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# On a strong-singular fractional differential equation

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## Abstract

It is important we try to solve complicate differential equations specially strong singular ones. We investigate the existence of solutions for a strong-singular fractional boundary value problem under some conditions. In this way, we provide a new technique for our study. We provide an example to illustrate our main result.

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## 1 Introduction

Fractional arithmetic theory has gained a special place in various sciences. In recent years, numerous works have been published in the field of fractional integro-differential equations such as q-differences [1–6], positive solutions [7, 8], fractional integro-differential equations [9–13], approximate solutions [14–16], hybrid problems [17, 18], and applied modelings [19–23]. It has been showed that one of the best methods for mathematical describing of complicate phenomena is modeling of the problems as singular fractional integro-differential equations (see [24–26]) which have been studied by some researchers (see, for example, [27–30]). Note that most published works on singular fractional equations have studied weak singularities, while it is important we try to review strong singular fractional integro-differential equations. There are a few works on strong singularities [31–33].

In 2014, Jleli et al. studied the existence of a positive solution for the singular fractional boundary value problem  $D^\alpha u(t) + f(t, u(t)) = 0$  with boundary value conditions  $u(0) = u'(0) = 0$  and  $u'(1) = \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \beta_i u'(\xi_i)$ , where  $0 < t < 1$ ,  $2 < \alpha \leq 3$ ,  $0 < \xi_1 < \dots < \xi_{m-2} < 1$ ,  $f : (0, 1] \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a continuous function,  $f(t, x)$  is singular at  $t = 0$ , and  $D^\alpha$  is the Caputo derivative [8]. In 2016, Shabibi et al. reviewed the multi-singular pointwise defined fractional integro-differential equation  $D^\mu x(t) + f(t, x(t), x'(t), D^\beta x(t), I^\eta x(t)) = 0$  under different boundary conditions, where  $\mu \in [2, 3]$  or  $\mu \in [3, \infty)$ ,  $0 \leq t \leq 1$ ,  $x \in C^1[0, 1]$ ,  $\beta, \xi, \eta \in (0, 1)$ ,  $p > 1$ ,  $D^\mu$  is the Caputo fractional derivative of order  $\mu$  and  $f : [0, 1] \times \mathbb{R}^5 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a function such that  $f(t, \cdot, \cdot, \cdot, \cdot)$  is singular at some points  $t \in [0, 1]$  [28].

In 2018, Baleanu et al. investigated the existence of solutions for the pointwise defined problem  $D^\alpha x(t) + f(t, x(t), x'(t), D^\beta x(t), \int_0^t h(\xi)x(\xi)d\xi, \phi(x(t))) = 0$  with boundary

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value conditions  $x(1) = x(0) = x''(0) = \dots = x^n(0) = 0$ , where  $\alpha \geq 2$ ,  $\lambda, \mu, \beta \in (0, 1)$ ,  $\phi : X \rightarrow X$  is a mapping such that  $\|\phi(x) - \phi(y)\| \leq \theta_0 \|x - y\| + \theta_1 \|x' - y'\|$  for some nonnegative real numbers  $\theta_0$  and  $\theta_1 \in [0, \infty)$  and all  $x, y \in X$ ,  $D^\alpha$  is the Caputo fractional derivative of order  $\alpha$ ,  $f(t, x_1(t), \dots, x_5(t)) = f_1(t, x_1(t), \dots, x_5(t))$  for all  $t \in [0, \lambda]$ ,  $f(t, x_1(t), \dots, x_5(t)) = f_2(t, x_1(t), \dots, x_5(t))$  for all  $t \in [\lambda, \mu]$  and  $f(t, x_1(t), \dots, x_5(t)) = f_3(t, x_1(t), \dots, x_5(t))$  for all  $t \in (\mu, 1]$ ,  $f_1(t, \cdot, \cdot, \cdot, \cdot)$  and  $f_3(t, \cdot, \cdot, \cdot, \cdot)$  are continuous on  $[0, \lambda]$  and  $(\mu, 1]$ , and  $f_2(t, \cdot, \cdot, \cdot, \cdot)$  is multi-singular [25]. They published another work on a three-step crisis integro-differential equation [26]. In 2020, Talaee et al. reviewed the existence of solutions for the fractional differential pointwise defined problem  $D^\alpha x(t) = f(t, x(t), x'(t), D^\beta x(t), \int_0^t g(\xi)x(\xi)d\xi)$  with boundary value conditions  $x(\mu) = \int_0^1 h(z)x(z)dz$  and  $x(0) = x^{(j)}(0) = 0$  for  $2 \leq j \leq n-1$ , where  $\alpha \geq 2$ ,  $n = [\alpha] + 1$ ,  $\mu, \beta \in (0, 1)$ ,  $g, h : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  are mappings such that  $g, zh \in L^1[0, 1]$  and  $f \in L^1$  is singular at some points  $[0, 1]$  [30].

By using the main idea of these works, we investigate the existence of solutions for the strong singular fractional differential equation

$$D^\alpha x(t) = f(t, x(t), I^{p_1}x(t), \dots, I^{p_m}x(t)), \quad (1)$$

with some boundary value conditions, where  $\alpha \geq 1$ ,  $p_1, \dots, p_m > 0$ ,  $m \geq 1$ ,  $D^\alpha$  is the fractional Caputo derivative of order  $\alpha$  and  $f(t, \cdot, \dots, \cdot)$  is strong singular at some points  $[0, 1]$ .

The Riemann–Liouville integral of order  $p$  with the lower limit  $a \geq 0$  for a function  $f : (a, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is defined by  $I_a^p f(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(p)} \int_a^t (t-s)^{p-1} f(s) ds$  provided that the right-hand side is pointwise define on  $(a, \infty)$  [34]. We denote  $I_0^p f(t)$  by  $I^p f(t)$ . The Caputo fractional derivative of order  $\alpha > 0$  is defined by  ${}^c D^\alpha f(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(n-\alpha)} \int_0^t \frac{f^{(n)}(s)}{(t-s)^{\alpha+1-n}} ds$ , where  $n = [\alpha] + 1$  and  $f : (a, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a function [34].

Let  $\Psi$  be the family of nondecreasing functions  $\psi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  such that  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \psi^n(t) < \infty$  for all  $t > 0$  [35]. One can check that  $\psi(t) < t$  for all  $t > 0$  [35]. Let  $T : X \rightarrow X$  and  $\alpha : X \times X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  be two maps. Then  $T$  is called an  $\alpha$ -admissible map whenever  $\alpha(x, y) \geq 1$  implies  $\alpha(Tx, Ty) \geq 1$  [35]. Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space,  $\psi \in \Psi$ , and  $\alpha : X \times X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  be a map. A self-map  $T : X \rightarrow X$  is called an  $\alpha$ - $\psi$ -contraction whenever  $\alpha(x, y) d(Tx, Ty) \leq \psi(d(x, y))$  for all  $x, y \in X$  [35]. We need the next results.

**Lemma 1 ([35])** *Let  $(X, d)$  be a complete metric space,  $\psi \in \Psi$ ,  $\alpha : X \times X \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  be a map, and  $T : X \rightarrow X$  be an  $\alpha$ -admissible  $\alpha$ - $\psi$ -contraction. If  $T$  is continuous and there exists  $x_0 \in X$  such that  $\alpha(x_0, Tx_0) \geq 1$ , then  $T$  has a fixed point.*

**Lemma 2 ([34])** *Let  $n-1 \leq \alpha < n$  and  $x \in C(0, 1)$ . Then  $I^\alpha D^\alpha x(t) = x(t) + \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} c_i t^i$  for some real constants  $c_0, \dots, c_{n-1}$ .*

**Lemma 3 ([36])** *For all  $z > 0$  and  $\omega > -1$ , we have  $\int_0^t (t-s)^{\omega-1} s^z ds = B(z+1, \omega) t^{\omega+z}$ , where  $B(z, \omega) = \frac{\Gamma(\omega) \Gamma(z)}{\Gamma(\omega+z)}$ .*

## 2 Main results

Now, we are ready for preparing our main results. For the next key result, we use the main idea of [25] to conclude that it is valid on  $L^1[0, 1]$ .

**Lemma 4** *Let  $\alpha \geq 1$ ,  $[\alpha] = n-1$ ,  $k$  be a natural number,  $\mu \in (0, 1)$ ,  $\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_k \in (0, 1)$ ,  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k \geq 0$  and  $q_1, \dots, q_k > 0$  be such that  $\sum_{i=1}^k \frac{\lambda_i \gamma_i^{q_i}}{\Gamma(q_i+1)} < 1$  and  $f \in L^1[0, 1]$ . Then the*

solution of the problem  $D^\alpha x(t) = f(t)$  with boundary conditions  $x^{(2)}(0) = \dots = x^{(n-1)}(0) = 0$ ,  $x(0) = \int_0^1 x(\xi) d\xi$ , and  $x(\mu) = \sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i I^{q_i} x(\gamma_i)$  is  $x(t) = \int_0^1 G(t,s)f(s) ds$ , where the Green function  $G(t,s)$  is defined by

$$\begin{aligned} G(t,s) &= \frac{(t-s)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} + \sum_{j=1}^k \frac{\lambda_j (\gamma_j - s)^{\alpha+q_j-1}}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha+q_j)} \\ &\quad + \frac{2(\mu - \theta_{q+1} - t\theta_q - 1)(1-s)^\alpha}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha+1)} - \frac{(\mu - s)^{\alpha-1}}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha)}, \end{aligned}$$

whenever  $s \leq \mu, s \leq t, s \leq \gamma_1 < \dots < \gamma_k < 1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} G(t,s) &= \frac{(t-s)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} + \sum_{j=j_0}^k \frac{\lambda_j (\gamma_j - s)^{\alpha+q_j-1}}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha+q_j)} \\ &\quad + \frac{2(\mu - \theta_{q+1} - t\theta_q - 1)(1-s)^\alpha}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha+1)} - \frac{(\mu - s)^{\alpha-1}}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha)}, \end{aligned}$$

whenever  $s \leq \mu, s \leq t, \gamma_1 < \gamma_2 < \dots < \gamma_{j_0-1} \leq s \leq \gamma_{j_0} < \dots < \gamma_k < 1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} G(t,s) &= \frac{(t-s)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} + \sum_{j=j_0}^k \frac{\lambda_j (\gamma_j - s)^{\alpha+q_j-1}}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha+q_j)} \\ &\quad + \frac{2(\mu - \theta_{q+1} - t\theta_q - 1)(1-s)^\alpha}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha+1)}, \end{aligned}$$

whenever  $s \geq \mu, s \leq t, \gamma_1 < \gamma_2 < \dots < \gamma_{j_0-1} \leq s \leq \gamma_{j_0} < \dots < \gamma_k < 1$ ,

$$G(t,s) = \frac{(t-s)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} + \frac{2(\mu - \theta_{q+1} - t\theta_q - 1)(1-s)^\alpha}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha+1)},$$

whenever  $s \geq \mu, s \leq t, \gamma_1 < \gamma_2 < \dots < \gamma_k < s < 1$ ,

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whenever  $s \geq \mu, s \leq t, \gamma_1 < \gamma_2 < \dots < \gamma_{j_0-1} \leq s \leq \gamma_{j_0} < \dots < \gamma_k < 1$ ,

$$G(t,s) = \sum_{j=j_0}^k \frac{\lambda_j (\gamma_j - s)^{\alpha+q_j-1}}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha+q_j)} \frac{2(\mu - \theta_{q+1} - t\theta_q - 1)(1-s)^\alpha}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha+1)},$$

whenever  $s \geq \mu, s \geq t, \gamma_1 < \gamma_2 < \dots < \gamma_{j_0-1} \leq s \leq \gamma_{j_0} < \dots < \gamma_k < 1$ , and

$$G(t,s) = \frac{2(\mu - \theta_{q+1} - t\theta_q - 1)(1-s)^\alpha}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha+1)},$$

whenever  $s \geq \mu, s \geq t, \gamma_1 < \gamma_2 < \dots < \gamma_k < s < 1$ . Here,  $\theta_{q+1} := 1 - \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{\lambda_i \gamma_i^{q_i+1}}{\Gamma(q_i+2)}$  and  $\theta_q := 1 - \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{\lambda_i \gamma_i^{q_i}}{\Gamma(q_i+1)}$ .

*Proof* Let  $x$  be a solution for the problem. By using Lemma 2, we have

$$x(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^t (t-s)^{\alpha-1} f(s) ds + c_0 + c_1 t + \cdots + c_n t^n$$

for some real constants  $c_0, \dots, c_n$ . Since  $x^{(2)}(0) = \cdots = x^{(n-1)}(0) = 0$ , we get  $c_2 = \cdots = c_n = 0$ , and so  $x(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^t (t-s)^{\alpha-1} f(s) ds + c_0 + c_1 t$ . Thus,  $x(0) = c_0$  and

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 x(t) dt &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^1 \int_0^t (t-s)^{\alpha-1} f(s) ds + c_0 + \frac{c_1}{2} \\ &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} \int_0^1 (1-s)^\alpha f(s) ds + c_0 + \frac{c_1}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

Now, by using the condition  $x(0) = \int_0^1 x(\xi) d\xi$ , we obtain  $\frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} \int_0^1 (t-s)^\alpha f(s) ds + c_0 + \frac{c_1}{2} = c_0$ , and so  $c_1 = \frac{-2}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} \int_0^1 (1-s)^\alpha f(s) ds$ . Hence,

$$x(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^t (t-s)^{\alpha-1} f(s) ds + c_0 - \frac{2t}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} \int_0^1 (1-s)^\alpha f(s) ds, \quad (2)$$

and so  $x(\mu) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^\mu (\mu-s)^{\alpha-1} f(s) ds + c_0 - \frac{2\mu}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} \int_0^1 (1-s)^\alpha f(s) ds$ . On the other hand, we have  $I^{q_i}(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(q_i)} \int_0^t (t-s)^{q_i-1} ds = \frac{t^{q_i}}{\Gamma(q_i+1)}$  for all  $1 \leq i \leq k$ . By using Lemma 3, we get  $I^{q_i}(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(q_i)} \int_0^t t(t-s)^{q_i-1} ds = \frac{1}{\Gamma(q_i)} B(2, q_i) t^{2+q_i-1} = \frac{1}{\Gamma(q_i)} \cdot \frac{\Gamma(2)\Gamma(q_i)}{\Gamma(2+q_i)} t^{q_i+1} = \frac{t^{q_i+1}}{\Gamma(2+q_i)}$ . Since  $I^{q_i} I^\alpha f(t) = I^{q_i+\alpha} f(t)$ , by using (2) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} I^{q_i} x(t) &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha+q_i)} \int_0^t (t-s)^{\alpha+q_i-1} f(s) ds + c_0 \frac{t^{q_i}}{\Gamma(q_i+1)} \\ &\quad - \frac{2t^{q_i+1}}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)\Gamma(q_i+2)} \int_0^1 (1-s)^\alpha f(s) ds. \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_i I^{q_i} x(\gamma_i) &= \frac{\lambda_i}{\Gamma(\alpha+q_i)} \int_0^{\gamma_i} (\gamma_i-s)^{\alpha+q_i-1} f(s) ds + \frac{\lambda_i c_0 \gamma_i^{q_i}}{\Gamma(q_i+1)} \\ &\quad - \frac{2\lambda_i \gamma_i^{q_i+1}}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)\Gamma(q_i+2)} \int_0^1 (1-s)^\alpha f(s) ds \end{aligned}$$

for all  $1 \leq i \leq k$ , and so

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i I^{q_i} x(\gamma_i) &= \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{\lambda_i}{\Gamma(\alpha+q_i)} \int_0^{\gamma_i} (\gamma_i-s)^{\alpha+q_i-1} f(s) ds \\ &\quad + c_0 \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{\lambda_i \gamma_i^{q_i}}{\Gamma(q_i+1)} - \frac{2}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{\lambda_i \gamma_i^{q_i+1}}{\Gamma(q_i+2)} \int_0^1 (1-s)^\alpha f(s) ds. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $x(\mu) = \sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i I^{q_i} x(\gamma_i)$ , we get

$$\frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^\mu (\mu-s)^{\alpha-1} f(s) ds + c_0 - \frac{2\mu}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} \int_0^1 (1-s)^\alpha f(s) ds$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{\lambda_i}{\Gamma(\alpha + q_i)} \int_0^{\gamma_i} (\gamma_i - s)^{\alpha+q_i-1} f(s) ds + c_0 \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{\lambda_i \gamma_i^{q_i}}{\Gamma(q_i + 1)} \\
&\quad - \frac{2}{\Gamma(\alpha + 1)} \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{\lambda_i \gamma_i^{q_i+1}}{\Gamma(q_i + 2)} \int_0^1 (1-s)^\alpha f(s) ds,
\end{aligned}$$

and so

$$\begin{aligned}
c_0 &= \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{\lambda_i}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha + q_i)} \int_0^{\gamma_i} (\gamma_i - s)^{\alpha+q_i-1} f(s) ds + \frac{2\mu}{\Gamma(\alpha + 1)} \int_0^1 (1-s)^\alpha f(s) ds \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^\mu (\mu - s)^{\alpha-1} f(s) ds - \frac{2}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha + 1)} \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{\lambda_i \gamma_i^{q_i+1}}{\Gamma(q_i + 2)} \int_0^1 (1-s)^\alpha f(s) ds,
\end{aligned}$$

where  $\theta_q := 1 - \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{\lambda_i \gamma_i^{q_i}}{\Gamma(q_i + 1)}$  and  $\theta_{q+1} := 1 - \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{\lambda_i \gamma_i^{q_i+1}}{\Gamma(q_i + 2)}$ . Thus,

$$\begin{aligned}
x(t) &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^t (t-s)^{\alpha-1} f(s) ds \\
&\quad + \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{\lambda_i}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha + q_i)} \int_0^{\gamma_i} (\gamma_i - s)^{\alpha+q_i-1} f(s) ds \\
&\quad + \frac{2\mu}{\Gamma(\alpha + 1)} \int_0^1 (1-s)^\alpha f(s) ds \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^\mu (\mu - s)^{\alpha-1} f(s) ds \\
&\quad - \frac{2}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha + 1)} \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{\lambda_i \gamma_i^{q_i+1}}{\Gamma(q_i + 2)} \int_0^1 (1-s)^\alpha f(s) ds \\
&\quad - \frac{2t}{\Gamma(\alpha + 1)} \int_0^1 (1-s)^\alpha f(s) ds
\end{aligned}$$

or

$$\begin{aligned}
x(t) &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^t (t-s)^{\alpha-1} f(s) ds \\
&\quad + \frac{\lambda_1}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha + q_1)} \int_0^{\gamma_1} (\gamma_1 - s)^{\alpha+q_1-1} f(s) ds \\
&\quad + \frac{\lambda_2}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha + q_2)} \int_0^{\gamma_2} (\gamma_2 - s)^{\alpha+q_2-1} f(s) ds \\
&\quad + \cdots + \frac{\lambda_k}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha + q_k)} \int_0^{\gamma_k} (\gamma_k - s)^{\alpha+q_k-1} f(s) ds \\
&\quad + \frac{2(\mu - \theta_{q+1} - t\theta_q - 1)}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha + 1)} \int_0^1 (1-s)^\alpha f(s) ds \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^\mu (\mu - s)^{\alpha-1} f(s) ds = \int_0^1 G(t,s) f(s) ds,
\end{aligned}$$

where  $G(t,s)$  is the Green function. This completes the proof.  $\square$

Note that in the last result, it remains only the boundary value conditions  $x(0) = \int_0^1 x(\xi) d\xi$  and  $x(\mu) = \sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i I^{q_i} x(\gamma_i)$  whenever  $1 \leq \alpha < 2$ . It is easy to see

$$\begin{aligned} |G(t,s)| &\leq \frac{(t-s)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} + \sum_{j=1}^k \frac{\lambda_j (\gamma_j - s)^{\alpha+q_j-1}}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha+q_j)} \\ &\quad + \frac{2|\mu - \theta_{q+1} - t\theta_q - 1|(1-s)^\alpha}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha+1)} + \frac{(\mu-s)^{\alpha-1}}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha)} \end{aligned}$$

and  $G$  is continuous with respect to  $t$ . Consider the Banach space  $X = C[0,1]$  with the sup norm. Let  $g : [0,1] \times X^{m+1} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be singular at the points  $\gamma_1 < \gamma_2 < \dots < \gamma_k$  in  $[0,1]$ . Define the map  $F : X \rightarrow X$  by

$$\begin{aligned} Fx(t) &= \int_0^1 G(t,s)g(s, x(s), I^{p_1}x(s), \dots, I^{p_m}x(s)) ds \\ &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^t (t-s)^{\alpha-1} g(s, x(s), I^{p_1}x(s), \dots, I^{p_m}x(s)) ds \\ &\quad + \sum_{j=1}^k \frac{\lambda_j}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha+q_j)} \int_0^{\gamma_j} (\gamma_j - s)^{\alpha+q_j-1} g(s, x(s), I^{p_1}x(s), \dots, I^{p_m}x(s)) ds \\ &\quad + \frac{2(\mu - \theta_{q+1} - t\theta_q - 1)}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha+1)} \int_0^1 (1-s)^\alpha g(s, x(s), I^{p_1}x(s), \dots, I^{p_m}x(s)) ds \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^\mu (\mu - s)^{\alpha-1} f(s, x(s), I^{p_1}x(s), \dots, I^{p_m}x(s)) ds. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $0 = t_0 < t_1 < \dots < t_{r-1} < t_r = 1$  and  $f(s, \cdot, \dots, \cdot)$  is singular at each  $t_i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq r$ . Put  $n_0 = [\frac{2}{\min_{0 \leq i \leq r} (t_{i+1} - t_i)}] + 1$ . For  $n \geq n_0$ , define  $F^n : X \rightarrow X$  by

$$\begin{aligned} F^n x(t) &= \sum_{i=0}^{r-1} \int_{t_i + \frac{1}{n}}^{t_{i+1} - \frac{1}{n}} G(t,s)f(s, x(s), I^{p_1}x(s), \dots, I^{p_m}x(s)) ds \\ &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \sum_{i=0}^{r-1} \int_{[0,t] \cap [t_i + \frac{1}{n}, t_{i+1} - \frac{1}{n}]} (t-s)^{\alpha-1} f(s, x(s), I^{p_1}x(s), \dots, I^{p_m}x(s)) ds \\ &\quad + \sum_{j=1}^k \frac{\lambda_j}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha+q_j)} \\ &\quad \times \left( \sum_{i=0}^{r-1} \int_{[0, \gamma_j] \cap [t_i + \frac{1}{n}, t_{i+1} - \frac{1}{n}]} (\gamma_j - s)^{\alpha+q_j-1} f(s, x(s), I^{p_1}x(s), \dots, I^{p_m}x(s)) ds \right) \\ &\quad + \frac{2(\mu - \theta_{q+1} - t\theta_q - 1)}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha+1)} \\ &\quad \times \sum_{i=0}^{r-1} \int_{[t_i + \frac{1}{n}, t_{i+1} - \frac{1}{n}]} (1-s)^\alpha f(s, x(s), I^{p_1}x(s), \dots, I^{p_m}x(s)) ds \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\times \sum_{i=0}^{r-1} \int_{[0,\mu] \cap [t_i + \frac{1}{n}, t_{i+1} - \frac{1}{n}]} (\mu - s)^{\alpha-1} f(s, x(s), I^{p_1}x(s), \dots, I^{p_m}x(s)) ds. \quad (3)$$

Note that each fixed point of  $F$  is a solution for problem (1).

**Theorem 5** Assume that  $\alpha \geq 1$ ,  $[\alpha] = n - 1$ ,  $r, k, m \geq 1$ ,  $\mu \in (0, 1)$ ,  $\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_k \in (0, 1)$ ,  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k \geq 0$ ,  $q_1, \dots, q_k > 0$ ,  $p_1, \dots, p_m > 0$ ,  $a_1, \dots, a_{m+1}$ , and  $\Lambda_1, \dots, \Lambda_{m+1} : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  are some functions such that  $\hat{a}_i(t) = (1-t)^{\alpha-1}a_i(t) \in L^1(K_j)$  for every compact subset  $K_j \subseteq (t_j, t_{j+1})$  for  $i = 1, \dots, m+1$  and  $j = 1, \dots, r-1$ ,  $\lim_{z \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\Lambda_i(z)}{z} = B_i \geq 0$ , and we have  $|f(t, x_1, \dots, x_{m+1}) - f(t, y_1, \dots, y_{m+1})| \leq \sum_{i=1}^{m+1} a_i(t) \Lambda_i(|x_i - y_i|)$  for all  $(x_1, \dots, x_{m+1})$  and  $(y_1, \dots, y_{m+1})$  in  $X^{m+1}$  and almost all  $t \in [0, 1]$ . Suppose that

$$\Delta \sum_{i=0}^{r-1} \left( \left[ \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} + \sum_{j=1}^k \frac{\lambda_j}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha + q_j)} + \frac{2(\theta_{q+1} - \mu + 1)}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha + 1)} + \frac{1}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha)} \right] \sum_{j'=1}^{m+1} B_{j'} \|\hat{a}_{j',i,n}\| \right) < 1,$$

where  $\|\hat{a}_{j',i,n}\| := \int_{t_i + \frac{1}{n}}^{t_{i+1} - \frac{1}{n}} (1-s)^{\alpha-1} a_{j'}(s) ds$  and  $\Delta := \max\{1, \frac{1}{\Gamma(p_1+1)}, \dots, \frac{1}{\Gamma(p_{m+1}+1)}\}$ . Assume that there are two maps  $b$  and  $N : X^{m+1} \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  such that  $(1-t)^{\alpha-1} b(t) \in L^1(K_j)$  for every compact subset  $K_j \subseteq (t_j, t_{j+1})$  for  $j = 1, \dots, r-1$  and  $N$  is nondecreasing with respect to all its components and  $\lim_{z \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{N(z, \dots, z)}{z} = \eta \geq 0$ . Suppose that  $|f(t, x_1, \dots, x_{m+1})| \leq b(t) N(x_1, \dots, x_{m+1})$  for all  $(x_1, \dots, x_{m+1}) \in X^{m+1}$  and almost all  $t \in [0, 1]$ . If

$$\eta \sum_{i=0}^{r-1} \|\hat{b}_{i,n}\| \left[ \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} + \sum_{j=1}^k \frac{\lambda_j}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha + q_j)} + \frac{2(\theta_{q+1} - \mu + 1)}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha + 1)} + \frac{1}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha)} \right] \in \left[ 0, \frac{1}{\Delta} \right),$$

then the singular problem (1) has a solution.

*Proof* Let  $x, y \in X$  and  $t \in [0, 1]$ . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} & |F^n x(t) - F^n y(t)| \\ & \leq \sum_{i=0}^{r-1} \int_{t_i + \frac{1}{n}}^{t_{i+1} - \frac{1}{n}} |G(t, s)| |f(s, x(s), I^{p_1}x(s), \dots, I^{p_m}x(s)) \\ & \quad - f(s, y(s), I^{p_1}y(s), \dots, I^{p_m}y(s))| ds \\ & \leq \left| \sum_{i=0}^{r-1} \int_{t_i + \frac{1}{n}}^{t_{i+1} - \frac{1}{n}} \left[ G(t, s) \left[ a_1(s) \Lambda_1(|x(s) - y(s)|) + a_2(s) \Lambda_2(|I^{p_1}(x(s) - y(s))|) \right. \right. \right. \\ & \quad \left. \left. \left. + \dots + a_{m+1}(s) \Lambda_{m+1}(|I^{p_m}(x(s) - y(s))|) \right] \right] ds \right|. \end{aligned}$$

For  $1 \leq i \leq m$  and  $t \in [0, 1]$ , we obtain

$$|I^{p_i}x(t)| \leq \frac{1}{p_i} \int_0^t (t-s)^{p_i-1} |x(s)| ds \leq \frac{\|x\|}{p_i} \int_0^t (t-s)^{p_i-1} ds = \frac{\|x\|}{\Gamma(p_i+1)} t^{p_i},$$

and so  $|I^{p_i}x(t)| \leq \frac{\|x\|}{p_i+1}$ . Hence,

$$|F^n x(t) - F^n y(t)|$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq \sum_{i=0}^{r-1} \int_{t_i+\frac{1}{n}}^{t_{i+1}-\frac{1}{n}} |G(t,s)| \left[ a_1(s) \Lambda_1(\|x-y\|) + a_2(s) \Lambda_2\left(\frac{\|x-y\|}{\Gamma(p_1+1)}\right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \cdots + a_{m+1}(s) \Lambda_{m+1}\left(\frac{\|x-y\|}{\Gamma(p_m+1)}\right) \right] ds. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\Delta := \max\{1, \frac{1}{\Gamma(p_1+1)}, \dots, \frac{1}{\Gamma(p_m+1)}\}$ , we get

$$|F^n x(t) - F^n y(t)| \leq \sum_{i=0}^{r-1} \left( \int_{t_i+\frac{1}{n}}^{t_{i+1}-\frac{1}{n}} |G(t,s)| \left[ \sum_{j=1}^{m+1} a_j(s) \Lambda_j(\Delta \|x-y\|) \right] ds \right). \quad (4)$$

Let  $\epsilon > 0$  be given. Since  $\lim_{z \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\Lambda_j(z)}{z} = B_j$  for all  $1 \leq j \leq m+1$ , there exists  $\delta(\epsilon) > 0$  such that  $|z| \leq \delta'$  implies  $|\frac{\Lambda_j(z)}{z} - B_j| \leq \epsilon$ , where  $\delta' \leq \delta(\epsilon)$ . Thus,  $\Lambda_j(z) \leq (\epsilon + B_j)z$  for all  $|z| \leq \delta'$ . Let  $\delta'_0 := \min\{\epsilon, \delta(\epsilon)\}$  and  $|z| \leq \delta'_0$ . Then we have  $\Lambda_j(z) \leq (\epsilon + B_j)z$  for all  $1 \leq j \leq m+1$ . If  $\Delta \|x-y\| \leq \delta'_0$ , then  $\Lambda_j(\Delta \|x-y\|) \leq (\epsilon + B_j)\Delta \|x-y\| \leq (\epsilon + B_j)\delta'_0 \leq (\epsilon + B_j)\epsilon$  for all  $1 \leq j \leq m+1$ . Also,  $\Delta \|x-y\| \leq \delta'_0$  implies  $\|x-y\| \leq \frac{\epsilon}{\Delta}$ . Let  $t \in [0, 1]$ . By using (4), we conclude that

$$\begin{aligned} &|F^n x(t) - F^n y(t)| \\ &\leq \sum_{i=0}^{r-1} \left( \int_{t_i+\frac{1}{n}}^{t_{i+1}-\frac{1}{n}} \left[ \frac{(1-s)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} + \sum_{j=1}^k \frac{\lambda_j(1-s)^{\alpha+q_j-1}}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha+q_j)} \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. + \frac{2|\mu - \theta_{q+1} - t\theta_q - 1|(1-s)^\alpha}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha+1)} + \frac{(1-s)^{\alpha-1}}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha)} \right] \times \left[ \sum_{j'=1}^{m+1} a_{j'}(s)(\epsilon + B_{j'}) \right] ds \right) \epsilon \\ &\leq \epsilon \sum_{j'=1}^{m+1} \epsilon + B_{j'} \left( \sum_{i=0}^{r-1} \left( \left[ \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} + \sum_{j=1}^k \frac{\lambda_j}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha+q_j)} \right. \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. \left. + \frac{2|\mu - \theta_{q+1} - t\theta_q - 1|}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha+1)} + \frac{1}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha)} \right] \times \left[ \int_{t_i+\frac{1}{n}}^{t_{i+1}-\frac{1}{n}} (1-s)^{\alpha-1} a_{j'}(s) ds \right] \right) \right). \end{aligned}$$

If  $\|\hat{a}_{j',i,n}\| := \int_{t_i+\frac{1}{n}}^{t_{i+1}-\frac{1}{n}} (1-s)^{\alpha-1} a_{j'}(s) ds$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} &|F^n x(t) - F^n y(t)| \leq \epsilon \sum_{i=0}^{r-1} \left( \left[ \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} + \sum_{j=1}^k \frac{\lambda_j}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha+q_j)} \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. + \frac{2|\mu - \theta_{q+1} - t\theta_q - 1|}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha+1)} + \frac{1}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha)} \right] \sum_{j'=1}^{m+1} (\epsilon + B_{j'}) \|\hat{a}_{j',i,n}\| \right). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $1 - \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{\lambda_i \gamma_i^{q_i+1}}{\Gamma(q_i+2)} > 1 - \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{\lambda_i \gamma_i^{q_i}}{\Gamma(q_i+1)}$ ,  $\theta_{q+1} > \theta_q \geq t\theta_q > 0$  for all  $t \in [0, 1]$ , and so

$$\sup_{t \in [0,1]} |\mu - \theta_{q+1} - t\theta_q - 1| \leq \sup_{t \in [0,1]} (|\mu - 1| + |\theta_{q+1} - t\theta_q|) = 1 - \mu + \theta_{q+1}.$$

Thus, we find

$$\begin{aligned} \|F''x - F''y\| &\leq \epsilon \sum_{i=0}^{r-1} \left( \left[ \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} + \sum_{j=1}^k \frac{\lambda_j}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha + q_j)} \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. + \frac{2(\theta_{q+1} - \mu + 1)}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha + 1)} + \frac{1}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha)} \right] \sum_{j'=1}^{m+1} (\epsilon + B_{j'}) \|\hat{a}_{j',i,n}\| \right), \end{aligned}$$

and so  $\|F''x - F''y\| \leq \epsilon M_n$ , where

$$\begin{aligned} M_n = \sum_{i=0}^{r-1} &\left( \left[ \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} + \sum_{j=1}^k \frac{\lambda_j}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha + q_j)} \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. + \frac{2(\theta_{q+1} - \mu + 1)}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha + 1)} + \frac{1}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha)} \right] \sum_{j'=1}^{m+1} (\epsilon + B_{j'}) \|\hat{a}_{j',i,n}\| \right). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\epsilon > 0$  was arbitrary,  $F''x \rightarrow F''y$  as  $x \rightarrow y$  for all  $n \geq n_0$ . Thus,  $F''$  is continuous. Since  $\lim_{z \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{N(\Delta z, \dots, \Delta z)}{\Delta z} = \eta$ , there exists  $r(\epsilon) > 0$  such that  $\frac{N(\Delta z, \dots, \Delta z)}{\Delta z} \leq \eta + \epsilon$  for all  $z \in (0, r(\epsilon)]$ , and so  $N(\Delta z, \dots, \Delta z) \leq (\eta + \epsilon)\Delta z$ . Since

$$\eta \sum_{i=0}^{r-1} \|\hat{b}_{i,n}\| \left[ \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} + \sum_{j=1}^k \frac{\lambda_j}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha + q_j)} + \frac{2(\theta_{q+1} - \mu + 1)}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha + 1)} + \frac{1}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha)} \right] \in \left[ 0, \frac{1}{\Delta} \right),$$

there is  $\epsilon_0 > 0$  such that

$$(\eta + \epsilon_0) \sum_{i=0}^{r-1} \|\hat{b}_{i,n}\| \left[ \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} + \sum_{j=1}^k \frac{\lambda_j}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha + q_j)} + \frac{2(\theta_{q+1} - \mu + 1)}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha + 1)} + \frac{1}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha)} \right] \in \left[ 0, \frac{1}{\Delta} \right).$$

On the other hand, we have  $\lim_{z \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\Lambda_{j'}(\Delta z)}{\Delta z} = B_{j'} \geq 0$  for all  $1 \leq j' \leq m+1$ . Let  $\epsilon > 0$  be given. Choose  $\delta(\epsilon) > 0$  such that  $\frac{\Lambda_{j'}(\Delta z)}{\Delta z} < B_{j'} + \epsilon$  for all  $0 \leq z \leq \delta(\epsilon)$ . Hence,  $\Lambda_{j'}(\Delta z) < (B_{j'} + \epsilon)\Delta z$  for  $1 \leq j' \leq m+1$ . Since

$$\Delta \sum_{i=0}^{r-1} \left( \left[ \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} + \sum_{j=1}^k \frac{\lambda_j}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha + q_j)} + \frac{2(\theta_{q+1} - \mu + 1)}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha + 1)} + \frac{1}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha)} \right] \sum_{j'=1}^{m+1} B_{j'} \|\hat{a}_{j',i,n}\| \right) < 1,$$

there is  $\epsilon_1 > 0$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta \sum_{i=0}^{r-1} &\left( \left[ \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} + \sum_{j=1}^k \frac{\lambda_j}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha + q_j)} + \frac{2(\theta_{q+1} - \mu + 1)}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha + 1)} + \frac{1}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha)} \right] \sum_{j'=1}^{m+1} (B_{j'} + \epsilon_1) \|\hat{a}_{j',i,n}\| \right) \\ &< 1. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\delta_1 = \delta(\epsilon_1)$ ,  $z \in (0, \delta_1]$  and  $1 \leq j' \leq m+1$ . Then we have

$$\Lambda_{j'}(\Delta z) \leq (B_{j'} + \epsilon_1)\Delta z. \tag{5}$$

If  $r_0 = \min\{r(\epsilon_0), \frac{\delta_1}{2}\}$ , then  $N(\Delta z, \dots, \Delta z) \leq (\eta + \epsilon_0)\Delta z$  for all  $z \in (o, r_0]$ . Specially for  $z = r_0$ , we have  $N(\Delta r_0, \dots, \Delta r_0) \leq (\eta + \epsilon_0)\Delta r_0$ . Put  $C = \{x \in X : \|x\| \leq r_0\}$ . Define the map  $\alpha : X^2 \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  by  $\alpha(x, y) = 1$  whenever  $x, y \in C$  and  $\alpha(x, y) = 0$  elsewhere. If  $\alpha(x, y) \geq 1$ , then  $\|x\| \leq r_0$  and  $\|y\| \leq r_0$ , and so

$$\begin{aligned}
& |F^n x(t)| \\
& \leq \left| \sum_{i=0}^{r-1} \int_{t_i + \frac{1}{n}}^{t_{i+1} - \frac{1}{n}} G(t, s) f(s, x(s), I^{p_1} x(s), \dots, I^{p_m} x(s)) ds \right| \\
& \leq \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \sum_{i=0}^{r-1} \int_{[0, t] \cap [t_i + \frac{1}{n}, t_{i+1} - \frac{1}{n}]} (t-s)^{\alpha-1} |f(s, x(s), I^{p_1} x(s), \dots, I^{p_m} x(s))| ds \\
& \quad + \sum_{j=1}^k \frac{\lambda_j}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha + q_j)} \left( \sum_{i=0}^{r-1} \left( \int_{[0, \gamma_j] \cap [t_i + \frac{1}{n}, t_{i+1} - \frac{1}{n}]} (\gamma_j - s)^{\alpha + q_j - 1} \right. \right. \\
& \quad \times |f(s, x(s), I^{p_1} x(s), \dots, I^{p_m} x(s))| ds \left. \right) \\
& \quad + \frac{2|\mu - \theta_{q+1} - t\theta_q - 1|}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha + 1)} \sum_{i=0}^{r-1} \int_{[t_i + \frac{1}{n}, t_{i+1} - \frac{1}{n}]} (1-s)^\alpha \\
& \quad \times |f(s, x(s), I^{p_1} x(s), \dots, I^{p_m} x(s))| ds \\
& \quad + \frac{1}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha)} \sum_{i=0}^{r-1} \int_{[0, \mu] \cap [t_i + \frac{1}{n}, t_{i+1} - \frac{1}{n}]} (\mu - s)^\alpha \\
& \quad \times |f(s, x(s), I^{p_1} x(s), \dots, I^{p_m} x(s))| ds \\
& \leq \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \sum_{i=0}^{r-1} \int_{[0, t] \cap [t_i + \frac{1}{n}, t_{i+1} - \frac{1}{n}]} (t-s)^{\alpha-1} b(s) N(x(s), I^{p_1} x(s), \dots, I^{p_m} x(s)) ds \\
& \quad + \sum_{j=1}^k \frac{\lambda_j}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha + q_j)} \left( \sum_{i=0}^{r-1} \left( \int_{[0, \gamma_j] \cap [t_i + \frac{1}{n}, t_{i+1} - \frac{1}{n}]} (\gamma_j - s)^{\alpha + q_j - 1} \right. \right. \\
& \quad \times b(s) N(x(s), I^{p_1} x(s), \dots, I^{p_m} x(s)) ds \left. \right) \\
& \quad + \frac{2|\mu - \theta_{q+1} - t\theta_q - 1|}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha + 1)} \sum_{i=0}^{r-1} \int_{[t_i + \frac{1}{n}, t_{i+1} - \frac{1}{n}]} (1-s)^\alpha \\
& \quad \times b(s) N(x(s), I^{p_1} x(s), \dots, I^{p_m} x(s)) ds \\
& \quad + \frac{1}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha)} \sum_{i=0}^{r-1} \int_{[0, \mu] \cap [t_i + \frac{1}{n}, t_{i+1} - \frac{1}{n}]} (\mu - s)^\alpha \\
& \quad \times b(s) N(x(s), I^{p_1} x(s), \dots, I^{p_m} x(s)) ds \\
& \leq \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \sum_{i=0}^{r-1} \int_{[0, t] \cap [t_i + \frac{1}{n}, t_{i+1} - \frac{1}{n}]} (t-s)^{\alpha-1} b(s) N\left(\|x\|, \frac{\|x\|}{\Gamma(p_1 + 1)}, \dots, \frac{\|x\|}{\Gamma(p_m + 1)}\right) ds
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + \sum_{j=1}^k \frac{\lambda_j}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha + q_j)} \left( \sum_{i=0}^{r-1} \left( \int_{[0, \gamma_j] \cap [t_i + \frac{1}{n}, t_{i+1} - \frac{1}{n}]} (\gamma_j - s)^{\alpha + q_j - 1} \right. \right. \\
& \quad \times b(s) N \left( \|x\|, \frac{\|x\|}{\Gamma(p_1 + 1)}, \dots, \frac{\|x\|}{\Gamma(p_m + 1)} \right) ds \Big) \\
& \quad + \frac{2|\mu - \theta_{q+1} - t\theta_q - 1|}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha + 1)} \sum_{i=0}^{r-1} \int_{[t_i + \frac{1}{n}, t_{i+1} - \frac{1}{n}]} (1-s)^\alpha \\
& \quad \times b(s) N \left( \|x\|, \frac{\|x\|}{\Gamma(p_1 + 1)}, \dots, \frac{\|x\|}{\Gamma(p_m + 1)} \right) ds \\
& \quad + \frac{1}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha)} \sum_{i=0}^{r-1} \int_{[0, \mu] \cap [t_i + \frac{1}{n}, t_{i+1} - \frac{1}{n}]} (\mu - s)^\alpha \\
& \quad b(s) N \left( \|x\|, \frac{\|x\|}{\Gamma(p_1 + 1)}, \dots, \frac{\ll \times \text{Vert} x \|}{\Gamma(p_m + 1)} \right) ds \\
& \leq \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \sum_{i=0}^{r-1} \int_{[0, t] \cap [t_i + \frac{1}{n}, t_{i+1} - \frac{1}{n}]} (t-s)^{\alpha-1} b(s) N(\Delta \|x\|, \dots, \Delta \|x\|) ds \\
& \quad + \sum_{j=1}^k \frac{\lambda_j}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha + q_j)} \\
& \quad \times \left( \sum_{i=0}^{r-1} \left( \int_{[0, \gamma_j] \cap [t_i + \frac{1}{n}, t_{i+1} - \frac{1}{n}]} (\gamma_j - s)^{\alpha + q_j - 1} b(s) N(\Delta \|x\|, \dots, \Delta \|x\|) ds \right) \right) \\
& \quad + \frac{2|\mu - \theta_{q+1} - t\theta_q - 1|}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha + 1)} \sum_{i=0}^{r-1} \int_{[t_i + \frac{1}{n}, t_{i+1} - \frac{1}{n}]} (1-s)^\alpha b(s) N(\Delta \|x\|, \dots, \Delta \|x\|) ds \\
& \quad + \frac{1}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha)} \sum_{i=0}^{r-1} \int_{[0, \mu] \cap [t_i + \frac{1}{n}, t_{i+1} - \frac{1}{n}]} (\mu - s)^\alpha b(s) N(\Delta \|x\|, \dots, \Delta \|x\|) ds \\
& \leq \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \sum_{i=0}^{r-1} \int_{[t_i + \frac{1}{n}, t_{i+1} - \frac{1}{n}]} (1-s)^{\alpha-1} b(s) N(\Delta \|x\|, \dots, \Delta \|x\|) ds \\
& \quad + \sum_{j=1}^k \frac{\lambda_j}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha + q_j)} \left( \sum_{i=0}^{r-1} \int_{[t_i + \frac{1}{n}, t_{i+1} - \frac{1}{n}]} (1-s)^{\alpha + q_j - 1} b(s) N(\Delta \|x\|, \dots, \Delta \|x\|) ds \right) \\
& \quad + \frac{2|\mu - \theta_{q+1} - t\theta_q - 1|}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha + 1)} \sum_{i=0}^{r-1} \int_{[t_i + \frac{1}{n}, t_{i+1} - \frac{1}{n}]} (1-s)^\alpha b(s) N(\Delta \|x\|, \dots, \Delta \|x\|) ds \\
& \quad + \frac{1}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha)} \sum_{i=0}^{r-1} \int_{[t_i + \frac{1}{n}, t_{i+1} - \frac{1}{n}]} (1-s)^\alpha b(s) N(\Delta \|x\|, \dots, \Delta \|x\|) ds \\
& \leq \frac{N(\Delta r_0, \dots, \Delta r_0)}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \sum_{i=0}^{r-1} \int_{[t_i + \frac{1}{n}, t_{i+1} - \frac{1}{n}]} (1-s)^{\alpha-1} b(s) ds \\
& \quad + N(\Delta r_0, \dots, \Delta r_0) \sum_{j=1}^k \frac{\lambda_j}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha + q_j)} \sum_{i=0}^{r-1} \int_{[t_i + \frac{1}{n}, t_{i+1} - \frac{1}{n}]} (1-s)^{\alpha-1} b(s) ds \\
& \quad + \frac{2|\mu - \theta_{q+1} - t\theta_q - 1| N(\Delta r_0, \dots, \Delta r_0)}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha + 1)} \sum_{i=0}^{r-1} \int_{[t_i + \frac{1}{n}, t_{i+1} - \frac{1}{n}]} (1-s)^{\alpha-1} b(s) ds
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + \frac{N(\Delta r_0, \dots, \Delta r_0)}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha)} \sum_{i=0}^{r-1} \int_{[t_i + \frac{1}{n}, t_{i+1} - \frac{1}{n}]} (1-s)^{\alpha-1} b(s) ds \\
& \leq \frac{(\eta + \epsilon_0) \Delta r_0}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \sum_{i=0}^{r-1} \|\hat{b}_{i,n}\| + (\eta + \epsilon_0) \Delta r_0 \sum_{j=1}^k \frac{\lambda_j}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha + q_j)} \sum_{i=0}^{r-1} \|\hat{b}_{i,n}\| \\
& + \frac{2|\mu - \theta_{q+1} - t\theta_q - 1|}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha + 1)} (\eta + \epsilon_0) \Delta r_0 \sum_{i=0}^{r-1} \|\hat{b}_{i,n}\| + \frac{(\eta + \epsilon_0) \Delta r_0}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha)} \sum_{i=0}^{r-1} \|\hat{b}_{i,n}\| \\
& = (\eta + \epsilon_0) \Delta \|\hat{b}_{i,n}\| \left( \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} + \sum_{j=1}^k \frac{\lambda_j}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha + q_j)} \right. \\
& \quad \left. + \frac{2|\mu - \theta_{q+1} - t\theta_q - 1|}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha + 1)} + \frac{1}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha)} \right) r_0 \\
& \leq (\eta + \epsilon_0) \Delta \|\hat{b}_{i,n}\| \left( \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} + \sum_{j=1}^k \frac{\lambda_j}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha + q_j)} \right. \\
& \quad \left. + \frac{2(|\mu - 1| + |\theta_{q+1} - t\theta_q|)}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha + 1)} + \frac{1}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha)} \right) r_0.
\end{aligned}$$

Let  $t \in [0, 1]$  and  $n \geq n_0$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}
\|F^n x\| & \leq (\eta + \epsilon_0) \Delta \|\hat{b}_{i,n}\| \left[ \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} + \sum_{j=1}^k \frac{\lambda_j}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha + q_j)} \right. \\
& \quad \left. + \frac{2(1 - \mu + \theta_{q+1})}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha + 1)} + \frac{1}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha)} \right] r_0 \leq r_0,
\end{aligned}$$

and so  $F^n x \in C$  for  $n \geq n_0$ . By using the same reasons, one can conclude that  $F^n y \in C$  for  $y \in C$ . Thus,  $\alpha(F^n x, F^n y) \geq 1$ . Since  $F^n x_0 \in C$  for  $x_0 \in C$ ,  $\alpha(x_0, F^n x_0) \geq 1$  for all  $n \geq n_0$ . Now, let  $x, y \in X$ ,  $t \in [0, 1]$  and  $n \geq n_0$ . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& |F^n x(t) - F^n y(t)| \\
& \leq \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \sum_{i=0}^{r-1} \int_{[0,t] \cap [t_i + \frac{1}{n}, t_{i+1} - \frac{1}{n}]} (t-s)^{\alpha-1} |f(s, x(s), I^{p_1} x(s), \dots, I^{p_m} x(s)) \\
& \quad - f(s, y(s), I^{p_1} y(s), \dots, I^{p_m} y(s))| ds \\
& \quad + \sum_{j=1}^k \frac{\lambda_j}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha + q_j)} \sum_{i=0}^{r-1} \left( \int_{[0, \gamma_j] \cap [t_i + \frac{1}{n}, t_{i+1} - \frac{1}{n}]} (\gamma_j - s)^{\alpha+q_j-1} \right. \\
& \quad \times |f(s, x(s), I^{p_1} x(s), \dots, I^{p_m} x(s)) - f(s, y(s), I^{p_1} y(s), \dots, I^{p_m} y(s))| ds \Big) \\
& \quad + \frac{2|\mu - \theta_{q+1} - t\theta_q - 1|}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha + 1)} \sum_{i=0}^{r-1} \int_{[t_i + \frac{1}{n}, t_{i+1} - \frac{1}{n}]} (1-s)^\alpha \\
& \quad \times |f(s, x(s), I^{p_1} x(s), \dots, I^{p_m} x(s)) - f(s, y(s), I^{p_1} y(s), \dots, I^{p_m} y(s))| ds
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + \frac{1}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha)} \sum_{i=0}^{r-1} \int_{[0, \mu] \cap [t_i + \frac{1}{n}, t_{i+1} - \frac{1}{n}]} (\mu - s)^\alpha \\
& \quad \times |f(s, x(s), I^{p_1}x(s), \dots, I^{p_m}x(s)) - f(s, y(s), I^{p_1}y(s), \dots, I^{p_m}y(s))| ds \\
& \leq \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \sum_{i=0}^{r-1} \int_{[0, t] \cap [t_i + \frac{1}{n}, t_{i+1} - \frac{1}{n}]} (t - s)^{\alpha-1} [\alpha_1(s) \Lambda_1(|x(s) - y(s)|) \\
& \quad + \alpha_2(s) \Lambda_2(|I^{p_1}(x(s) - y(s))|) + \dots + \alpha_{m+1}(s) \Lambda_{m+1}(|I^{p_m}(x(s) - y(s))|)] ds \\
& \quad + \sum_{j=1}^k \frac{\lambda_j}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha + q_j)} \sum_{i=0}^{r-1} \int_{[0, \gamma_j] \cap [t_i + \frac{1}{n}, t_{i+1} - \frac{1}{n}]} (\gamma_j - s)^{\alpha+q_j-1} [\alpha_1(s) \Lambda_1(|x(s) - y(s)|) \\
& \quad + \alpha_2(s) \Lambda_2(|I^{p_1}(x(s) - y(s))|) + \dots + \alpha_{m+1}(s) \Lambda_{m+1}(|I^{p_m}(x(s) - y(s))|)] ds \\
& \quad + \frac{2|\mu - \theta_{q+1} - t\theta_q - 1|}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha + 1)} \sum_{i=0}^{r-1} \int_{[t_i + \frac{1}{n}, t_{i+1} - \frac{1}{n}]} (1 - s)^\alpha [\alpha_1(s) \Lambda_1(|x(s) - y(s)|) \\
& \quad + \alpha_2(s) \Lambda_2(|I^{p_1}(x(s) - y(s))|) + \dots + \alpha_{m+1}(s) \Lambda_{m+1}(|I^{p_m}(x(s) - y(s))|)] ds \\
& \quad + \frac{1}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha)} \sum_{i=0}^{r-1} \int_{[0, \mu] \cap [t_i + \frac{1}{n}, t_{i+1} - \frac{1}{n}]} (\mu - s)^\alpha [\alpha_1(s) \Lambda_1(|x(s) - y(s)|) \\
& \quad + \alpha_2(s) \Lambda_2(|I^{p_1}(x(s) - y(s))|) + \dots + \alpha_{m+1}(s) \Lambda_{m+1}(|I^{p_m}(x(s) - y(s))|)] ds \\
& \leq \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \sum_{i=0}^{r-1} \int_{[t_i + \frac{1}{n}, t_{i+1} - \frac{1}{n}]} (1 - s)^{\alpha-1} \left[ \alpha_1(s) \Lambda_1(\|x - y\|) \right. \\
& \quad \left. + \alpha_2(s) \Lambda_2\left(\frac{\|x - y\|}{\Gamma(p_1 + 1)}\right) + \dots + \alpha_{m+1}(s) \Lambda_{m+1}\left(\frac{\|x - y\|}{\Gamma(p_m + 1)}\right) \right] ds \\
& \quad + \sum_{j=1}^k \frac{\lambda_j}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha + q_j)} \sum_{i=0}^{r-1} \int_{[0, \gamma_j] \cap [t_i + \frac{1}{n}, t_{i+1} - \frac{1}{n}]} (1 - s)^{\alpha+q_j-1} \left[ \alpha_1(s) \Lambda_1(\|x - y\|) \right. \\
& \quad \left. + \alpha_2(s) \Lambda_2\left(\frac{\|x - y\|}{\Gamma(p_1 + 1)}\right) + \dots + \alpha_{m+1}(s) \Lambda_{m+1}\left(\frac{\|x - y\|}{\Gamma(p_m + 1)}\right) \right] ds \\
& \quad + \frac{2|\mu - \theta_{q+1} - t\theta_q - 1|}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha + 1)} \sum_{i=0}^{r-1} \int_{[t_i + \frac{1}{n}, t_{i+1} - \frac{1}{n}]} (1 - s)^\alpha \left[ \alpha_1(s) \Lambda_1(\|x - y\|) \right. \\
& \quad \left. + \alpha_2(s) \Lambda_2\left(\frac{\|x - y\|}{\Gamma(p_1 + 1)}\right) + \dots + \alpha_{m+1}(s) \Lambda_{m+1}\left(\frac{\|x - y\|}{\Gamma(p_m + 1)}\right) \right] ds \\
& \quad + \frac{1}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha)} \sum_{i=0}^{r-1} \int_{[t_i + \frac{1}{n}, t_{i+1} - \frac{1}{n}]} (1 - s)^\alpha \left[ \alpha_1(s) \Lambda_1(\|x - y\|) \right. \\
& \quad \left. + \alpha_2(s) \Lambda_2\left(\frac{\|x - y\|}{\Gamma(p_1 + 1)}\right) + \dots + \alpha_{m+1}(s) \Lambda_{m+1}\left(\frac{\|x - y\|}{\Gamma(p_m + 1)}\right) \right] ds \\
& \leq \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \sum_{i=0}^{r-1} \left[ \sum_{j=1}^{m+1} \Lambda_j(\Delta \|x - y\|) \int_{[t_i + \frac{1}{n}, t_{i+1} - \frac{1}{n}]} (1 - s)^{\alpha-1} \alpha_j(s) ds \right] \\
& \quad + \left( \sum_{j=1}^k \frac{\lambda_j}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha + q_j)} \right) \sum_{i=0}^{r-1} \left[ \sum_{j=1}^{m+1} \Lambda_j(\Delta \|x - y\|) \int_{[t_i + \frac{1}{n}, t_{i+1} - \frac{1}{n}]} (1 - s)^{\alpha-1} \alpha_j(s) ds \right]
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + \frac{2|\mu - \theta_{q+1} - t\theta_q - 1|}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha + 1)} \sum_{i=0}^{r-1} \left[ \sum_{j=1}^{m+1} \Lambda_j(\Delta \|x - y\|) \int_{[t_i + \frac{1}{n}, t_{i+1} - \frac{1}{n}]} (1-s)^{\alpha-1} a_j(s) ds \right] \\
& + \frac{1}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha)} \sum_{i=0}^{r-1} \left[ \sum_{j=1}^{m+1} \Lambda_j(\Delta \|x - y\|) \int_{[t_i + \frac{1}{n}, t_{i+1} - \frac{1}{n}]} (1-s)^{\alpha-1} a_j(s) ds \right].
\end{aligned}$$

If  $x, y \notin C$ , then  $\alpha(x, y) = 0$ , and so  $\alpha(x, y) d(F^n x, F^n y) = 0 \leq d(x, y)$  for  $x, y \notin C$ . Hence,  $\|x - y\| \leq 2r_0 \leq 2\frac{\delta_1}{2} = \delta_1$ . Now, by using (5),  $\Lambda_j(\Delta \|x - y\|) \leq (B_j + \epsilon_1) \Delta \|x - y\|$ . Thus,

$$\begin{aligned}
& |F^n x(t) - F^n y(t)| \\
& \leq \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \sum_{i=0}^{r-1} \left[ \sum_{j=1}^{m+1} (B_j + \epsilon_1) \Delta \|x - y\| \|\hat{a}_{j,i,n}\| \right] \\
& + \left( \sum_{j=1}^k \frac{\lambda_j}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha + q_j)} \right) \sum_{i=0}^{r-1} \left[ \sum_{j=1}^{m+1} (B_j + \epsilon_1) \Delta \|x - y\| \|\hat{a}_{j,i,n}\| \right] \\
& + \frac{2|\mu - \theta_{q+1} - t\theta_q - 1|}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha + 1)} \sum_{i=0}^{r-1} \left[ \sum_{j=1}^{m+1} (B_j + \epsilon_1) \Delta \|x - y\| \|\hat{a}_{j,i,n}\| \right] \\
& + \frac{1}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha)} \sum_{i=0}^{r-1} \left[ \sum_{j=1}^{m+1} (B_j + \epsilon_1) \Delta \|x - y\| \|\hat{a}_{j,i,n}\| \right],
\end{aligned}$$

and so

$$\begin{aligned}
& \|F^n x - F^n y\| \\
& \leq \Delta \left( \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} + \sum_{j=1}^k \frac{\lambda_j}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha + q_j)} + \frac{2(1 - \mu + \theta_{q+1})}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha + 1)} \frac{1}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha)} \right) \\
& \times \left( \sum_{j=1}^{m+1} \left[ (B_j + \epsilon_1) \sum_{i=0}^{r-1} \|\hat{a}_{j,i,n}\| \right] \right) \|x - y\| = \lambda \|x - y\|,
\end{aligned}$$

where  $\lambda := \Delta \left( \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} + \sum_{j=1}^k \frac{\lambda_j}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha + q_j)} + \frac{2(1 - \mu + \theta_{q+1})}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha + 1)} \frac{1}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha)} \right) \times \left( \sum_{j=1}^{m+1} [(B_j + \epsilon_1) \sum_{i=0}^{r-1} \|\hat{a}_{j,i,n}\|] \right)$ . Hence,  $\|F^n x - F^n y\| \leq \lambda \|x - y\|$  for all  $x, y \in X$ . Now consider the map  $\psi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  defined by  $\psi(t) = \lambda t$ . Then we have  $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \psi^i(t) = \lambda t + \lambda^2 t + \dots = \frac{\lambda}{1-\lambda} t < \infty$  for all  $t \in [0, \infty)$ . Thus,  $\alpha(x, y) d(F^n x, F^n y) \leq \psi(d(x, y))$  for all  $x, y \in X$ . Now, by using Lemma 1, we conclude that  $F^n$  has a fixed point  $x_n$  for each  $n \geq n_0$ , that is,  $x_n(t) = F^n x_n(t)$  for all  $t \in [0, 1]$ . Here, the map  $F^n$  is defined by (3). Let  $\{x_n\}$  be a sequence of the fixed points. By using the proof,  $\{x_n\} \subset C$  and so  $\{x_n\}$  is bounded in  $X$ . In fact, we have

$$x_n(t) = \int_{[0,1] \setminus \{\bigcup_{i=0}^{r-1} [t_i + \frac{1}{n}, t_{i+1} - \frac{1}{n}]\}} G(t, s) f(s, x_n(s), I^{p_1} x_n(s), \dots, I^{p_m} x_n(s)) ds$$

for all  $t \in [0, 1]$ . Note that  $G$  is continuous with respect to  $t$  on  $[0, 1] \setminus \{\bigcup_{i=0}^{r-1} [t_i + \frac{1}{n}, t_{i+1} - \frac{1}{n}]\}$  as well as the maps  $\frac{\partial G}{\partial t}, \dots, \frac{\partial^{[\alpha]+1} G}{\partial t^{[\alpha]+1}}$ . Hence,

$$\lim_{t_k \rightarrow t} \frac{\partial^m x_n(t_k)}{\partial t_k^m}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \lim_{t_k \rightarrow t} \int_{[0,1] \setminus \{\bigcup_{i=0}^{r-1} [t_i + \frac{1}{n}, t_{i+1} - \frac{1}{n}]\}} \frac{\partial^m G}{\partial t_k^m}(t_k, s) f(s, x_n(s), I^{p_1} x_n(s), \dots, I^{p_m} x_n(s)) ds \\
&= \int_{[0,1] \setminus \{\bigcup_{i=0}^{r-1} [t_i + \frac{1}{n}, t_{i+1} - \frac{1}{n}]\}} \frac{\partial^m G}{\partial t^m}(t, s) f(s, x_n(s), I^{p_1} x_n(s), \dots, I^{p_m} x_n(s)) ds = \frac{\partial^m x_n(t)}{\partial t^m}
\end{aligned}$$

for all  $1 \leq m \leq [\alpha] + 1$  and  $t \in [0, 1] \setminus \{\bigcup_{i=0}^{r-1} [t_i + \frac{1}{n}, t_{i+1} - \frac{1}{n}]\}$ . Thus, the fixed points  $x_n$  belong to the space  $X^\alpha = \{x : D^\alpha x \in C[0, 1]\}$ . This implies that the sequence  $\{x'_n\}$  is equicontinuous, and so  $\{x_n\}$  is relatively compact in  $X$ . Now, by using the Arzela–Ascoli theorem, there exists  $x_0 \in X$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = x_0$ . One can check that  $x_0$  satisfies the boundary value conditions of problem (1). Since  $x_n \in C$  for all  $n$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
&\left| \chi_{[0,1] \setminus \{\bigcup_{i=0}^{r-1} [t_i + \frac{1}{n}, t_{i+1} - \frac{1}{n}]\}}(s) G(t, s) f(s, x_n(s), I^{p_1} x_n(s), \dots, I^{p_m} x_n(s)) \right| \\
&\leq (\eta + \epsilon_0) \Delta \left[ \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} + \sum_{j=1}^k \frac{\lambda_j}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha + q_j)} + \frac{2(1 - \mu + \theta_{q+1})}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha + 1)} + \frac{1}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha)} \right] r_0 \\
&\quad \times \chi_{[0,1] \setminus \{\bigcup_{i=0}^{r-1} [t_i + \frac{1}{n}, t_{i+1} - \frac{1}{n}]\}}(s) (1-s)^{\alpha-1} b(s),
\end{aligned}$$

where  $\chi_E(s) = 1$  whenever  $s \in E$  and  $\chi_E(s) = 0$  whenever  $s \notin E$ . Note that the map  $(1-s)^{\alpha-1} b(s)$  belongs to  $L^1(K_j)$  for every compact subset  $K_j \subseteq (t_j, t_{j+1})$  for  $j = 1, \dots, r-1$ , and so  $\chi_{[0,1] \setminus \{\bigcup_{i=0}^{r-1} [t_i + \frac{1}{n}, t_{i+1} - \frac{1}{n}]\}}(s) (1-s)^{\alpha-1} b(s) \in L^1[0, 1]$ . Now, by using the Lebesgue dominated theorem, we conclude that

$$\begin{aligned}
x_0(t) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n(t) \\
&= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^1 \chi_{[0,1] \setminus \{\bigcup_{i=0}^{r-1} [t_i + \frac{1}{n}, t_{i+1} - \frac{1}{n}]\}}(s) G(t, s) f(s, x_n(s), I^{p_1} x_n(s), \dots, I^{p_m} x_n(s)) ds \\
&= \int_0^1 G(t, s) f(s, x_0(s), I^{p_1} x_0(s), \dots, I^{p_m} x_0(s)) ds = Fx_0(t).
\end{aligned}$$

In fact, by using a similar method in (4), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
&\left| f(s, x_n(s), I^{p_1} x_n(s), \dots, I^{p_m} x_n(s)) - f(s, x_0(s), I^{p_1} x_0(s), \dots, I^{p_m} x_0(s)) \right| \\
&\leq \sum_{j=1}^{m+1} a_j(s) \Lambda_j (\Delta \|x_n - x_0\|).
\end{aligned}$$

Let  $\epsilon > 0$  be given. Choose  $\delta(\epsilon) > 0$  such that  $\Lambda_j (\Delta \|x_n - x_0\|) \leq (\epsilon + B_j) \epsilon$  for all  $n \geq n_0$  with  $\|x_n - x_0\| < \delta(\epsilon)$ . Hence,

$$\begin{aligned}
&\left| f(s, x_n(s), I^{p_1} x_n(s), \dots, I^{p_m} x_n(s)) - f(s, x_0(s), I^{p_1} x_0(s), \dots, I^{p_m} x_0(s)) \right| \\
&\leq \epsilon \sum_{j=1}^{m+1} (\epsilon + B_j) a_j(s),
\end{aligned}$$

and so  $f(s, x_n(s), I^{p_1} x_n(s), \dots, I^{p_m} x_n(s)) \rightarrow f(s, x_0(s), I^{p_1} x_0(s), \dots, I^{p_m} x_0(s))$  as  $x_n \rightarrow x_0$ . This implies that  $F$  has the fixed point  $x_0$  which is a solution for problem (1).  $\square$

Now, we provide an example to illustrate our main result.

**Example 1** Consider the strong singular problem

$$D^{\frac{3}{2}}x(t) = f(t, x(t), I^{\frac{1}{2}}x(t)), \quad (6)$$

with boundary conditions  $x(0) = \int_0^1 x(\xi) d\xi$  and  $x(\frac{1}{3}) = I^{\frac{5}{2}}x(\frac{1}{2})$ , where

$$f(t, x_1, x_2) = \frac{0.1}{(1-t)}(|x_1| + |x_2|).$$

Put  $m = 1, k = 1, t_0 = 0, t_1 = 1, \mu = \frac{1}{3}, \lambda_1 = 1, q_1 = \frac{5}{2}, \gamma_1 = \frac{1}{2}, \Lambda_1(x) = \Lambda_2(x) = x, a_1(t) = a_2(t) = b(t) = \frac{0.1}{1-t}$ , and  $N(x_1, x_2) = |x_1| + |x_2|$ . Then  $B_1 = B_2 = 1$ , where  $B_i = \lim_{z \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\Lambda_i(z)}{z}$ . Note that  $(1-t)^{\alpha-1}a_i(t) \in L^1(K_j)$  for all compact subsets  $K_j \in (t_j, t_{j+1})$  ( $j = 0, 1$ ),  $\theta_q := 1 - \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{\lambda_i \gamma_i^{q_i}}{\Gamma(q_i+1)} = 1 - \frac{(\frac{1}{2})^{\frac{5}{2}}}{\Gamma(\frac{7}{2})} = 1 - \frac{2}{15\sqrt{2\pi}}$ ,  $\theta_{q+1} := 1 - \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{\lambda_i \gamma_i^{q_i+1}}{\Gamma(q_i+2)} = 1 - \frac{(\frac{1}{2})^{\frac{7}{2}}}{\Gamma(\frac{9}{2})} = 1 - \frac{2}{105\sqrt{2\pi}}$ ,

$$\Delta := \max \left\{ 1, \frac{1}{\Gamma(p_1+1)}, \dots, \frac{1}{\Gamma(p_m+1)} \right\} = \max \left\{ 1, \frac{1}{\Gamma(\frac{3}{2})} \right\} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}},$$

$$\|\hat{b}_{i,n}\| = \|\hat{a}_{j',i,n}\| \leq \int_{\frac{1}{n}}^{1-\frac{1}{n}} (1-s)^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{0.1}{1-s} ds = 0.2,$$

$$|f(t, x_1, \dots, x_{m+1})| \leq b(t)N(x_1, \dots, x_{m+1}),$$

$$N(x_1, x_2) = |x_1| + |x_2|, \eta := \lim_{z \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{N(z,z)}{z} = 2 \in [0, \infty),$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta \sum_{i=0}^{r-1} & \left( \left[ \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} + \sum_{j=1}^k \frac{\lambda_j}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha+q_j)} + \frac{2(\theta_{q+1}-\mu+1)}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha+1)} \right. \right. \\ & \left. \left. + \frac{1}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha)} \right] \sum_{j'=1}^{m+1} B_{j'} \|\hat{a}_{j',i,n}\| \right) \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \left( \left[ \frac{1}{\Gamma(\frac{3}{2})} + \frac{1}{\theta_q \Gamma(\frac{7}{2})} \right. \right. \\ & \left. \left. + \frac{2(\theta_{q+1}-\frac{1}{3}+1)}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha+1)} + \frac{1}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha)} \right] \times 0.2 \right) < 1, \end{aligned}$$

and  $\eta \sum_{i=0}^{r-1} \|\hat{b}_{i,n}\| \left[ \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} + \sum_{j=1}^k \frac{\lambda_j}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha+q_j)} + \frac{2(\theta_{q+1}-\mu+1)}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha+1)} + \frac{1}{\theta_q \Gamma(\alpha)} \right] \in [0, \frac{1}{\Delta}]$ . Now, by using Theorem (5), we conclude that problem (6) has a solution.

### 3 Conclusion

There are some phenomena that can be modeled by fractional differential equations. But most singular fractional differential equations studied by researchers have simple singularity. In this work, by providing a new technique we review a strong singular fractional differential equation under some boundary value conditions.

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