

# Existence of Positive Solutions for Systems of Nonlinear Second-Order Differential Equations on the Half Line in a Banach Space

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**Abstract** In this paper, the cone theory and Mönch fixed point theorem combined with the monotone iterative technique are used to investigate the positive solutions for a class of systems of nonlinear singular differential equations with multi-point boundary value conditions on the half line in a Banach space. The conditions for the existence of positive solutions are formulated. In addition, an explicit iterative approximation of the solution is also derived.

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## 1. Introduction

In recent years, the theory of ordinary differential equations in Banach space has become a new important branch of investigation (see, for example, [1–4] and references therein). In a recent paper, Liu [14] investigated the existence of solutions of the following second-order two-point boundary value problems (BVP for short) on infinite intervals in a Banach space  $E$ :

$$\begin{cases} x''(t) = f(t, x(t), x'(t)), & t \in J, \\ x(0) = x_0, \quad x'(\infty) = y_\infty, \end{cases}$$

where  $f \in C[J \times E \times E, E]$ ,  $J = [0, +\infty)$ ,  $x'(\infty) = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} x'(t)$ . The main tool used is the Sadovskii's fixed point theorem. On the other hand, the multi-point boundary value problems arising from applied mathematics and physics have been studied extensively in the literature. There are many excellent results about the existence of positive solutions for multi-point boundary value problems in scalar case (see, for instance, [5–11] and references therein). However, such

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results are fewer in Banach spaces [12, 13, 16]. In [16], we investigated the positive solutions for the following multi-point boundary value problems in a Banach space  $E$

$$\begin{cases} x''(t) + f(t, x(t), x'(t)) = 0, & t \in J_+, \\ x(0) = \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i x(\xi_i), & x'(\infty) = y_\infty, \end{cases}$$

where  $J = [0, \infty)$ ,  $J_+ = (0, \infty)$ ,  $\alpha_i \in [0, +\infty)$ ,  $\xi_i \in (0, +\infty)$  with  $0 < \xi_1 < \xi_2 < \dots < \xi_{m-2} < +\infty$ ,  $0 < \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i < 1$ ,  $\sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i \xi_i / (1 - \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i) > 1$ .

It seems that there are few results available for systems of second-order differential equations with multi-point in Banach spaces. In this paper, we consider the following singular  $m$ -point boundary value problem on the half line in a Banach space  $E$ :

$$\begin{cases} x''(t) + f(t, x(t), x'(t), y(t), y'(t)) = 0, \\ y''(t) + g(t, x(t), x'(t), y(t), y'(t)) = 0, & t \in J_+, \\ x(0) = \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i x(\xi_i), & x'(\infty) = x_\infty, \\ y(0) = \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \beta_i y(\xi_i), & y'(\infty) = y_\infty, \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

where  $J = [0, \infty)$ ,  $J_+ = (0, \infty)$ ,  $\alpha_i, \beta_i \in [0, +\infty)$ ,  $\xi_i \in (0, +\infty)$  with  $0 < \xi_1 < \xi_2 < \dots < \xi_{m-2} < +\infty$ ,  $0 < \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i < 1$ ,  $0 < \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \beta_i < 1$ . Nonlinear terms  $f(t, x_0, x_1, y_0, y_1)$  and  $g(t, x_0, x_1, y_0, y_1)$  permit singularities at  $t = 0$ ,  $x_i, y_i = \theta$  ( $i = 0, 1$ ) where  $\theta$  denotes the zero element of Banach space  $E$ . By singularity, we mean that  $\|f(t, x_0, x_1, y_0, y_1)\| \rightarrow \infty$  as  $t \rightarrow 0^+$  or  $x_i, y_i \rightarrow \theta$  ( $i = 0, 1$ ).

Recently, using Schauder fixed point theorem, Guo [15] obtained the existence of positive solutions for a class of  $n$ th-order nonlinear impulsive singular integro-differential equations in a Banach space. Motivated by Guo's work, in this paper, we shall use the cone theory and the Mönch fixed point theorem combined with a monotone iterative technique to investigate the positive solutions BVP (1). The main features are as follows: Firstly, compared with [14], the problem we discussed here is systems of multi-point boundary value problem and nonlinear terms permit singularity not only at  $t = 0$  but also at  $x_i, y_i = \theta$  ( $i = 0, 1$ ). Secondly, the construction of nonempty convex closed set is completely different from that in [15] and [16] since the problems considered here are multi-point boundary value problems for systems. It is worth pointing out that by employing the new constructed nonempty convex closed set, we relax the restriction on the coefficients  $\alpha_i$  and  $\xi_i$ , i.e., we delete the condition that  $\sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i \xi_i / (1 - \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i) > 1$ . Furthermore, the relative compact conditions we used are weaker. Finally, an iterative sequence for the solution under some normal type conditions is established which makes it convenient in applications.

## 2. Preliminaries and several lemmas

Let

$$FC[J, E] = \{x \in C[J, E] : \sup_{t \in J} \frac{\|x(t)\|}{t+1} < \infty\},$$

and

$$DC^1[J, E] = \{x \in C^1[J, E] : \sup_{t \in J} \frac{\|x(t)\|}{t+1} < \infty \text{ and } \sup_{t \in J} \|x'(t)\| < \infty\}.$$

Evidently,  $C^1[J, E] \subset C[J, E]$ ,  $DC^1[J, E] \subset FC[J, E]$ . It is easy to see that  $FC[J, E]$  is a Banach space with norm

$$\|x\|_F = \sup_{t \in J} \frac{\|x(t)\|}{t+1},$$

and  $DC^1[J, E]$  is also a Banach space with norm

$$\|x\|_D = \max\{\|x\|_F, \|x'\|_C\},$$

where

$$\|x'\|_C = \sup_{t \in J} \|x'(t)\|.$$

Let  $X = DC^1[J, E] \times DC^1[J, E]$  with norm  $\|(x, y)\|_X = \max\{\|x\|_D, \|y\|_D\}$ ,  $\forall (x, y) \in X$ . Then  $(X, \|\cdot, \cdot\|_X)$  is also a Banach space. The basic space in this paper is  $(X, \|\cdot, \cdot\|_X)$ .

Let  $P$  be a normal cone in  $E$  with normal constant  $N$  which defines a partial ordering in  $E$  by  $x \leq y$ . If  $x \leq y$  and  $x \neq y$ , we write  $x < y$ . Let  $P_+ = P \setminus \{\theta\}$ . So,  $x \in P_+$  if and only if  $x > \theta$ . For details on cone theory, see [4].

In what follows, we always assume that  $x_\infty \geq x_0^*$ ,  $y_\infty \geq y_0^*$ ,  $x_0^*, y_0^* \in P_+$ . Let  $P_{0\lambda} = \{x \in P : x \geq \lambda x_0^*\}$ ,  $P_{1\lambda} = \{y \in P : y \geq \lambda y_0^*\}$  ( $\lambda > 0$ ). Obviously,  $P_{0\lambda}, P_{1\lambda} \subset P_+$  for any  $\lambda > 0$ . When  $\lambda = 1$ , we write  $P_0 = P_{01}$ ,  $P_1 = P_{11}$ , i.e.,  $P_0 = \{x \in P : x \geq x_0^*\}$ ,  $P_1 = \{y \in P : y \geq y_0^*\}$ . Let  $P(F) = \{x \in FC[J, E] : x(t) \geq \theta, \forall t \in J\}$ , and  $P(D) = \{x \in DC^1[J, E] : x(t) \geq \theta, x'(t) \geq \theta, \forall t \in J\}$ . Clearly,  $P(F)$ ,  $P(D)$  are cones in  $FC[J, E]$  and  $DC^1[J, E]$ , respectively. A map  $(x, y) \in DC^1[J, E] \cap C^2[J'_+, E]$  is called a positive solution of BVP (1) if  $(x, y) \in P(D) \times P(D)$  and  $(x(t), y(t))$  satisfies BVP (1).

Let  $\alpha, \alpha_F, \alpha_D, \alpha_X$  denote Kuratowski measure of non-compactness in  $E, FC[J, E], DC^1[J, E]$  and  $X$ , respectively. For details on the definition and properties of the measure of non-compactness, the reader is referred to references [1–4]. For notational simplicity, denote

$$D_0 = \frac{1}{1 - \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i} \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i \xi_i, \quad D_1 = \frac{1}{1 - \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \beta_i} \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \beta_i \xi_i, \tag{2}$$

$$\lambda_0^* = \min\{D_0, 1\}, \quad \lambda_1^* = \min\{D_1, 1\}.$$

Throughout this paper, we make the following assumptions.

(H<sub>1</sub>)  $f, g \in C[J_+ \times P_{0\lambda} \times P_{0\lambda} \times P_{1\lambda} \times P_{1\lambda}, P]$  for any  $\lambda > 0$  and there exist  $a_i, b_i, c_i \in L[J_+, J]$  and  $h_i \in C[J_+ \times J_+ \times J_+ \times J_+, J]$  ( $i = 0, 1$ ) such that

$$\|f(t, x_0, x_1, y_0, y_1)\| \leq a_0(t) + b_0(t)h_0(\|x_0\|, \|x_1\|, \|y_0\|, \|y_1\|),$$

$$\forall t \in J_+, x_i \in P_{0\lambda_0^*}, y_i \in P_{1\lambda_1^*}, \quad i = 0, 1,$$

$$\|g(t, x_0, x_1, y_0, y_1)\| \leq a_1(t) + b_1(t)h_1(\|x_0\|, \|x_1\|, \|y_0\|, \|y_1\|),$$

$$\forall t \in J_+, x_i \in P_{0\lambda_0^*}, y_i \in P_{1\lambda_1^*}, \quad i = 0, 1,$$

and

$$\frac{\|f(t, x_0, x_1, y_0, y_1)\|}{c_0(t)(\|x_0\| + \|x_1\| + \|y_0\| + \|y_1\|)} \rightarrow 0, \quad \frac{\|g(t, x_0, x_1, y_0, y_1)\|}{c_1(t)(\|x_0\| + \|x_1\| + \|y_0\| + \|y_1\|)} \rightarrow 0$$

as  $x_i \in P_{0\lambda_0^*}, y_i \in P_{1\lambda_1^*}$  ( $i = 0, 1$ ),  $\|x_0\| + \|x_1\| + \|y_0\| + \|y_1\| \rightarrow \infty$ ,

uniformly for  $t \in J_+$ , and

$$\int_0^\infty a_i(t)dt = a_i^* < \infty, \quad \int_0^\infty b_i(t)dt = b_i^* < \infty, \quad \int_0^\infty c_i(t)(1+t)dt = c_i^* < \infty, \quad i = 0, 1.$$

(H<sub>2</sub>) For any  $t \in J_+$  and countable bounded set  $V_i \subset DC^1[J, P_{0\lambda_0^*}], W_i \subset DC^1[J, P_{1\lambda_1^*}]$  ( $i = 0, 1$ ), there exist  $L_i(t), K_i(t) \in L[J, J]$  ( $i = 0, 1$ ) such that

$$\alpha(f(t, V_0(t), V_1(t), W_0(t), W_1(t))) \leq \sum_{i=0}^1 L_{0i}(t)\alpha(V_i(t)) + K_{0i}(t)\alpha(W_i(t)),$$

$$\alpha(g(t, V_0(t), V_1(t), W_0(t), W_1(t))) \leq \sum_{i=0}^1 L_{1i}(t)\alpha(V_i(t)) + K_{1i}(t)\alpha(W_i(t))$$

with

$$(D_i + 1) \int_0^{+\infty} [(L_{i0}(s) + K_{i0}(s))(1+s) + L_{i1}(s) + K_{i1}(s)]ds < \frac{1}{2}, \quad i = 0, 1.$$

(H<sub>3</sub>)  $t \in J_+, \lambda_0^* x_0^* \leq x_i \leq \bar{x}_i, \lambda_1^* y_0^* \leq y_i \leq \bar{y}_i$  ( $i = 0, 1$ ) imply

$$f(t, x_0, x_1, y_0, y_1) \leq f(t, \bar{x}_0, \bar{x}_1, \bar{y}_0, \bar{y}_1), \quad g(t, x_0, x_1, y_0, y_1) \leq g(t, \bar{x}_0, \bar{x}_1, \bar{y}_0, \bar{y}_1).$$

Hereafter, we write  $Q_1 = \{x \in DC^1[J, P] : x^{(i)}(t) \geq \lambda_0^* x_0^*, \forall t \in J, i = 0, 1\}$ ,  $Q_2 = \{y \in DC^1[J, P] : y^{(i)}(t) \geq \lambda_1^* y_0^*, \forall t \in J, i = 0, 1\}$ , and  $Q = Q_1 \times Q_2$ . Evidently,  $Q_1, Q_2$  and  $Q$  are closed convex set in  $DC^1[J, E]$  and  $X$ , respectively.

We shall reduce BVP (1) to a system of integral equations in  $E$ . To this end, we first consider operator  $A$  defined by

$$A(x, y)(t) = (A_1(x, y)(t), A_2(x, y)(t)), \quad (3)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} & A_1(x, y)(t) \\ &= \frac{1}{1 - \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i} \left[ \left( \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i \xi_i \right) x_\infty + \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i \int_0^{\xi_i} \int_s^{+\infty} f(\tau, x(\tau), x'(\tau), y(\tau), y'(\tau)) d\tau ds \right] + \\ & \int_0^t \int_s^{+\infty} f(\tau, x(\tau), x'(\tau), y(\tau), y'(\tau)) d\tau ds + tx_\infty, \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} & A_2(x, y)(t) \\ &= \frac{1}{1 - \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \beta_i} \left[ \left( \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \beta_i \xi_i \right) y_\infty + \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \beta_i \int_0^{\xi_i} \int_s^{+\infty} g(\tau, x(\tau), x'(\tau), y(\tau), y'(\tau)) d\tau ds \right] + \\ & \int_0^t \int_s^{+\infty} g(\tau, x(\tau), x'(\tau), y(\tau), y'(\tau)) d\tau ds + ty_\infty. \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

**Lemma 1** *If condition (H<sub>1</sub>) is satisfied, then operator A defined by (3) is a continuous operator from Q into Q.*

**Proof** Let

$$\varepsilon_0 = \min \left\{ \frac{1}{8c_0^* \left( 1 + \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i \xi_{m-2}}{1 - \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i} \right)}, \frac{1}{8c_1^* \left( 1 + \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \beta_i \xi_{m-2}}{1 - \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \beta_i} \right)} \right\}, \tag{6}$$

and

$$r = \min \left\{ \frac{\lambda_0^* \|x_0^*\|}{N}, \frac{\lambda_1^* \|y_0^*\|}{N} \right\} > 0. \tag{7}$$

By (H<sub>1</sub>), there exists an  $R > r$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} \|f(t, x_0, x_1, y_0, y_1)\| &\leq \varepsilon_0 c_0(t) (\|x_0\| + \|x_1\| + \|y_0\| + \|y_1\|), \quad \forall t \in J_+, \\ x_i \in P_{0\lambda_0^*}, y_i \in P_{1\lambda_1^*}, \quad i = 0, 1, \|x_0\| + \|x_1\| + \|y_0\| + \|y_1\| &> R, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \|f(t, x_0, x_1, y_0, y_1)\| &\leq a_0(t) + M_0 b_0(t), \quad \forall t \in J_+, \\ x_i \in P_{0\lambda_0^*}, y_i \in P_{1\lambda_1^*}, \quad i = 0, 1, \|x_0\| + \|x_1\| + \|y_0\| + \|y_1\| &\leq R, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$M_0 = \max\{h_0(u_0, u_1, v_0, v_1) : r \leq u_i, v_i \leq R, \quad i = 0, 1\}.$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \|f(t, x_0, x_1, y_0, y_1)\| &\leq \varepsilon_0 c_0(t) (\|x_0\| + \|x_1\| + \|y_0\| + \|y_1\|) + a_0(t) + M_0 b_0(t), \\ \forall t \in J_+, x_i \in P_{0\lambda_0^*}, y_i \in P_{1\lambda_1^*}, i = 0, 1. & \tag{8} \end{aligned}$$

Let  $(x, y) \in Q$ . By (8) we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\|f(t, x(t), x'(t), y(t), y'(t))\| \\ &\leq \varepsilon_0 c_0(t) (1+t) \left( \frac{\|x(t)\|}{t+1} + \frac{\|x'(t)\|}{t+1} + \frac{\|y(t)\|}{t+1} + \frac{\|y'(t)\|}{t+1} \right) + a_0(t) + M_0 b_0(t) \\ &\leq \varepsilon_0 c_0(t) (1+t) (\|x\|_F + \|x'\|_C + \|y\|_F + \|y'\|_C) + a_0(t) + M_0 b_0(t) \\ &\leq 2\varepsilon_0 c_0(t) (1+t) (\|x\|_D + \|y\|_D) + a_0(t) + M_0 b_0(t) \\ &\leq 4\varepsilon_0 c_0(t) (1+t) \|(x, y)\|_X + a_0(t) + M_0 b_0(t), \quad \forall t \in J_+, \end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

which together with condition (H<sub>2</sub>) implies the convergence of the infinite integral

$$\int_0^\infty \|f(s, x(s), x'(s), y(s), y'(s))\| ds. \tag{10}$$

Thus, we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\left\| \int_0^t \int_s^{+\infty} f(\tau, x(\tau), x'(\tau), y(\tau), y'(\tau)) d\tau ds \right\| \\ &\leq \int_0^t \int_s^{+\infty} \|f(\tau, x(\tau), x'(\tau), y(\tau), y'(\tau))\| d\tau ds \\ &\leq t \int_0^\infty \|f(s, x(s), x'(s), y(s), y'(s))\| ds. \quad \forall t \in J_+. \end{aligned} \tag{11}$$

This together with (4) and (H<sub>1</sub>) means that

$$\begin{aligned} \|A_1(x, y)(t)\| &\leq \int_0^t \int_s^{+\infty} \|f(\tau, x(\tau), x'(\tau), y(\tau), y'(\tau))\| d\tau ds + t\|x_\infty\| + \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i \xi_i}{1 - \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i} \|x_\infty\| + \\ &\quad \frac{1}{1 - \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i} \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i \int_0^{\xi_{m-2}} \int_s^{+\infty} \|f(\tau, x(\tau), x'(\tau), y(\tau), y'(\tau))\| d\tau ds \\ &\leq t \left( \int_0^{+\infty} \|f(\tau, x(\tau), x'(\tau), y(\tau), y'(\tau))\| d\tau + \|x_\infty\| \right) + \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i \xi_i}{1 - \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i} \|x_\infty\| + \\ &\quad \frac{1}{1 - \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i} \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i \xi_{m-2} \left( \int_0^{+\infty} \|f(\tau, x(\tau), x'(\tau), y(\tau), y'(\tau))\| d\tau \right). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, by (6) and (9), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\|A_1(x, y)(t)\|}{1+t} &\leq \int_0^{+\infty} \|f(\tau, x(\tau), x'(\tau), y(\tau), y'(\tau))\| d\tau + \|x_\infty\| + \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i \xi_i}{1 - \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i} \|x_\infty\| + \\ &\quad \frac{1}{1 - \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i} \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i \xi_{m-2} \left( \int_0^{+\infty} \|f(\tau, x(\tau), x'(\tau), y(\tau), y'(\tau))\| d\tau \right) \\ &\leq \left( 1 + \frac{1}{1 - \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i} \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i \xi_{m-2} \right) [4\varepsilon_0 c_0^* \|(x, y)\|_X + a_0^* + M_0 b_0^*] + \\ &\quad \left( 1 + \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i \xi_i}{1 - \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i} \right) \|x_\infty\| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} \|(x, y)\|_X + \left( 1 + \frac{1}{1 - \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i} \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i \xi_{m-2} \right) (a_0^* + M_0 b_0^*) + \\ &\quad \left( 1 + \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i \xi_i}{1 - \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i} \right) \|x_\infty\|. \end{aligned} \tag{12}$$

Differentiating (4), we find

$$A_1'(x, y)(t) = \int_t^{+\infty} f(s, x(s), x'(s), y(s), y'(s)) ds + x_\infty. \tag{13}$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} \|A_1'(x, y)(t)\| &\leq \int_0^{+\infty} \|f(s, x(s), x'(s), y(s), y'(s))\| ds + \|x_\infty\| \\ &\leq 4\varepsilon_0 c_0^* \|(x, y)\|_X + a_0^* + M_0 b_0^* + \|x_\infty\| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} \|(x, y)\|_X + a_0^* + M_0 b_0^* + \|x_\infty\|, \quad \forall t \in J. \end{aligned} \tag{14}$$

By (12) and (14), we have

$$\|A_1(x, y)\|_D \leq \frac{1}{2} \|(x, y)\|_X + \left( 1 + \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i \xi_{m-2}}{1 - \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i} \right) (a_0^* + M_0 b_0^*) + \left( 1 + \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i \xi_i}{1 - \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i} \right) \|x_\infty\|. \tag{15}$$

So,  $A_1(x, y) \in DC^1[J, E]$ . On the other hand, it can be easily seen that

$$A_1(x, y)(t) \geq \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i \xi_i}{1 - \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i} x_\infty \geq \lambda_0^* x_\infty \geq \lambda_0^* x_0^*, \quad A_1'(x, y)(t) \geq x_\infty \geq x_0^* \geq \lambda_0^* x_0^*, \quad \forall t \in J.$$

That is,  $A_1(x, y) \in Q_1$ . In the same way, one has

$$\|A_2(x, y)\|_D \leq \frac{1}{2} \|(x, y)\|_X + \left(1 + \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \beta_i \xi_{m-2}}{1 - \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \beta_i}\right) (a_1^* + M_1 b_1^*) + \left(1 + \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \beta_i \xi_i}{1 - \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \beta_i}\right) \|y_\infty\|, \quad (16)$$

and

$$A_2(x, y)(t) \geq \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \beta_i \xi_i}{1 - \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \beta_i} y_\infty \geq \lambda_1^* y_\infty \geq \lambda_1^* y_0^*, \quad A_2'(x, y)(t) \geq y_\infty \geq y_0^* \geq \lambda_1^* y_0^*, \quad \forall t \in J,$$

where  $M_1 = \max\{h_1(u_0, u_1, v_0, v_1) : r \leq u_i, v_i \leq R \ (i = 0, 1)\}$ . Thus, we have proved that  $A$  maps  $Q$  into  $Q$  and we have

$$\|A(x, y)\|_X \leq \frac{1}{2} \|(x, y)\|_X + \gamma, \quad (17)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma = \max \left\{ \left(1 + \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i \xi_{m-2}}{1 - \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i}\right) (a_0^* + M_0 b_0^*) + \left(1 + \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i \xi_i}{1 - \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i}\right) \|x_\infty\|, \right. \\ \left. \left(1 + \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \beta_i \xi_{m-2}}{1 - \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \beta_i}\right) (a_1^* + M_1 b_1^*) + \left(1 + \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \beta_i \xi_i}{1 - \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \beta_i}\right) \|y_\infty\| \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (18)$$

Finally, we show that  $A$  is continuous. Let  $(x_m, y_m), (\bar{x}, \bar{y}) \in Q, \|(x_m, y_m) - (\bar{x}, \bar{y})\|_X \rightarrow 0 \ (m \rightarrow \infty)$ . Then  $\{(x_m, y_m)\}$  is a bounded subset of  $Q$ . Thus, there exists  $r > 0$  such that  $\sup_m \|(x_m, y_m)\|_X < r$  for  $m \geq 1$  and  $\|(\bar{x}, \bar{y})\|_X \leq r + 1$ . Similarly to (12) and (14), it is easy to see that

$$\begin{aligned} & \|A_1(x_m, y_m) - A_1(\bar{x}, \bar{y})\|_X \\ & \leq \int_0^{+\infty} \|f(s, x_m(s), x_m'(s), y_m(s), y_m'(s)) - f(s, \bar{x}(s), \bar{x}'(s), \bar{y}(s), \bar{y}'(s))\| ds + \\ & \quad \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i \xi_{m-2}}{1 - \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i} \int_0^{+\infty} \|f(s, x_m(s), x_m'(s), y_m(s), y_m'(s)) - \\ & \quad f(s, \bar{x}(s), \bar{x}'(s), \bar{y}(s), \bar{y}'(s))\| ds. \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

Clearly,

$$f(t, x_m(t), x_m'(t), y_m(t), y_m'(t)) \rightarrow f(t, \bar{x}(t), \bar{x}'(t), \bar{y}(t), \bar{y}'(t)) \text{ as } m \rightarrow \infty, \quad \forall t \in J_+. \quad (20)$$

By (9), we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \|f(t, x_m(t), x_m'(t), y_m(t), y_m'(t)) - f(t, \bar{x}(t), \bar{x}'(t), \bar{y}(t), \bar{y}'(t))\| \\ & \leq 8\varepsilon_0 c_0(t)(1+t)r + 2a_0(t) + 2M_0 b_0(t) \\ & = \sigma_0(t) \in L[J, J], \quad m = 1, 2, 3, \dots, \quad \forall t \in J_+. \end{aligned} \quad (21)$$

Lebesgue dominated convergence theorem together with (20) and (21) guarantees that

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^\infty \|f(s, x_m(s), x_m'(s), y_m(s), y_m'(s)) - f(s, \bar{x}(s), \bar{x}'(s), \bar{y}(s), \bar{y}'(s))\| ds = 0. \quad (22)$$

It follows from (19) and (22) that  $\|A_1(x_m, y_m) - A_1(\bar{x}, \bar{y})\|_D \rightarrow 0$  as  $m \rightarrow \infty$ . By the same method, we have  $\|A_2(x_m, y_m) - A_2(\bar{x}, \bar{y})\|_D \rightarrow 0$  as  $m \rightarrow \infty$ . Therefore, the continuity of  $A$  is proved.  $\square$

**Lemma 2** *If condition  $(H_1)$  is satisfied, then  $(x, y) \in Q \cap (C^2[J_+, E] \times C^2[J_+, E])$  is a solution of BVP (1) if and only if  $(x, y) \in Q$  is a fixed point of operator  $A$ .*

**Proof** Suppose that  $(x, y) \in Q \cap (C^2[J_+, E] \times C^2[J_+, E])$  is a solution of BVP (1). For  $t \in J$ , integrating (1) from  $t$  to  $+\infty$ , we have

$$x'(t) = x_\infty + \int_t^{+\infty} f(s, x(s), x'(s), y(s), y'(s)) ds, \quad (23)$$

$$y'(t) = y_\infty + \int_t^{+\infty} g(s, x(s), x'(s), y(s), y'(s)) ds. \quad (24)$$

Integrating (23) and (24) from 0 to  $t$ , we get

$$x(t) = x(0) + tx_\infty + \int_0^t \int_s^{+\infty} f(\tau, x(\tau), x'(\tau), y(\tau), y'(\tau)) d\tau ds, \quad (25)$$

$$y(t) = y(0) + ty_\infty + \int_0^t \int_s^{+\infty} g(\tau, x(\tau), x'(\tau), y(\tau), y'(\tau)) d\tau ds. \quad (26)$$

Thus, we obtain

$$x(\xi_i) = x(0) + \xi_i x_\infty + \int_0^{\xi_i} \int_s^{+\infty} f(\tau, x(\tau), x'(\tau), y(\tau), y'(\tau)) d\tau ds,$$

and

$$y(\xi_i) = y(0) + \xi_i y_\infty + \int_0^{\xi_i} \int_s^{+\infty} g(\tau, x(\tau), x'(\tau), y(\tau), y'(\tau)) d\tau ds,$$

which together with the boundary value condition implies that

$$x(0) = \frac{1}{1 - \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i} \left[ \left( \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i \xi_i \right) x_\infty + \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i \int_0^{\xi_i} \int_s^{+\infty} f(\tau, x(\tau), x'(\tau), y(\tau), y'(\tau)) d\tau ds \right], \quad (27)$$

and

$$y(0) = \frac{1}{1 - \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \beta_i} \left[ \left( \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \beta_i \xi_i \right) y_\infty + \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \beta_i \int_0^{\xi_i} \int_s^{+\infty} g(\tau, x(\tau), x'(\tau), y(\tau), y'(\tau)) d\tau ds \right]. \quad (28)$$

Substituting (27), (28) into (25) and (26), respectively, we have

$$x(t) = \frac{1}{1 - \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i} \left[ \left( \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i \xi_i \right) x_\infty + \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i \int_0^{\xi_i} \int_s^{+\infty} f(\tau, x(\tau), x'(\tau), y(\tau), y'(\tau)) d\tau ds \right] + \int_0^t \int_s^{+\infty} f(\tau, x(\tau), x'(\tau), y(\tau), y'(\tau)) d\tau ds + tx_\infty,$$

and

$$y(t) = \frac{1}{1 - \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \beta_i} \left[ \left( \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \beta_i \xi_i \right) y_\infty + \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \beta_i \int_0^{\xi_i} \int_s^{+\infty} g(\tau, x(\tau), x'(\tau), y(\tau), y'(\tau)) d\tau ds \right] + \int_0^t \int_s^{+\infty} g(\tau, x(\tau), x'(\tau), y(\tau), y'(\tau)) d\tau ds + ty_\infty.$$

Integrals  $\int_0^t \int_s^{+\infty} f(\tau, x(\tau), x'(\tau), y(\tau), y'(\tau)) d\tau ds$  and  $\int_0^t \int_s^{+\infty} g(\tau, x(\tau), x'(\tau), y(\tau), y'(\tau)) d\tau ds$  are obviously convergent. Therefore,  $(x, y)$  is a fixed point of operator  $A$ .

Conversely, if  $(x, y)$  is fixed point of operator  $A$ , then direct differentiation gives the proof.  $\square$

**Lemma 3** *Let  $(H_1)$  be satisfied,  $V \subset Q$  be a bounded set. Then  $\frac{(A_i V)(t)}{1+t}$  and  $(A'_i V)(t)$  are equicontinuous on any finite subinterval of  $J$  and for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists  $N_i > 0$  such that*

$$\left\| \frac{A_i(x, y)(t_1)}{1+t_1} - \frac{A_i(x, y)(t_2)}{1+t_2} \right\| < \varepsilon, \quad \|A'_i(x, y)(t_1) - A'_i(x, y)(t_2)\| < \varepsilon$$

uniformly with respect to  $(x, y) \in V$  as  $t_1, t_2 \geq N_i$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ).

**Proof** We only give the proof for operator  $A_1$ , and the proof for operator  $A_2$  can be given in a similar way. From (4), we find

$$\begin{aligned} & A_1(x, y)(t) \\ &= \frac{1}{1 - \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i} \left[ \left( \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i \xi_i \right) x_\infty + \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i \int_0^{\xi_i} \int_s^{+\infty} f(\tau, x(\tau), x'(\tau), y(\tau), y'(\tau)) d\tau ds \right] + \\ & \quad \int_0^t \int_s^{+\infty} f(\tau, x(\tau), x'(\tau), y(\tau), y'(\tau)) d\tau ds + tx_\infty \\ &= \frac{1}{1 - \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i} \left[ \left( \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i \xi_i \right) x_\infty + \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i \int_0^{\xi_i} \int_s^{+\infty} f(\tau, x(\tau), x'(\tau), y(\tau), y'(\tau)) d\tau ds \right] + \\ & \quad tx_\infty + t \int_t^{+\infty} f(s, x(s), x'(s), y(s), y'(s)) ds + \int_0^t sf(s, x(s), x'(s), y(s), y'(s)) ds. \end{aligned} \tag{29}$$

For  $(x, y) \in V, t_2 > t_1$ , we have by (29)

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\| \frac{A_1(x, y)(t_1)}{1+t_1} - \frac{A_1(x, y)(t_2)}{1+t_2} \right\| \\ & \leq \left| \frac{1}{1+t_1} - \frac{1}{1+t_2} \right| \cdot \frac{1}{1 - \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i} \left[ \left( \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i \xi_i \right) \|x_\infty\| + \right. \\ & \quad \left. \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i \int_0^{\xi_i} \int_s^{+\infty} f(\tau, x(\tau), x'(\tau), y(\tau), y'(\tau)) d\tau ds \right] + \left| \frac{t_1}{1+t_1} - \frac{t_2}{1+t_2} \right| \cdot \|x_\infty\| + \\ & \quad \left| \frac{t_1}{1+t_1} - \frac{t_2}{1+t_2} \right| \cdot \left\| \int_0^{+\infty} f(s, x(s), x'(s), y(s), y'(s)) ds \right\| + \\ & \quad \left| \frac{t_1}{1+t_1} - \frac{t_2}{1+t_2} \right| \cdot \left\| \int_0^{t_1} f(s, x(s), x'(s), y(s), y'(s)) ds \right\| + \\ & \quad \frac{t_2}{1+t_2} \left\| \int_{t_1}^{t_2} f(s, x(s), x'(s), y(s), y'(s)) ds \right\| + \\ & \quad \left| \frac{1}{1+t_1} - \frac{1}{1+t_2} \right| \cdot \left\| \int_0^{t_1} sf(s, x(s), x'(s), y(s), y'(s)) ds \right\| + \\ & \quad \left\| \int_{t_1}^{t_2} sf(s, x(s), x'(s), y(s), y'(s)) ds \right\|. \end{aligned} \tag{30}$$

Then, it is easy to see by (30) and  $(H_1)$  that  $\left\{ \frac{A_1 V(t)}{1+t} \right\}$  is equicontinuous on any finite subinterval of  $J$ .

Since  $V \subset Q$  is bounded, there exists  $r > 0$  such that for any  $(x, y) \in V, \|(x, y)\|_X \leq r$ . By

(13), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \|A'_1(x, y)(t_1) - A'_1(x, y)(t_2)\| &= \left\| \int_{t_1}^{t_2} f(s, x(s), x'(s), y(s), y'(s)) ds \right\| \\ &\leq \int_{t_1}^{t_2} [4\varepsilon_0 r c_0(s)(1+s) + a_0(s) + M_0 b_0(s)] ds. \end{aligned} \quad (31)$$

It follows from (31), (H<sub>1</sub>) and the absolute continuity of Lebesgue integral that  $\{A'_1 V(t)\}$  is equicontinuous on any finite subinterval of  $J$ .

In the following, we are in position to show that for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists  $N_1 > 0$  such that

$$\left\| \frac{A_1(x, y)(t_1)}{1+t_1} - \frac{A_1(x, y)(t_2)}{1+t_2} \right\| < \varepsilon, \quad \|A'_1(x, y)(t_1) - A'_1(x, y)(t_2)\| < \varepsilon$$

uniformly with respect to  $x \in V$  as  $t_1, t_2 \geq N$ .

Combining with (30), we need only to show that for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists sufficiently large  $N > 0$  such that

$$\left\| \int_0^{t_1} \frac{s}{1+t_1} f(s, x(s), x'(s), y(s), y'(s)) ds - \int_0^{t_2} \frac{s}{1+t_2} f(s, x(s), x'(s), y(s), y'(s)) ds \right\| < \varepsilon$$

for all  $x \in V$  as  $t_1, t_2 \geq N$ . The rest part of the proof is very similar to Lemma 2.3 in [14], and we omit the details.  $\square$

**Lemma 4** *Let (H<sub>1</sub>) be satisfied,  $V$  be a bounded set in  $DC^1[J, E] \times DC^1[J, E]$ . Then*

$$\alpha_D(A_i V) = \max \left\{ \sup_{t \in J} \alpha \left( \frac{(A_i V)(t)}{1+t} \right), \sup_{t \in J} \alpha((A_i V)'(t)) \right\}, \quad i = 0, 1.$$

**Proof** The proof is similar to that of Lemma 2.4 in [14], we omit it.  $\square$

**Lemma 5** ([1, 2], Mönch Fixed-Point Theorem) *Let  $Q$  be a closed convex set of  $E$  and  $u \in Q$ . Assume that the continuous operator  $F : Q \rightarrow Q$  has the following property:  $V \subset Q$  countable,  $V \subset \overline{\text{co}}(\{u\} \cup F(V)) \implies V$  is relatively compact. Then  $F$  has a fixed point in  $Q$ .*

**Lemma 6** *If (H<sub>3</sub>) is satisfied, then for  $x, y \in Q, x^{(i)} \leq y^{(i)}, t \in J$  ( $i = 0, 1$ ) imply that  $(Ax)^{(i)} \leq (Ay)^{(i)}, t \in J$  ( $i = 0, 1$ ).*

**Proof** It is easy to see that this lemma follows from (4), (5), (13) and condition (H<sub>3</sub>). The proof is obvious.  $\square$

**Lemma 7** ([16]) *Let  $D$  and  $F$  be bounded sets in  $E$ . Then*

$$\tilde{\alpha}(D \times F) = \max\{\alpha(D), \alpha(F)\},$$

where  $\tilde{\alpha}$  and  $\alpha$  denote the Kuratowski measure of non-compactness in  $E \times E$  and  $E$ , respectively.

**Lemma 8** ([16]) *Let  $P$  be normal (fully regular) in  $E$ ,  $\tilde{P} = P \times P$ . Then  $\tilde{P}$  is normal (fully regular) in  $E \times E$ .*

### 3. Main results

**Theorem 1** *If conditions  $(H_1)$  and  $(H_2)$  are satisfied, then BVP (1) has a positive solution  $(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) \in (DC^1[J, E] \cap C^2[J'_+, E]) \times (DC^1[J, E] \cap C^2[J'_+, E])$  satisfying  $(\bar{x})^{(i)}(t) \geq \lambda_0^* x_0^*$ ,  $(\bar{y})^{(i)}(t) \geq \lambda_1^* y_0^*$  for  $t \in J$  ( $i = 0, 1$ ).*

**Proof** By Lemma 1, operator  $A$  defined by (3) is a continuous operator from  $Q$  into  $Q$ , and, by Lemma 2, we need only to show that  $A$  has a fixed point  $(\bar{x}, \bar{y})$  in  $Q$ . Choose  $R > 2\gamma$  and let  $Q^* = \{(x, y) \in Q : \|(x, y)\|_X \leq R\}$ . Obviously,  $Q^*$  is a bounded closed convex set in space  $DC^1[J, E] \times DC^1[J, E]$ . It is easy to see that  $Q^*$  is not empty since  $((1+t)x_\infty, (1+t)y_\infty) \in Q^*$ . It follows from (17), (18) that  $(x, y) \in Q^*$  implies that  $A(x, y) \in Q^*$ , i.e.,  $A$  maps  $Q^*$  into  $Q^*$ . Let  $V = \{(x_m, y_m) : m = 1, 2, \dots\} \subset Q^*$  satisfying  $V \subset \overline{\text{co}}\{(u_0, v_0)\} \cup AV\}$  for some  $(u_0, v_0) \in Q^*$ . Then  $\|(x_m, y_m)\|_X \leq R$ . We have, by (4) and (13),

$$\begin{aligned}
 &A_1(x_m, y_m)(t) \\
 &= \frac{1}{1 - \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i} \left[ \left( \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i \xi_i \right) x_\infty + \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i \int_0^{\xi_i} \int_s^{+\infty} f(\tau, x_m(\tau), x'_m(\tau), y_m(\tau), y'_m(\tau)) d\tau ds \right] + \\
 &\quad \int_0^t \int_s^{+\infty} f(\tau, x_m(\tau), x'_m(\tau), y_m(\tau), y'_m(\tau)) d\tau ds + tx_\infty, \tag{32}
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$A'_1(x_m, y_m)(t) = \int_t^{+\infty} f(s, x_m(s), x'_m(s), y_m(s), y'_m(s)) ds + x_\infty. \tag{33}$$

Lemma 4 implies that

$$\alpha_D(A_1V) = \max \left\{ \sup_{t \in J} \alpha((A_1V)'(t)), \sup_{t \in J} \alpha\left(\frac{(A_1V)(t)}{1+t}\right) \right\}, \tag{34}$$

where  $(A_1V)(t) = \{A_1(x_m, y_m)(t) : m = 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$ , and  $(A_1V)'(t) = \{A'_1(x_m, y_m)(t) : m = 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$ .

By (10), we know that the infinite integral  $\int_0^{+\infty} \|f(t, x(t), x'(t), y(t), y'(t))\| dt$  is convergent uniformly for  $m = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ . So, for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , we can choose a sufficiently large  $T > \xi_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, m-2$ )  $> 0$  such that

$$\int_T^{+\infty} \|f(t, x(t), x'(t), y(t), y'(t))\| dt < \varepsilon. \tag{35}$$

Then, by Guo et al. [1, Theorem 1.2.3] (29), (32), (33), (35),  $(H_2)$  and Lemma 7, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\alpha\left(\frac{(A_1V)(t)}{1+t}\right) \\
 &\leq 2 \frac{D_0}{1+t} \int_0^T \alpha(\{f(s, x_m(s), x'_m(s), y_m(s), y'_m(s)) : (x_m, y_m) \in V\}) ds + 2\varepsilon + \\
 &\quad 2 \int_0^T \frac{t}{1+t} \alpha(\{f(s, x_m(s), x'_m(s), y_m(s), y'_m(s)) : (x_m, y_m) \in V\}) ds + 2\varepsilon \\
 &\leq (2D_0 + 2) \int_0^{+\infty} \alpha(\{f(s, x_m(s), x'_m(s), y_m(s), y'_m(s)) : (x_m, y_m) \in V\}) ds + 4\varepsilon
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\leq (2D_0 + 2)\alpha_X(V) \int_0^{+\infty} (L_{00}(s) + K_{00}(s))(1 + s) + (L_{01}(s) + K_{01}(s))ds + 4\varepsilon, \tag{36}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha((A'_1V)(t)) &\leq 2 \int_0^{+\infty} \alpha(\{f(s, x_m(s), x'_m(s), y_m(s), y'_m(s)) : (x_m, y_m) \in V\})ds + 2\varepsilon \\ &\leq \alpha_X(V) \int_0^{+\infty} (L_{00}(s) + K_{00}(s))(1 + s) + (L_{01}(s) + K_{01}(s))ds + 2\varepsilon. \end{aligned} \tag{37}$$

It follows from (34), (36) and (37) that

$$\alpha_D(A_1V) \leq (2D_0 + 2)\alpha_X(V) \int_0^{+\infty} (L_{00}(s) + K_{00}(s))(1 + s) + (L_{01}(s) + K_{01}(s))ds. \tag{38}$$

Similarly, we can show that

$$\alpha_D(A_2V) \leq (2D_1 + 2)\alpha_X(V) \int_0^{+\infty} (L_{10}(s) + K_{10}(s))(1 + s) + (L_{11}(s) + K_{11}(s))ds. \tag{39}$$

On the other hand,  $\alpha_X(V) \leq \alpha_X\{\overline{co}(\{u\} \cup (AV))\} = \alpha_X(AV)$ . Then, (38), (39), (H<sub>2</sub>) and Lemma 7 imply  $\alpha_X(V) = 0$ . That is,  $V$  is relatively compact in  $DC^1[J, E] \times DC^1[J, E]$ . Hence, the Mönch fixed point theorem guarantees that  $A$  has a fixed point  $(\bar{x}, \bar{y})$  in  $Q_1$ . Thus, Theorem 1 is proved.  $\square$

**Theorem 2** *Let cone  $P$  be normal and conditions (H<sub>1</sub>)–(H<sub>3</sub>) be satisfied. Then BVP (1) has a positive solution  $(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) \in Q \cap (C^2[J'_+, E] \times C^2[J'_+, E])$  which is minimal in the sense that  $u^{(i)}(t) \geq \bar{x}^{(i)}(t), v^{(i)}(t) \geq \bar{y}^{(i)}(t), t \in J (i = 0, 1)$  for any positive solution  $(u, v) \in Q \cap (C^2[J'_+, E] \times C^2[J'_+, E])$  of BVP (1). Moreover,  $\|(\bar{x}, \bar{y})\|_X \leq 2\gamma + \|(u_0, v_0)\|_X$ , and there exists a monotone iterative sequence  $\{(u_m(t), v_m(t))\}$  such that  $u_m^{(i)}(t) \rightarrow \bar{x}^{(i)}(t), v_m^{(i)}(t) \rightarrow \bar{y}^{(i)}(t)$  as  $m \rightarrow \infty (i = 0, 1)$  uniformly on  $J$  and  $u''_m(t) \rightarrow \bar{x}''(t), v''_m(t) \rightarrow \bar{y}''(t)$  as  $m \rightarrow \infty$  for any  $t \in J'_+$ , where*

$$\begin{aligned} u_0(t) &= \frac{1}{1 - \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i} \left[ \left( \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i \xi_i \right) x_\infty + \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i \int_0^{\xi_i} \int_s^{+\infty} f(\tau, \lambda_0^* x_0^*, \lambda_0^* x_0^*, \lambda_1^* y_0^*, \lambda_1^* y_0^*) d\tau ds \right] + \\ &\quad \int_0^t \int_s^{+\infty} f(\tau, \lambda_0^* x_0^*, \lambda_0^* x_0^*, \lambda_1^* y_0^*, \lambda_1^* y_0^*) d\tau ds + tx_\infty, \end{aligned} \tag{40}$$

$$\begin{aligned} v_0(t) &= \frac{1}{1 - \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \beta_i} \left[ \left( \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \beta_i \xi_i \right) y_\infty + \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \beta_i \int_0^{\xi_i} \int_s^{+\infty} g(\tau, \lambda_0^* x_0^*, \lambda_0^* x_0^*, \lambda_1^* y_0^*, \lambda_1^* y_0^*) d\tau ds \right] + \\ &\quad \int_0^t \int_s^{+\infty} g(\tau, \lambda_0^* x_0^*, \lambda_0^* x_0^*, \lambda_1^* y_0^*, \lambda_1^* y_0^*) d\tau ds + ty_\infty, \end{aligned} \tag{41}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} u_m(t) &= \frac{1}{1 - \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i} \left[ \left( \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i \xi_i \right) x_\infty + \right. \\ &\quad \left. \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i \int_0^{\xi_i} \int_s^{+\infty} f(\tau, u_{m-1}(\tau), u'_{m-1}(\tau), v_{m-1}(\tau), v'_{m-1}(\tau)) d\tau ds \right] + \end{aligned}$$

$$\int_0^t \int_s^{+\infty} f(\tau, u_{m-1}(\tau), u'_{m-1}(\tau), v_{m-1}(\tau), v'_{m-1}(\tau)) d\tau ds + tx_\infty, \quad \forall t \in J, m = 1, 2, 3, \dots, \tag{42}$$

$$v_m(t) = \frac{1}{1 - \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \beta_i} \left[ \left( \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \beta_i \xi_i \right) y_\infty + \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \beta_i \int_0^{\xi_i} \int_s^{+\infty} g(\tau, u_{m-1}(\tau), u'_{m-1}(\tau), v_{m-1}(\tau), v'_{m-1}(\tau)) d\tau ds \right] + \int_0^t \int_s^{+\infty} g(\tau, u_{m-1}(\tau), u'_{m-1}(\tau), v_{m-1}(\tau), v'_{m-1}(\tau)) d\tau ds + ty_\infty, \quad \forall t \in J, m = 1, 2, 3, \dots. \tag{43}$$

**Proof** From (40) and (41) one can see that  $(u_0, v_0) \in C[J, E] \times C[J, E]$  and

$$u'_0(t) = \int_t^{+\infty} f(s, \lambda_0^* x_0^*, \lambda_0^* x_0^*, \lambda_1^* y_0^*, \lambda_1^* y_0^*) ds + x_\infty. \tag{44}$$

By (40) and (44), we know that  $u_0^{(i)} \geq \lambda_0^* x_\infty \geq \lambda_0^* x_0^*$  ( $i = 0, 1$ ) and

$$\begin{aligned} & \|u_0(t)\| \\ & \leq t \left( \int_0^{+\infty} \|f(\tau, \lambda_0^* x_0^*, \lambda_0^* x_0^*, \lambda_1^* y_0^*, \lambda_1^* y_0^*)\| d\tau + \|x_\infty\| \right) + \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i \xi_i}{1 - \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i} \|x_\infty\| + \\ & \quad \frac{1}{1 - \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i} \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i \xi_{m-2} \left( \int_0^{+\infty} \|f(\tau, \lambda_0^* x_0^*, \lambda_0^* x_0^*, \lambda_1^* y_0^*, \lambda_1^* y_0^*)\| d\tau \right) \\ & \leq t \left[ \int_0^{+\infty} a_0(s) + b_0(s) h_0(\|\lambda_0^* x_0^*\|, \|\lambda_0^* x_0^*\|, \|\lambda_1^* y_0^*\|, \|\lambda_1^* y_0^*\|) ds + \|x_\infty\| \right] + \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i \xi_i}{1 - \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i} \|x_\infty\| + \\ & \quad \frac{1}{1 - \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i} \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i \xi_{m-2} \left( \int_0^{+\infty} a_0(s) + b_0(s) h_0(\|\lambda_0^* x_0^*\|, \|\lambda_0^* x_0^*\|, \|\lambda_1^* y_0^*\|, \|\lambda_1^* y_0^*\|) ds \right), \\ & \|u'_0(t)\| \leq \int_t^{+\infty} \|f(\tau, \lambda_0^* x_0^*, \lambda_0^* x_0^*, \lambda_1^* y_0^*, \lambda_1^* y_0^*)\| d\tau + \|x_\infty\| \\ & \leq \int_0^{+\infty} a_0(s) + b_0(s) h_0(\|\lambda_0^* x_0^*\|, \|\lambda_0^* x_0^*\|, \|\lambda_1^* y_0^*\|, \|\lambda_1^* y_0^*\|) ds + \|x_\infty\|, \end{aligned}$$

which imply that  $\|u_0\|_D < \infty$ . Similarly, we have  $\|v_0\|_D < \infty$ . Thus,  $(u_0, v_0) \in DC^1[J, E] \times DC^1[J, E]$ . It follows from (4) and (42) that

$$(u_m, v_m)(t) = A(u_{m-1}, v_{m-1})(t), \quad \forall t \in J, m = 1, 2, 3, \dots. \tag{45}$$

By Lemma 1, we get  $(u_m, v_m) \in Q$  and

$$\|(u_m, v_m)\|_X = \|A(u_{m-1}, v_{m-1})\|_X \leq \frac{1}{2} \|(u_{m-1}, v_{m-1})\|_X + \gamma. \tag{46}$$

By (H<sub>3</sub>) and (45), we have

$$u_1(t) = A_1(u_0(t), v_0(t)) \geq A_1(\lambda_0^* x_0^*, \lambda_1^* y_0^*) = u_0(t), \quad \forall t \in J, \tag{47}$$

and

$$v_1(t) = A_2(u_0(t), v_0(t)) \geq A_2(\lambda_0^* x_0^*, \lambda_1^* y_0^*) = v_0(t), \quad \forall t \in J. \tag{48}$$

From Lemma 6, (45)–(48), it is easy to see by induction that

$$(\lambda_0^* x_0^*, \lambda_1^* y_0^*) \leq (u_0^{(i)}(t), v_0^{(i)}(t)) \leq (u_1^{(i)}(t), v_1^{(i)}(t)) \leq \dots \leq (u_m^{(i)}(t), v_m^{(i)}(t)) \leq \dots, \tag{49}$$

$$\forall t \in J, i = 0, 1,$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \|(u_m, v_m)\|_X &\leq \gamma + \frac{1}{2}\gamma + \dots + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{m-1} \gamma + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^m \|(u_0, v_0)\|_X \\ &\leq 2\gamma + \|(u_0, v_0)\|_X, \quad m = 1, 2, 3, \dots \end{aligned} \tag{50}$$

Let  $K = \{(x, y) \in Q : \|(x, y)\|_X \leq 2\gamma + \|(u_0, v_0)\|_X\}$ . Then,  $K$  is a bounded closed convex set in space  $DC^1[J, E] \times DC^1[J, E]$  and operator  $A$  maps  $K$  into  $K$ . Clearly,  $K$  is not empty since  $(u_0, v_0) \in K$ . Let  $W = \{(u_m, v_m) : m = 0, 1, 2, \dots\}$ ,  $AW = \{A(u_m, v_m) : m = 0, 1, 2, \dots\}$ . Obviously,  $W \subset K$  and  $W = \{(u_0, v_0)\} \cup A(W)$ . Similarly to the above proof of Theorem 1, we can obtain  $\alpha_X(AW) = 0$ , i.e.,  $W$  is relatively compact in  $DC^1[J, E] \times DC^1[J, E]$ . So, there exists a  $(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) \in DC^1[J, E] \times DC^1[J, E]$  and a subsequence  $\{(u_{m_j}, v_{m_j}) : j = 1, 2, 3, \dots\} \subset W$  such that  $\{(u_{m_j}, v_{m_j})(t) : j = 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$  converges to  $(\bar{x}^{(i)}(t), \bar{y}^{(i)}(t))$  uniformly on  $J$  ( $i = 0, 1$ ). Since  $P$  is normal and  $\{(u_m^{(i)}(t), v_m^{(i)}(t)) : m = 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$  is nondecreasing, by Lemma 8 it is easy to see that the entire sequence  $\{(u_m^{(i)}(t), v_m^{(i)}(t)) : m = 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$  converges to  $(\bar{x}^{(i)}(t), \bar{y}^{(i)}(t))$  uniformly on  $J$  ( $i = 0, 1$ ). Considering the fact that  $(u_m, v_m) \in K$  and  $K$  is a closed convex set in space  $DC^1[J, E] \times DC^1[J, E]$ , we have  $(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) \in K$ . It is clear that

$$f(s, u_m(s), u'_m(s), v_m(s), v'_m(s)) \rightarrow f(s, \bar{x}(s), \bar{x}'(s), \bar{y}(s), \bar{y}'(s)), \quad \text{as } m \rightarrow \infty, \forall s \in J_+. \tag{51}$$

By (H<sub>1</sub>) and (50), we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\|f(s, u_m(s), u'_m(s), v_m(s), v'_m(s)) - f(s, \bar{x}(s), \bar{x}'(s), \bar{y}(s), \bar{y}'(s))\| \\ &\leq 8\varepsilon_0 c_0(s)(1+s)\|(u_m, v_m)\|_X + 2a_0(s) + 2M_0 b_0(s) \\ &\leq 8\varepsilon_0 c_0(s)(1+s)(2\gamma + \|(u_0, v_0)\|_X) + 2a_0(s) + 2M_0 b_0(s). \end{aligned} \tag{52}$$

Noticing (51) and (52) and taking limit as  $m \rightarrow \infty$  in (42), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{x}(t) &= \frac{1}{1 - \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i} \left[ \left( \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i \xi_i \right) x_\infty + \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i \int_0^{\xi_i} \int_s^{+\infty} f(\tau, \bar{x}(\tau), \bar{x}'(\tau), \bar{y}(\tau), \bar{y}'(\tau)) d\tau ds \right] + \\ &\int_0^t \int_s^{+\infty} f(\tau, \bar{x}(\tau), \bar{x}'(\tau), \bar{y}(\tau), \bar{y}'(\tau)) d\tau ds + tx_\infty. \end{aligned} \tag{53}$$

In the same way, taking limit  $m \rightarrow \infty$  in (43), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{y}(t) &= \frac{1}{1 - \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \beta_i} \left[ \left( \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \beta_i \xi_i \right) y_\infty + \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \beta_i \int_0^{\xi_i} \int_s^{+\infty} g(\tau, \bar{x}(\tau), \bar{x}'(\tau), \bar{y}(\tau), \bar{y}'(\tau)) d\tau ds \right] + \\ &\int_0^t \int_s^{+\infty} g(\tau, \bar{x}(\tau), \bar{x}'(\tau), \bar{y}(\tau), \bar{y}'(\tau)) d\tau ds + ty_\infty, \end{aligned} \tag{54}$$

which together with (53) and Lemma 2 shows that  $(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) \in K \cap C^2[J_+, E] \times C^2[J_+, E]$  and  $(\bar{x}(t), \bar{y}(t))$  is a positive solution of BVP (1). Differentiating (42) twice, we have

$$u''_m(t) = -f(t, u_{m-1}(t), u'_{m-1}(t), v_{m-1}(t), v'_{m-1}(t)), \quad \forall t \in J'_+, \quad m = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

Hence, by (51), we obtain

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} u''_m(t) = -f(t, \bar{x}(t), \bar{x}'(t), \bar{y}(t), \bar{y}'(t)) = \bar{x}''(t), \quad \forall t \in J'_+.$$

Similarly, one has

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} v''_m(t) = -g(t, \bar{x}(t), \bar{x}'(t), \bar{y}(t), \bar{y}'(t)) = \bar{y}''(t), \quad \forall t \in J'_+.$$

Let  $(m(t), n(t))$  be any positive solution of BVP (1). By Lemma 2, we have  $(m, n) \in Q$  and  $(m(t), n(t)) = A(m, n)(t)$ , for  $t \in J$ . It is clear that  $m^{(i)}(t) \geq \lambda_0^* x_0^* > \theta, n^{(i)}(t) \geq \lambda_1^* y_0^* > \theta$  for any  $t \in J$  ( $i = 0, 1$ ). So, by Lemma 6, we know that  $m^{(i)}(t) \geq u_0^{(i)}(t), n^{(i)}(t) \geq v_0^{(i)}(t)$  for any  $t \in J$  ( $i = 0, 1$ ). Assume that  $m^{(i)}(t) \geq u_{m-1}^{(i)}(t), n^{(i)}(t) \geq v_{m-1}^{(i)}(t)$  for  $t \in J, m \geq 1$  ( $i = 0, 1$ ). Then, we have from Lemma 6 that  $(A_1^{(i)}(m, n)(t), A_2^{(i)}(m, n)(t)) \geq (A_1^{(i)}(u_{m-1}, v_{m-1}))(t), (A_2^{(i)}(u_{m-1}, v_{m-1}))(t)$  for  $t \in J$  ( $i = 0, 1$ ), i.e.,  $(m^{(i)}(t), n^{(i)}(t)) \geq (u_m^{(i)}(t), v_m^{(i)}(t))$  for  $t \in J$  ( $i = 0, 1$ ). Hence, by induction, we get

$$m^{(i)}(t) \geq \bar{x}_m^{(i)}(t), n^{(i)}(t) \geq \bar{y}_m^{(i)}(t), \quad \forall t \in J, \quad i = 0, 1; \quad m = 0, 1, 2, \dots \tag{55}$$

Now, taking limits in (55) gives  $m^{(i)}(t) \geq \bar{x}^{(i)}(t), n^{(i)}(t) \geq \bar{y}^{(i)}(t)$  for  $t \in J$  ( $i = 0, 1$ ). The proof is completed.  $\square$

**Theorem 3** *Let cone  $P$  be fully regular and conditions  $(H_1)$  and  $(H_3)$  be satisfied. Then the conclusion of Theorem 2 holds.*

**Proof** The proof is almost the same as that of Theorem 2. The only difference is that, instead of using condition  $(H_2)$ , the conclusion  $\alpha_X(W) = 0$  is implied directly by (49) and (50), the full regularity of  $P$  and Lemma 8.

### 4. An example

Consider the infinite system of scalar singular second order three-point boundary value problems:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} -x''_n(t) = \frac{1}{3n^2\sqrt{t}(1+t)} \left( 2 + x_n(t) + y_n(t) + x'_{2n}(t) + y'_{3n}(t) + \frac{1}{2n^2x_n(t)} + \frac{1}{8n^3x'_{2n}(t)} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} + \\ \quad \frac{1}{3e^{2t}(1+t)} \ln(1 + x_n(t)), \\ -y''_n(t) = \frac{1}{6n^3\sqrt[3]{t^2}(1+t)} \left( 1 + x_{3n}(t) + x'_{4n}(t) + \frac{1}{3n^2y_{3n}(t)} + \frac{1}{4n^3y'_{2n}(t)} \right)^{\frac{1}{5}} + \\ \quad \frac{1}{6e^{3t}(1+t)} \ln(1 + y'_{2n}(t)), \\ x_n(0) = \frac{1}{3}x_n(1), \quad x'_n(\infty) = \frac{1}{n}, \quad y_n(0) = \frac{3}{4}y_n(1), \quad y'_n(\infty) = \frac{1}{2n}, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots \end{array} \right. \tag{56}$$

**Proposition 1** Infinite system (56) has a minimal positive solution  $(x_n(t), y_n(t))$  satisfying  $x_n(t), x'_n(t), y_n(t), y'_n(t) \geq \frac{1}{2n}$  for  $0 \leq t < +\infty$  ( $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ ).

**Proof** Let  $E = c_0 = \{x = (x_1, \dots, x_n, \dots) : x_n \rightarrow 0\}$  with the norm  $\|x\| = \sup_n |x_n|$ . Obviously,  $(E, \|\cdot\|)$  is a real Banach space. Choose  $P = \{x = (x_n) \in c_0 : x_n \geq 0, n = 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$ . It is easy to verify that  $P$  is a normal cone in  $E$  with normal constant 1. Now we consider infinite system (56), which can be regarded as a BVP of form (1) in  $E$  with  $\alpha_1 = \frac{1}{3}$ ,  $\beta_1 = \frac{3}{4}$ ,  $\xi_1 = 1$ ,  $x_\infty = (1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, \dots)$ ,  $y_\infty = (\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{6}, \dots)$ . In this situation,  $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n, \dots)$ ,  $u = (u_1, \dots, u_n, \dots)$ ,  $y = (y_1, \dots, y_n, \dots)$ ,  $v = (v_1, \dots, v_n, \dots)$ ,  $f = (f_1, \dots, f_n, \dots)$ , in which

$$f_n(t, x, u, y, v) = \frac{1}{3n^2\sqrt{t}(1+t)} \left( 2 + x_n + y_n + u_{2n} + v_{3n} + \frac{1}{2n^2x_n} + \frac{1}{8n^3u_{2n}} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} + \frac{1}{3e^{2t}(1+t)} \ln(1 + x_n), \quad (57)$$

$$g_n(t, x, u, y, v) = \frac{1}{6n^3\sqrt[3]{t^2}(1+t)} \left( 1 + x_{3n} + u_{4n} + \frac{1}{3n^2y_{3n}} + \frac{1}{4n^3v_{2n}} \right)^{\frac{1}{5}} + \frac{1}{6e^{3t}(1+t)} \ln(1 + v_{2n}). \quad (58)$$

Let  $x_0^* = x_\infty = (1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, \dots)$ ,  $y_0^* = y_\infty = (\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{6}, \dots)$ . Then  $P_{0\lambda} = \{x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, \dots) : x_n \geq \frac{\lambda}{n}, n = 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$ ,  $P_{1\lambda} = \{y = (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n, \dots) : y_n \geq \frac{\lambda}{2n}, n = 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$ , for  $\lambda > 0$ . By simple computation, we have  $D_0 = \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $D_1 = 3$ ,  $\lambda_0^* = \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\lambda_1^* = 1$ . It is clear that  $f, g \in C[J_+ \times P_{0\lambda} \times P_{0\lambda} \times P_{1\lambda} \times P_{1\lambda}, P]$  for any  $\lambda > 0$ . Notice that  $e^{3t} > \sqrt[3]{t^2}$ ,  $e^{2t} > \sqrt{t}$  for  $t > 0$ , by (57) and (58), we get

$$\|f(t, x, u, y, v)\| \leq \frac{1}{3\sqrt{t}} \left[ \left( \frac{7}{2} + \|x\| + \|u\| + \|v\| + \|y\| \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} + \ln(1 + \|x\|) \right], \quad (59)$$

and

$$\|g(t, x, u, y, v)\| \leq \frac{1}{6\sqrt[3]{t^2}} \left[ \left( 4 + \|x\| + \|u\| \right)^{\frac{1}{5}} + \ln(1 + \|v\|) \right], \quad (60)$$

which imply that  $(H_1)$  is satisfied for  $a_0(t) = 0$ ,  $b_0(t) = c_0(t) = \frac{1}{3\sqrt{t}}$ ,  $a_1(t) = 0$ ,  $b_1(t) = c_1(t) = \frac{1}{6\sqrt[3]{t^2}}$  and

$$h_0(u_0, u_1, u_2, u_3) = \left( \frac{7}{2} + u_0 + u_1 + u_2 + u_3 \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} + \ln(1 + u_0),$$

$$h_1(u_0, u_1, u_2, u_3) = \left( 4 + u_0 + u_1 \right)^{\frac{1}{5}} + \ln(1 + u_3).$$

Let

$$f^1 = \{f_1^1, f_2^1, \dots, f_n^1, \dots\}, \quad f^2 = \{f_1^2, f_2^2, \dots, f_n^2, \dots\},$$

$$g^1 = \{g_1^1, g_2^1, \dots, g_n^1, \dots\}, \quad g^2 = \{g_1^2, g_2^2, \dots, g_n^2, \dots\},$$

where

$$f_n^1(t, x, u, y, v) = \frac{1}{3n^2\sqrt{t}(1+t)} \left( 2 + x_n + y_n + u_{2n} + v_{3n} + \frac{1}{2n^2x_n} + \frac{1}{8n^3u_{2n}} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}}, \quad (61)$$

$$f_n^2(t, x, u, y, v) = \frac{1}{3e^{2t}(1+t)} \ln(1+x_n), \quad (62)$$

$$g_n^1(t, x, u, y, v) = \frac{1}{6n^3\sqrt{t^2}(1+t)} \left(1 + x_{3n} + u_{4n} + \frac{1}{3n^2y_{3n}} + \frac{1}{4n^3v_{2n}}\right)^{\frac{1}{5}}, \quad (63)$$

$$g_n^2(t, x, u, y, v) = \frac{1}{6e^{3t}(1+t)} \ln(1+v_{2n}). \quad (64)$$

Let  $t \in J_+$ , and  $R > 0$  be given and  $\{z^{(m)}\}$  be any sequence in  $f^1(t, P_{0R}^*, P_{0R}^*, P_{1R}^*, P_{1R}^*)$ , where  $z^{(m)} = (z_1^{(m)}, \dots, z_n^{(m)}, \dots)$ . By (61), we have

$$0 \leq z_n^{(m)} \leq \frac{1}{3n^2\sqrt{t}} \left(\frac{7}{2} + 4R\right)^{\frac{1}{3}}, \quad n, m = 1, 2, 3, \dots \quad (65)$$

So,  $\{z_n^{(m)}\}$  is bounded and by the diagonal method together with the method of constructing subsequence, we can choose a subsequence  $\{m_i\} \subset \{m\}$  such that

$$\{z_n^{(m_i)}\} \rightarrow \bar{z}_n \quad \text{as } i \rightarrow \infty, \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots, \quad (66)$$

which implies by (65)

$$0 \leq \bar{z}_n \leq \frac{1}{3n^2\sqrt{t}} \left(\frac{7}{2} + 4R\right)^{\frac{1}{3}}, \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots \quad (67)$$

Hence  $\bar{z} = (\bar{z}_1, \dots, \bar{z}_n, \dots) \in c_0$ . It is easy to see from (65)–(67) that

$$\|z^{(m_i)} - \bar{z}\| = \sup_n |z_n^{(m_i)} - \bar{z}_n| \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } i \rightarrow \infty.$$

Thus, we have proved that  $f^1(t, P_{0R}^*, P_{0R}^*, P_{1R}^*, P_{1R}^*)$  is relatively compact in  $c_0$ .

For any  $t \in J_+$ ,  $R > 0$ ,  $x, y, \bar{x}, \bar{y} \in D \subset P_{0R}^*$ , we have by (62)

$$\begin{aligned} |f_n^2(t, x, u, y, v) - f_n^2(t, \bar{x}, \bar{u}, \bar{y}, \bar{v})| &= \frac{1}{3e^{2t}(1+t)} |\ln(1+x_n) - \ln(1+\bar{x}_n)| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{3e^{2t}(1+t)} \frac{|x_n - \bar{x}_n|}{1 + \xi_n}, \end{aligned} \quad (68)$$

where  $\xi_n$  is between  $x_n$  and  $\bar{x}_n$ . By (68), we get

$$\|f^2(t, x, u, y, v) - f^2(t, \bar{x}, \bar{u}, \bar{y}, \bar{v})\| \leq \frac{1}{3e^{2t}(1+t)} \|x - \bar{x}\|, \quad x, y, \bar{x}, \bar{y} \in D. \quad (69)$$

In the same way, we can prove that  $g^1(t, P_{0R}^*, P_{0R}^*, P_{1R}^*, P_{1R}^*)$  is relatively compact in  $c_0$ , and we can also get

$$\|g^2(t, x, u, y, v) - g^2(t, \bar{x}, \bar{u}, \bar{y}, \bar{v})\| \leq \frac{1}{6e^{3t}(1+t)} \|v - \bar{v}\|, \quad x, y, \bar{x}, \bar{y} \in D. \quad (70)$$

Thus, by (69) and (70), it is easy to see that  $(H_2)$  holds for  $L_{00}(t) = \frac{1}{3e^{2t}(1+t)}$ ,  $L_{10}(t) = \frac{1}{6e^{3t}(1+t)}$ .

Our conclusion follows from Theorem 1.  $\square$

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