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On a fractional problem of Lane–Emden type: Ulam type stabilities and numerical behaviors

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Abstract

In this work, we study some types of Ulam stability for a nonlinear fractional differential equation of Lane–Emden type with anti periodic conditions. Then, by using a numerical approach for the Caputo derivative, we investigate behaviors of the considered problem.

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1 Introduction

The theory of singular fractional boundary value problems has become an area of research investigation in the last three decades (see [1, 3, 6, 7, 16, 21]). One of the equations describing this type of problems is the very important Lane–Emden equation, which was published by Lane in 1870 [18] and detailed by Emden [8]. Lane–Emden differential equations are singular initial value problems of the second order, they describe a variety of phenomena in mathematical physics and astrophysics such as aspects of the stellar structure. For more information and some applications, one can consult Refs. [2, 13, 23].

The classical Lane–Emden equation has the following form [5, 8]:

$$x''(t) + \frac{a}{t}x'(t) + f(t, x(t)) = g(t), \quad t \in [0, 1],$$

under the conditions

$$x(0) = A, \quad x'(0) = B,$$

where A and B are constants and f and g are continuous real functions.

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The above problem has attracted many researchers attention. In fact, in [20], the authors have used the method of collocation to study the following Lane–Emden problem:

$$\begin{cases} D^\alpha y(t) + \frac{k}{t^{\alpha-\beta}} D^\beta y(t) + f(t, y(t)) = g(t), & t \in [0, 1], \\ k \geq 0, & 1 < \alpha \leq 2, \quad 0 < \beta \leq 1, \end{cases}$$

Ibrahim [15] has been concerned with the stability of Ulam Hyers for the following fractional Lane–Emden problem:

$$\begin{cases} D^\beta (D^\alpha + \frac{a}{t})u(t) + f(t, u(t)) = g(t), \\ u(0) = \mu, \quad u(1) = \nu, \\ 0 < \alpha, \beta \leq 1, \quad 0 \leq t \leq 1, \quad a \geq 0, \end{cases}$$

under the conditions: D^ν is the Caputo derivative, f is a continuous function and $g \in C([0, 1])$.

Very recently, Y. Gouari et al. [10] have investigated the following nonlocal fractional problem of Lane–Emden type:

$$\begin{cases} D^\beta (D^\alpha + \frac{k}{t^\alpha})y(t) + \Delta_1 f(t, y(t), D^\delta y(t)) + \Delta_2 g(t, y(t), I^\rho y(t)) + h(t, y(t)) = l(t), \\ y(0) = 0, \quad y(1) = b \int_0^\eta y(s) ds, \quad 0 < \eta < 1, \quad I^q y(u) = y(1), \quad 0 < u < 1, \\ k > 0, \quad 0 < \lambda \leq 1, \quad 1 \leq \beta \leq 2, \quad 0 \leq \alpha, \delta \leq 1, \quad t \in]0, 1[, \end{cases}$$

Motivated by the above cited papers, in [25] we have proved the existence and uniqueness of solutions by application of the Banach contraction principle for the following anti periodic fractional differential problem:

$$\begin{cases} D^\alpha D^\beta y(t) + \frac{k}{t^\alpha} D^\alpha y(t) + a_1 F(t, y(t), D^\gamma y(t), J^p y(t)) \\ \quad + a_2 G(t, y(t), D^\gamma y(t)) + a_3 H(t, y(t)) = L(t), \\ y(0) + y(1) = 0, \quad y'(0) + y'(1) = 0, \quad D^\gamma(0) + D^\gamma(1) = 0, \\ k > 0, \quad 1 \leq \beta \leq 2, \quad 0 \leq \gamma \leq \alpha \leq 1, \quad 0 < \lambda < 1, \quad p > 0, \quad t \in [0, 1], \end{cases} \tag{1}$$

where $I := [0, 1]$, the derivatives of the problem are in the sense of Caputo, J^p denotes the Riemann–Liouville integral of order p and $F : I \times \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, G : I \times \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, H : I \times \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $L : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ are four given functions, and \mathbb{R} being the set of real numbers.

In this work, we continue studying the above problem by investigating certain types of Ulam stability for the problem (1). Then, using a numerical approach of the derivative Caputo, we analyze certain behavior of the problem by means of the fourth-order Runge–Kutta integrator method.

2 Preliminaries

We present some necessary lemmas and theorems which will be used in this paper.

As it is proved in our last work [25], the integral solution of (1) is given by the following auxiliary result.

Lemma 1 *Let $L_1 \in C([0, 1])$, $t \in I$, $0 \leq \gamma \leq \alpha \leq 1$, $1 < \beta < 2$. Then the integral solution of the problem*

$$\begin{cases} D^\alpha(D^\beta)y(t) + (\frac{k}{t^\lambda})D^\alpha y(t) = L_1(t), \\ y(0) + y(1) = 0, \quad y'(0) + y'(1) = 0, \quad D^\gamma(0) + D^\gamma(1) = 0, \end{cases} \tag{2}$$

is given by the following expression:

$$\begin{aligned} y(t) = & \int_0^t \frac{(t-s)^{\beta-1}}{\Gamma(\beta)} \int_0^s \frac{(s-u)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \left[L_1(u) - \frac{k}{u^\lambda} D^\alpha y(u) \right] du ds \\ & + [K_1 t^\beta + K_2 t + K_3] \left[\int_0^1 \frac{(1-s)^{\beta-2}}{\Gamma(\beta-1)} \int_0^s \frac{(s-u)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \left[L_1(u) - \frac{k}{u^\lambda} D^\alpha y(u) \right] du ds \right] \\ & + [K_4 t^\beta + K_5 t - K_6] \left[\int_0^1 \frac{(1-s)^{\beta-\gamma-1}}{\Gamma(\beta-\gamma)} \int_0^s \frac{(s-u)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \left[L_1(u) - \frac{k}{u^\lambda} D^\alpha y(u) \right] du ds \right] \\ & - [K_7] \left[\int_0^1 \frac{(1-s)^{\beta-1}}{\Gamma(\beta)} \int_0^s \frac{(s-u)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \left[L_1(u) - \frac{k}{u^\lambda} D^\alpha y(u) \right] du ds \right], \end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} L_1(u) = & L(u) - a_1 F(u, y(u), D^\gamma y(u), J^p y(u)) - a_2 G(u, y(u), D^\gamma y(u)) \\ & - a_3 H(u, y(u)) - \frac{k}{u^\lambda} D^\alpha y(u) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} K_1 = & \frac{\Gamma(\beta - \gamma + 1)}{\beta[\Gamma(\beta - \gamma + 1) - 2\Gamma(\beta)\Gamma(2 - \gamma)]}, \\ K_2 = & \frac{\Gamma(\beta)\Gamma(2 - \gamma)}{2\Gamma(\beta)\Gamma(2 - \gamma) - \Gamma(\beta - \gamma + 1)}, \\ K_3 = & \frac{\Gamma(\beta + 1)\Gamma(2 - \gamma) - \Gamma(\beta - \gamma + 1)}{2\beta\Gamma(\beta - \gamma + 1) - 4\Gamma(\beta + 1)\Gamma(2 - \gamma)}, \\ K_4 = & \frac{2\Gamma(2 - \gamma)\Gamma(\beta - \gamma + 1)}{\beta[\Gamma(\beta - \gamma + 1) - 2\Gamma(\beta)\Gamma(2 - \gamma)]}, \\ K_5 = & \frac{\Gamma(2 - \gamma)\Gamma(\beta - \gamma + 1)}{2\Gamma(\beta)\Gamma(2 - \gamma) - \Gamma(\beta - \gamma + 1)}, \\ K_6 = & \frac{2\Gamma(2 - \gamma)\Gamma(\beta - \gamma + 1) - \beta\Gamma(2 - \gamma)\Gamma(\beta - \gamma + 1)}{2\beta\Gamma(\beta - \gamma + 1) - 4\Gamma(\beta + 1)\Gamma(2 - \gamma)}, \\ K_7 = & \frac{\Gamma(\beta - \gamma + 1) - 2\Gamma(\beta)\Gamma(2 - \gamma)}{2\Gamma(\beta - \gamma + 1) - 4\Gamma(\beta)\Gamma(2 - \gamma)}. \end{aligned}$$

Before presenting our main results, we shall introduce also the Banach space

$$X := \{y \in C(I, \mathbb{R}), D^\alpha y \in C(I, \mathbb{R}), D^\gamma y \in C(I, \mathbb{R})\},$$

and the norm

$$\|y\|_X = \max\{\|y\|_\infty, \|D^\alpha y\|_\infty, \|D^\gamma y\|_\infty\},$$

where

$$\|x\|_\infty = \sup_{t \in I} |x(t)|, \quad \|D^\alpha x\|_\infty = \sup_{t \in I} |D^\alpha x(t)|, \quad \|D^\gamma x\|_\infty = \sup_{t \in I} |D^\gamma x(t)|.$$

Also, we consider the following hypotheses:

(H1): There exist nonnegative constants $W_i, i = 1, \dots, 6$, such that for each $t \in I$ and for all $x_1, x_2, x_3, y_1, y_2, y_3 \in \mathbb{R}$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} |F(t, x_1, x_2, x_3) - F(t, y_1, y_2, y_3)| &\leq W_1|x_1 - y_1| + W_2|x_2 - y_2| + W_3|x_3 - y_3|, \\ |G(t, x_1, x_2) - G(t, y_1, y_2)| &\leq W_4|x_1 - y_1| + W_5|x_2 - y_2|, \\ |H(t, x_1) - H(t, y_1)| &\leq W_6|x_1 - y_1|. \end{aligned}$$

The following quantities are also needed in this paper:

$$\begin{aligned} N_1 &= (a_1 W_{1,2} + a_2 W_{4,5} + a_3 W_6) \left[\frac{1 + |K_7|}{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta + 1)} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{|K_1| + |K_2| + |K_3|}{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta)} + \frac{|K_4| + |K_5| + |K_6|}{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta - \gamma + 1)} \right] \\ &\quad + a_1 W_3 \left[\frac{1 + |K_7|}{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta + p + 1)} + \frac{|K_1| + |K_2| + |K_3|}{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta + p)} + \frac{|K_4| + |K_5| + |K_6|}{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta - \gamma + p + 1)} \right] \\ &\quad + |k| \Gamma(1 - \lambda) \left[\frac{1 + |K_7|}{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta - \lambda + 1)} + \frac{|K_1| + |K_2| + |K_3|}{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta - \lambda)} + \frac{|K_4| + |K_5| + |K_6|}{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta - \gamma - \lambda + 1)} \right], \\ N_2 &= (a_1 W_{1,2} + a_2 W_{4,5} + a_3 W_6) \left[\frac{1 + |K_7|}{\Gamma(\beta + 1)} + \frac{|K_1| \Gamma(\beta + 1) \Gamma(2 - \alpha) + |K_2| \Gamma(\beta - \alpha + 1)}{\Gamma(\beta) \Gamma(\beta - \alpha + 1) \Gamma(2 - \alpha)} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{|K_4| \Gamma(\beta + 1) \Gamma(2 - \alpha) + |K_5| \Gamma(\beta - \alpha + 1)}{\Gamma(\beta - \gamma + 1) \Gamma(\beta - \alpha + 1) \Gamma(2 - \alpha)} \right] \\ &\quad + a_1 W_3 \left[\frac{1 + |K_7|}{\Gamma(\beta + p + 1)} + \frac{|K_1| \Gamma(\beta + 1) \Gamma(2 - \alpha) + |K_2| \Gamma(\beta - \alpha + 1)}{\Gamma(\beta + p) \Gamma(\beta - \alpha + 1) \Gamma(2 - \alpha)} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{|K_4| \Gamma(\beta + 1) \Gamma(2 - \alpha) + |K_5| \Gamma(\beta - \alpha + 1)}{\Gamma(\beta - \gamma + p + 1) \Gamma(\beta - \alpha + 1) \Gamma(2 - \alpha)} \right] \\ &\quad + |k| \Gamma(1 - \lambda) \left[\frac{1 + |K_7|}{\Gamma(\beta - \lambda + 1)} + \frac{|K_1| \Gamma(\beta + 1) \Gamma(2 - \alpha) + |K_2| \Gamma(\beta - \alpha + 1)}{\Gamma(\beta - \lambda) \Gamma(\beta - \alpha + 1) \Gamma(2 - \alpha)} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{|K_4| \Gamma(\beta + 1) \Gamma(2 - \alpha) + |K_5| \Gamma(\beta - \alpha + 1)}{\Gamma(\beta - \gamma - \lambda + 1) \Gamma(\beta - \alpha + 1) \Gamma(2 - \alpha)} \right], \\ N_3 &= (a_1 W_{1,2} + a_2 W_{4,5} + a_3 W_6) \left[\frac{1 + |K_7|}{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta - \gamma + 1)} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{|K_1| \Gamma(\beta + 1) \Gamma(2 - \gamma) + |K_2| \Gamma(\beta - \gamma + 1)}{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta - \gamma) \Gamma(\beta - \gamma + 1) \Gamma(2 - \gamma)} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{|K_4| \Gamma(\beta + 1) \Gamma(2 - \gamma) + |K_5| \Gamma(\beta - \gamma + 1)}{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta - 2\gamma + 1) \Gamma(\beta - \gamma + 1) \Gamma(2 - \gamma)} \right] \\ &\quad + a_1 W_3 \left[\frac{1 + |K_7|}{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta - \gamma + p + 1)} + \frac{|K_1| \Gamma(\beta + 1) \Gamma(2 - \gamma) + |K_2| \Gamma(\beta - \gamma + 1)}{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta - \gamma + p) \Gamma(\beta - \gamma + 1) \Gamma(2 - \gamma)} \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & + \frac{|K_4|\Gamma(\beta + 1)\Gamma(2 - \gamma) + |K_5|\Gamma(\beta - \gamma + 1)}{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta - 2\gamma + p + 1)\Gamma(\beta - \gamma + 1)\Gamma(2 - \gamma)} \\
 & + |k|\Gamma(1 - \lambda) \left[\frac{1 + |K_7|}{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta - \gamma - \lambda + 1)} + \frac{|K_1|\Gamma(\beta + 1)\Gamma(2 - \gamma) + |K_2|\Gamma(\beta - \gamma + 1)}{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta - \gamma - \lambda)\Gamma(\beta - \gamma + 1)\Gamma(2 - \gamma)} \right. \\
 & \left. + \frac{|K_4|\Gamma(\beta + 1)\Gamma(2 - \gamma) + |K_5|\Gamma(\beta - \gamma + 1)}{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta - 2\gamma - \lambda + 1)\Gamma(\beta - \gamma + 1)\Gamma(2 - \gamma)} \right],
 \end{aligned}$$

where $W_{1,2} := \max(W_1, W_2)$ and $W_{4,5} := \max(W_4, W_5)$.

We recall the following result [25], which allows us to study the stability phenomena of the considered problem.

Theorem 2 ([25]) *Assume that (H1) holds and suppose that $0 < N < 1$, where $N = \max(N_1, N_2, N_3)$. Then the problem (1) has a unique solution on I .*

3 Ulam type stabilities

The notion of the stability problem of functional equations originated from a problem of Stanislaw Ulam [26], posed in 1940: When can we assert that approximate solution of a functional equation can be approximated by a solution of the corresponding equation. In 1941, Hyers [14] solved it. This approach can guarantee that there exists a close exact solution useful in many applications. For more details on the recent advances on the Hyers–Ulam stability (see for example [9, 11, 24, 27]).

In order to study some types of Ulam stability for the problem (1), we consider the following fractional differential equation:

Let $1 \leq \beta \leq 2$, $0 \leq \gamma \leq \alpha \leq 1$ and ϵ a positive real numbers and the function $T \in C(I, \mathbb{R}^+)$. We consider the following fractional differential equation:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & D^\alpha D^\beta y(t) + \frac{k}{t^\lambda} D^\alpha y(t) + a_1 F(t, y(t), D^\gamma y(t), J^p y(t)) \\
 & + a_2 G(t, y(t), D^\gamma y(t)) + a_3 H(t, y(t)) = L(t), \quad t \in I,
 \end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

and the following fractional differential inequality:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left| D^\alpha D^\beta x(t) + \frac{k}{t^\lambda} D^\alpha x(t) + a_1 F(t, x(t), D^\gamma x(t), J^p x(t)) + a_2 G(t, x(t), D^\gamma x(t)) \right. \\
 & \left. + a_3 H(t, x(t)) - L(t) \right| \leq \epsilon, \quad t \in I,
 \end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left| D^\alpha D^\beta x(t) + \frac{k}{t^\lambda} D^\alpha x(t) + a_1 F(t, x(t), D^\gamma x(t), J^p x(t)) + a_2 G(t, x(t), D^\gamma x(t)) \right. \\
 & \left. + a_3 H(t, x(t)) - L(t) \right| \leq \epsilon T(t), \quad t \in I,
 \end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left| D^\alpha D^\beta x(t) + \frac{k}{t^\lambda} D^\alpha x(t) + a_1 F(t, x(t), D^\gamma x(t), J^p x(t)) + a_2 G(t, x(t), D^\gamma x(t)) \right. \\
 & \left. + a_3 H(t, x(t)) - L(t) \right| \leq T(t), \quad t \in I.
 \end{aligned} \tag{7}$$

Definition 3 The problem (1) is Ulam–Hyers stable, if there exists a real number $S > 0$, such that, for each $\epsilon > 0$, $t \in I$, and for each $x \in X$ solution of (5), there exists a solution

$y \in X$ of (4) (with the same conditions as in (1)), such that

$$\|x - y\|_X \leq S\epsilon, \quad t \in I.$$

Definition 4 The problem (1) is generalized Ulam–Hyers stable, if there exists an increasing function $Z \in C(\mathbb{R}^+, \mathbb{R}^+)$, $Z(0) = 0$, such that, for all $\epsilon > 0$, and for each solution $x \in X$ of (5), there exists a solution $y \in X$ of (4) (with the same conditions as in (1)), such that

$$\|x - y\|_X \leq Z(\epsilon), \quad t \in I.$$

Definition 5 The problem (1) is Ulam–Hyers–Rassias stable, if there exists a function $T \in C(\mathbb{I}, \mathbb{R}^+)$ and $\sigma > 0$, such that for each $\epsilon > 0$ and for all solutions $x \in X$ of (6) there exists a solution $y \in X$ of (4) (with the same conditions as in (1)), such that

$$|x(t) - y(t)| \leq \sigma \epsilon T(t), \quad t \in I.$$

Definition 6 The problem (1) is generalized Ulam–Hyers–Rassias stable, if there exists a function $T \in C(\mathbb{I}, \mathbb{R}^+)$ and $\sigma > 0$, such that for all solutions $x \in X$ of (7) there exists a solution $y \in X$ of (4) (with the same conditions as in (1)), such that

$$|x(t) - y(t)| \leq \sigma T(t), \quad t \in I.$$

Now, we are ready to prove the following result.

Theorem 7 Assume that (H1) is fulfilled and $N = \max(N_1, N_2, N_3) < 1$. Then the problem (1) is Ulam–Hyers stable in X .

Proof Let us note

$$\begin{aligned} O &= \left| \int_0^t \frac{(t-s)^{\beta-1}}{\Gamma(\beta)} \int_0^s \frac{(s-u)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \left[L(s) - a_1 F(s, x(s), D^\gamma x(s), J^p x(s)) \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. - a_2 G(s, x(s), D^\gamma x(s)) - a_3 H(s, x(s)) - \frac{k}{s^\lambda} D^\alpha x(s) \right] du ds \right. \\ &\quad + [K_1 t^\beta + K_2 t + K_3] \int_0^1 \frac{(1-s)^{\beta-2}}{\Gamma(\beta-1)} \int_0^s \frac{(s-u)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \\ &\quad \times \left[L(s) - a_1 F(s, x(s), D^\gamma x(s), J^p x(s)) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - a_2 G(s, x(s), D^\gamma x(s)) - a_3 H(s, x(s)) - \frac{k}{s^\lambda} D^\alpha x(s) \right] du ds \\ &\quad + [K_4 t^\beta + K_5 t - K_6] \int_0^1 \frac{(1-s)^{\beta-\gamma-1}}{\Gamma(\beta-\gamma)} \int_0^s \frac{(s-u)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \\ &\quad \times \left[L(s) - a_1 F(s, x(s), D^\gamma x(s), J^p x(s)) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - a_2 G(s, x(s), D^\gamma x(s)) - a_3 H(s, x(s)) - \frac{k}{s^\lambda} D^\alpha x(s) \right] du ds \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & - [K_7] \int_0^t \frac{(t-s)^{\beta-1}}{\Gamma(\beta)} \int_0^s \frac{(s-u)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \left[L(s) - a_1 F(s, x(s), D^\gamma x(s), J^p x(s)) \right. \\
 & \left. - a_2 G(s, x(s), D^\gamma x(s)) - a_3 H(s, x(s)) - \frac{k}{s^\lambda} D^\alpha x(s) \right] du ds \\
 & - \int_0^t \frac{(t-s)^{\beta-1}}{\Gamma(\beta)} \int_0^s \frac{(s-u)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \left[L(s) - a_1 F(s, y(s), D^\gamma y(s), J^p y(s)) \right. \\
 & \left. - a_2 G(s, y(s), D^\gamma y(s)) - a_3 H(s, y(s)) - \frac{k}{s^\lambda} D^\alpha y(s) \right] du ds \\
 & - [K_1 t^\beta + K_2 t + K_3] \int_0^1 \frac{(1-s)^{\beta-2}}{\Gamma(\beta-1)} \int_0^s \frac{(s-u)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \left[L(s) - a_1 F(s, y(s), D^\gamma y(s), J^p y(s)) \right. \\
 & \left. - a_2 G(s, y(s), D^\gamma y(s)) - a_3 H(s, y(s)) - \frac{k}{s^\lambda} D^\alpha y(s) \right] du ds \\
 & - [K_4 t^\beta + K_5 t - K_6] \int_0^1 \frac{(1-s)^{\beta-\gamma-1}}{\Gamma(\beta-\gamma)} \int_0^s \frac{(s-u)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \\
 & \times \left[L(s) - a_1 F(s, y(s), D^\gamma y(s), J^p y(s)) \right. \\
 & \left. - a_2 G(s, y(s), D^\gamma y(s)) - a_3 H(s, y(s)) - \frac{k}{s^\lambda} D^\alpha y(s) \right] du ds \\
 & + [K_7] \times \int_0^t \frac{(t-s)^{\beta-1}}{\Gamma(\beta)} \int_0^s \frac{(s-u)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \left[L(s) - a_1 F(s, y(s), D^\gamma y(s), J^p y(s)) \right. \\
 & \left. - a_2 G(s, y(s), D^\gamma y(s)) - a_3 H(s, y(s)) - \frac{k}{s^\lambda} D^\alpha y(s) \right] du ds \Big|, \\
 M_1 = & \left| x(t) - \int_0^t \frac{(t-s)^{\beta-1}}{\Gamma(\beta)} \int_0^s \frac{(s-u)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \left[L(s) - a_1 F(s, x(s), D^\gamma x(s), J^p x(s)) \right. \right. \\
 & \left. - a_2 G(u, x(s), D^\gamma x(s)) - a_3 H(s, x(s)) - \frac{k}{s^\lambda} D^\alpha x(s) \right] du ds \\
 & - [K_1 t^\beta + K_2 t + K_3] \\
 & \times \int_0^1 \frac{(1-s)^{\beta-2}}{\Gamma(\beta-1)} \int_0^s \frac{(s-u)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \left[L(s) - a_1 F(s, x(s), D^\gamma x(s), J^p x(s)) \right. \\
 & \left. - a_2 G(u, x(s), D^\gamma x(s)) - a_3 H(s, x(s)) - \frac{k}{s^\lambda} D^\alpha x(s) \right] du ds \\
 & - [K_4 t^\beta + K_5 t - K_6] \\
 & \times \int_0^1 \frac{(1-s)^{\beta-\gamma-1}}{\Gamma(\beta-\gamma)} \int_0^s \frac{(s-u)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \left[L(s) - a_1 F(s, x(s), D^\gamma x(s), J^p x(s)) \right. \\
 & \left. - a_2 G(u, x(s), D^\gamma x(s)) - a_3 H(s, x(s)) - \frac{k}{s^\lambda} D^\alpha x(s) \right] du ds \\
 & + [K_7] \\
 & \times \int_0^t \frac{(t-s)^{\beta-1}}{\Gamma(\beta)} \int_0^s \frac{(s-u)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \left[L(s) - a_1 F(s, x(s), D^\gamma x(s), J^p x(s)) \right. \\
 & \left. - a_2 G(u, x(s), D^\gamma x(s)) - a_3 H(s, x(s)) - \frac{k}{s^\lambda} D^\alpha x(s) \right] du ds \Big|,
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 M_2 = & \left| D^\alpha x(t) - \int_0^t \frac{(t-s)^{\beta-1}}{\Gamma(\beta)} \left[L(s) - a_1 F(s, x(s), D^\gamma x(s), J^p x(s)) \right. \right. \\
 & \left. \left. - a_2 G(u, x(s), D^\gamma x(s)) - a_3 H(s, x(s)) - \frac{k}{s^\lambda} D^\alpha x(s) \right] ds \right. \\
 & \left. - \left[\frac{K_1 \Gamma(\beta+1) t^{\beta-\alpha}}{\Gamma(\beta-\alpha+1)} + \frac{K_2 t^{1-\alpha}}{\Gamma(2-\alpha)} \right] \right. \\
 & \times \int_0^1 \frac{(1-s)^{\beta-2}}{\Gamma(\beta-1)} \left[L(s) - a_1 F(s, x(s), D^\gamma x(s), J^p x(s)) \right. \\
 & \left. - a_2 G(s, x(s), D^\gamma x(s)) - a_3 H(s, x(s)) - \frac{k}{s^\lambda} D^\alpha x(s) \right] ds \\
 & \left. - \left[\frac{K_4 \Gamma(\beta+1) t^{\beta-\alpha}}{\Gamma(\beta-\alpha+1)} + \frac{K_5 t^{1-\alpha}}{\Gamma(2-\alpha)} \right] \right. \\
 & \times \int_0^1 \frac{(1-s)^{\beta-\gamma-1}}{\Gamma(\beta-\gamma)} \left[L(s) - a_1 F(s, x(s), D^\gamma x(s), J^p x(s)) \right. \\
 & \left. - a_2 G(s, x(s), D^\gamma x(s)) - a_3 H(s, x(s)) - \frac{k}{s^\lambda} D^\alpha x(s) \right] ds \\
 & \left. + [K_7] \int_0^t \frac{(t-s)^{\beta-1}}{\Gamma(\beta)} \left[L(s) - a_1 F(s, x(s), D^\gamma x(s), J^p x(s)) \right. \right. \\
 & \left. \left. - a_2 G(s, x(s), D^\gamma x(s)) - a_3 H(s, x(s)) - \frac{k}{s^\lambda} D^\alpha x(s) \right] ds \right|, \\
 M_3 = & \left| D^\gamma x(t) - \int_0^t \frac{(t-s)^{\alpha+\beta-\gamma-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta-\gamma)} \left[L(s) - a_1 F(s, x(s), D^\gamma x(s), J^p x(s)) - a_2 \right. \right. \\
 & \left. \left. \times G(u, x(s), D^\gamma x(s)) - a_3 H(s, x(s)) - \frac{k}{s^\lambda} D^\alpha x(s) \right] ds \right. \\
 & \left. - \left[\frac{K_1 \Gamma(\beta+1) t^{\beta-\gamma}}{\Gamma(\beta-\gamma+1)} + \frac{K_2 t^{1-\gamma}}{\Gamma(2-\gamma)} \right] \right. \\
 & \times \int_0^1 \frac{(1-s)^{\alpha+\beta-\gamma-2}}{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta-\gamma-1)} \left[L(s) - a_1 F(s, x(s), D^\gamma x(s), J^p x(s)) \right. \\
 & \left. - a_2 G(s, x(s), D^\gamma x(s)) - a_3 H(s, x(s)) - \frac{k}{s^\lambda} D^\alpha x(s) \right] ds \\
 & \left. - \left[\frac{K_4 \Gamma(\beta+1) t^{\beta-\gamma}}{\Gamma(\beta-\gamma+1)} + \frac{K_5 t^{1-\gamma}}{\Gamma(2-\gamma)} \right] \right. \\
 & \times \int_0^1 \frac{(1-s)^{\alpha+\beta-2\gamma-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta-2\gamma)} \left[L(s) - a_1 F(s, x(s), D^\gamma x(s), J^p x(s)) \right. \\
 & \left. - a_2 G(s, x(s), D^\gamma x(s)) - a_3 H(s, x(s)) - \frac{k}{s^\lambda} D^\alpha x(s) \right] ds \\
 & \left. + [K_7] \int_0^t \frac{(t-s)^{\alpha+\beta-\gamma-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta-\gamma)} \left[L(s) - a_1 F(s, x(s), D^\gamma x(s), J^p x(s)) \right. \right. \\
 & \left. \left. - a_2 G(s, x(s), D^\gamma x(s)) - a_3 H(s, x(s)) - \frac{k}{s^\lambda} D^\alpha x(s) \right] ds \right|.
 \end{aligned}$$

Let now $x \in X$ be a solution of (5). Then, by integrating (5), we obtain

$$M_1 \leq \frac{\epsilon t^{\alpha+\beta}}{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta+1)}.$$

Thanks to Theorem 2, the unique solution of (1) is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
 y(t) = & \int_0^t \frac{(t-s)^{\beta-1}}{\Gamma(\beta)} \int_0^s \frac{(s-u)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \left[L(s) - a_1 F(s, y(s), D^\gamma y(s), J^p y(s)) \right. \\
 & \left. - a_2 G(s, y(s), D^\gamma y(s)) - a_3 H(s, y(s)) - \frac{k}{s^\lambda} D^\alpha y(s) \right] du ds \\
 & + [K_1 t^\beta + K_2 t + K_3] \\
 & \times \int_0^1 \frac{(1-s)^{\beta-2}}{\Gamma(\beta-1)} \int_0^s \frac{(s-u)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \left[L(s) - a_1 F(s, y(s), D^\gamma y(s), J^p y(s)) \right. \\
 & \left. - a_2 G(s, y(s), D^\gamma y(s)) - a_3 H(s, y(s)) - \frac{k}{s^\lambda} D^\alpha y(s) \right] du ds \\
 & + [K_4 t^\beta + K_5 t - K_6] \\
 & \times \int_0^1 \frac{(1-s)^{\beta-\gamma-1}}{\Gamma(\beta-\gamma)} \int_0^s \frac{(s-u)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \left[L(s) - a_1 F(s, y(s), D^\gamma y(s), J^p y(s)) \right. \\
 & \left. - a_2 G(s, y(s), D^\gamma y(s)) - a_3 H(s, y(s)) - \frac{k}{s^\lambda} D^\alpha y(s) \right] du ds \\
 & - [K_7] \times \int_0^t \frac{(t-s)^{\beta-1}}{\Gamma(\beta)} \int_0^s \frac{(s-u)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \left[L(s) - a_1 F(s, y(s), D^\gamma y(s), J^p y(s)) \right. \\
 & \left. - a_2 G(s, y(s), D^\gamma y(s)) - a_3 H(s, y(s)) - \frac{k}{s^\lambda} D^\alpha y(s) \right] du ds.
 \end{aligned}$$

Then, from all $t \in I$, we get

$$|x(t) - y(t)| \leq \frac{\epsilon t^{\alpha+\beta}}{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta + 1)} + O.$$

This implies that

$$\|x - y\|_\infty \leq \frac{\epsilon}{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta + 1)} + N_1 \|x - y\|_X. \tag{8}$$

By integrating and differentiating (5), we get

$$M_2 \leq \frac{\epsilon t^\beta}{\Gamma(\beta + 1)}.$$

Similarly, we show that

$$\|D^\alpha x - D^\alpha y\|_\infty \leq \frac{\epsilon}{\Gamma(\beta + 1)} + N_2 \|x - y\|_X. \tag{9}$$

On the other hand, we have

$$M_3 \leq \frac{\epsilon t^{\alpha+\beta-\gamma}}{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta - \gamma + 1)}.$$

Also, we have

$$\|D^\gamma x - D^\gamma y\|_\infty \leq \frac{\epsilon}{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta - \gamma + 1)} + N_3 \|x - y\|_X. \tag{10}$$

Using the inequalities (8), (9) and (10), we get

$$\|x - y\|_X \leq \max\left(\frac{\epsilon}{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta + 1)}, \frac{\epsilon}{\Gamma(\beta + 1)}, \frac{\epsilon}{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta - \gamma + 1)}\right) + N\|x - y\|_X.$$

Thus,

$$\|x - y\|_X \leq S\epsilon,$$

such that

$$S = \frac{\max\left(\frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta + 1)}, \frac{1}{\Gamma(\beta + 1)}, \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta - \gamma + 1)}\right)}{1 - N} > 0.$$

Consequently, the problem (1) shows the Ulam–Hyers stability. □

Taking $Z(\epsilon) = S\epsilon$, we can state that the problem (1) is generalized Ulam–Hyers stable.

In the following, we introduce the following hypothesis to study Rassias stability.

(H2): $T \in C(\mathbb{I}, \mathbb{R}^+)$ is continuous, nondecreasing function, and there exists $\lambda_{T,\alpha} > 0$ such that $J^\alpha T(t) \leq \lambda_{T,\alpha} T(t)$ for each $t \in I$.

We present the following result.

Theorem 8 *Assume that (H1)–(H2) are satisfied and $N := \max(N_1, N_2, N_3) < 1$.*

Then the problem (1) is Ulam–Hyers–Rassias stable in X .

Proof Let $x \in X$ be a solution of (6). Then, by integrating (6), we obtain

$$M_1 \leq \epsilon J^\beta J^\alpha T(t).$$

Let y be the unique solution of the problem (1). Then, for each $t \in I$, we have

$$|x(t) - y(t)| \leq \epsilon J^\beta J^\alpha T(t) + O.$$

In view of (H2), we have

$$\begin{aligned} |x(t) - y(t)| &\leq \epsilon J^\beta J^\alpha T(t) + N_1 \|x - y\|_X \leq \epsilon \lambda_{T,\beta+\alpha} T(t) + N_1 \|x - y\|_X, \\ &\text{which implies that } |x(t) - y(t)| \leq \epsilon \lambda_{T,\beta+\alpha} T(t) + N_1 \|x - y\|_X. \end{aligned} \tag{11}$$

On the other hand, by integrating and differentiating (6), we get

$$M_2 \leq \epsilon J^\beta T(t).$$

Also, we can show that

$$|D^\alpha x - D^\alpha y| \leq \epsilon \lambda_{T,\beta} T(t) + N_2 \|x - y\|_X. \tag{12}$$

We have also

$$M_3 \leq \epsilon J^{\alpha+\beta-\gamma} T(t).$$

By the same arguments as before, we observe that

$$|D^\gamma x(t) - D^\gamma y(t)| \leq \epsilon \lambda_{T, \alpha + \beta - \gamma} T(t) + N_3 \|x - y\|_X. \tag{13}$$

Using the inequalities (11), (12) and (13) yields

$$\begin{cases} |x(t) - y(t)| \leq \epsilon \max(\lambda_{T, \alpha + \beta}, \lambda_{T, \beta}, \lambda_{T, \alpha + \beta - \gamma}) T(t) + N_1 \|x - y\|_X, & t \in I, \\ |D^\alpha x(t) - D^\alpha y(t)| \leq \epsilon \max(\lambda_{T, \alpha + \beta}, \lambda_{T, \beta}, \lambda_{T, \alpha + \beta - \gamma}) T(t) + N_2 \|x - y\|_X, & t \in I, \\ |D^\gamma x(t) - D^\gamma y(t)| \leq \epsilon \max(\lambda_{T, \alpha + \beta}, \lambda_{T, \beta}, \lambda_{T, \alpha + \beta - \gamma}) T(t) + N_3 \|x - y\|_X, & t \in I. \end{cases}$$

Hence, it follows that there exists a real number

$$\sigma = \frac{\max(\lambda_{T, \alpha + \beta}, \lambda_{T, \beta}, \lambda_{T, \alpha + \beta - \gamma})}{1 - N},$$

such that

$$\|x - y\|_X \leq \sigma \epsilon T(t), \quad t \in I.$$

Consequently, the problem (1) shows the Ulam–Hyers–Rassias stability. □

4 Numerical simulations

In this section, we recall a numerical approach for the Caputo derivative. Then, for some fixed parameters, we investigate behavior of the above fractional Lane–Emden problem. To do this, we shall first obtain a reduced fractional differential system that is equivalent to our studied problem. Using a fourth-order Runge–Kutta integrator, the numerical simulations recover the convective behavior of the integer model in astrophysics [4]. In order to ensure the effect of the fractional order in Lane–Emden dynamics, we consider judicious values for α and β .

- Hydrodynamic simulations of giant stars, where the stellar profiles can be modeled in [12, 22, 28] as

$$\frac{1}{t} \frac{d}{dt} \left(t^2 \frac{dy}{dt} + t^2 \frac{g_c(at)}{4\pi G p_0} \right) + y^n = 0,$$

where y is the polytropic temperature with index n , $t \equiv \frac{r}{a}$, and p_0 the central gas density. For $r \leq \frac{h}{2}$ and $x \equiv \frac{r}{h}$, the smoothed gravitational force of the core is defined by

$$g_c(r) := Gm_c \frac{x(\frac{32}{3} + x^2(\frac{-192}{5} + 32x))}{h^2}.$$

- Self-similar profiles of nonlinear wave equations in flat space-time were modeled in [4, 17] as

$$(1 - t^2) \frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} + \left(\frac{A}{t} + Bt \right) \frac{dy}{dt} - Cy + Dy^E = 0.$$

4.1 Numerical approach for Caputo derivative

In this subsection, we presented an important numerical approach for the Riemann–Liouville fractional integral and the Caputo derivative; we recall the theorems of [6, 19].

Theorem 9 Assume that $y \in C^1([0, 1], \mathbb{R})$. The fractional integration approach is given by

$$J^\alpha y(t_i) \simeq \frac{h^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha + 2)} \sum_{j=0}^i y(t_j) \sigma_j(\alpha), \quad i = 0, \dots, n + 1,$$

where

$$\sigma_j(\alpha) = \begin{cases} (n + 2 - j)^{(\alpha+1)} + (n - j)^{(\alpha+1)} - 2(n - j + 1)^{(\alpha+1)}, & j = 1, \dots, i - 1, \\ (n)^{(\alpha+1)} - (n - \alpha)(n + 1)^\alpha, & j = 0, \text{ and } 1, j = i. \end{cases}$$

Theorem 10 Assume that $y \in C^1([0, 1], \mathbb{R})$ and $0 < \alpha \leq 1$. Then we have

$$D^\alpha y(t_i) \simeq \frac{h^{1-\alpha}}{\Gamma(1 - \alpha + 2)} \sum_{j=0}^i y^{(j)}(t_j) \sigma_j(1 - \alpha), \quad i = 0, \dots, n,$$

where

$$y^{(j)} = \begin{cases} \frac{y_1 - y_0}{h}, & j = 0, \\ \frac{y_{j+1} - y_{j-1}}{2h}, & j = 1, \dots, i - 1, \\ \frac{y_i - y_{i-1}}{h}, & j = i. \end{cases}$$

4.2 Simulation for Lane–Emden behaviors

We note that the problem (1) can be reduced to the following system:

$$\begin{aligned} D^\beta y(t) &= z(t), \\ D^\alpha z(t) &= -\frac{k}{t^\lambda} D^\alpha y(t) - a_1 F(t, y(t), D^\gamma y(t), J^p y(t)) \\ &\quad - a_2 G(t, y(t), D^\gamma y(t)) - a_3 H(t, y(t)) + L(t). \end{aligned}$$

In order to achieve the mentioned phenomena, we take $1 < \alpha + \beta \leq 2$, and $\lambda = 1$. Taking into account our problem parameters, three cases can be observed:

Case 1: $\alpha = \beta = 1$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} Dy(t) &= z(t), \\ Dz(t) &= -\frac{k}{t^\lambda} Dy(t) - a_1 F(t, y(t), D^\gamma y(t), J^p y(t)) \\ &\quad - a_2 G(t, y(t), D^\gamma y(t)) - a_3 H(t, y(t)) + L(t). \end{aligned}$$

Case 2: $0 < \alpha \leq 1, \beta = 1$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} Dy(t) &= z(t), \\ D^\alpha z(t) &= -\frac{k}{t^\lambda} D^\alpha y(t) - a_1 F(t, y(t), D^\gamma y(t), J^p y(t)) \\ &\quad - a_2 G(t, y(t), D^\gamma y(t)) - a_3 H(t, y(t)) + L(t). \end{aligned}$$

As a consequence,

$$\begin{aligned}
 Dy(t) &= z(t), \\
 Dz(t) &= D^{1-\alpha} \left(-\frac{k}{t^\lambda} D^\alpha y(t) - a_1 F(t, y(t), D^\gamma y(t), J^p y(t)) \right. \\
 &\quad \left. - a_2 G(t, y(t), D^\gamma y(t)) - a_3 H(t, y(t)) + L(t) \right).
 \end{aligned}$$

Case 3: $0 < \alpha \leq 1, 1 \leq \beta \leq 2$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 D^\beta y(t) &= z(t), \\
 D^\alpha z(t) &= -\frac{k}{t^\lambda} D^\alpha y(t) - a_1 F(t, y(t), D^\gamma y(t), J^p y(t)) \\
 &\quad - a_2 G(t, y(t), D^\gamma y(t)) - a_3 H(t, y(t)) + L(t),
 \end{aligned}$$

that is,

$$\begin{aligned}
 J^{2-\beta} D[Dy(t)] &= z(t), \\
 D^\alpha z(t) &= -\frac{k}{t^\lambda} D^\alpha y(t) - a_1 F(t, y(t), D^\gamma y(t), J^p y(t)) \\
 &\quad - a_2 G(t, y(t), D^\gamma y(t)) - a_3 H(t, y(t)) + L(t).
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

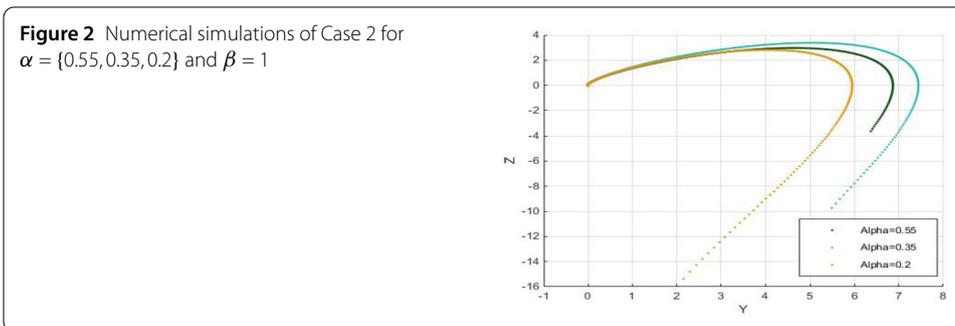
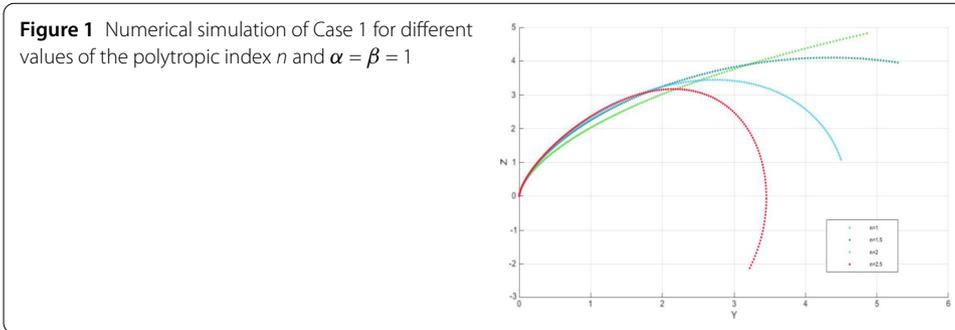
$$\begin{aligned}
 Dy(t) &= z(t), \\
 J^{2-\beta} Dz &= w(t), \\
 D^\alpha w(t) &= -\frac{k}{t^\lambda} D^\alpha y(t) - a_1 F(t, y(t), D^\gamma y(t), J^p y(t)) \\
 &\quad - a_2 G(t, y(t), D^\gamma y(t)) - a_3 H(t, y(t)) + L(t).
 \end{aligned}$$

Consequently,

$$\begin{aligned}
 Dy(t) &= z(t), \\
 Dz(t) &= D^{2-\beta} w(t), \\
 Dw(t) &= D^{1-\alpha} \left(-\frac{k}{t^\lambda} D^\alpha y(t) - a_1 F(t, y(t), D^\gamma y(t), J^p y(t)) \right. \\
 &\quad \left. - a_2 G(t, y(t), D^\gamma y(t)) - a_3 H(t, y(t)) + L(t) \right).
 \end{aligned}$$

I: As a first simulation, we consider the hydrodynamic simulations of giant stars, where $k = 2, p = \gamma = 0.01$, and f, H, G, H, L are given by

$$a_1 F(t, y(t), D^\gamma y(t), J^p y(t)) = \frac{16a^4 m_c}{\pi p_0 h^6} t^4 + \frac{289}{51t} (J^p y(t))^n,$$



$$a_2G(t, y(t), D^\gamma y(t)) = -\frac{48a^3m_c}{\pi p_0h^5}t^3 - \frac{663}{255t}(D^\gamma y(t))^n,$$

$$a_3H(t, y(t)) = \frac{32a^4m_c}{\pi p_0h^6}t^4 - \frac{527}{255t}(y(t))^n,$$

$$L(t) = \frac{8am_c}{\pi p_0h^3}t.$$

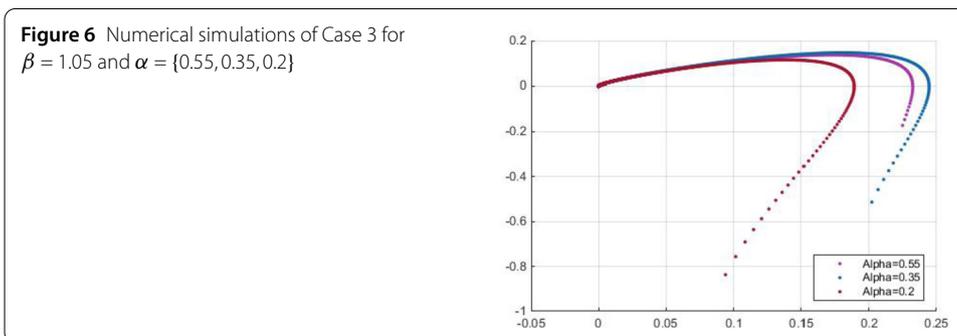
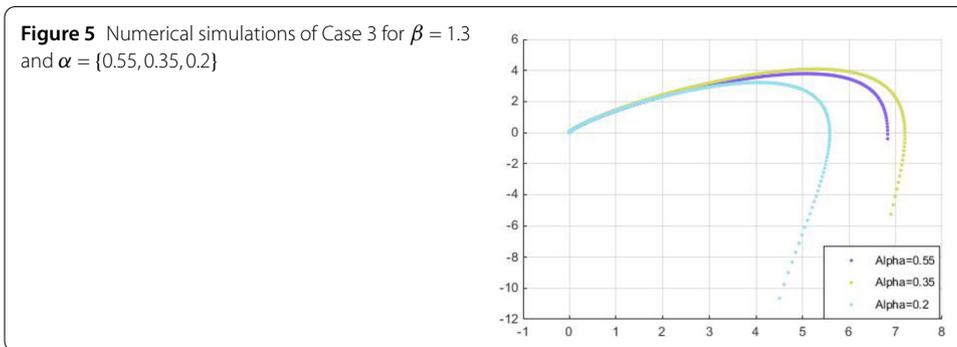
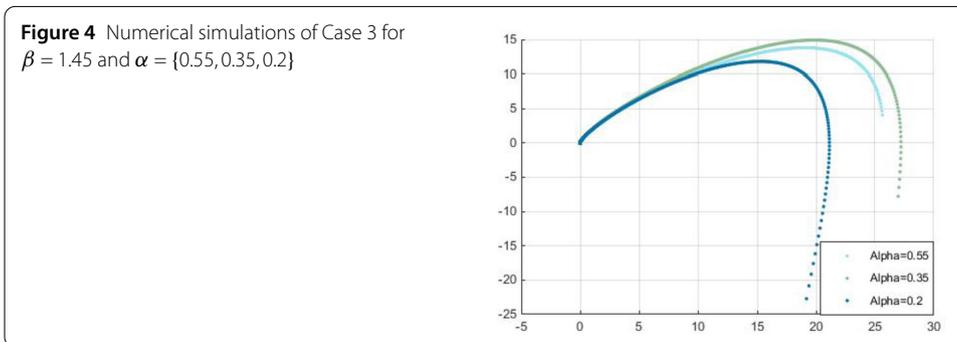
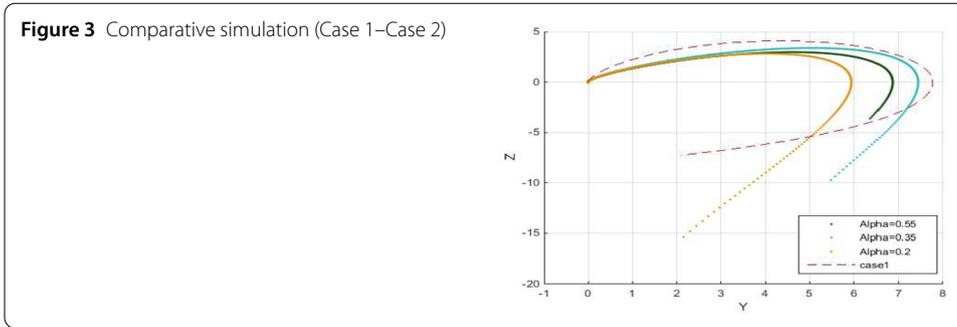
For the first case, with initial conditions $(0, 0)$, $h = 0.001$, and $n = \{1, 1.5, 2, 2.5\}$, the numerical simulations are carried out only by the fourth-order Runge–Kutta method, for specific parameters, we have Fig. 1.

Remark 11 Through ongoing evaluation, we observe that the change in value of n has no impact on the attitude of the remaining cases.

For the following simulation we take $n = 1.5$ as it is more adequate. Now, to ensure that all three cases are convenient, we should be looking for a suitable fractional order.

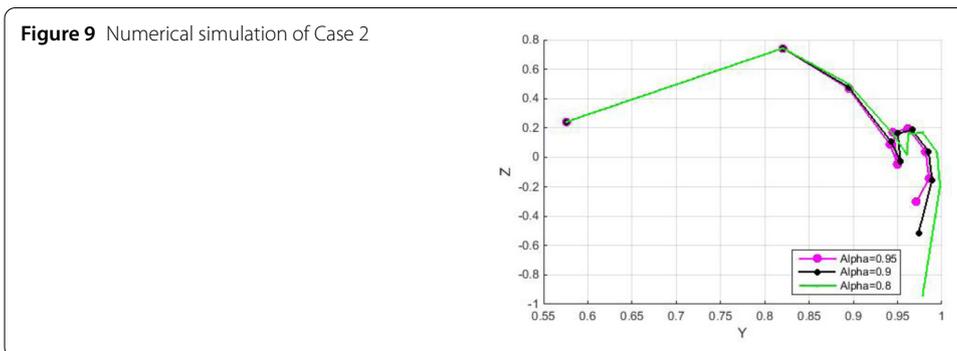
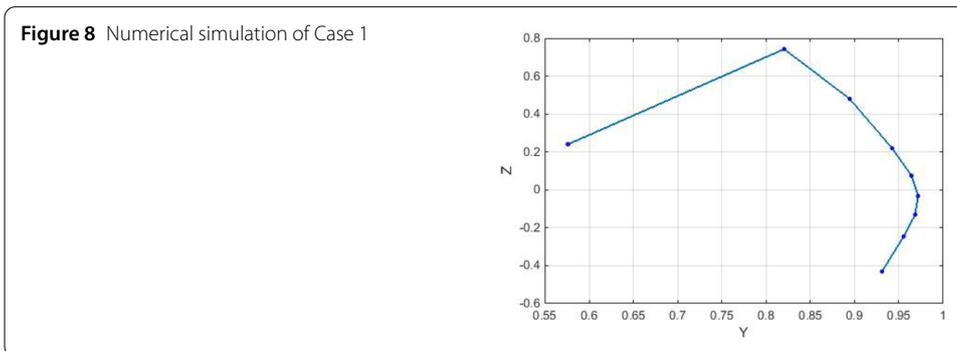
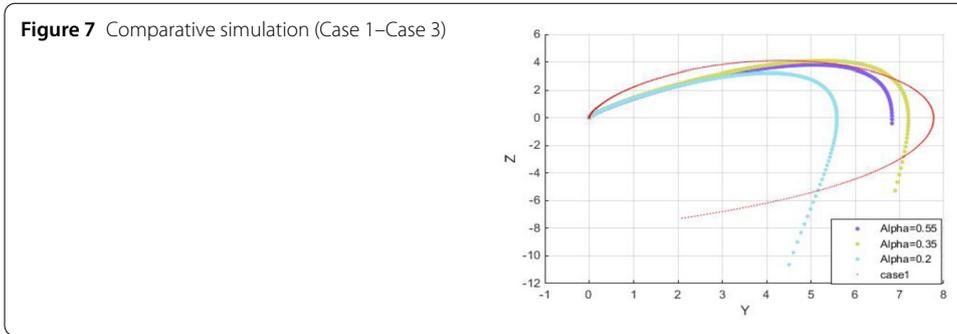
For the second case, with initial conditions $(0, 0)$, $h = 0.001$, and $\alpha = \{0.55, 0.35, 0.2\}$, numerical simulations are realized by a combination of the Caputo approach and the fourth-order Runge–Kutta method, we acquire Fig. 2. By comparing the above result with the one of the first case, we conclude that both cases are adequate for $\alpha = 0.35$ (see Fig. 3).

For the third case, with initial conditions $(0, 0, 0.5)$, $h = 0.001$, $\beta = \{1.45, 1.3, 1.05\}$, for any β value, we take $\alpha = \{0.55, 0.35, 0.2\}$. Numerical simulations are carried out by a combination of the Caputo approach and the fourth-order Runge–Kutta method, we see, according to Figs. 4–6, that $\beta = 1.3$ is the valid value. It is obvious from Fig. 7 that $\alpha = 0.35$ is the appropriate value.



II: As a second simulation, we consider self-similar profiles of nonlinear wave equation in flat space-time, where $k = A$, $p = \gamma = 0.01$, and f, H, G, H, L are given by

$$a_1 F(t, y(t), D^\gamma y(t), J^p y(t)) = \frac{C}{1-t^2} J^p y(t),$$



$$a_2G(t, y(t), D^\gamma y(t)) = -\frac{Bt}{1-t^2} D^\gamma y(t),$$

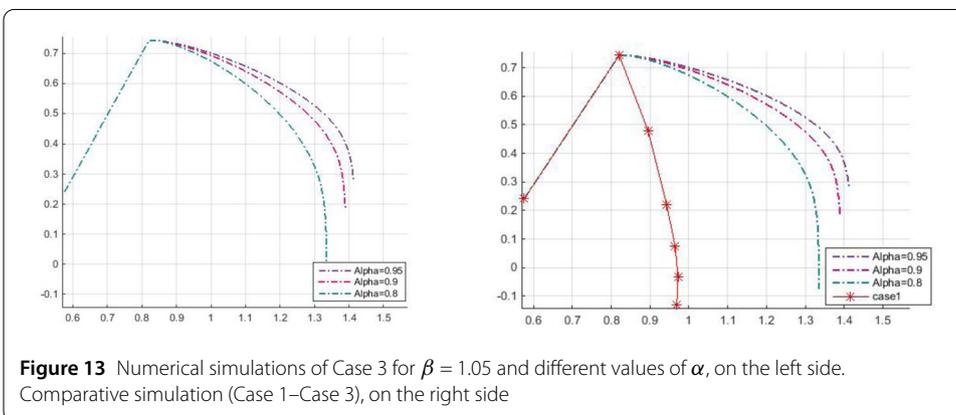
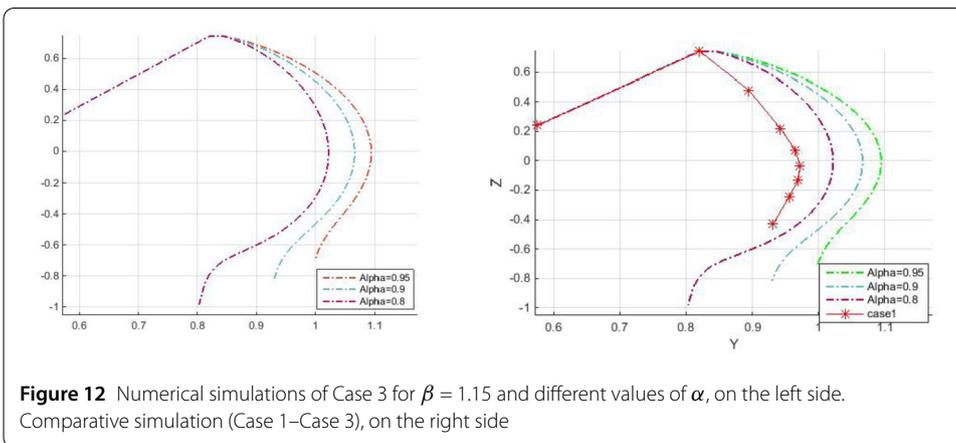
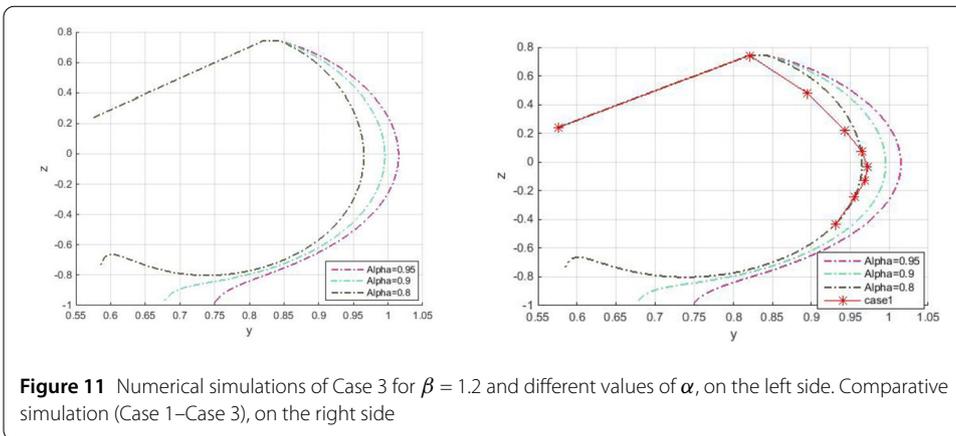
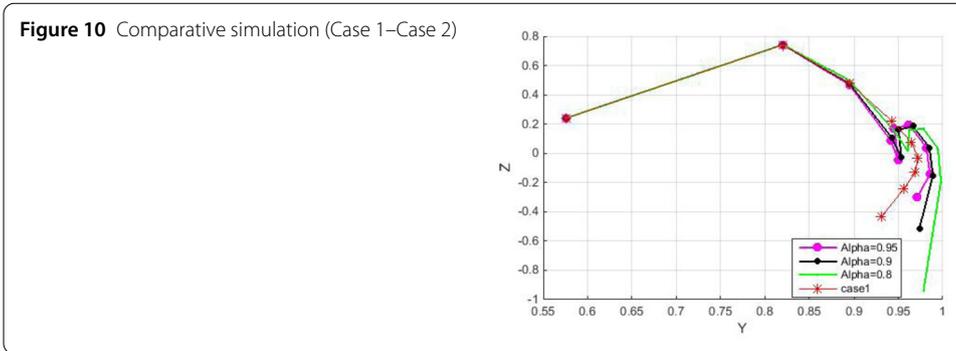
$$a_3H(t, y(t)) = -\frac{D}{1-t^2} (y(t))^E,$$

$$L(t) = 0,$$

with initial conditions (0.576037116, 0.24090), and $A = 2$, $B = \frac{-25}{12}$, $C = \frac{1}{4}$, $D = 1$, $E = 2$, $h = 0.01$. The integration for the first case is carried out by the fourth-order Runge–Kutta method, now, we are trying to determine an appropriate fractional order (see Fig. 8).

For the second case, we take the same data as above, and $\alpha = \{0.95, 0.9, 0.8\}$. Numerical simulations are realized by a combination of the Caputo approach and the fourth-order Runge–Kutta method (see Fig. 9).

Comparing our outcome to that in the first case, we summarize that the two cases are consistent in terms of $\alpha = 0.95$ (see Fig. 10).



For the third case, with initial conditions $(0.576037116, 0.24090, 0)$, and $h = 0.01$, $\beta = \{1.2, 1.15, 1.05\}$, for each β , we take $\alpha = \{0.95, 0.9, 0.8\}$. Numerical simulations are carried out by a combination of the Caputo approach and the fourth-order Runge–Kutta method.

It appeared from Figs. 11–13 that $\beta = 1.2$ and $\alpha = 0.8$ are the most acceptable values too.

5 Conclusions

In this manuscript, we study some types of Ulam stability for a nonlinear fractional differential equation of Lane–Emden type with antiperiodic conditions. Then, by using a numerical approach for the Caputo derivative, we investigate the behaviors of the considered system.

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