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Existence of solutions for multi-point nonlinear differential system equations of fractional orders with integral boundary conditions

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Abstract: In this work, we study existence and uniqueness of solutions for multi-point boundary value problemS of nonlinear fractional differential equations with two fractional derivatives. By using a variety of fixed point theorems, such as Banach’s fixed point theorem, Leray-Schauder’s nonlinear alternative and Leray-Schauder’s degree theory, the existence of solutions is obtained. At the end, some illustrative examples are discussed.

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1. Introduction

Differential equations of arbitrary order have been shown to be useful in the study of models of many phenomena in various fields such as: Electrochemistry and material science, they are in fact described by differential equations of fractional order [9, 10, 15, 16, 25–29]. For more details, we refer the reader to the books of Hilfer [30], Podlubny [31], Kilbas et al. [34], Miller and Ross [22] and to the following research papers [1–8, 11, 12, 14, 16, 17, 19, 20, 24, 31, 35–42]. In this work, we discuss the existence and uniqueness of the solutions for multi-point boundary value problems of nonlinear fractional differential equations with two Riemann-Liouville fractionals:

$$\begin{cases} D^\alpha x(t) = \sum_{i=1}^m f_i(t, x(t), y(t), \varphi_1 x(t), \phi_1 y(t)), \alpha \in]1, 2], t \in [0, T] \\ D^\beta y(t) = \sum_{i=1}^m g_i(t, x(t), y(t), \varphi_2 x(t), \phi_2 y(t)), \beta \in]1, 2], t \in [0, T] \\ I^{2-\alpha} x(0) = 0, D^{\alpha-2} x(T) = \theta I^{\alpha-1}(x(\eta)), 0 < \eta < T, \\ I^{2-\beta} y(0) = 0, D^{\beta-2} x(T) = \omega I^{\beta-1}(x(\gamma)), 0 < \gamma < T, \end{cases} \tag{1.1}$$

where $D^{(\cdot)}, I^{(\cdot)}$ denote the Riemann-Liouville derivative and integral of fractional order (\cdot) , respectively, $f_i, g_i : [0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, i = 1, \dots, m$ are continuous functions on $[0, T]$ and

$$(\varphi_1 x)(t) = \int_0^t A'_1(t, s)x(s)ds, \quad (\phi_1 y)(t) = \int_0^t B'_1(t, s)y(s)ds,$$

$$(\varphi_2 x)(t) = \int_0^t A'_2(t, s)x(s)ds, \quad (\phi_2 y)(t) = \int_0^t B'_2(t, s)y(s)ds,$$

with A_i and B_i being continuous functions on $[0, 1] \times [0, 1]$.

However, it is rare to find a work in nonlinear term f_i depends on fractional derivative of unknown functions $x(t), y(t), \varphi_1 x(t), \phi_1 y(t)$ and solutions for multi-order fractional differential equations on the infinite interval $[0, T)$. Motivated by [8, 11–14] and the references therein, we consider the existence and unicity of solution for multi-order fractional differential equations on infinite interval $[0, T)$.

The rest of this paper is organized as follow. In section 2, we present some preliminaries and lemmas. Section 3 is dedicated to showing the existence of a solution for problem (1.1). Finally, section 4 illustrated the proposed results with two examples.

Remark 1.1. *This work generalizes the work of Houas and Benbachir [14] on different boundary conditions and for another type of integral.*

2. Preliminaries

This section covers the basic concepts of Riemann-Liouville type fractional calculus that will be used throughout this paper.

Definition 2.1. [31, 32] *The Riemann-Liouville fractional integral operator of order $\alpha \geq 0$, of a function $f : (0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is defined as*

$$\begin{cases} J^\alpha f(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^t (t-\tau)^{\alpha-1} f(\tau) d\tau, \\ J^0 f(t) = f(t), \end{cases}$$

where $\Gamma(\alpha) := \int_0^\infty e^{-u} u^{\alpha-1} du$.

Definition 2.2. [31, 32] *The Riemann-Liouville fractional derivative of order $\alpha > 0$, of a continuous function $h : (0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is defined as*

$$D^\alpha h(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(n-\alpha)} \left(\frac{d}{dt}\right)^n \int_0^t (t-\tau)^{n-\alpha-1} h(\tau) d\tau = \left(\frac{d}{dt}\right)^n I^{n-\alpha} h(\tau),$$

where $n = [\alpha] + 1$.

For $\alpha < 0$, we use the convention that $D^\alpha h = J^{-\alpha} h$. Also for $0 \leq \rho < \alpha$, it is valid that $D^\rho J^\alpha h = h^{\alpha-\rho}$. We note that for $\varepsilon > -1$ and $\varepsilon \neq \alpha - 1, \alpha - 2, \dots, \alpha - n$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} D^\alpha t^\varepsilon &= \frac{\Gamma(\varepsilon + 1)}{\Gamma(\varepsilon - \alpha + 1)} t^{\varepsilon-\alpha}, \\ D^\alpha t^{\alpha-i} &= 0, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n. \end{aligned}$$

In particular, for the constant function $h(t) = 1$, we obtain

$$D^\alpha 1 = \frac{1}{\Gamma(1-\alpha)} t^{-\alpha}, \alpha \notin \mathbb{N}.$$

For $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}$, we obtain, of course, $D^\alpha 1 = 0$ because of the poles of the gamma function at the points $0, -1, -2, \dots$. For $\alpha > 0$, the general solution of the homogeneous equation $D^\alpha h(t) = 0$ in $C(0, T) \cap L(0, T)$ is

$$h(t) = c_0 t^{\alpha-n} + c_1 t^{\alpha-n-1} + \dots + c_{n-2} t^{\alpha-2} + c_{n-1} t^{\alpha-1},$$

where $c_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$, are arbitrary real constants. Further, we always have $D^\alpha I^\alpha h = h$, and

$$D^\alpha I^\alpha h(t) = h(t) + c_0 t^{\alpha-n} + c_1 t^{\alpha-n-1} + \dots + c_{n-2} t^{\alpha-2} + c_{n-1} t^{\alpha-1}.$$

Lemma 2.1. [33] *Let E be Banach space. Assume that $T : E \rightarrow E$ is a completely continuous operator. If the set $V = \{x \in E : x = \mu T x, 0 < \mu < 1\}$ is bounded, then T has a fixed point in E .*

To define the solution for problem (1.1). We consider the following lemma.

Lemma 2.2. *Suppose that $(H_i)_{i=1, \dots, m} \subset C([0, 1], \mathbb{R})$, and consider the problem*

$$D^\alpha h(t) - \sum_{i=1}^m H_i(t) = 0, t \in j, 1 < \alpha < 2, m \in \mathbb{N}^*, \quad (2.1)$$

with the conditions

$$I^{2-\alpha} h(0) = 0, D^{\alpha-2} h(T) = \theta I^{\alpha-1}(h(\eta)), 0 < \eta < T. \quad (2.2)$$

Then we have

$$h(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \sum_{i=1}^m \int_0^t (t-\tau)^{\alpha-1} H_i(\tau) d\tau + \frac{t^{\alpha-1}}{\psi} \left(\sum_{i=1}^m \int_0^T (T-\tau) H_i(\tau) d\tau - \frac{\theta}{\Gamma(2\alpha)} \sum_{i=1}^m \int_0^\eta (\eta-\tau)^{2\alpha-2} H_i(\tau) d\tau \right)$$

with $\psi = \theta \frac{\Gamma(\alpha)}{\Gamma(2\alpha-1)} \eta^{2\alpha-2} - \Gamma(\alpha)T$.

Proof. We have

$$h(t) = \sum_{i=1}^m I^\alpha H_i(t) + c_0 t^{\alpha-2} + c_1 t^{\alpha-1},$$

where $c_i \in \mathbb{R}, i = 0, 1$.

We obtain

$$\begin{aligned} I^{2-\alpha} h(\tau) &= \sum_{i=1}^m I^2 H_i(\tau) + c_0 I^{2-\alpha} \tau^{\alpha-2} + c_1 I^{2-\alpha} \tau^{\alpha-1} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^m I^2 H_i(\tau) + c_0 + c_1 \tau, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
I^{\alpha-1}h(\tau) &= \sum_{i=1}^m I^{2\alpha-1}H_i(\tau) + c_0 I^{\alpha-1}\tau^{\alpha-2} + c_1 I^{\alpha-1}\tau^{\alpha-1} \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^m I^{2\alpha-1}H_i(\tau) + c_0 \frac{\Gamma(\alpha-1)}{\Gamma(2\alpha-2)}\tau^{2\alpha-3} + c_1 \frac{\Gamma(\alpha)}{\Gamma(2\alpha-1)}\tau^{2\alpha-2}, \\
D^{\alpha-2}h(\tau) &= \sum_{i=1}^m I^2H_i(\tau) + c_0\Gamma(\alpha-1) + c_1\Gamma(\alpha)\tau.
\end{aligned}$$

Using the given conditions: $I^{2-\alpha}h(0) = 0$, we find that $c_0 = 0$, and since $D^{\alpha-2}h(T) - \theta I^{\alpha-1}(h(\eta)) = 0$, we have

$$\sum_{i=1}^m I^2h_i(T) + c_1\Gamma(\alpha)T - \theta \left[\sum_{i=1}^m I^{2\alpha-1}h_i(\eta) + c_1 \frac{\Gamma(\alpha)}{\Gamma(2\alpha-1)}\eta^{2\alpha-2} \right] = 0,$$

then

$$c_1 \left[\frac{\Gamma(\alpha)}{\Gamma(2\alpha-1)}\eta^{2\alpha-2} - \Gamma(\alpha)T \right] = \sum_{i=1}^m I^2h_i(T) - \theta \sum_{i=1}^m I^{2\alpha-1}h_i(\eta)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
c_1 &= \frac{1}{\psi} \left(\sum_{i=1}^m I^2H_i(T) - \theta \sum_{i=1}^m I^{2\alpha-1}H_i(\eta) \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{\psi} \left(\sum_{i=1}^m \int_0^T (T-\tau)H_i(\tau)d\tau - \frac{\theta}{\Gamma(2\alpha)} \sum_{i=1}^m \int_0^\eta (\eta-\tau)^{2\alpha-2}H_i(\tau)d\tau \right)
\end{aligned}$$

with

$$\psi = \theta \frac{\Gamma(\alpha)}{\Gamma(2\alpha-1)}\eta^{2\alpha-2} - \Gamma(\alpha)T.$$

Finally, the solution of (2.1) and (2.2) is

$$\begin{aligned}
h(t) &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \sum_{i=1}^m \int_0^t (t-\tau)^{\alpha-1}H_i(\tau)d\tau + \frac{t^{\alpha-1}}{\psi} \left(\sum_{i=1}^m \int_0^T (T-\tau)H_i(\tau)d\tau \right. \\
&\quad \left. - \frac{\theta}{\Gamma(2\alpha)} \sum_{i=1}^m \int_0^\eta (\eta-\tau)^{2\alpha-2}H_i(\tau)d\tau \right).
\end{aligned}$$

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3. Main results

We denote by

$$E = \{x, y \in C([0, T], \mathbb{R}); \varphi_i x, \phi_i y \in C([0, T], \mathbb{R}) \quad i = 1, 2\},$$

and the Banach space of all continuous functions from $[0, T]$ to \mathbb{R} endowed with a topology of uniform convergence with the norm defined by

$$\|(x, y)\|_E = \max(\|x\|, \|y\|, \|\varphi_1 x\|, \|\phi_1 y\|, \|\varphi_2 x\|, \|\phi_2 y\|),$$

where

$$\|x\| = \sup_{t \in j} |\varphi_i x(t)|, \quad \|y\| = \sup_{t \in j} |y(t)|,$$

$$\|\phi_i x\| = \sup_{t \in j} |\varphi_i x(t)|, \quad \|\phi_i y\| = \sup_{t \in j} |\phi_i y(t)|.$$

In this section, we prove some existence and uniqueness results to the nonlinear fractional coupled system (1.1).

For the sake of convenience, we impose the following hypotheses:

(H1) For each $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$, the functions f_i and $g_i : [0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ are continuous.

(H2) There exist nonnegative real numbers $\xi_k^i, \varphi_k^i, k = 1, 2, 3, 4, i = 1, 2, \dots, m$, such that for all $t \in [0, T]$ and all $(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4), (y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4) \in \mathbb{R}^4$, we have

$$|f_i(t, x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) - f_i(t, y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4)| \leq \sum_{k=1}^4 \xi_k^i |x_k - y_k|,$$

and

$$|g_i(t, x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) - g_i(t, y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4)| \leq \sum_{k=1}^4 \chi_k^i |x_k - y_k|.$$

(H3) There exist nonnegative constants (L_i) and (K_i) $i = 1, \dots, m$, such that: For each $t \in [0, T]$ and all $(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) \in \mathbb{R}^4$,

$$|f_i(t, x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4)| \leq L_i, |g_i(t, x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4)| \leq K_i, i = 1, \dots, m.$$

We also consider the following quantities:

$$A_1 = \frac{T^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha + 1)} \sum_{i=1}^m (\xi_1^i + \xi_2^i + \xi_3^i + \xi_4^i),$$

$$A_2 = \frac{T^\beta}{\Gamma(\beta + 1)} \sum_{i=1}^m (\chi_1^i + \chi_2^i + \chi_3^i + \chi_4^i),$$

$$A_3 = \max_{t, s \in [0, 1]} \|A'_1(t, s)\| \times A_1,$$

$$A_4 = \max_{t, s \in [0, 1]} \|A'_2(t, s)\| \times A_1,$$

$$A_5 = \max_{t, s \in [0, 1]} \|B'_1(t, s)\| \times A_2,$$

$$A_6 = \max_{t, s \in [0, 1]} \|B'_2(t, s)\| \times A_2,$$

$$v_1 = \left[\frac{T^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha + 1)} + \frac{1}{\psi} \left(\frac{T^{\alpha+1}}{2} + \frac{\theta T^{3\alpha-2}}{(2\alpha-1)^2 \Gamma(2\alpha-1)} \right) \right],$$

$$v_2 = \left[\frac{T^\beta}{\Gamma(\beta + 1)} + \frac{1}{\psi'} \left(\frac{T^{\beta+1}}{2} + \frac{\omega T^{3\beta-2}}{(2\beta-1)^2 \Gamma(2\beta-1)} \right) \right],$$

$$v_3 = \max_{t, s \in [0, 1]} |A'_1(t, s)| v_1,$$

$$v_4 = \max_{t, s \in [0, 1]} |A'_2(t, s)| v_1,$$

$$v_5 = \max_{t, s \in [0, 1]} |B'_1(t, s)| v_2,$$

$$v_6 = \max_{t, s \in [0, 1]} |B'_2(t, s)| v_2.$$

3.1. Existence of solutions

The first result is based on Banach contraction principle. We have

Theorem 3.1. *Assume that (H2) holds. If the inequality*

$$\max(A_1, A_2, A_3, A_4, A_5, A_6) < 1, \quad (3.1)$$

is valid, then the system (1.1) has a unique solution on $[0, T]$.

Proof. We define the operator $T : E \rightarrow E$ by

$$T(x, y)(t) = (T_1(x, y)(t), T_2(x, y)(t)), t \in [0, T],$$

such that

$$\begin{aligned} T_1(x, y)(t) = & \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \sum_{i=1}^m \int_0^t (t-\tau)^{\alpha-1} H_i(\tau) d\tau + \frac{t^{\alpha-1}}{\psi} \left(\sum_{i=1}^m \int_0^T (T-\tau) H_i(\tau) d\tau \right. \\ & \left. - \frac{\theta}{\Gamma(2\alpha)} \sum_{i=1}^m \int_0^\eta (\eta-\tau)^{2\alpha-2} H_i(\tau) d\tau \right) \end{aligned} \quad (3.2)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} T_2(x, y)(t) = & \frac{1}{\Gamma(\beta)} \sum_{i=1}^m \int_0^t (t-\tau)^{\beta-1} G_i(\tau) d\tau + \frac{t^{\beta-1}}{\psi'} \left(\sum_{i=1}^m \int_0^T (T-\tau) G_i(\tau) d\tau \right. \\ & \left. - \frac{\omega}{\Gamma(2\beta)} \sum_{i=1}^m \int_0^\gamma (\gamma-\tau)^{2\beta-2} G_i(\tau) d\tau \right) \end{aligned} \quad (3.3)$$

where

$$H_i(\tau) = f_i(\tau, x(\tau), y(\tau), \varphi_1 x(\tau), \phi_1 y(\tau))$$

and

$$G_i(\tau) = g_i(\tau, x(\tau), y(\tau), \varphi_2 x(\tau), \phi_2 y(\tau)).$$

We obtain

$$\varphi_i T_1(x, y)(t) = \int_0^t A_i(t, s) T_1(x, y)(s) ds, \quad \phi_i T_2(x, y)(t) = \int_0^t B_i(t, s) T_2(x, y)(s) ds$$

where $i = 1, 2$.

We shall now prove that T is contractive.

Let $T_1(x_1, y_1), T_2(x_2, y_2) \in E$. Then, for each $t \in [0, T]$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} |T_1(x_1, y_1) - T_1(x_2, y_2)| \leq & \left[\frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \sum_{i=1}^m \int_0^t (t-\tau)^{\alpha-1} d\tau + \frac{t^{\alpha-1}}{\psi} \left(\sum_{i=1}^m \int_0^T (T-\tau) d\tau \right. \right. \\ & \left. \left. - \frac{\theta}{\Gamma(2\alpha)} \sum_{i=1}^m \int_0^\eta (\eta-\tau)^{2\alpha-2} d\tau \right) \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \times \max_{\tau \in [0, T]} \sum_{i=1}^m \left\| \begin{pmatrix} f_i(\tau, x_1(\tau), y_1(\tau), \varphi_1 x_1(\tau), \phi_1 y_1(\tau)) \\ -f_i(\tau, x_2(\tau), y_2(\tau), \varphi_1 x_2(\tau), \phi_1 y_2(\tau)) \end{pmatrix} \right\| \\ & \leq \frac{T^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha + 1)} \max_{\tau \in [0, T]} \sum_{i=1}^m \left\| \begin{pmatrix} f_i(\tau, x_1(\tau), y_1(\tau), \varphi_1 x_1(\tau), \phi_1 y_1(\tau)) \\ -f_i(\tau, x_2(\tau), y_2(\tau), \varphi_1 x_2(\tau), \phi_1 y_2(\tau)) \end{pmatrix} \right\|. \end{aligned}$$

By (H2), it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \|T_1(x_1, y_1) - T_1(x_2, y_2)\| & \leq \frac{T^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha + 1)} \sum_{i=1}^m (\xi_1^i + \xi_2^i + \xi_3^i + \xi_4^i) \times \max(\|x_1 - x_2\|, \|y_1 - y_2\|, \\ & \|\varphi_1(x_1 - x_2)\|, \|\varphi_2(x_1 - x_2)\|, \|\phi_1(y_1 - y_2)\|, \|\phi_2(y_1 - y_2)\|). \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\|T_1(x_1, y_1) - T_1(x_2, y_2)\| \leq A_1 \|x_1 - x_2, y_1 - y_2\|_E. \quad (3.4)$$

With the same arguments as before, we can show that

$$\|T_2(x_1, y_1) - T_2(x_2, y_2)\| \leq A_2 \|x_1 - x_2, y_1 - y_2\|_E. \quad (3.5)$$

On the other hand, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|\varphi_1(T_1(x_1, y_1) - T_1(x_2, y_2))\| & \leq \int_0^t \|A_1'(t, s)\| \|T_1(x_1, y_1) - T_1(x_2, y_2)\| ds \\ & \leq \max_{t, s \in [0, 1]} \|A_1'(t, s)\| \times A_1 \|x_1 - x_2, y_1 - y_2\|_E. \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\|\varphi_1(T_1(x_1, y_1) - T_1(x_2, y_2))\| \leq A_3 \|x_1 - x_2, y_1 - y_2\|_E \quad (3.6)$$

and

$$\|\varphi_2(T_1(x_1, y_1) - T_1(x_2, y_2))\| \leq A_4 \|x_1 - x_2, y_1 - y_2\|_E. \quad (3.7)$$

Also, we have

$$\|\phi_1(T_2(x_1, y_1) - T_2(x_2, y_2))\| \leq A_5 \|x_1 - x_2, y_1 - y_2\|_E \quad (3.8)$$

and

$$\|\phi_2(T_2(x_1, y_1) - T_2(x_2, y_2))\| \leq A_6 \|x_1 - x_2, y_1 - y_2\|_E. \quad (3.9)$$

Thanks to (3.4)–(3.9), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \|T(x_1, y_1) - T(x_2, y_2)\| & \leq \max(A_1, A_2, A_3, A_4, A_5, A_6) \\ & \quad \times \|x_1 - x_2, y_1 - y_2\|_E. \end{aligned} \quad (3.10)$$

Thanks to (3.10), we conclude that T is a contractive operator. Therefore, by Banach fixed point theorem, T has a unique fixed point which is the solution of the system (1.1). \square

3.2. Uniqueness of solutions

Our second main result is based on Lemma 2.1. We have

Theorem 3.2. *Assume that the hypotheses (H1) and (H3) are satisfied. Then, system (1.1) has at least a solution on $[0, T]$.*

Proof. The operator T is continuous on E in view of the continuity of f_i and g_i (hypothesis (H1)).

Now, we show that T is completely continuous:

- (i) First, we prove that T maps bounded sets of E into bounded sets of E . Taking $\lambda > 0$, and $(x, y) \in \Omega_\lambda = \{(x, y) \in E; \|(x, y)\| \leq \lambda\}$, then for each $t \in [0, T]$, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} |T_1(x, y)| &\leq \left[\frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^t (t-\tau)^{\alpha-1} d\tau + \frac{t^{\alpha-1}}{\psi} \left(\int_0^T (T-\tau) d\tau \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. - \frac{\theta}{\Gamma(2\alpha)} \int_0^\eta (\eta-\tau)^{2\alpha-2} d\tau \right) \right] \\ &\quad \times \sup_{t \in [0, T]} \sum_{i=1}^m |f_i(t, x(t), y(t), \varphi_1 x(t), \phi_1 y(t))| \\ &\leq \left[\frac{T^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} + \frac{1}{\psi} \left(\frac{T^{\alpha+1}}{2} + \frac{\theta T^{3\alpha-2}}{(2\alpha-1)^2 \Gamma(2\alpha-1)} \right) \right] \\ &\quad \times \sup_{t \in [0, T]} \sum_{i=1}^m |f_i(t, x(t), y(t), \varphi_1 x(t), \phi_1 y(t))|, \end{aligned}$$

Thanks to (H3), we can write

$$\|T_1(x, y)\| \leq \left[\frac{T^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} + \frac{1}{\psi} \left(\frac{T^{\alpha+1}}{2} + \frac{\theta T^{3\alpha-2}}{(2\alpha-1)^2 \Gamma(2\alpha-1)} \right) \right] \sum_{i=1}^m L_i.$$

Thus,

$$\|T_1(x, y)\| \leq \nu_1 \sum_{i=1}^m L_i. \quad (3.11)$$

As before, we have

$$\|T_2(x, y)\| \leq \nu_2 \sum_{i=1}^m K_i. \quad (3.12)$$

On the other hand, for all $j = 1, 2$, we get

$$|\phi_j T_1(x, y)(t)| = \left| \int_0^t A'_j(t, s) T_1(x, y)(s) ds \right| \leq \max_{t, s \in [0, 1]} |A'_j(t, s)| \nu_1 \sum_{i=1}^m L_i.$$

This implies that

$$\|\phi_1 T_1(x, y)(t)\| \leq \nu_3 \sum_{i=1}^m L_i, \quad (3.13)$$

$$\|\phi_2 T_1(x, y)(t)\| \leq \nu_4 \sum_{i=1}^m L_i. \quad (3.14)$$

Similarly, we have

$$\|\varphi_1 T_2(x, y)(t)\| \leq \nu_5 \sum_{i=1}^m K_i, \quad (3.15)$$

$$\|\varphi_2 T_2(x, y)(t)\| \leq \nu_6 \sum_{i=1}^m K_i. \quad (3.16)$$

It follows from (3.11)–(3.16) that:

$$\|T(x, y)\|_E \leq \max \left(\begin{array}{l} \nu_1 \sum_{i=1}^m L_i, \nu_2 \sum_{i=1}^m K_i, \nu_3 \sum_{i=1}^m L_i, \\ \nu_4 \sum_{i=1}^m L_i, \nu_5 \sum_{i=1}^m K_i, \nu_6 \sum_{i=1}^m L_i \end{array} \right).$$

Thus,

$$\|T(x, y)\|_E < \infty.$$

(ii) Second, we prove that T is equi-continuous:

For any $0 \leq t_1 < t_2 \leq T$ and $(x, y) \in \Omega_\lambda$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & |T_1(x, y)(t_2) - T_1(x, y)(t_1)| \\ & \leq \left[\frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^{t_1} (t_2 - \tau)^{\alpha-1} - (t_1 - \tau)^{\alpha-1} d\tau + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_{t_1}^{t_2} (t_2 - \tau)^{\alpha-1} d\tau \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \frac{t_2^{\alpha-1} - t_1^{\alpha-1}}{\psi} \left(\frac{T^2}{2} - \frac{\theta \eta^{2\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(2\alpha-1)^2 \Gamma(2\alpha-1)} \right) \right] \\ & \times \sup_{t \in [0, T]} \sum_{i=1}^m |f_i(t, x(t), y(t), \varphi_1 x(t), \phi_1 y(t))| \\ & \leq \left[\frac{2}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} (t_2 - t_1)^{\alpha-1} + (t_2^{\alpha-1} - t_1^{\alpha-1}) \left[\frac{T^2}{2\psi} \right. \right. \\ & \quad \left. \left. - \frac{\theta \eta^{2\alpha-1}}{\psi \Gamma(2\alpha-1)^2 \Gamma(2\alpha-1)} + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} \right] \right] \times \sum_{i=1}^m L_i. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\|T_1(x, y)(t_2) - T_1(x, y)(t_1)\|_E \leq \left[\frac{2}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} (t_2 - t_1)^{\alpha-1} + (t_2^{\alpha-1} - t_1^{\alpha-1}) \left[\frac{T^2}{2\psi} + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} \right] \right] \times \sum_{i=1}^m L_i. \quad (3.17)$$

We also have

$$\|T_2(x, y)(t_2) - T_2(x, y)(t_1)\|_E \leq \left[\frac{2}{\Gamma(\beta+1)} (t_2 - t_1)^{\beta-1} + (t_2^{\beta-1} - t_1^{\beta-1}) \left[\frac{T^2}{2\psi'} + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\beta+1)} \right] \right] \times \sum_{i=1}^m K_i. \quad (3.18)$$

On the other hand,

$$|\phi_i T_1(x, y)(t_2) - \phi_i T_1(x, y)(t_1)| \leq \left[\max_{s \in [0,1]} |A'_i(t_2, s) - A'_i(t_1, s)| + (t_2 - t_1) \max_{s \in [0,1]} |A'_i(t_1, s)| \right] \times \sup_{s \in [0,1]} |T_1(x, y)(s)|.$$

Consequently, for all $i = 1, 2$, we obtain

$$\|\phi_i T_1(x, y)(t_2) - \phi_i T_1(x, y)(t_1)\| \leq \left[\max_{s \in [0,1]} |A'_i(t_2, s) - A'_i(t_1, s)| + (t_2 - t_1) \max_{s \in [0,1]} |A'_i(t_1, s)| \right] \nu_1 \sum_{i=1}^m L_i. \quad (3.19)$$

Similarly,

$$\|\varphi_i T_1(x, y)(t_2) - \varphi_i T_1(x, y)(t_1)\| \leq \left[\max_{s \in [0,1]} |B'_i(t_2, s) - B'_i(t_1, s)| + (t_2 - t_1) \max_{s \in [0,1]} |B'_i(t_1, s)| \right] \nu_2 \sum_{i=1}^m K_i. \quad (3.20)$$

where $i = 1, 2$. Using (3.17)–(3.20), we deduce that

$$\|T(x, y)(t_2) - T(x, y)(t_1)\|_E \rightarrow 0$$

as $t_2 \rightarrow t_1$.

Combining (i) and (ii), we conclude that T is completely continuous.

(iii) Finally, we shall prove that the set F defined by

$$F = \{(x, y) \in E, (x, y) = \rho T(x, y), 0 < \rho < 1\}$$

is bounded.

Let $(x, y) \in F$, then $(x, y) = \rho T(x, y)$, for some $0 < \rho < 1$. Thus, for each $t \in [0, T]$, we have:

$$x(t) = \rho T_1(x, y)(t), \quad y(t) = \rho T_2(x, y)(t). \quad (3.21)$$

Thanks to (H3) and using (3.11) and (3.12), we deduce that

$$\|x\| \leq \rho \nu_1 \sum_{i=1}^m L_i, \quad \|y\| \leq \rho \nu_2 \sum_{i=1}^m K_i. \quad (3.22)$$

Using (3.13)–(3.16), it yields that

$$\begin{cases} \|\phi_1 x\| \leq \rho \nu_3 \sum_{i=1}^m L_i \\ \|\phi_2 x\| \leq \rho \nu_4 \sum_{i=1}^m L_i \\ \|\varphi_1 y\| \leq \rho \nu_5 \sum_{i=1}^m K_i \\ \|\varphi_2 y\| \leq \rho \nu_6 \sum_{i=1}^m K_i \end{cases}. \quad (3.23)$$

It follows from (3.22) and (3.23) that

$$\|T(x, y)\|_E \leq \rho \max \left(\begin{matrix} \nu_1 \sum_{i=1}^m L_i, \nu_2 \sum_{i=1}^m K_i, \nu_3 \sum_{i=1}^m L_i, \\ \nu_4 \sum_{i=1}^m L_i, \nu_5 \sum_{i=1}^m K_i, \nu_6 \sum_{i=1}^m K_i \end{matrix} \right).$$

Consequently,

$$\|(x, y)\|_E < \infty.$$

This shows that F is bounded. By Lemma (2.1), we deduce that T has a fixed point, which is a solution of (1.1). □

4. Related examples

To illustrate our main results, we treat the following examples.

Example 4.1. Consider the following system:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} D^{\frac{3}{2}}x(t) = \frac{\cos(\pi t)(x + y + \varphi_1x(t) + \phi_1y(t))}{10\pi(x + y + \varphi_1x(t) + \phi_1y(t))} + \frac{1}{32\pi^2e} \\ \quad \left(\cos x(t) + \cos y(t) + \frac{\varphi_1x(t) + \phi_1y(t)}{4\pi} \right), \\ D^{\frac{3}{2}}y(t) = \frac{1}{8\pi^3(t+1)} \left(\frac{x + y + \varphi_2x(t) + \phi_2y(t)}{3 + x + y + \varphi_2x(t) + \phi_2y(t)} \right) + \frac{1}{(10\pi + e^t)e^{(t+1)}} \\ \quad \left(\frac{\sin x(t) + \sin y(t) + \cos \varphi_2x(t) + \cos \phi_2y(t)}{2 + \sin x(t) + \sin y(t) + \cos \varphi_2x(t) + \cos \phi_2y(t)} \right), \\ I^{\frac{1}{2}}x(0) = 0, D^{-\frac{1}{2}}x(T) = I^{\frac{1}{2}}(x(1)), \\ I^{\frac{1}{2}}y(0) = 0, D^{-\frac{1}{2}}y(T) = I^{\frac{1}{2}}(y(1)). \end{array} \right. \quad (4.1)$$

We have

$$\alpha = \frac{3}{2}, \beta = \frac{3}{2}, T = 1, \theta = 1, \omega = 1, \gamma = 1, m = 2, \eta = 1.$$

Also,

$$f_1(t, x(t), y(t), \varphi_1x(t), \phi_1y(t)) = \frac{\cos(\pi t)(x + y + \varphi_1x(t) + \phi_1y(t))}{10\pi(1 + x + y + \varphi_1x(t) + \phi_1y(t))}, \quad (4.2)$$

$$f_2(t, x(t), y(t), \varphi_1x(t), \phi_1y(t)) = \frac{1}{32\pi^2e} \left(\cos x(t) + \cos y(t) + \frac{\varphi_1x(t) + \phi_1y(t)}{4\pi} \right). \quad (4.3)$$

For $t \in [0, 1]$ and $(x_1, y_1, \varphi_1x_1, \phi_1y_1), (x_2, y_2, \varphi_1x_2, \phi_1y_2) \in \mathbb{R}^4$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & |f_1(t, x_1, y_1, \varphi_1x_1, \phi_1y_1) - f_1(t, x_2, y_2, \varphi_1x_2, \phi_1y_2)| \\ & \leq \frac{|\cos(\pi t)|}{10\pi} \left| \frac{x_1 + y_1 + \varphi_1x_1 + \phi_1y_1}{1 + x_1 + y_1 + \varphi_1x_1 + \phi_1y_1} - \frac{x_2 + y_2 + \varphi_1x_2 + \phi_1y_2}{1 + x_2 + y_2 + \varphi_1x_2 + \phi_1y_2} \right| \\ & \leq \frac{1}{10\pi} (|x_1 - x_2| + |y_1 - y_2| + |\varphi_1x_1 - \varphi_1x_2| + |\phi_1y_1 - \phi_1y_2|) \end{aligned} \quad (4.4)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} & |f_2(t, x_1, y_1, \varphi_1 x_1, \phi_1 y_1) - f_2(t, x_2, y_2, \varphi_1 x_2, \phi_1 y_2)| \\ & \leq \frac{1}{32\pi e} (|x_1 - x_2| + |y_1 - y_2| + |\varphi_1 x_1 - \varphi_1 x_2| + |\phi_1 y_1 - \phi_1 y_2|). \end{aligned} \quad (4.5)$$

So, we can take

$$\begin{aligned} \xi_1^1 &= \xi_2^1 = \xi_3^1 = \xi_4^1 = \frac{1}{10\pi}, \\ \xi_1^2 &= \xi_2^2 = \xi_3^2 = \xi_4^2 = \frac{1}{32\pi e}. \end{aligned}$$

We also have

$$g_1(t, x(t), y(t), \varphi_2 x(t), \phi_2 y(t)) = \frac{1}{8\pi^3(t+1)} \left(\frac{x+y+\varphi_2 x(t)+\phi_2 y(t)}{3+x+y+\varphi_2 x(t)+\phi_2 y(t)} \right)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} & g_2(t, x(t), y(t), \varphi_2 x(t), \phi_2 y(t)) \\ & = \frac{1}{(10\pi + e^t)e^{t+1}} \left(\frac{\sin x(t) + \sin y(t) + \cos \varphi_2 x(t) + \cos \phi_2 y(t)}{2 + \sin x(t) + \sin y(t) + \cos \varphi_2 x(t) + \cos \phi_2 y(t)} \right) \end{aligned} \quad (4.6)$$

For $t \in [0, 1]$ and $(x_1, y_1, \varphi_2 x_1, \phi_2 y_1), (x_2, y_2, \varphi_2 x_2, \phi_2 y_2) \in \mathbb{R}^4$, we can write

$$\begin{aligned} & |g_1(t, x_1, y_1, \varphi_2 x_1, \phi_2 y_1) - g_1(t, x_2, y_2, \varphi_2 x_2, \phi_2 y_2)| \\ & \leq \frac{1}{8\pi^3} (|x_1 - x_2| + |y_1 - y_2| + |\varphi_2 x_1 - \varphi_2 x_2| + |\phi_2 y_1 - \phi_2 y_2|), \end{aligned} \quad (4.7)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} & |g_2(t, x_1, y_1, \varphi_2 x_1, \phi_2 y_1) - g_2(t, x_2, y_2, \varphi_2 x_2, \phi_2 y_2)| \\ & \leq \frac{1}{10\pi e^2} (|x_1 - x_2| + |y_1 - y_2| + |\varphi_2 x_1 - \varphi_2 x_2| + |\phi_2 y_1 - \phi_2 y_2|). \end{aligned} \quad (4.8)$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} \chi_1^1 &= \chi_2^1 = \chi_3^1 = \chi_4^1 = \frac{1}{8\pi^3}, \\ \chi_1^2 &= \chi_2^2 = \chi_3^2 = \chi_4^2 = \frac{1}{10\pi e^2}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$A_1 = 0.0589009676, \quad A_2 = 0.0250930393.$$

Suppose

$$A'_i = B'_i = 1, \quad i = 1, 2,$$

so,

$$A_1 = A_3 = A_4, \quad A_2 = A_5 = A_6.$$

Thus,

$$\max(A_1, A_2, A_3, A_4, A_5, A_6) < 1, \quad (4.9)$$

and by Theorem 3.1, we conclude that the system (4.1) has a unique solution on $[0, 1]$.

Example 4.2.

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} D^{\frac{3}{2}}x(t) = \frac{\pi(t+1)\sin(\varphi_1x(t) + \phi_1y(t))}{2 - \cos(x(t) + y(t))} \\ \quad + \frac{e^t}{2\pi + \cos(x(t) + \varphi_1x(t)) + \sin(\sin(y(t) + \phi_1y(t)))}, \quad t \in [0, 1], \\ D^{\frac{4}{3}}y(t) = \frac{e^2 \sin(x(t) + y(t))}{2\pi + \cos(\varphi_2x(t) + \phi_2y(t))} \\ \quad + \frac{3t^2 \cos y(t)}{e^{t^3+1} - \cos(x(t) + y(t) - \varphi_2x(t) - \phi_2y(t))}, \quad t \in [0, 1], \\ I^{\frac{1}{2}}x(0) = 0, \quad D^{-\frac{1}{2}}x(T) = I^{\frac{1}{2}}(x(1)), \\ I^{\frac{2}{3}}y(0) = 0, \quad D^{-\frac{2}{3}}y(T) = I^{\frac{1}{3}}(y(1)). \end{array} \right. \quad (4.10)$$

We have

$$\alpha = \frac{3}{2}, \quad \beta = \frac{4}{3}, \quad T = 1, \quad \theta = 1, \quad \omega = 1, \quad \gamma = 1, \quad m = 2, \quad \eta = 1.$$

Since

$$\begin{aligned} |f_1(t, x(t), y(t), \varphi_1x(t), \phi_1y(t))| &= \left| \frac{\pi(t+1)\sin(\varphi_1x(t) + \phi_1y(t))}{2 - \cos(x(t) + y(t))} \right| \leq 2\pi, \\ |f_2(t, x(t), y(t), \varphi_1x(t), \phi_1y(t))| &= \left| \frac{e^t}{2\pi + \cos(x(t) + \varphi_1x(t)) + \sin(\sin(y(t) + \phi_1y(t)))} \right| \leq \frac{e}{2\pi + 2}, \\ |g_1(t, x(t), y(t), \varphi_2x(t), \phi_2y(t))| &= \left| \frac{e^2 \sin(x(t) + y(t))}{2\pi + \cos(\varphi_2x(t) + \phi_2y(t))} \right| \leq \frac{e^2}{2\pi + 1}, \\ |g_2(t, x(t), y(t), \varphi_2x(t), \phi_2y(t))| &= \left| \frac{3t^2 \cos y(t)}{e^{t^3+1} - \cos(x(t) + y(t) - \varphi_2x(t) - \phi_2y(t))} \right| \leq \frac{3}{e - 1}. \end{aligned}$$

The functions f_1 , f_2 , g_1 and g_2 are continuous and bounded on $[0, 1] \times \mathbb{R}^4$. So, by Theorem 3.2, the system (4.10) has at least one solution on $[0, 1]$.

5. Conclusions

We have proved the existence of solutions for fractional differential equations with integral and multi-point boundary conditions. The problem is solved by applying some fixed point theorems. We also provide examples to make our results clear.

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