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# Expansive Mappings and Their Applications in Modular Space

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Some fixed point theorems for  $\rho$ -expansive mappings in modular spaces are presented. As an application, two nonlinear integral equations are considered and the existence of their solutions is proved.

## 1. Introduction

Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space and  $B$  a subset of  $X$ . A mapping  $T : B \rightarrow X$  is said to be expansive with a constant  $k > 1$  such that

$$d(Tx, Ty) \geq kd(x, y) \quad \forall x, y \in B. \quad (1)$$

Xiang and Yuan [1] state a Krasnosel'skii-type fixed point theorem as follows.

**Theorem 1** (see [1]). *Let  $(X, \|\cdot\|)$  be a Banach space and  $K \subset X$  a nonempty, closed, and convex subset. Suppose that  $T$  and  $S$  map  $K$  into  $X$  such that*

- (I)  $S$  is continuous;  $S(K)$  resides in a compact subset of  $X$ ;
- (II)  $T$  is an expansive mapping;
- (III)  $z \in S(K)$  implies that  $T(K) + z \supset K$ , where  $T(K) + z = \{y + z \mid y \in T(K)\}$ .

Then there exists a point  $x^* \in K$  with  $Sx^* + Tx^* = x^*$ .

For other related results, see also [2, 3].

In this paper, we study some fixed point theorems for  $S+T$ , where  $T$  is  $\rho$ -expansive and  $S(B)$  resides in a compact subset of  $X_\rho$ , where  $B$  is a closed, convex, and nonempty subset of  $X_\rho$  and  $T, S : B \rightarrow X_\rho$ . Our results improve the classical version of Krasnosel'skii fixed point theorems in modular spaces.

Finally, as an application, we study the existence of a solution of some nonlinear integral equations in modular function spaces.

In order to do this, first, we recall the definition of modular space (see [4–6]).

*Definition 2.* Let  $X$  be an arbitrary vector space over  $K = (\mathbb{R}$  or  $\mathbb{C})$ . Then we have the following.

- (a) A functional  $\rho : X \rightarrow [0, \infty]$  is called modular if
  - (i)  $\rho(x) = 0$  if and only if  $x = 0$ ;
  - (ii)  $\rho(\alpha x) = \rho(x)$  for  $\alpha \in K$  with  $|\alpha| = 1$ , for all  $x \in X$ ;
  - (iii)  $\rho(\alpha x + \beta y) \leq \rho(x) + \rho(y)$  if  $\alpha, \beta \geq 0, \alpha + \beta = 1$ , for all  $x, y \in X$ .
 If (iii) is replaced by
  - (iii)'  $\rho(\alpha x + \beta y) \leq \alpha\rho(x) + \beta\rho(y)$  for  $\alpha, \beta \geq 0, \alpha + \beta = 1$ , for all  $x, y \in X$ , then the modular  $\rho$  is called a convex modular.

- (b) A modular  $\rho$  defines a corresponding modular space, that is, the space  $X_\rho$  given by

$$X_\rho = \{x \in X \mid \rho(\alpha x) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } \alpha \rightarrow 0\}. \quad (2)$$

- (c) If  $\rho$  is convex modular, the modular  $X_\rho$  can be equipped with a norm called the Luxemburg norm defined by

$$\|x\|_\rho = \inf \left\{ \alpha > 0; \rho\left(\frac{x}{\alpha}\right) \leq 1 \right\}. \quad (3)$$

*Remark 3.* Note that  $\rho$  is an increasing function. Suppose that  $0 < a < b$ ; then property (iii), with  $y = 0$ , shows that  $\rho(ax) = \rho((a/b)(bx)) \leq \rho(bx)$ .

**Definition 4.** Let  $X_\rho$  be a modular space. Then we have the following.

- (a) A sequence  $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  in  $X_\rho$  is said to be
  - (i)  $\rho$ -convergent to  $x$  if  $\rho(x_n - x) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ;
  - (ii)  $\rho$ -Cauchy if  $\rho(x_n - x_m) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n, m \rightarrow \infty$ .
- (b)  $X_\rho$  is  $\rho$ -complete if every  $\rho$ -Cauchy sequence is  $\rho$ -convergent.
- (c) A subset  $B \subset X_\rho$  is said to be  $\rho$ -closed if for any sequence  $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subset B$  and  $x_n \rightarrow x$  then  $x \in B$ .
- (d) A subset  $B \subset X_\rho$  is called  $\rho$ -bounded if  $\delta_\rho(B) = \sup \rho(x - y) < \infty$ , for all  $x, y \in B$ , where  $\delta_\rho(B)$  is called the  $\rho$ -diameter of  $B$ .
- (e)  $\rho$  has the Fatou property if

$$\rho(x - y) \leq \liminf \rho(x_n - y_n), \quad (4)$$

whenever  $x_n \rightarrow x$  and  $y_n \rightarrow y$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

- (f)  $\rho$  is said to satisfy the  $\Delta_2$ -condition if  $\rho(2x_n) \rightarrow 0$  whenever  $\rho(x_n) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

## 2. Expansive Mapping in Modular Space

In 2005, Hajji and Hanebaly [7] presented a modular version of Krasnosel'skii fixed point theorem, for a  $\rho$ -contraction and a  $\rho$ -completely continuous mapping.

Using the same argument as in [1], we state the modular version of Krasnosel'skii fixed point theorem for  $S + T$ , where  $T$  is a  $\rho$ -expansive mapping and the image of  $B$  under  $S$ ; that is,  $S(B)$  resides in a compact subset of  $X_\rho$ , where  $B$  is a subset of  $X_\rho$ .

Due to this, we recall the following definitions and theorems.

**Definition 5.** Let  $X_\rho$  be a modular space and  $B$  a nonempty subset of  $X_\rho$ . The mapping  $T : B \rightarrow X_\rho$  is called  $\rho$ -expansive mapping, if there exist constants  $c, k, l \in \mathbb{R}^+$  such that  $c > l$ ,  $k > 1$  and

$$\rho(l(Tx - Ty)) \geq k\rho(c(x - y)), \quad (5)$$

for all  $x, y \in B$ .

**Example 6.** Let  $X_\rho = B = \mathbb{R}^+$  and consider  $T : B \rightarrow B$  with  $Tx = x^n + 4x + 5$  for  $x \in B$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then for all  $x, y \in B$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} |Tx - Ty| &= |x^n - y^n + 4(x - y)| \\ &= |(x - y)(x^{n-1} + yx^{n-2} + \dots + y^{n-1}) + 4(x - y)| \\ &\geq 4|x - y|. \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

Therefore  $T$  is an expansive mapping with constant  $k = 4$ .

**Theorem 7** (Schauder's fixed point theorem, page 825; see [1, 8]). Let  $(X, \|\cdot\|)$  be a Banach space and  $K \subset X$  is a nonempty, closed, and convex subset. Suppose that the mapping  $S : K \rightarrow K$  is continuous and  $S(K)$  resides in a compact subset of  $X$ . Then  $S$  has at least one fixed point in  $K$ .

We need the following theorem from [6, 9].

**Theorem 8** (see [6, 9]). Let  $X_\rho$  be a  $\rho$ -complete modular space. Assume that  $\rho$  is a convex modular satisfying the  $\Delta_2$ -condition and  $B$  is a nonempty,  $\rho$ -closed, and convex subset of  $X_\rho$ .  $T : B \rightarrow B$  is a mapping such that there exist  $c, k, l \in \mathbb{R}^+$  such that  $c > l$ ,  $0 < k < 1$  and for all  $x, y \in B$  one has

$$\rho(c(Tx - Ty)) \leq k\rho(l(x - y)). \quad (7)$$

Then there exists a unique fixed point  $z \in B$  such that  $Tz = z$ .

**Theorem 9.** Let  $X_\rho$  be a  $\rho$ -complete modular space. Assume that  $\rho$  is a convex modular satisfying the  $\Delta_2$ -condition and  $B$  is a nonempty,  $\rho$ -closed, and convex subset of  $X_\rho$ .  $T : B \rightarrow X_\rho$  is a  $\rho$ -expansive mapping satisfying inequality (5) and  $B \subset T(B)$ . Then there exists a unique fixed point  $z \in B$  such that  $Tz = z$ .

*Proof.* We show that operator  $T$  is a bijection from  $B$  to  $T(B)$ . Let  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  be in  $B$  such that  $Tx_1 = Tx_2$ ; by inequality (5), we have  $x_1 = x_2$ ; also since  $B \subset T(B)$  it follows that the inverse of  $T : B \rightarrow T(B)$  exists. For all  $x, y \in T(B)$ ,

$$\rho(c(fx - fy)) \leq \frac{1}{k}\rho(l(x - y)), \quad (8)$$

where  $f = T^{-1}$ . We consider  $f = T^{-1}|_B : B \rightarrow B$ , where  $T^{-1}|_B$  denotes the restriction of the mapping  $T^{-1}$  to the set  $B$ . Since  $B \subset T(B)$ , then  $f$  is a  $\rho$ -contraction. Also since  $B$  is a  $\rho$ -closed subset of  $X_\rho$ , then, by Theorem 8, there exists a  $z \in B$  such that  $fz = z$ . Also  $z$  is a fixed point of  $T$ .

For uniqueness, let  $z$  and  $w$  be two arbitrary fixed points of  $T$ ; then

$$\begin{aligned} \rho(c(z - w)) &\geq \rho(l(z - w)) = \rho(l(Tz - Tw)) \\ &\geq k\rho(c(z - w)); \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

hence  $(k - 1)\rho(c(z - w)) \leq 0$  and  $z = w$ .  $\square$

We need the following lemma for the main result.

**Lemma 10.** Suppose that all conditions of Theorem 9 are fulfilled. Then the inverse of  $f := I - T : B \rightarrow (I - T)(B)$  exists and

$$\rho(c(f^{-1}x - f^{-1}y)) \leq \frac{1}{k-1}\rho(l'(x - y)), \quad (10)$$

for all  $x, y \in f(B)$ , where  $l' = \alpha l$  and  $\alpha$  is conjugate of  $c/l$ ; that is,  $(l/c) + (1/\alpha) = 1$  and  $c > 2l$ .

*Proof.* For all  $x, y \in B$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \rho(l(Tx - Ty)) &= \rho(l((x - fx) - (y - fy))) \\ &\leq \rho(c(x - y)) + \rho(\alpha l(fx - fy)); \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

$$k\rho(c(x - y)) - \rho(c(x - y)) \leq \rho(\alpha l(fx - fy)),$$

then

$$(k - 1) \rho(c(x - y)) \leq \rho(l'(fx - fy)). \quad (12)$$

Now, we show that  $f$  is an injective operator. Let  $x, y \in B$  and  $fx = fy$ ; then by inequality (12),  $(k - 1)\rho(c(x - y)) \leq 0$  and  $x = y$ . Therefore  $f$  is an injective operator from  $B$  into  $f(B)$ , and the inverse of  $f : B \rightarrow f(B)$  exists. Also for all  $x, y \in f(B)$ , we have  $f^{-1}x, f^{-1}y \in B$ . Then for all  $x, y \in f(B)$ , by inequality (12) we get

$$\rho(c(f^{-1}x - f^{-1}y)) \leq \frac{1}{k - 1} \rho(l'(x - y)). \quad (13)$$

**Theorem 11.** Let  $X_\rho$  be a  $\rho$ -complete modular space. Assume that  $\rho$  is a convex modular satisfying the  $\Delta_2$ -condition and  $B$  is a nonempty,  $\rho$ -closed, and convex subset of  $X_\rho$ . Suppose that

- (I)  $S : B \rightarrow X_\rho$  is a  $\rho$ -continuous mapping and  $S(B)$  resides in a  $\rho$ -compact subset of  $X_\rho$ ;
- (II)  $T : B \rightarrow X_\rho$  is a  $\rho$ -expansive mapping satisfying inequality (5) such that  $c > 2l$ ;
- (III)  $x \in S(B)$  implies that  $B \subset x + T(B)$ , where  $T(B) + x = \{y + x \mid y \in T(B)\}$ .

There exists a point  $z \in B$  such that  $Sz + Tz = z$ .

*Proof.* Let  $w \in S(B)$  and  $T_w = T + w$ . Consider the mapping  $T_w : B \rightarrow X_\rho$ ; then by Theorem 9, the equation  $Tx + w = x$  has a unique solution  $x = \eta(w)$ . Now, we show that  $\eta$  is a  $\rho$ -contraction. For  $w_1, w_2 \in S(B)$ ,  $T(\eta(w_1)) + w_1 = \eta(w_1)$  and  $T(\eta(w_2)) + w_2 = \eta(w_2)$ . Applying the same technique in Lemma 10,

$$(k - 1) \rho(c(\eta(w_1) - \eta(w_2))) \leq \rho(l'(w_1 - w_2)), \quad (14)$$

where  $l' = \alpha l$ . Then

$$\rho(c(\eta(w_1) - \eta(w_2))) \leq \frac{1}{k - 1} \rho(l'(w_1 - w_2)). \quad (15)$$

Therefore, mapping  $\eta : S(B) \rightarrow B$  is a  $\rho$ -contraction and hence is a  $\rho$ -continuous mapping. By condition (I),  $\eta S : B \rightarrow B$  is also  $\rho$ -continuous mapping and, by  $\Delta_2$ -condition,  $\eta S$  is  $\|\cdot\|_\rho$ -continuous mapping. Also  $\eta S(B)$  resides in a  $\|\cdot\|_\rho$ -compact subset of  $X_\rho$ . Then using Theorem 7, there exists a  $z \in B$  such that  $z = \eta(S(z))$  which implies that  $Tz + Sz = z$ .  $\square$

The following theorem is another version of Theorem 11.

**Theorem 12.** Let  $X_\rho$  be a  $\rho$ -complete modular space. Assume that  $\rho$  is a convex modular satisfying the  $\Delta_2$ -condition and  $B$  is a nonempty,  $\rho$ -closed, and convex subset of  $X_\rho$ . Suppose that

- (I)  $S : B \rightarrow X_\rho$  is a  $\rho$ -continuous mapping and  $S(B)$  resides in a  $\rho$ -compact subset of  $X_\rho$ ;
- (II)  $T : B \rightarrow X_\rho$  or  $T : X_\rho \rightarrow X_\rho$  is a  $\rho$ -expansive mapping satisfying inequality (5) such that  $c > 2l$ ;
- (III)  $S(B) \subset (I - T)(X_\rho)$  and  $\{x = Tx + Sy, y \in B \text{ implies that } x \in B\}$  or  $S(B) \subset (I - T)(B)$ .

Then there exists a point  $z \in B$  such that  $Sz + Tz = z$ .

*Proof.* By condition (III), for each  $w \in B$ , there exists  $x \in X_\rho$  such that  $x - Tx = Sw$ . If  $S(B) \subset (I - T)(B)$ , then  $x \in B$ ; if  $S(B) \subset (I - T)(X_\rho)$ , then by Lemma 10 and condition (III),  $x = (I - T)^{-1}Sw \in B$ . Now  $(I - T)^{-1}$  is a  $\rho$ -continuous and so  $(I - T)^{-1}S$  is a  $\rho$ -continuous mapping of  $B$  into  $B$ . Since  $S(B)$  resides in a  $\rho$ -compact subset of  $X_\rho$ , so  $(I - T)^{-1}S(B)$  resides in a  $\rho$ -compact subset of the closed set  $B$ . By using Theorem 7, there exists a fixed point  $z \in B$  such that  $z = (I - T)^{-1}Sz$ .  $\square$

Using the same argument as in [2], we can state a new version of Theorem 11, where  $S$  is  $\rho$ -sequentially continuous.

**Definition 13.** Let  $X_\rho$  be a modular space and  $B$  a subset of  $X_\rho$ . A mapping  $T : B \rightarrow X_\rho$  is said to be

- (1)  $\rho$ -sequentially continuous on the set  $B$  if for every sequence  $\{x_n\} \subset B$  and  $x \in B$  such that  $\rho(x_n - x) \rightarrow 0$ , then  $\rho(Tx_n - Tx) \rightarrow 0$ ;
- (2)  $\rho$ -closed if for every sequence  $\{x_n\} \subset B$  such that  $\rho(x_n - x) \rightarrow 0$  and  $\rho(Tx_n - y) \rightarrow 0$ , then  $Tx = y$ .

**Definition 14.** Let  $X_\rho$  be a modular space and  $B, C$  two subsets of  $X_\rho$ . Suppose that  $T : B \rightarrow X_\rho$  and  $S : C \rightarrow X_\rho$  are two mappings. Define

$$F = \{x \in B : x = Tx + Sy \text{ for some } y \in C\}. \quad (16)$$

**Theorem 15.** Let  $X_\rho$  be a  $\rho$ -complete modular space. Assume that  $\rho$  is a convex modular satisfying the  $\Delta_2$ -condition and  $B$  is a nonempty,  $\rho$ -closed, and convex subset of  $X_\rho$ . Suppose that

- (I)  $S : B \rightarrow X_\rho$  is  $\rho$ -sequentially continuous;
- (II)  $T : B \rightarrow X_\rho$  is a  $\rho$ -expansive mapping satisfying inequality (5) such that  $c > 2l$ ;
- (III)  $x \in S(B)$  implies that  $B \subset x + T(B)$ , where  $T(B) + x = \{y + x \mid y \in T(B)\}$ ;
- (IV)  $T$  is  $\rho$ -closed in  $F$  and  $F$  is relatively  $\rho$ -compact.

Then there exists a point  $z \in B$  such that  $Sz + Tz = z$ .

*Proof.* Let  $w \in B$ , and  $T_{Sw} = T + Sw$ . One considers the mapping  $T_{Sw} : B \rightarrow X_\rho$ ; by Theorem 9, the equation

$$Tx + Sw = x \quad (17)$$

has a unique solution  $x = \eta(Sw) \in B$ .

Now, we show that  $\eta S = (I - T)^{-1}$  exists. For any  $w_1, w_2 \in B$  and by the same technique of Lemma 10, we have

$$\rho(c(\eta(Sw_1) - \eta(Sw_2))) \leq \frac{1}{k - 1} \rho(l'(w_1 - w_2)), \quad (18)$$

where  $l' = \alpha l$ . This implies that  $\eta S = (I - T)^{-1}$  exists and for all  $w \in B$ ,  $\eta Sw = (I - T)^{-1}Sw$  and  $\eta S(B) \subset F$ .

We show that  $\eta S$  is  $\rho$ -sequentially continuous in  $B$ . Let  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence in  $B$  and  $x \in B$  such that  $\rho(x_n - x) \rightarrow 0$ . Since  $\eta S(x_n) \in F$  and  $F$  is relatively  $\rho$ -compact, then there exists  $z \in B$  such that  $\rho(\eta Sx_n - z) \rightarrow 0$ . On the other hand, by condition (I),  $\rho(Sx_n - Sx) \rightarrow 0$ . Thus by (17), we get

$$T(\eta Sx_n) + Sx_n = \eta Sx_n; \quad (19)$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} \rho\left(\frac{T(\eta Sx_n) - (z - Sx)}{2}\right) &= \rho\left(\frac{(\eta Sx_n - Sx_n) - (z - Sx)}{2}\right) \\ &\leq \rho(\eta Sx_n - z) + \rho(Sx_n - Sx); \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

therefore when  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , condition (IV) implies that  $Tz = z - Sx$ ; that is,  $z = \eta Sx$  and

$$\rho(\eta Sx_n - \eta Sx) \rightarrow 0; \quad (21)$$

then  $\eta S$  is  $\rho$ -sequentially continuous in  $F$ . By  $\Delta_2$ -condition,  $\eta S$  is  $\|\cdot\|_\rho$ -sequentially continuous. Let  $H = \overline{\text{co}}^{\|\cdot\|_\rho} F$ , where  $\overline{\text{co}}^{\|\cdot\|_\rho}$  denotes the closure of the convex hull in the sense of  $\|\cdot\|_\rho$ . Then  $H \subset B$  and is a compact set. Therefore  $\eta S$  is  $\|\cdot\|_\rho$ -sequentially continuous from  $H$  into  $H$ . Then using Theorem 7,  $\eta S$  has a fixed point  $z \in H$  such that  $\eta Sz = z$ . From (17), we have

$$T(\eta Sz) + Sz = \eta Sz; \quad (22)$$

that is,  $Tz + Sz = z$ .  $\square$

The following theorem is another version of Theorem 15.

**Theorem 16.** *Let  $X_\rho$  be a  $\rho$ -complete modular space. Assume that  $\rho$  is a convex modular satisfying the  $\Delta_2$ -condition and  $B$  is a nonempty,  $\rho$ -closed, and convex subset of  $X_\rho$ . Suppose that*

- (I)  $S : B \rightarrow X_\rho$  is  $\rho$ -sequentially continuous;
- (II)  $T : B \rightarrow X_\rho$  is a  $\rho$ -expansive mapping satisfying inequality (5), such that  $c > 2l$ ;
- (III)  $S(B) \subset (I - T)(X_\rho)$  and  $[x = Tx + Sy, y \in B]$  implies that  $x \in B$  (or  $S(B) \subset (I - T)(B)$ ).
- (IV)  $T$  is  $\rho$ -closed in  $F$  and  $F$  is relatively  $\rho$ -compact.

Then there exists a point  $z \in B$  such that  $Sz + Tz = z$ .

*Proof.* By (III) for each  $w \in B$ , there exists  $x \in X_\rho$  such that  $x - Tx = Sw$  and  $x = (I - T)^{-1}Sw \in B$ . By the same technique of Theorem 15,  $(I - T)^{-1}S : B \rightarrow B$  is  $\rho$ -sequentially continuous and there exists a  $z \in B$  such that  $z = (I - T)^{-1}Sz$ .  $\square$

### 3. Integral Equation for $\rho$ -Expansive Mapping in Modular Function Spaces

In this section, we study the following integral equation:

$$x(t) = \phi(t, x(t)) + \int_0^t \psi(t, s, x(s)) ds, \quad x \in C(I, L^\rho), \quad (23)$$

where  $L^\rho$  is the Musielak-Orlicz space and  $I = [0, b] \subset \mathbb{R}$ .  $C(I, L^\rho)$  denote the space of all  $\rho$ -continuous functions from  $I$  to  $L^\rho$  with the modular  $\sigma(x) = \sup_{t \in I} \rho(x(t))$ . Also  $C(I, L^\rho)$  is a real vector space. If  $\rho$  is a convex modular, then  $\sigma$  is a

convex modular. Also, if  $\rho$  satisfies the Fatou property and  $\Delta_2$ -condition, then  $\sigma$  satisfies the Fatou property and  $\Delta_2$ -condition (see [9]).

To study the integral equation (23), we consider the following hypotheses.

- (1)  $\phi : I \times L^\rho \rightarrow L^\rho$  is a  $\rho$ -expansive mapping; that is, there exist constants  $c, k, l \in \mathbb{R}^+$  such that  $c > 2l, k \geq 2$  and for all  $x, y \in L^\rho$

$$\rho(l(\phi(t, x) - \phi(t, y))) \geq k\rho(c(x - y)) \quad (24)$$

and  $\phi$  is onto. Also for  $t \in I$ ,  $\phi(t, \cdot) : L^\rho \rightarrow L^\rho$  is  $\rho$ -continuous.

- (2)  $\psi$  is a function from  $I \times I \times L^\rho$  into  $L^\rho$  such that  $\psi(t, s, \cdot) : x \rightarrow \psi(t, s, x)$  is  $\rho$ -continuous on  $L^\rho$  for almost all  $t, s \in I$  and  $\psi(t, \cdot, x) : s \rightarrow \psi(t, s, x)$  is measurable function on  $I$  for each  $x \in L^\rho$  and for almost all  $t \in I$ . Also, there are nondecreasing continuous functions  $\beta, \gamma : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  such that

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \beta(t) \int_0^t \gamma(s) ds = 0, \quad (25)$$

$$\rho(c(\psi(t, s, x))) \leq \beta(t) \gamma(s),$$

for all  $t, s \in I, s \leq t$  and  $x \in L^\rho$ .

- (3) There exists measurable function  $\eta : I \times I \times I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  such that

$$\rho(\psi(t, s, x) - \psi(r, s, x)) \leq \eta(t, r, s), \quad (26)$$

for all  $t, r, s \in I$  and  $x \in L^\rho$ ; also  $\lim_{t \rightarrow r} \int_0^b \eta(t, r, s) ds = 0$ .

- (4)  $\rho(\psi(t, s, x) - \psi(t, s, y)) \leq \rho(x - y)$  for all  $t, s \in I$  and  $x, y \in L^\rho$ .

*Remark 17* (see [7]). We consider  $L^\rho$ , the Musielak-Orlicz space. Since  $\rho$  is convex and satisfies the  $\Delta_2$ -condition, then

$$\|x_n - x\|_\rho \rightarrow 0 \iff \rho(x_n - x) \rightarrow 0, \quad (27)$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  on  $L^\rho$ . This implies that the topologies generated by  $\|\cdot\|_\rho$  and  $\rho$  are equivalent.

**Theorem 18.** *Suppose that the conditions (1)–(4) are satisfied. Further assume that  $L^\rho$  satisfies the  $\Delta_2$ -condition. Also  $\omega(t) = \beta(t) \int_0^t \gamma(s) ds$  and  $\omega(0) = 0$ ; also  $\sup\{\rho(c(\phi(t, v))), t \in I, v \in L^\rho\} \leq \omega(t)$ . Then integral equation (23) has at least one solution  $x \in C(I, L^\rho)$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose that

$$\begin{aligned} Tx(t) &= \phi(t, x(t)), \\ Sx(t) &= \int_0^t \psi(t, s, x(s)) ds. \end{aligned} \quad (28)$$

Conditions (1) and (2) imply that  $T$  and  $S$  are well defined on  $C(I, L^\rho)$ . Define the set  $B = \{x \in C(I, L^\rho); \rho(c(x(t))) \leq$

$\omega(t)$  for all  $t \in I$ . Then  $B$  is a nonempty,  $\rho$ -bounded,  $\rho$ -closed, and convex subset of  $C(I, L^\rho)$ . Equation (23) is equivalent to the fixed point problem  $x = Tx + Sx$ . By Theorem 12, we find the fixed point for  $T + S$  in  $B$ . Due to this, we prove that  $S$  satisfies the condition (I) of Theorem 12. For  $x \in B$ , we show that  $Sx \in B$ . Indeed,

$$\begin{aligned} \rho(c(Sx(t))) &= \rho\left(c\left(\int_0^t \psi(t, s, x(s)) ds\right)\right) \\ &\leq \int_0^t \rho(c(\psi(t, s, x(s)))) ds \\ &\leq \int_0^t \beta(t) \gamma(s) ds \\ &= \omega(t); \end{aligned} \tag{29}$$

then  $Sx \in B$ . Since  $S(B) \subset B$  and  $B$  is  $\rho$ -bounded,  $S(B)$  is  $\sigma$ -bounded and by  $\Delta_2$ -condition  $\|\cdot\|_\sigma$ -bounded.

We show that  $S(B)$  is  $\rho$ -equicontinuous. For all  $t, r \in I$  and  $x \in L^\rho$  such that  $t < r$ ,

$$Sx(t) - Sx(r) = \int_0^t \psi(t, s, x(s)) ds - \int_0^r \psi(r, s, x(s)) ds; \tag{30}$$

then by condition (3),

$$\rho(Sx(t) - Sx(r)) \leq \int_0^b \eta(t, r, s) ds; \tag{31}$$

since  $\lim_{t \rightarrow r} \int_0^b \eta(t, r, s) ds = 0$ , then  $S(B)$  is  $\rho$ -equicontinuous. By using the Arzela-Ascoli theorem, we obtain that  $S$  is a  $\sigma$ -compact mapping. Next, we show that  $S$  is  $\sigma$ -continuous. Suppose that  $\varepsilon > 0$  is given; we find a  $\delta > 0$  such that  $\sigma(x - y) < \delta$ , for some  $x, y \in B$ . Note that

$$Sx(t) - Sy(t) = \int_0^t \psi(t, s, x(s)) ds - \int_0^t \psi(t, s, y(s)) ds; \tag{32}$$

also

$$\rho(Sx(t) - Sy(t)) \leq \int_0^t \rho(x(s) - y(s)) ds \leq \int_0^t \sigma(x - y) ds; \tag{33}$$

then

$$\sigma(Sx - Sy) \leq \int_0^b \sigma(x - y) ds \leq \varepsilon; \tag{34}$$

therefore  $S$  is  $\sigma$ -continuous.

Since  $\phi$  is  $\rho$ -continuous, it shows that  $T$  transforms  $C(I, L^\rho)$  into itself. In view of supremum  $\rho$  and condition (1), it is easy to see that  $T$  is  $\sigma$ -expansive with constant  $k \geq 2$ . For  $x, y \in B$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} &\rho(l(Tx(t) - Ty(t))) \\ &\leq \rho(c(x(t) - y(t))) \\ &+ \rho(\alpha l((I - T)x(t) - (I - T)y(t))); \end{aligned} \tag{35}$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} &\rho(\alpha l((I - T)x(t) - (I - T)y(t))) \\ &\geq (k - 1) \rho(c(x(t) - y(t))), \end{aligned} \tag{36}$$

where  $\alpha$  is conjugate of  $c/l$ . Let  $r = \alpha l$ ; since  $k \geq 2$ , then

$$\rho(r(I - T)x(t)) \geq (k - 1) \rho(c(x(t))) \geq \rho(c(x(t))). \tag{37}$$

Now, assume that  $x = Tx + Sy$  for some  $y \in B$ . Since  $c > 2l$ , then  $r < c$ , and

$$\begin{aligned} \rho(c(x(t))) &\leq \rho(r(I - T)x(t)) = \rho(r(Sy(t))) \\ &\leq \rho(c(Sy(t))) \leq \omega(t), \end{aligned} \tag{38}$$

which shows that  $x \in B$ . Now, define a map  $T_z$  as follows:

$$T_z : C(I, L^\rho) \rightarrow C(I, L^\rho), \tag{39}$$

for each  $z \in C(I, L^\rho)$ ; by

$$T_z x(t) = Tx(t) + z(t), \tag{40}$$

for all  $x, y \in C(I, L^\rho)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \rho(l(T_z x(t) - T_z y(t))) &= \rho(l(Tx(t) - Ty(t))) \\ &\geq k \rho(c(x(t) - y(t))); \end{aligned} \tag{41}$$

therefore

$$\sigma(l(T_z x - T_z y)) \geq k \sigma(c(x - y)); \tag{42}$$

then  $T_z$  is  $\sigma$ -expansive with constant  $k \geq 2$  and  $T_z$  is onto. By Theorem 9, there exists  $w \in C(I, L^\rho)$  such that  $T_z w = w$ ; that is,  $(I - T)w = z$ . Hence  $S(B) \subset (I - T)(L^\rho)$  and condition (III) of Theorem 12 holds. Therefore by Theorem 12,  $S + T$  has a fixed point  $z \in B$  with  $Tz + Sz = z$ ; that is,  $z$  is a solution to (23).  $\square$

Now, we consider another integral equation.

Let  $L^\rho$  be the Musielak-Orlicz space and  $I = [0, b] \subset \mathbb{R}$ . Suppose that  $\rho$  is convex and satisfies the  $\Delta_2$ -condition. Since topologies generated by  $\|\cdot\|_\rho$  and  $\rho$  are equivalent, then we consider Banach space  $(L^\rho, \|\cdot\|_\rho)$  and  $C(I, L^\rho)$  denote the space of all  $\|\cdot\|_\rho$ -continuous functions from  $I$  to  $L^\rho$  with the modular  $\|x\|_\sigma = \sup_{t \in I} \|x(t)\|_\rho$ ; also  $C(I, L^\rho)$  is a real vector space. Consider the nonlinear integral equation

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) &= \phi(t, x(t)) \\ &+ \lambda(t, x(t)) \int_0^t \omega(t, s) \psi(s, x(s)) ds, \end{aligned} \tag{43}$$

$$x \in C(I, L^\rho),$$

where

(1)  $\phi : I \times L^\rho \rightarrow L^\rho$  is a  $\|\cdot\|_\rho$ -expansive mapping; that is, there exists constant  $l \geq 2$  such that

$$\|\phi(t, x) - \phi(t, y)\|_\rho \geq l \|x - y\|_\rho, \tag{44}$$

for all  $x, y \in L^\varphi$  and  $\phi$  is onto; also for  $t \in I$ ,  $\phi(t, \cdot) : L^\varphi \rightarrow L^\varphi$  is  $\|\cdot\|_\rho$ -continuous;

- (2)  $\psi$  is function from  $I \times L^\varphi$  into  $L^\varphi$  such that  $\psi(t, \cdot) : L^\varphi \rightarrow L^\varphi$  is a  $\|\cdot\|_\rho$ -continuous and  $t \rightarrow \psi(t, x)$  is measurable for every  $x \in L^\varphi$ . Also, there exist functions  $\beta \in L^1(I)$  and a nondecreasing continuous function  $\gamma : [0, \infty) \rightarrow (0, \infty)$  such that

$$\|\psi(t, x)\|_\rho \leq \beta(t) \gamma(\|x\|_\rho), \tag{45}$$

for all  $t \in I$  and  $x \in L^\varphi$ . Also for  $t \in I$ ,  $x \rightarrow \psi(t, x)$  is nondecreasing on  $L^\varphi$ ;

- (3)  $\lambda$  is function from  $I \times L^\varphi$  into  $L^\varphi$  such that  $\lambda(t, \cdot) : L^\varphi \rightarrow L^\varphi$  is  $\|\cdot\|_\rho$ -continuous and there exists a  $a \geq 0$  such that

$$\|\lambda(t, x) - \lambda(t, y)\|_\rho \leq a\|x - y\|_\rho, \tag{46}$$

for all  $t \in I$  and  $x \in L^\varphi$ ; also for  $x \in L^\varphi$ ,  $t \rightarrow \lambda(t, x)$  is nondecreasing on  $I$  and for  $t \in I$ ,  $x \rightarrow \lambda(t, x)$  is nondecreasing on  $L^\varphi$ ;

- (4)  $\omega$  is function from  $I \times I$  into  $\mathbb{R}^+$ . For each  $t \in I$ ,  $\omega(t, s)$  is measurable on  $[0, t]$ . Also  $\overline{\omega(t)} = \text{esssup } |\omega(t, s)|$  is bounded on  $[0, b]$  and  $r = \sup |\overline{\omega(t)}|$ . The map  $\omega(\cdot, s) : t \rightarrow \omega(t, s)$  is continuous from  $I$  to  $L^\infty(I)$ . Also for  $s \in I$ ,  $t \rightarrow \omega(t, s)$  is nondecreasing on  $I$ .

**Theorem 19.** *Suppose that the conditions (1)–(4) are satisfied and there exists a constant  $k \geq 0$  such that for all  $t \in I$ ,*

$$\int_0^t \beta(s) ds < \frac{k}{(ak + h)rb} \int_0^t \frac{1}{\gamma(k)} ds, \tag{47}$$

where  $h := \sup\{\|\lambda(t, x)\|_\rho, t \in I, x \in L^\varphi\}$  and also  $\sup\{\|\phi(t, x)\|_\rho, t \in I, x \in L^\varphi\} \leq k$ . Then integral equation (43) has at least one solution  $x \in C(I, L^\varphi)$ .

*Proof.* Define

$$B = \{x \in C(I, L^\varphi); \|x(t)\|_\rho \leq k \forall t \in I\}; \tag{48}$$

then  $B$  is a nonempty,  $\|\cdot\|_\rho$ -bounded,  $\|\cdot\|_\rho$ -closed, and convex subset of  $C(I, L^\varphi)$ . Consider

$$\begin{aligned} Tx(t) &= \phi(t, x(t)), \\ Sx(t) &= \lambda(t, x(t)) \int_0^t \omega(t, s) \psi(s, x(s)) ds. \end{aligned} \tag{49}$$

It is easy that by the hypothesis  $T$  and  $S$  are well defined on  $C(I, L^\varphi)$ .

For  $x \in B$ , we show that  $Sx \in B$ . Consider

$$\begin{aligned} \|Sx(t)\|_\rho &= \left\| \lambda(t, x(t)) \int_0^t \omega(t, s) \psi(s, x(s)) ds \right\|_\rho \\ &= \left\| (\lambda(t, x(t)) - \lambda(t, 0) + \lambda(t, 0)) \int_0^t \omega(t, s) \psi(s, x(s)) ds \right\|_\rho \\ &\leq (a\|x(t)\|_\rho + h) r \int_0^t \beta(s) \gamma(\|x(s)\|_\rho) ds \\ &\leq (ak + h) r \int_0^t \beta(s) \gamma(k) ds \\ &\leq (ak + h) r \int_0^b \frac{k\gamma(k)}{(ak + h)rb\gamma(k)} ds \\ &\leq k. \end{aligned} \tag{50}$$

Let  $x \in B$  and assume that  $t > \tau \in I$  such that  $|t - \tau| < \delta$ , for a given positive constant  $\delta$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} \|Sx(t) - Sx(\tau)\|_\rho &= \left\| \lambda(t, x(t)) \int_0^t \omega(t, s) \psi(s, x(s)) ds \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \lambda(\tau, x(\tau)) \int_0^\tau \omega(\tau, s) \psi(s, x(s)) ds \right\|_\rho \\ &= \left\| \lambda(t, x(t)) \int_0^t \omega(t, s) \psi(s, x(s)) ds \right. \\ &\quad \pm \lambda(t, x(t)) \int_0^t \omega(\tau, s) \psi(s, x(s)) ds \\ &\quad \pm \lambda(\tau, x(\tau)) \int_0^t \omega(\tau, s) \psi(s, x(s)) ds \\ &\quad \left. - \lambda(\tau, x(\tau)) \int_0^\tau \omega(\tau, s) \psi(s, x(s)) ds \right\|_\rho \\ &\leq \left\| \lambda(t, x(t)) \left( \int_0^t \omega(t, s) \psi(s, x(s)) ds \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. - \int_0^t \omega(\tau, s) \psi(s, x(s)) ds \right) \right\|_\rho \\ &\quad + \left\| (\lambda(\tau, x(\tau)) - \lambda(\tau, x(\tau))) \right. \\ &\quad \left. \times \int_0^\tau \omega(\tau, s) \psi(s, x(s)) ds \right\|_\rho \\ &\quad + \left\| \lambda(\tau, x(\tau)) \int_\tau^t \omega(\tau, s) \psi(s, x(s)) ds \right\|_\rho; \end{aligned} \tag{51}$$

since

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left\| \lambda(t, x(t)) \left( \int_0^t \omega(t, s) \psi(s, x(s)) ds \right. \right. \\
 & \quad \left. \left. - \int_0^t \omega(\tau, s) \psi(s, x(s)) ds \right) \right\|_\rho \\
 &= \left\| \lambda(t, x(t)) \left( \int_0^t (\omega(t, s) - \omega(\tau, s)) \psi(s, x(s)) ds \right) \right\|_\rho \\
 &\leq \left\| (\lambda(\tau, x(\tau)) - \lambda(\tau, 0) + \lambda(\tau, 0)) \right. \\
 & \quad \left. \times \left( \int_0^t (\omega(t, s) - \omega(\tau, s)) \psi(s, x(s)) ds \right) \right\|_\rho \\
 &\leq (ak + h) |\omega(t, 0) - \omega(\tau, 0)|_{L^\infty} \int_0^t \beta(s) \gamma(k) ds \\
 &\leq \frac{k}{r} |\omega(t, 0) - \omega(\tau, 0)|_{L^\infty}, \\
 & \left\| (\lambda(t, x(t)) - \lambda(\tau, x(\tau))) \int_0^t \omega(\tau, s) \psi(s, x(s)) ds \right\|_\rho \\
 &\leq \left\| (\lambda(t, x(t)) - \lambda(\tau, x(\tau))) r \int_0^t \beta(s) \gamma(k) ds \right\|_\rho \\
 &\leq \frac{k}{ak + h} (\|\lambda(t, x(t)) - \lambda(\tau, x(\tau))\|_\rho \\
 & \quad + \|\lambda(\tau, x(\tau)) - \lambda(\tau, 0)\|_\rho) \\
 &\leq \frac{k}{ak + h} (a\|x(t) - x(\tau)\|_\rho + h), \\
 & \left\| \lambda(\tau, x(\tau)) \int_\tau^t \omega(\tau, s) \psi(s, x(s)) ds \right\|_\rho \\
 &= \left\| (\lambda(\tau, x(\tau)) - \lambda(\tau, 0) + \lambda(\tau, 0)) \right. \\
 & \quad \left. \times \int_\tau^t \omega(\tau, s) \psi(s, x(s)) ds \right\|_\rho \\
 &\leq (ak + h) r \int_\tau^t \beta(s) \gamma(k) ds \\
 &\leq \frac{k}{b} |t - \tau|,
 \end{aligned} \tag{52}$$

then  $S(B)$  is  $\|\cdot\|_\rho$ -equicontinuous. By using the Arzela-Ascoli Theorem, we obtain that  $S$  is a  $\|\cdot\|_\rho$ -compact mapping.

We show that  $S$  is  $\|\cdot\|_\rho$ -continuous. Suppose that  $\varepsilon > 0$  is given. We find a  $\delta > 0$  such that  $\|x - y\|_\sigma < \delta$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \|Sx(t) - Sy(t)\|_\rho \\
 &= \left\| \lambda(t, x(t)) \int_0^t \omega(t, s) \psi(s, x(s)) ds \right. \\
 & \quad \left. - \lambda(t, y(t)) \int_0^t \omega(t, s) \psi(s, y(s)) ds \right\|_\rho
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \leq \left\| (\lambda(t, x(t)) - \lambda(t, y(t))) \int_0^t \omega(t, s) \psi(s, x(s)) ds \right\|_\rho \\
 & \quad + \left\| \lambda(t, y(t)) \int_0^t (\psi(s, x(s)) - \psi(s, y(s))) ds \right\|_\rho \\
 & \leq \frac{ka}{ak + h} \|x(t) - y(t)\|_\rho + (ak + h) r \int_0^t \|x(s) - y(s)\|_\rho ds \\
 & \leq \frac{ka}{ak + h} \|x - y\|_\sigma + (ak + h) rb \|x - y\|_\sigma \\
 & \leq \varepsilon.
 \end{aligned} \tag{53}$$

Since  $\phi$  is  $\|\cdot\|_\rho$ -continuous, it shows that  $T$  transforms  $C(I, L^\rho)$  into itself. In view of supremum  $\|\cdot\|_\rho$  and condition (1), it is easy to see that  $T$  is  $\|\cdot\|_\sigma$ -expansive with constant  $l \geq 2$ .

For  $x, y \in B$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \|Tx(t) - Ty(t)\|_\rho \\
 & \leq \|x(t) - y(t)\|_\rho + \|(I - T)x(t) - (I - T)y(t)\|_\rho;
 \end{aligned} \tag{54}$$

then

$$\|(I - T)x(t) - (I - T)y(t)\|_\rho \geq (l - 1) \|x(t) - y(t)\|_\rho; \tag{55}$$

since  $l \geq 2$ , then

$$\|(I - T)x(t)\|_\rho \geq (l - 1) \|x(t)\|_\rho \geq \|x(t)\|_\rho. \tag{56}$$

Now, assume that  $x = Tx + Sy$  for some  $y \in B$ . Then

$$\|x(t)\|_\rho \leq \|(I - T)x(t)\|_\rho = \|Sy(t)\|_\rho \leq k, \tag{57}$$

which shows that  $x \in B$ . Now for each  $z \in C(I, L^\rho)$  we define a map  $T_z$  as follows:

$$T_z : C(I, L^\rho) \longrightarrow C(I, L^\rho); \tag{58}$$

by

$$T_z x(t) = Tx(t) + z(t); \tag{59}$$

for all  $x, y \in C(I, L^\rho)$ ,

$$\|T_z x(t) - T_z y(t)\|_\rho = \|Tx(t) - Ty(t)\|_\rho \geq l \|x(t) - y(t)\|_\rho; \tag{60}$$

therefore

$$\|T_z x - T_z y\|_\sigma \geq l \|x - y\|_\sigma; \tag{61}$$

then  $T_z$  is  $\|\cdot\|_\sigma$ -expansive with constant  $l \geq 2$  and  $T_z$  is onto. By Theorem 9, there exists  $w \in C(I, L^\rho)$  such that  $T_z w = w$ ; that is,  $(I - T)w = z$ . Hence  $S(B) \subset (I - T)(L^\rho)$ . Therefore by Theorem 12,  $S + T$  has a fixed point  $z \in B$  with  $Tz + Sz = z$ ; that is,  $z$  is a solution of (43).  $\square$

Finally, some examples are presented to guarantee Theorems 18 and 19.

*Example 20.* Consider the following integral equation:

$$x(t) = \frac{9x(t)}{1+t^2} + \int_0^t \arctan\left(\frac{5t(1+s)\sqrt{x(s)}}{(1+t)^3(1+\sqrt{x(s)})}\right) ds, \quad (62)$$

where  $L^\varphi = \mathbb{R}^+$ ,  $I = [0, 1]$ .

For  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^+$  and  $t \in I$ , we have

$$|\phi(t, x) - \phi(t, y)| = \left| \frac{9x}{1+t^2} - \frac{9y}{1+t^2} \right| \geq \frac{9}{2} |x - y|. \quad (63)$$

Therefore by Theorem 18, the integral equation (62) has at least one solution.

*Example 21.* Consider the following integral equation:

$$x(t) = \frac{9x(t)}{1+t^2} + \frac{1}{8} \arcsin x(t) \int_0^t \frac{t}{t+s} x(s) ds, \quad (64)$$

where  $\phi(t, x) = (9x/(1+t^2))$ ,  $\lambda(t, x) = (1/8) \arcsin x$ ,  $\omega(t, s) = t/(t+s)$ , and  $\psi(t, x) = x$ . Also  $L^\varphi = \mathbb{R}^+$ ,  $I = [0, 1]$ . Therefore by Theorem 19, the integral equation (64) has at least one solution.

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