

## POSITIVE SOLUTIONS AND CONTINUOUS BRANCHES FOR BOUNDARY-VALUE PROBLEMS OF DIFFERENTIAL INCLUSIONS

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, we consider second order differential inclusions with periodic boundary conditions. We obtain the existence of positive solutions and of continuous branches of positive solutions.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

Consider the boundary-value problem

$$\begin{aligned} Lu \in \lambda F(t, u), \quad 0 < t < 1, \\ \alpha u(0) - \beta u'(0) = 0, \quad \gamma u(1) + \delta u'(1) = 0, \end{aligned} \tag{1.1}$$

where  $Lu = -(ru')' + qu$ ,  $r \in C^1[0, 1]$ ,  $q \in C[0, 1]$  with  $r > 0$ ,  $q \geq 0$  on  $[0, 1]$ ,  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta \geq 0$  with  $\alpha\delta + \alpha\gamma + \beta\gamma > 0$ ,  $F: [0, 1] \times [0, +\infty) \rightarrow P([0, +\infty))$ , and  $\lambda$  is a positive parameter.

When  $F$  is a continuous map, the existence of positive solutions of (1.1) was studied in [5]. In this paper, the results in [5, 12] will be used to prove the existence of positive solutions of (1.1).

First, we recall the following notion (see, e.g. [4, 8]). Let  $X, Y$  be two Banach spaces. Let  $P(Y)$ ,  $K(Y)$ ,  $Kv(Y)$ ,  $C(Y)$ ,  $Cv(Y)$  denote the collections of all nonempty, nonempty compact, nonempty convex compact, nonempty closed, nonempty convex closed subsets of  $Y$ , respectively.

A multimap  $F: X \rightarrow P(Y)$  is said to be upper semicontinuous (u.s.c.) [lower semicontinuous (l.s.c.)] if the set  $F_+^{-1}(V) = \{x \in X : F(x) \subset V\}$  is open [respectively, closed] for every open [respectively, closed] subset  $V \subset Y$ .  $F$  is said to be compact if the set  $F(X)$  is relatively compact in  $Y$ .

Let  $A \subset K(Y)$  and the max-normal and min-normal be

$$\|A\| = \max\{\|x\| : x \in A\} \quad \text{and} \quad \|A\|_0 = \min\{\|z\| : z \in A\}.$$

Let  $C_+[0, 1]$  ( $L_+^1[0, 1]$ ) denote the cone of all positive continuous (respectively, integrable) functions on  $[0, 1]$ . We will consider the cone  $C_+[0, 1]$  ( $L_+^1[0, 1]$ ) as subspace of the space  $C[0, 1]$  (respectively,  $L^1[0, 1]$ ) with induced topology.

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The nonempty subset  $M \subset L^1_+[0, 1]$  is said to be decomposable provided for every  $f, g \in M$  and each Lebesgue measurable subset  $m \subset [0, 1]$ ,

$$f\chi_m + g\chi_{[0,1]\setminus m} \in M,$$

where  $\chi_m$  is the characteristic function of the set  $m$ .

## 2. EXISTENCE OF POSITIVE SOLUTIONS

Let  $G(t, s)$  be the Green's function for (1.1). Then  $u$  is a solution of (1.1) if and only if

$$u(t) \in \lambda \int_0^1 G(t, s)F(s, u(s))ds.$$

Recall that

$$G(t, s) = \begin{cases} c^{-1}\phi(t)\psi(s) & \text{if } t \leq s \\ c^{-1}\phi(s)\psi(t) & \text{if } s \leq t, \end{cases}$$

where  $\phi$  and  $\psi$  satisfy

$$\begin{aligned} L\phi &= 0, & \phi(0) &= \beta, & \phi'(0) &= \alpha, \\ L\psi &= 0, & \psi(1) &= \delta, & \psi'(1) &= -\gamma \end{aligned}$$

and  $c = r(t)(\phi'(t)\psi(t) - \psi'(t)\phi(t)) > 0$ . Note that  $\phi' > 0$  on  $(0, 1]$  and  $\psi' < 0$  on  $[0, 1)$ . Let  $G = \max\{G(t, s) : 0 \leq t, s \leq 1\}$ . We shall make the following assumptions:

- (H1) For every  $x \in [0, +\infty)$  the multifunction  $F(\cdot, x) : [0, 1] \rightarrow Kv([0, +\infty))$  has a measurable selection, i.e., there exists a measurable function  $f$  such that  $f(t) \in F(t, x)$  for a.e.  $t \in [0, 1]$ ;
- (H2) For a.e.  $t \in [0, 1]$  the multimap  $F(t, \cdot) : [0, +\infty) \rightarrow Kv([0, +\infty))$  is u.s.c.;
- (H3) There exists a positive function  $\omega \in L^1[0, 1]$  such that

$$\|F(t, x)\| \leq \omega(s)(1 + x),$$

for all  $x \in [0, +\infty)$  and a.e.  $t \in [0, 1]$ ;

- (H4) The multioperator  $F : [0, 1] \times [0, +\infty) \rightarrow K([0, \infty))$  is almost lower semi-continuous; i.e., there exists a sequence of disjoint compact sets  $\{I_m\}, I_m \subset [0, 1]$  such that:
  - (i)  $\text{meas}([0, 1] \setminus \bigcup_m I_m) = 0$ ;
  - (ii) the restriction of  $F$  on each set  $J_m = I_m \times [0, \infty)$  is l.s.c.;

We will use the method in [12] to prove the following results.

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let (H1)–(H3) hold. If (1.1) has no zero solution, then for each  $0 < \lambda < \frac{1}{G \int_0^1 \omega(s)ds}$ , (1.1) has a positive solution.*

**Theorem 2.2.** *Let (H3)–(H4) hold. If (1.1) has no zero solution, then for each  $0 < \lambda < \frac{1}{G \int_0^1 \omega(s)ds}$ , (1.1) has a positive solution.*

*Proof of Theorem 2.1.* From (H1)–(H3) it follows easily that the multioperator superposition

$$\begin{aligned} \wp_F &: C_+[0, 1] \rightarrow Cv(L^1_+[0, 1]), \\ \wp_F(u) &= \{f \in L^1_+[0, 1] : f(s) \in F(s, u(s)) \text{ for a.e. } s \in [0, 1]\}. \end{aligned}$$

is defined and closed (see, e.g. [4]). Consider a completely continuous operator

$$Q_\lambda: L_+^1[0, 1] \rightarrow C_+[0, 1], \quad Q_\lambda(f)(t) = \lambda \int_0^1 G(t, s)f(s)ds,$$

Let  $\Gamma_\lambda = Q_\lambda \circ \wp_F$ . From [4, Theorem 1.5.30] it follows that the multioperator  $\Gamma_\lambda$  is closed. We can easily prove that for every bounded subset  $U \subset C_+[0, 1]$ , the set  $\Gamma_\lambda(U)$  is relatively compact in  $C_+[0, 1]$ . Hence applying [4, Theorem 1.2.48], we have that the Hammerstein's multioperator

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma_\lambda: C_+[0, 1] &\rightarrow Kv(C_+[0, 1]), \\ \Gamma_\lambda(u) &= \lambda \int_0^1 G(t, s)F(s, u(s))ds. \end{aligned}$$

is upper semicontinuous. Let  $T_+ = \{u \in C_+[0, 1] : \|u\|_C \leq \rho, \text{ where } \rho > 0\}$  For  $u$  in  $T_+$  we have

$$\|\Gamma_\lambda(u)\|_C = \max \left\{ \left\| \lambda \int_0^1 G(t, s)f(s)ds \right\|_C : f \in \wp_F(u) \right\},$$

where

$$\left\| \int_0^1 G(t, s)f(s)ds \right\|_C = \sup_{t \in [0, 1]} \left\{ \int_0^1 G(t, s)f(s)ds \right\}.$$

Since  $f(s) \in F(s, u(s))$  for a.e.  $s \in [0, 1]$  and (H3), for a.e.  $s \in [0, 1]$  we have

$$f(s) \leq \|F(s, u(s))\| \leq \omega(s)(1 + u(s)) \leq \omega(s)(1 + \|u\|_C) \leq \omega(s)(1 + \rho).$$

Therefore,

$$\int_0^1 G(t, s)f(s)ds \leq G(1 + \rho) \int_0^1 \omega(s)ds,$$

and hence

$$\left\| \int_0^1 G(t, s)f(s)ds \right\|_C \leq G(1 + \rho) \int_0^1 \omega(s)ds.$$

Because the last inequality holds for all  $f \in \wp_F(u)$ ,

$$\|\Gamma_\lambda(u)\|_C \leq \lambda G(1 + \rho) \int_0^1 \omega(s)ds.$$

Choose  $\rho \geq \frac{\lambda G \int_0^1 \omega(s)ds}{1 - \lambda G \int_0^1 \omega(s)ds}$  then  $\|\Gamma_\lambda(u)\|_C \leq \rho$ , i.e.,  $\Gamma_\lambda$  maps the set  $T_+$  in to itself.

The existence of positive solution of the problem (1.1) can be easily follow from the Bohnenblust-Karlin fixed point theorem  $\square$

For the proof of Theorem 2.2 we need the following result proved in [6, 7].

**Lemma 2.3.** *Let  $X$  be a separable metric space;  $E$  be a Banach space. Then every l.s.c. multimap  $\tilde{F}: X \rightarrow P(L^1([0, 1], E))$  with closed decomposable values has a continuous selection.*

*Proof of theorem 2.2.* From conditions (H3)–(H4) it follows that

$$\wp_F: C_+[0, 1] \rightarrow C(L_+^1[0, 1])$$

is a l.s.c. multioperator with closed decomposable values (see, e.g. [4, 8]).

Consider again the Hammerstein's multioperator  $\Gamma_\lambda = Q_\lambda \circ \wp_F$ . By Lemma 2.3, the multioperator superposition  $\wp_F$  has a continuous selection

$$\ell: C_+[0, 1] \rightarrow L_+^1[0, 1], \quad \ell(u) \in \wp_F(u).$$

Hence the operator

$$\gamma_\lambda: C_+[0, 1] \rightarrow C_+[0, 1], \quad \gamma_\lambda(u)(t) = \lambda \int_0^1 G(t, s)\ell(u)(s)ds,$$

is a completely continuous selection of the multioperator  $\Gamma_\lambda$ . As shown above, for each  $0 < \lambda < \frac{1}{G \int_0^1 \omega(s)ds}$ , we can choose  $\rho > 0$  such that the multioperator  $\Gamma_\lambda$  maps the set  $T_+$  in to itself. From the Schauder fixed theorem it follows that the operator  $\gamma_\lambda$  has a fixed point in  $T_+$ , i.e., (1.1) has a positive solution  $\square$

Now we use the result in [5] to prove the existence and multiplicity of positive solutions for (1.1), when  $F$  is lower semicontinuous. Assume that

- (F1)  $F: (0, 1) \times [0, +\infty) \rightarrow Kv([0, +\infty))$  is l.s.c.;
- (F2) For each  $M > 0$ , there exists a continuous function  $g_M$  on  $(0, 1)$  such that  $\|F(t, x)\| \leq g_M(t)$  for  $t \in (0, 1)$ ,  $x \in [0, M]$ , and

$$\int_0^1 G(s, s)g_M(s)ds < \infty.$$

- (F3) There exist an interval  $I \subset (0, 1)$  and a non-zero function  $m \in L^1(I)$  with  $m \geq 0$  such that for every  $b > 0$ , there exists  $r_b > 0$  such that

$$\|F(t, x)\|_0 \geq bm(t)x \quad \text{for } t \in I, x \in (0, r_b);$$

- (F4) There exist an interval  $I_1 \subset (0, 1)$  and a non-zero function  $m_1 \in L^1(I_1)$  with  $m_1 \geq 0$  such that for every  $c > 0$ , there exists  $R_c > 0$  such that

$$\|F(t, x)\|_0 \geq cm_1(t)x \quad \text{for } t \in I_1, x \geq R_c;$$

**Theorem 2.4.** *Let (F1)–(F3) hold. Then there exists  $\lambda_0 > 0$  such that (1.1) has a positive solution for  $0 < \lambda < \lambda_0$ . If, in addition, (F4) holds, then (1.1) has at least two positive solutions for  $0 < \lambda < \lambda_0$*

For the proof of this we need the following result (see, e.g. [4, 11]).

**Lemma 2.5.** *Let  $X$  be a metric space;  $Y$  be a Banach space. Then every l.s.c. multi-map  $W: X \rightarrow Cv(Y)$  has a continuous selection.*

*Proof of Theorem 2.4.* Let  $f: (0, 1) \times [0, +\infty) \rightarrow [0, +\infty)$  be a continuous selection of  $F$ , i.e.,

$$f(t, x) \in F(t, x) \quad \text{for all } (t, x) \in (0, 1) \times [0, +\infty).$$

It is easy to see that for all  $(t, x) \in (0, 1) \times [0, +\infty)$  the following inequality holds

$$\|F(t, x)\|_0 \leq f(t, x) \leq \|F(t, x)\|.$$

Consider now the problem

$$Lu = \lambda f(t, u), \quad 0 < t < 1, \tag{2.1}$$

with the conditions in (1.1). By (F1)–(F4) we have

- (f1) The map  $f: (0, 1) \times [0, +\infty) \rightarrow [0, +\infty)$  is continuous;
- (f2) For each  $M > 0$ , there exists a continuous function  $g_M$  on  $(0, 1)$  such that  $f(t, x) \leq g_M(t)$  for  $t \in (0, 1)$ ,  $0 \leq x \leq M$  and

$$\int_0^1 G(s, s)g_M(s)ds < \infty.$$

- (f3) There exist an interval  $I \subset (0, 1)$  and a non-zero function  $m \in L^1(I)$  with  $m \geq 0$  such that for every  $b > 0$ , there exists  $r_b > 0$  such that

$$f(t, x) \geq bm(t)x, \quad \text{for } t \in I, x \in (0, r_b);$$

If (F4) holds then we have

- (f4) There exist an interval  $I_1 \subset (0, 1)$  and a non-zero function  $m_1 \in L^1(I_1)$  with  $m_1 \geq 0$  such that for every  $c > 0$ , there exists  $R_c > 0$  such that

$$f(t, x) \geq cm_1(t)x, \quad \text{for } t \in I_1, x \geq R_c;$$

From [5, Theorem 1.1] it follows that if (f1)–(f3) hold then there exists  $\lambda_0 > 0$  such that (2.1) has a positive solution for  $0 < \lambda < \lambda_0$ . If, in addition, (f4) holds then (2.1) has at least two positive solutions for  $0 < \lambda < \lambda_0$ . Hence we obtain our result  $\square$

### 3. CONTINUOUS BRANCH OF POSITIVE SOLUTIONS

A sphere and a ball with center at the point 0 (the zero function) and radius  $r$  in the cone  $C_+[0, 1]$  will be denoted respectively by

$$S_+(0, r) = \{u \in C_+[0, 1] : \|u\|_C = r\},$$

$$T_+(0, r) = \{u \in C_+[0, 1] : \|u\|_C \leq r\}.$$

Recall the following notion (see, [1, 2, 10]).

**Definition** A set  $V$  of positive solutions of (1.1) is said to form a continuous branch connecting the spheres  $S_+(0, r)$  and  $S_+(0, R)$ , with  $0 \leq r < R \leq \infty$ , if for every nonempty open bounded subset

$$\Delta \subset C_+[0, 1] : T_+(0, r') \subset \Delta \subset T_+(0, R'), \quad r < r' < R' < R$$

the set  $V \cap \partial\Delta$  is nonempty, where  $\partial\Delta$  is a boundary of  $\Delta$ . If, in addition,  $r = 0$  and  $R = \infty$  then the set  $V$  is said to be a continuous branch with infinite length.

Let  $E$  be a Banach space;  $\mathbf{K} \subset E$  be a cone.

**Definition** An operator  $A: E \rightarrow E$  is said to be positive, if  $A\mathbf{K} \subset \mathbf{K}$ .

**Lemma 3.1** ([1, 9]). *Let  $A$  be a positive completely continuous operator on the cone  $\mathbf{K}$ . Assume that on the border  $\partial\Xi_{\mathbf{K}}$  of every bounded subset  $\Xi_{\mathbf{K}} \ni 0$  of the cone  $\mathbf{K}$  the following inequality holds*

$$\inf_{x \in \partial\Xi_{\mathbf{K}}} \|Ax\| > 0.$$

*Then the positive solutions of the equation*

$$Ax = \mu x, \quad x \in \mathbf{K} \setminus \{0\}$$

*form a continuous branch with infinite length.*

Let  $a$  be a positive constant. Consider now the problem (1.1) with the multimap

$$F: [0, 1] \times [0, +\infty) \rightarrow K([a, +\infty))$$

satisfying the following assumptions:

- (A1)  $F$  is almost lower semicontinuous;  
 (A2) For every nonempty bounded subset  $\Omega \subset [0, +\infty)$  there exists a function  $\vartheta_\Omega \in L^1_+[0, 1]$  such that

$$\|F(t, x)\| \leq \vartheta_\Omega(t),$$

for all  $x \in \Omega$  and a.e.  $t \in [0, 1]$ ;

(A3) There exists  $q > 0$  such that the Green's function satisfies  $G(t, s) \geq q$ , for all  $0 \leq t, s \leq 1$ ;

**Theorem 3.2.** *Let (A1)–(A3) hold. Then the positive solutions of (1.1) form a continuous branch with infinite length.*

*Proof.* Note that the condition (H3) is special case of the condition (A2). As is shown above, from (A1)–(A2) the multioperator  $\Gamma_\lambda$  has a completely continuous selection  $\gamma_\lambda$  on the cone  $C_+[0, 1]$ . Let  $\Xi \ni 0$  be an open bounded subset of  $C_+[0, 1]$ . For all  $u \in \Xi$ , since  $\ell(u)(s) \in F(s, u(s))$  for a.e.  $s \in [0, 1]$  we have

$$\gamma_\lambda(u)(t) = \lambda \int_0^1 G(t, s)\ell(u)(s)ds \geq \lambda a q > 0.$$

Hence

$$\inf_{u \in \partial \Xi} \|l(u)\|_C \geq a q > 0, \quad \text{where } l = \frac{\gamma_\lambda}{\lambda}.$$

On the cone  $C_+[0, 1]$  consider the equation

$$l(u) = \frac{1}{\lambda} u \tag{3.1}$$

By Lemma 3.1, the positive solutions of (3.1) form a continuous branch with infinite length. And hence we obtain our result  $\square$

#### 4. EXAMPLES

**Example 4.1.** Let  $D \subset [0, 1]$  be a nonmeasurable set;

$$F: [0, 1] \times [0, +\infty) \rightarrow Kv([0, +\infty))$$

be the multimap

$$F(t, x) = \begin{cases} [0, x + 1] & \text{if } x = t \text{ and } t \in [0, 1] \setminus D \\ [0, x + 1] & \text{if } x = t + 1 \text{ and } t \in D \\ x + 1 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Consider the differential inclusion

$$\begin{aligned} -u''(t) &\in \lambda F(t, u(t)), \quad \lambda > 0, \quad 0 < t < 1, \\ u(0) &= u(1) = 0. \end{aligned} \tag{4.1}$$

It is easy to see that

$$G(t, s) = \begin{cases} t(1 - s) & \text{if } 0 \leq t \leq s \leq 1 \\ s(1 - t) & \text{if } 0 \leq s \leq t \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

is a Green's function for the operator  $Lu = -u''$ . Note that  $\max\{G(t, s) : 0 \leq t, s \leq 1\} = 1$ . Choose a function  $\omega \equiv 1$  then the conditions (H1)–(H3) hold. Zero function is not a solution of (4.1). From Theorem 2.1 it follows that for each  $0 < \lambda < 1$  the inclusion (4.1) has a positive solution

**Example 4.2.** Let  $\varepsilon \in (0, 1)$  and  $F: (0, 1) \times [0, +\infty) \rightarrow Kv([0, +\infty))$  be the multimap

$$F(t, x) = \begin{cases} t(x^2 + \frac{1}{1+x}) & \text{if } 0 < t \leq \varepsilon \text{ and } 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ (t + 1)(x^2 + \frac{1}{x+\varepsilon}) & \text{if } 0 < t \leq \varepsilon \text{ and } 2 \leq x \leq 3 \\ [t(x^2 + \frac{1}{1+x}), (t + 1)(x^2 + \frac{1}{x+\varepsilon})] & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

It is clear that the multimap  $F$  is lower semicontinuous. Consider the inclusion

$$\begin{aligned} (-e^{-\frac{t^2}{2}} u')' + e^{-\frac{t^2}{2}} u &\in \lambda F(t, u), \quad 0 < \lambda, 0 < t < 1, \\ u(0) &= u(1) = 0. \end{aligned} \tag{4.2}$$

Let  $Lu = (-e^{t^2/2}u')' + e^{-t^2/2}u$ . Then

$$G(t, s) = \begin{cases} \frac{e^{t^2/2}}{\int_0^1 e^{-\tau^2/2}d\tau} \int_s^1 e^{-\tau^2/2}d\tau \int_0^t e^{-\tau^2/2}d\tau, & \text{if } 0 \leq t \leq s \\ \frac{e^{t^2/2}}{\int_0^1 e^{-\tau^2/2}d\tau} \int_0^s e^{-\tau^2/2}d\tau \int_t^1 e^{-\tau^2/2}d\tau, & \text{if } s \leq t \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

is a Green's function for the operator  $L$  (see, e.g. [3]).

For each  $M > 0$ , let  $g_M(t) = (M^2 + \frac{1}{\varepsilon})(t + 1)$ . We have

$$\|F(t, x)\| \leq (t + 1)(x^2 + \frac{1}{x + \varepsilon}) \leq g_M(t),$$

for  $0 < t < 1, 0 \leq x \leq M$  and

$$\int_0^1 G(s, s)g_M(s)ds < +\infty.$$

Hence the condition (F2) holds. Let  $I = (0, \varepsilon), m(t) = t$ . Then for every  $b > 0$

$$\|F(t, x)\|_0 = t(x^2 + \frac{1}{1 + x}) \geq b m(t)x \quad \text{for } t \in I, x \in (0, r_b),$$

where  $r_b = \min\{\frac{-b+(b^2+4b)^{1/2}}{2b}, 1\}$ . The condition (F3) holds. For every  $c > 0$

$$\|F(t, x)\|_0 \geq t(x^2 + \frac{1}{1 + x}) \geq c m(t)x, \quad \text{for } t \in I, x \geq c.$$

The condition (F4) holds. By Theorem 2.4, there exists  $\lambda_0 > 0$  such that (4.2) has at least two positive solutions for  $0 < \lambda < \lambda_0$

**Example 4.3.** Let  $F: [0, 1] \times [0, +\infty) \rightarrow K([1, +\infty))$  be the multimap

$$F(t, x) = \begin{cases} (t^2 + 2)(x^2 + \frac{1}{x+1}) & \text{if } 0 \leq t \leq 1, 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ (t + 2)(x^2 + \frac{1}{x+1}) & \text{if } 0 \leq t \leq 1, 2 \leq x \leq 3 \\ [(t^2 + 2)(x^2 + \frac{1}{1+x}), (t + 2)(x^2 + \frac{1}{x+1})] & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Consider the problem

$$\begin{aligned} -(1 + e^t)u'' - e^t u' &\in \lambda F(t, u), \quad 0 < t < 1, \quad 0 < \lambda, \\ u(0) - 2u'(0) &= 0, \quad u'(1) = 0. \end{aligned} \tag{4.3}$$

It is clear that  $F$  is lower semicontinuous. Hence the condition (A1) holds.

$$G(t, s) = \begin{cases} x - \ln(1 + e^x) + 1 + \ln 2 & \text{if } 0 \leq t \leq s \\ s - \ln(1 + e^s) + 1 + \ln 2 & \text{if } 0 \leq s \leq t \end{cases}$$

is a Green's function for operator  $Lu = -(1 + e^t)u'' - e^t u'$  (see, [3]) and

$$G(t, s) \geq 1, \quad \text{for all } t, s \in [0, 1].$$

The condition (A3) holds.

For every bounded subset  $\Omega \subset [0, +\infty)$ , let  $\vartheta_\Omega(t) = (t + 2)(1 + \|\Omega\|^2)$ . We have

$$\|F(t, x)\| \leq (t + 2)(x^2 + \frac{1}{1 + x}) \leq \vartheta_\Omega,$$

for all  $x \in \Omega$  and all  $t \in [0, 1]$ . Therefore the condition (A2) holds. From Theorem 3.2 it follows easily that the set of positive solutions of (4.3) forms a continuous branch with infinite length

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