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The controllability of fractional differential system with state and control delay

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Abstract

In this research work, we investigate the controllability of linear fractional differential control systems with state and control delay. By using an explicit solution formula, a rank criterion for controllability is established. For the controllability criteria, we establish necessary and sufficient conditions of a fractional differential systems with state and control delay. In the end, a numerical example is constructed to support the results.

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1 Introduction

The fractional differential equation is a mathematical model which is useful for the explanation of hereditary characteristics and memory of different processes and materials. A variety of research work is based on the basic study of fractional differential equations [1–6] as in further work various researchers considered control problems; for example, see [7–9].

The controllability shows a major presence in the advancement of modern mathematical control theory and engineering which has a close connection with structural decomposition, quadratic optimal and so on; see [10–17]. Controllability is a qualitative property of fractional delay dynamical system, so one needs to find its representation of a solution. He and Wei [18, 19] gave a representation of a solution and discussed the controllability and then for a fractional control delay system obtained necessary and sufficient conditions, Nirmala [11] give a representation of a solution by using Laplace transform and Mittag-Leffler function and established controllability criteria for fractional delay dynamical system. Moreover, Khusainov et al. [20] obtained the representation of a solution of a Cauchy problem for a linear differential equation with pure delay by using the delayed Mittag-Leffler function, Shukla et al. [21–24] discussed the complete and approximate controllability of semilinear stochastic systems with delays in the state and control function with non-Lipschitz coefficients, the Schauder fixed point theorem, sequence methods and by the theory of the strongly continuous z -order cosine family, and the fixed point

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theorem, respectively. In a most recent work [25] the authors discussed the relative controllability problem and an explicit representation of solutions is given with the use of delayed Mittag-Leffler function, Li and Wang [26] discussed the controllability criteria of a fractional differential system with state delay by using an explicit solution formula. By following this study we consider a fractional differential system with state and control delay and discussed its controllability by giving its necessary and sufficient conditions. Li and Wang [27] considered pure delay for linear fractional differential equations and gave a representation of a solution by using a delayed Mittag-Leffler type matrix:

$$\begin{cases} {}^c D_{0^+}^\alpha x(t) = Ax(t-h), & x(t) \in \mathcal{R}^n, t \in J := [0, t_1], h > 0, \\ x(t) = \varphi(t), & -h \leq t \leq 0, \varphi \in C_h^1 := C^1([-h, 0], \mathcal{R}^n), \end{cases} \tag{1}$$

where ${}^c D_{0^+}^\alpha x(t)$ stands for the α th order Caputo fractional derivative of $x(t)$ where zero is a lower limit, t_1 is the integral multiple of h , $A \in \mathcal{R}^{n \times n}$, $h > 0$ is a time delay, $n \in \mathcal{N}$ stands for a constant matrix. $\mathcal{E}_h^{A, \alpha}$ is a new notation (delayed Mittag-Leffler type matrix) being reported in Definition 2.3 [28], any solution $x \in C([-h, t_1], \mathcal{R}^n)$ of (1) can be established by Li:

$$x(t) = \mathcal{E}_h^{A, \alpha} \varphi(-h) + \int_{-h}^0 \mathcal{E}_h^{A(t-h-\tau), \alpha} \varphi'(\tau) d\tau. \tag{2}$$

Motivated by the previous study, in this research work we deal with the fractional differential systems with state and control delay by using of an explicit formula governed by

$$\begin{cases} {}^c D_{0^+}^\alpha x(t) = Ax(t-h) + Bu(t) + Cu(t-h), & x(t) \in J := [0, t_1], h > 0, t_1 \geq 0, \\ x(t) = \varphi(t), & -h \leq t \leq 0, \\ u(t) = \psi(t), & -h \leq t \leq 0, \end{cases} \tag{3}$$

where $x : [-h, t_1] \rightarrow \mathcal{R}^n$ is a continuous differentiable on $[0, t_1]$ with $t_1 > (n-1)h$, $0 < \alpha \leq 1$, $A \in \mathcal{R}^{n \times n}$, $B, C \in \mathcal{R}^{n \times m}$ are any matrices, $h > 0$ shows the time delay, $x(t) \in \mathcal{R}^n$ denotes the state vector, $u(t) \in \mathcal{R}^m$ shows the control vector, $\varphi(t)$ shows the initial state function and $\psi(t)$ shows the initial control function $\varphi \in C_h^1 := C^1([-h, 0], \mathcal{R}^n)$. The lay-out of this article as follows, Sect. 2 includes some useful definitions, preliminary results, and lemmas about delayed Mittag-Leffler type matrix to establish the controllability of fractional differential systems with state and control delay. In Sect. 3 we obtain necessary and sufficient conditions for controllability criteria for the above fractional differential delay system (3). Section 4 presents an example to explain the applicability of the theoretical results.

2 Preliminaries and essential lemmas

This part includes some basic definitions and results used throughout this paper and some lemmas for the main results. We recall some well-known definitions. For more details, see [3, 5].

Definition 2.1 ([29]) We consider a function $f : [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathcal{R}$ where its Caputo fractional derivative of order $(0 < \alpha < 1)$ is defined as

$$({}^c D_{0^+}^\alpha x)(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(1-\alpha)} \int_0^t \frac{x'(\theta)}{(t-\theta)^\alpha} d\theta, \quad t > 0.$$

Here the Gamma function is denoted by $\Gamma(\cdot)$.

Definition 2.2 ([29]) We consider a function $f : [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathcal{R}$ where its fractional integral of order $\alpha > 0$ is defined as

$$(I_{0^+}^\alpha f)(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^t (t - \theta)^{\alpha-1} f(\theta) d\theta.$$

Here $\Gamma(\cdot)$ denotes the Gamma function.

Definition 2.3 ([26]) A matrix $\mathcal{E}_h^{A,\alpha} : \mathcal{R} \rightarrow \mathcal{R}^{n \times n}$ known as a delayed Mittag-Leffler type matrix is defined as

$$\mathcal{E}_h^{A,\alpha} = \begin{cases} \Theta, & -\infty < t < -h, \\ I, & -h \leq t \leq 0, \\ I + A \frac{(t)^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} + A^2 \frac{(t-h)^{2\alpha}}{\Gamma(2\alpha+1)} + \dots + A^k \frac{(t-(k-1)h)^{k\alpha}}{\Gamma(k\alpha+1)}, & (k-1)h \leq t \leq kh, k \in \mathcal{N}, \end{cases} \tag{4}$$

where zero and identity matrices are shown by Θ and I , respectively.

Definition 2.4 The system (3) is said to be controllable on $J = [0, t_1]$ if one can reach any state from any allowed initial state $x(t) = \varphi(t)$ and initial control $u(t) = \psi(t)$.

Lemma 2.5 ([26]) Let $f : J \rightarrow \mathcal{R}^n$ be a continuous vector value function. A solution $x \in C([-h, t_1], \mathcal{R}^n)$ of the following system:

$$\begin{cases} {}^c D_{0^+}^\alpha x(t) = Ax(t-h) + f(t), & x(t) \in \mathcal{R}^n, t \in J := [0, t_1], h > 0, \\ x(t) = \varphi(t), & -h \leq t \leq 0, \varphi \in \mathcal{C}_h^1, \end{cases} \tag{5}$$

can be written in the form of an integral equation by using the method in [26];

$$x(t) = \mathcal{E}_h^{A,\alpha} \varphi(-h) + \int_{-h}^0 \mathcal{E}_h^{A(t-h-\tau)^\alpha} \varphi'(\tau) d\tau + \int_0^t \mathcal{E}_h^{A(t-h-\tau)^\alpha} f(\tau) d\tau.$$

By Lemma 2.8 in [26], a solution $x \in C([-h, t_1], \mathcal{R}^n)$ of system (3) can be composed in the form

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) &= \mathcal{E}_h^{A,\alpha} \varphi(-h) + \int_{-h}^0 \mathcal{E}_h^{A(t-h-\tau)^\alpha} \varphi'(\tau) d\tau \\ &+ \int_0^t \mathcal{E}_h^{A(t-h-\tau)^\alpha} Bu(\tau) d\tau + \int_0^t \mathcal{E}_h^{A(t-h-\tau)^\alpha} Cu(\tau-h) d\tau. \end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

Lemma 2.6 ([18]) From Lemma 2.5 for system (3), a general solution can be composed as

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) &= \mathcal{E}_h^{A,\alpha} \varphi(-h) + \int_{-h}^0 \mathcal{E}_h^{A(t-h-\tau)^\alpha} \varphi'(\tau) d\tau + \int_0^{t-h} \mathcal{E}_h^{A(t-h-\tau)^\alpha} Bu(\tau) d\tau \\ &+ \int_{t-h}^t \mathcal{E}_h^{A(t-h-\tau)^\alpha} Bu(\tau) d\tau + \int_0^{t-h} \mathcal{E}_h^{A(t-2h-\tau)^\alpha} Cu(\tau) d\tau \\ &+ \int_{-h}^0 \mathcal{E}_h^{A(t-2h-\tau)^\alpha} C\psi(\tau) d\tau. \end{aligned} \tag{7}$$

Definition 2.7 We call the set in [18] $R(\varphi, \psi) = \{v \mid \text{there exists } t_1 > 0, u(t) \in C^{l-1}, \text{ such that the solution of the system (3) } x(t, \varphi, \psi) \text{ satisfies } x(t_1, \varphi, \psi) = v\}$ the reachable set of (3) with $x(t) = \varphi(t)$ and $u(t) = \psi(t)$ at $-h \leq t \leq 0$.

Lemma 2.8 ([18]) *For the beta function*

$$\mathcal{B}(p, q) = \int_0^1 s^{p-1}(1-s)^{q-1} ds \quad (\operatorname{Re}(p) > 0, \operatorname{Re}(q) > 0),$$

we have

$$\mathcal{B}(p, q) = \frac{\Gamma(p)\Gamma(q)}{\Gamma(p+q)}.$$

Lemma 2.9 ([28]) *Let $(k-1)h \leq t \leq kh, k \in \mathcal{N}$, we have*

$$\int_{(k-1)h}^t (t-s)^{-\alpha} (s-(k-1)h)^{k\alpha-1} ds = (t-(k-1)h)^{(k-1)\alpha} \mathcal{B}[1-\alpha, k\alpha],$$

where \mathcal{B} is the beta function; see Lemma 2.8.

Lemma 2.10 *For a delayed Mittag-Leffler type matrix $\mathcal{E}_h^{A,\alpha} : \mathcal{R} \rightarrow \mathcal{R}^{n \times n}$, one has*

$${}^c D_{0^+}^\alpha (\mathcal{E}_h^{A,\alpha}) = A \mathcal{E}_h^{A(t-h)^\alpha}, \tag{8}$$

i.e., $\mathcal{E}_h^{A,\alpha}$ is a solution of $({}^c D_{0^+}^\alpha x)(t) = Ax(t-h)$ that satisfies the initial conditions $\mathcal{E}_h^{A,\alpha} = I, -h \leq t \leq 0$.

Proof For arbitrary $t \in (-\infty, -h]$, $\mathcal{E}_h^{A,\alpha} = \mathcal{E}_h^{A(t-h)^\alpha} = \Theta$. Obviously, (8) holds. Next for $t \in (-h, 0]$, $\mathcal{E}_h^{A,\alpha} = I$ and $\mathcal{E}_h^{A(t-h)^\alpha} = \Theta$. which shows ${}^c D_{0^+}^\alpha I = \Theta = A\Theta$. Thus, (8) holds.

For arbitrary $t \in ((k-1)h, Kh], k \in \mathcal{N}$, we follow mathematical induction to establish our result.

(1) For $k = 1, 0 \leq t \leq h$, we have

$$x(t) = \mathcal{E}_h^{A,\alpha} = I + \frac{A(t)^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}, \quad x'(t) = \frac{\alpha A(t)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}. \tag{9}$$

Next by using the Caputo fractional differentiation expression of $\mathcal{E}_h^{A,\alpha}$ via (9) and Lemma 2.9, we obtain

$${}^c D_{0^+}^\alpha (\mathcal{E}_h^{A,\alpha})(t) = \frac{\alpha A}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)\Gamma(1-\alpha)} \int_0^t (t-s)^{-\alpha} (s)^\alpha ds = A. \tag{10}$$

(2) For $k = 2, h \leq t \leq 2h$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) &= \mathcal{E}_h^{A,\alpha} = I + \frac{A(t)^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} + \frac{A^2(t-h)^{2\alpha}}{\Gamma(2\alpha+1)}, \\ x'(t) &= \frac{\alpha A(t)^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} + \frac{2\alpha A^2(t-h)^{2\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(2\alpha+1)}. \end{aligned} \tag{11}$$

Next by using the Caputo fractional differentiation expression of $\mathcal{E}_h^{A,\alpha}$ via (11), (10) and Lemma 2.9, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} {}^c D_{0^+}^\alpha (\mathcal{E}_h^{As^\alpha})(t) &= A + \frac{2\alpha A^2}{\Gamma(2\alpha + 1)\Gamma(1 - \alpha)} \int_h^t (t - s)^{-\alpha} (s - h)^{2\alpha - 1} ds \\ &= A + \frac{A^2(t - h)^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha + 1)}. \end{aligned}$$

(3) Let $k = M, (M - 1)h \leq t \leq Mh$ and $M \in \mathcal{N}$; the following relation holds:

$$\begin{aligned} {}^c D_{0^+}^\alpha (\mathcal{E}_h^{As^\alpha})(t) &= A + \frac{A^2(t - h)^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha + 1)} + \frac{A^3(t - 2h)^{2\alpha}}{\Gamma(2\alpha + 1)} + \dots \\ &\quad + \frac{A^M(t - (M - 1)h)^{(M-1)\alpha}}{\Gamma((M - 1)\alpha + 1)}. \end{aligned}$$

Next let $k = M + 1, Mh \leq t \leq (M + 1)h$; by elementary computation, we get

$$\begin{aligned} x'(t) &= \frac{\alpha A(t)^{\alpha - 1}}{\Gamma(\alpha + 1)} + \frac{2\alpha A^2(t - h)^{2\alpha - 1}}{\Gamma(2\alpha + 1)} + \dots \\ &\quad + \frac{(M + 1)\alpha A^{(M+1)}(t - Mh)^{(M+1)\alpha - 1}}{\Gamma((M + 1)\alpha + 1)}. \end{aligned} \tag{12}$$

Now taking the Caputo fractional differentiation expression of $\mathcal{E}_h^{A,\alpha}$ via (12) and Lemma 2.9, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} {}^c D_{0^+}^\alpha (\mathcal{E}_h^{As^\alpha})(t) &= \frac{\alpha A}{\Gamma(\alpha + 1)\Gamma(1 - \alpha)} \int_0^t (t - s)^{-\alpha} s^{\alpha - 1} ds \\ &\quad + \frac{2\alpha A^2}{\Gamma(2\alpha + 1)\Gamma(1 - \alpha)} \int_h^t (t - s)^{-\alpha} (s - h)^{2\alpha - 1} ds + \dots \\ &\quad + \frac{(M + 1)\alpha A^{(M+1)}}{\Gamma(1 - \alpha)\Gamma((M + 1)\alpha + 1)} \int_{Mh}^t (t - s)^{-\alpha} (s - Mh)^{(M+1)\alpha - 1} ds \\ &= A + \frac{A^2(t - h)^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha + 1)} + \frac{A^3(t - 2h)^{2\alpha}}{\Gamma(2\alpha + 1)} + \dots + \frac{A^{(M+1)}(t - Mh)^{M\alpha}}{\Gamma(M\alpha + 1)}. \end{aligned}$$

This shows that Eq. (8) is satisfied for any $(k - 1)h \leq t \leq kh$ and $k \in \mathcal{N}$. The proof is completed. From Lemma 2.10, we have

$${}^c D_{0^+}^\alpha (\mathcal{E}_h^{A(t-h-\tau)^\alpha}) = A\mathcal{E}_h^{A(t-2h-\tau)^\alpha}. \tag{13}$$

□

3 Main results

In this part for the controllability of system (3) necessary and sufficient conditions are given. Firstly we prove a lemma, then by using this lemma the main results are constructed.

Remark 3.1 Let

$$\langle A|B, C \rangle = \alpha + A\alpha + A^2\alpha + \dots + A^{n-1}\alpha + \beta + B\beta + B^2\beta + \dots + B^{n-1}\beta,$$

where $\alpha = \text{Image } B$, $\beta = \text{Image } C$ and n stands for order of A . Then the space $\langle A|B, C \rangle$ is spanned by the columns of the matrix

$$[B, AB, A^2B, \dots, A^{n-1}B, C, AC, A^2C, A^3C, \dots, A^{n-1}C].$$

Lemma 3.2 For any $z \in \mathcal{R}^n$, define $W(t) : \mathcal{R}^n \rightarrow \mathcal{R}^n$ by

$$W(t) = \int_0^{t-h} [(\mathcal{E}_h^{A(t-h-\tau)^\alpha} B + \mathcal{E}_h^{A(t-2h-\tau)^\alpha} C)(\mathcal{E}_h^{A(t-h-\tau)^\alpha} B + \mathcal{E}_h^{A(t-2h-\tau)^\alpha} C)^T] z d\tau + \int_{t-h}^t [(\mathcal{E}_h^{A(t-h-\tau)^\alpha} B)B^T (\mathcal{E}_h^{A(t-h-\tau)^\alpha})^T] z d\tau. \tag{14}$$

Then

$$\text{Im } W(t) = \langle A|B, C \rangle. \tag{15}$$

Proof Showing $\text{Im } W(t) = \langle A|B, C \rangle$ is equivalent to

$$\text{Ker } W(t) = \bigcap_{i=0}^{n-1} \text{Ker } B^T (A^T)^i \bigcap_{j=0}^{n-1} \text{Ker } C^T (A^T)^j. \tag{16}$$

If $x \in \text{ker } W(t)$ and $x \neq 0$ then

$$0 = x^T W(t)x = \int_0^{t-h} \|(\mathcal{E}_h^{A(t-h-\tau)^\alpha} B + \mathcal{E}_h^{A(t-2h-\tau)^\alpha} C)^T x\|^2 d\tau + \int_{t-h}^t \|B^T (\mathcal{E}_h^{A(t-h-\tau)^\alpha})^T x\|^2 d\tau,$$

that is

$$\begin{cases} 0 = (\mathcal{E}_h^{A(t-h-\tau)^\alpha} B + \mathcal{E}_h^{A(t-2h-\tau)^\alpha} C)^T x, & 0 \leq \tau \leq t-h, \\ 0 = B^T (\mathcal{E}_h^{A(t-h-\tau)^\alpha})^T x, & t-h \leq \tau < t. \end{cases} \tag{17}$$

For the second equation of (17) by taking its Caputo derivative from Lemma 2.10 we have

$$0 = B^T ({}^c D_{0^+}^\alpha \mathcal{E}_h^{A(t-h-\tau)^\alpha})^T x = B^T (\mathcal{E}_h^{A(t-2h-\tau)^\alpha})^T A^T x. \tag{18}$$

Let $\tau = t - h$; we have

$$0 = B^T A^T x.$$

For the second equation of (17) by performing repeatedly Caputo's differentiation, we get

$$0 = B^T A^k x, \quad \text{for } k = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots, n-1. \tag{19}$$

Using the Cayley–Hamilton theorem [18]

$$\mathcal{E}_h^{Au^\alpha} = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{A^k (u - (k - 1)h)^{(k+1)\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(k\alpha + \beta)}, \tag{20}$$

where $u = t - h - \tau$. Then when $0 \leq \tau \leq t - h$

$$0 = B^T (\mathcal{E}_h^{A(t-h-\tau)^\alpha})^T A^T x = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \gamma_k (t - h - \tau) B^T (A^T)^k x = 0.$$

By taking it into the first equation of (17)

$$0 = C^T (\mathcal{E}_h^{A(t-2h-\tau)^\alpha})^T x, \quad 0 \leq \tau \leq t - h.$$

By taking its Caputo derivative and letting $\tau = t - 2h$, we get

$$0 = C^T (\mathcal{E}_h^{A(t-3h-\tau)^\alpha})^T A^T x.$$

By performing repeatedly Caputo’s differentiation, we get

$$0 = C^T A^T x, \quad \text{for } k = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots, n - 1. \tag{21}$$

Using (19) and (21) we get

$$x \in \bigcap_{i=0}^{n-1} \ker B^T (A^T)^i \bigcap_{j=0}^{n-1} \ker C^T (A^T)^j.$$

That is,

$$\ker W(t) \subset \bigcap_{i=0}^{n-1} \ker B^T (A^T)^i \bigcap_{j=0}^{n-1} \ker C^T (A^T)^j. \tag{22}$$

Conversely, suppose

$$x \in \bigcap_{i=0}^{n-1} \ker B^T (A^T)^i \bigcap_{j=0}^{n-1} \ker C^T (A^T)^j,$$

then (19) and (21) hold.

For $t - h \leq \tau < t$, from (17 and 20),

$$B^T (\mathcal{E}_h^{A(t-h-\tau)^\alpha})^T A^T x = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \gamma_k (t - h - \tau) B^T (A^T)^k x = 0,$$

for $0 \leq \tau \leq t - h$,

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathcal{E}_h^{A(t-h-\tau)^\alpha} B + \mathcal{E}_h^{A(t-2h-\tau)^\alpha} C)^T x &= \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \gamma_k(t-h-\tau) B^T (A^T)^k x \\ &\quad + \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \gamma_k(t-2h-\tau) C^T (A^T)^k x \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $x \in \ker W(t)$, that is,

$$\ker W(t) \supset \bigcap_{i=0}^{n-1} \ker B^T (A^T)^i \bigcap_{j=0}^{n-1} \ker C^T (A^T)^j. \tag{23}$$

From (22) and (23), it is proven that (16) holds, completing the proof of the lemma. \square

Theorem 3.3 ([18]) *For system (3) the fractional differential control system with state and control delay is controllable iff*

$$\text{rank}[B, AB, A^2B, \dots, A^{n-1}B, C, AC, A^2C, A^3C, \dots, A^{n-1}C] = n.$$

That is, in Theorem 3.3 the conditions are equivalent to $\langle A|B, C \rangle = \mathcal{R}^n$.

By using Lemmas 2.8, 2.10, 3.2 we will prove Theorem 3.3.

Proof of Theorem 3.3 Firstly we show that $R(0, 0) = \langle A|B, C \rangle$.

Actually, let $x \in R(0, 0)$, from Lemma 2.6 and Eq. (20), we get

$$\begin{aligned} x &= \int_0^{t_1-h} (\mathcal{E}_h^{A(t_1-h-\tau)^\alpha} B + \mathcal{E}_h^{A(t_1-2h-\tau)^\alpha} C) u(\tau) d\tau \\ &\quad + \int_{t_1-h}^{t_1} \mathcal{E}_h^{A(t_1-h-\tau)^\alpha} B u(\tau) d\tau, \\ x &= \int_0^{t_1} \mathcal{E}_h^{A(t_1-h-\tau)^\alpha} B u(\tau) d\tau + \int_0^{t_1-h} \mathcal{E}_h^{A(t_1-2h-\tau)^\alpha} C u(\tau) d\tau \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \int_0^{t_1} \gamma_i(t_1-h-s) A^i B u(s) ds + \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \int_0^{t_1-h} \gamma_j(t_1-2h-s) A^j C u(s) ds, \end{aligned}$$

which implies $x \in \langle A|B, C \rangle$.

Thus,

$$\langle A|B, C \rangle \supset R(0, 0). \tag{24}$$

On the other hand, we show $\langle A|B, C \rangle \subset R(0, 0)$. Let $\hat{x} \in \langle A|B, C \rangle$, let $x(t)$ be a solution of system (3) at $t > 0$ from Lemma 2.6 we get

$$x(t) = \int_0^{t-h} (\mathcal{E}_h^{A(t-h-\tau)^\alpha} B + \mathcal{E}_h^{A(t-2h-\tau)^\alpha} C) u(\tau) d\tau + \int_{t-h}^t \mathcal{E}_h^{A(t-h-\tau)^\alpha} B u(\tau) d\tau.$$

For $x \in \langle A|B, C \rangle$ from Lemma 3.2 there exists $z \in \mathcal{R}^n$, s.t.

$$\hat{x} = W(t)z.$$

Let

$$u(s) = \begin{cases} (\mathcal{E}_h^{A(t-h-\tau)^\alpha} B + \mathcal{E}_h^{A(t-2h-\tau)^\alpha} C)^T z, & 0 \leq s \leq t-h, \\ B^T \mathcal{E}_h^{A(t-h-\tau)^\alpha} z, & t-h \leq s < t, \\ 0, & -h \leq s \leq 0. \end{cases}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^t \mathcal{E}_h^{A(t-h-s)^\alpha} B u(s) ds + \int_0^t \mathcal{E}_h^{A(t-h-s)^\alpha} C u(s-h) ds \\ &= \int_0^{t-h} [(\mathcal{E}_h^{A(t-h-s)^\alpha} B + \mathcal{E}_h^{A(t-2h-s)^\alpha} C) + (\mathcal{E}_h^{A(t-h-s)^\alpha} B + \mathcal{E}_h^{A(t-2h-s)^\alpha} C)]^T z ds \\ & \quad + \int_{t-h}^t (\mathcal{E}_h^{A(t-h-s)^\alpha}) B B^T (\mathcal{E}_h^{A(t-h-s)^\alpha}) z ds \\ &= W(t)z = \hat{x}. \end{aligned}$$

That is

$$R(0, 0) \supset \langle A|B, C \rangle. \tag{25}$$

Using (24) and (25) we get

$$R(0, 0) = \langle A|B, C \rangle.$$

Immediately we show the necessity of Theorem 3.3. Assuming that, for any $x \in \mathcal{R}^n$, system (3) is controllable, by Definition 2.4, via the initial state $\varphi = 0$ and the initial control $\psi = 0$, there occurs a control $u(s)$ such that

$$x = \int_0^{t-h} (\mathcal{E}_h^{A(t-h-s)^\alpha} B + \mathcal{E}_h^{A(t-2h-s)^\alpha} C) u(s) ds + \int_{t-h}^t (\mathcal{E}_h^{A(t-h-s)^\alpha}) B u(s) ds.$$

Using Eq. (20) we get $x \in \langle A|B, C \rangle$. That is, $\mathcal{R}^n \subset \langle A|B, C \rangle$. Thus $\mathcal{R}^n = \langle A|B, C \rangle$, and the conditions of Theorem 3.3 are satisfied. At last, we show the sufficiency. Suppose the conditions of Theorem 3.3 are satisfied, then $\mathcal{R}^n = \langle A|B, C \rangle$. For any $\bar{x} \in \mathcal{R}^n$ and any initial

state φ and initial control ψ , let

$$\begin{aligned}
 k &= \bar{x} - \mathcal{E}_h^{A t^\alpha} \varphi(-h) - \int_{-h}^0 \mathcal{E}_h^{A(t-h-s)^\alpha} \varphi'(s) ds \\
 &\quad - \int_0^{t-h} (\mathcal{E}_h^{A(t-h-s)^\alpha} B + \mathcal{E}_h^{A(t-2h-s)^\alpha} C) \psi(0) ds \\
 &\quad - \int_{t-h}^t \mathcal{E}_h^{A(t-h-s)^\alpha} B \psi(0) ds - \int_{-h}^0 \mathcal{E}_h^{A(t-2h-s)^\alpha} C \psi(s) ds.
 \end{aligned}$$

For $k \in \mathcal{R}^n = \langle A|B, C \rangle$, that is, $k \in R(0, 0)$, there exists a control $u^*(s)$ such that

$$\begin{aligned}
 k &= \int_0^{t-h} (\mathcal{E}_h^{A(t-h-s)^\alpha} B + \mathcal{E}_h^{A(t-2h-s)^\alpha} C) u^*(s) ds \\
 &\quad + \int_{t-h}^t \mathcal{E}_h^{A(t-h-s)^\alpha} B u^*(s) ds + \int_{-h}^0 \mathcal{E}_h^{A(t-2h-s)^\alpha} C \psi(s) ds.
 \end{aligned}$$

Let $u(s) = u^*(s) + \psi(0)$ then we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \bar{x} &= \mathcal{E}_h^{A t^\alpha} \varphi(-h) + \int_{-h}^0 \mathcal{E}_h^{A(t-h-s)^\alpha} \varphi'(s) ds \\
 &\quad + \int_0^{t-h} (\mathcal{E}_h^{A(t-h-s)^\alpha} B + \mathcal{E}_h^{A(t-2h-s)^\alpha} C) u(s) ds \\
 &\quad + \int_{t-h}^t \mathcal{E}_h^{A(t-h-s)^\alpha} B u(s) ds + \int_{-h}^0 \mathcal{E}_h^{A(t-2h-s)^\alpha} C \psi(s) ds.
 \end{aligned}$$

So the fractional control system (3) with state and control delay is controllable. Sufficiency is proved. This completes the result of Theorem 3.3. □

4 Example

Now, we will apply the conditions which we obtained in the previous section for a fractional differential system with state and control delay;

$${}^c D_{0^+}^\alpha x(t) = Ax(t-h) + Bu(t) + Cu(t-h),$$

$\alpha = 0.5, h = 1$, where

$$\begin{aligned}
 A &= \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad C = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, \\
 {}^c D_{0^+}^{0.5} x(t) &= \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix} x(t-1) + \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} u(t) + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} u(t-1),
 \end{aligned}$$

where $x \in \mathcal{R}^n$ by simple calculations shows that

$$(BABCAC) = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 15 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 12 \end{pmatrix}$$

and $\text{rank}(BABCAC) = 2$.

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