



On two general nonlocal differential equations problems of fractional orders

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Abstract

In this paper, we prove some local and global existence theorems for a fractional orders differential equations with nonlocal conditions, also the uniqueness of the solution will be studied.

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1. Introduction

In this work, we consider an arbitrary (fractional) orders differential equation of the form:

$$\frac{du}{dt} = f(t, D^\alpha u(t)), \quad \alpha \in (0, 1) \quad (1.1)$$

with the nonlocal conditions

$$I^\alpha u(t)|_{t=\eta} = I^\alpha u(t)|_{t=1}, \quad \eta \in (0, 1) \quad (1.2)$$

or

$$t^{1-\alpha} u(t)|_{t=\eta} = t^{1-\alpha} u(t)|_{t=1}, \quad \eta \in (0, 1) \quad (1.3)$$

The nonlocal problems have been intensively studied by many authors, for instance in [4], the authors proved the existence of L_1 -solution of the nonlocal boundary value problem

$$\begin{cases} D^\beta u(t) + f(t, u(\phi(t))) = 0, \beta \in (1, 2), t \in (0, 1), \\ I^\gamma u(t)|_{t=0} = 0, \gamma \in (0, 1], \alpha u(\eta) = u(1), 0 < \eta < 1, \\ 0 < \alpha \eta^{\beta-1} < 1. \end{cases}$$

where the function f satisfies Caratheodory conditions and the growth condition.

And, in [3], the authors proved by using the Banach contraction fixed point theorem, the existence of a unique solution of the fractional-order differential equation:

$${}_c D^\alpha x(t) = c(t) f(x(t)) + b(t),$$

with the nonlocal condition:

$$x(0) + \sum_{k=1}^m a_k x(t_k) = x_0,$$

where $x_0 \in \mathfrak{R}$ and $0 < t_1 < t_2 < \dots < t_m < 1$, and $a_k \neq 0$ for all $k = 1, 2, \dots, m$.

(Where ${}_c D^\alpha$ is the Caputo derivative).

Also, the nonlocal problems is studied in [5] - [7].

2. Preliminaries

Define $L_1(I)$ as the class of Lebesgue integrable functions on the interval $I = [a, b]$, where $0 \leq a < b < \infty$ and let $\Gamma(\cdot)$ be the gamma function. Let $C(U, X)$ be The set of all compact operators from the subspace $U \subset X$ into the Banach space X and let $B_r = \{u \in L_1(I) : \|u\| < r, r > 0\}$.

Definition 1.1 The fractional integral of the function $f(\cdot) \in L_1(I)$ of order $\beta \in R^+$ is defined by (see [8] - [11])

$$I_a^\beta f(t) = \int_a^t \frac{(t-s)^{\beta-1}}{\Gamma(\beta)} f(s) ds.$$

Definition 1.2 The Riemann-Liouville fractional-order derivative of $f(t)$ of order $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ is defined as (see [8] - [11])

$$D_a^\alpha f(t) = \frac{d}{dt} I_a^{1-\alpha} f(t), \quad t \in [a, b].$$

In this paper, we prove the existence of L_1 -solutions for problems (1.1) - (1.2) and (1.1) - (1.3). Also, we will study the uniqueness of the solution.

Now, let us state the theorems which will be needed in the paper.

Theorem 2.1. (Rothe Fixed Point Theorem) [1]

Let U be an open and bounded subset of a Banach space E , let $T \in C(\bar{U}, E)$. Then T has a fixed point if the following condition holds

$$T(\partial U) \subseteq \bar{U}.$$

Theorem 2.2. (Nonlinear alternative of Laray-Schauder type) [1]

Let U be an open subset of a convex set D in a Banach space E . Assume $0 \in U$ and $T \in C(\bar{U}, E)$. Then either

- (A1) T has a fixed point in \bar{U} , or
- (A2) there exists $\gamma \in (0, 1)$ and $x \in \partial U$ such that $x = \gamma Tx$.

Theorem 2.3. (Kolmogorov compactness criterion) [2]

Let $\Omega \subseteq L^p(0, 1)$, $1 \leq p < \infty$. If

- (i) Ω is bounded in $L^p(0, 1)$ and
- (ii) $x_h \rightarrow x$ as $h \rightarrow 0$ uniformly with respect to $x \in \Omega$, then Ω is relatively compact in $L^p(0, 1)$, where

$$x_h(t) = \frac{1}{h} \int_t^{t+h} x(s) ds.$$

3. Main Results

Firstly, we will prove the equivalence of equation (1.1) with the corresponding Volterra integral equation:

$$y(t) = \frac{u_0 t^{-\alpha}}{\Gamma(1-\alpha)} + \int_0^t \frac{(t-s)^{-\alpha}}{\Gamma(1-\alpha)} f(s, y(s)) ds, \quad t \in (0, 1). \tag{3.1}$$

Indeed: integrate both sides of (1.1), we get

$$u(t) - u_0 = I f(t, D^\alpha u(t)), \tag{3.2}$$

Now, operating by $I^{1-\alpha}$ on both sides of (3.2), then

$$I^{1-\alpha} u(t) - I^{1-\alpha} u_0 = I^{2-\alpha} f(t, D^\alpha u(t)). \tag{3.3}$$

Differentiating both sides we get

$$D^\alpha u(t) - \frac{u_0 t^{-\alpha}}{\Gamma(1-\alpha)} = I^{1-\alpha} f(t, D^\alpha u(t)).$$

Take $y(t) = D^\alpha u(t)$, we get (3.1)

Conversely, operate by I^α on both sides of (3.3), and differentiate twice we obtain (1.1).

Now define the operator T as

$$Ty(t) = \frac{u_0 t^{-\alpha}}{\Gamma(1-\alpha)} + \int_0^t \frac{(t-s)^{-\alpha}}{\Gamma(1-\alpha)} f(s, y(s)) ds, \quad t \in (0, 1).$$

To solve equation (3.1), we must prove that the operator T has a fixed point.

Consider the following assumptions:

(a) $f : (0, 1) \times R \rightarrow R$ be a function with the following properties:

- (i) for each $t \in (0, 1)$, $f(t, \cdot)$ is continuous,
- (ii) for each $y \in R$, $f(\cdot, y)$ is measurable,
- (iii) there exist two real functions $t \rightarrow a(t), t \rightarrow b(t)$ such that

$$|f(t, y)| \leq a(t) + b(t) |y|, \quad \text{for each } t \in (0, 1), y \in R,$$

where $a(\cdot) \in L_1(0, 1)$ and $b(\cdot)$ is measurable and bounded.

Now, for the local existence of the solutions we have the following theorem:

Theorem 3.1.

If assumptions (i) - (iii) are satisfied, such that

$$\frac{\sup |b(t)|}{\Gamma(2-\alpha)} < 1, \tag{3.4}$$

then the fractional order integral equation (3.1) has a solution $y \in B_r$, where

$$r \leq \frac{\frac{u_0}{\Gamma(2-\alpha)} + \frac{1}{\Gamma(2-\alpha)} \|a\|}{1 - \frac{\sup |b(t)|}{\Gamma(2-\alpha)}}.$$



Proof. Let u be an arbitrary element in B_r . Then from the assumptions (i) - (iii), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|Ty\| &= \int_0^1 |Ty(t)| dt \\ &\leq \int_0^1 \left| \frac{u_0}{\Gamma(1-\alpha)} t^{-\alpha} \right| dt \\ &+ \int_0^1 \left| \int_0^t \frac{(t-s)^{-\alpha}}{\Gamma(1-\alpha)} f(s,y(s)) ds \right| dt \\ &\leq \frac{u_0 t^{1-\alpha}}{\Gamma(2-\alpha)} \Big|_0^1 \\ &+ \int_0^1 \int_s^1 \frac{(t-s)^{-\alpha}}{\Gamma(1-\alpha)} dt |f(s,y(s))| ds \\ &\leq \frac{u_0}{\Gamma(2-\alpha)} \\ &+ \int_0^1 \frac{(t-s)^{1-\alpha}}{\Gamma(2-\alpha)} \Big|_s^1 (|a(s)| + |b(s)| |y(s)|) ds \\ &\leq \frac{u_0}{\Gamma(2-\alpha)} \\ &+ \int_0^1 \frac{(1-s)^{1-\alpha}}{\Gamma(2-\alpha)} (|a(s)| + |b(s)| |y(s)|) ds \\ &\leq \frac{u_0}{\Gamma(2-\alpha)} \\ &+ \frac{1}{\Gamma(2-\alpha)} \int_0^1 (|a(s)| + |b(s)| |y(s)|) ds \\ &\leq \frac{u_0}{\Gamma(2-\alpha)} \\ &+ \frac{1}{\Gamma(2-\alpha)} \|a\| + \frac{1}{\Gamma(2-\alpha)} \sup |b(t)| \|y\|. \end{aligned}$$

therefore the operator T maps L_1 into itself. Now, let $y \in \partial B_r$, that is, $\|y\| = r$, then the last inequality implies

$$\|Ty\| \leq \frac{u_0}{\Gamma(2-\alpha)} + \frac{1}{\Gamma(2-\alpha)} \|a\| + \frac{1}{\Gamma(2-\alpha)} \sup |b(t)| r.$$

Then $T(\partial B_r) \subset \bar{B}_r$ (closure of B_r) if

$$r \leq \frac{u_0}{\Gamma(2-\alpha)} + \frac{1}{\Gamma(2-\alpha)} \|a\| + \frac{1}{\Gamma(2-\alpha)} \sup |b(t)| r.$$

Therefore

$$r \leq \frac{\frac{u_0}{\Gamma(2-\alpha)} + \frac{1}{\Gamma(2-\alpha)} \|a\|}{1 - \frac{\sup |b(t)|}{\Gamma(2-\alpha)}}.$$

From inequality (3.4) we deduce that $r > 0$. Also, since

$$\begin{aligned} \|f\| &= \int_0^1 |f(s,y(s))| ds \\ &\leq \int_0^1 (|a(s)| + |b(s)| |y(s)|) ds \\ &\leq \|a\| + \sup |b(t)| \|y\|. \end{aligned}$$

Then f in $L_1(0,1)$.

Further, from (assumption (i)) f is continuous in y and since

I^α maps $L_1(0,1)$ continuously into itself, then $I^\alpha f(t,y(t))$ is continuous in y . Since y is an arbitrary element in B_r , then T maps B_r into $L_1(0,1)$ continuously.

Now, we will show that T is compact, by using Theorem 2.3. So, let Ω be a bounded subset of B_r . Then $T(\Omega)$ is bounded in $L_1(0,1)$, i.e. condition (i) of Theorem 2.3 is satisfied. It remains to show that $(Ty)_h \rightarrow Ty$ in $L_1(0,1)$ when $h \rightarrow 0$, uniformly.

$$\begin{aligned} \|(Ty)_h - Ty\| &= \int_0^1 |(Ty)_h(t) - (Ty)(t)| dt \\ &= \int_0^1 \left| \frac{1}{h} \int_t^{t+h} (Ty)(s) ds - (Ty)(t) \right| dt \\ &\leq \int_0^1 \left(\frac{1}{h} \int_t^{t+h} |(Ty)(s) - (Ty)(t)| ds \right) dt \\ &\leq \int_0^1 \frac{1}{h} \int_t^{t+h} \left| \frac{u_0}{\Gamma(1-\alpha)} s^{-\alpha} \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \frac{u_0}{\Gamma(1-\alpha)} t^{-\alpha} \right| ds dt \\ &\quad + \int_0^1 \frac{1}{h} \int_t^{t+h} |I^{1-\alpha} f(s,y(s)) \\ &\quad - I^{1-\alpha} f(t,y(t))| ds dt. \end{aligned}$$

Since $f \in L_1(0,1)$, then $I^{1-\alpha} f(\cdot) \in L_1(0,1)$. Moreover, since $t^{-\alpha} \in L_1(0,1)$. Then, we have (see [12])

$$\frac{1}{h} \int_t^{t+h} \left| \frac{u_0}{\Gamma(1-\alpha)} s^{-\alpha} - \frac{u_0}{\Gamma(1-\alpha)} t^{-\alpha} \right| ds \rightarrow 0$$

and

$$\frac{1}{h} \int_t^{t+h} |I^{1-\alpha} f(s,y(s)) - I^{1-\alpha} f(t,y(t))| ds \rightarrow 0$$

for a.e. $t \in (0,1)$. Therefore, by Theorem 2.3, we have that $T(\Omega)$ is relatively compact, that is, T is a compact operator. Therefore, Theorem 2.1 with $U = B_r$ and $E = L_1(0,1)$ implies that T has a fixed point. This completes the proof.

Now, for the existence of global solution, we will prove the following theorem :

Theorem 3.2.

Let the conditions (i) - (iii) be satisfied in addition to the following condition:

- (b) Assume that every solution $y(\cdot) \in L_1(0,1)$ to the equation

$$y(t) = \gamma \left(\frac{u_0}{\Gamma(1-\alpha)} t^{-\alpha} + \int_0^t \frac{(t-s)^{-\alpha}}{\Gamma(1-\alpha)} f(s,y(s)) ds \right)$$

a.e. on $(0,1)$, $0 < \alpha < 1$

satisfies $\|y\| \neq r$ (r is arbitrary but fixed).



Then the fractional order integral equation (3.1) has at least one solution $y \in L_1(0, 1)$.

Proof. Let y be an arbitrary element in the open set $B_r = \{y : \|y\| < r, r > 0\}$. Then from the assumptions (i) - (iii), we have

$$\|Ty\| \leq \frac{u_0}{\Gamma(2-\alpha)} + \frac{1}{\Gamma(2-\alpha)} \|a\| + \frac{1}{\Gamma(2-\alpha)} \sup |b(t)| \|y\|.$$

The above inequality means that the operator T maps B_r into L_1 . Moreover, we have

$$\|f\| \leq \|a\| + \sup |b(t)| \|y\|.$$

This estimation shows that f in $L_1(0, 1)$.

Then from Theorem 3.1 we get that T maps B_r into $L_1(0, 1)$ continuously, and the operator T is compact.

Set $U = B_r$ and $D = E = L_1(0, 1)$, then from assumption (b), we find that condition A2 of Theorem 2.2 does not hold. Therefore, Theorem 2.2 implies that T has a fixed point. This completes the proof.

4. Uniqueness of the solution

Theorem 4.1.

If the function $f : (0, 1) \times R \rightarrow R$ satisfy assumption (ii) of Theorem 3.1 and satisfy the following assumption

$$|f(t, y) - f(t, z)| \leq L |y - z|, \tag{4.1}$$

then the fractional order integral equation (3.1) has a unique solution.

Proof. From assumption (4.1), we get

$$|f(t, y) - f(t, 0)| \leq L |y|,$$

but since

$$|f(t, y)| - |f(t, 0)| \leq |f(t, y) - f(t, 0)| \leq L |y|,$$

therefore

$$|f(t, y)| \leq |f(t, 0)| + L |y|,$$

i.e. assumptions (i) and (iii) of theorem 3.1 are satisfied.

Now, let $y_1(t)$ and $y_2(t)$ be any two solutions of equation (3.1), then

$$|y_2(t) - y_1(t)| \leq L \int_0^t \frac{(t-s)^{-\alpha}}{\Gamma(1-\alpha)} |y_2(s) - y_1(s)| ds.$$

Therefore

$$\int_0^1 |y_2(t) - y_1(t)| dt \leq L \int_0^1 \int_0^t \frac{(t-s)^{-\alpha}}{\Gamma(1-\alpha)} |y_2(s) - y_1(s)| ds dt,$$

$$\|y_2 - y_1\| \leq L \int_0^1 \int_s^1 \frac{(t-s)^{-\alpha}}{\Gamma(1-\alpha)} dt |y_2(s) - y_1(s)| ds$$

$$\leq \frac{L}{\Gamma(2-\alpha)} \|y_2 - y_1\|.$$

which implies that

$$y_1(t) = y_2(t).$$

Now for the existence and uniqueness of the solution of problems (1.1) - (1.2) and (1.1) - (1.3), we have the following two theorems:

Theorem 4.2.

If the assumptions of theorem 4.1 are satisfied, then problem (1.1) - (1.2) has a unique solution.

Proof. Since

$$u(t) = u_0 + I f(t, y(t)) \quad \text{from (3.2),}$$

then from conditions (1.2), we get

$$u_0 (\eta^\alpha - 1) = \int_0^1 (1-s)^\alpha f(s, y(s)) ds - \int_0^\eta (\eta-s)^\alpha f(s, y(s)) ds,$$

$$u_0 = \int_0^1 G(\eta, s) f(s, y(s)) ds,$$

where

$$G(\eta, s) = \begin{cases} \frac{(1-s)^\alpha - (\eta-s)^\alpha}{\eta^\alpha - 1} & 0 \leq s \leq \eta \leq 1, \\ \frac{(1-s)^\alpha}{\eta^\alpha - 1} & 0 \leq \eta \leq s \leq 1. \end{cases}$$

Therefore,

$$u(t) = \int_0^1 G(\eta, s) f(s, y(s)) ds + I f(t, y(t)),$$

which completes the proof.

Theorem 4.3.

If the assumptions of theorem 4.1 are satisfied, then problem (1.1) - (1.3) has a solution.

Proof. Since

$$u(t) = u_0 + I f(t, y(t)) \quad \text{from (3.2),}$$

then from conditions (1.3), we get

$$u_0 (\eta^{1-\alpha} - 1) = \int_0^1 f(s, y(s)) ds - \int_0^\eta \eta^{1-\alpha} f(s, y(s)) ds,$$

$$u_0 = \int_0^1 G(\eta, s) f(s, y(s)) ds,$$

where

$$G(\eta, s) = \begin{cases} -1 & 0 \leq s \leq \eta \leq 1, \\ \frac{1}{\eta^{1-\alpha} - 1} & 0 \leq \eta \leq s \leq 1. \end{cases}$$

Therefore,

$$u(t) = \int_0^1 G(\eta, s) f(s, y(s)) ds + I f(t, y(t)),$$

which completes the proof.



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