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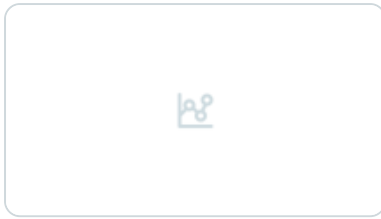
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Abstract

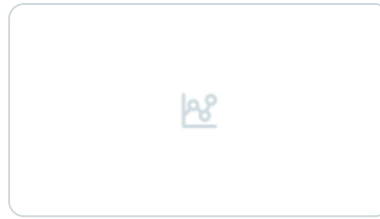
The main aim of this article is to investigate some new sufficient conditions of the existence and uniqueness results of ψ -Hilfer fractional functional differential equations with nonlocal condition and finite delay. Further, Ulam–Hyers–Mittag–Leffler stability of solutions to a proposed problem is discussed. Krasnoselskii fixed point theorem, Picard operator method and Gronwall's inequality lemma are the main tools of our analysis. An illustrative example is provided in support of the results obtained.

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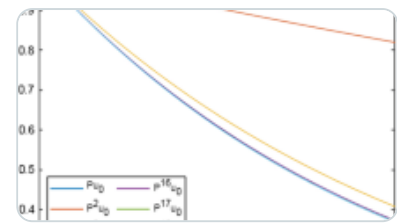
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1 Introduction

Fractional differential equations have recently confirmed to be significant tools in modeling many phenomena in various fields of engineering and science, since their nonlocal property is suitable to describe memory phenomena such as nonlocal elasticity, polymers, propagation in complex medium, biological, electrochemistry, porous media, viscoelasticity, electromagnetics, see [4, 5, 10] and references therein. There has been considerable growth in ordinary and partial differential equations involving Riemann–Liouville, Caputo, and Hilfer fractional derivatives in recent years. For details, we refer the reader to monographs of Kilbas et al. [12], Samko et al. [20], Hilfer [8], and Podlubny [18].

The stability problem related to functional differential equations was originally emerged by Ulam [29, 30]. The Ulam’s problem is given as “under what conditions there exist an additive mapping near an approximately additive mapping”. Hyers [9] answered on Ulam’s question about the additive mapping in Banach spaces and became this type of stability called Ulam–Hyers stability. The concept of Ulam–Hyers Stability was extended via inserting new function variables provided by Rassias [19]. Ulam–stability, Ulam–

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Hyers stability, and Ulam–Hyers–Rassias stability, these labels have become famous today in literature.

Many numbers of research work can be found in the literature that deals with the different types of stabilities such as Ulam–Hyers, generalized Ulam–Hyers, Ulam–Hyers–Rassias and generalized Ulam–Hyers–Rassias of different kinds of classical differential and fractional differential equations. For some results and recent development on these types of stabilities, we refer the reader to a series of papers [[1](#), [7](#), [13](#), [21](#), [32](#)] and the references given therein.

In particular, the Ulam–type stability of delay differential equations was investigated by Otrocol et al. [[17](#)] and Kucche et al. [[13](#)]. In the same context, the Ulam–Hyers–Mittag–Leffler stability of delay fractional differential equations was investigated by Wang et al. [[31](#)], and Liu et al. [[15](#)].

Recently, Sousa and Oliveira [[22](#)] proposed a ψ -Hilfer fractional operator and apply it in improve and extend some previous works dealing with the Hilfer fractional derivative operator, exclusively [[7](#), [8](#)]. The authors in [[24](#)], proposed a generalized Gronwall inequality through the fractional integral with respect to another function in the concept of Hilfer. Also, in [[27](#)] they presented a Leibniz type rule for the ψ -Hilfer fractional derivative operator in two forms.

On the other hand, Teodoro et al. [[28](#)] introduced a systematic classification for fractional calculus due to an increasing number of proposals and definitions of operators in this scope. He considered that many of the definitions that emerged in the literature can not be considered as fractional derivatives. Moreover, the author analyzed a list of expressions to have a general overview of the concept of fractional integrals and derivatives.

For the existence and uniqueness results of different classes of initial value problem for fractional differential equations involving ψ -Hilfer derivative operator, one can see [[2](#), [3](#), [14](#), [16](#), [23](#), [25](#), [26](#)], and the references given therein.

Motivated by the above-mentioned works, in the present paper, using Picard operator method and Gronwall's inequality, we investigate the existence, uniqueness and Ulam–

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Hyers–Mittag–Leffler stability results for ψ -Hilfer fractional functional differential equation

$$(1.1) \quad \begin{cases} {}^H D_{0^+}^{\alpha, \beta; \psi} x(t) = f(t, x(t), x(\mathbf{g}(t))), t \in (0, b] \\ I_{0^+}^{1-\gamma; \psi} x(0^+) = \sum_{i=1}^k c_i x(\tau_i), \quad \tau_i \in (0, b) \\ x(t) = \varphi(t), \quad t \in [-r, 0] \end{cases}$$

where ${}^H D_{0^+}^{\alpha, \beta; \psi}(\cdot)$ is ψ -Hilfer fractional derivative operator of order $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ and type $\beta \in [0, 1]$, $I_{0^+}^{1-\gamma; \psi}(\cdot)$ is ψ -fractional integral in Riemann–Liouville sense of order $1 - \gamma$ ($\gamma = \alpha + \beta(1 - \alpha)$), $0 < \gamma < 1$, $\tau_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, k$ are prefixed points satisfying $0 < \tau_1 \leq \tau_2 \leq \dots \leq \tau_k < b$, and $c_i \in \mathbb{R}$, $\varphi \in C[-r, 0]$, $f : (0, b] \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a given continuous function, and $\mathbf{g} \in C(0, b] \rightarrow [-r, b]$ with $\mathbf{g}(t) \leq t$, $r > 0$.

The main contributions are as follows: In Sect. 2, we recall some notations, definitions, and preliminary facts which are used throughout this paper. In Sect. 3, we obtain the integral equation which is equivalent to the problem (1.1). Moreover, we provide sufficient conditions to guarantee the existence and uniqueness of solutions for the problem (1.1) by means of Banach fixed point theorem, Krasnoselskii fixed point theorem and Picard operator method. Using Gronwall inequality, we prove the Ulam–Hyers–Mittag–Leffler stability of the problem (1.1) in Sect. 4. An illustrative example is given in Sect. 5, and the conclusion is presented in the last Section.

2 Preliminaries

In this section, we recall some basic definitions of the fractional calculus theory which are used throughout this paper. Let $[a, b] \subset \mathbb{R}^+$ with $(0 < a < b < \infty)$, and let $C[a, b]$ be the Banach space of continuous function $\theta : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ with the norm $\|\theta\|_{C[a, b]} = \max\{|\theta(t)| : a \leq t \leq b\}$. The weighted space $C_{1-\gamma; \psi}[a, b]$ of continuous function $\theta : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is defined by (see [22])

$$C_{1-\gamma; \psi}[a, b] = \left\{ \theta : (a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}; [\psi(t) - \psi(a)]^{1-\gamma} \theta(t) \in C[a, b] \right\}.$$

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Obviously, $C_{1-\gamma;\psi}[a, b]$ is a Banach space endowed with the norm

$$\|\theta\|_{C_{1-\gamma;\psi}[a,b]} = \max_{t \in [a,b]} |[\psi(t) - \psi(a)]^{1-\gamma} \theta(t)|.$$

Definition 2.1

(see [11]) Let $\alpha > 0, \beta > 0$. Then the two-parameters Mittag–Leffler function is defined by

$$E_{\alpha,\beta}(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^k}{\Gamma(\alpha k + \beta)}, \quad z \in \mathbb{R}.$$

(2.1)

If $\beta = 1$, the one-parameter Mittag–Leffler function defined by

$$E_{\alpha}(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^k}{\Gamma(\alpha k + 1)}, \quad z \in \mathbb{R}, \alpha > 0.$$

(2.2)

Definition 2.2

(see [22]) Let $\alpha > 0, \theta \in L_1[a, b]$ and $\psi \in C^1[a, b]$ be an increasing function with $\psi'(t) \neq 0$, for all $t \in [a, b]$. Then, the left-sided ψ -Riemann–Liouville fractional integral of a function θ is defined by

$$I_{a^+}^{\alpha,\psi} \theta(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_a^t \psi'(s) (\psi(t) - \psi(s))^{\alpha-1} \theta(s) ds.$$

Definition 2.3

(see [22]) Let $n - 1 < \alpha < n, (n = [\alpha] + 1)$, and $\theta, \psi \in C^n[a, b]$ be two functions

the left-sided ψ -Riemann–

Liouville fractional (ψ -Caputo) derivative of a function θ of order α is defined by

$$D_{a^+}^{\alpha,\psi} \theta(t) = \left(\frac{1}{\psi'(t)} \frac{d}{dt} \right)^n I_{a^+}^{n-\alpha,\psi} \theta(t),$$

and

$${}^C D_{a^+}^{\alpha,\psi} \theta(t) = I_{a^+}^{n-\alpha,\psi} \left(\frac{1}{\psi'(t)} \frac{d}{dt} \right)^n \theta(t),$$

respectively.

Definition 2.4

(see [22]) Let $n - 1 < \alpha < n \in \mathbb{N}$, and $\theta, \psi \in C^n[a, b]$ be two functions such that ψ is increasing and $\psi'(t) \neq 0$, for all $t \in [a, b]$. The left-sided ψ -Hilfer fractional derivative of a function θ of order α and type $0 \leq \beta \leq 1$ is defined by

$$\begin{aligned} {}^H D_{a^+}^{\alpha,\beta,\psi} \theta(t) &= I_{a^+}^{\beta(n-\alpha);\psi} \left(\frac{1}{\psi'(t)} \frac{d}{dt} \right)^n I_{a^+}^{(1-\beta)(n-\alpha);\psi} \theta(t) \\ &= I_{a^+}^{\beta(n-\alpha);\psi} D_{a^+}^{\gamma;\psi} \theta(t), \quad (\gamma = \alpha + n\beta - \alpha\beta). \end{aligned}$$

In particular, if $0 < \alpha < 1$, $0 \leq \beta \leq 1$ and $\gamma = \alpha + \beta - \alpha\beta$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} {}^H D_{a^+}^{\alpha,\beta,\psi} \theta(t) &= I_{a^+}^{\beta(1-\alpha);\psi} \left(\frac{1}{\psi'(t)} \frac{d}{dt} \right) I_{a^+}^{(1-\beta)(1-\alpha);\psi} \theta(t) \\ &= I_{a^+}^{\beta(1-\alpha);\psi} D_{a^+}^{\gamma;\psi} \theta(t). \end{aligned}$$

(2.3)

Now, we introduce the following spaces

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$$C_{1-\gamma;\psi}^{\alpha,\beta}[a,b] = \{x \in C_{1-\gamma;\psi}[a,b], D_{a^+}^{\alpha,\beta;\psi} x \in C_{1-\gamma;\psi}[a,b]\},$$

and

$$C_{1-\gamma;\psi}^{\gamma}[a,b] = \{x \in C_{1-\gamma;\psi}[a,b], D_{a^+}^{\gamma;\psi} x \in C_{1-\gamma;\psi}[a,b]\},$$

(2.4)

we note that $C_{1-\gamma;\psi}^{\gamma}[a,b] \subset C_{1-\gamma;\psi}^{\alpha,\beta}[a,b]$.

Lemma 2.1

(see [22]) Let $\alpha > 0$, $\beta > 0$, $\gamma = \alpha + \beta - \alpha\beta$ and $\theta \in C_{1-\gamma;\psi}^{\gamma}[J, \mathbb{R}]$. Then

$$I_{a^+}^{\gamma;\psi} D_{a^+}^{\gamma;\psi} \theta = I_{a^+}^{\alpha;\psi} {}^H D_{a^+}^{\alpha,\beta;\psi} \theta,$$

and

$$D_{a^+}^{\gamma;\psi} I_{a^+}^{\alpha;\psi} \theta = D_{a^+}^{\beta(1-\alpha);\psi} \theta.$$

Theorem 2.1

(see [22]) Let $\theta \in C^1[a,b]$, $0 < \alpha < 1$ and $0 \leq \beta \leq 1$. Then

$${}^H D_{a^+}^{\alpha,\beta,\psi} I_{a^+}^{\alpha,\psi} \theta(t) = \theta(t).$$

Theorem 2.2

(see [12]) Let $\alpha, \gamma > 0$. Then

$$I_{a^+}^{\alpha,\psi} D_{a^+}^{\alpha,\beta,\psi} I_{a^+}^{\alpha,\psi} \theta(t) = \theta(t) \quad t > a.$$

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Theorem 2.3

(see [22]) Let $0 < \alpha < 1$, $0 \leq \beta \leq 1$, $\theta \in C_{1-\gamma,\psi}[a, b]$ and $I_{a^+}^{1-\gamma;\psi} \theta \in C_{1-\gamma,\psi}^1[a, b]$.

Then we have

$$I_{a^+}^{\gamma;\psi} D_{a^+}^{\gamma,\psi} \theta(t) = \theta(t) - \frac{I_{a^+}^{1-\gamma;\psi} \theta(a)}{\Gamma(\gamma)} (\psi(t) - \psi(a))^{\gamma-1}.$$

Theorem 2.4

(see [22]) Let $0 \leq \gamma < \alpha$ and $\theta \in C_{1-\gamma,\psi}[a, b]$. Then

$$I_{a^+}^{\alpha;\psi} \theta(a) = \lim_{t \rightarrow a^+} I_{a^+}^{\alpha;\psi} \theta(t) = 0.$$

Theorem 2.5

(see [6]) (Krasnoselskii fixed point theorem) Let K be closed, convex, bounded and nonempty subset of a Banach space X and Φ^1, Φ^2 be two operators such that

1. $\Phi^1 u + \Phi^2 v \in X$ for all $u, v \in X$.
2. Φ^1 is compact and continuous.
3. Φ^2 is contraction mapping.

Then there exists $z \in K$ such that $z = \Phi^1 z + \Phi^2 z$.

Definition 2.5

(see [31]) Let (X, d) be a metric space. Now $T : X \rightarrow X$ is a Picard operator if there exists $u^* \in X$ such that $F_T = u^*$ where $F_T = \{u \in X : T(u) = u\}$ is the fixed point set of T , and the sequence $(T^n(u_0))_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ converges to u^* for all $u_0 \in X$.

Lemma 2.2

(see [31]) Let (X, d, \leq) be an ordered metric space, and let $T : X \rightarrow X$ be an increasing

implies $u \leq u_T^*$.

Lemma 2.3

(see [24]) (Generalized Gronwall’s Inequality Lemma) Let $\alpha > 0$ and x, y be two nonnegative function locally integrable on $[a, b]$. Assume that g is nonnegative and nondecreasing, and let $\psi \in C^1[a, b]$ an increasing function such that $\psi'(t) \neq 0$ for all $t \in [a, b]$. If

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) \leq y(t) + g(t) \int_a^t \psi^{\prime}(s) (\psi(t) - \psi(s))^{\alpha - 1} x(s) ds, \quad t \in [a, b]. \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) \leq y(t) + \int_a^t \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\left[g(t) \Gamma(\alpha) \right]^n}{\Gamma(n\alpha)} \psi^{\prime}(s) (\psi(t) - \psi(s))^{\alpha - 1} y(s) ds, \quad t \in [a, b]. \end{aligned}$$

If y be a nondecreasing function on $[a, b]$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) \leq y(t) E_{\alpha} \left\{ g(t) \Gamma(\alpha) \left[\psi(t) - \psi(a) \right]^{\alpha} \right\}, \quad t \in [a, b]. \end{aligned}$$

Lemma 2.4

(see [24]) Let $f: (0, b] \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a continuous function. Then the following problem

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{array}{l} {}^H D_{0^+}^{\alpha, \beta; \psi} x(t) = f(t, x(t)), t \in (0, b] \\ I_{0^+}^{1-\gamma; \psi} x(0) = x_0, \quad \quad \quad \end{array} \end{aligned}$$

is equivalent to integral equation

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) = \frac{(\psi(t) - \psi(0))^{\gamma - 1}}{\Gamma(\gamma)} x_0 + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^t \psi^{\prime}(s) (\psi(t) - \psi(s))^{\alpha - 1} f(s, x(s)) ds. \end{aligned}$$

(2.5)

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3 Main results

In this section, we prove the existence and uniqueness of solution for the problem (1.1).

For our analysis the following hypotheses should be satisfied. (H₁) f:

$(0, b) \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a function such that $f(\cdot, x(\cdot), x(\frac{g}{\Gamma}(\cdot))) \in C_{1-\gamma; \psi}^{\beta(1-\alpha)}[0, b]$ for any $x \in C[-r, b] \cap C_{1-\gamma; \psi}[0, b]$ and $\frac{g}{\Gamma}: (0, b) \rightarrow [-r, b]$ with $\frac{g}{\Gamma}(t) \leq t, r > 0$.

(H₂) There exists $M_f \in (0, \frac{1}{2})$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| f(t, u_1, u_2) - f(t, v_1, v_2) \right| \leq M_f \\ & \left[\left| u_1 - v_1 \right| + \left| u_2 - v_2 \right| \right], \end{aligned}$$

for all $t \in (0, b], u_i, v_i \in \mathbb{R}, i=1, 2$.

(H₃) The following inequality holds

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega := & \frac{2M_f}{B(\gamma, \alpha)} \Gamma(\alpha) \left[\frac{1}{\Gamma(\gamma)} (1-\mu) \sum_{i=1}^k c_i \left(\psi(\tau_i) - \psi(0) \right)^\alpha + \left(\psi(b) - \psi(0) \right)^\alpha \right] < 1, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\mu := \sum_{i=1}^k c_i \frac{(\psi(\tau_i) - \psi(0))^{\gamma-1}}{\Gamma(\gamma)}. \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 3.1

Let $f: (0, b) \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a function satisfies the condition (H₁). Then $x \in C[-r, b] \cap C_{1-\gamma; \psi}^{\gamma}[0, b]$ is a solution of the problem (1.1) if and only if x satisfies the following equation

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$$\begin{aligned} x(t) &= \left\{ \frac{(\psi(t) - \psi(0))^{\gamma-1}}{\Gamma(\gamma)} \frac{1}{(1-\mu)} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{c_k}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^{\tau_k} \psi'(s) (\psi(\tau_k) - \psi(s))^{\alpha-1} f(s, x(s), x(\frac{g}{s})) ds \right. \\ &\quad + \left. \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^t \psi'(s) (\psi(t) - \psi(s))^{\alpha-1} f(s, x(s), x(\frac{g}{s})) ds, \right. \\ &\quad \left. t \in (0, b) \right\} \varphi(t), \quad t \in [-r, 0]. \end{aligned}$$

(3.1)

Proof

According to Lemma 2.4, a solution of the problem (1.1) can be expressed by

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) &= \frac{(\psi(t) - \psi(0))^{\gamma-1}}{\Gamma(\gamma)} I_{0^+}^{1-\gamma} \psi x(0^+) + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^t \psi'(s) (\psi(t) - \psi(s))^{\alpha-1} f(s, x(s), x(\frac{g}{s})) ds, \\ &\quad t \in (0, b]. \end{aligned}$$

(3.2)

Substitute $t = \tau_i$ into Eq. (3.2) and multiplying both sides of Eq. (3.2) by c_i , we get

$$\begin{aligned} c_i x(\tau_i) &= c_i \frac{(\psi(\tau_i) - \psi(0))^{\gamma-1}}{\Gamma(\gamma)} I_{0^+}^{1-\gamma} \psi x(0^+) + \frac{c_i}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^{\tau_i} \psi'(s) (\psi(\tau_i) - \psi(s))^{\alpha-1} f(s, x(s), x(\frac{g}{s})) ds. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we have

$$\begin{aligned} I_{0^+}^{1-\gamma} \psi x(0^+) &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} c_k x(\tau_k), \end{aligned}$$

which implies

$$\begin{aligned} I_{0^+}^{1-\gamma} \psi x(0^+) &= \frac{1}{(1-\mu)} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} c_k x(\tau_k), \end{aligned}$$

$$(\tau_{i})-\psi(s))^{\alpha-1}f(s,x(s),x(\frac{g}{s}))ds. \end{aligned}$$

(3.3)

Substituting Eq. (3.3) into Eq. (3.2), we get

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) &= \frac{(\psi(t)-\psi(0))^{\gamma-1}}{\Gamma(\gamma)} \frac{1}{1-\mu} \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{c_i}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_{0}^{\tau_i} \psi^{\prime}(s) (\psi(\tau_i)-\psi(s))^{\alpha-1} f(s,x(s),x(\frac{g}{s})) ds \\ &+ \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_{0}^t \psi^{\prime}(s) (\psi(t)-\psi(s))^{\alpha-1} f(s,x(s),x(\frac{g}{s})) ds, t \in (0,b]. \end{aligned}$$

(3.4)

For all $t \in [-r, 0]$, we have $x(t) = \varphi(t)$. This means that Eq. (3.1) is satisfied.

Conversely, to prove the sufficient condition, applying $D_{0^+}^{\gamma;\psi}$ on both sides of Eq. (3.4), and using Lemma 2.1, we get

$$\begin{aligned} D_{0^+}^{\gamma;\psi} x(t) &= D_{0^+}^{\beta(1-\alpha);\psi} \psi f\big(t, x(t), x(\frac{g}{t})\big). \end{aligned}$$

(3.5)

By the definition of $C_{1-\gamma;\psi}^{\gamma}[0,b]$ and $x \in C_{1-\gamma;\psi}^{\gamma}[0,b]$, we have $D_{0^+}^{\gamma;\psi} x \in C_{1-\gamma;\psi}^{\beta(1-\alpha)}[0,b]$. Consequently, $D_{0^+}^{\beta(1-\alpha);\psi} f = D_{0^+}^{\beta(1-\alpha);\psi} I_{0^+}^{1-\beta(1-\alpha);\psi} f \in C_{1-\gamma;\psi}^{\beta(1-\alpha)}[0,b]$. For any $f \in C_{1-\gamma;\psi}^{\beta(1-\alpha)}[0,b]$, $t \in [0,b]$, it is obvious that $I_{0^+}^{1-\beta(1-\alpha);\psi} f \in C_{1-\gamma;\psi}^{\beta(1-\alpha)}[0,b]$. Hence f and $I_{0^+}^{1-\beta(1-\alpha);\psi} f$ satisfies the assumptions of Theorem 2.3. Now, multiplying both sides of Eq. (3.5) by $I_{0^+}^{\beta(1-\alpha);\psi}$, using Eq. (2.3) and Theorem 2.3, we can write

$$\begin{aligned} I_{0^+}^{\beta(1-\alpha);\psi} D_{0^+}^{\beta(1-\alpha);\psi} x(t) &= f\big(t, x(t), x(\frac{g}{t})\big) \\ &+ I_{0^+}^{\beta(1-\alpha);\psi} f\big(t, x(t), x(\frac{g}{t})\big) \end{aligned}$$

$$(0, x(0), x(\frac{g}{\Gamma(\beta(1-\alpha))}(\psi(t) - \psi(0)))^{\beta(1-\alpha)-1}. \end{aligned}$$

(3.6)

By Theorem 2.4, we have $I_{0^+}^{1-\beta(1-\alpha)} \psi f \big(0, x(0), x(\frac{g}{\Gamma(\beta(1-\alpha))}(\psi(t) - \psi(0)))^{\beta(1-\alpha)-1} = 0$. Hence Eq. (3.6) reduces to

$$\begin{aligned} {}^H D_{0^+}^{\alpha, \beta; \psi} x(t) &= f \big(t, x(t), x(\frac{g}{\Gamma(\beta(1-\alpha))}(\psi(t) - \psi(0)))^{\beta(1-\alpha)-1}, t \in (0, b]. \end{aligned}$$

Next, multiplying both sides of Eq. (3.4) by $I_{0^+}^{1-\gamma; \psi}$, taking the limit as $t \rightarrow 0^+$ and using Theorem , we get

$$\begin{aligned} I_{0^+}^{1-\gamma; \psi} x(0^+) &= \frac{1}{1-\mu} \sum_{i=1}^k \lim_{c_i \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{c_i}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^{\tau_i} \psi^{\prime}(s) (\psi(\tau_i) - \psi(s))^{\alpha-1} f(s, x(s), x(\frac{g}{\Gamma(\beta(1-\alpha))}(\psi(s) - \psi(0)))^{\beta(1-\alpha)-1}) ds \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^k c_i \frac{(\psi(\tau_i) - \psi(0))^{\gamma-1}}{\Gamma(\gamma)} I_{0^+}^{1-\gamma; \psi} x(0^+) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{c_i}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^{\tau_i} \psi^{\prime}(s) (\psi(\tau_i) - \psi(s))^{\alpha-1} f(s, x(s), x(\frac{g}{\Gamma(\beta(1-\alpha))}(\psi(s) - \psi(0)))^{\beta(1-\alpha)-1}) ds \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^k c_i x(\tau_i). \end{aligned}$$

(3.7)

Thus, the nonlocal boundary condition of the problem (1.1) is satisfied. \square

Theorem 3.2

Assume that (\mathcal{H}_1) , (\mathcal{H}_2) and (\mathcal{H}_3) hold. Then the problem (1.1) has a unique solution in $C[-r, b] \cap C_{1-\gamma; \psi}[0, b]$.

Proof

Define the operator $\mathcal{G}_f: C[-r, b] \rightarrow C[-r, b]$ by

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$$\begin{aligned} \mathscr{G}_f(x)(t) &= \left\{ \frac{(\psi(t) - \psi(0))^{\gamma-1}}{\Gamma(\gamma)} \frac{1}{1-\mu} \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{c_i}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^{\tau_i} \psi^{\prime}(s) (\psi(\tau_i) - \psi(s))^{\alpha-1} f(s, x(s), x(\frac{g}{s})) ds \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^t \psi^{\prime}(s) (\psi(t) - \psi(s))^{\alpha-1} f(s, x(s), x(\frac{g}{s})) ds, \right. \\ &\quad \left. t \in [0, b], \right. \\ &\quad \left. t \in [-r, 0]. \right\} \end{aligned}$$

(3.8)

It is obvious that the operator \mathscr{G}_f is well defined. Clearly, for any continuous function f the operator \mathscr{G}_f is continuous too. Indeed, for each $t, t_0 \in (0, b]$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \mathscr{G}_f(x)(t) - \mathscr{G}_f(x)(t_0) \right| \\ &= \left| \left[\frac{(\psi(t) - \psi(0))^{\gamma-1}}{\Gamma(\gamma)} - \frac{(\psi(t_0) - \psi(0))^{\gamma-1}}{\Gamma(\gamma)} \right] \frac{1}{1-\mu} \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{c_i}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^{\tau_i} \psi^{\prime}(s) (\psi(\tau_i) - \psi(s))^{\alpha-1} f(s, x(s), x(\frac{g}{s})) ds \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^t \psi^{\prime}(s) (\psi(t) - \psi(s))^{\alpha-1} f(s, x(s), x(\frac{g}{s})) ds \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^{t_0} \psi^{\prime}(s) (\psi(t) - \psi(s))^{\alpha-1} f(s, x(s), x(\frac{g}{s})) ds \right| \\ &\rightarrow 0, \text{ as } t_0 \rightarrow t, \end{aligned}$$

and for each $t, t_0 \in [-r, 0]$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \mathscr{G}_f(x)(t) - \mathscr{G}_f(x)(t_0) \right| \\ &= \left| \varphi(t) - \varphi(t_0) \right| \rightarrow 0, \text{ as } t_0 \rightarrow t. \end{aligned}$$

Now, we prove that the operator \mathscr{G}_f is a contraction mapping on $C[-r, b]$ with respect to the norm $\|\cdot\|_{C_{1-\gamma}[\psi; [0, b]]}$.

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$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \mathscr{G}_f(x)(t) - \mathscr{G}_f(x^*)(t) \right| = 0. \\ & \end{aligned}$$

For all $t \in (0, b]$, and for each $x, x^* \in C[-r, b]$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \mathscr{G}_f(x)(t) - \mathscr{G}_f(x^*)(t) \right| \\ & \leq \frac{\left(\psi(t) - \psi(0) \right)^{\gamma-1}}{\Gamma(\gamma)} \frac{1}{1-\mu} \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{c_i}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^{\tau_i} \psi'(s) (\psi(\tau_i) - \psi(s))^{\alpha-1} \left| f(s, x(s), x(\frac{g}{s}) - f(s, x^*(s), x^*(\frac{g}{s})) \right| ds \\ & \leq \frac{1}{\Gamma(\gamma)} \frac{1}{1-\mu} \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{c_i}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^{\tau_i} \psi'(s) (\psi(\tau_i) - \psi(s))^{\alpha-1} \left| f(s, x(s), x(\frac{g}{s}) - f(s, x^*(s), x^*(\frac{g}{s})) \right| ds \\ & \leq \frac{1}{\Gamma(\gamma)} \frac{1}{1-\mu} \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{c_i}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^{\tau_i} \psi'(s) (\psi(\tau_i) - \psi(s))^{\alpha-1} \left(\left| x(s) - x^*(s) \right| + \left| x(\frac{g}{s}) - x^*(\frac{g}{s}) \right| \right) ds \\ & = A_1 + A_2, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} A_1 & := \frac{\left(\psi(t) - \psi(0) \right)^{\gamma-1}}{\Gamma(\gamma)} \frac{1}{1-\mu} \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{c_i}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^{\tau_i} \psi'(s) (\psi(\tau_i) - \psi(s))^{\alpha-1} \left(\psi(s) - \psi(0) \right)^{\gamma-1} \\ & \quad \times \left| \mathscr{M}_f \left(\psi(s) - \psi(0) \right)^{1-\gamma} \left[\left| x(s) - x^*(s) \right| + \left| x(\frac{g}{s}) - x^*(\frac{g}{s}) \right| \right] ds, \end{aligned}$$

and

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$$\begin{aligned} & A_{2.} := \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^t \psi^{\prime}(s) \\ & (\psi(t) - \psi(s))^{\alpha-1} \left(\psi(s) - \psi(0) \right)^{\gamma-1} \mathbb{M}_f \left(\psi(s) - \psi(0) \right)^{1-\gamma} \left[\left| x(s) - x^*(s) \right| + \left| x\left(\frac{g}{s}\right) - x^*\left(\frac{g}{s}\right) \right| \right] ds. \\ & \end{aligned}$$

By Theorem [2.2](#) we conclude that

$$\begin{aligned} A_{1} &= \frac{2 \mathbb{M}_f \mathbb{B}(\gamma, \alpha)}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \frac{\left(\psi(t) - \psi(0) \right)^{\gamma-1}}{\Gamma(\gamma)(1-\mu)} \sum_{i=1}^k c_i \left(\psi(\tau_i) - \psi(0) \right)^{\alpha+\gamma-1} \left| x - x^* \right|_{C_{1-\gamma; \psi} [0, b]}, \\ & \end{aligned}$$

(3.9)

and

$$\begin{aligned} A_{2} &= \frac{2 \mathbb{M}_f \mathbb{B}(\gamma, \alpha)}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \left(\psi(t) - \psi(0) \right)^{\alpha+\gamma-1} \left| x - x^* \right|_{C_{1-\gamma; \psi} [0, b]}, \\ & \end{aligned}$$

(3.10)

where $\mathbb{B}(\gamma, \alpha)$ is Beta function. From Eq. [\(3.9\)](#) and Eq. [\(3.10\)](#), it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \mathbb{G}_f(x)(t) - \mathbb{G}_f(x^*)(t) \right| \\ & \leq \frac{2 \mathbb{M}_f \mathbb{B}(\gamma, \alpha)}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \left(\psi(t) - \psi(0) \right)^{\gamma-1} \frac{1}{\Gamma(\gamma)(1-\mu)} \sum_{i=1}^k c_i \left(\psi(\tau_i) - \psi(0) \right)^{\alpha+\gamma-1} \left| x - x^* \right|_{C_{1-\gamma; \psi} [0, b]}. \\ & \end{aligned}$$

As $0 < \gamma < 1$, then $\frac{\left(\psi(\tau_i) - \psi(0) \right)^{\gamma}}{\psi(\tau_i)}$

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$$\begin{aligned} & \left\| \mathscr{G}_f(x) - \mathscr{G}_f(x^*) \right\|_{C_{1-\gamma}[\psi]([0,b])} \\ & \leq \frac{2\|M\|}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \left[\sum_{i=1}^k c_i \left(\psi(\tau_i) - \psi(0) \right)^\alpha + \left(\psi(b) - \psi(0) \right)^\alpha \right] \left\| x - x^* \right\|_{C_{1-\gamma}[\psi]([0,b])}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, the operator \mathscr{G}_f is a contraction mapping on $C[-r, b]$ with respect to the norm $\|\cdot\|_{C_{1-\gamma}[\psi]([0,b])}$ due to (H_3). As consequence of the Banach fixed point theorem, we conclude that \mathscr{G}_f has a fixed point which is a unique solution of the problem (1.1) in $C[-r, b] \cap C_{1-\gamma}[\psi]([0,b])$. \square

Theorem 3.3

Assume that (H_1) and (H_2) hold. Then the problem (1.1) has at least one solution in $C[-r, b] \cap C_{1-\gamma}[\psi]([0,b])$.

Proof

Define a bounded, closed and convex set B_r in $C_{1-\gamma}[\psi]([0,b])$ as follows

$$B_r = \left\{ x \in C_{1-\gamma}[\psi]([0,b]) : \left\| x \right\|_{C_{1-\gamma}[\psi]([0,b])} \leq r \right\},$$

with $r \geq \frac{W}{1-\Omega}$, $\Omega < 1$ and

$$W := \left\| \widetilde{f} \right\| \frac{\|B\|(\gamma, \alpha)}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \left[\frac{1}{\Gamma(\gamma)(1-\mu)} \sum_{i=1}^k c_i \left(\psi(\tau_i) - \psi(0) \right)^\alpha + \left(\psi(b) - \psi(0) \right)^\alpha \right],$$

where $\widetilde{f}(s) := \sup_{t \in [0,b]} f(s, 0, 0)$. We can analyze \mathscr{G}_f (\cdot) as $\mathscr{G}_f(x) = \Phi^1(x) + \Phi^2(x)$ such that

$$\Phi^1(x) := \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int \end{array} \right. (s), x(\frac{g}{g})$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^t \varphi(t) \varphi(s) ds, \quad t \in [0, b], \quad \varphi(t) \in [-r, 0] \quad \varphi(t) \in [-r, 0] \quad \varphi(t) \in [-r, 0] \quad \varphi(t) \in [-r, 0] \quad \varphi(t) \in [-r, 0] \\ & \varphi(t) \in [-r, 0] \quad \varphi(t) \in [-r, 0] \quad \varphi(t) \in [-r, 0] \quad \varphi(t) \in [-r, 0] \quad \varphi(t) \in [-r, 0] \quad \varphi(t) \in [-r, 0] \quad \varphi(t) \in [-r, 0] \quad \varphi(t) \in [-r, 0] \\ & \varphi(t) \in [-r, 0] \quad \varphi(t) \in [-r, 0] \quad \varphi(t) \in [-r, 0] \quad \varphi(t) \in [-r, 0] \quad \varphi(t) \in [-r, 0] \quad \varphi(t) \in [-r, 0] \quad \varphi(t) \in [-r, 0] \quad \varphi(t) \in [-r, 0] \\ & \varphi(t) \in [-r, 0] \quad \varphi(t) \in [-r, 0] \quad \varphi(t) \in [-r, 0] \quad \varphi(t) \in [-r, 0] \quad \varphi(t) \in [-r, 0] \quad \varphi(t) \in [-r, 0] \quad \varphi(t) \in [-r, 0] \quad \varphi(t) \in [-r, 0] \end{aligned}$$

The proof was divided into several steps.

Step (1) We prove $\Phi^1 x + \Phi^2 y \in B_r$ for every $x, y \in B_r$.

For $t \in (-r, 0]$, we have $|\left(\psi(t) - \psi(0) \right)^{1-\gamma} \left(\Phi^1 x(t) + \Phi^2 y \right) \frac{t}{\Gamma(\alpha)}| \leq |\varphi| \in C_{1-\gamma, \psi}$ which implies

$$\left| \Phi^1 x + \Phi^2 y \right| \in C_{1-\gamma, \psi} \leq r.$$

For $t \in (0, b]$, and $x, y \in B_r$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \left(\psi(t) - \psi(0) \right)^{1-\gamma} \left(\Phi^1 x(t) + \Phi^2 y \right) \frac{t}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \right| \leq \left| \frac{\left(\psi(t) - \psi(0) \right)^{1-\gamma}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^t \psi'(s) \left(\psi(t) - \psi(s) \right)^{\alpha-1} \left[\left| f(s, x(s), x\left(\frac{g}{s}\right)) - f(s, 0, 0) \right| + \left| f(s, 0, 0) \right| \right] ds \right| \\ & \quad + \left| \frac{1}{\Gamma(\gamma)} \frac{1}{(1-\mu)} \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{c_i}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^{\tau_i} \psi'(s) \left(\psi(\tau_i) - \psi(s) \right)^{\alpha-1} \left[\left| f(s, y(s), y\left(\frac{g}{s}\right)) - f(s, 0, 0) \right| + \left| f(s, 0, 0) \right| \right] ds \right| \\ & \quad \leq \frac{\left(\psi(t) - \psi(0) \right)^{1-\gamma}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^t \psi'(s) \left(\psi(t) - \psi(s) \right)^{\alpha-1} \left[\left| f(s, x(s), x\left(\frac{g}{s}\right)) - f(s, 0, 0) \right| + \left| f(s, 0, 0) \right| \right] ds \\ & \quad + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\gamma)} \frac{1}{(1-\mu)} \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{c_i}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^{\tau_i} \psi'(s) \left(\psi(\tau_i) - \psi(s) \right)^{\alpha-1} \left[\left| f(s, y(s), y\left(\frac{g}{s}\right)) - f(s, 0, 0) \right| + \left| f(s, 0, 0) \right| \right] ds \\ & \quad \leq \frac{\left(\psi(t) - \psi(0) \right)^{1-\gamma}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^t \psi'(s) \left(\psi(t) - \psi(s) \right)^{\alpha-1} \left[\left| f(s, x(s), x\left(\frac{g}{s}\right)) - f(s, 0, 0) \right| + \left| f(s, 0, 0) \right| \right] ds \\ & \quad + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\gamma)} \frac{1}{(1-\mu)} \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{c_i}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^{\tau_i} \psi'(s) \left(\psi(\tau_i) - \psi(s) \right)^{\alpha-1} \left[\left| f(s, y(s), y\left(\frac{g}{s}\right)) - f(s, 0, 0) \right| + \left| f(s, 0, 0) \right| \right] ds \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left\| \left\| y(s) \right\| + \left\| y\left(\frac{g}{s}\right) \right\| \right\| + \left\| f(s, 0, 0) \right\| ds \\
& \leq \frac{\Gamma(\gamma)}{\Gamma(\gamma + \alpha)} \left\| \Psi(t) - \Psi(0) \right\|^\alpha \Gamma(\gamma + \alpha) \left\| \left\| \left\| \widetilde{f} \right\| \right\| \right\|_{C_{1-\gamma}, \Psi}[0, b]} + \left\| \left\| \left\| \widetilde{f} \right\| \right\| \right\|_{C_{1-\gamma}, \Psi}[0, b]} \\
& \leq \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha + \gamma)(1 - \mu)} \sum_{i=1}^k c_i \left\| \Psi(\tau_i) - \Psi(0) \right\|^\alpha \left\| \left\| \left\| \widetilde{f} \right\| \right\| \right\|_{C_{1-\gamma}, \Psi}[0, b]} \\
& \leq \frac{\|B\|(\gamma, \alpha)}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \left\| \Psi(t) - \Psi(0) \right\|^\alpha \left\| \left\| \left\| \widetilde{f} \right\| \right\| \right\|_{C_{1-\gamma}, \Psi}[0, b]} \\
& \leq \frac{\|B\|(\gamma, \alpha)}{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\gamma)(1 - \mu)} \sum_{i=1}^k c_i \left\| \Psi(\tau_i) - \Psi(0) \right\|^\alpha \left\| \left\| \left\| \widetilde{f} \right\| \right\| \right\|_{C_{1-\gamma}, \Psi}[0, b]} \\
& \leq \frac{2\|M\|_f \|B\|(\gamma, \alpha)}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \left\| \Psi(t) - \Psi(0) \right\|^\alpha \left\| \left\| \left\| \widetilde{f} \right\| \right\| \right\|_{C_{1-\gamma}, \Psi}[0, b]} \\
& \leq \frac{1}{\Gamma(\gamma)(1 - \mu)} \sum_{i=1}^k c_i \left\| \Psi(\tau_i) - \Psi(0) \right\|^\alpha + \left\| \Psi(b) - \Psi(0) \right\|^\alpha \right\| r \\
& \leq \frac{\|B\|(\gamma, \alpha)}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \left\| \Psi(t) - \Psi(0) \right\|^\alpha \left\| \left\| \left\| \widetilde{f} \right\| \right\| \right\|_{C_{1-\gamma}, \Psi}[0, b]} \\
& \leq \frac{\|B\|(\gamma, \alpha)}{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\gamma)(1 - \mu)} \sum_{i=1}^k c_i \left\| \Psi(\tau_i) - \Psi(0) \right\|^\alpha + \left\| \Psi(b) - \Psi(0) \right\|^\alpha \right\| r \\
& \leq \Omega_{r+W} r. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, we get $\|\Phi^1 x + \Phi^2 y\|_{C_{1-\gamma}, \Psi} \leq r$, that is, $\Phi^1 x + \Phi^2 y \in B_r$.

Step (2) We prove Φ^1 is a continuous in B_r . Let $\{x_n\}_{n \geq 1}^{\infty}$ be a sequence in B_r such that $x_n \rightarrow x$.

For $t \in (-r, 0]$, we have $\left\| \left\| \Psi(t) - \Psi(0) \right\|^{1-\gamma} \left\| \Phi^1 x_n(t) - \Phi^1 x(t) \right\| \right\| = 0 < r$.

For $t \in (0, b]$, we get

$$\left\| \left\| \Psi(t) - \Psi(0) \right\|^{1-\gamma} \left\| \Phi^1 x_n(t) - \Phi^1 x(t) \right\| \right\| \leq \frac{\left\| \Psi(t) - \Psi(0) \right\|^{1-\gamma}}{\Gamma(\gamma)} \left\| \Phi^1 x_n(t) - \Phi^1 x(t) \right\|$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \Gamma(\alpha) \int_0^t \psi'(s) (\psi(t) - \psi(s))^{\alpha-1} ds \\ & \quad \times \left| f(s, x_n(s), x(\frac{g}{s})) - f(s, x(s), x(\frac{g}{s})) \right| ds \\ & \leq \frac{(\psi(t) - \psi(0))^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \frac{\Gamma(\alpha)}{\Gamma(\alpha + \gamma)} \int_0^t |f(\cdot, x_n(\cdot), x(\frac{g}{\cdot})) - f(\cdot, x(\cdot), x(\frac{g}{\cdot}))| ds \\ & \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } x_n \rightarrow x. \end{aligned}$$

Step (3) We prove Φ^1 is compact in B_r .

First, we show that Φ^1 maps bounded sets into equicontinuous sets in B_r . For any $t_1, t_2 \in (-r, 0]$, $t_1 < t_2$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| (\psi(t_2) - \psi(0))^{\alpha-\gamma} \Phi^1 x(t_2) - (\psi(t_1) - \psi(0))^{\alpha-\gamma} \Phi^1 x(t_1) \right| \\ & \leq \left| (\psi(t_2) - \psi(0))^{\alpha-\gamma} \varphi(t_2) - (\psi(t_1) - \psi(0))^{\alpha-\gamma} \varphi(t_1) \right| \\ & \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } t_2 \rightarrow t_1. \end{aligned}$$

For any $t_1, t_2 \in (0, b]$, $t_1 < t_2$ and $x \in B_r$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| (\psi(t_2) - \psi(0))^{\alpha-\gamma} \Phi^1 x(t_2) - (\psi(t_1) - \psi(0))^{\alpha-\gamma} \Phi^1 x(t_1) \right| \\ & \leq \left| \frac{(\psi(t_2) - \psi(0))^{\alpha-\gamma}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^{t_2} \psi'(s) (\psi(t_2) - \psi(s))^{\alpha-1} f(s, x(s), x(\frac{g}{s})) ds \right. \\ & \quad \left. - \frac{(\psi(t_1) - \psi(0))^{\alpha-\gamma}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^{t_1} \psi'(s) (\psi(t_1) - \psi(s))^{\alpha-1} f(s, x(s), x(\frac{g}{s})) ds \right| \\ & \leq \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \left| \int_0^{t_2} \psi'(s) (\psi(t_2) - \psi(s))^{\alpha-1} f(s, x(s), x(\frac{g}{s})) ds \right. \\ & \quad \left. - \int_0^{t_1} \psi'(s) (\psi(t_1) - \psi(s))^{\alpha-1} f(s, x(s), x(\frac{g}{s})) ds \right| \\ & \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } t_2 \rightarrow t_1. \end{aligned}$$

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Next, we show that $\Phi^{\{1\}}$ is uniformly bounded on $B_{\{r\}}$. For $t \in (0, b]$ and $x \in B_{\{r\}}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \left(\psi(t) - \psi(0) \right)^{\{1-\gamma\}} \Phi^{\{1\}} x(t) \right| \\ & \leq \frac{\left(\psi(t) - \psi(0) \right)^{\{1-\gamma\}}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^t \psi^{\prime}(s) \left(\psi(t) - \psi(s) \right)^{\{\alpha-1\}} \left| \left(f(s, x(s), x(\frac{g}{s})) - f(s, 0, 0) + f(s, 0, 0) \right) \right| ds \\ & \leq \frac{\left(\psi(t) - \psi(0) \right)^{\{1-\gamma\}}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^t \psi^{\prime}(s) \left(\psi(t) - \psi(s) \right)^{\{\alpha-1\}} \left[\left(\psi(s) - \psi(0) \right)^{\{1-\gamma\}} \left| f(s, x(s), x(\frac{g}{s})) - f(s, 0, 0) \right| + \left| f(s, 0, 0) \right| \right] ds \\ & \leq \frac{\Gamma(\gamma) \left(\psi(t) - \psi(0) \right)^{\{\alpha\}}}{\Gamma(\gamma + \alpha)} \left\{ 2 \mathscr{M}_{\{f\}} \left| x \right| \right\} + \left\{ \widetilde{f} \right\} \left\{ \mathscr{B} \right\}^{\{\gamma\}} \Gamma(\alpha) \left\{ 2 \mathscr{M}_{\{f\}} r + \left| \widetilde{f} \right| \right\} \left\{ \mathscr{C}_{\{1-\gamma, \psi\}} \right\} \left(\psi(b) - \psi(0) \right)^{\{\alpha\}}. \end{aligned}$$

It follows that

$$\left| \Phi^{\{1\}} x \right| \left\{ \mathscr{C}_{\{1-\gamma, \psi\}} \right\} \leq M_{\{0\}},$$

where $M_{\{0\}} := \frac{\left\{ \mathscr{B} \right\}^{\{\gamma\}} \Gamma(\alpha)}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \left\{ 2 \mathscr{M}_{\{f\}} r + \left| \widetilde{f} \right| \right\} \left\{ \mathscr{C}_{\{1-\gamma, \psi\}} \right\} \left(\psi(b) - \psi(0) \right)^{\{\alpha\}}$.

On the other hand, for $t \in (-r, 0]$, $\varphi \in B_{\{r\}}$, we have

$$\left| \left(\psi(t) - \psi(0) \right)^{\{1-\gamma\}} \Phi^{\{1\}} x(t) \right| \leq \left| \varphi \right| \left\{ \mathscr{C}_{\{1-\gamma, \psi\}} \right\} \leq r.$$

Thus $\Phi^{\{1\}}$ is uniformly bounded on $B_{\{r\}}$. Hence by Arzelà–Ascoli theorem, $\Phi^{\{1\}}$ is compact operator

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Step (4) We prove Φ^2 is a contraction mapping.

According to Theorem 3.2, the operator \mathscr{G}_f is a contraction mapping on $C[-r, b]$ with respect to the norm $\|\cdot\|_{C_{1-\gamma; \psi}[0, b]}$, and hence Φ^2 is a contraction mapping too. By the Krasnoselskii fixed point theorem there exists a fixed point x in B_r , which is a solution of the problem (1.1). \square

4 Ulam–Hyers–Mittag–Leffler stability

In this section, we discuss the Ulam–Hyers–Mittag–Leffler stability of the problem (1.1). The following observations are taken from [15].

Remark 4.1

A function $z \in C[-r, b]$ satisfies the inequality

$$\begin{aligned} \left| {}^H D_{0^+}^{\alpha, \beta, \psi} z(t) - f(s, z(s), z(\tfrac{g}{s}(s))) \right| \leq \varepsilon E_{\alpha}(\psi(t) - \psi(0))^{\alpha}, \quad t \in (0, b), \end{aligned}$$

(4.1)

if and only if there exists a function $\eta \in C[-r, b]$ such that

- $\left| \eta(t) \right| \leq \varepsilon E_{\alpha}(\psi(t) - \psi(0))^{\alpha}, \quad t \in [-r, b];$
- ${}^H D_{0^+}^{\alpha, \beta, \psi} z(t) = f(t, z(t), z(\tfrac{g}{s}(t))) + \eta(t), \quad t \in (0, b).$

Definition 4.1

The problem (1.1) is Ulam–Hyers–Mittag–Leffler stable with respect to $E_{\alpha}(\psi(t) - \psi(0))^{\alpha}$ if there exists $C_{E_{\alpha}} > 0$ such that, for each $\varepsilon > 0$ and each $z \in C[-r, b]$ satisfies the inequality (4.1), there exists a solution $x \in C[-r, b]$ of the problem (1.1) with

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$$\begin{aligned} & \left| z(t) - x(t) \right| \leq C_{E_{\alpha}} \varepsilon E_{\alpha} \left(\psi(t) - \psi(0) \right)^{\alpha}, \quad t \in [-r, b]. \end{aligned}$$

Lemma 4.1

Let $0 < \alpha < 1$, $0 \leq \beta \leq 1$, if a function $z \in C_{1-\gamma, \psi}[0, b]$ satisfies the inequality (4.1), then z satisfies the following integral inequality

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| z(t) - \mathscr{A}_z - \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^t \psi^{\prime}(s) (\psi(t) - \psi(s))^{\alpha-1} f(s, z(s), z(\frac{g}{s})) ds \right| \\ & \leq \varepsilon \left[\left| \frac{1}{(1-\mu)} \right| \frac{\varepsilon}{\Gamma(\gamma)} \sum_{i=1}^k c_i E_{\alpha}(\tau_i - \psi(0))^{\alpha} + E_{\alpha}(\psi(t) - \psi(0))^{\alpha} \right], \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathscr{A}_z := \frac{1}{(1-\mu)} \frac{(\psi(t) - \psi(0))^{\gamma-1}}{\Gamma(\gamma)} \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{c_i}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^{\tau_i} \psi^{\prime}(s) (\psi(\tau_i) - \psi(s))^{\alpha-1} f(s, z(s), z(\frac{g}{s})) ds. \end{aligned}$$

Proof

Indeed by Remark 4.1, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & {}^H D_{0^+}^{\alpha, \beta, \psi} z(t) = f(s, z(s), z(\frac{g}{s})) + \eta(t), \quad t \in (0, b]. \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} & z(t) = \mathscr{A}_z - \frac{1}{(1-\mu)} \frac{(\psi(t) - \psi(0))^{\gamma-1}}{\Gamma(\gamma)} \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{c_i}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^{\tau_i} \psi^{\prime}(s) (\psi(\tau_i) - \psi(s))^{\alpha-1} \eta(s) ds \\ & + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^t \psi^{\prime}(s) (\psi(t) - \psi(s))^{\alpha-1} f(s, z(s), z(\frac{g}{s})) ds \\ & + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^t \psi^{\prime}(s) (\psi(t) - \psi(s))^{\alpha-1} \eta(s) ds. \end{aligned}$$

It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| z(t) - \mathscr{A}_z - \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_{0^+}^t \psi'(s) (\psi(t) - \psi(s))^{\alpha-1} f(s, z(s), z(\frac{g}{s})) ds \right| \\ & \leq \left| \frac{1}{(1-\mu)} \right| \frac{1}{\Gamma(\gamma)} \sum \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{c_k}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_{0^+}^{\tau_k} \psi'(s) (\psi(\tau_k) - \psi(s))^{\alpha-1} |\eta(s)| ds \\ & \quad + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_{0^+}^t \psi'(s) (\psi(t) - \psi(s))^{\alpha-1} |\eta(s)| ds \\ & \leq \left| \frac{1}{(1-\mu)} \right| \frac{\varepsilon}{\Gamma(\gamma)} \sum \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{c_k}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_{0^+}^{\tau_k} \psi'(s) (\psi(\tau_k) - \psi(s))^{\alpha-1} E_{\alpha}(\psi(s) - \psi(0))^{\alpha} ds \\ & \quad + \frac{\varepsilon}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_{0^+}^t \psi'(s) (\psi(t) - \psi(s))^{\alpha-1} E_{\alpha}(\psi(s) - \psi(0))^{\alpha} ds. \end{aligned}$$

By definition of Mittag–Leffler function and Theorem 2.2, we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| z(t) - \mathscr{A}_z - \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_{0^+}^t \psi'(s) (\psi(t) - \psi(s))^{\alpha-1} f(s, z(s), z(\frac{g}{s})) ds \right| \\ & \leq \left| \frac{1}{(1-\mu)} \right| \frac{\varepsilon}{\Gamma(\gamma)} \sum \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} c_k \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\psi(\tau_k) - \psi(0))^{\alpha+k+1}}{\Gamma((k+1)\alpha+1)} + \varepsilon \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\psi(t) - \psi(0))^{\alpha+k+1}}{\Gamma((k+1)\alpha+1)} \\ & \quad + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\gamma)} \sum \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} c_k \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\psi(\tau_k) - \psi(0))^{\alpha+n}}{\Gamma(n\alpha+1)} + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\psi(t) - \psi(0))^{\alpha+n}}{\Gamma(n\alpha+1)} \\ & \leq \varepsilon \left[\left| \frac{1}{(1-\mu)} \right| \frac{1}{\Gamma(\gamma)} \sum \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} c_k E_{\alpha}(\psi(\tau_k) - \psi(0))^{\alpha} + E_{\alpha}(\psi(t) - \psi(0))^{\alpha} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

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the problem (1.1).

Theorem 4.1

Assume that (H_{1}) and (H_{2}) , are satisfied. If

$$2\frac{\|\mathscr{B}\|(\gamma, \alpha)\|\mathscr{M}\|_f}{\Gamma(\alpha)}(\psi(t)-\psi(0))^\alpha < 1. \tag{4.2}$$

Then

$${}^H D_{0^+}^{\alpha, \beta, \psi} x(t) = f(s, x(s), x(\frac{g}{s})), \quad t \in (0, b], \tag{4.3}$$

is Ulam–Hyers–Mittag-Leffler stable.

Proof

Let $\varepsilon > 0$, $z \in C[-r, b] \cap C_{1-\gamma; \psi} \left[0, b \right]$ be a function satisfying the inequality

$$\left| {}^H D_{0^+}^{\alpha, \beta, \psi} z(t) - f(s, z(s), z(\frac{g}{s})) \right| \leq \varepsilon E_\alpha(\psi(t)-\psi(0))^\alpha, \quad t \in (0, b], \tag{4.4}$$

and let $x \in C[-r, b] \cap C_{1-\gamma; \psi} \left[0, b \right]$ be the unique solution of the following problem

$$\begin{aligned} & {}^H D_{0^+}^{\alpha, \beta, \psi} x(t) = f(t, x(t), x(\frac{g}{t})), \quad t \in (0, b] \\ & x(0^+) = I_{0^+}^{1-\gamma; \psi} z(0^+), \quad \text{and} \quad x(t) = z(t), \quad t \in [-r, 0]. \end{aligned}$$

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Now, by using Theorem 3.2, we have

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) = & \left\{ \mathscr{A}_x + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^t \psi'(s) (\psi(t) - \psi(s))^{\alpha-1} f(s, x(s), x(\frac{g}{s})) ds, t \in (0, b] \right\}, \\ & z(t), \quad t \in [-r, 0], \end{aligned}$$

Note that, for all $t \in [-r, 0]$, $|z(t) - x(t)| = 0$. Since $I_{0^+}^{1-\gamma} \psi x(0^+) = I_{0^+}^{1-\gamma} \psi z(0^+)$, we can easily prove that $\mathscr{A}_x = \mathscr{A}_z$. Hence, from (H₂) and Lemma 4.1, then for each $t \in (0, b]$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} |z(t) - x(t)| \leq & \left| z(t) - \mathscr{A}_z - \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^t \psi'(s) (\psi(t) - \psi(s))^{\alpha-1} f(s, z(s), z(\frac{g}{s})) ds \right| \\ & + \left| \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^t \psi'(s) (\psi(t) - \psi(s))^{\alpha-1} f(s, z(s), z(\frac{g}{s})) ds \right. \\ & \left. - \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^t \psi'(s) (\psi(t) - \psi(s))^{\alpha-1} f(s, x(s), x(\frac{g}{s})) ds \right| \\ & \leq \epsilon \left[\left| \frac{1}{(1-\mu)} \right| \frac{1}{\Gamma(\gamma)} \sum_{i=1}^k c_i E_{\alpha}(\psi(\tau_i) - \psi(0))^{\alpha} + E_{\alpha}(\psi(t) - \psi(0))^{\alpha} \right] \\ & + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^t \psi'(s) (\psi(t) - \psi(s))^{\alpha-1} |f(s, z(s), z(\frac{g}{s})) - f(s, x(s), x(\frac{g}{s}))| ds \\ & \leq \epsilon \left[\left| \frac{1}{(1-\mu)} \right| \frac{1}{\Gamma(\gamma)} \sum_{i=1}^k c_i E_{\alpha}(\psi(\tau_i) - \psi(0))^{\alpha} + E_{\alpha}(\psi(t) - \psi(0))^{\alpha} \right] \\ & + \frac{\mathscr{M}_f}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^t \psi'(s) (\psi(t) - \psi(s))^{\alpha-1} |z(s) - x(s)| + |z(\frac{g}{s}) - x(\frac{g}{s})| ds. \end{aligned}$$

(4.5)

Now, for each $y \in C([-r, b], \mathbb{R}^+)$, we define an operator $\mathscr{U}: C([-r, b], \mathbb{R}^+) \rightarrow C([-r, b], \mathbb{R}^+)$ by

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$$\begin{aligned} \mathscr{U}y(t) &= \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \varepsilon \left| \frac{1}{(1-\mu)^k} \frac{1}{\Gamma(\gamma)} \sum_{i=1}^k E_{\alpha}(\tau_i - \psi(0))^{\alpha} + E_{\alpha}(\psi(t) - \psi(0))^{\alpha} \right| \\ + \frac{\mathscr{M}_f}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^t \psi'(s) (\psi(t) - \psi(s))^{\alpha-1} y(s) ds \\ + \frac{\mathscr{M}_f}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^t \psi'(s) (\psi(t) - \psi(s))^{\alpha-1} y(\frac{g}{s}) ds, \end{array} \right. \\ & \quad t \in (0, b], \quad 0, \quad t \in [-r, 0]. \end{aligned}$$

We prove that \mathscr{U} is a Picard operator. Using (H_2) , for $t \in (0, b]$ and $y_1, y_2 \in C([-r, b], \mathbb{R}^+)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \mathscr{U}y_1(t) - \mathscr{U}y_2(t) \right| \leq \frac{\mathscr{M}_f}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^t \psi'(s) (\psi(t) - \psi(s))^{\alpha-1} |y_1(s) - y_2(s)| ds \\ & \quad + \frac{\mathscr{M}_f}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^t \psi'(s) (\psi(t) - \psi(s))^{\alpha-1} |y_1(\frac{g}{s}) - y_2(\frac{g}{s})| ds \\ & \quad \leq \frac{2\Gamma(\gamma + \alpha)}{\Gamma(\gamma + \alpha)} \left| y_1 - y_2 \right|_{C_{1-\gamma, \psi}[0, b]} \\ & \quad = 2 \frac{\mathscr{B}(\gamma, \alpha)}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \left| y_1 - y_2 \right|_{C_{1-\gamma, \psi}[0, b]}, \end{aligned}$$

which implies

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\| \mathscr{U}y_1 - \mathscr{U}y_2 \right\|_{C_{1-\gamma, \psi}[0, b]} \leq 2 \frac{\mathscr{B}(\gamma, \alpha)}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \left\| y_1 - y_2 \right\|_{C_{1-\gamma, \psi}[0, b]}. \end{aligned}$$

By Eq. (4.2) we conclude that \mathscr{U} is a contraction mapping on $C_{1-\gamma, \psi}[-r, b]$ with respect to the norm $\|\cdot\|_{C_{1-\gamma, \psi}[0, b]}$.

According to Banach fixed point theorem, we deduce that \mathscr{U} is a Picard Loading [MathJax]/jax/output/SVG/fonts/TeX/Main/Italic/Main.js $b]$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} y^{*}(t) &= \left(\mathscr{U} y^{*} \right) (t) + \varepsilon \left[\left| \frac{1}{1-\mu} \right| \frac{1}{\Gamma(\gamma)} \sum_{i=1}^k c_i E_{\alpha}(\tau_i) (\psi(\tau_i) - \psi(0))^{\alpha} + E_{\alpha}((\psi(t) - \psi(0))^{\alpha}) \right] \\ &+ \frac{\mathscr{M}_f}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^t \psi'(s) (\psi(t) - \psi(s))^{\alpha-1} y^{*}(s) ds + \frac{\mathscr{M}_f}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^t \psi'(s) (\psi(t) - \psi(s))^{\alpha-1} y^{*}(s) ds \end{aligned}$$

(4.6)

Next, we prove that the solution y^{*} is increasing. Let $\sigma := \min_{s \in (0, b)} \{y^{*}(s) + y^{*}(h(s))\} \in \mathbb{R}_+$, then for all $0 \leq t_1 < t_2 \leq b$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} &y^{*}(t_2) - y^{*}(t_1) \leq \varepsilon \left[E_{\alpha}((\psi(t_2) - \psi(0))^{\alpha}) - E_{\alpha}((\psi(t_1) - \psi(0))^{\alpha}) \right] \\ &+ \frac{\mathscr{M}_f}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^{t_1} \psi'(s) \left[(\psi(t_1) - \psi(s))^{\alpha-1} - (\psi(t_2) - \psi(s))^{\alpha-1} \right] \left[y^{*}(s) + y^{*}(\mathfrak{g}(s)) \right] ds \\ &+ \frac{\mathscr{M}_f}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \psi'(s) (\psi(t_2) - \psi(s))^{\alpha-1} \left[y^{*}(s) + y^{*}(\mathfrak{g}(s)) \right] ds \\ &\geq \varepsilon \left[E_{\alpha}((\psi(t_2) - \psi(0))^{\alpha}) - E_{\alpha}((\psi(t_1) - \psi(0))^{\alpha}) \right] \\ &+ \frac{\mathscr{M}_f \sigma}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} \left[(\psi(t_2) - \psi(0))^{\alpha} - (\psi(t_1) - \psi(0))^{\alpha} + (\psi(t_2) - \psi(t_1))^{\alpha} \right] \\ &> 0. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore y^{*} is increasing, and hence $y^{*}(\mathfrak{g}(t)) \leq y^{*}(t)$ due to $\mathfrak{g}(t) \leq t$, then Eq. (4.6) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} y^{*}(t) &\leq \varepsilon \left[\left| \frac{1}{1-\mu} \right| \frac{1}{\Gamma(\gamma)} \sum_{i=1}^k c_i E_{\alpha}(\tau_i) (\psi(\tau_i) - \psi(0))^{\alpha} + E_{\alpha}((\psi(t) - \psi(0))^{\alpha}) \right] \\ &+ \frac{\mathscr{M}_f}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^t \psi'(s) (\psi(t) - \psi(s))^{\alpha-1} \psi'(s) (\psi(t) - \psi(s))^{\alpha-1} \end{aligned}$$

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Using Lemma 2.3, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} y^{\ast}(t) &\leq \varepsilon \left[\left| \frac{1}{(1-\mu)} \right| \frac{1}{\Gamma(\gamma)} \sum_{i=1}^k c_i E_{\alpha}(\psi(\tau_i) - \psi(0))^{\alpha} + E_{\alpha}((\psi(t) - \psi(0))^{\alpha}) \right] \\ &\quad \times E_{\alpha}(2\mathcal{M}_f \left| \psi(t) - \psi(0) \right|^{\alpha}) \leq \varepsilon \left[\left| \frac{1}{(1-\mu)} \right| \frac{1}{\Gamma(\gamma)} \sum_{i=1}^k c_i E_{\alpha}(\psi(\tau_i) - \psi(0))^{\alpha} + E_{\alpha}((\psi(b) - \psi(0))^{\alpha}) \right] \\ &\quad \times E_{\alpha}(2\mathcal{M}_f \left| \psi(t) - \psi(0) \right|^{\alpha}). \end{aligned}$$

Take $C_{E_{\alpha}} = \left| \frac{1}{(1-\mu)} \right| \frac{1}{\Gamma(\gamma)} \sum_{i=1}^k c_i E_{\alpha}(\psi(\tau_i) - \psi(0))^{\alpha} + E_{\alpha}((\psi(b) - \psi(0))^{\alpha})$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} y^{\ast}(t) &\leq C_{E_{\alpha}} \varepsilon E_{\alpha}(\psi(t) - \psi(0))^{\alpha}. \end{aligned}$$

In particular, if $y = |z - x|$, from inequality (4.5), $y \leq \mathcal{U} y^{\ast}$ and applying the Lemma 2.2, we obtain $y \leq y^{\ast}$, where \mathcal{U} is an increasing Picard operator. As a result, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \left| z(t) - x(t) \right| &\leq C_{E_{\alpha}} \varepsilon E_{\alpha}(\psi(t) - \psi(0))^{\alpha}, \quad t \in [-r, b]. \end{aligned}$$

Thus ${}^H D_{0^+}^{\alpha, \beta} \psi x(t) = f(s, x(s), x(\frac{g}{s}(s)))$, $t \in (0, b]$ is Ulam–Hyers–Mittag–Leffler stable. \square

5 Examples

In this section will give two examples to illustrate our results.

Example 5.1

Consider the following problem

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$$\begin{aligned} & \left\{ \begin{aligned} & ^{H}D_{0^+}^{\frac{1}{3},\frac{2}{3}} \\ & x(t) = \frac{1}{8} \left[\tan^{-1}(x(t)) + \frac{x^2(t-1)}{1+x^2(t-1)} \right] \\ & , t \in (0,1], \quad I_{0^+}^{\frac{5}{9};2} [x(0)] = \frac{2}{3} \\ & x\left(\frac{1}{2}\right), \quad x(t) = e^t, \quad t \in [-1,0], \quad \quad \quad \\ & \quad \end{aligned} \right. \end{aligned}$$

(5.1)

here $\alpha = \frac{1}{3}$, $\beta = \frac{2}{3}$, $\gamma = \alpha + \beta - \alpha\beta = \frac{4}{9}$, $k=1$, $\tau_1 = \frac{1}{2}$, $c_1 = \frac{2}{3}$, $(0,b) = (0,1]$, $\psi(t) = 2^t$, $\mathfrak{g}(t) = t-1$, and $f(t,x(t),x(\mathfrak{g}(t))) = \frac{1}{8} \left[\tan^{-1}(x(t)) + \frac{x^2(t-1)}{1+x^2(t-1)} \right]$. Thus, for all $x, x^* \in \mathbb{R}^+$ and $t \in (0,1]$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| f(t,x(t),x(\mathfrak{g}(t))) - f(t,x^*(t),x^*(\mathfrak{g}(t))) \right| \leq \frac{1}{8} \left| x(t) - x^*(t) \right| + \frac{1}{8} \left| x(\mathfrak{g}(t)) - x^*(\mathfrak{g}(t)) \right|, \end{aligned}$$

Clearly, the conditions (H_1) and (H_2) hold with $\mathscr{M}_f = \frac{1}{8}$, It is easy to check that the inequality in (H_3) also holds. Indeed, by some simple calculations, we get $\mu \simeq 0.91$ and $\Omega \simeq 0.65 < 1$.

Now, all the hypotheses in Theorem 3.2 are satisfied, so the problem (5.1) has a unique solution in $C[-1,1] \cap C_{\frac{5}{9};2}[0,1]$. Finally, we see that the inequality

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| ^{H}D_{0^+}^{\frac{1}{3},\frac{2}{3};2} z(t) - f(t,z(t),z(t-1)) \right| \leq \varepsilon E_{\frac{1}{3}}((2^t - 1)^{\frac{1}{3}}) \end{aligned}$$

is satisfied. Then the Eq. (4.3) is Ulam–Hyers–Mittag-Leffler stable with

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| z(t) - x(t) \right| \mid \leq C_{E_{\frac{1}{3}}} \varepsilon E_{\frac{1}{3}}((2^t - 1)^{\frac{1}{3}}), \quad t \in [-1,1], \end{aligned}$$

where

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$$\begin{aligned} C_{E_{\frac{1}{3}}} &= \left(\frac{1}{0.09} \frac{\Gamma(\frac{4}{9})}{\Gamma(\frac{4}{9})} \frac{2^{\frac{1}{2}} - 1}{2^{\frac{1}{2}} - 1} + E_{\frac{1}{3}}(1)^{\frac{1}{3}} \right) \simeq 11 > 0 \end{aligned}$$

Note that,

$$\begin{aligned} E_{\frac{1}{n}}(z) &= e^{z^n} \left[1 + n \int_0^1 e^{-x^n} \left(\sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \frac{x^{k-1}}{\Gamma(\frac{k}{n})} \right) dx \right], (n \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{1\}). \end{aligned}$$

Example 5.2

Consider the following problem

$$\begin{aligned} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} {}^H D_{0^+}^{\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}}; 2^t x(t) = \frac{1}{4} \left[\cos(2x(t-1)) + \frac{x^2(t)}{1+x^2(t)} \right], t \in \left(0, \frac{1}{4} \right], \\ I_{0^+}^{\frac{1}{3}, 2^t} \left[x(0) \right] = \frac{1}{6} x\left(\frac{1}{5}\right) + \frac{1}{5} x\left(\frac{1}{4}\right), \quad (i=1,2) \\ x(t) = \sin(t), \quad t \in \left[-1, 0 \right], \quad \text{quadr quadr quadr} \end{array} \right. \end{aligned}$$

(5.2)

here $\alpha = \frac{1}{2}$, $\beta = \frac{1}{3}$, $\gamma = \alpha + \beta - \alpha\beta = \frac{2}{3}$, $k=2$, $\tau_1 = \frac{1}{5}$, $\tau_2 = \frac{1}{4}$, $c_1 = \frac{1}{6}$, $c_2 = \frac{1}{5}$, $(0, b) = (0, \frac{1}{4})$, $\psi(t) = 2^t$, $\mathfrak{g}(t) = t-1$, and $f(t, x(t), x(\mathfrak{g}(t))) = \frac{1}{4} \left[\cos(2x(t-1)) + \frac{x^2(t)}{1+x^2(t)} \right]$. Thus, for all $x, x^* \in \mathbb{R}^+$ and $t \in (0, \frac{1}{4})$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left| f(t, x(t), x(\mathfrak{g}(t))) - f(t, x^*(t), x^*(\mathfrak{g}(t))) \right| \leq \frac{1}{4} \left| x(t) - x^*(t) \right| + \frac{1}{4} \left| x(\mathfrak{g}(t)) - x^*(\mathfrak{g}(t)) \right|, \end{aligned}$$

Clearly, the conditions (H_1) and (H_2) hold with $\mathscr{M}_f = \frac{1}{4}$. It is easy to check that the inequality in (H_3)

also holds. Indeed, by some simple calculations, we get $\mu \simeq 0.49$ and Ω

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Since, all the hypotheses in Theorem 3.2 are satisfied, the problem (5.2) has a unique solution in $C[-1, \frac{1}{4}] \cap C_{\frac{1}{2}}; 2^{\{t\}}[0, \frac{1}{4}]$. Finally, we see that the inequality

$$\begin{aligned} \left| {}^H D_{0^+}^{\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}}; 2^{\{t\}} z(t) - f(t, z(t), z(t-1)) \right| \leq \varepsilon E_{\frac{1}{2}}((2^{\{t\}} - 1)^{\frac{1}{2}}) \end{aligned}$$

is satisfied. Then the Eq. (4.3) is Ulam–Hyers–Mittag–Leffler stable with

$$\begin{aligned} \left| z(t) - x(t) \right| \mid \leq C_{E_{\frac{1}{2}}} \varepsilon E_{\frac{1}{2}}((2^{\{t\}} - 1)^{\frac{1}{2}}), \quad t \in \left[-1, \frac{1}{4} \right], \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} C_{E_{\frac{1}{2}}} = & \left(\frac{1}{(1-0.49)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \Gamma\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) \frac{2}{3} E_{\frac{1}{2}} \left(2^{\frac{1}{5}} - 1 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{3}{2} E_{\frac{1}{2}} \left(2^{\frac{1}{4}} - 1 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right) \simeq 2.67 > 0. \end{aligned}$$

6 Conclusion

We have obtained existence, uniqueness and Ulam–Hyers–Mittag–Leffler stability results for the solution of nonlocal Cauchy problem for ψ -Hilfer fractional functional differential equations based on the reduction of fractional differential equations to integral equations. We employed the Picard operator method, fixed point theorems and generalized Gronwall's inequality to obtain our results. We trust the reported results here will have a positive impact on the development of further applications in engineering and applied sciences.

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