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*Perturbed Hammerstein integral inclusions with solutions that change sign*

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**Abstract:** We establish new existence results for nontrivial solutions of some integral inclusions of Hammerstein type, that are perturbed with an affine functional. In order to use a theory of fixed point index for multivalued mappings, we work in a cone of continuous functions that are positive on a suitable subinterval of  $[0, 1]$ . We also discuss the optimality of some constants that occur in our theory. We improve, complement and extend previous results in the literature.

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