

## EXISTENCE OF LOCAL AND GLOBAL SOLUTIONS FOR HADAMARD FRACTIONAL DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS

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ABSTRACT. In this article, we study a class of Hadamard fractional differential equations and give sufficient conditions on the existence of local and global of solutions.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

Let  $0 \leq \gamma < 1$ ,  $1 < a < T$  and  $\mathbb{G}$  be an open set in  $\mathbb{R}$ . Denote a Banach space by  $C_{\gamma, \ln}[a, T] := \{\mu(x) : (\ln \frac{x}{a})^\gamma \mu(x) \in C[a, T]\}$  endowed with the norm  $\|\mu\|_{C_{\gamma, \ln}} = \|(\ln \frac{x}{a})^\gamma \mu(x)\|_C$ . In this article, we study the existence of local and global solutions to the Hadamard type fractional differential equation

$$\begin{aligned} {}_H D_{a,x}^\alpha y(x) &= f(x, y(x)), \quad 0 < \alpha < 1, \quad x \in \mathbb{J}, \\ {}_H D_{a,x}^{\alpha-1} y(a^+) &= c, \quad c \in \mathbb{R}, \end{aligned} \tag{1.1}$$

where  $\mathbb{J} = [a, a+h]$ ,  $h > 0$  or  $[a, +\infty)$  and the symbol  ${}_H D_{a,x}^\alpha y(x)$  is defined by

$${}_H D_{a,x}^\alpha y(x) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(1-\alpha)} \left(x \frac{d}{dx}\right) \int_a^x \left(\ln \frac{x}{\tau}\right)^{-\alpha} y(\tau) \frac{d\tau}{\tau}.$$

We use the notation  ${}_H D_{a,x}^{\alpha-1} y(a^+) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} \mathcal{J}_{a,x}^{\alpha-1} y(x)$  and

$$\mathcal{J}_{a,x}^{\alpha-1} y(x) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_1^x \left(\ln \frac{x}{t}\right)^{\alpha-1} y(t) \frac{dt}{t}.$$

Following [1, Theorem 3.28], the solution  $y \in C_{1-\gamma, \ln}[a, a+h]$  of (1.1) satisfies

$$y(x) = y_0(x) + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_a^x \left(\ln \frac{x}{\tau}\right)^{\alpha-1} f(\tau, y(\tau)) \frac{d\tau}{\tau}, \quad x \in (a, a+h] \tag{1.2}$$

where  $y_0(x) = \frac{c}{\Gamma(\alpha)} (\ln \frac{x}{a})^{\alpha-1}$ , if  $f : (a, a+h] \times \mathbb{G} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $f(x, y) \in C_{\gamma, \ln}[a, a+h]$  for any  $y \in \mathbb{G}$ .

Inspired by the work in [1, 2, 3], we examine other explicit sufficient conditions on the nonlinear term  $f$  to guarantee the local existence of solutions in  $C_{\gamma, \ln}[a, a+h]$  and global existence of solutions in  $C_{\gamma, \ln}[a, +\infty)$ .

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## 2. MAIN RESULTS

The following equality will be used in the sequel.

**Lemma 2.1** ([4, p.296]). *Let  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, p > 0$ , then*

$$\int_0^x (x^\alpha - s^\alpha)^{p(\beta-1)} s^{p(\gamma-1)} ds = \frac{x^\theta}{\alpha} B\left[\frac{p(\gamma-1)+1}{\alpha}, p(\beta-1)+1\right], \quad x > 0,$$

where  $\theta = p[\alpha(\beta-1) + \gamma - 1] + 1$  and  $B[\xi, \eta] = \int_0^1 s^{\xi-1} (1-s)^{\eta-1} ds$ .

Let  $\mathbb{B} = \{y \in \mathbb{R} : \|y - y_0(x)\|_{C_{\gamma, \ln}} \leq b\}$  where  $b$  will be chosen latter. Define  $\mathbb{D} = \{(x, y) \in R \times R : x \in \mathbb{J}, y \in \mathbb{B}\}$ . We assume that  $f : \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  satisfies the following conditions:

- (H1)  $f(x, y)$  is Lebesgue measurable with regard to  $x$  on  $\mathbb{J}$  and  $f(x, y)$  is continuous with respect to  $y$  on  $\mathbb{B}$ .
- (H2) there exists  $m(\cdot) \in L^q(\mathbb{J})$ ,  $q > 1$  such that  $|f(x, y)| \leq m(x)$ , for arbitrary  $x \in \mathbb{J}$ ,  $y \in \mathbb{B}$ .

Now we use Picard iterative approach to derive the existence of a local solutions to (1.1).

**Theorem 2.2.** *Assume that (H1)–(H2) hold for  $\mathbb{J} = [a, a+h]$  and  $p, q, \alpha$  satisfy  $p(\alpha-1) + 1 > 0$ ,  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ . Then (1.1) has a solution in  $C_{\gamma, \ln}[a, a+h]$  for some  $h > 0$ .*

*Proof.* To achieve our aim, we divide our proof into three steps.

**Step 1.** Linking our assumptions and using Hölder inequality via  $p(\alpha-1) + 1 > 0$  and  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ , one can obtain

$$\int_a^x |(\ln x - \ln \tau)^{\alpha-1} f(\tau, y(\tau))| \frac{d\tau}{\tau} \leq \sqrt[p]{\frac{a^{1-p} h^{p(\alpha-1)+1}}{p(\alpha-1)+1}} \|m(\cdot)\|_{L^q[a, a+h]}, \quad (2.1)$$

where we use basic inequalities:  $\ln u - \ln v \leq u - v$  for  $u \geq v > 1$  and [5, Lemma 2.2],

$$\int_a^x (\ln x - \ln \tau)^{p(\alpha-1)} \tau^{-p} d\tau \leq \frac{a^{1-p} (\ln x - \ln a)^{p(\alpha-1)+1}}{p(\alpha-1)+1}. \quad (2.2)$$

This proves that  $(\ln x - \ln \tau) f(\tau, y(\tau))$  is Lebesgue integrable with respect to  $\tau \in [a, x]$  for arbitrary  $x$  on  $\mathbb{J}$ , provided that  $y(\tau)$  is Lebesgue measurable on the interval  $[a, a+h]$ .

**Step 2.** For a given  $M > 0$ , there exists a  $h' > 0$  satisfying

$$\int_a^{a+h'} m^q(\tau) d\tau \leq M^q, \quad (2.3)$$

whenever  $h = \min\{h', T, [\frac{b\Gamma(\alpha)(p(\alpha-1)+1)}{Ma^{p-1}(\ln T - \ln a)\gamma}]^{\frac{1}{p(\alpha-1)+1}}\}$ . For  $\delta$  to be chosen latter, define

$$y_n(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } a \leq x < a + \delta, \quad 0 < \delta < \frac{h}{n}, \\ \frac{c}{\Gamma(\alpha)} (\ln \frac{x}{a})^{\alpha-1}, & \text{if } a + \delta \leq x < a + \frac{h}{n}, \\ \frac{c}{\Gamma(\alpha)} (\ln \frac{x}{a})^{\alpha-1} + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_a^{x-\frac{h}{n}} (\ln \frac{x}{\tau})^{\alpha-1} f(\tau, y_n(\tau)) \frac{d\tau}{\tau}, & \text{if } a + \frac{h}{n} \leq x \leq a + h. \end{cases}$$

We show that  $y_n(x)$  is continuous on  $[a, a + \frac{2h}{n}]$  for all  $n$ .

**Case 1.** For  $a < a + \delta \leq x_1 < a + \frac{h}{n} < x_2 \leq a + h$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} |y_n(x_2) - y_n(x_1)| &\leq \frac{|c|}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \left| \left( \ln \frac{x_2}{a} \right)^{\alpha-1} - \left( \ln \frac{x_1}{a} \right)^{\alpha-1} \right| \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_a^{x_2 - \frac{h}{n}} \left( \ln \frac{x_2}{\tau} \right)^{\alpha-1} |f(\tau, y_n(\tau))| \frac{d\tau}{\tau} \\ &:= I_1 + I_2. \end{aligned}$$

For each  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists  $0 < \delta_1 < [\frac{a\varepsilon\Gamma(\alpha)\delta^{2-\alpha}}{2|c|(1-\alpha)}]$  such that for all  $x_2 - x_1 \leq \delta_1$  and for all  $n$ , we derive that

$$\begin{aligned} I_1 &= \frac{|c|}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \left| \chi\left(\frac{x_2}{a}\right) - \chi\left(\frac{x_1}{a}\right) \right| \leq \frac{|c|}{\Gamma(\alpha)} |\chi'(\xi)| \left| \frac{x_2}{a} - \frac{x_1}{a} \right|, \quad \xi \in \left(\frac{x_1}{a}, \frac{x_2}{a}\right) \\ &\leq \frac{|c|(1-\alpha)(x_2 - x_1)}{\Gamma(\alpha)(a + \delta)(\ln(a + \delta) - \ln a)^{2-\alpha}} \\ &< \frac{|c|(1-\alpha)(x_2 - x_1)}{\Gamma(\alpha)a(\ln(a + \delta) - \ln a)^{2-\alpha}} < \varepsilon/2, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\chi(x) = (\ln x - \ln a)^{\alpha-1}$  and  $\chi'(x) = (\alpha - 1)(\ln x - \ln a)^{\alpha-2} \frac{a}{x}$ .

For any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists  $0 < \delta_2 < [\frac{\varepsilon^p \Gamma^p(\alpha)(p(\alpha-1)+1)}{2^p a^{1-p} M^p}]^{\frac{1}{p(\alpha-1)+1}}$  such that for all  $x_2 - \frac{h}{n} - a \leq x_2 - x_1 \leq \delta_2$  and for all  $n$ , we use (2.2) and (2.3) to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} I_2 &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_a^{x_2 - \frac{h}{n}} \left( \ln \frac{x_2}{\tau} \right)^{\alpha-1} |f(\tau, y_n(\tau))| \frac{d\tau}{\tau} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_a^{x_2 - \frac{h}{n}} \left( \ln \frac{x_2}{\tau} \right)^{\alpha-1} m(\tau) \frac{d\tau}{\tau} \\ &\leq \frac{M}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \left[ \frac{a^{1-p} (\ln(x_2 - \frac{h}{n}) - \ln a)^{p(\alpha-1)+1}}{p(\alpha-1)+1} \right]^{1/p} \\ &\leq \frac{M}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \left[ \frac{a^{1-p} (x_2 - \frac{h}{n} - a)^{p(\alpha-1)+1}}{p(\alpha-1)+1} \right]^{1/p} < \varepsilon/2, \end{aligned}$$

where we use that  $\ln u - \ln v \leq u - v$ ,  $u > v > 1$  again in the last inequality.

From above, we can choose  $\bar{\delta} = \min\{\delta_1, \delta_2, h/n\}$  such that for all  $x_2 - x_1 \leq \bar{\delta}$  and for all  $n$ , such that  $|y_n(x_2) - y_n(x_1)| \leq I_1 + I_2 < \varepsilon$ .

**Case 2.** For  $a + \frac{h}{n} \leq x_1 < x_2 \leq a + \frac{2h}{n}$ . One has

$$\begin{aligned} &|y_n(x_2) - y_n(x_1)| \\ &\leq S_1 + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_a^{x_1 - \frac{h}{n}} \left( \left( \ln \frac{x_2}{\tau} \right)^{\alpha-1} - \left( \ln \frac{x_1}{\tau} \right)^{\alpha-1} \right) |f(\tau, y_n(\tau))| \frac{d\tau}{\tau} \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_{x_1 - \frac{h}{n}}^{x_2 - \frac{h}{n}} \left( \ln \frac{x_2}{\tau} \right)^{\alpha-1} |f(\tau, y_n(\tau))| \frac{d\tau}{\tau} \\ &:= S_1 + S_2 + S_3. \end{aligned}$$

For each  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists  $0 < \bar{\delta}_1 < \left[ \frac{a\varepsilon\Gamma(\alpha)(\frac{h}{n})^{2-\alpha}}{3|c|(1-\alpha)} \right]$  such that for all  $x_2 - x_1 \leq \bar{\delta}_1$ , we have

$$S_1 \leq \frac{|c|(1-\alpha)(x_2 - x_1)}{\Gamma(\alpha)a(\ln(a + \frac{h}{n}) - \ln a)^{2-\alpha}} < \varepsilon/3.$$

For each  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists  $0 < \bar{\delta}_2 < \left[ \frac{\varepsilon^p\Gamma(\alpha)^p(p(\alpha-1)+1)}{3^p M^p a^{1-p}} \right]^{\frac{1}{p(\alpha-1)+1}}$  such that for all  $x_2 - x_1 \leq \bar{\delta}_2$ , by using the similar estimation methods of  $I_2$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} S_2 &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_a^{x_1 - \frac{h}{n}} \left( \left( \ln \frac{x_2}{\tau} \right)^{\alpha-1} - \left( \ln \frac{x_1}{\tau} \right)^{\alpha-1} \right) |f(\tau, y_n(\tau))| \frac{d\tau}{\tau} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_a^{x_1 - \frac{h}{n}} \left( \left( \ln \frac{x_2}{\tau} \right)^{\alpha-1} - \left( \ln \frac{x_1}{\tau} \right)^{\alpha-1} \right) m(\tau) \frac{d\tau}{\tau} \\ &\leq \frac{M}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \left[ \left( \int_a^{x_1 - \frac{h}{n}} \left( \ln \frac{x_2}{\tau} \right)^{p(\alpha-1)} \tau^{-p} d\tau \right)^{1/p} - \left( \int_a^{x_1 - \frac{h}{n}} \left( \ln \frac{x_1}{\tau} \right)^{p(\alpha-1)} \tau^{-p} d\tau \right)^{1/p} \right] \\ &\leq \frac{M}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \left[ \frac{(\ln x_2 - \ln x_1)^{p(\alpha-1)+1}}{a^{p-1}(p(\alpha-1)+1)} \right]^{1/p} \\ &\leq \frac{M}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \left[ \frac{(x_2 - x_1)^{p(\alpha-1)+1}}{a^{p-1}(p(\alpha-1)+1)} \right]^{1/p} < \varepsilon/3. \end{aligned}$$

For each  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists  $0 < \bar{\delta}_3 < \left[ \frac{\varepsilon^p\Gamma(\alpha)^p(p(\alpha-1)+1)}{3^p M^p a^{1-p}} \right]^{\frac{1}{p(\alpha-1)+1}}$ , such that for all  $x_2 - x_1 \leq \bar{\delta}_3$ , by using the similar estimation methods of  $I_2$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} S_3 &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_{x_1 - \frac{h}{n}}^{x_2 - \frac{h}{n}} \left( \ln \frac{x_2}{\tau} \right)^{\alpha-1} |f(\tau, y_n(\tau))| \frac{d\tau}{\tau} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_{x_1 - \frac{h}{n}}^{x_2 - \frac{h}{n}} \left( \ln \frac{x_2}{\tau} \right)^{\alpha-1} m(\tau) \frac{d\tau}{\tau} \\ &\leq \frac{M}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \left[ \frac{a^{1-p}(x_2 - x_1)^{p(\alpha-1)+1}}{p(\alpha-1)+1} \right]^{1/p} < \varepsilon/3. \end{aligned}$$

From the above, we choose  $\bar{\delta} = \min\{\bar{\delta}_1, \bar{\delta}_2, \bar{\delta}_3, h/n\}$  such that  $x_2 - x_1 \leq \bar{\delta}$ , then  $|y_n(x_2) - y_n(x_1)| \leq S_1 + S_2 + S_3 < \varepsilon$ . Therefore, we choose  $\delta = \min\{\bar{\delta}, \bar{\delta}\}$  will lead to  $y_n(x)$  is continuous with regard to  $x$  on  $[a, a + \frac{2h}{n}]$  for all positive integers  $n$ . Note that  $(\ln x - \ln a)^\gamma$  is continuous function, so  $y_n(x)(\ln x - \ln a)^\gamma$  is also continuous.

Nevertheless, for all  $x \in [a + \delta, a + \frac{h}{n}]$ , one has  $|y_n(x) - \frac{c}{\Gamma(\alpha)}(\ln \frac{x}{a})^{\alpha-1}| = 0$ , and for all  $x \in [a + \frac{h}{n}, a + h]$ , using Hölder inequality again,

$$\begin{aligned} &\left( \ln \frac{x}{a} \right)^\gamma |y_n(x) - \frac{c}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \left( \ln \frac{x}{a} \right)^{\alpha-1}| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_a^{x - \frac{h}{n}} \left( \ln \frac{x}{a} \right)^\gamma \left( \ln \frac{x}{\tau} \right)^{\alpha-1} |f(\tau, y_n(\tau))| \frac{d\tau}{\tau} \\ &\leq \frac{(\ln(a+h) - \ln a)^\gamma a^{1-p} M h^{p(\alpha-1)+1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)(p(\alpha-1)+1)} \leq b, \end{aligned} \tag{2.4}$$

which implies that  $(x, y_n(x)) \in \mathbb{D}$  for all  $n$ . Therefore,  $\{y_n(x)\}_{n=1}^\infty$  defined on  $[a, a+h]$  is equicontinuous and uniformly bounded.

**Step 3.** By using Arzelò-Ascoli lemma and Step 2, there must exist  $\{y_{n_k}(x)\}_{k=1}^\infty := \{y_k(x)\}_{k=1}^\infty$  contained in  $\{y_n(x)\}_{n=1}^\infty$ , such that  $\{y_k(x)\}_{k=1}^\infty$  is uniformly convergent to  $y(x)$  which is continuous with regard to  $x$  on  $[a, a + h]$ . Now we only need to prove that this limit function  $y(x)$  is a solution of (1.2).

For each  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists  $K_1 > 0$ , such that for all  $k > K_1$ , and  $x \in [a, a + h]$ , we have

$$|f(x, y_k(x)) - f(x, y(x))| < \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + 1)\varepsilon}{2(\ln(a + h) - \ln a)^\gamma h^\alpha}. \tag{2.5}$$

Note that

$$\begin{aligned} & (\ln x - \ln a)^\gamma |y_k(x) - y(x)| \\ & \leq \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_a^x (\ln \frac{x}{a})^\gamma (\ln \frac{x}{\tau})^{\alpha-1} |f(\tau, y_k(\tau)) - f(\tau, y(\tau))| \frac{d\tau}{\tau} \\ & \quad + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_{x-\frac{h}{k}}^x (\ln \frac{x}{a})^\gamma (\ln \frac{x}{\tau})^{\alpha-1} |f(\tau, y_k(\tau))| \frac{d\tau}{\tau} \\ & := S_4 + S_5. \end{aligned}$$

Using (2.5) one obtains,

$$\begin{aligned} S_4 &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_a^x (\ln \frac{x}{a})^\gamma (\ln \frac{x}{\tau})^{\alpha-1} |f(\tau, y_k(\tau)) - f(\tau, y(\tau))| \frac{d\tau}{\tau} \\ &\leq \frac{(\ln(a + h) - \ln a)^\gamma}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_x^a (\ln \frac{x}{\tau})^{\alpha-1} |f(\tau, y_k(\tau)) - f(\tau, y(\tau))| d(\ln x - \ln \tau) \\ &\leq \frac{(\ln(a + h) - \ln a)^\gamma h^\alpha}{a\Gamma(\alpha)} \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + 1)\varepsilon}{2(\ln(a + h) - \ln a)^\gamma h^\alpha} < \varepsilon/2. \end{aligned}$$

Also there exists

$$0 < K_2 = h \left[ \frac{a^{p-1} \varepsilon^p \Gamma(\alpha)^p (p(\alpha - 1) + 1)}{2^p M^p (\ln(a + h) - \ln a)^{p\gamma}} \right]^{\frac{-1}{p(\alpha-1)+1}},$$

such that for all  $k > K_2$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} S_5 &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_{x-\frac{h}{k}}^x (\ln \frac{x}{a})^\gamma (\ln \frac{x}{\tau})^{\alpha-1} |f(\tau, y_k(\tau))| \frac{d\tau}{\tau} \\ &\leq \frac{(\ln(a + h) - \ln a)^\gamma M}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \left( \int_{x-\frac{h}{k}}^x (\ln \frac{x}{\tau})^{p(\alpha-1)} \tau^{-p} dt \right)^{1/p} \\ &\leq \frac{(\ln(a + h) - \ln a)^\gamma M}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \left( \frac{(\frac{h}{k})^{p(\alpha-1)+1}}{a^{p-1}(p(\alpha - 1) + 1)} \right)^{1/p} < \varepsilon/2. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, taking  $K = \max\{K_1, K_2\}$  and for all  $k > K$ , one arrives at  $\|y_k(x) - y(x)\|_{C_{\gamma, \ln}} < \varepsilon$ . Consequently,  $y(x)$  satisfies (1.2) which means that there at least exists a solution of (1.1). □

Next, we give an existence and uniqueness theorem, using the assumption

(H3) there exists a  $\mu(\cdot) \in L^q(\mathbb{J})$ ,  $\frac{1}{q} = 1 - \frac{1}{p}$ ,  $p > 1$  such that  $|f(x, y) - f(x, z)| \leq \mu(x)|y - z|$  for  $x \in \mathbb{J}$  and  $y, z \in \mathbb{B}$ ,

**Theorem 2.3.** *Let  $0 \leq \gamma \leq \min\{\alpha - 1 + \frac{1}{p}, \frac{1}{2p}\}$ ,  $p > 1$ . Assume that (H1)–(H3) are satisfied for  $\mathbb{J} = [a, a + h]$ . Then (1.1) has a unique solution in  $C_{\gamma, \ln}[a, a + h]$  for some  $h > 0$ .*

*Proof.* There exists  $h^* > 0$ , such that for all  $x \in [a, a + h^*]$ ,

$$\int_a^x \mu^q(\tau) d\tau \leq \int_a^{a+h^*} \mu^q(\tau) d\tau < g^q. \quad (2.6)$$

Let  $\Psi_h = \{y \in C_{\gamma, \ln}[a, a + h] : \|y(x) - y_0(x)\|_{C_{\gamma, \ln}} \leq b, x \in [a, a + h]\}$ , where  $h$  is the smaller one between  $h^*$  and  $h$  obtained in Theorem 2.2. Note  $\Psi_h$  endowed with  $\|\cdot\|_{C_{\gamma, \ln}}$  is a Banach space. Define

$$\psi(y) = y_0(x) + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_a^x \left(\ln \frac{x}{\tau}\right)^{\alpha-1} f(\tau, y(\tau)) \frac{d\tau}{\tau}, \quad \forall x \in [a, a + h].$$

Firstly, assume that  $a \leq x_1 < x_2 \leq a + h$ , then according to the proof in Step 2 of Theorem 2.2, we obtain that  $\psi(y)$  is continuous with regard to  $x$  on  $[a, a + h]$ . Note that  $(\ln x - \ln a)^\gamma$  is continuous function, so  $\psi(y)(\ln x - \ln a)^\gamma$  is also continuous. Secondly, it following (2.4) that  $\psi(y) \in \Psi_h$  with  $y \in \Psi_h$ . Thirdly, the condition  $0 \leq \gamma \leq \min\{\alpha - 1 + \frac{1}{p}, \frac{1}{2p}\}$ ,  $p > 1$  implies that  $p(\alpha - 1 - \gamma) + 1 > 0$ ,  $0 \leq \gamma < \frac{1}{2p}$ . For any  $y_1, y_2 \in \Psi_h$ , then using Hölder inequality, (2.6) and Lemma 2.1, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & (\ln x - \ln a)^\gamma |\psi(y_2) - \psi(y_1)| \\ & \leq \frac{(\ln x - \ln a)^\gamma}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_a^x \left(\ln \frac{x}{\tau}\right)^{\alpha-1} \mu(\tau) |y_1(\tau) - y_2(\tau)| \frac{d\tau}{\tau} \\ & \leq \frac{(\ln(a+h) - \ln a)^\gamma}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_a^x \left(\ln \frac{x}{\tau}\right)^{\alpha-1} \left(\ln \frac{\tau}{a}\right)^{-\gamma} \mu(\tau) \frac{d\tau}{\tau} \|y_1 - y_2\|_{C_{\gamma, \ln}} \\ & \leq \frac{(\ln(a+h) - \ln a)^\gamma g a^{1-p}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \left( \int_0^{\ln x - \ln a} \left(\ln \frac{x}{a} - t\right)^{p(\alpha-1)} t^{-p\gamma} dt \right)^{1/p} \|y_1 - y_2\|_{C_{\gamma, \ln}} \\ & \leq \frac{(\ln(a+h) - \ln a)^\gamma g a^{1-p}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \left( \left(\ln \frac{x}{a}\right)^{p(\alpha-1-\gamma)+1} B[1 - p\gamma, p(\alpha-1) + 1] \right)^{1/p} \\ & \quad \times \|y_1 - y_2\|_{C_{\gamma, \ln}} \\ & \leq a^{1-p} \frac{h^\gamma g}{\Gamma(\alpha)} (h^{p(\alpha-1-\gamma)+1} B[\frac{1}{2}, p(\alpha-1) + 1])^{1/p} \|y_1 - y_2\|_{C_{\gamma, \ln}} \\ & = a^{1-p} \left[ \frac{h^{\alpha-1+\frac{1}{p}} g}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \left( B[\frac{1}{2}, p(\alpha-1) + 1] \right)^{1/p} \right] \|y_1 - y_2\|_{C_{\gamma, \ln}}, \end{aligned}$$

where we use that

$$\gamma < \frac{1}{2p} \Rightarrow 1 - p\gamma > \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow t^{1-p\gamma} \leq t^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad (0 \leq t \leq 1),$$

$$\begin{aligned} B[1 - p\gamma, p(\alpha-1) + 1] &= \int_0^1 t^{-p\gamma} (1-t)^{p(\alpha-1)} dt \\ &\leq \int_0^1 t^{-\frac{1}{2}} (1-t)^{p(\alpha-1)} dt = B[\frac{1}{2}, p(\alpha-1) + 1]. \end{aligned}$$

Obviously, one can choose

$$h \leq \left( \frac{\Gamma(\alpha)}{g(B[\frac{1}{2}, p(\alpha-1) + 1])^{1/p}} \right)^{\frac{p}{p(\alpha-1)+1}},$$

then

$$\frac{h^{\alpha-1+\frac{1}{p}} g}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \left( B[\frac{1}{2}, p(\alpha-1) + 1] \right)^{1/p} \leq 1.$$

Therefore,

$$\|\psi(y_2) - \psi(y_1)\|_{C_{\gamma,\ln}} \leq a^{1-p} \|y_1 - y_2\|_{C_{\gamma,\ln}}.$$

Obviously,  $a^{1-p} < 1$  due to  $a, p > 1$ , applying the Banach Contractive Mapping Principle, one concludes that there exists a unique  $y^*(x) \in \Psi_h$ , such that (1.2). The proof is complete.  $\square$

Next, we give the existence of a global solution, using the assumption

(H2') there exist  $\omega, \nu > 0$  such that  $|f(x, y)| \leq \omega + \nu|y|$  for  $x \in (a, +\infty)$  and  $y \in \mathbb{R}$ .

**Theorem 2.4.** *Assume that (H1), (H2'), (H3) hold for  $\mathbb{J} = (a, +\infty)$ . Further, choose  $\gamma = 1 - \alpha \leq \min\{\alpha - 1 + \frac{1}{p}, \frac{1}{2p}\}$ ,  $p > 1$ . Then (1.1) has a unique solution in  $C_{\gamma,\ln}[a, +\infty)$ .*

*Proof.* It follows (H2') that  $f$  is locally bounded in the domain  $\mathbb{D}$ . By Theorem 2.3, (1.1) has a unique solution in  $C_{\gamma,\ln}[a, a+h]$ . Next, we present proof by contradiction. Assume that the solution  $y(x)$  admits a maximal existence interval, denoted by  $(a, T) \subset (a, +\infty)$ . To achieve our aim, it is sufficient to verify that  $\|y\|_{C_{\gamma,\ln}}$  is bounded. In fact,

$$\begin{aligned} & (\ln x - \ln a)^\gamma |y(x)| \\ & \leq \frac{|c|}{\Gamma(\alpha)} + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_a^x (\ln \frac{x}{a})^\gamma (\ln \frac{x}{\tau})^{\alpha-1} |f(\tau, y(\tau))| \frac{d\tau}{\tau} \\ & \leq \frac{|c|}{\Gamma(\alpha)} + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_a^x (\ln \frac{x}{a})^\gamma (\ln \frac{x}{\tau})^{\alpha-1} (\omega + \nu|y(\tau)|) \frac{d\tau}{\tau} \\ & \leq \frac{|c|}{\Gamma(\alpha)} + \frac{\omega(\ln T - \ln a)^{1-\alpha} (T-a)^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} \\ & \quad + \frac{\nu}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_a^x (\ln \frac{x}{\tau})^{\alpha-1} (\ln x - \ln a)^\gamma |y(\tau)| \frac{d\tau}{\tau} \\ & \leq \frac{|c|}{\Gamma(\alpha)} + \frac{\omega(T-a)}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} + \frac{\nu}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_a^x (\ln \frac{x}{\tau})^{\alpha-1} (\ln x - \ln a)^\gamma |y(\tau)| \frac{d\tau}{\tau}. \end{aligned}$$

By applying the generalized Gronwall inequality from [3, Corollary 3.4], one can conclude that there exists  $l := \mathbb{E}_\alpha(\nu(\ln T)^\alpha) > 0$  ( $\mathbb{E}_\alpha$  denotes Mittag-Leffler function) such that

$$(\ln x - \ln a)^\gamma |y(x)| \leq l \left( \frac{|c|}{\Gamma(\alpha)} + \frac{\omega(T-a)}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} \right) := \rho < +\infty.$$

This implies that  $\|y\|_{C_{\gamma,\ln}} < b$  on  $[a, T)$  when  $b$  is chosen as a larger number than

$$b = \rho + \frac{|c|}{\Gamma(\alpha)}. \quad (2.7)$$

This contradicts the assumption that  $(a, T)$  is the maximal existence interval. The proof is complete.  $\square$

To finish this article, we give an example that illustrates our theoretical results. Consider

$$\begin{aligned} {}_H D_{e,x}^{3/4} y(x) &= x^2 + \frac{4|y|}{1+|y|} \sin x, \quad x \in \mathbb{J} = (e, e^2] \text{ or } (e, +\infty), \\ {}_H D_{e,x}^{-1/4} y(e^+) &= 1, \end{aligned} \quad (2.8)$$

where  $\alpha = 3/4$ ,  $T = e^2$ ,  $\gamma = 1/4$ ,  $a = e$ ,  $c = 1$ , and  $p = q = 2$ .

Define  $f(x, y) = x^2 + \frac{4|y|}{1+|y|} \sin x$ ,  $\mu(x) = 4$  and  $\omega = e^2 + 4$  and  $\nu = 0$ . Thus  $|f(x, y) - f(x, z)| \leq \mu(x)|y - z|$  and  $|f(x, y)| \leq \omega$ . Then  $l := \mathbb{E}_\alpha(0) = 1$  (see [6, Lemma 2]) and  $b = \frac{2}{\Gamma(3/4)} + \frac{(e^2+4)(e^2-e)}{\Gamma(7/4)}$  (see (2.7)).

Let  $h' = h^* = e$ . Set  $M^2 = \int_e^{2e} (e^4 + 4)^2 dx = e(e^4 + 4)^2$  (see (2.3)) and  $g^2 = \int_e^{2e} 16 dx = 16e$  (see (2.6)). Moreover, one can find  $\gamma = 1 - \alpha = \min\{\alpha - 1 + \frac{1}{p}, \frac{1}{2p}\}$ .

• According to Theorem 2.3, (2.8) admits a unique solution  $y \in C_{\frac{1}{4}, \ln}(e, e + h)$  where

$$h = \min \left\{ h', T, \left[ \frac{b\Gamma(\alpha)(p(\alpha - 1) + 1)}{Ma^{p-1}} \right]^{\frac{1}{p(\alpha-1)+1}}, \left( \frac{\Gamma(\alpha)}{g(B[\frac{1}{2}, p(\alpha - 1) + 1])^{1/p}} \right)^{\frac{p}{p(\alpha-1)+1}} \right\}$$

$$= \left\{ e, e^2, \left[ \frac{(\frac{2}{\Gamma(3/4)} + \frac{(e^2+4)(e^2-e)}{\Gamma(7/4)})\Gamma(3/4)}{2\sqrt{e}(e^4 + e)e} \right]^2, \left[ \frac{\Gamma(3/4)}{4\sqrt{e}\sqrt{B[\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}]}} \right]^4 \right\}.$$

• According to Theorem 2.4, (2.8) has a unique solution  $y \in C_{\frac{1}{4}, \ln}(e, +\infty)$ .

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