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# Efficient sustainable algorithm for numerical solutions of systems of fractional order differential equations by Haar wavelet collocation method



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**Abstract** This manuscript deals a numerical technique based on Haar wavelet collocation which is developed for the approximate solution of some systems of linear and nonlinear fractional order differential equations (FODEs). Based on these techniques, we find the numerical solution to various systems of FODEs. We compare the obtain solution with the exact solution of the considered problems at integer orders. Also, we compute the maximum absolute error to demonstrate the efficiency and accuracy of the proposed method. For the illustration of our results we provide four test examples. The experimental rates of convergence for different number of collocation point is calculated which is approximately equal to 2. Fractional derivative is defined in the Caputo sense.

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## 1. Introduction

Fractional Derivative (FD) is the generalization of ordinary derivative in which the order of the derivative is not an integer.

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The concept of FD was introduced by Riemann and Liouville. Due to its applications in various branches of science, fractional calculus attracted mathematicians in the last few decades [1,2]. In fact, the fractional calculus studies integrals and derivatives of any order. FODEs is the generalizations of integer order differential equations, which are used increasingly to model problems in physical, biological and other disciplines like engineering and technology [3–6]. This is because of the fact that fractional differential operator is a global operator and has greater degree of freedom. Further the aforesaid

operator has the ability to model real world phenomenon in more racialistic way as compared to integer order differential equations. Due to these significant devotion has been paid by the researchers to investigate FODEs from different aspects. The mentioned aspects are qualitative theory for existence of solutions, stability analysis and numerical analysis. As we know that the area devoted to establish existence theory for solutions to FODEs and their system has been very well established and a lot of papers are presented in literature in this regard [7–19]. On the other hand, to find the exact solution of FODEs are not available in general. Therefore strong motivation has been recorded in last two decades to establish some accurate numerical schemes. In this regard different schemes (methods) have been applied for integer order differential equations were further generalized to find the approximate solutions of FODEs and their systems. Here we remark that perturbation techniques, decompositions methods, power series methods and monotone iterative techniques have been applied very well so far for FODEs and their systems [20–31]. Besides from the aforesaid methods a variety of schemes have been generalized to find numerical solutions to FODEs. In recent time, the differential, integral and integro-differential equations have been solved by utilizing radial basis functions technique [32], the collocation and Tau method [33], Variational iteration method [34], the Legendre [35], Jacobi [36] and Bernstein operational matrices methods [37]. Arqub [38] found the numerical solution of fractional order systems. Arqub and Shawagfeh [39] developed algorithm for the solution of Dirichlet time-fractional diffusion-Gordon types equations in porous media. Arqub [40] used residual power series method for the solution of time-fractional Schrodinger equations in one-dimensional space. Arqub [41] explored the numerical solution of systems of first order, two-point BVPs based on the reproducing kernel algorithm. Also the wavelet methods have been given much attentions. The mentioned methods include Shifted Chebyshev technique [42], Sine-Cosine operational matrix [43], etc. Chen and Hsiao [44] in 1997 proposed for the first time the idea of Haar matrix for the integration of Haar functions and then applied it solve differential equations. This remarkable concept provided base for construction of general formalism of an operational matrix of integration for Haar wavelets. After this various wavelet methods have been developed by using orthogonal polynomials like the Legendre Wavelets operational matrix [35], the Chebyshev Wavelets methods [45], etc for the numerical solutions of FODEs. On the other hand HWCM has been used in large number for the approximate solutions to various classes of differential equations, see [46–48], etc. The concern method has many application, see [49]. Some of the recent work utilizing Haar wavelet collection method (HWCM) can be found in the references [50–53]. The HWCM has been increasingly used to solve FODEs [54–56]. The concerned scheme has mainly used for various classes of linear and nonlinear FODEs including scaler problems. Here we remark that we apply the proposed technique for solutions of coupled systems including nonlinear and linear FODEs.

The aforementioned differential operator is the generalization of ordinary derivative. Further we remark that fractional differential and integral operators have several definitions in which Caputo definition has been considered very well. Because the said derivative has been used for its convenient

status. In this article we study a class of linear system of FODEs by considering Caputo's definition of the derivative given by.

$$\begin{cases} {}_0^C D_t^\alpha x(t) = ax(t) + by(t), & 0 < \alpha \leq 1, \\ {}_0^C D_t^\beta y(t) = cx(t) + dy(t), & 0 < \beta \leq 1, \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

with initial conditions:

$$x(0) = x_0 \text{ and } y(0) = y_0. \quad (2)$$

In same line we also investigate the given coupled system with Caputo's derivative of nonlinear FODEs as

$$\begin{cases} {}_0^C D_t^\alpha x(t) = ax(t), & 0 < \alpha \leq 1, \\ {}_0^C D_t^\beta y(t) = bx^2(t), & 0 < \beta \leq 1, \\ {}_0^C D_t^\gamma z(t) = cx(t)y(t), & 0 < \gamma \leq 1, \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

with initial conditions:

$$x(0) = x_0, \quad y(0) = y_0, \quad z(0) = z_0, \quad (4)$$

where  ${}_0^C D_t^\alpha$ ,  ${}_0^C D_t^\beta$ ,  ${}_0^C D_t^\gamma$  denotes the Caputo fractional derivatives of order  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  respectively,  $a, b, c, d$  and  $x_0, y_0, z_0$  are any real constants in both considered problems.

The paper is organized in the following structure. Definition of HW is given in Section 2. Numerical technique for the solution of nonlinear and linear FDEs in view of the HWCM is developed in Section 3. In Section 4 some examples are given for validity and accuracy of our technique. Finally, conclusion is given in Section 5.

## 2. Some Axillary results and introduction to Haar wavelet

We split this section into two subsection as follows:

### 2.1. Axillary results about fractional calculus

In this subsection, we define some basic definitions:

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $[0, b] \subset \mathbb{R}$ , the Riemann–Liouville fractional order  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}_+$  of a function  $u \in (L[0, b], \mathbb{R})$  is given by [9,12]

$${}_0 I_t^\alpha u(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^t (t-\eta)^{\alpha-1} u(\eta) d\eta, \quad (5)$$

provided that the integral on the right hand side exists.

**Definition 2.2.** Let  $u : [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , be any function, then Caputo fractional order derivative of order  $\alpha$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned} {}_0^C D_t^\alpha u(t) &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(n-\alpha)} \int_0^t \frac{u^{(n)}(\eta)}{(t-\eta)^{\alpha+1-n}} d\eta, \quad n-1 < \alpha \\ &\leq n, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}, \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

provided that the right side is point wise defined on  $(0, \infty)$ , where  $n = [\alpha] + 1$ .

**Lemma 2.3.** *The solution of homogenous FODE*

$${}_0^C D_t^\alpha u(t) = 0 \quad (7)$$

is given by [9,12]

$$u(t) = d_0 + d_1t + d_2t^2 + \dots + d_{n-1}t^{n-1}, \tag{8}$$

such that  $d_j \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $j = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots, n - 1$ . The solutions of non-homogenous FODE

$${}_0^C D_t^\alpha u(t) = f(t) \tag{9}$$

is given by

$$u(t) = {}_0 I_t^\alpha f(t) + d_0 + d_1t + d_2t^2 + \dots + d_{n-1}t^{n-1}, \tag{10}$$

for some  $d_j \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $j = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n - 1$ .

**Lemma 2.4.** For  $\alpha > 0$ , the given result [9,12]

$${}_0 I_t^\alpha [{}_0^C D_t^\alpha u(t)] = u(t) + d_0 + d_1t + d_2t^2 + \dots + d_{n-1}t^{n-1}, \tag{11}$$

where  $d_j \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $j = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n - 1$  holds.

Also it follows that

$${}_0^C D_t^\alpha t^k = \frac{\Gamma(1+k)}{\Gamma(1+k-\alpha)} t^{k-\alpha}, \quad {}_0 I_t^\alpha t^k = \frac{\Gamma(1+k)}{\Gamma(1+k+\alpha)} t^{k+\alpha}, \quad \text{for } k > -1, \tag{12}$$

and  ${}_0^C D_t^\alpha [C] = 0$ , where  $C$  is a constant.

**Definition 2.5.** The Mittag–Leffler function of one parameter is defined as [1]

$$E_\alpha(t) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^k}{\Gamma(k\alpha + 1)}, \quad \text{for } t \in \mathbb{C}, \alpha > 0. \tag{13}$$

Some of the recent work about fractional derivative can be found in the references [57–62].

**2.2. Introduction to Haar wavelet**

The scaling function for the family of HW on interval  $[0, 1]$  is given by [63]:

$$h_1(s) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for } s \in [0, 1), \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \tag{14}$$

The mother wavelets for the family of HWs defined on  $[\zeta_1, \zeta_2)$  is given by

$$h_2(s) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for } s \in [\zeta_1, \frac{\zeta_1+\zeta_2}{2}), \\ -1 & \text{for } s \in [\frac{\zeta_1+\zeta_2}{2}, \zeta_2), \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \tag{15}$$

The other functions in the HW family HWF on subintervals of  $[\zeta_1, \zeta_2)$  can be generated by the dilation and translation. Each function in the HWF on  $[\zeta_1, \zeta_2)$  can be represented by

$$h_i(s) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for } s \in [\zeta_1, \zeta_2), \\ -1 & \text{for } s \in [\zeta_2, \zeta_3), \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, 2M, \quad N = 2M, \tag{16}$$

where

$$\zeta_1 = \zeta_1 + (\zeta_2 - \zeta_1) \frac{d}{\varpi}, \tag{17}$$

$$\zeta_2 = \zeta_1 + (\zeta_2 - \zeta_1) \frac{d+0.5}{\varpi} \tag{18}$$

and  $\zeta_3 = \zeta_1 + (\zeta_2 - \zeta_1) \frac{d+1}{\varpi}, \tag{19}$

where the integer  $\varpi = 2^r$ ,  $r = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots, V$ ;  $V = 2^M$ , where  $M$  is a positive integer and the integer  $d = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots, \varpi - 1$ .

HW is a piecewise constant function attaining three values 0, 1 and  $-1$ . Any function belonging to  $L_2[0, 1]$ , the space of square integrable functions, can be approximated utilizing HW functions. Haar functions form an orthonormal bases for  $L_2[0, 1]$ . Any function  $u(x)$  belonging to  $L_2[0, 1]$  can be expressed as Haar series as:  $u(x) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \lambda_i h_i(s)$ , where  $h_i$  are Haar functions [63]. For the approximation purpose, this series is truncated at finite terms.

Here we denote

$$p_{i,1}(s) = \int_0^s h_i(s) ds, \tag{20}$$

where  $h_i(s)$  are defined in Eq. (16), now we have

$$p_{i,n+1}(s) = \int_0^s p_{i,n}(s) ds, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots \tag{21}$$

the value of  $p_{i,1}(s)$  is

$$p_{i,1}(s) = \begin{cases} s - \zeta_1 & \text{for } s \in [\zeta_1, \zeta_2), \\ \zeta_3 - s & \text{for } s \in [\zeta_2, \zeta_3), \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \tag{22}$$

In general these integrals can be calculated utilizing Eq. (16),

$$p_{i,n}(s) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } s \in (0, 1], \\ \frac{1}{n}(s - \zeta_1)^n & \text{for } s \in [\zeta_1, \zeta_2), \\ \frac{1}{n}[(s - \zeta_1)^n - 2(s - \zeta_2)^n] & \text{for } s \in [\zeta_2, \zeta_3), \\ \frac{1}{n}[(s - \zeta_1)^n - 2(s - \zeta_2)^n + (s - \zeta_3)^n] & \text{for } s \in [\zeta_3, 1), \quad n = 1, 2, \dots \end{cases} \tag{23}$$

Let  $I = [\zeta_1, \zeta_2]$  be an interval on which the given FODE is to be solved, then the interval  $I$  is divided into subintervals by using the following formula

$$t_k = \zeta_1 + (\zeta_2 - \zeta_1) \frac{k - 0.5}{N}, \quad k = 1, 2, 3, \dots, N, \tag{24}$$

The points  $t_k$  are known as Collocation Point(CP) or nodal points. By applying the HW collocation technique to linear equation, we obtain a system of linear algebraic equations by substituting collocation points. The Gauss elimination technique is used to find the Haar coefficients. While applying the Haar wavelet collocation technique to nonlinear equation, we obtain a system of nonlinear algebraic equations by substituting collocation points. Broyden’s technique is used to find the Haar coefficients. At the end, by using these coefficients the numerical solution at the collocation points is obtained.

**3. Numerical method**

In this section, the HWCM is used for the solution of nonlinear and linear system of fractional differential Eqs. (1) and (3). The ordinary derivative is approximated by Haar functions and fractional derivatives are defined in the Caputo sense.

3.1. Linear case

Let  $x'(t)$  and  $y'(t)$  are in  $L^2[0, 1]$ , then  $x'(t)$  and  $y'(t)$  can be written in Haar series as

$$x'(t) = \sum_{i=1}^N \lambda_i h_i(t), \quad y'(t) = \sum_{i=1}^N \xi_i h_i(t), \tag{25}$$

where  $N$  is the number of CPs,  $h_i(t)$  are the Haar functions and  $\lambda_i, \xi_i$  are the unknown constant coefficients of Haar wavelets. Now integrating the above Eq. (33) from 0 to  $t$  we have

$$x(t) = x_0 + \sum_{i=1}^N \lambda_i p_{i,1}(t) dt, \quad y(t) = y_0 + \sum_{i=1}^N \xi_i p_{i,1}(t) dt. \tag{26}$$

By applying the Caputo derivative to Eq. (1), and putting the values of  $x(t)$  and  $y(t)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\Gamma(1-\alpha)} \int_0^t \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N \lambda_i h_i(\mu) d\mu}{(t-\mu)^\alpha} &= a \left( x_0 + \sum_{i=1}^N \lambda_i p_{i,1}(t) \right) + b \left( y_0 + \sum_{i=1}^N \xi_i p_{i,1}(t) \right) \\ \frac{1}{\Gamma(1-\beta)} \int_0^t \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N \xi_i h_i(\mu) d\mu}{(t-\mu)^\beta} &= c \left( x_0 + \sum_{i=1}^N \lambda_i p_{i,1}(t) \right) + d \left( y_0 + \sum_{i=1}^N \xi_i p_{i,1}(t) \right). \end{aligned} \tag{27}$$

Shifting known term to the right and unknown to the left, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\Gamma(1-\alpha)} \int_0^t \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N \lambda_i h_i(\mu) d\mu}{(t-\mu)^\alpha} - a \sum_{i=1}^N \lambda_i p_{i,1}(t) - b \sum_{i=1}^N \xi_i p_{i,1}(t) &= ax_0 + by_0 \\ \frac{1}{\Gamma(1-\beta)} \int_0^t \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N \xi_i h_i(\mu) d\mu}{(t-\mu)^\beta} - c \sum_{i=1}^N \lambda_i p_{i,1}(t) - d \sum_{i=1}^N \xi_i p_{i,1}(t) &= cx_0 + dy_0. \end{aligned} \tag{28}$$

After simplification, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^N \lambda_i \left( \frac{1}{\Gamma(1-\alpha)} \int_0^t \frac{h_i(\mu) d\mu}{(t-\mu)^\alpha} - a p_{i,1}(t) \right) - b \sum_{i=1}^N \xi_i p_{i,1}(t) &= ax_0 + by_0 \\ - \sum_{i=1}^N \lambda_i c p_{i,1}(t) + \sum_{i=1}^N \xi_i \left( \frac{1}{\Gamma(1-\beta)} \int_0^t \frac{h_i(\mu) d\mu}{(t-\mu)^\beta} - p_{i,1}(t) \right) &= cx_0 + dy_0. \end{aligned} \tag{29}$$

Putting the CPs  $t_j, j = 1, 2, 3, \dots, 2N$  we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^N \lambda_i \left( \frac{1}{\Gamma(1-\alpha)} \int_0^{t_j} \frac{h_i(\mu) d\mu}{(t_j-\mu)^\alpha} - a p_{i,1}(t_j) \right) - b \sum_{i=1}^N \xi_i p_{i,1}(t_j) &= ax_0 + by_0 \\ - \sum_{i=1}^N \lambda_i c p_{i,1}(t_j) + \sum_{i=1}^N \xi_i \left( \frac{1}{\Gamma(1-\beta)} \int_0^{t_j} \frac{h_i(\mu) d\mu}{(t_j-\mu)^\beta} - p_{i,1}(t_j) \right) &= cx_0 + dy_0. \end{aligned} \tag{30}$$

The above integrals are calculated by following Haar integral formula:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{a_1}^{a_2} f(s) ds &\approx \frac{a_2 - a_1}{N} \sum_{m=1}^N f(s_m) \\ &= \sum_{m=1}^N f \left( a_1 + (a_2 - a_1) \left( \frac{m - 0.5}{N} \right) \right). \end{aligned} \tag{31}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^N \lambda_i \left( \frac{1}{N\Gamma(1-\alpha)} \sum_{m=1}^N \frac{h_i(t_m)}{(t_j - t_m)^\alpha} - a p_{i,1}(t_j) \right) - b \sum_{i=1}^N \xi_i p_{i,1}(t_j) &= ax_0 + by_0 \\ - \sum_{i=1}^N \lambda_i c p_{i,1}(t_j) + \sum_{i=1}^N \xi_i \left( \frac{1}{N\Gamma(1-\beta)} \sum_{m=1}^N \frac{h_i(t_m)}{(t_j - t_m)^\beta} - p_{i,1}(t_j) \right) &= cx_0 + dy_0. \end{aligned} \tag{32}$$

The above system is solved by using Gauss elimination technique, to obtain the values of unknown Haar coefficients. The unknowns  $\lambda_i$  and  $\xi_i$ , for  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, N$ . The required solutions at CP is obtained by putting  $\lambda_i$  and  $\xi_i$  in Eq. (34).

3.2. Nonlinear case

Let  $x'(t)$  and  $y'(t)$  are in  $L^2[0, 1]$ , then  $x'(t)$  and  $y'(t)$  can be written in the form of Haar series as

$$\begin{aligned} x'(t) &= \sum_{i=1}^N \lambda_i h_i(t), \quad y'(t) = \sum_{i=1}^N \xi_i h_i(t), \\ z'(t) &= \sum_{i=1}^N \zeta_i h_i(t). \end{aligned} \tag{33}$$

Now integrating above Eq. (33) from 0 to  $t$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) &= x_0 + \sum_{i=1}^N \lambda_i p_{i,1}(t) dt, \quad y(t) = y_0 + \sum_{i=1}^N \xi_i p_{i,1}(t) dt, \\ z(t) &= z_0 + \sum_{i=1}^N \zeta_i p_{i,1}(t) dt. \end{aligned} \tag{34}$$

By putting the values of  $x(t), y(t), z(t)$  and applying the Caputo derivative to Eq. (3), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\Gamma(1-\alpha)} \int_0^t \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N \lambda_i h_i(\mu) d\mu}{(t-\mu)^\alpha} &= a \left( x_0 + \sum_{i=1}^N \lambda_i p_{i,1}(t) \right) \\ \frac{1}{\Gamma(1-\beta)} \int_0^t \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N \xi_i h_i(\mu) d\mu}{(t-\mu)^\beta} &= b \left( x_0 + \sum_{i=1}^N \lambda_i p_{i,1}(t) \right)^2 \\ \frac{1}{\Gamma(1-\gamma)} \int_0^t \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N \zeta_i h_i(\mu) d\mu}{(t-\mu)^\gamma} &= c \left( x_0 + \sum_{i=1}^N \lambda_i p_{i,1}(t) \right) \left( y_0 + \sum_{i=1}^N \xi_i p_{i,1}(t) \right). \end{aligned} \tag{35}$$

After simplification, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\Gamma(1-\alpha)} \int_0^t \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N \lambda_i h_i(\mu) d\mu}{(t-\mu)^\alpha} - a \left( x_0 + \sum_{i=1}^N \lambda_i p_{i,1}(t) \right) &= 0 \\ \frac{1}{\Gamma(1-\beta)} \int_0^t \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N \xi_i h_i(\mu) d\mu}{(t-\mu)^\beta} - b \left( x_0 + \sum_{i=1}^N \lambda_i p_{i,1}(t) \right)^2 &= 0 \\ \frac{1}{\Gamma(1-\gamma)} \int_0^t \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N \zeta_i h_i(\mu) d\mu}{(t-\mu)^\gamma} - c \left( x_0 + \sum_{i=1}^N \lambda_i p_{i,1}(t) \right) \left( y_0 + \sum_{i=1}^N \xi_i p_{i,1}(t) \right) &= 0. \end{aligned} \tag{36}$$

The above integrals are calculated by following formula:

$$\int_{a_1}^{a_2} f(s)ds \approx \frac{a_2 - a_1}{N} \sum_{m=1}^N f(s_m) = \sum_{m=1}^N f\left(a_1 + (a_2 - a_1)\left(\frac{m - 0.5}{N}\right)\right). \quad (37)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{t}{N\Gamma(1-\alpha)} \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N \lambda_i \sum_{m=1}^N h_i(\mu_m)}{(t-\mu_m)^\alpha} - a \left(x_0 + \sum_{i=1}^N \lambda_i p_{i,1}(t)\right) &= 0 \\ \frac{t}{N\Gamma(1-\beta)} \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N \xi_i \sum_{m=1}^N h_i(\mu_m)}{(t-\mu_m)^\beta} - b \left(x_0 + \sum_{i=1}^N \lambda_i p_{i,1}(t)\right)^2 &= 0 \\ \frac{t}{N\Gamma(1-\gamma)} \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N \zeta_i \sum_{m=1}^N h_i(\mu_m)}{(t-\mu_m)^\gamma} - c \left(x_0 + \sum_{i=1}^N \lambda_i p_{i,1}(t)\right) \left(y_0 + \sum_{i=1}^N \xi_i p_{i,1}(t)\right) &= 0. \end{aligned} \quad (38)$$

Discretizing and substituting the nodal points, we obtain

$$F_j(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_N, \xi_1, \dots, \xi_N, \zeta_1, \dots, \zeta_N) = \begin{cases} \frac{t_j}{N\Gamma(1-\alpha)} \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N \lambda_i \sum_{m=1}^N h_i(\mu_m)}{(t_j-\mu_m)^\alpha} - a \left(x_0 + \sum_{i=1}^N \lambda_i p_{i,1}(t_j)\right) \\ \frac{t_j}{N\Gamma(1-\beta)} \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N \xi_i \sum_{m=1}^N h_i(\mu_m)}{(t_j-\mu_m)^\beta} - b \left(x_0 + \sum_{i=1}^N \lambda_i p_{i,1}(t_j)\right)^2 \\ \frac{t_j}{N\Gamma(1-\gamma)} \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N \zeta_i \sum_{m=1}^N h_i(\mu_m)}{(t_j-\mu_m)^\gamma} - c \left(x_0 + \sum_{i=1}^N \lambda_i p_{i,1}(t_j)\right) \times \\ \left(y_0 + \sum_{i=1}^N \xi_i p_{i,1}(t_j)\right). \end{cases} \quad (39)$$

This nonlinear system is solved by Broyden’s technique. Solving this system we obtain the unknown Haar coefficients and finally the approximate solution at CPs can be obtained by utilizing these coefficients. The Jacobian of the above system is:

$$J = \begin{cases} \frac{\partial F_j}{\partial \lambda_m} = \frac{t_j}{N\Gamma(1-\alpha)} \sum_{m=1}^N h_i(\mu_m)(t_j - \mu_m)^\alpha - a p_{m,1}(t_j), & \frac{\partial F_j}{\partial \xi_m} = 0 \\ \frac{\partial F_j}{\partial \xi_m} = 0 & \frac{\partial F_j}{\partial \lambda_m} = -2b \left(x_0 + \sum_{i=1}^N \lambda_i p_{m,1}(t_j)\right) \\ \frac{\partial F_j}{\partial \xi_m} = \frac{t_j}{N\Gamma(1-\beta)} h_i(\mu_m)(t_j - \mu_m)^\beta, & \\ \frac{\partial F_j}{\partial \xi_m} = 0, & \frac{\partial F_j}{\partial \lambda_m} = y_0 p_{m,1}(t_j) \sum_{i=1}^N \xi_i p_{i,1}(t_j), \\ \frac{\partial F_j}{\partial \xi_m} = x_0 p_{m,1}(t_j) \sum_{i=1}^N \lambda_i p_{m,1}(t_j), & \frac{\partial F_j}{\partial \xi_m} = \frac{t_j}{N\Gamma(1-\gamma)} h_i(\mu_m)(t_j - \mu_m)^\zeta. \end{cases} \quad (40)$$

#### 4. Numerical experiments

In this section, some test problems are provided to check the accuracy and efficiency of the proposed HWC technique. We have also computed the experimental rate of convergence  $R_c(N)$  which is defined as [64]

$$R_c(N) = \frac{\log[\text{Maximum absolute errors}(N/2)/\text{Maximum absolute errors}(N)]}{\log 2}. \quad (41)$$

**Example 4.1.** Consider a coupled system of linear FODEs

$$\begin{cases} {}^C D_t^\alpha x(t) = x(t) + y(t), & 0 < \alpha \leq 1, \\ {}^C D_t^\beta y(t) = -x(t) + y(t), & 0 < \beta \leq 1, \end{cases} \quad (42)$$

with the initial conditions  $x(0) = 0, y(0) = 1$ . The exact solutions at integer values for  $\alpha = \beta = 1$  are given by

$$x(t) = e^t \sin t, \quad y(t) = e^t \cos t, \quad \text{where } t \in [0, 1]. \quad (43)$$

For this Test Problem 4.1, computing numerical solution via HWCM for distinct values of scale level  $N$  and compute the absolute error against the exact solutions at integer order. The corresponding maximum absolute errors  $L_\infty = \|\text{Exact solution} - \text{Approximate solution}\|_\infty$  for the solution  $x, y$  are provided in the given Table 1. The experimental rates of convergence for different number of collocation point is calculated which is approximately equal to 2 confirms the theoretical result proved by Majak et al. [64].

Also in Fig. 1, we provide the comparison between exact and numerical solutions which reveal that the method works as a powerful tool to find approximate solutions to various classes of FODEs. Further, the approximate solution at different fractional orders  $\alpha, \beta$  are given in Fig. 2.

**Example 4.2.** Consider a system of nonlinear FODEs

$$\begin{cases} {}^C D_t^\alpha x(t) = \frac{3}{4}y^2(t), & 0 < \alpha \leq 1, \\ {}^C D_t^\beta y(t) = x(t)y(t) - \frac{1}{8}y^4(t) + 2, & 0 < \beta \leq 1, \end{cases} \quad (44)$$

with  $x(0) = 0, y(0) = 0$ . The exact solutions at fractional orders  $\alpha, \beta$  are given by

$$x(t) = \frac{6t^3}{\Gamma(5-\alpha)}, \quad y(t) = \frac{2t^{2-\beta}}{\Gamma(2-\beta)}, \quad \text{where } t \in [0, 1]. \quad (45)$$

Upon HWCM computing numerical solution, we see that the absolute errors at different scale levels are much smaller which demonstrates the efficiency and usability of the considered technique. The maximum absolute errors at different scales level are given in Table 2. Further the comparison between exact and numerical solutions is provided in the adjacent Fig. 4.

Further in Fig. 3, we have provided plots at different fractional order corresponding to Test Problem 4.2.

**Example 4.3.** Consider a system of nonlinear FODEs as

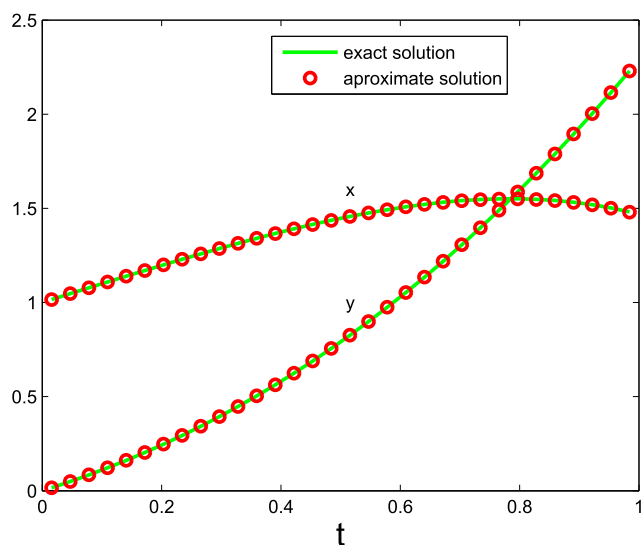
$$\begin{cases} {}^C D_t^\alpha x(t) = -1002x(t) + 1000y^2(t), & 0 < \alpha \leq 1, \\ {}^C D_t^\gamma y(t) = x(t) - y(t) - y^2(t), & 0 < \gamma \leq 2, \end{cases} \quad (46)$$

with  $x(0) = 1, y(0) = 1$ . The exact solutions at fractional orders  $\alpha, \beta$  are given by

$$x(t) = E_\alpha(-2t), \quad y(t) = E_\beta(-t), \quad \text{where } t \in [0, 1] \quad (47)$$

**Table 1** Maximum absolute errors for Test Problem 4.1 corresponding to different scale values.

$I$	$N = 2^{I+1}$	Maximum absolute errors for $x$	$R_c$	Maximum absolute errors for $y$	$R_c$
1	4	$2.53584 \times 10^{-2}$	—	$5.98245 \times 10^{-2}$	—
2	8	$6.54778 \times 10^{-3}$	1.9534	$1.67653 \times 10^{-2}$	1.8353
3	16	$1.65046 \times 10^{-3}$	1.9881	$4.43142 \times 10^{-3}$	1.9196
4	32	$4.13150 \times 10^{-4}$	1.9981	$1.13860 \times 10^{-3}$	1.9605
5	64	$1.03367 \times 10^{-4}$	1.9989	$2.88535 \times 10^{-4}$	1.9804
6	128	$2.58462 \times 10^{-5}$	1.9998	$7.26216 \times 10^{-5}$	1.9903
7	256	$6.46179 \times 10^{-6}$	1.9999	$1.82165 \times 10^{-5}$	1.9952
8	512	$1.61546 \times 10^{-6}$	2.0000	$4.56177 \times 10^{-6}$	1.9976
9	1024	$4.03865 \times 10^{-7}$	2.0000	$1.14139 \times 10^{-6}$	1.9988



**Fig. 1** Comparison of both (approximate and exact) solution for 32 nodal points for Test Problem 4.1.

and  $E$  is Mittag–Leffler function.

Again by using HWCM to compute numerical solution, we see that the absolute errors at different scale levels are much smaller which demonstrates the efficiency and usability of the considered techniques. The maximum absolute errors at different scales level are given in Table 3.

Further the comparison between exact and numerical solutions is provided in the adjacent Fig. 5.

The approximate solutions at different fractional orders are given in Fig. 6.

**Example 4.4.** Consider the following nonlinear system of FODEs:

$$\begin{aligned}
 {}_0^C D_t^\alpha x(t) &= x(t), & 0 < \alpha \leq 1, \\
 {}_0^C D_t^\beta y(t) &= 2x^2(t), & 0 < \beta \leq 1, \\
 {}_0^C D_t^\gamma z(t) &= 3x(t)y(t), & 0 < \gamma \leq 1,
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{48}$$

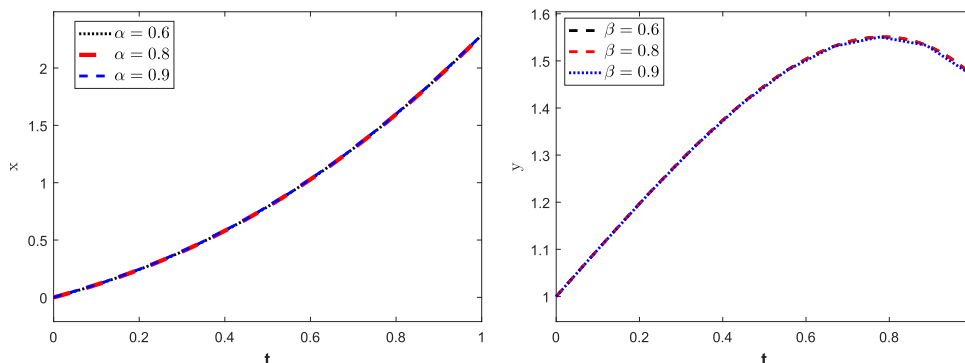
with the initial conditions  $x(0) = 1, y(0) = 1, z(0) = 1$ . The exact solutions at fractional orders  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  are given by

$$\begin{aligned}
 x(t) &= E_\alpha(t), & y(t) &= E_\beta(2t) \\
 z(t) &= E_\gamma(3t), & \text{where } t &\in [0, 1],
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{49}$$

where  $E$  is known as Mittag–Leffler function.

With the help HWCM we compute numerical results for the coupled system of nonlinear FODEs, we see that the proposed method can be used as a powerful tools to find numerical solutions to the aforesaid equations. Further we compute maximum absolute errors at different scale levels in the given Table 4.

Also the comparison between exact and numerical solution by using HWCM, we provide in Fig. 7. From this figure it is obvious that exact and numerical solutions have close agreement which show the accuracy of the proposed method.

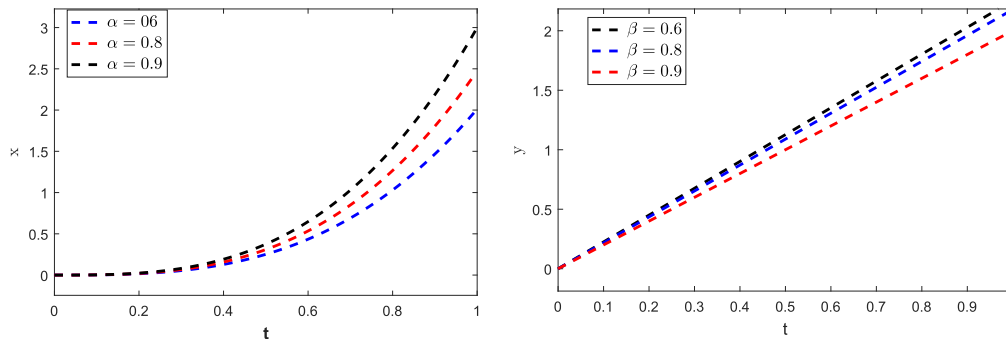


**Fig. 2** Approximate solutions for different values of  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ , for Test Problem 4.1 corresponding to  $N = 20$ .

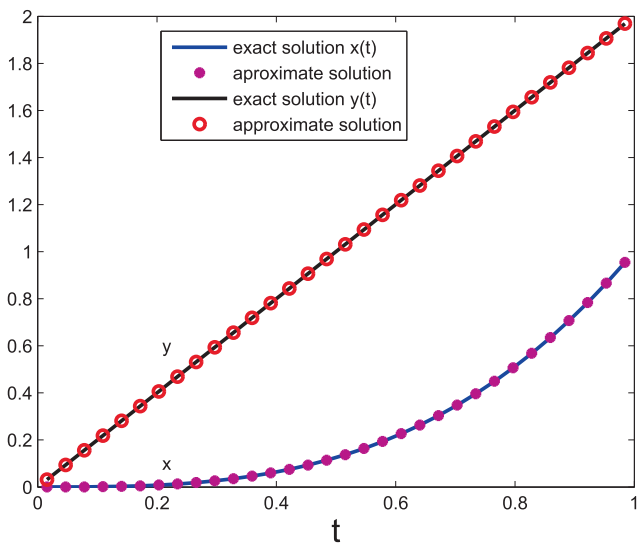


**Table 2** Maximum absolute errors for Test Problem 4.2 corresponding to different scale values.

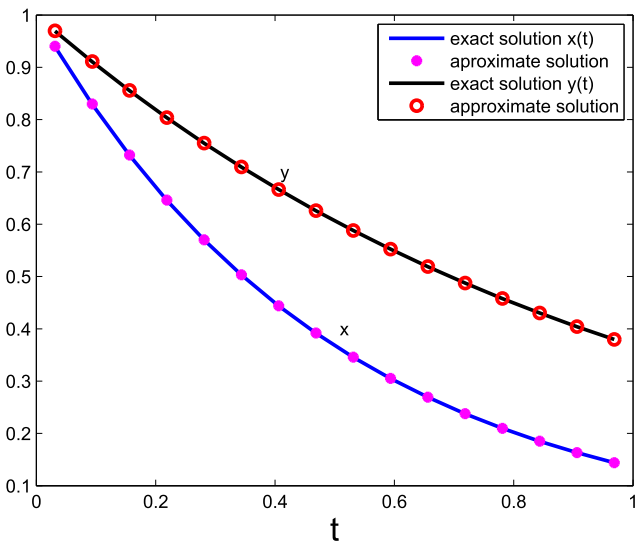
$I$	$N = 2^{I+1}$	Maximum absolute errors for $x$	$R_c$	Maximum absolute errors for $y$	$R_c$
1	4	$3.43132 \times 10^{-2}$	—	$1.24768 \times 10^{-2}$	—
2	8	$9.43685 \times 10^{-3}$	1.8624	$3.58431 \times 10^{-3}$	1.7995
3	16	$2.48763 \times 10^{-3}$	1.9235	$9.60782 \times 10^{-4}$	1.8994
4	32	$6.37703 \times 10^{-4}$	1.9638	$2.49109 \times 10^{-4}$	1.9474
5	64	$1.59498 \times 10^{-4}$	1.9993	$6.39858 \times 10^{-5}$	1.9610
6	128	$3.78216 \times 10^{-5}$	2.0763	$1.68077 \times 10^{-5}$	1.9286
7	256	$7.10139 \times 10^{-6}$	2.4130	$4.90903 \times 10^{-6}$	1.9756



**Fig. 3** Approximate solutions for different values of  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ , for Test Problem 4.2 corresponding to  $N = 20$ .



**Fig. 4** Comparison of both (approximate and exact) solution for 32 mesh points for Test Problem 4.2.



**Fig. 5** Comparison of both (approximate and exact) solution for 16 nodal points for Test Problem 4.3.

**Table 3** Maximum absolute errors for Test Problem 4.3 corresponding to different scale values.

$I$	$N = 2^{I+1}$	Maximum absolute errors for $x$	$R_c$	Maximum absolute errors for $y$	$R_c$
1	4	$3.36789 \times 10^{-2}$	—	$2.12309 \times 10^{-2}$	—
2	8	$1.14395 \times 10^{-2}$	1.5578	$6.40283 \times 10^{-3}$	1.7294
3	16	$3.37653 \times 10^{-3}$	1.7604	$1.76660 \times 10^{-3}$	1.8577
4	32	$9.29181 \times 10^{-4}$	1.8615	$4.64595 \times 10^{-4}$	1.9269
5	64	$2.52180 \times 10^{-4}$	1.8815	$1.06582 \times 10^{-4}$	2.1240
6	128	$6.43774 \times 10^{-5}$	1.9698	$3.06058 \times 10^{-5}$	1.8001
7	256	$1.77412 \times 10^{-5}$	1.8595	$5.37993 \times 10^{-6}$	2.5081
8	512	$4.47875 \times 10^{-6}$	1.9859	$1.37005 \times 10^{-6}$	1.9734

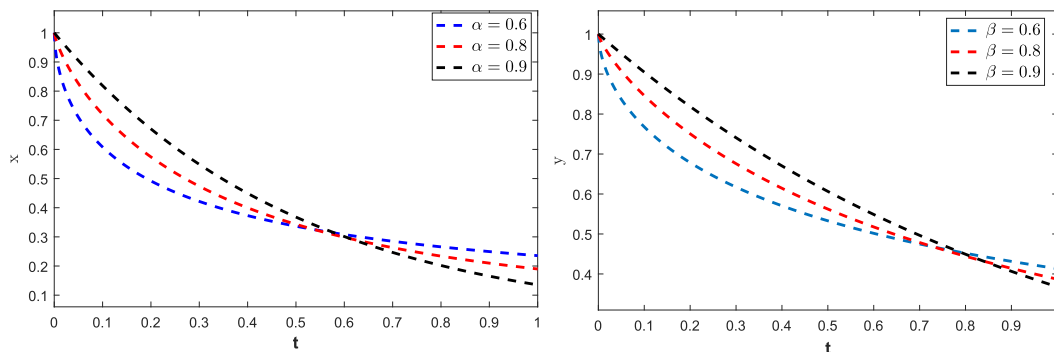


Fig. 6 Approximate solutions at  $N = 20$  for Test Problem 4.3 against different fractional values of  $\alpha, \beta$ .

Table 4 Maximum absolute errors for Test Problem 4.4 corresponding to different scale values.

$I$	$N = 2^{I+1}$	Maximum absolute errors for $x$	Maximum absolute errors for $y$	Maximum absolute errors for $z$
1	4	$8.13468 \times 10^{-3}$	$6.72459 \times 10^{-2}$	$3.98281 \times 10^{-1}$
2	8	$2.11925 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.79610 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.09190 \times 10^{-1}$
3	16	$5.41185 \times 10^{-4}$	$4.64604 \times 10^{-3}$	$2.86363 \times 10^{-2}$
4	32	$1.36762 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.18179 \times 10^{-3}$	$7.33582 \times 10^{-3}$
5	64	$3.43767 \times 10^{-5}$	$2.98037 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.85667 \times 10^{-3}$
6	128	$8.61762 \times 10^{-6}$	$7.48362 \times 10^{-5}$	$4.67044 \times 10^{-4}$
7	256	$2.15735 \times 10^{-6}$	$1.87501 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.17123 \times 10^{-4}$

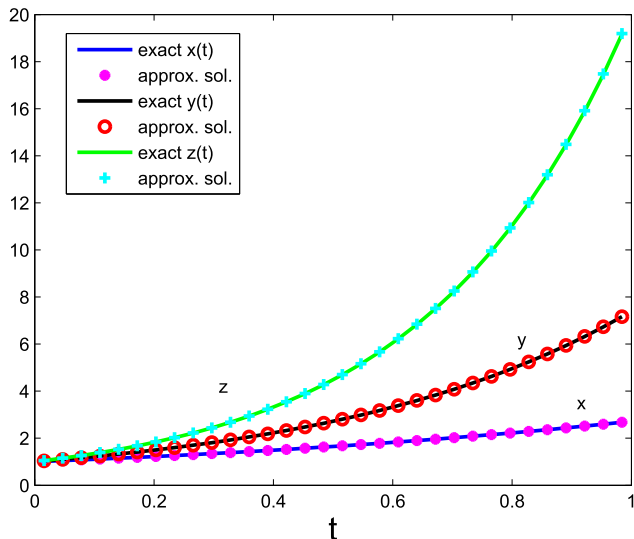


Fig. 7 Comparison of both (exact and approximate) solution for  $N = 32$  for Test Problem 4.4 at  $\alpha = \beta = \gamma = 1$ .

Further enlarging the numbers of collocation points the absolute error may further be decreased which show the applicability of the considered method.

Further in Fig. 8 we have provided comparison between exact and numerical solutions.

5. Conclusion

In this paper we have successfully extended the HWCN for the solutions to linear and nonlinear FODEs under initial conditions. The mentioned method has been worked as a powerful and efficient techniques to establish numerical results for both linear and nonlinear FODEs. In future this method can be used to solve other problems which are highly nonlinear devoted to partial differential equations of fractional order. Also we have compared our results with the exact solutions of the considered test problems at integer order. We see from the tables and plots that the computed numerical results have close agreement with the corresponding exact solutions at integer order. The experimental rates of convergence for different

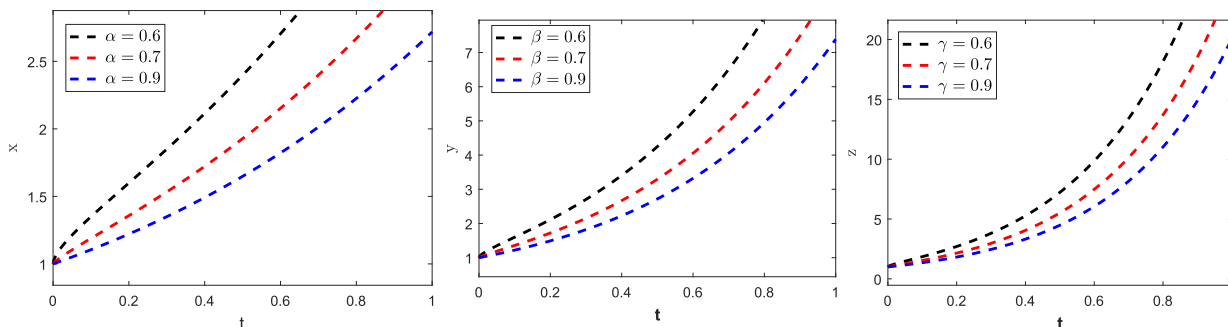


Fig. 8 Approximate solutions at  $N = 20$  for Test Problem 4.4 against different fractional values of  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$ .



number of collocation point is also calculated, which is approximately equal to 2.

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