

On a Cubic Integral Equation of Urysohn Type with Linear Perturbation of Second Kind

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ABSTRACT: In this paper, we concern by a very general cubic integral equation and we prove that this equation has a solution in $C[0, 1]$. We apply the measure of noncompactness introduced by Banaś and Olszowy and Darbo's fixed point theorem to establish the proof of our main result.

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1. Introduction

Cubic integral equations have several useful applications in modeling numerous problems and events of the real world (cf. [3, 8, 9, 12, 13, 18, 19]).

In this paper we consider the cubic Urysohn integral equation with linear perturbation of second kind

$$x(\tau) = \phi(\tau) + \varphi(\tau, x(\tau)) + x^2(\tau) \int_0^1 u(\tau, s, (\Lambda x)(s)) ds, \quad \tau \in I = [0, 1]. \quad (1.1)$$

In the above equation, we consider $\phi : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $\varphi : I \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $u : I \times I \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ are given functions and $\Lambda : C(I) \rightarrow C(I)$ is an operator verifies special assumption which will state in Section 3.

Eq.(1.1) is of interest since it contains many includes several integral equations studied earlier as special cases, see [1, 2, 6, 7, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 20, 21, 22] and references therein. By using the measure of noncompactness related to monotonicity associated with fixed point theorem due to Darbo, we show that Eq.(1.1) has at least one solution in $C(I)$ which is nondecreasing on the interval I .

2. Auxiliary Facts and Results

In this section, we present some definitions and results which we will use further on.

Let $(E, \|\cdot\|)$ be a real Banach space with zero element 0. Let $B(x, r)$ be the closed ball centered at x with radius r . We denote by B_r the closed ball $B(0, r)$. Next, let X be a subset of E , we denote by \overline{X} and $\text{Conv}X$ the closure and convex closure of X , respectively. We use the symbols λX and $X + Y$ for the usual algebraic operations on the sets. Moreover, the symbol \mathfrak{M}_E stands for the family of all nonempty and bounded subsets of E and the symbol \mathfrak{N}_E stands for its subfamily consisting of all relatively compact subsets.

Now, we state the definition of a measure of noncompactness [4]:

Definition 2.1. A function $\mu : \mathfrak{M}_E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ is called a measure of noncompactness in E if it verifies the following assumptions:

- (1) The family $\ker\mu \neq \emptyset$ and $\ker\mu \subset \mathfrak{N}_E$, where $\ker\mu = \{X \in \mathfrak{M}_E : \mu(X) = 0\}$.
- (2) $\mu(X) \leq \mu(Y)$, if $X \subset Y$.
- (3) $\mu(\overline{X}) = \mu(X)$ and $\mu(\text{Conv}X) = \mu(X)$.
- (4) $\mu(\lambda X + (1 - \lambda)Y) \leq \lambda\mu(X) + (1 - \lambda)\mu(Y)$, $0 \leq \lambda \leq 1$.
- (5) If $X_n \in \mathfrak{M}_E$, $X_n = \overline{X}_n$, $X_{n+1} \subset X_n$ for $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu(X_n) = 0$, then $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} X_n \neq \emptyset$.

Notice that $\ker\mu$ is said to be the kernel of the measure of noncompactness μ .

In the following, we will work in the Banach space $C(I)$ of all real functions defined and continuous on $I = [0, 1]$ equipped with the standard norm $\|x\| = \max\{|x(\tau)| : \tau \in I\}$. We recall the measure of noncompactness in $C(I)$ which we will need in the next section (see [5]).

Let $\emptyset \neq X \subset C(I)$. For $x \in X$ and $\varepsilon \geq 0$ we denote by $\omega(x, \varepsilon)$ the modulus of continuity of the function x as follows

$$\omega(x, \varepsilon) = \sup\{|x(\tau) - x(t)| : \tau, t \in I, |\tau - t| \leq \varepsilon\}.$$

Next, we put $\omega(X, \varepsilon) = \sup\{\omega(x, \varepsilon) : x \in X\}$ and $\omega_0(X) = \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \omega(X, \varepsilon)$. Moreover, we define

$$d(x) = \sup\{|x(\tau) - x(t)| - [x(\tau) - x(t)] : \tau, t \in I, \tau \geq t\}$$

and

$$d(X) = \sup\{d(x) : x \in X\}.$$

Notice that $d(X) = 0$ if and only if all functions belonging to X are nondecreasing on I .

Finally, we define the function μ on the family $\mathfrak{M}_{C(I)}$ as follows

$$\mu(X) = \omega_0(X) + d(X).$$

Notice that the function μ is a measure of noncompactness in $C(I)$ [5].

We present a fixed point theorem due to Darbo [17] which we will need in the proof of our main result. First, we make use of the following definition.

Definition 2.2. Let $\emptyset \neq M$ be a subset of a Banach space E and let $\mathfrak{P} : M \rightarrow E$ be a continuous mapping which maps bounded sets onto bounded sets. The operator \mathfrak{P} satisfies the Darbo condition (with a constant $\kappa \geq 0$) with respect to a measure of noncompactness μ if for any bounded subset X of M we have

$$\mu(\mathfrak{P}X) \leq \kappa\mu(X).$$

If \mathfrak{P} verifies the Darbo condition with $\kappa < 1$ then it is a contraction operator with respect to μ .

Theorem 2.3. Let $\emptyset \neq \Omega$ be a closed, bounded and convex subset of the space E and let $\mathfrak{P} : \Omega \rightarrow \Omega$ be a contraction mapping with respect to the measure of noncompactness μ .

Then \mathfrak{P} has a fixed point in the set Ω .

Notice that the assumptions of the above theorem gives us that the set $\text{Fix}\mathfrak{P}$ of all fixed points of \mathfrak{P} belongs to Ω is an element of $\ker\mu$ [4].

3. The Main Result

We consider Eq.(1.1) and assume that the following assumptions are verified:

(a₁) The function $\phi : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is continuous, nonnegative and nondecreasing on I .

(a₂) The function $\varphi : I \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is continuous, $\varphi : I \times \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ and

$$\exists c \geq 0 : |\varphi(\tau, x_1) - \varphi(\tau, x_2)| \leq c|x_1 - x_2| \quad \forall (x_1, x_2) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \ \& \ \tau \in I.$$

(a₃) The superposition operator Φ generated by the function φ satisfies for any nonnegative function x the condition $d(\Phi x) \leq cd(x)$, where c is the same c appears in assumption (a₂).

(a₄) The function $u : I \times I \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a continuous, $u : I \times I \times \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ and for arbitrary fixed $t \in I$ and $x \in \mathbb{R}$ the function $\tau \rightarrow u(\tau, t, x)$ is nondecreasing on I . Moreover,

$$\exists \Psi : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+ \text{ (nondecreasing)} : |u(\tau, t, x)| \leq \Psi(|x|) \quad \forall (\tau, t) \in I^2 \ \& \ x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

(a₅) The operator $\Lambda : C(I) \rightarrow C(I)$ is continuous and

$$\exists \psi : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+ \text{ (nondecreasing)} : |(\Lambda x)(\tau)| \leq \psi(\|x\|) \text{ for any } \tau \in I, \ x \in C(I).$$

Moreover, for every nonnegative function $x \in C(I)$, the function Λx is nonnegative and nondecreasing on I .

(a₆) The inequality

$$\|\phi\| + cr + \varphi^* + r^2\Psi(\psi(r)) \leq r \quad (3.1)$$

has a positive solution r_0 such that $c+2r_0\Psi(\psi(r_0)) < 1$, where $\varphi^* = \max_{0 \leq \tau \leq 1} \varphi(\tau, 0)$.

Under the above assumptions, we state our main result as follows.

Theorem 3.1. *Let the assumptions (a₁) – (a₆) be verified, then the cubic Urysohn integral equation (1.1) has at least one solution $x \in C(I)$ which is nondecreasing on I .*

Proof. Let \mathfrak{F} be an operator defined on $C(I)$ by

$$(\mathfrak{F}x)(\tau) = \phi(\tau) + \varphi(\tau, x(\tau)) + x^2(\tau)(\mathcal{U}x)(t), \quad (3.2)$$

where \mathcal{U} is the Urysohn integral operator

$$(\mathcal{U}x)(\tau) = \int_0^1 u(\tau, t, (\Lambda x)(t)) dt. \quad (3.3)$$

For better readability, we will write the proof in seven steps.

Step 1: \mathfrak{F} maps the space $C(I)$ into itself.

Notice that for a given $x \in C(I)$, according to assumptions (a₁) – (a₅), we have $\mathfrak{F}x \in C(I)$. Therefore, the operator \mathfrak{F} maps $C(I)$ into itself.

Step 2: \mathfrak{F} maps the ball B_{r_0} into itself.

For all $\tau \in I$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} |(\mathfrak{F}x)(\tau)| &\leq \left| \phi(\tau) + \varphi(\tau, x(\tau)) + x^2(\tau) \int_0^1 u(\tau, t, (\Lambda x)(t)) dt \right| \\ &\leq |\phi(\tau)| + |\varphi(\tau, x(\tau)) - \varphi(\tau, 0)| + |\varphi(\tau, 0)| \\ &\quad + |x^2(\tau)| \int_0^1 |u(\tau, t, (\Lambda x)(t))| dt \\ &\leq \|\phi\| + c\|x\| + \varphi^* + \|x\|^2\Psi(\psi(\|x\|)) \int_0^1 ds \\ &= \|\phi\| + c\|x\| + \varphi^* + \|x\|^2\Psi(\psi(\|x\|)). \end{aligned}$$

From the above estimate, we get

$$\|\mathfrak{F}x\| \leq \|\phi\| + c\|x\| + \varphi^* + \|x\|^2\Psi(\psi(\|x\|)).$$

Therefore, if we have $\|x\| \leq r_0$, we obtain

$$\|\mathfrak{F}x\| \leq \|\phi\| + cr_0 + \varphi^* + r_0^2\Psi(\psi(r_0)) \leq r_0,$$

in view of the assumption (a₆). Consequently, the operator \mathfrak{F} maps the ball B_{r_0} into itself.

Further, let $B_{r_0}^+$ be the subset of B_{r_0} given by

$$B_{r_0}^+ = \{x \in B_{r_0} : x(\tau) \geq 0, \text{ for } \tau \in I\}.$$

Notice that, the set $\emptyset \neq B_{r_0}^+$ is closed, bounded and convex.

Step 3: \mathfrak{F} maps continuously the ball $B_{r_0}^+$ into itself.

In view of the above facts about $B_{r_0}^+$ and assumptions $(a_1) - (a_4)$, we infer that \mathfrak{F} maps the set $B_{r_0}^+$ into itself.

Step 4: The operator \mathfrak{F} is continuous on $B_{r_0}^+$.

To establish this, let us fix arbitrarily $\varepsilon > 0$ and $y \in B_{r_0}^+$. By assumption (a_4) , we can find $\delta > 0$ such that for arbitrary $x \in B_{r_0}^+$ with $\|x - y\| \leq \delta$ we have that $\|\Lambda x - \Lambda y\| \leq \varepsilon$. Indeed, for each $\tau \in I$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} & |(\mathfrak{F}x)(\tau) - (\mathfrak{F}y)(\tau)| \\ & \leq |\varphi(\tau, x(\tau)) - \varphi(\tau, y(\tau))| \\ & \quad + \left| x^2(\tau) \int_0^1 u(\tau, t, (\Lambda x)(t)) dt - y^2(\tau) \int_0^1 u(\tau, t, (\Lambda y)(t)) dt \right| \\ & \leq c|x(\tau) - y(\tau)| + \left| x^2(\tau) \int_0^1 u(\tau, t, (\Lambda x)(t)) dt - y^2(\tau) \int_0^1 u(\tau, t, (\Lambda x)(t)) dt \right| \\ & \quad + \left| y^2(\tau) \int_0^1 u(\tau, t, (\Lambda x)(t)) dt - y^2(\tau) \int_0^1 u(\tau, t, (\Lambda y)(t)) dt \right| \\ & \leq c|x(\tau) - y(\tau)| + |x^2(\tau) - y^2(\tau)| \int_0^1 |u(\tau, t, (\Lambda x)(t))| dt \\ & \quad + |y^2(\tau)| \int_0^1 |u(\tau, t, (\Lambda x)(t)) - u(\tau, t, (\Lambda y)(t))| dt. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we have

$$\|\mathfrak{F}x - \mathfrak{F}y\| \leq c\|x - y\| + 2r_0\Psi(\psi(r_0))\|x - y\| + r_0^2\omega^*(u, \varepsilon), \quad (3.4)$$

where we denoted

$$\omega^*(u, \varepsilon) = \sup\{|u(\tau, t, x) - u(\tau, t, y)| : \tau, t \in I, x, y \in [0, \psi(r_0)], |x - y| \leq \varepsilon\}.$$

From assumption (a_4) we infer that $\omega^*(u, \varepsilon) \rightarrow 0$ as $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ and therefore, the operator \mathfrak{F} is continuous in $B_{r_0}^+$.

Step 5: An estimate of \mathfrak{F} with respect to the term related to continuity ω_0 .

Let $\emptyset \neq X \subset B_{r_0}^+$, fix an arbitrarily number $\varepsilon > 0$ and choose $x \in X$ and $\tau_1, \tau_2 \in I$ such that $|\tau_2 - \tau_1| \leq \varepsilon$. Without restriction of the generality, we may assume that $\tau_1 \leq \tau_2$. In the view of our assumptions, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& |(\mathfrak{F}x)(\tau_2) - (\mathfrak{F}x)(\tau_1)| \\
& \leq |\phi(\tau_2) - \phi(\tau_1)| + |\varphi(\tau_2, x(\tau_2)) - \varphi(\tau_1, x(\tau_1))| \\
& \quad + |x^2(\tau_2) (\mathcal{U}x)(\tau_2) - x^2(\tau_2) (\mathcal{U}x)(\tau_1)| \\
& \quad + |x^2(\tau_2) (\mathcal{U}x)(\tau_1) - x^2(\tau_1) (\mathcal{U}x)(\tau_1)| \\
& \leq \omega(\phi, \varepsilon) + |\varphi(\tau_2, x(\tau_2)) - \varphi(\tau_1, x(\tau_2))| + |\varphi(\tau_1, x(\tau_2)) - \varphi(\tau_1, x(\tau_1))| \\
& \quad + |x^2(\tau_2)| |(\mathcal{U}x)(\tau_2) - (\mathcal{U}x)(\tau_1)| + |x^2(\tau_2) - x^2(\tau_1)| |(\mathcal{U}x)(\tau_1)| \\
& \leq \omega(\phi, \varepsilon) + \gamma_{r_0}(\varphi, \varepsilon) + c \omega(x, \varepsilon) + |x(\tau_2)|^2 |(\mathcal{U}x)(\tau_2) - (\mathcal{U}x)(\tau_1)| \\
& \quad + |x(\tau_2) - x(\tau_1)| |x(\tau_2) + x(\tau_1)| |(\mathcal{U}x)(\tau_1)| \\
& \leq \omega(\phi, \varepsilon) + \gamma_{r_0}(\varphi, \varepsilon) + c \omega(x, \varepsilon) \\
& \quad + \|x\|^2 \int_0^1 |u(\tau_2, t, (\Lambda x)(t)) - u(\tau_1, t, (\Lambda x)(t))| dt + 2\|x\| \omega(x, \varepsilon) \Psi(\psi(\|x\|)) \\
& \leq \omega(\phi, \varepsilon) + \gamma_{r_0}(\varphi, \varepsilon) + c \omega(x, \varepsilon) + \|x\|^2 \omega_{\psi(\|x\|)}(u, \varepsilon) + 2\|x\| \omega(x, \varepsilon) \Psi(\psi(\|x\|)),
\end{aligned}$$

where we denoted

$$\gamma_{r_0}(\varphi, \varepsilon) = \sup \{ |\varphi(\tau_2, x) - \varphi(\tau_1, x)| : \tau_1, \tau_2 \in I, x \in [0, r_0], |\tau_2 - \tau_1| \leq \varepsilon \}$$

and

$$\omega_b(u, \varepsilon) = \sup \{ |u(\tau_2, t, y) - u(\tau_1, t, y)| : t, \tau_1, \tau_2 \in I, y \in [0, b], |\tau_2 - \tau_1| \leq \varepsilon \}.$$

Hence,

$$\omega(\mathfrak{F}x, \varepsilon) \leq \omega(\phi, \varepsilon) + \gamma_{r_0}(\varphi, \varepsilon) + c \omega(x, \varepsilon) + r_0^2 \omega_{\psi(r_0)}(u, \varepsilon) + 2r_0 \omega(x, \varepsilon) \Psi(\psi(r_0)).$$

Consequently,

$$\omega(\mathfrak{F}X, \varepsilon) \leq \omega(\phi, \varepsilon) + \gamma_{r_0}(\varphi, \varepsilon) + (c + 2r_0 \Psi(\psi(r_0))) \omega(X, \varepsilon) + r_0^2 \omega_{\psi(r_0)}(u, \varepsilon).$$

Since the function ϕ is continuous on I , the function φ is uniformly continuous on $I \times [0, r_0]$ and the function u is uniformly continuous the set $I \times I \times [0, \psi(r_0)]$, then we obtain

$$\omega_0(\mathfrak{F}X) \leq (c + 2r_0 \Psi(\psi(r_0))) \omega_0(X). \quad (3.5)$$

Step 6: *An estimate of \mathfrak{F} with respect to the term related to monotonicity d.*

Fix an arbitrary $x \in X$ and $\tau_1, \tau_2 \in I$ with $\tau_2 > \tau_1$. Then, taking into account our assumption, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
& |(\mathfrak{F}x)(\tau_2) - (\mathfrak{F}x)(\tau_1)| - ((\mathfrak{F}x)(\tau_2) - (\mathfrak{F}x)(\tau_1)) \\
& = \left| \phi(\tau_2) + \varphi(\tau_2, x(\tau_2)) + x^2(\tau_2) \int_0^1 u(\tau_2, t, (\Lambda x)(t)) dt \right.
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left| -\phi(\tau_1) - \varphi(\tau_1, x(\tau_1)) - x^2(\tau_1) \int_0^1 u(\tau_1, t, (\Lambda x)(t)) dt \right. \\
 & \quad - \left(\phi(\tau_2) + \varphi(\tau_2, x(\tau_2)) + x^2(\tau_2) \int_0^1 u(\tau_2, t, (\Lambda x)(t)) dt \right. \\
 & \quad \left. \left. - \phi(\tau_1) - \varphi(\tau_1, x(\tau_1)) - x^2(\tau_1) \int_0^1 u(\tau_1, t, (\Lambda x)(t)) dt \right) \right. \\
 \leq & \left[|\phi(\tau_2) - \phi(\tau_1)| - (\phi(\tau_2) - \phi(\tau_1)) \right] \\
 & + \left[|\varphi(\tau_2, x(\tau_2)) - \varphi(\tau_1, x(\tau_1))| - (\varphi(\tau_2, x(\tau_2)) - \varphi(\tau_1, x(\tau_1))) \right] \\
 & + \left| x^2(\tau_2) \int_0^1 u(\tau_2, t, (\Lambda x)(t)) dt - x^2(\tau_1) \int_0^1 u(\tau_2, t, (\Lambda x)(t)) dt \right| \\
 & + \left| x^2(\tau_1) \int_0^1 u(\tau_2, t, (\Lambda x)(t)) dt - x^2(\tau_1) \int_0^1 u(\tau_1, t, (\Lambda x)(t)) dt \right| \\
 & - \left(x^2(\tau_2) \int_0^1 u(\tau_2, t, (\Lambda x)(t)) dt - x^2(\tau_1) \int_0^1 u(\tau_2, t, (\Lambda x)(t)) dt \right) \\
 & - \left(x^2(\tau_1) \int_0^1 u(\tau_2, t, (\Lambda x)(t)) dt - x^2(\tau_1) \int_0^1 u(\tau_1, t, (\Lambda x)(t)) dt \right) \\
 \leq & |\varphi(\tau_2, x(\tau_2)) - \varphi(\tau_1, x(\tau_1))| - (\varphi(\tau_2, x(\tau_2)) - \varphi(\tau_1, x(\tau_1))) \\
 & + \left[|x^2(\tau_2) - x^2(\tau_1)| - (x^2(\tau_2) - x^2(\tau_1)) \right] \int_0^1 u(\tau_2, t, (\Lambda x)(t)) dt \\
 & + x^2(\tau_1) \left[\left| \int_0^1 u(\tau_2, t, (\Lambda x)(t)) dt - \int_0^1 u(\tau_1, t, (\Lambda x)(t)) dt \right| \right. \\
 & \quad \left. - \left(\int_0^1 u(\tau_2, t, (\Lambda x)(t)) dt - \int_0^1 u(\tau_1, t, (\Lambda x)(t)) dt \right) \right] \\
 \leq & d(\Phi x) + 2\|x\| \Psi(\psi(\|x\|))d(x).
 \end{aligned}$$

The above estimate gives us that

$$d(\mathfrak{F}x) \leq cd(x) + 2r_0\Psi(\psi(r_0))d(x),$$

and consequently,

$$d(\mathfrak{F}X) \leq (c + 2r_0\Psi(\psi(r_0)))d(X). \quad (3.6)$$

Step 7: \mathfrak{F} is a contraction with respect to the measure of noncompactness μ .

By adding (3.5) and (3.6), we get

$$\omega_0(\mathfrak{F}X) + d(\mathfrak{F}X) \leq (c + 2r_0\Psi(\psi(r_0)))\omega_0(X) + (c + 2r_0\Psi(\psi(r_0)))d(X)$$

or

$$\mu(\mathfrak{F}X) \leq (c + 2r_0\Psi(\psi(r_0)))\mu(X).$$

Since $c + 2r_0\Psi(\psi(r_0)) < 1$, then the operator \mathfrak{F} is contraction with respect to the measure of noncompactness μ .

Finally, Theorem 2.3 guarantees that Eq.(1.1) has at least one solution $x \in C(I)$ which is nondecreasing on I . This completes the proof. \square

4. Example

Let us consider the cubic Urysohn integral equation

$$x(\tau) = \frac{\sqrt{\tau}}{8} + \frac{\tau x(\tau)}{1 + \tau^2} + \frac{x^2(\tau)}{4} \int_0^1 \arctan\left(\frac{\tau \int_0^t s x^2(s) ds}{1 + t^2}\right) dt. \quad (4.1)$$

Here, $\phi(\tau) = \frac{\sqrt{\tau}}{8}$ and this function verifies assumption (a_1) and $\|\phi\| = 1/8$. Also, $\varphi(\tau, x) = \frac{\tau x}{1 + \tau^2}$ and this function verifies assumption (a_2) with

$$|\varphi(\tau, x) - \varphi(\tau, y)| \leq \frac{1}{2}|x - y| \quad \forall t \in I \ \& \ (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2.$$

Moreover, the function φ verifies assumption (a_3) . Indeed, for arbitrary nonnegative function $x \in C(I)$ and $\tau_1, \tau_2 \in I$ with $\tau_1 \leq \tau_2$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} d(\Phi x) &= |(\Phi x)(\tau_2) - (\Phi x)(\tau_1)| - ((\Phi x)(\tau_2) - (\Phi x)(\tau_1)) \\ &= |\varphi(\tau_2, x(\tau_2)) - \varphi(\tau_1, x(\tau_1))| - (\varphi(\tau_2, x(\tau_2)) - \varphi(\tau_1, x(\tau_1))) \\ &= \left| \frac{\tau_2}{1 + \tau_2^2} x(\tau_2) - \frac{\tau_1}{1 + \tau_1^2} x(\tau_1) \right| - \left(\frac{\tau_2}{1 + \tau_2^2} x(\tau_2) - \frac{\tau_1}{1 + \tau_1^2} x(\tau_1) \right) \\ &\leq \frac{\tau_2}{1 + \tau_2^2} |x(\tau_2) - x(\tau_1)| + \left| \frac{\tau_2}{1 + \tau_2^2} - \frac{\tau_1}{1 + \tau_1^2} \right| x(\tau_1) \\ &\quad - \frac{\tau_2}{1 + \tau_2^2} (x(\tau_2) - x(\tau_1)) - \left(\frac{\tau_2}{1 + \tau_2^2} - \frac{\tau_1}{1 + \tau_1^2} \right) x(\tau_1) \\ &= \frac{\tau_2}{1 + \tau_2^2} [|x(\tau_2) - x(\tau_1)| - (x(\tau_2) - x(\tau_1))] \\ &= \frac{\tau_2}{1 + \tau_2^2} d(x) \leq \frac{1}{2} d(x). \end{aligned}$$

The function $u(\tau, t, x) = \arctan \frac{\tau x}{1 + t^2}$ satisfies assumption (a_4) , we have $|u(\tau, t, x)| \leq |x|$ which means $\Psi(r) = r$. Moreover, the operator $(\Lambda x)(\tau) = \int_0^\tau t x^2(t) dt$ verifies assumption (a_5) with $\psi(r) = r^2$.

Therefore, the inequality (3.1) has the form $\frac{1}{8} + \frac{\tau}{2} + r^4 \leq r$ or $\frac{1}{4} + r + 2r^4 \leq 2r$. This inequality admits $r_0 = 1/2$ as a positive solution. Moreover,

$$c + 2r_0\Psi(\psi(r_0)) = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} = \frac{3}{4} < 1.$$

Consequently, Theorem 3.1 guarantees that equation (4.1) has a continuous nondecreasing solution.

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