

# INITIAL VALUE PROBLEMS FOR FRACTIONAL FUNCTIONAL DIFFERENTIAL INCLUSIONS WITH HADAMARD TYPE DERIVATIVES IN BANACH SPACES

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**Abstract.** The authors establish sufficient conditions for the existence of solutions to boundary value problems for fractional differential inclusions involving the Hadamard type derivatives of order  $\alpha \in (0, 1]$  in Banach spaces.

## 1 Introduction

This paper is concerned with the existence of solutions to initial value problems (IVP for short) for fractional order functional differential inclusions. We consider the initial value problem

$${}^H D^\alpha y(t) \in F(t, y_t), \quad \text{for a.e. } t \in J = [1, T], \quad 0 < \alpha \leq 1, \quad (1.1)$$

$$y(t) = \varphi(t), \quad t \in [1 - r, 1], \quad (1.2)$$

where  ${}^H D^\alpha$  is the Hadamard fractional derivative,  $\mathbb{E}$  is a Banach space,  $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{E})$  is the family of all nonempty subsets of  $\mathbb{E}$ ,  $F : [1 - r, T] \times \mathbb{E} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{E})$  is a multivalued map, and  $\varphi \in C([1 - r, 1], \mathbb{E})$  with  $\varphi(1) = 0$ . For any function  $y$  defined on  $[1 - r, T]$  and any  $t \in J$ , we denote by  $y_t$  the element of  $C([1 - r, 1], \mathbb{E})$  defined by

$$y_t = y(t + \theta), \quad \theta \in [1 - r, 1].$$

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

Differential equations of fractional order have recently proved to be valuable tools in modeling many phenomena in various fields of science and engineering. There are

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numerous applications in viscoelasticity, electrochemistry, control, porous media, electromagnetism, etc. documented in the literature (see [29, 32, 38]). There have been significant developments in the theory of fractional differential equations in recent years; see, for example, the monographs of Hilfer [30], Kilbas *et al.* [32], Momani *et al.* [35], and Podlubny [38], as well as the papers [1, 2, 11, 12, 13, 22, 23, 27, 29, 35]. However, the literature on Hadamard-type fractional differential equations has not undergone as much development; see, for example, [4, 10, 24, 25, 40]. The fractional derivative that Hadamard [26] introduced in 1892 differs from the aforementioned derivatives in the sense that the kernel of the integral in the definition of the Hadamard derivative contains a logarithmic function with an arbitrary exponent (see Definition 6 below). A detailed description of the Hadamard fractional derivative and integral can be found in [15, 16, 17].

In this paper, we present existence results for the problem (1.1)–(1.2) in the case where the right hand side is convex valued. This result relies on the set-valued analog of Mönch's fixed point theorem combined with the technique of measure of noncompactness. Recently, this has proved to be a valuable tool in studying fractional differential equations and inclusions in Banach spaces; for details, see the papers of Agarwal *et al.* [2], Benchohra *et al.* [12, 13, 14], Graef *et al.* [25], and Laosta *et al.* [34]. The results here extend to the multivalued case some previous results in the literature, and we believe constitutes an interesting contribution to this emerging field of study.

## 2 Preliminaries

In this section, we introduce notations, definitions, and preliminary facts that will be used in the remainder of this paper.

Let  $C(J, \mathbb{E})$  be the Banach space of all continuous functions from  $J$  into  $\mathbb{E}$  with the norm

$$\|y\|_{\infty} = \sup\{|y(t)| : 0 \leq t \leq T\},$$

and let  $L^1(J, \mathbb{E})$  denote the Banach space of functions  $y : J \rightarrow \mathbb{E}$  that are Lebesgue integrable with the norm

$$\|y\|_{L^1} = \int_0^T |y(t)| dt.$$

We take  $AC(J, \mathbb{E})$  to be the space of functions  $y : J \rightarrow \mathbb{E}$  that are absolutely continuous. We endow the space  $C([1-r, 1], \mathbb{E})$  with the norm

$$\|\varphi\|_C = \sup\{|\varphi(\theta)| : 1-r \leq \theta \leq 1\}.$$

For any Banach space  $(X, \|\cdot\|)$ , we let  $P_{cl}(X) = \{Y \in \mathcal{P}(X) : Y \text{ is closed}\}$ ,  $P_b(X) = \{Y \in \mathcal{P}(X) : Y \text{ is bounded}\}$ ,  $P_{cp}(X) = \{Y \in \mathcal{P}(X) : Y \text{ is compact}\}$ , and  $P_{cp,c}(X) = \{Y \in \mathcal{P}(X) : Y \text{ is compact and convex}\}$ .

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A multivalued map  $G : X \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X)$  is *convex (closed) valued* if  $G(x)$  is convex (closed) for all  $x \in X$ . We say that  $G$  is *bounded on bounded sets* if  $G(B) = \cup_{x \in B} G(x)$  is bounded in  $X$  for all  $B \in P_b(X)$  (i.e.,  $\sup_{x \in B} \{\sup\{|y| : y \in G(x)\}\}$ ).

The mapping  $G$  is called *upper semi-continuous (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 for each open set  $N$  of  $X$  containing  $G(x_0)$ , there exists an open neighborhood  $N_0$  of  $x_0$  such that  $G(N_0) \subset N$ . Also,  $G$  is said to be *completely continuous* if  $G(B)$  is relatively compact for every  $B \in P_b(X)$ .

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.,  $x_n \rightarrow x_*$ ,  $y_n \rightarrow y_*$ ,  $y_n \in G(x_n)$  imply  $y_* \in G(x_*)$ ). The mapping  $G$  has a *fixed point* if there is  $x \in X$  such that  $x \in G(x)$ . The set of fixed point of the multivalued operator  $G$  will be denoted by  $FixG$ . A multivalued map  $G : J \rightarrow P_{cl}(X)$  is said to be *measurable* if for every  $y \in X$ , the function

$$t \rightarrow d(y, G(t)) = \inf\{|y - z| : z \in G(t)\}$$

is measurable.

**Definition 1.** A multivalued map  $F : J \times \mathbb{E} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{E})$  is said to be *Carathéodory* if:

- (1)  $t \rightarrow F(t, u)$  is measurable for each  $u \in \mathbb{E}$ ;
- (2)  $u \rightarrow F(t, u)$  is upper semicontinuous for almost all  $t \in J$ .

For each  $y \in AC(J, \mathbb{E})$ , define the set of selections of  $F$  by

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

Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space induced from the normed space  $(X, |\cdot|)$ . The function  $H_d : \mathcal{P}(X) \times \mathcal{P}(X) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+ \cup \{\infty\}$  given by

$$H_d(A, B) = \max\{\sup_{a \in A} d(a, B), \sup_{b \in B} d(A, b)\}$$

is known as the Hausdorff-Pompeiu metric.

For more details on multivalued maps see the books of Aubin and Cellina [6], Aubin and Frankowska [7], Castaing and Valadier [19], and Deimling [21].

Next, we define the Kuratowski measure of noncompactness and give some of its important properties.

**Definition 2.** ([5, 8]) Let  $\mathbb{E}$  be a Banach space and let  $\Omega_{\mathbb{E}}$  be the set of all bounded subsets of  $\mathbb{E}$ . The Kuratowski measure of noncompactness is the map  $\beta : \Omega_{\mathbb{E}} \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  defined by

$$\beta(B) = \inf\{\epsilon > 0 : B \subset \bigcup_{j=1}^m B_j, B \in \Omega_{\mathbb{E}}, \text{ and } \text{diam}(B_j) \leq \epsilon\}.$$

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**Properties:** The Kuratowski measure of noncompactness satisfies the following properties (for more details see [5, 8]).

- (1)  $\beta(B) = 0$  if and only if  $\overline{B}$  is compact ( $B$  is relatively compact).
- (2)  $\beta(B) = \beta(\overline{B})$ .
- (3)  $A \subset B$  implies  $\beta(A) \leq \beta(B)$ .
- (4)  $\beta(A + B) \leq \beta(A) + \beta(B)$ .
- (5)  $\beta(cB) = |c|\beta(B)$ ,  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ .
- (6)  $\beta(\text{con}B) = \beta(B)$ .

Here  $\overline{B}$  and  $\text{con}B$  denote the closure and the convex hull of the bounded set  $B$ , respectively.

**Theorem 3.** ([28], [37, Theorem 1.3]) *Let  $\mathbb{E}$  be a Banach space and  $C \subset L^1(J, \mathbb{E})$  be a countable set with  $|u(t)| \leq h(t)$  for a.e.  $t \in J$  and every  $u \in C$ , where  $h \in L^1(J, \mathbb{R}_+)$ . Then the function  $\varphi(t) = \beta(C(t))$  belongs to  $L^1(J, \mathbb{R}_+)$  and satisfies*

$$\beta\left(\int_0^T u(s)ds : u \in C\right) \leq 2 \int_0^T \beta(C(s))ds.$$

**Lemma 4.** ([34, Lemma 2.6]) *Let  $J$  be a compact real interval, let  $F$  be a Carathéodory multivalued map, and let  $\theta$  be a linear continuous map from  $L^1(J, \mathbb{E}) \mapsto C(J, \mathbb{E})$ . Then the operator*

$$\theta \circ S_{F,y} : C(J, \mathbb{E}) \mapsto P_{cp,c}(C(J, \mathbb{E})), \quad y \mapsto (\theta \circ S_{F,y})(y) = \theta(S_{F,y})$$

*is a closed graph operator in  $C(J, \mathbb{E}) \times C(J, \mathbb{E})$ .*

In the remainder of this paper we use the notation that  $\log(\cdot) = \log_e(\cdot)$  and that  $[\alpha]$  denotes the integer part of  $\alpha$ .

**Definition 5.** ([32]) *The Hadamard fractional integral of order  $\alpha$  of a function  $h : [1, T] \rightarrow \mathbb{E}$  is defined by*

$$I^\alpha h(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_1^t \left(\log \frac{t}{s}\right)^{\alpha-1} \frac{h(s)}{s} ds, \quad \alpha > 0,$$

*provided the integral exists.*

**Definition 6.** ([32]) *For a function  $h$  given on the interval  $[1, T]$ , the Hadamard fractional derivative of order  $\alpha$  of  $h$  is defined by*

$$({}^H D^\alpha h)(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(n - \alpha)} \left(t \frac{d}{dt}\right)^n \int_1^t \left(\log \frac{t}{s}\right)^{n-\alpha-1} \frac{h(s)}{s} ds, \quad n-1 < \alpha < n, \quad n = [\alpha]+1,$$

*Here  $[\alpha]$  denotes the integer part of  $\alpha$  and  $\log(\cdot) = \log_e(\cdot)$ .*

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The following result, known as Mönch’s fixed point theorem, will be used to prove our main results.

**Theorem 7.** ([37]) *Let  $K$  be a closed, convex subset of a Banach space  $\mathbb{E}$ ,  $U$  be a relatively open subset of  $K$ , and  $N : \bar{U} \mapsto \mathcal{P}(K)$ . Assume that graph  $N$  is closed,  $N$  maps compact sets into relatively compact sets, and for some  $x_0 \in U$ , the following two conditions are satisfied:*

- (i)  $M \subset \bar{U}$ ,  $M \subset \text{conv}(x_0 \cup N(M))$ , and  $\bar{M} = \bar{U}$  with  $C$  a countable subset of  $M$ , implies  $\bar{M}$  is compact;
- (ii)  $x \notin (1 - \lambda)x_0 + \lambda N(x)$  for all  $x \in \bar{U} \setminus U$ ,  $\lambda \in (0, 1)$ .

Then there exists  $x \in \bar{U}$  with  $x \in N(x)$ .

### 3 Main results

We begin this section with the definition of a solution to our problem (1.1)–(1.2).

**Definition 8.** *A function  $y \in AC([1-r, T], \mathbb{R})$  is said to be a solution of (1.1)–(1.2), if there exists a function  $v \in L^1([1, T], \mathbb{R})$ , with  $v(t) \in F(t, y_t)$  for a.e.  $t \in [1, T]$ , such that*

$${}^H D^\alpha y(t) = v(t), \quad \text{a.e. } t \in [1, T], \quad 0 < \alpha < 1,$$

and the function  $y$  satisfies condition (1.2).

**Theorem 9.** *Let  $R > 0$ ,  $B = \{x \in \mathbb{E} : \|x\| \leq R\}$ , and  $U = \{x \in C(J, \mathbb{E}) : \|x\| \leq R\}$ , and assume the following conditions hold:*

- (H1)  $F : J \times \mathbb{E} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}_{cp,p}(\mathbb{E})$  is a Carathéodory multi-valued map;
- (H2) There exists a function  $p \in L^1(J, \mathbb{E})$  such that

$$\|F(t, u)\|_{\mathcal{P}} = \sup\{|v| : v(t) \in F(t, y)\} \leq p(t)$$

for each  $(t, y) \in J \times \mathbb{E}$  with  $|y| \geq R$ , and

$$\liminf_{R \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\int_0^T p(t) dt}{R} = \delta < \infty;$$

- (H3) There exists a Carathéodory function  $\psi : J \times [1, 2R] \mapsto \mathbb{R}_+$  such that

$$\beta(F(t, M)) \leq \psi(t, \beta(M)) \quad \text{a.e. } t \in J \text{ and each } M \subset B;$$

- (H4) The function  $\varphi = 0$  is the unique solution in  $C(J, [1, 2R])$  of the inequality

$$\varphi(t) \leq 2 \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_1^t \left(\log \frac{t}{s}\right)^{\alpha-1} \psi(s, \varphi(s)) \frac{ds}{s} \quad \text{for } t \in J.$$

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Then the IVP (1.1)–(1.2) has at least one solution in  $C(J, B)$ , provided that

$$\delta < \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + 1)}{(\log T)^\alpha}. \quad (3.1)$$

*Proof.* To transform the problem (1.1)–(1.2) into a fixed point problem, consider the multivalued operator

$$N(y)(t) = \left\{ h \in C([1-r, T], \mathbb{R}) : h(t) = \begin{cases} \varphi(t), & \text{if } t \in [1-r, 1] \\ \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_1^t \left(\log \frac{t}{s}\right)^{\alpha-1} \frac{v(s)}{s} ds, & \text{if } t \in J \end{cases} \text{ for } v \in S_{F,y} \right\}.$$

Clearly, the fixed points of  $N$  are solutions to (1.1)–(1.2). We shall show that  $N$  satisfies the assumptions of Mönch's fixed point theorem. The proof will be given in several steps.

**Step 1:**  $N(y)$  is convex for each  $y \in C(J, B)$ . Let  $h_1, h_2$  belong to  $N(y)$ ; then there exist  $v_1, v_2 \in S_{F,y}$  such that for each  $t \in J$ , we have

$$h_i(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_1^t \left(\log \frac{t}{s}\right)^{\alpha-1} \frac{v_i(s)}{s} ds,$$

for  $i = 1, 2$ . Let  $0 \leq d \leq 1$ . Then, for each  $t \in J$ , we have

$$(dh_1 + (1-d)h_2)(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_1^t \left(\log \frac{t}{s}\right)^{\alpha-1} [dv_1 + (1-d)v_2] \frac{ds}{s}.$$

Now  $S_{F,y}$  is convex since  $F$  has convex values, so

$$dh_1 + (1-d)h_2 \in N(y).$$

**Step 2:**  $N(M)$  is relatively compact for each compact set  $M \subset \bar{U}$ . Let  $M \subset \bar{U}$  be a compact set and let  $\{h_n\}$  be any sequence of elements of  $N(M)$ . We will show that  $\{h_n\}$  has a convergent subsequence by using the Arzelà-Ascoli theorem. Since  $h_n \in N(M)$ , there exist  $y_n \in M$  and  $v_n \in S_{F,y}$ ,  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ , such that

$$h_n(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_1^t \left(\log \frac{t}{s}\right)^{\alpha-1} v_n(s) \frac{ds}{s}. \quad (3.2)$$

Using Theorem 3 and the properties of the Kuratowski measure of noncompactness, we have

$$\beta(\{h_n(t)\}) \leq 2 \left[ \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_1^t \beta \left( \left\{ \left(\log \frac{t}{s}\right)^{\alpha-1} \frac{v_n(s)}{s} \right\} \right) ds \right]. \quad (3.3)$$

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On the other hand, since  $M(s)$  is compact in  $\mathbb{E}$ , the set  $\{v_n(s) : n \geq 1\}$  is compact. Consequently,  $\beta(\{v_n(s) : n \geq 1\}) = 0$  for a.e.  $s \in J$ . Furthermore,

$$\beta\left(\left\{\left(\log \frac{t}{s}\right)^{\alpha-1} \frac{v_n(s)}{s}\right\}\right) = \left(\log \frac{t}{s}\right)^{\alpha-1} \beta(\{v_n(s) : n \geq 1\}) = 0,$$

for a.e.  $t, s \in J$ . Now (3.3) implies that  $\{h_n(t) : n \geq 1\}$  is relatively compact in  $B$  for each  $t \in J$ . In addition, for each  $t_1, t_2 \in J$  with  $t_1 < t_2$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} |h_n(t_2) - h_n(t_1)| &= \left| \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_1^{t_1} \left[ \left(\log \frac{t_2}{s}\right)^{\alpha-1} - \left(\log \frac{t_1}{s}\right)^{\alpha-1} \right] \frac{v_n(s)}{s} ds \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \left(\log \frac{t_2}{s}\right)^{\alpha-1} \frac{v_n(s)}{s} ds \right| \\ &\leq \frac{p(t)}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_1^{t_1} \left[ \left(\log \frac{t_2}{s}\right)^{\alpha-1} - \left(\log \frac{t_1}{s}\right)^{\alpha-1} \right] \frac{ds}{s} \\ &\quad + \frac{p(t)}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \left(\log \frac{t_2}{s}\right)^{\alpha-1} \frac{ds}{s} \end{aligned}$$

As  $t_1 \rightarrow t_2$ , the right hand side of the above inequality tends to zero. This shows that  $\{h_n : n \geq 1\}$  is equicontinuous. Consequently,  $N(M)$  is relatively compact in  $C(J, B)$ .

**Step 3:**  $N$  has a closed graph. Let  $y_n \rightarrow y_*$ ,  $h_n \in N(y_n)$ , and  $h_n \rightarrow h_*$ . We need to show that  $h_* \in N(y_*)$ . Now  $h_n \in N(y_n)$  implies there exists  $v_n \in S_{F,y}$  such that for each  $t \in J$ ,

$$h_n(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_1^t \left(\log \frac{t}{s}\right)^{\alpha-1} v_n(s) \frac{ds}{s}.$$

Consider the continuous linear operator  $\theta : L^1(J, E) \mapsto C(J, E)$  defined by

$$\theta(v)(t) \mapsto h_n(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_1^t \left(\log \frac{t}{s}\right)^{\alpha-1} v_n(s) \frac{ds}{s}.$$

Clearly,  $\|h_n(t) - h(t)\| \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . From Lemma 4 it follows that  $\theta \circ S_{F,y}$  is a closed graph operator. Moreover,  $h_n(t) \in \theta(S_{F,y_n})$ . Since  $y_n \rightarrow y$ , Lemma 4 implies

$$h(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_1^t \left(\log \frac{t}{s}\right)^{\alpha-1} v(s) \frac{ds}{s}.$$

**Step 4:**  $\overline{M}$  is compact. Assume  $M \subset \overline{U}$ ,  $M \subset \text{conv}(\{0\} \cup N(M))$ , and  $\overline{M} = \overline{C}$  for some countable set  $C \subset M$ . By an argument similar to the one used in Step 2, we

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see that  $N(M)$  is equicontinuous. Since  $M \subset \text{conv}(\{0\} \cup N(M))$ , we conclude that  $M$  is equicontinuous as well. To apply the Arzelà-Ascoli theorem, we need to show that  $M(t)$  is relatively compact in  $\mathbb{E}$  for each  $t \in J$ . Since  $C \subset M \subset \text{conv}(\{0\} \cup N(M))$  and  $C$  is countable, we can find a countable set  $H = \{h_n : n \geq 1\} \subset N(M)$  with  $C \subset \text{conv}(\{0\} \cup H)$ . Then, there exist  $y_n \in M$  and  $v_n \in S_{F,y_n}$  such that

$$h_n(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_1^t \left( \log \frac{t}{s} \right)^{\alpha-1} v_n(s) \frac{ds}{s}.$$

From the fact that  $M \subset C \subset \text{conv}(\{0\} \cup H)$ , in view of Theorem 3, we have

$$\beta(M(t)) \leq \beta(C(t)) \leq \beta(H(t)) = \beta(\{h_n(t) : n \geq 1\}).$$

Now in view of the fact that  $v_n(s) \in M(s)$ , applying (3.3), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \beta(M(t)) &\leq 2 \left[ \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_1^t \beta \left( \left\{ \left( \log \frac{t}{s} \right)^{\alpha-1} v_n(s) \frac{1}{s} : n \geq 1 \right\} \right) ds \right] \\ &\leq 2 \left[ \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_1^t \left( \log \frac{t}{s} \right)^{\alpha-1} \beta(M(s)) \frac{ds}{s} \right] \\ &\leq 2 \left[ \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_1^t \left( \log \frac{t}{s} \right)^{\alpha-1} \psi(s, \beta(M(s))) \frac{ds}{s} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Also, the function  $\varphi$  given by  $\varphi(t) = \alpha(M(t))$  belongs to  $C(J, [1, 2R])$ . Consequently, by (H3),  $\varphi = 0$ ; that is,  $\beta(M(t)) = 0$  for all  $t \in J$ . Thus, by the Arzelà-Ascoli theorem,  $M$  is relatively compact in  $C(J, B)$ .

**Step 5:**  $N$  has a fixed point. Let  $h \in N(y)$  with  $y \in U$ . To see that  $N(U) \subset U$ , suppose this is not the case. Then there would exist a function  $y \in U$  with  $\|N(y)\|_{\mathcal{P}} > R$  and

$$h(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_1^t \left( \log \frac{t}{s} \right)^{\alpha-1} v(s) \frac{ds}{s}$$

for some  $v \in S_{F,y}$ . On the other hand,

$$R \leq \|N(y)\|_{\mathcal{P}} \leq \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_1^t \left( \log \frac{t}{s} \right)^{\alpha-1} |v(s)| \frac{ds}{s} \leq \frac{(\log T)^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} \int_1^t p(s) ds.$$

Dividing both sides by  $R$  and taking the  $\liminf R \rightarrow \infty$ , we conclude that

$$\left[ \frac{(\log T)^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} \right] \delta \geq 1,$$

which contradicts (3.1). Hence  $N(U) \subset U$ .

As a consequence of Steps 1–5 and Theorem 7, we conclude that  $N$  has a fixed point  $y \in C(J, B)$  that in turn is a solution of the problem (1.1)–(1.2).  $\square$

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### 4 An example

In this section we apply the main result in this paper, Theorem 9 above, to the fractional differential inclusion

$${}^H D^\alpha y(t) \in F(t, y_t) \quad \text{for a.e. } t \in J = [1, T], \quad 0 < \alpha \leq 1, \tag{4.1}$$

$$y(t) = \varphi(t), \quad t \in [1 - r, 1], \tag{4.2}$$

where  $F : [1 - r, T] \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R})$  is a multivalued map, and  $\varphi \in C([1 - r, 1], \mathbb{R})$  with  $\varphi(1) = 0$ . Set

$$F(t, y) = \{v \in \mathbb{R} : f_1(t, y) \leq v \leq f_2(t, y)\}$$

where  $f_1, f_2 : [1 - r, T] \times \mathbb{R} \mapsto \mathbb{R}$ . We assume that for each  $t \in [1 - r, T]$ ,  $f_1(t, \cdot)$  is lower semi-continuous (i.e., the set  $\{y \in \mathbb{R} : f_1(t, y) > \mu\}$  is open for each  $\mu \in \mathbb{R}$ ), and  $f_2(t, \cdot)$  is upper semi-continuous (i.e., the set  $\{y \in \mathbb{R} : f_2(t, y) < \mu\}$  is open for each  $\mu \in \mathbb{R}$ ). We also assume that there is a function  $p \in L^1(J, \mathbb{R})$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} \|F(t, u)\|_{\mathcal{P}} &= \sup\{|v| : v(t) \in F(t, y)\} \\ &= \max(|f_1(t, y)|, |f_2(t, y)|) \leq p(t) \quad \text{for } t \in [1 - r, T] \text{ and } y \in \mathbb{R}. \end{aligned}$$

It is clear that  $F$  is compact and convex valued and is upper semi-continuous.

We take  $C(s)$  to be the space of linear functions, i.e., we will choose  $\varphi(t) = \beta(C(t))$  such that

$$\beta(u(s)) = \frac{u(s)}{2}$$

where

$$u(s) = as, \quad a > 0, \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{2}{a} \leq s \leq \frac{4R}{a}.$$

For each  $(t, y) \in J \times \mathbb{R}$  with  $|y| \geq R$  we have

$$\liminf_{R \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\int_0^T p(t) dt}{R} = \delta < \infty.$$

Finally, we assume that there exists a Carathéodory function  $\psi : J \times [1, 2R] \mapsto \mathbb{R}_+$  such that

$$\beta(F(t, M)) \leq \psi(t, \beta(M)), \quad \text{a.e. } t \in J \text{ and each } M \subset B,$$

and  $\varphi = 0$  is the unique solution in  $C(J, [1, 2R])$  of the inequality

$$\varphi(t) \leq 2 \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_1^t \left(\log \frac{t}{s}\right)^{\alpha-1} \psi(s, \varphi(s)) \frac{ds}{s}$$

for  $t \in J$ . Since all the conditions of Theorem 9 are satisfied, problem (4.1)–(4.2) has at least one solution  $y$  on  $[1 - r, e]$ .

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