

## Common $N$ -tupled fixed points via $(CLR)$ property and an application to a system of $N$ -integral equations

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### Abstract

In this manuscript, we establish results on the existence of common  $N$ -tupled fixed points using  $(CLR)$  property for two hybrid pair of mappings. We also study existence of a common solution for a system of  $N$ -integral equations.

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## 1 Introduction and Preliminaries

Samet and Vetro [11] proved some coupled fixed point results for multi-valued nonlinear contraction mappings in partially ordered metric spaces. Abbas et al. [13] gave some common coupled fixed (coincidence) point results for hybrid pair of multi-valued mappings. Deshpande and Handa [12] defined occasional w-compatibility and  $(E.A)$  property for hybrid pairs of mappings. Rao et al. [4] (see also [3, 9]) initiated  $(CLR)$  property in complex valued  $b$ -metric spaces. On the other hand, Imdad et al. [1] provided some  $n$ -tupled coincidence point results in metric spaces. Recently, Shoaib et al. [8] established results for tripled coincidence and common fixed point for hybrid pair of mappings using  $(CLR)$  property. For related results, see [14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22].

In the present work, we prove some common  $N$ -tupled fixed point theorems for hybrid mappings on a metric space. Also, we discuss the existence of a solution for a system of nonlinear  $N$ -integral equations.

In the sequel,  $\mathbb{R}^+$ ,  $\mathbb{N}$  and  $\mathbb{N}_0$  will denote the sets of non-negative real numbers, positive integers and non-negative integers, respectively.

Let  $(\Delta, d)$  be a metric space. Denote by  $CB(\Delta)$  the class of all non-empty, bounded and closed subsets of  $\Delta$ . For  $\vartheta \in \Delta$  and  $\chi \in CB(\Delta)$ , consider

$$d(\vartheta, \chi) = \inf\{d(\vartheta, \zeta) : \zeta \in \chi\}.$$

For  $\Delta_1, \Delta_2 \in CB(\Delta)$ , define the Hausdorff-Pompiou metric [2]  $H : CB(\Delta) \times CB(\Delta) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  as

$$H(\Delta_1, \Delta_2) = \max\{\delta(\Delta_1, \Delta_2), \delta(\Delta_2, \Delta_1)\}$$

where

$$\delta(\Delta_1, \Delta_2) = \sup\{d(r, \Delta_2), r \in \Delta_1\}.$$

**Definition 1.1.** [1] Given  $F : \Delta^N \rightarrow \Delta$ . We say that  $(x^1, x^2, \dots, x^N) \in \Delta^N$  is a  $N$ -upled fixed point of  $F$  if

$$x^1 = F(x^1, x^2, x^3, \dots, x^N), x^2 = F(x^2, x^3, x^4, \dots, x^1), \dots, x^N = F(x^N, x^1, x^2, \dots, x^{N-1}).$$

**Definition 1.2.** [1] Given  $F : \Delta^N \rightarrow \Delta$  and  $g : \Delta \rightarrow \Delta$ . We say that  $(x^1, x^2, \dots, x^N) \in \Delta^N$  is a coincidence point of  $g$  and  $F$  if

$$gx^1 = F(x^1, x^2, x^3, \dots, x^N), gx^2 = F(x^2, x^3, x^4, \dots, x^1), \dots, gx^N = F(x^N, x^1, x^2, \dots, x^{N-1}).$$

Denote by  $C(g, F)$  the set of  $N$ -tupled coincidence point of  $g$  and  $F$ .

**Definition 1.3.** [10] Let  $F : \Delta \times \Delta \times \Delta \rightarrow CB(\Delta)$  be a multi-valued mapping and  $g$  be a self-map on  $\Delta$ . If  $g^2x \in F(gx, gy, gz)$ ,  $g^2y \in F(gy, gz, gx)$ , and  $g^2z \in F(gz, gx, gy)$  at some point  $(x, y, z) \in \Delta^3$ , then  $g$  is called  $F$ -weakly commuting.

The common limit range property for two single-valued mappings was introduced by Sintunavarat and Kumam [5] (see also [6]). This concept was extended by Abdou [7] to a pair of mappings (one is single-valued and the second is multi-valued) in the class of metric spaces. Later, this notion has been generalized to the tripled case in [8].

## 2 Main Results

As a generalization of Definition 1.3, we start with

**Definition 2.1.** Given  $G : \Delta^N \rightarrow CB(\Delta)$ . The self-map  $g$  on  $\Delta$  is called  $G$ -weakly commuting at  $(x^1, x^2, x^3, \dots, x^N) \in \Delta^N$  if  $g^2x^1 \in G(gx^1, gx^2, gx^3, \dots, gx^N)$ ,  $g^2x^2 \in G(gx^2, gx^3, gx^4, \dots, gx^1)$  and  $g^2x^N \in G(gx^N, gx^1, gx^2, \dots, gx^{N-1})$ .

**Definition 2.2.** Given  $F, G : \Delta^N \rightarrow CB(\Delta)$ . Let  $f, g : \Delta \rightarrow \Delta$  be two mappings on a metric space  $(\Delta, d)$ . The pairs  $(F, f)$  and  $(G, g)$  have  $(CLR_f)$  and  $(CLR_g)$  properties, respectively, if there exist sequences  $\{x_n^1\}, \{x_n^2\}, \dots, \{x_n^N\}, \{u_n^1\}, \{u_n^2\}, \dots, \{u_n^N\}$  in  $\Delta$ ,  $C^1, C^2, \dots, C^N$  and  $D^1, D^2, \dots, D^N \in CB(\Delta)$  such that for some  $z_1, z_2, \dots, z_N \in \Delta$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} fx_n^1 &= fz_1 \in C^1 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F(x_n^1, x_n^2, x_n^3, \dots, x_n^N), \\ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} fx_n^2 &= fz_2 \in C^2 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F(x_n^2, x_n^3, x_n^4, \dots, x_n^1), \\ &\vdots \\ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} fx_n^N &= fz_N \in C^N = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F(x_n^N, x_n^1, x_n^2, \dots, x_n^{N-1}), \\ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} gu_n^1 &= gz_1 \in D^1 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} G(u_n^1, u_n^2, u_n^3, \dots, u_n^N), \\ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} gu_n^2 &= gz_2 \in D^2 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} G(u_n^2, u_n^3, u_n^4, \dots, u_n^1), \\ &\vdots \\ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} fu_n^N &= gz_N \in D^N = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} G(u_n^N, u_n^1, u_n^2, \dots, u_n^{N-1}). \end{aligned}$$

Consider the following conditions.

( $\Omega_1$ )  $f : \Delta \rightarrow \Delta$  is  $F$ -weakly commuting for some  $(z_1, z_2, \dots, z_N) \in C(f, F)$  with  $f^2 z_1 = f z_1, f^2 z_2 = f z_2, \dots, f^2 z_N = f z_N$ ;

( $\Omega_2$ )  $g : \Delta \rightarrow \Delta$  is  $G$ -weakly commuting for some  $(z_1, z_2, \dots, z_N) \in C(g, G)$  with  $g^2 z_1 = g z_1, g^2 z_2 = g z_2, \dots, g^2 z_N = g z_N$ .

In all our results, we avoid the completeness of the metric space. It is replaced by the (CLR) property.

**Theorem 2.3.** *Let  $d$  be a metric on  $\Delta$ . Given  $F, G : \Delta^N \rightarrow CB(\Delta)$  and  $f, g : \Delta \rightarrow \Delta$  so that the pairs  $(F, f)$  and  $(G, g)$  have  $(CLR_f)$  and  $(CLR_g)$ -properties. Suppose that there exist  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2$  and  $\lambda_3 \in [0, 1)$  with  $0 \leq \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \lambda_3 < 1$  such that*

$$\begin{aligned} & H(F(x^1, x^2, x^3, \dots, x^N), G(u^1, u^2, u^3, \dots, u^N)) \\ & \quad + H(F(x^2, x^3, x^4, \dots, x^1), G(u^2, u^3, u^4, \dots, u^1)) + \dots \\ & \quad + H(F(x^N, x^1, x^2, \dots, x^{N-1}), G(u^N, u^1, u^2, \dots, u^{N-1})) \\ & \quad \leq \lambda_1 [d(fx^1, gu^1) + d(fx^2, gu^2) + \dots + d(fx^N, gu^N)] \\ & \quad + \lambda_2 [d(f(x^1), F(x^1, x^2, x^3, \dots, x^N)) + d(f(x^2), F(x^2, x^3, x^4, \dots, x^1)) + \dots \\ & \quad + d(f(x^N), F(x^N, x^1, x^2, \dots, x^{N-1}))] + \lambda_3 [d(g(u^1), G(u^1, u^2, u^3, \dots, u^N)) \\ & \quad + d(g(u^2), G(u^2, u^3, u^4, \dots, u^1)) + \dots + d(g(u^N), G(u^N, u^1, u^2, \dots, u^{N-1}))], \end{aligned} \tag{2.1}$$

for all  $(x^1, x^2, x^3, \dots, x^N), (u^1, u^2, u^3, \dots, u^N) \in \Delta^N$ . Then

( $\Lambda_1$ )  $f$  and  $F$  have an  $N$ -tupled coincidence point.

( $\Lambda_2$ )  $g$  and  $G$  have an  $N$ -tupled coincidence point.

Moreover,

(a) if ( $\Omega_1$ ) holds, then  $F$  and  $f$  have a common  $N$ -tupled fixed point;

(b) if ( $\Omega_2$ ) holds, then  $G$  and  $g$  have a common  $N$ -tupled fixed point;

(c) if ( $\Omega_1$ ) and ( $\Omega_2$ ) hold, then  $F, G, f$  and  $g$  have a common  $N$ -tupled fixed point.

*Proof.* The pair  $(F, f)$  having the  $(CLR_f)$ -property, so there are sequences  $\{x_n^1\}, \{x_n^2\}, \dots, \{x_n^N\}$  in  $\Delta$  and  $C^1, C^2, \dots, C^N \in CB(\Delta)$  such that for some  $z_1, z_2, \dots, z_N \in \Delta$ , we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f x_n^1 = f z_1 \in C^1 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F(x_n^1, x_n^2, x_n^3, \dots, x_n^N),$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f x_n^2 = f z_2 \in C^2 &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F(x_n^2, x_n^3, x_n^4, \dots, x_n^1), \\ &\vdots \\ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f x_n^N = f z_N \in C^N &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F(x_n^N, x_n^1, x_n^2, \dots, x_n^{N-1}). \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, the pair  $(G, g)$  has the  $(CLR_g)$ -property, so there are sequences  $\{u_n^1\}, \{u_n^2\}, \dots, \{u_n^N\}$  in  $\Delta$  and  $D^1, D^2, \dots, D^N$  in  $CB(\Delta)$  such that for such  $z_1, z_2, \dots, z_N$  in  $\Delta$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} g u_n^1 = g z_1 \in D^1 &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} G(u_n^1, u_n^2, u_n^3, \dots, u_n^N), \\ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} g u_n^2 = g z_2 \in D^2 &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} G(u_n^2, u_n^3, u_n^4, \dots, u_n^1), \\ &\vdots \\ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f u_n^N = f z_N \in D^N &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} G(u_n^N, u_n^1, u_n^2, \dots, u_n^{N-1}). \end{aligned}$$

By inequality (2.1), we get

$$\begin{aligned} &H(F(x_n^1, x_n^2, x_n^3, \dots, x_n^N), G(u_n^1, u_n^2, u_n^3, \dots, u_n^N)) \\ &+ H(F(x_n^2, x_n^3, x_n^4, \dots, x_n^1), G(u_n^2, u_n^3, u_n^4, \dots, u_n^1)) + \dots \\ &+ H(F(x_n^N, x_n^1, x_n^2, \dots, x_n^{N-1}), G(u_n^N, u_n^1, u_n^2, \dots, u_n^{N-1})) \\ &\leq \lambda_1 [d(f x_n^1, g u_n^1) + d(f x_n^2, g u_n^2) + \dots + d(f x_n^N, g u_n^N)] \\ &+ \lambda_2 [d(f(x_n^1), F(x_n^1, x_n^2, x_n^3, \dots, x_n^N)) + d(f(x_n^2), F(x_n^2, x_n^3, x_n^4, \dots, x_n^1)) + \dots \\ &+ d(f(x_n^N), F(x_n^N, x_n^1, x_n^2, \dots, x_n^{N-1}))] + \lambda_3 [d(g(u_n^1), G(u_n^1, u_n^2, u_n^3, \dots, u_n^N)) \\ &+ d(g(u_n^2), G(u_n^2, u_n^3, u_n^4, \dots, u_n^1)) + \dots + d(g(u_n^N), G(u_n^N, u_n^1, u_n^2, \dots, u_n^{N-1}))]. \end{aligned}$$

Applying  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we get

$$f z_1 = g z_1, f z_2 = g z_2, \dots, f z_N = g z_N. \quad (2.2)$$

Again, from inequality (2.1), one writes

$$\begin{aligned} &H(F(z_1, z_2, z_3, \dots, z_N), G(u_n^1, u_n^2, u_n^3, \dots, u_n^N)) + H(F(z_2, z_3, z_4, \dots, z_1), G(u_n^2, u_n^3, u_n^4, \dots, u_n^1)) + \dots \\ &+ H(F(z_N, z_1, z_2, \dots, z_{N-1}), G(u_n^N, u_n^1, u_n^2, \dots, u_n^{N-1})) \\ &\leq \lambda_1 [d(f z_1, g u_n^1) + d(f z_2, g u_n^2) + \dots + d(f z_N, g u_n^N)] \\ &+ \lambda_2 [d(f(z_1), F(z_1, z_2, z_3, \dots, z_N)) + d(f(z_2), F(z_2, z_3, z_4, \dots, z_1)) + \dots \\ &+ d(f(z_N), F(z_N, z_2, z_3, \dots, z_{N-1}))] + \lambda_3 [d(g(u_n^1), G(u_n^1, u_n^2, u_n^3, \dots, u_n^N)) \\ &+ d(g(u_n^2), G(u_n^2, u_n^3, u_n^4, \dots, u_n^1)) + \dots + d(g(u_n^N), G(u_n^N, u_n^1, u_n^2, \dots, u_n^{N-1}))]. \end{aligned}$$

Taking  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and using (2.2), we have

$$\begin{aligned} d(fz_1, F(z_1, z_2, z_3, \dots, z_N)) &= 0, \\ d(fz_2, F(z_2, z_3, z_4, \dots, z_1)) &= 0, \\ &\vdots \\ d(fz_N, F(z_N, z_1, z_2, \dots, z_{N-1})) &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} fz_1 &\in F(z_1, z_2, z_3, \dots, z_N), \\ fz_2 &\in F(z_2, z_3, z_4, \dots, z_1), \\ &\vdots \\ fz_N &\in F(z_N, z_1, z_2, \dots, z_{N-1}). \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $(\Lambda_1)$  is proved. By equation (2.1), we get

$$\begin{aligned} &H(F(x_n^1, x_n^2, x_n^3, \dots, x_n^N), G(z_1, z_2, \dots, z_N)) + H(F(x_n^2, x_n^3, x_n^4, \dots, x_n^1), G(z_2, z_3, z_4, \dots, z_1)) \\ &\quad + \dots + H(F(x_n^N, x_n^1, x_n^2, \dots, x_n^{N-1}), G(z_N, z_1, z_2, \dots, z_{N-1})) \\ &\quad \leq \lambda_1 [d(fx_n^1, gz_1) + d(fx_n^2, gz_2) + \dots + d(fx_n^N, gz_N)] \\ &+ \lambda_2 [d(f(x_n^1), F(x_n^1, x_n^2, x_n^3, \dots, x_n^N)) + d(f(x_n^2), F(x_n^2, x_n^3, x_n^4, \dots, x_n^1)) + \dots \\ &\quad + d(f(x_n^N), F(x_n^N, x_n^1, x_n^2, \dots, x_n^{N-1}))] + \lambda_3 [d(g(z_1), G(z_1, z_2, \dots, z_N)) \\ &\quad + d(g(z_2), G(z_2, z_3, z_4, \dots, z_1)) + \dots + d(g(z_N), G(z_N, z_1, z_2, \dots, z_{N-1}))]. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, at the limit, we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} gz_1 &\in G(z_1, z_2, \dots, z_N), \\ gz_2 &\in G(z_2, z_3, z_4, \dots, z_1) \dots \\ &\vdots \\ gz_N &\in G(z_N, z_1, z_2, \dots, z_{N-1}). \end{aligned}$$

So  $(\Lambda_2)$  is proved.

In the case that  $(\Omega_1)$  holds,  $f$  is  $F$ -weakly commuting. Recall that

$$f^2 z_1 \in F(fz_1, fz_2, \dots, fz_N),$$

$$f^2 z_2 \in F(fz_2, fz_3, \dots, fz_1)$$

$$\vdots$$

$$f^2 z_N \in F(fz_N, fz_1, \dots, fz_{N-1}).$$

Since  $f^2 z_1 = fz_1$ ,  $f^2 z_2 = fz_2$ , ...,  $f^2 z_N = fz_N$ ,  $(fz_1, fz_2, \dots, fz_N)$  is then a common  $N$ -tupled fixed point, so (a) is proved.

A similar argument proves (b) when  $(\Omega_2)$  holds. Using (2.2), (c) holds immediately. □

By taking  $\lambda_2 = \lambda_3 = 0$  in Theorem 2.3, we deduce the following corollary.

**Corollary 2.4.** *Let  $d$  be a metric on  $\Delta$ . Given  $F, G : \Delta^N \rightarrow CB(\Delta)$  and  $f, g : \Delta \rightarrow \Delta$  so that the pairs  $(F, f)$  and  $(G, g)$  have  $(CLR_f)$  and  $(CLR_g)$ -properties. Suppose that there exists  $0 \leq \lambda_1 < 1$  such that*

$$\begin{aligned} & H(F(x^1, x^2, x^3, \dots, x^N), G(u^1, u^2, u^3, \dots, u^N)) + H(F(x^2, x^3, x^4, \dots, x^1), G(u^2, u^3, u^4, \dots, u^N)) \\ & + \dots + H(F(x^N, x^1, x^2, \dots, x^{N-1}), G(u^N, u^1, u^2, \dots, u^{N-1})) \\ & \leq \lambda_1 [d(fx^1, gu^1) + d(fx^2, gu^2) + \dots + d(fx^N, gu^N)], \end{aligned}$$

for all  $(x^1, x^2, x^3, \dots, x^N), (u^1, u^2, u^3, \dots, u^N) \in \Delta^N$ . Then

$(\Lambda_1)$   $f$  and  $F$  have an  $N$ -tupled coincidence point.

$(\Lambda_2)$   $g$  and  $G$  have an  $N$ -tupled coincidence point.

Moreover,

(a) if  $(\Omega_1)$  holds, then  $F$  and  $f$  have a common  $N$ -tupled fixed point;

(b) if  $(\Omega_2)$  holds, then  $G$  and  $g$  have a common  $N$ -tupled fixed point;

(c) if  $(\Omega_1)$  and  $(\Omega_2)$  hold, then  $F, G, f$  and  $g$  have a common  $N$ -tupled fixed point.

By taking  $g = f$  and  $G = F$  in Theorem 2.3, we state

**Corollary 2.5.** *Let  $d$  be a metric on  $\Delta$ . Given  $F : \Delta^N \rightarrow CB(\Delta)$  and  $f : \Delta \rightarrow \Delta$  so that the pair  $(F, f)$  has the  $(CLR_f)$  property. Suppose that there exist  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2$  and  $\lambda_3 \in [0, 1)$  with  $0 \leq \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \lambda_3 < 1$  such that*

$$\begin{aligned} & H(F(x^1, x^2, x^3, \dots, x^N), F(u^1, u^2, u^3, \dots, u^N)) \\ & \quad + H(F(x^2, x^3, x^4, \dots, x^1), F(u^2, u^3, u^4, \dots, u^1)) + \dots \\ & \quad + H(F(x^N, x^1, x^2, \dots, x^{N-1}), F(u^N, u^1, u^2, \dots, u^{N-1})) \\ & \quad \leq \lambda_1 [d(fx^1, fu^1) + d(fx^2, fu^2) + \dots + d(fx^n, fu^n)] \\ & + \lambda_2 [d(f(x^1), F(x^1, x^2, x^3, \dots, x^N)) + d(f(x^2), F(x^2, x^3, x^4, \dots, x^1)) + \dots \\ & \quad + d(f(x^N), F(x^N, x^1, x^2, \dots, x^{N-1}))] + \lambda_3 [d(f(u^1), F(u^1, u^2, u^3, \dots, u^N)) \\ & \quad + d(f(u^2), F(u^2, u^3, u^4, \dots, u^1)) + \dots + d(f(u^N), F(u^N, u^1, u^2, \dots, u^{N-1}))], \end{aligned}$$

for all  $(x^1, x^2, x^3, \dots, x^N)$  and  $(u^1, u^2, u^3, \dots, u^N) \in \Delta^N$ . Then  $f$  and  $F$  have an  $N$ -tupled coincidence point. Moreover, if  $(\Omega_1)$  holds, then  $F$  and  $f$  have a common  $N$ -tupled fixed point.

By taking  $gx = fx = x$  in Theorem 2.3, we have

**Corollary 2.6.** *Let  $d$  be a metric on  $\Delta$ . Given  $F, G : \Delta^N \rightarrow CB(\Delta)$ . Suppose that there exist  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2$  and  $\lambda_3 \in [0, 1)$  with  $0 \leq \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \lambda_3 < 1$  such that*

$$\begin{aligned} & H(F(x^1, x^2, x^3, \dots, x^N), G(u^1, u^2, u^3, \dots, u^N)) \\ & \quad + H(F(x^2, x^3, x^4, \dots, x^1), G(u^2, u^3, u^4, \dots, u^1)) + \dots \\ & \quad + H(F(x^N, x^1, x^2, \dots, x^{N-1}), G(u^N, u^1, u^2, \dots, u^{N-1})) \\ & \quad \leq \lambda_1 [d(x^1, u^1) + d(x^2, u^2) + \dots + d(x^N, u^N)] \\ & + \lambda_2 [d(x^1, F(x^1, x^2, x^3, \dots, x^N)) + d(x^2, F(x^2, x^3, x^4, \dots, x^1)) + \dots \\ & \quad + d(x^N, F(x^N, x^1, x^2, \dots, x^{N-1}))] + \lambda_3 [d(u^1, G(u^1, u^2, u^3, \dots, u^N)) \\ & \quad + d(u^2, G(u^2, u^3, u^4, \dots, u^1)) + \dots + d(u^N, G(u^N, u^1, u^2, \dots, u^{N-1}))], \end{aligned}$$

for all  $(x^1, x^2, x^3, \dots, x^N), (u^1, u^2, u^3, \dots, u^N) \in \Delta^N$ . Then  $F$  and  $G$  have a common  $N$ -tupled fixed point.

By taking  $gx = fx = x$  and  $G = F$  and  $\lambda_2 = \lambda_3 = 0$  in Theorem 2.3, we obtain following:



**Corollary 2.7.** *Let  $(\Delta, d)$  be a metric space. Given  $F : \Delta^n \rightarrow CB(\Delta)$ . Suppose that there exists  $0 \leq \lambda < 1$  such that*

$$\begin{aligned} &H(F(x^1, x^2, x^3, \dots, x^n), F(u^1, u^2, u^3, \dots, u^N)) \\ &\quad + H(F(x^2, x^3, x^4, \dots, x^1), F(u^2, u^3, u^4, \dots, u^1)) + \dots \\ &\quad + H(F(x^N, x^1, x^2, \dots, x^{N-1}), F(u^N, u^1, u^2, \dots, u^{N-1})) \\ &\qquad \leq \lambda [d(x^1, u^1) + d(x^2, u^2) + \dots + d(x^N, u^N)], \end{aligned}$$

for all  $(x^1, x^2, x^3, \dots, x^N), (u^1, u^2, u^3, \dots, u^N) \in \Delta^N$ . Then  $F$  has an  $N$ -tupled fixed point.

### 3 Application

In this section, we give an existence theorem for the solution of a system of  $N$ - integral equations. Let  $\Delta = C[\zeta_1, \zeta_2]$  be the set of all real continuous functions on  $[\zeta_1, \zeta_2]$  where  $(\zeta_1 < \zeta_2)$ . Define

$$d(u, v) = \max |u(t_1) - v(t_1)|, \quad \text{for all } u, v \in \Delta, t_1 \in [\zeta_1, \zeta_2].$$

Consider the following nonlinear system of  $N$ -integral equations:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} x^1(r_1) &= K_1(r_1) + \int_{\zeta_1}^{\zeta_2} G^*(r_1, t_1) [f_1(r_1, x^1(t_1)) + f_2(r_1, x^2(t_1)) + \dots + f_N(r_1, x^N(t_1))] dt_1, \\ x^2(r_1) &= K_1(r_1) + \int_{\zeta_1}^{\zeta_2} G^*(r_1, t_1) [f_1(r_1, x^2(t_1)) + f_2(r_1, x^3(t_1)) + \dots + f_N(r_1, x^1(t_1))] dt_1, \\ &\dots \\ x^N(r_1) &= K_1(r_1) + \int_{\zeta_1}^{\zeta_2} G^*(r_1, t_1) [f_1(r_1, x^N(t_1)) + f_2(r_1, x^1(t_1)) + \dots + f_N(r_1, x^{N-1}(t_1))] dt_1. \end{aligned} \right\} \tag{3.1}$$

**Theorem 3.1.** *Suppose that*

- (i)  $f_1, f_2, \dots, f_N : [\zeta_1, \zeta_2] \times \Delta \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  are  $N$ - continuous functions;
- (ii)  $K_1 : [\zeta_1, \zeta_2] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $G^* : [\zeta_1, \zeta_2] \times [\zeta_1, \zeta_2] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  are continuous functions;

(iii) There exist  $0 < L_i < 10 (i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, N)$  such that for all  $x, y \in \Delta$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} |f_1(r_1, x(t_1)) - f_1(r_1, y(t_1))| &\leq L_1|x - y|, \\ |f_2(r_1, x(t_1)) - f_2(r_1, y(t_1))| &\leq L_2|x - y|, \\ \dots, |f_N(r_1, x(t_1)) - f_N(r_1, y(t_1))| &\leq L_N|x - y|; \end{aligned}$$

(iv)

$$\int_{\zeta_1}^{\zeta_2} G^*(r_1, t_1) dt_1 \leq \frac{1}{L^2}, \quad (3.2)$$

where  $L^2 = \max\{L_1, L_2, \dots, L_N\}$ .

Then the system (3.1) of integral equations has a unique common solution in  $\Delta = C[\zeta_1, \zeta_2]$ .

*Proof.* Define  $F : \Delta^N \rightarrow \Delta$  by

$$F(x^1, x^2, \dots, x^N)(r_1) = k(r_1) + \left. \int_{\zeta_1}^{\zeta_2} G^*(r_1, t_1) [f_1(r_1, x^1(t_1)) + f_2(r_1, x^2(t_1)) + \dots + f_N(r_1, x^N(t_1))] dt_1 \right\}$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| d(F(x^1, x^2, \dots, x^N)(r_1)) - d(F(u^1, u^2, \dots, u^N)(r_1)) \right| \\ &= \left| k(r_1) + \int_{\zeta_1}^{\zeta_2} G^*(r_1, t_1) [f_1(r_1, x^1(t_1)) + f_2(r_1, x^2(t_1)) + \dots + f_N(r_1, x^N(t_1))] dt_1 \right. \\ & \quad \left. - k(r_1) + \int_{\zeta_1}^{\zeta_2} G^*(r_1, t_1) [f_1(r_1, u^1(t_1)) + f_2(r_1, u^2(t_1)) + \dots + f_N(r_1, u^N(t_1))] dt_1 \right| \\ &= \left| \int_{\zeta_1}^{\zeta_2} G^*(r_1, t_1) [f_1(r_1, x^1(t_1)) - f_1(r_1, u^1(t_1))] + \int_{\zeta_1}^{\zeta_2} G^*(r_1, t_1) [f_2(r_1, x^2(t_1)) - f_2(r_1, u^2(t_1))] \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \dots + \int_{\zeta_1}^{\zeta_2} G^*(r_1, t_1) [f_N(r_1, x^N(t_1)) - f_N(r_1, u^N(t_1))] dt_1 \right| \\ &\leq L_1 \left| \max |x^1(t_1) - u^1(t_1)| \right| + L_2 \left| \max |x^2(t_1) - u^2(t_1)| \right| + \\ & \quad \dots + L_n \left| \max |x^N(t_1) - u^N(t_1)| \right| \left( \int_{\zeta_1}^{\zeta_2} G^*(r_1, t_1) dt_1 \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq L^2 \left[ \left| \max |x^1(t_1) - x^1(t_1)| \right| + \left| \max |x^2(t_1) - u^2(t_1)| \right| + \dots + \left| \max |x^N(t_1) - u^N(t_1)| \right| \right] \frac{1}{L} \\ &\leq L \left[ d(x^1(t_1), x^1(t_1)) + d(x^2(t_1), u^2(t_1)) + \dots + d(x^N(t_1), u^N(t_1)) \right]. \end{aligned}$$

It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} &d((F(x^1, x^2, \dots, x^N)(r_1)), F(u^1, u^2, \dots, u^N)(r_1)) \\ &\leq L \left[ d(x^1(t_1), u^1(t_1)) + d(x^2(t_1), u^2(t_1)) + \dots + d(x^N(t_1), u^N(t_1)) \right]. \quad (3.3) \end{aligned}$$

By similar arguments, we get

$$\begin{aligned} &d((F(x^2, x^3, x^4, \dots, x^1)(r_1)), F(u^2, u^3, u^4, \dots, u^1)(r_1)) \\ &\leq L \left[ d(x^2(t_1), u^2(t_1)) + d(x^3(t_1), u^3(t_1)) + \dots + d(x^1(t_1), u^1(t_1)) \right] \quad (3.4) \end{aligned}$$

...

$$\begin{aligned} &d((F(x^N, x^1, x^2, \dots, x^{N-1})(r_1)), F(u^N, u^1, u^2, \dots, u^{N-1})(r_1)) \\ &\leq L \left[ d(x^n(t_1), u^n(t_1)) + d(x^1(t_1), u^1(t_1)) + \dots + d(x^{N-1}(t_1), u^{N-1}(t_1)) \right]. \quad (3.5) \end{aligned}$$

By (3.3), (3.4) and (3.5), we have

$$\begin{aligned} &d(F(x^1, x^2, \dots, x^N), F(u^1, u^2, \dots, u^N)) + d((F(x^2, x^3, x^4, \dots, x^1)(r_1)), F(u^2, u^3, u^4, \dots, u^1)(r_1)) \\ &\quad + \dots + d((F(x^N, x^1, x^2, \dots, x^{N-1})(r_1)), F(u^N, u^1, u^2, \dots, u^{N-1})(r_1)) \\ &\leq L[d(x^1(t_1), u^1(t_1)) + d(x^2(t_1), u^2(t_1)) + \dots + d(x^N(t_1), u^N(t_1))]. \end{aligned}$$

Using Corollary 2.7, there exists  $x \in \Delta$  such that  $F(x, x, \dots, x) = x$ , i.e.,  $x$  is a common solution of the equations (3.1).

□

**Lemma 3.2.** [?] Let  $(\Delta, d)$  be a metric space. For all  $\Delta_1, \Delta_2 \in CB(\Delta)$ , we have  $d(\xi, \Delta_2) \leq H(\Delta_1, \Delta_2)$ , for each  $\xi \in \Delta_1$ .

**Lemma 3.3.** [2] Let  $(\Delta, d)$  be a metric space and  $\Delta_1, \Delta_2 \in CB(\Delta)$ . For all  $\gamma > 1$  and  $\kappa_1 \in \Delta_1$ , there exists  $\kappa_2(\kappa_1) \in \Delta_2$  such that  $d(\kappa_1, \kappa_2) \leq \gamma H(\Delta_1, \Delta_2)$ .

In [2], Lemma 3.3 also holds for  $\gamma \geq 1$ .

**Lemma 3.4.** [2] Let  $(\Delta, d)$  be a metric space and  $\Delta_1, \Delta_2 \in CB(\Delta)$ . For all  $\gamma \geq 1$  and  $\kappa_1 \in \Delta_1$ , there exists  $\kappa_2(\kappa_1) \in \Delta_2$  such that  $d(\kappa_1, \kappa_2) \leq \gamma H(\Delta_1, \Delta_2)$ .

The following is a consequence of Lemma 3.4.

**Lemma 3.5.** [2] Let  $\Delta_1$  and  $\Delta_2$  be two non-empty compact subsets of a metric space  $(\Delta, d)$  and  $\lambda : \Delta_1 \rightarrow CB(\Delta)$  be a multi-valued mapping. Let  $\gamma \geq 1$ , then for  $\kappa_1, \kappa_2 \in \Delta_1$  and  $\xi_1 \in \lambda\kappa_1$ , there exists  $\xi_2 \in \lambda\kappa_2$  such that  $d(\xi_1, \xi_2) \leq \gamma H(\lambda\kappa_1, \lambda\kappa_2)$ .

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