



Existence of the positive solutions for a tripled system of fractional differential equations via integral boundary conditions

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Abstract

The purpose of this paper, is studying the existence and nonexistence of positive solutions to a class of a following tripled system of fractional differential equations.

$$\begin{cases} D^\alpha u(\zeta) + a(\zeta)f(\zeta, v(\zeta), \omega(\zeta)) = 0, & u(0) = 0, & u(1) = \int_0^1 \phi(\zeta)u(\zeta)d\zeta, \\ D^\beta v(\zeta) + b(\zeta)g(\zeta, u(\zeta), \omega(\zeta)) = 0, & v(0) = 0, & v(1) = \int_0^1 \psi(\zeta)v(\zeta)d\zeta, \\ D^\gamma \omega(\zeta) + c(\zeta)h(\zeta, u(\zeta), v(\zeta)) = 0, & \omega(0) = 0, & \omega(1) = \int_0^1 \eta(\zeta)\omega(\zeta)d\zeta, \end{cases}$$

where $0 \leq \zeta \leq 1$, $1 < \alpha, \beta, \gamma \leq 2$, $a, b, c \in C((0, 1), [0, \infty))$, $\phi, \psi, \eta \in L^1[0, 1]$ are nonnegative and $f, g, h \in C([0, 1] \times [0, \infty) \times [0, \infty), [0, \infty))$ and D is the standard Riemann-Liouville fractional derivative.

Also, we provide some examples to demonstrate the validity of our results.

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1. Introduction

E. Karapinar and coauthors obtained some fixed point results and applied them to proving the existence and uniqueness of positive solutions for functional boundary value problem (see [1]-[17], [15], [26]). In recent years, some systems of nonlinear fractional differential equations were examined by many authors, [18]-[25] and other references. In [27], Su investigated some conditions for the existence of solutions for a coupled system of two-point fractional boundary value problem.

In [31] the authors studied the existence and nonexistence of positive solutions to boundary values problem for a coupled system of nonlinear fractional differential equations as follows:

$$\begin{cases} D^\alpha u(\zeta) + a(\zeta)f(\zeta, v(\zeta)) = 0, & u(0) = 0, & u(1) = \int_0^1 \phi(\zeta)u(\zeta)d\zeta, \\ D^\beta v(\zeta) + b(\zeta)g(\zeta, u(\zeta)) = 0, & v(0) = 0, & v(1) = \int_0^1 \psi(\zeta)v(\zeta)d\zeta, \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

where $0 \leq \zeta \leq 1$, $1 < \alpha, \beta \leq 2$, $a, b \in C((0, 1), [0, \infty))$, $\phi, \psi \in L^1[0, 1]$ are nonnegative and $f, g \in C([0, 1] \times [0, \infty), [0, \infty))$ and D is the standard Riemann-Liouville fractional derivative.

In this paper we study the equations

$$\begin{cases} D^\alpha u(\zeta) + a(\zeta)f(\zeta, v(\zeta), \omega(\zeta)) = 0, & u(0) = 0, & u(1) = \int_0^1 \phi(\zeta)u(\zeta)d\zeta, \\ D^\beta v(\zeta) + b(\zeta)g(\zeta, u(\zeta), \omega(\zeta)) = 0, & v(0) = 0, & v(1) = \int_0^1 \psi(\zeta)v(\zeta)d\zeta, \\ D^\gamma \omega(\zeta) + c(\zeta)h(\zeta, u(\zeta), v(\zeta)) = 0, & \omega(0) = 0, & \omega(1) = \int_0^1 \eta(\zeta)\omega(\zeta)d\zeta, \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

where $0 \leq \zeta \leq 1$, $1 < \alpha, \beta, \gamma \leq 2$, $a, b, c \in C((0, 1), [0, \infty))$, $\phi, \psi, \eta \in L^1[0, 1]$ are nonnegative and $f, g, h \in C([0, 1] \times [0, \infty) \times [0, \infty), [0, \infty))$ and D is the standard Riemann-Liouville fractional derivative.

Definition 1.1. [28, 29] The Riemann-Liouville fractional derivative for a continuous function f is defined by

$$D^\nu f(\tau) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(n - \nu)} \left(\frac{d}{d\tau} \right)^n \int_0^\tau \frac{f(\zeta)}{(\tau - \zeta)^{\nu - n + 1}} d\zeta, \quad (n = [\nu] + 1)$$

where the right-hand side is point-wise defined on $(0, \infty)$.

Definition 1.2. [28, 29] Let $[a, b]$ be an interval in \mathbb{R} and $\nu > 0$. The Riemann-Liouville fractional order integral of a function $f \in L^1([a, b], \mathbb{R})$ is defined by

$$I_a^\nu f(\tau) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\nu)} \int_a^\tau \frac{f(\zeta)}{(\tau - \zeta)^{1 - \nu}} d\zeta,$$

whenever the integral exists.

Lemma 1.3. (Nonlinear Differentiation of Leray-Schauder Type, [32]). Let E be a Banach space with $C \subset E$ closed and convex. Let U be a relatively open subset of C with $0 \in U$ and let $T : U \rightarrow C$ be a continuous and compact mapping. Then either

- (a) the mapping T has a fixed point in U ,
or (b) there exist $u \in \partial U$ and $\lambda \in (0, 1)$ with $u = \lambda Tu$.

Lemma 1.4. (Fixed-Point Theorem of Cone Expansion and Compression of Norm Type, See [33]). Let P be a cone of real Banach space E , and let Ω_1 and Ω_2 be two bounded open sets in E such that $0 \in \Omega_1 \subset \overline{\Omega_1} \subset \Omega_2$. Let operator $A : P \cap (\overline{\Omega_2} - \Omega_1) \rightarrow P$ be completely continuous operator. Suppose that one of the two conditions holds:

- (i₁) $\|Au\| \leq \|u\|$, for all $u \in P \cap \partial\Omega_1$; $\|Au\| \geq \|u\|$, for all $u \in P \cap \partial\Omega_2$;
- (i₂) $\|Au\| \geq \|u\|$, for all $u \in P \cap \partial\Omega_1$; $\|Au\| \leq \|u\|$, for all $u \in P \cap \partial\Omega_2$.

Then A has at least one fixed point in $P \cap (\overline{\Omega_2} - \Omega_1)$.

Lemma 1.5. Assume that $\int_0^1 \zeta^{\nu-1} \phi(\zeta) d\zeta \neq 1$. Then for any $\sigma \in C[0, 1]$, the unique solution of boundary value problem

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

is given by

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

where

$$G_{1\nu}(\zeta, \tau) = G_{2\nu}(\zeta, \tau) + G_{3\nu}(\zeta, \tau), \quad (\zeta, \tau) \in [0, 1] \times [0, 1], \tag{3}$$

with

$$G_{2\nu}(\zeta, \tau) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\nu)} \begin{cases} \zeta^{\nu-1}(1-\tau)^{\nu-1} - (\zeta-\tau)^{\nu-1}, & 0 \leq \tau \leq \zeta \leq 1, \\ \zeta^{\nu-1}(1-\tau)^{\nu-1}, & 0 \leq \zeta \leq \tau \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

and

$$G_{3\nu}(\zeta, \tau) = \frac{\zeta^{\nu-1}}{1 - \int_0^1 \phi(\zeta) \zeta^{\nu-1} d\zeta} \int_0^1 G_{2\nu}(\zeta, \tau) \phi(\zeta) d\zeta.$$

We call $G = (G_{1\nu}, G_{1\nu}', G_{1\nu}'')$ the Green's functions of the boundary value problem (2).

Lemma 1.6. If $\int_1^0 \varphi(\tau) \tau^{\nu-1} d\tau \in [0, 1)$, the function $G_{1\nu}(\tau, \zeta)$ defined by (3) satisfies

- (i₁) $G_{1\nu}(\tau, \zeta) \geq 0$ is continuous for all $\tau, \zeta \in [0, 1]$, $G_{1\nu}(\tau, \zeta) > 0$ for all $\tau, \zeta \in (0, 1)$;

- (i₂) $G_{1\nu}(\tau, \zeta) \leq G_{1\nu}(\zeta)$ for each $\tau, \zeta \in (0, 1)$, and $\min_{\tau \in [\theta, 1-\theta]} G_{1\nu}(\tau, \zeta) \geq G_{1\nu}(\zeta)$, where $\theta \in (0, \frac{1}{2})$ and

$$G_{1\nu}(\zeta) = G_{2\nu}(\zeta, \zeta) + G_{3\nu}(1, \zeta), \quad \Upsilon_\nu = \theta^{\nu-1}.$$

We will discuss the existence of positive solutions for boundary value problem (2). First of all, we define the Banach space

$$X = \{u(\zeta) | u(\zeta) \in C[0, 1]\} \quad \text{endowed with the norm } \|u\|_X = \max_{\zeta \in [0, 1]} |u|,$$

$$Y = \{v(\zeta) | v(\zeta) \in C[0, 1]\} \quad \text{endowed with the norm } \|v\|_Y = \max_{\zeta \in [0, 1]} |v|,$$

$$Z = \{\omega(\zeta) | \omega(\zeta) \in C[0, 1]\} \quad \text{endowed with the norm } \|\omega\|_Z = \max_{\zeta \in [0, 1]} |\omega|.$$

For $(u, v, \omega) \in X \times Y \times Z$, let $\|(u, v, \omega)\|_{X \times Y \times Z} = \max\{\|u\|_X, \|v\|_Y, \|\omega\|_Z\}$. Clearly,

$(X \times Y \times Z, \|(u, v, \omega)\|_{X \times Y \times Z})$ is a Banach space. Define,

$P = \{(u, v, \omega) \in X \times Y \times Z | u(\zeta) \geq 0, v(\zeta) \geq 0, \omega(\zeta) \geq 0\}$, then the cone $P \subset X \times Y \times Z$. Let $J_\theta = [\theta, 1 - \theta]$ for $\theta \in (0, \frac{1}{2})$ and

$$K = \left\{ (u, v, \omega) \in P, \min_{\tau \in J_\theta} u(\tau) \geq \Upsilon_\alpha \|u\|, \min_{\tau \in J_\theta} v(\tau) \geq \Upsilon_\beta \|v\|, \min_{\tau \in J_\theta} \omega(\tau) \geq \Upsilon_\gamma \|\omega\| \right\},$$

$$K_r = \{ (u, v, \omega) \in K, \|(u, v, \omega)\| \leq r \},$$

$$\partial K_r = \{ (u, v, \omega) \in K, \|(u, v, \omega)\| = r \}.$$

From Lemma 1.5, we can obtain the following lemma.

Lemma 1.7. *Suppose that $f(t, v, \omega)$, $g(t, u, \omega)$ and $h(t, u, v)$ are continuous, then $(u, v, \omega) \in X \times Y \times Z$ is a solution of B.V.P (2) if and only if $(u, v, \omega) \in X \times Y \times Z$ is a solution of the integral equations*

$$\begin{cases} u(\zeta) = \int_0^1 G_{1\alpha}(\zeta, \tau)a(\tau)f(\tau, v(\tau), \omega(\tau))d\tau, \\ v(\zeta) = \int_0^1 G_{1\beta}(\zeta, \tau)b(\tau)g(\tau, u(\tau), \omega(\tau))d\tau, \\ \omega(\zeta) = \int_0^1 G_{1\gamma}(\zeta, \tau)c(\tau)h(\tau, u(\tau), v(\tau))d\tau. \end{cases}$$

Let $T : X \times Y \times Z \rightarrow X \times Y \times Z$ be the operator defined as

$$T(u, v, \omega) = \left(\int_0^1 G_{1\alpha}(\zeta, \tau)a(\tau)f(\tau, v(\tau), \omega(\tau))d\tau, \right. \tag{4}$$

$$\left. \int_0^1 G_{1\beta}(\zeta, \tau)b(\tau)g(\tau, u(\tau), \omega(\tau))d\tau, \int_0^1 G_{1\gamma}(\zeta, \tau)c(\tau)h(\tau, u(\tau), v(\tau))d\tau \right) =: (T_1u(\zeta), T_2v(\zeta), T_3\omega(\zeta)), \tag{5}$$

then by Lemma (1.7), the fixed point of operator T coincides with the solution of system (2).

Lemma 1.8. *Let $f(\tau, v, v)$, $g(\tau, u, u)$ and $h(\tau, \omega, \omega)$ be continuous on $[0, 1] \times [0, +\infty) \times [0, +\infty) \rightarrow [0, +\infty)$, then $T : P \rightarrow P$, $T : K \rightarrow K$ defined by (4) are completely continuous.*

Proof. Since Lemma (1.8) is similar to Lemma (1.8) in [2] and [30] we omit the proof Lemma (1.8). □

Theorem 1.9. *Assume that $a(\tau)$, $b(\tau)$ and $c(\tau)$, are continuous on $(0, 1) \rightarrow [0, +\infty)$ and $f(\tau, v(\tau), \omega(\tau))$, $g(\tau, u(\tau), \omega(\tau))$ and $h(\tau, u(\tau), v(\tau))$ are continuous on $[0, 1] \times [0, \infty) \times [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$, and there exist three positive functions $m(\tau)$, $n(\tau)$ and $k(\tau)$ that satisfy*

- (L₁) $f(\tau, v_2, \omega_2) - f(\tau, v_1, \omega_1) \leq m(\tau) \max\{|v_2 - v_1|, |\omega_2 - \omega_1|\}$,
 - (L₂) $g(\tau, u_2, \omega_2) - g(\tau, u_1, \omega_1) \leq k(\tau) \max\{|u_2 - u_1|, |\omega_2 - \omega_1|\}$,
 - (L₃) $h(\tau, u_2, v_2) - h(\tau, u_1, v_1) \leq n(\tau) \max\{|v_2 - v_1|, |u_2 - u_1|\}$,
- for $\tau \in (0, 1)$, $v_1, v_2, \omega_1, \omega_2, u_1, u_2 \in (0, +\infty)$.

Then system (2) has a unique positive solution if

$$\begin{aligned} \rho &= \int_0^1 G_{1\alpha}(\tau)a(\tau)m(\tau)d\tau < 1, \\ \theta &= \int_0^1 G_{1\beta}(\tau)b(\tau)k(\tau)d\tau < 1, \\ \kappa &= \int_0^1 G_{1\gamma}(\tau)c(\tau)n(\tau)d\tau < 1. \end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

Proof. For all $(u, v, \omega) \in P$ by the nonnegativeness of $G(\zeta, \tau)$ and $a(\tau)$, $b(\tau)$, $c(\tau)$, $f(\tau, v(\tau), \omega(\tau))$, $g(\tau, u(\tau), \omega(\tau))$, $h(\tau, u(\tau), v(\tau))$, we have $T(u, v, \omega) \geq 0$. Hence, $T(P) \subset P$. From Lemma 1.6, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \|T_1v_2 - T_1v_1\| &= \max_{\zeta \in [0,1]} |T_1v_2 - T_1v_1| \\ &= \max_{\zeta \in [0,1]} \left| \int_0^1 G_{1\alpha}(\zeta, \tau)a(\tau)[f(\tau, v_2(\tau), \omega(\tau)) - f(\tau, v_1(\tau), \omega(\tau))]d\tau \right| \\ &\leq \left(\int_0^1 G_{1\alpha}(\tau)a(\tau)m(\tau)d\tau \right) \|v_2 - v_1\| = \rho \|v_2 - v_1\| \end{aligned} \tag{7}$$

Similarly,

$$\|T_2u_2 - T_2u_1\| \leq \theta \|u_2 - u_1\| \tag{8}$$

and

$$\|T_3\omega_2 - T_3\omega_1\| \leq \kappa \|\omega_2 - \omega_1\| \tag{9}$$

From (7), (8) to (9), we get

$$\|T(u_2, v_2, \omega_2) - T(u_1, v_1, \omega_1)\| \leq \max(\rho, \theta, \kappa) \|(u_2, v_2, \omega_2) - (u_1, v_1, \omega_1)\|$$

From Lemma (1.8), T is completely continuous, by Banach fixed point theorem, the operator T has a unique fixed point in P , which is the unique positive solution of system (2). This completes the proof. \square

Theorem 1.10. *Assume that $a(\tau)$, $b(\tau)$ and $c(\tau)$, are continuous on $(0, 1) \rightarrow [0, +\infty)$ and $f(\tau, v(\tau), \omega(\tau))$, $g(\tau, u(\tau), \omega(\tau))$ and $h(\tau, u(\tau), v(\tau))$ are continuous on $[0, 1] \times [0, \infty) \times [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$, and satisfy*

- (L4) $|f(\tau, v(\tau), \omega(\tau))| \leq a_1(\tau) + a_2(\tau) \max\{|v(\tau)|, |\omega(\tau)|\}$,
- (L5) $|g(\tau, u(\tau), \omega(\tau))| \leq b_1(\tau) + b_2(\tau) \max\{|u(\tau)|, |\omega(\tau)|\}$,
- (L6) $|h(\tau, u(\tau), v(\tau))| \leq c_1(\tau) + c_2(\tau) \max\{|v(\tau)|, |u(\tau)|\}$,
- (L7) $A_1 = \int_0^1 G_{1\alpha}(\tau)a(\tau)a_2(\tau)d\tau < 1, B_1 = \int_0^1 G_{1\alpha}(\tau)a(\tau)a_1(\tau)d\tau < \infty$,
- (L8) $A_2 = \int_0^1 G_{1\beta}(\tau)b(\tau)b_2(\tau)d\tau < 1, B_2 = \int_0^1 G_{1\beta}(\tau)b(\tau)b_1(\tau)d\tau < \infty$,
- (L9) $A_3 = \int_0^1 G_{1\gamma}(\tau)c(\tau)c_2(\tau)d\tau < 1, B_3 = \int_0^1 G_{1\gamma}(\tau)c(\tau)c_1(\tau)d\tau < \infty$.

Then the system (2) has at least one positive solution (u, v, ω) in

$$Q = \left\{ (u, v, \omega) \in P : \|(u, v, \omega)\| < \min\left(\frac{A_1}{1-B_1}, \frac{A_2}{1-B_2}, \frac{A_3}{1-B_3}\right) \right\}.$$

Proof. Let $Q = \{ (u, v, \omega) \in P : \|(u, v, \omega)\| < r \}$ with

$$r = \min\left(\frac{A_1}{1-B_1}, \frac{A_2}{1-B_2}, \frac{A_3}{1-B_3}\right).$$

Define the operator $T : Q \rightarrow P$ as (4). Let $(u, v, \omega) \in Q$, that is, $\|(u, v, \omega)\| < r$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \|T_1u\| &= \max_{\zeta \in [0,1]} \left| \int_0^1 G_{1\alpha}(\zeta, \tau)a(\tau)f(\tau, v(\tau), \omega(\tau))d\tau \right| \\ &\leq \int_0^1 G_{1\alpha}(\tau)a(\tau)(a_1(\tau) + a_2(\tau)|v(\tau)|)d\tau \\ &\leq \int_0^1 G_{1\alpha}(\tau)a(\tau)a_1(\tau)d\tau + \int_0^1 G_{1\alpha}(\tau)a(\tau)a_2(\tau)d\tau \|v(\tau)\| \\ &= B_1 + A_1 \|v(\tau)\| \leq r. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, $\|T_2v\| \leq r, \|T_3\omega\| \leq r$. So, $T(u, v, \omega) \leq (r, r, r)$ and hence $T(u, v, \omega) \in \overline{Q}$. From Lemma (1.8), we have $T : Q \rightarrow \overline{Q}$ is completely continuous. Consider the eigenvalue problem

$$(u, v, \omega) = \lambda T(u, v, \omega), \quad \lambda \in (0, 1). \tag{10}$$

Under the assumption that (u, v, ω) is a solution of (10) for $\lambda \in (0, 1)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|u\| &= \|\lambda T_1 u\| = \max_{\zeta \in [0,1]} \left| \int_0^1 G_{1\alpha}(\zeta, \tau) a(\tau) f(\tau, v(\tau), \omega(\tau)) d\tau \right| \\ &\leq \int_0^1 G_{1\alpha}(\tau) a(\tau) (a_1(\tau) + a_2(\tau) |v(\tau)|) d\tau \\ &\leq \int_0^1 G_{1\alpha}(\tau) a(\tau) a_1(\tau) d\tau + \int_0^1 G_{1\alpha}(\tau) a(\tau) a_2(\tau) d\tau \|v(\tau)\| \\ &= B_1 + A_1 \|v(\tau)\| \leq r. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, $\|v\| = \|T_2 \lambda v\| \leq r$, $\|\omega\| = \|T_3 \lambda \omega\| \leq r$, so, $\|(u, v, \omega)\| \leq r$, which shows that $(u, v, \omega) \in \partial Q$. By Lemma 1.3, T has a fixed point in Q . We complete the proof of theorem 1.10. \square

Remark 1.11. *In the following we need the following assumptions and some notations:*

(B₁) $a, b, c \in C((0, 1), [0, \infty))$, $a(\tau) \neq 0$, $b(\tau) \neq 0$, $c(\tau) \neq 0$ on any subinterval of $(0, 1)$ and

$$0 < \int_0^1 G_{1\alpha}(\tau) a(\tau) d\tau < \infty,$$

$0 < \int_0^1 G_{1\beta}(\tau) b(\tau) d\tau < \infty$ and $0 < \int_0^1 G_{1\gamma}(\tau) c(\tau) d\tau < \infty$ where $G_{1\alpha}$, $G_{1\beta}$ and $G_{1\gamma}$ are defined in Lemma 1.6;

(B₂) $f, g, h \in C([0, 1] \times [0, \infty) \times [0, \infty), [0, \infty))$ and $f(\zeta, 0, 0) = 0$, $g(\zeta, 0, 0) = 0$ and $h(\zeta, 0, 0) = 0$ uniformly with respect to ζ on $[0, 1]$;

(B₃) $\lambda, \mu, \nu \in [0, 1)$ where λ, μ, ν is defined as follows:

$$\lambda = \int_0^1 \phi(\zeta) \zeta^{\alpha-1} d\zeta, \quad \mu = \int_0^1 \psi(\zeta) \zeta^{\beta-1} d\zeta \quad \text{and} \quad \nu = \int_0^1 \varphi(\zeta) \zeta^{\gamma-1} d\zeta.$$

let

$$f^\delta = \limsup_{u \rightarrow \delta} \max_{\zeta \in [0,1]} \frac{f(\zeta, u, u)}{u}, \quad f_\delta = \liminf_{u \rightarrow \delta} \min_{\zeta \in [0,1]} \frac{f(\zeta, u, u)}{u},$$

where δ denotes 0 or ∞ , and

$$\sigma_1 = \int_0^1 G_{1\alpha}(\tau) a(\tau) d\tau, \quad \sigma_2 = \int_0^1 G_{1\beta}(\tau) b(\tau) d\tau \quad \text{and} \quad \sigma_3 = \int_0^1 G_{1\gamma}(\tau) c(\tau) d\tau.$$

Theorem 1.12. *Assume that (B₁)–(B₃) hold. And supposes that one of the following conditions is satisfied:*

(H₁) $f_0 > \frac{1}{\Upsilon_\alpha^2 \int_\theta^{1-\theta} G_{1\alpha}(\tau) a(\tau) d\tau}$ and $f^\infty < \frac{1}{\sigma_1}$ (particularly, $f^0 = \infty$ and $f^\infty = 0$);

$g_0 > \frac{1}{\Upsilon_\beta^2 \int_\theta^{1-\theta} G_{1\beta}(\tau) b(\tau) d\tau}$ and $g^\infty < \frac{1}{\sigma_2}$ (particularly, $g^0 = \infty$ and $g^\infty = 0$);

$h_0 > \frac{1}{\Upsilon_\gamma^2 \int_\theta^{1-\theta} G_{1\gamma}(\tau) c(\tau) d\tau}$ and $h^\infty < \frac{1}{\sigma_3}$ (particularly, $h^0 = \infty$ and $h^\infty = 0$).

(H₂) *There exist two constants r_2, R_2 with $0 < r_2 \leq R_2$ such that $f(\zeta, \dots)$, $g(\zeta, \dots)$ and $h(\zeta, \dots)$ are nondecreasing on $[0, R_2]$ for all $\zeta \in [0, 1]$,*

$$f(\zeta, \Upsilon_\alpha r_2, \Upsilon_\alpha r_2) \geq \frac{r_2}{\Upsilon_\alpha^2 \int_\theta^{1-\theta} G_{1\alpha}(\tau) a(\tau) d\tau},$$

$$g(\zeta, \Upsilon_\beta r_2, \Upsilon_\beta r_2) \geq \frac{r_2}{\Upsilon_\beta^2 \int_\theta^{1-\theta} G_{1\beta}(\tau) b(\tau) d\tau},$$

$$h(\zeta, \Upsilon_\gamma r_2, \Upsilon_\gamma r_2) \geq \frac{r_2}{\Upsilon_\gamma^2 \int_\theta^{1-\theta} G_{1\gamma}(\tau) c(\tau) d\tau}$$

and $f(\zeta, R_2, R_2) \leq \frac{R_2}{\sigma_1}$, $g(\zeta, R_2, R_2) \leq \frac{R_2}{\sigma_2}$, $h(\zeta, R_2, R_2) \leq \frac{R_2}{\sigma_3}$ for all $\zeta \in [0, 1]$. Then boundary value problem (2) has at least one positive solution.

Proof. Let T be cone preserving completely continuous that is defined by (4).

Case1. The condition (H_1) holds. Considering $f_0 > \frac{1}{\Upsilon_\alpha^2 \int_\theta^{1-\theta} G_{1\alpha}(\tau)a(\tau)d\tau}$, there exists $r_1 > 0$ such that $f(t, v, v) = (f_0 - \varepsilon_1)v$, for all $t \in [0, 1]$, $v \in [0, r_1]$, where $\varepsilon_1 > 0$, satisfies

$$(f_0 - \varepsilon_1)\Upsilon_\alpha^2 \int_\theta^{1-\theta} G_{1\alpha}(\tau)a(\tau)d\tau \geq 1.$$

Then, for $t \in [0, 1]$, $(u, v, \omega) \in \partial K_{r_1}$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} T_1v(t) &= \int_0^1 G_{1\alpha}(\zeta, \tau)a(\tau)f(\tau, v(\tau), v(\tau))d\tau \\ &\geq \Upsilon_\alpha \int_0^1 G_{1\alpha}(\tau)a(\tau)f(\tau, v(\tau), v(\tau))d\tau \\ &\geq \Upsilon_\alpha \int_0^1 G_{1\alpha}(\tau)a(\tau)(f_0 - \varepsilon_1)v(\tau)d\tau \\ &\geq (f_0 - \varepsilon_1)\Upsilon_\alpha^2 \int_0^1 G_{1\alpha}(\tau)a(\tau)d\tau \|v\| \\ &\geq \|v\|. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we have $T_2\omega(t) \geq \|\omega\|$, $T_3u(t) \geq \|u\|$ that is $(u, v, \omega) \in \partial K_{r_1}$ implies that

$$\|T(u, v, \omega)\| \geq \|(u, v, \omega)\|. \tag{11}$$

On the other hand, for $f^\infty < 1/\sigma_1$, there exists $\bar{R}_1 > 0$ such that $f(t, v, v) = (f_\infty + \varepsilon_2)v$, for $t \in [0, 1]$, $v \in (R_1, +\infty)$, where $\varepsilon_2 > 0$ satisfies $\sigma_1(f^\infty + \varepsilon_2) = 1$. Set $M = \max_{t \in [0, 1], v \in [0, R_1]} f(t, v, v)$, then $f(t, v, v) = M + (f^\infty + \varepsilon_2)v$. Choose $R_1 > \max\{r_1, \bar{R}_1, M\sigma_1(1 - \sigma_1(f^\infty + \varepsilon_2))^{-1}\}$. Then, for $t \in [0, 1]$, $(u, v, \omega) \in \partial K_{R_1}$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} T_1v(t) &= \int_0^1 G_{1\alpha}(\zeta, \tau)a(\tau)f(\tau, v(\tau), v(\tau))d\tau \\ &\leq \int_0^1 G_{1\alpha}(\tau)a(\tau)(M + (f^\infty + \varepsilon_2)v(\tau))d\tau \\ &\leq M \int_0^1 G_{1\alpha}(\tau)a(\tau)d\tau + \int_0^1 G_{1\alpha}(\tau)a(\tau)(f^\infty + \varepsilon_2)d\tau \|v\| \\ &\leq R_1 - \sigma_1(f^\infty + \varepsilon_2)R_1 + (f^\infty + \varepsilon_2)\sigma_1 \|v\| \\ &\leq R_1. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we have $T_3u(t) \leq \|u\|$, $T_2\omega(t) \leq \|\omega\|$ that is $(u, v, \omega) \in \partial K_{R_1}$ implies that

$$\|T(u, v, \omega)\| \leq \|(u, v, \omega)\|. \tag{12}$$

Case2. The condition (H_2) holds. For $(u, v, \omega) \in K$, from the definition of K , we obtain that

$$\min_{t \in J_\theta} u(t) \geq \Upsilon_\alpha \|u\|, \min_{t \in J_\theta} v(t) \geq \Upsilon_\beta \|v\|, \min_{t \in J_\theta} \omega(t) \geq \Upsilon_\gamma \|\omega\|.$$

Therefore, for $(u, v, \omega) \in \partial K_{r_2}$, we have $\|(u, v, \omega)\| = r_2$ for $t \in J_\theta$. From (H_2) , we have

$$\begin{aligned} T_1 v(t) &= \int_0^1 G_{1\alpha}(\zeta, \tau) a(\tau) f(\tau, v(\tau), v(\tau)) d\tau \\ &\geq \Upsilon_\alpha \int_\theta^{1-\theta} G_{1\alpha}(\tau) a(\tau) f(\tau, v(\tau), v(\tau)) d\tau \\ &\geq \Upsilon_\alpha \frac{r_2}{\Upsilon_\alpha \int_\theta^{1-\theta} G_{1\alpha}(\tau) a(\tau) d\tau} \int_\theta^{1-\theta} G_{1\alpha}(\tau) a(\tau) d\tau \\ &= r_2. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we have $T_3 u(t) \geq r_2, T_2 \omega(t) \geq r_2$ that is $(u, v, \omega) \in \partial K_{r_2}$ implies that

$$\|T(u, v, \omega)\| \geq \|(u, v, \omega)\| \tag{13}$$

On the other hand, for $(u, v, \omega) \in \partial K_{R_2}$, we have that $(u, v, \omega) = R_2$ for $t \in [0, 1]$, from (H_2) , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} T_1 v(t) &= \int_0^1 G_{1\alpha}(\zeta, \tau) a(\tau) f(\tau, v(\tau), v(\tau)) d\tau \\ &\leq \Upsilon_\alpha \int_0^1 G_{1\alpha}(\tau) a(\tau) f(\tau, v(\tau), v(\tau)) d\tau \\ &\leq \frac{R_2}{\sigma_1} \Upsilon_\alpha \int_0^1 G_{1\alpha}(\tau) a(\tau) d\tau \\ &= R_2. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we have $T_3 u(t) \leq R_2, T_2 \omega(t) \leq R_2$ that is $(u, v, \omega) \in \partial K_{R_2}$ implies that

$$\|T(u, v, \omega)\| \leq \|(u, v, \omega)\|. \tag{14}$$

Applying Lemma 1.4 to (11) and (12), or (13) and (14), yields that T has a fixed point $(\bar{u}, \bar{v}, \bar{\omega}) \in \bar{K}_{r,R}$ or $(\bar{u}, \bar{v}, \bar{\omega}) \in \bar{K}_{r_i, R_i} (i = 1, 2)$ with $\bar{u}(t) = \Upsilon_\alpha \|u\| > 0, \bar{v}(t) = \Upsilon_\beta \|\bar{v}\| > 0$ and $\bar{\omega}(t) = \Upsilon_\gamma \|\bar{\omega}\| > 0$. Thus it follows that boundary value problems (1.1) has a positive solution $(\bar{u}, \bar{v}, \bar{\omega})$. We complete the proof of Theorem 1.12.

□

Similarly, we have the following result.

Theorem 1.13. *Assume that $(B_1) - (B_3)$ hold. And supposes that the following three conditions are satisfied:*

$$\begin{aligned} (H_3) \quad f^0 &< \frac{1}{\sigma_1} \text{ and } f_\infty > \frac{1}{\Upsilon_\alpha^2 \int_\theta^{1-\theta} G_{1\alpha}(\tau) a(\tau) d\tau} \text{ (particularly, } f^0 = 0 \text{ and } f_\infty = \infty); \\ g^0 &< \frac{1}{\sigma_2} \text{ and } g_\infty > \frac{1}{\Upsilon_\beta^2 \int_\theta^{1-\theta} G_{1\beta}(\tau) b(\tau) d\tau} \text{ (particularly, } g^0 = 0 \text{ and } g_\infty = \infty); \\ h^0 &< \frac{1}{\sigma_3} \text{ and } h_\infty > \frac{1}{\Upsilon_\gamma^2 \int_\theta^{1-\theta} G_{1\gamma}(\tau) c(\tau) d\tau} \text{ (particularly, } h^0 = 0 \text{ and } h_\infty = \infty). \end{aligned}$$

Then boundary value problem (2) has at least one positive solution.

Theorem 1.14. *Assume that $(B_1) - (B_3)$ hold. And supposes that the following two conditions are satisfied:*

$$\begin{aligned}
 (H_4) \quad & f_0 > \frac{1}{\Upsilon_\alpha^2 \int_\theta^{1-\theta} G_{1\alpha}(\tau)a(\tau)d\tau} \text{ and } f_\infty > \frac{1}{\Upsilon_\alpha^2 \int_\theta^{1-\theta} G_{1\alpha}(\tau)a(\tau)d\tau} \\
 & \text{(particularly, } f^0 = f_\infty = \infty\text{);} \\
 & g_0 > \frac{1}{\Upsilon_\beta^2 \int_\theta^{1-\theta} G_{1\beta}(\tau)b(\tau)d\tau} \text{ and } g_\infty > \frac{1}{\Upsilon_\beta^2 \int_\theta^{1-\theta} G_{1\beta}(\tau)b(\tau)d\tau} \\
 & \text{(particularly, } g^0 = g_\infty = \infty\text{);} \\
 & h_0 > \frac{1}{\Upsilon_\gamma^2 \int_\theta^{1-\theta} G_{1\gamma}(\tau)c(\tau)d\tau} \text{ and } h_\infty > \frac{1}{\Upsilon_\gamma^2 \int_\theta^{1-\theta} G_{1\gamma}(\tau)c(\tau)d\tau} \\
 & \text{(particularly, } h^0 = h_\infty = \infty\text{).}
 \end{aligned}$$

(H₅) there exists $b > 0$ such that

$$\max_{\zeta \in [0,1], (u,v,\omega) \in \partial K_b} f(\zeta, u, u) < b/\sigma_1, \quad \max_{\zeta \in [0,1], (u,v,\omega) \in \partial K_b} g(\zeta, v, v) < b/\sigma_2$$

and

$$\max_{\zeta \in [0,1], (u,v,\omega) \in \partial K_b} h(\zeta, \omega, \omega) < b/\sigma_3.$$

Then boundary value problem (2) has at least two positive solutions (u_1, v_1, ω_1) , (u_2, v_2, ω_2) , which satisfy

$$0 < \|(u_1, v_1, \omega_1)\| < b < \|(u_2, v_2, \omega_2)\|. \tag{15}$$

Proof. We consider condition (H₄). Choose r, R with $0 < r < b < R$.

If $f_0 > \frac{1}{\Upsilon_\alpha^2 \int_\theta^{1-\theta} G_{1\alpha}(\tau)a(\tau)d\tau}$, $g_0 > \frac{1}{\Upsilon_\beta^2 \int_\theta^{1-\theta} G_{1\beta}(\tau)b(\tau)d\tau}$ and $h_0 > \frac{1}{\Upsilon_\gamma^2 \int_\theta^{1-\theta} G_{1\gamma}(\tau)c(\tau)d\tau}$, then similar to the proof of (11), we have

$$\|T(u, v, \omega)\| \geq \|(u, v, \omega)\|,$$

for

$$(u, v, \omega) \in \partial K_r. \tag{16}$$

If $f_\infty > \frac{1}{\Upsilon_\alpha^2 \int_\theta^{1-\theta} G_{1\alpha}(\tau)a(\tau)d\tau}$, $g_\infty > \frac{1}{\Upsilon_\beta^2 \int_\theta^{1-\theta} G_{1\beta}(\tau)b(\tau)d\tau}$ and $h_\infty > \frac{1}{\Upsilon_\gamma^2 \int_\theta^{1-\theta} G_{1\gamma}(\tau)c(\tau)d\tau}$, then similar to the proof of (3.6), we have

$$\|T(u, v, \omega)\| \geq \|(u, v, \omega)\|, \quad \text{for } (u, v, \omega) \in \partial K_R. \tag{17}$$

On the other hand, together with (H₅), $(u, v, \omega) \in \partial K_b$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 T_1 v(\zeta) &= \int_0^1 G_{1\alpha}(\zeta, \tau)a(\tau)f(\tau, v(\tau), \omega(\tau))d\tau \\
 &\leq \int_0^1 G_{1\alpha}(\tau)a(\tau)f(\tau, v(\tau), \omega(\tau))d\tau \\
 &< \frac{b}{\sigma_1} \int_0^1 G_{1\alpha}(\tau)a(\tau)d\tau \\
 &= b.
 \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we have $T_3 u(\zeta) < b$, $T_2 \omega(\zeta) < b$, that is $(u, v, \omega) \in \partial K_b$ implies that

$$\|T(u, v, \omega)\| < \|(u, v, \omega)\|. \tag{18}$$

Applying Lemma 1.4 to (16) – (18) yields that T has a fixed point $(u_1, v_1, \omega_1) \in \overline{\partial K}_{r,b}$, and a fixed point $(u_2, v_2, \omega_2) \in \overline{\partial K}_{b,R}$. Thus it follows that boundary value problem (2) has at least two positive solutions (u_1, v_1, ω_1) and (u_2, v_2, ω_2) . Noticing (18), we have $(u_1, v_1, \omega_1) \neq b$ and $(u_2, v_2, \omega_2) \neq b$. Therefore (15) holds, and the proof is complete. \square

Similarly, we have the following results.

Theorem 1.15. *Assume that $(B_1) - (B_3)$ hold. And supposes that the following conditions is satisfied:*

(H_6) $f^0 < 1/\sigma_1$ and $f^\infty < 1/\sigma_1$; $g^0 < 1/\sigma_2$ and $g^\infty < 1/\sigma_2$; $h^0 < 1/\sigma_3$ and $h^\infty < 1/\sigma_3$.

(H_7) there exists $B > 0$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{\zeta \in [0,1], (u,v,\omega) \in \partial K_B} f(\zeta, u, u) &> \frac{B}{\Upsilon_\alpha \int_\theta^{1-\theta} G_{1\alpha}(\tau)a(\tau)d\tau}, \\ \max_{\zeta \in [0,1], (u,v,\omega) \in \partial K_B} g(\zeta, v, v) &> \frac{B}{\Upsilon_\beta \int_\theta^{1-\theta} G_{1\beta}(\tau)b(\tau)d\tau}, \\ \max_{\zeta \in [0,1], (u,v,\omega) \in \partial K_B} h(\zeta, \omega, \omega) &> \frac{B}{\Upsilon_\gamma \int_\theta^{1-\theta} G_{1\gamma}(\tau)c(\tau)d\tau}, \end{aligned}$$

Then boundary value problem (2) has at least two positive solutions (u_1, v_1, ω_1) , (u_2, v_2, ω_2) , which satisfy

$$0 < \|(u_1, v_1, \omega_1)\| < B < \|(u_2, v_2, \omega_2)\|.$$

Theorem 1.16. *Assume that $(B_1) - (B_3)$ hold. If there exist $3l$ positive numbers $d_k, D_k, k = 1, 2, \dots, l$ with*

$$d_1 < \Upsilon_\alpha D_1 < D_1 < d_2 < \Upsilon_\alpha D_2 < D_2 < \dots < d_l < \Upsilon_\alpha D_l < D_l,$$

$$d_1 < \Upsilon_\beta D_1 < D_1 < d_2 < \Upsilon_\beta D_2 < D_2 < \dots < d_l < \Upsilon_\beta D_l < D_l$$

and

$$d_1 < \Upsilon_\gamma D_1 < D_1 < d_2 < \Upsilon_\gamma D_2 < D_2 < \dots < d_l < \Upsilon_\gamma D_l < D_l,$$

such that

(H_8)

$$f(\zeta, u, u) > \frac{d_k}{\Upsilon_\alpha \int_0^1 G_{1\alpha}(\tau)a(\tau)d\tau},$$

for

$$(\zeta, u, u) \in [0, 1] \times [\Upsilon_\alpha d_k, d_k] \times [\Upsilon_\alpha d_k, d_k]$$

and

$$f(\zeta, u, u) = \sigma_1^{-1} D_k$$

for

$$(\zeta, u, u) \in [0, 1] \times [\Upsilon_\alpha D_k, D_k] \times [\Upsilon_\alpha D_k, D_k], k = 1, 2, \dots, l.$$

Also

$$g(\zeta, v, v) > \frac{d_k}{\Upsilon_\beta \int_0^1 G_{1\beta}(\tau)b(\tau)d\tau},$$

for

$$(\zeta, v, v) \in [0, 1] \times [\Upsilon_\beta d_k, d_k] \times [\Upsilon_\beta d_k, d_k]$$

and

$$g(\zeta, v, v) = \sigma_1^{-1} D_k$$

for

$$(\zeta, v, v) \in [0, 1] \times [\Upsilon_\beta D_k, D_k] \times [\Upsilon_\beta D_k, D_k], k = 1, 2, \dots, l.$$

And also

$$h(\zeta, \omega, \omega) > \frac{d_k}{\Upsilon_\gamma \int_0^1 G_{1\gamma}(\tau) c(\tau) d\tau};$$

for

$$(\zeta, \omega, \omega) \in [0, 1] \times [\Upsilon_\gamma d_k, d_k] \times [\Upsilon_\gamma d_k, d_k]$$

and

$$h(\zeta, \omega, \omega) = \sigma_1^{-1} D_k$$

for

$$(\zeta, \omega, \omega) \in [0, 1] \times [\Upsilon_\gamma D_k, D_k] \times [\Upsilon_\gamma D_k, D_k], k = 1, 2, \dots, l.$$

Then boundary value problem (2) has at least l positive solutions (u_k, v_k, ω_k) which satisfy

$$d_k < \|(u_k, v_k, \omega_k)\| < D_k, \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, l.$$

Theorem 1.17. Assume that $(B_1) - (B_3)$ hold. If there exist $3l$ positive numbers $d_k, D_k, k = 1, 2, \dots, l$ with $d_1 < D_1 < d_2 < D_2 < \dots < d_l < D_l$ such that

(H_9) $f(\zeta, \cdot, \cdot), g(\zeta, \cdot, \cdot)$ and $h(\zeta, \cdot, \cdot)$ are nondecreasing on $[0, D_l]$ for all $t \in [0, 1]$.

(H_{10})

$$f(\zeta, \Upsilon_\alpha d_k, \Upsilon_\alpha d_k) \geq \frac{d_k}{\Upsilon_\alpha \int_\theta^{1-\theta} G_{1\alpha}(\tau) a(\tau) d\tau},$$

and

$$f(\zeta, D_k, D_k) \leq \sigma_1^{-1} D_k, k = 1, 2, \dots, l.$$

Also

$$g(\zeta, \Upsilon_\beta d_k, \Upsilon_\beta d_k) \geq \frac{d_k}{\Upsilon_\beta \int_\theta^{1-\theta} G_{1\beta}(\tau) b(\tau) d\tau},$$

and

$$g(\zeta, D_k, D_k) \leq \sigma_1^{-1} D_k, k = 1, 2, \dots, l.$$

And also

$$h(\zeta, \Upsilon_\gamma d_k, \Upsilon_\gamma d_k) \geq \frac{d_k}{\Upsilon_\gamma \int_\theta^{1-\theta} G_{1\gamma}(\tau) c(\tau) d\tau};$$

and

$$h(\zeta, D_k, D_k) \leq \sigma_1^{-1} D_k, k = 1, 2, \dots, l.$$

Then boundary value problem (2) has at least l positive solutions (u_k, v_k, ω_k) which satisfy

$$d_k < \|(u_k, v_k, \omega_k)\| < D_k, \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, l.$$

Now the nonexistence of positive solutions for boundary value problem (2).

Theorem 1.18. Suppose $(B_1) - (B_3)$ hold, $f(\zeta, u, u) < \sigma_1^1 u$, $g(\zeta, v, v) < \sigma_2^1 v$ and $h(\zeta, \omega, \omega) < \sigma_3^1 \omega$ for all $\zeta \in [0, 1]$, $u > 0$, $v > 0$ and $\omega > 0$ then boundary value problem (2) has no positive solution.

Proof. Assume to the contrary that (u, v, ω) is a positive solution of the boundary value problem (2). Then $(u, v, \omega) \in K$, $u > 0$, $v > 0$ and $\omega > 0$ for $\zeta \in [0, 1]$, and

$$\begin{aligned} \|u\| &= \max_{\zeta \in [0,1]} |u(\zeta)| = \max_{\zeta \in [0,1]} \int_0^1 G_{1\alpha}(\zeta, \tau) a(\tau) f(\tau, v(\tau), v(\tau)) d\tau \\ &\leq \int_0^1 G_{1\alpha}(\tau) a(\tau) f(\tau, v(\tau), v(\tau)) d\tau \\ &< \int_0^1 G_{1\alpha}(\tau) a(\tau) \frac{\|v\|}{\sigma_1} d\tau \\ &= \frac{1}{\sigma_1} \int_0^1 G_{1\alpha}(\tau) a(\tau) d\tau \|v\| \\ &= \|v\|. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, $\|v\| < \|u\|$, $\|v\| < \|\omega\|$ and $\|\omega\| < \|v\|$, which is a contradiction, and Theorem is received. □

Theorem 1.19. Assume that $(B_1) - (B_3)$ hold, and

$$\begin{aligned} f(\zeta, u, u) &> \frac{u}{\Upsilon_\alpha^2 \int_\theta^{1-\theta} G_{1\alpha}(\tau) a(\tau) d\tau}, \\ g(\zeta, v, v) &> \frac{v}{\Upsilon_\beta^2 \int_\theta^{1-\theta} G_{1\beta}(\tau) b(\tau) d\tau}, \\ h(\zeta, \omega, \omega) &> \frac{\omega}{\Upsilon_\gamma^2 \int_\theta^{1-\theta} G_{1\gamma}(\tau) c(\tau) d\tau}, \end{aligned}$$

for all $t \in [0, 1]$, $u > 0, v > 0, \omega > 0$, then boundary value problem (2) has no positive solution.

Example 1.20. Consider the system of nonlinear fractional differential equations:

$$\begin{cases} D^{\frac{5}{3}}u(\tau) + \frac{\tau}{1+\tau}|sinv(\tau)| = 0, D^{\frac{3}{2}}v(\tau) + \frac{\tau}{1+\tau}|sin\omega(\tau)| = 0, D^{\frac{4}{3}}\omega(\tau) \\ + \frac{\tau}{1+\tau}|sinu(\tau)| = 0, \quad 0 < \tau < 1, \\ u(0) = 0, u(1) = \int_0^1 \tau u(\tau) d\tau, v(0) = 0, v(1) = \int_0^1 \tau v(\tau) d\tau, \omega(0) = 0, \\ \omega(1) = \int_0^1 \tau \omega(\tau) d\tau. \end{cases} \tag{19}$$

Set $e(\tau), f(\tau), g(\tau) \in [0, +\infty)$ and $\tau \in [0, 1]$, then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{\tau}{1+\tau} |sine(\tau)| - \frac{\tau}{1+\tau} |sinf(\tau)| \right| &\leq \frac{\tau}{1+\tau} |e(\tau) - f(\tau)|, \\ \left| \frac{\tau}{1+\tau} |sinf(\tau)| - \frac{\tau}{1+\tau} |sing(\tau)| \right| &\leq \frac{\tau}{1+\tau} |f(\tau) - g(\tau)|, \\ \left| \frac{\tau}{1+\tau} |sing(\tau)| - \frac{\tau}{1+\tau} |sine(\tau)| \right| &\leq \frac{\tau}{1+\tau} |g(\tau) - e(\tau)|. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}\rho &= \int_0^1 G_{1\alpha}(\tau)a(\tau)m(\tau)d\tau \leq \int_0^1 G_{1\alpha}(\tau)d\tau, \\ \theta &= \int_0^1 G_{1\beta}(\tau)b(\tau)k(\tau)d\tau \leq \int_0^1 G_{1\beta}(\tau)d\tau, \\ \kappa &= \int_0^1 G_{1\gamma}(\tau)c(\tau)n(\tau)d\tau \leq \int_0^1 G_{1\gamma}(\tau)d\tau.\end{aligned}$$

With the use of Theorem 1.4, B.V.P (19) has a unique positive solution.

Example 1.21. Consider the system of nonlinear fractional differential equations:

$$\begin{cases} D^{\frac{5}{3}}u(\tau) + [v(\tau)]^a = 0, D^{\frac{5}{3}}v(\tau) + [\omega(\tau)]^b = 0, D^{\frac{5}{3}}\omega(\tau) + [u(\tau)]^c = 0, \\ 0 < \tau < 1, \\ u(0) = 0, u(1) = \int_0^1 \tau u(\tau)d\tau, v(0) = 0, v(1) = \int_0^1 \tau v(\tau)d\tau, \omega(0) = 0, \\ \omega(1) = \int_0^1 \tau \omega(\tau)d\tau. \end{cases} \quad (20)$$

Let $f(\tau, v, v) = va$, $g(\tau, u, u) = ub$ and $h(\tau, \omega, \omega) = \omega c$, $0 < a, b, c < 1$. It is easy to see that $(B_1) - (B_3)$ hold. By simple computation, we have $f_0 = g_0 = h_0 = \infty$ and $f^\infty = g^\infty = h^\infty = 0$. Thus it follows that problem (20) has a positive solution by (H_1) .

Example 1.22. Consider the system of nonlinear fractional differential equations:

$$\begin{cases} D^{\frac{3}{2}}u(\tau) + [v(\tau)]^{a'} = 0, D^{\frac{3}{2}}v(\tau) + [\omega(\tau)]^{b'} = 0, D^{\frac{3}{2}}\omega(\tau) + [u(\tau)]^{c'} = 0, \\ 0 < \tau < 1, \\ u(0) = 0, u(1) = \int_0^1 \tau u(\tau)d\tau, v(0) = 0, v(1) = \int_0^1 \tau v(\tau)d\tau, \omega(0) = 0, \\ \omega(1) = \int_0^1 \tau \omega(\tau)d\tau. \end{cases} \quad (21)$$

Let $f(\tau, v, v) = va'$, $g(\tau, u, u) = ub'$ and $h(\tau, \omega, \omega) = \omega c'$, $0 < a', b', c' < 1$. It is easy to see that $(B_1) - (B_3)$ hold. By simple computation, we have $f^0 = g^0 = h^0 = 0$ and $f_\infty = g_\infty = h_\infty = \infty$. Thus it follows that problem (21) has a positive solution by (H_3) .

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