

# NONLINEAR BOUNDARY VALUE PROBLEMS OF FIRST ORDER IMPULSIVE INTEGRO-DIFFERENTIAL EQUATION OF VOLTERRA TYPE ON TIME SCALES

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**ABSTRACT.** This paper investigates the nonlinear boundary value problems of a class of first order impulsive integro-differential equations of Volterra type on time scales. By developing a new comparison result and using monotone iterative technique, We obtain the existence of extremal solutions and unique solution of the problem. An example is discussed to illustrate the efficiency of the obtained results.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

The theory of calculus on time scales, which has been created to unify continuous and discrete analysis, was initiated by Stefan Hilger [1]. Much of the work devoted to the time scale calculus has been summarized and organized in literature [2,3,4].

The study of boundary value problem of general differential equations has received much attention [4–9,14,15]. To obtain existence results of the boundary value problem, someone may use the method of upper and lower solutions coupled with monotone iterative technique [5]. There are large number of papers devoted to the applications of this method to differential equations with initial and boundary value problems, for details, see [6–10]. To our best knowledge, the application of this monotone method for differential equations on time scales is not much [11–13]. Xing, Han and Zheng [11] considered the following initial value problem on time scales

$$\begin{cases} x^\Delta(t) = f(t, x(t), \int_0^t k(t, s)x(s)\Delta s), & t \in [0, T]_{\mathbb{T}}, \\ x(0) = x_0, \end{cases}$$

and in [12], they considered the following periodic boundary value problem

$$\begin{cases} x^\Delta(t) = f(t, x(t), \int_0^t k(t, s)x(s)\Delta s), & t \in [0, T]_{\mathbb{T}}, \\ x(0) = x(\sigma(T)). \end{cases}$$

In both of these papers, the authors used monotone iterative technique to derive the existence of extremal solutions to the problems and obtained sufficient conditions under which such problems have extremal solutions. In [13], Geng, Xu and Zhu discussed the following periodic boundary value problem

$$\begin{cases} x^\Delta(t) = f(t, x(t)), & t \in J' = [0, T]_{\mathbb{T}} - \{t_1, t_2, \dots, t_m\}, \\ x(t_k^+) - x(t_k^-) = I_k(x(t_k)), & k = 1, 2, \dots, m, \\ x(0) = x(\sigma(T)), \end{cases}$$

and obtained the existence of extremal solutions of the problem.

Motivated by the results mentioned above and [6,14], this paper is concerned with the existence of extremal solutions and unique solution for the nonlinear boundary value problem of a class of first order impulsive integro-differential equations of Volterra type on time scales. Section 2 contains some basic definitions and properties of calculus on time scales. In section 3, we establish a new comparison principle and discuss the existence and uniqueness of the solution for the first order impulsive integro-differential equations with linear boundary on time scales. In section 4, existence results for extremal solutions and unique solution are obtained by using method of upper and lower solutions coupled with monotone iterative technique. To illustrate the obtained results, an example is discussed in section 5.

## 2. SOME RESULTS ON TIME SCALES

In this section, we list the following fundamental definitions and results concerning time scales to make the paper is selfcontained. Further general details can be found in [2-4] and references therein.

Through out this paper, we denote by  $\mathbb{T}$  any time scales, i.e.  $\mathbb{T}$  is a nonempty closed subset of  $\mathbb{R}$ . Let  $0, T$  be points of  $\mathbb{T}$ , an interval  $[0, T]_{\mathbb{T}}$  denoting time scale interval, that is,  $[0, T]_{\mathbb{T}} = \{t \in \mathbb{T} : 0 \leq t \leq T\}$ . Other types of intervals are defined similarly.

**Definition 2.1.** For  $t < \sup \mathbb{T}$  and  $t > \inf \mathbb{T}$ , the mappings  $\sigma, \rho : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{T}$ ,

$$\sigma(t) = \inf\{\tau \in \mathbb{T} : \tau > t\} \in \mathbb{T}, \quad \rho(t) = \sup\{\tau \in \mathbb{T} : \tau < t\} \in \mathbb{T}$$

are called the forward jump operator and the backward jump operator, respectively.

If  $\sigma(t) > t$ ,  $t$  is said to be right scattered, and if  $\sigma(t) = t$ ,  $t$  is said to be right dense; if  $\rho(t) < t$ ,  $t$  is said to be left scattered, and if  $\rho(t) = t$ ,  $t$  is said to be left dense. If  $\mathbb{T}$  has a right scattered minimum  $m$ , define  $\mathbb{T}_k = \mathbb{T} - \{m\}$ ; otherwise set  $\mathbb{T}_k = \mathbb{T}$ . If  $\mathbb{T}$  has a left scattered maximum  $M$ , define  $\mathbb{T}^k = \mathbb{T} - \{M\}$ ; otherwise set  $\mathbb{T}^k = \mathbb{T}$ .

**Definition 2.2.** For  $y : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $t \in \mathbb{T}^k$ , we define the delta derivative of  $y(t)$ ,  $y^\Delta(t)$ , to be the number (when it exists) with the property that for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there is a neighborhood  $U$  of  $t$  such that

$$|y(\sigma(t)) - y(s) - y^\Delta(t)(\sigma(t) - s)| \leq \varepsilon|\sigma(t) - s|, \text{ for all } s \in U.$$

If  $F^\Delta(t) = f(t)$  for each  $t \in \mathbb{T}^k$ , then we define the delta integral by  $\int_a^b f(s)\Delta s = F(b) - F(a)$ , and  $F$  is called antiderivative of  $f$ .

**Lemma 2.1.** Assume that  $f, g : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  are delta differential at  $t$ , then

$$(fg)^\Delta = f^\Delta(t)g(t) + f(\sigma(t))g^\Delta(t) = f(t)g^\Delta(t) + f^\Delta(t)g(\sigma(t))$$

A function  $p : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is called rd-continuous, if it is continuous at right-dense point in  $\mathbb{T}$  and its left limits exist at left dense points in  $\mathbb{T}$ . If  $f$  is continuous at each right dense point and each left dense point, then  $f$  is said to be continuous function on  $\mathbb{T}$ .

**Lemma 2.2.** If  $f$  is rd-continuous and  $t \in \mathbb{T}^k$ , then  $\int_t^{\sigma(t)} = \mu(t)f(t)$ , where  $\mu(t) = \sigma(t) - t$  is the graininess function.

**Definition 2.3.** A function  $p : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is regressive provided

$$1 + \mu(t)p(t) \neq 0, \text{ for all } t \in \mathbb{T}.$$

The set of all regressive and rd-continuous functions will be denoted by  $\mathfrak{R}(\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{R})$ .

For two functions  $p, q \in \mathfrak{R}(\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{R})$ , define a plus  $\oplus$  and a minus  $\ominus$  by

$$p \oplus q := p + \mu pq, \quad \ominus p := -\frac{p}{1 + \mu p}, \quad p \ominus q := p \oplus (\ominus q).$$

If  $p \in \mathfrak{R}(\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{R})$ , then the delta exponential function is given by

$$e_p(t, s) = \exp \left( \int_s^t g(\tau)\Delta\tau \right) \text{ for } s, t \in \mathbb{T},$$

with  $g(\tau) = \begin{cases} p(\tau), & \text{if } \mu(\tau) = 0, \\ \frac{1}{\mu(\tau)}\text{Log}(1 + \mu(\tau)p(\tau)), & \text{if } \mu(\tau) \neq 0. \end{cases}$  Here Log is the principle logarithm.

It is known that  $y(t) = e_p(t, t_0)$  is the unique solution of the initial value problem  $y^\Delta = p(t)y, y(t_0) = 1$ .

**Remark 2.1.** If  $1 + \mu(t)p(t) > 0$  and  $t_0 \in \mathbb{T}$ , then  $e_p(t, t_0) > 0$ ; if  $p(t) > 0$  for  $t \geq t_0$ ,  $t_0 \in \mathbb{T}$ , then  $e_p(t, t_0) \geq 1$ .

**Lemma 2.3.** Assume that  $p, q \in \mathfrak{R}(\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{R})$ , then the following hold:

- (i)  $e_0(t, s) \equiv 1$  and  $e_p(t, s) \equiv 1$ ;
- (ii)  $e_p(\sigma(t), s) = (1 + \mu(t)p(t))e_p(t, s)$ ;

- (iii)  $\frac{1}{e_p(t,s)} = e_{\ominus p}(t,s);$
- (iv)  $e_p(t,s) = \frac{1}{e_p(s,t)} = e_{\ominus p}(s,t);$
- (v)  $e_p(t,r)e_p(r,s) = e_p(t,s);$
- (vi)  $e_p(t,s)e_q(t,s) = e_{p\oplus q}(t,s);$
- (viii)  $\frac{e_p(t,s)}{e_q(t,s)} = e_{p\ominus q}(t,s).$

### 3. PRELIMINARIES

In this paper, we investigate the following nonlinear boundary value problem (NBVP) on time scales:

$$(3.1) \quad \begin{cases} x^\Delta(t) = f(t, x(t), \int_0^t k(t,s)x(s)\Delta s), & t \in J' = J - \{t_1, t_2, \dots, t_m, \sigma(T)\}, \\ x(t_k^+) - x(t_k^-) = I_k(x(t_k)), & k=1,2,\dots,m, \\ g(x(0), x(\sigma(T))) = 0, \end{cases}$$

where  $J = [0, \sigma(T)]_{\mathbb{T}}$ ,  $f \in J \times \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is continuous in the second and the third variables, and for any  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $f(\cdot, x, y)$  is continuous in  $J'$ ,  $k(t, s) \in C(J \times J, \mathbb{R})$ ,  $g \in C(\mathbb{R}^2, \mathbb{R})$ ,  $I_k \in C(\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R})$ ,  $t_k \in J$  and  $0 < t_1 < \dots < t_m < T$ ,  $x(t_k^+)$  and  $x(t_k^-)$  represent the right and left limits of  $x(t)$  at  $t = t_k$  in the sense of time scales, and in addition, if  $t_k$  is right scattered, then  $y(t_k^+) = y(t_k)$ , whereas, if  $t_k$  is left scattered, then  $y(t_k^-) = y(t_k)$ .

We will assume for the remainder of the paper that, for each  $k = 1, 2, \dots, m$ , the points of impulse  $t_k$  are right dense. Let  $PC(J) = \{u : J \rightarrow \mathbb{R} : u \text{ is continuous for any } t \in J', u(t_k^+) \text{ and } u(t_k^-) \text{ exist and } u(t_k^-) = u(t_k), k = 1, 2, \dots, m\}$ .  $PC(J)$  is a Banach space with the norm  $\|u\|_{PC} = \sup\{|u(t)| : t \in J\}$ .

Let  $\Omega = PC(J) \cap C^1(J')$ . A function  $x \in \Omega$  is called a solution of NBVP (3.1), if it satisfies (3.1).

In order to establish the comparison result, we give a new inequality as follows.

**Lemma 3.1.** *Assume that*

- (B<sub>0</sub>) *the sequence  $\{t_k\}$  satisfies  $0 \leq t_0 < t_1 < t_2 < \dots < t_k < \dots$  with  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} t_k = +\infty$ ;*
- (B<sub>1</sub>)  *$m \in PC([0, \infty)_{\mathbb{T}})$  is continuous for any  $t \in [0, \infty)_{\mathbb{T}} \setminus \{t_k\}$  and left continuous at  $t_k$  for  $k = 1, 2, \dots$ ;*
- (B<sub>2</sub>) *for  $k = 1, 2, \dots$ , and  $t \geq t_0$ , there are*

$$\begin{aligned} m^\Delta(t) &\leq p(t)m(t) + q(t), & t \neq t_k, \\ m(t_k^+) &\leq d_k m(t_k), \end{aligned}$$

where  $p, q \in C([0, \infty)_{\mathbb{T}}, \mathbb{R})$ ,  $-\mu(t)p(t) < 1$ , for  $t \in [0, \infty)_{\mathbb{T}}$ , and  $d_k \geq 0$  are real constants.

Then

$$m(t) \leq m(t_0) \prod_{t_0 < t_k < t} d_k e_p(t, t_0) + \int_{t_0}^t \prod_{s < t_k < t} d_k e_p(t, \sigma(s)) q(s) \Delta s.$$

*Proof.* Noticing that  $-\mu(t)p(t) < 1$  and Remark 2.1, we know that  $e_{\ominus p}(t, t_0) > 0$ . Let  $t \in [t_0, +\infty)_{\mathbb{T}}$ , then we have

$$\begin{aligned} (e_{\ominus p}(t, t_0)m(t))^\Delta &= e_{\ominus p}^\Delta(t, t_0)m(t) + e_{\ominus p}(\sigma(t), t_0)m^\Delta(t) \\ &= (\ominus p(t))e_{\ominus p}(t, t_0)m(t) + (1 + \mu(t)(\ominus p(t)))e_{\ominus p}(t, t_0)m^\Delta(t) \\ &= \frac{-p(t)}{1 + \mu(t)p(t)}e_{\ominus p}(t, t_0)m(t) + \frac{1}{1 + \mu(t)p(t)}e_{\ominus p}(t, t_0)m^\Delta(t) \\ &= \frac{e_{\ominus p}(t, t_0)}{1 + \mu(t)p(t)}(-p(t)m(t) + m^\Delta(t)). \end{aligned}$$

It then follows that

$$(3.2) \quad (e_{\ominus p}(t, t_0)m(t))^\Delta \leq e_{\ominus p}(\sigma(t), t_0)q(t), \quad t \in [t_0, +\infty)_{\mathbb{T}}.$$

Integrating (3.2) from  $t_0$  to  $t$ , where  $t \in [t_0, t_1]_{\mathbb{T}}$ , we have

$$e_{\ominus p}(t, t_0)m(t) - m(t_0) \leq \int_{t_0}^t e_{\ominus p}(\sigma(s), t_0)q(s) \Delta s,$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} m(t) &\leq m(t_0)e_p(t, t_0) + \int_{t_0}^t e_p(t, \sigma(s))q(s) \Delta s, \\ m(t_1^+) &\leq d_1m(t_1). \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, for  $t \in (t_1, t_2]_{\mathbb{T}}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} m(t) &\leq m(t_1^+)e_p(t, t_1) + \int_{t_1}^t e_p(t, \sigma(s))q(s) \Delta s \\ &\leq [m(t_0)d_1e_p(t_1, t_0) + \int_{t_0}^{t_1} d_1e_p(t_1, \sigma(s))q(s) \Delta s]e_p(t, t_1) + \int_{t_1}^t e_p(t, \sigma(s))q(s) \Delta s \\ &= m(t_0)d_1e_p(t, t_0) + \int_{t_0}^t \prod_{s < t_k < t} d_k e_p(t, \sigma(s))q(s) \Delta s. \end{aligned}$$

Repeatedly, we achieve for  $t \in [t_0, +\infty)_{\mathbb{T}}$ :

$$m(t) \leq m(t_0) \prod_{t_0 < t_k < t} d_k e_p(t, t_0) + \int_{t_0}^t \prod_{s < t_k < t} d_k e_p(t, \sigma(s))q(s) \Delta s.$$

This ends the proof. □

**Remark 3.1.** If  $p(t) \equiv M$  (real constant), and  $q(t) \equiv 0$ , Lemma 3.1 reduces to Lemma 3.2 in [13].

Inspired by the idea in [14], we establish a new comparison result which plays an important role in this paper.

**Lemma 3.2.** *Suppose that  $u \in \Omega$  satisfies*

$$\begin{cases} u^\Delta(t) \leq -Mu(t) - N \int_0^t k(t,s)u(s)\Delta s, & t \in J', \\ u(t_k^+) - u(t_k^-) \leq -L_k u(t_k), & k = 1, 2, \dots, m, \\ u(0) \leq ru(\sigma(T)), \end{cases}$$

where  $M > 0$ ,  $N \geq 0$ ,  $\mu(t)M < 1$ ,  $0 \leq L_k < 1$ ,  $k = 1, 2, \dots, m$ , and  $0 < re_{\ominus(-M)}(\sigma(T), 0) \leq 1$ . If

$$(3.3) \quad \int_0^{\sigma(T)} q(s)\Delta s \leq \prod_{k=1}^m (1 - L_k),$$

where

$$(3.4) \quad q(t) = \frac{-N}{1 - \mu(t)M} \int_0^t k(t,s) \prod_{s < t_k < \sigma(T)} (1 - L_k) e_{\ominus(-M)}(t,s)\Delta s,$$

then,  $u(t) \leq 0$  on  $J$ .

*Proof.* For convenience, we let  $c_k = 1 - L_k$ ,  $k = 1, 2, \dots, m$ . Set

$$v(t) = \left( \prod_{t < t_k < \sigma(T)} c_k^{-1} \right) e_{\ominus(-M)}(t, 0)u(t),$$

then we have

$$(3.5) \quad \begin{cases} v^\Delta(t) \leq \prod_{t < t_k < \sigma(T)} c_k^{-1} \left[ \frac{-N}{1 - \mu(t)M} \int_0^t k(t,s) \prod_{s < t_k < \sigma(T)} c_k e_{\ominus(-M)}(t,s)v(s)\Delta s \right], & t \in J', \\ v(t_k^+) \leq c_k v(t_k), & k = 1, 2, \dots, m, \\ v(0) \leq re_{\ominus(-M)}(t, 0)v(\sigma(T)) \prod_{k=1}^m c_k^{-1}. \end{cases}$$

Obviously,  $v(t) \leq 0$  implies  $u(t) \leq 0$ .

To show  $v(t) \leq 0$ , we suppose, on the contrary, that  $v(t) > 0$  for some  $t \in J$ . It is enough to consider the following cases:

- (i) there exists a  $\bar{t} \in J$ , such that  $v(\bar{t}) > 0$ , and  $v(t) \geq 0$  for all  $t \in J$ ;
- (ii) there exist  $t_1, t^* \in J$ , such that  $v(t_1) < 0$ ,  $v(t^*) > 0$ .

Case (i): By (3.5), we have  $v^\Delta(t) \leq 0$  for  $t \neq t_k$  and  $v(t_k^+) \leq v(t_k)$ ,  $k = 1, 2, \dots, m$ , hence  $v(t)$  is nonincreasing in  $J$  i.e.  $v(\sigma(T)) \leq v(0)$ . If  $re_{\ominus(-M)}(\sigma(T), 0) < 1$ , then  $v(0) < v(\sigma(T))$ , which is a contradiction. If  $re_{\ominus(-M)}(\sigma(T), 0) = 1$ , then  $v(0) \leq v(\sigma(T))$  which implies  $v(t) \equiv C > 0$ . But from (3.5) we get  $v^\Delta(t) < 0$  for  $t \in J'$ . Hence,  $v(\sigma(T)) < v(0)$ . It's again a contradiction.

Case (ii): Let  $\inf_{t \in J} v(t) = -\lambda$ , then  $\lambda > 0$ . For some  $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$ , there exists  $t_* \in (t_i, t_{i+1}]$  such that  $v(t_*) = -\lambda$  or  $v(t_*^+) = -\lambda$ . We only consider  $v(t_*) = -\lambda$ , as for the case  $v(t_*^+) = -\lambda$ , the proof is similar.

From (3.5), we have

$$v^\Delta(t) \leq \lambda \left( \prod_{t < t_k < \sigma(T)} c_k^{-1} \right) q(t), \quad t \in J',$$

where  $q(t)$  is defined in (3.4).

Consider the inequalities

$$\begin{cases} v^\Delta(t) \leq \lambda \left( \prod_{t < t_k < \sigma(T)} c_k^{-1} \right) q(t), & t \in J', \\ v(t_k^+) \leq c_k v(t_k), & k = i + 1, i + 2, \dots, m, \end{cases}$$

and Lemma 3.1 implies

$$v(t) \leq v(t_*) \left( \prod_{t_* < t_k < t} c_k \right) + \lambda \int_{t_*}^t \left( \prod_{s < t_k < t} c_k \right) \left( \prod_{s < t_k < \sigma(T)} c_k^{-1} \right) q(s) \Delta s,$$

that is

$$(3.6) \quad v(t) \leq -\lambda \left( \prod_{t_* < t_k < t} c_k \right) + \lambda \int_{t_*}^t \left( \prod_{t \leq t_k < \sigma(T)} c_k^{-1} \right) q(s) \Delta s.$$

Let  $t = \sigma(T)$  in (3.6), then

$$(3.7) \quad v(\sigma(T)) \leq -\lambda \left( \prod_{t_* < t_k < \sigma(T)} c_k \right) + \lambda \int_{t_*}^{\sigma(T)} q(s) \Delta s.$$

First, we assume that  $t^* > t_*$ . By Lemma 3.1, we have

$$0 < v(t^*) \leq v(t_*) \left( \prod_{t_* < t_k < t^*} c_k \right) + \lambda \int_{t_*}^{t^*} \left( \prod_{s < t_k < t^*} c_k \right) \left( \prod_{s < t_k < \sigma(T)} c_k^{-1} \right) q(s) \Delta s,$$

which implies that

$$\int_{t_*}^{t^*} q(s) \Delta s > \prod_{t_* \leq t_k < \sigma(T)} c_k.$$

Then

$$\int_0^{\sigma(T)} q(s) \Delta s \geq \int_{t_*}^{t^*} q(s) \Delta s > \prod_{t_* \leq t_k < \sigma(T)} c_k \geq \prod_{k=1}^m (1 - L_k),$$

which is a contradiction.

Next, we assume that  $t^* < t_*$ . By Lemma 3.1, we have

$$0 < v(t^*) \leq v(0) \left( \prod_{0 < t_k < t^*} c_k \right) + \lambda \int_0^{t^*} \left( \prod_{s < t_k < t^*} c_k \right) \left( \prod_{s < t_k < \sigma(T)} c_k^{-1} \right) q(s) \Delta s,$$

which implies

$$(3.8) \quad -\lambda \int_0^{t^*} \left( \prod_{t^* \leq t_k < \sigma(T)} c_k^{-1} \right) q(s) \Delta s < v(0) \left( \prod_{0 < t_k < t^*} c_k \right).$$

By (3.5) and (3.7), we get from (3.8) that

$$\begin{aligned} & -\lambda \int_0^{t^*} \left( \prod_{t^* \leq t_k < \sigma(T)} c_k^{-1} \right) q(s) \Delta s < v(\sigma(T)) r e_{\ominus(-M)}(\sigma(T), 0) \left( \prod_{t^* \leq t_k < \sigma(T)} c_k^{-1} \right) \\ & < -\lambda r e_{\ominus(-M)}(\sigma(T), 0) \left( \prod_{t^* \leq t_k < \sigma(T)} c_k^{-1} \right) \left[ \prod_{t^* < t_k < \sigma(T)} c_k - \int_{t^*}^{\sigma(T)} q(s) ds \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\int_0^{\sigma(T)} q(s) \Delta s > \prod_{t^* < t_k < \sigma(T)} c_k \geq \prod_{k=1}^m c_k,$$

which is a contradiction to (3.3). This completes the proof. □

Consider the boundary value problem(BVP)

$$(3.9) \quad \begin{cases} x^\Delta(t) + Mx(t) + N \int_0^t k(t, s)x(s) \Delta s = h(t), \quad t \in J', \\ x(t_k^+) - x(t_k^-) = -L_k x(t_k) + I_k(\eta(t_k)) + L_k \eta(t_k), \quad k=1,2,\dots,m, \\ g(\eta(0), \eta(\sigma(T))) + M_1(x(0) - \eta(0)) - M_2(x(\sigma(T)) - \eta(\sigma(T))) = 0, \end{cases}$$

where  $M > 0$ ,  $N \geq 0$ ,  $0 \leq L_k < 1$ ,  $k = 1, 2, \dots, m$ ,  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  are real constants, and  $\eta, h \in PC(J)$ .

**Lemma 3.3.**  *$x \in \Omega$  is a solution of BVP (3.9) if and only if  $x$  is a solution of the impulsive integral equation*

$$(3.10) \quad \begin{aligned} x(t) &= C e_{(-M)}(t, 0) B \eta + \int_0^{\sigma(T)} G(t, s) [h(s) - N \int_0^s k(s, \tau)x(\tau) \Delta \tau] \Delta s \\ &+ \sum_{0 < t_k < \sigma(T)} G(t, t_k) [-L_k x(t_k) + I_k(\eta(t_k)) + L_k \eta(t_k)], \quad t \in J, \end{aligned}$$

where  $B \eta = -g(\eta(0), \eta(\sigma(T))) + M_1 \eta(0) - M_2 \eta(\sigma(T))$ ,  $C = [M_1 - M_2 e_{(-M)}(\sigma(T), 0)]^{-1}$ ,  $M_1 \neq M_2 e_{(-M)}(\sigma(T), 0)$  and

$$G(t, s) = \begin{cases} C M_2 e_{(-M)}(t, 0) e_{(-M)}(\sigma(T), \sigma(s)) + e_{(-M)}(t, \sigma(s)), & 0 \leq \sigma(s) < t \leq \sigma(T), \\ C M_2 e_{(-M)}(t, 0) e_{(-M)}(\sigma(T), \sigma(s)), & 0 \leq t \leq \sigma(s) \leq \sigma(T). \end{cases}$$

*Proof.* Assume  $x \in \Omega$  is a solution of BVP (3.9). By Lemma 2.3, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & (e_{\ominus(-M)}(t, 0)x(t))^\Delta \\ &= e_{\ominus(-M)}^\Delta(t, 0)x(t) + e_{\ominus(-M)}(\sigma(t), 0)x^\Delta(t) \\ &= \ominus(-M)e_{\ominus(-M)}(t, 0)x(t) + [1 + \mu(t)(\ominus(-M))]e_{\ominus(-M)}(t, 0)x^\Delta(t) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{M}{1 - \mu(t)M} e_{\ominus(-M)}(t, 0)x(t) + \frac{1}{1 - \mu(t)M} e_{\ominus(-M)}(t, 0)x^\Delta(t) \\
 &= \frac{e_{\ominus(-M)}(t, 0)}{1 - \mu(t)M} (Mx(t) + x^\Delta(t)),
 \end{aligned}$$

then

$$(3.11) \quad (e_{\ominus(-M)}(t, 0)x(t))^\Delta \leq e_{(-M)}(0, \sigma(t)) \left[ h(t) - N \int_0^t k(t, s)x(s)\Delta s \right].$$

Integrating both sides of (3.11) from 0 to  $t$  ( $t \in [0, t_1]$ ) yields

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3.12) \quad &x(t) \leq x(0)e_{(-M)}(t, 0) \\
 &+ \int_0^t e_{(-M)}(t, \sigma(s)) \left[ h(s) - N \int_0^s k(s, \tau)x(\tau)\Delta\tau \right] \Delta s, \quad t \in [0, t_1],
 \end{aligned}$$

and integrating both sides of (3.11) from  $t_1^+$  to  $t$  ( $t \in (t_1, t_2]$ ) yields

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3.13) \quad &x(t) \leq x(t_1^+)e_{(-M)}(t, t_1) \\
 &+ \int_{t_1}^t e_{(-M)}(t, \sigma(s)) \left[ h(s) - N \int_0^s k(s, \tau)x(\tau)\Delta\tau \right] \Delta s, \quad t \in (t_1, t_2],
 \end{aligned}$$

where

$$(3.14) \quad x(t_1^+) = x(t_1) + \omega(t_1),$$

here we denote  $\omega(t_k) = -L_k x(t_k) + I_k(\eta(t_k)) + L_k \eta(t_k)$ ,  $k = 1, 2, \dots, m$ .

By (3.13) and (3.14), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 x(t) \leq &x(0)e_{(-M)}(t, 0) + \int_0^t e_{(-M)}(t, \sigma(s)) \left[ h(s) - N \int_0^t k(s, \tau)x(\tau)\Delta\tau \right] \Delta s \\
 &+ e_{(-M)}(t, t_1)\omega(t_1), \quad t \in (t_1, t_2],
 \end{aligned}$$

then

$$\begin{aligned}
 x(t) = &x(0)e_{(-M)}(t, 0) + \int_0^t e_{(-M)}(t, \sigma(s)) \left[ h(s) - N \int_0^t k(s, \tau)x(\tau)\Delta\tau \right] \Delta s \\
 &+ \sum_{0 < t_k < t} e_{(-M)}(t, t_k)\omega(t_k), \quad t \in [0, t_2].
 \end{aligned}$$

Repeating the above procedure, we obtain for  $t \in J$  that

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3.15) \quad &x(t) = x(0)e_{(-M)}(t, 0) + \int_0^t e_{(-M)}(t, \sigma(s)) \left[ h(s) - N \int_0^s k(s, \tau)x(\tau)\Delta\tau \right] \Delta s \\
 &+ \sum_{0 < t_k < t} e_{(-M)}(t, t_k)\omega(t_k), \quad t \in J.
 \end{aligned}$$

Let  $t = \sigma(T)$  in (3.15), then

$$\begin{aligned}
 &x(\sigma(T)) \\
 &= x(0)e_{(-M)}(\sigma(T), 0) + \int_0^{\sigma(T)} e_{(-M)}(\sigma(T), \sigma(s)) \left[ h(s) - N \int_0^s k(s, \tau)x(\tau)\Delta\tau \right] \Delta s
 \end{aligned}$$

$$+ \sum_{0 < t_k < \sigma(T)} e_{(-M)}(\sigma(T), t_k) \omega(t_k), \quad t \in J,$$

with the boundary value condition of BVP (3.9), we have

$$\begin{aligned} x(0) &= CB\eta + \int_0^{\sigma(T)} CM_2 e_{(-M)}(\sigma(T), \sigma(s)) \left[ h(s) - N \int_0^s k(s, \tau) x(\tau) \Delta\tau \right] \Delta s \\ (3.16) \quad &+ \sum_{k=1}^m CM_2 e_{(-M)}(\sigma(T), t_k) \omega(t_k). \end{aligned}$$

Substituting  $x(0)$  in (3.16) into (3.15), we have

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) &= Ce_{(-M)}(t, 0)B\eta \\ &+ \int_0^{\sigma(T)} CM_2 e_{(-M)}(t, 0) e_{(-M)}(\sigma(T), \sigma(s)) \left[ h(s) - N \int_0^s k(s, \tau) x(\tau) \Delta\tau \right] \Delta s \\ &+ \sum_{k=1}^m CM_2 e_{(-M)}(\sigma(T), t_k) e_{(-M)}(t, 0) \omega(t_k) \\ &+ \int_0^t e_{(-M)}(t, \sigma(s)) \left[ h(s) - N \int_0^s k(s, \tau) x(\tau) \Delta\tau \right] \Delta s \\ &+ \sum_{0 < t_k < t} e_{(-M)}(t, t_k) \omega(t_k) \\ &= Ce_{(-M)}(t, 0)B\eta \\ &+ \int_t^{\sigma(T)} CM_2 e_{(-M)}(t, 0) e_{(-M)}(\sigma(T), \sigma(s)) \left[ h(s) - N \int_0^s k(s, \tau) x(\tau) \Delta\tau \right] \Delta s \\ &+ \int_0^t [CM_2 e_{(-M)}(t, 0) e_{(-M)}(\sigma(T), \sigma(s)) + e_{(-M)}(t, \sigma(s))] \\ &\quad \times \left[ h(s) - N \int_0^s k(s, \tau) x(\tau) \Delta\tau \right] \Delta s \\ &+ \sum_{t \leq t_k < \sigma(T)} [CM_2 e_{(-M)}(t, 0) e_{(-M)}(\sigma(T), t_k) + e_{(-M)}(t, t_k)] \omega(t_k) \\ &+ \sum_{0 < t_k < t} CM_2 e_{(-M)}(t, 0) e_{(-M)}(\sigma(T), t_k) \omega(t_k) \\ &= Ce_{(-M)}(t, 0)B\eta + \int_0^{\sigma(T)} G(t, s) \left[ h(s) - N \int_0^s k(s, \tau) x(\tau) \Delta\tau \right] \Delta s \\ &\quad + \sum_{k=1}^m G(t, t_k) \omega(t_k), \end{aligned}$$

i.e.  $x(t)$  is also the solution of (3.10).

On the other hand, assume  $x(t)$  is a solution of (3.10). By direct computation, we have

$$G_t^\Delta(t, s) = \begin{cases} -M[CM_2 e_{(-M)}(t, 0) e_{(-M)}(\sigma(T), \sigma(s)) + e_{(-M)}(t, \sigma(s))], \\ \quad \text{if } 0 \leq \sigma(s) < t \leq \sigma(T); \\ -M[CM_2 e_{(-M)}(t, 0) e_{(-M)}(\sigma(T), \sigma(s))], \\ \quad \text{if } 0 \leq t \leq \sigma(s) \leq \sigma(T). \end{cases}$$

Hence

$$G_t^\Delta(t, s) = -MG(t, s).$$

$\Delta$ -differentiating (3.10) for  $t \neq t_k$ , then

$$x^\Delta(t) = -Mx(t) + h(t) - N \int_0^t k(t, s)x(s)\Delta s.$$

It is easy to verify that

$$\begin{aligned} x(t_k^+) - x(t_k^-) &= \omega(t_k), \\ M_1x(0) - M_2x(\sigma(T)) &= -g(\eta(0), \eta(\sigma(T))) + M_1\eta(0) - M_2\eta(\sigma(T)). \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof. □

**Lemma 3.4.** *If  $M > 0$ ,  $N \geq 0$ ,  $M_1 > M_2e_{(-M)}(\sigma(T), 0)$  and*

$$(3.17) \quad \sup_{t \in J} \left\{ \int_0^{\sigma(T)} NG(t, s) \int_0^s k(s, \tau)\Delta\tau\Delta s \right\} + (CM_2 + 1) \sum_{k=1}^m L_k < 1,$$

where  $C = [M_1 - M_2e_{(-M)}(\sigma(T), 0)]^{-1}$ ,  $0 \leq L_k < 1$ ,  $k = 1, 2, \dots, m$ , then BVP (3.9) has a unique solution in  $\Omega$ .

*Proof.* For any  $x \in \Omega$ , define an operator  $F : \Omega \rightarrow \Omega$  by

$$\begin{aligned} (Fx)(t) &= Ce_{(-M)}(t, 0)B\eta + \int_0^{\sigma(T)} G(t, s) \left[ h(s) - N \int_0^s k(s, \tau)x(\tau)\Delta\tau \right] \Delta s \\ &\quad + \sum_{k=1}^m G(t, t_k)[-L_kx(t_k) + I_k(\eta(t_k)) + L_k\eta(t_k)], \quad t \in J, \end{aligned}$$

where  $B\eta$  and  $G$  are given in Lemma 3.3.

Since

$$\max_{t, s \in J} G(t, s) = CM_2 + 1,$$

for any  $x, y \in \Omega$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} &|(Fx)(t) - (Fy)(t)| \\ &= \left| \int_0^{\sigma(T)} G(t, s)N \int_0^s k(s, \tau)[y(\tau) - x(\tau)]\Delta\tau\Delta s + \sum_{k=1}^m G(t, t_k)L_k(y(t_k) - x(t_k)) \right| \\ &\leq \xi \|x - y\|_{PC}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\|Fx - Fy\|_{PC} = \sup_{t \in J} |(Fx)(t) - (Fy)(t)| \leq \xi \|x - y\|_{PC},$$

where

$$\xi = \sup_{t \in J} \left\{ \int_0^{\sigma(T)} NG(t, s) \int_0^s k(s, \tau)\Delta\tau\Delta s \right\} + (CM_2 + 1) \sum_{k=1}^m L_k < 1.$$

Thus  $F$  is a contractive operator and Banach fixed-point theorem assures that it has a unique fixed point in  $x$ , which is the unique solution of BVP (3.9). □

4. MAIN RESULTS

We say that  $\alpha_0, \beta_0 \in \Omega$  are lower and upper solutions of NBVP (3.1) if

$$\begin{cases} \alpha_0^\Delta(t) \leq f(t, \alpha_0(t), \int_0^t k(t, s)\alpha_0(s)\Delta s), & t \in J', \\ \alpha_0(t_k^+) - \alpha_0(t_k^-) \leq I_k(\alpha_0(t_k)), & k = 1, 2, \dots, m, \\ g(\alpha_0(0), \alpha_0(\sigma(T))) \leq 0, \end{cases}$$

and

$$\begin{cases} \beta_0^\Delta(t) \geq f(t, \beta_0(t), \int_0^t k(t, s)\beta_0(s)\Delta s), & t \in J', \\ \beta_0(t_k^+) - \beta_0(t_k^-) \geq I_k(\beta_0(t_k)), & k = 1, 2, \dots, m, \\ g(\beta_0(0), \beta_0(\sigma(T))) \geq 0. \end{cases}$$

We formulate the following theorem, which will be used in the proof of the main results.

**Theorem 4.1** (11,12]). *Assume that  $\{f_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is a function sequence on  $J$  such that*

- (i)  $\{f_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is uniformly bounded on  $J$ ;
- (ii)  $\{f_n^\Delta\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is uniformly bounded on  $J$ ,

*then there is a subsequence of  $\{f_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  converges uniformly on  $J$ .*

Let  $[\alpha_0, \beta_0] = \{x \in \Omega : \alpha_0(t) \leq x(t) \leq \beta_0(t), t \in J\}$ . Now we are in the position to establish the main results of this paper.

**Theorem 4.2.** *Assume that the following conditions hold:*

- (H<sub>1</sub>)  $\alpha_0, \beta_0 \in \Omega$  are lower and upper solutions of NBVP (3.1), respectively, such that  $\alpha_0 \leq \beta_0$ .
- (H<sub>2</sub>) There exist constants  $M > 0, N \geq 0$  such that

$$f(t, x_1, y_1) - f(t, x_2, y_2) \geq -M(x_1 - x_2) - N(y_1 - y_2),$$

$$\alpha_0(t) \leq x_2 \leq x_1 \leq \beta_0(t), \quad y_2 \leq y_1, \quad t \in J,$$

*where  $\mu(t)M < 1$  for  $t \in J$ .*

- (H<sub>3</sub>) There exist constants  $0 \leq L_k < 1$  for  $k = 1, 2, \dots, m$  such that

$$I_k(x) - I_k(y) \geq -L_k(x - y),$$

$$\alpha_0(t_k) \leq y \leq x \leq \beta_0(t_k).$$

- (H<sub>4</sub>) There exist constants  $M_1, M_2$  such that

$$g(x_1, y_1) - g(x_2, y_2) \leq M_1(x_1 - x_2) - M_2(y_1 - y_2),$$

$$\alpha_0(0) \leq x_2 \leq x_1 \leq \beta_0(0), \quad \alpha_0(\sigma(T)) \leq y_2 \leq y_1 \leq \beta_0(\sigma(T)),$$

*wherever  $0 < M_2e_{(-M)}(\sigma(T), 0) < M_1$ .*

In addition, assume that inequalities (3.3) and (3.17) hold, then there exist monotone sequences  $\{\alpha_n\}, \{\beta_n\} \subset \Omega$  with  $\alpha_0 \leq \dots \leq \alpha_n \leq \dots \leq \beta_n \leq \dots \leq \beta_0$ , such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \alpha_n = x_*(t)$ ,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \beta_n = x^*(t)$  uniformly on  $J$ . Moreover,  $x_*(t)$ ,  $x^*(t)$  are minimal and maximal solutions of NBVP (3.1) in  $[\alpha_0, \beta_0]$ , respectively.

*Proof.* For any  $\eta \in [\alpha_0, \beta_0]$ , consider BVP (3.9) with

$$h(t) = f(t, \eta(t), \int_0^t k(t, s)\eta(s)\Delta s) + M\eta(t) + N \int_0^t k(t, s)\eta(s)\Delta s.$$

By Lemma 3.4, we know that BVP (3.9) has a unique solution  $x \in \Omega$ . Define an operator  $A : \Omega \rightarrow \Omega$  by  $x = A\eta$ , then the operator  $A$  has the following properties:

- (a)  $\alpha_0 \leq A\alpha_0, A\beta_0 \leq \beta_0$ ;
- (b)  $A\eta_1 \leq A\eta_2$ , if  $\alpha_0 \leq \eta_1 \leq \eta_2 \leq \beta_0$ .

To prove (a), let  $\alpha_1 = A\alpha_0$ , and  $m(t) = \alpha_0(t) - \alpha_1(t)$ . Using (H<sub>1</sub>) and (H<sub>3</sub>), we get

$$\begin{aligned} m^\Delta(t) &= \alpha_0^\Delta(t) - \alpha_1^\Delta(t) \\ &\leq f(t, \alpha_0(t), \int_0^t k(t, s)\alpha_0(s)\Delta s) - \left\{ -M\alpha_1(t) - N \int_0^t k(t, s)\alpha_1(s)\Delta s \right. \\ &\quad \left. + f(t, \alpha_0(t), \int_0^t k(t, s)\alpha_0(s)\Delta s) + M\alpha_0(t) + N \int_0^t k(t, s)\alpha_0(s)\Delta s \right\} \\ &\leq -Mm(t) - N \int_0^t k(t, s)m(s)\Delta s, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} m(t_k^+) - m(t_k^-) &= \alpha_0(t_k^+) - \alpha_0(t_k^-) - [\alpha_1(t_k^+) - \alpha_1(t_k^-)] \\ &\leq I_k(\alpha_0(t_k)) - \{-L_k\alpha_1(t_k) + I_k(\alpha_0(t_k)) + L_k\alpha_0(t_k)\} \\ &\leq -L_k m(t_k), \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} m(0) &= \alpha_0(0) - \alpha_1(0) \\ &= \alpha_0(0) - \left\{ -\frac{1}{M}g(\alpha_0(0), \alpha_0(\sigma(T))) + \alpha_0(0) + \frac{M_2}{M_1}(\alpha_1(\sigma(T)) - \alpha_0(\sigma(T))) \right\} \\ &\leq \frac{M_2}{M_1}m(\sigma(T)). \end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 3.2, we get  $m(t) \leq 0$  for  $t \in J$  i.e.  $\alpha_0 \leq A\alpha_0$ . Similarly, we can show that  $A\beta_0 \leq \beta_0$ .

To prove (b), set  $n(t) = x_1(t) - x_2(t)$ , where  $x_1 = A\eta_1$  and  $x_2 = A\eta_2$ .

$$\begin{aligned} n^\Delta(t) &= x_1^\Delta(t) - x_2^\Delta(t) \\ &= M(\eta_1(t) - \eta_2(t)) + N \int_0^t k(t, s)[\eta_1(s) - \eta_2(s)]\Delta s \\ &\quad + f(t, \eta_1(t), \int_0^t k(t, s)\eta_1(s)\Delta s) \\ &\quad - M(\eta_2(t) - \eta_1(t)) - N \int_0^t k(t, s)[\eta_2(s) - \eta_1(s)]\Delta s \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& -f(t, \eta_2(t)), \int_0^t k(t, s) \eta_2(s) \Delta s \\
\leq & -Mn(t) - N \int_0^t k(t, s) n(s) \Delta s,
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
n(t_k^+) - n(t_k^-) &= x_1(t_k^+) - x_1(t_k^-) - [x_2(t_k^+) - x_2(t_k^-)] \\
&\leq L_k(\eta_1(t_k) - x_1(t_k)) + I_k(\eta_1(t_k)) - L_k(\eta_2(t_k) - x_2(t_k)) - I_k(\eta_2(t_k)) \\
&\leq -L_k n(t_k),
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
n(0) &= x_1(0) - x_2(0) \\
&= -\frac{1}{M}g(\eta_1(0), \eta_1(\sigma(T))) + \eta_1(0) + \frac{M_2}{M_1}(x_1(\sigma(T)) - \eta_1(\sigma(T))) \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{M}g(\eta_2(0), \eta_2(\sigma(T))) - \eta_2(0) - \frac{M_2}{M_1}(x_2(\sigma(T)) - \eta_2(\sigma(T))) \\
&\leq \frac{M_2}{M_1}n(\sigma(T)).
\end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 3.2, we get  $n(t) \leq 0$  for  $t \in J$  i.e.  $A\eta_1 \leq A\eta_2$ , then (b) is proved.

Let  $\alpha_n = A\alpha_{n-1}$ , and  $\beta_n = A\beta_{n-1}$  for  $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ . By the properties (a) and (b), we have

$$(4.1) \quad \alpha_0 \leq \alpha_1 \leq \dots \leq \alpha_n \leq \dots \leq \beta_n \leq \dots \leq \beta_1 \leq \beta_0.$$

By the definition of operator  $A$ , we have that  $\{\alpha_n^\Delta\}$  and  $\{\beta_n^\Delta\}$  are uniformly bounded in  $[\alpha_0, \beta_0]$ . By Theorem 4.1 and (4.1), we know that there exist  $x_*$ ,  $x^*$  in  $[\alpha_0, \beta_0]$  such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \alpha_n(t) = x_*(t), \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \beta_n(t) = x^*(t) \quad \text{uniformly on } J.$$

Moreover,  $x_*(t)$ ,  $x^*(t)$  are solutions of NBVP (3.1) in  $[\alpha_0, \beta_0]$ .

To prove that  $x_*$ ,  $x^*$  are extremal solutions of NBVP (3.1), let  $u(t) \in [\alpha_0, \beta_0]$  be any solution of NBVP (3.1). By Lemma 3.2 and induction, we get  $\alpha_n(t) \leq u(t) \leq \beta_n(t)$  with  $t \in J$  and  $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$  which implies that  $x_*(t) \leq u(t) \leq x^*(t)$ , i.e.  $x_*$  and  $x^*$  are minimal and maximal solution of NBVP (3.1) in  $[\alpha_0, \beta_0]$ , respectively. The proof is completed.  $\square$

**Theorem 4.3.** *Suppose that all the assumptions of Theorem 4.2 and the following conditions hold:*

(H<sub>5</sub>) *There exist constants  $\overline{M} > 0$ ,  $\overline{N} \geq 0$  such that*

$$f(t, x_1, y_1) - f(t, x_2, y_2) \leq -\overline{M}(x_1 - x_2) - \overline{N}(y_1 - y_2),$$

$$\alpha_0(t) \leq x_2 \leq x_1 \leq \beta_0(t), \quad y_2 \leq y_1, \quad t \in J,$$

where  $\mu(t)\overline{M} < 1$  for  $t \in J$ .

(H<sub>6</sub>) There exist constants  $0 \leq \bar{L}_k < 1$ , for  $k = 1, 2, \dots, m$ , such that

$$I_k(x) - I_k(y) \leq -\bar{L}_k(x - y),$$

$$\alpha_0(t_k) \leq y \leq x \leq \beta_0(t_k).$$

(H<sub>7</sub>) There exist constants  $\bar{M}_1, \bar{M}_2$  such that

$$g(x_1, y_1) - g(x_2, y_2) \geq \bar{M}_1(x_1 - x_2) - \bar{M}_2(y_1 - y_2),$$

$$\alpha_0(0) \leq x_2 \leq x_1 \leq \beta_0(0), \quad \alpha_0(\sigma(T)) \leq y_2 \leq y_1 \leq \beta_0(\sigma(T)),$$

wherever  $0 < \bar{M}_2 e_{(-M)}(\sigma(T), 0) < \bar{M}_1$ .

Then NBVP (3.1) has a unique solution in  $[\alpha_0, \beta_0]$ .

*Proof.* By Theorem 4.2, we know that there exist  $x_*, x^* \in [\alpha_0, \beta_0]$ , which are minimal and maximal solutions of NBVP (3.1) with  $x_*(t) \leq x^*(t)$ ,  $t \in J$ . Let  $m(t) = x^*(t) - x_*(t)$ . Using (H<sub>6</sub>), (H<sub>7</sub>) and (H<sub>8</sub>), we get

$$\begin{aligned} m^\Delta(t) &= (x^*(t))^\Delta - (x_*(t))^\Delta \\ &= f(t, x^*(t), \int_0^t k(t, s)x^*(s)\Delta s) - f\left(t, x_*(t), \int_0^t k(t, s)x_*(s)\Delta s\right) \\ &\leq -\bar{M}m(t) - \bar{N} \int_0^t k(t, s)m(s)\Delta s, \\ m(t_k^+) - m(t_k^-) &= x^*(t_k^+) - x^*(t_k^-) - [x_*(t_k^+) - x_*(t_k^-)] \\ &= I_k(x^*(t_k)) - I_k(x_*(t_k)) \\ &\leq -\bar{L}_k m(t_k), \\ m(0) &= x^*(0) - x_*(0) \\ &\leq \frac{\bar{M}_2}{\bar{M}_1}(x^*(\sigma(T)) - x_*(\sigma(T))) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{\bar{M}_1}(g(x^*(0), x^*(\sigma(T))) - g(x_*(0), x_*(\sigma(T)))) \\ &= \frac{\bar{M}_2}{\bar{M}_1}m(\sigma(T)). \end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 3.2, we have that  $m(t) < 0$ ,  $t \in J$  i.e.  $x^*(t) \leq x_*(t)$ . Hence  $x^*(t) = x_*(t)$ , this completes the proof. □

### 5. EXAMPLE

Consider the following problem on time scale  $\mathbb{T}$ :

$$(5.1) \quad \begin{cases} x^\Delta(t) = t^2 - 2x(t) - e^{-4} \int_0^t (ts)x(s)\Delta s, & t \in [0, \sigma(T)]_{\mathbb{T}}, t \neq \frac{T}{2}, \\ x(t_1^+) - x(t_1^-) = -\frac{1}{4}x(t_1), & t_1 = \frac{T}{2}, \\ x(0) = \frac{1}{2}x(\sigma(T)) - \frac{1}{6}x^2(0), \end{cases}$$

where  $0, T \in \mathbb{T}$  and  $T = 2$ .

1. Let  $\mathbb{T} = \mathbb{R}$ .

It is easy to see that

$$\alpha_0(t) \equiv 0, \quad \beta_0(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}e^t, & t \in [0, 1] \\ e^t, & t \in (1, 2] \end{cases}$$

are lower and upper solutions of problem (5.1) such that  $\alpha_0(t) \leq \beta_0(t)$  for  $t \in [0, 2]$ .

For all  $t \in [0, 2]$ ,  $x, y, u, v \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $x \geq u$ , we have

$$f(t, x, y) - f(t, u, v) = -2(x - u) - e^{-4}(y - v),$$

$$I_1(x) - I_1(u) = -\frac{1}{4}(x - u).$$

For  $x, u \in [\alpha_0(0), \beta_0(0)]$ ,  $y, v \in [\alpha_0(2), \beta_0(2)]$ , we have

$$g(x, y) - g(u, v) = \left[\frac{1}{6}(x + u) + 1\right](x + u) - \frac{1}{2}(y - v) \leq \frac{1}{2}e^2(x - u) - \frac{1}{2}(y - v).$$

Let  $M = 2$ ,  $N = e^{-4}$ ,  $L_1 = \frac{1}{4}$ ,  $M_1 = \frac{1}{2}e^2$  and  $M_2 = \frac{1}{2}$ , then conditions (H<sub>1</sub>)–(H<sub>4</sub>) of Theorem 4.2 are satisfied.

Since

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^2 q(s)ds &= \int_0^1 N \int_0^t (ts)e^{M(t-s)}(1 - L_1)dsdt + \int_1^2 N \int_0^t (ts)e^{M(t-s)}dsdt \\ &\approx 0.154 \leq 1 - L_1 = 0.75, \end{aligned}$$

$$\int_0^2 NG(t, s) \int_0^s (s\tau)d\tau ds \leq \frac{N}{2}(CM_2 + 1) \int_0^2 s^3 ds \approx 0.04,$$

$$(CM_2 + 1)L_1 = L_1 \left( \frac{M_2}{M_1 - M_2 e^{-2M}} + 1 \right) \approx 0.32,$$

$$\sup_{t \in [0, 2]} \left\{ \int_0^2 NG(t, s) \int_0^s (s\tau)d\tau ds \right\} + (CM_2 + 1)L_1 \leq 0.04 + 0.32 = 0.36 < 1.$$

Hence, inequalities (3.3) and (3.17) are satisfied. By Theorem 4.2, problem (5.1) has extremal solutions in  $[\alpha_0, \beta_0]$ . Moreover, set  $\overline{M} = 2$ ,  $\overline{N} = e^{-4}$ ,  $\overline{L}_1 = \frac{1}{4}$ ,  $\overline{M}_1 = \frac{1}{2}e^2$  and  $\overline{M}_2 = \frac{1}{2}$ , then all the conditions of Theorem 4.3 are satisfied, that is, problem (5.1) has a unique solution in  $[\alpha_0, \beta_0]$ .

**2.** Let  $\mathbb{T} = \{0\} \cup [\frac{1}{3}, \frac{5}{3}] \cup [2, \infty)$ .

Obviously,  $\alpha_0 \equiv 0$  and  $\beta_0 \equiv 2$  are lower and upper solutions of problem (5.1). If  $t \in \{0, \frac{5}{3}\}$ ,  $\mu(t) = \sigma(t) - t = \frac{1}{3}$ ; if  $t \in \mathbb{T} / \{0, \frac{5}{3}\}$ ,  $\mu(t) \equiv 0$ . Let  $M = 2$ ,  $N = e^{-4}$ ,  $L_1 = \frac{1}{4}$ ,  $M_1 = \frac{1}{2}e^2$  and  $M_2 = \frac{1}{2}$ , then conditions (H<sub>1</sub>)–(H<sub>4</sub>) of Theorem 4.1 are satisfied.

By direct computation, we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_{\frac{1}{3}}^{\frac{5}{3}} \frac{N}{1 - \mu(t)M} \int_0^t (ts) \prod_{s < t_k < 2} (1 - L_k) e_{\ominus(-M)}(t, s) \Delta s \Delta t \\ &= \int_{\frac{1}{3}}^{\frac{5}{3}} N \int_0^t (ts) \prod_{s < t_k < 2} (1 - L_k) e^{M(t-s)} ds dt \\ &\approx 0.06. \end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 2.2, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^{\frac{1}{3}} \frac{N}{1 - \mu(t)M} \int_0^t (ts) \prod_{s < t_k < 2} (1 - L_k) e_{\ominus(-M)}(t, s) \Delta s \Delta t \\ &= \int_0^{\sigma(0)} \frac{N}{1 - \mu(t)M} \int_0^t (ts) \prod_{s < t_k < 2} (1 - L_k) e_{\ominus(-M)}(t, s) \Delta s \Delta t = 0, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\frac{5}{3}}^2 \frac{N}{1 - \mu(t)M} \int_0^t (ts) \prod_{s < t_k < 2} (1 - L_k) e_{\ominus(-M)}(t, s) \Delta s \Delta t \\ &= \int_{\frac{5}{3}}^{\sigma(\frac{5}{3})} \frac{N}{1 - \mu(t)M} \int_0^t (ts) \prod_{s < t_k < 2} (1 - L_k) e_{\ominus(-M)}(t, s) \Delta s \Delta t \\ &= \frac{5}{3e^4} \int_0^{\frac{5}{3}} s \prod_{s < t_k < 2} (1 - L_k) e_{\ominus(-M)}\left(\frac{5}{3}, s\right) \Delta s \\ &= \frac{5}{3e^4} \left[ \int_0^{\frac{1}{3}} s \prod_{s < t_k < 2} (1 - L_k) e_{\ominus(-M)}\left(\frac{5}{3}, s\right) \Delta s + \int_{\frac{1}{3}}^{\frac{5}{3}} s \prod_{s < t_k < 2} (1 - L_k) e_{\ominus(-M)}\left(\frac{5}{3}, s\right) \Delta s \right] \\ &= \frac{5}{3e^4} \int_{\frac{1}{3}}^{\frac{5}{3}} s \prod_{s < t_k < 2} (1 - L_k) e^{M(\frac{5}{3}-s)} ds \\ &\approx 0.40. \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\int_0^2 q(s) \Delta s \approx 0.40 + 0.06 < 1 - L_1 = 0.75.$$

Since

$$\int_0^2 e^{-4} G(t, s) \int_s^\tau s \tau \Delta \tau \Delta s \leq 8e^{-4} (CM_2 + 1),$$

we have

$$\sup_{t \in [0, 2]_{\mathbb{T}}} \left\{ \int_0^2 NG(t, s) \int_0^s s \tau \Delta \tau \Delta s \right\} + (CM_2 + 1)L_1 \leq \left(8e^{-4} + \frac{1}{4}\right)(CM_2 + 1) \approx 0.13 < 1,$$

thus, inequalities (3.3) and (3.17) are satisfied. By Theorem 4.2, we know that there exist extremal solutions in  $[\alpha_0, \beta_0]$ . Moreover, let  $\overline{M} = 2$ ,  $\overline{N} = e^{-4}$ ,  $\overline{L}_1 = \frac{1}{4}$ ,  $\overline{M}_1 = \frac{1}{2}e^2$  and  $\overline{M}_2 = \frac{1}{2}$ , then conditions (H<sub>5</sub>)-(H<sub>7</sub>) of Theorem 4.3 are satisfied, i.e. problem (5.1) has an unique solution in  $[\alpha_0, \beta_0]$ .

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