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## Positive integrable solutions for nonlinear integral and differential inclusions of fractional-orders

**Abstract.** In this paper we study the global existence of positive integrable solution for the nonlinear integral inclusion of fractional order

$$x(t) \in p(t) + I^\alpha F_1(t, I^\beta f_2(t, x(\varphi(t))), \quad t \in (0, 1).$$

As an application the global existence of the solution for the initial-value problem of the arbitrary (fractional) orders differential inclusion

$$\frac{dx(t)}{dt} \in p(t) + I^\alpha F_1(t, D^\gamma x(t)), \quad a.e \quad t > 0$$

will be studied.

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**1. Introduction.** The existence of integrable solution of the integral inclusion

$$x(t) \in g(t) + I^\alpha F(t, x(\varphi(t))) \quad a.e \text{ on } (0, 1), \quad \alpha \in (0, 1)$$

where  $F$  is lower semicontinuous from  $R$  into  $R$  and  $F(.,.)$  is measurable, has been studied in [6].

Here we are concerned with the functional integral equation

$$(1) \quad x(t) = p(t) + I^\alpha f_1(t, I^\beta f_2(t, x(\varphi(t)))) \quad a.e \text{ on } (0, 1), \quad \alpha, \beta \in (0, 1)$$

and we prove the existence of a positive integrable solution of (1).

As a generalization of our results we study the existence of positive integrable solution of the nonlinear functional integral inclusion

$$(2) \quad x(t) \in p(t) + I^\alpha F_1(t, I^\beta f_2(t, x(\varphi(t)))) \quad a.e \text{ on } (0, 1), \quad \alpha, \beta \in (0, 1)$$

where the set-valued map  $F(t, \cdot)$  is lower semicontinuous from  $R^+$  into  $R^+$  and  $F(\cdot, \cdot)$  is measurable.

Finally, we prove the existence of a nondecreasing solution  $x \in L^1$  of the initial value problem of the differential inclusion of arbitrary (fractional) orders

$$(3) \quad \frac{dx(t)}{dt} \in p(t) + I^\alpha F_1(t, D^\gamma x(t)), \quad a.e \ t > 0$$

with the initial data

$$(4) \quad x(0) = x_0.$$

**2. Preliminaries.** Let  $L^1 = L^1(I)$  be the class of Lebesgue integrable functions on the interval  $I = [a, b]$ ,  $0 \leq a < b < \infty$  and let  $\Gamma(\cdot)$  be the gamma function.

DEFINITION 2.1 The fractional integral of the function  $f(\cdot) \in L^1(I)$  of order  $\alpha \in R^+$  is defined by (cf. [7], [8], [9] and [11])

$$I_a^\alpha f(t) = \int_a^t \frac{(t-s)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} f(s) ds.$$

DEFINITION 2.2 The (Caputo) fractional order derivative  $D^\alpha$ ,  $\alpha \in (0, 1]$  of the absolutely continuous function  $g$  is defined as (see [2], [8], [9] and [11])

$$D_a^\alpha g(t) = I_a^{1-\alpha} \frac{d}{dt} g(t), \quad t \in [a, b].$$

The following two theorems will be needed in the proof of our main result.

THEOREM 2.3 (NONLINEAR ALTERNATIVE OF LERAY-SHAUDER TYPE [4]) *Let  $U$  be an open subset of a convex set  $D$  in a Banach space  $X$ . Assume  $0 \in U$  and  $T \in C(\bar{U}, D)$ . Then either*

(A<sub>1</sub>)  *$T$  has a fixed point in  $\bar{U}$  or*

(A<sub>1</sub>) *there exists  $\gamma \in (0, 1)$  and  $x \in \partial U$  such that  $x = \gamma Tx$ .*

THEOREM 2.4 (KOLMOGOROV COMPACTNESS CRITERION [5]) *Let  $\Omega \subseteq L^p(0, 1)$ ,  $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ . If*

(i)  *$\Omega$  is bounded in  $L^p(0, 1)$  and*

(ii)  *$x_h \rightarrow x$  as  $h \rightarrow 0$  uniformly with respect to  $x \in \Omega$ , then  $\Omega$  is relatively compact in  $L^p(0, 1)$ , where*

$$x_h(t) = \frac{1}{h} \int_0^{t+h} x(s) ds.$$

**3. Main results.** In this section we present our main result by proving the existence of positive solution  $x \in L^1$  for the functional integral equation (1). To facilitate our discussion, let us first state the following assumption:

(i)  $p \in L^1$ .

(ii)  $f_i : (0, 1) \times R^+ \rightarrow R^+$ ,  $i = 1, 2$  satisfy Caratheodory condition i.e  $f_i$  are measurable in  $t$  for any  $x \in R^+$  and continuous in  $x$  for almost all  $t \in (0, 1)$ . There exists two function  $a_i(\cdot) \in L^1$  and two positive constant  $b_i$  such that

$$|f_i(t, x)| \leq a_i(t) + b_i|x|, \quad i = 1, 2 \quad \forall t \in (0, 1) \text{ and } x \in R.$$

(iii)  $\phi : (0, 1) \rightarrow (0, 1)$  is absolutely continuous, and there exists a constant  $M > 0$  such that  $\phi'(t) \geq M$ ,  $\forall t \in (0, 1)$ .

(iv) Assume that every solution  $x(\cdot) \in L^1$  to the equation

$$x(t) = \gamma (p(t) + \int_0^t \frac{(t-s)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} f_1(s, \int_0^s \frac{(s-\tau)^{\beta-1}}{\Gamma(\beta)} f_2(\tau, x(\phi(\tau)))d\tau)ds)$$

$t \in (0, 1)$ ,  $0 < \beta < 1$ ,  $\gamma \in (0, 1)$ , satisfies  $\|x\| \neq r$  ( $r > 0$  is arbitrary but fixed).

Define the operator  $T$

$$(5) \quad Tx(t) = p(t) + \int_0^t \frac{(t-s)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} f_1(s, \int_0^s \frac{(s-\tau)^{\beta-1}}{\Gamma(\beta)} f_2(\tau, x(\phi(\tau)))d\tau)ds, \quad t \in [0, 1],$$

Now, we are in position to formulate and prove our main result.

**THEOREM 3.1** *Let the assumptions (i)-(iv) are satisfied. Then equation (1) has at least one positive solution  $x \in L_1$*

**PROOF** Let  $x$  be an arbitrary element in the open set  $B_r = \{x : \|x\| < r, r > 0\}$ .

Then from assumptions (1) and (2) we have,

$$\begin{aligned}
\|Tx\| &= \int_0^1 |(Tx)(t)| dt \leq \int_0^1 |p(t)| dt \\
&+ \int_0^1 \int_0^t \frac{(t-s)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} |f_1(s, \int_0^s \frac{(s-\tau)^{\beta-1}}{\Gamma(\beta)} f_2(\tau, x(\varphi(\tau))) d\tau)| ds dt \\
&\leq \int_0^1 |p(t)| dt + \int_0^1 \int_0^t \frac{(t-s)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} a_1(s) ds dt \\
&+ b_1 \int_0^1 \int_0^t \frac{(t-s)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^s \frac{(s-\tau)^{\beta-1}}{\Gamma(\beta)} |f_2(\tau, x(\varphi(\tau)))| d\tau ds dt \\
&\leq \|p\| + \int_0^1 |a_1(s)| \int_s^1 \frac{(t-s)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} dt ds \\
&+ b_1 \int_0^1 \int_0^t \frac{(t-s)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^s \frac{(s-\tau)^{\beta-1}}{\Gamma(\beta)} a_2(\tau) d\tau ds dt \\
&+ b_1 b_2 \int_0^1 \int_0^t \frac{(t-s)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^s \frac{(s-\tau)^{\beta-1}}{\Gamma(\beta)} |x(\varphi(\tau))| d\tau ds dt \\
&\leq \|p\| + \int_0^1 |a_1(s)| \frac{t^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} ds + b_1 \int_0^1 I^{\alpha+\beta} a_2(t) dt \\
&+ b_1 b_2 \int_0^1 I^{\alpha+\beta} |x(\varphi(t))| dt \\
&\leq \|p\| + \int_0^1 |a_1(s)| \frac{t^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} ds + b_1 \int_0^1 \int_0^t \frac{(t-s)^{\alpha+\beta-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta)} |a_2(s)| ds dt \\
&+ b_1 b_2 \int_0^1 \int_0^t \frac{(t-s)^{\alpha+\beta-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta)} |x(\varphi(s))| ds dt \\
&\leq \|p\| + \frac{\|a_1\|}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} + b_1 \int_0^1 |a_2(s)| \int_s^1 \frac{(t-s)^{\alpha+\beta-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta)} dt ds \\
&+ b_1 b_2 \int_0^1 |x(\varphi(s))| \int_s^1 \frac{(t-s)^{\alpha+\beta-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta)} dt ds \\
&\leq \|p\| + \frac{\|a_1\|}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} + b_1 \int_0^1 |a_2(s)| \frac{t^{\alpha+\beta}}{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta+1)} ds \\
&+ b_1 b_2 \int_0^1 |x(\varphi(s))| \frac{t^{\alpha+\beta}}{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta+1)} ds \\
&\leq \|p\| + \frac{\|a_1\|}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} + b_1 \frac{\|a_2\|}{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta+1)} + \frac{b_1 b_2}{M\Gamma(\alpha+\beta+1)} \int_0^1 |x(\varphi(s))| \varphi'(s) ds \\
&\leq \|p\| + \frac{\|a_1\|}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} + \frac{b_1 \|a_2\|}{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta+1)} + \frac{b_1 b_2}{M\Gamma(\alpha+\beta+1)} \int_{\varphi(0)}^{\varphi(1)} |x(\varphi(u))| du \\
&\leq \|p\| + \frac{\|a_1\|}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} + \frac{b_1 \|a_2\|}{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta+1)} + \frac{b_1 b_2}{M\Gamma(\alpha+\beta+1)} \int_0^1 |x(u)| du \\
&\leq \|p\| + \frac{\|a_1\|}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} + \frac{b_1 \|a_2\|}{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta+1)} + \frac{b_1 b_2 \|x\|}{M\Gamma(\alpha+\beta+1)} .
\end{aligned}$$

Hence the above inequality means that the operator  $T$  maps  $B_r$  into  $L^1$ .

Now, we will show that  $T$  is compact. To achieve this goal we will apply Theorem 2.4. So, let  $\Omega$  be a subset of  $B_r$ . Then  $T(\Omega)$  is bounded in  $L^1$  i.e condition (i) of Theorem 2.4 is satisfied.

It remains to show that  $(Tx)_h \rightarrow Tx$  in  $L^1$  as  $h \rightarrow 0$  uniformly with respect to  $Tx \in \Omega$ . We have the following :

$$\begin{aligned} \|(Tx)_h - (Tx)\| &= \int_0^1 |(Tx)_h(t) - (Tx)(t)| dt \\ &= \int_0^1 \left| \frac{1}{h} \int_t^{t+h} (Tx)_h(\tau) d\tau - (Tx)(t) \right| dt \\ &= \int_0^1 \left| \frac{1}{h} \int_t^{t+h} ((Tx)_h(\tau) - (Tx)(t)) d\tau \right| dt \\ &\leq \int_0^1 \left( \frac{1}{h} \int_t^{t+h} |p(\tau) - p(t)| d\tau \right) \\ &\quad + \int_0^1 \frac{1}{h} \int_t^{t+h} |I^\alpha f_1(\tau, I^\beta f_2(\tau, x(\varphi(\tau))) \\ &\quad - I^\alpha f_1(t, I^\beta f_2(t, x(\varphi(t))))| d\tau dt. \end{aligned}$$

Now  $f_1, f_2 \in L^1$  and  $I^\alpha f_1, I^\beta f_2 \in L^1$ , then (cf. [12] )

$$\frac{1}{h} \int_t^{t+h} |I^\alpha f_1(\tau, I^\beta f_2(\tau, x(\varphi(\tau))) - I^\alpha f_1(t, I^\beta f_2(t, x(\varphi(t))))| d\tau dt \rightarrow 0.$$

Moreover  $p(\cdot) \in L^1$ . So, we have

$$\frac{1}{h} \int_t^{t+h} |p(\tau) - p(t)| d\tau \rightarrow 0$$

for a.e  $t \in L^1$ . Therefore, by Theorem 2.4 we have that  $T(\Omega)$  is relatively compact, that is,  $T$  is compact operator.

Set  $U = B_r$  and  $D = X = L^1[0, 1]$ . Then in the view of assumption (4) condition  $(A_2)$  of Theorem 2.3 does not hold. Theorem 2.3, implies that  $T$  has a fixed point. This completes the proof. ■

**4. Functional integral inclusion.** Consider now the integral inclusion (2), where  $F_1 : (0, 1) \times R^+ \rightarrow 2^{R^+}$  has nonempty closed convex values. As an important consequence of the main result we can present the following:

**THEOREM 4.1** *Let the assumptions of Theorem 3.1 are satisfied and the multifunction  $F_1$  satisfies the following assumptions:*

- (1)  $F_1(t, x)$  are non empty, closed and convex for all  $(t, x) \in [0, 1] \times R^+$ ,
- (2)  $F_1(t, \cdot)$  is lower semicontinuous from  $R^+$  into  $R^+$ ,
- (3)  $F_1(\cdot, \cdot)$  is measurable,
- (4) There exists a function  $a_1 \in L^1$  and a positive number  $b_1$  such that

$$|F_1(t, x)| \leq a_1(t) + b_1 |x| \quad \forall \quad t \in (0, 1),$$

Then there exists at least one positive solution  $x \in L^1$  of the integral inclusion (2)

PROOF By conditions (1)-(4) (see [1], [3], [6] [10] ) we can find a selection function  $f_1$  (Caratheodory function)  $f_1 : (0, 1) \times R^+ \rightarrow R^+$  such that  $f_1(t, x) \in F_1(t, x)$  for all  $(t, x) \in (0, 1) \times R^+$ , this function satisfies condition (ii) of Theorem 3.1.

Clearly all assumptions of Theorem 3.1 are hold, then there exists a positive solution  $x \in L^1$  such that

$$x(t) - p(t) = I^\alpha f_1(t, I^\beta f_2(t, x(\varphi(t)))) \in I^\alpha F_1(t, I^\beta f_2(t, x(\varphi(t)))).$$

**5. Differential inclusion.** Consider now the initial value problem of the differential inclusion (3) with the initial data (4)

**THEOREM 5.1** *Let the assumption of Theorem 4.1 are satisfied, then the initial value problem (3)-(4) has at least one positive nondecreasing solution  $x \in L^1$ .*

PROOF Let  $y(t) = \frac{dx(t)}{dt}$ , then equation (3) is transformed to the integral inclusion

$$(6) \quad y(t) \in p(t) + I^\alpha F_1(s, I^{1-\gamma} y(s)).$$

Let  $\phi(t) = t$ ,  $f_2(t, x) = x$  and  $\beta = 1 - \gamma$ , then by Theorem 4.1 the integral inclusion (6) has at least one positive solution  $y \in L^1$ .

This implies that the existence of the absolutely continuous solution

$$x(t) = x_0 + \int_0^t y(s) ds$$

of the initial-value problem (3)-(4), and this solution is positive and non decreasing. ■

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