

# Existence, Uniqueness and Data Dependence for the Solutions of some Integro-Differential Equations of Mixed Type in Banach Space

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**Abstract.** In this paper we study existence, uniqueness and data dependence for the solutions of some integro-differential equations of mixed type in Banach space by using Picard and weakly Picard operators' technique and suitable Bielecki norms.

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## 1. Introduction

Ordinary differential equations, functional differential equations with or without deviating argument and equations in abstract spaces have been studied in many papers. In the papers [3, 6] theorems about the existence and uniqueness of solutions of some abstract nonlinear non-local Cauchy problems in Banach spaces were considered and in the paper [4] a theorem about the existence of an approximate solution to an abstract nonlinear non-local Cauchy problem in a Banach space was given, too. We remark in the same field the monographs [5, 9, 11 - 13].

Integro-differential equations of mixed type in Banach spaces have been studied in the papers [7, 10], and integro-differential equations of mixed type with impulses in Banach spaces were considered in the paper [14], too. Fredholm-Volterra integral equations in relationship with Maia's theorem were considered in the paper [16].

The aim of the present paper is to obtain existence, uniqueness and data dependence results for the solutions of some integro-differential equations of

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mixed type in Banach space. To do this we use Picard and weakly Picard operators' technique due to I. A. Rus (see [18 - 22]). So, our technique is different from those used in the papers quoted above.

Let  $(X, \|\cdot\|)$  be a Banach space. Consider the problem

$$\left. \begin{aligned} x'(t) &= f\left(t, x(t), \int_0^t K_1(t, s)x(s) ds, \int_0^T K_2(t, s)x(s) ds\right) \\ x(0) &= x_0 \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (1)$$

on  $[0, T]$ , where  $f \in C([0, T] \times X^3, X)$ ,  $K_i \in C(D_i, \mathbb{R})$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ) and  $x_0 \in X$ . Here

$$D_1 = \{(t, s) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : 0 \leq s \leq t \leq T\}$$

$$D_2 = [0, T] \times [0, T].$$

It is well known that  $x \in C^1([0, T], X)$  is a solution of problem (1) if and only if  $x$  is a solution in  $C([0, T], X)$  of the integro-differential equation

$$x(t) = x_0 + \int_0^t f\left(\xi, x(\xi), \int_0^\xi K_1(\xi, s)x(s) ds, \int_0^T K_2(\xi, s)x(s) ds\right) d\xi \quad (2)$$

on  $[0, T]$ .

In [10] the author combines topological degree theory and monotone iterative technique given in [12] to investigate the existence of solutions and also minimal and maximal solutions of problem (1). In the present paper we consider suitable Bielecki norms in a convenient space and obtain existence, uniqueness and data dependence results for the solutions of equation (2) which is equivalent to problem (1).

In [7] the authors study the existence of solutions of the abstract non-local integro-differential Cauchy problem in arbitrary Banach spaces

$$\left. \begin{aligned} x'(t) &= f\left(t, x(t), \int_0^t K_1(t, s)x(s) ds, \int_0^T K_2(t, s)x(s) ds\right) \\ x(0) &= x_0 - \sum_{i=1}^p c_i x(t_i) \end{aligned} \right\}$$

on  $[0, T]$ , where  $f \in C([0, T] \times X^3, X)$ ,  $0 < t_1 < t_2 < \dots < t_p \leq T$ ,  $c_i \neq 0$ ,  $p \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $x_0 \in X$ . This problem is equivalent to the integro-differential equation

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) &= x_0 - \sum_{i=1}^p c_i x(t_i) \\ &+ \int_0^t f\left(\xi, x(\xi), \int_0^\xi K_1(\xi, s)x(s) ds, \int_0^T K_2(\xi, s)x(s) ds\right) d\xi \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

on  $[0, T]$ . For this purpose, the Kuratowski measure of non-compactness, fixed point principles and a monotone iterative technique were applied. We remark that the weakly Picard operators technique can be used to prove existence of solutions to equation (3).

## 2. Preliminaries

Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space and  $A : X \rightarrow X$  an operator. We shall use the following notations:

$$P(X) = \{Y \subseteq X \mid Y \neq \emptyset\}$$

$$F_A = \{x \in X \mid A(x) = x\} - \text{the fixed point set of } A$$

$$I(A) = \{Y \in P(X) \mid A(Y) \subseteq Y\}$$

$$O_A(x) = \{x, A(x), A^2(x), \dots, A^n(x), \dots\} - \text{the } A\text{-orbit of } x \in X$$

$$H : P(X) \times P(X) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+ \cup \{+\infty\}$$

$$H(Y, Z) = \max \left( \sup_{a \in Y} \inf_{b \in Z} d(a, b), \sup_{b \in Z} \inf_{a \in Y} d(a, b) \right)$$

– the Pompeiu-Hausdorff functional on  $P(X)$ .

**Definition 2.1** (Rus [18]). Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space. An operator  $A : X \rightarrow X$  is a *Picard operator* if there exists  $x^* \in X$  such that  $F_A = \{x^*\}$  and the sequence  $(A^n(x_0))_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  converges to  $x^*$  for all  $x_0 \in X$ .

**Definition 2.2** (Rus [19]). Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space. An operator  $A : X \rightarrow X$  is a *weakly Picard operator* if the sequence  $(A^n(x_0))_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  converges for all  $x_0 \in X$  and its limit (which may depend on  $x_0$ ) is a fixed point of  $A$ .

If  $A$  is a weakly Picard operator, then we consider the operator

$$A^\infty : X \rightarrow X, \quad A^\infty(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} A^n(x).$$

The following results are useful in what follows:

**Theorem 2.1** [17]. Let  $(Y, d)$  be a complete metric space and  $A, B : Y \rightarrow Y$  two operators. We suppose the following:

- (i)  $A$  is a contraction with contraction constant  $\alpha$  and  $F_A = \{x_A^*\}$ .
- (ii)  $B$  has fixed points and  $x_B^* \in F_B$ .
- (iii) There exists  $\eta > 0$  such that  $d(A(x), B(x)) \leq \eta$ , for all  $x \in Y$ .

Then  $d(x_A^*, x_B^*) \leq \frac{\eta}{1-\alpha}$ .

**Theorem 2.2** [22]. Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete metric space and  $A, B : X \rightarrow X$  two orbitally continuous operators. We suppose the following:

(i) There exists  $\alpha \in [0, 1)$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} d(A^2(x), A(x)) &\leq \alpha d(x, A(x)) \\ d(B^2(x), B(x)) &\leq \alpha d(x, B(x)) \end{aligned} \quad (x \in X).$$

(ii) There exists  $\eta > 0$  such that  $d(A(x), B(x)) \leq \eta$  for all  $x \in X$ .

Then  $H(F_A, F_B) \leq \frac{\eta}{1-\alpha}$  where  $H$  denotes the Pompeiu-Hausdorff functional.

**Theorem 2.3** [19]. Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space. Then  $A : X \rightarrow X$  is a weakly Picard operator if and only if there exists a partition  $X = \bigcup_{\lambda \in \Lambda} X_\lambda$  of  $X$  such that

(a)  $X_\lambda \in I(A)$

(b)  $A|_{X_\lambda} : X_\lambda \rightarrow X_\lambda$  is a Picard operator, for all  $\lambda \in \Lambda$ .

Consider a Banach space  $(X, \|\cdot\|)$ , let  $\|\cdot\|_B$  and  $\|\cdot\|_C$  be the Bielecki and Chebyshev norms on  $C([0, T], X)$  defined by

$$\|x\|_B = \max_{t \in [0, T]} \|x(t)\| e^{-\tau t} \quad (\tau > 0) \quad \text{and} \quad \|x\|_C = \max_{t \in [0, T]} \|x(t)\|$$

and denote by  $d_B$  and  $d_C$  their corresponding metrics. We consider the set

$$C_L([0, T], X) = \left\{ x \in C([0, T], X) \left| \begin{array}{l} \|x(t_1) - x(t_2)\| \leq L|t_1 - t_2| \\ \text{for all } t_1, t_2 \in [0, T] \end{array} \right. \right\}$$

where  $L > 0$  and  $B_R = \{x \in X : \|x\| \leq R\}$  with  $R > 0$ . If  $d \in \{d_C, d_B\}$ , then  $(C([0, T], X), d)$  and  $(C_L([0, T], X), d)$  are complete metric spaces.

### 3. A integro-differential equation of mixed type

Consider equation (2). Denote  $k_i = \max_{(t,s) \in D_i} |K_i(t, s)|$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ). We have

**Theorem 3.1.** Suppose the following:

(i)  $f \in C([0, T] \times X^3, X)$ .

(ii) There exists a constant  $M > 0$  such that  $\|f(s, u, v, w)\| \leq M$  for all  $u, v, w \in X$  and all  $s \in [0, T]$ .

(iii)  $M \leq L$ .

(iv) There exists a constant  $L_0 > 0$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} \|f(s, u_1, v_1, w_1) - f(s, u_2, v_2, w_2)\| \\ \leq L_0 (\|u_1 - u_2\| + \|v_1 - v_2\| + \|w_1 - w_2\|) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $u_i, v_i, w_i \in X$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ) and all  $s \in [0, T]$ .

(v) There exists a constant  $\tau > 0$  such that  $\frac{L_0}{\tau} \left(1 + \frac{k_1}{\tau} + k_2 T e^{\tau T}\right) < 1$ .

Then equation (2) has a unique solution  $x^*$  in  $C_L([0, T], X)$ , and this solution can be obtained by the successive approximation method, starting from any element of  $C_L([0, T], X)$ .

**Proof.** Consider the continuous operator

$$A : (C_L([0, T], X), \|\cdot\|_B) \rightarrow (C_L([0, T], X), \|\cdot\|_B)$$

defined by

$$\begin{aligned} A(x)(t) &= x_0 + \int_0^t f\left(\xi, x(\xi), \int_0^\xi K_1(\xi, s)x(s) ds, \int_0^T K_2(\xi, s)x(s) ds\right) d\xi. \end{aligned}$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} &\|A(x)(t) - A(z)(t)\| \\ &\leq \int_0^t \left\| f\left(\xi, x(\xi), \int_0^\xi K_1(\xi, s)x(s) ds, \int_0^T K_2(\xi, s)x(s) ds\right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - f\left(\xi, z(\xi), \int_0^\xi K_1(\xi, s)z(s) ds, \int_0^T K_2(\xi, s)z(s) ds\right) \right\| d\xi \\ &\leq L_0 \int_0^t \left[ \|x(\xi) - z(\xi)\| + \left\| \int_0^\xi K_1(\xi, s)(x(s) - z(s)) ds \right\| \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \left\| \int_0^T K_2(\xi, s)(x(s) - z(s)) ds \right\| \right] d\xi \\ &\leq L_0 \left[ \int_0^t \|x(\xi) - z(\xi)\| d\xi + k_1 \int_0^t \left( \int_0^\xi \|x(s) - z(s)\| ds \right) d\xi \right. \\ &\quad \left. + k_2 \int_0^t \left( \int_0^T \|x(s) - z(s)\| ds \right) d\xi \right] \\ &\leq L_0 \left[ \int_0^t \|x(\xi) - z(\xi)\| e^{-\tau\xi} e^{\tau\xi} d\xi \right. \\ &\quad \left. + k_1 \int_0^t \left( \int_0^\xi \|x(s) - z(s)\| e^{-\tau s} e^{\tau s} ds \right) d\xi \right. \\ &\quad \left. + k_2 \int_0^t \left( \int_0^T \|x(s) - z(s)\| e^{-\tau s} e^{\tau s} ds \right) d\xi \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\leq L_0 \|x - z\|_B \left[ \int_0^t e^{\tau\xi} d\xi + k_1 \int_0^t \left( \int_0^\xi e^{\tau s} ds \right) d\xi \right. \\
&\quad \left. + k_2 \int_0^t \left( \int_0^T e^{\tau s} ds \right) d\xi \right] \\
&= L_0 \|x - z\|_B \left[ \left( \frac{e^{\tau t}}{\tau} - \frac{1}{\tau} \right) + k_1 \int_0^t \left( \frac{e^{\tau\xi}}{\tau} - \frac{1}{\tau} \right) d\xi \right. \\
&\quad \left. + k_2 \int_0^t \left( \frac{e^{\tau T}}{\tau} - \frac{1}{\tau} \right) d\xi \right] \\
&= L_0 \|x - z\|_B \left[ \left( \frac{e^{\tau t}}{\tau} - \frac{1}{\tau} \right) + \frac{k_1}{\tau} \left( \frac{e^{\tau t}}{\tau} - \frac{1}{\tau} - t \right) + \frac{k_2}{\tau} (e^{\tau T} - 1)t \right] \\
&\leq L_0 \|x - z\|_B \left[ \frac{e^{\tau t}}{\tau} + \frac{k_1}{\tau} \frac{e^{\tau t}}{\tau} + k_2 \frac{e^{\tau t}}{\tau} e^{\tau(T-t)} T \right] \\
&\leq L_0 \frac{1}{\tau} e^{\tau t} \left( 1 + \frac{k_1}{\tau} + k_2 T e^{\tau T} \right) \|x - z\|_B
\end{aligned}$$

for all  $x, z \in C_L([0, T], X)$ . It follows that

$$\|A(x)(t) - A(z)(t)\| e^{-\tau t} \leq \frac{L_0}{\tau} \left( 1 + \frac{k_1}{\tau} + k_2 T e^{\tau T} \right) \|x - z\|_B$$

for all  $t \in [0, T]$ . So

$$\|A(x) - A(z)\|_B \leq \frac{L_0}{\tau} \left( 1 + \frac{k_1}{\tau} + k_2 T e^{\tau T} \right) \|x - z\|_B$$

for all  $x, z \in C_L([0, T], X)$ . The operator  $A$  is of Lipschitz type with constant

$$L_A = \frac{L_0 \left( 1 + \frac{k_1}{\tau} + k_2 T e^{\tau T} \right)}{\tau} \quad (4)$$

and  $0 < L_A < 1$ . By applying the Contraction Principle to this operator we obtain that  $A$  is a Picard operator ■

Similarly as above, we can prove

**Theorem 3.2.** *Suppose the following:*

(i)  $f \in C([0, T] \times B_R^3, X)$  with  $\|f(s, u, v, w)\| \leq M(R)$  for all  $s \in [0, T]$  and  $u, v, w \in B_R$ .

(ii)  $M(R) \leq L$ .

(iii)  $k_i T \leq 1$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ).

(iv)  $\|x_0\| + M(R)T \leq R$ .

(v) *There exists a constant  $L_0 > 0$  such that*

$$\begin{aligned} & \|f(s, u_1, v_1, w_1) - f(s, u_2, v_2, w_2)\| \\ & \leq L_0(\|u_1 - u_2\| + \|v_1 - v_2\| + \|w_1 - w_2\|) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $u_i, v_i, w_i \in B_R$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ) and all  $s \in [0, T]$ .

(vi) *There exists a constant  $\tau > 0$  such that  $\frac{L_0}{\tau}(1 + \frac{k_1}{\tau} + k_2 T e^{\tau T}) < 1$ .*

*Then equation (2) has a unique solution in  $C_L([0, T], B_R)$ , and this solution can be obtained by the successive approximation method, starting from any element of  $C_L([0, T], B_R)$ .*

**Remark 3.1.** If we consider the problem

$$\left. \begin{aligned} x'(t) &= \frac{1}{10} \int_0^t \sin(t+s)x(s) ds + \frac{1}{18} \int_0^{\frac{1}{3}} \cos(ts)x(s) ds \\ x(0) &= 0 \end{aligned} \right\}$$

on  $[0, T]$ , then  $L_0 = 1$ ,  $k_1 = \frac{1}{10}$ ,  $k_2 = \frac{1}{18}$ , and for  $\tau = 2$  we have condition (vi) in Theorem 3.2.

Now, we consider both equation (2) and

$$x(t) = y_0 + \int_0^t g\left(\xi, x(\xi), \int_0^\xi K_1(\xi, s)x(s) ds, \int_0^T K_2(\xi, s)x(s) ds\right) d\xi \quad (5)$$

on  $[0, T]$ , where  $g \in C([0, T] \times X^3, X)$  and  $K_i \in C(D_i, \mathbb{R})$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ) are the same as in equation (2) and  $y_0 \in X$ . We have

**Theorem 3.3.** *Suppose the following:*

(i) *All conditions in Theorem 3.1 are satisfied and  $x^* \in C_L([0, T], X)$  is the unique solution of equation (2).*

(ii) *There exists a constant  $M_1 > 0$  such that  $\|g(s, u, v, w)\| \leq M_1$  for all  $u, v, w \in X$  and all  $s \in [0, T]$ .*

(iii) *With the same Lipschitz constant  $L_0$  as in Theorem 3.1,*

$$\begin{aligned} & \|g(s, u_1, v_1, w_1) - g(s, u_2, v_2, w_2)\| \\ & \leq L_0(\|u_1 - u_2\| + \|v_1 - v_2\| + \|w_1 - w_2\|) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $u_i, v_i, w_i \in X$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ) and all  $s \in [0, T]$ .

(iv)  $M_1 \leq L$ .

(v) *There exists a constant  $\eta > 0$  such that*

$$\|f(s, u, v, w) - g(s, u, v, w)\| \leq \eta$$

for all  $u, v, w \in X$  and  $s \in [0, T]$ .

Then, if  $y^*$  is the solution of equation (5),

$$\|x^* - y^*\|_B \leq \frac{\|x_0 - y_0\| + \eta T}{1 - L_A}$$

where  $L_A$  is given by (4) with  $\tau = \tau_0 > 0$  such that  $0 < L_A < 1$ .

**Proof.** Consider the operators

$$A, B : C_L([0, T], X) \rightarrow C_L([0, T], X)$$

defined by

$$\begin{aligned} A(x)(t) &= x_0 + \int_0^t f\left(\xi, x(\xi), \int_0^\xi K_1(\xi, s)x(s) ds, \int_0^T K_2(\xi, s)x(s) ds\right) d\xi \\ B(x)(t) &= y_0 + \int_0^t g\left(\xi, x(\xi), \int_0^\xi K_1(\xi, s)x(s) ds, \int_0^T K_2(\xi, s)x(s) ds\right) d\xi \end{aligned}$$

on  $[0, T]$ , in which  $K_i \in C(D_i, \mathbb{R})$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ) are the same. We have

$$\|A(x)(t) - B(x)(t)\| \leq \|x_0 - y_0\| + \eta T \quad (t \in [0, T]).$$

It follows that

$$\|A(x) - B(x)\|_B \leq \|x_0 - y_0\| + \eta T.$$

So we can apply Theorem 2.1 ■

**Remark 3.2.** The results obtained in this section can be generalized to study existence, uniqueness and data dependence for the solutions of the problem with linear modification of the argument

$$\left. \begin{aligned} x'(t) &= f\left(t, x(t), x(\lambda t), \int_0^t K_1(t, s)x(\lambda s) ds, \int_0^T K_2(t, s)x(\lambda s) ds\right) \\ x(0) &= x_0 \end{aligned} \right\}$$

on  $[0, T]$ , where  $0 < \lambda < 1$ ,  $f \in C([0, T] \times X^4, X)$ ,  $K_i \in C(D_i, R)$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ) and  $x_0 \in X$ . This problem is more general than those considered in [15].



#### 4. Another integro-differential equation of mixed type

Now, we consider the integral equation of mixed type

$$x(t) = x(0) + \int_0^t f\left(\xi, x(\xi), \int_0^\xi K_1(\xi, s)x(s) ds, \int_0^T K_2(\xi, s)x(s) ds\right) d\xi \quad (6)$$

on  $[0, T]$ , where  $f \in C([0, T] \times X^3, X)$ ,  $K_i \in C(D_i, \mathbb{R})$  and  $D_i$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ) are as in problem (1). We have

**Theorem 4.1.** *Suppose that for equation (6) the same conditions as in Theorem 3.1 are satisfied. Then this equation has solutions in  $C_L([0, T], X)$ . If  $S \subset C_L([0, T], X)$  is its solutions set, then  $\text{card } S = \text{card } X$ .*

**Proof.** Consider the operator

$$A_* : C_L([0, T], X) \rightarrow C_L([0, T], X)$$

defined by

$$\begin{aligned} A_*(x)(t) &= x(0) + \int_0^t f\left(\xi, x(\xi), \int_0^\xi K_1(\xi, s)x(s) ds, \int_0^T K_2(\xi, s)x(s) ds\right) d\xi. \end{aligned}$$

This is a continuous operator, but not a Lipschitz one. We can write

$$C_L([0, T], X) = \bigcup_{\alpha \in X} X_\alpha, \quad X_\alpha = \{x \in C_L([0, T], X) : x(0) = \alpha\}.$$

We have that  $X_\alpha$  is an invariant set of  $A_*$  and we apply Theorem 3.1 to  $A_*|_{X_\alpha}$ . By using Theorem 2.3 we obtain that  $A_*$  is a weakly Picard operator. Consider the operator

$$A_*^\infty : C_L([0, T], X) \rightarrow C_L([0, T], X), \quad A_*^\infty(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_*^n(x).$$

From  $A_*^{n+1}(x) = A_*(A_*^n(x))$  and the continuity of  $A_*$ ,  $A_*^\infty(x) \in F_{A_*}$ . Then  $A_*^\infty(C_L([0, T], X)) = F_{A_*} = S$ , and  $S \neq \emptyset$ . So,  $\text{card } S = \text{card } X$  ■

**Remark 4.1.** Similarly as above we can prove the existence of solutions of equation (3) that corresponds to a problem considered in [7].

In order to study data dependence for the solutions set of equation (6) we consider both (6) and the equation

$$x(t) = x(0) + \int_0^t g\left(\xi, x(\xi), \int_0^\xi K_1(\xi, s)x(s) ds, \int_0^T K_2(\xi, s)x(s) ds\right) d\xi$$

on  $[0, T]$  where  $K_1, K_2$  are the same as in (6) and  $g \in C([0, T] \times X^3, X)$ . Let  $S_1$  be the solutions set of this equation.

**Theorem 4.2.** *Suppose the following:*

(i) *There exists a constant  $L_* > 0$  such that*

$$\begin{aligned} & \|f(s, u_1, v_1, w_1) - f(s, u_2, v_2, w_2)\| \\ & \leq L_* (\|u_1 - u_2\| + \|v_1 - v_2\| + \|w_1 - w_2\|) \\ & \|g(s, u_1, v_1, w_1) - g(s, u_2, v_2, w_2)\| \\ & \leq L_* (\|u_1 - u_2\| + \|v_1 - v_2\| + \|w_1 - w_2\|) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $u_i, v_i, w_i \in X$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ) and all  $s \in [0, T]$ .

(ii) *There exists a constant  $M_* > 0$  such that*

$$\begin{aligned} \|f(s, u, v, w)\| & \leq M_* \\ \|g(s, u, v, w)\| & \leq M_* \end{aligned}$$

for all  $u, v, w \in X$  and all  $s \in [0, T]$ .

(iii)  $M_* \leq L_*$ .

(iv) *There exists a constant  $\eta_1 > 0$  such that*

$$\|f(s, u, v, w) - g(s, u, v, w)\| \leq \eta_1$$

for all  $u, v, w \in X$  and all  $s \in [0, T]$ .

(v)  $3L_*Tk_0 < 1$ , where  $k_0 = \max(1, k_1T, k_2T)$ .

Then

$$H_{\|\cdot\|_C}(S, S_1) \leq \frac{\eta_1 T}{1 - 3L_*Tk_0}$$

where by  $H_{\|\cdot\|_C}$  we denote the Pompeiu-Hausdorff functional with respect to  $\|\cdot\|_C$  on  $C_L([0, T], X)$ .

**Proof.** Consider the operator

$$B_* : C_L([0, T], X) \rightarrow C_L([0, T], X)$$

defined by

$$B_*(x)(t) = x(0) + \int_0^t g\left(\xi, x(\xi), \int_0^\xi K_1(\xi, s)x(s) ds, \int_0^T K_2(\xi, s)x(s) ds\right) d\xi$$

on  $[0, T]$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} & \|A_*^2(x)(t) - A_*(x)(t)\| \\ & \leq L_* \int_0^t \left[ \|A_*(x)(\xi) - x(\xi)\| \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + \left\| \int_0^\xi K_1(\xi, s)(A_*(x)(s) - x(s)) ds \right\| \\
& + \left\| \int_0^T K_2(\xi, s)(A_*(x)(s) - x(s)) ds \right\| d\xi \\
& \leq 3L_*T \max(1, k_1T, k_2T) \|A_*(x) - x\|_C \\
& = 3L_*Tk_0 \|A_*(x) - x\|_C
\end{aligned}$$

for all  $x \in C_L([0, T], X)$ . Similarly,

$$\|B_*^2(x)(t) - B_*(x)(t)\| \leq 3L_*Tk_0 \|B_*(x) - x\|_C$$

for all  $x \in C_L([0, T], X)$ . It follows that

$$\begin{aligned}
\|A_*^2(x) - A_*(x)\|_C & \leq 3L_*Tk_0 \|A_*(x) - x\|_C \\
\|B_*^2(x) - B_*(x)\|_C & \leq 3L_*Tk_0 \|B_*(x) - x\|_C.
\end{aligned}$$

Because of assumption (iv),  $\|A_*(x) - B_*(x)\|_C \leq \eta_1 T$  for all  $x \in C_L([0, T], X)$ . By applying Theorem 2.2 we obtain  $H_{\|\cdot\|_C}(F_{A_*}, F_{B_*}) \leq \frac{\eta_1 T}{1 - 3L_*Tk_0}$  and the theorem is proved ■

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