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Perturbation technique for a class of nonlinear implicit semilinear impulsive integro-differential equations of mixed type with noncompactness measure

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Abstract

By using the Arzela-Ascoli theorem, the Bellman inequality, and a monotone perturbation iterative technique in the presence of lower and upper solutions, we discuss the existence of mild solutions for a class of nonlinear first-order implicit semilinear impulsive integro-differential equations in Banach spaces. Under wide monotone conditions and the noncompactness measure conditions, we also obtain the existence of extremal solutions and a unique mild solution between lower and upper solutions.

Keywords: nonlinear first-order implicit semilinear impulsive integro-differential equation; monotone iterative technique; monotone condition and noncompactness measure condition; lower and upper solution; existence and uniqueness

1 Introduction

The theory of impulsive differential equations has become an important area of investigation in recent years stimulated by their numerous applications to problems arising in mechanics, electrical engineering, medicine, biology, ecology, *etc.* Various evolutionary processes undergo abrupt changes of states at certain moments of time; between intervals of continuous evolution such changes can be well approximated as being instantaneous changes at state, or in the form of impulses. These process are modeled by impulse differential equations and have been the most important research directions and connections for impulsive differential equations; see, for example, [1–7] and the references therein. Subsequently, many authors have investigated the existence of solutions to impulsive differential equations or (implicit) impulsive integro-differential equations with their strong applications in Banach spaces; see [1–27] and the references therein.

Recently, Lan and Cui [15] studied a class of initial value problems of nonlinear first-order implicit impulsive integro-differential equations in Banach space. By using the Mönch fixed point theorem, they obtained some new existence theorems of solutions for this class of nonlinear first-order implicit impulsive integro-differential equations in Banach spaces under some weaker conditions. Furthermore, some (implicit) impulsive differential equations under various initial and boundary conditions has also been studied by several authors; see, for example, [11, 13, 22, 24, 28] and the references therein. By using

a monotone iterative technique in the presence of lower and upper solutions, Lan [23] discussed the existence of solutions for a new class of nonlinear first-order implicit impulsive integro-differential equations in Banach spaces. Under wide monotone conditions and the noncompactness measure conditions, he also obtained the existence of extremal solutions and a unique solution between lower and upper solutions. In [25], Chen and Li introduced and studied a class of semilinear impulsive evolution equations in Banach spaces by using a mixed monotone iterative technique. The presented results improved and extended some relevant results in ordinary differential equations and partial differential equations. For related works, see [9, 26, 27, 29, 30] and the references therein.

On the other hand, the monotone iterative technique, which is one of the approximation methods for finding solutions of a comparatively large class of impulsive differential equations, can be applied in practice easily; see, for example, [14, 16, 17, 23, 25–27, 29]. Further, some nice examples of the monotone iterative technique can be found in [20, 21]. As a matter of fact, Li and Liu [16] pointed out that ‘the monotone iterative technique in the presence of lower and upper solutions is an important method for seeking solutions of differential equations in abstract spaces’. Moreover, Li and Liu [16] used a monotone iterative technique in the presence of lower and upper solutions to discuss the existence of solutions for the initial value problem of the impulsive integro-differential equation of Volterra type in a Banach space. Under monotone conditions and the noncompactness measure condition of the nonlinearity function f , the authors also obtained the existence of extremal solutions and a unique solution between lower and upper solutions. In [14], by using a monotone iterative technique in the presence of lower and upper solutions, we discussed the existence of solutions for a new system of nonlinear mixed type implicit impulsive integro-differential equations in Banach spaces. Under some monotonicity conditions and the noncompactness measure conditions, they also obtained the existence of extremal solutions and a unique solution between lower and upper solutions.

Motivated and inspired by the above works, by using the Arzela-Ascoli theorem, the Bellman inequality, and the monotone iterative technique in the presence of lower and upper solutions, we discuss the existence of mild solutions for the following nonlinear first-order implicit semilinear impulsive differential equation problem in Banach space \mathbb{B} : Find $u : J \rightarrow \mathbb{B}$ such that

$$\begin{cases} u'(t) = Au(t) + f(t, u(t), Tu(t), u'(t)), & t \neq t_k, \\ \Delta u|_{t=t_k} = I_k(u(t_k)), & k = 1, 2, \dots, m, \\ u(t_0) = u_0, \end{cases} \tag{1.1}$$

where $J = [t_0, t_0 + a] \subset \mathbb{R} = (-\infty, +\infty)$ is a compact interval, the operator A is the infinitesimal generator of a positive C_0 -semigroup $\{G(t), t \geq t_0\}$ on \mathbb{B} , $f \in C(J \times \mathbb{B} \times \mathbb{B} \times \mathbb{B}, \mathbb{B})$ is a nonlinear continuous operator, $t_0 < t_1 < \dots < t_m < t_0 + a < +\infty$, $u_0 \in \mathbb{B}$ is a given element, $\tilde{h} \in C(D, \mathbb{R}^+)$, $D = \{(t, s) \mid s, t \in J, t \geq s\}$, $\mathbb{R}^+ = [0, +\infty)$,

$$Tu(t) = \int_{t_0}^t \tilde{h}(t, s)u(s) ds,$$

and for $k = 1, 2, \dots, m$, $I_k \in C[\mathbb{B}, \mathbb{B}]$ is an impulsive function, $\Delta u|_{t=t_k}$ denotes the jump of $u(t)$ at $t = t_k$, i.e., $\Delta u|_{t=t_k} = u(t_k^+) - u(t_k^-)$, $u(t_k^-)$ and $u(t_k^+)$ represent the left and right limits

of $u(t)$ at $t = t_k$, respectively. Further, under wide monotone conditions and the noncompactness measure conditions, we obtain the existence of extremal solutions and a unique mild solution between lower and upper solutions.

2 Preliminaries

Throughout this paper, let \mathbb{B} be an ordered Banach space with the norm $\| \cdot \|$ and partial order \leq , whose positive cone $P = \{x \in \mathbb{B} \mid x \geq 0\}$ is normal with normal constant N , and $A : \text{dom}(A) \subset \mathbb{B} \rightarrow \mathbb{B}$ be a closed linear operator and generate a C_0 -semigroup $G(t)$ ($t \geq t_0$) in \mathbb{B} . Let $J = [t_0, t_0 + a]$, $t_0 < t_1 < \dots < t_m < t_0 + a < +\infty$, $J_0 = [t_0, t_1], J_1 = (t_1, t_2), \dots, J_k = (t_k, t_{k+1}), \dots, J_m = (t_m, t_0 + a]$, and

$$PC(J, \mathbb{B}) = \{x : J \rightarrow \mathbb{B} \mid x(t) \text{ is continuous at } t \neq t_k, \text{ and left continuous at } t = t_k, \text{ and } x(t_k^+) \text{ exists, } k = 1, 2, \dots, m\}.$$

Evidently, $PC(J, \mathbb{B})$ is a Banach space with norm $\|x\|_{PC} = \sup_{t \in J} \|x(t)\|$. Let $J' = J \setminus \{t_1, t_2, \dots, t_m\}$, and \mathbb{B}_* be the Banach space generated by $\text{dom}(A)$ with norm $\| \cdot \|_* = \| \cdot \| + \|A \cdot \|$. An abstract function $x \in PC(J, \mathbb{B}) \cap C^1(J', \mathbb{B}) \cap C(J', \mathbb{B}_*)$ is called a solution of problem (1.1) if $x(t)$ satisfies all the equalities of (1.1).

Let

$$PC^1(J, \mathbb{B}) = \{x \in PC(J, \mathbb{B}) \cap C^1(J', \mathbb{B}) \cap C(J', \mathbb{B}_*) \mid x'(t_k^+), x'(t_k^-) \text{ exist, } k = 1, 2, \dots, m\},$$

where $x'(t_k^+)$ and $x'(t_k^-)$ represent the right and left derivatives of $x(t)$ at $t = t_k$, respectively. For $x \in PC^1(J, \mathbb{B})$, by virtue of the mean value theorem

$$x(t_k) - x(t_k - \tau) \in \tau \overline{\text{co}}\{x'(t) : t_k - \tau < t < t_k\} \quad (\tau > 0),$$

it is easy to see that the left derivative $x'_-(t_k)$ exists and

$$x'_-(t_k) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \tau^{-1} [x(t_k) - x(t_k - \tau)] = x'(t_k^-).$$

In the sequel, $x'(t_k)$ is understood as $x'_-(t_k)$, then $x' \in PC^1(J, \mathbb{B})$. If $x \in PC(J, \mathbb{B}) \cap C^1(J', \mathbb{B}) \cap C(J', \mathbb{B}_*)$ is a solution of problem (1.1), then by the continuity of f and the closed linearity of A , we know $x \in PC^1(J, \mathbb{B})$. Evidently, $PC^1(J, \mathbb{B})$ is a Banach space with norm $\|x\|_{PC^1} = \max\{\sup_{t \in J} \|x(t)\|, \sup_{t \in J'} \|x'(t)\|\}$.

A mapping $F : J \rightarrow \mathbb{B}$ is differentiable at $t \in J$ if there exists a $F'(t) \in \mathbb{B}$ such that the limits

$$\lim_{\tau \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{F(t + \tau) - F(t)}{\tau} \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{\tau \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{F(t) - F(t - \tau)}{\tau}$$

exist and are equal to $F'(t)$. Here the limits are taken in \mathbb{B} . At the endpoints of J , we consider the one-sided derivatives.

By the well-known result [31], we know that there exist $C > 0$ and $\sigma \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $\|G(t)\| \leq Ce^{\sigma t}$. Letting

$$\delta_0 := \inf\{\sigma \in \mathbb{B} \mid \exists C > 0, \|G(t)\| \leq Ce^{\sigma t}\},$$

then δ_0 is called the increasing index of $G(t)$. It follows from the properties of the C_0 -semigroup that the C_0 -semigroup $G(t)$ ($t \geq t_0$) is exponentially stable if and only if $\delta_0 < 0$.

Let $C^1(J, \mathbb{B})$ denote the Banach space of all continuous differentiable \mathbb{B} -value functions on interval J with norm $\|x\|_{C^1} = \max_{t \in J} \|x'(t)\|$. Let $\alpha(\cdot)$ denote the Kuratowski measure of noncompactness of the bounded set. For the details of the definition and properties of the measure of noncompactness, see [32]. For any $E \subset C^1(J, \mathbb{B})$ and $t \in J$, set $E(t) = \{x(t) \mid x \in E\} \subset \mathbb{B}$. If E is bounded in $C^1(J, \mathbb{B})$, then $E(t)$ is bounded in \mathbb{B} , and $\alpha(E(t)) \leq \alpha(E)$.

Lemma 2.1 *Assume that the C_0 -semigroup $G(t)$ ($t \geq t_0$) is exponentially stable, i.e., $\delta_0 < 0$. Then for any $p \in PC^1(J, \mathbb{B})$ and $v_k, u_0 \in \mathbb{B}, k = 1, 2, \dots, m$, the initial value problem of linear impulsive evolution equation in \mathbb{B}*

$$\begin{cases} u'(t) = Au(t) + p(t), & t \in J', \\ \Delta u|_{t=t_k} = v_k, & k = 1, 2, \dots, m, \\ u(t_0) = u_0, \end{cases} \tag{2.1}$$

has a unique mild solution $u \in PC^1(J, \mathbb{B})$ expressed by

$$u(t) = G(t - t_0)u_0 + \int_{t_0}^t G(t - s)p(s) ds + \sum_{t_0 < t_k < t} G(t - t_k)v_k.$$

Proof It follows from Theorem 2.9 of [31, Chapter 4] and Lemma 2.2 in [26] that this conclusion follows directly. □

Lemma 2.2 [33] *If H is a bounded subset of $PC^1(J, \mathbb{B})$, the element of H' is equicontinuous at J_k for all $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, m$, then*

$$\alpha(H) = \max \left\{ \sup_{t \in J} \alpha(H(t)), \sup_{t \in J} \alpha(H'(t)) \right\},$$

where $H'(t) = \{x'(t) : x \in H\}$.

Lemma 2.3 [33] *Let $E \subset C(J, \mathbb{B})$ be bounded and equicontinuous. Then $\alpha(E(t))$ is continuous on J , and*

$$\alpha \left(\left\{ \int_J x(t) dt \mid x \in E \right\} \right) \leq \int_J \alpha(E(t)) dt.$$

Lemma 2.4 [34, Corollary 3.1(b)] *Let $E = \{x_n\} \subset PC(J, \mathbb{B})$ be a bounded and countable set. Then $\alpha(E(t))$ is Lebesgue integral on J , and*

$$\alpha \left(\left\{ \int_J x_n(t) dt \right\} \right) \leq 2 \int_J \alpha(E(t)) dt.$$

3 Existence and uniqueness theorems

In this section, we will prove our main results concerning the mild solutions of the non-linear first-order implicit impulsive integro-differential equation (1.1) in Banach spaces.

Definition 3.1 If a function $y \in PC^1(J, \mathbb{B})$ satisfies

$$\begin{cases} y'(t) \leq Au(t) + f(t, u(t), Tu(t), u'(t)), & t \neq t_k, \\ \Delta y|_{t=t_k} \leq I_k(u(t_k)), & k = 1, 2, \dots, m, \\ y(t_0) \leq u_0, \end{cases} \tag{3.1}$$

then we call it a lower solution of problem (1.1); if all the inequalities of (3.1) are inverse, then we call it an upper solution of problem (1.1).

Definition 3.2 A C_0 -semigroup $G(t)$ ($t \geq t_0$) in \mathbb{B} is said to be positive, if the order inequality $G(t)x \geq \theta$ holds for every $x \geq \theta$, $x \in \mathbb{B}$, and $t \geq t_0$.

It is easy to see that for any $M \geq 0$, $A - MI$ also generates a C_0 -semigroup $\Gamma(t) = e^{-M(t)}G(t)$ ($t \geq t_0$) in \mathbb{B} . $\Gamma(t)$ is a positive C_0 -semigroup if $G(t)$ is a positive C_0 -semigroup for all $t \geq t_0$.

Now, let us first list the following assumptions for convenience:

(H₁) Problem (1.1) has a lower solution $y_0 \in PC^1(J, \mathbb{B})$ and an upper solution $x_0 \in PC^1(J, \mathbb{B})$ with $y_0 \leq x_0$, and there exist constants $M \in (0, 1)$ such that

$$f(t, u_2, v_2, w_2) - f(t, u_1, v_1, w_1) \geq -M(u_2 - u_1)$$

for all $t \in J$ and $y_0(t) \leq u_1 \leq u_2 \leq x_0(t)$, $Ty_0(t) \leq v_1 \leq v_2 \leq Tx_0(t)$, and $y'_0(t) \leq w_1 \leq w_2 \leq x'_0(t)$.

(H₂) $I_k(x)$ is increasing on the order interval $[y_0(t), x_0(t)]$ for $t \in J$, $k = 1, 2, \dots, m$.

(H₃) There exist $0 < 2L < 1 - M$ such that

$$\alpha(\{f(t, u_n(t), v_n(t), w_n(t))\}) \leq L[\alpha(\{u_n(t)\}) + \alpha(\{v_n(t)\}) + \alpha(\{w_n(t)\})]$$

for all $t \in J$, and increasing or decreasing monotonic sequences $\{u_n\} \subset [y_0(t), x_0(t)]$, $\{v_n\} \subset [Ty_0(t), Tx_0(t)]$ and $\{w_n\} \subset [y'_0(t), x'_0(t)]$.

In the sequel, we prove the following main results of this paper.

Theorem 3.1 Let \mathbb{B} be an ordered Banach space, whose positive cone P is normal, $A : \text{dom}(A) \subset \mathbb{B} \rightarrow \mathbb{B}$ be a closed linear operator, the positive C_0 -semigroup $G(t)$ ($t \geq t_0$) generated by A be compact in \mathbb{B} , $f \in C(J \times \mathbb{B} \times \mathbb{B} \times \mathbb{B}, \mathbb{B})$, and $I_k \in C(\mathbb{B}, \mathbb{B})$ for $k = 1, 2, \dots, m$. Suppose that the conditions (H₁) ~ (H₃) hold. Then problem (1.1) has minimal and maximal mild solutions between $[y_0, x_0]$, which can be obtained by a monotone iterative procedure starting from y_0 and x_0 , respectively.

Proof Let $M_1 = \sup_{t \in J} \|\Gamma(t)\|$ and $M_2 = \sup_{t \in J} \|G'(t)\|$. For any $u \in PC^1(J, \mathbb{B})$, define Fu on J by the equation

$$\begin{aligned} Fu(t) &= \Gamma(t - t_0)u_0 + \int_{t_0}^t \Gamma(t - s)[f(s, u(s), Tu(s), u'(s)) + Mu(s)] ds \\ &\quad + \sum_{t_0 < t_k < t} \Gamma(t - t_k)I_k(u(t_k)). \end{aligned} \tag{3.2}$$

It is easy to see that $F : PC^1(J, \mathbb{B}) \rightarrow PC^1(J, \mathbb{B})$ is continuous. By Lemma 2.1, we know that the mild solution of problem (1.1) is equivalent to the fixed point of F . Since $G(t)$ ($t \geq t_0$) is a positive C_0 -semigroup, $G(0) = I$ ([31]) and it follows from assumptions (H_1) and (H_2) that F is increasing in $[y_0, x_0]$ and maps any bounded set in $[y_0, x_0]$ into a bounded set.

We first show that $y_0 \leq Fy_0, Fx_0 \leq x_0$. Let $p(t) = y'_0(t) - Ay_0(t) + My_0(t)$, by the definition of lower solution and (2.1), we know that $p \in PC^1(J, \mathbb{B})$ and $p(t) \leq f(t, y_0(t), Ty_0(t), y'_0(t)) + My_0(t)$ for $t \in J'$. It follows from Lemma 2.1 that

$$\begin{aligned} y_0(t) &= \Gamma(t - t_0)y_0(t_0) + \int_{t_0}^t \Gamma(t - s)g(s) ds + \sum_{t_0 < t_k < t} \Gamma(t - t_k)\Delta y_0|_{t=t_k} \\ &\leq \Gamma(t - t_0)u_0 + \int_{t_0}^t \Gamma(t - s)[f(t, y_0(t), Ty_0(t), y'_0(t)) + My_0(t)] ds \\ &\quad + \sum_{t_0 < t_k < t} \Gamma(t - t_k)I_k(y_0(t_k)) \\ &= Fy_0(t), \end{aligned}$$

for all $t \in J$, i.e., $y_0 \leq Fy_0$. Similarly, it can be shown that $Fx_0 \leq x_0$. Combining these facts and the increasing property of F in $[y_0, x_0]$, we see that F maps $[y_0, x_0]$ into itself, and $F : [y_0, x_0] \rightarrow [y_0, x_0]$ is a continuously increasing operator.

Secondly, we prove that $F : [y_0, x_0] \rightarrow [y_0, x_0]$ is completely continuous. Let

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi u(t) &= \int_{t_0}^t \Gamma(t - s)(f(s, u(s), Tu(s), u'(s)) + Mu(s)) ds, \\ \Psi u(t) &= \sum_{t_0 < t_k < t} \Gamma(t - t_k)I_k(u(t_k)). \end{aligned} \tag{3.3}$$

On the one hand, for all $t \in J$, we show that $K(t) = \{\Phi u(t) \mid u \in [y_0, x_0]\}$ is precompact in \mathbb{B} . In fact, for any $\epsilon \in (t_0, t)$ and $u \in [y_0, x_0]$, it follows from (3.3) that

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_\epsilon u(t) &= \int_{t_0}^{t-\epsilon} \Gamma(t - s)(f(s, u(s), Tu(s), u'(s)) + Mu(s)) ds \\ &= \Gamma(\epsilon) \int_{t_0}^{t-\epsilon} \Gamma(t - \epsilon - s)(f(s, u(s), Tu(s), u'(s)) + Mu(s)) ds. \end{aligned} \tag{3.4}$$

It follows from the condition (H_1) that

$$\begin{aligned} &f(t, y_0(t), Ty_0(t), y'_0(t)) + My_0(t) \\ &\leq f(t, u(t), Tu(t), u'(t)) + Mu(t) \\ &\leq f(t, x_0(t), Tx_0(t), x'_0(t)) + Mx_0(t). \end{aligned} \tag{3.5}$$

By the normality of the cone P , now we know that there exists a constant $M_3 > 0$ such that

$$\|f(t, u(t), Tu(t), u'(t)) + Mu(t)\| \leq M_3, \quad \forall u \in [y_0, x_0].$$

From the compactness of $\Gamma(\epsilon)$, we have $K_\epsilon(t) = \{\Phi_\epsilon u(t) \mid u \in [y_0, x_0]\}$ is precompact in \mathbb{B} . Since

$$\begin{aligned} \|\Phi u(t) - \Phi_\epsilon u(t)\| &\leq \int_{t-\epsilon}^t \|\Gamma(t-s)\| \cdot \|f(s, u(s), Tu(s), u'(s)) + Mu(s)\| ds \\ &\leq M_1 M_3 \epsilon, \end{aligned}$$

the set $K(t)$ is totally bounded in \mathbb{B} . Moreover, $K(t)$ is precompact in \mathbb{B} .

On the other hand, for all $t_1, t_2 \in J$, from (3.3)-(3.5), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|\Phi u(t_2) - \Phi u(t_1)\| &\leq \int_{t_0}^{t_2} (\Gamma(t_2-s) - \Gamma(t_1-s)) (\|f(s, u(s), Tu(s), u'(s)) + Mu(s)\|) ds \\ &\quad + \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \Gamma(t_2-s) (\|f(s, u(s), Tu(s), u'(s)) + Mu(s)\|) ds \\ &\leq M_3 \int_{t_0}^{t_1} \|\Gamma(t_2-s) - \Gamma(t_1-s)\| ds + M_1 M_3 (t_1 - t_1) \\ &\leq M_3 \int_{t_0}^{t_0+a} \|\Gamma(t_2-t_1+s) - \Gamma(s)\| ds + M_1 M_3 (t_1 - t_1). \end{aligned} \tag{3.6}$$

The right side of (3.6) relies on $t_2 - t_1$, but it is independent of u . Since $G(t)$ ($t \geq t_0$) is compact, $\Gamma(t)$ is compact and continuous in the uniform operator topology for all $t \geq t_0$. Thus, the right side of (3.6) tends to 0 as $t_2 - t_1 \rightarrow 0$. Hence, $\Phi([y_0, x_0])$ is an equicontinuous function of the cluster in $C^1(J, \mathbb{B})$.

Similarly, we can prove the compactness of Ψ in (3.3).

For any $t \in J$, since $\{Fu(t) \mid u \in [y_0, x_0]\} = \{\Gamma(t - t_0) + \Phi u(t) + \Psi u(t) \mid u \in [y_0, x_0]\}$, and $Fu(t_0) = u_0$ is precompact in \mathbb{B} , we know that $F([y_0, x_0])$ is precompact in $C^1(J, \mathbb{B})$ by using the Arzela-Ascoli theorem. Thus, $F : [y_0, x_0] \rightarrow [y_0, x_0]$ is completely continuous.

Finally, we show that problem (1.1) has minimal and maximal mild solutions between $[y_0, x_0]$, which can be obtained by a monotone iterative procedure starting from y_0 and x_0 , respectively.

It follows from the complete continuity of F that F has minimal and maximal fixed points \underline{u} and \bar{u} in $[y_0, x_0]$, and so they are the minimal and maximal mild solutions of problem (1.1) in $[y_0, x_0]$, respectively.

On the other hand, from the above discussions, we know that $F : [y_0, x_0] \rightarrow [y_0, x_0]$ is a continuously increasing operator. Now, we define two sequences $\{y_n\}$ and $\{x_n\}$ in $[y_0, x_0]$ by the iterative scheme

$$y_n = Fy_{n-1}, \quad x_n = Fx_{n-1}, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots \tag{3.7}$$

Then it follows from the monotonicity of F that

$$y_0 \leq y_1 \leq \dots \leq y_n \leq \dots \leq x_n \leq \dots \leq x_1 \leq x_0. \tag{3.8}$$

We prove that $\{y_n\}$ and $\{x_n\}$ are uniformly convergent in J .

For convenience, let $E = \{y_n \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ and $E_0 = \{y_{n-1} \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\}$. Since $E = F(E_0)$, by (3.2) and the boundedness of E_0 , we easily see that E is equicontinuous in every interval J'_k , where

$J'_1 = [t_0, t_1]$ and $J'_k = (t_{k-1}, t_k]$, $k = 2, 3, \dots, m$. From $E_0 = E \cup \{y_0\}$ and Lemma 2.2, it follows that $\alpha(E_0(t)) = \alpha(E(t))$ and

$$\alpha^1(E(t)) = \max\{\alpha(E(t)), \alpha(E'(t))\}$$

for all $t \in J$. Letting

$$\phi(t) = \alpha^1(E(t)) = \alpha^1(E_0(t)), \quad t \in J,$$

by Lemma 2.3, we know that $\phi \in PC^1(J, \mathbb{R}^+)$. Going from J'_1 to J'_{m+1} interval by interval, we show that $\phi(t) \equiv 0$ in J .

In fact, for $t \in J$, there exists a J'_k such that $t \in J'_k$. By Lemma 2.3, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha(T(E_0(t))) &= \alpha\left(\left\{\int_{t_0}^t \bar{h}(t,s)y_{n-1}(s) ds \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\right\}\right) \\ &\leq \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} \alpha\left(\left\{\int_{t_{j-1}}^{t_j} \bar{h}(t,s)y_{n-1}(s) ds \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\right\}\right) \\ &\quad + \alpha\left(\left\{\int_{t_{k-1}}^t \bar{h}(t,s)y_{n-1}(s) ds \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\right\}\right) \\ &\leq \bar{h}_0 \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} \int_{t_{j-1}}^{t_j} \alpha(E_0(s)) ds + \bar{h}_0 \int_{t_{k-1}}^t \alpha(E_0(s)) ds \\ &\leq \bar{h}_0 \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} \int_{t_{j-1}}^{t_j} \phi(s) ds + \bar{h}_0 \int_{t_{k-1}}^t \phi(s) ds \\ &= \bar{h}_0 \int_{t_0}^t \phi(s) ds, \end{aligned}$$

where $\bar{h}_0 = \max\{|\bar{h}(t,s)| : (t,s) \in D\}$. Hence,

$$\int_{t_0}^t \alpha(T(E_0(s))) ds \leq a\bar{h}_0 \int_{t_0}^t \phi(s) ds. \tag{3.9}$$

It follows from (3.2), Lemma 2.4, assumption (H₃) and (3.9) that, for $t \in J'_1$,

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha(E(t)) &= \alpha(F(E_0(t))) \\ &= \alpha\left(\left\{\int_{t_0}^t \Gamma(t-s)(f(s, y_{n-1}(s), Ty_{n-1}(s), y'_{n-1}(s)) + My_{n-1}(s)) ds \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\right\}\right) \\ &\leq 2 \int_{t_0}^t \Gamma(t-s) \alpha((f(s, y_{n-1}(s), Ty_{n-1}(s), y'_{n-1}(s)) + My_{n-1}(s)) \mid n \in \mathbb{N}) ds \\ &\leq 2M_1 \int_{t_0}^t \{L[\alpha(E_0(s)) + \alpha(T(E_0(s))) + \alpha(E'_0(s))] + M\alpha(E_0(s))\} ds \\ &\leq 2M_1 \left[(L+M) \int_{t_0}^t \alpha(E_0(s)) ds + L \int_{t_0}^t \alpha(T(E_0(s))) ds + L \int_{t_0}^t \alpha(E'_0(s)) ds \right] \\ &\leq 2M_1(M + a\bar{h}_0L + 2L) \int_{t_0}^t \phi(s) ds, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \alpha(E'(t)) &= \alpha((FE_0)'(t)) \\
 &= \alpha\left(\frac{d}{dt} \left\{ \int_{t_0}^t \Gamma(t-s) f(s, y_{n-1}(s), Ty_{n-1}(s), y'_{n-1}(s)) + My_{n-1}(s) \, ds \mid n \in \mathbb{N} \right\}\right) \\
 &= \alpha\left(\left\{ \int_{t_0}^t \Gamma'(t-s) f(s, y_{n-1}(s), Ty_{n-1}(s), y'_{n-1}(s)) \, ds \right. \right. \\
 &\quad \left. \left. + My_{n-1}(t) + \Gamma(0)f(t, y_{n-1}(t), Ty_{n-1}(t), y'_{n-1}(t)) \mid n \in \mathbb{N} \right\}\right) \\
 &= \alpha\left(\left\{ -MF(y_{n-1}(t)) \right. \right. \\
 &\quad \left. \left. + \int_{t_0}^t G'(t-s)e^{-M(t-s)} f(s, y_{n-1}(s), Ty_{n-1}(s), y'_{n-1}(s)) \, ds \right. \right. \\
 &\quad \left. \left. + My_{n-1}(t) + G(0)f(t, y_{n-1}(t), Ty_{n-1}(t), y'_{n-1}(t)) \mid n \in \mathbb{N} \right\}\right) \\
 &\leq -M\alpha(F(E_0(t))) \\
 &\quad + \alpha\left(\int_{t_0}^t G'(t-s)e^{-M(t-s)} f(s, y_{n-1}(s), Ty_{n-1}(s), y'_{n-1}(s)) \, ds \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\right) \\
 &\quad + M\alpha(E_0(t)) + \alpha(\{f(t, y_{n-1}(ts), Ty_{n-1}(t), y'_{n-1}(t))\}) \\
 &\leq -M\alpha(F(E_0(t))) \\
 &\quad + 2 \int_{t_0}^t G'(t-s)e^{-M(t-s)} \alpha(f(s, y_{n-1}(s), Ty_{n-1}(s), y'_{n-1}(s)) \mid n \in \mathbb{N}) \, ds \\
 &\quad + M\alpha(E_0(t)) + \alpha(\{f(t, y_{n-1}(ts), Ty_{n-1}(t), y'_{n-1}(t))\}) \\
 &\leq -M\alpha(F(E_0(t))) + M\alpha(E_0(t)) + \zeta[\alpha(E_0(t)) + \alpha(T(E_0)(t)) + \alpha(E'_0(t))] \\
 &\leq [a\hbar_0\zeta - 2M(M + a\hbar_0\zeta + 2\zeta)] \int_{t_0}^t \phi(s) \, ds + (\zeta + M)\alpha(E_0(t)) + L\alpha(E'_0(t)) \\
 &\leq [a\hbar_0\zeta - 2M(M + a\hbar_0\zeta + 2\zeta)] \int_{t_0}^t \phi(s) \, ds + (M + 2\zeta)\alpha^1(E_0(t)),
 \end{aligned}$$

and so

$$\phi(t) \leq \Gamma \int_{t_0}^t \phi(s) \, ds + (M + 2L)\phi(t),$$

i.e.,

$$\phi(t) \leq \Theta \int_{t_0}^t \phi(s) \, ds,$$

where $\zeta = L(1 + 2aM_2)$, $\Gamma = \max\{2(M + a\hbar_0L + 2L), a\hbar_0\zeta - 2M(M + a\hbar_0\zeta + 2\zeta)\}$, and $\Theta = \Gamma/(1 - M - 2\zeta)$. Hence, by the Bellman inequality, we know that $\phi(t) \equiv 0$ in J'_1 . In particular, $\alpha^1(E(t_1)) = \alpha^1(E_0(t_1)) = \phi(t_1) = 0$, and so $\alpha(E(t_1)) = \alpha(E_0(t_1)) = 0$, this means that $E(t_1)$ and $E_0(t_1)$ are precompact in \mathbb{B} . Thus $I_1(E_0(t_1))$ is precompact in \mathbb{B} , and $\alpha(I_1(E_0(t_1))) = 0$.

Now, for $t \in J'_2$, by (3.2) and the above argument for J'_1 , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha(E(t)) &= \alpha(E(t)) = \alpha(F(E_0)(t)) \\ &= \alpha\left(\left\{\Gamma(t-t_0)u_0 + \int_{t_0}^t \Gamma(t-s)(f(s, y_{n-1}(s), Ty_{n-1}(s), y'_{n-1}(s)) + My_{n-1}(s)) ds \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. + \Gamma(t-t_1)I_1(y_{n-1}(t_1)) \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\right\}\right) \\ &\leq 2(L + M + a\hbar_0L) \int_{t_0}^t \phi(s) ds + \alpha(I_1(E_0(t_1))) \\ &\leq 2(M + a\hbar_0L + 2L) \int_{t_0}^t \phi(s) ds \\ &= 2(M + a\hbar_0L + 2L) \int_{t_1}^t \phi(s) ds \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\phi(t) \leq \Theta \int_{t_1}^t \phi(s) ds.$$

Again by the Bellman inequality, we know that $\phi(t) \equiv 0$ in J'_2 , from which we obtain $\alpha(E_0(t_2)) = 0$ and $\alpha(I_2(E_0(t_2))) = 0$.

Continuing such a process interval by interval up to J'_{m+1} , we can prove that $\phi(t) \equiv 0$ in every J'_k , $k = 1, 2, \dots, m + 1$.

For any J_k , if we modify the value of y_n at $t = t_{k-1}$ via $y_n(t_{k-1}) = y_n(t_{k-1}^+)$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$, then $\{y_n\} \subset C^1(J_k, \mathbb{B})$ and it is equicontinuous. Since $\alpha(\{y_n(t)\}) \equiv 0$, $\{y_n(t)\}$ is precompact in \mathbb{B} for every $t \in J_k$. By the Arzela-Ascoli theorem, we know that $\{y_n\}$ is precompact in $C^1(J_k, \mathbb{B})$. Hence, $\{y_n\}$ has a convergent subsequence in $C^1(J_k, \mathbb{B})$. Combining this with the monotonicity (3.8), we easily prove that $\{y_n\}$ itself is convergent in $C^1(J_k, \mathbb{B})$. In particular, $\{y_n(t)\}$ is uniformly convergent in J'_k . Consequently, $\{y_n(t)\}$ is uniformly convergent over the whole of J .

Using a similar argument to that for $\{y_n(t)\}$, we can prove that $\{x_n(t)\}$ is also uniformly convergent in J . Hence, $\{y_n(t)\}$ and $\{x_n(t)\}$ are convergent in $PC^1(J, \mathbb{B})$. Setting

$$\underline{u} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n, \quad \bar{u} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n \quad \text{in } PC^1(J, \mathbb{B}) \tag{3.10}$$

and $n \rightarrow \infty$ in (3.7) and (3.8), then we have $v_0 \leq \underline{u} \leq \bar{u} \leq x_0$ and

$$\underline{u} = F\underline{u}, \quad \bar{u} = F\bar{u}. \tag{3.11}$$

By the monotonicity of F , it is easy to see that \underline{u} and \bar{u} are the minimal and maximal fixed points of F in $[y_0, x_0]$, and therefore they are the minimal and maximal mild solutions of problem (1.1) in $[y_0, x_0]$, respectively. This completes the proof. \square

Remark 3.1 In Theorem 3.1, if \mathbb{B} is weakly sequentially complete, the condition (H₃) holds automatically. In fact, by Theorem 2.2 of [35], any monotonic and order-bounded sequence is precompact. Let $\{x_n\}$ and $\{y_n\}$ be two increasing or decreasing sequences

obeying condition (H₃), then, by condition (H₁), $\{f(t, x_n, y_n, z_n) + Mx_n\}$ is a monotonic and order-bounded sequence. By the property of the measure of noncompactness, we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\alpha(\{Ax_n(t) + f(t, x_n, y_n, z_n) + Mx_n\}) \\ &\leq \alpha(\{Ax_n(t) + f(t, x_n, y_n, z_n) + Mx_n\}) + M\alpha(\{x_n\}) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, condition (H₃) holds.

From Theorem 3.1, we obtain the following result.

Corollary 3.1 *Let \mathbb{B} be an ordered and weakly sequentially complete Banach space, whose positive cone P is normal, $f \in C(J \times \mathbb{B} \times \mathbb{B} \times \mathbb{B}, \mathbb{B})$, and $I_k \in C(\mathbb{B}, \mathbb{B})$, $k = 1, 2, \dots, m$. If the conditions (H₁) and (H₂) are satisfied, then problem (1.1) has minimal and maximal mild solutions between y_0 and x_0 , which can be obtained by a monotone iterative procedure starting from y_0 and x_0 , respectively.*

Next we discuss the uniqueness of the mild solution to problem (1.1) in $[y_0, x_0]$. Assume we replace the assumption (H₃) by the following assumption.

(H₄) There exist positive constants C_i ($i = 1, 2, 3$) with $C_3 < 1$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} &f(t, u_2, v_2, w_2) - f(t, u_1, v_1, w_1) \leq C_1(u_2 - u_1) + C_2(v_2 - v_1) + C_3(w_2 - w_1), \\ &\forall t \in J, \quad y_0(t) \leq u_1 \leq u_2 \leq x_0(t), \quad Ty_0(t) \leq v_1 \leq v_2 \leq Tx_0(t), \end{aligned}$$

for all $t \in J$ and $y_0(t) \leq u_1 \leq u_2 \leq x_0(t)$, $\lambda_1 Ty_0(t) \leq v_1 \leq v_2 \leq \lambda_1 Tx_0(t)$ and $\lambda_2 y'_0(t) \leq w_1 \leq w_2 \leq \lambda_2 x'_0(t)$. Then we have the following unique existence result.

Theorem 3.2 *Let \mathbb{B} be an ordered Banach space, whose positive cone P is normal, $f \in C(J \times \mathbb{B} \times \mathbb{B} \times \mathbb{B}, \mathbb{B})$ and $I_k \in C(\mathbb{B}, \mathbb{B})$, $k = 1, 2, \dots, m$. If the conditions (H₁), (H₂), and (H₄) hold, then problem (1.1) has a unique mild solution between y_0 and x_0 , which can be obtained by a monotone iterative procedure starting from y_0 or x_0 .*

Proof We first prove that (H₁) and (H₄) imply (H₃). In fact, for $t \in J$, let $\{u_n\} \subset [y_0(t), x_0(t)]$, $\{v_n\} \subset [Ty_0(t), Tx_0(t)]$, and $\{w_n\} \subset [y'_0(t), x'_0(t)]$ be increasing sequences. For $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ with $m > n$, by (H₁) and (H₄),

$$\begin{aligned} \theta &\leq (f(t, u_m, v_m, w_m) - f(t, u_n, v_n, w_n)) + M(u_m - u_n) \\ &\leq (C_1 + M)(u_m - u_n) + C_2(v_m - v_n) + C_3(w_m - w_n). \end{aligned}$$

By this inequality and the normality of cone P , we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\|f(t, u_m, v_m, w_m) - f(t, u_n, v_n, w_n)\| \\ &\leq N\|(C_1 + M)(u_m - u_n) + C_2(v_m - v_n) + C_3(w_m - w_n)\| + M\|u_m - u_n\| \\ &\leq (M + MN + NC_1)\|u_m - u_n\| + NC_2\|v_m - v_n\| + NC_3\|w_m - w_n\|. \end{aligned}$$

From this inequality and the definition of the measure of noncompactness, it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} &\alpha(\{f(t, u_n, v_n, w_n)\}) \\ &\leq (M + MN + NC_1)\alpha(\{u_n\}) + NC_2\alpha(\{v_n\}) + NC_3\alpha(\{w_n\}) \\ &\leq L'[\alpha(\{u_n\}) + \alpha(\{v_n\}) + \alpha(\{w_n\})], \end{aligned}$$

where $L' = \max\{M + NM + NC_1, NC_2, NC_3\}$. If $\{u_n\}$, $\{v_n\}$, and $\{w_n\}$ are decreasing sequences, the above inequality is also valid. Hence (H_3) holds.

Therefore, by Theorem 3.1, problem (1.1) has a minimal solution \underline{u} and a maximal solution \bar{u} in $[y_0, x_0]$. By the proof of Theorem 3.1, (3.7), (3.8), (3.10), and (3.11) are valid. Going from J'_1 to J'_{m+1} interval by interval, we show that $\underline{u}(t) \equiv \bar{u}(t)$ in every $J'_k, k = 1, 2, \dots, m + 1$.

Indeed, for $t \in J'_1$, by (3.11) and (3.2) and assumption (H_4) , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \theta &\leq \bar{u}(t) - \underline{u}(t) = F\bar{u}(t) - F\underline{u}(t) \\ &= \int_{t_0}^t \Gamma(t-s)[f(s, \bar{u}(s), T\bar{u}(s), \bar{u}'(s)) - f(s, \underline{u}(s), T\underline{u}(s), \underline{u}'(s)) + M(\bar{u}(s) - \underline{u}(s))] ds \\ &\leq \int_{t_0}^t M_1[(M + C_1)(\bar{u}(s) - \underline{u}(s)) + C_2(T\bar{u}(s) - T\underline{u}(s)) + C_3(\bar{u}'(s) - \underline{u}'(s))] ds \\ &\leq M_1(M + C_1) \int_{t_0}^t (\bar{u}(s) - \underline{u}(s)) ds \\ &\quad + M_1C_2\tilde{h}_0 \int_{t_0}^t \int_{t_0}^s (\bar{u}(\tau) - \underline{u}(\tau)) d\tau ds + M_1C_3(\bar{u}(t) - \underline{u}(t)) \\ &\leq M_1(M + C_1 + aC_2\tilde{h}_0) \int_{t_0}^t (\bar{u}(s) - \underline{u}(s)) ds + M_1C_3(\bar{u}(t) - \underline{u}(t)), \end{aligned} \tag{3.12}$$

where $M_1 = \sup_{t \in J} \|\Gamma(t)\|$. It follows from (3.12) and the normality of cone P that

$$\|\bar{u}(t) - \underline{u}(t)\| \leq M_1N(M + C_1 + aC_2\tilde{h}_0) \int_{t_0}^t \|\bar{u}(s) - \underline{u}(s)\| ds + M_1C_3\|\bar{u}(t) - \underline{u}(t)\|,$$

i.e.,

$$\|\bar{u}(t) - \underline{u}(t)\| \leq \frac{M_1N(M + C_1 + aC_2\tilde{h}_0)}{1 - M_1C_3} \int_{t_0}^t \|\bar{u}(s) - \underline{u}(s)\| ds.$$

Thus, by the Bellman inequality, we obtain $\underline{u}(t) \equiv \bar{u}(t)$ in J'_1 .

For $t \in J'_2$, since $I_1(\bar{u}(t_1)) = I_1(\underline{u}(t_1))$, using (3.2) and by completely the same argument as above for $t \in J'_1$, we can prove that

$$\begin{aligned} \|\bar{u}(t) - \underline{u}(t)\| &\leq \frac{M_1N(M + C_1 + aC_2\tilde{h}_0)}{1 - M_1C_3} \int_{t_0}^t \|\bar{u}(s) - \underline{u}(s)\| ds \\ &= \frac{M_1N(M + C_1 + aC_2\tilde{h}_0)}{1 - M_1C_3} \int_{t_1}^t \|\bar{u}(s) - \underline{u}(s)\| ds. \end{aligned}$$

Again, by the Bellman inequality, we obtain $\underline{u}(t) \equiv \bar{u}(t)$ in J'_2 .

Continuing such a process interval by interval up to J'_{m+1} , we see that $\underline{u}(t) \equiv \bar{u}(t)$ over the whole of J . Hence, $u^* := \underline{u} = \bar{u}$ is the unique mild solution of problem (1.1) in $[y_0, x_0]$, which can be obtained by the monotone iterative procedure (3.7) starting from y_0 or x_0 . □

Remark 3.2 (1) Using the above argument method interval by interval from J'_1 to J'_{m+1} , we can also improve the main results in [19] and [21], and delete some restrictive conditions there.

(2) In this study, the equicontinuity of the semigroup $G(t)$ ($t \geq t_0$) generated by A is not required.

4 Concluding remarks

In this paper, we introduce and study the following nonlinear first-order implicit impulsive differential equation problem in Banach space \mathbb{B} :

Find $u : J \rightarrow \mathbb{B} \times \mathbb{B} \times \mathbb{B}$ such that

$$\begin{cases} u'(t) = Au(t) + f(t, u(t), Tu(t), u'(t)), & t \neq t_k, \\ \Delta u|_{t=t_k} = I_k(u(t_k)), & k = 1, 2, \dots, m, \\ u(t_0) = u_0. \end{cases}$$

By using a monotone iterative technique in the presence of lower and upper solutions, the existence of extremal solutions and a unique mild solution between the lower and upper solutions are obtained under wide monotone conditions and the noncompactness measure conditions. The results presented in this paper improved and generalized some known results concerned with the integro-differential equations and classical (abstract) differential equations.

Moreover, we remark that if the lower solution and the upper solution for problem (1.1) do not exist, then we have the following results.

Theorem 4.1 *Let \mathbb{B} be an ordered Banach space, whose positive cone P is normal, $A : \text{dom}(A) \subset \mathbb{B} \rightarrow \mathbb{B}$ be a closed linear operator and generate a positive C_0 -semigroup $G(t)$ ($t \geq t_0$) in \mathbb{B} , $f \in C(J \times \mathbb{B} \times \mathbb{B} \times \mathbb{B}, \mathbb{B})$, and $I_k \in C(\mathbb{B}, \mathbb{B})$, $k = 1, 2, \dots, m$. Assume that there exist $b > 0$, $x_0 \in \text{dom}(A)$, $x_0 \geq \theta$, $y_k \in \text{dom}(A)$, $y_k \geq \theta$, $k = 1, 2, \dots, m$, $h \in PC^1(J, \mathbb{B})$, and $h(t) \geq \theta$ such that*

$$\begin{aligned} f(t, x, Tx, x') &\leq bx + h(t), & I_k(x) &\leq y_k, & x &\geq \theta; \\ f(t, x, Tx, x') &\geq bx - h(t), & I_k(x) &\geq -y_k, & x &\leq \theta. \end{aligned}$$

Then the following results hold:

- (1) If the C_0 -semigroup $G(t)$ ($t \geq t_0$) is compact in \mathbb{B} , and the conditions (H_1) and (H_2) in Section 3 are satisfied, then problem (1.1) has minimal and maximal mild solutions.
- (2) Problem (1.1) has minimal and maximal mild solutions when the conditions $(H_1) \sim (H_3)$ in Section 3 are satisfied.
- (3) If the positive cone P is regular, and the conditions (H_1) and (H_2) in Section 3 are satisfied, then problem (1.1) has minimal and maximal mild solutions.

(4) *Problem (1.1) has a unique mild solution when the conditions (H₁), (H₂), and (H₄) in Section 3 are satisfied.*

Proof Firstly, we consider the following initial value problem of the linear impulsive evolution equation in \mathbb{B} :

$$\begin{cases} u'(t) = Au(t) + bu(t) + h(t), & t \in J', \\ \Delta u|_{t=t_k} = y_k, & k = 1, 2, \dots, m, \\ u(t_0) = x_0. \end{cases} \quad (4.1)$$

Since $(A + bI)$ generates a positive C_0 -semigroup $\Gamma(t) = e^{bt}G(t)$ ($t \geq 0$) in \mathbb{B} , it follows from Theorem 2.9 in [31, Chapter 4] and Lemma 2.1, that problem (4.1) has a unique positive classical solution $\hat{u} \in PC^1(J, E)$. Let $y_0 = -\hat{u}$, $x_0 = \hat{u}$, it is easy to see that y_0 and x_0 are the lower solution and the upper solution of problem (1.1), respectively. So, our conclusions (1)-(4) follow from Theorems 3.1 and 3.2. \square

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