



# Generalizations of Darbo's fixed point theorem via simulation functions with application to functional integral equations



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## ABSTRACT

In this paper, firstly, we introduce  $Z_\mu$ -contraction and  $\mathfrak{S}_\mu$ -contraction via stimulation functions. Secondly, we prove some new fixed point theorems for  $Z_\mu$ -contractive mappings and  $\mathfrak{S}_\mu$ -contractive mappings. Our results generalize and extend some existing results. Moreover, some examples and an application to functional integral equations are given to support the obtained results.

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## 1. Introduction and preliminaries

Schauder fixed point theorem is one of the most fruitful and effective tools in nonlinear analysis. In 1955, Darbo [1], using the concept of a measure of non-compactness, proved the fixed point property for  $\alpha$ -set contraction on a closed, bounded and convex subset of Banach spaces. Darbo's fixed point theorem is a significant extension of the Schauder fixed point theorem, and it also plays a key role in nonlinear analysis especially in proving the existence of solutions for a lot of classes of nonlinear equations. Since then, some generalizations of Darbo's fixed point theorem have been proved. For example, we refer the reader to [2–7] and the references therein. Recently, Aghajani et al. [8] and Cai et al. [9] proved some new generalizations of Darbo's fixed point theorem.

Throughout this paper, by  $\mathbf{N}$ ,  $\mathbf{R}_+$  and  $\mathbf{R}$ , respectively, denote the set of all positive integers, non-negative real numbers and real numbers.

Now, let us recall some basic concepts, notations and known results which will be used in the sequel. In this paper, we let  $E$  be a Banach space with the norm  $\|\cdot\|$  and  $\theta$  be the zero element in  $E$ . The closed ball centered at  $x$  with radius  $r$  is denoted by  $B(x, r)$ , by simply  $B_r$  if  $x = \theta$ . If  $X$  is a nonempty subset of  $E$ , then we denote by  $\bar{X}$  and  $\text{Conv}(X)$  the closure and closed convex hull of  $X$ , respectively. Moreover, let  $\mathfrak{M}_E$  be the family of all nonempty bounded subsets of  $E$  and by  $\mathfrak{N}_E$  the subfamily consisting of all relatively compact subsets of  $E$ .

In [10], Banaś et al. gave the concepts of a measure of non-compactness.

**Definition 1.1.** A mapping  $\mu : \mathfrak{M}_E \rightarrow \mathbf{R}_+$  is said to be a measure of non-compactness in  $E$  if it satisfies the following conditions:

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- (1) The family  $\ker \mu = \{X \in \mathfrak{M}_E : \mu(X) = 0\}$  is nonempty and  $\ker \mu \subseteq \mathfrak{N}_E$ ;
- (2)  $X \subseteq Y \Rightarrow \mu(X) \leq \mu(Y)$ ;
- (3)  $\mu(\bar{X}) = \mu(X)$ ;
- (4)  $\mu(\text{Conv}X) = \mu(X)$ ;
- (5)  $\mu(\lambda X + (1 - \lambda)Y) \leq \lambda\mu(X) + (1 - \lambda)\mu(Y)$  for all  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$ ;
- (6) If  $\{X_n\}$  is a sequence of closed sets from  $\mathfrak{M}_E$  such that  $X_{n+1} \subseteq X_n$  for  $n = 1, 2, \dots$  and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu(X_n) = 0$ , then the intersection set  $X_\infty = \bigcap_{n=1}^\infty X_n$  is nonempty.

The family  $\ker \mu$  described in (1) is said to be the kernel of the measure of non-compactness  $\mu$ . Observe that the intersection set  $X_\infty$  from (4) is a member of the family  $\ker \mu$ . In fact, since  $\mu(X_\infty) \leq \mu(X_n)$  for any  $n$ , we infer that  $\mu(X_\infty) = 0$ . This yields that  $X_\infty \in \ker \mu$ .

**Theorem 1.1** (Schauder Fixed Point Principle). *Let  $\Omega$  be a nonempty, bounded, closed and convex subset of a Banach space  $E$ . Then each continuous and compact map  $T : \Omega \rightarrow \Omega$  has at least one fixed point in the set  $\Omega$ .*

Obviously the above formulated theorem constitutes the well known Schauder fixed point principle. Its generalization, called the Darbo's fixed point theorem, is formulated below.

**Theorem 1.2** (Darbo's Fixed Point Theorem [1]). *Let  $\Omega$  be a nonempty, bounded, closed and convex subset of a Banach space  $E$  and let  $T : \Omega \rightarrow \Omega$  be a continuous mapping. Assume that there exists a constant  $k \in [0, 1)$  such that*

$$\mu(TX) \leq k\mu(X)$$

for any nonempty subset  $X$  of  $\Omega$ , where  $\mu$  is a measure of non-compactness defined in  $E$ . Then  $T$  has a fixed point in the set  $\Omega$ .

In order to prove our fixed point theorems, we need some of the following related concepts. First of all, we recall the definition of the class of function as follows.

**Definition 1.2** (Khan et al. [11]). An altering distance function is a continuous, nondecreasing mapping  $\phi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  such that  $\phi^{-1}(\{0\}) = \{0\}$ .

The notions of simulation function was introduced by Khojasteh et al. in [12] as follows.

**Definition 1.3.** A simulation function is a mapping  $\xi : [0, \infty) \times [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  satisfying the following conditions:

- ( $\xi_1$ )  $\xi(0, 0) = 0$ ;
- ( $\xi_2$ )  $\xi(t, s) < s - t$  for all  $t, s > 0$ ;
- ( $\xi_3$ ) if  $\{t_n\}, \{s_n\}$  are sequences in  $(0, \infty)$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} t_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n > 0$ , then

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \xi(t_n, s_n) < 0.$$

However, in [12], the authors slightly modified the definition of simulation function which introduced by Khojasteh et al. [13] and enlarged the family of all simulation functions.

**Definition 1.4.** A simulation function is a mapping  $\xi : [0, \infty) \times [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  satisfying the following conditions:

- ( $\xi_1$ )  $\xi(0, 0) = 0$ ;
- ( $\xi_2$ )  $\xi(t, s) < s - t$  for all  $t, s > 0$ ;
- ( $\xi_3$ ) if  $\{t_n\}, \{s_n\}$  are sequences in  $(0, \infty)$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} t_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n > 0$  and  $t_n < s_n$ , then

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \xi(t_n, s_n) < 0.$$

Let  $Z$  be the family of all simulation functions  $\xi : [0, \infty) \times [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  in Definition 1.4.

Thereupon, the authors [13] give the following example to illustrate that every simulation function in the original Khojasteh et al.'s sense (Definition 1.3) is also a simulation function in Roldán-L'pez-de-Hierro et al.'s sense (Definition 1.4), but the converse is not true.

**Example 1.1.** Let  $k \in \mathbf{R}$  be such that  $k < 1$  and let  $\xi : [0, \infty) \times [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  be the function defined by

$$\xi(t, s) = \begin{cases} 2(s - t) & \text{if } s < t \\ ks - t & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Clearly,  $\xi$  verifies ( $\xi_1$ ), and ( $\xi_2$ ) follows from

$$t, s > 0, \quad \begin{cases} 0 < s < t \Rightarrow \xi(t, s) = 2(s - t) < s - t, \\ 0 < s \leq t \Rightarrow \xi(t, s) = ks - t < s - t. \end{cases}$$

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