

## Periodic solutions for a second order nonlinear functional differential equations with impulses

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**Abstract:**

*The second order impulsive functional differential equations with periodic coefficients*

$$\begin{cases} x''(t) + a(t)x'(t) + b(t)x(t) = \lambda c(t) f(t, x(t), x(t - \tau(t))), & t \neq t_j, \\ \Delta x|_{t=t_j} = I(x(t_j)), \quad -\Delta x'|_{t=t_j} = J_j(x(t_j)), & t = t_j, j \in \mathbb{Z}^+. \end{cases}$$

*is considered in this work. By using Krasnoselskii's fixed point theorem, we establish some criteria for the existence of periodic solutions to the delay impulsive differential equations.*

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### I. INTRODUCTION

In recent years, impulsive and periodic boundary value problems have been studied extensively in the literature, see [1-9]. In [2,4,5,10], periodic boundary value problems were studied extensively. Jiang [4] has applied Krasnoselskii's fixed point theorem to establish the existence of positive solution to problem

$$\begin{cases} -x'' + Mx = f(t, x), & t \in [0, 2\pi], \\ x(0) = x(2\pi), \quad x'(0) = x'(2\pi), \end{cases} \quad (1.1)$$

he proved that there exists at least one positive solution. Zhang and Wang [10] studied (1.1) for singularity. They gave the existence of multiple positive solutions via the Krasnoselskii's fixed point theorem.

On the other hand, impulsive differential equations were studied extensively. In [6,8,9], authors used the method of lower and upper solutions with monotone iterative technique to study impulsive differential equations. In [1,7], authors used the Krasnoselskii's fixed point theorem in a cone to impulsive differential equations and obtained the existence of positive solutions.

Motivated by the above works, in this paper, we shall deal with the existence of a class of higher-dimensional of second order impulsive functional differential equations with periodic coefficients

$$\begin{cases} x''(t) + a(t)x'(t) + b(t)x(t) = (\lambda)c(t) f(t, x(t), x(t - \tau(t))), & t \neq t_j, \\ \Delta x|_{t=t_j} = I(x(t_j)), \quad -\Delta x'|_{t=t_j} = J_j(x(t_j)), & t = t_j, j \in \mathbb{Z}^+, \end{cases} \quad (1.2)$$

Here,

(A1)  $a, b : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+, \quad c, \tau : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  are all continuous  $T$ -periodic functions, and  $\int_0^T a(s)ds > 0,$

$\int_0^T b(s)ds > 0, \quad \tau'(t) \neq 1, \text{ for all } t \in [0, T];$

(A2)  $f : R^3 \rightarrow R$  is continuous for any  $(t, x, y) \in R^3$  and is  $T$ -periodic in  $t$  for all  $(x, y) \in R^2$ .

(A3) There exist positive constants  $L$  and  $E$  such that

$$|f(t, x, y) - f(t, z, w)| \leq L|x - z| + E|y - w|.$$

(A4)  $I_k \in C(R^+, R)$ ,  $J_k \in C(R^+, R^+)$  with a constant  $m$  such that  $-\frac{1}{m}J_k(x) < I_k(x) < \frac{1}{m}J_k(x)$ ,

and  $\Delta x|_{t=t_k} = x(t_k^+) - x(t_k^-)$ ,  $-\Delta x'|_{t=t_k} = x'(t_k^+) - x'(t_k^-)$ , where  $x(t_j^+)$  and  $x(t_j^-)$  represent the

right and the left limit of  $x(t_j)$ , there exist an integer  $p > 0$  such that  $t_{j+p} = t_j + T$ ,  $I_{j+p} = I_j$ ,  $j \in Z^+$ .

For convenience, we first introduce the related definition and the fixed point theorem applied in the paper.

**Definition 1.1** Let  $X$  be a Banach space and  $K$  be a closed nonempty subset of  $X$ ,  $K$  is a cone if

(1)  $\alpha u + \beta v \in K$  for all  $u, v \in K$  and all  $\alpha, \beta \geq 0$ ;

(2)  $u, -u \in K$  imply  $u = 0$ .

**Theorem 1.1** (Krasnoselskii [11]) Let  $X$  be a Banach space, and let  $K \subset X$  be a cone in  $X$ . Assume that

$\Omega_1, \Omega_2$  are open bounded subsets of  $X$  with  $0 \in \Omega_1, \overline{\Omega_1} \subset \Omega_2$ , and let

$$\phi : K \cap (\overline{\Omega_2} \setminus \Omega_1) \rightarrow K$$

be a completely continuous operator such that either

(1)  $\|\phi y\| \leq \|y\|, \forall y \in K \cap \partial\Omega_1$  and  $\|\phi y\| \geq \|y\|, \forall y \in K \cap \partial\Omega_2$ ; or

(2)  $\|\phi y\| \geq \|y\|, \forall y \in K \cap \partial\Omega_1$  and  $\|\phi y\| \leq \|y\|, \forall y \in K \cap \partial\Omega_2$ .

Then  $\phi$  has a fixed point in  $K \cap (\overline{\Omega_2} \setminus K \cap \partial\Omega_1)$ .

In this paper we always assume that

(H1)  $f(t, \xi, \eta) \geq 0$  for all  $(t, \xi, \eta) \in R \times BC(R, R_+) \times R_+$ .

## II. PRELIMINARIES

In order to define the solution of (1.2) we consider the following Banach spaces:

$$PC(R, R) = \{x : R \rightarrow R : x|_{(t_j, t_{j+1})} \in C(t_j, t_{j+1}), x(t_j^-) = x(t_j), \exists x(t_j^+), j \in Z^+\}$$

is a Banach space with the norm  $\|x\|_{PC} = \sup_{t \in [0, T]} \sum_{j=1}^n |x_j(t)|$ .

$$PC^1(R, R) = \{x : R \rightarrow R : x|_{(t_k, t_{k+1})}, x'|_{(t_k, t_{k+1})} \in C(t_k, t_{k+1}), x(t_k^-) = x(t_k), x'(t_k^-) = x'(t_k), \exists x(t_k^+), x(t_k), j \in Z^+\}$$

is also a Banach space with the norm  $\|x\|_{PC^1} = \max\{\|x\|_{PC}, \|x'\|_{PC}\}$ .

**Lemma 2.1.** ([12]) Suppose that (A1, A4) holds and

$$\frac{R_1 \left[ \exp\left(\int_0^T a(u) du\right) - 1 \right]}{Q_1 T} \geq 1, \tag{2.1}$$

$$R_1 = \max_{t \in [0, T]} \left| \int_t^{t+T} \frac{\exp\left(\int_t^s a(u) du\right)}{\exp\left(\int_0^T a(u) du\right) - 1} b(s) ds \right|, \quad Q_1 = \left(1 + \exp\left(\int_0^T a(u) du\right)\right)^2 R_1^2,$$

there exist continuous  $T$ -periodic functions  $p$  and  $q$  such that  $q(t) > 0$ ,  $\int_0^T p(u) du > 0$ , and

$$p(t) + q(t) = a(t), q'(t) + p(t)q(t) = b(t) \quad \text{for all } t \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Therefore

$$p(t) + q(t) = a(t), q'(t) + p(t)q(t) = b(t), t \in \mathbb{R}.$$

**Lemma 2.2.** ([13]) Suppose the conditions of Lemma 2.1 hold and  $\varphi(t) \in X$ . The equation

$$x'(t) + a(t)x'(t) = b(t)x(t) \tag{2.2}$$

has a  $T$ -periodic solution. Moreover, the periodic solutions can be expressed by

$$x(t) = \int_t^{t+T} G(t, s)\varphi(s) ds, \tag{2.3}$$

where

$$G(t, s) = \frac{\int_t^s \exp\left[\int_t^u q(v)dv + \int_u^s p(v)dv\right] du + \int_s^{t+T} \exp\left[\int_t^u q(v)dv + \int_u^{s+T} p(v)dv\right] du}{\left[\exp\left(\int_0^T p(u)du\right) - 1\right]\left[\exp\left(\int_0^T q(u)du\right) - 1\right]}.$$

Therefore, the equation  $x''(t) + a(t)x'(t) + b(t)x(t) = \lambda c(t)f(t, x(t), x(t - \tau(t)))$  has a  $T$ -periodic solution, it can be expressed by

$$x(t) = \int_t^{t+T} G(t, s, \lambda)c(s)f(s, x(s), x(s - \tau(s))) ds$$

and by (H1), we have

$$G(t, s)\lambda c(s)f(s, x(s), x(s - \tau(s))) \geq 0, (t, s) \in \mathbb{R}^2.$$

The following lemma is fundamental to our discussion. Since the method is similar to that in the literature [14], we omit the proof.

**Lemma 2.3.**  $x \in X$  is a solution of (1.2) if and only if  $x \in X$  is a solution of the equation

$$\begin{aligned}
 x(t) = & \int_t^{t+T} G(t,s) \lambda C(s) f(s, x(s), x(s-\tau(s))) ds + \sum_{j:t_j \in [t, t+T]} G(t, t_j) J_j(x(t_j)) \\
 & + \sum_{j:t_j \in [t, t+T]} \left. \frac{\partial G(t,s)}{\partial s} \right|_{s=t_j} I_j(x(t_j)).
 \end{aligned} \tag{2.4}$$

**Corollary 2.1.** Green's function  $G(t, s)$  satisfies the following properties:

$$G(t, t+T) = G(t, t), \quad G(t+T, s+T) = G(t, s),$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial s} G(t, s) = p(s)G(t, s) - \frac{\exp \int_t^s q(v) dv}{\exp \int_0^T q(v) dv - 1},$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} G(t, s) = -q(s)G(t, s) + \frac{\exp \int_t^s p(v) dv}{\exp \int_0^T p(v) dv - 1}.$$

**Lemma 2.4.** ([13]) Let  $A = \int_0^T a(u) du$ ,  $B = T^2 \exp(\frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \ln b(u) du)$ . If  $A^2 \geq 4B$ , (2.5)

then

$$\begin{aligned}
 \min \left\{ \int_0^T p(u) du, \int_0^T q(u) du \right\} & \geq \frac{1}{2} (A - \sqrt{A^2 - 4B}) := l, \\
 \max \left\{ \int_0^T p(u) du, \int_0^T q(u) du \right\} & \leq \frac{1}{2} (A + \sqrt{A^2 - 4B}) := m.
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore the function  $G(t, s)$  satisfies

$$\begin{aligned}
 0 < N_1 =: \frac{T}{(e^m - 1)^2} \leq G(t, s) & \leq \frac{T \exp(\int_0^T a(u) du)}{(e^l - 1)^2} := M_1, s \in [t, t+T], \\
 1 \geq \frac{G(t, s)}{M_1} & \geq \frac{N_1}{M_1} = \sigma.
 \end{aligned}$$

Now, before presenting our main results, we give the following assumptions.

(H2)  $f(t, \phi(t), \phi(t-\tau(t)))$  is a continuous function of  $t$  for each  $\phi \in BC(R, R^+)$ .

(H3) For any  $L > 0$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists  $\delta > 0$ , such that

$$\{\phi, \psi \in BC, \|\phi\| \leq L, \|\psi\| \leq L, \|\phi - \psi\| < \delta, 0 \leq s \leq T\}$$

imply  $|f(s, \phi(s), \phi(s-\tau(s))) - f(s, \psi(s), \psi(s-\tau(s)))| < \varepsilon$ .

### III. MAIN RESULTS

For every positive solution of (1.2), one has

$$\|x\| = \sup_{t \in [0, T]} \{ |x(t)|, x \in X \}.$$

Let  $K$  is a cone in  $X$ , which is defined as

$$K = \{ x \in X : x(t) \geq \sigma \|x\|, t \in [0, T] \}.$$

Now we define a mapping  $T : K \rightarrow K$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} (Tx)(t) &= \int_t^{t+T} G(t, s) \lambda C(s) f(s, x(s), x(s - \tau(s))) ds + \sum_{j: t_j \in [t, t+T]} G(t, t_j) J_j(x(t_j)) \\ &\quad + \sum_{j: t_j \in [t, t+T]} \left. \frac{\partial G(t, s)}{\partial s} \right|_{s=t_j} I_j(x(t_j)), \end{aligned}$$

then we have

$$\begin{aligned} (Tx)(t) &= \int_t^{t+T} G(t, s) \lambda C(s) f(s, x(s), x(s - \tau(s))) ds + \sum_{j: t_j \in [t, t+T]} G(t, t_j) J_j(x(t_j)) \\ &\quad + \sum_{j: t_j \in [t, t+T]} \left\{ p(t_j) G(t, t_j) - \frac{\exp \int_t^{t_j} q(v) dv}{\exp \int_0^T q(v) dv - 1} \right\} I_j(x(t_j)) \\ &= \int_t^{t+T} G(t, s) \lambda C(s) f(s, x(s), x(s - \tau(s))) ds + \sum_{j: t_j \in [t, t+T]} G(t, t_j) J_j(x(t_j)) \\ &\quad + \sum_{j: t_j \in [t, t+T]} G(t, t_j) p(t_j) I_j(x(t_j)) - \sum_{j: t_j \in [t, t+T]} \left\{ \frac{\exp \int_t^{t_j} q(v) dv}{\exp \int_0^T q(v) dv - 1} \right\} I_j(x(t_j)). \end{aligned}$$

**Lemma 3.1.**  $T : K \rightarrow K$  is well-defined.

**Proof.** For each  $x \in K$ , by (H2) we have  $(Tx)(t)$  is continuous and

$$\begin{aligned} (Tx)(t+T) &= \int_{t+T}^{t+2T} G(t, s) \lambda C(s) f(s, x(s), x(s - \tau(s))) ds + \sum_{j: t_j \in [t, t+T]} G(t+T, t_j+T) J_j(x(t_j+T)) \\ &\quad + \sum_{j: t_j \in [t, t+T]} \left\{ p(t_j+T) G(t+T, t_j+T) - \frac{\exp \int_{t+T}^{t_j+T} q(v) dv}{\exp \int_0^T q(v) dv - 1} \right\} I_j(x(t_j+T)) \\ &= \int_t^{t+T} G(t+T, v+T) \lambda C(v+T) f(v+T, x(v+T), x(v+T - \tau(v+T))) dv \\ &\quad + \sum_{j: t_j \in [t, t+T]} G(t, t_j) J_j(x(t_j)) + \sum_{j: t_j \in [t, t+T]} \left\{ p(t_j) G(t, t_j) - \frac{\exp \int_t^{t_j} q(v) dv}{\exp \int_0^T q(v) dv - 1} \right\} I_j(x(t_j)) \\ &= \int_t^{t+T} G(t, v) \lambda C(v) f(v, x(v), x(v - \tau(v))) dv + \sum_{j: t_j \in [t, t+T]} G(t, t_j) J_j(x(t_j)) \\ &\quad + \sum_{j: t_j \in [t, t+T]} \left\{ p(t_j) G(t, t_j) - \frac{\exp \int_t^{t_j} q(v) dv}{\exp \int_0^T q(v) dv - 1} \right\} I_j(x(t_j)) \\ &= (Tx)(t). \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $Tx \in PC(J, R)$ , since

$$N_1 \leq G(t, s) \leq M_1, \quad s \in [t, t + T],$$

and

$$\left. \frac{\partial G(t, s)}{\partial s} \right|_{s=t_j} = p(t_j)G(t, t_j) - \frac{\exp \int_t^{t_j} q(v)dv}{\exp \int_0^T q(v)dv - 1}, \quad t_j \in [t, t + T],$$

$$N_2 \leq \left. \frac{\partial G(t, s)}{\partial s} \right|_{s=t_j} \leq M_2, \quad t_j \in [t, t + T].$$

We define  $M = \max\{M_1, M_2\}$ ,  $N = \min\{N_1, N_2\}$ .

Hence, for  $x \in K$ , we have

$$\|Tx\| \leq M \left( \int_0^T |\lambda c(s) f(s, x(s), x(s - \tau(s)))| ds + \sum_{j: t_j \in [t, t+T]} J_j(x(t_j)) + \sum_{j: t_j \in [t, t+T]} I_j(x(t_j)) \right), \quad (3.1)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} (Tx)(t) &\geq N \left( \int_0^T |\lambda c(s) f(s, x(s), x(s - \tau(s)))| ds + \sum_{j: t_j \in [t, t+T]} J_j(x(t_j)) + \sum_{j: t_j \in [t, t+T]} I_j(x(t_j)) \right) \\ &= \frac{N}{M} M \left( \int_0^T |\lambda c(s) f(s, x(s), x(s - \tau(s)))| ds + \sum_{j: t_j \in [t, t+T]} J_j(x(t_j)) + \sum_{j: t_j \in [t, t+T]} I_j(x(t_j)) \right) \\ &\geq \sigma \|Tx\|. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $Tx \in K$ . This completes the proof.

**Lemma 3.2.**  $T : K \rightarrow K$  is completely continuous.

**Proof.** We first show that  $T$  is continuous.

By (H3), for any  $L > 0$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists a  $\delta > 0$  such that

$$\{\phi, \psi \in BC, \|\phi\| \leq L, \|\psi\| \leq L, \|\phi - \psi\| \leq \delta\} \text{ imply}$$

$$\sup_{0 \leq s \leq T} |f(s, \phi(s), \phi(s - \tau(s))) - f(s, \psi(s), \psi(s - \tau(s)))| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2\lambda MTC},$$

where  $C = \max_{0 \leq t \leq T} |c(t)|$ .

Since  $J_j, I_j \in C(R, R)$ , we have  $|J_j(\phi) - J_j(\psi)| < \frac{\varepsilon}{4Mp}$ ,  $|I_j(\phi) - I_j(\psi)| < \frac{\varepsilon}{4Mp}$ .

If  $x, y \in K$  with  $\|x\| \leq L, \|y\| \leq L, \|x - y\| \leq \delta$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}
 |(Tx)(t) - (Ty)(t)| &\leq \int_t^{t+T} |G(t, s)| |\lambda c(s) f(s, x(s), x(s - \tau(s))) - \lambda c(s) f(s, y(s), y(s - \tau(s)))| ds \\
 &+ \sum_{j: t_j \in [t, t+T]} |G(t, t_j)| |J_j(x(t_j)) - J_j(y(t_j))| + \sum_{j: t_j \in [t, t+T]} \left| \frac{\partial G(t, s)}{\partial s} \right|_{s=t_j} |I_j(x(t_j)) - I_j(y(t_j))| \\
 &\leq \lambda M C \int_0^T |G(t, s)| |f(s, x(s), x(s - \tau(s))) - f(s, y(s), y(s - \tau(s)))| ds \\
 &+ M \sum_{j=1}^p |J_j(x(t_j)) - J_j(y(t_j))| + M \sum_{j=1}^p |I_j(x(t_j)) - I_j(y(t_j))| \\
 &< M \lambda T C \frac{\varepsilon}{2M \lambda T C} + 2Mp \frac{\varepsilon}{4Mp} = \varepsilon
 \end{aligned}$$

for all  $t \in [0, T]$ , this yields  $\|Tx - Ty\| < \varepsilon$ , thus  $T$  is continuous.

Next we show that  $T$  maps any bounded sets in  $K$  into relatively compact sets. Now we first prove that  $f$  maps bounded sets into bounded sets. Indeed, let  $\varepsilon = 1$ , by (H3), for any  $\mu > 0$ , there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that  $\{x, y \in BC, \|x\| \leq \mu, \|y\| \leq \mu, \|x - y\| \leq \delta, 0 \leq s \leq T\}$  imply

$$|f(s, x(s), x(s - \tau(s))) - f(s, y(s), y(s - \tau(s)))| < 1.$$

Choose a positive integer  $N$  such that  $\frac{\mu}{N} < \delta$ . Let  $x \in BC$  and define

$$x^k(t) = \frac{x(t)k}{N}, k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, N.$$

If  $\|x\| < \mu$ , then

$$\|x^k - x^{k-1}\| = \sup_{t \in R} \left| \frac{x(t)k}{N} - \frac{x(t)(k-1)}{N} \right| \leq \|x\| \frac{1}{N} \leq \frac{\mu}{N} < \delta.$$

Thus,

$$|f(s, x^k(s), x^k(s - \tau(s))) - f(s, x^{k-1}(s), x^{k-1}(s - \tau(s)))| < 1$$

for all  $s \in [0, T]$ , this yields

$$\begin{aligned}
 |f(s, x(s), x(s - \tau(s)))|_0 &= |f(s, x^N(s), x^N(s - \tau(s)))| \\
 &\leq \sum_{k=1}^N |f(s, x^k(s), x^k(s - \tau(s))) - f(s, x^{k-1}(s), x^{k-1}(s - \tau(s)))| + |f(s, 0, 0)| \quad (3.2) \\
 &< N + \|f\| =: W,
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\left| J_j(x(t_j)) \right| = \left| J_j(x^N(t_j)) \right| \leq \sum_{k=1}^N \left| J_j(x^N(t_j)) - J_j(x^{N-1}(t_j)) \right| + \left| J_j(0) \right| \leq N + \left| J_j(0) \right| := U_1,$$

$$\left| I_j(x(t_j)) \right| = \left| I_j(x^N(t_j)) \right| \leq \sum_{k=1}^N \left| I_j(x^N(t_j)) - I_j(x^{N-1}(t_j)) \right| + \left| I_j(0) \right| \leq N + \left| I_j(0) \right| := U_2,$$

we define  $U = \max\{U_1, U_2\}$ .

It follows from (3.1) that for  $t \in [0, T]$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \|Tx\| &= \sup_{t \in R} |(Tx)(t)| \\ &\leq M \lambda C \int_0^T |f(s, x(s), x(s - \tau(s)))| ds + M \left( \sum_{j:t_j \in [t, t+T]} |I_j(x(t_j))| + \sum_{j:t_j \in [t, t+T]} |J_j(x(t_j))| \right) \\ &\leq M \lambda C T W + 2 M p U. \end{aligned}$$

Finally, for  $t \in R$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} (Tx)'(t) &= \int_t^{t+T} \left[ -q(s)G(t, s) + \frac{\exp \int_t^s p(v) dv}{\exp \int_0^T p(v) dv - 1} \right] \lambda c(s) f(s, x(s), x(s - \tau(s))) ds \\ &\quad + \sum_{j=1}^p \left( -q(s)G(t, s) + \frac{\exp \int_t^s p(v) dv}{\exp \int_0^T p(v) dv - 1} \right) J_j(x(t_j)) \\ &\quad + \sum_{j=1}^p \left( p(t_j) \left( -q(t_j)G(t, t_j) + \frac{\exp \int_t^{t_j} p(v) dv}{\exp \int_0^T p(v) dv - 1} \right) + \frac{\exp \int_t^{t_j} q(v) dv}{\exp \int_0^T q(v) dv - 1} q(t) \right) I_j(x(t_j)). \end{aligned} \tag{3.3}$$

Combine (3.1)-(3.3) and Corollary 2.1, we obtain



$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left| \frac{d}{dt}(Tx)(t) \right| = \sup_{t \in R} |(T_j x)'(t)| \\
 & \leq \int_t^{t+T} \left| \lambda c(s) f(s, x(s), x(s - \tau(s))) \left[ -q(s)G(t, s) + \frac{\exp \int_t^s p(v) dv}{\exp \int_0^T p(v) dv - 1} \right] \right| ds \\
 & \quad + \sum_{j=1}^p \left| -q(s)G(t, s) + \frac{\exp \int_t^s p(v) dv}{\exp \int_0^T p(v) dv - 1} \right| |J_j(x(t_j))| \\
 & \quad + \sum_{j=1}^p \left( \left| -q(t_j) p(t_j) G(t, t_j) \right| + \left| \frac{\exp \int_t^{t_j} p(v) dv}{\exp \int_0^T p(v) dv - 1} p(t_j) \right| + \left| \frac{\exp \int_t^{t_j} q(v) dv}{\exp \int_0^T q(v) dv - 1} q(t) \right| \right) |I_j(x(t_j))| \\
 & \leq \left( \lambda C \int_t^{t+T} |f(s, x(s), x(s - \tau(s)))| + \sum_{j=1}^p |J_j(x(t_j))| + \sum_{j=1}^p |I_j(x(t_j))| |p(t_j)| \right) ds \left( M \|Q\| + \frac{e^m}{e^l - 1} \right) \\
 & \quad + \sum_{j=1}^p \left| \frac{\exp \int_t^{t_j} q(v) dv}{\exp \int_0^T q(v) dv - 1} q(t) \right| |I_j(x(t_j))| \\
 & \leq \lambda C (TW + U + PU) (M \|Q\| + \frac{e^m}{e^l - 1}) + \frac{e^m}{e^l - 1} \|Q\| U,
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $\|Q\| = \max_{0 \leq t \leq T} |q(t)|$ ,  $\|P\| = \max_{0 \leq t \leq T} |p(t)|$ .

Hence  $\{Tx : x \in K, \|x\| \leq \mu\}$  is a family of uniformly bounded and equicontinuous functions on  $[0, T]$ .

By a theorem of Ascoli-Arzelà, the function  $T$  is completely continuous.

**Theorem 3.1.** Suppose that (H1)-(H3), (2.1) and (2.5) and that there are positive constants  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  with

$R_1 < R_2$  such that

$$\sup_{\|\phi\|=R_1, \phi \in K} \int_0^T |f(s, \phi, s(\phi), s - \tau(s))| ds = P_1, \tag{3.4}$$

$$\sup_{\|\phi\|=R_1, \phi \in K} |I_j(\phi(t_j))| = I_1,$$

and

$$\inf_{\|\phi\|=R_2, \phi \in K} \int_0^T |f(s, \phi, s(\phi), s - \tau(s))| ds = P_2, \tag{3.5}$$

$$\inf_{\|\phi\|=R_2, \phi \in K} |I_j(\phi(t_j))| = I_2,$$

for each  $\lambda$  satisfy

$$\frac{R_2}{MCP_2} < \lambda < \frac{R_1}{MCP_1}. \tag{3.6}$$

Then (1.2) has a positive  $T$ -periodic solution  $x$  with  $R_1 \leq \|x\| \leq R_2$ .

**Proof.** Let  $x \in K$  and  $\|x\| = R_1$ . By (3.4) and (3.6), we have

$$\begin{aligned} |(Tx)(t)| &\leq M \int_t^{t+T} |\lambda c(s) f(s, x(s), x(s - \tau(s)))| ds + M \sum_{j:t_j \in [t, t+T]} |I_j(x(t_j))| \\ &\leq \lambda M C \int_t^{t+T} |f(s, x(s), x(s - \tau(s)))| ds + M \sum_{j:t_j \in [t, t+T]} |I_j(x(t_j))| \\ &< \frac{R_1}{M C P_1} M C P_1 + M p I_1 = R_1 \end{aligned}$$

for all  $t \in [0, T]$ . This implies that  $\|Tx\| \leq \|x\|$  for  $x \in K \cap \partial\Omega_1, \Omega_1 = \{x \in X, \|x\| < R_1\}$ .

If  $x \in K$  and  $\|x\| = R_2$ . By (3.5) and (3.6), we have

$$\begin{aligned} |(Tx)(t)| &\geq N \int_t^{t+T} |\lambda C(s) f(s, x(s), x(s - \tau(s)))| ds \\ &\geq \lambda N C \int_t^{t+T} |f(s, x(s), x(s - \tau(s)))| ds \\ &> \frac{R_2}{N C P_2} N C \int_t^{t+T} |f(s, x(s), x(s - \tau(s)))| ds \geq R_2 \end{aligned}$$

for all  $t \in [0, T]$ . Thus,  $\|Tx\| \geq \|x\|$  for  $x \in K \cap \partial\Omega_2, \Omega_2 = \{x \in X, \|x\| < R_2\}$ .

By Krasnoselskii's fixed point theorem,  $T$  has a fixed point in  $K \cap (\overline{\Omega_2} \setminus \Omega_1)$ . It is easy to say that (1.2)

has a positive  $T$ -periodic solution  $x$  with  $R_1 \leq \|x\| \leq R_2$ . This completes the proof.

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