+1}{m+2}\varepsilon$ . If  $h \in L^1(I_1, \mathbf{R})$  and  $m \geq 0$  we put

$$q_0^1(h)(t) = |h(t)| + q(t) + L(t)(|\tilde{h}(t)|) + \int_0^t L(s)|\tilde{h}(s)| ds, \quad t \in I_1$$

and

$$q_{m+1}^1(h) = (I^{\alpha,\rho}M)^m \left( \frac{1}{\rho^\alpha \Gamma(\alpha + 1)} |q_0^1(h)|_{1,1} + \varepsilon_{m+1} \right).$$

Since the map  $q_0^1(\cdot) = q_0(\cdot)$  is continuous, we find that  $q_m^1 : L^1(I_1, \mathbf{R}) \rightarrow L^1(I_1, \mathbf{R})$  is also continuous.

Set  $g_0^1(h) = h$ . In what follows, we show that for any  $m \geq 1$  there exists  $g_m^1 : L^1(I_1, \mathbf{R}) \rightarrow L^1(I_1, \mathbf{R})$  continuous with the properties

$$g_m^1(h) = h, \quad \forall h \in \mathcal{T}_{I_1}(x_0), \quad (a_1)$$

$$g_m^1(h)(t) \in \widetilde{F(t, g_{m-1}^1(h)(t), V(g_{m-1}^1(h)(t)))} \quad a.e. (I_1), \quad (b_1)$$

$$|g_1^1(h)(t) - g_0^1(h)(t)| \leq q_0^1(h)(t) + \varepsilon_0 \quad a.e. (I_1), \quad (c_1)$$

$$|g_m^1(h)(t) - g_{m-1}^1(h)(t)| \leq M(t)q_{m-1}^1(h) \quad a.e. (I_1), \quad m \geq 2. \quad (d_1)$$

If  $h \in L^1(I_1, \mathbf{R})$ , we define

$$\Psi_1^1(h) = \{f \in L^1(I_1, \mathbf{R}); f(t) \in F(t, \widetilde{h}(t), V(\widetilde{h}(t))(t)) \quad a.e.(I_1)\},$$

$$\Phi_1^1(h) = \begin{cases} \{h\} & \text{if } h \in \mathcal{T}_{I_1}(x_0), \\ \Psi_1^1(h) & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

We apply Lemma 4 (with  $\phi(h) = h$ ) and we deduce that  $\Phi_1^1 : L^1(I_1, \mathbf{R}) \rightarrow \mathcal{D}(I_1, \mathbf{R})$  is l. s. c. Using (5) we obtain that the set

$$H_1^1(h) = cl\{f \in \Phi_1^1(u); |f(t) - h(t)| < q_0^1(h)(t) + \varepsilon_0 \quad a.e. (I_1)\}$$

is not empty for any  $h \in L^1(I_1, \mathbf{R})$ . We apply Lemma 2 to obtain a selection  $g_1^1$  of  $H_1^1$  which is continuous and verifies (a<sub>1</sub>)-(c<sub>1</sub>).

Assume that  $g_i^1(\cdot)$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, m$  satisfying (a<sub>1</sub>)-(d<sub>1</sub>) are already constructed. Therefore, from Hypothesis 1 and (b<sub>1</sub>), (d<sub>1</sub>) we infer

$$\begin{aligned} d(g_m^1(h)(t), F(t, \widetilde{g_m^1(h)(t)}, V(\widetilde{g_m^1(h)(t)})(t))) &\leq L(t)(|\widetilde{g_{m-1}^1(h)(t)} - \widetilde{g_m^1(h)(t)}| + \\ \int_0^t L(s)|\widetilde{g_{m-1}^1(h)(s)} - \widetilde{g_m^1(h)(s)}|ds) &\leq M(t)(I^{\alpha, \rho} M)q_m^1(h) = M(t)(q_{m+1}^1(h) - \\ s_m) &< M(t)q_{m+1}^1(h), \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

where  $s_m := (I^{\alpha, \rho} M)^m(\varepsilon_{m+1} - \varepsilon_m) > 0$ .

For  $h \in L^1(I_1, \mathbf{R})$ , we put

$$\Psi_{m+1}^1(h) = \{f \in L^1(I_1, \mathbf{R}); f(t) \in F(t, \widetilde{g_m^1(h)(t)}, V(\widetilde{g_m^1(h)(t)})(t)) \quad a.e. (I_1)\},$$

$$\Phi_{m+1}^1(h) = \begin{cases} \{h\} & \text{if } h \in \mathcal{T}_{I_1}(x_0), \\ \Psi_{m+1}^1(h) & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Again, Lemma 4 (applied for  $\phi(h) = g_m^1(h)$ ) allows to conclude that  $\Phi_{m+1}^1(\cdot)$  is l.s.c. with nonempty closed decomposable values. At the same time, from (6), if  $h \in L^1(I_1, \mathbf{R})$ , the set

$$H_{m+1}^1(h) = cl\{f \in \Phi_{m+1}^1(h); |f(t) - g_{m+1}^1(h)(t)| < M(t)q_{m+1}^1(h) \quad a.e. (I_1)\}$$

is nonempty. As above, via Lemma 2, we obtain a selection  $g_{m+1}^1$  of  $H_{m+1}^1$  continuous with  $(a_1)$ - $(d_1)$ .

We conclude that

$$|g_{m+1}^1(h) - g_m^1(h)|_{1,1} \leq (I^{\alpha,\rho}M)^m \left( \frac{1}{\rho^\alpha \Gamma(\alpha+1)} |q_0^1(h)|_{1,1} + \varepsilon \right)$$

which means that the sequence  $\{g_m^1(h)\}_{m \in \mathbf{N}}$  is a Cauchy sequence in the Banach space  $L^1(I_1, \mathbf{R})$ . Take  $g^1(h) \in L^1(I_1, \mathbf{R})$  its limit. Since the mapping  $s \rightarrow |q_0^1(h)|_{1,1}$  is continuous, thus it is locally bounded and the Cauchy condition is satisfied by  $\{g_m^1(h)\}_{m \in \mathbf{N}}$  locally uniformly with respect to  $h$ . Therefore,  $g^1(\cdot) : L^1(I_1, \mathbf{R}) \rightarrow L^1(I_1, \mathbf{R})$  is continuous.

Taking into account  $(a_1)$  we find that  $g^1(h) = h$ ,  $\forall h \in \mathcal{T}_{I_1}(x_0)$  and from the hypotheses that the values of  $F$  are closed and  $(b_1)$  we find that

$$g^1(h)(t) \in F(t, \widetilde{g^1(h)}(t), V(\widetilde{g^1(h)})(t)), \quad a.e. (I_1) \quad \forall h \in L^1(I_1, \mathbf{R}).$$

At the final step of the induction procedure we assume that  $g^i(\cdot) : L^1(I_i, \mathbf{R}) \rightarrow L^1(I_i, \mathbf{R})$ ,  $i = 2, \dots, k-1$  are constructed and satisfying (I)-(III) and we construct  $g^k(\cdot) : L^1(I_k, \mathbf{R}) \rightarrow L^1(I_k, \mathbf{R})$  continuous with (I)-(III).

We introduce the map  $g_0^k : L^1(I_k, \mathbf{R}) \rightarrow L^1(I_k, \mathbf{R})$

$$g_0^k(h)(t) = g^{k-1}(h|_{I_{k-1}})(t)\chi_{I_{k-1}} + h(t)\chi_{I_k \setminus I_{k-1}}(t) \quad (7)$$

Since  $g^{k-1}(\cdot)$  is continuous and for  $h_0, h \in L^1(I_k, \mathbf{R})$  we have

$$|g_0^k(h) - g_0^k(h_0)|_{1,k} \leq |g^{k-1}(h|_{I_{k-1}}) - g^{k-1}(h_0|_{I_{k-1}})|_{1,k-1} + \int_{k-1}^k |h(t) - h_0(t)| dt,$$

and we deduce that  $g_0^k(\cdot)$  is continuous.

At the same time, the equality  $g^{k-1}(h) = h$ ,  $\forall h \in \mathcal{T}_{I_{k-1}}(x_0)$  and (7) allows to obtain

$$g_0^k(h) = h, \quad \forall h \in \mathcal{T}_{I_k}(x_0).$$

For  $h \in L^1(I_k, \mathbf{R})$ , we define

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi_1^k(h) &= \{l \in L^1(I_k, \mathbf{R}); \widetilde{l(t)} = g^{k-1}(h|_{I_{k-1}})(t)\chi_{I_{k-1}}(t) + n(t)\chi_{I_k \setminus I_{k-1}}(t), \\ n(t) &\in F(t, \widetilde{g_0^k(h)}(t), V(\widetilde{g_0^k(h)})(t)) \text{ a.e. } ([k-1, k])\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Phi_1^k(h) = \begin{cases} \{h\} & \text{if } h \in \mathcal{T}_{I_k}(x_0), \\ \Psi_1^k(h) & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Once again Lemma 4 (applied for  $\phi(h) = g_0^k(h)$ ) implies that  $\Phi_1^k(\cdot) : L^1(I_k, \mathbf{R}) \rightarrow \mathcal{D}(I_k, \mathbf{R})$  is l.s.c.. In addition, if  $h \in L^1(I_k, \mathbf{R})$  one may write

$$\begin{aligned} d(\widetilde{g_0^k(t)}, F(t, \widetilde{g_0^k(h)}(t), V(\widetilde{g_0^k(h)})(t))) &= d(h(t), F(t, \widetilde{g_0^k(h)}(t), \\ V(\widetilde{g_0^k(h)}(t))\chi_{I_k \setminus I_{k-1}}) &\leq g_0^k(h)(t) \quad a.e. (I_k), \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

where

$$q_0^k(h)(t) = |h(t)| + q(t) + L(t)(\widetilde{|g_0^k(h)(t)|}) + \int_0^t L(s)\widetilde{|g_0^k(h)(s)|}ds.$$

Obviously,  $q_0^k : L^1(I_k, \mathbf{R}) \rightarrow L^1(I_k, \mathbf{R})$  is continuous. If  $m \geq 0$  we define

$$q_{m+1}^k(h) = (I^{\alpha, \rho} M)^m \left( \frac{k^{\rho\alpha}}{\rho^\alpha \Gamma(\alpha + 1)} |q_0^k(h)|_{1,k} + \varepsilon_{m+1} \right)$$

and from the continuity of  $q_0^k(\cdot)$  we deduce the continuity of  $q_m^k : L^1(I_k, \mathbf{R}) \rightarrow L^1(I_k, \mathbf{R})$ .

Finally, we provide the existence of  $g_m^k : L^1(I_k, \mathbf{R}) \rightarrow L^1(I_k, \mathbf{R})$  continuous such that

$$g_m^k(h)(t) = g^{k-1}(h|_{I_{k-1}})(t) \quad \forall t \in I_{k-1}, \quad (a_k)$$

$$g_m^k(h) = h \quad \forall h \in \mathcal{T}_{I_k}(x_0), \quad (b_k)$$

$$g_m^k(h)(t) \in F(t, \widetilde{g_{m-1}^k(h)}(t), V(\widetilde{g_{m-1}^k(h)}(t))) \quad a.e. (I_k), \quad (c_k)$$

$$|g_1^k(h)(t) - g_0^k(h)(t)| \leq q_0^k(h)(t) + \varepsilon_0 \quad a.e. (I_k), \quad (d_k)$$

$$|g_m^k(h)(t) - g_{m-1}^k(h)(t)| \leq M(t)q_{m-1}^k(h) \quad a.e. (I_k), \quad m \geq 2. \quad (e_k)$$

Set

$$H_1^k(h) = cl\{f \in \Phi_1^k(h); |f(t) - g_0^k(h)(t)| < q_0^k(h)(t) + \varepsilon_0 \quad a.e. (I_k)\}.$$

Using (8),  $H_1^k(h) \neq \emptyset$  for any  $h \in L^1(I_1, \mathbf{R})$ . Taking into account Lemma 2 and the fact that the maps  $g_0^k, q_0^k$  are continuous we find a continuous selection  $g_1^k$  of  $H_1^k$  with  $(a_k)$ - $(d_k)$ .

If  $g_i^k(\cdot)$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, m$  with  $(a_k)$ - $(e_k)$  are already constructed, from  $(e_k)$  one may write

$$\begin{aligned} d(g_m^k(h)(t), F(t, \widetilde{g_m^k(h)}(t), V(\widetilde{g_m^k(h)}(t))) &\leq L(t)(\widetilde{|g_{m-1}^k(h)(t) - g_m^k(h)(t)|}) + \\ \int_0^t L(s)|g_{m-1}^k(h)(s) - g_m^k(h)(s)|ds &\leq M(t)(q_{m+1}^k(h) - s_m) < M(t)q_{m+1}^k(h), \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

where  $s_m := (I^{\alpha, \rho} M)^m(\varepsilon_{m+1} - \varepsilon_m) > 0$ .

For  $h \in L^1(I_k, \mathbf{R})$ , we define

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi_{m+1}^k(h) &= \{l \in L^1(I_k, \mathbf{R}); l(t) = g^{k-1}(h|_{I_{k-1}})(t)\chi_{I_{k-1}}(t) + \\ n(t)\chi_{I_k \setminus I_{k-1}}(t), \quad n(t) &\in F(t, \widetilde{g_m^k(h)}(t), V(\widetilde{g_m^k(h)}(t))) \quad a.e. ([k-1, k])\}, \end{aligned}$$

$$\Phi_{m+1}^k(h) = \begin{cases} \{h\} & \text{if } h \in \mathcal{T}_{I_k}(x_0), \\ \Psi_{m+1}^k(h) & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Applying Lemma 4 we obtain that  $\Phi_{m+1}^k(\cdot) : L^1(I_k, \mathbf{R}) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(L^1(I_k, \mathbf{R}))$  has nonempty closed decomposable values and is l.s.c.. As above, the set

$$H_{m+1}^k(h) = cl\{f \in \Phi_{m+1}^k(h); |f(t) - g_{m+1}^k(h)(t)| < M(t)q_{m+1}^k(h) \quad a.e. (I_k)\}$$

is nonempty. Again, Lemma 2 allows to obtain a continuous selection  $g_{m+1}^k$  of  $H_{m+1}^k$ , verifying  $(a_k)$ - $(e_k)$ .

By  $(e_k)$  one has

$$|g_{m+1}^k(h) - g_m^k(h)|_{1,k} \leq (I^{\alpha,\rho} M)^m \left[ \frac{k^{\rho\alpha}}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} |q_0^k(h)|_{1,1} + \varepsilon \right].$$

Repeating the proof done in the first case we get the convergence of  $\{g_m^k(h)\}_{m \in \mathbf{N}}$  to some  $g^k(h) \in L^1(I_k, \mathbf{R})$ . Moreover,  $g^k(\cdot) : L^1(I_k, \mathbf{R}) \rightarrow L^1(I_k, \mathbf{R})$  is continuous.

By  $(a_k)$  we have that

$$g^k(h)(t) = g^{k-1}(h|_{I_{k-1}})(t) \quad \forall t \in I_{k-1},$$

by  $(b_k)$   $g^k(h) = h \forall h \in \mathcal{T}_{I_k}(x_0)$  and, finally, since the values of  $F$  are closed, from  $(c_k)$  we deduce that

$$g^k(h)(t) \in F(t, \widetilde{g^k(h)}(t), V(\widetilde{g^k(h)})(t)), \quad a.e. (I_k) \quad \forall h \in L^1(I_k, \mathbf{R}),$$

and the proof is complete.  $\square$

**Remark 1.** By definition, a subspace  $X$  of a Hausdorff topological space  $Y$  is said to be a retract of  $Y$  if there exists a continuous function  $h : Y \rightarrow X$  with  $h(x) = x, \forall x \in X$ .

So, Theorem 1 states that for each  $x_0 \in \mathbf{R}$ , the set  $\mathcal{T}(x_0)$  is a retract of the Banach space  $L_{loc}^1([0, \infty), \mathbf{R})$ .

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