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# On a Multipoint Boundary Value Problem for a Fractional Order Differential Inclusion on an Infinite Interval

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We investigate the existence of solutions for the following multipoint boundary value problem of a fractional order differential inclusion  $D_{0^+}^\alpha u(t) + F(t, u(t), u'(t)) \ni 0$ ,  $0 < t < +\infty$ ,  $u(0) = u'(0) = 0$ ,  $D^{\alpha-1}u(+\infty) - \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \beta_i u(\xi_i) = 0$ , where  $D_{0^+}^\alpha$  is the standard Riemann-Liouville fractional derivative,  $2 < \alpha < 3$ ,  $0 < \xi_1 < \xi_2 < \dots < \xi_{m-2} < +\infty$ , satisfies  $0 < \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \beta_i \xi_i^{\alpha-1} < \Gamma(\alpha)$ , and  $F : [0, +\infty) \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R})$  is a set-valued map. Several results are obtained by using suitable fixed point theorems when the right hand side has convex or nonconvex values.

## 1. Introduction

In this paper, we will consider the existence of solutions for the following multipoint boundary value problem of a fractional order differential inclusion

$$\begin{aligned} D_{0^+}^\alpha u(t) + F(t, u(t), u'(t)) \ni 0, \quad 0 < t < +\infty, \\ u(0) = u'(0) = 0, \quad D^{\alpha-1}u(+\infty) - \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \beta_i u(\xi_i) = 0, \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

where  $D_{0^+}^\alpha$  is the standard Riemann-Liouville fractional derivative,  $2 < \alpha < 3$ ,  $0 < \xi_1 < \xi_2 < \dots < \xi_{m-2} < +\infty$ , satisfies  $0 < \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \beta_i \xi_i^{\alpha-1} < \Gamma(\alpha)$ , and  $F : [0, +\infty) \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R})$  is a set-valued map.

The present paper is motivated by a recent paper of Liang and Zhang [1], where it is considered problem (1) with  $F$  single valued, and several existence results are provided.

Fractional differential equations have been of great interest recently. This is because of both the intensive development

of the theory of fractional calculus itself and the applications of such constructions in various scientific fields such as physics, mechanics, chemistry, and engineering. For details, see [2–4] and the references therein.

The existence of solutions of initial value problems for fractional order differential equations has been studied in the literature [5–17] and the references therein. The study of fractional differential inclusions was initiated by El-Sayed and Ibrahim [18]. Also, recently, several qualitative results for fractional differential inclusions were obtained in [19–23] and the references therein.

The aim here is to establish existence results for problem (1) when the right hand side is convex as well as nonconvex valued. In the first result (Theorem 21), we consider the case when the right hand side has convex values and prove an existence result via nonlinear alternative for Kakutani maps. In the second result (Theorem 25), we will use the fixed point theorem for contraction multivalued maps according to Covitz and Nadler. The paper is organized as follows.

In Section 2 we recall some preliminary facts that we need in the sequel, and in Section 3 we prove our main results. Finally, in Section 4, an example is given to demonstrate the application of one of our main results.

## 2. Preliminaries

In this section, we present some notations and preliminary lemmas that will be used in the proof of the main result.

Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space with the corresponding norm  $\|\cdot\|$  and let  $I = [0, +\infty)$ . We denote by  $\mathcal{L}(I)$  the  $\sigma$ -algebra of all Lebesgue measurable subsets of  $I$ , by  $\mathcal{B}(X)$  the family of all nonempty subsets of  $X$ , and by  $\mathcal{P}(X)$  the family of all Borel subsets of  $X$ . If  $A \subset I$  then  $\chi_A : I \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$  denotes the characteristic function of  $A$ . For any subset  $A \subset X$ , we denote by  $\bar{A}$  the closure of  $A$ .

Recall that the Pompeiu-Hausdorff distance of the closed subsets  $A, B \subset X$  is defined by the following:

$$\begin{aligned} d_H(A, B) &= \max\{d^*(A, B), d^*(B, A)\}, \\ d^*(A, B) &= \sup\{d(a, B), a \in A\}, \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

where  $d(x, B) = \inf_{y \in B} d(x, y)$ . Define

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{P}(X) &= \{Y \subset X : Y \neq \emptyset\}, \\ \mathcal{P}_b(X) &= \{Y \in \mathcal{P}(X) : Y \text{ bounded}\}, \\ \mathcal{P}_{cl}(X) &= \{Y \in \mathcal{P}(X) : Y \text{ closed}\}, \\ \mathcal{P}_{cp}(X) &= \{Y \in \mathcal{P}(X) : Y \text{ compact}\}, \\ \mathcal{P}_{cv}(X) &= \{Y \in \mathcal{P}(X) : Y \text{ convex}\}. \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

Also, we denote by  $C(I, X)$  the Banach space of all continuous functions  $x : [0, +\infty) \rightarrow X$  endowed with the norm  $|x|_c = \sup_{t \in [0, +\infty)} |x(t)|$  and by  $L^1([0, +\infty), X)$  the Banach space of all (Bochner) integrable functions  $x : [0, +\infty) \rightarrow X$  endowed with the norm  $|x|_1 = \int_{[0, +\infty)} |x(t)| dt$ .

Let  $(X, d_1)$  and  $(Y, d_2)$  be two metric spaces. If  $T : X \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X)$  is a set-valued map, then a point  $x \in X$  is called a fixed point for  $T$  if  $x \in T(x)$ .  $T$  is said to be bounded on bounded sets if  $T(B) := \cup_{x \in B} T(x)$  is a bounded subset of  $X$  for all bounded sets  $B$  in  $X$ .  $T$  is said to be compact if  $T(B)$  is relatively compact for any bounded sets  $B$  in  $X$ .  $T$  is said to be totally compact if  $\overline{T(X)}$  is a compact subset of  $X$ .  $T$  is said to be upper semicontinuous if for any open set  $D \subset X$ , the set  $\{x \in X : T(x) \subset D\}$  is open in  $X$ .  $T$  is called completely continuous if it is upper semicontinuous and, for every bounded subset  $A \subset X$ ,  $T(A)$  is relatively compact. It is well known that a compact set-valued map  $T$  with nonempty compact values is upper semicontinuous if and only if  $T$  has a closed graph.

We define the graph of  $T$  to be the set  $\text{Gr}(T) = \{(x, y) \in X \times Y, y \in T(x)\}$  and recall a useful result regarding connection between closed graphs and upper semicontinuity.

**Lemma 1** (see [24, Proposition 1.2]). *If  $T : X \rightarrow \mathcal{P}_{cl}(Y)$  is upper semicontinuous, then  $\text{Gr}(T)$  is a closed subset of  $X \times Y$ ,*

*that is, for every sequence  $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subset X$  and  $\{y_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subset Y$ , if when  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $x_n \rightarrow x_*$ ,  $y_n \rightarrow y_*$ , and  $y_n \in T(x_n)$ , then  $y_* \in T(x_*)$ . Conversely, if  $T$  is completely continuous and has a closed graph, then it is upper semicontinuous.*

For the convenience of the reader, we present here the following nonlinear alternative of the Leray-Schauder type and its consequences.

**Theorem 2** (nonlinear alternative for Kakutani maps [25]). *Let  $X$  be a Banach space,  $C$  a closed convex subset of  $X$ ,  $U$  an open subset of  $C$ , and  $0 \in U$ . Suppose that  $T : \bar{U} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}_{cl,cv}(C)$  is an upper semicontinuous compact map; here  $\mathcal{P}_{cl,cv}(C)$  denotes the family of nonempty, compact convex subsets of  $C$ . Then, either*

- (i)  $T$  has a fixed point in  $U$  or
- (ii) there is a  $u \in \partial U$  and  $\lambda \in (0, 1)$  with  $u \in \lambda T(u)$ .

**Definition 3.** The multifunction  $T : X \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X)$  is said to be lower semicontinuous if for any closed subset  $C \subset X$ , the subset  $\{s \in X : T(s) \subset C\}$  is closed.

If  $F : [0, +\infty) \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R})$  is a set-valued map with compact values and  $x \in C([0, +\infty), \mathbb{R})$ , we define

$$\begin{aligned} S_F(x) &:= \left\{ f \in L^1([0, +\infty), \mathbb{R}) : f(t) \right. \\ &\quad \left. \in F\left(t, x(t), x'(t)\right) \text{ a.e. } [0, +\infty) \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

Then,  $F$  is of a lower semicontinuous type if  $S_F(\cdot)$  is a lower semicontinuous with closed and decomposable values.

**Theorem 4** (see [26]). *Let  $S$  be a separable metric space and  $G : S \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(L^1([0, +\infty), \mathbb{R}))$  be a lower semicontinuous set-valued map with closed decomposable values. Then  $G$  has a continuous selection (i.e., there exists a continuous mapping  $g : S \rightarrow L^1([0, +\infty), \mathbb{R})$  such that  $g(s) \in G(s)$  for all  $s \in S$ ).*

**Definition 5.** Consider the following.

- (i) A set-valued map  $G : [0, +\infty) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R})$  with nonempty compact convex values is said to be measurable if for any  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  the function  $t \rightarrow d(x, G(t))$  is measurable.
- (ii) A set-valued map  $F : [0, +\infty) \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R})$  is said to be Carathéodory if  $t \rightarrow F(t, x, y)$  is measurable for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $(x, y) \rightarrow F(t, x, y)$  is upper semicontinuous for almost all  $t \in [0, +\infty)$ .
- (iii)  $F$  is said to be  $L^1$ -Carathéodory if for any  $l > 0$  there exists  $h_l \in L^1([0, +\infty), \mathbb{R})$  such that  $\sup\{|v| : v \in F(t, x, y)\} \leq h_l(t)$  a.e.  $[0, +\infty)$ ;  $\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Finally, the following results are easily deduced from the theoretical limit set properties.

**Lemma 6** (see [27, Lemma 1.1.9]). *Let  $\{K_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subset K \subset X$  be a sequence of subsets where  $K$  is a compact subset of a separable Banach space  $X$ . Then,*

$$\overline{\text{co}} \left( \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} K_n \right) = \bigcap_{N>0} \overline{\text{co}} \left( \bigcup_{n \geq N} K_n \right), \quad (5)$$

where  $\overline{\text{co}}(A)$  refers to the closure of the convex hull of  $A$ .

**Lemma 7** (see [27, Lemma 1.4.13]). *Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be two metric spaces. If  $G : X \rightarrow \mathcal{P}_{cp}(Y)$  is an upper semicontinuous, then, for each  $x_0 \in X$ ,*

$$\limsup_{x \rightarrow x_0} G(x) = G(x_0). \quad (6)$$

**Definition 8.** Let  $X$  be a Banach space. A sequence  $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subset L^1([a, b], X)$  is said to be semicompact if

(a) it is integrably bounded; that is, there exists  $q \in L^1([a, b], \mathbb{R}^+)$  such that

$$\|x_n(t)\|_E \leq q(t), \quad \text{for a.e. } t \in [a, b] \text{ and every } n \in \mathbb{N}, \quad (7)$$

(b) the image sequence  $\{x_n(t)\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is relatively compact in  $E$  for a.e.  $t \in [a, b]$ .

The following important result follows from the Dunford-Pettis theorem (see [28, Proposition 4.2.1]).

**Lemma 9.** *Every semicompact sequence  $L^1([a, b], X)$  is weakly compact in  $L^1([a, b], X)$ .*

When the nonlinearity takes convex values, Mazur's Lemma, 1933, may be useful.

**Lemma 10** (see [29, Theorem 21.4]). *Let  $E$  be a normed space and  $\{x_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \subset E$  a sequence weakly converging to a limit  $x \in E$ . Then, there exists a sequence of convex combinations  $y_m = \sum_{k=1}^m \alpha_{mk} x_k$  with  $\alpha_{mk} > 0$  for  $k = 1, 2, \dots, m$  and  $\sum_{k=1}^m \alpha_{mk} = 1$  which converges strongly to  $x$ .*

**Lemma 11** (see [30]). *Let  $X$  be defined as before and  $M \subset X$ . Then  $M$  is relatively compact in  $X$  if the following conditions hold:*

- (a)  $M$  is uniformly bounded in  $X$ ;
- (b) the functions from  $M$  are equicontinuous on any compact interval of  $[0, +\infty)$ ;
- (c) the functions from  $M$  are equiconvergent; that is, for any given  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists a  $T = T(\epsilon) > 0$  such that  $|f(t) - f(+\infty)| < \epsilon$ , for any  $t > T$ ,  $f \in M$ .

**Definition 12** (see [6]). The Riemann-Liouville fractional integral operator of order  $\alpha > 0$ , of function  $f \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^+)$ , is defined as

$$I_{0^+}^\alpha f(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^t (t-s)^{\alpha-1} f(s) ds, \quad (8)$$

where  $\Gamma(\cdot)$  is the Euler gamma function.

**Definition 13** (see [31]). The Riemann-Liouville fractional derivative of order  $\alpha > 0$ ,  $n-1 < \alpha < n$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  is defined as

$$D_{0^+}^\alpha f(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(n-\alpha)} \left( \frac{d}{dt} \right)^n \int_0^t (t-s)^{n-\alpha-1} f(s) ds, \quad (9)$$

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

**Lemma 14** (see [31]). *The equality  $D_{0^+}^\gamma I_{0^+}^\gamma f(t) = f(t)$ ,  $\gamma > 0$  holds for  $f \in L^1(0, 1)$ .*

**Lemma 15** (see [31]). *Let  $\alpha > 0$  and  $u \in C(0, 1) \cap L^1(0, 1)$ . Then, the differential equation*

$$D_{0^+}^\alpha u(t) = 0 \quad (10)$$

has a unique solution  $u(t) = c_1 t^{\alpha-1} + c_2 t^{\alpha-2} + \dots + c_n t^{\alpha-n}$ ,  $c_i \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$ , where  $n-1 < \alpha < n$ .

**Lemma 16** (see [31]). *Let  $\alpha > 0$ . Then, the following equality holds for  $u \in L^1(0, 1)$ ,  $D_{0^+}^\alpha u \in L^1(0, 1)$ :*

$$I_{0^+}^\alpha D_{0^+}^\alpha u(t) = u(t) + c_1 t^{\alpha-1} + c_2 t^{\alpha-2} + \dots + c_n t^{\alpha-n}, \quad (11)$$

$c_i \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$ , where  $n-1 < \alpha \leq n$ .

By  $AC^1([0, +\infty), \mathbb{R})$  we denote the space of continuous real-valued functions whose first derivative exists and it is absolutely continuous on  $[0, +\infty)$ . In this paper, we will use the following space  $E$  to the study (1) which is denoted by

$$E = \left\{ u \in AC^1([0, +\infty), \mathbb{R}) : \sup_{0 \leq t < +\infty} \frac{|u(t)|}{1+t^{\alpha-1}}, \sup_{0 \leq t < +\infty} \frac{|u'(t)|}{1+t^{\alpha-1}} < +\infty \right\}. \quad (12)$$

From [32], we know that  $E$  is a Banach space equipped with the norm

$$\|u\| = \max \left\{ \sup_{0 \leq t < +\infty} \frac{|u(t)|}{1+t^{\alpha-1}}, \sup_{0 \leq t < +\infty} \frac{|u'(t)|}{1+t^{\alpha-1}} \right\}. \quad (13)$$

In what follows,  $I = [0, +\infty)$ ,  $\alpha \in (2, 3)$ , and  $\Delta = \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \beta_i \xi_i^{\alpha-1}$ . Next, we need the following technical result proved in [1].

**Lemma 17** (see [1]). *For any  $h \in L^1([0, +\infty), \mathbb{R})$ , the problem*

$$\begin{aligned} D_{0^+}^\alpha u(t) + h(t) &= 0, \quad 0 < t < \infty, \quad 2 < \alpha < 3, \\ u(0) = u'(0) &= 0, \quad D^{\alpha-1} u(+\infty) = \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \beta_i u(\xi_i), \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

has a unique solution  $u(t)$  that

$$u(t) = \int_0^{+\infty} G(t, s) h(s) ds, \quad (15)$$

where

$$G(t, s) = G_1(t, s) + G_2(t, s), \quad (16)$$

$$G_1(t, s) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \begin{cases} t^{\alpha-1} - (t-s)^{\alpha-1}, & 0 \leq s \leq t < +\infty, \\ t^{\alpha-1}, & 0 \leq t \leq s < +\infty, \end{cases} \quad (17)$$

$$G_2(t, s) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \beta_i t^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha) - \Delta} G_1(\xi_i, s). \quad (18)$$

Note that  $G(t, s) > 0, \forall t, s \in [0, +\infty)$ , (e.g., Lemma 3.2 in [1]) and from the definition of  $G_1(t, s)$ , we have the following (e.g., Remark 3.1 in [1]):

$$\frac{G_1(t, s)}{1 + t^{\alpha-1}} \leq \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)}, \quad (19)$$

$$\frac{G(t, s)}{1 + t^{\alpha-1}} \leq L_1 \quad \text{for } (t, s) \in [0, +\infty) \times [0, +\infty),$$

where

$$L_1 = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \left( 1 + \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \beta_i \xi_{m-2}^{\alpha-1}}{(\Gamma(\alpha) - \Delta)} \right). \quad (20)$$

Also, one can get

$$\frac{\partial G(t, s) / \partial t}{1 + t^{\alpha-1}} \leq L_2 \quad \text{for } (t, s) \in [0, +\infty) \times [0, +\infty), \quad (21)$$

where

$$L_2 = \frac{2(\alpha-1)}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \left( 1 + \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \beta_i \xi_{m-2}^{\alpha-1}}{(\Gamma(\alpha) - \Delta)} \right). \quad (22)$$

**Lemma 18.** *The function  $G(t, s)$  defined by (16) satisfies*

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{G(t, s)}{1 + t^{\alpha-1}} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \beta_i \xi_i^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha) (\Gamma(\alpha) - \Delta)}. \quad (23)$$

By calculation, it is easy to prove that Lemma 18 holds. So, we omit its proof here.

### 3. Main Results

Now we are able to present the existence results for problem (1).

**3.1. The Upper Semicontinuous Case.** To obtain the complete continuity of existence solutions operator, the following lemma is still needed.

**Lemma 19** (see [32]). *Let  $V = \{u \in E \mid \|u\| < l\} (l > 0), V_1 = \{u(t)/(1 + t^{\alpha-1}) : u \in V\}$ . If  $V_1$  is equicontinuous on any compact interval of  $[0, +\infty)$  and equiconvergent at infinity, then  $V$  is relatively compact on  $E$ .*

**Definition 20.**  $V_1$  is called equiconvergent at infinity if and only if for all  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists  $\nu(\epsilon) > 0$  such that for all  $u \in V_1, t_1, t_2 \geq \nu$ , it holds

$$\left| \frac{u(t_1)}{1 + t_1^{\alpha-1}} - \frac{u(t_2)}{1 + t_2^{\alpha-1}} \right| < \epsilon. \quad (24)$$

**Theorem 21.** *The Carathéodory multivalued map  $F : I \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R})$  has nonempty, compact, convex values and satisfies the following.*

(H1) *There exists a continuous nondecreasing function  $\psi : [0, +\infty) \rightarrow (0, +\infty)$  and  $\varphi \in L^1([0, +\infty), \mathbb{R}^+)$  such that  $\|F(t, x, y)\|_{\mathcal{P}} := \sup\{|v(t)/(1 + t^{\alpha-1})| : v \in F(t, x, y)\} \leq \varphi(t)\psi(\|x\|)$ , for a.e.  $t \in I$  and each  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ .*

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

$$\frac{M}{\max\{L_1, L_2\} \psi(M) \int_0^{+\infty} \varphi(s) ds} > 1. \quad (25)$$

*Then, problem (1) has at least one solution.*

*Proof.* Let  $X = E$  and consider  $M > 0$  as in (25). It is obvious that the existence of solutions to problem (1) is reduced to the existence of the solutions of the integral inclusion

$$u(t) \in \int_0^{+\infty} G(t, s) F(s, u(s), u'(s)) ds, \quad t \in I, \quad (26)$$

where  $G(t, s)$  is defined by (16) and (17). Consider the set-valued map,  $T : E \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X)$  is defined by

$$T(u) := \left\{ v \in X; v(t) = \int_0^{+\infty} G(t, s) f(s) ds, f \in \overline{S_F(u)} \right\}. \quad (27)$$

We show that  $T$  satisfies the hypotheses of Theorem 2.

**Claim 1.** We show that  $T(u) \subset X$  is convex for any  $u \in X$ . If  $v_1, v_2 \in T(u)$ , then, there exist  $f_1, f_2 \in S_F(u)$  such that for any  $t \in I$  one has

$$v_i(t) = \int_0^{+\infty} G(t, s) f_i(s) ds, \quad i = 1, 2. \quad (28)$$

Let  $0 \leq \lambda \leq 1$ . Then, for any  $t \in I$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & (\lambda v_1 + (1 - \lambda) v_2)(t) \\ &= \int_0^{+\infty} G(t, s) [\lambda f_1(s) + (1 - \lambda) f_2(s)] ds. \end{aligned} \quad (29)$$

The values of  $F$  are convex; thus,  $S_F(u)$  is a convex set and hence  $\lambda v_1 + (1 - \lambda) v_2 \in T(u)$ .

**Claim 2.** We show that  $T$  is bounded on bounded sets of  $X$ . Let  $B$  be any bounded subset of  $X$ . Then, there exists  $m > 0$  such that  $\|u\| \leq m$  for all  $u \in B$ . If  $v \in T(u)$ , then there exists  $f \in S_F(u)$  such that  $v(t) = \int_0^{+\infty} G(t, s) f(s) ds$ . One may write the following for any  $t \in I$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{v(t)}{1 + t^{\alpha-1}} \right| &\leq \int_0^{+\infty} \left| \frac{G(t, s)}{1 + t^{\alpha-1}} \right| |f(s)| ds \\ &\leq L_1 \int_0^{+\infty} \varphi(s) \psi(\|u\|) ds \leq L_1 |\varphi|_1 \psi(m). \end{aligned} \quad (30)$$

On the other hand,

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{v'(t)}{1+t^{\alpha-1}} \right| &\leq \int_0^{+\infty} \frac{\partial G(t,s)/\partial t}{1+t^{\alpha-1}} f(s) ds \\ &\leq L_2 \int_0^{+\infty} \varphi(s) \psi(\|u\|) ds \\ &\leq L_2 |\varphi|_1 \psi(m), \end{aligned} \tag{31}$$

and therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \|v\| &= \max_{t \in I} \left\{ \left| \frac{v(t)}{1+t^{\alpha-1}} \right|, \left| \frac{v'(t)}{1+t^{\alpha-1}} \right| \right\} \\ &\leq \max\{L_1, L_2\} |\varphi|_1 \psi(m), \end{aligned} \tag{32}$$

for all  $v \in T(u)$ ; that is,  $T(B)$  is bounded.

*Claim 3.* We show that  $T$  maps bounded the sets into equicontinuous sets. Let  $B$  be any bounded subset of  $X$  as before and  $v \in T(u)$  for some  $u \in B$ . Then, there exists  $f \in S_F(u)$  such that  $v(t) = \int_0^{+\infty} G(t,s) f(s) ds$ . So, for any  $T_0 \in (0, +\infty)$  and  $t_1, t_2 \in [0, T_0]$ , without loss of generality, we may assume that  $t_2 > t_1$  and one can get the following:

$$\begin{aligned} &\left| \frac{v(t_1)}{1+t_1^{\alpha-1}} - \frac{v(t_2)}{1+t_2^{\alpha-1}} \right| \\ &\leq \int_0^{+\infty} \left| \frac{G_1(t_1,s)}{1+t_1^{\alpha-1}} - \frac{G_1(t_2,s)}{1+t_2^{\alpha-1}} \right| f(s) ds \\ &\quad + \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \beta_i}{\Gamma(\alpha) - \Delta} \left| \frac{t_1^{\alpha-1}}{1+t_1^{\alpha-1}} - \frac{t_2^{\alpha-1}}{1+t_2^{\alpha-1}} \right| \\ &\quad \times \int_0^{+\infty} G_1(\xi_i, s) f(s) ds \\ &\leq \int_0^{+\infty} \left| \frac{G_1(t_1,s)}{1+t_1^{\alpha-1}} - \frac{G_1(t_2,s)}{1+t_1^{\alpha-1}} \right| \varphi(s) \psi(\|u\|) ds \\ &\quad + \int_0^{+\infty} \left| \frac{G_1(t_2,s)}{1+t_1^{\alpha-1}} - \frac{G_1(t_2,s)}{1+t_2^{\alpha-1}} \right| \varphi(s) \psi(\|u\|) ds \\ &\quad + \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \beta_i \xi_i^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\Gamma(\alpha) - \Delta)} \left| \frac{t_1^{\alpha-1}}{1+t_1^{\alpha-1}} - \frac{t_2^{\alpha-1}}{1+t_2^{\alpha-1}} \right| \\ &\quad \times \int_0^{+\infty} \varphi(s) \psi(\|u\|) ds. \end{aligned} \tag{33}$$

On the other hand, we get

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_0^{+\infty} \left| \frac{G_1(t_1,s)}{1+t_1^{\alpha-1}} - \frac{G_1(t_2,s)}{1+t_1^{\alpha-1}} \right| \varphi(s) \psi(\|u\|) ds \\ &\leq \left( \int_0^{t_1} + \int_{t_1}^{t_2} + \int_{t_2}^{+\infty} \right) \left| \frac{G_1(t_1,s)}{1+t_1^{\alpha-1}} - \frac{G_1(t_2,s)}{1+t_1^{\alpha-1}} \right| \\ &\quad \times \varphi(s) \psi(\|u\|) ds \\ &\leq \psi(m) \int_0^{t_1} \frac{(t_2^{\alpha-1} - t_1^{\alpha-1}) + ((t_2-s)^{\alpha-1} - (t_1-s)^{\alpha-1})}{1+t_1^{\alpha-1}} \\ &\quad \times \varphi(s) ds \\ &\quad + \psi(m) \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \frac{(t_2^{\alpha-1} - t_1^{\alpha-1}) + (t_2-s)^{\alpha-1}}{1+t_1^{\alpha-1}} \varphi(s) ds \\ &\quad + \psi(m) \int_{t_2}^{+\infty} \frac{(t_2^{\alpha-1} - t_1^{\alpha-1})}{1+t_1^{\alpha-1}} \varphi(s) ds \\ &\rightarrow 0 \text{ uniformly as } t_1 \rightarrow t_2. \end{aligned} \tag{34}$$

Similar to (34), we have

$$\int_0^{+\infty} \left| \frac{G_1(t_2,s)}{1+t_1^{\alpha-1}} - \frac{G_1(t_2,s)}{1+t_2^{\alpha-1}} \right| \varphi(s) \psi(\|u\|) ds \rightarrow 0 \tag{35}$$

uniformly as  $t_1 \rightarrow t_2$ .

From (34) and (35), we have

$$\left| \frac{v(t_1)}{1+t_1^{\alpha-1}} - \frac{v(t_2)}{1+t_2^{\alpha-1}} \right| \rightarrow 0 \text{ uniformly as } t_1 \rightarrow t_2. \tag{36}$$

Similar to (36), one can get

$$\left| \frac{v'(t_1)}{1+t_1^{\alpha-1}} - \frac{v'(t_2)}{1+t_2^{\alpha-1}} \right| \rightarrow 0 \text{ uniformly as } t_1 \rightarrow t_2. \tag{37}$$

Therefore,  $T(B)$  is an equicontinuous set in  $X$ .

*Claim 4.* We show that  $T$  is equiconvergent at  $\infty$ . Let  $v \in T(u)$  for some  $u \in B$ . Then, there exists  $f \in S_F(u)$  such that  $v(t) = \int_0^{+\infty} G(t,s) f(s) ds$ . So, we have the following:

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_0^{+\infty} f(s) ds \leq \psi(m) \int_0^{+\infty} \varphi(s) ds < +\infty, \\ &\lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} \left| \frac{v(t)}{1+t^{\alpha-1}} \right| = \lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{1}{1+t^{\alpha-1}} \int_0^{+\infty} G(t,s) f(s) ds \\ &= \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \beta_i \xi_i^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha) (\Gamma(\alpha) - \Delta)} \int_0^{+\infty} f(s) ds \\ &\quad - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \beta_i}{\Gamma(\alpha) (\Gamma(\alpha) - \Delta)} \\ &\quad \times \int_0^{\xi_i} (\xi_i - s)^{\alpha-1} f(s) ds < \infty, \end{aligned} \tag{38}$$



and, similarly, one has

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} \left| \frac{v'(t)}{1+t^{\alpha-1}} \right| < \infty. \quad (39)$$

Therefore,  $T(B)$  is equiconvergent at infinity.

Therefore, with Lemma 11, Lemma 19 and Claims 2–4, we conclude that  $T$  is completely continuous.

*Claim 5.*  $T$  is upper semicontinuous. To this end, it is sufficient to show that  $T$  has a closed graph. Let  $v_n \in T(u_n)$  such that  $v_n \rightarrow v$  and  $u_n \rightarrow u$ , as  $n \rightarrow +\infty$ . Then, there exists  $m > 0$  such that  $\|u_n\| \leq m$ . We will prove that  $v \in T(u)$  means that there exists  $f_n \in S_F(u_n)$  such that, for a.e.  $t \in I$ , we have  $v_n(t) = \int_0^{+\infty} G(t,s)f_n(s)ds$ . Then, we need to show that  $v \in T(u)$ .

Condition (H1) implies that  $f_n(t) \in \varphi(t)\psi(m)B_1(0)$ . Then,  $\{f_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is integrably bounded in  $L^1(I, \mathbb{R})$ . Since  $F$  has compact values, we deduce that  $\{f_n\}_n$  is semicompact. By Lemma 9, there exists a subsequence, still denoted as  $\{f_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ , which converges weakly to some limit  $f \in L^1(I, \mathbb{R})$ . Moreover, the mapping  $\Gamma : L^1(I, \mathbb{R}) \rightarrow X = E$  defined by

$$\Gamma(g)(t) = \int_0^{+\infty} G(t,s)g(s)ds \quad (40)$$

is a continuous linear operator. Then, it remains continuous if these spaces are endowed with their weak topologies [29, 33]. Moreover, for a.e.  $t \in I$ ,  $u_n(t)$  converges to  $u(t)$ . Then, we have

$$v(t) = \int_0^{+\infty} G(t,s)f(s)ds. \quad (41)$$

It remains to prove that  $f \in F(t, u(t), u'(t))$ , a.e.  $t \in I$ . Mazur's Lemma (see Lemma 10) yields the existence of  $\alpha_i^n \geq 0$ ,  $i = n, \dots, k(n)$  such that  $\sum_{i=1}^{k(n)} \alpha_i^n = 1$  and the sequence of convex combinations  $g_n(\cdot) = \sum_{i=1}^{k(n)} \alpha_i^n f_i(\cdot)$  converges strongly to  $f$  in  $L^1$ . Using Lemma 6, we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} v(t) &\in \bigcap_{n \geq 1} \overline{\{g_n(t)\}}, \quad \text{a.e. } t \in I \\ &\subset \bigcap_{n \geq 1} \overline{\text{co}} \{f_k(t), k \geq n\} \\ &\subset \bigcap_{n \geq 1} \overline{\text{co}} \left\{ \bigcup_{k \geq n} F(t, u_k(t), u'_k(t)) \right\} \\ &= \overline{\text{co}} \left( \limsup_{k \rightarrow +\infty} F(t, u_k(t), u'_k(t)) \right). \end{aligned} \quad (42)$$

However, the fact that the multivalued  $x \rightarrow F(\cdot, x, x')$  is upper semicontinuous and has compact values, together with Lemma 7, implies that

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow +\infty} F(t, u_n(t), u'_n(t)) = F(t, u(t), u'(t)), \quad \text{a.e. } t \in I. \quad (43)$$

This along with (42) yields that  $f(t) \in \overline{\text{co}}F(t, u(t), u'(t))$ . Finally,  $F(\cdot, \cdot, \cdot)$  has closed, convex values; hence,  $f(t) \in$

$F(t, u(t), u'(t))$ , a.e.  $t \in I$ . Thus,  $v \in T(u)$ , proving that  $T$  has a closed graph. Finally, with Lemma 1 and the compactness of  $T$ , we conclude that  $T$  is upper semicontinuous.

*Claim 6.* A priori bounds on solutions. Let  $u$  be a solution of (1). Then, there exists  $f \in L^1([0, +\infty), \mathbb{R})$  with  $f \in S_F(u)$  such that  $u(t) = \int_0^{+\infty} G(t,s)f(s)ds$ . In view of (H1), and using the computations in Claim 2 above, for each  $t \in [0, +\infty)$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \left\{ \left| \frac{u(t)}{1+t^{\alpha-1}} \right|, \left| \frac{u'(t)}{1+t^{\alpha-1}} \right| \right\} &\leq \max\{L_1, L_2\} \int_0^{+\infty} f(s)ds \\ &\leq \max\{L_1, L_2\} \psi(\|u\|) \\ &\quad \times \int_0^{+\infty} \varphi(s)ds. \end{aligned} \quad (44)$$

Consequently,

$$\frac{\|u\|}{\max\{L_1, L_2\} \psi(\|u\|) \int_0^{+\infty} \varphi(s)ds} \leq 1. \quad (45)$$

In view of (H2), there exists  $M$  such that  $\|u\| \neq M$ . Let us consider the following:

$$U := \{u \in AC^1([0, +\infty), \mathbb{R}) : \|u\| < M\}. \quad (46)$$

Note that the operator  $T : \overline{U} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(AC^1([0, +\infty)))$  is upper semicontinuous and completely continuous. From the choice of  $U$ , there is no  $u \in \partial U$  such that  $u = \lambda T(u)$  for some  $\lambda \in (0, 1)$ . Consequently, by the nonlinear alternative of the Leray-Schauder type (Theorem 2), we deduce that  $T$  has a fixed point  $u \in U$  which is a solution of the problem (1). This completes the proof.  $\square$

*3.2. The Lipschitz Case.* Now we prove the existence of solutions for the problem (1) with a nonconvex-valued right hand side by applying a fixed point theorem for multivalued maps according to Covitz and Nadler [34].

*Definition 22.* A multivalued operator  $N : X \rightarrow \mathcal{P}_{cl}(X)$  is called the following:

- (a)  $\gamma$ -Lipschitz if and only if there exists  $\gamma > 0$  such that  $d_H(N(x), N(y)) \leq \gamma d(x, y)$  for each  $x, y \in X$ ;
- (b) a contraction if and only if it is  $\gamma$ -Lipschitz with  $\gamma < 1$ .

**Lemma 23** (Covitz-Nadler, [34]). *Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete metric space. If  $N : X \rightarrow \mathcal{P}_{cl}(X)$  is a contraction, then  $\text{Fix}N \neq \emptyset$ .*

*Definition 24.* A measurable multivalued function  $F : [0, +\infty) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(X)$  is said to be integrably bounded if there exists a function  $f \in L^1([0, +\infty), X)$  such that for all  $v \in F(t)$ ,  $\|v\| \leq f(t)$  for a.e.  $t \in [0, +\infty)$ .

**Theorem 25.** *Assume that the following condition holds:*

- (H4)  $F : I \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}_{cp}(\mathbb{R})$  such that  $F(\cdot, x, y) : [0, +\infty) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}_{cp}(\mathbb{R})$  is measurable for each  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ ;

(H5) *There exist  $l_1, l_2 : [0, +\infty) \rightarrow [0, +\infty)$  which are not identical zero on any closed subinterval of  $[0, +\infty)$ , and*

$$\int_0^{+\infty} (1 + s^{\alpha-1}) l_i(s) ds < +\infty, \quad i = 1, 2, \quad (47)$$

such that for almost all  $t \in [0, +\infty)$ ,

$$d_H(F(t, x_1, y_1), F(t, x_2, y_2)) \leq l_1(t) |x_1 - x_2| + l_2(t) |y_1 - y_2| \quad (48)$$

for all  $x_1, x_2, y_1$ , and  $y_2 \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $d(0, F(t, 0, 0)) \leq l_1(t) + l_2(t)$  for almost all  $t \in [0, +\infty)$ .

Then, the boundary value problem (1) has at least one solution on  $I = [0, +\infty)$  if

$$\max \{L_1, L_2\} \left( \int_0^{+\infty} (1 + s^{\alpha-1}) (l_1(s) + l_2(s)) ds \right) < 1. \quad (49)$$

*Proof.* We transform problem (1) into a fixed point problem. Consider the set-valued map  $T : AC^1[0, +\infty) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(AC^1[0, +\infty))$  defined at the beginning of the proof of Theorem 21. It is clear that the fixed point of  $T$  are solutions of the problem (1).

Note that since the set-valued map  $F(\cdot, u(\cdot))$  is measurable with the measurable selection theorem (e.g., Theorem III. 6 in [35]) it admits a measurable selection  $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . Moreover, since  $F$  is integrably bounded,  $f \in L^1([0, +\infty), \mathbb{R})$ . Therefore,  $S_F(u) \neq \emptyset$ .

We will prove that  $T$  fulfills the assumptions of Covitz-Nadler contraction principle (Lemma 23).

First, we note that since  $S_F(u) \neq \emptyset$ ,  $T(u) \neq \emptyset$  for any  $u \in AC^1([0, +\infty), \mathbb{R})$ .

Second, we prove that  $T(u)$  is closed for any  $u \in AC^1([0, +\infty), \mathbb{R})$ . Let  $\{u_n\}_{n \geq 0} \in T(u)$  such that  $u_n \rightarrow u_0$  in  $AC^1([0, +\infty), \mathbb{R})$ . Then  $u_0 \in AC^1([0, +\infty), \mathbb{R})$  and there exists  $f_n \in S_F(u)$  such that

$$u_n(t) = \int_0^{+\infty} G(t, s) f_n(s) ds. \quad (50)$$

Since  $F$  has compact values, we may pass onto a subsequence (if necessary) to obtain that  $f_n$  converges to  $f \in L^1([0, +\infty), \mathbb{R})$  in  $L^1([0, +\infty), \mathbb{R})$ . In particular,  $f \in S_F(u)$ , and for any  $t \in [0, +\infty)$  we have

$$u_n(t) \rightarrow u_0(t) = \int_0^{+\infty} G(t, s) f(s) ds, \quad (51)$$

that is,  $u_0 \in T(u)$  and  $T(u)$  is closed.

Next we show that  $T$  is a contraction on  $AC^1([0, +\infty), \mathbb{R})$ . Let  $u_1, u_2 \in AC^1([0, +\infty), \mathbb{R})$  and  $v_1 \in T(u_1)$ . Then there exist  $f_1 \in S_F(u_1)$  such that

$$v_1(t) = \int_0^{+\infty} G(t, s) f_1(s) ds, \quad t \in [0, +\infty). \quad (52)$$

Consider the set-valued map

$$H(t) := F(t, u_2(t), u_2'(t)) \cap \{u \in \mathbb{R}; |f_1(t) - u| \leq l_1(t) |x_1 - x_2| + l_2(t) |x_1' - x_2'| \}, \quad t \in [0, +\infty). \quad (53)$$

By (H5), we have

$$d_H(F(t, x_1, x_1'), F(t, x_2, x_2')) \leq l_1(t) |x_1 - x_2| + l_2(t) |x_1' - x_2'|, \quad (54)$$

hence  $H$  has nonempty closed values. Moreover, since  $H$  is measurable (e.g., Proposition III. 4 in [35]), there exists  $f_2$  which is a measurable selection of  $H$ . It follows that  $f_2 \in S_F(u_2)$  and for any  $t \in [0, +\infty)$ ,

$$|f_1(t) - f_2(t)| \leq l_1(t) |x_1 - x_2| + l_2(t) |x_1' - x_2'|. \quad (55)$$

Define

$$v_2(t) = \int_0^{+\infty} G(t, s) f_2(s) ds, \quad t \in [0, +\infty), \quad (56)$$

and one can get

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{v_1(t)}{1 + t^{\alpha-1}} - \frac{v_2(t)}{1 + t^{\alpha-1}} \right| \\ & \leq \int_0^{+\infty} \frac{G(t, s)}{1 + t^{\alpha-1}} |f_1(s) - f_2(s)| ds \\ & \leq L_1 \int_0^{+\infty} [l_1(s) |x_1(s) - x_2(s)| + l_2(s) |x_1'(s) - x_2'(s)|] ds \\ & \leq L_1 \int_0^{+\infty} (1 + s^{\alpha-1}) \left[ l_1(s) \left| \frac{x_1(s) - x_2(s)}{1 + s^{\alpha-1}} \right| + l_2(s) \left| \frac{x_1'(s) - x_2'(s)}{1 + s^{\alpha-1}} \right| \right] ds \\ & \leq \max \{L_1, L_2\} \|x_1 - x_2\| \int_0^{+\infty} (1 + s^{\alpha-1}) (l_1(s) + l_2(s)) ds. \end{aligned} \quad (57)$$

Similarly, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{v_1'(t)}{1 + t^{\alpha-1}} - \frac{v_2'(t)}{1 + t^{\alpha-1}} \right| \leq \max \{L_1, L_2\} \|x_1 - x_2\| \\ & \quad \times \int_0^{+\infty} (1 + s^{\alpha-1}) (l_1(s) + l_2(s)) ds. \end{aligned} \quad (58)$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \|v_1 - v_2\| & \leq \max \{L_1, L_2\} \|x_1 - x_2\| \\ & \quad \times \int_0^{+\infty} (1 + s^{\alpha-1}) (l_1(s) + l_2(s)) ds. \end{aligned} \quad (59)$$

From an analogous reasoning by interchanging the roles of  $u_1$  and  $u_2$ , it follows that

$$d_H(T(u_1), T(u_2)) \leq \max\{L_1, L_2\} \|x_1 - x_2\| \times \int_0^{+\infty} (1 + s^{\alpha-1}) (l_1(s) + l_2(s)) ds. \quad (60)$$

Since  $T$  is a contraction, it follows by the Lemma 23 that  $T$  admits a fixed point which is a solution to problem (1).  $\square$

#### 4. Application

Consider the fractional boundary value problem,

$$D_{0^+}^{5/2} u(t) + F(t, u(t), u'(t)) \ni 0, \quad 0 < t < +\infty, \\ u(0) = u'(0) = 0, \quad D^{3/2} u(+\infty) - \frac{1}{8} u\left(\frac{1}{8}\right) - \frac{1}{4} u(1) = 0. \quad (61)$$

Here  $m = 4$ ,  $\alpha = 5/2$ ,  $\beta_1 = 1/8$ ,  $\beta_2 = 1/4$ ,  $\xi_1 = 1/8$ , and  $\xi_2 = 1$ , and  $F : I \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R})$  is a multivalued map given by

$$F(t, x, y) = \left[ e^{-t} (1 + t^{3/2}) \left( \frac{|x + y|^5}{|x + y|^5 + 5} + 9 \right), \right. \\ \left. 2e^{-t} (1 + t^{3/2}) \left( \frac{|x + y|^3}{|x + y|^3 + 3} + 1 \right) \right]. \quad (62)$$

For  $v \in F$ , we have

$$\left| \frac{v(t)}{1 + t^{3/2}} \right| \leq \max \left( e^{-t} \left( \frac{|x + y|^5}{|x + y|^5 + 5} + 9 \right), \right. \\ \left. 2e^{-t} \left( \frac{|x + y|^3}{|x + y|^3 + 3} + 1 \right) \right) \quad (63) \\ \leq 10e^{-t}, \quad x, y \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Thus,

$$\|F(t, x, y)\|_{\mathcal{P}} := \sup \left\{ \left| \frac{v(t)}{1 + t^{3/2}} \right| : v \in F(t, x, y) \right\} \quad (64) \\ \leq 10e^{-t} = \varphi(t) \psi(\|x\|), \quad x, y \in \mathbb{R},$$

with  $\varphi(t) = e^{-t}$ ,  $\psi(\|x\|) = 10$ .

Also, by direct calculation, we can obtain that  $L_1 = 1.01529$  and  $L_2 = 3.045869$ . Further, by using the following condition:

$$\frac{M}{\max\{L_1, L_2\} \psi(M) \int_0^{+\infty} \varphi(s) ds} > 1, \quad (65)$$

we find that  $M > 30.45869$ . Clearly, all the conditions of Theorem 21 are satisfied. So, there exists at least one solution of problem (1) on  $I$ .

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