

# An existence theorem for a non-autonomous second order nonlocal multivalued problem

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**Abstract.** In this paper we prove the existence of mild solutions for a nonlocal problem governed by an abstract semilinear non-autonomous second order differential inclusion, where the non-linear part is an upper-Caratheodory semicontinuous multimap. Our existence theorem is obtained thanks to the introduction of a fundamental Cauchy operator. Finally we apply our main result to provide the controllability of a problem involving a non-autonomous wave equation.

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## 1. Introduction

Recently in [8] H.R. Henríquez, V. Poblete, J.C. Pozo have studied the existence of mild solutions for a nonlocal problem governed by the following non-autonomous wave equation

$$\frac{\partial^2 w(t, \xi)}{\partial t^2} = \frac{\partial^2 w(t, \xi)}{\partial \xi^2} + b(t) \frac{\partial w(t, \xi)}{\partial \xi} + \tilde{f}(t, w(t, \xi)), \quad t \in J = [0, a], \quad (1.1)$$

Starting from this paper, we are interested to study the following control problem

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial^2 w(t, \xi)}{\partial t^2} = \frac{\partial^2 w(t, \xi)}{\partial \xi^2} + b(t) \frac{\partial w(t, \xi)}{\partial \xi} + f(t, w(t, \xi), u(t, \xi)), & t \in J \\ w(t, 0) = w(t, 2\pi), & t \in J, \\ \frac{\partial w(t, 0)}{\partial \xi} = \frac{\partial w(t, 2\pi)}{\partial \xi}, & t \in J, \\ w(0, \xi) = \sum_{i=1}^m \frac{2\pi t_i}{\xi_i}, & \xi \in R, \\ \frac{\partial w(0, \xi)}{\partial t} = \sum_{i=1}^m \frac{2\pi}{\xi_i}, & \xi \in R, \\ u(t, \xi) \in U(t, w(t, \xi)) \end{cases} \quad (1.2)$$

where  $0 < t_1 < \dots < t_i < \dots < t_m < a$  and  $0 < \xi_1 < \dots < \xi_i < \dots < \xi_m < 2\pi$ ,  $b : J \rightarrow R$ ,  $f : J \times R \times R \rightarrow R$  and  $U : J \times R \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(R)$ .

By using the classical arguments (see, for example [15]) the controllability of (5.1) is brought back to the existence of mild solutions for a problem described by the non-autonomous semilinear second order differential inclusion with nonlocal conditions

$$\begin{cases} x''(t) \in A(t)x(t) + F(t, x(t)), & t \in J \\ x(0) = g(x) \\ x'(0) = h(x) \end{cases} \tag{1.3}$$

where  $J = [0, a]$  is an interval of the real line,  $\{A(t)\}_{t \in J}$  is a family of bounded, linear operators defined in a subspace  $D(A(t)) = D(A)$  dense in a real Banach space  $X$  generating a "fundamental system", and  $g, h$  are two operators defined on the trajectories and assuming values in  $X$ .

Recently the existence of nonlocal mild solutions in Banach space has been investigated for semilinear non-autonomous second order differential equations in [9], in [7] and in [8], while there exists an extensive literature for the autonomous case (see, for example, [6], [11], [12], [13] and [14]).

The note is organized in the following way. We start by introducing the fundamental Cauchy operator and by characterizing some of its properties, which play a key role to prove the existence of mild nonlocal solutions for problem (1.3) in the case that the nonlinear part of the semilinear second order differential inclusion is given by an upper-Caratheodory semicontinuous multimap. In order to obtain our main existence result we use the powerful tools introduced in [9], [7] and a fixed point theorem for condensing multimaps. Our existence theorem extends in a broad sense all the existence results above mentioned. In the last section we apply our existence proposition for (1.3) in order to establish the controllability of (1.2).

## 2. Preliminaries

Let  $X, Y$  be topological spaces and  $\mathcal{P}(Y)$  be the family of all nonempty subsets of  $Y$ . We recall that a map  $F : X \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(Y)$  is said to be *upper semicontinuous* (*lower semicontinuous*) if  $F^+(V) = \{x \in X : F(x) \subset V\}$  ( $F^-(V) = \{x \in X : F(x) \cap V \neq \emptyset\}$ ) is an open subset of  $X$ , for every open  $V \subset Y$ ; the multimap  $F$  is said to have *closed graph* if the set  $graph F = \{(x, y) \in X \times Y : y \in F(x)\}$  is closed in  $X \times Y$  (see [5]).

In this paper  $X$  is a real Banach space endowed with a norm  $\|\cdot\|$ , and we will use the following notations:

$$\mathcal{P}_b(X) = \{H \in \mathcal{P}(X) : H \text{ bounded}\} \tag{2.1}$$

$$\mathcal{P}_c(X) = \{H \in \mathcal{P}(X) : H \text{ convex}\}; \tag{2.2}$$

$$\mathcal{P}_f(X) = \{H \in \mathcal{P}(X) : H \text{ closed}\}; \tag{2.3}$$

$$\mathcal{P}_k(X) = \{H \in \mathcal{P}(X) : H \text{ compact}\}; \tag{2.4}$$

$$\mathcal{P}_{fc}(X) = \mathcal{P}_f(X) \cap \mathcal{P}_c(X) \dots \tag{2.5}$$

Further, let  $J = [0, a]$  be an interval of the real line endowed with the usual Lebesgue measure  $\lambda$ .

A function  $f : J \rightarrow X$  is said to be *strongly measurable* if there is a sequence of simple functions  $(s_n)_n$  which converges to  $f$  almost everywhere.

Moreover, we denote by  $C(J; X)$  the space consisting of all continuous functions from  $J$  into  $X$  provided with the norm  $\|\cdot\|_\infty$  of uniform convergence, by  $L^1(J, X)$  the space of all  $X$ -valued Bochner integrable functions on  $J$  with norm  $\|u\|_1 = \int_0^a \|u(t)\| dt$  and  $L^1_+(J) = \{f \in L^1(J, \mathbb{R}) : f(t) \geq 0, \text{ for a.e. } t \in J\}$ .

A countable set  $\{f_n\}_n \subset L^1(J, X)$  is said to be *semicompact* if: (i)  $\{f_n\}_n$  is *integrably bounded*, i.e. there exists  $\omega \in L^1_+(J)$  such that  $\|f_n(t)\| \leq \omega(t)$ , for a.e.  $t \in J$  and for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ; (ii) the set  $\{f_n(t)\}_n$  is relatively compact in  $X$ , for a.e.  $t \in J$ .

Now let us consider the following nonlocal problem governed by a non-autonomous abstract semilinear second order differential inclusion

$$\begin{cases} x''(t) \in A(t)x(t) + F(t, x(t)), & t \in J \\ x(0) = g(x) \\ x'(0) = h(x). \end{cases} \tag{2.6}$$

In this problem  $F$  is an  $X$ -valued multimap defined on  $J \times X$ ,  $g, h : C(J; X) \rightarrow X$  are functions;  $\{A(t)\}_{t \in J}$  is a family, generating a "fundamental system"  $\{S(t, s)\}_{t, s \in J}$  of bounded linear operators  $A(t) : D(A) \rightarrow X$  (where  $D(A)$  is a dense subspace of  $X$ ) such that, for each  $x \in D(A)$ , the function  $t \mapsto A(t)x$  is continuous in  $J$ .

First we recall the concept of the "fundamental system", introduced by Kozak in [9] and recently used by H.R. Henríquez, V. Poblete, J.C. Pozo in [8].

**Definition 2.1.** A family  $\{S(t, s)\}_{t, s \in J}$  of bounded linear operators  $S(t, s) : X \rightarrow X$  is called *fundamental system* generated by the family  $\{A(t)\}_{t \in J}$  if

- (S1) for each  $x \in X$ , the function  $S(\cdot, \cdot)x : J \times J \rightarrow X$  is of class  $C^1$  and
    - (a) for each  $t \in J$ ,  $S(t, t)x = 0, \forall x \in X$  ;
    - (b) for each  $t, s \in J$  and for each  $x \in X$ ,  $\frac{\partial}{\partial t} S(t, s) |_{t=s} x = x$  and  $\frac{\partial}{\partial s} S(t, s) |_{t=s} x = -x$ ;
  - (S2) for all  $t, s \in J$ , if  $x \in D(A)$ , then  $S(t, s)x \in D(A)$ , the map  $S(\cdot, \cdot)x : J \times J \rightarrow X$  is of class  $C^2$  and
    - (a)  $\frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} S(t, s)x = A(t)S(t, s)x, \forall (t, s) \in J \times J, \forall x \in D(A)$ ;
    - (b)  $\frac{\partial^2}{\partial s^2} S(t, s)x = S(t, s)A(s)x, \forall (t, s) \in J \times J, \forall x \in D(A)$ ;
    - (c)  $\frac{\partial^2}{\partial s \partial t} S(t, s) |_{t=s} x = 0, \forall s \in J, \forall x \in D(A)$ ;
  - (S3) for all  $s, t \in J$ , if  $x \in D(A)$ , then  $\frac{\partial}{\partial s} S(t, s)x \in D(A)$ . Moreover, there exist  $\frac{\partial^3}{\partial t^2 \partial s} S(t, s)x$  and  $\frac{\partial^3}{\partial s^2 \partial t} S(t, s)x$  and
    - (a)  $\frac{\partial^3}{\partial t^2 \partial s} S(t, s)x = A(t)\frac{\partial}{\partial s} S(t, s)x, \forall (t, s) \in J \times J, \forall x \in D(A)$ ;
    - (b)  $\frac{\partial^3}{\partial s^2 \partial t} S(t, s)x = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} S(t, s)A(s)x, \forall (t, s) \in J \times J, \forall x \in D(A)$ ;
- and for all  $x \in D(A)$  the function  $(t, s) \mapsto A(t)\frac{\partial}{\partial s} S(t, s)x$  is continuous in  $J \times J$ .

Moreover, as in [8], a map  $S : J \times J \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(X)$ , where  $\mathcal{L}(X)$  denote the space of all bounded linear operators in  $X$  with the norm  $\|\cdot\|_{\mathcal{L}(X)}$ , is said to be a "fundamental operator" if  $\{S(t, s)\}_{t, s \in J}$  is a fundamental system. Moreover, as in [8], we introduce, for each  $(t, s) \in J \times J$  the operator

$$C(t, s) = -\frac{\partial}{\partial s} S(t, s) : X \rightarrow X. \tag{2.7}$$

By using the Banach-Steinhaus Theorem it is possible to prove that the fundamental system  $\{S(t, s)\}_{t,s \in J}$  satisfies the following properties:

there exists two constants  $K, K^*, K_1 > 0$  such that

(p1)  $\|C(t, s)\|_{\mathcal{L}(X)} \leq K, \forall (t, s) \in J \times J;$

(p2)  $\|S(t, s)\|_{\mathcal{L}(X)} \leq K |t - s|, \forall t, s \in J$

(p3)  $\|S(t, s)\|_{\mathcal{L}(X)} \leq Ka, \forall t, s \in J$

(p4)  $\|S(t_2, s) - S(t_1, s)\|_{\mathcal{L}(X)} \leq K^* |t_2 - t_1|, \forall t_1, t_2, s \in J$

(p5)  $\exists K_1 > 0 : \|\frac{\partial}{\partial s} S(t_2, s) - \frac{\partial}{\partial s} S(t_1, s)\|_{\mathcal{L}(X)} \leq K_1 |t_2 - t_1|, \forall t_1, t_2, s \in J.$

Now we recall the definition of a mild solutions for the nonlocal problem (2.6)

**Definition 2.2.** A continuous function  $u : J \rightarrow X$  is a *mild solution* for (2.6) if

$$u(t) = -\frac{\partial}{\partial s} S(t, s) |_{s=0} g(u) + S(t, 0)h(u) + \int_0^t S(t, \xi)f(\xi)d\xi, \forall t \in J$$

where  $f \in S^1_{F(., u(.,))} = \{f \in L^1(J; X) : f(t) \in F(t, u(t)) \text{ a.e. } t \in J\}.$

In the sequel let us denote by  $0_n$  the zero-element of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and by  $\preceq$  the partial ordering given by the standard positive cone  $\mathbb{R}^n_{0,+} := (\mathbb{R}^n_0)^+$ , i.e.  $x \preceq y$  if and only if  $y - x \in \mathbb{R}^n_{0,+}$ ; clearly,  $x \prec y$  means that  $x \preceq y$  and  $x \neq y$ .

**Definition 2.3.** A function  $\beta : \mathcal{P}_b(X) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n_{0,+}$  is said to be a "measure of noncompactness" (MNC, for short) in the Banach space  $X$  if, for every  $\Omega \in \mathcal{P}_b(X)$ , the following properties are satisfied:

( $\beta_1$ )  $\beta(\Omega) = 0_n$  if and only if  $\bar{\Omega}$  is compact;

( $\beta_2$ )  $\beta(\bar{co}(\Omega)) = \beta(\Omega).$

Further, a MNC  $\beta : \mathcal{P}_b(X) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n_{0,+}$  is said to be:

*monotone* if  $\Omega_1, \Omega_2 \in \mathcal{P}_b(X) : \Omega_1 \subset \Omega_2$  implies  $\beta(\Omega_1) \preceq \beta(\Omega_2);$

*nonsingular* if  $\beta(\{x\} \cup \Omega) = \beta(\Omega)$ , for every  $x \in X, \Omega \in \mathcal{P}_b(X);$

*invariant under closure* if  $\beta(\bar{\Omega}) = \beta(\Omega), \Omega \in \mathcal{P}_b(X);$

*invariant with respect to the union with compact set* if  $\beta(\Omega \cup C) = \beta(\Omega)$ , for every relatively compact set  $C \subset X$  and  $\Omega \in \mathcal{P}_b(X).$

In this setting we provide the following definitions (see [2]).

**Definition 2.4.** If  $D$  is a nonempty subset of  $X$ , a map  $\phi : D \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X)$  is said to be "condensing" with respect to a MNC  $\beta : \mathcal{P}_b(X) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n_{0,+}$  (shortly, "  $\beta$ -condensing ") if

(I)  $\phi(D)$  is bounded

and

(II)  $\beta(\Omega) \preceq \beta(\phi(\Omega))$  implies  $\beta(\Omega) = 0_n, \Omega \in \mathcal{P}_b(D)$

or equivalently

(II)'  $0_n \prec \beta(\Omega)$  implies  $\beta(\Omega) \not\preceq \beta(\phi(\Omega)), \Omega \in \mathcal{P}_b(D)$  (i.e.  $\beta(\phi(\Omega)) \prec \beta(\Omega)$  is true or  $\beta(\phi(\Omega))$  and  $\beta(\Omega)$  are not comparable).

We can now recall the following Sadovskii type fixed point theorem for multimaps condensing with respect to a vectorial measure of noncompactness (see [2], Theorem 2.2).

**Theorem 2.5.** *Let  $\beta : \mathcal{P}_b(X) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{0,+}^n$  be a nonsingular MNC,  $D$  be a closed convex subset of a Banach space  $X$  and  $\phi : D \rightarrow \mathcal{P}_{fc}(D)$  be a map such that*  
 (φ1)  $\phi$  has weakly closed graph in  $D \times X$ , i.e. for every sequence  $(x_n)_n$  in  $D$ ,  $x_n \rightarrow x$ ,  $x \in D$ , and for every sequence  $(y_n)_n$ ,  $y_n \in \phi(x_n)$ ,  $y_n \rightarrow y$ , then  $S(x, y) \cap \phi(x) \neq \emptyset$ , where  $S(x, y) = \{x + \lambda(y - x) : \lambda \in [0, 1]\}$ ;  
 (φ2)  $\phi$  is  $\beta$ -condensing.  
 Then there exists  $x \in D$  with  $x \in \phi(x)$ .

Next, we consider the set  $\mathbb{R}_{0,+}^2 = \mathbb{R}_0^+ \times \mathbb{R}_0^+$  endowed with the partial ordering  $\preceq$  before introduced. Fixed a constant  $L \geq 0$  we can introduce the function  $\nu_L : \mathcal{P}_b(C(J; X)) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{0,+}^2$  defined by

$$\nu_L(\Omega) = \max_{\{w_n\}_n \subset \Omega} (\tau(\{w_n\}_n), \lambda(\{w_n\}_n)), \quad \forall \Omega \in \mathcal{P}_b(C(J; X)), \tag{2.8}$$

being

$$\tau(\{w_n\}_n) = \sup_{t \in J} e^{-Lt} \eta(\{w_n(t)\}_n); \tag{2.9}$$

and

$$\lambda(\{w_n\}_n) = \text{mod}_C(\{w_n\}_n) \tag{2.10}$$

where  $\eta$  is the Hausdorff MNC in the Banach space  $X$  and  $\text{mod}_C$  is the modulus of continuity in  $C(J; X)$  (see [3]).

### 3. The fundamental Cauchy operator

To study the problem (2.6) we introduce the following operator, which will play a key role in our next existence result.

**Definition 3.1.** Let  $\{S(t, s)\}_{t,s \in J}$  be the fundamental system generated by the family  $\{A(t)\}_{t \in J}$  of bounded linear operators in the Banach space  $X$ , presented in (2.6). We will call the operator  $G_S : L^1(J; X) \rightarrow C(J; X)$  defined by

$$G_S f(t) = \int_0^t S(t, s) f(s) ds, \quad t \in J = [0, a], \quad f \in L^1(J; X) \tag{3.1}$$

the fundamental Cauchy operator.

First we present the following result, which is analogous to the one proved in [10] or in [4], respectively for the Cauchy operator and for the generalized Cauchy operator.

**Theorem 3.2.** *The fundamental Cauchy operator  $G_S$  satisfies the following properties:*

( $G_S$ 1)  $\|G_S f(t) - G_S g(t)\| \leq Ka \int_0^t \|f(s) - g(s)\| ds, \quad t \in J, \quad f, g \in L^1(J; X);$

where  $Ka$  is the constant presented in (p3);

( $G_S$ 2) for any compact  $H \subset X$  and sequence  $(f_n)_n, f_n \in L^1(J; X)$ , such that  $\{f_n(t)\}_n \subset H$  for a.e.  $t \in J$ , the weak convergence  $f_n \rightharpoonup f_0$  implies the convergence  $G_S f_n \rightarrow G_S f_0$ .

*Proof.* Let  $t \in J$  and  $f, g \in L^1(J; X)$  be fixed. Thanks to the definition of the fundamental Cauchy operator and to the property (p3) we have:

$$\|G_S f(t) - G_S g(t)\| = \left\| \int_0^t S(t, s)(f(s) - g(s))ds \right\| \leq Ka \int_0^t \|f(s) - g(s)\| ds \quad (3.2)$$

Therefore we can deduce that  $G_S$  satisfies  $(G_S1)$ .

Let us prove the property  $(G_S2)$ .

Fix a compact set  $H \subset X$  and  $t \in J$ , let us consider the set  $Q_t \subseteq X$  defined as follows:

$$Q_t = \bigcup_{s \in [0, t]} S(t, s)H. \quad (3.3)$$

Now we show that  $Q_t$  is compact. Let us fix the map  $q_H : J \times J \times H \rightarrow X$  defined by  $q_H(t, s, x) = S(t, s)x$ ,  $(t, s, x) \in J \times J \times H$ . Then, for each  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exist finitely many  $x_1, \dots, x_p \in X$  such that:

$$H \subset \bigcup_{i=1}^p \left( x_i + \frac{\varepsilon}{4Ka} B_1(0) \right),$$

where  $B_1(0)$  is the open unit ball in  $X$ .

Now, by the strongly continuity of  $S$ , there exists  $\eta_H(\varepsilon) > 0$  such that for every  $(t_1, s_1), (t_2, s_2) \in \Delta$  with  $\max\{|t_1 - t_2|, |s_1 - s_2|\} < \eta_H(\varepsilon)$  we have

$$\|S(t_1, s_1)x_i - S(t_2, s_2)x_i\| < \frac{\varepsilon}{4}, \text{ for every } i = 1, \dots, p. \quad (3.4)$$

Put  $\tilde{\eta}_H(\varepsilon) = \min\{\eta_H(\varepsilon), \frac{\varepsilon}{4Ka}\}$ , for arbitrary  $(t_1, s_1, z_1), (t_2, s_2, z_2) \in J \times J \times H$  such that  $\max\{|t_1 - t_2|, |s_1 - s_2|, \|z_1 - z_2\|\} < \tilde{\eta}_H(\varepsilon)$ , since there exists  $j \in \{1, \dots, p\}$  such that  $\|z_1 - x_j\| < \frac{\varepsilon}{4Ka}$ , by (p3) and (3.4) we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \|q_H(t_1, s_1, z_1) - q_H(t_2, s_2, z_2)\| = \|S(t_1, s_1)z_1 - S(t_2, s_2)z_2\| \\ & \leq \|S(t_1, s_1)z_1 - S(t_1, s_1)x_j\| + \|S(t_1, s_1)x_j - S(t_2, s_2)x_j\| \\ & + \|S(t_2, s_2)x_j - S(t_2, s_2)z_1\| + \|S(t_2, s_2)z_1 - S(t_2, s_2)z_2\| \\ & \leq \|S(t_1, s_1)(z_1 - x_j)\| + \| [S(t_1, s_1) - S(t_2, s_2)]x_j \| \\ & + \|S(t_2, s_2)(x_j - z_1)\| + \|S(t_2, s_2)(z_1 - z_2)\| \\ & \leq Ka\|z_1 - x_j\| + \frac{\varepsilon}{4} + Ka\|x_j - z_1\| + Ka\|z_1 - z_2\| < \varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore the map  $q_H$  is uniformly continuous. Hence, being true that

$$Q_t = q_H(\{t\} \times [0, t] \times H),$$

we can say that  $Q_t$  is compact.

Now, we show that, for every sequence  $(f_n)_n$ ,  $f_n \in L^1(J; X)$ , such that  $\{f_n(t)\}_n \subset H$  a.e.  $t \in J$  we have that the set  $\{G_S f_n(t)\}_n$  is relatively compact in  $X$ , for every  $t \in J$ . To this end, fixed  $t \in J$ , it is enough to prove that

$$\{G_S f_n(t)\}_n \subset t\bar{co}(Q_t). \quad (3.5)$$

Let us associate to  $(f_n)_{n=1}^{+\infty}$  a sequence  $(\tilde{f}_n)_{n=1}^{+\infty}$  such that  $\tilde{f}_n(t) \in H$  for every  $t \in J$  and  $\tilde{f}_n = f_n$  a.e. in  $J$ . By applying [5, Corollary 3.10.19], we obtain

$$G_S f_n(t) = \int_0^t S(t,s)\tilde{f}_n(s) ds \in t\bar{c}\bar{o} \{S(t,s)\tilde{f}_n(s) : s \in [0,t]\} \subset t\bar{c}\bar{o} Q_t, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Next, let us show now that  $\{G_S f_n\}_{n=1}^{+\infty} \subset C(J; X)$  is (uniformly) equicontinuous in  $J$ . To see this, fixed  $\varepsilon > 0$ , we can choose  $\delta(\varepsilon) = \frac{\varepsilon}{aK_2(K+K^*)}$ , where the constants  $K$  and  $K^*$  are respectively that from properties (p1) and (p4) in Section 2, while  $K_2$  is a constant such that

$$\|f_n(t)\| \leq K_2, \text{ a.e. } t \in J, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Then, for every  $t_1, t_2 \in J$ ,  $|t_2 - t_1| \leq \delta(\varepsilon)$ , and w.l.o.g.  $t_2 > t_1$ , we have (see (p3) and (p4) in Section 2):

$$\begin{aligned} \|G_S f_n(t_2) - G_S f_n(t_1)\| &\leq \int_0^{t_1} \| [S(t_2,s) - S(t_1,s)] f_n(s) \| ds \\ &\quad + \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \| S(t_2,s) \|_{\mathcal{L}(X)} \| f_n(s) \| ds \\ &\leq \int_0^{t_1} \| S(t_2,s) - S(t_1,s) \|_{\mathcal{L}(X)} \| f_n(s) \| ds + K_2 K a (t_2 - t_1) \\ &\leq \int_0^a K^* (t_2 - t_1) K_2 ds + K_2 K a (t_2 - t_1) \leq \delta(\varepsilon) a K_2 (K + K^*) = \varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

Hence we have the equicontinuity in  $J$  of the set  $\{G_S f_n\}_n$ .

Furthermore, the condition  $(G_S1)$  implies that the linear operator  $G_S$  is bounded, hence  $G_S$  is weakly continuous, i.e. if  $f_n \rightharpoonup f_0$  then  $G_S f_n \rightharpoonup G_S f_0$ . Now, by applying a generalized version of the Ascoli-Arzelà criterion obtained by Ambrosetti in [1], we get the relative compactness of the set  $\{G_S f_n\}_n$ .

The relative compactness of  $\{G_S f_n\}_{n=1}^{+\infty}$  provides that the last convergence is in the norm of the space  $C(J; X)$ . So also  $(G_S2)$  is stated.

**Remark 3.3.** Condition  $(G_S1)$  obviously implies the Lipschitz condition  $(G_S1)' \|G_S f - G_S g\|_\infty \leq K a \|f - g\|_1$ , for all  $f, g \in L^1(J; X)$ .

### 4. Existence results

Thanks to the properties of the fundamental Cauchy operator we are able to prove our main existence result.

**Theorem 4.1.** *Let  $J = [0, a]$ ,  $X$  a Banach space and  $\{A(t)\}_{t \in J}$  a family which satisfies the property:*

(A)  *$\{A(t)\}_{t \in J}$  is a family of bounded linear operators, defined in a subspace  $D(A)$  dense in  $X$  and taking values in  $X$ , generating a fundamental system  $\{S(t,s)\}_{(t,s) \in J \times J}$  such that, for each  $x \in D(A)$ , the function  $t \mapsto A(t)x$  is continuous in  $J$ .*

*Let  $F : J \times X \rightarrow \mathcal{P}_{kc}(X)$  a multimap which satisfies the following hypothesis:*

(F1) *for every  $x \in X$ ,  $F(\cdot, x)$  admits a  $B$ -measurable selector;*

(F2) *for a.e.  $t \in J$ ,  $F(t, \cdot)$  is upper semicontinuous;*

(F3) there exists a function  $\alpha \in L^1_+(J)$  such that

$$\|F(t, x)\| = \sup_{z \in F(t, x)} \|z\| \leq \alpha(t)(1 + \|x\|)$$

for a.e.  $t \in J$  and for all  $x \in X$ .

(F4) there exists a function  $m \in L^1_+(J)$  such that

$$\eta(F(t, B)) \leq m(t)\eta(B)$$

for a.e.  $t \in J$  and for every  $B \in \mathcal{P}_b(X)$  (where  $\eta$  is the Hausdorff MNC in  $X$ ).

Let  $g, h : C(J; X) \rightarrow X$  be two functions which satisfy the following properties:

(gh1)  $g, h$  are compact, i.e. they are continuous and map bounded sets into relatively compact sets;

(gh2) there exists  $Q > 0$ :  $\|g(u)\| \leq Q, \|h(u)\| \leq Q$  for every  $u \in C(J; X)$ .

Then there exists at least one mild solution for the nonlocal problem (2.6).

*Proof.* We consider the integral multioperator  $\Gamma : C(J; X) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}_c(C(J; X))$  defined as

$$\Gamma(u) = \{y \in C(J; X) : y(t) = C(t, 0)g(u) + S(t, 0)h(u) + \int_0^t S(t, \xi)f(\xi)d\xi, t \in J, f \in S^1_{F(\cdot, u(\cdot))}\} \tag{4.1}$$

for all  $u \in C(J; X)$ .

Note that, for all  $u \in C(J; X)$ , since  $S_{F(\cdot, u(\cdot))} \neq \emptyset$  (see [10], Lemma 5.1.1) we have  $\Gamma(u) \neq \emptyset$ . Moreover  $\Gamma$  takes convex values thanks the convexity of the values of  $F$ .

From now on we proceed by steps.

**Step 1:** There exists a set which is invariant under the action of the operator  $\Gamma$ .

**Step 1a:** We put

$$q_n = \max_{t \in J} \left\{ \int_0^t K a e^{-n(t-s)} \alpha(s) ds \right\} \tag{4.2}$$

for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , where  $K, \alpha$  are respectively from (p1) and (F3) and  $a$  is the size of  $J$ . Let us show that

$$\inf_{n \in \mathbb{N}} q_n = 0. \tag{4.3}$$

From definition of maximum, for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , there exists  $t_n \in J$  such that

$$q_n - \frac{1}{n} < \int_0^{t_n} K a e^{-n(t_n-s)} \alpha(s) ds = \int_0^a \psi_n(s) ds \tag{4.4}$$

being  $\psi_n : J \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  the function defined as follows

$$\psi_n(s) = K a e^{-n(t_n-s)} \chi_{[0, t_n]}(s) \alpha(s), \text{ for all } s \in J,$$

where  $\chi_{[0, t_n]}$  is the characteristic function of the interval  $[0, t_n]$ . Eventually passing to a subsequence, the sequence  $(\psi_n)_n$  is such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \psi_n(s) = 0, \text{ for all } s \in J$$

$$|\psi_n(s)| \leq K a \alpha(s) =: \alpha^*(s), \forall s \in J, \forall n \in \mathbb{N},$$

where  $\alpha^* \in L^1_+(J)$ . So the Dominated Convergence Theorem implies that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^a \psi_n(s) ds = 0.$$

Since  $q_n \geq 0$ , by (4.4) we obtain  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} q_n = 0$ . Hence (4.3) is proved. Therefore, there exists  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$q_N < 1. \tag{4.5}$$

Now, let us consider the norm  $\|\cdot\|_N : C(J; X) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_0^+$  defined by:

$$\|u\|_N = \max_{t \in J} e^{-Nt} \|u(t)\|, \quad \forall u \in C(J; X), \tag{4.6}$$

which is equivalent to the usual norm  $\|\cdot\|_\infty$  in  $C(J; X)$  (cfr. [10], (5.2.7)). Let us fix

$$R \geq \frac{K(Q + aQ + a\|\alpha\|_1)}{1 - q_N} \tag{4.7}$$

where  $K$  is the constant in (p1),  $a$  is the size of the interval  $J$ ,  $Q$  and  $q_N$  are respectively from (gh2) and (4.5).

**Step 1b:** Now, we consider (see (4.7))

$$H_R = \{u \in C(J; X) : \|u\|_N \leq R\}, \tag{4.8}$$

the closed ball in  $(C(J; X), \|\cdot\|_N)$ .

We show that

$$\Gamma(H_R) \subset H_R. \tag{4.9}$$

Fixed  $u \in H_R$  and  $y \in \Gamma(u)$ , for every  $t \in J$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} e^{-Nt} \|y(t)\| &\leq e^{-Nt} \|C(t, 0)g(u)\| + e^{-Nt} \|S(t, 0)h(u)\| + \\ &\quad + e^{-Nt} \int_0^t \|S(t, \xi)f(\xi)\| d\xi \end{aligned}$$

Then by using (p1), (p2), (F3), (gh2) and (4.6) we have

$$\begin{aligned} e^{-Nt} \|y(t)\| &\leq \|C(t, 0)\|_{\mathcal{L}(X)} \|g(u)\| + \|S(t, 0)\|_{\mathcal{L}(X)} \|h(u)\| + \\ &\quad + e^{-Nt} \int_0^t \|S(t, \xi)\|_{\mathcal{L}(X)} \|f(\xi)\| d\xi \leq \\ &\leq K(Q + aQ + a\|\alpha\|_1) + e^{-Nt} Ka \int_0^t \alpha(\xi) \|u(\xi)\| d\xi = \\ &= K(Q + aQ + a\|\alpha\|_1) + e^{-Nt} Ka \int_0^t e^{N\xi} \alpha(\xi) e^{-N\xi} \|u(\xi)\| d\xi \leq \\ &\leq K(Q + aQ + a\|\alpha\|_1) + \|u\|_N Ka \int_0^t e^{-N(t-\xi)} \alpha(\xi) d\xi. \end{aligned}$$

So, recalling that  $u \in H_R$ , by (4.8), (4.7) and ((4.2) for  $n=N$ ) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} e^{-Nt} \|y(t)\| &\leq K(Q + aQ + a\|\alpha\|_1) + R \int_0^t Ka e^{-N(t-\xi)} \alpha(\xi) d\xi \leq \\ &\leq K(Q + aQ + a\|\alpha\|_1) + Rq_N \leq R. \end{aligned}$$

Now, by (4.6), we have

$$\|y\|_N \leq R,$$

hence  $y \in H_R$ . Therefore (4.9) is true.

**Step 2:** In order to prove the existence of a mild solution for (2.6) it is enough to have

the existence of a fixed point for the restriction  $\Gamma|_{H_R}$  (shortly  $\Gamma_R$ ), i.e. (see (4.9)) for the map

$$\Gamma_R : H_R \rightarrow \mathcal{P}_c(H_R). \quad (4.10)$$

To this aim, we will show that  $\Gamma_R$  satisfies all the hypotheses of Theorem 2.5, where the Banach space considered is  $(C(J; X), \|\cdot\|_\infty)$  (shortly  $C(J; X)$ ). Obviously  $H_R$ , which is a closed ball in the space  $(C(J; X), \|\cdot\|_N)$ , is a closed and convex subset of  $C(J; X)$ .

**Step 2a:** The integral multioperator  $\Gamma_R$  has closed graph.

Let  $(u_n)_n$  be a sequence in  $H_R$  such that  $u_n \rightarrow \bar{u}$  and let  $(z_n)_n$  be a sequence such that  $z_n \in \Gamma(u_n)$ ,  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ , and  $z_n \rightarrow \bar{z}$  in  $C(J; X)$ .

Moreover, let  $(f_n)_n$  be a sequence such that, for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $f_n \in S_{F(\cdot, u_n(\cdot))}^1$ , and

$$z_n(t) = C(t, 0)g(u_n) + S(t, 0)h(u_n) + \int_0^t S(t, \xi)f_n(\xi)d\xi, \text{ for all } t \in J \quad (4.11)$$

Now, let us note that the set  $\{f_n\}_n$  is integrably bounded. This follows from the boundness of the set  $\{u_n\}_n$  in  $C(J, X)$  and from (F3).

Furthermore, let us show that the set  $\{f_n(t)\}_n$  is relatively compact in  $X$  for a.e.  $t \in J$ . Indeed, by using (F4) and the monotonicity of the Hausdorff MNC, for a.e.  $t \in J$ , being  $\{u_n(t)\}_n \in \mathcal{P}_b(X)$ , we can write the estimate

$$\eta(\{f_n(t)\}_n) \leq \eta(F(t, \{u_n(t)\}_n)) \leq m(t)\eta(\{u_n(t)\}_n). \quad (4.12)$$

Next, since the set  $\{u_n(t)\}_n$  is relatively compact in  $X$ , from (4.12), we have  $\eta(\{f_n(t)\}_n) = 0$ , i.e. the set  $\{f_n(t)\}_n$  is relatively compact.

Now, we can use [[10], Proposition 4.2.1] to conclude that the set  $\{f_n\}_n$  is weakly compact in  $L^1(J; X)$ , so w.l.o.g. we can assume  $f_n \rightharpoonup \bar{f}$  in  $L^1(J; X)$ .

Then, in virtue of Theorem 3.2 and Remark 3.3 we can say that the fundamental Cauchy operator satisfies  $(G_S1)'$  and  $(G_S2)$ . Therefore, since the set  $\{f_n\}_n$  is semi-compact we can apply [[10], Theorem 5.1.1] and deduce

$$G_S f_n \rightarrow G_S \bar{f} \text{ in } C(J; X). \quad (4.13)$$

Moreover, fixed  $t \in J$ , since  $C(t, 0), S(t, 0) \in \mathcal{L}(X)$  and  $g, h$  are continuous in  $C(J; X)$  (see hypothesis  $(gh1)$ ), we have:

$$C(t, 0)g(u_n) \rightarrow C(t, 0)g(\bar{u}), \text{ per } n \rightarrow \infty \quad (4.14)$$

$$S(t, 0)h(u_n) \rightarrow S(t, 0)h(\bar{u}), \text{ per } n \rightarrow \infty \quad (4.15)$$

Hence, by passing to the limit in (4.11), from (4.13), (4.14), (4.15) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} z_n(t) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} [C(t, 0)g(u_n) + S(t, 0)h(u_n) + G_S f_n(t)] = \\ &= C(t, 0)g(\bar{u}) + S(t, 0)h(\bar{u}) + G_S \bar{f}(t) \end{aligned}$$

Now, the uniqueness of the limit algorithm guarantees that (see (3.1)):

$$\bar{z}(t) = C(t, 0)g(\bar{u}) + S(t, 0)h(\bar{u}) + \int_0^t S(t, \xi)\bar{f}(\xi)d\xi, \text{ for every } t \in J.$$

By [[10], Lemma 5.1.1], we have that  $\bar{f} \in S_{F(\cdot, \bar{u}(\cdot))}^1$ , hence we can conclude that  $\bar{z} \in \Gamma_R(\bar{u})$ . Therefore,  $\Gamma_R$  has closed graph.

**Step 2b:** For every  $l \in \mathbb{N}$  we can consider the real number

$$p_l := \max_{t \in J} \int_0^t 2Kae^{-l(t-s)}m(s)ds \tag{4.16}$$

where  $K, a, m$  are respectively from (p1), (2.6) and (F4). By means of similar arguments as the ones used to prove (4.5), we can choose  $l = L$  large enough so that

$$p_L < 1. \tag{4.17}$$

In correspondence to such an  $L$  we consider the vectorial MNC  $\nu_L$  on  $C(J; X)$  defined in (2.8).

Next, we prove that the integral multioperator  $\Gamma_R$  is  $\nu_L$ -condensing.

First, by (4.9) the equivalence of the norms  $\|\cdot\|_\infty$  and  $\|\cdot\|_N$  implies the boundness of the set  $\Gamma_R(H_R)$  in  $(C(J; X), \|\cdot\|_\infty)$ . Therefore, condition (I) of  $\nu_L$ -consensivity holds. Now we show that condition (II) is satisfied too. So let  $\Omega \subset H_R$  be a bounded set such that

$$\nu_L(\Omega) \preccurlyeq \nu_L(\Gamma_R(\Omega)), \tag{4.18}$$

we will prove that  $\nu_L(\Omega) = 0_2$ .

Recalling that  $\nu_L(\Gamma_R(\Omega))$  is a maximum (see (2.8)), we consider the countable set  $\{y_n\}_n \subset \Gamma_R(\Omega)$  which achieves that maximum. Let now  $\{u_n\}_n \subset \Omega$  be a set such that  $y_n \in \Gamma_R(u_n)$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Moreover, for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , by (4.1), (4.10), (3.1) there exists  $f_n \in S_{F(\cdot, u_n(\cdot))}^1$  such that

$$y_n(t) = C(t, 0)g(u_n) + S(t, 0)h(u_n) + G_S f_n(t), \quad t \in J. \tag{4.19}$$

Of course, since (4.18) holds, we have (see (2.8))

$$(\tau(\{u_n\}_n), \lambda(\{u_n\}_n)) \preccurlyeq \nu_L(\Omega) \preccurlyeq \nu_L(\Gamma_R(\Omega)) = (\tau(\{y_n\}_n), \lambda(\{y_n\}_n)). \tag{4.20}$$

First of all, from the above relation we have the inequality

$$\tau(\{u_n\}_n) \leq \tau(\{y_n\}_n). \tag{4.21}$$

Let us estimate (cf. (2.9))

$$\tau(\{y_n\}_n) = \sup_{t \in J} e^{-Lt} \eta(\{y_n(t)\}_n). \tag{4.22}$$

Fixed  $t \in J$ , by using (4.19), (p1) and (p2) of the fundamental system and the properties of  $\eta$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \eta(\{y_n(t)\}_n) &\leq \eta(\{C(t, 0)g(u_n)\}_n) + \eta(\{S(t, 0)h(u_n)\}_n) + \eta(\{G_S f_n(t)\}_n) \leq \\ &\leq K\eta(g(\{u_n\}_n)) + Ka\eta(h(\{u_n\}_n)) + \eta(\{G_S f_n(t)\}_n). \end{aligned} \tag{4.23}$$

Being  $\{u_n\}_n$  a bounded set, from hypothesis (gh1) we can deduce that  $\eta(g(\{u_n\}_n)) = 0$  and  $\eta(h(\{u_n\}_n)) = 0$ . Therefore, by (4.23) we have

$$\eta(\{y_n(t)\}_n) \leq \eta(\{G_S f_n(t)\}_n). \tag{4.24}$$

In order to apply Theorem 4.2.2 of [10], we first note that the boundness of  $\{u_n\}_n$  in  $C(J; X)$  and (F3) imply that the set  $\{f_n\}_n$  is integrably bounded. Moreover by (F4), for a.e.  $s \in J$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \eta(\{f_n(s)\}_n) &\leq \eta(F(s, \{u_n(s)\}_n)) \leq m(s)\eta(\{u_n(s)\}_n) \leq \\ &\leq e^{Ls}m(s) \sup_{\xi \in J} e^{-L\xi}\eta(\{u_n(\xi)\}_n) = e^{Ls}m(s)\tau(\{u_n\}_n) =: v(s) \end{aligned} \quad (4.25)$$

where obviously  $v \in L^1_+(J)$ .

On the other hand, by using Theorem 3.2 we know that the fundamental Cauchy operator  $G_S$  satisfies  $(G_S1)$  and  $(G_S2)$ . Now we are in the position to apply Theorem 4.2.2 of [10], so we get (cf. (4.25)):

$$\eta(\{G_S f_n(t)\}_n) \leq 2Ka \int_0^t v(s)ds = 2Ka\tau(\{u_n\}_n) \int_0^t e^{Ls}m(s)ds, \quad \forall t \in J, \quad (4.26)$$

hence, by (4.24) and (4.26) we have

$$\eta(\{y_n(t)\}_n) \leq 2Ka\tau(\{u_n\}_n) \int_0^t e^{Ls}m(s)ds, \quad \forall t \in J.$$

From this last inequality, remembering (2.9) and (4.16) with  $l = L$ , we obtain

$$\tau(\{y_n\}_n) \leq \sup_{t \in J} [2Ka\tau(\{u_n\}_n) \int_0^t e^{-L(t-s)}m(s)ds] \leq p_L\tau(\{u_n\}_n) \quad (4.27)$$

Therefore (4.21) and (4.27) imply

$$\tau(\{u_n\}_n) \leq \tau(\{y_n\}_n) \leq p_L\tau(\{u_n\}_n), \quad (4.28)$$

and so, since  $p_L < 1$  (4.17), we achieve

$$\tau(\{u_n\}_n) = 0. \quad (4.29)$$

By (4.28) we also deduce

$$\tau(\{y_n\}_n) = 0. \quad (4.30)$$

Now we show that (cf. (2.10))

$$\lambda(\{y_n\}_n) = \text{mod}_C(\{y_n\}_n) = 0 \quad (4.31)$$

To this aim, we prove that  $\text{mod}_C(\{y_n\}_n) = 0$ . Indeed, from (4.28) and (2.9), we have that

$$\eta(\{u_n(t)\}_n) = 0, \quad \forall t \in J.$$

Moreover, the set  $\{f_n\}_n$  is semicompact since it is integrably bounded and  $\eta(\{f_n(t)\}_n) = 0$ , for a.e.  $t \in J$  (see (4.25) and (4.29)). Therefore, recalling again that  $G_S$  satisfies properties  $(G_S1)$  and  $(G_S2)$ , we can apply Theorem 5.1.1 of [10] so that the set  $\{G_S f_n\}_n$  is relatively compact in  $C(J; X)$ . Clearly, if a subset of  $C(J; X)$  is relatively compact, then its elements constitute an equicontinuous family on  $J$ . Hence, fixed  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists  $\delta_1(\varepsilon) = \delta_1(\frac{\varepsilon}{3}) > 0$  such that for every  $t_1, t_2 \in J$ ,  $|t_1 - t_2| < \delta_1(\varepsilon)$  we have

$$\|G_S f_n(t_2) - G_S f_n(t_1)\| < \frac{\varepsilon}{3}, \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}. \quad (4.32)$$

In addition, put  $\delta_2(\varepsilon) =: \frac{\varepsilon}{3Q \max\{K^*, K_1\}}$  we have (see (p4), (p5), (2.7) and (gh2))

$$\|C(t_2, 0)g(u_n) - C(t_1, 0)g(u_n)\| \leq Q \max\{K^*, K_1\} |t_2 - t_1| < \frac{\varepsilon}{3}, \tag{4.33}$$

$$\|S(t_2, 0)h(u_n) - S(t_1, 0)h(u_n)\| \leq Q \max\{K^*, K_1\} |t_2 - t_1| < \frac{\varepsilon}{3}, \tag{4.34}$$

for all  $t_1, t_2 \in J, |t_2 - t_1| < \delta_2(\varepsilon), \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Now, fixed  $\delta(\varepsilon) = \min\{\delta_1(\varepsilon), \delta_2(\varepsilon)\} > 0$ , by (4.32), (4.33) and (4.34) we can deduce that, for every  $t_1, t_2 \in J$  such that  $|t_1 - t_2| < \delta(\varepsilon)$  we can say

$$\begin{aligned} \|y_n(t_2) - y_n(t_1)\| &\leq \|C(t_2, 0)g(u_n) - C(t_1, 0)g(u_n)\| + \\ &+ \|S(t_2, 0)h(u_n) - S(t_1, 0)h(u_n)\| + \|G_S f_n(t_2) - G_S f_n(t_1)\| < \varepsilon, \end{aligned}$$

for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , i.e., the set  $\{y_n\}_n$  is equicontinuous on  $J$ . So we conclude (see (2.10)):

$$\lambda(\{y_n\}_n) = \text{mod}_C(\{y_n\}_n) = 0 \tag{4.35}$$

From (4.20), by using (4.30) and (4.35) we deduce  $\nu_L(\Omega) = 0_2$ .

Hence, condition (II) of  $\nu_L$ -condensity is verified too, therefore  $\Gamma_R$  is  $\nu_L$ -condensing.

**Step 3:** Finally we are in the position to apply Theorem 2.5. Hence the multioperator  $\Gamma_R$  has a fixed point in  $H_R$ , i.e. there exists  $x \in H_R$  such that

$$x(t) = C(t, 0)g(x) + S(t, 0)h(x) + \int_0^t S(t, s)f(s)ds, \quad t \in J$$

where  $f \in S_{F(\cdot, x(\cdot))}^1$ . Of course,  $x$  is a mild solution for (2.6).

### 5. An application

Now we apply the result established in the preceding section to study the controllability of the following non-autonomous wave equation with initial conditions

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial^2 w(t, \xi)}{\partial t^2} = \frac{\partial^2 w(t, \xi)}{\partial \xi^2} + b(t) \frac{\partial w(t, \xi)}{\partial \xi} + f(t, w(t, \xi), u(t, \xi)), \quad t \in J \\ w(t, 0) = w(t, 2\pi), \quad t \in J, \\ \frac{\partial w(t, 0)}{\partial \xi} = \frac{\partial w(t, 2\pi)}{\partial \xi}, \quad t \in J, \\ w(0, \xi) = \sum_{i=1}^m \frac{2\pi t_i}{\xi_i}, \quad \xi \in \mathbb{R}, \\ \frac{\partial w(0, \xi)}{\partial t} = \sum_{i=1}^m \frac{2\pi}{\xi_i}, \quad \xi \in \mathbb{R}, \\ u(t, \xi) \in U(t, w(t, \xi)), \quad t \in J, \quad \xi \in \mathbb{R} \end{cases} \tag{5.1}$$

where  $0 < t_1 < \dots < t_i < \dots < t_m < a$  and  $0 < \xi_1 < \dots < \xi_i < \dots < \xi_m < 2\pi$ ,  $f : J \times \mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $b : J \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $U : J \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R})$ .

First, we fix the Banach space  $X = L^2(\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{C})$ , where  $\mathbb{T}$  is the quotient group  $\mathbb{T} = \mathbb{R}/2\pi\mathbb{Z}$  of all  $2\pi$ -periodic  $2$ -integrable functions. As in [8], we will use the identification between the functions defined on  $\mathbb{T}$  and the  $2\pi$ -periodic functions from  $\mathbb{R}$  to  $\mathbb{C}$ . Next, put the Sobolev space

$$\begin{aligned} H^2(\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{C}) &= \{X_x : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{C} : X_x([\xi]) = x(\xi), \quad x : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \text{ is } 2\pi\text{-periodic} : \\ &\quad \exists x'_{[0, 2\pi]}, x''_{[0, 2\pi]} \in L^2([0, 2\pi], \mathbb{C})\}, \end{aligned}$$

provided by the norm

$$\|X_x\|_{H^2(\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{C})} = \|x\|_{L^2([0, 2\pi], \mathbb{C})} + \|x'\|_{L^2([0, 2\pi], \mathbb{C})} + \|x''\|_{L^2([0, 2\pi], \mathbb{C})}, \quad (5.2)$$

we consider the operator  $A_0 : D(A_0) = H^2(\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{C}) \rightarrow L^2(\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{C})$  so defined

$$A_0 X_x = \frac{d^2}{d\xi} x, \quad X_x \in H^2(\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{C})$$

which is the infinitesimal generator of a strongly continuous cosine family  $\{C_0(t)\}_{t \in \mathbb{R}}$ , where  $C_0(t) : L^2(\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{C}) \rightarrow L^2(\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{C})$ , for every  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  (see [8]). Moreover, we fix the function  $P : J \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(H^1(\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{C}), L^2(\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{C}))$  defined in this way

$$P(t)X_x = b(t) \frac{dX_x}{d\xi}, \quad t \in J, \quad X_x \in H^1(\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{C}).$$

where we assume that the function  $b : J \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  of (5.1) is  $C^1$  on  $J$ . Now we are in the position to define the family  $\{A(t) : t \in J\}$ , where, for every  $t \in J$ ,  $A(t) : H^2(\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{C}) \rightarrow L^2(\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{C})$ , is an operator so defined

$$A(t) = A_0 + P(t), \quad t \in J. \quad (5.3)$$

In [7] Henriquez has proved that this family generates a fundamental system  $\{S(t, s)\}_{t, s \in J}$ , which is compact (see [8], Lemma 4.1).

On the function  $f$  we assume that  $\tilde{f} : J \times H^2(\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{C}) \times L^2(\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{C}) \rightarrow H^2(\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{C})$  so defined

$$\tilde{f}(t, x, u)([\xi]) = f(t, x(\xi), u(\xi)), \quad t \in J, \quad x \in H^2(\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{C}), \quad u \in L^2(\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{C}), \quad [\xi] \in \mathbb{T}, \quad (5.4)$$

satisfies the following properties:

- (f1) for every  $x \in H^2(\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{C})$ ,  $u \in L^2(\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{C})$ ,  $\tilde{f}(\cdot, x, u)$  is B-measurable;
- (f2) for a.e.  $t \in J$ ,  $\tilde{f}(t, \cdot, \cdot)$  is continuous;
- (f3) there exists  $k \in L^1_+(J)$ :

$$\|\tilde{f}(t, x_1, u) - \tilde{f}(t, x_2, u)\|_{H^2([0, 2\pi], \mathbb{C})} \leq k(t) \|x_1 - x_2\|_{H^2([0, 2\pi], \mathbb{C})},$$

for a.e.  $t \in J$ ,  $x_1, x_2 \in H^2(\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{C})$ ,  $u \in L^2(\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{C})$ ;

Moreover we require that the multimap  $\tilde{U} : J \times H^2(\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{C}) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(L^2(\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{C}))$  so defined

$$\tilde{U}(t, x)([\xi]) = U(t, x(\xi)), \quad t \in J, \quad x \in H^2(\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{C}), \quad [\xi] \in \mathbb{T}, \quad (5.5)$$

satisfies the conditions

- (U0) for every  $t \in J$ ,  $x \in H^2(\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{C})$ ,  $\tilde{U}(t, x)$  is compact;
- (U1) for every  $x \in H^2(\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{C})$ ,  $\tilde{U}(\cdot, x)$  is measurable;
- (U2) for a.e.  $t \in J$ ,  $\tilde{U}(t, \cdot)$  is upper semicontinuous;
- (U3)  $\tilde{U}$  is superpositionally measurable, i.e. for every measurable multimap  $V : H^2(\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{C}) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}_k(L^2(\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{C}))$  the multimap  $\tilde{U}(\cdot, V(\cdot))$  is measurable;
- (U4)  $\tilde{f}(t, x, \tilde{U}(t, x))$  is convex,  $t \in J$ ,  $x \in H^2(\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{C})$ ;
- (U5) there exists  $\alpha \in L^1_+(J)$  such that

$$\|\tilde{f}(t, x, \tilde{U}(t, x))\|_{L^2([0, 2\pi], \mathbb{C})} \leq \alpha(t)(1 + \|x\|_{H^2([0, 2\pi], \mathbb{C})}),$$

for a.e.  $t \in J$ , for all  $x \in H^2(\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{C})$ ;

(U6) for every  $t \in J$ ,  $x \in H^2(\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{C})$  and for any bounded  $\Omega \subset H^2(\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{C})$ , the set  $\tilde{f}(t, x, \tilde{U}(t, \Omega))$  is compact in  $H^2(\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{C})$ ;

Now we introduce the map  $F : J \times H^2(\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{C}) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(H^2(\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{C}))$  so defined

$$F(t, x) = \tilde{f}(t, x, \tilde{U}(t, x)), \quad t \in J, \quad x \in H^2(\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{C}), \tag{5.6}$$

and the maps  $g : C(J; H^2(\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{C})) \rightarrow H^2(\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{C})$  and  $h : C(J; H^2(\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{C})) \rightarrow H^2(\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{C})$  respectively defined in the following way

$$g(x)([\xi]) = \sum_{i=0}^m \frac{2\pi t_i}{\xi_i}, \quad [\xi] \in \mathbb{T}, \quad x \in C(J; H^2(\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{C})); \tag{5.7}$$

$$h(x)([\xi]) = \sum_{i=0}^m \frac{2\pi}{\xi_i}, \quad [\xi] \in \mathbb{T}, \quad x \in C(J; H^2(\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{C})). \tag{5.8}$$

The previous arguments lead to revise a function  $w : J \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} w(t, \cdot) & \text{ } 2\pi - \text{periodic}, \quad t \in J \\ w(t, \cdot) & \big|_{[0, 2\pi]} \in L^2([0, 2\pi], \mathbb{C}), \quad t \in J \end{aligned}$$

as  $x : J \rightarrow L^2(\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{C})$  so defined

$$x(t)([\xi]) = w(t, \xi), \quad t \in J, \quad [\xi] \in \mathbb{T}. \tag{5.9}$$

Hence we can rewrite problem (5.1) in the form

$$\begin{cases} x''(t) \in [x(t)]'' + b(t)[x(t)]' + F(t, x(t)), \quad t \in J \\ x(t)([0]) = x(t)([2\pi]), \quad [x(t)]'([0]) = [x(t)]'([2\pi]), \quad t \in J \\ x(0) = g(x) \\ x'(0) = h(x) \end{cases} \tag{5.10}$$

First, we note that the conditions (U4) and (U6) imply respectively that the multimap  $F$  (see (5.6)) takes convex and compact values. Moreover, by (U1) we can say that, for every  $x \in H^2(\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{C})$ , the multimap  $Q_x : J \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(H^2(\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{C}) \times L^2(\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{C}))$  defined as  $Q_x(t) = \{x\} \times \tilde{U}(t, x)$ ,  $t \in J$  is measurable. Hence from conditions (f1), (f2) we have that  $F(\cdot, x) = \tilde{f}(\cdot, Q_x(\cdot))$  is measurable. Now by using the classical Kuratowski Ryll-Nardzewski measurable selection theorem we can conclude that the hypothesis (F1) is fulfilled. On the other hand, from (U2) we have that, for a.e.  $t \in J$ , the multimap  $V_t : H^2(\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{C}) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(H^2(\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{C}) \times L^2(\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{C}))$ ,  $V_t(x) = \{x\} \times \tilde{U}(t, x)$ ,  $x \in H^2(\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{C})$ , is upper semicontinuous and so, taking into account of (f2), Theorem 1.2.8 of [10] implies that (F2) holds. Moreover, by using (U5) we deduce that  $F$  has the property (F3).

Next we prove that the multimap  $F$  satisfies the condition (F4). Fixed  $t \in J$  such that the property expressed in (f3) holds, we consider the multimap  $B_t : H^2(\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{C}) \times H^2(\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{C}) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(H^2(\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{C}))$  defined as  $B_t(x, y) = \tilde{f}(t, y, \tilde{U}(t, x))$ ,  $x, y \in H^2(\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{C})$ . Then, we fix  $x, y_1, y_2 \in H^2(\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{C})$  and let  $b_1 = \tilde{f}(t, y_1, u)$  and  $b_2 = \tilde{f}(t, y_2, u) \in B_t(x, y_2)$ , where  $u \in \tilde{U}(t, x)$ . From (f3) there exists  $k \in L^1_+(J)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \|b_2 - b_1\|_{H^2([0, 2\pi], \mathbb{C})} &= \|\tilde{f}(t, y_2, u) - \tilde{f}(t, y_1, u)\|_{H^2([0, 2\pi], \mathbb{C})} \\ &\leq k(t)\|y_2 - y_1\|_{H^2([0, 2\pi], \mathbb{C})}, \end{aligned}$$

by which we can deduce that the multimap  $B_t(x, \cdot)$  is  $k(t)$ -Lipschitz with respect to the Hausdorff metric. Moreover we also can note that (U6) allows to say that, for every bounded subset  $\Omega$  of  $H^2(\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{C})$ , the set  $B_t(\Omega \times \{y\}) = \tilde{f}(t, y, \tilde{U}(t, \Omega))$  is compact in  $H^2(\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{C})$ . Therefore all hypotheses of Proposition 2.2.2 of [10] are satisfied, hence we have

$$\eta(F(t, \Omega)) = \eta(\tilde{f}(t, \Omega \times \tilde{U}(t, \Omega))) = \eta(B_t(\Omega \times \Omega)) \leq k(t)\eta(\Omega)$$

where  $\eta$  is the Hausdorff MNC in  $H^2(\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{C})$ .

Then we can conclude that (F4) holds.

Finally, obviously the maps  $g$  and  $h$  have the properties (gh1) and (gh2) required in our existence theorem. Then from Theorem 4.1 we can deduce that there exists a continuous function  $\hat{x} : J \rightarrow H^2(\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{C})$  that is a *mild solution* for (5.10), i.e.

$$\hat{x}(t) = -\frac{\partial}{\partial s} S(t, s) \Big|_{s=0} g(u) + S(t, 0)h(u) + \int_0^t S(t, \xi)q(\xi)d\xi, \quad t \in J, \quad (5.11)$$

where  $q \in S^1_{F(\cdot, \hat{x}(\cdot))} = \{p \in L^1(J; X) : p(t) \in F(t, \hat{x}(t)) \text{ a.e. } t \in J\}$ .

Now, since  $\tilde{U}$  is superpositionally B-measurable (see (U3)), the multimap  $Q : J \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(H^2(\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{C}) \times L^2(\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{C}))$  so defined  $Q(t) = \{(\hat{x}(t), \tilde{U}(t, \hat{x}(t)))\}$ ,  $t \in J$ , having compact values (see (U0)), is strongly measurable. Moreover, we recall that the multimap  $F$  takes compact values in  $H^2(\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{C})$  and that it has the properties (F1) and (F2). Hence, we are in the position to apply the Filippov implicit function lemma in the version furnished in ([15], Corollary 1.15). Then we can say that there exists a Bochner-measurable selection  $\hat{u} : J \rightarrow L^2(\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{C})$  of the multimap  $F(\cdot, Q(\cdot)) = \tilde{f}(\cdot, \hat{x}(\cdot), U(t, \hat{x}(\cdot)))$ . At this point, by considering the following functions  $w : J \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  and  $u : J \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  so defined

$$\begin{aligned} w(t, \xi) &= \hat{x}(t)([\xi]), \quad t \in J, \quad \xi \in \mathbb{R} \\ u(t, \xi) &= \hat{u}(t)([\xi]), \quad t \in J, \quad \xi \in \mathbb{R}, \end{aligned}$$

we can conclude that  $\{w, u\}$  is an admissible mild-pair for the problem (5.1).

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