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Infinite Existence Solutions of Fractional Systems with Lipschitz Nonlinearity

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The paper deals with the existence of infinitely many solutions of a class of perturbed nonlinear fractional p -Laplacian differential systems using one control parameter combined with the variational method.

1. Introduction

Fractional differential equations (FDEs) involve fractional derivatives of the form (d^α/dx^α) ($\alpha > 0$), where is not necessarily an integer. They are generalizations of the ordinary differential equations to a random (noninteger) order. FDEs have attracted considerable interest due to their ability to model complex phenomena in several fields of science, engineering, physics, biology, and economics (see [1–7]). In summary, many improvements have been made in the theory of partial calculus and partial differential equations and partial and ordinary differential equations (see [8–18], [2, 5]). Numerous studies have explored the existence and solutions of different nonlinear elementary and boundary value problems through the use of various nonlinear analysis tools and techniques (see, for example, [7, 19–38]). Some of these ways are the fixed point theorems, critical point theory, monotone iterative methods, coincidence degree theory, and variational methods (see [30]).

Motivated by the above, the interest of this paper is the infinite existence solutions of the following fractional system

$$\begin{cases} {}_t D_T^\alpha (\Phi_p({}_0 D_t^\alpha u(t))) = \lambda F_u(t, u(t), v(t)) + h_1(u_1), & \text{a.e. } t \in [0, T], \\ {}_t D_T^\beta (\Phi_p({}_0 D_t^\beta v(t))) = \lambda F_v(t, u(t), v(t)) + h_2(u_2), & \text{a.e. } t \in [0, T], \\ u(0) = u(T) = 0, & v(0) = v(T) = 0, \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

where λ is a positive real parameter, $\alpha, \beta \in (0; 1]$, and ${}_0 D_t^\alpha$, ${}_t D_T^\alpha$ and ${}_0 D_t^\beta$, ${}_t D_T^\beta$ are the left and right Riemann-Liouville fractional derivatives of order α, β , respectively, $\Phi_p(s) = |s|^{p-2}s$, $p > 1$, $(H_0)F : [0, T] \times \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, where $F(\cdot, u, v)$ is continuous in $[0, T]$ for any $(u, v) \in \mathbb{R}^2$, $F(t, \cdot, \cdot)$ is a C^1 function in \mathbb{R}^2 , and F_s is the partial derivative of F with respect to s , and $h_i : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ are two Lipschitz continuous

functions of order $(p-1)$ with Lipschitzian constants $L_i > 0$ for $1 \leq i \leq 2$, i.e.,

$$|h_i(x_1) - h_i(x_2)| \leq L_i |x_1 - x_2|^{p-1}. \quad (2)$$

2. Preliminaries

We give some basic lemmas and notations and construct a variational framework in order to apply critical point theory to prove the existence of an infinite number of solutions to the system (1).

Let X be a real Banach space, and in addition, let Y_X denote the class of all functionals

$$\phi = X \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad (3)$$

that possess the following property:

If $\{w_n\}$ is a sequence in X converge weakly to $w \in X$ with $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \inf \phi(w_n) \leq \phi(w)$; thus, $\{w_n\}$ has a subsequence converge strongly to w .

For offer, if X is uniformly convex and $S : [0, +\infty) \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a continuous strictly increasing function, then the functional $w \longrightarrow S(\|w\|)$ belongs to Y_X .

Definition 1 (see Kilbas et al. [4] chapter 2, p. 87). Let u be a function defined on $[a, b]$. The right and left Riemann-Liouville fractional derivatives of order $\alpha > 0$ for a function u are defined by

$${}_a D_t^\alpha u(t) := \frac{d^n}{dt^n} {}_a D_t^{\alpha-n} u(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(n-\alpha)} \frac{d^n}{dt^n} \int_a^t (t-s)^{n-\alpha-1} u(s) ds, \quad (4)$$

$${}_a D_b^\alpha u(t) := (-1)^n \frac{d^n}{dt^n} {}_a D_b^{\alpha-n} u(t) = \frac{(-1)^n}{\Gamma(n-\alpha)} \frac{d^n}{dt^n} \int_a^b (t-s)^{n-\alpha-1} u(s) ds, \quad (5)$$

for all $t \in [a, b]$, provided the right-hand sides are pointwise defined on $[a, b]$, where $n-1 \leq \alpha < n$ and $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Here, $\Gamma(\alpha)$ is the standard gamma function given by

$$\Gamma(\alpha) := \int_0^{+\infty} x^{\alpha-1} e^{-x} dx. \quad (6)$$

Set $AC^n([a, b], \mathbb{R})$ the functions space $u : [a, b] \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that

$$u \in C^{n-1}([a, b], \mathbb{R}), \quad (7)$$

with

$$u^{(n-1)} \in AC^n([a, b], \mathbb{R}). \quad (8)$$

As usual, $C^{n-1}([a, b], \mathbb{R})$ denotes the mapping set having $(n-1)$ times continuously differentiable on $[a, b]$. In particular, we have

$$AC([a, b], \mathbb{R}) := AC^1([a, b], \mathbb{R}). \quad (9)$$

Definition 2 (see [31]). Let $0 < \alpha \leq 1$, for $1 < p < \infty$ the derivative fractional space

$$E_\alpha^p = \{u(t) \in L^p([0, T], \mathbb{R})_0 D_t^\alpha u(t) \in L^p([0, T], \mathbb{R}), u(0) = u(T) = 0\}. \quad (10)$$

Thus, for all $u \in E_\alpha^p$, we define the norm for E_α^p as follows:

$$\|u\|_\alpha = \left(\int_0^T |u(t)|^p dt + \int_0^T |{}_0 D_t^\alpha u(t)|^p dt \right)^{1/p}. \quad (11)$$

Lemma 3 (see [3]). Let $0 < \alpha \leq 1$ and $1 < p < \infty$. For any $u \in E_\alpha^p$, we have

$$\|u\|_{L^p} \leq \frac{T^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} \|{}_0 D_t^\alpha u\|_{L^p}. \quad (12)$$

Also, if $\alpha > p$ and $1/p + 1/q = 1$, then

$$\|u\|_\infty \leq \frac{T^{\alpha-1/p}}{\Gamma(\alpha)((\alpha-1)q+1)^{1/q}} \|{}_0 D_t^\alpha u\|_{L^p}. \quad (13)$$

Under the result of Lemma 3, we note that

$$\|u\|_{L^p} \leq \frac{T^{\alpha-1/p}}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} \|{}_0 D_t^\alpha u\|_{L^p}, \quad (14)$$

for $0 < \alpha \leq 1$, and

$$\|u\|_\infty \leq \frac{T^{\alpha-1/p}}{\Gamma(\alpha)((\alpha-1)q+1)^{1/q}} \|{}_0 D_t^\alpha u\|_{L^p}, \quad (15)$$

for $\alpha > p$ and $1/p + 1/q = 1$.

Under (14), we can see that (11) is equivalent to the following norm:

$$\|u\|_\alpha = \left(\int_0^T |{}_0 D_t^\alpha u(t)|^p dt \right)^{1/p}, \quad \forall u \in E_\alpha^p. \quad (16)$$

For $0 < \beta \leq 1$, $1 < p < \infty$. Analogous to the space E_α^p , we define the fractional derivative space E_β^p as

$$\left\{ v(t) \in L^p([0, T], \mathbb{R})_0 D_t^\beta v(t) \in L^p([0, T], \mathbb{R}), v(0) = v(T) = 0 \right\}. \quad (17)$$

Then, for any $v \in E_\beta^p$, the norm of E_β^p is defined by

$$\|v\|_\beta = \left(\int_0^T |v(t)|^p dt + \int_0^T |{}_0 D_t^\beta v(t)|^p dt \right)^{1/p}, \quad \forall v \in E_\beta^p. \quad (18)$$

Similar with (14) and (15), we get

$$\|v\|_{L^p} \leq \frac{T^\beta}{\Gamma(\beta+1)} \|{}_0D_t^\alpha v\|_{L^p}, \quad (19)$$

for $0 < \beta \leq 1$, and

$$\|v\|_\infty \leq \frac{T^{\beta-1/p}}{\Gamma(\beta)((\beta-1)q+1)^{1/q}} \|{}_0D_t^\alpha v\|_{L^p}. \quad (20)$$

Moreover, if $0 < \beta \leq 1$ and $1/p + 1/q = 1$, then, based upon (19), the weighted norm

$$\|v\|_\beta = \left(\int_0^T \left| {}_0D_t^\beta v(t) \right|^p dt \right)^{1/p}, \quad (21)$$

is equivalent to (18), for every $v \in E_\beta^p$.

In the following discussion, for any $u \in E_\alpha^p$, $v \in E_\beta^p$ denote the space of $X = E_\alpha^p \times E_\beta^p$ with the norm

$$\|(u, v)\|_X = \left(\|u\|_\alpha^p + \|v\|_\beta^p \right)^{1/p}, \quad \forall (u, v) \in X, \quad (22)$$

where $\|u\|_\alpha$ and $\|u\|_\beta$ are defined in (16) and (21), respectively.

Clearly, X is embedded compactly on

$$C^0([0, T], \mathbb{R}) \times C^0([0, T], \mathbb{R}). \quad (23)$$

Lemma 4 (see [33]). For $0 < \alpha, \beta \leq 1$ and $1 < p < \infty$. The derivative fractional space X is a reflexive separable Banach space.

Lemma 5. Assume that $1/p < \alpha \leq 1$ and the sequence $\{u_n\}$ converge weakly to u in E_α^p , i.e., $u_n \rightharpoonup u$. Then, $\{u_n\}$ converges strongly to u in $C([0, T], \mathbb{R})$, i.e., $\|u_n - u\|_\infty \rightarrow 0$, as $n \rightarrow +\infty$.

Definition 6 (see [3]). We point out to a weak solution to the system (1), for all $(u, v) \in X$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^T \Phi_p({}_0D_t^\alpha u(t)) {}_0D_t^\alpha x(t) dt + \int_0^T \Phi_p({}_0D_t^\alpha v(t)) {}_0D_t^\beta y(t) dt \\ & - \int_0^T h_1(u(t))x(t) dt - \int_0^T h_2(v(t))y(t) dt \\ & - \lambda \int_0^T (F_u(t, u(t), v(t))x(t) + F_v(t, u(t), v(t))y(t)) dt = 0, \end{aligned} \quad (24)$$

for all $(x, y) \in X$.

We define for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$:

$$H_i(x) = \int_0^x h_i(z) dz, \quad \Theta_i(x) = \int_0^T H_i(x(s)) ds \quad \text{for all } i = 1, 2, \quad (25)$$

for every $t \in [0, T]$.

Lemma 7. Let $h_1, h_2 : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ satisfy (2) and $H_i(x), \Theta_i(x)$, $i = 1, 2$, defined by (25). Thus, $\Theta(u, v) : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defined by

$$\Theta(u, v) = \Theta_1(u) + \Theta_2(v) = \int_0^T H_1(u(t)) dt + \int_0^T H_2(v(t)) dt, \quad (26)$$

is a Gâteaux function weakly sequentially differentiable over X with

$$\Theta'(u, v)(x, y) = \int_0^T h_1(u(t))x(t) dt + \int_0^T h_2(v(t))y(t) dt, \quad \text{for all } (x, y) \in X. \quad (27)$$

Proof. Assume that

$$\{(u_n, v_n)\} \subset X, (u_n, v_n) \rightharpoonup (u, v) \text{ in } X, \quad (28)$$

as $n \rightarrow +\infty$. According to Lemma 5 that (u_n, v_n) converges uniformly to (u, v) on $[0, T]$. Then, there exists $c_1, c_2 > 0$ such that $\|u_n\|_\infty \leq c_1$ and $\|v_n\|_\infty \leq c_2$ for any $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} |H_1(u_n(t)) - H_1(u(t))| & \leq L_1 \left| \int_{u(t)}^{u_n(t)} |s|^{p-1} ds \right| \\ & \leq \frac{L_1}{p} (|u_n(t)|^p + |u(t)|^p) \leq \frac{L_1}{p} (c_1^p + \|u(t)\|_\infty^p), \end{aligned} \quad (29)$$

$$\begin{aligned} |H_2(v_n(t)) - H_2(v(t))| & \leq L_2 \left| \int_{v(t)}^{v_n(t)} |s|^{p-1} ds \right| \\ & \leq \frac{L_2}{p} (|v_n(t)|^p + |v(t)|^p) \leq \frac{L_2}{p} (c_2^p + \|v(t)\|_\infty^p), \end{aligned} \quad (30)$$

for any $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $t \in [0, T]$. Furthermore, $H_1(u_n(t)) \rightarrow H_1(u(t))$ and $H_2(v_n(t)) \rightarrow H_2(v(t))$ at every $t \in [0, T]$, and by the Lebesgue Convergence Theorem

$$\begin{aligned} \Theta(u_n, v_n) &= \int_0^T H_1(u_n(t)) dt + \int_0^T H_2(v_n(t)) dt \rightarrow \int_0^T H_1(u(t)) dt \\ &+ \int_0^T H_2(v(t)) dt = \Theta(u, v). \end{aligned} \quad (31)$$

Now we prove the Gâteaux differentiability of Θ . Assume

that $u, x \in E_\alpha^p$ and $s \neq 0$; thus,

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{\Theta_1(u + sx) - \Theta_1(u)}{s} - \int_0^T h_1(u(t))x(t)dt \right| \\ & \leq \int_0^T \left| \frac{H_1(u + sx) - H_1(u)}{s} - h_1(u(t))x(t) \right| dt \\ & = \int_0^T |h_1(u(t)) + s\zeta(t)x(t) - h_1(u(t))||x(t)|dt \\ & \leq L_1 \|x\|_\infty^p |s|, \end{aligned} \quad (32)$$

where

$$0 < \zeta(t) < 1, \quad t \in [0, T]. \quad (33)$$

Thus

$$\Theta_1 : E_\alpha^p \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad (34)$$

is a Gâteaux differentiable for all $u \in E_\alpha^p$.

Likewise, we have

$$\Theta_2 : E_\beta^p \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad (35)$$

which is a Gâteaux differentiable for all $v \in E_\beta^p$.

Therefore,

$$\Theta : X \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad (36)$$

is a Gâteaux differentiable for all $(u, v) \in X$ with its derivative

$$\Theta'(u, v)(x, y) = \int_0^T h_1(u(t))x(t)dt + \int_0^T h_2(v(t))y(t)dt, \quad (x, y) \in X. \quad (37)$$

For any three elements (u_1, v_1) , (u_2, v_2) , and (x, y) of X , it is easy to see that

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(\Theta'(u_1, v_1) - \Theta'(u_2, v_2) \right)(x, y) = \int_0^T (h_1(u_1) - h_1(u_2))x(t)dt \\ & + \int_0^T (h_2(v_1) - h_2(v_2))y(t)dt \leq L_1 \int_0^T |u_1 - u_2|^{p-1} |x(t)|dt \\ & + L_2 \int_0^T |v_1 - v_2|^{p-1} |y(t)|dt \leq \frac{L_1 T^{\alpha-1/p}}{\Gamma(\alpha)((\alpha-1)q+1)^{1/p}} \\ & \cdot \|u_1 - u_2\|_\infty^{p-1} \|x\|_\alpha + \frac{L_2 T^{\beta-1/p}}{\Gamma(\beta)((\beta-1)q+1)^{1/p}} \\ & \cdot \|v_1 - v_2\|_\infty^{p-1} \|y\|_\alpha, \end{aligned} \quad (38)$$

which implies

$$\|\Theta'(u_1, v_1) - \Theta'(u_2, v_2)\|_X \leq T^* (\|u_1 - u_2\|_\infty^{p-1} + \|v_1 - v_2\|_\infty^{p-1}), \quad (39)$$

where

$$T^* := \max \left\{ \frac{L_1 T^{\alpha-1/p}}{\Gamma(\alpha)((\alpha-1)q+1)^{1/q}}, \frac{L_2 T^{\beta-1/p}}{\Gamma(\beta)((\beta-1)q+1)^{1/q}} \right\}. \quad (40)$$

Hence, $\Theta' : X \longrightarrow X^*$ is a compact operator.

Similarly to the proof of Theorem 5.1 of [4], we have

Lemma 8 (see [36]). *Let $1/p < \alpha, \beta \leq 1$, and $(u, v) \in X$. If (u, v) is a nontrivial weak solution of problem (1), then (u, v) is also a nontrivial solution of problem (1).*

Our analysis is mainly based on the following critical points theorem of Bonanno and Molica Bisci [36], which is a more precise result of Ricceri ([37], Theorem 2.5).

Lemma 9 (see [[36], Theorem 2.1]). *Let X be a reflexive real Banach space. Let $\phi, \Psi : X \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be two Gâteaux differentiable functionals such that ϕ is sequentially weakly lower semicontinuous, strongly continuous, and coercive and Ψ is sequentially weakly upper semicontinuous. For every $r > \inf_X \phi$, put*

$$\varphi(r) = \inf_{u \in \phi^{-1}([-\infty, r])} \frac{\sup_{v \in \phi^{-1}([-\infty, r])} \Psi(v) - \Psi(u)}{r - \phi(u)}, \quad (41)$$

$$\gamma = \lim_{r \rightarrow +\infty} \inf \varphi(r), \quad \delta = \lim_{r \rightarrow (\inf_X \phi)^+} \inf \varphi(r). \quad (42)$$

Then,

- (1) If $\gamma < +\infty$ and $\lambda \in]0, 1/\gamma[$, the following alternative holds: either the functional $\phi - \lambda\Psi$ has a global minimum or there exists a sequence $\{u_n\}$ of local minima $\phi - \lambda\Psi$ such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \phi(u_n) = +\infty$
- (2) If $\gamma < +\infty$ and $\lambda \in]0, 1/\delta[$, the following alternative holds: either there exists a global minimum of ϕ or the following alternative holds: either there exists a global minimum of $\phi - \lambda\Psi$ or there exists a sequence $\{u_n\}$ of pairwise distinct local minima of $\phi - \lambda\Psi$, with $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \phi(u_n) = \inf_X \phi$, which weakly converges to a global minimum of ϕ

3. Main Results

Here, we prove our main results.

Setting

$$k := \min \left\{ 1 - \frac{L_1 T^{p\alpha}}{(\Gamma(\alpha+1))^p}, 1 - \frac{L_2 T^{p\beta}}{(\Gamma(\beta+1))^p} \right\}, \quad (43)$$

$$\rho := \max \left\{ 1 + \frac{L_1 T^{p\alpha}}{(\Gamma(\alpha+1))^p}, 1 + \frac{L_2 T^{p\beta}}{(\Gamma(\beta+1))^p} \right\}, \quad (44)$$

$$M = \max \left\{ \frac{T^{p\alpha-1}}{(\Gamma(\alpha))^p((\alpha-1)q+1)^{p/q}}, \frac{T^{p\beta-1}}{(\Gamma(\beta))^p((\beta-1)q+1)^{p/q}} \right\}. \quad (45)$$

For a given constant $\theta \in (1/p, 0)$, set

$$P(\alpha, \theta) = \frac{1}{p(\theta T)^p} \left\{ \int_0^{\theta T} t^{p(1-\alpha)} dt + \int_{\theta T}^{(1-\theta)T} (t^{1-\alpha} - (t-\theta T)^{1-\alpha})^p dt + \int_{(1-\theta)T}^T [(t^{1-\alpha} - (t-\theta T)^{1-\alpha}) - (t - ((1-\theta)T))^{1-\alpha}]^p dt \right\}, \quad (46)$$

$$Q(\beta, \theta) = \frac{1}{p(\theta T)^p} \left\{ \int_0^{\theta T} t^{p(1-\beta)} dt + \int_{\theta T}^{(1-\theta)T} (t^{1-\beta} - (t-\theta T)^{1-\beta})^p dt + \int_{(1-\theta)T}^T [(t^{1-\beta} - (t-\theta T)^{1-\beta}) - (t - ((1-\theta)T))^{1-\beta}]^p dt \right\}. \quad (47)$$

For any $d > 0$, we denote by $\Omega(d)$ the set

$$\left\{ (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : \frac{1}{p}|x|^p + \frac{1}{p}|y|^p \leq d \right\}. \quad (48)$$

Theorem 10. Suppose that $k > 0$ and (H0) hold. In addition,

(H1) $1/p \leq \alpha, \beta < 1$

(H2) $F(t, x, y) \geq 0$ for any $(t, x, y) [0, T] \in [0, +\infty)[0, +\infty)$

(H3) there exists $\theta \in (0, 1/p)$ where if we set

$$A_\infty = \lim_{\xi \rightarrow +\infty} \inf \frac{\int_0^T \sup_{|x|+|y| \leq \xi} F(t, x, y) dt}{\xi^p}, \quad (49)$$

$$B_\infty = \lim_{\xi \rightarrow +\infty} \sup \frac{\int_{\theta T}^{(1-\theta)T} F(t, \Gamma(2-\alpha)\xi, \Gamma(2-\beta)\xi) dt}{\xi^p}, \quad (50)$$

one has

$$A_\infty < \frac{k}{2pM\rho\Delta} B_\infty, \quad (51)$$

where

$$\Delta = \max \{P(\alpha, \theta), Q(\beta, \theta)\}, \quad (52)$$

and M is given in (45).

Then, for every

$$\lambda \in \left[\frac{\rho\Delta}{B_\infty}, \frac{k}{2pMA_\infty} \right]. \quad (53)$$

(1) has an unbounded sequence in X (weak solutions).

Proof. Our goal is to apply a portion (1) of Lemma 9 to problem (1). First, by taking

$$X = E_\alpha^p \times E_\beta^p, \quad (54)$$

endowed with $\|(u, v)\|_X$ similar to what is considered in (22). We define the following functional

$$I_\lambda(u, v) = \phi(u, v) - \lambda\Psi(u, v), \quad (55)$$

for all $(u, v) \in X$, where

$$\phi(u, v) = \frac{1}{p}\|u\|_\alpha^p + \frac{1}{p}\|v\|_\beta^p - \Theta(u, v), \quad (56)$$

$$\Psi(u, v) = \int_0^T F(t, u(t), v(t)) dt. \quad (57)$$

Since X is embedded compact in

$$C^0([0, T], \mathbb{R}) \times C^0([0, T], \mathbb{R}), \quad (58)$$

it is well known that is a well-defined Gâteaux differentiable functional whose Gâteaux derivative at the point $(u, v) \in X$ is the functional $\Psi'(u, v) \in X^*$, given by

$$\Psi'(u, v)(x, y) = \int_0^T (F_u(t, u(t), v(t)))x(t) dt + \int_0^T (F_v(t, u(t), v(t)))y(t) dt, \quad (59)$$

for every $(x, y) \in X$.

We claim that the functional Ψ is a sequentially weakly upper semicontinuous functional on X . Indeed, for fixed $(u, v) \in X$, suppose that $\{(u_n, v_n)\} \subset X$, $(u_n, v_n) \rightharpoonup (u, v)$ in X as $n \rightarrow +\infty$. Then, (u_n, v_n) converges uniformly to (u, v) on $[0, T]$. Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \sup \Psi(u_n, v_n) &\leq \int_0^T \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \sup F(t, u_n(t), v_n(t)) dt \\ &= \int_0^T F(t, u(t), v(t)) dt = \Psi(u, v), \end{aligned} \quad (60)$$

which implies that it is sequentially weakly upper semicontinuous. Hence, the claim is true.

Concerning the functional ϕ , we can show that what is defined by (56) is a sequentially weakly lower semicontinuous, strongly continuous, and coercive functional on X . In fact since (2) holds for every $x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{R}$ and $h_1(0) = h_2(0) = 0$, one has $|h_i(x)| \leq L_i|x|^{p-1}$, $i = 1, 2$, for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$. It follows from

(14), (20), and Lemma 5 that

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(u, v) &\geq \frac{1}{p} \|u\|_\alpha^p + \frac{1}{p} \|v\|_\beta^p - \left| \int_0^T H_1(u(t)) dt \right| - \left| \int_0^T H_2(v(t)) dt \right| \\ &\geq \frac{1}{p} \|u\|_\alpha^p + \frac{1}{p} \|v\|_\beta^p - \frac{L_1}{p} \int_0^T |u(t)|^p dt - \frac{L_2}{p} \int_0^T |v(t)|^p dt \\ &\geq \left(\frac{1}{p} - \frac{L_1 T^{p\alpha}}{p(\Gamma(\alpha+1))^p} \right) \|u\|_\alpha^p + \left(\frac{1}{p} - \frac{L_2 T^{p\beta}}{p(\Gamma(\beta+1))^p} \right) \|v\|_\beta^p, \end{aligned} \quad (61)$$

for all $(u, v) \in X$ and similarly

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(u, v) &\leq \frac{1}{p} \|u\|_\alpha^p + \frac{1}{p} \|v\|_\beta^p + \left| \int_0^T H_1(u(t)) dt \right| + \left| \int_0^T H_2(v(t)) dt \right| \\ &\leq \left(\frac{1}{p} - \frac{L_1 T^{p\alpha}}{p(\Gamma(\alpha+1))^p} \right) \|u\|_\alpha^p + \left(\frac{1}{p} - \frac{L_2 T^{p\beta}}{p(\Gamma(\beta+1))^p} \right) \|v\|_\beta^p \\ &\leq \frac{p}{p} \left(\|u\|_\alpha^p + \|v\|_\beta^p \right), \end{aligned} \quad (62)$$

for all $(u, v) \in X$. So ϕ is coercive.

Moreover, $\phi + \Theta$ is a continuous functional on X , and Θ , from Lemma 5, is Gâteaux differentiable sequentially weakly continuous and therefore continuous on X , then ϕ is a continuous functional on X . It is not difficult to verify that the functional is a Gâteaux differentiable functional with the differential

$$\begin{aligned} \phi'(u, v)(x, y) &= \int_0^T \Phi_p({}_0D_t^\alpha u(t)) {}_0D_t^\alpha x(t) dt \\ &\quad + \int_0^T \Phi_p({}_0D_t^\beta v(t)) {}_0D_t^\beta y(t) dt \\ &\quad - \int_0^T h_1(u(t)) x(t) dt - \int_0^T h_2(v(t)) y(t) dt. \end{aligned} \quad (63)$$

Furthermore, ϕ is also sequentially weakly lower semi-continuous on X since Θ is sequentially weakly lower semi-continuous, and if $(u_n, v_n) \rightharpoonup (u, v)$ in X then

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \inf \phi(u_n, v_n) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \inf \left(\frac{1}{p} \|u\|_\alpha^p + \frac{1}{p} \|v\|_\beta^p \right) \\ &\quad - \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \Theta(u_n, v_n) \geq \frac{1}{p} \|u\|_\alpha^p + \frac{1}{p} \|v\|_\beta^p - \Theta(u, v) = \phi(u, v). \end{aligned} \quad (64)$$

It is easy to show that the critical points of the functional I_λ and the weak solutions of the problem (1) are the same, and by Lemma 9, we prove our result. According to

$$\|u\|_\infty = \max_{t \in [0, T]} |u(t)| \text{ and } \|u\|_\infty = \max_{t \in [0, T]} |u(t)|, \quad (65)$$

taking (13) and (20) into account, one has

$$\max_{t \in [0, T]} |u(t)|^p \leq M \|u\|_\alpha^p \text{ and } \max_{t \in [0, T]} |v(t)|^p \leq M \|v\|_\beta^p \quad (66)$$

for every $(u, v) \in X$.

Hence,

$$\max_{t \in [0, T]} (|u(t)|^p + |v(t)|^p) \leq M \left(\|u\|_\alpha^p + \|v\|_\beta^p \right). \quad (67)$$

So, for every $r > 0$, from the definition of and by using (61), one has

$$\begin{aligned} \phi^{-1}([-\infty, r]) &:= \{(u, v) \in X : \phi(u, v) \leq r\} \\ &\subseteq \left\{ (u, v) \in X : \frac{1}{p} \|u\|_\alpha^p + \frac{1}{p} \|v\|_\beta^p \leq \frac{r}{k} \right\} \\ &\subseteq \left\{ (u, v) \in X : \frac{(\Gamma(\alpha))^p ((\alpha-1)q+1)^{p/q}}{T^{p\alpha-1}} \|u\|_\infty^p \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{(\Gamma(\beta))^p ((\beta-1)q+1)^{p/q}}{T^{p\beta-1}} \|v\|_\infty^p \leq \frac{r}{k} \right\} \\ &\subseteq \left\{ (u, v) \in X : \frac{1}{p} |u|^p + \frac{1}{p} |v|^p \leq \frac{Mr}{k}, \text{ for all } t \in [0, T] \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (68)$$

Set

$$\varphi(r) = \inf_{(u, v) \in \phi^{-1}([-\infty, r])} \frac{\sup_{(x, y) \in \phi^{-1}([-\infty, r])} \Psi(x, y) - \Psi(u, v)}{r - \phi(u, v)}. \quad (69)$$

Note that $\phi(0, 0) = 0$, and from the condition (H1), $\Psi(0, 0) \geq 0$. Hence, for every $r > 0$,

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(r) &= \inf_{(u, v) \in \phi^{-1}([-\infty, r])} \frac{\left(\sup_{(x, y) \in \phi^{-1}([-\infty, r])} \Psi(x, y) \right) - \Psi(u, v)}{r - \phi(u, v)} \\ &\leq \frac{\sup_{(x, y) \in \phi^{-1}([-\infty, r])} \Psi(x, y)}{r}, \end{aligned} \quad (70)$$

and it follows from (68) that

$$\varphi(r) \leq \frac{1}{r} \sup_{\Omega(Mr/k)} \int_0^T F(t, u, v) dt, \quad (71)$$

where

$$\Omega\left(\frac{Mr}{k}\right) = \left\{ (u, v) \in X : \frac{1}{p} |u(t)|^p + \frac{1}{p} |v(t)|^p \leq \frac{Mr}{k}, \forall t \in [0, T] \right\}. \quad (72)$$

Let $\{\xi_n\}$ be a sequence of positive numbers such that $\xi_n \rightarrow +\infty$ and

$$\lim_{\xi \rightarrow +\infty} \inf \frac{\int_0^T \sup_{|x|+|y| \leq \xi} F(t, x, y) dt}{\xi^p} = A_\infty < +\infty. \quad (73)$$

Put $r_n = (k/p2^p M) \xi_n^p$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Let $(u, v) \in \phi^1([1-\infty, r_n])$, by (68) one has

$$\frac{1}{p} |u(t)|^p + \frac{1}{p} |v(t)|^p \leq \frac{M}{k} r_n, \quad \forall t \in [0, T], \quad (74)$$

which implies

$$|u(t)| \leq \sqrt[p]{\frac{pM}{k} r_n} \text{ and } |v(t)| \leq \sqrt[p]{\frac{pM}{k} r_n}. \quad (75)$$

Hence, for n large enough ($r_n > 1$)

$$|u(t)| + |v(t)| \leq 2 \sqrt[p]{\frac{pM}{k} r_n} = \xi_n. \quad (76)$$

Thus, for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$,

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(r_n) &= \frac{p2^p M}{k \xi_n^p} \sup_{\{(u,v) \in X: |u(t)|+|v(t)| < \xi_n, \forall t \in [0, T]\}} \int_0^T F(t, u(t), v(t)) dt \\ &\leq \frac{p2^p M}{k} \cdot \frac{\int_0^T \sup_{|x|+|y| < \xi_n} F(t, x, y) dt}{\xi_n^p}. \end{aligned} \quad (77)$$

Let

$$\gamma := \lim_{r \rightarrow +\infty} \inf \varphi(r). \quad (78)$$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma &\leq \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \inf \varphi(r_n) \leq \frac{p2^p M}{k} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\int_0^T \sup_{|x|+|y| < \xi_n} F(t, x, y) dt}{\xi_n^p} \\ &= \frac{p2^p M}{k} A_\infty < +\infty. \end{aligned} \quad (79)$$

Hence, $\Lambda \subseteq]0, 1/\gamma[$.

For $\lambda \in \Lambda$, we shall show that the functional I_λ is unbounded from below.

Indeed, since $B_\infty/\rho^\Delta > 1/\lambda$, we can choose a sequence $\{\eta_n\}$ of positive numbers and $\varepsilon > 0$ such that $\eta_n \rightarrow +\infty$ and

$$\frac{1}{\lambda} < \varepsilon < \frac{1}{\rho^\Delta} \cdot \frac{\int_{\theta T}^{(1-\theta)T} F(t, \Gamma(2-\alpha)\eta_n, \Gamma(2-\beta)\eta_n) dt}{\eta_n^p}, \quad (80)$$

for n large enough.

For all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, and $(0, 1/p)$ define $\omega_n(t) = (\omega_{1,n}(t), \omega_{2,n}(t))$ by setting

$$\omega_{1,n}(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{\Gamma(2-\alpha)}{\theta T} t, & t \in [0, \theta T], \\ \Gamma(2-\alpha)\eta_n, & t \in [\theta T, (1-\theta)T], \\ \frac{\Gamma(2-\alpha)\eta_n}{\theta T} (T-t), & t \in [(1-\theta)T, T], \end{cases} \quad (81)$$

$$\omega_{2,n}(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{\Gamma(2-\beta)\eta_n}{\theta T} t, & t \in [0, \theta T], \\ \Gamma(2-\alpha)\beta\eta_n, & t \in [\theta T, (1-\theta)T], \\ \frac{\Gamma(2-\beta)\eta_n}{\theta T} (T-t), & t \in [(1-\theta)T, T]. \end{cases} \quad (82)$$

Clearly $\omega_{i,n}(0) = \omega_{i,n}(T) = 0$ and $\omega_{i,n} \in L^p([0, T])$ for $i = 1, 2$. A direct calculation shows that

$${}_0 D_t^\alpha \omega_{1,n}(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{\eta_n}{\theta T} t^{1-\alpha}, & t \in [0, \theta T], \\ \frac{\eta_n}{\theta T} (t^{1-\alpha} - (t-\theta T)^{1-\alpha}), & t \in [\theta T, (1-\theta)T], \\ \frac{\eta_n}{\theta T} (t^{1-\alpha} - (t-\theta T)^{1-\alpha} - (t-(1-\theta)T)^{1-\alpha}), & t \in [(1-\theta)T, T], \end{cases} \quad (83)$$

$${}_0 D_t^\beta \omega_{2,n}(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{\eta_n}{\theta T} t^{1-\beta}, & t \in [0, \theta T], \\ \frac{\eta_n}{\theta T} (t^{1-\beta} - (t-\theta T)^{1-\beta}), & t \in [\theta T, (1-\theta)T], \\ \frac{\eta_n}{\theta T} (t^{1-\beta} - (t-\theta T)^{1-\beta} - (t-(1-\theta)T)^{1-\beta}), & t \in [(1-\theta)T, T]. \end{cases} \quad (84)$$

Furthermore,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^T |{}_0 D_t^\alpha \omega_{1,n}(t)|^p dt &= \int_0^{\theta T} + \int_{\theta T}^{(1-\theta)T} + \int_{(1-\theta)T}^T |{}_0 D_t^\alpha \omega_{1,n}(t)|^p dt \\ &= \frac{\eta_n^p}{(\theta T)^p} \left\{ \int_0^{\theta T} t^{p(1-\alpha)} dt + \int_{\theta T}^{(1-\theta)T} (t^{1-\alpha} - (t-\theta T)^{1-\alpha})^p dt \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \int_{(1-\theta)T}^T [(t^{1-\alpha} - (t-\theta T)^{1-\alpha}) - (t - ((1-\theta)T)^{1-\alpha})]^p dt \right\} \\ &= pP(\alpha, \theta) \eta_n^p, \end{aligned} \quad (85)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^T |{}_0 D_t^\beta \omega_{2,n}(t)|^p dt &= \int_0^{\theta T} + \int_{\theta T}^{(1-\theta)T} + \int_{(1-\theta)T}^T |{}_0 D_t^\beta \omega_{2,n}(t)|^p dt \\ &= \frac{\eta_n^p}{(\theta T)^p} \left\{ \int_0^{\theta T} t^{p(1-\beta)} dt + \int_{\theta T}^{(1-\theta)T} (t^{1-\beta} - (t-\theta T)^{1-\beta})^p dt \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \int_{(1-\theta)T}^T [(t^{1-\beta} - (t-\theta T)^{1-\beta}) - (t - ((1-\theta)T)^{1-\beta})]^p dt \right\} \\ &= pQ(\beta, \theta) \eta_n^p. \end{aligned} \quad (86)$$

Thus, $\omega_n \in X$, and

$$\begin{aligned} \|\omega_{1,n}(t)\|^p &= \int_0^T |{}_0D_t^\alpha \omega_{1,n}(t)|^p dt = pP(\alpha, \theta) \eta_n^p, \\ \|\omega_{2,n}(t)\|^p &= \int_0^T |{}_0D_t^\alpha \omega_{2,n}(t)|^p dt = pQ(\beta, \theta) \eta_n^p. \end{aligned} \quad (87)$$

This and (61) imply that

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi(\omega_{1,n}, \omega_{2,n}) &= \frac{1}{p} \|\omega_{1,n}(t)\|^p + \frac{1}{p} \|\omega_{2,n}(t)\|^p - \Theta(\omega_{1,n}, \omega_{2,n}) \\ &\leq \frac{\rho}{p} \left(\|\omega_{1,n}(t)\|^p + \|\omega_{2,n}(t)\|^p \right) \\ &= \rho(P(\alpha, \theta) + Q(\beta, \theta)) \eta_n^p \leq \rho \Delta \eta_n^p. \end{aligned} \quad (88)$$

From (H2), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi(\omega_{1,n}, \omega_{2,n}) &= \int_0^{\theta T} + \int_{\theta T}^{(1-\theta)^T} + \int_{(1-\theta)^T}^T F(t, \omega_{1,n}, \omega_{2,n}) dt \\ &\geq \int_{\theta T}^{(1-\theta)^T} F(t, \omega_{1,n}, \omega_{2,n}) dt \\ &= \int_{\theta T}^{(1-\theta)^T} F(t, \Gamma(2-\alpha)\eta_n, \Gamma(2-\beta)\eta_n) dt. \end{aligned} \quad (89)$$

According to (80), (88), and (89), we have

$$\begin{aligned} I_\lambda(\omega_{1,n}, \omega_{2,n}) &= \phi(\omega_{1,n}, \omega_{2,n}) - \lambda \Psi(\omega_{1,n}, \omega_{2,n}) \\ &\leq \rho(P(\alpha, \theta) + Q(\beta, \theta)) \eta_n^p \\ &\quad - \lambda \int_{\theta T}^{(1-\theta)^T} F(t, \Gamma(2-\alpha)\eta_n, \Gamma(2-\beta)\eta_n) dt \\ &\leq \rho \Delta (1 - \lambda \varepsilon) \eta_n^p, \end{aligned} \quad (90)$$

for n large enough. Taking into account the choice of ε , the above inequality shows that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} I_\lambda(\omega_{1,n}, \omega_{2,n}) = -\infty, \quad (91)$$

which implies that the functional I_λ is unbounded from below and the claim follows.

By using the case (1) of Lemma 9, the functional I_λ has a sequence $\{(u_n, v_n)\}$ of critical points such that

$$\Phi(u_n, v_n) \longrightarrow +\infty. \quad (92)$$

From (22) and (61), we get

$$\|(u_n, v_n)\|_X \geq \sqrt{\frac{p\Phi(u_n, v_n)}{\rho}}, \quad (93)$$

which implies $\|(u_n, v_n)\|_X \longrightarrow +\infty$ and the proof of Theorem 10 is complete.

Theorem 11. Assume that $k > 0$ and (H0) and (H2) hold. Furthermore, (H4) $F(t, 0, 0) = 0$ for all $t \in [0, T]$.

(H5) There exists $\theta \in (0, 1/p)$ such that, if we put

$$A_0 = \lim_{\xi \rightarrow 0^+} \inf \frac{\int_0^T \sup_{|x|+|y| \leq \xi} F(t, x, y) dt}{\xi^p}, \quad (94)$$

$$B_0 = \lim_{\xi \rightarrow 0^+} \sup \frac{\int_{\theta T}^{(1-\theta)^T} F(t, \Gamma(2-\alpha)\xi, \Gamma(2-\beta)\xi) dt}{\xi^p}, \quad (95)$$

one has

$$A_0 < \frac{k}{2pM\rho\Delta} B_0, \quad (96)$$

where $\Delta = \max \{P(\alpha, \theta), Q(\beta, \theta)\}$ and M is given in (45).

Then, for every

$$\lambda \in \Lambda' := \left] \frac{\rho\Delta}{B_0}, \frac{k}{2pMA_0} \right], \quad (97)$$

(1) has a sequence $\{(u_n, v_n)\}$ of weak solutions such that $(u_n, v_n) \rightharpoonup (0, 0)$.

Proof. Our goal is to apply part (2) of Lemma 9 to ϕ and Ψ defined in (48) and (51), respectively.

As it has been pointed out before, the functionals ϕ and Ψ satisfy the assumption regularity required in Lemma 9.

Since $F(t, 0, 0) = 0$ for all $t \in [0, T]$, then

$$\min_{(u,v) \in X} \phi(u, v) = \phi(0, 0) = 0. \quad (98)$$

Let $\{\xi_n\}$ be a sequence of positive numbers such that $\xi_n \longrightarrow 0$ and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\int_0^T \sup_{|x|+|y| \leq \xi_n} F(t, x, y) dt}{\xi_n^p} = A_0 < +\infty. \quad (99)$$

Setting $r_n = (k/p2^p M) \xi_n^p$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, and working as in the proof of Theorem 10, we can show that

$$\begin{aligned} \delta &= \lim_{r \rightarrow (\inf_X \Phi)} \inf \varphi(r) \leq \frac{p2^p M}{k} \cdot \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\int_0^T \sup_{|x|+|y| \leq \xi_n} F(t, x, y) dt}{\xi_n^p} \\ &= \frac{p2^p M}{k} A_0, \end{aligned} \quad (100)$$

and so $\Lambda' \subset (0, 1/\delta)$.

Now fix λ as in the conclusion, then

$$\frac{1}{\lambda} < \frac{1}{\rho\Delta} \lim_{\xi \rightarrow 0^+} \sup \frac{\int_{\theta T}^{(1-\theta)T} F(t, \Gamma(2-\alpha)\xi, \Gamma(2-\beta)\xi) dt}{\xi^p}, \quad (101)$$

and there exist a sequence $\{\tau_n\}$ of positive numbers and a constant ε_1 such that $\tau_n \leq 1/n$ and

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\int_{\theta T}^{(1-\theta)T} F(t, \Gamma(2-\alpha)\tau_n, \Gamma(2-\beta)\tau_n) dt}{\tau_n^p} \\ &= \lim_{\xi \rightarrow 0^+} \sup \frac{\int_{\theta T}^{(1-\theta)T} F(t, \Gamma(2-\alpha)\xi, \Gamma(2-\beta)\xi) dt}{\xi^p}, \end{aligned} \quad (102)$$

and in addition

$$\frac{1}{\lambda} < \varepsilon_1 < \frac{1}{\rho\Delta} \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\int_{\theta T}^{(1-\theta)T} F(t, \Gamma(2-\alpha)\tau_n, \Gamma(2-\beta)\tau_n) dt}{\tau_n^p}. \quad (103)$$

For all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, and $\theta \in (0, 1/p)$ define $\omega_n(t) = (\omega_{1,n}(t), \omega_{2,n}(t))$ by setting

$$\omega_{1,n}(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{\Gamma(2-\alpha)\tau_n}{\theta T} t, & t \in [0, \theta T[, \\ \Gamma(2-\alpha)\tau_n, & t \in [\theta T, (1-\theta)T], \\ \frac{\Gamma(2-\alpha)\tau_n}{\theta T} (T-t), & t \in [(1-\theta)T, T], \end{cases} \quad (104)$$

$$\omega_{2,n}(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{\Gamma(2-\beta)\tau_n}{\theta T} t, & t \in [0, \theta T[, \\ \Gamma(2-\beta)\tau_n, & t \in [\theta T, (1-\theta)T], \\ \frac{\Gamma(2-\beta)\tau_n}{\theta T} (T-t), & t \in [(1-\theta)T, T]. \end{cases} \quad (105)$$

Clearly $\omega_{i,n}(0) = \omega_{i,n}(T) = 0$ for $i = 1, 2$, and $\{\omega_n\}$ converges strongly to $(0, 0)$ in X .

By the same argument as in Theorem 10, we have

$$\begin{aligned} I_\lambda(\omega_{1,n}, \omega_{2,n}) - \lambda \Psi(\omega_{1,n}, \omega_{2,n}) &\leq \rho(P(\alpha, \theta) + Q(\beta, \theta))\tau_n^p \\ &\quad - \lambda \int_{\theta T}^{(1-\theta)T} F(t, \Gamma(2-\alpha)\tau_n, \Gamma(2-\beta)\tau_n) dt \\ &\leq \rho\Delta(1 - \lambda\varepsilon_1)\tau_n^p < 0 = I_\lambda(0, 0), \end{aligned} \quad (106)$$

for n large enough. This together with the fact that $\|\omega_n\|_X = \|\omega_{1,n}, \omega_{2,n}\|_X \rightarrow 0$ shows that I_λ has no local minimum at zero, and the claim follows.

The alternative of Lemma 9 case (2) ensures the existence of sequence $\{(u_n, v_n)\}$ of pairwise distinct local minima of I_λ which weakly converges to $(0, 0)$. This completes the proof of Theorem 11.

Finally, we present an example to illustrate our main results.

Example 12. Consider the following fractional differential system:

$$\begin{cases} {}_t D_1^{0.6}(\Phi_3({}_0 D_t^{0.6} u(t))) = \lambda F_u(t, u(t), v(t)) + \left(\sin\left(\frac{u_1}{2}\right)\right)^2, & \text{a.e. } t \in [0, T], \\ {}_t D_1^{0.75}(\Phi_3({}_0 D_t^{0.75} u(t))) = \lambda F_v(t, u(t), v(t)) + \left(\arctan\left(\frac{u_2}{3}\right)\right)^2, & \text{a.e. } t \in [0, T], \\ u(0) = u(1) = 0, & v(0) = v(1) = 0, \end{cases} \quad (107)$$

where $T = 1$, $\alpha = 0, 6$, $\beta = 0, 75$, and $h_1(u_1) = (\sin(u_1/2))^2$, $h_2(u_2) = (\arctan(u_2/3))^2$. Moreover, for all $(t, u, v) \in [0, 1] \times \mathbb{R}^2$ put

$$F(t, u(t), v(t)) = (1 + t^2)H(u, v), \quad (108)$$

where

$$H(u, v) = \begin{cases} \xi_{n+1}^3 \exp\left(\frac{-1}{1 - (u - 0.8873\xi_{n+1})^2 + (v - 0.9064\xi_{n+1})^2}\right), & (u, v) \in \Omega, \\ 0, & (u, v) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \Omega, \end{cases} \quad (109)$$

where

$$\Omega = \bigcup_{n \geq 1} \left\{ (u, v) : (u - 0.8873\xi_{n+1})^2 + (v - 0.9064\xi_{n+1})^2 < 1 \right\}, \quad (110)$$

and $\xi_1 = 1$, $\xi_{n+1} = n(\xi_n)^{4/3} + 1$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Clearly, $h_1, h_2 : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ are two Lipschitz continuous functions of order 2 with Lipschitzian constants $L_1 = 1/2$, $L_2 = 1/3$ and $h_1(0) = h_2(0) = 0$, $F(t, 0, 0) = 0$ for all $t \in [0, 1]$. With the aid of direct computation we have that

$$M \approx 1.8925, k \approx 0.2991, \rho \approx 1.7009. \quad (111)$$

Let $\theta = 1/3$, then we have

$$\begin{aligned} P\left(\alpha, \frac{1}{3}\right) &= P\left(0, 6, \frac{1}{3}\right) \approx 0.3366, Q\left(\beta, \frac{1}{3}\right) = Q\left(0, 75, \frac{1}{3}\right) \\ &\approx 0.3745. \end{aligned} \quad (112)$$

Then, $\Delta \approx 0.3745$. Thus, all conditions of Theorem 10 are satisfied.

In fact, the conditions (H0), (H1), and (H2) hold. For all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Restriction of $H(u, v)$ on Ω attains its maximum in $(0.8873\xi_{n+1}, 0.9064\xi_{n+1})$ and

$$H(0.8873\xi_{n+1}, 0.9064\xi_{n+1}) = \xi_{n+1}^3 \exp(-1). \quad (113)$$

In addition,

$$\sup_{|u|+|v|\leq 0.8873\xi_{n+1}^{-1}} H(u, v) = \xi_n^3 \exp(-1), \quad (114)$$

and so

$$\begin{aligned} B_\infty &= \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \sup \frac{\int_{1/3}^{2/3} H(0.8873\xi_{n+1}, 0.9064\xi_{n+1}) dt}{\xi_n^2 + 1} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\xi_{n+1}^3 \exp(-1)}{\xi_n^2 + 1} = +\infty, \end{aligned} \quad (115)$$

$$\begin{aligned} A_\infty &= \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \inf \frac{\int_0^1 \sup_{|u|+|v|\leq (0.8873\xi_{n+1})^{-1}} H(u, v) dt}{(0.8873\xi_{n+1})^2} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\xi_n^3 \exp(-1)}{(0.8873\xi_{n+1})^2} = 0 < \frac{k}{2pM\rho\Delta} B_0, \end{aligned} \quad (116)$$

which implies that the condition (H3) holds. Hence, owing to Theorem 10, for each $\lambda \in (0; +\infty)$, the coupled system (107) has an unbounded sequence of weak solutions.

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