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# Study of an implicit type coupled system of fractional differential equations by means of topological degree theory

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## Abstract

In this work, a sufficient condition required for the presence of positive solutions to a coupled system of fractional nonlinear differential equations of implicit type is studied. To study sufficient conditions essential for the existence of unique solution degree theory is used. Two examples are given to illustrate the established results.

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## 1 Introduction

The concept of fractional differential equations (abbreviated as FDEs) has been examined and considered seeing its usefulness and plentiful presentations in different disciplines of applied science, engineering, and technology such as computer networking, fluid dynamics, control theory, mathematical biology, economics, viscoelasticity, optimization theory, and control theory [1–8]. Nonlinear fractal oscillator is recognized in a fractal space by fractal derivative, and its variational principle is gained for a thin film equation [9]. In a fractal space He's fractional derivative [10] is assumed to originate evolution equations involving fractional order [11]. In a fractal process, the Fornberg–Whitham fractional equation through He's fractional derivative is considered [12], and future challenges of fractal calculus have been illustrated from two-scale thermodynamics to fractal variational principle by Ji-Huan He [13]. Substantial consideration has been given to the presence of solutions of initial and boundary value problems (BVPs) having CFD.

Diverse sort of problems dedicated to FDEs, like local and nonlocal BVPs, Dirichlet and Neumann BVPs, integral BVPs, and impulsive BVPs, have been explored so far. An indispensable class of FDEs named implicit fractional differential equations (shortly IFDEs) has been considered by numerous writers. This is because of the point that many problems of finances and decision-making can be modeled by using IFDEs. Recently more courtesy has been given to scrutinizing sufficient conditions essential for the existence of solutions to IFDEs. It was observed sensibly that the existence of solutions to IFDEs had a lot of solicitations in optimization theory, quantitative theory, viscoelasticity, and fluid mechanics

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[14–19]. Nonlocal Cauchy problem via a fractional operator including power kernel in Banach spaces was considered in [20]. The fractional hampered generalized regularized long wave equation in the sagacity of Caputo, Atangana–Baleanu, and Caputo–Fabrizio fractional derivatives was investigated in [21]. In [22] authors presented a method for nonlinear fractional regularized long-wave (RLW) models. Mehmet Yavuz [23] inspected innovative solutions of fractional order best valuing models and their fundamental mathematical studies.

Fixed point concept has been used to probe the existence and uniqueness for some problems. Operating these notions, one needs strong compact settings due to which the area is limited to some BVPs. To spread the methods to additional classes of BVPs, mathematicians have been attracted to finding a tool of nonlinear analysis. One of the strong tools is the degree method. After studying the present literature, we pointed out that IFDEs having integral boundary conditions have not been properly studied by the degree method. There are very few results in the literature which utilized the degree method for the existence of solutions to initial and some BVPs having CFD [1, 24–27]. Therefore, inspired by the applications of IFDEs, Samina *et al.* [28] investigated the presence of solutions to the following coupled system “of IFDEs through fixed point theory

$$\begin{cases} D^\kappa u(\ell) = \mathcal{F}(\ell, w(\ell), D^\kappa u(\ell)), \\ D^\delta w(\ell) = \overline{\mathcal{F}}(\ell, u(\ell), D^\delta w(\ell)), \\ u(0) = -u(\xi), \quad u'(0) = -u'(\xi), \\ w(0) = -w(\xi), \quad w'(0) = -w'(\xi), \end{cases}$$

where  $\kappa, \delta \in (1, 2]$ ,  $\xi \in (0, \infty)$ ,  $\ell \in [0, \xi]$  and  $\mathcal{F}, \overline{\mathcal{F}} : \mathfrak{J} \times \mathfrak{R} \times \mathfrak{R} \rightarrow \mathfrak{R}$  are nonlinear continuous functions.” Using fixed point theory, Cabada *et al.* [29] discussed the following problem:

$$\begin{aligned} D^\kappa u(\ell) + \mathcal{F}(\ell, u(\ell)) &= 0, \quad \ell \in (0, 1), \\ u(0) + u''(0) &= 0, \quad u(1) = \zeta \int_0^1 u(s) ds, \end{aligned}$$

where  $2 < \kappa < 3$ ,  $0 < \zeta < 2$ ,  $D$  is the CFD and  $\mathcal{F} : \mathfrak{J} \times [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ .

Motivated by [28] and [29], we use degree theory and investigate some suitable conditions for uniqueness and existence of solutions to the following IFDEs:

$$\begin{cases} D^\kappa u(\ell) = \mathcal{F}(\ell, w(\ell), D^\kappa u(\ell)), \quad \ell \in \mathfrak{J}, \\ D^\delta w(\ell) = \overline{\mathcal{F}}(\ell, u(\ell), D^\delta w(\ell)), \quad \ell \in \mathfrak{J}, \\ u(0) = r(u), \quad u'(0) = u_o, \quad u(1) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\kappa)} \int_0^1 (1-s)^{\kappa-1} g_1(s, u(s)) ds, \\ w(0) = h(w), \quad w'(0) = w_o, \quad w(1) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\delta)} \int_0^1 (1-s)^{\delta-1} g_2(s, w(s)) ds, \end{cases} \tag{1.1}$$

where  $\kappa, \delta \in (2, 3]$ ,  $D$  denotes the CFD,  $\mathcal{F}, \overline{\mathcal{F}} : \mathfrak{J} \times \mathfrak{R} \times \mathfrak{R} \rightarrow \mathfrak{R}$ ,  $g_1, g_2 : \mathfrak{J} \times \mathfrak{R} \rightarrow \mathfrak{R}$ , and  $r, h : \mathfrak{J} \rightarrow \mathfrak{R}$  are continuous functions.

### 2 Preliminaries

To prove the main results, we need some definitions and results in the sequel from the existing literature. Throughout the work the notations  $\mathcal{M} = C(\mathfrak{J}, \mathfrak{R})$  and  $\mathcal{N} = C(\mathfrak{J}, \mathfrak{R})$  are

used for Banach spaces having the norm  $\|u\| = \sup\{|u(\ell)| : \ell \in \mathfrak{J}\}$ . The product  $\mathcal{M} \times \mathcal{N}$  is a Banach space with the norm  $\|(u, w)\| = \|u\| + \|w\|$ .

**Definition 2.1** ([30]) “Let  $\mathcal{W} : \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$  be a bounded continuous function, where  $\mathcal{V} \subseteq \mathcal{M}$ . Then, for all bounded subset  $S \subseteq \mathcal{V}$ ,  $\mathcal{W}$  is

- (1)  $\sigma$ -Lipschitz if  $\exists \mathcal{K} \geq 0 \ni \sigma(\mathcal{W}(S)) \leq \mathcal{K}\sigma(S), \forall$  bounded subsets  $S \subseteq \mathcal{V}$ ;
- (2) strict  $\sigma$ -contraction if  $\exists 0 \leq \mathcal{K} < 1$  with  $\sigma(\mathcal{W}(S)) \leq \mathcal{K}\sigma(S), \forall$  bounded sets  $S \subseteq \mathcal{V}$ ;
- (3)  $\sigma$ -condensing if  $\sigma(\mathcal{W}(S)) < \sigma(S), \forall$  bounded sets  $S \subseteq \mathcal{V}$  having  $\sigma(S) > 0$ . In the other sense,  $\sigma(\mathcal{W}(S)) \geq \sigma(S)$  implies  $\sigma(S) = 0$ .

Furthermore,  $\mathcal{W} : \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$  is Lipschitz whenever  $\exists \mathcal{K} > 0$  provided

$$\|\mathcal{W}(u) - \mathcal{W}(w)\| \leq \mathcal{K}|u - w|, \quad \forall u, w \in \mathcal{V}.$$

Further, if  $\mathcal{K} < 1$ , then  $\mathcal{W}$  is a strict contraction.”

**Proposition 2.1** ([31]) *If  $\mathcal{W}, T : \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$  are  $\sigma$ -Lipschitz maps having constants  $\mathcal{K}_1$  and  $\mathcal{K}_2$  respectively, then  $\mathcal{W} + T$  is  $\sigma$ -Lipschitz having constant  $\mathcal{K}_1 + \mathcal{K}_2$ .*

**Proposition 2.2** ([31]) *If  $\mathcal{W} : \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$  is Lipschitz having constant  $\mathcal{K}$ , then  $\mathcal{W}$  is  $\sigma$ -Lipschitz having the same constant  $\mathcal{K}$ .*

**Proposition 2.3** ([31]) *If  $\mathcal{W} : \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$  is compact, then  $\mathcal{W}$  is  $\sigma$ -Lipschitz having the constant  $\mathcal{K} = 0$ .*

**Theorem 2.1** ([31]) *Let  $\mathcal{W} : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$  be  $\sigma$ -condensing having*

$$\Theta = \{u \in \mathcal{M} : \exists 0 \leq \vartheta \leq 1 \text{ with } u = \vartheta \mathcal{W}u\}.$$

*If  $\Theta$  is bounded in  $\mathcal{M}$ , so  $\exists r > 0 \ni \Theta \subset S_r(0)$ , so the degree*

$$Q(I - \vartheta \mathcal{W}, S_r(0), 0) = 1, \quad \forall \vartheta \in \mathfrak{J}.$$

*It means that  $\mathcal{W}$  has at least one fixed point.*

**Definition 2.2** ([32]) “The arbitrary order ( $\kappa > 0$ ) integral of a function  $\mathcal{F} : \mathfrak{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathfrak{R}$  is given by

$$I^\kappa \mathcal{F}(\ell) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\kappa)} \int_0^\ell (\ell - s)^{\kappa-1} \mathcal{F}(s) ds. \tag{2.1}$$

**Definition 2.3** ([32]) The arbitrary order ( $\kappa > 0$ ) derivative of a function  $\mathcal{F} : \mathfrak{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathfrak{R}$  in the Caputo sense is given by

$$D^\kappa \mathcal{F}(\ell) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(n - \kappa)} \int_0^\ell (\ell - s)^{n-\kappa-1} \mathcal{F}^{(n)}(s) ds. \tag{2.2}$$

**Lemma 2.1** [32] *Let  $\kappa > 0$ , then*

$$I^\kappa [D^\kappa h(\ell)] = h(\ell) + c_0 + c_1 \ell + c_2 \ell^2 + \dots + c_{n-1} \ell^{n-1}$$

for arbitrary  $c_i \in \mathfrak{R}, i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n - 1$ .

### 3 Main results

Before studying the existence results for BVP (1.1), we list the following assumptions.

(C<sub>1</sub>) For random  $u, w, \bar{u}, \bar{w} \in \mathfrak{R}, \exists$  numbers  $k_r, k_h \in [0, 1)$  with

$$\begin{aligned} |r(u) - r(\bar{u})| &\leq k_r |u - \bar{u}|, \\ |h(w) - h(\bar{w})| &\leq k_h |w - \bar{w}|. \end{aligned}$$

(C<sub>2</sub>) For arbitrary  $u, w \in \mathfrak{R}, \exists$  constants  $c_r, c_h, M_r, M_h$  with

$$\begin{aligned} |r(u)| &\leq c_r |u| + M_r, \\ |h(w)| &\leq c_h |w| + M_h. \end{aligned}$$

(C<sub>3</sub>) For arbitrary  $u, w \in \mathfrak{R}, \exists$  constants  $z_{g_1}, z_{g_2}, N_{g_1}, N_{g_2}$  with

$$\begin{aligned} |g_1(s, u(s))| &\leq z_{g_1} |u| + N_{g_1}, \\ |g_2(s, w(s))| &\leq z_{g_2} |w| + N_{g_2}. \end{aligned}$$

(C<sub>4</sub>) For arbitrary  $u, w \in \mathfrak{R}, \exists$  constants  $c_1, d_1 > 0, 0 < c_2, d_2 < 1, M_{\mathcal{F}}, M_{\bar{\mathcal{F}}}$  with

$$\begin{aligned} |\mathcal{F}(s, w(s), \omega(s))| &\leq c_1 |w| + c_2 |\omega| + M_{\mathcal{F}}, \\ |\bar{\mathcal{F}}(s, u(s), z(s))| &\leq d_1 |u| + d_2 |z| + M_{\bar{\mathcal{F}}}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $D^\kappa u(s) = \omega(s)$  and  $D^\kappa w(s) = z(s)$ .

(C<sub>5</sub>) For arbitrary  $u, w, \bar{u}, \bar{w} \in \mathfrak{R}, \exists$  constants  $a_1, a_2$  with

$$\begin{aligned} |g_1(s, u(s)) - g_1(s, \bar{u}(s))| &\leq a_1 |u - \bar{u}|, \\ |g_2(s, w(s)) - g_2(s, \bar{w}(s))| &\leq a_2 |w - \bar{w}|. \end{aligned}$$

(C<sub>6</sub>) For arbitrary  $u, w, \bar{u}, \bar{w} \in \mathfrak{R}, \exists$  constants  $C_{g_1}, C_{g_2} > 0, 0 < D_{g_1}, D_{g_2} < 1$  with

$$\begin{aligned} |\mathcal{F}(s, w(s), \omega(s)) - \mathcal{F}(s, \bar{w}(s), \bar{\omega}(s))| &\leq C_{g_1} |w - \bar{w}| + D_{g_1} |\omega - \bar{\omega}|, \\ |\bar{\mathcal{F}}(s, u(s), z(s)) - \bar{\mathcal{F}}(s, \bar{u}(s), \bar{z}(s))| &\leq C_{g_2} |u - \bar{u}| + D_{g_2} |z - \bar{z}|, \end{aligned}$$

where  $D^\kappa u(s) = \omega(s)$  and  $D^\kappa w(s) = z(s)$ .

**Lemma 3.1** *Let the integrable function  $h : \mathfrak{J} \rightarrow \mathfrak{R}$ . Then the IFDE*

$$D^\kappa u(\ell) = h(\ell), \quad 2 < \kappa \leq 3,$$

with boundary condition of type

$$u(0) = r(u), \quad u'(0) = u_o, \quad u(1) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\kappa)} \int_0^1 (1-s)^{\kappa-1} g_1(s, u(s)) ds,$$

has a solution

$$u(\ell) = (1 - \ell^2)r(u) + (\ell - \ell^2)u_o + \frac{\ell^2}{\Gamma(\kappa)} \int_0^1 (1-s)^{\kappa-1} g_1(s, u(s)) ds + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\kappa)} \int_0^\ell (\ell-s)^{\kappa-1} h(s) ds - \frac{\ell^2}{\Gamma(\kappa)} \int_0^1 (1-s)^{\kappa-1} h(s) ds.$$

*Proof* Applying the operator  $I^\kappa$  to  $D^\kappa u(\ell) = h(\ell)$ , and by Lemma 2.1, we have

$$u(\ell) = c_0 + c_1\ell + c_2\ell^2 + I^\kappa h(\ell). \tag{3.1}$$

Utilizing the boundary conditions to (3.1), we get

$$c_0 = r(u), \quad c_1 = u_o, \quad c_2 = -r(u) - u_o - I^\kappa h(1) + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\kappa)} \int_0^1 (1-s)^{\kappa-1} g_1(s, u(s)) ds.$$

Substituting in equation (3.1), we have

$$\begin{aligned} u(\ell) &= r(u) + u_o\ell - \ell^2r(u) - \ell^2u_o + \frac{\ell^2}{\Gamma(\kappa)} \int_0^1 (1-s)^{\kappa-1} g_1(s, u(s)) ds \\ &\quad - \frac{\ell^2}{\Gamma(\kappa)} \int_0^1 (1-s)^{\kappa-1} h(s) ds + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\kappa)} \int_0^\ell (\ell-s)^{\kappa-1} h(s) ds \\ &= (1 - \ell^2)r(u) + (\ell - \ell^2)u_o + \frac{\ell^2}{\Gamma(\kappa)} \int_0^1 (1-s)^{\kappa-1} g_1(s, u(s)) ds \\ &\quad - \frac{\ell^2}{\Gamma(\kappa)} \int_0^1 (1-s)^{\kappa-1} \mathcal{F}(s, w(s), D^\kappa u(s)) ds \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\kappa)} \int_0^\ell (\ell-s)^{\kappa-1} \mathcal{F}(s, w(s), D^\kappa u(s)) ds. \end{aligned} \quad \square$$

By Lemma 3.1, the solutions of coupled system (1.1) are solutions of the following system of integral equations:

$$\begin{cases} u(\ell) = (1 - \ell^2)r(u) + (\ell - \ell^2)u_o + \frac{\ell^2}{\Gamma(\kappa)} \int_0^1 (1-s)^{\kappa-1} g_1(s, u(s)) ds \\ \quad - \frac{\ell^2}{\Gamma(\kappa)} \int_0^1 (1-s)^{\kappa-1} \mathcal{F}(s, w(s), D^\kappa u(s)) ds \\ \quad + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\kappa)} \int_0^\ell (\ell-s)^{\kappa-1} \mathcal{F}(s, w(s), D^\kappa u(s)) ds, \\ w(\ell) = (1 - \ell^2)h(w) + (\ell - \ell^2)w_o + \frac{\ell^2}{\Gamma(\delta)} \int_0^1 (1-s)^{\delta-1} g_2(s, w(s)) ds \\ \quad - \frac{\ell^2}{\Gamma(\delta)} \int_0^1 (1-s)^{\delta-1} \overline{\mathcal{F}}(s, u(s), D^\delta w(s)) ds \\ \quad + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\delta)} \int_0^\ell (\ell-s)^{\delta-1} \overline{\mathcal{F}}(s, u(s), D^\delta w(s)) ds. \end{cases} \tag{3.2}$$

Let  $\mathcal{A} = (\mathcal{A}_1, \mathcal{A}_2)$ ,  $\mathcal{B} = (\mathcal{B}_1, \mathcal{B}_2)$ , and  $\mathcal{T} = \mathcal{A} + \mathcal{B}$ , where  $\mathcal{A}_1 : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$  and  $\mathcal{A}_2 : \mathcal{N} \rightarrow \mathcal{N}$  are defined by

$$\mathcal{A}_1(u)(\ell) = (1 - \ell^2)r(u) + (\ell - \ell^2)u_o$$

and

$$\mathcal{A}_2(w)(\ell) = (1 - \ell^2)h(w) + (\ell - \ell^2)w_o,$$

and  $\mathcal{B}_1, \mathcal{B}_2 : \mathcal{M} \times \mathcal{N} \rightarrow \mathcal{M} \times \mathcal{N}$  are defined by

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{B}_1(u, w)(\ell) &= \frac{\ell^2}{\Gamma(\kappa)} \int_0^1 (1-s)^{\kappa-1} g_1(s, u(s)) ds \\ &\quad - \frac{\ell^2}{\Gamma(\kappa)} \int_0^1 (1-s)^{\kappa-1} \mathcal{F}(s, w(s), D^\kappa u(s)) ds \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\kappa)} \int_0^\ell (\ell-s)^{\kappa-1} \mathcal{F}(s, w(s), D^\kappa u(s)) ds \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{B}_2(u, w)(\ell) &= \frac{\ell^2}{\Gamma(\delta)} \int_0^1 (1-s)^{\delta-1} g_2(s, w(s)) ds - \frac{\ell^2}{\Gamma(\delta)} \int_0^1 (1-s)^{\delta-1} \overline{\mathcal{F}}(s, u(s), D^\delta w(s)) ds \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\delta)} \int_0^\ell (\ell-s)^{\delta-1} \overline{\mathcal{F}}(s, u(s), D^\delta w(s)) ds. \end{aligned}$$

Then the solution of (1.1) in the operator form becomes

$$(u, w) = \mathcal{T}(u, w) = \mathcal{A}(u, w) + \mathcal{B}(u, w). \quad (3.3)$$

**Lemma 3.2** *The following Lipschitz condition is satisfied for the operator  $\mathcal{A}$ :*

$$|\mathcal{A}(u, w)(\ell) - \mathcal{A}(\bar{u}, \bar{w})(\ell)| \leq k_\theta \|(u, w) - (\bar{u}, \bar{w})\|. \quad (3.4)$$

*Proof* For any  $(u, w), (\bar{u}, \bar{w}) \in \mathcal{M} \times \mathcal{N}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} |\mathcal{A}(u, w)(\ell) - \mathcal{A}(\bar{u}, \bar{w})(\ell)| &= |(1 - \ell^2)r(u) + (1 - \ell^2)h(w) - (1 - \ell^2)r(\bar{u}) - (1 - \ell^2)h(\bar{w})| \\ &\leq |(1 - \ell^2)(r(u) - r(\bar{u}))| + |(1 - \ell^2)(h(w) - h(\bar{w}))| \\ &\leq |r(u) - r(\bar{u})| + |h(w) - h(\bar{w})| \\ &\leq k_r |u - \bar{u}| + k_h |w - \bar{w}|, \end{aligned}$$

which implies that

$$|\mathcal{A}(u, w)(\ell) - \mathcal{A}(\bar{u}, \bar{w})(\ell)| \leq k_\theta \|(u, w) - (\bar{u}, \bar{w})\|, \quad (3.5)$$

where  $k_\theta = \max\{k_r, k_h\}$ . Thus  $\mathcal{A}$  is Lipschitz having constant  $k_\theta$ , and in view of Proposition 2.2,  $\mathcal{A}$  is  $\sigma$ -Lipschitz having constant  $k_\theta$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 3.3** *The operator  $\mathcal{B} : \mathcal{M} \times \mathcal{N} \rightarrow \mathcal{M} \times \mathcal{N}$  is continuous.*

*Proof* Let  $\{(u_n, w_n)\}$  be a sequence in a bounded set

$$D_k = \{ \|(u, w)\| \leq r : (u, w) \in \mathcal{M} \times \mathcal{N} \},$$

so that  $(u_n, w_n) \rightarrow (u, w)$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  in  $D_k$ . To check the continuity of  $\mathcal{B}$ , we have to show that

$$\|\mathcal{B}(u_n, w_n) - \mathcal{B}(u, w)\| \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

For this, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & |\mathcal{B}_1(u_n, w_n)(\ell) - \mathcal{B}_1(u, w)(\ell)| \\ &= \frac{\ell^2}{\Gamma(\kappa)} \int_0^1 (1-s)^{\kappa-1} g_1(s, u_n(s)) \, ds - \frac{\ell^2}{\Gamma(\kappa)} \int_0^1 (1-s)^{\kappa-1} \mathcal{F}(s, w_n(s), D^\kappa u_n(s)) \, ds \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\kappa)} \int_0^\ell (\ell-s)^{\kappa-1} \mathcal{F}(s, w_n(s), D^\kappa u_n(s)) \, ds - \frac{\ell^2}{\Gamma(\kappa)} \int_0^1 (1-s)^{\kappa-1} g_1(s, u(s)) \, ds \\ &\quad + \frac{\ell^2}{\Gamma(\kappa)} \int_0^1 (1-s)^{\kappa-1} \mathcal{F}(s, w(s), D^\kappa u(s)) \, ds \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{\Gamma(\kappa)} \int_0^\ell (\ell-s)^{\kappa-1} \mathcal{F}(s, w(s), D^\kappa u(s)) \, ds \\ &\leq \left| \frac{1}{\Gamma(\kappa)} \int_0^1 (1-s)^{\kappa-1} g_1(s, u_n(s)) \, ds - \frac{1}{\Gamma(\kappa)} \int_0^1 (1-s)^{\kappa-1} g_1(s, u(s)) \, ds \right. \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{\Gamma(\kappa)} \int_0^1 (1-s)^{\kappa-1} \mathcal{F}(s, w_n(s), D^\kappa u_n(s)) \, ds \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\kappa)} \int_0^1 (1-s)^{\kappa-1} \mathcal{F}(s, w(s), D^\kappa u(s)) \, ds \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\kappa)} \int_0^\ell (\ell-s)^{\kappa-1} \mathcal{F}(s, w_n(s), D^\kappa u_n(s)) \, ds \\ &\quad \left. - \frac{1}{\Gamma(\kappa)} \int_0^\ell (\ell-s)^{\kappa-1} \mathcal{F}(s, w(s), D^\kappa u(s)) \, ds \right|, \end{aligned}$$

which implies that

$$\begin{aligned} & |\mathcal{B}_1(u_n, w_n)(\ell) - \mathcal{B}_1(u, w)(\ell)| \\ &\leq \left| \frac{1}{\Gamma(\kappa)} \int_0^1 (1-s)^{\kappa-1} g_1(s, u_n(s)) \, ds - \frac{1}{\Gamma(\kappa)} \int_0^1 (1-s)^{\kappa-1} g_1(s, u(s)) \, ds \right| \\ &\quad + \left| \frac{1}{\Gamma(\kappa)} \int_0^1 (1-s)^{\kappa-1} \mathcal{F}(s, w_n(s), D^\kappa u_n(s)) \, ds \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \frac{1}{\Gamma(\kappa)} \int_0^1 (1-s)^{\kappa-1} \mathcal{F}(s, w(s), D^\kappa u(s)) \, ds \right| \\ &\quad + \left| \frac{1}{\Gamma(\kappa)} \int_0^\ell (\ell-s)^{\kappa-1} \mathcal{F}(s, w_n(s), D^\kappa u_n(s)) \, ds \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \frac{1}{\Gamma(\kappa)} \int_0^\ell (\ell-s)^{\kappa-1} \mathcal{F}(s, w(s), D^\kappa u(s)) \, ds \right| \\ &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(\kappa)} \int_0^1 (1-s)^{\kappa-1} |g_1(s, u_n(s)) - g_1(s, u(s))| \, ds \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &+ \frac{1}{\Gamma(\kappa)} \int_0^1 (1-s)^{\kappa-1} |\mathcal{F}(s, w_n(s), D^\kappa u_n(s)) - \mathcal{F}(s, w(s), D^\kappa u(s))| ds \\
 &+ \frac{1}{\Gamma(\kappa)} \int_0^\ell (\ell-s)^{\kappa-1} |\mathcal{F}(s, w_n(s), D^\kappa u_n(s)) - \mathcal{F}(s, w(s), D^\kappa u(s))| ds.
 \end{aligned}$$

From the continuity of  $\mathcal{F}$  it follows that

$$\mathcal{F}(s, w_n(s), \omega_n(s)) \rightarrow \mathcal{F}(s, w(s), \omega(s)) \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

For each  $\ell \in \mathfrak{J}$ , using  $(C_5)$  we obtain

$$\int_0^\ell \frac{(\ell-s)^{\kappa-1}}{\Gamma(\kappa)} |\mathcal{F}(s, w_n(s), \omega_n(s)) - \mathcal{F}(s, w(s), \omega(s))| ds \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty,$$

similarly other terms approach 0 as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . It follows that

$$|\mathcal{B}_1(u_n, w_n)(\ell) - \mathcal{B}_1(u, w)(\ell)| \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Similarly,

$$|\mathcal{B}_2(u_n, w_n)(\ell) - \mathcal{B}_2(u, w)(\ell)| \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Therefore  $\mathcal{B}_1$  and  $\mathcal{B}_2$  and thus  $\mathcal{B}$  is continuous. □

**Lemma 3.4** *The following growth conditions are valid for the operators  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{B}$ :*

$$\|\mathcal{A}(u, w)\| \leq c_\theta \|(u, w)\| + M \quad \text{for each } (u, w) \in \mathcal{M} \times \mathcal{N} \tag{3.6}$$

and

$$\|\mathcal{B}(u, w)\| \leq \theta \|(u, w)\| + \Lambda \quad \text{for each } (u, w) \in \mathcal{M} \times \mathcal{N} \tag{3.7}$$

respectively, where  $c_\theta = \max\{c_r, c_h\}$ ,  $\theta = \max\{z_{g_1} + \frac{2d_1}{1-d_2}, z_{g_2} + \frac{2c_1}{1-c_2}\}$ , and  $\Lambda = \frac{2M_F}{1-c_2} + \frac{2M_{\overline{F}}}{1-d_2} + N_{g_1} + N_{g_2}$ .

*Proof* For the growth condition, consider

$$\begin{aligned}
 |\mathcal{A}(u, w)| &= |(\mathcal{A}_1(u), \mathcal{A}_2(w))| \\
 &= |(1-\ell^2)r(u) + (\ell-\ell^2)u_o + (1-\ell^2)h(w) + (\ell-\ell^2)w_o| \\
 &\leq |r(u) + u_o| + |h(w) + w_o| \\
 &\leq |r(u)| + |h(w)| + |u_o| + |w_o| \\
 &\leq c_r|u| + c_h|w| + M_r + M_h + |u_o| + |w_o| \\
 &\leq c_\theta \|(u, w)\| + M,
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $M = M_r + M_h + |u_o| + |w_o|$ , hence the operator  $\mathcal{A}$  satisfies the growth condition. Now

$$\begin{aligned} & \| \mathcal{B}_1(u, w)(\ell) \| \\ &= \left\| \frac{\ell^2}{\Gamma(\kappa)} \int_0^1 (1-s)^{\kappa-1} g_1(s, u(s)) ds - \frac{\ell^2}{\Gamma(\kappa)} \int_0^1 (1-s)^{\kappa-1} \mathcal{F}(s, w(s), D^\kappa u(s)) ds \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\kappa)} \int_0^\ell (\ell-s)^{\kappa-1} \mathcal{F}(s, w(s), D^\kappa u(s)) ds \right\| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{\Gamma(\kappa)} \int_0^1 (1-s)^{\kappa-1} \|g_1(s, u(s))\| ds + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\kappa)} \int_0^1 (1-s)^{\kappa-1} \|\mathcal{F}(s, w(s), D^\kappa u(s))\| ds \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\kappa)} \int_0^\ell (\ell-s)^{\kappa-1} \|\mathcal{F}(s, w(s), D^\kappa u(s))\| ds \\ &\leq z_{g_1} |u| + 2c_1 |w| + 2c_2 |\omega| + N_{g_1} + 2M_{\mathcal{F}} \\ &\leq z_{g_1} |u| + \frac{2c_1}{1-c_2} |w| + \frac{2M_{\mathcal{F}}}{1-c_2} + N_{g_1}, \end{aligned}$$

similarly

$$\| \mathcal{B}_2(u, w)(\ell) \| \leq z_{g_2} |w| + \frac{2d_1}{1-d_2} |u| + \frac{2M_{\overline{\mathcal{F}}}}{1-d_2} + N_{g_2}.$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned} \| \mathcal{B}(u, w) \| &= \| \mathcal{B}_1(u, w) \| + \| \mathcal{B}_2(u, w) \| \\ &\leq z_{g_1} |u| + z_{g_2} |w| + \frac{2d_1}{1-d_2} |u| + \frac{2c_1}{1-c_2} |w| + \frac{2M_{\mathcal{F}}}{1-c_2} + \frac{2M_{\overline{\mathcal{F}}}}{1-d_2} + N_{g_1} + N_{g_2} \\ &\leq \left( z_{g_1} + \frac{2d_1}{1-d_2} \right) |u| + \left( z_{g_2} + \frac{2c_1}{1-c_2} \right) |w| + \frac{2M_{\mathcal{F}}}{1-c_2} + \frac{2M_{\overline{\mathcal{F}}}}{1-d_2} + N_{g_1} + N_{g_2}, \end{aligned}$$

which implies that

$$\| \mathcal{B}(u, w) \| \leq \theta \| (u, w) \| + \Lambda, \tag{3.8}$$

which is the required growth condition on  $\mathcal{B}$ . □

**Lemma 3.5** *The operator  $\mathcal{B} : \mathcal{M} \times \mathcal{N} \rightarrow \mathcal{M} \times \mathcal{N}$  is compact. Consequently,  $\mathcal{B}$  is  $\sigma$ -Lipschitz with the constant zero.*

*Proof* Consider a sequence  $\{(u_n, w_n)\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  in  $\mathcal{D}$ , where  $\mathcal{D}$  is a bounded subset of  $D_k$ . Then, by using the growth condition of  $\mathcal{B}$  (3.7), it is clear that  $G(\mathcal{D})$  is bounded. Now, we will show that  $\mathcal{B}$  is equicontinuous. For each  $\{(u_n, w_n)\}$  in  $\mathcal{D}$  and for each  $\epsilon > 0$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & | \mathcal{B}_1(u_n, w_n)(\ell) - \mathcal{B}_1(u_n, w_n)(\tau) | \\ &= \left| \frac{\ell^2}{\Gamma(\kappa)} \int_0^1 (1-s)^{\kappa-1} g_1(s, u_n(s)) ds - \frac{\ell^2}{\Gamma(\kappa)} \int_0^1 (1-s)^{\kappa-1} \mathcal{F}(s, w_n(s), D^\kappa u_n(s)) ds \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\kappa)} \int_0^\ell (\ell-s)^{\kappa-1} \mathcal{F}(s, w_n(s), D^\kappa u_n(s)) ds - \frac{\tau^2}{\Gamma(\kappa)} \int_0^1 (1-s)^{\kappa-1} g_1(s, u_n(s)) ds \right| \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & + \frac{\tau^2}{\Gamma(\kappa)} \int_0^1 (1-s)^{\kappa-1} \mathcal{F}(s, w_n(s), D^\kappa u_n(s)) ds \\ & - \frac{1}{\Gamma(\kappa)} \int_0^\ell (\tau-s)^{\kappa-1} \mathcal{F}(s, w_n(s), D^\kappa u_n(s)) ds \\ & - \frac{1}{\Gamma(\kappa)} \int_\ell^\tau (\tau-s)^{\kappa-1} \mathcal{F}(s, w_n(s), D^\kappa u_n(s)) ds \Big|, \end{aligned}$$

which implies that

$$\begin{aligned} & |\mathcal{B}_1(u_n, w_n)(\ell) - \mathcal{B}_1(u_n, w_n)(\tau)| \\ & \leq \left| \frac{\ell^2}{\Gamma(\kappa)} \int_0^1 (1-s)^{\kappa-1} g_1(s, u_n(s)) ds - \frac{\tau^2}{\Gamma(\kappa)} \int_0^1 (1-s)^{\kappa-1} g_1(s, u_n(s)) ds \right| \\ & + \left| \frac{1}{\Gamma(\kappa)} \int_0^\ell (\ell-s)^{\kappa-1} \mathcal{F}(s, w_n(s), D^\kappa u_n(s)) ds \right. \\ & \left. - \frac{1}{\Gamma(\kappa)} \int_0^\ell (\tau-s)^{\kappa-1} \mathcal{F}(s, w_n(s), D^\kappa u_n(s)) ds \right| \\ & + \left| \frac{\tau^2}{\Gamma(\kappa)} \int_0^1 (1-s)^{\kappa-1} \mathcal{F}(s, w_n(s), D^\kappa u_n(s)) ds \right. \\ & \left. - \frac{\ell^2}{\Gamma(\kappa)} \int_0^1 (1-s)^{\kappa-1} \mathcal{F}(s, w_n(s), D^\kappa u_n(s)) ds \right| \\ & + \left| \frac{1}{\Gamma(\kappa)} \int_\ell^\tau (\tau-s)^{\kappa-1} \mathcal{F}(s, w_n(s), D^\kappa u_n(s)) ds \right| \\ & = \left| \frac{1}{\Gamma(\kappa)} \int_0^\ell ((\ell-s)^{\kappa-1} - (\tau-s)^{\kappa-1}) \mathcal{F}(s, w_n(s), D^\kappa u_n(s)) ds \right| \\ & + \left| \frac{(\tau^2 - \ell^2)}{\Gamma(\kappa)} \int_0^1 (1-s)^{\kappa-1} \mathcal{F}(s, w_n(s), D^\kappa u_n(s)) ds \right| \\ & + \left| \frac{1}{\Gamma(\kappa)} \int_\ell^\tau (\tau-s)^{\kappa-1} \mathcal{F}(s, w_n(s), D^\kappa u_n(s)) ds \right| \\ & + \left| \frac{(\ell^2 - \tau^2)}{\Gamma(\kappa)} \int_0^1 (1-s)^{\kappa-1} g_1(s, u_n(s)) ds \right| \\ & = \frac{|\ell^2 - \tau^2| \|g_1\|}{\Gamma(\kappa)} \int_0^1 (1-s)^{\kappa-1} ds + \frac{\|\mathcal{F}\|}{\Gamma(\kappa)} \int_0^\ell |(\ell-s)^{\kappa-1} - (\tau-s)^{\kappa-1}| ds \\ & + \frac{(\tau^2 - \ell^2) \|\mathcal{F}\|}{\Gamma(\kappa)} \int_0^1 (1-s)^{\kappa-1} ds + \frac{\|\mathcal{F}\|}{\Gamma(\kappa)} \int_\ell^\tau (\tau-s)^{\kappa-1} ds \\ & = \frac{2\|\mathcal{F}\|}{\Gamma(\kappa+1)} (\tau-\ell)^\kappa - \frac{\|g_1\|}{\Gamma(\kappa+1)} (\tau^2 - \ell^2). \end{aligned}$$

Taking limit as  $\tau \rightarrow \ell$ , we get

$$|\mathcal{B}_1(u_n, w_n)(\ell) - \mathcal{B}_1(u_n, w_n)(\tau)| \rightarrow 0. \quad (3.9)$$

So there exists  $\epsilon > 0$  such that

$$|\mathcal{B}_1(u_n, w_n)(\ell) - \mathcal{B}_1(u_n, w_n)(\tau)| < \frac{\epsilon}{2}, \quad (3.10)$$

similarly

$$|\mathcal{B}_2(u_n, w_n)(\ell) - \mathcal{B}_2(u_n, w_n)(\tau)| < \frac{\epsilon}{2}. \tag{3.11}$$

Therefore, from (3.10) and (3.11), we get

$$|\mathcal{B}(u_n, w_n)(\ell) - \mathcal{B}(u_n, w_n)(\tau)| < \epsilon. \tag{3.12}$$

Thus  $\mathcal{B}$  is equicontinuous, and therefore  $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{D})$  is compact in  $\mathcal{M} \times \mathcal{N}$ . In view of Proposition 2.3,  $\mathcal{B}$  is  $\sigma$ -Lipschitz having zero constant.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.1** *Under assumptions (C<sub>1</sub>)–(C<sub>4</sub>), BVP (1.1) has at least one solution (u, w) ∈ M × N provided c<sub>θ</sub> + θ < 1 and a solution set of (1.1) is bounded in M × N.*

*Proof* By Lemma 3.2,  $\mathcal{A}$  is Lipschitz having constant  $k_\theta \in [0, 1)$ , and by Lemma 3.5,  $\mathcal{B}$  is Lipschitz having zero constant. Therefore, by Proposition 2.1,  $\mathcal{T}$  is a  $\sigma$ -contraction having constant  $k_\theta$ . Now define

$$\mathcal{Q} = \{(u, w) \in \mathcal{M} \times \mathcal{N} : \exists \varrho \in \mathfrak{J}, \exists (u, w) = \varrho \mathcal{T}(u, w)\}.$$

We have to prove that  $\mathcal{Q}$  is bounded in  $\mathcal{M} \times \mathcal{N}$ . So, choose  $(u, w) \in \mathcal{Q}$ , then by using (3.6) and (3.7), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|(u, w)\| &= \|\varrho \mathcal{T}(u, w)\| \\ &= \varrho (\|\mathcal{A}(u, w) + \mathcal{B}(u, w)\|) \\ &\leq \varrho (c_\theta \|(u, w)\| + M + \theta (\|(u, w)\| + \Lambda)) \\ &= \varrho (c_\theta + \theta) \|(u, w)\| + \varrho (M + \Lambda). \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $\mathcal{Q}$  is bounded in  $\mathcal{M} \times \mathcal{N}$ . Therefore Theorem 2.1 guarantees that  $\mathcal{T}$  possesses at least one fixed point. Hence the considered problem has at least one solution.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.2** *Suppose that (k<sub>θ</sub> + C' + D') < 1. Let assumptions (C<sub>1</sub>), (C<sub>5</sub>), and (C<sub>6</sub>) be satisfied. Then BVP (1.1) has a unique solution.*

*Proof* In the light of Banach contraction theorem, for any  $(u, w), (\bar{u}, \bar{w}) \in \mathcal{M} \times \mathcal{N}$ , consider

$$\begin{aligned} &|\mathcal{B}_1(u, w) - \mathcal{B}_1(\bar{u}, \bar{w})| \\ &= \left| \frac{\ell^2}{\Gamma(\kappa)} \int_0^1 (1-s)^{\kappa-1} g_1(s, u(s)) ds + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\kappa)} \int_0^\ell (\ell-s)^{\kappa-1} \mathcal{F}(s, w(s), D^\kappa u(s)) ds \right. \\ &\quad - \frac{\ell^2}{\Gamma(\kappa)} \int_0^1 (1-s)^{\kappa-1} \mathcal{F}(s, w(s), D^\kappa u(s)) ds - \frac{\ell^2}{\Gamma(\kappa)} \int_0^1 (1-s)^{\kappa-1} g_1(s, \bar{u}(s)) ds \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{\Gamma(\kappa)} \int_0^\ell (\ell-s)^{\kappa-1} \mathcal{F}(s, \bar{w}(s), D^\kappa \bar{u}(s)) ds \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{\ell^2}{\Gamma(\kappa)} \int_0^1 (1-s)^{\kappa-1} \mathcal{F}(s, \bar{w}(s), D^\kappa \bar{u}(s)) ds \right| \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\leq \left| \frac{\ell^2}{\Gamma(\kappa)} \int_0^1 (1-s)^{\kappa-1} (g_1(s, u(s)) - g_1(s, \bar{u}(s))) ds \right| \\
 &\quad + \left| \frac{1}{\Gamma(\kappa)} \int_0^\ell (\ell-s)^{\kappa-1} (\mathcal{F}(s, w(s), D^\kappa u(s)) - \mathcal{F}(s, \bar{w}(s), D^\kappa \bar{u}(s))) ds \right| \\
 &\quad + \left| \frac{\ell^2}{\Gamma(\kappa)} \int_0^1 (1-s)^{\kappa-1} (\mathcal{F}(s, w(s), D^\kappa u(s)) - \mathcal{F}(s, \bar{w}(s), D^\kappa \bar{u}(s))) ds \right| \\
 &\leq \left| \frac{1}{\Gamma(\kappa+1)} (g_1(s, u(s)) - g_1(s, \bar{u}(s))) \right| \\
 &\quad + \left| \frac{2}{\Gamma(\kappa+1)} (\mathcal{F}(s, w(s), D^\kappa u(s)) - \mathcal{F}(s, \bar{w}(s), D^\kappa \bar{u}(s))) ds \right| \\
 &\leq |(g_1(s, u(s)) - g_1(s, \bar{u}(s)))| + 2|(\mathcal{F}(s, w(s), \omega(s)) - \mathcal{F}(s, \bar{w}(s), \bar{\omega}(s))) ds| \\
 &\leq a_1 \|u - \bar{u}\| + 2(C_{g_1} \|w - \bar{w}\| + D_{g_1} \|\omega - \bar{\omega}\|) \\
 &\leq a_1 \|u - \bar{u}\| + 2\left(C_{g_1} \|w - \bar{w}\| + \frac{C_{g_1} D_{g_1}}{1 - D_{g_1}} \|w - \bar{w}\|\right) \\
 &= a_1 \|u - \bar{u}\| + \frac{2C_{g_1}}{1 - D_{g_1}} \|w - \bar{w}\|,
 \end{aligned}$$

which implies that

$$|\mathcal{B}_1(u, w) - \mathcal{B}_1(\bar{u}, \bar{w})| \leq C' \|(u, w) - (\bar{u}, \bar{w})\|, \tag{3.13}$$

where  $C' = \max\{a_1, \frac{2C_{g_1}}{1 - D_{g_1}}\}$ , similarly

$$|\mathcal{B}_2(u, w) - \mathcal{B}_2(\bar{u}, \bar{w})| \leq D' \|(u, w) - (\bar{u}, \bar{w})\|. \tag{3.14}$$

Now, from (3.13) and (3.14), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 |\mathcal{B}(u, w) - \mathcal{B}(\bar{u}, \bar{w})| &= |\mathcal{B}_1(u, w) - \mathcal{B}_1(\bar{u}, \bar{w})| + |\mathcal{B}_2(u, w) - \mathcal{B}_2(\bar{u}, \bar{w})| \\
 &\leq C' \|(u, w) - (\bar{u}, \bar{w})\| + D' \|(u, w) - (\bar{u}, \bar{w})\|,
 \end{aligned}$$

it follows that

$$|\mathcal{B}(u, w) - \mathcal{B}(\bar{u}, \bar{w})| \leq (C' + D') \|(u, w) - (\bar{u}, \bar{w})\|. \tag{3.15}$$

Thus, from (3.4) and (3.15), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 |\mathcal{T}(u, w) - \mathcal{T}(\bar{u}, \bar{w})| &\leq |\mathcal{A}(u, w) - \mathcal{A}(\bar{u}, \bar{w})| + |\mathcal{B}(u, w) - \mathcal{B}(\bar{u}, \bar{w})| \\
 &\leq k_\theta \|(u, w) - (\bar{u}, \bar{w})\| + (C' + D') \|(u, w) - (\bar{u}, \bar{w})\| \\
 &= (k_\theta + C' + D') \|(u, w) - (\bar{u}, \bar{w})\|,
 \end{aligned}$$

it means that  $\mathcal{T}$  is a contraction. Therefore system (1.1) has a unique solution. □

**Example 3.1** Consider the given problem as follows:

$$\begin{cases} D^{\frac{11}{5}} u(\ell) = \frac{\ell^3}{40} + \frac{e^{-\ell}}{50} \sin w(\ell) + \frac{e^{-\ell}}{50} D^{\frac{11}{5}} u(\ell), \\ D^{\frac{13}{6}} w(\ell) = \frac{\ell^2}{50} + \frac{e^{-\pi\ell}}{30} \sin u(\ell) + \frac{e^{-\pi\ell}}{30} D^{\frac{13}{6}} w(\ell), \\ u(0) = \frac{5}{8} \sin(u) + \frac{3}{4}, \quad u'(0) = 1, \quad u(1) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\frac{11}{5})} \int_0^1 (1-s)^{\frac{6}{5}} \frac{\cos u(s)}{30} ds, \\ w(0) = \frac{2}{11} \cos(w) + \frac{5}{8}, \quad w'(0) = 2, \quad w(1) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\frac{13}{6})} \int_0^1 (1-s)^{\frac{7}{6}} \frac{e^{-w(s)}}{50} ds. \end{cases} \quad (3.16)$$

Here,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}(\ell, w(\ell), D^{\kappa} u(\ell)) &= \frac{\ell^3}{40} + \frac{e^{-\ell}}{50} \sin w(\ell) + \frac{e^{-\ell}}{50} D^{\frac{11}{5}} u(\ell) \quad \text{and} \\ \overline{\mathcal{F}}(\ell, u(\ell), D^{\delta} w(\ell)) &= \frac{\ell^2}{50} + \frac{e^{-\pi\ell}}{30} \sin u(\ell) + \frac{e^{-\pi\ell}}{30} D^{\frac{13}{6}} w(\ell). \end{aligned}$$

Now assumptions  $(C_1)$ – $(C_6)$  are satisfied for  $k_r = c_r = \frac{5}{8}$ ,  $k_h = c_h = \frac{2}{11}$ ,  $M_r = \frac{3}{4}$ ,  $M_h = \frac{5}{8}$ ,  $z_{g_1} = a_1 = \frac{1}{32}$ ,  $z_{g_2} = a_2 = \frac{1}{50}$ ,  $C_{g_1} = c_1 = \frac{1}{55}$ ,  $D_{g_1} = c_2 = \frac{1}{65}$ ,  $C_{g_2} = d_1 = \frac{1}{30}$ ,  $D_{g_2} = d_2 = \frac{1}{35}$ ,  $M_{\mathcal{F}} = \frac{1}{40}$ ,  $M_{\overline{\mathcal{F}}} = \frac{1}{60}$ , and  $N_{g_1} = N_{g_2} = 0$ . Consider the set

$$\mathcal{Q} = \{(u, w) \in C(\mathcal{J} \times \mathfrak{R} \times \mathfrak{R}, \mathfrak{R}), \exists \varrho \in \mathcal{J} : (u, w) = \varrho \mathcal{T}(u, w)\}.$$

Let  $(u, w) \in \mathcal{Q}$  and  $\varrho \in \mathcal{J}$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \|(u, w)\| &= \|\varrho \mathcal{T}(u, w)\| \\ &= \varrho [\|\mathcal{A}(u, w) + \mathcal{B}(u, w)\|] \\ &\leq \varrho [(c_{\theta} + \theta) \|(u, w)\| + (M + \Lambda)] \\ &= \varrho [0.731 \|(u, w)\| + 4.375], \end{aligned}$$

which shows that  $\mathcal{Q}$  is bounded. Thus, by Theorem 3.1, problem (3.16) possesses at least one solution, and the solution set is bounded. Further  $k_{\theta} + C' + D' \simeq 0.762 < 1$ , hence Theorem 3.2 guarantees that problem (3.16) has a unique solution.

**Example 3.2** Consider another problem as follows:

$$\begin{cases} D^{\frac{16}{7}} u(\ell) = \frac{e^{-\pi\ell}}{10+\ell^2} + \frac{\cos w(\ell)}{52+\ell^3} + \frac{D^{\frac{16}{7}} u(\ell)}{55+\ell^2}, \\ D^{\frac{9}{4}} w(\ell) = \frac{e^{-30\ell}}{35+\ell} + \frac{\cos u(\ell)}{63(1+\ell)^2} + \frac{D^{\frac{9}{4}} w(\ell)}{19+\ell^2}, \\ u(0) = \frac{2}{25} e^{-\pi u} + \frac{3}{9}, \quad u'(0) = \frac{1}{5}, \quad u(1) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\frac{16}{7})} \int_0^1 (1-s)^{\frac{9}{7}} \frac{s\sqrt{u(s)}}{48+s} ds, \\ w(0) = \frac{3}{13} \sin(w) + \frac{1}{18}, \quad w'(0) = \frac{2}{7}, \quad w(1) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\frac{9}{4})} \int_0^1 (1-s)^{\frac{5}{4}} \frac{s\sqrt{w(s)}}{75+s} ds. \end{cases} \quad (3.17)$$

Here,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}(\ell, w(\ell), D^{\kappa} u(\ell)) &= \frac{e^{-\pi\ell}}{10+\ell^2} + \frac{\cos w(\ell)}{52+\ell^3} + \frac{D^{\frac{16}{7}} u(\ell)}{55+\ell^2} \quad \text{and} \\ \overline{\mathcal{F}}(\ell, u(\ell), D^{\delta} w(\ell)) &= \frac{e^{-30\ell}}{35+\ell} + \frac{\cos u(\ell)}{63(1+\ell)^2} + \frac{D^{\frac{9}{4}} w(\ell)}{19+\ell^2}. \end{aligned}$$

Now assumptions  $(C_1)$ – $(C_6)$  are satisfied for  $k_r = c_r = \frac{2}{25}$ ,  $k_h = c_h = \frac{3}{13}$ ,  $M_r = \frac{1}{3}$ ,  $M_h = \frac{1}{18}$ ,  $z_{g_1} = a_1 = \frac{1}{48}$ ,  $z_{g_2} = a_2 = \frac{1}{75}$ ,  $C_{g_1} = c_1 = \frac{1}{52}$ ,  $D_{g_1} = c_2 = \frac{1}{55}$ ,  $C_{g_2} = d_1 = \frac{1}{63}$ ,  $D_{g_2} = d_2 = \frac{1}{19}$ ,  $M_{\mathcal{F}} = \frac{1}{10}$ ,  $M_{\overline{\mathcal{F}}} = \frac{1}{35}$ , and  $N_{g_1} = N_{g_2} = 0$ . Consider the set

$$\mathcal{Q} = \{(u, w) \in C(\mathcal{J} \times \mathfrak{R} \times \mathfrak{R}, \mathfrak{R}), \exists \varrho \in \mathcal{J} : (u, w) = \varrho \mathcal{T}(u, w)\}.$$

Let  $(u, w) \in \mathcal{Q}$  and  $\varrho \in \mathcal{J}$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \|(u, w)\| &= \|\varrho \mathcal{T}(u, w)\| \\ &= \varrho [\|\mathcal{A}(u, w) + \mathcal{B}(u, w)\|] \\ &\leq \varrho [(c_\theta + \theta)\|(u, w)\| + (M + \Lambda)] \\ &= \varrho [0.684\|(u, w)\| + 1.553], \end{aligned}$$

which shows that  $\mathcal{Q}$  is bounded. Thus, by Theorem 3.1, problem (3.17) possesses at least one solution, and the solution set is bounded. Further  $k_\theta + C' + D' \simeq 0.684 < 1$ , hence Theorem 3.2 guarantees that problem (3.17) has a unique solution.

#### 4 Conclusion

Upon the applications of a nonlinear analysis tool called degree method, we have established some appropriate results which are required for the existence and uniqueness of the solution to a coupled system of nonlinear IFDEs. Classical fixed point theory has been used to investigate the existence and uniqueness for some problems. Utilizing these results, one needs strong compact conditions due to which the area is restricted to some BVPs. Therefore we used the degree method which relaxed these conditions. There are very few results in the literature which utilized the degree method for the existence of solutions to initial and some BVPs having CFD, but a coupled system of IFDEs has not yet been investigated very well. All the results have been demonstrated by proper examples.

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