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# A New Class of $\psi$ -Caputo Fractional Differential Equations and Inclusion

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In the present research work, we investigate the existence of a solution for new boundary value problems involving fractional differential equations with  $\psi$ -Caputo fractional derivative supplemented with nonlocal multipoint, Riemann–Stieltjes integral and  $\psi$ -Riemann–Liouville fractional integral operator of order  $\gamma$  boundary conditions. Also, we study the existence result for the inclusion case. Our results are based on the modern tools of the fixed-point theory. To illustrate our results, we provide examples.

## 1. Introduction

Fractional calculus has played a very important role in different areas of research (see [1, 2] and the references cited therein). Consequently, fractional differential equations have grasped the interest of many researchers working in diverse applications [3–6]. Recently, several researchers have tried to propose different types of fractional operators that deal with derivatives and integrals of arbitrary orders and their applications. For instance, Kilbas et al. in [2] introduced the properties of fractional integrals and fractional derivatives concerning another function. Some generalized fractional integral and differential operators and their properties were introduced by Agrawal in [7]. Very recently, Almeida in [8] presented a new type of fractional differentiation operator, the so-called  $\psi$ -Caputo fractional operator, and extended work of Caputo [2, 9]. Almeida et al. in [10, 11] investigated the existence and uniqueness of the results of nonlinear fractional differential equations involving a Caputo-type fractional derivative with respect to another function, employing the fixed-point theorem and Picard iteration method. Numerous interesting results concerning the existence, uniqueness, and stability of initial value problems and boundary value problems for fractional differential equations with  $\psi$ -Caputo fractional derivatives

by applying different types of fixed-point techniques were obtained by Abdo et al. [12, 13], Vivek et al. [14], and Wahash et al. [15]. An important application that is controlled by the theory of  $\psi$ -fractional differentiation can be found in [16].

In this paper, we investigate a new boundary value problem of fractional differential equations supplemented with nonlocal multipoint, Riemann–Stieltjes integral fractional boundary conditions involving Riemann–Liouville fractional integral operator of order  $\gamma > 0$  with respect to function  $\psi$  given by the form

$$\begin{cases} {}^c D_{0^+}^\alpha, \psi \left( {}^c D_{0^+}^\beta, \psi u(t) + h(t, u(t)) \right) = f(t, u(t)), & 0 < \alpha, \beta \leq 1, \\ u(0) = a_1 \Omega[u], \\ u(1) = a_2 \theta[u] + a_3 \sum_{i=1}^m \mu_i I_{0^+}^\gamma, \psi u(\eta_i), \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

where  ${}^c D_{0^+}^\alpha, \psi$  and  ${}^c D_{0^+}^\beta, \psi$  denotes the  $\psi$ -Caputo fractional derivatives of orders  $0 < \alpha \leq 1$  and  $0 < \beta \leq 1$ , respectively,  $I_{0^+}^\gamma, \psi$  is the  $\psi$ -Riemann–Liouville fractional integral operator of order  $\gamma > 0$ . The functions  $h: [0, 1] \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $f: [0, 1] \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  are continuous, whereas  $\Omega[u] = \int_0^1 u(s) dA_1(s)$  and  $\theta[u] = \int_0^1 u(s) dA_2(s)$  are Riemann–Stieltjes integral

and  $A_i(\cdot)$ , ( $i = 1, 2$ ) is a function of bounded variation.  $a_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, 3$ ) is a real constant, and  $\mu_i, \eta_i$  ( $i = 1, \dots, m$ ) are positive constants.

We also study the corresponding inclusion problem that is given by

$$\begin{cases} {}^c D_{0^+}^\alpha \psi({}^c D_{0^+}^\beta u(t) + h(t, u(t))) \in F(t, u(t)), & 0 < \alpha, \beta \leq 1, \\ u(0) = a_1 \Omega[u], \\ u(1) = a_2 \theta[u] + a_3 \sum_{i=1}^m \mu_i I_{0^+}^\gamma u(\eta_i), \end{cases} \tag{2}$$

where  $F: C([0, 1], \mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R})$  is a multivalued function, where  $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R})$  is the family of all subsets of  $\mathbb{R}$  and the other quantities are the same as defined in problem (1).

Notice that this Riemann–Stieltjes integral fractional boundary conditions arise in manifold applications of computational fluid dynamics, distribution methods, and so forth (for example, see [17, 18]).

This paper is organized as follows. In Section 2, we recall some preliminary results and some related definitions. In Section 3, we discuss the existence results of solutions by relying on Krasnoselskii fixed-point theorem and Leray–Schauder nonlinear alternative. Also, we present an example. Finally, we describe the inclusion case and deduce the existence of solutions by applying Krasnoselskii’s multivalued fixed-point theorem in Section 4.

## 2. Preliminaries

For the convenience of the reader, we present here some necessary basic definitions, lemmas, and results which are used throughout this paper [2, 8, 10, 12, 19, 20].

*Definition 1.* Let  $[a, b]$  be a finite interval and  $0 \leq \varepsilon < 1$  and  $AC[a, b]$  be the set of absolute continuous functions on  $[a, b]$ . Then, we define

$$\begin{aligned} AC_\gamma^n[a, b] &= \left\{ f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \text{ and } \gamma^{n-1} f \in AC[a, b], \gamma = x^{1-\rho} \frac{d}{dx} \right\}, \\ AC_\gamma^1[a, b] &= AC[a, b], \\ C_{\gamma, \varepsilon}^n[a, b] &= \left\{ f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \text{ and } \gamma^{n-1} f \in C[a, b], \gamma^n f \in C_{\varepsilon, \rho}, \gamma = x^{1-\rho} \frac{d}{dx} \right\}, \end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

endowed with the norm  $\|f\|_{C_\gamma^n} = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \|\gamma^k f\|_C + \|\gamma^n f\|_{C_{\varepsilon, \rho}}$ . The convention  $C_{\gamma, 0}^n[a, b] = C_\gamma^n[a, b]$  endowed with the norm  $\|f\|_{C_\gamma^n} = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \|\gamma^k f\|_C$  is used.

*Definition 2.* Let  $\alpha > 0$ ,  $h$  be an integrable function defined on  $[a, b]$ , and  $\psi \in C^n[a, b]$  be an increasing differentiable function such that  $\psi(t) \neq 0$  for all  $t \in [a, b]$ . The left-sided  $\psi$ -Riemann–Liouville fractional integral of order  $\alpha$  of a function  $h$  is given by

$$I_{0^+}^\alpha \psi h(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^t (\psi(t) - \psi(s))^{\alpha-1} \psi'(s) h(s) ds. \tag{4}$$

*Definition 3.* Let  $n - 1 < \alpha < n$ ,  $h: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be an integrable function and  $\psi \in C^n[a, b]$  be an increasing differentiable function such that  $\psi(t) \neq 0$  for all  $t \in [a, b]$ . The left-sided  $\psi$ -Riemann–Liouville fractional derivative of order  $\alpha$  of a function  $h$  is defined by

$$D_{0^+}^\alpha \psi h(t) = \left[ \frac{1}{\psi(t)} \frac{d}{dt} \right]^n I_{0^+}^{n-\alpha} \psi h(t), \tag{5}$$

where  $n = [\alpha] + 1$  and  $[\alpha]$  denote the integer part of the real number  $\alpha$ .

*Definition 4.* Let  $n - 1 < \alpha < n$ ,  $h \in C^{n-1}[a, b]$ , and  $\psi \in C^n[a, b]$  be an increasing differentiable function such that  $\psi(t) \neq 0$  for all  $t \in [a, b]$ . The left-sided  $\psi$ -Caputo fractional derivative of order  $\alpha$  of a function  $h$  is defined by

$${}^c D_{0^+}^\alpha \psi h(t) = D_{0^+}^\alpha \psi \left[ h(t) - \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{h_\psi^{[k]}(0)}{k!} (\psi(t) - \psi(0))^k \right], \tag{6}$$

where  $h_\psi^{[k]}(t) = [(1/\psi(t)) (d/dt)]^k h(t)$  and  $n = [\alpha] + 1$  for  $\alpha \notin \mathbb{N}$  and  $n = \alpha$  for  $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}$ . Furthermore, if  $h \in C^n[a, b]$  and  $\alpha \notin \mathbb{N}$ , then

$${}^c D_{0^+}^\alpha \psi h(t) = I_{0^+}^{n-\alpha} \psi \left[ \frac{1}{\psi(t)} \frac{d}{dt} \right]^n h(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(n-\alpha)} \int_0^t (\psi(t) - \psi(s))^{n-\alpha-1} \psi'(s) h_\psi^{[n]}(s) ds. \tag{7}$$

Thus, if  $n = [\alpha] \in \mathbb{N}$ , one has

$${}^c D_{0^+}^\alpha h(t) = h_\psi^{[n]}(t). \tag{8}$$

**Lemma 1.** Given a function  $h \in AC_\psi^n([0, 1])$  and  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}^+$ , then

$$I_{0^+}^\alpha {}^c D_{0^+}^\alpha h(t) = h(t) - \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{(\delta_\psi^k h)(0)}{k!} (\psi(t) - \psi(0))^k. \tag{9}$$

**Lemma 2.** Let  $\alpha, \beta > 0$  and  $h: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ; then,

- (i)  $I_{0^+}^\alpha [\psi(t) - \psi(0)]^{\beta-1} = ((\Gamma(\beta))/(\Gamma(\alpha + \beta))) [\psi(t) - \psi(0)]^{\alpha+\beta-1}$
- (ii)  ${}^c D_{0^+}^\alpha [\psi(t) - \psi(0)]^{\beta-1} = ((\Gamma(\beta))/(\Gamma(\beta - \alpha))) [\psi(t) - \psi(0)]^{\beta-\alpha-1}$
- (iii)  ${}^c D_{0^+}^\alpha [\psi(t) - \psi(0)]^k = 0, \forall k \in \{0, 1, \dots, n-1\}, n \in \mathbb{N}$
- (iv)  $I_{0^+}^\alpha I_{0^+}^\beta h(t) = I_{0^+}^{\alpha+\beta} h(t)$

The existence of solutions of problem (1) relies on the following fixed-point theorems [21, 22].

**Theorem 1** (Krasnoselskii’s fixed-point theorem). Let  $\mathfrak{p}$  be a closed, convex, bounded, and nonempty subset of a Banach space  $X$ . Let  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  be operators such that

- (i)  $T_1(u_1) + T_2(u_2)$  belong to  $\mathfrak{p}$  whenever  $u_1, u_2 \in \mathfrak{p}$
- (ii)  $T_1$  is compact and  $T_2$  is a contraction mapping

Then, there exist  $u_0 \in \mathfrak{p}$  such that  $u_0 = T_1(u_0) + T_2(u_0)$ .

**Theorem 2** (Leray–Schauder fixed-point theorem). Let  $C$  be a closed and convex subset of a Banach space  $E$  and  $U$  be an open subset of  $C$  with  $0 \in U$ . Suppose that  $\mathcal{V}: \bar{U} \rightarrow C$  is a continuous, compact (that is,  $\mathcal{V}(\bar{U})$  is a relatively compact subset of  $C$ ) map. Then, either

- (i)  $\mathcal{V}$  has a fixed point in  $\bar{U}$  or
- (ii) there are  $u \in \partial U$  (the boundary of  $U$  in  $C$ ) and  $\lambda \in (0, 1)$  with  $u = \lambda \mathcal{V}(u)$

For computational convenience, we set the following:

$$\varphi = 1 - a_3 \sum_{i=1}^m \mu_i \frac{(\psi(\eta_i) - \psi(0))^\gamma}{\Gamma(\gamma + 1)}, \tag{10}$$

$$\zeta = a_3 \sum_{i=1}^m \mu_i \frac{(\psi(\eta_i) - \psi(0))^{\beta+\gamma}}{\Gamma(\beta + \gamma + 1)} - \frac{(\psi(1) - \psi(0))^\beta}{\Gamma(\beta + 1)}.$$

**Lemma 3.** Let  $y, g \in C([0, 1], \mathbb{R})$ ; then, the linear  $\psi$ -fractional differential equation

$$\begin{cases} {}^c D_{0^+}^\alpha \left( {}^c D_{0^+}^\alpha u(t) + g(t) \right) = y(t), \\ u(0) = a_1 \Omega[u], \\ u(1) = a_2 \theta[u] + a_3 \sum_{i=1}^m \mu_i I_{0^+}^\gamma u(\eta_i), \end{cases} \tag{11}$$

has a solution  $u(t)$  on  $[0, 1]$  given by

$$\begin{aligned} u(t) = & I_{0^+}^{\alpha+\beta} y(t) - I_{0^+}^\beta g(t) + \frac{(\psi(t) - \psi(0))^\beta}{\zeta \Gamma(\beta + 1)} \left[ I_{0^+}^{\alpha+\beta} y(1) - I_{0^+}^\beta g(1) \right. \\ & \left. + a_3 \sum_{i=1}^m \mu_i \left( I_{0^+}^{\alpha+\beta+\gamma} y(\eta_i) - I_{0^+}^{\beta+\gamma} g(\eta_i) \right) + a_1 \varphi \Omega[u] - a_2 \theta[u] \right] + a_1 \Omega[u]. \end{aligned} \tag{12}$$

*Proof.* We apply  $\psi$ -Riemann–Liouville fractional integral of order  $\alpha$  to both sides of the linear  $\psi$ -fractional differential equation:

$${}^c D_{0^+}^\alpha \left( {}^c D_{0^+}^\beta u(t) + g(t) \right) = y(t), \quad 0 < \alpha, \beta \leq 1. \tag{13}$$

We obtain

$${}^c D_{0^+}^\beta u(t) + g(t) = I_{0^+}^\alpha y(t) + c_1. \tag{14}$$

Next, applying  $\psi$ -Riemann–Liouville fractional integral of order  $\beta$  to both sides of (14), we obtain

$$u(t) = -I_{0^+}^\beta g(t) + I_{0^+}^{\alpha+\beta} y(t) + I_{0^+}^\beta c_1 + c_2, \tag{15}$$

where  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  are arbitrary constants. By Definition 1, general solution (15) can be written as

$$u(t) = I_{0^+}^{\alpha+\beta} y(t) - I_{0^+}^\beta g(t) + \frac{c_1}{\Gamma(\beta + 1)} (\psi(t) - \psi(0))^\beta + c_2. \tag{16}$$

Using the boundary condition  $u(0) = a_1 \Omega[u]$ , we obtain  $c_2 = a_1 \Omega[u]$ . Thus, (16) takes the form

$$u(t) = I_{0^+}^{\alpha+\beta} y(t) - I_{0^+}^\beta g(t) + \frac{c_1}{\Gamma(\beta + 1)} (\psi(t) - \psi(0))^\beta + a_1 \Omega[u]. \tag{17}$$

Applying the operator  $I_{0^+}^\gamma, \gamma > 0$ , on equation (17), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} I_{0^+}^\gamma u(t) = & I_{0^+}^{\alpha+\beta+\gamma} y(t) - I_{0^+}^{\beta+\gamma} g(t) + \frac{c_1 (\psi(t) - \psi(0))^{\beta+\gamma}}{\Gamma(\beta + \gamma + 1)} \\ & + \frac{a_1 \Omega[u] (\psi(t) - \psi(0))^\gamma}{\Gamma(\gamma + 1)}. \end{aligned} \tag{18}$$

Using the boundary condition  $u(1) = a_2\theta[u] + a_3 \sum_{i=1}^m \mu_i I_{0^+}^\gamma u(\eta_i)$ , we find that

$$c_1 = \frac{1}{\zeta} \left[ I_{0^+}^{\alpha+\beta} \mathcal{Y}(1) - I_{0^+}^\beta \mathcal{G}(1) - a_2\theta[u] + a_1\Omega[u] \left( 1 - a_3 \sum_{i=1}^m \mu_i \frac{(\psi(\eta_i) - \psi(0))^\gamma}{\Gamma(\gamma + 1)} \right) + a_3 \sum_{i=1}^m \mu_i (I_{0^+}^{\alpha+\beta+\gamma} \mathcal{Y}(\eta_i) - I_{0^+}^{\beta+\gamma} \mathcal{G}(\eta_i)) \right]. \tag{19}$$

Inserting the value of  $c_2$  in (17) yields solution (12). The converse follows by direct computation.  $\square$

### 3. Main Results

In this section, we prove the existence of solutions of problem (1). We shall assume that  $f$  and  $h$  are in the Banach

space  $C([0, 1], \mathbb{R})$ . Let  $U = \{u: u \in C([0, 1], \mathbb{R})\}$  denote the Banach space of all continuous functions on  $[0, 1]$  into  $\mathbb{R}$  endowed with the norm  $\|u\| = \sup\{|u(t)|: t \in [0, 1]\}$ . Here, we define an operator  $\mathcal{T}: U \rightarrow U$  associated with problem (1) by

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathcal{T}u)(t) &= I_{0^+}^{\alpha+\beta} f(t, u(t)) - I_{0^+}^\beta h(t, u(t)) + \frac{(\psi(t) - \psi(0))^\beta}{\zeta \Gamma(\beta + 1)} \left[ I_{0^+}^{\alpha+\beta} f(1, u(1)) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - I_{0^+}^\beta h(1, u(1)) + a_3 \sum_{i=1}^m \mu_i (I_{0^+}^{\alpha+\beta+\gamma} f(\eta_i, u(\eta_i)) - I_{0^+}^{\beta+\gamma} h(\eta_i, u(\eta_i))) \right] \\ &\quad + a_1 \varphi \Omega[u] - a_2 \theta[u] + a_1 \Omega[u]. \end{aligned} \tag{20}$$

Therefore, problem (1) has a solution if and only if the operator  $\mathcal{T}$  has a fixed point.

For computational convenience, we introduce the notations

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{E} &= \frac{(\psi(1) - \psi(0))^{\alpha+\beta}}{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta + 1)} - \frac{(\psi(1) - \psi(0))^\beta}{\Gamma(\beta + 1)} + \frac{(\psi(1) - \psi(0))^\beta}{|\zeta| \Gamma(\alpha + \beta)} \\ &\quad \cdot \left[ \frac{(\psi(1) - \psi(0))^{\alpha+\beta}}{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta + 1)} - \frac{(\psi(1) - \psi(0))^\beta}{\Gamma(\beta + 1)} + |a_3| \sum_{i=1}^m |\mu_i| \left( \frac{(\psi(\eta_i) - \psi(0))^{\alpha+\beta+\gamma}}{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta + \gamma + 1)} \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. - \frac{(\psi(\eta_i) - \psi(0))^{\beta+\gamma}}{\Gamma(\beta + \gamma + 1)} \right) \right], \end{aligned} \tag{21}$$

$$\mathcal{E}_1 = a_1 \Omega[u] \left( 1 + \frac{(\psi(1) - \psi(0))^\beta}{|\zeta| \Gamma(\alpha + \beta)} \right), \tag{22}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{E}_2 &= \frac{(\psi(1) - \psi(0))^\beta}{|\zeta| \Gamma(\alpha + \beta)} \left[ \frac{(\psi(1) - \psi(0))^{\alpha+\beta}}{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta + 1)} - \frac{(\psi(1) - \psi(0))^\beta}{\Gamma(\beta + 1)} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + |a_3| \sum_{i=1}^m |\mu_i| \left( \frac{(\psi(\eta_i) - \psi(0))^{\alpha+\beta+\gamma}}{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta + \gamma + 1)} - \frac{(\psi(\eta_i) - \psi(0))^{\beta+\gamma}}{\Gamma(\beta + \gamma + 1)} \right) \right], \end{aligned} \tag{23}$$

$$\mathcal{E}_3 = a_1 \left( 1 + \frac{(\psi(1) - \psi(0))^\beta}{|\zeta| \Gamma(\alpha + \beta)} \right) \int_0^1 dA_1(s) - a_2 \left( \frac{(\psi(1) - \psi(0))^\beta}{|\zeta| \Gamma(\alpha + \beta)} \right) \int_0^1 dA_2(s). \tag{24}$$

Now, we will state and prove the existence result via Krasnoselskii's fixed-point theorem.

**Theorem 3.** Let  $f, h: [0, 1] \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be continuous functions satisfying the conditions:

(H1)  $|f(t, u) - f(t, \tilde{u})| \leq \rho_1 \|u - \tilde{u}\|$ , and  $|h(t, u) - h(t, \tilde{u})| \leq \rho_2 \|u - \tilde{u}\|$  for all  $t \in [0, 1]$ , every  $u, \tilde{u} \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $\rho > 0$ , with  $\rho \mathcal{G}_2 + \mathcal{G}_3 < 1$  and  $\rho = \max\{\rho_1, \rho_2\}$ .

(H2) There exist continuous nonnegative functions  $M_1, M_2 \in C([0, 1], \mathbb{R})$  such that

$$|f(t, u)| \leq M_1(t) \text{ and } |h(t, u)| \leq M_2(t), \forall (t, u) \in [0, 1] \times \mathbb{R}, \tag{25}$$

and  $M = \max\{M_1, M_2\}$ . Then, problem (1) has at least one solution on  $[0, 1]$ .

*Proof.* For a positive number  $\epsilon$ , consider  $B_\epsilon = \{u \in U: \|u\| \leq \epsilon\}$ , where  $\epsilon \geq \|M\| \mathcal{G} + \mathcal{G}_1$ , and we split  $\mathcal{F}$  into two operators  $\mathcal{T}_1$  and  $\mathcal{T}_2$  where  $\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{T}_1 + \mathcal{T}_2$ , on the bounded set  $B_\epsilon$  by

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathcal{T}_1 u)(t) &= I_{0^+, \psi}^{\alpha+\beta} f(t, u(t)) - I_{0^+, \psi}^\beta h(t, u(t)), \\ (\mathcal{T}_2 u)(t) &= \frac{(\psi(t) - \psi(0))^\beta}{\zeta \Gamma(\beta + 1)} \left( I_{0^+, \psi}^{\alpha+\beta} f(1, u(1)) - I_{0^+, \psi}^\beta h(1, u(1)) + a_3 \sum_{i=1}^m \mu_i \right. \\ &\quad \left. \cdot (I_{0^+, \psi}^{\alpha+\beta+\gamma} f(\eta_i, u(\eta_i)) - I_{0^+, \psi}^{\beta+\gamma} h(\eta_i, u(\eta_i))) + a_1 \varphi \Omega[u] - a_2 \theta[u] \right) + a_1 \Omega[u]. \end{aligned} \tag{26}$$

For any  $u \in B_\epsilon$ , by using (H2), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mathcal{T}_1 u + \mathcal{T}_2 u\| &\leq \sup_{t \in [0, 1]} \left\{ \int_0^t \frac{(\psi(t) - \psi(s))^{\alpha+\beta-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta)} \psi(s) |f(s, u(s))| ds \right. \\ &\quad - \int_0^t \frac{(\psi(t) - \psi(s))^{\beta-1}}{\Gamma(\beta)} \psi(s) |h(s, u(s))| ds \\ &\quad + \frac{(\psi(t) - \psi(0))^\beta}{|\zeta| \Gamma(\alpha + \beta)} \left[ \int_0^1 \frac{(\psi(1) - \psi(s))^{\alpha+\beta-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta)} \psi(s) |f(s, u(s))| ds \right. \\ &\quad - \int_0^1 \frac{(\psi(1) - \psi(s))^{\beta-1}}{\Gamma(\beta)} \psi(s) |h(s, u(s))| ds \\ &\quad + |a_3| \sum_{i=1}^m |\mu_i| \left( \int_0^{\eta_i} \frac{(\psi(\eta_i) - \psi(s))^{\alpha+\beta+\gamma-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta + \gamma)} \psi(s) |f(s, u(s))| ds \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. - \int_0^{\eta_i} \frac{(\psi(\eta_i) - \psi(s))^{\beta+\gamma-1}}{\Gamma(\beta + \gamma)} \psi(s) |h(s, u(s))| ds \right) + |a_1 \varphi \Omega[u]| \right. \\ &\quad \left. - |a_2 \theta[u]| + |a_1 \Omega[u]| \right\} \\ &\leq \|M\| \sup_{t \in [0, 1]} \left\{ \frac{(\psi(t) - \psi(0))^{\alpha+\beta}}{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta + 1)} - \frac{(\psi(t) - \psi(0))^\beta}{\Gamma(\beta + 1)} + \frac{(\psi(t) - \psi(0))^\beta}{|\zeta| \Gamma(\alpha + \beta)} \right. \\ &\quad \cdot \left[ \frac{(\psi(1) - \psi(0))^{\alpha+\beta}}{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta + 1)} - \frac{(\psi(1) - \psi(0))^\beta}{\Gamma(\beta + 1)} + |a_3| \sum_{i=1}^m |\mu_i| \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. \left( \frac{(\psi(\eta_i) - \psi(0))^{\alpha+\beta+\gamma}}{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta + \gamma + 1)} - \frac{(\psi(\eta_i) - \psi(0))^{\beta+\gamma}}{\Gamma(\beta + \gamma + 1)} \right) \right] \right\} \\ &\quad + a_1 \Omega[u] \left( 1 + \frac{(\psi(1) - \psi(0))^\beta}{|\zeta| \Gamma(\alpha + \beta)} \right) \\ &\leq \|M\| \mathcal{G} + \mathcal{G}_1 \leq \epsilon. \end{aligned} \tag{27}$$

Hence,  $\mathcal{T}_1 u + \mathcal{T}_2 u \in B_\epsilon$ . Next, we show that  $\mathcal{T}_2$  is a contraction mapping. Let  $u, \tilde{u} \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $t \in [0, 1]$ , so by using (H1), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\|\mathcal{T}_2 u - \mathcal{T}_2 \tilde{u}\| &\leq \sup_{t \in [0,1]} \left\{ \frac{(\psi(t) - \psi(0))^\beta}{|\zeta|\Gamma(\alpha + \beta)} \right. \\
&\quad \left[ \int_0^1 \frac{(\psi(1) - \psi(s))^{\alpha+\beta-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta)} \psi(s) |f(s, u(s)) - f(s, \tilde{u}(s))| ds \right. \\
&\quad - \int_0^1 \frac{(\psi(1) - \psi(s))^{\beta-1}}{\Gamma(\beta)} \psi(s) |h(s, u(s)) - h(s, \tilde{u}(s))| ds \\
&\quad + |a_3| \sum_{i=1}^m |\mu_i| \left( \int_0^{\eta_i} \frac{(\psi(\eta_i) - \psi(s))^{\alpha+\beta+\gamma-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta + \gamma)} \psi(s) \right. \\
&\quad \cdot |f(s, u(s)) - f(s, \tilde{u}(s))| ds \\
&\quad \left. - \int_0^{\eta_i} \frac{(\psi(\eta_i) - \psi(s))^{\beta+\gamma-1}}{\Gamma(\beta + \gamma)} \psi(s) |h(s, u(s)) - h(s, \tilde{u}(s))| ds \right) \\
&\quad \left. + a_1 \varphi(\Omega[u] - \Omega[\tilde{u}]) - a_2(\theta[u] - \theta[\tilde{u}]) + a_1(\Omega[u] - \Omega[\tilde{u}]) \right\} \\
&\leq \rho \|u - \tilde{u}\| \sup_{t \in [0,1]} \left\{ \frac{(\psi(t) - \psi(0))^\beta}{|\zeta|\Gamma(\alpha + \beta)} \left[ \frac{(\psi(1) - \psi(0))^{\alpha+\beta}}{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta + 1)} \right. \right. \\
&\quad - \frac{(\psi(1) - \psi(0))^\beta}{\Gamma(\beta + 1)} + |a_3| \sum_{i=1}^m |\mu_i| \left( \frac{(\psi(\eta_i) - \psi(0))^{\alpha+\beta+\gamma}}{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta + \gamma + 1)} \right. \\
&\quad \left. \left. - \frac{(\psi(\eta_i) - \psi(0))^{\beta+\gamma}}{\Gamma(\beta + \gamma + 1)} \right) \right] \right\} + a_1 \left( 1 + \frac{(\psi(1) - \psi(0))^\beta}{|\zeta|\Gamma(\alpha + \beta)} \right) \\
&\quad \cdot \int_0^1 |u - \tilde{u}| dA_1(s) - a_2 \left( \frac{(\psi(1) - \psi(0))^\beta}{|\zeta|\Gamma(\alpha + \beta)} \right) \\
&\quad \cdot \int_0^1 |u - \tilde{u}| dA_2(s) \\
&\leq \rho \|u - \tilde{u}\| \left\{ \frac{(\psi(1) - \psi(0))^\beta}{|\zeta|\Gamma(\alpha + \beta)} \left[ \frac{(\psi(1) - \psi(0))^{\alpha+\beta}}{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta + 1)} \right. \right. \\
&\quad - \frac{(\psi(1) - \psi(0))^\beta}{\Gamma(\beta + 1)} + |a_3| \sum_{i=1}^m |\mu_i| \left( \frac{(\psi(\eta_i) - \psi(0))^{\alpha+\beta+\gamma}}{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta + \gamma + 1)} \right. \\
&\quad \left. \left. - \frac{(\psi(\eta_i) - \psi(0))^{\beta+\gamma}}{\Gamma(\beta + \gamma + 1)} \right) \right] \right\} + a_1 \left( 1 + \frac{(\psi(1) - \psi(0))^\beta}{|\zeta|\Gamma(\alpha + \beta)} \right) \\
&\quad \cdot \int_0^1 |u - \tilde{u}| dA_1(s) - a_2 \left( \frac{(\psi(1) - \psi(0))^\beta}{|\zeta|\Gamma(\alpha + \beta)} \right) \int_0^1 |u - \tilde{u}| dA_2(s) \\
&\leq \left[ \rho \mathcal{E}_2 + a_1 \left( 1 + \frac{(\psi(1) - \psi(0))^\beta}{|\zeta|\Gamma(\alpha + \beta)} \right) \int_0^1 dA_1(s) \right. \\
&\quad \left. - a_2 \left( \frac{(\psi(1) - \psi(0))^\beta}{|\zeta|\Gamma(\alpha + \beta)} \right) \int_0^1 dA_2(s) \right] \|u - \tilde{u}\| \\
&\leq (\rho \mathcal{E}_2 + \mathcal{E}_3) \|u - \tilde{u}\|.
\end{aligned} \tag{28}$$

By assumption  $\rho \mathcal{E}_2 + \mathcal{E}_3 < 1$ , we obtain that  $\mathcal{T}_2$  is a contraction mapping. Since  $f$  and  $h$  are continuous functions, we have  $\mathcal{T}_1$  as continuous. Also,  $\mathcal{T}_1$  is uniformly bounded on  $B_\epsilon$  as

$$\begin{aligned} \|\mathcal{T}_1 u\| &= \sup_{t \in [0,1]} \left| I_{0^+}^{\alpha+\beta} f(t, u(t)) - I_{0^+}^\beta h(t, u(t)) \right| \\ &\leq \sup_{t \in [0,1]} \left\{ \int_0^t \frac{(\psi(t) - \psi(s))^{\alpha+\beta-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta)} \psi(s) |f(s, u(s))| ds \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \int_0^t \frac{(\psi(t) - \psi(s))^{\beta-1}}{\Gamma(\beta)} \psi(s) |h(s, u(s))| ds \right\} \\ &\leq \|M\| \left( \frac{(\psi(1) - \psi(0))^{\alpha+\beta}}{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta+1)} - \frac{(\psi(1) - \psi(0))^\beta}{\Gamma(\beta+1)} \right). \end{aligned} \tag{29}$$

Finally, we prove the compactness of the operator  $\mathcal{T}_1$ . To show this, we define  $\sup_{(t,u) \in [0,1] \times B_\epsilon} |f(t, u)| = \bar{f} < \infty$  and  $\sup_{(t,u) \in [0,1] \times B_\epsilon} |h(t, u)| = \bar{h} < \infty$  and take  $0 \leq t_1 < t_2 \leq 1$ . Thus, we have

$$\begin{aligned} |\mathcal{T}_1 u(t_2) - \mathcal{T}_1 u(t_1)| &\leq \int_0^{t_1} \frac{[(\psi(t_2) - \psi(s))^{\alpha+\beta-1} - (\psi(t_1) - \psi(s))^{\alpha+\beta-1}]}{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta)} \\ &\quad \cdot \psi(s) |f(s, u(s))| ds \\ &\quad + \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \frac{(\psi(t_2) - \psi(s))^{\alpha+\beta-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta)} \psi(s) |f(s, u(s))| ds \\ &\quad - \int_0^{t_1} \frac{[(\psi(t_2) - \psi(s))^{\beta-1} - (\psi(t_1) - \psi(s))^{\beta-1}]}{\Gamma(\beta)} \\ &\quad \cdot \psi(s) |h(s, u(s))| ds \\ &\quad - \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \frac{(\psi(t_2) - \psi(s))^{\beta-1}}{\Gamma(\beta)} \psi(s) |h(s, u(s))| ds \\ &\leq \frac{\bar{f}}{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta+1)} \left[ 2((\psi(t_2) - \psi(t_1))^{\alpha+\beta}) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + (\psi(t_2) - \psi(0))^{\alpha+\beta} - (\psi(t_1) - \psi(0))^{\alpha+\beta} \right] \\ &\quad + \frac{\bar{h}}{\Gamma(\beta+1)} \left[ 2((\psi(t_2) - \psi(t_1))^\beta) - (\psi(t_2) - \psi(0))^\beta \right. \\ &\quad \left. + (\psi(t_1) - \psi(0))^\beta \right] \longrightarrow 0, \quad \text{as } t_2 - t_1 \longrightarrow 0, \end{aligned} \tag{30}$$

independent of  $u \in B_\epsilon$ . Thus,  $\mathcal{T}_1$  is equicontinuous. So,  $\mathcal{T}_1$  is relatively compact on  $B_\epsilon$ . Hence, by the Arzela–Ascoli theorem,  $\mathcal{T}_1$  is compact on  $B_\epsilon$ . Thus, the hypotheses of Theorem 6 are satisfied which leads problem (1) to have at least one solution on  $[0, 1]$ .

Now, we apply Leray–Schauder nonlinear alternative fixed-point theorem to establish an existence result for problem (1).  $\square$

**Theorem 4.** Let  $f, h: [0, 1] \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be continuous functions and the following conditions are satisfied:

(H3) There exist functions  $l_1, l_2 \in C([0, 1], \mathbb{R})$  with  $l = \max\{l_1, l_2\}$  and nondecreasing functions  $q_1, q_2: \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+, q = \max\{q_1, q_2\}$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} |f(t, u)| &\leq l_1 q_1(\|u\|), \\ |h(t, u)| &\leq l_2 q_2(\|u\|), \quad \text{for all } (t, u) \in [0, 1] \times \mathbb{R}. \end{aligned} \tag{31}$$

(H4) There exists a constant  $N > 0$  such that

$$\frac{N}{\|l\|q(N)\mathcal{E} + \mathcal{E}_1} > 1. \quad (32)$$

Then, problem (1) has at least one solution on  $[0, 1]$ .

*Proof.* Let us show that the operator  $\mathcal{T}$  maps bounded sets into bounded sets in  $C([0, 1], \mathbb{R})$ . For a positive  $r$ , let  $B_r = \{u \in C([0, 1], \mathbb{R}) : \|u\| \leq r\}$  be a bounded set in  $C([0, 1], \mathbb{R})$ . For each  $t \in [0, 1]$ , by (H3), we have

$$\begin{aligned} |(\mathcal{T}u)(t)| &\leq \sup_{t \in [0, 1]} \left\{ \int_0^t \frac{(\psi(t) - \psi(s))^{\alpha+\beta-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta)} \psi(s) |f(s, u(s))| ds \right. \\ &\quad - \int_0^t \frac{(\psi(t) - \psi(s))^{\beta-1}}{\Gamma(\beta)} \psi(s) |h(s, u(s))| ds \\ &\quad + \frac{(\psi(t) - \psi(0))^\beta}{|\zeta|\Gamma(\alpha+\beta)} \left[ \int_0^1 \frac{(\psi(1) - \psi(s))^{\alpha+\beta-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta)} \psi(s) |f(s, u(s))| ds \right. \\ &\quad - \int_0^1 \frac{(\psi(1) - \psi(s))^{\beta-1}}{\Gamma(\beta)} \psi(s) |h(s, u(s))| ds + |a_3| \sum_{i=1}^m |\mu_i| \\ &\quad \cdot \left( \int_0^{\eta_i} \frac{(\psi(\eta_i) - \psi(s))^{\alpha+\beta+\gamma-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta+\gamma)} \psi(s) |f(s, u(s))| ds \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. - \int_0^{\eta_i} \frac{(\psi(\eta_i) - \psi(s))^{\beta+\gamma-1}}{\Gamma(\beta+\gamma)} \psi(s) |h(s, u(s))| ds \right) \right] \\ &\quad + |a_1 \varphi \Omega[u]| - |a_2 \theta[u]| + |a_1 \Omega[u]| \Big\} \\ &\leq \|l_1\| q_1(\|u\|) \sup_{t \in [0, 1]} \left\{ \frac{(\psi(t) - \psi(0))^{\alpha+\beta}}{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta+1)} + \frac{(\psi(t) - \psi(0))^\beta}{|\zeta|\Gamma(\alpha+\beta)} \right. \\ &\quad \cdot \left. \left( \frac{(\psi(1) - \psi(0))^{\alpha+\beta}}{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta+1)} + |a_3| \sum_{i=1}^m |\mu_i| \frac{(\psi(\eta_i) - \psi(0))^{\alpha+\beta+\gamma}}{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta+\gamma+1)} \right) \right\} \\ &\quad + \|l_2\| q_2(\|u\|) \sup_{t \in [0, 1]} \left\{ \frac{(\psi(t) - \psi(0))^\beta}{|\zeta|\Gamma(\beta+1)} - \frac{(\psi(t) - \psi(0))^\beta}{|\zeta|\Gamma(\alpha+\beta)} \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left( \frac{(\psi(1) - \psi(0))^\beta}{\Gamma(\beta+1)} + |a_3| \sum_{i=1}^m |\mu_i| \frac{(\psi(\eta_i) - \psi(0))^{\beta+\gamma}}{\Gamma(\beta+\gamma+1)} \right) \right\} \\ &\quad + a_1 \Omega[u] \left( 1 + \frac{(\psi(t) - \psi(0))^\beta}{|\zeta|\Gamma(\alpha+\beta)} \right) \\ &\leq \|l\| q(\|r\|) \left\{ \frac{(\psi(1) - \psi(0))^{\alpha+\beta}}{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta+1)} - \frac{(\psi(1) - \psi(0))^\beta}{\Gamma(\beta+1)} + \frac{(\psi(1) - \psi(0))^\beta}{|\zeta|\Gamma(\alpha+\beta)} \right. \\ &\quad \cdot \left[ \frac{(\psi(1) - \psi(0))^{\alpha+\beta}}{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta+1)} - \frac{(\psi(1) - \psi(0))^\beta}{\Gamma(\beta+1)} + |a_3| \sum_{i=1}^m |\mu_i| \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. \left( \frac{(\psi(\eta_i) - \psi(0))^{\alpha+\beta+\gamma}}{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta+\gamma+1)} - \frac{(\psi(\eta_i) - \psi(0))^{\beta+\gamma}}{\Gamma(\beta+\gamma+1)} \right) \right] \right\} \\ &\quad + a_1 \Omega[u] \left( 1 + \frac{(\psi(1) - \psi(0))^\beta}{|\zeta|\Gamma(\alpha+\beta)} \right) \\ &\leq \|l\| q(\|r\|) \mathcal{E} + \mathcal{E}_1. \end{aligned} \quad (33)$$



Next, we show that  $\mathcal{T}$  maps bounded sets into equi-continuous sets of  $C([0, 1], \mathbb{R})$ . Let  $u \in B_r$ ; then, for  $t_1, t_2 \in [0, 1]$ , with  $t_1 < t_2$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 |\mathcal{T}u(t_2) - \mathcal{T}u(t_1)| &\leq \int_0^{t_1} \frac{[(\psi(t_2) - \psi(s))^{\alpha+\beta-1} - (\psi(t_1) - \psi(s))^{\alpha+\beta-1}]}{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta)} \\
 &\quad \cdot \psi(s) |f(s, u(s))| ds \\
 &\quad + \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \frac{(\psi(t_2) - \psi(s))^{\alpha+\beta-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta)} \psi(s) |f(s, u(s))| ds \\
 &\quad - \int_0^{t_1} \frac{[(\psi(t_2) - \psi(s))^{\beta-1} - (\psi(t_1) - \psi(s))^{\beta-1}]}{\Gamma(\beta)} \\
 &\quad \cdot \psi(s) |h(s, u(s))| ds \\
 &\quad - \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \frac{(\psi(t_2) - \psi(s))^{\beta-1}}{\Gamma(\beta)} \psi(s) |h(s, u(s))| ds \\
 &\quad + \frac{[(\psi(t_2) - \psi(0))^\beta - (\psi(t_1) - \psi(0))^\beta]}{|\zeta| \Gamma(\alpha + \beta)} \\
 &\quad \cdot \left[ \int_0^1 \frac{(\psi(1) - \psi(s))^{\alpha+\beta-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta)} \psi(s) |f(s, u(s))| ds \right. \\
 &\quad \left. - \int_0^1 \frac{(\psi(1) - \psi(s))^{\beta-1}}{\Gamma(\beta)} \psi(s) |h(s, u(s))| ds \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + |a_3| \sum_{i=1}^m |\mu_i| \left( \int_0^{\eta_i} \frac{(\psi(\eta_i) - \psi(s))^{\alpha+\beta+\gamma-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta + \gamma)} \psi(s) |f(s, u(s))| ds \right. \right. \\
 &\quad \left. \left. - \int_0^{\eta_i} \frac{(\psi(\eta_i) - \psi(s))^{\beta+\gamma-1}}{\Gamma(\beta + \gamma)} \psi(s) |h(s, u(s))| ds \right) \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + |a_1 \varphi \Omega[u]| - |a_2 \theta[u]| \right] \\
 &\leq \|l_1\| q_1 (\|r\|) \left[ \frac{2(\psi(t_2) - \psi(t_1))^{\alpha+\beta} + (\psi(t_2) - \psi(0))^{\alpha+\beta} - (\psi(t_1) - \psi(0))^{\alpha+\beta}}{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta + 1)} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \frac{[(\psi(t_2) - \psi(0))^\beta - (\psi(t_1) - \psi(0))^\beta]}{|\zeta| \Gamma(\alpha + \beta)} \left( \frac{(\psi(1) - \psi(0))^{\alpha+\beta}}{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta + 1)} \right) \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + |a_3| \sum_{i=1}^m |\mu_i| \frac{(\psi(\eta_i) - \psi(0))^{\alpha+\beta+\gamma}}{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta + \gamma + 1)} \right] + \|l_2\| q_2 (\|r\|) \\
 &\quad \cdot \left[ \frac{2(\psi(t_2) - \psi(t_1))^\beta - (\psi(t_2) - \psi(0))^\beta + (\psi(t_1) - \psi(0))^\beta}{\Gamma(\beta + 1)} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. - \frac{[(\psi(t_2) - \psi(0))^\beta - (\psi(t_1) - \psi(0))^\beta]}{|\zeta| \Gamma(\alpha + \beta)} \left( \frac{(\psi(1) - \psi(0))^\beta}{\Gamma(\beta + 1)} + |a_3| \sum_{i=1}^m |\mu_i| \frac{(\psi(\eta_i) - \psi(0))^{\beta+\gamma}}{\Gamma(\beta + \gamma + 1)} \right) \right],
 \end{aligned} \tag{34}$$

which tends to zero independent of  $u \in B_r$ , as  $t_2 - t_1 \rightarrow 0$ . So, we deduce that the operator  $\mathcal{T}: C([0, 1], \mathbb{R}) \rightarrow C([0, 1], \mathbb{R})$  is completely continuous (by Arzela–Ascoli theorem). It remains to show the boundedness of the set of all solutions  $u = \lambda \mathcal{T}(u)$  for  $\lambda \in (0, 1)$ . Let  $u \in U$  be a solution of problem (1). So, for  $t \in [0, 1]$ , we obtain

$$|u(t)| = |\lambda(\mathcal{T}u)(t)| \leq |(\mathcal{T}u)(t)|, \tag{35}$$

which, on taking the norm for  $t \in [0, 1]$ , yields

$$\|u\| \leq \|I\|q(\|r\|)\mathcal{E} + \mathcal{E}_1, \tag{36}$$

and then

$$\frac{\|u\|}{\|I\|q(\|r\|)\mathcal{E} + \mathcal{E}_1} \leq 1. \tag{37}$$

From (H4), we can find  $N > 0$  such that  $\|u\| \neq N$ . Take a set  $\mathcal{U}_* = \{u \in C([0, 1], \mathbb{R}); \|u\| < N\}$  and notice that the operator  $\mathcal{T}: \overline{\mathcal{U}} \rightarrow C([0, 1], \mathbb{R})$  is continuous and completely continuous. By choice of  $\mathcal{U}$ , we cannot find a  $u \in \partial\mathcal{U}$  such that  $u = \lambda \mathcal{T}(u)$  for some  $\lambda \in (0, 1)$ . Hence, by Theorem 2, the operator  $\mathcal{T}$  has a fixed point  $u \in \overline{\mathcal{U}}$  which is a solution of problem (1).  $\square$

*Example 1.* Consider the following boundary value problem:

$$\begin{cases} {}^c D_{0^+}^{(1/4)}({}^c D_{0^+}^{(1/2)}u(t) + h(t, u(t))) = f(t, u(t)), & 0 < \alpha, \beta \leq 1, \\ u(0) = a_1 \Omega[u], \\ u(1) = a_2 \theta[u] + a_3 \sum_{i=1}^2 \mu_i I_{0^+}^\gamma u(\eta_i), \end{cases} \tag{38}$$

where  $\alpha = (1/4), \beta = (1/2), A_1(s) = A_2(s) = s, a_1 = a_2 = (3/4), a_3 = 1, m = 2, \mu_1 = (1/5), \mu_2 = (2/5), \eta_1 = (1/6), \eta_2 = (5/6), \gamma = (1/3)$ , and  $\psi(t) = 2t^2 + 1$ . Clearly,  $\psi$  is an increasing function on  $[0, 1]$  and  $\psi(t) = 4t$  is a continuous function on  $[0, 1]$ .

To illustrate the application of Theorem 3, we take

$$f(t, u) = \frac{\cos u}{22\sqrt{74}} + \frac{e^{-t}}{4t^2 + 20}, \tag{39}$$

$$h(t, u) = \frac{1}{48} \left( \sin u + \frac{5t^2}{2} \right),$$

where  $f$  and  $h$  satisfy the assumption of Theorem 3. By using the given data, we find  $\rho = 0.0208, \zeta = 0.589473482$ ,

$M = 0.072916, \mathcal{E}_2 = 0.3951268038$ , and  $\mathcal{E}_3 = 0$ . In addition,  $\rho\mathcal{E}_2 + \mathcal{E}_3 \approx 0.008218637519 < 1$ . Therefore, the result of Theorem 3 applies to problem (38) with  $f(t, u)$  and  $h(t, u)$  given above.

### 4. Existence Results for Inclusion Case

In this section, we extend the results to cover the inclusion problem and prove the existence of solutions for problem (2) by applying the fixed-point theorem [23]. We recall some basic notations for the inclusion case [24–30].

For a normed space  $(X, \|\cdot\|)$ , let

$$\mathcal{P}_{cl}(X) = \{y \in \mathcal{P}(x): y \text{ is closed}\}, \tag{40}$$

$$\mathcal{P}_{cp,cv}(\mathbb{R}) = \{\gamma \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}): \gamma \text{ is compact and convex}\}.$$

A multivalued map  $F: [0, 1] \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R})$  is said to be caratheodory if

- (i)  $t \rightarrow F(t, x)$  is measurable for each  $x \in \mathbb{R}$
- (ii)  $x \rightarrow F(t, x)$  is upper semicontinuous for almost all  $t \in [0, 1]$

Furthermore, a caratheodory function  $F$  is called  $L^1$ -Caratheodory if

- (iii) for each  $\alpha > 0$ , there exist  $\varphi_\alpha \in L^1([0, 1], \mathbb{R}^+)$  such that

$$\|F(t, x)\| = \sup\{|v|: v \in F(t, x)\} \leq \varphi_\alpha(t), \tag{41}$$

for all  $\|x\|_\infty \leq \alpha$  and for a.e.  $t \in [0, 1]$ .

For each  $y \in C([0, 1], \mathbb{R})$ , define the set of selections of  $F$  by

$$S_{F,y} := \{v \in L^1([0, 1], \mathbb{R}^+): v(t) \in F(t, y(t)), \text{ for a.e. } t \in [0, 1]\}. \tag{42}$$

Let  $(X, d)$  be a metric space induced from the normed space  $(X; \|\cdot\|)$ . We have  $H_d: \mathcal{P}(X) \times \mathcal{P}(X) \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \cup \{\infty\}$  given by

$$H_d(A, B) = \max\{\sup_{a \in A} d(a, B), \sup_{b \in B} d(A, b)\}, \tag{43}$$

where  $d(A, b) = \inf_{a \in A} d(a, b)$  and  $d(a, B) = \inf_{b \in B} d(a, b)$ . So,  $(\mathcal{P}_{cl}(X), H_d)$  is a metric space [31].

**Lemma 4.** *Let  $X$  be a Banach space. Let  $F: [0, T] \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}_{cp,cv}(X)$  be an  $L^1$ -Caratheodory multivalued map, and let  $\Theta$  be a linear continuous mapping from  $L^1([0, 1], X)$  to  $C([0, 1], X)$ . Then, the operator*

$$\Theta^\circ S_F: C([0, 1], X) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}_{cp,cv}(C([0, 1], X)), \quad x \rightarrow (\Theta^\circ S_F)(x) = \Theta(S_{F,x}) \tag{44}$$

is a closed graph operator in  $C([0, 1], X) \times C([0, 1], X)$ .

**Lemma 5.** *If  $F: X \rightarrow \mathcal{P}_{cl}(Y)$  is u.s.c., then  $F_r(F)$  is a closed subset of  $X \times Y$ ; i.e., for every sequence  $\{x_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subset X$  and*

*$\{y_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \subset Y$ , if  $n \rightarrow \infty, x_n \rightarrow x_*, y_n \rightarrow y_*$ , and  $y_n \in F(x_n)$ , then  $y_* \in F(x_*)$ . Conversely, if  $F$  is completely continuous and has a closed graph, then it is upper semicontinuous.*

**Definition 5.** A function  $u \in C([0, 1], \mathbb{R})$  is called a solution of problem (2) if we can find a function  $f \in L^1([0, 1], \mathbb{R})$

with  $f(t) \in F(t, u)$  a.e. on  $[0, 1]$  such that  $u(0) = a_1\Omega[u]$ ,  $u(1) = a_2\theta[u] + a_3 \sum_{i=1}^m \mu_i I_{0^+, \psi}^\gamma u(\eta_i)$  and

$$u(t) = I_{0^+, \psi}^{\alpha+\beta} f(t) - I_{0^+, \psi}^\beta h(t) + \frac{(\psi(t) - \psi(0))^\beta}{\zeta \Gamma(\beta + 1)} \left[ I_{0^+, \psi}^{\alpha+\beta} f(1) - I_{0^+, \psi}^\beta h(1) + a_3 \sum_{i=1}^m \mu_i (I_{0^+, \psi}^{\alpha+\beta+\gamma} f(\eta_i) - I_{0^+, \psi}^{\beta+\gamma} h(\eta_i)) \right] + a_1 \varphi \Omega[u] - a_2 \theta[u] + a_1 \Omega[u]. \tag{45}$$

For convenience, we denote

$$\Delta_1 = \frac{(\psi(1) - \psi(0))^\beta}{\Gamma(\beta + 1)} + \frac{(\psi(1) - \psi(0))^\beta}{|\zeta| \Gamma(\alpha + \beta)} \left( \frac{(\psi(1) - \psi(0))^\beta}{\Gamma(\beta + 1)} + |a_3| \sum_{i=1}^m |\mu_i| \frac{(\psi(\eta_i) - \psi(0))^{\beta+\gamma}}{\Gamma(\beta + \gamma + 1)} \right), \tag{46}$$

$$\Delta_2 = \frac{(\psi(1) - \psi(0))^{\alpha+\beta}}{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta + 1)} + \frac{(\psi(t) - \psi(0))^\beta}{|\zeta| \Gamma(\alpha + \beta)} \left( \frac{(\psi(1) - \psi(0))^{\alpha+\beta}}{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta + 1)} + |a_3| \sum_{i=1}^m |\mu_i| \frac{(\psi(\eta_i) - \psi(0))^{\alpha+\beta+\gamma}}{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta + \gamma + 1)} \right). \tag{47}$$

Our result is based on the following fixed-point theorem.

**Theorem 5.** Let  $U$  and  $\bar{U}$  be, respectively, the open and closed subsets of Banach space  $X$ , such that  $0 \in U$ ; let  $\chi_1(u): \bar{U} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}_{cp,cv}(X)$  be multivalued and  $\chi_2(u): \bar{U} \rightarrow X$  be single-valued such that  $\chi_1(\bar{U}) + \chi_2(\bar{U})$  is bounded. Suppose that

- (a)  $\chi_2$  is a contraction with a contraction  $k < (1/2)$
- (b)  $\chi_1$  is u.s.c and compact

Then, either

- (i) the operator inclusion  $\lambda x \in \chi_1 x + \chi_2 x$  has a solution for  $\lambda = 1$  or
- (ii) there is an element  $u \in \partial U$  such that  $\lambda u \in \chi_1 u + \chi_2 u$  for some  $\lambda > 1$ , where  $\partial U$  is the boundary of  $U$

**Theorem 6.** Assume that

- (N1)  $F: [0, 1] \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}_{cp,c}(\mathbb{R})$  is  $L^1$  - Caratheodory.
- (N2) There exists a continuous function  $\omega \in C([0, 1], \mathbb{R}^+)$  and  $\Lambda \in C([0, 1], \mathbb{R}^+)$  such that

$$\|F(t, u)\|_\varphi = \sup\{|u|: u \in F(t, u)\} \leq \Lambda(t)\omega(\|u\|);$$

for all  $(t, u) \in [0, 1] \times \mathbb{R}$ .

(48)

(N3) Let  $h: [0, 1] \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a continuous functions satisfying

$$|h(s, u) - h(s, \tilde{u})| \leq \mathcal{E}|u - \tilde{u}|, \quad \forall u, \tilde{u} \in \mathbb{R} \text{ and } \mathcal{E} > 0. \tag{49}$$

(N4) There exists a number  $\tau > 0$  such that

$$\frac{\tau}{\|\Lambda\| \omega(\tau) \mathcal{E} + \mathcal{E}_1} < 1, \tag{50}$$

where  $\mathcal{E}$  and  $\mathcal{E}_1$  are defined in (21) and (22), respectively. Then, problem (2) has at least one solution on  $[0, 1]$  if  $\mathcal{E}\Delta_1 < (1/2)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $D = \{u \in U: \|u\| < \varepsilon\}$  be an open set in  $U$ . Define the multivalued operator  $\chi_1: \bar{D} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(U)$  by

$$\chi_1(u) = \left\{ z \in U: z(t) = I_{0^+, \psi}^{\alpha+\beta} f(t) + \frac{(\psi(t) - \psi(0))^\beta}{\zeta \Gamma(\beta + 1)} \left( I_{0^+, \psi}^{\alpha+\beta} f(1) + a_3 \sum_{i=1}^m \mu_i I_{0^+, \psi}^{\alpha+\beta+\gamma} f(\eta_i) + a_1 \varphi \Omega[u] - a_2 \theta[u] \right) + a_1 \Omega[u] \right\}, \tag{51}$$

and define the single-valued operator  $\chi_2: \bar{D} \rightarrow U$  by

$$\chi_2(u) = \left\{ z \in U: z(t) = -I_{0^+, \psi}^\beta h(t) - \frac{(\psi(t) - \psi(0))^\beta}{\zeta \Gamma(\beta + 1)} \left( I_{0^+, \psi}^\beta h(1) + a_3 \sum_{i=1}^m \mu_i I_{0^+, \psi}^{\beta+\gamma} h(\eta_i) \right) \right\}. \tag{52}$$

Observe that  $\chi = \chi_1 + \chi_2$ , and it is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \chi(u) = & \left\{ z(t) \in C([0, 1], \mathbb{R}): z(t) = \int_0^t \frac{(\psi(t) - \psi(s))^{\alpha+\beta-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta)} \psi(s) f(s) ds \right. \\ & - \int_0^t \frac{(\psi(t) - \psi(s))^{\beta-1}}{\Gamma(\beta)} \psi(s) h(s) ds \\ & + \frac{(\psi(t) - \psi(0))^\beta}{\zeta \Gamma(\alpha + \beta)} \left[ \int_0^1 \frac{(\psi(1) - \psi(s))^{\alpha+\beta-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta)} \psi(s) f(s) ds \right. \\ & - \int_0^1 \frac{(\psi(1) - \psi(s))^{\beta-1}}{\Gamma(\beta)} \psi(s) h(s) ds \\ & + a_3 \sum_{i=1}^m \mu_i \left( \int_0^{\eta_i} \frac{(\psi(\eta_i) - \psi(s))^{\alpha+\beta+\gamma-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta + \gamma)} \psi(s) f(s) ds \right. \\ & \left. \left. - \int_0^{\eta_i} \frac{(\psi(\eta_i) - \psi(s))^{\beta+\gamma-1}}{\Gamma(\beta + \gamma)} \psi(s) h(s) ds \right) \right. \\ & \left. + a_1 \varphi \Omega[u] - a_2 \theta[u] \right] + a_1 \Omega[u], f \in S_{F,u} \left. \right\}. \tag{53} \end{aligned}$$

Indeed, if  $z \in \chi(u)$ , then there exists  $f \in S_{F,u}$ , such that

$$S_{F,u} = \{f \in L^1([0, 1], \mathbb{R}^+): f(t) \in F(t, u(t)), \text{ for a.e. } t \in [0, 1]\}. \tag{54}$$

We will show that the maps  $\chi_1$  and  $\chi_2$  satisfy the hypotheses of Theorem 5. This will be done in several steps. □

Step 1.  $\chi_2$  is a contraction. Let  $u, \tilde{u} \in \mathbb{R}$ , by (N3), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|\chi_2 u - \chi_2 \tilde{u}\| &\leq \sup_{t \in [0,1]} \left\{ - \int_0^t \frac{(\psi(t) - \psi(s))^{\beta-1}}{\Gamma(\beta)} \psi(s) |h(s, u(s)) - h(s, \tilde{u}(s))| ds \right. \\ &\quad - \frac{(\psi(t) - \psi(0))^\beta}{|\zeta| \Gamma(\alpha + \beta)} \left( \int_0^1 \frac{(\psi(1) - \psi(s))^{\beta-1}}{\Gamma(\beta)} \psi(s) |h(s, u(s)) - h(s, \tilde{u}(s))| ds \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. + |a_3| \sum_{i=1}^m |\mu_i| \int_0^{\eta_i} \frac{(\psi(\eta_i) - \psi(s))^{\beta+\gamma-1}}{\Gamma(\beta + \gamma)} \psi(s) |h(s, u(s)) - h(s, \tilde{u}(s))| ds \right) \right\} \\ &\leq \mathcal{E} \|u - \tilde{u}\| \sup_{t \in [0,1]} \left\{ \frac{(\psi(t) - \psi(0))^\beta}{\Gamma(\beta + 1)} - \frac{(\psi(t) - \psi(0))^\beta}{|\zeta| \Gamma(\alpha + \beta)} \left( \frac{(\psi(t) - \psi(0))^\beta}{\Gamma(\beta + 1)} \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. + |a_3| \sum_{i=1}^m |\mu_i| \frac{(\psi(\eta_i) - \psi(0))^{\beta+\gamma}}{\Gamma(\beta + \gamma + 1)} \right) \right\} \\ &\leq \mathcal{E} \|u - \tilde{u}\| \left[ \frac{(\psi(1) - \psi(0))^\beta}{\Gamma(\beta + 1)} + \frac{(\psi(1) - \psi(0))^\beta}{|\zeta| \Gamma(\alpha + \beta)} \left( \frac{(\psi(1) - \psi(0))^\beta}{\Gamma(\beta + 1)} \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. + |a_3| \sum_{i=1}^m |\mu_i| \frac{(\psi(\eta_i) - \psi(0))^{\beta+\gamma}}{\Gamma(\beta + \gamma + 1)} \right) \right] \\ &\leq \mathcal{E} \Delta_1 \|u - \tilde{u}\|, \end{aligned} \tag{55}$$

which proves that  $\chi_2$  is a contraction map.

Step 2.  $\chi_1(u)$  is convex for all  $u \in \bar{D}$ . Let  $z_1, z_2 \in \chi_1(u)$ . We select  $f_1, f_2 \in S_{F,u}$  such that, for each  $t \in [0, 1]$ , we obtain

$$z_i(t) = I_{0^+, \psi}^{\alpha+\beta} f_i(t) + \frac{(\psi(t) - \psi(0))^\beta}{\zeta \Gamma(\beta + 1)} \left( I_{0^+, \psi}^{\alpha+\beta} f_i(1) + a_3 \sum_{i=1}^m \mu_i I_{0^+, \psi}^{\alpha+\beta+\gamma} f_i(\eta_i) + a_1 \varphi \Omega[u] - a_2 \theta[u] \right) + a_1 \Omega[u]. \tag{56}$$

for  $i = 1, 2$ .

Let  $t \in [0, 1]$  and  $\phi \in [0, 1]$ . So, we have

$$\begin{aligned} [\phi z_1 + (1 - \phi) z_2](t) &= \int_0^t \frac{(\psi(t) - \psi(s))^{\alpha+\beta-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta)} \psi(s) [\phi f_1(s) + (1 - \phi) f_2(s)] ds \\ &\quad + \frac{(\psi(t) - \psi(0))^\beta}{|\zeta| \Gamma(\alpha + \beta)} \left( \int_0^1 \frac{(\psi(1) - \psi(s))^{\alpha+\beta-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta)} \psi(s) \right. \\ &\quad \cdot [\phi f_1(s) + (1 - \phi) f_2(s)] ds + |a_3| \sum_{i=1}^m |\mu_i| \\ &\quad \cdot \int_0^{\eta_i} \frac{(\psi(\eta_i) - \psi(s))^{\alpha+\beta+\gamma-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta + \gamma)} \psi(s) \\ &\quad \cdot [\phi f_1(s) + (1 - \phi) f_2(s)] ds + a_1 [\phi + (1 - \phi)] \varphi \Omega[u] \\ &\quad \left. - a_2 [\phi + (1 - \phi)] \theta[u] + a_1 [\phi + (1 - \phi)] \Omega[u] \right) \end{aligned} \tag{57}$$

Since  $S_{F,u}$  is convex, it follows that  $\phi z_1 + (1 - \phi)z_2 \in \chi_1(u)$  and then  $\chi_1(u)$  is convex-valued.

For a positive number  $\varsigma$ , let  $B_\varsigma = \{u \in U: \|u\| \leq \varsigma\}$  be a bounded ball in  $\overline{D}$ . So, for all  $z \in \chi_1$ ,  $u \in B_\varsigma$ , there exists  $f \in S_{F,u}$  such that

*Step 3.*  $\chi_1$  is compact and upper semicontinuous. This will be done in various statements. First, we show that  $\chi_1$  maps bounded sets into bounded sets in  $U$ .

$$z(t) = I_{0^+, \psi}^{\alpha+\beta} f(t) + \frac{(\psi(t) - \psi(0))^\beta}{\zeta \Gamma(\beta + 1)} \left( I_{0^+, \psi}^{\alpha+\beta} f(1) + a_3 \sum_{i=1}^m \mu_i I_{0^+, \psi}^{\alpha+\beta+\gamma} f(\eta_i) + a_1 \varphi \Omega[u] - a_2 \theta[u] \right) + a_1 \Omega[u]. \tag{58}$$

By using (N2), for each  $t \in [0, 1]$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} |z(t)| &\leq \int_0^t \frac{(\psi(t) - \psi(s))^{\alpha+\beta-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta)} \psi(s) |f(s, u(s))| ds \\ &\quad + \frac{(\psi(t) - \psi(0))^\beta}{|\zeta| \Gamma(\alpha + \beta)} \left( \int_0^1 \frac{(\psi(1) - \psi(s))^{\alpha+\beta-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta)} \psi(s) |f(s, u(s))| ds \right. \\ &\quad \left. + |a_3| \sum_{i=1}^m |\mu_i| \int_0^{\eta_i} \frac{(\psi(\eta_i) - \psi(s))^{\alpha+\beta+\gamma-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta + \gamma)} \psi(s) |f(s, u(s))| ds \right. \\ &\quad \left. + |a_1 \varphi \Omega[u]| - |a_2 \theta[u]| \right) + |a_1 \Omega[u]| \\ &\leq \|\Lambda\| \omega(\|u\|) \left[ \frac{(\psi(1) - \psi(0))^{\alpha+\beta}}{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta + 1)} + \frac{(\psi(t) - \psi(0))^\beta}{|\zeta| \Gamma(\alpha + \beta)} \left( \frac{(\psi(1) - \psi(0))^{\alpha+\beta}}{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta + 1)} \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. + |a_3| \sum_{i=1}^m |\mu_i| \frac{(\psi(\eta_i) - \psi(0))^{\alpha+\beta+\gamma}}{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta + \gamma + 1)} \right) \right] + a_1 \Omega[u] \left( 1 + \frac{(\psi(1) - \psi(0))^\beta}{|\zeta| \Gamma(\alpha + \beta)} \right). \end{aligned} \tag{59}$$

Consequently,

$$\|z\| \leq \|\Lambda\| \omega(\|u\|) \Delta_2 + \mathcal{E}_1, \tag{60}$$

where  $\mathcal{E}_1$  and  $\Delta_2$  are defined in (22) and (47), respectively. Second, we prove that  $\chi_1$  maps bounded sets into equicontinuous sets. Let  $\tau_1, \tau_2 \in [0, 1]$  with  $\tau_1 < \tau_2$  and  $u \in B_\varsigma$ ; we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 |z(\tau_2) - z(\tau_1)| &\leq \int_0^{\tau_1} \frac{[(\psi(\tau_2) - \psi(s))^{\alpha+\beta-1} - (\psi(\tau_1) - \psi(s))^{\alpha+\beta-1}]}{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta)} \psi(s) |f(s, u(s))| ds \\
 &\quad + \int_{\tau_1}^{\tau_2} \frac{(\psi(\tau_2) - \psi(s))^{\alpha+\beta-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta)} \psi(s) |f(s, u(s))| ds \\
 &\quad + \frac{[(\psi(\tau_2) - \psi(0))^\beta - (\psi(\tau_1) - \psi(0))^\beta]}{|\zeta| \Gamma(\alpha + \beta)} \\
 &\quad \cdot \left( \int_0^1 \frac{(\psi(1) - \psi(s))^{\alpha+\beta-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta)} \psi(s) |f(s, u(s))| ds + |a_3| \sum_{i=1}^m |\mu_i| \right. \\
 &\quad \left. \cdot \int_0^{\eta_i} \frac{(\psi(\eta_i) - \psi(s))^{\alpha+\beta+\gamma-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta + \gamma)} \psi(s) |f(s, u(s))| ds \right) \\
 &\leq \frac{2(\psi(\tau_2) - \psi(\tau_1))^{\alpha+\beta} + (\psi(\tau_2) - \psi(0))^{\alpha+\beta} - (\psi(\tau_1) - \psi(0))^{\alpha+\beta}}{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta + 1)} \\
 &\quad + \frac{[(\psi(\tau_2) - \psi(0))^\beta - (\psi(\tau_1) - \psi(0))^\beta]}{|\zeta| \Gamma(\alpha + \beta)} \left( \frac{(\psi(1) - \psi(0))^{\alpha+\beta}}{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta + 1)} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + |a_3| \sum_{i=1}^m |\mu_i| \frac{(\psi(\eta_i) - \psi(0))^{\alpha+\beta+\gamma}}{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta + \gamma + 1)} \right).
 \end{aligned} \tag{61}$$

In the above inequality, the right hand side tends to zero independent of  $u \in B_e$  as  $\tau_2 - \tau_1 \rightarrow 0$ . Consequently, by the Arzela–Ascoli theorem, we conclude that  $\chi_1: \overline{D} \rightarrow P(U)$  is completely continuous and then  $\chi_1$  is

completely continuous. Finally, we show  $\chi_1$  has a closed graph. Let  $u_n \rightarrow u_*$ ,  $z_n \in \chi_1(u_n)$ , and  $z_n \rightarrow z_*$ . Then, we show that  $z_* \in \chi_1(u_*)$ . Since  $z_n \in \chi_1(u_n)$ , there exists  $z_n \in S_{F, u_n}$  such that for each  $t \in [0, 1]$ , we find that

$$z_n(t) = I_{0^+, \psi}^{\alpha+\beta} f_n(t) + \frac{(\psi(t) - \psi(0))^\beta}{\zeta \Gamma(\beta + 1)} \left( I_{0^+, \psi}^{\alpha+\beta} f_n(1) + a_3 \sum_{i=1}^m \mu_i I_{0^+, \psi}^{\alpha+\beta+\gamma} f_n(\eta_i) + a_1 \varphi \Omega[u] - a_2 \theta[u] \right) + a_1 \Omega[u]. \tag{62}$$

Now, we have to show that there exists  $z_* \in S_{F, u_*}$  such that for each  $t \in [0, 1]$ ,

$$z_*(t) = I_{0^+, \psi}^{\alpha+\beta} f_*(t) + \frac{(\psi(t) - \psi(0))^\beta}{\zeta \Gamma(\beta + 1)} \left( I_{0^+, \psi}^{\alpha+\beta} f_*(1) + a_3 \sum_{i=1}^m \mu_i I_{0^+, \psi}^{\alpha+\beta+\gamma} f_*(\eta_i) + a_1 \varphi \Omega[u] - a_2 \theta[u] \right) + a_1 \Omega[u]. \tag{63}$$

Consider the continuous linear operator  $\Theta: L^1([0, 1], \mathbb{R}) \rightarrow U$  given by

$$f \mapsto \Theta(f)(t) = I_{0^+, \psi}^{\alpha+\beta} f(t) + \frac{(\psi(t) - \psi(0))^\beta}{\zeta \Gamma(\beta + 1)} \left( I_{0^+, \psi}^{\alpha+\beta} f(1) + a_3 \sum_{i=1}^m \mu_i I_{0^+, \psi}^{\alpha+\beta+\gamma} f(\eta_i) + a_1 \varphi \Omega[u] - a_2 \theta[u] \right) + a_1 \Omega[u]. \tag{64}$$

Note that

$$\|z_n(t) - z_*(t)\| = \sup_{t \in [0,1]} \left| I_{0^+, \psi}^{\alpha+\beta} (f_n(t) - f_*(t)) + \frac{(\psi(t) - \psi(0))^\beta}{\zeta \Gamma(\beta + 1)} \left( I_{0^+, \psi}^{\alpha+\beta} (f_n(1) - f_*(1)) + a_3 \sum_{i=1}^m \mu_i I_{0^+, \psi}^{\alpha+\beta+\gamma} \right. \right. \\ \left. \left. \cdot (f_n(\eta_i) - f_*(\eta_i)) + a_1 \varphi \Omega[u] - a_2 \theta[u] \right) \right|, \tag{65}$$

which goes to 0, as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

It follows by Lemma 5 that  $\Theta^\circ S_F$  is a closed graph operator. Furthermore, we obtain  $z_n(t) \in \Theta(S_{F, \mu_n})$ . Since  $u_n \rightarrow u_*$ , we have

$$z_*(t) = I_{0^+, \psi}^{\alpha+\beta} f_*(t) + \frac{(\psi(t) - \psi(0))^\beta}{\zeta \Gamma(\beta + 1)} \left( I_{0^+, \psi}^{\alpha+\beta} f_*(1) + a_3 \sum_{i=1}^m \mu_i I_{0^+, \psi}^{\alpha+\beta+\gamma} f_*(\eta_i) + a_1 \varphi \Omega[u] - a_2 \theta[u] \right) + a_1 \Omega[u], \tag{66}$$

for some  $z_* \in S_{F, \mu_n}$ . Hence,  $\chi_1$  has a closed graph (and therefore has closed values). Hence, we conclude that  $\chi_1$  is a compact multivalued map, upper semicontinuous with convex closed values.

*Step 4.* There exists an open set  $\mathcal{Q} \subset C([0, 1], \mathbb{R})$  with  $u \notin \lambda \chi_2(u)$  for any  $\lambda > 1$  and for each  $u \in \partial \mathcal{Q}$ . Take  $\lambda > 1$ . Let  $u$  be a solution of (2); then, there exists  $f \in L^1([0, 1], \mathbb{R})$  with  $f \in S_{f, u}$  such that for  $t \in [0, 1]$ , we have

$$u(t) = \frac{(\psi(t) - \psi(s))^{\alpha+\beta-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta)} \psi(s) f(s) ds - \int_0^t \frac{(\psi(t) - \psi(s))^{\beta-1}}{\Gamma(\beta)} \psi(s) h(s) ds \\ + \frac{(\psi(t) - \psi(0))^\beta}{\zeta \Gamma(\alpha + \beta)} \left[ \int_0^1 \frac{(\psi(1) - \psi(s))^{\alpha+\beta-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta)} \psi(s) f(s) ds - \int_0^1 \frac{(\psi(1) - \psi(s))^{\beta-1}}{\Gamma(\beta)} \psi(s) h(s) ds \right. \\ \left. + a_3 \sum_{i=1}^m \mu_i \left( \int_0^{\eta_i} \frac{(\psi(\eta_i) - \psi(s))^{\alpha+\beta+\gamma-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta + \gamma)} \psi(s) f(s) ds \right. \right. \\ \left. \left. - \int_0^{\eta_i} \frac{(\psi(\eta_i) - \psi(s))^{\beta+\gamma-1}}{\Gamma(\beta + \gamma)} \psi(s) h(s) ds \right) \right] + a_1 \varphi \Omega[u] - a_2 \theta[u] + a_1 \Omega[u] \\ |u(t)| \leq \int_0^t \frac{(\psi(t) - \psi(s))^{\alpha+\beta-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta)} \psi(s) |f(s)| ds - \int_0^t \frac{(\psi(t) - \psi(s))^{\beta-1}}{\Gamma(\beta)} \psi(s) |h(s)| ds \\ + \frac{(\psi(t) - \psi(0))^\beta}{\zeta \Gamma(\alpha + \beta)} \left[ \int_0^1 \frac{(\psi(1) - \psi(s))^{\alpha+\beta-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta)} \psi(s) |f(s)| ds - \int_0^1 \frac{(\psi(1) - \psi(s))^{\beta-1}}{\Gamma(\beta)} \psi(s) |h(s)| ds \right. \\ \left. + a_3 \sum_{i=1}^m \mu_i \left( \int_0^{\eta_i} \frac{(\psi(\eta_i) - \psi(s))^{\alpha+\beta+\gamma-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta + \gamma)} \psi(s) |f(s)| ds - \int_0^{\eta_i} \frac{(\psi(\eta_i) - \psi(s))^{\beta+\gamma-1}}{\Gamma(\beta + \gamma)} \psi(s) |h(s)| ds \right) \right. \\ \left. + a_1 \varphi \Omega[u] - a_2 \theta[u] + a_1 \Omega[u] \right] \\ \leq \|\Lambda\| \omega(\|u\|) \left\{ \frac{(\psi(1) - \psi(0))^{\alpha+\beta}}{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta + 1)} - \frac{(\psi(1) - \psi(0))^\beta}{\Gamma(\beta + 1)} + \frac{(\psi(1) - \psi(0))^\beta}{|\zeta| \Gamma(\alpha + \beta)} \right. \\ \cdot \left[ \frac{(\psi(1) - \psi(0))^{\alpha+\beta}}{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta + 1)} - \frac{(\psi(1) - \psi(0))^\beta}{\Gamma(\beta + 1)} + |a_3| \sum_{i=1}^m |\mu_i| \left( \frac{(\psi(\eta_i) - \psi(0))^{\alpha+\beta+\gamma}}{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta + \gamma + 1)} \right. \right. \\ \left. \left. - \frac{(\psi(\eta_i) - \psi(0))^{\beta+\gamma}}{\Gamma(\beta + \gamma + 1)} \right) \right] \left. + a_1 \Omega[u] \left( 1 + \frac{(\psi(1) - \psi(0))^\beta}{|\zeta| \Gamma(\alpha + \beta)} \right) \right\} \\ \leq \|\Lambda\| \omega(\|u\|) \mathcal{E} + \mathcal{E}_1, \tag{67}$$



which implies

$$\frac{\|u\|}{\|\Lambda\|\omega(\|u\|)\mathcal{E} + \mathcal{E}_1} < 1. \tag{68}$$

By (N4), there exists  $\tau > 0$  such that  $\|u\| \neq \tau$ . Define a set

$$\mathcal{Q} = \{u \in C([0, 1], \mathbb{R}) : \|u\| < \tau\}. \tag{69}$$

Note that the operator  $\chi_1: \overline{\mathcal{Q}} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(U)$  is a compact multivalued map, u.s.c. with convex closed values. With the given choice of  $\mathcal{Q}$ , it is not possible to find  $u \in \partial\mathcal{Q}$  satisfying  $u \in \lambda\chi(u)$  for some  $\lambda > 1$ . Consequently, the operator  $\chi(u)$  has a fixed point  $u \in \overline{\mathcal{Q}}$ , which is a solution of problem (2).

*Example 2.* Consider the following boundary value problem:

$$\begin{cases} {}^cD_{0^+}^{(1/3)}({}^cD_{0^+}^{(1/4)}u(t) + h(t, u(t))) \in F(t, u(t)), & 0 < \alpha, \beta \leq 1, \\ u(0) = a_1\Omega[u], \\ u(1) = a_2\theta[u] + a_3 \sum_{i=1}^2 \mu_i I_{0^+}^\gamma u(\eta_i), \end{cases} \tag{70}$$

where  $F: C([0, 1], \mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R})$  is a multivalued map given by

$$u \longrightarrow F(t, u) = \left[ \frac{|u|}{|u| + 11} + \frac{(1 + 2t)}{9}, \cos u + \frac{(1 + t)}{3} \right]. \tag{71}$$

For  $f \in F$ , we obtain

$$|f| \leq \max \left[ \frac{|u|}{|u| + 11} + \frac{(1 + 2t)}{9}, \cos u + \frac{(1 + t)}{3} \right] \leq \frac{5}{3}. \tag{72}$$

Here,  $\alpha = (1/3), \beta = (1/4), A_1(s) = A_2(s) = s, a_1 = 0, a_2 = (3/4), a_3 = 1, m = 2,$

$\mu_1 = (1/7), \mu_2 = (3/7), \eta_1 = (1/5), \eta_2 = (4/5), \gamma = (1/2),$  and  $\psi(t) = 3t^2 + 2$ . Clearly,  $\psi$  is an increasing function on  $[0, 1]$  and  $\psi(t) = 6t$  is a continuous function on  $[0, 1]$ .

Clearly,

$$\|F(t, u)\|_{\mathcal{P}} = \sup\{|u| : u \in F(t, u)\} \leq \Lambda(t)\omega(\|u\|); \tag{73}$$

for all  $(t, u) \in [0, 1] \times \mathbb{R}$ ,

with  $\|\Lambda\| = 1$  and  $\omega(\|u\|) = (5/3)$ .

Next, we take

$$h(t, u) = \frac{4}{217} \left( \sin u + \frac{t^4 + e^t}{26 + 3t} \right), \tag{74}$$

where the function  $h$  satisfies the assumption of Theorem 6. By using the given data, we find  $\mathcal{E} = 0.0184331797, \zeta = -0.378649448, \Delta_1 = 6.552924874, \mathcal{E} = 2.343253024,$  and  $\mathcal{E}_1 = 0$ . Thus,

$$\|u\| > \|\Lambda\|\omega(\|u\|)\mathcal{E} + \mathcal{E}_1 \approx 3.905421707, \tag{75}$$

and we have

$$\mathcal{E}\Delta_1 \approx 0.1207912419 < \frac{1}{2}. \tag{76}$$

Therefore, all the conditions of Theorem 6 are satisfied. Then, there exists at least one solution of problem (70) on  $[0, 1]$ .

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No data were used to support this study.

### Conflicts of Interest

The authors declare no conflicts of interest.

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