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## EXISTENTIAL AND UNIQUENESS RESULTS FOR INITIAL VALUE PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH $n^{\text{th}}$ ORDER NONLINEAR SINGULAR INTERFACE PROBLEMS ON TIME SCALES USING FIXED POINT THEOREMS

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**Abstract.** In this paper, we present existence and uniqueness results for IVPs associated with general nonlinear singular interface problems on Time Scales. We discuss the existential results for a  $n^{\text{th}}$  order IVP associated with nonlinear singular interface problems using the classical Schauder fixed point theorem.

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### 1. Introduction

In the literature, we find a class of problems wherein two different differential equations are defined on adjacent intervals with a common point of interface. We term these problems as interface problems.

If the interface problem has a well defined boundary, we call the problem to be a *regular boundary value problem* (RBVP). The interface problem with a boundary that has singularity at the end points is called a *singular boundary value problem* (SBVP). If there is a singularity at the point of interface, we term the problem to be

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a *singular interface problem* (SIP). Solving these type of boundary value problems with singularities remains a challenge for mathematicians.

While regular boundary value problems, those over finite intervals with well-behaved coefficients pose no difficulties, the problems wherein the domain of the problem is not well defined, or the continuity and/or smoothness of the functions, coefficients involved are not guaranteed in some parts of the domain, sometimes in the boundary or parts of the boundary are difficult to tackle. There are quite a number of different approaches that we come across in the literature to tackle these singular problems [1],[4],[6],[8],[9],[10].

In the literature, we see that work has been done on initial and boundary value problems associated with a pair of linear differential operators with conditions at the interface for both regular and singular cases; see [15]-[22],[26]-[31] and the references therein.

The singular interface problem requires a special mention. In this case existing theory based on the conventional analysis may not come handy.

We feel that the new framework of dynamic equations on time scales(an arbitrary closed subset of real numbers)[2] with facilities of the two jump operators with various definitions of continuity and derivatives makes one's job simple to study these singular interface problems. These dynamic equations are nothing but the differential equations when  $\mathbb{T} = \mathbb{R}$  and are difference equations when  $\mathbb{T} = \mathbb{Z}$ .

Our preliminary investigation about the feasibility of this study for linear second order interface problems has resulted in the work [16, 17, 25].

From the above we observe that substantial amount of work has been done for regular and singular boundary value problems involving linear differential operators. It is clear that there is a need for these singular interface problems to be discussed for the case where the problem involves nonlinear differential operators.

A systematic study of Initial Value Problems, Boundary Value Problems and eigen Value problems associated with these nonlinear singular interface problems involving nonlinear second order pair of dynamic equations is done in [34]-[41].

In this paper we study the existence of solution for a  $n^{th}$  order Initial Value Problem associated with these nonlinear singular interface problems. Schauder fixed point theorem is used for proving the existential result.

## 2. Preliminaries

*Definition 0.1.* Let  $\mathbb{T}$  be a time scale(an arbitrary closed subset of real numbers). For  $t \in \mathbb{T}$  we define the *forward jump operator*  $\sigma : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{T}$  by

$$\sigma(t) := \inf\{s \in \mathbb{T} : s > t\},$$

while the *backward jump operator*  $\rho : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{T}$  is defined by

$$\rho(t) := \sup\{s \in \mathbb{T} : s < t\}.$$

If  $\sigma(t) > t$ , we say that  $t$  is *right-scattered*, while  $\rho(t) < t$  we say that  $t$  is *left-scattered*. Points that are right-scattered and left-scattered at the same time are called *isolated*. Also, if  $t < \sup\mathbb{T}$  and  $\sigma(t) = t$ , then  $t$  is called *right-dense*, and if  $t > \inf\mathbb{T}$  and  $\rho(t) = t$ , then  $t$  is called *left-dense*. Points that are right-dense and left-dense at the same time are called *dense*. Finally, the *graininess function*  $\mu : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  is defined by

$$\mu(t) := \sigma(t) - t.$$

**Definition 0.2.**  $\mathbb{T}^\kappa = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \mathbb{T} - \{m\} \text{ if } \sup\mathbb{T} < \infty \\ \mathbb{T} \text{ if } \sup\mathbb{T} = \infty \end{array} \right\}$  where  $m$  is the left scattered maximum of  $\mathbb{T}$ .

**Definition 0.3.** Let  $f$  be a function defined on  $\mathbb{T}$ . We say that  $f$  is *delta differentiable* at  $t \in \mathbb{T}^\kappa$  provided there exists an  $\alpha$  such that for all  $\varepsilon > 0$  there is a neighborhood  $\mathcal{N}$  around  $t$  with

$$|f(\sigma(t)) - f(s) - \alpha(\sigma(t) - s)| \leq \varepsilon |\sigma(t) - s| \text{ for all } s \in \mathcal{N}.$$

**Definition 0.4.** For a function  $f : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  we shall talk about the second derivative  $f^{\Delta\Delta}$  provided  $f^\Delta$  is differentiable on  $\mathbb{T}^{\kappa^2} = (\mathbb{T}^\kappa)^\kappa$  with derivative  $f^{\Delta\Delta} = (f^\Delta)^\Delta : \mathbb{T}^{\kappa^2} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . Similarly we define the higher order derivatives  $f^{\Delta^n} : \mathbb{T}^{\kappa^n} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .

**Theorem 0.5.** (*Banach Contraction Mapping Theorem*)

If  $T : X \rightarrow X$  is contractive on a complete metric space  $X$  then  $T$  has a unique fixed point in  $X$ .

**Theorem 0.6.** (*Schauder's Fixed Point Theorem*)

Let  $L$  be a convex subset of a normed linear space  $E$ . Then each compact map  $T : L \rightarrow L$  has a fixed point.

Let  $I = [c, d]$  with  $c < \rho(d)$ . We define  $I_c = [c, \infty)$  in case  $\sup\mathbb{T} = +\infty$ . By  $\mathcal{C}_{TS}^B(I_a)$  we mean the linear space of all continuous functions  $f : I_c \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that  $\sup_{t \in I_c} |f(t)| < \infty$ .

Now we quote the time scales version of the Arzela-Ascoli theorem [1].

**Theorem 0.7.** (*Arzela-Ascoli Theorem*)

Let  $X$  be a subset of  $\mathcal{C}_{TS}^B(I_a)$  having the following properties.

(i)  $X$  is bounded.

(ii) On every compact subinterval  $J$  of  $[c, \infty)$  we have: For any  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that  $t_1, t_2 \in J$ ,

$|t_1 - t_2| < \delta$  implies  $|f(t_1) - f(t_2)| < \varepsilon$  for all  $f \in X$ .

(iii) For every  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists  $b \in I_c$  such that  $t_1, t_2 \in [b, \infty)$  implies  $|f(t_1) - f(t_2)| < \varepsilon$  for all  $f \in X$ .

Then  $X$  is relatively compact.

Let  $\mathbb{T}_1$  and  $\mathbb{T}_2$  be two time scales. Let  $C(\mathbb{T})$  denote the space of all continuous functions on the time scale  $\mathbb{T}$ .

*Definition 0.8.* By  $(t_1, t_2) \in \mathbb{T}_1 \times \mathbb{T}_2$  we mean that  $t_1 \in \mathbb{T}_1$  and  $t_2 \in \mathbb{T}_2$  with the product topology on  $\mathbb{T}_1 \times \mathbb{T}_2$ .

*Definition 0.9.* Let  $Z(\mathbb{T})$  be a function space on the time scale  $\mathbb{T}$ . For  $x \in Z(\mathbb{T})$  we define

$$\|x\| = \sup_{t \in \mathbb{T}} |x(t)|.$$

*Definition 0.10.* By  $(x_1, x_2) \in X(\mathbb{T}_1) \times Y(\mathbb{T}_2)$  where  $X$  and  $Y$  are function spaces, we mean that  $x_1 \in X(\mathbb{T}_1)$  and  $x_2 \in Y(\mathbb{T}_2)$  with the product topology on  $X(\mathbb{T}_1) \times Y(\mathbb{T}_2)$ . For  $(t_1, t_2) \in \mathbb{T}_1 \times \mathbb{T}_2$  we define

$$(x_1, x_2)(t_1, t_2) = (x_1(t_1), x_2(t_2)).$$

*Definition 0.11.* For  $(t_1, t_2) \in \mathbb{T}_1 \times \mathbb{T}_2$ , we define

$$\|(t_1, t_2)\| = \|t_1\| + \|t_2\| = |t_1| + |t_2|.$$

*Definition 0.12.* For  $(x_1, x_2) \in C(\mathbb{T}_1) \times C(\mathbb{T}_2)$ , we define

$$\begin{aligned} \|(x_1, x_2)\| &= \|x_1\| + \|x_2\| \\ &= \sup_{t_1 \in \mathbb{T}_1} |x_1(t_1)| + \sup_{t_2 \in \mathbb{T}_2} |x_2(t_2)|. \end{aligned}$$

*Definition 0.13.* Let  $(y_{11}, y_{12}) \in X(\mathbb{T}_1) \times Y(\mathbb{T}_2)$ . We say that  $(y_{11}, y_{12})$  is continuous on  $\mathbb{T}_1 \times \mathbb{T}_2$  if for  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that for arbitrarily fixed  $(t_{01}, t_{02}) \in \mathbb{T}_1 \times \mathbb{T}_2$  and  $(t_1, t_2) \in \mathbb{T}_1 \times \mathbb{T}_2$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} &\| (t_1, t_2) - (t_{01}, t_{02}) \| < \delta \\ (0.1) \quad &\Rightarrow \| (y_{11}, y_{12})(t_1, t_2) - (y_{11}, y_{12})(t_{01}, t_{02}) \| < \varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

*Definition 0.14.* A sequence  $(y_{n1}, y_{n2}) \in C(\mathbb{T}_1) \times C(\mathbb{T}_2)$  is said to be cauchy sequence if for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists  $N$  such that  $\forall n_1, n_2, m_1, m_2 > N$  implies

$$\|(x_{n_1}, x_{n_2}) - (x_{m_1}, x_{m_2})\| < \varepsilon.$$

*Definition 0.15.* A sequence  $(y_{n1}, y_{n2}) \in X(\mathbb{T}_1) \times Y(\mathbb{T}_2)$  is said to be equicontinuous if for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  there is a  $\delta > 0$ , depending only on  $\varepsilon$ , such that for all  $(y_{n1}, y_{n2})$  and all  $(t_1, t_2), (t_1', t_2') \in \mathbb{T}_1 \times \mathbb{T}_2$  satisfying

$$\begin{aligned} &\| (t_1, t_2) - (t_1', t_2') \| < \delta \\ (0.2) \quad &\Rightarrow \| (y_{n1}, y_{n2})(t_1, t_2) - (y_{n1}, y_{n2})(t_1', t_2') \| < \varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

*Definition 0.16.*

$$(a^n - b^n) = (a - b)(a^{n-1} + ba^{n-2} + \dots + b^{n-2}a + b^{n-1}).$$

*Definition 0.17.* The space  $X(\mathbb{T}_1) \times Y(\mathbb{T}_2)$  is said to convex if for every

$(y_{11}, y_{12}), (y_{21}, y_{22}) \in X(\mathbb{T}_1) \times Y(\mathbb{T}_2)$ , we have

$$\alpha(y_{11}, y_{12}) + (1 - \alpha)(y_{21}, y_{22}) \in X(\mathbb{T}_1) \times Y(\mathbb{T}_2) \text{ for } 0 < \alpha < 1.$$

### 3. Definition and Equivalent Operator Integral Equation of a General $n^{th}$ order Initial Value Problem associated with Nonlinear Singular Interface Problem

Initial Value Problem associated with Nonlinear Singular Interface Problem

Let  $\mathbb{T}_1 = [0, a]_{\mathbb{T}}$ ,  $\mathbb{T}_2 = [\sigma(a), l]_{\mathbb{T}}$  where  $a, \sigma(a), l < +\infty$ . Also let  $(f_1, f_2)$  be nonlinear function tuple in  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbb{T}_1 \times \mathbb{R}^n) \times \mathcal{C}(\mathbb{T}_2 \times \mathbb{R}^n)$ . We define the problem to be

$$(0.3) \quad y_1^{\Delta^n}(t) = f_1(t, y_1, \dots, y_1^{\Delta^{n-1}}), t \in \mathbb{T}_1$$

$$(0.4) \quad y_2^{\Delta^n}(t) = f_2(t, y_2, \dots, y_2^{\Delta^{n-1}}), t \in \mathbb{T}_2^{k^n}$$

with the initial conditions

$$(0.5) \quad y_1(0) = 0$$

$$(0.6) \quad y_1^{\Delta}(0) = 0$$

$$(0.7) \quad \vdots$$

$$(0.8) \quad y_1^{\Delta^{n-1}}(0) = 0$$

followed by the matching interface conditions

$$(0.9) \quad \rho_1 y_1(a) = \rho_2 y_2(\sigma(a)),$$

$$(0.10) \quad \vdots$$

$$(0.11) \quad \rho_{2n-5} y_1^{\Delta^{n-2}}(a) = \rho_{2n-4} y_2^{\Delta^{n-2}}(\sigma(a)),$$

$$(0.12) \quad \rho_{2n-3} y_1^{\Delta^{n-3}}(a) = \rho_{2n-2} y_2^{\Delta^{n-3}}(\sigma(a)),$$

$$(0.13) \quad \rho_{2n-1} y_1^{\Delta^{n-1}}(a) = \rho_{2n} y_2^{\Delta^{n-1}}(\sigma(a)), \rho_i > 0, i = 1 \dots 2n.$$

### 4. Existence of Solution for the $n^{th}$ order

Initial Value Problem associated with Nonlinear Singular Interface Problem using Schauder's Fixed Point Theorem

In this section we prove the existence of solution for the IVP (0.3) -(0.13) using Schauder's fixed point theorem.

**Theorem 0.18.** *If  $(f_1, f_2)$  is continuous and bounded, then there exists atleast one solution for the  $n$ th order IVP-SIP (0.3) -(0.13).*

**Proof. Case I** Let  $t \in \mathbb{T}_1$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} y_1^{\Delta^n}(t) &= f_1(t, y_1, \dots, y_1^{\Delta^{n-1}}) \\ y_1^{\Delta^{n-1}}(t) &= \int_0^t f_1(s, y_1, \dots, y_1^{\Delta^{n-1}}) \Delta s + c_{11} \\ y_1^{\Delta^{n-2}}(t) &= \int_0^t \int_0^{t_{n-1}'} f_1(s, y_1, \dots, y_1^{\Delta^{n-1}}) \Delta s \Delta t_{n-1} + \int_0^t c_{11} \Delta s + c_{12} \\ &\vdots \\ y_1(t) &= \int_0^t \int_0^{t_{n-1}'} \dots \int_0^{t_2'} \int_0^{t_1'} f_1(s, y_1, \dots, y_1^{\Delta^{n-1}}) \Delta s \Delta t_1 \dots \Delta t_{n-1} \\ &\quad + \int_0^t \int_0^{t_{n-2}'} \dots \int_0^{t_1'} c_{11} \Delta s \dots \Delta t_{n-2} + \dots + \int_0^t c_{1(n-1)} \Delta s + c_{1n} \end{aligned}$$

where  $c_{11}, c_{12}, \dots, c_{1n}$  are constants to be determined. By using the initial conditions (0.5),(0.6),...(0.8) we get

$$\begin{aligned} y_1(0) = 0 &\Rightarrow c_{1n} = 0 \\ y_1^{\Delta}(0) = 0 &\Rightarrow c_{1(n-1)} = 0 \\ &\vdots \\ y_1^{\Delta^{n-1}}(0) = 0 &\Rightarrow c_{11} = 0 \\ \Rightarrow y_1(t) &= \int_0^t \int_0^{t_{n-1}'} \dots \int_0^{t_2'} \int_0^{t_1'} f_1(s, y_1, \dots, y_1^{\Delta^{n-1}}) \Delta s \Delta t_1 \dots \Delta t_{n-1}. \end{aligned}$$

**Case II** Let  $t \in \mathbb{T}_2$

$$\begin{aligned} y_2^{\Delta^n}(t) &= f_2(t, y_2, \dots, y_2^{\Delta^{n-1}}) \\ y_2^{\Delta^{n-1}}(t) &= \int_{\sigma(a)}^t f_2(s, y_2, \dots, y_2^{\Delta^{n-1}}) \Delta s + c_{21} \\ y_2^{\Delta^{n-2}}(t) &= \int_{\sigma(a)}^t \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t_{n-1}'} f_2(s, y_2, \dots, y_2^{\Delta^{n-1}}) \Delta s \Delta t_{n-1}' + \int_{\sigma(a)}^t c_{21} \Delta s + c_{22} \\ &\vdots \\ y_2(t) &= \int_{\sigma(a)}^t \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t_{n-1}'} \dots \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t_2'} \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t_1'} f_2(s, y_1, \dots, y_1^{\Delta^{n-1}}) \Delta s \Delta t_1' \dots \Delta t_{n-1}' \\ &\quad + \int_{\sigma(a)}^t \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t_{n-2}'} \dots \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t_1'} c_{21} \Delta s \Delta t_1' \dots \Delta t_{n-2}' + \dots + c_{2n} \end{aligned}$$

where  $c_{21}, c_{22}, \dots, c_{2n}$  are constants to be determined.

Now, by (0.9), we get

$$\begin{aligned}\rho_1 y_1(a) &= \rho_2 y_2(\sigma(a)) \\ \Rightarrow c_{2n} &= \frac{\rho_1}{\rho_2} \left( \int_0^a \int_0^{t_{n-1}} \dots \int_0^{t_2} \int_0^{t_1} f_1(s, y_1, \dots, y_1^{\Delta^{n-1}}) \Delta s \Delta t_1 \dots \Delta t_{n-1} \right).\end{aligned}$$

Also, by (0.11), we get

$$\begin{aligned}\rho_{2n-5} y_1^{\Delta^{n-2}}(a) &= \rho_{2n-4} y_2^{\Delta^{n-2}}(\sigma(a)) \\ \Rightarrow c_{23} &= \frac{\rho_{2n-5}}{\rho_{2n-4}} \left( \int_0^a \int_0^{t_{n-1}} \int_0^{t_{n-2}} f_1(s, y_1, \dots, y_1^{\Delta^{n-1}}) \Delta s \Delta t_{n-2} \Delta t_{n-1} \right).\end{aligned}$$

Also, by (0.12), we get

$$\begin{aligned}\rho_{2n-3} y_1^{\Delta^{n-3}}(a) &= \rho_{2n-2} y_2^{\Delta^{n-3}}(\sigma(a)) \\ \Rightarrow c_{22} &= \frac{\rho_{2n-3}}{\rho_{2n-2}} \left( \int_0^a \int_0^{t_{n-1}} f_1(s, y_1, \dots, y_1^{\Delta^{n-1}}) \Delta s \Delta t_{n-1} \right).\end{aligned}$$

Also, by (0.13), we get

$$\begin{aligned}\rho_{2n-1} y_1^{\Delta^{n-1}}(a) &= \rho_{2n} y_2^{\Delta^{n-1}}(\sigma(a)) \\ \Rightarrow c_{21} &= \frac{\rho_{2n-1}}{\rho_{2n}} \left( \int_0^a f_1(s, y_1, \dots, y_1^{\Delta^{n-1}}) \Delta s \right).\end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned}y_2(t) &= \int_{\sigma(a)}^t \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t'_{n-1}} \dots \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t'_2} \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t'_1} f_2(s, y_2, \dots, y_2^{\Delta^{n-1}}) \Delta s \Delta t'_1 \dots \Delta t'_{n-1} \\ &+ \int_{\sigma(a)}^t \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t'_{n-2}} \dots \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t'_1} \frac{\rho_{2n-1}}{\rho_{2n}} \left( \int_0^a f_1(s, y_1, \dots, y_1^{\Delta^{n-1}}) \Delta s \right) \Delta t \Delta t'_1 \dots \Delta t'_{n-2} \\ &+ \int_{\sigma(a)}^t \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t'_{n-3}} \dots \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t'_1} \frac{\rho_{2n-3}}{\rho_{2n-2}} \left( \int_0^a \int_0^{t_{n-1}} f_1(s, y_1, \dots, \right. \\ &\quad \left. y_1^{\Delta^{n-1}}) \Delta s \Delta t_{n-1} \right) \Delta t \Delta t'_1 \dots \Delta t'_{n-3} \\ &+ \int_{\sigma(a)}^t \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t'_{n-4}} \dots \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t'_1} \frac{\rho_{2n-5}}{\rho_{2n-4}} \left( \int_0^a \int_0^{t_{n-1}} \int_0^{t_{n-2}} f_1(s, y_1, \dots, \right. \\ &\quad \left. y_1^{\Delta^{n-1}}) \Delta s \Delta t_{n-2} \Delta t_{n-1} \right) \Delta t \Delta t'_1 \dots \Delta t'_{n-4} \\ &+ \dots + \frac{\rho_1}{\rho_2} \left( \int_0^a \int_0^{t_{n-1}} \dots \int_0^{t_1} f_1(s, y_1, \dots, y_1^{\Delta^{n-1}}) \Delta s \Delta t_1 \dots \Delta t_{n-1} \right)\end{aligned}$$

We now define the integral operator  $T : C(\mathbb{T}_1) \times C(\mathbb{T}_2) \rightarrow C(\mathbb{T}_1) \times C(\mathbb{T}_2)$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 T(y_1, y_2) = & \left( \int_0^t \int_0^{t_{n-1}} \dots \int_0^{t_2} \int_0^{t_1} f_1(s, y_1, \dots, y_1^{\Delta^{n-1}}) \Delta s \Delta t_1 \dots \Delta t_{n-1}, \right. \\
 & \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t'} \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t'_{n-1}} \dots \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t'_2} \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t'_1} f_2(s, y_2, \dots, y_2^{\Delta^{n-1}}) \Delta s \Delta t'_1 \dots \Delta t'_{n-1} \\
 + & \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t'} \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t'_{n-2}} \dots \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t'_1} \frac{\rho_{2n-1}}{\rho_{2n}} \left( \int_0^a f_1(s, y_1, \dots, \right. \\
 & \left. y_1^{\Delta^{n-1}}) \Delta s \right) \Delta t \Delta t'_1 \dots \Delta t'_{n-2} \\
 + & \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t'} \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t'_{n-3}} \dots \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t'_1} \frac{\rho_{2n-3}}{\rho_{2n-4}} \left( \int_0^a \int_0^{t_{n-1}} f_1(s, y_1, \dots, \right. \\
 & \left. y_1^{\Delta^{n-1}}) \Delta s \Delta t_{n-1} \right) \Delta t \Delta t'_1 \dots \Delta t'_{n-3} \\
 + & \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t'} \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t'_{n-4}} \dots \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t'_1} \frac{\rho_{2n-5}}{\rho_{2n-4}} \left( \int_0^a \int_0^{t_{n-1}} \int_0^{t_{n-2}} f_1(s, y_1, \dots, \right. \\
 & \left. y_1^{\Delta^{n-1}}) \Delta s \Delta t_{n-2} \Delta t_{n-1} \right) \Delta t \Delta t'_1 \dots \Delta t'_{n-4} \\
 + & \dots + \frac{\rho_1}{\rho_2} \left( \int_0^a \int_0^{t_{n-1}} \dots \int_0^{t_1} f_1(s, y_1, \dots, y_1^{\Delta^{n-1}}) \Delta s \Delta t_1 \dots \Delta t_{n-1} \right) \Big)
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $t, t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n \in \mathbb{T}_1$  and  $t', t'_1, t'_2, \dots, t'_n \in \mathbb{T}_2$ . It is clear that  $(y_1, y_2)$  is a solution of IVP-SIP iff  $(y_1, y_2)$  solves the operator equation  $(y_1, y_2) = T(y_1, y_2)$ . In other words a fixed point for the operator  $(y_1, y_2) = T(y_1, y_2)$  is a solution for the IVP-SIP.

We use Schauder's fixed point theorem to show the existence of a solution.

From [40] it can be seen that the space  $C(\mathbb{T}_1) \times C(\mathbb{T}_2)$  is convex.

*Claim 0.19.*  $T$  is a completely continuous map.

We first show that  $T$  is continuous. We prove it by showing that  $T$  preserves convergence. Indeed let  $(y_{n1}, y_{n2})$  be a sequence of functions in  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbb{T}_1) \times \mathcal{C}(\mathbb{T}_2)$  such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|(y_{n1}, y_{n2}) - (y_1, y_2)\| \rightarrow 0.$$

The above equation implies that

$$\begin{aligned}
 \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|(y_{n1} - y_1, y_{n2} - y_2)\| & \rightarrow 0 \\
 \text{i.e., } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{t_1 \in \mathbb{T}_1} |(y_{n1} - y_1)(t_1)| & \rightarrow 0 \\
 \text{and } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{t_2 \in \mathbb{T}_2} |(y_{n2} - y_2)(t_2)| & \rightarrow 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

Let us consider



$$\begin{aligned}
& \|T(y_{n1}, y_{n2}) - T(y_1, y_2)\| \\
&= \sup_{\mathbb{T}_1} p_{t_1} \left| \int_0^{t'} \int_0^{t_{n-1}'} \cdots \int_0^{t_2'} \int_0^{t_1'} f_1(s, y_{n1}, \dots, y_{n1}^{\Delta^{n-1}}) \Delta s \Delta t_1 \cdots \Delta t_{n-1} \right. \\
&\quad \left. - \int_0^{t'} \int_0^{t_{n-1}'} \cdots \int_0^{t_2'} \int_0^{t_1'} f_1(s, y_1, \dots, y_1^{\Delta^{n-1}}) \Delta s \Delta t_1 \cdots \Delta t_{n-1} \right| \\
&+ \sup_{\mathbb{T}_2} p_{t_2} \left| \left( \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t_1'} \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t_{n-1}'} \cdots \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t_2'} \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t_1'} f_2(s, y_{n2}, \dots, y_{n2}^{\Delta^{n-1}}) \Delta s \Delta t_1' \cdots \Delta t_{n-1}' \right. \right. \\
&\quad \left. \left. - \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t_1'} \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t_{n-1}'} \cdots \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t_2'} \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t_1'} f_2(s, y_2, \dots, y_2^{\Delta^{n-1}}) \Delta s \Delta t_1' \cdots \Delta t_{n-1}' \right) \right. \\
&\quad + \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t_1'} \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t_{n-2}'} \cdots \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t_1'} \frac{\rho_{2n-1}}{\rho_{2n}} \left( \int_0^a f_1(s, y_{n1}, \dots, y_{n1}^{\Delta^{n-1}}) \Delta s \right) \Delta t_1' \cdots \Delta t_{n-2}' \\
&\quad - \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t_1'} \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t_{n-2}'} \cdots \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t_1'} \frac{\rho_{2n-1}}{\rho_{2n}} \left( \int_0^a f_1(s, y_1, \dots, y_1^{\Delta^{n-1}}) \Delta s \right) \Delta t_1' \cdots \Delta t_{n-2}' \\
&\quad + \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t_1'} \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t_{n-3}'} \cdots \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t_1'} \frac{\rho_{2n-3}}{\rho_{2n-2}} \left( \int_0^a \int_0^{t_{n-1}'} f_1(s, y_{n1}, \dots, \right. \\
&\quad \left. y_{n1}^{\Delta^{n-1}}) \Delta s \Delta t_{n-1} \right) \Delta t_1' \cdots \Delta t_{n-3}' \\
&\quad - \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t_1'} \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t_{n-3}'} \cdots \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t_1'} \frac{\rho_{2n-3}}{\rho_{2n-2}} \left( \int_0^a \int_0^{t_{n-1}'} f_1(s, y_1, \dots, \right. \\
&\quad \left. y_1^{\Delta^{n-1}}) \Delta s \Delta t_{n-1} \right) \Delta t_1' \cdots \Delta t_{n-3}' \\
&\quad + \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t_1'} \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t_{n-4}'} \cdots \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t_1'} \frac{\rho_{2n-5}}{\rho_{2n-4}} \left( \int_0^a \int_0^{t_{n-1}'} \int_0^{t_{n-2}'} f_1(s, y_{n1}, \dots, \right. \\
&\quad \left. y_{n1}^{\Delta^{n-1}}) \Delta s \Delta t_{n-2} \Delta t_{n-1} \right) \Delta t_1' \cdots \Delta t_{n-4}' \\
&\quad - \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t_1'} \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t_{n-4}'} \cdots \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t_1'} \frac{\rho_{2n-5}}{\rho_{2n-4}} \left( \int_0^a \int_0^{t_{n-1}'} \int_0^{t_{n-2}'} f_1(s, y_1, \dots, \right. \\
&\quad \left. y_1^{\Delta^{n-1}}) \Delta s \Delta t_{n-2} \Delta t_{n-1} \right) \Delta t_1' \cdots \Delta t_{n-4}' \\
&\quad + \cdots + \frac{\rho_1}{\rho_2} \left( \int_0^a \int_0^{t_{n-1}'} \cdots \int_0^{t_1'} f_1(s, y_{n1}, \dots, y_{n1}^{\Delta^{n-1}}) \Delta s \Delta t_1 \cdots \Delta t_{n-1} \right) \\
&\quad - \left. \cdots + \frac{\rho_1}{\rho_2} \left( \int_0^a \int_0^{t_{n-1}'} \cdots \int_0^{t_1'} f_1(s, y_1, \dots, y_1^{\Delta^{n-1}}) \Delta s \Delta t_1 \cdots \Delta t_{n-1} \right) \right|.
\end{aligned}$$

Since  $(f_1, f_2)$  is continuous on  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbb{T}_1) \times \mathcal{C}(\mathbb{T}_2)$  we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |f_1(s, y_{n1}, \dots, y_{n1}^{\Delta^{n-1}}) - f_1(s, y_1, \dots, y_1^{\Delta^{n-1}})| &\rightarrow 0, \\
\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |f_2(s, y_{n2}, \dots, y_{n2}^{\Delta^{n-1}}) - f_2(s, y_2, \dots, y_2^{\Delta^{n-1}})| &\rightarrow 0.
\end{aligned}$$

Now  $\|T(y_{n1}, y_{n2}) - T(y_1, y_2)\|$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\leq \sup_{t_1 \in \mathbb{T}_1} \int_0^t \int_0^{t_{n-1}} \cdots \int_0^{t_2} \int_0^{t_1} |f_1(s, y_{n1}, \dots, y_{n1}^{\Delta_{n-1}}) \\
&- f_1(s, y_1, \dots, y_1^{\Delta_{n-1}})| \Delta s \Delta t_1 \cdots \Delta t_{n-1} \\
&+ \sup_{t_2 \in \mathbb{T}_2} \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t'} \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t'_{n-1}} \cdots \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t'_2} \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t'_1} |f_2(s, y_{n2}, \dots, y_{n2}^{\Delta_{n-1}}) \\
&- f_2(s, y_2, \dots, y_2^{\Delta_{n-1}})| \Delta s \Delta t'_1 \cdots \Delta t'_{n-1} \\
&+ \left( \frac{\rho_{2n-1}}{\rho_{2n}} \right) \sup_{t_2 \in \mathbb{T}_2} \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t'} \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t'_{n-2}} \cdots \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t'_1} \int_0^a |f_1(s, y_{n1}, \dots, y_{n1}^{\Delta_{n-1}}) \\
&- f_1(s, y_1, \dots, y_1^{\Delta_{n-1}})| \Delta s \Delta t'_1 \cdots \Delta t'_{n-2} \\
&+ \left( \frac{\rho_{2n-3}}{\rho_{2n-2}} \right) \sup_{t_2 \in \mathbb{T}_2} \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t'} \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t'_{n-3}} \cdots \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t'_1} \int_0^a \int_0^{t_{n-1}} |f_1(s, y_{n1}, \dots, y_{n1}^{\Delta_{n-1}}) \\
&- f_1(s, y_1, \dots, y_1^{\Delta_{n-1}})| \Delta s \Delta t_{n-1} \Delta t'_1 \cdots \Delta t'_{n-3} \\
&+ \left( \frac{\rho_{2n-5}}{\rho_{2n-4}} \right) \sup_{t_2 \in \mathbb{T}_2} \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t'} \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t'_{n-4}} \cdots \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t'_1} \int_0^a \int_0^{t_{n-1}} \int_0^{t_{n-2}} |f_1(s, y_{n1}, \dots, y_{n1}^{\Delta_{n-1}}) \\
&- f_1(s, y_1, \dots, y_1^{\Delta_{n-1}})| \Delta s \Delta t_{n-2} \Delta t_{n-1} \Delta t'_1 \cdots \Delta t'_{n-4} \\
&+ \cdots + \\
&+ \left( \frac{\rho_1}{\rho_2} \right) \int_0^a \int_0^{t_{n-1}} \cdots \int_0^{t_1} |f_1(s, y_{n1}, \dots, y_{n1}^{\Delta_{n-1}}) \\
&- f_1(s, y_1, \dots, y_1^{\Delta_{n-1}})| \Delta s \Delta t_1 \cdots \Delta t_{n-1}
\end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|T(y_{n1}, y_{n2}) - T(y_1, y_2)\| \rightarrow 0$  proving that  $T$  is continuous. Let

$$f_1(s, y_1, \dots, y_1^{\Delta_{n-1}}) \leq M_1, \text{ for some } M_1 > 0, \forall s \in \mathbb{T}_1,$$

$$f_2(s, y_2, \dots, y_2^{\Delta_{n-1}}) \leq M_2, \text{ for some } M_2 > 0, \forall s \in \mathbb{T}_2.$$

We now show that  $T(\mathcal{C}(\mathbb{T}_1) \times \mathcal{C}(\mathbb{T}_2))$  is bounded and equicontinuous subset of  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbb{T}_1) \times \mathcal{C}(\mathbb{T}_2)$ . Let us assume that  $\|(y_1, y_2)\| \leq M$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}
\|T(y_1, y_2)\| &\leq \sup_{t_1 \in \mathbb{T}_1} \int_0^{t_1} \int_0^{t_1} \dots \int_0^{t_2} \int_0^{t_1} |f_1(s, y_1, \dots, y_1^{\Delta^{n-1}})| \Delta s \Delta t_1 \dots \Delta t_{n-1} \\
&+ \sup_{t_2 \in \mathbb{T}_2} \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t_2'} \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t_2'} \dots \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t_2'} \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t_1'} |f_2(s, y_2, \dots, y_2^{\Delta^{n-1}})| \Delta s \Delta t_1' \dots \Delta t_{n-1}' \\
&+ \sup_{t_2 \in \mathbb{T}_2} \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t_2'} \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t_2'} \dots \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t_1'} \left( \frac{\rho_{2n-1}}{\rho_{2n}} \right) \left( \int_0^a |f_1(s, y_1, \dots, \right. \\
&\quad \left. y_1^{\Delta^{n-1}})| \Delta s \right) \Delta t \Delta t_1' \dots \Delta t_{n-2}' \\
&+ \sup_{t_2 \in \mathbb{T}_2} \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t_2'} \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t_2'} \dots \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t_1'} \left( \frac{\rho_{2n-3}}{\rho_{2n-2}} \right) \left( \int_0^a \int_0^{t_{n-1}} |f_1(s, y_1, \dots, \right. \\
&\quad \left. y_1^{\Delta^{n-1}})| \Delta s \Delta t_{n-1} \right) \Delta t \Delta t_1' \dots \Delta t_{n-3}' \\
&+ \sup_{t_2 \in \mathbb{T}_2} \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t_2'} \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t_2'} \dots \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t_1'} \left( \frac{\rho_{2n-5}}{\rho_{2n-4}} \right) \left( \int_0^a \int_0^{t_{n-1}} \int_0^{t_{n-2}} |f_1(s, y_1, \dots, \right. \\
&\quad \left. y_1^{\Delta^{n-1}})| \Delta s \Delta t_{n-2} \Delta t_{n-1} \right) \Delta t \Delta t_1' \dots \Delta t_{n-4}' \\
&+ \dots + \frac{\rho_1}{\rho_2} \left( \int_0^a \int_0^{t_{n-1}} \dots \int_0^{t_1} |f_1(s, y_{n1}, \dots, y_{n1}^{\Delta^{n-1}})| \Delta s \Delta t_1 \dots \Delta t_{n-1} \right)
\end{aligned}$$

Since  $(f_1, f_2)$  is bounded we can conclude that there exists a  $K > 0$  independent of choice of  $(y_1, y_2)$  such that  $\|T(y_1, y_2)\| \leq K$ . Hence,  $T(\mathcal{C}(\mathbb{T}_1) \times \mathcal{C}(\mathbb{T}_2))$  is bounded.

*Claim 0.20.*

$$(0.14) \quad \int_a^{t_n} \int_a^{t_{n-1}} \dots \int_a^{t_1} dt_0 dt_1 \dots dt_{n-1} = \sum_{i=0}^n \frac{(-1)^i a^i t_n^{n-i}}{i!(n-i)!}$$

for all  $n \geq 1$  and for all  $a$  in  $\mathbb{R}^+$ .

We'll Prove By induction on  $n$ .

For  $n=1$ ,

$$\int_a^{t_1} dt_0 = t_1 - a$$

Hence (0.14) is true for  $n=1$ .

Now, let (0.14) be true for  $n=k$ . i.e,

$$\int_a^{t_k} \int_a^{t_{k-1}} \dots \int_a^{t_1} dt_0 dt_1 \dots dt_{k-1} = \sum_{i=0}^k \frac{(-1)^i a^i t_k^{k-i}}{i!(k-i)!}$$

Now for  $n = k+1$ ,

$$\int_a^{t_{k+1}} \int_a^{t_k} \dots \int_a^{t_1} dt_0 dt_1 \dots dt_k = \int_a^{t_{k+1}} \sum_{i=0}^k \frac{(-1)^i a^i t_k^{k-i}}{i!(k-i)!} dt_k$$

from above case.

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sum_{i=0}^k \frac{(-1)^i a^i}{i!(k-i)!} \int_a^{t_{k+1}} t_k^{k-i} dt_k \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^k \frac{(-1)^i a^i}{i!(k-i)!} \left( \frac{t_{k+1}^{(k+1)-i}}{(k+1)-i} - \frac{a^{(k+1)-i}}{(k+1)-i} \right) \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^k \frac{(-1)^i a^i}{i!(k-i)!} \left( \frac{t_{k+1}^{(k+1)-i}}{(k+1)-i} \right) - \left( \sum_{i=0}^k \frac{(-1)^i a^i}{i!(k-i)!} \frac{a^{(k+1)-i}}{(k+1)-i} \right) \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^k \frac{(-1)^i a^i}{i!(k-i)!} \left( \frac{t_{k+1}^{(k+1)-i}}{(k+1)-i} \right) + \left( \sum_{i=0}^k \frac{(-1)^{i+1} a^i}{i!(k-i)!} \frac{a^{(k+1)-i}}{(k+1)-i} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Let us consider the Second term above

$$\begin{aligned} &\sum_{i=0}^k \frac{(-1)^{i+1} a^i}{i!(k-i)!} \frac{a^{(k+1)-i}}{(k+1)-i} \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^k \frac{(-1)^{(i+1)} a^{(k+1)}}{i!(k+1-i)!} = a^{(k+1)} \left[ \frac{-1}{(k+1)!} + \frac{1}{1!k!} - \frac{1}{2!(k-1)!} + \dots + \frac{(-1)^{(k+1)}}{k!} \right] \\ &= -\frac{a^{k+1}}{(k+1)!} \left[ 1 - (k+1) + \frac{k(k+1)}{2!} - \dots + (-1)^k k + 1 \right] \\ &= -\frac{a^{k+1}}{(k+1)!} \left[ 1 - (k+1) + \frac{k(k+1)}{2!} - \dots + (-1)^k k + 1 + (-1)^{(k+1)} - (-1)^{(k+1)} \right] \\ &= -\frac{a^{k+1}}{(k+1)!} \left[ \sum_{i=0}^{k+1} \left( \binom{k+1}{i} (-1)^i \right) - (-1)^{k+1} \right] \\ &= -\frac{a^{k+1}}{(k+1)!} \left[ \sum_{i=0}^{k+1} \left( \binom{k+1}{i} (-1)^i (1)^{k+1-i} \right) - (-1)^{k+1} \right] \\ &= -\frac{a^{k+1}}{(k+1)!} \left[ (1-1)^{k+1} - (-1)^{k+1} \right] = \frac{(-1)^{k+1} a^{(k+1)}}{(k+1)!} \end{aligned}$$

So,

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_a^{t_{k+1}} \int_a^{t_k} \dots \int_a^{t_1} dt_0 dt_1 \dots dt_k \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^k \left( \frac{(-1)^i a^i t_{k+1}^{(k+1)-i}}{i!((k+1)-i)!} \right) + \frac{(-1)^{k+1} a^{k+1}}{(k+1)!} \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^{(k+1)} \frac{(-1)^i a^i t_{(k+1)}^{(k+1)-i}}{i!((k+1)-i)!}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence (0.14) holds for the case  $n=k+1$ . Therefore (0.14) is proved by Mathematical induction on  $n$ .

We next prove that  $T(\mathcal{C}(\mathbb{T}_1) \times \mathcal{C}(\mathbb{T}_2))$  is equicontinuous subset of  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbb{T}_1) \times \mathcal{C}(\mathbb{T}_2)$ . We need to show that

$\forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists \delta > 0$  such that whenever

$$\begin{aligned} & \| (t, t') - (t^*, t'') \| < \delta \\ \Rightarrow & \| T(y_1(t), y_2(t')) - T(y_1(t^*), y_2(t'')) \| < \varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

Let us assume that  $|t - t^*| + |t' - t''| < \delta$ . We see that  $T(y_1(t), y_2(t')) - T(y_1(t^*), y_2(t''))$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \left( \int_0^t \int_0^{t_{n-1}} \dots \int_0^{t_2} \int_0^{t_1} f_1(s, y_1, \dots, y_1^{\Delta^{n-1}}) \Delta s \Delta t_1 \dots \Delta t_{n-1} \right. \\ &- \int_0^{t^*} \int_0^{t'_{n-1}} \dots \int_0^{t'_2} \int_0^{t'_1} f_1(s, y_1, \dots, y_1^{\Delta^{n-1}}) \Delta s \Delta t_1 \dots \Delta t_{n-1}, \\ &\quad \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t'} \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t'_{n-1}} \dots \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t'_2} \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t'_1} f_2(s, y_2, \dots, y_2^{\Delta^{n-1}}) \Delta s \Delta t'_1 \dots \Delta t'_{n-1} \\ &- \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t''} \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t'_{n-1}} \dots \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t'_2} \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t'_1} f_2(s, y_2, \dots, y_2^{\Delta^{n-1}}) \Delta s \Delta t'_1 \dots \Delta t'_{n-1} \\ &+ \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t'} \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t'_{n-2}} \dots \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t'_1} \frac{\rho_{2n-1}}{\rho_{2n}} \left( \int_0^a f_1(s, y_{n1}, \dots, y_{n1}^{\Delta^{n-1}}) \Delta s \right) \Delta t \Delta t'_1 \dots \Delta t'_{n-2} \\ &- \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t''} \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t'_{n-2}} \dots \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t'_1} \frac{\rho_{2n-1}}{\rho_{2n}} \left( \int_0^a f_1(s, y_{n1}, \dots, y_{n1}^{\Delta^{n-1}}) \Delta s \right) \Delta t \Delta t'_1 \dots \Delta t'_{n-2} \\ &+ \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t'} \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t'_{n-3}} \dots \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t'_1} \frac{\rho_{2n-3}}{\rho_{2n-2}} \left( \int_0^a \int_0^{t_{n-1}} f_1(s, y_{n1}, \dots, \right. \\ &\quad \left. y_{n1}^{\Delta^{n-1}}) \Delta s \Delta t_{n-1} \right) \Delta t \Delta t'_1 \dots \Delta t'_{n-3} \\ &- \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t''} \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t'_{n-3}} \dots \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t'_1} \frac{\rho_{2n-3}}{\rho_{2n-2}} \left( \int_0^a \int_0^{t'_{n-1}} f_1(s, y_{n1}, \dots, \right. \\ &\quad \left. y_{n1}^{\Delta^{n-1}}) \Delta s \Delta t_{n-1} \right) \Delta t \Delta t'_1 \dots \Delta t'_{n-3} \\ &+ \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t'} \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t'_{n-4}} \dots \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t'_1} \frac{\rho_{2n-5}}{\rho_{2n-4}} \left( \int_0^a \int_0^{t_{n-1}} \int_0^{t_{n-2}} f_1(s, y_{n1}, \dots, \right. \\ &\quad \left. y_{n1}^{\Delta^{n-1}}) \Delta s \Delta t_{n-2} \Delta t_{n-1} \right) \Delta t \Delta t'_1 \dots \Delta t'_{n-4} \\ &- \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t''} \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t'_{n-4}} \dots \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t'_1} \frac{\rho_{2n-5}}{\rho_{2n-4}} \left( \int_0^a \int_0^{t_{n-1}} \int_0^{t_{n-2}} f_1(s, y_{n1}, \dots, \right. \\ &\quad \left. y_{n1}^{\Delta^{n-1}}) \Delta s \Delta t_{n-2} \Delta t_{n-1} \right) \Delta t \Delta t'_1 \dots \Delta t'_{n-4} \Big) \end{aligned}$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_0^t \int_0^{t_{n-1}} \cdots \int_0^{t_2} \int_0^{t_1} f_1(s, y_1, \dots, y_1^{\Delta^{n-1}}) \Delta s \Delta t_1 \cdots \Delta t_{n-1} \\
& - \int_0^{t^*} \int_0^{t_{n-1}} \cdots \int_0^{t_2} \int_0^{t_1} f_1(s, y_1, \dots, y_1^{\Delta^{n-1}}) \Delta s \Delta t_1 \cdots \Delta t_{n-1} \\
& \leq \int_0^t \int_0^{t_{n-1}} \cdots \int_0^{t_2} \int_0^{t_1} M_1 \Delta s \Delta t_1 \cdots \Delta t_{n-1} \\
& - \int_0^{t^*} \int_0^{t_{n-1}} \cdots \int_0^{t_2} M_1 \Delta s \Delta t_1 \cdots \Delta t_{n-1} \\
& = \int_0^t \int_0^{t_{n-1}} \cdots \int_0^{t_2} M_1 t_1 \Delta t_1 \cdots \Delta t_{n-1} \\
& - \int_0^{t^*} \int_0^{t_{n-1}} \cdots \int_0^{t_2} M_1 t_1 \Delta t_1 \cdots \Delta t_{n-1} \\
& = \int_0^t \int_0^{t_{n-1}} \cdots \int_0^{t_3} \frac{M_1 t_2^2}{2} \Delta t_2 \cdots \Delta t_{n-1} \\
& - \int_0^{t^*} \int_0^{t_{n-1}} \cdots \int_0^{t_3} \frac{M_1 t_2^2}{2} \Delta t_2 \cdots \Delta t_{n-1} \\
& \vdots \\
& = M_1 \left( \frac{t^n}{n!} - \frac{t^{*n}}{n!} \right)
\end{aligned}$$

Using (0.16) we obtain

$$= \frac{1}{n!} M_1 (t - t^*) \left( t^{(n-1)} + t^* t^{(n-2)} + \cdots + t^{*(n-2)} t + t^{*(n-1)} \right)$$

Hence, whenever  $|t - t^*| < \delta$  we have

$$\left| \int_0^t \int_0^{t_{n-1}} \cdots \int_0^{t_2} \int_0^{t_1} f_1(s, y_1, \dots, y_1^{\Delta^{n-1}}) \Delta s \Delta t_1 \cdots \Delta t_{n-1} - \int_0^{t^*} \int_0^{t_{n-1}} \cdots \int_0^{t_2} \int_0^{t_1} f_1(s, y_1, \dots, y_1^{\Delta^{n-1}}) \Delta s \Delta t_1 \cdots \Delta t_{n-1} \right| < \frac{\varepsilon}{n+1}.$$

Also

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t'} \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t'_{n-1}} \cdots \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t'_2} \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t'_1} f_2(s, y_2, \dots, y_2^{\Delta^{n-1}}) \Delta s \Delta t'_1 \cdots \Delta t'_{n-1} \\
& - \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t''} \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t'_{n-1}} \cdots \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t'_2} \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t'_1} f_2(s, y_2, \dots, y_2^{\Delta^{n-1}}) \Delta s \Delta t'_1 \cdots \Delta t'_{n-1}.
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t'} \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t'_{n-1}} \cdots \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t'_2} \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t'_1} M_2 \Delta s \Delta t'_1 \cdots \Delta t'_{n-1} \\ &- \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t''} \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t''_{n-1}} \cdots \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t''_2} \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t''_1} M_2 \Delta s \Delta t'_1 \cdots \Delta t'_{n-1} \end{aligned}$$

Using (0.14) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} &= M_2 \left( \sum_{i=0}^n \frac{\sigma(a)^i t'^{(n-i)}}{i!(n-i)!} - \sum_{i=0}^n \frac{\sigma(a)^i t''^{(n-i)}}{i!(n-i)!} \right) \\ &= M_2 \sum_{i=0}^n \frac{\sigma(a)^i}{i!(n-i)!} \left( t'^{(n-i)} - t''^{(n-i)} \right) \\ &= M_2 \sum_{i=0}^n \frac{\sigma(a)^i}{i!(n-i)!} (t' - t'') \left( t'^{(n-i-1)} + t'' t'^{(n-i-2)} + \cdots \right. \\ &\quad \left. + t''^{(n-i-2)} t' + t''^{(n-i-1)} \right) \text{ Using (0.16)} \end{aligned}$$

Hence, whenever  $|t' - t''| < \delta$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\left| \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t'} \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t'_{n-1}} \cdots \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t'_2} \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t'_1} f_2(s, y_2, \dots, y_2^{\Delta^{n-1}}) \Delta s \Delta t'_1 \cdots \Delta t'_{n-1} \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t''} \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t''_{n-1}} \cdots \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t''_2} \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t''_1} f_2(s, y_2, \dots, y_2^{\Delta^{n-1}}) \Delta s \Delta t'_1 \cdots \Delta t'_{n-1} \right| < \frac{\varepsilon}{n+1}. \end{aligned}$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_{\sigma(a)}^{t'} \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t'_{n-2}} \cdots \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t'_1} \frac{\rho_{2n-1}}{\rho_{2n}} \left( \int_0^a f_1(s, y_1, \dots, y_1^{\Delta^{n-1}}) \Delta s \right) \Delta t \Delta t'_1 \cdots \Delta t'_{n-2} \\ &- \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t''} \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t''_{n-2}} \cdots \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t''_1} \frac{\rho_{2n-1}}{\rho_{2n}} \left( \int_0^a f_1(s, y_1, \dots, y_1^{\Delta^{n-1}}) \Delta s \right) \Delta t \Delta t'_1 \cdots \Delta t'_{n-2} \\ &\leq \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t'} \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t'_{n-2}} \cdots \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t'_1} \frac{\rho_{2n-1}}{\rho_{2n}} \left( \int_0^a M_1 \Delta s \right) \Delta t \Delta t'_1 \cdots \Delta t'_{n-2} \\ &- \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t''} \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t''_{n-2}} \cdots \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t''_1} \frac{\rho_{2n-1}}{\rho_{2n}} \left( \int_0^a M_1 \Delta s \right) \Delta t \Delta t'_1 \cdots \Delta t'_{n-2} \end{aligned}$$

Using (0.14) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{\rho_{2n-1}}{\rho_{2n}} M_1 a \left( \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \frac{\sigma(a) t'^{(n-i-1)}}{i!(n-i-1)!} - \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \frac{\sigma(a) t''^{(n-i-1)}}{i!(n-i-1)!} \right) \\
 &= \frac{\rho_{2n-1}}{\rho_{2n}} M_1 a \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \frac{\sigma(a)^i}{i!(n-i-1)!} \left( t'^{(n-i-1)} - t''^{(n-i-1)} \right) \\
 &= \frac{\rho_{2n-1}}{\rho_{2n}} M_1 a \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \frac{\sigma(a)^i}{i!(n-i-1)!} (t' - t'') \left( t'^{(n-i-2)} + t'' t'^{(n-i-3)} + \dots \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + t''^{(n-i-3)} t' + t''^{(n-i-2)} \right) \text{ Using (0.16)}
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, whenever  $|t' - t''| < \delta$  we have

$$\left| \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t'} \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t'_{n-2}} \dots \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t'_1} \frac{\rho_{2n-1}}{\rho_{2n}} \left( \int_0^a f_1(s, y_1, \dots, y_1^{\Delta^{n-1}}) \Delta s \right) \Delta t \Delta t'_1 \dots \Delta t'_{n-2} \right. \\
 \left. - \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t''} \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t''_{n-2}} \dots \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t''_1} \frac{\rho_{2n-1}}{\rho_{2n}} \left( \int_0^a f_1(s, y_1, \dots, y_1^{\Delta^{n-1}}) \Delta s \right) \Delta t \Delta t'_1 \dots \Delta t'_{n-2} \right| < \frac{\varepsilon}{n+1}.$$

Also

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\int_{\sigma(a)}^{t'} \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t'_{n-3}} \dots \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t'_1} \frac{\rho_{2n-3}}{\rho_{2n-2}} \left( \int_0^a \int_0^{t'_{n-1}} f_1(s, y_1, \dots, y_1^{\Delta^{n-1}}) \Delta s \Delta t'_{n-1} \right) \Delta t \Delta t'_1 \dots \Delta t'_{n-3} \\
 &- \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t''} \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t''_{n-3}} \dots \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t''_1} \frac{\rho_{2n-3}}{\rho_{2n-2}} \left( \int_0^a \int_0^{t''_{n-1}} f_1(s, y_1, \dots, y_1^{\Delta^{n-1}}) \Delta s \Delta t'_{n-1} \right) \Delta t \Delta t'_1 \dots \Delta t'_{n-3} \\
 &\leq \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t'} \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t'_{n-3}} \dots \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t'_1} \frac{\rho_{2n-3}}{\rho_{2n-2}} \left( \int_0^a \int_0^{t'_{n-1}} M_1 \Delta s \Delta t'_{n-1} \right) \Delta t \Delta t'_1 \dots \Delta t'_{n-3} \\
 &- \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t''} \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t''_{n-3}} \dots \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t''_1} \frac{\rho_{2n-3}}{\rho_{2n-2}} \left( \int_0^a \int_0^{t''_{n-1}} M_1 \Delta s \Delta t'_{n-1} \right) \Delta t \Delta t'_1 \dots \Delta t'_{n-3}
 \end{aligned}$$

Using (0.14) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{\rho_{2n-3}}{\rho_{2n-2}} \frac{M_1 a^2}{2} \left( \sum_{i=0}^{n-2} \frac{\sigma(a) t'^{(n-i-2)}}{i!(n-i-2)!} - \sum_{i=0}^{n-2} \frac{\sigma(a) t''^{(n-i-2)}}{i!(n-i-2)!} \right) \\
 &= \frac{\rho_{2n-3}}{\rho_{2n-2}} \frac{M_1 a^2}{2} \sum_{i=0}^{n-2} \frac{\sigma(a)^i}{i!(n-i-2)!} \left( t'^{(n-i-2)} - t''^{(n-i-2)} \right) \\
 &= \frac{\rho_{2n-3}}{\rho_{2n-2}} \frac{M_1 a^2}{2} \sum_{i=0}^{n-2} \frac{\sigma(a)^i}{i!(n-i-2)!} (t' - t'') \left( t'^{(n-i-3)} + t'' t'^{(n-i-4)} + \dots \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + t''^{(n-i-4)} t' + t''^{(n-i-3)} \right) \text{ Using (0.16)}
 \end{aligned}$$



Hence, whenever  $|t' - t''| < \delta$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t'} \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t'_{n-3}} \cdots \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t'_1} \frac{\rho_{2n-3}}{\rho_{2n-2}} \left( \int_0^a \int_0^{t'_{n-1}} f_1(s, y_1, \dots, \right. \right. \\ & \quad \left. \left. y_1^{\Delta^{n-1}}) \Delta s \Delta t'_{n-1} \right) \Delta t \Delta t'_1 \cdots \Delta t'_{n-3} \right. \\ & - \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t''} \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t''_{n-3}} \cdots \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t''_1} \frac{\rho_{2n-3}}{\rho_{2n-2}} \left( \int_0^a \int_0^{t''_{n-1}} f_1(s, y_1, \dots, \right. \\ & \quad \left. \left. y_1^{\Delta^{n-1}}) \Delta s \Delta t'_{n-1} \right) \Delta t \Delta t'_1 \cdots \Delta t'_{n-3} \right| < \frac{\varepsilon}{n+1}. \end{aligned}$$

Also

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t'} \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t'_{n-4}} \cdots \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t'_1} \frac{\rho_{2n-5}}{\rho_{2n-4}} \left( \int_0^a \int_0^{t'_{n-1}} \int_0^{t'_{n-2}} f_1(s, y_1, \dots, \right. \\ & \quad \left. \left. y_1^{\Delta^{n-1}}) \Delta s \Delta t'_{n-2} \Delta t'_{n-1} \right) \Delta t \Delta t'_1 \cdots \Delta t'_{n-4} \right. \\ & - \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t''} \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t''_{n-4}} \cdots \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t''_1} \frac{\rho_{2n-5}}{\rho_{2n-4}} \left( \int_0^a \int_0^{t'_{n-1}} \int_0^{t'_{n-2}} f_1(s, y_1, \dots, \right. \\ & \quad \left. \left. y_1^{\Delta^{n-1}}) \Delta s \Delta t'_{n-2} \Delta t'_{n-1} \right) \Delta t \Delta t'_1 \cdots \Delta t'_{n-4} \right. \\ & \leq \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t'} \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t'_{n-4}} \cdots \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t'_1} \frac{\rho_{2n-5}}{\rho_{2n-4}} \left( \int_0^a \int_0^{t'_{n-1}} \int_0^{t'_{n-2}} M_1 \Delta s \right. \\ & \quad \left. \Delta t'_{n-2} \Delta t'_{n-1} \right) \Delta t \Delta t'_1 \cdots \Delta t'_{n-4} \\ & - \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t''} \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t''_{n-4}} \cdots \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t''_1} \frac{\rho_{2n-5}}{\rho_{2n-4}} \left( \int_0^a \int_0^{t'_{n-1}} \int_0^{t'_{n-2}} M_1 \Delta s \right. \\ & \quad \left. \Delta t'_{n-2} \Delta t'_{n-1} \right) \Delta t \Delta t'_1 \cdots \Delta t'_{n-4} \end{aligned}$$

Using (0.14) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & = \frac{\rho_{2n-5}}{\rho_{2n-4}} \frac{M_1 a^3}{6} \left( \sum_{i=0}^{n-3} \frac{\sigma(a)^i t'^{(n-i-3)}}{i!(n-i-3)!} - \sum_{i=0}^{n-3} \frac{\sigma(a)^i t''^{(n-i-3)}}{i!(n-i-3)!} \right) \\ & = \frac{\rho_{2n-5}}{\rho_{2n-4}} \frac{M_1 a^3}{6} \sum_{i=0}^{n-3} \frac{\sigma(a)^i}{i!(n-i-3)!} \left( t'^{(n-i-3)} - t''^{(n-i-3)} \right) \\ & = \frac{\rho_{2n-5}}{\rho_{2n-4}} \frac{M_1 a^3}{6} \sum_{i=0}^{n-3} \frac{\sigma(a)^i}{i!(n-i-3)!} (t' - t'') \left( t'^{(n-i-4)} + t'' t'^{(n-i-5)} + \dots \right. \\ & \quad \left. + t''^{(n-i-5)} t' + t''^{(n-i-4)} \right) \text{ Using (0.16)} \end{aligned}$$

Hence, whenever  $|t' - t''| < \delta$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t'} \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t'_{n-4}} \cdots \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t'_1} \frac{\rho_{2n-5}}{\rho_{2n-4}} \left( \int_0^a \int_0^{t'_{n-1}} \int_0^{t'_{n-2}} f_1(s, y_1, \dots, \right. \right. \\ & \quad \left. \left. y_1^{\Delta^{n-1}}) \Delta s \Delta t'_{n-2} \Delta t'_{n-1} \right) \Delta t \Delta t'_1 \cdots \Delta t'_{n-4} \right. \\ & - \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t''} \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t'_{n-4}} \cdots \int_{\sigma(a)}^{t'_1} \frac{\rho_{2n-5}}{\rho_{2n-4}} \left( \int_0^a \int_0^{t'_{n-1}} \int_0^{t'_{n-2}} f_1(s, y_1, \dots, \right. \\ & \quad \left. y_1^{\Delta^{n-1}}) \Delta s \Delta t'_{n-2} \Delta t'_{n-1} \right) \Delta t \Delta t'_1 \cdots \Delta t'_{n-4} \left. \right| < \frac{\epsilon}{n+1} \end{aligned}$$

Similarly it can be shown that the terms involving

$$\frac{\rho_{2n-7}}{\rho_{2n-6}} + \dots + \frac{\rho_3}{\rho_4} \text{ can be made less than } \frac{\epsilon}{n+1}$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\rho_1}{\rho_2} \left( \int_0^a \int_0^{t_{n-1}} \cdots \int_0^{t_1} f_1(s, y_1, \dots, y_1^{\Delta^{n-1}}) \Delta s \Delta t_1 \cdots \Delta t_{n-1} \right) \\ & - \frac{\rho_1}{\rho_2} \left( \int_0^a \int_0^{t_{n-1}} \cdots \int_0^{t_1} f_1(s, y_1, \dots, y_1^{\Delta^{n-1}}) \Delta s \Delta t_1 \cdots \Delta t_{n-1} \right) \\ & = 0 \end{aligned}$$

So, we see that

$$\|T(y_1(t), y_2(t')) - T(y_1(t^*), y_2(t''))\| < \frac{\epsilon}{n+1} + \frac{\epsilon}{n+1} + \dots + \frac{\epsilon}{n+1} = \frac{\epsilon(n+1)}{n+1} = \epsilon$$

whenever

$$\begin{aligned} & \| (t, t') - (t^*, t'') \| < \delta \\ & \text{i.e., } |t - t^*| + |t' - t''| < \delta. \end{aligned}$$

So,  $T(\mathcal{C}(\mathbb{T}_1) \times \mathcal{C}(\mathbb{T}_2))$  is equicontinuous subset of  $\mathcal{C}(\mathbb{T}_1) \times \mathcal{C}(\mathbb{T}_2)$ . Condition(iii) of Arzela-Acoli theorem can be seen from that fact that any  $g_i(s, z_i) \in \mathcal{C}(\mathbb{T}_i \times \mathcal{C}(\mathbb{T}_i))$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  is uniformly continuous on  $\mathbb{T}_i$  as  $\mathbb{T}_i$  is compact(since closed and bounded). Thus  $T$  is compact by Arzela-Ascoli theorem. So from Schauder's fixed point theorem(0.6) a fixed point exists for the operator equation  $(y_1, y_2) = Ty$ . Hence a solution exists for the IVP-SIP.  $\square$

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