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# An approximation method for the solving a class of nonlinear integral equations

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**Abstract:** A Chebyshev collocation method has been presented to solve nonlinear integral equations in terms of Chebyshev polynomials. This method transforms the integral equation to a matrix equation which corresponds to a system of nonlinear algebraic equations with unknown Chebyshev coefficients. Finally, some examples are presented to illustrate the method and results discussed.

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#### I. INTRODUCTION

As we know the Chebyshev polynomials are one of the best orthogonal polynomials that have important role particularly in numerical analysis. AChebyshev-matrix method for solving nonlinear integral equations have been presented by Sezer and Doğan [15]. In this study, Chebyshev collocation method, which is given by Akyüz and Sezer [3], is developed for nonlinear integral equation.

Fredholm nonlinear integral equation of the second kind and first kind are given by

$$y(s) + p(s)y(h(s)) + \lambda \int_a^b k(s,t)[y(t)]^3 dt = g(s), \quad a \le s \le b,$$

and

$$p(s)y(h(s)) + \lambda \int_{a}^{b} k(s,t)[y(t)]^{3} dt = g(s), \qquad a \le s \le b,$$

respectively where  $\lambda$  is a real parameter. Also Volterra nonlinear integral equation of the second and first kind are given by

$$y(s) + p(s)y(h(s)) + \lambda \int_{a}^{s} k(s,t)[y(t)]^{3} dt = g(s), \quad a \le s \le b$$

and

$$p(s)y(h(s)) + \lambda \int_a^s k(s,t)[y(t)]^3 dt = g(s) , \qquad a \le s \le b .$$

respectively. Here we assume that all functions are defined in interval [-1,1], otherwise by using suitable change of variable we obtain this interval, which is the domain of the Chebyshev polynomials of the first kind. In this paper, we approximate the solution of nonlinear IE using Chebyshev basis and the method of collocation with Chebyshev points. This method had been used for systems of nonlinear IE [17]. First we consider Fredholm nonlinear integral equations of the second and first kind as

$$y(s) + p(s)y(h(s)) + \lambda \int_{-1}^{1} k(s,t)[y(t)]^{3} dt = g(s), \quad -1 \le s \le 1,$$
(1)

and

$$p(s)y(h(s)) + \lambda \int_{-1}^{1} k(s,t)[y(t)]^3 dt = g(s) , \quad -1 \le s \le 1.$$
<sup>(2)</sup>

The aim of our method is to get solution as truncated Chebyshev series defined by



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$$y(s) \simeq y_N(s) = \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} a_j T_j(s), \quad -1 \le s \le 1,$$
 (3)

where  $T_j(s)$  denote the Chebyshev polynomials of the first kind,  $a_j$  are unknown Chebyshev coefficients, N is chosen any positive integer and  $\Sigma'$  is a sum whose first term is halved.

#### **II.FUNDAMENTAL RELATIONS**

We suppose that kernel functions and solutions of equations (1) and (2) can be expressed as a truncated Chebyshev series. Then (3) can be written in the matrix form  $y_N(s) = T(s)A$ , (4) where

 $T(s) = [T_0(s) \ T_1(s) \ \cdots \ T_N(s)], \ A = [\frac{a_0}{2} a_1 \ \dots \ a_N]^T.$ Besides,  $[y(s)]^2$  function can be written in the [5]

 $[y(s)]^2 = \overline{T(s)}B$ in which

 $\overline{\mathbf{T}(s)} = [T_0(s) \ T_1(s) \ \cdots \ T_{2N}(s)], \qquad \mathbf{B} = [\frac{b_0}{2} \ b_1 \ \dots \ b_{2N}]^{\mathrm{T}}$ 

and the elements  $b_i$  of the column matrix B consist of  $a_i$  and  $a_{-i} = a_i$  as follows:

$$b_{i} = \begin{cases} \frac{(a_{i})^{2}}{\frac{2}{2}} + \sum_{r=1}^{N-\frac{i}{2}} (a_{i}_{\frac{2}{2}-r})(a_{\frac{i}{2}+r}) \text{ for even i,} \\ \\ \frac{N-\frac{i-1}{2}}{\sum_{r=1}^{N-\frac{i-1}{2}} (a_{\frac{i+1}{2}-r})(a_{\frac{i+1}{2}+r}) \text{ for odd i,} \end{cases}$$
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in which

 $\overline{\overline{T(s)}} = [T_0(s) \ T_1(s) \ \cdots \ T_{3N}(s)], \qquad C = \frac{1}{2}\overline{C}, \qquad \overline{C} = [c_0 \ c_1 \ \ldots \ c_{3N}]^T$ 

and the elements  $c_i$  of the column matrix  $\overline{C}$  consist of  $a_i$  and  $b_i$  also  $a_{-i} = a_i$  and  $b_{-i} = b_i$  as follows:

$$c_{i} = \begin{cases} \frac{\frac{1}{2}a_{0}b_{0} + \sum_{r=1}^{N} a_{r}b_{r} \text{ for } i = 0, \\ a_{i}^{i}b_{i}^{i} + \sum_{r=1}^{N-\frac{i}{2}} (a_{i}^{i}_{2} - rb_{i}^{i}_{2} + r + a_{i}^{i}_{2} + rb_{i}^{i}_{2} - r) + \sum_{r=0}^{i-1} a_{N-r}b_{N-r+i} & \text{for even } i \text{ and } 1 \le i \le N, \\ \sum_{r=1}^{N-\frac{i-1}{2}} (a_{i+1}^{i}_{2} - rb_{i}^{i}_{2} + r + a_{i-1}^{i}_{2} + rb_{i}^{i}_{2} - r) + \sum_{r=0}^{i-1} a_{N-r}b_{N-r+i} & \text{for odd } i \text{ and } 1 \le i \le N, \end{cases}$$

and also



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$$c_{i} = \begin{cases} a_{\frac{i}{2}}b_{\frac{i}{2}} + \sum_{r=1}^{N-\frac{i}{2}} (a_{\frac{i}{2}-r}b_{\frac{i}{2}+r} + a_{\frac{i}{2}+r}b_{\frac{i}{2}-r}) + \sum_{r=0}^{2N-i} a_{r}b_{r+i} + \sum_{r=1}^{i-N-1} a_{r}b_{i-r} \\ \text{for even } i \text{ and } N + 1 \leq i \leq 2N, \end{cases}$$
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$$\sum_{r=i-2N}^{N} a_{r}b_{i-r} \qquad \text{for } 2N + 1 \leq i \leq 3N.$$

The method of collocation solves the FIE (1) using the approximation (3) through the equations

$$r_{N}(s_{i}) = y_{N}(s_{i}) + p(s_{i})y_{N}(h(s_{i})) + \lambda \int_{-1}^{1} k(s_{i},t)[y_{N}(t)]^{3}dt - g(s_{i}) = 0, \quad (6)$$
for Chebyshev collocation points

 $s_i = \cos(i\pi/N) \in [-1,1], i = 1, \cdots, N.$ (7)Similarly kernel function k(s,t) can be expressed as a truncated Chebyshev series for each  $s_i$  in the form  $\mathbf{\tilde{N}}^{"}$ 

$$k(s_i, t) \simeq k_N(s_i, t) = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} k_r(s_i)T_r(t), \tag{8}$$
  
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where double prime denotes that the first and the last terms are halved, the  $k_r(s_i)$  are determined by means ofCleanshaw–Kurtis rule, [5] as follows: .. ..

$$k_r(s_i) = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_{-1}^{1} \frac{k(s_i, t)T_r(t)}{(1 - t^2)^5} dt \simeq \frac{2}{\pi} \times \frac{\pi}{N} \sum_{m=0}^{N} k(s_i, t_m)T_r(t_m) = \frac{2}{N} \sum_{m=0}^{N} k(s_i, t_m)T_r(t_m),$$

where  $t_m = \cos(m\pi/N)$  for m = 0, 1, ..., N and  $k_N(s_i, t)$  can be represented in matrix form  $k_N(s_i, t) = K(s_i)T^T(t)$ ,

where

$$K(s_i) = \left[\frac{1}{2}k_0(s_i) \ k_1(s_i) \ \cdots \ k_{N-1}(s_i)\frac{1}{2}k_N(s_i)\right].$$
(10)

### III. THE METHOD FOR SOLUTION OF NONLINEAR FREDHOLM INTEGRAL EQUATIONS

In this section, we consider Fredholm equation in (1) and approximate to solution by means of finite Chebyshev series defined in (3). The aim is to find Chebyshev coefficients, that is, the matrix A in the matrix form (4). We use (4), (5) and (9) for  $s_i$  in (6) to get

 $T(s_i)A + p(s_i)T(h(s_i))A + \lambda K(s_i)\left[\int_{-1}^{1} T^T(t)\overline{T(t)}dt\right]C = g(s_i),$ (11)fori=0, 1, ..., N and using relation

$$Z = \int_{-1}^{1} T^{T}(t) \overline{T(t)} dt = \left[ \int_{-1}^{1} T_{i}(t) T_{j}(t) dt \right] = [Z_{ij}],$$
  
whose entries are given in [6] as  
$$Z_{ij} = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{1-(i+j)^{2}} + \frac{1}{1-(i-j)^{2}} & \text{for even } i+j, \\ 0 & \text{for odd } i+j, \end{cases}$$
  
for  $i=0, 1, ..., N$  and  $j=0, 1, ..., 3N.$ 

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Then Eqs. (11) can be in write in matrix form

$$(\mathbf{T}_s + \mathbf{P}_s \mathbf{T}_h)\mathbf{A} + \lambda \mathbf{K}_s \mathbf{Z}\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{G},$$

where

$$\mathbf{T}_{s} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{T}(s_{0}) \\ \mathbf{T}(s_{1}) \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{T}(s_{N}) \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{T}_{h} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{T}(h(s_{0})) \\ \mathbf{T}(h(s_{1})) \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{T}(h(s_{N})) \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{K}_{s} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{K}(s_{0}) \\ \mathbf{K}(s_{1}) \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{K}(s_{N}) \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{G} = \begin{bmatrix} g(s_{0}) \\ g(s_{1}) \\ \vdots \\ g(s_{N}) \end{bmatrix},$$

 $P_s = diag(p(s_i))_{i=0}^N,$ 

and for Fredholm NIE of the the first kind (2), we have

 $P_s T_h A + \lambda K_s ZC = G. (13)$ 

The systems (12) and (13) correspond to a system of (N + 1) nonlinear algebraic equations with the (N + 1) unknown Chebyshev coefficients.

#### IV. THE METHOD FOR SOLUTION OF NONLINEAR VOLTERRA INTEGRAL EQUATIONS

We now consider the nonlinear Volterra integral equations of the second and first kind as

$$y(s) + p(s)y(h(s)) + \lambda \int_{-1}^{s} k(s,t)[y(t)]^3 = g(s), \quad -1 \le s \le 1,$$

and

$$p(s)y(h(s)) + \lambda \int_{-1}^{s} k(s,t)[y(t)]^3 = g(s) , -1 \le s \le 1$$

In this case the upper bound of integral in (6) should be change to  $s_i$  and then (11) changes to

$$T(s_i)A + p(s_i)T(h(s_i))A + \lambda K(s_i) \left[ \int_{-1}^{s_i} T^T(t)\overline{T(t)}dt \right] C = g(s_i),$$
  
for *i*=0, 1, ..., N and then we get  
 $(T_s + P_sT_h)A + \lambda \overline{K}_s \overline{Z}C = G,$ 

where

$$\overline{\mathbf{K}}_{s} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{K}(s_{0}) & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \mathbf{K}(s_{0}) & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & \mathbf{K}(s_{0}) \end{bmatrix}_{(N+1) \times (N+1)^{2}} , \qquad \overline{\mathbf{Z}} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{Z}(s_{0}) \\ \mathbf{Z}(s_{1}) \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{Z}(s_{N}) \end{bmatrix}_{(N+1)^{2} \times (3N+1)}$$

where

$$Z(s_i) = \int_{-1}^{s_i} T^T(t) \overline{T(t)} dt = \left[ \int_{-1}^{s_i} T_i(t) T_j(t) dt \right] = [Z_{ij}(s_i)],$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{for} i=0, \ I, \ \dots, N \text{ and } j=0, \ I, \ \dots, \ 3N, \text{ whose entries are computed in [2] as} \\ \text{Z}_{ij} &= \frac{1}{4} \begin{cases} \frac{2x^2-2}{1+j+1} - \frac{T_{i+j+1}(s)}{i+j+1} - \frac{T_{i+j-1}(s)}{i+j+1} - \frac{1}{i+j+1} + \frac{1}{i+j-1} + x^2 - 1 & \text{for } |i-j|=1, \\ \frac{T_{i+j+1}(s)}{i+j+1} + \frac{T_{1-i-j}(s)}{1-i-j} + \frac{T_{1+i-j}(s)}{1+i+j} + \frac{T_{1-i+j}(s)}{1-i+j} + 2\left[\frac{1}{1-(i+j)^2} + \frac{1}{1-(i-j)^2}\right] \text{for even } i+j, \\ \frac{T_{i+j+1}(s)}{i+j+1} + \frac{T_{1-i-j}(s)}{1-i-j} + \frac{T_{1+i-j}(s)}{1+i-j} + \frac{T_{1-i+j}(s)}{1-i+j} - 2\left[\frac{1}{1-(i+j)^2} + \frac{1}{1-(i-j)^2}\right] \text{for odd } i+j, \end{aligned} \end{aligned}$$
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#### V. ILLUSTRATIONS

In this section, we consider three examples. All results were computed using MATLAB. Example 1. Let us first consider the nonlinear Volterraintegral equation of second kind

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$$y(s) + \frac{s}{2}y\left(\frac{s^2}{2}\right) + \int_{-1}^{s} (s+1)[y(t)]^3 dt = \frac{1}{4}s^5 + \frac{5}{4}s^4 + \frac{11}{4}s^3 + \frac{5}{2}s^2 + \frac{11}{4}s + \frac{5}{4}s^4$$

with the exact solution y(s) = s + 1,

and  $\lambda = 1$ . We choose N = 2 and write the solution by truncated Chebyshev series in the form 2'

$$y(s) \simeq y_2(s) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} a_j T_j(s), \quad -1 \le s \le 1.$$
 (15)

The Chebyshev collocation points are

 $s_0 = 1$ ,  $s_1 = 0$ ,  $s_2 = -1$ .

Using these points, the matrices in (14) are

If these matrices are substituted in (14), it is obtained nonlinear algebraic system.

This system yields the solution

 $a_0 = 2$ ,  $a_1 = 1$ ,  $a_2 = 0$ 

Substituting these values in (15) we have



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 $y_2(s) = s + 1$ , which is the exact solution.

Example 2. Let us now consider the following nonlinearFredholm integral equation of the second kind

$$y(s) + e^{-s}y(h(s)) + \int_{-1}^{1} e^{s-t} [y(t)]^3 dt = g(s),$$

with the exact solution

 $y(s) = e^s$ .

In this example we consider four different options for h(s) as

(1) h(s) = 0.8s, (2)  $h(s) = s^2/2$ ,

(3)  $h(s) = se^{-s}$ , (4) h(s) = sin(s),

and with appropriate right hand side. The numerical results are shown in Table 1.

Example 3. Let us now consider the following nonlinearVolterra integral equation of thesecond kind

$$y(s) + e^{-s}y(h(s)) + \int_{-1}^{s} \sin[4s - t)[y(t)]^3 dt = g(s),$$

with the exact solution

 $y(s) = e^s$ .

In this example, again we consider four different options for h(s) as

(1) h(s) = 0.8s, (2)  $h(s) = s^2/2$ ,

(3) 
$$h(s) = se^{-s}$$
, (4)  $h(s) = sin(s)$ ,

and with appropriate right hand side. The numerical results are shown in Table 2.

| (1)        | (2)                      | (3)        | (4)   |
|------------|--------------------------|------------|---|
| .0027      | 0.0042                   | 0.0125     | 0.0020  |
| 2.3963e-05 | 5.5536e-05               | 0.0010     | 1.6749e-05  |
| 3.2459e-11 | 5.1252e-11               | 8.1415e-09 | 1.7490e-11  |
| 2.4535e-15 | 5.7179e-15               | 2.2946e-13 | 1.5200e-15  |
|            | 2.3963e-05<br>3.2459e-11 |            | $\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$ |

| Table | 2 |
|-------|---|
|-------|---|

| Computed error | $\delta_N$ for Example 3 |
|----------------|--------------------------|
| computed error | ONIOI Entemple 5         |

| Ν  | h(s)       |            |            |            |  |
|----|------------|------------|------------|------------|--|
|    | (1)        | (2)        | (3)        | (4)        |  |
| 3  | 0.0044     | 0.0061     | 0.0113     | 0.0039     |  |
| 5  | 2.5582e-05 | 6.6308e-05 | 0.0011     | 1.8978e-05 |  |
| 10 | 3.0486e-11 | 3.4939e-11 | 7.9672e-09 | 1.7633e-11 |  |

In Examples 2 and 3 we computed error  $\delta_n$  by

$$\delta_{N} = \frac{\|y_{exact}(s) - y_{N}(s)\|_{2}}{\|y_{exact}(s)\|_{2}} = \left\{\sum_{i=0}^{N} e_{n}^{2}(s_{i})\right\}^{\frac{1}{2}} / \left\{\sum_{i=0}^{N} y_{exact}^{2}(s_{i})\right\}^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

where

 $e_n(s_i) = y_{exact}(s_i) - y_N(s_i).$ 

Numerical examples and Tables 1 and 2 show that the proposed method works quite well in practice for differentchoice of h(s).



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#### **VI. CONCLUSIONS**

Here, we use the Chebyshev collocation method to solve nonlinear integral equation of the first and second kind Fredholm–Volterra integral equations of the second kind by transformingour problems into a system of nonlinear algebraic equations. With using Chebyshev collocations points, the unknown vector is Chebyshev expansion coefficients of the solution. Numerical examples show the accuracy of this method.

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