

RIEMANN-LIOUVILLE FRACTIONAL COSINE FUNCTIONS

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ABSTRACT. In this article, we present the notion of Riemann-Liouville fractional cosine function. we prove that a Riemann-Liouville α -order fractional cosine function is equivalent to the Riemann-Liouville α -order fractional resolvent introduced in [15].

1. INTRODUCTION

Let X be a Banach space, and $A : D(A) \subset X \rightarrow X$, $B : D(B) \subset X \rightarrow X$ be closed linear operators. It is well-known that C_0 -semigroups are important tools to study the abstract Cauchy problem of first order

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{du(t)}{dt} &= Au(t), \quad t > 0 \\ u(0) &= x, \end{aligned} \tag{1.1}$$

and that the cosine function essentially characterizes the abstract Cauchy problem of second order

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d^2u(t)}{dt^2} &= Bu(t), \quad t > 0 \\ u(0) &= x, u'(0) = 0. \end{aligned} \tag{1.2}$$

Here a C_0 -semigroup is a family $\{T(t)\}_{t \geq 0}$ of strongly continuous and bounded linear operators defined on X satisfying $T(0) = I$ and $T(t+s) = T(t)T(s)$, $t, s \geq 0$; a cosine function is a family $\{S(t)\}_{t \geq 0}$ of strongly continuous and bounded linear operators defined on X satisfying $S(0) = I$ and $2S(t)S(s) = S(t) + S(s)$, $t \geq s \geq 0$.

Concretely, system (1.1) is well-posed if and only if A generates a C_0 -semigroup $\{T(t)\}_{t \geq 0}$, namely, $Ax = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} t^{-1}(T(t)x - x)$ with domain $D(A) = \{x \in D(A) : \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} t^{-1}(T(t)x - x) \text{ exists}\}$; system (1.2) is well-posed if and only if B generates a cosine function $\{S(t)\}_{t \geq 0}$, namely, $Bx = 2 \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} t^{-2}(S(t)x - x)$ with domain $D(B) = \{x \in D(B) : \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} t^{-2}(S(t)x - x) \text{ exists}\}$. Therefore, pure algebraic methods can be used to study abstract Cauchy problems of first and second orders. For details, we refer to [5, 7].

However, equations of integer order such as (1.1) and (1.2) cannot exactly describe the behavior of many physical systems; fractional differential equations maybe more suitable for describing anomalous diffusion on fractals (physical objects of fractional dimension, like some amorphous semiconductors or strongly porous

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materials; see [1, 16] and the references therein), fractional random walk [6, 18], etc. Fractional derivatives appear in the theory of fractional differential equations; they describe the property of memory and heredity of materials, and it is the major advantage of fractional derivatives compared with integer order derivatives. Let $\alpha > 0$ and $m = [\alpha]$, The smallest integer larger than or equal to α . There are mainly two types of α -order fractional differential equations, which are most used in the real problems.

(1) Caputo fractional abstract Cauchy problem

$$\begin{aligned} {}^C D_t^\alpha u(t) &= Au(t), \quad t > 0, \\ u(0) = x, u^{(k)}(0) &= 0, \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, m-1. \end{aligned} \quad (1.3)$$

where ${}^C D_t^\alpha$ is the Caputo fractional differential operator defined as follows:

$${}^C D_t^\alpha u(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(m-\alpha)} \int_0^t (t-\sigma)^{-\alpha} u^{(m)}(\sigma) d\sigma;$$

(2) Riemann-Liouville fractional abstract Cauchy problem

$$\begin{aligned} D_t^\alpha u(t) &= Au(t), \\ (g_{2-\alpha} * u)(0) &= \lim_{s \rightarrow 0^+} \int_0^s \frac{(s-\sigma)^{m-1-\alpha}}{\Gamma(2-\alpha)} u(\sigma) d\sigma = x, \\ (g_{2-\alpha} * u)^{(k)}(0) &= \lim_{s \rightarrow 0^+} \int_0^s \frac{d^k}{dt^k} \frac{(s-\sigma)^{m-1-\alpha}}{\Gamma(m-\alpha)} u(\sigma) d\sigma = 0, \\ k &= 1, 2, \dots, m-1. \end{aligned} \quad (1.4)$$

where the Riemann-Liouville fractional differential operator is

$$D_t^\alpha u(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(m-\alpha)} \frac{d}{dt} \int_0^t (t-\sigma)^{m-1-\alpha} u(\sigma) d\sigma.$$

Obviously, (1.1) is just the limit state of equations (1.3) and (1.4) as $\alpha \rightarrow 1$, and (1.2) is just the limit state of equations (1.3) and (1.4) as $\alpha \rightarrow 2$. Initial conditions for the Caputo fractional derivatives are expressed in terms of initials of integer order derivatives [4, 14, 17]. For some real materials, initial conditions should be expressed in terms of Riemann-Liouville fractional derivatives, and it is possible to obtain initial values for such initial conditions by appropriate measurements [8, 9].

To study Caputo fractional abstract Cauchy problem (1.3), Bajlekova [2] introduced the important notion of solution operator for equations (1.3) as follows.

Definition 1.1. A family $\{T(t)\}_{t \geq 0}$ of bounded linear operators of X is called a solution operator for (1.3) if the following three conditions are satisfied:

- (a) $T(t)$ is strongly continuous for $t \geq 0$ and $T(0) = I$,
- (b) $T(t)D(A) \subset D(A)$ and $AT(t)x = T(t)Ax$ for all $x \in D(A)$ and $t \geq 0$,
- (c) for any $x \in D(A)$, it holds

$$T(t)x = x + J_t^\alpha T(t)Ax, \quad t \geq 0,$$

where

$$J_t^\alpha f(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^t (t-\sigma)^{\alpha-1} f(\sigma) d\sigma.$$

Chen and Li [3] developed a notion of α -resolvent operator function, which was proved to be a new characteristic of solution operator. Hence, Caputo fractional abstract Cauchy problem can be studied by pure algebraic methods. The definition of α -resolvent operator function is as follows.

Definition 1.2. Let $\{S(t)\}_{t \geq 0}$ be a family of bounded linear operators on X . Then $\{S(t)\}_{t \geq 0}$ is called to be an α -resolvent operator function, if the following assumptions are satisfied:

- (1) $S(t)$ is strongly continuous and $S(0) = I$.
- (2) $S(s)S(t) = S(t)S(s)$ for all $t, s \geq 0$.
- (3) $S(s)J_t^\alpha S(t) - J_s^\alpha S(s)S(t) = J_t^\alpha S(t) - J_s^\alpha S(s)$ for all $t, s \geq 0$.

Li and Peng [12] proposed the following notion of fractional resolvent to study Riemann-Liouville α -order fractional abstract Cauchy problem (1.4) with $\alpha \in (0, 1)$.

Definition 1.3 ([12]). Let $0 < \alpha < 1$. A family $\{T(t)\}_{t > 0}$ of bounded linear operators on Banach space X is called an α -order fractional resolvent if it satisfies the following assumptions:

- (1) for any $x \in X$, $T(\cdot)x \in C((0, \infty), X)$, and

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \Gamma(\alpha)t^{1-\alpha}T(t)x = x \quad \text{for all } x \in X; \quad (1.5)$$

- (2) $T(s)T(t) = T(t)T(s)$ for all $t, s > 0$;
- (3) for all $t, s > 0$, it holds

$$T(t)J_s^\alpha T(s) - J_t^\alpha T(t)T(s) = \frac{t^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)}J_s^\alpha T(s) - \frac{s^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)}J_t^\alpha T(t). \quad (1.6)$$

In [15], we studied the Riemann-Liouville α -order fractional Cauchy problem (1.4) with order $\alpha \in (1, 2)$. There Riemann-Liouville α -order fractional resolvent defined as follows.

Definition 1.4. A family $\{T(t)\}_{t > 0}$ of bounded linear operators is called Riemann-Liouville α -order fractional resolvent if it satisfies the following assumptions:

- (a) For any $x \in X$, $T_\alpha(\cdot)x \in C((0, \infty), X)$, and

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \Gamma(\alpha - 1)t^{2-\alpha}T(t)x = x \quad \text{for all } x \in X; \quad (1.7)$$

- (b) $T(s)T_\alpha(t) = T(t)T_\alpha(s)$ for all $t, s > 0$;
- (c) for all $t, s > 0$, it holds

$$T(s)J_t^\alpha T(t) - J_s^\alpha T(s)T(t) = \frac{s^{\alpha-2}}{\Gamma(\alpha - 1)}J_t^\alpha T(t) - \frac{t^{\alpha-2}}{\Gamma(\alpha - 1)}J_s^\alpha T(s). \quad (1.8)$$

The linear operator A defined by

$$Ax = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{t^{1-\alpha}T(t)x - \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)}x}{t^{2\alpha}},$$

$$\text{for } x \in D(A) = \left\{ x \in X : \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{t^{1-\alpha}T(t)x - \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)}x}{t^{2\alpha}} \text{ exists} \right\}.$$

Operator A generates a Riemann-Liouville α -order fractional resolvent $\{T(t)\}_{t > 0}$ in Definition 1.3.

Also, we proved that $\{T(t)\}_{t > 0}$ is a Riemann-Liouville α -order fractional resolvent if and only if it is a solution operator defined as follows.

Definition 1.5. A family $\{T(t)\}_{t>0}$ of bounded linear operators of X is called a solution operator for (1.4) if the following three conditions are satisfied:

- (a) $T(t)$ is strongly continuous for $t > 0$ and $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \Gamma(\alpha - 1)t^{2-\alpha}T(t)x = x$, $x \in X$,
- (b) $T(t)D(A) \subset D(A)$ and $AT(t)x = T(t)Ax$ for all $x \in D(A)$ and $t > 0$,
- (c) for any $x \in D(A)$, it holds

$$T(t)x = \frac{t^{1-\alpha}}{\Gamma(2-\alpha)}x + J_t^\alpha T(t)Ax, \quad t > 0.$$

However, the above functional equations for fractional differential equations are not expressed in terms of the sum of time variables: $s + t$. This is very important in concrete applications of the functional equation, just like C_0 -semigroups, cosine functions. Motivated by this, Peng and Li [17] established the characterization of α -order fractional semigroup with $\alpha \in (0, 1)$:

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^{t+s} \frac{T(\tau)}{(t+s-\tau)^\alpha} d\tau - \int_0^t \frac{T(\tau)}{(t+s-\tau)^\alpha} d\tau - \int_0^s \frac{T(\tau)}{(t+s-\tau)^\alpha} d\tau \\ &= \alpha \int_0^t \int_0^s \frac{T(r_1)T(r_2)}{(t+s-r_1-r_2)^{1+\alpha}} dr_1 dr_2, \quad t, s \geq 0, \end{aligned}$$

where the integrals are in the sense of strong operator topology. Concretely, they proved that α -order fractional semigroup is closely related to the solution operator of Caputo fractional abstract Cauchy problem (1.3).

Mei, Peng and Zhang [13] developed the notion of Riemann-Liouville fractional semigroup as follows.

Definition 1.6. A family $\{T(t)\}_{t>0}$ of bounded linear operators is called Riemann-Liouville α -order fractional semigroup on Banach space X , if the following conditions are satisfied:

- (i) for any $x \in X$, $t \mapsto T(t)x$ is continuous over $(0, \infty)$ and

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \Gamma(\alpha)t^{1-\alpha}T(t)x = x; \quad (1.9)$$

- (ii) for all $t, s > 0$, it holds

$$\Gamma(1-\alpha)T(t+s) = \alpha \int_0^t \int_0^s \frac{T(r_1)T(r_2)}{(t+s-r_1-r_2)^{1+\alpha}} dr_1 dr_2, \quad (1.10)$$

where the integrals are in the sense of strong operator topology.

It is proved in [13] that A generates a Riemann-Liouville fractional semigroup if and only if it generates a fractional resolvent developed in [11].

To study Caputo fractional Cauchy problem of order $\alpha \in (1, 2)$, we recently studied in [14] the notion of fractional cosine function as follows.

Definition 1.7. A family $\{T(t)\}_{t \geq 0}$ of bounded and strongly continuous operators is called an α -fractional cosine function if $T(0) = I$ and it holds

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^{t+s} \int_0^\sigma \frac{T(\tau)}{(t+s-\sigma)^{\alpha-1}} d\tau d\sigma - \int_0^t \int_0^\sigma \frac{T(\tau)}{(t+s-\sigma)^{\alpha-1}} d\tau d\sigma \\ & - \int_0^s \int_0^\sigma \frac{T(\tau)}{(t+s-\sigma)^{\alpha-1}} d\tau d\sigma \\ & = \int_0^t \int_0^s \frac{T(\sigma)T(\tau)}{(t-\sigma)^{\alpha-1}} d\tau d\sigma + \int_0^t \int_0^s \frac{T(\sigma)T(\tau)}{(s-\tau)^{\alpha-1}} d\tau d\sigma \\ & - \int_0^t \int_0^s \frac{T(\sigma)T(\tau)}{(t+s-\sigma-\tau)^{\alpha-1}} d\tau d\sigma, \quad t, s \geq 0, \end{aligned} \quad (1.11)$$

where the integrals are in the sense of strong operator topology.

There, we proved that A generates a fractional cosine function $\{T(t)\}_{t \geq 0}$ if and only if it generates an α -resolvent operator function; that is, the following equalities hold:

$$T(s)J_t^\alpha T(t) - J_s^\alpha T(s)T(t) = J_t^\alpha T(t) - J_s^\alpha T(s), \quad t, s \geq 0.$$

As stated above, functional equations involving t , s and $t+s$ have been discussed for Caputo fractional differential equations (1.3) with $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ and $\alpha \in (1, 2)$, Riemann-Liouville fractional equation (1.4) with $\alpha \in (0, 1)$. To close the gap, we will discuss the residual case, that is, functional equations involving t , s and $t+s$ for Riemann-Liouville fractional equation (1.4) with $\alpha \in (1, 2)$. To this end, we first consider the special case that $T(\cdot)$ is exponentially bounded (hence it is Laplace transformable). Take laplace transform on both sides of (1.6) with respect to s and t to obtain

$$(\lambda^{-\alpha} - \mu^{-\alpha})\hat{T}(\mu)\hat{T}(\lambda) = \lambda^{1-\alpha}\mu^{1-\alpha}(\lambda^{-1}\hat{T}(\lambda) - \mu^{-1}\hat{T}(\mu)). \quad (1.12)$$

It follows from [14, (3.8)] that the Laplace transform of the right-hand side of (1.10) satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^\infty e^{-\mu t} \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda s} \left(\int_0^t \int_0^s \frac{T(\sigma)T(\tau)}{(t-\sigma)^{\alpha-1}} d\tau d\sigma + \int_0^t \int_0^s \frac{T(\sigma)T(\tau)}{(s-\tau)^{\alpha-1}} d\tau d\sigma \right. \\ & \left. - \int_0^t \int_0^s \frac{T(\sigma)T(\tau)}{(t+s-\sigma-\tau)^{\alpha-1}} d\tau d\sigma \right) ds dt \\ & = \frac{\Gamma(2-\alpha)(\lambda^\alpha - \mu^\alpha)}{\lambda\mu(\lambda-\mu)} \hat{T}(\mu)\hat{T}(\lambda). \end{aligned} \quad (1.13)$$

The combination of (1.12) and (1.13) implies

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^\infty e^{-\mu t} \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda s} \left(\int_0^t \int_0^s \frac{T(\sigma)T(\tau)}{(t-\sigma)^{\alpha-1}} d\tau d\sigma + \int_0^t \int_0^s \frac{T(\sigma)T(\tau)}{(s-\tau)^{\alpha-1}} d\tau d\sigma \right. \\ & \left. - \int_0^t \int_0^s \frac{T(\sigma)T(\tau)}{(t+s-\sigma-\tau)^{\alpha-1}} d\tau d\sigma \right) ds dt \\ & = \frac{\Gamma(2-\alpha)(\lambda^{-1}\hat{T}(\lambda) - \mu^{-1}\hat{T}(\mu))}{\mu - \lambda}. \end{aligned}$$

Let $m(t) = \int_0^t T(\sigma) d\sigma$, by similar proof of [10, (4.2)], it holds

$$\int_0^\infty e^{-\mu t} \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda s} m(t+s) ds dt = \frac{\hat{m}(\mu) - \hat{m}(\lambda)}{\lambda - \mu} = \frac{\lambda^{-1}\hat{T}(\lambda) - \mu^{-1}\hat{T}(\mu)}{\mu - \lambda}.$$

By the Laplace transform, it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} & \Gamma(2 - \alpha) \int_0^{t+s} T(\sigma) d\sigma \\ &= \int_0^t \int_0^s \frac{T(\sigma)T(\tau)}{(t - \sigma)^{\alpha-1}} d\tau d\sigma + \int_0^t \int_0^s \frac{T(\sigma)T(\tau)}{(s - \tau)^{\alpha-1}} d\tau d\sigma \\ & \quad - \int_0^t \int_0^s \frac{T(\sigma)T(\tau)}{(t + s - \sigma - \tau)^{\alpha-1}} d\tau d\sigma, \end{aligned} \quad (1.14)$$

In the following two sections, we show that (1.14) also holds without the assumption that $\{T(t)\}_{t>0}$ is exponentially bounded and it essentially describes a Riemann-Liouville fractional resolvent.

2. RIEMANN-LIOUVILLE FRACTIONAL COSINE FUNCTION

Equality (1.6) is an important functional equation for the solution of (1.4) with $\alpha \in (1, 2)$. However, as stated in the introduction, (1.6) does not write the functional equation in terms of the sum of time variables: $s + t$. This is very important in concrete applications of the algebraic functional equation. Therefore, it is very valuable to study functional equation (1.14), which appears in the following definitions.

Definition 2.1. A family $\{T(t)\}_{t>0}$ of bounded linear operators is called Riemann-Liouville α -order fractional cosine function on a Banach space X , if the following conditions are satisfied:

- (i) $T(t)$ is strongly continuous, that is, for any $x \in X$, the mapping $t \mapsto T(t)x$ is continuous over $(0, \infty)$;
- (ii) it holds

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} t^{2-\alpha} T(t)x = \frac{x}{\Gamma(\alpha - 1)} \quad \text{for all } x \in X; \quad (2.1)$$

- (iii) for all $t, s > 0$, it holds

$$\begin{aligned} & \Gamma(2 - \alpha) \int_0^{t+s} T(\sigma) d\sigma \\ &= \int_0^t \int_0^s \frac{T(\sigma)T(\tau)}{(t - \sigma)^{\alpha-1}} d\tau d\sigma + \int_0^t \int_0^s \frac{T(\sigma)T(\tau)}{(s - \tau)^{\alpha-1}} d\tau d\sigma \\ & \quad - \int_0^t \int_0^s \frac{T(\sigma)T(\tau)}{(t + s - \sigma - \tau)^{\alpha-1}} d\tau d\sigma, \end{aligned} \quad (2.2)$$

where the integrals are in the sense of strong operator topology.

Lemma 2.2. Let $\{T(t)\}_{t>0}$ be a Riemann-Liouville α -order fractional cosine on Banach space X . Then $\{T(t)\}_{t>0}$ is commutative, i.e. $T(t)T(s) = T(s)T(t)$ for all $t, s > 0$.

Proof. Observe that the left-hand side of (2.2) is symmetric with respect to t and s . Hence we can obtain the equality

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^t \int_0^s \frac{T(\sigma)T(\tau)}{(t - \sigma)^{\alpha-1}} d\tau d\sigma + \int_0^t \int_0^s \frac{T(\sigma)T(\tau)}{(s - \tau)^{\alpha-1}} d\tau d\sigma \\ & \quad - \int_0^t \int_0^s \frac{T(\sigma)T(\tau)}{(t + s - \sigma - \tau)^{\alpha-1}} d\tau d\sigma \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \int_0^s \int_0^t \frac{T(\sigma)T(\tau)}{(s-\sigma)^{\alpha-1}} d\tau d\sigma + \int_0^s \int_0^t \frac{T(\sigma)T(\tau)}{(t-\tau)^{\alpha-1}} d\tau d\sigma \\
&\quad - \int_0^s \int_0^t \frac{T(\sigma)T(\tau)}{(t+s-\sigma-\tau)^{\alpha-1}} d\tau d\sigma, \quad t, s > 0.
\end{aligned}$$

The commutative property is proved as in [13, Proposition 3.4]. \square

Definition 2.3. Let $\{T(t)\}_{t>0}$ be a Riemann-Liouville α -order fractional cosine function on Banach space X . Denote by $D(A)$ the set of all $x \in X$ such that the limit

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \Gamma(\alpha + 1)t^{-\alpha} J_t^{2-\alpha} \left(T(t)x - \frac{t^{\alpha-2}}{\Gamma(\alpha-1)}x \right)$$

exists. Then the operator $A : D(A) \rightarrow X$ defined by

$$Ax = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \Gamma(\alpha + 1)t^{-\alpha} J_t^{2-\alpha} \left(T(t)x - \frac{t^{\alpha-2}}{\Gamma(\alpha-1)}x \right)$$

is called the generator of $\{T(t)\}_{t>0}$.

Proposition 2.4. Assume $\{T(t)\}_{t>0}$ is a Riemann-Liouville α -order fractional cosine function on Banach space X . Suppose that A is the generator of $\{T(t)\}_{t>0}$. Then

(a) For any $x \in X$ and $t > 0$, it holds $J_t^\alpha T(t)x \in D(A)$ and

$$T(t)x = \frac{t^{\alpha-2}}{\Gamma(\alpha-1)}x + AJ_t^\alpha T(t)x; \quad (2.3)$$

(b) $T(t)D(A) \subset D(A)$ and $T(t)Ax = AT(t)x$, for all $x \in D(A)$.

(c) For all $x \in D(A)$, we have

$$T(t)x = \frac{t^{\alpha-2}}{\Gamma(\alpha-1)}x + J_t^\alpha T(t)Ax;$$

(d) A is equivalently defined by

$$Ax = \Gamma(2\alpha - 1) \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{T(t)x - \frac{t^{\alpha-2}}{\Gamma(\alpha-1)}x}{t^{2\alpha-2}} \quad (2.4)$$

and $D(A)$ is just consists of those $x \in X$ such that the above limit exists.

(e) A is closed and densely defined.

(f) A admits at most one Riemann-Liouville α -order fractional cosine function.

Proof. (a) Let $x \in X$ and $b > 0$ be fixed. Denote by $g_b(\cdot)$ the truncation of $T(\cdot)$ at b ; that is,

$$g_b(\sigma) = \begin{cases} T(\sigma), & \text{if } 0 < \sigma \leq b \\ 0, & \text{if } \sigma > b. \end{cases}$$

Define the function $H_b(r, s)$ for $r, s > 0$ by

$$H_b(r, s) = \left(g_b(r) - \frac{r^{\alpha-2}}{\Gamma(\alpha-1)}I \right) J_s^\alpha g_b(s)x. \quad (2.5)$$

Obviously, for $0 < r \leq t$,

$$H_t(r, t) = \left(T(r) - \frac{r^{\alpha-2}}{\Gamma(\alpha-1)}I \right) J_t^\alpha T(t)x. \quad (2.6)$$

Take Laplace transform with respect to r and s successively for both sides of (2.5) to obtain

$$\hat{H}_b(\mu, \lambda) = \lambda^{-\alpha} \hat{g}_b(\mu) \hat{g}_b(\lambda) x - \lambda^{-\alpha} \mu^{1-\alpha} \hat{g}_b(\lambda) x. \quad (2.7)$$

Denote by $L(t, s)$ and $R(t, s)$ the left and right sides of (2.2), respectively. Moreover, denote by $R_b(t, s)$, and $L_b(t, s)$ the quantities resulted by replacing $T(t)$ with $g_b(t)$ in $R(t, s)$, $L(t, s)$, respectively.

It follows from [14, (3.7)] that the Laplace transform of $R_b(t, s)$ with respect to t and s is given by

$$\hat{R}_b(\mu, \lambda) = \frac{\Gamma(2-\alpha)(\lambda^\alpha - \mu^\alpha)}{\lambda\mu(\lambda - \mu)} \hat{g}_b(\mu) \hat{g}_b(\lambda). \quad (2.8)$$

For all $t > 0$, the Laplace transform of $\hat{L}_b(t, s)$ with respect to s and t can be obtained as

$$\hat{L}_b(\mu, \lambda) = \Gamma(2-\alpha) \frac{\lambda^{-1} \hat{g}_b(\lambda) - \mu^{-1} \hat{g}_b(\mu)}{\mu - \lambda}. \quad (2.9)$$

Combine (2.7), (2.8) and (2.9) to derive

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{H}_b(\mu, \lambda) &= \mu^{-\alpha} \hat{g}_b(\mu) \hat{g}_b(\lambda) x - \mu^{-\alpha} \lambda^{1-\alpha} \hat{g}_b(\mu) x \\ &\quad + \frac{\lambda^{1-\alpha} \mu^{1-\alpha} (\lambda - \mu)}{\Gamma(2-\alpha)} (\hat{L}_b(\mu, \lambda) - \hat{R}_b(\mu, \lambda)) x. \end{aligned}$$

Take inverse Laplace transform to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} H_b(r, s) &= \left(g_b(s) - \frac{s^{\alpha-2}}{\Gamma(\alpha-1)} I \right) J_r^\alpha g_b(r) x \\ &\quad + \frac{[(D_s^{2-\alpha}) J_r^{\alpha-1} - (D_r^{2-\alpha}) J_s^{\alpha-1}] \cdot [L_b(r, s) - R_b(r, s)] x}{\Gamma(2-\alpha)}. \end{aligned}$$

Here the Laplace transform formula

$$\widehat{D_b^\beta f}(\lambda) = \lambda^\beta \hat{f}(\lambda) - \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} J_t^{\alpha-1} f(t), \quad 0 < \beta < 1, f \in C([0, \infty), X)$$

is used.

From the definition of g_b , it follows that $L_b(r, s) = R_b(r, s)$ for $0 < s, r \leq b$. Then we have

$$H_b(r, s) = \left(T(s) - \frac{s^{\alpha-2}}{\Gamma(\alpha-1)} I \right) J_r^\alpha T(r) x, \quad \forall 0 < r, s \leq b.$$

This implies

$$H_t(r, t) = \left(T(t) - \frac{t^{\alpha-2}}{\Gamma(\alpha-1)} I \right) J_r^\alpha T(r) x, \quad \forall 0 < r \leq t. \quad (2.10)$$

Combining (2.6) with (2.10), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} &\lim_{r \rightarrow 0^+} \Gamma(\alpha+1) r^{-\alpha} J_r^{2-\alpha} \left(T(r) - \frac{r^{\alpha-2}}{\Gamma(\alpha-1)} I \right) J_t^\alpha T(t) x \\ &= \lim_{r \rightarrow 0^+} \Gamma(\alpha+1) r^{-\alpha} \left(T(t) - \frac{t^{\alpha-2}}{\Gamma(\alpha-1)} I \right) J_r^2 T(r) x \\ &= \Gamma(\alpha+1) \left(T(t) - \frac{t^{\alpha-2}}{\Gamma(\alpha-1)} I \right) \lim_{r \rightarrow 0^+} r^{-\alpha} \int_0^r (r-\sigma) T(\sigma) x d\sigma \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \Gamma(\alpha + 1) \left(T(t) - \frac{t^{\alpha-2}}{\Gamma(\alpha - 1)} I \right) \\
&\quad \times \lim_{r \rightarrow 0^+} \int_0^1 (1 - \sigma) \sigma^{\alpha-2} (r\sigma)^{2-\alpha} T(r\sigma) x \, d\sigma.
\end{aligned}$$

By the dominated convergence theorem and (b) of Definition 2.1, it follows that

$$\begin{aligned}
&\lim_{r \rightarrow 0^+} \Gamma(\alpha + 1) r^{-\alpha} J_r^{2-\alpha} \left(T(r) - \frac{r^{\alpha-2}}{\Gamma(\alpha - 1)} \right) J_t^\alpha T(t) x \\
&= \Gamma(\alpha + 1) \left(T(t) - \frac{t^{\alpha-2}}{\Gamma(\alpha - 1)} I \right) \int_0^1 (1 - \sigma) \sigma^{\alpha-2} \lim_{r \rightarrow 0^+} (r\sigma)^{2-\alpha} T(r\sigma) x \, d\sigma \\
&= \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + 1)}{\Gamma(\alpha - 1)} \left(T(t) - \frac{t^{\alpha-2}}{\Gamma(\alpha - 1)} I \right) \int_0^1 (1 - \sigma) \sigma^{\alpha-2} d\sigma x \\
&= \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + 1)}{\Gamma(\alpha - 1)} \left(T(t) - \frac{t^{\alpha-2}}{\Gamma(\alpha - 1)} I \right) \frac{\Gamma(\alpha - 1) \Gamma(2)}{\Gamma(\alpha + 1)} x \\
&= T(t) x - \frac{t^{\alpha-2}}{\Gamma(\alpha - 1)} x.
\end{aligned}$$

This implies that $J_t^\alpha T(t) x \in D(A)$ and

$$A J_t^\alpha T(t) x = T(t) x - \frac{t^{\alpha-2}}{\Gamma(\alpha - 1)} x.$$

Conditions (b) and (c) are directly obtained by Lemma 2.2 and (a).

(d) Denote by D the set of those $x \in X$ such that the limit

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{T(t) x - \frac{t^{\alpha-2}}{\Gamma(\alpha-1)} x}{t^{2\alpha-2}}$$

exists. Let $x \in D(A)$. Then, by (b), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
&\Gamma(2\alpha - 1) \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{T(t) x - \frac{t^{\alpha-2}}{\Gamma(\alpha-1)} x}{t^{2\alpha-2}} \\
&= \Gamma(2\alpha - 1) \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{J_t^\alpha T(t) A x}{t^{2\alpha-2}} \\
&= \frac{\Gamma(2\alpha - 1)}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1}{t^{2\alpha-2}} \int_0^t (t - \sigma)^{\alpha-1} T(\sigma) A x \, d\sigma \\
&= \frac{\Gamma(2\alpha - 1)}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \int_0^1 (1 - \sigma)^{\alpha-1} \sigma^{\alpha-2} (t\sigma)^{2-\alpha} T(t\sigma) A x \, d\sigma.
\end{aligned}$$

The dominated convergence theorem and (b) of Definition 2.1 indicate that

$$\begin{aligned}
&\Gamma(2\alpha - 1) \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{T(t) x - \frac{t^{\alpha-2}}{\Gamma(\alpha-1)} x}{t^{2\alpha-2}} \\
&= \frac{\Gamma(2\alpha - 1)}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^1 (1 - \sigma)^{\alpha-1} \sigma^{\alpha-2} \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} (t\sigma)^{2-\alpha} T(t\sigma) A x \, d\sigma \\
&= \frac{\Gamma(2\alpha - 1)}{\Gamma(\alpha - 1) \Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^1 (1 - \sigma)^{\alpha-1} \sigma^{\alpha-2} A x \, d\sigma \\
&= \frac{\Gamma(2\alpha - 1)}{\Gamma(\alpha - 1) \Gamma(\alpha)} \frac{\Gamma(\alpha - 1) \Gamma(\alpha)}{\Gamma(2\alpha - 1)} A x = A x.
\end{aligned}$$

This implies that $x \in D$ and then $D(A) \subset D$. Now we prove the converse inclusion. Let $x \in D$, that is, the limit

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{T(t)x - \frac{t^{\alpha-2}}{\Gamma(\alpha-1)}x}{t^{2\alpha-2}}.$$

exists. By the dominated convergence theorem, it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \Gamma(\alpha+1)t^{-\alpha} J_t^{2-\alpha} \left(T(t)x - \frac{t^{\alpha-2}}{\Gamma(\alpha-1)}x \right) \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}{\Gamma(2-\alpha)} \int_0^1 (1-\sigma)^{1-\alpha} \sigma^{2\alpha-2} \frac{T(t\sigma)x - \frac{(t\sigma)^{\alpha-2}}{\Gamma(\alpha-1)}x}{(t\sigma)^{2\alpha-2}} d\sigma \\ &= \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}{\Gamma(2-\alpha)} \int_0^1 (1-\sigma)^{1-\alpha} \sigma^{2\alpha-2} \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{T(t\sigma)x - \frac{(t\sigma)^{\alpha-2}}{\Gamma(\alpha-1)}x}{(t\sigma)^{2\alpha-2}} d\sigma \\ &= \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}{\Gamma(2-\alpha)} \frac{\Gamma(2-\alpha)\Gamma(2\alpha-1)}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{T(t)x - \frac{t^{\alpha-2}}{\Gamma(\alpha-1)}x}{t^{2\alpha-2}}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, $x \in D(A)$ and

$$Ax = \Gamma(2\alpha-1) \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{T(t)x - \frac{t^{\alpha-2}}{\Gamma(\alpha-1)}x}{t^{2\alpha-2}}. \quad (2.11)$$

(e) The properties that A is closed and densely defined are followed directly from the combination of (d) and [12].

(f) Assume that both $\{T(t)\}_{t>0}$ and $\{S(t)\}_{t>0}$ are Riemann-Liouville α -order fractional resolvent generated by A . Then, by (c), for all $x \in D(A)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{t^{\alpha-2}}{\Gamma(\alpha-1)} * T(t)x &= (S(t) - J_t^\alpha AS(t)) * T(t)x \\ &= S(t) * T(t)x - (J_t^\alpha AS(t)) * T(t)x \\ &= S(t) * (T(t)x - J_t^\alpha AT(t)x) \\ &= \frac{t^{\alpha-2}}{\Gamma(\alpha-1)} * S(t)x. \end{aligned}$$

By Titchmarsh's Theorem, for any $t > 0$, $T(t) = S(t)$ on $D(A)$. The result is obtained by the density of A . \square

Corollary 2.5. *Assume that A generates a Riemann-Liouville α -order fractional cosine function on Banach space X . Then $\{T(t)\}_{t>0}$ is a Riemann-Liouville α -order fractional resolvent.*

Proof. In (a) of Theorem 2.4, replacing x with $J_s^\alpha T(s)x$, and using Lemma 2.2, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} T(t)J_s^\alpha T(s)x &= \frac{t^{\alpha-2}}{\Gamma(\alpha-1)} J_s^\alpha T(s)x + AJ_t^\alpha T(t)J_s^\alpha T(s)x \\ &= \frac{t^{\alpha-2}}{\Gamma(\alpha-1)} J_s^\alpha T(s)x + AJ_s^\alpha T(s)J_t^\alpha T(t)x \\ &= \frac{t^{\alpha-2}}{\Gamma(\alpha-1)} J_s^\alpha T(s)x + \left(T(s) - \frac{t^{\alpha-2}}{\Gamma(\alpha-1)} \right) J_t^\alpha T(t)x, \end{aligned}$$

which is just (1.6). The proof is complete. \square

3. EQUIVALENCE OF RIEMANN-LIOUVILLE FRACTIONAL RESOLVENT

In this section, we prove that equality (1.6) essentially describes a Riemann-Liouville α -order fractional cosine function.

Theorem 3.1. *Suppose that $\{T(t)\}_{t>0}$ is a Riemann-Liouville α -order fractional resolvent on Banach space X . Then, the family is a Riemann-Liouville α -order fractional cosine function.*

Proof. Denote by $L(t, s)$ and $R(t, s)$ the left and right sides of equality (2.2), respectively. Obviously, we need to prove that $L(t, s) = R(t, s)$ for all $t, s > 0$. For brevity, we introduce the following notation. Let

$$H(t, s) = T(t)J_s^\alpha T(s) - J_t^\alpha T(t)T(s),$$

$$K(t, s) = \frac{t^{\alpha-2}}{\Gamma(\alpha-1)} J_s^\alpha T(s) - \frac{s^{\alpha-2}}{\Gamma(\alpha-1)} J_t^\alpha T(t), t, s > 0.$$

Moreover, for sufficiently large $b > 0$ denote by $g_b(t)$ the truncation of $T(t)$ at b , and by $R_b(t, s)$, $L_b(t, s)$, $H_b(t, s)$ and $K_b(t, s)$ the quantities resulted by replacing $T(t)$ with $g_b(t)$ in $R(t, s)$, $L(t, s)$, $H(t, s)$ and $K(t, s)$, respectively.

We set

$$P_b(t, s) = \int_0^t \int_0^s \frac{H_b(\sigma, \tau)}{(t-\sigma)^{\alpha-1}} d\tau d\sigma + \int_0^t \int_0^s \frac{H_b(\sigma, \tau)}{(s-\tau)^{\alpha-1}} d\tau d\sigma$$

$$- \int_0^t \int_0^s \frac{H_b(\sigma, \tau)}{(t+s-\sigma-\tau)^{\alpha-1}} d\tau d\sigma$$

and

$$Q_b(t, s) = \int_0^t \int_0^s \frac{K_b(\sigma, \tau)}{(t-\sigma)^{\alpha-1}} d\tau d\sigma + \int_0^t \int_0^s \frac{K_b(\sigma, \tau)}{(s-\tau)^{\alpha-1}} d\tau d\sigma$$

$$- \int_0^t \int_0^s \frac{K_b(\sigma, \tau)}{(t+s-\sigma-\tau)^{\alpha-1}} d\tau d\sigma. \quad (3.1)$$

Observe that the equality (1.6) implies $H(t, s) = K(t, s)$ for any $t, s > 0$. Thus, for all $t, s > 0$,

$$\lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} P_b(t, s) = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} Q_b(t, s). \quad (3.2)$$

By [14, (3.13)], it follows that

$$P_b(t, s) = (J_s^\alpha - J_t^\alpha)R_b(t, s), \quad \forall t, s > 0. \quad (3.3)$$

We now compute Laplace transform of the first term of $Q_b(t, s)$ with respect to s and t as follows,

$$\int_0^\infty e^{-\mu t} \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda s} \int_0^t \int_0^s \frac{K_b(\sigma, \tau)}{(t-\sigma)^{\alpha-1}} d\tau d\sigma ds dt$$

$$= \int_0^\infty e^{-\mu t} \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda s} \int_0^t \int_0^s \frac{\frac{\sigma^{\alpha-2}}{\Gamma(\alpha-1)} J_\tau^\alpha g_b(\tau) - \frac{\tau^{\alpha-2}}{\Gamma(\alpha-1)} J_\sigma^\alpha g_b(\sigma)}{(t-\sigma)^{\alpha-1}} d\tau d\sigma ds dt$$

$$= \int_0^\infty e^{-\mu t} \int_0^t \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda s} \int_0^s \frac{\frac{\sigma^{\alpha-2}}{\Gamma(\alpha-1)} J_\tau^\alpha g_b(\tau) - \frac{\tau^{\alpha-2}}{\Gamma(\alpha-1)} J_\sigma^\alpha g_b(\sigma)}{(t-\sigma)^{\alpha-1}} d\tau ds d\sigma dt$$

$$= \int_0^\infty e^{-\mu t} \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda s} \int_0^t \int_0^s \frac{\frac{\sigma^{\alpha-2}}{\Gamma(\alpha-1)} J_\tau^\alpha g_b(\tau) - \frac{\tau^{\alpha-2}}{\Gamma(\alpha-1)} J_\sigma^\alpha g_b(\sigma)}{(t-\sigma)^{\alpha-1}} d\tau d\sigma ds dt$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \int_0^\infty e^{-\mu t} \int_0^t \frac{\sigma^{\alpha-2}}{\Gamma(\alpha-1)} \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda s} \int_0^s J_\tau^\alpha g_b(\tau) d\tau ds d\sigma dt \\
&- \int_0^\infty e^{-\mu t} \int_0^t \frac{J_\sigma^\alpha g_b(\sigma)}{(t-\sigma)^{\alpha-1}} \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda s} \int_0^s \frac{\tau^{\alpha-2}}{\Gamma(\alpha-1)} d\tau ds d\sigma dt \\
&= \Gamma(2-\alpha)\mu^{-1}\lambda^{-\alpha-1}\hat{g}_b(\lambda) - \Gamma(2-\alpha)\mu^{-2}\lambda^{-\alpha}\hat{g}_b(\mu),
\end{aligned}$$

The Laplace transform of the second term of $Q_b(t, s)$ with respect to s and t is computed as follows

$$\begin{aligned}
&\int_0^\infty e^{-\mu t} \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda s} \int_0^t \int_0^s \frac{K_b(\sigma, \tau)}{(s-\tau)^{\alpha-1}} d\tau d\sigma ds dt \\
&= \int_0^\infty e^{-\mu t} \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda s} \int_0^t \int_0^s \frac{\frac{\sigma^{\alpha-2}}{\Gamma(\alpha-1)} J_\tau^\alpha g_b(\tau) - \frac{\tau^{\alpha-2}}{\Gamma(\alpha-1)} J_\sigma^\alpha g_b(\sigma)}{(s-\tau)^{\alpha-1}} d\tau d\sigma ds dt \\
&= \int_0^\infty e^{-\mu t} \int_0^t \frac{\sigma^{\alpha-2}}{\Gamma(\alpha-1)} \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda s} \int_0^s \frac{J_\tau^\alpha g_b(\tau)}{(s-\tau)^{\alpha-1}} d\tau ds d\sigma dt \\
&- \int_0^\infty e^{-\mu t} \int_0^t J_\sigma^\alpha g_b(\sigma) \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda s} \int_0^s \frac{\tau^{\alpha-2}}{\Gamma(\alpha-1)} d\tau ds d\sigma dt \\
&= \Gamma(2-\alpha)\mu^{-\alpha}\lambda^{-2}\hat{g}_b(\lambda) - \Gamma(2-\alpha)\lambda^{-1}\mu^{-\alpha-1}\hat{g}_b(\mu).
\end{aligned}$$

We compute the Laplace transform of the third term of $Q_b(t, s)$ with respect to s and t as follows.

$$\begin{aligned}
&- \int_0^\infty e^{-\mu t} \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda s} \int_0^t \int_0^s \frac{K_b(\sigma, \tau)}{(t+s-\sigma-\tau)^{\alpha-1}} d\tau d\sigma ds dt \\
&= - \int_0^\infty e^{-\mu t} \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda s} \int_0^t \int_0^s \frac{\frac{\sigma^{\alpha-2}}{\Gamma(\alpha-1)} J_\tau^\alpha g_b(\tau) - \frac{\tau^{\alpha-2}}{\Gamma(\alpha-1)} J_\sigma^\alpha g_b(\sigma)}{(t+s-\sigma-\tau)^{\alpha-1}} d\tau d\sigma ds dt \\
&= - \int_0^\infty e^{-\mu t} \int_0^t \frac{\sigma^{\alpha-2}}{\Gamma(\alpha-1)} \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda s} \int_0^s \frac{J_\tau^\alpha g_b(\tau)}{(t+s-\sigma-\tau)^{\alpha-1}} d\tau ds d\sigma dt \\
&+ \int_0^\infty e^{-\mu t} \int_0^t J_\sigma^\alpha g_b(\sigma) \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda s} \int_0^s \frac{\tau^{\alpha-2}}{(t+s-\sigma-\tau)^{\alpha-1}} d\tau ds d\sigma dt \\
&= - \int_0^\infty e^{-\mu t} \int_0^t \frac{\sigma^{\alpha-2}}{\Gamma(\alpha-1)} \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda s} \frac{1}{(t+s-\sigma)^{\alpha-1}} ds d\sigma dt \lambda^{-\alpha} g_b(\lambda) \\
&+ \lambda^{1-\alpha} \int_0^\infty e^{-\mu t} \int_0^t J_\sigma^\alpha g_b(\sigma) \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda s} \frac{1}{(t+s-\sigma)^{\alpha-1}} ds d\sigma dt \\
&= - \int_0^\infty e^{-\mu t} \int_0^t \frac{\sigma^{\alpha-2}}{\Gamma(\alpha-1)} e^{\lambda(t-\sigma)} \\
&\quad \times \left(\int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda r} r^{1-\alpha} dr - \int_0^{t-\sigma} e^{-\lambda r} r^{1-\alpha} dr \right) d\sigma dt \lambda^{-\alpha} g_b(\lambda) \\
&+ \lambda^{1-\alpha} \int_0^\infty e^{-\mu t} \int_0^t J_\sigma^\alpha g_b(\sigma) e^{\lambda(t-\sigma)} \\
&\quad \times \left(\int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda r} r^{1-\alpha} dr - \int_0^{t-\sigma} e^{-\lambda r} r^{1-\alpha} dr \right) d\sigma dt
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= -\Gamma(2-\alpha)\lambda^{\alpha-2} \int_0^\infty e^{-\mu t} \int_0^t \frac{\sigma^{\alpha-2}}{\Gamma(\alpha-1)} e^{\lambda(t-\sigma)} d\sigma dt \lambda^{-\alpha} g_b(\lambda) \\
&\quad + \int_0^\infty e^{-\mu t} \int_0^t \frac{\sigma^{\alpha-2}}{\Gamma(\alpha-1)} \int_0^{t-\sigma} e^{\lambda(t-\sigma-r)} r^{1-\alpha} dr d\sigma dt \lambda^{-\alpha} g_b(\lambda) \\
&\quad + \Gamma(2-\alpha)\lambda^{\alpha-2} \lambda^{1-\alpha} \int_0^\infty e^{-\mu t} \int_0^t J_\sigma^\alpha g_b(\sigma) e^{\lambda(t-\sigma)} d\sigma dt \\
&\quad - \lambda^{1-\alpha} \int_0^\infty e^{-\mu t} \int_0^t J_\sigma^\alpha g_b(\sigma) \int_0^{t-\sigma} e^{\lambda(t-\sigma-r)} r^{1-\alpha} dr d\sigma dt \\
&= -\Gamma(2-\alpha)\lambda^{\alpha-2} \lambda^{-\alpha} \frac{\mu^{1-\alpha}}{\mu-\lambda} g_b(\lambda) + \Gamma(2-\alpha) \frac{\mu^{-1}}{\mu-\lambda} \lambda^{-\alpha} g_b(\lambda) \\
&\quad + \Gamma(2-\alpha)\lambda^{\alpha-2} \lambda^{1-\alpha} \frac{\mu^{-\alpha}}{\mu-\lambda} \hat{g}_b(\mu) - \Gamma(2-\alpha)\lambda^{1-\alpha} \mu^{\alpha-2} \frac{\mu^{-\alpha}}{\mu-\lambda} \hat{g}_b(\mu).
\end{aligned}$$

Using (2.9), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
&\hat{Q}_b(\mu, \lambda) \\
&= \int_0^\infty e^{-\mu t} \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda s} \left(\int_0^t \int_0^s \frac{K_b(\sigma, \tau)}{(t-\sigma)^{\alpha-1}} d\tau d\sigma + \int_0^t \int_0^s \frac{K_b(\sigma, \tau)}{(s-\tau)^{\alpha-1}} d\tau d\sigma \right. \\
&\quad \left. - \int_0^t \int_0^s \frac{K_b(\sigma, \tau)}{(t+s-\sigma-\tau)^{\alpha-1}} d\tau d\sigma \right) ds dt \\
&= (\lambda^{-\alpha} - \mu^{-\alpha}) \hat{L}_b(\mu, \lambda).
\end{aligned} \tag{3.4}$$

Taking inverse Laplace transform on both sides of (3.4), we derive

$$Q_b(t, s) = (J_s^\alpha - J_t^\alpha)L_b(t, s), \quad \forall t, s > 0. \tag{3.5}$$

Form (3.3) and (3.5), we have

$$(J_s^\alpha - J_t^\alpha)L(t, s) = (J_s^\alpha - J_t^\alpha)R(t, s), \quad \forall t, s > 0.$$

Therefore, $L(t, s) = R(t, s)$. This completes the proof. \square

Combining Corollary 2.5 and Theorem 3.1, we can obtain the equivalent of Riemann-Liouville α -order fractional resolvents and Riemann-Liouville α -order fractional cosine functions.

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