

**On Nonlocal Iterative Fractional Terminal Value Problem via Generalized Fractional Derivative**

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**Abstract.** Terminal value problems for fractional differential equation with iterative argument are studied in one dimension. For the proposed problem, we have used generalized Katugampola fractional derivative operator considering its generality. Existence and uniqueness results have been established by using fixed point techniques. A couple of examples are discussed at the last to support our theoretical results.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Fractional differential equations have been studied by many researchers and explored different varieties of the problems via initial conditions, boundary conditions etc. Iterative fractional differential equations have been widely studied due to its direct applications in different branches of science. E. Eder studied the theory of iterative differential equations for the first time, see [15]. M. A. Anwar and et al. explored numerical iterative scheme for solving nonlinear boundary value problems of fractional order in [2]. Ibrahim Rabha

have studied numerous problems in iterative fractional differential equations for initial conditions, see [17], [18], [23]. L. Byszewski was the first to study of functional differential equation with non-local conditions and studied existence and uniqueness results for the problems, see [9], [10], [11], [37].

The terminal value problems with fractional derivative operator do have many challenges such as non-linearity, vector order, weakly singularity, high-dimensional systems. Some of these challenges have been addressed by the various authors through numerical methods such as collocation method in [3], [4], [32], [33], [38] and [39]. Authors in these cited papers dealt with the terminal value problems in higher dimensions. In these articles, authors studied terminal value problems for systems of fractional differential equations in which discretized piece-wise polynomial collocation methods are used for approximating the exact solution and existence of a unique solution proved by using fixed point theorem. Also, in [4] well-posedness of the terminal value problem for nonlinear systems of generalized fractional differential equations for terminal value problem studied by transforming the problem into weakly singular Fredholm and Volterra integral equations with delay and supported the theory with illustrative examples. For more details on terminal value problems, one may also refer to [27] and [34].

There are no methods available to find the exact solutions to the complex fractional differential equations. Therefore, many a times, researchers choose to discuss the solutions analytically in which the corresponding integral equation to the proposed fractional differential equation is obtained and fixed point technique [1] is employed. Many fixed point theorems such as Banach fixed point theorem, Schauder fixed point theorem, Schafer, Lerray-Schauder fixed point theorems are used according to the space of the differential equation and existence, uniqueness, stability results are established, see [6, 22, 26, 30, 35, 36]. In [5], authors established existence of solutions using Schauder fixed point theorem and explored local attractiveness of solutions, stability of solutions. Some new inequalities of Hermite Hadamard type via Katugampola fractional integral discussed in [8] and comprehensive notes on various effects of some operators of fractional-order derivatives to certain functions for complex domains in [19]. Analysis of multi term fractional differential equations using variational iteration method discussed in [31]. In [6], authors obtained existence result with the aid of Kransnoselski, Schauder and Schafer fixed point theorem.

Terminal value problems are used to describe in particular behaviour of models of viscoelastic materials and models of financial market dynamics [12], [40]. Recent developments in fractional differential equation with terminal value condition can be seen in [7], [13], [14], [24]. In this article, we intend to address following issues:

- (1) Our problem deals with the terminal value problem in one dimension.
- (2) Although, a good number of articles have been published with terminal conditions, terminal value problems with fractional derivative operator having iterative argument are not yet addressed.
- (3) Further, the generalized Katugampola fractional derivative operator used in our problem produces different fractional derivatives for different values of parameters that increases applicability of the problem.
- (4) We employed the methodology of fixed point technique to discuss existence and uniqueness of solutions.

Taking motivation from the all cited work above, in this present article, we propose iterative generalized fractional differential equation with terminal condition of the type

$$\begin{cases} ({}^\alpha D_{a+}^{\nu, \sigma} f)(t) = h(t, f(f(t))), & 0 < \nu < 1, 0 \leq \sigma \leq 1, t \in (a, T] \\ ({}^\alpha I^{1-\xi} f)(T) = \sum_{i=1}^n \gamma_i f(\zeta_i), & \nu \leq \xi = \nu + \sigma(1 - \nu), \zeta_i \in (a, T] \end{cases} \quad (1.1)$$

where  $\nu \in (0, 1)$ ,  $\sigma \in [0, 1]$ ,  $\alpha > 0$ ,  $\nu \leq \xi = \nu + \sigma(1 - \nu)$ . Generalized Katugampola fractional derivative  ${}^\alpha D_{a+}^{\nu, \sigma}$  is of order  $\nu$  and generalized Katugampola fractional integral  ${}^\alpha I^{1-\xi}$  is of order  $1 - \xi$ . Let  $h : (a, T] \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a function,  $\zeta_i$  are pre-defined points which holds  $0 < a < \zeta_1 \leq \zeta_2 \leq \dots \leq \zeta_n < T$  and  $\gamma_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  are real numbers.

## 2. PRELIMINARIES

Consider the following definitions and lemmas for this paper. Gamma and Beta functions are given by

$$\Gamma(\nu) = \int_0^\infty t^{\nu-1} e^{-t} dt, \quad B(\nu, \sigma) = \int_0^1 (1-t)^{\nu-1} t^{\sigma-1} dt, \quad \nu, \sigma > 0.$$

**Definition 2.1.** [25] Let  $X_c^p(a, T)$  is space with  $p \geq 1, c \in \mathbb{R}$  contains those real valued Lebesgue measurable functions  $h$  on  $(a, T)$  such as  $\|h\|_{X_c^p} < \infty$ ,

$$\|h\|_{X_c^p} = \left( \int_a^b |t^c h(t)|^p \frac{dt}{t} \right)^{1/p}, \quad \|h\|_{X_c^\infty} = \sup_{a \leq t \leq T} |t^c h(t)|.$$

In specifically, for  $c = \frac{1}{p}$  we get  $L_p(a, T) = X_{1/p}^p(a, T)$ .

**Definition 2.2.** [28] Consider the space  $C[a, T]$  of continuous functions  $h$  on  $(a, T]$  defined by

$$\|h\|_C = \max_{t \in [a, T]} |h(t)|.$$

The weighted space

$$C_{\xi, \alpha}[a, T] = \left\{ h : (a, T] \rightarrow \mathbb{R} : \left( \frac{t^\alpha - a^\alpha}{\alpha} \right)^\xi h(t) \in C[a, T] \right\}, \quad (2.2)$$

equipped as

$$\|h\|_{C_{\xi, \alpha}} = \left\| \left( \frac{t^\alpha - a^\alpha}{\alpha} \right)^\xi h(t) \right\| = \max_{t \in [a, T]} \left| \left( \frac{t^\alpha - a^\alpha}{\alpha} \right)^\xi h(t) \right| \text{ and } C_{0, \alpha}[a, T] = C[a, T].$$

**Definition 2.3.** [28] Let  $\Delta_\alpha = \left( t^{\alpha-1} \frac{d}{dt} \right)$  on  $[a, T]$  upto order  $(m - 1)$ ,  $0 \leq \xi < 1$ . If  $h$  are continuously differentiable functions on Banach space  $C^m[a, T]$ , and derivative  $\Delta_\alpha^k h$  on  $(a, T]$  so as  $\Delta_\alpha^m h \in C_{\xi, \alpha}[a, T]$ .

$$C_{\Delta_\alpha, \xi}^m[a, T] = \left\{ \Delta_\alpha^k h \in C[a, T], k = 0, 1, \dots, m - 1, \Delta_\alpha^m h \in C_{\xi, \alpha}[a, T] \right\}, m \in \mathbb{N},$$

with the norm

$$\|h\|_{C_{\Delta_\alpha, \xi}^m} = \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} \|\Delta_\alpha^k h\|_C + \|\Delta_\alpha^m h\|_{C_{\xi, \alpha}}, \quad \|h\|_{C_{\Delta_\alpha, \xi}^m} = \sum_{k=0}^m \max_{t \in (a, T]} |\Delta_\alpha^k h(t)|.$$

In specifically, for  $m = 0$ , it holds  $C_{\Delta_\alpha, \xi}^0[a, T] = C_{\xi, \alpha}[a, T]$ .

**Definition 2.4.** [20] *The left-sided Katugampola fractional integral  ${}^\alpha I_{a+}^\nu$  of order  $\nu$ , for  $\nu > 0$  and  $h \in X_c^p(a, T)$ , from Definition 2.1 is given by*

$${}^\alpha I_{a+}^\nu h(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\nu)} \int_a^t p^{\alpha-1} \left( \frac{t^\alpha - a^\alpha}{\alpha} \right)^{\nu-1} h(p) dp, \quad t > a.$$

**Definition 2.5.** [21]  *${}^\alpha D_{a+}^\nu$  is left sided Katugampola fractional derivative given by*

$${}^\alpha D_{a+}^\nu h(t) = \Delta_\alpha^m ({}^\alpha I_{a+}^{m-\nu} h(p))(t) \tag{2.3}$$

$$= \left( t^{\nu-1} \frac{d}{dt} \right)^m \frac{1}{\Gamma(m-\nu)} \int_a^t p^{\alpha-1} \left( \frac{t^\alpha - a^\alpha}{\alpha} \right)^{m-\nu-1} h(p) dp, \tag{2.4}$$

for  $\nu \in \mathbb{R}^+ \setminus \mathbb{N}$  with  $m = [\nu] + 1$ , in this  $[\nu]$  is the integer part of  $\nu$ .

**Definition 2.6.** [28] *Let  $0 < \nu < 1$  and  $0 \leq \sigma \leq 1$ ,  ${}^\alpha D_{a+}^{\nu,\sigma}$  is left-sided generalized Katugampola fractional derivative given by*

$$({}^\alpha D_{a+}^{\nu,\sigma} h)(t) = ({}^\alpha I_{a+}^{\sigma(1-\nu)} \Delta_\alpha^\alpha I_{a+}^{(1-\sigma)(1-\nu)} h)(t), \tag{2.5}$$

where right-hand side expression is present for those functions.

**Lemma 2.7.** [29] *Let  $\nu > 0$ ,  $\sigma > 0$  and  $\alpha, c \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $\alpha \geq c$ . Therefore,  $h \in X_c^p(a, T)$ ,  $p \geq 1$ , Katugampola integral holds semi-group condition*

$$i.e. \quad ({}^\alpha I_{a+}^\nu)({}^\alpha I_{a+}^\sigma)h(t) = {}^\alpha I_{a+}^{\nu+\sigma} h(t). \tag{2.6}$$

**Lemma 2.8.** [21] *Let  $h \in C_{\xi,\alpha}[a, T]$ ,  $t \in (a, T]$  with  $\nu > 0$ ,  $0 \leq \xi < 1$ . Then,*

$$({}^\alpha D_{a+}^\nu)({}^\alpha I_{a+}^\nu)h(t) = h(t). \tag{2.7}$$

**Lemma 2.9.** [21] *Let  $h \in C_{\xi,\alpha}[a, T]$  and  ${}^\alpha I_{a+}^{1-\nu} h \in C_{\xi,\alpha}^1[a, T]$  with  $\nu > 0$ ,  $0 \leq \xi < 1$ . Then,*

$$({}^\alpha I_{a+}^\nu)({}^\alpha D_{a+}^\nu)h(t) = h(t) - \frac{{}^\alpha I_{a+}^{1-\nu} h(a)}{\Gamma(\nu)} \left( \frac{t^\alpha - a^\alpha}{\alpha} \right)^{\nu-1}. \tag{2.8}$$

**Lemma 2.10.** [5] *From Definition 2.4 and 2.5, we have the following*

$${}^\alpha I_{a+}^\nu \left( \frac{t^\alpha - a^\alpha}{\alpha} \right)^{\psi-1} = \frac{\Gamma(\psi)}{\Gamma(\psi+1)} \left( \frac{t^\alpha - a^\alpha}{\alpha} \right)^{\psi+\nu-1}, \quad \nu \geq 0, \psi > 0, t > a$$

$${}^\alpha D_{a+}^\nu \left( \frac{t^\alpha - a^\alpha}{\alpha} \right)^{\nu-1} = 0, \quad 0 < \nu < 1.$$

**Remark 2.11.** [5] *Let  $0 < \nu < 1$ ,  $0 \leq \sigma \leq 1$ ,  ${}^\alpha D_{a+}^{\nu,\sigma}$  can be described as in the form of Katugampola fractional derivative given by*

$${}^\alpha D_{a+}^{\nu,\sigma} = ({}^\alpha I_{a+}^{\sigma(1-\nu)} \Delta_\alpha^\alpha I_{a+}^{1-\nu}) = ({}^\alpha I_{a+}^{\sigma(1-\nu)} ({}^\alpha D_{a+}^\xi)), \quad \xi = \nu + \sigma(1-\nu).$$

**Lemma 2.12.** [28] *Let  $h \in C_{1-\xi,\alpha}[a, b]$  and  $\nu > 0$ ,  $0 < \xi \leq 1$  and If  $\nu > \xi$ , then*

$${}^\alpha I_{a+}^\nu h(a) = \lim_{t \rightarrow a+} ({}^\alpha I_{a+}^\nu h)(t) = 0.$$

To deliberate the main results, we require subsequent spaces:

$$C_{1-\xi,\alpha}^{\nu,\sigma}[a, T] = \left\{ h \in C_{1-\xi,\alpha}[a, T] : {}^\alpha D_{a+}^{\nu,\sigma} h \in C_{1-\xi,\alpha}[a, T] \right\} \tag{2.9}$$

and

$$C_{1-\xi,\alpha}^\xi[a, T] = \left\{ h \in C_{1-\xi,\alpha}[a, T] : {}^\alpha D_{a+}^\xi h \in C_{1-\xi,\alpha}[a, T] \right\}, \quad 0 < \xi \leq 1,$$

as  ${}^\alpha D_{a+}^{\nu,\sigma} h = ({}^\alpha I_{a+}^{\sigma(1-\nu)})({}^\alpha D_{a+}^\xi)h$ , then  $C_{1-\xi,\alpha}^\xi[a, T] \subseteq C_{1-\xi,\alpha}^{\nu,\sigma}[a, T]$ .

**Lemma 2.13.** [21] Let  $\nu > 0$ ,  $\sigma > 0$  and  $\xi = \nu + \sigma - \nu\sigma$ . If  $h \in C_{1-\xi,\alpha}^\xi[a, T]$ , then

$$({}^\alpha I_{a+}^\xi)(({}^\alpha D_{a+}^\xi)h(t) = ({}^\alpha I_{a+}^\nu)({}^\alpha D_{a+}^{\nu,\sigma})h(t) = {}^\alpha D_{a+}^{\sigma(1-\nu)}h(t).$$

**Lemma 2.14.** [27] With conditions  $0 < \nu < 1$ ,  $0 \leq \sigma \leq 1$ ,  $\xi = \nu + \eta - \nu\sigma$ . Let  $h : (a, T] \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a function such that  $h(\cdot, f(\cdot)) \in C_{1-\xi,\alpha}[a, T]$ , for any  $f \in C_{1-\xi,\alpha}[a, T]$  therefore  $f \in C_{1-\xi,\alpha}^\xi[a, T]$  satisfies Terminal value Problem

$$\begin{cases} ({}^\alpha D_{a+}^{\nu,\sigma} f)(t) = h(t, f(t)), & 0 < \nu < 1, 0 \leq \sigma \leq 1, t \in (a, T] \\ ({}^\alpha I_{a+}^{1-\xi} f)(T) = \sum_{i=1}^n \gamma_i f(\zeta_i), & \nu \leq \xi = \nu + \sigma(1-\nu), \zeta_i \in (a, T] \end{cases} \quad (2.10)$$

if and only if  $f$  satisfies the mixed-type nonlinear Volterra integral equation

$$\begin{aligned} f(t) &= \frac{\kappa}{\Gamma(\nu)} \left( \frac{t^\alpha - a^\alpha}{\alpha} \right)^{\xi-1} \sum_{i=0}^n \gamma_i \int_a^{\zeta_i} p^{\alpha-1} \left( \frac{\zeta_i^\alpha - p^\alpha}{\alpha} \right)^{\nu-1} h(p, f(p)) dp \\ &+ \frac{1}{\Gamma(\nu)} \int_a^t p^{\alpha-1} \left( \frac{t^\alpha - p^\alpha}{\alpha} \right)^{\nu-1} h(p, f(p)) dp, \end{aligned} \quad (2.11)$$

where

$$\kappa = \left( \Gamma(\xi) - \sum_{i=1}^n \gamma_i \left( \frac{\zeta_i^\alpha - a^\alpha}{\alpha} \right)^{\xi-1} \right)^{-1}. \quad (2.12)$$

**Theorem 2.15.** Let  $0 < \nu < 1$ ,  $0 \leq \sigma \leq 1$ ,  $\xi = \nu + \sigma - \nu\sigma$ . If  $h : (a, T] \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that  $h(\cdot, f(\cdot)) \in C_{1-\xi,\alpha}[a, T]$ , for any  $f \in C_{1-\xi,\alpha}[a, T]$  therefore  $f \in C_{1-\xi,\alpha}^\xi[a, T]$  satisfies the problem ( 1. 1 ) if and only if  $f$  satisfies the mixed-type nonlinear Volterra integral equation

$$\begin{aligned} f(t) &= \frac{\kappa}{\Gamma(\nu)} \left( \frac{t^\alpha - a^\alpha}{\alpha} \right)^{\xi-1} \sum_{i=0}^n \gamma_i \int_a^{\zeta_i} p^{\alpha-1} \left( \frac{\zeta_i^\alpha - p^\alpha}{\alpha} \right)^{\nu-1} h(p, f(f(p))) dp \\ &+ \frac{1}{\Gamma(\nu)} \int_a^t p^{\alpha-1} \left( \frac{t^\alpha - p^\alpha}{\alpha} \right)^{\nu-1} h(p, f(f(p))) dp, \end{aligned} \quad (2.13)$$

where

$$\kappa = \left( \Gamma(\xi) - \sum_{i=1}^n \gamma_i \left( \frac{\zeta_i^\alpha - a^\alpha}{\alpha} \right)^{\xi-1} \right)^{-1}. \quad (2.14)$$

*Proof.* The proof comes from the Lemma 2.14.  $\square$

### 3. RESULTS

This section illustrates existence and uniqueness results for the stated problem. Let some of the hypotheses:

(H<sub>1</sub>) Let  $h : (a, T] \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a function,  $h(\cdot, f(\cdot)) \in C_{1-\xi, \alpha}^{\sigma(1-\nu)}[a, T]$  for any  $f \in C_{1-\xi, \alpha}$ ,  $\exists$  constant  $L > 0$  such that  $\forall f, g \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$|h(t, f(t)) - h(t, g(t))| \leq L|f - g|. \tag{3. 15}$$

(H<sub>2</sub>) There exists constants  $\Omega_1, \Omega_2$  given by

$$\Omega_1 = \frac{\Gamma(\xi)}{\Gamma(\xi + \nu)} \left( |\kappa| \sum_{i=0}^n \gamma_i \left( \frac{\zeta_i^\alpha - a^\alpha}{\alpha} \right)^{\nu+\xi-1} + \left( \frac{T^\alpha - a^\alpha}{\alpha} \right)^\nu \right) \tag{3. 16}$$

and

$$\Omega_2 = \frac{M}{\Gamma(\nu + 1)} \left( |\kappa| \sum_{i=0}^n \gamma_i \left( \frac{\zeta_i^\alpha - a^\alpha}{\alpha} \right)^\nu + \left( \frac{T^\alpha - a^\alpha}{\alpha} \right)^{\nu-\xi+1} \right). \tag{3. 17}$$

(H<sub>3</sub>)  $C_{1-\xi, \alpha}^P = \{f \in C_{1-\xi, \alpha} : |f(t_1) - f(t_2)| \leq P|t_1 - t_2|, \forall t_1, t_2 \in (a, T]\}$ .

(H<sub>4</sub>) Let  $h : (a, T] \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $h(\cdot, f(\cdot)) \in C_{1-\xi, \alpha}^{\sigma(1-\nu)}$ , for any  $f \in C_{1-\xi, \alpha}$  and  $\forall t \in (a, T]$ ,  $\exists$  constants  $M > 0$  and  $L \geq 0$ ,

$$|h(t, f)| \leq L|f| + M. \tag{3. 18}$$

(H<sub>5</sub>) Let  $h : (a, T] \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that  $h(\cdot, f(\cdot)) \in C_{1-\xi, \alpha}^{\sigma(1-\nu)}[a, T]$ , for any  $f \in C_{1-\xi, \alpha}[a, T]$  with  $\forall t \in (a, T]$ ,  $\exists$  function  $r(t) \in C_{1-\xi, \alpha}^{\sigma(1-\nu)}[a, T]$ ,

$$|h(t, f)| \leq r(t). \tag{3. 19}$$

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let the hypotheses (H<sub>1</sub>) – (H<sub>5</sub>) holds then the problem ( 1. 1 ) has at least one solution in  $C_{1-\xi, \alpha}^\xi[a, T] \subset C_{1-\xi, \alpha}^{\nu, \sigma}[a, T]$ .*

*Proof.* Now, we show that integral equation ( 2. 13 ) has a solution.

Let  $Q : C_{1-\xi, \alpha}[a, T] \rightarrow C_{1-\xi, \alpha}[a, T]$  defined as

$$\begin{aligned} (Qf)(t) &= \frac{\kappa}{\Gamma(\nu)} \left( \frac{t^\alpha - a^\alpha}{\alpha} \right)^{\xi-1} \sum_{i=0}^n \gamma_i \int_a^{\zeta_i} p^{\alpha-1} \left( \frac{\zeta_i^\alpha - p^\alpha}{\alpha} \right)^{\nu-1} h(p, f(f(p))) dp \\ &+ \frac{1}{\Gamma(\nu)} \int_a^t p^{\alpha-1} \left( \frac{t^\alpha - p^\alpha}{\alpha} \right)^{\nu-1} h(p, f(f(p))) dp \end{aligned} \tag{3. 20}$$

Then,  $Q$  is well defined.

Define  $B_\delta = \{f \in C_{1-\xi, \alpha}[a, T] : \|f\|_{C_{1-\xi, \alpha}} \leq \delta\}$  where  $\delta \geq \frac{\Omega_2}{1 - L\Omega_1}$ .

**Claim 1:**  $Q(B_\delta) \subset B_\delta$ .

Consider

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left| \left( \frac{t^\alpha - a^\alpha}{\alpha} \right)^{1-\xi} (Qf)(t) \right| \leq \frac{|\kappa|}{\Gamma(\nu)} \sum_{i=1}^n \gamma_i \int_a^{\zeta_i} p^{\alpha-1} \left( \frac{\zeta_i^\alpha - p^\alpha}{\alpha} \right)^{\nu-1} |h(p, f(f(p)))| dp \\
& + \left( \frac{t^\alpha - a^\alpha}{\alpha} \right)^{1-\xi} \frac{1}{\Gamma(\nu)} \int_a^t p^{\alpha-1} \left( \frac{t^\alpha - p^\alpha}{\alpha} \right)^{\nu-1} |h(p, f(f(p)))| dp \\
& \leq \frac{|\kappa|}{\Gamma(\nu)} \sum_{i=1}^n \gamma_i \int_a^{\zeta_i} p^{\alpha-1} \left( \frac{\zeta_i^\alpha - p^\alpha}{\alpha} \right)^{\nu-1} [L|f(f(p))| + M] dp \\
& + \left( \frac{t^\alpha - a^\alpha}{\alpha} \right)^{1-\xi} \frac{1}{\Gamma(\nu)} \int_a^t p^{\alpha-1} \left( \frac{t^\alpha - p^\alpha}{\alpha} \right)^{\nu-1} [L|f(f(p))| + M] dp \\
& \leq L \frac{|\kappa|}{\Gamma(\nu)} \sum_{i=1}^n \gamma_i \int_a^{\zeta_i} p^{\alpha-1} \left( \frac{\zeta_i^\alpha - p^\alpha}{\alpha} \right)^{\nu-1} \left( \frac{p^\alpha - a^\alpha}{\alpha} \right)^{\xi-1} \left( \frac{p^\alpha - a^\alpha}{\alpha} \right)^{1-\xi} |f(f(p))| dp \\
& + M \frac{|\kappa|}{\Gamma(\nu)} \sum_{i=1}^n \gamma_i \int_a^{\zeta_i} p^{\alpha-1} \left( \frac{\zeta_i^\alpha - p^\alpha}{\alpha} \right)^{\nu-1} dp \\
& + L \left( \frac{t^\alpha - a^\alpha}{\alpha} \right)^{1-\xi} \frac{1}{\Gamma(\nu)} \int_a^t p^{\alpha-1} \left( \frac{t^\alpha - p^\alpha}{\alpha} \right)^{\nu-1} \\
& \times \left( \frac{p^\alpha - a^\alpha}{\alpha} \right)^{\xi-1} \left( \frac{p^\alpha - a^\alpha}{\alpha} \right)^{1-\xi} |f(f(p))| dp \\
& + M \left( \frac{t^\alpha - a^\alpha}{\alpha} \right)^{1-\xi} \frac{1}{\Gamma(\nu)} \int_a^t p^{\alpha-1} \left( \frac{t^\alpha - p^\alpha}{\alpha} \right)^{\nu-1} dp \\
& \leq L \|f\|_{C_{1-\xi, \alpha}} \frac{|\kappa|}{\Gamma(\nu)} \sum_{i=1}^n \gamma_i \int_a^{\zeta_i} p^{\alpha-1} \left( \frac{\zeta_i^\alpha - p^\alpha}{\alpha} \right)^{\nu-1} \left( \frac{p^\alpha - a^\alpha}{\alpha} \right)^{\xi-1} dp \\
& + M \frac{|\kappa|}{\Gamma(\nu)} \sum_{i=1}^n \gamma_i \int_a^{\zeta_i} p^{\alpha-1} \left( \frac{\zeta_i^\alpha - p^\alpha}{\alpha} \right)^{\nu-1} dp \\
& + L \|f\|_{C_{1-\xi, \alpha}} \left( \frac{t^\alpha - a^\alpha}{\alpha} \right)^{1-\xi} \frac{1}{\Gamma(\nu)} \int_a^t p^{\alpha-1} \left( \frac{t^\alpha - p^\alpha}{\alpha} \right)^{\nu-1} \left( \frac{p^\alpha - a^\alpha}{\alpha} \right)^{\xi-1} dp \\
& + M \left( \frac{t^\alpha - a^\alpha}{\alpha} \right)^{1-\xi} \frac{1}{\Gamma(\nu)} \int_a^t p^{\alpha-1} \left( \frac{t^\alpha - p^\alpha}{\alpha} \right)^{\nu-1} dp \\
& \leq L \|f\|_{C_{1-\xi, \alpha}} \frac{|\kappa| \Gamma(\xi)}{\Gamma(\xi + \nu)} \sum_{i=1}^n \gamma_i \left( \frac{\zeta_i^\alpha - a^\alpha}{\alpha} \right)^{\nu + \xi - 1} + \frac{M |\kappa|}{\Gamma(\nu + 1)} \sum_{i=1}^n \gamma_i \left( \frac{\zeta_i^\alpha - a^\alpha}{\alpha} \right)^\nu \\
& + L \|f\|_{C_{1-\xi, \alpha}} \frac{\Gamma(\xi)}{\Gamma(\xi + \nu)} \left( \frac{T^\alpha - a^\alpha}{\alpha} \right)^\nu + \frac{M}{\Gamma(\nu + 1)} \left( \frac{T^\alpha - a^\alpha}{\alpha} \right)^{\nu - \xi + 1} \\
& \leq L \frac{\Gamma(\xi)}{\Gamma(\xi + \nu)} \left[ |\kappa| \sum_{i=1}^n \gamma_i \left( \frac{\zeta_i^\alpha - a^\alpha}{\alpha} \right)^{\nu + \xi - 1} + \left( \frac{T^\alpha - a^\alpha}{\alpha} \right)^\nu \right] \|f\|_{C_{1-\xi, \alpha}} \\
& + M \frac{1}{\Gamma(\nu + 1)} \left[ |\kappa| \sum_{i=1}^n \gamma_i \left( \frac{\zeta_i^\alpha - a^\alpha}{\alpha} \right)^\nu + \left( \frac{T^\alpha - a^\alpha}{\alpha} \right)^{\nu - \xi + 1} \right] \\
& \leq L \Omega_1 \delta + \Omega_2 \\
& \leq \delta.
\end{aligned}$$

That is,

$$\|Qf\|_{C_{1-\xi,\alpha}} \leq \delta.$$

Which gives  $Q(B_\delta) \subset B_\delta$ .

**Claim 2:**  $Q$  is completely continuous. The sequence  $\{f_n\}$  so as  $f_n \rightarrow f$  in  $B_\delta$ . Then for every  $t \in (a, T]$ , consider

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \left( \frac{t^\alpha - a^\alpha}{\alpha} \right)^{1-\xi} \left( (Qf_n)(t) - (Qf)(t) \right) \right| \\ & \leq \frac{|\kappa|}{\Gamma(\nu)} \sum_{i=1}^n \gamma_i \int_a^{\zeta_i} p^{\alpha-1} \left( \frac{\zeta_i^\alpha - p^\alpha}{\alpha} \right)^{\nu-1} |h(p, f_n(f_n(p))) - h(p, f(f(p)))| dp \\ & \quad + \left( \frac{t^\alpha - a^\alpha}{\alpha} \right)^{1-\xi} \frac{1}{\Gamma(\nu)} \int_a^t p^{\alpha-1} \left( \frac{t^\alpha - p^\alpha}{\alpha} \right)^{\nu-1} |h(p, f_n(f_n(p))) - h(p, f(f(p)))| dp \\ & \leq \frac{|\kappa|}{\Gamma(\nu)} \sum_{i=1}^n \gamma_i \int_a^{\zeta_i} p^{\alpha-1} \left( \frac{\zeta_i^\alpha - p^\alpha}{\alpha} \right)^{\nu-1} \left( \frac{p^\alpha - a^\alpha}{\alpha} \right)^{1-\xi} \\ & \quad \times \|h(\cdot, f_n(f_n(\cdot))) - h(\cdot, f(f(\cdot)))\|_{C_{1-\xi,\alpha}} dp \\ & \quad + \left( \frac{t^\alpha - a^\alpha}{\alpha} \right)^{1-\xi} \frac{1}{\Gamma(\nu)} \int_a^t p^{\alpha-1} \left( \frac{t^\alpha - p^\alpha}{\alpha} \right)^{\nu-1} \left( \frac{p^\alpha - a^\alpha}{\alpha} \right)^{1-\xi} \\ & \quad \times \|h(\cdot, f_n(f_n(\cdot))) - h(\cdot, f(f(\cdot)))\|_{C_{1-\xi,\alpha}} dp \\ & \leq \frac{\Gamma(\xi)}{\Gamma(\nu + \xi)} \left[ |\kappa| \sum_{i=1}^n \gamma_i \left( \frac{\zeta_i^\alpha - a^\alpha}{\alpha} \right)^{\nu+\xi-1} + \left( \frac{T^\alpha - a^\alpha}{\alpha} \right)^\nu \right] \\ & \quad \times \|h(\cdot, f_n(f_n(\cdot))) - h(\cdot, f(f(\cdot)))\|_{C_{1-\xi,\alpha}} \\ & \leq \Omega_1 \|h(\cdot, f_n(f_n(\cdot))) - h(\cdot, f(f(\cdot)))\|_{C_{1-\xi,\alpha}}. \end{aligned}$$

Which shows that  $Q$  is completely continuous.

**Claim 3:**  $Q(B_\delta)$  is relatively compact.  $Q(B_\delta) \subset B_\delta$ , it implies that  $Q$  is uniformly bounded and equicontinuous with  $0 < a < t_1 < t_2 \leq T$ .

Consider

$$\begin{aligned} & |(Qf)(t_1) - (Qf)(t_2)| \\ & \leq \frac{|\kappa|}{\Gamma(\nu)} \left[ \left( \frac{t_1^\alpha - a^\alpha}{\alpha} \right)^{\xi-1} - \left( \frac{t_2^\alpha - a^\alpha}{\alpha} \right)^{\xi-1} \right] \\ & \quad \times \sum_{i=1}^n \gamma_i \int_a^{\zeta_i} p^{\alpha-1} \left( \frac{\zeta_i^\alpha - p^\alpha}{\alpha} \right)^{\nu-1} |h(p, f(f(p)))| dp \\ & \quad + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\nu)} \left[ \int_a^{t_1} p^{\alpha-1} \left( \frac{t_1^\alpha - p^\alpha}{\alpha} \right)^{\nu-1} - \int_a^{t_2} p^{\alpha-1} \left( \frac{t_2^\alpha - p^\alpha}{\alpha} \right)^{\nu-1} \right] |h(p, f(f(p)))| dp \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
&\leq \frac{|\kappa|}{\Gamma(\nu)} \left[ \left( \frac{t_1^\alpha - a^\alpha}{\alpha} \right)^{\xi-1} - \left( \frac{t_2^\alpha - a^\alpha}{\alpha} \right)^{\xi-1} \right] \\
&\times \sum_{i=1}^n \gamma_i \int_a^{\zeta_i} p^{\alpha-1} \left( \frac{\zeta_i^\alpha - p^\alpha}{\alpha} \right)^{\nu-1} \left( \frac{p^\alpha - a^\alpha}{\alpha} \right)^{\xi-1} \|h\|_{C_{1-\xi,\alpha}} dp \\
&+ \frac{1}{\Gamma(\nu)} \left[ \int_a^{t_1} p^{\alpha-1} \left( \frac{t_1^\alpha - p^\alpha}{\alpha} \right)^{\nu-1} - \int_a^{t_2} p^{\alpha-1} \left( \frac{t_2^\alpha - p^\alpha}{\alpha} \right)^{\nu-1} \right] \\
&\times \left( \frac{p^\alpha - a^\alpha}{\alpha} \right)^{\xi-1} \|h\|_{C_{1-\xi,\alpha}} dp \\
&\leq \|h\|_{C_{1-\xi,\alpha}} \frac{|\kappa| \Gamma(\xi)}{\Gamma(\nu + \xi)} \left[ \left( \frac{t_1^\alpha - a^\alpha}{\alpha} \right)^{\xi-1} - \left( \frac{t_2^\alpha - a^\alpha}{\alpha} \right)^{\xi-1} \right] \sum_{i=1}^n \gamma_i \left( \frac{\zeta_i^\alpha - a^\alpha}{\alpha} \right)^{\nu+\xi-1} \\
&+ \|h\|_{C_{1-\xi,\alpha}} \frac{\Gamma(\xi)}{\Gamma(\nu + \xi)} \left[ \left( \frac{t_1^\alpha - a^\alpha}{\alpha} \right)^{\nu+\xi-1} - \left( \frac{t_2^\alpha - a^\alpha}{\alpha} \right)^{\nu+\xi-1} \right] \rightarrow 0.
\end{aligned}$$

When  $t_2 \rightarrow t_1$ . Therefore,  $Q$  is equicontinuous. Hence, the set  $Q(B_\delta)$  of equicontinuous implies that  $Q(B_\delta)$  is relatively compact.

**Claim 4:**  $S = \{f \in C_{1-\xi,\alpha}[a, T] : f = \mu Qf \text{ for some } \mu \in (0, 1)\}$  is a bounded set. Consider

$$\begin{aligned}
&\left| \left( \frac{t^\alpha - a^\alpha}{\alpha} \right)^{1-\xi} f(t) \right| \leq \left\| \left( \frac{t^\alpha - a^\alpha}{\alpha} \right)^{1-\xi} (Qf)(t) \right\| \\
&\leq \frac{\Gamma(\xi)}{\Gamma(\xi + \nu)} \left( |\kappa| \sum_{i=0}^n \gamma_i \left( \frac{\zeta_i^\alpha - a^\alpha}{\alpha} \right)^{\nu+\xi-1} + \left( \frac{T^\alpha - a^\alpha}{\alpha} \right)^\nu \right) \|r\|_{C_{1-\xi,\alpha}} = C.
\end{aligned}$$

Hence, we get

$$\|f\|_{C_{1-\xi,\alpha}} \leq C.$$

Which shows that  $S$  is bounded set. Therefore, by Schaefer's fixed point theorem the stated problem ( 1. 1 ) has at least one solution.  $\square$

In the next part, we show the uniqueness of solutions to the problem.

**Theorem 3.2.** Let the hypotheses  $(H_1) - (H_3)$  holds with if  $L(P + 1)\Omega_1 < 1$ , then the problem ( 1. 1 ) has unique solution in  $C_{1-\xi,\alpha}^\xi[a, T] \subset C_{1-\xi,\alpha}^{\nu,\sigma}[a, T]$ .

*Proof.* From Theorem 3.1. Define an operator  $Q : C_{1-\xi,\alpha}[a, T] \rightarrow C_{1-\xi,\alpha}[a, T]$  by

$$\begin{aligned}
(Qf)(t) &= \frac{\kappa}{\Gamma(\nu)} \left( \frac{t^\alpha - a^\alpha}{\alpha} \right)^{\xi-1} \sum_{i=0}^n \gamma_i \int_a^{\zeta_i} p^{\alpha-1} \left( \frac{\zeta_i^\alpha - p^\alpha}{\alpha} \right)^{\nu-1} h(p, f(f(p))) dp \\
&+ \frac{1}{\Gamma(\nu)} \int_a^t p^{\alpha-1} \left( \frac{t^\alpha - p^\alpha}{\alpha} \right)^{\nu-1} h(p, f(f(p))) dp, \tag{3. 21}
\end{aligned}$$

from the Claim 1 of the Theorem 3.1., we can see that for  $f \in B_\delta$ ,

$$\|Qf\|_{C_{1-\xi,\alpha}} \leq \delta.$$

Now, we prove  $Q$  is a contraction.

Consider

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left| ((Qf) - (Qg))(t) \left( \frac{t^\alpha - a^\alpha}{\alpha} \right)^{1-\xi} \right| \\
& \leq \frac{|\kappa|}{\Gamma(\nu)} \sum_{i=0}^n \gamma_i \int_a^{\zeta_i} p^{\alpha-1} \left( \frac{\zeta_i^\alpha - p^\alpha}{\alpha} \right)^{\nu-1} |h(p, f(f(p))) - h(p, g(g(p)))| dp \\
& + \left( \frac{t^\alpha - a^\alpha}{\alpha} \right)^{1-\xi} \frac{1}{\Gamma(\nu)} \int_a^t p^{\alpha-1} \left( \frac{t^\alpha - p^\alpha}{\alpha} \right)^{\nu-1} |h(p, f(f(p))) - h(p, g(g(p)))| dp \\
& \leq \frac{|\kappa|}{\Gamma(\nu)} \sum_{i=0}^n \gamma_i \int_a^{\zeta_i} p^{\alpha-1} \left( \frac{\zeta_i^\alpha - p^\alpha}{\alpha} \right)^{\nu-1} L |f(f(p)) - g(g(p))| dp \\
& + \left( \frac{t^\alpha - a^\alpha}{\alpha} \right)^{1-\xi} \frac{1}{\Gamma(\nu)} \int_a^t p^{\alpha-1} \left( \frac{t^\alpha - p^\alpha}{\alpha} \right)^{\nu-1} L |f(f(p)) - g(g(p))| dp \\
& \leq \frac{|\kappa|}{\Gamma(\nu)} \sum_{i=0}^n \gamma_i \int_a^{\zeta_i} p^{\alpha-1} \left( \frac{\zeta_i^\alpha - p^\alpha}{\alpha} \right)^{\nu-1} \\
& \times L \left( |f(f(p)) - f(g(p))| + |f(g(p)) - g(g(p))| \right) dp \\
& + \left( \frac{t^\alpha - a^\alpha}{\alpha} \right)^{1-\xi} \frac{1}{\Gamma(\nu)} \int_a^t p^{\alpha-1} \left( \frac{t^\alpha - p^\alpha}{\alpha} \right)^{\nu-1} \\
& \times L \left( |f(f(p)) - f(g(p))| + |f(g(p)) - g(g(p))| \right) dp \\
& \leq \frac{|\kappa|}{\Gamma(\nu)} \sum_{i=0}^n \gamma_i \int_a^{\zeta_i} p^{\alpha-1} \left( \frac{\zeta_i^\alpha - p^\alpha}{\alpha} \right)^{\nu-1} \left( \frac{p^\alpha - a^\alpha}{\alpha} \right)^{\xi-1} L(P+1) \|f - g\|_{C_{1-\xi, \alpha}} \\
& + \left( \frac{t^\alpha - a^\alpha}{\alpha} \right)^{1-\xi} \frac{1}{\Gamma(\nu)} \int_a^t p^{\alpha-1} \left( \frac{t^\alpha - p^\alpha}{\alpha} \right)^{\nu-1} \left( \frac{p^\alpha - a^\alpha}{\alpha} \right)^{\xi-1} \\
& \times L(P+1) \|f - g\|_{C_{1-\xi, \alpha}} dp \\
& \leq \frac{\Gamma(\xi)|\kappa|}{\Gamma(\nu + \xi)} \sum_{i=0}^n \gamma_i \left( \frac{\zeta_i^\alpha - a^\alpha}{\alpha} \right)^{\nu+\xi-1} L(P+1) \|f - g\|_{C_{1-\xi, \alpha}} \\
& + \frac{\Gamma(\xi)}{\Gamma(\nu + \xi)} \left( \frac{T^\alpha - a^\alpha}{\alpha} \right)^\nu L(P+1) \|f - g\|_{C_{1-\xi, \alpha}} \\
& \leq L(P+1) \|f - g\|_{C_{1-\xi, \alpha}} \frac{\Gamma(\xi)}{\Gamma(\nu + \zeta)} \left[ |\kappa| \sum_{i=0}^n \gamma_i \left( \frac{\zeta_i^\alpha - a^\alpha}{\alpha} \right)^{\nu+\xi-1} + \left( \frac{T^\alpha - a^\alpha}{\alpha} \right)^\nu \right] \\
& \leq L(P+1) \Omega_1 \|f - g\|_{C_{1-\xi, \alpha}}.
\end{aligned}$$

i.e.

$$\|Qf - Qg\|_{C_{1-\xi, \alpha}} \leq L(P+1) \Omega_1 \|f - g\|_{C_{1-\xi, \alpha}}, \forall f, g \in B_\delta. \quad (3.22)$$

Thus, operator  $Q$  satisfies contraction therefore by fixed point theorem of Banach, the problem (1.1) has unique solution in  $C_{1-\xi, \alpha}^\xi[a, T] \subset C_{1-\xi, \alpha}^{\nu, \sigma}[a, T]$ .  $\square$

## 4. EXAMPLES

**Example 4.1.** Consider the nonlocal problem

$$\begin{cases} (\alpha D_{a+}^{\nu, \sigma} f)(t) = h(t, f(f(t))), & t \in (1, 2] \\ (\alpha I_{a+}^{1-\xi} f)(2) = 2f(\frac{5}{4}), & \xi = \nu + \sigma(1 - \nu) \end{cases} \quad (4.23)$$

**Solution:**

Set  $\nu = \frac{1}{4}$ ,  $\sigma = \frac{1}{3}$  then  $\xi = \frac{1}{2}$ . Also, let  $\alpha = \frac{1}{2}$  and

$$\begin{aligned} h(t, f(f(t))) &= \frac{1}{4} \left( \frac{t^\alpha - 1}{\alpha} \right)^{-1/16} + \frac{1}{5} \left( \frac{t^\alpha - 1}{\alpha} \right)^{15/16} \sin(f(f(t))), \text{ then} \\ \left( \frac{t^\alpha - 1}{\alpha} \right)^{7/16} h(t, f(f(t))) &= \frac{1}{4} \left( \frac{t^\alpha - 1}{\alpha} \right)^{3/8} + \frac{1}{5} \left( \frac{t^\alpha - 1}{\alpha} \right)^{11/8} \sin(f(f(t))) \in C[1, 2] \\ \therefore h(t, f(f(t))) &\in C_{1/2, 1/2}[1, 2]. \end{aligned}$$

Also,  $|h(t, f) - h(t, g)| \leq \frac{1}{5}|f - g|$ ,  $\forall f, g$  so the Lipschitz constant  $L = \frac{1}{5}$ .

We want solution in  $C_{1-\xi, \alpha}^P = \{f \in C_{1-\xi, \alpha} : |f(t_1) - f(t_2)| \leq |t_1 - t_2|, \forall t_1, t_2 \in [1, 2].\}$  so that  $P = 1$ .

$$|\kappa| = \left| \left( \Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) - 2 \left( \frac{(5/4)^{\frac{1}{2}} - 1}{\frac{1}{2}} \right)^{-1/2} \right)^{-1} \right| \approx 0.42664150 < 1.$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega_1 &= \frac{1.772453}{1.2254167} \left[ 0.42664150 \left( 2 \left( \frac{(5/4)^{0.5} - 1}{0.5} \right)^{-1/4} \right) + \left( \frac{2^{0.5} - 1}{0.5} \right)^{1/4} \right] \\ &\approx 2.2653272. \end{aligned}$$

Then  $L(P + 1)\Omega_1 = \frac{1}{5}(1 + 1) \times 2.2653272 = 0.9061309 < 1$ . Thus, by the Theorem (3.2), the problem (4.23) possesses a solution in  $C_{1/2, 1/2}[1, 2]$ .

**Example 4.2.** Consider the nonlocal problem

$$\begin{cases} (\alpha D_{a+}^{\nu, \sigma} f)(t) = h(t, f(f(t))), & t \in (2, 3] \\ (\alpha I_{a+}^{1-\xi} f)(3) = 2f(2.3) + 2.5f(2.4), & \xi = \nu + \sigma(1 - \nu) \end{cases} \quad (4.24)$$

**Solution:**

$\nu = \frac{3}{4}$ ,  $\sigma = \frac{1}{3}$  which gives  $\xi = \frac{5}{6}$ ,  $\alpha = \frac{1}{3}$  and

$$h(t, f(f(t))) = \frac{3}{8}t + \frac{1}{7}f(f(t)).$$

Also,  $|h(t, f) - h(t, g)| \leq \frac{1}{7}|f - g|$  hence,  $L = \frac{1}{7}$ .

We want solution in  $C_{1-\xi, \alpha}^P = \{f \in C_{1-\xi, \alpha} : |f(t_1) - f(t_2)| \leq \frac{1}{2}|t_1 - t_2|, \forall t_1, t_2 \in [1, 2].\}$

so that  $P = \frac{1}{2}$ .

$$|\kappa| = \left| \left( \Gamma\left(\frac{5}{6}\right) - \left[ 2 \left( \frac{(2.3)^{\frac{1}{3}} - 2^{\frac{1}{3}}}{\frac{1}{3}} \right)^{-1/6} + 2.5 \left( \frac{(2.4)^{\frac{1}{3}} - 2^{\frac{1}{3}}}{\frac{1}{3}} \right)^{-1/6} \right] \right)^{-1} \right|$$

$$\approx 0.21228832 < 1.$$

Also,

$$\Omega_1 = \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{5}{6}\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{7}{6}\right)} \left[ 0.21228832 \left( 2 \left( \frac{(2.3)^{\frac{1}{3}} - 2^{\frac{1}{3}}}{\frac{1}{3}} \right)^{1/6} + 2.5 \left( \frac{(2.4)^{\frac{1}{3}} - 2^{\frac{1}{3}}}{\frac{1}{3}} \right)^{1/6} \right) \right. \\ \left. + \left( \frac{(3)^{\frac{1}{3}} - 2^{\frac{1}{3}}}{\frac{1}{3}} \right)^{1/3} \right]$$

$$\approx 1.89126819.$$

Then,  $L(P+1)\Omega_1 = \left(\frac{1}{7}\right)\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)(1.89126819) \approx 0.40527190 < 1$ . Then, by the Theorem 3.2, the problem ( 4. 24 ) possesses a solution in  $C_{\frac{1}{6}, \frac{1}{3}}[2, 3]$ .

## 5. CONCLUSION

In this research paper we have proved existence and uniqueness of the solutions of generalized iterative fractional differential equations via terminal condition with the help of fixed point theorems. The generality of generalized Katugampola fractional derivative in the discussed problem enhances applicability of the problem.

- If  $\alpha \rightarrow 1$  in equation ( 1. 1 ), our problem will reduce to Hilfer fractional iterative differential equation with nonlocal condition and hence their existence and uniqueness results can be on similar lines with the help of results obtained in this article.
- If  $\sigma = 0$ ,  $\alpha \rightarrow 1$  in equation ( 1. 1 ), the problem reduces to iterative fractional differential equation having Riemann-Liouville fractional derivative operator.
- $\alpha \rightarrow 0$  in the equation ( 1. 1 ), the problem reduces to Hilfer-Hadamard iterative fractional derivative for which existence and uniqueness results can also proved with the help of fixed point techniques employed in the article.

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