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The application of Least Squares Method and Shifted Chebychev Polynomials for solving fourth order Volterra Integro-Differential Equations

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Abstract

This study employs the least squares method in conjunction with shifted Chebyshev polynomials as a framework to approximate solutions for fourth-order Volterra integro-differential equations. By leveraging this numerical approach, the method effectively tackles various fourth-order Volterra integro-differential equations, yielding results closely aligned with exact solutions. The utilization of the least squares method with shifted Chebyshev polynomials demonstrates its efficacy in solving such equations with exact and converges faster than existing methods. The tables and graphical representation below display this

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1 Introduction

Integro-differential equations, amalgamating integral and derivative operators within an unknown function, find extensive utility across engineering and scientific domains [1]. These equations manifest in forms such as Fredholm, Volterra, or their hybrid, Fredholm-Volterra integro-differential equations, necessitating numerical methods for resolution. Existing literature presents diverse numerical approaches for tackling integro-differential equations, including the collocation method [2-4] and the hybrid linear multistep method [5-7]. Notably, Volterra integro-differential equations, prevalent in realms like fluid mechanics and viscoelasticity, have garnered significant attention [8]. Given the analytical complexity inherent in solving such equations, the pursuit of accurate numerical

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approximations becomes imperative for comparative analysis against exact solutions [9]. Integral equations, particularly Volterra integral equations, constitute a cornerstone in solving myriad natural science predicaments. These equations, encapsulating variable boundary techniques, serve as fundamental tools in modeling numerous phenomena within the natural sciences [10]. The examination of such integral equations has facilitated the translation of various real-world problems into mathematical frameworks, thereby enabling their resolution [10]. Moreover, a pivotal advancement in contemporary mathematics lies in the successful resolution of Volterra integral equations, underscoring their significance in both theoretical and practical domains.

Numerical solutions for various classes of integral equations remain scarce, with only a handful of approximate methods available. Among these methods are several approaches tailored specifically for integral equations with variable boundaries, each presenting its own limitations. In this study, we employ the least squares method in conjunction with shifted Chebyshev polynomials as a basis to approximate solutions for fourth-order Volterra integro-differential equations [11, 12].

An integral equation is an equation in which the unknown function $u(x)$ to be determined appears under the integral sign. A typical form of an integral equation in $u(x)$ is of the form

$$u(x) = f(x) + \int_{\alpha(x)}^{\beta(x)} K(x, t)u(t)dt \quad (1)$$

where $K(x, t)$ is called the kernel of the integral equation, and $\alpha(x), \beta(x)$ are the limits of integration.

In equation (1), it is easily observed that the unknown function $u(x)$ appears under the integral sign as stated above, and out of the integral sign in most other cases [13]. It is important to point out that the kernel $K(x, t)$ and the function $f(x)$ in (1) are given in advance. Our goal is to determine $u(x)$ that will satisfy (1), and this may be achieved by using the Volterra Integro-differential equation

$$u^{(n)}(x) = f(x) + \lambda \int_0^x K(x, t)u(t)dt \quad (2)$$

This equation (2) is called an integral-differential equation because differential and integral operators are involved in the same equation. The concept of integral and integro-differential equations has inspired a lot of study in recent years [14]. Generally, methods for solving integro-differential equations combine approaches used for both integral and differential equations, which contain both integral and differential operators. Also, since closed-form solutions may not be tractable for most applications, numerical methods are employed to obtain an approximation to exact solutions.

Numerical methods like variational iteration, homotopy perturbation, domain decomposition methods, and others have been used to solve these equations. Other methods, such as least squares methods, where Chebyshev and Legendre's polynomials are used as basis functions, have been applied to obtain solutions to some higher-order linear-type integro-difference equations and their function derivatives [14]. Integro-differential equations emerge frequently as mathematical models in diverse disciplines. The study of integral and integro-differential equations may be traced to the work of Abel, Lotka, Fredholm, Malthus, Verhulst, and Volterra on problems in mechanics, mathematical biology, and economics [15]. The work of Volterra on the problem of competing species is of fundamental importance for the development of mathematical modeling of real-world problems. Volterra explored the effect of inherited characteristics when he was examining a population growth model. The research work led to a specific topic where a distinctive equation emerged, featuring both differential and integral operators [15].

Numerous descriptions of physical occurrences in mathematics contain integro-differential equations. These equations arise in fluid dynamics, biological models, and chemical kinetics. The Adomian decomposition approach for solving boundary value problems for fourth-order integro-

differential equations was developed by Hashim [16]. While [17] delved into the numerical solution of Volterra-Fredholm integral equations by moving least squares method and Chebyshev polynomials.

In this study, a method based on the least squares approximation method and the Chebyshev polynomial is introduced to address the following fourth-order integro-differential equation:

$$u^n(x) = f(x) + \lambda \int_0^x k(x, t)u(t)dt \quad 0 \leq t, t \leq 1 \quad (3)$$

where $u^n(x) = \frac{d^n u}{dx^n}$ because the resulted equation in (3) combines the differential operator and the integral operator, then it is necessary to define initial conditions $u(0), u'(0), u(0), \dots, u''(0)$ for the determination of the particular solution $u(x)$ of the Volterra integro-differential equation. The method is proposed by using shifted Chebyshev polynomials for solving the integro-differential equations [18]. One of the most significant advantages of the least square technique is that it improves the accuracy of the model problem predictions. By minimizing the sum of the squared residuals, the method ensures that the model fits the observed data as closely as possible. This approach helps to reduce the errors and uncertainties associated with the model predictions, making it more reliable and robust than the other methods.

1.1 Basic Definitions

This section defines the basic terms that will be frequently used during the research work.

Definition 1: Standard Collocation Method [1]: This is the method partitioning intervals into different points. For example, let say an interval $[a, b]$, N be the number of collocation points to get the desired collocation points, we use;

$$x_p = a + \frac{(b-a)}{N} p, \text{ where } p = 1, 2, \dots, N.$$

Definition 2: Power Series Polynomial [1]: A power series is basically an infinite degree polynomial that represents some function. It is generally written in the form ; $y(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$, where a_n is the coefficient of the polynomials which are real numbers.

Definition 3: Shifted Chebyshev Polynomials [1]: This is a special type of polynomial generated from Chebyshev polynomial. The shifted Chebyshev has interval $[0, 1]$, while Chebyshev has an interval of $[-1, 1]$.

2 Methodology

In this section, the derivation of the method based on the numerical solution of the Volterra Integro-differential equation using the least squares method and the shifted Chebyshev polynomial of the interval $[0, 1]$ and some examples of the fourth-order Volterra Integro-differential equations will be solved using the shifted Chebyshev polynomial as the basis function [17, 18].

2.1 Construction of Chebyshev Polynomials

The Chebyshev polynomial defined on interval $[-1, 1]$ denoted by $T_n(x)$ is defined as

$$T_n(x) = \cos[n \cos^{-1} x] \quad (4)$$

when $n = 0$

$$T_0(x) = \cos[0 \cos^{-1} x] \quad (5)$$

$$\cos 0 = 1$$

$$\text{Thus } T_0(x) = 1$$

when $n=1$

$$T_1(x) = \cos 1 \cos^{-1} x \quad (6)$$

$$\cos[\cos^{-1} x] = x$$

$$\text{Thus } T_1(x) = x.$$

Hence, from the recurrence relation, i.e.

$$T_{n+1}(x) = 2xT_n(x) - T_{n-1}(x) \quad (7)$$

when $n=1$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} T_2(x) &= 2x(x) - 1 \\ &= 2x^2 - 1 \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

when $n=2$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} T_3(x) &= 2x(2x^2 - 1) - T_1(x) \\ &= 4x^3 - 3x \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

The first few Chebyshev polynomial of interval $[-1, 1]$ are as follows

$$\left. \begin{aligned} T_0(x) &= 1 \\ T_1(x) &= x \\ T_2(x) &= 2x^2 - 1 \\ T_3(x) &= 4x^3 - 3x \\ T_4(x) &= 4x^4 - 8x^2 + 1 \\ T_5(x) &= 16x^5 - 20x^3 + 5x \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (10)$$

2.2 Shifted Chebyshev Polynomial on interval $[a, b]$

The n th degree shifted Chebyshev polynomials of the first kind valid in the interval $[a, b]$ is given as

$$T_n^*(x) = \cos \left[n \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{2x - b - a}{b - a} \right) \right], \quad n \geq 0 \text{ and } n \in N \quad (11)$$

and the recurrence relation is given as

$$T_{n+1}^*(x) = 2 \left(\frac{2x - b - a}{b - a} \right) T_n^*(x) - T_{n-1}^*(x) \quad (12)$$

To use shifted Chebyshev polynomials on interval $[0, 1]$ we need to change the domain using the following substitution

$$X = 2x - 1, \quad 0 \leq x \leq 1 \quad (13)$$

The Chebyshev polynomials valid on $[0, 1]$ denoted by $T_n(x)$ is defined as

$$T_n(x) = \cos \{ N \cos^{-1} (2x - 1) \}, \quad 0 \leq x \leq 1 \quad (14)$$

The recurrence relation is given as

$$T_N(x) = 2(2x - 1)T_{N-1}(x) - T_{N-2}(x), \quad N \geq 1$$

From equation (11) we obtain
when $N = 0$, we obtain

$$T_0(x) = \cos[0 \cos^{-1}(2x-1)] = 1$$

when $N = 1$, we obtain

$$T_1(x) = \cos[\cos^{-1}(2x-1)] = 2x-1$$

So the shifted Chebyshev polynomials $T_n(x)$ on $[0, 1]$ are obtained as follows

$$\left. \begin{aligned} T_0^*(x) &= 1 \\ T_1^*(x) &= 2x-1 \\ T_2^*(x) &= 8x^2-8x+1 \\ T_3^*(x) &= 32x^3-48x^2+18x-1 \\ T_4^*(x) &= 128x^4-256x^3+160x^2-32x+1 \\ T_5^*(x) &= 512x^5-128x^4+1120x^3-400x^2-50x-1 \\ T_6^*(x) &= 2048x^6-6144x^5+6912x^4-3584x^3+840x^2-72x+1 \\ T_7^*(x) &= 8192x^7-2867x^6+39936x^5-2688x^4+9408x^3-1560x^2+98x-1 \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (15)$$

2.3 Existence and Uniqueness Solution [19]

In this section, we shall give an existence and Uniqueness solution of equation (3) and its initial conditions.

$$\frac{d^nu}{dx^n} \alpha u + \beta v + \int_{\rho}^{\sigma} H(\tau, s)(u(s) - v(s))ds \quad (16)$$

$$\frac{d^nv}{dx^n} \varphi u + \xi v + \int_{\rho}^{\sigma} Q(\tau, s)(u(s) - v(s))ds \quad (17)$$

Here, $u \in D$ and $v \in D_1 \subseteq R^m$, where each D and D_1 is a closed and bounded domain subset of Euclidean spaces R^m .

Suppose that $\alpha = (\alpha_{ij})$, $\beta = (\beta_{ij})$, $\varphi = (\varphi_{ij})$, and $\xi = (\xi_{ij})$ ($m \times m$) are non-negative matrices.

The functions

$$\left. \begin{aligned} H(\tau, s) \text{ and } Q(\tau, s) \text{ is defined on the domain} \\ (\tau, s, u) \in [0, T] \times [0, T] \times D \\ (\tau, s, u) \in [0, T] \times [0, T] \times D_1 \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (18)$$

Also, the function $H(\tau, s)$ and $Q(\tau, s)$ satisfies the following inequality

$$\|H(\tau, s)\| \leq H_1, \|Q(\tau, s)\| \leq Q_1 \quad (19)$$

$\forall u \in [0, T], s \in [0, T]$ and $u, u_1, u_2 \in D, v, v_1, v_2 \in D_1$ where H_1, Q_1 are positive constants, $0 \leq s \leq \tau \leq T$.

We define the non-empty sets as follow

$$D_j = D - \alpha_1 \|u_0\| + \beta T \|v_0\| + \alpha_2 T \Lambda_1 \|u_0 - v_0\| \quad (20)$$

$$D_{1j} = D_1 - \varphi_1 \|v_0\| + \xi T \|u_0\| + \varphi_2 T \Lambda_2 \|u_0 - v_0\| \quad (21)$$

2.3.1 Existence Solution

The study of existence solution of the problem above will be introduced by the following theorem without proof.

Theorem 1

Let the functions $H(\tau, s)$ and $Q(\tau, s)$ be defined in the domain (18), continuous in τ and satisfy the inequalities (19), then

$$u(\tau, u_0) = u_0 e^{\alpha \tau} + \int_0^{\tau} \beta v_0 ds + \int_0^{\tau} e^{\alpha(\tau-s)} \left[\int_{\rho}^{\sigma} H(\tau, s)(u(s) - v(s))ds \right]$$

$$v(\tau, v_0) = v_0 e^{\varphi\tau} + \int_0^\tau \xi u_0 ds + \int_0^\tau e^{\varphi(\tau-s)} \left[\int_\rho^\sigma Q(\tau, s)(u(s) - v(s)) ds \right]$$

are the solution of the equations (16) and (17) Source: [19]

2.3.2 Uniqueness Solution

The uniqueness solution of the equation (16) and (17) will be introduced by the following theorem without proof

Theorem 2

Let all assumptions and conditions of the theorem 1 be given then the problem (16) and (17) has a unique solution $u = u_\infty(\tau, u_0, v_0)$, $v = v_\infty(\tau, u_0, v_0)$ on the domain (20) Source: [19]

3 Numerical application and results

Description of the least square method on the general problem considered.

Problem 1

Consider the general fourth order integro- differential equation of the form

$$u^{(iv)}(x) = f(x) + \lambda \int_0^x K(x, t) u(t) dt \quad (22)$$

Together with the initial condition $u(0), u'(0), \dots, u^{(n-1)}(0)$.

Let the assumed equation be

$$u_n(x) = \sum_{i=0}^n a_i T_i^*(x), \quad 0 \leq x \leq 1 \quad (23)$$

where

$$\sum_{i=0}^n a_i T_i^*(x) = a_0 T_0^*(x) + a_1 T_1^*(x) + a_2 T_2^*(x) + a_3 T_3^*(x) + \dots + a_n T_n^*(x) \quad (24)$$

(24) is modified to satisfy the condition and becomes

$$u_n^*(x) = \sum_{i=4}^N a_i T_n^{(iv)}(x) \quad (25)$$

Substituting equation (24) and (25) in (22) and replacing x by t in the integrand

$$\sum_{i=4}^N a_i T_n^{(iv)}(x) - f(x) + \lambda \int_0^x k(x, t) \sum_{i=0}^n a_i T_i^*(t) dt \quad (26)$$

which could be expressed as

$$\begin{aligned} a_0 T_0^{(*iv)}(x) + a_1 T_1^{(*iv)}(x) + a_2 T_2^{(*iv)}(x) + a_3 T_3^{(*iv)}(x) + \dots + a_n T_n^{(*iv)}(x) = \\ f(x) + \lambda \int_0^x (a_0 T_0^*(t) + a_1 T_1^*(t) + a_2 T_2^*(t) + a_3 T_3^*(t) + \dots + a_n T_n^*(t)) dt \end{aligned} \quad (27)$$

The residual equation from equation (27) is written as

$$R(a_0, a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n) = \left\{ \begin{aligned} & a_0 T_0^{(*iv)}(x) + a_1 T_1^{(*iv)}(x) + a_2 T_2^{(*iv)}(x) + a_3 T_3^{(*iv)}(x) + \dots + a_n T_n^{(*iv)}(x) \\ & - \lambda \int_0^x k(x, t) [a_0 T_0^{(*iv)}(t) + a_1 T_1^{(*iv)}(t) + a_2 T_2^{(*iv)}(t) + \\ & a_3 T_3^{(*iv)}(t) + \dots + a_n T_n^{(*iv)}(t)] dt - f(x) \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (28)$$

Let

$$S(a_0, a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n) = \int_0^1 [R(a_0, a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n)]^2 w(x) dx \quad (29)$$

where $S(a_0, a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n)$ is to be minimized, $w(x)$ which is the weight function is taken to be

1.

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Equation (29) is express as

$$S(a_0, a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n) = \int_0^1 (a_0 T_0^{(iv)}(x) + a_1 T_1^{(iv)}(x) + a_2 T_2^{(iv)}(x) + a_3 T_3^{(iv)}(x) + \dots + a_n T_n^{(iv)}(x)) - \lambda \int_0^1 k(x, t) [a_0 T_0^{(iv)}(t) + a_1 T_1^{(iv)}(t) + a_2 T_2^{(iv)}(t) + a_3 T_3^{(iv)}(t) + \dots + a_n T_n^{(iv)}(t)] dt - f(x) \quad (30)$$

Now, S is to minimized and to do this, we set

$$\frac{\partial S}{\partial a_j} = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots, n \quad (31)$$

for $j = 0$, we get

$$\frac{\partial S}{\partial a_0} = 2 \left[\int_0^1 (T_0^{(iv)}(x) - \lambda \int_a^b k(x, t) T_0^*(t) dt) a_0 + (T_1^{(iv)}(x) - \lambda \int_a^b k(x, t) T_1^*(t) dt) a_1 + (T_2^{(iv)}(x) - \lambda \int_a^b k(x, t) T_2^*(t) dt) a_2 + (T_3^{(iv)}(x) - \lambda \int_a^b k(x, t) T_3^*(t) dt) a_3 + \dots + (T_n^{(iv)}(x) - \lambda \int_a^b k(x, t) T_n^*(t) dt) a_n - f(x) (T_0^{(iv)}(x) - \lambda \int_a^b k(x, t) T_0^*(t) dt) dx = 0 \quad (32)$$

for $j = 1$, we get

$$\frac{\partial S}{\partial a_1} = 2 \left[\int_0^1 (T_0^{(iv)}(x) - \lambda \int_a^b k(x, t) T_0^*(t) dt) a_0 + (T_1^{(iv)}(x) - \lambda \int_a^b k(x, t) T_1^*(t) dt) a_1 + (T_2^{(iv)}(x) - \lambda \int_a^b k(x, t) T_2^*(t) dt) a_2 + (T_3^{(iv)}(x) - \lambda \int_a^b k(x, t) T_3^*(t) dt) a_3 + \dots + (T_n^{(iv)}(x) - \lambda \int_a^b k(x, t) T_n^*(t) dt) a_n - f(x) (T_1^{(iv)}(x) - \lambda \int_a^b k(x, t) T_1^*(t) dt) dx = 0 \quad (33)$$

for $j = 2$, we get

$$\frac{\partial S}{\partial a_2} = 2 \left[\int_0^1 (T_0^{(iv)}(x) - \lambda \int_a^b k(x, t) T_0^*(t) dt) a_0 + (T_1^{(iv)}(x) - \lambda \int_a^b k(x, t) T_1^*(t) dt) a_1 + (T_2^{(iv)}(x) - \lambda \int_a^b k(x, t) T_2^*(t) dt) a_2 + (T_3^{(iv)}(x) - \lambda \int_a^b k(x, t) T_3^*(t) dt) a_3 + \dots + (T_n^{(iv)}(x) - \lambda \int_a^b k(x, t) T_n^*(t) dt) a_n - f(x) (T_2^{(iv)}(x) - \lambda \int_a^b k(x, t) T_2^*(t) dt) dx = 0 \quad (34)$$

for $j = 3$, we get

$$\frac{\partial S}{\partial a_3} = 2 \left[\int_0^1 (T_0^{(iv)}(x) - \lambda \int_a^b k(x, t) T_0^*(t) dt) a_0 + (T_1^{(iv)}(x) - \lambda \int_a^b k(x, t) T_1^*(t) dt) a_1 + (T_2^{(iv)}(x) - \lambda \int_a^b k(x, t) T_2^*(t) dt) a_2 + (T_3^{(iv)}(x) - \lambda \int_a^b k(x, t) T_3^*(t) dt) a_3 + \dots + (T_n^{(iv)}(x) - \lambda \int_a^b k(x, t) T_n^*(t) dt) a_n - f(x) (T_3^{(iv)}(x) - \lambda \int_a^b k(x, t) T_3^*(t) dt) dx = 0 \quad (35)$$

⋮

for $j = n$, we get

$$\frac{\delta S}{\delta a_n} = 2 \left[\int_0^1 \left(T_0^{(iv)}(x) - \lambda \int_0^x k(x, t) T_0(t) dt \right) a_0 + \left(T_1^{(iv)}(x) - \lambda \int_0^x k(x, t) T_1(t) dt \right) a_1 \right. \\ \left. + \left(T_2^{(iv)}(x) - \lambda \int_0^x k(x, t) T_2(t) dt \right) a_2 + \left(T_3^{(iv)}(x) - \lambda \int_0^x k(x, t) T_3(t) dt \right) a_3 + \dots \right] \\ + \left(T_n^{(iv)}(x) - \lambda \int_0^x k(x, t) T_n(t) dt \right) a_n - f(x) \left(T_n^{(iv)}(x) - \lambda \int_0^x k(x, t) T_n^*(t) dt \right) dx = 0 \quad (36)$$

Evaluating the integrals in (32)-(36) gives $(n+1)$ algebraic linear equations $n \times n$ unknown constants $a_0, a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n$ which are then substituted back into equation (34) to obtain the required approximate solution.

4 Numerical applications

We have two numerical problems that consist of fourth order linear Volterra integro-differential equation.

Problem 1

The fourth order nonlinear Volterra integro-differential equation of the form

$$u^{(iv)}(x) = 24 + x + \frac{1}{30}x^6 - \int_0^x (x-t)u(t)dt, \quad (37)$$

$$u(0) = 0, u'(0) = 1, u''(0) = -1$$

is consider with the exact solution as

$$u(x) = x^4 + \sin x \quad (38)$$

Source: [20]

Solution

For $n=7$, equation (34) is given as

$$u(x) = a_0 T_0(x) + a_1 T_1(x) + a_2 T_2(x) + a_3 T_3(x) + a_4 T_4(x) \\ + a_5 T_5(x) + a_6 T_6(x) + a_7 T_7 \quad (39)$$

$$u(x) = a_0 + a_1(2x-1) + a_2(8x^2-8x+1) + a_3(32x^3-48x^2+18x-1) + \\ a_4(128x^4-256x^3+160x^2-32x+1) + a_5(512x^5-128x^4+1120x^3-400x^2-50x-1) \\ + a_6(2048x^6-6144x^5+6912x^4-3584x^3+840x^2-72x+1) \\ + a_7(8192x^7-2867x^6+39936x^5-2688x^4+9408x^3-1560x^2+98x-1) \quad (40)$$

Remember that

$$u(0) = 0 \\ 0 = a_0 - a_1 + a_2 - a_3 + a_4 - a_5 + a_6 - a_7 \quad (41)$$

$$a_0 = a_1 - a_2 + a_3 - a_4 + a_5 - a_6 + a_7$$

substitute (41) in $u(x)$

$$\begin{aligned}
u(x) = & a_1 - a_2 + a_3 - a_4 + a_5 - a_6 + a_7 + a_1(2x-1) + a_2(8x^2-8x+1) + a_3(32x^3-48x^2+18x-1) + \\
& a_4(128x^4-256x^3+160x^2-32x+1) + a_5(512x^5-128x^4+1120x^3-400x^2-50x-1) + \\
& a_6(2048x^6-6144x^5+6912x^4-3584x^3+840x^2-72x+1) + \\
& a_7(8192x^7-2867x^6+39936x^5-2688x^4+9408x^3-1560x^2+98x-1)
\end{aligned} \tag{42}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
u(x) = & a_1(2x) + a_2(8x^2-8x) + a_3(32x^3-48x^2+18x-1) + \\
& a_4(128x^4-256x^3+160x^2-32x) + a_5(512x^5-128x^4+1120x^3-400x^2-50x) + \\
& a_6(2048x^6-6144x^5+6912x^4-3584x^3+840x^2-72x) + \\
& a_7(8192x^7-2867x^6+39936x^5-2688x^4+9408x^3-1560x^2+98x)
\end{aligned} \tag{43}$$

Differentiate equation (43)

$$\begin{aligned}
u'(x) = & 2a_1 + a_2(16x-8) + a_3(96x^2-96x+18) + \\
& a_4(512x^3+768x^2+320x-32) + a_5(2560x^4-5120x^3+3360x^2-800x+50) + \\
& a_6(12288x^5-30720x^4+27664x^3+1680x^2-72) + \\
& a_7(57344x^6-172032x^5+199680x^4-107520x^3+282246x^2-3136x+98)
\end{aligned} \tag{44}$$

Recall $u'(x) = 1$

$$\begin{aligned}
1 = & 2a_1 - 8a_2 + 18a_3 - 32a_4 + 50a_5 - 72a_6 + 98a_7 \\
2a_1 = & 1 + 8a_2 - 18a_3 + 32a_4 - 50a_5 + 72a_6 - 98a_7
\end{aligned} \tag{45}$$

Substitute (45) in (43)

$$\begin{aligned}
u(x) = & [1 + 8a_1 - 18a_2 + 32a_4 - 50a_5 + 72a_6 - 98a_7]x + a_2(8x^2-8x) + a_3(32x^3-48x^2+18x) \\
& + a_4(128x^4-256x^3+160x^2-32x) + a_5(512x^5-1280x^4+1120x^3-400x^2+50x) \\
& + a_6(2048x^6-6144x^5+6912x^4-3584x^3+840x^2-72x) + \\
& a_7(8192x^7-28672x^6+39936x^5-26880x^4+9408x^3-1568x^2+98x) \\
u(x) = & x + a_2(8x^2) + a_3(32x^3-48x^2) + a_4(128x^4-256x^3+160x^2) \\
& + a_5(512x^5-1280x^4-1120x^3+400x^2) \\
& + a_6(2048x^6-6144x^5+6912x^4-3584x^3+840x^2) + \\
& + a_6(2048x^6-6144x^5+6912x^4-3584x^3+840x^2) \\
& + a_7(8192x^7-28672x^6+39936x^5-26880x^4+9408x^3-1568x^2)
\end{aligned} \tag{46}$$

Differentiating equation (47) once and twice

$$\begin{aligned}
u'(x) = & 1 + a_2(16x) + a_3(96x^2-96x) + a_4(512x^3-768x^2+320x) + a_5(2560x^4 \\
& - 5120x^3+3360x^2-800x) + a_6(12288x^5+30720x^4+27648x^3 \\
& - 10752x^2+1680x) + a_7(57344x^6-172032x^5+199680x^4 \\
& - 107520x^3+28224x^2-3136x)
\end{aligned} \tag{47}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
u''(x) = & 16a_2 + a_3(192x^2-96) + a_4(1536x^2-1536x+320) + a_5(10240x^3 \\
& - 15360x^2+6720x-800) + a_6(61440x^4-122880x^3+82944x^2-21504x+1680) + \\
& a_7(344064x^5-860160x^4+798720x^3-322560x^2+56448x-3136)
\end{aligned} \tag{48}$$

Remember $u''(x) = 0$, so that

$$\begin{aligned}
0 &= 16a_2 - 96a_3 + 320a_4 - 800a_5 + 1680a_6 - 3136a_7 \\
16a_2 &= 96a_3 - 320a_4 + 800a_5 - 1680a_6 + 3136a_7 \\
8a_2 &= 48a_3 - 160a_4 + 400a_5 - 840a_6 + 1568a_7
\end{aligned} \tag{50}$$

Substitute equation (50) into (47)

$$u(x) = x + a_3[32x^2] + a_4[128x^4 - 256x^3] + a_5[512x^5 - 1280x^4 + 1120x^3] + a_6[2048x^6 - 6144x^5 + 6912x^4 - 3584x^3] + a_7[8192x^7 - 28672x^6 + 39936x^5 - 26880x^4 + 9408x^3] \tag{51}$$

Differentiating equation (50) three times, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
u'(x) &= a_3[96x^2] + a_4[512x^3 - 768x^2] + a_5[2560x^4 - 5120x^3 + 3360x^2] + \\
&\quad a_6[12288x^5 - 30720x^4 + 2764x^3 - 10752x^2 - 10752x] + \\
&\quad a_7[57344x^6 - 172032x^5 + 199680x^4 - 107520x^3 + 28224x^2]
\end{aligned} \tag{52}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
u''(x) &= a_3[192x] + a_4[1536x^2 - 1536x] + a_5[10240x^3 - 15360x^2 + 6720x] + \\
&\quad a_6[61440x^4 - 122880x^3 + 82944x^2 - 21504x] + \\
&\quad a_7[344064x^5 - 860160x^4 + 798720x^3 - 322560x^2 + 56448x]
\end{aligned} \tag{53}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
u'''(x) &= 192a_3 + a_4[3072x - 1536] + a_5[30720x^2 - 30720x + 6720] + \\
&\quad a_6[245760x^3 - 36864x^2 + 165888x - 21504] + \\
&\quad a_7[344064x^4 - 860160x^3 + 798720x^2 - 322560x + 56448]
\end{aligned} \tag{54}$$

Remember $u'''(x) = -1$

$$\begin{aligned}
-1 &= 192a_3 - 1536a_4 + 6720a_5 - 21504a_6 + 56448a_7 \\
192a_3 &= -1 + 1536a_4 - 6720a_5 + 21504a_6 - 56448a_7 \\
32a_3 &= \frac{-1}{6} + 256a_4 - 1120a_5 + 3584a_6 - 9408a_7
\end{aligned} \tag{55}$$

Substitute (55) into (44), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
u(x) &= x - \frac{x^3}{6} + a_4[128x^4] + a_5[512x^5 - 1280x^4] + a_6[737280x^2 - 737280x + 165888] \\
&\quad + a_7[6881280x^3 - 10321920x^2 + 4792320x - 645120]
\end{aligned} \tag{56}$$

Differentiating four times

$$\begin{aligned}
u^{(iv)}(x) &= a_4[3072] + a_5[61440x - 30720] + a_6[737280x^2 - 737280x + 165888] \\
&\quad + a_7[6881280x^3 - 10321920x^2 + 4792320x - 645120]
\end{aligned} \tag{57}$$

Replacing x by t (57) we have

$$\begin{aligned}
u(t) &= t - \frac{t^3}{6} + a_4[128t^4] + a_5[512t^5 - 1280t^4] + a_6[737280t^2 - 737280t + 165888] \\
&\quad + a_7[6881280t^3 - 10321920t^2 + 4792320t - 645120]
\end{aligned} \tag{58}$$

From equation (31)

$$u^{(iv)}(x) = 24 + x + \frac{x^6}{30} - \int_0^x (x-1)u(t)dt \tag{59}$$

Substitute equation (59) into (37), which yield

$$u^{(iv)}(x) = 24 + x + \frac{x^6}{30} - \int_0^x (x-1) \left[t - \frac{t^3}{6} + a_4[128t^4] + a_5[512t^5 - 1280t^4] + a_6[737280t^2 - 737280t + 165888] + a_7[6881280t^3 - 10321920t^2 + 4792320t - 645120] \right] dt \tag{60}$$

$$u^{(iv)}(x) = 24 + x + \frac{x^6}{30} - \left[\frac{x^3}{6} - \frac{x^5}{120} + a_4 \left[\frac{64x^6}{15} \right] + a_5 \left[\frac{256x^7}{21} - \frac{128x^6}{3} \right] + a_6 \left[\frac{256x^8}{7} - \frac{1024x^7}{7} + \frac{1152x^6}{5} \right] + a_7 \left[\frac{1024x^9}{9} - 512x^8 + \frac{6656x^7}{7} - 896x^6 \right] \right] \quad (61)$$

Equating equation (57) we have our residual equation

$$\begin{aligned} R[a_4, a_5, a_6, a_7] = & -24 - x - \frac{x^6}{30} + a_4 \left[\frac{x^3}{6} + 30720 \right] + a_5 \left[\frac{256x^7}{21} - \frac{128x^6}{3} + 6144x - 30720 \right] \\ & + a_6 \left[\frac{256x^8}{7} - \frac{1024x^7}{7} + \frac{1152x^6}{5} + 737280x^2 - 737280x + 165888 \right] \\ & + a_7 \left[\frac{1024x^9}{9} - 512x^8 + \frac{6656x^7}{7} - 896x^6 + 6881280x^3 - 10321920x^2 + 4792320x - 645120 \right] \end{aligned} \quad (62)$$

$$\text{Since } S[a_4, a_5, a_6, a_7] = \int_0^1 w(x) R[a_4, a_5, a_6, a_7]^2 dx \quad (63)$$

We take $w(x) = \left(x - \frac{x^3}{6} \right)$, which satisfy the boundary condition above.

$$S[a_4, a_5, a_6, a_7] = \int_0^1 \left[\begin{aligned} & -24 - x - \frac{x^6}{30} + a_4 \left[\frac{x^3}{6} + 30720 \right] + a_5 \left[\frac{256x^7}{21} - \frac{128x^6}{3} + 6144x - 30720 \right] \\ & + a_6 \left[\frac{256x^8}{7} - \frac{1024x^7}{7} + \frac{1152x^6}{5} + 737280x^2 - 737280x + 165888 \right] \\ & + a_7 \left[\frac{1024x^9}{9} - 512x^8 + \frac{6656x^7}{7} - 896x^6 + 6881280x^3 - 10321920x^2 + 4792320x - 645120 \right] \end{aligned} \right] \left(x - \frac{x^3}{6} \right) dx \quad (64)$$

Finding the values of a'_j , $s = 4, 5, 6, 7$ which minimizes S is equivalent to finding the best approximation for (28). The minimized value of S is obtained by setting

$\frac{\partial S}{\partial a_j} = 0$, where $j = 4, 5, 6, 7$.

For $j = 4$, we have

$$\frac{\partial S}{\partial a_4} = \frac{3859046311}{111375} \quad (65)$$

For $j = 5$, we have

$$\frac{\partial S}{\partial a_5} = \frac{40196879339}{3711015} \quad (66)$$

For $j = 6$, we have

$$\frac{\partial S}{\partial a_6} = \frac{55830847402926}{1206079875} \quad (67)$$

For $j = 7$, we have

$$\frac{\partial S}{\partial a_7} = \frac{62085449747343752}{4124793175} \quad (68)$$

The various values obtained in solving the equations (65)-(68) above using gaussian elimination are as follows

$$\left. \begin{aligned} a_4 &= 0.007966823275 \\ a_5 &= 0.000014152412 \\ a_6 &= -3.20592 \times 10^{-7} \\ a_7 &= -2.03596 \times 10^{-8} \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (69)$$

While the values of $a_1, a_2, a_3 = 0.862723069127166, 0.189406802279015, 0.05800099542799082$

The values of $a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, a_5, a_6, a_7$ are substituted into $u(x)$ to get

$$u(x) = x - 5.08273978461264 \times 10^{-16} x^2 - 0.1666666666666665 x^3 + 0.99996953693625 x^4 \\ + 0.00840270616117185 x^5 - 0.00007282211644465463 x^6 - 0.000166786203381444 x^7 \quad (70)$$

4.1 Tables

Table 1. The numerical result of problem 1

x	Exact solution	Approximate Solution	Absolute Error
0.1	-0.8951707486	-0.8951707494	2.50e-09
0.2	-0.7813972528	-0.7813972471	3.09e-08
0.3	-0.6598162090	-0.6598162825	1.24e-07
0.4	-0.5316426245	-0.5316426517	3.17e-07
0.5	-0.3981568190	-0.3981570232	6.32e-07
0.6	-0.2606922898	-0.2606931415	1.67e-06
0.7	-0.1206216388	-0.1206245001	1.73e-06
0.8	0.0206576891	0.0206493816	2.57e-06
0.9	0.1617383810	0.1617169414	3.66e-06
1.0	0.3012188203	0.3011686789	5.02e-06

Problem 2

Consider the fourth order Volterra-integro differential equation

$$u^{(iv)}(x) = -1 + x - \int_0^x (x-t)u(t)dt \quad (71)$$

with initial condition as $u(0) = -1, u'(0) = 1, u''(0) = 1, u'''(0) = -1$ well it's the exact solution as

$$u(x) = \sin x - \cos x \quad (72)$$

Source: [20].

Table 2: the numerical result of problem 2

x	Exact Solution	Computed Solution	Absolute Error
0.1	-0.8951707486	- 0.8951707494	2.546e-08
0.2	-0.7813972528	- 0.78139724705	2.177e-07
0.3	-0.6598162090	- 0.6598162825	7.350e-08
0.4	-0.5316426245	- 0.5316426517	2.720e-08
0.5	-0.3981568190	- 0.3981570232	2.041e-07
0.6	-0.2606922898	- 0.2606931415	8.517e-07
0.7	-0.1206216388	- 0.1206245001	2.940e-06
0.8	0.0206576891	0.0206493816	8.310e-06
0.9	0.1617383810	0.1617169414	2.144e-05
1.0	0.3012188203	0.3011686789	5.014e-05

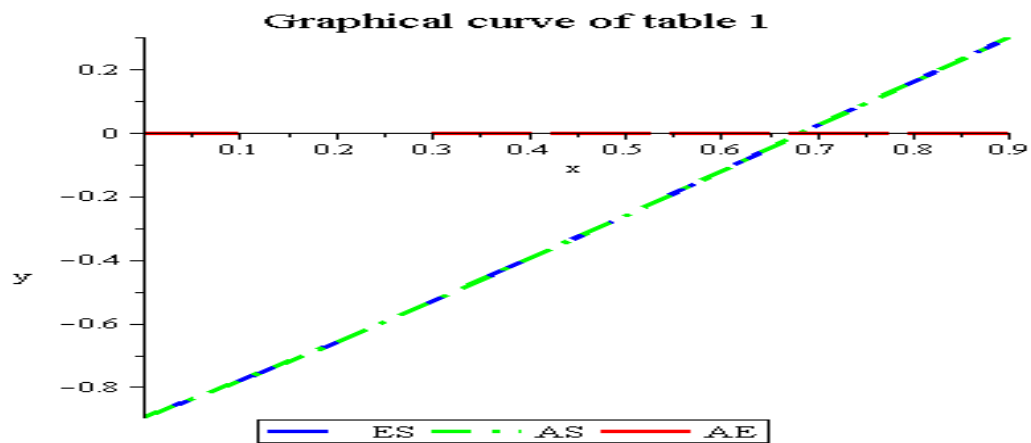


Fig. 1. Graphical Illustration of problem 1

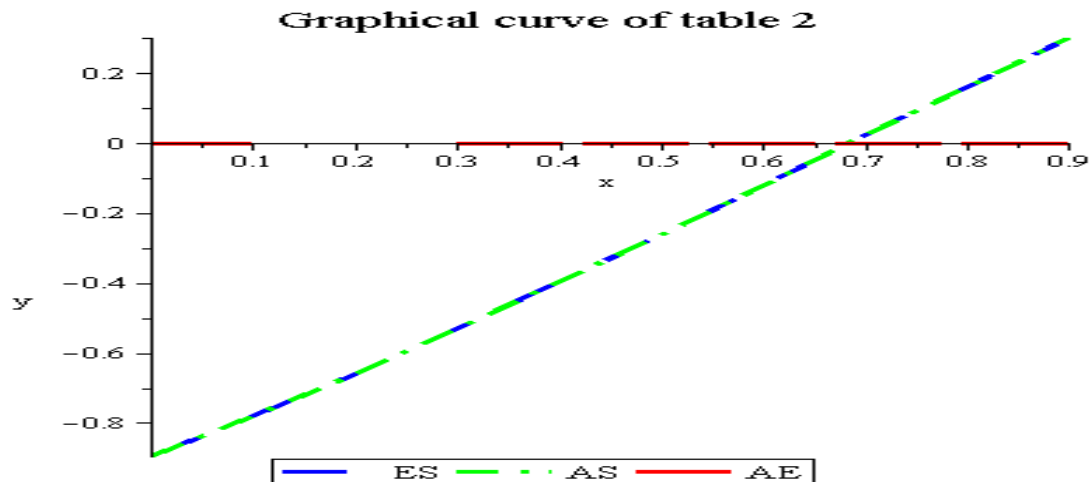


Fig. 2. Graphical Illustration of problem 2

5. Discussion and conclusion

The study focuses on the numerical solution of fourth-order Volterra integro-differential equations using the Least Squares Method and shifted Chebyshev polynomials as the basis function. The numerical method of solving and some numerical problems on fourth order Volterra integro-differential equation using the Least squares method and shifted Chebychev polynomials as basis function were consider. Table 1 and 2 shows the numerical results of problem 1 and 2, while figure 1 and 2 shows the curve of table 1 and 2. The computation of results obtained from the application of the method shows that, the Least Square method using shifted Chebyshev Polynomial as basis function has been utilized effectively to solve the fourth order Volterra Integro-Differential Equations. The solution obtained through this method produce results very close to the exact solution compare to [1]. The simplicity of the method is an included advantage and thus, it is dependable and a power tool for solving the class of problem considered. Conclusively, the study considered the solution of Volterra integro-differential equations of fourth order. All computations are done with the aid of **Maple 18** software.

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