Convergence Analysis for the Homotopy Perturbation Method for a Linear **System of Mixed Volterra-Fredholm Integral Equations**

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Abstract:

In this paper, the homotopy perturbation method (HPM) is presented for treating a linear system of second-kind mixed Volterra-Fredholm integral equations. The method is based on constructing the series whose summation is the solution of the considered system. Convergence of constructed series is discussed and its proof is given; also, the error estimation is obtained. Algorithm is suggested and applied on several examples and the results are computed by using MATLAB (R2015a). To show the accuracy of the results and the effectiveness of the method, the approximate solutions of some examples are compared with the exact solution by computing the absolute errors.

Key words: Homotopy perturbation method, linear system of second kind mixed Volterra-Fredholm integral equations.

Introduction

In this work, the linear system of second kind Volterra-Fredholm integral equations (LSMVFIE2nd) will be considered which has the form:

$$U(x) = F(x) + \lambda \int_{a}^{x} \int_{a}^{b} K(r, t)U(t)dtdr, \qquad (1)$$
for $a \le x \le b$

where

$$\begin{split} U(x) &= [u_1(x), u_2(x), \dots, u_n(x)]^t, \\ F(x) &= [f_1(x), f_2(x), \dots, f_n(x)]^t, \\ \lambda K(r,t) &= \left[\lambda_{ij} k_{ij}(r,t)\right]. \ i,j = 1,2,\dots, n. \end{split}$$

In equation (1), the functions $f_i(x)$ are continuous on the interval [a, b], and $k_{ij}(r, t)$ are continuous on $D = \{(r, t) : t \in [a, b] \& a \le r \le x \le b\}$, for i, j =1,2,...,n; while U(x) are unknown continuous functions to be found.

Systems of integral equations have great importance in science and engineering. Recently, many methods have been used for solving them.

Ghasemi et al. presented an analytical treatment for linear system of Volterra-Fredholm integral equation by using the so called h-curves (1). Karimi and Jozi solved the system of Fredholm integral equations by Taylor series-expansion method (2). Wazwaz (3) also approximated the exact solution of system of Fredholm integral equations by the Adomian decomposition method. Alturk (4) used weighted mean-value theorem for solving Fredholm integral and integro differential equations and their system. By contrast, in (5) the improvement of block-pulse functions has been discussed by Mirzaee to solve system of linear Volterra and Fredholm integral equations. In addition, Hesameddini and Shahbazi solved system of Volterra-Fredholm equations with hybrid Bernstein Block pulse functions (6). In (7), Radzuan et al. treated the system of Fredholm integral equations by halve-sweep kaudd successive over relaxation iterative. While, Hameed et al. treated the system of nonlinear Volterra integral equations by the Newton-Kantorovich method (8). Finally, in (9) the approximate solution of system of nonlinear integral equations is discussed.

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The Homotopy perturbation method (HPM) is a strong method in which the approximate solution is considered as a series solution which converges rapidly to the accurate approximation with a high

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accuracy. The method was proposed in1998 by He (10) and was further developed and improved for solving nonlinear problem in (11) and (12). The convergence of HPM for Fredholm integral equations and Volterra integral equations of the second kind is discussed in (13). It has also been used to find approximate and exact solution for Volterra-Fredholm integro differential equations in (14), and their systems in (15), while in (16) the method is used for system of Burgers equations.

Presenting a convergence condition for HPM and the error estimation for the solution is our major purpose in this work.

Application of HPM on LSMVFIE2nd

Recall system (1) and consider the i^{th} equation of the system as

$$u_{i}(x) = f_{i}(x) + \sum_{j=1}^{n} \lambda_{ij} \int_{a}^{x} \int_{a}^{b} k_{ij}(r,t)u_{j}(t)dtdr.$$
 (2)

To illustrate HPM, define the operator ℓ_i as follows:

$$\ell_{i}\left(u_{1}^{*}(x), \dots, u_{n}^{*}(x)\right) = u_{i}^{*}(x) - f_{i}(x)$$

$$-\sum_{i=1}^{n} \lambda_{ij} \int_{a}^{x} \int_{a}^{b} k_{ij}(r, t) u_{j}^{*}(t) dt dr = 0, \quad (3)$$

with the solution $u_i^*(x) = u_i(x)$. The homotopy perturbation method defines a convex function $H_i\left(u_1^*(x),u_2^*(x),\dots,u_n^*(x),p\right)\colon \mathcal{R}\times [0,1]\to \mathcal{R}$ by

$$H_{i}\left(u_{1}^{*}(x), \dots, u_{n}^{*}(x), p\right) = (1-p)G_{i}\left(u_{i}^{*}\right) + p\ell_{i}\left(u_{1}^{*}(x), \dots, u_{n}^{*}(x)\right) = 0, \tag{4}$$

where, $G_i(u_i^*) = u_i^*(x) - f_i(x)$ is a functional operator, $p \in [0,1]$ is the homotopy parameter, and let $u_{i0}(x)$ be a known initial approximation of equation (1), $\operatorname{say} f_i(x)$ for all i = 1, 2, ..., n.

From equation (4), we have

$$H_{i}\left(u_{1}^{*}(x), ..., u_{n}^{*}(x), 0\right) = G_{i}\left(u_{i}^{*}\right), \text{ and } H_{i}\left(u_{1}^{*}(x), ..., u_{n}^{*}(x), 1\right) = \ell_{i}\left(u_{1}^{*}, ..., u_{n}^{*}\right).$$
(5)
The proses of changing the imbedding parameter

The proses of changing the imbedding parameter p from 0 to 1 is just that of $H_i\left(u_1^*(x), \dots, u_n^*(x), p\right)$ from the trivial problem $H_i\left(u_1^*(x), \dots, u_n^*(x), 0\right) = G_i\left(u_i^*\right) = 0$, to the original problem

$$H_i(u_1^*(x), ..., u_n^*(x), 1) =$$

$$\ell_i\left(u_1^*(x),...,u_n^*(x)\right)=0.$$
 By using $\ell_i\left(u_1^*(x),...,u_n^*(x)\right)$ and $G_i\left(u_i^*\right)$ defined above, the homotopy operator of the considered equation will be obtained:

Thus, for all i we have

$$H_{i}\left(u_{1}^{*}(x), \dots, u_{n}^{*}(x), p\right)$$

$$= u_{i}^{*}(x) - f_{i}(x)$$

$$-p\left(\sum_{j=1}^{n} \lambda_{ij} \int_{a}^{x} \int_{a}^{b} k_{ij}(r, t) u_{j}^{*}(t) dt dr\right) = 0. (6)$$

The method admits the use of a power series:

$$u_{i}^{*}(x) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} p^{j} u_{ij}^{*}(x). \quad i = 1, 2, ..., n. \quad (7)$$

If equation (7) has a radius of convergence that is $\not = 1$ also, $\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} u_{ij}^*(x)$ converges absolutely, then the approximation of equation (1) is found:

$$u_{i}(x) = \lim_{p \to 1^{-}} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} p^{j} u^{*}_{ij}(x)$$
$$= \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} u^{*}_{ij}(x), i = 1, 2, ..., n.$$
(8)

Substituting (7) in equation (6) gives

$$\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} p^{j} u^{*}_{ij}(x) = u_{i0}(x)$$

$$+ p \left(\sum_{j=1}^{n} \lambda_{ij} \int_{a}^{x} \int_{a}^{b} k_{ij}(r,t) \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} p^{l} u^{*}_{jl}(x) dt dr \right).$$

$$i = 1, 2, ..., n.$$

by equating the similar power terms of p gives a recurrence relations that leads to the approximate solution:

$$p_i^0: u_{i0}^*(x) = u_{i0}(x),$$
 (9)

$$p_{i}^{l}: u_{il}^{*}(x)$$

$$= \sum_{j=1}^{n} \lambda_{ij} \int_{a}^{x} \int_{a}^{b} k_{ij}(r,t) u_{j,l-1}^{*}(x) dt dr . \quad (10)$$

for $l \ge 1$.

The above relations have been obtained by assuming that (7) is convergent. In the following Theorem, the conditions for such convergence will be discussed.

Convergence Analysis

Theorem3.1. Let the functions k_{ij} and f_i in system (1) be continuous in the specified domain that is $k_{ij} \in$ $C([a,b] \times [a,b])$ and $f_i \in C[a,b] \quad \forall i,j = 1,2,...,n$. If the following inequality

$$n\beta(b-a)^2 < 1, \tag{11}$$

where

$$\beta = \max_{i=1,2,\dots,n} \left\{ \left| \lambda_{ij} \right| . \left(M_{ij} \right) \right\}, \text{ for } j = 1,2,\dots,n$$

satisfied, and $u_{i0} \in C[a, b]$ are chosen as an initial solution, then for each $p \in [0, 1]$, the series (7) converges uniformly in the interval [a, b] in which the functions u_{i0}^* and u_{il}^* are found by equations (9) and (10), respectively.

Proof: Since k_{ij} and f_i are bounded for each i, j =1,2,..., n; then $\exists M_{ii} > 0$ and L_{i0} such that

$$\left|k_{ij}(x,t)\right| \le M_{ij}$$
, and $\left|f_i(x)\right| \le L_{i0}$. (12) for $x, t \in [a,b]$

Let $u_{i_0}(x) \in C[a, b]$, then there exist numbers L_{i0} such that

$$\left|u_{i0}(x)\right| \le L_{i0}$$
, $\forall x \in [a, b]$
Now, let

$$L = \max_{i=0}^{n} L_{i0},$$

and
$$\beta = \max_{i=1,2,\dots,n} \{ \left| \lambda_{ij} \right| . (M_{ij}) \}$$
, for $j = 1,2,\dots,n$.

The above assumptions imply the estimations below:

$$\left|u_{i0}^{*}(x)\right| = \left|u_{i0}(x)\right| \le L_{i0} \le L$$
.

$$\begin{aligned} \left| u^*_{i1}(x) \right| &= \left| \sum_{j=1}^n \lambda_{ij} \int_a^x \int_a^b k_{ij}(r,t) u^*_{j0}(x) dt dr \right| \\ &\leq \sum_{j=1}^n \left| \lambda_{ij} \right| \int_a^x \int_a^b \left| k_{ij}(r,t) \right| \left| u^*_{j0}(x) \right| dt dr \\ &\leq \sum_{j=1}^n \left| \lambda_{ij} \right| M_{ij} \int_a^x \int_a^b \left| u^*_{j0}(x) \right| dt dr \\ &\leq \sum_{j=1}^n \beta \int_a^x \int_a^b L_{j0} dt dr \\ &\leq n\beta L(b-a)^2. \end{aligned}$$

$$\left| u^*_{i2}(x) \right| = \left| \sum_{j=1}^n \lambda_{ij} \int_a^x \int_a^b k_{ij}(r,t) u^*_{j1}(x) dt dr \right|$$

$$\leq \sum_{j=1}^n \left| \lambda_{ij} \right| M_{ij} \int_a^x \int_a^b \left| u^*_{j1}(x) \right| dt dr$$

$$\leq \sum_{j=1}^n \beta \int_a^x \int_a^b \left(n\beta L(b-a)^2 \right) dt dr$$

$$\leq n^2 \beta^2 \left(\left(b - a \right)^2 \right)^2 L.$$

general, we have In

$$\left| u^*_{il}(x) \right| = \left| \sum_{j=1}^n \lambda_{ij} \int_a^x \int_a^b k_{ij}(r,t) u^*_{j,l-1}(x) dt dr \right|$$

$$\leq n^l \beta^l \left((b-a)^2 \right)^l L. \quad l \geq 1$$

In this way, for series (7), we have, for $p \in [0, 1]$,

$$\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} p^{j} u^{*}_{ij}(x) \leq \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \left| u^{*}_{ij}(x) \right|$$

$$\leq L \left(\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} n^{j} \beta^{j} \left(\left(b - a \right)^{2} \right)^{j} \right).$$

Which is a geometric series, with the common ratio $r = n\beta(b-a)^2 < 1$, and it is convergent [by the assumption in equation (11)]. Consequently, series (8) converges uniformly in the interval [a, b]

for each $p \in [0, 1]$.

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If it is impossible or difficult to calculate the series summation in (8), its partial sum can be accepted as an approximate solution of equation (1). In the limit $p \to 1$, terms of first l + 1 in (8) produce *l*-th order approximate solution as

$$\widehat{u}_{il}(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{l} u^*_{ij}(x), \quad i = 1, 2, ..., n$$
 (13)

The level of error of the solution $u_{in}(x)$ can be estimated by the following theorem:

Theorem3.2. Estimated error of the *l*th-order approximation will be determined as follows:

$$\varepsilon_{il} \leq L \frac{n^{l+1} \beta^{l+1} \left(\left(b - a \right)^2 \right)^{l+1}}{1 - n \beta \left(b - a \right)^2}; \ i = 1, 2, ..., n$$
Where $\varepsilon_{il} = \sup_{x \in [a,b]} \left| u_i(x) - \widehat{u}_{il}(x) \right|, \ M_{ij}$, and L_{i0} are determined in theorem (3.1)

determined in theorem (3.1).

Proof: Using of estimations of functions $u_{ij}^*(x)$ gives

$$\left|u(x) - \widehat{u}_{il}(x)\right| = \left|\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} u_{ij}^{*}(x) - \sum_{j=0}^{l} u_{ij}^{*}(x)\right|$$

$$= \left|\sum_{j=l+1}^{\infty} u_{ij}^{*}(x)\right|, \forall x \in [a, b]$$

$$\leq \sum_{j=l+1}^{\infty} \left|u_{ij}^{*}(x)\right|$$

$$\leq L\left(\sum_{j=l+1}^{\infty} n^{j} \beta^{j} \left(\left(b - a\right)^{2}\right)^{j}\right)$$

$$= L\left(n\beta(b-a)^{2}\right)^{l+1}\left\{1 + n\beta(b-a)^{2} + (n\beta(b-a)^{2})^{2} + \cdots\right\}$$

$$= L\frac{\left(n\beta(b-a)^{2}\right)^{l+1}}{1 - n\beta(b-a)^{2}}.$$

Note: The above theorem can be considered as the rate of convergence of HPM, and its application can be considered in example 3.

The HPM Algorithm

To find an approximate solution (LSMVFIE2nd) by HPM, perform the following steps: **Step 1**: Choose the integers n and m, and the bounds of integration a, and b.

Step 2: Let $u_{i0}(x) = f_i(x)$ be an initial solution.

Step 3: Calculate $u_{il}^*(x)$ in equations (9-10) for all i = 1, 2, ..., n and $l \ge 1$.

Step 4: Compute the partial sum $\widehat{u}_{ij}(x) =$ $\sum_{i=0}^{l} u_{i,i}^{*}(x)$; i = 1,2,...,n from equation (13).

Step 5: Find $\hat{u}_{il}(x_i)$, $x_i \in [a, b]$, where $x_i =$ $x_0 + jh$, for j = 1, 2, ..., m where $h = \frac{b-a}{m}$.

Step 6: Compute the absolute error of each root $|u_i(x_i) - u_{ij}(x_i)|$.

Numerical Examples

In this part, several examples will be solved to show the implementation of the method and its strength.

Example1. Consider the linear system of Volterra-Fredholm integral equations below:

$$u_{1}(x) = f_{1}(x) + \frac{1}{3} \int_{0}^{x} \int_{0}^{1} k_{11} u_{1}(t) dt dr + \frac{1}{4} \int_{0}^{x} \int_{0}^{1} k_{12} u_{2}(t) dt dr,$$

$$u_{2}(x) = f_{2}(x) + \frac{1}{5} \int_{0}^{x} \int_{0}^{1} k_{21} u_{1}(t) dt dr + \frac{1}{4} \int_{0}^{x} \int_{0}^{1} k_{22} u_{2}(t) dt dr,$$

For $0 \le x \le 1$ where

The exact solutions are

$$f_1(x) = \frac{x}{3} + e^x - \frac{\left(x^2 \left(\frac{e}{2} - \frac{1}{2}\right)\right)}{3} - \frac{x^2}{32},$$

$$f_2(x) = \frac{103x^2}{120} - \frac{\left(x(e-1)\right)}{5},$$

$$k_{11} = r - t, \ k_{12} = rt, \ k_{21} = rt + 1, \text{and} \ k_{22} = r.$$

 $u_1(x) = e^x$, $u_2(x) = x^2$

First, it will be verified whether the described method can be used for solving this problem. Since $k \in C([0,1] \times [0,1])$ and $f \in C([0,1])$, then we check the veracity of inequality (11).

this example In,

$$\left|\lambda_{11}\right| = \frac{1}{3}$$
, $\left|\lambda_{12}\right| = \frac{1}{4}$, $\left|\lambda_{21}\right| = \frac{1}{5}$ and $\left|\lambda_{22}\right| = \frac{1}{4}$ Also, we have

$$\begin{split} M_{11} &= \max_{r,t \in [0,1]} \left| k_{11}(r,t) \right| = 1 \,, \\ M_{12} &= \max_{r,t \in [0,1]} \left| k_{12}(r,t) \right| = 1 \,, \\ M_{21} &= \max_{r,t \in [0,1]} \left| k_{21}(r,t) \right| = 2 \,, \\ \text{and} \quad M_{22} &= \max_{r,t \in [0,1]} \left| k_{22}(r,t) \right| = 1 , \\ n\beta \big(b - a \big)^2 &= \frac{4}{5} < 1 \,, \end{split}$$

where, β $= max. \left\{ \left| \lambda_{11} \right| M_{11}, \left| \lambda_{12} \right| M_{12}, \left| \lambda_{21} \right| M_{21}, \left| \lambda_{22} \right| M_{22} \right\}$ $= \frac{2}{5}$

Now, let $u_{10} = f_1(x)$, and $u_{20} = f_2(x)$. Then, the continuous functions $u_{1,0}^*(x)$, and $u_{2,0}^*(x)$, are selected in the interval [0,1] as explained in equation (9)

$$u_{1,0}^*(x) = u_{10} = \frac{x}{3} + e^x - \frac{\left(x^2\left(\frac{e}{2} - \frac{1}{2}\right)\right)}{3} - \frac{x^2}{32}$$

and
$$u_{2,0}^*(x) = u_{20} = \frac{103x^2}{120} - \frac{(x(e-1))}{5}$$
.

While, the values of $u_{1,l}^*(x)$ and $u_{2,l}^*(x)$ for $l \ge 1$ will be determined using equation (10). Thus

$$\widehat{u}_{1,1}(x) = -0.008614448834x^2$$

$$-0.010567844975x + e^x$$

$$\widehat{u}_{2,1}(x) = 0.975789052859x^2$$

$$+0.012157979683788x$$

$$\widehat{u}_{1,2}(x) = -0.001609243850x^2$$

$$+0.001892075733x + e^x$$

$$\widehat{u}_{2,2}(x) = 0.999183461546x^2$$

$$-0.001631081086x$$

$$\widehat{u}_{1,3}(x) = -0.000025207997x^2$$

$$-0.00007612698x + e^x$$

$$\widehat{u}_{2,3}(x) = 0.999886873091x^2$$

$$+0.00008192465x$$

The absolute errors for the approximate solutions $\hat{u}_{1,10}(x)$ and $\hat{u}_{2,10}(x)$ at distinct values of x are

presented in Table 1. Also, Fig.1 shows the convergence of the method for $\widehat{u}_{1,l}(x)$ and $\widehat{u}_{2,l}(x)$ for $l=1,\ldots,5$.

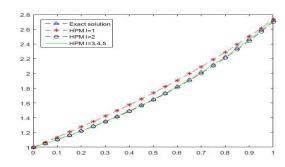
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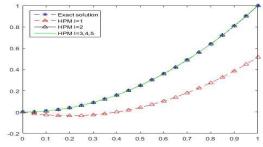
While Table 2, shows a comparison between the computed least square errors of HPM and successive approximation method (SAM) which is discussed by many authors for different purposes. The results in the table show that our results are considerable accurate as it has less error than that of successive approximation method.

Table 1. The absolute errors of example 1 for $\hat{u}_{1.10}(x)$ and $\hat{u}_{2.10}(x)$

| x _j | Absolute error of u_1 $\left u_1(x_j) - \widehat{u}_{1,10} \left(x_j \right) \right $ | Absolute error of u_2 $\left u_2(x_j) - \widehat{u}_{2,10} \left(x_j \right) \right $ |
|----------------|---|---|
| 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0.1 | 1.9184653866e-13 | 1.8479315304e-13 |
| 0.2 | 3.6215475063e-13 | 3.6668584835e-13 |
| 0.3 | 5.1025850212e-13 | 5.4567461660e-13 |
| 0.4 | 6.3660188232e-13 | 7.2178374388e-13 |
| 0.5 | 7.4096284663e-13 | 8.9497853573e-13 |
| 0.6 | 8.2356343967e-13 | 1.0652589921e-12 |
| 0.7 | 8.8373752760e-13 | 1.2326251131e-12 |
| 0.8 | 9.2281737807e-13 | 1.3972156765e-12 |
| 0.9 | 9.3880458962e-13 | 1.5588641489e-12 |
| 1 | 9.3391960831e-13 | 1.7174039968e-12 |



a. Graph of $u_1(x) = e^x$



b. Graph of $u_2(x) = x^2$ Figure 1. Graphs of the exact and numerical solution (l = 1, 2, ..., 5) of example 1

Table2. A comparison between HPM and SAM (successive approximation method), for example 1, with different values of n.

| | L.S.E of u_1 | | L.S.E of u ₂ | |
|---|----------------|----------|-------------------------|--------------|
| n | HPM | SAM | HPM | SAM |
| 3 | 8.00e- 08 | 3.66e-03 | 5.99e- 06 | 2.61e- 04 |
| 6 | 3.01e- 13 | 3.93e-09 | 8.16e- 17 | 1.23e- 08 |
| 9 | 2.01e- 20 | 8.18e-15 | 1.20e- 19 | 1.38e- 14 |
| 1 | 9.81e- | 1.45e-20 | 3.57e- | 2.88e- |
| 2 | 27 | | 27 | 20 |

Example 2.Consider the linear system of Volterra-Fredholm integral equations

$$u_{1}(x) = cos(x) - \left(\frac{\pi^{2} + 4}{256}\right)x^{2} + \frac{\pi}{32}x + \frac{\pi$$

with the exact solutions

$$u_1(x) = \cos(x)$$

and

$$u_2(x) = \sin^2(x)$$
 Since $n\beta(b-a)^2 = 0.96895 < 1$, Then, we let $u_{10} = f_1(x)$, and $u_{20} = f_2(x)$.

Thus, the continuous functions $u_{1,0}^{*}(x)$ and $u_{2,0}^{*}(x)$ are selected in the interval $[0, \frac{\pi}{2}]$ as explained in equation (9)

$$u_{1,0}^{*}(x) = u_{10}(x)$$

$$= cos(x) - \left(\frac{\pi^{2} + 4}{256}\right)x^{2} + \frac{\pi}{32}x$$
and $u_{2,0}^{*}(x) = u_{20}(x)$

$$= sin^{2}(x) - \frac{x^{2}}{16} + (\frac{\pi - 2}{16})x$$

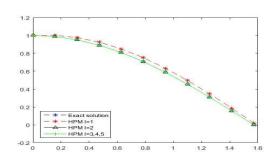
then by the above technique the approximate solution $u_{1l}(x)$ and $u_{2l}(x)$ can be taken as

$$\widehat{u}_{1l}(x) = \sum_{j=0}^{l} u_{1j}^{*}(x)$$
and
$$\widehat{u}_{2l}(x) = \sum_{j=0}^{l} u_{2j}^{*}(x)$$

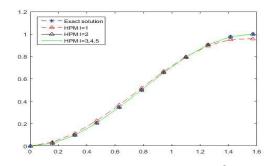
The absolute errors for the exact solutions $u_1(x)$, $u_2(x)$ and the approximate solutions $u_{1,10}(x)$, $u_{2,10}(x)$ are presented in Table 3, while Fig. 2 shows the convergence of the method for $u_{1,l}(x)$ and $u_{2,l}(x)$ for l = 1, ..., 5.

Table 3: Absolute errors for $u_{1.10}(x)$ and $u_{2,10}(x)$ of example 2.

| x _j | Absolute error of $u_1 u_1(x_j) - \hat{u}_{1,10}(x_j) $ | Absolute error of u_2 $ u_2(x_j) - \widehat{u}_{2,10}(x_j) $ |
|----------------|--|--|
| 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0.1(π) | 7.4273920347e-14 | 4.0259462430e-14 |
| 0.2(π) | 1.2456702336e-13 | 6.4281913126e-14 |
| 0.3(π) | 1.5143442056e-13 | 4.1942451996e-14 |
| 0.4(π) | 1.5415446697e-13 | 6.3615779311e-14 |
| 0.5(π) | 1.3306891320e-13 | 3.8857805862e-14 |



Graph of $u_1(x) = \cos(x)$



b. Graph of $u_2(x) = \sin^2(x)$ Figure2: Graph of the exact and numerical solution (l = 1, 2, ..., 5) of example 2

Note: To show the error estimation in case there is not exact solution, consider the following example: **Example3.** Consider the linear system of Volterra-Fredholm integral equations

$$u_{1}(x) = f_{1}(x) +$$

$$\frac{1}{6} \int_{0}^{x} \int_{0}^{1} k_{11} u_{1}(t) dt dr + \frac{1}{5} \int_{0}^{x} \int_{0}^{1} k_{12} u_{2}(t) dt dr,$$

$$u_{2}(x) = f_{2}(x) +$$

$$\frac{1}{5} \int_{0}^{x} \int_{0}^{1} k_{21} u_{1}(t) dt dr + \frac{1}{7} \int_{0}^{x} \int_{0}^{1} k_{22} u_{2}(t) dt dr.$$

$$0 < x < 1$$

Where

$$f_1(x) = 2x + \frac{x^2 - x}{60} + \frac{257x^3}{270},$$

$$f_2(x) = \frac{281x^2}{280} - \frac{x(26x - 75)}{300} - x,$$

$$k_{11} = r^2 x, \ k_{12} = r - x, \qquad k_{21}rx - 1,$$

and $k_{22} = rx^2$.

Where, the exact solution is not given.

First, it will be verified whether the inequality (11) satisfied or not.

In this example, we have

$$n\beta(b-a)^{2} = 2(0.2)(1) = 0.4 < 1,$$

$$\beta = \max_{i=1,2,\dots,n} \{ |\lambda_{ij}| . (M_{ij}) \}, \text{ for } j = 1,2,\dots,n$$

$$= 0.2$$

Thus, by theorem 3.1, there exists a unique solution for the system.

Now to find the error estimation in theorem 3.2, we have

$$\varepsilon_{il} = \sup_{x \in [a,b]} \left| u_i(x) - \widehat{u}_{il}(x) \right| \\ \le L \frac{n^{l+1} \beta^{l+1} \left(\left(b - a \right)^2 \right)^{l+1}}{1 - n\beta (b-a)^2}, \text{ for } i = 1,2$$

Since, $f_i(x)$ are bounded for each i = 1,2, then there exists L_{i0} such that

$$\begin{split} \left| f_i(x) \right| &\leq L_{i0}, \forall x \in [a,b], \\ L_{10} &= \max_{x \in [0,1]} \left| f_1(x) \right| \\ &= \max\{0, 2.951985\} = 2.95185, \\ L_{20} &= \max_{x \in [0,1]} \left| f_2(x) \right| \\ &= \max\{0, 0.166905\} = 0.166905, \end{split}$$

Thus,

$$L = \max_{i=1,2} L_{i0} = 2.95185.$$

Then for i = 1,2; we have the estimated error of the 10th-order approximation will be

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$$\varepsilon_{il} \le (2.95185) \frac{(0.4)^{11}}{1 - (0.4)} = 2.063494e - 04$$

While, for 15th-order, that is where
$$l = 15$$
, we have
$$\varepsilon_{il} \le (2.95185) \frac{(0.4)^{16}}{1 - (0.4)} = 2.113018e - 06$$

$$\varepsilon_{il} \le (2.95185) \frac{(0.4)^{21}}{1 - (0.4)} = 2.637303e - 08$$

In Table 4, for i = 1,2, different orders of approximation with the corresponding error estimations are presented for example 3.

Table: 4 Results of different values of *l*, and the corresponding values of ε_{il} , i = 1, 2.

| l | $\varepsilon_{il} \leq$ |
|----|-------------------------|
| 3 | 0.215944320000 |
| 6 | 0.008060436480 |
| 9 | 5.15867935 e-04 |
| 12 | 3.30155478 e-05 |
| 15 | 2.11299506 e-06 |
| 18 | 1.35231684 e-07 |
| 21 | 8.65482777 e-09 |
| 24 | 5.53908977 e-10 |
| 27 | 3.54501745 e-11 |
| 30 | 2.26881117 e-12 |

Conclusion

In summary, the sufficient condition of convergence of the HPM for the LSMVFIE2nd is formulated and proved; an estimation of error is also given. HPM is discussed for solving the system and two examples are presented for illustration. Good approximations are obtained while better results have been found by increasing the number of components of the partial sum (l). Moreover, a comparison between exact solution and its approximation made to demonstrate application technique. It is worth mentioning that the technique can be used as a very accurate algorithm for solving LSMVFIE2nd. These claims are supported by the results of the given numerical examples in Tables (1-4) and Figures (1-2).

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تحليل التقارب لطريقة الاضطراب Homotopy لنظام خطي من معادلات فولتيرا – فريدهولم التكاملية المختلطة من النوع الثاني

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ألخلاصة:

في هذه الورقة ، تم تقديم طريقة اضطراب homotopy لحل نظام خطي من معادلات فولتيرا - فريدهولم التكاملية المختلطة (المدمجة) من النوع الثاني. تقوم الطريقة ببناء سلسلة يكون مجموعها هو حل المشكلة المدروسة. تمت مناقشة تقارب السلسلة التي تم بناؤها وتقديم برهانها ؛ تم الحصول على تقدير (تخمين) الخطأ أيضًا. للمزيد من التوضيح ، تم تطبيق الطريقة على العديد من الأمثلة وتم كتابة البرامج باستخدام (R2015a) MATLAB لحساب النتائج. و كذلك لبيان دقة النتائج وكفاءة الطريقة، تم حساب الحلول التقريبية لعدة امثلة ومن ثم مقارنتها بالحلول الحقيقية وذلك من خلال حساب الأخطاء المطلقة.

الكلمات المفتاحية: طريقة اضطراب homotopy، نظام خطى من معادلات فولتبرا - فريدهولم التكاملية المختلطة من النوع الثاني.