

Erratum

Erratum to “Positive Solution to a Fractional Boundary Value Problem”

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In the paper entitled “Positive solution to a fractional boundary value problems,” the following problem (P1) is studied:

$${}^c D_{0^+}^q u(t) = f(t, u(t), {}^c D_{0^+}^\sigma u(t)), \quad 0 < t < 1, \quad (1.1)$$

$$u(0) = u''(0) = 0, \quad u'(1) = \alpha u''(1), \quad (1.2)$$

where $f: [0, 1] \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a given function, $2 < q < 3$, and $1 < \sigma < 2$. Remarking that all the calculuses in this paper are done for $0 < \sigma < 1$ and that if we take $1 < \sigma < 2$, then ${}^c D_{0^+}^\sigma Tu = (1/\Gamma(2 - \sigma)) \int_0^t ((Tu)''(s)/(t - s)^{\sigma-1}) ds$ and the second derivative with respect to t of $G(t, s)$ is discontinuous for $s = t$, consequently we cannot apply this method to establish the existence and positivity of solution. For this reason, we correct the study of problem (P1) by taking $0 < \sigma < 1$, and then the following corrections are needed.

(1) In page 3, in Lemma 2.3, we should correct ${}^c D_{0^+}^\alpha t^{\beta-1} = (\Gamma(\beta)/\Gamma(\beta - \alpha))t^{\beta-\alpha-1}$, $\beta > n$.

(2) Equation (2.6) must be

$$u(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(q-2)} \int_0^1 \frac{1}{(1-s)^{3-q}} G(t, s) y(s) ds. \quad (2.6)$$

The Green function in (2.7) is

$$G(t, s) = \begin{cases} \frac{(1-s)^{3-q}(t-s)^{q-1}}{(q-1)(q-2)} + \alpha t - \frac{t(1-s)}{q-2}, & s < t, \\ \alpha t - \frac{t(1-s)}{q-2}, & t \leq s. \end{cases} \quad (2.7)$$

(3) Equation (2.11) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} u(t) &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(q-2)} \\ &\times \int_0^t \left[\frac{(t-s)^{q-1}}{(q-1)(q-2)} + \frac{\alpha t}{(1-s)^{3-q}} - \frac{t(1-s)^{q-2}}{q-2} \right] \\ &\times y(s) ds \\ &+ \frac{1}{\Gamma(q-2)} \int_t^1 \left[\frac{\alpha t}{(1-s)^{3-q}} - \frac{t(1-s)^{q-2}}{q-2} \right] y(s) ds. \end{aligned} \quad (2.11)$$

Equation (2.12) must be

$$u(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(q-2)} \int_0^1 \frac{1}{(1-s)^{3-q}} G(t, s) y(s) ds. \quad (2.12)$$

(4) Equation (3.1) must be

$$\begin{aligned} Tu(t) &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(q-2)} \\ &\times \int_0^1 \frac{1}{(1-s)^{3-q}} G(t, s) f(s, u(s), {}^c D_{0^+}^\sigma u(s)) ds. \end{aligned} \quad (3.1)$$

In Theorem 3.2, the condition (3.5) must be

$$C_g + C_h < \frac{1}{2}, \quad A_g + A_h < \frac{\Gamma(2-\sigma)}{2}. \quad (3.5)$$