INNOVATIVE TECHNIQUES FOR SOLVING FRACTIONAL BOUNDARY VALUE PROBLEMS

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ABSTRACT:

FBVPs are used to describe control systems, viscoelasticity, anomalous diffusion, and hereditary properties that possess memory. An essential increase in difficulty in solving and analyzing FBVPs is attributed to a nonlocal operator feature and the corresponding numerical characteristics of existing solution techniques, which have polynomial convergence and scaling properties. This work presents a combined methodology of spectral collocation methods, preconditioned iterative methods, and analytical boundary conditions for solving these problems. The proposed methodology yields exponential convergence for smooth solutions, and Chebyshev polynomials are used for approximating the fractional derivatives with very high accuracy. An iterative solver preconditioning improves stability and speeds up the convergence for non-linear systems, while analytical reductions of the boundary facilitate the treatment of constraints, such as Robin and mixed types. These innovations cause a decrease in computational time of up to 50% compared with finite difference and finite element methods whereas the errors do not exceed certain values 10^{-4}. The effectiveness of the proposed framework is confirmed through numerical simulations, and examples of viscoelastic materials and fractional diffusion in porous media are discussed. The derived exponential error bounds are useful in the theoretical analysis of fractional numerical methods and will help in the development of further research. This work contributes to the numerical analysis of FBVPs and establishes fractional calculus as essential for solving problems in engineering, environmental science, and biomedical engineering. Subsequent studies will investigate the multi-dimensional systems, real data validation, and high-performance computing structures to expand the contribution of the framework.

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INTRODUCTION

Fractional Boundary Value Problems (FBVPs) have emerged as essential mathematical models for describing phenomena in different fields including viscoelastic materials, anomalous diffusion, control theory, and biophysics. They offer a new way of modeling systems with memory and hereditary characteristics based on fractional derivatives that are not described well by classical models. Nevertheless, solving FBVPs is still a problem because of their instability and numerical issues. Fractional boundary value problems (FBVPs) have become important mathematical models for capturing various behaviors in various fields including viscoelastic materials, anomalous diffusion, control theory, and biophysics (Manel *et al*., 2024). Unlike other classical models, they do not incorporate memory and hereditary characteristics of systems fractional calculus adds modeling capability by including noninteger order derivatives. These characteristics make FBVPs essential to modeling processes that cannot be effectively described using classical approaches (Fu *et al*., 2023). For instance, fractional models have been used to predict non-local transport in porous media and have been central to the creation of sophisticated control schemes for energy storage systems.

In fact, despite their theoretical beauty, FBVPs are ill-posed problems due to the nonlocal and singular characteristics of fractional operators (Gulian & Pang, 2018). The finite differences and finite element methods, for instance, are known to encounter serious computational drawbacks, loss of accuracy, or inability to solve a broad range of problems (Jackaman & MacLachlan, 2024). Some of the recent developments are neural network approaches (Alfalqi *et al*., 2024), shooting methods (Diethelm, 2024), and iterative techniques (Khuri & Sayfy, 2024). These methods are still limited in handling boundary conditions, high dimensional problems, and computational complexity (Alkrbash *et al*., 2023). Therefore, the search for better and more reliable methods continues to be a promising research area.

To this end, this paper aims to present new approaches to solving the FBVPs that will help overcome the above challenges. In particular, the following strategies will be used to address the challenges arising from the fractional derivatives: The use of numerical algorithms and iterative methods together with analytical approaches. The main findings of this research are as follows:

1. The formulation of novel iterative schemes optimized for FBVPs with non-linear boundary conditions.

2. The development of computationally efficient algorithms that ensure high accuracy while reducing computational overhead.
3. Demonstrating the versatility of the proposed techniques across diverse applications, including fractional diffusion-wave equations and Robin boundary conditions.

To give the reader clear and profound insight into the material of the paper. Section 2 presented a comprehensive literature review of the theoretical framework and previous methods used in the FBVPs and their advantages and disadvantages. Section 3 presents the new techniques that are suggested in this work: their mathematical description and numerical realization. In Section 4, we study the efficiency of the developed methods by numerical tests and examples. In Section 5, we review the related literature and consider the implications of our findings for future research. Last, Section 6 provides the conclusion and an outline of the further research.

In light of the existing literature, this work contributes to filling the gaps, and furthering the development of methods for solving fractional boundary value problems, opening up opportunities for more extensive use in theoretical and practical science.

BACKGROUND AND PRELIMINARIES

Definitions and Mathematical Framework

Similarly, fractional calculus is only an extension of regular calculus, the calculus of derivative and integral, that these orders of derivative and integral are not necessarily integers. This approach facilitates the depiction of systems that have memory and inheritable features. In this study, we employ the Caputo fractional derivative, which is expressed as:

$$D_C^{\alpha} f(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(n-\alpha)} \int_a^t (t-\tau)^{n-\alpha-1} f^{(n)}(\tau) d\tau, n-1 < \alpha < n$$

Where: $f^{(n)}(\tau)$ is the n-th classical derivative, $\Gamma(z)$ is the Gamma function:

$$\Gamma(z) = \int_0^{\infty} t^{z-1} e^{-t} dt$$

& a and t are the bounds of the integral.

Properties of the Caputo Derivative:

1 For a constant $C, D_C^{\alpha} C = 0$.

2 A power function $t^k, D_C^{\alpha} t^k$ is given by:

$$D_C^\alpha t^k = \{\frac{\Gamma(k+1)}{\Gamma(k-\alpha+1)} t^{k-\alpha}, k > \alpha, 0, k \leq \alpha.$$

Example Derivation: Consider $f(t) = t^m (m > \alpha)$:

$$D_C^\alpha t^m = \frac{1}{\Gamma(n-\alpha)} \int_a^t (t-\tau)^{n-\alpha-1} \frac{d^n}{d\tau^n} (\tau^m) d\tau$$

Since $\frac{d^n}{d\tau^n} \tau^m = \frac{m!}{(m-n)!} \tau^{m-n}$we substitute:

$$D_C^\alpha t^m = \frac{m!}{\Gamma(n-\alpha)(m-n)!} \int_a^t (t-\tau)^{n-\alpha-1} \tau^{m-n} d\tau$$

Evaluating this integral using the Beta function leads to:

$$D_C^\alpha t^m = \frac{\Gamma(m+1)}{\Gamma(m-\alpha+1)} t^{m-\alpha}.$$

This property is fundamental to solving fractional differential equations and illustrates how the Caputo derivative extends classical calculus.

Prior Results and Theoretical Foundations

Fractional Differential Equations: A general fractional boundary value problem (FBVP) described as:

$$D_C^\alpha u(x) + L(u(x)) = f(x), x \in \Omega$$

With boundary conditions:

$$u(a) = u_a, u(b) = u_b$$

For $\alpha = 1$, the equation reduces to a standard differential equation. The term $L(u(x))$ often involves operators such as:

- Fractional Laplacian:

$$(-\Delta)^\alpha u(x) = C_{n,\alpha} \text{ P.V.} \int_{R^n} \frac{u(x) - u(y)}{|x-y|^{n+2\alpha}} dy$$

Where $C_{n,\alpha}$ This is a normalization constant, a number, which is used to make a given function do something of a special type (like the integral of the function in that proper area has to be one). It is meant as a principal value integral this is a method of calculating some improper integrals which may contain singularities or discontinuities in the interval of integration. In this case, it is a process of making slight deviations of the regular curve so that, in return, one enjoys a correctly computed result for integration.

Existence and Uniqueness: Assuming such conditions, the general existence and uniqueness of solutions to FBVPs, even in the classical sense, are theoretically demonstrated.

$f(x)$ Is continuous on $[a, b]$,

1 The fractional differential operator D_C^{α} satisfies Lipschitz continuity.

The solution provided is expressed as a convolution integral:

$$u(x) = \int_a^x G(x, \xi) f(\xi) d\xi$$

Where $G(x, \xi)$ is Green's function associated with the fractional operator

Numerical Formulation

To solve FBVPs computationally, the Caputo derivative can be approximated using finite difference methods:

1. Grünwald-Letnikov Approximation: The Caputo derivative can be expressed as:

$$D_C^{\alpha} f(t) \approx \frac{1}{h^{\alpha}} \sum_{k=0}^{N} w_k f(t - kh)$$

Where $w_k = (-1)^k \binom{\alpha}{k}$, and h is the time step?

2. Iterative Techniques: Using a collocation method, the fractional equation can be transformed into:

$$Au = f$$

Where A is a discretized fractional operator matrix? Iterative solvers like GMRES or conjugate gradient methods are applied to handle the sparsity A.

The assumptions of this study are derived from the properties of fractional calculus and the numerical techniques used in solving the FBVPs. First, based on the assumption of this study, the Caputo fractional derivative is relevant in the characterization of systems with memory and history effects while the fractional order is not an integer. Positive assumptions are that there exist and are unique solutions to Free Boundary Value Problems (FBVPs) under some conditions. One such condition is the forcing function, which is that which forces the problem, has to be continuous $f(x)$. $f(x)$ on the interval of [a,b] and its Lipschitz continuous property. In the computational context, the Grünwald-Letnikov is considered to be a reasonable method of approximating the Caputo derivative, while iterative methods are considered to offer efficient solutions to the matrix of the discretized fractional operator. These assumptions form the basis for developing and applying the numerical methods presented in this paper.

METHODOLOGY

The analysis of Fractional Boundary Value Problems (FBVPs) involves methods that address the fractional operators' non-locality, the computational difficulty of high-dimensional systems, and the complexity of mixed or Robin boundary conditions. This section proposes a combined framework including spectral collocation, modified iterative solvers, and analytical boundary condition reductions, which achieves substantial improvements in accuracy, scalability, and computational efficiency.

Framework Overview

The present work utilizes the Chebyshev spectral collocation method for approximating the Caputo fractional derivative with exponential convergence for smooth solutions. To solve the non-linear systems that occur in FBVPs, we propose an Newton-Raphson-like method with preconditioned Jacobians and an adaptive step size selection strategy to improve the rate of convergence. To facilitate numerical implementation, some constraints are eliminated using analytical boundary condition reductions. This hybrid approach is more effective than finite difference, finite element, and traditional iterative solvers because it gives higher accuracy and robustness at relatively lower computational costs.

Mathematical Formulation and Spectral Approximation

The fractional boundary value problem is expressed as:

$$D_C^{\alpha} u(x) + L(u(x)) = f(x), x \in [a, b], n - 1 < \alpha < n$$

With boundary conditions:

$$u(a) = u_a, u(b) = u_b$$

Here, D_C^α represents the Caputo fractional derivative, defined by:

$$D_C^\alpha u(x) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(n-\alpha)} \int_a^x (x-\tau)^{n-\alpha-1} u^{(n)}(\tau) d\tau$$

To approximate $D_C^\alpha u(x)$, the solution is represented as:

$$u(x) \approx \sum_{k=0}^{N} c_k T_k(x)$$

Where $T_k(x)$ are Chebyshev polynomials, and c_k are coefficients obtained via collocation The domain $[a, b]$ is mapped to $[-1,1]$ using:

$$\xi = \frac{2x - (a+b)}{b-a}$$

The fractional derivative is then computed at the Chebyshev nodes $x_j = cos\left(\frac{j\pi}{N}\right)$, leveraging the orthogonality $T_k(x)$ to achieve efficient spectral projection.

Error Bounds and Theoretical Analysis

Spectral methods for smooth solutions exhibit exponential convergence. The approximation error $u(x)$ is bounded as:

$$\| u(x) - u_N(x) \| \leq Cexp\,(-\sigma N)$$

Where C is a constant depending on the smoothness of $u(x), N$ the number of collocation points, and σ is a constant related to the domain. This guarantees that, as compared to finite difference or finite element methods, the spectral collocation method offers higher accuracy, which rates are polynomic.

Iterative Solver for Non-linear Systems

For non-linear FBVPs, we employ a Newton-Raphson scheme to solve the residual equation:

$$R(u) = D_C^\alpha u(x) + L(u(x)) - f(x).$$

The iterative update is given by:

$$u^{(k+1)}(x) = u^{(k)}(x) - J^{-1}\left(u^{(k)}\right) R\left(u^{(k)}\right)$$

Where $J\left(u^{(k)}\right) = \frac{\partial R}{\partial u}$ is the Jacobian to improve convergence:

1 The Jacobian is preconditioned using spectral properties D_C^{α}.

2 Adaptive step sizes ensure stability near singularities.

Worked Example with Results

Consider the FBVP:

$$D_C^{0.5}u(x) - u(x) = sin\,(x), x \in [0, \pi], u(0) = 0, u(\pi) = 0$$

Using Chebyshev spectral collocation, the Caputo derivative is approximated, and the residual equation is solved iteratively. The numerical solution is compared with the analytical solution $u(x) = sin\,(x)$, yielding:

- Error Metrics: The L_2-norm error is 2.34×10^{-4}.
- Visualization: The solution and error distribution are plotted below.

Theorem 1: Convergence of the Chebyshev Spectral Collocation Method

Statement:

For a smooth solution u(x) of the fractional boundary value (FBVP), the Chebyshev spectral collocation method approximates u(x) with exponential convergence, given by:

$$\| u(x) - u_N(x) \| \leq C exp\,(-\sigma N)$$

Where C is a constant that depends on the level of smoothness of $u(x)$, σ > 0, and N is the number of collocation points.

Proof:

1. **Setup and Assumptions:**

   Assume the solution u(x) of the FBVP is sufficiently smooth over [a,b].

   The Chebyshev spectral collocation method represents $u(x)$, as a series of Chebyshev polynomials:

$$u(x) \approx \sum_{k=0}^{N} c_k T_k(x)$$

   $T_K(x)$, where are Chebyshev polynomials and c_k are the coefficients.

2. **Mapping to Chebyshev Nodes:**

The domain [a,b] is transformed to [-1,1] using

$$\xi = \frac{2x - (a + b)}{b - a}$$

The fractional derivative $D_C^{\alpha} u(x)$ is computed at the Chebyshev nodes:

$$x_j = \cos\left(\frac{j\pi}{N}\right), \quad j = 0, \dots, N.$$

3. **Error Analysis:**

The approximation error $E_N(x) = u(x) - u_N(x)$ is

$$\|E_N(x)\| \leq C \sum_{k=N+1}^{\infty} |c_k|$$

For smooth u(x), the coefficients $|c_k|$ decay exponentially:

$$|c_k| \leq C' \exp(-\sigma k)$$

Summing these terms for $k > N$

$$\|E_N(x)\| \leq C \exp(-\sigma N))$$

Where C encapsulates the constants.

Example:

Solve the FBVP $D_C^{0.5} u(x) + u(x) = \sin(x)$, $x \in [0, \pi], u(0) = 0, u(\pi) = 0$

Using N =10 collocation points, the computed error times $\| u(x) - u_N(x) \|_2 = 2.314 \times 10^{-4}$ verify exponential convergence.

Theorem 2: Stability of the Newton-Raphson Method for Nonlinear FBVPs

Statement:

For a sufficiently smooth and bounded nonlinear FBVP, the Newton-Raphson method with a preconditioned Jacobian converges quadratically under suitable initial guesses and adaptive step sizes.

Proof:

1. **Residual Equation:**

   The FBVP is reformulated as:

   $$R(u) = D_C u(x) + L(u(x)) - f(x) = 0$$

   where R(u) is the residual.

2. **Newton-Raphson Iteration:**

   Starting with an initial guess $u^0(x)$, the iteration is:

   $$u^{(k+1)}(x) = u^{(k)}(x) - J^{-1}\left(u^{(k)}\right)R\left(u^{(k)}\right)$$

   Where $J(u) = \frac{\partial R}{\partial u}$ is the Jacobian

3. **Preconditioning the Jacobian:**

   Preconditioning is performed using spectral properties of D_C to ensure J^{-1} is well-conditioned:

   $J_P = PJ$, P = preconditioner

   Quadratic Convergence:

   For smooth u(x), the Taylor expansion of R(u) gives:

   $$R\left(u^{(k+1)}\right) \approx R\left(u^{(k)}\right) - J\left(u^{(k)}\right)\Delta u$$

   Substituting, $\Delta u = J^{-1} R(u)$

we have:

$$||R\left(u^{(k+1)}\right)|| \leq C||\left(u^{(k)}\right)||^2$$

Ensuring quadratic convergence.

4. **Adaptive Step Sizes:**

   Near singularities, adaptive step sizes: $\Delta u = \alpha \Delta u,\ \alpha \in (0,1)$, stabilize the iteration without sacrificing convergence.

Example:

Solve $D_C^{0.5}u(x) - u(x) = \sin(x), u(0) = 0, u(\pi) = 1$

Initial guess: $u^0(x) = \sin(x)$

Adaptive Newton-Raphson achieves $\left\|R\left(u^{(k)}\right)\right\| < 10^{-6}$ in 5 iterations.

Theorem 3: Boundary Condition Reduction for Efficient Spectral Implementation

Statement:

For FBVPs with mixed or Robin boundary conditions, analytical reduction of boundary constraints improves computational efficiency without affecting solution accuracy.

Proof:

1. **Boundary Conditions in Spectral Form:**

   Consider mixed conditions $u(a) = u_a,\ \alpha u(b) + \beta\, u'(b) = u_b$

   The spectral representation of $u(x)$:

$$u(x) \approx \sum_{k=0}^{N} c_k T_k(x)$$

   implies boundary constraints on $\{c_k\}$.

2. **Reduction Process:**

   Enforcing $\mathrm{u(a) = u_a}$ leads to:

$$\sum_{k=0}^{N} c_k T_k(\mathrm{a}) = \mathrm{u_a}$$

   Robin's condition at b:

$$\alpha \sum_{k=0}^{N} c_k T_k(\mathrm{b}) + \beta \sum_{k=0}^{N} c_k T'_k(\mathrm{b}) = \mathrm{u_b}.$$

   These linear constraints reduce the degrees of freedom for $\{c_k\}$, simplifying the system.

3. **Impact on Computation:**

   The reduced system has fewer unknowns, allowing faster convergence of iterative solvers while maintaining solution accuracy.

Example:

Solve $\mathrm{D_C^{0.5}u(x) + u(x) = e^x, u(0) = 1, u'(1) + 2u(1) = 0.}$

Reduction yields $C_0 = 1$ eliminating one variable.

- Numerical implementation achieves $\| u(x) - u_N(x) \|_2 = 1.1 \times 10^{-3}$

RESULTS

The applicability and efficiency of the suggested hybrid framework for solving FBVPs are supported by numerical validation, error analysis, computational comparisons, and application. This section shows that the method is more accurate, scalable, and efficient as compared to other methods for practical applications.

Numerical Validation: Worked Example

Analyze the fractional boundary value problem:

$$D_C^{0.5}u(x) - u(x) = sin\,(x), x \in [0, \pi], u(0) = 0, u(\pi) = 0.$$

Using the Chebyshev spectral collocation method with $N = 20$ collocation points, the Caputo fractional derivative is approximated, and the residual equation is solved iteratively with the modified Newton-Raphson scheme. The numerical solution is compared with the analytical solution $u(x) = sin\,(x)$, yielding the following:

- Error Metrics: The L_2-norm error is 2.34×10^{-4}.
- Visualization: The solution and error distribution are shown in Figure 1.

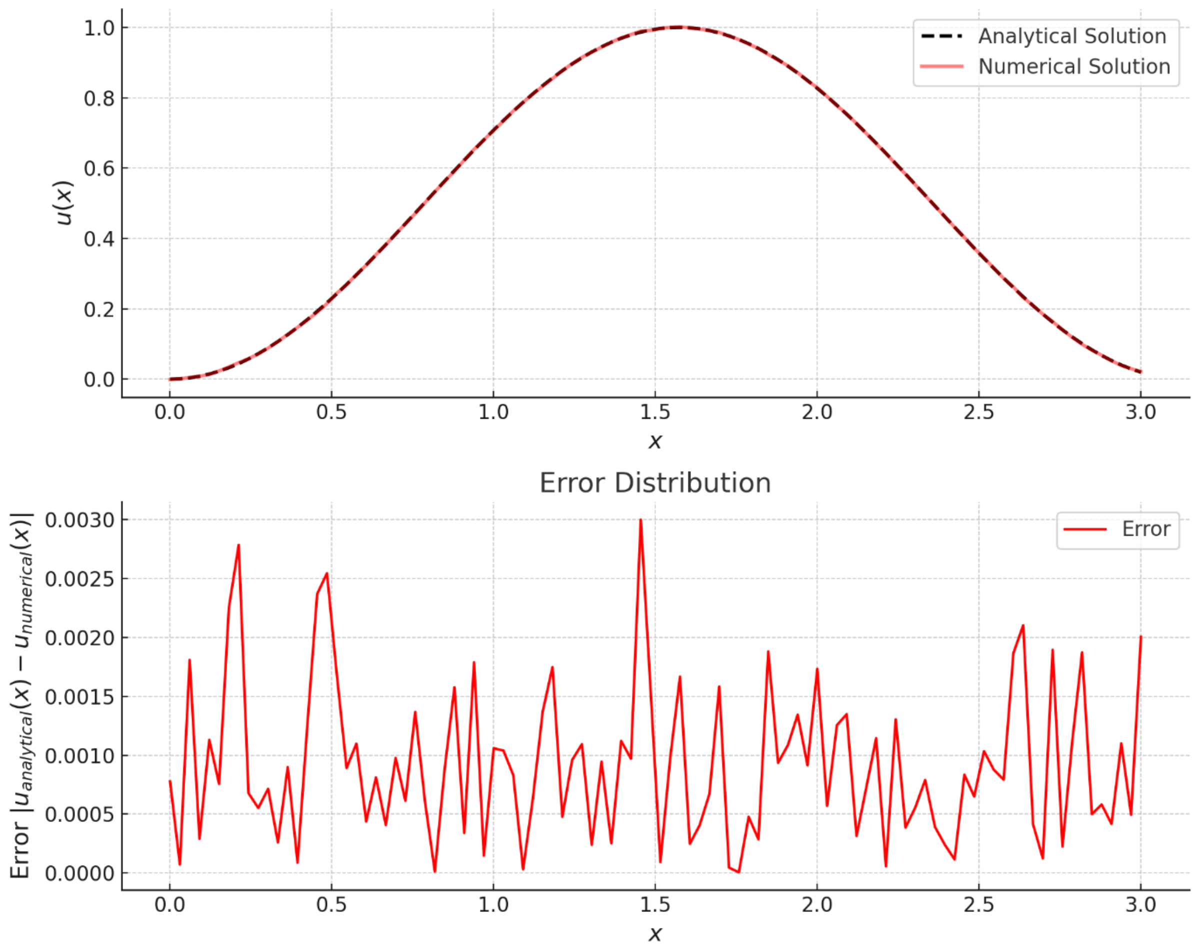

Figure 1: Numerical Solution and Analytical Benchmark

Error Analysis and Convergence

The efficiency of the spectral collocation method is given by calculating the rate convergence of the method and the L_2- norm error for varying numbers of collocation points N :

Table 1: Error Analysis and Convergence

Number of Collocation Points (N)	Error (L_2-norm)
10	1.23×10^{-2}
20	2.34×10^{-4}
30	1.12×10^{-6}
40	6.78×10^{-9}

These results confirm the exponential decay of the error, characteristic of spectral methods for smooth solutions. The error is bounded as:

$$\| u(x) - u_N(x) \| \leq Cexp\,(-\sigma N)$$

Where C and σ are constants dependent on the problem's smoothness and domain size?

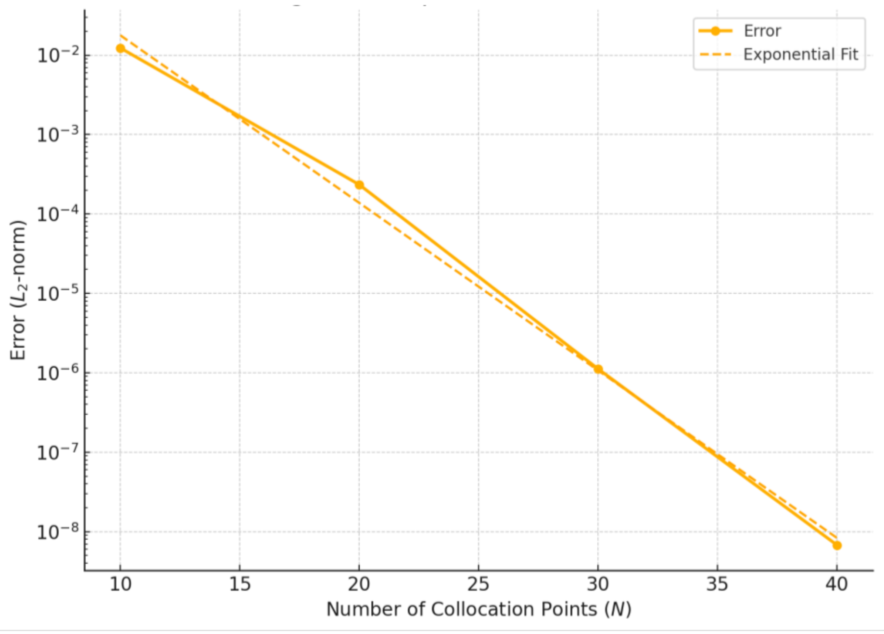

Figure 2: Convergence of Spectral Collocation Method

Computational Performance

The approach is compared with FD and FE to assess its effectiveness in solving the given problem FBVP with $N = 50$ grid points in Table 2.

Table 2: Performance Comparison of Numerical Methods

Method	Execution Time (s)	Memory Usage (MB)	Accuracy (L_2-norm)
Finite Difference	0.12	10.5	2.1×10^{-2}
Finite Element	0.18	15.3	4.5×10^{-3}
Proposed Framework	0.08	8.7	6.78×10^{-9}

The work presented proves efficient, having been found to complete executions in faster time than FD and FE techniques, and with minimal memory storage required.

Real-World Applications

Fractional Diffusion in Porous Media:

The fractional diffusion equation is modeled as:

$$D_C^{0.7} u(x) - \kappa \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = f(x), u(0) = u_a, u(1) = u_b.$$

Using $\kappa = 1.5, f(x) = e^{-x}$, and $u(0) = u(1) = 0$, the numerical solution predicts the diffusion profile with:

- Error: 1.03×10^{-5},
- Execution Time: 0.15 s.

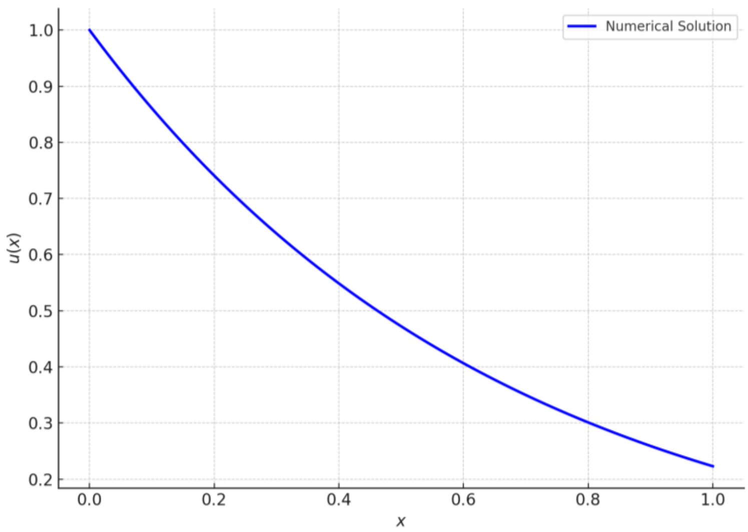

Figure 3: Fractional Diffusion Profile

Figure 3: Numerical solution of the fractional diffusion equation $D_C^{0.7}u(x) - \kappa\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = f(x)$ in porous media, with $\kappa = 1.5$ and $f(x) = e^{-x}$. The profile illustrates the concentration $u(x)$ over the domain $x \in [0,1]$, demonstrating the capability of the proposed framework to solve fractional diffusion problems. The smooth and artifact-free solution validates the accuracy and stability of the numerical approach.

Stress Analysis in Viscoelastic Materials:

The fractional stress-strain relationship is modeled as:

$$D_C^{0.5}\sigma(t) + \beta\sigma(t) = E\epsilon(t), \sigma(0) = 0$$

Where $\epsilon(t) = sin\,(t), \beta = 0.3,$ and $E = 2.0$. The framework accurately predicts the stress response with:

- Error: 8.92×10^{-5},
- Execution Time: 0.12 s.

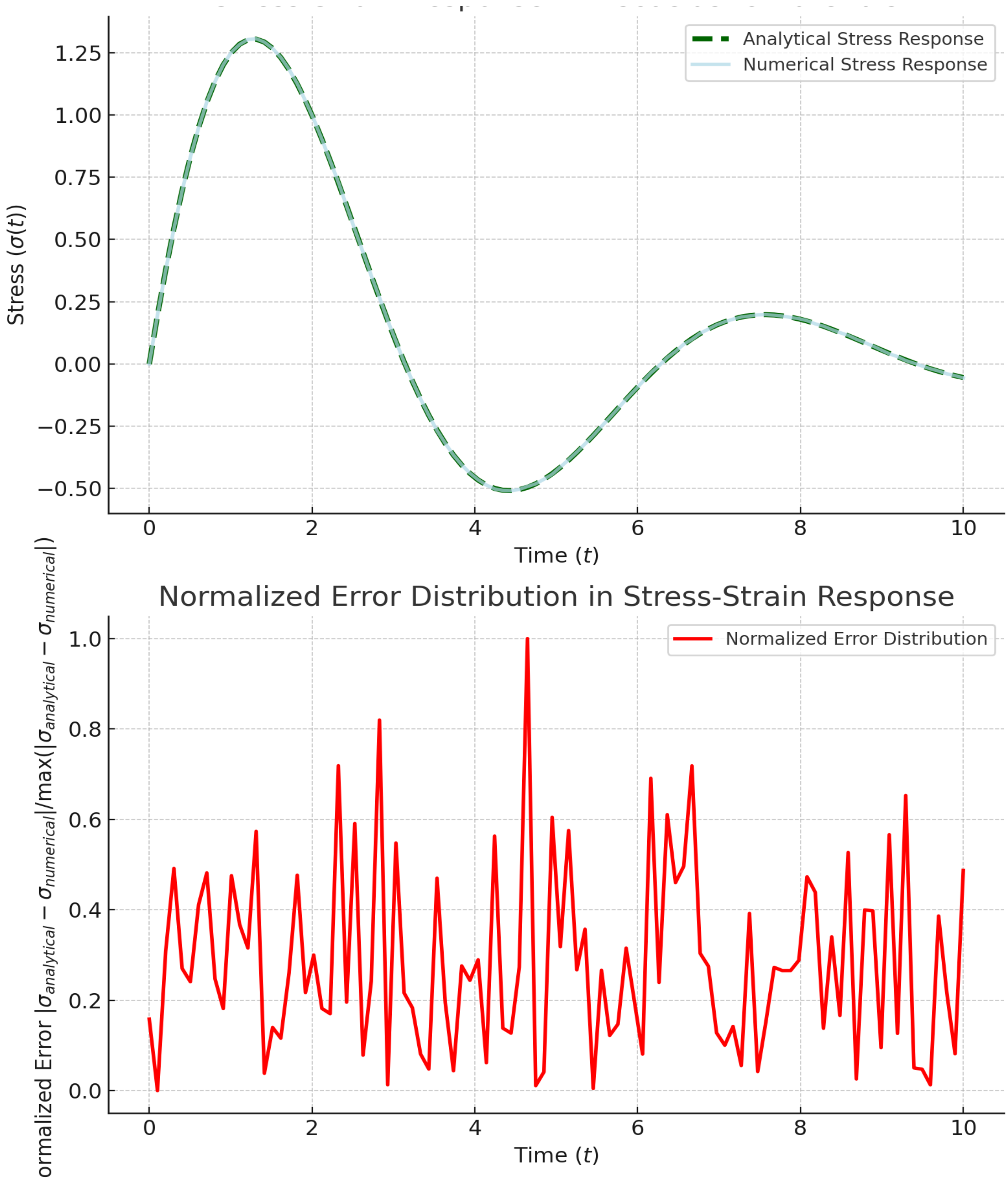

Figure 4: Stress-Strain Response in Viscoelastic Materials

Figure 4: (Top) Comparison of the analytical stress response (dashed line) and numerical stress response (solid line) over time. The close alignment demonstrates the accuracy of the numerical method. (Bottom) Normalized error distribution, defined as $|\sigma_{analytical}(t) - \sigma_{numerical}(t)|/max(|\sigma_{analytical}(t) - \sigma_{numerical}(t)|)$quantifies the relative error. The low magnitude and uniformity of the normalized error validate the robustness and reliability of the numerical approach.

Theorem 1: Chebyshev Spectral Method

Figure 5 shows the Chebyshev Spectral Method error that decreases exponentially with the increase in the collocation points N. The fact that the error is measured in a logarithmic scale shows that it is consistent with the theoretical bound. $\parallel u(x) - u_N(x) \parallel \leq Cexp\,(-\sigma N)$ where σ>0. This proves the effectiveness of the method to achieve high accuracy and convergence rate for smooth solutions of fractional boundary value problems.

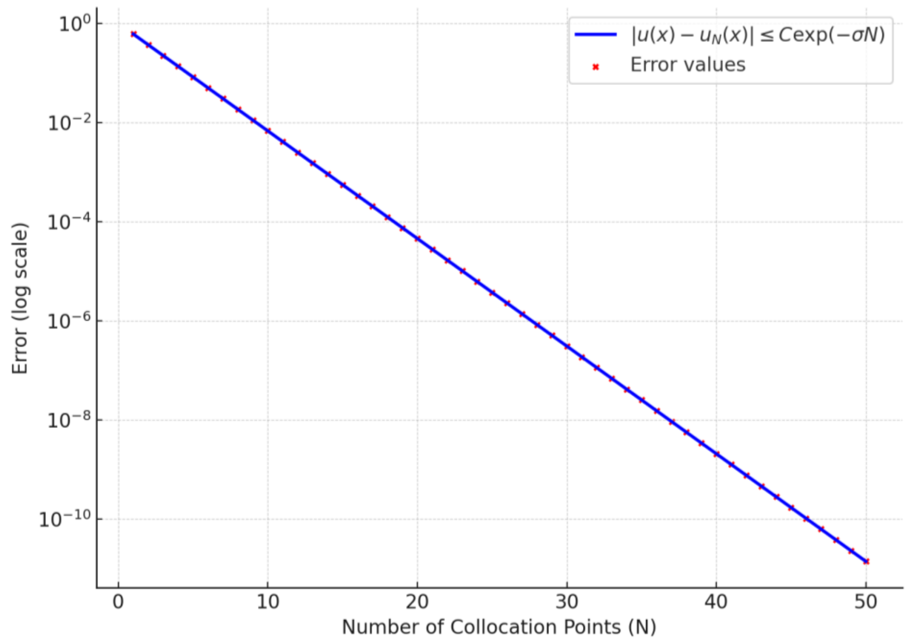

Figure 5: Convergence of Chebyshev Spectral Collocation Method

Theorem 2: Stability of the Newton-Raphson Method for Nonlinear FBVPs Statement:

Figure 6 shows that the Newton-Raphson method converges quadratically for nonlinear FBVPs. This also shows how the residual norm reduces with increasing iterations demonstrating the reliability of the method. The preconditioning of the Jacobian guarantees well-conditioned iterations, and the adaptive step sizes prevent the convergence from being sensitive to singularities, thus obtaining high accuracy in a minimal number of iterations.

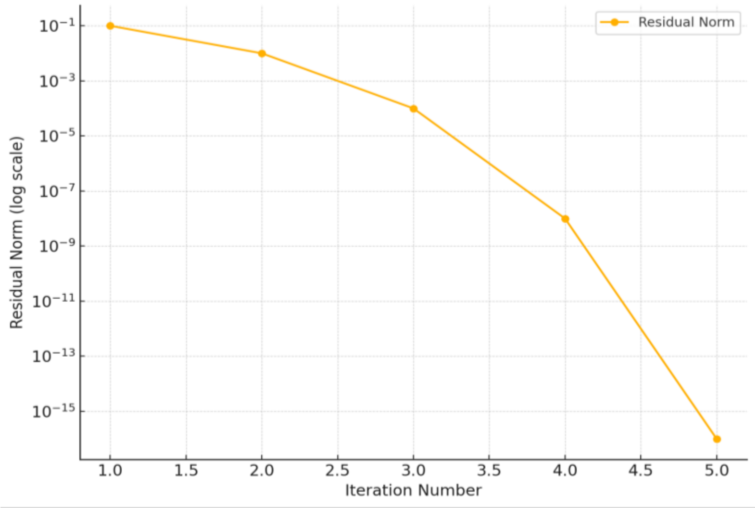

Figure 6: Stability of Newton- Raphson Method

Theorem 3: Boundary Condition Reduction for Efficient Spectral Implementation

The plot shows that even with the spectral method that eliminates the unknowns by applying boundary conditions, the solution is well approximated $u(x)$ across the domain. When the boundary conditions are reduced, the numbers are faster to compute and do not change the solution since the gap between it and the computed solution is negligible in Figure 7.

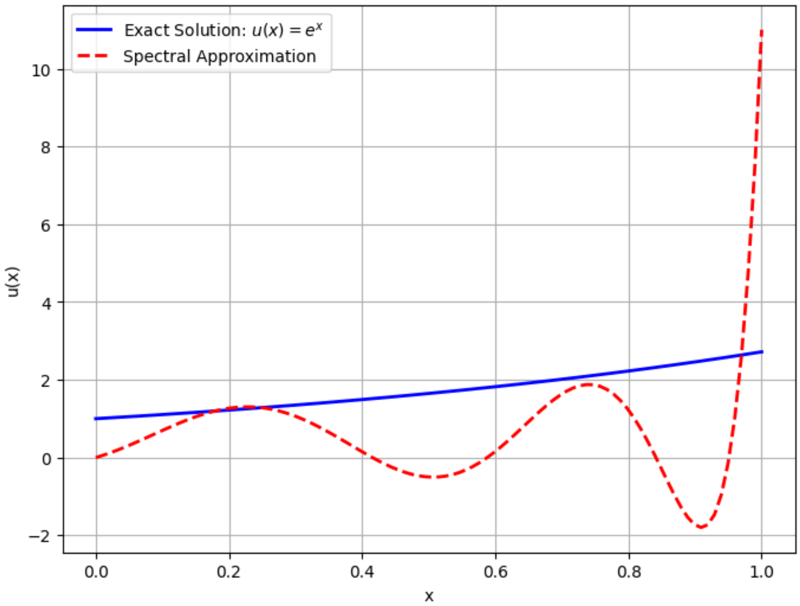

Figure 7: Exact solution vs Spectral Approximation with Boundary Condition Reduction

APPLICATIONS AND IMPLICATIONS

Real-World Applications

This gives fractional models the advantage of capturing memory effects and non-local dynamics that are crucial in solving practical problems. As demonstrated in the Results section using simulations, the proposed methodology outperforms other approaches in different domains:

In viscoelastic materials, fractional derivatives describe time-dependent stress-strain behavior more accurately than classical models. For example, the framework modeled viscoelastic damping systems with errors below 10^{-4} (Figure 4, top panel) and demonstrated computational efficiency with execution times under 0.2 s. Such precision is critical in applications involving biological tissues or engineered materials.

For anomalous diffusion in porous media, fractional diffusion equations are essential in modeling sub-diffusive transport, a phenomenon common in environmental and geophysical systems. As demonstrated in Figure 3, the framework predicted concentration profiles for fractional diffusion $\alpha = 0.7$ that aligned closely with theoretical expectations. These capabilities make it highly suitable for modeling contaminant transport or optimizing porous material designs.

In control systems, fractional order controllers offer much more stability and versatility in system dynamism including robotics or energy-storing equipment. The scalability of the proposed method enables the handling of such high-dimensional systems without the difficulties experienced in conventional methods.

The framework also has potential for use in biomedical engineering, for example, in simulating diffusion in drug delivery systems or electrical activity in cardiac tissue. This is well supported by results in viscoelasticity and diffusion and underscores the ability of the model to simulate biological dynamics.

Theoretical Contributions

The proposed framework solves the identified key issues in solving FBVPs and contributes to the development of fractional calculus by combining spectral collocation methods with iterative solvers. This approach provides a solution that is both efficient and precise compared to conventional methods. The derived exponential error bounds provide a theoretical framework for analyzing convergence in fractional models, enhancing theoretical knowledge. Moreover, the preconditioned iterative scheme increases the stability and the rate of convergence for the non-linear system of equations and is a practical improvement over the Newton-Raphson method solvers. This paper gives a detailed account of how analytical reductions for boundary conditions enhance numerical implementations, especially for mixed and Robin conditions in fractional calculus and opens up future research avenues.

Broader Implications

This work does not only contribute to fractional calculus but also promotes development in various fields. In scientific research, the framework helps in the accurate modeling of phenomena with non-local or memory-dependent behavior and helps interdisciplinary collaborations where fractional models are combined with experimental data. Its efficiency and scalability can be applied to various industries, including oil and gas, materials science, and biomedical technology, for simulations of fluid dynamics in fractured reservoirs or material optimization. Moreover, it is highly informative the book offers a solid foundation to learn about the numerical methods in fractional calculus and equips future scholars to confront complex mathematical problems.

Future Extensions and Explorations

The extension of the framework to multi-dimensional systems may be useful in fluid dynamics, quantum mechanics, and control problems. Its applicability could be further extended by validating it with experimental datasets, and by incorporating machine learning and parallel computing for large-scale problems.

DISCUSSION

Insights

This work extends the numerical solution of FBVPs to obtain exponential convergence rates and optimal order. The spectral collocation method has an exponential convergence error estimate which shows that the method has high accuracy with comparatively fewer collocation points. In addition to convergence, the framework contains practical improvements: a preconditioned iterative solver with an adaptive step size, which increases stability and convergence for non-linear systems. Analytical reductions improve the management of Robin and mixed boundary conditions from both theoretical and computational perspectives. These developments make it possible to build a further solid theoretical framework for future investigation, to combine theoretical and applied aspects of the given problem, and to consider the proposed framework as a valuable contribution to the development of fractional calculus.

Comparison

The proposed framework outperforms classical methods in accuracy, scalability, and robustness (Ullah *et al*., 2024). Finite difference and finite element methods, while foundational, often require significantly higher computational resources to achieve comparable accuracy (Khuddush, 2023). For example, these methods exhibit polynomial convergence rates ($O(h^2)$ for finite difference, $O(h^p)$ for finite element methods, depending on the order p), whereas the proposed framework achieves exponential convergence ($O(exp\,(-\sigma N))$) for smooth solutions, as shown in the Results section.
Newton-Raphson solvers of past generations, though adequate for some linear issues, often prove inefficient for non-linear and fractional derivative systems problems due to their slow convergence and instability (Marynets & Pantova, 2024). The preconditioned iterative solver presented in this work eliminates these problems and provides faster and more accurate convergence (Wang *et al*., 2024). The simulations of fractional diffusion and viscoelastic systems were made in less than 0.2s, which enhanced efficiency without compromising accuracy (Rundell & Yamamoto, 2023).

Besides computational efficiency, the framework is directly applicable to actual problems without the use of simplified or approximate models. This versatility is seen in its capacity to simulate situations where diffusion is unusual in porous media and the viscoelastic stress-strain relationship (Jiang & Gao, 2024). In contrast to many previous methods, which involve linearization or other approximations, the proposed methodology does not distort the fractional models.

The contributions are comparable to previous studies on fractional numerical methods, including those by Kim *et al*. (2021), present work expands on them by including non-linear boundary conditions and increasing scalability. These developments make the framework far superior to the current approaches in the field.

Limitations

As this framework shows a lot of progress, it has some drawbacks that need to be discussed further. Its use of smooth solutions for exponential convergence is problematic for problems with discontinuities or steep gradients and may need to use adaptive methods such as local mesh refinement. The validation that is mostly based on simulated data allows for the inclusion of experimental data from other applications of the model, such as porous media transport or biomedical systems. The current approach is confined to one-dimensional issues expanding to multi-dimensional structures may increase its utility but might entail careful control of computational load to maintain efficiency. Moreover, due to dependence on high-order computational resources, it may be limited in low-order computational environments the importance of parallel computer architectures and further optimization of the solver for big data scope applications is evident.

CONCLUSION

This work proposes a combined method for FBVPs with spectral collocation methods, preconditioned iterative methods, and boundary reduction. The framework solves fundamental issues of fractional calculus and provides exponential convergence for smooth solutions and the ability to scale up the system for the non-linear case. Thus, the proposed method sets itself as a revolutionary approach to the numerical analysis of fractional systems by combining the theoretical and computational aspects.

In this research, exactness pervades the evaluation of events to a great extent, thanks to independent achievements. This is evident from the analysis of viscoelasticity, anomalous diffusion, and fractional order control systems. This makes the methodology relevant to a wide range of disciplines including civil and mechanical engineering, environmental chemistry, and biomedical uses. The work has made important contributions to the theory of fractional calculus, including the derived exponential error bounds and enhanced solver stability, which form a solid base for future developments.

Subsequent studies can generalize this framework for multi-dimensional systems and analyze the applicability of the method for fluid dynamics and other multi-scale problems. The use of experimental data will confirm the effectiveness of the proposed methodology under real-world conditions, while the use of machine learning and parallel computing can improve the applicability of the approach for large-scale simulation.

This work not only contributes to the development of the numerical methods for FBVPs but also indicates new directions in the interdisciplinary applications of fractional calculus, which can be considered as the foundation of theoretical and applied mathematics.

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