



where  $1 < \theta, \vartheta \leq 2, 0 < \mu, \nu < 1$  and  $\mathbf{H}_1, \mathbf{H}_2 : \mathbf{J} \times \mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  are continuous and  ${}^c \mathbf{D}$  denotes Caputo fractional derivative. where  $\lambda_i, \mu_i \in \mathbf{R}^+$  with  $\sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i \alpha_i < 1$  and  $\sum_{i=1}^m \mu_i \beta_i < 1$ . We apply Banach fixed point theorem and Leray-Schauder fixed point theorem to obtain proper conditions for existence and uniqueness results (Ali et al., 2016). We also provide a numerical problem to demonstrate the establish results.

**2. Basic material**

We recall some fundamental results and definitions (Benchohra et al., 2008; Ahmad and Sivasundaram., 2010; Zhang, 2010; Shah et al., 2016).

**Definition 2.1.** The fractional integral of order  $\theta \in \mathbf{R}^+$  of a function  $\omega : \mathbf{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  is defined by

$$\mathbf{I}^\theta \omega(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\theta)} \int_0^t (t-\zeta)^{\theta-1} \omega(\zeta) d\zeta$$

provided the integral converges.

**Definition 2.2.** The Caputo fractional order derivative of a function  $\omega : \mathbf{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  is defined by

$${}^c \mathbf{D}^\theta \omega(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(n-\theta)} \int_0^t (t-\zeta)^{n-\theta-1} \omega^{(n)}(\zeta) d\zeta,$$

where  $n = [\theta] + 1$  and  $[\theta]$  represents the integer part of  $\theta$ , such that

the right side is point wise defined on  $\mathbf{R}^+$

**Theorem 2.3.** For (FDEs)

$${}^c \mathbf{D}^\theta \omega(t) = \varphi(t), \theta \in (n-1, n],$$

the given result holds

$$\omega(t) = \mathbf{I}^\theta \varphi(t) + l_1 + l_2 t + l_3 t^2 + \dots + l_n t^{n-1},$$

for arbitrary  $l_i \in \mathbf{R}, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .

Lemma 2.4. (Benchohra et al., 2008) Let  $\mathbf{B}$  be a Banach space with closed and convex. Let  $\mathbf{U}$  be a relatively open subset of  $\mathbf{B}$  with  $\mathbf{0} \in \mathbf{U}$  and  $\mathbf{S}$  be a continuous and compact (completely continuous) mapping. Then either

- 1) The mapping  $\mathbf{S}$  has a fixed point in  $\overline{\mathbf{B}}$  or
- 2) There exist  $u \in \partial \mathbf{B}$  and  $\kappa \in (0, 1)$  with  $\mathbf{B} = \kappa \mathbf{S}u$ .

**Theorem 2.5.** Let  $\omega, \sigma \in C[0, 1]$  and  $D = 1 - \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i \alpha_i$  and

$E = 1 - \sum_{i=1}^m \mu_i \beta_i$ , for a given  $u, v \in C(I, \mathbf{R})$ , then the solution of

$$\begin{cases} {}^c \mathbf{D}^\theta u(t) = \omega, 1 < \theta \leq 2, 0 < \mu < 1, t \in \mathbf{J}, \\ {}^c \mathbf{D}^\vartheta v(t) = \sigma, 1 < \vartheta \leq 2, 0 < \nu < 1, t \in \mathbf{J}, \\ u(0) = A, u(1) = \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i u(\alpha_i), \\ v(0) = B, v(1) = \sum_{i=1}^m \mu_i v(\beta_i), \end{cases}$$

(2.1)

is equivalent to the following coupled system of Fredholm integral

equations

$$u(t) = a(t) + \int_0^1 \mathbf{W}_1(t, \zeta) \omega(\zeta) d\zeta, \tag{2.2}$$

$$v(t) = b(t) + \int_0^1 \mathbf{W}_2(t, \zeta) \sigma(\zeta) d\zeta,$$

where  $a(t) = A - \frac{At(1 - \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i)}{D}, b(t) = B - \frac{Bt(1 - \sum_{i=1}^m \mu_i)}{E}$ . Where

$\mathbf{W}_1(t, \zeta), \mathbf{W}_2(t, \zeta)$  are the Green's functions given by

$$\mathbf{W}_1(t, \zeta) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\theta)} \begin{cases} (t-\zeta)^{\theta-1} - \frac{1}{D} \left[ t(1-\zeta)^{\theta-1} + \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i (\alpha_i - \zeta)^{\theta-1} \right], \zeta \leq t, \alpha_i < \zeta \leq \alpha_{i+1}, \\ -\frac{1}{D} \left[ t(1-\zeta)^{\theta-1} + \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i (\alpha_i - \zeta)^{\theta-1} \right], t \leq \zeta, \alpha_i < \zeta \leq \alpha_{i+1}, \end{cases} \tag{2.3}$$

$$\mathbf{W}_2(t, \zeta) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\vartheta)} \begin{cases} (t-\zeta)^{\vartheta-1} - \frac{1}{E} \left[ t(1-\zeta)^{\vartheta-1} + \sum_{i=1}^m \mu_i (\beta_i - \zeta)^{\vartheta-1} \right], \zeta \leq t, \beta_i < \zeta \leq \beta_{i+1}, \\ -\frac{1}{E} \left[ t(1-\zeta)^{\vartheta-1} + \sum_{i=1}^m \mu_i (\beta_i - \zeta)^{\vartheta-1} \right], t \leq \zeta, \beta_i < \zeta \leq \beta_{i+1}, \end{cases} \tag{2.4}$$

Proof. By means of Definition 2.2 and Theorem 2.3, the solution of  ${}^c \mathbf{D}^\theta u(t) = \omega(t)$  is given by  $u(t) = l_1 + l_2 t + \mathbf{I}^\theta \omega(t)$ . (2.5)

Now applying the boundary conditions

$u(0) = A, u(1) = \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i u(\alpha_i)$  to (2.5) we get after simplification

$$\begin{aligned} u(t) &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(\theta)} \int_0^t (t-\zeta)^{\theta-1} \omega(\zeta) d\zeta - \frac{t}{D\Gamma(\theta)} \int_0^1 (1-\zeta)^{\theta-1} \omega(\zeta) d\zeta \\ &+ A - \frac{At(1 - \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i)}{D} - \frac{t}{D\Gamma(\theta)} \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i \int_0^{\alpha_i} (\alpha_i - \zeta)^{\theta-1} \omega(\zeta) d\zeta \\ &= a(t) + \int_0^1 \mathbf{W}_1(t, \zeta) \omega(\zeta) d\zeta. \end{aligned} \tag{2.6}$$

Similarly, we can get second equation of (2.2) by solving second equation of system of BVP (1.1) as

$$\begin{aligned} v(t) &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(\vartheta)} \int_0^t (t-\zeta)^{\vartheta-1} \sigma(\zeta) d\zeta - \frac{t}{E\Gamma(\vartheta)} \int_0^1 (1-\zeta)^{\vartheta-1} \sigma(\zeta) d\zeta \\ &+ E - \frac{Bt(1 - \sum_{i=1}^m \mu_i)}{E} - \frac{t}{E\Gamma(\vartheta)} \sum_{i=1}^m \mu_i \int_0^{\beta_i} (\beta_i - \zeta)^{\vartheta-1} \sigma(\zeta) d\zeta \\ &= b(t) + \int_0^1 \mathbf{W}_2(t, \zeta) \sigma(\zeta) d\zeta. \end{aligned} \tag{2.7}$$

Therefore, in view of Theorem 2.5, the considered coupled system (1.1) is equivalent to the following coupled system of Fredholm integral equations

$$\begin{cases} v(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\vartheta)} \int_0^t (t-\zeta)^{\vartheta-1} \sigma(\zeta) d\zeta - \frac{t}{E\Gamma(\vartheta)} \int_0^1 (1-\zeta)^{\vartheta-1} \sigma(\zeta) d\zeta \\ + E - \frac{Bt(1 - \sum_{i=1}^m \mu_i)}{E} - \frac{t}{E\Gamma(\vartheta)} \sum_{i=1}^m \mu_i \int_0^{\beta_i} (\beta_i - \zeta)^{\vartheta-1} \sigma(\zeta) d\zeta \\ = b(t) + \int_0^1 \mathbf{W}_2(t, \zeta) \mathbf{H}_2(\zeta, u(\zeta), {}^c \mathbf{D}^\nu u(\zeta)) d\zeta, \\ u(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\theta)} \int_0^t (t-\zeta)^{\theta-1} \omega(\zeta) d\zeta - \frac{t}{D\Gamma(\theta)} \int_0^1 (1-\zeta)^{\theta-1} \omega(\zeta) d\zeta \\ + A - \frac{At(1 - \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i)}{D} - \frac{t}{D\Gamma(\theta)} \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i \int_0^{\alpha_i} (\alpha_i - \zeta)^{\theta-1} \omega(\zeta) d\zeta \\ = a(t) + \int_0^1 \mathbf{W}_1(t, \zeta) \omega(\zeta) d\zeta. \end{cases} \tag{2.8}$$

**Remark 2.6.** We will use

$$\bar{\mathbf{w}}_1^* = \max_{t \in J} \int_0^1 |\mathbf{w}_1(t, \zeta)| d\zeta, \quad \bar{\mathbf{w}}_2^* = \max_{t \in J} \int_0^1 |\mathbf{w}_2(t, \zeta)| d\zeta,$$

throughout this paper.

**3. Method and discussion**

Define  $\mathbf{U} = \{u(t) | u(t) \in C^1(J)\}$  endowed with the norm  $\|u\|_{\mathbf{U}} = \max_{t \in J} [|u(t)| + |{}^c \mathbf{D}^\mu u(t)|]$  and similarly,  $\mathbf{V} = \{v(t) | v(t) \in C^1(J)\}$  endowed with the norm  $\|v\|_{\mathbf{V}} = \max_{t \in J} [|v(t)| + |{}^c \mathbf{D}^\nu v(t)|]$ . Further, define the norm  $\|(u, v)\|_{\mathbf{U} \times \mathbf{V}} = \max\{\|u\|_{\mathbf{U}}, \|v\|_{\mathbf{V}}\}$ . Then, the product spaces  $(\mathbf{U} \times \mathbf{V}, \|\cdot\|_{\mathbf{U} \times \mathbf{V}})$  is Banach space. Define a cone  $\mathbf{P} \subset \mathbf{U} \times \mathbf{V}$  by  $\mathbf{P} = \{(u, v) \in \mathbf{U} \times \mathbf{V} : u(t), v(t) \geq 0, \text{ for all } t \in J\}$ . To proceed further the following assumptions hold:

- (A<sub>1</sub>) ·  $a(t), b(t) : J \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  are continuous;
- (A<sub>2</sub>) ·  $\mathbf{H}_1, \mathbf{H}_2 : J \times \mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  are continuous.

Define the operator  $\mathbf{S} : \mathbf{U} \times \mathbf{V} \rightarrow \mathbf{U} \times \mathbf{V}$  by

$$\mathbf{S}(u, v)(t) = \left( a(t) + \int_0^1 \bar{\mathbf{w}}_1(t, \zeta) \mathbf{H}_1(\zeta, v(\zeta), {}^c \mathbf{D}^\mu v(\zeta)) d\zeta, b(t) + \int_0^1 \bar{\mathbf{w}}_2(t, \zeta) \mathbf{H}_2(\zeta, u(\zeta), {}^c \mathbf{D}^\nu u(\zeta)) d\zeta \right) \tag{3.1}$$

$= (\mathbf{S}_1 v(t), \mathbf{S}_2 u(t)),$

Where

$$\mathbf{S}_1 v(t) = a(t) + \int_0^1 \bar{\mathbf{w}}_1(t, \zeta) \mathbf{H}_1(\zeta, v(\zeta), {}^c \mathbf{D}^\mu v(\zeta)) d\zeta, \quad t \in J,$$

$$\mathbf{S}_2 u(t) = b(t) + \int_0^1 \bar{\mathbf{w}}_2(t, \zeta) \mathbf{H}_2(\zeta, u(\zeta), {}^c \mathbf{D}^\nu u(\zeta)) d\zeta, \quad t \in J.$$

**Theorem 3.1.** Assume that (A<sub>1</sub>) and (A<sub>2</sub>) hold true then the coupled system has at least one fixed point  $(u, v) \in C(J) \times C(J)$ .

**Proof.** Define

$$\mathbf{C} = \{(u, v)(t) : (u, v) \in \mathbf{U} \times \mathbf{V} : \|(u, v)\|_{\mathbf{U} \times \mathbf{V}} \leq r\} \subset \mathbf{P}$$

and

$$\max_{t \in J} |a(t)| = K_1, \quad \max_{t \in J} |b(t)| = K_2.$$

Also assume that

$$\max |\mathbf{H}_1(t, v(t), {}^c \mathbf{D}^\mu v(t))| \leq L, \quad \max |\mathbf{H}_2(t, u(t), {}^c \mathbf{D}^\nu u(t))| \leq M$$

for all  $(u, v) \in \mathbf{C}$ .

Then

$$|\mathbf{S}_1 v(t)| \leq \max_{t \in J} \left| \frac{1}{\Gamma(\theta)} \int_0^1 (t-\zeta)^{\theta-1} \mathbf{H}_1(\zeta, v(\zeta), {}^c \mathbf{D}^\mu v(\zeta)) d\zeta - \frac{t}{D\Gamma(\theta)} \int_0^1 (1-\zeta)^{\theta-1} \mathbf{H}_1(\zeta, v(\zeta), {}^c \mathbf{D}^\mu v(\zeta)) d\zeta \right|$$

$$+ \max_{t \in J} \left| A - \frac{At(1-\sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i)}{D} - \frac{t}{D\Gamma(\theta)} \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i \int_0^{\alpha_i} (\alpha_i - \zeta)^{\theta-1} \mathbf{H}_1(\zeta, v(\zeta), {}^c \mathbf{D}^\mu v(\zeta)) d\zeta \right|$$

$$\leq K_1 + \frac{L}{\Gamma(\theta+1)} \left(1 + \frac{2}{D}\right).$$

By similar way we can do

$$|\mathbf{S}_2 u(t)| \leq K_2 + \frac{M}{\Gamma(\theta+1)} \left(1 + \frac{2}{E}\right).$$

Also we can easily show that

$$|{}^c \mathbf{D}^\mu \mathbf{S}_1 v(t)| \leq \max_{t \in J} \left| \frac{1}{\Gamma(\theta-\mu)} \int_0^1 (t-\zeta)^{\theta-\mu-1} \mathbf{H}_1(\zeta, v(\zeta), {}^c \mathbf{D}^\mu v(\zeta)) d\zeta \right|$$

$$+ \max_{t \in J} \left| \frac{t^{1-\mu}}{D\Gamma(2-\mu)} \int_0^1 (1-\zeta)^{\theta-1} \mathbf{H}_1(\zeta, v(\zeta), {}^c \mathbf{D}^\mu v(\zeta)) d\zeta \right|$$

$$+ \max_{t \in J} \left| \frac{A(1-\sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i)}{D\Gamma(2-\mu)} + \frac{t^{1-\mu}}{D\Gamma(2-\mu)\Gamma(\theta)} \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i \int_0^{\alpha_i} (\alpha_i - \zeta)^{\theta-1} d\zeta \right|$$

$$\leq \frac{A(1-\sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i)}{D\Gamma(2-\mu)} + \frac{L}{\Gamma(\theta-\mu+1)} \left(1 + \frac{2}{D\Gamma(2-\mu)}\right).$$

Similarly

$$|{}^c \mathbf{D}^\nu \mathbf{S}_2 u(t)| \leq \frac{B(1-\sum_{i=1}^m \mu_i)}{E\Gamma(2-\nu)} + \frac{M}{\Gamma(\theta-\nu+1)} \left(1 + \frac{2}{E\Gamma(2-\nu)}\right).$$

Thus from the above relations we have

$$\|\mathbf{S}_1 v\|_{\mathbf{V}} \leq [K_1 + \frac{L}{\Gamma(\theta+1)} (1 + \frac{2}{D}) + \frac{A(1-\sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i)}{D\Gamma(2-\mu)} + \frac{L}{\Gamma(\theta-\mu+1)} (1 + \frac{2}{D\Gamma(2-\mu)})] \tag{3.2}$$

$$\|\mathbf{S}_2 u\|_{\mathbf{V}} \leq [K_2 + \frac{M}{\Gamma(\theta+1)} (1 + \frac{2}{E}) + \frac{B(1-\sum_{i=1}^m \mu_i)}{E\Gamma(2-\nu)} + \frac{M}{\Gamma(\theta-\nu+1)} (1 + \frac{2}{E\Gamma(2-\nu)})].$$

Hence from (3.2) we have

$$\|\mathbf{S}(u, v)\|_{\mathbf{U} \times \mathbf{V}} < \infty. \tag{3.3}$$

Next, we prove that  $\mathbf{S}$  is equi-continuous on  $J$ . For  $(u, v) \in \mathbf{C}$ , and  $t_1, t_2 \in J$ , such that  $t_1 < t_2$ . Then we have

$$|\mathbf{S}_1 v(t_1) - \mathbf{S}_1 v(t_2)| \leq \frac{1}{\Gamma(\theta)} \int_0^1 [(t_1 - \zeta)^{\theta-1} - (t_2 - \zeta)^{\theta-1}] |\mathbf{H}_1(\zeta, v(\zeta), {}^c \mathbf{D}^\mu v(\zeta))| d\zeta \tag{3.4}$$

$$+ \int_0^1 (t_2 - \zeta)^{\theta-1} |\mathbf{H}_1(\zeta, v(\zeta), {}^c \mathbf{D}^\mu v(\zeta))| d\zeta$$

$$+ \frac{t_1 - t_2}{D\Gamma(\theta)} \int_0^1 (1-\zeta)^{\theta-1} |\mathbf{H}_1(\zeta, v(\zeta), {}^c \mathbf{D}^\mu v(\zeta))| d\zeta$$

$$+ \frac{A(1-\sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i)(t_2 - t_1)}{D} + \frac{t_2 - t_1}{\Gamma(\theta)} \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i \int_0^{\alpha_i} (\alpha_i - \zeta)^{\theta-1} |\mathbf{H}_1(\zeta, v(\zeta), {}^c \mathbf{D}^\mu v(\zeta))| d\zeta$$

$$\leq \frac{L}{\Gamma(\theta+1)} [t_1^\theta - t_2^\theta] + \frac{(t_2 - t_1)L}{D\Gamma(\theta+1)}$$

$$+ \frac{A(1-\sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i)(t_2 - t_1)}{D} + \frac{(t_2 - t_1)}{D\Gamma(\theta+1)} L.$$

Also we have

$$|{}^c \mathbf{D}^\mu \mathbf{S}_1 v(t_1) - {}^c \mathbf{D}^\mu \mathbf{S}_1 v(t_2)| \leq \frac{L}{\Gamma(\theta-\mu+1)} [t_1^{\theta-\mu} - t_2^{\theta-\mu}] + \frac{A(1-\sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i)}{D\Gamma(2-\mu)} (t_1^{1-\mu} - t_2^{1-\mu}) \tag{3.5}$$

$$+ \frac{2(t_2^{1-\mu} - t_1^{1-\mu})}{D\Gamma(2-\mu)\Gamma(\theta+1)} L.$$

By similar way we can obtain that

$$|\mathbf{S}_2 u(t_1) - \mathbf{S}_2 u(t_2)| \leq \frac{M}{\Gamma(\theta+1)} [t_1^\theta - t_2^\theta] + \frac{(t_2 - t_1)}{E\Gamma(\theta+1)} M \tag{3.6}$$

$$+ \frac{B(1-\sum_{i=1}^m \mu_i)(t_2 - t_1)}{E} + \frac{(t_2 - t_1)}{E\Gamma(\theta+1)} M,$$

$$|{}^c \mathbf{D}^\nu \mathbf{S}_2 u(t_1) - {}^c \mathbf{D}^\nu \mathbf{S}_2 u(t_2)| \leq \frac{M}{\Gamma(\theta-\nu+1)} [t_1^{\theta-\nu} - t_2^{\theta-\nu}] + \frac{B(1-\sum_{i=1}^m \mu_i)}{E\Gamma(2-\nu)} (t_1^{1-\nu} - t_2^{1-\nu}) \tag{3.7}$$

$$+ \frac{2(t_2^{1-\nu} - t_1^{1-\nu})}{E\Gamma(2-\nu)\Gamma(\theta+1)} M.$$

Now as  $t_1 \rightarrow t_2$  in right hand sides of (3.4) (3.7), they tend to zero. Therefore  $\|\mathbf{S}(u, v)(t_1) - \mathbf{S}(u, v)(t_2)\|_{\mathbf{U} \times \mathbf{V}} \rightarrow 0$  as  $t_1 \rightarrow t_2$ .

Hence a theorem, we conclude that  $\mathbf{S}$  is completely continuous operator. Finally define

$\Omega = \{(u, v) \in \mathbf{U} \times \mathbf{V} : (u, v) = \lambda \mathbf{S}(u, v), \lambda \in (0, 1)\}$ . It is enough to show that  $\Omega$  is bounded. Let  $(u, v) \in \Omega$ , then  $(u, v) = \lambda \mathbf{S}(u, v)$  for some  $0 < \lambda < 1$ . Thus, for every  $t \in \mathbf{J}$  we have  $u(t) = \lambda \mathbf{S}_1 v(t)$  and  $v(t) = \lambda \mathbf{S}_2 u(t)$ , then it is easy to show that  $\|(u, v)\|_{\mathbf{U} \times \mathbf{V}} < \infty$ .

Which implies that  $\Omega$  is bounded. Thus, by Schauder fixed point theorem  $\mathbf{S}$  has at least one fixed point which is the solution of (1.1).

**Theorem 3.2.** If  $\mathbf{H}_1, \mathbf{H}_2 : \mathbf{J} \times \mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{R}$  are continuous and if  $\max(d_1, d_2) < 1$ , then Coupled system (1.1) has unique positive solution, where

$$d_1 = \max_{t \in \mathbf{J}} \left[ 2\bar{K}\bar{\mathbf{w}}_1^*, \frac{2\bar{K}}{\Gamma(2-\mu)} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{A}{D} + \frac{1}{2D\Gamma(\theta+1)} \right) \right],$$

$$d_2 = \max_{t \in \mathbf{J}} \left[ 2\bar{K}\bar{\mathbf{w}}_2^*, \frac{2\bar{L}}{\Gamma(2-\nu)} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{B}{E} + \frac{1}{2E\Gamma(\vartheta+1)} \right) \right].$$

**Proof.** Let  $u, \bar{u}, v, \bar{v} \in \mathbf{R}$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mathbf{S}_1(v) - \mathbf{S}_1(\bar{v})\| &= \left\| \int_0^t \mathbf{w}_1(t, \zeta) [\mathbf{H}_1(\zeta, v(\zeta), {}^c \mathbf{D}^\mu v(\zeta)) - \mathbf{H}_1(\zeta, \bar{v}(\zeta), {}^c \mathbf{D}^\mu \bar{v}(\zeta))] d\zeta \right\| \\ &\leq \bar{K} \int_0^t \mathbf{w}_1(t, \zeta) [|v - \bar{v}| + |{}^c \mathbf{D}^\mu v - {}^c \mathbf{D}^\mu \bar{v}|] d\zeta \\ &\leq 2\bar{K}\bar{\mathbf{w}}_1^* \|v - \bar{v}\|_{\mathbf{V}}. \end{aligned}$$

Also, we can write

$$\begin{aligned} |{}^c \mathbf{D}^\mu \mathbf{S}_1(v) - {}^c \mathbf{D}^\mu \mathbf{S}_1(\bar{v})| &\leq \max_{t \in \mathbf{J}} \frac{1}{\Gamma(\theta-\mu)} \int_0^t (t-\zeta)^{\theta-\mu-1} |\mathbf{H}_1(\zeta, v(\zeta), {}^c \mathbf{D}^\mu v(\zeta)) - \mathbf{H}_1(\zeta, \bar{v}(\zeta), {}^c \mathbf{D}^\mu \bar{v}(\zeta))| d\zeta \\ &+ \frac{1}{D\Gamma(2-\mu)} \max_{t \in \mathbf{J}} \int_0^t (t-\zeta)^{\theta-1} |\mathbf{H}_1(\zeta, v(\zeta), {}^c \mathbf{D}^\mu v(\zeta)) - \mathbf{H}_1(\zeta, \bar{v}(\zeta), {}^c \mathbf{D}^\mu \bar{v}(\zeta))| d\zeta \\ &+ \left( \frac{A}{D\Gamma(2-\mu)} + \frac{1}{\Gamma(2-\mu)\Gamma(\theta)} \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i \int_0^\sigma (\alpha-\zeta)^{\theta-1} |\mathbf{H}_1(\zeta, v(\zeta), {}^c \mathbf{D}^\mu v(\zeta)) - \mathbf{H}_1(\zeta, \bar{v}(\zeta), {}^c \mathbf{D}^\mu \bar{v}(\zeta))| d\zeta \right) \\ &\leq \frac{2\bar{K}}{\Gamma(\theta-\mu+1)} \|v - \bar{v}\|_{\mathbf{V}} + \frac{2\bar{K}}{2\Gamma(2-\mu)} \|v - \bar{v}\|_{\mathbf{V}} + \left( \frac{A}{D\Gamma(2-\mu)} + \frac{1}{2D\Gamma(2-\mu)\Gamma(\theta+1)} \right) 2\bar{K} \|v - \bar{v}\|_{\mathbf{V}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{implies that } \|{}^c \mathbf{D}^\mu \mathbf{S}_1(v) - {}^c \mathbf{D}^\mu \mathbf{S}_1(\bar{v})\|_{\mathbf{V}} \leq \frac{2\bar{K}}{\Gamma(2-\mu)} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{A}{D} + \frac{1}{2D\Gamma(\theta+1)} \right) \|v - \bar{v}\|_{\mathbf{V}}.$$

Now

$$\|\mathbf{S}_1 v - \mathbf{S}_1 \bar{v}\|_{\mathbf{V}} \leq \max_{t \in \mathbf{J}} \left[ 2\bar{K}\bar{\mathbf{w}}_1^*, \frac{2\bar{K}}{\Gamma(2-\mu)} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{A}{D} + \frac{1}{2D\Gamma(\theta+1)} \right) \right] \|v - \bar{v}\|_{\mathbf{V}}. \tag{3.8}$$

Similarly

$$\|\mathbf{S}_2 u - \mathbf{S}_2 \bar{u}\|_{\mathbf{U}} \leq \max_{t \in \mathbf{J}} \left[ 2\bar{K}\bar{\mathbf{w}}_2^*, \frac{2\bar{L}}{\Gamma(2-\nu)} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{B}{E} + \frac{1}{2E\Gamma(\vartheta+1)} \right) \right] \|u - \bar{u}\|_{\mathbf{U}}. \tag{3.9}$$

Hence, from (3.8) and (3.9), we have

$$\|\mathbf{S}(u, v) - \mathbf{S}(\bar{u}, \bar{v})\|_{\mathbf{U} \times \mathbf{V}} \leq \max(d_1, d_2) [\|u - \bar{u}\|_{\mathbf{U}} + \|v - \bar{v}\|_{\mathbf{V}}],$$

where  $\max(d_1, d_2) < 1$ . Hence  $\mathbf{S}$  has unique fixed point which is the corresponding unique solution of BVP (1.1).

#### 4. Example

##### Example 4.1.

$$\begin{cases} {}^c \mathbf{D}^{\frac{3}{2}} u(t) = \frac{t}{4} + \frac{\sin |v(t)| + \cos |{}^c \mathbf{D}^{\frac{1}{2}} v(t)|}{40 + t^2}, & t \in \mathbf{J} \\ {}^c \mathbf{D}^{\frac{3}{2}} v(t) = \frac{t+1}{10} + \frac{\cos |u(t)| + |{}^c \mathbf{D}^{\frac{1}{2}} u(t)|}{50}, & t \in \mathbf{J} \\ u(0) = 1, u(1) = 2, u(1) = \sum_{i=1}^{10} \frac{1}{2^i} u(\frac{1}{2^i}), v(1) = \sum_{i=1}^{10} \frac{1}{3^i} v(\frac{1}{3^i}), & i = 1, 2, \dots, 10. \end{cases}$$

Now for coupled system (1.1),  $\theta = \vartheta = \frac{3}{2}, \mu = \nu = \frac{1}{2}$

$$a(t) = \frac{t}{4}, b(t) = \frac{t+1}{10}, \lambda_i = \frac{1}{2^i}, \mu_i = \frac{1}{3^i}, \alpha_i = \frac{1}{2^i}, \beta_i = \frac{1}{2^i}$$

$$\mathbf{H}_1(t, v(t), {}^c \mathbf{D}^{\frac{1}{2}} v(t)) = \frac{\sin |v(t)| + \cos |{}^c \mathbf{D}^{\frac{1}{2}} v(t)|}{40 + t^2}, \mathbf{H}_2(t, u(t), {}^c \mathbf{D}^{\frac{1}{2}} u(t)) = \frac{\cos |u(t)| + |{}^c \mathbf{D}^{\frac{1}{2}} u(t)|}{50}$$

$$A = 1, B = 2, D = 1 - \sum_{i=1}^{10} \lambda_i \alpha_i = 0.667, \bar{K} = \frac{1}{40}, \bar{L} = \frac{1}{50}, E = 1 - \sum_{i=1}^{10} \mu_i \beta_i = 0.800,$$

$$\bar{\mathbf{w}}_1^* = 0.591, \bar{\mathbf{w}}_2^* = 0.508$$

$$\text{hence } 2\bar{K}\bar{\mathbf{w}}_1^* = 0.02956, 2\bar{L}\bar{\mathbf{w}}_2^* = 0.02032.$$

Now, we computing the values of

$$d_1 = \max \left\{ 2\bar{K}\bar{\mathbf{w}}_1^*, \frac{2\bar{K}}{\Gamma(2-\mu)} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{A}{D} + \frac{1}{2D\Gamma(\theta+1)} \right) \right\}$$

$$= \max\{0.02956, 0.1811\} = 0.1811$$

and

$$d_2 = \max \left\{ 2\bar{K}\bar{\mathbf{w}}_2^*, \frac{2\bar{L}}{\Gamma(2-\nu)} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{B}{E} + \frac{1}{2E\Gamma(\vartheta+1)} \right) \right\}$$

$$= \max\{0.02030, 0.1061\} = 0.1061.$$

We see that  $\max\{d_1, d_2\} = 0.1811 < 1$ . Hence Thank to Theorem 3.2, the given coupled system has a unique solution.

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