

Existence of unique integrable solution for a fractional nonlinear Volterra integral equation

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Abstract : We study the existence and uniqueness theorem of a fractional nonlinear Volterra integral equation in the space of Lebesgue integrable on bounded interval $[0, T]$ by using the Banach fixed point theorem.

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I. INTRODUCTION

The subject of nonlinear fractional integral equation considered as an important branch of mathematics because it is used for solving of many problems such as physics, engineering and economics [1,2,3,].

In this paper, we will prove the existence and uniqueness theorem of a fractional Volterra integral equation in the space of Lebesgue integrable $L_1(R^+)$ on bounded interval $[0, T]$ of the kind :

$$x(t) = g(t) f(t, x(t)) + h(t) + \int_0^t \frac{(t-s)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} f(s, x(s)) ds, 0 < \alpha < 1, t \in [0, T] \quad (1.1)$$

II. PRELIMINARIES

Let R be the field of real number, R^+ be the interval $[0, \infty]$. If A is a Lebesgue measurable subset of R , then the symbol $\text{mas}(A)$ stands for the Lebesgue measure of A .

Further, denoted by $L_1(A)$ the space of all real function, defined and Lebesgue measurable on the set A . The norm of a function $x \in L_1(A)$ is define in the standard way by the formula,

$$\|x\| = \|L_1(A)\| = \int_A |x(t)| dt$$

Obviously $L_1(A)$ forms a Banach space under this norm, the space $L_1(A)$ will be called the Lebesgue space. In the case when $A = R^+$ we will write L_1 instead of $L_1(R^+)$.

One of the most important operator studied in nonlinear functional analysis is the so called the superposition operator [4]. Now, let us assume that $A \subset R$ is a given interval bounded.

Definition 2.1[4]: Assume that a function $f(t, x) = f: I \times R \rightarrow R$ satisfies the so-called Carathéodory condition, i. e. it is measurable in t for any $x \in R$ and continuous in x for almost all $t \in I$. Then to every function $x = x(t)$ which is measurable on I we may assign the function $(Fx)(t) = f(t, x(t))$, $t \in I$. The operator F defined in such a way is said to be the **superposition operator** generated by the function f .

Theorem 2.1 [5].

The superposition operator F generated by a function f maps continuously the space $L^1(I)$ into itself if and only if $|f(t, x)| \leq a(t) + b|x|$ for all $t \in I$ and $x \in R$, where $a(t)$ is a function the from $L^1(I)$ and b is a nonnegative constant.

This theorem was proved by Krasnoselskii in the case when I is bounded interval. The generalization to the case of an unbounded interval I was given by Appell and Zabrejko[4].

Definition 2.2 [6]: A function $f: A \rightarrow R^m$, $A \subset R^n$, is said to be Lipschitz continuous if there exists a constant L , $L > 0$ (is called the Lipschitz constant of f on A) such that

$$|f(x) - f(y)| \leq L|x - y|, \text{ for all } x, y \in A.$$

Definition 2.3 [7] Let (X, d) be a metric space and $T : X \rightarrow X$ is called contraction mapping, if there exist a number $\gamma < 1$, such that : $d(Tx, Ty) \leq \gamma d(x, y), \forall x, y \in X$.

Theorem 2.2 [8]: Let X be a closed subset of a Banach space E and $T : X \rightarrow X$ be a contraction, then T has a unique fixed point.

Definition 2.4 [9]: Let $[a, b] (-\infty < a < b < \infty)$ be a finite interval on the real axis \mathbb{R} , the Riemann-Liouville fractional integral $I_{a+}^{\alpha} f$ of order $\alpha \in \mathbb{C} (\Re(\alpha) > 0)$ is define by :

$$I_{a+}^{\alpha} f(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_a^t \frac{f(s) ds}{(t-s)^{1-\alpha}} \quad (t > a; \Re(\alpha) > 0).$$

Definition 2.5 [10] : Let $[a, b] (-\infty < a < b < \infty)$ be a finite interval on the real axis \mathbb{R} , the Riemann-Liouville fractional integral $I_{a+}^{\alpha} f$ of order $\alpha \in \mathbb{C} (\Re(\alpha) \geq 0)$ is define by :

$$D_{a+}^{\alpha} f(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(n-\alpha)} \left(\frac{d}{dt}\right)^n \int_a^t \frac{f(s) ds}{(t-s)^{1-n+\alpha}} \quad (t > a; n = [\Re(\alpha)] + 1)$$

Where $[\Re(\alpha)]$ denotes the integral part of $\Re(\alpha)$. " i.e. $[\Re(\alpha)]$ satisfies

$$[\Re(\alpha)] \leq \Re(\alpha) \leq [\Re(\alpha)] + 1. "$$

III. EXISTENCE THEOREM

Define the operator H associated with integral equation (1.1) take the following form.

$$Hx = Ax + Bx. \quad (3.1)$$

Where

$$\begin{aligned} (Ax)(t) &= g(t) f(t, x(t)), \\ (Bx)(t) &= h(t) + \int_0^t \frac{(t-s)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} f(s, x(s)) ds \\ &= h(t) + KFx(t), \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Where, } (Kx)(t) = \int_0^t \frac{(t-s)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} x(s) ds,$$

$Fx = f(t, x)$, are linear operator at superposition respectively.

We shall treat the equation (3.1) under the following assumptions listed below.

Assume that :

i) $g : [0, T] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is bounded function such that : $M = \sup_{t \in [0, T]} |g(t)|,$

and $h : \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, such that $h \in L_1 [0, T]$.

ii) $f : [0, T] \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ satisfies Lipschitz condition with positive constant L such that ;

$$|f(t, x(t)) - f(t, y(t))| \leq L|x(t) - y(t)|, \quad \text{for all } t \in [0, T].$$

iii) $LM + \frac{LT^{\alpha}}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} < 1.$

Now, for the existence of a unique solution of our equation, we can see the following theorem .

Theorem 3.1 : If the assumptions (i)-(iii) are satisfied, then the equation (1.1) has a unique solution, where $x \in L_1 [0, T]$.

Proof : first we will prove that $H : L_1 [0, T] \rightarrow L_1 [0, T]$,

second will prove that H is contraction .

Consider the operator H as :

$$Hx(t) = g(t) f(t, x(t)) + h(t) + \int_0^t \frac{(t-s)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} f(s, x(s)) ds$$

Then our equation (1.1) becomes

$$x(t) = Hx(t).$$

We notice that by assumption (ii), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 |f(t, x)| &= |f(t, x) - f(t, 0) + f(t, 0)| \\
 &\leq |f(t, x) - f(t, 0)| + |f(t, 0)| \\
 &\leq L|x - 0| + |f(t, 0)| \\
 &\leq L|x| + a(t)
 \end{aligned}$$

Where

$$|f(t, 0)| = a(t)$$

To prove that $H : L_1 [0, T] \rightarrow L_1 [0, T]$,

let $x \in L_1 [0, T]$,

then we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|Hx(t)\| &= \int_0^T |(Hx)(t)| dt \\
 &\leq \int_0^T \left| g(t) f(t, x(t)) + h(t) + \int_0^t \frac{(t-s)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} f(s, x(s)) ds \right| dt \\
 &\leq \int_0^T |g(t)| |f(t, x(t))| dt + \int_0^T |h(t) + \int_0^t \frac{(t-s)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} f(s, x(s)) ds| dt \\
 &\leq M \int_0^T [a(t) + L|x(t)|] dt + \int_0^T |h(t) + \int_0^t \frac{(t-s)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} f(s, x(s)) ds| dt \\
 &\leq M \|a\| + ML \int_0^T |x(t)| dt + \int_0^T |h(t) + \int_0^t \frac{(t-s)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} f(s, x(s)) ds| dt \\
 &\leq M \|a\| + ML \int_0^T |x(t)| dt + \|h\| + \frac{(t-s)^\alpha}{\alpha\Gamma(\alpha)} \Big|_s^T \int_0^T |f(s, x(s))| ds \\
 &\leq M \|a\| + ML \int_0^T |x(t)| dt + \|h\| + \frac{(T-s)^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} \int_0^T [a(s) + |x(s)|] ds \\
 &\leq M \|a\| + ML \int_0^T |x(t)| dt + \|h\| + \frac{T^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} \|a\| + \frac{T^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} \|x\| \\
 &\leq \left[M + \frac{T^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} \right] \|a\| + \|h\| + \left[ML + L \frac{T^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} \right] \int_0^T |x(t)| dt < \infty
 \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$H : L_1 [0, T] \rightarrow L_1 [0, T]$$

second to prove that H is contraction,

let $x, y \in L_1 [0, T]$, then

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_0^T |Hx(t) - Hy(t)| dt &= \int_0^T \left| g(t) f(t, x(t)) + h(t) + \int_0^t \frac{(t-s)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} f(s, x(s)) ds \right. \\
 &\quad \left. - g(t) f(t, y(t)) - h(t) - \int_0^t \frac{(t-s)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} f(s, y(s)) ds \right| dt \\
 &\leq \int_0^T |g(t)| |f(t, x(t)) - f(t, y(t))| dt
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & + \int_0^T \int_0^t \frac{(t-s)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} |f(s, x(s)) - f(s, y(s))| ds dt \\
 & \leq M \int_0^T L |x(t) - y(t)| dt \\
 & + \int_0^T \int_s^T \frac{(t-s)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} |f(s, x(s)) - f(s, y(s))| dt ds \\
 & \leq LM \|x - y\| + \frac{(t-s)^\alpha}{\alpha \Gamma(\alpha)} \Big|_s^T \int_0^T |f(s, x(s)) - f(s, y(s))| ds \\
 & \leq LM \|x - y\| + \frac{(T-s)^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} \int_0^T L |x(s) - y(s)| ds \\
 & \leq LM \|x - y\| + \frac{L T^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} \int_0^T |x(s) - y(s)| ds \\
 & \leq LM \|x - y\| + \frac{L T^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} \|x - y\| \\
 & \leq \left[LM + \frac{L T^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} \right] \|x - y\|
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, by using Banach fixed point theorem,

H has a unique point, which is the solution of the equation (2.2), where $x \in L_1 [0, T]$. ■

CONCLUSION

in this paper, by using Banach fixed point theorem we proved the existence and uniqueness theorem of a fractional nonlinear Volterra integral equation in the space of Lebesgue integrable on bounded interval $[0, T]$ of the kind :

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under the following assumptions :

i) $g : [0, T] \rightarrow R$ is bounded function such that : $M = \sup_{t \in [0, T]} |g(t)|$,

and $h : R^+ \rightarrow R$, such that $h \in L_1 [0, T]$.

ii) $f : [0, T] \times R \rightarrow R$ satisfies Lipschitz condition with positive constant L such that ;

$$|f(t, x(t)) - f(t, y(t))| \leq L |x(t) - y(t)|, \quad \text{for all } t \in [0, T].$$

iii) $LM + \frac{L T^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} < 1$.

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