Solving Nonlinear Integral Equations by using Adomian Decomposition Method

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Abstract

In this paper, we propose a numerical method to solve the nonlinear integral equation of the second kind. We intend to approximate the solution of this equation by Adomian decomposition method using He’s polynomials. Several examples are given at the end of this paper with the exact solution is known. Also the error is estimated.

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Introduction

Several scientific and engineering applications are usually described by integral equations. Integral equations arise in the potential theory more than any other field. Integral equations arise also in diffraction problems, conformal mapping, water waves, scattering in quantum mechanics, and population growth model. The electrostatic, electromagnetic scattering problems and propagation of acoustical and elastically waves are scientific fields where integral equations appear [1]. The Fredholm integral equation is of widespread use in many realms of engineering and applied mathematics [2].

Consider the general form non-linear Fredholm integral equation of the second kind

\[ y(x) = f(x) + \lambda \int_a^b K(x,t)G(y(t))dt, \quad a \leq x \leq b \]

where \( y(x) \) is the unknown solution, \( a \) and \( b \) are real constants. The kernel \( K(x,t) \) and \( f(x) \) are known smooth functions on \( R^2 \) and \( R \), respectively. The parameter \( \lambda \) is a real (or complex) known as the eigenvalue when \( \lambda \) is a real parameter, and \( G \) is a nonlinear function of \( y \).

Adomian Decomposition Method

Consider the following non-linear Fredholm integral equation of the second kind of the form

\[ y(x) = f(x) + \lambda \int_a^b K(x,t)G(y(t))dt, \quad a \leq x \leq b \quad (1) \]

We assume \( G(y(t)) \) is a nonlinear function of \( y(x) \). That means that the nonlinear Fredholm integral equation (1) contains the nonlinear function presented by \( G(y(t)) \). Assume that the solution of equation (1) can be written in the form

\[ y(x) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} p^j y_j(x) = y_0 + p^1 y_1 + p^2 y_2 + p^3 y_3 + \ldots \]

The comparisons of like powers of \( p \) give solutions of various orders and the best approximation is

\[ y(x) = \lim_{p \to +\infty} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} p^j y_j(x) = y_0 + y_1 + y_2 + y_3 + \ldots \]

The nonlinear term \( G(y(t)) \) can be expressed in Adomian polynomials [3-5] as

\[ G(y) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} H_k (y_0, y_1, y_2, \ldots , y_k) \]

\[ = H_0 (y_0) + p H_1 (y_0, y_1) + \ldots + p^k H_k (y_0, y_1, \ldots , y_k) \]

where \( H_k \)'s are the so called Adomian polynomials which can be calculated by using the formula

\[ H_k (y_0, y_1, \ldots , y_k) = \frac{1}{k!} \frac{d^k}{dp^k} \left[ G \left( \sum_{i=0}^{k} p^i y_j \right) \right]_{p=0}, k=0,1,2,\ldots \quad (4) \]

Using (2), (3) and (4) into (1), we have

\[ \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} p^j y_j(x) = f(x) + \lambda \int_a^b K(x,t) \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} p^j H_j (y_0, y_1, \ldots , y_j) dt \quad (5) \]

Equating the term with identical power of \( p \) in equation (5),

\[ p^0: y_0(x) = f(x) \]

\[ p^1: y_1(x) = \lambda \int_a^b K(x,t) H_1 (y_0) dt \]

and so on.

and in general form we have

\[ y_k (x) = \lambda \int_a^b K(x,t) H_k (y_0, y_1, \ldots , y_{k-1}) dt, \quad k=0,1,2,\ldots \quad (6) \]

Using the recursive scheme (6), the \( n \)-term approximation series solution can be obtained as follows:

\[ \phi_n(x) = \sum_{j=0}^{n} y_j (x) \quad (7) \]

Numerical Implementations

In this section, we will apply the Adomian decomposition method

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to compute a numerical solution for non-linear integral equation of the Fredholm type. Then we will compare between the results which we obtain by the numerical solution technique and the results of the exact solution. To illustrate this, we consider the following example:

**Example 1**

Consider the following nonlinear Fredholm integral equation of the second kind

\[ y(x) = \frac{7}{8} x + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^x xy^2(t) dt \]  

(8)

where the exact solution of the equation is \( y(x) = x \). In the following, we will compute Adomian polynomials for the nonlinear terms \( y(t) \) that arises in nonlinear integral equation.

For \( k = 0 \), equation (4) becomes

\[ H_0 = \frac{d^2}{dt^2} \left[ G \left( \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} p_j y_j \right) \right] \bigg|_{t=0} \]

\[ = \left[ G \left( p_0 y_0 + p_1 y_1 + p_2 y_2 + \cdots \right) \right] \bigg|_{t=0} \]

The Adomian polynomials for \( G(y) = y^2 \) are given by

\[ (y_0 + p_1 y_1 + p_2 y_2 + \cdots)^2 \bigg|_{t=0} \]

Using the MATHEMATICA software, the next few terms, we have

\[ H_1 = 2y_0 y_1 \]

\[ H_2 = 2y_0 y_2 + y_1^2 \]

\[ H_3 = 2(y_0 y_3 + y_1 y_2) + 2y_2 y_1 \]

\[ H_4 = 2(y_0 y_4 + y_1 y_3 + y_2 y_2) + y_1^3 \]

\[ H_5 = 2(y_0 y_5 + y_1 y_4 + y_2 y_3 + y_3 y_2) + y_2^2 \]

\[ H_6 = 2(y_0 y_6 + y_1 y_5 + y_2 y_4 + y_3 y_3 + y_4 y_2) \]

and so on.

Applying the above technique as stated above in equation (6), we have

\[ p^0 : y_0(x) = \frac{7}{8} x \]

\[ p^1 : y_1(x) = \frac{1}{2} xy_1(t) dt \times \frac{x}{2} \left( \frac{7}{8} x \right)^2 = \frac{49}{512} x^3 = \frac{7^2}{8^3} x \]

\[ p^2 : y_2(x) = \frac{1}{2} xy_2(t) dt \times \frac{x}{2} \left( \frac{7}{8} x \right) \left( \frac{49}{512} \right) = \frac{7^3}{4 \times 8^3} x \]

In a similar manner, we stop the iteration at the tenth step. Therefore we can write

\[ y(x) = \frac{7}{8} x + \frac{7^2}{8^3} x^3 + \frac{5 \times 7^4}{4 \times 8^6} x^5 + \frac{7^6}{4 \times 8^{10}} + \frac{3 \times 7^7}{4 \times 8^{13}} + \frac{1811 \times 7^{10}}{2 \times 8^{16}} \]

\[ + \frac{5 \times 283 \times 7^{10}}{4 \times 8^{18}} + \frac{5 \times 3673 \times 7^{12}}{2 \times 8^{24}} + \frac{5 \times 798101 \times 7^{12}}{2 \times 8^{27}} x = 0.999947x \]

The table under shows the approximate solutions obtained by applying the Adomian Decomposition method giving to the value of \( x \), which is in the interval \([0,1]\) (Table 1 and Figure 1).

**Example 2**

Consider the following nonlinear Fredholm integral equation of the second kind

\[ y(x) = 3 + 0.6625x + \frac{1}{20} \int_0^x y^2(t) dt \]  

(9)

Applying above procedure, we have

\[ y_0(x) = 3 + 0.6625x \]

\[ p^1 : y_1(x) = \frac{1}{20} \int_0^x y^3(t) dt = 0.296736x \]

In a similar manner, we stop the iteration at the tenth step. Therefore we can write

\[ y(x) = 3 + (0.6625 + 0.296736 + 0.0345883 + 0.0356889 + 0.00441658 + 0.000794517 + 0.000156253 + 0.000438455 + 0.0000069859 + 0.0000021999) + 3 + 0.3493x \]

The exact solution of the equation is \( 3 + x \). The table below shows the approximate solutions obtained by applying the Adomian decomposition method according to the value of \( x \), which is confined between zero and one. We compared these results with the results which were obtained by the exact solution (Table 2 and Figure 2).

**Example 3**

Consider the following nonlinear Fredholm integral equation

\[ y(x) = \sin(\pi x) + \frac{1}{5 \pi} \cos(\pi x) \sin(\pi t) \left( y(t) \right)^2 dt \quad x \in [0,1] \]  

(10)
In the following, we will calculate Adomian polynomials for the nonlinear terms $y'(t)$ that arises in nonlinear integral equation.

For $k=0$, equation (4) becomes

$$H_0 = \frac{1}{0!} d^0 \int G (\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} p_i y_i) dt = G (\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} p_i y_i)$$

The Adomian polynomials for $G(y)=y^3$ are given by

$$G(y) = y^3 = y_0^3 + p_1 y_1^2 y_0 + p_2 y_2 y_0^2 + p_3 y_3 y_0^3 + \cdots$$

and so on.

Applying the procedure as stated above in equation (6), we have

$$H_0 = \frac{1}{0!} d^0 \int G (\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} p_i y_i) dt = G (\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} p_i y_i)$$

In a similar manner, we stop the iteration at the ninth step. Therefore we can write

$$y(x) = \sin(\pi x) + \frac{1}{3} \frac{27}{40} \frac{243}{5120000} \frac{2187}{52768000000} \frac{131072000000}{1310720000000} \cos(\pi x)$$

The table under shows the approximate solutions obtained by applying the Adomian decomposition method according to the value of $x$, which is in the interval $[0-1]$ (Table 3 and Figure 3).
Conclusion

This paper presents a technique to find the result of a nonlinear Fredholm integral equation by Adomian decomposition method (ADM). The estimated solutions obtained by the ADM are compared with exact solutions. It can be concluded that the ADM is effective and accuracy of the numerical results demonstrates that the proposed method is well suited for the solution of such kind problems.

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