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# Existence of Solutions of Second Order Boundary Value Problems with Integral Boundary Conditions and Singularities

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By the notation and monotone convergence theorem of Henstock-Kurzweil integral, we investigate the existence of continuous solutions for the second order boundary value problems with integral boundary conditions in which the nonlinearities  $f(t, x(t))$  are allowed to have the singularities in  $t$  and are not Lebesgue integrable.

## 1. Introduction

The singular boundary value problems

$$\begin{aligned} -x'' &= f(t, x), \quad t \in (0, 1), \\ \alpha x(0) - \beta x'(0) &= 0, \\ \gamma x(1) + \delta x'(1) &= 0, \end{aligned} \tag{1.1}$$

where  $f(t, x)$  may be singular at  $t = 0$  and  $t = 1$ , have been studied extensively; see, for example, [1–8], and the references contained therein.

In [7], Taliaferro showed that problem (1.1) has a  $C[0, 1] \cap C^1(0, 1)$  solution, where  $\beta = 0, \delta = 0$ , and  $f(t, x) = q(t)x^{-\lambda}, \lambda > 0, q \in C(0, 1)$  with  $q > 0$  and  $\int_0^1 t(1-t)q(t)dt < +\infty$ .

Since then, there are many improvements of this result in literatures for more general case.

In [5] and other literatures, the authors studied (1.1) in the case where  $f(t, x) = q(t)g(x)$ ,  $g : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  is continuous, and  $q \in C(0, 1)$  with  $\int_0^1 t(1-t)q(t)dt < +\infty$  or in the case where  $f(t, x) : (0, 1) \times R \rightarrow R$  is continuous and satisfies  $|f(t, x)| \leq h(t)$  with  $h \in C((0, 1), R^+)$  and  $\int_0^1 t(1-t)q(t)dt < +\infty$ . We note that  $f(t, x)$  admit a time singularity at  $t = 0$  and/or  $t = 1$  and space singularity at  $x = 0$ .

In [4], the authors considered (1.1) when  $\beta = 0, \delta = 0$ ,  $f(t, x) = q(t)g(x)$ ,  $g : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  is continuous, and  $q \in L^1(0, 1), q(t) \geq 0$  a.e. (in particular,  $q$  is allowed to have a finite number of singularities).

In [1], Agarwal and O'Regan studied (1.1) when  $\beta = 0, \delta = 0$ , and  $f(t, x)$  satisfies the following caratheodory conditions.

(C<sub>1</sub>) The map  $x \mapsto f(t, x)$  is continuous for a.e.  $t \in [0, 1]$ .

(C<sub>2</sub>) The map  $t \mapsto f(t, x)$  is measurable for all  $x \in R$ .

(C<sub>3</sub>) There exists  $h \in L^1_{\text{loc}}(0, 1)$  with  $\int_0^1 t(1-t)h(t)dt < +\infty$  such that  $|f(t, x)| \leq h(t)$  for a.e.  $t \in [0, 1]$  and  $x \in R$ .

In [8], the authors studied (1.1) with  $\beta = 0$  as well as  $\delta = 0$  and supposed that  $f(t, x) = f_1(t, x) + q(t)$ ,  $f_1(t, x) : (0, 1) \times R \rightarrow R$  is continuous, and  $q \in L^1(0, 1)$ .

It is noticed that the case

$$f(t, x) = f_1(t, x) + 2 \sin \frac{1}{t} - \frac{2}{t} \cos \frac{1}{t} - \frac{1}{t^2} \sin \frac{1}{t} \quad (1.2)$$

with  $f_1(t, x) : (0, 1) \times R \rightarrow R$  being continuous is not included in all those papers abovementioned.

In this paper, motivated by this case, relying on theory of Henstock-Kurzweil integral, we investigate the following second order boundary value problems with integral boundary conditions

$$\begin{aligned} -x'' &= f(t, x), \quad t \in (0, 1), \\ x(0) - k_1 x'(0) &= \int_0^1 h_1(s, x(s)) ds, \\ x(1) + k_2 x'(1) &= \int_0^1 h_2(s, x(s)) ds, \end{aligned} \quad (1.3)$$

where  $k_1, k_2$  are nonnegative constants and  $f(t, x), h_i(t, x) (i = 1, 2)$  are not certainly  $L^1$ -integrable.

Henstock-Kurzweil integral encompasses the Newton, Riemann and Lebesgue integrals. A particular feature of this integral is that integrals of highly oscillating function which occur in quantum theory and nonlinear analysis such as  $F'(t)$ , where  $F(t) = t^2 \sin t^{-2}$  on  $(0, 1]$  and  $F(0) = 0$ , can be defined.

For the literatures in which the theory of Henstock-Kurzweil integral to study differential equations is used we refer to [9–14] and so on.

This paper is organized as follows. In Section 2, we make some preliminaries in Henstock-Kurzweil integral; in Section 3, we will prove the equivalence of problem (1.3) and an integral equation as well as existence and uniqueness of solution for the linear problem

which associate with (1.3); in Section 4, we are devoted to the existence results for the singular problem (1.3). An example will be given in Section 5.

## 2. Preliminaries

In this section we introduce the basic facts on Henstock-Kurzweil integrability, a concept that extends the classical Lebesgue integrability on the real line. All notations and properties can be found in the references (see, e.g., [13, 14]).

Let  $[0, 1]$  be the real unit interval provided with the  $\sigma$ -algebra  $\Sigma$  of Lebesgue measurable sets with the Lebesgue measure  $\mu$ .

*Definition 2.1* (see [13, 14]). One says that  $D = \{(I_i, t_i)\}$  is a tagged partition of  $[0, 1]$  if  $\{I_i\}$  is a finite family of closed subintervals  $I_i$  of  $[0, 1]$  which are nonoverlapping, that is, their interiors are pairwise disjoint, and whose union is  $[0, 1]$ , and if  $t_i \in I_i$ . Given a function  $\delta : [0, 1] \rightarrow (0, \infty)$  (called a gauge of  $[0, 1]$ ), one says that a tagged partition  $D = \{(I_i, t_i)\}$  is  $\delta$ -fine if  $I_i \subset (t_i - \delta(t_i), t_i + \delta(t_i))$  for every  $i$ .

*Definition 2.2* (see [13, 14]). A function  $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow R$  is said to be Henstock-Kurzweil (shortly HK) integrable if there exists a real  $z$  satisfying that, for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there is a gauge  $\delta_\varepsilon$  such that

$$\left| \sum_{i=1}^n f(t_i) \mu(I_i) - z \right| < \varepsilon \quad (2.1)$$

for every  $\delta_\varepsilon$ -finite partition  $D = \{(I_i, t_i)\}$ . One says that

$$z = (\text{HK}) \int_0^1 f(t) dt \quad (2.2)$$

is a Henstock-Kurzweil (shortly HK) integral of  $f$  over  $[0, 1]$ .

A function  $F$  is absolutely continuous (or  $AC^*$ ) on  $E \subset [0, 1]$  if for each  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that  $\sum_i \omega(F; [c_i, d_i]) < \varepsilon$  whenever  $\{[c_i, d_i]\}$  is a finite collection of nonoverlapping intervals that have endpoints in  $E$  and satisfy  $\sum_i (d_i - c_i) < \delta$  while  $\omega(F; [c_i, d_i])$  denotes the oscillation of  $f$  over  $[c_i, d_i]$ ; that is,

$$\omega(F; [c_i, d_i]) = \sup\{|F(x) - F(y)| : x, y \in [c_i, d_i]\}. \quad (2.3)$$

A function  $F$  is generalized absolutely continuous (or  $ACG^*$ ) on  $E$  if  $F$  is continuous on  $E$  and if  $E$  can be expressed as a countable union of sets on each of which  $F$  is absolutely continuous (or  $AC^*$ ).

For the Lebesgue integral of function  $f$ , we denote that  $\int_0^t f(s) ds$ .

Denote by  $C$  the continuous functions space on  $[0, 1]$ , by  $AC$  the absolutely continuous functions space on  $[0, 1]$ , by  $ACG^*$  the generalized absolutely continuous functions space on  $[0, 1]$ , and by  $H$  the space of HK-integrable functions from  $[0, 1]$  to  $R$ . Assume that the space  $C$  is equipped with pointwise ordering and normed by the maximum norm, and that the space  $H$  is equipped with a.e. pointwise ordering and normed by the Alexiewicz norm.

The following Lemma 2.3–Lemma 2.7 are from [13, 14].

**Lemma 2.3.** *The Henstock-Kurzweil integral is linear, and additive over nonoverlapping intervals of  $[0, 1]$ .*

**Lemma 2.4.** *Let  $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow R$  be HK-integrable and let  $g : [0, 1] \rightarrow R$  be bounded variation. Then  $fg$  is HK-integrable, and for every  $t \in [0, 1]$*

$$(HK) \int_0^t f(s)g(s)ds = g(t)(HK) \int_0^t f(s)ds - \int_0^t \left( g'(s)(HK) \int_0^s f(\tau)d\tau \right) ds. \quad (2.4)$$

**Lemma 2.5.** *Let  $f_{\pm} : [0, 1] \rightarrow R$  be HK-integrable. If  $f_-(s) \leq f_+(s)$  for almost every  $s \in [0, 1]$ , and if  $[a, b] \subseteq [0, 1]$ , then*

$$(HK) \int_a^b f_-(s)ds \leq (HK) \int_a^b f_+(s)ds. \quad (2.5)$$

**Lemma 2.6.** *Let  $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow R$  be HK-integrable. Then the relation*

$$\tilde{f}(t) = c + (HK) \int_0^t f(s)ds, \quad t \in [0, 1], \quad (2.6)$$

*defined a function  $\tilde{f} : [0, 1] \rightarrow R$ , which is continuous and belongs to  $ACG^*$ , a.e. derivable and  $\tilde{f}'(t) = f(t)$  a.e. on  $[0, 1]$ .*

*$\tilde{f}$  is called a primitive of  $f$ .*

**Lemma 2.7.** *Assume that functions  $f_n : [0, 1] \rightarrow R$ ,  $n \in N$  and  $f_{\pm} : [0, 1] \rightarrow R$  are HK-integrable, that the sequence  $\{f_n(s)\}$  is increasing (respectively decreasing) for almost every  $s \in [0, 1]$ , and that*

$$f_-(s) \leq f_n(s) \leq f_+(s) \quad (2.7)$$

*for all  $n \in N$  and a.e.  $s \in [0, 1]$ . Then there exists such an HK-integrable function  $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow R$ , that  $f(s) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(s)$  for a.e.  $s \in [0, 1]$ , and that*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (HK) \int_0^1 f_n(s)ds = (HK) \int_0^1 f(s)ds. \quad (2.8)$$

### 3. Linear Problem

We know that the homogeneous problem

$$\begin{aligned} -x'' &= 0, & t \in (0, 1), \\ x(0) - k_1 x'(0) &= 0, \\ x(1) + k_2 x'(1) &= 0, \end{aligned} \quad (3.1)$$

has only the trivial solution and Green's function is

$$G(t, s) = \frac{1}{k_1 + k_2 + 1} \begin{cases} (k_1 + t)(k_2 + 1 - s), & 0 \leq t \leq s \leq 1, \\ (k_1 + s)(k_2 + 1 - t), & 0 \leq s \leq t \leq 1. \end{cases} \quad (3.2)$$

It is easy to prove the following lemma.

**Lemma 3.1.** *For every  $t \in [0, 1]$ , functions  $s \mapsto G(t, s)$  and  $s \mapsto (\partial G / \partial t)(t, s)$  are derivable on  $[0, t]$  and  $(t, 1]$  and their derivations are absolutely continuous.*

**Lemma 3.2.** *Let  $\sigma : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be an HK-integrable function, then*

- (1) *for every  $t \in [0, 1]$ ,  $G(t, s)\sigma(s)$  and  $(\partial G / \partial t)(t, s)\sigma(s)$  are HK-integrable in  $s$ ;*
- (2) *the function, where  $u_\sigma : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,*

$$u_\sigma(t) = (\text{HK}) \int_0^1 G(t, s)\sigma(s)ds, \quad \forall t \in [0, 1] \quad (3.3)$$

*is derivable a.e. on  $[0, 1]$  and*

$$u'_\sigma(t) = (\text{HK}) \int_0^1 \frac{\partial G}{\partial t}(t, s)\sigma(s)ds, \quad (3.4)$$

- (3)  *$u_\sigma(t)$  satisfies the following conditions:*

$$\begin{aligned} u_\sigma(0) - k_1 u'_\sigma(0) &= 0, \\ u_\sigma(1) + k_2 u'_\sigma(1) &= 0, \end{aligned} \quad (3.5)$$

- (4)  *$u'_\sigma(t)$  is derivable a.e. on  $[0, 1]$  and*

$$-u''_\sigma(t) = \sigma(t), \quad \text{a.e. in } [0, 1]. \quad (3.6)$$

*Proof.* (1) From Lemma 3.1, since we know that  $G(t, s)$  and  $(\partial G / \partial t)(t, s)$  are absolutely continuous respect to  $s$ , and  $\sigma(s) \in H$ , the conclusions are in as follows.

(2) Since

$$\begin{aligned} u_\sigma(t) &= (\text{HK}) \int_0^1 G(t,s)\sigma(s)ds \\ &= \frac{k_1+t}{k_1+k_2+1} (\text{HK}) \int_t^1 (k_2+1-s)\sigma(s)ds \\ &\quad + \frac{k_2+1-t}{k_1+k_2+1} (\text{HK}) \int_0^t (k_1+s)\sigma(s)ds, \end{aligned} \quad (3.7)$$

it follows from Lemma 2.6 that, for a.e.  $t \in [0, 1]$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} u'_\sigma(t) &= \frac{1}{k_1+k_2+1} (\text{HK}) \int_t^1 (k_2+1-s)\sigma(s)ds - \frac{k_1+t}{k_1+k_2+1} (k_2+1-t)\sigma(t) \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{k_1+k_2+1} (\text{HK}) \int_0^t (k_1+s)\sigma(s)ds + \frac{k_2+1-t}{k_1+k_2+1} (k_1+t)\sigma(t) \\ &= (\text{HK}) \int_0^1 \frac{\partial G}{\partial t}(t,s)\sigma(s)ds. \end{aligned} \quad (3.8)$$

(3) Since

$$\begin{aligned} u_\sigma(0) &= \frac{k_1}{k_1+k_2+1} (\text{HK}) \int_0^1 (k_2+1-s)\sigma(s)ds, \\ u'_\sigma(0) &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{u_\sigma(t) - u_\sigma(0)}{t} \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1}{t} \left[ \frac{t}{k_1+k_2+1} (\text{HK}) \int_t^1 (k_2+1-s)\sigma(s)ds \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{k_2+1-t}{k_1+k_2+1} (\text{HK}) \int_0^t (k_1+s)\sigma(s)ds \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \frac{k_1}{k_1+k_2+1} (\text{HK}) \int_0^1 (k_2+1-s)\sigma(s)ds \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{k_1+k_2+1} (\text{HK}) \int_0^1 (k_2+1-s)\sigma(s)ds - \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1}{t} (\text{HK}) \int_0^t s\sigma(s)ds, \end{aligned} \quad (3.9)$$

we claim that

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1}{t} (\text{HK}) \int_0^t s\sigma(s)ds = 0. \quad (3.10)$$

In fact, by Lemma 2.4,

$$(\text{HK}) \int_0^t s\sigma(s)ds = t(\text{HK}) \int_0^t \sigma(s)ds - \int_0^t \left( (\text{HK}) \int_0^s \sigma(\tau)d\tau \right) ds. \tag{3.11}$$

Denote that  $g(s) = (\text{HK}) \int_0^s \sigma(\tau)d\tau$ ; then  $g(s) \in \text{ACG}^*$  and  $\lim_{s \rightarrow 0} g(s) = 0$ . There exists  $t_0 \in [0, t]$  such that

$$\int_0^t g(s)ds = g(t_0)t. \tag{3.12}$$

Therefore,

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1}{t} (\text{HK}) \int_0^t s\sigma(s)ds = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} (\text{HK}) \int_0^t \sigma(s)ds - \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} g(t_0) = 0. \tag{3.13}$$

Thus, we have

$$\begin{aligned} u'_\sigma(0) &= \frac{1}{k_1 + k_2 + 1} (\text{HK}) \int_0^1 (k_2 + 1 - s)\sigma(s)ds, \\ u_\sigma(0) - k_1 u'_\sigma(0) &= 0. \end{aligned} \tag{3.14}$$

The proof of another condition  $u_\sigma(1) + k_2 u'_\sigma(1) = 0$  is similar.

(4) Since

$$u'_\sigma(t) = \frac{1}{k_1 + k_2 + 1} \left( -(\text{HK}) \int_0^t (k_1 + s)\sigma(s)ds + (\text{HK}) \int_t^1 (k_2 + 1 - s)\sigma(s)ds \right) \tag{3.15}$$

for a.e.  $t \in [0, 1]$ , there exists a subset  $I$  of  $[0, 1]$  with  $\mu([0, 1] \setminus I) = 0$  such that  $u'_\sigma(t) \in \text{ACG}^*$  on  $I$ . Relying on Lemma 2.6,  $u'_\sigma(t)$  is derivable a.e. on  $I$  and, therefore, a.e. on  $[0, 1]$ , and

$$\begin{aligned} -u''_\sigma(t) &= \frac{1}{k_1 + k_2 + 1} ((k_1 + t)\sigma(t) + (k_2 + 1 - t)\sigma(t)) \\ &= \sigma(t), \quad \text{a.e. in } [0, 1]. \end{aligned} \tag{3.16}$$

□

**Theorem 3.3.** *Given functions  $\sigma(t)$ ,  $\rho_1(t)$ ,  $\rho_2(t) \in H$ . Then the following nonhomogeneous linear problem*

$$\begin{aligned} -x''(t) &= \sigma(t), \quad t \in (0, 1), \\ x(0) - k_1 x'(0) &= (HK) \int_0^1 \rho_1(s) ds, \\ x(1) + k_2 x'(1) &= (HK) \int_0^1 \rho_2(s) ds, \end{aligned} \quad (3.17)$$

has a unique solution  $x \in ACG^*$  and

$$x(t) = p(t) + (HK) \int_0^1 G(t, s) \sigma(s) ds, \quad (3.18)$$

where

$$p(t) = \frac{k_2 + 1 - t}{k_1 + k_2 + 1} (HK) \int_0^1 \rho_1(s) ds + \frac{k_1 + t}{k_1 + k_2 + 1} (HK) \int_0^1 \rho_2(s) ds. \quad (3.19)$$

*Proof.* We notice that  $p(t) \in C^2[0, 1]$  and

$$\begin{aligned} -p''(t) &= 0, \quad t \in (0, 1), \\ p(0) - k_1 p'(0) &= (HK) \int_0^1 \rho_1(s) ds, \\ p(1) + k_2 p'(1) &= (HK) \int_0^1 \rho_2(s) ds. \end{aligned} \quad (3.20)$$

The facts associated with Lemma 3.2 deduce that the function  $x(t)$  satisfies  $x(t) \in ACG^*$ ,  $x'(t)$  is derivable a.e. on  $[0, 1]$ , and

$$-x''(t) = \sigma(t), \quad \text{a.e. } [0, 1], \quad (3.21)$$

and  $x(t)$  verifies the boundary conditions. The uniqueness of solution of (3.17) follows from Lemma 3.1.  $\square$



#### 4. The Nonlinear Problems

In this section we consider the following nonlinear problems:

$$\begin{aligned} -x'' &= f(t, x), \quad t \in (0, 1), \\ x(0) - k_1 x'(0) &= \int_0^1 h_1(s, x(s)) ds, \\ x(1) + k_2 x'(1) &= \int_0^1 h_2(s, x(s)) ds. \end{aligned} \quad (4.1)$$

We impose the following hypotheses on the functions  $f$  and  $h_1, h_2$ .

(H<sub>1</sub>)  $f(t, x(t))$  and  $h_i(t, x(t)) (i = 1, 2)$  are HK-integrable whenever  $x \in C$ .

(H<sub>2</sub>)  $f(t, x)$  and  $h_i(t, x) (i = 1, 2)$  are increasing in  $x$  for almost every  $t \in [0, 1]$ .

(H<sub>3</sub>) There exist HK-integrable functions  $f^\pm$  and  $h_i^\pm (i = 1, 2)$  such that

$$f^-(t) \leq f(t, x(t)) \leq f^+(t), \quad h_i^-(t) \leq h_i(t, x(t)) \leq h_i^+(t) \quad (i = 1, 2) \quad (4.2)$$

a.e. hold on  $[0, 1]$  for all  $x \in C$ .

To prove our results, we need the following fixed point theorem for mappings of  $C$  which is proved in [10].

**Lemma 4.1.** *Let  $G : C \rightarrow C$  be an increasing mapping which maps every monotone sequence  $\{u_n\}$  of  $C$  to a sequence  $\{Gu_n\}$  which converges pointwise to a function of  $C$ . If  $u^\pm \in C$ ,  $u^- \leq u^+$ ,  $u^- \leq Gu^-$ , and  $Gu^+ \leq u^+$ , then  $G$  has in an order interval  $[u^-, u^+]$  of  $C$  least and greatest fixed points and they are increasing in  $G$ .*

We prove an existence result for solutions of (4.1).

**Theorem 4.2.** *Assume that the hypotheses (H<sub>1</sub>)–(H<sub>3</sub>) are satisfied, then (4.1) has least and greatest solutions in  $ACG^*$ .*

*Proof.* We know from Theorem 3.3 that the solutions  $x \in ACG^*$  of (4.1) are the solutions of following operator equation:

$$x(t) = (Tx)(t) = (Bx)(t) + (Ax)(t), \quad x \in C, \quad (4.3)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} (Bx)(t) &= \frac{k_2 + 1 - t}{k_1 + k_2 + 1} (\text{HK}) \int_0^1 h_1(s, x(s)) ds \\ &\quad + \frac{k_1 + t}{k_1 + k_2 + 1} (\text{HK}) \int_0^1 h_2(s, x(s)) ds, \quad t \in [0, 1], \\ (Ax)(t) &= (\text{HK}) \int_0^1 G(t, s) f(s, x(s)) ds, \quad t \in [0, 1]. \end{aligned} \quad (4.4)$$

The hypothesis  $(H_2)$  and Lemma 2.5 imply that if  $u, v \in C$  and  $u \leq v$ , then

$$Tu = Bu + Au \leq Bv + Av = Tv. \quad (4.5)$$

That is,  $T$  is increasing in  $C$ .

Let  $\{u_n\}$  be an increasing sequence in  $C$ , then the hypothesis  $(H_1)$ – $(H_3)$  imply that the functions sequences  $\{f(t, u_n(t))\}, \{h_i(t, u_n(t))\} (i = 1, 2)$  are increasing in  $n$  and belong to  $H$ , and

$$\begin{aligned} f^-(t) &\leq f(t, u_n(t)) \leq f^+(t), \quad \text{a.e. } t \in [0, 1], \quad n \in N, \\ h_i^-(t) &\leq h_i(t, u_n(t)) \leq h_i^+(t), \quad (i = 1, 2), \quad \text{a.e. } t \in [0, 1], \quad n \in N, \\ (\text{HK}) \int_0^1 f^-(s) ds &\leq (\text{HK}) \int_0^1 f(s, u_n(s)) ds \leq (\text{HK}) \int_0^1 f^+(s) ds, \quad n \in N, \\ (\text{HK}) \int_0^1 h_i^-(s) ds &\leq (\text{HK}) \int_0^1 h_i(s, u_n(s)) ds \leq (\text{HK}) \int_0^1 h_i^+(s) ds, \quad (i = 1, 2), \quad n \in N. \end{aligned} \quad (4.6)$$

Thus, by Lemma 2.7, there exist HK-integrable functions  $v, w_i (i = 1, 2)$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} f(t, u_n(t)) &\leq v(t), \quad f(t, u_n(t)) \rightarrow v(t), \quad \text{a.e. } t \in [0, 1], \\ h_i(t, u_n(t)) &\leq w_i(t), \quad h_i(t, u_n(t)) \rightarrow w_i(t), \quad (i = 1, 2), \quad \text{a.e. } t \in [0, 1], \\ (\text{HK}) \int_0^1 f(s, u_n(s)) ds &\rightarrow (\text{HK}) \int_0^1 v(s) ds, \\ (\text{HK}) \int_0^1 h_i(s, u_n(s)) ds &\rightarrow (\text{HK}) \int_0^1 w_i(s) ds, \quad (i = 1, 2). \end{aligned} \quad (4.7)$$

Denote that

$$\begin{aligned} q_n(t) &= (\text{HK}) \int_0^1 G(t, s) f(s, u_n(s)) ds, \quad t \in [0, 1], \\ q(t) &= (\text{HK}) \int_0^1 G(t, s) v(s) ds, \quad t \in [0, 1], \\ r_n(t) &= \frac{k_2 + 1 - t}{k_1 + k_2 + 1} (\text{HK}) \int_0^1 h_1(s, u_n(s)) ds + \frac{k_1 + t}{k_1 + k_2 + 1} (\text{HK}) \int_0^1 h_2(s, u_n(s)) ds, \\ r(t) &= \frac{k_2 + 1 - t}{k_1 + k_2 + 1} (\text{HK}) \int_0^1 w_1(s) ds + \frac{k_1 + t}{k_1 + k_2 + 1} (\text{HK}) \int_0^1 w_2(s) ds. \end{aligned} \quad (4.8)$$

Then we can easily get that  $r_n(t) \rightarrow r(t)$  for every  $t \in [0, 1]$  and

$$\begin{aligned} 0 \leq q(t) - q_n(t) &= (\text{HK}) \int_0^1 G(t, s)(v(s) - f(s, u_n(s))) ds \\ &\leq G_0(\text{HK}) \int_0^1 (v(s) - f(s, u_n(s))) ds \rightarrow 0, \quad \forall t \in [0, 1], \end{aligned} \quad (4.9)$$

which implies also that  $q_n(t) \rightarrow q(t)$  for every  $t \in [0, 1]$ . Therefore we obtain

$$(Tu_n)(t) \rightarrow r(t) + q(t) \in C, \quad \forall t \in [0, 1]. \quad (4.10)$$

Denoting that

$$\begin{aligned} x^\pm(t) &= \frac{k_2 + 1 - t}{k_1 + k_2 + 1} (\text{HK}) \int_0^1 h_1^\pm(s) ds + \frac{k_1 + t}{k_1 + k_2 + 1} (\text{HK}) \int_0^1 h_2^\pm(s) ds \\ &\quad + (\text{HK}) \int_0^1 G(t, s) f^\pm(s) ds, \end{aligned} \quad (4.11)$$

then, by Lemma 2.6,  $x^\pm \in \text{ACG}^*$ . In addition, the hypothesis  $(H_3)$  implies that

$$\begin{aligned} x^- &\leq x^+, \\ x^- &\leq Tx^-, \quad Tx^+ \leq x^+. \end{aligned} \quad (4.12)$$

Thus, by Lemma 4.1. We know that  $T$  has in the order interval  $[x^-, x^+]$  of  $C$  least fixed point  $x_*$  and greatest fixed point  $x^*$ . The functions  $x_*(t)$  and  $x^*(t)$  are least and greatest solutions of (4.1) in  $[x^-, x^+]$ . The hypothesis  $(H_3)$  implies also that if  $x \in C$ , then  $Tx \in [x^-, x^+]$ . Thus all the solutions of (4.1) belong to the order interval  $[x^-, x^+]$ , whence  $x_*(t)$  and  $x^*(t)$  are least and greatest of all solutions in  $C$  of (4.1).

On the other hand, if  $x \in C$  is a solution of (4.1), then, from Lemma 2.6,

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) &= \frac{k_2 + 1 - t}{k_1 + k_2 + 1} (\text{HK}) \int_0^1 h_1(s, x(s)) ds + \frac{k_1 + t}{k_1 + k_2 + 1} (\text{HK}) \int_0^1 h_2(s, x(s)) ds \\ &\quad + (\text{HK}) \int_0^1 G(t, s) f(s, x(s)) ds \in \text{ACG}^*. \end{aligned} \quad (4.13)$$

The proof is completed. □

## 5. An Example

Consider the following problem:

$$\begin{aligned} -x'' &= g(t, x) + \sigma(t), \quad t \in (0, 1), \\ x(0) &= 0, \\ x(1) &= 0, \end{aligned} \tag{5.1}$$

where

$$\sigma(t) = \frac{t^2}{(1-t)^2} \sin \frac{1}{t} \sin \frac{1}{1-t} - \frac{(1-t)^2}{t^2} \sin \frac{1}{t} \sin \frac{1}{1-t}, \tag{5.2}$$

and  $g(t, x)$  satisfies the following caratheodory conditions:

- (L<sub>1</sub>) the map  $x \mapsto g(t, x)$  is continuous for a.e.  $t \in [0, 1]$ ,
- (L<sub>2</sub>) the map  $t \mapsto g(t, x)$  is measurable for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ,
- (L<sub>3</sub>) there exists  $h \in L^1[0, 1]$  with  $\int_0^1 h(t) dt < +\infty$  such that  $|f(t, x)| \leq h(t)$  for a.e.  $t \in [0, 1]$  and  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ,
- (L<sub>4</sub>)  $g(t, x)$  is increasing in  $x$  for a.e.  $t \in [0, 1]$ .

Since function  $\sigma(t)$  is not Lebesgue integrable, the results in literature do not hold for (5.1). Let  $f(t, x) = g(t, x) + \sigma(t)$ ,  $f^\pm(t) = \pm h(t) + \sigma(t)$ , then  $f^-(t) \leq f(t, x) \leq f^+(t)$  and  $f(t, x(t))$  is HK-integrable for every continuous  $x$  since  $g(t, x(t))$  is Lebesgue integrable for every continuous  $x$  and  $\sigma(t)$  HK-integrable.

Hence, the existence of continuous solution of problem (5.1) is guaranteed by Theorem 4.2.

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