Local Existence Theorem of Fractional Differential Equations in $L^p$ Space

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ABSTRACT

We proved the existence of $P$-integrable solution in $L^p(a,b)$-space, where $1 \leq p < \infty$ for the fractional differential equation which has the form:

\[ \mathcal{D}^\alpha y(t) = f(t, y(t)) \quad 0 < \alpha < 1 \]

with boundary condition

\[ \gamma y(a) + \mu y(b) = c \]

where $\mathcal{D}^\alpha$ is the Caputo fractional derivative, $\gamma, \mu$ and $c$ are positive constants with $\gamma + \mu \neq 0$. The contraction mapping principle has been used to establish our main result.

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1. Introduction

Fractional differential equations have gained importance and popularity during the past three decades or so, due to mainly its demonstrated applications in numerous seemingly diverse fields of science and engineering. Fractional derivatives provide an excellent instrument for the description of memory and hereditary properties of various materials and processes. This is the main advantage of fractional derivatives in
comparison with classical integer-order models, in which such effects are in fact neglected. The advantages of fractional derivatives become apparent in modeling mechanical and electrical properties of real materials, and in many other fields see ([6],[7]).

Arora and Alshamani [1] proved a global existence and uniqueness theorem for the equation
\[ D^\alpha y(t) = f(t, y(t)) \]  \ldots (1.1)
to the case when the order \( \alpha \) in (1.1) is taken to be \( n - 1 < \alpha < n, \ n \in \mathbb{Z}^+, n \geq 2 \)
and satisfies the initial condition
\[ y^{(\alpha-i)}(a) = c_i \]  \ldots (1.2)
where \( a,c_i \in \mathbb{R}, i = 1,2,..,n, c_n = 0 \), \( f(t,y) \) is Lebesgue integrable function which satisfies the global Lipschitz condition. Hadid [5] studied local and global existence theorems of the nonlinear differential equation
\[ D^\alpha y(t) = f(t, y(t)) \ 0 < \alpha < 1 \]  \ldots (1.3)
satisfying initial condition
\[ y(t_0) = t_0 \]  \ldots (1.4)
by Schauder and Tyconove fixed point theorems. Momani [8] studied local and global uniqueness theorems of the fractional differential equation (1.3) with the condition (1.4), by using Biharie’s and Gronwell’s inequalities. Benchohra et al [4] studied the existence of solutions for boundary value problems, for fractional differential equation (1.3), for each \( t \in J = [0,T], \ 0 < \alpha < 1 \)
and satisfying the boundary condition
\[ \gamma y(0) + \mu y(T) = c \]
By using Schaefer’s fixed point theorem.

In this paper we impose some conditions on the existence of the solution of fractional differential equation (1.3), with boundary condition
\[ \gamma y(a) + \mu y(b) = c \]  \ldots (1.5)
to be in the space of \( L^p(a,b) \). Our method in this paper is by using the contraction mapping principle.

2. Preliminaries

In this section, we shall give a collection of definitions and lemmas which are needed in various places in this work.

Definition 2.1 [2]
Let \( f \) be a function which is defined almost everywhere (a.e) on \([a,b]\). for \( \alpha > 0 \),
we define
\[ D^{-\alpha}_a f = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_a^b (b-t)^{\alpha-1} f(t)dt \]
Provided that this integral (lebesgue) exists, where \( \Gamma \) is gamma function.

Definition 2.2 [6]
For a function \( f \) defined on the interval \([a,b]\), the \( \alpha \)th Caputo fractional derivative of \( f \) is defined by
\[ (D^\alpha_a f)(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(n-\alpha)} \int_a^t (t-s)^{n-\alpha-1} f^{(n)}(s) y(s)ds \]
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where $n=[\alpha]+1$ and $[\alpha]$ denotes the integer part of $\alpha$.

**Lemma 2.1** [2] If $\alpha > 0$ and $f(t)$ is continuous on $[a, b]$, then $D^{-\alpha}f$ exists and it is continuous with respect to $t$ on $[a, b]$.

**Lemma 2.2** [7] If $\alpha > 0$ and $f(t)$ belongs to $L(a, b)$, then $D^{-\alpha}f$ exists for all $t \in [a, b]$ if $\alpha \geq 1$ and a.e. if $\alpha < 1$.

**Lemma 2.3** [3] If $0 < \beta < \alpha$ and $f(t)$ belongs to $L^p(a, b)$, then $D^{-\alpha}f$ exists for all $t \in [a, b]$ if $1 \geq \alpha$ and a.e. if $1 < \alpha$.

**Lemma 2.4** [9] (Hölder's inequality)

Let $X$ be a measurable space, let $p$ and $q$ satisfy $1 < p < \infty$, $1 < q < \infty$, and $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$. If $f \in L^p(X)$ and $g \in L^q(X)$, then $(f, g)$ belongs to $L(X)$ and satisfies

$$\int_X |fg| \, dx \leq \left( \int_X |f| \, dx \right)^\frac{1}{p} \left( \int_X |g| \, dx \right)^\frac{1}{q}$$

3. Local Existence of P-integrable solution in $L^p(a, b)$ space

In this section we prove some existence and uniqueness theorems in $L^p(a, b)$ space for the boundary value problems (1.3), with condition (1.5).

**Lemma 3.1** [4]

Let $0 < \alpha < 1$ and $f$ be continuous function. A function $y$ is defined as

$$y(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_a^t (t-s)^{\alpha-1} f(s, y(s)) \, ds - \frac{\mu}{(\gamma + \mu)\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_a^b (b-s)^{\alpha-1} f(s, y(s)) \, ds + \frac{c}{\gamma + \mu}$$

if and only if $y$ is a solution of the fractional boundary value problem (1.3), (1.5).

For proof see [4].

The mean result is given in the following theorem

**Theorem 3.2**

Let the right hand side $f(t, y(t))$ of the fractional differential equation (1.3) satisfy the Lipschitz condition in $y$ with Lipschitz constant $M$, that is, $|f(t, y_1) - f(t, y_2)| \leq M |y_1 - y_2|$ on the domain $D$, where:

$$D = \{(t, y) : |t-t_0| \leq a, |y-y_0| \leq b\} \quad \ldots (3.1)$$

and it is P-integrable on $(a, b)$. There exists a P-integrable solution for the fractional differential equation (1.3) with the boundary condition (1.5).
Proof. Let the mapping $T$ on $L^p(a,b)$ be defined as:

$$Tg(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(a)} \int_a^t (t-s)^{a-1} f(s, g(s))ds - \frac{\mu}{(\gamma + \mu)\Gamma(a)} \int_a^b (b-s)^{a-1} f(s, g(s))ds + \frac{c}{\gamma + \mu} \quad \ldots(3.2)$$

we have to prove that $T$ maps every function $g \in L^p(a,b)$ into a function which belongs to $L^p(a,b)$. Let:

$$h(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(a)} \int_a^t (t-s)^{a-1} f(s, g(s))ds - \frac{\mu}{(\gamma + \mu)\Gamma(a)} \int_a^b (b-s)^{a-1} f(s, g(s))ds + \frac{c}{\gamma + \mu} \quad \ldots(3.3)$$

by the lemma 2.1, the first and the second terms in the right hand side equation (3.3) is continuous for all $t \in [a,b]$, and for all $\alpha > 0$. Hence $h(t)$ is continuous on $[a,b]$ and it is measurable.

$$\left| h(t) \right|^p \leq 2^p \left| \frac{1}{\Gamma(a)} \int_a^t (t-s)^{a-1} f(s, g(s))ds \right|^p + 2^p \left| \frac{\mu}{(\gamma + \mu)\Gamma(a)} \int_a^b (b-s)^{a-1} f(s, g(s))ds - \frac{c}{\gamma + \mu} \right|^p \quad \ldots(3.4)$$

We have show that $\left| h(t) \right|^p$ is Lebesgue integrable. Then, since $|f + g|^p \leq 2^p \left( |f|^p + |g|^p \right)$ and from equation (3.4), we have

the second term $\left| \frac{\mu}{(\gamma + \mu)\Gamma(a)} \int_a^b (b-s)^{a-1} f(s, g(s))ds - \frac{c}{\gamma + \mu} \right|^p$ is Lebesgue integrable.

Let $(z(t))^p = \left[ \frac{1}{\Gamma(a)} \int_a^t (t-s)^{a-1} f(s, g(s))ds \right]^p \quad \ldots(3.5)$

Now we have to show that $(z(t))^p$ is Lebesgue integrable. Since $f(t, y(t)) \in L^p(a,b)$, and $(t-s)^{\alpha-1} \in L^p(a,b)$, then by Hölder inequality $\left( \frac{1}{q} + \frac{1}{p} = 1 \right)$ and from equation (3.5), we obtain:

$$(z(t))^p \leq \left[ \left( \frac{1}{\Gamma(a)} \int_a^t (t-s)^{q(\alpha-1)}ds \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \left( \int_a^t f^p(s, y(s))ds \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \right]^p \quad \ldots(3.6)$$

$$\begin{align*}
(z(t))^p &\leq \left( \frac{1}{\Gamma(a)} \int_a^t (t-s)^{q(\alpha-1)}ds \right)^{\frac{p}{q}} \left( \frac{1}{q} \right) \int_a^t f^p(s, y(s))ds \\
(z(t))^p &\leq \frac{(t-a)^{\alpha-1}}{p-1} \int_a^t f^p(s, y(s))ds \\
&\quad \ldots(3.7)
\end{align*}$$

by Lemma 2.3.a, for $a \leq t \leq b$ we have
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\[
\int_a^t \left( \int_a^t f^p(\tau, y(\tau)) d\tau \right) ds = \int_a^t \left( (s - \tau)^{\alpha - 1} f^p(\tau, y(\tau)) d\tau \right) ds
\]

\[
= \int_a^t (t-s)^{\alpha - 1} f^p(s, y(s)) ds = (t-s)^{\alpha - p} f^p(s, y(s)) \quad \cdots (3.8)
\]

From Definition 2.1, equation (3.8) becomes

\[
\int_a^t \left( \int_a^t f^p(\tau, y(\tau)) d\tau \right) ds = \frac{1}{\Gamma(2)} \int_a^t (t-s)f^p(s, y(s)) ds
\]

Thus by Lemma 2.2, it follows that $\int_a^t f^p$ is Lebesgue integrable for all $t \in [a, b]$. If there exist a Lebesgue integrable function $w(t)$ on $[a, b]$ such that $|f(t)| \leq w(t)$ a.e on $[a, b]$, where $f(t)$ is measurable then $f(t)$ is Lebesgue integrable function. Hence $(z(t))^p$ is Lebesgue integrable. Thus $|h(t)|^p$ Lebesgue integrable and therefore $T$ maps $L^p(a, b)$ into itself. To show that $T$ is a contraction mapping, Let $g_1, g_2 \in L^p(a, b)$

\[
\|T(g_1(t)) - T(g_2(t))\|_p = \left\| \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_a^t (t-s)^{\alpha - 1} [f(s, g_1(s)) - f(s, g_2(s))] ds \right\|_p
\]

\[
= \int_a^b \left( \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_a^t (t-s)^{\alpha - 1} [f(s, g_1(s)) - f(s, g_2(s))] ds \right) dt
\]

\[
\leq \frac{2^p}{\Gamma(\alpha)^p} \int_a^b \left( \int_a^t (t-s)^{\alpha - 1} |f(s, g_1(s)) - f(s, g_2(s))| ds \right)^p dt +
\]

\[
+ \frac{2^p \mu^p}{(\gamma + \mu)^p (\Gamma(\alpha))^p} \int_a^b \left( \int_a^t (b-s)^{\alpha - 1} |f(s, g_1(s)) - f(s, g_2(s))| ds \right)^p dt \quad \cdots (3.9)
\]

Since $f(t, y)$ satisfies lipschitz condition on $D$ with respect to $y$. Therefore from inequality (3.9), we get:

\[
\|T(g_1(t)) - T(g_2(t))\|_p \leq \frac{2^p M^p}{\Gamma(\alpha)^p} \int_a^b \left( \int_a^t (t-s)^{\alpha - 1} |g_1(s) - g_2(s)| ds \right)^p dt +
\]

\[
+ \frac{2^p \mu^p}{(\gamma + \mu)^p (\Gamma(\alpha))^p} \int_a^b \left( \int_a^t (b-s)^{\alpha - 1} |g_1(s) - g_2(s)| ds \right)^p dt \quad \cdots (3.10)
\]

Since $g_1, g_2 \in L^p(a, b)$ and $L^p$ is a linear space, then $|g_1 - g_2| \in L^p(a, b)$, $(t-s)^{\alpha - 1} \in L^p(a, b)$ and $(b-s)^{\alpha - 1} \in L^p(a, b)$ where $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$, by using Hölder inequality, equation (3.10) becomes

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\[ \left\| T (g_1(t)) - T (g_2(t)) \right\|_p^p \leq 2^p M^P \left( \frac{p-1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \right)^p \int_a^b \left( t - s \right)^{p(\alpha-1)} ds \left( \int_a^b \left[ g_1(t) - g_2(t) \right]^p ds \right)^\frac{1}{p} \right) dt + 2^p \frac{M^P \mu^P}{(\gamma + \mu)^P (\Gamma(\alpha))^P} \int_a^b \left( (b-a)^{p\alpha-1} \int_a^b \left[ g_1(t) - g_2(t) \right]^p ds \right) dt \]

\[ \left\| T (g_1(t)) - T (g_2(t)) \right\|_p^p \leq 2^p M^P \left( \frac{p-1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \right)^p \int_a^b \left( t - a \right)^{p(\alpha-1)} r(t) dt + 2^p \frac{M^P \mu^P}{(\gamma + \mu)^P (\Gamma(\alpha))^P} \left( \int_a^b \left( b-a \right)^{p\alpha-1} \int_a^b \left[ g_1(t) - g_2(t) \right]^p ds \right) dt \]

To integrate the right hand side of inequality (3.11), let:
\[ r(t) = \int_a^t \left[ g_1(t) - g_2(t) \right]^p ds \]

Integrate by parts, we have:
\[ dv = \left( t - a \right)^{p\alpha-1} \quad v = \frac{(t - a)^{p\alpha}}{p\alpha} \]

\[ u = r(t) \quad du = r'(t) dt \]

\[ \left\| T (g_1(t)) - T (g_2(t)) \right\|_p^p \leq 2^p M^P \left( \frac{p-1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \right)^p \left[ \left( b-a \right)^{p\alpha} \int_a^b \left[ g_1(t) - g_2(t) \right]^p dt \right] + 2^p \frac{M^P \mu^P}{(\gamma + \mu)^P (\Gamma(\alpha))^P} \left( \int_a^b \left( b-a \right)^{p\alpha-1} \int_a^b \left[ g_1(t) - g_2(t) \right]^p ds \right) dt \]

Since \( \int_a^b \frac{(t - a)^{p\alpha}}{p\alpha} r(t) dt \geq 0 \), then inequality (3.12) gives
\[ \left\| T (g_1(t)) - T (g_2(t)) \right\|_p^p \leq 2^p M^P \left( \frac{p-1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \right)^p \left( b-a \right)^{p\alpha} \int_a^b \left[ g_1(t) - g_2(t) \right]^p dt + \]
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$$+2^p \frac{M^p \mu^p}{(\gamma + \mu)^p (\Gamma(\alpha))^p} \left( \frac{p-1}{p \alpha - 1} \right)^{p-1} (b-a)^{p \alpha} \| g_1 - g_2 \|^p_p$$

$$\| T(g_1(t)) - T(g_2(t)) \|^p_p \leq 2M \Gamma(\alpha) \left( \frac{p-1}{p \alpha - 1} \right)^{p-1} (b-a)^{p \alpha} \left[ \frac{1}{p \alpha} + \frac{\mu^p}{(\gamma + \mu)^p} \right]^{1/p} \| g_1 - g_2 \|^p_p$$

where $\lambda = \frac{2M (b-a)^{\alpha}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \left( \frac{p-1}{p \alpha - 1} \right)^{p-1} \left[ \frac{1}{p \alpha} + \frac{\mu^p}{(\gamma + \mu)^p} \right]^{1/p}$

Thus $T$ is contraction mapping and hence it has one and only one fixed point, $Ty(t) = y(t)$.

**Example 3.3.** Consider the following fractional differential equation:

$$D^{0.7} y(t) = \frac{e^{2t} y^2}{55.5(1+t^2)}$$

with boundary condition

$$y(0) + y(1) = 1$$

Here,

$$|f(t, y_1) - f(t, y_2)| = \left| \frac{e^{2t} y_1^2}{55.5(1+t^2)} - \frac{e^{2t} y_2^2}{55.5(1+t^2)} \right| \leq \frac{1}{15} |y_1 - y_2| \quad \forall (t, y_1), (t, y_2) \in D$$

where $\gamma = 1, \mu = 1, p = 2$, and the space is $L^2(0,1)$. Thus

$$\frac{2M (b-a)^{\alpha}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \left( \frac{p-1}{p \alpha - 1} \right)^{p-1} \left[ \frac{1}{p \alpha} + \frac{\mu^p}{(\gamma + \mu)^p} \right]^{1/p} < 1 \iff (0.102717)(1.58113883)(0.9819805)(0.159483294) = 0.159483294 < 1.$$ 

Then by Theorem 3.2, the function

$$y(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^t (t-s)^{0.3} \frac{e^{2s} y(s)^2}{55.5(1+s^2)} ds - \frac{1}{2\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^1 (1-s)^{0.3} \frac{e^{2s} y(s)^2}{55.5(1+s^2)} ds + \frac{1}{2}$$

Is the only solution for the given fractional differential equation which satisfies the given boundary condition.
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