Least-Squares Chebyshev Method for Solving Fractional Integro-differential Equations

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ABSTRACT: The main purpose of this study gears towards finding numerical solution to fractional integro-differential equations. The technique involves the application of caputo properties and Chebyshev polynomials to reduce the problem to system of linear algebraic equations and then solved using MAPLE 18. To demonstrate the accuracy and applicability of the presented method some numerical examples are given. Numerical results show that the method is easy to implement and compares favorably with the exact results. The graphical solution of the method is displayed.

KEYWORDS: Fractional integro-differential equations; least squares; Chebyshev polynomials

INTRODUCTION
Fractional integro-differential equations has played a significant role in modelling of real world physical problems e.g the modeling of earthquake, reducing the spread of virus, control the memory behaviour of electric socket and many others. Fractional calculus is a field dealing with integral and derivatives of arbitrary orders, and their applications in science, engineering and other fields. The idea is from the ordinary calculus. According to [1- 3], It was discovered by Leibniz in the year 1695 few years after he discovered ordinary calculus but later forgotten due to the complexity of the formula. Since most Fractional Integro-differential Equations (FIDEs) cannot be solved analytically, approximation and numerical techniques, therefore, they are used extensively.

Numerical solution to FIDEs in different fields has been a point of attraction for researchers in recent times. [4] employed Lagurre polynomials as basis functions for the solution of fractional Solving Fredholm integro-differential equations while [5] employed Bernstein polynomials as basis functions to approximate the solution of FIDEs. References [6 - 8] applied collocation techniques for solving FIDEs using different basis functions. [9] applied Sumudu transform method and Hermite Spectral collocation method for solving FIDEs. Author [10] introduced approximate solutions of Volterra-Fredholm integro-differential equations of fractional order. References [11 - 12] used Least - Squares method for the solution of FIDEs. [13-15] introduced numerical solution of fractional singular integro-differential equations by using Taylor series expansion and Galerkin method and a fast numerical algorithm based on the second kind of Chebyshev polynomials. The author in [16] applied numerical solution of Fredholm-Volterra fractional integro-differential equation with nonlocal boundary conditions. Reference [17] employed Bernstein modified homotopy perturbation method for the Solution of Volterra fractional integro-differential equations. The objective of this work is to extend the application of the least squares and Chebyshev Polynomials to provide an approximate solution for fractional integro-differential equations taking the fractional derivative at equally spaced point of interval. The general form of the class of problem considered in this work is given as:

\[ D^α u(x) = p(x)u(x) + f(x) + \int_0^x k(x, t)u(x)dt, \quad 0 \leq x, t \leq 1, \quad (1) \]

With the following supplementary conditions:

\[ u^{(j)}(0) = δ_j, j = 0,1,2, ..., m - 1, m - 1 < α \leq m, \quad m \in, N \quad (2) \]

Where \( D^α u(x) \) indicates the \( α \) th Caputo fractional derivative of \( u(x) \); \( p(x), f(x) \).

\( K(x, t) \) are given smooth functions, \( δ_j \) are real constant, \( x \) and \( t \) are real variables varying \([0,1]\) and \( u(x) \) is the unknown function to be determined.

SOME RELEVANT BASIC DEFINITIONS

Definition 1: Riemann – Lowville fractional integral is defined as [18]:

\[ f(x) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^x \frac{f(t)}{(x-t)^{1-\alpha}} dt, \quad α > 0, x > 0, \quad (3) \]

denotes the fractional integral of order \( α \)
Definition 2: The Caputo Fractional Derivative is defined as [18]:
\[ D^a f(x) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(n-\alpha)} \int_a^x (x-s)^{n-\alpha-1} f^m(s)ds \]  
(4)
Where \( m \) is a positive integer with the property that \( n-1 < \alpha < n \)
For example if \( 0 < \alpha < 1 \) the caputo fractional derivative is
\[ D^a f(x) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(1-\alpha)} \int_x^a (s-x)^{\alpha-1} f^m(s)ds \]  
(5)

Hence, we have the following properties:

(1) \( J^\alpha J^\nu f = J^{\alpha+\nu} f, \alpha, \nu > 0, f \in C_\mu, \mu > 0 \)
(2) \( J^\alpha x^\gamma = \frac{\Gamma(\gamma+1)}{\Gamma(\gamma+1+\alpha)} x^{\alpha+\gamma}, \alpha > 0, \gamma > -1, x > 0 \)
(3) \( J^\alpha D^\alpha f(x) = f(x) - \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{\Gamma(k+1)}{\Gamma(k+1+\alpha)} x^k, \alpha > 0, x > 0 \)
(4) \( D^\alpha J^\alpha f(x) = f(x), x > 0, n-1 < \alpha \leq n \)
(5) \( D^\alpha C = 0, \alpha \) is the constant,
(6) \( D^\alpha x^\beta = \frac{\Gamma(\beta+1)}{\Gamma(\beta+1+\alpha)} x^{\beta+\alpha}, \beta \in N_0, \beta \geq [\alpha] \)
Where \([\alpha]\) denoted the smallest integer greater than or equal to \( \alpha \) and \( N_0 = \{0,1,2,\ldots\} \)

Definition 3: The Chebyshev polynomials [12] of degree \( n \) over \([0,1]\) is defined by the relation
\[ Q_m(x) = \cos(j\sin^{-1}(2x-1)) \]  
(6)
and the recurrence relation is given
\[ Q_{m+1}(x) = 2(2x-1)Q_m(x) - Q_{m-1}(x), m \geq 1 \]  
(7)
Where \( Q^*_m(x) = 1 \), \( Q^*_1(x) = 2x-1 \)

Definition 4: Chebyshev polynomials[12]: A linear combination Chebyshev basis polynomials:
\[ u_m(x) = \sum_{j=0}^{m} a_j Q^*_j(x) \]  
(8)
is the Bernstein polynomials of degree \( n \) where \( a_j, j = 0,1,2,\ldots \) are constants.

Demonstration of Least Squares Chebyshev Method (LSCM)

The Least Squares Chebyshev Method is based on approximating the unknown function \( u(x) \) in (1) by assuming an approximate solution of the form defined in (8).
Consider equation (1) operating with \( J^\alpha \) on both sides as follows:
\[ J^\alpha D^a u(x) = J^\alpha f(x) + J^\alpha (\int_a^x k(x,t)u(t)dt) \]  
(9)
\[ u(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} u^k(0) \frac{x^k}{k!} + J^\alpha f(x) \]
(10)
Substituting (8) into (9) gives
\[ \sum_{j=0}^{m} a_j Q^*_j(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} u^k(0) \frac{x^k}{k!} + J^\alpha f(x) \]
(11)
Hence, the residual equation is obtained as
\[ R(a_0,a_1,\ldots,a_m) = \sum_{j=0}^{m} a_j Q^*_j(x) - \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} u^k(0) \frac{x^k}{k!} + J^\alpha f(x) + J^\alpha (\int_a^x k(x,t)\sum_{j=0}^{m} a_j Q^*_j(t)dt) \]
(12)
Let
\[ S(a_0,a_1,\ldots,a_m) = \int_0^1 [R(a_0,a_1,\ldots,a_m)]^2 w(x)dx \]  
(13)
Where \( w(x) \) is the positive weight function defined in the interval, \([a,b]\). In this work, we take \( w(x) = 1 \) for simplicity. Thus,
\[ S(a_0,a_1,\ldots,a_m) = \int_0^1 \left\{ \sum_{j=0}^{m} a_j Q^*_j(x) - \left\{ \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} u^k(0) \frac{x^k}{k!} + J^\alpha f(x) + \int_0^x k(x,t)\sum_{j=0}^{m} a_j Q^*_j(t)dt \right\} \right\}^2 dx \]  
(14)
In order to minimize equation (15), we obtained the values of \( a_j \) \((j \geq 0)\) by finding
the minimum value of \( S \) as:
\[ \frac{\partial S}{\partial a_j} = 0, j = 0,1,2,\ldots,m \]
(15)
Applying (15) on (14), we have
\[ \int_0^1 \left\{ \sum_{j=0}^{m} a_j Q^*_j(x) - \left\{ \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} u^k(0) \frac{x^k}{k!} + J^\alpha f(x) + \int_0^x k(x,t)\sum_{j=0}^{m} a_j Q^*_j(t)dt \right\} \right\} \]  
(16)
Thus, (16) is then simplified for \( j = 0,1,\ldots,n \) to obtain \((m+1)\) algebraic system of equations in \((m+1)\) unknown \( a^*_j \) \( s \) which are then put in matrix form as follow:
\[ A = \begin{pmatrix} \int_0^1 R(x,a_0)h_0dx & \int_0^1 R(x,a_1)h_0dx & \cdots & \int_0^1 R(x,a_m)h_0dx \\ \int_0^1 R(x,a_0)h_1dx & \int_0^1 R(x,a_1)h_1dx & \cdots & \int_0^1 R(x,a_m)h_1dx \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \int_0^1 R(x,a_0)h_mdx & \int_0^1 R(x,a_1)h_mdx & \cdots & \int_0^1 R(x,a_m)h_mdx \end{pmatrix} \]
(17)
\[ B = \begin{pmatrix} \int_0^1 J^\alpha f(x) + \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} u^k(0) \frac{x^k}{k!} h_0dx \\ \int_0^1 J^\alpha f(x) + \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} u^k(0) \frac{x^k}{k!} h_1dx \\ \vdots \\ \int_0^1 J^\alpha f(x) + \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} u^k(0) \frac{x^k}{k!} h_mdx \end{pmatrix} \]
Where
\[ h_j = Q^*_j(x) - J^\alpha (\int_0^x k(x,t)Q^*_j(t)dt), j = 0,1,\ldots,m \]
\[ R(x,a_j) = \sum_{i=0}^{m} a_i Q^*_i(x) - J^\alpha (\int_0^x k(x,t)\sum_{i=0}^{m} a_i Q^*_i(t)dt), j = 0,1,\ldots,m \]
The \((m+1)\) linear equations are then solved to obtain the unknown constants \( a_j (j = 0(1)m) \), which are then substituted back into the assumed approximate solution to give the required approximation solution.

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**NUMERICAL EXAMPLES**

In this section, the above technique is implemented on some problems. The problems are then solved via the Chebyshev polynomials as basis functions. The problems are then solved to illustrate the accuracy and efficiency of the proposed method using Maple 18.

**Example 1:** Consider the following fractional Integro-differential [4]

\[ D^a u(x) = f(x) + \int_0^1 x t u(t) dt \tag{18} \]

where

\[ f(x) = 1 - \frac{1}{3} x \tag{19} \]

Subject to \( u(0) = 0 \)

Here, \( (18) \) is solved by applying \( D^a \) on both sides of \( (18) \) and substituting \( (8) \) into \( (18) \) to have

\[ f(x) D^{|\alpha|} \int_0^1 \sum_{i=0}^n a_i Q^*_{i} (x) = f(x) \]

Applying fractional integral operator on \( (20) \) and simplifying further, where \( m = 2 \) and \( \alpha = 1 \) gives

\[ a_0 + (2x - 1) + a_2 (8x^2 - 8x + 1) - x + \frac{1}{6} x^2 - 0.25a_0 x^2 - 0.0833333335 a_1 x^2 + 0.0833333335 a_2 x^2 = 0 \tag{21} \]

Hence, the residual equation is defined as:

\[ R(a_0, a_1, a_2) = a_0 + (2x - 1) + a_2 (8x^2 - 8x + 1) - x + \frac{1}{6} x^2 - 0.25a_0 x^2 - 0.0833333335 a_1 x^2 + 0.0833333335 a_2 x^2 \tag{22} \]

Let

\[ S(a_0, a_1, a_2) = \int_0^1 [R(a_0, a_1, a_2)]^2 w(x) dx \tag{23} \]

Where \( w(x) \) is defined in the procedure above. Thus,

\[ S(a_0, a_1, a_2) = a_0 + (2x - 1) + a_2 (8x^2 - 8x + 1) - x + \frac{1}{6} x^2 - 0.25a_0 x^2 - 0.0833333335 a_1 x^2 + 0.0833333335 a_2 x^2 \tag{24} \]

\[ \int_0^1 [a_0 + (2x - 1) + a_2 (8x^2 - 8x + 1) - x + \frac{1}{6} x^2 - 0.25a_0 x^2 - 0.0833333335 a_1 x^2 + 0.0833333335 a_2 x^2]^2 dx \tag{25} \]

In order to minimize \( (15) \), applying \( (16) \) on \( (25) \) and integrating with respect to \( x \) over the interval \([0,1]\) to give three system of equations with three unknown constants \( a_i (i = 0,1,2) \). Solving these equations, the following constants were obtained as: \( a_0 = 0.5, a_1 = 0.5 \) and \( a_2 = 0 \). Substituting the values back into \( (8) \) to get the approximate solution as: \( u(x) = x \) which is the same as exact solution when \( \alpha = 1 \). Bernstein polynomials was used as basis functions to find the numerical solution of similar problem by [4]. The approximate solution was found at \( N = 3 \) as:

\[ u(x) = 0.0024 (1 - x)^3 + 0.32 \times 3x (1 - x) + 0.712 \times 3x^2 (1 - x) + 0.841 x^2 \]

Looking at the outcomes of the results, it tends to be said that our method performed more accurately since the exact solution is found.

Following the same procedure for \( \alpha = 0.9, \alpha = 0.8, \alpha = 0.7, \alpha = 0.6, \alpha = 0.5, \alpha = 0.4, \alpha = 0.3, \alpha = 0.2 \) and \( \alpha = 0.1 \)

\[ u(x) = 0.01588902294 + 1.150959953x - 0.1157895773 x^2 \]

\[ u(x) = 0.04003025921 + 1.297646180x - 0.2390914991 x^2 \]

\[ u(x) = 0.0750324633 + 1.430521126x - 0.3639375006 x^2 \]

\[ u(x) = 0.1241382263 + 1.536726288x - 0.4816550418 x^2 \]

\[ u(x) = 0.1912818494 + 1.599296945x - 0.5801507126 x^2 \]

\[ u(x) = 0.2812494474 + 1.596242159x - 0.6430517126 x^2 \]

\[ u(x) = 0.3997678105 + 1.499487792x - 0.648689190 x^2 \]

\[ u(x) = 0.5536115751 + 1.273699667x - 0.5689149551 x^2 \]

\[ u(x) = 0.7506771300 + 0.8750423506x - 0.3677620782x^2 \]

**Example 2:** Consider the following fractional Integro-differential [19]

\[ D^a u(x) = f(x) + \int_0^1 x t u(t) dt \tag{27} \]

where

\[ f(x) = 1 - e^x \tag{28} \]

Subject to \( u(0) = 0 \). Solving \( (27) \), following the same procedure above, we take \( \alpha = 1, \alpha = 0.9, \alpha = 0.8, \alpha = 0.7, \alpha = 0.6, \alpha = 0.5, \alpha = 0.4, \alpha = 0.3, \alpha = 0.2 \) and \( \alpha = 0.1 \). The following approximate solutions are obtained.
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\[ u(x) = -0.0129913096 + 0.14887494962x - 0.9344220712x^2 \\
\[ u(x) = -0.0106181628 + 0.1057578250x - 0.9977935528x^2 \\
\[ u(x) = -0.0076439273 + 0.045374535x - 1.056004310x^2 \\
\[ u(x) = -0.0041339199 - 0.036104484x - 1.106084750x^2 \\
\[ u(x) = -0.0002583555 - 0.143047337x - 1.144412894x^2 \\
\[ u(x) = 0.003606784 - 0.280329534x - 1.166652574x^2 \\
\[ u(x) = 0.007017205 - 0.453227097x - 1.167726049x^2 \\
\[ u(x) = 0.0089045770 - 0.667185082x - 1.141854355x^2 \\
\[ u(x) = 0.0078512917 - 0.927388486x - 1.082718434x^2 \\
\[ u(x) = -0.1283562070 - 1.238029636x - 0.9838229360x^2 \]  

(29)

Figure 2: Showing the graphical behavior of the approximation solutions of example 2

CONCLUSION

In this study, the Chebyshev polynomials together with Caputo properties are used to find the solution of FIDEs. There is a high rate of convergence of the approximate solutions to the exact solutions. Specifically, the performance of the proposed method was compared with existing results in the literature and are found to be more efficient in the terms of accuracy. Also, it is pleasing to note that the Chebyshev polynomials and the method used displayed a good behaviour on the graph when set into a control system at equal spaced point of fractional derivatives. It is also observed that the number of iterations needed in solving the problems using the proposed method is few and with lower values of M (the degree of the approximant).

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