



## Fixed points for multivalued contractions with respect to a Pompeiu type metric

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### Abstract

The purpose of this paper is to present a fixed point theory for multivalued  $H^+$ -contractions from the following perspectives: existence/uniqueness of the fixed and strict fixed points, data dependence of the fixed point set, sequence of multivalued operators and fixed points, Ulam-Hyers stability of a multivalued fixed point equation, well-posedness of the fixed point problem, limit shadowing property for a multivalued operator, set-to-set operatorial equations and fractal operator theory. ©2017 All rights reserved.

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### 1. Introduction

Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space and  $\mathcal{P}(X)$  be the set of all subsets of  $X$ . We denote

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{P}(X) &:= \{Y \in \mathcal{P}(X) \mid Y \neq \emptyset\}, \\ \mathcal{P}_{cl}(X) &:= \{Y \in \mathcal{P}(X) \mid Y \text{ is closed}\}, \\ \mathcal{P}_{b,cl}(X) &:= \{Y \in \mathcal{P}(X) \mid Y \text{ is bounded and closed}\}, \\ \mathcal{P}_{cp}(X) &:= \{Y \in \mathcal{P}(X) \mid Y \text{ is compact}\}. \end{aligned}$$

By  $B(x, r)$  and respectively  $\tilde{B}(x, r)$  we will denote the open and respectively the closed ball centered at  $x \in X$  with radius  $r > 0$ .

The following (generalized) functionals are used in the main sections of the paper.

1. The gap functional generated by  $d$ :

$$D_d : \mathcal{P}(X) \times \mathcal{P}(X) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+ \cup \{\infty\}, \quad D_d(A, B) = \inf\{d(a, b) \mid a \in A, b \in B\}.$$

2. The diameter generalized functional:

$$\delta : \mathcal{P}(X) \times \mathcal{P}(X) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+ \cup \{\infty\}, \quad \delta(A, B) = \sup\{d(a, b) \mid a \in A, b \in B\}.$$

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3. The excess generalized functional:

$$\rho_d : P(X) \times P(X) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+ \cup \{\infty\}, \quad \rho_d(A, B) = \sup\{D_d(a, B) | a \in A\}.$$

4. The Hausdorff-Pompeiu generalized functional:

$$H_d : P(X) \times P(X) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+ \cup \{\infty\}, \quad H_d(A, B) = \max\{\rho_d(A, B), \rho_d(B, A)\}.$$

5. The Pompeiu generalized functional:

$$H_d^+ : P(X) \times P(X) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+ \cup \{\infty\}, \quad H_d^+(A, B) := \frac{1}{2}[\rho_d(A, B) + \rho_d(B, A)].$$

We will avoid the subscript  $_d$  when we work with just one metric  $d$  on  $X$ .

Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space. If  $T : X \rightarrow P(X)$  is a multivalued operator, then  $x \in X$  is called fixed point for  $T$  if and only if  $x \in T(x)$ . We denote by  $F_T$  the fixed point set of  $T$  and by  $(SF)_T$  the set of all strict fixed points of  $T$ , i.e., elements  $x \in X$  such that  $T(x) = \{x\}$ .

Concerning the Pompeiu functional  $H^+$  defined above, we have several properties.

**Lemma 1.1** ([13]). *The following conclusions take place:*

- (a)  $H^+$  is a metric on  $P_{b,cl}(X)$ ;
- (b)  $H^+$  is a generalized metric (in the sense that it can take also infinite values) on  $P_{cl}(X)$ .

Using the Pompeiu type functional  $H^+$ , the following notion was introduced in [13], see also [12].

**Definition 1.2** ([13]). Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space. A multivalued mapping  $T : X \rightarrow P_{b,cl}(X)$  is called  $H^+$ -contraction with constant  $\alpha$ , if

1. there exists a fixed real number  $\alpha$ ,  $0 < \alpha < 1$  such that for every  $x, y \in X$

$$H^+(T(x), T(y)) \leq \alpha d(x, y);$$

2. for every  $x \in X$ ,  $y \in T(x)$  and for every  $\epsilon > 0$  there exists  $z$  in  $T(y)$  such that

$$d(y, z) \leq H^+(T(x), T(y)) + \epsilon.$$

*Remark 1.3.* Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space. A multivalued mapping  $T : X \rightarrow P_{cl}(X)$  is called  $(H^+, \alpha)$ -Lipschitz if  $\alpha > 0$  and

$$H^+(T(x), T(y)) \leq \alpha d(x, y), \quad \forall x, y \in X.$$

If  $0 < \alpha < 1$ , then  $T$  is called a multivalued  $(H^+, \alpha)$ -contraction.

The purpose of this paper is to study different properties of the Pompeiu functional  $H^+$  and of the multivalued operators satisfying a Lipschitz condition with respect to  $H^+$ . The connections with some continuity notions for multivalued operators are also given. The second purpose of this paper is to extend the results given in [13], by presenting several properties of the fixed point set of multivalued  $H^+$ -contractions. Several other fixed point results and applications of it will be also given.

## 2. Properties of the Pompeiu type functional

Concerning the functional  $H^+$  defined above, we have some nice properties.

**Lemma 2.1** ([13]). *We have the following relations:*

$$\frac{1}{2}H(A, B) \leq H^+(A, B) \leq H(A, B),$$

(i.e.,  $H$  and  $H^+$  are strong equivalent metrics).

**Proposition 2.2** ([13]). *Let  $(X, \|\cdot\|)$  be a normed linear space. For any  $\lambda$  (real or complex),  $A, B \in P_{b,cl}(X)$*

1.  $H^+(\lambda A, \lambda B) = |\lambda|H^+(A, B)$ ;
2.  $H^+(A + a, B + a) = H^+(A, B)$ .

**Theorem 2.3** ([13]). If  $a, b \in X$  and  $A, B \in P_{b,cl}(X)$ , then the following relations hold:

1.  $d(a, b) = H^+(\{a\}, \{b\})$ ;
2.  $A \subset \bar{S}(B, r_1), B \subset \bar{S}(A, r_2) \Rightarrow H^+(A, B) \leq r$  where  $r = \frac{r_1+r_2}{2}$ .

**Theorem 2.4** ([13]). If the metric space  $(X, d)$  is complete, then  $(P_{cp}(X), H^+)$ ,  $(P_{b,cl}(X), H^+)$  and  $(P_{cl}(X), H^+)$  are complete too.

The following concept was introduced by Nadler jr. as follows.

**Definition 2.5.** Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space. A mapping  $T : X \rightarrow P_{cl}(X)$  is called a multivalued  $\alpha$ -contraction if  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$  and

$$H(T(x), T(y)) \leq \alpha d(x, y), \quad \forall x, y \in X.$$

Notice that any multivalued  $\alpha$ -contraction is an  $(H^+, \alpha)$ -contraction, but the reverse implication does not hold.

We will now introduce a similar concept. For this purpose, we recall now the concept of (strong) comparison function.

**Definition 2.6.** A mapping  $\varphi : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  is said to be a comparison function if it is increasing and  $\varphi^k(t) \rightarrow 0$ , as  $k \rightarrow +\infty$ .

As a consequence, we also have  $\varphi(t) < t$ , for each  $t > 0$ ,  $\varphi(0) = 0$  and  $\varphi$  is continuous in 0.

**Definition 2.7.** A mapping  $\varphi : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  is said to be a strong comparison function if it is a comparison function and  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \varphi^k(t) < \infty$ , for any  $t > 0$ .

With respect to the Pompeiu type functional  $H^+$ , we define the following concept.

**Definition 2.8.** Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space. Then, the multivalued operator  $T : X \rightarrow P_{b,cl}(X)$  is called a  $\varphi$ -contraction w.r.t.  $H^+$ , if

1.  $\varphi : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  is a strong comparison function;
2. for all  $x, y \in X$ , we have that

$$H^+(T(x), T(y)) \leq \varphi(d(x, y)).$$

In particular, if  $\varphi : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  is defined by  $\varphi(t) := kt$  (for some  $k \in [0, 1[)$ , then  $\varphi$  is a strong comparison function and the multivalued operator  $T$  is an  $(H^+, k)$ -contraction.

We recall now some useful concepts in the theory of multivalued operators.

**Definition 2.9** (see, for example, [1, 14]). Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space and  $T : X \rightarrow P_{b,cl}(X)$ . Then,  $T$  is called upper semi-continuous (briefly u.s.c.) in  $x \in X$ , if for any open subset  $U$  of  $X$  with  $F(x) \subset U$ , there exists  $\eta > 0$  such that  $T(B(x; \eta)) \subset U$ .  $T$  is u.s.c. on  $X$  if it is u.s.c. in each  $x \in X$ .

**Definition 2.10** ([1, 14]). Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space and  $T : X \rightarrow P_{b,cl}(X)$ . Then  $T$  is called lower semi-continuous (briefly l.s.c.) in  $x \in X$ , if for all  $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}^*} \subset X$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = x$  and for all  $y \in T(x)$ , there exists a sequence  $(y_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}^*} \subset X$  such that  $y_n \in T(x_n)$ , for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n = y$ .  $T$  is l.s.c. on  $X$  if it is l.s.c. in each  $x \in X$ .

**Definition 2.11** ([1, 14]). Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space.  $T : X \rightarrow P_{b,cl}(x)$  is called H-upper semi-continuous in  $x_0 \in X$  (H-u.s.c.) respectively H-lower semi-continuous (H-l.s.c.), if for each sequence  $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subset X$  such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = x_0,$$

we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \rho(T(x_n), T(x_0)) = 0, \quad \text{respectively} \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \rho(T(x_0), T(x_n)) = 0.$$

It is well-known that if  $T$  is u.s.c. in  $x \in X$ , then  $T$  is H-u.s.c. in  $x \in X$ , while if  $T$  is H-l.s.c. in  $x \in X$  implies that  $T$  is l.s.c. in  $x \in X$ .

**Definition 2.12** ([1, 14]). Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space and  $T : X \rightarrow P(X)$ . Then  $T$  is said to be with closed graph, if for each  $x \in X$  and for all  $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}^*} \subset X$  such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = x,$$

and for all  $(y_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}^*} \subset X$  with  $y_n \in T(x_n)$ , for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$  and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n = y,$$

we have  $y \in T(x)$ .

Some properties of a multivalued  $(H^+, \alpha)$ -Lipschitz operators are given now.

**Theorem 2.13.** Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space and  $T : X \rightarrow P_{b,cl}(X)$  be  $(H^+, \alpha)$ -Lipschitz. Then

1.  $T$  has closed graph in  $X \times X$ ;
2.  $T$  is H-l.s.c. on  $X$ ;
3.  $T$  is H-u.s.c. on  $X$ ;
4. If, additionally  $T$  has compact values, then  $T$  is l.s.c.

*Proof.*

(1) Let  $(x_n, y_n) \subset X \times X$  such that  $(x_n, y_n) \xrightarrow{d} (x, y)$ , when  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and  $y_n \in T(x_n)$ , for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} D(y, T(x)) &\leq d(y, y_n) + D(y_n, T(x)) \\ &\leq d(y, y_n) + H(T(x_n), T(x)) \\ &\leq d(y, y_n) + 2H^+(T(x_n), T(x)) \\ &\leq d(y, y_n) + 2kd(x_n, x), \quad n \in \mathbb{N}. \end{aligned}$$

Let us consider  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and we obtain

$$D(y, T(x)) \leq 0 \Rightarrow y \in \overline{T(x)} = T(x).$$

(2) Let  $x \in X$  such that  $x_n \rightarrow x$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} \rho(T(x), T(x_n)) &\leq H(T(x), T(x_n)) \\ &\leq 2 \cdot H^+(T(x), T(x_n)) \\ &\leq 2k \cdot d(x, x_n) \rightarrow 0. \end{aligned}$$

In conclusion,  $T$  is H-l.s.c. on  $X$ .

(3) Using the relation

$$\begin{aligned} \rho(T(x_n), T(x)) &\leq H(T(x_n), T(x)) \\ &\leq 2 \cdot H^+(T(x_n), T(x)) \\ &\leq 2k \cdot d(x, x_n) \rightarrow 0, \end{aligned}$$

we obtain that  $T$  is H-u.s.c. on  $X$ .

(4) The conclusion follows by the fact that any H-l.s.c. multivalued operator with compact values is l.s.c. (see [11]).  $\square$

**Lemma 2.14.** Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space and  $T : X \rightarrow P_{cp}(X)$  such that

$$H^+(T(x), T(y)) < d(x, y), \quad \forall x, y \in X, \quad x \neq y.$$

Then  $T$  is u.s.c. on  $X$ .

*Proof.* Let  $Z \subset Y$  be a closed set. We will prove that  $T^-(Z)$  is closed in  $X$ . Let  $x \in \overline{T^-(Z)} \setminus T^-(Z)$  and  $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subset X$  such that  $x_n \rightarrow x$ , when  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $x_n \neq x$ , for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $x_n \in T^-(Z)$ , for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . It follows  $T(x_n) \cap Z \neq \emptyset$ , for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Let  $(y_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \in T(x_n) \cap Z$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then

$$D(y_n, T(x)) \leq H_d(T(x_n), T(x)) \leq 2H^+(T(x_n), T(x)) < 2d(x_n, x).$$

If  $n \rightarrow \infty$  we get that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} D(y_n, T(x)) = 0.$$

But

$$D(y_n, T(x)) = \inf_{y \in T} d(y_n, y) = d(y_n, x'_n), \quad (\text{using the compactness of the set } T(x)).$$

When  $n \rightarrow \infty$  we have  $d(y_n, x'_n) \rightarrow 0$ . Because  $(x'_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subset T(x)$ , we obtain that there exists a subsequence  $(x'_{n_k})_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$  which converges to an element  $\bar{x} \in T(x)$ . Then

$$d(y_{n_k}, \bar{x}) \leq d(y_{n_k}, x'_{n_k}) + d(x'_{n_k}, \bar{x}) \text{ when } k \rightarrow \infty.$$

Hence,  $y'_{n_k} \rightarrow \bar{x} \in T(x)$ ,  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

Because  $(y'_{n_k})_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \subset Z$  and  $Z$  is closed, we obtain that  $\bar{x} \in Z$ . So  $T(x) \cap Z \neq \emptyset$ , which implies  $x \in T^-(Z)$ , a contradiction. In conclusion,  $\overline{T^-(Z)} = T^-(Z)$  and hence  $T^-(Z)$  is closed in  $X$ .  $\square$

### 3. MWP operators and multivalued $\alpha$ -contractions w.r.t. $H^+$

The following concepts appeared in [15].

**Definition 3.1.** Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space. Then,  $T : X \rightarrow P(X)$  is called a multivalued weakly Picard operator (briefly MWP operator) if for each  $x \in X$  and each  $y \in T(x)$  there exists a sequence  $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  in  $X$  such that:

1.  $x_0 = x$ ,  $x_1 = y$ ;
2.  $x_{n+1} \in T(x_n)$ , for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ;
3. the sequence  $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is convergent and its limit is a fixed point of  $T$ .

**Definition 3.2.** Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space and  $T : X \rightarrow P(X)$  be an MWP operator. Then we define the multivalued operator  $T^\infty : \text{Graph}(T) \rightarrow P(F_T)$  by the formula  $T^\infty(x, y) = \{z \in F_T \mid \text{there exists a sequence of successive approximations of } T \text{ starting from } (x, y) \text{ that converges to } z\}$ .

**Definition 3.3.** Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space and  $T : X \rightarrow P(X)$  an MWP operator. Then  $T$  is said to be a  $c$ -multivalued weakly Picard operator (briefly  $c$ -MWP operator) if and only if there exists a selection  $t^\infty$  of  $T^\infty$  such that

$$d(x, t^\infty(x, y)) \leq cd(x, y), \quad \forall (x, y) \in \text{Graph}(T).$$

We recall now the notion of multivalued Picard operator.

**Definition 3.4.** Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete metric space and  $T : X \rightarrow P(X)$ . By definition,  $T$  is called a multivalued Picard operator (briefly MP operator) if and only if

1.  $(SF)_T = F_T = \{x^*\}$ ;
2.  $T^n(x) \xrightarrow{H} \{x^*\}$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , for each  $x \in X$ .

Recall that, by definition, for  $(A_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \in P_{cl}(X)$ , we will write  $A_n \xrightarrow{H} A^*$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  if and only if  $H(A_n, A^*) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Notice also that

$$A_n \xrightarrow{H} A^* \in P_{cl}(X) \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty \text{ if and only if } A_n \xrightarrow{H^+} A^* \in P_{cl}(X) \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

The purpose of this section is to study some properties of the fixed point set of  $H^+$ -contraction with constant  $\alpha$  from the MWP operator theory point of view.

We will start by presenting some auxiliary results.

**Lemma 3.5** (see, for example, [14]). *Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space and  $A, B \in P_{cl}(X)$ . Suppose that there exists  $\eta > 0$  such that for each  $a \in A$  there exists  $b \in B$  such that  $d(a, b) \leq \eta$  and for each  $b \in B$  there exists  $a \in A$  such that  $d(a, b) \leq \eta$ . Then  $H(A, B) \leq \eta$ .*

**Lemma 3.6** ([14]). *Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space,  $A, B \in P(X)$  and  $q > 1$ . Then, for every  $a \in A$  there exists  $b \in B$  such that  $d(a, b) \leq qH(A, B)$ .*

**Lemma 3.7** ([11]). *Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space and  $A, B \in P_{cp}(X)$ . Then for every  $a \in A$  there exists  $b \in B$  such that  $d(a, b) \leq H(A, B)$ .*

**Lemma 3.8** ([16]). *Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space. If  $A, B \in P(X)$  and  $\epsilon > 0$  then for every  $a \in A$  there exists  $b \in B$  such that*

$$d(a, b) \leq H(A, B) + \epsilon.$$

**Lemma 3.9.** *Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space,  $A, B \in P_{cl}(X)$  and  $\epsilon > 0$ . If  $H^+(A, B) < \epsilon$ , then*

1. *for all  $a \in A$  there exists  $b \in B$  such that  $d(a, b) < \epsilon$ ; or*
2. *for all  $b \in B$  there exists  $a \in A$  such that  $d(a, b) < \epsilon$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose, by reductio ad absurdum, that

- (i) there exists  $a_0 \in A$ , for all  $b \in B$  such that  $d(a_0, b) \geq \epsilon$ ;
- (ii) there exists  $b_0 \in B$ , for all  $a \in A$  such that  $d(a, b_0) \geq \epsilon$ .

Then, taking  $\inf_{b \in B}$  in (i) and  $\inf_{a \in A}$  in (ii), we obtain  $D(a_0, B) \geq \epsilon$ . Since  $\rho(A, B) \geq D(a_0, B)$ , we get

$$\rho(A, B) \geq \epsilon.$$

On the other hand, we also have  $D(b_0, A) \geq \epsilon$ . Since  $\rho(B, A) \geq D(b_0, A)$ , we get

$$\rho(B, A) \geq \epsilon.$$

Adding the above relations and then dividing by 2, we obtain  $H^+(A, B) \geq \epsilon$ , which is a contradiction with  $H^+(A, B) < \epsilon$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 3.10** (Cauchy, see [17]). *Let  $(a_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  and  $(b_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  be two sequences of non-negative real numbers, such that*

$$\sum_{k=0}^{+\infty} a_k < +\infty, \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} b_n = 0.$$

Then,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=0}^n a_{n-k} b_k = 0.$$

**Theorem 3.11.** *Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete metric space and  $T : X \rightarrow P_{cl}(X)$  be a multivalued  $H^+$ -contraction with constant  $\alpha$ . Then we have*

(i)  $F_T \neq \emptyset$ .

(ii)  $T$  is a  $\frac{1}{1-\alpha}$ -MWP operator.

(iii) Let  $S : X \rightarrow P_{cl}(X)$  be an  $H^+$ -contraction with constant  $\alpha$  and  $\eta > 0$  such that  $H^+(S(x), T(x)) \leq \eta$ , for each  $x \in X$ . Then  $H^+(F_S, F_T) \leq \frac{2 \cdot \eta}{1 - \alpha}$ .

(iv) Let  $T_n : X \rightarrow P_{cl}(X)$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  be a sequence of multivalued  $H^+$ -contraction with constant  $\alpha$  such that  $T_n(x) \xrightarrow{H^+} T(x)$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , uniformly with respect to  $x \in X$ . Then,  $F_{T_n} \xrightarrow{H^+} F_T$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

If, additionally  $T(x) \in P_{cp}(X)$  for each  $x \in X$ , then we also have

(v) (Ulam-Hyers stability of the inclusion  $x \in T(x)$ ) Let  $\epsilon > 0$  and  $x \in X$  be such that  $D(x, T(x)) \leq \epsilon$ . Then there exists  $x^* \in F_T$  such that  $d(x, x^*) \leq \frac{\epsilon}{1 - \alpha}$ .

(vi) The fractal operator  $\hat{T} : P_{cp}(X) \rightarrow P_{cp}(X)$ ,  $\hat{T}(Y) := \bigcup_{x \in Y} T(x)$  is a  $2\alpha$ -contraction.

(vii) If, additionally,  $\alpha \in [0, \frac{1}{2}[$ , then  $F_{\hat{T}} = \{A_{\hat{T}}^*\}$  and  $T^n(x) \xrightarrow{H^+} A_{\hat{T}}^*$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , for each  $x \in X$ . Moreover,  $F_T \subset A_{\hat{T}}^*$ ,  $F_T$  is compact and

$$A_{\hat{T}}^* = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}^*} T^n(x), \quad \forall x \in F_T.$$

*Proof.*

(i) Let  $\epsilon > 0$  be given. Let  $x_0 \in X$  be arbitrary. Fix an element  $x_1 \in T(x_0)$ . From the definition of  $H^+$ -contraction with constant  $\alpha$  it follows that we can choose  $x_2 \in T(x_1)$  such that

$$d(x_1, x_2) \leq H^+(T(x_0), T(x_1)) + \epsilon.$$

In general, if  $x_n$  is chosen, then we choose  $x_{n+1} \in T(x_n)$  such that

$$d(x_n, x_{n+1}) \leq H^+(T(x_{n-1}), T(x_n)) + \epsilon.$$

Suppose  $H^+(T(x_{n-1}), T(x_n)) > 0$  for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$  (if not, i.e., if there is  $k \in \mathbb{N}^*$  such that

$$H^+(T(x_{k-1}), T(x_k)) = 0,$$

then  $x_k \in T(x_{k-1}) = T(x_k)$  is a fixed point for  $T$  and we are done). Let  $1 < q < \frac{1}{\alpha}$  and set

$$\epsilon_n := (q - 1)H^+(T(x_{n-1}), T(x_n)).$$

Then, from the above relation it follows that

$$d(x_n, x_{n+1}) \leq qH^+(T(x_{n-1}), T(x_n)).$$

Thus, if we set  $\beta := q\alpha < 1$ , we have

$$d(x_n, x_{n+1}) \leq qH^+(T(x_{n-1}), T(x_n)) \leq q\alpha d(x_{n-1}, x_n) = \beta d(x_{n-1}, x_n),$$

for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Repeating the same argument  $n$ -times we get a sequence of successive approximations for  $T$  starting from  $(x_0, x_1) \in \text{Graph}(T)$  such that, for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have

$$d(x_n, x_{n+1}) \leq \beta^n d(x_0, x_1).$$

Then,

$$d(x_n, x_{n+p}) \leq \beta^n \frac{1 - \beta^p}{1 - \beta} d(x_0, x_1), \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}^*, \quad p \in \mathbb{N}^*. \quad (3.1)$$

This implies that the sequence  $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is Cauchy and hence convergent in  $(X, d)$  to some  $x^* \in X$ . Notice that, by the contraction condition, we immediately get that  $\text{Graph}(T)$  is closed in  $X \times X$ . Hence  $x^* \in F_T$ .

(ii) By (3.1), letting  $p \rightarrow \infty$ , we get that

$$d(x_n, x^*) \leq \beta^n \frac{1}{1-\beta} d(x_0, x_1), \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}^*.$$

For  $n = 1$  we get

$$d(x_1, x^*) \leq \frac{\beta}{1-\beta} d(x_0, x_1).$$

Then

$$d(x_0, x^*) \leq d(x_0, x_1) + d(x_1, x^*) \leq \frac{1}{1-\beta} d(x_0, x_1) = \frac{1}{1-q\alpha} d(x_0, x_1).$$

Letting  $q \searrow 1$  we get that for each  $(x_0, x_1) \in \text{Graph}(T)$ , there exists  $x^* := t^\infty(x_0, x_1) \in F_T$  such that

$$d(x_0, t^\infty(x_0, x_1)) \leq \frac{1}{1-\alpha} d(x_0, x_1),$$

proving that  $T$  is a  $\frac{1}{1-\alpha}$ -multivalued weakly Picard operator.

(iii) Let  $x_0 \in S(x_0)$  and  $q > 1$ . Then, by Lemma 3.6, there exists  $x_1 \in T(x_0)$  such that

$$d(x_0, x_1) \leq qH(S(x_0), T(x_0)) \leq 2qH^+(S(x_0), T(x_0)) \leq 2q\eta.$$

Then, by (ii) and the above relation, we have proved that for each  $x_0 \in F_S$  there exists  $t^\infty(x_0, x_1) \in F_T$  such that

$$d(x_0, t^\infty(x_0, x_1)) \leq \frac{1}{1-\alpha} d(x_0, x_1) \leq \frac{1}{1-\alpha} 2q\eta.$$

Now Lemma 3.5 tells us that

$$\rho(F_S, F_T) \leq \frac{2q\eta}{1-\alpha}. \quad (3.2)$$

By a similar procedure we can prove that for each  $y_0 \in T(y_0)$  there exists  $y_1 \in S(y_0)$  such that

$$d(y_0, y_1) \leq qH(T(y_0), S(y_0)) \leq 2qH^+(T(y_0), S(y_0)) \leq 2q\eta.$$

Thus, we have proved that for each  $y_0 \in F_T$  there exists  $s^\infty(y_0, y_1) \in F_S$  such that

$$d(y_0, s^\infty(y_0, y_1)) \leq \frac{1}{1-\alpha} 2q\eta.$$

Again, Lemma 3.5 gives that

$$\rho(F_S, F_T) \leq \frac{2q\eta}{1-\alpha}. \quad (3.3)$$

Adding (3.2) and (3.3), and then dividing by 2, we get

$$H^+(F_S, F_T) \leq \frac{2q\eta}{1-\alpha}, \quad \forall q > 1.$$

Letting  $q \searrow 1$ , we get the conclusion.

(iv) Let  $\epsilon > 0$  be given and choose  $N_\epsilon \in \mathbb{N}$  such that for  $n \geq N_\epsilon$  we have

$$\sup_{x \in X} H^+(T_n(x), T(x)) < \epsilon, \quad n \geq N_\epsilon.$$

Then, from (iii), we have

$$H^+(F_{T_n}, F_T) < \frac{2\epsilon}{1-\alpha}, \quad \text{for all } n \geq N_\epsilon.$$

Thus,  $F_{T_n} \xrightarrow{H^+} F_T$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .



(v) Let  $\epsilon > 0$  and  $x \in X$  be such that  $D(x, T(x)) \leq \epsilon$ . Then, since  $T(x)$  is compact, there exists  $y \in T(x)$  such that  $d(x, y) \leq \epsilon$ . By the proof of (i), we have that

$$d(x, t^\infty(x, y)) \leq \frac{1}{1-\alpha} d(x, y).$$

Since  $x^* := t^\infty(x, y) \in F_T$ , we get the conclusion  $d(x, x^*) \leq \frac{\epsilon}{1-\alpha}$ .

(vi) By the contraction condition with respect to  $H^+$ , one obtains (see Theorem 2.13) that the operator  $T$  is  $H$ -u.s.c. Since  $T(x)$  is compact, for each  $x \in X$ , we obtain that  $T$  is upper semicontinuous. Thus  $T$  is u.s.c.

We will prove now that

$$H^+(T(A), T(B)) \leq 2\alpha H^+(A, B).$$

For this purpose, let  $u \in T(A)$ . Then there exists  $a \in A$  such that  $u \in T(a)$ . From Lemma 3.7 there exists  $b \in T(B)$  such that

$$d(a, b) \leq H_d(A, B).$$

Since

$$D(u, T(B)) \leq D(u, T(b)) \leq \rho(T(a), T(b)),$$

taking  $\sup_{u \in T(A)}$ , we get

$$\rho(T(A), T(B)) \leq \rho(T(a), T(b)).$$

Interchanging the roles of  $A$  and  $B$ , we get

$$\rho(T(B), T(A)) \leq \rho(T(b), T(a)).$$

Adding the above relations and then dividing by 2, we get

$$H^+(T(A), T(B)) \leq H^+(T(a), T(b)).$$

Thus,

$$H(T(A), T(B)) \leq 2H^+(T(A), T(B)) \leq 2\alpha d(a, b) \leq 2\alpha H(A, B), \quad \forall A, B \in P_{cp}(X).$$

(vii) By (vi) it follows that  $\hat{T}$  is a self-contraction (with constant  $2\alpha < 1$ ) on the complete metric space  $(P_{cp}(X), H)$ . By the contraction principle, we obtain that

$$F_{\hat{T}} = \{A_T^*\} \text{ and } \hat{T}^n(A) \xrightarrow{H} A_T^*, \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty, \text{ for each } A \in P_{cp}(X).$$

As a consequence of Lemma 2.1, we also get that  $\hat{T}^n(A) \xrightarrow{H^+} A_T^*$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , for each  $A \in P_{cp}(X)$ . In particular, if  $A := \{x\}$ , we get that  $T^n(x) = \hat{T}^n(x) \xrightarrow{H^+} A_T^*$  as  $n \rightarrow +\infty$ , for each  $x \in X$ . Let  $x \in F_T$  be arbitrary. Then  $x \in T(x) \subset T^2(x) \subset \dots \subset T^n(x) \subset \dots$ . Hence  $x \in T^n(x)$ , for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$ . Moreover,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} T^n(x) = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}^*} T^n(x)$ . By (vi), we immediately get that  $A_T^* = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}^*} T^n(x)$ . Hence

$$F_T \subset \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}^*} T^n(x) = A_T^*.$$

Since  $F_T$  is closed subset of the compact  $A_T^*$ , it follows that  $F_T$  is compact, too.  $\square$

Some new conclusions with respect to the fixed point and the strict fixed point sets are given in our next result.

**Theorem 3.12.** *Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete metric space and  $T : X \rightarrow P_{cl}(X)$  be a multivalued  $(H^+, \alpha)$ -contraction with  $(SF)_T \neq \emptyset$ . Then, the following assertions hold:*

$$(i) (SF)_T = \{x^*\}.$$

If additionally,  $\alpha \in [0, \frac{1}{2}[$ , then

$$(ii) F_T = (SF)_T = (SF_{T^n}) = \{x^*\}, \text{ for } n \in \mathbb{N}^*.$$

$$(iii) T^n(x) \xrightarrow{H^+} \{x^*\} \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty, \text{ for each } x \in X.$$

(iv) Let  $S : X \rightarrow P_{cl}(X)$  be a multivalued operator such that  $F_S \neq \emptyset$  and suppose there exists  $\eta > 0$  such that

$$H^+(S(x), T(x)) \leq \eta, \quad \forall x \in X.$$

Then

$$H^+(F_S, F_T) \leq \frac{2\eta}{1-2\alpha}.$$

(v) (Well-posedness of the fixed point problem w.r.t. to  $H^+$ ) If  $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is a sequence in  $X$  such that

$$H^+(x_n, T(x_n)) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty,$$

then  $x_n \xrightarrow{d} x^*$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

(vi) (Limit shadowing property of the multivalued operator) If  $(y_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is a sequence in  $X$  such that

$$D(y_{n+1}, T(y_n)) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty,$$

then there exists a sequence  $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subset X$  of successive approximations for  $T$ , such that  $d(x_n, y_n) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

*Proof.*

(i) Let  $x^* \in (SF)_T$ . Notice first that  $(SF)_T = \{x^*\}$ . Indeed, if  $z \in (SF)_T$  with  $z \neq x^*$ , then  $0 < d(x^*, z) = H^+(T(x^*), T(z)) \leq \alpha d(x^*, z)$ , which is a contradiction. Thus  $(SF)_T = \{x^*\}$ .

(ii) Suppose that  $y \in F_T$ . Then,

$$\begin{aligned} d(y, x^*) &= D(y, T(x^*)) \\ &\leq \rho(T(y), T(x^*)) \\ &\leq H(T(y), T(x^*)) \\ &\leq 2H^+(T(y), T(x^*)) \\ &\leq 2\alpha d(y, x^*). \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $y = x^*$  and  $F_T \subset (SF)_T$ . Since  $(SF)_T \subset F_T$ , we get that  $(SF)_T = F_T$ .

Notice now that  $x^* \in (SF)_{T^n}$ , for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$ . Consider  $y \in (SF)_{T^n}$ , for arbitrary  $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} d(x^*, y) &= H(T^n(x^*), T^n(y)) \\ &\leq 2\alpha H(T^{n-1}(x^*), T^{n-1}(y)) \\ &\leq (2\alpha)^2 H(T^{n-2}(x^*), T^{n-2}(y)) \\ &\quad \vdots \\ &\leq (2\alpha)^n d(x^*, y). \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $y = x^*$  and hence  $(SF)_T^n = \{x^*\}$ .

(iii) Let  $x \in X$  be arbitrarily chosen. Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} H^+(T^n(x), x^*) &= H^+(T^n(x), T^n(x^*)) \\ &\leq H(T^n(x), T^n(x^*)) \\ &\leq (2\alpha)H(T^{n-1}(x), T^{n-1}(x^*)) \\ &\vdots \\ &\leq (2\alpha)^n d(x, x^*) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty. \end{aligned}$$

(iv) Let  $y \in F_S$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} d(y, x^*) &\leq H(S(y), x^*) \\ &\leq 2H^+(S(y), x^*) \\ &\leq 2(H^+(S(y), T(y)) + H^+(T(y), x^*)) \\ &\leq 2(\eta + \alpha d(y, x^*)). \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $d(y, x^*) \leq \frac{2\eta}{1-2\alpha}$ . The conclusion follows by the relations

$$H^+(F_S, F_T) \leq \sup_{y \in F_S} d(y, x^*) \leq \frac{2\eta}{1-2\alpha}.$$

(v) Let  $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a sequence in  $X$  such that  $H^+(x_n, T(x_n)) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Then,

$$\begin{aligned} d(x_n, x^*) &\leq D(x_n, T(x_n)) + H_d(T(x_n), T(x^*)) \\ &\leq H_d(x_n, T(x_n)) + 2H^+(T(x_n), T(x^*)) \\ &\leq 2H^+(x_n, T(x_n)) + 2kd(x_n, x^*). \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$d(x_n, x^*) \leq \frac{2}{1-2k} H^+(x_n, T(x_n)) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

(vi) Let  $(y_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a sequence in  $X$  such that

$$D(y_{n+1}, T(y_n)) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Then, there exists  $u_n \in T(y_n)$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$d(y_{n+1}, u_n) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

We shall prove that  $d(y_n, x^*) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

We successively have

$$\begin{aligned} d(x^*, y_{n+1}) &\leq H(x^*, T(y_n)) + D(y_{n+1}, T(y_n)) \\ &\leq 2H^+(x^*, T(y_n)) + D(y_{n+1}, T(y_n)) \\ &\leq 2\alpha d(x^*, y_n) + D(y_{n+1}, T(y_n)) \\ &\leq 2\alpha[2\alpha d(x^*, y_{n-1}) + D(y_n, T(y_{n-1}))] + D(y_{n+1}, T(y_n)) \\ &\vdots \\ &\leq (2\alpha)^{n+1} d(x^*, y_0) + (2\alpha)^n D(y, T(y_0)) + \cdots + D(y_{n+1}, T(y_n)). \end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 3.10, the right hand side tends to 0 as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Thus,  $d(x^*, y_{n+1}) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

On the other hand, by the fact that  $T$  is an MWP operator, we know that there exists a sequence  $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  of successive approximations for  $T$  starting from arbitrary  $(x_0, x_1) \in \text{Graph}(T)$  which converges to a fixed point  $x^* \in X$  of the operator  $T$ . Since the fixed point is unique, we get that  $d(x_n, x^*) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Hence, for such a sequence  $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ , we have

$$d(y_n, x_n) \leq d(y_n, x^*) + d(x^*, x_n) \rightarrow 0, \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty. \quad \square$$

*Remark 3.13.* Similar results can be given for the case of multivalued  $\varphi$ -contraction w.r.t.  $H^+$ . The results of this type can be viewed as generalizations of some theorems given in [7].

We now give an application of the above results to the continuous dependence of the solution set for a Cauchy problem associated to a differential inclusion, with respect to the initial condition. The existence of a solution to the initial value problem

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}(t) \in T(t, x(t)), \\ x(0) = b, \end{cases} \quad (3.4)$$

was proved by Filippov [3] and Castaing [2] under certain conditions on  $T$ .

In [10], Markin proved a stability theorem on the set of solutions to (3.4) using the  $L^2$  norm, while Lim [9] proved a stability result in terms of the Hausdorff-Pompeiu functional. We will prove now a similar theorem using the sup norm and the Pompeiu functional generated by it.

We recall first the concept of solution.

**Definition 3.14.** Let  $D = [0, a] \times \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $T : D \rightarrow P(\mathbb{R}^n)$  be a continuous operator. Then, a mapping  $x : [0, a] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  is said to be a solution of the differential inclusion (3.4), if  $x$  is an absolutely continuous mapping and  $x'(t) \in T(t, x(t))$ , a.e. on  $[0, a]$ .

Let  $B$  be an origin-centered closed ball in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $P_{cl,cv}(B)$  endowed with the  $H^+$  metric generated by the Euclidean norm  $\|\cdot\|$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Let  $C[0, a]$  be the set of the continuous maps of  $[0, a]$  into  $\mathbb{R}^n$  with the sup norm  $\|\cdot\|_C$ .

Assume that  $T$  is a continuous map of  $[0, a] \times B$  into  $P_{cl,cv}(B)$  satisfying, for some  $k > 0$ , the condition

$$H^+(T(t, u), T(t, v)) \leq k\|u - v\|_C, \quad \forall t \in [0, a], \quad u, v \in B.$$

For  $b \in B$ , we will denote  $S(b)$  the set of solutions of (3.4) on  $[0, a]$ .  $S(b)$  is nonempty and compact, by [3] and [2].

**Theorem 3.15.** *If the following conditions hold:*

1.  $T : [0, a] \times B \rightarrow P_{cl,cv}(B)$  is continuous;
2. there exists  $k > 0$  such that

$$H^+(T(t, u), T(t, v)) \leq k\|u - v\|_C, \quad \forall t \in [0, a], \quad \forall u, v \in B \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n;$$

3.  $2ka < 1$ ,

then  $S(b)$  is continuous from  $B$  into the family of nonempty compact subsets of  $C[0, a]$  equipped with the  $H^+$  metric.

*Proof.* Suppose  $b_n \rightarrow b_0$ . For  $x \in C[0, a]$ , define

$$F(b, x) = \{y \in [0, a] : y(t) = b + \int_0^t z(s) ds, z(s) \in T(s, x(s))\}.$$

Let  $F_n(x) = F(b_n, x)$ ,  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ . Since  $F_0(x) = b_n - b_0 + F_n(x)$  it is obvious that  $F_n(x)$  converges uniformly to  $F_0(x)$ .  $F_n(x)$  is compact convex for each  $x$  and  $n$ . Given any pair  $x_1, x_2 \in C[0, a]$  and  $y_1 \in F(b, x_1)$ , let

$$y_1(t) = b + \int_0^t r_1(s) ds, \quad r_1(s) \in T(s, x_1(s)).$$

Define  $r_2(s)$  to be the point in  $T(s, x_2(s))$  nearest to  $r_1(s)$ , i.e.,  $r_2 \in T(s, x_2(s))$  and

$$\|r_1(s) - r_2(s)\| = \min\{\|r_1(s) - z\| \mid z \in T(s, x_2(s))\}.$$

It follows from the measurability of  $r_1(s)$  and the continuity of  $T(s, x_2(s))$  and the nearest point projection that  $r_2(s)$  is measurable.

Setting

$$y_2(t) = b + \int_0^t r_2(s) ds, \quad r_2(s) \in T(s, x_2(s)),$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|y_2 - y_1\| &\leq \int_0^a \|r_1(s) - r_2(s)\| ds \\ &= \int_0^a \min\{\|r_1(s) - z\|, z \in T(s, x_2(s))\} ds \\ &= \int_0^a D_{\|\cdot\|}(r_1(s), T(s, x_2(s))) ds \\ &\leq \int_0^a H_d(T(s, x_1(s)), T(s, x_2(s))) ds \\ &\leq \int_0^a 2H^+(T(s, x_1(s)), T(s, x_2(s))) ds \leq 2k \int_0^a \|x_1(s) - x_2(s)\| ds \\ &\leq 2ka \|x_1 - x_2\|_C. \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $F_n$  are  $\lambda$ -contraction with  $\lambda = 2ka < 1$ .

By (iv) of Theorem 3.11,  $F(T_n) \xrightarrow{H^+} F(T_0)$  i.e.,  $S(b_n) \xrightarrow{H^+} S(b_0)$ . □

More generally, we have the following result.

**Theorem 3.16.** For each  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ , let  $T_n$  be a continuous map of  $[0, a] \times B$  into  $C(B)$  satisfying, for some  $k > 0$ , the condition

$$H^+(T_n(t, u), T_n(t, v)) \leq k\|u - v\|_C, \quad \forall t \in [0, a], \quad \forall u, v \in B.$$

Assume that  $T_n \rightarrow T_0$  uniformly on  $[0, a] \times B$ . For each  $b \in B$  and  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ . Let  $S_n(b)$  be the set of solutions of

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}(t) \in T_n(t, x(t)), \\ x(0) = b. \end{cases}$$

If  $2ka < 1$  and  $b_n \rightarrow b_0$  in  $B$ , then  $S_n(b_n) \rightarrow S_0(b_0)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $b_n \rightarrow b_0$ . For  $x_n \in C[0, a]$ , define

$$F(b, x_n) = \{y_n \in [0, a] : y_n(t) = b + \int_0^t z_n(s) ds, z_n(s) \in T_n(s, x_n(s))\}.$$

Let  $F_n(x_n) = F(b_n, x_n)$ ,  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ . Since  $F_0(x) = b_n - b_0 + F_n(x)$  it is obvious that  $F_n(x)$  converges uniformly to  $F_0(x)$ .  $F_n(x)$  is compact convex for each  $x_n$  and  $n$ .

Given any pair  $x_n^{(1)}, x_n^{(2)} \in C[0, a]$  and  $y_n^{(1)} \in F(b, x_n^{(1)})$ , let

$$y_n^{(1)}(t) = b + \int_0^t r_n^{(1)}(s) ds, \quad r_n^{(1)}(s) \in T_n(s, x_n^{(1)}(s)).$$

Define  $r_n^{(2)}(s)$  to be the point in  $T_n(s, x_n^{(2)}(s))$  nearest to  $r_n^{(1)}(s)$ , i.e.,  $r_n^{(2)} \in T_n(s, x_n^{(2)}(s))$  and

$$\|r_n^{(1)}(s) - r_n^{(2)}(s)\| = \min\{\|r_n^{(1)}(s) - z_n\| \mid z_n \in T_n(s, x_n^{(2)}(s))\}.$$

It follows from the measurability of  $r_n^{(1)}(s)$  and the continuity of  $T_n(s, x_n^{(2)}(s))$  and the nearest point pro-

jection that  $r_n^{(2)}(s)$  is measurable.

Setting

$$y_n^{(2)}(t) = b + \int_0^t r_n^{(2)}(s) ds, \quad r_n^{(2)}(s) \in T_n(s, x_n^{(2)}(s)),$$

we have

$$\|y_n^{(2)} - y_n^{(1)}\| \leq 2ka \|x_n^{(1)} - x_n^{(2)}\|_C.$$

Thus  $F_n$  are  $\lambda$ -contraction with  $\lambda = 2ka < 1$ .

By (iv) of Theorem 3.11, we have  $F(T_n) \xrightarrow{H^+} F(T_0)$ , i.e.,  $S_n(b_n) \xrightarrow{H^+} S_n(b_0)$ .  $\square$

Next, an application to Ulam-Hyers stability of the inclusion  $x \in T(x)$  ((v) of Theorem 3.11) is given. The notion of Ulam-Hyers stability for a differential inclusion is defined as follows.

**Definition 3.17.** Let

$$x' \in T(t, x(t)), \quad t \in [0, a], \quad (3.5)$$

and  $T : [0, a] \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow P_{cl,cv}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  be a continuous operator. We say that (3.5) is Ulam-Hyers stable if for any  $\epsilon > 0$ , any  $y \in C[0, a]$  and any  $\epsilon$ -solution of (3.5) (which means that

$$D\left(y(t), y(0) + \int_0^t T(s, y(s)) ds\right) \leq \epsilon, \quad t \in [0, a],$$

there exists a solution  $x^*$  of (3.5) and  $c > 0$  such that  $\|x^* - y\| \leq c \cdot \epsilon$ .

**Definition 3.18.** Let  $F : [0, a] \rightarrow P_c l(\mathbb{R}^n)$  be a measurable multivalued operator. If  $L^1([0, a], \mathbb{R}^n)$  denotes the set of all measurable and integrable mappings from  $[0, a]$  to  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , then  $S_F$  will denote the set of all integrable selections of  $F$ , i.e.,

$$S_F := \{f \in L^1([0, a], \mathbb{R}^n) \mid f(t) \in F(t), \text{ a.e. } t \in [0, a]\}.$$

*Remark 3.19.* In particular, if  $x : [0, a] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $T : [0, a] \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow P_{cl}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ , then the set of all integrable selections of  $T$  will be denoted by

$$S_{T(\cdot, x(\cdot))} := \{f \in L^1([0, a], \mathbb{R}^n) \mid f(t) \in T(t, x(t)) \text{ a.e. } t \in [0, a]\}.$$

**Theorem 3.20.** Let us consider the inclusion (3.5). We assume:

- (a)  $T : [0, a] \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow P_{cl,cv}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  is a continuous, measurable and integrably bounded multivalued operator.
- (b) There exists  $L > 0$  such that

$$H^+(T(t, u_1), T(t, u_2)) \leq L \|u_1 - u_2\|, \quad \forall (t, u_1), (t, u_2) \in [0, a] \times \mathbb{R}^n.$$

Then the differential inclusion (3.5) with initial condition  $x(0) = x^0$  has at least one solution. Moreover the differential inclusion (3.5) is Ulam-Hyers stable.

*Proof.* Let us define  $U : C[0, a] \rightarrow P(C[0, a])$ ,  $u \rightarrow Ux$  and  $Ux(t) := b + \int_0^t T(s, x(s)) ds$ ,  $t \in [0, a]$ . We notice that, since  $T$  is u.s.c., (3.5) is equivalent with the fixed point problem

$$x \in Ux. \quad (3.6)$$

We will show that the fixed point problem (3.6) is Ulam-Hyers stable.

Let  $y, z \in C[a, b]$  and  $u_1 \in Ux$ . Then  $u_1 \in C[0, a]$  and

$$u_1(t) \in x(0) + \int_0^t T(s, x(s)) ds \text{ a.e. on } [0, a].$$

It follows that there is a mapping  $k_y \in S_{T(\cdot, y(\cdot))}$  such that

$$u_1(t) = x(0) + \int_0^t k_x(s) ds \quad \text{a.e. on } [0, a].$$

Since

$$H^+(T(t, x(t)), T(t, y(t))) \leq L\|x(t) - y(t)\|,$$

one obtains that there exists  $w \in T(t, y(t))$  such that

$$\|k_x(t) - w\| \leq H(T(t, x(t)), T(t, y(t))) \leq 2H^+(T(t, x(t)), T(t, y(t))) \leq 2L\|x(t) - y(t)\|.$$

Thus the multivalued operator  $G$  defined by  $G(t) = T_y(t) \cup K(t)$  (where  $T_y(t) = T(t, y(t))$ ) and

$$K(t) = \{w \mid \|k_x(t) - w\| \leq 2L\|x(t) - y(t)\|\},$$

has nonempty values and is measurable.

Let  $k_z$  be a measurable selection for  $G$  (which exists by Kuratowski and Ryll Nardzewski's selection theorem). Then  $k_y(t) \in T(t, y(t))$  and

$$\|k_x(t) - k_y(t)\| \leq 2L\|x(t) - y(t)\|, \quad \text{a.e. on } [0, a].$$

Define  $u_2 = x(0) + \int_0^t k_y(s) ds$ . It follows that  $u_2 \in U_y$  and

$$\begin{aligned} \|u_1(t) - u_2(t)\| &\leq \int_0^t \|k_x(s) - k_y(s)\| ds \\ &\leq 2L \int_0^t \|x(s) - y(s)\| ds \\ &= 2L \int_0^t \|x(s) - y(s)\| \cdot e^{-\tau(s-a)} \cdot e^{\tau(s-a)} ds \\ &\leq 2L\|x - y\|_B \int_0^t e^{\tau(s-a)} ds \\ &\leq \frac{2L}{\tau} e^{\tau(s-a)} \|x - y\|_B. \end{aligned}$$

Here  $\|\cdot\|_B$  denotes the Bielecki-type norm on  $C[0, a]$ . Finally, we have that

$$\|u_1 - u_2\|_B \leq \frac{2L}{\tau} \|x - y\|_B.$$

From this and the analogous inequality obtained by interchanging the roles  $x$  and  $y$  and adding them and then dividing by 2 we get that

$$H^+(U_x, U_y) \leq \frac{2L}{\tau} \|x - y\|_B, \quad \forall x, y \in C[0, a].$$

Taking  $\tau > 2L$ , it follows that  $U$  is multivalued  $(H^+, \alpha)$ -contraction. □

#### 4. Continuation results for multivalued $(H^+, \alpha)$ -contractions

In this section, we present a local result and a continuation result for a special kind of multivalued  $(H^+, \alpha)$ -contractions. Following Kirk and Shahzad ([6]), we will replace the second condition of the Definition 1.2:

(\*) for every  $x \in X$ ,  $y \in T(x)$  and for every  $\epsilon > 0$  there exists  $z$  in  $T(y)$  such that

$$d(y, z) \leq H^+(T(x), T(y)) + \epsilon,$$

with the following one:

(\*\*) for every  $x \in X$  and every  $y \in T(x)$  we have that

$$D(y, T(y)) \leq H^+(T(x), T(y)).$$

Notice that (\*\*) implies (\*). Moreover if we consider the following condition:

(\*\*\*) for every  $\epsilon > 0$ , for every  $x \in X$ ,  $y \in T(x)$  there exists  $z$  in  $T(y)$  such that

$$d(y, z) \leq H^+(T(x), T(y)) + \epsilon.$$

Then it is easy to see that (\*\*) is equivalent with (\*\*\*). In this last case, we also notice that for each  $x \in X$  and every  $y \in T(x)$  we have  $\rho(T(x), T(y)) \leq H^+(T(x), T(y))$ . As a consequence,  $\rho(T(x), T(y)) \leq \rho(T(y), T(x))$  and so

$$H^+(T(x), T(y)) \leq \rho(T(y), T(x)), \quad \forall x \in X, \quad y \in T(x).$$

Homotopy results for multivalued operators of contractive types are well-known in the literature, see [4, 5, 8]. This approach is applied in all cases on a local fixed point theorem. The first result of this section is the following local fixed point theorem.

**Theorem 4.1.** *Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete metric space,  $x_0 \in X$ ,  $r > 0$  and  $T : \tilde{B}(x_0, r) \rightarrow P_{cl}(X)$  is a multivalued operator. We suppose that:*

(i)  *$T$  is a multivalued  $(H^+, \alpha)$ -contraction, i.e.,  $\alpha \in ]0, 1[$  and*

$$H^+(T(x), T(y)) \leq \alpha d(x, y), \quad \forall x, y \in X;$$

(ii) *for every  $x \in X$  and every  $y \in T(x)$  we have that  $D(y, T(y)) \leq H^+(T(x), T(y))$ ;*

(iii)  $D(x_0, T(x_0)) < (1 - \alpha)r$ .

*Then, there exists  $x^* \in \tilde{B}(x_0, r)$  such that  $x^* \in T(x^*)$ .*

*Proof.* Notice first that, by (iii), we can find an element  $x_1 \in T(x_0)$  such that  $d(x_0, x_1) < (1 - \alpha)r$ . Clearly  $x_1 \in \tilde{B}(x_0, r)$ . Now, for arbitrary  $\epsilon > 0$ , by (ii) and (i), it follows that we can choose  $x_2 \in T(x_1)$  such that

$$d(x_1, x_2) < D(x_1, T(x_1)) + \epsilon \leq H^+(T(x_0), T(x_1)) + \epsilon \leq \alpha d(x_0, x_1) + \epsilon.$$

If we take  $\epsilon := \alpha[(1 - \alpha)r - d(x_0, x_1)] > 0$ , then we get that

$$d(x_1, x_2) < \alpha(1 - \alpha)r.$$

Moreover  $d(x_2, x_0) \leq d(x_0, x_1) + d(x_1, x_2) < (1 - \alpha)r + \alpha(1 - \alpha)r = (1 - \alpha^2)r$ , proving that  $x_2 \in \tilde{B}(x_0, r)$ . Using this procedure (taking at each step  $k \geq 2$ , for the construction of  $x_k$ , the value of  $\epsilon$  as  $\epsilon_k := \alpha[\alpha^{k-2}(1 - \alpha)r - d(x_{k-2}, x_{k-1})]$ ), we obtain a sequence  $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  having the properties:

- (1)  $d(x_0, x_n) < (1 - \alpha^n)r$ , for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$  (i.e.,  $x_n \in \tilde{B}(x_0, r)$ , for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$ );
- (2)  $x_{n+1} \in T(x_n)$ , for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ;
- (3)  $d(x_n, x_{n+1}) < \alpha^n(1 - \alpha)r$ , for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .



Then, by (3), we get that the sequence  $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is Cauchy in  $(X, d)$  and hence it converges in  $(X, d)$  to some  $x^* \in \tilde{B}(x_0, r)$ . By Theorem 2.13, we have that  $T : \tilde{B}(x_0, r) \rightarrow P_{cl}(X)$  has closed graph, thus we immediately get, by (2), that  $x^* \in T(x^*)$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . □

**Theorem 4.2.** *Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete metric space. Let  $U$  be an open subset of  $(X, d)$ . Let  $G : U \times [0, 1] \rightarrow P(X)$  be a multivalued operator such that the following conditions are satisfied:*

1.  $x \notin G(x, t)$  for each  $x \in \partial B$  and each  $t \in [0, 1]$ ;
2. there exists  $\alpha \in [0, 1[$  such that for each  $t \in [0, 1]$  and each  $x, y \in U$  we have

$$H^+(G(x, t), G(y, t)) \leq \alpha d(x, y);$$

3. there exists a continuous increasing function  $\phi : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that

$$H^+(G(x, t), G(x, s)) < |\phi(t) - \phi(s)|, \quad \forall t, s \in [0, 1], \quad t \neq s, \quad \forall x \in U;$$

4.  $G : U \times [0, 1] \rightarrow P((X, d))$  is closed.

Then  $G(\cdot, 0)$  has a fixed point if and only if  $G(\cdot, 1)$  has a fixed point.

*Proof.* Let us consider the set  $Q = \{(t, x) \in [0, 1] \times U : x \in G(x, t)\}$ . Clearly  $Q \neq \emptyset$ , since  $(0, z) \in Q$  where  $z \in G(z, 0)$ . On  $Q$  we define the partial order

$$(t, x) \leq (s, y) \text{ if and only if } t \leq s \text{ and } d(x, y) \leq \frac{2}{1-\alpha}(\phi(s) - \phi(t)).$$

Let  $P$  be a totally ordered subset of  $Q$ . Define  $t^* = \sup\{t : (t, x) \in P\}$ .

Taking a sequence  $\{(t_n, x_n)\}$  in  $P$  such that

$$(t_n, x_n) \leq (t_{n+1}, x_{n+1}) \quad \text{and} \quad t_n \rightarrow t^* \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

We have

$$d(x_m, x_n) \leq \frac{2}{1-\alpha}(\phi(t_m) - \phi(t_n)), \quad \text{for } m > n, \quad m, n \in \mathbb{N}^*.$$

Thus,  $\{x_n\}$  is a Cauchy sequence, and hence converges to some  $x \in \tilde{U}$ . Since  $x_n \in G(x_n, t_n)$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$  and  $G$  is closed, we have  $x^* \in G(x^*, t^*)$ . Thus  $(t^*, x^*) \in Q$ .

Since  $P$  is totally ordered we get  $(t, x) \leq (t^*, x^*)$  for each  $(t, x) \in P$ . That means that  $(t^*, x^*)$  is a bound of  $P$ . It follows from Zorn's Lemma that  $Q$  admits a maximal element  $(t_0, x_0) \in Q$ .

To complete the proof, we have to show that  $t_0 = 1$ . Suppose this is false. Then, we can choose  $r > 0$  and  $t \in (t_0, 1]$  such that  $\tilde{B}(x_0, r)$  and  $r := \frac{2}{1-\alpha}(\phi(t) - \phi(t_0))$ . It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} D(x_0, G(x_0, t)) &\leq \rho(G(x_0, t_0), G(x_0, t)) \\ &\leq H(G(x_0, t_0), G(x_0, t)) \\ &\leq 2H^+(G(x_0, t_0), G(x_0, t)) \\ &< \phi(t) - \phi(t_0) = (1-\alpha)r. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\tilde{B}(x_0, r) \subset U$ , the multivalued operator  $G(\cdot, t) : \tilde{B}(x_0, r) \rightarrow P_{cl}(X)$  satisfies, for all  $t \in [0, 1]$  the assumptions of Theorem 4.1. Hence, for all  $t \in [0, 1]$ , there exists  $x \in \tilde{B}(x_0, r)$  such that  $x \in G(x, t)$ . Thus  $(t, x) \in Q$ .

Since  $d(x_0, x) \leq r = \frac{2}{1-\alpha}(\phi(t) - \phi(t_0))$  we immediately get  $(t_0, x_0) < (t, x)$ . This is a contradiction with the maximality of  $(t_0, x_0)$ .

Conversely, if  $G(\cdot, 1)$  has a fixed point, then putting  $t := 1 - t$  and using the first part of the proof we get the conclusion. □

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