

# ON THE EXISTENCE RESULTS FOR A NONLINEAR DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS OF FRACTIONAL ORDER

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## ABSTRACT

*In this paper, we study the existence and uniqueness of solutions for a nonlinear differential equation of fractional order with three point boundary conditions. The main tools used are Krasnosel'skii's fixed point theorem and Banach contraction principle.*

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## I. INTRODUCTION

Nonlinear fractional differential equations have recently used to be a valuable tools in various fields of engineering and science such as porous media, biology, electrochemistry, fitting of experimental, physics, economics, control theory etc, see [1-4]. These fractional derivatives provide an excellent feature for the hereditary properties of different materials processes and description of memory, see [1]. There has been a significant development in the theory of initial and boundary value problems for nonlinear fractional differential equations, see [5-12].

This article deals with the existence and uniqueness of solutions for the following three-point boundary value problem of fractional differential equation:

$$D_{\tau}^l y(\tau) = f(\tau, y(\tau)), \quad 0 < \tau < 1, \quad l \in (3, 4] \quad (A)$$

$$y(0) = 0, \quad y'(0) = 0, \quad y''(0) = 0, \quad \beta [I^k y](\xi) = y(1), \quad 0 < \xi < 1 \quad (B)$$

where  $D_c^l$  denotes the Caputo fractional derivative of order  $l$ ,  $I^k$  is the Riemann-Liouville fractional integral of order  $k$ ,  $f : [0,1] \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a continuous function and  $C([0,1], \mathbb{R})$  denote the Banach space of all continuous functions from  $[0,1]$  into  $\mathbb{R}$  with the norm

$$\|y\| = \sup \{|y(\tau)| : \tau \in [0,1]\}$$

## II. PRELIMINARIES

Definition 2.1. For a continuous function  $g : [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , the Caputo derivative of fractional order is defined as

$$D_c^l g(\tau) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(m-l)} \int_0^\tau (\tau-u)^{(m-l-1)} g^{(m)}(u) du, \quad m-1 < l < m, \quad m = [l] + 1$$

provided that  $g^{(m)}(\tau)$  exists, where  $[l]$  denotes the integral part of the real number  $l$ .

Definition 2.2. The Riemann-Liouville fractional integral of order  $l$  for a continuous function  $g(\tau)$  is defined by

$$I^{(l)} g(\tau) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(l)} \int_0^\tau (\tau-u)^{(l-1)} g(u) du, \quad l > 0$$

provided that such integral exists.

Definition 2.3. The Riemann-Liouville fractional derivative of order  $l$  for a continuous function  $g(\tau)$  is defined by

$$D^{(l)} g(\tau) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(m-l)} \frac{d^m}{d\tau^m} \int_0^\tau (\tau-u)^{(m-l-1)} g(u) du, \quad m = [l] + 1$$

provided that the right hand side is pointwise defined on  $[0, \infty)$ .

**Lemma 2.1.**[3] Let  $l > 0$  then the fractional differential equation  $D_c^l h(\tau) = 0$  has a solution

$$h(\tau) = b_0 + b_1 \tau + b_2 \tau^2 + \dots + b_{m-1} \tau^{m-1}, \quad b_i \in \mathbb{R}, \quad i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, m-1$$

where  $m$  is the smallest integer greater than or equal to  $l$ .

**Lemma 2.2.**[3] Let  $l > 0$  then

$$I^l D_c^l h(\tau) = h(\tau) + b_0 + b_1 \tau + b_2 \tau^2 + \dots + b_{m-1} \tau^{m-1}, \quad b_i \in \mathbb{R}, \quad i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, m-1$$

where  $m$  is the smallest integer or equal to  $l$ .

**Lemma 2.3.** Let  $\beta \neq \frac{\Gamma(k+3)}{6\xi^{k+2}}$ ,  $3 < q \leq 4$ ,  $0 < \xi < 1$ .

then for  $v \in C([0,1], \mathbb{R})$  the problem

$$D_c^l y(\tau) = v(\tau) \quad 0 < \tau < 1, \tag{1}$$

$$y(0) = 0, \quad y'(0) = 0, \quad y''(0) = 0, \quad \beta[I^k y](\xi) = y(1) \tag{2}$$

has a unique solution

$$y(\tau) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(l)} \int_0^\tau (\tau - u)^{(l-1)} v(u) du - \frac{\Gamma(k+3)\tau^3}{\Gamma(l)[\Gamma(k+3) - 6\beta\xi^{k+2}]} \int_0^1 (1-u)^{l-1} v(u) du + \frac{\beta k(k+1)(k+2)\tau^3}{\Gamma(l)[\Gamma(k+3) - 6\beta\xi^{k+2}]} \int_0^\xi \int_0^u (\xi - u)^{(k-1)} (u - r)^{(l-1)} v(r) dr du \tag{3}$$

**Proof.** By applying Lemma 2.2, we reduce (1) to an equivalent integral equation

$$y(\tau) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(l)} \int_0^\tau (\tau - u)^{(l-1)} v(u) du - c_0 - c_1\tau - c_2\tau^2 - c_3\tau^3 \tag{4}$$

for some  $c_0, c_1, c_2, c_3 \in \mathbb{R}$

from  $y(0) = y'(0) = y''(0) = 0$  it implies that  $c_0 = c_1 = c_2 = 0$

put the value of  $c_0, c_1, c_2$  in the equation (4)

$$y(\tau) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(l)} \int_0^\tau (\tau - u)^{(l-1)} v(u) du - c_3\tau^3 \tag{5}$$

Now using the Riemann-Liouville integral of order  $k$  for (4), we get

$$I^{(k)} y(\tau) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(k)} \int_0^\tau (\tau - u)^{(k-1)} \left[ \frac{1}{\Gamma(l)} \int_0^u (u - r)^{(l-1)} v(r) dr - c_3 u^3 \right] du = \frac{1}{\Gamma(k)} \frac{1}{\Gamma(l)} \int_0^\tau \int_0^u (\tau - u)^{(k-1)} (u - r)^{(l-1)} v(r) dr du - \frac{6c_3\tau^{k+2}}{\Gamma(k+3)}$$

since  $\beta[I^k y](\xi) = y(1)$ , we get

$$\frac{\beta}{\Gamma(k)\Gamma(l)} \int_0^\xi \int_0^u (\xi-u)^{(k-1)} (u-r)^{(l-1)} v(r) dr du - \frac{6c_2\beta\tau^{k+2}}{\Gamma(k+3)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\Gamma(l)} \int_0^1 (1-u)^{l-1} v(u) du - c_2$$

Thus

$$c_2 = \frac{\Gamma(k+3)\tau^3}{\Gamma(l)[\Gamma(k+3) - 6\beta\xi^{k+2}]} \int_0^1 (1-u)^{l-1} v(u) du$$

$$- \frac{\beta k(k+1)(k+2)\tau^3}{\Gamma(l)[\Gamma(k+3) - 6\beta\xi^{k+2}]} \int_0^\xi \int_0^u (\xi-u)^{(k-1)} (u-r)^{(l-1)} v(r) dr du$$

substituting the value of  $c_2$  in (5), we get

$$y(\tau) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(l)} \int_0^\tau (\tau-u)^{(l-1)} v(u) du - \frac{\Gamma(k+3)\tau^3}{\Gamma(l)[\Gamma(k+3) - 6\beta\xi^{k+2}]} \int_0^1 (1-u)^{l-1} v(u) du$$

$$+ \frac{\beta k(k+1)(k+2)\tau^3}{\Gamma(l)[\Gamma(k+3) - 6\beta\xi^{k+2}]} \int_0^\xi \int_0^u (\xi-u)^{(k-1)} (u-r)^{(l-1)} v(r) dr du$$

For the sake of convenience, we set

$$\mathcal{E} = \frac{1}{\Gamma(l+1)} + \frac{\Gamma(k+3)}{\Gamma(l+1)[\Gamma(k+3) - 6\beta\xi^{k+2}]} + \frac{\beta\Gamma(k+3)\xi^{k+1}}{\Gamma(k+1+1)[\Gamma(k+3) - 6\beta\xi^{k+2}]}$$

### III. MAIN RESULTS

**Theorem 3.1** Suppose that there exists a constant  $H > 0$  such that

(a)  $|g(\tau, x_1) - g(\tau, x_2)| \leq H|x_1 - x_2|$  for each  $\tau \in [0, 1]$  and for all  $x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{R}$

(b)  $H\mathcal{E} < 1$ , where  $\mathcal{E}$  is defined as above then the B.V.P (A)-(B) has a unique solution on  $[0, 1]$ .

**Proof.** Transform the B.V.P.(A)-(B) into a fixed point problem. In view of Lemma 2.3, we consider the operator

$G: C([0, 1], \mathbb{R}) \rightarrow C([0, 1], \mathbb{R})$  defined by

$$G(x)(\tau) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(l)} \int_0^\tau (\tau-u)^{(l-1)} g(u, x(u)) du$$

$$- \frac{\Gamma(k+3)\tau^3}{\Gamma(l)[\Gamma(k+3) - 6\beta\xi^{k+2}]} \int_0^1 (1-u)^{l-1} g(u, x(u)) du$$

$$+ \frac{\beta k(k+1)(k+2)\tau^3}{\Gamma(l)[\Gamma(k+3) - 6\beta\xi^{k+2}]} \int_0^\xi \int_0^u (\xi-u)^{(k-1)} (u-r)^{(l-1)} g(r, x(r)) dr du$$

we use the Banach fixed theorem to prove that  $G$  has a fixed point. we will show that  $G$  is a contraction mapping.

Let  $x_1, x_2 \in C([0,1], \mathbb{R})$ , then for each  $\tau \in [0,1]$ , we have

$$|G(x_1, \tau) - G(x_2, \tau)|$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{\Gamma(l)} \int_0^\tau (\tau-u)^{(l-1)} |g(u, x_1(u)) - g(u, x_2(u))| du$$

$$+ \frac{\Gamma(k+3)\tau^3}{\Gamma(l)[\Gamma(k+3) - 6\beta\xi^{k+2}]} \int_0^1 (1-u)^{l-1} |g(u, x_1(u)) - g(u, x_2(u))| du$$

$$+ \frac{\beta k(k+1)(k+2)\tau^3}{\Gamma(l)[\Gamma(k+3) - 6\beta\xi^{k+2}]} \int_0^\xi \int_0^u (\xi-u)^{(k-1)} (u-r)^{(l-1)} |g(r, x_1(r)) - g(r, x_2(r))| dr du$$

$$\leq \frac{H\|x_1-x_2\|}{\Gamma(l)} \int_0^\tau (\tau-u)^{(l-1)} du + \frac{H\|x_1-x_2\|\Gamma(k+3)}{\Gamma(l)[\Gamma(k+3) - 6\beta\xi^{k+2}]} \int_0^1 (1-u)^{l-1} du$$

$$+ \frac{H\|x_1-x_2\|k(k+1)(k+2)\beta}{\Gamma(l)[\Gamma(k+3) - 6\beta\xi^{k+2}]} \int_0^\xi \int_0^u (\xi-u)^{(k-1)} (u-r)^{(l-1)} dr du$$

$$= \frac{H\|x_1-x_2\|}{\Gamma(l+1)} + \frac{H\|x_1-x_2\|\Gamma(k+3)}{\Gamma(l+1)[\Gamma(k+3) - 6\beta\xi^{k+2}]}$$

$$+ \frac{H\|x_1-x_2\|k(k+1)(k+2)\beta\xi^{k+1}B(l+1;k)}{\Gamma(l+1)[\Gamma(k+3) - 6\beta\xi^{k+2}]}$$

where  $B$  is the beta function  $B(l+1;k) = \frac{\Gamma(l+1)\Gamma(k)}{\Gamma(k+l+1)}$ ; we have

$$|G(x_1, \tau) - G(x_2, \tau)| \leq \frac{H\|x_1-x_2\|}{\Gamma(l+1)} + \frac{H\|x_1-x_2\|\Gamma(k+3)}{\Gamma(l+1)[\Gamma(k+3) - 6\beta\xi^{k+2}]}$$

$$+ \frac{H \|x_1 - x_2\| k(k+1)(k+2)\beta \xi^{k+1}}{\Gamma(k+l+1)[\Gamma(k+3) - 6\beta \xi^{k+2}]}$$

thus

$$\|G(x_1) - G(x_2)\| \leq H \varepsilon \|x_1 - x_2\|$$

therefore  $G$  is a contraction mapping; Hence by Banach Fixed point theorem, we get that  $G$  has a fixed point which is solution of the problem (A)-(B). □

The next result is based on Krasnoselskii's fixed point theorem.

**Theorem 3.2** Let  $g : [0,1] \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a continuous function and the following hypotheses hold

(a) there exists a constant  $H > 0$  such that

$$|g(\tau, x_1) - g(\tau, x_2)| \leq H |x_1 - x_2| \text{ for each } \tau \in [0,1] \text{ and all } x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{R}$$

(b)  $|g(\tau, x)| \leq \Psi(\tau)$  for all  $(\tau, x) \in [0,1] \times \mathbb{R}$  and  $\Psi \in C([0,1] \times \mathbb{R}^+)$

$$(c) H \left[ \frac{1}{\Gamma(l+1)} + \frac{\Gamma(k+3)}{\Gamma(l+1)[\Gamma(k+3) - 6\beta \xi^{k+2}]} + \frac{\beta \Gamma(k+3) \xi^{k+1}}{\Gamma(k+l+1)[\Gamma(k+3) - 6\beta \xi^{k+2}]} \right] < 1$$

then the boundary value problem (A)-(B) has at least one solution on  $[0,1]$ .

**Proof.** We suppose that  $\sup_{\tau \in [0,1]} |\Psi(\tau)| = \|\Psi\|$ , we fix

$$\eta \geq \|\Psi\| \varepsilon$$

consider  $B_\eta = \{y \in C[0,1], \mathbb{R} \mid \|y\| \leq \eta\}$  we define the operators  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  on  $B_\eta$  as

$$G_1(y)(\tau)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\Gamma(l)} \int_0^\tau (\tau - u)^{(l-1)} g(u, y(u)) du$$

$$G_2(y)(\tau)$$

$$= - \frac{\Gamma(k+3)\tau^3}{\Gamma(l)[\Gamma(k+3) - 6\beta \xi^{k+2}]} \int_0^1 (1-u)^{l-1} g(u, y(u)) du$$

$$+ \frac{\beta k(k+1)(k+2)\tau^3}{\Gamma(l)[\Gamma(k+3) - 6\beta \xi^{k+2}]} \int_0^\xi \int_0^u (\xi - u)^{(k-1)} (u - r)^{(l-1)} g(r, y(r)) dr du$$

for  $x_1, x_2 \in B_\eta$  we find that

$$\begin{aligned} \|G_1 x_1 + G_2 x_2\| &\leq \frac{\|\Psi\|}{\Gamma(l+1)} + \frac{\|\Psi\|\Gamma(k+3)}{\Gamma(l+1)[\Gamma(k+3) - 6\beta\xi^{k+2}]} + \frac{\|\Psi\|\beta\Gamma(k+3)\xi^{k+l}}{\Gamma(k+l+1)[\Gamma(k+3) - 6\beta\xi^{k+2}]} \\ &= \|\Psi\|\varepsilon \leq \eta \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $G_1 x_1 + G_2 x_2 \in B_\eta$ , it follows from (a) and (c)  $G_2$  is a contraction mapping. From the continuity of  $g$ , we obtain that the operator  $G_1$  is continuous, also  $G_1$  is uniformly bounded on  $B_\eta$  as

$$\|G_1 x_1\| \leq \frac{\|\Psi\|}{\Gamma(l+1)}$$

Now we will prove that the operator  $G_1$  is compact.

Define  $\sup_{\tau \in [0,1] \times B_\eta} |g(\tau, x)| = \hat{g}$  then we have

$$\begin{aligned} |G_1(x)(\tau_1) - G_1(x)(\tau_2)| &= \left| \frac{1}{\Gamma(l+1)} \int_0^{\tau_1} ((\tau_1 - u)^{(l-1)} - (\tau_2 - u)^{(l-1)}) g(u, x(u)) du \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \int_{\tau_1}^{\tau_2} (\tau_2 - u)^{(l-1)} g(u, x(u)) du \right| \\ &\leq \frac{\hat{g}}{\Gamma(l+1)} |2((\tau_2 - \tau_1)^l + \tau_1^l - \tau_2^l)| \end{aligned}$$

which is independent of  $x$  and approaches to zero as  $\tau_1 \rightarrow \tau_2$ , thus  $G_1$  is equicontinuous hence by Arzela-Ascoli theorem,  $G_1$  is compact on  $B_\eta$ , thus all the assumptions of Krasnoselaskii's fixed point theorem are satisfied. so the boundary value problem (A)-(B) has atleast one solution defined on  $[0,1]$ . □

#### IV. EXAMPLES

To illustrate our results, we consider two examples

**Example 4.1** Consider the following three-point fractional integral boundary value problem

$$D_c^{\frac{7}{2}} x(\tau) = \frac{1}{(\tau+5)^2} \frac{|x|}{1+|x|}; \quad \tau \in [0,1] \tag{4.1}$$

$$x(0) = 0, \quad x'(0) = 0, \quad x''(0) = 0, \quad \sqrt{3}[I^k x](\frac{1}{10}) = x(1); \tag{4.2}$$

Set

$$\xi = \frac{1}{10}, \quad l = \frac{7}{2}, \quad k = \frac{5}{2}, \quad m = 4, \quad \beta = \sqrt{3} \neq \frac{\Gamma(\frac{11}{2})}{(1/10)^{11/2}}$$

$$g(\tau, x) = \frac{1}{(\tau + 5)^2} \frac{|x|}{1 + |x|}$$

$$\text{Since } \|g(\tau, x) - g(\tau, y)\| \leq \frac{1}{25} \|x - y\|$$

then (a) of theorem 3.1 is satisfied with  $H = \frac{1}{25}$ . Also we can easily show that

$$\begin{aligned} H\mathcal{E} &= H \left[ \frac{1}{\Gamma(l+1)} + \frac{\Gamma(k+3)}{\Gamma(l+1)[\Gamma(k+3) - 6\beta\xi^{k+2}]} + \frac{\beta\Gamma(k+3)\xi^{k+l}}{\Gamma(k+l+1)[\Gamma(k+3) - 6\beta\xi^{k+2}]} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{25} \left[ \frac{1}{\Gamma\left(\frac{9}{2}\right)} + \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{11}{2}\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{9}{2}\right) \left[\Gamma\left(\frac{11}{2}\right) - 6\sqrt{3}\left(\frac{1}{10}\right)^{\frac{7}{2}}\right]} + \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{11}{2}\right)\sqrt{3}\left(\frac{1}{10}\right)^6}{\Gamma(7) \left[\Gamma\left(\frac{11}{2}\right) - 6\sqrt{3}\left(\frac{1}{10}\right)^{\frac{7}{2}}\right]} \right] \approx 0.171 < 1 \end{aligned}$$

Hence all the conditions of theorem 3.1, the boundary value problem (4.1)-(4.2) has a unique solution on  $[0,1]$ .

**Example 4.2** Consider the following fractional differential equation

$$D_c^{\frac{9}{2}}x(\tau) = \frac{1}{(\tau + 7)^2} \sin x, \tau \in [0,1] \tag{4.3}$$

with three-point boundary value conditions

$$x(0) = 0, \quad x'(0) = 0, \quad x''(0) = 0, \quad \sqrt{2} \left[ I^{\frac{3}{2}}x \right] \left( \frac{1}{4} \right) = x(1); \tag{4.4}$$

Set

$$l = \frac{9}{2}, m = 4, k = \frac{3}{2}, \beta = \sqrt{2} \neq \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{9}{2}\right)}{(1/4)^{9/2}} \text{ and } g(\tau, x) = \frac{1}{(\tau + 7)^2} \sin x$$

$$|g(\tau, x) - g(\tau, y)| \leq \frac{1}{49} |\sin x - \sin y| \leq \frac{1}{49} |x - y|$$

and

$$|g(\tau, x)| \leq \frac{1}{49} = \Psi(\tau)$$

Now

$$H \left[ \frac{1}{\Gamma(l+1)} + \frac{\Gamma(k+3)}{\Gamma(l+1)[\Gamma(k+3) - 6\beta\xi^{k+2}]} + \frac{\beta\Gamma(k+3)\xi^{k+l}}{\Gamma(k+l+1)[\Gamma(k+3) - 6\beta\xi^{k+2}]} \right]$$

$$\approx 0.0049 < 1$$

Hence all the conditions of theorem 3.2 are satisfied, therefore the boundary value problem (4.3)-(4.4) has at least one solution on  $[0,1]$ .

## V.CONCLUSION

In this paper, we presented a new type of nonlinear fractional three-point boundary value problem and find its existence and uniqueness of solutions by some well known fixed point theorems. Our results include related results existing in the literature.

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