

# Uniform Stability of a class of impulsive fractional $q$ -difference systems with infinite delay

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**Abstract:** In this manuscript, using Lyapunov’s direct method and Razumikhin techniques, the uniform stability of impulsive fractional  $q$ -difference systems with infinite delay is studied. The conditions for uniform stability are discussed.

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## 1. Introduction

The fractional calculus deals with the generalization of integration and differentiation of any order. Because of its distinguished applications in various branches of science and engineering, there has been a great deal of interest in this field [1–6]. An important and new issue is to combine the time scales [7] and fractional calculus [8–11] looking for a better description of the phenomena having both discrete and continuous behaviors.

Accompanied with the development of the theory on fractional  $q$ -calculus, The boundary value problem of fractional  $q$ -difference equations and impulsive fractional  $q$ -difference equations was studied in many reports[12–17]. In recent years, many results have been obtained in the stability theory of impulsive differential equations with infinite delays [18–19]. the stability of  $q$ -fractional dynamic systems has attracted the attention of several researchers[ 20]. But, the stability results for impulsive fractional  $q$ -difference systems with infinite delay are scarce. The present paper is inspired by[18–19], we extend the method of Lyapunov functions to study the uniform stability of solutions of the following impulsive fractional  $q$ -difference system with infinite delay:

$$\begin{cases} {}^C \nabla_q^\alpha x(t) = f(t, x_t), & t \geq t_0, t \neq \tau_k \\ x(\tau_k) = I_k(x(\tau_k^-)) + J_k(x(\mu\tau_k^-)), & k \in \mathbf{N} \end{cases} \quad (1.1)$$

where  $0 < q < 1$ ,  $0 < \alpha < 1$ ,  ${}^C \nabla_q^\alpha$  denotes the left Caputo  $q$ -fractional derivative of order  $\alpha$ , let  $T_q$  be the time

scale [7]  $T_q = \{q^n : n \in \mathbf{Z}\} \cup \{0\}$ .  $t, t_0, \mu \in T_q$ ,  $t_0$  and  $\mu$  are constants,  $0 < \mu < 1$ ,  $x \in \mathbf{R}^n$ ,  $f \in C[T_q \times D, \mathbf{R}^n]$ ,

$I_k, J_k \in C(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{R}), k = 1, 2, 3, \dots, D$  is an open set in  $PC([\mu, 1]_{T_q}, \mathbf{R}^n)$ , where  $[\mu, 1]_{T_q} = [\mu, 1] \cap T_q$ ,  $PC([\mu, 1]_{T_q}, \mathbf{R}^n)$

denotes the set of piecewise right continuous functions  $\phi : [\mu, 1]_{T_q} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}^n$  with the sup-norm  $\|\phi\| = \sup_{\lambda \in [\mu, 1]_{T_q}} \|\phi(\lambda)\|$ ,

where  $\|\cdot\|$  is a norm in  $\mathbf{R}^n$ . For each  $t \geq t_0$   $x_t \in PC([\mu, 1]_{T_q}, \mathbf{R}^n)$  is defined by  $x_t(\lambda) = x(\lambda t)$ ,  $\mu \leq \lambda \leq 1$ .

Let  $\tau_k \in T_q$ ,  $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ , and  $0 = \tau_0 < \tau_1 < \tau_2 < \dots < \tau_k < \dots$ ,  $\tau_k \rightarrow +\infty$  for  $k \rightarrow +\infty$ ,  $x(t^+) = \lim_{s \rightarrow t^+} x(s)$ ,

and  $x(t^-) = \lim_{s \rightarrow t^-} x(s)$ . A function  $x(t)$  is called a solution of (1.1) with the initial condition

$$x_\sigma = x(\lambda\sigma) = \varphi(\lambda), \quad \lambda \in [\mu, 1]_{T_q}, \quad (1.2)$$

where  $\sigma \in T_q, \sigma \geq t_0$  and  $\varphi \in PC([\mu, 1]_{T_q}, \mathbf{R}^n)$ , if it satisfies both (1.1) and (1.2).

## 2. Preliminaries

In this section we summarize the basic definitions and properties of q-calculus and fractional q-integrals and derivatives. For more details on the theory of q-calculus we refer to [21] and for the theory of q-fractional calculus we refer to [10,11](and the references therein).

For  $0 < q < 1$ , let the time scale [7]  $T_q = \{q^n : n \in \mathbf{Z}\} \cup \{0\}$ .

For a function  $f : T_q \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ , the nabla  $q$ -derivative of  $f$  is given by

$$\nabla_q f(t) = \frac{f(t) - f(qt)}{(1-q)t}, \quad t \in T_q - \{0\}.$$

The nabla  $q$ -integral of  $f$  on the interval  $[0, t]$  is given by

$$\int_0^t f(s) \nabla_q s = (1-q)t \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} f(tq^n) q^n$$

and on for  $[a, t], a \in T_q$  is given by

$$\int_a^t f(s) \nabla_q s = \int_0^t f(s) \nabla_q s - \int_0^a f(s) \nabla_q s.$$

Moreover

$$\int_t^{\infty} f(s) \nabla_q s = (1-q)t \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f(tq^{-n}) q^{-n},$$

and for  $0 < b < \infty$  in  $T_q$

$$\int_t^b f(s) \nabla_q s = \int_t^{\infty} f(s) \nabla_q s - \int_b^{\infty} f(s) \nabla_q s.$$

The fundamental theorem in q-calculus gives

$$\nabla_q \int_0^t f(s) \nabla_q s = f(t)$$

and if  $f$  is continuous at 0,

$$\int_0^t \nabla_q f(s) \nabla_q s = f(t) - f(0).$$

The  $q$ -factorial function is defined by  $(t-s)_q^n = \prod_{k=0}^{n-1} (t - sq^k), n \in \mathbf{N}$ , and for  $\alpha \neq 1, 2, 3, \dots$ , the  $q$ -factorial function has the following form

$$(t-s)_q^\alpha = t^\alpha \prod_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{t - sq^n}{t - sq^{\alpha+n}}, \alpha \in \mathbf{R}.$$

The  $q$ -gamma function,  $\Gamma_q(\alpha)$  for  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0, -1, -2, \dots\}$  is defined by  $\Gamma_q(\alpha) = \frac{(1-q)^{\alpha-1}}{(1-q)^{\alpha-1}}$ ,

The  $q$ -gamma function satisfies the identity  $\Gamma_q(\alpha+1) = \frac{1-q^\alpha}{1-q} \Gamma_q(\alpha)$ ,  $\Gamma_q(1)=1$ ,  $\alpha > 0$ .

The left  $q$ -fractional integral of order  $\alpha > 0$ ,  ${}_a I_q^\alpha$  starting from  $0 < a \in T_q$  is defined by

$${}_a I_q^\alpha f(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma_q(\alpha)} \int_a^t (t-qs)_q^{\alpha-1} f(s) \nabla_q s$$

When  $\alpha = n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have  $\nabla_q^n {}_a I_q^n f(t) = f(t)$  for  $0 \leq a \in T_q$ . It is worth mentioning that the left  $q$ -fractional

integral  ${}_a I_q^\alpha$  maps functions defined  $T_q$  to functions defined on  $T_q$ .

The left Caputo  $q$ -fractional derivative of order  $\alpha > 0, \alpha \notin \mathbb{N}$  of a function  $f$  is defined by

$${}_a^C \nabla_q^\alpha f(t) = {}_a I_q^{(n-\alpha)} \nabla_q^n f(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma_q(n-\alpha)} \int_a^t (t-qs)_q^{n-\alpha-1} \nabla_q^n f(s) \nabla_q s,$$

where  $n = [\alpha] + 1$ . Here  $[\alpha]$  is the greatest integer less than  $\alpha$ .

**Property 2.1** ([11]). Assume  $\alpha > 0$  and  $f$  is defined in suitable domains. Then,

$${}_a I_q^{\alpha C} \nabla_q^\alpha f(t) = f(t) - \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{(t-a)_q^k}{\Gamma_q(k+1)} \nabla_q^k f(a),$$

and if  $0 < \alpha \leq 1$  then  ${}_a I_q^{\alpha C} \nabla_q^\alpha f(t) = f(t) - f(a)$ .

Throughout this paper we let the following hypotheses hold:

(H<sub>1</sub>) For  $t \in [\mu\sigma, \sigma]_{T_q}$ , the solution  $x(t, \sigma, \varphi)$  coincides with the function  $\varphi(\frac{t}{\sigma})$ .

(H<sub>2</sub>) For each function  $x(s) : [\mu\sigma, \infty]_{T_q} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $x(\tau_k^-), x(\tau_k^+)$  exist and,  $x(\tau_k^+) = x(\tau_k^-)$ ,  $f(t, x_t)$  is continuous

for almost all  $t \in [\sigma, +\infty]_{T_q}$  and at the discontinuous points  $f$  is right continuous.

(H<sub>3</sub>)  $f(t, \phi)$  is Lipschitzian in  $\phi$  in each compact set in  $PC([\mu, 1]_{T_q}, \mathbb{R}^n)$ .

(H<sub>4</sub>) The functions  $I_k, J_k, k=1, 2, \dots$ , are such that if  $x \in D, I_k \neq 0$ , and  $J_k \neq 0$ , then

$$I_k(x(t)) + J_k(x(\mu t)) \in D.$$

(H<sub>5</sub>)  $f(t, 0) \equiv 0, I_k(0) \equiv 0$  and  $J_k(0) \equiv 0, k=1, 2, \dots$ , so that  $x(t) \equiv 0$  is a solution of (1.1), which we call the zero solution.

In this paper, we assume that  $f(t, x_t)$ ,  $I_k$  and  $J_k$  satisfy certain conditions such that the solution of systems (1.1) and (1.2) exists on  $[\sigma, \infty]_{T_q}$  and is unique. We using the following notation:

$$S(\rho) = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^n : \|x\| < \rho\},$$

$$PC(\rho) = \{\phi \in PC([\mu, 1]_{T_q}, \mathbb{R}^n) : \phi = x_\sigma, |\phi| < \rho\};$$

$$PCB(t) = \{x_i \in D : x_i \text{ is bounded}\};$$

$$PCB_\rho(\sigma) = \{\phi \in PCB(\sigma) : |\phi| < \rho\}$$

**Definition 2.2** The zero solution of the system (1) is said to be:

(D<sub>1</sub>) stable, if for any  $\sigma \geq t_0, \sigma \in T_q$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists a  $\delta = \delta(\varepsilon, \sigma) > 0$  such that  $\phi \in PC(\delta)$  implies that

$$\|x(t; \sigma, \phi)\| < \varepsilon, \text{ for all } t \in T_q, t \geq \sigma.$$

(D<sub>2</sub>) uniformly stable, if it is stable and  $\delta$  depends only on  $\varepsilon$ .

**Definition 2.3** The function  $V : [t_0, +\infty)_{T_q} \times S(\rho) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  belongs to class  $v_0$  if:

(1) the function  $V$  is continuous on each of the sets  $[\tau_{k-1}, \tau_k)_{T_q} \times S(\rho)$  and for all  $t \geq t_0, V(t, 0) \equiv 0$ ;

(2)  $V(t, x)$  is locally Lipschitzian in  $x \in S(\rho)$ ;

(3) for each  $k = 1, 2, \dots$ , there exist finite limits

$$\lim_{(t,y) \rightarrow (\tau_k^-, x)} V(t, y) = V(\tau_k^-, x), \quad \lim_{(t,y) \rightarrow (\tau_k^+, x)} V(t, y) = V(\tau_k^+, x),$$

with  $V(\tau_k^+, x) = V(\tau_k^-, x)$  satisfied.

### 3. Main results

In this part, we consider the uniform stability of the impulsive fractional  $q$ -difference system with infinite delay(1.1). We have the following two theorems about the uniform stability of the system (1.1).

Let the sets  $K$  be defined as

$$K = \{\omega \in C(\mathbb{R}^+, \mathbb{R}^+) : \text{strictly increasing and } \omega(0) = 0\};$$

$$K_1 = \{\omega \in C(\mathbb{R}^+, \mathbb{R}^+) : \omega(0) = 0 \text{ and } \omega(s) > 0 \text{ for } s > 0\}.$$

**Theorem 3.1** Assume that there exist functions  $a, b \in K, V(t, x(t)) \in v_0$  such that

(i)  $a(\|x(t)\|) \leq V(t, x(t)) \leq b(\|x(t)\|)$ , for all  $(t, x) \in [\mu t_0, +\infty)_{T_q} \times S(\rho)$ ;

(ii)  $\nabla_q V(t, x(t)) < 0$ ;

(iii)  $V(\tau_k, I_k(x(\tau_k^-)) + J_k(x(\mu\tau_k^-))) \leq \frac{1+b_k}{2} [V(\tau_k^-, x(\tau_k^-)) + V(\mu\tau_k^-, x(\mu\tau_k^-))]$ , where  $b_k \geq 0$ , and  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} b_k < \infty$ .

Then the zero solution of (1.1) is uniformly stable.

Proof. Since  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} b_k < \infty$ , it follows that  $\prod_{k=1}^{\infty} (1+b_k) = M$ ; obviously  $1 \leq M < \infty$ . For any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists a

$\delta = \delta(\varepsilon) > 0$  such that  $\delta < b^{-1}(\frac{\varepsilon}{M})$ . We will prove that if  $\varphi \in PC(\delta)$  then  $\|x(t; \sigma, \varphi)\| < \varepsilon$  for  $t \in [\sigma, +\infty)_{T_q}$ .

Let  $x(t) = x(t; \sigma, \varphi)$  denote the solution through  $(\sigma, \varphi)$ . Let  $\sigma \in [\tau_{m-1}, \tau_m)_{T_q}$  for some  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then, we will prove that

$$V(t, x(t)) \leq b(\delta), \quad t \in [\sigma, \tau_m)_{T_q}. \quad (3.1)$$

Obviously, for  $t \in [\mu\sigma, \sigma]_{T_q}$ , there exists an  $\lambda \in [\mu, 1]_{T_q}$  such that  $t = \lambda\sigma$ ; then

$$V(t, x(t)) = V(\lambda\sigma, x(\lambda\sigma)) \leq b(\|x(\lambda\sigma)\|) \leq b(\|\varphi\|) \leq b(\delta).$$

So if inequality (3.1) does not hold, then there exists an  $\hat{r} \in [\sigma, \tau_m)_{T_q}$ , such that

$$V(\hat{r}, x(\hat{r})) > b(\delta),$$

$$V(t, x(t)) \leq b(\delta), \quad t \in [\mu\sigma, \hat{r}]_{T_q}.$$

$$\nabla_q V(\hat{r}, x(\hat{r})) \geq 0.$$

This contradicts condition (ii), so (3.1) holds. In view of inequality (3.1) and condition (iii), we have

$$V(\tau_m, x(\tau_m)) = V(\tau_m, I_m(x(\tau_m^-)) + J_m(x(\mu\tau_m^-))) \leq \frac{1+b_m}{2} [V(\tau_m^-, x(\tau_m^-)) + V(\mu\tau_m^-, x(\mu\tau_m^-))] \leq (1+b_m)b(\delta).$$

Next we prove that

$$V(t, x(t)) \leq (1+b_m)b(\delta), \quad t \in [\tau_{m-1}, \tau_m)_{T_q}. \quad (3.2)$$

If this does not hold, then there exists an  $\hat{s} \in [\tau_{m-1}, \tau_m)_{T_q}$  such that

$$V(\hat{s}, x(\hat{s})) > (1+b_m)b(\delta)$$

$$V(t, x(t)) \leq (1+b_m)b(\delta), \quad t \in [\mu\sigma, \hat{s}]_{T_q}.$$

$$\nabla_q V(\hat{s}, x(\hat{s})) \geq 0.$$

This contradicts condition (ii), so (3.2) holds. In view of inequality (3.2) and condition (iii), we have

$$\begin{aligned} V(\tau_{m+1}, x(\tau_{m+1})) &= V(\tau_{m+1}, I_{m+1}(x(\tau_{m+1}^-)) + J_{m+1}(x(\mu\tau_{m+1}^-))) \\ &\leq \frac{1+b_{m+1}}{2} [V(\tau_{m+1}^-, x(\tau_{m+1}^-)) + V(\mu\tau_{m+1}^-, x(\mu\tau_{m+1}^-))] \\ &\leq (1+b_{m+1})(1+b_m)b(\delta). \end{aligned}$$

By simple induction, we can prove, in general, that for  $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

$$V(t, x(t)) \leq (1+b_{m+k}) \cdots (1+b_m)b(\delta), \quad t \in [\tau_{m+k}, \tau_{m+k+1})_{T_q}.$$

$$V(\tau_{m+k+1}, x(\tau_{m+k+1})) \leq (1+b_{m+k+1})(1+b_{m+k}) \cdots (1+b_m)b(\delta).$$

This together with inequality (3.1) yields

$$V(t, x(t)) \leq Mb(\delta), \quad t \in [\sigma, \infty)_{T_q}.$$

From this and condition (i) we have

$$a(\|x(t)\|) \leq V(t, x(t)) \leq Mb(\delta) < a(\varepsilon), \quad t \in [\sigma, \infty)_{T_q}.$$

So  $\|x(t)\| < \varepsilon, \quad t \in [\sigma, \infty)_{T_q}.$

The zero solution of (1.1) is uniformly stable. The proof of Theorem 3.1 is completed.

**Theorem 3.2** Assume that there exist functions  $a, b, G \in K, P, H \in K_1, h, g \in PC(\mathbb{R}^+, \mathbb{R}^+), V(t, x(t)) \in v_0$  and  $H$  is decreasing. For any  $\rho > 0$ , there exists a  $\rho_1 \in (0, \rho)$  such that  $x \in S(\rho_1)$  implies that  $I_k(x(t)) + J_k(x(\mu t)) \in S(\rho)$ , constants  $\beta_k \geq 0, k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ , such that

(i)  $a(\|x(t)\|) \leq V(t, x) \leq b(\|x(t)\|)$ , for all  $(t, x) \in [\mu t_0, +\infty)_{T_q} \times \mathbb{R}^n$ ;

(ii) For any  $(\tau_k, \psi) \in T_q \times PC([\mu, 1]_{T_q}, S(\rho_1)), V(\tau_k, I_k(x(\tau_k^-)) + J_k(x(\mu\tau_k^-))) \leq (1+\beta_k)V(\tau_k^-, x(\tau_k^-))$ , where

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \beta_k < \infty;$$

(iii) For any  $\sigma \in [t_0, +\infty)_{T_q}$  and  $\psi \in PC([\mu, 1]_{T_q}, S(\rho))$ , if  $P(V(t, x(t))) > V(\lambda t, x(\lambda t))$  for all  $\mu \leq \lambda \leq 1$ ,

$t \in [\tau_{k-1}, \tau_k)_{T_q}, k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  then

$$\nabla_q V(t, x(t)) \leq h(t)H(V(t, x(t))) - g(t)G(V(t, x(t))), \quad t \in [\tau_{k-1}, \tau_k)_{T_q}, k \in \mathbb{Z}^+,$$

where  $\sup_{t \geq 0} h(t) < \infty$  and  $P(s) > s$  for  $s > 0$ ;

(iv)  $\inf_{t \geq 0} \{g(t) - \gamma h(t)\} > 0$ , where  $\gamma = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{H(s)}{G(s)} < \infty$ .

Then the zero solution of (1.1) is uniformly stable.

**Proof.** Since  $a \in K$ , from condition (iii) and (iv), one may choose a small enough  $\delta^* \in (0, \rho_1)$  such that

$$g(t) > h(t) \frac{H(s)}{G(s)} \quad \text{holds for all } t \geq 0 \text{ and } s \in (0, a(\delta^*)). \quad (3.3)$$

In fact, since  $\gamma = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{H(s)}{G(s)} < \infty$ , we know that for any given  $\varepsilon' > 0$ , there exists a  $\delta' = \delta'(\varepsilon') > 0$  such

that  $\gamma - \varepsilon' < \frac{H(s)}{G(s)} < \gamma + \varepsilon', s \in (0, \delta')$ . In particular, let  $\varepsilon' = \frac{\eta}{2M}$ , where  $\eta = \inf_{t \geq 0} \{g(t) - \gamma h(t)\} > 0$  and

$M = \sup_{t \geq 0} h(t) < \infty$ . Then there exists a small enough  $\delta' = \delta'(\eta, M) > 0$  such that

$$\gamma - \frac{\eta}{2M} < \frac{H(s)}{G(s)} < \gamma + \frac{\eta}{2M}, s \in (0, \delta').$$

Note that  $a \in K$ , one may further choose a small enough  $\delta^* \in (0, \rho_1)$  such that  $a(\delta^*) < \delta'$ .

Hence, it can be deduced that

$$g(t) \geq \gamma h(t) + \eta > h(t) \left( \gamma + \frac{\eta}{2M} \right) > h(t) \frac{H(s)}{G(s)}$$

for all  $t \geq 0$  and  $s \in (0, a(\delta^*))$ .

For any  $\sigma \in [t_0, +\infty)_{T_q}$ , let  $x(t) = x(t; \sigma, \varphi)$  be a solution of (1.1) through  $(\sigma, \varphi)$ . For any given  $\varepsilon \in (0, \delta^*)$ ,

one may choose a  $\delta = \delta(\varepsilon) > 0$  such that  $b(\delta) < \beta^{-1} a(\varepsilon)$ , where  $\beta = \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} (1 + \beta_k)$ . Next we show that

$$\varphi \in PCB_{\delta}(\sigma)$$

Implies  $\|x(t)\| < \varepsilon$ ,  $t \in [\sigma, +\infty)_{T_q}$ . First, it is obvious that

$$a(\|x(t)\|) \leq V(t, x(t)) \leq b(\|x(t)\|) \leq b(\delta) < \beta^{-1} a(\varepsilon), t \in [\mu\sigma, +\infty)_{T_q}. \quad (3.4)$$

Suppose that  $\sigma \in [\tau_{m-1}, \tau_m)_{T_q}$  for some  $m \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ . Next we show that

$$V(t, x(t)) \leq \beta^{-1} a(\varepsilon), t \in [\sigma, \tau_m)_{T_q}. \quad (3.5)$$

If this assertion is not true, then there exists some  $t^* \in [\sigma, \tau_m)_{T_q}$  such that  $V(t^*, x(t^*)) > \beta^{-1} a(\varepsilon)$ , and

$V(t, x(t)) \leq \beta^{-1} a(\varepsilon)$ ,  $t \in [\sigma, t^*]_{T_q}$ , so  $\nabla_q V(t^*, x(t^*)) \geq 0$ . Then it follows from (3.4) that

$$P(V(t^*, x(t^*))) > V(t^*, x(t^*)) > \beta^{-1} a(\varepsilon) \geq V(s, x(s)), s \in [\mu t^*, t^*]_{T_q}. \quad (3.6)$$

Note that  $\varepsilon < \delta^* < \rho_1$  and by (i), it can be deduced that

$$a(\|x(t)\|) \leq V(t, x(t)) \leq \beta^{-1} a(\varepsilon) < a(\rho_1) < a(\rho), t \in [\mu t^*, t^*]_{T_q},$$

which implies that

$$\|x(t)\| < \rho_1 < \rho, t \in [\mu t^*, t^*]_{T_q}. \quad (3.7)$$

By (3.3), (3.6), (3.7) and the fact that  $\beta^{-1} a(\varepsilon) < a(\varepsilon) < a(\delta^*)$ , using (iii) we obtain

$$\nabla_q V(t^*, x(t^*)) \leq h(t^*) H(V(t^*, x(t^*))) - g(t^*) G(V(t^*, x(t^*)))$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq h(t^*)H(\beta^{-1}a(\varepsilon)) - g(t^*)G(\beta^{-1}a(\varepsilon)) \\ &= G(\beta^{-1}a(\varepsilon))\left[h(t^*)\frac{H(\beta^{-1}a(\varepsilon))}{G(\beta^{-1}a(\varepsilon))} - g(t^*)\right] < 0, \end{aligned}$$

which is a contradiction with  $\nabla_q V(t^*, x(t^*)) \geq 0$  and thus (3.5) holds.

Considering (3.4) and (3.5), it can be deduce that  $\|x(t)\| < \rho_1, t \in [\mu\tau_m, \tau_m]_{T_q}$ , i.e.,

$$x(t) \in PC([\mu\tau_m, \tau_m]_{T_q}, S(\rho_1)).$$

Then by (ii), we have

$$\begin{aligned} V(\tau_m, x(\tau_m)) &= V(\tau_m, I_m(x(\tau_m^-)) + J_m(x(\mu\tau_m^-))) \\ &\leq (1+\beta_m)V(\tau_m^-, x(\tau_m^-)) \leq \beta^{-1}(1+\beta_m)a(\varepsilon). \end{aligned}$$

By the same argument, we may prove that for  $t \in [\tau_m, \tau_{m+1}]_{T_q}$ ,

$$V(t, x(t)) \leq \beta^{-1}(1+\beta_m)a(\varepsilon).$$

By simple induction, we can prove that for  $t \in [\sigma, \tau_m]_{T_q} \cup [\tau_k, \tau_{k+1}]_{T_q}, k \geq m$ ,

$$V(t, x(t)) \leq \beta^{-1}(1+\beta_1)(1+\beta_2)\cdots(1+\beta_k)a(\varepsilon) \leq a(\varepsilon),$$

which implies that

$$a(\|x(t)\|) \leq V(t, x(t)) \leq a(\varepsilon), t \in [\sigma, \infty)_{T_q}.$$

So  $\|x(t)\| \leq \varepsilon, t \in [\sigma, \infty)_{T_q}$ . The proof of Theorem 3.2 is complete.

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