



Existence results for fractional delay integro-differential equations with multi-point boundary conditions

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Abstract

This paper addresses the issue of existence and uniqueness of solutions to the fractional delay integro-differential equations with multi-point boundary conditions. The existence results are proved by applying Krasnoselskii's fixed point theorem and Leray-Schauder nonlinear alternative whereas uniqueness result is proved by the contraction mapping principle. Examples are provided to illustrate the main results.

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1. Introduction

The increasing interest of fractional differential equations is motivated by their applications in various fields of science such as physics, fluid mechanics, chemistry, biology, control theory, signal processing, heat conduction in materials with memory [6],[15],[22] and the references therein. The main advantage of using fractional differential equations is related to the fact that we can describe the dynamics of complex non-local systems with memory. Fixed-point theory has wide applications in several areas such as economics, dynamic systems, the theory of differential and integral equations and so on. There have been some papers dealing with the existence of solutions of nonlinear fractional differential equations by using fixed point technique [13],[17],[19].

In [4], the authors discussed the existence of solution

for a Riemann-Liouville fractional differential equation with multi-point boundary conditions whereas the existence of solution for multi-point BVPs of Caputo fractional differential equation is discussed in [23]. Area of fractional differential equations with multi-point boundary conditions have attracted many researchers [7],[8],[12],[20] and the references therein. Shri Akiladevi and Balachandran [16] discussed the existence and uniqueness of solution to the fractional delay integrodifferential equations with four-point multiterm fractional integral boundary conditions. The fractional differential equations with delay has drawn the attention of researchers in the recent years, for detail we refer [1],[2],[3],[9],[18],[21].

Motivated by this consideration, in this paper, we shall discuss the existence and uniqueness of solutions for the fractional delay integrodifferential equations with multi-point boundary conditions of the form by using appropriate fixed point theorems:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} D^\xi u(t) &= g(t, u(t), u(\mu(t)), \int_0^t h(t, s, u(s), u(\theta(s))) ds), \\ 2 < \xi \leq 3, t \in J &= [0, 1], \\ u(0) = 0, u(\zeta) = 0, u(1) = 0, & 0 < \zeta < 1, \end{aligned} \right\} (1.1)$$

where $g : J \times X^3 \rightarrow X, h : \Omega \times X^2 \rightarrow X, \mu, \theta : J \rightarrow J$ are continuous functions with $0 \leq \mu(t), \theta(t) \leq t, t \in J$. Here $\Omega = \{(t, s) : 0 \leq s \leq t \leq 1\}$.

Here we use the notation $Hu(t) = \int_0^t h(t,s,u(s),u(\theta(s)))ds$. With this context in the mind, the outline of this paper is as follows. In Section 2, we give some definitions and lemmas which are required to our main results. In Section 3, we use Krasnoselskii’s fixed point theorem and Leray-Schauder non-linear alternative to prove the existence results whereas the uniqueness result by using the contraction mapping principle. Finally, in section 4, we shall some numerical examples, which shall explicate the applicability of our results.

2. Preliminaries

Let us recall some basic definitions and Lemmas which will be used in our main results [5],[10],[11],[14].

Definition 2.1: The Riemann-Liouville fractional integral of a function $g \in L^1(R^+)$ of order $\xi > 0$ is defined by

$$I^\xi g(t) = \int_0^t \frac{(t-s)^{\xi-1}}{\Gamma(\xi)} g(s)ds$$

provided the integral exists.

Definition 2.2: The Riemann-Liouville fractional derivative of order $\xi > 0, n-1 < \xi \leq n, n \in N$ is defined as

$$D_{0+}^\xi g(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(n-\xi)} \left(\frac{d}{dt}\right)^n \int_0^t (t-s)^{n-\xi-1} g(s)ds,$$

where the function $f(t)$ has absolutely continuous derivative up to order $(n-1)$.

Lemma 2.3 The equality $D^\xi I^\xi g(t) = g(t), \xi > 0$ holds for $g \in L(0,1)$.

Lemma 2.4 Let $\xi > 0$. Then the differential equation $D^\xi u = 0$ has a unique solution $u(t) = c_1 t^{\xi-1} + c_2 t^{\xi-2} + \dots + c_n t^{\xi-n}, c_i \in R, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$, where $n-1 < \xi \leq n$.

Lemma 2.5 Let $\xi > 0$. Then the following equality holds for $u \in L(0,1)$;
 $I^\xi D^\xi u(t) = u(t) + c_1 t^{\xi-1} + c_2 t^{\xi-2} + \dots + c_n t^{\xi-n}, c_i \in R, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$, there $n-1 < \xi \leq n$.

Lemma 2.6 For $k(t) \in C(J)$, the following BVP

$$D^\xi u(t) = k(t), t \in J, 2 < \xi \leq 3, \tag{2.1}$$

$$u(0) = 0, u(\zeta) = 0, u(1) = 0, 0 < \zeta < 1$$

has a unique solution given by

$$u(t) = \int_0^t \frac{(t-s)^{\xi-1}}{\Gamma(\xi)} k(s)ds + \frac{t^{\xi-1}}{\zeta^{\xi-1} - \zeta^{\xi-2}} \left\{ \zeta^{\xi-2} \int_0^1 \frac{(1-s)^{\xi-1}}{\Gamma(\xi)} k(s)ds \right.$$

$$\left. - \int_0^\zeta \frac{(\zeta-s)^{\xi-1}}{\Gamma(\xi)} k(s)ds \right\} + \frac{t^{\xi-2}}{\zeta^{\xi-2} - \zeta^{\xi-1}} \left\{ \zeta^{\xi-1} \int_0^1 \frac{(1-s)^{\xi-1}}{\Gamma(\xi)} k(s)ds - \int_0^\zeta \frac{(\zeta-s)^{\xi-1}}{\Gamma(\xi)} k(s)ds \right\}$$

Proof:

For some vector constants $c_1, c_2, c_3 \in X$ the general solution of (2.1) can be written as

$$u(t) = I^\xi k(t) + c_1 t^{\xi-1} + c_2 t^{\xi-2} + c_3 t^{\xi-3} \tag{2.2}$$

Using the boundary condition $u(0) = 0$, we get $c_3 = 0$.

By the boundary conditions $u(\zeta) = 0$ and $u(1) = 0$, we get

$$I^\xi k(\zeta) + c_1 \zeta^{\xi-1} + c_2 \zeta^{\xi-2} = 0 \tag{2.3}$$

and

$$I^\xi k(1) + c_1 + c_2 = 0 \tag{2.4}$$

Solving equations (2.3) and (2.4), we get

$$c_1 = \frac{1}{\zeta^{\xi-1} - \zeta^{\xi-2}} (\zeta^{\xi-2} I^\xi k(1) - I^\xi k(\zeta))$$

$$c_2 = \frac{1}{\zeta^{\xi-2} - \zeta^{\xi-1}} (\zeta^{\xi-1} I^\xi k(1) - I^\xi k(\zeta))$$

Substituting the values of c_1, c_2 & c_3 in (2.2), we get

$$u(t) = \int_0^t \frac{(t-s)^{\xi-1}}{\Gamma(\xi)} k(s)ds + \frac{t^{\xi-1}}{\zeta^{\xi-1} - \zeta^{\xi-2}} \left\{ \zeta^{\xi-2} \int_0^1 \frac{(1-s)^{\xi-1}}{\Gamma(\xi)} k(s)ds - \int_0^\zeta \frac{(\zeta-s)^{\xi-1}}{\Gamma(\xi)} k(s)ds \right\} + \frac{t^{\xi-2}}{\zeta^{\xi-2} - \zeta^{\xi-1}} \left\{ \zeta^{\xi-1} \int_0^1 \frac{(1-s)^{\xi-1}}{\Gamma(\xi)} k(s)ds - \int_0^\zeta \frac{(\zeta-s)^{\xi-1}}{\Gamma(\xi)} k(s)ds \right\}$$

This completes the proof.

3. Main Results

Let $Z = C(J, X)$ denote the Banach Space of all continuous functions from $J \rightarrow R$ endowed with the norm defined by $\|u\| = \sup\{|u(t)|, t \in J\}$.

Define the operator $F : Z \rightarrow Z$ by

$$(Fu)(t) = \int_0^t \frac{(t-s)^{\xi-1}}{\Gamma(\xi)} g(s, u(s), u(\mu(s)), H(u(s)))ds + \frac{t^{\xi-1}}{\zeta^{\xi-1} - \zeta^{\xi-2}} \left\{ \zeta^{\xi-2} \int_0^1 \frac{(1-s)^{\xi-1}}{\Gamma(\xi)} \times g(s, u(s), u(\mu(s)), H(u(s)))ds \right.$$



$$\begin{aligned}
 & - \int_0^\zeta \frac{(n-s)^{\xi-1}}{\Gamma(\xi)} g(s, u(s), u(\mu(s)), H(u(s))) ds \Big\} \\
 & + \frac{t^{\xi-2}}{\zeta^{\xi-2} - \zeta^{\xi-1}} \left\{ \zeta^{\xi-1} \int_0^1 \frac{(1-s)^{\xi-1}}{\Gamma(\xi)} \right. \\
 & \quad \times g(s, u(s), u(\mu(s)), H(u(s))) ds \\
 & - \left. \int_0^\zeta \frac{(\zeta-s)^{\xi-1}}{\Gamma(\xi)} g(s, u(s), u(\mu(s)), H(u(s))) ds \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

for $t \in J$. Note that the problem (1.1) has solutions, if the operator F has fixed points.

For the forthcoming analysis, we need the following assumptions:

- (A1) \exists positive constants L_g and $L_h \ni$
 - (i) $\|g(t, u_1, v_1, w_1) - g(t, u_2, v_2, w_2)\| \leq L_g(\|u_1 - u_2\| + \|v_1 - v_2\| + \|w_1 - w_2\|),$
 $t \in J, u_1, u_2, v_1, v_2, w_1, w_2 \in X.$
 - (ii) $\|h(t, s, u_1, v_1) - h(t, s, u_2, v_2)\| \leq L_h(\|u_1 - u_2\| + \|v_1 - v_2\|), t, s \in J, u_1, u_2, v_1, v_2 \in X.$
- (A2) $\|g(t, u, v, w)\| \leq l(t)\phi(\|u\|), (t, u, v, w) \in J \times X^3,$ where $l \in L^1(J, R^+)$ and $\phi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow (0, \infty)$ is a continuous nondecreasing function.

(A3) Let

$$\Lambda_1 = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\xi+1)} \left\{ 1 + \frac{1}{|\zeta^{\xi-1} - \zeta^{\xi-2}|} [|\zeta^{\xi-1}| + |\zeta^{\xi-2}| + 2\zeta^\xi] \right\}$$

- (A4) \exists a continuous nondecreasing function $\chi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow (0, \infty)$ and the functions $\vartheta_1, \vartheta_2 \in L^1(J, R^+) \ni$ for each $(t, u, v, w) \in J \times X^3,$

$$\|g(t, u, v, w)\| \leq \vartheta_1(t)\chi(\|u\|) + \vartheta_2(t).$$

- (A5) \exists a constant $M > 0 \ni M\Omega^{-1} > 1,$ where $\Omega = (\chi(M)\|\vartheta_1\|_{L^1} + \|\vartheta_2\|_{L^1})\Lambda_1.$

3.1 Existence Result via Krasnoselskii's Fixed Point Theorem

Theorem 3.1: Suppose that the assumptions (A1)-(A3) hold with

$$\Lambda = \frac{2L_g}{|\zeta^{\xi-1} - \zeta^{\xi-2}|} \frac{1}{\Gamma(\xi+1)} \left\{ [|\zeta^{\xi-2}| + |\zeta^{\xi-1}| + 2|\zeta^\xi|] + \frac{L_h}{\xi+1} [|\zeta^{\xi-2}| + |\zeta^{\xi-1}| + 2|\zeta^{\xi+1}|] \right\} < 1.$$

Then the BVP (1.1) has at least one solution on J .

Proof:

We can fix $r \geq \|l\|_{L^1}\phi(r)\Lambda_1$ and consider $B_r = \{u \in Z : \|u\| \leq r\}.$ We define the operators P and Q on B_r as

$$\begin{aligned}
 (Pu)(t) &= \int_0^t \frac{(t-s)^{\xi-1}}{\Gamma(\xi)} g(s, u(s), u(\mu(s)), Hu(s)) ds \\
 (Qu)(t) &= \frac{t^{\xi-1}}{\zeta^{\xi-1} - \zeta^{\xi-2}} \left\{ \zeta^{\xi-2} \int_0^1 \frac{(1-s)^{\xi-1}}{\Gamma(\xi)} \right. \\
 & \quad \times g(s, u(s), u(\mu(s)), Hu(s)) ds \\
 & - \int_0^\zeta \frac{(\zeta-s)^{\xi-1}}{\Gamma(\xi)} g(s, u(s), u(\mu(s)), Hu(s)) ds \Big\} \\
 & + \frac{t^{\xi-2}}{\zeta^{\xi-2} - \zeta^{\xi-1}} \left\{ \zeta^{\xi-1} \int_0^1 \frac{(1-s)^{\xi-1}}{\Gamma(\xi)} \right. \\
 & \quad \times g(s, u(s), u(\mu(s)), Hu(s)) ds \\
 & - \left. \int_0^\zeta \frac{(\zeta-s)^{\xi-1}}{\Gamma(\xi)} g(s, u(s), u(\mu(s)), Hu(s)) ds \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

For $u, v \in B_r,$ we find that

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|Pu + Qv\| &\leq \|l\|_{L^1}\phi(r) \frac{1}{\Gamma(\xi+1)} \left\{ 1 + \frac{1}{|\zeta^{\xi-1} - \zeta^{\xi-2}|} \right. \\
 & \quad \times \left. [|\zeta^{\xi-1}| + |\zeta^{\xi-2}| + 2\zeta^\xi] \right\} \\
 &= \|l\|_{L^1}\phi(r)\Lambda_1 \leq r
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus $Pu + Qv \in B_r.$ Now, we prove that Q is a contraction.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|(Qu)(t) - (Qv)(t)\| &\leq \frac{1}{|\zeta^{\xi-1} - \zeta^{\xi-2}|} \left\{ |\zeta^{\xi-2}| \int_0^1 \frac{(1-s)^{\xi-1}}{\Gamma(\xi)} \right. \\
 & \quad \|g(s, u(s), u(\mu(s)), Hu(s)) - g(s, v(s), v(\mu(s)), Hv(s))\| ds \\
 & + |\zeta^{\xi-1}| \int_0^1 \frac{(1-s)^{\xi-1}}{\Gamma(\xi)} \|g(s, u(s), u(\mu(s)), Hu(s)) - g(s, v(s), v(\mu(s)), Hv(s))\| ds \\
 & + 2 \int_0^\zeta \frac{(\zeta-s)^{\xi-1}}{\Gamma(\xi)} \|g(s, u(s), u(\mu(s)), Hu(s)) - g(s, v(s), v(\mu(s)), Hv(s))\| ds \Big\} \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{|\zeta^{\xi-1} - \zeta^{\xi-2}|} \left\{ (|\zeta^{\xi-2}| + |\zeta^{\xi-1}|) \right. \\
 & \quad \times \int_0^1 \frac{(1-s)^{\xi-1}}{\Gamma(\xi)} L_f(2\|u-v\|) ds \\
 & + \left\| \int_0^s h(s, \tau, u(\tau), u(\tau)) d\tau - \int_0^s h(s, \tau, v(\tau), v(\tau)) d\tau \right\| ds \\
 & + 2 \int_0^\zeta \frac{(\zeta-s)^{\xi-1}}{\Gamma(\xi)} L_f(2\|u-v\|) ds \\
 & + \left\| \int_0^s h(s, \tau, u(\tau), u(\tau)) d\tau - \int_0^s h(s, \tau, v(\tau), v(\tau)) d\tau \right\| ds
 \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned} & - \int_0^s h(s, \tau, v(\tau), v(\tau)) d\tau \| ds \} \\ \leq & 2L_g \frac{1}{|\zeta^{\xi-1} - \zeta^{\xi-2}|} \left[\frac{1}{\Gamma(\xi+1)} \{ |\zeta^{\xi-2}| + |\zeta^{\xi-1}| + 2|\zeta^\xi| \} \right. \\ & \left. + \frac{L_h}{\Gamma(\xi+2)} \{ |\zeta^{\xi-2}| + |\zeta^{\xi-1}| + 2|\zeta^{\xi+1}| \} \right] \|u - v\| \\ = & \Lambda \|u - v\| \end{aligned}$$

Since $\Lambda < 1$, we say that Q is a contraction mapping. Continuity of g and h implies that the operator P is continuous. Also

$$\begin{aligned} \|(Pu)(t)\| & \leq \int_0^t \frac{(t-s)^{\xi-1}}{\Gamma(\xi)} \|g(s, u(s), u(\mu(s)), Hu(s))\| ds \\ & \leq \frac{\|l\|_{L^1} \phi(r)}{\Gamma(\xi+1)}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore P is uniformly bounded on B_r .

Next to prove that the compactness of the operator P , it is enough to show that P is equicontinuous. Now, for any $t_1, t_2 \in J$ with $t_1 < t_2$ and $u \in B_r$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & |(Pu)(t_2) - (Pu)(t_1)| \\ = & \left| \int_0^{t_2} \frac{(t_2-s)^{\xi-1}}{\Gamma(\xi)} g(s, u(s), u(\mu(s)), Hu(s)) ds \right. \\ & \left. - \int_0^{t_1} \frac{(t_1-s)^{\xi-1}}{\Gamma(\xi)} g(s, u(s), u(\mu(s)), Hu(s)) ds \right| \\ \leq & \int_0^{t_1} \frac{[(t_2-s)^{\xi-1} - (t_1-s)^{\xi-1}]}{\Gamma(\xi)} l(s) \phi(\|x\|) ds \\ & + \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \frac{(t_2-s)^{\xi-1}}{\Gamma(\xi)} l(s) \phi(\|x\|) ds \\ \leq & \phi(r) \left[\int_0^{t_1} \frac{[(t_2-s)^{\xi-1} - (t_1-s)^{\xi-1}]}{\Gamma(\xi)} l(s) ds \right. \\ & \left. + \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \frac{(t_2-s)^{\xi-1}}{\Gamma(\xi)} l(s) ds \right] \end{aligned}$$

which is independent of u and tends to zero as $t_2 \rightarrow t_1$. Thus, P is relatively compact on B_r . Hence, by Arzela-Ascoli Theorem, we have P is compact on B_r . Therefore by the Krasnosel'skii's Fixed Point Theorem, the problem (1.1) has at least one solution on J .

3.2 Existence Result via Leray-Schauder Nonlinear Alternative

Theorem 3.2:

Assume that the hypotheses (A3)-(A5) holds. Then the BVP (1.1) has at least one solution on J .

Proof:

The operator $F : Z \rightarrow Z$ is continuous. Now, we show that

F maps bounded sets into bounded sets in Z . Fix $B_r = \{u \in Z : \|u\| \leq r\}$ in Z .

For $u \in B_r$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \|(Fu)(t)\| \\ \leq & \int_0^t \frac{(t-s)^{\xi-1}}{\Gamma(\xi)} \|g(s, u(s), u(\mu(s)), Hu(s))\| ds \\ & + \frac{1}{|\zeta^{\xi-1} - \zeta^{\xi-2}|} \left\{ |\zeta^{\xi-2}| \int_0^1 \frac{(1-s)^{\xi-1}}{\Gamma(\xi)} \|g(s, u(s), u(\mu(s)), Hu(s))\| ds \right. \\ & \left. + \int_0^\zeta \frac{(\zeta-s)^{\xi-1}}{\Gamma(\xi)} \|g(s, u(s), u(\mu(s)), Hu(s))\| ds \right\} \\ & + \frac{1}{|\zeta^{\xi-1} - \zeta^{\xi-2}|} \left\{ |\zeta^{\xi-1}| \int_0^1 \frac{(1-s)^{\xi-1}}{\Gamma(\xi)} \|g(s, u(s), u(\mu(s)), Hu(s))\| ds \right. \\ & \left. + \int_0^\zeta \frac{(\zeta-s)^{\xi-1}}{\Gamma(\xi)} \|g(s, u(s), u(\mu(s)), Hu(s))\| ds \right\} \\ \leq & (\|\vartheta_1\|_{L^1} \chi(r) + \|\vartheta_2\|_{L^1}) \frac{1}{\Gamma(\xi+1)} \\ & \times \left\{ 1 + \frac{1}{|\zeta^{\xi-1} - \zeta^{\xi-2}|} (|\zeta^{\xi-1}| + |\zeta^{\xi-2}| + 2\zeta^\xi) \right\} \\ = & (\|\vartheta_1\|_{L^1} \chi(r) + \|\vartheta_2\|_{L^1}) \Lambda_1. \end{aligned}$$

Next we show that F maps bounded sets into equicontinuous sets in B_r . Let $t_1, t_2 \in J$ with $t_1 < t_2$ and $u \in B_r$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} & \|(Fu)(t_2) - (Fu)(t_1)\| \\ \leq & \int_0^{t_1} \frac{[(t_2-s)^{\xi-1} - (t_1-s)^{\xi-1}]}{\Gamma(\xi)} \|g(s, u(s), u(\mu(s)), Hu(s))\| ds \\ & + \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \frac{(t_2-s)^{\xi-1}}{\Gamma(\xi)} \|g(s, u(s), u(\mu(s)), Hu(s))\| ds \\ & + \frac{(t_2^{\xi-1} - t_1^{\xi-1})}{|\zeta^{\xi-1} - \zeta^{\xi-2}|} \left\{ |\zeta^{\xi-2}| \int_0^1 \frac{(1-s)^{\xi-1}}{\Gamma(\xi)} \|g(s, u(s), u(\mu(s)), Hu(s))\| ds \right. \\ & \left. + \int_0^\zeta \frac{(\zeta-s)^{\xi-1}}{\Gamma(\xi)} \|g(s, u(s), u(\mu(s)), Hu(s))\| ds \right\} \\ & + \frac{(t_2^{\xi-2} - t_1^{\xi-2})}{|\zeta^{\xi-2} - \zeta^{\xi-1}|} \left\{ |\zeta^{\xi-1}| \int_0^1 \frac{(1-s)^{\xi-1}}{\Gamma(\xi)} \|g(s, u(s), u(\mu(s)), Hu(s))\| ds \right. \\ & \left. + \int_0^\zeta \frac{(\zeta-s)^{\xi-1}}{\Gamma(\xi)} \|g(s, u(s), u(\mu(s)), Hu(s))\| ds \right\} \\ \leq & \chi(r) \left[\int_0^{t_1} \frac{[(t_2-s)^{\xi-1} - (t_1-s)^{\xi-1}]}{\Gamma(\xi)} \vartheta_1(s) ds \right. \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
 & + \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \frac{(t_2 - s)^{\xi-1}}{\Gamma(\xi)} \vartheta_1(s) ds \\
 & + \frac{(t_2^{\xi-1} - t_1^{\xi-1})}{|\zeta^{\xi-1} - \zeta^{\xi-2}|} \left\{ |\zeta^{\xi-2}| \int_0^1 \frac{(1-s)^{\xi-1}}{\Gamma(\xi)} \vartheta_1(s) ds \right. \\
 & + \left. \int_0^\zeta \frac{(\zeta - s)^{\xi-1}}{\Gamma(\xi)} \vartheta_1(s) ds \right\} \\
 & + \frac{(t_2^{\xi-2} - t_1^{\xi-2})}{|\zeta^{\xi-2} - \zeta^{\xi-1}|} \left\{ |\zeta^{\xi-1}| \int_0^1 \frac{(1-s)^{\xi-1}}{\Gamma(\xi)} \vartheta_1(s) ds \right. \\
 & + \left. \int_0^\zeta \frac{(\zeta - s)^{\xi-1}}{\Gamma(\xi)} \vartheta_1(s) ds \right\} \\
 & + \left[\int_0^{t_1} \frac{[(t_2 - s)^{\xi-1} - (t_1 - s)^{\xi-1}]}{\Gamma(\xi)} \vartheta_2(s) ds \right. \\
 & + \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \frac{(t_2 - s)^{\xi-1}}{\Gamma(\xi)} \vartheta_2(s) ds \\
 & + \frac{(t_2^{\xi-1} - t_1^{\xi-1})}{|\zeta^{\xi-1} - \zeta^{\xi-2}|} \left\{ |\zeta^{\xi-2}| \int_0^1 \frac{(1-s)^{\xi-1}}{\Gamma(\xi)} \vartheta_2(s) ds \right. \\
 & + \left. \int_0^\zeta \frac{(\zeta - s)^{\xi-1}}{\Gamma(\xi)} \vartheta_2(s) ds \right\} \\
 & + \frac{(t_2^{\xi-2} - t_1^{\xi-2})}{|\zeta^{\xi-2} - \zeta^{\xi-1}|} \left\{ |\zeta^{\xi-1}| \int_0^1 \frac{(1-s)^{\xi-1}}{\Gamma(\xi)} \vartheta_2(s) ds \right. \\
 & + \left. \int_0^\zeta \frac{(\zeta - s)^{\xi-1}}{\Gamma(\xi)} \vartheta_2(s) ds \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

As $t_2 \rightarrow t_1$, the right hand side of the above equation tends to zero which is independent of $u \in B_r$. Thus F maps bounded sets into equicontinuous sets in B_r . By Arzela-Ascoli's theorem, F is completely continuous.

Let $u = \lambda_0 Fu$, where $\lambda_0 \in (0, 1)$. Then for $t \in J$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 u(t) &= \lambda_0 \int_0^t \frac{(t-s)^{\xi-1}}{\Gamma(\xi)} g(s, u(s), u(\mu(s)), Hu(s)) ds \\
 &+ \frac{\lambda_0}{(\zeta^{\xi-1} - \zeta^{\xi-2})} \left\{ \zeta^{\xi-2} \int_0^1 \frac{(1-s)^{\xi-1}}{\Gamma(\xi)} \right. \\
 &\quad \times g(s, u(s), u(\mu(s)), Hu(s)) ds \\
 &- \left. \int_0^\zeta \frac{(\zeta-s)^{\xi-1}}{\Gamma(\xi)} g(s, u(s), u(\mu(s)), Hu(s)) ds \right\} \\
 &+ \frac{\lambda_0}{(\zeta^{\xi-2} - \zeta^{\xi-1})} \left\{ \zeta^{\xi-1} \int_0^1 \frac{(1-s)^{\xi-1}}{\Gamma(\xi)} \right. \\
 &\quad \times g(s, u(s), u(\mu(s)), Hu(s)) ds \\
 &- \left. \int_0^\zeta \frac{(\zeta-s)^{\xi-1}}{\Gamma(\xi)} g(s, u(s), u(\mu(s)), Hu(s)) ds \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

Then $\|u(t)\| \leq (\mathcal{X}(\|u\|) \|\vartheta_1\|_{L^1} + \|\vartheta_2\|_{L^1}) \Lambda_1$ and which can be written as

$$\frac{\|u\|}{(\mathcal{X}(\|u\|) \|\vartheta_1\|_{L^1} + \|\vartheta_2\|_{L^1}) \Lambda_1} \leq 1.$$

By the assumption of (A5), $\exists M \ni \|u\| \neq M$. Set

$$U = \{u \in Z : \|u\| < M\}.$$

The operator $F : U \rightarrow Z$ is completely continuous. From the above choice of U , there is no $u \in \partial U \ni u = \lambda_0 Fu$, for $\lambda_0 \in (0, 1)$. By the Leray-Schauder nonlinear alternative, we conclude that F has a fixed point $u \in U$ which is a solution to the problem (1.1).

3.3 Uniqueness Result via Banach's Fixed Point Theorem

Theorem 3.3:

Assume that (A1)-(A3) hold with

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Lambda_2 &= 2L_g(1+L_h) \frac{1}{\Gamma(\xi+1)} \left\{ 1 + \frac{1}{|\zeta^{\xi-1} - \zeta^{\xi-2}|} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. [|\zeta^{\xi-1}| + |\zeta^{\xi-2}| + 2\zeta^\xi] \right\} < 1.
 \end{aligned}$$

Then the multipoint BVP (1.1) has a unique solution on J .

Proof:

Let $M_1 = \sup_{t \in J} \|g(t, 0, 0, 0)\|$ and $M_2 = \sup_{t \in J} \|h(t, s, 0, 0)\|$.

Consider $B_r = \{u \in Z : \|u\| \leq r\}$, where $r \geq \frac{\Delta_2}{1-\Delta_1}$ with

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Delta_1 &= 2L_g \left[\frac{1}{\Gamma(\xi+1)} \{1 + |\zeta^{\xi-2}| + |\zeta^{\xi-1}| + 2|\zeta^\xi|\} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + L_h \left\{ \frac{1}{\Gamma(\xi+2)} (|\zeta^{\xi-2}| + |\zeta^{\xi-1}| + 2|\zeta^{\xi+1}|) \right\} \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Delta_2 &= \frac{L_g M_2}{\Gamma(\xi+2)} (|\zeta^{\xi-2}| + |\zeta^{\xi-1}| + 2|\zeta^{\xi+1}|) \\
 &\quad + \frac{M_1}{\Gamma(\xi+1)} (1 + |\zeta^{\xi-2}| + |\zeta^{\xi-1}| + 2|\zeta^\xi|)
 \end{aligned}$$

To show that $FB_r \subset B_r$, where $F : Z \rightarrow Z$.

For $u \in B_r$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|(Fu)(t)\| &\leq \int_0^t \frac{(t-s)^{\xi-1}}{\Gamma(\xi)} \|g(s, u(s), u(\mu(s)), Hu(s))\| ds \\
 &+ \frac{1}{|\zeta^{\xi-1} - \zeta^{\xi-2}|} \left\{ |\zeta^{\xi-2}| \int_0^1 \frac{(1-s)^{\xi-1}}{\Gamma(\xi)} \right. \\
 &\quad \|g(s, u(s), u(\mu(s)), Hu(s))\| ds \\
 &+ \left. \int_0^\zeta \frac{(\zeta-s)^{\xi-1}}{\Gamma(\xi)} \|g(s, u(s), u(\mu(s)), Hu(s))\| ds \right\} \\
 &+ \frac{1}{|\zeta^{\xi-1} - \zeta^{\xi-2}|} \left\{ |\zeta^{\xi-1}| \int_0^1 \frac{(1-s)^{\xi-1}}{\Gamma(\xi)} \right. \\
 &\quad \|g(s, u(s), u(\mu(s)), Hu(s))\| ds \\
 &+ \left. \int_0^\zeta \frac{(\zeta-s)^{\xi-1}}{\Gamma(\xi)} \|g(s, u(s), u(\mu(s)), Hu(s))\| ds \right\} \\
 &\leq \int_0^t \frac{(t-s)^{\xi-1}}{\Gamma(\xi)} [\|g(s, u(s), u(\mu(s)), Hu(s))\| \\
 &\quad - g(s, 0, 0, 0)\| + \|g(s, 0, 0, 0)\|] ds
 \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
 & + \frac{1}{|\zeta^{\xi-1} - \zeta^{\xi-2}|} \left\{ |\zeta^{\xi-2}| \int_0^1 \frac{(1-s)^{\xi-1}}{\Gamma(\xi)} \right. \\
 & \times [\|g(s, u(s), u(\mu(s)), Hu(s)) - g(s, 0, 0, 0)\| \\
 & + \|g(s, 0, 0, 0)\|] ds \\
 & + \int_0^\zeta \frac{(\zeta-s)^{\xi-1}}{\Gamma(\xi)} [\|g(s, u(s), u(\mu(s)), Hu(s)) \\
 & - g(s, 0, 0, 0)\| + \|g(s, 0, 0, 0)\|] ds \left. \right\} \\
 & + \frac{1}{|\zeta^{\xi-1} - \zeta^{\xi-2}|} \left\{ |\zeta^{\xi-1}| \int_0^1 \frac{(1-s)^{\xi-1}}{\Gamma(\xi)} \right. \\
 & [\|g(s, u(s), u(\mu(s)), Hu(s)) - g(s, 0, 0, 0)\| \\
 & + \|g(s, 0, 0, 0)\|] ds \\
 & + \int_0^\zeta \frac{(\zeta-s)^{\xi-1}}{\Gamma(\xi)} [\|g(s, u(s), u(\mu(s)), Hu(s)) \\
 & - g(s, 0, 0, 0)\| + \|g(s, 0, 0, 0)\|] ds \left. \right\} \\
 \leq & \int_0^t \frac{(t-s)^{\xi-1}}{\Gamma(\xi)} [L_g(\|u(s)\| + \|u(\mu(s))\| + \|Hu(s)\|) + M_1] ds \\
 & + \frac{1}{|\zeta^{\xi-1} - \zeta^{\xi-2}|} \{ (|\zeta^{\xi-1}| + |\zeta^{\xi-2}|) \int_0^1 \frac{(1-s)^{\xi-1}}{\Gamma(\xi)} \\
 & [L_g(\|u(s)\| + \|u(\mu(s))\| + \|Hu(s)\|) + M_1] ds \\
 & + 2 \int_0^\zeta \frac{(\zeta-s)^{\xi-1}}{\Gamma(\xi)} [L_g(\|u(s)\| + \|u(\mu(s))\| \\
 & + \|Hu(s)\|) + M_1] ds \\
 \leq & 2rL_g \left[\frac{1}{\Gamma(\xi+1)} \{1 + |\zeta^{\xi-2}| + |\zeta^{\xi-1}| + 2|\zeta^\xi|\} \right. \\
 & \left. + L_h \left\{ \frac{1}{\Gamma(\xi+2)} (|\zeta^{\xi-2}| + |\zeta^{\xi-1}| + 2|\zeta^{\xi+1}|) \right\} \right] \\
 & + \frac{L_g M_2}{\Gamma(\xi+2)} (|\zeta^{\xi-2}| + |\zeta^{\xi-1}| + 2|\zeta^{\xi+1}|) \\
 & + \frac{M_1}{\Gamma(\xi+1)} (1 + |\zeta^{\xi-2}| + |\zeta^{\xi-1}| + 2|\zeta^\xi|) \\
 = & \Delta_1 r + \Delta_2 \leq r.
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus $FB_r \subset B_r$. Now for $u, v \in Z$ and $t \in J$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \| (Fu)(t) - (Fv)(t) \| \\
 \leq & \int_0^t \frac{(t-s)^{\xi-1}}{\Gamma(\xi)} \|g(s, u(s), u(\mu(s)), Hu(s)) \\
 & - g(s, v(s), v(\mu(s)), Hv(s))\| ds \\
 & + \frac{1}{|\zeta^{\xi-1} - \zeta^{\xi-2}|} \left\{ (|\zeta^{\xi-1}| + |\zeta^{\xi-2}|) \right. \\
 & \int_0^1 \frac{(1-s)^{\xi-1}}{\Gamma(\xi)} \|g(s, u(s), u(\mu(s)), Hu(s)) \\
 & - g(s, v(s), v(\mu(s)), Hv(s))\| ds \\
 & + 2 \int_0^\zeta \frac{(\zeta-s)^{\xi-1}}{\Gamma(\xi)} \|g(s, u(s), u(\mu(s)), Hu(s)) \\
 & - g(s, v(s), v(\mu(s)), Hv(s))\| ds \left. \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & - g(s, v(s), v(\mu(s)), Hv(s))\| ds \left. \right\} \\
 \leq & \int_0^t \frac{(t-s)^{\xi-1}}{\Gamma(\xi)} [L_g(\|u-v\| + \|u-v\| \\
 & + \int_0^s h(s, \tau, u(\tau), u(\mu(\tau))) d\tau \\
 & - \int_0^s h(s, \tau, v(\tau), v(\mu(\tau))) d\tau) \|] ds \\
 & + \frac{1}{|\zeta^{\xi-1} - \zeta^{\xi-2}|} \left\{ (|\zeta^{\xi-1}| + |\zeta^{\xi-2}|) \right. \\
 & \int_0^1 \frac{(1-s)^{\xi-1}}{\Gamma(\xi)} [L_g(\|u-v\| \\
 & + \|u-v\| + \int_0^s h(s, \tau, u(\tau), u(\mu(\tau))) d\tau \\
 & - \int_0^s h(s, \tau, v(\tau), v(\mu(\tau))) d\tau) \|] ds \\
 & + 2 \int_0^\zeta \frac{(\zeta-s)^{\xi-1}}{\Gamma(\xi)} [L_g(\|u-v\| + \|u-v\| \\
 & + \int_0^s h(s, \tau, u(\tau), u(\mu(\tau))) d\tau \\
 & - \int_0^s h(s, \tau, v(\tau), v(\mu(\tau))) d\tau) \|] ds \left. \right\} \\
 \leq & 2L_g(1+L_h) \frac{1}{\Gamma(\xi+1)} \left\{ 1 + \frac{1}{|\zeta^{\xi-1} - \zeta^{\xi-2}|} \right. \\
 & \left. [|\zeta^{\xi-1}| + |\zeta^{\xi-2}| + 2\zeta^\xi] \right\} \|u-v\| \\
 = & \Lambda_2 \|u-v\|
 \end{aligned}$$

Here Λ_2 depends only on the parameters involved in the problem. Since $\Lambda_2 < 1$, we say that F is a contraction. Hence, by the Contraction mapping principle, the BVP (1.1) has a unique solution on J .

4. Example

Example 4.1

Consider the following BVP:

$$\begin{aligned}
 D^{\frac{5}{2}} u(t) &= \frac{1}{(t+15)} \frac{|u(t)|}{1+|u(t)|} + \frac{e^{-2t}}{14+e^t} \frac{|u(\frac{2t}{3})|}{1+|u(\frac{2t}{3})|} \\
 &+ \frac{1}{15} \int_0^t \frac{e^s}{5} \frac{|u(s^3)|}{1+|u(s^3)|} ds \tag{4.1}
 \end{aligned}$$

with the boundary conditions:

$$u(0) = 0, u(\frac{1}{3}) = 0, u(1) = 0.$$

Here $\xi = \frac{5}{2}$, $\zeta = \frac{1}{3}$. From (4.1), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 g(t, u(t), u(\mu(t)), Hu(t)) &= \frac{1}{(t+15)} \frac{|u(t)|}{1+|u(t)|} \\
 &+ \frac{e^{-2t}}{14+e^t} \frac{|u(\frac{2t}{3})|}{1+|u(\frac{2t}{3})|}
 \end{aligned}$$



$$+ \frac{1}{15} \int_0^t \frac{e^s}{5} \frac{|u(s^3)|}{1+|u(s^3)|} ds$$

where $Hu(t) = \int_0^t \frac{e^s}{5} \frac{|u(s^3)|}{1+|u(s^3)|} ds, \mu(t) = \frac{2t}{3}, \theta(t) = t^3$.

The assumption (A1) is satisfied with $L_g = \frac{1}{15}$ and $L_h = \frac{1}{5}$. Also

$$\Lambda = \frac{2L_g}{|\zeta^{\xi-1} - \zeta^{\xi-2}| \Gamma(\xi+1)} \left\{ [|\zeta^{\xi-2}| + |\zeta^{\xi-1}| + 2|\zeta^\xi|] + \frac{L_h}{\xi+1} [|\zeta^{\xi-2}| + |\zeta^{\xi-1}| + 2|\zeta^{\xi+1}|] \right\} = 0.0984 < 1.$$

Thus all the assumptions of the Theorem 3.2 are satisfied. Hence the problem (4.1) has at least one solution on J .

Example 4.2

Consider the BVP:

$$D^{\frac{5}{2}}u(t) = \frac{1}{62+2t} \frac{u(t)}{1+u(t)} + \frac{e^{-t}}{61+e^t} \frac{u(2t^3)}{1+u(2t^3)} + \frac{1}{62} \int_0^t \frac{e^{-s}}{7} \frac{u(\cos s)}{1+u(\cos s)} ds \quad (4.2)$$

with the boundary conditions:

$$u(0) = 0, u(\frac{1}{2}) = 0, u(1) = 0.$$

Here $\xi = \frac{5}{2}, \zeta = \frac{1}{2}$. From (4.2), we have

$$g(t, u(t), u(\mu(t)), Hu(t)) = \frac{1}{62+2t} \frac{u(t)}{1+u(t)} + \frac{e^{-t}}{61+e^t} \frac{u(2t^3)}{1+u(2t^3)} + \frac{1}{62} \int_0^t \frac{e^{-s}}{7} \frac{u(\cos s)}{1+u(\cos s)} ds$$

where $Hu(t) = \int_0^t \frac{e^{-s}}{7} \frac{u(\cos s)}{1+u(\cos s)} ds, \mu(t) = 2t^3, \theta(t) = \cos t$.

The assumption (A1) is satisfied with $L_g = \frac{1}{62}$ and $L_h = \frac{1}{7}$. Also

$$\Lambda_2 = 2L_g(1+L_h) \frac{1}{\Gamma(\xi+1)} \left\{ 1 + \frac{1}{|\zeta^{\xi-1} - \zeta^{\xi-2}|} [|\zeta^{\xi-1}| + |\zeta^{\xi-2}| + 2\zeta^\xi] \right\} = 0.0556 < 1.$$

Thus all the assumptions of the Theorem 3.5 are satisfied. Hence the problem (4.2) has a unique solution on J .

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