

# The Fractional Residual Power Series Method for Solving a System of Linear Fractional Fredholm Integro-differential Equations

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**Abstract** In this manuscript, the fractional residual power series (FRPS) method is employed in solving a system of linear fractional Fredholm integro-differential equations. The significant role of this system in various fields has attracted the attention of researchers for a decade. The definition of fractional derivative here is described in the Caputo sense. The proposed method relies on the generalized Taylor series expansion as well as the fact that the fractional derivative of stationary is zero. The process starts by constructing a residual function by supposing the finite order of an approximate power series solution that prescribes the initial conditions. Then, utilizing some conditions, the residual functions are converted to a linear system for the power series coefficients. Solving the linear system reveals the coefficients of the fractional power series solution. Finally, by substituting these coefficients into the supposed form of a solution, the approximate fractional power series solutions are derived. This technique has the advantage of being able to be applied directly to the problem and spending less time on computation. It is not only an easy method for implementation of the problem, but also provides productive results after a few iterations. Some problems with known solutions emphasize the procedure's simplicity and reliability. Moreover, the obtained exact solution demonstrated the efficiency and accuracy of the presented method.

**Keywords** Fractional Fredholm Integro-differential Equations, Caputo Fractional Derivatives, Residual Power Series Method, Exact Solution

## 1 Introduction

Fractional calculus came into existence from a question posed by L'Hôpital in a message to Leibniz in 1695 [20]. The essential question is about what a derivative of order  $1/2$  is. Since then, an investigation of scholars has been started and fractional derivatives have been defined in many aspects by several mathematicians such as Riemann-Liouville, Caputo, Grunwald-Letnikov, Hadamard. These developments lead to the widespread use of fractional calculus in various areas.

In recent years, a fractional integro-differential equation system, one of the fractional calculus applications, has become a trending topic for investigation as it has been used as a mathematical model for a variety of phenomena. Unfortunately, solving this sort of system and related topics is extremely difficult and challenging because most of them do not have a precise solution. Many strategies have been devised to help estimate the solution to defeating the system, such as the Adomian decomposition method (ADM)[19], Homotopy analysis [26], B-spin method [2], Sadik decomposition method [21], Genocchi polynomial method [18], Chebyshev spectral method [25], Chebyshev pseudo-spectral method[11], Chebyshev wavelet method [12], approximation method based on Taylor expansion [5] and reference therein.

The system of linear fractional Fredholm integro-differential equations is one of the most interesting integro-differential systems that has attracted attention from many academics. This type of system is crucial in the fields of research and engineering. Some techniques, such as ADM [23] and Homotopy Perturbation Method (HPM) [22], have been employed to

solve the system. Even if these approximation approaches are achieved, some restriction is required. As a result, researchers have been eager to find more practical, less constrained methods of searching for solutions.

The fractional residual power series (FRPS) method is a semi-analytic, powerful procedure based on the generalized Taylor series and a residual error function. Because no linearization, discretization, or perturbation is required, this method is efficient in addressing critical scientific and engineering models, such as the fractional Fisher equation [3], fractional stiff system [7], fractional Sharma-Tasso-Oleiver equation [17], fractional cancer tumor model [16], fractional fluids flow model[4], the fractional vibration model of large membranes [10], and fractional SIR Epidemic model [8]. Despite the fact that the FRPS method has been developed for various problems, there has not been much research on the fractional system of integro-differential equations.

This study aims to use the FRPS algorithm to solve a linear system of fractional Fredholm integro-differential equations (FIDEs),

$$D^{\gamma_i} u_i(x) = g_i(x) + R_i(u_1(x), u_2(x), \dots, u_n(x)) + \lambda_i \int_a^b \kappa_i(x, \tau) F_i(\tau, u_1(\tau), u_2(\tau), \dots, u_n(\tau)) d\tau \quad (1)$$

with initial condition  $u_i(0) = c_{i,0}, i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$ , where  $D^{\gamma_i}$  is fractional derivative operator in Caputo sense,  $g_i(x)$  is a real function,  $\kappa$  is kernel,  $F_i, R_i$  are linear functions,  $a, b, \lambda_i$  and  $\gamma_i$  are constants,  $0 < \gamma_i < 1$ . This work is considered as an extension of [24].

The rest of the paper is managed as follows. Section 2 presents a basic definition of fractional integrals, fractional Caputo derivatives, and fractional power series. Section 3 describes the construction of fractional power series solutions for the system of fractional FIDEs. Illustrative examples are shown in the last section.

## 2 The basic concept of fractional integral, fractional derivative and fractional power series

This section provides a fundamental idea of fractional calculus. The Riemann-Liouville fractional integral and the Caputo fractional derivative are presented. In addition, the primary notion and the facts related to fractional power series are mentioned.

**Definition 2.1** [13] *The Riemann-Liouville fractional integral operator of order  $\gamma \geq 0$  is defined by*

$$J_a^\gamma \phi(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\Gamma(\gamma)} \int_a^x \frac{\phi(\tau)}{(x-\tau)^{1-\gamma}} d\tau, & \gamma > 0, x > 0, \\ \phi(x), & \gamma = 0, \end{cases}$$

where  $\Gamma(\cdot)$  denotes the Gamma function.

**Definition 2.2** [13] *For  $n - 1 < \gamma < n, n \in \mathbb{N}$ . The Caputo fractional derivative operator of order  $\gamma$  is defined by*

$$D_a^\gamma \phi(x) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(n-\gamma)} \int_a^x (x-\tau)^{-\gamma+n-1} \phi^{(n)}(\tau) d\tau, \quad x > 0,$$

where the function  $\phi(x)$  has absolutely continuous derivatives up to order  $n-1$ . Specially, if  $\gamma = n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $D_a^\gamma \phi(x) = \phi^{(n)}(x)$ . In particular, if  $0 < \gamma < 1$ , we have

$$D_a^\gamma \phi(x) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(1-\gamma)} \int_a^x (x-\tau)^{-\gamma} \phi'(\tau) d\tau.$$

The operators  $D_a^\gamma$  and  $J_a^\gamma$  satisfy the following properties:

1.  $D_a^\gamma C = 0$  for any constant  $C \in \mathbb{R}$ .
2.  $D_a^\gamma (x-a)^p = \frac{\Gamma(p+1)}{\Gamma(p+1-\gamma)} (x-a)^{p-\gamma}$ , for  $n-1 < \gamma < n, p > n-1$ , and it is equal to zero otherwise.
3.  $J_a^{\gamma_1} J_a^{\gamma_2} \phi(x) = J_a^{\gamma_2} J_a^{\gamma_1} \phi(x) = J_a^{\gamma_1+\gamma_2} \phi(x)$ .
4.  $J_a^\gamma C = \frac{C}{\Gamma(\gamma+1)} (x-a)^\gamma$  for any constant  $C \in \mathbb{R}$ .
5.  $J_a^\gamma (x-a)^\mu = \frac{\Gamma(\mu+1)}{\Gamma(\mu+\gamma+1)} (x-a)^{\gamma+\mu}, \mu > -1$ .
6.  $(J_a^\gamma D_a^\gamma \phi)(x) = \phi(x) - \sum_{k=0}^\infty \frac{\phi^{(k)}(a)}{k!} (x-a)^k$  for  $\phi \in C^n[a, b]$  and  $n-1 < \gamma < n$ , with  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . If  $\gamma \geq 0, \phi \in C[a, b]$ , then  $D^\gamma J^\gamma \phi(x) = \phi(x)$ .

One can note that  $D_a^\gamma$  and  $J_a^\gamma$  are linear operators, that is for any constant  $c_1, c_2$

$$\begin{aligned} D_a^\gamma (c_1 \phi(x) + c_2 \psi(x)) &= c_1 D_a^\gamma \phi(x) + c_2 D_a^\gamma \psi(x), \\ J_a^\gamma (c_1 \phi(x) + c_2 \psi(x)) &= c_1 J_a^\gamma \phi(x) + c_2 J_a^\gamma \psi(x). \end{aligned}$$

**Definition 2.3** [14] *A power series expansion at  $x = x_0$  of the following form*

$$\sum_{m=0}^\infty a_m (x-x_0)^{m\beta} = a_0 + a_1 (x-x_0)^\beta + a_1 (x-x_0)^{2\beta} + \dots$$

for  $n-1 < \beta \leq n, n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $x \leq x_0$ , is called the fractional power series (FPS).

**Theorem 2.1** [6] *There are only three possibilities for the FPS  $\sum_{m=0}^\infty a_m (x-x_0)^{m\beta}$ , which are:*

1. *The series converges only for  $x = x_0$ . That is; the radius of convergence equals zero.*
2. *The series converges for all  $x \geq x_0$ . That is; the radius of convergence equals  $\infty$ .*
3. *The series converges for  $x \in [x_0, x_0 + R)$ , for some positive real number  $R$  and diverges for  $x > x_0 + R$ . Here,  $R$  is the radius of convergence for the FPS.*

**Theorem 2.2** [6] Suppose that  $u(x)$  has a FPS representation at  $x = x_0$  of the form

$$u(x) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} c_m(x - x_0)^{m\beta} \tag{2}$$

If  $u(x) \in C[x_0, x_0 + R)$ , and  $D^{m\beta}u(x) \in C[x_0, x_0 + R)$ , for  $m = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ , then the coefficients  $c_m$  will be of the form  $c_m = \frac{D^{m\beta}u(x_0)}{\Gamma(m\beta+1)}$ , where  $D^{m\beta} = D^\beta \cdot D^\beta \cdot D^\beta \dots D^\beta$  ( $m$  times).

**Theorem 2.3** [7] Let  $u(x)$  has the FPS in (2) with radius of convergence  $R > 0$ , and suppose that  $u(x) \in C[x_0, x_0 + R)$ ,  $D_x^j u(x) \in C(x_0, x_0 + R)$  for  $j = 0, 1, 2, \dots, N + 1$ . Then

$$u(x) = u_N(x) + R_N(\xi)$$

where  $u_N(x) = \sum_{k=0}^N \frac{D_x^{k\gamma}u(x_0)}{\Gamma(k\gamma+1)}$  and  $R_N(\xi) = \frac{D_x^{(N+1)\gamma}u(\xi)}{\Gamma((N+1)\gamma+1)}(x - x_0)^{(N+1)\gamma}$ , for some  $\xi \in (x_0, x)$ .

**Theorem 2.4** [24] Let  $|D_x^{(N+1)\gamma}u(x)| \leq K$ , on  $x_0 \leq x < \xi$  for some constant  $K$  where  $N - 1 < \gamma \leq N$ . Then, the reminder  $R_N$  satisfies

$$|R_N(x)| \leq \frac{K}{\Gamma((N + 1)\gamma + 1)}(x - x_0)^{(N+1)\gamma}.$$

### 3 Application of FRPS method to the system of fractional Fredholm integro-differential equations

Assume that the FPS solution of the system (1) with initial conditions of  $u_i(0) = c_i$  at  $x = 0$  has the following form:

$$u_i(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{c_{i,k}}{\Gamma(1 + k\gamma_i)} x^{k\gamma_i}, \quad i = 1, \dots, n$$

Using the initial condition, the solution can be written as

$$u_i(x) = c_i + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{c_{i,k}}{\Gamma(1 + k\gamma_i)} x^{k\gamma_i}.$$

To follow the fractional power series method, let's suppose the approximate solution of the system (1) is in the form a  $k$ th-truncated series:

$$u_{i,k}(x) = c_i + \sum_{m=1}^k \frac{c_{i,m}}{\Gamma(1 + m\gamma_i)} x^{m\gamma_i}. \tag{3}$$

According to the RPS algorithm, the residual function is defined as

$$\text{Res } u_i(x) = D^{\gamma_i} u_i(x) - g_i(x) - R_i(u_1(x), u_2(x), \dots, u_n(x)) - \lambda_i \int_a^b \kappa_i(x, \tau) F_i(\tau, u_1(\tau), u_2(\tau), \dots, u_n(\tau)) d\tau,$$

$i = 1, \dots, n, 0 \leq x < R$ . Hence, the  $k$ th-residual function  $\text{Res } u_{i,k}(x)$ , for  $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$ , are given by

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Res } u_{i,k}(x) &= D^{\gamma_i} u_{i,k}(x) - g_i(x) \\ &\quad - R_i(u_{1,k}(x), u_{2,k}(x), \dots, u_{n,k}(x)) \\ &\quad - \lambda_i \int_a^b \kappa_i(x, \tau) F_i(\tau, u_{1,k}(\tau), \dots, u_{n,k}(\tau)) d\tau, \end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

As the results in [6], [14], [15], we have  $\text{Res } u_i(x) = 0$ , and  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \text{Res } u_{i,k}(x) = \text{Res } u_i(x)$ , for any  $x \geq 0$ . These implies that  $D^{m\gamma_i} \text{Res } u_{i,k}(x) = 0$  for  $m = 0, 1, 2, \dots, k, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ , and  $D^{n\gamma_i} \text{Res } u_i(0) = D^{n\gamma_i} \text{Res } u_{i,k}(0) = 0$ . Therefore, the coefficients of (3) can be found by solving the following equation:

$$D^{(k-1)\gamma_i} \text{Res } u_{i,k}(0) = 0, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n, k = 1, 2, \dots \tag{5}$$

To determine the coefficient  $c_{i,1}$  in (3), one substitutes the 1-st residual power series approximate solution,

$$u_{i,1}(x) = c_i + c_{i,1} \frac{x^{\gamma_i}}{\Gamma(1 + \gamma_i)}, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n, \tag{6}$$

into equation (4) with  $k = 1$ , to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Res } u_{i,1}(x) &= D^{\gamma_i} u_{i,1}(x) - g_i(x) - R_i(u_{1,1}(x), \dots, u_{n,1}(x)) \\ &\quad - \lambda_i \int_a^b \kappa_i(x, \tau) F_i(\tau, u_{1,1}(\tau), \dots, u_{n,1}(\tau)) d\tau, \\ &= D^{\gamma_i} \left( c_i + c_{i,1} \frac{x^{\gamma_i}}{\Gamma(1 + \gamma_i)} \right) - g_i(x) \\ &\quad - R_i \left( c_1 + c_{1,1} \frac{x^{\gamma_1}}{\Gamma(1 + \gamma_1)}, c_2 + c_{2,1} \frac{x^{\gamma_2}}{\Gamma(1 + \gamma_2)}, \dots, c_n + c_{n,1} \frac{x^{\gamma_n}}{\Gamma(1 + \gamma_n)} \right) \\ &\quad - \lambda_i \int_a^b \kappa_i(x, \tau) F_i \left( c_1 + c_{1,1} \frac{\tau^{\gamma_1}}{\Gamma(1 + \gamma_1)}, \dots, c_n + c_{n,1} \frac{\tau^{\gamma_n}}{\Gamma(1 + \gamma_n)} \right) d\tau. \end{aligned}$$

Using the fact that  $\text{Res } u_{i,1}(0) = 0, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ , we have a linear system of  $n$  equations with  $n$  unknowns,

$$\begin{aligned} c_{i,1} - g_i(0) - R_i(c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n) \\ = \lambda_i \int_a^b \kappa_i(0, \tau) F_i \left( c_1 + c_{1,1} \frac{\tau^{\gamma_1}}{\Gamma(1 + \gamma_1)}, \dots, c_n + c_{n,1} \frac{\tau^{\gamma_n}}{\Gamma(1 + \gamma_n)} \right) d\tau, \end{aligned}$$

which can be solved for  $c_{i,1}, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . Substituting these coefficients into (6), one obtains the 1st-truncated series solution of (1). In a similar way, to find the coefficients  $c_{i,2}, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ , we can substitute

$$u_{i,2}(x) = c_i + c_{i,1} \frac{x^{\gamma_i}}{\Gamma(1 + \gamma_i)} + c_{i,2} \frac{x^{2\gamma_i}}{\Gamma(1 + 2\gamma_i)} \tag{7}$$

into equation (4) with  $k = 2$ . Using the condition  $D^{\gamma_i} \text{Res } u_{i,2}(0) = 0$ , yields a system of linear equations that can be solved for  $c_{i,2}, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . By (7), the 2nd-truncated power series solution of (1) is proposed. By repeating the same routine until arbitrary order is obtained, the other unknown coefficient,  $c_{i,k}$  will be determined [1], [9].

### 4 Illustrative Examples

In this section, we verify the efficiency and accuracy of the proposed method by employing them to solve some fractional systems of linear FIDEs with a known solution. Some derived steps are simplified via the properties of the Gamma function.

**Example 4.1** Consider the following fractional system of linear Fredholm integro-differential equations

$$D^{\frac{1}{2}}u(x) = g_1(x) + 3u - v - \int_0^1 xt^{\frac{1}{2}}(u(t) - 2v(t))dt, \tag{8}$$

$$D^{\frac{1}{2}}v(x) = g_2(x) - 5u + 2v - \int_0^1 x^2t(2u(t) + v(t))dt \tag{9}$$

subject to initial conditions

$$u(0) = 2, v(0) = 1,$$

where  $g_1(x) = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2} - 5 - 3x^{\frac{1}{2}} + 2x^{\frac{3}{2}} - \frac{5}{6}x$ ,  $g_2(x) = 8 + 5x^{\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{3\sqrt{\pi}}{2}x - 4x^{\frac{3}{2}} + \frac{271}{70}x^2$ . The exact solution of this problem is  $u(x) = 2 + x^{\frac{1}{2}}$ ,  $v(x) = 1 + 2x^{\frac{3}{2}}$ .

Here, we have  $\gamma_1 = \gamma_2 = \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $c_1 = 2$ ,  $c_2 = 1$ , and by utilizing the initial conditions, the  $k$ th-truncated FPS approximate solution to this problem is written as

$$u_k(x) = 2 + \sum_{n=1}^k \frac{a_n}{\Gamma(\frac{n}{2} + 1)} x^{\frac{n}{2}}, v_k(x) = 1 + \sum_{n=1}^k \frac{b_n}{\Gamma(\frac{n}{2} + 1)} x^{\frac{n}{2}}.$$

For  $k = 1$ , suppose the 1st-truncated FPS approximate solution is

$$u_1(x) = 2 + \frac{a_1}{\Gamma(\frac{3}{2})} x^{\frac{1}{2}}, v_1(x) = 1 + \frac{b_1}{\Gamma(\frac{3}{2})} x^{\frac{1}{2}}. \tag{10}$$

Substituting (10) into (8)-(9), the 1st-residual functions are

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Res } u_1(x) &= a_1 - \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2} + (3 + \frac{2b_1 - 6a_1}{\sqrt{\pi}})x^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &\quad + (\frac{5}{6} + \frac{a_1 - 2b_1}{\sqrt{\pi}})x - 2x^{\frac{3}{2}}, \\ \text{Res } v_1(x) &= b_1 + (\frac{10a_1 - 4b_1}{\sqrt{\pi}} - 5)x^{\frac{1}{2}} - \frac{3\sqrt{\pi}}{2}x + 4x^{\frac{3}{2}} \\ &\quad + (\frac{8a_1 + 4b_1}{5\sqrt{\pi}} - \frac{48}{35})x^2. \end{aligned}$$

From (5),  $\text{Res } u_1(0) = 0$ ,  $\text{Res } v_1(0) = 0$ , yields  $a_1 = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2}$ ,  $b_1 = 0$ . Thus, the 1st-truncated FPS approximate solution is  $u_1(x) = 2 + x^{\frac{1}{2}}$ ,  $v_1(x) = 1$ . Next, consider  $k = 2$ , the 2nd-truncated FPS approximation is expressed in the form

$$u_2(x) = 2 + x^{\frac{1}{2}} + a_2x, v_2(x) = 1 + b_2x. \tag{11}$$

After substituting (11) into (8)-(9), one gets the 2nd-residual functions

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Res } u_2(x) &= \frac{2a_2}{\sqrt{\pi}}x^{\frac{1}{2}} + (\frac{4}{3} + \frac{b_2 - 13a_2}{5})x - 2x^{\frac{3}{2}}, \\ \text{Res } v_2(x) &= \frac{2b_2}{\sqrt{\pi}}x^{\frac{1}{2}} + (5a_2 - 2b_2 - \frac{3\sqrt{\pi}}{2})x + 4x^{\frac{3}{2}} \\ &\quad + (\frac{2a_2 + b_2}{3} - \frac{4}{7})x^2. \end{aligned}$$

Then, employing the conditions  $D^{\frac{1}{2}}\text{Res } u_2(0) = 0$ ,  $D^{\frac{1}{2}}\text{Res } v_2(0) = 0$ , we reach the coefficients of (11),  $a_2 = 0$ ,  $b_2 = 0$ . So, the 2nd-truncated FPS approximate solution is  $u_2(x) = 2 + x^{\frac{1}{2}}$ ,  $v_2(x) = 1$ .

For  $k = 3$ , assume the 3rd-truncated FPS approximate solution as

$$u_3(x) = 2 + x^{\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{a_3}{\Gamma(\frac{5}{2})} x^{\frac{3}{2}}, v_3(x) = 1 + \frac{b_3}{\Gamma(\frac{5}{2})} x^{\frac{3}{2}}. \tag{12}$$

Substituting (12) into (8)-(9), the 3rd residual functions are found

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Res } u_3(x) &= (a_3 + \frac{4}{3} + \frac{4a_3 - 8b_3}{9\sqrt{\pi}})x + (\frac{4b_3 - 4a_3}{3\sqrt{\pi}} - 2)x^{\frac{3}{2}}, \\ \text{Res } v_3(x) &= (b_3 - \frac{3\sqrt{\pi}}{2})x + (4 + \frac{20a_3 - 8b_3}{3\sqrt{\pi}})x^{\frac{3}{2}} \\ &\quad + (\frac{16a_3 + 8b_3}{21\sqrt{\pi}} - \frac{4}{7})x^2. \end{aligned}$$

Applying the conditions (5),  $\frac{d}{dx}\text{Res } u_3(0) = 0$ ,  $\frac{d}{dx}\text{Res } v_3(0) = 0$ , leads to  $a_3 = 0$ ,  $b_3 = \frac{3\sqrt{\pi}}{2}$ . Thus, the 3rd-truncated FPS approximation is  $u_3(x) = 2 + x^{\frac{1}{2}}$ ,  $v_3(x) = 1 + 2x^{\frac{3}{2}}$ .

Repeating the same procedure for  $k \geq 4$ , one finds that the coefficients of the FPS approximate solution are  $a_k = 0$ ,  $b_k = 0$  for  $k \geq 4$ . Therefore, the obtained FPS solution to this problem is

$$u(x) = 2 + x^{\frac{1}{2}}, v(x) = 1 + 2x^{\frac{3}{2}}.$$

**Example 4.2** Now we consider the linear system of fractional FIDEs

$$D^{\frac{1}{4}}u(x) = g_1(x) + 3u + 2v - \frac{8}{243} \int_0^1 x^2t^{\frac{2}{3}}(2u(t) + 3v(t))dt, \tag{13}$$

$$D^{\frac{1}{3}}v(x) = g_2(x) - 6u - 4v + 66 \int_0^1 xt(u(t) - 5v(t))dt, \tag{14}$$

where  $g_1(x) = \frac{3\Gamma(\frac{3}{4})}{2\sqrt{\pi}}x^{\frac{1}{2}} + 3x^{\frac{3}{4}} + 2x + \frac{1}{29}x^2$ ,  $g_2(x) = \frac{3}{2\Gamma(\frac{2}{3})}x^{\frac{2}{3}} - 6x^{\frac{3}{4}} + 471x$  with initial conditions

$$u(0) = 2, v(0) = -3.$$

The exact solution is  $u(x) = x^{\frac{3}{4}} + 2$ ,  $v(x) = x - 3$ .

Since  $\gamma_1 = \frac{1}{4}$ ,  $\gamma_2 = \frac{1}{3}$  and  $c_1 = 2$ ,  $c_2 = -3$ , the  $k$ th-truncated FPS approximate solution to the problem is of the form

$$u_k(x) = 2 + \sum_{n=1}^k \frac{a_n}{\Gamma(\frac{n}{4} + 1)} x^{\frac{n}{4}}, v_k(x) = -3 + \sum_{n=1}^k \frac{b_n}{\Gamma(\frac{n}{3} + 1)} x^{\frac{n}{3}}.$$

For  $k = 1$ , one finds that the 1st-truncated FPS approximate solution is

$$u_1(x) = 2 + \frac{a_1}{\Gamma(\frac{5}{4})} x^{\frac{1}{4}}, v_1(x) = -3 + \frac{b_1}{\Gamma(\frac{4}{3})} x^{\frac{1}{3}}. \tag{15}$$

We substitute (15) into (13)-(14), then the 1st-residual functions are observed

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Res } u_1(x) &= a_1 + \frac{6\sqrt{2}\Gamma(\frac{3}{4})a_1}{\pi}x^{\frac{1}{4}} + \frac{3\sqrt{3}\Gamma(\frac{2}{3})b_1}{\pi}x^{\frac{1}{3}} \\ &\quad - \frac{3\Gamma(\frac{3}{4})}{2\sqrt{\pi}}x^{\frac{1}{2}} - 3x^{\frac{3}{4}} - 2x \\ &\quad + (\frac{151}{2349} - \frac{128\sqrt{2}\Gamma(\frac{3}{4})a_1}{1863\pi} - \frac{2\sqrt{3}\Gamma(\frac{2}{3})b_1}{27\pi})x^2, \\ \text{Res } v_1(x) &= b_1 - \frac{12\sqrt{2}\Gamma(\frac{3}{4})a_1}{\pi}x^{\frac{1}{4}} - \frac{6\sqrt{3}\Gamma(\frac{2}{3})b_1}{\pi}x^{\frac{1}{3}} \\ &\quad - \frac{3}{2\Gamma(\frac{2}{3})}x^{\frac{2}{3}} + 6x^{\frac{3}{4}} \\ &\quad + (\frac{176\sqrt{2}\Gamma(\frac{3}{4})a_1}{3\pi} - \frac{1485\sqrt{3}\Gamma(\frac{2}{3})b_1}{7\pi} + 90)x. \end{aligned}$$

By the condition (5), it deduces that  $\text{Res } u_1(0) = 0$ ,  $\text{Res } v_1(0) = 0$  and conducts to  $a_1 = 0, b_1 = 0$ . For  $k = 2$ , we can write the 2nd-truncated FPS approximation in the form

$$u_2(x) = 2 + \frac{a_2}{\Gamma(\frac{3}{2})}x^{\frac{1}{2}}, \quad v_2(x) = -3 + \frac{b_2}{\Gamma(\frac{5}{3})}x^{\frac{2}{3}}$$

and the 2nd-residual functions are obtained

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Res } u_2(x) &= \frac{2\sqrt{2}\Gamma(\frac{3}{4})a_2}{\pi}x^{\frac{1}{4}} + (\frac{6a_2}{\sqrt{\pi}} - \frac{3\Gamma(\frac{3}{4})}{2\sqrt{\pi}})x^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &\quad + \frac{3b_2}{\Gamma(\frac{2}{3})}x^{\frac{2}{3}} - 3x^{\frac{3}{4}} - 2x \\ &\quad + (\frac{151}{2349} - \frac{64a_2}{1053\sqrt{2}} - \frac{4b_2}{63\Gamma(\frac{2}{3})})x^2, \\ \text{Res } v_2(x) &= \frac{3\sqrt{3}\Gamma(\frac{2}{3})b_2}{2\pi}x^{\frac{1}{3}} - \frac{12a_2}{\sqrt{\pi}}x^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &\quad - (\frac{6b_2}{\Gamma(\frac{2}{3})} + \frac{3}{2\Gamma(\frac{2}{3})})x^{\frac{2}{3}} \\ &\quad + 6x^{\frac{3}{4}} + (\frac{264a_2}{5\sqrt{\pi}} - \frac{1485b_2}{8\Gamma(\frac{2}{3})} + 90)x. \end{aligned}$$

Apply the conditions,  $D^{\frac{1}{4}}\text{Res } u_2(0) = 0$ , and  $D^{\frac{1}{3}}\text{Res } v_2(0) = 0$ , the unknown coefficients are found,  $a_2 = 0, b_2 = 0$ . Next, suppose the 3rd-truncated FPS approximate solution in the form

$$u_3(x) = 2 + \frac{a_3}{\Gamma(\frac{7}{4})}x^{\frac{3}{4}}, \quad v_3(x) = -3 + \frac{b_3}{\Gamma(2)}x. \quad (16)$$

Substituting (16) into (13)-(14), we get the 3rd-residual functions of the problem

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Res } u_3(x) &= (\frac{2a_3}{\sqrt{\pi}} - \frac{3\Gamma(\frac{3}{4})}{2\sqrt{\pi}})x^{\frac{1}{2}} + (\frac{4a_3}{\Gamma(\frac{3}{4})} - 3)x^{\frac{3}{4}} \\ &\quad + 2(b_3 - 1)x + (\frac{151}{2349} - \frac{256a_3}{7047\Gamma(\frac{3}{4})} - \frac{b_3}{27})x^2, \\ \text{Res } v_3(x) &= \frac{3(b_3 - 1)}{2\Gamma(\frac{2}{3})}x^{\frac{2}{3}} + (6 - \frac{8a_3}{\Gamma(\frac{3}{4})})x^{\frac{3}{4}} \\ &\quad + (90 - 114b_3)x. \end{aligned}$$

After using the conditions  $D^{\frac{1}{2}}\text{Res } u_3(0) = 0$ , and  $D^{\frac{2}{3}}\text{Res } v_2(0) = 0$ , one finds that  $a_3 = \frac{3}{4}\Gamma(\frac{3}{4}), b_3 = 1$ . Replicating the above technique for  $k \geq 4$ , the coefficients of FPS approximation are determined,  $a_k = 0, b_k = 0, k \geq 4$ . Therefore, the FPS approximate solution to this problems is  $u(x) = x^{\frac{3}{4}} + 2, v(x) = x - 3$  which is the exact.

**Example 4.3** Next, we consider the system of linear fractional FIDEs

$$D^{\frac{2}{3}}u(x) = g_1(x) + u + 3v - \frac{1}{4} \int_0^1 xt^{-\frac{1}{2}}(3u(t) + 4v(t))dt, \quad (17)$$

$$D^{\frac{3}{4}}v(x) = g_2(x) - 3u - 9v - \int_0^1 x^2t(2u(t) - v(t))dt, \quad (18)$$

where  $g_1(x) = -\frac{2^{\frac{4}{3}}\sqrt{\pi}}{3\Gamma(\frac{2}{3})}x^{\frac{2}{3}} + \frac{57}{22}x + x^{\frac{4}{3}} - 3x^{\frac{3}{2}}, g_2(x) = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{\Gamma(\frac{3}{4})}x^{\frac{3}{4}} - 3x^{\frac{4}{3}} + 9x^{\frac{3}{2}} + \frac{183}{70}x^2$  with initial conditions

$$u(0) = 3, \quad v(0) = -1.$$

The exact solution is  $u(x) = 3 - x^{\frac{4}{3}}, v(x) = -1 + x^{\frac{3}{2}}$ .

Note that  $\gamma_1 = \frac{2}{3}, \gamma_2 = \frac{3}{4}$  and the initial condition gives  $c_1 = 3, c_2 = -1$ . The  $k$ th-truncated FPS approximate solution of the problem is

$$\begin{aligned} u_k(x) &= 3 + \sum_{n=1}^k \frac{a_n}{\Gamma(\frac{2n}{3} + 1)}x^{\frac{2n}{3}}, \\ v_k(x) &= -1 + \sum_{n=1}^k \frac{b_n}{\Gamma(\frac{3n}{4} + 1)}x^{\frac{3n}{4}}. \end{aligned}$$

For  $k = 1$ , suppose that the 1st-truncated FPS approximate solution is

$$u_1(x) = 3 + \frac{a_1}{\Gamma(\frac{5}{3})}x^{\frac{2}{3}}, \quad v_1(x) = -1 + \frac{b_1}{\Gamma(\frac{7}{4})}x^{\frac{3}{4}}. \quad (19)$$

We substitute (19) into (17)-(18), then the 1st-residual functions are written as

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Res } u_1(x) &= a_1 + (\frac{2^{\frac{4}{3}}\sqrt{\pi}}{3\Gamma(\frac{5}{3})} - \frac{3a_1}{2\Gamma(\frac{2}{3})})x^{\frac{2}{3}} - \frac{4b_1}{\Gamma(\frac{3}{4})}x^{\frac{3}{4}} \\ &\quad + (\frac{27a_1}{28\Gamma(\frac{2}{3})} + \frac{16b_1}{15\Gamma(\frac{3}{4})} - \frac{1}{11})x - x^{\frac{4}{3}} + 3x^{\frac{3}{2}}, \\ \text{Res } v_1(x) &= b_1 + (\frac{12b_1 - \sqrt{\pi}}{\Gamma(\frac{3}{4})})x^{\frac{3}{4}} + \frac{9a_1}{2\Gamma(\frac{2}{3})}x^{\frac{2}{3}} + 3x^{\frac{4}{3}} \\ &\quad - 9x^{\frac{3}{2}} + (\frac{31}{35} - \frac{16b_1}{33\Gamma(\frac{3}{4})} + \frac{9a_1}{8\Gamma(\frac{2}{3})})x^2. \end{aligned}$$

Following the condition  $\text{Res } u_1(0) = 0, \text{Res } v_1(0) = 0$ , we find that the coefficients of FPS (19) are  $a_1 = 0, b_1 = 0$ . So, the 1st-truncated FPS approximate solution is  $u_1(x) = 3, v_1(x) = -1$ . For  $k = 2$ , the 2nd-truncated FPS approximation is mentioned

$$u_2(x) = 3 + \frac{a_2}{\Gamma(\frac{4}{3} + 1)}x^{\frac{4}{3}}, \quad v_2(x) = -1 + \frac{b_2}{\Gamma(\frac{3}{2} + 1)}x^{\frac{3}{2}}. \quad (20)$$

Substituting (20) into (17)-(18), one gets the 2nd residual functions

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Res } u_2(x) &= \left(\frac{3a_2}{2\Gamma(\frac{2}{3})} + \frac{2^{\frac{4}{3}}\sqrt{\pi}}{3\Gamma(\frac{5}{6})}\right)x^{\frac{2}{3}} \\ &+ \left(\frac{81\sqrt{3}\Gamma(\frac{2}{3})a_2}{176\pi} + \frac{2b_2}{3\sqrt{\pi}} - \frac{1}{11}\right)x \\ &- \left(1 + \frac{9\sqrt{3}\Gamma(\frac{2}{3})a_2}{8\pi}\right)x^{\frac{4}{3}} + \left(3 - \frac{4b_2}{\sqrt{\pi}}\right)x^{\frac{3}{2}}, \\ \text{Res } v_2(x) &= \left(\frac{4b_2}{3\Gamma(\frac{3}{4})} - \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{\Gamma(\frac{3}{4})}\right)x^{\frac{3}{4}} + \left(3 + \frac{27\sqrt{3}\Gamma(\frac{2}{3})a_2}{8\pi}\right)x^{\frac{4}{3}} \\ &+ \left(\frac{27\sqrt{3}\Gamma(\frac{2}{3})a_2}{40\pi} - \frac{8b_2}{21\sqrt{\pi}} + \frac{31}{35}\right)x^2 \\ &+ \left(\frac{12b_2}{\sqrt{\pi}} - 9\right)x^{\frac{3}{2}}. \end{aligned}$$

From the condition (5), we deduce that  $D^{\frac{2}{3}}\text{Res } u_2(0) = 0$ ,  $D^{\frac{3}{4}}\text{Res } v_2(0) = 0$ , and thus  $a_2 = -\frac{8\sqrt{3}\pi}{27\Gamma(\frac{2}{3})}$ ,  $b_2 = \frac{3\sqrt{\pi}}{4}$ . Therefore, the 2nd-truncated FPS approximate solution is  $u_2(x) = 3 - x^{\frac{4}{3}}$ ,  $v_2(x) = -1 + x^{\frac{3}{2}}$ . After repeating the same routine for  $k \geq 3$ , one gets that  $a_k = 0$ ,  $b_k = 0$  and  $u_k(x) = 3 - x^{\frac{4}{3}}$ ,  $v_k(x) = -1 + x^{\frac{3}{2}}$  for  $k \geq 3$ . Thus, the FPS solution to this problem is

$$u(x) = 3 - x^{\frac{4}{3}}, v(x) = -1 + x^{\frac{3}{2}}.$$

## 5 Conclusions

For applying the FRPS method to the linear system of FIDEs, we start by assuming the approximate solution as a truncated fractional power series that satisfies the initial condition. Later, define a residual function by substituting the truncated fractional power series into the original system. An easily solved linear system of an algebraic equation is addressed by requiring conditions (5). One can note that solving the linear algebraic system may not need a standard method. Each equation can be solved separately. Finally, the unknown coefficients of the fractional series solution are determined and the approximate fractional power series solution is obtained. As demonstrated in the preceding examples, when the exact solution is a fractional polynomial function of degree up to  $k\gamma$ , the derived  $k\gamma$  approximate power series is exact.

In conclusion, the FRPS method is an analytical, powerful method for constructing the fractional power series solution of the linear system of FIDEs. When compared to the procedure in [23], [22] the proposed method is simpler, more convenient, and more accurate. Testing examples with known solutions demonstrate the efficiency and accuracy of this technique.

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