



RESULTS ON THE SEMI-LOCAL CONVERGENCE OF ITERATIVE METHODS WITH APPLICATIONS IN k -MULTIVARIATE FRACTIONAL CALCULUS

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Abstract. We provide new semi-local convergence results for general iterative methods in order to approximate a solution of a nonlinear operator equation. Moreover, applications are suggested in many areas including k -multivariate fractional calculus, where k is a positive integer.

1. INTRODUCTION

Many problems are special cases of the equation

$$M(x) = 0, \tag{1.1}$$

where $M : \Omega \rightarrow B_2$ is a continuous operator, B_1, B_2 are Banach spaces and $\Omega \subseteq B_1$. These problems are reduced to (1.1) using Mathematical Modelling.

Then, it is very important to find solutions x^* of equation (1.1). However, the solutions x^* can rarely be obtained in closed form. That is why we use mostly iterative methods to approximate such solutions [1], [8-20].

Let $\mathcal{L}(B_1, B_2)$ stand for space of bounded linear operators from B_1 into B_2 . Let also $A(\cdot) : \Omega \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(B_1, B_1)$ be a continuous operator. Set

$$F = LM, \tag{1.2}$$

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where $L \in \mathcal{L}(B_2, B_1)$. We shall approximate x^* using a sequence $\{x_n\}$ generated by the fixed point scheme:

$$\begin{aligned} x_{n+1} &:= x_n + y_n, \quad A(x_n) y_n + F(x_n) = 0 \\ \Leftrightarrow y_n &= Q(y_n) := (I - A(x_n)) y_n - F(x_n), \end{aligned} \quad (1.3)$$

where $x_0 \in \Omega$. The sequence $\{x_n\}$ defined by

$$x_{n+1} = Q(x_n) = Q^{(n+1)}(x_0) \quad (1.4)$$

exists. In case of convergence we write:

$$Q^\infty(x_0) := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (Q^n(x_0)) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n. \quad (1.5)$$

Many methods in the literature can be considered special cases of method (1.3). We can choose A to be: $A(x) = F'(x)$ (Newton's method), $A(x) = F'(x_0)$ (Modified Newton's method), $A(x) = [x, g(x); F]$, $g : \Omega \rightarrow B_1$ (Steffensen's method). Many other choices for A can be found in [1-21] and the references there in. Therefore, it is important to study the convergence of method (1.3) under generalized conditions. In particular, we present the semi-local convergence of method (1.3) using only continuity assumptions on operator F and for a so general operator A as to allow applications to k -multivariate fractional calculus and other areas.

The rest of the paper is organized as follows: Section 2 contains the semi-local convergence of method (1.3). In the concluding Section 3, we suggest some applications to k -multivariate fractional calculus.

2. CONVERGENCE

Let $B(w, \xi)$, $\overline{B}(w, \xi)$ stand, respectively for the open and closed balls in B_1 with center $w \in B_1$ and of radius $\xi > 0$.

We present the semi-local convergence of method (1.3) in this section.

Theorem 2.1. *Let $F : \Omega \subset B_1 \rightarrow B_2$, $A(\cdot) : \Omega \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(B_1, B_1)$ and $x_0 \in \Omega$ be as defined in the Introduction. Suppose there exist $\delta_0 \in (0, 1)$, $\delta_1 \in (0, 1)$, $\eta \geq 0$ such that for each $x, y \in \Omega$*

$$\delta := \delta_0 + \delta_1 < 1, \quad (2.1)$$

$$\|F(x_0)\| \leq \eta, \quad (2.2)$$

$$\|I - A(x)\| \leq \delta_0, \quad (2.3)$$

$$\|F(y) - F(x) - A(x)(y - x)\| \leq \delta_1 \|y - x\| \quad (2.4)$$

and

$$\overline{B}(x_0, \delta) \subseteq \Omega, \quad (2.5)$$

where

$$\rho = \frac{\eta}{1 - \delta}. \tag{2.6}$$

Then, sequence $\{x_n\}$ generated for $x_0 \in \Omega$ by

$$x_{n+1} = x_n + Q_n^\infty(0), \quad Q_n(y) := (I - A(x_n))y - F(x_n) \tag{2.7}$$

is well defined in $B(x_0, \rho)$, remains in $\overline{B}(x_0, \rho)$ for each $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ and converges to x^* which is the only solution of equation $F(x) = 0$ in $\overline{B}(x_0, \rho)$. Moreover, an a priori error estimate is given by the sequence $\{\rho_n\}$ defined by

$$\rho_0 := \rho, \quad \rho_n = T_n^\infty(0), \quad T_n(t) = \delta_0 + \delta_1 \rho_{n-1} \tag{2.8}$$

for each $n = 1, 2, \dots$ and satisfying

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \rho_n = 0. \tag{2.9}$$

Furthermore, an a posteriori error estimate is given by the sequence $\{\sigma_n\}$ defined by

$$\sigma_n := H_n^\infty(0), \quad H_n(t) = \delta t + \delta_1 p_{n-1}, \tag{2.10}$$

$$q_n := \|x_n - x_0\| \leq \rho - \rho_n \leq \rho, \tag{2.11}$$

where

$$p_{n-1} := \|x_n - x_{n-1}\| \quad \text{for each } n = 1, 2, \dots \tag{2.12}$$

Proof. We shall show using mathematical induction the following assertion is true:

(A_n) $x_n \in X$ and $\rho_n \geq 0$ are well defined and such that

$$\rho_n + p_{n-1} \leq \rho_{n-1}. \tag{2.13}$$

By the definition of ρ , (2.3)-(2.6) we have that there exists $r \leq \rho$ (Lemma 1.4 [8, p. 3]) such that

$$\delta_0 r + \|F(x_0)\| = r$$

and

$$\delta_0^k r \leq \delta_0^k \rho \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } k \rightarrow \infty.$$

That is (Lemma 1.5 [8, p. 4]) x_1 is well defined and $p_0 \leq r$.

We need the estimate:

$$T_1(\rho - r) = \delta_0(\rho - r) + \delta_1 \rho_0 = \delta_0 \rho - \delta_0 r + \delta_1 \rho = G_0(\rho) - r = \rho - r.$$

That is (Lemma 1.4 [8, p. 3]) ρ_1 exists and satisfies

$$\rho_1 + p_0 \leq \rho - r + r = \rho = \rho_0.$$

Hence (I₀) is true. Suppose that for each $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$, assertion (I_k) is true. We must show: x_{k+1} exists and find a bound r for p_k . Indeed, we have in turn that

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_0 \rho_k + \delta_1(\rho_{k-1} - \rho_k) &= \delta_0 \rho_k + \delta_1 \rho_{k-1} - \delta_1 \rho_k \\ &= T_k(\rho_k) - \delta_1 \rho_k \leq \rho_k. \end{aligned}$$

That is there exists $r \leq \rho_k$ such that

$$r = \delta_0 r + \delta_1 (\rho_{k-1} - \rho_k) \quad \text{and} \quad (\delta_0 + \delta_1)^i r \rightarrow 0 \quad (2.14)$$

as $i \rightarrow \infty$.

The induction hypothesis gives that

$$q_k \leq \sum_{m=0}^{k-1} p_m \leq \sum_{m=0}^{k-1} (\rho_m - \rho_{m+1}) = \rho - \rho_k \leq \rho,$$

so $x_k \in \overline{B}(x_0, \rho) \subseteq \Omega$ and x_1 satisfies $\|I - A(x_1)\| \leq \delta_0$ (by (2.3)).

Using the induction hypothesis, (1.3) and (2.4), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \|F(x_k)\| &= \|F(x_k) - F(x_{k-1}) - A(x_{k-1})(x_k - x_{k-1})\| \\ &\leq \delta_1 p_{k-1} \leq \delta_1 (\rho_{k-1} - \rho_k) \end{aligned} \quad (2.15)$$

leading together with (2.14) to:

$$\delta_0 r + \|F(x_k)\| \leq r,$$

which implies x_{k+1} exists and $p_k \leq r \leq \rho_k$. It follows from the definition of ρ_{k+1} that

$$T_{k+1}(\rho_k - r) = T_k(\rho_k) - r = \rho_k - r,$$

so ρ_{k+1} exists and satisfies

$$\rho_{k+1} + p_k \leq \rho_k - r + r = \rho_k$$

so the induction for (I_n) is completed.

Let $j \geq k$. Then, we obtain in turn that

$$\|x_{j+k} - x_k\| \leq \sum_{i=k}^j p_i \leq \sum_{i=k}^j (\rho_i - \rho_{i+1}) = \rho_k - \rho_{j+k} \leq \rho_k. \quad (2.16)$$

We also obtain using induction that

$$\rho_{k+1} = T_{k+1}(\rho_{k+1}) \leq T_{k+1}(\rho_k) \leq \delta \rho_k \leq \dots \leq \delta^{k+1} \rho. \quad (2.17)$$

Hence, by (2.1) and (2.17) $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \rho_k = 0$, so $\{x_k\}$ is a complete sequence in a Banach space X and as such it converges to some x^* . By letting $j \rightarrow \infty$ in (2.16), we conclude that $x^* \in \overline{B}(x_k, \rho_k)$. Moreover, by letting $k \rightarrow \infty$ in (2.15) and using the continuity of F we get that $F(x^*) = 0$. Notice that

$$H_k(\rho_k) \leq T_k(\rho_k) \leq \rho_k,$$

so the apriori bound exists. That is σ_k is smaller in general than ρ_k . Clearly, the conditions of the theorem are satisfied for x_k replacing x_0 (by (2.16)). Hence, by (2.8) $x^* \in \overline{B}(x_n, \sigma_n)$, which completes the proof for the aposteriori bound. \square

Remark 2.2. (a) It follows from the proof of Theorem 2.1 that the conclusions hold, if $A(\cdot)$ is replaced by a more general continuous operator $A : \Omega \rightarrow B_1$.

(b) In the next section some applications are suggested for special choices of the “ A ” operators with $\gamma_0 := \delta_0$ and $\gamma_1 := \delta_1$.

3. APPLICATIONS TO k -MULTIVARIATE FRACTIONAL CALCULUS

Our presented earlier semi-local convergence results, see Theorem 2.1, apply in the next three multivariate fractional settings given that the following inequalities are fulfilled:

$$\|1 - A(x)\|_\infty \leq \gamma_0 \in (0, 1) \tag{3.1}$$

and

$$\left\| (F(y) - F(x)) \vec{i} - A(x)(y - x) \right\| \leq \gamma_1 \|y - x\|, \tag{3.2}$$

where $\gamma_0, \gamma_1 \in (0, 1)$, furthermore

$$\gamma = \gamma_0 + \gamma_1 \in (0, 1), \tag{3.3}$$

for all $x, y \in \prod_{i=1}^N [a_i^*, b_i^*]$, where $a_i < a_i^* < b_i^* < b_i, i = 1, \dots, N$.

Above \vec{i} is the unit vector in $\mathbb{R}^N, N \in \mathbb{N}, \|\vec{i}\| = 1$, and $\|\cdot\|$ is a norm in \mathbb{R}^k .

The specific functions $A(x), F(x)$ will be described next.

(I) Consider the k -left multidimensional Riemann-Liouville fractional integral of order $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_N), k = (k_1, \dots, k_N), (\alpha_i > 0, k_i > 0, i = 1, \dots, N)$:

$$\begin{aligned} & ({}_k I_{a+}^\alpha f)(x) \\ &= \frac{1}{\prod_{i=1}^N k_i \Gamma_{k_i}(\alpha_i)} \int_{a_1}^{x_1} \dots \int_{a_N}^{x_N} \prod_{i=1}^N (x_i - t_i)^{\frac{\alpha_i}{k_i} - 1} f(t_1, \dots, t_N) dt_1 \dots dt_N, \end{aligned} \tag{3.4}$$

where $\Gamma_{k_i}(\alpha_i)$ is the k_i -gamma function given by $\Gamma_{k_i}(\alpha_i) = \int_0^\infty t^{\alpha_i - 1} e^{-\frac{t}{k_i}} dt, i = 1, \dots, N$ (it holds ([21]) $\Gamma_{k_i}(\alpha_i + k_i) = \alpha_i \Gamma_{k_i}(\alpha_i), \Gamma(\alpha_i) = \lim_{k_i \rightarrow 1} \Gamma_{k_i}(\alpha_i)$,

where Γ is the gamma function, and ${}_k I_{a+}^0 f := f), f \in L_\infty \left(\prod_{i=1}^N [a_i, b_i] \right), a =$

(a_1, \dots, a_N) and $x = (x_1, \dots, x_N) \in \prod_{i=1}^N [a_i, b_i]$.

By [6], we get that $({}_k I_{a+}^\alpha f)$ is a continuous function on $\prod_{i=1}^N [a_i, b_i]$. Furthermore, by [6], we get that ${}_k I_{a+}^\alpha$ is a bounded linear operator which is a positive operator.

We notice the following

$$\begin{aligned}
 & |{}_k I_{a+}^\alpha f(x)| \\
 & \leq \frac{1}{\prod_{i=1}^N k_i \Gamma_{k_i}(\alpha_i)} \left(\int_{a_1}^{x_1} \dots \int_{a_N}^{x_N} \prod_{i=1}^N (x_i - t_i)^{\frac{\alpha_i}{k_i} - 1} dt_1 \dots dt_N \right) \|f\|_{\infty, \prod_{i=1}^N [a_i, b_i]} \quad (3.5)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & = \frac{1}{\prod_{i=1}^N k_i \Gamma_{k_i}(\alpha_i)} \prod_{i=1}^N \frac{(x_i - a_i)^{\frac{\alpha_i}{k_i}}}{\left(\frac{\alpha_i}{k_i}\right)} \|f\|_{\infty, \prod_{i=1}^N [a_i, b_i]} \\
 & = \left(\prod_{i=1}^N \frac{(x_i - a_i)^{\frac{\alpha_i}{k_i}}}{\Gamma_{k_i}(\alpha_i + k_i)} \right) \|f\|_{\infty, \prod_{i=1}^N [a_i, b_i]}. \quad (3.6)
 \end{aligned}$$

That is, it holds

$$\begin{aligned}
 |{}_k I_{a+}^\alpha f(x)| & \leq \left(\prod_{i=1}^N \frac{(x_i - a_i)^{\frac{\alpha_i}{k_i}}}{\Gamma_{k_i}(\alpha_i + k_i)} \right) \|f\|_{\infty, \prod_{i=1}^N [a_i, b_i]} \\
 & \leq \left(\prod_{i=1}^N \frac{(b_i - a_i)^{\frac{\alpha_i}{k_i}}}{\Gamma_{k_i}(\alpha_i + k_i)} \right) \|f\|_{\infty, \prod_{i=1}^N [a_i, b_i]}. \quad (3.7)
 \end{aligned}$$

We get that

$${}_k I_{a+}^\alpha f(a) = 0. \quad (3.8)$$

In particular, $({}_k I_{a+}^\alpha f)$ is continuous on $\prod_{i=1}^N [a_i^*, b_i^*]$. Thus there exist $x_1, x_2 \in$

$\prod_{i=1}^N [a_i^*, b_i^*]$ such that

$$\begin{aligned}
 ({}_k I_{a+}^\alpha f)(x_1) & = \min ({}_k I_{a+}^\alpha f)(x), \\
 ({}_k I_{a+}^\alpha f)(x_2) & = \max ({}_k I_{a+}^\alpha f)(x), \quad (3.9)
 \end{aligned}$$

over all $x \in \prod_{i=1}^N [a_i^*, b_i^*]$.

We assume that

$$({}_k I_{a+}^\alpha f)(x_1) > 0. \quad (3.10)$$

Hence

$$\|{}_k I_{a+}^\alpha f\|_{\infty, \prod_{i=1}^N [a_i^*, b_i^*]} = ({}_k I_{a+}^\alpha f)(x_2) > 0. \tag{3.11}$$

Here we define

$$Jf(x) = mf(x), \quad 0 < m < \frac{1}{2}, \tag{3.12}$$

for any $x \in \prod_{i=1}^N [a_i^*, b_i^*]$. Therefore the equation

$$Jf(x) = 0, \quad x \in \prod_{i=1}^N [a_i^*, b_i^*] \tag{3.13}$$

has the same solutions as the equation

$$F(x) := \frac{Jf(x)}{2({}_k I_{a+}^\alpha f)(x_2)} = 0, \quad x \in \prod_{i=1}^N [a_i^*, b_i^*]. \tag{3.14}$$

Notice that

$$\begin{aligned} {}_k I_{a+}^\alpha \left(\frac{f}{2({}_k I_{a+}^\alpha f)(x_2)} \right)(x) &= \frac{({}_k I_{a+}^\alpha f)(x)}{2({}_k I_{a+}^\alpha f)(x_2)} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} < 1, \quad x \in \prod_{i=1}^N [a_i^*, b_i^*]. \end{aligned} \tag{3.15}$$

Call

$$A(x) := \frac{({}_k I_{a+}^\alpha f)(x)}{2({}_k I_{a+}^\alpha f)(x_2)}, \quad \forall x \in \prod_{i=1}^N [a_i^*, b_i^*]. \tag{3.16}$$

We notice that

$$0 < \frac{({}_k I_{a+}^\alpha f)(x_1)}{2({}_k I_{a+}^\alpha f)(x_2)} \leq A(x) \leq \frac{1}{2}, \quad \forall x \in \prod_{i=1}^N [a_i^*, b_i^*]. \tag{3.17}$$

Hence the first condition (3.1) is fulfilled by

$$|1 - A(x)| = 1 - A(x) \leq 1 - \frac{({}_k I_{a+}^\alpha f)(x_1)}{2({}_k I_{a+}^\alpha f)(x_2)} =: \gamma_0, \quad \forall x \in \prod_{i=1}^N [a_i^*, b_i^*]. \tag{3.18}$$

So that $\|1 - A(x)\|_\infty \leq \gamma_0$, where $\|\cdot\|_\infty$ is over $\prod_{i=1}^N [a_i^*, b_i^*]$. Clearly $\gamma_0 \in (0, 1)$.

Next we assume that $\frac{f(x)}{2({}_k I_{a+}^\alpha f)(x_2)}$ is a contraction, that is

$$\left| \frac{f(x)}{2({}_k I_{a+}^\alpha f)(x_2)} - \frac{f(y)}{2({}_k I_{a+}^\alpha f)(x_2)} \right| \leq \theta \|x - y\|, \tag{3.19}$$

for all $x, y \in \prod_{i=1}^N [a_i^*, b_i^*]$, $0 < \theta < 1$. Hence

$$\left| \frac{mf(x)}{2({}_kI_{a+}^\alpha f)(x_2)} - \frac{mf(y)}{2({}_kI_{a+}^\alpha f)(x_2)} \right| \leq m\theta \|x - y\| \leq \frac{\theta}{2} \|x - y\|, \tag{3.20}$$

for all $x, y \in \prod_{i=1}^N [a_i^*, b_i^*]$. Set $\lambda = \frac{\theta}{2}$, it is $0 < \lambda < \frac{1}{2}$. We have that

$$|F(x) - F(y)| \leq \lambda \|x - y\|, \tag{3.21}$$

for all $x, y \in \prod_{i=1}^N [a_i^*, b_i^*]$.

Equivalently, we have

$$|Jf(x) - Jf(y)| \leq 2\lambda ({}_kI_{a+}^\alpha f)(x_2) \|x - y\|, \text{ for all } x, y \in \prod_{i=1}^N [a_i^*, b_i^*]. \tag{3.22}$$

We observe that

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\| (F(y) - F(x)) \vec{i} - A(x)(y - x) \right\| \\ & \leq |F(y) - F(x)| + |A(x)| \|y - x\| \\ & \leq \lambda \|y - x\| + |A(x)| \|y - x\| = (\lambda + |A(x)|) \|y - x\| \\ & =: (\psi_1), \quad \forall x, y \in \prod_{i=1}^N [a_i^*, b_i^*]. \end{aligned} \tag{3.23}$$

By (3.7), we have that

$$|({}_kI_{a+}^\alpha f)(x)| \leq \left(\prod_{i=1}^N \frac{(b_i - a_i)^{\frac{\alpha_i}{k_i}}}{\Gamma_{k_i}(\alpha_i + k_i)} \right) \|f\|_\infty, \quad \forall x \in \prod_{i=1}^N [a_i^*, b_i^*], \tag{3.24}$$

where $\|\cdot\|_\infty$ now is over $\prod_{i=1}^N [a_i, b_i]$.

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} |A(x)| &= \frac{|({}_kI_{a+}^\alpha f)(x)|}{2({}_kI_{a+}^\alpha f)(x_2)} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2({}_kI_{a+}^\alpha f)(x_2)} \left(\prod_{i=1}^N \frac{(b_i - a_i)^{\frac{\alpha_i}{k_i}}}{\Gamma_{k_i}(\alpha_i + k_i)} \right) \|f\|_\infty < \infty, \end{aligned} \tag{3.25}$$

for all $x \in \prod_{i=1}^N [a_i^*, b_i^*]$. Therefore we get

$$(\psi_1) \leq \left(\lambda + \frac{1}{2 ({}_k I_{a+}^\alpha f)(x_2)} \left(\prod_{i=1}^N \frac{(b_i - a_i)^{\frac{\alpha_i}{k_i}}}{\Gamma_{k_i}(\alpha_i + k_i)} \right) \|f\|_\infty \right) \|y - x\|, \quad (3.26)$$

for all $x, y \in \prod_{i=1}^N [a_i^*, b_i^*]$. Call

$$0 < \gamma_1 := \lambda + \frac{1}{2 ({}_k I_{a+}^\alpha f)(x_2)} \left(\prod_{i=1}^N \frac{(b_i - a_i)^{\frac{\alpha_i}{k_i}}}{\Gamma_{k_i}(\alpha_i + k_i)} \right) \|f\|_\infty, \quad (3.27)$$

and by choosing $(b_i - a_i)$ small enough, $i = 1, \dots, N$, we can make $\gamma_1 \in (0, 1)$, fulfilling (3.2).

Next we call and we need that

$$\begin{aligned} 0 < \gamma &:= \gamma_0 + \gamma_1 \\ &= \left(1 - \frac{({}_k I_{a+}^\alpha f)(x_1)}{2 ({}_k I_{a+}^\alpha f)(x_2)} \right) \\ &\quad + \left(\lambda + \frac{1}{2 ({}_k I_{a+}^\alpha f)(x_2)} \left(\prod_{i=1}^N \frac{(b_i - a_i)^{\frac{\alpha_i}{k_i}}}{\Gamma_{k_i}(\alpha_i + k_i)} \right) \|f\|_\infty \right) \\ &< 1, \end{aligned} \quad (3.28)$$

equivalently,

$$\lambda + \frac{1}{2 ({}_k I_{a+}^\alpha f)(x_2)} \left(\prod_{i=1}^N \frac{(b_i - a_i)^{\frac{\alpha_i}{k_i}}}{\Gamma_{k_i}(\alpha_i + k_i)} \right) \|f\|_\infty < \frac{({}_k I_{a+}^\alpha f)(x_1)}{2 ({}_k I_{a+}^\alpha f)(x_2)}, \quad (3.29)$$

equivalently,

$$2\lambda ({}_k I_{a+}^\alpha f)(x_2) + \left(\prod_{i=1}^N \frac{(b_i - a_i)^{\frac{\alpha_i}{k_i}}}{\Gamma_{k_i}(\alpha_i + k_i)} \right) \|f\|_\infty < ({}_k I_{a+}^\alpha f)(x_1), \quad (3.30)$$

which is possible for small λ and small $(b_i - a_i)$, all $i = 1, \dots, N$. That is $\gamma \in (0, 1)$, fulfilling (3.3). So our numerical method converges and solves (3.13).

(II) Consider the k -right multidimensional Riemann-Liouville fractional integral of order $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_N)$, $k = (k_1, \dots, k_N)$, $(\alpha_i > 0, k_i > 0, i = 1, \dots, N)$:

$$\begin{aligned} &({}_k I_{b-}^\alpha f)(x) \\ &= \frac{1}{\prod_{i=1}^N k_i \Gamma_{k_i}(\alpha_i)} \int_{x_1}^{b_1} \dots \int_{x_N}^{b_N} \prod_{i=1}^N (t_i - x_i)^{\frac{\alpha_i}{k_i} - 1} f(t_1, \dots, t_N) dt_1 \dots dt_N, \end{aligned} \quad (3.31)$$

we set

$${}_k I_{b-}^0 f = f, \quad (3.32)$$

where $f \in L_\infty \left(\prod_{i=1}^N [a_i, b_i] \right)$, $b = (b_1, \dots, b_N)$ and $x = (x_1, \dots, x_N) \in \prod_{i=1}^N [a_i, b_i]$.

By [7], we get that ${}_k I_{b-}^\alpha f$ is a continuous function on $\prod_{i=1}^N [a_i, b_i]$. Furthermore by [7] we get that ${}_k I_{b-}^\alpha$ is a bounded linear operator, which is a positive operator.

We notice the following

$$\begin{aligned} |{}_k I_{b-}^\alpha f(x)| &\leq \frac{1}{\prod_{i=1}^N k_i \Gamma_{k_i}(\alpha_i)} \prod_{i=1}^N \frac{(b_i - x_i)^{\frac{\alpha_i}{k_i}}}{\left(\frac{\alpha_i}{k_i}\right)} \|f\|_\infty \\ &= \left(\prod_{i=1}^N \frac{(b_i - x_i)^{\frac{\alpha_i}{k_i}}}{\Gamma_{k_i}(\alpha_i + k_i)} \right) \|f\|_\infty. \end{aligned} \quad (3.33)$$

That is it holds

$$\begin{aligned} |{}_k I_{b-}^\alpha f(x)| &\leq \left(\prod_{i=1}^N \frac{(b_i - x_i)^{\frac{\alpha_i}{k_i}}}{\Gamma_{k_i}(\alpha_i + k_i)} \right) \|f\|_\infty \\ &\leq \left(\prod_{i=1}^N \frac{(b_i - a_i)^{\frac{\alpha_i}{k_i}}}{\Gamma_{k_i}(\alpha_i + k_i)} \right) \|f\|_\infty. \end{aligned} \quad (3.34)$$

We get that

$${}_k I_{b-}^\alpha f(b) = 0. \quad (3.35)$$

In particular, $({}_k I_{b-}^\alpha f)$ is continuous on $\prod_{i=1}^N [a_i^*, b_i^*]$. Thus there exist $x_1, x_2 \in$

$\prod_{i=1}^N [a_i^*, b_i^*]$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} ({}_k I_{b-}^\alpha f)(x_1) &= \min ({}_k I_{b-}^\alpha f)(x), \\ ({}_k I_{b-}^\alpha f)(x_2) &= \max ({}_k I_{b-}^\alpha f)(x), \end{aligned} \quad (3.36)$$

over all $x \in \prod_{i=1}^N [a_i^*, b_i^*]$.

We assume that

$$({}_k I_{b-}^\alpha f)(x_1) > 0. \quad (3.37)$$

Hence

$$\|{}_k I_{b-}^\alpha f\|_{\infty, \prod_{i=1}^N [a_i^*, b_i^*]} = ({}_k I_{b-}^\alpha f)(x_2) > 0. \quad (3.38)$$

Here we define

$$Jf(x) = mf(x), \quad 0 < m < \frac{1}{2}, \quad (3.39)$$

for any $x \in \prod_{i=1}^N [a_i^*, b_i^*]$. Therefore the equation

$$Jf(x) = 0, \quad x \in \prod_{i=1}^N [a_i^*, b_i^*], \quad (3.40)$$

has the same solutions as the equation

$$F(x) := \frac{Jf(x)}{2({}_kI_{b-}^\alpha f)(x_2)} = 0, \quad x \in \prod_{i=1}^N [a_i^*, b_i^*]. \quad (3.41)$$

Notice that

$${}_kI_{b-}^\alpha \left(\frac{f}{2({}_kI_{b-}^\alpha f)(x_2)} \right)(x) = \frac{({}_kI_{b-}^\alpha f)(x)}{2({}_kI_{b-}^\alpha f)(x_2)} \leq \frac{1}{2} < 1, \quad x \in \prod_{i=1}^N [a_i^*, b_i^*]. \quad (3.42)$$

Call

$$A(x) := \frac{({}_kI_{b-}^\alpha f)(x)}{2({}_kI_{b-}^\alpha f)(x_2)}, \quad \forall x \in \prod_{i=1}^N [a_i^*, b_i^*]. \quad (3.43)$$

We notice that

$$0 < \frac{({}_kI_{b-}^\alpha f)(x_1)}{2({}_kI_{b-}^\alpha f)(x_2)} \leq A(x) \leq \frac{1}{2}, \quad \forall x \in \prod_{i=1}^N [a_i^*, b_i^*]. \quad (3.44)$$

Hence the first condition (3.1) is fulfilled by

$$|1 - A(x)| = 1 - A(x) \leq 1 - \frac{({}_kI_{b-}^\alpha f)(x_1)}{2({}_kI_{b-}^\alpha f)(x_2)} =: \gamma_0, \quad \forall x \in \prod_{i=1}^N [a_i^*, b_i^*]. \quad (3.45)$$

So that $\|1 - A(x)\|_\infty \leq \gamma_0$, where $\|\cdot\|_\infty$ is over $\prod_{i=1}^N [a_i^*, b_i^*]$. Clearly $\gamma_0 \in (0, 1)$.

Next we assume that $\frac{f(x)}{2({}_kI_{b-}^\alpha f)(x_2)}$ is a contraction, that is

$$\left| \frac{f(x)}{2({}_kI_{b-}^\alpha f)(x_2)} - \frac{f(y)}{2({}_kI_{b-}^\alpha f)(x_2)} \right| \leq \theta \|x - y\|, \quad (3.46)$$

for all $x, y \in \prod_{i=1}^N [a_i^*, b_i^*]$, $0 < \theta < 1$. Hence

$$\left| \frac{mf(x)}{2({}_kI_{b-}^\alpha f)(x_2)} - \frac{mf(y)}{2({}_kI_{b-}^\alpha f)(x_2)} \right| \leq m\theta \|x - y\| \leq \frac{\theta}{2} \|x - y\|, \quad (3.47)$$

for all $x, y \in \prod_{i=1}^N [a_i^*, b_i^*]$. Set $\lambda = \frac{\theta}{2}$, it is $0 < \lambda < \frac{1}{2}$. We have that

$$|F(x) - F(y)| \leq \lambda \|x - y\|, \quad (3.48)$$

all $x, y \in \prod_{i=1}^N [a_i^*, b_i^*]$. Equivalently we have

$$|Jf(x) - Jf(y)| \leq 2\lambda ({}_k I_{b-}^\alpha f)(x_2) \|x - y\|, \quad \forall x, y \in \prod_{i=1}^N [a_i^*, b_i^*]. \quad (3.49)$$

We observe that

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\| (F(y) - F(x)) \vec{i} - A(x)(y - x) \right\| \\ & \leq |F(y) - F(x)| + |A(x)| \|y - x\| \\ & \leq \lambda \|y - x\| + |A(x)| \|y - x\| \\ & = (\lambda + |A(x)|) \|y - x\| =: (\psi_2), \quad \forall x, y \in \prod_{i=1}^N [a_i^*, b_i^*]. \end{aligned} \quad (3.50)$$

By (3.34), we have that

$$|({}_k I_{b-}^\alpha f)(x)| \leq \left(\prod_{i=1}^N \frac{(b_i - a_i)^{\frac{\alpha_i}{k_i}}}{\Gamma_{k_i}(\alpha_i + k_i)} \right) \|f\|_\infty, \quad \forall x \in \prod_{i=1}^N [a_i^*, b_i^*], \quad (3.51)$$

where $\|\cdot\|_\infty$ now is over $\prod_{i=1}^N [a_i, b_i]$. Hence

$$\begin{aligned} |A(x)| &= \frac{|({}_k I_{b-}^\alpha f)(x)|}{2({}_k I_{b-}^\alpha f)(x_2)} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2({}_k I_{b-}^\alpha f)(x_2)} \left(\prod_{i=1}^N \frac{(b_i - a_i)^{\frac{\alpha_i}{k_i}}}{\Gamma_{k_i}(\alpha_i + k_i)} \right) \|f\|_\infty < \infty, \end{aligned} \quad (3.52)$$

for all $x \in \prod_{i=1}^N [a_i^*, b_i^*]$. Therefore we get

$$(\psi_2) \leq \left(\lambda + \frac{1}{2({}_k I_{b-}^\alpha f)(x_2)} \left(\prod_{i=1}^N \frac{(b_i - a_i)^{\frac{\alpha_i}{k_i}}}{\Gamma_{k_i}(\alpha_i + k_i)} \right) \|f\|_\infty \right) \|y - x\|, \quad (3.53)$$

for all $x, y \in \prod_{i=1}^N [a_i^*, b_i^*]$. Call

$$0 < \gamma_1 := \lambda + \frac{1}{2({}_k I_{b-}^\alpha f)(x_2)} \left(\prod_{i=1}^N \frac{(b_i - a_i)^{\frac{\alpha_i}{k_i}}}{\Gamma_{k_i}(\alpha_i + k_i)} \right) \|f\|_\infty, \quad (3.54)$$

and by choosing $(b_i - a_i)$ small enough, $i = 1, \dots, N$, we can make $\gamma_1 \in (0, 1)$, fulfilling (3.2).

Next we call and we need that

$$\begin{aligned} 0 < \gamma &:= \gamma_0 + \gamma_1 \\ &= \left(1 - \frac{{}_k I_{b-}^\alpha f(x_1)}{2({}_k I_{b-}^\alpha f(x_2))} \right) \\ &\quad + \left(\lambda + \frac{1}{{}_k I_{b-}^\alpha f(x_2)} \left(\prod_{i=1}^N \frac{(b_i - a_i)^{\frac{\alpha_i}{k_i}}}{\Gamma_{k_i}(\alpha_i + k_i)} \right) \|f\|_\infty \right) < 1, \end{aligned} \tag{3.55}$$

equivalently,

$$\lambda + \frac{1}{{}_k I_{b-}^\alpha f(x_2)} \left(\prod_{i=1}^N \frac{(b_i - a_i)^{\frac{\alpha_i}{k_i}}}{\Gamma_{k_i}(\alpha_i + k_i)} \right) \|f\|_\infty < \frac{{}_k I_{b-}^\alpha f(x_1)}{2({}_k I_{b-}^\alpha f(x_2))}, \tag{3.56}$$

equivalently,

$$2\lambda({}_k I_{b-}^\alpha f(x_2)) + \left(\prod_{i=1}^N \frac{(b_i - a_i)^{\frac{\alpha_i}{k_i}}}{\Gamma_{k_i}(\alpha_i + k_i)} \right) \|f\|_\infty < ({}_k I_{b-}^\alpha f(x_1)), \tag{3.57}$$

which is possible for small λ and small $(b_i - a_i)$, all $i = 1, \dots, N$. That is $\gamma \in (0, 1)$, fulfilling (3.3). So our numerical method converges and solves (3.40).

(III) Here we deal with the following multivariate mixed fractional derivative:

let $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_N)$, where $0 < \alpha_i < 1$, $i = 1, \dots, N$; $f \in C^N \left(\prod_{i=1}^N [0, b_i] \right)$; $b_i > 0$, $i = 1, \dots, N$,

$$\begin{aligned} ({}^{CF} D_*^\alpha f)(t) &= \frac{1}{\prod_{i=1}^N (1 - \alpha_i)} \cdot \int_0^{t_1} \dots \int_0^{t_N} \prod_{i=1}^N \exp \left(-\frac{\alpha_i}{1 - \alpha_i} (t_i - s_i) \right) \\ &\quad \times \frac{\partial^N f(s_1, \dots, s_N)}{\partial s_1 \dots \partial s_N} ds_1 \dots ds_N, \end{aligned} \tag{3.58}$$

for all $0 \leq t_i \leq b_i$, $i = 1, \dots, N$ with $t = (t_1, \dots, t_N)$. When $N = 1$, the univariate case is known as the M. Caputo-Fabrizio fractional derivative, see [18]. Call

$$\gamma_i := \frac{\alpha_i}{1 - \alpha_i} > 0, \tag{3.59}$$

i.e.,

$$\begin{aligned} ({}^{CF}D_*^\alpha f)(t) &= \frac{1}{\prod_{i=1}^N (1 - \alpha_i)} \cdot \int_0^{t_1} \dots \int_0^{t_N} \prod_{i=1}^N e^{-\gamma_i(t_i - s_i)} \\ &\quad \times \frac{\partial^N f(s_1, \dots, s_N)}{\partial s_1 \dots \partial s_N} ds_1 \dots ds_N, \end{aligned} \tag{3.60}$$

for all $0 \leq t_i \leq b_i, i = 1, \dots, N$. We notice that

$$\begin{aligned} &|({}^{CF}D_*^\alpha f)(t)| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{\prod_{i=1}^N (1 - \alpha_i)} \cdot \left(\int_0^{t_1} \dots \int_0^{t_N} \prod_{i=1}^N e^{-\gamma_i(t_i - s_i)} ds_1 \dots ds_N \right) \left\| \frac{\partial^N f}{\partial x_1 \dots \partial x_N} \right\|_\infty \end{aligned} \tag{3.61}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \prod_{i=1}^N \left(\frac{1}{1 - \alpha_i} \int_0^{t_i} e^{-\gamma_i(t_i - s_i)} ds_i \right) \left\| \frac{\partial^N f}{\partial x_1 \dots \partial x_N} \right\|_\infty \\ &= \left(\prod_{i=1}^N \frac{e^{-\gamma_i t_i}}{\alpha_i} (e^{\gamma_i t_i} - 1) \right) \left\| \frac{\partial^N f}{\partial x_1 \dots \partial x_N} \right\|_\infty \end{aligned} \tag{3.62}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \left(\prod_{i=1}^N \frac{1}{\alpha_i} (1 - e^{-\gamma_i t_i}) \right) \left\| \frac{\partial^N f}{\partial x_1 \dots \partial x_N} \right\|_\infty \\ &\leq \left(\prod_{i=1}^N \left(\frac{1 - e^{-\gamma_i b_i}}{\alpha_i} \right) \right) \left\| \frac{\partial^N f}{\partial x_1 \dots \partial x_N} \right\|_\infty. \end{aligned}$$

That is

$$({}^{CF}D_*^\alpha f)(0, \dots, 0) = 0 \tag{3.63}$$

and

$$|({}^{CF}D_*^\alpha f)(t)| \leq \left(\prod_{i=1}^N \left(\frac{1 - e^{-\gamma_i b_i}}{\alpha_i} \right) \right) \left\| \frac{\partial^N f}{\partial x_1 \dots \partial x_N} \right\|_\infty. \tag{3.64}$$

Notice here that $1 - e^{-\gamma_i t_i}, t_i \geq 0$ is an increasing function, $i = 1, \dots, N$. Thus the smaller the t_i , the smaller it is $1 - e^{-\gamma_i t_i}, i = 1, \dots, N$. We can rewrite

$$\begin{aligned} &({}^{CF}D_*^\alpha f)(t) \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^N \left(\frac{e^{-\gamma_i t_i}}{1 - \alpha_i} \right) \int_0^{t_1} \dots \int_0^{t_N} e^{\sum_{i=1}^N \gamma_i s_i} \frac{\partial^N f(s_1, \dots, s_N)}{\partial s_1 \dots \partial s_N} ds_1 \dots ds_N \end{aligned} \tag{3.65}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \prod_{i=1}^N \left(\frac{e^{-\gamma_i t_i}}{1 - \alpha_i} \right) \int_0^{b_1} \dots \int_0^{b_N} \chi_{\prod_{i=1}^N [0, t_i]}(s_1, \dots, s_N) e^{\sum_{i=1}^N \gamma_i s_i} \\ &\quad \times \frac{\partial^N f(s_1, \dots, s_N)}{\partial s_1 \dots \partial s_N} ds_1 \dots ds_N, \end{aligned} \tag{3.66}$$

where χ stands for the characteristic function. Let $t_n \rightarrow t$, as $n \rightarrow \infty$, then

$$\chi_{\prod_{i=1}^N [0, t_{in}]}(s_1, \dots, s_N) \rightarrow \chi_{\prod_{i=1}^N [0, t_i]}(s_1, \dots, s_N), \text{ a.e., as } n \rightarrow \infty,$$

where $t_n = (t_{1n}, \dots, t_{Nn})$. Hence we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\chi_{\prod_{i=1}^N [0, t_{in}]}(s_1, \dots, s_N) e^{\sum_{i=1}^N \gamma_i s_i} \frac{\partial^N f(s_1, \dots, s_N)}{\partial s_1 \dots \partial s_N} \\ &\rightarrow \chi_{\prod_{i=1}^N [0, t_i]}(s_1, \dots, s_N) e^{\sum_{i=1}^N \gamma_i s_i} \frac{\partial^N f(s_1, \dots, s_N)}{\partial s_1 \dots \partial s_N}, \text{ a.e.,} \end{aligned}$$

in $(s_1, \dots, s_N) \in \prod_{i=1}^N [0, b_i]$. Furthermore, it holds

$$\begin{aligned} &\chi_{\prod_{i=1}^N [0, t_{iN}]}(s_1, \dots, s_N) e^{\sum_{i=1}^N \gamma_i s_i} \left| \frac{\partial^N f(s_1, \dots, s_N)}{\partial s_1 \dots \partial s_N} \right| \\ &\leq e^{\sum_{i=1}^N \gamma_i b_i} \left\| \frac{\partial^N f}{\partial x_1 \dots \partial x_N} \right\|_{\infty}. \end{aligned} \tag{3.67}$$

Thus, by dominated convergence theorem we get

$$({}^{CF}D_*^\alpha f)(t_n) \rightarrow ({}^{CF}D_*^\alpha f)(t) \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty,$$

proving continuity of $({}^{CF}D_*^\alpha f)(t)$, $t \in \prod_{i=1}^N [0, b_i]$. In particular, $({}^{CF}D_*^\alpha f)(t)$ is continuous, for all $t \in \prod_{i=1}^N [a_i, b_i]$, where $0 < a_i < b_i$, $i = 1, \dots, N$. Therefore there exist $x_1, x_2 \in \prod_{i=1}^N [a_i, b_i]$ such that

$${}^{CF}D_*^\alpha f(x_1) = \min {}^{CF}D_*^\alpha f(x) \tag{3.68}$$

and

$${}^{CF}D_*^\alpha f(x_2) = \max {}^{CF}D_*^\alpha f(x), \text{ for } x \in \prod_{i=1}^N [a_i, b_i]. \tag{3.69}$$

We assume that

$${}^{CF}D_*^\alpha f(x_1) > 0 \tag{3.70}$$

(i.e., ${}^{CF}D_*^\alpha f(x) > 0$, $\forall x \in \prod_{i=1}^N [a_i, b_i]$). Furthermore

$$\|{}^{CF}D_*^\alpha fG\|_{\infty, [a, b]} = {}^{CF}D_*^\alpha f(x_2). \tag{3.71}$$

Here we define

$$Jf(x) = mf(x), \quad 0 < m < \frac{1}{2}, \quad \forall x \in \prod_{i=1}^N [a_i, b_i]. \tag{3.72}$$

The equation

$$Jf(x) = 0, \quad x \in \prod_{i=1}^N [a_i, b_i] \tag{3.73}$$

has the same set of solutions as the equation

$$F(x) := \frac{Jf(x)}{{}^{CF}D_*^\alpha f(x_2)} = 0, \quad x \in \prod_{i=1}^N [a_i, b_i]. \quad (3.74)$$

Notice that

$${}^{CF}D_*^\alpha \left(\frac{f(x)}{{}^{CF}D_*^\alpha f(x_2)} \right) = \frac{{}^{CF}D_*^\alpha f(x)}{{}^{CF}D_*^\alpha f(x_2)} \leq \frac{1}{2} < 1, \quad \forall x \in \prod_{i=1}^N [a_i, b_i]. \quad (3.75)$$

We call

$$A(x) := \frac{{}^{CF}D_*^\alpha f(x)}{{}^{CF}D_*^\alpha f(x_2)}, \quad \forall x \in \prod_{i=1}^N [a_i, b_i]. \quad (3.76)$$

We notice that

$$0 < \frac{{}^{CF}D_*^\alpha f(x_1)}{{}^{CF}D_*^\alpha f(x_2)} \leq A(x) \leq \frac{1}{2}. \quad (3.77)$$

Furthermore it holds

$$|1 - A(x)| = 1 - A(x) \leq 1 - \frac{{}^{CF}D_*^\alpha f(x_1)}{{}^{CF}D_*^\alpha f(x_2)} =: \gamma_0, \quad \forall x \in \prod_{i=1}^N [a_i, b_i]. \quad (3.78)$$

Clearly $\gamma_0 \in (0, 1)$. We have proved that

$$\|1 - A(x)\|_\infty \leq \gamma_0 \in (0, 1), \quad \forall x \in \prod_{i=1}^N [a_i, b_i], \quad (3.79)$$

see (3.1) fulfilled.

Next we assume that $F(x)$ is a contraction over $\prod_{i=1}^N [a_i, b_i]$, *i.e.*,

$$|F(x) - F(y)| \leq \lambda \|x - y\|, \quad \forall x, y \in \prod_{i=1}^N [a_i, b_i] \quad (3.80)$$

and $0 < \lambda < \frac{1}{2}$. Equivalently we have

$$|Jf(x) - Jf(y)| \leq 2\lambda ({}^{CF}D_*^\alpha f(x_2)) \|x - y\|, \quad \forall x, y \in [a, b]. \quad (3.81)$$

We observe that

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\| (F(y) - F(x)) \vec{i} - A(x)(y - x) \right\| \\ & \leq |F(y) - F(x)| + |A(x)| \|y - x\| \\ & \leq \lambda \|y - x\| + |A(x)| \|y - x\| \\ & = (\lambda + |A(x)|) \|y - x\| =: (\xi), \quad \forall x, y \in \prod_{i=1}^N [a_i, b_i], \end{aligned} \quad (3.82)$$

where \vec{i} the unit vector in \mathbb{R}^N . Here we have (3.64) valid on $\prod_{i=1}^N [a_i, b_i]$. Hence, for all $x \in \prod_{i=1}^N [a_i, b_i]$, we get that

$$|A(x)| = \frac{|{}^{CF}D_*^\alpha f(x)|}{2({}^{CF}D_*^\alpha f)(x_2)} \leq \frac{\left(\prod_{i=1}^N \left(\frac{1-e^{-\gamma_i b_i}}{\alpha_i}\right)\right) \left\| \frac{\partial^N f}{\partial x_1 \dots \partial x_N} \right\|_\infty}{2\alpha({}^{CF}D_*^\alpha f)(x_2)} < \infty. \quad (3.83)$$

Consequently we observe

$$(\xi) \leq \left(\lambda + \frac{\left(\prod_{i=1}^N \left(\frac{1-e^{-\gamma_i b_i}}{\alpha_i}\right)\right) \left\| \frac{\partial^N f}{\partial x_1 \dots \partial x_N} \right\|_\infty}{2\alpha({}^{CF}D_*^\alpha f)(x_2)} \right) \|y - x\|, \quad (3.84)$$

for all $x, y \in \prod_{i=1}^N [a_i, b_i]$. Call

$$0 < \gamma_1 := \lambda + \frac{\left(\prod_{i=1}^N \left(\frac{1-e^{-\gamma_i b_i}}{\alpha_i}\right)\right) \left\| \frac{\partial^N f}{\partial x_1 \dots \partial x_N} \right\|_\infty}{2\alpha({}^{CF}D_*^\alpha f)(x_2)}, \quad (3.85)$$

choosing b_i small enough, $i = 1, \dots, N$, we can make $\gamma_1 \in (0, 1)$. We have proved (3.2) over $\prod_{i=1}^N [a_i, b_i]$.

Next we call and need

$$\begin{aligned} 0 < \gamma &:= \gamma_0 + \gamma_1 \\ &= 1 - \frac{{}^{CF}D_*^\alpha f(x_1)}{2{}^{CF}D_*^\alpha f(x_2)} + \lambda + \frac{\left(\prod_{i=1}^N \left(\frac{1-e^{-\gamma_i b_i}}{\alpha_i}\right)\right) \left\| \frac{\partial^N f}{\partial x_1 \dots \partial x_N} \right\|_\infty}{2\alpha({}^{CF}D_*^\alpha f)(x_2)} \\ &< 1, \end{aligned} \quad (3.86)$$

equivalently,

$$\lambda + \frac{\left(\prod_{i=1}^N \left(\frac{1-e^{-\gamma_i b_i}}{\alpha_i}\right)\right) \left\| \frac{\partial^N f}{\partial x_1 \dots \partial x_N} \right\|_\infty}{2\alpha({}^{CF}D_*^\alpha f)(x_2)} < \frac{{}^{CF}D_*^\alpha f(x_1)}{2{}^{CF}D_*^\alpha f(x_2)}, \quad (3.87)$$

equivalently,

$$2\lambda {}^{CF}D_*^\alpha f(x_2) + \left(\prod_{i=1}^N \left(\frac{1-e^{-\gamma_i b_i}}{\alpha_i}\right)\right) \left\| \frac{\partial^N f}{\partial x_1 \dots \partial x_N} \right\|_\infty < {}^{CF}D_*^\alpha f(x_1), \quad (3.88)$$

which is possible for small $\lambda, b_i, i = 1, \dots, N$. We have proved that

$$\gamma = \gamma_0 + \gamma_1 \in (0, 1), \quad (3.89)$$

fulfilling (3.3). Hence equation (3.73) can be solved with our presented numerical methods. Consequently, our presented Numerical methods here, Theorem 2.1, apply to solve

$$f(x) = 0. \quad (3.90)$$

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