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Solving singular coupled fractional differential equations with integral boundary constraints by coupled fixed point methodology

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Abstract: This manuscript was originally built to establish some coupled common fixed point results for rational contractive mapping in the framework of b -metric spaces. Thereafter, the existence and uniqueness of the boundary value problem for a singular coupled fractional differential equation of order ν via coupled fixed point techniques are discussed. At the last, some supportive examples to illustrate the theoretical results are presented.

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1. Background materials

The science of fractional differentiation is related to many engineering disciplines because its basis is based on differential equations that have a long history in chemistry, polymer rheology, electrodynamics, physics and aerodynamics. Derivatives of fractional order are also included in mathematical simulations of structures and processes [1–3]. More broadly, differential equations of fractional order often become means of multiple perspectives on control systems, fluid dynamics, and so on.

Another reason for the importance of studying fractional order differential equations is that the fractional order models are more accurate than the correct order models and they also seem to have a greater degree of freedom. To learn more recent results about this branch, we cite [4–13].

The integral boundary stipulations play a prominent role in many applications such as thermo-elasticity, population dynamics, problems with blood flow and underground water supply. To obtain a full and comprehensive explanation of the terms of integral boundaries, we direct the reader to certain recent publications [14–24].

The fixed point technique is one of the final modeling methods for many fields. In engineering, it is used to achieve solutions or search for more effective results. In general, this method has become one of the best methods used in modern mathematics, especially functional analysis. This method relates to the existence, uniqueness and characteristics of a specified operator's fixed points.

One of the very important discoveries of this technique is the Banach contraction principle [25], as it contributed greatly to spread after exploring generalized metric areas that were greatly enamored by the authors in the field of fractional differential equations. For further clarification, see [7, 10, 26–29].

The notion of coupled fixed points (CFPs) was introduced in 1987 by Guo and Lakshmikantham [30] and applications to it were recounted by Bhaskar and Lakshmikantham [31] who were able to study the monotone property and applied the theoretical results to find a unique solution to periodic boundary value problems (BVPs). In abstract spaces, a lot of authors generalized this concept and obtained pivotal results and more applications. For more details, see [32–37].

Coupled fixed points are not only an abstract definition but have many vital applications in some models of economics such as equilibrium in duopoly markets and variational principle, for instance, see [38, 39].

In the framework of b -metric space (bMS), our main aim of this paper is to establish some common CFP results for two rational contractive mappings under mild conditions. The theoretical results are applied to discuss the existence and uniqueness of the solution for a singular coupled fractional differential equation (CFDE) of order ν in the form of:

$$\begin{cases} {}^c\Theta^\nu z(\tau) + \Xi(\tau, z(\tau), w(\tau)) = 0, \tau \in (0, 1), \\ {}^c\Theta^\nu w(\tau) + \Xi(\tau, w(\tau), z(\tau)) = 0, \tau \in (0, 1), \\ \Lambda'''(0) = \Lambda''(0) = 0, \\ \Lambda' = \Lambda(1) = \alpha \int_0^1 \Lambda(\theta) d\theta, \end{cases} \quad (1.1)$$

where $\Lambda \in C[0, 1] \times C[0, 1]$ and given by $\Lambda(\tau) = (z(\tau), w(\tau))$, $\nu \in (3, 4)$, $\alpha \in (0, 2)$, ${}^c\Theta^\nu$ is the Caputo fractional derivative and Ξ may be singular at $z = 0$ and $w = 0$.

2. Preliminaries

The concept of bMSs initiated by Czerwik [40] in the year 1993, as a generalization of ordinary metric spaces. Just it's multiplying the constant b at the right-hand side of the triangle inequality.

Definition 2.1. A b -metric on a nonempty set Ω is a function $\mu_b : \Omega \times \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ such that for all $a_1, a_2, a_3 \in \Omega$ and a constant $b \geq 1$, the hypotheses below hold:

- i. $\mu_b(a_1, a_2) = 0$ if and only if $a_1 = a_2$;
- ii. $\mu_b(a_1, a_2) = \mu_b(a_2, a_1)$;
- iii. $\mu_b(a_1, a_3) \leq b [\mu_b(a_1, a_2) + \mu_b(a_2, a_3)]$.

The pair (Ω, μ_b) is called bMS with parameter b .

Example 2.1. [41] Let $\ell_p (0 < p < 1) = \{ \{a_i\} \in \mathbb{R} : \sum_{i=1}^{+\infty} |a_i|^p < \infty \}$ and $\mu_b : \ell_p \times \ell_p \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ be a function

described as $\mu_b(a_1, a_2) = \left(\sum_{i=1}^{+\infty} |a_1^i - a_2^i|^p \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}$, where $a_1 = \{a_1^i\}$; $a_2 = \{a_2^i\} \in \ell_p$. Then (ℓ_p, μ_b) is a bMS with $b = 2^{\frac{1}{p}}$.

Example 2.2. [41] Let L_p ($0 < p < 1$) be the space of all real continuous functions $a(\tau)$, $\tau \in [0, 1]$ so that $\int_0^1 |a(\tau)|^p d\tau \leq \infty$ and $\mu_b : L_p \times L_p \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ be a function described as $\mu_b(a_1, a_2) = \left(\int_0^1 |a_1(\tau) - a_2(\tau)|^p d\tau \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}$, for each $a_1, a_2 \in L_p$. Then (L_p, μ_b) is a bMS with $b = 2^{\frac{1}{p}}$.

Definition 2.2. [41] Let (Ω, μ_b) be a bMS, the sequence $\{a_i\}$ in Ω is called:

- (i) convergent to $a \in \Omega$ if for each $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists $Q(\varepsilon) \in \mathbb{N}$ so that $\mu_r(a_i, a) < \varepsilon$ for all $i \geq Q(\varepsilon)$ and we write $\lim_{i \rightarrow +\infty} a_i = a$;
- (ii) a Cauchy sequence if for each $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists $Q(\varepsilon) \in \mathbb{N}$ so that $\mu_r(a_i, a_j) < \varepsilon$ for all $i, j \geq Q(\varepsilon)$.

If every Cauchy sequence in Ω converges in Ω , then a bMS is called complete.

It should be noted that in a bMS, a convergent sequence has a unique limit and every convergent sequence is Cauchy.

Definition 2.3. [42] Assume that $\Upsilon, \Xi : \Omega \times \Omega \rightarrow \Omega$ are two mappings on a bMS (Ω, μ_b) , the pair $(a_1, a_2) \in \Omega \times \Omega$ is called:

- i. a CFP of Υ if $a_1 = \Upsilon(a_1, a_2)$ and $a_2 = \Upsilon(a_2, a_1)$;
- ii. a coupled coincidence point of Υ and Ξ if $\Upsilon(a_1, a_2) = \Xi(a_1, a_2)$ and $\Xi(a_2, a_1) = \Upsilon(a_2, a_1)$;
- iii. a common CFP of Υ and Ξ if $a_1 = \Upsilon(a_1, a_2) = \Xi(a_1, a_2)$ and $a_2 = \Xi(a_2, a_1) = \Upsilon(a_2, a_1)$.

For the convenience of the reader, we present some definitions and necessary lemmas from the theory of fractional analysis.

Definition 2.4. [43] The Caputo derivative of fractional order $\nu > 0$, $n - 1 < \nu < n$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$, for the function $z(\tau) : [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is described as

$${}^c \Theta^\nu z(\tau) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(n - \nu)} \int_0^\tau \frac{z^n(\theta)}{(\tau - \theta)^{\nu - n + 1}} d\theta, \quad n = [\nu] + 1,$$

where $[\nu]$ represents the integer part of the real number ν .

Definition 2.5. [43] For a function $z(\tau) : [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, the Riemann–Liouville fractional integral of order ν is described as

$$I^\nu z(\tau) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\nu)} \int_0^\tau (\nu - \theta)^{\nu - 1} z(\theta) d\theta, \quad \nu > 0,$$

provided that an integral exists.

Lemma 2.1. [44] Consider $\nu > 0$, then

$$I^\nu {}^c \Theta^\nu z(\tau) = z(\tau) - C_0 - C_1\tau - C_2\tau^2 - \dots - C_{n-1}\tau^{n-1},$$

where $C_i \in \mathbb{R}$, $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n - 1$, $n = [\nu] + 1$.

Lemma 2.2. [1] If $\nu > 0$ and $\alpha > 0$, then

- i. ${}^c \Theta^\nu \tau^{\alpha - 1} = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha)}{\Gamma(\alpha - \nu)} \tau^{\alpha - \nu - 1}$, for $\alpha > n$;
- ii. ${}^c \Theta^\nu \tau^k = 0$, for $k = 0, 1, \dots, n - 1$.

3. Common coupled fixed point results

Theorem 3.1. Assume that (Ω, μ_r) is a complete bMS with a coefficient $r(= b) \geq 1$ and let the mappings $\Upsilon, \Xi : \Omega \times \Omega \rightarrow \Omega$ satisfy

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_r(\Upsilon(\rho, a), \Xi(\sigma, b)) \leq & \lambda \frac{\mu_r(\rho, \sigma) + \mu_r(a, b)}{2} + \tau \frac{[1 + \mu_r(\rho, \Upsilon(\rho, a))] \mu_r(\sigma, \Xi(\sigma, b))}{(1 + \mu_r(\rho, \sigma) + \mu_r(a, b))} \\ & + \zeta \frac{\mu_r(\sigma, \Upsilon(\rho, a)) \mu_r(\rho, \Xi(\sigma, b))}{(1 + \mu_r(\rho, \sigma) + \mu_r(a, b))}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.1)$$

for all $\rho, a, \sigma, b \in \Omega$ and $\lambda, \tau, \zeta \geq 0$ with $r\lambda + \tau < 1$ and $\lambda + \zeta < 1$.

Then there is a unique common CFP of Υ and Ξ .

Proof. Assume that $\rho_0, a_0 \in \Omega$ is arbitrary points. Describe the sequences $\{\rho_{2i+1}\}_{i=0}^{+\infty}$, $\{a_{2i+1}\}_{i=0}^{+\infty}$, $\{\rho_{2i+2}\}_{i=0}^{+\infty}$ and $\{a_{2i+2}\}_{i=0}^{+\infty}$ as

$$\rho_{2i+1} = \Upsilon(\rho_{2i}, a_{2i}), \quad a_{2i+1} = \Xi(a_{2i}, \rho_{2i}), \quad \rho_{2i+2} = \Xi(\rho_{2i+1}, a_{2i+1}) \quad \text{and} \quad a_{2i+2} = \Xi(a_{2i+1}, \rho_{2i+1}),$$

for all $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots$, then by (3.1), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_r(\rho_{2i+1}, \rho_{2i+2}) &= \mu_r(\Upsilon(\rho_{2i}, a_{2i}), \Xi(\rho_{2i+1}, a_{2i+1})) \\ &\leq \lambda \frac{\mu_r(\rho_{2i}, \rho_{2i+1}) + \mu_r(a_{2i}, a_{2i+1})}{2} \\ &\quad + \tau \frac{[1 + \mu_r(\rho_{2i}, \Upsilon(\rho_{2i}, a_{2i}))] \mu_r(\rho_{2i+1}, \Xi(\rho_{2i+1}, a_{2i+1}))}{1 + \mu_r(\rho_{2i}, \rho_{2i+1}) + \mu_r(a_{2i}, a_{2i+1})} \\ &\quad + \zeta \frac{\mu_r(\rho_{2i+1}, \Upsilon(\rho_{2i}, a_{2i})) \mu_r(\rho_{2i}, \Xi(\rho_{2i+1}, a_{2i+1}))}{1 + \mu_r(\rho, \sigma) + \mu_r(a, b)} \\ &= \lambda \frac{\mu_r(\rho_{2i}, \rho_{2i+1}) + \mu_r(a_{2i}, a_{2i+1})}{2} \\ &\quad + \tau \frac{[1 + \mu_r(\rho_{2i}, \rho_{2i+1})] \mu_r(\rho_{2i+1}, \rho_{2i+2})}{1 + \mu_r(\rho_{2i}, \rho_{2i+1}) + \mu_r(a_{2i}, a_{2i+1})} \\ &\quad + \zeta \frac{\mu_r(\rho_{2i+1}, \rho_{2i+1}) \mu_r(\rho_{2i}, \rho_{2i+2})}{1 + \mu_r(\rho_{2i}, \rho_{2i+1}) + \mu_r(a_{2i}, a_{2i+1})} \\ &= \lambda \frac{\mu_r(\rho_{2i}, \rho_{2i+1}) + \mu_r(a_{2i}, a_{2i+1})}{2} + \tau \frac{[1 + \mu_r(\rho_{2i}, \rho_{2i+1})] \mu_r(\rho_{2i+1}, \rho_{2i+2})}{1 + \mu_r(\rho_{2i}, \rho_{2i+1}) + \mu_r(a_{2i}, a_{2i+1})} \\ &\leq \lambda \frac{\mu_r(\rho_{2i}, \rho_{2i+1})}{2} + \lambda \frac{\mu_r(a_{2i}, a_{2i+1})}{2} + \tau \mu_r(\rho_{2i+1}, \rho_{2i+2}), \end{aligned}$$

this implies that

$$\mu_r(\rho_{2i+1}, \rho_{2i+2}) \leq \frac{\lambda}{2(1-\tau)} \mu_r(\rho_{2i}, \rho_{2i+1}) + \frac{\lambda}{2(1-\tau)} \mu_r(a_{2i}, a_{2i+1}). \quad (3.2)$$

By following the same approach, we can write

$$\mu_r(a_{2i+1}, a_{2i+2}) \leq \frac{\lambda}{2(1-\tau)} \mu_r(a_{2i}, a_{2i+1}) + \frac{\lambda}{2(1-\tau)} \mu_r(\rho_{2i}, \rho_{2i+1}). \quad (3.3)$$

Adding (3.2) and (3.3), we get

$$\begin{aligned}\mu_r(\rho_{2i+1}, \rho_{2i+2}) + \mu_r(a_{2i+1}, a_{2i+2}) &\leq \frac{\lambda}{(1-\tau)} (\mu_r(\rho_{2i}, \rho_{2i+1}) + \mu_r(a_{2i}, a_{2i+1})) \\ &= \rho (\mu_r(\rho_{2i}, \rho_{2i+1}) + \mu_r(a_{2i}, a_{2i+1})),\end{aligned}$$

where $0 < \rho = \frac{\lambda}{(1-\tau)} < 1$.

Also, we can write

$$\mu_r(\rho_{2i+2}, \rho_{2i+3}) \leq \frac{\lambda}{2(1-\tau)} \mu_r(\rho_{2i+1}, \rho_{2i+2}) + \frac{\lambda}{2(1-\tau)} \mu_r(a_{2i+1}, a_{2i+2}). \quad (3.4)$$

Similarly,

$$\mu_r(a_{2i+2}, a_{2i+3}) \leq \frac{\lambda}{2(1-\tau)} \mu_r(a_{2i+1}, a_{2i+2}) + \frac{\lambda}{2(1-\tau)} \mu_r(\rho_{2i+1}, \rho_{2i+2}). \quad (3.5)$$

Adding (3.4) and (3.5), we have

$$\begin{aligned}\mu_r(\rho_{2i+2}, \rho_{2i+3}) + \mu_r(a_{2i+2}, a_{2i+3}) &\leq \frac{\lambda}{(1-\tau)} (\mu_r(\rho_{2i+1}, \rho_{2i+2}) + \mu_r(a_{2i+1}, a_{2i+2})) \\ &= \rho (\mu_r(\rho_{2i+1}, \rho_{2i+2}) + \mu_r(a_{2i+1}, a_{2i+2})),\end{aligned}$$

Continuing with the same previous approach, we find repeatedly that, for all $i \geq 0$,

$$\begin{aligned}\mu_r(\rho_i, \rho_{i+1}) + \mu_r(a_i, a_{i+1}) &\leq \rho (\mu_r(\rho_{i-1}, \rho_i) + \mu_r(a_{i-1}, a_i)) \\ &\leq \rho^2 (\mu_r(\rho_{i-2}, \rho_{i-1}) + \mu_r(a_{i-2}, a_{i-1})) \\ &\leq \dots \\ &\leq \rho^i (\mu_r(\rho_0, \rho_1) + \mu_r(a_0, a_1)).\end{aligned} \quad (3.6)$$

Now, if $\mu_r(\rho_i, \rho_{i+1}) + \mu_r(a_i, a_{i+1}) = \Lambda^i$, then (3.6) is reduces to

$$\Lambda_i \leq \rho \Lambda_{i-1} \leq \rho^2 \Lambda_{i-2} \leq \dots \leq \rho^i \Lambda_0.$$

For $j > i$, we get

$$\begin{aligned}\mu_r(\rho_i, \rho_j) + \mu_r(a_i, a_j) &\leq r (\mu_r(\rho_i, \rho_{i+1}) + \mu_r(a_i, a_{i+1})) + \dots + r^{j-i} (\mu_r(\rho_j, \rho_{j+1}) + \mu_r(a_j, a_{j+1})) \\ &\leq r \rho^i \Lambda_0 + r^2 \rho^{i+1} \Lambda_0 + \dots + r^{j-i} \rho^{j-1} \Lambda_0 \\ &< r \rho^i (1 + (r\rho) + (r\rho)^2 + \dots) \Lambda_0 \\ &= \left(\frac{r \rho^i}{1 - r\rho} \right) \Lambda_0 \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } i \rightarrow +\infty.\end{aligned}$$

This proves that $\{\rho_i\}$ and $\{a_i\}$ are Cauchy sequences in Ω . The completeness of Ω leads to there are $\rho, a \in \Omega$ so that $\lim_{i \rightarrow +\infty} \rho_i = \rho$ and $\lim_{i \rightarrow +\infty} a_i = a$.

Now, we claim that $\rho = \Upsilon(\rho, a)$ and $a = \Upsilon(a, \rho)$. Suppose that the contradiction, that is $\rho \neq \Upsilon(\rho, a)$ and $a \neq \Upsilon(a, \rho)$ so that $\mu_r(\rho, \Upsilon(\rho, a)) = \ell_1 > 0$ and $\mu_r(a, \Upsilon(a, \rho)) = \ell_2 > 0$.

Consider

$$\ell_1 = \mu_r(\rho, \Upsilon(\rho, a))$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\leq r(\mu_r(\rho, \rho_{2i+2}) + \mu_r(\rho_{2i+2}, \Upsilon(\rho, a))) \\
&= r\mu_r(\rho, \rho_{2i+2}) + r\mu_r(\Xi(\rho_{2i+1}, a_{2i+1}), \Upsilon(\rho, a)) \\
&= r\mu_r(\rho, \rho_{2i+2}) + r\lambda \frac{\mu_r(\rho, \rho_{2i+1}) + \mu_r(a, a_{2i+1})}{2} \\
&\quad + r\tau \frac{[1 + \mu_r(\rho, \Upsilon(\rho, a))] \mu_r(\rho_{2i+1}, \Xi(\rho_{2i+1}, a_{2i+1}))}{(1 + \mu_r(\rho, \rho_{2i+1}) + \mu_r(a, a_{2i+1}))} \\
&\quad + r\zeta \frac{\mu_r(\rho_{2i+1}, \Upsilon(\rho, a)) \mu_r(\rho, \Xi(\rho_{2i+1}, a_{2i+1}))}{(1 + \mu_r(\rho, \rho_{2i+1}) + \mu_r(a, a_{2i+1}))} \\
&= r\mu_r(\rho, \rho_{2i+2}) + r\lambda \frac{\mu_r(\rho, \rho_{2i+1}) + \mu_r(a, a_{2i+1})}{2} \\
&\quad + r\tau \frac{[1 + \mu_r(\rho, \Upsilon(\rho, a))] \mu_r(\rho_{2i+1}, \rho_{2i+2})}{(1 + \mu_r(\rho, \sigma) + \mu_r(a, b))} \\
&\quad + r\zeta \frac{\mu_r(\rho_{2i+1}, \Upsilon(\rho, a)) \mu_r(\rho, \rho_{2i+2})}{(1 + \mu_r(\rho, \rho_{2i+1}) + \mu_r(a, a_{2i+1}))}. \tag{3.7}
\end{aligned}$$

Passing $i \rightarrow +\infty$ in (3.7), we have $\ell_1 \leq 0$, which is a contradiction. This concludes that $\mu_r(\rho, \Upsilon(\rho, a)) = 0$, i.e., $\rho = \Upsilon(\rho, a)$, similarly, one can obtain that $a = \Upsilon(a, \rho)$. It follows similarly that $\rho = \Xi(\rho, a)$ and $a = \Xi(a, \rho)$.

For uniqueness: Assume that $(\bar{\rho}, \bar{a}) \in \Omega \times \Omega$ is a different common CFP of Υ and Ξ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}
\mu_r(\rho, \bar{\rho}) &= \mu_r(\Upsilon(\rho, a), \Xi(\bar{\rho}, \bar{a})) \\
&\leq \lambda \frac{\mu_r(\rho, \bar{\rho}) + \mu_r(a, \bar{a})}{2} + \tau \frac{[1 + \mu_r(\rho, \Upsilon(\rho, a))] \mu_r(\bar{\rho}, \Xi(\bar{\rho}, \bar{a}))}{(1 + \mu_r(\rho, \bar{\rho}) + \mu_r(a, \bar{a}))} \\
&\quad + \zeta \frac{\mu_r(\bar{\rho}, \Upsilon(\rho, a)) \mu_r(\rho, \Xi(\bar{\rho}, \bar{a}))}{(1 + \mu_r(\rho, \bar{\rho}) + \mu_r(a, \bar{a}))} \\
&= \lambda \frac{\mu_r(\rho, \bar{\rho}) + \mu_r(a, \bar{a})}{2} + \tau \frac{[1 + \mu_r(\rho, \rho)] \mu_r(\bar{\rho}, \bar{\rho})}{(1 + \mu_r(\rho, \bar{\rho}) + \mu_r(a, \bar{a}))} + \zeta \frac{\mu_r(\bar{\rho}, \rho) \mu_r(\rho, \bar{\rho})}{(1 + \mu_r(\rho, \bar{\rho}) + \mu_r(a, \bar{a}))} \\
&\leq \lambda \frac{\mu_r(\rho, \bar{\rho})}{2} + \lambda \frac{\mu_r(a, \bar{a})}{2} + \zeta \mu_r(\rho, \bar{\rho}),
\end{aligned}$$

this yields

$$\mu_r(\rho, \bar{\rho}) \leq \left(\frac{\lambda}{2 - \lambda - 2\zeta} \right) \mu_r(a, \bar{a}). \tag{3.8}$$

By the same manner, one can write

$$\mu_r(a, \bar{a}) \leq \left(\frac{\lambda}{2 - \lambda - 2\zeta} \right) \mu_r(\rho, \bar{\rho}). \tag{3.9}$$

Adding (3.8) and (3.9), one sees that

$$\mu_r(\rho, \bar{\rho}) + \mu_r(a, \bar{a}) \leq \left(\frac{\lambda}{2 - \lambda - 2\zeta} \right) (\mu_r(\rho, \bar{\rho}) + \mu_r(a, \bar{a})),$$

this leads to, $(2 - 2\lambda - 2\zeta)(\mu_r(\rho, \bar{\rho}) + \mu_r(a, \bar{a})) \leq 0$, since $\lambda + \zeta < 1$, then we have $(\mu_r(\rho, \bar{\rho}) + \mu_r(a, \bar{a})) = 0$. This is only achieved when $\rho = \bar{\rho}$ and $a = \bar{a}$. Therefore, (ρ, a) is a unique common CFP of Υ and Ξ . \square

If we put $\Upsilon = \Xi$ in the above theorem, we get the result below.

Corollary 3.1. Assume that (Ω, μ_r) is a complete bMS with a coefficient $r \geq 1$ and let the mapping $\Upsilon : \Omega \times \Omega \rightarrow \Omega$ verifies

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_r(\Upsilon(\rho, a), \Upsilon(\sigma, b)) \leq & \lambda \frac{\mu_r(\rho, \sigma) + \mu_r(a, b)}{2} + \tau \frac{[1 + \mu_r(\rho, \Upsilon(\rho, a))] \mu_r(\sigma, \Upsilon(\sigma, b))}{(1 + \mu_r(\rho, \sigma) + \mu_r(a, b))} \\ & + \zeta \frac{\mu_r(\sigma, \Upsilon(\rho, a)) \mu_r(\rho, \Xi(\sigma, b))}{(1 + \mu_r(\rho, \sigma) + \mu_r(a, b))}. \end{aligned}$$

for all $\rho, a, \sigma, b \in \Omega$ and $\lambda, \tau, \zeta \geq 0$ with $r\lambda + \tau < 1$ and $\lambda + \zeta < 1$.

Then there is a unique CFP of Υ .

The following Corollary is very important in the next section (applications).

Corollary 3.2. Let (Ω, μ_r) be a complete bMS with a coefficient $r \geq 1$ and let the mapping $\Upsilon : \Omega \times \Omega \rightarrow \Omega$ verifies

$$\mu_r(\Upsilon(\rho, a), \Upsilon(\sigma, b)) \leq \lambda \frac{\mu_r(\rho, \sigma) + \mu_r(a, b)}{2}, \quad (3.10)$$

for all $\rho, a, \sigma, b \in \Omega$ and $\lambda \geq 0$ with $r\lambda < 1$. Then Υ has a unique CFP.

Proof. Just put $\Upsilon = \Xi$ and $\tau = \zeta = 0$ in Theorem 3.1, we get the proof. \square

Theorem 3.2. Suppose that (Ω, μ_r) is a complete bMS with a coefficient $r \geq 1$ and let the mappings $\Upsilon, \Xi : \Omega \times \Omega \rightarrow \Omega$ verify

$$\leq \begin{cases} \mu_r(\Upsilon(\rho, a), \Xi(\sigma, b)) \\ \lambda \frac{\mu_r(\rho, \sigma) + \mu_r(a, b)}{2} + \tau \frac{\mu_r(\rho, \Upsilon(\rho, a)) \mu_r(\sigma, \Xi(\sigma, b))}{Q} + \zeta \frac{\mu_r(\sigma, \Upsilon(\rho, a)) [1 + \mu_r(\rho, \Xi(\sigma, b))]}{1 + \mu_r(\rho, \sigma) + \mu_r(a, b)}, & \text{if } Q \neq 0, \\ 0 & \text{if } Q = 0, \end{cases}$$

for all $\rho, a, \sigma, b \in \Omega$, where

$$Q = Q(\rho, a, \sigma, b) = r(\mu_r(\sigma, \Upsilon(\rho, a)) + \mu_r(\rho, \Xi(\sigma, b)) + \mu_r(\rho, \sigma) + \mu_r(a, b)),$$

and $\lambda, \tau, \zeta \geq 0$ with $r(\lambda + \tau + \zeta) < 1$. Then Υ and Ξ have a unique common coupled fixed point.

Proof. Let $\rho_0, a_0 \in \Omega$ be an arbitrary points. Define the sequences $\{\rho_{2i+1}\}_{i=0}^{+\infty}$, $\{a_{2i+1}\}_{i=0}^{+\infty}$, $\{\rho_{2i+2}\}_{i=0}^{+\infty}$ and $\{a_{2i+2}\}_{i=0}^{+\infty}$ by

$$\rho_{2i+1} = \Upsilon(\rho_{2i}, a_{2i}), \quad a_{2i+1} = \Xi(a_{2i}, \rho_{2i}), \quad \rho_{2i+2} = \Xi(\rho_{2i+1}, a_{2i+1}) \quad \text{and} \quad a_{2i+2} = \Xi(a_{2i+1}, \rho_{2i+1}),$$

for all $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots$. Consider

$$Q_1 = Q(\rho_{2i}, a_{2i}, \rho_{2i+1}, a_{2i+1}) \neq 0 \quad \text{and} \quad Q_2 = Q(a_{2i}, \rho_{2i}, a_{2i+1}, \rho_{2i+1}) \neq 0.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_r(\rho_{2i+1}, \rho_{2i+2}) &= \mu_r(\Upsilon(\rho_{2i}, a_{2i}), \Xi(\rho_{2i+1}, a_{2i+1})) \\ &\leq \lambda \frac{\mu_r(\rho_{2i}, \rho_{2i+1}) + \mu_r(a_{2i}, a_{2i+1})}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& +\tau \frac{\mu_r(\rho_{2i}, \Upsilon(\rho_{2i}, a_{2i})) \mu_r(\rho_{2i+1}, \Xi(\rho_{2i+1}, a_{2i+1}))}{Q_1} \\
& +\zeta \frac{\mu_r(\rho_{2i+1}, \Upsilon(\rho_{2i}, a_{2i})) [1 + \mu_r(\rho_{2i}, \Xi(\rho_{2i+1}, a_{2i+1}))]}{1 + \mu_r(\rho_{2i}, \rho_{2i+1}) + \mu_r(a_{2i}, a_{2i+1})} \\
= & \lambda \frac{\mu_r(\rho_{2i}, \rho_{2i+1}) + \mu_r(a_{2i}, a_{2i+1})}{2} \\
& +\tau \frac{\mu_r(\rho_{2i}, \rho_{2i+1}) \mu_r(\rho_{2i+1}, \rho_{2i+2})}{r(\mu_r(\rho_{2i}, \rho_{2i+2}) + \mu_r(\rho_{2i}, \rho_{2i+1}) + \mu_r(a_{2i}, a_{2i+1}))} \\
& +\zeta \frac{\mu_r(\rho_{2i+1}, \rho_{2i+1}) [1 + \mu_r(\rho_{2i}, \rho_{2i+2})]}{1 + \mu_r(\rho_{2i}, \rho_{2i+1}) + \mu_r(a_{2i}, a_{2i+1})} \\
\leq & \lambda \frac{\mu_r(\rho_{2i}, \rho_{2i+1})}{2} + \lambda \frac{\mu_r(a_{2i}, a_{2i+1})}{2} + \tau \mu_r(\rho_{2i}, \rho_{2i+1}),
\end{aligned}$$

Hence, one can write

$$\mu_r(\rho_{2i+1}, \rho_{2i+2}) \leq \left(\frac{2\tau + \lambda}{2}\right) \mu_r(\rho_{2i}, \rho_{2i+1}) + \frac{\lambda}{2} \mu_r(a_{2i}, a_{2i+1}). \quad (3.11)$$

Similarly, one can easily prove via assumption $Q_2 \neq 0$ that

$$\mu_r(a_{2i+1}, a_{2i+2}) \leq \left(\frac{2\tau + \lambda}{2}\right) \mu_r(a_{2i}, a_{2i+1}) + \frac{\lambda}{2} \mu_r(\rho_{2i}, \rho_{2i+1}). \quad (3.12)$$

By adding (3.11) to (3.12), we find that

$$\mu_r(\rho_{2i+1}, \rho_{2i+2}) + \mu_r(a_{2i+1}, a_{2i+2}) \leq (\tau + \lambda) [\mu_r(\rho_{2i}, \rho_{2i+1}) + \mu_r(a_{2i}, a_{2i+1})].$$

Put $Q_3 = Q(\rho_{2i+2}, a_{2i+2}, \rho_{2i+1}, a_{2i+1}) \neq 0$, then we get

$$\begin{aligned}
\mu_r(\rho_{2i+2}, \rho_{2i+3}) & = \mu_r(\Upsilon(\rho_{2i+1}, a_{2i+1}), \Xi(\rho_{2i+2}, a_{2i+2})) \\
& \leq \lambda \frac{\mu_r(\rho_{2i+1}, \rho_{2i+2}) + \mu_r(a_{2i+1}, a_{2i+2})}{2} \\
& +\tau \frac{\mu_r(\rho_{2i+1}, \Upsilon(\rho_{2i+1}, a_{2i+1})) \mu_r(\rho_{2i+2}, \Xi(\rho_{2i+2}, a_{2i+2}))}{Q_3} \\
& +\zeta \frac{\mu_r(\rho_{2i+2}, \Upsilon(\rho_{2i+1}, a_{2i+1})) [1 + \mu_r(\rho_{2i+1}, \Xi(\rho_{2i+2}, a_{2i+2}))]}{1 + \mu_r(\rho_{2i+1}, \rho_{2i+2}) + \mu_r(a_{2i+1}, a_{2i+2})} \\
= & \lambda \frac{\mu_r(\rho_{2i+1}, \rho_{2i+2}) + \mu_r(a_{2i+1}, a_{2i+2})}{2} \\
& +\tau \frac{\mu_r(\rho_{2i+1}, \rho_{2i+2}) \mu_r(\rho_{2i+2}, \rho_{2i+3})}{r(\mu_r(\rho_{2i+1}, \rho_{2i+3}) + \mu_r(\rho_{2i+1}, \rho_{2i+2}) + \mu_r(a_{2i+1}, a_{2i+2}))} \\
& +\zeta \frac{\mu_r(\rho_{2i+2}, \rho_{2i+2}) [1 + \mu_r(\rho_{2i+1}, \rho_{2i+3})]}{1 + \mu_r(\rho_{2i+1}, \rho_{2i+2}) + \mu_r(a_{2i+1}, a_{2i+2})} \\
\leq & \lambda \frac{\mu_r(\rho_{2i+1}, \rho_{2i+2})}{2} + \lambda \frac{\mu_r(a_{2i+1}, a_{2i+2})}{2} + \tau \mu_r(\rho_{2i+1}, \rho_{2i+2}),
\end{aligned}$$

this leads to

$$\mu_r(\rho_{2i+2}, \rho_{2i+3}) \leq \left(\frac{2\tau + \lambda}{2}\right) \mu_r(\rho_{2i+1}, \rho_{2i+2}) + \frac{\lambda}{2} \mu_r(a_{2i+1}, a_{2i+2}). \quad (3.13)$$

Similarly, one can easily prove via assumption $Q_4 = Q(a_{2i+2}, \rho_{2i+2}, a_{2i+1}, \rho_{2i+1}) \neq 0$ that

$$\mu_r(a_{2i+2}, a_{2i+3}) \leq \left(\frac{2\tau + \lambda}{2}\right) \mu_r(a_{2i+1}, a_{2i+2}) + \frac{\lambda}{2} \mu_r(\rho_{2i+1}, \rho_{2i+2}). \quad (3.14)$$

By adding (3.13) to (3.14), we can write

$$\mu_r(\rho_{2i+2}, \rho_{2i+3}) + \mu_r(a_{2i+2}, a_{2i+3}) \leq (\tau + \lambda) [\mu_r(\rho_{2i+1}, \rho_{2i+2}) + \mu_r(a_{2i+1}, a_{2i+2})].$$

Continuing with the same scenario for all $i \geq 0$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_r(\rho_i, \rho_{i+1}) + \mu_r(a_i, a_{i+1}) &\leq (\tau + \lambda) [\mu_r(\rho_{i-1}, \rho_i) + \mu_r(a_{i-1}, a_i)] \\ &= \sigma [\mu_r(\rho_{i-1}, \rho_i) + \mu_r(a_{i-1}, a_i)], \end{aligned}$$

where $\sigma = \tau + \lambda < 1$. Now if, $\mu_r(\rho_i, \rho_{i+1}) + \mu_r(a_i, a_{i+1}) = \varpi_i$, then

$$\varpi_i \leq \sigma \varpi_{i-1} \leq \sigma^2 \varpi_{i-2} \leq \dots \leq \sigma^i \varpi_0,$$

Suppose that for $j, i \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ so that $j > i$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_r(\rho_i, \rho_j) + \mu_r(a_i, a_j) &\leq r(\mu_r(\rho_i, \rho_{i+1}) + \mu_r(a_i, a_{i+1})) + \dots + r^{j-i} (\mu_r(\rho_j, \rho_{j+1}) + \mu_r(a_j, a_{j+1})) \\ &\leq r\sigma^i \varpi_0 + r^2 \sigma^{i+1} \varpi_0 + \dots + r^{j-i} \sigma^{j-1} \varpi_0 \\ &< r\sigma^i (1 + (r\sigma) + (r\sigma)^2 + \dots) \varpi_0 \\ &= \left(\frac{r\sigma^i}{1 - r\sigma}\right) \varpi_0 \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } i \rightarrow +\infty. \end{aligned}$$

this proves that the two sequences $\{\rho_i\}$ and $\{a_i\}$ are Cauchy. Because Ω is complete, then there exist $\rho, a \in \Omega$ so that $\lim_{i \rightarrow +\infty} \rho_i = \rho$ and $\lim_{i \rightarrow +\infty} a_i = a$.

Now, we show that $\rho = \Upsilon(\rho, a)$ and $a = \Upsilon(a, \rho)$. Suppose the opposite, that is $\rho \neq \Upsilon(\rho, a)$ and $a \neq \Upsilon(a, \rho)$ so that $\mu_r(\rho, \Upsilon(\rho, a)) = \ell_1 > 0$ and $\mu_r(a, \Upsilon(a, \rho)) = \ell_2 > 0$.

Consider

$$\begin{aligned} \ell_1 &= \mu_r(\rho, \Upsilon(\rho, a)) \\ &\leq r(\mu_r(\rho, \rho_{2i+2}) + \mu_r(\rho_{2i+2}, \Upsilon(\rho, a))) \\ &= r\mu_r(\rho, \rho_{2i+2}) + r\mu_r(\Xi(\rho_{2i+1}, a_{2i+1}), \Upsilon(\rho, a)) \\ &= r\mu_r(\rho, \rho_{2i+2}) + r\lambda \frac{\mu_r(\rho, \rho_{2i+1}) + \mu_r(a, a_{2i+1})}{2} \\ &\quad + r\tau \frac{\mu_r(\rho, \Upsilon(\rho, a)) \mu_r(\rho_{2i+1}, \Xi(\rho_{2i+1}, a_{2i+1}))}{r(\mu_r(\rho_{2i+1}, \Upsilon(\rho, a)) + \mu_r(\rho, \Xi(\rho_{2i+1}, a_{2i+1}))) + \mu_r(\rho, \rho_{2i+1}) + \mu_r(a_{2i+1}, a)} \\ &\quad + r\zeta \frac{\mu_r(\rho_{2i+1}, \Upsilon(\rho, a)) [1 + \mu_r(\rho, \Xi(\rho_{2i+1}, a_{2i+1}))]}{1 + \mu_r(\rho, \rho_{2i+1}) + \mu_r(a, a_{2i+1})} \\ &= r\mu_r(\rho, \rho_{2i+2}) + r\lambda \frac{\mu_r(\rho, \rho_{2i+1}) + \mu_r(a, a_{2i+1})}{2} \\ &\quad + \tau \frac{\mu_r(\rho, \Upsilon(\rho, a)) \mu_r(\rho_{2i+1}, \rho_{2i+2})}{(\mu_r(\rho_{2i+1}, \Upsilon(\rho, a)) + \mu_r(\rho, \Xi(\rho_{2i+1}, a_{2i+1}))) + \mu_r(\rho, \rho_{2i+1}) + \mu_r(a_{2i+1}, a)} \end{aligned}$$

$$+r\zeta \frac{\mu_r(\rho_{2i+1}, \Upsilon(\rho, a)) [1 + \mu_r(\rho, \rho_{2i+2})]}{(1 + \mu_r(\rho, \rho_{2i+1}) + \mu_r(a, a_{2i+1}))}. \quad (3.15)$$

Letting $i \rightarrow +\infty$ in (3.15), we get $\ell_1 \leq r\zeta\mu_r(\rho, \Upsilon(\rho, a)) = r\zeta\ell_1$, this leads to $(1 - r\zeta)\ell_1 \leq 0$, so either $r\zeta \geq 1$, this contradicts the condition $r(\lambda + \tau + \zeta) < 1$, or $\ell_1 \leq 0$ and this contradicts the condition $\ell_1 > 0$. Thus, in both cases we have a contradiction. This implies that $\mu_r(\rho, \Upsilon(\rho, a)) = 0$, i.e., $\rho = \Upsilon(\rho, a)$, similarly, one can obtain that $a = \Upsilon(a, \rho)$. It follows similarly that $\rho = \Xi(\rho, a)$ and $a = \Xi(a, \rho)$.

For uniqueness: Assume that $(\bar{\rho}, \bar{a}) \in \Omega \times \Omega$ is a different common CFP of Υ and Ξ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_r(\rho, \bar{\rho}) &= \mu_r(\Upsilon(\rho, a), \Xi(\bar{\rho}, \bar{a})) \\ &\leq \lambda \frac{\mu_r(\rho, \bar{\rho}) + \mu_r(a, \bar{a})}{2} + \tau \frac{\mu_r(\rho, \Upsilon(\rho, a)) \mu_r(\bar{\rho}, \Xi(\bar{\rho}, \bar{a}))}{r(\mu_r(\bar{\rho}, \Upsilon(\rho, a)) + \mu_r(\rho, \Xi(\bar{\rho}, \bar{a})) + \mu_r(\rho, \bar{\rho}) + \mu_r(a, \bar{a}))} \\ &\quad + \zeta \frac{\mu_r(\bar{\rho}, \Upsilon(\rho, a)) [1 + \mu_r(\rho, \Xi(\bar{\rho}, \bar{a}))]}{1 + \mu_r(\rho, \bar{\rho}) + \mu_r(a, \bar{a})} \\ &= \lambda \frac{\mu_r(\rho, \bar{\rho}) + \mu_r(a, \bar{a})}{2} + \tau \frac{\mu_r(\rho, \rho) \mu_r(\bar{\rho}, \bar{\rho})}{r(\mu_r(\bar{\rho}, \rho) + \mu_r(\rho, \bar{\rho}) + \mu_r(\rho, \bar{\rho}) + \mu_r(a, \bar{a}))} \\ &\quad + \zeta \frac{\mu_r(\bar{\rho}, \rho) [1 + \mu_r(\rho, \bar{\rho})]}{(1 + \mu_r(\rho, \bar{\rho}) + \mu_r(a, \bar{a}))} \\ &\leq \lambda \frac{\mu_r(\rho, \bar{\rho})}{2} + \lambda \frac{\mu_r(a, \bar{a})}{2} + \zeta \mu_r(\rho, \bar{\rho}), \end{aligned}$$

this implies that

$$\mu_r(\rho, \bar{\rho}) \leq \left(\frac{\lambda}{2 - \lambda - 2\zeta} \right) \mu_r(a, \bar{a}). \quad (3.16)$$

By the same method, one can obtain

$$\mu_r(a, \bar{a}) \leq \left(\frac{\lambda}{2 - \lambda - 2\zeta} \right) \mu_r(\rho, \bar{\rho}). \quad (3.17)$$

By adding (3.16) to (3.17), one can write

$$\mu_r(\rho, \bar{\rho}) + \mu_r(a, \bar{a}) \leq \left(\frac{\lambda}{2 - \lambda - 2\zeta} \right) (\mu_r(\rho, \bar{\rho}) + \mu_r(a, \bar{a})),$$

this implies that, $(2 - 2\lambda - 2\zeta)(\mu_r(\rho, \bar{\rho}) + \mu_r(a, \bar{a})) \leq 0$, since $\lambda + \zeta < 1$, then we have $(\mu_r(\rho, \bar{\rho}) + \mu_r(a, \bar{a})) = 0$. This is only holds when $\rho = \bar{\rho}$ and $a = \bar{a}$. Therefore, (ρ, a) is a unique common CFP of Υ and Ξ . \square

If we set $\Upsilon = \Xi$ in Theorem 3.2, we get the following result:

Corollary 3.3. *Suppose that (Ω, μ_r) is a complete bMS with a coefficient $r \geq 1$ and let the mappings $\Upsilon : \Omega \times \Omega \rightarrow \Omega$ verifies*

$$\leq \begin{cases} \mu_r(\Upsilon(\rho, a), \Upsilon(\sigma, b)) \\ \lambda \frac{\mu_r(\rho, \sigma) + \mu_r(a, b)}{2} + \tau \frac{\mu_r(\rho, \Upsilon(\rho, a)) \mu_r(\sigma, \Upsilon(\sigma, b))}{Q} + \zeta \frac{\mu_r(\sigma, \Upsilon(\rho, a)) [1 + \mu_r(\rho, \Upsilon(\sigma, b))]}{1 + \mu_r(\rho, \sigma) + \mu_r(a, b)}, & \text{if } Q \neq 0, \\ 0 & \text{if } Q = 0, \end{cases}$$

for all $\rho, a, \sigma, b \in \Omega$, where

$$Q = Q(\rho, a, \sigma, b) = r(\mu_r(\sigma, \Upsilon(\rho, a)) + \mu_r(\rho, \Upsilon(\sigma, b)) + \mu_r(\rho, \sigma) + \mu_r(a, b)),$$

and $\lambda, \tau, \zeta \geq 0$ with $r(\lambda + \tau + \zeta) < 1$. Then Υ has a unique common CFP.

4. The existence solution of singular CFDEs

In this part, we discuss the existence and uniqueness of the solution of the nonlinear singular CFDE in the setting of bMSs.

Here, we begin with the proof of the following lemma which demonstrate that Green's function of a FDE with integral boundary conditions.

Lemma 4.1. *Given the pair $(a, q) \in (C(0, 1) \cap L(0, 1)) \times (C(0, 1) \cap L(0, 1))$, $\nu \in (3, 4)$, $\alpha \in (0, 2)$, such that $\nu \neq \alpha$, the unique solution of*

$$\begin{cases} {}^c\Theta^\nu(\Lambda(\tau)) + (a(\tau), q(\tau)) = 0, \tau \in (0, 1), \\ \Lambda'''(0) = \Lambda''(0) = 0, \\ \Lambda' = \Lambda(1) = \alpha \int_0^1 \Lambda(\theta) d\theta, \end{cases} \quad (4.1)$$

is

$$\Lambda(\tau) = \int_0^1 \mathfrak{J}(\tau, \theta)(a(\theta), q(\theta)) d\theta,$$

where $\Lambda(\tau) = (z(\tau), w(\tau))$ and

$$\mathfrak{J}(\tau, \theta) = \frac{1}{\nu(2-\alpha)\Gamma(\nu)} \begin{cases} (\nu(2-\alpha) + 2\alpha\tau(\nu-1+\theta))(1-\theta)^{\nu-1} & \text{if } 0 \leq \theta \leq \tau \leq 1, \\ -\nu(2-\alpha)(\tau-\theta)^{\nu-1}, & \\ (\nu(2-\alpha) + 2\alpha\tau(\nu-1+\theta))(1-\theta)^{\nu-1}, & \text{if } 0 \leq \tau \leq \theta \leq 1, \end{cases} \quad (4.2)$$

Proof. Based on Lemma 2.1, problem (4.1) can be reduced to the equivalent integral equation

$$\begin{aligned} \Lambda(\tau) &= -I^\nu(a(\tau), q(\tau)) + C_0 + C_1\tau + C_2\tau^2 + C_3\tau^3 \\ &= -\frac{1}{\Gamma(\nu)} \int_0^\tau (\tau-\theta)^{\nu-1} (a(\theta), q(\theta)) d\theta + C_0 + C_1\tau + C_2\tau^2 + C_3\tau^3. \end{aligned} \quad (4.3)$$

Since $(z''(0), w''(0)) = (z'''(0), w'''(0)) = (0, 0)$, so we get $\Lambda''(0) = \Lambda'''(0)$, thus, $C_2 = C_3 = 0$, and we can write

$$\begin{aligned} \Lambda(\tau) &= -\frac{1}{\Gamma(\nu)} \int_0^\tau (\tau-\theta)^{\nu-1} (a(\theta), q(\theta)) d\theta + C_0 + C_1\tau, \\ \Lambda'(\tau) &= -\frac{\nu-1}{\Gamma(\nu)} \int_0^\tau (\tau-\theta)^{\nu-2} (a(\theta), q(\theta)) d\theta + C_1. \end{aligned}$$

Because $(z'(0), w'(0)) = (z(1), w(1)) = \left(\alpha \int_0^1 z(\theta)d\theta, \alpha \int_0^1 w(\theta)d\theta\right)$, hence $\Lambda'(0) = \Lambda(1) = \alpha \int_0^1 \Lambda(\theta)d\theta$, then one sees that

$$\begin{aligned}\Lambda'(0) &= C_1 = \alpha \int_0^1 \Lambda(\theta)d\theta, \\ \Lambda(1) &= -\frac{1}{\Gamma(\nu)} \int_0^1 (1-\theta)^{\nu-1} (a(\theta), q(\theta))d\theta + C_0 + C_1 = \alpha \int_0^1 \Lambda(\theta)d\theta,\end{aligned}\quad (4.4)$$

So, by (4.1), we conclude that

$$C_0 = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\nu)} \int_0^1 (1-\theta)^{\nu-1} (a(\theta), q(\theta))d\theta,$$

From the previous equality, we obtain that

$$\Lambda(\tau) = -\frac{1}{\Gamma(\nu)} \int_0^\tau (\tau-\theta)^{\nu-1} (a(\theta), q(\theta))d\theta + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\nu)} \int_0^1 (1-\theta)^{\nu-1} (a(\theta), q(\theta))d\theta + C_1\tau. \quad (4.5)$$

By integrating both sides of Eq (4.5) from 0 to 1, one can get

$$\begin{aligned}\int_0^1 \Lambda(\tau)d\tau &= -\frac{1}{\Gamma(\nu)} \int_0^1 \int_0^\tau (\tau-\theta)^{\nu-1} (a(\theta), q(\theta))d\theta d\tau \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\nu)} \int_0^1 \int_0^1 (1-\theta)^{\nu-1} (a(\theta), q(\theta))d\theta d\tau + \int_0^1 C_1\tau d\tau. \\ &= -\frac{1}{\Gamma(\nu)} \int_0^1 \frac{(1-\theta)^\nu}{\nu} (a(\theta), q(\theta))d\theta + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\nu)} \int_0^1 (1-\theta)^{\nu-1} (a(\theta), q(\theta))d\theta + \frac{C_1}{2}.\end{aligned}\quad (4.6)$$

From (4.4) and (4.6), one can write

$$\begin{aligned}C_1 &= \alpha \int_0^1 \Lambda(\theta)d\theta \\ &= -\frac{\alpha}{\nu\Gamma(\nu)} \int_0^1 (1-\theta)^\nu (a(\theta), q(\theta))d\theta + \frac{\alpha}{\Gamma(\nu)} \int_0^1 (1-\theta)^{\nu-1} (a(\theta), q(\theta))d\theta + \frac{\alpha C_1}{2},\end{aligned}$$

Thus, we get

$$C_1 = -\frac{2\alpha}{\nu\Gamma(\nu)(2-\alpha)} \int_0^1 (1-\theta)^\nu (a(\theta), q(\theta))d\theta + \frac{2\alpha}{\Gamma(\nu)(2-\alpha)} \int_0^1 (1-\theta)^{\nu-1} (a(\theta), q(\theta))d\theta.$$

Substituting the values of the constants in (4.5) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Lambda(\tau) &= -\frac{1}{\Gamma(\nu)} \int_0^\tau (\tau - \theta)^{\nu-1} (a(\theta), q(\theta)) d\theta + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\nu)} \int_0^1 (1 - \theta)^{\nu-1} (a(\theta), q(\theta)) d\theta + \\
 &\quad -\frac{2\alpha\tau}{\nu\Gamma(\nu)(2-\alpha)} \int_0^1 (1 - \theta)^\nu (a(\theta), q(\theta)) d\theta + \frac{2\alpha\tau}{\Gamma(\nu)(2-\alpha)} \int_0^1 (1 - \theta)^{\nu-1} (a(\theta), q(\theta)) d\theta \\
 &= -\frac{1}{\Gamma(\nu)} \int_0^\tau (\tau - \theta)^{\nu-1} (a(\theta), q(\theta)) d\theta \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{\nu\Gamma(\nu)(2-\alpha)} \int_0^1 [\alpha(2-\alpha) + 2\alpha\tau(\nu-1+\theta)] (1 - \theta)^\nu (a(\theta), q(\theta)) d\theta \\
 &= \frac{1}{\nu\Gamma(\nu)(2-\alpha)} \int_0^1 \{[\alpha(2-\alpha) + 2\alpha\tau(\nu-1+\theta)] (1 - \theta)^\nu - \alpha(2-\alpha)(\nu-\theta)^{\nu-1}\} (a(\theta), q(\theta)) d\theta \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{\nu\Gamma(\nu)(2-\alpha)} \int_\tau^1 [\alpha(2-\alpha) + 2\alpha\tau(\nu-1+\theta)] (1 - \theta)^\nu (a(\theta), q(\theta)) d\theta \\
 &= \int_0^1 \mathfrak{J}(\tau, \theta)(a(\theta), q(\theta)) d\theta,
 \end{aligned}$$

and this completes the proof. \square

The following lemma estimates the green's function $\mathfrak{J}(\tau, \theta)$ of FDE with integral boundary stipulations described in (4.1) on $L_2(0, 1)$.

Lemma 4.2. *Suppose that $\nu \in (3, 4)$, $\alpha \in (0, 2)$, such that $\nu \neq \alpha$, then for all $\tau, \theta \in (0, 1)$, the Green's functions $\mathfrak{J}(\tau, \cdot) \in L_2$ verifies*

$$\int_0^1 |\mathfrak{J}(\tau, \theta)|^2 d\theta < \frac{1}{\Gamma^2(\nu)} \left(\frac{4}{5} + \frac{8\alpha}{3|\alpha-2|} + \frac{4\alpha^2}{9(\alpha-2)^2} \right).$$

Proof. When $\nu \in (3, 4)$, $\alpha \in (0, 2)$, such that $\nu \neq \alpha$, there are two clarifications:

(i) For $0 \leq \theta \leq \tau \leq 1$,

$$\begin{aligned}
 |\mathfrak{J}(\tau, \theta)| &\leq \frac{2\nu|\alpha-2| + 2\alpha\tau(\nu-1+\theta)}{\nu|\alpha-2|\Gamma(\nu)} (1 - \theta)^{\nu-1} \\
 &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(\nu)} \left(2 + \frac{2\alpha}{\nu|\alpha-2|} (\nu-1+\theta) \right) (1 - \theta)^{\nu-1}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{4.7}$$

(ii) For $0 \leq \tau \leq \theta \leq 1$,

$$|\mathfrak{J}(\tau, \theta)| \leq \frac{\nu|\alpha-2| + 2\alpha\tau(\nu-1+\theta)}{\nu|\alpha-2|\Gamma(\nu)} (1 - \theta)^{\nu-1}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{1}{\Gamma(\nu)} \left(1 + \frac{2\alpha}{\nu|\alpha-2|} (\nu-1+\theta) \right) (1-\theta)^{\nu-1} \\
&\leq \frac{1}{\Gamma(\nu)} \left(2 + \frac{2\alpha}{\nu|\alpha-2|} (\nu-1+\theta) \right) (1-\theta)^{\nu-1}.
\end{aligned} \tag{4.8}$$

It follows from (4.7) and (4.8) that

$$|\mathfrak{J}(\tau, \theta)|^2 \leq \frac{1}{\Gamma^2(\nu)} \left(4 + \frac{8\alpha}{\nu|\alpha-2|} (\nu-1+\theta) + \frac{4\alpha^2 (\nu-1+\theta)^2}{\nu^2 (\alpha-2)^2} \right) (1-\theta)^{2\nu-2},$$

which yields

$$\begin{aligned}
&\int_0^1 |\mathfrak{J}(\tau, \theta)|^2 d\theta \\
&\leq \frac{1}{\Gamma^2(\nu)} \left\{ \int_0^1 4(1-\theta)^{2\nu-2} d\theta + \frac{8\alpha}{\nu|\alpha-2|} \int_0^1 (\nu-1+\theta)(1-\theta)^{2\nu-2} d\theta \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \frac{4\alpha^2}{\nu^2 (\alpha-2)^2} \int_0^1 (\nu-1+\theta)^2 (1-\theta)^{2\nu-2} d\theta \right\} \\
&= \frac{1}{\Gamma^2(\nu)} \left(\frac{4}{2\nu-1} + \frac{8\alpha}{\nu|\alpha-2|} \left(\frac{2\nu^2-2\nu+1}{2\nu(2\nu-1)} \right) + \frac{4\alpha^2}{\nu^2 (\alpha-2)^2} \left(\frac{2\nu^2-3\nu+1}{2\nu(2\nu-1)(2\nu+1)} \right) \right) \\
&< \frac{1}{\Gamma^2(\nu)} \left(\frac{4}{5} + \frac{8\alpha}{3|\alpha-2|} + \frac{4\alpha^2}{9(\alpha-2)^2} \right).
\end{aligned}$$

□

Assume that $\Xi(\cdot, z(\cdot), w(\cdot)) \in L_2$ for any $z, w \in C[0, 1]$ and describe a mapping $\Upsilon : C[0, 1] \times C[0, 1] \rightarrow C[0, 1]$ as follows:

$$\Upsilon(z(\tau), w(\tau)) = \int_0^1 \mathfrak{J}(\tau, \theta) \Xi(\theta, z(\theta), w(\theta)) d\theta, \tag{4.9}$$

where $\theta \rightarrow \mathfrak{J}(\tau, \theta)$ is continuous from $[0, 1]$ to L_2 . Suppose that $\tau_n \in [0, 1]$ with $\tau_n \rightarrow \tau$. Because $\mathfrak{J}(\tau, \cdot), \Xi(\cdot, z(\cdot), w(\cdot)) \in L_2$ for any $z, w \in C[0, 1]$ and $\tau \in [0, 1]$, therefore $\mathfrak{J}(\tau, \cdot) \Xi(\cdot, z(\cdot), w(\cdot))$ is integrable function. Hence, using the Lebesgue dominated convergence theorem, one can write

$$\begin{aligned}
\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \Upsilon(z(\tau_n), w(\tau_n)) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \int_0^1 \mathfrak{J}(\tau_n, \theta) \Xi(\theta, z(\theta), w(\theta)) d\theta \\
&= \int_0^1 \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \mathfrak{J}(\tau_n, \theta) \Xi(\theta, z(\theta), w(\theta)) d\theta \\
&= \int_0^1 \mathfrak{J}(\tau, \theta) \Xi(\theta, z(\theta), w(\theta)) d\theta = \Upsilon(z(\tau), w(\tau)).
\end{aligned}$$

Similarly

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \Upsilon(w(\tau_n), z(\tau_n)) = \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \int_0^1 \mathfrak{J}(\tau_n, \theta) \Xi(\theta, w(\theta), z(\theta)) d\theta$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \int_0^1 \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \mathfrak{J}(\tau_n, \theta) \Xi(\theta, w(\theta), z(\theta)) d\theta \\
&= \int_0^1 \mathfrak{J}(\tau, \theta) \Xi(\theta, w(\theta), z(\theta)) d\theta = \Upsilon(w(\tau), z(\tau)),
\end{aligned}$$

this shows that $\Upsilon \in C[0, 1]$. Thus, the mapping $\Upsilon : C[0, 1] \times C[0, 1] \rightarrow C[0, 1]$ is well-defined.

Suppose that $\mu_r : C[0, 1] \times C[0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ is described as

$$\mu_r(z, w) = \sup_{\tau \in [0, 1]} |z(\tau) - w(\tau)|^2, \quad (4.10)$$

Then the pair (Ω, μ_r) is complete bMS with coefficient $r = 2$.

Lemma 4.3. Assume that Υ is a mapping described as (4.8) and $z, w \in C[0, 1]$. The pair $(z(\tau), w(\tau))$ is a solution of BVP (1.1) iff it is a CFP of Υ .

Proof. Assume that the form of a solution of BVP (1.1) is $(z(\tau), w(\tau))$. Then from Lemma 4.1, the unique solution can be described as

$$z(\tau) = \int_0^1 \mathfrak{J}(\tau, \theta) \Xi(\theta, z(\theta), w(\theta)) d\theta,$$

and

$$w(\tau) = \int_0^1 \mathfrak{J}(\tau, \theta) \Xi(\theta, w(\theta), z(\theta)) d\theta,$$

where $\mathfrak{J}(\tau, \theta)$ defined in (4.2). Thus, $(z(\tau), w(\tau))$ is a CFP of Υ . \square

Conversely, suppose that $(z(\tau), w(\tau))$ is a CFP of Υ . Since $\alpha < n - 1$, by Lemma 2.2, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
{}^c\Theta^\nu(z(\tau)) &= {}^c\Theta^\nu\left(\int_0^1 \mathfrak{J}(\tau, \theta) \Xi(\theta, z(\theta), w(\theta)) d\theta\right) \\
&= \frac{1}{\nu(2-\alpha)\Gamma(\nu)} \left\{ {}^c\Theta^\nu \left[\int_0^\tau ((-\nu(2-\alpha)(\tau-\theta)^{\nu-1}) \right. \right. \\
&\quad \left. \left. + (\nu(2-\alpha) + 2\alpha\tau(\nu-1+\theta))(1-\theta)^{\nu-1}) \Xi(\theta, z(\theta), w(\theta)) d\theta \right. \right. \\
&\quad \left. \left. + \int_\tau^1 (\nu(2-\alpha) + 2\alpha\tau(\nu-1+\theta))(1-\theta)^{\nu-1} \Xi(\theta, z(\theta), w(\theta)) d\theta \right] \right\} \\
&= -\Xi(\tau, z(\tau), w(\tau)) + {}^c\Theta^\nu \left(\frac{\tau^0}{\Gamma(\nu)} \int_0^1 (1-\theta)^{\nu-1} \Xi(\theta, z(\theta), w(\theta)) d\theta \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \frac{2\alpha\tau}{\nu(2-\alpha)\Gamma(\nu)} \int_0^1 (\nu-1+\theta)(1-\theta)^{\nu-1} \Xi(\theta, z(\theta), w(\theta)) d\theta \right) \\
&= -\Xi(\tau, z(\tau), w(\tau))
\end{aligned}$$

Similarly, one can prove that

$${}^c\Theta^\nu(w(\tau)) = -\Xi(\tau, w(\tau), z(\tau)).$$

Hence $(z(\tau), w(\tau))$ verifies problem (1.1), further, it is easy to verify that $\Lambda''(0) = \Lambda''(0) = 0$, $\Lambda' = \Lambda(1) = \alpha \int_0^1 \Lambda(\theta) d\theta$, which implies that $(z(\tau), w(\tau))$ is a solution to problem (1.1). Because Υ is continuous and has a CFP $(z(\tau), w(\tau))$, thus $(z(\tau), w(\tau))$ is a continuous solution for the given BVP.

In order to study the existence and uniqueness solution for the BVP (1.1), we propose the following theorem.

Theorem 4.1. *Suppose that $\nu \in (3, 4)$ and*

$$\lambda = \frac{1}{\Gamma^2(\nu)} \left(\frac{4}{5} + \frac{8\alpha}{3|\alpha-2|} + \frac{4\alpha^2}{9(\alpha-2)^2} \right) < 1, \quad (4.11)$$

holds for any $\alpha \in (0, 2)$, $\alpha \neq \nu$. Let $\Xi(\cdot, z(\cdot), w(\cdot))$ be a function in L_2 for any $z, w \in C[0, 1]$ and for any $z^, w^* \in C[0, 1]$ the inequality below holds*

$$|\Xi(\theta, z(\theta), w(\theta)) - \Xi(\theta, z^*(\theta), w^*(\theta))|^2 \leq \frac{|z(\theta) - z^*(\theta)|^2 + |w(\theta) - w^*(\theta)|^2}{2}, \quad \theta \in [0, 1], \quad (4.12)$$

Then the mapping Υ has a unique CFP, which is a unique solution to the BVP (1.1).

Proof. Based on the Cauchy–Schwarz inequality, the mapping Υ given in (4.9) and Lemma 4.2, one can write

$$\begin{aligned} & |\Upsilon(z(\tau), w(\tau)) - \Upsilon(z^*(\tau), w^*(\tau))|^2 \\ &= \left| \int_0^1 \mathfrak{F}(\tau, \theta) [\Xi(\theta, z(\theta), w(\theta)) - \Xi(\theta, z^*(\theta), w^*(\theta))] d\theta \right|^2 \\ &\leq \left(\int_0^1 |\mathfrak{F}(\tau, \theta)|^2 d\theta \right) \left(\int_0^1 |\Xi(\theta, z(\theta), w(\theta)) - \Xi(\theta, z^*(\theta), w^*(\theta))|^2 d\theta \right) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{\Gamma^2(\nu)} \left(\frac{4}{5} + \frac{8\alpha}{3|\alpha-2|} + \frac{4\alpha^2}{9(\alpha-2)^2} \right) \left(\int_0^1 \frac{|z(\theta) - z^*(\theta)|^2 + |w(\theta) - w^*(\theta)|^2}{2} d\theta \right) \\ &= \lambda \left(\int_0^1 \frac{|z(\theta) - z^*(\theta)|^2 + |w(\theta) - w^*(\theta)|^2}{2} d\theta \right). \end{aligned}$$

Taking the supremum over $[0, 1]$, we have

$$\mu_r(\Upsilon(z, w), \Upsilon(z^*, w^*)) \leq \lambda \frac{\mu_r(z, z^*) + \mu_r(w, w^*)}{2}.$$

Hence the contractive stipulation (3.10) of Corollary 3.2 is fulfilled, then the mapping Υ have a unique CFP. Thus, by Lemma 4.3 the BVP (1.1) has a unique solution in $C[0, 1]$. \square

5. Supportive examples

This part is devoted to support the theoretical results, where some illustrative examples are presented.

Example 5.1. Assume that $\Omega = \mathbb{R}$ and $\Upsilon, \Xi : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ are two mappings defined by

$$\Upsilon(a_1, a_2) = (a_1)^2 (a_2)^2 \quad \text{and} \quad \Xi(a_1, a_2) = \frac{4}{3} (a_1 + a_2),$$

for all $a_1, a_2 \in \mathbb{R}$, then $(0, 0)$, $(1, 2)$ and $(2, 1)$ are coupled coincidence points of Υ and Ξ .

Example 5.2. Let $\Omega = \mathbb{R}$ and $\Upsilon, \Xi : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be two mappings described as

$$\Upsilon(a_1, a_2) = a_1 + a_2 - a_1 a_2 - \sin(a_1 - a_2) \text{ and } \Xi(a_1, a_2) = a_1 + a_2 + \cos(a_1 + a_2),$$

for all $a_1, a_2 \in \mathbb{R}$, then $(0, \frac{\pi}{4})$ and $(\frac{\pi}{4}, 0)$ are coupled coincidence points of Υ and Ξ .

Example 5.3. Let $\Omega = \mathbb{R}$ and $\Upsilon, \Xi : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be two mappings described as

$$\Upsilon(a_1, a_2) = a_1 a_2 \text{ and } \Xi(a_1, a_2) = a_1 + (a_2 - a_1)^2,$$

for all $a_1, a_2 \in \mathbb{R}$, then $(0, 0)$ and $(1, 1)$ are common CFP of Υ and Ξ .

Example 5.4. Let $\Omega = [0, \infty)$. Define $\mu_r : [0, \infty) \times [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ by

$$\mu_r(\rho, \sigma) = (\rho - \sigma)^2, \text{ for all } \rho, \sigma \in \Omega.$$

Then (Ω, μ_r) is bMS with $r = 2$. Define the mappings $\Upsilon, \Xi : \Omega \times \Omega \rightarrow \Omega$ as follows:

$$\Upsilon(\rho, \sigma) = \begin{cases} \frac{\rho - \sigma}{4}, & \text{if } \rho > \sigma, \\ 0, & \text{if } \rho \leq \sigma, \end{cases} \text{ and } \Xi(\rho, \sigma) = \begin{cases} \frac{\rho - \sigma}{5}, & \text{if } \rho > \sigma, \\ 0, & \text{if } \rho \leq \sigma, \end{cases}$$

To fulfill the rational contractive condition (3.1) of Theorem 3.1, we consider the cases below:

(i) If $\rho > a > \sigma > b$, then $\Upsilon(\rho, \sigma) = \frac{\rho - \sigma}{4}$ and $\Xi(\rho, \sigma) = \frac{\rho - \sigma}{5}$. Consider

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_r(\Upsilon(\rho, a), \Xi(\sigma, b)) &= (\Upsilon(\rho, a) - \Xi(\sigma, b))^2 = \left(\frac{\rho - a}{4} - \frac{\sigma - b}{5} \right)^2 \\ &\leq \frac{(\rho - a)^2}{16} + \frac{(\sigma - b)^2}{25} \\ &\leq \frac{((\rho - \sigma) + (\sigma - a))^2}{16} + \frac{((\sigma - a) + (a - b))^2}{16} \\ &\leq \frac{(\rho - \sigma)^2}{16} + \frac{(a - b)^2}{16}, \text{ since } \sigma < a \\ &= \frac{1}{8} \left(\frac{(\rho - \sigma)^2 + (a - b)^2}{2} \right) \\ &= \lambda \frac{(\rho - \sigma)^2 + (a - b)^2}{2} \\ &= \lambda \frac{\mu_r(\rho, \sigma) + \mu_r(a, b)}{2} \\ &\leq \lambda \frac{\mu_r(\rho, \sigma) + \mu_r(a, b)}{2} + \tau \frac{[1 + \mu_r(\rho, \Upsilon(\rho, a))] \mu_r(\sigma, \Xi(\sigma, b))}{(1 + \mu_r(\rho, \sigma) + \mu_r(a, b))} \\ &\quad + \zeta \frac{\mu_r(\sigma, \Upsilon(\rho, a)) \mu_r(\rho, \Xi(\sigma, b))}{(1 + \mu_r(\rho, \sigma) + \mu_r(a, b))}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence for any value of τ and ζ with $\lambda = \frac{1}{8}$ so that $\lambda + \tau < 1$ and $\lambda + \zeta < 1$, we find that the condition (3.1) holds.

(ii) If $\rho \leq a \leq \sigma \leq b$, then $\Upsilon(\rho, \sigma) = 0$ and $\Xi(\rho, \sigma) = 0$. It is a trivial case. Thus, all requirements of Theorem 3.1 are fulfilled and $(0, 0)$ is a unique common CFP of Υ and Ξ .

Example 5.5. Let $\Omega = \{0, 1\}$. Consider a b -metric $\mu_r : \Omega \times \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ by

$$\mu_r(\rho, \sigma) = \frac{2}{3} (\rho - \sigma)^2, \text{ for all } \rho, \sigma \in \Omega.$$

Then (Ω, μ_r) is bMS with parameter $r = 2$. Define the mappings $\Upsilon, \Xi : \Omega \times \Omega \rightarrow \Omega$ by $\Upsilon(\rho, \sigma) = \frac{\rho\sigma}{4}$ and $\Xi(\rho, \sigma) = \frac{\rho\sigma}{3}$, for all $\rho, \sigma \in \Omega$. It is easy to conclude that the stipulation (3.1) of Theorem 3.1 is fulfilled with $\lambda = \frac{3}{8}$, $\tau = \frac{1}{5}$ and $\zeta = \frac{2}{5}$. Hence $(0, 0)$ is a unique common CFP of Υ and Ξ .

Example 5.6. Consider the BVP of fractional order below:

$${}^c\Theta^{\frac{7}{2}}z(\tau) + \Xi(\tau, z(\tau), w(\tau)) = 0, \tau \in (0, 1), \quad (5.1)$$

where Ξ described as

$$\Xi(\tau, z(\tau), w(\tau)) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2\sqrt{z(\tau)-w(\tau)}}, & \text{if } -1 \leq z, w < 1, \\ \frac{1}{2\sqrt{z(\tau)+w(\tau)}}, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

which is a singular at $z = 0 = w$, with the stipulations

$$\Lambda'''(0) = \Lambda''(0) = 0, \Lambda' = \Lambda(1) = \frac{1}{3} \int_0^1 \Lambda(\theta) d\theta,$$

for each $\Lambda \in [0, 1] \times [0, 1]$. It is clear that the solution of the differential equation of fractional order (5.1) can be satisfied to fulfill the integral equations below:

$$z(\tau) = \int_0^1 \mathfrak{J}(\tau, \theta) \Xi(\theta, z(\theta), w(\theta)) d\theta,$$

and

$$w(\tau) = \int_0^1 \mathfrak{J}(\tau, \theta) \Xi(\theta, w(\theta), z(\theta)) d\theta,$$

where $\mathfrak{J}(\tau, \theta)$ is given by

$$\mathfrak{J}(\tau, \theta) = \frac{6}{35\Gamma(\frac{7}{2})} \begin{cases} \left(\frac{35}{6} + \frac{2}{3}\tau\left(\frac{5}{2} + \theta\right)\right)(1-\theta)^{\frac{5}{2}} - \frac{35}{6}(\tau-\theta)^{\frac{5}{2}}, & \text{if } 0 \leq \theta \leq \tau \leq 1, \\ \left(\frac{35}{6} + \frac{2}{3}\tau\left(\frac{5}{2} + \theta\right)\right)(1-\theta)^{\frac{5}{2}}, & \text{if } 0 \leq \tau \leq \theta \leq 1, \end{cases} \quad (5.2)$$

here $\alpha = \frac{1}{3}$ and $\nu = \frac{7}{2}$, which verify the assumption (4.11). It follows from Lemma 4.2 that

$$\lambda = \int_0^1 |\mathfrak{J}(\tau, \theta)|^2 d\theta < \frac{64}{225\pi} \times \frac{304}{225} \approx 0.1223 < 1. \quad (5.3)$$

Based on Green's function (5.2) and the related mapping Υ described in (4.9), one can write

$$\begin{aligned} & |\Upsilon(z(\tau), w(\tau)) - \Upsilon(z^*(\tau), w^*(\tau))|^2 \\ &= \left| \int_0^1 \mathfrak{J}(\tau, \theta) [\Xi(\theta, z(\theta), w(\theta)) - \Xi(\theta, z^*(\theta), w^*(\theta))] d\theta \right|^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq \left(\int_0^1 |\mathfrak{Y}(\tau, \theta)|^2 d\theta \right) \left(\int_0^1 |\Xi(\theta, z(\theta), w(\theta)) - \Xi(\theta, z^*(\theta), w^*(\theta))|^2 d\theta \right) \text{ (by Cauchy-Schwarz inequality)} \\ &= \lambda \int_0^1 |\Xi(\theta, z(\theta), w(\theta)) - \Xi(\theta, z^*(\theta), w^*(\theta))|^2 d\theta, \end{aligned}$$

where $\lambda < 1$ and

$$\begin{aligned} &|\Xi(\theta, z(\theta), w(\theta)) - \Xi(\theta, z^*(\theta), w^*(\theta))| \\ &= \begin{cases} \left| \sqrt{\frac{1}{4(z(\theta)-w(\theta))} - \frac{1}{4(z^*(\theta)-w^*(\theta))}} \right|, & \text{if } z, w, z^*, w^* \in [-1, 1), \\ \left| \sqrt{\frac{1}{4(z(\theta)+w(\theta))} - \frac{1}{4(z^*(\theta)+w^*(\theta))}} \right|, & \text{if } z, w, z^*, w^* \in (-\infty, -1) \cup [1, +\infty), \\ \left| \sqrt{\frac{1}{4(z(\theta)-w(\theta))} - \frac{1}{4(z^*(\theta)+w^*(\theta))}} \right|, & \text{if } z, w \in [-1, 1), z^*, w^* \in (-\infty, -1) \cup [1, +\infty), \\ \left| \sqrt{\frac{1}{4(z(\theta)+w(\theta))} - \frac{1}{4(z^*(\theta)-w^*(\theta))}} \right|, & \text{if } z, w \in (-\infty, -1) \cup [1, +\infty), z^*, w^* \in [-1, 1). \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Now, for $z, w, z^*, w^* \in [-1, 1)$, one sees that

$$\begin{aligned} &|\Upsilon(z(\tau), w(\tau)) - \Upsilon(z^*(\tau), w^*(\tau))|^2 \\ &\leq \lambda \int_0^1 \left| \sqrt{\frac{1}{4(z(\theta)-w(\theta))} - \frac{1}{4(z^*(\theta)-w^*(\theta))}} \right|^2 d\theta, \\ &= \frac{\lambda}{4} \int_0^1 \left| \frac{(z^*(\theta) - w^*(\theta)) - (z(\theta) - w(\theta))}{(z(\theta) - w(\theta))(z^*(\theta) - w^*(\theta))} \right| d\theta \\ &\leq \frac{\lambda}{2} \int_0^1 \left| \frac{(z^*(\theta) - z(\theta)) + (w(\theta) - w^*(\theta))}{(z(\theta) - w(\theta))(z^*(\theta) - w^*(\theta))} \right| d\theta \\ &\leq \lambda \int_0^1 \left(\frac{|z^*(\theta) - z(\theta)|^2 + |w(\theta) - w^*(\theta)|^2}{2} \right) d\theta. \end{aligned}$$

By taking the supremum over $\tau \in [0, 1]$ and put into account the metric distance (4.10), one can write

$$\mu_r(\Upsilon(z, w), \Upsilon(z^*, w^*)) \leq \lambda \frac{\mu_r(z, z^*) + \mu_r(w, w^*)}{2}.$$

By the same manner, one can show the other selections. Thus, by Corollary 3.2, we conclude that the mapping Υ described in (4.9) has a unique CFP. So we expect a unique solution to the BVP (1.1) in $C[0, 1]$.

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