

AN APPLICATION OF THE FIXED POINT THEOREM OF  
BOHNENBLUST-KARLIN TO THE DARBOUX PROBLEM FOR A  
MULTIVALUED INCLUSION

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**Abstract.** In this paper we consider the Darboux problem

$$(0.1) \quad \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y} \in F(x, y, z), \quad z(x, 0) = \sigma(x), \quad z(0, y) = \tau(y), \quad \sigma(0) = \tau(0),$$

where  $F : D \times E^n \rightarrow 2^{E^n}$  is a multifunction,  $D = [0, a] \times [0, b]$ ,  $E^n$  is the Euclidean  $n$ -space and  $\sigma \in C^1([0, a], E^n)$ ,  $\tau \in C^1([0, b], E^n)$ . It is defined the notion of *classical solution* for the problem (0.1) and it is proved an existence theorem for such a solution using the fixed point theorem of Bohnenblust-Karlin for multivalued applications. The paper is an extension of [4]. The Darboux problem with  $F$  also depending of  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$ ,  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial y}$ ,  $\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y}$ ,  $\alpha_i(x, y)$ ,  $\beta_i(x, y)$ ,  $i = \overline{1, \nu}$ , and  $\lambda$  – a parameter, with solutions defined in various ways as absolutely continuous functions, with classical or generalized solutions was studied in [3], [8], [9], [10], [12], [14]–[34].

1. PRELIMINARIES

The Euclidean distance between two points  $z_1, z_2 \in E^n$  will be denoted [4]

$$\rho(z_1, z_2) = |z_1 - z_2|.$$

DEFINITION 1.1. [4], [9], [10]. *If  $A \subset E^n$ , the distance from  $z \in E^n$  to the set  $A$  is*

$$\rho(z, A) = \inf\{\rho(z, a) : a \in A\}.$$

DEFINITION 1.2. [6]. *A neighbourhood of the set  $A \subset E^n$  is*

$$N_\varepsilon(A) = \{z \in E^n : \rho(z, a) < \varepsilon, a \in A, \varepsilon > 0\}.$$

DEFINITION 1.3. [4], [6], [9], [10], [13], [15]. If  $A$  and  $B$  are compact subsets of a metric space  $X$ , the Hausdorff-Pompeiu metric  $h$  is defined thus:  $h$  is the smallest positive real number  $d$  such that  $A$  is contained in a  $d$ -neighbourhood of  $B$  and  $B$  in a  $d$ -neighbourhood of  $A$ :

$$h(A, B) = \inf\{d \in \mathbb{R}_+ : A \subseteq N_d(B) \text{ and } B \subseteq N_d(A)\}.$$

THEOREM 1.1. [4], [11]. The set  $\Omega^n = \text{comp}E^n$  of all nonempty, compact subsets of  $E^n$ , with the topology induced by the Hausdorff-Pompeiu metric, is a complete metric space,  $(\Omega^n, h)$ .

DEFINITION 1.4. [6], [9], [10], [13]. Let  $X, Y$  be two nonempty sets. A multifunction  $F : X \rightarrow 2^Y$  is a function from  $X$  into the family of all nonempty subsets of  $Y$ .

DEFINITION 1.5. [4], [6]. Let  $D = [0, a] \times [0, b] \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ . A multifunction  $G : D \rightarrow \Omega^n$  is measurable (in the sense of Lebesgue) if for every closed subset  $\Delta \subset E^n$ , the set

$$\Delta^- = \{(x, y) \in D : G(x, y) \cap \Delta \neq \emptyset\}$$

is Lebesgue-measurable.

DEFINITION 1.6. [6], [9], [10]. If  $T$  is a topological space and  $Y$  a metric space, the multifunction  $F : T \rightarrow 2^Y$  is upper semicontinuous (lower semicontinuous) if for every closed (open) subset  $B \subseteq Y$ , the set

$$\{t \in T : F(t) \cap B \neq \emptyset\}$$

is closed (open) in  $T$ .

DEFINITION 1.7. [7]. The multifunction  $F : T \rightarrow 2^Y$  is continuous if it is upper and lower semicontinuous.

DEFINITION 1.8. [1], [4], [18]. Let be  $G : D \rightarrow \Omega^n$ . The Aumann integral of the set-valued function  $G$  is defined by

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_D \int G(x, y) dx dy = \\ & = \left\{ \int_D \int g(x, y) dx dy : g \text{ measurable, } g(x, y) \in G(x, y), (x, y) \in D \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

DEFINITION 1.9. [4]. For a mapping  $G : D \rightarrow \Omega^n$ , it is defined  $\text{co}G : D \rightarrow \Omega^n$ , to be the map from  $D$  into  $\Omega^n$  taking values  $\text{co}G(x, y)$  as the closed convex hull of  $G(x, y)$ ,  $(x, y) \in D$ .

We shall use the notation  $C(D, E^n)$  for the space of continuous  $n$ -vector valued functions, defined on  $D$ , with the uniform topology, i.e. the topology induced by  $\|g\| = \max\{|g(x, y)| : (x, y) \in D\}$ , where  $|g(x, y)|$  is the Euclidean norm of  $g(x, y) \in E^n$ .

Lemma 1.4 of [4] can be easily extended for functions in two variables as follows:

LEMMA 1.1. Let  $G : D \rightarrow \Omega^n$  be measurable, with values in a ball  $B_\rho(\theta)$  centered at  $\theta$ -the origin of  $E^n$ , of radius  $\rho$ . Let us consider the sets

$$Y = \{g \in L_\infty(D, E^n) : g(\xi, \eta) \in \text{co} G(\xi, \eta), (\xi, \eta) \in D\}$$

and

$$B = \{h \in C(D, E^n) : h(x, y) = \alpha(x, y) + \int_0^x \int_0^y g(\xi, \eta) d\xi d\eta, g \in Y\}.$$

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THEOREM 1.2. (Bohnenblust-Karlin) [4]. Let  $S$  be a compact convex subset of a Banach space  $X$  and  $A : S \rightarrow CCl(S)$  [15] a continuous (in the Hausdorff topology) mapping from  $S$  into the space of nonempty closed convex subsets of  $S$ . Then  $A$  has a fixed point, i.e. there exists a  $\varphi \in S$  such that  $\varphi \in A(\varphi)$ . See also [2], [7], [13].

If  $I \subset \mathbb{R}$  is a compact interval and  $X$  is a Banach space, we denote by  $C^1(I, X)$  [10] the space of all continuously differentiable functions from  $I$  into  $X$ , endowed with the norm

$$\|\varphi\|_{C^1(I, X)} = \max_{t \in I} \|\varphi(t)\| + \max_{t \in I} \|\varphi'(t)\|.$$

## 2. RESULTS

Let the following hypotheses satisfied:

(H<sub>1</sub>)  $F : D \times E^n \rightarrow \Omega^n$  is a multifunction with its values  $F(x, y, z)$  for  $(x, y) \in D$ ,  $z \in E^n$  as compact convex sets in  $E^n$  contained in the ball of radius  $L$ .

(H<sub>2</sub>) The functions  $C^1([0, a], E^n)$ ,  $\tau \in C^1([0, b], E^n)$  satisfy the condition  $\sigma(0) = \tau(0)$ .

(H<sub>3</sub>) The function  $\alpha : D \rightarrow E^n$ , defined by

$$(2.1) \quad \alpha(x, y) = \sigma(x) + \tau(y) - \sigma(0), \quad (x, y) \in D,$$

is bounded. There exists  $\alpha_0 \in \mathbb{R}_+$  such that

$$(2.2) \quad |\alpha(x, y)| \leq \alpha_0, \quad (x, y) \in D.$$

DEFINITION 2.1. [18], [19]. The Darboux problem for the hyperbolic inclusion

$$(2.3) \quad \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y} \in F(x, y, z), \quad (x, y) \in D, \quad z \in E^n,$$

consists in the determination of a solution for (2.3) satisfying conditions

$$(2.4) \quad \begin{cases} z(x, 0) = \sigma(x), & 0 \leq x \leq a \\ z(0, y) = \tau(y), & 0 \leq y \leq b. \end{cases}$$

DEFINITION 2.2. [5], [10], [34]. A function  $z : D \rightarrow E^n$  is said to be a classical solution of (2.3)+(2.4) if  $z, \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y}$  are in  $C(D, E^n)$  and for every  $(x, y) \in D$ ,  $z$  satisfies (2.3), i.e.  $\frac{\partial^2 z(x, y)}{\partial x \partial y} \in F(x, y, z(x, y))$ , and also (2.4).

THEOREM 2.1. Let the hypotheses  $(H_1)$ ,  $(H_2)$ ,  $(H_3)$  be satisfied. Then the Darboux problem (2.3)+(2.4) has a classical solution.

Proof. Let  $C_L(D, E^n)$  be the compact subset of  $C(D, E^n)$  consisting of functions with Lipschitz constant  $L$  and of norm less than or equal to  $\alpha_0 + Lab$ .

$$C_L(D, E^n) = \{f \in C(D, E^n) : |f(x, y) - f(x', y')| \leq L(|x - x'| + |y - y'|), (x, y), (x', y') \in D, |f| \leq \alpha_0 + Lab\}.$$

Let  $z$  be in  $C(D, E^n)$  and  $\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y}$  in  $C(D, E^n)$ . Integrating  $\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y}$  over the domain

$$D_{xy} = \{(\xi, \eta) : 0 \leq \xi \leq x, 0 \leq \eta \leq y\} \subseteq D, \quad (x, y) \in D,$$

and using (2.2), (2.4) one gets

$$(2.5) \quad \begin{aligned} z(x, y) &= \sigma(x) + \tau(y) - \sigma(0) + \int_0^x \int_0^y \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial \xi \partial \eta} d\xi d\eta = \\ &= \alpha(x, y) + \int_0^x \int_0^y \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial \xi \partial \eta} d\xi d\eta, \quad (x, y) \in D. \end{aligned}$$

For  $Z \in C_L(D, E^n)$  let us take

$$Y(z) = \{f \in L_\infty(D, E^n) : f(\xi, \eta) \in F(\xi, \eta, z(\xi, \eta)), (\xi, \eta) \in D\}$$

and

$$A(z) = \{h \in C(D, E^n) : h(x, y) = \alpha(x, y) + \int_0^x \int_0^y f(\xi, \eta) d\xi d\eta, f \in Y(z)\}.$$

Since  $F$  has convex values, Lemma 1.1 shows that  $A(z)$  is a compact convex subset of  $C_L(D, E^n)$ . Also,  $A$  considered as a map

$$A : C_L(D, E^n) \rightarrow \text{comp } C_L(D, E^n)$$

of  $C_L(D, E^n)$  into the nonempty compact subsets of  $C_L(D, E^n)$ , is continuous in the Hausdorff topology. By the Bohnenblust-Karlin fixed point theorem,  $A$

has a fixed point  $\varphi$  and  $\varphi$  is therefore a solution of the problem (2.3)+(2.4). Indeed

$$Y(\varphi) = \{f \in L_\infty(D, E^n) : f(\xi, \eta) \in F(\xi, \eta, \varphi(\xi, \eta)), (\xi, \eta) \in D\}$$

and

$$A(\varphi) = \{h \in C(D, E^n) : h(x, y) = \alpha(x, y) + \int_0^x \int_0^y f(\xi, \eta) d\xi d\eta, f \in Y(\varphi)\}.$$

From  $A(\varphi) = \varphi$  it follows

$$\varphi(x, y) = h(x, y) = \alpha(x, y) + \int_0^x \int_0^y f(\xi, \eta) d\xi d\eta,$$

hence

$$\frac{\partial^2 \varphi}{\partial x \partial y}(x, y) = f(x, y) \in F(x, y, \varphi(x, y)), \quad \text{for } (x, y) \in D.$$

i.e. (2.3) is satisfied, and (2.4) obviously holds. One has

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial x}(x, 0) = \sigma(x), & 0 \leq x \leq a \\ \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial y}(0, y) = \tau(y), & 0 \leq y \leq b. \end{cases}$$

The theorem 2.1 is thus proved.  $\square$

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