



New Existence Results for Solutions of BVPs for Higher Order IFDEs Involving Riemann-Liouville Type Hadamard Fractional Derivatives

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Abstract. In this article, we present a method for converting boundary value problems for impulsive fractional differential systems involving the Riemann-Liouville type Hadamard fractional derivatives to integral systems. The existence results for solutions of this kind of boundary value problems are established. Our analysis relies on the well known fixed point theorem. Some comments on recent published papers are made at the end of the paper.

1. Introduction

Fractional differential equations have many applications in modeling of physical, industrial and chemical processes. In its turn, mathematical aspects of fractional differential equations and methods of their solutions were discussed by many authors, see the text books [3, 11].

It has been noticed that most of the work on the topic is based on Riemann-Liouville and Caputo type fractional differential equations. Besides Riemann-Liouville and Caputo derivatives, there is another kind of fractional derivatives in the literature due to Hadamard [11], which is known as Hadamard derivative and differs from the preceding ones in the sense that its definition involves logarithmic function of arbitrary exponent. It is imperative to note that the study of Hadamard type initial and boundary value problems is at its initial phase and needs further attention [20].

In [18, 23], authors established the existence of solutions for a class of nonlinear impulsive Hadamard fractional differential equations with initial condition of the form

$$\begin{cases} {}^{rh}D_{1+}^{\alpha}x(t) = f(t, x(t)), t \in (1, e] \setminus \{t_1, t_2, \dots, t_m\}, \\ \Delta^*x(t_i) = {}^hJ_{1+}^{1-\alpha}x(t_i^+) - {}^hJ_{1+}^{1-\alpha}x(t_i^-) = p_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, m, \\ {}^hJ_{1+}^{1-\alpha}x(1) = u_0, \end{cases} \quad (1.1)$$

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where ${}^{rh}D_{1+}^{\alpha}$ is the left-side Riemann-Liouville type Hadamard derivative of order $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ with the starting point 1 and ${}^hJ_{1+}^{1-\alpha}$ denotes left-side Hadamard fractional integral of order $1 - \alpha$, $1 = t_0 < t_1 < \dots < t_m < t_{m+1} = e$, $u_0, p_i \in \mathbf{R} (i = 1, 2, \dots, m)$, $f : [1, e] \times \mathbf{R} \mapsto \mathbf{R}$ is a continuous function.

In [22], Zhang and Wang Studied the existence and finite-time stability for the following impulsive fractional differential equation

$$\begin{cases} {}^{rh}D_{1+}^{\alpha}x(t) = f(t, x(t), \max_{\xi \in [\beta t, t]} x(\xi)), t \in (1, e] \setminus \{t_1, t_2, \dots, t_m\}, \\ \Delta^*x(t_i) = {}^hJ_{1+}^{1-\alpha}x(t_i^+) - {}^hJ_{1+}^{1-\alpha}x(t_i^-) = a_i x(t_i) + b_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, m, \\ {}^hJ_{1+}^{1-\alpha}x(1) = u_0, \end{cases}$$

with the initial condition $x(t) = \Phi(t)$, $t \in [\beta, 1]$, where ${}^{rh}D_{1+}^{\alpha}$ is the left-side Riemann-Liouville type Hadamard derivative of order $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ with the starting point 1 and ${}^hJ_{1+}^{1-\alpha}$ denotes left-side Hadamard fractional integral of order $1 - \alpha$, $\beta \in (0, 1)$, $1 = t_0 < t_1 < \dots < t_m < t_{m+1} = e$, $u_0, p_i \in \mathbf{R} (i = 1, 2, \dots, m)$, $\Phi : [\beta, 1] \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ and $f : [1, e] \times \mathbf{R} \mapsto \mathbf{R}$ are continuous functions.

In [21], Zhang studied the following impulsive system with Hadamard fractional derivative:

$$\begin{cases} {}^{rh}D_{a^+}^{\alpha}x(t) = f(t, x(t)), t \in (a, T], t \neq t_k, \bar{t}_l, k = 1, 2, \dots, m, l = 1, 2, \dots, n, \\ \Delta^h J_{a^+}^{2-\alpha}x(t_i) = {}^hJ_{a^+}^{2-\alpha}x(t_i^+) - {}^hJ_{a^+}^{2-\alpha}x(t_i^-) = \Delta_i(x(t_i)), i = 1, 2, \dots, m, \\ \Delta^{rh} D_{a^+}^{\alpha-1}x(\bar{t}_l) = {}^{rh}D_{a^+}^{\alpha-1}x(\bar{t}_l^+) - {}^{rh}D_{a^+}^{\alpha-1}x(\bar{t}_l^-) = \bar{\Delta}_l(x(\bar{t}_l)), l = 1, 2, \dots, n, \\ {}^hJ_{a^+}^{2-\alpha}x(a) = x_2, {}^{rh}D_{a^+}^{\alpha-1}x(a) = x_1 \end{cases} \tag{1.2}$$

and its special case:

$$\begin{cases} {}^{rh}D_{a^+}^{\alpha}x(t) = f(t, x(t)), t \in (a, T], t \neq t_k, k = 1, 2, \dots, m, \\ \Delta^h J_{a^+}^{2-\alpha}x(t_i) = {}^hJ_{a^+}^{2-\alpha}x(t_i^+) - {}^hJ_{a^+}^{2-\alpha}x(t_i^-) = \Delta_i(x(t_i)), i = 1, 2, \dots, m, \\ \Delta^{rh} D_{a^+}^{\alpha-1}x(t_i) = {}^{rh}D_{a^+}^{\alpha-1}x(t_i^+) - {}^{rh}D_{a^+}^{\alpha-1}x(t_i^-) = \bar{\Delta}_i(x(t_i)), i = 1, 2, \dots, m, \\ {}^hJ_{a^+}^{2-\alpha}x(a) = x_2, {}^{rh}D_{a^+}^{\alpha-1}x(a) = x_1 \end{cases} \tag{1.3}$$

where ${}^{rh}D_{1+}^{\alpha}$ is the left-side Riemann-Liouville type Hadamard derivative of order $\alpha \in (1, 2)$ with the starting point $a > 0$ and ${}^hJ_{1+}^{2-\alpha}$ denotes left-side Hadamard fractional integral of order $2 - \alpha$, $a = t_0 < t_1 < \dots < t_m < t_{m+1} = T$, $a = \bar{t}_0 < \bar{t}_1 < \dots < \bar{t}_n < \bar{t}_{n+1} = T$, $x_1, x_2 \in \mathbf{R}$, $f : [a, T] \times \mathbf{R} \mapsto \mathbf{R}$ is a continuous function.

In [6], Liu studied the following boundary value problem for impulsive higher order fractional differential equation involving the Riemann-Liouville type Hadamard fractional derivatives

$$\begin{cases} {}^{rh}D_{1+}^{\alpha}x(t) - \lambda x(t) = p(t)f(t, x(t)), a.e., t \in (t_k, t_{k+1}], k \in \mathbf{N}_0^m, \\ \Delta^h I_{1+}^{n-\alpha}x(t_k) = I_n(t_k, x(t_k)), k \in \mathbf{N}_1^m, \\ \Delta^{rh} D_{1+}^{\alpha-\nu}x(t_k) = I_{\nu}(t_k, x(t_k)), k \in \mathbf{N}_1^m, \nu \in \mathbf{N}_1^{n-1}, \\ {}^{rh}D_{1+}^{\alpha-\nu}x(1) = 0, x(e) = 0, \nu \in \mathbf{N}_1^{n-1}, \end{cases} \tag{1.4}$$

where $\alpha \in (n - 1, n)$, $\lambda \in \mathbf{R}$, ${}^hI_{1+}^{n-\alpha}$ and ${}^{rh}D_{1+}^{\alpha}$ are the Hadamard fractional integral and the Riemann-Liouville Hadamard fractional derivative respectively, m is a positive integer, denote $\mathbf{N}_a^b = \{a, a + 1, a + 2, \dots, b\}$ for

integers a, b with $a < b$, $1 = t_0 < t_1 < t_2 < \dots < t_m < t_{m+1} = e$, $p \in C^0(1, e)$ and there exist constants $\sigma > -1, \tau \in (\max\{-\alpha, -n - \sigma\}, 0]$ such that $|p(t)| \leq (\ln t)^\sigma (1 - \ln t)^\tau$ on $(1, e)$, $f : (1, e) \times \mathbf{R} \mapsto \mathbf{R}$ is a Carathéodory function, $I_i : \{t_i\} \times \mathbf{R} \mapsto \mathbf{R}$ are discrete Carathéodory functions.

This paper is motivated by [6, 9, 18, 21, 23], we consider the following boundary value problem for impulsive Riemann-Liouville Hadamard fractional differential equation

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} {}^{rh}D_{1+}^\alpha x(t) - \lambda {}^{rh}D_{1+}^\beta x(t) = h(t)f(t, x(t)), a.e., t \in (t_k, t_{k+1}], k \in \mathbf{N}_0^m, \\ \Delta^h I_{1+}^{n-\alpha} x(t_k) = I_n(t_k, x(t_k)), k \in \mathbf{N}_1^m, \\ \Delta {}^{rh}D_{1+}^{\alpha-\nu} x(t_k) = I_\nu(t_k, x(t_k)), k \in \mathbf{N}_1^m, \nu \in \mathbf{N}_{p+1}^{n-1}, \\ \Delta [{}^{rh}D_{1+}^{\alpha-p} x - A^h I_{1+}^{p-\beta} x](t_k) = I_p(t_k, x(t_k)), k \in \mathbf{N}_1^m, \\ \Delta [{}^{rh}D_{1+}^{\alpha-\nu} x - A^h I_{1+}^{\beta-\nu} x](t_k) = I_\nu(t_k, x(t_k)), k \in \mathbf{N}_1^m, \nu \in \mathbf{N}_1^{p-1}, \\ {}^{rh}D_{1+}^{\alpha-\nu} x(1) = 0, \nu \in \mathbf{N}_{p+1}^{n-1}, \\ [{}^{rh}D_{1+}^{\alpha-p} x - A^h I_{1+}^{p-\beta} x](1) = 0, \\ [{}^{rh}D_{1+}^{\alpha-\nu} x - A^h I_{1+}^{\beta-\nu} x](1) = 0, \nu \in \mathbf{N}_1^{p-1}, x(e) = 0, \end{array} \right. \tag{1.5}$$

where n, p are positive integers and $\alpha \in (n - 1, n), \beta \in (p - 1, p), \beta < \alpha, \lambda \in \mathbf{R}, {}^h I_{1+}^*$ and ${}^{rh}D_{1+}^*$ are the Hadamard fractional integral and the Riemann-Liouville Hadamard fractional derivative respectively, m is a positive integer, denote $\mathbf{N}_a^b = \{a, a + 1, a + 2, \dots, b\}$ for integers a, b with $a < b, 1 = t_0 < t_1 < t_2 < \dots < t_m < t_{m+1} = e, h \in C^0(1, e)$ and there exist constants $\sigma > -1, \tau \in (\max\{-\alpha, -n - \sigma\}, 0]$ such that $|h(t)| \leq (\ln t)^\sigma (1 - \ln t)^\tau$ on $(1, e)$, $f : (1, e) \times \mathbf{R} \mapsto \mathbf{R}$ is a Carathéodory function, $I_i : \{t_i\} \times \mathbf{R} \mapsto \mathbf{R}$ are discrete Carathéodory functions. .

A function $u : (1, e] \mapsto \mathbf{R}$ is called a solution of BVP(1.5) if

$$u|_{(t_k, t_{k+1}]} \in C^0(t_k, t_{k+1}], k \in \mathbf{N}_0^m, \lim_{t \rightarrow t_k^+} (\ln t - \ln t_k)^{n-\alpha} u(t) \text{ are finite, } k \in \mathbf{N}_0^m$$

and all equations in (1.5) are satisfied. The first purpose of this paper is to give continuous general solutions of the following Riemann-Liouville Hadamard fractional differential equation

$${}^{rh}D_{1+}^\alpha x(t) - \lambda {}^{rh}D_{1+}^\beta x(t) = p(t), a.e., t \in (1, e].$$

The second purpose of this paper is to give piecewise continuous general solutions of the following impulsive Riemann-Liouville Hadamard fractional differential equation

$${}^{rh}D_{1+}^\alpha x(t) - \lambda {}^{rh}D_{1+}^\beta x(t) = p(t), a.e., t \in (t_k, t_{k+1}], k \in \mathbf{N}_0^m.$$

The third purpose of this paper is to transform BVP(1.5) to an equivalent integral equation and to establish existence results for solutions of BVP(1.5).

The remainder of the paper is organized as follows: In Section 2, we present some preliminary results. In Section 3, the existence results for solutions of BVP(1.5). Some examples are given in the final section.

2. Preliminary results

In this section, we present some necessary definitions from the fractional calculus theory which can be found in the literatures [3, 11]. Let $a < b$. Denote $L^1(a, b)$ the set of all integrable functions on (a, b) , $C^0(a, b)$ the set of all continuous functions on $(a, b]$. For $\phi \in L^1(a, b)$, denote $\|\phi\|_1 = \int_a^b |\phi(s)| ds$. For $\phi \in C^0[a, b]$,

denote $\|\phi\|_0 = \max_{t \in [a,b]} |\phi(t)|$. Let the Gamma and Beta functions $\Gamma(\alpha)$, $\mathbf{B}(p, q)$ and the Mittag-Leffler function $E_{\alpha, \delta}(x)$ be defined by

$$\Gamma(\alpha) = \int_0^{+\infty} x^{\alpha-1} e^{-x} dx, \quad \mathbf{B}(p, q) = \int_0^1 x^{p-1} (1-x)^{q-1} dx, \quad \mathbf{E}_{\alpha, \delta}(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^k}{\Gamma(k\alpha + \delta)}, \quad \alpha, p, q, \delta > 0.$$

Definition 2.1[11]. The left Hadamard fractional integral of order $\alpha > 0$ of a function $h : (1, e] \mapsto \mathbf{R}$ is given by ${}^h I_{1^+}^\alpha h(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_1^t (\ln t - \ln s)^{\alpha-1} h(s) \frac{ds}{s}, t > 1$ provided that the right-hand side exists.

Definition 2.2[11]. The left Riemann-Liouville Hadamard fractional derivative of order $\alpha > 0$ of a function $h : (1, e] \mapsto \mathbf{R}$ is given by ${}^{rh} D_{1^+}^\alpha h(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(n-\alpha)} \left(t \frac{d}{dt}\right)^n \int_1^t \frac{h(s)}{(t-s)^{\alpha-n+1}} \frac{ds}{s}, t > 1$ where $n-1 < \alpha < n$, provided that the right-hand side exists.

Remark 2.1. It is known that if the traditional derivative (integer order derivative) $x^{(n)}(t)$ exists, $x(t), x'(t), \dots, x^{(n-1)}(t)$ are continuous. Motivated by this fact, it follows certainly for $a > 0$ that if ${}^{rh} D_{a^+}^\alpha h(t)$ exists ($\alpha \in (n-1, n)$, $x \in C(a, b)$), $\lim_{t \rightarrow a^+} (\ln t - \ln a)^{n-\alpha} x(t)$ exists and ${}^{rh} D_{a^+}^{\alpha-(n-1)} x, {}^{rh} D_{a^+}^{\alpha-(n-2)} x, \dots, {}^{rh} D_{a^+}^{\alpha-1} x$ are continuous on $[a, t]$.

Definition 2.3. $h : (1, e) \times \mathbf{R} \mapsto \mathbf{R}$ is called a Carathéodory function if

- (i) $t \mapsto h(t, (\ln t - \ln t_i)^{\alpha-n} x)$ is integrable on (t_i, t_{i+1}) for every $x \in \mathbf{R}$,
- (ii) $x \mapsto h(t, (\ln t - \ln t_i)^{\alpha-n} x)$ is continuous on \mathbf{R} for each $t \in (t_i, t_{i+1}] (i \in \mathbf{N}_0^m)$,
- (iii) for each $r > 0$, there exists $M_r > 0$ such that $|x| \leq r$ implies that

$$|h(t, (\ln t - \ln t_i)^{\alpha-n} x)| \leq M_r, t \in (t_i, t_{i+1}), i \in \mathbf{N}_0^m.$$

Definition 2.4. $I : \{t_i : i \in \mathbf{N}_1^m\} \times \mathbf{R} \mapsto \mathbf{R}$ is a discrete Carathéodory function if

- (i) $x \mapsto I(t_i, (\ln t_i - \ln t_{i-1})^{\alpha-n} x)$ is continuous on \mathbf{R} for each $i \in \mathbf{N}_1^m$,
- (ii) for each $r > 0$, there exists $M_{I,r} > 0$ such that $|x| \leq r$ implies that

$$|I(t_i, (\ln t_i - \ln t_{i-1})^{\alpha-n} x)| \leq M_{I,r}, i \in \mathbf{N}_1^m.$$

Let n be a positive integer, $\alpha \in (n-1, n)$, $1 = t_0 < t_1 < \dots < t_m < t_{m+1} = e$. Denote

$$PC_{n-\alpha}(1, e] = \left\{ x : (1, e] \mapsto \mathbf{R} : x|_{(t_k, t_{k+1}]} \in C^0(t_k, t_{k+1}], \lim_{t \rightarrow t_k^+} (\ln t - \ln t_k)^{n-\alpha} x(t) \text{ are finite}, i \in \mathbf{N}_0^m \right\}.$$

Define

$$\|x\| = \max \left\{ \sup_{t \in (t_k, t_{k+1}]} (\ln t - \ln t_k)^{n-\alpha} |x(t)| : k \in \mathbf{N}_0^m \right\}, x \in PC_{n-\alpha}(1, e].$$

Then $PC_{n-\alpha}(1, e]$ is a Banach space.

We firstly, by the Picard iterative method, give an exact expression of solutions of the following linear fractional differential equation

$${}^{rh} D_{1^+}^\alpha x(t) - A {}^{rh} D_{1^+}^\beta x(t) = h(t), a.e., t \in (1, e], \tag{2.1}$$

where n, p are two positive integers, $\alpha \in (n-1, n)$, $\beta \in (0, \alpha)$ with $p-1 < \beta < p$, $A \in \mathbf{R}$, $h \in C(1, e)$ and there exist constants $\sigma > -1, \tau \in \max\{-\alpha + n - 1, -1 - \sigma, 0\}$ such that $|h(t)| \leq (\ln t)^\sigma (1 - \ln t)^\tau$ for all $t \in (1, e)$, n, p are positive integers. We give the exact expression of continuous general solutions of (2.1).

We secondly consider the impulsive linear fractional differential equation

$${}^{rh} D_{1^+}^\alpha x(t) - A {}^{rh} D_{1^+}^\beta x(t) = h(t), a.e., t \in (t_i, t_{i+1}], i \in \mathbf{N}_0^m, \tag{2.2}$$

where $1 = t_0 < t_1 < t_2 < \dots < t_m < t_{m+1} = e$, n, p are two positive integers, $\alpha \in (n - 1, n)$, $\beta \in (0, \alpha)$ with $\beta \in (p - 1, p)$, $A \in \mathbf{R}$, $h \in C(1, e)$ and there exist constants $\sigma > -1$, $\tau \in \max\{-\alpha + n - 1, -1 - \sigma\}, 0]$ such that $|h(t)| \leq (\ln t)^\sigma (1 - \ln t)^\tau$ for all $t \in (1, e)$, n, p are positive integers. We given the exact expression of piecewise general continuous solutions of (2.2).

We note that if a function $x : (1, e] \mapsto \mathbf{R}$ is a continuous solution of (2.1), we can get that

$$[{}^{rh}D_{1^+}^{\alpha-i}x - A{}^{rh}D_{1^+}^{\beta-i}x] \in C[1, e], i \in \mathbf{N}_1^{p-1}, [{}^{rh}D_{1^+}^{\alpha-p} - A{}^hI_{1^+}^{p-\beta}x] \in C[1, e],$$

$${}^{rh}D_{1^+}^{\alpha-i}x \in C[1, e], i \in \mathbf{N}_{p+1}^{n-1}, {}^hI_{1^+}^{n-\alpha}x \in C[1, e]$$

and x satisfies (2.1).

We also note that if a function $x : (1, e] \mapsto \mathbf{R}$ is a piecewise continuous solution of (2.2), we can get that

$$[{}^{rh}D_{1^+}^{\alpha-i}x - A{}^{rh}D_{1^+}^{\beta-i}x]|_{(t_j, t_{j+1}]} \in C(t_j, t_{j+1}], i \in \mathbf{N}_1^{p-1}, j \in \mathbf{N}_0^m,$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow t_j^+} [{}^{rh}D_{1^+}^{\alpha-i}x - A{}^{rh}D_{1^+}^{\beta-i}x](t) \text{ is finite, } i \in \mathbf{N}_1^{p-1}, j \in \mathbf{N}_0^m,$$

$$[{}^{rh}D_{1^+}^{\alpha-p} - A{}^hI_{1^+}^{p-\beta}x]|_{(t_j, t_{j+1}]} \in C(t_j, t_{j+1}], j \in \mathbf{N}_0^m,$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow t_j^+} [{}^{rh}D_{1^+}^{\alpha-p} - A{}^hI_{1^+}^{p-\beta}x](t) \text{ is finite, } j \in \mathbf{N}_0^m,$$

$${}^{rh}D_{1^+}^{\alpha-i}x|_{(t_j, t_{j+1}]} \in C(t_j, t_{j+1}], i \in \mathbf{N}_{p+1}^{n-1}, j \in \mathbf{N}_0^m,$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow t_j^+} {}^{rh}D_{1^+}^{\alpha-i}x(t) \text{ is finite, } j \in \mathbf{N}_0^m, i \in \mathbf{N}_{p+1}^{n-1},$$

$${}^hI_{1^+}^{n-\alpha}x|_{(t_j, t_{j+1}]} \in C(t_j, t_{j+1}], \lim_{t \rightarrow t_j^+} {}^hI_{1^+}^{n-\alpha}x(t) \text{ is finite, } j \in \mathbf{N}_0^m$$

and x satisfies (2.2).

We firstly give an exact expression of solutions of (2.1) satisfying the following initial conditions The initial conditions are as follows:

$$[{}^{rh}D_{1^+}^{\alpha-i}x - A{}^{rh}D_{1^+}^{\beta-i}x]|_{t=1} = x_i, i \in \mathbf{N}_1^{p-1},$$

$$[{}^{rh}D_{1^+}^{\alpha-p}x - A{}^hI_{0^+}^{p-\beta}x]|_{t=1} = x_p,$$

$${}^{rh}D_{1^+}^{\alpha-i}x(1) = x_i, i \in \mathbf{N}_{p+1}^{n-1}, {}^hI_{1^+}^{n-\alpha}x(1) = x_n$$
(2.3)

where $x_i \in \mathbf{R}(i \in \mathbf{N}_1^n)$.

We choose the following Picard function sequence:

$$\phi_0(t) = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{x_i}{\Gamma(\alpha-i+1)} (\ln t)^{\alpha-i} + \int_1^t \frac{(\ln t - \ln s)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} h(s) \frac{ds}{s}, t \in (1, e],$$

$$\phi_i(t) = \phi_0(t) + \frac{A}{\Gamma(\alpha-\beta)} \int_1^t (\ln t - \ln s)^{\alpha-\beta-1} \phi_{i-1}(s) \frac{ds}{s}, t \in (1, e], i = 1, 2, \dots$$

Claim 2.1. $t \mapsto (\ln t)^{n-\alpha} \phi_i(t)$ is continuous on $[1, e]$.

In fact, one sees that

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \int_1^t \frac{(\ln t - \ln s)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} h(s) \frac{ds}{s} \right| &\leq \int_1^t \frac{(\ln t - \ln s)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} (\ln s)^\sigma (1 - \ln s)^\tau \frac{ds}{s} \\ &\leq \int_1^t \frac{(\ln t - \ln s)^{\alpha+\tau-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} (\ln s)^\sigma \frac{ds}{s} = (\ln t)^{\alpha+\sigma+\tau} \int_0^1 \frac{(1-w)^{\alpha+\tau-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} w^\sigma dw. \end{aligned}$$

Then $t \mapsto (\ln t)^{n-\alpha} \phi_0(t)$ is continuous on $[1, e]$ by $\tau > -n - \sigma$. By mathematical induction method, we know that $t \mapsto (\ln t)^{n-\alpha} \phi_i(t)$ is continuous on $[1, e]$.

Claim 2.2. $\{t \mapsto (\ln t)^{n-\alpha} \phi_i(t)\}$ is convergent uniformly on $[1, e]$.

In fact, by Claim 2.1, we have $\|\phi_0\|_{n-\alpha} = \sup_{t \in [1, e]} |(\ln t)^{n-\alpha} \phi_0(t)| < +\infty$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} (\ln t)^{n-\alpha} |\phi_1(t) - \phi_0(t)| &= (\ln t)^{n-\alpha} \left| \frac{A}{\Gamma(\alpha-\beta)} \int_1^t (\ln t - \ln s)^{\alpha-\beta-1} \phi_0(s) \frac{ds}{s} \right| \\ &\leq \frac{|A|}{\Gamma(\alpha-\beta)} (\ln t)^{n-\alpha} \int_1^t (\ln t - \ln s)^{\alpha-\beta-1} |\phi_0(s)| \frac{ds}{s} \\ &\leq \frac{|A|}{\Gamma(\alpha-\beta)} (\ln t)^{n-\alpha} \int_1^t (\ln t - \ln s)^{\alpha-\beta-1} (\ln s)^{\alpha-n} \frac{ds}{s} \sup_{t \in [1, e]} |(\ln t)^{n-\alpha} \phi_0(t)| \\ &= \frac{|A| \|\phi_0\|_{n-\alpha}}{\Gamma(\alpha-\beta)} (\ln t)^{n-\alpha} (\ln t)^{2\alpha-\beta-n} \int_0^1 (1-w)^{\alpha-\beta-1} w^{\alpha-n} dw \\ &= \frac{|A| \|\phi_0\|_{n-\alpha} \mathbf{B}(\alpha-\beta, \alpha-n+1)}{\Gamma(\alpha-\beta)} (\ln t)^{\alpha-\beta}. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly we have

$$\begin{aligned} (\ln t)^{n-\alpha} |\phi_2(t) - \phi_1(t)| &= (\ln t)^{n-\alpha} \left| \frac{A}{\Gamma(\alpha-\beta)} \int_1^t (\ln t - \ln s)^{\alpha-\beta-1} [\phi_1(s) - \phi_0(s)] \frac{ds}{s} \right| \\ &\leq \frac{|A|}{\Gamma(\alpha-\beta)} (\ln t)^{n-\alpha} \int_1^t (\ln t - \ln s)^{\alpha-\beta-1} |\phi_1(s) - \phi_0(s)| \frac{ds}{s} \\ &\leq \frac{|A|}{\Gamma(\alpha-\beta)} (\ln t)^{n-\alpha} \int_1^t (\ln t - \ln s)^{\alpha-\beta-1} (\ln s)^{\alpha-n} \frac{|A| \|\phi_0\|_{n-\alpha} \mathbf{B}(\alpha-\beta, \alpha-n+1)}{\Gamma(\alpha-\beta)} (\ln s)^{\alpha-\beta} \frac{ds}{s} \\ &= \frac{|A| \|\phi_0\|_{n-\alpha} \mathbf{B}(\alpha-\beta, \alpha-n+1)}{\Gamma(\alpha-\beta)} \frac{|A| \mathbf{B}(\alpha-\beta, 2\alpha-\beta-n+1)}{\Gamma(\alpha-\beta)} (\ln t)^{2\alpha-2\beta}. \end{aligned}$$

By mathematical induction method, we can get

$$\begin{aligned} (\ln t)^{n-\alpha} |\phi_{i+1}(t) - \phi_i(t)| &= (\ln t)^{n-\alpha} \left| \frac{A}{\Gamma(\alpha-\beta)} \int_1^t (\ln t - \ln s)^{\alpha-\beta-1} [\phi_i(s) - \phi_{i-1}(s)] \frac{ds}{s} \right| \\ &\leq \|\phi_0\|_{n-\alpha} \left[\prod_{j=0}^i \frac{|A| \mathbf{B}(\alpha-\beta, (j+1)\alpha-j\beta-n+1)}{\Gamma(\alpha-\beta)} \right] (\ln t)^{(i+1)(\alpha-\beta)}, \quad i = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots \end{aligned}$$

It follows for $t \in [1, e]$ that

$$(\ln t)^{n-\alpha} |\phi_{i+1}(t) - \phi_i(t)| \leq \|\phi_0\|_{n-\alpha} \left[\prod_{j=0}^i \frac{|A| \mathbf{B}(\alpha-\beta, (j+1)\alpha-j\beta-n+1)}{\Gamma(\alpha-\beta)} \right], \quad i = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

Consider

$$\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} u_i =: \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \|\phi_0\|_{n-\alpha} \left[\prod_{j=0}^i \frac{|A| \mathbf{B}(\alpha-\beta, (j+1)\alpha-j\beta-n+1)}{\Gamma(\alpha-\beta)} \right].$$

It is easy to see that

$$\frac{u_{i+1}}{u_i} = \frac{|A|B(\alpha-\beta, (i+2)\alpha-(i+1)\beta-n+1)}{\Gamma(\alpha-\beta)} = \frac{|A|}{\Gamma(\alpha-\beta)} \int_0^1 (1-s)^{\alpha-\beta-1} s^{(i+2)\alpha-(i+1)\beta-n} ds$$

For each $\epsilon > 0$, choose $\delta \in (0, 1)$ such that $\int_\delta^1 (1-s)^{\alpha-\beta-1} s^{\alpha-n} ds < \epsilon$. Then

$$\int_\delta^1 (1-s)^{\alpha-\beta-1} s^{(i+2)\alpha-(i+1)\beta-n} ds \leq \int_\delta^1 (1-s)^{\alpha-\beta-1} s^{\alpha-n} ds < \epsilon.$$

Choose N sufficiently large such that $\frac{\delta^{(i+1)(\alpha-\beta)+\alpha-n}}{\alpha-\beta} < \epsilon$ for all $i > N$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^1 (1-s)^{\alpha-\beta-1} s^{(i+2)\alpha-(i+1)\beta-n} ds \\ &= \int_0^\delta (1-s)^{\alpha-\beta-1} s^{(i+2)\alpha-(i+1)\beta-n} ds + \int_\delta^1 (1-s)^{\alpha-\beta-1} s^{(i+2)\alpha-(i+1)\beta-n} ds \\ &\leq \int_0^\delta (1-s)^{\alpha-\beta-1} ds \delta^{(i+1)(\alpha-\beta)+\alpha-n} + \int_\delta^1 (1-s)^{\alpha-\beta-1} s^{\alpha-n} ds \\ &\leq \frac{\delta^{(i+1)(\alpha-\beta)+\alpha-n}}{\alpha-\beta} + \epsilon < 2\epsilon, i > N. \end{aligned}$$

It follows that $\lim_{i \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{u_{i+1}}{u_i} = 0$. Then $\sum_{i=0}^\infty u_i$ is convergent. Hence

$$(\ln t)^{n-\alpha} \phi_0(t) + \sum_{i=0}^\infty (\ln t)^{n-\alpha} [\phi_{i+1}(t) - \phi_i(t)]$$

is uniformly convergent. Hence $\{t \mapsto (\ln t)^{n-\alpha} \phi_i(t)\}$ is uniformly convergent on $[1, e]$.

Claim 2.3. $\phi(t) = \lim_{i \rightarrow +\infty} \phi_i(t)$ defined on $(1, e]$ is a unique continuous solution of the integral equation

$$x(t) = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{x_i}{\Gamma(\alpha-i+1)} (\ln t)^{\alpha-i} + \int_1^t \frac{(\ln t - \ln s)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} h(s) \frac{ds}{s} + A \int_1^t \frac{(\ln t - \ln u)^{\alpha-\beta-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha-\beta)} x(u) \frac{du}{u}, t \in (1, e]. \tag{2.4}$$

From Claim 2.2, we have $\lim_{i \rightarrow +\infty} (\ln t)^{n-\alpha} \phi_i(t) = (\ln t)^{n-\alpha} \phi(t)$ uniformly on $(1, e]$. Then for $t \in (1, e]$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(t) &= \lim_{i \rightarrow +\infty} (\ln t)^{n-\alpha} \phi_i(t) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{x_i}{\Gamma(\alpha-i+1)} (\ln t)^{\alpha-i} + \int_1^t \frac{(\ln t - \ln s)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} h(s) \frac{ds}{s} + \frac{A}{\Gamma(\alpha-\beta)} \int_1^t (\ln t - \ln s)^{\alpha-\beta-1} \lim_{i \rightarrow +\infty} \phi_{i-1}(s) \frac{ds}{s} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{x_i}{\Gamma(\alpha-i+1)} (\ln t)^{\alpha-i} + \int_1^t \frac{(\ln t - \ln s)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} h(s) \frac{ds}{s} + \frac{A}{\Gamma(\alpha-\beta)} \int_1^t (\ln t - \ln s)^{\alpha-\beta-1} \phi(s) \frac{ds}{s}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence ϕ is a solution of (2.4).

Suppose that ψ is also a solution of (2.4) such that $\lim_{t \rightarrow 1} (\ln t)^{n-\alpha} \psi(t)$ is finite. We will prove that $\phi(t) \equiv \psi(t)$ on $(1, e]$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} (\ln t)^{n-\alpha} |\psi(t) - \phi_0(t)| &= (\ln t)^{n-\alpha} \left| \frac{A}{\Gamma(\alpha-\beta)} \int_1^t (\ln t - \ln s)^{\alpha-\beta-1} \psi(s) \frac{ds}{s} \right| \\ &\leq \frac{|A|}{\Gamma(\alpha-\beta)} (\ln t)^{n-\alpha} \int_1^t (\ln t - \ln s)^{\alpha-\beta-1} |\psi(s)| \frac{ds}{s} \\ &\leq \frac{|A|}{\Gamma(\alpha-\beta)} (\ln t)^{n-\alpha} \int_1^t (\ln t - \ln s)^{\alpha-\beta-1} (\ln s)^{\alpha-n} \frac{ds}{s} \sup_{t \in [1, e]} (\ln t)^{n-\alpha} |\psi(t)| \\ &= \frac{|A| \|\psi\|_{n-\alpha}}{\Gamma(\alpha-\beta)} (\ln t)^{n-\alpha} (\ln t)^{2\alpha-\beta-n} \int_0^1 (1-w)^{\alpha-\beta-1} w^{\alpha-n} dw \\ &= \frac{|A| \|\psi\|_{n-\alpha} B(\alpha-\beta, \alpha-n+1)}{\Gamma(\alpha-\beta)} (\ln t)^{\alpha-\beta}. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly we have

$$\begin{aligned} (\ln t)^{n-\alpha}|\psi(t) - \phi_1(t)| &= (\ln t)^{n-\alpha} \left| \frac{A}{\Gamma(\alpha-\beta)} \int_1^t (\ln t - \ln s)^{\alpha-\beta-1} [\psi(s) - \phi_0(s)] \frac{ds}{s} \right| \\ &\leq \frac{|A|}{\Gamma(\alpha-\beta)} (\ln t)^{n-\alpha} \int_1^t (\ln t - \ln s)^{\alpha-\beta-1} |\psi(s) - \phi_0(s)| \frac{ds}{s} \\ &\leq \frac{|A|}{\Gamma(\alpha-\beta)} (\ln t)^{n-\alpha} \int_1^t (\ln t - \ln s)^{\alpha-\beta-1} (\ln s)^{\alpha-n} \frac{|A|\|\psi\|_{n-\alpha} \mathbf{B}(\alpha-\beta, \alpha-n+1)}{\Gamma(\alpha-\beta)} (\ln s)^{\alpha-\beta} \frac{ds}{s} \\ &= \frac{|A|\|\psi\|_{n-\alpha} \mathbf{B}(\alpha-\beta, \alpha-n+1)}{\Gamma(\alpha-\beta)} \frac{|A| \mathbf{B}(\alpha-\beta, 2\alpha-\beta-n+1)}{\Gamma(\alpha-\beta)} (\ln t)^{2\alpha-2\beta}. \end{aligned}$$

By mathematical induction method, we can get

$$\begin{aligned} (\ln t)^{n-\alpha}|\psi(t) - \phi_i(t)| &= (\ln t)^{n-\alpha} \left| \frac{A}{\Gamma(\alpha-\beta)} \int_1^t (\ln t - \ln s)^{\alpha-\beta-1} [\psi(s) - \phi_{i-1}(s)] \frac{ds}{s} \right| \\ &\leq \|\psi\|_{n-\alpha} \left[\prod_{j=0}^i \frac{|A| \mathbf{B}(\alpha-\beta, (j+1)\alpha-j\beta-n+1)}{\Gamma(\alpha-\beta)} \right] (\ln t)^{(i+1)(\alpha-\beta)}, i = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots \end{aligned}$$

It follows for $t \in [1, e]$ that

$$(\ln t)^{n-\alpha}|\psi(t) - \phi_i(t)| \leq \|\psi\|_{n-\alpha} \left[\prod_{j=0}^i \frac{|A| \mathbf{B}(\alpha-\beta, (j+1)\alpha-j\beta-n+1)}{\Gamma(\alpha-\beta)} \right], i = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

Similarly to the proof of Claim 2.2, we know that

$$\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} u_i =: \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \|\psi\|_{n-\alpha} \left[\prod_{j=0}^i \frac{|A| \mathbf{B}(\alpha-\beta, (j+1)\alpha-j\beta-n+1)}{\Gamma(\alpha-\beta)} \right]$$

is convergent. Hence

$$\lim_{i \rightarrow +\infty} \|\psi\|_{n-\alpha} \left[\prod_{j=0}^i \frac{|A| \mathbf{B}(\alpha-\beta, (j+1)\alpha-j\beta-n+1)}{\Gamma(\alpha-\beta)} \right] = 0.$$

Then $\lim_{i \rightarrow +\infty} [\psi(t) - \phi_i(t)] = 0$. So $\psi(t) \equiv \phi(t)$.

Claim 2.4. Suppose that x is a continuous solution of (2.1) satisfying (2.3). Then x is a solution of the integral equation (2.4).

Proof. Since x is a solution of (2.1) satisfying (2.3), we have $x \in C(1, e]$ and $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} (\ln t)^{n-\alpha} x(t)$. Since $\alpha - \beta + p - n \geq 0$, we know that $\lim_{t \rightarrow 1^+} (\ln t)^{p-\beta} x(t)$ are finite. Then

$$\begin{aligned} {}^h I_{1^+}^{n-\alpha} x(1) &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 1^+} \int_1^t \frac{(\ln t - \ln s)^{n-\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(n-\alpha)} x(s) \frac{ds}{s} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 1^+} \int_1^t \frac{(\ln t - \ln s)^{n-\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(n-\alpha)} (\ln s)^{\alpha-n} (\ln s)^{n-\alpha} x(s) \frac{ds}{s} \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 1^+} \int_1^t \frac{(\ln t - \ln s)^{n-\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(n-\alpha)} (\ln s)^{\alpha-n} \frac{ds}{s} \xi^{n-\alpha} x(\xi) \text{ (where } \xi \in (1, t)) \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 1^+} \int_0^1 \frac{(1-w)^{n-\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(n-\alpha)} w^{\alpha-n} dw \xi^{n-\alpha} x(\xi) = \Gamma(\alpha - n + 1) \lim_{\xi \rightarrow 1^+} \xi^{n-\alpha} x(\xi) \text{ is finite.} \end{aligned}$$

Similarly we know that ${}^h I_{1^+}^{p-\beta} x(1)$ is finite. It follows from (2.1) and (2.108) in [11] (page 70) that

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) &= \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \frac{{}^h D_{1^+}^{\alpha-i} x(1)}{\Gamma(\alpha-i+1)} (\ln t)^{\alpha-i} + \frac{{}^h I_{1^+}^{m-\alpha} x(1)}{\Gamma(\alpha-n+1)} (\ln t)^{\alpha-n} + \int_1^t \frac{(\ln t - \ln s)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} [h(s) + A {}^h D_{1^+}^{\beta} x(s)] \frac{ds}{s} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \frac{{}^h D_{1^+}^{\alpha-i} x(1)}{\Gamma(\alpha-i+1)} (\ln t)^{\alpha-i} + \frac{{}^h I_{1^+}^{m-\alpha} x(1)}{\Gamma(\alpha-n+1)} (\ln t)^{\alpha-n} + \int_1^t \frac{(\ln t - \ln s)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} h(s) \frac{ds}{s} \\ &\quad + A \int_1^t \frac{(\ln t - \ln s)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} {}^h D_{1^+}^{\beta} x(s) \frac{ds}{s}. \end{aligned} \tag{2.5}$$

Since $x \in C(1, e]$ and $\lim_{t \rightarrow 1^+} (\ln t)^{n-\alpha} x(t)$ is finite, there exists a constant $M > 0$ such that $(\ln t)^{n-\alpha} |x(t)| \leq M$ for all $t \in (1, e]$. For $t > 1$, $\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2, \epsilon_3 > 0$ with $1 + \epsilon_1 + \epsilon_2 + \epsilon_3 \in (1, t)$ and $\epsilon = \max\{\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2, \epsilon_3\}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\left| \int_{1+\epsilon_2+\epsilon_3}^{t-\epsilon_1} (\ln t - \ln s)^{\alpha-p} \int_{1+\epsilon_3}^{s-\epsilon_2} (\ln s - \ln u)^{p-\beta-1} x(u) \frac{du}{u} \frac{ds}{s} \right| \\ &\leq \int_{1+\epsilon_2+\epsilon_3}^{t-\epsilon_1} (\ln t - \ln s)^{\alpha-p} \int_{1+\epsilon_3}^{s-\epsilon_2} (\ln s - \ln u)^{p-\beta-1} (\ln u)^{\alpha-n} M \frac{du}{u} \frac{ds}{s} \\ &= M \int_{1+\epsilon_2+\epsilon_3}^{t-\epsilon_1} (\ln t - \ln s)^{\alpha-p} (\ln s)^{\alpha-\beta-n+p} \int_{\frac{\ln(1+\epsilon_3)}{\ln s}}^{\frac{\ln(s-\epsilon_2)}{\ln s}} (1-w)^{p-\beta-1} w^{\alpha-n} dw \frac{ds}{s} \\ &\leq M \int_{1+\epsilon_2+\epsilon_3}^{t-\epsilon_1} (\ln t - \ln s)^{\alpha-p} (\ln s)^{\alpha-\beta-n+p} \mathbf{B}(p-\beta, \alpha-n+1) \frac{ds}{s} \\ &= M (\ln t)^{2\alpha-\beta-n} \int_{\frac{\ln(1+\epsilon_3)}{\ln t}}^{\frac{\ln(t-\epsilon_1)}{\ln t}} (1-w)^{\alpha-p} w^{\alpha-\beta-n+p} dw \mathbf{B}(p-\beta, \alpha-n+1) \\ &\leq M (\ln t)^{2\alpha-\beta-n} \mathbf{B}(\alpha-p+1, \alpha-\beta-n+p+1) \mathbf{B}(p-\beta, \alpha-n+1) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} &\left| \int_{1+\epsilon_3}^{t-\epsilon_1-\epsilon_2} \int_{u+\epsilon_2}^{t-\epsilon_1} (\ln t - \ln s)^{\alpha-p} (\ln s - \ln u)^{p-\beta-1} \frac{ds}{s} x(u) \frac{du}{u} \right| \\ &\leq \int_{1+\epsilon_3}^{t-\epsilon_1-\epsilon_2} \int_{u+\epsilon_2}^{t-\epsilon_1} (\ln t - \ln s)^{\alpha-p} (\ln s - \ln u)^{p-\beta-1} \frac{ds}{s} (\ln u)^{\alpha-n} M \frac{du}{u} \\ &= M \int_{1+\epsilon_3}^{t-\epsilon_1-\epsilon_2} (\ln t - \ln u)^{\alpha-\beta} \int_{\frac{\ln(1+\epsilon_2)}{\ln(t-u)}}^{\frac{\ln(t-u-\epsilon_1)}{\ln(t-u)}} (1-w)^{\alpha-p} w^{p-\beta-1} dw (\ln u)^{\alpha-n} \frac{du}{u} \\ &\leq M \int_{\ln(1+\epsilon_3)}^{\ln(t-\epsilon_1-\epsilon_2)} (\ln t - \ln u)^{\alpha-\beta} (\ln u)^{\alpha-n} \frac{du}{u} \mathbf{B}(\alpha-p+1, p-\beta) \\ &= M (\ln t)^{2\alpha-\beta-n+1} \int_{\frac{\ln(1+\epsilon_3)}{\ln t}}^{\frac{\ln(t-\epsilon_1-\epsilon_2)}{\ln t}} (1-w)^{\alpha-\beta} w^{\alpha-n} dw \mathbf{B}(\alpha-p+1, p-\beta) \\ &\leq M (\ln t)^{2\alpha-\beta-n+1} \mathbf{B}(\alpha-\beta+1, \alpha-n+1) \mathbf{B}(\alpha-p+1, p-\beta). \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_1^t (\ln t - \ln s)^{\alpha-p} \int_1^s (\ln s - \ln u)^{p-\beta-1} x(u) \frac{du}{u} \frac{ds}{s} \\ &= \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \int_{1+\epsilon_2+\epsilon_3}^{t-\epsilon_1} (\ln t - \ln s)^{\alpha-p} \int_{1+\epsilon_3}^{s-\epsilon_2} (\ln s - \ln u)^{p-\beta-1} x(u) \frac{du}{u} \frac{ds}{s} \\ &= \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \int_{1+\epsilon_3}^{t-\epsilon_1-\epsilon_2} \int_{u+\epsilon_2}^{t-\epsilon_1} (\ln t - \ln s)^{\alpha-p} (s-u)^{p-\beta-1} \frac{ds}{s} x(u) \frac{du}{u} \\ &= \int_1^t \int_u^t (\ln t - \ln s)^{\alpha-p} (\ln s - \ln u)^{p-\beta-1} \frac{ds}{s} x(u) \frac{du}{u}. \end{aligned} \tag{2.6}$$

From Remark 2.1, $x \in C(1, e]$, $\lim_{t \rightarrow 1^+} (\ln t)^{n-\alpha} x(t)$ and $\lim_{t \rightarrow 1^+} (\ln t)^{p-\beta} x(t)$ are finite, ${}^{rh}D_{1^+}^{\alpha-i} x (i \in \mathbf{N}_1^{n-1})$ and ${}^{rh}D_{1^+}^{\beta-j} x (j \in \mathbf{N}_1^{p-1})$ are continuous on $[1, e]$. One sees

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_1^t \frac{(\ln t - \ln s)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} {}^{rh}D_{1^+}^{\beta} x(s) \frac{ds}{s} = \int_1^t \frac{(\ln t - \ln s)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \left[\int_1^s \frac{(\ln s - \ln u)^{p-\beta-1}}{\Gamma(p-\beta)} x(u) \frac{du}{u} \right]^{(p)} \frac{ds}{s} \\ &= \int_1^t \frac{(\ln t - \ln s)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} d \left[\int_1^s \frac{(\ln s - \ln u)^{p-\beta-1}}{\Gamma(p-\beta)} x(u) \frac{du}{u} \right]^{(p-1)} \\ &= \frac{(\ln t - \ln s)^{\alpha-1} \left[\int_1^s (\ln s - \ln u)^{p-\beta-1} x(u) \frac{du}{u} \right]^{(p-1)} \Big|_1^t + (\alpha-1) \int_1^t (\ln t - \ln s)^{\alpha-2} \left[\int_1^s (\ln s - \ln u)^{p-\beta-1} x(u) \frac{du}{u} \right]^{(p-1)} \frac{ds}{s}}{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(p-\beta)} \\ &= -\frac{(\ln t)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} {}^{rh}D_{1^+}^{\beta-1} x(1) + \frac{\int_1^t (\ln t - \ln s)^{\alpha-2} \left[\int_1^s (\ln s - \ln u)^{p-\beta-1} x(u) \frac{du}{u} \right]^{(p-1)} \frac{ds}{s}}{\Gamma(\alpha-1)\Gamma(p-\beta)} \\ &= \dots \dots \dots \\ &= -\sum_{i=1}^{p-1} \frac{(\ln t)^{\alpha-i}}{\Gamma(\alpha-i+1)} {}^{rh}D_{1^+}^{\beta-i} x(1) + \frac{\int_1^t (\ln t - \ln s)^{\alpha-p} \left[\int_1^s (\ln s - \ln u)^{p-\beta-1} x(u) \frac{du}{u} \right] \frac{ds}{s}}{\Gamma(\alpha-p+1)\Gamma(p-\beta)} \\ &= -\sum_{i=1}^{p-1} \frac{(\ln t)^{\alpha-i}}{\Gamma(\alpha-i+1)} {}^{rh}D_{1^+}^{\beta-i} x(1) + \left[\frac{\int_1^t (\ln t - \ln s)^{\alpha-p+1} \left[\int_1^s (\ln s - \ln u)^{p-\beta-1} x(u) \frac{du}{u} \right] \frac{ds}{s}}{\Gamma(\alpha-p+2)\Gamma(p-\beta)} \right]' \\ &= -\sum_{i=1}^{p-1} \frac{(\ln t)^{\alpha-i}}{\Gamma(\alpha-i+1)} {}^{rh}D_{1^+}^{\beta-i} x(1) \text{ (here use (2.6))} \\ &+ t \left[\frac{(\ln t - \ln s)^{\alpha-p+1} \int_1^s (\ln s - \ln u)^{p-\beta-1} x(u) \frac{du}{u} \Big|_1^t + (\alpha-p+1) \int_1^t (\ln t - \ln s)^{\alpha-p} \int_1^s (\ln s - \ln u)^{p-\beta-1} x(u) \frac{du}{u} \frac{ds}{s}}{\Gamma(\alpha-p+2)\Gamma(p-\beta)} \right]' \\ &= -\sum_{i=1}^{p-1} \frac{(\ln t)^{\alpha-i}}{\Gamma(\alpha-i+1)} {}^{rh}D_{1^+}^{\beta-i} x(1) - \frac{(\ln t)^{\alpha-p}}{\Gamma(\alpha-p+1)} hI_{1^+}^{p-\beta} x(1) \\ &+ t \left[\frac{\int_1^t \int_u^t (\ln t - \ln s)^{\alpha-p} (\ln s - \ln u)^{p-\beta-1} \frac{ds}{s} x(u) \frac{du}{u}}{\Gamma(\alpha-p+1)\Gamma(p-\beta)} \right]' \\ &= -\sum_{i=1}^{p-1} \frac{(\ln t)^{\alpha-i}}{\Gamma(\alpha-i+1)} {}^{rh}D_{1^+}^{\beta-i} x(1) - \frac{(\ln t)^{\alpha-p}}{\Gamma(\alpha-p+1)} hI_{1^+}^{p-\beta} x(1) \\ &+ t \left[\frac{\int_1^t (\ln t - \ln u)^{\alpha-\beta} \int_0^1 (1-w)^{\alpha-p} w^{p-\beta-1} dw x(u) \frac{du}{u}}{\Gamma(\alpha-p+1)\Gamma(p-\beta)} \right]' \\ &= -\sum_{i=1}^{p-1} \frac{{}^{rh}D_{1^+}^{\beta-i} x(1)}{\Gamma(\alpha-i+1)} (\ln t)^{\alpha-i} - \frac{{}^{hI}_{1^+}^{p-\beta} x(1)}{\Gamma(\alpha-p+1)} (\ln t)^{\alpha-p} + \int_1^t \frac{(\ln t - \ln u)^{\alpha-\beta-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha-\beta)} x(u) \frac{du}{u}. \end{aligned}$$

Note $\beta < \alpha$ and $p \leq n$. It follows from (2.5) that

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) &= \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \frac{{}^{rh}D_{1^+}^{\alpha-i} x(1)}{\Gamma(\alpha-i+1)} (\ln t)^{\alpha-i} + \frac{{}^{hI}_{1^+}^{n-\alpha} x(1)}{\Gamma(\alpha-n+1)} (\ln t)^{\alpha-n} + \int_1^t \frac{(\ln t - \ln s)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} h(s) \frac{ds}{s} \\ &- A \sum_{i=1}^{p-1} \frac{{}^{rh}D_{1^+}^{\beta-i} x(1)}{\Gamma(\alpha-i+1)} (\ln t)^{\alpha-i} + A \frac{{}^{hI}_{1^+}^{p-\beta} x(1)}{\Gamma(\alpha-p+1)} (\ln t)^{\alpha-p} + A \int_1^t \frac{(\ln t - \ln u)^{\alpha-\beta-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha-\beta)} x(u) \frac{du}{u} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \sum_{i=1}^{p-1} \frac{{}^{rh}D_{1+}^{\alpha-i}x(1)-A{}^{rh}D_{1+}^{\beta-i}x(1)}{\Gamma(\alpha-i+1)}(\ln t)^{\alpha-i} + \frac{{}^{rh}D_{1+}^{\alpha-p}x(1)-A{}^{rh}D_{1+}^{\beta-p}x(1)}{\Gamma(\alpha-p+1)}(\ln t)^{\alpha-p} \\
 &+ \sum_{i=p+1}^{n-1} \frac{{}^{rh}D_{1+}^{\alpha-i}x(1)}{\Gamma(\alpha-i+1)}(\ln t)^{\alpha-i} + \frac{{}^{h}I_{1+}^{n-\alpha}x(1)}{\Gamma(\alpha-n+1)}(\ln t)^{\alpha-n} + \int_1^t \frac{(\ln t-\ln s)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)}h(s)\frac{ds}{s} \\
 &+ A \int_1^t \frac{(\ln t-\ln u)^{\alpha-\beta-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha-\beta)}x(u)\frac{du}{u} \\
 &= \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{x_i}{\Gamma(\alpha-i+1)}(\ln t)^{\alpha-i} + \int_1^t \frac{(\ln t-\ln s)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)}h(s)\frac{ds}{s} + A \int_1^t \frac{(\ln t-\ln u)^{\alpha-\beta-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha-\beta)}x(u)\frac{du}{u}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Then x is a solution of (2.4). The proof is completed. \square

Lemma 2.1. Suppose $\alpha - \beta + p - n \geq 0$. Then x is a continuous solution of (2.1) satisfying (2.3) if and only if

$$\begin{aligned}
 x(t) &= \sum_{v=1}^n x_v(\ln t)^{\alpha-v} \mathbf{E}_{\alpha-\beta, \alpha-v+1}(A(\ln t)^{\alpha-\beta}) \\
 &+ \int_1^t (\ln t - \ln s)^{\alpha-1} \mathbf{E}_{\alpha-\beta, \alpha}(A(\ln t - \ln s)^{\alpha-\beta})h(s)\frac{ds}{s}, t \in (1, e].
 \end{aligned} \tag{2.7}$$

Proof. We divide the proof into two steps:

Step 1. Suppose that x is a solution of (2.1) satisfying (2.3). We prove that x satisfies (2.7).

In fact, by Claim 2.4, x is a solution of (2.4). Claim 2.3 implies $x(t) = \lim_{i \rightarrow +\infty} \phi_i(t)$ is the unique solution of (2.4).

On the other hand, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \phi_i(t) &= \phi_0(t) + \frac{A}{\Gamma(\alpha-\beta)} \int_1^t (\ln t - \ln s)^{\alpha-\beta-1} \phi_{i-1}(s) \frac{ds}{s} \\
 &= \phi_0(t) + \frac{A}{\Gamma(\alpha-\beta)} \int_1^t (\ln t - \ln s)^{\alpha-\beta-1} \left(\phi_0(s) + \frac{A}{\Gamma(\alpha-\beta)} \int_1^s (\ln s - \ln u)^{\alpha-\beta-1} \phi_{i-2}(u) \frac{du}{u} \right) \frac{ds}{s} \\
 &= \phi_0(t) + \frac{A}{\Gamma(\alpha-\beta)} \int_1^t (\ln t - \ln s)^{\alpha-\beta-1} \phi_0(s) ds \\
 &+ \frac{A^2}{\Gamma(\alpha-\beta)^2} \int_1^t \int_u^t (\ln t - \ln s)^{\alpha-\beta-1} (\ln s - \ln u)^{\alpha-\beta-1} \frac{ds}{s} \phi_{i-2}(u) \frac{du}{u} \\
 &= \phi_0(t) + \frac{A}{\Gamma(\alpha-\beta)} \int_1^t (\ln t - \ln s)^{\alpha-\beta-1} \phi_0(s) \frac{ds}{s} \\
 &+ \frac{A^2}{\Gamma(\alpha-\beta)^2} \int_1^t (\ln t - \ln u)^{2\alpha-2\beta-1} \int_0^1 (1-w)^{\alpha-\beta-1} w^{\alpha-\beta-1} dw \phi_{i-2}(u) \frac{du}{u} \\
 &= \phi_0(t) + \frac{A}{\Gamma(\alpha-\beta)} \int_1^t (\ln t - \ln s)^{\alpha-\beta-1} \phi_0(s) \frac{ds}{s} + \frac{A^2}{\Gamma(2\alpha-2\beta)} \int_1^t (\ln t - \ln u)^{2\alpha-2\beta-1} \phi_{i-2}(u) \frac{du}{u} \\
 &= \dots\dots\dots
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \phi_0(t) + \sum_{j=1}^i \frac{A^j}{\Gamma(j\alpha-j\beta)} \int_1^t (\ln t - \ln u)^{j\alpha-j\beta-1} \phi_0(u) \frac{du}{u} \\
 &= \sum_{v=1}^n \frac{x_v}{\Gamma(\alpha-v+1)} (\ln t)^{\alpha-v} + \int_1^t \frac{(\ln t - \ln s)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} h(s) \frac{ds}{s} \\
 &\quad + \sum_{j=1}^i \frac{A^j}{\Gamma(j\alpha-j\beta)} \int_1^t (\ln t - \ln s)^{j\alpha-j\beta-1} \left[\sum_{v=1}^n \frac{x_v}{\Gamma(\alpha-v+1)} (\ln s)^{\alpha-v} + \int_1^s \frac{(\ln s - \ln u)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} h(u) \frac{du}{u} \right] \frac{ds}{s} \\
 &= \sum_{v=1}^n \frac{x_v}{\Gamma(\alpha-v+1)} (\ln t)^{\alpha-v} + \int_1^t \frac{(\ln t - \ln s)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} h(s) \frac{ds}{s} \\
 &\quad + \sum_{j=1}^i \frac{A^j}{\Gamma(j\alpha-j\beta)} \int_1^t (\ln t - \ln s)^{j\alpha-j\beta-1} \sum_{v=1}^n \frac{x_v}{\Gamma(\alpha-v+1)} (\ln s)^{\alpha-v} \frac{ds}{s} \\
 &\quad + \sum_{j=1}^i \frac{A^j}{\Gamma(j\alpha-j\beta)} \int_1^t \int_u^t (\ln t - \ln s)^{j\alpha-j\beta-1} \frac{(\ln s - \ln u)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \frac{ds}{s} h(u) \frac{du}{u} \\
 &= \sum_{v=1}^n \frac{x_v}{\Gamma(\alpha-v+1)} (\ln t)^{\alpha-v} + \int_1^t \frac{(\ln t - \ln s)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} h(s) \frac{ds}{s} \\
 &\quad + \sum_{j=1}^i \frac{A^j}{\Gamma(j\alpha-j\beta)} \sum_{v=1}^n \frac{x_v}{\Gamma(\alpha-v+1)} (\ln t)^{j\alpha-j\beta+\alpha-v} \int_0^1 (1-w)^{j\alpha-j\beta-1} w^{\alpha-v} dw \\
 &\quad + \sum_{j=1}^i \frac{A^j}{\Gamma(j\alpha-j\beta)} \int_1^t (\ln t - \ln u)^{j\alpha-j\beta+\alpha-1} \int_0^1 (1-w)^{j\alpha-j\beta-1} \frac{w^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} dw h(u) \frac{du}{u} \\
 &= \sum_{v=1}^n \frac{x_v}{\Gamma(\alpha-v+1)} (\ln t)^{\alpha-v} + \sum_{v=1}^n x_v \sum_{j=1}^i \frac{A^j}{\Gamma((j+1)\alpha-j\beta-v+1)} (\ln t)^{(j+1)\alpha-j\beta-v} \\
 &\quad + \int_1^t \frac{(\ln t - \ln s)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} h(s) \frac{ds}{s} + \sum_{j=1}^i \frac{A^j}{\Gamma((j+1)\alpha-j\beta)} \int_1^t (\ln t - \ln u)^{(j+1)\alpha-j\beta-1} h(u) \frac{du}{u} \\
 &= \sum_{v=1}^n x_v \sum_{j=0}^i \frac{A^j}{\Gamma((j+1)\alpha-j\beta-v+1)} (\ln t)^{(j+1)\alpha-j\beta-v} \\
 &\quad + \sum_{j=0}^i \frac{A^j}{\Gamma((j+1)\alpha-j\beta)} \int_1^t (\ln t - \ln u)^{(j+1)\alpha-j\beta-1} h(u) \frac{du}{u}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned}
 x(t) &= \lim_{i \rightarrow +\infty} \left[\sum_{v=1}^n x_v \sum_{j=0}^i \frac{A^j}{\Gamma((j+1)\alpha-j\beta-v+1)} (\ln t)^{(j+1)\alpha-j\beta-v} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \sum_{j=0}^i \frac{A^j}{\Gamma((j+1)\alpha-j\beta)} \int_1^t (\ln t - \ln u)^{(j+1)\alpha-j\beta-1} h(u) \frac{du}{u} \right] \\
 &= \sum_{v=1}^n x_v (\ln t)^{\alpha-v} \mathbf{E}_{\alpha-\beta, \alpha-v+1}(A(\ln t)^{\alpha-\beta}) + \int_1^t (\ln t - \ln s)^{\alpha-1} \mathbf{E}_{\alpha-\beta, \alpha}(A(\ln t - \ln s)^{\alpha-\beta}) h(s) \frac{ds}{s}.
 \end{aligned}$$

So x satisfies (2.7).

Step 2. Suppose that x satisfies (2.7). We prove that x is a solution of (2.1) satisfying (2.3). Since $h \in C(1, e)$ and $|h(t)| \leq (\ln t)^\sigma (1 - \ln t)^\tau$ for $t \in (1, e)$ with $\sigma > -1, \tau \in (-n - \sigma, 0]$, we know

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \int_1^t (\ln t - \ln s)^{i-1} \mathbf{E}_{\alpha-\beta,i}(A(\ln t - \ln s)^{\alpha-\beta})h(s) \frac{ds}{s} \right| \\ & \leq \int_1^t (\ln t - \ln s)^{i-1} \mathbf{E}_{\alpha-\beta,i}(|A|)(\ln s)^\sigma (1 - \ln s)^\tau \frac{ds}{s} \leq \int_1^t (\ln t - \ln s)^{i+\tau-1} (\ln s)^\sigma \frac{ds}{s} \mathbf{E}_{\alpha-\beta,i}(|A|) \\ & = (\ln t)^{i+\sigma+\tau} \int_0^1 (1-w)^{i+\tau-1} w^\sigma dw \mathbf{E}_{\alpha-\beta,i}(|A|). \end{aligned}$$

Then $t \rightarrow \int_1^t (\ln t - \ln s)^{i-1} \mathbf{E}_{\alpha-\beta,i}(A(\ln t - \ln s)^{\alpha-\beta})h(s) \frac{ds}{s}$ is continuous on $[1, e]$ for all $i \in \mathbf{N}_1^n$. Similarly we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \int_1^t (\ln t - \ln s)^{\alpha-\beta+i-1} \mathbf{E}_{\alpha-\beta,\alpha-\beta+i}(A(\ln t - \ln s)^{\alpha-\beta})h(s) \frac{ds}{s} \right| \\ & \leq \int_1^t (\ln t - \ln s)^{\alpha-\beta+i-1} \mathbf{E}_{\alpha-\beta,\alpha-\beta+i}(|A|)(\ln s)^\sigma (1 - \ln s)^\tau \frac{ds}{s} \\ & \leq \int_1^t (\ln t - \ln s)^{\alpha-\beta+i+\tau-1} (\ln s)^\sigma \frac{ds}{s} \mathbf{E}_{\alpha-\beta,\alpha-\beta+i}(|A|) \\ & = (\ln t)^{\alpha-\beta+i+\sigma+\tau} \int_0^1 (1-w)^{\alpha-\beta+i+\tau-1} w^\sigma dw \mathbf{E}_{\alpha-\beta,\alpha-\beta+i}(|A|). \end{aligned}$$

Then $t \rightarrow \int_1^t (\ln t - \ln s)^{\alpha-\beta+i-1} \mathbf{E}_{\alpha-\beta,\alpha-\beta+i}(A(\ln t - \ln s)^{\alpha-\beta})h(s) \frac{ds}{s}$ is continuous on $[1, e]$ for all $i \in \mathbf{N}_1^n$. For $i \in \mathbf{N}_1^{n-1}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} {}_t h D_{1^+}^{\alpha-i} x(t) &= \frac{\left(\frac{t}{dt}\right)^{n-i} \left[\int_1^t (\ln t - \ln s)^{n-\alpha-1} x(s) \frac{ds}{s} \right]}{\Gamma(n-\alpha)} \\ &= \frac{\left(\frac{t}{dt}\right)^{n-i} \left[\int_1^t (\ln t - \ln s)^{n-\alpha-1} \left(\sum_{\nu=1}^n x_\nu s^{\alpha-\nu} \mathbf{E}_{\alpha-\beta,\alpha-\nu+1}(A(\ln s)^{\alpha-\beta}) + \int_1^s (\ln s - \ln u)^{\alpha-1} \mathbf{E}_{\alpha-\beta,\alpha}(A(\ln s - \ln u)^{\alpha-\beta})h(u) \frac{du}{u} \right) ds \right]}{\Gamma(n-\alpha)} \\ &= \frac{\left(\frac{t}{dt}\right)^{n-i} \left[\sum_{\nu=1}^n x_\nu \int_1^t (\ln t - \ln s)^{n-\alpha-1} \sum_{\chi=0}^{\infty} \frac{A^\chi}{\Gamma(\chi(\alpha-\beta)+\alpha-\nu+1)} (\ln s)^{\chi(\alpha-\beta)+\alpha-\nu} \frac{ds}{s} \right]}{\Gamma(n-\alpha)} \\ &+ \frac{\left(\frac{t}{dt}\right)^{n-i} \left[\int_1^t (\ln t - \ln s)^{n-\alpha-1} \int_1^s \sum_{\chi=0}^{\infty} \frac{A^\chi}{\Gamma(\chi(\alpha-\beta)+\alpha)} (\ln s - \ln u)^{\chi(\alpha-\beta)+\alpha-1} h(u) \frac{du}{u} \frac{ds}{s} \right]}{\Gamma(n-\alpha)} \\ &= \frac{\left(\frac{t}{dt}\right)^{n-i} \left[\sum_{\nu=1}^n x_\nu \sum_{\chi=0}^{\infty} \frac{A^\chi}{\Gamma(\chi(\alpha-\beta)+\alpha-\nu+1)} (\ln t)^{\chi(\alpha-\beta)+n-\nu} \int_0^1 (1-w)^{n-\alpha-1} w^{\chi(\alpha-\beta)+\alpha-\nu} dw \right]}{\Gamma(n-\alpha)} \\ &+ \frac{\left(\frac{t}{dt}\right)^{n-i} \left[\sum_{\chi=0}^{\infty} \frac{A^\chi}{\Gamma(\chi(\alpha-\beta)+\alpha)} \int_1^t \int_u^t (\ln t - \ln s)^{n-\alpha-1} (\ln s - \ln u)^{\chi(\alpha-\beta)+\alpha-1} \frac{ds}{s} h(u) \frac{du}{u} \right]}{\Gamma(n-\alpha)} \\ &= \left(\frac{t}{dt}\right)^{n-i} \left[\sum_{\nu=1}^n x_\nu \sum_{\chi=0}^{\infty} \frac{A^\chi}{\Gamma(\chi(\alpha-\beta)+n-\nu+1)} (\ln t)^{\chi(\alpha-\beta)+n-\nu} \right] \\ &+ \frac{\left(\frac{t}{dt}\right)^{n-i} \left[\sum_{\chi=0}^{\infty} \frac{A^\chi}{\Gamma(\chi(\alpha-\beta)+\alpha)} \int_1^t (\ln t - \ln u)^{\chi(\alpha-\beta)+n-1} \int_0^1 (1-w)^{n-\alpha-1} w^{\chi(\alpha-\beta)+\alpha-1} dw h(u) \frac{du}{u} \right]}{\Gamma(n-\alpha)} \\ &= \left(\frac{t}{dt}\right)^{n-i} \left[\sum_{\nu=1}^n x_\nu \sum_{\chi=0}^{\infty} \frac{A^\chi}{\Gamma(\chi(\alpha-\beta)+n-\nu+1)} (\ln t)^{\chi(\alpha-\beta)+n-\nu} \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & + \left(t \frac{d}{dt}\right)^{n-i} \left[\sum_{\chi=0}^{\infty} \frac{A^\chi}{\Gamma(\chi(\alpha-\beta)+n)} \int_1^t (\ln t - \ln u)^{\chi(\alpha-\beta)+n-1} h(u) \frac{du}{u} \right] \\
 & = \sum_{\nu=1}^i x_\nu \frac{1}{\Gamma(i-\nu+1)} (\ln t)^{i-\nu} + \sum_{\nu=1}^n x_\nu \sum_{\chi=1}^{\infty} \frac{A^\chi}{\Gamma(\chi(\alpha-\beta)+i-\nu+1)} (\ln t)^{\chi(\alpha-\beta)+i-\nu} \\
 & + \sum_{\chi=0}^{\infty} \frac{A^\chi}{\Gamma(\chi(\alpha-\beta)+i)} \int_1^t (\ln t - \ln u)^{\chi(\alpha-\beta)+i-1} h(u) \frac{du}{u}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 {}^{rh}D_{1^+}^{\alpha-i} x(t) & = \sum_{\nu=1}^i x_\nu \frac{1}{\Gamma(i-\nu+1)} (\ln t)^{i-\nu} + \sum_{\nu=1}^n x_\nu \sum_{\chi=1}^{\infty} \frac{A^\chi}{\Gamma(\chi(\alpha-\beta)+i-\nu+1)} (\ln t)^{\chi(\alpha-\beta)+i-\nu} \\
 & + \sum_{\chi=0}^{\infty} \frac{A^\chi}{\Gamma(\chi(\alpha-\beta)+i)} \int_1^t (\ln t - \ln u)^{\chi(\alpha-\beta)+i-1} h(u) \frac{du}{u}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{2.8}$$

Similarly we get for $j \in \mathbf{N}_1^{p-1}$ that

$$\begin{aligned}
 {}^{rh}D_{1^+}^{\beta-j} x(t) & = \frac{\left(t \frac{d}{dt}\right)^{p-j} \left[\int_1^t (t-s)^{p-\beta-1} x(s) ds \right]}{\Gamma(p-\beta)} \\
 & = \frac{\left(t \frac{d}{dt}\right)^{p-j} \left[\int_1^t (\ln t - \ln s)^{p-\beta-1} \left(\sum_{\nu=1}^n x_\nu (\ln s)^{\alpha-\nu} \mathbf{E}_{\alpha-\beta, \alpha-\nu+1}(A(\ln s)^{\alpha-\beta}) + \int_1^s (\ln s - \ln u)^{\alpha-1} \mathbf{E}_{\alpha-\beta, \alpha}(A(\ln s - \ln u)^{\alpha-\beta}) h(u) \frac{du}{u} \right) \frac{ds}{s} \right]}{\Gamma(p-\beta)} \\
 & = \frac{\left(t \frac{d}{dt}\right)^{p-j} \left[\sum_{\nu=1}^n x_\nu \int_1^t (\ln t - \ln s)^{p-\beta-1} \sum_{\chi=0}^{\infty} \frac{A^\chi}{\Gamma(\chi(\alpha-\beta)+\alpha-\nu+1)} (\ln s)^{\chi(\alpha-\beta)+\alpha-\nu} \frac{ds}{s} \right]}{\Gamma(p-\beta)} \\
 & + \frac{\left(t \frac{d}{dt}\right)^{p-j} \left[\int_1^t (\ln t - \ln s)^{p-\beta-1} \int_1^s \sum_{\chi=0}^{\infty} \frac{A^\chi}{\Gamma(\chi(\alpha-\beta)+\alpha)} (\ln s - \ln u)^{\chi(\alpha-\beta)+\alpha-1} h(u) \frac{du}{u} \frac{ds}{s} \right]}{\Gamma(p-\beta)} \\
 & = \frac{\left(t \frac{d}{dt}\right)^{p-j} \left[\sum_{\nu=1}^n x_\nu \sum_{\chi=0}^{\infty} \frac{A^\chi}{\Gamma(\chi(\alpha-\beta)+\alpha-\nu+1)} (\ln t)^{\chi(\alpha-\beta)+p-\beta+\alpha-\nu} \int_0^1 (1-w)^{p-\beta-1} w^{\chi(\alpha-\beta)+\alpha-\nu} dw \right]}{\Gamma(p-\beta)} \\
 & + \frac{\left(t \frac{d}{dt}\right)^{p-j} \left[\sum_{\chi=0}^{\infty} \frac{A^\chi}{\Gamma(\chi(\alpha-\beta)+\alpha)} \int_1^t \int_u^t (\ln t - \ln s)^{p-\beta-1} (\ln s - \ln u)^{\chi(\alpha-\beta)+\alpha-1} \frac{ds}{s} h(u) \frac{du}{u} \right]}{\Gamma(p-\beta)} \\
 & = \left(t \frac{d}{dt}\right)^{p-j} \left[\sum_{\nu=1}^n x_\nu \sum_{\chi=0}^{\infty} \frac{A^\chi}{\Gamma(\chi(\alpha-\beta)+p-\beta+\alpha-\nu+1)} (\ln t)^{\chi(\alpha-\beta)+p-\beta+\alpha-\nu} \right] \\
 & + \frac{\left(t \frac{d}{dt}\right)^{p-j} \left[\sum_{\chi=0}^{\infty} \frac{A^\chi}{\Gamma(\chi(\alpha-\beta)+\alpha)} \int_1^t (\ln t - \ln u)^{\chi(\alpha-\beta)+p-\beta+\alpha-1} \int_0^1 (1-w)^{p-\beta-1} w^{\chi(\alpha-\beta)+\alpha-1} dw h(u) \frac{du}{u} \right]}{\Gamma(p-\beta)}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \left(t \frac{d}{dt}\right)^{p-j} \left[\sum_{v=1}^n x_v \sum_{\chi=0}^{\infty} \frac{A^\chi}{\Gamma(\chi(\alpha-\beta)+p-\beta+\alpha-v+1)} (\ln t)^{\chi(\alpha-\beta)+p-\beta+\alpha-v} \right] \\
 &+ \left(t \frac{d}{dt}\right)^{p-j} \left[\sum_{\chi=0}^{\infty} \frac{A^\chi}{\Gamma(\chi(\alpha-\beta)+p-\beta+\alpha)} \int_1^t (\ln t - \ln u)^{\chi(\alpha-\beta)+p-\beta+\alpha-1} h(u) \frac{du}{u} \right] \\
 &= \left(t \frac{d}{dt}\right)^{p-j} \left[\sum_{v=1}^n x_v \sum_{\chi=0}^{\infty} \frac{A^\chi}{\Gamma(\chi(\alpha-\beta)+\alpha-\beta+p-v+1)} (\ln t)^{\chi(\alpha-\beta)+\alpha-\beta+p-v} \right] \\
 &+ \sum_{\chi=0}^{\infty} \frac{A^\chi}{\Gamma(\chi(\alpha-\beta)+\alpha-\beta+j)} \int_1^t (\ln t - \ln u)^{\chi(\alpha-\beta)+\alpha-\beta+j-1} h(u) \frac{du}{u}.
 \end{aligned}$$

It follows that

$$\begin{aligned}
 {}^{rh}D_{1+}^{\beta-i} x(t) &= \sum_{v=1}^n x_v \sum_{\chi=0}^{\infty} \frac{A^\chi}{\Gamma(\chi(\alpha-\beta)+\alpha-\beta+i-v+1)} (\ln t)^{\chi(\alpha-\beta)+\alpha-\beta+i-v} \\
 &+ \sum_{\chi=0}^{\infty} \frac{A^\chi}{\Gamma(\chi(\alpha-\beta)+\alpha-\beta+i)} \int_1^t (\ln t - \ln u)^{\chi(\alpha-\beta)+\alpha-\beta+i-1} h(u) \frac{du}{u}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{2.9}$$

From (2.8) and (2.9), we get for $i \in \mathbf{N}_1^{p-1}$ that

$$\begin{aligned}
 [{}^{rh}D_{1+}^{\alpha-i} x - A {}^{rh}D_{1+}^{\beta-i} x](t) &= \sum_{v=1}^i x_v \frac{1}{\Gamma(i-v+1)} (\ln t)^{i-v} \\
 &+ \sum_{v=1}^n x_v \sum_{\chi=1}^{\infty} \frac{A^\chi}{\Gamma(\chi(\alpha-\beta)+i-v+1)} (\ln t)^{\chi(\alpha-\beta)+i-v} \\
 &+ \sum_{\chi=0}^{\infty} \frac{A^\chi}{\Gamma(\chi(\alpha-\beta)+i)} \int_1^t (\ln t - \ln u)^{\chi(\alpha-\beta)+i-1} h(u) \frac{du}{u} \\
 &- A \left[\sum_{v=1}^n x_v \sum_{\chi=0}^{\infty} \frac{A^\chi}{\Gamma(\chi(\alpha-\beta)+\alpha-\beta+i-v+1)} (\ln t)^{\chi(\alpha-\beta)+\alpha-\beta+i-v} \right. \\
 &\left. + \sum_{\chi=0}^{\infty} \frac{A^\chi}{\Gamma(\chi(\alpha-\beta)+\alpha-\beta+i)} \int_1^t (\ln t - \ln u)^{\chi(\alpha-\beta)+\alpha-\beta+i-1} h(u) \frac{du}{u} \right] \\
 &= \sum_{v=1}^i x_v \frac{1}{\Gamma(i-v+1)} (\ln t)^{i-v} + \int_1^t \frac{(\ln t - \ln u)^{i-1}}{\Gamma(i)} h(u) \frac{du}{u}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{2.10}$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned}
 {}^hI_{1+}^{n-\alpha} x(t) &= \sum_{v=1}^n x_v \sum_{\chi=0}^{\infty} \frac{A^\chi}{\Gamma(\chi(\alpha-\beta)+n-v+1)} (\ln t)^{\chi(\alpha-\beta)+n-v} \\
 &+ \sum_{\chi=0}^{\infty} \frac{A^\chi}{\Gamma(\chi(\alpha-\beta)+n)} \int_1^t (\ln t - \ln u)^{\chi(\alpha-\beta)+n-1} h(u) \frac{du}{u}
 \end{aligned} \tag{2.11}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 {}^hI_{1+}^{p-\beta} x(t) &= \sum_{v=1}^n x_v \sum_{\chi=0}^{\infty} \frac{A^\chi}{\Gamma(\chi(\alpha-\beta)+p-\beta+\alpha-v+1)} (\ln t)^{\chi(\alpha-\beta)+p-\beta+\alpha-v} \\
 &+ \sum_{\chi=0}^{\infty} \frac{A^\chi}{\Gamma(\chi(\alpha-\beta)+p-\beta+\alpha)} \int_1^t (\ln t - \ln u)^{\chi(\alpha-\beta)+p-\beta+\alpha-1} h(u) \frac{du}{u}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{2.12}$$

It follows for $i \in \mathbf{N}_1^{p-1}$ from (2.8), (2.12) that

$$\begin{aligned}
 [{}^{rh}D_{1+}^{\alpha-p}x - A^h I_{1+}^{p-\beta}x](t) &= \sum_{v=1}^p x_v \frac{1}{\Gamma(n-v+1)} (\ln t)^{p-v} \\
 &\sum_{v=1}^n x_v \sum_{\chi=1}^{\infty} \frac{A^\chi}{\Gamma(\chi(\alpha-\beta)+p-v+1)} (\ln t)^{\chi(\alpha-\beta)+p-v} \\
 &+ \sum_{\chi=0}^{\infty} \frac{A^\chi}{\Gamma(\chi(\alpha-\beta)+p)} \int_1^t (\ln t - \ln u)^{\chi(\alpha-\beta)+p-1} h(u) \frac{du}{u} \\
 &- A \left[\sum_{v=1}^n x_v \sum_{\chi=0}^{\infty} \frac{A^\chi}{\Gamma(\chi(\alpha-\beta)+p-\beta+\alpha-v+1)} (\ln t)^{\chi(\alpha-\beta)+p-\beta+\alpha-v} \right. \\
 &\left. + \sum_{\chi=0}^{\infty} \frac{A^\chi}{\Gamma(\chi(\alpha-\beta)+p-\beta+\alpha)} \int_1^t (\ln t - \ln u)^{\chi(\alpha-\beta)+p-\beta+\alpha-1} h(u) \frac{du}{u} \right] \\
 &= \sum_{v=1}^p x_v \frac{1}{\Gamma(p-v+1)} (\ln t)^{p-v} + \int_1^t \frac{(\ln t - \ln u)^{p-1}}{\Gamma(p)} h(u) \frac{du}{u}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{2.13}$$

For $i \in \mathbf{N}_{p+1}^{n-1}$, we have $\alpha - \beta + i - v \geq \alpha - \beta + p + 1 - (n - 1) = \alpha - \beta + p - n + 2 \geq 0$. From (2.8), we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 {}^{rh}D_{1+}^{\alpha-i}x(t) &= \sum_{v=1}^i x_v \frac{1}{\Gamma(i-v+1)} (\ln t)^{i-v} + A \sum_{v=1}^n x_v (\ln t)^{\alpha-\beta+i-v} \mathbf{E}_{\alpha-\beta, \alpha-\beta+i-v+1}(A(\ln t)^{\alpha-\beta}) \\
 &+ \int_1^t (\ln t - \ln u)^{i-1} \mathbf{E}_{\alpha-\beta, i}(A(\ln t - \ln u)^{\alpha-\beta}) h(u) \frac{du}{u}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{2.14}$$

One sees easily from (2.10), (2.13), (2.14) and (2.11) that

$$\begin{aligned}
 [{}^{rh}D_{1+}^{\alpha-i}x - A^h I_{1+}^{\beta-i}x] &\in C[1, e], i \in \mathbf{N}_1^{p-1}, [{}^{rh}D_{1+}^{\alpha-p}x - A^h I_{1+}^{p-\beta}x] \in C[1, e], \\
 {}^{rh}D_{1+}^{\alpha-i}x &\in C[1, e], i \in \mathbf{N}_{p+1}^{n-1}, {}^hI_{1+}^{n-\alpha}x \in C[1, e]
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 [{}^{rh}D_{1+}^{\alpha-i}x - A^h I_{1+}^{\beta-i}x](1) &= x_i, i \in \mathbf{N}_1^{p-1}, [{}^{rh}D_{1+}^{\alpha-p}x - A^h I_{1+}^{p-\beta}x](1) = x_p, \\
 {}^{rh}D_{1+}^{\alpha-i}x(1) &= x_i, i \in \mathbf{N}_{p+1}^{n-1}, {}^hI_{1+}^{n-\alpha}x(1) = x_n.
 \end{aligned}$$

We now by direct computation get

$$\begin{aligned}
 {}^{rh}D_{1+}^{\alpha}x(t) &= \sum_{v=1}^n x_v \sum_{\chi=1}^{\infty} \frac{A^\chi}{\Gamma(\chi(\alpha-\beta)-v+1)} (\ln t)^{\chi(\alpha-\beta)-v} \\
 &+ h(t) + \sum_{\chi=1}^{\infty} \frac{A^\chi}{\Gamma(\chi(\alpha-\beta))} \int_1^t (\ln t - \ln u)^{\chi(\alpha-\beta)-1} h(u) \frac{du}{u}
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 {}^{rh}D_{1+}^{\beta}x(t) &= \sum_{v=1}^n x_v \sum_{\chi=0}^{\infty} \frac{A^\chi}{\Gamma(\chi(\alpha-\beta)-\beta+\alpha-v+1)} (\ln t)^{\chi(\alpha-\beta)-\beta+\alpha-v} \\
 &+ \sum_{\chi=0}^{\infty} \frac{A^\chi}{\Gamma(\chi(\alpha-\beta)-\beta+\alpha)} \int_1^t (\ln t - \ln u)^{\chi(\alpha-\beta)-\beta+\alpha-1} h(u) \frac{du}{u}.
 \end{aligned}$$

It follows that ${}^{rh}D_{1+}^{\alpha}x(t) - A{}^{rh}D_{1+}^{\beta}x(t) = h(t), t \in (1, e]$.

From above discussion, we know from that x is a solution of (2.1) satisfies (2.3). The proof is completed. \square

Remark 2.2. Consider the following fractional differential equation:

$${}^{rh}D_{1+}^{\frac{3}{2}}x(t) - {}^{rh}D_{1+}^{\frac{3}{4}}x(t) = \ln t, t \in (1, e].$$

Corresponding to (2.1), $\alpha = \frac{3}{2}, \beta = \frac{3}{4}, A = 1$ and $h(t) = \ln t$. By Lemma 2.1, it has solutions

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) &= x_1(\ln t)^{\frac{1}{2}}\mathbf{E}_{3/4,3/2}(\ln t^{3/4}) + x_2(\ln t)^{-\frac{1}{2}}\mathbf{E}_{3/4,1/2}((\ln t)^{3/4}) \\ &+ \int_1^t (\ln t - \ln s)^{\frac{1}{2}}\mathbf{E}_{3/4,3/2}((\ln t - \ln s)^{3/4}) \ln s \frac{ds}{s}, t \in (1, e]. \end{aligned}$$

One can get

$$\begin{aligned} {}^{rh}D_{1+}^{\alpha-1}x(t) &= {}^{rh}D_{1+}^{\frac{1}{2}}x(t) = x_1 + x_1(\ln t)^{3/4}\mathbf{E}_{3/4,7/4}((\ln t)^{3/4}) + x_2(\ln t)^{-\frac{1}{4}}\mathbf{E}_{3/4,3/4}((\ln t)^{3/4}) \\ &+ \int_1^t \mathbf{E}_{3/4,1}((\ln t - \ln u)^{3/4})h(u) \frac{du}{u}, t \in (1, e], \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} I_{0+}^{1-\beta}x(t) &= I_{0+}^{\frac{1}{4}}x(t) = x_1 t^{\frac{3}{4}}\mathbf{E}_{3/4,7/4}((t^{3/4}) + x_2 t^{-\frac{1}{4}}\mathbf{E}_{3/4,3/4}((t^{3/4}) \\ &+ \int_0^t (t - u)^{\frac{3}{4}}\mathbf{E}_{3/4,7/4}((t - s)^{3/4})s ds, t \in (0, 1], \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} {}^hI_{1+}^{2-\alpha}x(t) &= {}^hI_{1+}^{\frac{1}{2}}x(t) = x_1 \ln t \mathbf{E}_{3/4,2}((\ln t)^{3/4}) + x_2 \mathbf{E}_{3/4,1}((\ln t)^{3/4}) \\ &+ \int_1^t (\ln t - \ln u)\mathbf{E}_{3/4,2}((t - u)^{3/4})h(u) \frac{du}{u}, t \in (1, e]. \end{aligned}$$

One finds that $x, {}^{rh}D_{1+}^{\alpha-1}x, {}^hI_{1+}^{1-\beta}x$ are not continuous on $[1, e]$, but both ${}^{rh}D_{1+}^{\alpha-1}x - {}^hI_{1+}^{1-\beta}x$ and ${}^hI_{1+}^{2-\alpha}x$ are continuous on $[1, e]$. \square

Remark 2.3. Consider the following equation:

$${}^{rh}D_{1+}^{\alpha}x(t) - A{}^{rh}D_{1+}^{\beta}x(t) = h(t), t \in (1, e],$$

where $\alpha \in (1, 2), \beta \in (0, \alpha - 1], h \in C(1, e)$ and $|h(t)| \leq (\ln t)^k(1 - \ln t)^l$ for all $t \in (1, e), k > -1$ and $l \in (\max\{-1 - k, -\frac{1}{2}\}, 0], A \in \mathbf{R}$.

By Lemma 2.1, it has solutions

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) &= \sum_{\nu=1}^2 x_{\nu}(\ln t)^{\alpha-\nu}\mathbf{E}_{\alpha-\beta, \alpha-\nu+1}(A(\ln t)^{\alpha-\beta}) \\ &+ \int_1^t (\ln t - \ln s)^{\alpha-1}\mathbf{E}_{\alpha-\beta, \alpha}(A(\ln t - \ln s)^{\alpha-\beta})h(s) \frac{ds}{s}, t \in (1, e]. \end{aligned}$$

One can get

$$\begin{aligned} {}^{rh}D_{1+}^{\alpha-1}x(t) &= x_1 + \sum_{\nu=1}^2 x_{\nu}(\ln t)^{\alpha-\beta+i-\nu}\mathbf{E}_{\alpha-\beta, \alpha-\beta+i-\nu+1}(A(\ln t)^{\alpha-\beta}) \\ &+ \int_1^t (\ln t - \ln u)^{i-1}\mathbf{E}_{\alpha-\beta, i}(A(\ln t - \ln u)^{\alpha-\beta})h(u) \frac{du}{u}, t \in (1, e], \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 {}^hI_{1^+}^{1-\beta} x(t) &= \sum_{\nu=1}^2 x_\nu (\ln t)^{\alpha-\beta+1-\nu} \mathbf{E}_{\alpha-\beta, \alpha-\beta+2-\nu}(A(\ln t)^{\alpha-\beta}) \\
 &+ \int_1^t (\ln t - \ln u)^{\alpha-\beta} \mathbf{E}_{\alpha-\beta, \alpha-\beta+1}(A(\ln t - \ln u)^{\alpha-\beta}) h(u) \frac{du}{u}, t \in (1, e]
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 {}^hI_{1^+}^{2-\alpha} x(t) &= \sum_{\nu=1}^2 x_\nu (\ln t)^{2-\nu} \mathbf{E}_{\alpha-\beta, 3-\nu}(A(\ln t)^{\alpha-\beta}) \\
 &+ \int_1^t (\ln t - \ln u) \mathbf{E}_{\alpha-\beta, 2}(A(\ln t - \ln u)^{\alpha-\beta}) h(u) \frac{du}{u}, t \in (1, e].
 \end{aligned}$$

One finds that x is not continuous on $[1, e]$, however ${}^{rh}D_{1^+}^{\alpha-1}x$, ${}^hI_{1^+}^{1-\beta}x$ and ${}^hI_{1^+}^{2-\alpha}x$ are continuous on $[1, e]$. \square

Now we give an exact expression of piecewise continuous solutions of (2.2).

Lemma 2.2. Suppose that $\alpha - \beta + p - n \geq 0$, there exist constants $\sigma > -1, \tau \in (-n - \sigma, 0]$ such that $|h(t)| \leq (\ln t)^\sigma (1 - \ln t)^\tau$ for all $t \in (1, e)$. Then x is a piecewise continuous solution of (2.2) if and only if there exist constants $c_{j,\nu} \in \mathbf{R} (j \in \mathbf{N}_0^m, \nu \in \mathbf{N}_1^n)$ such that

$$\begin{aligned}
 x(t) &= \sum_{j=0}^{\tau} \sum_{\nu=1}^n c_{j,\nu} (\ln t - \ln t_j)^{\alpha-\nu} \mathbf{E}_{\alpha-\beta, \alpha-\nu+1}(A(\ln t - \ln t_j)^{\alpha-\beta}) \\
 &+ \int_1^t (\ln t - \ln s)^{\alpha-1} \mathbf{E}_{\alpha-\beta, \alpha}(A(\ln t - \ln s)^{\alpha-\beta}) h(s) \frac{ds}{s}, t \in (t_\tau, t_{\tau+1}], \tau \in \mathbf{N}_0^m.
 \end{aligned} \tag{2.15}$$

Proof. The proof is divide into two steps:

Step 1. Suppose that x satisfies (2.15). We prove that x is a piecewise solution of (2.2).

Similar to Step 2 in the proof of Lemma 2.1, we get that $t \rightarrow \int_1^t (\ln t - \ln s)^{i-1} \mathbf{E}_{\alpha-\beta, i}(A(\ln t - \ln s)^{\alpha-\beta}) h(s) \frac{ds}{s}$ is continuous on $[1, e]$ for $i \in \mathbf{N}_1^n$ and $t \rightarrow \int_1^t (\ln t - \ln s)^{\alpha-\beta+i-1} \mathbf{E}_{\alpha-\beta, \alpha-\beta+i}(A(\ln t - \ln s)^{\alpha-\beta}) h(s) \frac{ds}{s}$ is continuous on $[1, e]$ for $i \in \mathbf{N}_1^p$.

For $t > 0, \epsilon_1, \epsilon_2, \epsilon_3 > 0$ with $1 + \epsilon_1 + \epsilon_2 + \epsilon_3 \in (1, t)$ and $\epsilon = \max\{\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2, \epsilon_3\}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\left| \int_{1+\epsilon_2+\epsilon_3}^{t-\epsilon_1} (\ln t - \ln s)^{n-\alpha-1} \int_{1+\epsilon_3}^{s-\epsilon_2} (\ln s - \ln u)^{\alpha-1} \mathbf{E}_{\alpha-\beta, \alpha}(A(\ln s - \ln u)^{\alpha-\beta}) h(u) \frac{du}{u} \frac{ds}{s} \right| \\
 &\leq \sum_{\chi=0}^{\infty} \frac{A^\chi}{\Gamma(\chi(\alpha-\beta)+\alpha)} \int_{1+\epsilon_2+\epsilon_3}^{t-\epsilon_1} \int_{1+\epsilon_3}^{s-\epsilon_2} (\ln t - \ln s)^{n-\alpha-1} (\ln s - \ln u)^{\chi(\alpha-\beta)+\alpha-1} (\ln u)^\sigma (1 - \ln u)^\tau \frac{du}{u} \frac{ds}{s} \\
 &\leq \sum_{\chi=0}^{\infty} \frac{A^\chi}{\Gamma(\chi(\alpha-\beta)+\alpha)} \int_{1+\epsilon_2+\epsilon_3}^{t-\epsilon_1} (\ln t - \ln s)^{n-\alpha-1} (\ln s)^{\chi(\alpha-\beta)+\tau+\sigma+\alpha} \int_{\frac{\ln(1+\epsilon_3)}{\ln s}}^{\frac{\ln(s-\epsilon_2)}{\ln s}} (1-w)^{\chi(\alpha-\beta)+\tau+\alpha-1} w^\sigma dw \frac{ds}{s} \\
 &\leq \sum_{\chi=0}^{\infty} \frac{A^\chi}{\Gamma(\chi(\alpha-\beta)+\alpha)} \int_{1+\epsilon_2+\epsilon_3}^{t-\epsilon_1} (\ln t - \ln s)^{n-\alpha-1} (\ln s)^{\chi(\alpha-\beta)+\tau+\sigma+\alpha} \frac{ds}{s} \mathbf{B}(\alpha + \tau, \sigma + 1) \\
 &\leq \sum_{\chi=0}^{\infty} \frac{A^\chi}{\Gamma(\chi(\alpha-\beta)+\alpha)} (\ln t)^{\chi(\alpha-\beta)+\sigma+\tau+n} \mathbf{B}(n - \alpha, \alpha + \sigma + \tau + 1) \mathbf{B}(\alpha + \tau, \sigma + 1) \\
 &= t^{n+\sigma+\tau} \mathbf{E}_{\alpha-\beta, \alpha}(A(\ln t)^{\alpha-\beta}) \mathbf{B}(n - \alpha, \alpha + \sigma + \tau + 1) \mathbf{B}(\alpha + \tau, \sigma + 1)
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left| \int_{1+\epsilon_3}^{t-\epsilon_2-\epsilon_1} \int_{u+\epsilon_2}^{t-\epsilon_1} (\ln t - \ln s)^{n-\alpha-1} (\ln s - \ln u)^{\alpha-1} \mathbf{E}_{\alpha-\beta, \alpha} (A(\ln s - \ln u)^{\alpha-\beta}) \frac{ds}{s} h(u) \frac{du}{u} \right| \\
 & \leq \sum_{\chi=0}^{\infty} \frac{A^\chi}{\Gamma(\chi(\alpha-\beta)+\alpha)} \int_{1+\epsilon_3}^{t-\epsilon_2-\epsilon_1} \int_{u+\epsilon_2}^{t-\epsilon_1} (\ln t - \ln s)^{n-\alpha-1} (\ln s - \ln u)^{\chi(\alpha-\beta)+\alpha-1} \frac{ds}{s} (\ln u)^\sigma (1 - \ln u)^\tau \frac{du}{u} \\
 & \leq \sum_{\chi=0}^{\infty} \frac{A^\chi}{\Gamma(\chi(\alpha-\beta)+\alpha)} \int_{1+\epsilon_3}^{t-\epsilon_2-\epsilon_1} (\ln t - \ln u)^{\chi(\alpha-\beta)+n+\tau-1} \int_{\frac{\ln(u+\epsilon_2)}{\ln t - \ln u}}^{\frac{\ln(t-\epsilon_1) - \ln u}{\ln t - \ln u}} (1-w)^{n-\alpha-1} w^{\chi(\alpha-\beta)+\tau+\alpha-1} dw u^\sigma \frac{du}{u} \\
 & \leq \sum_{\chi=0}^{\infty} \frac{A^\chi}{\Gamma(\chi(\alpha-\beta)+\alpha)} \int_{1+\epsilon_3}^{t-\epsilon_2-\epsilon_1} (\ln t - \ln u)^{\chi(\alpha-\beta)+n+\tau-1} u^\sigma \frac{du}{u} \mathbf{B}(n - \alpha, \tau + \alpha) \\
 & \leq \sum_{\chi=0}^{\infty} \frac{A^\chi}{\Gamma(\chi(\alpha-\beta)+\alpha)} (\ln t)^{\chi(\alpha-\beta)+\sigma+n+\tau} \mathbf{B}(n + \tau, \sigma + 1) \mathbf{B}(n - \alpha, \tau + \alpha) \\
 & = (\ln t)^{n+\sigma+\tau} \mathbf{E}_{\alpha-\beta, \alpha} (A(\ln t)^{\alpha-\beta}) \mathbf{B}(n + \tau, \sigma + 1) \mathbf{B}(n - \alpha, \tau + \alpha).
 \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \int_1^t (\ln t - \ln s)^{n-\alpha-1} \int_1^s (\ln s - \ln u)^{\alpha-1} \mathbf{E}_{\alpha-\beta, \alpha} (A(\ln s - \ln u)^{\alpha-\beta}) h(u) \frac{du}{u} \frac{ds}{s} \\
 & = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \int_{1+\epsilon_2+\epsilon_3}^{t-\epsilon_1} (\ln t - \ln s)^{n-\alpha-1} \int_{1+\epsilon_3}^{s-\epsilon_2} (\ln s - \ln u)^{\alpha-1} \mathbf{E}_{\alpha-\beta, \alpha} (A(\ln s - \ln u)^{\alpha-\beta}) h(u) \frac{du}{u} \frac{ds}{s} \\
 & = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \int_{1+\epsilon_3}^{t-\epsilon_2-\epsilon_1} \int_{u+\epsilon_2}^{t-\epsilon_1} (\ln t - \ln s)^{n-\alpha-1} (\ln s - \ln u)^{\alpha-1} \mathbf{E}_{\alpha-\beta, \alpha} (A(\ln s - \ln u)^{\alpha-\beta}) \frac{ds}{s} h(u) \frac{du}{u} \\
 & = \int_1^t \int_u^t (\ln t - \ln s)^{n-\alpha-1} (\ln s - \ln u)^{\alpha-1} \mathbf{E}_{\alpha-\beta, \alpha} (A(\ln s - \ln u)^{\alpha-\beta}) \frac{ds}{s} h(u) \frac{du}{u}.
 \end{aligned}$$

By Definition 2.1 and (2.11), we have for $t \in (t_\sigma, t_{\sigma+1}]$ and $i \in \mathbf{N}_1^{n-1}$ that

$$\begin{aligned}
 {}_r h D_{1^+}^{\alpha-i} \chi(t) & = \frac{\left(\frac{t}{dt}\right)^{n-i} \left[\int_1^t (\ln t - \ln s)^{n-\alpha-1} \chi(s) \frac{ds}{s} \right]}{\Gamma(n-\alpha)} \\
 & = \frac{\left[\left(\frac{t}{dt}\right)^{n-i} \sum_{\tau=0}^{\sigma-1} \int_{t_\tau}^{t_{\tau+1}} (\ln t - \ln s)^{n-\alpha-1} \chi(s) \frac{ds}{s} + \int_{t_\sigma}^t (\ln t - \ln s)^{n-\alpha-1} \chi(s) \frac{ds}{s} \right]}{\Gamma(n-\alpha)} \\
 & = \frac{\left(\frac{t}{dt}\right)^{n-i} \left[\sum_{\tau=0}^{\sigma-1} \int_{t_\tau}^{t_{\tau+1}} (\ln t - \ln s)^{n-\alpha-1} \sum_{j=0}^{\tau} \sum_{v=1}^n c_{jv} (\ln s - \ln t_j)^{\alpha-v} \mathbf{E}_{\alpha-\beta, \alpha-v+1} (A(\ln s - \ln t_j)^{\alpha-\beta}) \frac{ds}{s} \right]}{\Gamma(n-\alpha)} \\
 & + \frac{\left(\frac{t}{dt}\right)^{n-i} \left[\int_{t_\sigma}^t (\ln t - \ln s)^{n-\alpha-1} \sum_{j=0}^{\sigma} \sum_{v=1}^n c_{jv} (\ln s - \ln t_j)^{\alpha-v} \mathbf{E}_{\alpha-\beta, \alpha-v+1} (A(\ln s - \ln t_j)^{\alpha-\beta}) ds \right]}{\Gamma(n-\alpha)} \\
 & + \frac{\left[\int_1^t (\ln t - \ln s)^{n-\alpha-1} \int_1^s (\ln s - \ln u)^{\alpha-1} \mathbf{E}_{\alpha-\beta, \alpha} (A(\ln s - \ln u)^{\alpha-\beta}) h(u) \frac{du}{u} \frac{ds}{s} \right]}{\Gamma(n-\alpha)}
 \end{aligned}$$

by changing the order of the sum and integral respectively

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{\left(t \frac{d}{dt} \right)^{n-i} \left[\sum_{j=0}^{\sigma-1} \sum_{\tau=j}^{\sigma-1} \sum_{\nu=1}^n c_{j,\nu} \int_{t_\tau}^{t_{\tau+1}} (\ln t - \ln s)^{n-\alpha-1} (\ln s - \ln t_j)^{\alpha-\nu} \mathbf{E}_{\alpha-\beta, \alpha-\nu+1} (A(\ln s - \ln t_j)^{\alpha-\beta}) \frac{ds}{s} \right]}{\Gamma(n-\alpha)} \\
 &+ \frac{\left(t \frac{d}{dt} \right)^{n-i} \left[\sum_{j=0}^{\sigma} \sum_{\nu=1}^n c_{j,\nu} \int_{t_j}^t (\ln t - \ln s)^{n-\alpha-1} (\ln s - \ln t_j)^{\alpha-\nu} \mathbf{E}_{\alpha-\beta, \alpha-\nu+1} (A(\ln s - \ln t_j)^{\alpha-\beta}) \frac{ds}{s} \right]}{\Gamma(n-\alpha)} \\
 &+ \frac{\left(t \frac{d}{dt} \right)^{n-i} \left[\int_1^t \int_u^t (\ln t - \ln s)^{n-\alpha-1} (\ln s - \ln u)^{\alpha-1} \mathbf{E}_{\alpha-\beta, \alpha} (A(\ln s - \ln u)^{\alpha-\beta}) \frac{ds}{s} h(u) \frac{du}{u} \right]}{\Gamma(n-\alpha)} \\
 &= \frac{\left(t \frac{d}{dt} \right)^{n-i} \left[\sum_{j=0}^{\sigma} \sum_{\nu=1}^n c_{j,\nu} \int_{t_j}^t (\ln t - \ln s)^{n-\alpha-1} (\ln s - \ln t_j)^{\alpha-\nu} \mathbf{E}_{\alpha-\beta, \alpha-\nu+1} (A(\ln s - \ln t_j)^{\alpha-\beta}) \frac{ds}{s} \right]}{\Gamma(n-\alpha)} \\
 &+ \frac{\left(t \frac{d}{dt} \right)^{n-i} \left[\int_1^t \int_u^t (\ln t - \ln s)^{n-\alpha-1} (\ln s - \ln u)^{\alpha-1} \mathbf{E}_{\alpha-\beta, \alpha} (A(\ln s - \ln u)^{\alpha-\beta}) \frac{ds}{s} h(u) \frac{du}{u} \right]}{\Gamma(n-\alpha)} \\
 &= \frac{\left(t \frac{d}{dt} \right)^{n-i} \left[\sum_{j=0}^{\sigma} \sum_{\nu=1}^n c_{j,\nu} \int_{t_j}^t (\ln t - \ln s)^{n-\alpha-1} (\ln s - \ln t_j)^{\alpha-\nu} \sum_{\chi=0}^{\infty} \frac{A^\chi}{\Gamma(\chi(\alpha-\beta)+\alpha-\nu+1)} (\ln s - \ln t_j)^{\chi(\alpha-\beta)} \frac{ds}{s} \right]}{\Gamma(n-\alpha)} \\
 &+ \frac{\left(t \frac{d}{dt} \right)^{n-i} \left[\int_1^t \int_u^t (\ln t - \ln s)^{n-\alpha-1} (\ln s - \ln u)^{\alpha-1} \sum_{\chi=0}^{\infty} \frac{A^\chi}{\Gamma(\chi(\alpha-\beta)+\alpha)} (\ln s - \ln u)^{\chi(\alpha-\beta)} \frac{ds}{s} h(u) \frac{du}{u} \right]}{\Gamma(n-\alpha)} \\
 &= \frac{\left(t \frac{d}{dt} \right)^{n-i} \left[\sum_{j=0}^{\sigma} \sum_{\nu=1}^n c_{j,\nu} \sum_{\chi=0}^{\infty} \frac{A^\chi}{\Gamma(\chi(\alpha-\beta)+\alpha-\nu+1)} \int_{t_j}^t (\ln t - \ln s)^{n-\alpha-1} (\ln s - \ln t_j)^{\chi(\alpha-\beta)+\alpha-\nu} \frac{ds}{s} \right]}{\Gamma(n-\alpha)} \\
 &+ \frac{\left(t \frac{d}{dt} \right)^{n-i} \left[\sum_{\chi=0}^{\infty} \frac{A^\chi}{\Gamma(\chi(\alpha-\beta)+\alpha)} \int_1^t \int_u^t (\ln t - \ln s)^{n-\alpha-1} (\ln s - \ln u)^{\chi(\alpha-\beta)+\alpha-1} \frac{ds}{s} h(u) \frac{du}{u} \right]}{\Gamma(n-\alpha)} \text{ by } \frac{\ln s - \ln t_j}{\ln t - \ln t_j} = w, \frac{\ln s - \ln u}{\ln t - \ln u} = w \\
 &= \frac{\left(t \frac{d}{dt} \right)^{n-i} \left[\sum_{j=0}^{\sigma} \sum_{\nu=1}^n c_{j,\nu} \sum_{\chi=0}^{\infty} \frac{A^\chi}{\Gamma(\chi(\alpha-\beta)+\alpha-\nu+1)} (\ln t - \ln t_j)^{\chi(\alpha-\beta)+n-\nu} \int_0^1 (1-w)^{n-\alpha-1} w^{\chi(\alpha-\beta)+\alpha-\nu} dw \right]}{\Gamma(n-\alpha)} \\
 &+ \frac{\left(t \frac{d}{dt} \right)^{n-i} \left[\sum_{\chi=0}^{\infty} \frac{A^\chi}{\Gamma(\chi(\alpha-\beta)+\alpha)} \int_1^t (\ln t - \ln u)^{\chi(\alpha-\beta)+n-1} \int_0^1 (1-w)^{n-\alpha-1} w^{\chi(\alpha-\beta)+\alpha-1} dw h(u) \frac{du}{u} \right]}{\Gamma(n-\alpha)} \\
 &= \left(t \frac{d}{dt} \right)^{n-i} \left[\sum_{j=0}^{\sigma} \sum_{\nu=1}^n c_{j,\nu} \sum_{\chi=0}^{\infty} \frac{A^\chi}{\Gamma(\chi(\alpha-\beta)+n-\nu+1)} (\ln t - \ln t_j)^{\chi(\alpha-\beta)+n-\nu} \right] \\
 &+ \left(t \frac{d}{dt} \right)^{n-i} \left[\sum_{\chi=0}^{\infty} \frac{A^\chi}{\Gamma(\chi(\alpha-\beta)+n)} \int_1^t (\ln t - \ln u)^{\chi(\alpha-\beta)+n-1} h(u) \frac{du}{u} \right] \text{ by } \mathbf{B}(p, q) = \frac{\Gamma(p)\Gamma(q)}{\Gamma(p+q)} \\
 &= \sum_{j=0}^{\sigma} \sum_{\nu=1}^i c_{j,\nu} \frac{1}{\Gamma(i-\nu+1)} (\ln t - \ln t_j)^{i-\nu} + \sum_{j=0}^{\sigma} \sum_{\nu=1}^n c_{j,\nu} \sum_{\chi=1}^{\infty} \frac{A^\chi}{\Gamma(\chi(\alpha-\beta)+i-\nu+1)} (t - t_j)^{\chi(\alpha-\beta)+i-\nu} \\
 &+ \sum_{\chi=0}^{\infty} \frac{A^\chi}{\Gamma(\chi(\alpha-\beta)+i)} \int_1^t (\ln t - \ln u)^{\chi(\alpha-\beta)+i-1} h(u) \frac{du}{u}, i \in \mathbb{N}_1^{n-1}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Similarly we get

$$\begin{aligned} {}^{rh}D_{1^+}^{\beta-i}x(t) &= \sum_{j=0}^{\sigma} \sum_{\nu=1}^n c_{j,\nu} \sum_{\chi=0}^{\infty} \frac{A^\chi}{\Gamma(\chi(\alpha-\beta)+\alpha-\beta+i-\nu+1)} (\ln t - \ln t_j)^{\chi(\alpha-\beta)+\alpha-\beta+i-\nu} \\ &+ \sum_{\chi=0}^{\infty} \frac{A^\chi}{\Gamma(\chi(\alpha-\beta)+\alpha-\beta+i)} \int_1^t (\ln t - \ln u)^{\chi(\alpha-\beta)+\alpha-\beta+i-1} h(u) \frac{du}{u}, i \in \mathbf{N}_1^{p-1}. \end{aligned}$$

It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} [{}^hD_{1^+}^{\alpha-i}x - A{}^hD_{1^+}^{\beta-i}x](t) &= \sum_{j=0}^{\sigma} \sum_{\nu=1}^i c_{j,\nu} \frac{1}{\Gamma(i-\nu+1)} (\ln t - \ln t_j)^{i-\nu} \\ &+ \int_1^t \frac{(\ln t - \ln u)^{i-1}}{\Gamma(i)} h(u) \frac{du}{u}, t \in (t_\sigma, t_{\sigma+1}], \sigma \in \mathbf{N}_0^m, i \in \mathbf{N}_1^{p-1}. \end{aligned} \tag{2.16}$$

Then $[{}^{rh}D_{1^+}^{\alpha-i}x - A{}^{rh}D_{1^+}^{\beta-i}x]|_{(t_\sigma, t_{\sigma+1}]} \in C(t_\sigma, t_{\sigma+1}) (\sigma \in \mathbf{N}_0^m, i \in \mathbf{N}_1^{p-1})$.

By direct computation, we also get for $t \in (t_\sigma, t_{\sigma+1}]$ that

$$\begin{aligned} {}^hI_{1^+}^{n-\alpha}x(t) &= \sum_{j=0}^{\sigma} \sum_{\nu=1}^n c_{j,\nu} \sum_{\chi=0}^{\infty} \frac{A^\chi}{\Gamma(\chi(\alpha-\beta)+n-\nu+1)} (\ln t - \ln t_j)^{\chi(\alpha-\beta)+n-\nu} \\ &+ \sum_{\chi=0}^{\infty} \frac{A^\chi}{\Gamma(\chi(\alpha-\beta)+n)} \int_1^t (\ln t - \ln u)^{\chi(\alpha-\beta)+n-1} h(u) \frac{du}{u} \end{aligned} \tag{2.17}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} {}^hI_{1^+}^{p-\beta}x(t) &= \sum_{j=0}^{\sigma} \sum_{\nu=1}^n c_{j,\nu} \sum_{\chi=0}^{\infty} \frac{A^\chi}{\Gamma(\chi(\alpha-\beta)+p-\beta+\alpha-\nu+1)} (\ln t - \ln t_j)^{\chi(\alpha-\beta)+p-\beta+\alpha-\nu} \\ &+ \sum_{\chi=0}^{\infty} \frac{A^\chi}{\Gamma(\chi(\alpha-\beta)+p-\beta+\alpha)} \int_1^t (\ln t - \ln u)^{\chi(\alpha-\beta)+p-\beta+\alpha-1} h(u) \frac{du}{u}. \end{aligned} \tag{2.18}$$

It follows that ${}^hI_{1^+}^{n-\alpha}x|_{(t_\sigma, t_{\sigma+1}]} \in C(t_\sigma, t_{\sigma+1})$, ${}^hD_{1^+}^{\alpha-i}x|_{(t_\sigma, t_{\sigma+1}]} \in C(t_\sigma, t_{\sigma+1}) (i \in \mathbf{N}_{p+1}^{n-1})$, $[{}^hD_{1^+}^{\alpha-p}x - A{}^hI_{1^+}^{p-\beta}x]|_{(t_\sigma, t_{\sigma+1}]} \in C(t_\sigma, t_{\sigma+1})$ and the following limits are finite:

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{t \rightarrow t_\sigma^+} [{}^{rh}D_{1^+}^{\alpha-i}x - A{}^{rh}D_{1^+}^{\beta-i}x](t), i \in \mathbf{N}_1^{p-1}, \sigma \in \mathbf{N}_0^m, \\ \lim_{t \rightarrow t_\sigma^+} [{}^{rh}D_{1^+}^{\alpha-p}x - A{}^hI_{1^+}^{p-\beta}x](t), \sigma \in \mathbf{N}_0^m, \\ \lim_{t \rightarrow t_\sigma^+} {}^{rh}D_{1^+}^{\alpha-i}x(t), i \in \mathbf{N}_{p+1}^{n-1}, \sigma \in \mathbf{N}_0^m, \\ \lim_{t \rightarrow t_\sigma^+} {}^hI_{1^+}^{n-\alpha}x(t), \sigma \in \mathbf{N}_0^m. \end{aligned}$$

Finally, we prove that x satisfies (2.2). From $\alpha \in (n - 1, n)$, for $t \in (t_\sigma, t_{\sigma+1}]$, by Definition 2.2, we have

similarly to above discussion that

$$\begin{aligned} {}^{rh}D_{1+}^{\alpha}x(t) &= \frac{\left(t \frac{d}{dt}\right)^n \left[\int_1^t (\ln t - \ln s)^{n-\alpha-1} x(s) \frac{ds}{s} \right]}{\Gamma(n-\alpha)} \\ &= \left(t \frac{d}{dt}\right)^n \left[\sum_{j=0}^{\sigma} \sum_{\nu=1}^n c_{j\nu} \sum_{\chi=0}^{\infty} \frac{A^{\chi}}{\Gamma(\chi(\alpha-\beta)+n-\nu+1)} (\ln t - \ln t_j)^{\chi(\alpha-\beta)+n-\nu} \right] \\ &\quad + \left(t \frac{d}{dt}\right)^n \left[\sum_{\chi=0}^{\infty} \frac{A^{\chi}}{\Gamma(\chi(\alpha-\beta)+n)} \int_1^t (\ln t - \ln u)^{\chi(\alpha-\beta)+n-1} h(u) du \right] \\ &= \sum_{j=0}^{\sigma} \sum_{\nu=1}^n c_{j\nu} \sum_{\chi=1}^{\infty} \frac{A^{\chi}}{\Gamma(\chi(\alpha-\beta)-\nu+1)} (\ln t - \ln t_j)^{\chi(\alpha-\beta)-\nu} \\ &\quad + h(t) + \sum_{\chi=1}^{\infty} \frac{A^{\chi}}{\Gamma(\chi(\alpha-\beta))} \int_1^t (\ln t - \ln u)^{\chi(\alpha-\beta)-1} h(u) \frac{du}{u}. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly we have

$$\begin{aligned} {}^{rh}D_{1+}^{\beta}x(t) &= \frac{\left(t \frac{d}{dt}\right)^p \left[\int_1^t (\ln t - \ln s)^{p-\beta-1} x(s) \frac{ds}{s} \right]}{\Gamma(p-\beta)} = \frac{\left(t \frac{d}{dt}\right)^p \left[\sum_{\tau=0}^{\sigma-1} \int_{t_{\tau}}^{t_{\tau+1}} (\ln t - \ln s)^{p-\beta-1} x(s) \frac{ds}{s} + \int_{t_{\sigma}}^t (\ln t - \ln s)^{p-\beta-1} x(s) \frac{ds}{s} \right]}{\Gamma(p-\beta)} \\ &= \left(t \frac{d}{dt}\right)^p \left[\sum_{j=0}^{\sigma} \sum_{\nu=1}^n c_{j\nu} \sum_{\chi=0}^{\infty} \frac{A^{\chi}}{\Gamma(\chi(\alpha-\beta)+\alpha-\beta-\nu+2)} (\ln t - \ln t_j)^{\chi(\alpha-\beta)+\alpha-\beta-\nu} \right] \\ &\quad + \left(t \frac{d}{dt}\right)^p \left[\sum_{\chi=0}^{\infty} \frac{A^{\chi}}{\Gamma(\chi(\alpha-\beta)+\alpha-\beta+1)} \int_1^t (\ln t - \ln u)^{\chi(\alpha-\beta)+\alpha-\beta} h(u) \frac{du}{u} \right] \\ &= \sum_{j=0}^{\sigma} \sum_{\nu=1}^n c_{j\nu} \sum_{\chi=0}^{\infty} \frac{A^{\chi}}{\Gamma(\chi(\alpha-\beta)+\alpha-\beta-\nu+1)} (\ln t - \ln t_j)^{\chi(\alpha-\beta)+\alpha-\beta-\nu-1} \\ &\quad + \sum_{\chi=0}^{\infty} \frac{A^{\chi}}{\Gamma(\chi(\alpha-\beta)+\alpha-\beta)} \int_1^t (\ln t - \ln u)^{\chi(\alpha-\beta)+\alpha-\beta-1} h(u) \frac{du}{u}. \end{aligned}$$

It is easy to see that ${}^hD_{1+}^{\alpha}x(t) - A {}^hD_{1+}^{\beta}x(t) = h(t), t \in (t_{\sigma}, t_{\sigma+1}], \sigma \in \mathbf{N}_0^m$. Then (2.2) is proved. Step 1 is completed.

Step 2. Suppose that x is a piecewise solution of (2.2). We prove that x satisfies (2.15).

Since $\alpha \in (n-1, n), \alpha - \beta + p - n \geq 0$, and $h \in C(1, e)$ and $|h(t)| \leq (\ln t)^{\sigma}(1 - \ln t)^{\tau}$ for $t \in (1, e)$, we know by Lemma 2.1, for $t \in (t_0, t_1]$ that there exist constants $c_{0,\nu} \in \mathbf{R}(\nu \in \mathbf{N}_1^n)$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) &= \sum_{\nu=1}^n c_{0,\nu} (\ln t)^{\alpha-\nu} \mathbf{E}_{\alpha-\beta, \alpha-\nu+1}(A(\ln t)^{\alpha-\beta}) \\ &\quad + \int_1^t (\ln t - \ln s)^{\alpha-1} \mathbf{E}_{\alpha-\beta, \alpha}(A(\ln t - \ln s)^{\alpha-\beta}) h(s) \frac{ds}{s}, t \in (t_0, t_1]. \end{aligned}$$

So we get the expression of x on $(t_0, t_1]$. This fact implies that (2.15) holds for $k = 0$.

We will apply the mathematical induction method to prove that (2.15) holds for all $\mu \in \mathbf{N}_0^m$. Suppose that (2.15) holds for $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, \sigma$, i.e., there exist constants $c_{j\nu} \in \mathbf{R}(\nu \in \mathbf{N}_1^n, j \in \mathbf{N}_0^{\sigma})$

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) &= \sum_{j=0}^{\mu} \sum_{\nu=1}^n c_{j\nu} (\ln t - \ln t_j)^{\alpha-\nu} \mathbf{E}_{\alpha-\beta, \alpha-\nu+1}(A(\ln t - \ln t_j)^{\alpha-\beta}) \\ &\quad + \int_1^t (\ln t - \ln s)^{\alpha-1} \mathbf{E}_{\alpha-\beta, \alpha}(A(\ln t - \ln s)^{\alpha-\beta}) h(s) \frac{ds}{s}, t \in (t_{\mu}, t_{\mu+1}], \mu \in \mathbf{N}_0^{\sigma}. \end{aligned}$$

In order to get the expression of x on $(t_{\sigma+1}, t_{\sigma+2}]$, we suppose that

$$\begin{aligned}
 x(t) &= \sum_{j=0}^{\sigma} \sum_{\nu=1}^n c_{j,\nu} (\ln t - \ln t_j)^{\alpha-\nu} \mathbf{E}_{\alpha-\beta, \alpha-\nu+1} (A(\ln t - \ln t_j)^{\alpha-\beta}) \\
 &+ \int_1^t (\ln t - \ln s)^{\alpha-1} \mathbf{E}_{\alpha-\beta, \alpha} (A(\ln t - \ln s)^{\alpha-\beta}) h(s) \frac{ds}{s} + \Phi(t), t \in (t_{\sigma+1}, t_{\sigma+2}].
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{2.19}$$

Then for $t \in (t_{\sigma+1}, t_{\sigma+2}]$, we have by Definition 2.2 that

$$\begin{aligned}
 {}^{rh}D_{1+}^{\alpha} x(t) &= \frac{\left(\frac{t}{dt}\right)^n \left[\int_1^t (\ln t - \ln s)^{n-\alpha-1} x(s) \frac{ds}{s} \right]}{\Gamma(n-\alpha)} \\
 &= \frac{\left(\frac{t}{dt}\right)^n \left[\sum_{\tau=0}^{\sigma} \int_{t_{\tau}}^{t_{\tau+1}} (\ln t - \ln s)^{n-\alpha-1} x(s) \frac{ds}{s} + \int_{t_{\sigma+1}}^t (\ln t - \ln s)^{n-\alpha-1} x(s) \frac{ds}{s} \right]}{\Gamma(n-\alpha)} \\
 &= {}^{rh}D_{t_{\sigma+1}^+}^{\alpha} \Phi(t) + \frac{\left(\frac{t}{dt}\right)^n \left[\sum_{\tau=0}^{\sigma} \int_{t_{\tau}}^{t_{\tau+1}} (\ln t - \ln s)^{n-\alpha-1} \sum_{j=0}^{\tau} \sum_{\nu=1}^n c_{j,\nu} (\ln s - \ln t_j)^{\alpha-\nu} \mathbf{E}_{\alpha-\beta, \alpha-\nu+1} (A(\ln s - \ln t_j)^{\alpha-\beta}) \frac{ds}{s} \right]}{\Gamma(n-\alpha)} \\
 &+ \frac{\left[\int_{t_{\sigma+1}}^t (\ln t - \ln s)^{n-\alpha-1} \sum_{j=0}^{\sigma} \sum_{\nu=1}^n c_{j,\nu} (\ln s - \ln t_j)^{\alpha-\nu} \mathbf{E}_{\alpha-\beta, \alpha-\nu+1} (A(\ln s - \ln t_j)^{\alpha-\beta}) \frac{ds}{s} \right]}{\Gamma(n-\alpha)} \\
 &+ \frac{\left(\frac{t}{dt}\right)^n \left[\int_1^t (\ln t - \ln s)^{n-\alpha-1} \int_1^s (\ln s - \ln u)^{\alpha-1} \mathbf{E}_{\alpha-\beta, \alpha} (A(\ln s - \ln u)^{\alpha-\beta}) h(u) \frac{du}{u} \frac{ds}{s} \right]}{\Gamma(n-\alpha)} \text{ by similar method used in Step 1} \\
 &= {}^{rh}D_{t_{\sigma+1}^+}^{\alpha} \Phi(t) + \sum_{j=0}^{\sigma} \sum_{\nu=1}^n c_{j,\nu} \sum_{\chi=1}^{\infty} \frac{A^{\chi}}{\Gamma(\chi(\alpha-\beta)-\nu+1)} (\ln t - \ln t_j)^{\chi(\alpha-\beta)-\nu} \\
 &+ h(t) + \sum_{\chi=1}^{\infty} \frac{A^{\chi}}{\Gamma(\chi(\alpha-\beta))} \int_1^t (\ln t - \ln u)^{\chi(\alpha-\beta)-1} h(u) \frac{du}{u}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we have for $t \in (t_{\sigma+1}, t_{\sigma+2}]$ that

$$\begin{aligned}
 {}^{rh}D_{1+}^{\beta} x(t) &= \frac{\left(\frac{t}{dt}\right)^p \left[\int_1^t (\ln t - \ln s)^{p-\beta-1} x(s) \frac{ds}{s} \right]}{\Gamma(p-\beta)} \\
 &= \frac{\left(\frac{t}{dt}\right)^p \left[\sum_{\tau=0}^{\sigma} \int_{t_{\tau}}^{t_{\tau+1}} (\ln t - \ln s)^{p-\beta-1} x(s) \frac{ds}{s} + \int_{t_{\sigma+1}}^t (\ln t - \ln s)^{p-\beta-1} x(s) \frac{ds}{s} \right]}{\Gamma(p-\beta)} \\
 &= {}^{rh}D_{t_{\sigma+1}^+}^{\beta} \Phi(t) + \sum_{j=0}^{\sigma} \sum_{\nu=1}^n c_{j,\nu} \sum_{\chi=0}^{\infty} \frac{A^{\chi}}{\Gamma(\chi(\alpha-\beta)+\alpha-\beta-\nu+1)} (\ln t - \ln t_j)^{\chi(\alpha-\beta)+\alpha-\beta-\nu-1} \\
 &+ \sum_{\chi=0}^{\infty} \frac{A^{\chi}}{\Gamma(\chi(\alpha-\beta)+\alpha-\beta)} \int_1^t (\ln t - \ln u)^{\chi(\alpha-\beta)+\alpha-\beta-1} h(u) \frac{du}{u}.
 \end{aligned}$$

It follows that ${}^{rh}D_{t_{\sigma+1}^+}^{\alpha} \Phi(t) - A {}^{rh}D_{t_{\sigma+1}^+}^{\beta} \Phi(t) = 0$ on $(t_{\sigma+1}, t_{\sigma+2}]$. By Lemma 2.1, we know that there exist constants

$c_{\sigma+1,\nu} \in \mathbf{R}$ such that $\Phi(t) = \sum_{\nu=1}^n c_{\sigma+1,\nu} (\ln t - \ln t_{\nu})^{\alpha-\nu} \mathbf{E}_{\alpha-\beta, \alpha-\nu+1} (A(\ln t - \ln t_{\nu})^{\alpha-\beta})$ on $(t_{\sigma+1}, t_{\sigma+2}]$. Substituting Φ into (2.19), then the expression of x on $(t_{\sigma+1}, t_{\sigma+2}]$ is as follows

$$\begin{aligned}
 x(t) &= \sum_{j=0}^{\sigma+1} \sum_{\nu=1}^n c_{j,\nu} (\ln t - \ln t_j)^{\alpha-\nu} \mathbf{E}_{\alpha-\beta, \alpha-\nu+1} (A(\ln t - \ln t_j)^{\alpha-\beta}) \\
 &+ \int_1^t (\ln t - \ln s)^{\alpha-1} \mathbf{E}_{\alpha-\beta, \alpha} (A(\ln t - \ln s)^{\alpha-\beta}) h(s) \frac{ds}{s}, t \in (t_{\sigma+1}, t_{\sigma+2}].
 \end{aligned}$$

So (2.15) holds for $k = \sigma + 1$. By the mathematical induction method, (2.15) is proved. The proof of Lemma 2.2 is completed. \square

Lemma 2.3. $x \in PC_{n-\alpha}(1, e]$ is a solution of

$$\begin{cases} {}^{rh}D_{1+}^{\alpha}x(t) - \lambda {}^{rh}D_{1+}^{\beta}x(t) = h(t), a.e., t \in (t_k, t_{k+1}], k \in \mathbf{N}_0^m, \\ \Delta^h I_{1+}^{m-\alpha}x(t_k) = I_{n,k}, k \in \mathbf{N}_1^m, \\ \Delta^h D_{1+}^{\alpha-\nu}x(t_k) = I_{\nu,k}, k \in \mathbf{N}_1^m, \nu \in \mathbf{N}_1^{n-1}, \\ {}^{rh}D_{1+}^{n-\nu}x(1) = 0, x(e) = 0, \nu \in \mathbf{N}_1^{n-1}, \end{cases} \tag{2.20}$$

if and only if

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) &= \bar{d}_{n0}(\ln t)^{\alpha-n} \mathbf{E}_{\alpha, \alpha-n+1}(\lambda(\ln t)^{\alpha}) \\ &+ \sum_{j=1}^i \sum_{\nu=1}^n I_{\nu}(t_j, x(t_j))(\ln t - \ln t_j)^{\alpha-\nu} \mathbf{E}_{\alpha-\beta, \alpha-\nu+1}(\lambda(\ln t - \ln t_j)^{\alpha-\beta}) \\ &+ \int_1^t (\ln t - \ln s)^{\alpha-1} \mathbf{E}_{\alpha-\beta, \alpha}(\lambda(\ln t - \ln s)^{\alpha-\beta}) p(s) f(s, x(s)) \frac{ds}{s}, t \in (t_i, t_{i+1}], i \in \mathbf{N}_0^m \end{aligned} \tag{2.21}$$

Proof. Let x be a solution of (2.20). From ${}^{rh}D_{1+}^{\alpha}x(t) - \lambda {}^{rh}D_{1+}^{\beta}x(t) = h(t), a.e., t \in (t_k, t_{k+1}], k \in \mathbf{N}_0^m$ and Lemma 2.2, we get that exist constants $d_{\nu,j} \in \mathbf{R}(j \in \mathbf{N}_0^m, \nu \in \mathbf{N}_1^n)$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) &= \sum_{j=0}^{\tau} \sum_{\nu=1}^n d_{\nu,j} (\ln t - \ln t_j)^{\alpha-\nu} \mathbf{E}_{\alpha-\beta, \alpha-\nu+1}(\lambda(\ln t - \ln t_j)^{\alpha-\beta}) \\ &+ \int_1^t (\ln t - \ln s)^{\alpha-1} \mathbf{E}_{\alpha-\beta, \alpha}(\lambda(\ln t - \ln s)^{\alpha-\beta}) h(s) \frac{ds}{s}, t \in (t_{\tau}, t_{\tau+1}], \tau \in \mathbf{N}_0^m. \end{aligned} \tag{2.22}$$

One has for $k \in \mathbf{N}_1^{n-1}$ by direct computation that

$$\begin{aligned} {}^{rh}D_{1+}^{\alpha-k}x(t) &= \sum_{j=0}^i \sum_{\nu=1}^k d_{\nu,j} (\ln t - \ln t_j)^{k-\nu} \mathbf{E}_{\alpha-\beta, k-\nu+1}(\lambda(\ln t - \ln t_j)^{\alpha-\beta}) \\ &+ \sum_{j=0}^i \sum_{\nu=k+1}^n d_{\nu,j} (\ln t - \ln t_j)^{\alpha+k-\nu} \mathbf{E}_{\alpha-\beta, \alpha+k-\nu+1}(\lambda(\ln t - \ln t_j)^{\alpha-\beta}) \\ &+ \int_1^t (\ln t - \ln s)^{k-1} \mathbf{E}_{\alpha-\beta, k}(\lambda(\ln t - \ln s)^{\alpha-\beta}) h(s) \frac{ds}{s}, t \in (t_i, t_{i+1}], i \in \mathbf{N}_0^m, \end{aligned} \tag{2.23}$$

for $k \in \mathbf{N}_1^{p-1}$ that

$${}^{rh}D_{1+}^{\beta-k}x(t) = \sum_{j=0}^i \sum_{\nu=1}^n d_{\nu,j} \sum_{\chi=0}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^{\chi}}{\Gamma(\chi(\alpha-\beta) + \alpha - \beta + k - \nu + 1)} (\ln t - \ln t_j)^{\chi(\alpha-\beta) + \alpha - \beta + k - \nu} \tag{2.24}$$

$$+ \sum_{\chi=0}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^{\chi}}{\Gamma(\chi(\alpha-\beta) + \alpha - \beta + k)} \int_1^t (\ln t - \ln u)^{\chi(\alpha-\beta) + \alpha - \beta + k - 1} h(u) \frac{du}{u}, t \in (t_i, t_{i+1}], i \in \mathbf{N}_0^m,$$

$${}^hI_{1+}^{n-\alpha}x(t) = \sum_{j=0}^i \sum_{\nu=1}^n d_{\nu,j} (\ln t - \ln t_j)^{n-\nu} \mathbf{E}_{\alpha-\beta, n-\nu+1}(\lambda(\ln t - \ln t_j)^{\alpha-\beta}) \tag{2.25}$$

$$+ \int_1^t (\ln t - \ln s)^{n-1} \mathbf{E}_{\alpha-\beta, n}(\lambda(\ln t - \ln s)^{\alpha-\beta}) h(s) \frac{ds}{s}, t \in (t_i, t_{i+1}], i \in \mathbf{N}_0^m.$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 {}^h I_{1^+}^{p-\beta} x(t) &= \sum_{j=0}^i \sum_{\nu=1}^n d_{\nu,j} \sum_{\chi=0}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^\chi}{\Gamma(\chi(\alpha-\beta)+\alpha-\beta+p-\nu+1)} (\ln t - \ln t_j)^{\chi(\alpha-\beta)+\alpha-\beta+p-\nu} \\
 &+ \sum_{\chi=0}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^\chi}{\Gamma(\chi(\alpha-\beta)+\alpha-\beta+p)} \int_1^t (\ln t - \ln u)^{\chi(\alpha-\beta)+\alpha-\beta+p-1} h(u) \frac{du}{u}, \quad t \in (t_i, t_{i+1}], i \in \mathbf{N}_0^m.
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{2.26}$$

Then for $k \in \mathbf{N}_1^{p-1}$, from (2.23) and (2.24), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 {}^r h D_{1^+}^{\alpha-k} x(t) - A {}^r h D_{1^+}^{\beta-k} x(t) &= \sum_{j=0}^i \sum_{\nu=1}^k d_{\nu,j} \frac{1}{\Gamma(k-\nu+1)} (\ln t - \ln t_j)^{k-\nu} \\
 &+ \int_1^t \frac{(\ln t - \ln u)^{k-1}}{\Gamma(k)} h(u) \frac{du}{u}, \quad t \in (t_i, t_{i+1}], i \in \mathbf{N}_0^m,
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{2.27}$$

and from (2.23) and (2.26) ($p < n$), we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 {}^r h D_{1^+}^{\alpha-p} x(t) - A {}^r h D_{1^+}^{p-\beta} x(t) &= \sum_{j=0}^i \sum_{\nu=1}^p d_{\nu,j} \frac{1}{\Gamma(p-\nu+1)} (\ln t - \ln t_j)^{p-\nu} \\
 &+ \int_1^t \frac{(\ln t - \ln u)^{p-1}}{\Gamma(p)} h(u) \frac{du}{u}, \quad t \in (t_i, t_{i+1}], i \in \mathbf{N}_0^m
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{2.28}$$

or from (2.25) and (2.26) ($p = n$), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 {}^r h D_{1^+}^{n-\alpha} x(t) - A {}^r h D_{1^+}^{p-\beta} x(t) &= \sum_{j=0}^i \sum_{\nu=1}^n d_{\nu,j} \frac{1}{\Gamma(n-\nu+1)} (\ln t - \ln t_j)^{n-\nu} \\
 &+ \int_1^t \frac{(\ln t - \ln u)^{n-1}}{\Gamma(n)} h(u) \frac{du}{u}, \quad t \in (t_i, t_{i+1}], i \in \mathbf{N}_0^m.
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{2.29}$$

- (i) By (2.25) and $\Delta^h I_{1^+}^{n-\alpha} x(t_k) = I_{n,k}, k \in \mathbf{N}_1^m$, we get $d_{n,k} = I_{n,k}, k \in \mathbf{N}_1^m$.
- (ii) By (2.23) and $\Delta^r h D_{1^+}^{\alpha-\nu} x(t_k) = I_{\nu,k}, k \in \mathbf{N}_1^m, \nu \in \mathbf{N}_{p+1}^{n-1}$, we get $d_{\nu,k} = I_{\nu,k}, k \in \mathbf{N}_1^m, \nu \in \mathbf{N}_{p+1}^{n-1}$.
- (iii) By (2.28) and $\Delta[{}^r h D_{1^+}^{\alpha-p} x - \lambda^h I_{1^+}^{p-\beta} x](t_k) = I_{p,k}, k \in \mathbf{N}_1^m$, we get $d_{p,k} = I_{p,k}, k \in \mathbf{N}_1^m$.
- (iv) By (2.27) and $\Delta[{}^r h D_{1^+}^{\alpha-\nu} x - \lambda^h I_{1^+}^{\beta-\nu} x](t_k) = I_{\nu,k}, k \in \mathbf{N}_1^m, \nu \in \mathbf{N}_1^{p-1}$, we get $d_{\nu,k} = I_{\nu,k}, k \in \mathbf{N}_1^m, \nu \in \mathbf{N}_1^{p-1}$.
- (v) By (2.23) and ${}^r h D_{1^+}^{\alpha-\nu} x(1) = 0, \nu \in \mathbf{N}_{p+1}^{n-1}$, we get $d_{\nu,0} = 0$ for $\nu \in \mathbf{N}_{p+1}^{n-1}$.
- (vi) By (2.28) and $[{}^r h D_{1^+}^{\alpha-p} x - \lambda^h I_{1^+}^{p-\beta} x](1) = 0$, we get $d_{p,0} = 0$.
- (vii) By (2.27) and $[{}^r h D_{1^+}^{\alpha-\nu} x - \lambda^h I_{1^+}^{\beta-\nu} x](1) = 0, \nu \in \mathbf{N}_1^{p-1}$, we get $d_{\nu,0} = 0$ for $\nu \in \mathbf{N}_1^{p-1}$.
- (viii) By (2.22) and $x(e) = 0$, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 &d_{n,0} \mathbf{E}_{\alpha-\beta, \alpha-n+1}(\lambda) + \sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{\nu=1}^n I_{\nu,j} (1 - \ln t_j)^{\alpha-\nu} \mathbf{E}_{\alpha-\beta, \alpha-\nu+1}(\lambda(1 - \ln t_j)^{\alpha-\beta}) \\
 &+ \int_1^e (1 - \ln s)^{\alpha-1} \mathbf{E}_{\alpha-\beta, \alpha}(\lambda(1 - \ln s)^{\alpha-\beta}) h(s) \frac{ds}{s} = 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

It follows that

$$\begin{aligned}
 d_{n,0} &= \frac{-1}{\mathbf{E}_{\alpha-\beta, \alpha-n+1}(\lambda)} \left[\sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{\nu=1}^n I_{\nu,j} (1 - \ln t_j)^{\alpha-\nu} \mathbf{E}_{\alpha-\beta, \alpha-\nu+1}(\lambda(1 - \ln t_j)^{\alpha-\beta}) \right. \\
 &\left. + \int_1^e (1 - \ln s)^{\alpha-1} \mathbf{E}_{\alpha-\beta, \alpha}(\lambda(1 - \ln s)^{\alpha-\beta}) h(s) \frac{ds}{s} \right].
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned}
 x(t) &= \frac{-1}{\mathbf{E}_{\alpha-\beta, \alpha-n+1}(\lambda)} \left[\sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{v=1}^n I_{v,j} (1 - \ln t_j)^{\alpha-v} \mathbf{E}_{\alpha-\beta, \alpha-v+1}(\lambda(1 - \ln t_j)^{\alpha-\beta}) \right. \\
 &+ \left. \int_1^e (1 - \ln s)^{\alpha-1} \mathbf{E}_{\alpha-\beta, \alpha}(\lambda(1 - \ln s)^{\alpha-\beta}) h(s) \frac{ds}{s} \right] (\ln t)^{\alpha-v} \mathbf{E}_{\alpha-\beta, \alpha-v+1}(\lambda(\ln t)^{\alpha-\beta}) \\
 &+ \sum_{j=1}^{\tau} \sum_{v=1}^n I_{v,j} (\ln t - \ln t_j)^{\alpha-v} \mathbf{E}_{\alpha-\beta, \alpha-v+1}(\lambda(\ln t - \ln t_j)^{\alpha-\beta}) \\
 &+ \int_1^t (\ln t - \ln s)^{\alpha-1} \mathbf{E}_{\alpha-\beta, \alpha}(\lambda(\ln t - \ln s)^{\alpha-\beta}) h(s) \frac{ds}{s}, t \in (t_{\tau}, t_{\tau+1}], \tau \in \mathbf{N}_0^m.
 \end{aligned} \tag{2.22}$$

This is just (2.21). On the other hand, we can prove by direction computation that x is a solution of (2.20) if x satisfies (2.20). The proof is omitted. \square

Define the operators T on $PC_{n-\alpha}(1, e]$ for $x \in PC_{n-\alpha}(1, e]$ by

$$\begin{aligned}
 (Tx)(t) &= \frac{-1}{\mathbf{E}_{\alpha-\beta, \alpha-n+1}(\lambda)} \left[\sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{v=1}^n I_{v,j} (t_j, x(t_j)) (1 - \ln t_j)^{\alpha-v} \mathbf{E}_{\alpha-\beta, \alpha-v+1}(\lambda(1 - \ln t_j)^{\alpha-\beta}) \right. \\
 &+ \left. \int_1^e (1 - \ln s)^{\alpha-1} \mathbf{E}_{\alpha-\beta, \alpha}(\lambda(1 - \ln s)^{\alpha-\beta}) h(s) f(s, x(s)) \frac{ds}{s} \right] (\ln t)^{\alpha-v} \mathbf{E}_{\alpha-\beta, \alpha-v+1}(\lambda(\ln t)^{\alpha-\beta}) \\
 &+ \sum_{j=1}^{\tau} \sum_{v=1}^n I_{v,j} (t_j, x(t_j)) (\ln t - \ln t_j)^{\alpha-v} \mathbf{E}_{\alpha-\beta, \alpha-v+1}(\lambda(\ln t - \ln t_j)^{\alpha-\beta}) \\
 &+ \int_1^t (\ln t - \ln s)^{\alpha-1} \mathbf{E}_{\alpha-\beta, \alpha}(\lambda(\ln t - \ln s)^{\alpha-\beta}) h(s) f(s, x(s)) \frac{ds}{s}, t \in (t_{\tau}, t_{\tau+1}], \tau \in \mathbf{N}_0^m.
 \end{aligned}$$

The proofs of the following two lemmas are standard and are omitted, see [10].

Lemma 2.4. $T : PC_{n-\alpha}(1, e] \mapsto PC_{n-\alpha}(1, e]$ is well defined, x is a solution of BVP(1.5) if and only if x is a fixed point of T , T is completely continuous.

Lemma 2.5(Schauder’s fixed point theorem) [7]. Let X be a Banach space and $T : X \mapsto X$ be a completely continuous operator. Suppose $\bar{\Omega}$ is a nonempty closed convex bounded subset of X and $T(\bar{\Omega} \subseteq \bar{\Omega}$. Then there exists $x \in \bar{\Omega}$ such that $x = Tx$.

3. Main results

In this section, we prove the existence of solutions of BVP(1.4) and BVP(1.5) under the assumptions. We need the following assumptions:

(H1) there exists a non-decreasing function $\Phi_f : \mathbf{R} \rightarrow [0, +\infty)$ such that

$$\left| f \left(t, \frac{x}{(\ln t - \ln t_i)^{n-\alpha}} \right) \right| \leq \Phi_f(|x|), t \in (t_i, t_{i+1}), x \in \mathbf{R}, i \in \mathbf{N}_0^m.$$

(H2) there exists a non-decreasing function $\Phi_I : \mathbf{R} \rightarrow [0, +\infty)$ such that

$$\left| I_{\nu} \left(t_i, \frac{x}{(\ln t_i - \ln t_{i-1})^{n-\alpha}} \right) \right| \leq \Phi_I(|x|), i \in \mathbf{N}_1^m, \nu \in \mathbf{N}_1^n.$$

Theorem 3.1. Suppose that (a)-(d) and (H3)-(H4) hold. Then BVP(1.4) has at least one solution if

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\left[\frac{\mathbf{E}_{\alpha-\beta, \alpha-v+1}(\lambda)}{\mathbf{E}_{\alpha-\beta, \alpha-n+1}(\lambda)} \sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{v=1}^n (1 - \ln t_j)^{\alpha-v} \mathbf{E}_{\alpha-\beta, \alpha-v+1}(\lambda) + m \sum_{v=1}^n \mathbf{E}_{\alpha-\beta, \alpha-v+1}(\lambda) \right] \Phi_I(r) \\
 &+ \left[\frac{\mathbf{E}_{\alpha-\beta, \alpha-v+1}(\lambda)}{\mathbf{E}_{\alpha-\beta, \alpha-n+1}(\lambda)} \mathbf{B}(\alpha + \tau, \sigma + 1) \mathbf{E}_{\alpha-\beta, \alpha}(\lambda) + \mathbf{B}(\alpha + \tau, \sigma + 1) \mathbf{E}_{\alpha-\beta, \alpha}(\lambda) \right] \Phi_f(r) \leq r
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.1}$$

has at least one positive solution r_0 .

Let T be defined in Section 2. By Lemma 2.4, $T : X \rightarrow X$ is well defined, x is a solution of BVP(1.5) if and only if x is a fixed point of T , T is completely continuous.

Denote $\Omega_r = \{x : x \in X, \|x\| \leq r\}$ for $r > 0$. Let r_0 be a positive solution of (3.1). For $x \in \Omega_{r_0}$, then $\|x\| \leq r_0$ and (H1)-(H2) imply that

$$|f(t, x(t))| \leq \Phi_f(\|x\|), t \in (t_i, t_{i+1}], i \in \mathbf{N}_0^m,$$

$$|I_\nu(t_i, x(t_i))| \leq \Phi_I(\|x\|), i \in \mathbf{N}_1^m, \nu \in \mathbf{N}_0^{n-1}.$$

We get by the definition of T for $t \in (t_\tau, t_{\tau+1}] (\tau \in \mathbf{N}_0^m)$ that

$$\begin{aligned} & |(\ln t - \ln t_\tau)^{n-\alpha}(Tx)(t)| \\ & \leq \frac{(\ln t - \ln t_\tau)^{n-\alpha}}{\mathbf{E}_{\alpha-\beta, \alpha-n+1}(\lambda)} \left| \sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{\nu=1}^n I_\nu(t_j, x(t_j))(1 - \ln t_j)^{\alpha-\nu} \mathbf{E}_{\alpha-\beta, \alpha-\nu+1}(\lambda(1 - \ln t_j)^{\alpha-\beta}) \right. \\ & + \int_1^e (1 - \ln s)^{\alpha-1} \mathbf{E}_{\alpha-\beta, \alpha}(\lambda(1 - \ln s)^{\alpha-\beta}) h(s) f(s, x(s)) \frac{ds}{s} \left. | (\ln t)^{\alpha-\nu} \mathbf{E}_{\alpha-\beta, \alpha-\nu+1}(\lambda(\ln t)^{\alpha-\beta}) \right. \\ & + (\ln t - \ln t_\tau)^{n-\alpha} \left| \sum_{j=1}^\tau \sum_{\nu=1}^n I_\nu(t_j, x(t_j)) (\ln t - \ln t_j)^{\alpha-\nu} \mathbf{E}_{\alpha-\beta, \alpha-\nu+1}(\lambda(\ln t - \ln t_j)^{\alpha-\beta}) \right. \\ & + \left. \int_1^t (\ln t - \ln s)^{\alpha-1} \mathbf{E}_{\alpha-\beta, \alpha}(\lambda(\ln t - \ln s)^{\alpha-\beta}) h(s) f(s, x(s)) \frac{ds}{s} \right| \\ & \leq \frac{1}{\mathbf{E}_{\alpha-\beta, \alpha-n+1}(\lambda)} \left[\sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{\nu=1}^n \Phi_I(\|x\|) (1 - \ln t_j)^{\alpha-\nu} \mathbf{E}_{\alpha-\beta, \alpha-\nu+1}(|\lambda|) \right. \\ & + \int_1^e (1 - \ln s)^{\alpha-1} \mathbf{E}_{\alpha-\beta, \alpha}(|\lambda|) (\ln s)^\sigma (1 - \ln s)^\tau \Phi_f(\|x\|) \frac{ds}{s} \left. \right] \mathbf{E}_{\alpha-\beta, \alpha-\nu+1}(|\lambda|) \\ & + \sum_{j=1}^\tau \sum_{\nu=1}^n \Phi_I(\|x\|) \mathbf{E}_{\alpha-\beta, \alpha-\nu+1}(|\lambda|) \\ & + (\ln t - \ln t_\tau)^{n-\alpha} \int_1^t (\ln t - \ln s)^{\alpha-1} \mathbf{E}_{\alpha-\beta, \alpha}(|\lambda|) (\ln s)^\sigma (1 - \ln s)^\tau \Phi_f(\|x\|) \frac{ds}{s} \\ & \leq \frac{\mathbf{E}_{\alpha-\beta, \alpha-\nu+1}(|\lambda|)}{\mathbf{E}_{\alpha-\beta, \alpha-n+1}(\lambda)} \sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{\nu=1}^n (1 - \ln t_j)^{\alpha-\nu} \mathbf{E}_{\alpha-\beta, \alpha-\nu+1}(|\lambda|) \Phi_I(\|x\|) \\ & + \frac{\mathbf{E}_{\alpha-\beta, \alpha-\nu+1}(|\lambda|)}{\mathbf{E}_{\alpha-\beta, \alpha-n+1}(\lambda)} \mathbf{B}(\alpha + \tau, \sigma + 1) \mathbf{E}_{\alpha-\beta, \alpha}(|\lambda|) \Phi_f(\|x\|) \\ & + m \sum_{\nu=1}^n \mathbf{E}_{\alpha-\beta, \alpha-\nu+1}(|\lambda|) \Phi_I(\|x\|) + \mathbf{B}(\alpha + \tau, \sigma + 1) \mathbf{E}_{\alpha-\beta, \alpha}(|\lambda|) \Phi_f(\|x\|). \end{aligned}$$

It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \|Tx\| & \leq \left[\frac{\mathbf{E}_{\alpha-\beta, \alpha-\nu+1}(|\lambda|)}{\mathbf{E}_{\alpha-\beta, \alpha-n+1}(\lambda)} \sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{\nu=1}^n (1 - \ln t_j)^{\alpha-\nu} \mathbf{E}_{\alpha-\beta, \alpha-\nu+1}(|\lambda|) + m \sum_{\nu=1}^n \mathbf{E}_{\alpha-\beta, \alpha-\nu+1}(|\lambda|) \right] \Phi_I(r_0) \\ & + \left[\frac{\mathbf{E}_{\alpha-\beta, \alpha-\nu+1}(|\lambda|)}{\mathbf{E}_{\alpha-\beta, \alpha-n+1}(\lambda)} \mathbf{B}(\alpha + \tau, \sigma + 1) \mathbf{E}_{\alpha-\beta, \alpha}(|\lambda|) + \mathbf{B}(\alpha + \tau, \sigma + 1) \mathbf{E}_{\alpha-\beta, \alpha}(|\lambda|) \right] \Phi_f(r_0). \end{aligned}$$

By the assumption (3.1), we have $\|Tx\| \leq r_0$ for all $x \in \Omega_{r_0}$. Hence Lemma 2.5 implies that T has at least one fixed point in Ω_{r_0} which is a solution of BVP(1.5). The proof is completed. \square

(H3) there exist constants $\sigma, A, B \geq 0$ such that

$$\left| f\left(t, \frac{x}{(\ln t - \ln t_i)^{n-\alpha}}\right) \right| \leq A + B|x|^\sigma, \quad t \in (t_i, t_{i+1}), \quad x \in \mathbf{R}, \quad i \in \mathbf{N}_0^m.$$

(H4) there exist constants $\sigma, C, D \geq 0$ such that

$$\left| I_\nu\left(t_i, \frac{x}{(\ln t_i - \ln t_{i-1})^{n-\alpha}}\right) \right| \leq C + D|x|^\sigma, \quad i \in \mathbf{N}_1^m, \quad \nu \in \mathbf{N}_1^n.$$

Denote

$$\begin{aligned} P &= \left[\frac{\sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{\nu=1}^n (1 - \ln t_j)^{\alpha-\nu} \mathbf{E}_{\alpha, \alpha-n+1}(|\lambda|) \mathbf{E}_{\alpha, \alpha-\nu+1}(|\lambda|)}{|\mathbf{E}_{\alpha, \alpha-n+1}(\lambda)|} + m \sum_{\nu=1}^n \mathbf{E}_{\alpha, \alpha-\nu+1}(|\lambda|) \right] C \\ &+ \left[\frac{\mathbf{B}(\alpha + \tau, \sigma + 1) \mathbf{E}_{\alpha, \alpha-n+1}(|\lambda|) \mathbf{E}_{\alpha, \alpha}(|\lambda|)}{|\mathbf{E}_{\alpha, \alpha-n+1}(\lambda)|} + \mathbf{B}(\alpha + \tau, \sigma + 1) \mathbf{E}_{\alpha, \alpha}(|\lambda|) \right] A, \\ Q &= \left[\frac{\sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{\nu=1}^n (1 - \ln t_j)^{\alpha-\nu} \mathbf{E}_{\alpha, \alpha-n+1}(|\lambda|) \mathbf{E}_{\alpha, \alpha-\nu+1}(|\lambda|)}{|\mathbf{E}_{\alpha, \alpha-n+1}(\lambda)|} + m \sum_{\nu=1}^n \mathbf{E}_{\alpha, \alpha-\nu+1}(|\lambda|) \right] C \\ &+ \left[\frac{\mathbf{B}(\alpha + \tau, \sigma + 1) \mathbf{E}_{\alpha, \alpha-n+1}(|\lambda|) \mathbf{E}_{\alpha, \alpha}(|\lambda|)}{|\mathbf{E}_{\alpha, \alpha-n+1}(\lambda)|} + \mathbf{B}(\alpha + \tau, \sigma + 1) \mathbf{E}_{\alpha, \alpha}(|\lambda|) \right] B. \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 3.2. Suppose that (a)-(d) and (H3)-(H4) hold. Then BVP(1.4) has at least one solution if

- (i) $\sigma\tau \in [0, 1)$ or
- (ii) $\sigma = 1$ with $Q < 1$ or
- (iii) $\sigma > 1$ with $P^{\sigma-1}Q \leq \frac{(\sigma-1)^{\sigma-1}}{\sigma^\sigma}$.

Proof. In the proof of Theorem 3.1, we choose $\Phi_f(x) = A + Bx^\sigma$ and $\Phi_I(x) = C + Dx^\sigma$. Then (H1)-(H2) hold. Similar to the proof of Theorem 3.1, we denote $\Omega_r = \{x \in PC_{n-\alpha}(1, e]\}$. Then for $x \in PC_{n-\alpha}(1, e]$, we have

$$|f(t, x(t))| = \left| f\left(t, (\ln t - \ln t_i)^{\alpha-n} (\ln t - \ln t_i)^{n-\alpha} x(t)\right) \right| \leq A + B\|x\|^\sigma, \quad t \in (t_i, t_{i+1}], \quad i \in \mathbf{N}_0^m,$$

$$|I_\nu(t_i, x(t_i))| = |I_\nu\left(t_i, (\ln t_i - \ln t_{i-1})^{\alpha-n} (\ln t_i - \ln t_{i-1})^{n-\alpha} x(t_i)\right)| \leq C + D\|x\|^\sigma, \quad i \in \mathbf{N}_1^m, \quad \nu \in \mathbf{N}_1^n.$$

Then (3.1) becomes $P + Qr^\sigma \leq r$.

Case 1. $\sigma \in [0, 1)$. It is easy to see that $P + Qr^\sigma \leq r$ has positive solution r_0 . Then Theorem 3.1 implies that BVP(1.4) has at least one solution.

Case 2. $\sigma = 1$. It is easy to see that $P + Qr^\sigma \leq r$ has positive solution r_0 by $Q < 1$. Then Theorem 3.1 implies that BVP(1.4) has at least one solution.

Case 3. $\sigma > 1$.

Choose $r_1 = \left(\frac{P}{Q(\sigma-1)}\right)^{\frac{1}{\sigma}}$. Then r_1 is a positive solution of $P + Qr^\sigma \leq r$ since $P^{\sigma-1}Q \leq \frac{(\sigma-1)^{\sigma-1}}{\sigma^\sigma}$. Then Theorem 3.1 implies that BVP(1.4) has at least one solution.

The proof of Theorem 3.2 is completed. \square

Theorem 3.3. Suppose that (a)-(d) hold, and there exist constants $M_f, M_I \geq 0$ such that

$$\left| f\left(t, \frac{x}{(t-t_i)^{n-\alpha}}\right) \right| \leq M_f, \quad t \in (t_i, t_{i+1}], \quad x \in \mathbf{R}, \quad i \in \mathbf{N}_0^m,$$

$$\left| I_\nu\left(t_i, \frac{x}{(t_i-t_{i-1})^{n-\alpha}}\right) \right| \leq M_I, \quad i \in \mathbf{N}_1^m, \quad \nu \in \mathbf{N}_1^n.$$

Then BVP(1.4) has at least one solution in $PC_{n-\alpha}$.

Proof. In Theorem 3.2, choose $\sigma = 0, A = M_f, C = M_I$ and $B = D = 0$. It is easy to see that (H3) and (H4) hold. We get Theorem 3.3 from Theorem 3.2. The proof is completed. \square

4. Comments on recent published papers

We give the following remarks on Lemma 2.9 in [18] on page 87, on Theorem 3.4 in [21] on page 24 and Theorem 4 on [23] on page 3 in order not to misleading readers.

Remark 4.1. Let $f : [1, e] \times \mathbf{R} \mapsto \mathbf{R}$ and $t \mapsto (\ln t)^{1-\alpha} f(t, u)$ are continuous functions. Then x is a solution of the fractional integral equation

$$x(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{u_0}{\Gamma(\alpha)} (\ln t)^{\alpha-1} + \int_1^t \frac{(\ln t - \ln s)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} f(s, x(s)) \frac{ds}{s}, t \in (1, t_1], \\ \frac{u_0}{\Gamma(\alpha)} (\ln t)^{\alpha-1} + \sum_{j=1}^i \frac{p_j}{\Gamma(\alpha)} (\ln t)^{\alpha-1} \\ + \int_1^t \frac{(\ln t - \ln s)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} f(s, x(s)) \frac{ds}{s}, t \in (t_i, t_{i+1}], i = 1, 2, \dots, m \end{cases}$$

if and only if x is a solution of IVP(1.1). We note that Result 1 is wrong. In fact, by Definition 2.2 in Section 2, we have for $t \in (t_i, t_{i+1}]$ that

$$\begin{aligned} {}^{rl}D_{1+}^{\alpha} x(t) &= \frac{\left(\frac{t}{dt}\right) \left[\int_1^t (\ln t - \ln s)^{-\alpha} x(s) \frac{ds}{s} \right]}{\Gamma(1-\alpha)} = \frac{\left(\frac{t}{dt}\right) \left[\sum_{\chi=0}^{i-1} \int_{t_{\chi}}^{t_{\chi+1}} (\ln t - \ln s)^{-\alpha} x(s) \frac{ds}{s} + \int_{t_i}^t (\ln t - \ln s)^{1-\alpha} x(s) \frac{ds}{s} \right]}{\Gamma(1-\alpha)} \\ &= \frac{\left(\frac{t}{dt}\right) \left[\sum_{\chi=0}^{i-1} \int_{t_{\chi}}^{t_{\chi+1}} (\ln t - \ln s)^{-\alpha} \left(\frac{u_0}{\Gamma(\alpha)} (\ln s)^{\alpha-1} + \sum_{j=1}^{\chi} \frac{p_j}{\Gamma(\alpha)} (\ln s)^{\alpha-1} + \int_1^s \frac{(\ln s - \ln u)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} f(u, x(u)) \frac{du}{u} \right) \frac{ds}{s} \right]}{\Gamma(1-\alpha)} \\ &+ \frac{\left(\frac{t}{dt}\right) \left[\int_{t_i}^t (\ln t - \ln s)^{-\alpha} \left(\frac{u_0}{\Gamma(\alpha)} (\ln s)^{\alpha-1} + \sum_{j=1}^i \frac{p_j}{\Gamma(\alpha)} (\ln s)^{\alpha-1} + \int_1^s \frac{(\ln s - \ln u)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} f(u, x(u)) \frac{du}{u} \right) \frac{ds}{s} \right]}{\Gamma(1-\alpha)} \\ &= \frac{\left(\frac{t}{dt}\right) \left[\sum_{\chi=0}^{i-1} \int_{t_{\chi}}^{t_{\chi+1}} (\ln t - \ln s)^{-\alpha} \left(\frac{u_0}{\Gamma(\alpha)} (\ln s)^{\alpha-1} + \sum_{j=1}^{\chi} \frac{p_j}{\Gamma(\alpha)} (\ln s)^{\alpha-1} \right) \frac{ds}{s} \right]}{\Gamma(1-\alpha)} \\ &+ \frac{\left(\frac{t}{dt}\right) \left[\int_{t_i}^t (\ln t - \ln s)^{-\alpha} \left(\frac{u_0}{\Gamma(\alpha)} (\ln s)^{\alpha-1} + \sum_{j=1}^{t_i} \frac{p_j}{\Gamma(\alpha)} (\ln s)^{\alpha-1} \right) \frac{ds}{s} + \int_1^t (\ln t - \ln s)^{1-\alpha} \left(\int_1^s \frac{(\ln s - \ln u)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} f(u, x(u)) \frac{du}{u} \right) \frac{ds}{s} \right]}{\Gamma(1-\alpha)} \\ &= \frac{\left(\frac{t}{dt}\right) \left[\int_1^t (\ln t - \ln s)^{-\alpha} \frac{u_0}{\Gamma(\alpha)} (\ln s)^{\alpha-1} \frac{ds}{s} + \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} \sum_{\chi=j}^{i-1} \frac{p_j}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_{t_{\chi}}^{t_{\chi+1}} (\ln t - \ln s)^{1-\alpha} (\ln s)^{\alpha-1} \frac{ds}{s} \right]}{\Gamma(1-\alpha)} \\ &+ \frac{\left(\frac{t}{dt}\right) \left[\sum_{j=1}^i \frac{p_j}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_{t_j}^t (\ln t - \ln s)^{-\alpha} (\ln s)^{\alpha-1} \frac{ds}{s} + \int_1^t \int_u^t (\ln t - \ln s)^{-\alpha} \frac{(\ln s - \ln u)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \frac{ds}{s} f(u, x(u)) \frac{du}{u} \right]}{\Gamma(1-\alpha)} \\ &= \frac{\left(\frac{t}{dt}\right) \left[\int_1^t (\ln t - \ln s)^{-\alpha} \frac{u_0}{\Gamma(\alpha)} (\ln s)^{\alpha-1} \frac{ds}{s} + \sum_{j=1}^i \frac{p_j}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_{t_j}^t (\ln t - \ln s)^{-\alpha} (\ln s)^{\alpha-1} \frac{ds}{s} \right]}{\Gamma(1-\alpha)} \\ &+ \frac{\left(\frac{t}{dt}\right) \left[\int_1^t \int_u^t (\ln t - \ln s)^{-\alpha} \frac{(\ln s - \ln u)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \frac{ds}{s} f(u, x(u)) \frac{du}{u} \right]}{\Gamma(1-\alpha)} \text{ by } \frac{\ln s}{\ln t} = w, \frac{\ln s - \ln u}{\ln t - \ln u} = w \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{\left(\frac{t}{dt}\right) \left[\frac{u_0}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^1 (1-w)^{-\alpha} w^{\alpha-1} dw + \sum_{j=1}^i \frac{p_j}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_{\frac{\ln t_j}{\ln t}}^1 (1-w)^{-\alpha} w^{\alpha-1} dw \right]}{\Gamma(1-\alpha)} \\
 &+ \frac{\left(\frac{t}{dt}\right) \left[\int_1^t \int_0^1 (1-w)^{-\alpha} \frac{w^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} dw f(u, x(u)) \frac{du}{u} \right]}{\Gamma(1-\alpha)} \\
 &= \left(\frac{t}{dt}\right) \left[u_0 + \sum_{j=1}^i \frac{p_j}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_{\frac{\ln t_j}{\ln t}}^1 (1-w)^{-\alpha} w^{\alpha-1} dw \right] + \left(\frac{t}{dt}\right) \left[\int_1^t f(u, x(u)) \frac{du}{u} \right] \\
 &= f(t, x(t)) + \left(\frac{t}{dt}\right) \left[\sum_{j=1}^i \frac{p_j}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_{\frac{\ln t_j}{\ln t}}^1 (1-w)^{-\alpha} w^{\alpha-1} dw \right].
 \end{aligned}$$

It means that ${}^{rh}D_{1+}^\alpha x(t) = f(t, x(t))$ for all $i \in \mathbf{N}_0^m$ if and only if $p_1 = \dots = p_m = 0$. Hence Lemma 2.9 in [18] is wrong. \square

Remark 4.2. In [21], Zhang considered the general solution of the impulsive fractional system

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} {}^{rh}D_{1+}^{\frac{3}{2}} x(t) = \ln t, t \in (1, 3], t \neq 2, \\ \Delta^h J_{1+}^{\frac{1}{2}} x(2) = \delta, \\ \Delta^{rh} D_{a+}^{\frac{1}{2}} x(2) = \bar{\delta}, \\ {}^h J_{1+}^{\frac{1}{2}} x(1) = x_2, {}^{rh}D_{a+}^{\frac{1}{2}} x(1) = x_1. \end{array} \right. \tag{4.1}$$

It is claimed that (4.1) has solutions

$$x(t) = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{x_1}{\Gamma(3/2)} \left(\int_1^t \frac{ds}{s}\right)^{\frac{3}{2}-1} + \frac{x_2}{\Gamma(3/2-1)} \left(\int_1^t \frac{ds}{s}\right)^{\frac{3}{2}-2} + \int_1^t \frac{(\ln t - \ln s)^{\frac{3}{2}-1}}{\Gamma(3/2)} \ln s \frac{ds}{s}, t \in (1, 2], \\ \frac{x_1}{\Gamma(3/2)} \left(\int_1^t \frac{ds}{s}\right)^{\frac{3}{2}-1} + \frac{x_2}{\Gamma(3/2-1)} \left(\int_1^t \frac{ds}{s}\right)^{\frac{3}{2}-2} + \int_1^t \frac{(\ln t - \ln s)^{\frac{3}{2}-1}}{\Gamma(3/2)} \ln s \frac{ds}{s} \\ + \frac{\bar{\delta}}{\Gamma(3/2)} \left(\int_2^t \frac{ds}{s}\right)^{\frac{3}{2}-1} + \frac{\delta}{\Gamma(3/2-1)} \left(\int_2^t \frac{ds}{s}\right)^{\frac{3}{2}-2} \\ - (\aleph\delta + \hbar\bar{\delta}) \left[\frac{x_1}{\Gamma(3/2)} \left(\int_1^t \frac{ds}{s}\right)^{\frac{3}{2}-1} + \frac{x_2}{\Gamma(3/2-1)} \left(\int_1^t \frac{ds}{s}\right)^{\frac{3}{2}-2} \right. \\ \left. + \int_1^t \frac{(\ln t - \ln s)^{\frac{3}{2}-1}}{\Gamma(3/2)} \ln s \frac{ds}{s} - \frac{x_1 + \int_1^2 \ln s \frac{ds}{s}}{\Gamma(3/2)} \left(\int_2^t \frac{ds}{s}\right)^{\frac{3}{2}-1} \right. \\ \left. - \frac{x_1 \ln 2 + x_2 + \int_1^2 \ln \frac{2}{s} \ln s \frac{ds}{s}}{\Gamma(3/2-1)} \left(\int_2^t \frac{ds}{s}\right)^{\frac{3}{2}-2} + \int_2^t \frac{(\ln t - \ln s)^{\frac{3}{2}-1}}{\Gamma(3/2)} \ln s \frac{ds}{s} \right], t \in (2, 3]. \end{array} \right. \tag{4.2}$$

By direct computation, we get

$$x(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{x_1}{\Gamma(3/2)} (\ln t)^{\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{x_2}{\Gamma(1/2)} (\ln t)^{-\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{(\ln t)^{\frac{5}{2}}}{\Gamma(7/2)}, t \in (1, 2], \\ \frac{x_1}{\Gamma(3/2)} (\ln t)^{\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{x_2}{\Gamma(1/2)} (\ln t)^{-\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{(\ln t)^{\frac{5}{2}}}{\Gamma(7/2)} \\ + \frac{\bar{\delta}}{\Gamma(3/2)} (\ln t - \ln 2)^{\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{\delta}{\Gamma(1/2)} (\ln t - \ln 2)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \\ - M \left[\frac{x_1}{\Gamma(3/2)} (\ln t)^{\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{x_2}{\Gamma(1/2)} (\ln t)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \right. \\ \left. + \frac{(\ln t)^{\frac{5}{2}}}{\Gamma(7/2)} - \frac{x_1 + \frac{1}{2}(\ln 2)^2}{\Gamma(3/2)} (\ln t - \ln 2)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right. \\ \left. - \frac{x_1 \ln 2 + x_2 + \frac{1}{2}(\ln 2)^3 - \frac{1}{3}(\ln 2)^3}{\Gamma(3/2-1)} (\ln t - \ln 2)^{-\frac{1}{2}} + (\ln t)^{\frac{5}{2}} \int_{\ln 2}^1 \frac{(1-w)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{\Gamma(3/2)} w dw \right], t \in (2, 3], \end{cases}$$

where $M = \aleph\delta + \hbar\bar{\delta}$ and \aleph, \hbar are two constants. This result is wrong. In fact, by Definition 2.2([21]), we have for $t \in (2, 3]$ that

$$\begin{aligned} {}^{\rho}hD_{1+}^{\frac{3}{2}}x(t) &= \left(t \frac{d}{dt}\right)^2 \frac{\int_1^t (\ln t - \ln s)^{-\frac{1}{2}} x(s) \frac{ds}{s} + \int_2^t (\ln t - \ln s)^{-\frac{1}{2}} x(s) \frac{ds}{s}}{\Gamma(1/2)} \\ &= \left(t \frac{d}{dt}\right)^2 \frac{\int_1^t (\ln t - \ln s)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \left(\frac{x_1}{\Gamma(3/2)} (\ln s)^{\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{x_2}{\Gamma(1/2)} (\ln s)^{-\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{(\ln s)^{\frac{5}{2}}}{\Gamma(7/2)} \right) \frac{ds}{s}}{\Gamma(1/2)} \\ &+ \left(t \frac{d}{dt}\right)^2 \frac{\int_2^t (\ln t - \ln s)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \left(\frac{x_1}{\Gamma(3/2)} (\ln s)^{\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{x_2}{\Gamma(1/2)} (\ln s)^{-\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{(\ln s)^{\frac{5}{2}}}{\Gamma(7/2)} + \frac{\bar{\delta}}{\Gamma(3/2)} (\ln s - \ln 2)^{\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{\delta}{\Gamma(1/2)} (\ln s - \ln 2)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \right) \frac{ds}{s}}{\Gamma(1/2)} \\ &+ \left(t \frac{d}{dt}\right)^2 \frac{\int_2^t (\ln t - \ln s)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \left(-M \frac{x_1}{\Gamma(3/2)} (\ln s)^{\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{x_2}{\Gamma(1/2)} (\ln s)^{-\frac{1}{2}} + M \frac{(\ln s)^{\frac{5}{2}}}{\Gamma(7/2)} - \frac{x_1 + \frac{1}{2}(\ln 2)^2}{\Gamma(3/2)} (\ln s - \ln 2)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right) \frac{ds}{s}}{\Gamma(1/2)} \\ &+ \left(t \frac{d}{dt}\right)^2 \frac{\int_2^t (\ln t - \ln s)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \left(-M \frac{x_1 \ln 2 + x_2 + \frac{1}{2}(\ln 2)^3 - \frac{1}{3}(\ln 2)^3}{\Gamma(1/2)} (\ln s - \ln 2)^{-\frac{1}{2}} + M (\ln s)^{\frac{5}{2}} \int_{\ln 2}^1 \frac{(1-w)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{\Gamma(3/2)} w dw \right) \frac{ds}{s}}{\Gamma(1/2)} \\ &= \left(t \frac{d}{dt}\right)^2 \frac{\int_1^t (\ln t - \ln s)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \left(\frac{x_1}{\Gamma(3/2)} (\ln s)^{\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{x_2}{\Gamma(1/2)} (\ln s)^{-\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{(\ln s)^{\frac{5}{2}}}{\Gamma(7/2)} \right) \frac{ds}{s}}{\Gamma(1/2)} \\ &+ \left(t \frac{d}{dt}\right)^2 \frac{\int_2^t (\ln t - \ln s)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \left(\frac{\bar{\delta}}{\Gamma(3/2)} (\ln s - \ln 2)^{\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{\delta}{\Gamma(1/2)} (\ln s - \ln 2)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \right) \frac{ds}{s}}{\Gamma(1/2)} \\ &+ M \left(t \frac{d}{dt}\right)^2 \frac{\int_2^t (\ln t - \ln s)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \left(-\frac{x_1}{\Gamma(3/2)} (\ln s)^{\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{x_2}{\Gamma(1/2)} (\ln s)^{-\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{(\ln s)^{\frac{5}{2}}}{\Gamma(7/2)} \right) \frac{ds}{s}}{\Gamma(1/2)} \\ &+ M \left(t \frac{d}{dt}\right)^2 \frac{\int_2^t (\ln t - \ln s)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \left(-\frac{x_1 \ln 2 + x_2 + \frac{1}{2}(\ln 2)^3 - \frac{1}{3}(\ln 2)^3}{\Gamma(1/2)} (\ln s - \ln 2)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \right) \frac{ds}{s}}{\Gamma(1/2)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &+M\left(t\frac{d}{dt}\right)^2 \frac{\int_2^t (\ln t - \ln s)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \left(-\frac{x_1 + \frac{1}{2}(\ln 2)^2}{\Gamma(3/2)} (\ln s - \ln 2)^{\frac{1}{2}}\right) \frac{ds}{s}}{\Gamma(1/2)} \\
 &+M\left(t\frac{d}{dt}\right)^2 \frac{\int_2^t (\ln t - \ln s)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \left((\ln s)^{\frac{5}{2}} \int_{\ln 2}^1 \frac{(1-w)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{\Gamma(3/2)} w dw\right) \frac{ds}{s}}{\Gamma(1/2)} \\
 &= \left(t\frac{d}{dt}\right)^2 \left(x_1 \ln t + x_2 + \frac{(\ln t)^3}{\Gamma(4)}\right) + \left(t\frac{d}{dt}\right)^2 \left(\bar{\delta}(\ln t - \ln 2) + \delta\right) \\
 &+M\left(t\frac{d}{dt}\right)^2 \frac{\int_2^t (\ln t - \ln s)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \left(-\frac{x_1}{\Gamma(3/2)} (\ln s)^{\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{x_2}{\Gamma(1/2)} (\ln s)^{-\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{(\ln s)^{\frac{5}{2}}}{\Gamma(7/2)}\right) \frac{ds}{s}}{\Gamma(1/2)} \\
 &-M\left(t\frac{d}{dt}\right)^2 \left(\frac{x_1 \ln 2 + x_2 + \frac{1}{2}(\ln 2)^3 - \frac{1}{3}(\ln 2)^3}{\Gamma(1/2)} + \frac{x_1 + \frac{1}{2}(\ln 2)^2}{\Gamma(3/2)} (\ln t - \ln 2)\right) \\
 &+M\left(t\frac{d}{dt}\right)^2 \frac{\int_2^t (\ln t - \ln s)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \left((\ln s)^{\frac{5}{2}} \int_{\ln 2}^1 \frac{(1-w)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{\Gamma(3/2)} w dw\right) \frac{ds}{s}}{\Gamma(1/2)} \\
 &= \ln t + M\left(t\frac{d}{dt}\right)^2 \frac{\int_2^t (\ln t - \ln s)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \left(-\frac{x_1}{\Gamma(3/2)} (\ln s)^{\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{x_2}{\Gamma(1/2)} (\ln s)^{-\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{(\ln s)^{\frac{5}{2}}}{\Gamma(7/2)}\right) \frac{ds}{s}}{\Gamma(1/2)} \\
 &+M\left(t\frac{d}{dt}\right)^2 \frac{\int_2^t (\ln t - \ln s)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \left((\ln s)^{\frac{5}{2}} \int_{\ln 2}^1 \frac{(1-w)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{\Gamma(3/2)} w dw\right) \frac{ds}{s}}{\Gamma(1/2)} \neq \ln t, t \in (2, 3].
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence (4.2) in [21] is wrong. We get by using Lemma 2.3 ($\alpha \in (1, 2), \lambda = 0$) in Section 2 that (4.1) has a unique solution

$$x(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{x_1}{\Gamma(3/2)} (\ln t)^{\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{x_2}{\Gamma(1/2)} (\ln t)^{-\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{(\ln t)^{\frac{5}{2}}}{\Gamma(7/2)}, t \in (1, 2], \\ \frac{x_1}{\Gamma(3/2)} (\ln t)^{\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{x_2}{\Gamma(1/2)} (\ln t)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \\ + \frac{\bar{\delta}}{\Gamma(3/2)} (\ln t - \ln 2)^{\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{\delta}{\Gamma(1/2)} (\ln t - \ln 2)^{-\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{(\ln t)^{\frac{5}{2}}}{\Gamma(7/2)}, t \in (2, 3]. \end{cases}$$

The following results are directly from Lemma 2.3 ($\alpha \in (1, 2), \lambda = 0$) and the proofs are omitted:

Result 4.3. x is a solution of IVP(1.2) if and only if

$$x(t) = \begin{cases} x_1(\ln t - \ln a)^{\alpha-1} + x_2(\ln t - \ln a)^{\alpha-2} + \int_a^t \frac{(\ln t - \ln s)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} f(s, x(s)) \frac{ds}{s}, t \in (a, t_1], \\ x_1(\ln t - \ln a)^{\alpha-1} + x_2(\ln t - \ln a)^{\alpha-2} + \int_a^t \frac{(\ln t - \ln s)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} f(s, x(s)) \frac{ds}{s} \\ + \sum_{t_i < t} \Delta_i(x(t_i))(\ln t - \ln t_i)^{\alpha-1} + \sum_{\bar{t}_i < t} \bar{\Delta}_i(x(\bar{t}_i))(\ln t - \ln \bar{t}_i)^{\alpha-2} \\ + \int_a^t \frac{(\ln t - \ln s)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} f(s, x(s)) \frac{ds}{s}, t \in (t_1, T]. \end{cases}$$

Result 4.4. x is a solution of IVP(1.3) if and only if

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) &= x_1(\ln t - \ln)^{\alpha-1} + x_2(\ln t - \ln a)^{\alpha-2} + \int_a^t \frac{(\ln t - \ln s)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} f(s, x(s)) \frac{ds}{s} \\ &+ \sum_{j=1}^i \Delta_j(x(t_j))(\ln t - \ln t_j)^{\alpha-1} + \sum_{j=1}^i \bar{\Delta}_j(x(t_j))(\ln t - \ln t_j)^{\alpha-2} \\ &+ \int_a^t \frac{(\ln t - \ln s)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} f(s, x(s)) \frac{ds}{s}, t \in (t_i, t_{i+1}], i \in \mathbf{N}_0^m. \end{aligned}$$

Remark 4.5. In [23], the following initial value problem was considered:

$$\begin{cases} {}^h D_{a^+}^q z(t) = f(t, z(t)), t \in (a, T], t \neq t_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, m, \\ \Delta^h I_{a^+}^{1-q} z(t_i) = J_i(z(t_i)), i = 1, 2, \dots, m, \\ {}^h I_{a^+}^{1-q} z(a) = z_a, \end{cases} \tag{4.3}$$

where $q \in (0, 1), T > a > 0, z_a \in \mathbf{R}, a = t_0 < t_1 < \dots < t_m < t_{m+1} = T, f : [a, T] \times \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ and $J_i : \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ are some appropriate functions. The main result in [23] is as follows:

Theorem 4[23]. Let $\xi \in \mathbf{R}$ be an arbitrary constant. Then IVP(4.3) is equivalent to the following integral equation:

$$\begin{aligned} z(t) &= \frac{z_a}{\Gamma(q)} (\ln t - \ln a)^{q-1} + \int_a^t \frac{(\ln t - \ln s)^{q-1}}{\Gamma(q)} f(s, z(s)) \frac{ds}{s} \\ &+ \sum_{j=1}^i \frac{(\ln t - \ln t_j)^{q-1}}{\Gamma(q)} J_j(z(t_j)) - \xi \sum_{j=1}^i J_j(z(t_j)) \left[z_a \frac{(\ln t - \ln a)^{q-1}}{\Gamma(q)} + \int_a^t \frac{(\ln t - \ln s)^{q-1}}{\Gamma(q)} f(s, z(s)) \frac{ds}{s} \right. \\ &\left. - \left(z_a + \int_a^{t_j} f(s, z(s)) \frac{ds}{s} \right) \frac{(\ln t - \ln t_j)^{q-1}}{\Gamma(q)} - \int_{t_j}^t \frac{(\ln t - \ln s)^{q-1}}{\Gamma(q)} f(s, z(s)) \frac{ds}{s} \right], \\ &t \in (t_i, t_{i+1}], i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, m. \end{aligned}$$

Example 4.5. In [23], the following example was considered:

$$\begin{cases} {}^h D_{1^+}^{1/2} z(t) = f(t, z(t)), t \in (1, 3], t \neq 2, \\ \Delta^h I_{1^+}^{1/2} z(2) = l, {}^h I_{1^+}^{1/2} z(1) = z_1. \end{cases} \tag{4.4}$$

By Theorem 4 mentioned, the general solution of (4.4) is given by

$$z(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{z_1}{\Gamma(1/2)} (\ln t)^{-\frac{1}{2}} + \int_1^t \frac{(\ln t - \ln s)^{-\frac{1}{2}}}{\Gamma(1/2)} \ln s \frac{ds}{s}, t \in (1, 2], \\ \frac{z_1}{\Gamma(1/2)} (\ln t)^{-\frac{1}{2}} + \int_1^t \frac{(\ln t - \ln s)^{-\frac{1}{2}}}{\Gamma(1/2)} \ln s \frac{ds}{s} \\ + \frac{(\ln t - \ln 2)^{-\frac{1}{2}}}{\Gamma(1/2)} l - \xi l \left[z_1 \frac{(\ln t)^{-\frac{1}{2}}}{\Gamma(1/2)} + \int_1^t \frac{(\ln t - \ln s)^{-\frac{1}{2}}}{\Gamma(1/2)} \ln s \frac{ds}{s} \right. \\ \left. - \left(z_1 + \int_1^2 \ln s \frac{ds}{s} \right) \frac{(\ln t - \ln 2)^{-\frac{1}{2}}}{\Gamma(1/2)} - \int_2^t \frac{(\ln t - \ln s)^{-\frac{1}{2}}}{\Gamma(1/2)} \ln s \frac{ds}{s} \right], t \in (2, 3]. \end{cases}$$

One can find by direct computation for $t \in (2, 3]$ that

$$\begin{aligned} {}^h D_{1^+}^{\frac{1}{2}} z(t) &= \left(t \frac{d}{dt}\right)^2 \left[\int_1^t \frac{(\ln t - \ln s)^{-\frac{1}{2}}}{\Gamma(1/2)} z(s) \frac{ds}{s} \right] \\ &= \left(t \frac{d}{dt}\right)^2 \left[\int_1^2 \frac{(\ln t - \ln s)^{-\frac{1}{2}}}{\Gamma(1/2)} \left(\frac{z_1}{\Gamma(1/2)} (\ln s)^{-\frac{1}{2}} + \int_1^s \frac{(\ln s - \ln u)^{-\frac{1}{2}}}{\Gamma(1/2)} \ln u \frac{du}{u} \right) \frac{ds}{s} \right] \\ &\quad + \left(t \frac{d}{dt}\right)^2 \left[\int_1^t \frac{(\ln t - \ln s)^{-\frac{1}{2}}}{\Gamma(1/2)} \left(\frac{z_1}{\Gamma(1/2)} (\ln s)^{-\frac{1}{2}} + \int_1^s \frac{(\ln s - \ln u)^{-\frac{1}{2}}}{\Gamma(1/2)} \ln u \frac{du}{u} \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. + \frac{(\ln s - \ln 2)^{-\frac{1}{2}}}{\Gamma(1/2)} l - \xi l \left(z_1 \frac{(\ln s)^{-\frac{1}{2}}}{\Gamma(1/2)} + \int_1^s \frac{(\ln s - \ln u)^{-\frac{1}{2}}}{\Gamma(1/2)} \ln u \frac{du}{u} \right. \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. \left. - \left(z_1 + \int_1^2 \ln u \frac{du}{u} \right) \frac{(\ln s - \ln 2)^{-\frac{1}{2}}}{\Gamma(1/2)} - \int_2^s \frac{(\ln s - \ln u)^{-\frac{1}{2}}}{\Gamma(1/2)} \ln u \frac{du}{u} \right) \right] \frac{ds}{s} \right] \neq \ln t, t \in (2, 3]. \end{aligned}$$

So Theorem 4 is wrong.

By Lemma 2.2 and 2.3 ($\lambda = 0, \alpha = \frac{1}{2}, \beta = 0, h(t) = \ln t, f(t, x) = 1$), we can get the unique solution of (4.4) by

$$z(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{z_1}{\Gamma(1/2)} (\ln t)^{-\frac{1}{2}} + \int_1^t \frac{(\ln t - \ln s)^{-\frac{1}{2}}}{\Gamma(1/2)} \ln s \frac{ds}{s}, t \in (1, 2], \\ \frac{z_1}{\Gamma(1/2)} (\ln t)^{-\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{l}{\Gamma(1/2)} (\ln t - \ln 2)^{-\frac{1}{2}} + \int_1^t \frac{(\ln t - \ln s)^{-\frac{1}{2}}}{\Gamma(1/2)} \ln s \frac{ds}{s}, t \in (2, 3]. \end{cases}$$

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