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Solution of fractional differential equations via $\alpha - \psi$ -Geraghty type mappings

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Abstract

Using fixed point results of $\alpha - \psi$ -Geraghty contractive type mappings, we examine the existence of solutions for some fractional differential equations in b -metric spaces. By some concrete examples we illustrate the obtained results.

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1 Introduction

In 2012, Samet et al. [11] presented the concept of α -admissible mappings, which was expanded by several authors (see [5, 6, 9]). Baleanu, Rezapour, and Mohammadi [3] studied the existence of a solution for problem $D^\nu w(\xi) = h(\xi, w(\xi))$ ($\xi \in [0, 1]$, $1 < \nu \leq 2$). Afshari, Aydi, and Karapinar [1, 2] considered generalized $\alpha - \psi$ -Geraghty contractive mappings in b -metric spaces.

We investigate the existence of solutions for some fractional differential equations in b -metric spaces. We denote $I = [0, 1]$.

Definition 1.1 ([7, 10]) The Caputo derivative of order ν of a continuous function $h : [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is defined by

$${}^c D^\nu h(\xi) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(n - \nu)} \int_0^\xi (\xi - \zeta)^{n-\nu-1} h^{(n)}(\zeta) d\zeta,$$

where $n - 1 < \nu < n$, $n = [\nu] + 1$, $[\nu]$ is the integer part of ν , and

$$\Gamma(z) = \int_0^\infty x^{z-1} e^{-x} dx. \tag{1}$$

Definition 1.2 ([7, 10]) The Riemann–Liouville derivative of a continuous function h is defined by

$$D^\nu h(\xi) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(n - \nu)} \left(\frac{d}{d\xi} \right)^n \int_0^\xi \frac{h(\zeta)}{(\xi - \zeta)^{\nu-n-1}} d\zeta \quad (n = [\nu] + 1),$$

where the right-hand side is defined on $(0, \infty)$.

Let Ψ be the set of all increasing continuous functions $\psi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ such that $\psi(\lambda x) \leq \lambda \psi(x) \leq \lambda x$ for $\lambda > 1$, and let \mathcal{B} be the family of nondecreasing functions $\gamma : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \frac{1}{s^2})$ for some $s \geq 1$.

Definition 1.3 ([1]) Let (X, d) be a b -metric space (with constant s). A function $g : X \rightarrow X$ is a generalized $\alpha - \psi$ -Geraghty contraction if there exists $\alpha : X \times X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ such that

$$\alpha(z, t)\psi(s^3 d(gz, gt)) \leq \gamma(\psi(d(z, t)))\psi(d(z, t)) \tag{2}$$

for all $z, t \in X$, where $\gamma \in \mathcal{B}$ and $\psi \in \Psi$.

Definition 1.4 ([11]) Let $g : X \rightarrow X$ and $\alpha : X \times X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ be given. Then g is called α -admissible if for $z, t \in X$,

$$\alpha(z, t) \geq 1 \implies \alpha(gz, gt) \geq 1. \tag{3}$$

Theorem 1.5 ([1]) Let (X, d) be a complete b -metric space, and let $f : X \rightarrow X$ be a generalized $\alpha - \psi$ -Geraghty contraction such that

- (i) f is α -admissible;
- (ii) there exists $u_0 \in X$ such that $\alpha(u_0, fu_0) \geq 1$;
- (iii) if $\{u_n\} \subseteq X$, $u_n \rightarrow u$ in X , and $\alpha(u_n, u_{n+1}) \geq 1$, then $\alpha(u_n, u) \geq 1$.

Then f has a fixed point.

2 Main result

By $X = C(I)$ we denote the set of continuous functions. Let $d : X \times X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ be given by

$$d(y, z) = \|(y - z)^2\|_\infty = \sup_{\xi \in I} (y(\xi) - z(\xi))^2. \tag{4}$$

Evidently, (X, d) is a complete b -metric space with $s = 2$ but is not a metric space.

Now we study the problem

$$\frac{D^\nu}{D\xi} w(\xi) = h(\xi, w(\xi)), \quad \xi \in I, 3 < \nu \leq 4, \tag{5}$$

under the conditions

$$w(0) = w'(0) = w(1) = w'(1) = 0, \tag{6}$$

where D^ν is the Riemann–Liouville derivative, and $h : I \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is continuous.

Lemma 2.1 ([13]) Given $h \in C(I \times X, \mathbb{R})$ and $3 < \nu \leq 4$, the unique solution of

$$\frac{D^\nu}{D\xi} w(\xi) = h(\xi, w(\xi)), \quad \xi \in I, 3 < \nu \leq 4, \tag{7}$$

where

$$w(0) = w'(0) = w(1) = w'(1) = 0, \tag{8}$$

is given by $w(\xi) = \int_0^1 G(\xi, \zeta)h(s, w(s)) ds$, where

$$G(\xi, \zeta) = \begin{cases} \frac{(\xi-1)^{\nu-1} + (1-\zeta)^{\nu-2}\xi^{\nu-2}[(\zeta-\xi) + (\nu-2)(1-\xi)\zeta]}{\Gamma(\nu)}, & 0 \leq \zeta \leq \xi \leq 1, \\ \frac{(1-\zeta)^{\nu-2}\xi^{\nu-2}[(\zeta-\xi) + (\nu-2)(1-\xi)\zeta]}{\Gamma(\nu)}, & 0 \leq \xi \leq \zeta \leq 1. \end{cases} \tag{9}$$

If $h(\xi, w(\xi)) = 1$, then the unique solution of (7)–(8) is given by

$$f(\xi) = \int_0^1 G(\xi, \zeta) ds = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\nu + 1)} \xi^{\nu-2}(1 - \xi)^2.$$

Lemma 2.2 ([13]) *In Lemma 2.1, $G(\xi, \zeta)$ given in (9) satisfies the following conditions:*

- (1) $G(\xi, \zeta) > 0$, and $G(\xi, \zeta)$ is continuous for $\xi, \zeta \in I$;
- (2) $\frac{(\nu-2)\sigma(\xi)\rho(\zeta)}{\Gamma(\nu)} \leq G(\xi, \zeta) \leq \frac{r_0\rho(\zeta)}{\Gamma(\nu)}$,

where

$$r_0 = \max\{\nu - 1, (\nu - 2)^2\}, \quad \sigma(\xi) = \xi^{\nu-2}(1 - \xi)^2, \quad \text{and} \quad \rho(\zeta) = \zeta^2(1 - \zeta)^{\nu-2}.$$

Theorem 2.3 *Suppose*

- (i) *there exist $\theta : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $\psi \in \Psi$ such that*

$$|h(\xi, c) - h(\xi, d)| \leq \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} \frac{\Gamma(\nu + 1)}{4\nu} \frac{\psi(|c - d|^2)}{\sqrt{4\|(c - d)^2\|_\infty + 1}}$$

for $\xi \in I$ and $c, d \in \mathbb{R}$ with $\theta(c, d) \geq 0$;

- (ii) *there exists $y_0 \in C(I)$ such that $\theta(y_0(\xi), \int_0^1 G(\xi, \zeta)h(\zeta, y_0(\xi)) d\zeta) \geq 0, \xi \in I$;*
- (iii) *for $\xi \in I$ and $y, z \in C(I), \theta(y(\xi), z(\xi)) \geq 0$ implies*

$$\theta\left(\int_0^1 G(\xi, \zeta)h(\zeta, y(\zeta))d\zeta, \int_0^1 G(\xi, \zeta)h(\zeta, z(\xi))d\zeta\right) \geq 0;$$

- (iv) *if $\{y_n\} \subseteq C(I), y_n \rightarrow y$ in $C(I)$, and $\theta(y_n, y_{n+1}) \geq 0$, then $\theta(y_n, y) \geq 0$.*

Then problem (7) has at least one solution.

Proof By Lemma 2.1 $y \in C(I)$ is a solution of (7) if and only if it is a solution of $y(\xi) = \int_0^1 G(\xi, \zeta)h(\zeta, y(\zeta)) d\zeta$, and we define $A : C(I) \rightarrow C(I)$ by $Ay(\xi) = \int_0^1 G(\xi, \zeta)h(\zeta, y(\zeta)) d\zeta$ for $\xi \in I$. For this purpose, we find a fixed point of A . Let $y, z \in C(I)$ be such that $\theta(y(\xi), z(\xi)) \geq 0$ for $\xi \in I$. Using (i), we get

$$\begin{aligned} |Ay(\xi) - Az(\xi)|^2 &= \left| \int_0^1 G(\xi, \zeta)(h(\zeta, y(\zeta)) - h(\zeta, z(\zeta))) d\zeta \right|^2 \\ &\leq \left[\int_0^1 G(\xi, \zeta) |h(\zeta, y(\zeta)) - h(\zeta, z(\zeta))| d\zeta \right]^2 \\ &\leq \left[\int_0^1 G(\xi, \zeta) \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} \frac{\Gamma(\nu + 1)}{4\nu} \frac{\psi(|y(\zeta) - z(\zeta)|^2)}{\sqrt{4\|(y - z)^2\|_\infty + 1}} d\zeta \right]^2 \\ &\leq \frac{1}{8} \frac{(\psi(\|(y - z)^2\|_\infty))^2}{4\|(y - z)^2\|_\infty + 1}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, for $y, z \in C(I)$ and $\xi \in I$ with $\theta(y(\xi), z(\xi)) \geq 0$, we have

$$\|Ay - Az\|_\infty \leq \frac{1}{8} \frac{(\psi(\|y - z\|_\infty))^2}{4\|y - z\|_\infty + 1}.$$

Let $\alpha : C(I) \times C(I) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ be defined by

$$\alpha(y, z) = \begin{cases} 1, & \theta(y(\xi), z(\xi)) \geq 0, \xi \in I, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Define $\gamma : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \frac{1}{4})$ by $\gamma(q) = \frac{q}{4q+1}$ and $s = 2$.

So

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha(y, z)\psi(8d(Ay, Az)) &\leq 8\alpha(y, z)\psi(d(Ay, Az)) \leq \frac{(\psi(d(y, z)))^2}{4d(y, z) + 1} \\ &\leq \frac{(\psi(d(y, z)))^2}{4\psi(d(y, z)) + 1} \\ &= \frac{1}{\gamma(\psi(d(y, z)))} \gamma(\psi(d(y, z))) \frac{(\psi(d(y, z)))^2}{4\psi(d(y, z)) + 1} \\ &\leq \gamma(\psi(d(y, z)))\psi(d(y, z)), \quad \gamma \in \mathcal{B}. \end{aligned}$$

Then A is an $\alpha - \psi$ -contractive mapping. From (iii) and the definition of α we have

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha(y, z) \geq 1 &\Rightarrow \theta(y(\xi), z(\xi)) \geq 0 \\ &\Rightarrow \theta(A(y), A(z)) \geq 0 \\ &\Rightarrow \alpha(A(y), A(z)) \geq 1, \end{aligned}$$

for $y, z \in C(I)$. Thus, A is α -admissible. By (ii) there exists $y_0 \in C(I)$ such that $\alpha(y_0, Ay_0) \geq 1$. By (iv) and Theorem 1.5 there is $y^* \in C(I)$ such that $y^* = Ay^*$. Hence y^* is a solution of the problem. □

Corollary 2.4 *Suppose that there exist $\theta : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $\psi \in \Psi$ such that*

$$|h(\xi, c) - h(\xi, d)| \leq \frac{10^3}{4\sqrt{8}} \frac{\psi(|c - d|^2)}{\sqrt{4\|(c - d)\|_\infty + 1}} \tag{10}$$

for $\xi \in I$ and $c, d \in \mathbb{R}$ with $\theta(c, d) \geq 0$. Also, suppose that conditions (ii)–(iv) from Theorem 2.3 hold for h , where $G(\xi, \zeta)$ is given in (9). Then the problem

$$\frac{D^{\frac{7}{2}}}{D\xi} w(\xi) = h(\xi, w(\xi)), \quad \xi \in I, \tag{11}$$

where

$$w(0) = w'(0) = w(1) = w'(1) = 0,$$

has at least one solution.

Proof By Lemma 2.2

$$\min \int_0^1 G(\xi, \zeta) d\zeta = 10^{-5} \quad \text{and} \quad \max \int_0^1 G(\xi, \zeta) d\zeta = 4 \times 10^{-3}. \tag{12}$$

Using (10) and (12), by Theorem 2.3 we obtain

$$|Ay(\xi) - Az(\xi)|^2 \leq \frac{1}{8} \frac{(\psi(|y - z|^2))^2}{4\|(y - z)^2\|_\infty + 1}.$$

The rest of the proof is according to Theorem 2.3. □

Lemma 2.5 ([8]) *If $h \in C(I \times X, \mathbb{R})$ and $h(\xi, w(\xi)) \leq 0$, then the problem*

$$\begin{aligned} -D_{0+}^\nu w(\xi) &= h(\xi, w(\xi)), \quad (0 < \xi < 1, 3 < \nu \leq 4), \\ w(0) = w'(0) = w''(0) = w''(1) &= 0 \end{aligned} \tag{13}$$

has a unique positive solution

$$w(\xi) = \int_0^1 G(\xi, \zeta)h(\zeta, w(\zeta)) d\zeta,$$

where $G(\xi, \zeta)$ is given by

$$G(\xi, \zeta) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\nu)} \begin{cases} \xi^{\nu-1}(1-\zeta)^{\nu-3} - (\xi-\zeta)^{\nu-1}, & 0 \leq \zeta \leq \xi \leq 1, \\ \xi^{\nu-1}(1-\zeta)^{\nu-3}, & 0 \leq \xi \leq \zeta \leq 1. \end{cases} \tag{14}$$

Lemma 2.6 ([12]) *The function $G(\xi, \zeta)$ in Lemma 2.5 has the following property:*

$$\frac{1}{\Gamma(\nu)} \zeta(2-\zeta)(1-\zeta)^{\nu-3} \xi^{\nu-1} \leq G(\xi, \zeta) \leq \frac{1}{\Gamma(\nu)} (1-\zeta)^{\nu-3} \xi^{\nu-1},$$

where $\xi, \zeta \in I$ and $3 < \nu \leq 4$.

Based on Theorem 2.3, we get the following result.

Corollary 2.7 *Assume that there exist $\theta : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $\psi \in \Psi$ such that*

$$|h(\xi, c) - h(\xi, d)| \leq \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}M} \frac{\psi(|c - d|^2)}{\sqrt{4\|(c - d)^2\|_\infty + 1}},$$

where $M = \sup_{\xi \in I} \int_0^1 G(\xi, \zeta) d\zeta$. Also, suppose that conditions (ii)–(iv) from Theorem 2.3 are satisfied, where $G(\xi, \zeta)$ is given in (14). Then problem (13) has at least one solution.

Proof By Lemma 2.5 $y \in C(I)$ is a solution of (13) if and only if a solution of $y(\xi) = \int_0^1 G(\xi, \zeta)h(\zeta, y(\zeta)) d\zeta$. Define $A : C(I) \rightarrow C(I)$ by $Ay(\xi) = \int_0^1 G(\xi, \zeta)h(\zeta, y(\zeta)) d\zeta$ for $\xi \in I$. We find a fixed point of A . Let $y, z \in C(I)$ be such that $\theta(y(\xi), z(\xi)) \geq 0$ for $\xi \in I$. By (i) and

Lemma 2.6 we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 & |Ay(\xi) - Az(\xi)|^2 \\
 &= \left| \int_0^1 G(\xi, \zeta) (h(\zeta, y(\zeta)) - h(\zeta, z(\zeta))) d\zeta \right|^2 \\
 &\leq \left[\int_0^1 G(\xi, \zeta) |h(\zeta, y(\zeta)) - h(\zeta, z(\zeta))| d\zeta \right]^2 \\
 &\leq \left[\int_0^1 G(\xi, \zeta) \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}M} \frac{\psi(|y(\zeta) - z(\zeta)|^2)}{\sqrt{4\|(y-z)^2\|_\infty + 1}} d\zeta \right]^2 \\
 &\leq \left[\int_0^1 G(\xi, \zeta) \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}(\sup_{\xi \in I} \int_0^1 G(\xi, \zeta) d\zeta)} \frac{\psi(|y(\zeta) - z(\zeta)|^2)}{\sqrt{4\|(y-z)^2\|_\infty + 1}} d\zeta \right]^2 \\
 &\leq \left[\int_0^1 G(\xi, \zeta) \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}(\int_0^1 G(\xi, \zeta) d\zeta)} \frac{\psi(|y(\zeta) - z(\zeta)|^2)}{\sqrt{4\|(y-z)^2\|_\infty + 1}} d\zeta \right]^2 \\
 &\leq \left[\int_0^1 \frac{1}{\Gamma(\nu)} (1-\zeta)^{\nu-3} \xi^{\nu-1} \frac{\Gamma(\nu)}{2\sqrt{2}(\int_0^1 \zeta(2-\zeta)(1-\zeta)^{\nu-3} \xi^{\nu-1} d\zeta)} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. \times \frac{\psi(|y(\zeta) - z(\zeta)|^2)}{\sqrt{4\|(y-z)^2\|_\infty + 1}} d\zeta \right]^2 \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{8} \frac{(\psi(\|(y-z)^2\|_\infty))^2}{4\|(y-z)^2\|_\infty + 1}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Suppose that conditions (ii)–(iv) from Theorem 2.3 are satisfied, where $G(\xi, \zeta)$ is given in (14). By Theorem 2.3 problem (13) has at least one solution.

Let (X, d) be given in (4). For the equation

$${}^c D^\nu y(\xi) = h(\xi, y(\xi)), \quad (\xi \in I, 1 < \nu \leq 2), \tag{15}$$

via

$$y(0) = 0, \quad y(1) = \int_0^\eta y(\zeta) d\zeta \quad (0 < \eta < 1),$$

where $h : I \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is continuous, we have the following result. □

Theorem 2.8 *Assume that there exist $\theta : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $\gamma \in \mathcal{B}$, and $\psi \in \Psi$ such that*

$$|h(\xi, c) - h(\xi, d)| \leq \frac{\Gamma(\nu + 1)}{5} \sqrt{\frac{1}{8} \gamma(\psi(|c - d|^2)) \psi(|c - d|^2)}.$$

Suppose conditions (ii)–(iv) from Theorem 2.3 hold, where $A : C(I) \rightarrow C(I)$ is defined by

$$\begin{aligned}
 Ay(\xi) := & \frac{1}{\Gamma(\nu)} \int_0^1 (\xi - \zeta)^{\nu-1} h(\zeta, y(\zeta)) d\zeta - \frac{2\xi}{(2 - \eta^2)\Gamma(\nu)} \int_0^1 (1 - \zeta)^{\nu-1} h(\zeta, y(\zeta)) d\zeta \\
 & + \frac{2\xi}{(2 - \eta^2)\Gamma(\nu)} \int_0^\eta \left(\int_0^\zeta (\zeta - n)^{\nu-1} h(n, y(n)) dn \right) d\zeta \quad (\xi \in I);
 \end{aligned}$$

Then (15) has at least one solution.

Proof A function $y \in C(I)$ is a solution of (15) if and only if it is a solution of

$$y(\xi) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\nu)} \int_0^1 (\xi - \zeta)^{\nu-1} h(\zeta, y(\zeta)) d\zeta - \frac{2\xi}{(2 - \eta^2)\Gamma(\nu)} \int_0^1 (1 - \zeta)^{\nu-1} h(\zeta, y(\zeta)) d\zeta + \frac{2\xi}{(2 - \eta^2)\Gamma(\nu)} \int_0^\eta \left(\int_0^\zeta (\zeta - n)^{\nu-1} h(n, y(n)) dn \right) d\zeta \quad (\xi \in I).$$

Then (15) is equivalent to finding $y^* \in C(I)$ that is a fixed point of A . Let $y, z \in C(I)$ with $\theta(y(\xi), z(\xi)) \geq 0, \xi \in I$. By (i) we have

$$\begin{aligned} & |Ay(\xi) - Az(\xi)|^2 \\ &= \left| \frac{1}{\Gamma(\nu)} \int_0^1 (\xi - \zeta)^{\nu-1} h(\zeta, y(\zeta)) d\zeta - \frac{2\xi}{(2 - \eta^2)\Gamma(\nu)} \int_0^1 (1 - \zeta)^{\nu-1} h(\zeta, y(\zeta)) d\zeta + \frac{2\xi}{(2 - \eta^2)\Gamma(\nu)} \int_0^\eta \left(\int_0^\zeta (\zeta - n)^{\nu-1} h(n, y(n)) dn \right) d\zeta - \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^1 (\xi - \zeta)^{\nu-1} h(\zeta, z(\zeta)) d\zeta + \frac{2\xi}{(2 - \eta^2)\Gamma(\nu)} \int_0^1 (1 - \zeta)^{\nu-1} h(\zeta, z(\zeta)) d\zeta - \frac{2\xi}{(2 - \eta^2)\Gamma(\nu)} \int_0^\eta \left(\int_0^\zeta (\zeta - n)^{\nu-1} h(n, z(n)) dn \right) d\zeta \right|^2 \\ &\leq \left| \frac{1}{\Gamma(\nu)} \int_0^1 |\xi - \zeta|^{\nu-1} |h(\zeta, y(\zeta)) - h(\zeta, z(\zeta))| d\zeta + \frac{2\xi}{(2 - \eta^2)\Gamma(\nu)} \int_0^1 |1 - \zeta|^{\nu-1} |h(\zeta, y(\zeta)) - h(\zeta, z(\zeta))| d\zeta + \frac{2\xi}{(2 - \eta^2)\Gamma(\nu)} \int_0^\eta \left| \int_0^\zeta |\zeta - n|^{\nu-1} |h(n, y(n)) - h(n, z(n))| dn \right| d\zeta \right|^2 \\ &\leq \left| \frac{1}{\Gamma(\nu)} \int_0^1 |\xi - \zeta|^{\nu-1} \frac{\Gamma(\nu + 1)}{5} \sqrt{\frac{1}{8} \gamma(\psi(|y(\zeta) - z(\zeta)|^2)) \psi(|y(\zeta) - z(\zeta)|^2)} d\zeta + \frac{2\xi}{(2 - \eta^2)\Gamma(\nu)} \int_0^1 |1 - \zeta|^{\nu-1} \frac{\Gamma(\nu + 1)}{5} \times \sqrt{\frac{1}{8} \gamma(\psi(|y(\zeta) - z(\zeta)|^2)) \psi(|y(\zeta) - z(\zeta)|^2)} d\zeta + \frac{2\xi}{(2 - \eta^2)\Gamma(\nu)} \int_0^\eta \int_0^\zeta |\zeta - n|^{\nu-1} \times \sqrt{\frac{1}{8} \gamma(\psi(|y(n) - z(n)|^2)) \psi(|y(n) - z(n)|^2)} d\zeta \right|^2 \\ &\leq \left(\frac{\Gamma(\nu + 1)}{5} \right)^2 \frac{1}{8} \gamma(\psi(\|y - z\|_\infty^2)) \psi(\|y - z\|_\infty^2) \left[\sup \left(\int_0^1 |\xi - \zeta|^{\nu-1} d\zeta + \frac{2\xi}{(2 - \eta^2)\Gamma(\nu)} \int_0^1 |1 - \zeta|^{\nu-1} d\zeta \right) \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & + \frac{2\xi}{(2-\eta^2)\Gamma(\nu)} \int_0^\eta \left(\int_0^\xi |\zeta - n|^{\nu-1} dn \right) d\zeta \Big]^2 \\
 & \leq \frac{1}{8} \gamma(\psi(\|y - z\|_\infty^2)) \psi(\|y - z\|_\infty^2)
 \end{aligned}$$

for all $y, z \in C(I)$ with $\theta(y(\xi), z(\xi)) \geq 0, \xi \in I$, so that

$$\| (Ay - Az)^2 \|_\infty \leq \frac{1}{8} \gamma(\psi(\|y - z\|_\infty^2)) \psi(\|y - z\|_\infty^2).$$

Let $\alpha : C(I) \times C(I) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ be defined by

$$\alpha(y, z) = \begin{cases} 1 & \theta(y(\xi), z(\xi)) \geq 0, \xi \in I, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 \alpha(y, z) \psi(8d(Ay, Az)) & \leq 8\alpha(y, z) \psi(d(Ay, Az)) \\
 & \leq \alpha(y, z) \psi(\gamma(\psi(d(y, z))) \psi(d(y, z))) \\
 & \leq \gamma(\psi(d(y, z))) \psi(d(y, z))
 \end{aligned}$$

for all $y, z \in C(I)$, and thus A is an $\alpha - \psi$ -contractive mapping. From Theorem 1.5, based on the proof of Theorem 2.3, we can deduce the proof of Theorem 2.8. \square

Here we find a positive solution for

$$\frac{{}^c D^\nu}{D\xi} w(\xi) = h(\xi, w(\xi)), \quad 0 < \nu \leq 1, \xi \in I, \tag{16}$$

where

$$w(0) + \int_0^1 w(\zeta) d\zeta = w(1).$$

Note that ${}^c D^\nu$ is the Caputo derivative of order ν . We consider the Banach space of continuous functions on I endowed with the sup norm. We have the following lemma.

Lemma 2.9 ([4]) *Let $0 < \nu \leq 1$ and $h \in C([0, T] \times X, \mathbb{R})$ be given. Then the equation*

$${}^c D^\nu w(\xi) = h(\xi, w(\xi)) \quad (\xi \in [0, T], T \geq 1)$$

with

$$w(0) + \int_0^T w(\zeta) d\zeta = w(T)$$

has a unique solution given by

$$w(\xi) = \int_0^T G(\xi, \zeta) h(\zeta, w(\zeta)) d\zeta,$$

where $G(\xi, \zeta)$ is defined by

$$G(\xi, \zeta) = \begin{cases} \frac{-(T-\zeta)^\nu + \nu T(\xi-\zeta)^{\nu-1}}{T\Gamma(\nu+1)} + \frac{(T-\zeta)^{\nu-1}}{T\Gamma(\nu)}, & 0 \leq \zeta < \xi, \\ \frac{-(T-\zeta)^\nu}{T\Gamma(\nu+1)} + \frac{(T-\zeta)^{\nu-1}}{T\Gamma(\nu)}, & \xi \leq \zeta < T. \end{cases} \tag{17}$$

By Lemma 2.9 and Theorem 2.4 we get the following conclusion.

Corollary 2.10 *Assume that there exist $\theta : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $\psi \in \Psi$ such that*

$$|h(\xi, c) - h(\xi, d)| \leq \frac{51}{80\sqrt{8}} \frac{\psi(|c-d|^2)}{\sqrt{4\|(c-d)^2\|_\infty + 1}}$$

for $\xi \in I$ and $c, d \in \mathbb{R}$ with $\theta(c, d) \geq 0$. Suppose conditions (ii)–(iv) from Theorem 2.3 are satisfied, where $G(\xi, \zeta)$ is given in (17). Then the following problem has at least one solution:

$${}^c D^{\frac{1}{2}} w(\xi) = h(\xi, w(\xi)), \quad (\xi \in [0, 1]), \quad w(0) + \int_0^1 w(\zeta) d\zeta = w(1).$$

Proof It is easily that $\min_{t \in [0,1]} \int_0^1 G(t, s) ds = \frac{1}{3}$ and $\max_{t \in [0,1]} \int_0^1 G(t, s) ds = \frac{80}{51}$. By Theorem 2.3 we conclude the desired result. \square

Example 2.11 Let $\psi(r) = r$, $\theta(x, z) = xz$, and $y_n(\xi) = \frac{\xi}{n^2+1}$. We consider $h : I \times [-2, 2] \rightarrow [-2, 2]$ and the periodic boundary value problem

$$\frac{D^{\frac{7}{2}}}{D\xi} w(\xi) = h(\xi, w(\xi)) = w(\xi), \quad \xi \in I, \tag{18}$$

with

$$w(0) = w'(0) = w(1) = w'(1) = 0.$$

Then

$$|h(\xi, c) - h(\xi, d)| = |c - d| \leq \frac{10^3}{4\sqrt{8}} \frac{\psi(|c-d|^2)}{\sqrt{4\|(c-d)^2\|_\infty + 1}}$$

for $\xi \in I$ and $c, d \in [-2, 2]$ with $\theta(c, d) \geq 0$. Because $y_0(\xi) = \xi$, thus

$$\theta\left(y_0(\xi), \int_0^1 G(\xi, \zeta) h(\zeta, y_0(\zeta)) d\zeta\right) \geq 0$$

for all $\xi \in I$. Also, $\theta(y(\xi), z(\xi)) = y(\xi)z(\xi) \geq 0$ implies that

$$\theta\left(\int_0^1 G(\xi, \zeta) h(\zeta, y(\zeta)) d\zeta, \int_0^1 G(\xi, \zeta) h(\zeta, z(\zeta)) d\zeta\right) \geq 0.$$

It is obvious that condition (iv) in Corollary (2.4) holds. Hence by Corollary 2.4 problem (18) has at least one solution.

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