

Positive Solutions of Some Fourth-order Two Point Boundary Value Problem with All Order Derivatives

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Abstract In this paper, by the use of a new fixed point theorem and the Boundary Value Problem's Green function, the existence of at least one positive solutions for the fourth-order two point boundary value problem with all order derivatives

$$\begin{cases} u^{(4)}(t) + u''(t) = \lambda f(t, u(t), u'(t), u''(t), u'''(t)), t \in [0, 1], \\ u(0) = u(1) = u''(0) = u''(1) = 0. \end{cases}$$

is considered, where f is a nonnegative continuous function and $\lambda > 0, 0 < A < \pi^2$.

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1 Introduction

The deformation of an elastic beam in equilibrium state, whose two ends are simply supported, can be described by a fourth-order ordinary equation boundary value problem. Owing to its significance in physics, the existence of positive solutions for the fourth-order boundary value problem has been studied by many authors using nonlinear alternatives of Leray-Schauder, the fixed point index theory, the Krasnosel'skii's fixed point theorem and the method of upper and lower solutions, in reference [1-9][11]. In recent years, there has been much attention on the fourth-order differential equations with one or two parameters.

By the fixed point theorem and theory in cone [4], Bai investigated the following fourth-order two point boundary value problem

$$\begin{cases} u^{(4)}(t) - \lambda f(u(t)) = 0, t \in [0, 1], \\ u(0) = u(1) = u''(0) = u''(1) = 0. \end{cases}$$

where λ is a normal number, $f : [0, 1] \times [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$

By the monotone operator theorem and the critical point theory, Li [7] proved the existence and multiplicities of positive solutions for the fourth-order two point boundary value problem

$$\begin{cases} u^{(4)}(t) - f(u(t)) = 0, t \in [0, 1], \\ u(0) = u(1) = u''(0) = u''(1) = 0. \end{cases}$$

where $f : [0, 1] \times R^1 \rightarrow R^1$ is continuous.

All the above works were done under the assumption that the first order derivative u', u'', u''' is not involved explicitly in the nonlinear term f . We are concerned with the existence of positive solutions for the fourth-order two-point boundary value problem

$$\begin{cases} u^{(4)}(t) + u''(t) = \lambda f(t, u(t), u'(t), u''(t), u'''(t)), t \in [0, 1], \\ u(0) = u(1) = u''(0) = u''(1) = 0. \end{cases} \quad (1.1)$$

Throughout, we assume

(H₁) $\lambda > 0, 0 < A < \pi^2$;

(H₂) $f : [0, 1] \times [0, \infty) \times R \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ is continuous.

2 Preliminary

Let $Y = C[0, 1]$ be the Banach space equipped with the norm $\|u\|_0 = \max_{t \in [0, 1]} |u(t)|$.

Set λ_1, λ_2 be the roots of the polynomial $P(\lambda) = \lambda^2 + A\lambda$, namely $\lambda_1 = 0, \lambda_2 = -A$. By (H_1) , it is easy to see that $-\pi^2 < \lambda_2 < 0$.

Let $G_i(t, s) (i = 1, 2)$ be the Green's function of the linear boundary value problem: $-u'' + \lambda_i u(t) = 0, u(0) = u(1) = 0$. Then, carefully calculation yield:

$$G_1(t, s) = \begin{cases} s(1-t), & 0 \leq s \leq t \leq 1, \\ t(1-s), & 0 \leq t \leq s \leq 1, \end{cases}$$

$$G_2(t, s) = \begin{cases} \frac{\sin \sqrt{A}s \sin \sqrt{A}(1-t)}{\sqrt{A} \sin \sqrt{A}}, & 0 \leq s \leq t \leq 1, \\ \frac{\sin \sqrt{A}t \sin \sqrt{A}(1-s)}{\sqrt{A} \sin \sqrt{A}}, & 0 \leq t \leq s \leq 1. \end{cases}$$

Lemma 2.1. ([8]) Suppose $(H_1)(H_2)$ hold. Then for any $g(t) \in C[0, 1]$, BVP

$$\begin{cases} u^{(4)}(t) + Au''(t) = g(t), t \in [0, 1] \\ u(0) = u(1) = u''(0) = u''(1) = 0 \end{cases} \quad (2.1)$$

has a unique solution

$$u(t) = \int_0^1 \int_0^1 G_1(t, s) G_2(s, \tau) g(\tau) d\tau ds, \quad (2.2)$$

where

$$G_1(t, s) = \begin{cases} s(1-t), & 0 \leq s \leq t \leq 1, \\ t(1-s), & 0 \leq t \leq s \leq 1, \end{cases}$$

$$G_2(s, \tau) = \begin{cases} \frac{\sin \sqrt{A}\tau \sin \sqrt{A}(1-s)}{\sqrt{A} \sin \sqrt{A}}, & 0 \leq \tau \leq s \leq 1, \\ \frac{\sin \sqrt{A}s \sin \sqrt{A}(1-\tau)}{\sqrt{A} \sin \sqrt{A}}, & 0 \leq s \leq \tau \leq 1. \end{cases}$$

By $u(t)$, we get

$$u'(t) = \int_t^1 \int_0^1 G_2(s, \tau) g(\tau) d\tau ds - \int_0^1 \int_0^1 s G_2(s, \tau) g(\tau) d\tau ds, \quad (2.3)$$

$$u''(t) = - \int_0^1 G_2(t, \tau) g(\tau) d\tau, \quad (2.4)$$

$$u'''(t) = - \int_0^1 \frac{\partial G_2(t, \tau)}{\partial t} g(\tau) d\tau. \quad (2.5)$$

Lemma 2.2. ([8]) Assume $(H_1) (H_2)$ hold. Then one has:

- (i) $G_i(t, s) \geq 0, \forall t, s \in [0, 1]$;
- (ii) $G_i(t, s) \leq C_i G_i(s, s), \forall t, s \in [0, 1]$;
- (iii) $G_i(t, s) \geq \delta_i G_i(t, t) G_i(s, s), \forall t, s \in [0, 1]$.

where $C_1 = 1, \delta_1 = 1; C_2 = \frac{1}{\sin \sqrt{A}}, \delta_2 = \sqrt{A} \sin \sqrt{A}$.

Lemma 2.3. If $g(t) \in C[0, 1], g(t) \geq 0$, then the unique solution $u(t)$ of the BVP (2.1) satisfies:

$$\min_{\frac{1}{4} \leq t \leq \frac{3}{4}} u(t) \geq d_1 \|u\|_0, \quad \min_{\frac{1}{4} \leq t \leq \frac{3}{4}} (-u''(t)) \geq d_2 \|u''\|_0.$$

where $d_1 = \frac{\sqrt{A} \sin^2 \sqrt{A} C_0 D_1}{M_1}, d_2 = \sqrt{A} \sin^2 \sqrt{A} D_2, C_0 = \int_0^1 G_1(s, s) G_2(s, s) ds,$

$$M_1 = \int_0^1 G_1(s, s) ds, D_i = \min_{\frac{1}{4} \leq t \leq \frac{3}{4}} G_i(t, t), (i = 1, 2).$$

Proof. By (2.4) and (ii) of Lemma 2.2, we have

$$\begin{aligned} u(t) &= \int_0^1 \int_0^1 G_1(t, s) G_2(s, \tau) g(\tau) d\tau ds \\ &\leq C_1 C_2 \int_0^1 \int_0^1 G_1(s, s) G_2(\tau, \tau) g(\tau) d\tau ds \\ &\leq C_1 C_2 M_1 \int_0^1 G_2(\tau, \tau) g(\tau) d\tau \end{aligned}$$

So,

$$\|u(t)\|_0 \leq C_1 C_2 M_1 \int_0^1 G_2(\tau, \tau) g(\tau) d\tau.$$

Using (iii) of Lemma 2.2, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} u(t) &\geq \delta_1 \delta_2 \int_0^1 \int_0^1 G_1(t, t) G_1(s, s) G_2(s, s) G_2(\tau, \tau) g(\tau) d\tau \\ &= \delta_1 \delta_2 C_0 G_1(t, t) \int_0^1 G_2(\tau, \tau) g(\tau) d\tau \\ &\geq \frac{\delta_1 \delta_2 C_0}{C_1 C_2 M_1} G_1(t, t) \|u(t)\|_0 \end{aligned}$$

So,

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\frac{1}{4} \leq t \leq \frac{3}{4}} u(t) &\geq \frac{\delta_1 \delta_2 C_0 D_1}{C_1 C_2 M_1} \|u(t)\|_0 \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{A} \sin^2 \sqrt{A} C_0 D_1}{M_1} \|u(t)\|_0 \\ &= d_1 \|u(t)\|_0. \end{aligned}$$

By (2.6) and (ii) of Lemma 2.2, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} -u''(t) &= \int_0^1 G_2(t, \tau) g(\tau) d\tau \\ &\leq C_2 \int_0^1 G_2(\tau, \tau) g(\tau) d\tau \end{aligned}$$

So, we have:

$$\|u''(t)\|_0 = C_2 \int_0^1 G_2(\tau, \tau) g(\tau) d\tau.$$

Using (iii) of Lemma 2.2, We have:

$$\begin{aligned} -u''(t) &= \int_0^1 G_2(t, \tau) g(\tau) d\tau \\ &\geq \delta_2 \int_0^1 G_2(t, t) G_2(\tau, \tau) g(\tau) d\tau \\ &= \delta_2 G_2(t, t) \int_0^1 G_2(\tau, \tau) g(\tau) d\tau \\ &\geq \frac{\delta_2 G_2(t, t)}{C_2} \|u''(t)\|_0. \end{aligned}$$

So,

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\frac{1}{4} \leq t \leq \frac{3}{4}} (-u''(t)) &\geq \frac{\delta_2 D_2}{C_2} \|u''(t)\|_0 \\ &= \sqrt{A} \sin^2 \sqrt{A} D_2 \|u''(t)\|_0 \\ &= d_2 \|u''(t)\|_0 \end{aligned}$$

□

Let X be a Banach space and $K \subset X$ a cone. Suppose $\alpha, \beta : X \rightarrow R^+$ are two continuous convex functionals satisfying $\alpha(\lambda u) = |\lambda| \alpha(u)$, $\beta(\lambda u) = |\lambda| \beta(u)$, for $u \in X, \lambda \in R$, and $\|u\| \leq M \max\{\alpha(u), \beta(u)\}$, for $u \in X$ and $\alpha(u) \leq \alpha(v)$ for $u, v \in K, u \leq v$, where $M > 0$ is a constant.

Theorem 2.1. ([10]) Let $r_2 > r_1 > 0, L > 0$ be constants and

$$\Omega_i = \{x \in X : \alpha(x) < r_i, \beta(x) < L\}, i = 1, 2,$$

two bounded open sets in X . Set

$$D_i = \{x \in X : \alpha(x) = r_i\}, i = 1, 2.$$

Assume $T : K \rightarrow K$ is a completely continuous operator satisfying

(A₁) $\alpha(Tx) < r_1, x \in D_1 \cap K; \alpha(Tx) > r_2, x \in D_2 \cap K;$

(A₂) $\beta(Tx) < L, x \in K;$

(A₃) there is a $p \in (\Omega_2 \cap K) \setminus \{0\}$ such that $\alpha(p) \neq 0$ and $\alpha(x + \lambda p) \geq \alpha(x)$, for all $x \in K$ and $\lambda \geq 0$.

Then T has at least one fixed point in $(\Omega_2 \setminus \overline{\Omega_1}) \cap K$.

3 The main results

Let $X = C^4[0, 1]$ be the Banach space equipped with the norm $\|u\| = \max_{t \in [0, 1]} |u(t)| + \max_{t \in [0, 1]} |u'(t)| + \max_{t \in [0, 1]} |u''(t)| + \max_{t \in [0, 1]} |u'''(t)|$, and $K = \{u \in X : u(t) \geq 0, u''(t) \leq 0, \min_{\frac{1}{4} \leq t \leq \frac{3}{4}} u(t) \geq d_1 \|u\|_0, \max_{\frac{1}{4} \leq t \leq \frac{3}{4}} (-u''(t)) \geq d_2 \|u''\|_0\}$ is a cone in X .

Define two continuous convex functionals $\alpha(u) = \max_{t \in [0, 1]} |u(t)| + \max_{t \in [0, 1]} |u''(t)|$ and $\beta(u) = \max_{t \in [0, 1]} |u'(t)| + \max_{t \in [0, 1]} |u'''(t)|$, for each $u \in X$, then $\|u\| \leq 2 \max\{\alpha(u), \beta(u)\}$ and $\alpha(\lambda u) = |\lambda| \alpha(u), \beta(\lambda u) = |\lambda| \beta(u)$, for $u \in X, \lambda \in R; \alpha(u) \leq \alpha(v)$ for $u, v \in K, u \leq v$.

In the following, we denote

$$\begin{aligned} B &= \int_0^1 G_2(\tau, \tau) d\tau, \\ F &= \int_0^1 \frac{\sin \sqrt{A} \tau}{\sin \sqrt{A}} d\tau \\ \eta_0 &= \frac{1}{C_2 B (C_1 M_1 + 1)}, \eta_1 = \frac{1}{\int_{\frac{1}{4}}^{\frac{3}{4}} G_2(\frac{1}{2}, \tau) d\tau}, \eta_2 = \frac{2}{3C_2 B + 4F}, \theta = \left\{ \frac{d_1}{2}, \frac{d_2}{2} \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

We will suppose that there are $L > b > \theta b > c > 0$ such that $f(t, u, v, u_0, v_0)$ satisfies the following growth conditions:

(H₃) $f(t, u, v, u_0, v_0) < \frac{c\eta_0}{\lambda}$, for $(t, u, v, u_0, v_0) \in [0, 1] \times [0, c] \times [-L, L] \times [-c, 0] \times [-L, L]$,

$$(H_4) \quad f(t, u, v, u_0, v_0) \geq \frac{b\eta_1}{\lambda}, \text{ for } (t, u, v, u_0, v_0) \in [\frac{1}{4}, \frac{3}{4}] \times [\theta b, b] \times [-L, L] \times [-b, 0] \times [-L, L] \cup [\frac{1}{4}, \frac{3}{4}] \times [0, b] \times [-L, L] \times [-b, -\theta b] \times [-L, L],$$

$$(H_5) \quad f(t, u, v, u_0, v_0) < \frac{L\eta_2}{\lambda}, \text{ for } (t, u, v, u_0, v_0) \in [0, 1] \times [0, b] \times [-L, L] \times [-b, 0] \times [-L, L].$$

Let $f_1(t, u, v, u_0, v_0) = f_1(t, u^*, v^*, u_0^*, v_0^*)$, where

$$\begin{aligned} u^* &= \max\{\max(u, 0), b\}, & v^* &= \max\{\max(v, -L), L\}, \\ u_0^* &= \max\{\max(u_0, -b), 0\}, & v_0^* &= \max\{\max(v, -L), L\}. \end{aligned}$$

We denote

$$(Tu)(t) = \lambda \int_0^1 \int_0^1 G_1(t, s)G_2(s, \tau)f_1(\tau, u(\tau), u'(\tau), u''(\tau), u'''(\tau))d\tau ds, \tag{3.1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (Tu)'(t) &= \lambda \left[\int_t^1 \int_0^1 G_2(s, \tau)f_1(\tau, u(\tau), u'(\tau), u''(\tau), u'''(\tau))d\tau ds \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \int_0^1 \int_0^1 sG_2(s, \tau)f_1(\tau, u(\tau), u'(\tau), u''(\tau), u'''(\tau))d\tau ds \right], \end{aligned} \tag{3.2}$$

$$(Tu)''(t) = -\lambda \int_0^1 G_2(t, \tau)f_1(\tau, u(\tau), u'(\tau), u''(\tau), u'''(\tau))d\tau, \tag{3.3}$$

$$(Tu)'''(t) = -\lambda \int_0^1 \frac{\partial G_2(t, \tau)}{\partial t} f_1(\tau, u(\tau), u'(\tau), u''(\tau), u'''(\tau))d\tau. \tag{3.4}$$

Lemma 3.1. *Suppose (H_1) hold. Then $T : K \rightarrow K$ is completely continuous. Suppose (H_1) (H_2) hold. Then $T : K \rightarrow K$ is completely continuous.*

Proof. For $u \in K$, by (3.1) and (3.3) with Lemma 2.2, there is $Tu > 0, (Tu)'' \leq 0$. so

$$\begin{aligned} \|Tu\|_0 &= \max_{t \in [0,1]} \left| \lambda \int_0^1 \int_0^1 G_1(t, s)G_2(s, \tau)f_1(t, u(\tau), u'(\tau), u''(\tau), u'''(\tau))d\tau ds \right| \\ &\leq \lambda \int_0^1 \int_0^1 C_1 C_2 G_1(s, s)G_2(\tau, \tau)f_1(t, u(\tau), u'(\tau), u''(\tau), u'''(\tau))d\tau ds \\ &= \lambda C_1 C_2 M_1 \int_0^1 G_2(\tau, \tau)f_1(t, u(\tau), u'(\tau), u''(\tau), u'''(\tau))d\tau, \\ \|(Tu)''\|_0 &= \max_{t \in [0,1]} \left| -\lambda \int_0^1 G_2(t, \tau)f_1(\tau, u(\tau), u'(\tau), u''(\tau), u'''(\tau))d\tau \right| \\ &\leq \lambda C_2 \int_0^1 G_2(\tau, \tau)f_1(\tau, u(\tau), u'(\tau), u''(\tau), u'''(\tau))d\tau \end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 2.2, (ii) and (3.1) (3.3), we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\frac{1}{4} \leq t \leq \frac{3}{4}} u(t) &= \min_{\frac{1}{4} \leq t \leq \frac{3}{4}} \lambda \int_0^1 \int_0^1 G_1(t, s)G_2(s, \tau)f_1(\tau, u(\tau), u'(\tau), u''(\tau), u'''(\tau))d\tau ds \\ &\geq \lambda \delta_1 \delta_2 \int_0^1 \int_0^1 G_1(t, t)G_1(s, s)G_2(s, s)G_2(\tau, \tau)f_1(\tau, u(\tau), u'(\tau), u''(\tau), u'''(\tau))d\tau \\ &\geq \lambda \delta_1 \delta_2 C_0 G_1(t, t) \int_0^1 G_2(\tau, \tau)f_1(\tau, u(\tau), u'(\tau), u''(\tau), u'''(\tau))d\tau \\ &\geq \lambda \delta_1 \delta_2 C_0 D_1 \int_0^1 G_2(\tau, \tau)f_1(\tau, u(\tau), u'(\tau), u''(\tau), u'''(\tau))d\tau \\ &\geq \frac{\lambda \delta_1 \delta_2 C_0 D_1}{\lambda C_1 C_2 M_1} \|Tu\|_0 \\ &= d_1 \|Tu\|_0, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\min_{\frac{1}{4} \leq t \leq \frac{3}{4}} (-(Tu)''(t)) &= \min_{\frac{1}{4} \leq t \leq \frac{3}{4}} \lambda \int_0^1 G_2(t, \tau) f_1(\tau, u(\tau), u'(\tau), u''(\tau), u'''(\tau)) d\tau \\
&\geq \lambda \delta_2 \int_0^1 G_2(t, t) G_2(\tau, \tau) f_1(\tau, u(\tau), u'(\tau), u''(\tau), u'''(\tau)) d\tau \\
&\geq \lambda \delta_2 G_2(t, t) \int_0^1 G_2(\tau, \tau) f_1(\tau, u(\tau), u'(\tau), u''(\tau), u'''(\tau)) d\tau \\
&\geq \frac{\lambda \delta_2 G_2(t, t)}{C_2} \|(Tu)''\|_0 \\
&\geq \frac{\lambda \delta_2 D_2}{\lambda C_2} \|(Tu)''\|_0 \\
&= d_2 \|(Tu)''\|_0,
\end{aligned}$$

So we can get $T(K) \subset K$. Let $B \subset K$ is bounded, it is clear that $T(B)$ is bounded. Using $f_1, G_1(t, s), G_2(t, s)$ is continuous, We show that $T(B)$ is equicontinuous. By the Arzela-Ascoli theorem, a standard proof yields $T : K \rightarrow K$ is completely continuous. \square

Theorem 3.1. *Suppose (H_1) - (H_5) hold. Then BVP (1.1) has at least one positive solution $u(t)$ satisfying $c < \alpha(u) < b, \beta(u) < L$.*

Proof. Take $\Omega_1 = \{u \in X : |\alpha(u)| < c, |\beta(u) < L|\}$, $\Omega_2 = \{u \in X : |\alpha(u)| < b, |\beta(u) < L|\}$, two bounded open sets in X , and $D_1 = \{u \in X : \alpha(u) = c\}$, $D_2 = \{u \in X : \alpha(u) = b\}$.

By Lemma 3.1, $T : K \rightarrow K$ is completely continuous, and there is a $p \in (\Omega_2 \cap K) \setminus \{0\}$ such that $\alpha(p) \neq 0$ for all $u \in K$ and $\lambda \geq 0$.

$$\begin{aligned}
\|Tu\|_0 &= \left| \lambda \int_0^1 \int_0^1 G_1(t, s) G_2(s, \tau) f_1(t, u(\tau), u'(\tau), u''(\tau), u'''(\tau)) d\tau ds \right| \\
&\leq \lambda C_1 C_2 M_1 \int_0^1 G_2(\tau, \tau) f_1(t, u(\tau), u'(\tau), u''(\tau), u'''(\tau)) d\tau \\
&\leq \lambda C_1 C_2 M_1 \int_0^1 G_2(\tau, \tau) d\tau \times \frac{c\eta_0}{\lambda} \\
&= C_1 C_2 M_1 B c \eta_0, \\
\|(Tu)''\|_0 &= \left| -\lambda \int_0^1 G_2(t, \tau) f_1(\tau, u(\tau), u'(\tau), u''(\tau), u'''(\tau)) d\tau \right| \\
&\leq \lambda C_2 \int_0^1 G_2(\tau, \tau) d\tau \times \frac{c\eta_0}{\lambda} \\
&= C_2 B c \eta_0,
\end{aligned}$$

Hence, for $u \in D_1 \cap K, \alpha(u) = c$, we get

$$\alpha(Tu) = \|Tu\|_0 + \|(Tu)''\|_0 < C_1 C_2 M_1 B c \eta_0 + C_2 B c \eta_0 = (C_1 C_2 M_1 B + C_2 B) c \eta_0.$$

Whereas for $u \in D_2 \cap K, \alpha(u) = b$, there is $\|u\|_0 \geq \frac{b}{2}$ or $\|u''\|_0 \geq \frac{b}{2}$, By Lemma 2.4, we get

$$\min_{\frac{1}{4} \leq t \leq \frac{3}{4}} u(t) \geq d_1 \|u\|_0 \geq \frac{d_1 b}{2} \text{ or } \min_{\frac{1}{4} \leq t \leq \frac{3}{4}} (-u''(t)) \geq \frac{d_2 \xi}{c_2} \|u''\|_0 \geq \frac{d_2 b}{2}.$$

Therefore, from (H_4) and (3.3), we have

$$\begin{aligned} |(Tu)''(\frac{1}{2})| &= |\lambda \int_0^1 G_2(\frac{1}{2}, \tau) f_1(\tau, u(\tau), u'(\tau), u''(\tau), u'''(\tau)) d\tau| \\ &\geq \lambda \int_{\frac{1}{4}}^{\frac{3}{4}} G_2(\frac{1}{2}, \tau) f_1(\tau, u(\tau), u'(\tau), u''(\tau), u'''(\tau)) d\tau \\ &\geq \lambda \times \frac{b\eta_1}{\lambda} \int_{\frac{1}{4}}^{\frac{3}{4}} G_2(\frac{1}{2}, \tau) d\tau \\ &= b. \end{aligned}$$

So,

$$\alpha(Tu) \geq |(Tu)''(\frac{1}{2})| = b.$$

By (3.2) (3.4) and (H_5) , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|(Tu)'\|_0 &= \max_{t \in [0,1]} |\lambda \int_t^1 \int_0^1 G_2(s, \tau) f_1(\tau, u(\tau), u'(\tau), u''(\tau), u'''(\tau)) d\tau ds \\ &\quad - \int_0^1 \int_0^1 s G_2(s, \tau) f_1(\tau, u(\tau), u'(\tau), u''(\tau), u'''(\tau)) d\tau ds| \\ &< \max_{t \in [0,1]} |\lambda \int_t^1 \int_0^1 G_2(s, \tau) f_1(\tau, u(\tau), u'(\tau), u''(\tau), u'''(\tau)) d\tau ds| \\ &\quad + \max_{t \in [0,1]} |\int_0^1 \int_0^1 s G_2(s, \tau) f_1(\tau, u(\tau), u'(\tau), u''(\tau), u'''(\tau)) d\tau ds| \\ &\leq \lambda |\int_0^1 \int_0^1 (1+s) G_2(s, \tau) f_1(\tau, u(\tau), u'(\tau), u''(\tau), u'''(\tau)) d\tau ds| \\ &\leq \lambda \times \frac{\eta_2 L}{\lambda} |\int_0^1 \int_0^1 (1+s) G_2(s, \tau) d\tau ds| \\ &\leq \frac{3C_2}{2} \eta_2 L \times |\int_0^1 G_2(\tau, \tau) d\tau| \\ &= \frac{3C_2 B}{2} \eta_2 L, \\ \|(Tu)'''\|_0 &= \max_{t \in [0,1]} |-\lambda \int_0^1 \int_0^1 \frac{\partial G_2(t, \tau)}{\partial t} f_1(t, u(\tau), u'(\tau), u''(\tau), u'''(\tau)) d\tau ds| \\ &\leq \lambda \int_0^1 2 \frac{\sin \sqrt{A} \tau}{\sin \sqrt{A}} |f_1(t, u(\tau), u'(\tau), u''(\tau), u'''(\tau))| d\tau \\ &\leq \lambda \times \frac{\eta_2 L}{\lambda} 2 \int_0^1 \frac{\sin \sqrt{A} \tau}{\sin \sqrt{A}} d\tau \\ &= 2F \eta_2 L. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, for

$$\beta(Tu) = \|(Tu)'\|_0 + \|(Tu)'''\|_0 < \frac{3C_2 B}{2} \eta_2 L + 2F \eta_2 L < (\frac{3C_2 B}{2} + 2F) \eta_2 L = L.$$

Theorem 2.1 implies there is $u \in (\Omega_2 \setminus \overline{\Omega_1}) \cap K$ such that $u = Tu$. So, $u(t)$ is a positive solution for BVP (1.1) satisfying

$$c < \alpha(u) < b, \beta(u) < L.$$

Thus, Theorem 3.1 is completed. □

4 Conclusion

In this paper, the existence of at least one positive solutions for the fourth-order two point boundary value problem with all order derivatives is considered. By using a new cone fixed point theorem, the sufficient conditions for the existence of positive solutions of the boundary value problem are verified.

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