

On a fractional differential inclusion arising from real estate asset securitization and HIV models

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Abstract - We study a class of fractional differential inclusion arising from real estate asset securitization and HIV models and we establish a Filippov type existence result in the case of nonconvex set-valued maps.

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1. Introduction

In this note we study the following problem

$$\begin{aligned} -D^\alpha x(t) &\in F(t, x(t), -D^\beta x(t)) \quad a.e. \text{ } ([0, 1]), \\ D^\beta x(0) = D^{\beta+1}x(0) &= 0, \quad D^\beta x(1) = \int_0^1 D^\beta x(s) dA(s), \end{aligned} \quad (1.1)$$

D^α is the standard Riemann-Liouville fractional derivative, $\beta \in (0, 1)$, $\alpha \in (2, 3]$, $\alpha - \beta > 1$, $F : [0, 1] \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R})$ is a set-valued map, $A(\cdot)$ is a function of bounded variation and $\int_0^1 D^\beta x(s) dA(s)$ denotes the Riemann-Stieltjes integral.

The present note is motivated by a recent paper of Ahmad and Ntouyas ([1]) where existence results for problem (1.1) are established for convex as well as nonconvex set-valued maps. The existence results in [1] are based on a nonlinear alternative of Leray-Schauder type and some suitable theorems of fixed point theory. For the motivation, examples and a consistent bibliography on fractional differential equations and inclusions we refer to [1] and the references therein. We mention, only, that in [5] the authors discussed the existence and uniqueness of solutions for problem (1.1) with F single valued which represents a model for a problem arising from real estate asset securitization. On the other hand, motivated by a model of HIV infection Yang [6] considered the existence of nontrivial solutions for the fractional differential system

$$\begin{aligned} -D^\alpha x(t) &= \lambda f(t, x(t), -D^\beta x(t), y(t)) \quad -D^\gamma y(t) = g(t, x(t)) \quad t \in (0, 1), \\ D^\beta x(0) = 0, \quad D^\beta x(1) &= \int_0^1 D^\beta x(s) dA(s), \quad y(0) = 0, \quad y(1) = \int_0^1 y(s) dB(s), \end{aligned}$$

with $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$, $1 < \gamma < \alpha \leq 2$, $1 < \alpha - \beta < \gamma$, $0 < \beta - 1$ and $A(\cdot), B(\cdot)$ are functions of bounded variation.

The aim of this note is to show that Filippov's ideas ([3]) can be suitably adapted in order to obtain the existence of solutions for problem (1.1). Recall that for a differential inclusion defined by a Lipschitzian set-valued map with nonconvex values, Filippov's theorem ([3]) consists in proving the existence of a solution starting from a given "quasi" solution. Moreover, the result provides an estimate between the "quasi" solution and the solution obtained. In this way we improve an existence result for problem (1.1) in [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 main results.

2. Preliminaries

Let (X, d) be a metric space. Recall that the Pompeiu-Hausdorff distance of the closed subsets $A, B \subset X$ is defined by

$$d_H(A, B) = \max\{d^*(A, B), d^*(B, A)\}, \quad d^*(A, B) = \sup\{d(a, B); a \in A\},$$

where $d(x, B) = \inf_{y \in B} d(x, y)$.

Let $I = [0, 1]$, we denote by $C(I, \mathbb{R})$ the Banach space of all continuous functions from I to \mathbb{R} with the norm $\|x(\cdot)\|_C = \sup_{t \in I} |x(t)|$ and $L^1(I, \mathbb{R})$ is the Banach space of integrable functions $u(\cdot) : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ endowed with the norm $\|u(\cdot)\|_1 = \int_0^1 |u(t)| dt$.

The fractional integral of order $\alpha > 0$ of a Lebesgue integrable function $f : (0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is defined by

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

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

The Riemann-Liouville fractional derivative of order $\alpha > 0$ of a continuous function $f : (0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is defined by

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

where $n = [\alpha] + 1$, provided the right-hand side is pointwise defined on $(0, \infty)$.

As it is pointed out in [1], taking $x(t) = I^\beta y(t)$, $t \in I$ with $y(\cdot) \in C(I, \mathbb{R})$, the boundary value problem (1.1) is equivalent with the following problem

$$\begin{aligned} -D^{\alpha-\beta} y(t) &\in F(t, I^\beta y(t), -y(t)) \quad \text{a.e. } ([0, 1]), \\ y(0) = y'(0) &= 0, \quad y(1) = \int_0^1 y(s) dA(s), \end{aligned} \quad (2.1)$$

Lemma 2.1. (see [1]) *For a given $f(\cdot) \in L^1(I, \mathbb{R})$, the unique solution $x(\cdot)$ of problem*

$$\begin{aligned} D^{\alpha-\beta}x(t) + f(t) &= 0 \quad \text{a.e. } ([0, T]), \\ y(0) = y'(0) &= 0, \quad y(1) = \int_0^1 y(s)dA(s), \end{aligned}$$

is given by

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

where $G(\cdot, \cdot)$ is the Green function defined by

$$G(t, s) := \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha - \beta)} \begin{cases} [t(1-s)]^{\alpha-\beta-1}, & \text{if } 0 \leq t < s \leq 1, \\ [t(1-s)]^{\alpha-\beta-1} - (t-s)^{\alpha-\beta-1}, & \text{if } 0 \leq s < t \leq 1. \end{cases}$$

By Lemma 2.1 the unique solution of the problem

$$D^\alpha x(t) = 0, \quad x(0) = x'(0) = 0 \quad x(1) = 1$$

is $t^{\alpha-\beta-1}$. Let $c = \int_0^1 t^{\alpha-\beta-1}dA(t)$ and $G_A(s) = \int_0^1 G(t, s)dA(t)$. It follows (e.g., [7]) that the Green function of the boundary value problem (2.1) is

$$H(t, s) = \frac{t^{\alpha-\beta-1}}{1-c}G_A(s) + G(t, s).$$

Hypothesis 2.2. $A(\cdot)$ is an increasing function of bounded variation such that $G_A(s) \geq 0 \forall s \in [0, 1]$ and $0 \leq c < 1$.

Lemma 2.3. (see [8]) *Let $1 < \alpha - \beta \leq 2$ and let Hypothesis 2.2 be satisfied. Then*

$$0 \leq H(t, s) \leq \frac{1}{(1-c)\Gamma(\alpha - \beta - 1)} =: M_1.$$

3. The main result

First we recall a selection result ([2]) which is a version of the celebrated Kuratowski and Ryll-Nardzewski selection theorem.

Lemma 3.1. *Consider X a separable Banach space, B is the closed unit ball in X , $H : I \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X)$ is a set-valued map with nonempty closed values and $g : I \rightarrow X, L : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ are measurable functions. If*

$$H(t) \cap (g(t) + L(t)B) \neq \emptyset \quad \text{a.e.}(I),$$

then the set-valued map $t \rightarrow H(t) \cap (g(t) + L(t)B)$ has a measurable selection.

In order to prove our results we need the following hypotheses.

Hypothesis 3.2. i) $F(\cdot, \cdot) : I \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R})$ has nonempty closed values and is $\mathcal{L}(I) \otimes \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R})$ measurable.

ii) There exists $L(\cdot) \in L^1(I, (0, \infty))$ such that, for almost all $t \in I$, $F(t, \cdot, \cdot)$ is $L(t)$ -Lipschitz in the sense that

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

We use next the following notations

$$M(t) := L(t)\left(1 + \int_0^t \frac{(t-s)^{\beta-1}}{\Gamma(\beta)} ds\right) = L(t)\left(1 + \frac{t^\beta}{\Gamma(\beta+1)}\right), \quad t \in I, \quad (3.1)$$

$$M_0 = \int_0^1 M(t) dt. \quad (3.2)$$

Theorem 3.3. Assume that Hypothesis 2.2 and Hypothesis 3.2 are satisfied and $M_1 M_0 < 1$. Let $y(\cdot) \in C(I, \mathbb{R})$ be such that $y(0) = y'(0) = 0$, $y(1) = \int_0^1 y(s) dA(s)$ and there exists $p(\cdot) \in L^1(I, \mathbb{R}_+)$ verifying $d(-D^{\alpha-\beta}y(t), F(t, I^\beta y(t), -y(t))) \leq p(t)$ a.e. (I).

Then there exists $x(\cdot)$ a solution of problem (2.1) satisfying for all $t \in I$

$$|x(t) - y(t)| \leq \frac{M_1}{1 - M_1 M_0} \int_0^1 p(t) dt. \quad (3.3)$$

Proof. The set-valued map $t \rightarrow F(t, I^\beta y(t), -y(t))$ is measurable with closed values and

$$F(t, I^\beta y(t), -y(t)) \cap \{-D^{\alpha-\beta}y(t) + p(t)[-1, 1]\} \neq \emptyset \quad \text{a.e. } (I).$$

It follows from Lemma 3.1 that there exists a measurable selection $f_1(t) \in F(t, I^\beta y(t), -y(t))$ a.e. (I) such that

$$|f_1(t) + D^{\alpha-\beta}y(t)| \leq p(t) \quad \text{a.e. } (I) \quad (3.4)$$

Define $x_1(t) = \int_0^1 H(t, s) f_1(s) ds$ and one has

$$|x_1(t) - y(t)| \leq M_1 \int_0^1 p(t) dt.$$

We claim that it is enough to construct the sequences $x_n(\cdot) \in C(I, \mathbb{R})$, $f_n(\cdot) \in L^1(I, \mathbb{R})$, $n \geq 1$ with the following properties

$$x_n(t) = \int_0^1 H(t, s) f_n(s) ds, \quad t \in I, \quad (3.5)$$

$$f_n(t) \in F(t, I^\beta x_{n-1}(t), -x_{n-1}(t)) \quad \text{a.e. } (I), \quad (3.6)$$

$$|f_{n+1}(t) - f_n(t)| \leq L(t)(|x_n(t) - x_{n-1}(t)| + \int_0^t \frac{(t-s)^{\beta-1}}{\Gamma(\beta)} |x_n(s) - x_{n-1}(s)| ds) \quad (3.7)$$

for almost all $t \in I$.

If this construction is realized then from (3.4)-(3.7) we have for almost all $t \in I$

$$|x_{n+1}(t) - x_n(t)| \leq M_1(M_1M_0)^n \int_0^1 p(t)dt \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Indeed, assume that the last inequality is true for $n - 1$ and we prove it for n . One has

$$\begin{aligned} |x_{n+1}(t) - x_n(t)| &\leq \int_0^1 |H(t, t_1)| \cdot |f_{n+1}(t_1) - f_n(t_1)| dt_1 \leq \\ M_1 \int_0^1 L(t_1) [|x_n(t_1) - x_{n-1}(t_1)| &+ \int_0^{t_1} \frac{(t_1 - s)^{\beta-1}}{\Gamma(\beta)} |x_n(s) - x_{n-1}(s)| ds] dt_1 \leq \\ M_1 \int_0^1 L(t_1) (1 + \int_0^{t_1} \frac{(t_1 - s)^{\beta-1}}{\Gamma(\beta)} ds) dt_1 \cdot M_1^n M_0^{n-1} \int_0^1 p(t) dt = \\ &= M_1(M_1M_0)^n \int_0^1 p(t) dt \end{aligned}$$

Therefore $\{x_n(\cdot)\}$ is a Cauchy sequence in the Banach space $C(I, \mathbb{R})$, hence converging uniformly to some $x(\cdot) \in C(I, \mathbb{R})$. Therefore, by (3.7), for almost all $t \in I$, the sequence $\{f_n(t)\}$ is Cauchy in \mathbb{R} . Let $f(\cdot)$ be the pointwise limit of $f_n(\cdot)$.

Moreover, one has

$$\begin{aligned} |x_n(t) - y(t)| &\leq |x_1(t) - y(t)| + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} |x_{i+1}(t) - x_i(t)| \leq \\ M_1 \int_0^1 p(t) dt + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} (M_1 \int_0^1 p(t) dt) (M_1M_0)^i &= \frac{M_1 \int_0^1 p(t) dt}{1 - M_1M_0}. \end{aligned} \tag{3.8}$$

On the other hand, from (3.4), (3.7) and (3.8) we obtain for almost all $t \in I$

$$\begin{aligned} |f_n(t) + D^{\alpha-\beta}y(t)| &\leq \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} |f_{i+1}(t) - f_i(t)| + \\ + |f_1(t) + D^{\alpha-\beta}y(t)| &\leq L(t) \frac{M_1 \int_0^1 p(t) dt}{1 - M_1M_0} + p(t). \end{aligned}$$

Hence the sequence $f_n(\cdot)$ is integrably bounded and therefore $f(\cdot) \in L^1(I, \mathbb{R})$.

Using Lebesgue's dominated convergence theorem and taking the limit in (3.5), (3.6) we deduce that $x(\cdot)$ is a solution of (2.1). Finally, passing to the limit in (3.8) we obtained the desired estimate on $x(\cdot)$.

It remains to construct the sequences $x_n(\cdot), f_n(\cdot)$ with the properties in (3.5)-(3.7). The construction will be done by induction.

Since the first step is already realized, assume that for some $N \geq 1$ we already constructed $x_n(\cdot) \in C(I, \mathbb{R})$ and $f_n(\cdot) \in L^1(I, \mathbb{R})$, $n = 1, 2, \dots, N$ satisfying (3.5), (3.7) for $n = 1, 2, \dots, N$ and (3.6) for $n = 1, 2, \dots, N - 1$. The set-valued map $t \rightarrow F(t, I^\beta x_N(t), -x_N(t))$ is measurable. Moreover,

the map $t \rightarrow L(t)(|x_N(t) - x_{N-1}(t)| + \int_0^t \frac{(t-s)^{\beta-1}}{\Gamma(\beta)} |x_N(s) - x_{N-1}(s)| ds)$ is measurable. By the Lipschitzianity of $F(t, \cdot)$ we have that for almost all $t \in I$

$$F(t, I^\beta x_N(t), -x_N(t)) \cap \{f_N(t) + L(t)(|x_N(t) - x_{N-1}(t)| + \int_0^t \frac{(t-s)^{\beta-1}}{\Gamma(\beta)} |x_N(s) - x_{N-1}(s)| ds)[-1, 1]\} \neq \emptyset.$$

Lemma 3.1 yields that there exists a measurable selection $f_{N+1}(\cdot)$ of $F(\cdot, I^\beta x_N(\cdot), -x_N(\cdot))$ such that

$$|f_{N+1}(t) - f_N(t)| \leq L(t)(|x_N(t) - x_{N-1}(t)| + \int_0^t \frac{(t-s)^{\beta-1}}{\Gamma(\beta)} |x_N(s) - x_{N-1}(s)| ds) \quad \text{a.e. } (I).$$

We define $x_{N+1}(\cdot)$ as in (3.5) with $n = N + 1$. Thus $f_{N+1}(\cdot)$ satisfies (3.6) and (3.7) and the proof is complete. \square

The assumption in Theorem 3.3 is satisfied, in particular, for $y(\cdot) = 0$ and therefore with $p(\cdot) = L(\cdot)$. We obtain the following consequence of Theorem 3.3.

Corollary 3.4. *Assume that Hypothesis 2.2 and Hypothesis 3.2 are satisfied, $d(0, F(t, 0, 0)) \leq L(t)$ a.e. (I) and $M_1 M_0 < 1$. Then there exists $x(\cdot)$ a solution of problem (2.1) satisfying for all $t \in I$*

$$|x(t)| \leq \frac{M_1}{1 - M_1 M_0} \int_0^1 p(t) dt. \quad (3.9)$$

Remark 3.5. In [1], Theorem 3.5 it is proved that if Hypothesis 2.2 and Hypothesis 3.2 are satisfied, $d(0, F(t, 0, 0)) \leq L(t)$ a.e. (I) , $F(\cdot, \cdot)$ has compact values and $M_1(1 + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\beta+1)}) \int_0^1 L(t) dt < 1$ then problem (2.1) has at least one solution.

Obviously, our Corollary 3.4 improves Theorem 3.5 in [1]. On one hand, we do not require that the values of $F(\cdot, \cdot)$ are compact; on the other hand

$$M_0 = \int_0^1 M(t) dt = \int_0^1 L(t) \left(1 + \frac{t^\beta}{\Gamma(\beta+1)}\right) dt < \left(1 + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\beta+1)}\right) \int_0^1 L(t) dt.$$

At the same time, the approach in [1] does not provide a priori bounds as in (3.9).

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