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**ABSTRACT.** In this paper, we are interested in studying an integro-differential equation with two-point integral boundary conditions using the Caputo fractional derivative of order  $2 < \varrho \leq 3$ . The considered problem is transformed into an equivalent integral equation. To study existence and uniqueness results, our approaches used is based on two well-known fixed point theorems, Banach contraction and Krasnoselskii's theorems. To illustrate our obtained outcomes, an example is given at the end of this paper.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

Fractional calculus is widely employed for the mathematical modeling of various natural and engineering processes, as highlighted in [17]. Moreover, several works such as [12, 19, 20] delve into the application of fractional calculus in constructing models to explore theoretical physics problems. In particular, [18] presents a concrete real-world instance that demonstrates the physical interpretation of the Caputo fractional derivative. Numerous researchers have contributed to the study of fractional differential equations, including [2, 13–15].

Firstly, we present an overview of recent advancements in the analysis and solution of fractional differential equations with different types of boundary conditions. As a starting point, we will focus on three notable works by E. Shivanian.

The work [5] delves into the error estimation and stability analysis of a high-order nonlinear fractional differential equation featuring a Caputo derivative and integral boundary condition. Through rigorous analysis

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and numerical investigations, the study provides valuable insights into the accuracy and stability of the equation's numerical solution.

In the work [6], E. Shivanian and A. Dinmohammadi tackle the challenging task of solving a nonlinear fractional integro-differential equation with a non-local boundary condition. The authors explore both analytical and numerical methods to obtain solutions and examine the impact of non-locality on the behavior of the equation.

Lastly, E. Shivanian and H. Fatahi's research focuses on the study of a specific class of three-point boundary fractional high-order problems subject to Robin conditions (see [7]). Their work investigates the existence of unique solutions and presents efficient numerical techniques for approximating the solution.

By reviewing these three works, we aim to highlight significant advancements in the understanding, analysis, and numerical solution of fractional differential equations with diverse boundary conditions. The insights gained from these studies contribute to the broader field of fractional calculus and offer valuable tools for modeling and solving complex mathematical problems arising in various scientific and engineering disciplines.

Ahmed et al. discussed the existence and uniqueness of solutions to the following fractional differential equation.

$$\begin{cases} {}^c\mathcal{D}_{0+}^{\varrho} u(t) = \phi(t, u(t)), & \text{for } t \in (0, 1), \quad n-1 < \varrho \leq n, \\ u^{(i)}(0) = 0, & \text{for } i = 0, 1, \dots, n-1, \\ u(\vartheta) = \delta_1 \int_0^{\gamma} u(s) ds + \delta_2 \int_{\sigma}^1 u(s) ds, & 0 < \gamma < \vartheta < \sigma < 1, \end{cases}$$

where  ${}^c\mathcal{D}_{0+}^{\varrho}$  represents the Caputo fractional derivative, for more details see [1].

Dong et al. in [8] investigated the solvability of the following fractional integro-differential equation

$$\begin{cases} {}^c\mathcal{D}_{0+}^{\nu} u(t) = \phi(t, u(t)) + \int_0^t \psi(t, s, u(s)) ds, & t \in J = [0, T], \quad 0 < \nu < 1 \\ u(0) = \delta, \end{cases}$$

where the existence and uniqueness of solutions are established using the Banach contraction and the Schauder fixed point theorem.

Motivated by the aforementioned researches, the purpose of this paper is to study the following fractional integro-differential equation involving nonlocal double integral boundary conditions:

$$(1.1) \quad \begin{cases} {}^c\mathcal{D}_{0+}^{\varrho} u(t) + \lambda \mathcal{I}_{0+}^{\vartheta} \phi(t, u(t)) = \psi(t, u(t)), & t \in I = [0, 1], \quad 2 < \varrho \leq 3, \quad \vartheta > 0, \\ u(0) = \int_0^{\gamma} u(\tau) d\tau, \\ u(1) = \int_{\sigma}^1 u(\tau) d\tau, & 0 < \gamma < \sigma < 1, \\ u'(0) = 0, \end{cases}$$

where  $\mathcal{D}^\varrho$  designates the Caputo fractional derivative [10],  $\mathcal{I}_{0+}^\vartheta$  represents the Riemann-Liouville operators of fractional order  $\vartheta$  (see [10]),  $\phi, \psi : I \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  are continuous functions and  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ .

To the best of our knowledge, no one has combined a fractional integro-differential equation of this type with these integral conditions and a higher order derivative. The innovation also lies in the construction of the equivalent integral equation for this problem.

## 2. PRELIMINARIES

Firstly, we provide a concise overview of compact operators, including their definitions and key properties. The Krasnoselskii and Banach fixed point theorems, which are fundamental to this study, are also recalled.

- Definition 2.1** ([4]).
- (i) An operator  $T : X \rightarrow Y$  between two Banach spaces  $X$  and  $Y$  is called a compact operator if, for any bounded subset  $A$  in  $X$ , the closure of  $T(A)$  be compact.
  - (ii)  $T$  is called a relatively compact operator if the closure of its image set  $T(X)$  is compact in  $Y$ . This means that  $\overline{T(X)}$  is both closed and compact.
  - (iii)  $T$  is said to be equicontinuous if, for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that for any  $x, y \in X$  with  $\|x - y\| < \delta$ , it holds that  $\|T(x) - T(y)\| < \varepsilon$ .

**Theorem 2.2** (Arzelà-Ascoli theorem [9]). *Let  $X$  be a compact Hausdorff metric space. Then  $K \subset \mathcal{C}(X)$  is relatively compact if and only if  $K$  is uniformly bounded and uniformly equicontinuous.*

**Theorem 2.3** (Banach’s Fixed Point Theorem [3]). *Let  $X$  be a Banach space and  $\Lambda : X \rightarrow X$  be a contraction on  $X$ . Then,  $\Lambda$  has a unique fixed point.*

**Theorem 2.4** (Krasnoselskii’s fixed point theorem [11]). *Let  $B$  be a closed bounded convex subset of a Banach space  $X$ . Assume that  $\Lambda_1$  and  $\Lambda_2$  are mappings from  $B$  into  $X$  such that:*

- (i)  $\Lambda_1(u) + \Lambda_2(v) \in B$  for all  $u, v \in B$ ,
- (ii)  $\Lambda_1$  is a contraction,
- (iii)  $\Lambda_2$  is continuous and compact.

*Then,  $\Lambda_1 + \Lambda_2$  has a fixed point in  $B$ .*

Now, we recall essential findings on fractional calculus, which form the foundation of our research. These fundamental results provide the necessary tools and concepts to investigate and analyze fractional differential equations.

**Definition 2.5** ([10]). For  $h \in L^1[0, 1]$ , we define the left fractional integral of order  $\varrho > 0$  of Riemann-Liouville as follows:

$$\mathcal{I}_{0+}^{\varrho} h(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\varrho)} \int_0^t (t - \tau)^{\varrho-1} h(\tau) d\tau.$$

Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $n - 1 < \varrho \leq n$ . we recall the following definition:

**Definition 2.6** ([10]). Let  $AC^n[0, 1]$  be the space of functions that have  $n$ th derivatives absolutely continuous.

The left Caputo fractional derivative for a function  $h \in AC^n[0, 1]$  of order  $\varrho$  is defined as

$${}^C\mathcal{D}_{0+}^{\varrho} h(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(n - \varrho)} \int_t^b (t - \tau)^{n-\varrho-1} h^{(n)}(\tau) d\tau,$$

where,  $\Gamma$  represents the Gamma function of Euler [16].

**Lemma 2.7** ([21]). *We have*

$${}^C\mathcal{I}_{0+}^{\varrho} [{}^C\mathcal{D}_{0+}^{\varrho} h(t)] = h(t) + a_0 + a_1 t + a_2 t^2 + \dots + a_{n-1} t^{n-1},$$

for  $a_k \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n - 1$ .

### 3. MAIN RESULTS

First, let us construct the solution to our problem. Consider the following problem

$$(3.1) \quad \begin{cases} {}^C\mathcal{D}_{0+}^{\varrho} u(t) + \lambda \mathcal{I}_{0+}^{\vartheta} \Phi(t) = \Psi(t), & t \in I = [0, 1], \quad 2 < \varrho \leq 3, \quad \vartheta > 0, \\ u(0) = \int_0^{\gamma} u(\tau) d\tau, \\ u(1) = \int_{\sigma}^1 u(\tau) d\tau, & 0 < \gamma < \sigma < 1, \\ u'(0) = 0, \end{cases}$$

with  $\Phi, \Psi \in \mathcal{C}(I)$ .

The solution of problem (3.1) is expressed as

$$\begin{aligned} u(t) = & \mathcal{I}_{0+}^{\varrho} \Psi(t) - \lambda \mathcal{I}_{0+}^{\varrho+\vartheta} \Phi(t) + \mu(t) \left[ \mathcal{I}_{0+}^{\varrho+1} \Psi(\gamma) - \lambda \mathcal{I}_{0+}^{\varrho+\vartheta+1} \Phi(\gamma) \right] \\ & + \nu(t) \left[ \lambda \mathcal{I}_{0+}^{\varrho+\vartheta} \Phi(1) + \lambda \mathcal{I}_{0+}^{\varrho+\vartheta+1} \Phi(\sigma) + \mathcal{I}_{0+}^{\varrho+1} \Psi(1) - \mathcal{I}_{0+}^{\varrho} \Psi(1) \right. \\ & \left. - \lambda \mathcal{I}_{0+}^{\varrho+\vartheta+1} \Phi(1) - \mathcal{I}_{0+}^{\varrho+1} \Psi(\sigma) \right], \end{aligned}$$

with

$$\mu(t) = \frac{2 + \sigma^3 - 3\sigma t^2}{\omega}, \quad \nu(t) = \frac{\gamma^3 + 3(1 - \gamma)t^2}{\omega},$$

where  $\omega = (1 - \gamma)(2 + \sigma^3) + \sigma\gamma^3$ .

Indeed:

Let us apply  $\mathcal{I}_{0+}^{\varrho}$  on both sides of the first equation of problem (3.1), we get

(3.2)

$$\begin{aligned} u(t) &= \mathcal{I}_{0+}^{\varrho} \Psi(t) - \lambda \mathcal{I}_{0+}^{\varrho+\vartheta} \Phi(t) + a_0 + a_1 t + a_2 t^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(\varrho)} \int_0^t (t - \tau)^{\varrho-1} \Psi(\tau) d\tau - \frac{\lambda}{\Gamma(\varrho + \vartheta)} \int_0^t (t - \tau)^{\varrho+\vartheta-1} \Phi(\tau) d\tau \\ &\quad + a_0 + a_1 t + a_2 t^2, \end{aligned}$$

where  $a_0, a_1, a_2$  are unknowns to be determined.

From (3.2), we have

$$(3.3) \quad u(0) = a_0 = \int_0^{\gamma} u(\tau) d\tau.$$

By deriving both sides of equation (3.2), we have

$$u'(t) = \mathcal{I}_{0+}^{\varrho-1} \Psi(t) - \lambda \mathcal{I}_{0+}^{\varrho+\vartheta-1} \Phi(t) + a_1 + 2a_2 t,$$

which implies that

$$(3.4) \quad u'(0) = a_1 = 0.$$

From (3.2), we have

$$\begin{aligned} u(1) &= \mathcal{I}_{0+}^{\varrho} \Psi(1) - \lambda \mathcal{I}_{0+}^{\varrho+\vartheta} \Phi(1) + a_0 + a_2 \\ &= \int_{\sigma}^1 u(\tau) d\tau, \end{aligned}$$

which means that

$$(3.5) \quad a_2 = \int_{\sigma}^1 u(\tau) d\tau + \lambda \mathcal{I}_{0+}^{\varrho+\vartheta} \Phi(1) - \int_0^{\gamma} u(\tau) d\tau - \mathcal{I}_{0+}^{\varrho} \Psi(1).$$

By substitution of (3.3), (3.4) and (3.5) in (3.2), we obtain

(3.6)

$$\begin{aligned} u(t) &= \mathcal{I}_{0+}^{\varrho} \Psi(t) - \lambda \mathcal{I}_{0+}^{\varrho+\vartheta} \Phi(t) + \lambda t^2 \mathcal{I}_{0+}^{\varrho+\vartheta} \Phi(1) - t^2 \mathcal{I}_{0+}^{\varrho} \Psi(1) \\ &\quad + (1 - t^2) \int_0^{\gamma} u(\tau) d\tau + t^2 \int_{\sigma}^1 u(\tau) d\tau \\ &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(\varrho)} \int_0^t (t - \tau)^{\varrho-1} \Psi(\tau) d\tau - \frac{\lambda}{\Gamma(\varrho + \vartheta)} \int_0^t (t - \tau)^{\varrho+\vartheta-1} \Phi(\tau) d\tau \\ &\quad + \lambda t^2 \mathcal{I}_{0+}^{\varrho+\vartheta} \Phi(1) - t^2 \mathcal{I}_{0+}^{\varrho} \Psi(1) + (1 - t^2) \int_0^{\gamma} u(\tau) d\tau \\ &\quad + t^2 \int_{\sigma}^1 u(\tau) d\tau, \end{aligned}$$

note that this solution is implicitly defined. In the next step, we will

determine the two unknowns  $\int_0^\gamma u(\tau)d\tau$  and  $\int_\sigma^1 u(\tau)d\tau$ .

Integrating both sides of equation (3.6) on  $[0, \gamma]$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^\gamma u(t)dt &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(\varrho+1)} \int_0^\gamma (\gamma-\tau)^\varrho \Psi(\tau)d\tau + \lambda \frac{\gamma^3}{3} \mathcal{I}_{0+}^{\varrho+\vartheta} \Phi(1) \\ &\quad - \frac{\lambda}{\Gamma(\varrho+\vartheta+1)} \int_0^\gamma (\gamma-\tau)^{\varrho+\vartheta} \Phi(\tau)d\tau \\ &\quad - \frac{\gamma^3}{3} \mathcal{I}_{0+}^\varrho \Psi(1) + \left(\gamma - \frac{\gamma^3}{3}\right) \int_0^\gamma u(\tau)d\tau + \frac{\gamma^3}{3} \int_\sigma^1 u(\tau)d\tau, \end{aligned}$$

which is equivalent to

$$\begin{aligned} (3.7) \quad &(3 + \gamma^3 - 3\gamma) \int_0^\gamma u(\tau)d\tau - \gamma^3 \int_\sigma^1 u(\tau)d\tau \\ &= \frac{3}{\Gamma(\varrho+1)} \int_0^\gamma (\gamma-\tau)^\varrho \Psi(\tau)d\tau + \lambda \gamma^3 \mathcal{I}_{0+}^{\varrho+\vartheta} \Phi(1) \\ &\quad - \frac{3\lambda}{\Gamma(\varrho+\vartheta+1)} \int_0^\gamma (\gamma-\tau)^{\varrho+\vartheta} \Phi(\tau)d\tau - \gamma^3 \mathcal{I}_{0+}^\varrho \Psi(1) \\ &= 3\mathcal{I}_{0+}^{\varrho+1} \Psi(\gamma) - 3\lambda \mathcal{I}_{0+}^{\varrho+\vartheta+1} \Phi(\gamma) + \lambda \gamma^3 \mathcal{I}_{0+}^{\varrho+\vartheta} \Phi(1) - \gamma^3 \mathcal{I}_{0+}^\varrho \Psi(1). \end{aligned}$$

Now, integrating both sides of equation (3.6) on  $[\sigma, 1]$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_\sigma^1 u(t)dt \\ &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(\varrho+1)} \int_0^1 (1-\tau)^\varrho \Psi(\tau)d\tau - \frac{1}{\Gamma(\varrho+1)} \int_0^\sigma (\sigma-\tau)^\varrho \Psi(\tau)d\tau \\ &\quad - \frac{\lambda}{\Gamma(\varrho+\vartheta+1)} \int_0^1 (1-\tau)^{\varrho+\vartheta} \Phi(\tau)d\tau + \frac{\lambda(1-\sigma^3)}{3} \mathcal{I}_{0+}^{\varrho+\vartheta} \Phi(1) \\ &\quad + \frac{\lambda}{\Gamma(\varrho+\vartheta+1)} \int_0^\sigma (\sigma-\tau)^{\varrho+\vartheta} \Phi(\tau)d\tau - \frac{1-\sigma^3}{3} \mathcal{I}_{0+}^\varrho \Psi(1) \\ &\quad + \frac{2+\sigma^3-3\sigma}{3} \int_0^\gamma u(\tau)d\tau + \frac{1-\sigma^3}{3} \int_\sigma^1 u(\tau)d\tau, \end{aligned}$$

which is equivalent to

$$\begin{aligned} (3.8) \quad &(2 + \sigma^3 - 3\sigma) \int_0^\gamma u(\tau)d\tau - (2 + \sigma^3) \int_\sigma^1 u(\tau)d\tau \\ &= \frac{3}{\Gamma(\varrho+1)} \int_0^\sigma (\sigma-\tau)^\varrho \Psi(\tau)d\tau \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & + \frac{3\lambda}{\Gamma(\varrho + \vartheta + 1)} \int_0^1 (1 - \tau)^{\varrho + \vartheta} \Phi(\tau) d\tau \\
 & - \frac{3}{\Gamma(\varrho + 1)} \int_0^1 (1 - \tau)^\varrho \Psi(\tau) d\tau \\
 & - \frac{3\lambda}{\Gamma(\varrho + \vartheta + 1)} \int_0^\sigma (\sigma - \tau)^{\varrho + \vartheta} \Phi(\tau) d\tau \\
 & - \lambda (1 - \sigma^3) \mathcal{I}_{0+}^{\varrho + \vartheta} \Phi(1) + (1 - \sigma^3) \mathcal{I}_{0+}^\varrho \Psi(1) \\
 & = \mathcal{I}_{0+}^{\varrho + 1} \Psi(\sigma) + 3\lambda \mathcal{I}_{0+}^{\varrho + \vartheta + 1} \Phi(1) - 3\mathcal{I}_{0+}^{\varrho + 1} \Psi(1) \\
 & - 3\lambda \mathcal{I}_{0+}^{\varrho + \vartheta + 1} \Phi(\sigma) - \lambda (1 - \sigma^3) \mathcal{I}_{0+}^{\varrho + \vartheta} \Phi(1) \\
 & + (1 - \sigma^3) \mathcal{I}_{0+}^\varrho \Psi(1).
 \end{aligned}$$

We define

$$S = \begin{pmatrix} 3 + \gamma^3 - 3\gamma & -\gamma^3 \\ 2 + \sigma^3 - 3\sigma & -(2 + \sigma^3) \end{pmatrix}, \quad U = \begin{pmatrix} \int_0^\gamma u(\tau) d\tau \\ \int_\sigma^1 u(\tau) d\tau \end{pmatrix},$$

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \end{pmatrix},$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
 b_1 & = 3\mathcal{I}_{0+}^{\varrho + 1} \Psi(\gamma) - 3\lambda \mathcal{I}_{0+}^{\varrho + \vartheta + 1} \Phi(\gamma) + \lambda \gamma^3 \mathcal{I}_{0+}^{\varrho + \vartheta} \Phi(1) - \gamma^3 \mathcal{I}_{0+}^\varrho \Psi(1), \\
 b_2 & = \mathcal{I}_{0+}^{\varrho + 1} \Psi(\sigma) + 3\lambda \mathcal{I}_{0+}^{\varrho + \vartheta + 1} \Phi(1) - 3\mathcal{I}_{0+}^{\varrho + 1} \Psi(1) - 3\lambda \mathcal{I}_{0+}^{\varrho + \vartheta + 1} \Phi(\sigma) \\
 & - \lambda (1 - \sigma^3) \mathcal{I}_{0+}^{\varrho + \vartheta} \Phi(1) + (1 - \sigma^3) \mathcal{I}_{0+}^\varrho \Psi(1).
 \end{aligned}$$

From equations (3.7) and (3.8), we have the following system

$$(3.9) \quad SU = B.$$

Note that

$$\det(S) = -3 [(1 - \gamma) (2 + \sigma^3) + \sigma \gamma^3] < 0.$$

Then, the system (3.9) has a unique solution.

Using Cramer’s rule, one can get

$$(3.10) \quad \int_0^\gamma u(\tau) d\tau = \frac{\gamma^3}{\omega} \left( \lambda \mathcal{I}_{0+}^{\varrho + \vartheta} \Phi(1) + \lambda \mathcal{I}_{0+}^{\varrho + \vartheta + 1} \Phi(\sigma) + \mathcal{I}_{0+}^{\varrho + 1} \Psi(1) - \mathcal{I}_{0+}^\varrho \Psi(1) \right. \\
 \left. - \mathcal{I}_{0+}^{\varrho + 1} \Psi(\sigma) - \lambda \mathcal{I}_{0+}^{\varrho + \vartheta + 1} \Phi(1) \right) \\
 + \frac{2 + \sigma^3}{\omega} \left( \mathcal{I}_{0+}^{\varrho + 1} \Psi(\gamma) - \lambda \mathcal{I}_{0+}^{\varrho + \vartheta + 1} \Phi(\gamma) \right),$$



and

$$(3.11) \quad \int_{\sigma}^1 u(\tau) d\tau = \frac{3 + \gamma^3 - 3\gamma}{\omega} \left( \mathcal{I}_{0+}^{\varrho+1} \Psi(1) + \lambda \mathcal{I}_{0+}^{\varrho+\vartheta+1} \Phi(\sigma) - \lambda \mathcal{I}_{0+}^{\varrho+\vartheta+1} \Phi(1) \right. \\ \left. - \mathcal{I}_{0+}^{\varrho+1} \Psi(\sigma) \right) + \frac{2 + \sigma^3 - 3\sigma}{\omega} \left( \mathcal{I}_{0+}^{\varrho+1} \Psi(\gamma) - \lambda \mathcal{I}_{0+}^{\varrho+\vartheta+1} \Phi(\gamma) \right) \\ + \frac{(1 - \gamma)(1 - \sigma^3) + \gamma^3(1 - \sigma)}{\omega} \left( \lambda \mathcal{I}_{0+}^{\varrho+\vartheta} \Phi(1) - \mathcal{I}_{0+}^{\varrho} \Psi(1) \right).$$

By substitution of (3.10) and (3.11) into (3.6), we get

$$(3.12) \quad u(t) = \mathcal{I}_{0+}^{\varrho} \Psi(t) - \lambda \mathcal{I}_{0+}^{\varrho+\vartheta} \Phi(t) + \mu(t) \left[ \mathcal{I}_{0+}^{\varrho+1} \Psi(\gamma) - \lambda \mathcal{I}_{0+}^{\varrho+\vartheta+1} \Phi(\gamma) \right] \\ + \nu(t) \left[ \lambda \mathcal{I}_{0+}^{\varrho+\vartheta} \Phi(1) + \lambda \mathcal{I}_{0+}^{\varrho+\vartheta+1} \Phi(\sigma) + \mathcal{I}_{0+}^{\varrho+1} \Psi(1) - \mathcal{I}_{0+}^{\varrho} \Psi(1) \right. \\ \left. - \lambda \mathcal{I}_{0+}^{\varrho+\vartheta+1} \Phi(1) - \mathcal{I}_{0+}^{\varrho+1} \Psi(\sigma) \right],$$

Therefore, the problem (1.1) can be abstracted to the following fixed point problem

$$(3.13) \quad \Lambda u(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\varrho)} \int_0^t (t - \tau)^{\varrho-1} \psi(\tau, u(\tau)) d\tau \\ - \frac{\lambda}{\Gamma(\varrho + \vartheta)} \int_0^t (t - \tau)^{\varrho+\vartheta-1} \phi(\tau, u(\tau)) d\tau \\ + \mu(t) \left[ \frac{1}{\Gamma(\varrho + 1)} \int_0^{\gamma} (\gamma - \tau)^{\varrho} \psi(\tau, u(\tau)) d\tau \right. \\ \left. - \frac{\lambda}{\Gamma(\varrho + \vartheta + 1)} \int_0^{\gamma} (\gamma - \tau)^{\varrho+\vartheta} \phi(\tau, u(\tau)) d\tau \right] \\ + \nu(t) \left[ \frac{\lambda}{\Gamma(\varrho + \vartheta)} \int_0^1 (1 - \tau)^{\varrho+\vartheta-1} \phi(\tau, u(\tau)) d\tau \right. \\ + \frac{\lambda}{\Gamma(\varrho + \vartheta + 1)} \int_0^{\sigma} (\sigma - \tau)^{\varrho+\vartheta} \phi(\tau, u(\tau)) d\tau \\ + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\varrho + 1)} \int_0^1 (1 - \tau)^{\varrho} \psi(\tau, u(\tau)) d\tau \\ - \frac{1}{\Gamma(\varrho)} \int_0^1 (1 - \tau)^{\varrho-1} \psi(\tau, u(\tau)) d\tau \\ - \frac{\lambda}{\Gamma(\varrho + \vartheta + 1)} \int_0^1 (1 - \tau)^{\varrho+\vartheta} \phi(\tau, u(\tau)) d\tau \\ \left. - \frac{1}{\Gamma(\varrho + 1)} \int_0^{\sigma} (\sigma - \tau)^{\varrho} \psi(\tau, u(\tau)) d\tau \right].$$

Let  $\mathcal{X} = \mathcal{C}(I, \mathbb{R})$  the space formed by continuous functions on  $I$ . The Banach space  $\mathcal{X}$  is endowed with the norm  $\|y\| = \sup_{t \in I} |y(t)|$ .

Before citing our existence results, we consider the assumptions below:

( $\mathcal{H}_1$ ) There exist  $k_\phi, k_\psi > 0$  such that,  $\forall t \in I, \forall u, v \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\begin{aligned} |\phi(t, v) - \phi(t, u)| &\leq k_\phi |v - u|, \\ |\psi(t, v) - \psi(t, u)| &\leq k_\psi |v - u| \end{aligned}$$

( $\mathcal{H}_2$ ) There exist  $\theta_1, \theta_2 \in \mathcal{C}(I, \mathbb{R}^+)$  such that,  $\forall t \in I, \forall u \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\begin{aligned} |\phi(t, u)| &\leq \theta_1(t), \\ |\psi(t, u)| &\leq \theta_2(t). \end{aligned}$$

At this point, we are able to present our first existence result.

**Theorem 3.1.** *Suppose that assumptions ( $\mathcal{H}_1$ ) and ( $\mathcal{H}_2$ ) hold. Suppose in addition that*

$$(3.14) \quad \xi := \frac{|\lambda|k_\phi}{\Gamma(\varrho + \vartheta + 1)} + \frac{k_\psi}{\Gamma(\varrho + 1)} < 1.$$

*Then, there exists at least one solution for problem (1.1).*

*Proof.* First, we consider the following closed ball

$$\mathcal{B}_r = \{u \in \mathcal{X} : \|u\| \leq r\},$$

with  $r \geq \lambda_1 \|\theta_1\| + \lambda_2 \|\theta_2\|$ , where

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_1 &= \frac{|\lambda| [\varrho + \vartheta + 1 + (\varrho + \vartheta + \sigma)\|\nu\| + \gamma\|\mu\|]}{\Gamma(\varrho + \vartheta + 2)}, \\ \lambda_2 &= \frac{\varrho + 1 + (\varrho + \sigma)\|\nu\| + \gamma\|\mu\|}{\Gamma(\varrho + 2)}. \end{aligned}$$

The operator  $\Lambda$  defined by (3.13) can be written as  $\Lambda_1 + \Lambda_2$ , with

$$\begin{aligned} \Lambda_1 u(t) &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(\varrho)} \int_0^t (t - \tau)^{\varrho-1} \psi(\tau, u(\tau)) d\tau \\ &\quad - \frac{\lambda}{\Gamma(\varrho + \vartheta)} \int_0^t (t - \tau)^{\varrho+\vartheta-1} \phi(\tau, u(\tau)) d\tau, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \Lambda_2 u(t) &= \mu(t) \left[ \frac{1}{\Gamma(\varrho + 1)} \int_0^\gamma (\gamma - \tau)^\varrho \psi(\tau, u(\tau)) d\tau \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \frac{\lambda}{\Gamma(\varrho + \vartheta + 1)} \int_0^\gamma (\gamma - \tau)^{\varrho+\vartheta} \phi(\tau, u(\tau)) d\tau \right] \\ &\quad + \nu(t) \left[ \frac{\lambda}{\Gamma(\varrho + \vartheta)} \int_0^1 (1 - \tau)^{\varrho+\vartheta-1} \phi(\tau, u(\tau)) d\tau \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + \frac{\lambda}{\Gamma(\varrho + \vartheta + 1)} \int_0^\sigma (\sigma - \tau)^{\varrho + \vartheta} \phi(\tau, u(\tau)) d\tau \\
& + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\varrho + 1)} \int_0^1 (1 - \tau)^\varrho \psi(\tau, u(\tau)) d\tau \\
& - \frac{1}{\Gamma(\varrho)} \int_0^1 (1 - \tau)^{\varrho - 1} \psi(\tau, u(\tau)) d\tau \\
& - \frac{\lambda}{\Gamma(\varrho + \vartheta + 1)} \int_0^1 (1 - \tau)^{\varrho + \vartheta} \phi(\tau, u(\tau)) d\tau \\
& - \frac{1}{\Gamma(\varrho + 1)} \int_0^\sigma (\sigma - \tau)^\varrho \psi(\tau, u(\tau)) d\tau \Big].
\end{aligned}$$

(i) For  $u, v \in \mathcal{B}_r$ ,  $\Lambda_1 u + \Lambda_2 v \in \mathcal{B}_r$ . Indeed:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \|\Lambda_1 u + \Lambda_2 v\| \\
& \leq \sup_{t \in I} \left\{ \frac{1}{\Gamma(\varrho)} \int_0^t (t - \tau)^{\varrho - 1} |\psi(\tau, u(\tau))| d\tau \right. \\
& \quad \left. + \frac{|\lambda|}{\Gamma(\varrho + \vartheta)} \int_0^t (t - \tau)^{\varrho + \vartheta - 1} |\phi(\tau, u(\tau))| d\tau \right\} \\
& + \sup_{t \in I} |\mu(t)| \left[ \frac{1}{\Gamma(\varrho + 1)} \int_0^\gamma (\gamma - \tau)^\varrho |\psi(\tau, v(\tau))| d\tau \right. \\
& \quad \left. + \frac{|\lambda|}{\Gamma(\varrho + \vartheta + 1)} \int_0^\gamma (\gamma - \tau)^{\varrho + \vartheta} |\phi(\tau, v(\tau))| d\tau \right] \\
& + \sup_{t \in I} |\nu(t)| \left[ |\lambda| \int_0^1 \left| \frac{(1 - \tau)^{\varrho + \vartheta}}{\Gamma(\varrho + \vartheta + 1)} - \frac{(1 - \tau)^{\varrho + \vartheta - 1}}{\Gamma(\varrho + \vartheta)} \right| |\phi(\tau, v(\tau))| d\tau \right. \\
& \quad \left. + \int_0^1 \left| \frac{(1 - \tau)^\varrho}{\Gamma(\varrho + 1)} - \frac{(1 - \tau)^{\varrho - 1}}{\Gamma(\varrho)} \right| |\psi(\tau, v(\tau))| d\tau \right. \\
& \quad \left. + |\lambda| \int_0^\sigma \frac{(\sigma - \tau)^{\varrho + \vartheta}}{\Gamma(\varrho + \vartheta + 1)} |\phi(\tau, v(\tau))| d\tau + \int_0^\sigma \frac{(\sigma - \tau)^\varrho}{\Gamma(\varrho + 1)} |\psi(\tau, v(\tau))| d\tau \right] \\
& \leq |\lambda| \|\theta_1\| \left[ \frac{1}{\Gamma(\varrho + \vartheta + 1)} + \frac{(\varrho + \vartheta + \sigma) \|\nu\| + \gamma \|\mu\|}{\Gamma(\varrho + \vartheta + 2)} \right] \\
& \quad + \|\theta_2\| \left[ \frac{1}{\Gamma(\varrho + 1)} + \frac{(\varrho + \sigma) \|\nu\| + \gamma \|\mu\|}{\Gamma(\varrho + 2)} \right] \\
& \leq \frac{|\lambda| [\varrho + \vartheta + 1 + (\varrho + \vartheta + \sigma) \|\nu\| + \gamma \|\mu\|]}{\Gamma(\varrho + \vartheta + 2)} \|\theta_1\| \\
& \quad + \frac{\varrho + 1 + (\varrho + \sigma) \|\nu\| + \gamma \|\mu\|}{\Gamma(\varrho + 2)} \|\theta_2\| \\
& \leq \lambda_1 \|\theta_1\| + \lambda_2 \|\theta_2\|
\end{aligned}$$

$\leq r$ .

(ii)  $\Lambda_1$  is a contraction. Indeed:

For  $u, v \in \mathcal{B}_r$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|\Lambda_1 v - \Lambda_1 u\| &\leq \sup_{t \in I} \left\{ \frac{1}{\Gamma(\varrho)} \int_0^t (t - \tau)^{\varrho-1} |\psi(\tau, v(\tau)) - \psi(\tau, u(\tau))| d\tau \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{|\lambda|}{\Gamma(\varrho + \vartheta)} \int_0^t (t - \tau)^{\varrho+\vartheta-1} |\phi(\tau, v(\tau)) - \phi(\tau, u(\tau))| d\tau \right\} \\ &\leq \left( \frac{\|\lambda\| k_\phi}{\Gamma(\varrho + \vartheta + 1)} + \frac{k_\psi}{\Gamma(\varrho + 1)} \right) \|v - u\| \\ &\leq \xi \|v - u\|. \end{aligned}$$

(iii) Note that  $\Lambda_2$  is continuous, and for  $u \in \mathcal{B}_r$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|\Lambda_2 u\| &\leq \|\mu\| \left[ \frac{1}{\Gamma(\varrho + 1)} \int_0^\gamma (\gamma - \tau)^\varrho |\psi(\tau, u(\tau))| d\tau \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{|\lambda|}{\Gamma(\varrho + \vartheta + 1)} \int_0^\gamma (\gamma - \tau)^{\varrho+\vartheta} |\phi(\tau, u(\tau))| d\tau \right] \\ &\quad + \|\nu\| \left[ |\lambda| \int_0^1 \left| \frac{(1 - \tau)^{\varrho+\vartheta}}{\Gamma(\varrho + \vartheta + 1)} - \frac{(1 - \tau)^{\varrho+\vartheta-1}}{\Gamma(\varrho + \vartheta)} \right| |\phi(\tau, u(\tau))| d\tau \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \int_0^1 \left| \frac{(1 - \tau)^\varrho}{\Gamma(\varrho + 1)} - \frac{(1 - \tau)^{\varrho-1}}{\Gamma(\varrho)} \right| |\psi(\tau, u(\tau))| d\tau \right. \\ &\quad \left. + |\lambda| \int_0^\sigma \frac{(\sigma - \tau)^{\varrho+\vartheta}}{\Gamma(\varrho + \vartheta + 1)} |\phi(\tau, u(\tau))| d\tau \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \int_0^\sigma \frac{(\sigma - \tau)^\varrho}{\Gamma(\varrho + 1)} |\psi(\tau, u(\tau))| d\tau \right] \\ &\leq \frac{|\lambda| [(\varrho + \vartheta + \sigma)\|\nu\| + \gamma\|\mu\|]}{\Gamma(\varrho + \vartheta + 2)} \|\theta_1\| + \frac{(\varrho + \sigma)\|\nu\| + \gamma\|\mu\|}{\Gamma(\varrho + 2)} \|\theta_2\|, \end{aligned}$$

which prove that  $\Lambda_2$  is uniformly bounded on this ball.

Now, let us prove that  $\Lambda_2$  is compact:

Denote

$$\xi_\phi = \sup_{(t,u) \in I \times \mathcal{B}_r} |\phi(t, u)| \quad \text{and} \quad \xi_\psi = \sup_{(t,u) \in I \times \mathcal{B}_r} |\psi(t, u)|.$$

For  $u \in \mathcal{B}_r$  and  $0 < t_1 < t_2 < 1$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|(\Lambda_2 u)(t_2) - (\Lambda_2 u)(t_1)\| &\leq \left[ \frac{1}{\Gamma(\varrho + 1)} \int_0^\gamma (\gamma - \tau)^\varrho |\psi(\tau, v(\tau))| d\tau \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{|\lambda|}{\Gamma(\varrho + \vartheta + 1)} \int_0^\gamma (\gamma - \tau)^{\varrho+\vartheta} |\phi(\tau, v(\tau))| d\tau \right] |\mu(t_2) - \mu(t_1)| \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + \left[ |\lambda| \int_0^1 \left| \frac{(1-\tau)^{\varrho+\vartheta}}{\Gamma(\varrho+\vartheta+1)} - \frac{(1-\tau)^{\varrho+\vartheta-1}}{\Gamma(\varrho+\vartheta)} \right| |\phi(\tau, v(\tau))| d\tau \right. \\
& + \int_0^1 \left| \frac{(1-\tau)^\varrho}{\Gamma(\varrho+1)} - \frac{(1-\tau)^{\varrho-1}}{\Gamma(\varrho)} \right| |\psi(\tau, v(\tau))| d\tau \\
& + |\lambda| \int_0^\sigma \frac{(\sigma-\tau)^{\varrho+\vartheta}}{\Gamma(\varrho+\vartheta+1)} |\phi(\tau, v(\tau))| d\tau \\
& \left. + \int_0^\sigma \frac{(\sigma-\tau)^\varrho}{\Gamma(\varrho+1)} |\psi(\tau, v(\tau))| d\tau \right] |\nu(t_2) - \nu(t_1)| \\
& \leq \left[ \frac{|\lambda|\gamma\xi_\phi}{\Gamma(\varrho+\vartheta+2)} + \frac{\gamma\xi_\psi}{\Gamma(\varrho+2)} \right] |\mu(t_2) - \mu(t_1)| \\
& + \left[ \frac{|\lambda|(\varrho+\vartheta+\sigma)\xi_\phi}{\Gamma(\varrho+\vartheta+2)} + \frac{(\varrho+\sigma)\xi_\psi}{\Gamma(\varrho+2)} \right] |\nu(t_2) - \nu(t_1)|,
\end{aligned}$$

since

$$\begin{aligned}
|\mu(t_2) - \mu(t_1)| & \leq \frac{3(1-\gamma)}{\omega} |t_2^2 - t_1^2| \\
& \leq \frac{6(1-\gamma)}{\omega} |t_2 - t_1|,
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$|\nu(t_2) - \nu(t_1)| \leq \frac{3\sigma}{\omega} |t_2^2 - t_1^2| \leq \frac{6\sigma}{\omega} |t_2 - t_1|.$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}
& \|(\Lambda_2 u)(t_2) - (\Lambda_2 u)(t_1)\| \\
& \leq \left[ \frac{6(1-\gamma)}{\omega} \left( \frac{|\lambda|\gamma\xi_\phi}{\Gamma(\varrho+\vartheta+2)} + \frac{\gamma\xi_\psi}{\Gamma(\varrho+2)} \right) \right. \\
& \left. + \frac{6\sigma}{\omega} \left( \frac{|\lambda|(\varrho+\vartheta+\sigma)\xi_\phi}{\Gamma(\varrho+\vartheta+2)} + \frac{(\varrho+\sigma)\xi_\psi}{\Gamma(\varrho+2)} \right) \right] |t_2 - t_1|.
\end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $\Lambda_2$  is equicontinuous. Then, it is relatively compact on  $\mathcal{B}_r$ .

Thus, according to Arzelà-Ascoli theorem,  $\Lambda_2$  is compact. Consequently, all conditions of Krasnoselskii's fixed-point theorem hold.

The result is then proved.  $\square$

Based on Banach contraction, the result of existence and uniqueness will be the subject of the next theorem.

**Theorem 3.2.** *Suppose that  $(\mathcal{H}_1)$  is satisfied. Suppose also that*

$$(3.15) \quad k := \lambda_1 k_\phi + \lambda_2 k_\psi < 1$$

*Then, there exists a unique solution for problem (1.1).*

*Proof.* Denote

$$\eta_\phi = \sup_{t \in I} |\phi(t, 0)|, \quad \eta_\psi = \sup_{t \in I} |\psi(t, 0)|,$$

let

$$\mathcal{B}_\rho = \{u \in \mathcal{X} : \|u\| \leq \rho\},$$

the closed ball of radius  $\rho$  defined by

$$\rho \geq \frac{\lambda_1 \eta_\phi + \lambda_2 \eta_\psi}{1 - k}.$$

Firstly, show that  $\Lambda$  is defined on  $\mathcal{B}_\rho$  into itself.

For  $t \in I$  and  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} |\phi(t, x)| &\leq |\phi(t, x) - \phi(t, 0)| + |\phi(t, 0)| \\ &\leq k_\phi |x| + \eta_\phi. \end{aligned}$$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} |\phi(t, u(t))| &\leq k_\phi \|u\| + \eta_\phi \\ &\leq k_\phi \rho + \eta_\phi, \quad \forall (t, u) \in I \times \mathcal{B}_\rho. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we have

$$|\psi(t, u(t))| \leq k_\psi \rho + \eta_\psi, \quad \forall (t, u) \in I \times \mathcal{B}_\rho,$$

let  $u \in \mathcal{B}_\rho$ . In a similar way to the proof given in (i), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \|\Lambda u\| &\leq \lambda_1 \sup_{t \in I} |\phi(t, u(t))| + \lambda_2 \sup_{t \in I} |\psi(t, u(t))| \\ &\leq \lambda_1 (k_\phi \rho + \eta_\phi) + \lambda_2 (k_\psi \rho + \eta_\psi) \\ &\leq k \rho + \lambda_1 \eta_\phi + \lambda_2 \eta_\psi \\ &\leq \rho. \end{aligned}$$

Now, let us prove that  $\Lambda$  is a contraction.

For  $u, v \in \mathcal{B}_\rho$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\|\Lambda v - \Lambda u\| \\ &\leq \sup_{t \in I} \left\{ \frac{1}{\Gamma(\varrho)} \int_0^t (t - \tau)^{\varrho-1} |\psi(\tau, v(\tau)) - \psi(\tau, u(\tau))| d\tau \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{|\lambda|}{\Gamma(\varrho + \vartheta)} \int_0^t (t - \tau)^{\varrho+\vartheta-1} |\phi(\tau, v(\tau)) - \phi(\tau, u(\tau))| d\tau \right\} \\ &\quad + \|\mu\| \left[ \frac{1}{\Gamma(\varrho + 1)} \int_0^\gamma (\gamma - \tau)^\varrho |\psi(\tau, v(\tau)) - \psi(\tau, u(\tau))| d\tau \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{|\lambda|}{\Gamma(\varrho + \vartheta + 1)} \int_0^\gamma (\gamma - \tau)^{\varrho+\vartheta} |\phi(\tau, v(\tau)) - \phi(\tau, u(\tau))| d\tau \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + \|\nu\| \left[ \int_0^1 \left| \frac{(1-\tau)^\varrho}{\Gamma(\varrho+1)} - \frac{(1-\tau)^{\varrho-1}}{\Gamma(\varrho)} \right| |\psi(\tau, v(\tau)) - \psi(\tau, u(\tau))| d\tau \right. \\
& + |\lambda| \int_0^1 \left| \frac{(1-\tau)^{\varrho+\vartheta}}{\Gamma(\varrho+\vartheta+1)} - \frac{(1-\tau)^{\varrho+\vartheta-1}}{\Gamma(\varrho+\vartheta)} \right| |\phi(\tau, v(\tau)) - \phi(\tau, u(\tau))| d\tau \\
& + |\lambda| \int_0^\sigma \frac{(\sigma-\tau)^{\varrho+\vartheta}}{\Gamma(\varrho+\vartheta+1)} |\phi(\tau, v(\tau)) - \phi(\tau, u(\tau))| d\tau \\
& \left. + \int_0^\sigma \frac{(\sigma-\tau)^\varrho}{\Gamma(\varrho+1)} |\psi(\tau, v(\tau)) - \psi(\tau, u(\tau))| d\tau \right] \\
& \leq \left[ k_\phi |\lambda| \left( \frac{1}{\Gamma(\varrho+\vartheta+1)} + \frac{(\varrho+\vartheta+\sigma)\|\nu\| + \gamma\|\mu\|}{\Gamma(\varrho+\vartheta+2)} \right) \right. \\
& \quad \left. + k_\psi \left( \frac{1}{\Gamma(\varrho+1)} + \frac{(\varrho+\sigma)\|\nu\| + \gamma\|\mu\|}{\Gamma(\varrho+2)} \right) \right] \|v - u\| \\
& \leq (\lambda_1 k_\phi + \lambda_2 k_\psi) \|v - u\| \\
& \leq k \|v - u\|,
\end{aligned}$$

hence, the existence and uniqueness of the solution due to Banach's theorem  $\square$

**Remark 3.3.** We observe that,

$$k = \xi + \left( \frac{|\lambda| [(\varrho+\vartheta+\sigma)\|\nu\| + \gamma\|\mu\|]}{\Gamma(\varrho+\vartheta+2)} k_\phi + \frac{(\varrho+\sigma)\|\nu\| + \gamma\|\mu\|}{\Gamma(\varrho+2)} k_\psi \right).$$

Which means that, if the condition (3.15) of Theorem 3.2 holds, then the one given by (3.14) in Theorem 3.1 also holds.

To illustrate our results, we consider the following example.

**Example 3.4.** we consider the problem defined by

$$(3.16) \quad \begin{cases} c\mathcal{D}_{0^+}^{\frac{5}{2}} u(t) + \frac{1}{3} \mathcal{I}_{0^+}^{\frac{1}{2}} \left[ \frac{\cos(u(t)) + \sin(t)}{30+t^2} \right] \\ \quad = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2500+t^2}} \left( \frac{|u(t)|}{1+|u(t)|} + e^{-t} \right), \quad t \in I, \\ u(0) = \int_0^{\frac{1}{4}} u(\tau) d\tau, \\ u(1) = \int_{\frac{1}{2}}^1 u(\tau) d\tau, \\ u'(0) = 0. \end{cases}$$

The problem (3.16) can be abstracted into (1.1), with

$$\begin{aligned}
\phi(t, u) &= \frac{\cos(u(t)) + \sin(t)}{30+t^2}, \quad \psi(t, u) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2500+t^2}} \left( \frac{|u|}{1+|u|} + e^{-t} \right), \\
\vartheta &= \sigma = \frac{1}{2}, \quad \gamma = \frac{1}{4}, \quad \varrho = \frac{5}{2} \text{ and } \lambda = \frac{1}{3}.
\end{aligned}$$

Note that assumption  $(\mathcal{H}_1)$  holds, where

$$k_\phi = \frac{1}{30}, \quad k_\psi = \frac{1}{50}.$$

We have also

$$\mu(t) = \frac{272}{205} - \frac{192}{205}t^2, \quad \nu(t) = \frac{2}{205} + \frac{288}{205}t^2.$$

Then, we get  $k = 0.0182 < 1$ . According to Theorem 3.2, problem (3.16) has a unique solution.

Note that, according to the Remark 3.3, the existence of the solution is guaranteed.

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