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Existence, uniqueness and stability analysis of fractional-order neural networks with multiple delays and variable coefficients: Banach fixed point approach

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Abstract This study uses the Banach fixed point idea and analysis technique to explore the existence, uniqueness, and stability of solutions for a class of fractional-order neural networks. For fractional-order neural networks with multiple time delays and variable coefficients, a necessary situation is stated to guarantee the uniqueness, existence, and uniform solutions of stability. The outcomes are simple to confirm in practice and, to a certain extent, build upon and extend a number of prior initiatives. An excellent example is given to illustrate how the findings might be applied and relied upon.

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1. Introduction

For a very long time, fractional calculus has attracted the most interest. Fractional calculus is a modern field of study that focuses on the analysis of integrals and deriva-

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tives of any order with non-integer value, whether even, rational, or irrational complicated. Fractional calculus has applications in many disciplines, including Chemistry (1), biology (2), Optics (3), statistical mechanics and its applications (4), economics (5), finance (6), electricity (7), mechanics (8), physics (9), and control theory (9). The idea of fractional derivatives is the primary justification for the careful application of the concept of fractional calculus, as opposed to integral-order derivatives, offer an efficient and superior this study presents a methodology to assess the hereditary and memory Integral-order derivatives are used to compare the characteristics of distinct materials and processes. Fractional calculus is playing an increasingly key role in science and engineering fields. The study of fractional calculus has received the majority of interest for a long time. Because fractional-differential equations have been developing steadily in recent years, many academics have started to focus on the theory of fractional orders, and the coupling of fractional orders and neural networks fully emphasises the benefits of fractional orders.

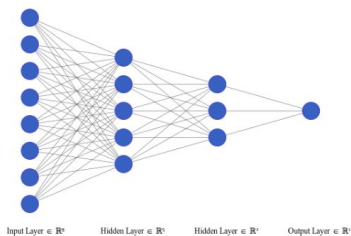


Figure 1
Artificial neural network (ANN)

Figure (1) shows the artificial neural networks. Artificial neural networks (ANN) are usually called neural networks (NNs) or neural nets are computing systems inspired by biological neural network. Many academics have begun to concentrate on

the theory of fractional orders as a result of the steady development of fractional-differential equations in recent years, and the coupling of fractional orders with neural networks completely accentuates the advantages of fractional orders. Generally, neurons are arranged into layers. Different layers may perform different transformations on their inputs. Signals move through the layers, perhaps more than once, from the first layer (the input layer) to the last layer (the output layer). Artificial neural network simulate the basic functions of biological neurons: input, passing information to other neurons. A neural network, which refers to a category of artificial intelligence method, facilitates computers to conduct data analysis resembling the cognitive processing of brain of the human. Artificial neural networks are used in a wide range of applications like, image identification, speech recognition, machine translation, and medical diagnosis. Due to the enormous complexity of fractional calculus, the topic of stability has only lately been studied and debated, with relatively few findings that are actually useful. This is true even though it is fundamental and necessary for fractional-order neural networks. It has been shown that neural networks perform especially well in a range of engineering applications (10), (11), (12), (13). The utilization of fractional calculus has garnered increasing significance within the fields of natural and applied sciences and engineering. For an extended period, there has been a significant interest in fractional calculus. Recent years have seen a rise in interest in fractional-order theory as a result of the continuous development of fractional-differential equations, and the coupling of fractional order and neural networks fully emphasizes the benefits of fractional order. Artificial neural networks are now modeled using fractional calculus, and research on biological neurons supports the use of fractional-order formulations in neural network models (14), (16) (17), (18). In their work, The significance of creating and researching fractional-order mathematical models for neural networking has been emphasized by the authors (16).

In (19) Liang and Cao investigate fractional-order Hopfield neural networks' stability and multi-stability in the absence of temporal delays with constant coefficients. An essential prerequisite regarding a group of fractional-order neural networks with continuous delay was established in (21) under the assumption that there are no initial conditions. This requirement ensures the uniqueness, uniform stability, and existence of the equilibrium point. Due to the enormous complexity of fractional calculus, the

topic of stability has only lately been studied and debated, with relatively few findings that are actually useful. Even though it is essential and fundamental for fractional-order neural networks. Despite the existence of notable results findings on the Integer-order neural networks' stability with variable coefficients are available, while research on the stability of fractional-order neural networks with variable coefficients is still in its infancy.

Several coefficients could be obtained (21; 22; 23; 24; 25). This research aims to address the aforementioned issues by providing theoretical stability analysis for a class of variable coefficient, multiple time delay, and fractional-order neural networks. In the paper Zou et.al (27) studied the neural network model with numerous time delays and variable coefficients:

$$D^\alpha x_i(t) = -c_i(t)x_i(t) + \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij}(t)f_j(x_j(t)) + \sum_{j=1}^n b_{ij}(t)f_j(x_j(t - \tau_{ij})) + I_i(t), t \in [0, T]$$

where $T < +\infty$; D^α represents the order's Caputo fractional-order derivative $\alpha(0 < \alpha < 1)$; $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ and the letter that represents the number of units in a neural network is "n"; $x_i(t)$ denotes the state of the i th unit at time t ; $f_j(x_j(t))$ indicates the mechanisms through which the j th unit at time t ; $c_i(t) > 0$ relates to the speed at which, when cut off from the network and external inputs at time, the i th in isolation, the unit will reset its potential to the resting condition t ; $a_{ij}(t)$ and $b_{ij}(t)$ represent the intensity of the link between j th unit on the i th unit at time t and $t - \tau_{ij}$, respectively; $I_i(t)$ shows the external inputs at time t ; τ_{ij} corresponds to the transmission delay along the axon of the j th unit, and $0 \leq \tau_{ij} \leq \tau = \max \tau_{ij} | i, j = 1, 2, \dots, n$. the initial conditions associated with above equation are of the form: $x_i(t) = \phi_i(t), t \in [-\tau, 0], i = 1, 2, \dots, n$, where $\phi_i(t) \in C([-\tau, 0], \mathcal{R})$, and the norm of an component in $C([-\tau, 0], \mathcal{R}^n)$ is $\|\phi\| = \sum_{i=1}^n \sup_{t \in [-\tau, 0]} e^{-Nt} |\phi_i(t)|$ motivated by this system we will try to work for a family of fractional order-neural networks on stability analysis.

This is how the paper is set up. Section 2 provides a number of fundamental ideas and lemmas for fractional calculus. The main results are drawn from a description of fractional-order neural networks with varying coefficients and various time delays in Section 3. In Section 4,5 a case study is provided to illustrate the conclusions of this study. Section 6 forms some conclusions.

2. Preliminaries

The area is described $\Omega = (C([0, T], \mathbb{R}^n), (\|\cdot\|))$ a Banach space, in which $C([0, T], \mathbb{R}^n)$ consists of all uninterrupted columns n-vector function classes. For $\xi \in C([0, T], \mathbb{R}^n)$, the norm is defined by $\|\xi\| = \sum_{i=1}^n \sup_u \{e^{-Nu} |\xi_{i(u)}|\}$. Besides, for a matrix $A = (u_{ij}(u))_{n \times n}$, we define the norm

$$\|A\| = \sum_{i=1}^n u_i = \sum_{i=1}^n \sup_{u, \forall j} |u_{ij}(u)|.$$

Definition 2.1. (25) An integral fuction of fractional order $f(u)$ of order $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}^+$ is defined by:

$$I_{u_0}^\alpha f(u) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_{u_0}^u \frac{f(\tau)}{(u-\tau)^{1-\alpha}} d\tau, \quad (1)$$

Where $\Gamma(\cdot)$ is the gamma function defined as:

$$\Gamma(z) = \int_0^\infty u^{z-1} e^{-u} du. \quad (2)$$

Definition 2.2. (26) The fractional derivative of Caputo D^α of α order of a function $f(u)$ is given as:

$$D_{u_0}^\alpha f(u) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(n-\alpha)} \int_{u_0}^u \frac{f^{(n)}(\tau)}{(u-\tau)^{1+\alpha-n}} d\tau, \quad (3)$$

Lemma 2.1. (25) If the fractional derivative of the caputo $D_{u_0}^\alpha f(u)(n-1) \leq \alpha < n$ is integrable, then:

$$I_{u_0}^\alpha D_{u_0}^\alpha f(u) = f(u) - \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \frac{f^{(i)}(u_0)}{i!} (u-u_0)^i. \quad (4)$$

one can obtain: In particular, the following is available for $0 < \alpha < 1$:

$$I_{u_0}^\alpha D_{u_0}^\alpha f(u) = f(u) - f(u_0). \quad (5)$$

Lemma 2.2. (Gronwall inequality).(28) If $x(u), f(u), g(u) \geq 0$ is a continuous function

on $(0, T]$, $T < \infty$ and satisfies the following inequality

$$x(u) \leq f(u) + \int_0^u g(\mu)x(\mu)d\mu, t \in [0, T] \quad (6)$$

In special cases, if $f(u)$ is a non increasing function, we can get

$$x(u) \leq f(u) \exp \int_0^u g(v)dv, t \in [0, T]$$

3. Research method

A neural network model with varying coefficients and several time delays is shown below:

$$D^\alpha x_i(u) = Bx_i(u) + f(u, x_i(u)) + c \int_{-\tau_1}^0 x_i(u + \theta)d\theta + I_i(u) + \Delta I_i(u) \quad (7)$$

$T < +\infty$; where D^α represents the caputo order of fractional derivative. B is the constant matrix, f denotes the activation function. $x_i(u)$ denotes the i th unit's state at time u . $I_i(u)$ denotes the external inputs at time u . $\Delta I_i(u)$ is the input disturbance in the controller. The i th unit will unplug from the network and all external inputs, resetting its potential to its idle state and initial condition for equation (7) is:

$$x_i(u) = \phi_i(u), \quad u \in [-\tau_1, 0], \quad i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n. \quad (8)$$

where $\phi_i(u) \in C([-\tau_1, 0], R)$, and R^n is $\|\phi\| = \sum_{i=1}^n \sup_{u \in [-\tau, 0]} \{e^{-Nu}|\phi_i(u)|\}$. we make the following assumptions throughout this paper to reach our results.

Assumption 1: $x_i(u)$ and $I_i(u)$ are continuous on $[0, T]$.

Assumption 2: The activating functions f have positive constants and are Lipschitz continuous c_1 such that:

$$|f(u, x_i(u)) - f(u, y_i(u))| \leq c_1|x_i(u) - y_i(u)| \text{ for all } x_i, y_i \in R, i = 1, 2, \dots, n, \quad (9)$$

4. Existence and Uniqueness

Theorem 4.1. *The system (7) has a unique solution if assumptions (1) and (2) hold and the system satisfies initial conditions (8)*

$$x(u) = (x_1(u), x_2(u), \dots, x_n(u))^T \in C([0, T], \mathbb{R}^n).$$

Proof. We can write solution of equation (7) by using properties of fractional calculus in the form of appropriate volterra integral equation:

$$\begin{aligned} x_i(u) &= \Phi_i(0) + I^\alpha D^\alpha x_i(u) \\ &= \Phi_i(0) + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^u (u-v)^{\alpha-1} \left[Bx_i(u) + f(u, x_i(u)) + C \int_{-\tau_1}^0 x_i(u+\theta) d\theta + I_i(u) \right] dv \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

We transform the problem (7) into a fixed problem and consider a mapping defined by:

$$F : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n \text{ where } F_x = (F_1 x_1, F_2 x_2, \dots, F_n x_n)^T$$

$$\begin{aligned} F_i x_i(u) &= \Phi_i(0) + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^u (u-v)^{\alpha-1} \left[Bx_i(u) + f(u, x_i(v)) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + C \int_{-\tau_1}^0 x_i(u+\theta) d\theta + I_i(u) \right] dv \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

for any two different functions

$$\begin{aligned} x(u) &= (x_1(u), x_2(u), \dots, x_n(u))^T \text{ and} \\ y(u) &= (y_1(u), y_2(u), \dots, y_n(u))^T \end{aligned}$$

we have,

$$|f_i x_i(u) - f_i y_i(u)| \leq \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^u (u-v)^{\alpha-1} \left[B|x_i(u) - y_i(u)| + f(u, x_i(u)) - f(u, y_i(u)) + C \int_{-\tau_1}^0 (x_i(u+\theta) - y_i(u+\theta)) d\theta \right] dv$$

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{0 \leq v \leq u} |x_v - y_v| &= \max_{0 \leq v \leq u} |x(v+\theta) - y(v+\theta)| \\ &= \max_{0 \leq v+\theta \leq u+\theta} |x(v+\theta) - y(v+\theta)| \\ &\leq \max_{-\tau \leq \tilde{v} \leq 1} |x(\tilde{v}) - y(\tilde{v})| \\ &= \|x - y\| \end{aligned}$$

where $v + \theta = \tilde{v}, f(v) = c_1$ and $-\tau \leq \theta < 0$

we can use this term in the onward equations, now we can write the above equation as:

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \sup_u B \left[|x_i(u) - y_i(u)| \int_0^u (u-v)^{\alpha-1} dv + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \sup_u f(v) \right. \\ &\quad \left. |x_i(u) - y_i(u)| \int_0^u (u-v)^{\alpha-1} dv + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} C \sup_u \int_0^u (u-v)^{\alpha-1} \right. \\ &\quad \left. \int_{-\tau_1}^0 (x_i(u+\theta) - y_i(u+\theta)) d\theta \right] dv \\ &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \sup_u B |x_i(u) - y_i(u)| \int_0^u (u-v)^{\alpha-1} dv + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} c_1 |x_i(u) - y_i(u)| \\ &\quad \int_0^u (u-v)^{\alpha-1} dv + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} C \int_0^u (u-v)^{\alpha-1} \int_{-\tau_1}^0 |x(\tilde{v}) - y(\tilde{v})| d\theta dv \\ &= \frac{B}{\Gamma(\alpha)} |x_i(u) - y_i(u)| \int_0^u (u-v)^{\alpha-1} dv + \frac{u^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha)} c_1 |x_i(u) - y_i(u)| \int_0^u (u-v)^{\alpha-1} dv \\ &\quad - \frac{c\tau_1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} |x - y| \int_0^u (u-v)^{\alpha-1} dv e^{-Nu} |F_i x_i(u) - F_i y_i(u)| \end{aligned}$$

$$\leq \frac{B}{\Gamma(\alpha)} |x_i(v) - y_i(v)| \int_0^u (u-v)^{\alpha-1} + \frac{u^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha)} c_1 |x_i(v) - y_i(v)| \int_0^u (u-v)^{\alpha-1} dv - \frac{c\tau_1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^u (u-v)^{\alpha-1} dv$$

which implies that

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{B}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^u (u-v)^{\alpha-1} e^{-N(u-v)} e^{-Nv} |x_i(v) - y_i(v)| dv \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} c_1 u^\alpha \int_0^u (u-v)^{\alpha-1} e^{-N(u-v)} e^{-Nv} |x_i(v) - y_i(v)| dv \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} c\tau_1 \int_0^u (u-v)^{\alpha-1} e^{-N(u-v)} e^{-Nv} |x_i(v) - y_i(v)| dv \\ &\leq B \sup_u e^{-Nu} |x_i(v) - y_i(v)| \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^u (u-v)^{\alpha-1} e^{-N(u-v)} dv \\ &\quad + c_1 u^\alpha \sup_u e^{-Nu} |x_i(u) - y_i(u)| \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^u (u-v)^{\alpha-1} e^{-N(u-v)} dv \\ &\quad - C\tau_1 \sup_u e^{-Nu} |x_i(u) - y_i(u)| \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^u (u-v)^{\alpha-1} e^{-N(u-v)} dv \quad (12) \end{aligned}$$

Of course, there are

$$\begin{aligned} \|Fx(u) - Fy(u)\| &= \sup_u e^{-Nu} |F_i x_i(u) - F_i y_i(u)| \\ &\leq \frac{B}{N^\alpha} \sup_u |x_i(u) - y_i(u)| + \frac{c_1 u^\alpha}{N^\alpha} \|x(u) - y(u)\| - \frac{c\tau_1}{N^\alpha} \|x(u) - y(u)\| \\ &\leq \left(\frac{B}{N^\alpha} + \frac{c_1 u^\alpha}{N^\alpha} - \frac{c\tau_1}{N^\alpha} \right) \|x(u) - y(u)\| \end{aligned}$$

Now select N large enough so that

$$(B + (\|c_1 u^\alpha\| - \|c\tau_1\|) < N^\alpha \quad (13)$$

Then we have,

$$\|Fx(u) - Fy(u)\| < \|x(u) - y(u)\| \quad \blacksquare$$

5. Stability

Definition: If for any reason the solution to system (7) is stable, $\varepsilon > 0$, $u_0 \geq 0$, there is a comparable value available. $\delta(\varepsilon, u_0) > 0$ such that $\|y(u, u_0, \phi) - x(u, u_0, \phi)\| < \varepsilon$ for $u \geq u_0$ as once the first criteria are met $\|\varphi(u) - \phi(u)\| < \delta(\varepsilon, u_0)$. If the preceding is true, the solution of equation (7) is known to be stable as uniformly δ can be selected separately from u_0 : $\delta(\varepsilon, u_0) \equiv \delta(\varepsilon)$.

Theorem 5.1. *The system solution provided by equation (7) that satisfies the starting condition (8) is uniformly stable assuming assumptions 1 and 2 are satisfied.*

Proof. Let $x(u) = ((x_1(u), x_2(u), \dots, x_n(u))^T$ and $y(u) = (y_1(u), y_2(u), \dots, y_n(u))^T$ be two solutions to equation (7), each with a unique beginning condition $x_i(u) = \phi_i(u), y_i(u) = \varphi_i(u), i = 1, 2, \dots, n$. Then for $t \in [0, T]$, We have:

$$D^\alpha(y_i(u) - x_i(u)) = B(y_i(u) - x_i(u)) + f(u, y_i(u)) - f(u, x_i(u)) + c \int_{-\tau_1}^0 y_i(u + \theta) - x_i(u + \theta) d\theta \quad (14)$$

Its form is as follows and it shares the same structure as the nonlinear Volterra integral equation:

$$\begin{aligned} y_i(u) - x_i(u) &= \varphi_i(0) - \phi_i(0) + I^\alpha \left[B(y_i(u) - x_i(u)) + f(u, y_i(u)) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - f(u, x_i(u)) + c \int_{-\tau_1}^0 y_i(u + \theta) - x_i(u + \theta) d\theta \right] ds \\ &= \varphi_i(0) - \phi_i(0) + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^u (u-v)^{\alpha-1} [B(y_i(u) - x_i(u)) + f(u, y_i(u)) \\ &\quad - f(u, x_i(u)) + c \int_{-\tau_1}^0 y_i(u + \theta) - x_i(u + \theta) d\theta] dv \\ &\leq e^{-Nu} |\varphi_i(0) - \phi_i(0)| + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} e^{-Nu} \int_0^u (u-v)^{\alpha-1} \left[B|y_i(v) - x_i(v)| \right. \\ &\quad \left. + c_1 \|y_i(v) - x_i(v)\| - |c| \int_{-\tau_1}^0 y_i(v + \theta) - x_i(v + \theta) dv \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\leq e^{-Nu}|\varphi_i(0) - \phi_i(0)| + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} e^{-Nu} \sup_u B \int_0^u (u-v)^{\alpha-1} |y_i(v) - x_i(v)| dv \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} e^{-Nu} \sup_u |c_1 u^\alpha| \int_0^u (u-v)^{\alpha-1} |y_i(v) - x_i(v)| dv \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \sup_u |c \tau_1| \int_{-\tau_1}^0 (u-v)^{\alpha-1} |y_i(v+\theta) - x_i(v+\theta)| dv \\
& \\
&e^{-Nu} |y_i(u) - x_i(u)| \\
&\leq e^{-Nu} |\varphi_i(0) - \phi_i(0)| + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} e^{-Nu} B \int_0^u (u-v)^{\alpha-1} \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} e^{-Nu} C_1 u^\alpha \int_0^u (u-v)^{\alpha-1} |y_i(v) - x_i(v)| dv \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} e^{-Nu} C \tau_1 \int_0^u (u-v)^{\alpha-1} |y_i(v+\theta) - x_i(v+\theta)| dv \\
&\leq e^{-Nu} |\varphi_i(0) - \phi_i(0)| + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} B \int_0^u (u-v)^{\alpha-1} e^{-N(u-v)} e^{-Nv} |y_i(v) - x_i(v)| dv \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} C_1 u^\alpha \int_0^u (u-v)^{\alpha-1} \\
&\quad e^{-N(u-v)} e^{-Nv} |y_i(v) - x_i(v)| dv - \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} C \tau_1 \int_0^u (u-v)^{\alpha-1} e^{-N(u-v+\theta)} e^{-N(v-\theta)} \\
&\quad |y_i(v+\theta) - x_i(v+\theta)| dv \tag{15}
\end{aligned}$$

From (15), we get:

$$\begin{aligned}
&\leq e^{-Nu} |\varphi_i(0) - \phi_i(0)| + \frac{B}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^u (u-v)^{\alpha-1} e^{-N(u-v)} e^{-Nv} |y_i(v) - x_i(v)| dv \\
&\quad + \frac{C_1 u^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^u (u-v)^{\alpha-1} e^{-N(u-v)} e^{-Nv} |y_i(v) - x_i(v)| dv \\
&\quad + \frac{C \tau_1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^u (u-v)^{\alpha-1} e^{-N(u-v+\theta)} e^{-N(v-\theta)} |y_i(v+\theta) - x_i(v+\theta)| dv
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\leq e^{-Nu}|\varphi_i(0) - \phi_i(0)| + \frac{B}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^u (u-v)^{\alpha-1} e^{-N(u-v)} e^{-Nv} |y_i(v) - x_i(v)| dv \\
&\quad + \frac{C_1 t^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^u (u-v)^{\alpha-1} e^{-N(u-v)} e^{-Nv} |y_i(v) - x_i(v)| dv \\
&\quad - \frac{C\tau_1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^\theta (u-v)^{\alpha-1} e^{-N(u-v+\theta)} e^{-N(v-\theta)} |y_i(\tilde{s}) - x_i(\tilde{s})| dv \\
&\quad - \frac{C\tau_1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_\theta^u (u-v)^{\alpha-1} e^{-N(u-v+\theta)} e^{-N(v-\theta)} |y_i - x_i| dv \\
&\leq \sup_{u \in [-\tau_1, 0]} e^{-Nu} |\varphi_i(0) - \phi_i(0)| + B \sup_u e^{-Nu} |y_i(u) - x_i(u)| \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \\
&\quad \int_0^u (u-v)^{\alpha-1} e^{-N(u-v)} dv + c_1 u^\alpha \sup_u e^{-Nu} |y_i(u) - x_i(u)| \\
&\quad \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^u (u-v)^{\alpha-1} e^{-N(u-v)} dv \\
&\quad - c\tau_1 \sup_{u \in [0, \theta]} e^{N(u-\theta)} |y_i(u+\theta) - x_i(u+\theta)| \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^u (u-v)^{\alpha-1} e^{-N(u-v)} dv \\
&\quad - c\tau_1 \left[\sup_u \int_0^\theta e^{N(u-\theta)} |y_i - x_i| \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^u (u-v)^{\alpha-1} e^{-N(u-v)} dv \right] \\
&\leq \sup_{u \in [-\tau_1, 0]} e^{-Nu} |\varphi_i(0) - \phi_i(0)| + \frac{B}{N^\alpha} \sup_u e^{-Nu} |y_i(u) - x_i(u)| \\
&\quad + c_1 u^\alpha \|y(u) - x(u)\| - \frac{c\tau_1}{N^\alpha} \sup_u \in [-\tau_1, 0] e^{-Nu} |\varphi_i(u) - \phi_i(u)| \\
&\quad - \frac{c\tau_1}{N^\alpha} \|y_i - x_i\| \\
&\leq \sup_{u \in [-\tau_1, 0]} e^{-Nu} |\varphi_i(0) - \phi_i(0)| + \frac{B}{N^\alpha} \sup_u e^{-Nu} |y_i(u) - x_i(u)| + c_1 u^\alpha \|y(u) - x(u)\| \\
&\quad - \frac{c\tau_1}{N^\alpha} \|y(u) - x(u)\| - \frac{c\tau_1}{N^\alpha} \|\varphi(u) - \phi(u)\|
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq \sup_{u \in [-\tau_1, 0]} e^{-Nu} |\varphi_i(0) - \phi_i(0)| + \frac{B}{N^\alpha} \sup_u e^{-Nu} |y_i(u) - x_i(u)| \\ &\quad + \frac{c_1 u^\alpha - c\tau_1}{N^\alpha} \|y(u) - x(u)\| - \frac{c\tau_1}{N^\alpha} \|\varphi_i(u) - \phi_i(u)\| \end{aligned}$$

then we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|y(u) - x(u)\| &= \sum_{i=1}^n \sup_u e^{-Nu} |y_i(u) - x_i(u)| \\ &\leq \sum_{i=1}^n \sup_{u \in [-\tau_1, 0]} e^{-Nu} \|\varphi(u) - \phi(u)\| + \frac{B}{N^\alpha} \sum_{i=1}^n \sup_u |y(u) - x(u)| \\ &\quad + \|y(u) - x(u)\| \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{c_1}{u^\alpha - c\tau_1} N^\alpha - \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{c\tau_1}{N^\alpha} \|\varphi(u) - \phi(u)\| \quad (16) \\ &= 1 - \frac{\|c\|\tau_1}{N^\alpha} + B \|\varphi(u) - \phi(u)\| + (\|\varphi_i(u) - \phi_i(u)\|) \\ &\quad + \frac{B}{N^\alpha} \sum_{i=1}^n \sup_u |y_i(u) - x_i(u)| (\|c_1\|u^\alpha - \|c\|\tau_1 N^\alpha) \|y(u) - x(u)\| \end{aligned}$$

It is evident from (16) that

$$\|y(u) - x(u)\| \leq \frac{1 - \frac{\|c\|\tau_1}{N^\alpha}}{1 - \frac{B + \|c_1\|u^\alpha - \|c\|\tau_1}{N^\alpha}} \|\varphi(u) - \phi(u)\|$$

$$\|x(u) - y(u)\| < \varepsilon, \quad \|\varphi(u) - \phi(u)\| < \delta$$

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Example 5.2. To contrast the key findings examined in this work with those suggested in reference [(18)], an exemplary case is provided. Think about a group of fractionally

ordered delayed neural networks that are defined by the differential equation below.

$$\begin{cases} D^\alpha x_1(u) = 2x_1(u) + 0.84f_1(x_1(u)) - 0.25f_2(x_2(u)) - 0.25f_1(x_1(u + \theta)) \\ \quad + 0.1f_2(x_2(u + \theta)) - 1.9 + 20\cos(0.2) \\ D^\alpha x_2(u) = x_2(u) - 0.15f_1(x_1(u)) + 0.5f_2(x_2(u)) - 0.25f_1(x_1(u + \theta)) \\ \quad - 0.8f_2(x_2(u + \theta)) + 1.6 + 20\cos(0.2) \end{cases} \quad (17)$$

where the fractional order α is chosen as $\alpha = 0.5$, the functions are explained by $f_1(x) = f_2(x) = |x + 0.8| - |x - 0.6|$ and with a time delay $\tau = 0.03$.

Obviously, in system (17) $\|c\| = 1.75$, $\|B\| = 0.65$, in the aforementioned conditions, we have $\|c_1\|u^\alpha - \|C\|\tau_1 > \min 1 - C, C_1$, However, system 17 has a special uniform stable solution that in the both theorems solved in this paper.

System (17) actually has a single fixed point that fulfils:

$$\begin{cases} 2x_1^* + 0.59f_1(x_1^*) - 0.15f_2(x_2^*) - 18.09 = 0 \\ x_2^* - 0.4f_1(x_1^*) - 0.3f_2(x_2^*) + 21.59 = 0 \end{cases} \quad (18)$$

Matlab allows us to calculate what the fixed point is $x^* = (0.067, 0.358)^T$.

In the time domain, Figure 2 shows that System (17)'s solution converges to the fixed point. x^* .

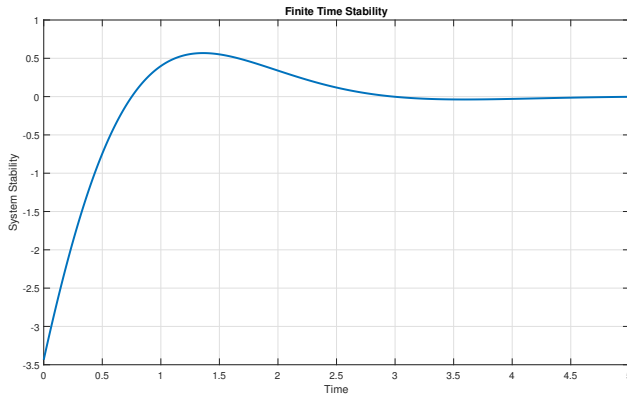


Figure 2
The dynamic behaviour of system (17)

6. Conclusion

This study deals with the uniform stability problem for a class of fractional-order neural networks with variable coefficients and several time delays. It establishes a set of requirements for the availability, uniqueness, and consistent stability of solutions for this kind of neural networks. Lastly, a concrete example is provided for highlighting the value of our findings.

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