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Exact solutions of second-order fractional Fredholm integro-differential equations

Abstract

The present paper analyzes the second-order fractional Fredholm integro-differential equations by means of the Caputo definition in the fractional calculus (FC). The exact solutions are obtained for two examples utilizing a direct solution method. Furthermore, it is shown that the present solutions in fractional forms reduce to the corresponding classical ones in the relevant literature, with integer derivatives, as special cases.

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1 Introduction

Recently, the fractional calculus (FC) has gained observable interest due to its wide applications in several applied areas of research [1-14]. In the Refs. [15-23], several integro-differential equations have been solved via the FC approach using various numerical and

analytical methods. In this paper, we are concerned with the second-order fractional Fredholm integro-differential equations of the form:

$${}^C_0D_x^\beta u(x) = g(x) + \lambda \int_{b_1}^{b_2} K(x, \tau)u(\tau) d\tau, \quad 1 < \beta \leq 2, \quad (1)$$

$$u(0) = c_1, \quad u'(0) = c_2, \quad (2)$$

where ${}^C_0D_x^\beta$ stands for the Caputo fractional derivative. The functions $g(x)$ and $K(x, \tau)$ are continuous on $[b_1, b_2]$ and λ, b_1 and b_2 are given constants. It is the aim of this work to obtain the exact solutions for the class (1-2) via a direct method.

The paper is organized as follows. In section 2, basic preliminaries of the FC are introduced. Beside, a basic Lemma is provided for some properties of the Mittag-Leffler functions. Such properties will be implemented in a next step to construct the exact solutions of two examples for the class (1-2). Section 3 is devoted to apply the present direct method on two examples. Furthermore, it will be shown that the present results reduce to the corresponding ones in the literature as $\beta \rightarrow 2$. Finally, section 4 outlines the conclusions.

2 preliminaries

The Riemann-Liouville fractional integral of order β is defined as [1]:

$$J_0^\beta u(x) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\beta)} \int_0^x (x - \tau)^{\beta-1} u(\tau) d\tau \quad \beta > 0. \quad (3)$$

The Caputo's FD of order $\beta \in (1, 2]$ of a function $u(x)$ is defined by

$${}^C_0D_x^\beta u(x) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(2 - \beta)} \int_0^x (x - \tau)^{1-\beta} u''(\tau) d\tau, \quad 1 < \beta \leq 2. \quad (4)$$

The J_0^β and ${}^C D_x^\beta$ are related by:

$$J_0^\beta ({}^C D_x^\beta u(x)) = u(x) - u(0) - u'(0)x. \tag{5}$$

A basic property of the J_0^β is

$$J_0^\beta (x^r) = \frac{\Gamma(r+1)}{\Gamma(\beta+r+1)} x^{\beta+r}, \quad r > -1. \tag{6}$$

The Mittag-Leffler function (MLF) of one-parameter is defined as

$$E_\alpha(z) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^m}{\Gamma(\alpha m + 1)}, \quad z \in C, \tag{7}$$

while the two-parameter MLF is defined by

$$E_{\alpha,\beta}(z) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^m}{\Gamma(\alpha m + \beta)}, \quad \alpha > 0, \beta > 0. \tag{8}$$

The following properties are also hold [1]:

$$E_{\alpha,\beta}(z) = z E_{\alpha,\beta}(z) + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\beta)}, \tag{9}$$

$$E_{1,k}(z) = \frac{1}{z^{k-1}} \left(e^z - \sum_{m=0}^{k-2} \frac{z^m}{\Gamma(m+1)} \right), \tag{10}$$

$$E_{2,1}(-z^2) = \cos(z), \quad E_{2,2}(-z^2) = \frac{\sin(z)}{z}, \tag{11}$$

and a fundamental integral formula of MLF is given by [1]

$$\int_0^\mu \tau^{\gamma-1} E_{\delta,\gamma}(\sigma \tau^\delta) d\tau = \mu^\gamma E_{\delta,\gamma+1}(\sigma \mu^\delta), \quad \delta > 0, \gamma > 0. \tag{12}$$

2.1 Lemma 1

The MLFs $E_{1,3}(z)$, $E_{1,4}(z)$, $E_{2,3}(-z^2)$, $E_{2,4}(-z^2)$, and $E_{2,5}(-z^2)$ are given by

1. $E_{1,3}(z) = (e^z - 1 - z) / (z^2)$,

$$2. E_{1,4}(z) = (2e^z - 2(1 + z) - z^2) / (2z^3),$$

$$3. E_{2,3}(-z^2) = (1 - \cos(z)) / (z^2),$$

$$4. E_{2,4}(-z^2) = (z - \sin(z)) / (z^3),$$

$$5. E_{2,5}(-z^2) = (2 \cos(z) - 2 + z^2) / (2z^4).$$

Proof

The first two formulae follow immediately from Eq. (10) at $k = 3$ and $k = 4$. The third formula follows from the definition (8) as

$$\begin{aligned} E_{2,3}(-z^2) &= \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-z^2)^m}{\Gamma(2m+3)} = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^m z^{2m}}{(2m+2)!}, \\ &= -\frac{1}{z^2} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{m+1} z^{2m+2}}{(2m+2)!}, \\ &= -\frac{1}{z^2} \left(-\frac{z^2}{2!} + \frac{z^4}{4!} - \frac{z^6}{6!} + \dots \right), \\ &= -\frac{1}{z^2} \left(\left(1 - \frac{z^2}{2!} + \frac{z^4}{4!} - \frac{z^6}{6!} + \dots \right) - 1 \right), \\ &= \frac{1 - \cos(z)}{z^2}. \end{aligned} \tag{13}$$

Similarly, we have

$$\begin{aligned} E_{2,4}(-z^2) &= \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^m z^{2m}}{(2m+3)!}, \\ &= -\frac{1}{z^3} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{m+1} z^{2m+3}}{(2m+3)!}, \\ &= -\frac{1}{z^3} \left(-\frac{z^3}{3!} + \frac{z^5}{5!} - \frac{z^7}{7!} + \dots \right), \\ &= -\frac{1}{z^3} \left(\left(z - \frac{z^3}{3!} + \frac{z^5}{5!} - \frac{z^7}{7!} + \dots \right) - z \right), \\ &= \frac{z - \sin(z)}{z^3}. \end{aligned} \tag{14}$$

Proceeding as above, the fifth formula can be easily proved.

3 Examples

Example 1:

In this example, we consider the following second-order fractional Fredholm integro-differential equation [24]

$${}_0^C D_x^\beta u(x) = 1 - e + e^x + \int_0^1 u(\tau) d\tau, \quad u(0) = u'(0) = 1, \quad 1 < \beta \leq 2. \quad (15)$$

Assume that a_1 is a constant, given by

$$a_1 = \int_0^1 u(\tau) d\tau, \quad (16)$$

then Eq. (15) can be written as

$${}_0^C D_x^\beta u(x) = (1 - e + a_1) + e^x. \quad (17)$$

Expanding e^x as Maclaurin series and then applying J_0^β on both sides of Eq. (17), gives

$$\begin{aligned} u(x) &= u(0) + u'(0)x + (1 - e + a_1) J_0^\beta(1) + J_0^\beta \left(\sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^m}{m!} \right), \\ &= 1 + x + \frac{(1 - e + a_1) x^\beta}{\Gamma(\beta + 1)} + \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{m!} \times \frac{\Gamma(m + 1) x^{\beta+m}}{\Gamma(\beta + m + 1)}, \end{aligned} \quad (18)$$

which can be simplified as

$$u(x) = 1 + x + \frac{(1 - e + a_1) x^\beta}{\Gamma(\beta + 1)} + \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^{\beta+m}}{\Gamma(\beta + m + 1)}, \quad (19)$$

or in terms of the MLF $E_{1,\beta+1}(x)$ as

$$u(x) = 1 + x + \frac{(1 - e + a_1) x^\beta}{\Gamma(\beta + 1)} + x^\beta E_{1,\beta+1}(x). \quad (20)$$

Substituting Eq. (20) into Eq. (16), we obtain

$$a_1 = \frac{3}{2} + \frac{(1 - e + a_1)}{\Gamma(\beta + 2)} + \int_0^1 \tau^\beta E_{1,\beta+1}(\tau) d\tau. \quad (21)$$

From the integral formula given by Eq. (12), we have

$$\int_0^1 \tau^\beta E_{1,\beta+1}(\tau) d\tau = E_{1,\beta+2}(1). \quad (22)$$

Hence, Eq. (21) becomes

$$a_1 = \frac{3}{2} + \frac{(1 - e + a_1)}{\Gamma(\beta + 2)} + E_{1,\beta+2}(1). \quad (23)$$

Solving Eq. (23) for a_1 , yields

$$a_1 = \frac{\frac{3}{2} + \frac{1-e}{\Gamma(\beta+2)} + E_{1,\beta+2}(1)}{1 - \frac{1}{\Gamma(\beta+2)}}. \quad (24)$$

Inserting Eq. (24) into Eq. (20), gives the exact solution of Eq. (15) as

$$u(x) = 1 + x + \left(\frac{\frac{5}{2} - e + E_{1,\beta+2}(1)}{1 - \frac{1}{\Gamma(\beta+2)}} \right) \frac{x^\beta}{\Gamma(\beta + 1)} + x^\beta E_{1,\beta+1}(x). \quad (25)$$

As $\beta \rightarrow 2$, Eq. (25) leads to

$$u(x) = 1 + x + \frac{6}{5} \left(\frac{5}{2} - e + E_{1,4}(1) \right) \frac{x^2}{\Gamma(3)} + x^2 E_{1,3}(x). \quad (26)$$

Implementing the first two properties of Lemma 1, we have

$$u(x) = 1 + x + \frac{6}{5} \left(\frac{5}{2} - e + e - \frac{5}{2} \right) \frac{x^2}{2} + x^2 \left(\frac{e^x - 1 - x}{x^2} \right), \quad (27)$$

which yields

$$u(x) = e^x. \quad (28)$$

Indeed, Eq. (28) is the exact solution of the classical form of the present example, given in

Ref. [24] by $u''(x) = 1 - e + e^x + \int_0^1 u(\tau) d\tau$.

Example 2

Consider the second-order fractional Fredholm integro-differential equation [24]:

$${}_0^C D_x^\beta u(x) = -2x - \sin x + \cos x + \int_0^\pi x u(\tau) d\tau, \quad u(0) = -1, \quad u'(0) = 1, \quad 1 < \beta \leq 2. \quad (29)$$

Suppose that a_2 is the constant given by

$$a_2 = \int_0^\pi u(\tau) d\tau, \quad (30)$$

then Eq. (29) becomes

$${}_0^C D_x^\beta u(x) = (a_2 - 2)x - \sin x + \cos x. \quad (31)$$

Expanding $\sin x$ and $\cos x$ as Maclaurin series and operating with J_0^β on both sides of Eq.

(31), then

$$\begin{aligned} u(x) &= u(0) + u'(0)x + (a_2 - 2) J_0^\beta(x) + J_0^\beta \left(\sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^m x^{2m}}{(2m)!} - \frac{(-1)^m x^{2m+1}}{(2m+1)!} \right), \\ &= -1 + x + \frac{(a_2 - 2)x^\beta}{\Gamma(\beta + 1)} + \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^m}{(2m)!} \times \frac{\Gamma(2m+1)x^{\beta+2m}}{\Gamma(\beta + 2m + 1)} - \\ &\quad \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^m}{(2m+1)!} \times \frac{\Gamma(2m+2)x^{\beta+1+2m}}{\Gamma(\beta + 2m + 2)}. \end{aligned} \quad (32)$$

Simplifying Eq. (32), yields

$$u(x) = -1 + x + \frac{(a_2 - 2)x^\beta}{\Gamma(\beta + 1)} + x^\beta \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-x^2)^m}{\Gamma(\beta + 2m + 1)} - x^{\beta+1} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-x^2)^m}{\Gamma(\beta + 2m + 2)}. \quad (33)$$

In terms of the MLFs $E_{2,\beta+1}(-x^2)$ and $E_{2,\beta+2}(-x^2)$, we have

$$u(x) = -1 + x + \frac{(a_2 - 2)x^\beta}{\Gamma(\beta + 1)} + x^\beta E_{2,\beta+1}(-x^2) - x^{\beta+1} E_{2,\beta+2}(-x^2). \quad (34)$$

Substituting Eq. (34) into Eq. (30), we obtain

$$a_2 = \int_0^\pi \left[-1 + \tau + \frac{(a_2 - 2) \tau^\beta}{\Gamma(\beta + 1)} + \tau^\beta E_{2,\beta+1}(-\tau^2) - \tau^{\beta+1} E_{2,\beta+2}(-\tau^2) \right] d\tau, \quad (35)$$

or

$$a_2 = -\pi + \frac{\pi^2}{2} + \frac{(a_2 - 2) \pi^{\beta+1}}{\Gamma(\beta + 2)} + I_1 - I_2, \quad (36)$$

where I_1 and I_2 are the two integrals:

$$I_1 = \int_0^\pi \tau^\beta E_{2,\beta+1}(-\tau^2) d\tau = \pi^{\beta+1} E_{2,\beta+2}(-\pi^2), \quad (37)$$

and

$$I_2 = \int_0^\pi \tau^{\beta+1} E_{2,\beta+2}(-\tau^2) d\tau = \pi^{\beta+2} E_{2,\beta+3}(-\pi^2). \quad (38)$$

Hence, Eq. (36) becomes

$$a_2 = -\pi + \frac{\pi^2}{2} + \frac{(a_2 - 2) \pi^{\beta+1}}{\Gamma(\beta + 2)} + \pi^{\beta+1} E_{2,\beta+2}(-\pi^2) - \pi^{\beta+2} E_{2,\beta+3}(-\pi^2). \quad (39)$$

Solving Eq. (39) for a_2 , gives

$$a_2 = 2 + \frac{-2 - \pi + \frac{\pi^2}{2} + \pi^{\beta+1} E_{2,\beta+2}(-\pi^2) - \pi^{\beta+2} E_{2,\beta+3}(-\pi^2)}{1 - \frac{\pi^{\beta+1}}{\Gamma(\beta+2)}}. \quad (40)$$

Inserting (40) into (34), we finally get

$$u(x) = -1 + x + \frac{x^\beta}{\Gamma(\beta + 1)} \times \left(\frac{-2 - \pi + \frac{\pi^2}{2} + \pi^{\beta+1} E_{2,\beta+2}(-\pi^2) - \pi^{\beta+2} E_{2,\beta+3}(-\pi^2)}{1 - \frac{\pi^{\beta+1}}{\Gamma(\beta+2)}} \right) + x^\beta E_{2,\beta+1}(-x^2) - x^{\beta+1} E_{2,\beta+2}(-x^2). \quad (41)$$

As $\beta \rightarrow 2$, Eq. (41) reduces to

$$u(x) = -1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2} \left(\frac{-2 - \pi + \frac{\pi^2}{2} + \pi^3 E_{2,4}(-\pi^2) - \pi^4 E_{2,5}(-\pi^2)}{1 - \frac{\pi^3}{6}} \right) + x^2 E_{2,3}(-x^2) - x^3 E_{2,4}(-x^2). \quad (42)$$

Implementing the third, fourth, and fifth properties of Lemma 1:

$$E_{2,3}(-z^2) = (1 - \cos(z)) / (z^2), \quad E_{2,4}(-z^2) = (z - \sin(z)) / (z^3), \quad (43)$$

$$E_{2,5}(-z^2) = (2 \cos(z) - 2 + z^2) / (2z^4), \quad (44)$$

we have

$$E_{2,4}(-\pi^2) = \frac{1}{\pi^2}, \quad E_{2,5}(-\pi^2) = \frac{-4 + \pi^2}{2\pi^4}. \quad (45)$$

Substituting (43-45) into (42) and simplifying yields

$$u(x) = \sin x - \cos x, \quad (46)$$

which is the same exact solution of the corresponding classical form given in Ref. [24] by

$$u''(x) = -2x - \sin x + \cos x + \int_0^\pi xu(\tau) d\tau, \quad u(0) = -1, \quad u'(0) = 1.$$

4 Conclusion

A class of second-order fractional Fredholm integro-differential equations was investigated in this paper by implementing the Caputo definition in the fractional calculus (FC). A direct method was utilized to derive the exact solutions of two examples. The obtained solutions reduce to the corresponding ones in the relevant literature with integer derivatives as a special case.

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