The Neumann problem for two-term fractional differential equations

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Abstract

We discuss the existence and uniqueness of solutions to two-term fractional differential equations ${}^{c}D^{\alpha}u(t) = a(t){}^{c}D^{\beta}u(t) + f(t,u(t))$ satisfying the Neumann boundary conditions u'(0) = 0, u'(T) = 0. Here, $\alpha \in (1,2)$, $\beta \in (\alpha - 1, \alpha)$, $a \in C(J)$, $f \in C(J \times \mathbb{R})$ and ${}^{c}D$ denotes the Caputo fractional derivative. Existence results are proved by using the Leray-Schauder degree method. Examples demonstrate our results.