

Approximating local solutions of IVPs of nonlinear first order ordinary hybrid integrodifferential equations

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Abstract. In this paper, we prove a couple of approximation results for local existence and uniqueness of the solution of a IVP of nonlinear first order ordinary hybrid integrodifferential equations by using the Dhage monotone iteration method based on a hybrid fixed point theorem of Dhage (2022) and Dhage et al. (2022). An approximation result for the Ulam-Hyers stability of the local solution of the considered hybrid integrodifferential equation is also established. Finally, our main abstract results are illustrated with a couple of numerical examples.

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1. Introduction

The nonlinear differential and integral equations arise in several natural and physical phenomena of the universe, see for example, Li *et al.* [18], Ramosa [20], Shah *et al.* [21] and the references therein. The iterative method is a powerful technique useful for finding the approximate solution of nonlinear problems which is used since long time in nonlinear analysis and became popular among the mathematicians all over the world. The different iteration methods used in nonlinear analysis have different characterizations and different advantages and limitations. The iteration methods used in Al-Jawary *et al.* [1] are due to Temimi and Ansari [22] and put no condition on the nonlinearity of the differential equations, however these methods yield the convergent power series expansion of the solution. The Picard's iteration used in Lyons *et al.* [19] employs the Lipschitz condition on the nonlinear function involved in the equations and the solution is obtained in the form of a convergent

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sequence of successive approximations (see also Coddington [2]). Similarly, the variational iteration method used in Wang and He [24] uses the Lagrange’s multiplier in the successive iterations. Here, we discuss the considered nonlinear equation via Dhage iteration method under certain monotonicity condition but without using the usual Lipschitz condition on the nonlinearity and Lagrange’s multiplier in the successive approximations which goes monotonically to the solution.

Given a closed and bounded interval $J = [t_0, t_0 + a]$ of the real line \mathbb{R} for some $t_0, a \in \mathbb{R}$ with $a > 0$, we consider the IVP of nonlinear first order ordinary hybrid integrodifferential equation (HIGDE),

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \frac{dx}{dt} &= \int_{t_0}^t f(s, x(s)), \quad t \in J, \\ x(t_0) &= \alpha_0 \in \mathbb{R}, \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (1.1)$$

where the function $f : J \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ satisfies some hybrid, that is, mixed hypotheses from algebra, analysis and topology to be specified later.

Definition 1.1. A function $x \in C(J, \mathbb{R})$ is said to be a solution of the HIGDE (1.1) if it satisfies the equations in (1.1) on J , where $C(J, \mathbb{R})$ is the space of continuous real-valued functions defined on J . If the solution x lies in a closed ball $\overline{B_r(x_0)}$ centered at a point $x_0 \in C(J, \mathbb{R})$ of radius $r > 0$, then we say it is a local solution or neighborhood solution (in short nbhd solution) of the HIGDE (1.1) on J .

The HIGDE (1.1) is familiar in the subject of nonlinear analysis and can be studied for a variety of different aspects of the solution by using different methods from nonlinear functional analysis. The existence of local solution can be proved by using the Schauder fixed point principle, see for example, Coddington [2], Lakshmikantham and Leela [17], Granas and Dugundji [15] and references therein. The approximation result for uniqueness of solution can be proved by using the Banach fixed point theorem under a Lipschitz condition which is considered to be very strong in the area of nonlinear analysis. But to the knowledge the present authors, the approximation result for local existence and uniqueness theorems without using the Lipschitz condition is not discussed so far in the theory of nonlinear differential and integral equations. In this paper, we discuss the approximation results for local existence and uniqueness of the solution under weaker Lipschitz condition but via construction of an algorithm based on Dhage iteration method and a hybrid fixed point theorem of Dhage [6] and Dhage *et al.* [10].

The rest of the paper is organized as follows. Section 2 deals with the auxiliary results and main hybrid fixed point theorems involved in the Dhage iteration method. The hypotheses and main approximation results for the local existence and uniqueness of solution are given in Section 3. The approximation of the Ulam-Hyer stability is discussed in Section 4 and a couple of illustrative examples are presented in Section 5. Finally, some concluding remarks are mentioned in Section 6.

2. Auxiliary Results

We place the problem of HDE (1.1) in the function space $C(J, \mathbb{R})$ of continuous, real-valued functions defined on J . We introduce a supremum norm $\| \cdot \|$ in $C(J, \mathbb{R})$ defined by

$$\|x\| = \sup_{t \in J} |x(t)|, \quad (2.1)$$

and an order relation \preceq in $C(J, \mathbb{R})$ by the cone K given by

$$K = \{x \in C(J, \mathbb{R}) \mid x(t) \geq 0 \quad \forall t \in J\}. \quad (2.2)$$

Thus,

$$x \preceq y \iff y - x \in K, \quad (2.3)$$

or equivalently,

$$x \preceq y \iff x(t) \leq y(t) \forall t \in J.$$

It is known that the Banach space $C(J, \mathbb{R})$ together with the order relations \preceq becomes a partially ordered Banach space which we denote for convenience, by $(C(J, \mathbb{R}), K)$. We denote the open and closed spheres centered at $x_0 \in C(J, \mathbb{R})$ of radius r , for some $r > 0$, by

$$B_r(x_0) = \{x \in C(J, \mathbb{R}) \mid \|x - x_0\| < r\} = B(x, r),$$

and

$$B_r[x_0] = \{x \in C(J, \mathbb{R}) \mid \|x - x_0\| \leq r\} = \overline{B(x, r)},$$

respectively. It is clear that $B_r[x_0] = \overline{B_r(x_0)}$. Let $M > 0$ be a real number. Denote

$$B_r^M[x_0] = \{x \in B_r[x_0] \mid |x(t_1) - x(t_2)| \leq M |t_1 - t_2| \text{ for } t_1, t_2 \in J\}. \quad (2.4)$$

Then, we have the following result.

Lemma 2.1. *The set $B_r^M[x_0]$ is compact in $C(J, \mathbb{R})$.*

Proof. By definition $B_r[x_0]$ is a closed and bounded subset of the Banach space $C(J, \mathbb{R})$. Moreover, $B_r^M[x_0]$ is an equicontinuous subset of $C(J, \mathbb{R})$ in view of the condition (2.1). Now by an application of Arzelá-Ascoli theorem, $B_r^M[x_0]$ is compact set in $C(J, \mathbb{R})$ and the proof of the lemma is complete. \square

It is well-known that the fixed point theoretic technique is very much useful in the subject of nonlinear analysis for dealing with the nonlinear equations. See Granas and Dugundji [15] and the references therein. Here, we employ the Dhage monotone iteration method or simply *Dhage iteration method* based on the following two hybrid fixed point theorems of Dhage [6] and Dhage *et al.* [10].

Theorem 2.2 (Dhage [6]). *Let S be a non-empty partially compact subset of a regular partially ordered Banach space $(E, \|\cdot\|, \preceq, \succeq)$ with every chain C in S is Janhavi set and let $\mathcal{T} : S \rightarrow S$ be a monotone nondecreasing, partially continuous mapping. If there exists an element $x_0 \in S$ such that $x_0 \preceq \mathcal{T}x_0$ or $x_0 \succeq \mathcal{T}x_0$, then the hybrid mapping equation $\mathcal{T}x = x$ has a solution ξ^* in S and the sequence $\{\mathcal{T}^n x_0\}_{n=0}^\infty$ of successive iterations converges monotonically to ξ^* .*

Theorem 2.3 (Dhage [6]). *Let $B_r[x]$ denote the partial closed ball centered at x of radius r for some real number $r > 0$, in a regular partially ordered Banach space $(E, \|\cdot\|, \preceq, \succeq)$ and let $\mathcal{T} : E \rightarrow E$ be a monotone nondecreasing and partial contraction operator with contraction constant q . If there exists an element $x_0 \in X$ such that $x_0 \preceq \mathcal{T}x_0$ or $x_0 \succeq \mathcal{T}x_0$ satisfying*

$$\|x_0 - \mathcal{T}x_0\| \leq (1 - q)r, \quad (2.5)$$

for some real number $r > 0$, then \mathcal{T} has a unique comparable fixed point ξ^ in $B_r[x_0]$ and the sequence $\{\mathcal{T}^n x_0\}_{n=0}^\infty$ of successive iterations converges monotonically to ξ^* . Furthermore, if every pair of elements in X has a lower or upper bound, then ξ^* is unique.*

Remark 2.4. *We note that every every pair of elements in a partially ordered set (poset) (E, \preceq) has a lower or upper bound if (E, \preceq) is a lattice, that is, \preceq is a lattice order in E . In this case the poset $(E, \|\cdot\|, \preceq)$ is called a **partially lattice ordered Banach space**. There do exist several lattice partially ordered Banach spaces which are useful for applications in nonlinear analysis.*

If a Banach X is partially ordered by an order cone K in X , then in this case we simply say X is ordered Banach space which we denote it by (X, K) . Similarly, an ordered Banach space (X, K) , where partial order \preceq defined by the con K is a lattice order, then (X, K) is called the **lattice ordered Banach space**. Then, we have the following useful results concerning the ordered Banach space proved in Dhage [4, 5].

Lemma 2.5 (Dhage [4, 5]). *Every ordered Banach space (X, K) is regular.*

Lemma 2.6 (Dhage [4, 5]). *Every partially compact subset S of an ordered Banach space (X, K) is a Janhavi set in X .*

As a consequence of Lemmas 2.5 and 2.6 we obtain the following hybrid fixed point theorem which we need in what follows.

Theorem 2.7 (Dhage [6] and Dhage *et al.* [10]). *Let S be a non-empty partially compact subset of an ordered Banach space (X, K) and let $\mathcal{T} : S \rightarrow S$ be a partially continuous and monotone nondecreasing operator. If there exists an element $x_0 \in S$ such that $x_0 \preceq \mathcal{T}x_0$ or $x_0 \succeq \mathcal{T}x_0$, then \mathcal{T} has a fixed point $\xi^* \in S$ and the sequence $\{\mathcal{T}^n x_0\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$ of successive iterations converges monotonically to ξ^* .*

Theorem 2.8 (Dhage [6]). *Let $B_r[x]$ denote the partial closed ball centered at x of radius r for some real number $r > 0$, in an ordered Banach space (X, K) and let $\mathcal{T} : (X, K) \rightarrow (X, K)$ be a monotone nondecreasing and partial contraction operator with contraction constant q . If there exists an element $x_0 \in X$ such that $x_0 \preceq \mathcal{T}x_0$ or $x_0 \succeq \mathcal{T}x_0$ satisfying (2.5), then \mathcal{T} has a unique comparable fixed point ξ^* in $B_r[x_0]$ and the sequence $\{\mathcal{T}^n x_0\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$ of successive iterations converges monotonically to ξ^* . Furthermore, if every pair of elements in X has a lower or upper bound, then ξ^* is unique.*

Theorem 2.9 (Dhage [6]). *Let $B_r[x]$ denote the partial closed ball centered at x of radius r for some real number $r > 0$, in a lattice ordered Banach space (X, K) and let $\mathcal{T} : (X, K) \rightarrow (X, K)$ be a monotone nondecreasing and partial contraction operator with contraction constant q . If there exists an element $x_0 \in X$ such that $x_0 \preceq \mathcal{T}x_0$ or $x_0 \succeq \mathcal{T}x_0$ satisfying (2.5), then \mathcal{T} has a unique fixed point ξ^* in $B_r[x_0]$ and the sequence $\{\mathcal{T}^n x_0\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$ of successive iterations converges monotonically to ξ^* .*

The details of the notions of partial order, Janhavi set, regularity, monotonicity, partial continuity, partial closure, partial compactness and partial contraction etc. and related applications appear in Dhage [3–5], Dhage and Dhage [7, 8], Dhage *et al.* [9], Dhage *et al.* [10], Dhage and Dhage [11], Dhage *et al.* [12–14] and references therein.

3. Local Approximation Results

We consider the following set of hypotheses in what follows.

(H₁) The function f is continuous and bounded on $J \times \mathbb{R}$ with bound M_f .

(H₂) There exists a constant $k > 0$ such that

$$0 \leq f(t, x) - f(t, y) \leq k(x - y),$$

for all $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ with $x \geq y$, where $k a^2 < 1$.

(H₃) $f(t, x)$ is nondecreasing in x for each $t \in J$.

(H₄) $f(t, \alpha_0) \geq 0$ for all $t \in J$.

Then we have the following useful lemma.

Lemma 3.1. *If $h \in L^1(J, \mathbb{R})$, then the IVP of ordinary first order linear differential equation*

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \int_{t_0}^t h(s) ds, \quad t \in J, \quad x(t_0) = \alpha_0, \quad (3.1)$$

is equivalent to the integral equation

$$x(t) = \alpha_0 + \int_{t_0}^t (t - s) h(s) ds, \quad t \in J. \quad (3.2)$$

Theorem 3.2. *Suppose that the hypotheses (H_1) , (H_3) and (H_4) hold. Furthermore, if $M_f a^2 \leq r$ and $2 M_f a \leq M$, then the HIGDE (1.1) has a solution x^* in $B_r^M[x_0]$, where $x_0 \equiv \alpha_0$, and the sequence $\{x_n\}_{n=0}^\infty$ of successive approximations defined by*

$$\left. \begin{aligned} x_0(t) &= \alpha_0, \quad t \in J, \\ x_{n+1}(t) &= \alpha_0 + \int_{t_0}^t (t-s) f(s, x_n(s)) ds, \quad t \in J, \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (3.3)$$

where $n = 0, 1, \dots$; is monotone nondecreasing and converges to x^* .

Proof. Set $X = C(J, \mathbb{R})$. Clearly, (X, K) is a partially ordered Banach space. Let x_0 be a constant function on J such that $x_0(t) = \alpha_0$ for all $t \in J$ and define a closed ball $B_r^M[x_0]$ in X defined by (2.3). By Lemma 2.1, $B_r^M[x_0]$ is a compact subset of X . By Lemma 3.1, the HIGDE (1.1) is equivalent to the nonlinear hybrid integral equation (HIE)

$$x(t) = \alpha_0 + \int_{t_0}^t (t-s) f(s, x(s)) ds, \quad t \in J. \quad (3.4)$$

Now, define an operator \mathcal{T} on $B_r^M[x_0]$ into X by

$$\mathcal{T}x(t) = \alpha_0 + \int_{t_0}^t (t-s) f(s, x(s)) ds, \quad t \in J. \quad (3.5)$$

We shall show that the operator \mathcal{T} satisfies all the conditions of Theorem 2.2 on $B_r^M[x_0]$ in the following series of steps.

Step I: *The operator \mathcal{T} maps $B_r^M[x_0]$ into itself.*

Firstly, we show that \mathcal{T} maps $B_r^M[x_0]$ into itself. Let $x \in B_r^M[x_0]$ be arbitrary element. Then,

$$\begin{aligned} |\mathcal{T}x(t) - x_0(t)| &= \left| \int_{t_0}^t (t-s) f(s, x(s)) ds \right| \\ &\leq \int_{t_0}^t |t-s| |f(s, x(s))| ds \\ &= M_f a \int_{t_0}^{t_0+a} ds \\ &= M_f a^2 \leq r. \end{aligned}$$

Taking the supremum over t in the above inequality yields

$$\|\mathcal{T}x - x_0\| \leq M_f a^2 \leq r,$$

which implies that $\mathcal{T}x \in B_r[x_0]$ for all $x \in B_r^M[x_0]$. Next, let $t_1, t_2 \in J$ be arbitrary. Then, we have

$$\begin{aligned} |\mathcal{T}x(t_1) - \mathcal{T}x(t_2)| &\leq \left| \int_{t_0}^{t_1} (t_1 - s) f(s, x(s)) ds - \int_{t_0}^{t_2} (t_2 - s) f(s, x(s)) ds \right| \\ &\leq \left| \int_{t_0}^{t_1} (t_1 - s) f(s, x(s)) ds - \int_{t_0}^{t_1} (t_2 - s) f(s, x(s)) ds \right| \\ &\quad + \left| \int_{t_0}^{t_1} (t_2 - s) f(s, x(s)) ds - \int_{t_0}^{t_2} (t_2 - s) f(s, x(s)) ds \right| \\ &\leq \int_{t_0}^{t_1} |t_1 - t_2| |f(s, x(s))| ds + \left| \int_{t_1}^{t_2} |t_2 - s| |f(s, x(s))| ds \right| \\ &\leq \int_{t_0}^{t_0+a} |t_1 - t_2| M_f ds + \left| \int_{t_1}^{t_2} a M_f ds \right| \\ &\leq 2M_f a |t_1 - t_2| \\ &\leq M |t_1 - t_2| \end{aligned}$$

where, $2M_f a \leq M$. Therefore, $\mathcal{T}x \in B_r^M[x_0]$ for all $x \in B_r^M[x_0]$. As a result, we have $\mathcal{T}(B_r^M[x_0]) \subset B_r^M[x_0]$.

Step II: \mathcal{T} is a monotone nondecreasing operator on $B_r^M[x_0]$.

Let $x, y \in B_r^M[x_0]$ be any two elements such that $x \succeq y$. Then, by hypothesis (H₃),

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{T}x(t) &= \alpha_0 + \int_{t_0}^t (t - s) f(s, x(s)) ds \\ &\geq \alpha_0 + \int_{t_0}^t (t - s) f(s, y(s)) ds \\ &= \mathcal{T}y(t), \end{aligned}$$

for all $t \in J$. So, $\mathcal{T}x \succeq \mathcal{T}y$, that is, \mathcal{T} is monotone nondecreasing on $B_r^M[x_0]$.

Step III: \mathcal{T} is a partially continuous operator on $B_r^M[x_0]$.

Let C be a chain in $B_r^M[x_0]$ and let $\{x_n\}$ be a sequence in C converging to a point $x \in C$. Then, by dominated convergence theorem, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{T}x_n &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\alpha_0 + \int_{t_0}^t (t - s) f(s, x_n(s)) ds \right] \\ &= \alpha_0 + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{t_0}^t (t - s) f(s, x_n(s)) ds \\ &= \alpha_0 + \int_{t_0}^t (t - s) \left[\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(s, x_n(s)) \right] ds \\ &= \alpha_0 + \int_{t_0}^t (t - s) f(s, x(s)) ds \\ &= \mathcal{T}x(t), \end{aligned}$$

for all $t \in J$. Therefore, $\mathcal{T}x_n \rightarrow \mathcal{T}x$ pointwise on J . As $\{\mathcal{T}x_n\} \subset B_r^M[x_0]$, $\{\mathcal{T}x_n\}$ is an equicontinuous sequence of points in X . As a result, we have that $\mathcal{T}x_n \rightarrow \mathcal{T}x$ uniformly on J . Hence \mathcal{T} is partially continuous operator on $B_r^M[x_0]$.

Step IV: The element $x_0 \in B_r^M[x_0]$ satisfies the relation $x_0 \preceq \mathcal{T}x_0$.

Since (H₄) holds, one has

$$\begin{aligned} x_0(t) &= \alpha_0 + \int_{t_0}^t (t-s)f(s, x_0(s)) ds \\ &\leq x_0(t) + \int_{t_0}^t (t-s)f(s, \alpha_0) ds \\ &= \alpha_0 + \int_{t_0}^t (t-s)f(s, x_0(s)) ds \\ &= \mathcal{T}x_0(t), \end{aligned}$$

for all $t \in J$. This shows that the constant function x_0 in $B_r^M[x_0]$ serves as to satisfy the operator inequality $x_0 \preceq \mathcal{T}x_0$.

Thus, the operator \mathcal{T} satisfies all the conditions of Theorem 2.2, and so \mathcal{T} has a fixed point x^* in $B_r^M[x_0]$ and the sequence $\{\mathcal{T}^n x_0\}_{n=0}^\infty$ of successive iterations converges monotone nondecreasingly to x^* . This further implies that the HIE (3.4) and consequently the HIGDE (1.1) has a local solution x^* and the sequence $\{x_n\}_{n=0}^\infty$ of successive approximations defined by (3.3) converges monotone nondecreasingly to x^* . This completes the proof. \square

Next, we prove an approximation result for existence and uniqueness of the solution simultaneously under weaker form of Lipschitz condition.

Theorem 3.3. *Suppose that the hypotheses (H₁), (H₂) and (H₄) hold. Furthermore, if*

$$M_f a \leq (1 - ka^2)r, \quad ka^2 < 1, \tag{3.6}$$

for some real number $r > 0$, then the HIGDE (1.1) has a unique solution x^* in $B_r[x_0]$ defined on J , where $x_0 \equiv \alpha_0$, and the sequence $\{x_n\}_{n=0}^\infty$ of successive approximations defined by (3.3) converges monotone nondecreasingly to x^* .

Proof. Set $(X, K) = (C(J, \mathbb{R}), \preceq)$ which is a lattice w.r.t. the lattice join and meet operations defined by $x \vee y = \max\{x, y\}$ and $x \wedge y = \min\{x, y\}$, and so every pair of elements of X has a lower and an upper bound. Let x_0 be a constant function on J such that $x_0(t) = \alpha_0$ for all $t \in J$ and consider the closed sphere $B_r[x_0]$ centered at $x_0 \in C(J, \mathbb{R})$ of radius r , for some fixed $r > 0$, in the partially ordered Banach space (X, K) .

Define an operator \mathcal{T} on X into X by (3.5). Clearly, \mathcal{T} is monotone nondecreasing on X . To see this, let $x, y \in X$ be two elements such that $x \succeq y$. Then, by hypothesis (H₂),

$$\mathcal{T}x(t) - \mathcal{T}y(t) = \int_{t_0}^t (t-s) [f(s, x(s)) - f(s, y(s))] ds \geq 0,$$

for all $t \in J$. Therefore, $\mathcal{T}x \succeq \mathcal{T}y$ and consequently \mathcal{T} is monotone nondecreasing on X .

Next, we show that \mathcal{T} is a partial contraction on X . Let $x, y \in X$ be such that $x \succeq y$. Then, by hypothesis (H₂), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} |\mathcal{T}x(t) - \mathcal{T}y(t)| &= \left| \int_{t_0}^t (t-s) [f(s, x(s)) - f(s, y(s))] ds \right| \\ &\leq \left| \int_{t_0}^t k(t-s) (x(s) - y(s)) ds \right| \\ &= \int_{t_0}^t k a |x(s) - y(s)| ds \\ &\leq k a \int_{t_0}^{t_0+a} \|x - y\| ds \\ &= k a^2 \|x - y\|, \end{aligned}$$

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for all $t \in J$, where $ka^2 < 1$. Taking the supremum over t in the above inequality yields

$$\|\mathcal{T}x - \mathcal{T}y\| \leq ka^2 \|x - y\|,$$

for all comparable elements $x, y \in X$. This shows that \mathcal{T} is a partial contraction on X with contraction constant ka . Furthermore, it can be shown as in the proof of Theorem 3.2 that the element $x_0 \in B_r^M[x_0]$ satisfies the relation $x_0 \preceq \mathcal{T}x_0$ in view of hypothesis (H_4) . Finally, by hypothesis (H_1) and condition (3.6), one has

$$\begin{aligned} \|x_0 - \mathcal{T}x_0\| &= \sup_{t \in J} \left| \int_{t_0}^t (t-s) f(s, x_0(s)) ds \right| \\ &\leq \sup_{t \in J} \int_{t_0}^t |t-s| |f(s, \alpha_0)| ds \\ &\leq M_f a^2 \\ &\leq (1 - ka^2)r, \end{aligned}$$

which shows that the condition (2.5) of Theorem 2.9 is satisfied. Hence \mathcal{T} has a unique fixed point x^* in $B_r[x_0]$ and the sequence $\{\mathcal{T}^n x_0\}_{n=0}^\infty$ of successive iterations converges monotone nondecreasingly to x^* . This further implies that the HIE (3.4) and consequently the HIGDE (1.1) has a unique local solution x^* defined on J and the sequence $\{x_n\}_{n=0}^\infty$ of successive approximations converges monotone nondecreasingly to x^* . This completes the proof. \square

Remark 3.4. *The conclusion of Theorems 3.2 and 3.3 also remains true if we replace the hypothesis (H_4) with the following one.*

(H_4) *The function f satisfies $f(t, \alpha_0) \leq 0$ for all $t \in J$.*

In this case, the HDE (1.1) has a local solution x^ defined on J and the sequence $\{x_n\}_{n=0}^\infty$ of successive approximations defined by (3.3) is monotone nonincreasing and converges to the solution x^* .*

Remark 3.5. *If the initial condition in the equation (1.1) is such that $\alpha_0 > 0$, then under the conditions of Theorem 3.2, the HIGDE (1.1) has a local positive solution x^* defined on J and the sequence $\{x_n\}_{n=0}^\infty$ of successive approximations defined by (3.3) monotone nondecreasing and converges to the positive solution x^* . Similarly, under the conditions of Theorem 3.3, the HIGDE (1.1) has a unique local positive solution x^* defined on J and the sequence of successive approximations defined by (3.3) $\{x_n\}_{n=0}^\infty$ monotone nondecreasing and converges to the unique positive solution x^* .*

4. Approximation of Local Ulam-Hyers Stability

The Ulam-Hyers stability for various dynamic systems has already been discussed by several authors under the conditions of classical Schauder fixed point theorem (see Tripathy [23], Huang *et al.* [16] and references therein). Here, in the present paper, we discuss the approximation of the Ulam-Hyers stability of local solution of the HIGDE (1.1) under the conditions of hybrid fixed point principle stated in Theorem 2.3. We need the following definition in what follows.

Definition 4.1. *The HIGDE (1.1) is said to be locally Ulam-Hyers stable if for $\epsilon > 0$ and for each local solution $y \in B_r[x_0]$ of the inequality*

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \left| \frac{dy}{dt} - \int_{t_0}^t f(s, y(s)) ds \right| &\leq \epsilon, \quad t \in J, \\ y(t_0) &= \alpha_0 \in \mathbb{R}, \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (*)$$

there exists a constant $K_f > 0$ such that

$$|y(t) - \xi(t)| \leq K_f \epsilon, \quad (**)$$

for all $t \in J$, where $\xi \in B_r[x_0]$ is a local solution of the HIGDE (1.1) defined on J . The solution ξ of the HIGDE (1.1) is called Ulam-Hyers stable local solution on J .

Theorem 4.2. Assume that all the hypotheses of Theorem 3.3 hold. Then the HIGDE (1.1) has a unique Ulam-Hyers stable local solution $x^* \in B_r[x_0]$, where $x_0 \equiv \alpha_0$, and the sequence $\{x_n\}_{n=0}^\infty$ of successive approximations given by (3.3) is monotone nondecreasing and converges to x^* .

Proof. Let $\epsilon > 0$ be given and let $y \in B_r[x_0]$ be a solution of the functional inequality (*) on J , that is, we have

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \left| \frac{dy}{dt} - \int_{t_0}^t f(s, y(s)) ds \right| &\leq \epsilon, \quad t \in J, \\ y(t_0) &= \alpha_0 \in \mathbb{R}. \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (4.1)$$

By Theorem 3.3, the HIGDE (1.1) has a unique local solution $\xi \in B_r[x_0]$. Then by Lemma 2.1, one has

$$\xi(t) = \alpha_0 + \int_{t_0}^t (t-s) f(s, \xi(s)) ds, \quad t \in J. \quad (4.2)$$

Now, by integration of (4.1) yields the estimate:

$$\left| y(t) - \alpha_0 - \int_{t_0}^t (t-s) f(s, y(s)) ds \right| \leq a \epsilon, \quad (4.3)$$

for all $t \in J$.

Next, from (4.2) and (4.3), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} |y(t) - \xi(t)| &= \left| y(t) - \alpha_0 - \int_{t_0}^t (t-s) f(s, \xi(s)) ds \right| \\ &\leq \left| y(t) - \alpha_0 - \int_{t_0}^t (t-s) f(s, y(s)) ds \right| \\ &\quad + \left| \int_{t_0}^t (t-s) f(s, y(s)) ds - \int_{t_0}^t (t-s) f(s, \xi(s)) ds \right| \\ &\leq a \epsilon + \int_{t_0}^t |t-s| |f(s, y(s)) - f(s, \xi(s))| ds \\ &\leq a \epsilon + k a^2 (\|y - \xi\|). \end{aligned}$$

Taking the supremum over t , we obtain

$$\|y - \xi\| \leq a \epsilon + k a^2 \|y - \xi\|,$$

or

$$\|y - \xi\| \leq \left[\frac{a \epsilon}{1 - k a^2} \right],$$

where, $k a^2 < 1$. Letting $K_f = \left[\frac{a}{1 - k a^2} \right] > 0$, we obtain

$$|y(t) - \xi(t)| \leq K_f \epsilon,$$

for all $t \in J$. As a result, ξ is a Ulam-Hyers stable local solution of the HIGDE (1.1) on J and the sequence $\{x_n\}_{n=0}^\infty$ of successive approximations defined by (3.3) converges monotone nondecreasingly to ξ . Consequently the HIGDE (1.1) is a locally Ulam-Hyers stable on J . This completes the proof. \square

Remark 4.3. If the given initial condition in the equation (1.1) is such that $\alpha_0 > 0$, then under the conditions of Theorem 4.2, the HIGDE (1.1) has a unique Ulam-Hyers stable local positive solution x^* defined on J and the sequence $\{x_n\}_{n=0}^\infty$ of successive approximations defined by (3.3) converges is monotone nondecreasing and converges to x^* .

5. The Examples

In this section we give a couple of numerical examples to illustrate the hypotheses and abstract ideas involved in the main approximation results of the previous Sections 3 and 4.

Example 5.1. Given a closed and bounded interval $J = [0, 1]$ in \mathbb{R} , consider the IVP of nonlinear first order HIGDE,

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \int_0^t \tanh x(s) ds, \quad t \in [0, 1]; \quad x(0) = \frac{1}{4}. \tag{5.1}$$

Here $\alpha_0 = \frac{1}{4}$ and $f(t, x) = \tanh x$ for $(t, x) \in [0, 1] \times \mathbb{R}$. We show that f satisfies all the conditions of Theorem 3.2. Clearly, f is bounded on $[0, 1] \times \mathbb{R}$ with bound $M_f = 1$ and so the hypothesis (H_1) is satisfied. Also the function $f(t, x)$ is nondecreasing in x for each $t \in [0, 1]$. Therefore, hypothesis (H_3) is satisfied. Moreover, $f(t, \alpha_0) = f(t, \frac{1}{4}) = \tanh(\frac{1}{4}) \geq 0$ for each $t \in [0, 1]$, and so the hypothesis (H_4) holds. If we take $r = 1$ and $M = 2$, all the conditions of Theorem 3.2 are satisfied. Hence, the HIGDE (5.1) has a local solution x^* in the closed ball $B_1^2[\frac{1}{4}]$ of $C(J, \mathbb{R})$ and the sequence $\{x_n\}_{n=0}^\infty$ of successive approximations defined by

$$x_0(t) = \frac{1}{4}, \quad t \in [0, 1],$$

$$x_{n+1}(t) = \frac{1}{4} + \int_0^t (t-s) \tanh x_n(s) ds, \quad t \in [0, 1],$$

converges monotone nondecreasingly to x^* .

Example 5.2. Given a closed and bounded interval $J = [0, 1]$ in \mathbb{R} , consider the IVP of nonlinear first order HIGDE,

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t \tan^{-1} x(s), \quad t \in [0, 1]; \quad x(0) = \frac{1}{4}. \tag{5.2}$$

Here $\alpha_0 = \frac{1}{4}$ and $f(t, x) = \frac{1}{2} \tan^{-1} x$ for $(t, x) \in [0, 1] \times \mathbb{R}$. We show that f satisfies all the conditions of Theorem 3.3. Clearly, f is bounded on $[0, 1] \times \mathbb{R}$ with bound $M_f = \frac{22}{28}$ and so, the hypothesis (H_1) is satisfied. Next, let $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ be such that $x \geq y$. Then there exists a constant ξ with $x_1 < \xi < y$ satisfying

$$0 \leq f(t, x) - f(t, y) \leq \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{1 + \xi^2} (x - y) \leq \frac{1}{2} \cdot (x - y),$$

for all $t \in [0, 1]$. So the hypothesis (H_2) holds with $k = \frac{1}{2}$. Moreover, $f(t, \alpha_0) = f(t, \frac{1}{4}) = \frac{1}{2} \tan^{-1}(\frac{1}{4}) \geq 0$ for each $t \in [0, 1]$, and so the hypothesis (H_4) holds. If we take $r = 2$, then we have

$$M_f a = \frac{11}{14} \leq \left(1 - \frac{1}{2}\right) \cdot 2 = (1 - ka^2)r,$$

and so, the condition (3.6) is satisfied. Thus, all the conditions of Theorem 3.3 are satisfied. Hence, the HIGDE (5.2) has a unique local solution x^* in the closed ball $B_2[\frac{1}{4}]$ of $C(J, \mathbb{R})$. This further in view of Remark 3.5 implies that the HDE (5.2) has a unique local positive solution x^* and the sequence $\{x_n\}_{n=0}^\infty$ of successive approximations defined by

$$x_0(t) = \frac{1}{4}, \quad t \in [0, 1],$$

$$x_{n+1}(t) = \frac{1}{4} + \int_0^t (t-s) \tan^{-1} x_n(s) ds, \quad t \in [0, 1],$$

converges monotone nondecreasingly to x^* . Moreover, the unique local solution x^* is Ulam-Hyers stable on $[0, 1]$ in view of Definition 4.1. Consequently the HIGDE (5.2) is a locally Ulam-Hyers stable on the interval $[0, 1]$.

6. Concluding Remark

Finally, while concluding this paper, we remark that unlike the Schauder fixed point theorem we do not require any convexity argument in the proof of main existence theorem, Theorem 3.2. Similarly, we do not require the usual Lipschitz condition in the proof of uniqueness theorem, Theorem 3.3, but a weaker form of one sided or partial Lipschitz condition is enough to serve the purpose. However, in both the cases we are able to achieve the approximation of local solution by monotone convergence of the successive approximations. Moreover, for simplicity and in order to illustrate the underlined ideas and the procedure of finding the approximate solution, a simple form of a integrodifferential equation (1.1) is considered in this paper, however other complex nonlinear IVPs of HDEs with integer or fractional orders may also be considered and the present study can also be extended to such sophisticated nonlinear integrodifferential equations with appropriate modifications. These and other such problems form the further research scope in the subject of nonlinear differential and integral equations with applications. Some of the results in this direction will be reported elsewhere.

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