



# A study of some properties of an n-order functional inclusion

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## Abstract

The purpose of this paper is to study the solution set of the functional inclusion of n-th order of the following form:

$$x(t) \in G(t, x(f_1(t)), \dots, x(f_n(t))), t \in X, \quad (1)$$

where the function  $G : X \times Y^n \rightarrow P_{cl,cv}(Y)$  and  $f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n : X \rightarrow X$  are given. The approach is based on some fixed point theorems for multivalued operators, satisfying the nonlinear contraction condition, see [V. L. Lazăr, Fixed Point Theory Appl., **2011** (2011), 12 pages]. ©2016 All rights reserved.

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## 1. Introduction

Let  $X$  be an arbitrary compact and Hausdorff topological space and  $(Y, \|\cdot\|)$  be a Banach space. Let  $f_1, \dots, f_n : X \rightarrow X$  be continuous mappings and  $G : X \times Y^n \rightarrow P_{cl,cv}(Y)$  be a multivalued operator.

The purpose of this paper is to study existence, uniqueness, data dependence, well-posedness, Ulam-Hyers stability for the solutions of the following n-order functional inclusion

$$x(t) \in G(t, x(f_1(t)), \dots, x(f_n(t))), t \in X. \quad (1.1)$$

The approach is based on some recent results (see Lazăr [1]) concerning the fixed point problem for multivalued operators, given in terms of multivalued  $\varphi$ -contractions. For related results concerning multivalued nonlinear contractions, see [2], [5], [6] and [7].

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## 2. Preliminaries

Throughout this section we will recall some of the classical notations and notions in nonlinear analysis, see, for example, [3], [4], and [7].

We consider next the following families of subsets of a metric space  $(X, d)$ :

$$P(X) := \{Y \in \mathcal{P}(X) \mid Y \neq \emptyset\}; \quad P_b(X) := \{Y \in P(X) \mid Y \text{ is bounded}\};$$

$$P_{cp}(X) := \{Y \in P(X) \mid Y \text{ is compact}\}; \quad P_{cl}(X) := \{Y \in P(X) \mid Y \text{ is closed}\};$$

$$P_{b,cl}(X) := P_b(X) \cap P_{cl}(X).$$

Let us define the following generalized functionals:

1.  $D : P(X) \times P(X) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+ \cup \{\infty\}$ ,

$$D(A, B) = \begin{cases} \inf\{d(a, b), a \in A, b \in B\}, & \text{if } A \neq \emptyset \neq B \\ 0, & \text{if } A = \emptyset = B \\ +\infty, & \text{if } A = \emptyset \neq B \text{ or } A \neq \emptyset = B. \end{cases}$$

$D$  is called the gap functional between  $A$  and  $B$ . In particular, for  $x_0 \in X$ , we denote by  $D(x_0, B) = D(\{x_0\}, B)$  the distance from the point  $x_0$  to the set  $B$ .

2.  $\delta : P(X) \times P(X) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+ \cup \{\infty\}$ ,

$$\delta(A, B) = \begin{cases} \sup\{d(a, b), a \in A, b \in B\}, & \text{if } A \neq \emptyset \neq B \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

3.  $\rho : P(X) \times P(X) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+ \cup \{\infty\}$ ,

$$\rho(A, B) = \begin{cases} \sup\{D(a, B), a \in A\}, & \text{if } A \neq \emptyset \neq B \\ 0, & \text{if } A = \emptyset \\ +\infty, & \text{if } A \neq \emptyset = B. \end{cases}$$

$\rho$  is called the excess functional of  $A$  over  $B$ .

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

$$H(A, B) = \begin{cases} \max\{\rho(A, B), \rho(B, A)\}, & \text{if } A \neq \emptyset \neq B \\ 0, & \text{if } A = \emptyset \\ +\infty, & \text{if } A \neq \emptyset = B. \end{cases}$$

$H$  is called the generalized Pompeiu-Hausdorff functional of  $A$  and  $B$  and it is well known that the pair  $(P_{b,cl}(X), H)$  is a metric space.

**Lemma 2.1.**  $D(b, A) = 0$  if and only if  $b \in \bar{A}$ .

**Lemma 2.2.** Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space. Then we have:

- (i) Let  $Y, Z \in P(X)$  and  $q > 1$ . Then for each  $y \in Y$  there exists  $z \in Z$  such that  $d(y, z) \leq qH(Y, Z)$ .
- (ii) If  $Y, Z \in P_{cp}(X)$  then for each  $y \in Y$  there exists  $z \in Z$  such that  $d(y, z) \leq H(Y, Z)$ .
- (iii) Let  $Y, Z \in P_{cl}(X)$ . Suppose that there exists  $\eta > 0$  such that [for each  $y \in Y$  there exists  $z \in Z$  such that  $d(y, z) \leq \eta$ ] and [for each  $z \in Z$  there exists  $y \in Y$  such that  $d(y, z) \leq \eta$ ]. Then,  $H(Y, Z) \leq \eta$ .
- (iv) Let  $(A_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a sequence in  $P_{cl}(X)$ . Then  $A_n \xrightarrow{H} A^* \in P_{cl}(X)$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  if and only if  $H(A_n, A^*) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

**Theorem 2.3.** If  $(X, d)$  is a complete metric space, then  $(P_{b,cl}(X), H)$  is a complete metric space.

**Definition 2.4.** Let  $X, Y$  be Hausdorff topological spaces and  $T : X \rightarrow P(Y)$  a multivalued operator.  $T$  is said to be upper semi-continuous in  $x_0 \in X$  (briefly u.s.c.) if and only if for each open subset  $U$  of  $Y$  with  $T(x_0) \subset U$  there exists an open neighborhood  $V$  of  $x_0$  such that for all  $x \in V$  we have  $T(x) \subset U$ .

$T$  is u.s.c. on  $X$  if it is u.s.c in each  $x_0 \in X$ .

We present next the definition of lower semi-continuity.

**Definition 2.5.** Let  $X, Y$  be Hausdorff topological spaces and  $T : X \rightarrow P(Y)$  a multivalued operator. Then  $T$  is said to be lower semi-continuous in  $x_0 \in X$  (briefly l.s.c.) if and only if for each open subset  $U \subset Y$  with  $T(x_0) \cap U \neq \emptyset$  there exists an open neighborhood  $V$  of  $x_0$  such that for all  $x \in V$  we have  $T(x) \cap U \neq \emptyset$ .  
 $T$  is l.s.c. on  $X$  if it is l.s.c in each  $x_0 \in X$ .

$T$  is said to be continuous in  $x_0 \in X$  if and only if it is l.s.c and u.s.c. in  $x_0 \in X$ .

**Definition 2.6.** Let  $X, Y$  be two metric spaces and  $T : X \rightarrow P(Y)$  a multivalued operator. Then  $T$  is called  $H$ -continuous in  $x_0 \in X$  (briefly  $H$ -c.) if and only if for all it is  $H$ -l.s.c. and  $H$ -u.s.c. in  $x_0 \in X$ .

**Definition 2.7.** Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space. Then  $T : X \rightarrow P(X)$  is 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:

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

**Theorem 2.8** ([4]). Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete  $b$ -metric space. Suppose that  $T : X \rightarrow P_{cl}(X)$  is a  $a$ -Lipschitz with  $a \in [0, b^{-1}[$ . Then  $T$  is a MWP operator.

**Theorem 2.9** ([4], [5]). Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete generalized metric space in Perov' sense (i.e.  $d(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}_+^m$ ) and  $T : X \rightarrow P_{cl}(X)$  be a multivalued  $A$ -contraction, i.e. there exists a matrix  $A \in \mathcal{M}_{m,m}(\mathbb{R})$  such that  $A^n \rightarrow 0, n \rightarrow \infty$  and for each  $x, y \in X$  and each  $u \in T(x)$  there exists  $v \in T(y)$  such that  $d(u, v) \leq Ad(x, y)$ .  
 Then  $T$  is a MWP operator.

### 3. Some known results concerning multivalued $\varphi$ -contractions

Further we present some results that will be used in the main section.

**Theorem 3.1** ([1]). Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete metric space and  $T : X \rightarrow P_{cl}(X)$  be a multivalued  $\varphi$ -contraction. Then, we have:

- (i) (existence and approximation of the fixed point)  $T$  is a MWP operator (see Węgrzyk [8]);
- (ii) If additionally  $\varphi(qt) \leq q\varphi(t)$  for every  $t \in \mathbb{R}_+$  (where  $q > 1$ ), then  $T$  is a  $\psi$ -MWP operator, with  $\psi(t) := t + s(t)$ , for each  $t \in \mathbb{R}_+$  (where  $s(t) := \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \varphi^n(t)$ );
- (iii) (Data dependence of the fixed point set) Let  $S : X \rightarrow P_{cl}(X)$  be a multivalued  $\varphi$ -contraction and  $\eta > 0$  be such that  $H(S(x), T(x)) \leq \eta$ , for each  $x \in X$ . Suppose that  $\varphi(qt) \leq q\varphi(t)$  for every  $t \in \mathbb{R}_+$  (where  $q > 1$ ) and  $t = 0$  is a point of uniform convergence for the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \varphi^n(t)$ . Then,  $H(F_S, F_T) \leq \psi(\eta)$ ;
- (iv) (sequence of operators) Let  $T, T_n : X \rightarrow P_{cl}(X), n \in \mathbb{N}$  be multivalued  $\varphi$ -contractions such that  $T_n(x) \xrightarrow{H} T(x)$  as  $n \rightarrow +\infty$ , uniformly with respect to each  $x \in X$ . Then,  $F_{T_n} \xrightarrow{H} F_T$  as  $n \rightarrow +\infty$ .

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

- (v) (generalized 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  $d(x, x^*) \leq \psi(\epsilon)$ ;
- (vi)  $T$  is upper semi-continuous,  $\hat{T} : (P_{cp}(X), H) \rightarrow (P_{cp}(X), H), \hat{T}(Y) := \bigcup_{x \in Y} T(x)$  is a set-to-set  $\varphi$ -contraction and (thus)  $F_{\hat{T}} = \{A_T^*\}$ ;
- (vii)  $T^n(x) \xrightarrow{H} A_T^*$  as  $n \rightarrow +\infty$ , for each  $x \in X$ ;
- (viii)  $F_T \subset A_T^*$  and  $F_T$  is compact;

$$(ix) \quad A_T^* = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}^*} T^n(x), \text{ for each } x \in F_T.$$

**Theorem 3.2** ([1]). *Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete metric space and  $T : X \rightarrow P_{cl}(X)$  be a multivalued  $\varphi$ -contraction with  $SF_T \neq \emptyset$ . Then, the following assertions hold:*

- (x)  $F_T = SF_T = \{x^*\}$ ;
- (xi) If, additionally  $T(x)$  is compact for each  $x \in X$ , then  $F_{T^n} = SF_{T^n} = \{x^*\}$  for  $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$ ;
- (xii) If, additionally  $T(x)$  is compact for each  $x \in X$ , then  $T^n(x) \xrightarrow{H} \{x^*\}$  as  $n \rightarrow +\infty$ , for each  $x \in X$ ;
- (xiii) Let  $S : X \rightarrow P_{cl}(X)$  be a multivalued operator and  $\eta > 0$  such that  $F_S \neq \emptyset$  and  $H(S(x), T(x)) \leq \eta$ , for each  $x \in X$ . Then,  $H(F_S, F_T) \leq \beta(\eta)$ , where  $\beta : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  is given by  $\beta(\eta) := \sup\{t \in \mathbb{R}_+ \mid t - \varphi(t) \leq \eta\}$ ;
- (xiv) Let  $T_n : X \rightarrow P_{cl}(X), n \in \mathbb{N}$  be a sequence of multivalued operators such that  $F_{T_n} \neq \emptyset$  for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $T_n(x) \xrightarrow{H} T(x)$  as  $n \rightarrow +\infty$ , uniformly with respect to  $x \in X$ . Then,  $F_{T_n} \xrightarrow{H} F_T$  as  $n \rightarrow +\infty$ .
- (xv) (Well-posedness of the fixed point problem with respect to  $D$ ) If  $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is a sequence in  $X$  such that  $D(x_n, T(x_n)) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , then  $x_n \xrightarrow{d} x^*$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ;
- (xvi) (Well-posedness of the fixed point problem with respect to  $H$ ) If  $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is a sequence in  $X$  such that  $H(x_n, T(x_n)) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , then  $x_n \xrightarrow{d} x^*$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ;
- (xvii) (Limit shadowing property of the multivalued operator) Suppose additionally that  $\varphi$  is a sub-additive function. If  $(y_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is a sequence in  $X$  such that  $D(y_{n+1}, T(y_n)) \rightarrow 0$  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  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

**Theorem 3.3** ([8]). *If  $X$  is a paracompact Hausdorff topological space and  $Y$  is a closed and complete metrizable subset of a complete locally convex space over the fields of real or complex numbers, then:*

- (i) any lower semi-continuous multivalued function  $F : X \rightarrow P_{cl,cv}(Y)$  admits a continuous selection.
- (ii) moreover, if  $F|_A$  is the restriction of a lower semi-continuous multivalued function  $F : X \rightarrow P_{cl,cv}(Y)$  to a closed subset  $A \subset X$  and  $f : A \rightarrow Y$  is a continuous selection from  $F|_A$  defined on  $A$ , then  $f$  can always be extended to a continuous selection of  $F$  defined on the whole set  $X$ .

#### 4. A theory for an n-order functional inclusion

We will consider now the problem (1.1), i.e. the following problem

$$x(t) \in G(t, x(f_1(t)), \dots, x(f_n(t))), \quad t \in X.$$

Throughout this section we will suppose the following settings. Let  $X$  be an arbitrary compact and Hausdorff topological space and  $(Y, \|\cdot\|)$  be a Banach space. Let  $f_1, \dots, f_n : X \rightarrow X$ , be continuous mappings and  $G : X \times Y^n \rightarrow P_{cl,cv}(Y)$  be a semi-continuous multivalued operator.

We are looking for solutions of the inclusion (1.1), i.e. continuous mapping  $x : X \rightarrow Y$  which satisfy (1.1) for each  $t \in X$ .

We denote the set of all solutions of the inclusion (1.1) by  $S_{G;f_1,\dots,f_n}$ , i.e.,

$$S_{G;f_1,\dots,f_n} := \{x \in C(X, Y) \mid x \text{ satisfies (1.1), for all } t \in X\}.$$

Our first result is an existence theorem for (1.1)

**Theorem 4.1.** *Consider the n-order functional inclusion (1.1). We suppose:*

- i) there exists a function  $\beta : \mathbb{R}_+^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  increasing with respect to each variable such that:

$$H_{\|\cdot\|}(G(t, y_1, \dots, y_n), G(t, \bar{y}_1, \dots, \bar{y}_n)) \leq \beta(\|y_1 - \bar{y}_1\|, \dots, \|y_n - \bar{y}_n\|)$$

for each  $t \in X$  and  $y_i, \bar{y}_i \in Y$  (when  $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ ).

ii) the function  $\varphi : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  given by  $\varphi(t) = \beta(t, \dots, t)$  is a strict comparison function.

Then the inclusion (1.1) has at least one solution.

*Proof.* On  $C(X, Y) := \{x : X \rightarrow Y / x \text{ is continuous}\}$  we consider the supremum norm, i.e.,

$$\|x\|_\infty := \sup_{t \in X} \|x(t)\|.$$

Then  $(C(X, Y), \|\cdot\|_\infty)$  is a Banach space. We introduce a multivalued operator  $T : C(X, Y) \rightarrow P(C(X, Y))$  as follows:

$$x \longmapsto Tx,$$

where

$$Tx := \{z \in C(X, Y) / z(t) \in G(t, x(f_1(t)), \dots, x(f_n(t))), \text{ for all } t \in X\}.$$

Using this notation, a solution for the inclusion (1.1) means a fixed point for  $T$ . Hence, it is enough to show that  $T$  has at least one fixed point.

Notice first that, by Michael’s selection theorem (see Theorem 3.3), the set  $Tx \neq \emptyset$ , for each  $x \in C(X, Y)$ .

Indeed, if  $x \in C(X, Y)$ , since  $G$  is lower semi-continuous and  $f_i$  ( $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ ) are continuous, we get that  $G(\cdot, x(f_1(\cdot)), \dots, x(f_n(\cdot)))$  is lower semi-continuous.

Notice also that  $Tx \in P_{cl,cv}(C(X, Y))$  for all  $x \in C(X, Y)$ .

We will prove now that  $T$  is a multivalued  $\varphi$ -contraction on  $C(X, Y)$ , i.e.,

$$H_{\|\cdot\|_\infty}(Tx_1, Tx_2) \leq \varphi(\|x_1 - x_2\|_\infty), \quad \forall x_1, x_2 \in C(X, Y).$$

For this purpose, let  $z_1 \in Tx_1$  be arbitrary. It is enough to show that

$$D_{\|\cdot\|_\infty}(z_1, Tx_2) \leq \varphi(\|x_1 - x_2\|).$$

Since

$$D_{\|\cdot\|_\infty}(z_1, Tx_2) = \inf_{z_2 \in Tx_2} \|z_1 - z_2\|_\infty,$$

it is enough to show that for every  $q > 1$  there exists  $z_2 \in Tx_2$  such that

$$\|z_1 - z_2\|_\infty \leq q\varphi(\|x_1 - x_2\|_\infty).$$

Now, for  $z_1 \in Tx_1$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} D_{\|\cdot\|_\infty}(z_1(t), G(t, x_2(f_1(t)), \dots, x_2(f_n(t)))) \\ \leq H(G(t, x_1(f_1(t)), \dots, x_1(f_n(t))), G(t, x_2(f_1(t)), \dots, x_2(f_n(t)))) \\ \leq \beta(\|x_1(f_1(t)) - x_2(f_1(t))\|, \dots, \|x_1(f_n(t)) - x_2(f_n(t))\|) \\ \leq \beta(\|x_1 - x_2\|_\infty, \dots, \|x_1 - x_2\|_\infty) = \varphi(\|x_1 - x_2\|_\infty). \end{aligned}$$

For a fixed  $q > 1$  and for every  $t \in X$  (by Lemma 2.2, ii)) there exists  $u_t \in G(t, x_2(f_1(t)), \dots, x_2(f_n(t)))$  such that  $\|z_1(t) - u_t\| \leq q\varphi(\|x_1 - x_2\|_\infty)$ .

Then, by Theorem 3.3 b)(Wegrzyk) there exists a family of continuous functions  $\{z_t \in C(X, Y) / t \in X\}$  such that  $z_t(t) = u_t$  and  $z_t \in Tx_2$ , for  $t \in X$ .

Then, by the above relations, we get

$$\|z_1(t) - z_t(t)\| = \|z_1(t) - u(t)\| < q\varphi(\|x_1 - x_2\|_\infty), \quad \forall t \in X.$$

By the continuity of  $z_1$  and  $z_t$  there is an open neighborhood  $U_t$  of  $x$  such that

$$\|z_1(s) - z_t(s)\| < q\varphi(\|x_1 - x_2\|_\infty), \quad \forall s \in U_t.$$

Since the family  $\mathcal{U} := \{\mathcal{U}_t : t \in X\}$  is an open covering of the compact space  $X$  and if  $p_i : X \rightarrow [0, 1]$ , ( $i \in \{1, \dots, m\}$ ) is a finite partition of unity subordinated to  $\mathcal{U}$  with  $\text{supp } p_i \subset \mathcal{U}_{t_i}$ , then the operator

$$z_2(t) := \sum_{i=1}^m p_i(t)z_{t_i}(t)$$

is continuous and satisfies the condition

$$\|z_1 - z_2\|_\infty \leq q\varphi(\|x_1 - x_2\|_\infty).$$

Moreover  $z_2 \in Tx_2$ , by the convexity of the values of  $G$ .

Hence, we proved that

$$H_{\|\cdot\|_\infty}(Tx_1, Tx_2) \leq \varphi(\|x_1 - x_2\|_\infty), \text{ for all } x_1, x_2 \in C(X, Y).$$

Since  $\varphi : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  is a strict comparison function, we can apply Theorem 3.1 *i*) and thus, the multivalued operator  $T$  is a MWP operator, i.e.,  $T$  has at least one fixed point  $x^* \in C(X, Y)$  and there exists a sequence  $(x_p)_{p \in \mathbb{N}} \subset C(X, Y)$  with  $x_0 \in C(X, Y)$ ;  $x_1 \in C(X, Y)$  and  $x_1(t) \in G(t, x_0(f_1(t)), \dots, x_0(f_n(t)))$  for all  $t \in X$ ;  $x_{p+1} \in C(X, Y)$  and  $x_{p+1} \in G(t, x_p(f_1(t)), \dots, x_p(f_n(t)))$  for all  $t \in X$  and  $p \in \mathbb{N}$  which converges in  $C(X, Y)$  to  $x^*$ .

As a consequence, the  $n$ -order inclusion (1.1) has at least one solution  $x^* \in C(X, Y)$  and the sequence  $(x_p)_{p \in \mathbb{N}}$  defined above converges to  $x^*$ . □

Another result concerning the properties of the solutions of (1.1) is the following:

**Theorem 4.2.** *Consider the following two  $n$ -order functional inclusions:*

$$x(t) \in G_1(t, x(f_1(t)), \dots, x(f_n(t))), \quad t \in X, \tag{4.1}$$

$$y(t) \in G_2(t, y(f_1(t)), \dots, y(f_n(t))), \quad t \in X. \tag{4.2}$$

We suppose that  $G_1, G_2, f_1, \dots, f_n$  satisfy all the assumptions from Theorem 4.1. We also suppose:

(iii)  $\varphi(qt) \leq q\varphi(t)$ ,  $\forall t \in \mathbb{R}_+$  (where  $q > 1$ );

(iv) there exists  $\eta > 0$  such that

$$H_{\|\cdot\|}(G_1(t, u_1, \dots, u_n), G_2(t, u_1, \dots, u_n)) \leq \eta$$

for all  $t \in X$  and  $u_1, \dots, u_n \in Y$ .

Then

$$H_{\|\cdot\|_\infty}(S_{G_1; f_1, \dots, f_n}, S_{G_2; f_1, \dots, f_n}) \leq \psi(\eta),$$

where  $\psi(t) = t + s(t)$  and  $s(t) := \sum_{n=1}^\infty \varphi^n(t)$ .

*Proof.* The conclusions follows by Theorem 4.1 and Theorem 3.1 *(ii) + (iii)* □

A result concerning the Ulam-Hyers stability of the  $n$ -order functional inclusion (1.1) is the following

**Theorem 4.3.** *Consider the inclusion (1.1). We suppose that  $G, f_1, \dots, f_n$  satisfy all the assumptions from Theorem 4.1. Moreover, we suppose:*

(v)  $G : X \times Y^n \longrightarrow P_{cp,cv}(Y)$

(vi) there exists an increasing function  $\gamma : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  with the property: for every  $\epsilon > 0$  there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that if  $t, s \in X$ ,  $\|t - s\| < \delta$  implies

$$\delta (G(t, x(f_1(t)), \dots, x(f_n(t))), G(s, x(f_1(s)), \dots, x(f_n(s)))) < \epsilon,$$

for all  $x \in C(X, Y)$ .

Then, the  $n$ -order functional inclusion (1.1) is generalized Ulam-Hyers stable.

*Proof.* From our assumptions, via the Ascoli-Arzelà Theorem, it follows that  $Tx \in P_{cp}(C(X, Y))$ , for every  $x \in C(X, Y)$ . The conclusion follows now by Theorem 3.1 (v).  $\square$

Some other stability results are the following.

**Theorem 4.4.** Consider the  $n$ -order inclusion (1.1). We additionally suppose that there exists  $u^* \in C(X, Y)$  such that

$$G(t, u^*(f_1(t)), \dots, u^*(f_n(t))) = \{u^*(t)\}.$$

Then:

- The  $n$ -order functional inclusion (1.1) has  $u^*$  as unique solution;
- The  $n$ -order functional inclusion (1.1) is well-posed, i.e., if  $(x_p)_{p \in \mathbb{N}^*} \subset C(X, Y)$  is a sequence with the property that

$$D_{\|\cdot\|}(x_p(t), G(t, x_p(f_1(t)), \dots, x_p(f_n(t)))) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } p \rightarrow \infty$$

then  $(x_p)_{p \in \mathbb{N}^*}$  converges to  $u^*$  in the supremum norm of  $C(X, Y)$ ;

- If additional the function  $\varphi$  is subadditive, then the  $n$ -order functional inclusion (1.1) has the limit shadowing property, i.e., if  $(y_p)_{p \in \mathbb{N}^*} \subset C(X, Y)$  is such that

$$D_{\|\cdot\|}(y_{p+1}, G(t, y_p(f_1(t)), \dots, y_p(f_n(t)))) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } p \rightarrow \infty,$$

then there exists a sequence  $(x_p)_{p \in \mathbb{N}} \subset C(X, Y)$  such that

$$x_{p+1}(t) \in G(t, x_p(f_1(t)), \dots, x_p(f_n(t))), \forall t \in X$$

and  $\|x_p - y_p\|_\infty \rightarrow 0$  as  $p \rightarrow \infty$ .

*Proof.* The conclusions follows by Theorems 4.1-4.3 and Theorem 3.2 (x), (xv), (xvi), (xvii).  $\square$

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