A numerical technique based on Lucas polynomials together with standard and Chebyshev-Lobatto collocation points for solving functional integro-differential equations involving variable delays

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Abstract

In this paper, a new numerical matrix-collocation technique is considered to solve functional integro-differential equations involving variable delays under the initial conditions. This technique is based essentially on Lucas polynomials together with standard and Chebyshev-Lobatto collocation points. Some descriptive examples are performed to observe the practicability of the technique and the residual error analysis is employed to improve the obtained solutions. Also, the numerical results obtained by using these collocation points are compared in tables and figures.

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1. INTRODUCTION

In this paper, we employ a new numerical technique based on Lucas polynomials to solve the following functional integro-differential equation with variable delays

\[ \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} a_{ik} y^{(k)}(\sigma) = \phi_i , i = 0,1,2,...,m-1 \]  

where \( P_k(t) \), \( Q_r(t) \), \( \beta_r(t) \), \( g(t) \), \( K_j(t,s) \), \( u_j(t) \) and \( v_j(t) \) (\( m_1 \leq m, u_j(t) < v_j(t) \)) are analytic functions defined on \( \alpha \leq t, s \leq b; \alpha_r, \gamma_j, \lambda_j, \mu_j, a_{ik} \) and \( \phi_i \) are suitable constants.

Functional differential and integro-differential equations with variable delays in the form (1) are usually used in modelling of physical phenomena and play an important role in mathematics, viscoelasticity, oscillating magnetic field, heat conduction, electromagnetics, biology and etc. [1-22,28-31]. It is generally hard to find the analytic solution of them. So, the numerical techniques are required to obtain their approximate solution. For example, some integro-differential equations and

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their other classes have been solved by using the numerical techniques such as homotopy perturbation [2], variational iteration [3]; Legendre [5], Taylor [6-9], Laguerre [10,11], Taylor-Lucas [12], Dickson [13-15], Chelyshkov [16], Lucas [17], Bessel [18], Bernoulli [19,20], Chebyshev [28,29] polynomial techniques and also, B-Splines [21], backward substitution [22], Sinc techniques [30].

In this paper, by considering the matrix technique based on collocation points, which have been used by Sezer and coworkers [5,6,8-19], we propose a new numerical technique to find an approximate solution of the problem (1)-(2). The solution is of the form

\[ y(t) = \sum_{n=0}^{N} a_n L_n(t), \]

where \( L_n(t) \) is the Lucas polynomials and \( a_n \), \( n=0,1,2,...,N \) are unknown coefficients [12].

### 2. SOME BASICS OF LUCAS POLYNOMIALS

The Lucas polynomials are defined as follows [23-26]:

\[ L_{n+1}(t) = t L_n(t) + L_{n-1}(t), \quad n \geq 1 \]

with \( L_0(t) = 1 \) and \( L_1(t) = t \) or their explicit form is

\[ L_n(t) = \sum_{k=0}^{[n/2]} \frac{n}{k} \binom{n-k}{k} t^{n-2k}, \quad n \geq 1 \]

where \( n \geq 1 \) and \( \lfloor x \rfloor \) is the largest integer smaller than or equal to \( x \).

The Lucas polynomials have the generating function [26]

\[ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} L_n(t) z^n = \frac{1 + z^2}{1 - z^2 - zt}. \]

The derivative of \( L_n(t) \) is of the form [26]

\[ L_n'(t) = \frac{n}{t^2 + 4} \left( t L_n(t) + 2 L_{n-1}(t) \right). \]

The relation between Lucas and Fibonacci polynomials is [25]

\[ \left( t^2 + 4 \right) F_n(t) = L_{n+1}(t) + L_{n-1}(t), \]

where \( F_n(t) \) is the Fibonacci polynomials. For more properties of the Lucas polynomials, one can refer to [23-26].

### 3. FUNDAMENTAL MATRIX RELATIONS

In this section, we constitute the matrix forms of the unknown function \( y(t) \) defined by the form (3), the derivative \( y^{(k)}(t) \), the functional term \( y^{(k)}(\alpha, t + \beta(t)), \) the kernel function \( K_j(t,s) \) and the functional term \( y(\lambda_j z + \mu_j) \) in Eq. (1). These matrix forms will enable us to solve the functional integro-differential equation (1) under the initial conditions (2). We can first write the truncated Lucas series (3) in the matrix form, for \( n = 0,1,2,...,N \),

\[ y(t) = \sum_{n=0}^{N} a_n L_n(t), \]

where

\[ L(t) = \begin{bmatrix} L_0(t) & L_2(t) & \cdots & L_N(t) \end{bmatrix}, \]

\[ A = \begin{bmatrix} a_0 & a_1 & \cdots & a_N \end{bmatrix}^T. \]

Then, by using the Lucas polynomials \( L_n(t) \) given by (4), we write the matrix form \( L(t) \) as follows;

\[ L(t) = T(t) M^T \]

where

\[ T(t) = \begin{bmatrix} t & t^2 & \cdots & t^N \end{bmatrix}, \]

if \( N \) is odd,

\[ M = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 2(1) & 1 & 2 & 2 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 3(2) & 2 & 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \cdots & \vdots \\ \end{bmatrix} \]

if \( N \) is even,

\[ M = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{n-1}{2} & \frac{n-1}{2} & \cdots & \frac{n-1}{2} \\ \frac{n-1}{2} & \frac{n-1}{2} & \cdots & \frac{n-1}{2} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \cdots & \vdots \\ \frac{n+1}{2} & \frac{n+1}{2} & \cdots & \frac{n+1}{2} \\ \frac{n-3}{2} & \frac{n-3}{2} & \cdots & \frac{n-3}{2} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \cdots & \vdots \\ 0 & \frac{n+1}{2} & \cdots & \frac{n}{n} \\ \frac{n-1}{2} & \frac{n-1}{2} & \cdots & \frac{n}{n} \\ 0 & \frac{n+1}{2} & \cdots & \frac{n}{n} \\ \end{bmatrix} \]
A numerical technique based on Lucas polynomials together with standard and Chebyshev-Lobatto collocation points for solving functional integro-differential equations. By using (7) and (8), we have the matrix relation

$$\begin{bmatrix}
0 & 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 2 & \cdots & 0 \\
\vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\
0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & N \\
0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0
\end{bmatrix}
$$

By using (7) and (8), we have the matrix relation

$$y_N^{(k)}(\alpha t + \beta r(t)) = T(t)B^k M^T A, \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \ldots, m. \quad (9)$$

Putting $t \to \alpha t + \beta r(t)$ into (9), we obtain the matrix relation

$$y_N^{(r)}(\alpha t + \beta r(t)) = T(t)S^T (\alpha \beta \cdot B^k M^T A, \quad (10)$$

where

$$\begin{bmatrix}
0 & 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 2 & \cdots & 0 \\
\vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\
0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & N \\
0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0
\end{bmatrix}$$

By the matrix relations (5) and (6), it follows that

$$\gamma_N(t) = T(t)M^T A. \quad (7)$$

Besides, it is well known from [9] that the relation between $T(t)$ and its derivative $T^{(k)}(t)$ is of the form

$$T^{(k)}(t) = T(t)B^k, \quad (8)$$

where

Note that the matrix $T(\alpha t + \beta r(t))$ can be constituted as $T(\alpha t + \beta r(t)) = T(t)S^T (\alpha \beta \cdot B, \beta r(t))$. On the other hand, the matrix forms of $y(\lambda_j s + \mu_j)$ and $K_j(t, s)$ can be written as

$$y(\lambda_j s + \mu_j) = T(s)S^T (\lambda_j, \mu_j)M^T A \quad (11)$$

and by using the Taylor series expansion of $K_j(t, s)$ [8], we have

$$K_j(t, s) = T(t)K_j T^T (s), \quad K_j = \left[ k_{pq} \right] \quad (12)$$

where

$$k_{pq}^j = \frac{\partial^p q K_j(0,0)}{\partial t^p \partial s^q}, \quad p, q = 0, 1, \ldots, N, \quad j = 0, 1, \ldots, m_2. \quad (13)$$

By means of the relations (11) and (12), we obtain the matrix form of the integral part of Eq. (1) as follows;

$$v_{ij}(t) \int_{\omega_j(t)}^{v_{ij}(t)} K_j(t, s)y(\lambda_j s + \mu_j)ds = \int_{u_j(t)}^{V_j} T(t)K J^T (s)S^T (\lambda_j, \mu_j)M^T A ds \quad (13)$$

where

$$C_j(t) = \int_{\omega_j(t)}^{v_{ij}(t)} T^T (s)Sds = \left[ c_{mn}^j(t) \right] ; \quad c_{mn}^j(t) = \frac{(v_j(t))^{m+n+1} - (u_j(t))^{m+n+1}}{m+n+1}, \quad m, n = 0, 1, \ldots, N. \quad (14)$$

### 4. Lucas Matrix-Collocation Technique

In this section, we first constitute the following matrix equation corresponding to the functional integro-differential equation (1), by substituting the matrix relations (9), (10) and (13) into Eq. (1):

$$\sum_{i=0}^{m} p_i(\alpha t + \beta r(t))B^k + \sum_{r=0}^{m} q_r(\alpha t + \beta r(t))S^T (c_0, \beta r(t))B^k - \sum_{j=0}^{m_2} c_{mn}^j(t)K J^T (c_0, \beta r(t))S^T (c_0, \beta r(t))M^T A = g(t). \quad (14)$$
On the other hand, the standard (SCP) and Chebyshev-Lobatto (CLCP) collocation points we will use in the matrix equation (14) are defined respectively by

\[ t_j = a + \frac{b-a}{N} j \quad \text{and} \quad t_j = \frac{a+b}{2} + \frac{a-b}{2} \cos \left( \frac{\pi j}{N} \right), \]

for \( j = 0, 1, \ldots, N \).

where

\[ P_k = \text{diag} \left[ P_k(t_0), P_k(t_1), \ldots, P_k(t_N) \right], \]

\[ Q_k = \text{diag} \left[ Q_k(t_0), Q_k(t_1), \ldots, Q_k(t_N) \right], \]

\[ T = \begin{bmatrix} T(t_0) & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ T(t_1) & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ T(t_N) & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \]

\[ S_r = \begin{bmatrix} S^T(\lambda_j, \mu_j) \\ \vdots \\ S^T(\lambda_j, \mu_j) \end{bmatrix} \]

\[ \overline{S}(\lambda_j, \mu_j) = \begin{bmatrix} \overline{S}^T(\lambda_j, \mu_j) \\ \vdots \\ \overline{S}^T(\lambda_j, \mu_j) \end{bmatrix}, \]

\[ \overline{K}_r = \text{diag} \left[ K_0, K_1, \ldots, K_r \right]. \]

Besides, the fundamental matrix equation (14) can be expressed in the form

\[ WA = G \quad \text{or} \quad \mathbf{W} ; \mathbf{G}^* = \mathbf{G}^*. \]

where

\[ \mathbf{W} = \left[ w_{mn} \right], \quad m, n = 0, 1, \ldots, N. \]

Now, by the relation (9), we can obtain the condition matrix form for the initial conditions (2) as

\[ U_i A = \varphi_i \quad \text{or} \quad \mathbf{U}_i; \mathbf{\varphi}, \quad i = 0, 1, \ldots, m-1 \]

such that

\[ U_i = \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} a_k^i T(a) B^k M^t = [u_{i0}, u_{i1}, \ldots, u_{in}]. \]

Eventually, in order to find the Lucas polynomial solution of the problem (1)-(2), by replacing \( m \) row matrices (16) into any \( m \) rows of the form (15). Thus, we have the augmented matrix

\[ \mathbf{W}^* ; \mathbf{G}^* \text{ or } \mathbf{W}^* \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{G}^*. \]

where

\[ \mathbf{W}^* = \left[ w_{N-\alpha-1,0}, w_{N-\alpha-1,1}, \ldots, w_{N-\alpha-1,N}, \varphi_0, \varphi_1, \ldots, \varphi_{N-1} \right]. \]

In Eq. (17), if \( \text{rank} \mathbf{W}^* = \text{rank} \mathbf{W} ; \mathbf{G}^* = N + 1 \), then the coefficient matrix \( A \) is uniquely determined and so the solution of the problem (1)-(2) is obtained as

\[ y_N(t) = \mathbf{L}(t) A \quad \text{or} \quad y_N(t) = \mathbf{T}(t) \mathbf{M}^t A. \]

5. RESIDUAL ERROR ANALYSIS

In this section, an error analysis dependent on residual function is implemented to improve the Lucas polynomial solutions. By using Eq. (1), we can obtain the residual function on \( t \in [a, b] \) as

\[ R_s(t) = \sum_{i=0}^{m} \tilde{p}_i(t) \gamma^{(i)}(t) + \sum_{i=0}^{m} \tilde{q}_i(t) \gamma^{(i)}(\alpha x + \beta_t(t)) - \sum_{i=0}^{m} \tilde{g}_i(t) \gamma^{(i)}(x) \]

In recent years, the residual error analysis has been applied by some authors [5,11,13,14,16,17,19,21,22]. Furthermore, the reader can refer to [15,27,28] for convergence analysis based on residual function; residual correction and its theory. Let us now construct the residual error analysis for the Lucas polynomials. The error function \( e_N(x) \) is defined by

\[ e_N(t) = y(t) - y_N(t). \]

By Eqs. (18) and (19), the error equation is of the form

\[ L[e_N(t)] = L[y(t)] - L[y_N(t)] = -R_s(t), \]

subject to the initial conditions

\[ \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} a_k^i e_N[k](a) = 0, \quad i = 0, 1, \ldots, m-1. \]

By Eqs. (19) and (20), we constitute the error problem. We solve this problem by following the procedure given in Sections 3 and 4.
obtain the estimated error function $e_{N,M}(t)$ (or called the solution of the error problem (19)-(20)), so
$$e_{N,M}(t) = \sum_{n=0}^{M} y_n^* L_n(t), \quad (M > N).$$

Here, the corrected Lucas polynomial solution is obtained as $y_{N,M}(t) = y_N(t) + e_{N,M}(t)$ and the corrected error function is obtained as $E_{N,M}(t) = y(t) - y_{N,M}(t)$.

6. NUMERICAL EXAMPLES

In this section, the practicability of the present technique are illustrated with the numerical results of some descriptive examples. Also, these results are discussed in tables and figures, by considering SCP and CLCP. A computer code written on Mathematica (on Pc with 2GB RAM and 2.80 GHz CPU) has been performed to obtain the precise results. In order to compare the numerical results, we also perform $L_{\infty}$ error defined as follows [29]:
$$L_{\infty} = \max_{a \leq t \leq b} \left| y(t_i) - y_N(t_i) \right|,$$
where $y(t)$ is the exact solution.

6.1. Example 1:

Let us consider the second-order functional integro-differential equation with variable delays

$$y(t) - y'(t) + 2y(t) f(t) = g(t) + \int_0^t 3t^2 y(s) ds$$

subject to the initial conditions $y(0)=0$ and $y'(0)=0$. Here, $0 \leq t \leq 2$, $\beta_0(t) = -2$, $\beta_1(t) = -1$, $\beta_2(t) = 1$, $Q_1(t) = 2$, $Q_2(t) = 1$, $\gamma_0 = 1$, $K_0(t,s) = 3t^2 s^2$, $u_0(t) = t$, $v_0(t) = e^{t+1}$, $\lambda_0 = 1$, $\mu_0 = 0$,

$$g(t) = 2 - t^2 \left( \frac{3t^5 + 5}{5} + 2t - \frac{3t^5}{5} \right) \sin(t).$$

We approximate the exact solution $y(t)$, by taking the Lucas polynomial solution form:

$$y(t) \equiv y_2(t) = \sum_{n=0}^{2} a_n L_n(t), \quad 0 \leq t \leq 2$$

and the standard collocation points for $a = 0$, $b = 2$ and $N=2$ are computed as $\{x_0 = 0, x_1 = 1, x_2 = 2\}$.

The fundamental matrix equation of this problem becomes

$$\left[ 2 \sum_{k=0}^{2} \alpha_k \beta_k(t) + \beta_k(1) B_k \right] S^T A G = \mathbf{M}$$

where

$$T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad P_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad P_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad P_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\mathbf{Q}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{M} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{G} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 13218.6 \\ -7.85 \times 10^6 \end{bmatrix}$$

and

$$S = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & -\sin1 \sin(t) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -\sin2 \sin(t) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad S_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & -\sin1 \sin(t) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -\sin2 \sin(t) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{T} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{K}_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$
Then, the augmented matrix is

\[
[W; \mathbf{G}] = \begin{bmatrix}
1 & 2 & 2 \\
2 & 0 & 2 \\
0 & 1 & 0
\end{bmatrix}
\]

Solving this system, \( \mathbf{A} \) is obtained as \( \mathbf{A} = [-1 \ 0 \ 1]^T \). By the relation (7), \( y(t) \) is obtained as

\[
y(t) = T(t)M'\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & t & t^2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 2 \\
0 & 1 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}
\]

thus, the solution of the problem becomes

\[y(t) = t^2,\]

which is the exact solution.

**6.2. Example 2:**

Consider the second-order integro-differential equation with variable delays

\[
t^2 y''(t) - 2y'(t + 1) - ty\left(t \frac{t^2}{2} \right) = g(t) - \int_0^t tsy\left(s \frac{s^2}{2} + 1\right) ds
\]

subject to \( t \in [0,1] \), and the initial conditions \( y(0) = 1 \) and \( y'(0) = 0 \). The exact solution of this problem is \( y(t) = \cos(t) \). Here, \( g(t) \) can be easily found. By using SCP, we obtain the following solutions for \( N=4 \) and 7:

\[
y_{4}(t) = 1 + 2.77556 \times 10^{-16} t - 0.520263 t^2 + 0.0317765 t^3 + 0.0259313 t^4
\]

\[+ 0.0422844 t^5 - 0.0002857 t^6 + 0.000146 t^7 + 0.0000103 t^7.\]

As seen from Figure 1, a fast approximation is provided, so the Lucas polynomial solutions coincide with the exact solution. Notice that the Lucas polynomial solutions obtained by using SCP are plotted in Figures 1-4. Also, in Table 1, the numerical results are obtained by using SCP and CLCP in our technique.
A numerical technique based on Lucas polynomials together with standard and Chebyshev-Lobatto collocation points for solving functional integro-differential equations is introduced. The method is applied to solve pantograph Volterra integro-differential equations. The results are compared with the exact solutions and other techniques. The CPU time is also computed. The Lucas polynomial solutions obtained by using CLCP are plotted in Figures 5 and 6. Computer program is written in a short time.

6.3. Example 3:

Consider the first-order pantograph Volterra delay-integro-differential equation [30]

$$y'(t) - y\left(\frac{t}{2}\right) = 1 - \frac{3t}{2} + \int_{0}^{t} y(s) \, ds + \int_{0}^{\frac{t}{2}} y(s) \, ds$$

for $0 \leq t \leq 1$,

subject to the initial condition $y(0) = 0$. Here, the exact solution of the problem is $y(t) = 1 - e^{-t}$.

After solving this problem by employing $N=2,10$, $M=11, 12$; SCP and CLCP, we obtain the Lucas polynomial solutions. It is seen from Figure 5 that we approach speedily to the exact solution, when $N=2$ and 3. It is also worth specifying in Figure 6 that our solutions obtained on $[0,1]$ are consistent with the exact solution, even if these are on $[0,5]$. Notice that the Lucas polynomial solutions obtained by using CLCP are plotted in Figures 5 and 6.

By considering different collocation points, $L_{\infty}$ errors are compared with the errors $\|E(h)\|_{\infty}$ of Sinc technique [30] in Table 2. As seen from Table 2, our error results are far better than those in the mentioned technique and CPU processes our computer program in a short time.

| $N,M$ | $L_{\infty}$ error; SCP | $L_{\infty}$ error; CLCP | $\|E(h)\|_{\infty}$ | CPU time (sec) SCP | CPU time (sec) CLCP |
|-------|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 2     | 1.81e-02               | 1.81e-02               | 0.3120          | 0.4056            |                   |
| 3     | 3.47e-03               | 1.10e-03               | 0.4524          | 0.4836            |                   |
| 4     | 1.61e-04               | 6.27e-05               | 0.5772          | 0.6084            |                   |
| 5     | 1.44e-05               | 1.61e-06               | 0.7644          | 0.8268            |                   |
| 7     | 3.48e-08               | 2.19e-09               | 1.4040          | 1.2636            |                   |
| 8     | 1.18e-09               | 6.14e-11               | 1.7472          | 1.5600            |                   |
| 10    | 1.55e-12               | 3.25e-14               | 2.9796          | 2.2152            |                   |
| 10,11 | 5.57e-14               | 6.61e-16               | n.a.            | n.a.              |                   |
6.4. Example 4:

Consider the first-order delay differential equation [31]

\[ y'(t) - ty(t) - te^{y(t)/4}y\left(t - \frac{t}{2}\right) = 0, \quad 0 \leq t \leq 2 \]

subject to the initial condition \( y(0) = 1 \). Here, the exact solution of the problem is \( y(t) = e^t \).

Dix [31] investigated the asymptotic behavior of solutions of the first-order differential equation with variable delays, using Lyapunov functionals. We solve this problem, implementing our technique with SCP and CLCP for \( N = 5 \text{ to } 20 \text{ and } 50 \). CPU time is obtained (sec.) as 0.0312 (\( N = 5 \)) and 0.796 (\( N = 50 \)) for CLCP. Also, we obtain \( L_\infty \) error as \( 8.53e-014 \) for CLCP and \( N = 50 \). The Lucas polynomial solutions are plotted along with the exact solution in Figure 7.

![Figure 7. Comparison of the exact and Lucas polynomial solutions for Example 6.4.](image)

Figure 7. Comparison of the exact and Lucas polynomial solutions for Example 6.4.

Figure 8 shows that \( L_\infty \) errors decrease for different collocation points, as \( N \) is increased from 10 to 20. In addition, the numerical values of the exact, approximate solutions and \( L_\infty \) errors are compared in Table 3. It is clearly seen from Figure 8 and Table 3 that CLCP are more useful than SCP.

![Figure 8. Logarithmic plot of \( L_\infty \) errors with SCP and CLCP with respect to \( N \) for Example 6.4.](image)

Figure 8. Logarithmic plot of \( L_\infty \) errors with SCP and CLCP with respect to \( N \) for Example 6.4.

| \( t \) | Exact sol. | \( y_{10}(t) \) SCP | \( y_{10}(t) \) CLCP | \( y_{10,13}(t) \) SCP | \( y_{10,13}(t) \) CLCP |
|-------|-----------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| 0.0   | 1         | 1                   | 1                   | 1                    | 1                    |
| 0.5   | 1.284     | 1.285               | 1.284               | 1.284                | 1.284                |
| 1.0   | 2.718     | 2.721               | 2.719               | 2.718                | 2.718                |
| 1.5   | 9.488     | 9.498               | 9.488               | 9.487                | 9.488                |
| 2.0   | 54.60     | 54.52               | 54.60               | 54.59                | 54.60                |
| \( L_\infty \) | 7.4e-02 | 9.1e-04             | 7.8e-03             | 4.3e-05              |                     |

Table 3. Comparison of the exact and the corrected approximate solutions and \( L_\infty \) errors in terms of different collocation points for Example 6.4.

### 7. CONCLUSION

A practical Lucas matrix-collocation technique has been employed to solve functional integro-differential equations with variable delays. In Figures 1-8 and Tables 1-3, the comparisons of the present results show that the proposed technique is very applicable, consistent and fast (according to CPU time(s)). The accuracy increases, as \( N \) is increased. Our solutions have been improved via the efficient residual error analysis as seen in Figures 2, 6 and Tables 2, 3.

On the other hand, by investigating the obtained results, we can deduce that the use of CLCP in the present technique is more advantageous than the use of SCP. It would be suitable to apply the present technique to other tough problems. In addition, it is readily seen that the present technique has a simple procedure and is very easy for computer programming.
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