

## PERIODIC SOLUTIONS FOR NONLINEAR NEUTRAL DELAY INTEGRO-DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS

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ABSTRACT. In this article, we consider a model for the spread of certain infectious disease governed by a delay integro-differential equation. We obtain the existence and the uniqueness of a positive periodic solution, by using Perov's fixed point theorem in generalized metric spaces.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

The existence of positive solutions to the integral equation with non constant delay

$$x(t) = \int_{t-\sigma(t)}^t f(s, x(s))ds, \quad (1.1)$$

was considered in [4, 13, 18, 23]. This equation is a mathematical model for the spread of certain infectious diseases with a contact rate that varies seasonally. Here  $x(t)$  is the proportion of infectious in population at time  $t$ ,  $\sigma(t)$  is the length of time in which an individual remains infectious,  $f(t, x(t))$  is the proportion of new infectious per unit of time (see, for example, [5, 9, 21]).

Ait Dads and Ezzinbi [4] and Ding et al [10] studied the existence of a positive pseudo almost periodic solution. Ezzinbi and Hachimi [13], Torrejón [23], Xu and Yuan [24] showed the existence of a positive almost periodic solution. The existence of a positive almost automorphic solution was studied in [12, 15, 18]. Bica and Mureşan [7, 8] studied the existence and uniqueness of a positive periodic solution of (1.1) by using Perov's fixed point theorem in the case of  $f$  depends also on  $x'(t)$  and  $\sigma(t) = \sigma$  is constant.

Ait Dads and Ezzinbi [3] considered the existence of a positive almost periodic solution, Ding et al [11] studied the existence of positive almost automorphic solutions for the neutral nonlinear delay integral equation

$$x(t) = \gamma x(t - \tau) + (1 - \gamma) \int_{t-\tau}^t f(s, x(s))ds, \quad (1.2)$$

where  $0 \leq \gamma < 1$ . We refer to [2, 17] for the meaning of (1.2) in the context of epidemics.

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In this paper, we consider the more general equation

$$x(t) = \gamma x(t - \sigma(t)) + (1 - \gamma) \int_{t-\sigma(t)}^t f(s, x(s), x'(s)) ds, \quad (1.3)$$

Equation (1.3) includes many important integral and functional equations that arise in biomathematics (see for example [1, 6, 8, 9, 14, 16, 18, 19, 21]).

We would to use Perov's fixed point theorem to obtain conditions for the existence and uniqueness of a positive periodic solution to (1.3). This work is motivated by the work of Wei Long and Hui-Sheng Ding [18]. Moreover, the results obtained in this paper generalize several ones obtained in [6, 8, 19, 21], and the main goal in this work is to study the existence and uniqueness of solutions when  $\sigma(t)$  is not constant in (1.3).

## 2. PRELIMINARIES AND GENERALIZED METRIC SPACES

In this section, we recall the following notation and results in generalized metric spaces.

**Definition 2.1** ([20]). Let  $X$  be a nonempty set and  $d : X \times X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  be a mapping such that for all  $x, y, z \in X$ , one has:

- (i)  $d(x, y) \geq 0_{\mathbb{R}^n}$  and  $d(x, y) = 0_{\mathbb{R}^n} \Leftrightarrow x = y$ ,
- (ii)  $d(x, y) = d(y, x)$ ,
- (iii)  $d(x, y) \leq d(x, z) + d(z, y)$ ,  
where for  $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$  and  $y = (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)$  from  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , we have  $x \leq y \Leftrightarrow x_i \leq y_i$ , for  $i = \overline{1, n}$ .

Then  $d$  is called a generalized metric and  $(X, d)$  is a generalized metric space.

**Definition 2.2** ([22]). Let  $(E, \|\cdot\|)$  be a generalized Banach space, the norm  $\|\cdot\| : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  has the following properties:

- (i)  $\|x\| \geq 0$  for all  $x \in E$  and  $\|x\| = 0$  if and only if  $x = 0$ .
- (ii)  $\|\lambda x\| = |\lambda| \|x\|$  for all  $\lambda \in K = \mathbb{R}$  or  $\mathbb{C}$  and for all  $x \in E$ .
- (iii)  $\|x + y\| \leq \|x\| + \|y\|$  for all  $x, y \in E$  (the inequalities are defined by components in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ).

**Remark 2.3.** A generalized Banach space is a generalized complete metric space.

**Definition 2.4** ([20]). If  $(E, d)$  is a generalized complete metric space and  $T : E \rightarrow E$  which satisfies the inequality

$$d(Tx, Ty) \leq Ad(x, y) \quad \text{for all } x, y \in E,$$

where  $A$  is a matrix convergent to zero (the norms of it its eigenvalues are in the interval  $[0, 1)$ ). We say that  $T$  is a Picard operator or generalized contraction.

We recall the following Perov's fixed point theorem.

**Theorem 2.5** ([20]). *Let  $(E, d)$  be a complete generalized metric space. If  $T : E \rightarrow E$  is a map for which there exists a matrix  $A \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$  such that*

$$d(Tx, Ty) \leq Ad(x, y), \quad \forall x, y \in E$$

*and the norms of the eigenvalues of  $A$  are in the interval  $[0, 1)$ , then  $T$  has a unique fixed point  $x^* \in E$  and the sequence of successive approximations  $x_m = T^m(x_0)$  converges to  $x^*$  for any  $x_0 \in E$ . Moreover, the following estimation holds*

$$d(x_m, x^*) \leq A^m(I_n - A)^{-1}d(x_0, x_1), \quad \forall m \in \mathbb{N}^*.$$

## 3. MAIN RESULT

In this section, we study the existence and uniqueness of a positive and periodic solution for the equation (1.3). We consider the following functional spaces

$$\begin{aligned} P(\omega) &= \{x \in C(\mathbb{R}) : x(t + \omega) = x(t), \forall t \in \mathbb{R}\} \\ P^1(\omega) &= \{x \in C^1(\mathbb{R}) : x(t + \omega) = x(t), \forall t \in \mathbb{R}\} \\ K^+(\omega) &= \{x \in P^1(\omega) : x(t) \geq 0, \forall t \in \mathbb{R}\} \end{aligned}$$

and denote by  $E$  the product space  $E = K^+(\omega) \times P(\omega)$  which is a generalized metric space with the generalized metric  $d_C : E \times E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ , defined by

$$d_C((x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2)) = (\|x_1 - x_2\| + \|x'_1 - x'_2\|, \|y_1 - y_2\|)$$

where  $\|u\| = \max\{|u(t)| : t \in [0, \omega]\}$  for any  $u \in P(\omega)$ . Before stating the main result, we need the following lemma.

**Lemma 3.1.** *( $E, d_C$ ) is a complete generalized metric space.*

*Proof.* Let  $(x^n) = (x_n, y_n)$  be a Cauchy sequence, then for any  $\epsilon = (\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2) > 0$ , there exists  $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  such that for all  $n, m \geq n_0$ , we have  $d_C((x_m, y_m), (x_n, y_n)) \leq \epsilon$ . Hence, for all  $n, m \geq n_0$ ,  $\|x_m - x_n\| + \|x'_m - x'_n\| \leq \epsilon_1$  and  $\|y_m - y_n\| \leq \epsilon_2$ . Then,  $(x_n)$ ,  $(x'_n)$  and  $(y_n)$  are Cauchy sequences in  $P(\omega)$ . It is clear that  $(P(\omega), \|\cdot\|)$  is a Banach space, hence there exists  $y \in P(\omega)$  such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \|y_n - y\| = 0 \quad (3.1)$$

and there exist  $x, w \in P(\omega)$  such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \|x_n - x\| = \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \|x'_n - w\| = 0$ . Now, since for all  $n \geq n_0$ , and all  $t \in \mathbb{R}^+$ ,

$$x_n(t) = x_n(0) + \int_0^t x'_n(s) ds.$$

Then, by Lebesgue's Dominated Convergence Theorem,  $x'(t) = w(t)$  for all  $t \in \mathbb{R}^+$ . Therefore, for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and all  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $x_n(t) \geq 0$ . Then for all  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $x(t) \geq 0$ . As a consequence,  $x \in K^+(\omega)$  and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} (\|x_n - x\| + \|x'_n - x'\|) = 0. \quad (3.2)$$

Finally, we deduce, by (3.1) and (3.2), that  $(x^n)$  converges to  $(x, y) \in E$  and  $(E, d_C)$  is a complete generalized metric space.  $\square$

Equation (1.3) will be studied under the following assumptions:

(H1)  $f \in C(\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^+ \times \mathbb{R}, (0, +\infty))$  and there exists  $\omega > 0$  such that

$$f(t + \omega, x, y) = f(t, x, y), \quad \forall (t, x, y) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^+ \times \mathbb{R}.$$

(H2) There exist  $\alpha, \beta > 0$  such that

$$|f(t, u, v) - f(t, u', v')| \leq \alpha|u - u'| + \beta|v - v'|,$$

for all  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  and all  $u, u' \in \mathbb{R}^+$ , for all  $v, v' \in \mathbb{R}$ .

(H3)  $\sigma \in P^1(\omega)$  and  $\inf_{t \in [0, \omega]} \sigma(t) = \sigma_0 > 0$ . Let  $\sigma_1 = \sup_{t \in [0, \omega]} \sigma(t)$ ,  $\sigma_2 = \sup_{t \in [0, \omega]} |\sigma'(t)|$  and assume that  $\gamma(1 + \sigma_2) < 1$ .

Under the hypothesis (H1)–(H3), we will use Perov's fixed point theorem to prove the following main result.

**Theorem 3.2.** *If the hypotheses (H1)–(H3) hold, and if*

$$\gamma(1 + \sigma_2) + (1 - \gamma)\beta(2 + \sigma_2) + L + \sqrt{\zeta} < 2,$$

where,  $L = \max(\gamma(1 + \sigma_2), \gamma + (1 - \gamma)\alpha(2 + \sigma_1 + \sigma_2))$  and

$$\begin{aligned} \zeta = & \gamma^2\sigma_2(2 + \sigma_2) + (1 - \gamma)^2\beta(2 + \sigma_2)(\beta(2 + \sigma_2) + 4\alpha(2 + \sigma_1 + \sigma_2)) + (L - \gamma)^2 \\ & + 2\gamma\beta(1 - \gamma)(1 + \sigma_2)(2 + \sigma_2) - 2L(\beta(1 - \gamma)(2 + \sigma_2) + \gamma\sigma_2). \end{aligned}$$

Then, (1.3) has a unique solution in  $K^+(\omega)$ .

*Proof.* If we differentiate (1.3) with respect to  $t$  and denoting  $x'(t) = y(t)$ , for all  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} y(t) = & \gamma(1 - \sigma'(t))y(t - \sigma(t)) + (1 - \gamma) \left[ f(t, x(t), y(t)) \right. \\ & \left. - (1 - \sigma'(t))f(t - \sigma(t), x(t - \sigma(t)), y(t - \sigma(t))) \right], \end{aligned}$$

which leads to

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) = & \gamma x(t - \sigma(t)) + (1 - \gamma) \int_{t - \sigma(t)}^t f(s, x(s), y(s)) ds, \\ y(t) = & \gamma(1 - \sigma'(t))y(t - \sigma(t)) + (1 - \gamma) \left[ f(t, x(t), y(t)) \right. \\ & \left. - (1 - \sigma'(t))f(t - \sigma(t), x(t - \sigma(t)), y(t - \sigma(t))) \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $T : E \rightarrow C(\mathbb{R}) \times C(\mathbb{R})$  be the map defined by

$$T(x, y)(t) = \begin{pmatrix} T_1(x, y)(t) \\ T_2(x, y)(t) \end{pmatrix},$$

where

$$T_1(x, y)(t) = \gamma x(t - \sigma(t)) + (1 - \gamma) \int_{t - \sigma(t)}^t f(s, x(s), y(s)) ds,$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} T_2(x, y)(t) = & \gamma(1 - \sigma'(t))y(t - \sigma(t)) + (1 - \gamma) \left[ f(t, x(t), y(t)) \right. \\ & \left. - (1 - \sigma'(t))f(t - \sigma(t), x(t - \sigma(t)), y(t - \sigma(t))) \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (3.3)$$

From Conditions (H1) and (H3), one has that  $T_1(E) \subset C^1(\mathbb{R})$ . Hence, from the condition that  $f$  is  $\omega$ -periodic with respect to  $t$ , it follows that  $T_1(E) \subset K^+(\omega)$ . indeed

$$\begin{aligned} T_1(x, y)(t + \omega) &= \gamma x(t + \omega - \sigma(t + \omega)) + (1 - \gamma) \int_{t + \omega - \sigma(t + \omega)}^{t + \omega} f(s, x(s), y(s)) ds \\ &= \gamma x(t - \sigma(t)) + (1 - \gamma) \int_{t - \sigma(t)}^t f(s - \omega, x(s - \omega), y(s - \omega)) ds \\ &= T_1(x, y)(t), \quad \forall t \in \mathbb{R}, \forall (x, y) \in E. \end{aligned}$$

In addition in the same way, one has  $T_2(x, y)(t + \omega) = T_2(x, y)(t)$ . Consequently,  $T(E) \subset E$ . Moreover, from Conditions (H2),

$$\begin{aligned} & |T_1(x_1, y_1)(t) - T_1(x_2, y_2)(t)| + |T_1'(x_1, y_1)(t) - T_1'(x_2, y_2)(t)| \\ & \leq \gamma |x_1(t - \sigma(t)) - x_2(t - \sigma(t))| \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + (1 - \gamma) \int_{t-\sigma(t)}^t [\alpha|x_1(s) - x_2(s)| + \beta|y_1(s) - y_2(s)|] ds \\
& + \gamma(1 - \sigma'(t))|x'_1(t - \sigma(t)) - x'_2(t - \sigma(t))| \\
& + (1 - \gamma)(\alpha|x_1(t) - x_2(t)| + \beta|y_1(t) - y_2(t)|) \\
& + (1 - \gamma)|1 - \sigma'(t)|\alpha|x_1(t - \sigma(t)) - x_2(t - \sigma(t))| \\
& + (1 - \gamma)|1 - \sigma'(t)|\beta|y_1(t - \sigma(t)) - y_2(t - \sigma(t))| \\
& \leq L(\|x_1 - x_2\| + \|x'_1 - x'_2\|) + (1 - \gamma)\beta(1 + \sigma_1 + \sigma_2)\|y_1 - y_2\|
\end{aligned}$$

where

$$L = \max(\underbrace{\gamma(1 + \sigma_2)}_{r_1}, \underbrace{\gamma + (1 - \gamma)\alpha(2 + \sigma_1 + \sigma_2)}_{r_2}).$$

Similarly, one has

$$\begin{aligned}
& |T_2(x_1, y_1)(t) - T_2(x_2, y_2)(t)| \\
& \leq (2 + \sigma_2)(1 - \gamma)\alpha\|x_1 - x_2\| + [\gamma(1 + \sigma_2) + (1 - \gamma)\beta(2 + \sigma_2)]\|y_1 - y_2\| \\
& \leq (2 + \sigma_2)(1 - \gamma)\alpha(\|x_1 - x_2\| + \|x'_1 - x'_2\|) \\
& \quad + [\gamma(1 + \sigma_2) + (1 - \gamma)\beta(2 + \sigma_2)]\|y_1 - y_2\|.
\end{aligned}$$

So

$$d_C(T(x_1, y_1), T(x_2, y_2)) \leq A \begin{pmatrix} \|x_1 - x_2\| + \|x'_1 - x'_2\| \\ \|y_1 - y_2\| \end{pmatrix},$$

where

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} L & (1 - \gamma)\beta(2 + \sigma_1 + \sigma_2) \\ (2 + \sigma_2)(1 - \gamma)\alpha & \gamma(1 + \sigma_2) + (1 - \gamma)\beta(2 + \sigma_2) \end{pmatrix}.$$

The eigenvalues of this matrix are

$$\begin{aligned}
\lambda_1 &= \frac{1}{2}[\gamma(1 + \sigma_2) + (1 - \gamma)\beta(2 + \sigma_2) + L + \sqrt{\zeta}], \\
\lambda_2 &= \frac{1}{2}[\gamma(1 + \sigma_2) + (1 - \gamma)\beta(2 + \sigma_2) + L - \sqrt{\zeta}]
\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
\zeta &= \gamma^2\sigma_2(2 + \sigma_2) + (1 - \gamma)^2\beta(2 + \sigma_2)(\beta(2 + \sigma_2) + 4\alpha(2 + \sigma_1 + \sigma_2)) + (L - \gamma)^2 \\
& \quad + 2\gamma\beta(1 - \gamma)(1 + \sigma_2)(2 + \sigma_2) - 2L(\beta(1 - \gamma)(2 + \sigma_2) + \gamma\sigma_2).
\end{aligned}$$

In what follows, we show that the eigenvalues of the matrix  $A$  are nonnegative real numbers ( $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in \mathbb{R}^+$ ).

**Step 1:** We show that  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2$  are real numbers. It suffices to prove that  $\zeta \geq 0$ . We have two cases:

**Case 1:** If  $L = r_1$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}
\zeta &= \gamma^2\sigma_2(2 + \sigma_2) + (1 - \gamma)^2\beta(2 + \sigma_2)(\beta(2 + \sigma_2) + 4\alpha(2 + \sigma_1 + \sigma_2)) + \gamma^2\sigma_2^2 \\
& \quad + 2\gamma\beta(1 - \gamma)(1 + \sigma_2)(2 + \sigma_2) - 2\gamma(1 + \sigma_2)(\beta(1 - \gamma)(2 + \sigma_2) + \gamma\sigma_2) \\
&= \gamma^2\sigma_2(2 + \sigma_2) + (1 - \gamma)^2\beta(2 + \sigma_2)(\beta(2 + \sigma_2) + 4\alpha(2 + \sigma_1 + \sigma_2)) + \gamma^2\sigma_2^2 \\
& \quad - 2\gamma^2\sigma_2(1 + \sigma_2) \\
&= (1 - \gamma)^2\beta(2 + \sigma_2)(\beta(2 + \sigma_2) + 4\alpha(2 + \sigma_1 + \sigma_2)) \geq 0.
\end{aligned}$$

**Case 2:** If  $L = r_2$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}
 \zeta &= \gamma^2\sigma_2(2 + \sigma_2) + (1 - \gamma)^2\beta(2 + \sigma_2)(\beta(2 + \sigma_2) + 4\alpha(2 + \sigma_1 + \sigma_2)) \\
 &\quad + (1 - \gamma)^2\alpha^2(2 + \sigma_1 + \sigma_2)^2 + 2\gamma\beta(1 - \gamma)(1 + \sigma_2)(2 + \sigma_2) \\
 &\quad - 2(\gamma + (1 - \gamma)\alpha(2 + \sigma_1 + \sigma_2))(\beta(1 - \gamma)(2 + \sigma_2) + \gamma\sigma_2) \\
 &= \gamma^2\sigma_2(2 + \sigma_2) + (1 - \gamma)^2\beta(2 + \sigma_2)(\beta(2 + \sigma_2) + 2\alpha(2 + \sigma_1 + \sigma_2)) \\
 &\quad + (1 - \gamma)^2\alpha^2(2 + \sigma_1 + \sigma_2)^2 + 2\gamma\beta(1 - \gamma)\sigma_2(2 + \sigma_2) \\
 &\quad - 2\gamma\sigma_2(\gamma + (1 - \gamma)\alpha(2 + \sigma_1 + \sigma_2)) \\
 &= \gamma^2\sigma_2^2 + (1 - \gamma)^2\beta(2 + \sigma_2)(\beta(2 + \sigma_2) + 2\alpha(2 + \sigma_1 + \sigma_2)) \\
 &\quad + (1 - \gamma)^2\alpha^2(2 + \sigma_1 + \sigma_2)^2 + 2\gamma\beta(1 - \gamma)\sigma_2(2 + \sigma_2) \\
 &\quad - 2\gamma\sigma_2(1 - \gamma)\alpha(2 + \sigma_1 + \sigma_2) \\
 &= (1 - \gamma)^2\beta(2 + \sigma_2)(\beta(2 + \sigma_2) + 2\alpha(2 + \sigma_1 + \sigma_2)) + 2\gamma\beta(1 - \gamma)\sigma_2(2 + \sigma_2) \\
 &\quad + ((1 - \gamma)\alpha(2 + \sigma_1 + \sigma_2) - \gamma\sigma_2)^2 \geq 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

**Step 2:** We show that  $\lambda_2$  is nonnegative. We have two cases:

**Case 1:** If  $L = r_1$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}
 &[\gamma(1 + \sigma_2) + (1 - \gamma)\beta(2 + \sigma_2) + L]^2 - \zeta \\
 &= 4\gamma^2(1 + \sigma_2)^2 + (1 - \gamma)^2\beta^2(2 + \sigma_2)^2 + 4\gamma(1 + \sigma_2)(1 - \gamma)\beta(1 + \sigma_2) - \zeta \\
 &= 4\gamma^2(1 + \sigma_2)^2 + 4(1 - \gamma)\beta(2 + \sigma_2)(r_1 - r_2 + \gamma) \geq 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

**Case 2:** If  $L = r_2$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}
 &[\gamma(1 + \sigma_2) + (1 - \gamma)\beta(2 + \sigma_2) + L]^2 - \zeta \\
 &= [\gamma(2 + \sigma_2) + (1 - \gamma)\beta(2 + \sigma_2) + (1 - \gamma)\alpha(2 + \sigma_1 + \sigma_2)]^2 - \zeta \\
 &= \gamma^2(2 + \sigma_2)^2 + (1 - \gamma)^2\beta(2 + \sigma_2)(\beta(2 + \sigma_2) + 2\alpha(2 + \sigma_1 + \sigma_2)) \\
 &\quad + 2\gamma\beta(1 - \gamma)(2 + \sigma_2)^2 + (1 - \gamma)^2\alpha^2(2 + \sigma_1 + \sigma_2)^2 \\
 &\quad + 2\gamma(1 - \gamma)(2 + \sigma_2)\alpha(2 + \sigma_1 + \sigma_2) - \zeta \\
 &= 4\gamma^2(1 + \sigma_2) + 4\gamma\beta(1 - \gamma)(2 + \sigma_2) + 4\gamma(1 - \gamma)\alpha(2 + \sigma_1 + \sigma_2)(1 + \sigma_2) \geq 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

Which implies that  $\lambda_2 \geq 0$ .

We remark that  $\lambda_1 > \lambda_2$ , this implies that  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$  belong to the open unit disc of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  if and only if  $\lambda_1 < 1$ , which is equivalent to

$$\gamma(1 + \sigma_2) + (1 - \gamma)\beta(2 + \sigma_2) + L + \sqrt{\zeta} < 2.$$

Then, by Perov's fixed point theorem, the operator  $T$  has a unique solution  $x^* = (x_*, y_*) \in K^+(\omega) \times P(\omega)$ , which implies that  $x_* \in C^1(\mathbb{R})$ , and for all  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
 (x_*)'(t) &= \gamma(1 - \sigma'(t))(x_*)'(t - \sigma(t)) + (1 - \gamma) \left[ f(t, x_*(t), y_*(t)) \right. \\
 &\quad \left. - (1 - \sigma'(t))f(t - \sigma(t), x_*(t - \sigma(t)), y_*(t - \sigma(t))) \right].
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, by using (3.3), for all  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$((x_*)' - y_*)(t) = \gamma(1 - \sigma'(t))((x_*)' - y_*)(t - \sigma(t)).$$

Then,  $\|(x_*)' - y_*\| \leq \gamma(1 + \sigma_2)\|(x_*)' - y_*\|$ . We deduce, by Condition (H3), that  $(x_*)' = y_*$  and  $x_*$  is the unique solution of (1.3).  $\square$

To illustrate this result, we have the following example.

**Example 3.3.** Consider (1.3) where  $f$  is  $\omega$ -periodic with respect to  $t$  and  $\sigma$  is  $\omega$ -periodic,  $\gamma = \sigma_1 = \sigma_2 = \frac{1}{4}$ ,  $\alpha = \frac{1}{6}$ ,  $\beta = \frac{1}{5}$ , then  $\gamma(1 + \sigma_2) = \frac{5}{16} < 1$ ,  $L = \max(\frac{5}{16}, \frac{9}{16}) = \frac{9}{16}$  and

$$\gamma(1 + \sigma_2) + (1 - \gamma)\beta(2 + \sigma_2) + L + \sqrt{\zeta} = \frac{67 + \sqrt{2749}}{80} \cong 1.86 < 2.$$

Thus, by Theorem 3.2, Equation (1.3) has a unique positive  $\omega$ -periodic solution.

The following proposition gives an estimation of the error between the exact solution and the approximate solution of (1.3).

**Proposition 3.4.** *Under the assumptions of Theorem 3.2, the solution of (1.3), which is obtained by the successive approximations method starting from any  $x^0 = (x_0, y_0) \in E$ , satisfies the estimate*

$$d_C(x^m, x^*) \leq \frac{1}{\mu(\lambda_1 - \lambda_2)} \begin{pmatrix} e_1\lambda_1^m + e_2\lambda_2^m & e_3\lambda_1^m + e_4\lambda_2^m \\ e_5\lambda_1^m + e_6\lambda_2^m & e_7\lambda_1^m + e_8\lambda_2^m \end{pmatrix} \times d_C(x^1, x^0),$$

where  $\mu = (1 - L)(1 - \gamma(1 + \sigma_2) - \beta(2 + \sigma_2)(1 - \gamma)) - (1 - \gamma)^2\alpha\beta(2 + \sigma_2)(2 + \sigma_1 + \sigma_2)$ ,  $x^m = T(x^{m-1})$ ,  $x^m = (x_m, y_m)$ , for all  $m \in \mathbb{N}^*$  and

$$\begin{aligned} e_1 &= (a(L - \lambda_2) - c^2), e_2 = (a(\lambda_1 - L) + c^2) \\ e_3 &= (b(L - \lambda_2) - c(1 - L)), e_4 = (b(\lambda_1 - L) + c(1 - L)) \\ e_5 &= (L - \lambda_1)\left(\frac{a(L - \lambda_2)}{c} - c\right), e_6 = (L - \lambda_2)\left(c - \frac{a(L - \lambda_1)}{c}\right) \\ e_7 &= (L - \lambda_1)\left(\frac{b(L - \lambda_2)}{c} + L - 1\right), e_8 = (L - \lambda_2)\left(1 - L - \frac{b(L - \lambda_1)}{c}\right) \end{aligned} \tag{3.4}$$

such that

$$\begin{aligned} a &= 1 - \gamma(1 + \sigma_2) - \beta(2 + \sigma_2)(1 - \gamma) \\ b &= (1 - \gamma)\beta(2 + \sigma_1 + \sigma_2) \\ c &= (2 + \sigma_2)(1 - \gamma)\alpha. \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* From Theorem 2.5, by the conditions of Theorem 3.2, one has

$$d_C(x^m, x^*) \leq A^m(I - A)^{-1}d_C(x^1, x^0), \quad \forall m \in \mathbb{N}^*.$$

We have

$$A^m = \frac{1}{\lambda_1 - \lambda_2} \begin{pmatrix} (L - \lambda_2)\lambda_1^m + (\lambda_1 - L)\lambda_2^m & (1 - \gamma)\alpha(2 + \sigma_2)(\lambda_2^m - \lambda_1^m) \\ \frac{(L - \lambda_1)(L - \lambda_2)(\lambda_1^m - \lambda_2^m)}{(1 - \gamma)\alpha(2 + \sigma_2)} & (\lambda_1 - L)\lambda_1^m + (L - \lambda_2)\lambda_2^m \end{pmatrix},$$

and

$$(I - A)^{-1} = \frac{1}{\mu} \begin{pmatrix} \underbrace{1 - \gamma(1 + \sigma_2) - \beta(2 + \sigma_2)(1 - \gamma)}_a & \underbrace{(1 - \gamma)\beta(2 + \sigma_1 + \sigma_2)}_b \\ \underbrace{(2 + \sigma_2)(1 - \gamma)\alpha}_c & 1 - L \end{pmatrix},$$

where  $\mu = (1-L)(1-\gamma(1+\sigma_2) - \beta(2+\sigma_2)(1-\gamma)) - (1-\gamma)^2\alpha\beta(2+\sigma_2)(2+\sigma_1+\sigma_2)$ . Which implies

$$A^m(I-A)^{-1} = \frac{1}{\mu(\lambda_1 - \lambda_2)} \begin{pmatrix} e_1\lambda_1^m + e_2\lambda_2^m & e_3\lambda_1^m + e_4\lambda_2^m \\ e_5\lambda_1^m + e_6\lambda_2^m & e_7\lambda_1^m + e_8\lambda_2^m \end{pmatrix},$$

where  $e_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, 8$  are given by (3.4).  $\square$

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