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Infinite point and Riemann–Stieltjes integral conditions for an integro-differential equation

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Abstract. In this paper, we study the existence of solutions for two nonlocal problems of integro-differential equation with nonlocal infinite-point and Riemann–Stieltjes integral boundary conditions. The continuous dependence of the solution will be studied.

Keywords: existence of solutions, continuous dependence, nonlocal condition, Riemann–Stieltjes condition, infinite point condition.

1 Introduction

In the last few years, some investigators have established a lot of useful and interesting functional differential equation with the nonlocal condition in order to achieve various goals; see [1–9, 11, 12, 14–21] and the references cited therein.

In this paper, we are concerned with the nonlocal problem for the integro-differential equation

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = f\left(t, x(t), \int_0^t g(s, x(s)) ds\right), \quad \text{a.e. } t \in (0, 1), \quad (1)$$

with the nonlocal condition

$$\sum_{k=1}^m a_k x(\tau_k) = x_0, \quad a_k \geq 0, \quad \tau_k \in (0, 1). \quad (2)$$

The existence of solution, under certain conditions, will be proved. The continuous dependence of the solution on the nonlocal parameter a_k and on the function g will be studied.

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As applications, the nonlocal problem of equation (1) with the Riemann–Stieltjes integral condition

$$\int_0^1 x(s) \, dg(s) = x_0 \quad (3)$$

will be studied. Also, the nonlocal problem of equation (1) with infinite-point boundary condition

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k x(\tau_k) = x_0 \quad (4)$$

will be studied.

2 Main results

2.1 Integral representation

Lemma 1. *Let $B = \sum_{k=1}^m a_k \neq 0$, the solution of the nonlocal problem (1)–(2), if it exist, then it can be represented by the integral equation*

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) = B^{-1} & \left[x_0 - \sum_{k=1}^m a_k \int_0^{\tau_k} f \left(s, x(s), \int_0^s g(\theta, x(\theta)) \, d\theta \right) \, ds \right] \\ & + \int_0^t f \left(s, x(s), \int_0^s g(\theta, x(\theta)) \, d\theta \right) \, ds. \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

Proof. Let x be a solution of the nonlocal problem (1)–(2). Integrating both sides of (1), we get

$$x(t) = x(0) + \int_0^t f \left(s, x(s), \int_0^s g(\theta, x(\theta)) \, d\theta \right) \, ds. \quad (6)$$

Using the nonlocal condition (2), we get

$$\sum_{k=1}^m a_k x(\tau_k) = x(0) \sum_{k=1}^m a_k + \sum_{k=1}^m a_k \int_0^{\tau_k} f \left(s, x(s), \int_0^s g(\theta, x(\theta)) \, d\theta \right) \, ds,$$

then

$$x(0) = \frac{1}{\sum_{k=1}^m a_k} \left[x_0 - \sum_{k=1}^m a_k \int_0^{\tau_k} f \left(s, x(s), \int_0^s g(\theta, x(\theta)) \, d\theta \right) \, ds \right]. \quad (7)$$

Using (6) and (7), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 x(t) = B^{-1} & \left[x_0 - \sum_{k=1}^m a_k \int_0^{\tau_k} f \left(s, x(s), \int_0^s g(\theta, x(\theta)) \, d\theta \right) \, ds \right] \\
 & + \int_0^t f \left(s, x(s), \int_0^s g(\theta, x(\theta)) \, d\theta \right) \, ds. \quad \square
 \end{aligned}$$

2.2 Existence of solution

2.2.1 Functional equation approach

Consider the nonlocal problem (1)–(2) with the assumptions:

- (i) $f : [0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ satisfies Caratheodory condition, i.e., f is measurable in t for any $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ and continuous in x, y for almost all $t \in [0, 1]$. There exist a function $c_1 \in L^1[0, 1]$ and a positive constant $b_1 > 0$ such that

$$|f(t, x, y)| \leq c_1(t) + b_1|x| + b_1|y|.$$

- (ii) $g : [0, 1] \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ satisfies Caratheodory condition, i.e., g is measurable in t for any $x \in \mathbb{R}$ and continuous in x for almost all $t \in [0, 1]$. There exist a function $c_2 \in L^1[0, 1]$ and a positive constant $b_2 > 0$ such that

$$|g(t, x)| \leq c_2(t) + b_2|x|.$$

$$(iii) \quad \sup_{t \in [0, 1]} \int_0^t c_1(s) \, ds \leq M_1, \quad \sup_{t \in [0, 1]} \int_0^t \int_0^s c_2(\theta) \, d\theta \, ds \leq M_2.$$

$$(iv) \quad 2b_1 + b_1b_2 < 1.$$

Definition 1. By a solution of the nonlocal problem (1)–(2) we mean a function $x \in C[0, 1]$ that satisfies (1)–(2).

Theorem 1. Let assumptions (i)–(iv) be satisfied, then the nonlocal problem (1)–(2) has at least one solution.

Proof. Define the operator A associated with the integral equation (5) by

$$\begin{aligned}
 Ax(t) = B^{-1} & \left[x_0 - \sum_{k=1}^m a_k \int_0^{\tau_k} f \left(s, x(s), \int_0^s g(\theta, x(\theta)) \, d\theta \right) \, ds \right] \\
 & + \int_0^t f \left(s, x(s), \int_0^s g(\theta, x(\theta)) \, d\theta \right) \, ds.
 \end{aligned}$$

Let $Q_r = \{x \in \mathbb{R}: \|x\| \leq r\}$, where $r = B^{-1}(|x_0| + 2M_1 + 2b_1M_2)/(1 - (2b_1 + b_1b_2))$. Then we have, for $x \in Q_r$,

$$\begin{aligned}
|Ax(t)| &\leq B^{-1} \left[|x_0| + \sum_{k=1}^m a_k \int_0^{\tau_k} \left| f \left(s, x(s), \int_0^s g(\theta, x(\theta)) d\theta \right) \right| ds \right] \\
&\quad + \int_0^t \left| f \left(s, x(s), \int_0^s g(\theta, x(\theta)) d\theta \right) \right| ds \\
&\leq B^{-1} \left[|x_0| + \sum_{k=1}^m a_k \int_0^{\tau_k} \left(c_1(s) + b_1|x(s)| + b_1 \int_0^s |g(\theta, x(\theta))| d\theta \right) ds \right] \\
&\quad + \int_0^t \left(c_1(s) + b_1|x(s)| + b_1 \int_0^s |g(\theta, x(\theta))| d\theta \right) ds \\
&\leq B^{-1} \left[|x_0| + \sum_{k=1}^m a_k \left(M_1 + b_1r + b_1 \int_0^{\tau_k} \int_0^s (c_2(\theta) + b_2|x(\theta)|) d\theta ds \right) \right] \\
&\quad + M_1 + b_1r + b_1 \int_0^t \int_0^s (c_2(\theta) + b_2|x(\theta)|) d\theta ds \\
&\leq B^{-1}|x_0| + M_1 + b_1r + b_1M_2 + \frac{1}{2}b_1b_2r + M_1 + b_1r + b_1M_2 + \frac{1}{2}b_1b_2r \\
&= B^{-1}|x_0| + 2M_1 + 2b_1r + 2b_1M_2 + b_1b_2r = r.
\end{aligned}$$

This prove that $A : Q_r \rightarrow Q_r$ and the class of functions $\{Ax\}$ is uniformly bounded in Q_r .

Now, let $t_1, t_2 \in (0, 1)$ such that $|t_2 - t_1| < \delta$, then

$$\begin{aligned}
&|Ax(t_2) - Ax(t_1)| \\
&= \left| \int_0^{t_2} f \left(s, x(s), \int_0^s g(\theta, x(\theta)) d\theta \right) ds - \int_0^{t_1} f \left(s, x(s), \int_0^s g(\theta, x(\theta)) d\theta \right) ds \right| \\
&\leq \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \left| f \left(s, x(s), \int_0^s g(\theta, x(\theta)) d\theta \right) \right| ds \\
&\leq \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \left(c_1(s) + b_1|x(s)| + b_1 \int_0^s |g(\theta, x(\theta))| d\theta \right) ds
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq \int_{t_1}^{t_2} c_1(s) \, ds + (t_2 - t_1)b_1r + b_1 \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \int_0^s c_2(\theta) \, d\theta \, ds \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2}b_1b_2r(t_2^2 - t_1^2). \end{aligned}$$

This mean that the class of functions $\{Ax\}$ is equicontinuous in Q_r .

Let $x_n \in Q_r$, $x_n \rightarrow x$ ($n \rightarrow \infty$), then from continuity of the functions f and g we obtain $f(t, x_n(t), y_n(t)) \rightarrow f(t, x(t), y(t))$ and $g(t, x_n(t)) \rightarrow g(t, x(t))$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Also

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Ax_n(t) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[B^{-1} \left[x_0 - \sum_{k=1}^m a_k \int_0^{\tau_k} f \left(s, x_n(s), \int_0^s g(s, x_n(\theta)) \, d\theta \right) \, ds \right] \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \int_0^t f \left(s, x_n(s), \int_0^s g(\theta, x_n(\theta)) \, d\theta \right) \, ds \right]. \end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

Using assumptions (i)–(ii) and Lebesgue dominated convergence theorem [13], from (8) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Ax_n(t) &= \left[B^{-1} \left[x_0 - \sum_{k=1}^m a_k \int_0^{\tau_k} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f \left(s, x_n(s), \int_0^s g(\theta, x_n(\theta)) \, d\theta \right) \, ds \right] \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \int_0^t \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f \left(s, x_n(s), \int_0^s g(\theta, x_n(\theta)) \, d\theta \right) \, ds \right] = Ax(t). \end{aligned}$$

Then $Ax_n \rightarrow Ax$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. This mean that the operator A is continuous.

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{t \rightarrow 1} x(t) &= \left\{ B^{-1} \left[x_0 - \sum_{k=1}^m a_k \int_0^{\tau_k} f \left(s, x(s), \int_0^s g(\theta, x(\theta)) \, d\theta \right) \, ds \right] \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \int_0^1 f \left(s, x(s), \int_0^s g(\theta, x(\theta)) \, d\theta \right) \, ds \right\} \in C[0, 1], \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} x(t) = B^{-1} \left[x_0 - \sum_{k=1}^m a_k \int_0^{\tau_k} f \left(s, x(s), \int_0^s g(\theta, x(\theta)) \, d\theta \right) \, ds \right] \in C[0, 1].$$

Then by Schauder fixed point theorem [10] there exist at least one solution $x \in C[0, 1]$ of the integral equation (5).

To complete the proof, differentiating (5) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dx}{dt} &= \frac{d}{dt} \left\{ B^{-1} \left[x_0 - \sum_{k=1}^m a_k \int_0^{\tau_k} f \left(s, x(s), \int_0^s g(\theta, x(\theta)) d\theta \right) ds \right] \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \int_0^t f \left(s, x(s), \int_0^s g(\theta, x(\theta)) d\theta \right) ds \right\} \\ &= 0 + \frac{d}{dt} \int_0^t f \left(s, x(s), \int_0^s g(\theta, x(\theta)) d\theta \right) ds \\ &= f \left(s, x(s), \int_0^s g(\theta, x(\theta)) d\theta \right). \end{aligned}$$

Also, from the integral equation (5), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} x(\tau_k) &= B^{-1} \left[x_0 - \sum_{k=1}^m a_k \int_0^{\tau_k} f \left(s, x(s), \int_0^s g(\theta, x(\theta)) d\theta \right) ds \right] \\ &\quad + \int_0^{\tau_k} f \left(s, x(s), \int_0^s g(\theta, x(\theta)) d\theta \right) ds \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^m a_k x(\tau_k) &= \sum_{k=1}^m a_k B^{-1} \left[x_0 - \sum_{k=1}^m a_k \int_0^{\tau_k} f \left(s, x(s), \int_0^s g(\theta, x(\theta)) d\theta \right) ds \right] \\ &\quad + \sum_{k=1}^m a_k \int_0^{\tau_k} f \left(s, x(s), \int_0^s g(\theta, x(\theta)) d\theta \right) ds. \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\sum_{k=1}^m a_k x(\tau_k) = x_0.$$

Then there exist at least one solution $x \in C[0, 1]$ of the nonlocal problem of functional differential equation (1)–(2). \square

2.2.2 Coupled system approach

Let the function f and g satisfies the conditions:

- (i*) $f : [0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ satisfies Caratheodory condition, i.e., f is measurable in t for any $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ and continuous in x, y for almost all $t \in [0, 1]$. There exist a function $m_1 \in L^1[0, 1]$ such that

$$|f(t, x, y)| \leq m_1(t).$$

(ii*) $g : [0, 1] \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ satisfies Caratheodory condition, i.e., g is measurable in t for any $x \in \mathbb{R}$ and continuous in x for almost all $t \in [0, 1]$. There exist a function $m_2 \in L^1[0, 1]$ such that

$$|g(t, x)| \leq m_2(t).$$

$$(iii^*) \quad \sup_{t \in [0, 1]} \int_0^t m_1(s) \, ds \leq M_1, \quad \sup_{t \in [0, 1]} \int_0^t m_2(s) \, ds \leq M_2.$$

Now, let

$$y(t) = \int_0^t g(\theta, x(\theta)) \, d\theta, \tag{9}$$

then

$$x(t) = B^{-1} \left[x_0 - \sum_{k=1}^m a_k \int_0^{\tau_k} f(s, x(s), y(s)) \, ds \right] + \int_0^t f(s, x(s), y(s)) \, ds. \tag{10}$$

Let X be the Banach space of all order pairs (x, y) with the norm

$$\|(x, y)\|_X = \|x\|_C + \|y\|_C = \sup_{t \in [0, 1]} |x(t)| + \sup_{t \in [0, 1]} |y(t)|.$$

Definition 2. By a solution of the nonlocal problem (1)–(2) we mean a function $x \in C[0, 1]$ that satisfies (1)–(2).

Theorem 2. Let assumptions (i*)–(iii*) be satisfied, then the nonlocal problem (1)–(2) has at least one solution.

Proof. Define the operator A associated with the integral equation (9)–(10) by

$$A(x(t), y(t)) = \left(B^{-1} \left[x_0 - \sum_{k=1}^m a_k \int_0^{\tau_k} f(s, x(s), y(s)) \, ds \right] + \int_0^t f(s, x(s), y(s)) \, ds, \int_0^t g(\theta, x(\theta)) \, d\theta \right).$$

Let $Q_r = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2: \|x\| \leq r_1, \|y\| \leq r_2, \|(x, y)\| \leq r_1 + r_2 = r\}$, where $r = M_1 + M_2$.

Then we have, for $(x, y) \in Q_r$

$$A(x(t), y(t)) = \left(B^{-1} \left[x_0 - \sum_{k=1}^m a_k \int_0^{\tau_k} f(s, x(s), y(s)) \, ds \right] + \int_0^t f(s, x(s), y(s)) \, ds, \int_0^t g(\theta, x(\theta)) \, d\theta \right),$$

but

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| B^{-1} \left[x_0 - \sum_{k=1}^m a_k \int_0^{\tau_k} f(s, x(s), y(s)) \, ds \right] + \int_0^t f(s, x(s), y(s)) \, ds \right| \\ & \leq B^{-1} \left[|x_0| + \sum_{k=1}^m a_k \int_0^{\tau_k} m_1(s) \, ds \right] + \int_0^t m_1(s) \, ds \\ & \leq B^{-1} |x_0| + 2M_1 \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

and

$$\left| \int_0^t g(\theta, x(\theta)) \, d\theta \right| \leq \int_0^t m_2(\theta) \, d\theta \leq M_2. \quad (12)$$

From (11) and (12) we get

$$\|A(x, y)\|_X \leq B^{-1} |x_0| + 2M_1 + M_2.$$

This prove that $A : Q_r \rightarrow Q_r$ and the class of functions $\{A(x, y)\}$ is uniformly bounded in Q_r .

Now, let $t_1, t_2 \in (0, 1)$ such that $|t_2 - t_1| < \delta$, then

$$\begin{aligned} & |A(x(t_2), y(t_2)) - A(x(t_1), y(t_1))| \\ & = \left| \left(B^{-1} \left[x_0 - \sum_{k=1}^m a_k \int_0^{\tau_k} f(s, x(s), y(s)) \, ds \right] + \int_0^{t_2} f(s, x(s), y(s)) \, ds, \right. \right. \\ & \quad \left. \left. \int_0^{t_2} g(\theta, x(\theta)) \, d\theta \right) \right. \\ & \quad \left. - \left(B^{-1} \left[x_0 - \sum_{k=1}^m a_k \int_0^{\tau_k} f(s, x(s), y(s)) \, ds \right] + \int_0^{t_1} f(s, x(s), y(s)) \, ds, \right. \right. \\ & \quad \left. \left. \int_0^{t_1} g(\theta, x(\theta)) \, d\theta \right) \right| \\ & = \left| \left(\int_{t_1}^{t_2} f(s, x(s), y(s)) \, ds, \int_{t_1}^{t_2} g(\theta, x(\theta)) \, d\theta \right) \right|, \end{aligned}$$

but

$$\left| \int_{t_1}^{t_2} f(s, x(s), y(s)) \, ds \right| \leq \int_{t_1}^{t_2} m_1(s) \, ds, \quad \left| \int_{t_1}^{t_2} g(\theta, x(\theta)) \, d\theta \right| \leq \int_{t_1}^{t_2} m_2(s) \, ds. \quad (13)$$

From (13) we get

$$|A(x(t_2), y(t_2)) - A(x(t_1), y(t_1))| \leq \int_{t_1}^{t_2} (m_1(s) + m_2(s)) \, ds.$$

This mean that the class of functions $\{A(x, y)\}$ is equicontinuous in Q_r .

Let $x_n \in Q_r$, $x_n \rightarrow x$ ($n \rightarrow \infty$), then from continuity of the functions f and g we obtain $f(t, x_n(t), y_n(t)) \rightarrow f(t, x(t), y(t))$ and $g(t, x_n(t)) \rightarrow g(t, x(t))$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Also

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} A(x_n(t), y_n(t)) \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(B^{-1} \left[x_0 - \sum_{k=1}^m a_k \int_0^{\tau_k} f(s, x_n(s), y_n(s)) \, ds \right] + \int_0^t f(s, x_n(s), y_n(s)) \, ds, \right. \\ & \quad \left. \int_0^t g(s, x_n(\theta)) \, d\theta \right) \\ &= \left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} B^{-1} \left[x_0 - \sum_{k=1}^m a_k \int_0^{\tau_k} f(s, x_n(s), y_n(s)) \, ds \right] + \int_0^t f(s, x_n(s), y_n(s)) \, ds, \right. \\ & \quad \left. \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^t g(s, x_n(\theta)) \, d\theta \right). \end{aligned} \tag{14}$$

Using assumptions (i)–(ii) and Lebesgue dominated convergence theorem [13], from (14) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} A(x_n(t), y_n(t)) \\ &= \left(B^{-1} \left[x_0 - \sum_{k=1}^m a_k \int_0^{\tau_k} f(s, x(s), y(s)) \, ds \right] + \int_0^t f(s, x(s), y(s)) \, ds, \right. \\ & \quad \left. \int_0^t g(s, x(\theta)) \, d\theta \right) \\ &= A(x(t), y(t)). \end{aligned}$$

Then $Ax_n \rightarrow Ax$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. This mean that the operator A is continuous.

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{t \rightarrow 1} x(t) &= \left\{ B^{-1} \left[x_0 - \sum_{k=1}^m a_k \int_0^{\tau_k} f(s, x(s), y(s)) \, ds \right] + \int_0^1 f(s, x(s), y(s)) \, ds \right\} \\ &\in C[0, 1], \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{t \rightarrow 1} y(t) &= \int_0^1 g(s, x(\theta)) \, d\theta \in C[0, 1], \\ \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} x(t) &= B^{-1} \left[x_0 - \sum_{k=1}^m a_k \int_0^{\tau_k} f(s, x(s), y(s)) \, ds \right] \in C[0, 1], \\ \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} y(t) &= 0 \in C[0, 1],\end{aligned}$$

Then by Schauder fixed point theorem [10] there exist at least one solution $x \in C[0, 1]$ of the integral equation (9)–(10).

To complete the proof, differentiating (10), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dx}{dt} &= \frac{d}{dt} \left\{ B^{-1} \left[x_0 - \sum_{k=1}^m a_k \int_0^{\tau_k} f(s, x(s), y(s)) \, ds \right] + \int_0^t f(s, x(s), y(s)) \, ds \right\} \\ &= 0 + \frac{d}{dt} \int_0^t f(s, x(s), y(s)) \, ds = f(s, x(s), y(s)), \\ y(t) &= \int_0^t g(s, x(\theta)) \, d\theta.\end{aligned}$$

Also, from the integral equation (9)–(10) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}x(\tau_k) &= B^{-1} \left[x_0 - \sum_{k=1}^m a_k \int_0^{\tau_k} f(s, x(s), y(s)) \, ds \right] + \int_0^{\tau_k} f(s, x(s), y(s)) \, ds, \\ y(t) &= \int_0^t g(s, x(\theta)) \, d\theta,\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{k=1}^m a_k x(\tau_k) &= \sum_{k=1}^m a_k B^{-1} \left[x_0 - \sum_{k=1}^m a_k \int_0^{\tau_k} f(s, x(s), y(s)) \, ds \right] \\ &\quad + \sum_{k=1}^m a_k \int_0^{\tau_k} f(s, x(s), y(s)) \, ds \\ y(t) &= \int_0^t g(s, x(\theta)) \, d\theta.\end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\sum_{k=1}^m a_k x(\tau_k) = x_0.$$

Hence, the nonlocal problem (1)–(2) is equivalent to integral equation (9)–(10). □

2.3 Uniqueness of the solution

Let f and g satisfy the following assumptions:

- (v) $f : [0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is measurable in t for any $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ and satisfies the Lipschitz condition

$$|f(t, x, y) - f(t, u, v)| \leq b_1|x - u| + b_1|y - v|.$$

- (vi) $g : [0, T] \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is measurable in t for any $x \in \mathbb{R}$ and satisfies the Lipschitz condition

$$|g(t, x) - g(t, u)| \leq b_2|x - u|.$$

- (vii) $\sup_{t \in [0, 1]} \int_0^t |f(s, 0, 0)| \, ds \leq L_1, \quad \sup_{t \in [0, 1]} \int_0^t \int_0^s |g(\theta, 0)| \, d\theta \, ds \leq L_2.$

Theorem 3. *Let assumptions (v)–(vii) be satisfied, then the solution of the nonlocal problem (1)–(2) is unique.*

Proof. From assumption (v) we have that f is measurable in t for any $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ and satisfies the Lipschitz condition, then it is continuous in $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ for all $t \in [0, 1]$, and

$$|f(t, x, y)| \leq b_1|x| + b_1|y| + |f(t, 0, 0)|.$$

Condition (i) is satisfied. Also by the same way we can show that assumption (ii) satisfied by assumption (vi). Now, from Theorem 1 the solution of the nonlocal problem (1)–(2) exists.

Let x, y be two the solution of (1)–(2), then

$$\begin{aligned} |x(t) - y(t)| &= \left| B^{-1} \left[- \sum_{k=1}^m a_k \int_0^{\tau_k} f \left(s, x(s), \int_0^s g(\theta, x(\theta)) \, d\theta \right) \, ds \right] \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \int_0^t f \left(s, x(s), \int_0^s g(\theta, x(\theta)) \, d\theta \right) \, ds \right. \\ &\quad \left. - B^{-1} \left[- \sum_{k=1}^m a_k \int_0^{\tau_k} f \left(s, y(s), \int_0^s g(\theta, y(\theta)) \, d\theta \right) \, ds \right] \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \int_0^t f \left(s, y(s), \int_0^s g(\theta, y(\theta)) \, d\theta \right) \, ds \right| \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\leq B^{-1} \sum_{k=1}^m a_k \int_0^{\tau_k} \left| f \left(s, x(s), \int_0^s g(\theta, x(\theta)) \, d\theta \right) \right. \\
&\quad \left. - f \left(s, y(s), \int_0^s g(\theta, y(\theta)) \, d\theta \right) \right| \, ds \\
&\quad + \int_0^t \left| f \left(s, x(s), \int_0^s g(\theta, x(\theta)) \, d\theta \right) \right. \\
&\quad \left. - f \left(s, y(s), \int_0^s g(\theta, y(\theta)) \, d\theta \right) \right| \, ds, \\
&\leq B^{-1} \sum_{k=1}^m a_k \int_0^{\tau_k} \left(b_1 \|x - y\| + b_1 \int_0^s |g(\theta, x(\theta)) - g(\theta, y(\theta))| \, d\theta \right) \, ds \\
&\quad + \int_0^t \left(b_1 \|x - y\| + b_1 \int_0^s |g(\theta, x(\theta)) - g(\theta, y(\theta))| \, d\theta \right) \, ds \\
&\leq b_1 \|x - y\| + \frac{1}{2} b_1 b_2 \|x - y\| + b_1 \|x - y\| + \frac{1}{2} b_1 b_2 \|x - y\| \\
&= (2b_1 + b_1 b_2) \|x - y\|.
\end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$(1 - 2b_1 + b_1 b_2) \|x - y\| \leq 0.$$

Since $(2b_1 + b_1 b_2) < 1$, then $x(t) = y(t)$, and the solution of the nonlocal problem (1)–(2) is unique. \square

2.4 Continuous dependence

2.4.1 Continuous dependence on x_0

Definition 3. The solution $x \in C[0, 1]$ of the nonlocal problem (1)–(2) depends continuously on x_0 if

$$\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists \delta(\epsilon): |x_0 - x_0^*| < \delta \implies \|x - x^*\| < \epsilon,$$

where x^* is the solution of the nonlocal problem

$$\frac{dx^*}{dt} = f \left(t, x^*(t), \int_0^t g(s, x^*(s)) \, ds \right), \quad \text{a.e. } t \in (0, 1), \quad (15)$$

with the nonlocal condition

$$\sum_{k=1}^n a_k x^*(\tau_k) = x_0^*, \quad a_k \geq 0, \tau_k \in (0, 1). \quad (16)$$

Theorem 4. *Let the assumptions of Theorem 3 be satisfied, then the solution of the nonlocal problem (1)–(2) depends continuously on x_0 .*

Proof. Let x, x^* be two solutions of the nonlocal problems (1)–(2) and (15)–(16), respectively. Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 & |x(t) - x^*(t)| \\
 &= \left| B^{-1} \left[x_0 - \sum_{k=1}^m a_k \int_0^{\tau_k} f \left(s, x(s), \int_0^s g(\theta, x(\theta)) \, d\theta \right) \, ds \right] \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \int_0^t f \left(s, x(s), \int_0^s g(\theta, x(\theta)) \, d\theta \right) \, ds \right. \\
 &\quad \left. - B^{-1} \left[x_0^* - \sum_{k=1}^m a_k \int_0^{\tau_k} f \left(s, x^*(s), \int_0^s g(\theta, x^*(\theta)) \, d\theta \right) \, ds \right] \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \int_0^t f \left(s, x^*(s), \int_0^s g(\theta, x^*(\theta)) \, d\theta \right) \, ds \right| \\
 &\leq B^{-1} |x_0 - x_0^*| \\
 &\quad + B^{-1} \sum_{k=1}^m a_k \int_0^{\tau_k} \left| f \left(s, x^*(s), \int_0^s g(\theta, x^*(\theta)) \, d\theta \right) - f \left(s, x(s), \int_0^s g(\theta, x(\theta)) \, d\theta \right) \right| \, ds \\
 &\quad + \int_0^t \left| f \left(s, x(s), \int_0^s g(\theta, x(\theta)) \, d\theta \right) - f \left(s, x^*(s), \int_0^s g(\theta, x^*(\theta)) \, d\theta \right) \right| \, ds, \\
 &\leq B^{-1} |x_0 - x_0^*| \\
 &\quad + B^{-1} \sum_{k=1}^m a_k \int_0^{\tau_k} \left(b_1 \|x - x^*\| + b_1 \int_0^s |g(\theta, x^*(\theta)) - g(\theta, x(\theta))| \, d\theta \right) \, ds \\
 &\quad + \int_0^t \left(b_1 \|x - x^*\| + b_1 \int_0^s |g(\theta, x(\theta)) - g(\theta, x^*(\theta))| \, d\theta \right) \, ds \\
 &\leq B^{-1} |x_0 - x_0^*| + b_1 \|x - y\| + \frac{1}{2} b_1 b_2 \|x - x^*\| + b_1 \|x - x^*\| \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{2} b_1 b_2 \|x - x^*\| \\
 &\leq B^{-1} \delta + (2b_1 + b_1 b_2) \|x - x^*\|.
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\|x - x^*\| \leq \frac{B^{-1}\delta}{[1 - (2b_1 + b_1b_2)]} = \epsilon.$$

This means that the solution of the nonlocal problem (1)–(2) depends continuously on x_0 . The proof is completed. \square

2.4.2 Continuous dependence on a_k

Definition 4. The solution $x \in C[0, 1]$ of the nonlocal problem (1)–(2) depends continuously on a_k if

$$\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists \delta(\epsilon): |a_k - a_k^*| < \delta \implies \|x - x^*\| < \epsilon,$$

where x^* is the solution of the nonlocal problem

$$\frac{dx^*}{dt} = f\left(t, x^*(t), \int_0^t g(s, x^*(s)) ds\right), \quad \text{a.e. } t \in (0, 1), \quad (17)$$

with the nonlocal condition

$$\sum_{k=1}^n a_k^* x^*(\tau_k) = x_0, \quad a_k \geq 0, \tau_k \in (0, 1). \quad (18)$$

Theorem 5. Let the assumptions of Theorem 3 be satisfied, then the solution of the nonlocal problem (1)–(2) depends continuously on a_k .

Proof. Let $B^* = \sum_{k=1}^n a_k^* \neq 0$, and let x, x^* be two solutions of the nonlocal problems (1)–(2) and (17)–(18), respectively. Then

$$\begin{aligned} & |x(t) - x^*(t)| \\ &= \left| B^{-1} \left[x_0 - \sum_{k=1}^m a_k \int_0^{\tau_k} f\left(s, x(s), \int_0^s g(\theta, x(\theta)) d\theta\right) ds \right] \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \int_0^t f\left(s, x(s), \int_0^s g(\theta, x(\theta)) d\theta\right) ds \right. \\ & \quad \left. - B^{*-1} \left[x_0 - \sum_{k=1}^m a_k^* \int_0^{\tau_k} f\left(s, x^*(s), \int_0^s g(\theta, x^*(\theta)) d\theta\right) ds \right] \right. \\ & \quad \left. - \int_0^t f\left(s, x^*(s), \int_0^s g(s, x^*(\theta)) d\theta\right) ds \right| \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\leq B^{-1}B^{*-1}m\delta x_0 \\
 &+ B^{*-1}\sum_{k=1}^m a_k^* \int_0^{\tau_k} \left| f\left(s, x^*(s), \int_0^s g(\theta, x^*(\theta)) d\theta\right) - f\left(s, x(s), \int_0^s g(\theta, x(\theta)) d\theta\right) \right| ds \\
 &+ B^{*-1}\sum_{k=1}^m |a_k^* - a_k| \int_0^{\tau_k} \left| f\left(s, x(s), \int_0^s g(\theta, x(\theta)) d\theta\right) \right| ds \\
 &+ B^{-1}B^{*-1}\sum_{k=1}^m |a_k - a_k^*| \sum_{k=1}^m a_k \int_0^{\tau_k} \left| f\left(s, x(s), \int_0^s g(\theta, x(\theta)) d\theta\right) \right| ds \\
 &+ \int_0^t \left| f\left(s, x(s), \int_0^s g(\theta, x(\theta)) d\theta\right) - f\left(s, x^*(s), \int_0^s g(\theta, x^*(\theta)) d\theta\right) \right| ds \\
 &\leq B^{-1}B^{*-1}m\delta x_0 + (2b_1 + b_1b_2)\|x - x^*\| \\
 &+ B^{*-1}m\delta(2b_1\|x\| + b_1b_2\|x\| + 2L_1 + 2b_1L_2).
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\|x - x^*\| \leq \frac{m\delta x_0 + m\delta B((2b_1 + b_1b_2)\|x\| + 2L_1 + 2b_1L_2)}{[1 - (2b_1 + b_1b_2)]BB^*} = \epsilon.$$

This mean that the solution of the nonlocal problem (1)–(2) depends continuously on a_k . The proof is completed. \square

2.4.3 Continuous dependence on the function g

Definition 5. The solution $x \in C[0, 1]$ of the nonlocal problem (1)–(2) depends continuously on the function g if

$$\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists \delta(\epsilon): |g - g^*| < \delta \implies \|x - x^*\| < \epsilon,$$

where x^* is the solution of the nonlocal problem

$$\frac{dx^*}{dt} = f\left(t, x^*(t), \int_0^t g^*(s, x^*(s)) ds(s, x^*(s))\right), \quad \text{a.e. } t \in (0, 1), \quad (19)$$

with the nonlocal condition

$$\sum_{k=1}^n a_k x^*(\tau_k) = x_0, \quad a_k \geq 0, \tau_k \in (0, 1). \quad (20)$$

Theorem 6. Let the assumptions of Theorem 3 be satisfied, then the solution of the nonlocal problem (1)–(2) depends continuously on the function g .

Proof. Let x, x^* be two solutions of the nonlocal problem (1)–(2) and (19)–(20), respectively. Then

$$\begin{aligned}
& |x(t) - x^*(t)| \\
&= \left| B^{-1} \left[x_0 - \sum_{k=1}^m a_k \int_0^{\tau_k} f \left(s, x(s), \int_0^s g(\theta, x(\theta)) \, d\theta \right) \, ds \right] \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \int_0^t f \left(s, x(s), \int_0^s g(\theta, x(\theta)) \, d\theta \right) \, ds \right. \\
&\quad \left. - B^{-1} \left[x_0 - \sum_{k=1}^m a_k \int_0^{\tau_k} f \left(s, x^*(s), \int_0^s g^*(\theta, x^*(\theta)) \, d\theta \right) \, ds \right] \right. \\
&\quad \left. - \int_0^t f \left(s, x^*(s), \int_0^s g^*(\theta, x^*(\theta)) \, d\theta \right) \, ds \right| \\
&\leq B^{-1} \sum_{k=1}^m a_k \int_0^{\tau_k} \left| f \left(s, x^*(s), \int_0^s g^*(\theta, x^*(\theta)) \, d\theta \right) - f \left(s, x(s), \int_0^s g(\theta, x(\theta)) \, d\theta \right) \right| \, ds \\
&\quad + \int_0^t \left| f \left(s, x(s), \int_0^s g(\theta, x(\theta)) \, d\theta \right) - f \left(s, x^*(s), \int_0^s g^*(\theta, x^*(\theta)) \, d\theta \right) \right| \, ds, \\
&\leq B^{-1} \sum_{k=1}^m a_k \int_0^{\tau_k} \left(b_1 \|x - x^*\| + b_1 \int_0^s |g^*(\theta, x^*(\theta)) - g(\theta, x(\theta))| \, d\theta \right) \, ds \\
&\quad + \int_0^t \left(b_1 \|x - x^*\| + b_1 \int_0^s |g(\theta, x(\theta)) - g^*(\theta, x^*(\theta))| \, d\theta \right) \, ds \\
&\leq b_1 \|x - x^*\| + \frac{1}{2} b_1 \delta + \frac{1}{2} b_1 b_2 \|x - x^*\| + \frac{1}{2} b_1 \delta + b_1 \|x - x^*\| \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{2} b_1 b_2 \|x - x^*\| \\
&\leq b_1 \delta + (2b_1 + b_1 b_2) \|x - x^*\|.
\end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\|x - x^*\| \leq \frac{b_1 \delta}{[1 - (2b_1 + b_1 b_2)] \sum_{k=1}^m a_k} = \epsilon.$$

This means that the solution of the nonlocal problem (1)–(2) depends continuously on the function g . The proof is completed. \square

2.5 Nonlocal Riemann–Stieltjes integral condition

Let $x \in C[0, 1]$ be the solution of the nonlocal problem (1)–(2). Let $a_k = g(t_k) - g(t_{k-1})$, g is increasing function, $\tau_k \in (t_{k-1}, t_k)$, $0 = t_0 < t_1 < t_2 \cdots < t_m = 1$, then, as $m \rightarrow \infty$, the nonlocal condition (2) will be

$$\sum_{k=1}^m g(t_k) - g(t_{k-1})x(\tau_k) = x_0$$

and

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^m g(t_k) - g(t_{k-1})x(\tau_k) = \int_0^1 x(s) dg(s) = x_0.$$

Theorem 7. *Let assumptions (i)–(iv) be satisfied, then the nonlocal problem of (1)–(3) has at least one solution.*

Proof. As $m \rightarrow \infty$, the solution of the nonlocal problem (1)–(2) will be

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) &= \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sum_{k=1}^m a_k} \left[x_0 - \sum_{k=1}^m a_k \int_0^{\tau_k} f \left(s, x(s), \int_0^s g(\theta, x(\theta)) d\theta \right) ds \right] \\ &\quad + \int_0^t f \left(s, x(s), \int_0^s g(\theta, x(\theta)) d\theta \right) ds \\ &= \frac{1}{g(1) - g(0)} \\ &\quad \times \left[x_0 - \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^m a_k \int_0^{\tau_k} f \left(s, x(s), \int_0^s g(\theta, x(\theta)) d\theta \right) ds (g(t_k) - g(t_{k-1})) \right] \\ &\quad + \int_0^t f \left(s, x(s), \int_0^s g(\theta, x(\theta)) d\theta \right) ds \\ &= \frac{1}{g(1) - g(0)} \left[x_0 - \int_0^1 \int_0^t f \left(s, x(s), \int_0^s g(\theta, x(\theta)) d\theta \right) ds dg(t) \right] \\ &\quad + \int_0^t f \left(s, x(s), \int_0^s g(\theta, x(\theta)) d\theta \right) ds. \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

2.6 Infinite-point boundary condition

Theorem 8. *Let assumptions (i)–(iv) be satisfied, then the nonlocal problem of (1)–(4) has at least one solution.*

Proof. Let the assumptions of Theorem 1 be satisfied, and let $\sum_{k=1}^m a_k$ be convergent, then

$$x_m(t) = \frac{1}{\sum_{k=1}^m a_k} \left[x_0 - \sum_{k=1}^m a_k \int_0^{\tau_k} f \left(s, x(s), \int_0^s g(\theta, x(\theta)) d\theta \right) ds \right] \\ + \int_0^t f \left(s, x_m(s), \int_0^s g(\theta, x_m(\theta)) d\theta \right) ds. \quad (21)$$

Taking the limit to (21) as $m \rightarrow \infty$, we have

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} x_m(t) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{1}{\sum_{k=1}^m a_k} \left[x_0 - \sum_{k=1}^m a_k \int_0^{\tau_k} f \left(s, x(s), \int_0^s g(\theta, x(\theta)) d\theta \right) ds \right] \right. \\ \left. + \int_0^t f \left(s, x_m(s), \int_0^s g(\theta, x_m(\theta)) d\theta \right) ds \right] \\ = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sum_{k=1}^m a_k} \left[x_0 - \sum_{k=1}^m a_k \int_0^{\tau_k} f \left(s, x(s), \int_0^s g(\theta, x(\theta)) d\theta \right) ds \right] \\ + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^t f \left(s, x_m(s), \int_0^s g(\theta, x_m(\theta)) d\theta \right) ds. \quad (22)$$

Now, $|a_k x(\tau_k)| \leq |a_k| \|x\|$, then by comparison test $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k x(\tau_k)$ is convergent.

Also

$$\left| \int_0^{\tau_k} f \left(s, x(s), \int_0^s g(\theta, x(\theta)) d\theta \right) ds \right| \\ \leq \int_0^{\tau_k} \left(c_1(s) + b_1 |x(s)| + b_1 \int_0^s g(\theta, x(\theta)) d\theta \right) ds \\ \leq \int_0^{\tau_k} \left(c_1(s) + b_1 |x(s)| + b_1 \int_0^s (c_2(s) + b_2 |x(s)|) d\theta \right) ds \\ \leq M_1 + b_1 \|x\| + b_1 M_2 + \frac{1}{2} b_1 b_2 \|x\| \leq M,$$

then

$$\left| a_k \int_0^{\tau_k} f \left(s, x(s), \int_0^s g(\theta, x(\theta)) d\theta \right) ds \right| \leq |a_k| M,$$

and by the comparison test $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k \int_0^{\tau_k} f(s, x(s), \int_0^s g(\theta, x(\theta)) d\theta) ds$ is convergent.

Now, $|f| \leq |c_1(s) + b_1||x| + b_1 M_2 + b_1 b_2 ||x||$, using assumptions (i)–(ii) and Lebesgue dominated convergence theorem [13], from (22) we obtain

$$x(t) = \frac{1}{\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k} \left[x_0 - \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k \int_0^{\tau_k} f \left(s, x(s), \int_0^s g(\theta, x(\theta)) \, d\theta \right) \, ds \right] + \int_0^t f \left(s, x(s), \int_0^s g(\theta, x(\theta)) \, d\theta \right) \, ds.$$

The theorem proved. □

3 Examples

In this section, we offer some examples to illustrate our results.

Example 1. Consider the following nonlinear integro-differential equation:

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = t^3 e^{-t} + \frac{\ln(1 + |x(t)|)}{3 + t^2} + \int_0^t \frac{1}{9} (\cos(3s + 3) + s^5 \cos x(s) + e^{-s} x(s)) \, dt, \quad \text{a.e. } t \in (0, 1), \quad (23)$$

with infinite point boundary condition

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^5} x \left(\frac{k-1}{k} \right) = x_0. \quad (24)$$

Set

$$f \left(t, x(t), \int_0^t g(s, x(s)) \, ds \right) = t^3 e^{-t} + \frac{\ln(1 + |x(t)|)}{3 + t^2} + \frac{1}{9} \int_0^t (\cos(3s + 3) + s^5 \cos x(s) + e^{-s} x(s)) \, dt.$$

Then

$$\left| f \left(t, x(t), \int_0^t g(s, x(s)) \, ds \right) \right| \leq t^3 e^{-t} + \frac{1}{3} \left(|x| + \frac{1}{3} \int_0^t \frac{1}{3} |(\cos(3s + 3) + s^5 \cos x(s) + e^{-s} x(s))| \, dt \right),$$

and also

$$|g(s, x(s))| \leq \frac{1}{3} |\cos(3s + 3)| + \frac{2}{3} |x(s)|.$$

It is clear that assumptions (i)–(iv) of Theorem 1 are satisfied with $c_1(t) = t^3 e^{-t} \in L^1[0, 1]$, $c_2(t) = |\cos(3t + 3)|/2 \in L^1[0, 1]$, $b_1 = 1/3$, $b_2 = 2/3$, $2b_1 + b_1 b_2 = 2/3 + 2/9 = 8/9 < 1$, and the series $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} 1/k^5$, is convergent. Therefore, by applying to Theorem 1 the given nonlocal problem (23)–(24) has a continuous solution.

Example 2. Consider the following nonlinear integro-differential equation:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dx}{dt} &= t^3 + t + 1 + \frac{x(t)}{\sqrt{t+3}} \\ &+ \int_0^t \frac{1}{4} \left(\sin^2(3s+3) + \frac{sx(s)}{2^s(1+x(s))} \right) dt, \quad \text{a.e. } t \in (0, 1), \end{aligned} \quad (25)$$

with infinite point boundary condition

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^3} x \left(\frac{k^2 + k - 1}{k^2 + k} \right) = x_0. \quad (26)$$

Set

$$\begin{aligned} &f \left(t, x(t), \int_0^t g(s, x(s)) ds \right) \\ &= t^3 + t + 1 + \frac{x(t)}{\sqrt{2t+4}} + \frac{1}{4} \int_0^t \left(\sin^2(3s+3) + \frac{sx(s)}{2^s(1+x(s))} \right) dt. \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} &\left| f \left(t, x(t), \int_0^t g(s, x(s)) ds \right) \right| \\ &\leq t^3 + t + 1 + \frac{1}{3}|x| + \frac{1}{3} \int_0^t \frac{3}{4} \left| \sin^2(3s+3) + \frac{sx(s)}{2^s(1+x(s))} \right| dt, \end{aligned}$$

and also

$$|g(s, x(s))| \leq \frac{3}{4} |\sin^2(3s+3)| + \frac{3}{8} |x(s)|.$$

It is clear that the assumptions (i)–(iv) of Theorem 1 are satisfied with $c_1(t) = t^3 + t + 1 \in L^1[0, 1]$, $c_2(t) = (3/4)|\sin^2(3s+3)| \in L^1[0, 1]$, $b_1 = 1/3$, $b_2 = 3/8$, $2b_1 + b_1 b_2 = 2/3 + 1/8 = 19/24 < 1$, and the series $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} 1/k^3$, is convergent. Therefore, by applying to Theorem 1 the given nonlocal problem (25)–(26) has a continuous solution.

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