

FIRST-ORDER ITERATIVE DIFFERENTIAL INCLUSION

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ABSTRACT. Through this article, we aim to identify sufficient conditions to study the existence of solutions to a perturbed first-order iterative differential inclusion with maximal monotone operator. We provided examples to demonstrate our results.

1. INTRODUCTION

Iterative differential equations are special types of the so-called state-dependent delay-differential equations. This type of equations appears in many fields such as biologic, physics, the engineering technique fields,... They have been extensively and intensively studied in the recent years. One of the first papers which developed the study of iterative differential equations comes back to E. Eder in [21], where the existence of the unique monotone solution for the 2-th iterative differential equation $\dot{u}(t) = u^{[2]}(t)$; $u^{[2]}(t) = u(u(t))$ was given. Later, K. Wang [39] obtained a solution of the generally iterative differential equation $\dot{u}(t) = f(u^{[2]}(t))$, $u(T_0) = T_0$, where T_0 is one endpoint of the interval of existence, using Schauder's fixed point theorem. In [23], M. Fečkan showed the existence of local solutions via the contraction mapping principle for the initial value problem for the iterative differential equation $\dot{u}(t) = f(u^{[2]}(t))$; $u(0) = 0$. The nonautonomous equation $\dot{u}(t) = f(t, u(t), u^{[2]}(t))$, a.e. $t \in [T_0, T]$, $u(T_0) = u_0$, was investigated by A. Pelczar [33] using Picard's successive approximation. In [15] V. Berinde applied the nonexpansive operators to studied the same problem and extended the existence results given in [18]. Also, we mention the paper [42], where P. Zhang and X. Gong established the existence of solutions for general iterative differential equation

$$\begin{cases} \dot{u}(t) = f(t, u(t), u^{[2]}(t), \dots, u^{[n]}(t)), & \text{a.e. } t \in [T_0, T]; \\ u(T_0) = u_0, \end{cases}$$

where $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and for $1 < i \leq n$, $u^{[i]}(t) = u(u^{[i-1]}(t))$. There were also quite a number of papers and research deal it see for example [22, 24, 26, 27, 29, 30, 31, 34, 35, 36, 37, 40, 41].

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On the other hand, differential inclusions have received great interest from researchers who have used them in studying many situations including differential variational inequalities, projected dynamical systems, Moreau's sweeping process, linear and nonlinear complementarity dynamical systems, discontinuous ordinary differential equations. For example, S. Aizicovici and V. Staicu [11] proved the existence of integral solutions to the nonlocal Cauchy problem $\dot{u}(t) \in -Au(t) + F(t, u(t))$, $u(0) = g(u)$ in a Banach space X . Later, the authors in [1, 5] studied the existence of solutions of a boundary second order differential inclusion under conditions that are strictly weaker than the usual assumption of convexity on the values of the right-hand side. For more details, see the papers [9, 25, 32]. Others have also been interested in the study of differential inclusions with operators, see the papers [2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 10, 14] and references therein.

Motivated by the above discussions, the main purpose of this paper is to consider sufficient conditions for studying the existence of solutions to the problem

$$(\mathcal{I}) \begin{cases} \dot{u}(t) = f(t, u(t), u^{[2]}(t), \dots, u^{[n]}(t), u^{[n]}(\alpha t)), & \text{a.e. } t \in [T_0, T]; \\ u(T_0) = u_0, \end{cases}$$

where $u_0 \in [T_0, T]$ and $\alpha \in]0, 1[$. Moreover, we assume a new problem, which is a perturbed iterative differential inclusion with maximal monotone operators

$$(\mathcal{II}) \begin{cases} -\dot{u}(t) \in A(t)u^{[n]}(t) + f(t, u(t), u^{[2]}(t), \dots, u^{[n]}(t), u^{[n]}(\alpha t)), & \text{a.e. } t \in [T_0, T]; \\ u(T_0) = u_0, \end{cases}$$

and we prove the existence of solutions.

The present paper is organized as follows: After providing some notation and preliminaries; in Section 3, we provide the existence of solutions for problem (\mathcal{I}) using Schauder's fixed point theorem, where f is a bounded Carathéodory mapping. Then, we generalize the first result to the perturbed iterative differential inclusion with maximal monotone operators (\mathcal{II}) . We provide two examples to demonstrate our results.

2. NOTATIONS AND PRELIMINARIES

Throughout all the paper, $[T_0, T]$ ($T_0 \leq 0 \leq T$) is an interval of \mathbb{R} the set of real numbers. We denote by $L^1_{\mathbb{R}}([T_0, T])$ the space of measurable mappings $u : [T_0, T] \rightarrow [T_0, T]$ such that $\int_{T_0}^t |u(t)| dt < +\infty$ with the norm $\|u\|_{L^1_{\mathbb{R}}} = \int_{T_0}^t |u(t)| dt$, by $\mathcal{C}([T_0, T])$ the Banach space of all continuous mappings $u : [T_0, T] \rightarrow [T_0, T]$ equipped with the sup-norm and $\mathcal{C}^1([T_0, T])$ the Banach space of all continuous mappings with continuous derivative. For extensive information on these concepts, see the book [16].

Now, we give the definition and some properties of the maximal monotone operator. We refer the reader to [12], [13] and [17] for this concept.

A set-valued mapping $A(t) : \mathbb{R} \rightrightarrows \mathbb{R}$ ($t \in [T_0, T]$) is monotone if and only if

$$\forall x_1, x_2 \in D(A(t)) : (A(t)x_1 - A(t)x_2)(x_1 - x_2) \geq 0.$$

If $A(t)$ is monotone and $\mathcal{R}(I + \lambda A(t)) = \mathbb{R}$, we say that $A(t)$ is maximal monotone, here, $D(A(t)) = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : A(t)x \neq \emptyset\}$ is the domain of $A(t)$, and $\mathcal{R}(I + \lambda A(t))$ is the range of $(I + \lambda A(t))$.

Let $\lambda > 0$, we denote by $J_{\lambda}(t) = (I + \lambda A(t))^{-1}$ the resolvent and $A_{\lambda}(t) = \frac{1}{\lambda}(I - J_{\lambda}(t))$ the Yosida approximation of $A(t)$.

Proposition 2.1. *Let $A(t) : D(A) \subset \mathbb{R} \rightrightarrows \mathbb{R}$ ($t \in [T_0, T]$) be a maximal monotone operator and $\lambda > 0$. Then*

- (1) $A_\lambda(t)$ is single valued, maximal monotone and Lipschitzian with constant $\frac{2}{\lambda}$ on $\mathcal{R}(I + \lambda A(t))$;
- (2) $A_\lambda(t)x \in AJ_\lambda(t)x$, $\forall x \in \mathcal{R}(I + \lambda A(t))$;
- (3) $\frac{1}{\lambda} |J_\lambda A(t)x - x| = |A_\lambda(t)x| \leq |A(t)x|_0$, $\forall x \in \mathcal{R}(I + \lambda A(t)) \cap D(A(t))$,

where $|A(t)x|_0 = \inf\{|y|; y \in A(t)x\}$, is the element of $A(t)x$ of minimal norm.

The following theorems are very important in proving our results.

Theorem 2.1. [19] (*Scorza Dragoni theorem*)

Let J be a compact metric space, (J, Σ, ν) a Radon measure space. Let X a complete separable metric space, E a finite dimensional space and $h : J \times X \rightarrow E$ a Carathéodory function. So, for all real $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists a compact $J_\varepsilon \subset J$ such that $\nu(J \setminus J_\varepsilon) < \varepsilon$ and the restriction from h to $J_\varepsilon \times X$ is continuous.

Theorem 2.2. [28] (*Schauder*)

Let S be a nonempty closed convex subset of a Banach space and let $G : S \rightarrow S$ be continuous. If $G(S)$ is relatively compact, then G has a fixed point in S .

3. THE MAIN RESULTS

3.1. Existence result for a first-order iterative differential equation.

Theorem 3.1. *Let $f : [T_0, T]^{n+2} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a mapping such that:*

- i) for any $x \in [T_0, T]^{n+1}$ fixed, $f(\cdot, x)$ is Lebesgue measurable on $[T_0, T]$;
- ii) for any $t \in [T_0, T]$ fixed, $f(t, \cdot)$ is continuous on $[T_0, T]^{n+1}$;
- iii) there is a nonnegative function $m \in L^1_{\mathbb{R}}([T_0, T])$ such that

$$|f(t, x)| \leq m(t), \quad \forall (t, x) \in [T_0, T]^{n+2}.$$

Then, the problem (\mathcal{I}) has an absolutely continuous solution.

Proof. Step1. Suppose that f is continuous on $[T_0, T]^{n+2}$. Let S be a subset defined by

$$S = \{v \in \mathcal{C}([T_0, T]) : v \text{ has a continuous derivative and } \|v\|_C \leq m_1\}$$

where $m_1 = |u_0| + \|m\|_{L^1_{\mathbb{R}}}$. It is clear that S is a closed convex subset of $\mathcal{C}^1([T_0, T])$. For all $v \in S$, the problem

$$(P_{f,v}) \begin{cases} \dot{u}(t) = f(t, v(t), v^{[2]}(t), \dots, v^{[n]}(\alpha s)), & \text{a.e. } t \in [T_0, T]; \\ u(T_0) = u_0, \end{cases}$$

admits a solution $u_v \in \mathcal{C}^1([T_0, T])$ defined by

$$u_v(t) = u_0 + \int_{T_0}^t f(s, v(s), v^{[2]}(s), \dots, v^{[n]}(s), v^{[n]}(\alpha s)) ds.$$

Consider the mapping $P : v \mapsto u_v$ defined on S with values in $\mathcal{C}([T_0, T])$ by $P(v) = u_v$. Let us show that $u_v \in S$. We have u is derivative continuous and for all

$t \in [T_0, T]$

$$\begin{aligned} |u_v(t)| &\leq |u_0| + \int_{T_0}^t |f(s, v(s), v^{[2]}(s), \dots, v^{[n]}(\alpha s))| ds \\ &= |u_0| + \int_{T_0}^t m(s) ds = |u_0| + \|m\|_{L^1_{\mathbb{R}}} = m_1. \end{aligned}$$

Then,

$$\|u\|_{\mathcal{C}} \leq m_1. \quad (3.1)$$

Let (v_r) be a sequence of elements of S converging to v in S . Then, $(v_r^{[i]})$ converges to $v^{[i]}$ ($i = 2, 3, \dots, n$) and we have

$$|u_{v_r}(t) - u_v(t)| \leq \int_{T_0}^t |f(s, v_r(s), v_r^{[2]}(s), \dots, v_r^{[n]}(\alpha s)) - f(s, v(s), v^{[2]}(s), \dots, v^{[n]}(\alpha s))| ds.$$

Since f is continuous, so $(|f(\cdot, v_r(\cdot), v_r^{[2]}(\cdot), \dots, v_r^{[n]}(\alpha \cdot)) - f(\cdot, v(\cdot), v^{[2]}(\cdot), \dots, v^{[n]}(\alpha \cdot))|)_r$ converging to 0 when $r \rightarrow +\infty$, then

$$\|P(v_r) - P(v)\| = \|u_{v_r} - u_v\|_{\mathcal{C}} \rightarrow 0 \text{ when } r \rightarrow +\infty.$$

Hence we have the continuity of P .

Now, let us prove that $P(S)$ is relatively compact in $\mathcal{C}([T_0, T])$. For all $t, \tau \in [T_0, T]$, we have

$$|u_v(t) - u_v(\tau)| \leq \int_{\tau}^t |f(s, v(s), v^{[2]}(s), \dots, v^{[n]}(\alpha s))| ds \leq \int_{\tau}^t m(s) ds.$$

As $m \in L^1_{\mathbb{R}}([T_0, T])$, we obtain the equicontinuity of the set $\{u_v : v \in S\}$.

On the other hand, for all $v \in S$ and all $t \in [T_0, T]$, $|\dot{u}_v(t)| \leq m(t)$, by the relation (3.1), it is clear that $\{u_v(t) : v \in S\}$ is relatively compact in $[T_0, T]$. The Arzelà-Ascoli theorem gives us its relative compactness in $\mathcal{C}([T_0, T])$. From where $P(S) = \{u_v : v \in S\}$ is relatively compact in $\mathcal{C}([T_0, T])$. The Theorem 2.2 allows us to conclude that P admits a fixed point which is in fact the solution to the problem under consideration.

Step2. Suppose that f satisfies the hypotheses of Theorem 3.1. Let $\varepsilon > 0$, according to the Theorem 2.1, there exists a compact set $J_\varepsilon \subset [T_0, T]$ such that the Lebesgue measure of $([T_0, T] \setminus J_\varepsilon)$ is less than ε and the restriction g_ε of f to $J_\varepsilon \times [T_0, T]^{n+1}$ is continuous. Hence, the existence of an increasing sequence of compact sets (J_r) in $[T_0, T]$ such that the Lebesgue measure of $([T_0, T] \setminus J_r)$ tends to 0 when $r \rightarrow \infty$ and the restriction g_r of f to $J_r \times [T_0, T]^{n+1}$ is continuous.

Let \tilde{f}_r be the Dugundji continuous extension of g_r to $[T_0, T]^{n+2}$. We apply the arguments of the demonstration of Step 1 to each \tilde{f}_r ; we obtain for all $r \in \mathbb{N}$ a solution u_r of the problem

$$\begin{cases} \dot{u}_r(t) = \tilde{f}_r(t, u_r(t), u_r^{[2]}(t), \dots, u_r^{[n]}(\alpha t)), \quad \forall t \in [T_0, T]; \\ u_r(T_0) = u_0. \end{cases}$$

We have for all $r \in \mathbb{N}$ and all $t \in [T_0, T]$, $|\dot{u}_r(t)| \leq m(t)$. So, we can extract from the sequence $(\dot{u}_r(\cdot))$ a subsequence converging weakly* in $L^\infty_{\mathbb{R}}([T_0, T])$ to a function $w(\cdot)$.

On the other hand, we have

$$u_r(t) = u_0 + \int_{T_0}^t \dot{u}_r(s) ds,$$

then for all $t, \tau \in [T_0, T]$

$$|u_h(t) - u_h(\tau)| \leq \int_{\tau}^t m(s) ds$$

therefore the sequence $(u_r(\cdot))$ is equicontinuous and relatively compact. According to Arzelà-Ascoli's theorem (u_r) is relatively compact in $\mathcal{C}([T_0, T])$. By extracting a subsequence we may (u_r) converges uniformly to a function u satisfying $u(T_0) = u_0$. We have to show that

$$\dot{u}(t) = f(t, u(t), u^{[2]}(t), \dots, u^{[n]}(\alpha t)), \text{ a.e. } t \in [T_0, T].$$

By construction, for each $r \in \mathbb{N}$, there is a set \mathcal{N}_r of negligible Lebesgue measure, such as

$$\dot{u}_r(t) = f(t, u_r(t), u_r^{[2]}(t), \dots, u_r^{[n]}(\alpha t)), \quad \forall t \in J_r \setminus \mathcal{N}_r.$$

Let $\mathcal{N}_0 = ([T_0, T] \setminus \cup J_r) \cup (\cup \mathcal{N}_r)$ which is Lebesgue-negligible. If $t \notin \mathcal{N}_0$, there is an integer $p = p(t)$ such that

$$\dot{u}_r(t) = f(t, u_r(t), u_r^{[2]}(t), \dots, u_r^{[n]}(\alpha t)), \quad \forall r \geq p,$$

this relation gives us

$$\begin{aligned} \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \langle x', \dot{u}_r(t) \rangle &= \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \langle x', f(t, u_r(t), u_r^{[2]}(t), \dots, u_r^{[n]}(\alpha t)) \rangle \\ &\leq \langle x', f(t, u(t), u^{[2]}(t), \dots, u^{[n]}(\alpha t)) \rangle, \end{aligned}$$

for all $x' \in \mathbb{R}$ and $r \geq p$. As (\dot{u}_r) converges weakly* to \dot{u} in $L_{\mathbb{R}}^{\infty}([T_0, T])$, we get for any set $A \subset [T_0, T]$,

$$\int_A \langle x', \dot{u}(t) \rangle dt = \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \int_A \langle x', \dot{u}_r(t) \rangle dt,$$

using Fatou's lemma, we get

$$\int_A \langle x', \dot{u}(t) \rangle dt = \int_A \limsup_{r \rightarrow \infty} \langle x', \dot{u}_r(t) \rangle dt \leq \int_A \langle x', f(t, u(t), u^{[2]}(t), \dots, u^{[n]}(\alpha t)) \rangle dt,$$

so

$$\langle x', \int_A \dot{u}(t) dt \rangle = \langle x', \int_A f(t, u(t), u^{[2]}(t), \dots, u^{[n]}(\alpha t)) dt \rangle,$$

then,

$$\dot{u}(t) = f(t, u(t), u^{[2]}(t), \dots, u^{[n]}(\alpha t)), \text{ a.e. } t \in [T_0, T].$$

3.2. Existence result for a first-order iterative differential inclusion. For our proof, we need the following lemma.

Lemma 3.1. [42] *Let*

$$\Phi_{\mathcal{K}} = \{u \in \mathcal{C}([T_0, T]) : |u(t) - u(s)| \leq \mathcal{K}|t - s|, \quad \forall t, s \in [T_0, T]\},$$

where $0 < \mathcal{K} < 1$. *If $\varphi, \psi \in \Phi_{\mathcal{K}}$, then*

$$\|\varphi^{[j]} - \psi^{[j]}\|_{\mathcal{C}} \leq \frac{1 - \mathcal{K}^j}{1 - \mathcal{K}} \|\varphi - \psi\|_{\mathcal{C}}, \quad j = 1, 2, \dots.$$

Theorem 3.2. *Let $f : [T_0, T]^{n+2} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a function satisfies the hypothesis i) and ii) of Theorem 3.1 and $A(t) : \mathbb{R} \rightrightarrows \mathbb{R}$ ($t \in [T_0, T]$) be a maximal monotone operator. Suppose that the following assumptions hold:*

- (\mathcal{H}_1) for all $y \in [T_0, T]$ and all $\lambda > 0$, $t \mapsto J_\lambda A(t)y$ is Lebesgue measurable and there exists $\bar{g} \in L^2_{\mathbb{R}}([T_0, T])$ such that $t \mapsto J_\lambda A(t)\bar{g}(t)$ belongs to $L^2_{\mathbb{R}}([T_0, T])$;
 (\mathcal{H}_2) there exists a function $m \in L^2_{\mathbb{R}}([T_0, T])$ such that $\|m\|_{L^2_{\mathbb{R}}} < 1$ and

$$|A(t)y|_0 + |f(t, x)| \leq m(t), \quad \forall (t, x, y) \in [T_0, T]^{n+2}.$$

Then, the problem (II) admits a solution.

Proof. We consider the mapping

$$g_r(t, x) = A_{\lambda_r}(t)y + f(t, x), \quad \forall (t, x) \in [T_0, T]^{n+2},$$

where (λ_r) is a decreasing sequence in $]0, 1[$ converges to 0 when $r \rightarrow \infty$.

According to the property 3) of the Proposition 2.1 and hypothesis (\mathcal{H}_2), we have

$$\begin{aligned} |g_r(t, x)| &\leq |A_{\lambda_r}(t)y| + |f(t, x)| \\ &\leq |A(t)y|_0 + |f(t, x)| \leq m(t). \end{aligned}$$

Note that hypothesis (\mathcal{H}_1) and property 1) in Proposition 2.1 implies that $(t, y) \mapsto A_{\lambda_r}(t)y$ is a Carathéodory mapping. By applying Theorem 3.1, we obtain for all $r \in \mathbb{N}$, the existence of a solution u_r for the differential equation

$$(P_{g_r}) \begin{cases} -\dot{u}_r(t) = g_r(t, u_r(t), u_r^{[2]}(t), \dots, u_r^{[n]}(\alpha t)) \text{ a.e. } t \in [T_0, T]; \\ u_r(T_0) = u_0, \end{cases}$$

with

$$u_r(t) = u_0 + \int_{T_0}^t g_r(s, u_r(s), u_r^{[2]}(s), \dots, u_r^{[n]}(\alpha s)) ds.$$

By applying the arguments of the proof of Theorem 3.1, we conclude that $(u_r(\cdot))$ is relatively compact. By extracting a subsequence, we may $(u_r(\cdot))$, $(u_r^{[i]}(\cdot))$ and $(u_r^{[i]}(\alpha \cdot))$ uniformly converge to $u(\cdot)$, $u^{[i]}(\cdot)$ and $u^{[i]}(\alpha \cdot)$ with $u(T_0) = u_0$ and that $(\dot{u}_r(\cdot))$ converges $\sigma(L^2_{\mathbb{R}}([T_0, T]), L^2_{\mathbb{R}}([T_0, T]))$ to $\dot{u}(\cdot)$.

On the other hand, by the hypotheses on f we have $(f(\cdot, u_r(\cdot), u_r^{[2]}(\cdot), \dots, u_r^{[n]}(\alpha \cdot)))_r$ converges to the function $f(\cdot, u(\cdot), u^{[2]}(\cdot), \dots, u^{[n]}(\alpha \cdot))$ a.e. and also

$$|f(t, u_r(t), u_r^{[2]}(t), \dots, u_r^{[n]}(\alpha t))| \leq m(t), \quad \forall t \in [T_0, T].$$

by Lebesgue's theorem, we conclude that

$$|f(t, u(t), u^{[2]}(t), \dots, u^{[n]}(\alpha t))| \leq m(t),$$

$(f(\cdot, u_r(\cdot), u_r^{[2]}(\cdot), \dots, u_r^{[n]}(\alpha \cdot)))_r$ converges to the function $f(\cdot, u(\cdot), u^{[2]}(\cdot), \dots, u^{[n]}(\alpha \cdot))$ in $L^2_{\mathbb{R}}([T_0, T])$ and therefore this convergence is true for the weak topology.

According to property 2) of Proposition 2.1, we have for a.e. $t \in [T_0, T]$,

$$-\dot{u}_r(t) - f(t, u_r(t), u_r^{[2]}(t), \dots, u_r^{[n]}(\alpha t)) = A_{\lambda_r}(t)u_r^{[n]}(t) \in A(t)J_{\lambda_r}A(t)u_r^{[n]}(t). \quad (3.2)$$

On the other hand, we have

$$|J_{\lambda_r}A(t)u_r^{[n]}(t) - u^{[n]}(t)| \leq |J_{\lambda_r}A(t)u_r^{[n]}(t) - u_r^{[n]}(t)| + |u_r^{[n]}(t) - u^{[n]}(t)|. \quad (3.3)$$

Using property 3) of Proposition 2.1 and hypothesis (H_2), we obtain

$$|J_{\lambda_r}A(t)u_r^{[n]}(t) - u_r^{[n]}(t)| = \lambda_r |A_{\lambda_r}(t)u_r^{[n]}(t)| \leq \lambda_r |A(t)u_r^{[n]}(t)|_0 \leq \lambda_r m(t). \quad (3.4)$$

We have $\lambda_r m(t) \rightarrow 0$ when $r \rightarrow \infty$. By the relation (3.4), we can see that

$$|J_{\lambda_r}A(t)u_r^{[n]}(t) - u_r^{[n]}(t)| \rightarrow 0 \text{ when } r \rightarrow \infty,$$

and so

$$|J_{\lambda_r} A(t)u_r^{[n]}(t) - u^{[n]}(t)| \rightarrow 0 \text{ when } r \rightarrow \infty.$$

By the relations (3.2), (3.3) and (3.4) we have

$$|J_{\lambda_r} A(t)u_r^{[n]}(t) - u^{[n]}(t)| \leq |J_{\lambda_r} A(t)u_r^{[n]}(t) - u_r^{[n]}(t)| + |u_r^{[n]}(t) - u^{[n]}(t)|.$$

Using Lemma 3.1, we get

$$\begin{aligned} |J_{\lambda_r} A(t)u_r^{[n]}(t) - u^{[n]}(t)| &\leq \lambda_r m(t) + \frac{1 - \|m\|_{L^1_{\mathbb{R}}}^n}{1 - \|m\|_{L^1_{\mathbb{R}}}} \|u_r - u\|_c \\ &\leq \lambda_r m(t) + \frac{1 - \|m\|_{L^1_{\mathbb{R}}}^n}{1 - \|m\|_{L^1_{\mathbb{R}}}} (\|u_r\|_c + \|u\|_c) \\ &\leq \lambda_r m(t) + 2 \frac{1 - \|m\|_{L^1_{\mathbb{R}}}^n}{1 - \|m\|_{L^1_{\mathbb{R}}}} (\|u_0\| + \|m\|_{L^1_{\mathbb{R}}}). \end{aligned}$$

Since $\lambda_r < 1$, for all $r \in \mathbb{N}$ we obtain for a.e. $t \in [T_0, T]$,

$$|J_{\lambda_r} A(t)u_r^{[n]}(t) - u^{[n]}(t)| < m(t) + \frac{2}{1 - \|m\|_{L^1_{\mathbb{R}}}} (\|u_0\| + \|m\|_{L^1_{\mathbb{R}}}).$$

As $m \in L^2_{\mathbb{R}}([T_0, T])$, we conclude by using Lebesgue's theorem that $J_{\lambda_r} A(t)u_r^{[n]}(\cdot)$ converges to $u^{[n]}(\cdot)$ in $L^2_{\mathbb{R}}([T_0, T])$.

Let $\mathcal{A} : L^2_{\mathbb{R}}([T_0, T]) \rightrightarrows L^2_{\mathbb{R}}([T_0, T])$ be an operator defined by

$$v \in \mathcal{A}u^{[n]} \Leftrightarrow v(t) \in A(t)u^{[n]}(t) \text{ a.e. } t \in [T_0, T].$$

Using the proof of Lemma 3.1 in [20] and thanks to hypothesis (\mathcal{H}_1) we conclude that \mathcal{A} is a maximal monotone operator in $L^2_{\mathbb{R}}([T_0, T])$ by ([38], Theorem 1.5.2) its graph is sequentially strongly-weakly closed.

As $(\dot{u}_r(\cdot) + f(\cdot, u_r(\cdot), u_r^{[2]}(\cdot), \dots, u_r^{[n]}(\alpha \cdot)))_r$ converges $\sigma(L^2_{\mathbb{R}}, L^2_{\mathbb{R}})$ to $\dot{u}(\cdot) + f(\cdot, u(\cdot), u^{[2]}(\cdot), \dots, u^{[n]}(\alpha \cdot))$, we conclude, by relation(3.2) that the problem (\mathcal{II}) admits a solution.

4. APPLICATIONS

Example 4.1. Consider the following problem

$$(P_1) \begin{cases} -\dot{u}(t) \in \partial|u^{[2]}(t)| + \frac{1}{8}t (\cos(u(t)) + \sin(u^{[2]}(\frac{t}{2}))), & \text{a.e. } t \in [-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}]; \\ u(0) = 0. \end{cases}$$

where the set-valued mapping

$$\partial|x_2| = \begin{cases} -\frac{1}{2} & \text{if } x_2 < 0, \\ \frac{1}{2} & \text{if } x_2 > 0, \\ [-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}] & \text{if } x_2 = 0, \end{cases}$$

is a maximal monotone operator. The function $f(t, x_1, x_2, x_3) = \frac{1}{8}t(\cos x_1 + \sin x_3)$, for $(t, x_1, x_2, x_3) \in [-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}]^4$ satisfies the hypotheses i) and ii) of Theorem 3.1. Let us show that the hypotheses (\mathcal{H}_1) and (\mathcal{H}_2) of Theorem 3.2 are satisfied.

(\mathcal{H}_1) for all $\lambda > 0$,

$$J_{\lambda} \partial|x_2| = (I + \lambda \partial|x_2|)^{-1} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x_2 \in [-\frac{\lambda}{2}, \frac{\lambda}{2}], \\ \frac{1-\lambda}{2} & \text{if } x_2 \geq \frac{\lambda}{2}, \\ \frac{1+\lambda}{2} & \text{if } x_2 \leq -\frac{\lambda}{2}. \end{cases}$$

Therefore, $t \mapsto J_\lambda \partial |x_2|$ is Lebesgue measurable and there exists $\bar{g} \in L^2_{\mathbb{R}}([-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}])$ such that $t \mapsto J_\lambda \partial |\bar{g}(t)|$ belongs to $L^2_{\mathbb{R}}([-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}])$.

(\mathcal{H}_2) For all $(t, x_1, x_2, x_3) \in [-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}]^4$, we have

$$|\partial |x_2||_0 + |f(t, x_1, x_2, x_3)| \leq m(t) = \frac{1}{4}t + \frac{1}{2}, \text{ with } \|m\|_{L^2_{\mathbb{R}}} < 1.$$

The hypotheses of Theorem 3.2 are satisfied, then (P_1) has a solution.

Example 4.2. Let $C : [-1, 1] \rightrightarrows [-1, 1]$ be a set-valued mapping and consider the problem

$$(P_2) \begin{cases} -\dot{u}(t) \in \partial I_{C(t)}(u^{[3]}(t)) + \frac{1}{4}t(u(t) + u^{[2]}(t) + u^{[3]}(t)) + \frac{1}{5}u^{[3]}(\frac{t}{3}), & \text{a.e. } t \in [-1, 1]; \\ u(0) = 0, \end{cases}$$

where

$$I_{C(t)}(x_3) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x_3 \in C(t), \\ +\infty & \text{if } x_3 \notin C(t). \end{cases}$$

For all $\lambda > 0$, we have

$$\partial I_{C(t)}(x_3) = \begin{cases} \mathbb{R}_- & \text{if } x_3 = -1; \\ \mathbb{R}_+ & \text{if } x_3 = 1; \\ 0 & \text{if } x_3 \in]-1, 1[. \end{cases}$$

Hence

$$J_\lambda \partial I_{C(t)}(x_3) = \begin{cases} x_3 & \text{if } x_3 \in [-1, 1]; \\ 1 & \text{if } x_3 \geq 1; \\ -1 & \text{if } x_3 \leq -1. \end{cases}$$

Therefore, $t \mapsto J_\lambda \partial I_{C(t)}(x_3)$ is Lebesgue measurable and there exists $\bar{g} \in L^2_{\mathbb{R}}([-1, 1])$ such that $t \mapsto J_\lambda \partial I_{C(t)}(\bar{g}(t))$ belongs to $L^2_{\mathbb{R}}([-1, 1])$.

For all $(t, x_1, x_2, x_3) \in [-1, 1]^4$, we put

$$f(t, x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = \frac{1}{4}t(x_1 + x_2 + x_3) + \frac{1}{5}x_4$$

which is a Carathéodory mapping, since $|\partial I_{C(t)}(x_3)|_0 = \{0\}$, we get

$$|\partial I_{C(t)}(x_3)|_0 + |f(t, x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4)| \leq m(t) = \frac{3}{4}t + \frac{1}{5}, \text{ with } \|m\|_{L^2_{\mathbb{R}}} < 1.$$

The hypotheses of Theorem 3.2 are satisfied, then (P_2) has a solution.

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