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A discussion on a generalized Geraghty multi-valued mappings and applications

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Abstract

This research intends to investigate the existence results for both coincidence points and common fixed point of generalized Geraghty multi-valued mappings endowed with a directed graph. The proven results are supported by an example. We also consider fractional integral equations as an application.

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1 Introduction and preliminaries

The metric fixed point theory, which has wide common application potential in distinct quantitative sciences, develops itself in parallel with the developments in applied areas [8, 14–16]. One of the examples of this trend was given by Echenique [12] who considered metric fixed point theory in the framework of graphs. Later, Espinola and Kirk [13] applied some well-known fixed point results and techniques to the graph theory. On the other hand, in 2008, Jachymski [17] proposed a new contraction, the concept graph contraction, in order to generalize the distinguished Banach contraction principle.

In this paper, we shall consider generalized Geraghty multi-valued mappings in the context of complete metric spaces endowed with a graph. After investigating the existence and uniqueness of a fixed point for such mappings, we shall consider a fractional integral equation [1–7, 9, 10, 18–21, 23–25, 27] and we solve this equation via our obtained results.

Throughout the paper, we presume that all considered sets and subsets are non-empty. The pair (M, d) denotes a metric space and (M^*, d) represent complete metric space. Let Δ be the diagonal of $M \times M$. Assume that Γ is a directed graph with vertex set $V(\Gamma)$ which is coincided with M and edge set $E(\Gamma)$ which contains Δ . Suppose there is not any parallel edges in G . We shall say that $g : M \rightarrow M$ is a Banach G -contraction if:

- (i) $(x, y) \in E(\Gamma)$ implies $(g(x), g(y)) \in E(\Gamma)$, for all $x, y \in M$,
- (ii) $\exists 0 < \alpha < 1$ such that, for $x, y \in M$,

$$(x, y) \in E(\Gamma) \Rightarrow d(g(x), g(y)) \leq \alpha d(x, y).$$

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Assume that (M, d) be a metric space and $P_{b,cl}(M)$ be the family of bounded and closed sets in M . For $x \in M$ and $M_1, M_2 \in P_{b,cl}(M)$,

$$D(x, M_1) = \inf_{a \in M_1} d(x, a),$$

$$D(M_1, M_2) = \sup_{a \in M_1} D(M_1, M_2).$$

Define $H : P_{b,cl}(M) \times P_{b,cl}(M) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ with

$$H(M_1, M_2) = \max \left\{ \sup_{x \in M_1} d(x, M_2), \sup_{y \in M_2} d(y, M_1) \right\},$$

for $M_1, M_2 \in P_{b,cl}(M)$. H is the famous Hausdorff metric.

Lemma 1.1 ([11]) *Let (M, d) be a metric space. For $M_1, M_2 \in P_{b,cl}(M)$ and $x, y \in M$, the following relations hold:*

- (1) $D(x, M_2) \leq d(x, b), b \in M_2$,
- (2) $D(x, M_2) \leq H(M_1, M_2)$,
- (3) $D(x, M_1) \leq d(x, y) + D(y, M_1)$,
- (4) for all $\omega \in M_1$, there exists some $\varphi \in M_2$ such that $d(\omega, \varphi) \leq qH(M_1, M_2)$, where $q > 1$.

Definition 1.2 ([28]) For a set M , let $\Gamma = (V(\Gamma), E(\Gamma))$ be a graph with $V(\Gamma) = M$. Then:

- (i) a mapping $T : M \rightarrow P_{b,cl}(M)$ is said to be graph preserving if it preserves the edges, i.e.,

$$\text{if } (x, y) \in E(\Gamma), \text{ then } (u, v) \in E(\Gamma) \text{ for all } u \in Tx \text{ and } v \in Ty,$$

- (ii) mappings $S, T : M \rightarrow P_{b,cl}(M)$ are said to be mixed graph preserving respect to h_1, h_2 if they preserve the edges, i.e., for $x, y \in M$, if $(h_1(x), h_2(y)) \in E(\Gamma)$, then $(x, \tau) \in E(\Gamma)$ for all $x \in Tx$ and $\tau \in Sy$ and

$$\text{if } (h_2(x), h_1(y)) \in E(\Gamma), \text{ then } (b, r) \in E(\Gamma) \text{ for all } b \in Sx \text{ and } r \in Ty.$$

Consider the class

$$\Psi := \left\{ \psi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty), \text{ increasing, continuous, and } \psi(ct) \leq c\psi(t), \right.$$

$$\left. \text{for all } c > 1, \text{ with } \psi(0) = 0 \right\}.$$

Let \mathcal{F} denote the family of all functions $\beta : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, 1)$.

2 Main results

We shall start this section by introducing the notion of the generalized Geraghty-type G -multi-valued mapping.

Definition 2.1 On a metric space (M, d) , let $\Gamma = (V(\Gamma), E(\Gamma))$ be a graph with vertex set $V(\Gamma) = M$ and the set $E(\Gamma)$ of its edges such that $E(\Gamma) \supseteq \Delta$. For $h_1, h_2 : M \rightarrow M$ and

$S, T : M \rightarrow P_{b,cl}(M)$; S, T are called a generalized h_1, h_2 -Geraghty-type G -multi-valued mapping provided that

- (i) S, T are mixed graph preserving respect to h_1, h_2 ;
- (ii) for $x, y \in M$ with $(h_1(x), h_2(y)) \in E(\Gamma)$, there exists $L \geq 0$ such that, for

$$P(h_1(x), h_2(y)) = \max \left\{ d(h_1(x), h_2(y)), D(h_1(x), Tx), D(h_2(y), Sy), \frac{D(h_1(x), Tx) + D(h_2(y), Sy)}{2} \right\} \quad \text{and} \tag{1}$$

$$Q(h_1(x), h_2(y)) = \min \{ D(h_1(x), Sy), D(h_2(y), Tx) \}, \tag{2}$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(H(Sx, Ty)) &\leq \gamma(\psi(P(h_1(x), h_2(y))))\psi(P(h_1(x), h_2(y))) \\ &\quad + L\phi(Q(h_1(x), h_2(y))), \end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

and if $(h_2(x), h_1(y)) \in E(\Gamma)$ then

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(H(Sx, Ty)) &\leq \gamma(\psi(P(h_2(x), h_1(y))))\psi(P(h_2(x), h_1(y))) \\ &\quad + L\phi(Q(h_2(x), h_1(y))), \end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

where $\gamma \in \mathcal{F}$ and $\psi, \phi \in \Psi$.

Theorem 2.2 *Let (M, d) be a complete metric space endowed with a graph $\Gamma = (V(\Gamma), E(\Gamma))$, $h_1, h_2 : M \rightarrow M$ are surjective and $S, T : M \rightarrow P_{b,cl}(M)$ generalized h_1, h_2 -Geraghty-type G -multi-valued mapping in (M, d) . Suppose*

- (i) $\exists x_0 \in M$ such that $(h_1(x_0), u) \in E(\Gamma)$ for some $u \in Tx_0$,
- (ii) if $(h_1(x), h_2(y)) \in E(\Gamma)$, then $(e, f) \in E(\Gamma)$ for all $e \in Tx$ and $f \in Sy$ and if $(h_2(x), h_1(y)) \in E(\Gamma)$, then $(w, r) \in E(\Gamma)$ for all $w \in Sx$ and $r \in Ty$,
- (iii) for $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ in M , if $x_n \rightarrow x$ and $(x_n, x_{n+1}) \in E(\Gamma)$ for $n \in \mathbb{N}$, then there is a subsequence $\{x_{n_k}\}_{n_k \in \mathbb{N}}$ such that $(x_{n_k}, x) \in E(\Gamma)$ for $n_k \in \mathbb{N}$.

Then there exist $u, v \in M$ such that $h_1(u) \in Tu$ or $h_2(v) \in Sv$.

Proof Regarding that h_2 is surjective, one can find $x_1 \in M$ such that $h_2(x_1) \in Tx_0$ and $(h_1(x_0), h_2(x_1)) \in E(\Gamma)$. Let $q = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\gamma(\psi(d(h_1(x_0), h_2(x_1))))}}$. Then $q > 1$, so

$$0 < D(h_2(x_1), Sx_1) \leq H(Tx_0, Sx_1) < qH(Tx_0, Sx_1).$$

By Lemma 1.1 and (ii), h_1 is surjective, which implies that there exists $x_2 \in M$ with $h_1(x_2) \in Sx_1$ and $(h_2(x_1), h_1(x_2)) \in E(\Gamma)$, hence

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(d(h_2(x_1), h_1(x_2))) &< \psi(qH(Tx_0, Sx_1)) \leq q\psi(H(Tx_0, Sx_1)) \\ &\leq q\gamma(\psi(P(h_1(x_0), h_2(x_1))))\psi(P(h_1(x_0), h_2(x_1))) \\ &\quad + qL\phi(Q(h_1(x_0), h_2(x_1))), \end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(h_1(x_0), h_2(x_1)) &= \max \left\{ d(h_1(x_0), h_2(x_1)), D(h_1(x_0), Tx_0), D(h_2(x_1), Sx_1), \right. \\
 &\quad \left. \frac{D(h_1(x_0), Tx_0) + D(h_2(x_1), Sx_1)}{2} \right\} \\
 &= \max \{ d(h_1(x_0), h_2(x_1)), d(h_2(x_1), h_1(x_2)) \} \tag{6}
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 Q(h_1(x_0), h_2(x_1)) &= \min \{ D(h_1(x_0), Sx_0), D(h_2(x_1), Tx_0) \} \\
 &\leq \min \{ d(h_1(x_0), h_2(x_1)), d(h_2(x_1), h_2(x_1)) \} = 0. \tag{7}
 \end{aligned}$$

If we have

$$\max \{ d(h_1(x_0), h_2(x_1)), d(h_2(x_1), h_1(x_2)) \} = d(h_2(x_1), h_1(x_2)),$$

then by (5) we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 \psi(d(h_2(x_1), h_1(x_2))) &< \psi(qH(Tx_0, Sx_1)) \leq q\psi(H(Tx_0, Sx_1)) \\
 &\leq q\gamma(\psi(P(h_1(x_0), h_2(x_1))))\psi(P(h_1(x_0), h_2(x_1))) \\
 &\quad + qL\phi(Q(h_1(x_0), h_2(x_1))) \\
 &= q\gamma(\psi(d(h_2(x_1), h_1(x_2))))\psi(d(h_2(x_1), h_1(x_2))) \\
 &= \sqrt{\gamma(\psi(d(h_2(x_1), h_1(x_2))))}\psi(d(h_2(x_1), h_1(x_2))) \\
 &< \psi(d(h_2(x_1), h_1(x_2))),
 \end{aligned}$$

a contradiction.

Hence, we obtain $\max \{ d(h_1(x_0), h_2(x_1)), d(h_2(x_1), h_1(x_2)) \} = d(h_1(x_0), h_2(x_1))$ and so by (5)

$$\psi(d(h_2(x_1), h_1(x_2))) \leq \sqrt{\gamma(\psi(d(h_1(x_0), h_2(x_1))))}\psi(d(h_1(x_0), h_2(x_1))). \tag{8}$$

Keeping $\psi \in \psi$, in mind together with $\sqrt{\gamma(\psi(d(h_1(x_0), h_2(x_1))))} < 1$, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\psi \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{\gamma(\psi(d(h_1(x_0), h_2(x_1))))}} d(h_2(x_1), h_1(x_2)) \right) \\
 &\leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{\gamma(\psi(d(h_1(x_0), h_2(x_1))))}} \psi(d(h_2(x_1), h_1(x_2))) \\
 &< \psi(d(h_1(x_0), h_2(x_1))). \tag{9}
 \end{aligned}$$

Since ψ is increasing, we have

$$d(h_2(x_1), h_1(x_2)) \leq \sqrt{\gamma(\psi(d(h_1(x_0), h_2(x_1))))} d(h_1(x_0), h_2(x_1)).$$

Recall that $h_1(x_2) \in Sx_1$ and $h_2(x_1) \in Tx_0$. Choose

$$q_1 = \frac{\sqrt{\gamma(\psi(d(h_1(x_0), h_2(x_1))))} \psi(d(h_1(x_0), h_2(x_1)))}{\psi(d(h_2(x_1), h_1(x_2)))}$$

By (8), we have $q_1 > 1$. If $h_1(x_2) \in Tx_2$, then x_2 forms a coincidence point for h_1 and T . We presume that $h_1(x_2) \notin Tx_2$. We get

$$0 < \psi(d(h_1(x_2), Tx_2)) \leq \psi(H(Sx_1, Tx_2)) < q_1 \psi(H(Sx_1, Tx_2)).$$

Hence, there exists $h_2(x_3) \in Tx_2$ such that $(h_1(x_2), h_2(x_3)) \in E(\Gamma)$ and

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(d(h_1(x_2), h_2(x_3))) &< q_1 \psi(H(Sx_1, Tx_2)) \\ &\leq q_1 \gamma(\psi(P(h_1(x_1), h_2(x_2)))) \psi(P(h_1(x_1), h_2(x_2))) \\ &\quad + q_1 L\phi(Q(h_1(x_1), h_2(x_2))). \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, $P(h_1(x_1), h_2(x_2)) \leq d(h_1(x_1), h_2(x_2))$ and $Q(h_1(x_1), h_2(x_2)) = 0$. By (8) and a property of (γ) , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(d(h_1(x_2), h_2(x_3))) &\leq \sqrt{\gamma(\psi(d(h_1(x_1), h_2(x_2))))} \psi(d(h_1(x_1), h_2(x_2))) \\ &\leq \sqrt{\gamma(\psi(d(h_1(x_1), h_2(x_2))))} \sqrt{\gamma(\psi(d(h_1(x_0), h_2(x_1))))} \psi(d(h_1(x_0), h_2(x_1))). \end{aligned} \tag{10}$$

By (8) and $\sqrt{\gamma(\psi(d(h_1(x_0), h_2(x_1))))} < 1$, we have

$$\psi(d(h_1(x_1), h_2(x_2))) \leq \psi(d(h_1(x_0), h_2(x_1))).$$

The function γ is increasing, by (10), we obtain

$$\psi(d(h_1(x_2), h_2(x_3))) \leq (\sqrt{\gamma(\psi(d(h_1(x_0), h_2(x_1))))})^2 \psi(d(h_1(x_0), h_2(x_1))). \tag{11}$$

Again, by (9),

$$d(h_1(x_2), h_2(x_3)) \leq (\sqrt{\gamma(\psi(d(h_1(x_0), h_2(x_1))))})^2 d(h_1(x_0), h_2(x_1))$$

manifestly, $h_1(x_2) \neq h_2(x_3)$. Take

$$q_2 = \frac{(\sqrt{\gamma(\psi(d(h_1(x_0), h_2(x_1))))})^2 \psi(d(h_1(x_0), h_2(x_1)))}{\psi(d(h_1(x_2), h_2(x_3)))}$$

Then $q_2 > 1$. If $h_2(x_3) \in Sx_3$, then x_3 is a coincidence point of h_2 and S . Assume that $h_2(x_3) \notin Sx_3$. Then

$$0 < \psi(d(h_2(x_3), Sx_3)) \leq \psi(H(Tx_2, Sx_3)) < q_2 \psi(H(Tx_2, Sx_3)).$$

Thus there exists $h_1(x_4) \in Sx_3$ such that $(h_2(x_3), h_1(x_4)) \in E(\Gamma)$ and

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(d(h_2(x_3), h_1(x_4))) &< q_2 \psi(H(Tx_2, Sx_3)) \\ &\leq q_2 \gamma(\psi(P(h_1(x_2), h_2(x_3)))) \psi(P(h_1(x_2), h_2(x_3))) \\ &\quad + q_2 L\phi(Q(h_1(x_2), h_2(x_3))). \end{aligned} \tag{12}$$

Similarly, $P(h_1(x_2), h_2(x_3)) \leq d(h_1(x_2), h_2(x_3))$ and $Q(h_1(x_2), h_2(x_3)) = 0$.

So, by (12),

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(d(h_2(x_3), h_1(x_4))) &\leq \sqrt{\gamma(\psi(d(h_1(x_2), h_2(x_3))))} \psi(d(h_1(x_2), h_2(x_3))) \\ &\leq \sqrt{\gamma(\psi(d(h_1(x_2), h_2(x_3))))} (\sqrt{\gamma(\psi(d(h_1(x_0), h_2(x_1))))})^2 \\ &\quad \times \psi(d(h_1(x_0), h_2(x_1))). \end{aligned} \tag{13}$$

By (11) and $\sqrt{\gamma(\psi(d(h_1(x_0), h_2(x_1))))} < 1$, we have

$$\psi(d(h_1(x_2), h_2(x_3))) \leq \psi(d(h_1(x_0), h_2(x_1))).$$

Again, γ is increasing, so using (13),

$$d(h_2(x_3), h_1(x_4)) \leq (\sqrt{\gamma(\psi(d(h_1(x_0), h_2(x_1))))})^3 d(h_1(x_0), h_2(x_1)).$$

It is clear that $h_2(x_3) \neq h_1(x_2)$. Put

$$q_3 = \frac{(\sqrt{\gamma(\psi(d(h_1(x_0), h_2(x_1))))})^3 \psi(d(h_1(x_0), h_2(x_1)))}{\psi(d(h_1(x_2), h_2(x_3)))}.$$

Then $q_3 > 1$. Continuing this process, we construct a sequence $\{h(x_n)\}$ in M such that

$$\begin{aligned} h_1(x_{2n}) \in Sx_{2n-1}, \quad h_2(x_{2n-1}) \in T(x_{2n-2}) \\ (h_1(x_{2n-2}), h_1(x_{2n-1})), (h_1(x_{2n-1}), h_1(x_{2n})) \in E(\Gamma). \end{aligned}$$

Define the sequence $\{h(x_n)\}$ as follows:

$$h(x_n) = \begin{cases} h_1(x_n), & n \text{ is even,} \\ h_2(x_n), & n \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$$

Let $t = \sqrt{\gamma(\psi(d(h_1(x_0), h_2(x_1))))}$, then $0 < t < 1$. We have

$$d(h(x_n), h(x_{n+1})) \leq t^n d(h_1(x_0), h_2(x_1)).$$

Since $0 < t < 1$, we have

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (d(h(x_n), h(x_{n+1}))) \leq d(h_1(x_0), h_2(x_1)) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} t^n < \infty.$$

Thus, the sequence $\{h(x_n)\}$ is Cauchy in (M, d) . Since M is complete, the sequence $h(x_n)$ converge to point w for some $w \in M$. Let $u, v \in M$ with $h_1(u) = w = h_2(v)$. By (iii), there exists $\{h(x_{n_k})\}$ such that $(h(x_{n_k}), h_1(u)) \in E(\Gamma)$ for any $n \in \mathbb{N}$. We assert that $h_1(u) \in Tu$ or $h_2(v) \in Sv$.

Let $\mathcal{A} = \{n_k | n_k \text{ is even}\}$ and $\mathcal{B} = \{n_k | n_k \text{ is odd}\}$. Then obviously $\mathcal{A} \cup \mathcal{B}$ is infinite and so at least \mathcal{A} or \mathcal{B} must be infinite. In the case that \mathcal{A} is infinite, for each $h_2(x_{n_k+1}), n_k \in \mathcal{A}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} D(h_2(v), S(v)) &\leq d(h_2(v), h_2(x_{n_k+1})) + D(h_2(x_{n_k+1}), S(v)) \\ &\leq d(h_2(v), h_2(x_{n_k+1})) + H(T(x_{n_k}), S(v)) \\ &\leq d(h_2(v), h_2(x_{n_k+1})) + \gamma(\psi(P(h_1(x_{n_k}), h_2(v))))\psi(P(h_1(x_{n_k}), h_2(v))) \\ &\quad + L\phi(Q(h_1(x_{n_k}), h_2(v))) \\ &= d(h_2(v), h_2(x_{n_k+1})) + \gamma(\psi(d(h_1(x_{n_k}), h_1(v))))\psi(d(h_1(x_{n_k}), h_2(v))), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} P(h_1(x_{n_k}), h_2(v)) &= \max \left\{ d(h_1(x_{n_k}), h_2(v)), D(h_1(x_{n_k}), Tx_{n_k}), D(h_2(v), Sv), \right. \\ &\quad \left. \frac{D(h_1(x_{n_k}), Tx_{n_k}) + D(h_2(v), Sv)}{2} \right\} \quad \text{and} \tag{14} \\ Q(h_1(x_{n_k}), h_2(v)) &= \min \{ D(h_1(x_{n_k}), Sv), D(h_2(v), Tx_{n_k}) \}. \end{aligned}$$

With $n \rightarrow \infty$, we get $Q(h_1(x_{n_k}), h_2(v)) = 0$ and with regard to (14) we obtain

$$\psi(D(h_2(v), S(v))) \leq \gamma(\psi(h_2(v), S(v)))\psi(D(h_2(v), S(v))) < \psi(D(h_2(v), S(v))),$$

which is a contradiction, unless $D(h_2(v), S(v)) = 0$. Since Tv is closed, thus $h_2(v) \in S(v)$. Similarly, we can prove that $h_1(v) \in T(v)$ when \mathcal{B} is infinite. This completes the proof. We notice also that if both \mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B} are infinite, then $h_1(v) \in T(v)$ and $h_2(v) \in S(v)$. \square

Example 2.3 Let $M = [0, 1]$ and d be the standard metric on M . Let $\Gamma = (V(\Gamma), E(\Gamma))$ be a directed graph with $V(\Gamma) = M$ and

$$E(\Gamma) = \left\{ (x, x), \left(0, \frac{1}{4}\right), \left(\frac{1}{4}, 0\right), \left(0, \frac{1}{16}\right), \left(\frac{1}{16}, 0\right), \left(\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{16}\right), \left(\frac{1}{16}, \frac{1}{4}\right) : x \in M \right\}.$$

Let $T : M \rightarrow P_{b,cl}(M)$ be defined by

$$\begin{aligned} Tx &= \begin{cases} \{\frac{1}{4}\} & \text{if } x = 1, \\ \{0, \frac{1}{4}\} & \text{if } x \in (0, 1) - \{\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{2}\}, \\ \{\frac{1}{16}\} & \text{if } x \in \{0, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{2}\}, \end{cases} \\ Sx &= \begin{cases} \{\frac{1}{16}\} & \text{if } x = 0, \frac{1}{16}, \frac{1}{4}, 1, \\ \{0, \frac{1}{16}\} & \text{if } x \in (0, 1) - \{\frac{1}{16}, \frac{1}{4}\}. \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Let $h_1, h_2 : M \rightarrow M$ be defined by $h_1(x) = x^2, h_2(x) = x$. Consider $\psi(t) = t$ and $\gamma(t) = \frac{t+1}{t+2}$. Then it is evident that S, T are mixed Geraghty-type G -multi-valued respect to h_1, h_2 . Note that (i), (ii) and (iii) of Theorem 2.2 hold. Besides, if $(h(x), h(y)) \in E(\Gamma)$, then $H(Th(x), Th(y)) = 0$. Hence, for all $x, y \in M$ we have $(h(x), h(y)) \in E(\Gamma)$, ergo

$$\psi(H(Sx, Ty)) \leq \gamma(\psi(d(h_1(x), h_2(y))))\psi(d(h_1(x), h_2(y))),$$

for $x, y \in M$ with $(h_1(x), h_2(y)) \in E(\Gamma)$.

If $x, y \in M$ with $(h_2(x), h_1(y)) \in E(\Gamma)$, then

$$\psi(H(Sx, Ty)) \leq \gamma(\psi(d(h_2(x), h_1(y))))\psi(d(h_2(x), h_1(y))).$$

By Theorem 2.2, there exist $u, v \in M$ such that $h_1(u) \in Tu$ or $h_2(v) \in Sv$. In this example, $u = \frac{1}{4}$ or $u = \frac{1}{16}$.

If in Theorem 2.2, we set $h_1 = h_2 = h$, then we get the following corollary.

Corollary 2.4 *Let (M, d) be a complete metric space with the directed graph $\Gamma, h : M \rightarrow M$ is surjective map and $S, T : M \rightarrow P_{b,cl}(M)$ be h -graph preserving with*

$$\psi(H(Sx, Ty)) \leq \gamma(\psi(d(h(x), h(y))))\psi(d(h(x), h(y))),$$

for all $x, y \in M$ with $(h(x), h(y)) \in E(\Gamma)$. Suppose

- (i) there exists $x_0 \in M$ such that $(h(x_0), u) \in E(\Gamma)$ for some $u \in Tx_0$;
- (ii) for any sequence $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ in M , if $x_n \rightarrow x$ and $(x_n, x_{n+1}) \in E(\Gamma)$ for $n \in \mathbb{N}$, then there is a subsequence $\{x_{n_k}\}_{n_k \in \mathbb{N}}$ such that $(x_{n_k}, x) \in E(\Gamma)$ for $n_k \in \mathbb{N}$.

Then there exist $u, v \in M$ such that $h(u) \in Tu$ or $h(v) \in Sv$.

Definition 2.5 Let (M, d) be a metric space endowed with a partial order \leq . For each $M_1, M_2 \in M, M_1 \leq M_2$ if $\omega_1 \leq \omega_2$ for any $\omega_1 \in M_1, \omega_2 \in M_2, h : M \rightarrow M$ a surjective map, and $T : M \rightarrow P_{b,cl}(M)$. T is said to be h -increasing if for any $x, y \in M, h(x) \leq h(y)$ implies $Tx \leq Ty$.

Theorem 2.6 *Let (M, d) be a complete metric space with partially order $\leq, h : M \rightarrow M$ be a surjective map and $T : M \rightarrow P_{b,cl}(M)$ be a multi-valued mapping. Suppose that*

- (i) T is h -increasing;
- (ii) there exist $x_0 \in M$ and $u \in Tx_0$ such that $h(x_0) \leq u$;
- (iii) for each sequence x_k such that $h(x_k) \leq h(x_{k+1}), k \in \mathbb{N}$ and $h(x_k)$ converges to $h(x)$ for some $x \in M$, then $h(x_k) \leq h(x)$;
- (iv) for $x, y \in M$ with $h(x) \leq h(y)$, we have

$$\psi(H(Tx, Ty)) \leq \gamma(\psi(d(h(x), h(y))))\psi(d(h(x), h(y))),$$

where $\gamma \in \mathcal{F}$ and $\psi, \phi \in \Psi$.

Then there is $u \in M$ so that $h(u) \in Tu$. In addition, if h is injective, then there is a unique $u \in M$ such that $h(u) \in Tu$.

Proof Let $\Gamma = (V(\Gamma), E(\Gamma))$, be a graph with $V(\Gamma) = M$ and

$$E(\Gamma) = \{(x, y) | x \leq y\},$$

let $(h(x), h(y)) \in E(\Gamma)$, then $h(x) \leq h(y)$ and by (i), $Tx \leq Ty$. For each $u \in Tx, v \in Ty$, we have $u \leq v$, thus $(u, v) \in E(\Gamma)$. That is, T is h -graph preserving. By (ii), there exist $x_0 \in M$ and $u \in Tx_0$ such that $h(x_0) \leq u$. So $(h(x), u) \in E(\Gamma)$ and hence the property (i) in Corollary 2.4 is satisfied. Moreover, we obtain the property (ii) of Corollary 2.4 from the assumption (iii). Set $S = T$, then the S, T are h -graph preserving mappings and fulfill

$$\psi(H(Tx, Ty)) \leq \gamma(\psi(d(h(x), h(y))))\psi(P(h(x), h(y))),$$

for all $x, y \in M$ with $(h(x), h(y)) \in E(\Gamma)$. By Corollary 2.4 we get $h(u) \in Tu$ for some $u \in M$.

Now, in addition, we suppose that h is injective. Let $u, v \in M$ be such that $h(u) \in Tu$ and $h(v) \in Tv$. Suppose, on the contrary, that $h(u) \neq h(v)$. We assume, without loss of generality, that $h(u) < h(v)$. Since $h(u) \in Tu$ and $h(v) \in Tv$, it yields $D(h(u), Tu) = D(h(v), Tv)$ and hence

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(d(h(u), h(v))) &\leq \psi(H(Tu, Tv)) \leq \gamma(\psi(d(h(u), h(v))))\psi(d(h(u), h(v))), \\ &< \psi(d(h(u), h(v))). \end{aligned}$$

This leads to a contradiction. Thus $h(u) = h(v)$. Since h is injective, we have $u = v$. □

Corollary 2.7 *Let (M, d) be a complete metric space endowed with a graph $\Gamma = (V(\Gamma), E(\Gamma))$, $S, T : M \rightarrow M$ be generalized mappings such that*

$$\psi(d(Sx, Ty)) \leq \gamma(\psi(d(x, y)))\psi(d(x, y)), \tag{15}$$

mapping in (M, d) . Suppose that

- (i) $\exists x_0 \in M$ such that $(x_0, u) \in E(\Gamma)$ for some $u \in Tx_0$,
- (ii) if $(x, y) \in E(\Gamma)$, then $(e, f) \in E(\Gamma)$ for all $e \in Tx$ and $f \in Sy$ and if $(x, y) \in E(\Gamma)$, then $(w, r) \in E(\Gamma)$ for all $w \in Sx$ and $r \in Ty$,
- (iii) for $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ in M , if $x_n \rightarrow x$ and $(x_n, x_{n+1}) \in E(\Gamma)$ for $n \in \mathbb{N}$, then there is a subsequence $\{x_{n_k}\}_{n_k \in \mathbb{N}}$ such that $(x_{n_k}, x) \in E(\Gamma)$ for $n_k \in \mathbb{N}$.

Then there exist $u, v \in M$ such that $u \in Tu$ or $v \in Sv$.

3 Application

In this section, we apply our theorem for a solution of the following integral system:

$$\begin{cases} x(t) = \int_a^b K(t, s)f(t, s, x(s), y(s)) ds + h(t), \\ y(t) = \int_a^b K(t, s)f(t, s, y(s), x(s)) ds + h(t), \quad t \in [a, b], \end{cases} \tag{16}$$

where $X := C([a, b], \mathbb{R})$ with $\|x\|_\infty = \sup_{t \in [a, b]} |x(t)|$, for $x \in C([a, b], \mathbb{R})$.

Let G be a graph, defined by $V(\Gamma) = X$, and

$$E(\Gamma) = \{(x, y) \in X \times X : x(t) \leq y(t) \text{ or } y(t) \leq x(t) \text{ for } t \in [a, b]\}.$$

Let d be the metric induced by the norm. It follows that (X, d) is a complete metric space endowed with a directed graph Γ . Define mappings $S, T : X \rightarrow X$ by

$$\begin{cases} Sx(t) = \int_a^b K(t, s)f(t, s, x(s), y(s)) ds + h(t), \\ Ty(t) = \int_a^b K(t, s)f(t, s, y(s), x(s)) ds + h(t), \end{cases}$$

where $x, y \in C([a, b], \mathbb{R})$.

Theorem 3.1 Consider Eq. (16) and suppose that

1. $f : [a, b] \times [a, b] \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is continuous function and there exists $M > 0$ such that $\max_{t \in [a, b]} \int_a^b K(t, s) ds < M$.
- 2.

$$|f(t, s, y(s), x(s)) - f(t, s, x(s), y(s))| \leq \frac{1}{\alpha} \frac{|y(s) - x(s)|^2}{1 + |y(s) - x(s)|}.$$

3. There exists a function $x_0 \in X$ such that

$$x_0(t) \leq \int_a^b K(t, s)f(t, s, x_0(s), Tx_0(s)) ds + h(t), \quad t \in [a, b].$$

4. The inequality $x(s) \leq y(s)$ implies $Tx(s) \leq Sy(s)$ and $Sx(s) \leq Ty(s)$.
5. For $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ in M , if $x_n \rightarrow x$ and $x_n(t) \leq x_{n+1}(t)$ for $n \in \mathbb{N}$, then there is a subsequence $\{x_{n_k}\}_{n_k \in \mathbb{N}}$ such that $x_{n_k}(t) \leq x(t)$ for $n_k \in \mathbb{N}, t \in [a, b]$.

Then there exist $u, v \in X$ such that $u(t) = \int_a^b K(t, s)f(t, s, u(s), v(s)) ds + h(t)$ or $v(t) = \int_a^b K(t, s)f(t, s, v(s), u(s)) ds + h(t)$.

Proof Let $x, y \in X$, using (2), we get

$$\begin{aligned} |Sx(t) - Ty(t)| &= \left| \int_a^b K(t, s)f(t, s, x(s), y(s)) ds - \int_a^b K(t, s)f(t, s, y(s), x(s)) ds \right| \\ &\leq \sup_{t \in [a, b]} |f(t, s, x(s), y(s)) - f(t, s, y(s), x(s))| M \\ &\leq \frac{1}{M} \frac{|x(s) - y(s)|^2}{1 + |x(s) - y(s)|} M = \frac{|x(s) - y(s)|^2}{1 + |x(s) - y(s)|} \\ &= \gamma (|x(s) - y(s)|) |x(s) - y(s)|, \end{aligned}$$

where $\gamma(t) = \frac{t}{t+1}$. With setting $\psi(t) = t$, the condition 15 in Corollary 2.7 holds. With considering (3) and (4) from assumption of theorem and by definition of the graph Γ we deduce the conditions (i) and (ii) of in Corollary 2.7 hold. Also by the condition (5) from assumption of theorem, the condition (iii) of Corollary 2.7 holds. As a result, we have

$$\begin{aligned} u(t) &= \int_a^b K(t, s)f(t, s, u(s), v(s)) ds + h(t), \quad \text{or} \\ v(t) &= \int_a^b K(t, s)f(t, s, v(s), u(s)) ds + h(t). \end{aligned}$$

□

Now we use the results of our findings to solve fractional differential equations.

Definition 3.2 ([22, 26]) The Riemann–Liouville fractional integral of order $\alpha > 0$ of a continuous function $f : (0, +\infty) \rightarrow (-\infty, +\infty)$ is given by

$$I_{0+}^{\alpha} f(\zeta) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^{\zeta} (\zeta - \eta)^{\alpha-1} f(\eta) d\eta,$$

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

Definition 3.3 ([22, 26]) The Riemann–Liouville fractional derivative of order $\alpha > 0$ of a continuous function $f : (0, +\infty) \rightarrow (-\infty, +\infty)$ is given by

$$D_{0+}^{\alpha} f(\zeta) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(n - \alpha)} \left(\frac{d}{dt} \right)^n \int_0^{\zeta} (\zeta - \eta)^{n-\alpha-1} f(\eta) d\eta,$$

where $n = [\alpha] + 1$, $[\alpha]$ denotes the integer part of the number α , provided that the right-hand side is pointwise defined on $(0, +\infty)$.

In this paper we discuss the local existence and uniqueness of positive solutions for the following coupled system of fractional boundary value problem subject to integral boundary conditions:

$$\begin{cases} D_{0+}^{\alpha} u(\zeta) + f(\zeta, u(\zeta), v(\zeta)) = 0, \\ D_{0+}^{\alpha} v(\zeta) + f(\zeta, v(\zeta), u(\zeta)) = 0, & 0 < \zeta < 1, \\ u(0) = 0, & u(1) = \int_0^1 \phi(\zeta) u(\zeta) d\zeta, \\ v(0) = 0, & v(1) = \int_0^1 \psi(\zeta) v(\zeta) d\zeta, \end{cases} \tag{17}$$

where $1 < \alpha \leq 2$, $\phi, \psi \in L^1[0, 1]$ are nonnegative and $f \in C([0, 1] \times [0, \infty), [0, \infty))$ and D is the standard Riemann–Liouville fractional derivative. The functions $\phi(\zeta), \psi(\zeta)$ satisfy the following conditions:

$$(Q) \quad \phi, \psi : [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, +\infty) \quad \text{with } \phi, \psi \in L^1[0, 1]$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_1 &:= \int_0^1 \phi(\zeta) \zeta^{\alpha-1} d\zeta; \\ \sigma_2 &:= \int_0^1 \zeta^{\alpha-1} (1 - \zeta) \phi(\zeta) d\zeta, \quad \zeta \in (0, 1). \end{aligned}$$

Lemma 3.4 ([29]) *If $\int_0^1 \phi(\zeta) \zeta^{\alpha-1} d\zeta \neq 1$, then for any $\sigma \in C[0, 1]$, the unique solution of the following boundary value problem:*

$$\begin{cases} D_{0+}^{\alpha} u(\zeta) + \sigma(\zeta) = 0, & 0 < \zeta < 1, \\ u(0) = 0, & u(1) = \int_0^1 \phi(\zeta) u(\zeta) d\zeta, \end{cases}$$

is given by

$$u(\zeta) = \int_0^1 G_{1\alpha}(\zeta, \eta) \sigma(\eta) d\eta,$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
 G_\alpha(\zeta, \eta) &= G_{1\alpha}(\zeta, \eta) + G_{2\alpha}(\zeta, \eta), \\
 G_{1\alpha}(\zeta, \eta) &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \begin{cases} \zeta^{\alpha-1}(1-\eta)^{\alpha-1} - (\eta-\zeta)^{\alpha-1}, \\ \zeta^{\alpha-1}(1-\eta)^{\alpha-1}, \end{cases} \\
 G_{2\alpha}(\zeta, \eta) &= \frac{\zeta^{\alpha-1}}{1 - \int_0^1 \phi(\zeta)\zeta^{\alpha-1} d\zeta} \int_0^1 \phi(\zeta)G_{1\alpha}(\zeta, \eta) d\zeta.
 \end{aligned} \tag{18}$$

Then $G_\alpha(\zeta, \eta)$ is a Green's function.

Lemma 3.5 ([29]) *Let $\alpha \in (1, 2]$. Assume that (Q) holds. Then the functions $G_{1\alpha}(\zeta, \eta)$ have the following property:*

$$\frac{(\alpha - 1)\sigma_2\eta(1 - \eta)^{\alpha-1}\zeta^{\alpha-1}}{(1 - \sigma_1)\Gamma(\alpha)} \leq G_\alpha \leq \frac{(1 - \eta)^{\alpha-1}\zeta^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)(1 - \sigma_1)}.$$

Lemma 3.6 ([29]) *Assume that (Q) holds and $f(y, x, y)$ continuous, then $(u, v) \in X \times X$ is a solution of the system (17) if and only if it is a solution of the integral equations*

$$\begin{cases} u(y) = \int_0^1 G_\alpha(y, x)f(x, u(x), v(x)) dx, \\ v(y) = \int_0^1 G_\alpha(y, x)f(x, v(x), u(x)) dx. \end{cases}$$

Define mappings $S, T : X \rightarrow X$ by

$$\begin{cases} Su(y) = \int_0^1 G_\alpha(y, x)f(x, u(x), v(x)) dx, \\ Tv(y) = \int_0^1 G_\alpha(y, x)f(x, v(x), u(x)) dx. \end{cases}$$

Theorem 3.7 *Consider Eq. (17) and suppose that*

1. $f : [0, 1] \times [0, \infty) \times [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is continuous function such that

$$|f(t, s, y(s), x(s)) - f(t, s, x(s), y(s))| \leq \frac{(1 - s)^{\alpha-1}\zeta^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \frac{|y(s) - x(s)|^2}{1 + |y(s) - x(s)|}.$$

2. There exists a function $x_0 \in X$ such that

$$x_0(t) \leq \int_a^b K(t, s)f(t, s, x_0(s), Tx_0(s)) ds, \quad t \in [a, b].$$

3. The inequality $x(s) \leq y(s)$ implies $Tx(s) \leq Sy(s)$ and $Sx(s) \leq Ty(s)$.
4. For $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ in M , if $x_n \rightarrow x$ and $x_n(t) \leq x_{n+1}(t)$ for $n \in \mathbb{N}$, then there is a subsequence $\{x_{n_k}\}_{n_k \in \mathbb{N}}$ such that $x_{n_k}(t) \leq x(t)$ for $n_k \in \mathbb{N}, t \in [a, b]$.

Then there exist $u, v \in X$ such that

$$\begin{aligned}
 u(t) &= \int_a^b G_\alpha(t, s)f(t, s, u(s), v(s)) ds \quad \text{or} \\
 v(t) &= \int_a^b G_\alpha(t, s)f(t, s, v(s), u(s)) ds.
 \end{aligned}$$

Proof Let $x, y \in X$, using (2), we get

$$\begin{aligned} |Sx(t) - Ty(t)| &= \left| \int_a^b G_\alpha(t, s)f(t, s, x(s), y(s)) ds - \int_a^b G_\alpha(t, s)f(t, s, y(s), x(s)) ds \right| \\ &\leq \sup_{t \in [a, b]} |f(t, s, x(s), y(s)) - f(t, s, y(s), x(s))| \frac{\Gamma(\alpha)}{(1-s)^{\alpha-1} \zeta^{\alpha-1}} \\ &\leq \frac{(1-s)^{\alpha-1} \zeta^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \frac{|x(s) - y(s)|^2}{1 + |x(s) - y(s)|} \frac{\Gamma(\alpha)}{(1-s)^{\alpha-1} \zeta^{\alpha-1}} = \frac{|x(s) - y(s)|^2}{1 + |x(s) - y(s)|} \\ &= \gamma (|x(s) - y(s)|) |x(s) - y(s)|, \end{aligned}$$

where $\gamma(t) = \frac{t}{t+1}$. With setting $\psi(t) = t$, the condition (15) in Corollary 2.7 holds. With considering (3) and (4) from the assumption of the theorem and by definition of the graph Γ we deduce the conditions (i) and (ii) in Corollary (2.7) hold. Also by the condition (5) from assumption of theorem, the condition (iii) of Corollary 2.7 holds. As a result, we have

$$\begin{aligned} u(t) &= \int_a^b G_\alpha(t, s)f(t, s, u(s), v(s)) ds \quad \text{or} \\ v(t) &= \int_a^b G_\alpha(t, s)f(t, s, v(s), u(s)) ds. \end{aligned} \quad \square$$

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