# Existence of solutions for a system of fractional boundary value problems

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**Abstract.** We study the existence of solutions for a system of Riemann-Liouville fractional differential equations with nonlinearities dependent on fractional integrals, supplemented with uncoupled nonlocal boundary conditions which contain various fractional derivatives and Riemann-Stieltjes integrals. We use the fixed point theory in the proof of our main theorems.

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### 1. Introduction

We consider a nonlinear system of fractional differential equations

(S) 
$$\begin{cases} D_{0+}^{\alpha}u(t) + f(t, u(t), v(t), I_{0+}^{\theta_1}u(t), I_{0+}^{\sigma_1}v(t)) = 0, \ t \in (0, 1), \\ D_{0+}^{\beta}v(t) + g(t, u(t), v(t), I_{0+}^{\theta_2}u(t), I_{0+}^{\sigma_2}v(t)) = 0, \ t \in (0, 1), \end{cases}$$

with uncoupled nonlocal boundary conditions

$$(BC) \begin{cases} u(0) = u'(0) = \dots = u^{(n-2)}(0) = 0, \ D_{0+}^{\gamma_0}u(1) = \sum_{i=1}^p \int_0^1 D_{0+}^{\gamma_i}u(t) \, dH_i(t), \\ v(0) = v'(0) = \dots = v^{(m-2)}(0) = 0, \ D_{0+}^{\delta_0}v(1) = \sum_{i=1}^q \int_0^1 D_{0+}^{\delta_i}v(t) \, dK_i(t), \end{cases}$$

where  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}, \alpha \in (n-1,n], \beta \in (m-1,m], n, m \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq 2, m \geq 2, \theta_1, \theta_2, \sigma_1, \sigma_2 > 0, p, q \in \mathbb{N}, \gamma_i \in \mathbb{R}$  for all  $i = 0, \ldots, p, 0 \leq \gamma_1 < \gamma_2 < \cdots < \gamma_p < \alpha - 1, \gamma_0 \in [0, \alpha - 1), \delta_i \in \mathbb{R}$  for all  $i = 0, \ldots, q, 0 \leq \delta_1 < \delta_2 < \cdots < \delta_q < \beta - 1, \delta_0 \in [0, \beta - 1), D_{0+}^k$  denotes the Riemann-Liouville derivative of order k (for  $k = \alpha, \beta, \gamma_0, \gamma_i, i = 1, \ldots, p, \delta_0, \delta_i, i = 1, \ldots, q$ ),  $I_{0+}^{\zeta}$  is the Riemann-Liouville integral of order  $\zeta$  (for  $\zeta = \theta_1, \sigma_1, \theta_2, \sigma_2$ ), the functions f and g are nonnegative, and the integrals from the boundary conditions (BC) are Riemann-Stieltjes integrals with  $H_i$  for  $i = 1, \ldots, p$  and  $K_i$  for  $i = 1, \ldots, q$  functions of bounded variation.

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Based on some theorems from the fixed point theory, in this paper we give conditions for the nonlinearities f and g such that problem (S) - (BC) has at least one solution. The fractional equation

(E) 
$$D_{0+}^{\alpha}u(t) + \lambda f(t, u(t)) = 0, \ t \in (0, 1),$$

with nonlocal boundary conditions

$$(BC_1) u(0) = u'(0) = \dots = u^{(n-2)}(0) = 0, \ D^p_{0+}u(1) = \sum_{i=1}^m a_i D^q_{0+}u(\xi_i),$$

where  $\xi_i \in \mathbb{R}, i = 1, \ldots, m, 0 < \xi_1 < \cdots < \xi_m < 1, p, q \in \mathbb{R}, p \in [1, n-2], q \in [0, p]$ , was investigated in [8]. In [8], the nonlinearity f changes the sign and it is singular in the points t = 0, 1, and there the authors used the Guo-Krasnosel'skii fixed point theorem to prove the existence of positive solutions when the parameter  $\lambda$  belongs to various intervals. For some recent results on the existence, nonexistence and multiplicity of positive solutions or solutions for Riemann-Liouville, Caputo or Hadamard fractional differential equations and systems of fractional differential equations subject to various boundary conditions we refer the reader to the monographs [7, 21] and the papers [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20].

## 2. Auxiliary results

We consider the fractional differential equation

$$D_{0+}^{\alpha}u(t) + h(t) = 0, \ t \in (0,1), \tag{1}$$

with boundary conditions

$$u(0) = u'(0) = \dots = u^{(n-2)}(0) = 0, \ D_{0+}^{\gamma_0}u(1) = \sum_{i=1}^p \int_0^1 D_{0+}^{\gamma_i}u(t) \, dH_i(t), \quad (2)$$

where  $h \in C(0, 1) \cap L^1(0, 1)$ . We denote by

$$\Delta_1 = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha)}{\Gamma(\alpha - \gamma_0)} - \sum_{i=1}^p \frac{\Gamma(\alpha)}{\Gamma(\alpha - \gamma_i)} \int_0^1 s^{\alpha - \gamma_i - 1} dH_i(s).$$

By standard computations we obtain the following lemma.

**Lemma 1.** If  $\Delta_1 \neq 0$ , then the function  $u \in C[0,1]$  given by

$$u(t) = -\frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^t (t-s)^{\alpha-1} h(s) \, ds + \frac{t^{\alpha-1}}{\Delta_1 \Gamma(\alpha-\gamma_0)} \int_0^1 (1-s)^{\alpha-\gamma_0-1} h(s) \, ds \\ -\frac{t^{\alpha-1}}{\Delta_1} \sum_{i=1}^p \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha-\gamma_i)} \int_0^1 \left( \int_0^s (s-\tau)^{\alpha-\gamma_i-1} h(\tau) \, d\tau \right) dH_i(s), \ t \in [0,1].$$

is a solution of problem (1) - (2).

We also consider the fractional differential equation

$$D_{0+}^{\beta}v(t) + k(t) = 0, \ t \in (0,1),$$
(3)

with boundary conditions

$$v(0) = v'(0) = \dots = v^{(m-2)}(0) = 0, \quad D_{0+}^{\delta_0} v(1) = \sum_{i=1}^q \int_0^1 D_{0+}^{\delta_i} v(t) \, dK_i(t), \quad (4)$$

where  $k \in C(0,1) \cap L^1(0,1)$ . We denote by

$$\Delta_2 = \frac{\Gamma(\beta)}{\Gamma(\beta - \delta_0)} - \sum_{i=1}^q \frac{\Gamma(\beta)}{\Gamma(\beta - \delta_i)} \int_0^1 s^{\beta - \delta_i - 1} dK_i(s).$$

**Lemma 2.** If  $\Delta_2 \neq 0$ , then the function  $v \in C[0,1]$  given by

$$v(t) = -\frac{1}{\Gamma(\beta)} \int_0^t (t-s)^{\beta-1} k(s) \, ds + \frac{t^{\beta-1}}{\Delta_2 \Gamma(\beta-\delta_0)} \int_0^1 (1-s)^{\beta-\delta_0-1} k(s) \, ds \\ -\frac{t^{\beta-1}}{\Delta_2} \sum_{i=1}^q \frac{1}{\Gamma(\beta-\delta_i)} \int_0^1 \left( \int_0^s (s-\tau)^{\beta-\delta_i-1} k(\tau) \, d\tau \right) dK_i(s), \ t \in [0,1],$$

is a solution of problem (3) - (4).

**Lemma 3** (see [2]). If  $z \in C[0,1]$  then for  $\zeta > 0$  we have

$$|I_{0+}^{\zeta}z(t)| \le \frac{\|z\|}{\Gamma(\zeta+1)}, \ \forall t \in [0,1],$$

where  $||z|| = \sup_{t \in [0,1]} |z(t)|$ .

We denote by (I1) the following basic assumptions for problem (S) - (BC) that will be used in the main theorems.

(I1)  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}, \alpha \in (n-1,n], \beta \in (m-1,m], n, m \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq 2, m \geq 2,$  $\theta_1, \theta_2, \sigma_1, \sigma_2 > 0, p, q \in \mathbb{N}, \gamma_i \in \mathbb{R} \text{ for all } i = 0, \dots, p, 0 \leq \gamma_1 < \gamma_2 <$  $\dots < \gamma_p < \alpha - 1, \gamma_0 \in [0, \alpha - 1), \delta_i \in \mathbb{R} \text{ for all } i = 0, \dots, q, 0 \leq \delta_1 <$  $\delta_2 < \dots < \delta_q < \beta - 1, \delta_0 \in [0, \beta - 1), H_i : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, i = 1, \dots, p \text{ and } K_j : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, j = 1, \dots, q \text{ are functions of bounded variation, } \Delta_1 \neq 0,$  $\Delta_2 \neq 0.$ 

We introduce the following constants:

$$\begin{split} M_{1} &= 1 + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\theta_{1}+1)}, \ M_{2} = 1 + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\sigma_{1}+1)}, \ M_{3} = 1 + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\theta_{2}+1)}, \\ M_{4} &= 1 + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\sigma_{2}+1)}, \ M_{5} = \max\{M_{1}, M_{2}\}, \ M_{6} = \max\{M_{3}, M_{4}\}, \\ M_{7} &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} + \frac{1}{|\Delta_{1}|\Gamma(\alpha-\gamma_{0}+1)} + \frac{1}{|\Delta_{1}|} \sum_{i=1}^{p} \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha-\gamma_{i}+1)} \left| \int_{0}^{1} s^{\alpha-\gamma_{i}} dH_{i}(s) \right|, \\ M_{9} &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(\beta+1)} + \frac{1}{|\Delta_{2}|\Gamma(\beta-\delta_{0}+1)} + \frac{1}{|\Delta_{2}|} \sum_{i=1}^{q} \frac{1}{\Gamma(\beta-\delta_{i}+1)} \left| \int_{0}^{1} s^{\beta-\delta_{i}} dK_{i}(s) \right|, \end{split}$$

$$M_8 = M_7 - \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha + 1)}, \quad M_{10} = M_9 - \frac{1}{\Gamma(\beta + 1)}.$$
(5)

We consider the Banach space X = C[0, 1] with supremum norm  $||u|| = \sup_{t \in [0,1]} |u(t)|$ , and the Banach space  $Y = X \times X$  with the norm  $||(u, v)||_Y = ||u|| + ||v||$ . We introduce the operator  $A : Y \to Y$  defined by  $A(u, v) = (A_1(u, v), A_2(u, v))$  for  $(u, v) \in Y$ , where the operators  $A_1, A_2 : Y \to X$  are given by:

$$\begin{split} A_{1}(u,v)(t) &= -\frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_{0}^{t} (t-s)^{\alpha-1} f(s,u(s),v(s),I_{0+}^{\theta_{1}}u(s),I_{0+}^{\sigma_{1}}v(s)) \, ds \\ &+ \frac{t^{\alpha-1}}{\Delta_{1}\Gamma(\alpha-\gamma_{0})} \int_{0}^{1} (1-s)^{\alpha-\gamma_{0}-1} f(s,u(s),v(s),I_{0+}^{\theta_{1}}u(s),I_{0+}^{\sigma_{1}}v(s)) \, ds - \frac{t^{\alpha-1}}{\Delta_{1}} \\ &\times \sum_{i=1}^{p} \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha-\gamma_{i})} \int_{0}^{1} \left( \int_{0}^{s} (s-\tau)^{\alpha-\gamma_{i}-1} f(\tau,u(\tau),v(\tau),I_{0+}^{\theta_{1}}u(\tau),I_{0+}^{\sigma_{1}}v(\tau)) \, d\tau \right) dH_{i}(s), \\ A_{2}(u,v)(t) &= -\frac{1}{\Gamma(\beta)} \int_{0}^{t} (t-s)^{\beta-1} g(s,u(s),v(s),I_{0+}^{\theta_{2}}u(s),I_{0+}^{\sigma_{2}}v(s)) \, ds \\ &+ \frac{t^{\beta-1}}{\Delta_{2}\Gamma(\beta-\delta_{0})} \int_{0}^{1} (1-s)^{\beta-\delta_{0}-1} g(s,u(s),v(s),I_{0+}^{\theta_{2}}u(s),I_{0+}^{\sigma_{2}}v(s)) \, ds - \frac{t^{\beta-1}}{\Delta_{2}} \\ &\times \sum_{i=1}^{q} \frac{1}{\Gamma(\beta-\delta_{i})} \int_{0}^{1} \left( \int_{0}^{s} (s-\tau)^{\beta-\delta_{i}-1} g(\tau,u(\tau),v(\tau),I_{0+}^{\theta_{2}}u(\tau),I_{0+}^{\sigma_{2}}v(\tau)) \, d\tau \right) dK_{i}(s), \\ &\quad \forall t \in [0,1], \ (u,v) \in Y. \end{split}$$

By using Lemmas 1 and 2, we note that if (u, v) is a fixed point of operator A, then (u, v) is a solution of problem (S) - (BC).

## **3.** Existence of solutions for (S) - (BC)

In this section, we will present some conditions for the nonlinearities f and g such that operator A has at least one fixed point, which is a solution of problem (S) - (BC).

**Theorem 1.** Assume that (I1) and

(I2) The functions  $f, g: [0,1] \times \mathbb{R}^4 \to \mathbb{R}$  are continuous and there exist  $L_1, L_2 > 0$  such that

$$|f(t, x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) - f(t, \widetilde{x}_1, \widetilde{x}_2, \widetilde{x}_3, \widetilde{x}_4)| \le L_1 \sum_{i=1}^4 |x_i - \widetilde{x}_i|,$$
  
$$|g(t, y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4) - g(t, \widetilde{y}_1, \widetilde{y}_2, \widetilde{y}_3, \widetilde{y}_4)| \le L_2 \sum_{i=1}^4 |y_i - \widetilde{y}_i|,$$

for all  $t \in [0, 1]$ ,  $x_i, y_i, \tilde{x}_i, \tilde{y}_i \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, 4$ ,

hold. If  $\Xi := L_1 M_5 M_7 + L_2 M_6 M_9 < 1$ , then problem (S) - (BC) has at least one solution  $(u(t), v(t)), t \in [0, 1]$ , where  $M_5, M_6, M_7, M_9$  are given by (5).

**Proof.** We consider the positive number r given by

 $r = (M_0 M_7 + \widetilde{M}_0 M_9)(1 - L_1 M_5 M_7 - L_2 M_6 M_9)^{-1},$ 

where  $M_0 = \sup_{t \in [0,1]} |f(t,0,0,0,0)|$ ,  $\widetilde{M}_0 = \sup_{t \in [0,1]} |g(t,0,0,0,0)|$ . We define the set  $\overline{B}_r = \{(u,v) \in Y, ||(u,v)||_Y \leq r\}$  and first we show that  $A(\overline{B}_r) \subset \overline{B}_r$ . Let  $(u,v) \in \overline{B}_r$ . By using (I2) and Lemma 3, for  $f(t,u(t),v(t),I_{0+}^{\theta_1}u(t),I_{0+}^{\sigma_1}v(t))$  we deduce the following inequalities:

$$\begin{split} |f(t, u(t), v(t), I_{0+}^{\theta_1} u(t), I_{0+}^{\sigma_1} v(t))| \\ \leq & |f(t, u(t), v(t), I_{0+}^{\theta_1} u(t), I_{0+}^{\sigma_1} v(t)) - f(t, 0, 0, 0, 0)| + |f(t, 0, 0, 0, 0)| \\ \leq & L_1(|u(t)| + |v(t)| + |I_{0+}^{\theta_1} u(t)| + |I_{0+}^{\sigma_1} v(t)|) + M_0 \\ \leq & L_1\left( \left\| u \| + \|v\| + \frac{\|u\|}{\Gamma(\theta_1 + 1)} + \frac{\|v\|}{\Gamma(\sigma_1 + 1)} \right) + M_0 \\ = & L_1\left( \left( 1 + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\theta_1 + 1)} \right) \|u\| + \left( 1 + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\sigma_1 + 1)} \right) \|v\| \right) + M_0 \\ = & L_1(M_1 \|u\| + M_2 \|v\|) + M_0 \\ \leq & L_1 M_5 \|(u, v)\|_Y + M_0 \leq L_1 M_5 r + M_0, \ \forall t \in [0, 1]. \end{split}$$

In a similar manner, we have

$$\begin{split} |g(t, u(t), v(t), I_{0+}^{\theta_2} u(t), I_{0+}^{\sigma_2} v(t))| \\ \leq |g(t, u(t), v(t), I_{0+}^{\theta_2} u(t), I_{0+}^{\sigma_2} v(t)) - g(t, 0, 0, 0, 0)| + |g(t, 0, 0, 0, 0)| \\ \leq L_2(|u(t)| + |v(t)| + |I_{0+}^{\theta_2} u(t)| + |I_{0+}^{\sigma_2} v(t)|) + \widetilde{M}_0 \\ \leq L_2 \left( ||u|| + ||v|| + \frac{||u||}{\Gamma(\theta_2 + 1)} + \frac{||v||}{\Gamma(\sigma_2 + 1)} \right) + \widetilde{M}_0 \\ = L_2 \left( \left( 1 + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\theta_2 + 1)} \right) ||u|| + \left( 1 + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\sigma_2 + 1)} \right) ||v|| \right) + \widetilde{M}_0 \\ = L_2(M_3 ||u|| + M_4 ||v||) + \widetilde{M}_0 \\ \leq L_2 M_6 ||(u, v)||_Y + \widetilde{M}_0 \leq L_2 M_6 r + \widetilde{M}_0, \ \forall t \in [0, 1]. \end{split}$$

Then by (6) (the definition of operators  $A_1$  and  $A_2$ ), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} |A_{1}(u,v)(t)| &\leq \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_{0}^{t} (t-s)^{\alpha-1} (L_{1}M_{5}r+M_{0}) \, ds \\ &+ \frac{t^{\alpha-1}}{|\Delta_{1}|\Gamma(\alpha-\gamma_{0})} \int_{0}^{1} (1-s)^{\alpha-\gamma_{0}-1} (L_{1}M_{5}r+M_{0}) \, ds \\ &+ \frac{t^{\alpha-1}}{|\Delta_{1}|} \sum_{i=1}^{p} \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha-\gamma_{i})} \bigg| \int_{0}^{1} \bigg( \int_{0}^{s} (s-\tau)^{\alpha-\gamma_{i}-1} (L_{1}M_{5}r+M_{0}) d\tau \bigg) dH_{i}(s) \bigg| \\ &= (L_{1}M_{5}r+M_{0}) \left[ \frac{t^{\alpha}}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} + \frac{t^{\alpha-1}}{|\Delta_{1}|\Gamma(\alpha-\gamma_{0}+1)} \right. \\ &+ \frac{t^{\alpha-1}}{|\Delta_{1}|} \sum_{i=1}^{p} \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha-\gamma_{i}+1)} \left| \int_{0}^{1} s^{\alpha-\gamma_{i}} \, dH_{i}(s) \right| \bigg], \ \forall t \in [0,1]. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we conclude

$$\|A_{1}(u,v)\| \leq (L_{1}M_{5}r + M_{0}) \left[ \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} + \frac{1}{|\Delta_{1}|\Gamma(\alpha-\gamma_{0}+1)} + \frac{1}{|\Delta_{1}|} \sum_{i=1}^{p} \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha-\gamma_{i}+1)} \left| \int_{0}^{1} s^{\alpha-\gamma_{i}} dH_{i}(s) \right| \right]$$
(7)  
= $(L_{1}M_{5}r + M_{0})M_{7}.$ 

Arguing as before, we find

$$\begin{split} |A_{2}(u,v)(t)| &\leq \frac{1}{\Gamma(\beta)} \int_{0}^{t} (t-s)^{\beta-1} (L_{2}M_{6}r + \widetilde{M}_{0}) \, ds \\ &+ \frac{t^{\beta-1}}{|\Delta_{2}|\Gamma(\beta-\delta_{0})} \int_{0}^{1} (1-s)^{\beta-\delta_{0}-1} (L_{2}M_{6}r + \widetilde{M}_{0}) \, ds \\ &+ \frac{t^{\beta-1}}{|\Delta_{2}|} \sum_{i=1}^{q} \frac{1}{\Gamma(\beta-\delta_{i})} \left| \int_{0}^{1} \left( \int_{0}^{s} (s-\tau)^{\beta-\delta_{i}-1} (L_{2}M_{6}r + \widetilde{M}_{0}) \, d\tau \right) \, dK_{i}(s) \right. \\ &= (L_{2}M_{6}r + \widetilde{M}_{0}) \left[ \frac{t^{\beta}}{\Gamma(\beta+1)} + \frac{t^{\beta-1}}{|\Delta_{2}|\Gamma(\beta-\delta_{0}+1)} \right. \\ &+ \frac{t^{\beta-1}}{|\Delta_{2}|} \sum_{i=1}^{q} \frac{1}{\Gamma(\beta-\delta_{i}+1)} \left| \int_{0}^{1} s^{\beta-\delta_{i}} \, dK_{i}(s) \right| \Big], \ \forall t \in [0,1]. \end{split}$$

Then we have

$$\|A_{2}(u,v)\| \leq (L_{2}M_{6}r + \widetilde{M}_{0}) \left[ \frac{1}{\Gamma(\beta+1)} + \frac{1}{|\Delta_{2}|\Gamma(\beta-\delta_{0}+1)} + \frac{1}{|\Delta_{2}|} \sum_{i=1}^{q} \frac{1}{\Gamma(\beta-\delta_{i}+1)} \left| \int_{0}^{1} s^{\beta-\delta_{i}} dK_{i}(s) \right| \right]$$

$$= (L_{2}M_{6}r + \widetilde{M}_{0})M_{9}.$$

$$(8)$$

By relations (7) and (8) we deduce

$$\begin{split} \|A(u,v)\|_Y = \|A_1(u,v)\| + \|A_2(u,v)\| &\leq (L_1M_5r + M_0)M_7 + (L_2M_6r + \widetilde{M}_0)M_9 = r, \\ \text{for all } (u,v) \in \overline{B}_r, \text{ which implies that } A(\overline{B}_r) \subset \overline{B}_r. \end{split}$$

Next, we prove that operator A is a contraction. For  $(u_i, v_i) \in \overline{B}_r$ , i = 1, 2, and for each  $t \in [0, 1]$  we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} |A_{1}(u_{1},v_{1})(t)-A_{1}(u_{2},v_{2})(t)| \\ &\leq \left|-\frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)}\int_{0}^{t}(t-s)^{\alpha-1}\left[f(s,u_{1}(s),v_{1}(s),I_{0+}^{\theta_{1}}u_{1}(s),I_{0+}^{\sigma_{1}}v_{1}(s))\right. \\ &\left.-f(s,u_{2}(s),v_{2}(s),I_{0+}^{\theta_{1}}u_{2}(s),I_{0+}^{\sigma_{1}}v_{2}(s))\right]\,ds\right| \\ &\left.+\frac{t^{\alpha-1}}{|\Delta_{1}|\Gamma(\alpha-\gamma_{0})}\int_{0}^{1}(1-s)^{\alpha-\gamma_{0}-1}|f(s,u_{1}(s),v_{1}(s),I_{0+}^{\theta_{1}}u_{1}(s),I_{0+}^{\sigma_{1}}v_{1}(s))\right. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{split} &-f(s,u_2(s),v_2(s),I_{0+}^{a+}u_2(s),I_{0+}^{a+}v_2(s))|\,ds \\ &+ \frac{t^{\alpha-1}}{|\Delta_1|}\sum_{i=1}^p \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha-\gamma_i)} \bigg| \int_0^1 \!\! \left( \int_0^s (s-\tau)^{\alpha-\gamma_i-1} |f(\tau,u_1(\tau),v_1(\tau),I_{0+}^{a+}u_1(\tau),I_{0+}^{a+}v_1(\tau)) \right) \\ &- f(\tau,u_2(\tau),v_2(\tau),I_{0+}^{a+}u_2(\tau),I_{0+}^{a+}v_2(\tau))|\,d\tau \Big) \,dH_i(s) \bigg| \\ &\leq \frac{L_1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^t (t-s)^{\alpha-1} \left[ |u_1(s)-u_2(s)|+|v_1(s)-v_2(s)|+|I_{0+}^{a+}u_1(s)-I_{0+}^{a+}u_2(s)| \right] \\ &+ |I_{0+}^{a+}v_1(s)-I_{0+}^{a+}v_2(s)| \right] \,ds \\ &+ \frac{t^{\alpha-1}L_1}{|\Delta_1|} \sum_{i=1}^p \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha-\gamma_i)} \bigg| \int_0^1 \left( \int_0^s (s-\tau)^{\alpha-\gamma_i-1} \left[ |u_1(\tau)-u_2(\tau)|+|v_1(\tau)-v_2(\tau)| \right] \\ &+ |I_{0+}^{a+}u_1(\tau)-I_{0+}^{a+}u_2(s)| + |I_{0+}^{a+}v_1(\tau)-I_{0+}^{a+}v_2(s)| \right] \,ds \\ &+ \frac{t^{\alpha-1}L_1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \sum_{i=1}^p \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha-\gamma_i)} \bigg| \int_0^1 \left( \int_0^s (s-\tau)^{\alpha-\gamma_i-1} \left[ |u_1(\tau)-u_2(\tau)| + |v_1(\tau)-v_2(\tau)| \right] \\ &+ \frac{1}{\Gamma(\sigma_1+1)} \|v_1-v_2\| \bigg| \,ds \\ &+ \frac{t^{\alpha-1}L_1}{|\Delta_1|\Gamma(\alpha-\gamma_0)} \int_0^1 (1-s)^{\alpha-\gamma_0-1} \left[ \|u_1-u_2\| + \|v_1-v_2\| + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\theta_1+1)} \|u_1-u_2\| \\ &+ \frac{1}{\Gamma(\theta_1+1)} \|v_1-v_2\| \right] \,ds \\ &+ \frac{t^{\alpha-1}L_1}{|\Delta_1|} \sum_{i=1}^p \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha-\gamma_i)} \bigg| \int_0^1 \left( \int_0^s (s-\tau)^{\alpha-\gamma_i-1} \left[ |u_1-u_2\| + \|v_1-v_2\| \right] \\ &+ \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha_1} \int_0^t (t-s)^{\alpha-1} (\|u_1-u_2\| + \|v_1-v_2\|) \right] \,d\tau \right) \,dH_i(s) \bigg| \\ &\leq \frac{L_1M_5}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^t (t-s)^{\alpha-1} (\|u_1-u_2\| + \|v_1-v_2\|) \,ds \\ &+ \frac{t^{\alpha-1}L_1M_5}{|\Delta_1|\Gamma(\alpha-\gamma_0)} \int_0^1 (1-s)^{\alpha-\gamma_0-1} (\|u_1-u_2\| + \|v_1-v_2\|) \,ds \\ &+ \frac{t^{\alpha-1}L_1M_5}{|\Delta_1|\Gamma(\alpha-\gamma_0)} \int_0^1 (1-s)^{\alpha-\gamma_0-1} (\|u_1-u_2\| + \|v_1-v_2\|) \,ds \\ &+ \frac{t^{\alpha-1}L_1M_5}{|\Delta_1|\Gamma(\alpha-\gamma_0)} \int_0^1 (1-s)^{\alpha-\gamma_0-1} (\|u_1-u_2\| + \|v_1-v_2\|) \,ds \\ &+ \frac{t^{\alpha-1}L_1M_5}{|\Delta_1|\Gamma(\alpha-\gamma_0)} \int_0^1 (1-s)^{\alpha-\gamma_0-1} (\|u_1-u_2\| + \|v_1-v_2\|) \,ds \\ &+ \frac{t^{\alpha-1}L_1M_5}{|\Delta_1|\Gamma(\alpha-\gamma_0)} \int_0^1 (1-s)^{\alpha-\gamma_0-1} (\|u_1-u_2\| + \|v_1-v_2\|) \,ds \\ &+ \frac{t^{\alpha-1}L_1M_5}{|\Delta_1|\Gamma(\alpha-\gamma_0)} \int_0^1 (1-s)^{\alpha-\gamma_0-1} (\|u_1-u_2\| + \|v_1-v_2\|) \,ds \\ &+ \frac{t^{\alpha-1}L_1M_5}{|\Delta_1|\Gamma(\alpha-\gamma_0)} \int_0^1 (1-s)^{\alpha-\gamma_0-1} (\|u_1-u_2\| + \|v_1-v_2\|) \,ds \\ &+ \frac{t^{\alpha-1}L_1M_5}{|\Delta_1|\Gamma(\alpha-\gamma_0)} \int_0^1 (1-s)^{\alpha-\gamma_0-1} (\|u_1-u_2\| + \|v_1-v_2\|) \,ds \\ &+ \frac{t^{\alpha-1}L_1M_5}{|\Delta_1|\Gamma(\alpha-\gamma_0)} \int_0^1 (1-s)^{\alpha-\gamma_0-1} (\|u_1-u_2\| + \|v_1-v_2\|) \,ds \\ &+ \frac{t^{\alpha-1}L_1M_5}{|\Delta_1|\Gamma(\alpha-\gamma_0$$

Then we conclude

$$||A_1(u_1, v_1) - A_1(u_2, v_2)|| \le L_1 M_5 M_7(||u_1 - u_2|| + ||v_1 - v_2||).$$
(9)

By similar computation, we also find

$$||A_2(u_1, v_1) - A_2(u_2, v_2)|| \le L_2 M_6 M_9(||u_1 - u_2|| + ||v_1 - v_2||).$$
(10)

Therefore, by (9) and (10) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \|A(u_1, v_1) - A(u_2, v_2)\|_Y &= \|A_1(u_1, v_1) - A_1(u_2, v_2)\| + \|A_2(u_1, v_1) - A_2(u_2, v_2)\| \\ &\leq (L_1 M_5 M_7 + L_2 M_6 M_9)(\|u_1 - u_2\| + \|v_1 - v_2\|) \\ &= \Xi \|(u_1, v_1) - (u_2, v_2)\|_Y. \end{aligned}$$

By using the condition  $\Xi < 1$ , we deduce that operator A is a contraction. By the Banach contraction mapping principle, we conclude that operator A has a unique fixed point  $(u, v) \in \overline{B}_r$ , which is a solution of problem (S) - (BC) on [0, 1].  $\Box$ 

**Theorem 2.** Assume that (I1) and

(I3) The functions  $f, g: [0,1] \times \mathbb{R}^4 \to \mathbb{R}$  are continuous and there exist real constants  $c_i, d_i \ge 0, i = 0, \dots, 4$ , and at least one of  $c_0$  and  $d_0$  is positive, such that

$$|f(t, x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4)| \le c_0 + \sum_{i=1}^4 c_i |x_i|, \ |g(t, y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4)| \le d_0 + \sum_{i=1}^4 d_i |y_i|,$$

for all  $t \in [0, 1]$ ,  $x_i, y_i \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, 4$ ,

hold. If  $\Xi_1 := \max\{M_{11}, M_{12}\} < 1$ , where  $M_{11} = (c_1 + \frac{c_3}{\Gamma(\theta_1 + 1)})M_7 + (d_1 + \frac{d_3}{\Gamma(\theta_2 + 1)})M_9$ and  $M_{12} = (c_2 + \frac{c_4}{\Gamma(\sigma_1 + 1)})M_7 + (d_2 + \frac{d_4}{\Gamma(\sigma_2 + 1)})M_9$ , then the boundary value problem (S) - (BC) has at least one solution (u(t), v(t)),  $t \in [0, 1]$ .

**Proof.** We prove that operator A is completely continuous. By the continuity of functions f and g we obtain that operators  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  are continuous, and then A is a continuous operator. Next, we prove that A is a compact operator. Let  $\Omega \subset Y$  be a bounded set. Then there exist positive constants  $L_3$  and  $L_4$  such that

$$|f(t, u(t), v(t), I_{0+}^{\theta_1} u(t), I_{0+}^{\sigma_1} v(t))| \le L_3, \ |g(t, u(t), v(t), I_{0+}^{\theta_2} u(t), I_{0+}^{\sigma_2} v(t))| \le L_4,$$

for all  $(u, v) \in \Omega$  and  $t \in [0, 1]$ . Therefore, as in the proof of Theorem 1 we deduce that

$$|A_1(u,v)(t)| \le L_3 M_7, |A_2(u,v)(t)| \le L_4 M_9, \forall t \in [0,1], (u,v) \in \Omega.$$

So we obtain

 $||A_1(u,v)|| \le L_3 M_7, ||A_2(u,v)|| \le L_4 M_9, ||A(u,v)||_Y \le L_3 M_7 + L_4 M_9, \forall (u,v) \in \Omega,$ and then  $A(\Omega)$  is uniformly bounded.

Next, we will prove that the functions from  $A(\Omega)$  are equicontinuous. Let  $(u, v) \in \Omega$  and  $t_1, t_2 \in [0, 1]$  with  $t_1 < t_2$ . Then we have

$$\begin{split} |A_{1}(u,v)(t_{2})-A_{1}(u,v)(t_{1})| \\ &\leq \left| -\frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_{0}^{t_{2}} (t_{2}-s)^{\alpha-1} f(s,u(s),v(s),I_{0+}^{\theta_{1}}u(s),I_{0+}^{\sigma_{1}}v(s)) \, ds \right. \\ &+ \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_{0}^{t_{1}} (t_{1}-s)^{\alpha-1} f(s,u(s),v(s),I_{0+}^{\theta_{1}}u(s),I_{0+}^{\sigma_{1}}v(s)) \, ds \right| \\ &+ \frac{t_{2}^{\alpha-1}-t_{1}^{\alpha-1}}{|\Delta_{1}|\Gamma(\alpha-\gamma_{0})|} \left| \int_{0}^{1} (1-s)^{\alpha-\gamma_{0}-1} f(s,u(s),v(s),I_{0+}^{\theta_{1}}u(s),I_{0+}^{\sigma_{1}}v(s)) \, ds \right| \\ &+ \frac{t_{2}^{\alpha-1}-t_{1}^{\alpha-1}}{|\Delta_{1}|} \sum_{i=1}^{p} \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha-\gamma_{i})} \\ &\times \left| \int_{0}^{1} \left( \int_{0}^{s} (s-\tau)^{\alpha-\gamma_{i}-1} f(\tau,u(\tau),v(\tau),I_{0+}^{\theta_{1}}u(\tau),I_{0+}^{\sigma_{1}}v(\tau)) \, d\tau \right) \, dH_{i}(s) \right| \\ &\leq \frac{L_{3}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_{0}^{t_{1}} \left[ (t_{2}-s)^{\alpha-1} - (t_{1}-s)^{\alpha-1} \right] ds + \frac{L_{3}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_{t_{1}}^{t_{2}} (t_{2}-s)^{\alpha-1} \, ds \\ &+ \frac{L_{3}(t_{2}^{\alpha-1}-t_{1}^{\alpha-1})}{|\Delta_{1}|\Gamma(\alpha-\gamma_{0})} \int_{0}^{1} (1-s)^{\alpha-\gamma_{0}-1} \, ds + \frac{L_{3}(t_{2}^{\alpha-1}-t_{1}^{\alpha-1})}{|\Delta_{1}|} \\ &\times \sum_{i=1}^{p} \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha-\gamma_{i})} \left| \int_{0}^{1} \left( \int_{0}^{s} (s-\tau)^{\alpha-\gamma_{i}-1} \, d\tau \right) \, dH_{i}(s) \right| \\ &= \frac{L_{3}}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} (t_{2}^{\alpha}-t_{1}^{\alpha}) + L_{3}M_{8}(t_{2}^{\alpha-1}-t_{1}^{\alpha-1}). \end{split}$$

Then

 $|A_1(u,v)(t_2) - A_1(u,v)(t_1)| \to 0$ , as  $t_2 \to t_1$ , uniformly with respect to  $(u,v) \in \Omega$ .

In a similar manner, we find

$$|A_2(u,v)(t_2) - A_2(u,v)(t_1)| \le \frac{L_4}{\Gamma(\beta+1)} (t_2^{\beta} - t_1^{\beta}) + L_4 M_{10} (t_2^{\beta-1} - t_1^{\beta-1}),$$

and so

$$|A_2(u,v)(t_2) - A_2(u,v)(t_1)| \to 0$$
, as  $t_2 \to t_1$ , uniformly with respect to  $(u,v) \in \Omega$ .

Thus  $A_1(\Omega)$  and  $A_2(\Omega)$  are equicontinuous, and then  $A(\Omega)$  is also equicontinuous. Hence by the Arzela-Ascoli theorem, we conclude that  $A(\Omega)$  is relatively compact, and then A is compact. Therefore, we deduce that A is completely continuous.

We will show next that the set  $V = \{(u, v) \in Y, (u, v) = \nu A(u, v), 0 < \nu < 1\}$ is bounded. Let  $(u, v) \in V$ , that is  $(u, v) = \nu A(u, v)$  for some  $\nu \in (0, 1)$ . Then for any  $t \in [0, 1]$  we have  $u(t) = \nu A_1(u, v)(t), v(t) = \nu A_2(u, v)(t)$ . Hence we find  $|u(t)| \leq |A_1(u, v)(t)|$  and  $|v(t)| \leq |A_2(u, v)(t)|$  for all  $t \in [0, 1]$ . By (I3) we obtain

$$\begin{split} |u(t)| &\leq |A_{1}(u,v)(t)| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_{0}^{t} (t-s)^{\alpha-1} \left[ c_{0} + c_{1}|u(s)| + c_{2}|v(s)| + c_{3}|I_{0+}^{\theta_{1}}u(s)| + c_{4}|I_{0+}^{\sigma_{1}}v(s)| \right] ds \\ &+ \frac{t^{\alpha-1}}{|\Delta_{1}|\Gamma(\alpha-\gamma_{0})} \int_{0}^{1} (1-s)^{\alpha-\gamma_{0}-1} \left[ c_{0} + c_{1}|u(s)| + c_{2}|v(s)| + c_{3}|I_{0+}^{\theta_{1}}u(s)| + c_{4}|I_{0+}^{\sigma_{1}}v(s)| \right] ds \\ &+ \frac{t^{\alpha-1}}{|\Delta_{1}|} \sum_{i=1}^{p} \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha-\gamma_{i})} \left| \int_{0}^{1} \left( \int_{0}^{s} (s-\tau)^{\alpha-\gamma_{i}-1} \left[ c_{0} + c_{1}|u(\tau)| + c_{2}|v(\tau)| + c_{2}|v(\tau)| + c_{3}|I_{0+}^{\theta_{1}}u(\tau)| + c_{4}|I_{0+}^{\sigma_{1}}v(\tau)| \right] d\tau \right) dH_{i}(s) \right| \\ &\leq \left( c_{0} + c_{1}||u|| + c_{2}||v|| + \frac{c_{3}}{\Gamma(\theta_{1}+1)}||u|| + \frac{c_{4}}{\Gamma(\sigma_{1}+1)}||v|| \right) \left[ \frac{t^{\alpha}}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} + \frac{t^{\alpha-1}}{|\Delta_{1}|\Gamma(\alpha-\gamma_{0}+1)} + \frac{t^{\alpha-1}}{|\Delta_{1}|} \sum_{i=1}^{p} \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha-\gamma_{i}+1)} \left| \int_{0}^{1} s^{\alpha-\gamma_{i}} dH_{i}(s) \right| \right]. \end{split}$$

Then we deduce

$$||u|| \le \left[c_0 + \left(c_1 + \frac{c_3}{\Gamma(\theta_1 + 1)}\right) ||u|| + \left(c_2 + \frac{c_4}{\Gamma(\sigma_1 + 1)}\right) ||v||\right] M_7.$$

In a similar manner, we have

$$\|v\| \le \left[d_0 + \left(d_1 + \frac{d_3}{\Gamma(\theta_2 + 1)}\right) \|u\| + \left(d_2 + \frac{d_4}{\Gamma(\sigma_2 + 1)}\right) \|v\|\right] M_9,$$

and therefore

$$||(u,v)||_{Y} \le c_0 M_7 + d_0 M_9 + M_{11} ||u|| + M_{12} ||v|| \le c_0 M_7 + d_0 M_9 + \Xi_1 ||(u,v)||_{Y}.$$

Because  $\Xi_1 < 1$ , we obtain

$$||(u,v)||_Y \le (c_0 M_7 + d_0 M_8)(1 - \Xi_1)^{-1}, \ \forall (u,v) \in V.$$

So, we conclude that the set V is bounded.

By using the Leray-Schauder alternative theorem, we deduce that operator A has at least one fixed point, which is a solution of our problem (S) - (BC).

**Theorem 3.** Assume that (I1), (I2) and

(14) There exist the functions  $\phi_1, \phi_2 \in C([0,1],[0,\infty))$  such that

$$|f(t, x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4)| \le \phi_1(t), \ |g(t, x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4)| \le \phi_2(t),$$

for all  $t \in [0, 1], x_i \in \mathbb{R}, i = 1, ..., 4$ ,

hold. If  $\Xi_2 := L_1 M_5 \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} + L_2 M_6 \frac{1}{\Gamma(\beta+1)} < 1$ , then problem (S) - (BC) has at least one solution on [0, 1].

**Proof.** We fix  $r_1 > 0$  such that  $r_1 \ge M_7 \|\phi_1\| + M_9 \|\phi_2\|$ . We consider the set  $\overline{B}_{r_1} = \{(u, v) \in Y, \|(u, v)\|_Y \le r_1\}$ , and introduce the operators  $D = (D_1, D_2) : \overline{B}_{r_1} \to Y$  and  $E = (E_1, E_2) : \overline{B}_{r_1} \to Y$ , where  $D_1, D_2, E_1, E_2 : \overline{B}_{r_1} \to X$  are defined by

$$\begin{split} D_{1}(u,v)(t) &= -\frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_{0}^{t} (t-s)^{\alpha-1} f(s,u(s),v(s),I_{0+}^{\theta_{1}}u(s),I_{0+}^{\sigma_{1}}v(s)) \, ds, \\ E_{1}(u,v)(t) &= \frac{t^{\alpha-1}}{\Delta_{1}\Gamma(\alpha-\gamma_{0})} \int_{0}^{1} (1-s)^{\alpha-\gamma_{0}-1} f(s,u(s),v(s),I_{0+}^{\theta_{1}}u(s),I_{0+}^{\sigma_{1}}v(s)) \, ds \\ &\quad -\frac{t^{\alpha-1}}{\Delta_{1}} \sum_{i=1}^{p} \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha-\gamma_{i})} \\ &\quad \times \int_{0}^{1} \left( \int_{0}^{s} (s-\tau)^{\alpha-\gamma_{i}-1} f(\tau,u(\tau),v(\tau),I_{0+}^{\theta_{1}}u(\tau),I_{0+}^{\sigma_{1}}v(\tau)) \, d\tau \right) \, dH_{i}(s), \\ D_{2}(u,v)(t) &= -\frac{1}{\Gamma(\beta)} \int_{0}^{t} (t-s)^{\beta-1} g(s,u(s),v(s),I_{0+}^{\theta_{2}}u(s),I_{0+}^{\sigma_{2}}v(s)) \, ds, \\ E_{2}(u,v)(t) &= \frac{t^{\beta-1}}{\Delta_{2}\Gamma(\beta-\delta_{0})} \int_{0}^{1} (1-s)^{\beta-\delta_{0}-1} g(s,u(s),v(s),I_{0+}^{\theta_{2}}u(s),I_{0+}^{\sigma_{2}}v(s)) \, ds \\ &\quad -\frac{t^{\beta-1}}{\Delta_{2}} \sum_{i=1}^{q} \frac{1}{\Gamma(\beta-\delta_{i})} \\ &\quad \times \int_{0}^{1} \left( \int_{0}^{s} (s-\tau)^{\beta-\delta_{i}-1} g(\tau,u(\tau),v(\tau),I_{0+}^{\theta_{2}}u(\tau),I_{0+}^{\sigma_{2}}v(\tau)) \, d\tau \right) \, dK_{i}(s), \end{split}$$

for  $t \in [0,1]$  and  $(u,v) \in \overline{B}_{r_1}$ . So  $A_1 = D_1 + E_1$ ,  $A_2 = D_2 + E_2$  and A = D + E. By using (I4) for all  $(u_1, v_1)$ ,  $(u_2, v_2) \in \overline{B}_{r_1}$  we obtain that

$$\begin{split} \|D(u_{1},v_{1})+E(u_{2},v_{2})\|_{Y} \\ \leq \|D(u_{1},v_{1})\|_{Y}+\|E(u_{2},v_{2})\|_{Y} \\ = \|D_{1}(u_{1},v_{1})\|+\|D_{2}(u_{1},v_{1})\|+\|E_{1}(u_{2},v_{2})\|+\|E_{2}(u_{2},v_{2})\| \\ \leq \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}\|\phi_{1}\|+\frac{1}{\Gamma(\beta+1)}\|\phi_{2}\| \\ + \left(\frac{1}{|\Delta_{1}|\Gamma(\alpha-\gamma_{0}+1)}+\frac{1}{|\Delta_{1}|}\sum_{i=1}^{p}\frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha-\gamma_{i}+1)}\left|\int_{0}^{1}s^{\alpha-\gamma_{i}}dH_{i}(s)\right|\right)\|\phi_{1}\| \\ + \left(\frac{1}{|\Delta_{2}|\Gamma(\beta-\delta_{0}+1)}+\frac{1}{|\Delta_{2}|}\sum_{i=1}^{q}\frac{1}{\Gamma(\beta-\delta_{i}+1)}\left|\int_{0}^{1}s^{\beta-\delta_{i}}dK_{i}(s)\right|\right)\|\phi_{2}\| \\ = M_{7}\|\phi_{1}\|+M_{9}\|\phi_{2}\| \leq r_{1}. \end{split}$$

Hence  $D(u_1, v_1) + E(u_2, v_2) \in \overline{B}_{r_1}$  for all  $(u_1, v_1), (u_2, v_2) \in \overline{B}_{r_1}$ .

The operator D is a contraction because

$$\begin{split} \|D(u_1, v_1) - D(u_2, v_2)\|_Y \\ &= \|D_1(u_1, v_1) - D_1(u_2, v_2)\| + \|D_2(u_1, v_1) - D_2(u_2, v_2)\| \\ &\leq \left(L_1 M_5 \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha + 1)} + L_2 M_6 \frac{1}{\Gamma(\beta + 1)}\right) (\|u_1 - u_2\| + \|v_1 - v_2\|) \\ &= \Xi_2 \|(u_1, v_1) - (u_2, v_2)\|_Y, \end{split}$$

for all  $(u_1, v_1)$ ,  $(u_2, v_2) \in \overline{B}_{r_1}$ , and  $\Xi_2 < 1$ . The continuity of f and g implies that operator E is continuous on  $\overline{B}_{r_1}$ . We prove in what follows that E is compact. The functions from  $E(\overline{B}_{r_1})$  are uniformly bounded because

$$\begin{split} \|E(u,v)\|_{Y} \\ &= \|E_{1}(u,v)\| + \|E_{2}(u,v)\| \\ &\leq \left(\frac{1}{|\Delta_{1}|\Gamma(\alpha-\gamma_{0}+1)} + \frac{1}{|\Delta_{1}|}\sum_{i=1}^{p}\frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha-\gamma_{i}+1)}\left|\int_{0}^{1}s^{\alpha-\gamma_{i}}\,dH_{i}(s)\right|\right)\|\phi_{1}\| \\ &+ \left(\frac{1}{|\Delta_{2}|\Gamma(\beta-\delta_{0}+1)} + \frac{1}{|\Delta_{2}|}\sum_{i=1}^{q}\frac{1}{\Gamma(\beta-\delta_{i}+1)}\left|\int_{0}^{1}s^{\beta-\delta_{i}}\,dK_{i}(s)\right|\right)\|\phi_{2}\| \\ &= M_{8}\|\phi_{1}\| + M_{10}\|\phi_{2}\|, \ \forall (u,v) \in \overline{B}_{r_{1}}. \end{split}$$

We prove now that the functions from  $E(\overline{B}_{r_1})$  are equicontinuous. We denote by

$$\Psi_{r_{1}} = \sup \left\{ |f(t, u, v, x, y)|, \ t \in [0, 1], \ |u| \le r_{1}, \ |v| \le r_{1}, \\ |x| \le \frac{r_{1}}{\Gamma(\theta_{1} + 1)}, \ |y| \le \frac{r_{1}}{\Gamma(\sigma_{1} + 1)} \right\},$$

$$\Theta_{r_{1}} = \sup \left\{ |g(t, u, v, x, y)|, \ t \in [0, 1], \ |u| \le r_{1}, \ |v| \le r_{1}, \\ |x| \le \frac{r_{1}}{\Gamma(\theta_{2} + 1)}, \ |y| \le \frac{r_{1}}{\Gamma(\sigma_{2} + 1)} \right\}.$$
(12)

Then for  $(u, v) \in \overline{B}_{r_1}$ , and  $t_1, t_2 \in [0, 1]$  with  $t_1 < t_2$ , we obtain

$$\begin{split} |E_{1}(u,v)(t_{2}) - E_{1}(u,v)(t_{1})| \\ &\leq \frac{t_{2}^{\alpha-1} - t_{1}^{\alpha-1}}{|\Delta_{1}|\Gamma(\alpha - \gamma_{0})} \int_{0}^{1} (1-s)^{\alpha-\gamma_{0}-1} \Psi_{r_{1}} \, ds \\ &+ \frac{t_{2}^{\alpha-1} - t_{1}^{\alpha-1}}{|\Delta_{1}|} \sum_{i=1}^{p} \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha - \gamma_{i})} \left| \int_{0}^{1} \left( \int_{0}^{s} (s-\tau)^{\alpha-\gamma_{i}-1} \Psi_{r_{1}} \, d\tau \right) dH_{i}(s) \right| \\ &\leq \Psi_{r_{1}}(t_{2}^{\alpha-1} - t_{1}^{\alpha-1}) \\ &\times \left[ \frac{1}{|\Delta_{1}|\Gamma(\alpha - \gamma_{0} + 1)} + \frac{1}{|\Delta_{1}|} \sum_{i=1}^{p} \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha - \gamma_{i} + 1)} \left| \int_{0}^{1} s^{\alpha-\gamma_{i}} \, dH_{i}(s) \right| \right] \end{split}$$

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$$\begin{split} &= \Psi_{r_1} M_8(t_2^{\alpha-1} - t_1^{\alpha-1}), \\ &|E_2(u,v)(t_2) - E_2(u,v)(t_1)| \leq \frac{t_2^{\beta-1} - t_1^{\beta-1}}{|\Delta_2|\Gamma(\beta - \delta_0)} \int_0^1 (1-s)^{\beta - \delta_0 - 1} \Theta_{r_1} \, ds \\ &+ \frac{t_2^{\beta-1} - t_1^{\beta-1}}{|\Delta_2|} \sum_{i=1}^q \frac{1}{\Gamma(\beta - \delta_i)} \left| \int_0^1 \left( \int_0^s (s-\tau)^{\beta - \delta_i - 1} \Theta_{r_1} \, d\tau \right) dK_i(s) \right| \\ &\leq \Theta_{r_1}(t_2^{\beta-1} - t_1^{\beta-1}) \\ &\times \left[ \frac{1}{|\Delta_2|\Gamma(\beta - \delta_0 + 1)} + \frac{1}{|\Delta_2|} \sum_{i=1}^q \frac{1}{\Gamma(\beta - \delta_i + 1)} \left| \int_0^1 s^{\beta - \delta_i} \, dK_i(s) \right| \right] \\ &= \Theta_{r_1} M_{10}(t_2^{\beta-1} - t_1^{\beta-1}). \end{split}$$

Hence we find

$$|E_1(u,v)(t_2) - E_1(u,v)(t_1)| \to 0, |E_2(u,v)(t_2) - E_2(u,v)(t_1)| \to 0,$$

as  $t_2 \to t_1$  uniformly with respect to  $(u, v) \in \overline{B}_{r_1}$ . So,  $E_1(\overline{B}_{r_1})$  and  $E_2(\overline{B}_{r_1})$  are equicontinuous, and then  $E(\overline{B}_{r_1})$  is also equicontinuous. By using the Arzela-Ascoli theorem, we deduce that the set  $E(\overline{B}_{r_1})$  is relatively compact. Therefore, E is a compact operator on  $\overline{B}_{r_1}$ . By the Krasnolsel'skii theorem for the sum of two operators (see [12]), we conclude that there exists a fixed point of operator D + E(=A), which is a solution of problem (S) - (BC).

**Theorem 4.** Assume that (I1), (I2) and (I4) hold. If  $\Xi_3 := L_1 M_5 M_8 + L_2 M_6 M_{10} < 1$ , then problem (S) – (BC) has at least one solution (u, v) on [0, 1].

**Proof.** We consider again a positive number  $r_1 \geq M_7 \|\phi_1\| + M_9 \|\phi_2\|$ , and the operators D and E defined on  $\overline{B}_{r_1}$  given by (11). As in the proof of Theorem 3, we obtain that  $D(u_1, v_1) + E(u_2, v_2) \in \overline{B}_{r_1}$  for all  $(u_1, v_1), (u_2, v_2) \in \overline{B}_{r_1}$ .

The operator E is a contraction because

$$\begin{split} \|E(u_1, v_1) - E(u_2, v_2)\|_Y \\ &= \|E_1(u_1, v_1) - E_1(u_2, v_2)\| + \|E_2(u_1, v_1) - E_2(u_2, v_2)\| \\ &\leq L_1 M_5 M_8(\|u_1 - u_2\| + \|v_1 - v_2\|) + L_2 M_6 M_{10}(\|u_1 - u_2\| + \|v_1 - v_2\|) \\ &= (L_1 M_5 M_8 + L_2 M_6 M_{10})\|(u_1, v_1) - (u_2, v_2)\|_Y = \Xi_3 \|(u_1, v_1) - (u_2, v_2)\|_Y, \end{split}$$

for all  $(u_1, v_1)$ ,  $(u_2, v_2) \in \overline{B}_{r_1}$ , with  $\Xi_3 < 1$ .

Next, the continuity of f and g implies that operator D is continuous on  $\overline{B}_{r_1}$ . We show now that D is compact. The functions from  $D(\overline{B}_{r_1})$  are uniformly bounded because

$$\begin{split} \|D(u,v)\|_{Y} &= \|D_{1}(u,v)\| + \|D_{2}(u,v)\| \\ &\leq & \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} \|\phi_{1}\| + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\beta+1)} \|\phi_{2}\|, \ \forall (u,v) \in \overline{B}_{r_{1}}. \end{split}$$

Now we prove that  $D(\overline{B}_{r_1})$  is equicontinuous. By using  $\Psi_{r_1}$  and  $\Theta_{r_1}$  defined in (12), for  $(u, v) \in \overline{B}_{r_1}$  and  $t_1, t_2 \in [0, 1]$  with  $t_1 < t_2$  we find that

$$|D_1(u,v)(t_2) - D_1(u,v)(t_1)| \le \frac{\Psi_{r_1}}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} (t_2^{\alpha} - t_1^{\alpha}),$$
  
$$|D_2(u,v)(t_2) - D_2(u,v)(t_1)| \le \frac{\Theta_{r_1}}{\Gamma(\beta+1)} (t_2^{\beta} - t_1^{\beta}).$$

Then we obtain

$$|D_1(u,v)(t_2) - D_1(u,v)(t_1)| \to 0, \ |D_2(u,v)(t_2) - D_2(u,v)(t_1)| \to 0,$$

as  $t_2 \to t_1$  uniformly with respect to  $(u, v) \in \overline{B}_{r_1}$ . We deduce that  $D_1(\overline{B}_{r_1})$  and  $D_2(\overline{B}_{r_1})$  are equicontinuous, and so  $D(\overline{B}_{r_1})$  is equicontinuous. By using the Arzela-Ascoli theorem, we conclude that the set  $D(\overline{B}_{r_1})$  is relatively compact. Then D is a compact operator on  $\overline{B}_{r_1}$ . By the Krasnosel'skii theorem we deduce that there exists a fixed point of operator D+E(=A), which is a solution of problem (S)-(BC).  $\Box$ 

#### **Theorem 5.** Assume that (I1) and

(15) The functions  $f, g: [0,1] \times \mathbb{R}^4 \to \mathbb{R}$  are continuous and there exist the constants  $a_i \geq 0, i = 0, \ldots, 4$  with at least one nonzero, the constants  $b_i, i = 0, \ldots, 4$  with at least one nonzero, and  $l_i, m_i \in (0,1), i = 1, \ldots, 4$  such that

$$\begin{split} |f(t,x_1,x_2,x_3,x_4)| \leq & a_0 + \sum_{i=1}^4 a_i |x_i|^{l_i}, \\ |g(t,y_1,y_2,y_3,y_4)| \leq & b_0 + \sum_{i=1}^4 b_i |y_i|^{m_i}, \end{split}$$

for all  $t \in [0, 1], x_i, y_i \in \mathbb{R}, i = 1, \dots, 4$ ,

hold. Then problem (S) - (BC) has at least one solution.

**Proof.** Let  $\overline{B}_R = \{(u, v) \in Y, \|(u, v)\|_Y \le R\}$ , where

$$\begin{split} R \geq \max \left\{ 10a_0M_7, (10a_1M_7)^{\frac{1}{1-l_1}}, (10a_2M_7)^{\frac{1}{1-l_2}}, \left(\frac{10a_3M_7}{(\Gamma(\theta_1+1))^{l_3}}\right)^{\frac{1}{1-l_3}} \\ & \left(\frac{10a_4M_7}{(\Gamma(\sigma_1+1))^{l_4}}\right)^{\frac{1}{1-l_4}}, 10b_0M_9, (10b_1M_9)^{\frac{1}{1-m_1}}, (10b_2M_9)^{\frac{1}{1-m_2}}, \\ & \left(\frac{10b_3M_9}{(\Gamma(\theta_2+1))^{m_3}}\right)^{\frac{1}{1-m_3}}, \left(\frac{10b_4M_9}{(\Gamma(\sigma_2+1))^{m_4}}\right)^{\frac{1}{1-m_4}} \right\}. \end{split}$$

We prove that  $A: \overline{B}_R \to \overline{B}_R$ . For  $(u, v) \in \overline{B}_R$ , we deduce

$$|A_1(u,v)(t)| \le \left(a_0 + a_1 R^{l_1} + a_2 R^{l_2} + a_3 \frac{R^{l_3}}{(\Gamma(\theta_1 + 1))^{l_3}} + a_4 \frac{R^{l_4}}{(\Gamma(\sigma_1 + 1))^{l_4}}\right) M_7 \le \frac{R}{2},$$
  
$$|A_2(u,v)(t)| \le \left(b_0 + b_1 R^{m_1} + b_2 R^{m_2} + b_3 \frac{R^{m_3}}{(\Gamma(\theta_2 + 1))^{m_3}} + b_4 \frac{R^{m_4}}{(\Gamma(\sigma_2 + 1))^{m_4}}\right) M_9 \le \frac{R}{2}$$

for all  $t \in [0, 1]$ . Then we obtain

$$||A(u,v)||_{Y} = ||A_{1}(u,v)|| + ||A_{2}(u,v)|| \le R, \ \forall (u,v) \in \overline{B}_{R},$$

which implies that  $A(\overline{B}_R) \subset \overline{B}_R$ .

Because the functions f and g are continuous, we conclude that operator A is continuous on  $\overline{B}_R$ . In addition, the functions from  $A(\overline{B}_R)$  are uniformly bounded and equicontinuous. Indeed, by using the notations (12) with  $r_1$  replaced by R, for any  $(u, v) \in \overline{B}_R$  and  $t_1, t_2 \in [0, 1], t_1 < t_2$  we find that

$$\begin{aligned} |A_1(u,v)(t_2) - A_1(u,v)(t_1)| &\leq \frac{\Psi_R}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} (t_2^{\alpha} - t_1^{\alpha}) + \Psi_R M_8(t_2^{\alpha-1} - t_1^{\alpha-1}), \\ |A_2(u,v)(t_2) - A_2(u,v)(t_1)| &\leq \frac{\Theta_R}{\Gamma(\beta+1)} (t_2^{\beta} - t_1^{\beta}) + \Theta_R M_{10}(t_2^{\beta-1} - t_1^{\beta-1}). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$|A_1(u,v)(t_2) - A_1(u,v)(t_1)| \to 0, \ |A_2(u,v)(t_2) - A_2(u,v)(t_1)| \to 0, \ \text{as} \ t_2 \to t_1,$$

uniformly with respect to  $(u, v) \in \overline{B}_R$ . By the Arzela-Ascoli theorem, we deduce that  $A(\overline{B}_R)$  is relatively compact, and then A is a compact operator. By the Schauder fixed point theorem, we conclude that operator A has at least one fixed point (u, v) in  $\overline{B}_R$ , which is a solution of our problem (S) - (BC).

**Theorem 6.** Assume that (I1) and

(16) The functions  $f, g: [0,1] \times \mathbb{R}^4 \to \mathbb{R}$  are continuous and there exist  $p_i \ge 0$ ,  $i = 0, \ldots, 4$  with at least one nonzero,  $q_i \ge 0$ ,  $i = 0, \ldots, 4$  with at least one nonzero, and nondecreasing functions  $h_i, k_i \in C([0,\infty), [0,\infty))$   $i = 1, \ldots, 4$ such that

$$|f(t, x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4)| \le p_0 + \sum_{i=1}^4 p_i h_i(|x_i|),$$
  
$$|g(t, y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4)| \le q_0 + \sum_{i=1}^4 q_i k_i(|y_i|),$$

for all  $t \in [0, 1]$ ,  $x_i, y_i \in \mathbb{R}, i = 1, \dots, 4$ ,

hold. If there exists  $\Xi_0 > 0$  such that

$$\begin{pmatrix} p_0 + p_1 h_1(\Xi_0) + p_2 h_2(\Xi_0) + p_3 h_3 \left(\frac{\Xi_0}{\Gamma(\theta_1 + 1)}\right) + p_4 h_4 \left(\frac{\Xi_0}{\Gamma(\sigma_1 + 1)}\right) \end{pmatrix} M_7 \\ + \left(q_0 + q_1 k_1(\Xi_0) + q_2 k_2(\Xi_0) + q_3 k_3 \left(\frac{\Xi_0}{\Gamma(\theta_2 + 1)}\right) + q_4 k_4 \left(\frac{\Xi_0}{\Gamma(\sigma_2 + 1)}\right) \right) M_9 < \Xi_0,$$

$$(13)$$

then problem (S) - (BC) has at least one solution on [0, 1].

**Proof.** We consider the set  $\overline{B}_{\Xi_0} = \{(u, v) \in Y, ||(u, v)||_Y \leq \Xi_0\}$ , where  $\Xi_0$  is given in the theorem. We will prove that  $A : \overline{B}_{\Xi_0} \to \overline{B}_{\Xi_0}$ . For  $(u, v) \in \overline{B}_{\Xi_0}$  and  $t \in [0, 1]$ we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} |A_1(u,v)(t)| &\leq (p_0 + p_1 h_1(\Xi_0) + p_2 h_2(\Xi_0) \\ &+ p_3 h_3 \left(\frac{\Xi_0}{\Gamma(\theta_1 + 1)}\right) + p_4 h_4 \left(\frac{\Xi_0}{\Gamma(\sigma_1 + 1)}\right) \right) M_7, \\ |A_2(u,v)(t)| &\leq (q_0 + q_1 k_1(\Xi_0) + q_2 k_2(\Xi_0) \\ &+ q_3 k_3 \left(\frac{\Xi_0}{\Gamma(\theta_2 + 1)}\right) + q_4 k_4 \left(\frac{\Xi_0}{\Gamma(\sigma_2 + 1)}\right) \right) M_9, \end{aligned}$$

and then for all  $(u, v) \in \overline{B}_{\Xi_0}$  we have

 $\begin{aligned} \|A(u,v)\|_{Y} &\leq \left(p_{0}+p_{1}h_{1}(\Xi_{0})+p_{2}h_{2}(\Xi_{0})+p_{3}h_{3}\left(\frac{\Xi_{0}}{\Gamma(\theta_{1}+1)}\right)+p_{4}h_{4}\left(\frac{\Xi_{0}}{\Gamma(\sigma_{1}+1)}\right)\right)M_{7} \\ &+ \left(q_{2}+q_{2}k_{2}(\Xi_{2})+q_{2}k_{2}(\Xi_{2})+q_{3}k_{3}\left(\frac{\Xi_{0}}{\Gamma(\theta_{1}+1)}\right)+q_{4}k_{4}\left(\frac{\Xi_{0}}{\Gamma(\sigma_{1}+1)}\right)\right)M_{7} \end{aligned}$ 

$$+ \left( q_0 + q_1 k_1(\Xi_0) + q_2 k_2(\Xi_0) + q_3 k_3 \left( \frac{\Xi_0}{\Gamma(\theta_2 + 1)} \right) + q_4 k_4 \left( \frac{\Xi_0}{\Gamma(\sigma_2 + 1)} \right) \right) M_9$$
  
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Then  $A(\overline{B}_{\Xi_0}) \subset \overline{B}_{\Xi_0}$ . In a similar manner used in the proof of Theorem 5, we can prove that operator A is completely continuous.

We suppose now that there exists  $(u, v) \in \partial B_{\Xi_0}$  such that  $(u, v) = \nu A(u, v)$  for some  $\nu \in (0, 1)$ . We obtain as above that  $||(u, v)||_Y \leq ||A(u, v)||_Y < \Xi_0$ , which is a contradiction because  $(u, v) \in \partial B_{\Xi_0}$ . Then by the nonlinear alternative of Leray-Schauder type, we conclude that operator A has a fixed point  $(u, v) \in \overline{B}_{\Xi_0}$ , and so problem (S) - (BC) has at least one solution.  $\Box$ 

## 4. Examples

Let  $\alpha = \frac{5}{2}$   $(n = 3), \beta = \frac{10}{3}$   $(m = 4), \theta_1 = \frac{1}{3}, \sigma_1 = \frac{9}{4}, \theta_2 = \frac{16}{5}, \sigma_2 = \frac{25}{6}, \gamma_0 = \frac{4}{3}, \gamma_1 = \frac{1}{2}, \gamma_2 = \frac{3}{4}, \delta_0 = \frac{11}{5}, \delta_1 = \frac{1}{6}, \delta_2 = \frac{15}{7}, H_1(t) = t^3, t \in [0, 1], H_2(t) = \{0, t \in [0, \frac{1}{3}]; 2, t \in [\frac{1}{3}, 1]\}, K_1(t) = \{0, t \in [0, \frac{1}{2}]; 4, t \in [\frac{1}{2}, 1], \}, K_2(t) = t^2, t \in [0, 1].$ We consider the system of fractional differential equations

$$(S_0) \qquad \begin{cases} D_{0+}^{5/2}u(t) + f(t, u(t), v(t), I_{0+}^{1/3}u(t), I_{0+}^{9/4}v(t)) = 0, \ t \in (0, 1), \\ 10/2 & 16/5 & 25/6 \end{cases}$$

$$D_{0+}^{10/3}v(t) + g(t, u(t), v(t), I_{0+}^{16/5}u(t), I_{0+}^{25/6}v(t)) = 0, \ t \in (0, 1),$$

with the boundary conditions

$$(BC_0) \begin{cases} u(0) = u'(0) = 0, \ D_{0+}^{4/3}u(1) = 3\int_0^1 t^2 D_{0+}^{1/2}u(t) \, dt + 2D_{0+}^{3/4}u\left(\frac{1}{3}\right), \\ v(0) = v'(0) = v''(0) = 0, \ D_{0+}^{11/5}v(1) = 4D_{0+}^{1/6}v\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + 2\int_0^1 t D_{0+}^{15/7}v(t) \, dt. \end{cases}$$

We obtain  $\Delta_1 \approx -0.83314732 \neq 0$  and  $\Delta_2 \approx -0.85088584 \neq 0$ . So assumption (11) is satisfied. In addition, we have  $M_1 \approx 2.11984652$ ,  $M_2 \approx 1.39227116$ ,  $M_3 \approx$ 

1.12892098,  $M_4\approx 1.03231866,~M_5=M_1,~M_6=M_3,~M_7\approx 1.98819306,~M_8\approx 1.68729195,~M_9\approx 1.95523852,~M_{10}\approx 1.84725332.$ 

**Example 1.** We consider the functions

$$\begin{split} f(t,x_1,x_2,x_3,x_4) = & \frac{1}{\sqrt{4+t^2}} + \frac{|x_1|}{7(t+1)^3(1+|x_1|)} - \frac{t}{8} \arctan x_2 \\ & + \frac{t^2}{t+9} \cos x_3 - \frac{1}{2(t+10)} \sin^2 x_4, \\ g(t,y_1,y_2,y_3,y_4) = & \frac{2t}{t^2+9} - \frac{1}{10} \sin y_1 + \frac{|y_2|}{4(2+|y_2|)} + \frac{1}{12} \arctan y_3 - \frac{t}{t+20} \cos^2 y_4, \end{split}$$

for all  $t \in [0,1]$ ,  $x_i, y_i \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $i = 1, \ldots, 4$ . We find the inequalities

$$|f(t, x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) - f(t, \widetilde{x}_1, \widetilde{x}_2, \widetilde{x}_3, \widetilde{x}_4)| \le \frac{1}{7} \sum_{i=1}^4 |x_i - \widetilde{x}_i|,$$
  
$$|g(t, y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4) - g(t, \widetilde{y}_1, \widetilde{y}_2, \widetilde{y}_3, \widetilde{y}_4)| \le \frac{1}{8} \sum_{i=1}^4 |y_i - \widetilde{y}_i|,$$

for all  $t \in [0,1]$ ,  $x_i, y_i \in \mathbb{R}$ , i = 1, ..., 4. So we have  $L_1 = \frac{1}{7}$ ,  $L_2 = \frac{1}{8}$ , and  $\Xi \approx 0.878 < 1$ . Therefore, assumption (I2) is satisfied, and by Theorem 1 we deduce that problem  $(S_0) - (BC_0)$  has at least one solution (u(t), v(t)),  $t \in [0, 1]$ .

**Example 2.** We consider the functions

$$f(t, x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = \frac{t+1}{t^2+3} (3\sin t + \frac{1}{4}\sin x_1) - \frac{1}{(t+3)^2} x_2 + \frac{t}{4}\arctan x_3 - \cos x_4,$$
  
$$g(t, y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4) = \frac{e^{-t}}{1+t^2} - \frac{1}{3}\sin y_2 + \cos^2 y_3 + \frac{1}{5}\arctan y_4,$$

for all  $t \in [0,1]$ ,  $x_i, y_i \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $i = 1, \ldots, 4$ . Because we have

$$|f(t, x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4)| \le \frac{5}{2} + \frac{1}{8}|x_1| + \frac{1}{9}|x_2| + \frac{1}{4}|x_3|,$$
  
$$|g(t, y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4)| \le 2 + \frac{1}{3}|y_2| + \frac{1}{5}|y_4|,$$

for all  $t \in [0,1]$ ,  $x_i, y_i \in \mathbb{R}$ , i = 1, ..., 4, then assumption (I3) is satisfied with  $c_0 = \frac{5}{2}, c_1 = \frac{1}{8}, c_2 = \frac{1}{9}, c_3 = \frac{1}{4}, c_4 = 0, d_0 = 2, d_1 = 0, d_2 = \frac{1}{3}, d_3 = 0, d_4 = \frac{1}{5}$ . Besides, we obtain  $M_{11} \approx 0.805142, M_{12} \approx 0.885295$  and  $\Xi_1 = M_{12} < 1$ . Then by Theorem 2 we conclude that problem  $(S_0) - (BC_0)$  has at least one solution  $(u(t), v(t)), t \in [0, 1]$ .

**Example 3.** We consider the functions

$$f(t, x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = -\frac{1}{4}x_1^{3/5} + \frac{1}{2(1+t)}\arctan x_4^{2/3},$$
$$g(t, y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4) = \frac{e^{-t}}{1+t^4} - \frac{1}{3}|y_2|^{1/2} + \sin|y_3|^{3/4},$$

for all  $t \in [0,1]$ ,  $x_i, y_i \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $i = 1, \ldots, 4$ . Because we obtain

$$|f(t, x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4)| \le \frac{1}{4} |x_1|^{3/5} + \frac{1}{2} |x_4|^{2/3}, \quad |g(t, y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4)| \le 1 + \frac{1}{3} |y_2|^{1/2} + |y_3|^{3/4},$$

for all  $t \in [0,1]$ ,  $x_i, y_i \in \mathbb{R}$ , i = 1, ..., 4, then assumption (I5) is satisfied with  $a_0 = 0, a_1 = \frac{1}{4}, a_2 = 0, a_3 = 0, a_4 = \frac{1}{2}, b_0 = 1, b_1 = 0, b_2 = \frac{1}{3}, b_3 = 1, b_4 = 0, l_1 = \frac{3}{5}, l_4 = \frac{2}{3}, m_2 = \frac{1}{2}, m_3 = \frac{3}{4}$ . Therefore, by Theorem 5 we deduce that problem  $(S_0) - (BC_0)$  has at least one solution  $(u(t), v(t)), t \in [0, 1]$ .

**Example 4.** We consider the functions

$$f(t, x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = \frac{(1-t)^3}{10} + \frac{e^{-t}x_2^3}{20(1+x_1^2)} - \frac{t^2x_3^{1/3}}{5},$$
  
$$g(t, y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4) = \frac{t^2}{20} + \frac{1-t^2}{25}y_1^2 - \frac{1}{30}y_4^{1/5},$$

for all  $t \in [0,1]$ ,  $x_i, y_i \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $i = 1, \ldots, 4$ . Because we have

$$|f(t, x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4)| \le \frac{1}{10} + \frac{1}{20} |x_2|^3 + \frac{1}{5} |x_3|^{1/3},$$
  
$$|g(t, y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4)| \le \frac{1}{20} + \frac{1}{25} |y_1|^2 + \frac{1}{30} |y_4|^{1/5},$$

for all  $t \in [0,1]$ ,  $x_i, y_i \in \mathbb{R}$ , i = 1, ..., 4, then assumption (I6) is satisfied with  $p_0 = \frac{1}{10}$ ,  $p_1 = 0$ ,  $p_2 = \frac{1}{20}$ ,  $p_3 = \frac{1}{5}$ ,  $p_4 = 0$ ,  $h_1(x) = 0$ ,  $h_2(x) = x^3$ ,  $h_3(x) = x^{1/3}$ ,  $h_4(x) = 0$ ,  $q_0 = \frac{1}{20}$ ,  $q_1 = \frac{1}{25}$ ,  $q_2 = 0$ ,  $q_3 = 0$ ,  $q_4 = \frac{1}{30}$ ,  $k_1(x) = x^2$ ,  $k_2(x) = 0$ ,  $k_3(x) = 0$ ,  $k_4(x) = x^{1/5}$ . For  $\Xi_0 = 2$ , condition (13) is satisfied because

$$\begin{split} & \left(p_0 + p_1 h_1(2) + p_2 h_2(2) + p_3 h_3 \left(\frac{2}{\Gamma(\theta_1 + 1)}\right) + p_4 h_4 \left(\frac{2}{\Gamma(\sigma_1 + 1)}\right)\right) M_7 \\ & + \left(q_0 + q_1 k_1(2) + q_2 k_2(2) + q_3 k_3 \left(\frac{2}{\Gamma(\theta_2 + 1)}\right) + q_4 k_4 \left(\frac{2}{\Gamma(\sigma_2 + 1)}\right)\right) M_9 \\ & \approx 1.96264 < 2. \end{split}$$

Therefore, by Theorem 6 we conclude that problem  $(S_0) - (BC_0)$  has at least one solution  $(u(t), v(t)), t \in [0, 1]$ .

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