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Study of Nonlocal Boundary Value Problem for the Fredholm–Volterra Integro-Differential Equation

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In this paper, the existence and uniqueness of the Fredholm–Volterra integro-differential equation with the nonlocal condition will be studied. Also, we study the continuous dependence of the initial data. The numerical solution of the problem will be studied using the central difference approximations and trapezoidal rule to transform the Volterra–Fredholm integro-differential equation into a system of algebraic equations which can be solved together to get the solution. Finally, we solve some examples numerically to show the accuracy of the proposed method.

1. Introduction

Recently, some researchers were interested in studying the existence and uniqueness of different types of integro-differential equation with the different conditions. El-Sayed et al. studied the existence of solutions to some integro-differential equations with infinite point and integral conditions, and they have also studied some properties of these solutions [1–4]. There are also many authors interested in studying the numerical solution for integral and integro-differential equations. Mirzaee and Piroozfar used modified Simpson's quadrature rule for solving linear Fredholm integral equations of the second kind [5]. Rahman et al. solved the system of linear Volterra Integral equations of the second kind using Simpson's quadrature rule [6]. Garba and Bichi studied the numerical solution for first-order Fredholm integro-differential equation using finite difference-composite Simpson method [7]. Ibrahim et al. studied the existence of a unique solution to nonlinear Fredholm integro-differential equation of the second order, and they introduced the exact solution using the direct computation method, introduced numerical solution using the combination of the finite

difference method with the composite Simpson method to transform the Fredholm integro-differential equation into a system of nonlinear algebraic equations, and also computed the error estimation for the scheme to show the accuracy of the presented method [8]. Pandey used the finite difference method and the composite trapezoidal quadrature method to solve the Fredholm integro-differential equation [9]. Saadati et al. solved the linear Volterra and Fredholm integro-differential equation using the combination of the trapezoidal rule and the finite difference method and compared it with the variational iteration method (VIM). The result of comparison shows that VIM is better than the trapezoidal method [10]. Ishak and Norazura Ahmed obtained the numerical solution for the first-order Volterra integro-differential equation using the trapezoidal method and compared the results with the Euler method. The results of comparisons show that the trapezoidal method is better than the Euler method [11]. Raftari used the homotopy perturbation method (HPM) and the finite difference method to solve the Volterra integro-differential equation of the first order. The results of applying these methods demonstrate the validity and applicability of these techniques.

In this paper, we study the nonlocal boundary value problem for the Fredholm–Volterra integro-differential equation:

$$u''(x) = F\left(x, u(x), \int_a^b f(x, t, u'(t))(x, t, u'(t))dt, \int_a^x g(x, t, u'(t))dt\right), \quad x \in [a, b], \quad (1)$$

with the nonlocal condition

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{j=0}^m a_j u(\tau_j) &= \mu_0, \\ u'(a) &= \rho_0, \\ a_j &\geq 0, \\ \tau_j &\in [a, b]. \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

We study the existence of solution $u(x) \in C[a, b]$. We study the continuous dependence of the unique solution on μ_0 and on the nonlocal parameter a_j .

As applications, the nonlocal problem of the Fredholm–Volterra integro-differential equation (1) with the integral condition

$$\int_a^b u(s) d\phi(s) = \mu_0 \quad (3)$$

will be studied.

This paper is organized as follows. In Section 2, we discuss the integral representation. We discuss the existence of solution and the nonlocal integral condition in Section 3. We discuss the uniqueness of the solution in Section 4. In Section 5, we discuss the continuous dependence on μ_0 and a_j . In Section 6, we present the methodology of numerical technique and numerical examples. Section 7 gives the conclusion.

2. Integral Representation

Consider nonlocal problems (1) and (2) with the following assumptions:

- (1) $F: [a, b] \times \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ satisfies Caratheodory condition, i.e., F is measurable in x for any $\xi, \alpha, \gamma \in \mathbb{R}$ and continuous for almost all $x \in [a, b]$. There exist a function $M_1(x) \in L^1[a, b]$ and a positive constant $C_1 > 0$, such that

$$|F(x, \xi, \alpha, \gamma)| \leq M_1(x) + C_1|\xi| + C_1|\alpha| + C_1|\gamma|. \quad (4)$$

- (2) $f: [a, b] \times [a, b] \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ satisfies Caratheodory condition, i.e., f is measurable in x for any $v(t) \in \mathbb{R}$ and continuous for almost all $x \in [a, b]$. There exist a function $M_2(x, t) \in L^1[a, b]$ and a positive constant $C_2 > 0$, such that

$$|f(x, t, v(t))| \leq M_2(x, t) + C_2|v(t)|. \quad (5)$$

- (3) $g: [a, b] \times [a, b] \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ satisfies Caratheodory condition. There exist a function $M_3(x, t) \in L^1[a, b]$ and a positive constant $C_3 > 0$, such that

$$|g(x, t, v(t))| \leq M_3(x, t) + C_3|v(t)|. \quad (6)$$

(4)

$$\sup_{x \in [a, b]} \int_a^x M_1(\theta) d\theta \leq N_1,$$

$$\sup_{\theta \in [a, b]} \int_a^b M_2(\theta, t) dt \leq N_2, \quad (7)$$

$$\sup_{\theta \in [a, b]} \int_a^\theta M_3(\theta, t) dt \leq N_3.$$

$$(5) \quad (2C_1b^2 + C_1C_2b^2 + C_1C_3b^2) < 1.$$

Lemma 1. Let $\beta = \sum_{j=0}^m a_j \neq 0$, and we can represent the solution of nonlocal problems (1) and (2), if it exists by the integral equation

$$u(x) = \beta^{-1} \left[\mu_0 - \sum_{j=0}^m a_j \int_a^{\tau_j} v(s) ds \right] + \int_a^x v(s) ds, \quad (8)$$

where

$$v(x) = \rho_0 + \int_a^x F\left(\theta, \beta^{-1} \left[\mu_0 - \sum_{j=0}^m a_j \int_a^{\tau_j} v(s) ds \right] + \int_a^\theta v(s) ds, \int_a^b f(\theta, t, v(t)) dt, \int_a^\theta g(\theta, t, v(t)) dt\right) d\theta. \quad (9)$$

Proof. Integrating both sides of (1), we get

$$u'(x) = u'(a) + \int_a^x F\left(\theta, u(\theta), \int_a^b f(\theta, t, u'(t))dt, \int_a^\theta g(\theta, t, u'(t))dt\right)d\theta, \quad x \in [a, b]. \tag{10}$$

Let $u'(x) = v(x)$ in (10), and we obtain

$$v(x) = \rho_0 + \int_a^x F\left(\theta, u(\theta), \int_a^b f(\theta, t, v(t))dt, \int_a^\theta g(\theta, t, v(t))dt\right)d\theta, \quad x \in [a, b], \tag{11}$$

where

$$u(x) = u(a) + \int_a^x v(s)ds, \quad x \in [a, b], \tag{12}$$

and using nonlocal condition (2), we get

$$\sum_{j=0}^m a_j u(\tau_j) = u(a) \sum_{j=0}^m a_j + \sum_{j=0}^m a_j \int_a^{\tau_j} v(s)ds, \tag{13}$$

and then

$$u(a) = \beta^{-1} \left[\mu_0 - \sum_{j=0}^m a_j \int_a^{\tau_j} v(s)ds \right]. \tag{14}$$

We obtain (8) and (9) from (11), (12), and (14). This completes the proof. \square

3. Existence of Solution

Definition 1. By a solution of Fredholm–Volterra integral equation (9), we mean a function $u(x) \in C[a, b]$ that satisfies (5).

Theorem 1. Let the assumptions (1)–(5) hold. Then, Fredholm–Volterra integral equation (9) has at least one solution $u(x) \in C[a, b]$.

Proof. Define the operator E associated with integral equation (9) by

$$Ev(x) = \rho_0 + \int_a^x F\left(\theta, \beta^{-1} \left[\mu_0 - \sum_{j=0}^m a_j \int_a^{\tau_j} v(s)ds \right] + \int_a^\theta v(s)ds, \int_a^b f(\theta, t, v(t))dt, \int_a^\theta g(\theta, t, v(t))dt\right)d\theta. \tag{15}$$

Let $Q_r = \{v(x) \in \mathbb{R} : \|v\|_C \leq r\}$, where $r = (|\rho_0| + N_1 + C_1 b \beta^{-1} |\mu_0| + C_1 b N_2 + C_1 b N_3) / (1 - (2C_1 b^2 + C_1 C_2 b^2 + C_1 C_3 b^2))$.

Then, we have that for $v(x) \in Q_r$,

$$\begin{aligned} \|Ev(x)\|_C &\leq |\rho_0| + \int_a^x \left| F\left(\theta, \beta^{-1} \left[\mu_0 - \sum_{j=0}^m a_j \int_a^{\tau_j} v(s)ds \right] + \int_a^\theta v(s)ds, \int_a^b f(\theta, t, v(t))dt, \int_a^\theta g(\theta, t, v(t))dt\right) \right| d\theta, \\ &\leq |\rho_0| + \int_a^x \left[M_1(\theta) + C_1 \beta^{-1} \left| \mu_0 - \sum_{j=0}^m a_j \int_a^{\tau_j} v(s)ds \right| + C_1 \int_a^\theta |v(s)|ds + C_1 \int_a^b |f(\theta, t, v(t))|dt + C_1 \int_a^\theta |g(\theta, t, v(t))|dt \right] d\theta \\ &\leq |\rho_0| + N_1 + \int_a^x \left[C_1 \beta^{-1} |\mu_0| + C_1 \beta^{-1} \sum_{j=0}^m a_j \int_a^{\tau_j} |v(s)|ds + C_1 \int_a^\theta |v(s)|ds \right. \\ &\quad \left. + C_1 \int_a^b |M_2(\theta, t)|dt + C_1 C_2 \int_a^b |v(t)|dt + C_1 \int_a^\theta |M_3(\theta, t)|dt + C_1 C_3 \int_a^\theta |v(t)|dt \right] d\theta \\ &\leq |\rho_0| + N_1 + \int_a^x [C_1 \beta^{-1} |\mu_0| + C_1 b \|v\| + C_1 b \|v\| + C_1 N_2 + C_1 C_2 b \|v\| + C_1 N_3 + C_1 C_3 b \|v\|] d\theta \\ &\leq |\rho_0| + N_1 + C_1 b \beta^{-1} |\mu_0| + 2C_1 b^2 r + C_1 b N_2 + C_1 C_2 b^2 r + C_1 b N_3 + C_1 C_3 b^2 r = r. \end{aligned} \tag{16}$$

This proves that $E: Q_r \rightarrow Q_r$ and the class of functions $Ev(x)$ is uniformly bounded in Q_r .

Now, let $x_1, x_2 \in [a, b]$ such that $|x_2 - x_1| < \delta$; then,

$$\begin{aligned}
 |Ev(x_2) - Ev(x_1)| &= \left| \rho_0 + \int_a^{x_2} F \left(\theta, \beta^{-1} \left[\mu_0 - \sum_{j=0}^m a_j \int_a^{\tau_j} v(s) ds \right] + \int_a^\theta v(s) ds, \int_a^b f(\theta, t, v(t)) dt, \int_a^\theta g(\theta, t, v(t)) dt \right) d\theta \right. \\
 &\quad \left. - \rho_0 - \int_a^{x_1} F \left(\theta, \beta^{-1} \left[\mu_0 - \sum_{j=0}^m a_j \int_a^{\tau_j} v(s) ds \right] + \int_a^\theta v(s) ds, \int_a^b f(\theta, t, v(t)) dt, \int_a^\theta g(\theta, t, v(t)) dt \right) d\theta \right| \\
 &= \left| \int_a^{x_1} F \left(\theta, \beta^{-1} \left[\mu_0 - \sum_{j=0}^m a_j \int_a^{\tau_j} v(s) ds \right] + \int_a^\theta v(s) ds, \int_a^b f(\theta, t, v(t)) dt, \int_a^\theta g(\theta, t, v(t)) dt \right) d\theta \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \int_{x_1}^{x_2} F \left(\theta, \beta^{-1} \left[\mu_0 - \sum_{j=0}^m a_j \int_a^{\tau_j} v(s) ds \right] + \int_a^\theta v(s) ds, \int_a^b f(\theta, t, v(t)) dt, \int_a^\theta g(\theta, t, v(t)) dt \right) d\theta \right. \\
 &\quad \left. - \int_a^{x_1} F \left(\theta, \beta^{-1} \left[\mu_0 - \sum_{j=0}^m a_j \int_a^{\tau_j} v(s) ds \right] + \int_a^\theta v(s) ds, \int_a^b f(\theta, t, v(t)) dt, \int_a^\theta g(\theta, t, v(t)) dt \right) d\theta \right| \\
 &\leq \int_{x_1}^{x_2} \left| F \left(\theta, \beta^{-1} \left[\mu_0 - \sum_{j=0}^m a_j \int_a^{\tau_j} v(s) ds \right] + \int_a^\theta v(s) ds, \int_a^b f(\theta, t, v(t)) dt, \int_a^\theta g(\theta, t, v(t)) dt \right) \right| d\theta \\
 &\leq \int_{x_1}^{x_2} M_1(\theta) d\theta + (C_1 \beta^{-1} \mu_0 + 2C_1 br + C_1 N_2 + C_1 C_2 br + C_1 N_3 + C_1 C_3 br) \delta.
 \end{aligned} \tag{17}$$

This means that the class of functions $Ev(x)$ is equicontinuous in Q_r . \square

$F(x, \xi_n, \alpha_n, \gamma_n) \rightarrow F(x, \xi, \alpha, \gamma), f(x, t, v_n(t)) \rightarrow f(x, t, v(t))$ and $g(x, t, v_n(t)) \rightarrow g(x, t, v(t))$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Also,

Let $v_n(x) \in Q_r, v_n(x) \rightarrow v(x) (n \rightarrow \infty)$; then, from the continuity of the three functions F, f , and g , we obtain

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Ev_n(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\rho_0 + \int_a^x F \left(\theta, \beta^{-1} \left[\mu_0 - \sum_{j=0}^m a_j \int_a^{\tau_j} v_n(s) ds \right] + \int_a^\theta v_n(s) ds, \int_a^b f(\theta, t, v_n(t)) dt, \int_a^\theta g(\theta, t, v_n(t)) dt \right) d\theta \right]. \tag{18}$$

Using assumptions (1)–(3) and Lebesgue dominated convergence theorem [13], we obtain

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Ev_n(x) = \rho_0 + \int_a^x \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F \left(\theta, \beta^{-1} \left[\mu_0 - \sum_{j=0}^m a_j \int_a^{\tau_j} v_n(s) ds \right] + \int_a^\theta v_n(s) ds, \int_a^b f(\theta, t, v_n(t)) dt, \int_a^\theta g(\theta, t, v_n(t)) dt \right) d\theta = Ev(x). \tag{19}$$

Then, $Ev_n(x) \rightarrow Ev(x)$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. This means that the operator E is continuous in Q_r . Then, by Schauder fixed point theorem [14], there exists at least one solution $v(x) \in C[a, b]$ of integral equation (9). Thus, based on Lemma 1, nonlocal problems (1) and (2) possess a solution $u(x) \in C[a, b]$.

3.1. Nonlocal Integral Condition. Let $v(x) \in C[a, b]$ be the solution of integral equation (9). Let $a_j = \phi(x_j) - \phi(x_{j-1}), \phi$ be increasing function, $\tau_j \in (x_{j-1}, x_j)$, and $a = x_0 < x_1 < x_2 < \dots < x_N = b$; then, as $m \rightarrow \infty$, nonlocal condition (2) will be

$$\sum_{j=0}^m (\phi(x_j) - \phi(x_{j-1}))u(\tau_j) = \mu_0, \tag{20}$$

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{j=0}^m (\phi(x_j) - \phi(x_{j-1}))u(\tau_j) = \int_a^b u(s) d\phi(s) = \mu_0. \tag{21}$$

Theorem 2. Let the assumptions (1)–(5) hold; then, nonlocal problems (1) and (3) have at least one solution given by

$$u(x) = \frac{1}{\phi(b) - \phi(a)} \left(\mu_0 - \int_a^b \int_a^\theta v(s) ds d\phi(\theta) \right) + \int_a^x v(s) ds, \tag{22}$$

where

$$v(x) = \rho_0 + \int_a^x F \left(\theta, \frac{1}{\phi(b) - \phi(a)} \left(\mu_0 - \int_a^b \int_a^\theta v(s) ds d\phi(\theta) \right) + \int_a^\theta v(s) ds, \int_a^b f(\theta, t, v(t)) dt, \int_a^\theta g(\theta, t, v(t)) dt \right) d\theta. \tag{23}$$

Proof. As $m \rightarrow \infty$, the solution of nonlocal problems (1) and (3) will be

$$\begin{aligned} u(x) &= \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \left[\beta^{-1} \left[\mu_0 - \sum_{j=0}^m a_j \int_a^{\tau_j} v(s) ds \right] + \int_a^x v(s) ds \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{\phi(b) - \phi(a)} \left[\mu_0 - \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{j=0}^m \int_a^{\tau_j} v(s) ds (\phi(x_j) - \phi(x_{j-1})) \right] + \int_a^x v(s) ds \\ &= \frac{1}{\phi(b) - \phi(a)} \left[\mu_0 - \int_a^b \int_a^\theta v(s) ds d\phi(\theta) \right] + \int_a^x v(s) ds, \end{aligned} \tag{24}$$

where

$$v(x) = \rho_0 + \int_a^x F \left(\theta, \frac{1}{\phi(b) - \phi(a)} \left(\mu_0 - \int_a^b \int_a^\theta v(s) ds d\phi(\theta) \right) + \int_a^\theta v(s) ds, \int_a^b f(\theta, t, v(t)) dt, \int_a^\theta g(\theta, t, v(t)) dt \right) d\theta. \tag{25}$$

4. Uniqueness of the Solution

Let F, f , and g satisfy the following assumptions:

- (i) $F: [a, b] \times \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is measurable in x for any $\xi, \alpha, \gamma \in \mathbb{R}$ and satisfies the Lipschitz condition

$$\begin{aligned} |F(x, \xi, \alpha, \gamma) - F(x, \nu, \alpha_1, \gamma_1)| \\ \leq C_1 |\xi - \nu| + C_1 |\alpha - \alpha_1| + C_1 |\gamma - \gamma_1|. \end{aligned} \tag{26}$$

- (ii) $f: [a, b] \times [a, b] \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is measurable in x for any $v(t) \in \mathbb{R}$ and satisfies the Lipschitz condition

$$|f(x, t, v(t)) - f(x, t, w(t))| \leq C_2 |v(t) - w(t)|. \tag{27}$$

- (iii) $g: [a, b] \times [a, b] \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is measurable in x for any $v(t) \in \mathbb{R}$ and satisfies the Lipschitz condition

$$|g(x, t, v(t)) - g(x, t, w(t))| \leq C_3 |v(t) - w(t)|. \tag{28}$$

Theorem 3. Let the assumptions (i) – (iii) hold; then, the solution of Fredholm–Volterra integral equation (9) is unique.

Proof. Let $v(x), w(x)$ be two solutions of Fredholm–Volterra integral equation (9); then,

$$|v(x) - w(x)| \leq \int_a^x \left| F \left(\theta, \beta^{-1} \left[\mu_0 - \sum_{j=0}^m a_j \int_a^{\tau_j} v(s) ds \right] + \int_a^\theta v(s) ds, \int_a^b f(\theta, t, v(t)) dt, \int_a^\theta f(\theta, t, v(t)) dt \right) - F \left(\theta, \beta^{-1} \left[\mu_0 - \sum_{j=0}^m a_j \int_a^{\tau_j} w(s) ds \right] + \int_a^\theta w(s) ds, \int_a^b f(\theta, t, w(t)) dt, \int_a^\theta f(\theta, t, w(t)) dt \right) \right| d\theta$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& -F\left(\theta, \beta^{-1}\left[\mu_0 - \sum_{j=0}^m a_j \int_a^{\tau_j} w(s) ds\right] + \int_a^\theta w(s) ds, \int_a^b f(\theta, t, w(t)) dt, \int_a^\theta g(\theta, t, w(t)) dt\right) d\theta \\
& \leq \int_a^x \left[C_1 \left| \beta^{-1} \sum_{j=0}^m a_j \int_a^{\tau_j} w(s) - v(s) ds + \int_a^\theta v(s) - w(s) ds \right| \right. \\
& \quad \left. + C_1 \left| \int_a^b (f(\theta, t, v(t)) - f(\theta, t, w(t))) dt \right| + C_1 \left| \int_a^\theta (g(\theta, t, v(t)) - g(\theta, t, w(t))) dt \right| \right] d\theta \\
& \leq C_1 \int_a^x \left[\beta^{-1} \sum_{j=0}^m a_j \int_a^{\tau_j} |w(s) - v(s)| ds + \int_a^\theta |w(s) - v(s)| ds \right. \\
& \quad \left. + \int_a^b |f(\theta, t, v(t)) - f(\theta, t, w(t))| dt + \int_a^\theta \int_a^b |g(\theta, t, v(t)) - g(\theta, t, w(t))| dt \right] d\theta \\
& \leq C_1 \|w - v\| b^2 + C_1 \|w - v\| b^2 + C_1 \int_a^x \int_a^b C_2 |v(t) - w(t)| dt d\theta \\
& \quad + C_1 \int_a^x \int_a^\theta C_3 |v(t) - w(t)| dt d\theta \\
& \leq 2C_1 \|w - v\| b^2 + C_1 C_2 b^2 \|w - v\| + C_1 C_3 b^2 \|w - v\| \\
& \leq (2C_1 b^2 + C_1 C_2 b^2 + C_1 C_3 b^2) \|w - v\|. \tag{29}
\end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$[1 - (2C_1 b^2 + C_1 C_2 b^2 + C_1 C_3 b^2)] \|w - v\| \leq 0. \tag{30}$$

Since $2C_1 b^2 + C_1 C_2 b^2 + C_1 C_3 b^2 < 1$, then $w(x) = v(x)$ and the solution of Fredholm–Volterra integral equation (9) is unique. Thus, based on Lemma 1, nonlocal problems (1) and (2) possess a unique solution $u(x) \in C[a, b]$. \square

5. Continuous Dependence

5.1. Continuous Dependence on μ_0

Definition 2. The solution $u(x) \in C[a, b]$ of nonlocal Fredholm–Volterra problems (1) and (2) depends continuously on μ_0 , if

$$\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists \delta(\varepsilon) \text{ s.t. } |\mu_0 - \mu_0^*| < \delta \Rightarrow \|u - u^*\| < \varepsilon, \tag{31}$$

where u^* is the solution of the nonlocal problem

$$u^*(x) = F\left(x, u^*(x), \int_a^b f(x, t, u^*(t)) dt, \int_a^x g(x, t, u^*(t)) dt\right), \quad x \in [a, b], \tag{32}$$

with the nonlocal condition

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{j=0}^m a_j u^*(\tau_j) &= \mu_0^*, \quad u^*(a) = \rho_0, \\
a_j &\geq 0, \quad \tau_j \in [a, b].
\end{aligned} \tag{33}$$

Theorem 4. Let the assumptions (1)–(5) of Theorem 1 hold; then, the solution of nonlocal Fredholm–Volterra problems (1) and (2) depends continuously on μ_0 .

Proof. Let $u(x)$, $u^*(x)$ be two solutions of nonlocal Fredholm–Volterra problems (1) and (2) and (23)–(33), respectively. Then,

$$\begin{aligned}
|v(x) - v^*(x)| &= \left| \int_a^x \left[F\left(\theta, \beta^{-1}\left[\mu_0 - \sum_{j=0}^m a_j \int_a^{\tau_j} v(s) ds\right] + \int_a^\theta v(s) ds, \int_a^b f(\theta, t, v(t)) dt, \int_a^\theta g(\theta, t, v(t)) dt\right) \right. \right. \\
& \quad \left. \left. - F\left(\theta, \beta^{-1}\left[\mu_0^* - \sum_{j=0}^m a_j \int_a^{\tau_j} v^*(s) ds\right] + \int_a^\theta v^*(s) ds, \int_a^b f(\theta, t, v^*(t)) dt, \int_a^\theta g(\theta, t, v^*(t)) dt\right) \right] d\theta \right|
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\leq \int_a^x |F\left(\theta, \beta^{-1}\left[\mu_0 - \sum_{j=0}^m a_j \int_a^{\tau_j} v(s) ds\right] + \int_a^\theta v(s) ds, \int_a^b f(\theta, t, v(t)) dt, \int_a^\theta g(\theta, t, v(t)) dt\right) \\
 &\quad - F\left(\theta, \beta^{-1}\left[\mu_0^* - \sum_{j=0}^m a_j \int_a^{\tau_j} v^*(s) ds\right] + \int_a^\theta v^*(s) ds, \int_a^b f(\theta, t, v^*(t)) dt, \int_a^\theta g(\theta, t, v^*(t)) dt\right)| d\theta \\
 &\leq \int_a^x \left[C_1 \left| \beta^{-1}(\mu_0 - \mu_0^*) + \beta^{-1} \sum_{j=0}^m a_j \int_a^{\tau_j} (v^*(s) - v(s)) ds + \int_a^\theta (v(s) - v^*(s)) ds \right| \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + C_1 \left| \int_a^b (f(\theta, t, v(t)) - f(\theta, t, v^*(t))) dt \right| + C_1 \left| \int_a^\theta (g(\theta, t, v(t)) - g(\theta, t, v^*(t))) dt \right| \right] d\theta \\
 &\leq \int_a^x \left[C_1 \beta^{-1} |\mu_0 - \mu_0^*| + C_1 \beta^{-1} \sum_{j=0}^m a_j \int_a^{\tau_j} |v^*(s) - v(s)| ds + C_1 \int_a^\theta |v(s) - v^*(s)| ds \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + C_1 \int_a^b |f(\theta, t, v(t)) - f(\theta, t, v^*(t))| dt + C_1 \int_a^\theta |g(\theta, t, v(t)) - g(\theta, t, v^*(t))| dt \right] d\theta \\
 &\leq C_1 \beta^{-1} |\mu_0 - \mu_0^*| b + C_1 \|v - v^*\| b^2 + C_1 \|v - v^*\| b^2 \\
 &\quad + C_1 \int_a^x \int_a^b C_2 |v(t) - v^*(t)| dt + C_1 \int_a^x \int_a^\theta C_3 |v(t) - v^*(t)| dt d\theta \\
 &\leq C_1 b \beta^{-1} \delta + 2C_1 \|v - v^*\| b^2 + C_1 C_2 b^2 \|v - v^*\| + C_1 C_3 b^2 \|v - v^*\|. \tag{34}
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\|v - v^*\| \leq \frac{C_1 b \beta^{-1} \delta}{1 - (2C_1 b^2 + C_1 C_2 b^2 + C_1 C_3 b^2)}. \tag{35}$$

Since

$$|u(x) - u^*(x)| = \beta^{-1} \left[\mu_0 - \sum_{j=0}^m a_j \int_a^{\tau_j} v(s) ds \right] + \int_a^x v(s) ds - \beta^{-1} \left[\mu_0^* - \sum_{j=0}^m a_j \int_a^{\tau_j} v^*(s) ds \right] + \int_a^x v^*(s) ds \beta^{-1} |\mu_0 - \mu_0^*| + 2b \|v - v^*\|, \tag{36}$$

then

$$\|u - u^*\| \leq \beta^{-1} \delta + \frac{2C_1 b^2 \beta^{-1} \delta}{1 - (2C_1 b^2 + C_1 C_2 b^2 + C_1 C_3 b^2)} = \varepsilon. \tag{37}$$

Therefore, the solution of nonlocal Fredholm–Volterra problems (1) and (2) depends continuously on μ_0 . \square

5.2. Continuous Dependence on a_j

Definition 3. The solution $u(x) \in C[a, b]$ of nonlocal Fredholm–Volterra problems (1) and (2) depends continuously on a_j , if

$$\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists \delta(\varepsilon) \text{ s.t. } |a_j - a_j^*| < \delta \Rightarrow \|u - u^*\| < \varepsilon, \tag{38}$$

where $u^*(x)$ is the solution of the nonlocal problem

$$u^*(x) = F\left(x, u^*(x), \int_a^b f(x, t, u^*(t)) dt, \int_a^x g(x, t, u^*(t)) dt\right), \quad x \in [a, b], \tag{39}$$

with the nonlocal condition

$$\sum_{j=0}^m a_j^* u^*(\tau_j) = \mu_0, \quad u^*(a) = \rho_0, \quad a_j \geq 0, \quad \tau_j \in [a, b]. \tag{40}$$

Theorem 5. *Let the assumptions (1)–(5) of Theorem 1 hold; then, the solution of nonlocal problems (1) and (2) depends continuously on a_j .*

Proof. Let $\beta^* = \sum_{j=0}^m a_j^* \neq 0$ and $v(x), v^*(x)$ be two solutions of nonlocal Fredholm–Volterra problems (1) and (2) and (39)–(40), respectively. Then,

$$\begin{aligned} |v(x) - v^*(x)| &\leq \int_a^x \left| F \left(\theta, \beta^{-1} \left[\mu_0 - \sum_{j=0}^m a_j \int_a^{\tau_j} v(s) ds \right] + \int_a^\theta v(s) ds, \int_a^b f(\theta, t, v(t)) dt, \int_a^\theta g(\theta, t, v(t)) dt \right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - F \left(\theta, \beta^{*-1} \left[\mu_0 - \sum_{j=0}^m a_j^* \int_a^{\tau_j} v^*(s) ds \right] + \int_a^\theta v^*(s) ds, \int_a^b f(\theta, t, v^*(t)) dt, \int_a^\theta g(\theta, t, v^*(t)) dt \right) \right| d\theta \\ &\leq \int_a^x \left[C_1 |\beta^{-1}(\mu_0) - \beta^{*-1}(\mu_0)| + \beta^{*-1} \sum_{j=0}^m a_j^* \int_a^{\tau_j} v^*(s) ds - \beta^{-1} \sum_{j=0}^m a_j \int_a^{\tau_j} v(s) ds \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \int_a^\theta |v(s) ds - \int_a^\theta v^*(s) ds| + C_1 \left| \int_a^b (f(\theta, t, v(t)) - f(\theta, t, v^*(t))) dt \right| \right. \\ &\quad \left. + C_1 \left| \int_a^\theta (g(\theta, t, v(t)) - g(\theta, t, v^*(t))) dt \right| \right] d\theta \\ &\leq \int_a^x \left[C_1 |\beta^{-1}(\mu_0) - \beta^{*-1}(\mu_0)| + C_1 \beta^{*-1} \sum_{j=0}^m a_j^* \int_a^{\tau_j} |v^*(s) - v(s)| ds \right. \\ &\quad \left. + C_1 \beta^{*-1} \left(\sum_{j=0}^m |a_j^* - a_j| \right) \int_a^{\tau_j} |v(s)| ds + C_1 \beta^{-1} \beta^{*-1} \sum_{j=0}^m |a_j - a_j^*| \sum_{j=0}^m a_j \int_a^{\tau_j} |v(s)| ds \right. \\ &\quad \left. + C_1 \int_a^\theta |v(s) - v^*(s)| ds + C_1 \int_a^b |f(\theta, t, v(t)) - f(\theta, t, v^*(t))| dt \right. \\ &\quad \left. + C_1 \int_a^\theta |g(\theta, t, v(t)) - g(\theta, t, v^*(t))| dt \right] d\theta \\ &\leq C_1 \beta^{-1} \beta^{*-1} m \delta \mu_0 + C_1 \|v - v^*\| b^2 + C_1 \beta^{*-1} m \delta \|v\| b^2 + C_1 \beta^{*-1} m \delta \|v\| b^2 \\ &\quad + C_1 \|v - v^*\| b^2 + C_1 C_2 b^2 \|v - v^*\| + C_1 C_3 b^2 \|v - v^*\| \\ &\leq C_1 \beta^{-1} \beta^{*-1} m \delta \mu_0 + 2C_1 \beta^{*-1} m \delta \|v\| b^2 + (2C_1 b^2 + C_1 C_2 b^2 + C_1 C_3 b^2) \|v - v^*\|. \end{aligned} \tag{41}$$

Hence,

$$\|v - v^*\| \leq \frac{C_1 \beta^{-1} \beta^{*-1} m \delta \mu_0 + 2C_1 \beta^{*-1} m \delta \|v\| b^2}{[1 - (2C_1 b^2 + C_1 C_2 b^2 + C_1 C_3 b^2)]}. \tag{42}$$

Since

$$\begin{aligned} |u(x) - u^*(x)| &= \left| \frac{1}{\sum_{j=0}^m a_j} \left[\mu_0 - \sum_{j=0}^m a_j \int_a^{\tau_j} v(s) ds \right] + \int_a^x v(s) ds - \frac{1}{\sum_{j=0}^m a_j^*} \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left[\mu_0 - \sum_{j=0}^m a_j^* \int_a^{\tau_j} v^*(s) ds \right] + \int_a^x v^*(s) ds \right| \leq \frac{m \delta |\mu_0|}{\beta \beta^*} + 2 m \delta b \beta^{*-1} r + 2b \|v - v^*\|, \end{aligned} \tag{43}$$

then

$$\|u - u^*\| \leq \frac{m\delta|\mu_0|}{\beta\beta^*} + 2m\delta b\beta^{*-1}r + 2b \tag{44}$$

$$\frac{C_1\beta^{-1}\beta^{*-1}m\delta\mu_0 + 2C_1\beta^{*-1}m\delta\|v\|b^2}{[1 - (2C_1b^2 + C_1C_2b^2 + C_1C_3b^2)]} = \epsilon.$$

Thus, the solution of nonlocal Fredholm–Volterra problems (1) and (2) depends continuously on a_j . \square

6. Methodology of Numerical Technique

In this section, we wish to determine the numerical solution of equation (1). We divide the domain $[a, x]$ and $[a, b]$ of equation (1) into N finite points as $a = x_0 < x_1 < \dots < x_{N-1} < x_N = x = b$. We use uniform step length $h = ((b - a)/N) = ((x_i - a)/i), i \geq 1$, as $x_j = a + jh = t_j, j = 0, 1, 2, \dots, N$. Then, we use the trapezoidal rule to approximate the integral parts of (1) as follows [10]:

$$\int_a^b k(x_i, t_j)u'(t_j)dt \approx \frac{h}{2} \left[k(x_i, t_0)u'(t_0) + 2 \sum_{j=1}^{N-1} k(x_i, t_j)u'(t_j) + k(x_i, t_N)u'(t_N) \right], \tag{45}$$

$$\int_a^{x_i} K(x_i, t_j)u'(t_j)dt \approx \frac{h_i}{2} \left[K(x_i, t_0)u'(t_0) + 2 \sum_{j=1}^{N-1} K(x_i, t_j)u'(t_j) + K(x_i, t_N)u'(t_N) \right], \tag{46}$$

where $K(x_i, t_j) = 0$ for $t_j \leq x_i, j \geq 1$.

Then, we use central difference approximations to approximate the derivative parts of (1) as

$$u''_i \approx \frac{u_{i+1} - 2u_i + u_{i-1}}{h^2}, \tag{47}$$

$$u'_i \approx \frac{u_{i+1} - u_{i-1}}{2h},$$

where $u''_i = u''(x_i), u'_i = u'(x_i)$.

6.1. Numerical Examples. Now, we apply Theorem 1 on some examples of the nonlocal Fredholm–Volterra integro-differential equation and we solve it numerically by using the finite difference-trapezoidal method. The results obtained are tabulated in Tables 1–4, and all results for these examples are obtained by using Wolfram Mathematica.

Example 1. Consider the equation

$$u'''(x) - \frac{1}{8}u^2(x) = \frac{1}{240}(-2x^5 - 6x^2 \sin(2x) + 9x \sin^2(x) + 3 \sin^3(x)\cos(x))$$

$$- \frac{1}{48}x\left(\frac{3}{2} - e^{-\sin(1)}\right) - \frac{1}{8}\cos^2(x) - \cos(x) + \frac{1}{48} \int_0^1 (tx + x \cos(t)e^{u'(t)})dt \tag{48}$$

$$+ \frac{1}{40} \int_0^x (tx + \sin(x)u'^2(t))dt, u(0.4) + u(0.6) = 1.746, u'(0) = 0.$$

The exact solution of this problem is $u(x) = \cos(x)$.

Firstly, we apply the assumptions of Theorem 1 to prove that this example has a continuous solution:

$$F\left(x, u(x), \int_a^b f(x, t, u'(t))dt, \int_a^x g(x, t, u'(t))dt\right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{240}(-2x^5 - 6x^2 \sin(2x) + 9x \sin^2(x) + 3 \sin^3(x)\cos(x)) - \frac{1}{48}x\left(\frac{3}{2} - e^{-\sin(1)}\right) - \frac{1}{8}\cos^2(x) - \cos(x) \tag{49}$$

$$+ \frac{1}{8}u^2(x) + \frac{1}{48} \int_0^1 (tx + x \cos(t)e^{u'(t)})dt + \frac{1}{40} \int_0^x (tx + \sin(x)u'^2(t))dt.$$

TABLE 1: The exact and numerical solutions of example 1.

x_i	Numerical solution	Exact solution	Absolute error
0.0	1.00007	1.00000	7.1195 E-5
0.1	0.99507	0.99500	6.7119 E-5
0.2	0.98012	0.98007	5.5076 E-5
0.3	0.95537	0.95534	3.6189 E-5
0.4	0.92108	0.92106	1.3545 E-5
0.5	0.87758	0.87758	6.6020 E-6
0.6	0.82532	0.82534	1.3545 E-5
0.7	0.76485	0.76484	9.2025 E-6
0.8	0.69679	0.69671	8.5149 E-5
0.9	0.62186	0.62161	2.4584 E-4
1.0	0.54083	0.54030	5.3145 E-4

TABLE 3: The exact and numerical solutions of example 3.

x_i	Approximate solution	Exact solution	Absolute error
0.0	0.99967	1.00000	3.20617 E-4
0.1	1.00468	1.00500	3.24861 E-4
0.2	1.01972	1.02007	3.49559 E-4
0.3	1.04493	1.04534	4.06892 E-4
0.4	1.08056	1.08107	5.09384 E-4
0.5	1.12696	1.12763	6.70039 E-4
0.6	1.18456	1.18547	9.02486 E-4
0.7	1.25395	1.25517	1.22112 E-3
0.8	1.33579	1.33743	1.64126 E-3
0.9	1.43091	1.43309	2.17931 E-3
1.0	1.54023	1.54308	2.85299 E-3

TABLE 2: The exact and numerical solutions of example 2.

x_i	Approximate solution	Exact solution	Absolute error
-1.0	-0.845787	-0.841471	4.31629 E-3
-0.8	-0.720890	-0.717356	3.53409 E-3
-0.6	-0.567342	-0.564642	2.69934 E-3
-0.4	-0.391242	-0.389418	1.82331 E-3
-0.2	-0.199588	-0.198669	9.18883 E-4
0.0	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000
0.2	0.199588	0.198669	9.18883 E-4
0.4	0.391242	0.389418	1.82331 E-3
0.6	0.567342	0.564642	2.69934 E-3
0.8	0.720890	0.717356	3.53409 E-3
1.0	0.845787	0.841471	4.31629 E-3

TABLE 4: The exact and numerical solutions of example 4.

x_i	Approximate solution	Exact solution	Absolute error
0.0	1.00094	1.	9.4143 E-4
0.1	1.10594	1.10517	7.7156 E-4
0.2	1.222	1.2214	5.9439 E-4
0.3	1.35027	1.34986	4.0876 E-4
0.4	1.49204	1.49182	2.1332 E-4
0.5	1.64873	1.64872	6.5459 E-6
0.6	1.82191	1.82212	2.1332 E-4
0.7	2.0133	2.01375	4.4832 E-4
0.8	2.22484	2.22554	7.0085 E-4
0.9	2.45863	2.4596	9.7372 E-4
1.0	2.71701	2.71828	1.2703 E-3

Then,

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left| F \left(x, u(x), \int_a^b f(x, t, u'(t)) dt, \int_a^x g(x, t, u'(t)) dt \right) \right| \leq \\
 & \left| \frac{1}{240} (-2x^5 - 6x^2 \sin(2x) + 9x \sin^2(x) + 3 \sin^3(x) \cos(x)) - \frac{1}{48} x \left(\frac{3}{2} - e^{-\sin(1)} \right) - \frac{1}{8} \cos^2(x) - \cos(x) \right| \quad (50) \\
 & + \frac{1}{8} |u^2(x)| + \frac{1}{8} \int_0^1 \frac{1}{6} |tx + x \cos(t) e^{u'(t)}| dt + \frac{1}{8} \int_0^x \frac{1}{5} |tx + \sin(x) u'^2(t)| dt,
 \end{aligned}$$

and also

$$\begin{aligned}
 & |f(x, t, u'(t))| \leq \frac{1}{6} (xt) + \frac{1}{6} |e^{u'(t)}|, \\
 & |g(x, t, u'(t))| \leq \frac{1}{5} (xt) + \frac{1}{5} |u'^2(t)|,
 \end{aligned} \tag{51}$$

where $M_1(x) = (1/240)(-2x^5 - 6x^2 \sin(2x) + 9x \sin^2(x) + 3 \sin^3(x) \cos(x)) - (1/48)x((3/2) - e^{-\sin(1)}) - (1/8)\cos^2(x) - \cos(x) \in L^1[a, b]$, $M_2(x, t) = (1/6)(xt) \in L^1[a, b]$, $M_3(x, t) = (1/5)(xt) \in L^1[a, b]$, $C_1 = (1/8)$, $C_2 = (1/6)$, $C_3 = (1/5)$, $b = 1$; then, $2C_1b^2 + C_1C_2b^2 + C_1C_3b^2 = (2/8) + (1/48) + (1/40) = (71/240) < 1$. It is clear that the

assumptions (1)–(5) of Theorem 1 hold; therefore, the given nonlocal problem has a continuous solution.

Now, we use the finite difference-trapezoidal method with $N = 10$ to find the numerical solution of this problem. Table 1 and Figure 1 give the comparison between the numerical and exact solutions of this problem.

Through our observation of Table 1, the interval $[0, 1]$ was divided into 10 subintervals of equal length. We obtain solutions at the endpoints of subintervals and show that the method used is effective, and this is evident from the absolute error that was calculated for the difference between the numerical and real solutions. Also, by looking at Figure 1, we find that the numerical solution and the real solution are very close, which means that the numerical solutions are good.

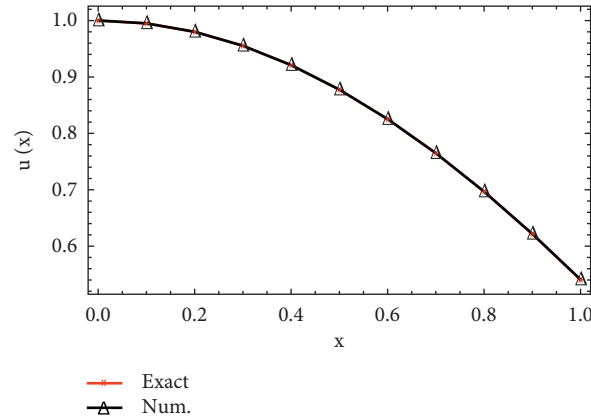


FIGURE 1: Comparison between the numerical and exact solutions of example 1.

Example 2. Consider the equation

$$\begin{aligned}
 u'''(x) - \frac{1}{7}u(x) &= \frac{1}{56} \left(-\frac{1}{2}(x^2 + 2 \sin(x) - 1)\cos(x) - \sin(x)(x \sin(x) - \sin(1) - \cos(1)) \right) \\
 &\quad - \frac{8 \sin(x)}{7} + \frac{1}{70} \int_{-1}^1 (tx + \sin(xt)u'(t))dt \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{56} \int_{-1}^x (t \cos(x) + t \sin(x)u'(t))dt, \quad u(-1) + u(1) = 0, u'(-1) = \cos(-1).
 \end{aligned} \tag{52}$$

The exact solution of this problem is $u(x) = \sin(x)$.

Firstly, we apply the assumptions of Theorem 1 to prove that this example has a continuous solution:

$$\begin{aligned}
 &F \left(x, u(x), \int_a^b f(x, t, u'(t))dt, \int_a^x g(x, t, u'(t))dt \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{56} \left(-\frac{1}{2}(x^2 + 2 \sin(x) - 1)\cos(x) - \sin(x)(x \sin(x) - \sin(1) - \cos(1)) \right) - \frac{8 \sin(x)}{7} + \frac{1}{7}u(x) \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{70} \int_{-1}^1 (tx + \sin(xt)u'(t))dt + \frac{1}{56} \int_{-1}^x (t \cos(x) + t \sin(x)u'(t))dt.
 \end{aligned} \tag{53}$$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\left| F \left(x, u(x), \int_a^b f(x, t, u'(t))dt, \int_a^x g(x, t, u'(t))dt \right) \right| \leq \\
 &\left| \frac{1}{56} \left(-\frac{1}{2}(x^2 + 2 \sin(x) - 1)\cos(x) - \sin(x)(x \sin(x) - \sin(1) - \cos(1)) \right) - \frac{8 \sin(x)}{7} \right| \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{7}|u(x)| + \frac{1}{7} \int_{-1}^1 \frac{1}{10}|tx + \sin(xt)u'(t)|dt + \frac{1}{7} \int_{-1}^x \frac{1}{8}|t \cos(x) + t \sin(x)u'(t)|dt,
 \end{aligned} \tag{54}$$

and also

$$\begin{aligned} |f(x, t, u'(t)dt)| &\leq \frac{1}{10}|tx| + \frac{1}{10}|u'(t)|, \\ |g(x, t, u'(t)dt)| &\leq \frac{1}{8}|t \cos(x)| + \frac{1}{8}|u'(t)|, \end{aligned} \quad (55)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} M_1(x) &= \frac{1}{56} \left(-\frac{1}{2}(x^2 + 2 \sin(x) - 1) \cos(x) - \sin(x)(x \sin(x) - \sin(1) - \cos(1)) \right) - \frac{8 \sin(x)}{7} \in L^1[a, b], \\ M_2(x, t) &= \frac{1}{10}(tx) \in L^1[a, b], \\ M_3(x, t) &= \frac{1}{8}(t \cos(x)) \in L^1[a, b], \\ C_1 &= \frac{1}{7}, \\ C_2 &= \frac{1}{10}, \\ C_3 &= \frac{1}{8}, \\ b &= 1. \end{aligned} \quad (56)$$

Then, $2C_1b^2 + C_1C_2b^2 + C_1C_3b^2 = (2/7) + (1/70) + (1/56) = (89/280) < 1$. It is clear that the assumptions (1)–(5) of Theorem 1 hold; therefore, the given nonlocal problem has a continuous solution.

Now, we use the finite difference-trapezoidal method with $N = 10$ to find the numerical solution of this problem. Table 2 and Figure 2 give the comparison between the numerical and exact solutions of this problem.

Through our observation of Table 2, the interval $[-1, 1]$ was divided into 10 subintervals of equal length. We obtain

solutions at the endpoints of subintervals and show that the method used is effective, and this is evident from the absolute error that was calculated for the difference between the numerical and real solutions. Also, by looking at Figure 2, we find that the numerical solution and the real solution are very close, which means that the numerical solutions are good.

Example 3. Consider the equation

$$\begin{aligned} u'''(x) - \frac{1}{12}u(x) &= \frac{1}{60} \left(-\frac{x^3}{2} - \sinh(x)(x \cosh(x) - \sinh(x)) \right) + \frac{11 \cosh(x)}{12} + \frac{1}{84} \left(-\frac{\sinh(x)}{2} - \frac{\cosh(x)}{e} \right) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{84} \int_0^1 (t \sinh(x) + t \cosh(x)u'(t))dt + \frac{1}{60} \int_0^x (tx + t \sinh(x)u'(t))dt, \\ \int_0^1 u(x)dx &= \sinh(1), \quad u'(0) = 0. \end{aligned} \quad (57)$$

The exact solution of this problem is $u(x) = \cosh(x)$.

Firstly, we apply the assumptions of Theorem 1 to prove that this example has a continuous solution:

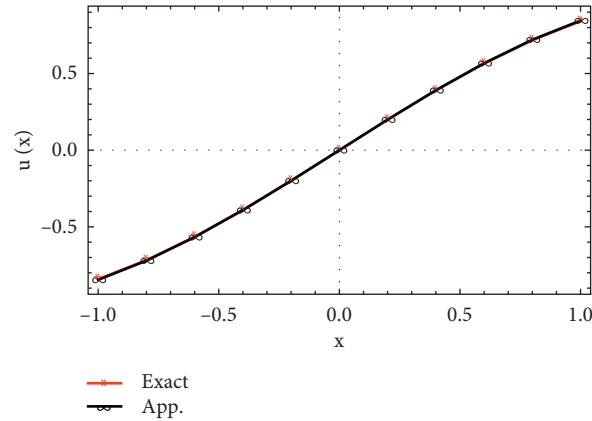


FIGURE 2: Comparison between the numerical and exact solutions of example 2.

$$\begin{aligned}
 &F\left(x, u(x), \int_a^b f(x, t, u'(t))dt, \int_a^x g(x, t, u'(t))dt\right) = \\
 &\frac{1}{60}\left(-\frac{x^3}{2} - \sinh(x)(x\cosh(x) - \sinh(x))\right) + \frac{11\cosh(x)}{12} + \frac{1}{84}\left(-\frac{\sinh(x)}{2} - \frac{\cosh(x)}{e}\right) + \frac{1}{12}u(x) \\
 &+ \frac{1}{84}\int_0^1 (t\sinh(x) + t\cosh(x)u'(t))dt + \frac{1}{60}\int_0^x (tx + t\sinh(x)u'(t))dt.
 \end{aligned} \tag{58}$$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\left|F\left(x, u(x), \int_a^b f(x, t, u'(t))dt, \int_a^x g(x, t, u'(t))dt\right)\right| \leq \\
 &\left|\frac{1}{60}\left(-\frac{x^3}{2} - \sinh(x)(x\cosh(x) - \sinh(x))\right) + \frac{11\cosh(x)}{12} + \frac{1}{84}\left(-\frac{\sinh(x)}{2} - \frac{\cosh(x)}{e}\right)\right| \\
 &+ \frac{1}{12}|u(x)| + \frac{1}{12}\int_0^1 \frac{1}{7}|t\sinh(x) + t\cosh(x)u'(t)|dt + \frac{1}{12}\int_0^x \frac{1}{5}|tx + t\sinh(x)u'(t)|dt,
 \end{aligned} \tag{59}$$

and also

$$\begin{aligned}
 &|f(x, t, u'(t))| \leq \frac{1}{7}|t\sinh(x)| + \frac{1}{7}|u'(t)|, \\
 &|g(x, t, u'(t))| \leq \frac{1}{5}|tx| + \frac{1}{5}|u'(t)|,
 \end{aligned} \tag{60}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
 &M_1(x) = \frac{1}{60}\left(-\frac{x^3}{2} - \sinh(x)(x\cosh(x) - \sinh(x))\right) + \frac{11\cosh(x)}{12} + \frac{1}{84}\left(-\frac{\sinh(x)}{2} - \frac{\cosh(x)}{e}\right) \in L^1[a, b], \\
 &M_2(x, t) = \frac{1}{7}(t\sinh(x)) \in L^1[a, b],
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 M_3(x, t) &= \frac{1}{5}(tx) \in L^1[a, b], \\
 C_1 &= \frac{1}{12}, \\
 C_2 &= \frac{1}{7}, \\
 C_3 &= \frac{1}{5}, \\
 b &= 1.
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{61}$$

Then, $2C_1b^2 + C_1C_2b^2 + C_1C_3b^2 = (2/12) + (1/84) + (1/60) = (41/210) < 1$. It is clear that the assumptions (1)–(5) of Theorem 1 hold; therefore, the given nonlocal problem has a continuous solution.

Now, we use the finite difference-trapezoidal method with $N = 10$ to find the numerical solution of this problem. Table 3 and Figure 3 give the comparison between the numerical and exact solutions of this problem.

Through our observation of Table 3, the interval $[0, 1]$ was divided into 10 subintervals of equal length. We obtain

solutions at the endpoints of subintervals and show that the method used is effective, and this is evident from the absolute error that was calculated for the difference between the numerical and real solutions. Also, by looking at Figure 3, we find that the numerical solution and the real solution are very close, which means that the numerical solutions are good.

Example 4. Consider the equation

$$\begin{aligned}
 u'''(x) - \frac{1}{9}u^2(x) &= -\frac{1}{144}(x + 2e^x - 2)x^2 - \frac{1}{324}(e^2x + x + 2)x + e^x - \frac{e^{2x}}{9} \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{81} \int_0^1 (xt + x^2tu'^2(t))dt + \frac{1}{72} \int_0^x (tx + x^2u'(t))dt, \\
 u(0.4) + u(0.6) &= 3.31394, \quad u'(0) = 1.
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{62}$$

The exact solution of this problem is $u(x) = e^x$.

Firstly, we apply the assumptions of Theorem 1 to prove that this example has a continuous solution:

$$\begin{aligned}
 F\left(x, u(x), \int_a^b f(x, t, u'(t))dt, \int_a^x g(x, t, u'(t))dt\right) &= \\
 -\frac{1}{144}(x + 2e^x - 2)x^2 - \frac{1}{324}(e^2x + x + 2)x + e^x - \frac{e^{2x}}{9} \\
 + \frac{1}{9}u^2(x) + \frac{1}{81} \int_0^1 (xt + x^2tu'^2(t))dt + \frac{1}{72} \int_0^x (tx + x^2u'(t))dt.
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{63}$$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\left| F\left(x, u(x), \int_a^b f(x, t, u'(t))dt, \int_a^x g(x, t, u'(t))dt\right) \right| \\
 &\leq \left| -\frac{1}{144}(x + 2e^x - 2)x^2 - \frac{1}{324}(e^2x + x + 2)x + e^x - \frac{e^{2x}}{9} \right| \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{9}|u^2(x)| + \frac{1}{9} \int_0^1 |xt + x^2tu'^2(t)|dt + \frac{1}{9} \int_0^x |tx + x^2u'(t)|dt,
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{64}$$

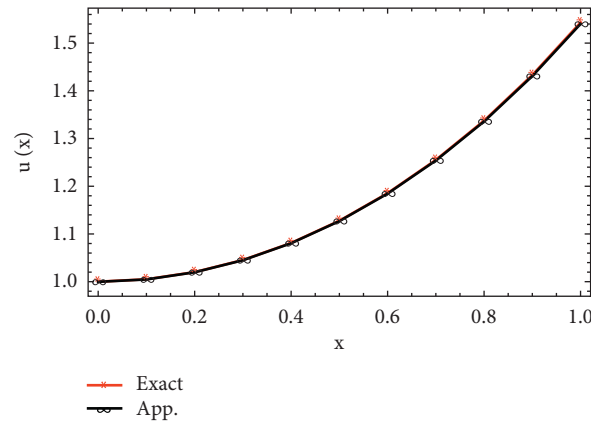


FIGURE 3: Comparison between the numerical and exact solutions of example 3.

and also

$$|f(x, t, u'(t))| \leq \frac{1}{9}|tx| + \frac{1}{9}|u'(t)|, \tag{65}$$

$$|g(x, t, u'(t))| \leq \frac{1}{8}|tx| + \frac{1}{8}|u'(t)|,$$

where

$$M_1(x) = -\frac{1}{144}(x + 2e^x - 2)x^2 - \frac{1}{324}(e^{2x} + x + 2)x + e^x - \frac{e^{2x}}{9} \in L^1[a, b],$$

$$M_2(x, t) = \frac{1}{9}(tx) \in L^1[a, b],$$

$$M_3(x, t) = \frac{1}{8}(tx) \in L^1[a, b],$$

$$C_1 = \frac{1}{9},$$

$$C_2 = \frac{1}{9},$$

$$C_3 = \frac{1}{8},$$

$$b = 1.$$

(66)

Then, $2C_1b^2 + C_1C_2b^2 + C_1C_3b^2 = (2/9) + (1/81) + (1/72) = (161/684) < 1$. It is clear that the assumptions (1)–(5) of Theorem 1 hold; therefore, the given nonlocal problem has a continuous solution.

Now, we use the finite difference-trapezoidal method with $N = 10$ to find the numerical solution of this problem. Table 4 and Figure 4 give the comparison between the numerical and exact solutions of this problem.

Through our observation of Table 4, the interval $[0, 1]$ was divided into 10 subintervals of equal length. We obtain solutions at the endpoints of subintervals and show that the

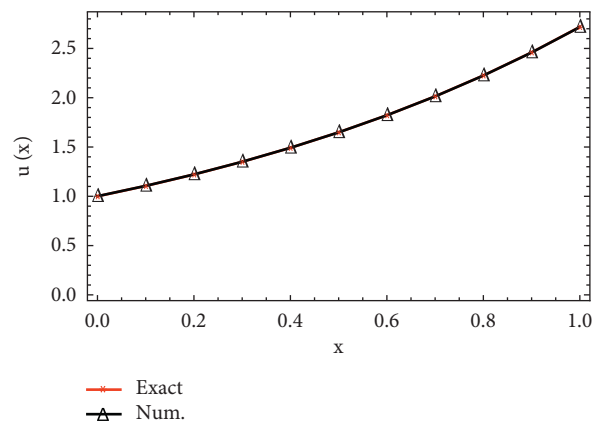


FIGURE 4: Comparison between the numerical and exact solutions of example 4.

method used is effective, and this is evident from the absolute error that was calculated for the difference between the numerical and real solutions. Also, by looking at Figure 4, we find that the numerical solution and the real solution are very close, which means that the numerical solutions are good.

7. Conclusion

The existence and uniqueness of the nonlocal boundary value problem for the Fredholm–Volterra integro-differential equation with the nonlocal condition and the integral condition have been studied. The continuous dependence of the solution on μ_0 and a_j has been introduced. Also, we used the central difference approximations and trapezoidal rule to obtain a numerical solution for problems. The error estimation has been derived in this paper. Finally, we solve some numerical examples to illustrate the accuracy of the proposed method [12].

Data Availability

No data were used to support this study.

Conflicts of Interest

The authors declare that they have no conflicts of interest.

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