

# An Arbitrary (Fractional) Orders Differential Equation with Internal Nonlocal and Integral Conditions

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## Abstract

In this paper we study the existence of solution for the differential equation of arbitrary (fractional) orders  $\frac{dx}{dt} = f(t, D^\alpha x)$ ,  $t \in (0, 1)$ , with the general form of internal nonlocal condition  $\sum_{k=1}^m a_k x(\tau_k) = \beta \sum_{j=1}^p b_j x(\eta_j)$ ,  $\tau_k \in (a, c) \subseteq (0, 1)$ ,  $\eta_j \in (d, b) \subseteq (0, 1)$ ,  $c \leq d$ . The problem with nonlocal integral condition will be studied.

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## 1. Introduction

Problems with non-local conditions have been extensively studied by several authors in the last two decades. The reader is referred to ([1-10]), and references therein.

In this work we study the existence of at least one solution for the nonlocal problem of the arbitrary (fractional) order differential equation

$$\frac{dx(t)}{dt} = f(t, D^\alpha x(t)), \quad t \in (0, 1) \text{ and } \alpha \in (0, 1] \quad (1)$$

with the general nonlocal condition

$$\sum_{k=1}^m a_k x(\tau_k) = \beta \sum_{j=1}^p b_j x(\eta_j), \quad (2)$$

where  $\tau_k \in (a, c) \subseteq (0, 1)$ ,  $\eta_j \in (d, b) \subseteq (0, 1)$ ,  $c \leq d$  and  $\beta \geq 0$  is parameter.

As an application, we deduce the existence of solution for the nonlocal problem of the differential (1) with the integral condition

$$\int_a^c x(s) ds = \beta \int_d^b x(s) ds. \quad (3)$$

It must be noticed that the following nonlocal and integral conditions are special cases of our nonlocal and integral conditions

$$x(\tau) = \beta x(\eta), \quad \tau \in (a, c) \text{ and } \eta \in (d, b), \quad (4)$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^m a_k x(\tau_k) = \beta x(\eta), \quad \tau_k \in (a, c) \text{ and } \eta \in (d, b), \quad (5)$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^m a_k x(\tau_k) = 0, \quad \tau_k \in (a, c), \quad (6)$$

$$\int_a^c x(s) ds = \beta x(\eta), \quad \eta \in (d, b), \quad (7)$$

and

$$\int_a^c x(s) ds = 0, \quad (a, c). \quad (8)$$

## 2. Preliminaries

Let  $L^1(I)$  denotes the class of Lebesgue integrable functions on the interval  $I = [a, b]$ , with the norm  $\|u\|_{L^1} = \int_I |u(t)| dt$  and  $C(I)$  denotes the class of continuous functions on the interval  $I$ , with the norm  $\|u\| = \sup_{t \in I} |u(t)|$  and  $\Gamma(\cdot)$  denotes the gamma function.

**Definition 2.1** The fractional-order integral of the function  $f \in L^1[a, b]$  of order  $\beta \in R^+$  is defined by (see [11])

$$I_a^\beta f(t) = \int_a^t \frac{(t-s)^{\beta-1}}{\Gamma(\beta)} f(s) ds.$$

**Definition 2.2** The Caputo fractional-order derivative of

order  $\alpha \in (0,1]$  of the absolutely continuous function  $f(t)$  is defined by (see [11] and [12])

$$D_a^\alpha f(t) = I_a^{1-\alpha} \frac{d}{dt} f(t).$$

**Definition 2.3** The function  $f:[0,1] \times R \rightarrow R$  is called  $L^1$ -Caratheodory if

- 1)  $t \rightarrow f(t, x)$  is measurable for each  $x \in R$ ,
- 2)  $x \rightarrow f(t, x)$  is continuous for almost all  $t \in [0,1]$ ,
- 3) there exists  $m \in L^1([0,1], D)$ ,  $D \subset R$  such that  $|f| \leq m$ .

Now we state Caratheodory Theorem ([13]).

**Theorem 2.1** Let  $f[0,1] \times R \rightarrow R$  be  $L^1$ -Caratheodory, then the initial-value problem

$$\frac{dx(t)}{dt} = f(t, x(t)), \text{ for a.e. } t > 0, \text{ and } x(0) = x_0 \quad (9)$$

has at least one absolutely continuous solution  $x \in AC[0, T]$ .

Here we generalize Caratheodory theorem for the nonlocal problem (1) - (2).

### 3. Main Results

Consider firstly the fractional-order integral equation

$$y(t) = I^{1-\alpha} f(t, y(t)), \quad (10)$$

**Definition 3.1** The function  $y$  is called a solution of the fractional-order integral Equation (10), if  $y \in C[0,1]$  and satisfies (10).

**Theorem 3.1** Let  $f:[0,1] \times R \rightarrow R$  be  $L^1$ -Caratheodory. Then there exists at least one solution of the fractional-order integral Equation (10).

**Proof.** Let

$M = \text{Max} \{ I_a^\beta m(t) : t \in (0,1), a \geq 0 \text{ and } \beta \in (0,1) \}$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} |I_a^\beta f(t, y(t))| &\leq \int_a^t \frac{(t-s)^{\beta-1}}{\Gamma(\beta)} |f(s, y(s))| ds \\ &\leq \int_a^t \frac{(t-s)^{\beta-1}}{\Gamma(\beta)} m(s) ds \leq M, \quad a \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Define the sequence  $\{y_n(t)\}$  by

$$y_{n+1}(t) = \int_0^t \frac{(t-s)^{-\alpha}}{\Gamma(1-\alpha)} f(s, y_n(s)) ds, \quad t \in [0,1]$$

which can be written in the operator form

$$y_{n+1}(t) = I^{1-\alpha-\beta} I^\beta f((t), y_n(t)).$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} |y_{n+1}(t)| &\leq I^{1-\alpha-\beta} |I^\beta f(t, y_n(t))| \leq M \int_0^t \frac{(t-s)^{-\alpha-\beta}}{\Gamma(1-\alpha-\beta)} ds \\ &\leq M \frac{(t)^{1-\alpha-\beta}}{\Gamma(2-\alpha-\beta)} \leq \frac{M}{\Gamma(2-\alpha-\beta)} \end{aligned}$$

For  $t_1, t_2 \in [0,1]$  such that  $t_1 < t_2$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} y_{n+1}(t_2) - y_{n+1}(t_1) &= \int_0^{t_2} \frac{(t_2-s)^{-\alpha}}{\Gamma(1-\alpha)} f(s, y_n(s)) ds \\ &\quad - \int_0^{t_1} \frac{(t_1-s)^{-\alpha}}{\Gamma(1-\alpha)} f(s, y_n(s)) ds \\ &= \int_0^{t_1} \frac{(t_2-s)^{-\alpha}}{\Gamma(1-\alpha)} f(s, y_n(s)) ds \\ &\quad + \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \frac{(t_2-s)^{-\alpha}}{\Gamma(1-\alpha)} f(s, y_n(s)) ds \\ &\quad - \int_0^{t_1} \frac{(t_1-s)^{-\alpha}}{\Gamma(1-\alpha)} f(s, y_n(s)) ds \\ &\leq \int_0^{t_1} \frac{(t_1-s)^{-\alpha}}{\Gamma(1-\alpha)} f(s, y_n(s)) ds \\ &\quad + \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \frac{(t_2-s)^{-\alpha}}{\Gamma(1-\alpha)} f(s, y_n(s)) ds \\ &\quad - \int_0^{t_1} \frac{(t_1-s)^{-\alpha}}{\Gamma(1-\alpha)} f(s, y_n(s)) ds. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} |y_{n+1}(t_2) - y_{n+1}(t_1)| &\leq \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \frac{(t_2-s)^{-\alpha}}{\Gamma(1-\alpha)} m(s) ds \\ &\leq \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \frac{(t_2-\theta)^{-\alpha}}{\Gamma(1-\alpha)} m(\theta) d\theta \leq M \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \frac{(t_2-\theta)^{-\alpha-\beta}}{\Gamma(1-\alpha-\beta)} d\theta \\ &\leq M \frac{(t_2-t_1)^{1-\alpha-\beta}}{\Gamma(2-\alpha-\beta)}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $|t_2 - t_1| < \delta \Rightarrow |y_{n+1}(t_2) - y_{n+1}(t_1)| < \varepsilon(\delta)$  and  $\{y_n(t)\}$  is a sequence of equi-continuous and uniformly bounded functions. By Arzela-Ascoli Theorem, ([14] and [15]) there exists a subsequence  $\{y_{n_k}(t)\}$  of continuous functions which converges uniformly to a continuous function  $y$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ .

Now we show that this limit function is the required solution.

Since

$$|f(s, y_{n_k}(s))| \leq m(s) \in L^1,$$

and  $f(s, y_{n_k}(s))$  is continuous in the second argument,

i.e.  $f(s, y_{n_k}(s)) \rightarrow f(s, y(s))$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$ ,

therefore the sequence  $\left\{ (t-s)^{-\alpha} f(s, y_{n_k}(s)) \right\}$ ,  $\alpha \in (0,1)$  satisfies Lebesgue dominated convergence theorem. Hence

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^t \frac{(t-s)^{-\alpha}}{\Gamma(1-\alpha)} f(s, y_{n_k}(s)) ds \\ &= \int_0^t \frac{(t-s)^{-\alpha}}{\Gamma(1-\alpha)} f(s, y(s)) ds = y(t), \end{aligned}$$

which proves the existence of at least one solution  $y \in C[0,1]$  of the fractional-order functional integral Equation (10).

For the existence of solution for the nonlocal problem (1) - (2) we have the following theorem.

**Theorem 3.2** Let the assumptions of Theorem 3.1 are satisfied. Then nonlocal problem (1) - (2) has at least one solution  $x \in AC[0,1]$ .

**Proof.** Consider the nonlocal problem (1) - (2).

Let  $y(t) = D^\alpha x(t)$ , then

$$y(t) = I^{1-\alpha} \frac{dx(t)}{dt}, \tag{11}$$

$$y(t) = I^{1-\alpha} f(t, y(t)) \tag{12}$$

and  $y$  is the solution of the fractional-order integral Equation (10).

Operating by  $I^\alpha$  on both sides of Equation(11), we obtain

$$I^\alpha y(t) = I \frac{dx(t)}{dt} = x(t) - x(0) \Rightarrow \tag{13}$$

$$x(t) = x(0) + I^\alpha y(t). \tag{14}$$

Let  $t = \tau_k$  in Equation (13), we get

$$\sum_{k=1}^m a_k x(\tau_k) = \sum_{k=1}^m a_k \int_0^{\tau_k} \frac{(\tau_k - s)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} y(s) ds + x(0) \sum_{k=1}^m a_k.$$

And let  $t = \eta_j$  in Equation (13), we get

$$\sum_{j=1}^p b_j x(\eta_j) = \sum_{j=1}^p b_j \int_0^{\eta_j} \frac{(\eta_j - s)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} y(s) ds + x(0) \sum_{j=1}^p b_j.$$

From Equation (2), we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{k=1}^m a_k \int_0^{\tau_k} \frac{(\tau_k - s)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} y(s) ds + x(0) \sum_{k=1}^m a_k \\ &= \beta \sum_{j=1}^p b_j \int_0^{\eta_j} \frac{(\eta_j - s)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} y(s) ds + x(0) \beta \sum_{j=1}^p b_j. \end{aligned}$$

Then we get

$$\begin{aligned} x(0) = A & \left( \sum_{k=1}^m a_k \int_0^{\tau_k} \frac{(\tau_k - s)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} y(s) ds \right. \\ & \left. - \beta \sum_{j=1}^p b_j \int_0^{\eta_j} \frac{(\eta_j - s)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} y(s) ds \right) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) = A & \left( \sum_{k=1}^m a_k \int_0^{\tau_k} \frac{(\tau_k - s)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} y(s) ds \right. \\ & \left. - \beta \sum_{j=1}^p b_j \int_0^{\eta_j} \frac{(\eta_j - s)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} y(s) ds \right) \tag{15} \\ & + \int_0^t \frac{(t-s)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} y(s) ds \end{aligned}$$

where

$$A = \left( \beta \sum_{j=1}^p b_j - \sum_{k=1}^m a_k \right)^{-1}$$

which, by Theorem 3.1, has at least one solution  $x \in AC(0,1)$ .

Now, from Equation (15), we have

$$\begin{aligned} x(0) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} x(t) &= A \sum_{k=1}^m a_k \int_0^{\tau_k} \frac{(\tau_k - s)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} y(s) ds \\ & - A \beta \sum_{j=1}^p b_j \int_0^{\eta_j} \frac{(\eta_j - s)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} y(s) ds \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} x(1) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 1^-} x(t) &= A \sum_{k=1}^m a_k \int_0^{\tau_k} \frac{(\tau_k - s)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} y(s) ds \\ & - A \beta \sum_{j=1}^p b_j \int_0^{\eta_j} \frac{(\eta_j - s)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} y(s) ds + \int_0^1 \frac{(1-s)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} y(s) ds \end{aligned}$$

from which we deduce that Equation (15) has at least one solution  $x \in AC[0,1]$ .

To complete the proof, differentiating (15), we obtain

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = y(t) = f(t, D^\alpha x(t)).$$

Also from (15) we can prove that the solution satisfies the nonlocal condition (2).

### 4. Nonlocal Integral Condition

Let  $x \in AC[0,1]$ . be the solution of the nonlocal problem (1) - (2).

Let  $a_k = t_k - t_{k-1}$ ,  $\tau_k \in (t_{k-1}, t_k)$ ,  $a = t_0 < t_1 < t_2, \dots < t_m = c$

and  $b_j = s_j - s_{j-1}, \eta_j \in (s_{j-1}, s_j), d = s_0 < s_1 < s_2, \dots < s_p = b$  then the nonlocal condition (2) will be

$$\sum_{k=1}^m (t_k - t_{k-1}) x(\tau_k) = \beta \sum_{j=1}^p (s_j - s_{j-1}) x(\eta_j).$$

From the continuity of the solution  $x$  of the nonlocal problem (1) - (2) we can obtain

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^m (t_k - t_{k-1}) x(\tau_k) = \beta \lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{j=1}^p (s_j - s_{j-1}) x(\eta_j).$$

and the nonlocal condition (2) transformed to the integral one

$$\int_a^c x(s) ds = \beta \int_d^b x(s) ds. \quad (16)$$

Now, we have the following Theorem

**Theorem 4.1** Let the assumptions of Theorem 3.2 are satisfied. Then there exist at least one solution  $x \in AC[0,1]$ . of the nonlocal problem with integral condition,

$$x'(t) = f(t, D^\alpha x(t)), \quad t \in (0, 1),$$

$$\int_a^c x(s) ds = \beta \int_d^b y(s) ds, \quad \beta(b-d) \neq (c-a).$$

Letting  $\beta = 0$  in (16), the we can easily prove the following corollary .

**Theorem 4.2** Let the assumptions 1) - 2) are satisfied. Then the nonlocal problem

$$x'(t) = f(t, D^\alpha x(t)), \quad t \in (0, 1),$$

$$\int_a^c x(s) ds = 0, \quad (a, c) \subset (0, 1)$$

has at least one solution  $x \in AC[0,1]$ .

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