



## Existence results and Hyers-Ulam stability to a class of nonlinear arbitrary order differential equations

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### Abstract

This paper is concerned with developing some conditions that reveal existing and stability analysis for solutions to a class of differential equations with fractional order. The required conditions are obtained by applying the technique of degree theory of topological type. The concerned problem is converted to the integral equation and then to operator equation, where the operator is defined by  $T : C[0,1] \rightarrow C[0,1]$ . It should be noted that the assumptions on nonlinear function  $f(t, u(t))$  does not usually ascertain that the operator  $T$  being compact. Moreover, in this paper we also establish some conditions under which the solution of the considered class is Hyers-Ulam stable and also satisfies the conditions of Hyers-Ulam-Rassias and generalized Hyers-Ulam stability. Proper example is provided for the illustration of main results. ©2017 All rights reserved.

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### 1. Introduction and preliminaries

Arbitrary order differential equations have attracted the attentions very well in last few decades. Because, non-integer order differential equations have many applications in various branches of science and engineering such as signal processing, viscoelasticity, biology, physics, chemistry, control theory and stability of networking and modeling of biological phenomenons, etc., for detail see [6, 13, 14, 16, 18]. The qualitative theory devoted to existence of solutions to non-integer order differential equations involving

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boundary conditions has been an active area of research for the last few decades. By using various tools and method of functional analysis and fixed point theory, the concerned theory has been explored very well, for detail see [1, 2, 22, 23]. However, in the mentioned papers, the concerned conditions for existence of solutions required compactness of the operator which restrict the area to some limited classes of fractional differential equations. To relax the conditions, one needs weaker condition for compactness of the operator  $T$ . One such powerful tool is a topological degree theory which was applied by Mawhin [15] and established essential conditions for the solutions of a classical differential and integral equation. Isaia [10] used topological degree method and developed some useful conditions for the existence theory of solutions to some nonlinear integral equations. In 2013, Wang et al. [29], established an existence theory for the solutions to a nonlocal Cauchy problems given below by applying topological degree method

$$\begin{cases} {}^c D^q u(t) - f(t, u(t)) = 0, & t \in [0, T], \\ u(0) - u_0 = g(u), \end{cases}$$

where  ${}^c D^q$  represents the Caputo fractional derivative of order  $q \in (0, 1]$ ,  $u_0 \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $f : I \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is continuous. In 2015, Khan and Shah [12], extended the topological degree method for the following multi-point boundary value problems given as

$$\begin{cases} {}^c D^q u(t) - f(t, u(t)) = 0, & q \in (1, 2], \quad t \in [0, 1], \\ u(0) - g(u) = 0, u(1) - \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \lambda_i u(\eta_i) - h(u) = 0, & \lambda_i, \eta_i \in (0, 1), \end{cases}$$

where  $g, h : ([0, 1], \mathbb{R})$  and  $f \in ([0, 1] \times \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R})$ .

Another aspect of the qualitative theory which is very important from optimization and numerical point of view is devoted to stability analysis of the solutions to differential equations of fractional order. In this regard, Hyers-Ulam type stability for the solutions of differential equations of non-integer order has been introduced in many articles. In 1940, Ulam [26] raised a question that “Under what conditions does there exist an additive mapping near an approximately additive mapping?” This question gave birth to the initiation of the area to investigate stability for functional, integral and differential equations. In this regard Hyers [8] was the first mathematician who answered the Ulam’s question for the additive mapping in complete normed spaces. Latter on, from 1982 to 1998, Rassias [19] developed the conditions under which linear and nonlinear mappings are Hyers-Ulam stable. Jung [11], established Hyers-Ulam stability for nonlinear mapping on a restricted domains. The first author who investigated the Hyers-Ulam stability for linear differential equation in 1997 was Obloza [17]. Now enough literature can be found about the aforesaid area. For classical order differential equations the area has been well studied and plenty of paper can be found on it, few of them we refer in [20, 21, 28, 30]. However for non-integer order differential equations, the area has not yet properly explored and required further exploration. Recently very few articles on Hyers-Ulam stability for the solutions of differential equations of arbitrary order have been published which we refer in [3, 4, 7, 24, 25, 27, 31]. Motivated by the aforesaid work, this article is concerned to investigate existence and stability of solutions for fractional differential equations of arbitrary order which have boundary conditions involving fractional order derivative in the following form

$$\begin{cases} {}^c D^q u(t) = f(t, u(t)), & q \in (1, 2], \quad t \in J = [0, 1], \\ u(0) = \delta {}^c D^p u(\eta) + g(u), \\ u(1) = \lambda {}^c D^p u(\xi) + h(u), & \delta, \lambda, \eta, \xi \in \mathbb{R} \text{ such that } \delta > \lambda, \quad \eta > \xi, \end{cases} \quad (1.1)$$

where  $p \in (0, 1)$  and  $f : J \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is nonlinear continuous function. Further, the nonlocal function defined by  $g, h : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  are also continuous.

Motivated by the aforesaid study, we investigate the concerned stability for the solution of problem (1.1) under consideration. We study different kinds of stability to the proposed problem like Hyers-Ulam

stability, generalized Hyers-Ulam Rassias stability and Rassias stability. Here we remark that the aforesaid stability has not investigated for multi-point boundary value problems involving fractional derivative in their boundary conditions. The whole results are demonstrated by providing a suitable example in the last section of this article.

## 2. auxiliary results and definitions

This section, deal with few basic definitions, lemmas and notations which can be found in [5, 10, 13, 16, 18]. All the continuous functions from  $J \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  form a Banach space endowed with a topological norm  $\|u\|_c = \sup\{|u(t)| : t \in [0, 1]\}$ . This space is denoted by  $\mathcal{B} = C(J, \mathbb{R})$ .

**Definition 2.1.** If  $\phi \in L^1([0, T], \mathbb{R})$ , then the fractional order integral of order  $q \in \mathbb{R}_+$  is defined by

$$I^q \phi(t) = \int_0^t \frac{(t-s)^{q-1}}{\Gamma(q)} \phi(s) ds,$$

provided that the integral on the right side is point wise defined on  $(0, \infty)$ .

**Definition 2.2.** The fractional derivative in the Caputo sense of non-integer order for a function  $\phi(t)$  on  $[0, T]$  is defined by

$${}^c D^q \phi(t) = \int_0^t \frac{(t-s)^{n-q-1}}{\Gamma(n-q)} \phi^{(n)}(s) ds,$$

where  $n - [q] = 1$ , where  $[q]$  is the greatest integer function not greater than  $q$ .

**Theorem 2.3.** The unique solution of the arbitrary order differential equation given below

$${}^c D^q h(t) = 0, \text{ where } q \in (n-1, n],$$

is given by

$$h(t) = d_1 + d_2 t + d_3 t^2 + \cdots + d_n t^{n-1}, \text{ where } d_j \in \mathbb{R}, j = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n.$$

**Theorem 2.4.** The result given below

$$I^q {}^c D^q h(t) = h(t) + d_1 + d_2 t + d_3 t^2 + \cdots + d_n t^{n-1},$$

holds for  $d_j \in \mathbb{R}$ , where  $j = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$ .

We recall the following definitions and results needed in this study from Deimling [5]. Taking a family  $\mathcal{U} \subset P(\mathcal{B})$  of all bounded sets, then the measure of non-compactness of Kuratowski type is recalled below.

**Definition 2.5.** The mapping  $\alpha : \mathcal{U} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  is introduced by

$$\alpha(D) = \inf\{r > 0 : D \text{ insert a finite cover by sets of diameter } \leq r, D \in \mathcal{U}\}.$$

We say that if  $S \subset \mathcal{B}$  and  $\mathfrak{F} : S \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$  is a continuous and bounded function, then  $\mathfrak{F}$  is  $\alpha$ -Lipschitz if we have a constant  $\kappa \geq 0$  for all bounded sets such that

$$\alpha(\mathfrak{F}(S)) \leq \kappa \alpha(S).$$

Further, if  $\kappa < 1$ , then the function  $\mathfrak{F}$  is called strict  $\alpha$ -condensing mapping and we have  $\alpha(\mathfrak{F}(S)) < \alpha(S)$ .

For the aforesaid contraction, we recall some properties without proof.

**Theorem 2.6.** If  $\mathfrak{F}, \mathfrak{G} : S \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$  are  $\alpha$ -Lipschitz with constants  $\kappa, \kappa'$ . The sum of the two operators  $\mathfrak{F} + \mathfrak{G} : S \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$  is also  $\alpha$ -Lipschitz with constant  $\kappa + \kappa'$ .

**Theorem 2.7.** *The mapping  $\mathfrak{G} : \mathcal{S} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$  will be  $\alpha$ -Lipschitz with constant 0, if it is compact.*

**Theorem 2.8.** *Let  $\mathfrak{F} : \mathcal{S} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$  is Lipschitz with constant  $\kappa$ , then it will be  $\alpha$ -Lipschitz with constant  $\kappa$ .*

Let a family of the admissible triplet defined by

$$\mathfrak{J} = \{(I - \mathfrak{T}, \mathcal{S}, u) : \mathcal{S} \subset \mathcal{B} \text{ be open and bounded, } \mathfrak{T} \text{ is } \alpha\text{-condensing, } u \in \mathcal{B} \setminus (I - \mathfrak{T})(\partial\mathcal{S})\}.$$

Then there exists one degree function  $\text{deg} : \mathfrak{J} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$  for which we have the following important result given by Isaia [10].

**Theorem 2.9.** *Let  $\mathfrak{T} : \mathcal{B} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$  be  $\alpha$ -contraction and*

$$\mathcal{U} = \{u \in \mathcal{B} : \text{we have } 0 \leq \lambda \leq 1, \text{ which satisfies the eigenvalues problem } u(t) = \lambda \mathfrak{T}u(t)\}.$$

Consider a bounded set  $\mathcal{U} \subset \mathcal{B}$  such that there exists  $\epsilon > 0$  with  $\mathcal{U} \subset S_\epsilon(0)$ , then

$$\text{deg}(I - \lambda \mathfrak{F}, S_\epsilon(0), 0) = 1, \quad \forall \lambda \in [0, 1].$$

Therefore  $\mathfrak{T}$  keeps at least one fixed point and the set of the fixed points of  $\mathfrak{T}$  lies in  $S_\epsilon(0)$ .

**Definition 2.10.** The class of boundary value problem (1.1) is Hyers-Ulam stable if there exists a real constant  $C_f > 0$ , such that for  $\epsilon > 0$ , and for every solution  $u \in \mathcal{B}$  of the inequality

$$|{}^c D^q u(t) - f(t, u(t))| \leq \epsilon, \quad t \in J, \quad (2.1)$$

there exists a solution  $v \in \mathcal{B}$  of BVP (1.1) with

$$|u(t) - v(t)| \leq C_f \epsilon, \quad t \in J.$$

**Definition 2.11.** The class of boundary value problem (1.1) is generalized Hyers-Ulam stable if one has a function  $\Phi_f \in (\mathbb{R}^+, \mathbb{R}^+)$ , with  $\Phi_f(0) = 0$  such that for every solution  $u \in \mathcal{B}$  of equation (2.1), there exists a solution  $v \in \mathcal{B}$  of BVP (1.1) which satisfies the following inequality:

$$|u(t) - v(t)| \leq \Phi_f(\epsilon), \quad t \in J.$$

**Definition 2.12.** The class of boundary value problem (1.1) is Hyers-Ulam-Rassias stable with respect to  $\psi : J \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ , if there exists a real constant  $C_f > 0$ , such that for every  $\epsilon > 0$ , and for every solution  $u \in \mathcal{B}$  of the inequality

$$|{}^c D^q u(t) - f(t, u(t))| \leq \epsilon \psi(t), \quad t \in J, \quad (2.2)$$

there exists a solution  $v \in \mathcal{B}$  of BVP (1.1) with

$$|u(t) - v(t)| \leq C_f \epsilon \psi(t), \quad t \in J.$$

**Definition 2.13.** The class of boundary value problem (1.1) is generalized Hyers-Ulam-Rassias stable with respect to  $\psi : J \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ , if there exists a real constant  $C_{f,\psi} > 0$  such that for every  $\epsilon > 0$  and for every  $u \in \mathcal{B}$  of the inequality

$$|{}^c D^q u(t) - f(t, u(t))| \leq \psi(t), \quad t \in J,$$

there exists a solution  $v \in \mathcal{B}$  of BVP (1.1) with

$$|u(t) - v(t)| \leq C_{f,\psi} \psi(t), \quad t \in J.$$

### 3. Existence and uniqueness results to BVP (1.1)

**Theorem 3.1.** *Assume that  $y \in ([0, 1], \mathbb{R})$ ,  $\delta > \lambda$ ,  $\eta > \xi$ , are positive real numbers, then the general solution of the boundary value problem*

$$\begin{cases} {}^c D^q u(t) - y(t) = 0, & q \in (0, 1], \quad t \in J = [0, 1], \\ u(0) = \delta {}^c D^p u(\eta) + g(u), \\ u(1) = \lambda {}^c D^p u(\xi) + h(u), & \delta > \lambda, \quad \eta > \xi, \quad 0 < p < 1, \end{cases}$$

is given by

$$u(t) = l(t + m)h(u) + (1 - l(t + m))g(u) + \int_0^1 \mathcal{H}(t, s)y(s)ds, \tag{3.1}$$

such that the Green's function  $\mathcal{H}(t, s)$  is given by

$$\mathcal{H}(t, s) = \begin{cases} -\frac{l(m+t)}{\Gamma_q}(1-s)^{q-1} + \frac{(1-(m+t)l)}{\Gamma(q-p)}\delta(\eta-s)^{q-p-1} \\ \quad + (m+t)\frac{l\lambda}{\Gamma(q-p)}(\xi-s)^{q-p-1} + \frac{1}{\Gamma_q}(t-s)^{q-1}, & 0 < s \leq \min\{t, \xi\} \leq \eta, \\ -\frac{l(m+t)}{\Gamma_q}(1-s)^{q-1} + \frac{(1-(m+t)l)}{\Gamma(q-p)}\delta(\eta-s)^{q-p-1} \\ \quad + (m+t)\frac{l\lambda}{\Gamma(q-p)}(\xi-s)^{q-p-1}, & 0 \leq t < s \leq \xi < \eta, \\ -\frac{l(m+t)}{\Gamma_q}(1-s)^{q-1} + \frac{(1-(m+t)l)}{\Gamma(q-p)}\delta(\eta-s)^{q-p-1}, & 0 \leq \max\{t, \xi\} < s \leq \eta, \\ -\frac{l(m+t)}{\Gamma_q}(1-s)^{q-1} + \frac{(1-(m+t)l)}{\Gamma(q-p)}\delta(\eta-s)^{q-p-1} + \frac{1}{\Gamma_q}(t-s)^{q-1}, & \xi < s \leq \min\{t, \eta\}, \\ \frac{l(m+t)}{\Gamma_q}(1-s)^{q-1} + \frac{1}{\Gamma_q}(t-s)^{q-1}, & \xi < \eta < s \leq t < 1, \\ -\frac{l(m+t)}{\Gamma_q}(1-s)^{q-1}, & \xi < \max\{\eta, t\} < s \leq 1. \end{cases}$$

*Proof.* Consider  ${}^c D^q u(t) = y(t)$ . By the application of Theorem 2.4, we obtain

$$u(t) = d_1 + d_2 t + I^q y(t), \quad \text{and} \quad {}^c D^q u(t) = \frac{d_2 t^{1-p}}{\Gamma(2-p)} + I^{q-p} y(t).$$

Using

$$u(0) = \delta {}^c D^p u(\eta) + g(u),$$

we get

$$d_1 = \frac{\delta \eta^{1-p}}{\Gamma(2-p)} d_2 + \delta I^{q-p} y(\eta) + g(u),$$

and

$$u(1) = \lambda {}^c D^p u(\xi) + h(u),$$

we have

$$d_1 + d_2 + I^q y(1) = \frac{\lambda \xi^{1-p}}{\Gamma(2-p)} d_2 + \lambda I^{q-p} y(\xi) + h(u).$$

Solving for  $d_1$  and  $d_2$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} d_2 &= l(-I^q y(1) - \delta I^{q-p} y(\eta) + \lambda I^{q-p} y(\xi) + h(u) - g(u)), \\ d_1 &= ml I^q y(1) + \delta(1 - ml) I^{q-p} y(\eta) + \lambda ml I^{q-p} y(\xi) + ml h(u) + (1 - ml)g(u), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$0 < l = \frac{1}{\left[1 + \frac{\delta \eta^{1-p} - \lambda \xi^{1-p}}{\Gamma(2-p)}\right]} < 1, \quad \text{and} \quad 0 < m = \frac{\delta \eta^{1-p}}{\Gamma(2-p)} < 1.$$

Therefore

$$u(t) = l(t + m)h(u) + (1 - l(t + m))g(u) - (t + m)\frac{l}{\Gamma(q)} \int_0^1 (1-s)^{q-1} y(s) ds$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + \frac{(1 - (m + t)l)\delta}{\Gamma(q - p)} \int_0^\eta (\eta - s)^{q-p-1} y(s) ds + \frac{(m + t)l\lambda}{\Gamma(q - p)} \int_0^\xi (\xi - s)^{q-p-1} y(s) ds \\
& + \int_0^t \frac{(t - s)^{q-1}}{\Gamma(q)} y(s) ds \\
& = l(m + t)h(u) + (1 - (m + t)l)g(u) + \int_0^1 \mathcal{H}(t, s)y(s) ds,
\end{aligned}$$

where  $\mathcal{H}$  is the Green's function defined in (3.1). □

Hence in view of Theorem 3.1, the solution of our considered class (1.1) can be received as

$$u(t) = l(t + m)h(u) + (1 - l(t + m))g(u) + \int_0^1 \mathcal{H}(t, s)f(s, u(s)) ds,$$

where, the function  $t \rightarrow \int_0^1 |\mathcal{H}(t, s)| ds$  is also continuous on  $J$ . Denoting  $\mathcal{H}^* = \sup_{t \in J} \int_0^1 |\mathcal{H}(t, s)| ds$  for onward computation.

Define the operators

$$\begin{aligned}
F : \mathcal{B} & \rightarrow \mathcal{B}, \text{ by } (Fu)t = l(t + m)h(u) + (1 - l(t + m))g(u), \\
G : \mathcal{B} & \rightarrow \mathcal{B}, \text{ by } (Gu)t = \int_0^1 \mathcal{H}(t, s)f(s, u(s)) ds, \\
T : \mathcal{B} & \rightarrow \mathcal{B}, \text{ by } (Tu)t = (Fu)t + (Gu)t \text{ or } u(t) = (Tu)t.
\end{aligned} \tag{3.2}$$

Thus the solutions of the considered BVP (1.1) are the fixed points of the operator equation (3.2).

To get our main results, we assume the following Lipschitz and growth conditions.

(F<sub>1</sub>) For any  $u, v \in \mathcal{B}$ , with constants  $\kappa_h, \kappa_g \in [0, 1)$  which satisfy

$$|g(u) - g(v)| \leq \kappa_g \|u - v\|_c, \quad \text{and} \quad |h(u) - h(v)| \leq \kappa_h \|u - v\|_c.$$

(F<sub>2</sub>) For any  $u \in \mathcal{B}$  there exist  $C_h, C_g$  and  $M_g, M_h > 0$  such that

$$|g(u)| \leq C_g \|u\|_c^{q_1} + M_g, \quad |h(u)| \leq C_h \|u\|_c^{q_1} + M_h,$$

where  $q_1 \in [0, 1)$ .

(F<sub>3</sub>) For every  $(t, u) \in J \times \mathbb{R}$ , there exist  $C_f, M_f > 0, q_2 \in [0, 1)$ , for which the following relation holds

$$|f(t, u)| \leq C_f |u|^{q_2} + M_f.$$

(F<sub>4</sub>) For any  $u, v \in \mathbb{R}$ , we have some constant  $L_f > 0$  which yields

$$|f(t, u(t)) - f(t, v(t))| \leq L_f |u - v|.$$

**Theorem 3.2.** *The operator  $F$  is Lipschitz with  $\Lambda = \max(\kappa_h, \kappa_g)$  under the hypothesis (F<sub>1</sub>). As a result, the operator  $F$  is  $\alpha$ -Lipschitz with constant  $\Lambda$ . Furthermore the growth condition  $\|Fu\|_c \leq C \|u\|_c^{q_1} + M$  holds for each  $u \in \mathcal{B}$ , where  $C = \max(C_h, C_g)$  and  $M = \max(M_g, M_h)$ .*

*Proof.* Taking  $u, v \in \mathcal{B}$  and considering

$$|Fu(t) - Fv(t)| \leq l(m + 1)|h(u) - h(v)| + (1 - l(m + 1))|g(u) - g(v)|,$$

which implies that

$$\begin{aligned} \|Fu - Fv\|_c &\leq (m + 1)l\kappa_h\|u - v\|_c + (1 - l(m + 1))\kappa_g\|u - v\|_c \\ &\leq \Lambda\|u - v\|_c. \end{aligned}$$

Showing that  $F$  is Lipschitz with constant  $\Lambda$  and also  $\alpha$ -Lipschitz with the same constant  $\Lambda$ . Further, for growth condition, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|Fu\|_c &\leq l(m + 1)|h(u)| + (1 - l(m + 1))|g(u)| \\ &\leq l(m + 1)(C_h\|u\|_c^{q_1} + M_h) + (1 - l(m + 1))(C_g\|u\|_c^{q_1} + M_g) \\ &\leq C\|u\|_c^{q_1} + M. \end{aligned}$$

By this we complete the proof. □

**Theorem 3.3.** *The operator  $G : \mathcal{B} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$  is compact under the hypotheses  $(F_2)$ ,  $(F_3)$ , hence  $\alpha$ -Lipschitz with constant zero. Moreover  $G$  fulfills the growth condition given below*

$$\|Gu\|_c \leq \mathcal{H}^*(C_f\|u\|_c^{q_2} + M_f), \quad q_2 \in [0, 1).$$

*Proof.* In order to prove that  $G$  is compact we first prove that  $G$  is continuous. To derive the continuity of  $G$ . Let us take a sequence  $\{u_n\}$  in set  $B_K = \{\|u\|_c \leq K : u \in \mathcal{B}\} \subseteq \mathcal{B}$  with  $u_n \rightarrow u$ , as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  in  $B_K$ , where  $B_K$  is bounded. Then by continuity of  $f(s, u_n(s)) \rightarrow f(s, u(s))$ ,  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and by  $(F_3)$ ,  $\mathcal{H}(t, s)|f(s, u_n(s)) - f(s, u(s))| \leq \mathcal{H}(t, s)2(C_fK^{q_2} + M_f)$  and the function  $s \rightarrow \mathcal{H}(t, s)2(C_fK^{q_2} + M_f)$  is integrable. From Lebesgue Dominated convergence theorem, one has

$$\|(Gu_n)t - (Gu)t| \leq \int_0^1 |\mathcal{H}(t, s)| |f(s, u_n(s)) - f(s, u(s))| ds \rightarrow 0, \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

To prove  $G(D)$  is bounded for every  $D \subseteq B_K$ , let  $\{u_n\}$  be a sequence in  $D$  then for every  $u_n \in D$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|Gu_n\|_c &\leq \int_0^1 |\mathcal{H}(t, s)| |f(s, u_n(s))| ds \\ &\leq \mathcal{H}^*(C_fK^{q_2} + M_f). \end{aligned}$$

which shows that  $G(D)$  is bounded in  $\mathcal{B}$ . Next, we have to prove that  $\{Gu_n\}$  is equi-continuous. For  $0 \leq t_0 < t_1 \leq 1$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} |(Gu_n)(t_0) - (Gu_n)(t_1)| &= \int_0^1 |\mathcal{H}(t_0, s) - \mathcal{H}(t_1, s)| |f(s, u_n(s))| ds \\ &\leq [C_f\|u_n\|^{q_2} + M_f] \int_0^1 |\mathcal{H}(t_0, s) - \mathcal{H}(t_1, s)| ds \\ &\leq [C_f\|u_n\|^{q_2} + M_f] \left\{ (t_0 - t_1) \frac{l}{\Gamma(q)} \int_0^1 (1 - s)^{q-1} ds \right\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & + (t_1 - t_0) \frac{l}{\Gamma(q-p)} \int_0^\eta (\eta - s)^{q-p-1} ds + (t_1 - t_0) \frac{l\lambda}{\Gamma(q-p)} \int_0^\xi (\xi - s)^{q-p-1} ds \\
 & + \frac{1}{\Gamma(q)} \left[ \int_0^{t_1} (t_1 - s)^{q-1} ds - \int_0^{t_0} (t_0 - s)^{q-1} ds \right] \Big\} \\
 \leq & [C_f \mathcal{K}^{q_2} + M_f] \left\{ (t_0 - t_1) \frac{l}{\Gamma(q+1)} + (t_1 - t_0) \frac{l}{\Gamma(q-p+1)} \eta^{q-p} \right. \\
 & + \frac{(t_1 - t_0)\lambda l}{\Gamma(q-p+1)} \xi^{q-p} \\
 & \left. + \frac{1}{\Gamma(q)} \int_0^{t_0} ((t_0 - s)^{q-1} - (t_1 - s)^{q-1}) ds + \frac{1}{\Gamma(q)} \int_{t_0}^{t_1} (t_1 - s)^{q-1} ds \right\},
 \end{aligned}$$

on simplification, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 |(Gu_n)(t_0) - (Gu_n)(t_1)| \leq & \frac{[C_f \mathcal{K}^{q_2} + M_f]}{\Gamma(q+1)} \left\{ l(t_0 - t_1) + t_0^q - t_1^q + 2(t_1 - t_0)^q \right\} \\
 & + [C_f \mathcal{K}^{q_2} + M_f] \left\{ (t_1 - t_0) \frac{l}{\Gamma(q-p+1)} \eta^{q-p} + \frac{(t_1 - t_0)\lambda l}{\Gamma(q-p+1)} \xi^{q-p} \right\}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.3}$$

As  $t_0 \rightarrow t_1$ , then right hand side of above equation (3.3) goes to 0. Therefore in light of Arzelà Ascoli Theorem,  $G$  is equi-continuous, hence  $G$  is completely continuous. Thus  $G$  is a compact operator. Further in view of Theorem 2.7,  $G$  is  $\alpha$ -Lipschitz with constant zero.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.4.** Under the validity of assumptions  $(F_1)$ - $(F_3)$  and in view of Theorems 3.2 and 3.3, the operator  $T : \mathcal{B} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$  is  $\alpha$ -Lipschitz with constant  $\Lambda$ . Hence  $T$  has at least one fixed point and the set of fixed points is bounded in  $\mathcal{B}$ .

*Proof.* Due to continuity of  $F, G$ , it is obvious that  $T$  is also continuous. Since  $F, G$  are  $\alpha$ -Lipschitz with constant  $\Lambda$  and 0 respectively. Therefore  $T$  is also  $\alpha$ -Lipschitz with the same constant  $\Lambda$ . Further consider the set

$$\mathcal{U} = \{u \in \mathcal{B} : \text{there exists } \lambda \in J \text{ such that } u(t) = \lambda Tu(t)\}.$$

Now to prove that  $\mathcal{U}$  is bounded subset of  $\mathcal{B}$ , we consider  $u \in \mathcal{U}$  with  $u = \lambda Tu$ , for  $0 \leq \lambda \leq 1$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|u\|_c & = \lambda \|Tu\|_c \leq \lambda (\|Fu\|_c + \|Gu\|_c) \\
 & \leq \lambda (C \|u\|_c^{q_1} + M + \mathcal{H}^*(C_f \|u\|_c^{q_2} + M_f)),
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.4}$$

where  $q_1, q_2 \in [0, 1)$ , clearly  $\mathcal{U}$  is bounded if not, let  $\|u\|_c \rightarrow \infty$ , then dividing the inequality (3.4) by  $\|u\|_c$  and taking  $\|u\|_c \rightarrow \infty$ , we get

$$1 \leq \lim_{\|u\|_c \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\lambda (C \|u\|_c^{q_1} + M + \mathcal{H}^*(C_f \|u\|_c^{q_2} + M_f))}{\|u\|_c} = 0,$$

which is contradiction. Consequently the operator  $T$  has at least one fixed point and the set of the fixed points of  $T$  is bounded in  $\mathcal{B}$ . Thus BVP (1.1) has at least one solution in  $\mathcal{U}$  by using Theorem 2.9.  $\square$

*Remark 3.5.* The following concluding remarks are obvious.

- (i) If  $q_1 = 1$  the condition of Theorem 3.3 remains applicable provided  $C < 1$ .
- (ii) If  $q_2 = 1$  the result of Theorem 3.3 holds provided that  $\mathcal{H}^*(C_f \mathcal{K} + M_f) < 1$ .



(iii) If  $q_1 = q_2 = 1$  then the conclusions of Theorem 3.3 remain applicable.

**Theorem 3.6.** Consider that the hypotheses  $(F_1)$ – $(F_4)$  hold. Then the BVP (1.1) has a unique solution with

$$\Upsilon = 2ml\Lambda + (m + 1)\frac{lL_f}{\Gamma(q + 1)} + (1 - ml)\frac{\delta L_f}{\Gamma(q - p + 1)} + (m + 1)\frac{L_f\lambda l}{\Gamma(q - p + 1)} + \frac{L_f}{\Gamma(q + 1)} < 1.$$

*Proof.* Let  $v(t)$  be another solution in  $\mathcal{B}$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} |Tu(t) - Tv(t)| &\leq l(m + 1)|hu(t) - hv(t)| + (1 - ml)|gu(t) - gv(t)| \\ &\quad + (m + 1)\frac{l}{\Gamma(q)} \left| \int_0^1 (1 - s)^{q-1} (f(s, u(s)) - f(s, v(s))) ds \right| \\ &\quad + (1 - ml)\frac{\delta}{\Gamma(q - p)} \left| \int_0^1 (1 - s)^{q-p-1} [f(s, u(s)) - f(s, v(s))] ds \right| \\ &\quad + (m + 1)\frac{\lambda l}{\Gamma(q - p)} \left| \int_0^1 (1 - s)^{q-p-1} [f(s, u(s)) - f(s, v(s))] ds \right| \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{\Gamma q} \left| \int_0^t (t - s)^{q-1} [f(s, u(s)) - f(s, v(s))] ds \right|, \end{aligned}$$

which implies that

$$\begin{aligned} \|Tu - Tv\| &\leq 2ml\Lambda \|u - v\|_c \\ &\quad + \left[ \frac{(m + 1)L_f}{\Gamma(q + 1)} + \frac{(1 - ml)\delta L_f}{\Gamma(q - p + 1)} + \frac{(m + 1)L_f\lambda l}{\Gamma(q - p + 1)} + \frac{L_f}{\Gamma(q + 1)} \right] \|u - v\|_c \\ &= \Upsilon \|u - v\|_c. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, BVP (1.1) has a unique solution. □

#### 4. Stability analysis of the solutions to boundary value problem (1.1)

In this section, we study Hyers-Ulam and generalized Hyers-Ulam, Rassias stabilities for the solutions to the considered class of BVP (1.1) on the same fashion as studied in [9].

**Theorem 4.1.** Under the continuity of  $f$  and assumption  $(F_4)$  with  $L_f \neq \frac{\Gamma(q-p+1)}{2}$ , the solution of the class of BVP (1.1) is Hyers-Ulam stable and consequently, generalized Hyers-Ulam stable.

*Proof.* Let  $u \in \mathcal{B}$  be a solution of (1.1) and  $v \in \mathcal{B}$  be the unique solution of (1.1)

$$\begin{cases} {}^cD^q u(t) = f(t, u(t)), & 1 < q \leq 2, \quad t \in J = [0, 1], \\ u(0) = v(0), \quad u(1) = v(1), \end{cases}$$

where  $0 < p < 1$ ,  $f : J \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . The general solution is given by

$$u(t) = l(t + m)h(v) + (1 - l(t + m))g(v) + \int_0^1 \mathcal{H}(t, s)f(s, v(s)) ds.$$

From which, we have

$$\left| u(t) - \left( l(t + m)h(u) + (1 - l(t + m))g(u) + \int_0^1 \mathcal{H}(t, s)f(s, u(s)) ds \right) \right| \leq \varepsilon.$$

Hence in view of the aforesaid relation, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 |u(t) - v(t)| &= \left| u(t) - \left( l(t+m)h(v) + (1-l(t+m))g(v) + \int_0^1 \mathcal{H}(t,s)f(s,v(s))ds \right) \right| \\
 &\leq \left| u(t) - \left( l(t+m)h(u) + (1-l(t+m))g(u) + \int_0^1 \mathcal{H}(t,s)f(s,u(s))ds \right) \right| \\
 &\quad + \left| \int_0^1 \mathcal{H}(t,s)f(s,u(s))ds - \int_0^1 \mathcal{H}(t,s)f(s,v(s))ds \right| \\
 &\leq \varepsilon + \frac{2L_f|u(t) - v(t)|}{\Gamma(q-p+1)}, \\
 |u(t) - v(t)| &\leq \frac{\varepsilon}{1 - \frac{2L_f}{\Gamma(q-p+1)}} = C_f\varepsilon,
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $L_f \neq \frac{\Gamma(q-p+1)}{2}$ ,  $C_f = \frac{1}{1 - \frac{2L_f}{\Gamma(q-p+1)}}$ .

Therefore solution of the BVP (1.1) is Hyers-Ulam stable. Further by using  $\Phi_f(\varepsilon) = C_f\varepsilon$ ,  $\Phi_f(0) = 0$  implies that solution of (1.1) is generalized Hyers-Ulam stable.  $\square$

**Theorem 4.2.** Assume that  $f$  is continuous and assumption  $(F_4)$  satisfies with  $L_f \neq \frac{\Gamma(q-p+1)}{2}$ . If there exists  $\phi(t) \in C(J, \mathbb{R}^+)$  satisfies (2.2), then the solution of BVP (1.1) is Hyers-Ulam Rassias stable and consequently generalized Hyers-Ulam-Rassias stable.

*Proof.* Let  $u \in \mathcal{B}$  be any solution of (1.1), then

$$\left| u(t) - \left( l(t+m)h(u) + (1-l(t+m))g(u) + \int_0^1 \mathcal{H}(t,s)f(s,u(s))ds \right) \right| \leq \varepsilon\phi(t). \tag{4.1}$$

Therefore in view of relation (4.1), for solution  $v \in \mathcal{B}$ , we impose

$$\begin{aligned}
 |u(t) - v(t)| &= \left| u(t) - \left( l(t+m)h(v) + (1-l(t+m))g(v) + \int_0^1 \mathcal{H}(t,s)f(s,v(s))ds \right) \right| \\
 &\leq \left| u(t) - \left( l(t+m)h(u) + (1-l(t+m))g(u) + \int_0^1 \mathcal{H}(t,s)f(s,u(s))ds \right) \right| \\
 &\quad + \left| \int_0^1 \mathcal{H}(t,s)f(s,u(s))ds - \int_0^1 \mathcal{H}(t,s)f(s,v(s))ds \right| \\
 &\leq \varepsilon\phi(t) + \frac{2L_f|u(t) - v(t)|}{\Gamma(q-p+1)}, \\
 |u(t) - v(t)| &\leq \frac{\varepsilon\phi(t)}{1 - \frac{2L_f}{\Gamma(q-p+1)}} = \phi(t)\varepsilon, \quad L_f \neq \frac{\Gamma(q-p+1)}{2}.
 \end{aligned}$$

So in view of the above result, solution of BVP (1.1) is Hyers-Ulam-Rassias stable. Further on the same fashion, it can be shown that the solution of BVP (1.1) is generalized Hyers-Ulam-Rassias stable.  $\square$

### 5. Example

#### Example 5.1.

$$\begin{cases}
 {}^cD^{\frac{3}{2}}u(t) = \frac{\sin^2 t|u(t)|^{\frac{1}{2}}}{(9 + e^{2t})(1 + |u(t)|^{\frac{1}{2}})}, & t \in [0, 1] \\
 u(0) = \frac{1}{2}D^{\frac{1}{2}}u\left(\frac{3}{10}\right) + \sum_{i=1}^5 \lambda_i|u(t_i)|, \\
 u(1) = \frac{1}{5}D^{\frac{1}{2}}u\left(\frac{1}{5}\right) + \sum_{i=1}^{10} \lambda_i|u(t_i)|, & \sum_{i=1}^{10} \lambda_i < 1, \quad \lambda_i > 0,
 \end{cases} \tag{5.1}$$

Define

$$f(t, u) = \frac{\sin^2 t |u(t)|^{\frac{1}{2}}}{(9 + e^{2t})(1 + |u(t)|^{\frac{1}{2}})}, \quad (t, u) \in [0, 1] \times [0, \infty),$$

$$g(u) = \sum_{i=1}^5 \lambda_i |u(t_i)|, \quad h(u) = \sum_{i=1}^{10} \lambda_i |u(t_i)|.$$

Then

$$|f(t, u)| \leq \frac{1}{10} \frac{|u(t)|^{\frac{1}{2}}}{1 + |u(t)|^{\frac{1}{2}}} \leq \frac{1}{10} |u(t)|^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\leq C_f |u|^{q_2} + M_f,$$

with  $C_f = \frac{1}{10}$ ,  $q_2 = \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $M_f = 0$ , and

$$|g(u)| = \sum_{i=1}^5 \lambda_i |u(t_i)| \leq C_g \|u\|^{q_1} + M_g,$$

with  $C_g = \sum_{i=1}^5 \lambda_i < 1$ ,  $q_1 = 1$ ,  $M_g = 0$ .

Also  $|h(u)| \leq C_h \|u\|^{q_1} + M_h$  with  $C_h = \sum_{i=1}^{10} \lambda_i < 1$ ,  $M_h = 0$ . Further

$$|g(u) - g(v)| \leq \sum_{i=1}^5 \lambda_i \|u - v\| \leq \kappa_g \|u - v\|_c, \quad \kappa_g = \sum_{i=1}^5 \lambda_i < 1,$$

and

$$|h(u) - h(v)| \leq \sum_{i=1}^{10} \lambda_i \|u - v\|_c \leq \kappa_h \|u - v\|_c, \quad \kappa_h = \sum_{i=1}^{10} \lambda_i < 1.$$

Here  $q_1 = 1$  and  $C = \max(C_g, C_h) = \sum_{i=1}^{10} \lambda_i < 1$ .

In view of these quantities and using  $q = \frac{3}{2}$ ,  $p = \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $L_f = \frac{1}{10}$ ,  $\delta = \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\lambda = \frac{1}{5}$ , it is easy to prove that BVP (5.1) has a unique solution by using Theorem 3.6. It is also obvious that the solution of BVP (5.1) is Hyers-Ulam stable, generalized Hyers-Ulam stable and Hyers-Ulam-Rassias stable by using Theorem 4.1 and 4.2 respectively.

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