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The fixed point theorems of 1-set-contractive operators in Banach space

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Abstract

In this paper, we obtain some new fixed point theorems and existence theorems of solutions for the equation $Ax = \mu x$ using properties of strictly convex (concave) function and theories of topological degree. Our results and methods are different from the corresponding ones announced by many others.

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1 Introduction

For convenience, we first recall the topological degree of 1-set-contractive fields due to Petryshyn [1].

Let E be a real Banach space, $p \in E$, Ω be a bounded open subset of E . Suppose that $A : \overline{\Omega} \rightarrow E$ is a 1-set-contractive operator such that

$$\|(I - A)x - p\| \geq \delta > 0, \quad \forall x \in \partial\Omega$$

In addition, if there exists a k -set-contractive operator ($k < 1$) $W : \overline{D} \rightarrow E$ such that

$$\|Ax - Wx\| \leq \frac{\delta}{3}, \quad \forall x \in \partial D,$$

then $(I - W)x \neq p$, $\forall x \in \partial D$, and so it is easy to see that $\deg(I - W, D, p)$ is well defined and independent of W . Therefore, we are led to define the topological degree as follows:

$$\deg(I - A, D, p) = \deg(I - W, D, p).$$

Without loss of generality, we set $p = \theta$ in the above definition.

Let $A : \overline{\Omega} \rightarrow E$ be a 1-set-contractive operator. A is said to be a semi-closed 1-set-contractive operator, if $I - A$ is closed operator (see [2]).

It should be noted that this class of operators, as special cases, includes completely continuous operators, strict set-contractive operators, condensing operators, semi-compact 1-set-contractive operators and others (see [2]).

Petryshyn [1] and Nussbaum [3] first introduced the topological degree of 1-set-contractive fields, studied its basic properties and obtained fixed point theorems of 1-set-contractive operators. Amann [4] and Nussbaum [5] have introduced the fixed point

indices of k -set contractive operators ($0 \leq k < 1$) and condensing operators to derive some fixed point theorems. As a complement, Li [2] has defined the fixed point index of 1-set-contractive operators and obtained some fixed point theorems of 1-set-contractive operators. Recently, Li [6] obtained some fixed point theorems for 1-set-contractive operators and existence theorems of solutions for the equation $Ax = \mu x$. Very recently, Xu [7] extended the results of Li [6] and obtained some fixed point theorems. In this paper, we continue to investigate boundary conditions, under which the topological degree of 1-set contractive fields, $\deg(I - A, \Omega, p)$, is equal to unity or zero. Consequently, we obtain some new fixed point theorems and existence theorems of solutions for the equation $Ax = \mu x$ using properties of strictly convex (concave) functions. Our results and methods are different from the corresponding ones announced by many others (e.g., Li [6], Xu [7]).

We need the following concepts and lemmas for the proof of our main results.

Suppose that $A : \overline{\Omega} \rightarrow E$ is a semi-closed 1-set-contractive operator and $\theta \notin (I - A)\partial\Omega$, then, by the standard method, we can easily see that the topological degree has the basic properties as follows:

- (a) (Normalization) $\deg(I, \Omega, p) = 1$, when $p \in \Omega$; $\deg(I, \Omega, p) = 0$, when $p \notin \Omega$;
- (b) (Solution property) If $\deg(I - A, \Omega, \theta) \neq 0$, then A has at least one fixed point in Ω .
- (c) (Additivity) For every pair of disjoint open subsets Ω_1, Ω_2 of Ω such that $\{x \in \Omega \mid (I - A)x = 0\} \subset \Omega_1 \cup \Omega_2$, we have

$$\deg(I - A, \Omega, \theta) = \deg(I - A, \Omega_1, \theta) + \deg(I - A, \Omega_2, \theta).$$

- (d) (Homotopy invariance) Let $H(t, x) = H_t(x) : [0, 1] \times \overline{\Omega} \rightarrow E$ be a continuous operator such that

$$\|x - H_t(x)\| \geq \delta > 0, \quad \text{for } (t, x) \in [0, 1] \times \partial\Omega$$

and the measure of non-compactness $\gamma(H([0, 1] \times Q)) \leq \gamma(Q)$ for every $Q \subset \overline{\Omega}$. Then $\deg(I - H_t, \Omega, \theta) = \text{const}$, for any $t \in [0, 1]$.

- (e) Let B be an open ball with center θ , $A : \overline{B} \rightarrow E$ a semi-closed 1-set-contractive operator and $(I - A)x \neq 0$ for all $x \in \partial B$. Suppose that A is odd on ∂B (i.e., $A(-x) = Ax$, for $x \in \partial B$), then $\deg(I - A, B, \theta) \neq 0$.
- (f) (Change of base) Let $p \neq \theta$, then $\deg(I - A, \Omega, p) = \deg(I - A - p, \Omega, \theta)$.

Lemma 1.1. [7]. *Let E be a real Banach space, Ω a bounded open subset of E and $\theta \in \Omega$. $A : \overline{\Omega} \rightarrow E$ is a semi-closed 1-set-contractive operator and satisfies the Leray-Schauder boundary condition*

$$Ax \neq tx, \quad \text{for all } x \in \partial\Omega, \quad \text{and } t \geq 1, \tag{L - S}$$

then $\deg(I - A, \Omega, \theta) = 1$ and so A has a fixed point in Ω .

Definition 1.2. Let D be a nonempty subset of R . If $\phi : D \rightarrow R$ is a real function such that

$$\phi[t\alpha + (1 - t)\beta] < t\phi(\alpha) + (1 - t)\phi(\beta), \quad \forall \alpha, \beta \in D, \alpha \neq \beta, \quad t \in (0, 1),$$

then ϕ is called strictly convex function on D . If $\phi : D \rightarrow R$ is a real function such that

$$\phi[tx + (1 - t)\gamma] > t\phi(x) + (1 - t)\phi(\gamma), \quad \forall x, \gamma \in D, x \neq \gamma, t \in (0, 1),$$

then ϕ is called strictly concave function on D .

2 Main results

We are now in the position to apply the topological degree and properties of strictly convex (concave) function to derive some new fixed point theorems for semi-closed 1-set-contractive operators and existence theorems of solutions for the equation $Ax = \mu x$ which generalize a great deal of well-known results and relevant recent ones.

Theorem 2.1. *Let E, Ω, A be the same as in Lemma 1.1. Moreover, if there exist strictly convex function $\phi : R^+ \rightarrow R^+$ with $\phi(0) = 0$ and real function $\varphi : R^+ \rightarrow R$ with $\varphi(t) \geq 1$, for all $t > 1$, such that*

$$\varphi(\|Ax - x\|) \geq \varphi(\|Ax\|)\phi(\|Ax\| \cdot \|x\|^{-1}) - \varphi(\|x\|), \quad \forall x \in \partial\Omega, \quad (1)$$

then $\deg(I - A, \Omega, \theta) = 1$ if A has no fixed point on $\partial\Omega$, and so A has at least one fixed point in $\overline{\Omega}$.

Proof. If the operator A has a fixed point on $\partial\Omega$, then A has at least one fixed point in $\overline{\Omega}$. Now suppose that A has no fixed points on $\partial\Omega$. Next we shall prove that the condition (L-S) is satisfied.

Suppose this is not true. Then there exists $x_0 \in \partial\Omega, t_0 \geq 1$ such that $Ax_0 = t_0x_0$, i.e., $x_0 = t_0^{-1}Ax_0$. It is easy to see that $\|Ax_0\| \neq 0$ and $t_0 > 1$.

From (1), we have

$$\varphi(\|Ax_0 - t_0^{-1}Ax_0\|) \geq \varphi(\|Ax_0\|)\phi(\|Ax_0\| \cdot \|t_0^{-1}Ax_0\|^{-1}) - \varphi(\|t_0^{-1}Ax_0\|),$$

which implies

$$\varphi[(1 - t_0^{-1})\|Ax_0\|] + \varphi(t_0^{-1}\|Ax_0\|) \geq \varphi(\|Ax_0\|)\phi(t_0). \quad (2)$$

By strict convexity of ϕ and $\phi(0) = 0$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi[(1 - t_0^{-1})\|Ax_0\|] + \varphi(t_0^{-1}\|Ax_0\|) &= \varphi[(1 - t_0^{-1})\|Ax_0\| + t_0^{-1}\|\theta\|] + \varphi[t_0^{-1}\|Ax_0\| + (1 - t_0^{-1})\|\theta\|] \\ &< (1 - t_0^{-1})\varphi(\|Ax_0\|) + t_0^{-1}\varphi(0) + t_0^{-1}\varphi(\|Ax_0\|) + (1 - t_0^{-1})\varphi(0) \\ &= \varphi(\|Ax_0\|). \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

It is easy to see from (2) and (3) that

$$\varphi(\|Ax_0\|)\phi(t_0) < \varphi(\|Ax_0\|). \quad (4)$$

Noting that $t_0 > 1$ and $\varphi(t) \geq 1$, for all $t > 1$, we have

$$\varphi(\|Ax_0\|)\phi(t_0) \geq \varphi(\|Ax_0\|),$$

which contradicts (4), and so the condition (L-S) is satisfied. Therefore, it follows from Lemma 1.1 that the conclusions of Theorem 2.1 hold. \square

Remark 2.2. If there exist convex function $\phi : R^+ \rightarrow R^+, \phi(0) = 0$ and real function $\varphi : R^+ \rightarrow R, \varphi(t) > 1, \forall t > 1$ satisfied (1), the conclusions of Theorem 2.1 also hold.

Theorem 2.3. *Let E, Ω, A be the same as in Lemma 1.1. Moreover, if there exist strictly concave function $\phi : R^+ \rightarrow R^+$ with $\phi(0) = 0$ and real function $\varphi : R^+ \rightarrow R, \varphi(t) \leq 1, \forall t > 1$, such that*

$$\varphi(\|Ax - x\|) \leq \varphi(\|Ax\|)\phi(\|Ax\| \cdot \|x\|^{-1}) - \varphi(\|x\|), \quad \forall x \in \partial\Omega, \tag{5}$$

then $\deg(I - A, \Omega, \theta) = 1$ if A has no fixed point on $\partial\Omega$, and so A has at least one fixed point in $\overline{\Omega}$.

Proof. If the operator A has a fixed point on $\partial\Omega$, then A has at least one fixed point in $\overline{\Omega}$. Now suppose that A has no fixed points on $\partial\Omega$. Next we shall prove that the condition (L-S) is satisfied.

Suppose this is not true. Then there exists $x_0 \in \partial\Omega$, $t_0 \geq 1$ such that $Ax_0 = t_0x_0$, i.e., $x_0 = t_0^{-1}Ax_0$. It is easy to see that $\|Ax_0\| \neq 0$ and $t_0 > 1$. From (5), we have

$$\varphi(\|Ax_0 - t_0^{-1}Ax_0\|) \leq \varphi(\|Ax_0\|)\phi(\|Ax_0\| \cdot \|t_0^{-1}Ax_0\|^{-1}) - \varphi(\|t_0^{-1}Ax_0\|).$$

This implies that

$$\varphi[(1 - t_0^{-1})\|Ax_0\|] + \varphi(t_0^{-1}\|Ax_0\|) \leq \varphi(\|Ax_0\|)\phi(t_0). \tag{6}$$

By strict concavity of ϕ and $\phi(0) = 0$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi[(1 - t_0^{-1})\|Ax_0\|] + \varphi(t_0^{-1}\|Ax_0\|) &= \varphi[(1 - t_0^{-1})\|Ax_0\| + t_0^{-1}\|0\|] + \varphi[t_0^{-1}\|Ax_0\| + (1 - t_0^{-1})\|0\|] \\ &> (1 - t_0^{-1})\varphi(\|Ax_0\|) + t_0^{-1}\varphi(0) + t_0^{-1}\varphi(\|Ax_0\|) + (1 - t_0^{-1})\varphi(0) \\ &= \varphi(\|Ax_0\|). \end{aligned} \tag{7}$$

It follows from (6) and (7) that

$$\varphi(\|Ax_0\|)\phi(t_0) > \varphi(\|Ax_0\|). \tag{8}$$

On the other hand, by $t_0 > 1$ and $\varphi(t) \leq 1, \forall t > 1$, we have

$$\varphi(\|Ax_0\|)\phi(t_0) \leq \varphi(\|Ax_0\|),$$

which contradicts (8), and so the condition (L-S) is satisfied. Therefore, it follows from Lemma 1.1 that the conclusions of Theorem 2.3 hold. \square

Remark 2.4. If there exist concave function $\phi : R^+ \rightarrow R^+, \phi(0) = 0$ and real function $\varphi : R^+ \rightarrow R, \varphi(t) < 1, \forall t > 1$ satisfied (5), the conclusions of Theorem 2.3 also hold.

Corollary 2.5. Let E, Ω, A be the same as in Lemma 1.1. Moreover, if there exist $\alpha \in (-\infty, 0) \cup (1, +\infty)$ and $\beta \geq 0$ such that

$$\|Ax - x\|^\alpha \geq \|Ax\|^{\alpha+\beta} \|x\|^{-\beta} - \|x\|^\alpha, \quad \forall x \in \partial\Omega,$$

then $\deg(I - A, \Omega, \theta) = 1$ if A has no fixed point on $\partial\Omega$, and so A has at least one fixed point in $\overline{\Omega}$.

Proof. Putting $\phi(t) = t^\alpha, \varphi(t) = t^\beta$, we have $\phi(t)$ is a strictly convex function with $\phi(0) = 0$ and $\varphi(t) \geq 1, \forall t > 1$. Therefore, from Theorem 2.1, the conclusions of Corollary 2.5 hold. \square

Remark 2.6. 1. Corollary 2.5 generalizes Theorem 2.2 of Xu [7] from $\alpha > 1$ to $\alpha \in (-\infty, 0) \cup (1, +\infty)$. Moreover, our methods are different from those in many recent works (e.g., Li [6], Xu [7]).

2. Putting $\alpha > 1, \beta = 0$ in Corollary 2.5, we can obtain Theorem 5 of Li [6].

Corollary 2.7. Let E, Ω, A be the same as in Lemma 1.1. Moreover, if there exist $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ and $\beta \leq 0$ such that

$$\|Ax - x\|^\alpha \leq \|Ax\|^{\alpha+\beta} \|x\|^{-\beta} - \|x\|^\alpha, \quad \forall x \in \partial D,$$

then $\deg(I - A, \Omega, \theta) = 1$ if A has no fixed point on $\partial\Omega$, and so A has at least one fixed point in $\overline{\Omega}$.

Proof. Putting $\phi(t) = t^\alpha$, $\varphi(t) = t^\beta$, we have $\phi(t)$ is a strictly concave function with $\phi(0) = 0$ and $\varphi(t) \leq 1, \forall t > 1$. Therefore, from Theorem 2.3, the conclusions of Corollary 2.7 hold. \square

Remark 2.8. Corollary 2.7 extends Theorem 8 of Li [6]. Putting $\beta = 0$ in Corollary 2.7, we can obtain Theorem 8 of Li [6].

Theorem 2.9. Let E, Ω, A be the same as in Lemma 1.1. Moreover, if there exist strictly convex function $\phi : R^+ \rightarrow R^+$ with $\phi(0) = 0$ and real function $\varphi : R^+ \rightarrow R$ with $\varphi(t) \geq 1$, for all $t > 1$, such that

$$\varphi(\|Ax - x\|) \geq \varphi(\|Ax\|)\phi(\|Ax + x\| \cdot \|x\|^{-1}) - \varphi(\|x\|), \quad \forall x \in \partial\Omega, \quad (9)$$

then $\deg(I - A, \Omega, \theta) = 1$ if A has no fixed point on $\partial\Omega$, and so A has at least one fixed point in $\overline{\Omega}$.

Proof. If the operator A has a fixed point on $\partial\Omega$, then A has at least one fixed point in $\overline{\Omega}$. Now suppose that A has no fixed points on $\partial\Omega$. Next we shall prove that the condition (L-S) is satisfied.

Suppose this is not true. Then there exists $x_0 \in \partial\Omega, t_0 \geq 1$ such that $Ax_0 = t_0x_0$, i.e., $x_0 = t_0^{-1}Ax_0$. It is easy to see that $\|Ax_0\| \neq 0$ and $t_0 > 1$. By virtue of (9), we have

$$\varphi(\|Ax_0 - t_0^{-1}Ax_0\|) \geq \varphi(\|Ax_0\|)\phi(\|Ax_0 + t_0^{-1}Ax_0\| \cdot \|t_0^{-1}Ax_0\|^{-1}) - \varphi(\|t_0^{-1}Ax_0\|),$$

which implies

$$\varphi[(1 - t_0^{-1})\|Ax_0\|] + \varphi(t_0^{-1}\|Ax_0\|) \geq \varphi(\|Ax_0\|)\phi[(1 + t_0^{-1})t_0]. \quad (10)$$

By strict convexity of ϕ and $\phi(0) = 0$, we obtain (3) holds. From (3) and (10), we have

$$\varphi(\|Ax_0\|)\phi[(1 + t_0^{-1})t_0] < \varphi(\|Ax_0\|). \quad (11)$$

Noting that $t_0 > 1$ and $\varphi(t) \geq 1$, for all $t > 1$, we have $(1 + t_0^{-1})t_0 = t_0 + 1 > 1$, and so

$$\varphi(\|Ax_0\|)\phi[(1 + t_0^{-1})t_0] \geq \varphi(\|Ax_0\|),$$

which contradicts (11), and so the condition (L-S) is satisfied. Therefore, it follows from Lemma 1.1 that the conclusions of Theorem 2.9 hold. \square

Remark 2.10. If there exist convex function $\phi : R^+ \rightarrow R^+, \phi(0) = 0$ and real function $\varphi : R^+ \rightarrow R, \varphi(t) > 1, \forall t > 1$ satisfied (9), the conclusions of Theorem 2.9 also hold.

Theorem 2.11. Let E, Ω, A be the same as in Lemma 1.1. Moreover, if there exist strictly concave function $\phi : R^+ \rightarrow R^+$ with $\phi(0) = 0$ and real function $\varphi : R^+ \rightarrow R, \varphi(t) \leq 1, \forall t > 1$, such that

$$\varphi(\|Ax - x\|) \leq \varphi(\|Ax\|)\phi(\|Ax + x\| \cdot \|x\|^{-1}) - \varphi(\|x\|), \quad \forall x \in \partial\Omega, \quad (12)$$

then $\deg(I - A, \Omega, \theta) = 1$ if A has no fixed point on $\partial\Omega$, and so A has at least one fixed point in $\overline{\Omega}$.

Proof. If the operator A has a fixed point on $\partial\Omega$, then A has at least one fixed point in $\overline{\Omega}$. Now suppose that A has no fixed points on $\partial\Omega$. Next we shall prove that the condition (L-S) is satisfied.

Suppose this is not true. Then there exists $x_0 \in \partial\Omega$, $t_0 \geq 1$ such that $Ax_0 = t_0x_0$, i.e., $x_0 = t_0^{-1}Ax_0$. It is easy to see that $\|Ax_0\| \neq 0$ and $t_0 > 1$. By (12), we have

$$\varphi(\|Ax_0 - t_0^{-1}Ax_0\|) \leq \varphi(\|Ax_0\|)\varphi(\|Ax_0 + t_0^{-1}Ax_0\| \cdot \|t_0^{-1}Ax_0\|^{-1}) - \varphi(\|t_0^{-1}Ax_0\|),$$

which implies

$$\varphi[(1 - t_0^{-1})\|Ax_0\|] + \varphi(t_0^{-1}\|Ax_0\|) \leq \varphi(\|Ax_0\|)\varphi[(1 + t_0^{-1})t_0]. \quad (13)$$

By strict concavity of ϕ and $\phi(0) = 0$, we have (7) holds. From (7) and (13), we obtain

$$\varphi(\|Ax_0\|)\varphi[(1 + t_0^{-1})t_0] > \varphi(\|Ax_0\|). \quad (14)$$

On the other hand, by $t_0 > 1$, we have $(1 + t_0^{-1})t_0 = t_0 + 1 > 1$. Therefore, it follows from $\varphi(t) \leq 1, \forall t > 1$ that

$$\varphi(\|Ax_0\|)\varphi[(1 + t_0^{-1})t_0] \leq \varphi(\|Ax_0\|),$$

which contradicts (14), and so the condition (L-S) is satisfied. Therefore, it follows from Lemma 1.1 that the conclusions of Theorem 2.11 hold. \square

Remark 2.12. If there exist convex function $\phi : R^+ \rightarrow R^+$, $\phi(0) = 0$ and real function $\varphi : R^+ \rightarrow R$, $\varphi(t) > 1, \forall t > 1$ satisfied (12), the conclusions of Theorem 2.11 also hold.

Corollary 2.13. *Let E, Ω, A be the same as in Lemma 1.1. Moreover, if there exist $\alpha \in (-\infty, 0) \cup (1, +\infty)$ and $\beta \geq 0$ such that*

$$\|Ax - x\|^\alpha \|x\|^\beta \geq \|Ax\|^\alpha \|Ax + x\|^\beta - \|x\|^{\alpha+\beta}, \quad \forall x \in \partial\Omega, \quad (15)$$

then $\deg(I - A, \Omega, \theta) = 1$ if A has no fixed point on $\partial\Omega$, and so A has at least one fixed point in $\overline{\Omega}$.

Proof. From (15), we have

$$\|Ax - x\|^\alpha \geq \|Ax\|^\alpha \|Ax + x\|^\beta \|x\|^{-\beta} - \|x\|^\alpha, \quad \forall x \in \partial\Omega.$$

Taking $\phi(t) = t^\alpha, \varphi(t) = t^\beta$, we have $\phi(t)$ is a strictly convex function with $\phi(0) = 0$ and $\varphi(t) \geq 1, \forall t > 1$. Therefore, from Theorem 2.9, the conclusions of Corollary 2.13 hold. \square

Remark 2.14. 1. Corollary 2.13 generalizes Theorem 2.4 of Xu [7] from $\alpha > 1$ to $\alpha \in (-\infty, 0) \cup (1, +\infty)$. Moreover, our methods are different from those in many recent works (e.g., Li [6], Xu [7]).

2. Putting $\alpha > 1, \beta = 0$ in Corollary 2.13, we can obtain Theorem 5 of Li [6].

Corollary 2.15. *Let E, Ω, A be the same as in Lemma 1.1. Moreover, if there exist $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ and $\beta \leq 0$ such that*

$$\|Ax - x\|^\alpha \|x\|^\beta \leq \|Ax\|^\alpha \|Ax + x\|^\beta - \|x\|^{\alpha+\beta}, \quad \forall x \in \partial\Omega, \quad (16)$$

then $\deg(I - A, \Omega, \theta) = 1$ if A has no fixed point on $\partial\Omega$, and so A has at least one fixed point in $\overline{\Omega}$.

Proof. From (16), we have

$$\|Ax - x\|^\alpha \leq \|Ax\|^\alpha \|Ax + x\|^\beta \|x\|^{-\beta} - \|x\|^\alpha, \quad \forall x \in \partial\Omega.$$

Putting $\phi(t) = t^\alpha, \varphi(t) = t^\beta$, we have $\phi(t)$ is a strictly concave function with $\phi(0) = 0$ and $\varphi(t) \leq 1, \forall t > 1$. Therefore, from Theorem 2.11, the conclusions of Corollary 2.15 hold. \square

Remark 2.16. Corollary 2.15 extends Theorem 8 of Li [6]. Putting $\beta = 0$ in Corollary 2.15, we can obtain Theorem 8 of Li [6].

Theorem 2.17. Let E, Ω, A be the same as in Lemma 1.1. Moreover, if there exist $\alpha \in (-\infty, 0) \cup (1, +\infty)$, $\beta \geq 0$ and $\mu \geq 1$ such that

$$\|Ax - \mu x\|^\alpha \geq \|Ax\|^{\alpha+\beta} \|\mu x\|^{-\beta} - \|\mu x\|^\alpha, \quad \forall x \in \partial\Omega,$$

then the equation $Ax = \mu x$ possesses a solution in $\overline{\Omega}$.

Proof. Without loss of generality, suppose that $\frac{1}{\mu}A$ has no fixed point on $\partial\Omega$. From (17), we have

$$\frac{1}{\mu^\alpha} \|Ax - \mu x\|^\alpha \geq \frac{1}{\mu^\alpha} \|Ax\|^{\alpha+\beta} \|\mu x\|^{-\beta} - \frac{1}{\mu^\alpha} \|\mu x\|^\alpha, \quad \forall x \in \partial\Omega,$$

which implies

$$\left\| \frac{1}{\mu} Ax - x \right\|^\alpha \geq \left\| \frac{1}{\mu} Ax \right\|^{\alpha+\beta} \|x\|^{-\beta} - \|x\|^\alpha, \quad \forall x \in \partial\Omega.$$

It is easy to see that $\frac{1}{\mu}A$ is a semi-closed 1-set-contractive operator. It follows from Corollary 2.5 that $\deg(I - \frac{1}{\mu}A, \Omega, \theta) = 1 \neq 0$, and so the equation $Ax = \mu x$ possesses a solution in $\overline{\Omega}$.

Remark 2.18. Similarly, from Corollary 2.7, Corollary 2.13 or Corollary 2.15, we can obtain the equation $Ax = \mu x$ possesses a solution in $\overline{\Omega}$.

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