

Some New Generalization of Darbo's Fixed Point Theorem and Its Application on Integral Equations

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Abstract: In this article, we propose some new fixed point theorem involving measure of noncompactness and control function. Further, we prove the existence of a solution of functional integral equations in two variables by using this fixed point theorem in Banach Algebra, and also illustrate the results with the help of an example.

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1. Introduction

Integral equations play a significant role in real-world problems. Fixed point theory and measure of noncompactness are useful tools in solving different types of integral equations which we come across in different real life situations. In solving functional integral equations, Schauder and Darbo's fixed point theorems play a significant role. We refer (see [1–15]) for application of fixed point theorems and measure of noncompactness for solving differential and integral equations.

In this article using the concept of control function and measure of noncompactness we have proved some new fixed point theorems. Further, we have also applied this theorem to study the existence of solution of functional integral equations in Banach algebra and also with the help of an example we have verified our results.

Let \bar{E} be a real Banach space with the norm $\| \cdot \|$. Let $B(a, b)$ be a closed ball in \bar{E} centered at a and with radius b . If X is a nonempty subset of \bar{E} then by \bar{X} and $\text{Conv } X$ we denote the closure and convex closure of X , respectively. Moreover, let $\mathcal{M}_{\bar{E}}$ denote the family of all nonempty and bounded subsets of \bar{E} and $\mathcal{N}_{\bar{E}}$ its subfamily consisting of all relatively compact sets. We denote by \mathbb{R} the set of real numbers and $\mathbb{R}_+ = [0, \infty)$.

The following definition of a measure of noncompactness given in [3].

Definition 1. A function $\mu : \mathcal{M}_{\bar{E}} \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ is called a measure of non-compactness in \bar{E} if it satisfies the following conditions:

- (i) for all $Y \in \mathcal{M}_{\bar{E}}$, we have $\mu(Y) = 0$ implies that Y is precompact.
- (ii) the family $\ker \mu = \{Y \in \mathcal{M}_{\bar{E}} : \mu(Y) = 0\}$ is nonempty and $\ker \mu \subset \mathcal{N}_{\bar{E}}$.
- (iii) $Y \subseteq Z \implies \mu(Y) \leq \mu(Z)$.

- (iv) $\mu(\bar{Y}) = \mu(Y)$.
- (v) $\mu(\text{Conv}Y) = \mu(Y)$.
- (vi) $\mu(\lambda Y + (1 - \lambda)Z) \leq \lambda\mu(Y) + (1 - \lambda)\mu(Z)$ for $\lambda \in [0, 1]$.
- (vii) if $Y_n \in \mathcal{M}_{\bar{E}}$, $Y_n = \bar{Y}_n$, $Y_{n+1} \subset Y_n$ for $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu(Y_n) = 0$ then $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} Y_n \neq \emptyset$.

The family $\ker \mu$ is said to be the *kernel of measure* μ . Observe that the intersection set Y_{∞} from (vii) is a member of the family $\ker \mu$. In fact, since $\mu(Y_{\infty}) \leq \mu(Y_n)$ for any n , we infer that $\mu(Y_{\infty}) = 0$. This gives $Y_{\infty} \in \ker \mu$.

For a bounded subset S of a metric space X , the Kuratowski measure of noncompactness is defined as [9]

$$\alpha(S) = \inf \left\{ \delta > 0 : S = \bigcup_{i=1}^n S_i, \text{diam}(S_i) \leq \delta \text{ for } n \in \mathbb{N} \right\},$$

where $\text{diam}(S_i)$ denotes the diameter of the set S_i , that is

$$\text{diam}(S_i) = \sup \{d(x, y) : x, y \in S_i\}.$$

The Hausdorff measure of noncompactness for a bounded set S is defined as

$$\chi(S) = \inf \{\epsilon > 0 : S \text{ has finite } \epsilon\text{-net in } X\}.$$

Definition 2 ([3]). Let X be a nonempty subset of a Banach space \bar{E} and $T : X \rightarrow \bar{E}$ is a continuous operator transforming bounded subset of X to bounded ones. We say that T satisfies the Darbo condition with a constant k with respect to measure μ provided $\mu(TY) \leq k\mu(Y)$ for each $Y \in \mathcal{M}_{\bar{E}}$ such that $Y \subset X$.

We recall following important theorems:

Theorem 1 (Schauder [16]). Let D be a nonempty, closed and convex subset of a Banach space \bar{E} . Then every compact, continuous map $T : D \rightarrow D$ has at least one fixed point.

Theorem 2 (Darbo [10]). Let Z be a nonempty, bounded, closed and convex subset of a Banach space \bar{E} . Let $S : Z \rightarrow Z$ be a continuous mapping. Assume that there is a constant $k \in [0, 1)$ such that

$$\mu(SM) \leq k\mu(M), \quad M \subseteq Z.$$

Then S has a fixed point.

In order to establish our fixed point theorem, we need some of the following related concepts. Khan et al. [17] used a control function which they called an *altering distance function*.

Definition 3 ([17]). An altering distance function is a continuous, nondecreasing mapping $\delta : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ such that $\delta^{-1}(\{0\}) = \{0\}$.

Definition 4. We denote \hat{Z} be the class of functions $\eta : \mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ satisfying the following conditions:

- (1) $\eta(0, 0) = 0$
- (2) $\eta(t, s) < s - t$ for all $t, s > 0$
- (3) if $\{t_n\}, \{s_n\}$ are sequences in $(0, \infty)$ such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} t_n = t$, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n = s > 0$, then $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \eta(t_n, s_n) < s - t$.

For example, let ψ_1 and ψ_2 be two altering distance functions such that $\psi_1(t) < t \leq \psi_2(t)$ for all $t > 0$. Then $\eta_1(t, s) = \psi_1(s) - \psi_2(t)$ for all $t, s \in \mathbb{R}_+$ is in the class of functions \hat{Z} .

If we take $\psi_1(t) = \lambda t$ for all $t \geq 0$, $\lambda \in [0, 1)$ and $\psi_2(t) = t$ then we obtain the following function $\eta_2(t, s) = \lambda s - t$ for all $t, s \in \mathbb{R}_+$ is in the class of functions \hat{Z} . If $s \leq t$ then $\eta_2(t, s) < 0$.

Definition 5. Let \mathbf{F} be the class of all functions $G : \mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ satisfying the following conditions:

- (1) $\max\{a, b\} \leq G(a, b)$ for $a, b \geq 0$.
- (2) G is continuous and nondecreasing.
- (3) $G(a + b, c + d) \leq G(a, c) + G(b, d)$.

For example $G(a, b) = a + b$.

2. Main Result

Theorem 3. Let C be a nonempty, bounded, closed and convex subset of a Banach space \bar{E} . Also $T : C \rightarrow C$ is continuous and $\phi : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ is continuous and nondecreasing functions. Suppose that if for any $0 < a < b < \infty$ there exists $0 < \gamma(a, b) < 1$ such that for all $X \subseteq C$,

$$a \leq G(\mu(X), \phi(\mu(X))) \leq b \implies \eta \{G(\mu(TX), \phi(\mu(TX))), \gamma(a, b)G(\mu(X), \phi(\mu(X)))\} \geq 0,$$

where μ is an arbitrary measure of noncompactness and $\eta \in \hat{Z}$ and $G \in \mathbf{F}$. Then T has at least one fixed point in C .

Proof. Let us construct a sequence (C_n) such that $C_0 = C$ and $C_{n+1} = \text{Conv}(TC_n)$ for $n \geq 0$. We observe that $TC_0 = TC \subseteq C = C_0$, $C_1 = \text{Conv}(TC_0) \subseteq C = C_0$, therefore by continuing this process, we have $C_0 \supseteq C_1 \supseteq C_2 \supseteq \dots \supseteq C_n \supseteq C_{n+1} \supseteq \dots$.

If there exists a natural number m such that $\mu(C_m) = 0$ then C_m is compact. By Schauder's fixed point theorem we conclude that T has a fixed point.

So we assume that $\mu(C_n) > 0$ for some $n \geq 0$ i.e., $G(\mu(C_n), \phi(\mu(C_n))) > 0$ for all $n \geq 0$.

Let $X = C_n$ for some $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

For $a \leq G(\mu(C_n), \phi(\mu(C_n))) \leq b$ gives

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\leq \eta \{G(\mu(TC_n), \phi(\mu(TC_n))), \gamma(a, b)G(\mu(C_n), \phi(\mu(C_n)))\} \\ &= \eta \{G(\mu(\text{Conv}TC_n), \phi(\mu(\text{Conv}TC_n))), \gamma(a, b)G(\mu(C_n), \phi(\mu(C_n)))\} \\ &= \eta \{G(\mu(C_{n+1}), \phi(\mu(C_{n+1}))), \gamma(a, b)G(\mu(C_n), \phi(\mu(C_n)))\} \\ &< \gamma(a, b)G(\mu(C_n), \phi(\mu(C_n))) - G(\mu(C_{n+1}), \phi(\mu(C_{n+1}))) \end{aligned}$$

i.e.,

$$\gamma(a, b) > \frac{G(\mu(C_{n+1}), \phi(\mu(C_{n+1})))}{G(\mu(C_n), \phi(\mu(C_n)))}.$$

If $G(\mu(C_{n+1}), \phi(\mu(C_{n+1}))) \geq G(\mu(C_n), \phi(\mu(C_n)))$ then $\gamma(a, b) > 1$ which is a contradiction hence $G(\mu(C_{n+1}), \phi(\mu(C_{n+1}))) < G(\mu(C_n), \phi(\mu(C_n)))$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Hence $\{G(\mu(C_n), \phi(\mu(C_n)))\}$ is a nonnegative decreasing sequence so there exists $\alpha \geq 0$ such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} G(\mu(C_n), \phi(\mu(C_n))) = \alpha$. Suppose $\alpha > 0$. Then, $0 < \alpha = a \leq G(\mu(C_n), \phi(\mu(C_n))) \leq G(\mu(C_0), \phi(\mu(C_0))) = b$ for all $n \geq 0$.

Again, we have for $X = C_n$ there exists $0 < \gamma(a, b) < 1$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\leq \eta \{G(\mu(TC_n), \phi(\mu(TC_n))), \gamma(a, b)G(\mu(C_n), \phi(\mu(C_n)))\} \\ &= \eta \{G(\mu(C_{n+1}), \phi(\mu(C_{n+1}))), \gamma(a, b)G(\mu(C_n), \phi(\mu(C_n)))\}. \end{aligned}$$

Let $G(\mu(C_{n+1}), \phi(\mu(C_{n+1}))) = t_n$, $\gamma(a, b)G(\mu(C_n), \phi(\mu(C_n))) = s_n$.

Since $t_n < s_n$ for all $n \geq 0$ and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} t_n = \alpha$, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n = \gamma(a, b)\alpha$ therefore

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \eta \{G(\mu(TC_n), \phi(\mu(TC_n))), \gamma(a, b)G(\mu(C_n), \phi(\mu(C_n)))\} < \gamma(a, b)\alpha - \alpha < 0$$

which is a contradiction. Thus we conclude $\alpha = 0$ i.e., $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} G(\mu(C_n), \phi(\mu(C_n))) = 0$. Hence we get $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu(C_n) = 0$ and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \phi(\mu(C_n)) = 0$.

Since $C_n \supseteq C_{n+1}$ in the view of Definition 1, we conclude that $C_\infty = \bigcap_{n=1}^\infty C_n$ is nonempty, closed and convex subset of C and C_∞ is invariant under T . Thus Schauder's theorem implies that T has a fixed point in $C_\infty \subseteq C$. This completes the proof. \square

Theorem 4. Let C be a nonempty, bounded, closed and convex subset of a Banach space \bar{E} . Also $T : C \rightarrow C$ is continuous and $\phi : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ is continuous and nondecreasing functions. Suppose that if for any $0 < a < b < \infty$ there exists $0 < \gamma(a, b) < 1$ such that for all $X \subseteq C$,

$$a \leq \mu(X) + \phi(\mu(X)) \leq b \implies \eta \{ \mu(TX) + \phi(\mu(TX)), \gamma(a, b)(\mu(X) + \phi(\mu(X))) \} \geq 0,$$

where μ is an arbitrary measure of noncompactness and $\eta \in \hat{Z}$. Then T has at least one fixed point in C .

Proof. The result follows by taking $G(a, b) = a + b$ in Theorem 3. \square

Theorem 5. Let C be a nonempty, bounded, closed and convex subset of a Banach space \bar{E} and $T : C \rightarrow C$ is a continuous function. Suppose that if for any $0 < a < b < \infty$ then there exists $0 < \gamma(a, b) < 1$ such that for all $X \subseteq C$,

$$a \leq \mu(X) \leq b \implies \eta \{ \mu(TX), \gamma(a, b)\mu(X) \} \geq 0$$

where μ is an arbitrary measure of noncompactness and $\eta \in \hat{Z}$. Then T has at least one fixed point in C .

Proof. The result follows by taking $G(a, b) = a + b$ and $\phi \equiv 0$ in Theorem 3. \square

Theorem 6. Let C be a nonempty, bounded, closed and convex subset of a Banach space \bar{E} and $T : C \rightarrow C$ is a continuous function. Suppose ψ_1 and ψ_2 be two altering distance functions such that $\psi_1(t) < t \leq \psi_2(t)$ for all $t > 0$ and a constant $0 < \gamma < 1$ such that for all $X \subseteq C$, and $a \leq \mu(X) \leq b$ we have $\psi_2(\mu(T(X))) \leq \psi_1(\gamma\mu(X))$ where μ is an arbitrary measure of noncompactness. Then T has at least one fixed point in C .

Proof. The result follows by taking $\eta(t, s) = \psi_1(s) - \psi_2(t)$ for all $t, s \geq 0$ in Theorem 5. \square

Theorem 7. Let C be a nonempty, bounded, closed and convex subset of a Banach space \bar{E} and $T : C \rightarrow C$ is a continuous function. Suppose for any $0 < a < b < \infty$ there exists $0 < \gamma(a, b) < 1$ such that for all $X \subseteq C$, and $a \leq \mu(X) \leq b$ we have $\mu(T(X)) \leq \gamma(a, b)\mu(X)$, where μ is an arbitrary measure of noncompactness. Then T has at least one fixed point in C .

Proof. The result follows by taking $\eta(t, s) = \lambda s - t$ for all $t, s \geq 0$ and $\gamma(a, b) = \lambda \hat{\gamma}(a, b)$ in Theorem 6 where $\lambda \in [0, 1)$ and $0 < \hat{\gamma}(a, b) < 1$. \square

3. Application

In this article, we shall work in the space $E = C([0, 1] \times [0, 1])$ which consists of the set of real continuous on $[0, 1] \times [0, 1]$. The space E is equipped with the norm

$$\|x\| = \sup \{|x(t, s)| : t, s \geq 0\}, \quad x \in E.$$

The space E has the Banach algebra structure.

Let X be a fixed nonempty and bounded subset of the space $E = C([0, 1] \times [0, 1])$ and for $x \in X$ and $\epsilon > 0$, denote by $\omega(x, \epsilon)$ the modulus of the continuity function x i.e.,

$$\omega(x, \epsilon) = \sup \{ |x(t, s) - x(u, v)| : t, s, u, v \in [0, 1], |t - u| \leq \epsilon, |s - v| \leq \epsilon \}.$$

Further we define

$$\omega(X, \epsilon) = \sup \{ \omega(x, \epsilon) : x \in X \}.$$

$$\omega_0(X) = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \omega(X, \epsilon).$$

Similar to [5] it can be shown that the function ω_0 is a measure of non-compactness in the space $C([0, 1] \times [0, 1])$.

In this part we are going to study the existence of the solution of the following integral equation

$$x(t, s) = G(t, s) + F \left(t, s, x(t, s), \int_0^t \int_0^s u(t, s, v, w, x(v, w)) dv dw \right), t, s \in [0, 1] = I. \quad (1)$$

We consider the following assumptions

- (1) The function $G : I \times I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is continuous and nondecreasing. Also $B = \sup \{ |G(t, s)| : t, s \in I \}$.
- (2) Let $u : I \times I \times I \times I \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is continuous function such that $u : I \times I \times I \times I \times \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ and for arbitrary fixed $v, w \in I$ and $x \in \mathbb{R}_+$ we have $u(t, s, v, w, x)$ is nondecreasing. Also, $|u(t, s, v, w, x)| \leq L|x|$ for $t, s, v, w \in I$; $x \in \mathbb{R}$ and $L \geq 0$.
- (3) The function $F : I \times I \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is continuous such that there exists $K \in [0, 1)$ satisfying

$$|F(t, s, x, y) - F(t, s, \bar{x}, \bar{y})| \leq K|x - \bar{x}| + |y - \bar{y}|$$

$$\text{and } M = \sup \{ |F(t, s, 0, 0)| : t, s \in I \}.$$

- (4) There exists $r > 0$ such that $B + M + (K + L)r < r$.

Let the closed ball with center 0 and radius r be denoted by $B_r = \{x \in C(I \times I) : \|x\| \leq r\}$.

Theorem 8. Under the hypothesis (1)–(4), Equation (1) has at least one solution in $C(I \times I)$, where $I = [0, 1]$.

Proof. Let us consider the operators \hat{F} and \hat{T} defined on $C(I \times I)$ as follows

$$(\hat{F}x)(t, s) = F \left(t, s, x(t, s), \int_0^t \int_0^s u(t, s, v, w, x(v, w)) dv dw \right)$$

and

$$(\hat{T}x)(t, s) = G(t, s) + (\hat{F}x)(t, s)$$

where $t, s \in I$.

From assumptions (1) to (3) we infer $\hat{T}x$ is continuous on $I \times I$ for $x \in C(I \times I)$. Thus \hat{T} maps $C(I \times I)$ into itself. Also for $t, s \in I$ we get

$$\begin{aligned}
& |(\hat{F}x)(t,s)| \\
& \leq \left| F\left(t,s,x(t,s), \int_0^t \int_0^s u(t,s,v,w,x(v,w))dv dw\right) - F(t,s,0,0) \right| + |F(t,s,0,0)| \\
& \leq K|x(t,s)| + \left| \int_0^t \int_0^s u(t,s,v,w,x(v,w))dv dw \right| + M \\
& \leq K|x(t,s)| + \int_0^t \int_0^s L|x(v,w)|dv dw + M \\
& \leq K|x(t,s)| + L\|x\| + M \\
& \leq (K+L)\|x\| + M.
\end{aligned}$$

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& |(\hat{T}x)(t,s)| \\
& \leq |G(t,s)| + |(\hat{F}x)(t,s)| \\
& \leq B + (K+L)\|x\| + M.
\end{aligned}$$

Thus if $\|x\| \leq r$, we have $|(\hat{T}x)(t,s)| \leq B + (K+L)r + M \leq r$ i.e., $\|\hat{T}x\| \leq r$.

Therefore the operator \hat{T} maps B_r into itself.

Next we have to prove that \hat{T} is continuous on B_r . Let $\{x_n\}$ be a sequence in B_r such that $x_n \rightarrow x$.

For every $t,s \in I$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& |(\hat{F}x_n)(t,s) - (\hat{F}x)(t,s)| \\
& = \left| F\left(t,s,x_n(t,s), \int_0^t \int_0^s u(t,s,v,w,x_n(v,w))dv dw\right) - F\left(t,s,x(t,s), \int_0^t \int_0^s u(t,s,v,w,x(v,w))dv dw\right) \right| \\
& \leq K|x_n(t,s) - x(t,s)| + \int_0^t \int_0^s |u(t,s,v,w,x_n(v,w)) - u(t,s,v,w,x(v,w))|dv dw \\
& \leq K\|x_n - x\| + U_r(\epsilon),
\end{aligned}$$

where $\epsilon > 0$ and

$$U_r(\epsilon) = \sup \{ |u(t,s,v,w,x) - u(t,s,v,w,\bar{x})| : t,s,v,w \in I; x,\bar{x} \in [-r,r]; \|x - \bar{x}\| < \epsilon \}.$$

As

$$\begin{aligned}
& |(\hat{T}x_n)(t,s) - (\hat{T}x)(t,s)| \\
& \leq K\|x_n - x\| + U_r(\epsilon)
\end{aligned}$$

It follows $\|\hat{T}x_n - \hat{T}x\| \leq K\|x_n - x\| + U_r(\epsilon)$.

As $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$ we get $U_r(\epsilon) \rightarrow 0$ because u is uniformly continuous on $I \times I \times I \times I \times [-r,r]$. Thus $\|\hat{T}x_n - \hat{T}x\| \rightarrow 0$. Hence \hat{T} is continuous on B_r .

Let us consider a nonempty subset X of B_r and $x \in X$ then for a fixed $\epsilon > 0$ and $t_1, t_2, s_1, s_2 \in I$ such that $t_1 \leq t_2, s_1 \leq s_2, |t_1 - t_2| \leq \epsilon, |s_1 - s_2| \leq \epsilon$.

Then we get

$$\begin{aligned}
& |(\hat{F}x)(t_2, s_2) - (\hat{F}x)(t_1, s_1)| \\
& \leq \left| F\left(t_2, s_2, x(t_2, s_2), \int_0^{t_2} \int_0^{s_2} u(t_2, s_2, v, w, x(v, w)) dv dw\right) \right. \\
& \quad \left. - F\left(t_2, s_2, x(t_1, s_1), \int_0^{t_2} \int_0^{s_2} u(t_2, s_2, v, w, x(v, w)) dv dw\right) \right| \\
& \quad + \left| F\left(t_2, s_2, x(t_1, s_1), \int_0^{t_2} \int_0^{s_2} u(t_2, s_2, v, w, x(v, w)) dv dw\right) \right. \\
& \quad \left. - F\left(t_1, s_1, x(t_1, s_1), \int_0^{t_2} \int_0^{s_2} u(t_2, s_2, v, w, x(v, w)) dv dw\right) \right| \\
& \quad + \left| F\left(t_1, s_1, x(t_1, s_1), \int_0^{t_2} \int_0^{s_2} u(t_2, s_2, v, w, x(v, w)) dv dw\right) \right. \\
& \quad \left. - F\left(t_1, s_1, x(t_1, s_1), \int_0^{t_2} \int_0^{s_2} u(t_1, s_1, v, w, x(v, w)) dv dw\right) \right| \\
& \quad + \left| F\left(t_1, s_1, x(t_1, s_1), \int_0^{t_2} \int_0^{s_2} u(t_1, s_1, v, w, x(v, w)) dv dw\right) \right. \\
& \quad \left. - F\left(t_1, s_1, x(t_1, s_1), \int_0^{t_1} \int_0^{s_1} u(t_1, s_1, v, w, x(v, w)) dv dw\right) \right| \\
& \leq K|x(t_2, s_2) - x(t_1, s_1)| + \omega(F, \epsilon) \\
& \quad + \int_0^{t_2} \int_0^{s_2} |u(t_2, s_2, v, w, x(v, w)) - u(t_1, s_1, v, w, x(v, w))| dv dw \\
& \quad + \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \int_{s_1}^{s_2} |u(t_1, s_1, v, w, x(v, w))| dv dw \\
& \leq K|x(t_2, s_2) - x(t_1, s_1)| + \omega(F, \epsilon) + \int_0^{t_2} \int_0^{s_2} \omega(u, \epsilon) dv dw + \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \int_{s_1}^{s_2} \bar{U} dv dw \\
& \leq K|x(t_2, s_2) - x(t_1, s_1)| + \omega(F, \epsilon) + \omega(u, \epsilon) + \bar{U}\epsilon^2,
\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\omega(u, \epsilon) = \sup \left\{ \begin{array}{l} |u(t_2, s_2, v, w, x) - u(t_1, s_1, v, w, x)| : t_1, t_2, s_1, s_2, v, w \in I, \\ |t_2 - t_1| \leq \epsilon, |s_2 - s_1| \leq \epsilon, x \in [-r, r] \end{array} \right\},$$

$$\bar{U} = \sup \{ |u(t, s, v, w, x)| : t, s, v, w \in I, x \in [-r, r] \}$$

and

$$\omega(F, \epsilon) = \sup \left\{ \begin{array}{l} |F(t, s, x, y) - F(t_1, s_1, x, y)| : t, t_1, s, s_1 \in I, \\ |t - t_1| \leq \epsilon, |s - s_1| \leq \epsilon, x \in [-r, r], y \in [-\bar{U}, \bar{U}] \end{array} \right\}.$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned}
& |(\hat{T}x)(t_2, s_2) - (\hat{T}x)(t_1, s_1)| \\
& \leq |G(t_2, s_2) - G(t_1, s_1)| + |(\hat{F}x)(t_2, s_2) - (\hat{F}x)(t_1, s_1)| \\
& \leq \omega(G, \epsilon) + K|x(t_2, s_2) - x(t_1, s_1)| + \omega(F, \epsilon) + \omega(u, \epsilon) + \bar{U}\epsilon^2,
\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\omega(G, \epsilon) = \sup \left\{ \begin{array}{l} |G(t_2, s_2) - G(t_1, s_1)| : t_1, t_2, s_1, s_2 \in I, \\ |t_2 - t_1| \leq \epsilon, |s_2 - s_1| \leq \epsilon \end{array} \right\}.$$

Now taking the supremum on x , we get

$$\omega(\hat{T}X, \epsilon) \leq \omega(G, \epsilon) + K\omega(X, \epsilon) + \omega(F, \epsilon) + \omega(u, \epsilon) + \bar{U}\epsilon^2.$$

Since G, F and u are uniformly continuous on $I \times I$, $I \times I \times [-r, r] \times [-\bar{U}, \bar{U}]$ and $I \times I \times I \times [-r, r]$ respectively therefore, we get, $\omega(G, \epsilon) \rightarrow 0$, $\omega(F, \epsilon) \rightarrow 0$ and $\omega(u, \epsilon) \rightarrow 0$ as $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$. Thus we obtain

$$\omega_0(\hat{T}X) \leq K\omega_0(X).$$

This implies \hat{T} is a contraction operator on B_r with respect to ω_0 . Thus by Theorem 7, we have \hat{T} has at least one fixed point in B_r . Hence Equation (1) has at least one solution in $B_r \subset C(I \times I)$. This completes the proof. \square

Example 1. Consider the following equation

$$x(t, s) = \frac{ts}{1+ts} + \frac{t^2s^2x(t, s)}{4(1+t^2s^2)} + \frac{ts}{4} \int_0^t \int_0^s vw \sin(x(v, w)) dv dw \quad (2)$$

for $t, s \in [0, 1] = I$.

Here we have

$$\begin{aligned} G(t, s) &= \frac{ts}{1+ts}, \\ F(t, s, x, y) &= \frac{t^2s^2x}{4(1+t^2s^2)} + y, \\ u(t, s, v, w, x) &= \frac{tsvw \sin x}{4}. \end{aligned}$$

It can be easily seen that G, u are continuous functions on $I \times I$ and $I \times I \times I \times I \times \mathbb{R}$, respectively. The function u is nondecreasing and

$$|u(t, s, v, w, x)| \leq \frac{1}{4} |x|.$$

Also we have $B = 1$ and $L = \frac{1}{4}$.

The function F is continuous on $I \times I \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$ and

$$\begin{aligned} &|F(t, s, x, y) - F(t, s, \bar{x}, \bar{y})| \\ &= \left| \frac{t^2s^2x}{4(1+t^2s^2)} + y - \frac{t^2s^2\bar{x}}{4(1+t^2s^2)} - \bar{y} \right| \\ &\leq \frac{t^2s^2}{4(1+t^2s^2)} |x - \bar{x}| + |y - \bar{y}| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{4} |x - \bar{x}| + |y - \bar{y}|. \end{aligned}$$

Here $K = \frac{1}{4}$ and $M = 0$.

The inequality in the assumption (4) has the following form

$$1 + \frac{r}{2} < r.$$

For $r = 3$ we observe that all the assumption from (1)–(4) of Theorem 8 are satisfied. Thus applying the Theorem 8 we conclude that the Equation (2) has at least one solution in $C(I \times I)$.

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