

**EXISTENCE OF SOLUTIONS OF  
SET CONTROL DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS**

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**1. INTRODUCTION**

In [1-8], authors studied the existence and comparison of solutions of the set differential equation (SDE)

$$D_H X(t) = F(t, X(t)),$$

where  $X(t_0) = X_0 \in K_c(R^n), X(t) \in K_c(R^n), t \in [t_0, T] = I \subset R_+$

and  $F : I \times K_c(R^n) \rightarrow K_c(R^n)$ .

In this paper, we give the so-called set control differential equation (SCDE) in the form

$$D_H X(t) = F(t, X(t), U(t)),$$

where  $X(t_0) = X_0 \in K_c(R^n), X(t) \in K_c(R^n), U(t) \in K_c(R^p), t \in [t_0, T] = I \subset R_+$

$F : I \times K_c(R^n) \times K_c(R^p) \rightarrow K_c(R^n)$ ,

and study existence of solutions and comparison solutions of SCDE.

The paper is organized as follows: we recall some basic concepts and notations which are useful in next sections in section 2 and some results on SDE in section 3. Existence results on solutions and comparison of solutions of SCDE are presented in section 4.

**2. PRELIMINARIES**

We recall some notations and concepts presented in detail in recent series works of V. Lakshmikantham et al. See [1-8].

Let  $K_C(R^n)$  denote the collection of all nonempty, compact and convex subsets of  $R^n$ . Given  $A, B$  in  $K_C(R^n)$ . The Hausdorff distance between  $A$  and  $B$  defined as

$$D[A, B] = \max \left\{ \sup_{a \in A} \inf_{b \in B} \|a - b\|, \sup_{b \in B} \inf_{a \in A} \|a - b\| \right\}, \tag{2.1}$$

where  $\|\cdot\|$  denotes the Euclidean norm in  $R^n$ .

It is known that  $(K_C(R^n), D)$  is a complete metric space and if the space  $K_C(R^n)$  is equipped with the natural algebraic operations of addition and nonnegative scalar multiplication, then  $K_C(R^n)$  becomes a semilinear metric space which can be embedded as a complete cone into a corresponding Banach space. See [15].

The Hausdorff metric satisfies some below properties.

$$D[A + C, B + C] = D[A, B] \text{ and } D[A, B] = D[B, A], \tag{2.2}$$

$$D[\lambda A, \lambda B] = \lambda D[B, A], \tag{2.3}$$

$$D[A, B] \leq D[A, C] + D[C, B], \tag{2.4}$$

$$D[A + A', B + B'] \leq D[A, B] + D[A', B'] \tag{2.5}$$

for all  $A, B, C \in K_c(R^n)$  and  $\lambda \in R_+$

Let  $A, B \in K_c(R^n)$ . The set  $C \in K_c(R^n)$  satisfying  $A = B + C$  is known as the geometric difference of the sets  $A$  and  $B$  and is denoted by the symbol  $A - B$ . Given an interval  $I = [t_0, T] \subset R_+$ . Function  $F : I \rightarrow K_c(R^n)$  is said to be continuous at  $t^* \in I$  if for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists a  $\delta = \delta(\varepsilon, t^*) > 0$  such that

$$D[F(t), F(t^*)] < \varepsilon \text{ for all } t \in I \text{ with } |t - t^*| < \delta.$$

We say that the mapping  $F$  has a Hukuhara derivative  $D_H F(\tau)$  at a point  $\tau \in I$ , if

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

exist in the topology of  $K_c(R^n)$  and are equal to  $D_H F(\tau)$ .

The Hukuhara integral of  $F$  is given by

$$\int_I F(s) ds = \left\{ \int_I f(s) ds : f \text{ is a continuous selector of } F \right\}$$

for any compact set  $I \subset R_+$ .

We have the following properties of the Hukuhara integral.

If  $F : I \rightarrow K_c(R^n)$  is integrable, one has

$$\int_{t_0}^{t_2} F(s) ds = \int_{t_0}^{t_1} F(s) ds + \int_{t_1}^{t_2} F(s) ds, \quad t_0 \leq t_1 \leq t_2 \tag{2.6}$$

and

$$\int_{t_0}^t \lambda F(s) ds = \lambda \int_{t_0}^t F(s) ds, \quad \lambda \in R.$$

If  $F, G : I \rightarrow K_c(R^n)$  are integrable, then  $D[F(\cdot), G(\cdot)] : I \rightarrow R$  is integrable and

$$D \left[ \int_{t_0}^t F(s) ds, \int_{t_0}^t G(s) ds \right] \leq \int_{t_0}^t D[F(s), G(s)] ds. \tag{2.7}$$

Let us denote  $D[A, \theta^n] = \|A\| = \sup \{\|a\| : a \in A\}$

for  $A \in K_c(R^n)$ , where  $\theta^n$  is the zero element of  $R^n$  which is regarded as a one point set. More details in continuity, Hukuhara derivative, Hukuhara integral of the mapping  $F : I \rightarrow K_c(R^n)$ , please see [1-8].

### 3. SET DIFFERENTIAL EQUATION

In [1-8], authors considered the set differential equation (SDE) as following.

$$D_H X(t) = F(t, X(t)), \quad (3.1)$$

where

$$X(t_0) = X_0 \in K_c(R^n), X(t) \in K_c(R^n), t \in [t_0, T] = I, \text{ state } X(t) \in K_c(R^n)$$

and  $F : I \times K_c(R^n) \rightarrow K_c(R^n)$ .

The mapping  $X \in C^1[I, K_c(R^n)]$  is said to be a solution of (3.1) on  $I$  if it satisfies (3.1) on  $I$ . Since  $X(t)$  is continuously differentiable, we have

$$X(t) = X_0 + \int_{t_0}^t D_H X(s) ds, \quad t \in I.$$

We associate with the initial value problem (3.1) the following

$$X(t) = X_0 + \int_{t_0}^t F(s, X(s)) ds, \quad t \in I \quad (3.2)$$

where the integral is the Hukuhara integral. Observe that  $X(t)$  is a solution of (3.1) if only if it satisfies (3.2) on  $I$ .

We recall some results in [1-8].

The local existence result on solution of SDE is the following.

**Theorem 3.1.** *Assume that*

(i)  $F \in C[R_0, K_c(R^n)]$ ,  $D[F(t, X(t)), \theta^n] \leq M_0$ , on  $R_0 = I \times B(X_0, b)$  where

$$B(X_0, b) = \{X(t) \in K_c(R^n) : D[X(t), X_0] \leq b\} \text{ and}$$

(ii)  $g \in C[I \times [0, 2b], R_+]$ ,  $0 \leq g(t, w) \leq M_1$  on  $I \times [0, 2b]$ ,  $g(t, 0) = 0$ ,  $g(t, w)$  is nondecreasing in  $w$  for each  $t \in I$  and  $w(t) \equiv 0$  is the unique solution of

$$w' = g(t, w), \quad w(t_0) = 0 \text{ on } I. \quad (3.3)$$

(iii)  $D[F(t, \bar{X}(t)), F(t, X(t))] \leq g(t, D[\bar{X}(t), X(t)])$  on  $R_0$ .

Then, the (3.1) has a unique solution  $X(t) = X(t, X_0)$  on  $[t_0, t_0 + \eta]$ , where  $\eta = \min\left\{a, \frac{b}{M}\right\}$ ,  $M = \max\{M_0, M_1\}$ .

The global existence result on solution of SDE is as follows.

**Theorem 3.2.** *Assume that  $F \in C[R_+ \times K_c(R^n), K_c(R^n)]$  and*

$$D [F(t, X(t)), \theta^n] \leq g(t, D [X(t), \theta^n]), (t, X(t)) \in R_+ \times K_c(R^n),$$

where  $g \in C [R_+^2, R_+]$ ,  $g(t, w)$  is nondecreasing in  $w$  for each  $t \in R_+$  and the maximal solution  $r(t, t_0, w_0)$  of

$w' = g(t, w)$ ,  $w(t_0) = w_0 \geq 0$  exists on  $[t_0, +\infty)$ . Suppose further that  $F$  is smooth enough to guarantee local existence of solution of (3.1) for any  $(t_0, X_0) \in R_+ \times K_c(R^n)$ . Then the largest interval of existence of any solution  $X(t) = X(t, t_0, X_0)$  of (3.1) such that  $D [X_0, \theta^n] \leq w_0$  is  $[t_0, +\infty)$ .

The below theorem is an existence result on solutions of SDE.

**Theorem 3.3.** Assume that  $F \in C [R_+ \times K_c(R^n), K_c(R^n)]$  and

(i)  $D [F(t, X(t)), \theta^n] \leq g(t, D [X(t), \theta^n]), (t, X(t)) \in [t_0, T] \times K_c(R^n),$

where  $g \in C [[t_0, T] \times R_+, R_+]$ ,  $g(t, w)$  is nondecreasing in  $(t, w)$ ;

(ii) the maximal solution  $r(t, t_0, w_0)$  of

$$w' = g(t, w), w(t_0) = w_0 \geq 0$$

exists on  $I$ .

Then there exists a solution  $X(t) = X(t, t_0, X_0)$  to the (3.1) which satisfies

$$D [X(t), X_0] \leq r(t, w_0), t \in I, \text{ where } w_0 = D [X_0, \theta^n].$$

Some results on comparison of solutions of SDE and stability of solutions of SDE were studied in [1, 4, 5].

#### 4. MAIN RESULTS

In this paper, we provide a set control differential equation (SCDE) as following

$$D_H X(t) = F(t, X(t), U(t)), X(t_0) = X_0 \in K_c(R^n), \quad (4.1)$$

where  $F : I \times K_c(R^n) \times K_c(R^p) \rightarrow K_c(R^n)$ , state  $X(t) \in K_c(R^n)$ , control  $U(t) \in K_c(R^p)$ .

The  $U : I \rightarrow K_c(R^p)$  is integrable, is called an admissible control. Let  $U$  be a set of all admissible controls. The mapping  $X \in C^1 [I, K_c(R^n)]$  is said to be a solution of (4.1) on  $I$  if it satisfies (4.1) on  $I$ . Since  $X(t)$  is continuously differentiable, we have

$$X(t) = X_0 + \int_{t_0}^t D_H X(s) ds, t \in I.$$

We associate with the initial value problem (4.1) the following

$$X(t) = X_0 + \int_{t_0}^t F(s, X(s), U(s)) ds, t \in I$$

where the integral is the Hukuhara integral. Observe that  $X(t)$  is a solution of (4.1) if only if it satisfies (4.2) on  $I$ .

Now, based on the theorems 3.1-3.3 of SDE we have some existence results on solutions of SCDE.

Firstly, we have a unique existence of solution of SCDE as following.

**Theorem 4.1.** Assume that

$$(i) \quad F \in C \left[ R_0, K_c(R^n) \right], \quad D \left[ F(t, X(t), U(t)), \theta^n \right] \leq M_0, \quad \text{on}$$

$$R_0 = I \times B(X_0, b) \times U,$$

where  $B(X_0, b) = \{X(t) \in K_c(R^n) : D[X(t), X_0] \leq b\}$  and

$$(ii) \quad g \in C \left[ I \times [0, 2b], R_+ \right], \quad 0 \leq g(t, w) \leq M_1 \quad \text{on } I \times [0, 2b], \quad g(t, 0) = 0, \quad g(t, w) \text{ is}$$

$$\text{nondecreasing in } w \text{ for each } t \in I \text{ and } w(t) \equiv 0 \text{ is a unique solution of}$$

$$w' = g(t, w), \quad w(t_0) = 0 \quad \text{on } I. \quad (4.3)$$

$$(iii) \quad D \left[ F(t, \bar{X}(t), \bar{U}(t)), F(t, X(t), U(t)) \right] \leq g \left( t, D \left[ \bar{X}(t), X(t) \right] \right) \quad \text{on } R_0.$$

Then, the (4.1) has a unique solution  $X(t) = X(t, X_0, U(t))$  on  $[t_0, t_0 + \eta]$ , where  $\eta = \min \left\{ a, \frac{b}{M} \right\}$ ,  $M = \max \{M_0, M_1\}$ .

**Proof.** Function  $U(t)$  is of variable  $t$ . Set  $h(t, X(t)) = F(t, X(t), U(t))$  plays the role of function  $F(t, X(t))$  in theorems 3.1 and consider  $U(t)$  as parameter, then using theorems 3.1, we have theorem 4.1. !

Then, we have the global existence of solution of SCDE as below.

**Theorem 4.2.** Assume that  $F \in C \left[ R_+ \times K_c(R^n) \times K_c(R^p), K_c(R^n) \right]$  and

$$D \left[ F(t, X(t), U(t)), \theta^n \right] \leq g(t, D \left[ X(t), \theta^n \right]), \quad (t, X(t), U(t)) \in R_+ \times K_c(R^n) \times U,$$

where  $g(t, w)$  is nondecreasing in  $w$  for each  $t \in R_+$  and the maximal solution  $r(t, t_0, w_0)$  of

$$w' = g(t, w), \quad w(t_0) = w_0 \geq 0$$

exists on  $[t_0, +\infty)$ . Suppose further that  $f$  is smooth enough to guarantee local existence of solution of (4.1) for any  $(t_0, X_0, U(t_0)) \in R_+ \times K_c(R^n) \times U$ . Then the largest interval of existence of any solution  $X(t) = X(t, t_0, X_0, U(t))$  of (4.1) such that  $D[X_0, \theta^n] \leq w_0$  is  $[t_0, +\infty)$ .

This theorem also holds for  $J = [t_0, T], T > t_0$ .

**Proof.** Using theorem 3.2 and the proof is similar the proof of theorem 4.1. !

We adapt theorem 3.3 of SDE to below theorem of SCDE.

**Theorem 4.3.** Assume that  $F \in C [R_+ \times K_c(R^n) \times K_c(R^p), K_c(R^n)]$  and

$$(i) D [F(t, X(t), U(t)), \theta^n] \leq g(t, D [X(t), \theta^n]),$$

$$(t, X(t), U(t)) \in [t_0, T] \times K_c(R^n) \times U,$$

where  $g \in C [[t_0, T] \times R_+, R_+]$ ,  $g(t, w)$  is nondecreasing in  $(t, w)$ ;

(ii) the maximal solution  $r(t, t_0, w_0)$  of

$$w' = g(t, w), w(t_0) = w_0 \geq 0$$

exists on  $I$ .

Then there exists a solution  $X(t) = X(t, t_0, X_0, U(t))$  to the (4.1) which satisfies

$$D [X(t), X_0] \leq r(t, w_0), t \in I, \text{ where } w_0 = D [X_0, \theta^n].$$

For comparison solutions of SCDE we need the following assumption.

**Assumption**

$F : R \times K_c(R^n) \times K_c(R^p) \rightarrow K_c(R^n)$  satisfies the condition

$$D [F(t, \bar{X}(t), \bar{U}(t)), F(t, X(t), U(t))] \leq \alpha(t) \left\{ D [\bar{X}(t), X(t)] + D [\bar{U}(t), U(t)] \right\} \quad (4.4)$$

For  $t \in I; \bar{X}(t), X(t) \in K_c(R^n); \bar{U}(t), U(t) \in K_c(R^p)$ , where  $\alpha(t)$  is a positive and integralble on  $I$ .

Let  $C = \int_{t_0}^T \alpha(t) dt$ . Because  $\alpha(t)$  is integrable on  $I$ , it is bounded almost everywhere by a positive constant  $K$ .

**Theorem 4.4** Suppose that  $F$  satisfies assumption (4.4) and  $\bar{X}(t), X(t)$  are solutions of SCDE (3.1) starting at  $\bar{X}_0, X_0$  and of  $\bar{U}(t), U(t)$ , respectively. Then one has

$$D [\bar{X}(t), X(t)] \leq \varepsilon \text{ if } D [\bar{U}(t), U(t)] \leq \delta(\varepsilon) \text{ and } D [\bar{X}_0, X_0] \leq \delta(\varepsilon).$$

**Proof.**The solutions of SCDE (3.1) for controls  $\bar{U}(t), U(t)$  originating at  $\bar{X}_0, X_0$ , respectively, are equivalent to the following integral forms

$$\bar{X}(t) = \bar{X}_0 + \int_{t_0}^t F(s, \bar{X}(s), \bar{U}(s)) ds$$

$$X(t) = X_0 + \int_{t_0}^t F(s, X(s), U(s)) ds .$$

We estimate

$$\begin{aligned} & D \left[ \bar{X}(t), X(t) \right] \\ &= D \left[ \bar{X}_0 + \int_{t_0}^t F(s, \bar{X}(s), \bar{U}(s)) ds, X_0 + \int_{t_0}^t F(s, X(s), U(s)) ds \right] \\ &\leq D \left[ \bar{X}_0, X_0 \right] + D \left[ \int_{t_0}^t F(s, \bar{X}(s), \bar{U}(s)) ds, \int_{t_0}^t F(s, X(s), U(s)) ds \right] \\ &\leq D \left[ \bar{X}_0, X_0 \right] + \int_{t_0}^t D \left[ F(s, \bar{X}(s), \bar{U}(s)), F(s, X(s), U(s)) \right] ds \\ &\leq D \left[ \bar{X}_0, X_0 \right] + \int_{t_0}^t c(s) \left\{ D \left[ \bar{X}(s), X(s) \right] + D \left[ \bar{U}(s), U(s) \right] \right\} ds \\ &\leq D \left[ \bar{X}_0, X_0 \right] + \int_{t_0}^t c(s) D \left[ \bar{X}(s), X(s) \right] ds + \int_{t_0}^t c(s) D \left[ \bar{U}(s), U(s) \right] ds . \end{aligned}$$

If  $D \left[ \bar{U}(t), U(t) \right] \leq \delta(\epsilon)$  and  $D \left[ \bar{X}_0, X_0 \right] \leq \delta(\epsilon)$ , then

$$D \left[ \bar{X}(t), X(t) \right] \leq (K + 1) \delta(\epsilon) + \int_{t_0}^t c(s) D \left[ \bar{X}(s), X(s) \right] ds .$$

Here we have used (2.5), (2.7).

Using Gronwall inequality, we have

$$D \left[ \bar{X}(t), X(t) \right] \leq (K + 1) \delta(\epsilon) \exp(C) .$$

It follows the proof if we choose  $0 < \delta(\epsilon) \leq \frac{\epsilon}{(K + 1) \exp(C)}$ .

## 5. CONCLUSION

In this paper we gave a new concept of set control differential equation and studied its existence of solutions. A comparison of two solutions was considered. Some more results on existence and comparison of solutions of set control differential equation will be presented in next works.

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