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On a coupled system of Urysohn-Stieltjes integral equations in reflexive Banach space

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Abstract

Urysohn-Stieltjes integral operators and Urysohn-Stieltjes integral equations have been studied by some authors. In this paper we prove the existence of at least one weak solution of a coupled system of Urysohn-Stieltjes integral equations in the reflexive Banach space. We used the O'Regan fixed point theorem and some propositions. As an application, the coupled system of Hammerstien-Stieltjes integral equations is also studied.

Keywords: Weak solution, weakly Riemann-Stieltjes integral, coupled system, weakly relatively compact.

1 Introduction and preliminaries

The Volterra-Stieltjes integral equations and Urysohn-Stieltjes integral equations have been studied by J. Banaś and some other authors (see [1]-[9] and [18]- [20]). Consider the Urysohn-Stieltjes integral equation

$$x(t) = p(t) + \int_0^1 f(t, s, x(s)) \ d_s g(t, s), \quad t \in I = [0, 1].$$
(1)

J. Banaś (see [5]) proved the existence of at least one solution $x \in C(I)$ to the equation (1), where $g: I \times I \to R$ is nondecreasing in the second argument on I and the symbol d_s indicates the integration with respect to s.

For the definition, background and properties of the Stieltjes integral we refer to Banaś [1]. However, the coupled system of integral equations have been studied, recently, by some authors (see [13]-[14],[16]).

In this paper, we generalize this results to study the existence of weak solutions $(x, y) \in C[I, E] \times C[I, E]$ for the coupled system of Urysohn-Stieltjes integral equations

$$x(t) = a_{1}(t) + \int_{0}^{1} f_{1}(t, s, y(s)) d_{s}g_{1}(t, s), \ t \in I$$

$$y(t) = a_{2}(t) + \int_{0}^{1} f_{2}(t, s, x(s)) d_{s}g_{2}(t, s), \ t \in I$$
(2)

in reflexive Banach space E under the weak-weak continuity assumption imposed on $f_i: I \times I \times E \to E$, i = 1, 2.

As an application, we study the existence of weak solutions $x, y \in C[I, E]$ for the coupled system of Hammerstien-Stieltjes integral equations

$$x(t) = a_{1}(t) + \int_{0}^{1} k_{1}(t,s)h_{1}(s,y(s)) \ d_{s}g_{1}(t,s), \ t \in I$$

$$y(t) = a_{2}(t) + \int_{0}^{1} k_{2}(t,s)h_{2}(s,x(s)) \ d_{s}g_{2}(t,s), \ t \in I$$
(3)

Throughout this paper, if otherwise is not stated, E denotes a reflexive Banach space with norm $\| \cdot \|$ and dual E^* . Denote by C[I, E] the Banach space of strongly continuous functions $x : I \to E$ with sup-norm. Let

 $X = C[I, E] \times C[I, E] = \{u(t) = (x(t), y(t)) : x \in C[I, E], y \in C[I, E], t \in I\}$ be a Banach space with the norm defined as

$$\| (x,y) \|_X = \max\{ \| x \|_{C[I,E]} + \| y \|_{C[I,E]} \}, \quad \forall (x,y) \in X.$$

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Now, we shall present some auxiliary results that will be needed in this work. Let E be a Banach space (need not be reflexive) and let $x : [a, b] \to E$, then

- (1-) x(.) is said to be weakly continuous (measurable) at $t_0 \in [a, b]$ if for every $\phi \in E^*$, $\phi(x(.))$ is continuous (measurable) at t_0 .
- (2-) A function $h: E \to E$ is said to be weakly sequentially continuous if h maps weakly convergent sequences in E to weakly convergent sequences in E.

If x is weakly continuous on I, then x is strongly measurable and hence weakly measurable (see [17] and [11]). It is evident that in reflexive Banach spaces, if x is weakly continuous function on [a, b], then x is weakly Riemann integrable (see [17]). Since the space of all weakly Riemann-Stieltjes integrable functions is not complete, we will restrict our attention to the existence of weak solutions of the coupled system (2) in the space $C[I, E] \times C[I, E]$.

Definition 1 Let $f : I \times E \to E$. Then f(t, u) is said to be weakly-weakly continuous at (t_0, u_0) if given $\epsilon > 0$, $\phi \in E^*$ there exists $\delta > 0$ and a weakly open set U containing u_0 such that

$$|\phi(f(t, u) - f(t_0, u_0))| < \epsilon$$

whenever

$$|t - t_0| < \delta$$
 and $u \in U$.

Now, we have the following fixed point theorem, due to O'Regan, in the reflexive Banach space (see [21]) and some propositions which will be used in the sequel (see [12]).

Theorem 1 Let E be a Banach space and let Q be a nonempty, bounded, closed and convex subset of C[I, E] and let $F : Q \to Q$ be a weakly sequentially continuous and assume that FQ(t) is relatively weakly compact in E for each $t \in I$. Then, F has a fixed point in the set Q.

Proposition 1 In reflexive Banach space, the subset is weakly relatively compact if and only if it is bounded in the norm topology.

Proposition 2 Let *E* be a normed space with $y \in E$ and $y \neq 0$. Then there exists a $\varphi \in E^*$ with $\|\varphi\| = 1$ and $\|y\| = \varphi(y)$.

2 Main results

In this section, we present our main result by proving the existence of weak solutions for the coupled system of Urysohn-Stieltjes integral equations (2) in the reflexive Banach space E. Let us first state the following assumptions:

(i)
$$a_i \in C[I, E], i = 1, 2.$$

- (ii) $f_i: I \times I \times D \to E$, where $D \subset E$ and i = 1, 2 satisfy the following conditions:
 - (1) $f_i(., s, x(s))$ is continuous function, $\forall s \in I, x \in D \subset E$.
 - (2) $f_i(t,.,.)$ is weakly-weakly continuous function, $\forall t \in I$.
 - (3) The weak closure of the range of $f_i(I \times I \times D)$ are weakly compact in E (or equivalently: there exists a constant M such that $|| f_i(t, s, x) || \le M$.
- (iii) The functions $g_i : I \times I \to R$ and the functions $t \to g_i(t, 1)$ and $t \to g_i(t, 0)$ (i = 1, 2) are continuous on I, and $\mu = \max\{\sup | g_i(t, 1) | + \sup | g_i(t, 0) | \text{ on } I\}.$
- (iv) For all $t_1, t_2 \in I$ such that $t_1 < t_2$ the functions $s \to g_i(t_2, s) g_i(t_1, s)$ are nondecreasing on I.
- (v) $g_i(0,s) = 0$ for any $s \in I$.

Remark 1. Observe that assumptions (iv) and (v) imply that the function $s \to g(t,s)$ is nondecreasing on the interval I, for any fixed $t \in I$ (Remark 1 in [6]). Indeed, putting $t_2 = t$, $t_1 = 0$ in (iv) and keeping in mind (v), we obtain the desired conclusion. From this observation, it follows immediately that, for every $t \in I$, the function $s \to g(t,s)$ is of bounded variation on I.

Definition 2 By a weak solution for the coupled system (2), we mean the pair of functions $(x, y) \in C[I, E] \times C[I, E]$ such that

$$\varphi(x(t)) = \varphi(a_1(t)) + \int_0^1 \varphi(f_1(t, s, y(s))) \, d_s g_1(t, s), \ t \in I$$

$$\varphi(y(t)) = \varphi(a_2(t)) + \int_0^1 \varphi(f_2(t, s, x(s))) \, d_s g_2(t, s), \ t \in I$$

for all $\varphi \in E^*$.

Theorem 2 Under assumptions (i)-(v), the coupled system of Urysohn-Stieltjes integral equation (2) has at least one weak solution $(x, y) \in C[I, E] \times C[I, E]$.

Proof. Define an operator A by

$$A(x,y) = (A_1y, A_2y)$$

where

$$A_1 y(t) = a_1(t) + \int_0^1 f_1(t, s, y(s)) \ d_s g_1(t, s), \ t \in I$$
$$A_2 x(t) = a_2(t) + \int_0^1 f_2(t, s, x(s)) \ d_s g_2(t, s), \ t \in I$$

For every $x_i \in C[I, E]$, $f_i(., s, x(s))$ is continuous on I, and $f_i(t, ., x(.))$ are weakly continuous on I, then $\varphi(f_i(t, ., x(.)))$ are continuous for every $\varphi \in E^*$. Hence, in view of bounded variational of g_i it follows, $f_i(t, s, x(s))$ is weakly Riemann-Stieltjes integrable on I with respect to $s \to g_i(t, s)$. Thus A_i make sense.

Define the sets Q_1 and Q_2 by

$$Q_1 = \{ y \in C[I, E] : \| y \| \le H_1 \}, \quad H_1 = \| a_1 \| + M\mu,$$

And

$$Q_2 = \{ x \in C[I, E] : \| x \| \le H_2 \}, \quad H_2 = \| a_2 \| + M\mu.$$

Now, define the set Q by

$$Q = \{ u = (x, y) \in X : \| u \| \le H_1 + H_2 \}$$

Next, let $y \in Q_1$ and $x \in Q_2$. Without loss of generality we may assume that $A_1y \neq 0, A_2x(t) \neq 0, t \in I$. By proposition 2, we have

$$\| A_1 y(t) \| = \varphi(A_1 y(t))$$

$$\leq \| \varphi(a_1(t)) \| + \| \varphi(\int_0^1 f_1(t, s, y(s)) d_s g_1(t, s)) \|$$

$$\leq \| a_1 \| + \int_0^1 \| \varphi(f_1(t, s, y(s))) \| d_s(\bigvee_{z=0}^s g_1(t, z))$$

$$\leq \| a_1 \| + \int_0^1 \| f_1(t, s, y(s)) \| d_s(\bigvee_{z=0}^s g_1(t, z))$$

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$$\leq \|a_1\| + M \int_0^1 d_s g(t,s) \leq \|a_1\| + M[g(t,1) - g(t,0)] \leq \|a_1\| + M[\sup_{t \in I} |g(t,1)| + \sup_{t \in I} |g(t,0)|] \leq \|a_1\| + M\mu$$

Then

$$|| A_1 y(t) || \le || a_1 || + M \mu = H_1$$

Similarly we can prove that

 $|| A_2 x(t) || \le || a_2 || + M \mu = H_2.$

Therefore, for any $u \in Q$

$$|| Au(t) || = || A(x, y)(t) || = || (A_1y(t), A_2x(t)) ||$$

$$\leq || A_1y(t) || + || A_2x(t) ||$$

$$\leq || a_1 || + M\mu + || a_2 || + M\mu = H_1 + H_2.$$

 $\text{i.e., } \forall \ u \in Q \Rightarrow Au \in Q \Rightarrow AQ \subset Q. \quad \text{Thus } A: Q \to Q.$

Also, we can prove that $A_1 : C[I, E] \to C[I, E]$ and for $t_1, t_2 \in I$, $t_1 < t_2$ (without loss of generality, we may assume that $Ax(t_2) - Ax(t_1) \neq 0$) and there exists $\varphi \in E^*$, such that

$$\| A_{1}y(t_{2}) - A_{1}y(t_{1}) \| \leq \varphi(A_{1}y(t_{2}) - A_{1}y(t_{1}))$$

$$\leq | \varphi(a_{1}(t_{2}) - a_{1}(t_{1})) | + | \int_{0}^{1} \varphi(f_{1}(t_{2}, s, y(s))) d_{s}g_{1}(t_{2}, s)$$

$$- \int_{0}^{1} \varphi(f_{1}(t_{1}, s, y(s))) d_{s}g_{1}(t_{1}, s) |$$

$$\leq \| a_{1}(t_{2}) - a_{1}(t_{1}) \| + | \int_{0}^{1} \varphi(f_{1}(t_{2}, s, y(s))) d_{s}g_{1}(t_{2}, s)$$

$$- \int_{0}^{1} \varphi(f_{1}(t_{1}, s, y(s))) d_{s}g_{1}(t_{2}, s) | + | \int_{0}^{1} \varphi(f_{1}(t_{1}, s, y(s))) d_{s}g_{1}(t_{2}, s)$$

$$- \int_{0}^{1} \varphi(f_{1}(t_{1}, s, y(s))) d_{s}g_{1}(t_{1}, s) |$$

$$\leq \| a_{1}(t_{2}) - a_{1}(t_{1}) \|$$

$$\begin{aligned} + & \int_{0}^{1} |\varphi(f_{1}(t_{2},s,y(s)) - f_{1}(t_{1},s,y(s)))| \ d_{s}(\bigvee_{z=0}^{s}g_{1}(t_{2},z)) \\ + & \int_{0}^{1} |\varphi(f_{1}(t_{1},s,y(s)))| \ d_{s}(\bigvee_{z=0}^{s}[g_{1}(t_{2},z) - g_{1}(t_{1},z))]) \\ \leq & \|a_{1}(t_{2}) - a_{1}(t_{1})\| + \|f_{1}(t_{2},s,y(s)) - f_{1}(t_{1},s,y(s))\| \ \int_{0}^{1} \ d_{s}g_{1}(t_{2},s) \\ + & \int_{0}^{1} \|f_{1}(t_{1},s,y(s))\| \ d_{s}[g_{1}(t_{2},s) - g_{1}(t_{1},s))] \\ \leq & \|a_{1}(t_{2}) - a_{1}(t_{1})\| \\ + & \|f_{1}(t_{2},s,y(s)) - f_{1}(t_{1},s,y(s))\| \|[g_{1}(t_{2},1) - g_{1}(t_{2},0)] \\ + & M[(g_{1}(t_{2},1) - g_{1}(t_{1},0)) - (g_{1}(t_{2},0) - g_{1}(t_{1},0))] \\ \leq & \|a_{1}(t_{2}) - a_{1}(t_{1})\| \\ + & \|f_{1}(t_{2},s,y(s)) - f_{1}(t_{1},s,y(s))\| \|[g_{1}(t_{2},1) - g_{1}(t_{2},0)] \\ + & M[(g_{1}(t_{2},1) - g_{1}(t_{1},0)] + \|g_{1}(t_{2},0) - g_{1}(t_{1},0)\|] \end{aligned}$$

Similarly we can show that

$$\| A_2 x(t_2) - A_2 x(t_1) \| \le \| a_2(t_2) - a_2(t_1) \| + \| f_2(t_2, s, x(s)) - f_2(t_1, s, x(s)) \| [g_2(t_2, 1) - g_2(t_2, 0)] + M[\| g_2(t_2, 1) - g_2(t_1, 0) \| + \| g_2(t_2, 0) - g_2(t_1, 0) \|]$$

Now, we obtain

$$A(x,y)(t_2) - A(x,y)(t_1) = (A_1y(t_2), A_2x(t_2)) - (A_1y(t_1), A_2x(t_1)))$$

= $((A_1y(t_2) - A_1y(t_1)), (A_2x(t_2) - A_2x(t_1)))$

and

$$\| A(x,y)(t_2) - A(x,y)(t_1) \| \leq \| A_1y(t_2) - A_1y(t_1) \| + \| A_2x(t_2) - A_2x(t_1) \|$$

$$\leq \| a_1(t_2) - a_1(t_1) \|$$

$$+ \| f_1(t_2,s,y(s)) - f_1(t_1,s,y(s)) \| [g_1(t_2,1) - g_1(t_2,0)]$$

$$+ M[\| g_1(t_2,1) - g_1(t_1,0) \| + \| g_1(t_2,0) - g_1(t_1,0) \|]$$

$$\leq \| a_2(t_2) - a_2(t_1) \|$$

$$+ \| f_2(t_2,s,x(s)) - f_2(t_1,s,x(s)) \| [g_2(t_2,1) - g_2(t_2,0)]$$

$$+ M[\| g_2(t_2,1) - g_2(t_1,0) \| + \| g_2(t_2,0) - g_2(t_1,0) \|]$$

Note that Q is nonempty, uniformly bounded and strongly equi-continuous subset of X, by the uniform boundedness of AQ. Thus, according to propositions

1, AQ is relatively weakly compact.

It remains to prove that A is weakly sequentially continuous.

Let $\{y_n(t)\}$ and $\{x_n(t)\}$ be sequence in C[I, E] weakly convergent to y(t) and x(t) respectively $(\forall t \in I)$, since $f_1(t, s, .)$ and $f_2(t, s, .)$ are weakly continuous. Then $f_1(t, s, y_n(s))$ and $f_2(t, s, x_n(s))$ converge weakly to $f_1(t, s, y(s))$ and $f_2(t, s, x(s))$ respectively. Furthermore, $(\forall \varphi \in E^*) \varphi(f_1(t, s, y_n(s)))$ and $\varphi(f_2(t, s, x_n(s)))$ converge strongly to $\varphi(f_1(t, s, y(s)))$ and $\varphi(f_2(t, s, x(s)))$ respectively. Using assumption (3) and applying Lebesgue dominated convergence theorem, we get

$$\varphi(\int_0^1 f_1(t,s,y_n(s)) \ d_s g_1(t,s)) = \int_0^1 \varphi(f_1(t,s,y_n(s))) \ d_s g_1(t,s)$$
$$\rightarrow \int_0^1 \varphi(f_1(t,s,y(s))) \ d_s g_1(t,s), \ \forall \varphi \in E^*, \ t \in I$$

Moreover, we have

$$\varphi(\int_0^1 f_2(t, s, x_n(s)) \ d_s g_2(t, s)) = \int_0^1 \varphi(f_2(t, s, x_n(s))) \ d_s g_2(t, s)$$
$$\rightarrow \int_0^1 \varphi(f_2(t, s, x(s))) \ d_s g_2(t, s), \ \forall \varphi \in E^*, \ t \in I.$$

Thus, A is weakly sequentially continuous on Q.

Since all conditions of Theorem 1 are satisfied, then the operator A has at least one fixed point $(x, y) = u \in Q$ and the coupled system of Urysohn-Stieltjes integral equations (2) has at least one weak solution.

3 Hammerstien-Stieltjes coupled system

This section, as an application, deals with the existence of weak continuous solution for the coupled system of Hammerstien-Stieltjes integral equations (3), consider the following the assumption:

- $(ii)^*$ Let $h_i: I \times E \to E$ and $k_i: I \times I \to R_+$ are such that h_i, k_i satisfy the following assumptions:
 - $(1)^*$ $h_i(s, x(s))$ are weakly-weakly continuous functions.

- (2)* There exists a constant M such that $|| h_i(s, x) || \le M$.
- (3)* $k_i(t,s)$ is continuous function such that $K = \sup_t |k_i(t,s)|$, where K is positive constant.

Definition 3 By a weak solution for the coupled system (3), we mean the pair of functions $(x, y) \in C[I, E] \times C[I, E]$ such that

$$\varphi(x(t)) = \varphi(a_1(t)) + \int_0^1 k_1(t,s)\varphi(h_1(s,y(s))) \ d_sg_1(t,s), \ t \in I$$

$$\varphi(y(t)) = \varphi(a_2(t)) + \int_0^1 k_2(t,s)\varphi(h_2(s,x(s))) \ d_sg_2(t,s), \ t \in I$$

for all $\varphi \in E^*$.

Now, to prove the existence of a weak solutions of (3), we have the following theorem

Theorem 3 Let the assumptions (i), (iii)-(v) and $(ii)^*$ be satisfied. Then the coupled system of Hammerstien-Stieltjes integral equations (3) has at least one weak solution $(x, y) \in X$.

Proof. Let

$$f_i(t, s, x(s)) = k_i(t, s)h_i(s, x(s)).$$

Then from the assumption $(ii)^*$, we find that the assumptions of Theorem 2 are satisfied and result follows.

Example : Consider the functions $g_i: I \times I \to R$ defined by the formula

$$g_1(t,s) = \begin{cases} t \ln \frac{t+s}{t}, & \text{for } t \in (0,1], s \in I, \\ 0, & \text{for } t = 0, s \in I. \end{cases}$$
$$g_2(t,s) = t(t+s-1), t \in I.$$

It can be easily seen that the functions $g_1(t,s)$ and $g_2(t,s)$ satisfy assumptions (iii)-(v) given in Theorem 2. In this case, the coupled system of Urysohn-

Stieltjes integral equations (2) has the form

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) &= a_1(t) + \int_0^1 \frac{t}{t+s} f_1(t,s,y(s) \, ds, \ t \in I \\ y(t) &= a_2(t) + \int_0^1 t f_2(t,s,x(s)) \, ds, \ t \in I \end{aligned}$$
(4)

Therefore, the coupled system (4) has at least one weak solution $u = (x, y) \in X$.

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