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Controllability of a Class of Nonlinear Fractional Composite Dynamical Systems of Order $1 < \alpha \le 2$

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ABSTRACT
In this paper, controllability of nonlinear fractional composite dynamical systems of order in
finite-dimensional spaces is investigated. Solution represents of linear and nonlinear fractional
composite dynamical systems are defined. The method used in this paper is Mittag-Leffler matrix
function and iterative technique. An example is provided to illustrate effectiveness of the main result.

KEYWORDS: Controllability, Fractional composite dynamical systems, Mittag-Leffler matrix function

Introduction

Recent years, fractional calculus has attracted attention of many authors, see, e.g. [1]-[7]. Fractional differential equations have been proved to be important tools in modeling of many scientific problems. Zhang et al.[1] investigated the stability of n -dimensional nonlinear fractional order systems with order of $1 < \alpha < 2$. Wang et al. [2] proposed the generalized Caputo fractional derivative, and sufficient conditions of stability were proved by comparison principles. Qin et al. [3] considered the approximate controllability and optimal controls of fractional systems of order $1 < \alpha < 2$ in Banach space. Gao et al. [4] presented observer-based fuzzy control for nonlinear fractional-order dynamical systems with order $1 < \alpha < 2$. K. Balachandran et al. [5] provide a computational procedure for state and control for the following nonlinear fractional systems of order $1 < \alpha \le 2$

$$\begin{cases} {}^{C}D^{\alpha}x(t) + A^{2}x(t) = Bu(t) + f\left(t, x(t), \int_{0}^{t} h(t, s, x(s))ds\right), \ t \in J\\ x(0) = x_{0}, \ x'(0) = y_{0} \end{cases}$$
(1.1)

K. Balachandran et al. [6] derived sufficient conditions for controllability of nonlinear fractional order

 $1 < \alpha < 2$ in finite dimensional spaces

$$\begin{cases} {}^{C}D^{\alpha}x(t) + A^{2}x(t) = Bu(t) + f(t, x(t), u(t)), & t \in J \\ x(0) = x_{0}, & x'(0) = y_{0} \end{cases}$$
(1.2)

So the research of fractional calculus theory becomes a rapidly growing filed in mathematical theory and engineering applications. Since scientific problems are better characterized using a no-integer order model, and inspired by the above works, consider nonlinear fractional composite dynamical systems of order $1 < \alpha \le 2$ of the following type

$$\begin{cases} {}^{C}D^{\alpha}x(t) + A^{2}x'(t) = Bu(t) + f\left(t, x(t), {}^{C}D^{\beta}x(t), \int_{0}^{t}h(t, s, x(s))ds\right), \ t \in J\\ x(0) = x_{0}, \ x'(0) = x'_{0} \end{cases}$$
(1.3)

Where state $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$, control $u \in \mathbb{R}^m$, $1 < \alpha \le 2$, $0 < \beta < 1$, A is a $n \times n$ matrix, and B is a $n \times m$ matrix, $f: J \times \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}^n$ is continuous function. Solution represent of nonlinear fractional composite dynamical systems will be defined. And sufficient conditions of controllability of nonlinear fractional composite systems (1.3) in finite-dimensional spaces will be established.

1. Preliminaries

Let $\mathbf{R}^+ = [0, +\infty)$, $\mathbf{R}_+ = (0, +\infty)$, \mathbf{R}^n be the *n*-dimensional Euclidean space.

Definition 2.1 Fractional order integral is defined as following

$$(I_{0+}^{\alpha}f)(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_{0}^{t} (t-s)^{\alpha-1} f(s) ds \quad (2.1)$$

where $n-1 < \alpha \le n$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Caputo fractional derivative

$$(^{C}D_{0+}^{\alpha}f)(t) = (I_{0+}^{n-\alpha}D^{n}f)(t)$$
 (2.2)

For brevity, Caputo fractional derivative ${}^{C}D_{0+}^{\alpha}$ is taken as ${}^{C}D^{\alpha}$.

Definition 2.2 The Mittag-Leffler function is defined by

$$E_{\alpha,\beta}(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^k}{\Gamma(\alpha k + \beta)}, \quad z \in \mathbb{C}, \quad \alpha, \beta > 0$$
(2.3)

$$E_{\alpha,1}(z) = E_{\alpha}(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^k}{\Gamma(\alpha k + 1)}, \ z \in \mathbb{C}, \ \alpha, > 0$$
 (2.4)

For an arbitrary $n \times n$ matrix A, the Mittag-Leffler matrix function is

$$E_{\alpha,\beta}(A) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{A^k}{\Gamma(\alpha k + \beta)}, \quad \alpha, \beta > 0$$
 (2.5)

The Laplace transform of Caputo fractional derivative

$$L(^{C}D^{\alpha}f(t))(s) = s^{\alpha}F(s) - \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} f^{(k)}(0^{+})s^{\alpha-1-k}(2.6)$$

If
$$0 < \alpha < 1$$
, $L(^C D^{\alpha} f(t))(s) = s^{\alpha} F(s) - f(0^+) s^{\alpha - 1}$. And for $1 < \alpha \le 2$, $L(^C D^{\alpha} f(t))(s) = s^{\alpha} F(s) - f(0^+) s^{\alpha - 1} - f'(0^+) s^{\alpha - 2}$

Lemma 2.1 Consider the following linear fractional composite dynamical systems

$$\begin{cases} {}^{C}D^{\alpha}x(t) + A^{2}x'(t) = Bu(t), \ t \in J \\ x(0) = x_{0}, \ x'(0) = x'_{0} \end{cases}$$
(2.7)

with $x \in \mathbf{R}^n$, A is a $n \times n$ matrix and B is a $n \times m$ matrix, $u \in L^2(J, \mathbf{R}^m)$, It solution is given by the following integral equation

$$\begin{split} x(t) &= E_{\alpha-1,1}(-A^2t^{\alpha-1})x_0 + t^{\alpha-1}E_{\alpha-1,\alpha}(-A^2t^{\alpha-1})A^2x_0 + tE_{\alpha-1,2}(-A^2t^{\alpha-1})x_0' \\ &+ \int_0^t (t-s)^{\alpha-1}E_{\alpha-1,\alpha}(-A^2(t-s)^{\alpha-1})Bu(s)ds \end{split} \tag{2.8}$$

Proof: In order to establish the solution represent of system (2.7), taking Laplace transform on both sides, we obtain

$$s^{\alpha}X(s) - s^{\alpha-1}x_0 - s^{\alpha-2}x_0' + A^2sX(s) - A^2x_0 = BU(s)$$
(2.9)

Then

$$s^{\alpha}X(s) + A^{2}sX(s) = BU(s) + s^{\alpha-1}x_{0} + s^{\alpha-2}x'_{0} + A^{2}x_{0} (2.10)$$

That is

$$(s^{\alpha} + A^{2}s)X(s) = s^{\alpha-1}x_{0} + A^{2}x_{0} + s^{\alpha-2}x'_{0} + BU(s)$$
(2.11)

So

$$X(s) = \frac{s^{\alpha - 1}}{(s^{\alpha} + A^{2}s)} x_{0} + \frac{A^{2}}{(s^{\alpha} + A^{2}s)} x_{0} + \frac{s^{\alpha - 2}}{(s^{\alpha} + A^{2}s)} x'_{0} + \frac{BU(s)}{(s^{\alpha} + A^{2}s)} (2.12)$$

It is easy to get that

$$X(s) = \frac{s^{\alpha-2}}{(s^{\alpha-1} + A^2)} x_0 + \frac{s^{-1}A^2}{(s^{\alpha-1} + A^2)} x_0 + \frac{s^{\alpha-3}}{(s^{\alpha-1} + A^2)} x_0' + \frac{s^{-1}BU(s)}{(s^{\alpha-1} + A^2)} (2.13)$$

Apply inverse Laplace transform on both sides of (2.13), one can get that the solution of (2.7) as

$$x(t) = E_{\alpha-1,1}(-A^{2}t^{\alpha-1})x_{0} + t^{\alpha-1}E_{\alpha-1,\alpha}(-A^{2}t^{\alpha-1})A^{2}x_{0} + tE_{\alpha-1,2}(-A^{2}t^{\alpha-1})x'_{0} + \int_{0}^{t} (t-s)^{\alpha-1}E_{\alpha-1,\alpha}(-A^{2}(t-s)^{\alpha-1})Bu(s)ds$$

$$(2.14)$$

Definition 2.3 The system (1.3) or (2.7) is said to be controllable on J if, for each x_0 , x'_0 , $x_1 \in \mathbf{R}^n$, there exists a control function $u \in L^2(J, \mathbf{R}^m)$ such that the solution of (1.3) or (2.7) with $x(0) = x_0$ satisfies $x(T) = x_1$.

For brevity, define

$$\begin{split} n_1 &= \max_{t \in J} || (T-t)^{\alpha-1} B^* E_{\alpha-1,\alpha} ((-A^2)^* (T-t)^{\alpha-1}) W^{-1} || \\ n_2 &= \max_{s \in J} || (T-s)^{\alpha-1} E_{\alpha-1,\alpha} (-A^2 (T-s)^{\alpha-1}) || \\ m_1 &= \max_{t \in J} || E_{\alpha-1,1} (-A^2 t^{\alpha-1}) + t^{\alpha-1} E_{\alpha-1,\alpha} (-A^2 t^{\alpha-1}) A^2 - I ||| |x_0|| \\ m_2 &= \max_{t \in J} || t E_{\alpha-1,2} (-A^2 t^{\alpha-1}) |||| x_0' || \\ N &= \max_{s,t \in J} || (t-s)^{\alpha-1} E_{\alpha-1,\alpha} (-A^2 (t-s)^{\alpha-1}) || \\ p &= || B ||, \quad q = || y_1 || \\ d &= \max_{t,s \in J} || (t-s)^{\alpha-2} E_{\alpha-1,\alpha-1} (-A^2 (t-s))^{\alpha-1} || \end{split}$$

Lemma 2.2 The linear system (2.7) is controllable on J iff the controllability Gramian matrix

$$W = \int_0^T (T - s)^{2\alpha - 2} E_{\alpha - 1, \alpha} (-A^2 (T - s)^{\alpha - 1}) B B^* E_{\alpha - 1, \alpha} ((-A^2)^* (T - s)^{\alpha - 1}) ds \qquad (2.15)$$

is nonsingular, where * denotes the transpose of matrix.

Proof: Defined the control function u(t) as following

$$u(t) = (T-t)^{\alpha-1} B^* E_{\alpha-1,\alpha} ((-A^2)^* (T-t)^{\alpha-1}) \times W^{-1} y_1 (2.16)$$

where $y_1 = x_1 - E_{\alpha-1,1}(-A^2T^{\alpha-1})x_0 - T^{\alpha-1}E_{\alpha-1,\alpha}(-A^2T^{\alpha-1})A^2x_0 - TE_{\alpha-1,2}(-A^2T^{\alpha-1})x_0'$. Then the solution of (2.7) at t = T, satisfies

$$\begin{split} x(T) &= E_{\alpha-1,1}(-A^2T^{\alpha-1})x_0 + T^{\alpha-1}E_{\alpha-1,\alpha}(-A^2T^{\alpha-1})A^2x_0 + TE_{\alpha-1,2}(-A^2T^{\alpha-1})x_0' \\ &+ \int_0^T (T-s)^{\alpha-1}E_{\alpha-1,\alpha}(-A^2(T-s)^{\alpha-1})Bu(s)ds \\ &= E_{\alpha-1,1}(-A^2T^{\alpha-1})x_0 + T^{\alpha-1}E_{\alpha-1,\alpha}(-A^2T^{\alpha-1})A^2x_0 + TE_{\alpha-1,2}(-A^2T^{\alpha-1})x_0' \\ &+ \int_0^T (T-s)^{2\alpha-2}E_{\alpha-1,\alpha}(-A^2(T-s)^{\alpha-1})BB^*E_{\alpha-1,\alpha}((-A^2)^*(T-t)^{\alpha-1})W^{-1}y_1ds \\ &= E_{\alpha-1,1}(-A^2T^{\alpha-1})x_0 + T^{\alpha-1}E_{\alpha-1,\alpha}(-A^2T^{\alpha-1})A^2x_0 + TE_{\alpha-1,2}(-A^2T^{\alpha-1})x_0' \\ &+ \int_0^T (T-s)^{2\alpha-2}E_{\alpha-1,\alpha}(-A^2(T-s)^{\alpha-1})B(T-t)^{\alpha-1}B^*E_{\alpha-1,\alpha}((-A^2)^*(T-t)^{\alpha-1})W^{-1}y_1ds \\ &= y_1 + E_{\alpha-1,1}(-A^2T^{\alpha-1})x_0 + T^{\alpha-1}E_{\alpha-1,\alpha}(-A^2T^{\alpha-1})A^2x_0 + TE_{\alpha-1,2}(-A^2T^{\alpha-1})x_0' = x_1 \end{split}$$

Hence the system (2.7) is controllable on J.

2. Main Results

Let $\mathbf{X} = \{x : x' \in C(J, \mathbf{R}^n) \text{ and } ^C D^{\beta} x \in C(J, \mathbf{R}^n)\}$ with norm $\|x\|_X = \max\{\|x\|,\|^C D^{\beta} x\|\}$. Assume the following

hypotheses:

(H1) For $t \in J$, $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$, there exists a positive constant M > 0 such that

$$\left\| f\left(t, x(t), {}^{C}D^{\beta}x(t), \int_{0}^{t} h(t, s, x(s))ds \right) \right\| \leq M$$
(3.1)

(H2) For $t \in J$, $x, y, u, v, w, z \in \mathbf{R}^n$, there exist functions $\gamma_i \in C(J, \mathbf{R}^+)$ (i = 1,2) such that

$$|| f(t,x,u,w) - f(t,y,v,z) || \le \gamma_1(t)/|x-y|| + \gamma_2(t) || w-z|| (3.2)$$

(H3) For
$$t, s \in J$$
, $x, y \in \mathbf{R}^n$, there exists a function $\eta \in C(J, \mathbf{R}^+)$ such that $\|h(t, s, x) - h(t, s, y)\| \le \eta_1(t) / |x - y||$ (3.3)

Theorem 3.1 Suppose that linear system (2.7) is controllable, and nonlinear term f satisfies (H1),(H2) and (H3). Then the nonlinear fractional composite dynamical system (1.3) is controllable on J.

Proof: Apply iterative technique to prove the controllability result. Define $x_0(t) = x_0$

$$\begin{aligned} x_{n+1}(t) &= E_{\alpha-1,1}(-A^2t^{\alpha-1})x_0 + t^{\alpha-1}E_{\alpha-1,\alpha}(-A^2t^{\alpha-1})A^2x_0 + tE_{\alpha-1,2}(-A^2t^{\alpha-1})x_0' \\ &+ \int_0^t (t-s)^{\alpha-1}E_{\alpha-1,\alpha}(-A^2(t-s)^{\alpha-1}) \left[Bu_n(s) + f\left(s, x_n(s), {}^CD^\beta x_n(s), \int_0^s h(s, r, x_n(r))dr \right) \right] ds \end{aligned}$$
(3.4)

where

$$u_{n}(t) = (T - t)^{\alpha - 1} B^{*} E_{\alpha - 1, \alpha} ((-A^{2})^{*} (T - t)^{\alpha - 1}) \times W^{-1} \left(y_{1} - \int_{0}^{T} (T - s)^{\alpha - 1} E_{\alpha - 1, \alpha} (-A^{2} (T - s)^{\alpha - 1}) f(s, x_{n}(s), CD^{\beta} x_{n}(s), \int_{0}^{s} h(s, r, x_{n}(r)) dr \right) ds \right)$$

$$(3.5)$$

with
$$y_1 = x_1 - E_{\alpha-1,1}(-A^2T^{\alpha-1})x_0 - T^{\alpha-1}E_{\alpha-1,\alpha}(-A^2T^{\alpha-1})A^2x_0 - TE_{\alpha-1,2}(-A^2T^{\alpha-1})x_0'$$
.

Note that the sequence of the function $\{x_n(t)\}$ is known, we shall show that $\{x_n(t)\}$ is a Cauchy sequence in \mathbf{X} . Noting that $x_{n+1} = x_0 + \sum_{j=0}^n (x_{j+1} - x_j)$, we only need to prove that the series $\sum_{j=0}^n (x_{j+1} - x_j)$ converges uniformly with respect to $t \in J$. It is easy to see that

$$\| u_{n}(t) \| \le \| (T-t)^{\alpha-1} B^{*} E_{\alpha-1,\alpha} ((-A^{2})^{*} (T-t)^{\alpha-1}) W^{-1} \| \| y_{1} \| + \| (T-t)^{\alpha-1} B^{*} E_{\alpha-1,\alpha} ((-A^{2})^{*} (T-t)^{\alpha-1}) W^{-1} \| \\ \times \int_{0}^{T} \| (T-s)^{\alpha-1} E_{\alpha-1,\alpha} (-A^{2} (T-s)^{\alpha-1}) \| \| f(s,x_{n}(s), CD^{\beta} x_{n}(s), \int_{0}^{s} h(s,r,x_{n}(r)) dr) \| ds \\ \le n_{1}q + n_{1}n_{2}MT$$

and

$$\begin{split} &\|u_{n}(t)-u_{n-1}(t)\|\\ &\leq \|(T-t)^{\alpha-1}B^{*}E_{\alpha-1,\alpha}((-A^{2})^{*}(T-t)^{\alpha-1})W^{-1}\|\\ &\times \int_{0}^{T}\|(T-s)^{\alpha-1}E_{\alpha-1,\alpha}(-A^{2}(T-s)^{\alpha-1})\|\\ &\times \|f\Big(s,x_{n}(s),^{c}D^{\beta}x_{n}(s),\int_{0}^{s}h\big(s,r,x_{n}(r)\big)dr\Big)-f\Big(s,x_{n-1}(s),^{c}D^{\beta}x_{n-1}(s),\int_{0}^{s}h\big(s,r,x_{n-1}(r)\big)dr\Big)\|ds\\ &\leq n_{1}n_{2}T[\gamma_{1}(t)\|x_{n}(t)-x_{n-1}(t)\|+\gamma_{2}(t)\int_{0}^{t}\|h(t,r,x_{n}(r))-h(t,r,x_{n-1}(r))\|dr] \end{split}$$

From (H2), there exist constants $M_1, M_2, M_3 > 0$ such that

$$\begin{split} &\|u_{n}(t)-u_{n-1}(t)\| \leq n_{1}n_{2}T[M_{1}\|x_{n}(t)-x_{n-1}(t)\|+M_{2}M_{3}T\|x_{n}(t)-x_{n-1}(t)\|] \\ &\text{Then} \\ &\|x_{n+1}(t)-x_{n}(t)\| \\ &\leq \int_{0}^{t} \|(t-s)^{\alpha-1}E_{\alpha-1,\alpha}(-A^{2}(t-s)^{\alpha-1})\| \left[\|B\| \|u_{n}(s)-u_{n-1}(s)\| \\ &+\|f\left(s,x_{n}(s),^{C}D^{\beta}x_{n}(s),\int_{0}^{s}h(s,r,x_{n}(r))dr\right)-f\left(s,x_{n-1}(s),^{C}D^{\beta}x_{n-1}(s),\int_{0}^{s}h(s,r,x_{n-1}(r))dr\right)\|ds \\ &\leq Np\int_{0}^{t} \|u_{n}(s)-u_{n-1}(s)\|ds \\ &+N\int_{0}^{t} \|f\left(s,x_{n}(s),^{C}D^{\beta}x_{n}(s),\int_{0}^{s}h(s,r,x_{n}(r))dr\right)-f\left(s,x_{n-1}(s),^{C}D^{\beta}x_{n-1}(s),\int_{0}^{s}h(s,r,x_{n-1}(r))dr\right)\|ds \end{split}$$

$$\leq Np \int_{0}^{t} ||u_{n}(s) - u_{n-1}(s)||ds + N \int_{0}^{t} \gamma_{1}(s)||x_{n}(s) - x_{n-1}(s)||ds \\ + N \int_{0}^{t} \gamma_{2}(s)||\int_{0}^{s} h(s, r, x_{n}(r))dr - \int_{0}^{s} h(s, r, x_{n-1}(r))dr||ds \\ \leq Np \int_{0}^{t} ||u_{n}(s) - u_{n-1}(s)||ds + NM_{1} \int_{0}^{t} ||x_{n}(s) - x_{n-1}(s)||ds + NM_{2}M_{3}T \int_{0}^{t} ||x_{n}(s) - x_{n-1}(s)||ds \\ \text{Further, we have} \\ ||x_{1}(t) - x_{0}(t)|| \\ \leq ||E_{\alpha-1,1}(-A^{2}t^{\alpha-1}) + t^{\alpha-1}E_{\alpha-1,\alpha}(-A^{2}t^{\alpha-1})A^{2} - I ||||x_{0}|| + ||tE_{\alpha-1,2}(-A^{2}t^{\alpha-1})|||||x_{0}'|| \\ + \int_{0}^{t} ||(t-s)^{\alpha-1}E_{\alpha-1,\alpha}(-A^{2}(t-s)^{\alpha-1})|||||B ||||u_{0}(s)|| \\ + ||f(s,x_{1}(s),^{c}D^{\beta}x_{1}(s),\int_{0}^{s} h(s,r,x_{1}(r))dr ds \Big] \\ \leq m_{1} + m_{2} + N[pn_{1}q + n_{1}n_{2}MT + M]T \leq LT, L > 0 \\ ||u_{1}(t) - u_{0}|| \\ \leq ||(T-t)^{\alpha-1}B^{*}E_{\alpha-1,\alpha}((-A^{2})^{*}(T-t)^{\alpha-1})W^{-1}|| \\ \times \int_{0}^{T} ||(T-s)^{\alpha-1}E_{\alpha-1,\alpha}(-A^{2}(T-s)^{\alpha-1})|| \\ \times ||f(s,x_{1}(s),^{c}D^{\beta}x_{1}(s),\int_{0}^{s} h(s,r,x_{1}(r))dr - f(s,x_{0}(s),^{c}D^{\beta}x_{0}(s),\int_{0}^{s} h(s,r,x_{0}(r))dr \Big) ||ds \Big|$$

 $\leq 2n_1n_2MT \leq RT, R > 0$

After simple calculation, it is easy to obtain

$$||x_{n+1}(t) - x_n(t)|| \le NpL \frac{T^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} + NM_1R \frac{T^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} + NM_2M_3TR \frac{T^{n+1}}{(n+1)!}$$

and

$$\begin{split} &\|^{C}D^{\beta}x_{n+1}(t)-^{C}D^{\beta}x(t)\,\|\\ &\leq \left\|\frac{1}{\Gamma(1-\beta)}\int_{0}^{t}(t-s)^{-\beta}\left(\int_{0}^{s}(s-\tau)^{\alpha-2}E_{\alpha-1,\alpha-1}\left(-A^{2}(s-\tau)\right)^{\alpha-1}[B(u_{n}(\tau)-u(\tau))\right.\\ &\left. + \left(f\left(\tau,x_{n}(\tau),^{C}D^{\beta}x_{n}(\tau),\int_{0}^{\tau}h(\tau,r,x_{n}(r))dr\right)-f\left(\tau,x(\tau),^{C}D^{\beta}x(\tau),\int_{0}^{\tau}h(\tau,r,x(r))dr\right)\right)\right\|\mathrm{d}\tau\mathrm{d}s\right.\\ &= &\|\int_{0}^{t}(t-s)^{\alpha-2}E_{\alpha-1,\alpha-1}\left(-A^{2}(t-s)\right)^{\alpha-1}\times\left[B(u_{n}(s)-u(s))\right.\\ &\left. + \left(f\left(s,x_{n}(s),^{C}D^{\beta}x_{n}(s),\int_{0}^{s}h(s,r,x_{n}(r))dr\right)-f\left(s,x(s),^{C}D^{\beta}x(s),\int_{0}^{s}h(s,r,x(r))dr\right)\right)ds\right]\|\\ &\leq pd\int_{0}^{t}\|u_{n}(s)-u(s)\|ds+dM_{1}T\|x_{n}(t)-x(t)\|+dM_{2}M_{3}T^{2}\|x_{n}(t)-x(t)\| \end{split}$$

Then it implies that $x_n(t) \to x(t)$, ${}^CD^{\beta}x_{n+1}(t) \to {}^CD^{\beta}x(t)$, $n \to \infty$, that is, $\{x_n(t)\}$ is a Cauchy sequence in X, and $\{x_n(t)\}$ converges uniformly to a continuous function x(t) on J. Therefore, we have

$$\begin{split} x(t) &= E_{\alpha-1,1}(-A^2t^{\alpha-1})x_0 + t^{\alpha-1}E_{\alpha-1,\alpha}(-A^2t^{\alpha-1})A^2x_0 + tE_{\alpha-1,2}(-A^2t^{\alpha-1})x_0' \\ &+ \int_0^t (t-s)^{\alpha-1}E_{\alpha-1,\alpha}(-A^2(t-s)^{\alpha-1}) \bigg[Bu(s) + f\bigg(s,x(s),^CD^\beta x(s),\int_0^s h\bigl(s,r,x(r)\bigr)dr\bigg)\bigg]ds \end{split}$$

where

u(t)

$$= (T-t)^{\alpha-1} B^* E_{\alpha-1,\alpha} ((-A^2)^* (T-t)^{\alpha-1}) W^{-1} \Big(y_1 - \int_0^T (T-s)^{\alpha-1} f(s, x_n(s), CD^{\beta} x_n(s), \int_0^s h(s, r, x_n(r)) dr \Big) ds \Big)$$

By taking limit as $n \to \infty$ on both sides. Then $x(T) = x_1$ which means that the control function u(t) steers the system from the initial state x_0 to x_1 in times T provided that the system (1.3) is controllable on J.

3. Example

Consider the following fractional composite dynamical system of order $1 < \alpha < 2$

$$\begin{cases} {}^{C}D^{\frac{3}{2}}x(t) + A^{2}x'(t) = Bu(t) + f(t, x(t), {}^{C}D^{\frac{1}{2}}x(t)), & t \in J = [0,1] \\ x(0) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, & x'(0) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{cases}$$
(4.1)

where
$$x(t) = \begin{pmatrix} x_1(t) \\ x_2(t) \end{pmatrix}$$
 and $x'(t) = \begin{pmatrix} x_1'(t) \\ x_2'(t) \end{pmatrix}$, $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$, $B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ and

$$f = \begin{bmatrix} [\exp(-2t)(|x_1(t)| + |\int_0^t x_1(s)ds|)]/(1+|^C D^{\beta}x_1(t)|) \\ [\exp(-2t)(|x_2(t)| + |\int_0^t x_2(s)ds|)]/(1+|^C D^{\beta}x_2(t)|) \end{bmatrix}$$

After simple matrix calculation one can get

$$W = \int_0^1 (1-s)E_{1/2,3/2} \left(-A^2 (1-s)^{1/2} \right) BB^* E_{1/2,3/2} \left(\left(-A^2 \right)^* (1-s)^{1/2} \right) ds = \begin{bmatrix} 0.1294 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.1294 \end{bmatrix}$$

is positive definite for any T > 0. Further, the nonlinear function f is continuous and satisfies the hypotheses of Theorem 3.1. Observe that the control defined by

$$u(t) = (1-t)^{1/2} B^* E_{1/2,3/2} ((-A^2)^* (1-t)^{1/2}) W^{-1}$$

$$\times \left(y_1 - \int_0^1 (1-s)^{1/2} E_{1/2,3/2} (-A^2 (1-s)^{1/2}) f\left(s, x(s), {}^C D^{1/2} x(s), \int_0^s h(s, r, x_n(r)) dr \right) ds \right)$$
 steers the system (4.1)

from x_0 to x_1 . Hence the system (4.1) is controllable on [0,1].

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