
Numerical and analytical study for fractional differential equations.

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In the past three decades, the subject of fractional calculus (calculus of integrals and derivatives of arbitrary order) has gained considerable popularity and importance, mainly due to its demonstrated applications in numerous diverse and wide spread fields in science and engineering. For example, fractional calculus has been successfully applied to problems in system biology, physics, chemistry and biochemistry, hydrology, medicine and finance. In many cases these new fractional order models are more adequate than the previously used integer-order models, because fractional derivatives and integrals enable the description of the memory and hereditary properties inherent in various materials and processes that are governed by anomalous diffusion. Hence, there is a growing need to find the solution behavior of these fractional differential equations. However, the analytic solutions of the most fractional differential equations (FDEs) generally cannot be obtained. As a consequence, approximate and numerical techniques are playing an important role in identifying the solution behavior of such fractional equations and exploring their applications. There are many versions of definitions for fractional derivatives and integrals. We mention here, the formal definition (Riemann Liouville) and its modified form (Caputo). The main objective of this thesis is to develop new effective approximate and numerical methods and supporting analysis for solving initial value problems of fractional order, boundary value problems of fractional order, FDEs with delay, systems of FDEs, a class of fractional variational problems (FVPs) and a class of fractional optimal control problems (FOCPs). This thesis consists of six chapters: Chapter one. In this chapter, we introduce some definitions, lemmas and important theorems, without proof, which are needed and used throughout this thesis. Chapter two. This chapter is devoted to study the numerical and analytical treatment for the effectiveness of operator method which is proposed to find analytical solutions for a certain class of FDEs. An analytical criterion is constructed for determining if there exists a solution for this class of FDEs in terms of exponential functions. Several examples are used to illustrate the proposed concept. Chapter three. We investigate in this chapter a new approximate formula to express the derivatives of any fractional order based on Laguerre orthogonal polynomials. An efficient spectral collocation method is introduced for solving multi-term FDEs with initial values. Also, a procedure for solving fractional diffusion equations is introduced. Some numerical examples are proposed to show the accuracy and efficiency of these approaches. Chapter four. In this chapter, a

computational matrix method is presented to find approximate solutions of high order fractional differential equations in terms of shifted Legendre polynomials via Legendre collocation points and systems of high order fractional differential equations in terms of shifted Chebyshev polynomials via Chebyshev collocation points in the interval $[0; L]$. Illustrative real problems are given to show that these approaches give satisfactory and accurate results.

Chapter five. In this chapter, an efficient numerical method to obtain approximate and exact solutions of the fractional delay differential equations using Legendre collocation method is proposed. Exact solutions for the proposed numerical examples show the effectiveness of this approach.

Chapter six. This chapter addresses and investigates a new operational matrix method which is based on a combination of shifted Chebyshev polynomials and finite difference methods. It is applicable for solving fractional boundary value problems (FBVPs), fractional delay boundary value problems, a class of fractional variational problems FVPs and a class of fractional optimal control problems FOCs. This proposed technique is based on using matrix operator expressions which applies to the differential terms. An upper bound for error of the approximate formula of the fractional derivatives using the proposed operational matrix method is obtained. To illustrate the accuracy of the proposed techniques, several numerical examples are introduced.