

ABSTRACT FUNCTIONAL DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS IN GENERAL BANACH SPACES

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1. Introduction and Preliminaries

Let X be a Banach space with norm $\|\cdot\|$ and ω be a real number. We let C denote the space of all continuous function $\psi : [-r, 0] \rightarrow X$ for fixed $r > 0$. For $\psi \in C$, $\|\psi\|_C = \sup_{-r \leq \theta \leq 0} \|\psi(\theta)\|$. We denote the symbol x_t by $x_t(\theta) = x(t + \theta)$, $\theta \in [-r, 0]$.

We consider the abstract functional differential equation of the type

$$(FDE) \quad \begin{aligned} x'(t) &\in A(t, x_t)x(t) + G(t, x_t), & 0 \leq t \leq T, \\ x_0 &= \phi, & -r \leq t \leq 0, \end{aligned}$$

in a general Banach space. An operator $A : D \subset X \rightarrow 2^X$ is called dissipative if

$$\langle y_1 - y_2, x_1 - x_2 \rangle_t \leq 0$$

for every $[x_1, y_1], [x_2, y_2] \in A$. A is said to be ω -dissipative if $A - \omega I$ is dissipative. A is called m -dissipative if A is dissipative and $R(I - \lambda A) = X$ for all $\lambda > 0$. We recall that

$$\langle y, x \rangle_s = \|x\| \langle y, x \rangle_+ = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\|x + ty\| - \|x\|}{t}$$

and

$$\langle y, x \rangle_t = \|x\| \langle y, x \rangle_- = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{\|x + ty\| - \|x\|}{t}.$$

For other properties of $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_t$ and $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_s$, we refer the reader to Lakshmikantham and Leela([9]) and Kobayashi([8]). Pavel([10]) has

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obtained the existence of a unique limit solution for the abstract nonlinear evolution equation of the type

$$x'(t) \in A(t)x(t), x(t_0) = x_0, x_0 \in X, 0 \leq t_0 \leq t \leq T$$

in a general Banach space by the constructing the step functions which satisfies certain approximate discrete scheme. Kartsatos([4]) and Kartsatos and Parrott([5]) have studied nonlinear functional evolution equations by making use of fixed theorem and Crandall and pazy's result([2]). In this paper, we have obtained the existence of a local limit solution of (FDE) by the virtue of the limit solution for (FDE) with fixed functional term in A and Banach contraction principle.

We need the following hypotheses in our subsequent discussion

(H.1) For each $(t, \psi) \in [0, T] \times C$ and $0 < \lambda < \lambda_0, \lambda_0 \omega < 1$, $A(t, \psi) : D(A(t, \psi)) \subset X \rightarrow 2^X$ is ω -dissipative in X and $R(I - \lambda A(t, \psi)) = X$, where $D(A(t, \psi))$ is only dependent on t . We denote $D(A(t, \psi)) = D(t)$.

(H.2) There exists a nondecreasing continuous function $L : \mathcal{R}^+ \times \mathcal{R}^+ \times \mathcal{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathcal{R}^+ = [0, \infty)$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} & \langle y_1 - y_2, x_1 - x_2 \rangle, \\ & \leq \omega \|x_1 - x_2\|^2 + L(\|\psi_1\|_C, \|\psi_2\|_C, \min\{\|x_1\|, \|x_2\|\}) \\ & \cdot [|t - s|(1 + |A(s, \psi_2)x_2|) + \|\psi_1 - \psi_2\|_C] \|x_1 - x_2\|, \end{aligned}$$

for all $0 \leq s \leq t \leq T$, $\{x_1, y_1\} \in A(t, \psi_1)$ and $\{x_2, y_2\} \in A(s, \psi_2)$, where $|A(s, \psi_2)x_2| = \inf\{\|y\| \mid y \in A(s, \psi_2)x_2\}$.

(H.3) There exist $\beta > 0$ and a nondecreasing continuous function $L_1 : \mathcal{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathcal{R}^+$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} & \|G(t, \psi_1) - G(t, \psi_2)\| \leq \beta \|\psi_1 - \psi_2\|_C, \\ & \|G(t, \psi) - G(s, \psi)\| \leq L_1(\|\psi\|_C) |t - s|, \end{aligned}$$

for each $t, s \in [0, T]$, and $\psi, \psi_1, \psi_2 \in C$.

(H.4) ϕ is a given Lipschitz function with Lipschitz constant L_0 on $[-r, 0]$ and $\phi(0) \in D(A(0, \phi))$ for every $t \in [0, T]$.

Let

$$M = \max\{L_0, 1 + \beta 4 \|\phi\|_C + \|G(0, \bar{0})\| + |A(0, \phi)\phi(0)|\}.$$

We define a set E by

$$E = \{u : [-r, T] \rightarrow X \mid u(t) \text{ is continuous, } u(t) = \phi(t) \text{ for } t \in [-r, 0] \\ \text{and } \|u(t_1) - u(t_2)\| \leq M|t_1 - t_2| \text{ for } t_1, t_2 \in [0, T]\}.$$

Clearly $E \neq \emptyset$ since the function defined by $u(t) = \phi(t)$ for $t \in [-r, 0]$, and $u(t) = \phi(0)$ for $t \in [0, T]$ belongs to E . Moreover, the set E is a complete metric space with supremum norm.

Modifying Lemma 2.1 in [11], the basic properties are given by

LEMMA 1.1.

(1) (H.2) is equivalent with

(1.1)

$$(1 - \lambda\omega)\|x_1 - x_2\| \\ \leq \|x_1 - x_2 - \lambda(y_1 - y_2)\| + \lambda L(\|\psi_1\|_C, \|\psi_2\|_C, \min\{\|x_1\|, \|x_2\|\}) \\ \cdot [|t - s|(1 + |A(s, \psi_2)x_2|) + \|\psi_1 - \psi_2\|_C]$$

for all $\lambda > 0$, $0 \leq s \leq t \leq T$, $[x_1, y_1] \in A(t, \psi_1)$, $[x_2, y_2] \in A(s, \psi_2)$.

(2) (1.1) implies

$$(\lambda + \mu - \lambda\mu\omega)\|x_1 - x_2\| \leq \lambda\|x_2 - \mu y_2 - x_1\| \\ (1.2) \quad + \mu\|x_1 - \lambda y_1 - x_2\| + \lambda\mu L(\|\psi_1\|_C, \|\psi_2\|_C, \min\{\|x_1\|, \|x_2\|\}) \\ \cdot [|t - s|(1 + |A(s, \psi_2)x_2|) + \|\psi_1 - \psi_2\|_C]$$

for all $\lambda, \mu > 0$, $0 \leq s \leq t \leq T$, $[x_1, y_1] \in A(t, \psi_1)$, $[x_2, y_2] \in A(s, \psi_2)$ and the above inequality implies

$$(1 - \lambda\omega)\|x_1 - \bar{u}\| \\ (1.3) \quad \leq \|x_1 - \lambda y_1 - \bar{u}\| + \lambda|A(s, \psi_2)\bar{u}| + \lambda L(\|\psi_1\|_C, \|\psi_2\|_C, \|\bar{u}\|) \\ \cdot [|t - s|(1 + |A(s, \psi_2)x_2|) + \|\psi_1 - \psi_2\|_C]$$

for all $\lambda > 0$, $0 \leq s \leq t \leq T$, $[x_1, y_1] \in A(t, \psi_1)$, $\bar{u} \in D(A(s, \psi_2))$

In view of (H.1) and (H.2), $D(A(t, \psi))$ is independent of (t, ψ) for each $(t, \psi) \in [0, T] \times C$, as in Pavel([11, Remark 5.3]). We denote $\overline{D(A(t, \psi))} = \bar{D}$. The dissipativity of $A(t, \psi)$ and the condition (A.4) of Kartsatos and Parrott([5]) imply (H.2) when the domain of the single valued operator $A(t, \psi)$ is independent of (t, ψ) and X^* is uniformly convex. (See Pavel[11].) Thus our results can be considered as a slight extension of the results of Pavel([10],[11]) and Kartsatos and Parrott([5]).

2. Main results

In the following discussion, we assume that the hypotheses (H.1)–(H.4) hold. Let $u \in E$ be arbitrary but fixed. We first establish the existence result of a limit solution for a type

$$(FDE : u) \quad x'(t) \in A(t, u_t)x(t) + G(t, x_t), \quad t \in [0, T], \quad x_0 = \phi.$$

As in Tanaka[12], we have the following

LEMMA 2.1. *Let $\{t_j^n\}_{j=0}^n$ be a partition of the interval $[0, T]$, where $t_j^n = jh_n = j\frac{T}{n}$, $j = 0, 1, \dots, n$. If $n > (\omega + \beta)T$, then there exists $\{z_j^n\}_{j=0}^n$ in X such that for $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$,*

$$(2.1) \quad \frac{z_j^n - z_{j-1}^n}{h_n} \in A(t_j^n, u_{t_j^n})z_j^n + G(t_j^n, \bar{z}_j^n t_j^n),$$

where $z_0^n = \phi(0)$ and

$$\bar{z}_j^n(t) = \begin{cases} \phi(t), & t \in [-r, 0] \\ z_k^n, & t \in (t_{k-1}^n, t_k^n] \text{ for } k = 1, 2, \dots, j-1 \\ z_j^n, & t \in (t_{j-1}^n, T]. \end{cases}$$

The function $x_u^{(n)}(t) = \bar{z}_j^n(t)$ is said to be an approximate solution of (FDE:u).

LEMMA 2.2. *The sequences $\{z_j^n\}$ and $\{\frac{z_j^n - z_{j-1}^n}{h_n}\}$ is uniformly bounded.*

Proof. . Let $\omega_0 = \max(0, \omega)$ and $\bar{0}$ denotes the zero function on C . If $t \in (t_{j-1}^n, T]$, (1.3) and $\|u_t\|_C \leq \|\phi\|_C + MT$ imply

$$\begin{aligned} (1 - \omega_0 h_n) \|\bar{z}_j^n(t) - \phi(0)\| &= (1 - \omega_0 h_n) \|z_j^n - \phi(0)\| \\ &\leq \|z_j^n - h_n \left(\frac{z_j^n - z_{j-1}^n}{h_n} - G(t_j^n, (\bar{z}_j^n)_{t_j^n}) \right) - \phi(0)\| + h_n |A(0, \phi(0))\phi(0)| \\ &\quad + h_n |t_j^n - 0| L(\|u_{t_j^n}\|_C, \|\phi\|_C, \|\phi(0)\|)(1 + M + |A(0, \phi)\phi(0)|) \\ &\leq \|z_{j-1}^n - \phi(0)\| + h_n \|G(t_j^n, \bar{z}_j^n) - G(t_j^n, \bar{0})\| \\ &\quad + h_n \|G(t_j^n, \bar{0})\| + h_n |A(0, \phi(0))\phi(0)| \\ &\quad + h_n T L(\|\phi\|_C + MT, \|\phi\|_C + MT, \|\phi(0)\|)(1 + M + |A(0, \phi)\phi(0)|) \\ &\leq \|z_{j-1}^n - \phi(0)\| + h_n \beta \|(\bar{z}_j^n)_{t_j^n} - \phi(0)\|_C + h_n C_1 \end{aligned}$$

for $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$, where

$$C_1 = \beta \|\phi(0)\| + TL_1(0) + \|G(0, \bar{0})\| + |A(0, \phi(0))\phi(0)| \\ + TL(\|\phi\|_C + MT, \|\phi(0)\|_C + MT, \|\phi(0)\|)(1 + M + |A(0, \phi)\phi(0)|)$$

and

$$\bar{z}_0^n(t) = \begin{cases} \phi(t), & t \in [-r, 0], \\ \phi(0), & t \in [0, T]. \end{cases}$$

If $t \in [-r, t_{j-1}^n]$, then

$$(1 - \omega_0 h_n) \|\bar{z}_j^n(t) - \phi(0)\| \leq \|\bar{z}_j^n(t) - \phi(0)\| = \|\bar{z}_{j-1}^n(t) - \phi(0)\| \\ \leq \|\bar{z}_{j-1}^n - \phi(0)\|_T,$$

where $\|\psi\|_T = \sup_{t \in [-r, T]} \|\psi(t)\|$. Thus we have

$$(1 - \omega_0 h_n) \|\bar{z}_j^n - \phi(0)\|_T \leq \|\bar{z}_{j-1}^n - \phi(0)\|_T + h_n \beta \|\bar{z}_j^n - \phi(0)\|_T + h_n C_1$$

which yields

$$[1 - (\omega_0 + \beta)h_n] \|\bar{z}_j^n - \phi(0)\|_T \leq \|\bar{z}_{j-1}^n - \phi(0)\|_T + h_n C_1,$$

for $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$. Applying the above inequality, we get

$$\|\bar{z}_n^n - \phi(0)\|_T \leq \frac{2\|\phi\|_C + TC_1}{[1 - (\omega_0 + \beta)h_n]^n}.$$

If we take $(\omega_0 + \beta)h_n < \frac{1}{2}$, $(1 - (\omega_0 + \beta)h_n)^{-n} \leq e^{2(\omega_0 + \beta)T}$ since $(1 - h)^{-1} \leq e^{2h}$ for $h \in [0, \frac{1}{2})$. Consequently, there exists a constant $M_0 = M_0(\phi, T)$ such that

$$\sup_{n > 2(\omega_0 + \beta)T} \{ \max_{0 \leq j \leq n} \|z_j^n\| \} \leq M_0,$$

where $M_0 = e^{3(\omega_0 + \beta)T} (3\|\phi\|_C + C_1 T)$.

Now we have a bound for $\{\frac{z_j^n - z_{j-1}^n}{h_n}\}$ with similar steps. Precisely, we note that from (13), we have

$$\frac{\|z_1^n - z_0^n\|}{h_n} \leq e^{2\omega_0 h_n} (\beta M_0 + C_1)$$

From (1.1),

$$\begin{aligned}
& (1 - \omega_0 h_n) \|z_j^n - z_{j-1}^n\| \\
& \leq \|z_{j-1}^n - z_{j-2}^n + h_n(G(t_j^n, (\bar{z}_j^n)_{t_j^n}) - G(t_{j-1}^n, (\bar{z}_{j-1}^n)_{t_{j-1}^n}))\| \\
& \quad + h_n^2 L(\|\phi\|_C + MT, \|\phi\|_C + MT, M_0) \\
& \quad \cdot (1 + M + \|\frac{z_{j-1}^n - z_{j-2}^n}{h_n}\| + \|G(t_{j-1}^n, (\bar{z}_{j-1}^n)_{t_{j-1}^n})\|) \\
& \leq (1 + h_n L(\|\phi\|_C + MT, \|\phi\|_C + MT, M_0)) \|z_{j-1}^n - z_{j-2}^n\| \\
& \quad + h_n^2 [L_1(M_0) + L(\|\phi\|_C + MT, \|\phi\|_C + MT, M_0)] \\
& \quad \cdot (1 + M + \beta M_0 + L_1(0)T + \|G(0, \bar{0})\|) \\
& \quad + h_n \beta (\max_{1 \leq k \leq j} \|z_k^n - z_{k-1}^n\| + L_0 h_n)
\end{aligned}$$

Here we used the facts that

$$\|G(t_{j-1}^n, (\bar{z}_{j-1}^n)_{t_{j-1}^n})\| \leq \beta M_0 + L_1(0)T + \|G(0, \bar{0})\|$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
\|(\bar{z}_j^n)_{t_j^n} - (\bar{z}_{j-1}^n)_{t_{j-1}^n}\|_C &= \sup_{\theta \in [-r, 0]} \|\bar{z}_j^n(t_j^n + \theta) - \bar{z}_{j-1}^n(t_{j-1}^n + \theta)\| \\
&\leq \max_{1 \leq k \leq j} \|z_k^n - z_{k-1}^n\| + L_0 h_n
\end{aligned}$$

(See Kartsatos and Parrott[6]). Thus we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& [1 - (\omega_0 + \beta)h_n] \frac{1}{h_n} \max_{1 \leq k \leq j} \|z_k^n - z_{k-1}^n\| \\
& \leq \frac{1}{h_n} \max_{1 \leq k \leq j-1} \|z_k^n - z_{k-1}^n\| (1 + h_n C_2) + h_n C_2,
\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
C_2 &= \beta L_0 + L_1(M_0) + L(\|\phi\|_C + MT, \|\phi\|_C + MT, M_0) \\
& \quad \cdot (1 + M + \beta M_0 + L_1(0)T + \|G(0, \bar{0})\|)
\end{aligned}$$

Setting $p_n = 1 - (\beta + \omega_0)h_n \in (0, \frac{1}{2})$, The above inequality implies

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{p_n}{h_n} \max_{1 \leq k \leq j} \|z_k^n - z_{k-1}^n\| \\
& \leq h_n C_2 \sum_{s=0}^{j-2} \left[\frac{1 + h_n C_2}{p_n} \right]^s + \frac{(1 + h_n C_2)^{j-1}}{p_n^{j-2}} \cdot \frac{\|z_1^n - z_0^n\|}{h_n}
\end{aligned}$$

for $j = 2, 3, \dots, n$. It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{h_n} \max_{1 \leq k \leq j} \|z_j^n - z_{j-1}^n\| \\ & \leq h_n C_2 \sum_{s=1}^n \left[\frac{1 + h_n C_2}{p_n} \right]^s + \left[\frac{1 + h_n C_2}{p_n} \right]^n (\beta M_0 + C_1) e^{2\omega_0 h_n} \\ & = \left[\frac{1 + h_n C_2}{p_n} \right]^n (C_2 T + \beta M_0 + C_1) e^{2\omega_0 T}. \end{aligned}$$

Since $\left(\frac{1+h_n C_2}{p_n}\right)^n \leq e^{(C_2+2\omega_0+2\beta)T}$, we conclude that there exist a constant M_1 such that

$$\sup_{n > 2(\omega_0 + \beta)T} \left\{ \frac{1}{h_n} \max_{1 \leq k \leq n-1} \|z_k^n - z_{k-1}^n\| \right\} \leq M_1,$$

where

$$M_1 = e^{(6\omega_0 + 4\beta + C_2)T} [4\beta \|\phi\|_C + \|G(0, \bar{0})\| + |A(0, \phi)\phi(0)| + C_3 T]$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} C_3 = & \beta C_1 + C_2 + L_1(0) \\ & + (1 + M + |A(0, \phi)\phi(0)|) L(\|\phi\|_C + MT, \|\phi\|_C + MT, \|\phi(0)\|). \end{aligned}$$

LEMMA 2.3. Let $x_u^{(n)}(t)$ be an approximate solution of (FDE : u) with $n > 2(\beta + \omega_0)T$. Then there exists a constant $M_2 = M_2(\phi, T)$ such that for $t, s \in [-r, T]$

$$(2.3) \quad \|x_u^{(n)}(t) - x_u^{(n)}(s)\| \leq M_2 |t - s| + 2M_2 h_n.$$

proof. We define the function

$$z_n(t) = \begin{cases} \phi(t), & t \in [-r, 0], \\ z_{j-1}^n + (t - t_{j-1}^n)(z_j^n - z_{j-1}^n)/h_n, & t \in (t_{j-1}^n, t_j^n], j = 1, 2, \dots, n. \end{cases}$$

Then $z_n(t)$ is Lipschitz continuous with constant $M_2 = \max\{M_1, L_0\}$. Moreover, since

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_u^{(n)}(t) - z_n(t)\| &= \|z_j^n - z_{j-1}^n - (t - t_{j-1}^n)(z_j^n - z_{j-1}^n)/h_n\| \\ &= \|(h_n - (t - t_{j-1}^n))(z_j^n - z_{j-1}^n)/h_n\| \\ &= (t_j^n - t)\|(z_j^n - z_{j-1}^n)/h_n\| \leq h_n M_2 \end{aligned}$$

for $t \in (t_{j-1}^n, t_j^n]$,

$$\begin{aligned} &\|x_u^{(n)}(t) - x_u^{(n)}(s)\| \\ &\leq \|x_u^{(n)}(t) - z_n(t)\| + \|z_n(t) - z_n(s)\| + \|z_n(s) - x_u^{(n)}(s)\| \\ &\leq 2M_2 h_n + M_2 |t - s| \end{aligned}$$

for $t, s \in [-r, T]$.

The following gives an important estimate for the difference between the approximate solutions.

LEMMA 2.4. . Let $\{z_j^n\}_{j=0}^n$ and $\{z_k^m\}_{k=0}^m$ be so constructed in Lemma 2.1 and let $x_u^{(n)}(t)$ and $x_u^{(m)}(t)$ be the corresponding approximate solutions of (FDE : u). Then there exist constants $C_4 = C_4(\phi, T)$ and $\{\epsilon_{n,m}\}_{n,m \in \mathbb{N}}$ with $\lim_{n,m \rightarrow \infty} \epsilon_{n,m} = 0$ ($\epsilon_{n,m} > 0$) such that

(2.4)

$$(1 - \omega_0 h_n)^j (1 - \omega_0 h_m)^k \|z_j^n - z_k^m\| \leq C_4 C_{j,k} + E_j + j h_n (C_4 C_{j,k} + \epsilon_{n,m}),$$

for $j = 0, 1, \dots, n$ and $k = 0, 1, \dots, m$, where

$$C_{j,k} = (t_j^n - t_k^m)^2 + h_n t_k^n + h_m t_k^{m \frac{1}{2}},$$

and

$$E_j = \beta \sum_{l=1}^j \sup_{t \in [-r, t_l^n]} \|x_u^{(n)}(t) - x_u^{(m)}(t)\| h_n$$

Proof. . From (1.1), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left(1 - \frac{h_n h_m}{h_n + h_m} \omega_0\right) \|z_j^n - z_k^m\| \\
 & \leq \left\| z_j^n - z_k^m - \frac{h_n h_m}{h_n + h_m} \left(\frac{z_j^n - z_{j-1}^n}{h_n} - G(t_j^n, (\bar{z}_j^n)_{t_j^n}) \right. \right. \\
 & \quad \left. \left. - \frac{z_k^m - z_{k-1}^m}{h_m} + G(t_k^m, (\bar{z}_k^m)_{t_k^m}) \right) \right\| \\
 & \quad + \frac{h_n h_m}{h_n + h_m} L(\|u_{t_j^n}\|_C, \|u_{t_k^m}\|_C, \|z_k^m\|) \\
 & \quad \cdot |t_j^n - t_k^m| \left(1 + M + \left\| \frac{z_k^m - z_{k-1}^m}{h_n} \right\| + \|G(t_k^m, (\bar{z}_k^m)_{t_k^m})\| \right),
 \end{aligned}$$

We set $r_{j,k} = (1 - \omega_0 h_n)^j (1 - \omega_0 h_m)^k$ for $k = 1, 2, \dots, m$ and $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$. Since $r_{j,k} \leq \max(1 - \omega_0 h_n, 1 - \omega_0 h_m) \leq 1 - \frac{h_n h_m}{h_n + h_m} \omega_0$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 & r_{j,k} \|z_j^n - z_k^m\| \\
 & \leq \frac{h_n}{h_n + h_m} r_{j,k-1} \|z_j^n - z_{k-1}^m\| + \frac{h_m}{h_n + h_m} r_{j-1,k} \|z_{j-1}^n - z_k^m\| \\
 (2.5) \quad & + \frac{h_n h_m}{h_n + h_m} [(1 + M + M_1 + \beta M_0 + L_1(0)T + \|G(0, \bar{0})\|) \\
 & \cdot L(\|\phi\|_C + MT, \|\phi\|_C + MT, M_0) |t_j^n - t_k^m| \\
 & + \|G(t_j^n, (\bar{z}_j^n)_{t_j^n}) - G(t_k^m, (\bar{z}_k^m)_{t_k^m})\|]
 \end{aligned}$$

By (H.3), (2.3), and lemma 2.1,

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \|G(t_j^n, \bar{z}_j^n, t_j^n) - G(t_k^m, \bar{z}_k^m, t_k^m)\| \\
 & \leq \beta \sup_{t \in [-r, t_j^n]} \|x_u^{(n)}(t) - x_u^{(m)}(t)\| + \beta M_2 |t_j^n - t_k^m| + 2\beta M_2 h_m \\
 & \quad + L_1(M_0) |t_j^n - t_k^m|,
 \end{aligned}$$

and note that

$$|t_j^n - t_k^m| \leq |t_{j-1}^n - t_k^m| + h_n \leq C_{j-1,k} + h_n.$$

Set $A_{j,k} = r_{j,k} \|z_j^n - z_k^m\|$. By the above estimates and (2.5) imply
(2.6)

$$A_{j,k} \leq \frac{h_n}{h_n + h_m} A_{j,k-1} + \frac{h_m}{h_n + h_m} A_{j-1,k} \\ + \frac{h_n h_m}{h_n + h_m} (\beta \sup_{t \in [-r, t_j^n]} \|x_u^{(n)}(t) - x_u^{(m)}(t)\| + C_5 C_{j-1,k} + \epsilon_{n,m}),$$

where

$$C_5 = (1 + M + M_1 + \beta M_0 + L_1(0)T + \|G(0, \bar{0})\|) \\ \cdot L(\|\phi\|_C + MT, \|\phi\|_C + MT, M_0) + \beta M_2 + L_1(M_0)$$

and $\epsilon_{n,m} = C_5 h_n + 2\beta M_2 h_m$. In the proof of Lemma 2.1, since

$$(1 - \omega_0 h_n) \|z_j^n - \phi(0)\| \leq \|z_{j-1}^n - \phi(0)\| + h_n (\beta M_0 + C_1),$$

for $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$, we get

$$(1 - \omega_0 h_n)^j \|z_j^n - \phi(0)\| \leq h_n (\beta M_0 + C_1) \sum_{s=0}^{j-1} (1 - \omega_0 h_n)^s \leq C_{j,0} (\beta M_0 + C_1).$$

Therefore, the inequality (2.4) is shown to be true for $j = 0, 1, \dots, n$ and $k = 0$, where $C_4 = \max\{\beta M_0 + C_1, C_5\}$. In the same way, we can show the inequality (2.4) holds for $j = 0$ and $k = 0, 1, \dots, m$. Now let $1 \leq k \leq m$ and $1 \leq j \leq n$, and suppose that (2.4) holds for the pairs $(j-1, k)$ and $(j, k-1)$. Since

$$\frac{h_n}{h_n + h_m} C_{j,k-1} + \frac{h_m}{h_n + h_m} C_{j-1,k} \leq C_{j,k},$$

(2.6) implies (2.4)

We now prove a convergence theorem for difference approximations relative to $(FDE : u)$.

THEOREM 2.5. *There exists a limit solution $x_u(t)$ of $(FDE : u)$ on $[-r, T]$ for fixed $u \in E$. Moreover, $x_u(t)$ is Lipschitz continuous with Lipschitz constant M_2 on $[-r, T]$.*

Proof. We assume that n and m are sufficiently large so that $n, m > 2(\omega_0 + \beta)T$. Let $\{t_j^n\}_{j=0}^n$ and $\{t_k^m\}_{k=0}^m$ be two arbitrary partitions of

$[0, T]$, where $t_j^n = jh_n = j\frac{T}{n}$, $j = 0, 1, \dots, n$, $t_j^m = kh_m = k\frac{T}{m}$, $k = 0, 1, \dots, m$. Let $t \in (t_{j-1}^n, t_j^n] \cap (t_{k-1}^m, t_k^m]$. By the virtue of lemma 2.4, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \|x_u^{(n)}(t) - x_u^{(m)}(t)\| = \|z_j^n - z_k^m\| \\
 & \leq e^{4\omega T} \{C_4\{(h_n + h_m)^2 + (h_n + h_m)T\}^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
 (2.7) \quad & + \beta \sum_{l=1}^j \sup_{t \in [-r, t_l^n]} \|x_u^{(n)}(t) - x_u^{(m)}(t)\| h_n \\
 & + T\{C_4\{(h_n + h_m)^2 + (h_n + h_m)T\}^{\frac{1}{2}} + \epsilon_{n,m}\}
 \end{aligned}$$

since $-h_m \leq |t_j^n - t_k^m| = (t_j^n - t) - (t_k^m - t) \leq h_n$. We now define the functions

$$F_{n,m}(\tau) = \begin{cases} 0, & \tau = 0, \\ \sup_{s \in [-r, t_l^n]} \|x_u^{(n)}(s) - x_u^{(m)}(s)\|, & \tau \in (t_{l-1}^n, t_l^n], l = 1, \dots, n. \end{cases}$$

Then we obtain that

$$(2.8) \quad F_{n,m}(\tau) \leq \sup_{s \in [-r, \tau]} \|x_u^{(n)}(s) - x_u^{(m)}(s)\| + 4M_2h_n + 2M_2h_m$$

for $\tau \in [0, T]$. Indeed, let $\tau \in (t_{l-1}^n, t_l^n]$, note that

$$(2.9) \quad F_{n,m}(\tau) = \max\left\{ \sup_{s \in [-r, \tau]} \|x_u^{(n)}(s) - x_u^{(m)}(s)\|, \sup_{s \in [\tau, t_l^n]} \|x_u^{(n)}(s) - x_u^{(m)}(s)\| \right\}.$$

Let $s \in [\tau, t_l^n]$. By (2.3), we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \|x_u^{(n)}(s) - x_u^{(m)}(s)\| \\
 & \leq \|x_u^{(n)}(\tau) - x_u^{(m)}(\tau)\| + \|x_u^{(n)}(s) - x_u^{(n)}(\tau)\| + \|x_u^{(m)}(s) - x_u^{(m)}(\tau)\| \\
 & \leq \sup_{s \in [-r, \tau]} \|x_u^{(n)}(s) - x_u^{(m)}(s)\| + 2M_2|s - \tau| + 2M_2(h_n + h_m) \\
 & \leq \sup_{s \in [-r, \tau]} \|x_u^{(n)}(s) - x_u^{(m)}(s)\| + 4M_2h_n + 2M_2h_m.
 \end{aligned}$$

Combining this with (2.9), we have (2.8). Now, by (2.8),

$$\begin{aligned}
& \beta \sum_{l=1}^j \sup_{s \in [-r, t_l^n]} \|x_u^{(n)}(s) - x_u^{(m)}(s)\| (t_l^n - t_{l-1}^n) \\
&= \beta \sum_{l=1}^j \int_{t_{l-1}^n}^{t_l^n} F_{n,m}(\tau) d\tau \leq \beta \int_0^t F_{n,m}(\tau) d\tau + 2M_0\beta h_n \\
&\leq \beta \int_0^t \sup_{s \in [-r, \tau]} \|x_u^{(n)}(s) - x_u^{(m)}(s)\| d\tau + (4M_2h_n + 2M_2h_m)\beta T + 2M_0\beta
\end{aligned}$$

From (2.7) and the above inequality,

$$\|x_u^{(n)}(t) - x_u^{(m)}(t)\| \leq \delta_{n,m} + e^{4\omega_0 T} \beta \int_0^t \sup_{s \in [-r, \tau]} \|x_u^{(n)}(s) - x_u^{(m)}(s)\| d\tau,$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
\delta_{n,m} = & e^{4\omega_0 T} \{C_4 \{(h_n + h_m)^2 + (h_n + h_m)T\}^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
& + T \{C_4 (h_n + h_m)^2 + (h_n + h_m)T\}^{\frac{1}{2}} + \epsilon_{n,m}\} \\
& + (4M_2h_n + 2M_2h_m)\beta T + 2M_0\beta h_n.
\end{aligned}$$

We actually get that

$$\sup_{s \in [-r, t]} \|x_u^{(n)}(s) - x_u^{(m)}(s)\| \leq \delta_{n,m} + \beta e^{4\omega_0 T} \int_0^t \sup_{s \in [-r, \tau]} \|x_u^{(n)}(s) - x_u^{(m)}(s)\| dt$$

for $t \in [0, T]$ which implies that $x_u^{(n)}(t)$ converges to a function $x_u(t)$ uniformly on $[-r, T]$. Finally, by (2.3), $x_u(t)$ is Lipschitz continuous on $[-r, T]$ with Lipschitz constant M_2 .

Now we show the relation between the limit solutions of $(FDE : u)$ and $(FDE : v)$ for $u, v \in E$. From this result, we finally have the existence of a limit solution for (FDE) .

THEOREM 2.6. Let $x_u(t)$ and $x_v(t)$ be the limit solutions of (FDE : u) and (FDE : v), respectively. Then

$$(2.10) \quad \begin{aligned} & \|x_u(\bar{t}) - x_v(\bar{t})\| \\ & \leq e^{(4\omega_0 T)} \left(\|x_u(t) - x_v(t)\| + TL(\|\phi\|_C + MT, \|\phi\|_C + MT, M_0) \|u - v\|_T \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \int_t^{\bar{t}} \langle G(\eta, (x_u)_\eta) - G(\eta, (x_v)_\eta), x_u(\eta) - x_v(\eta) \rangle_+ d\eta \right) \end{aligned}$$

for $0 \leq t \leq \bar{t} \leq T$

Proof. Let $\bar{x}_n^n(t)$ be an approximate solution for $x_u(t)$ such that

$$\frac{x_j^n - x_{j-1}^n}{t_j^n - t_{j-1}^n} \in A(t_j^n, u_{t_j^n})x_j^n + G(t_j^n, (\bar{x}_j^n)_{t_j^n}), \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

$x_0 = \phi$ on $[-r, 0]$, $t_0^n = 0$, $x_0^n = \phi(0)$, $h_n = t_j^n - t_{j-1}^n$, $(\omega_0 + \beta)h_n < \frac{1}{2}$,

$$\bar{x}_j^n(t) = \begin{cases} \phi(0), & t \in [-r, 0], \\ x_l^n, & t \in (t_{l-1}^n, t_l^n], \quad l = 1, \dots, j-1, \\ x_j^n, & t \in (t_{j-1}^n, T], \end{cases}$$

and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \bar{x}_n^n(t) = x_u(t)$ on $[-r, T]$. Also, we have an approximate solution $\bar{z}_m^m(t)$ for $x_v(t)$ such that

$$\frac{z_k^m - z_{k-1}^m}{t_k^m - t_{k-1}^m} \in A(t_k^m, v_{t_k^m})z_k^m + G(t_k^m, (\bar{z}_k^m)_{t_k^m}),$$

$k = 1, 2, \dots, m$, $x_0 = \phi$ on $[-r, 0]$, $t_0^m = 0$, $x_0^m = \phi(0)$, $(\omega_0 + \beta)h_m < \frac{1}{2}$, $h_m = t_k^m - t_{k-1}^m$,

$$\bar{z}_k^m(t) = \begin{cases} \phi(0), & t \in [-r, 0], \\ z_l^m, & t \in (t_{l-1}^m, t_l^m], \quad l = 1, 2, \dots, k-1, \\ z_k^m, & t \in (t_{k-1}^m, T], \end{cases}$$

and $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \bar{z}_m^m(t) = x_v(t)$ on $[-r, T]$. Let $\delta \in (0, \frac{T}{2})$. and assume that n and m are sufficiently large so that $\max\{h_n, h_m\} < \delta$. Then

there is a constant C_6 such that

$$\begin{aligned}
(2.11) \quad & (1 - \omega_0 h_n)^{j-p} (1 - \omega_0 h_m)^{k-q} \|x_j^n - z_k^m\| \\
& \leq \|x_p^n - z_q^m\| + C_6 C_{j,k} + \sum_{i=p}^j \delta_i^n h_n + \sum_{i=q}^k \delta_i^m h_m \\
& + j h_n \{(\delta^{-1} \rho(T) + C_6)(C_{j,k} + |t_p^n - t_q^m|) + \rho(2\delta) + C_6 h_n \\
& + L(\|\phi\|_C + MT, \|\phi\|_C + MT, M_0)\|u - v\|_T\},
\end{aligned}$$

for $j = p, \dots, n, k = q, \dots, m, p = 0, 1, \dots, n, q = 0, 1, \dots, m$, where

$$\begin{aligned}
C_6 = & (1 + M + M_1 + 2\beta M_0 + 2TL_1(0) + 2\|G(0, \bar{0})\|) \\
& \cdot (1 + L(\|\phi\|_C + MT, \|\phi\|_C + MT, M_0)).
\end{aligned}$$

Here the symbols used above are defined by

$$\begin{aligned}
C_{j,k} = & \{((t_j^n - t_p^n) - (t_k^m - t_q^m))^2 + (t_j^n - t_p^n)h_n + (t_k^m - t_q^m)h_m\}^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
& + \{((t_j^n - t_p^n) - (t_k^m - t_q^m))^2 + (t_j^n - t_p^n)h_n + (t_k^m - t_q^m)h_m\},
\end{aligned}$$

$$\delta_j^n = \langle G(t_j^n, (\bar{x}_j^n)_{t_j^n}) - G(t_j^n, (x_v)_{t_j^n}), x_j^n - x_v(t_j^n) \rangle_\lambda,$$

$$\delta_k^m = \|G(t_k^m, (\bar{z}_k^m)_{t_k^m}) - G(t_k^m, (x_v)_{t_k^m})\| + \frac{2}{\lambda} \|z_k^m - x_v(t_k^m)\|,$$

$$\rho(t) = \sup_{|\tau-r| \leq t} \{\|G(r, (x_v)_r) - G(\tau, (x_v)_\tau)\| + \frac{2}{\lambda} \|x_v(\tau) - x_v(r)\|\}$$

and $\langle y, x \rangle_\lambda = \lambda^{-1}(\|x + \lambda y\| - \|x\|)$, for $\lambda > 0$. In fact, we let $\sigma = h_n h_m / (h_n + h_m)$ and choose $0 < \lambda < 1$. Since

$$\begin{aligned}
& x_j^n - z_k^m - \sigma \lambda \left(\frac{x_j^n - x_{j-1}^n}{h_n} - G(t_j^n, (\bar{x}_j^n)_{t_j^n}) - \frac{z_k^m - z_{k-1}^m}{h_m} + G(t_k^m, (\bar{z}_k^m)_{t_k^m}) \right) \\
& = (1 - \lambda)(x_j^n - z_k^m) + \frac{\lambda h_n}{h_n + h_m} (x_j^n - z_{k-1}^m) + \frac{\lambda h_m}{h_n + h_m} (x_{j-1}^n - z_k^m) \\
& + \sigma \lambda \left(G(t_j^n, (\bar{x}_j^n)_{t_j^n}) - G(t_k^m, (\bar{z}_k^m)_{t_k^m}) \right),
\end{aligned}$$

(1.1) implies

$$\begin{aligned}
& (1 - \omega_0 \sigma \lambda)(1 - \lambda) \|x_j^n - z_k^m\| + (1 - \omega_0 \sigma \lambda) \lambda \|x_j^n - z_k^m\| \\
&= (1 - \omega_0 \sigma \lambda) \|x_j^n - z_k^m\| \\
&\leq \| (1 - \lambda)(x_j^n - z_k^m) + \sigma \lambda \left(G(t_j^n, (\bar{x}_j^n)_{t_j^n}) - G(t_k^m, (\bar{z}_k^m)_{t_k^m}) \right) \| \\
&+ \frac{\lambda h_n}{h_n + h_m} \|x_j^n - z_{k-1}^m\| + \frac{\lambda h_m}{h_n + h_m} \|x_{j-1}^n - z_k^m\| \\
&\sigma \lambda L(\|u_{t_j^n}\|_C, \|v_{t_k^m}\|_C, \|z_k^m\|) [|t_j^n - t_k^m| (1 + |A(t_k^m, v_{t_k^m}) z_k^m|) + \|u_{t_j^n} - v_{t_k^m}\|_C]
\end{aligned}$$

and then dividing this by λ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
(2.12) \quad & (1 - \omega_0 \sigma) \|x_j^n - z_k^m\| \\
&\leq \frac{1}{\xi} (\|(x_j^n - z_k^m) + \sigma \xi (G(t_j^n, (\bar{x}_j^n)_{t_j^n}) - G(t_k^m, (\bar{z}_k^m)_{t_k^m}))\| - \|x_j^n - z_k^m\|) \\
&+ \frac{h_n}{h_n + h_m} \|x_j^n - z_{k-1}^m\| + \frac{h_m}{h_n + h_m} \|x_{j-1}^n - z_k^m\| \\
&+ \sigma L(\|\phi\|_C + MT, \|\phi\|_C + MT, M_0) \\
&[|t_j^n - t_k^m| (1 + |A(t_k^m, v_{t_k^m}) z_k^m|) + \|u_{t_j^n} - v_{t_k^m}\|_C],
\end{aligned}$$

where $\xi = \lambda/(1 - \lambda)$. We set $A_{j,k} = r_{j,k} \|x_j^n - z_k^m\|$. Dividing (2.12) by $1 - \omega_0 \sigma$ and $\lambda \rightarrow 0+$ in (2.12), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
(2.13) \quad & A_{j,k} \leq \frac{h_n}{h_n + h_m} A_{j,k-1} + \frac{h_m}{h_n + h_m} A_{j-1,k} \\
&+ \frac{h_n h_m}{h_n + h_m} \langle G(t_j^n, (\bar{x}_j^n)_{t_j^n}) - G(t_k^m, (\bar{z}_k^m)_{t_k^m}), x_j^n - z_k^m \rangle_+ \\
&+ L(\|\phi\|_C + MT, \|\phi\|_C + MT, M_0) [(C_{j-1,k} + |t_p^n - t_q^m| + h_n) \\
&\cdot (1 + M + M_1 + \beta M_0 + TL_1(0) + \|G(0, \bar{0})\|) + \|u - v\|_T]
\end{aligned}$$

Here we used the fact that $r_{j,k} \leq \max\{1 - \omega_0 h_n, 1 - \omega h_m\} \leq 1 - \omega_0 \sigma$,

$$\begin{aligned}
& \|u_{t_j^n} - v_{t_k^m}\|_C \\
&\leq \|u_{t_j^n} - u_{t_k^m}\|_C + \|u_{t_k^m} - v_{t_k^m}\|_C \\
&\leq M |t_j^n - t_k^m| + \|u - v\|_T \\
&\leq M (|(t_j^n - t_p^n) - (t_k^m - t_q^m) - h_n| + |t_p^n - t_q^m| + h_n) + \|u - v\|_T \\
&\leq M (C_{j-1,k} + |t_p^n - t_q^m| + h_n) + \|u - v\|_T,
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} |A(t_k^m, v_{t_k^m})z_k^m| &\leq \left\| \frac{z_k^m - z_{k-1}^m}{h_m} \right\| + \|G(t_k^m, (\bar{z}_k^m)_{t_k^m})\| \\ &\leq M_1 + \beta M_0 + TL_1(0) + \|G(0, \bar{0})\|. \end{aligned}$$

Noting that $\langle b, a \rangle_+ \leq \langle b, o \rangle_\lambda \leq \langle d, c \rangle_\lambda + \|b - d\| + \frac{2}{\lambda} \|a - c\|$,

$$\begin{aligned} &\langle G(t_j^n, (\bar{x}_j^n)_{t_j^n}) - G(t_k^m, (\bar{z}_k^m)_{t_k^m}), x_j^n - z_k^m \rangle_+ \\ &\leq \langle G(t_j^n, (\bar{x}_j^n)_{t_k^m}) - G(t_k^m, (x_v)_{t_j^n}), x_j^n - x_v(t_j^n) \rangle_\lambda \\ &\quad + \|G(t_k^m, (\bar{z}_k^m)_{t_k^m}) - G(t_k^m, (x_v)_{t_k^m})\| + \|G(t_k^m, (x_v)_{t_k^m}) - G(t_j^n, (x_v)_{t_j^n})\| \\ &\quad + \frac{2}{\lambda} \|z_k^m - x_v(t_k^m)\| + \frac{2}{\lambda} \|x_v(t_k^m) - x_v(t_j^n)\|. \end{aligned}$$

Since

$$\begin{aligned} \rho(|t_j^n - t_k^m|) &\leq \delta^{-1} \rho(T)(|t_j^n - t_k^m| - h_n) + \rho(2\delta) \\ &\leq \delta^{-1} \rho(T)(C_{j-1,k} + |t_p^n - t_q^m|) + \rho(2\delta), \end{aligned}$$

(2.13) is written as follows

(2.14)

$$\begin{aligned} A_{j,k} &\leq \frac{h_n}{h_n + h_m} A_{j,k-1} + \frac{h_m}{h_n + h_m} A_{j-1,k} \\ &\quad + \frac{h_n h_m}{h_n + h_m} \{ \delta_j^n + \delta_k^m + (C_6 + \delta^{-1} \rho(T))(C_{j-1,k} + |t_p^n - t_q^m|) \\ &\quad + \rho(2\delta) + C_6 h_n + L(\|\phi\|_C + MT, \|\phi\|_C + MT, M_0) \|u - v\|_T \} \end{aligned}$$

At this moment, by (1.3)

$$\begin{aligned} &(1 - \omega_0 h_n) \|x_j^n - x_p^n\| \\ &\leq \|x_{j-1}^n - x_p^n\| + h_n (\beta M_0 + TL_1(0) + \|G(0, \bar{0})\|) + h_n |A(t_p^n, u_{t_p^n})x_p^n| \\ &\quad + L(\|\phi\|_C + MT, \|\phi\|_C + MT, M_0) (1 + M + |A(t_p^n, u_{t_p^n})x_p^n|) |t_j^n - t_p^n| h \end{aligned}$$

which yields

$$\begin{aligned} &(1 - \omega_0 h_n)^{j-p} \|x_j^n - x_p^n\| \\ &\leq \sum_{i=p+1}^j C_6 h_n + \sum_{i=p+1}^j C_6 |t_i^n - t_p^n| h_n \leq C_6 (|t_j^n - t_p^n| + |t_j^n - t_p^n|^2) \\ &\leq C_6 C_{j,k} \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} (1 - \omega_0 h_n)^{j-p} \|x_j^n - z_q^m\| &\leq \|x_p^n - z_q^m\| + (1 - \omega_0 h_n)^{j-p} \|x_j^n - x_p^n\| \\ &\leq C_6 C_{j,k} + \|x_p^n - z_q^m\| \end{aligned}$$

for $j = p, \dots, n$. This implies that (2.11) holds for $p \leq j \leq n$ and $k = q$. In the same way, (2.11) holds for $j = p$ and $q \leq k \leq m$. Next, let $p+1 \leq j \leq n$ and $q+1 \leq k \leq m$ and suppose that (2.11) holds for the pair $(j-1, k)$ and $(j, k-1)$. Since (2.14) and

$$\frac{h_n}{h_n + h_m} C_{j,k-1} + \frac{h_m}{h_n + h_m} C_{j-1,k} \leq C_{j,k},$$

it turns out that (2.11) holds for the pair (j, k) . Hence, we conclude (2.14) holds for $p \leq j \leq n$ and $q \leq k \leq m$. Let $t \in (t_{p-1}^n, t_p^n] \cap (t_{q-1}^m, t_q^m]$ and $\bar{t} \in (t_{k-1}^m, t_k^m] \cap (t_{j-1}^n, t_j^n]$. Letting $n, m \rightarrow \infty$ in (2.11),

$$\begin{aligned} &\|x_u(\bar{t}) - x_v(\bar{t})\| \\ &\leq \exp(4\omega_0 T) [\|x_u(t) - x_v(t)\| + \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=p}^j \delta_i^n h_n \\ (2.15) \quad &+ \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=q}^k \delta_i^m h_m + T\rho(2\delta) \\ &+ TL(\|\phi\|_C + MT, \|\phi\|_C + MT, M_0) \|u - v\|_T]. \end{aligned}$$

Since

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sigma_{i=p}^j \delta_i^n h_n = \int_t^{\bar{t}} \langle G(\eta, (x_u)_\eta) - G(\eta, (x_v)_\eta), x_u(\eta) - x_v(\eta) \rangle_\lambda d\eta$$

and $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \sigma_{i=q}^k \delta_i^m h_m = 0$, let $\delta \downarrow 0$ in (2.15), we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\|x_u(\bar{t}) - x_v(\bar{t})\| \\ &\leq \exp(4\omega_0 T) [\|x_u(t) - x_v(t)\| TL(\|\phi\|_C + MT, \|\phi\|_C + MT, M_0) \|u - v\|_T \\ &+ \int_t^{\bar{t}} \langle G(\eta, (x_u)_\eta) - G(\eta, (x_v)_\eta), x_u(\eta) - x_v(\eta) \rangle_\lambda d\eta]. \end{aligned}$$

By letting $\lambda \downarrow 0$ for the above inequality, we finally have the desired inequality.

THEOREM 2.7. *There exists $T_1 \in (0, T]$ such that (FDE) has a limit solution on $[0, T_1]$.*

Proof. Let $T_1 \in (0, T]$ be sufficiently small so that

$$T_1 \exp[4\omega_0 T_1 + \beta T_1 \exp(4\omega_0 T_1)]L(\|\phi\|_C + MT_1, \|\phi\|_C + MT_1, M_0) < 1$$

and $M_1 \leq M$. Then by (2.10) and (H.3),

$$\begin{aligned} & \|x_u(t) - x_v(t)\| \\ & \leq e^{(4\omega_0 T)} [TL(\|\phi\|_C + MT, \|\phi\|_C + MT, M_0) \|u - v\|_T \\ & \quad + \int_0^t \|G(\eta, (x_u)_\eta) - G(\eta, (x_v)_\eta)\| d\eta], \\ & \leq e^{(4\omega_0 T)} \left[TL(\|\phi\|_C + MT, \|\phi\|_C + MT, M_0) \|u - v\|_T \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \beta \int_0^t \|(x_u)_\eta - (x_v)_\eta\|_C d\eta \right], \end{aligned}$$

for $t \in [0, T_1]$. Thus we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \sup_{s \in [-r, t]} \|x_u(t) - x_v(t)\| \\ & \leq T_1 L(\|\phi\|_C + MT_1, \|\phi\|_C + MT_1, M_0) e^{(4\omega_0 T_1)} \|u - v\|_{T_1} \\ & \quad + \beta e^{(4\omega_0 T_1)} \int_0^t \sup_{s \in [-r, \eta]} \|(x_u)(s) - (x_v)(s)\| d\eta \end{aligned}$$

for each $t \in [0, T_1]$. Consequently, $\|x_u - x_v\|_{T_1} < \|u - v\|_{T_1}$. Moreover, the limit solution $x_u(t)$ of (FDE : u) satisfies

$$\|x_u(t) - x_u(s)\| \leq M_2 |t - s| \leq M |t - s|$$

for $t, s \in [-r, T_1]$ and $u \in E$. Therefore $x_u \in E$ for all $u \in E$. If we define an operator $S : E \mapsto E$ by $u \mapsto x_u$, where $x_u(t)$ is the limit solution of (FDE : u). then S is a strictly contraction on a complete metric space E . By the Banach fixed point theorem, there is a unique fixed point of S in E , say $x(t)$ for $t \in [-r, T_1]$. Then such $x(t)$ is a

limit solution of (FDE) which is Lipschitz continuous with Lipschitz constant M .

REMARK. It is obvious from the proof of the above theorems that the interval $[0, T]$ can be replaced by $[\bar{T}, T]$. Then the solution $x(t)$ of (FDE) exists beyond \bar{T} . With this processing, we may have the existence of a maximal interval of existence of solutions of (FDE) on $[0, T]$. Furthermore, using the result of Theorem 2.6 we can obtain the uniqueness of the solutions of (FDE) with the concept of integral solution defined by Benilan as in Ha, Shin and Jin [3]

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