Reliable Algorithm for Solving Integro-Differential Equations of Fractional Order Using Homotopy Analysis Method

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Abstract
In this paper, a powerful algorithm of the homotopy analysis method were developed and used to find the approximate solution of integro-differential equations of fractional order. Which consist of fractional order of differentiation and fractional order of integration.

The fractional derivative is described in the Caputo sense and the fractional integration is described in the Riemann-Liouville sense. In addition some examples are used to illustrate the accuracy and validity of this approach.

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Introduction
Fractional calculus has found diverse applications in various scientific and technological fields [1, 2, 3, 4], such as thermal engineering, acoustic, electromagnetism, control, robotics, viscoelasticity, diffusion, signal processing and many other physical processes.

There are several definitions of a fractional derivative of order α>0 [4], two most commonly used definitions are Riemann-Liouville and Caputo. Each definitions uses Riemann-Liouville fractional integration and derivatives of whole orders.

Integro-differential equations of fractional order may be considered as a branch of fractional integral equations which arise in modeling processing in applied sciences (physics, engineering, finance, biology, …), [5].

Throughout this paper we will exhibit integro-differential equations of fractional order of the form

\[ D_0^\alpha y(t) = f(t) + I^{\beta}[y(t)] \] ...........................(1)

Where the fractional derivative is considered in Caputo sense of order \( \alpha \) while the fractional integral is considered in Riemann-Liouville sense of order \( \beta \). Integro-differential equations of fractional order are attacked by many researchers such as [5, 6, 7] where the fractional appeared in the derivative only. While [8, 9] treated the fractional order integro-differential equations in which the derivative and the integral are of fractional order using Adomian decomposition method and variational iteration method, respectively.

Another approach will be used in this paper to find the approximate solution of the integro-differential equations (1) using the reliable algorithm of the homotopy analysis method.

The homotopy analysis method (HAM) was first proposed by Liao in his Ph.D. thesis [10]. A systematic and clear exposition on HAM is given in [11]. In recent years, this method has been successfully employed to solve many types of nonlinear, homogenous or non homogeneous equations and systems of equations, as well as, problems in science and engineering [10, 11, 12, 13, 14].

The HAM contains a certain auxiliary parameter to which provides us with a simple way to adjust and control the convergence region and rate of convergence of the series solution. Moreover, by means of the so-called \( h \)-curve, it is easy to determine the valid region of \( h \) to gain a convergent series solution. Thus, through HAM, explicit analytic solutions of nonlinear problems are possible.


In this paper we shall use the approach of Odibat [15] to find the approximate solution of integro-differential equations of fractional order given by equation (1).
Basic concepts [4]

In this section some definitions and properties related to fractional differentiation and integration are given:

the Riemann-Liouville fractional integration of order \( \beta \) is defined as,
\[
I^\beta f(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\beta)} \int_0^t (t-s)^{\beta-1} f(s) ds, \beta \in \mathbb{R}^+, t > 0. \tag{2}
\]

The next two equations define Riemann-Liouville and Caputo fractional derivatives of order \( \alpha \), respectively,
\[
D^\alpha f(t) = \frac{d^m}{dt^m} (I^{m-\alpha} f(t)) \tag{3}
\]
\[
D^\alpha_\text{c} f(t) = I^{m-\alpha} (\frac{d^m}{dt^m} f(t)) \tag{4}
\]

Where \( m-1 < \alpha \leq m \) and \( m \in \mathbb{N} \). from now, Caputo fractional derivative will be denoted by \( D^\alpha_\text{c} \) to maintain a clear distinction with Riemann-Liouville fractional derivative.

In the following we shall list some useful properties of Caputo fractional derivative.

1- Caputo introduced an alternative, definition, which has the advantage of defining integer order initial conditions for fractional order differential equations.

2- \( I^\alpha D^\alpha_\text{c} f(t) = f(t) - \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} \frac{d^k f(t)}{dt^k} \frac{t^k}{k!} \)

Caputo fractional differentiation is a linear operator which is similar to integer order differentiation
\[
D^\alpha_\text{c} [\lambda_1 f(t) + \lambda_2 g(t)] = \lambda_1 D^\alpha_\text{c} f(t) + \lambda_2 D^\alpha_\text{c} g(t), \lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in \mathbb{R} \tag{11}
\]

The Homotopy Analysis method [11]:

Consider the nonlinear equation in operator form:
\[
N[y(t)] = 0, t \in \mathbb{R} \tag{5}
\]

Where
\( N \) = nonlinear operator
\( y \) = unknown function
\( t \) = the independent variable.

Let \( y_0 \) denote an initial guesses for the exact solution \( y \), \( h \neq 0 \) an auxiliary parameter, \( H(t) \neq 0 \ \forall t \in \mathbb{R} \) an auxiliary function and \( L \) an auxiliary linear operator with the property that \( L[y(t)] = 0 \) when \( y(t)=0 \). Then using \( q \in [0,1] \) as an embedding parameter, we construct such a homotopy which is called the zero order deformation:
\[
(1 - q)L[\varphi(t, q) - y_0(t)] = qhH(t)N[\varphi(t, q)]. \tag{6}
\]

It should be emphasized that we have a great freedom to choose the initial guess \( y_0 \), the auxiliary linear operator \( L \), the nonzero auxiliary function \( H(t) \). when \( q=0 \), the zero-order deformation equation (6) becomes
\[
\varphi(t, 0) = y_0(t). \tag{7}
\]
and when \( q = 1 \), since \( h \neq 0 \) and \( H(t) \neq 0 \), the zero-order deformation equation (6) is equivalent to
\[
\varphi(t, 1) = y(t). \tag{8}
\]

Thus, according to (7) and (8), as the embedding parameter \( q \) increases from 0 to 1, \( \varphi(t, q) \) various continuously from the initial approximation \( y_0(t) \), to the exact solution \( y(t) \) Such a kind of continuous variation is called deformation in homotopy.

By Taylor’s theorem, \( \varphi(t, q) \) may be expanded in a power series of \( q \) as follows:
\[
\varphi(t, q) = y_0(t) + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} y_m q^m \tag{9}
\]
Where
\[
y_m(t) = \frac{1}{m!} \frac{\partial^m \varphi(t, q)}{\partial q^m} \bigg|_{q=0}. \tag{10}
\]

If the initial guess \( y_0 \), auxiliary linear parameter \( L \), the nonzero auxiliary parameter \( h \) and the power series \( \varphi(t, q) \) converge at \( q=1 \). Then, we have under these assumptions the solution series:
\[
y(t) = \varphi(t, 1) = y_0(t) + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} y_m(t). \tag{11}
\]

For brevity, define the vector:
\[
\tilde{y}_n(t) = \{y_0(t), y_1(t), y_2(t), \ldots, y_n(t)\}. \tag{12}
\]

According to equation (11), the governing equation of \( y_m(t) \), can be derived from the zero-order deformation equation (6) by differentiating the zero order deformation equation (6) \( m \)-times with respective to \( q \) and then dividing by \( m! \) and finally setting \( q=0 \), we have the so called \( m^\text{th} \) order deformation equation:
\[
\begin{align*}
L[y_m(t) - \chi_m y_{m-1}(t)] &= hH(x)R_m(\bar{y}_{m-1}(t)) \\
&= 0 ..................... (13)
\end{align*}
\]

where:
\[
R_m(\bar{y}_{m-1}(t)) = \frac{1}{(m-1)!} \left[ \frac{\partial^{m-1} N[\varphi(t,q)]}{\partial q^{m-1}} \right]_{q=0}^1 
\]

And
\[
\chi_m = \begin{cases} 
0, & m \leq 1 \\
1, & m > 1 
\end{cases}
\]

Note that the high-order deformation equation (12) is governed by the linear operator \( L \) and the term \( R_m(\bar{y}_{m-1}(t)) \) can be expressed simply by (13) for any nonlinear operator \( N \).

According to equation (13), the right-hand side of equation (13) is only dependent upon \( \bar{y}_{m-1}(t) \). Thus, we gain \( y_1(t) \), \( y_2(t) \), \ldots, by means of solving the linear high-order deformation equation (13) one after the other respectively.

**The Reliable Algorithm**

The homotopy analysis method which provides an analytical approximate solution is applied to various nonlinear problems.

In this section, we shall present a reliable approach of the homotopy analysis method that given in [15].

This modification can be implemented for integer order and fractional order nonlinear equations. To illustrate the basic ideas of this algorithm, we consider the following nonlinear integro-differential equation of fractional order:

\[
D^{\alpha}y(t) = N(y) + g(t), \quad t > 0 ..................... (15)
\]

Where \( m - 1 < \alpha \leq m \), \( N \) is a nonlinear operator which might include integer order or fractional order integration, \( g \) is a known analytic function and \( D^{\alpha} \) is the Caputo fractional derivative of order \( \alpha \).

In view of the homotopy technique, the following homotopy may be constructed:

\[
(1 - q)L[\varphi(t,q) - \varphi_0(t)] = qhH[D^\alpha \varphi(t,q) - N[\varphi(t,q) - g(t)] ..................... (16)
\]

Where \( q \in [0,1] \) is the embedding parameter, \( h \neq 0 \) is a nonzero auxiliary parameter, \( H(t) \neq 0 \) is an auxiliary function, \( \varphi_0(t) \) is an initial guess of \( y(t) \) and \( L = D^\alpha \).

When \( q=0 \), equation (16) becomes:
\[
L[\varphi(t,0) - \varphi_0(t)] = 0 ..................... (17)
\]

It is obvious that when \( q=1 \), equation (16) becomes the original nonlinear equation (15). Thus as \( q \) varies from 0 to 1, the solution \( y(t, q) \) varies from the initial guess \( y_0(t) \) to the solution \( \varphi(t, 1) = y(t) \). The basic assumption of this approach is that the solution of equation (16) can be expressed as a power series in \( q \), as follows:
\[
\varphi = \varphi_0 + q\varphi_1 + q^2\varphi_2 + ..................... (18)
\]

Substituting the series (18) into the homotopy (16) and then equating the coefficient of the like powers of \( q \), we obtain the high-order deformation equations,

\[
\begin{align*}
L[\varphi_1] &= hH(D^\alpha \varphi_0) - N_0(\varphi_0) - g(t) \\
L[\varphi_2] &= L[\varphi_1] + hH(D^\alpha \varphi_1 - N_1(\varphi_0, \varphi_1)) \\
L[\varphi_3] &= L[\varphi_2] + hH(D^\alpha \varphi_2 - N_2(\varphi_0, \varphi_1, \varphi_2)) \\
&..................... (19)
\end{align*}
\]

\[
L[\varphi_4] = L[\varphi_3] + hH(D^\alpha \varphi_3 - N_3(\varphi_0, \varphi_1, \varphi_2, \varphi_3)) \]

Where
\[
N(\varphi_0 + q\varphi_1 + q^2\varphi_2 + \cdots) = N_0(\varphi_0) + qN_1(\varphi_0, \varphi_1) + q^2N_2(\varphi_0, \varphi_1, \varphi_2) + \cdots
\]

The approximate solution of equation (15), therefore, can be readily obtained,
\[
y(t) = \lim \limits_{q \to 1} \varphi = \varphi_0 + \varphi_1 + \varphi_2 + ..................... (20)
\]

The success of the technique is based on the proper selection of the initial guess \( \varphi_0 \).

Applying the operator \( I^\alpha \) to both sides of equation (15) gives,
\[
y(t) = \sum_{k=0}^{\alpha} \frac{t^k}{k!} I^\alpha N(y) + I^\alpha g(t), t > 0 \\
............................ (21)
\]

Neglecting the nonlinear term \( I^\alpha N(y) \) on the right hand side of equation (21), we can use the remaining part as the initial guess of the solution. That is
\[ \varphi_0(t) = \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} y^k(0^+) \frac{t^k}{k!} + I^\alpha g(t) \quad \ldots \quad (22) \]

**The Reliable Algorithm for Solving Integro-Differential Equations of Fractional Order Using HAM**

In this section we shall use the reliable algorithm of the HAM that is given in the last section in order to find the approximate solution of the integro-differential equation of fractional order given by

\[ D_t^\alpha y(t) = f(t) + N(y) \quad \ldots \quad (23) \]

Where \( m-1 < \alpha \leq m \), \( N \) is a non-linear operator given by

\[ N(y) = I^\beta k(y(t)) \quad \ldots \quad (24) \]

Where

\[ I^\beta k(y(t)) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\beta)} \int_0^t (t-s)^{\beta-1} k(y(s)) \, ds \quad \ldots \quad (25) \]

To find the approximate solution of equation (23) we construct the following homotopy

\[ (1 - \epsilon)L[\varphi(t, \epsilon) - \varphi_0(t)] = qH(D_t^\alpha \varphi(t, \epsilon) - N(\varphi(t, \epsilon))) - f(t) \quad \ldots \quad (26) \]

Where \( \epsilon \in [0,1] \), \( h \neq 0 \) is a nonzero auxiliary parameter, \( H(t) \neq 0 \) is an auxiliary function, \( \varphi_0(t) \) is an initial guess of \( y(t) \) and \( L \) is an auxiliary linear operator defined as \( L = D_t^\alpha \).

Substituting equation (18) into equation (26) and then equating the coefficient of like powers of \( \epsilon \), we obtain a high-order deformation equations as given in equations (19) with

\[ N_0(\varphi_0) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\beta)} \int_0^t (t-s)^{\beta-1} A_0(s) \, ds \]

\[ N_1(\varphi_0, \varphi_1) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\beta)} \int_0^t (t-s)^{\beta-1} A_1(s) \, ds \]

\[ N_2(\varphi_0, \varphi_1, \varphi_2) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\beta)} \int_0^t (t-s)^{\beta-1} A_2(s) \, ds \]

\[ N_n(\varphi_0, \varphi_1, \varphi_2, \ldots, \varphi_n) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\beta)} \int_0^t (t-s)^{\beta-1} A_n(s) \, ds \]

Where

\[ A_n = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\beta)} \int_0^t (t-s)^{\beta-1} k(\sum_{i=0}^{n} \lambda^i y_i) \, ds \]

And according to equation (22), \( \varphi_0(t) \) will be of the form

\[ \varphi_0(t) = \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} y^k(0^+) \frac{t^k}{k!} + I^\alpha f(t) \quad \ldots \quad (27) \]

**Illustrative examples:**

In this section, we shall give some problems for linear and nonlinear operators in order to illustrate the validity and accuracy of the proposed method.

**Example (I):**

Consider the nonlinear fractional order integro-differential equation

\[ D_t^{0.75} y(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(1.25)} t^{0.25} - \frac{2}{\Gamma(4.5)} t^{3.5} + I^{1.5}(y(t))^2 \quad \ldots \quad (28) \]

Where \( y(0) = 0 \), \( t \in [0,1] \)

The exact solution was given in [9] as \( y(t) = t \).

Similar to equation (27), \( \varphi_0(t) \) will be of the form

\[ \varphi_0(t) = t - \frac{2}{\Gamma(5.25)} t^{4.25} \]

According to the proposed algorithm given in section five with \( L = D_t^{0.75} \), we have:

\[ L[\varphi_1] = hH(D_t^{0.75} \varphi_0(t) - N_0(\varphi_0)) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(1.25)} t^{0.25} - \frac{2}{\Gamma(4.5)} t^{3.5} \]

\[ L[\varphi_2] = L[\varphi_1] + hH(D_t^{0.75} \varphi_1(t)) \]

\[ L[\varphi_3] = L[\varphi_2] + hH(D_t^{0.75} \varphi_2(t)) \]

\[ L[\varphi_n] = L[\varphi_{n-1}] + hH(D_t^{0.75} \varphi_{n-1}(t)) \]

Where

\[ \varphi_1(t) = I^{0.75}(N_0(\varphi_0)) \]

\[ \varphi_2(t) = I^{0.75}(N_1(\varphi_0, \varphi_1)) \]

\[ \varphi_3(t) = I^{0.75}(N_2(\varphi_0, \varphi_1, \varphi_2)) \]

\[ \varphi_n(t) = I^{0.75}(N_{n-1}(\varphi_0, \varphi_1, \varphi_2, \ldots, \varphi_{n-1})) \]

Where

\[ N_0(\varphi_0) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(1.5)} \int_0^t (t-s)^{0.5}(\varphi_0(s))^2 \, ds \]
And so on.

Table (1) represent the comparison between the approximate solution of example (1) using the reliable algorithm of HAM up to three terms and the exact solution.

**Table (1)**

**Comparison of the Approximate Solution of Example (1) using the Reliable HAM with the Exact solution.**

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**Example (2):**

Consider the linear fractional order integro-differential equation

\[
D_{0}^{0.25}y(t) = \frac{6}{\Gamma(3.75)} t^{2.75} - \frac{6}{\Gamma(5.5)} t^{4.5} + 1^{1.5}y(t)
\]

\( y(0) = 0, \ t \in [0,1] \)

The exact solution was given in [9] as

\( y(t) = t^3 \)

Similar to equation (27) \( \phi_0(t) \) will be

\( \phi_0(t) = t^3 - \frac{6}{\Gamma(5.75)} t^{4.75} \)

And \( \phi_1(t), \ \phi_2(t), \ldots \), will be evaluated according to the following equations

\[
L[\phi_1] = hH(D_{0}^{0.25}\phi_0(t)-1^{1.5}(\phi_0(t)) - \left( \frac{6}{\Gamma(3.75)} t^{2.75} - \frac{6}{\Gamma(5.5)} t^{4.5} \right))
\]

\[
L[\phi_2] = L[\phi_1] + hH(D_{0}^{0.25}\phi_1(t)-1^{1.5}(\phi_1(t))
\]

\[
L[\phi_3] = L[\phi_2] + hH(D_{0}^{0.25}\phi_2(t)-1^{1.5}(\phi_2(t))
\]

\( \vdots \)

\[
L[\phi_n] = L[\phi_{n-1}] + hH(D_{0}^{0.25}\phi_{n-1}(t)-1^{1.5}(\phi_{n-1}(t))
\]

And so on.

Seek \( L = D_{0}^{0.25}, h = -1 \) and \( H(x) = 1 \) then the above equations becomes

\( \phi_0(t) = 1^{1.75}\phi_0(t) \)

\( \phi_1(t) = 1^{1.75}\phi_0(t) \)

\( \phi_2(t) = 1^{1.75}\phi_2(t) \)

\( \vdots \)

\( \phi_n(t) = 1^{1.75}\phi_{n-1}(t) \)

Following table (2) represent a comparison between the approximate solution of example (2) using the reliable algorithm of HAM up to three terms and the exact solution.

**Table (2)**

**Comparison of the Approximate Solution of Example (2) using the Reliable HAM with the Exact solution.**

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**Example (3):**

Consider the nonlinear fractional integro-differential equation

\[
D_{0}^{0.5}y(t) = \frac{2}{\Gamma(2.5)} t^{1.5} - \frac{5}{\Gamma(5.5)} t^{4.5} \]

\[ + 1^{0.5}(y(t))^2 \]

Where \( y(0) = 0, \ t \in [0,1] \)

The exact solution was given in [9] as

\( y(t) = t^2 \)

\( \phi_0(t) \) will be of the form

\( \phi_0(t) = t^2 - \frac{\Gamma(5)}{\Gamma(6)} t^5 \)
As given in equations (19) with $L= D_t^{0.5}$.
\[
L[\phi_1(t)] = hH(D_t^{0.5}\phi(t))-\frac{2}{\Gamma(2.5)}t^{1.5} - \frac{5}{\Gamma(5.5)}t^{4.5})
\]
\[
N_0(\phi_0) = \left[\frac{1}{\Gamma(0.5)} \int_0^t (t-s)^{-0.5}(\phi_0(s))^2 ds \right]
\]
\[
N_1(\phi_0, \phi_1) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(0.5)} \int_0^t (t-s)^{-0.5}(2\phi_0(s)\phi_1(s)) ds
\]
\[
N_2(\phi_0, \phi_1, \phi_2) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(0.5)} \int_0^t (t-s)^{-0.5}(2\phi_0(s)\phi_2(s) + (\phi_1(s))^2) ds
\]

And so on.

Following table (3) represent a comparison between the approximate solution of example (3) the reliable algorithm of HAM up to three terms and the exact solution.

**Table (3)**

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**Conclusions**

Besides, we simply construct the high-order deformation equation of the HAM, we obtain an approximate solutions in power series and these approximate solutions are in good agreement with the exact solution and some times as given in examples one and two gives the exact solution although we are used a few terms. It is remarkable that all methods that used to solve the integro-differential equations of fractional order such as Adomian decomposition method and the variational iteration method may be considered as special cases from the HAM when $h = -1$ and hence it is a special case from the proposed approach.

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