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**A KNESER-TYPE THEOREM FOR AN INTEGRAL  
 EQUATION IN LOCALLY CONVEX SPACES**

**Abstract.** We shall give sufficient conditions for the existence of solutions of the integral equation (1) in locally convex spaces. We also prove that the set of these solutions is a continuum.

Let  $E$  be a quasicomplete locally convex topological vector space, and let  $P$  be a family of continuous seminorms generating the topology of  $E$ .

Denote by  $\Omega$  the family of all open, balanced and convex neighbourhoods of 0 in  $E$ . Assume that  $I = [0, a]$  and  $B = \{x \in E : p_i(x) \leq b, i = 1, \dots, k\}$ , where  $p_1, \dots, p_k \in P$ .

In this paper we investigate the existence of solutions and the structure of the solutions set of the integral equation

$$(1) \quad x(t) = \int_0^t K(t, s)f(s, x(s))ds,$$

where

1°  $f : I \times B \mapsto E$  is a bounded continuous function;

2°  $K(t, s) = \frac{A(t, s)}{(t-s)^r}$ ,  $0 < r < 1$ , where  $A$  is a real continuous function.

Put  $M = \sup\{p_i(f(t, x)) : t \in I, x \in B, i = 1, \dots, k\}$  and  $c = \max_{t, s \in I} |A(t, s)|$ . Choose a positive number  $d$  such that  $d \leq a$  and  $M \cdot c \cdot \frac{d^{1-r}}{1-r} < b$ .

Let  $J = [0, d]$ . Denote by  $C = C(J, E)$  the space of continuous functions  $J \mapsto E$  endowed with the topology of uniform convergence.

For any bounded subset  $D$  of  $E$  and  $p \in P$  we denote by  $\beta_p(D)$  the infimum of all  $\varepsilon > 0$  for which there exists a finite subset  $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$  of  $E$  such that  $D \subset \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\} + B_p(\varepsilon)$ , where  $B_p(\varepsilon) = \{x \in E : p(x) \leq \varepsilon\}$ . The family  $(\beta_p(D))_{p \in P}$  is called the measure of noncompactness of  $D$ .

It is known [6] that

- 1)  $X$  is relatively compact in  $E \Leftrightarrow \beta_p(X) = 0$  for every  $p \in P$ ;
- 2)  $X \subset Y \Rightarrow \beta_p(X) \leq \beta_p(Y)$ ;
- 3)  $\beta_p(X \cup Y) = \max\{\beta_p(X), \beta_p(Y)\}$ ;
- 4)  $\beta_p(X + Y) \leq \beta_p(X) + \beta_p(Y)$ ;
- 5)  $\beta_p(\lambda X) = |\lambda| \beta_p(X)$  ( $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ );
- 6)  $\beta_p(\bar{X}) = \beta_p(X)$ ;
- 7)  $\beta_p(\text{conv}X) = \beta_p(X)$ ;
- 8)  $\beta_p\left(\bigcup_{0 \leq \lambda \leq h} \lambda X\right) = h \beta_p(X)$ .

The following has been proved in [7].

**LEMMA 1.** *Let  $H$  be a bounded countable subset of  $C$ . For each  $t \in J$  put  $H(t) = \{u(t) : u \in H\}$ . If the space  $E$  is separable, then for each  $p \in P$  the function  $t \mapsto \beta_p(H(t))$  is integrable and*

$$\beta_p\left(\left\{\int_J u(s)ds : u \in H\right\}\right) \leq \int_J \beta_p(H(s))ds.$$

In what follows we shall need the following result of W. Mydlarczyk given in [5].

**THEOREM 1.** *Let  $\alpha > 0$  and let  $g : \mathbb{R}_+ \mapsto \mathbb{R}_+$  be a nondecreasing function such that  $g(0) = 0$ ,  $g(t) > 0$  for  $t > 0$ . Then the equation*

$$u(t) = \int_0^t (t-s)^{\alpha-1} g(u(s))ds \quad (t \geq 0)$$

*has a nontrivial continuous solution if and only if*

$$\int_0^\delta \frac{1}{s} \left[ \frac{s}{g(s)} \right]^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} ds < \infty \quad (\delta > 0).$$

We can now formulate our main result.

**THEOREM 2.** *Suppose that for each  $p \in P$  there exists a continuous nondecreasing function  $w_p : \mathbb{R}_+ \mapsto \mathbb{R}_+$  such that  $w_p(0) = 0$ ,  $w_p(t) > 0$  for  $t > 0$  and*

$$(2) \quad \int_0^\delta \frac{1}{s} \left[ \frac{s}{w_p(s)} \right]^{\frac{1}{1-r}} ds = \infty \quad (\delta > 0).$$

*If 1° – 2° hold and*

$$(3) \quad \beta_p(f(t, X)) \leq w_p(\beta_p(X))$$

*for  $p \in P$ ,  $t \in I$  and bounded subsets  $X$  of  $E$ , then the set  $S$  of all solutions of (1) defined on  $J$  is nonempty, compact and connected in  $C(J, E)$ .*

**Proof. 1.** Put

$$r(x) = \begin{cases} x & \text{for } x \in B \\ \frac{x}{K(x)} & \text{for } x \in E \setminus B \end{cases}$$

and  $g(t, x) = f(t, r(x))$  for  $(t, x) \in J \times E$ , where  $K$  is the Minkowski functional of  $B$ . As  $B$  is a closed, balanced and convex neighbourhood of 0, from the known properties of Minkowski's functional it follows that  $r$  is a continuous function from  $E$  into  $B$  and

$$r(X) \subset \bigcup_{0 \leq \lambda \leq 1} \lambda X \text{ for any subset } X \text{ of } E.$$

Thus  $\beta_p(r(X)) \leq \beta_p(X)$  for any  $p \in P$  and any bounded subset  $X$  of  $E$ .

Consequently,  $g$  is a bounded continuous function from  $J \times E$  into  $E$  such that

$$(3') \quad \beta_p(g(t, X)) \leq w_p(\beta_p(X))$$

for  $p \in P$ ,  $t \in J$  and bounded subsets  $X$  of  $E$ , and

$$(4) \quad p_i(g(t, x)) \leq b \text{ for } i = 1, \dots, k, \quad t \in J \text{ and } x \in E.$$

We introduce a mapping  $F$  defined by

$$F(x)(t) = \int_0^t K(t, s)g(s, x(s))ds, \quad (x \in B, t \in J).$$

Arguing similarly as in [3, p. 132-133] we can prove that the set  $F(C)$  is equicontinuous and bounded. On the other hand, from the following Krasnoselskii type

**LEMMA 2.** *For any  $u \in C$  and  $U \in \Omega$  there exists a  $V$  in  $\Omega$  such that*

$$f(t, x(t)) - f(t, u(t)) \in U \text{ for every } t \in J$$

*whenever  $x \in C$  and  $x(t) - u(t) \in V$  for every  $t \in J$ . (cf. [8]).*

It follows that  $F$  is a continuous mapping from  $C$  into itself.

It is clear from (1) and (4) that if  $x = F(x)$ , then

$$p_i(x(t)) \leq \int_0^t \frac{|A(t, s)|}{(t-s)^r} M ds \leq \frac{d^{1-r}}{1-r} \cdot M \cdot c < b,$$

so  $x(t) \in B$  for  $t \in J$ . Therefore, a function  $x \in C$  is a solution of (1) iff  $x = F(x)$ .

**2.** For any  $n \in N$  put

$$u_n(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } 0 \leq t \leq \frac{d}{n} \\ \int_0^{t-\frac{d}{n}} \frac{A(t, s)}{(t-s)^r} g(s, u_n(s)) ds & \text{if } \frac{d}{n} \leq t \leq d. \end{cases}$$

Then  $u_n$  is a continuous function  $J \mapsto B$  and

$$(5) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (u_n(t) - F(u_n)(t)) = 0$$

uniformly for  $t \in J$ . Let  $V = \{u_n : n \in N\}$ . From (5) it follows that the set  $\{u_n - F(u_n) : n \in N\}$  is relatively compact in  $C$ . Since

$$(6) \quad V \subset \{u_n - F(u_n) : n \in N\} + F(V)$$

and the set  $F(V)$  is bounded and equicontinuous, we conclude that set  $V$  is also bounded and equicontinuous. Hence for each  $p \in P$  the function  $t \mapsto v(t) = \beta_p(V(t))$  is continuous on  $J$ .

Denote by  $H$  a closed separable subspace of  $E$  such that

$$g(s, u_n(s)) \in H \quad \text{for } s \in J, n \in N.$$

Let  $(\beta_p^H)_{p \in P}$  be the measure of noncompactness in  $H$ . Fix  $t \in J$  and  $p \in P$ . From (3') we have

$$\beta_p^H(g(s, V(s))) \leq 2\beta_p(g(s, V(s))) \leq 2w_p(\beta_p(V(s))) \quad \text{for } s \in [0, t].$$

By Lemma 1, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \beta_p(F(V)(t)) &= \beta_p\left(\left\{\int_0^t \frac{A(t, s)}{(t-s)^r} g(s, u_n(s)) ds : n \in N\right\}\right) \\ &\leq \beta_p^H\left(\left\{\int_0^t \frac{A(t, s)}{(t-s)^r} g(s, u_n(s)) ds : n \in N\right\}\right) \\ &\leq \int_0^t \beta_p^H\left(\left\{\frac{A(t, s)}{(t-s)^r} g(s, u_n(s)) : n \in N\right\}\right) ds \\ &= \int_0^t \frac{|A(t, s)|}{(t-s)^r} \beta_p^H(g(s, V(s))) ds \leq 2 \int_0^t \frac{|A(t, s)|}{(t-s)^r} w_p(\beta_p(V(s))) ds. \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, from (5) and (6) we obtain

$$\beta_p(V(t)) \leq \beta_p(F(V)(t)).$$

Hence

$$\beta_p(V(t)) \leq 2 \int_0^t \frac{|A(t, s)|}{(t-s)^r} w_p(\beta_p(V(s))) ds \quad (t \in J, p \in P),$$

i.e.

$$v(t) \leq 2c \int_0^t \frac{1}{(t-s)^r} w_p(v(s)) ds \quad \text{for } t \in J.$$

Applying Theorem 1 with  $\alpha = 1-r$  and theorem on integral inequalities ([2], Lemma 1) from this we deduce that  $v(t) = 0$  for  $t \in J$ . Thus  $\beta_p(V(t)) = 0$  for  $t \in J$  and  $p \in P$ . Therefore for each  $t \in J$  the set  $V(t)$  is relatively

compact in  $E$ . As the set  $V$  is equicontinuous, Ascoli's theorem proves that  $V$  is relatively compact in  $C$ . Hence the sequence  $(u_n)$  has a limit point  $u$ . As  $F$  is continuous from (5) we conclude that  $u = F(u)$ , i.e.  $u$  is a solution of (1). This proves that the set  $S$  is nonempty.

**3.** Let us first remark that the set  $S$  is compact in  $C$ .

Indeed, as  $(I - F)(S) = \{0\}$ , in the same way as in Step 2, we can prove that  $S$  is relatively compact in  $C$ . Moreover, from the continuity of  $F$  it follows that  $S$  is closed in  $C$ .

Suppose that  $S$  is not connected. Thus there exist nonempty closed sets  $S_0, S_1$  such that  $S = S_0 \cup S_1$  and  $S_0 \cap S_1 = \emptyset$ . As  $S_0, S_1$  are compact subsets of  $C$  and  $C$  is a Tichonov space, this implies ([4], §41, II, Remark 3) that there exists a continuous function  $v : C \mapsto [0, 1]$  such that  $v(x) = 0$  for  $x \in S_0$  and  $v(x) = 1$  for  $x \in S_1$ .

Further, for any  $n \in N$  we define a mapping  $F_n$  by

$$F_n(x)(t) = F(x)(r_n(t)) \quad (x \in C, t \in J),$$

where

$$r_n(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } 0 \leq t \leq \frac{d}{n} \\ t - \frac{d}{n} & \text{for } \frac{d}{n} \leq t \leq d. \end{cases}$$

It can be easily verified (cf. [8]) that

- (i)  $F_n$  is a continuous mapping  $C \mapsto C$ ;
- (ii)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_n(x) = F(x)$  uniformly for  $x \in C$ ;
- (iii)  $I - F_n$  is a homeomorphism  $C \mapsto C$ .

Here  $I$  denotes the identity mapping.

Fix  $u_0 \in S_0$ ,  $u_1 \in S_1$  and  $n \in N$ . Put

$$e_n(\lambda) = \lambda(u_1 - F_n(u_1)) + (1 - \lambda)(u_0 - F_n(u_0)) \quad (0 \leq \lambda \leq 1).$$

Let  $u_{n\lambda} = (I - F_n)^{-1}(e_n(\lambda))$ . As  $e_n(\lambda)$  depends continuously on  $\lambda$  and  $I - F_n$  is a homeomorphism, we see that the mapping  $\lambda \mapsto v(u_{n\lambda})$  is continuous on  $[0, 1]$ . Moreover,  $u_{n0} = u_0$  and  $u_{n1} = u_1$ , so that  $v(u_{n0}) = 0$  and  $v(u_{n1}) = 1$ . Thus there exists  $\lambda_n \in [0, 1]$  such that

$$(7) \quad v(u_{n\lambda_n}) = \frac{1}{2}.$$

For simplicity put  $v_n = u_{n\lambda_n}$  and  $V = \{v_n : n = 1, 2, \dots\}$ . Since  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} e_n(\lambda) = 0$  uniformly for  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$ , we get

$$(8) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (v_n - F(v_n)) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (e_n(\lambda) + F_n(v_n) - F(v_n)) = 0,$$

and therefore the set  $(I - F)(V)$  is relatively compact in  $C$ . Using now similar argument as in Step 2, we can prove that the set  $V$  is relatively compact in  $C$ . Consequently the sequence  $(v_n)$  has a limit point  $z$ . In view of (8) and

continuity of  $F$ , we infer that  $z \in S$ , so  $v(z) = 0$  or  $v(z) = 1$ . On the other hand, from (7) it is clear that  $v(z) = \frac{1}{2}$ , which yields a contradiction. Thus  $S$  is connected.

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