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# Positive Solutions of Singular Multipoint Boundary Value Problems for Systems of Nonlinear Second-Order Differential Equations on Infinite Intervals in Banach Spaces

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The cone theory together with Mönch fixed point theorem and a monotone iterative technique is used to investigate the positive solutions for some boundary problems for systems of nonlinear second-order differential equations with multipoint boundary value conditions on infinite intervals in Banach spaces. The conditions for the existence of positive solutions are established. In addition, an explicit iterative approximation of the solution for the boundary value problem 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, e.g., [1–4] and references therein). By employing a fixed point theorem due to Sadovskii, Liu [5] investigated the existence of solutions for the following second-order two-point boundary value problems (BVP for short) on infinite intervals in a Banach space  $E$ :

$$\begin{aligned}x''(t) &= f(t, x(t), x'(t)), \quad t \in J, \\x(0) &= x_0, \quad x'(\infty) = y_\infty,\end{aligned}\tag{1.1}$$

where  $f \in C[J \times E \times E, E]$ ,  $J = [0, +\infty)$ ,  $x'(\infty) = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} x'(t)$ . On the other hand, the multipoint boundary value problems arising naturally from applied mathematics and physics have been

studied so extensively in scalar case that there are many excellent results about the existence of positive solutions (see, i.e., [6–12] and references therein). However, to the best of our knowledge, only a few authors [5, 13, 14] have studied multipoint boundary value problems in Banach spaces and results for systems of second-order differential equation are rarely seen. Motivated by above papers, we consider the following singular  $m$ -point boundary value problem on an infinite interval in a Banach space  $E$

$$\begin{aligned}x''(t) + f(t, x(t), x'(t), y(t), y'(t)) &= 0, \\y''(t) + g(t, x(t), x'(t), y(t), y'(t)) &= 0, \quad t \in J_+, \\x(0) &= \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i x(\xi_i), \quad x'(\infty) = x_\infty, \\y(0) &= \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \beta_i y(\xi_i), \quad y'(\infty) = y_\infty,\end{aligned}\tag{1.2}$$

where  $J = [0, \infty)$ ,  $J_+ = (0, \infty)$ ,  $\alpha_i, \beta_i \in [0, +\infty)$  and  $\xi_i \in (0, +\infty)$  with  $0 < \xi_1 < \xi_2 < \dots < \xi_{m-2} < +\infty$ ,  $0 < \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i < 1$ ,  $0 < \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \beta_i < 1$ ,  $\sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i \xi_i / (1 - \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i) > 1$ ,  $\sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \beta_i \xi_i / (1 - \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \beta_i) > 1$ . In this paper, nonlinear terms  $f$  and  $g$  may be singular at  $t = 0$ ,  $x, y = \theta$ , and/or  $x', y' = \theta$ , 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  $x_i, y_i \rightarrow \theta$  ( $i = 0, 1$ ).

Very recently, by 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 will use the cone theory and the Mönch fixed point theorem combined with a monotone iterative technique to investigate the positive solutions of BVP (1.2). The main features of the present paper are as follows. Firstly, compared with [5], the problem we discussed here is systems of multipoint boundary value problem and nonlinear term permits singularity not only at  $t = 0$  but also at  $x, y, x', y' = \theta$ . Secondly, compared with [15], the relative compact conditions we used are weaker. Furthermore, an iterative sequence for the solution under some normal type conditions is established which makes it very important and convenient in applications.

The rest of the paper is organized as follows. In Section 2, we give some preliminaries and establish several lemmas. The main theorems are formulated and proved in Section 3. Then, in Section 4, an example is worked out to illustrate the main results.

## 2. Preliminaries and Several Lemmas

Let

$$\begin{aligned}FC[J, E] &= \left\{ x \in C[J, E] : \sup_{t \in J} \frac{\|x(t)\|}{t+1} < \infty \right\}, \\DC^1[J, E] &= \left\{ x \in C^1[J, E] : \sup_{t \in J} \frac{\|x(t)\|}{t+1} < \infty, \sup_{t \in J} \|x'(t)\| < \infty \right\}.\end{aligned}\tag{2.1}$$

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

$$\|x\|_F = \sup_{t \in J} \frac{\|x(t)\|}{t+1}, \quad (2.2)$$

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

$$\|x\|_D = \max\{\|x\|_F, \|x'\|_C\}, \quad (2.3)$$

where

$$\|x'\|_C = \sup_{t \in J} \|x'(t)\|. \quad (2.4)$$

Let  $X = DC^1[J, E] \times DC^1[J, E]$  with norm

$$\|(x, y)\|_X = \max\{\|x\|_D, \|y\|_D\}, \quad \forall (x, y) \in X. \quad (2.5)$$

Then  $(X, \|\cdot, \cdot\|_X)$  is also a Banach space. The basic space using 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  $P_0 = P_{01}$ ,  $P_1 = P_{11}$ , that is,  $P_0 = \{x \in P : x \geq x_0^*\}$ ,  $P_1 = \{y \in P : y \geq y_0^*\}$ . Let  $P(F) = \{x \in FC[J, E] : x(t) \geq \theta, \forall t \in J\}$ , and  $P(D) = \{x \in DC^1[J, E] : x(t) \geq \theta, x'(t) \geq \theta, \forall t \in J\}$ . It is clear,  $P(F), P(D)$  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 (1.2) if  $(x, y) \in P(D) \times P(D)$  and  $(x(t), y(t))$  satisfies (1.2).

Let  $\alpha, \alpha_F, \alpha_D, \alpha_X$  denote the Kuratowski measure of noncompactness in  $E, FC[J, E], DC^1[J, E]$  and  $X$ , respectively. For details on the definition and properties of the measure of noncompactness, the reader is referred to [1–4]. Let  $L[J_+, J]$  be all Lebesgue measurable functions from  $J_+$  to  $J$ . Denote

$$D_0 = \frac{1}{1 - \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i} \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i \xi_i, \quad D_1 = \frac{1}{1 - \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \beta_i} \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \beta_i \xi_i. \quad (2.6)$$

Let us list some conditions for convenience.

(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  $h_i \in C[J_+ \times J_+, J]$  ( $i = 0, 1$ ) such that

$$\begin{aligned} \|f(t, x_0, x_1, y_0, y_1)\| &\leq a_0(t) + b_0(t)h_0(\|x_0\|, \|x_1\|, \|y_0\|, \|y_1\|), \\ &\quad \forall t \in J_+, x_i \in P_0, y_i \in P_1 \ (i = 0, 1), \\ \|g(t, x_0, x_1, y_0, y_1)\| &\leq a_1(t) + b_1(t)h_1(\|x_0\|, \|x_1\|, \|y_0\|, \|y_1\|), \\ &\quad \forall t \in J_+, x_i \in P_0, y_i \in P_1 \ (i = 0, 1), \end{aligned} \quad (2.7)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\|f(t, x_0, x_1, y_0, y_1)\|}{c_0(t)(\|x_0\| + \|x_1\| + \|y_0\| + \|y_1\|)} &\longrightarrow 0, \quad \frac{\|g(t, x_0, x_1, y_0, y_1)\|}{c_1(t)(\|x_0\| + \|x_1\| + \|y_0\| + \|y_1\|)} \longrightarrow 0 \\ &\text{as } x_i \in P_0, y_i \in P_1 \ (i = 0, 1), \|x_0\| + \|x_1\| + \|y_0\| + \|y_1\| \longrightarrow \infty, \end{aligned}$$

uniformly for  $t \in J_+$ , and

$$\int_0^\infty a_i(t)dt = a_i^* < \infty, \quad \int_0^\infty b_i(t)dt = b_i^* < \infty, \quad \int_0^\infty c_i(t)(1+t)dt = c_i^* < \infty \quad (i = 0, 1). \quad (2.8)$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha(f(t, V_0(t), V_1(t), W_0(t), W_1(t))) &\leq \sum_{i=0}^1 L_{0i}(t)\alpha(V_i(t)) + K_{0i}(t)\alpha(W_i(t)), \\ \alpha(g(t, V_0(t), V_1(t), W_0(t), W_1(t))) &\leq \sum_{i=0}^1 L_{1i}(t)\alpha(V_i(t)) + K_{1i}(t)\alpha(W_i(t)), \end{aligned} \quad (2.9)$$

with

$$(D_i + 1) \int_0^{+\infty} [(L_{i0}(s) + K_{i0}(s))(1+s) + L_{i1}(s) + K_{i1}(s)]ds < \frac{1}{2} \quad (i = 0, 1), \quad (2.10)$$

where  $P_{0R}^* = \{x \in P, x \geq x_0^*, \|x\| \leq R\}$ ,  $P_{1R}^* = \{y \in P, y \geq y_0^*, \|y\| \leq R\}$ .

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

$$\begin{aligned} f(t, x_0, x_1, y_0, y_1) &\leq f(t, \bar{x}_0, \bar{x}_1, \bar{y}_0, \bar{y}_1), \\ g(t, x_0, x_1, y_0, y_1) &\leq g(t, \bar{x}_0, \bar{x}_1, \bar{y}_0, \bar{y}_1). \end{aligned} \quad (2.11)$$

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

We will reduce BVP (1.2) to a system of integral equations in  $E$ . To this end, we first consider operator  $A$  defined by

$$A(x, y)(t) = (A_1(x, y)(t), A_2(x, y)(t)), \quad (2.12)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} A_1(x, y)(t) = & \frac{1}{1 - \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i} \left[ \left( \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i \xi_i \right) x_\infty + \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i \int_0^{\xi_i} \int_s^{+\infty} f(\tau, x(\tau), x'(\tau), y(\tau), y'(\tau)) d\tau ds \right] \\ & + \int_0^t \int_s^{+\infty} f(\tau, x(\tau), x'(\tau), y(\tau), y'(\tau)) d\tau ds + tx_\infty, \end{aligned} \quad (2.13)$$

$$\begin{aligned} A_2(x, y)(t) = & \frac{1}{1 - \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \beta_i} \left[ \left( \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \beta_i \xi_i \right) y_\infty + \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \beta_i \int_0^{\xi_i} \int_s^{+\infty} g(\tau, x(\tau), x'(\tau), y(\tau), y'(\tau)) d\tau ds \right] \\ & + \int_0^t \int_s^{+\infty} g(\tau, x(\tau), x'(\tau), y(\tau), y'(\tau)) d\tau ds + ty_\infty. \end{aligned} \quad (2.14)$$

**Lemma 2.1.** *If condition  $(H_1)$  is satisfied, then operator  $A$  defined by (2.12) is a continuous operator from  $Q$  into  $Q$ .*

*Proof.* Let

$$\epsilon_0 = \min \left\{ \frac{1}{8c_0^* \left( 1 + \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i \xi_{m-2} / \left( 1 - \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i \right) \right)}, \frac{1}{8c_1^* \left( 1 + \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \beta_i \xi_{m-2} / \left( 1 - \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \beta_i \right) \right)} \right\}, \quad (2.15)$$

$$r = \min \left\{ \frac{\|x_0^*\|}{N}, \frac{\|y_0^*\|}{N} \right\} > 0. \quad (2.16)$$

By virtue of condition  $(H_1)$ , there exists an  $R > r$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} \|f(t, x_0, x_1, y_0, y_1)\| & \leq \epsilon_0 c_0(t) (\|x_0\| + \|x_1\| + \|y_0\| + \|y_1\|), \quad \forall t \in J_+, x_i \in P_0, y_i \in P_1 (i = 0, 1), \\ & \|x_0\| + \|x_1\| + \|y_0\| + \|y_1\| > R, \\ \|f(t, x_0, x_1, y_0, y_1)\| & \leq a_0(t) + M_0 b_0(t), \quad \forall t \in J_+, x_i \in P_0, y_i \in P_1 (i = 0, 1), \\ & \|x_0\| + \|x_1\| + \|y_0\| + \|y_1\| \leq R, \end{aligned} \quad (2.17)$$

where

$$M_0 = \max\{h_0(u_0, u_1, v_0, v_1) : r \leq u_i, v_i \leq R (i = 0, 1)\}. \quad (2.18)$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \|f(t, x_0, x_1, y_0, y_1)\| &\leq \epsilon_0 c_0(t) (\|x_0\| + \|x_1\| + \|y_0\| + \|y_1\|) + a_0(t) + M_0 b_0(t), \\ &\forall t \in J_+, x_i \in P_0, y_i \in P_1 (i = 0, 1). \end{aligned} \quad (2.19)$$

Let  $(x, y) \in Q$ , we have, by (2.19)

$$\begin{aligned} &\|f(t, x(t), x'(t), y(t), y'(t))\| \\ &\leq \epsilon_0 c_0(t)(1+t) \left( \frac{\|x(t)\|}{t+1} + \frac{\|x'(t)\|}{t+1} + \frac{\|y(t)\|}{t+1} + \frac{\|y'(t)\|}{t+1} \right) + a_0(t) + M_0 b_0(t) \\ &\leq \epsilon_0 c_0(t)(1+t) (\|x\|_F + \|x'\|_C + \|y\|_F + \|y'\|_C) + a_0(t) + M_0 b_0(t) \\ &\leq 2\epsilon_0 c_0(t)(1+t) (\|x\|_D + \|y\|_D) + a_0(t) + M_0 b_0(t) \\ &\leq 4\epsilon_0 c_0(t)(1+t) \|(x, y)\|_X + a_0(t) + M_0 b_0(t), \quad \forall t \in J_+, \end{aligned} \quad (2.20)$$

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

$$\int_0^\infty \|f(s, x(s), x'(s), y(s), y'(s))\| ds. \quad (2.21)$$

Thus, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| \int_0^t \int_s^{+\infty} f(\tau, x(\tau), x'(\tau), y(\tau), y'(\tau)) d\tau ds \right\| &\leq \int_0^t \int_s^{+\infty} \|f(\tau, x(\tau), x'(\tau), y(\tau), y'(\tau))\| d\tau ds \\ &\leq \int_0^{+\infty} \int_0^t \|f(\tau, x(\tau), x'(\tau), y(\tau), y'(\tau))\| ds d\tau \\ &\leq t \int_0^\infty \|f(s, x(s), x'(s), y(s), y'(s))\| ds, \quad \forall t \in J_+, \end{aligned} \quad (2.22)$$

which together with (2.13) and  $(H_1)$  implies that

$$\begin{aligned}
\|A_1(x, y)(t)\| &\leq \int_0^t \int_s^{+\infty} \|f(\tau, x(\tau), x'(\tau), y(\tau), y'(\tau))\| d\tau ds + t\|x_\infty\| + \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i \xi_i}{1 - \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i} \|x_\infty\| \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{1 - \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i} \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i \int_0^{\xi_{m-2}} \int_s^{+\infty} \|f(\tau, x(\tau), x'(\tau), y(\tau), y'(\tau))\| d\tau ds \\
&\leq t \left( \int_0^{+\infty} \|f(\tau, x(\tau), x'(\tau), y(\tau), y'(\tau))\| d\tau + \|x_\infty\| \right) + \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i \xi_i}{1 - \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i} \|x_\infty\| \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{1 - \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i} \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i \xi_{m-2} \left( \int_0^{+\infty} \|f(\tau, x(\tau), x'(\tau), y(\tau), y'(\tau))\| d\tau \right).
\end{aligned} \tag{2.23}$$

Therefore, by (2.15) and (2.20), we get

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\|A_1(x, y)(t)\|}{1+t} &\leq \int_0^{+\infty} \|f(\tau, x(\tau), x'(\tau), y(\tau), y'(\tau))\| d\tau + \|x_\infty\| + \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i \xi_i}{1 - \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i} \|x_\infty\| \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{1 - \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i} \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i \xi_{m-2} \left( \int_0^{+\infty} \|f(\tau, x(\tau), x'(\tau), y(\tau), y'(\tau))\| d\tau \right) \\
&\leq \left( 1 + \frac{1}{1 - \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i} \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i \xi_{m-2} \right) [4\epsilon_0 c_0^* \|(x, y)\|_X + a_0^* + Mb_0^*] \\
&\quad + \left( 1 + \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i \xi_i}{1 - \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i} \right) \|x_\infty\| \\
&\leq \frac{1}{2} \|(x, y)\|_X + \left( 1 + \frac{1}{1 - \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i} \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i \xi_{m-2} \right) (a_0^* + Mb_0^*) \\
&\quad + \left( 1 + \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i \xi_i}{1 - \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i} \right) \|x_\infty\|.
\end{aligned} \tag{2.24}$$

Differentiating (2.13), we obtain

$$A'_1(x, y)(t) = \int_t^{+\infty} f(s, x(s), x'(s), y(s), y'(s)) ds + x_\infty. \tag{2.25}$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} \|A'_1(x, y)(t)\| &\leq \int_0^{+\infty} \|f(s, x(s), x'(s), y(s), y'(s))\| ds + \|x_\infty\| \\ &\leq 4\epsilon_0 c_0^* \|(x, y)\|_X + a_0^* + M_0 b_0^* + \|x_\infty\| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} \|(x, y)\|_X + a_0^* + M_0 b_0^* + \|x_\infty\|, \quad \forall t \in J. \end{aligned} \quad (2.26)$$

It follows from (2.24) and (2.25) that

$$\|A_1(x, y)\|_D \leq \frac{1}{2} \|(x, y)\|_X + \left(1 + \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i \xi_{m-2}}{1 - \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i}\right) (a_0^* + M_0 b_0^*) + \left(1 + \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i \xi_i}{1 - \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i}\right) \|x_\infty\|. \quad (2.27)$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} A_1(x, y)(t) &\geq \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i \xi_i}{1 - \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i} x_\infty \geq x_\infty \geq x_0^*, \quad \forall t \in J, \\ A'_1(x, y)(t) &\geq x_\infty \geq x_0^*, \quad \forall t \in J. \end{aligned} \quad (2.28)$$

So,  $A_1(x, y) \in Q_1$ . In the same way, we can easily get that

$$\begin{aligned} \|A_2(x, y)\|_D &\leq \frac{1}{2} \|(x, y)\|_X + \left(1 + \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \beta_i \xi_{m-2}}{1 - \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \beta_i}\right) (a_1^* + M_1 b_1^*) + \left(1 + \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \beta_i \xi_i}{1 - \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \beta_i}\right) \|y_\infty\|, \\ A_2(x, y)(t) &\geq \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \beta_i \xi_i}{1 - \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \beta_i} y_\infty \geq y_\infty \geq y_0^*, \quad \forall t \in J, \\ A'_2(x, y)(t) &\geq y_\infty \geq y_0^*, \quad \forall t \in J, \end{aligned} \quad (2.29)$$

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,  $A$  maps  $Q$  into  $Q$  and we get

$$\|A(x, y)\|_X \leq \frac{1}{2} \|(x, y)\|_X + \gamma, \quad (2.30)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma = \max \left\{ \left(1 + \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i \xi_{m-2}}{1 - \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i}\right) (a_0^* + M b_0^*) + \left(1 + \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i \xi_i}{1 - \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i}\right) \|x_\infty\|, \right. \\ \left. \left(1 + \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \beta_i \xi_{m-2}}{1 - \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \beta_i}\right) (a_1^* + M_1 b_1^*) + \left(1 + \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \beta_i \xi_i}{1 - \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \beta_i}\right) \|y_\infty\| \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.31)$$



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  $\|(\bar{x}, \bar{y})\|_X \leq r + 1$ . Similar to (2.24) and (2.26), it is easy to have

$$\begin{aligned} & \|A_1(x_m, y_m) - A_1(\bar{x}, \bar{y})\|_X \\ & \leq \int_0^{+\infty} \left\| f(s, x_m(s), x'_m(s), y_m(s), y'_m(s)) - f\left(s, \bar{x}(s), \bar{x}'(s), \bar{y}(s), \bar{y}'(s)\right) \right\| ds \\ & \quad + \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i \xi_{m-2}}{1 - \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i} \int_0^{+\infty} \left\| f(s, x_m(s), x'_m(s), y_m(s), y'_m(s)) - f(s, \bar{x}(s), \bar{x}'(s), \bar{y}(s), \bar{y}'(s)) \right\| ds. \end{aligned} \quad (2.32)$$

It is clear,

$$f(t, x_m(t), x'_m(t), y_m(t), y'_m(t)) \rightarrow f(t, \bar{x}(t), \bar{x}'(t), \bar{y}(t), \bar{y}'(t)) \quad \text{as } m \rightarrow \infty, \forall t \in J_+, \quad (2.33)$$

and by (2.20),

$$\begin{aligned} & \|f(t, x_m(t), x'_m(t), y_m(t), y'_m(t)) - f(t, \bar{x}(t), \bar{x}'(t), \bar{y}(t), \bar{y}'(t))\| \\ & \leq 8\epsilon_0 c_0(t)(1+t)r + 2a_0(t) + 2M_0 b_0(t) \\ & = \sigma_0(t) \in L[J, J], \quad m = 1, 2, 3, \dots, \forall t \in J_+. \end{aligned} \quad (2.34)$$

It follows from (2.33) and (2.34) and the dominated convergence theorem that

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^{+\infty} \|f(s, x_m(s), x'_m(s), y_m(s), y'_m(s)) - f(s, \bar{x}(s), \bar{x}'(s), \bar{y}(s), \bar{y}'(s))\| ds = 0. \quad (2.35)$$

It follows from (2.32) and (2.35) 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 2.2.** *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 (1.2) if and only if  $(x, y) \in Q$  is a fixed point of operator  $A$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose that  $x \in Q \cap (C^2[J_+, E] \times C^2[J_+, E])$  is a solution of BVP (1.2). For  $t \in J$ , integrating (1.2) from  $t$  to  $+\infty$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} x'(t) &= x_\infty + \int_t^{+\infty} f(s, x(s), x'(s), y(s), y'(s)) ds, \\ y'(t) &= y_\infty + \int_t^{+\infty} g(s, x(s), x'(s), y(s), y'(s)) ds. \end{aligned} \quad (2.36)$$

Integrating (2.36) from 0 to  $t$ , we get

$$x(t) = x(0) + tx_\infty + \int_0^t \int_s^{+\infty} f(\tau, x(\tau), x'(\tau), y(\tau), y'(\tau)) d\tau ds, \quad (2.37)$$

$$y(t) = y(0) + ty_\infty + \int_0^t \int_s^{+\infty} g(\tau, x(\tau), x'(\tau), y(\tau), y'(\tau)) d\tau ds. \quad (2.38)$$

Thus, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} x(\xi_i) &= x(0) + \xi_i x_\infty + \int_0^{\xi_i} \int_s^{+\infty} f(\tau, x(\tau), x'(\tau), y(\tau), y'(\tau)) d\tau ds, \\ y(\xi_i) &= y(0) + \xi_i y_\infty + \int_0^{\xi_i} \int_s^{+\infty} g(\tau, x(\tau), x'(\tau), y(\tau), y'(\tau)) d\tau ds, \end{aligned} \quad (2.39)$$

which together with the boundary value conditions imply that

$$x(0) = \frac{1}{1 - \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i} \left[ \left( \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i \xi_i \right) x_\infty + \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i \int_0^{\xi_i} \int_s^{+\infty} f(\tau, x(\tau), x'(\tau), y(\tau), y'(\tau)) d\tau ds \right], \quad (2.40)$$

$$y(0) = \frac{1}{1 - \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \beta_i} \left[ \left( \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \beta_i \xi_i \right) y_\infty + \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \beta_i \int_0^{\xi_i} \int_s^{+\infty} g(\tau, x(\tau), x'(\tau), y(\tau), y'(\tau)) d\tau ds \right]. \quad (2.41)$$

Substituting (2.40) and (2.41) into (2.37) and (2.38), respectively, we have

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) &= \frac{1}{1 - \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i} \left[ \left( \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i \xi_i \right) x_\infty + \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i \int_0^{\xi_i} \int_s^{+\infty} f(\tau, x(\tau), x'(\tau), y(\tau), y'(\tau)) d\tau ds \right] \\ &\quad + \int_0^t \int_s^{+\infty} f(\tau, x(\tau), x'(\tau), y(\tau), y'(\tau)) d\tau ds + tx_\infty, \\ y(t) &= \frac{1}{1 - \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \beta_i} \left[ \left( \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \beta_i \xi_i \right) y_\infty + \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \beta_i \int_0^{\xi_i} \int_s^{+\infty} g(\tau, x(\tau), x'(\tau), y(\tau), y'(\tau)) d\tau ds \right] \\ &\quad + \int_0^t \int_s^{+\infty} g(\tau, x(\tau), x'(\tau), y(\tau), y'(\tau)) d\tau ds + ty_\infty. \end{aligned} \quad (2.42)$$

It follows from Lemma 2.1 that the integral  $\int_0^t \int_s^{+\infty} f(\tau, x(\tau), x'(\tau), y(\tau), y'(\tau)) d\tau ds$  and the integral  $\int_0^t \int_s^{+\infty} g(\tau, x(\tau), x'(\tau), y(\tau), y'(\tau)) d\tau ds$  are convergent. Thus,  $(x, y)$  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 2.3.** *Let  $(H_1)$  be satisfied,  $V \subset Q$  is a bounded set. Then  $(A_i V)(t)/(1+t)$  and  $(A'_i V)(t)$  are equicontinuous on any finite subinterval of  $J$  and for any  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists  $N_i > 0$  such that*

$$\left\| \frac{A_i(x, y)(t_1)}{1+t_1} - \frac{A_i(x, y)(t_2)}{1+t_2} \right\| < \epsilon, \quad \|A'_i(x, y)(t_1) - A'_i(x, y)(t_2)\| < \epsilon \quad (2.43)$$

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  $A_1$ , the proof for operator  $A_2$  can be given in a similar way. By (2.13), we have

$$\begin{aligned} A_1(x, y)(t) &= \frac{1}{1 - \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i} \left[ \left( \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i \xi_i \right) x_\infty + \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i \int_0^{\xi_i} \int_s^{+\infty} f(\tau, x(\tau), x'(\tau), y(\tau), y'(\tau)) d\tau ds \right] \\ &\quad + \int_0^t \int_s^{+\infty} f(\tau, x(\tau), x'(\tau), y(\tau), y'(\tau)) d\tau ds + tx_\infty \\ &= \frac{1}{1 - \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i} \left[ \left( \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i \xi_i \right) x_\infty + \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i \int_0^{\xi_i} \int_s^{+\infty} f(\tau, x(\tau), x'(\tau), y(\tau), y'(\tau)) d\tau ds \right] \\ &\quad + tx_\infty + t \int_t^{+\infty} f(s, x(s), x'(s), y(s), y'(s)) ds + \int_0^t s f(s, x(s), x'(s), y(s), y'(s)) ds. \end{aligned} \quad (2.44)$$

For  $(x, y) \in V$ ,  $t_2 > t_1$ , we obtain by (2.44)

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

$$\begin{aligned}
& + \left\| \int_0^{t_1} \frac{s}{1+t_1} f(s, x(s), x'(s), y(s), y'(s)) ds - \int_0^{t_2} \frac{s}{1+t_2} f(s, x(s), x'(s), y(s), y'(s)) ds \right\| \\
\leq & \left| \frac{1}{1+t_1} - \frac{1}{1+t_2} \right| \cdot \frac{1}{1 - \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i} \\
& \times \left[ \left( \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i \xi_i \right) \|x_\infty\| + \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i \int_0^{\xi_i} \int_s^{+\infty} f(\tau, x(\tau), x'(\tau), y(\tau), y'(\tau)) d\tau ds \right] \\
& + \left| \frac{t_1}{1+t_1} - \frac{t_2}{1+t_2} \right| \cdot \|x_\infty\| + \left| \frac{t_1}{1+t_1} - \frac{t_2}{1+t_2} \right| \cdot \left\| \int_0^{+\infty} f(s, x(s), x'(s), y(s), y'(s)) ds \right\| \\
& + \left| \frac{t_1}{1+t_1} - \frac{t_2}{1+t_2} \right| \cdot \left\| \int_0^{t_1} f(s, x(s), x'(s), y(s), y'(s)) ds \right\| \\
& + \frac{t_2}{1+t_2} \left\| \int_{t_1}^{t_2} f(s, x(s), x'(s), y(s), y'(s)) ds \right\| \\
& + \left| \frac{1}{1+t_1} - \frac{1}{1+t_2} \right| \cdot \left\| \int_0^{t_1} s f(s, x(s), x'(s), y(s), y'(s)) ds \right\| \\
& + \left\| \int_{t_1}^{t_2} s f(s, x(s), x'(s), y(s), y'(s)) ds \right\|.
\end{aligned} \tag{2.45}$$

Then, it is easy to see by (2.45) and  $(H_1)$  that  $\{A_1 V(t)/(1+t)\}$  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 (2.25), we get

$$\begin{aligned}
\|A'_1(x, y)(t_1) - A'_1(x, y)(t_2)\| & = \left\| \int_{t_1}^{t_2} f(s, x(s), x'(s), y(s), y'(s)) ds \right\| \\
& \leq \int_{t_1}^{t_2} [4\epsilon_0 r c(s)(1+s) + a_0(s) + M_0 b_0(s)] ds.
\end{aligned} \tag{2.46}$$

It follows from (2.46) and  $(H_1)$  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  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists  $N_1 > 0$  such that

$$\left\| \frac{A_1(x, y)(t_1)}{1+t_1} - \frac{A_1(x, y)(t_2)}{1+t_2} \right\| < \epsilon, \quad \|A'_1(x, y)(t_1) - A'_1(x, y)(t_2)\| < \epsilon \tag{2.47}$$

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

Combining with (2.45), we need only to show that for any  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists sufficiently large  $N > 0$  such that

$$\left\| \int_0^{t_1} \frac{s}{1+t_1} f(s, x(s), x'(s), y(s), y'(s)) ds - \int_0^{t_2} \frac{s}{1+t_2} f(s, x(s), x'(s), y(s), y'(s)) ds \right\| < \epsilon \quad (2.48)$$

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 [5], we omit the details.  $\square$

**Lemma 2.4.** *Let  $V$  be a bounded set in  $DC^1[J, E] \times DC^1[J, E]$ . Assume that  $(H_1)$  holds. Then*

$$\alpha_D(A_i V) = \max \left\{ \sup_{t \in J} \alpha \left( \frac{(A_i V)(t)}{1+t} \right), \sup_{t \in J} \alpha((A_i V)'(t)) \right\}. \quad (2.49)$$

*Proof.* The proof is similar to that of Lemma 2.4 in [5], we omit it.  $\square$

**Lemma 2.5** (see [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,  $V \subset \overline{\text{co}}(\{u\} \cup F(V)) \Rightarrow V$  is relatively compact. Then  $F$  has a fixed point in  $Q$ .*

**Lemma 2.6.** *If  $(H_3)$  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 (2.13), (2.25), and condition  $(H_3)$ . The proof is obvious.  $\square$

**Lemma 2.7** (see [16]). *Let  $E$  and  $F$  are bounded sets in  $E$ , then*

$$\tilde{\alpha}(D \times F) = \max\{\alpha(D), \alpha(F)\}, \quad (2.50)$$

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

**Lemma 2.8** (see [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 3.1.** *If conditions  $(H_1)$  and  $(H_2)$  are satisfied, then BVP (1.2) 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  $(\bar{x})^{(i)}(t) \geq x_0^*$ ,  $(\bar{y})^{(i)}(t) \geq y_0^*$  for  $t \in J$  ( $i = 0, 1$ ).*

*Proof.* By Lemma 2.1, operator  $A$  defined by (2.13) is a continuous operator from  $Q$  into  $Q$ , and, by Lemma 2.2, 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 (2.27) and (3.6) that  $(x, y) \in Q^*$  implies  $A(x, y) \in Q^*$ , that is,  $A$  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 (2.13) and (2.25),

$$\begin{aligned} & A_1(x_m, y_m)(t) \\ &= \frac{1}{1 - \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i} \left[ \left( \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i \xi_i \right) x_\infty + \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i \int_0^{\xi_i} \int_s^{+\infty} f(\tau, x_m(\tau), x'_m(\tau), y_m(\tau), y'_m(\tau)) d\tau ds \right] \\ & \quad + \int_0^t \int_s^{+\infty} f(\tau, x_m(\tau), x'_m(\tau), y_m(\tau), y'_m(\tau)) d\tau ds + tx_\infty, \\ & A'_1(x_m, y_m)(t) = \int_t^{+\infty} f(s, x_m(s), x'_m(s), y_m(s), y'_m(s)) ds + x_\infty. \end{aligned} \tag{3.1}$$

By Lemma 2.4, we have

$$\alpha_D(A_1V) = \max \left\{ \sup_{t \in J} \alpha((A_1V)'(t)), \sup_{t \in J} \alpha \left( \frac{(A_1V)(t)}{1+t} \right) \right\}, \tag{3.2}$$

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 (2.21), 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  $\epsilon > 0$ , we can choose a sufficiently large  $T > 0$  such that

$$\int_T^{+\infty} \|f(t, x(t), x'(t), y(t), y'(t))\| dt < \epsilon. \tag{3.3}$$

Then, by [1, Theorem 1.2.3], (2.44), (3.1), (3.3),  $(H_2)$ , and Lemma 2.7, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha \left( \frac{(A_1V)(t)}{1+t} \right) &\leq 2 \frac{D_0}{1+t} \int_0^T \alpha(\{f(s, x_m(s), x'_m(s), y_m(s), y'_m(s)) : (x_m, y_m) \in V\}) ds + 2\epsilon \\ &\quad + 2 \int_0^T \frac{t}{1+t} \alpha(\{f(s, x_m(s), x'_m(s), y_m(s), y'_m(s)) : (x_m, y_m) \in V\}) ds + 2\epsilon \\ &\leq 2D_0 \int_0^T \alpha(\{f(s, x_m(s), x'_m(s), y_m(s), y'_m(s)) : (x_m, y_m) \in V\}) ds \\ &\quad + 2 \int_0^T \alpha(\{f(s, x_m(s), x'_m(s), y_m(s), y'_m(s)) : (x_m, y_m) \in V\}) ds + 4\epsilon \\ &\leq (2D_0 + 2) \int_0^{+\infty} \alpha(\{f(s, x_m(s), x'_m(s), y_m(s), y'_m(s)) : (x_m, y_m) \in V\}) ds + 4\epsilon \\ &\leq (2D_0 + 2) \alpha_X(V) \int_0^{+\infty} (L_{00}(s) + K_{00}(s))(1+s) + (L_{01}(s) + K_{01}(s)) ds + 4\epsilon, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha((A'_1 V)(t)) &\leq 2 \int_0^{+\infty} \alpha(\{f(s, x_m(s), x'_m(s), y_m(s), y'_m(s)) : (x_m, y_m) \in V\}) ds + 2\epsilon \\ &\leq 2\alpha_X(V) \int_0^{+\infty} (L_{00}(s) + K_{00}(s))(1+s) + (L_{01}(s) + K_{01}(s)) ds + 2\epsilon. \end{aligned} \quad (3.4)$$

It follows from (3.2) and (3.4) that

$$\alpha_D(A_1 V) \leq (2D_0 + 2)\alpha_X(V) \int_0^{+\infty} (L_{00}(s) + K_{00}(s))(1+s) + (L_{01}(s) + K_{01}(s)) ds. \quad (3.5)$$

In the same way, we get

$$\alpha_D(A_2 V) \leq (2D_1 + 2)\alpha_X(V) \int_0^{+\infty} (L_{10}(s) + K_{10}(s))(1+s) + (L_{11}(s) + K_{11}(s)) ds. \quad (3.6)$$

On the other hand,  $\alpha_X(V) \leq \alpha_X\{\overline{\text{co}}(\{u\} \cup (AV))\} = \alpha_X(AV)$ . Then, (3.5), (3.6), (H<sub>2</sub>), and Lemma 2.7 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  $Q^*$ . Thus, Theorem 3.1 is proved.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.2.** *Let cone  $P$  be normal and conditions (H<sub>1</sub>)–(H<sub>3</sub>) be satisfied. Then BVP (1.2) 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 (1.2). Moreover,  $\|(\bar{x}, \bar{y})\|_X \leq 2\gamma + \|(u_0, v_0)\|_X$ , and there exists a monotone iterative sequence  $\{(u_n(t), v_n(t))\}$  such that  $u_n^{(i)}(t) \rightarrow \bar{x}^{(i)}(t)$ ,  $v_n^{(i)}(t) \rightarrow \bar{y}^{(i)}(t)$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  ( $i = 0, 1$ ) uniformly on  $J$  and  $u_n''(t) \rightarrow \bar{x}''(t)$ ,  $v_n''(t) \rightarrow \bar{y}''(t)$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  for any  $t \in J_+$ , where*

$$\begin{aligned} u_0(t) &= \frac{1}{1 - \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i} \left[ \left( \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i \xi_i \right) x_\infty + \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i \int_0^{\xi_i} \int_s^{+\infty} f(\tau, x_0^*, x_0^*, y_0^*, y_0^*) d\tau ds \right] \\ &\quad + \int_0^t \int_s^{+\infty} f(\tau, x_0^*, x_0^*, y_0^*, y_0^*) d\tau ds + tx_\infty, \end{aligned} \quad (3.7)$$

$$\begin{aligned} v_0(t) &= \frac{1}{1 - \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \beta_i} \left[ \left( \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \beta_i \xi_i \right) y_\infty + \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \beta_i \int_0^{\xi_i} \int_s^{+\infty} g(\tau, x_0^*, x_0^*, y_0^*, y_0^*) d\tau ds \right] \\ &\quad + \int_0^t \int_s^{+\infty} g(\tau, x_0^*, x_0^*, y_0^*, y_0^*) d\tau ds + ty_\infty, \end{aligned} \quad (3.8)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
u_n(t) &= \frac{1}{1 - \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i} \\
&\times \left[ \left( \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i \xi_i \right) x_\infty + \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i \int_0^{\xi_i} \int_s^{+\infty} f(\tau, u_{n-1}(\tau), u'_{n-1}(\tau), v_{n-1}(\tau), v'_{n-1}(\tau)) d\tau ds \right] \\
&+ \int_0^t \int_s^{+\infty} f(\tau, u_{n-1}(\tau), u'_{n-1}(\tau), v_{n-1}(\tau), v'_{n-1}(\tau)) d\tau ds + tx_\infty, \quad \forall t \in J \ (n = 1, 2, 3, \dots),
\end{aligned} \tag{3.9}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
v_n(t) &= \frac{1}{1 - \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \beta_i} \\
&\times \left[ \left( \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \beta_i \xi_i \right) y_\infty + \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \beta_i \int_0^{\xi_i} \int_s^{+\infty} g(\tau, u_{n-1}(\tau), u'_{n-1}(\tau), v_{n-1}(\tau), v'_{n-1}(\tau)) d\tau ds \right] \\
&+ \int_0^t \int_s^{+\infty} g(\tau, u_{n-1}(\tau), u'_{n-1}(\tau), v_{n-1}(\tau), v'_{n-1}(\tau)) d\tau ds + ty_\infty, \quad \forall t \in J \ (n = 1, 2, 3, \dots).
\end{aligned} \tag{3.10}$$

*Proof.* From (3.7), one can see that  $(u_0, v_0) \in C[J, E] \times C[J, E]$  and

$$u'_0(t) = \int_t^{+\infty} f(s, x_0^*, x_0^*, y_0^*, y_0^*) ds + x_\infty. \tag{3.11}$$

By (3.7) and (3.11), we have that  $u_0^{(i)} \geq x_\infty \geq x_0^*$  ( $i = 0, 1$ ) and

$$\begin{aligned}
\|u_0(t)\| &\leq \int_0^t \int_s^{+\infty} \|f(\tau, x_0^*, x_0^*, y_0^*, y_0^*)\| d\tau ds + t\|x_\infty\| + \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i \xi_i}{1 - \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i} \|x_\infty\| \\
&+ \frac{1}{1 - \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i} \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i \int_0^{\xi_{m-2}} \int_s^{+\infty} \|f(\tau, x_0^*, x_0^*, y_0^*, y_0^*)\| d\tau ds \\
&\leq t \left( \int_0^{+\infty} \|f(\tau, x_0^*, x_0^*, y_0^*, y_0^*)\| d\tau + \|x_\infty\| \right) + \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i \xi_i}{1 - \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i} \|x_\infty\| \\
&+ \frac{1}{1 - \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i} \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i \xi_{m-2} \left( \int_0^{+\infty} \|f(\tau, x_0^*, x_0^*, y_0^*, y_0^*)\| d\tau \right) \\
&\leq t \left[ \int_0^{+\infty} a_0(s) + b_0(s) h_0(\|x_0^*\|, \|x_0^*\|, \|y_0^*\|, \|y_0^*\|) ds + \|x_\infty\| \right] + \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i \xi_i}{1 - \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i} \|x_\infty\| \\
&+ \frac{1}{1 - \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i} \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i \xi_{m-2} \left( \int_0^{+\infty} a_0(s) + b_0(s) h_0(\|x_0^*\|, \|x_0^*\|, \|y_0^*\|, \|y_0^*\|) ds \right),
\end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned} \|u'_0(t)\| &\leq \int_t^{+\infty} \|f(\tau, x_0^*, x_0^*, y_0^*, y_0^*)\| d\tau + \|x_\infty\| \\ &\leq \int_0^{+\infty} a_0(s) + b_0(s)h_0(\|x_0^*\|, \|x_0^*\|, \|y_0^*\|, \|y_0^*\|) ds + \|x_\infty\|, \end{aligned} \quad (3.12)$$

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 (2.13) and (3.9) that

$$(u_n, v_n)(t) = A(u_{n-1}, v_{n-1})(t), \quad \forall t \in J, n = 1, 2, 3, \dots \quad (3.13)$$

By Lemma 2.1, we get  $(u_n, v_n) \in Q$  and

$$\|(u_n, v_n)\|_X = \|A(u_{n-1}, v_{n-1})\|_X \leq \frac{1}{2} \|(u_{n-1}, v_{n-1})\|_X + \gamma. \quad (3.14)$$

By Lemma 2.6 and (3.13), we have

$$(x_0^*, y_0^*) \leq (u_0^{(i)}(t), v_0^{(i)}(t)) \leq (u_1^{(i)}(t), v_1^{(i)}(t)) \leq \dots \leq (u_n^{(i)}(t), v_n^{(i)}(t)) \leq \dots, \quad \forall t \in J (i = 0, 1). \quad (3.15)$$

It follows from (3.14), by induction, that

$$\begin{aligned} \|(u_n, v_n)\|_X &\leq \gamma + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\gamma + \dots + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n-1}\gamma + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n \|(u_0, v_0)\|_X \\ &\leq \frac{\gamma(1 - (1/2)^n)}{1 - 1/2} + \|(u_0, v_0)\|_X \\ &\leq 2\gamma + \|(u_0, v_0)\|_X \quad (n = 1, 2, 3, \dots). \end{aligned} \quad (3.16)$$

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  $W = \{(u_n, v_n) : n = 0, 1, 2, \dots\}$ ,  $AW = \{A(u_n, v_n) : n = 0, 1, 2, \dots\}$ . Obviously,  $W \subset K$  and  $W = \{(u_0, v_0)\} \cup A(W)$ . Similar to above proof of Theorem 3.1, we can obtain  $\alpha_X(AW) = 0$ , that is,  $W$  is relatively compact in  $DC^1[J, E] \times DC^1[J, E]$ . So, there exists an  $(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) \in DC^1[J, E] \times DC^1[J, E]$  and a subsequence  $\{(u_{n_j}, v_{n_j}) : j = 1, 2, 3, \dots\} \subset W$  such that  $\{(u_{n_j}, v_{n_j})(t) : j = 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$  converges to  $(\bar{x}^{(i)}(t), \bar{y}^{(i)}(t))$  uniformly on  $J (i = 0, 1)$ . Since that  $P$  is normal and  $\{(u_n^{(i)}(t), v_n^{(i)}(t)) : n = 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$  is nondecreasing, it is easy to see that the entire sequence  $\{(u_n^{(i)}(t), v_n^{(i)}(t)) : n = 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$  converges to  $(\bar{x}^{(i)}(t), \bar{y}^{(i)}(t))$  uniformly on  $J (i = 0, 1)$ . Since  $(u_n, v_n) \in K$  and  $K$  are closed convex sets in space  $DC^1[J, E] \times DC^1[J, E]$ , we have  $(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) \in K$ . It is clear,

$$f(s, u_n(s), u'_n(s), v_n(s), v'_n(s)) \longrightarrow f(s, \bar{x}(s), \bar{x}'(s), \bar{y}(s), \bar{y}'(s)), \quad \text{as } n \longrightarrow \infty, \forall s \in J_+. \quad (3.17)$$

By  $(H_1)$  and (3.16), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \|f(s, u_n(s), u'_n(s), v_n(s), v'_n(s)) - f(s, \bar{x}(s), \bar{x}'(s), \bar{y}(s), \bar{y}'(s))\| \\ & \leq 8\epsilon_0 c(s)(1+s)\|(u_n, v_n)\|_X + 2a_0(s) + 2M_0 b_0(s) \\ & \leq 8\epsilon_0 c(s)(1+s)(2\gamma + \|(u_0, v_0)\|_X) + 2a_0(s) + 2M_0 b_0(s). \end{aligned} \quad (3.18)$$

Noticing (3.17) and (3.18) and taking limit as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  in (3.9), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{x}(t) = & \frac{1}{1 - \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i} \left[ \left( \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i \xi_i \right) x_\infty + \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \alpha_i \int_0^{\xi_i} \int_s^{+\infty} f(\tau, \bar{x}(\tau), \bar{x}'(\tau), \bar{y}(\tau), \bar{y}'(\tau)) d\tau ds \right] \\ & + \int_0^t \int_s^{+\infty} f(\tau, \bar{x}(\tau), \bar{x}'(\tau), \bar{y}(\tau), \bar{y}'(\tau)) d\tau ds + tx_\infty. \end{aligned} \quad (3.19)$$

In the same way, taking limit as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  in (3.10), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{y}(t) = & \frac{1}{1 - \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \beta_i} \left[ \left( \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \beta_i \xi_i \right) y_\infty + \sum_{i=1}^{m-2} \beta_i \int_0^{\xi_i} \int_s^{+\infty} g(\tau, \bar{x}(\tau), \bar{x}'(\tau), \bar{y}(\tau), \bar{y}'(\tau)) d\tau ds \right] \\ & + \int_0^t \int_s^{+\infty} g(\tau, \bar{x}(\tau), \bar{x}'(\tau), \bar{y}(\tau), \bar{y}'(\tau)) d\tau ds + ty_\infty, \end{aligned} \quad (3.20)$$

which together with (3.19) and Lemma 2.2 implies 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 (1.2). Differentiating (3.9) twice, we get

$$u''_n(t) = -f(t, u_{n-1}(t), u'_{n-1}(t), v_{n-1}(t), v'_{n-1}(t)), \quad \forall t \in J'_+, n = 1, 2, 3, \dots \quad (3.21)$$

Hence, by (3.17), we obtain

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u''_n(t) = -f(t, \bar{x}(t), \bar{x}'(t), \bar{y}(t), \bar{y}'(t)) = \bar{x}''(t), \quad \forall t \in J'_+. \quad (3.22)$$

Similarly, we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} v''_n(t) = -g(t, \bar{x}(t), \bar{x}'(t), \bar{y}(t), \bar{y}'(t)) = \bar{y}''(t), \quad \forall t \in J'_+. \quad (3.23)$$

Let  $(p(t), q(t))$  be any positive solution of BVP (1.2). By Lemma 2.2, we have  $(p, q) \in Q$  and  $(p(t), q(t)) = (A(p, q))(t)$ , for  $t \in J$ . It is clear that  $p^{(i)}(t) \geq x_0^* > \theta$ ,  $q^{(i)}(t) \geq y_0^* > \theta$  for any

$t \in J (i = 0, 1)$ . So, by Lemma 2.6, we have  $p^{(i)}(t) \geq u_0^{(i)}(t)$ ,  $q^{(i)}(t) \geq v_0^{(i)}(t)$  for any  $t \in J (i = 0, 1)$ . Assume that  $p^{(i)}(t) \geq u_{n-1}^{(i)}(t)$ ,  $q^{(i)}(t) \geq v_{n-1}^{(i)}(t)$  for  $t \in J$ ,  $n \geq 1 (i = 0, 1)$ . Then, it follows from Lemma 2.6 that  $(A_1^{(i)}(p, q)(t), A_2^{(i)}(p, q)(t)) \geq (A_1^{(i)}(u_{n-1}, v_{n-1})(t), A_2^{(i)}(u_{n-1}, v_{n-1})(t))$  for  $t \in J (i = 0, 1)$ , that is,  $(p^{(i)}(t), q^{(i)}(t)) \geq (u_n^{(i)}(t), v_n^{(i)}(t))$  for  $t \in J (i = 0, 1)$ . Hence, by induction, we get

$$p^{(i)}(t) \geq \bar{x}_n^{(i)}(t), \quad q^{(i)}(t) \geq \bar{y}_n^{(i)}(t) \quad \forall t \in J (i = 0, 1; m = 0, 1, 2, \dots). \quad (3.24)$$

Now, taking limits in (3.24), we get  $p^{(i)}(t) \geq \bar{x}^{(i)}(t)$ ,  $q^{(i)}(t) \geq \bar{y}^{(i)}(t)$  for  $t \in J (i = 0, 1)$ , and the theorem is proved.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.3.** *Let cone  $P$  be fully regular and conditions  $(H_1)$  and  $(H_3)$  be satisfied. Then the conclusion of Theorem 3.2 holds.*

*Proof.* The proof is almost the same as that of Theorem 3.2. The only difference is that, instead of using condition  $(H_2)$ , the conclusion  $\alpha_X(W) = 0$  is implied directly by (3.15) and (3.16), the full regularity of  $P$  and Lemma 2.4.  $\square$

#### 4. An Example

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

$$\begin{aligned} -x_n''(t) &= \frac{1}{3n^2\sqrt{t}(1+t)} \left( 2 + x_n(t) + y_n(t) + x'_{2n}(t) + y'_{3n}(t) + \frac{1}{2n^2x_n(t)} + \frac{1}{8n^3x'_{2n}(t)} \right)^{1/3} \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{3e^{2t}(1+t)} \ln(1 + x_n(t)), \\ -y_n''(t) &= \frac{1}{6n^3\sqrt{t^2}(1+t)} \left( 1 + x_{3n}(t) + x'_{4n}(t) + \frac{1}{3n^2y_{3n}(t)} + \frac{1}{4n^3y'_{2n}(t)} \right)^{1/5} \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{6e^{3t^2}(1+t)} \ln(1 + y'_{2n}(t)), \\ x_n(0) &= \frac{2}{3}x_n(1), \quad x'_n(\infty) = \frac{1}{n}, \quad y_n(0) = \frac{3}{4}y_n(1), \quad y'_n(\infty) = \frac{1}{2n} \quad (n = 1, 2, \dots). \end{aligned} \quad (4.1)$$

**Proposition 4.1.** *Infinite system (4.1) has a minimal positive solution  $(x_n(t), y_n(t))$  satisfying  $x_n(t), x'_n(t) \geq 1/n$ ,  $y_n(t), y'_n(t) \geq 1/2n$  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 constants 1. Now we consider infinite

system (4.1), which can be regarded as a BVP of form (1.2) in  $E$  with  $\alpha_1 = 2/3$ ,  $\beta_1 = 3/4$ ,  $\xi_1 = 1$ ,  $x_\infty = (1, 1/2, 1/3, \dots)$ ,  $y_\infty = (1/2, 1/4, 1/6, \dots)$ . 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

$$\begin{aligned} f_n(t, x, u, y, v) &= \frac{1}{3n^2\sqrt{t}(1+t)} \left( 2 + x_n + y_n + u_{2n} + v_{3n} + \frac{1}{2n^2x_n} + \frac{1}{8n^3u_{2n}} \right)^{1/3} \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{3e^{2t}(1+t)} \ln(1 + x_n), \\ g_n(t, x, u, y, v) &= \frac{1}{6n^3\sqrt[3]{t^2}(1+t)} \left( 1 + x_{3n} + u_{4n} + \frac{1}{3n^2y_{3n}} + \frac{1}{4n^3v_{2n}} \right)^{1/5} \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{6e^{3t}(1+t)} \ln(1 + v_{2n}). \end{aligned} \quad (4.2)$$

Let  $x_0^* = x_\infty = (1, 1/2, 1/3, \dots)$ ,  $y_0^* = y_\infty = (1/2, 1/4, 1/6, \dots)$ . Then  $P_{0\lambda} = \{x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, \dots) : x_n \geq \lambda/n, n = 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$ ,  $P_{1\lambda} = \{y = (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n, \dots) : y_n \geq \lambda/2n, n = 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$ , for  $\lambda > 0$ . It is clear,  $f, g \in C[J_\times \times P_{0\lambda} \times P_{0\lambda} \times P_{1\lambda} \times P_{1\lambda}, P]$  for any  $\lambda > 0$ . Notice that  $e^{3t} > \sqrt[3]{t^2}$ ,  $e^{2t} > \sqrt{t}$  for  $t > 0$ , by (4.2), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \|f(t, x, u, y, v)\| &\leq \frac{1}{3\sqrt{t}} \left[ \left( \frac{11}{4} + \|x\| + \|u\| + \|v\| + \|y\| \right)^{1/3} + \ln(1 + \|x\|) \right], \\ \|g(t, x, u, y, v)\| &\leq \frac{1}{6\sqrt[3]{t^2}} \left[ (4 + \|x\| + \|u\|)^{1/5} + \ln(1 + \|v\|) \right], \end{aligned} \quad (4.3)$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} h_0(u_0, u_1, u_2, u_3) &= \left( \frac{11}{4} + u_0 + u_1 + u_2 + u_3 \right)^{1/3} + \ln(1 + u_0), \\ h_1(u_0, u_1, u_2, u_3) &= (4 + u_0 + u_1)^{1/5} + \ln(1 + u_3). \end{aligned} \quad (4.4)$$

Let  $f^1 = \{f_1^1, f_2^1, \dots, f_n^1, \dots\}$ ,  $f^2 = \{f_1^2, f_2^2, \dots, f_n^2, \dots\}$ , and  $g^1 = \{g_1^1, g_2^1, \dots, g_n^1, \dots\}$ ,  $g^2 = \{g_1^2, g_2^2, \dots, g_n^2, \dots\}$ , where

$$f_n^1(t, x, u, y, v) = \frac{1}{3n^2\sqrt{t}(1+t)} \left( 2 + x_n + y_n + u_{2n} + v_{3n} + \frac{1}{2n^2x_n} + \frac{1}{8n^3u_{2n}} \right)^{1/3}, \quad (4.5)$$

$$f_n^2(t, x, u, y, v) = \frac{1}{3e^{2t}(1+t)} \ln(1 + x_n), \quad (4.6)$$

$$g_n^1(t, x, u, y, v) = \frac{1}{6n^3\sqrt[3]{t^2}(1+t)} \left( 1 + x_{3n} + u_{4n} + \frac{1}{3n^2y_{3n}} + \frac{1}{4n^3v_{2n}} \right)^{1/5}, \quad (4.7)$$

$$g_n^2(t, x, u, y, v) = \frac{1}{6e^{3t}(1+t)} \ln(1 + v_{2n}). \quad (4.8)$$

Let  $t \in J_+$ ,  $R > 0$  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 (4.5), we have

$$0 \leq z_n^{(m)} \leq \frac{1}{3n^2\sqrt{t}} \left( \frac{11}{4} + 4R \right)^{1/3} \quad (n, m = 1, 2, 3, \dots). \quad (4.9)$$

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

$$\{z_n^{(m_i)}\} \rightarrow \bar{z}_n \quad \text{as } i \rightarrow \infty \quad (n = 1, 2, 3, \dots), \quad (4.10)$$

which implies by virtue of (4.9)

$$0 \leq \bar{z}_n \leq \frac{1}{3n^2\sqrt{t}} \left( \frac{11}{4} + 4R \right)^{1/3} \quad (n = 1, 2, 3, \dots). \quad (4.11)$$

Hence  $\bar{z} = (\bar{z}_1, \dots, \bar{z}_n, \dots) \in c_0$ . It is easy to see from (4.9)–(4.11) that

$$\|z^{(m_i)} - \bar{z}\| = \sup_n |z_n^{(m_i)} - \bar{z}_n| \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } i \rightarrow \infty. \quad (4.12)$$

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 (4.6)

$$\begin{aligned} \left| f_n^2(t, x, u, y, v) - f_n^2(t, \bar{x}, \bar{u}, \bar{y}, \bar{v}) \right| &= \frac{1}{3e^{2t}(1+t)} |\ln(1+x_n) - \ln(1+\bar{x}_n)| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{3e^{2t}(1+t)} \frac{|x_n - \bar{x}_n|}{1 + \xi_n}, \end{aligned} \quad (4.13)$$

where  $\xi_n$  is between  $x_n$  and  $\bar{x}_n$ . By (4.13), we get

$$\left\| f^2(t, x, u, y, v) - f^2(t, \bar{x}, \bar{u}, \bar{y}, \bar{v}) \right\| \leq \frac{1}{3e^{2t}(1+t)} \|x - \bar{x}\|, \quad x, y, \bar{x}, \bar{y} \in D. \quad (4.14)$$

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

$$\left\| g^2(t, x, u, y, v) - g^2(t, \bar{x}, \bar{u}, \bar{y}, \bar{v}) \right\| \leq \frac{1}{6e^{3t}(1+t)} \|v - \bar{v}\|, \quad x, y, \bar{x}, \bar{y} \in D. \quad (4.15)$$

Thus, by (4.14) and (4.15), it is easy to see that  $(H_2)$  holds for  $L_{00}(t) = 1/3e^{2t}(1+t)$ ,  $K_{11}(t) = 1/6e^{3t}(1+t)$ . Thus, our conclusion follows from Theorem 3.1. This completes the proof.  $\square$

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