



# Numerical study on system of fractional Fredholm integro–differential equations via the second Chebyshev wavelets

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## Abstract

In this paper, a numerical method for approximating the solutions of system of fractional-order Fredholm integro–differential equations has been proposed. This method is based on the second Chebyshev wavelets and the block pulse functions. The proposed methods reduce the system of fractional-order Fredholm integro–differential equations to a system of algebraic equations that can be easily solved by any usual numerical methods. Finally, a numerical example show the effectiveness and feasibility of this method.

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## 1 Introduction

In this paper, we solve a system of fractional Fredholm integro–differential equations in the following form:

$$\begin{cases} D^{\alpha_1} u(t) = \lambda_1 \int_0^1 k_1(t, s)v(s)ds + f(t) \\ D^{\alpha_2} v(t) = \lambda_2 \int_0^1 k_2(t, s)u(s)ds + g(t) \end{cases} \quad u(0) = 0, v(0) = 0 \quad (1)$$

Where  $u(t), v(t)$  are unknown functions, functions  $f(t), g(t), k_1(t, s)$  and  $k_2(t, s)$  are known and  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2$  are real constants. Here  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2 \in [0, 1]$  and  $D^{\alpha_1}, D^{\alpha_2}$  denotes the Caputo fractional derivative.

In this section, some notations, definitions and properties are provided about fractional calculus and the second Chebyshev wavelets.

### 1.1 Fractional calculus

The fractional operators and their properties are defined as following.

**Definition 1.1.** The Caputo fractional derivative of order  $\alpha$ , of the function  $y(t)$  is defined as

$$D^\alpha y(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(k - \alpha)} \int_a^t \frac{y^{(k)}(\tau)}{(t - \tau)^{\alpha - k + 1}} d\tau,$$

where  $k - 1 < \alpha \leq k, k \in \mathbb{N}[5]$ .

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**Definition 1.2.** The Riemann–Liouville fractional integral of order  $\alpha$ , is given by

$$I^\alpha y(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_a^t \frac{y(\tau)}{(t - \tau)^{\alpha-1}} d\tau,$$

where  $\Gamma(\cdot)$  is the Gamma function and  $m - 1 < \alpha \leq m, m \in \mathbb{N}[1]$ .

The relationship between the Caputo fractional derivative operator and Riemann–Liouville fractional integral operator is given by the following expressions [7]:

$$\begin{aligned} D^\alpha I^\alpha y(t) &= y(t), \\ I^\alpha D^\alpha y(t) &= y(t) - \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} \frac{t^k}{k!} y^{(k)}(0). \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

### 1.2 The block-pulse functions and operational matrix of the fractional integration

In this section, the block pulse functions (BPFs) and their properties are investigate. An  $m'$ -set of BPFs on the interval  $[0, 1)$  is defined as

$$b_i(t) = \begin{cases} 1, & \frac{i-1}{m'} \leq t < \frac{i}{m'}, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

where  $i = 1, \dots, m'$ . The following properties of BPFs will be considered[6]:

$$b_i(t)b_j(t) = \begin{cases} b_i(t), & i = j, \\ 0, & i \neq j, \end{cases} \quad \int_0^1 b_i(t)b_j(t)dt = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{m'}, & i = j, \\ 0, & i \neq j, \end{cases}$$

Let  $B_{m'}(t) = [b_1(t), b_2(t), \dots, b_{m'}(t)]^T$ , hence the BPFs operational matrix of fractional integration  $F^\alpha$  is given by

$$I^\alpha B_{m'}(t) = F^\alpha B_{m'}(t),$$

where

$$F^\alpha = \frac{1}{m^\alpha} \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha + 2)} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \xi_1 & \xi_2 & \xi_3 & \dots & \xi_{m-1} \\ 0 & 1 & \xi_1 & \xi_2 & \dots & \xi_{m-2} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \xi_1 & \dots & \xi_{m-3} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 1 & \xi_1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

and  $\xi_k = (k + 1)^{\alpha+1} - 2k^{\alpha+1} + (k - 1)^{\alpha+1}$ ,  $k = 1, 2, \dots, m$ [2].

## 2 The second Chebyshev wavelets

**Definition 2.1.** The second Chebyshev wavelets are defined on the interval  $[0, 1)$  as:

$$\psi_{nm}(t) = \begin{cases} 2^{\frac{k}{2}} \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} U_m(2^k t - 2n + 1), & \frac{n-1}{2^{k-1}} \leq t < \frac{n}{2^{k-1}}, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

where  $n = 1, 2, \dots, 2^{k-1}, m = 0, 1, \dots, M - 1, k$  and  $M$  are positive integers and coefficient  $\sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}}$  is used for orthonormality[4]. The function  $U_m(t)$  is the second Chebyshev polynomial of degree  $m$ . Note that, These polynomials are defined on the interval  $[-1, 1]$  by the recurrence

$$U_0(t) = 1, \quad U_1(t) = 2t, \quad U_{m+1}(t) = 2tU_m(t) - U_{m-1}(t),$$

where  $m = 1, 2, \dots, M$  [6].

A function  $f \in L^2([0, 1])$  can be approximate in terms of the second Chebyshev wavelets as[3]

$$f(t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} c_{nm} \psi_{nm}(t) \approx \sum_{n=1}^{2^{k-1}} \sum_{m=0}^{M-1} c_{nm} \psi_{nm}(t) = C^T \Psi(t) = \hat{f}(t),$$

Where

$$\Psi(t) = [\psi_{10}(t), \psi_{11}(t), \dots, \psi_{1(M-1)}(t), \psi_{20}(t), \dots, \psi_{2(M-1)}(t), \dots, \psi_{2^{k-1}0}(t), \dots, \psi_{2^{k-1}(M-1)}(t)]^T,$$

$$C = [c_{10}, c_{11}, \dots, c_{1(M-1)}, c_{20}, \dots, c_{2(M-1)}, \dots, c_{2^{k-1}0}, \dots, c_{2^{k-1}(M-1)}]^T.$$

We define the second Chebyshev wavelets matrix  $\Phi_{m' \times m'}$  as

$$\Phi_{m' \times m'} = [\Psi(\frac{1}{2m'}), \Psi(\frac{3}{2m'}), \dots, \Psi(\frac{2m'-1}{2m'})],$$

where  $m' = 2^{k-1}M$ .

The second Chebyshev wavelets can be expanded in terms of BPFs as

$$\Psi(t) = \Phi_{m' \times m'} B_{m'}(t).$$

Let

$$I^\alpha \Psi(t) \approx P^\alpha_{m' \times m'} \Psi(t), \quad P^\alpha_{m' \times m'} = \Phi F^\alpha \Phi^{-1} \tag{3}$$

where  $I^\alpha$  is the Riemann-Liouville fractional integral operator of order  $\alpha$ . The matrix  $P^\alpha_{m' \times m'}$  is called the second Chebyshev wavelets operational matrix of fractional integration[6].

### 3 Method analysis

For solving this system, now we approximate  $D^\alpha u(t)$ ,  $D^\alpha v(t)$ ,  $f(t)$ ,  $g(t)$  and  $k_i(t, s)$  for  $i = 1, 2$  in terms of the second Chebyshev wavelets as following

$$D^\alpha u(t) \simeq C_1^T \Psi(t), \quad D^\alpha v(t) \simeq C_2^T \Psi(t), \tag{4}$$

$$f(t) \simeq F^T \Psi(t), \quad g(t) \simeq G^T \Psi(t), \tag{5}$$

$$k_i(t, s) \simeq \Psi^T(t) K_i \Psi(s) \quad i = 1, 2. \tag{6}$$

From Eqs.(2), (3) and (4), we obtain

$$u(t) = I^{\alpha_1} D^{\alpha_1} u(t) \simeq I^{\alpha_1} C_1^T \Psi(t) = C_1^T P^{\alpha_1} \Psi(t), \tag{7}$$

$$v(t) = I^{\alpha_2} D^{\alpha_2} v(t) \simeq I^{\alpha_2} C_2^T \Psi(t) = C_2^T P^{\alpha_2} \Psi(t). \tag{8}$$

From Eqs(6), (7) and (8) and  $\int_0^1 \Psi(s) \Psi(s)^T ds = D$ , we have

$$\int_0^1 k_1(t, s) v(s) ds = \int_0^1 \Psi^T(t) K_1 \Psi(s) \Psi(s)^T P^{\alpha_2 T} C_2 ds = \Psi^T(t) K_1 \int_0^1 \Psi(s) \Psi(s)^T ds P^{\alpha_2 T} C_2$$

$$= \Psi^T(t) K_1 D P^{\alpha_2 T} C_2 = C_2^T P^{\alpha_2} D^T K_1^T \Psi(t), \tag{9}$$

$$\int_0^1 k_2(t, s) u(s) ds = \int_0^1 \Psi^T(t) K_2 \Psi(s) \Psi(s)^T P^{\alpha_1 T} C_1 ds = \Psi^T(t) K_2 \int_0^1 \Psi(s) \Psi(s)^T ds P^{\alpha_1 T} C_1$$

$$= \Psi^T(t) K_2 D P^{\alpha_1 T} C_1 = C_1^T P^{\alpha_1} D^T K_2^T \Psi(t). \tag{10}$$

By substituting the Eqs. (4), (5), (9) and (10) into (1), we get

$$\begin{cases} C_1^T \Psi(t) = \lambda_1 C_2^T P^{\alpha_2} D^T K_1^T \Psi(t) + F^T \Psi(t) \\ C_2^T \Psi(t) = \lambda_2 C_1^T P^{\alpha_1} D^T K_2^T \Psi(t) + G^T \Psi(t) \end{cases} \tag{11}$$

Dispersing Eq.(11), we obtain

$$\begin{cases} C_1^T = \lambda_1 C_2^T P^{\alpha_2} D^T K_1^T + F^T \\ C_2^T = \lambda_2 C_1^T P^{\alpha_1} D^T K_2^T + G^T \end{cases} \quad (12)$$

By solving system (12), we can get  $C_1$  and  $C_2$ . Then substituting them into (7) and (8), the unknown solutions can be obtained.

### 4 Numerical example

To demonstrate the efficiency the of this method, we consider the following a numerical example.

**Example 4.1.** Consider the system of fractional Fredholm integro-differential equations

$$\begin{cases} D^{0.3}u(t) = \int_0^1 (s + t)v(s)ds + f(t) \\ D^{0.4}v(t) = \int_0^1 (t - s)u(s)ds + g(t) \end{cases} \quad u(0) = 0, v(0) = 0$$

where

$$f(t) = \frac{200}{119\Gamma(0.7)}t^{\frac{17}{10}} - \left(\frac{t}{2} - \frac{1}{3}\right), \quad g(t) = \frac{5}{3\Gamma(0.6)}t^{\frac{3}{5}} - \left(\frac{t}{3} + \frac{1}{4}\right).$$

The exact solutions of the problem are  $u(t) = t$  and  $v(t) = t^2$ . The absolute errors for  $u(t)$  and  $v(t)$  are listed Table 1 and 2 shows the absolute errors for different values of t.

Table 1: Absolute error for  $M = 3$  and  $k = 2, 4, 6$  of  $u(t)$  in Example 4.1

t	$M = 3, k = 2$	$M = 3, k = 4$	$M = 3, k = 6$
0	2.3921e-03	1.4923e-04	9.5090e-06
0.1	3.5481e-03	3.0580e-04	2.4198e-05
0.2	4.4939e-03	3.6210e-04	2.9457e-05
0.3	5.2296e-03	4.1360e-04	3.4447e-05
0.4	5.7551e-03	4.6423e-04	3.9480e-05
0.5	6.2756e-03	5.1532e-04	4.4630e-05
0.6	6.8124e-03	5.6732e-04	4.9918e-05
0.7	7.3564e-03	6.2043e-04	5.5350e-05
0.8	7.9079e-03	6.7471e-04	6.0923e-05
0.9	8.4666e-03	7.3017e-04	6.6633e-05

Table 2: Absolute error for  $M = 3$  and  $k = 2, 4, 6$  of  $v(t)$  in Example 4.1

t	$M = 3, k = 2$	$M = 3, k = 4$	$M = 3, k = 6$
0	2.3912e-02	6.1403e-03	1.5430e-03
0.1	1.2955e-02	6.4551e-04	7.3894e-05
0.2	5.5907e-03	3.9567e-04	4.2418e-05
0.3	1.8204e-03	2.7351e-04	3.0380e-05
0.4	1.6438e-03	2.1668e-04	2.4534e-05
0.5	1.7180e-03	1.9167e-04	2.1706e-05
0.6	1.7370e-03	1.8591e-04	2.0685e-05
0.7	1.8537e-03	1.9287e-04	2.0885e-05
0.8	2.0682e-03	2.0929e-04	2.1983e-05
0.9	2.3804e-03	2.3309e-04	2.3780e-05

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