



BOUNDARY VALUE PROBLEMS FOR FRACTIONAL DIFFERENTIAL EQUATION IN SPECIAL BANACH SPACE

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ABSTRACT. This paper studies the existence of solutions of boundary value problem for fractional differential equations on the half-line in a special Banach space. The main result is based on Mönch fixed point theorem combining with a suitable measure of non-compactness, an example is given to illustrate our approach.

1. INTRODUCTION

Fractional differential equations play a very important role in describing some real world problems, for example, in the description of hereditary properties of various materials and processes. They are also widely applied in the mathematical modeling of processes in physics, chemistry, aerodynamics, electro-dynamics of complex medium, polymer rheology, etc. Consequently, the fractional calculus and its applications in various fields of science and engineering have received much attention and have developed very rapidly (cf. [18,20,23] for instance).

Very recently, many research papers have appeared concerning the fractional differential equations in Banach spaces, some of them investigated the existence results of solutions on finite intervals by classical tools from

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functional analysis; see, for example References. [1, 3, 6–8, 19, 21, 22].

In [4]. A. Arara and M. Benchohra studied the following problem

$$\begin{cases} {}^c D_{0+}^{\alpha} y(t) = f(t, y(t)), & t \in J = (0, +\infty), 1 < \alpha \leq 2, \\ y(0) = y_0, & y \text{ is bounded on } J, \end{cases}$$

where ${}^c D_{0+}^{\alpha}$ is the Caputo fractional derivative of order α , $f : J \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a continuous function and $y_0 \in \mathbb{R}$. The main approach is based on Schauder's fixed point theorem. My results is to generalize the previous work.

This article concerns the existence of solutions of boundary value problem for fractional differential equations on unbounded interval. We consider the boundary value problem

$$(1.1) \quad D_{0+}^{\alpha} y(t) = f(t, y(t)), \quad t \in J = (0, +\infty),$$

$$(1.2) \quad I_{0+}^{2-\alpha} y(0^+) = y_0,$$

$$(1.3) \quad D_{0+}^{\alpha-1} y(\infty) = y_{\infty}.$$

D_{0+}^{α} denote Riemann-Liouville fractional derivative introduced, $1 < \alpha \leq 2$. The operator $I_{0+}^{2-\alpha}$ denotes the left-sided Riemann-Liouville fractional integral, the state $y(\cdot)$ takes value in a Banach space E , $f : (0, \infty) \times E \rightarrow E$ will be specified in later sections and $(y_0, y_{\infty}) \in E \times E$.

This paper is organized in the following way. In Section 2, we give some general results and preliminaries and in Section 3, we present existence results for the problem (1.1)-(1.3), using the Mönch's fixed point theorem combined with the technique of measure of noncompactness. Finally an illustrative example will be presented in Section 4.

2. PRELIMINARY RESULTS

In this section, we introduce some notation and technical results which are used throughout this paper. Let $I \subset J$ be a compact interval and denote by $C(I, E)$ the Banach space of continuous functions $y : I \rightarrow E$ with the usual norm

$$\|y\|_{\infty} = \sup\{\|y(t)\|, t \in I\}.$$

$L^1(J, E)$ the space of E -valued Bochner integrable functions on J with the norm

$$\|f\|_{L^1} = \int_0^{+\infty} \|f(t)\| dt.$$

We consider the space of functions

$$C_\alpha([0, \infty), E) = \{y \in C(J, E) : \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} t^{2-\alpha}y(t) \text{ exists and finite}\}.$$

For $y \in C_\alpha((0, \infty), E)$, we define y_α by

$$y_\alpha(t) = \begin{cases} t^{2-\alpha}y(t), & t \in (0, \infty), \\ \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} t^{2-\alpha}y(t), & t = 0. \end{cases}$$

It is clear that $y_\alpha \in C([0, \infty), E)$.

We consider the following Banach space

$$X_\alpha([0, \infty), E) = \{y \in C_\alpha([0, \infty), E) : \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{t^{2-\alpha}y(t)}{1 + t^\alpha} \text{ exists and finite}\}.$$

A norm in this space is given by

$$\|y\|_\alpha = \sup_{t \in J} \frac{t^{2-\alpha}\|y(t)\|}{1 + t^\alpha}.$$

We begin with some definitions from the theory of fractional calculus. Let $\alpha > 0$, $n = [\alpha] + 1$ (the least integer greater than or equal to α) and $h \in C(J, E)$.

Definition 2.1. [18].

- (1) The Riemann-Liouville fractional integral of the function h of order α is defined by

$$I_{0+}^\alpha h(t) = g_\alpha(t) * h(t) = \int_0^t g_\alpha(t-s)h(s)ds, \quad t > 0,$$

where $*$ denotes convolution and $g_\alpha(t) = t^{\alpha-1}/\Gamma(\alpha)$.

- (2) The Riemann-Liouville fractional derivative of the function h of order α is defined by

$$D_{0+}^\alpha h(t) = \frac{d^n}{dt^n}(g_{n-\alpha}(t) * h(t)),$$

for all $t > 0$. Where Γ is the gamma function.

For the existence of solutions for the problem (1.1)-(1.3), we need the following auxiliary lemmas.

Lemma 2.1. [26] Let $\alpha > 0$, then the differential equation

$$D_{0+}^\alpha h(t) = 0,$$

has solutions $h(t) = c_1t^{\alpha-1} + c_2t^{\alpha-2} + \dots + c_nt^{\alpha-n}$, for some $c_i \in \mathbb{R}$, $i = 1 \dots n$, where $n = [\alpha] + 1$.

Lemma 2.2. [26] Let $\alpha > 0$, then

$$I_{0+}^\alpha D_{0+}^\alpha h(t) = h(t) + c_1t^{\alpha-1} + c_2t^{\alpha-2} + \dots + c_nt^{\alpha-n},$$

for some $c_i \in \mathbb{R}$, $i = 0, \dots, n$, where $n = [\alpha] + 1$.

Remark 2.1. For $\alpha > 0, k > -1$, we have

$$I_{0+}^{\alpha} t^k = \frac{\Gamma(k+1)}{\Gamma(\alpha+k+1)} t^{\alpha+k} \text{ and } D_{0+}^{\alpha} t^k = \frac{\Gamma(k+1)}{\Gamma(k-\alpha+1)} t^{k-\alpha}, \quad t > 0,$$

giving in particular $D_{0+}^{\alpha} t^{\alpha-m} = 0, m = 1, \dots, n$, where n is the smallest integer greater than or equal to α .

Remark 2.2. If h is suitable function (see for instance [18, 20, 23]), we have the composition relations $D_{0+}^{\alpha} I_{0+}^{\alpha} h(t) = h(t), \alpha > 0$ and $D_{0+}^{\alpha} I_{0+}^k h(t) = I_{0+}^{k-\alpha} h(t), k > \alpha > 0, t > 0$.

We note that γ, γ_C and $\gamma_{X_{\alpha}}$ the Kuratowski noncompactness measure of bounded sets in the spaces $E, C(I, E)$ and X_{α} , respectively. As for the definition of the Kuratowski noncompactness measure, we refer to references [5, 17]. The following properties of the Kuratowski measure of noncompactness and Mönch fixed point theorem are needed for our discussion.

Lemma 2.3. If $H \subset C(I, E)$ is bounded and equicontinuous, then $\gamma(H(t))$ is continuous on I and

$$\gamma_C(H) = \max_{t \in I} \gamma(H(t)), \quad \gamma\left(\left\{\int_I x(t) dt : x \in H\right\}\right) \leq \int_I \gamma(H(t)) dt,$$

where $H(t) = \{x(t) : x \in H\}$.

Theorem 2.1. [2, 24] Let D be a bounded, closed and convex subset of a Banach space E such that $0 \in D$, and let N be a continuous mapping of D into itself. If the implication

$$V = \overline{\text{conv}}N(V) \text{ or } V = N(V) \cup \{0\} \implies \gamma(V) = 0,$$

holds for every subset V of D , then N has a fixed point.

3. MAIN RESULT

We will need to introduce the following hypotheses which are assumed here after.

(H₁) There exists a nonnegative functions $a, b \in C(J, \mathbb{R}^+)$ such that

$$\|f(t, u)\| \leq a(t) + t^{2-\alpha} b(t) \|u\| \text{ for all } t \in J \text{ and } u \in E,$$

where

$$\int_0^{\infty} (1+t^{\alpha}) b(t) dt < \Gamma(\alpha), \quad \int_0^{\infty} a(t) dt < \infty.$$

(H₂) $\forall t \in (0, L], \forall x, y \in E : \|f(t, x) - f(t, y)\| \leq \frac{t^{2-\alpha}}{1+t^{\alpha}} \|x - y\|.$

(H₃) There exists nonnegative function $\ell \in L^1(J, \mathbb{R}^+)$ such that for each nonempty, bounded set $\Omega \subset X_{\alpha}(J, E)$

$$\gamma(f(t, \Omega(t))) \leq t^{2-\alpha} \ell(t) \gamma(\Omega(t)), \quad \text{for all } t \in J,$$

where

$$\int_0^{\infty} (1+t^{\alpha}) \ell(t) dt \leq \Gamma(\alpha).$$

Definition 3.1. A function $y \in X_\alpha([0, +\infty))$ is said to be solution of the problem (1.1)-(1.3) if y satisfies the equation $D_{0+}^\alpha y(t) = f(t, y(t))$ and the conditions (1.2 – 1.3).

Lemma 3.1. Let $1 < \alpha < 2$ and let $h : J \rightarrow E$ be continuous. A function y is a solution of the fractional integral equation

$$(3.1) \quad y(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)}[y_\infty - \int_0^\infty h(t)dt]t^{\alpha-1} + \frac{y_0}{\Gamma(\alpha-1)}t^{\alpha-2} + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^t (t-s)^{\alpha-1}h(s)ds$$

if and only if y is solution of the problem

$$(3.2) \quad D_{0+}^\alpha y(t) = h(t), \quad t \in J = (0, +\infty),$$

$$(3.3) \quad I_{0+}^{2-\alpha} y(0^+) = y_0,$$

$$(3.4) \quad D_{0+}^{\alpha-1} y(\infty) = y_\infty.$$

Proof. Assume that y satisfies the problem (3.2)-(3.4). We may apply Lemma 2.2 to reduce equation (3.2) to an equivalent integral equation

$$(3.5) \quad y(t) = c_1 t^{\alpha-1} + c_2 t^{\alpha-2} + I_{0+}^\alpha h(t),$$

for some $c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{R}$. Applying $I_{0+}^{2-\alpha}$ to both side of (3.5), we have

$$I_{0+}^{2-\alpha} y(t) = c_1 I_{0+}^{2-\alpha} t^{\alpha-1} + c_2 I_{0+}^{2-\alpha} t^{\alpha-2} + I_{0+}^{2-\alpha} I_{0+}^\alpha h(t).$$

From Remark 2.1, we then get

$$I_{0+}^{2-\alpha} y(t) = \frac{c_1 \Gamma(\alpha)}{\Gamma(2)} t + c_2 \Gamma(\alpha-1) + \frac{1}{\Gamma(2)} \int_0^t (t-s)h(s)ds.$$

As $t \rightarrow 0$, we obtain

$$c_2 = \frac{y_0}{\Gamma(\alpha-1)}.$$

Applying $D_{0+}^{\alpha-1}$ to both side of (3.5), we have

$$D_{0+}^{\alpha-1} y(t) = c_1 D_{0+}^{\alpha-1} t^{\alpha-1} + c_2 D_{0+}^{\alpha-1} t^{\alpha-2} + D_{0+}^{\alpha-1} I_{0+}^\alpha h(t).$$

From Remark 2.1 and Remark 2.2, we then get

$$D_{0+}^{\alpha-1} y(t) = c_1 \Gamma(\alpha) + \frac{1}{\Gamma(1)} \int_0^t h(s)ds.$$

Hence

$$c_1 = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)}(y_\infty - \int_0^\infty h(t)dt).$$

Thus, we have

$$y(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)}[y_\infty - \int_0^\infty h(t)dt]t^{\alpha-1} + \frac{y_0}{\Gamma(\alpha-1)}t^{\alpha-2} + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^t (t-s)^{\alpha-1}h(s)ds.$$

Conversely. The proof is simple. □

Consider the operator $N : X_\alpha([0, \infty), E) \rightarrow X_\alpha([0, \infty), E)$ defined by

$$\begin{aligned} N(y)(t) &= \frac{y_\infty}{\Gamma(\alpha)}t^{\alpha-1} + \frac{y_0}{\Gamma(\alpha-1)}t^{\alpha-2} - \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^t [t^{\alpha-1} - (t-s)^{\alpha-1}]f(s, y(s))ds \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_t^\infty t^{\alpha-1}f(s, y(s))ds. \end{aligned}$$

The following several lemmas present some properties of the operator N , which are necessary for the proof of our main result.

Lemma 3.2. *Suppose that conditions (H_1) and (H_2) are valid. Then the operator N is bounded and continuous.*

Proof. For $y \in X_\alpha([0, \infty), E)$, it is easy to deduce from (H_1) , and that $Ny \in X_\alpha(J, E)$. Furthermore, (H_1) guarantees that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{t^{2-\alpha}\|N(y)(t)\|}{1+t^\alpha} &\leq \frac{\|y_\infty\|}{\Gamma(\alpha)} + \frac{\|y_0\|}{\Gamma(\alpha-1)} + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^\infty \|f(s, y(s))\|ds \\ &\leq \frac{\|y_\infty\|}{\Gamma(\alpha)} + \frac{\|y_0\|}{\Gamma(\alpha-1)} + \frac{\|y\|_\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^\infty (1+t^\alpha)b(t)dt + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^\infty a(t)dt. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, $N : X_\alpha(J, E) \rightarrow X_\alpha(J, E)$ is bounded. Next we prove that N is continuous. Let $\{y_n\}_{n=1}^\infty \subset X_\alpha(J, E)$ and $y \in X_\alpha(J, E)$ such that $y_n \rightarrow y$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Then, $\{y_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$ is a bounded set of $X_\alpha(J, E)$, i.e. there exists $M > 0$ such that $\|y_n\|_\alpha \leq M$ for $n > 1$. We also have by taking limit that $\|y\|_\alpha \leq M$. In view of condition (H_1) , for any $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists $L > 0$ such that

$$\int_L^\infty a(t)dt < \frac{\Gamma(\alpha)}{6}\varepsilon, \quad \int_L^\infty (1+t^\alpha)b(t)dt < \frac{\Gamma(\alpha)\varepsilon}{6M},$$

and there exists $\tilde{N} \in \mathbb{N}$ such that, for all $n \geq \tilde{N}$, we have

$$\|f(s, y_n(s)) - f(s, y(s))\| < \frac{\Gamma(\alpha)}{3L}\varepsilon.$$

Therefore, for all $t \in J$ and $n > \tilde{N}$, we can obtain from

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{t^{2-\alpha}}{1+t^\alpha}\|N(y_n)(t) - N(y)(t)\| &\leq \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^t \|f(s, y_n(s)) - f(s, y(s))\|ds \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_t^\infty \|f(s, y_n(s)) - f(s, y(s))\|ds. \end{aligned}$$

If $t \leq L$ and $n > \tilde{N}$, we can obtain from

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{t^{2-\alpha}}{1+t^\alpha} \|N(y_n)(t) - N(y)(t)\| \leq \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^t \|f(s, y_n(s)) - f(s, y(s))\| ds \\ & + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_t^\infty \|f(s, y_n(s)) - f(s, y(s))\| ds \\ & \leq \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^t \|f(s, y_n(s)) - f(s, y(s))\| ds \\ & + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \left[\int_t^L \|f(s, y_n(s)) - f(s, y(s))\| ds + \int_L^\infty \|f(s, y_n(s)) - f(s, y(s))\| ds \right] \\ & \leq \frac{2}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^L \|f(s, y_n(s)) - f(s, y(s))\| ds + \frac{2M}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_L^\infty (1+s^\alpha)b(s) ds + \frac{2}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_L^\infty a(s) ds \\ & \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{3} + \frac{\varepsilon}{3} + \frac{\varepsilon}{3} = \varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

The case when $t > L$ and $n > \tilde{N}$ is treated similarly. Thus we conclude that

$$\|y_n - y\|_\alpha \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty,$$

namely, N is continuous and the conclusion of the lemma follows. □

Lemma 3.3. *Let condition (H_1) be satisfied and B be a bounded subset of $X_\alpha(J, E)$. Then*

- (i) $\frac{t^{2-\alpha}N(B)(t)}{1+t^\alpha}$ is equicontinuous on any compact interval of J .
- (ii) For given $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists a constant $N_1 > 0$ such that $\|\frac{t_1^{2-\alpha}N(y)(t_1)}{1+t_1^\alpha} - \frac{t_2^{2-\alpha}N(y)(t_2)}{1+t_2^\alpha}\| < \varepsilon$ for any $t_1, t_2 \geq N_1$ and $y(\cdot) \in B$.

Proof. We have

$$Ny(t) = \frac{y_\infty - \int_0^\infty f(t, y(t))dt}{\Gamma(\alpha)} t^{\alpha-1} + \frac{y_0}{\Gamma(\alpha-1)} t^{\alpha-2} + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^t (t-s)^{\alpha-1} f(s, y(s)) ds.$$

In view of condition (H_1) and the boundedness of B , there exists $M > 0$ such that

$$(3.6) \quad \int_0^\infty \|f(t, y(t))\| dt \leq M \text{ for any } y \in B.$$

In order to prove (i), let the constant r be such that $\|y\|_\alpha \leq r$ for any $y \in B$, and without loss of generality, let $[a, b] \subset J$ be a compact interval and $t_1, t_2 \in [a, b]$ with $t_1 < t_2$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\| \frac{t_1^{2-\alpha} N(y)(t_1)}{1+t_1^\alpha} - \frac{t_2^{2-\alpha} N(y)(t_2)}{1+t_2^\alpha} \right\| \leq \frac{\|y_\infty\| + M}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \left| \frac{t_1}{1+t_1^\alpha} - \frac{t_2}{1+t_2^\alpha} \right| + \frac{\|y_0\|}{\Gamma(\alpha-1)} \left| \frac{1}{1+t_1^\alpha} - \frac{1}{1+t_2^\alpha} \right| \\ & + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \left\| \int_0^{t_1} (t_1-s)^{\alpha-1} f(s, y(s)) ds - \int_0^{t_2} (t_2-s)^{\alpha-1} f(s, y(s)) ds \right\| \\ & \leq \frac{\|y_\infty\| + M}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \left| \frac{t_1}{1+t_1^\alpha} - \frac{t_2}{1+t_2^\alpha} \right| + \frac{\|y_0\|}{\Gamma(\alpha-1)} \left| \frac{1}{1+t_1^\alpha} - \frac{1}{1+t_2^\alpha} \right| \\ & + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^{t_1} |(t_2-s)^{\alpha-1} - (t_1-s)^{\alpha-1}| \|f(s, y(s))\| ds \\ & + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_{t_1}^{t_2} (t_2-s)^{\alpha-1} \|f(s, y(s))\| ds \\ & \leq \frac{\|y_\infty\| + M}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \left| \frac{t_1}{1+t_1^\alpha} - \frac{t_2}{1+t_2^\alpha} \right| + \frac{\|y_0\|}{\Gamma(\alpha-1)} \left| \frac{1}{1+t_1^\alpha} - \frac{1}{1+t_2^\alpha} \right| \\ & + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^{t_1} |(t_2-s)^{\alpha-1} - (t_1-s)^{\alpha-1}| a(s) ds \\ & + \frac{r}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^{t_1} |(t_2-s)^{\alpha-1} - (t_1-s)^{\alpha-1}| (1+s^\alpha) b(s) ds + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_{t_1}^{t_2} (t_2-s)^{\alpha-1} a(s) ds \\ & + \frac{r}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_{t_1}^{t_2} (t_2-s)^{\alpha-1} (1+s^\alpha) b(s) ds \\ & \leq \frac{\|y_\infty\| + M}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \left| \frac{t_1}{1+t_1^\alpha} - \frac{t_2}{1+t_2^\alpha} \right| + \frac{\|y_0\|}{\Gamma(\alpha-1)} \left| \frac{1}{1+t_1^\alpha} - \frac{1}{1+t_2^\alpha} \right| \\ & + \frac{a^* + b^* r}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \left(\int_0^{t_1} (t_2-s)^{\alpha-1} - (t_1-s)^{\alpha-1} ds \right) + \frac{a^* + b^* r}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_{t_1}^{t_2} (t_2-s)^{\alpha-1} ds \\ & + \frac{2b^* r}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \left(\int_0^{t_2} (t_2-s)^{\alpha-1} s^\alpha ds - \int_0^{t_1} (t_1-s)^{\alpha-1} s^\alpha ds \right) \\ & \leq \frac{\|y_\infty\| + M}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \left| \frac{t_1}{1+t_1^\alpha} - \frac{t_2}{1+t_2^\alpha} \right| + \frac{\|y_0\|}{\Gamma(\alpha-1)} \left| \frac{1}{1+t_1^\alpha} - \frac{1}{1+t_2^\alpha} \right| \\ & + \frac{a^* + b^* r}{\Gamma(1+\alpha)} (t_2^\alpha - t_1^\alpha - (t_2-t_1)^\alpha) + \frac{a^* + b^* r}{\Gamma(1+\alpha)} (t_2-t_1)^\alpha + \frac{2b^* r \mathcal{B}(\alpha, \alpha+1)}{\Gamma(\alpha)} (t_2^{2\alpha} - t_1^{2\alpha}), \end{aligned}$$

where $a^* = \max_{t \in [a, b]} a(t)$ and $b^* = \max_{t \in [a, b]} b(t)$. As $t_2 \rightarrow t_1$ the right-hand side of the above inequality tends to zero. Then $\frac{t^{2-\alpha} N(B)(t)}{1+t^\alpha}$ is equicontinuous on $[a, b]$.

Next we verify assertion (ii). Let $\varepsilon > 0$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\| \frac{t_1^{2-\alpha} N(y)(t_1)}{1+t_1^\alpha} - \frac{t_2^{2-\alpha} N(y)(t_2)}{1+t_2^\alpha} \right\| \leq \frac{\|y_\infty\| + M}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \left| \frac{t_1}{1+t_1^\alpha} - \frac{t_2}{1+t_2^\alpha} \right| + \frac{\|y_0\|}{\Gamma(\alpha-1)} \left| \frac{1}{1+t_1^\alpha} - \frac{1}{1+t_2^\alpha} \right| \\ & + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \left\| \int_0^{t_1} \frac{t_1^{2-\alpha} (t_1-s)^{\alpha-1}}{1+t_1^\alpha} f(s, y(s)) ds - \int_0^{t_2} \frac{t_2^{2-\alpha} (t_2-s)^{\alpha-1}}{1+t_2^\alpha} f(s, y(s)) ds \right\|. \end{aligned}$$

It is sufficient to prove that

$$\left\| \int_0^{t_1} \frac{t_1^{2-\alpha}(t_1-s)^{\alpha-1}}{1+t_1^\alpha} f(s, y(s)) ds - \int_0^{t_2} \frac{t_2^{2-\alpha}(t_2-s)^{\alpha-1}}{1+t_2^\alpha} f(s, y(s)) ds \right\| \leq \varepsilon.$$

Relation (3.6) yields that there exists $N_0 > 0$ such that

$$(3.7) \quad \int_{N_0}^\infty \|f(t, y(t))\| dt \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{3} \text{ for any } y \in B.$$

On the other hand, since $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{t^{2-\alpha}(t-N_0)^{\alpha-1}}{1+t^\alpha} = 0$, there exists $N_1 > N_0$ such that, for any $t_1, t_2 \geq N_1$ and $s \in [0, N_0]$, we have

$$(3.8) \quad \left| \frac{t_2^{2-\alpha}(t_2-s)^{\alpha-1}}{1+t_2^\alpha} - \frac{t_1^{2-\alpha}(t_1-s)^{\alpha-1}}{1+t_1^\alpha} \right| < \frac{\varepsilon}{3M}.$$

Now taking $t_1, t_2 \geq N_1$, from (3.7), (3.8) we can arrive at

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\| \int_0^{t_1} \frac{t_1^{2-\alpha}(t_1-s)^{\alpha-1}}{1+t_1^\alpha} f(s, y(s)) ds - \int_0^{t_2} \frac{t_2^{2-\alpha}(t_2-s)^{\alpha-1}}{1+t_2^\alpha} f(s, y(s)) ds \right\| \\ & \leq \int_0^{N_1} \left| \frac{t_2^{2-\alpha}(t_2-s)^{\alpha-1}}{1+t_2^\alpha} - \frac{t_1^{2-\alpha}(t_1-s)^{\alpha-1}}{1+t_1^\alpha} \right| \|f(s, y(s))\| ds \\ & \quad + \int_{N_1}^{t_1} \frac{t_1^{2-\alpha}(t_1-s)^{\alpha-1}}{1+t_1^\alpha} \|f(s, y(s))\| ds + \int_{N_1}^{t_2} \frac{t_2^{2-\alpha}(t_2-s)^{\alpha-1}}{1+t_2^\alpha} \|f(s, y(s))\| ds \\ & < \frac{\varepsilon}{3M} \int_0^\infty \|f(s, y(s))\| ds + 2 \int_{N_1}^\infty \|f(s, y(s))\| ds < \varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we complete the proof of lemma 3.3. □

Lemma 3.4. [25] Suppose that condition (H_1) holds and B is a bounded subset of $X_\alpha(J, E)$. Then $\gamma_{X_\alpha}(N(B)) = \sup_{t \in J} \gamma \left(\frac{t^{2-\alpha}N(B)(t)}{1+t^\alpha} \right)$.

Now we are in a position to give the main result of this work. Let

$$B = \{y \in X_\alpha([0, \infty), E) : \|y\|_\alpha \leq R\}.$$

Theorem 3.1. Suppose that conditions (H_1) , (H_2) and (H_3) are valid. If

(H_4)

$$R > \frac{\|y_\infty\| + (\alpha - 1)\|y_0\| + \int_0^\infty a(t)dt}{\Gamma(\alpha) - \int_0^\infty (1+t^\alpha)b(t)dt}.$$

Then the problem (1.1)-(1.3) has at least one solution.

Proof. First we transform problem (1.1)-(1.3) into a fixed point problem. Consider the operator $N : X_\alpha([0, \infty), E) \rightarrow X_\alpha([0, \infty), E)$ defined by

$$\begin{aligned} N(y)(t) &= \frac{y_\infty}{\Gamma(\alpha)} t^{\alpha-1} + \frac{y_0}{\Gamma(\alpha-1)} t^{\alpha-2} - \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^t [t^{\alpha-1} - (t-s)^{\alpha-1}] f(s, y(s)) ds \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_t^\infty t^{\alpha-1} f(s, y(s)) ds. \end{aligned}$$

From Lemma 3.1, the fixed points of N are solutions to (1.1)-(1.3). We shall show that N satisfies the assumptions of Mönch fixed point theorem (Theorem 2.1).

Then we can derive that $N : B \rightarrow B$. Indeed, for any $y \in B$, by condition (H_1) we get

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \frac{t^{2-\alpha} N(y)(t)}{1+t^\alpha} \right\| &\leq \frac{\|y_\infty\|}{\Gamma(\alpha)} + \frac{\|y_0\|}{\Gamma(\alpha-1)} + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^\infty \|f(t, y(t))\| dt \\ &\leq \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \left(\|y_\infty\| + (\alpha-1)\|y_0\| + \int_0^\infty a(t) dt + R \int_0^\infty (1+t^\alpha)b(t) dt \right) < R. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, from (H_4) we have $\|Ny\|_\alpha \leq R$, and we conclude that $N : B \rightarrow B$. Clearly B is a bounded, convex and closed subset of $X_\alpha([0, \infty), E)$, together with Lemma 3.2 we know that $N : B \rightarrow B$ is continuous.

Finally we need to prove the following implication

$$V \subset \overline{\text{conv}}\{N(V) \cup \{0\}\} \implies \gamma_{X_\alpha}(V) = 0, \text{ for any } V \subset B.$$

Let $V \subset B$ such that $V \subset \overline{\text{conv}}\{N(V) \cup \{0\}\}$ and $t \in J$, we choose $\xi > 0$ and $n > 0$ such that $\xi < t < n$.

For each $y \in V$, we consider

$$\begin{aligned} N_{\xi,n}(y)(t) &= \frac{y_\infty}{\Gamma(\alpha)} t^{\alpha-1} + \frac{y_0}{\Gamma(\alpha-1)} t^{\alpha-2} + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_\xi^t [t^{\alpha-1} - (t-s)^{\alpha-1}] f(s, y(s)) ds \\ &+ \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_t^n (t-s)^{\alpha-1} f(s, y(s)) ds. \end{aligned}$$

Then from (H_1) , we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{t^{2-\alpha}}{1+t^\alpha} \|N_{\xi,n}(y)(t) - N(y)(t)\| &\leq \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^\xi \|f(t, y(t))\| dt + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_n^\infty \|f(t, y(t))\| dt \\ &\leq \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \left(\int_0^\xi a(t) dt + R \int_0^\xi (1+t^\alpha)b(t) dt + \int_n^\infty a(t) dt + R \int_n^\infty (1+t^\alpha)b(t) dt \right), \end{aligned}$$

this shows that $H_d \left(\frac{t^{2-\alpha} N_{\xi,n}(V)(t)}{1+t^\alpha}, \frac{t^{2-\alpha} N(V)(t)}{1+t^\alpha} \right) \rightarrow 0$ as $\xi \rightarrow 0$ and $n \rightarrow \infty$, $t \in J$. Where H_d denotes the Hausdorff metric in space E . By the property of noncompactness measure we get

$$(3.9) \quad \lim_{\xi \rightarrow 0, n \rightarrow \infty} \gamma \left(\frac{t^{2-\alpha} N_{\xi,n}(V)(t)}{1+t^\alpha} \right) = \gamma \left(\frac{t^{2-\alpha} N(V)(t)}{1+t^\alpha} \right).$$

From lemma 3.3, the set $\left\{ \frac{t^{2-\alpha} N(V)(t)}{1+t^\alpha} \right\} \subset X_\alpha([0, \infty), E)$ is equicontinuous on any compact of J . By (H_1) , it is easy to know that $\{f(\cdot, y(\cdot)) : y \in V\}$ is equicontinuous on $[\xi, n]$. Moreover $\{f(\cdot, y(\cdot)) : y \in V\}$ is bounded

on $[\xi, n]$, by (H_1) . Using Lemma 2.3, Lemma 3.4 and (H_3) , we arrive at

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma \left(\frac{t^{2-\alpha} N_{\xi,n} V(t)}{1+t^\alpha} \right) &\leq \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_{\xi}^n (1+t^\alpha) \ell(t) \gamma \left(\frac{t^{2-\alpha} V(t)}{1+t^\alpha} \right) dt \\ &\leq \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_{\xi}^n (1+t^\alpha) \ell(t) \gamma \left(\frac{t^{2-\alpha} N(V)(t)}{1+t^\alpha} \right) dt \\ &\leq \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_{\xi}^n (1+t^\alpha) \ell(t) \gamma_{X_\alpha}(N(V)) dt. \end{aligned}$$

From (3.9), we know that

$$\gamma \left(\frac{t^{2-\alpha} N(V)(t)}{1+t^\alpha} \right) \leq \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^\infty (1+t^\alpha) \ell(t) \gamma_{X_\alpha}(N(V)) dt.$$

Thus

$$\gamma_{X_\alpha}(N(V)) \leq \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^\infty (1+t^\alpha) \ell(t) \gamma_{X_\alpha}(N(V)) dt.$$

Consequently, by condition (H_3) . We get $\gamma_{X_\alpha}(N(V)) = 0$; that is $\gamma_{X_\alpha}(V) = 0$. From the theorem 2.1, we conclude that N has a fixed point $y \in B$ which is a solution of problem (1.1)-(1.3). □

4. EXAMPLE

We consider the following problem.

$$(4.1) \quad D^{\frac{3}{2}} y(t) = \left(\frac{\sqrt{t} y_n(t)}{(1+t^{\frac{3}{2}}) e^{10t}} + \frac{2t}{(1+t^2)^2} \right)_{n=1}^\infty, \quad t \in J = (0, +\infty),$$

$$(4.2) \quad I_{0+}^{\frac{1}{2}} y(t) = y_0,$$

$$(4.3) \quad D_{0+}^{\frac{1}{2}} y(\infty) = y_\infty.$$

Let

$$E = \{(y_1, \dots, y_n, \dots) : \sup |y_n| < \infty\},$$

with the norm $\|y\| = \sup_n |y_n|$, then E is a Banach space and problem (4.1)-(4.3) can be regarded as a problem of the form (1.1)-(1.3), with

$$\alpha = \frac{3}{2} \text{ and } f(t, y(t)) = (f(t, y_1(t)), \dots, f(t, y_n(t)), \dots),$$

where

$$f(t, y_n(t)) = \frac{\sqrt{t} y_n(t)}{(1+t^{\frac{3}{2}}) e^{10t}} + \frac{2t}{(1+t^2)^2}, n \in \mathbb{N}^*.$$

We shall verify the conditions $(H_1) - (H_3)$. Evidently, f is continuous in $J \times E$ and

$$\|f(t, y(t))\| \leq \frac{\sqrt{t}}{(1+t^{\frac{3}{2}})e^{10t}} \|y(t)\| + \frac{2t}{(1+t^2)^2}.$$

With the aid of simple computation we find that

$$\int_0^\infty e^{-5t} dt = \frac{1}{5} < \Gamma\left(\frac{3}{2}\right) \text{ and } \int_0^\infty \frac{2t}{(1+t^2)^2} dt = 1 < \infty.$$

Finally, we verify condition (H_3) . For any bounded set $B \subset E$, we have

$$f(t, B(t)) = \frac{\sqrt{t}}{(1+t^{\frac{3}{2}})e^{5t}} B(t) + \left\{ \frac{2t}{(1+t^2)^2} \right\}.$$

Then

$$\gamma(f(t, B(t))) \leq \frac{\sqrt{t}}{(1+t^{\frac{3}{2}})e^{5t}} \gamma(B(t)).$$

Since $\int_0^\infty e^{-10t} dt = 0.1 < \Gamma\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)$, we conclude that condition (H_3) is satisfied. Therefore, Theorem 3.1 ensures that problem (4.1)-(4.3) has a solution.

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