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Existence of positive solutions to second-order periodic boundary value problems with impulse actions

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Abstract

In this paper we consider the existence of positive solutions for second-order periodic boundary value problems with impulse actions. By constructing a cone $K_1 \times K_2$, which is the Cartesian product of two cones in the space $C[0, 2\pi]$ and computing the fixed point index in the $K_1 \times K_2$, we establish the existence of positive solutions for the system.

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1 Introduction

This paper is devoted to study the existence of positive solutions for the following periodic boundary value problem with impulse effects:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} -u'' + Mu = g_1(x, u, v), \quad x \in I', \\ -v'' + Mv = g_2(x, v, u), \quad x \in I', \\ -\Delta u'|_{x=x_k} = I_{1,k}(u(x_k)), \quad \Delta u|_{x=x_k} = \bar{I}_{1,k}(u(x_k)) \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, l, \\ -\Delta v'|_{x=x_k} = I_{2,k}(v(x_k)), \quad \Delta v|_{x=x_k} = \bar{I}_{2,k}(v(x_k)) \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, l, \\ u(0) = u(2\pi), \quad u'(0) = u'(2\pi), \\ v(0) = v(2\pi), \quad v'(0) = v'(2\pi). \end{array} \right. \quad (1.1)$$

here $I = [0, 2\pi], 0 = x_0 < x_1 < x_2 < \dots < x_l < x_{l+1} = 2\pi, M > 0, I' = I \setminus \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_l\}$ are given, $R^+ = [0, +\infty), g_i \in C(I \times R^+, R^+), I_{i,k}, \bar{I}_{i,k} \in C(R^+, R^+)$ with $-\frac{1}{m}I_{i,k}(u) < \bar{I}_{i,k}(u) < \frac{1}{m}I_{i,k}(u) (i = 1, 2), x \in R^+, m = \sqrt{M}, \Delta u'|_{x=x_k} = u'(x_k^+) - u'(x_k^-), \Delta u|_{x=x_k} = u(x_k^+) - u(x_k^-), \Delta v'|_{x=x_k} = v'(x_k^+) - v'(x_k^-), \Delta v|_{x=x_k} = v(x_k^+) - v(x_k^-), u'(x_k^+), u(x_k^+), v'(x_k^+) \text{ and } v(x_k^+), (u'(x_k^-), u(x_k^-), v'(x_k^-), v(x_k^-))$ denote the right limit (left limit) of $u'(x), u(x), v'(x) \text{ and } v(x)$ at $x = x_k$ respectively.

It is well known that there are abundant results about the existence of positive solutions of boundary value problems for second order ordinary differential equations. Some works can be found in [1 – 3] and references therein. They mainly investigated the case without impulse actions. Recently, Dirichlet boundary problems of second order impulsive differential equations have been studied in [4 – 6]. Motivated by the work above, this paper attempts to study the existence of positive solutions for periodic boundary value problems. By constructing a cone $K \times K$, which is the Cartesian product of two cones in the space $C[0, 2\pi]$, and computing the fixed-point index in the $K \times K$, we establish the existence of positive solutions for the impulsive differential system (1.1).

To conclude the introduction, we introduce the following notation:

$$\begin{aligned} g_{i,0}(v) &= \liminf_{u \rightarrow 0^+} \min_{x \in [0, 2\pi]} \frac{g_i(x, u, v)}{u}, \quad I_{i,0}(k) = \liminf_{u \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{I_{i,k}(u)}{u}, \\ g_{i,\infty}(v) &= \liminf_{u \rightarrow +\infty} \min_{x \in [0, 2\pi]} \frac{g_i(x, u, v)}{u}, \quad I_{i,\infty}(k) = \liminf_{u \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{I_{i,k}(u)}{u}, \\ g_i^\infty(v) &= \limsup_{u \rightarrow +\infty} \max_{x \in [0, 2\pi]} \frac{g_i(x, u, v)}{u}, \quad I_i^\infty(k) = \limsup_{u \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{I_{i,k}(u)}{u}, \end{aligned}$$

$$g_i^0(v) = \limsup_{u \rightarrow 0^+} \max_{x \in [0, 2\pi]} \frac{g_i(x, u, v)}{u}, \quad I_i^0(k) = \limsup_{u \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{I_{i,k}(u)}{u},$$

where $v \in R^+$ and $i = 1, 2$.

Moreover, for the simplicity in the following discussion, we introduce the following hypotheses.

(H_1):

$$\left[\inf_{z \in R^+} g_{1,0}(z)2\pi + \sum_{k=1}^l I_{1,0}(k) \right] \sigma > 2\pi M, \quad \sup_{z \in R^+} g_1^\infty(z)2\pi + \sum_{k=1}^l I_1^\infty(k) < 2\pi \sigma M.$$

(H_2):

$$\sup_{z \in R^+} g_2^0(z)2\pi + \sum_{k=1}^l I_2^0(k) < 2\pi \sigma M, \quad \left[\inf_{z \in R^+} g_{2,\infty}(z)2\pi + \sum_{k=1}^m I_{2,\infty}(k) \right] \sigma > 2\pi M.$$

where $\sigma = \min\left\{\frac{G(0)}{G(\pi)}, \frac{1}{e^{2m\pi}}\right\}$, $G(0) = \frac{e^{2m\pi} + 1}{2m(e^{2m\pi} - 1)}$, $G(\pi) = \frac{2e^{m\pi}}{2m(e^{2m\pi} - 1)}$, $m = \sqrt{M}$.

2 Preliminary

In this paper, we shall consider the following space

$PC(I, R) = \{u \in C(I, R); u|_{(x_k, x_{k+1})} \in C(x_k, x_{k+1}), u(x_k^-) = u(x_k), \exists u(x_k^+), k = 1, 2, \dots, l\}$
 $PC'(I, R) = \{u \in C(I, R); u|_{(x_k, x_{k+1})}, u'|_{(x_k, x_{k+1})} \in C(x_k, x_{k+1}), u(x_k^-) = u(x_k), u'(x_k^-) = u'(x_k), \exists u(x_k^+), u'(x_k^+), k = 1, 2, \dots, l\}$ with the norm $\|u\|_{PC} = \sup_{x \in [0, 2\pi]} |u(x)|$, $\|u\|_{PC'} = \max\{\|u\|_{PC}, \|u'\|_{PC}\}$, Then $PC(I, R), PC'(I, R)$ are Banach spaces.

Definition 2.1. A couple function $(u, v) \in PC'(I, R) \cap C^2(I', R) \times PC'(I, R) \cap C^2(I', R)$ is called a solution of system (1.1) if it satisfies system (1.1)

Lemma 2.2. The vector $(u, v) \in PC'(I, R) \cap C^2(I', R) \times PC'(I, R) \cap C^2(I', R)$ is a solution of differential system (1.1) if and only if $(u, v) \in PC'(I, R) \times PC'(I, R)$ is a solution of the following integral system

$$\begin{cases} u(x) = \int_0^{2\pi} G(x, y)g_1(y, u(y), v(y))dy + \sum_{k=1}^l G(x, x_k)I_{1,k}(u(x_k)) + \sum_{k=1}^l \frac{\partial G(x, y)}{\partial y} \Big|_{y=x_k} \bar{I}_{1,k}(u(x_k)), \\ v(x) = \int_0^{2\pi} G(x, y)g_2(y, v(y), u(y))dy + \sum_{k=1}^l G(x, x_k)I_{2,k}(v(x_k)) + \sum_{k=1}^l \frac{\partial G(x, y)}{\partial y} \Big|_{y=x_k} \bar{I}_{2,k}(v(x_k)). \end{cases} \quad (2.1)$$

where $G(x, y)$ is the Green's function to the periodic boundary value problem $-u'' + Mu = 0$, $u(0) = u(2\pi)$, $u'(0) = u'(2\pi)$, and

$$G(x, y) := \frac{1}{\Gamma} \begin{cases} e^{m(x-y)} + e^{m(2\pi-x+y)}, & 0 \leq y \leq x \leq 2\pi, \\ e^{m(y-x)} + e^{m(2\pi-y+x)}, & 0 \leq x \leq y \leq 2\pi. \end{cases}$$

here $\Gamma = 2m(e^{2m\pi} - 1)$.

One can find that

$$\frac{2e^{m\pi}}{2m(e^{2m\pi} - 1)} = G(\pi) \leq G(x, y) \leq G(0) = \frac{e^{2m\pi} + 1}{2m(e^{2m\pi} - 1)}. \quad (2.2)$$

For every positive solution of problem (1.1), one has

$$\|u\|_{PC} = \sup_{x \in [0, 2\pi]} |u(x)|$$

Without loss of generality, we assume $\lim_{x \rightarrow \xi} |u(x)| = \|u\|_{PC}$, $\xi \in [x_k, x_{k+1}]$, $k \in$

$\{0, 1, \dots, l\}$, then by(2.2)

$$\begin{aligned}
\|u\|_{PC} &\leq G(0) \int_0^{2\pi} g_1(y, u(y), v(y)) dy + \lim_{t \rightarrow \xi} \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^l G(x, x_i) I_{1,i}(u(x_i)) \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \sum_{i=1}^l \frac{\partial G(x, y)}{\partial y} \Big|_{y=x_i} \bar{I}_{1,i}(u(x_i)) \right\} \\
&= G(0) \int_0^{2\pi} g_1(y, u(y), v(y)) dy \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{\Gamma} \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^k [e^{m(\xi-x_i)} + e^{m(2\pi-\xi+x_i)}] I_{1,i}(u(x_i)) + \sum_{i=k+1}^l [e^{m(x_i-\xi)} + e^{m(2\pi-x_i+\xi)}] I_{1,i}(u(x_i)) \right\} \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{\Gamma} \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^k [-me^{m(\xi-x_i)} + me^{m(2\pi-\xi+x_i)}] \bar{I}_{1,i}(u(x_i)) \right\} \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{\Gamma} \left\{ \sum_{i=k+1}^l [me^{m(x_i-\xi)} - me^{m(2\pi-x_i+\xi)}] \bar{I}_{1,i}(u(x_i)) \right\} \\
&= G(0) \int_0^{2\pi} g_1(y, u(y), v(y)) dy \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{\Gamma} \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^k [e^{m(\xi-x_i)} (I_{1,i}(u(x_i)) - m\bar{I}_{1,i}(u(x_i))) + e^{m(2\pi-\xi+x_i)} (I_{1,i}(u(x_i)) \right. \\
&\quad \left. + m\bar{I}_{1,i}(u(x_i)))] \right\} \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{\Gamma} \left\{ \sum_{i=k+1}^l [e^{m(x_i-\xi)} (I_{1,i}(u(x_i)) + m\bar{I}_{1,i}(u(x_i))) + e^{m(2\pi-x_i+\xi)} (I_{1,i}(u(x_i)) \right. \\
&\quad \left. - m\bar{I}_{1,i}(u(x_i)))] \right\}
\end{aligned}$$

It follows from $-\frac{1}{m}I_{1,i}(u) < \bar{I}_{1,i}(u) < \frac{1}{m}I_{1,i}(u)$, that $I_{1,i}(u) - m\bar{I}_{1,i}(u) > 0$, $I_{1,i}(u) + m\bar{I}_{1,i}(u) > 0$. So

$$\|u\|_{PC} \leq G(0) \int_0^{2\pi} g_1(y, u(y), v(y)) dy + \frac{2e^{2m\pi}}{\Gamma} \sum_{i=1}^l I_{1,i}(u(x_i)). \quad (2.3)$$

For any $x \in [0, 2\pi]$, without loss of generality, we assume that $x \in [x_k, x_{k+1})$, then

$$\begin{aligned}
u(x) &\geq G(\pi) \int_0^{2\pi} g_1(y, u(y), v(y)) dy + \sum_{i=1}^l G(x, x_i) I_{1,i}(u(x_i)) + \sum_{i=1}^l \frac{\partial G(x, y)}{\partial y} \Big|_{y=x_i} \bar{I}_{1,i}(u(x_i)) \\
&= G(\pi) \int_0^{2\pi} g_1(y, u(y), v(y)) dy \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{\Gamma} \sum_{i=1}^k [e^{m(x-x_i)} (I_{1,i}(u(x_i)) - m\bar{I}_{1,i}(u(x_i))) + e^{m(2\pi-x+x_i)} (I_{1,i}(u(x_i)) + m\bar{I}_{1,i}(u(x_i)))] \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{\Gamma} \sum_{i=k+1}^l [e^{m(x_i-x)} (I_{1,i}(u(x_i)) + m\bar{I}_{1,i}(u(x_i))) + e^{m(2\pi-x_i+x)} (I_{1,i}(u(x_i)) - m\bar{I}_{1,i}(u(x_i)))]
\end{aligned}$$

It follows from $-\frac{1}{m}I_{1,i}(u) < \bar{I}_{1,i}(u) < \frac{1}{m}I_{1,i}(u)$, that $I_{1,i}(u) - m\bar{I}_{1,i}(u) > 0$, $I_{1,i}(u) + m\bar{I}_{1,i}(u) > 0$. So

$$\begin{aligned}
u(x) &\geq G(\pi) \int_0^{2\pi} g_1(y, u(y), v(y)) dy + \frac{2}{\Gamma} \sum_{i=1}^l I_{1,i}(u(x_i)) \\
&\geq \frac{G(\pi)}{G(0)} \bullet G(0) \int_0^{2\pi} g_1(y, u(y), v(y)) dy + \frac{1}{e^{2m\pi}} \frac{2e^{2m\pi}}{\Gamma} \sum_{i=1}^l I_{1,i}(u(x_i)) \\
&\geq \min\left\{\frac{G(\pi)}{G(0)}, \frac{1}{e^{2m\pi}}\right\} \|u\|_{PC} := \sigma \|u\|_{PC}. \tag{2.4}
\end{aligned}$$

Similarly, $v(x) \geq \sigma \|v\|_{PC}$.

In applications below, we take $E = C(I, R)$ and define

$$K = \{u \in C(I, R) : u(x) \geq \sigma \|u\|_{PC}, x \in [0, 2\pi]\}.$$

It is easy to see that K is a closed convex cone in E . For $r > 0$, let $K_r = \{u \in K : \|u\| < r\}$ and $\partial K_r = \{u \in K : \|u\| = r\}$. For any $(u, v) \in K \times K$, define mappings $\Phi_v : K \rightarrow C(I, R^+)$, $\Psi_u : K \rightarrow C(I, R^+)$, and $T : K \times K \rightarrow C(I, R^+) \times C(I, R^+)$ as follows

$$\begin{aligned}
\Phi_v(u)(x) &= \int_0^{2\pi} G(x, y) g_1(y, u(y), v(y)) dy + \sum_{k=1}^l G(x, x_k) I_{1,k}(u(x_k)) + \sum_{k=1}^l \frac{\partial G(x, y)}{\partial y} \Big|_{y=x_k} \bar{I}_{1,k}(u(x_k)), \\
\Psi_u(v)(x) &= \int_0^{2\pi} G(x, y) g_2(y, v(y), u(y)) dy + \sum_{k=1}^l G(x, x_k) I_{2,k}(v(x_k)) + \sum_{k=1}^l \frac{\partial G(x, y)}{\partial y} \Big|_{y=x_k} \bar{I}_{2,k}(v(x_k)), \\
T(u, v)(x) &= (\Phi_v(u)(x), \Psi_u(v)(x)), \quad x \in [0, 2\pi].
\end{aligned} \tag{2.5}$$

Lemma 2.3. $T : K \times K \rightarrow K \times K$ is completely continuous. Moreover, $T(K \times K) \subset K \times K$.

Proof It is easy to see that $T : K \times K \rightarrow K \times K$ is completely continuous. Thus we only need to show $T(K \times K) \subset K \times K$,

For any $(u, v) \in K \times K$, we prove $T(u, v) \in K \times K$, i.e. $\Phi_v(u) \in K$ and $\Psi_u(v) \in K$. By using inequalities (2.3) and (2.4), we have that

$$\|\Phi_v(u)\| \leq G(0) \int_0^{2\pi} g_1(y, u(y), v(y)) dy + \frac{2e^{2m\pi}}{\Gamma} \sum_{i=1}^l I_{1,i}(u(x_i))$$

$$\Phi_v(u)(x) \geq \min\left\{\frac{G(\pi)}{G(0)}, \frac{1}{e^{2m\pi}}\right\} \|\Phi_v(u)\|_{PC} := \sigma \|\Phi_v(u)\|_{PC}, \quad x \in [0, 2\pi]$$

Similarly, $\Psi_u(v)(x) \geq \sigma \|\Psi_u(v)\|_{PC}$. Thus, $\Phi_v(u)(x) \in K$ and $\Psi_u(v)(x) \in K$. Consequently, $T(K \times K) \subset K \times K$

Lemma 2.4. Let $\Phi : K \rightarrow K$ be a completely continuous mapping with $\mu\Phi u \neq u$ for every $u \in \partial K_r$ and $0 < \mu \leq 1$. Then $i(\Phi, K_r, K) = 1$.

Lemma 2.5. Let $\Phi : K \rightarrow K$ be a completely continuous mapping. Suppose that the following two conditions are satisfied:

- (i) $\inf_{u \in \partial K_r} \|\Phi u\| > 0$; (ii) $\mu\Phi u \neq u$ for every $u \in \partial K_r$ and $\mu \geq 1$.

Then, $i(\Phi, K_r, K) = 0$.

Lemma 2.6. Let E be a Banach space and $K_i \subset K$ ($i = 1, 2$) be a closed set in E . For $r_i > 0$ ($i = 1, 2$), denote $K_{r_i} = \{u \in K_i : \|u\| < r_i\}$ and $\partial K_{r_i} = \{u \in K_i : \|u\| = r_i\}$. Suppose $\Phi_i : K_i \rightarrow K_i$ is completely continuous. If $u_i \neq \Phi_i u_i$ for any $u_i \in \partial K_{r_i}$, then

$$i(\Phi, K_{r_1} \times K_{r_2}, K_1 \times K_2) = i(\Phi_1, K_{r_1}, K_1) \times i(\Phi_2, K_{r_2}, K_2)$$

where $\Phi(u, v) =: (\Phi_1 u, \Phi_2 v)$ for any $(u, v) \in K_1 \times K_2$.

3 Main Results

Theorem 3.1. Assume that $(H_1) - (H_2)$ are satisfied. Then problem (1.1) has at least one positive solution (u, v) .

To prove Theorem 3.1, we first give the following lemmas.

Lemma 3.2. *If (H_1) is satisfied, then $i(\Phi_v, K_{R_1} \setminus \bar{K}_{r_1}, K) = 1$.*

Proof Since (H_1) holds, then there exists $0 < \varepsilon < 1$ such that

$$(1 - \varepsilon) \left[\inf_{z \in R^+} g_{1,0}(z) 2\pi + \sum_{k=1}^l I_{1,0}(k) \right] \sigma > 2\pi M,$$

$$2\pi \sigma M > \sum_{k=1}^l (I_1^\infty(k) + \varepsilon) + 2\pi \left(\sup_{z \in R^+} g_1^\infty(z) + \varepsilon \right). \quad (3.1)$$

By the definitions of $g_{1,0}$, $I_{1,0}$, one can find $r_0 > 0$ such that for any $x \in [0, 2\pi]$, $0 < u < r_0$, $v \in R^+$

$$g_1(x, u, v) \geq g_{1,0}(v)(1 - \varepsilon)u, \quad I_{1,k}(u) \geq I_{1,0}(k)(1 - \varepsilon)u.$$

Let $r_1 \in (0, r_0)$, then for $u \in \partial K_{r_1}$, we have

$$u(x) \geq \sigma \|u\| = \sigma r_1 > 0. \quad \forall x \in [0, 2\pi]$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_v u(x) &= \int_0^{2\pi} G(x, y) g_1(y, u(y), v(y)) dy + \sum_{k=1}^l G(x, x_k) I_{1,k}(u(x_k)) \\ &+ \sum_{k=1}^l \frac{\partial G(x, y)}{\partial y} \Big|_{y=x_k} \bar{I}_{1,k}(u(x_k)) \\ &\geq G(\pi) \int_0^{2\pi} g_1(y, u(y), v(y)) dy + \frac{2}{\Gamma} \sum_{k=1}^l I_{1,k}(u(x_k)) \\ &\geq G(\pi)(1 - \varepsilon) \int_0^{2\pi} g_{1,0}(v(y)) u(y) dy + \frac{2}{\Gamma} (1 - \varepsilon) \sum_{k=1}^l I_{1,0}(k) u(x_k) \\ &\geq (1 - \varepsilon) \sigma r_1 \left(\inf_{z \in R^+} g_{1,0}(z) G(\pi) 2\pi + \frac{2}{\Gamma} \sum_{k=1}^l I_{1,0}(k) \right) \end{aligned}$$

from which we see that $\inf_{u \in \partial K_{r_1}} \|\Phi_v u\|_{PC} > 0$, namely, hypothesis (i) of Lemma 2.5 holds. Next we show that $\mu \Phi_v u \neq u$ for any $u \in \partial K_{r_1}$, $v \in K$ and $\mu \geq 1$.

If this is not true, then there exist $u_0 \in \partial K_{r_1}$ and $\mu_0 \geq 1$ such that $\mu_0 \Phi_v u_0 = u_0$. Note that $u_0(x)$ satisfies

$$\begin{cases} -u_0''(x) + Mu_0(x) = \mu_0 g_1(x, u_0(x), v(x)), & x \in I', \\ -\Delta u_0'|_{x=x_k} = \mu_0 I_{1,k}(u_0(x_k)), & k = 1, 2, \dots, l, \\ \Delta u_0|_{x=x_k} = \mu_0 \bar{I}_{1,k}(u_0(x_k)), & k = 1, 2, \dots, l, \\ u_0(0) = u_0(2\pi), \\ u_0'(0) = u_0'(2\pi). \end{cases} \quad (3.2)$$

Integrate from 0 to 2π , using integration by parts in the left side, notice that

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{2\pi} [-u_0''(x) + Mu_0(x)] dx &= \sum_{k=1}^l \Delta u_0'(x_k) + M \int_0^{2\pi} u_0(x) dx \\ &= -\mu_0 \sum_{k=1}^l I_{1,k}(u_0(x_k)) + M \int_0^{2\pi} u_0(x) dx \end{aligned}$$

So we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} M \int_0^{2\pi} x_0(t) dt &= \mu_0 \sum_{k=1}^l I_{1,k}(u_0(x_k)) + \mu_0 \int_0^{2\pi} g_1(y, u_0(y), v(y)) dy \\ &\geq (1 - \varepsilon) \sum_{k=1}^l [(I_{1,0}(k) + \inf_{z \in R^+} g_{1,0}(z) 2\pi] \sigma r_1 \\ 2\pi M r_1 &\geq (1 - \varepsilon) [\sum_{k=1}^l (I_{1,0}(k) + \inf_{z \in R^+} g_{1,0}(z) 2\pi) \sigma r_1, \end{aligned}$$

which contradicts with (3.1). Hence, from Lemma 2.5 we have

$$i(\Phi, K_{r_1}, K) = 0. \quad \forall v \in K \quad (3.3)$$

On the other hand, from (H_1) , there exists $H > r_1$ such that for any $x \in [0, 2\pi]$, $u \geq H$, $v \in R^+$

$$g_1(x, u, v) \leq (g_1^\infty(v) + \varepsilon)u, \quad I_{1,k}(u) \leq (I_{1,0}^\infty(k) + \varepsilon)u, \quad (3.4)$$

Choose $R_1 > R_0 := \max\{\frac{H}{\sigma}, r_1\}$ and let $u \in \partial K_{R_1}, v \in K$. Since $u(x) \geq \sigma \|u\|_{PC} = \sigma R_1 > H$ for $x \in [0, 2\pi]$, $v \in K$. Now we show that $\mu \Phi_v u \neq u$ for any $u \in \partial K_{R_1}, v \in K$ and $0 < \mu \leq 1$. In fact, if there exist $u_0 \in \partial K_{R_1}$

and $0 < \mu_0 \leq 1$ such that $\mu_0 \Phi_v u_0 = u_0$, then $u_0(x)$ satisfies equation (3.2). Integrating from 0 to 2π , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} M \int_0^{2\pi} u_0(x) dx &= \mu_0 \left[\sum_{k=1}^l I_{1,k}(u_0(x_k)) + \int_0^{2\pi} g_1(x, u_0(x), v(x)) dx \right] \\ &\leq \sum_{k=1}^l (I_1^\infty(k) + \varepsilon) u_0(x_k) + \int_0^{2\pi} u_0(x) dx (\sup_{z \in R^+} g_1^\infty(z) + \varepsilon) \\ &\leq R_1 \left[\sum_{k=1}^l (I_1^\infty(k) + \varepsilon) + 2\pi (\sup_{z \in R^+} g_1^\infty(z) + \varepsilon) \right] \end{aligned}$$

i.e.,

$$2\pi\sigma MR_1 \leq R_1 \left[\sum_{k=1}^l (I_1^\infty(k) + \varepsilon) + 2\pi (\sup_{z \in R^+} g_1^\infty(z) + \varepsilon) \right]$$

which is a contradiction with (3.1).

Let $R_1 = \max\{r_1, \frac{H}{\sigma}\}$, then for any $u \in \partial K_{R_1}, v \in K$ and $0 < \mu \leq 1$, we have $\mu \Phi_v u \neq u$. Thus

$$i(\Phi, K_{R_1}, K) = 1. \quad (3.5)$$

In view of (3.3) and (3.5), we obtain

$$i(\Phi, K_{R_1} \setminus \bar{K}_{r_1}, K) = 1.$$

Lemma 3.3. : *If (H_2) is satisfied, then $i(\Psi_u, K_{R_2} \setminus \bar{K}_{r_2}, K) = -1$.*

Proof Since (H_2) holds, there exists $0 < \varepsilon < 1$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} 2\pi\sigma M &> \sum_{k=1}^l (I_2^0(k) + \varepsilon) + 2\pi (\sup_{z \in R^+} g_2^0(z) + \varepsilon), \\ (1 - \varepsilon) \left[\inf_{z \in R^+} g_{2,\infty}(z) 2\pi + \sum_{k=1}^l I_{2,\infty}(k) \right] \sigma &> 2\pi M. \end{aligned} \quad (3.6)$$

One can find $r_0 > 0$ such that for any $x \in [0, 2\pi]$, $0 \leq v \leq r_0$, $u \in R^+$

$$g_2(x, v, u) \leq (g_2^0(u) + \varepsilon)v, \quad I_{2,k}(v) \leq (I_2^0(k) + \varepsilon)v, \quad (3.7)$$

Let $r_2 \in (0, r_0)$. Now we prove that $\mu \Psi_u v \neq v$ for any $v \in \partial K_{r_2}$, $u \in K$ and $0 < \mu \leq 1$. If this is not true, then there exist $v_0 \in \partial K_{r_2}$ and $0 < \mu_0 \leq 1$ such

that $\mu_0\Psi_u v_0 = v_0$. Note that $v_0(x)$ satisfies

$$\begin{cases} -v_0''(x) + Mv_0(x) = \mu_0 g_2(x, v_0(x), u(x)), & x \in I', \\ -\Delta v_0'|_{x=x_k} = \mu_0 I_{2,k}(v_0(x_k)), & k = 1, 2, \dots, l, \\ \Delta v_0|_{x=x_k} = \mu_0 \bar{I}_{2,k}(v_0(x_k)), & k = 1, 2, \dots, l, \\ v_0(0) = v_0(2\pi), \\ v_0'(0) = v_0'(2\pi). \end{cases} \quad (3.8)$$

Integrating from 0 to 2π , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} M \int_0^{2\pi} v_0(x) dx &= \sum_{k=1}^l \mu_0 I_{2,k}(v_0(x_k)) + \mu_0 \int_0^{2\pi} g_2(x, v_0(x), u(x)) dx \\ &\leq \sum_{k=1}^l (I_2^0(k) + \varepsilon) v_0(x_k) + \int_0^{2\pi} v_0(x) dx (\sup_{z \in R^+} g_2^0(z) + \varepsilon) \\ &\leq r_2 \left[\sum_{k=1}^l (I_2^0(k) + \varepsilon) + 2\pi (\sup_{z \in R^+} g_2^0(z) + \varepsilon) \right]. \end{aligned}$$

so

$$2\pi \sigma M r_2 \leq r_2 \left[\sum_{k=1}^l (I_2^0(k) + \varepsilon) + 2\pi (\sup_{z \in R^+} g_2^0(z) + \varepsilon) \right].$$

which is a contradiction with (3.6). By Lemma 2.4, we have

$$i(\Psi_u, K_{r_2}, K) = 1. \quad (3.9)$$

On the other hand, from (H_2) , there exists $H > r_2$ such that for any $x \in [0, 2\pi]$, $v \geq H$, $u \in R^+$

$$g_2(x, v, u) \geq g_{2,\infty}(u)(1 - \varepsilon)v, \quad I_{2,k}(v) \geq I_{2,\infty}(k)(1 - \varepsilon)v, \quad (3.10)$$

Choose $R_2 > R_0 := \max\{\frac{H}{\sigma}, r_2\}$ and let $v \in \partial K_{R_2}, u \in K$. Since $v(x) \geq \sigma \|v\|_{PC} = \sigma R_2 > H$ for $x \in [0, 2\pi]$, $u \in K$, from (3.10) we see that

$$g_2(x, v(x), u(x)) \geq g_{2,\infty}(u(x))(1 - \varepsilon)v(x) \geq \sigma g_{2,\infty}(u(x))(1 - \varepsilon)R_2,$$

$$I_{2,k}(v(x_k)) \geq \sigma I_{2,\infty}(k)(1 - \varepsilon)R_2,$$

Essentially the same reasoning as above yields $\inf_{v \in \partial K_{R_2}} \|\Psi_u v\|_{PC} > 0$. Next we show that if R_2 is large enough, then $\mu\Psi_u v \neq v$ for any $v \in \partial K_{R_2}$, $u \in K$ and $\mu \geq 1$. In fact, if there exist $v_0 \in \partial K_{R_2}$ and $\mu_0 \geq 1$ such that $\mu_0\Psi_u v_0 = v_0$,

then $v_0(x)$ satisfies equation (3.8) . Integrate from 0 to 2π , using integration by parts in the left side to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} M \int_0^{2\pi} v_0(x) dx &= \sum_{k=1}^l \mu_0 I_{2,k}(v_0(x_k)) + \mu_0 \int_0^{2\pi} g_2(x, v_0(x), u(x)) dx \\ &\geq (1 - \varepsilon) \left[\sum_{k=1}^l I_{2,\infty}(k) + \inf_{z \in R^+} g_{2,\infty}(z) 2\pi \right] \sigma R_2. \end{aligned}$$

So we obtain

$$2\pi M R_2 \geq (1 - \varepsilon) \left[\sum_{k=1}^l I_{2,\infty}(k) + \inf_{z \in R^+} g_{2,\infty}(z) 2\pi \right] \sigma R_2$$

which contradicts with (3.6),too.

Hence hypothesis (ii) of Lemma 2.5 is satisfied and

$$i(\Psi_u, K_{R_2}, K) = 0. \quad (3.11)$$

In view of (3.9) and (3.11), we obtain

$$i(\Psi_u, K_{R_2} \setminus \bar{K}_{r_2}, K) = -1$$

Proof of Theorem 3.1. Since $(H_1) - (H_2)$ are satisfied ,from Lemma2.3 we get $\Phi_v : K \rightarrow K$, $\Psi_u : K \rightarrow K$ and $T : K \times K \rightarrow K \times K$ are completely continuous. From Lemma3.2,3.3 and 2.6 we have

$$i(T, K_{R_1} \setminus \bar{K}_{r_1} \times K_{R_2} \setminus \bar{K}_{r_2}, K \times K) = i(\Phi_v, K_{R_1} \setminus \bar{K}_{r_1}, K) \times i(\Psi_u, K_{R_2} \setminus \bar{K}_{r_2}, K) = -1$$

Thus, system (1.1)has at least one positive solution (u,v).

Corollary 3.4. *The conclusion of Theorem 3.1 is valid if (H_1) and (H_2) are replaced by*

$$(H_1^*) \quad \inf_{z \in R^+} g_{1,0}(z) = \infty \text{ or } \sum_{k=1}^l I_{1,0}(k) = \infty;$$

$$\sup_{z \in R^+} g_1^\infty(z) = 0 \text{ and } I_1^\infty(k) = 0, \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, l.$$

$$(H_2^*) \quad \sup_{z \in R^+} g_2^0(z) = 0 \text{ and } I_2^0(k) = 0, \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, l;$$

$$\inf_{z \in R^+} g_{2,\infty}(z) = \infty \text{ or } \sum_{k=1}^l I_{2,\infty}(k) = \infty.$$

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