



# A reproducing kernel method for solving nonlocal functional differential equations with delayed or advanced arguments

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## Abstract

This paper discusses an effective approach for solving non-local functional differential equations with delayed or advanced arguments. The reproducing kernel method is utilized to avoid the need for an orthogonalization process. The main objective of this technique is to successfully apply this method to solve singular multi-point boundary value problems with non-local conditions, resulting in an accurate approximate solution and a valid error analysis. This method greatly improves the accuracy of the solutions obtained.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

This paper is concerned with an efficient semi-analytical method to solve non-local functional differential equations with delayed or advanced arguments as follows:

$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{L}(u(\tau)) = u'(\tau) + \rho(\tau)u(\kappa(\tau)) + \varrho(\tau)u(\tau) = \mathbf{N}(u(\tau)) + \mathbf{F}(\tau), & \tau \in [0, 1], \\ u(1) = \lambda_1 u(c) - \lambda_2 \int_0^1 s u(s) ds, \quad \text{or} \quad u(0) = \sum_{i=1}^{m_1} \nu_i u(\zeta_i), \end{cases} \quad (1.1)$$

where  $\rho(\cdot)$  and  $\varrho(\cdot) \in C[0, 1]$ , and  $\kappa(\cdot) \in C^1[0, 1]$ , and  $\mathbf{L}(u(\cdot))$  is a bounded linear operator, and  $\mathbf{N}(u(\cdot))$  is a continuous nonlinear operator. Additionally,  $0 < \zeta_i < 1$ ,  $\nu_i$  are constants,  $c \in [0, 1]$ ,  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in \mathbb{R}$ , and  $m_1$  is a constant integer. We suppose  $\mathbf{F}(\cdot)$  is given such that Eq. (1.1) satisfies the existence and uniqueness of the solutions.

The existence and uniqueness of solutions for functional differential equations have been extensively studied in [10, 11, 13, 17]. Several authors have proposed different computational methods for solving non-local functional differential equations [2, 5, 14, 16]. X. Li and B. Wu used the general form of the reproducing kernel method (RKM) to solve Eq. (1.1) [22]. This method is very useful, and many researchers use it for solving hard problems, i.e., the system of nonlinear singularly perturbed boundary value problems [1], forced Duffing equations [15], and nonlinear boundary value problems [19]. In our research, we utilize a different implementation of the general form of RKM, as presented by Wang et al. in [25, 26]. This approach, referred to as RKM without the use of the orthogonalization process, is fully explained in their work. There are main factors to increase the accuracy of the approximate solution in the reproducing kernel method: a suitable choice is an inner product in the reproducing kernel space (for short, RKS) because the inner product directly affects the kernel function and, accordingly, the accuracy of the approximation of the solution. The subsequent factor is the selection of the points in the interval  $[0, 1]$  to construct the basis of the RKS. Indeed, the equidistance points can not provide an appropriate basis, and subsequently, the approximate

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solutions cannot be determined with high accuracy. Before expressing our structure in this study, it is worth noting that approximate solutions must be obtained in a large space. We are trying to calculate the approximate solutions in the large space. This work is structured as follows: Section 2 discusses the main definitions and requirements of the nonlocal functional differential equations procedure and the theory of the RKS. In section 3, the approach is introduced without the Gram-Schmidt orthogonalization process, the convergence is analyzed, and the error for the presented scheme is discussed. Also, several numerical experiments are presented to illustrate the effectiveness of the proposed technique in sections 4 and 5, respectively. Section 6 terminates this article with a brief conclusion.

## 2. THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE RKS

The reproducing kernel space and the corresponding function are constructed as follows. We consider the Hilbert space  $\mathbf{W}^K[0, 1]$  [12]

$$\mathbf{W}^K[0, 1] = \left\{ u(\cdot) | u^{(K-1)}(\cdot) \text{ is absolutely continuous, and } u^{(K)}(\cdot) \in L^2[0, 1] \right\},$$

which are equipped with the following inner products and norms for  $K = 2, 3$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \langle u_1(\cdot), u_2(\cdot) \rangle_{\mathbf{W}^3[0,1]} &= \sum_{i=0}^2 u_1^{(i)}(1)u_2^{(i)}(1) + \int_0^1 u_1'''(\tau)u_2'''(\tau)d\tau, \\ \langle u_1(\cdot), u_2(\cdot) \rangle_{\mathbf{W}^2[0,1]} &= u_1(0)u_2(0) + u_1'(1)u_2'(1) + \int_0^1 u_1''(\tau)u_2''(\tau)d\tau, \\ \|u(\cdot)\|_{\mathbf{W}^K[0,1]} &= \sqrt{\langle u, u \rangle_{\mathbf{W}^K[0,1]}}, \quad u_1(\cdot), u_2(\cdot) \in \mathbf{W}^K[0, 1]. \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 2.1.** *The space  $\mathbf{W}^K[0, 1]$  is a reproducing kernel Hilbert space, and its reproducing kernel is given as follows:*

$$Q_y(\tau) = \begin{cases} Q(\tau, y), & \tau \leq y, \\ Q(y, \tau), & \tau > y, \end{cases}$$

where for  $u(0) = 0$ ,  $K = 2$ , and  $K = 3$  the reproducing kernel  $Q(\tau, y)$  is  $\frac{\tau^3}{6} + \frac{1}{2}\tau(y^2 - 4y)$  and

$$\begin{aligned} &\tau^5/120 + (2617\tau y)/2208 - (71\tau^2 y)/138 - (13\tau^5 y)/2208 - (71\tau y^2)/138 + (187\tau^2 y^2)/414 + (\tau^5 y^2)/828 \\ &- (\tau^2 y^3)/12 + (\tau y^4)/24 - (13\tau y^5)/2208 + (\tau^2 y^5)/828 - (\tau^5 y^5)/33120, \end{aligned}$$

respectively. Without  $u(0) = 0$  for  $K = 2$  and  $K = 3$ , the reproducing kernel  $Q(\tau, y)$  is  $\frac{\tau^3}{6} + \frac{1}{2}\tau(y^2 - 4y) - 1$  and  $\frac{1}{12}\tau^2(-y^3 + 6y^2 - 9y + 4) + \frac{1}{24}\tau(y^4 - 18y^2 + 56y - 39) + \frac{1}{120}(-y^5 + 40y^2 - 195y + 276)$ , respectively; see [12].

Using non-local conditions  $u(0) = \sum_{i=1}^{m_1} \nu_i u(\zeta_i)$  and  $u(1) = \lambda_1 u(c) - \lambda_2 \int_0^1 su(s)ds$  in the form  $\gamma_1 u = u(0) - \sum_{i=1}^{m_1} \nu_i u(\zeta_i)$  and  $\gamma_2 u = u(1) - \lambda_1 u(c) + \lambda_2 \int_0^1 su(s)ds$  with the same inner products, we define the reproducing kernel space  $\hat{\mathbf{W}}^K[0, 1]$  as follows.

**Definition 2.2.** The reproducing kernel space  $\hat{\mathbf{W}}^K[0, 1]$  is constructed by satisfying the conditions  $\gamma_1 u = 0$  or  $\gamma_2 u = 0$  and is defined as:

$$\hat{\mathbf{W}}^K[0, 1] = \{u(\cdot) | u(\cdot) \in \mathbf{W}^K[0, 1], \gamma_1 u = 0 \text{ or } \gamma_2 u = 0\}.$$

It is clear that  $\hat{\mathbf{W}}^K[0, 1]$  is a closed subspace of  $\mathbf{W}^K[0, 1]$ . Hence,  $\hat{\mathbf{W}}^K[0, 1]$  is also a reproducing kernel space. Taking into account the operator form of the Eq. (1.1), it is easy to demonstrate that  $\mathbf{L} : \hat{\mathbf{W}}^2[0, 1] \longrightarrow \mathbf{W}^1[0, 1]$  is a bounded linear operator.



**Theorem 2.3.** [3, 27, 28] If  $Q_y(\cdot)$  is the reproducing kernel of the space  $\mathbf{W}^2[0, 1]$ , and  $B : \mathbf{W}^2[0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbf{W}^1[0, 1]$  is a bounded linear operator, and  $q_1(\tau) = B_y(Q_y(\tau))$  and  $q_2(\tau) = B_y(Q_y(\tau) - \frac{q_1(\tau)q_1(y)}{\|q_1\|_{\mathbf{W}^2}^2})$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}\|q_1\|_{\mathbf{W}^2}^2 &= B_y(B_s(Q_y(s))), \\ \|q_2\|_{\mathbf{W}^2}^2 &= B_y(B_s(Q_y(s) - \frac{q_1(s)q_1(y)}{\|q_1\|_{\mathbf{W}^2}^2})),\end{aligned}$$

where symbols  $B_\tau$  or  $B_y$  indicate that this operator applies to  $\tau$  or  $y$ , respectively.

**Theorem 2.4.** If  $Q_y(\cdot)$  is the reproducing kernel of the space  $\mathbf{W}^2[0, 1]$ , then

$$\hat{Q}_y(\tau) = Q_y(\tau) - \frac{q_1(\tau)q_1(y)}{\|q_1\|_{\mathbf{W}^2}^2},$$

is the reproducing kernel of the space  $\mathbf{H}[0, 1] = \{u(\cdot) | u(\cdot) \in \mathbf{W}^2[0, 1], B(u) = 0\}$ .

*Proof.* First, we show that  $\hat{Q}_y(\tau) \in \mathbf{H}[0, 1]$ , since  $q_1(\tau) = B_y(Q_y(\tau))$ ,  $q_1(y) = B_s(Q_y(s))$ , and applying Theorem 2.3, we get  $\|q_1\|_{\mathbf{W}^2}^2 = B_y(B_s(Q_y(s)))$ , thus

$$\begin{aligned}B_y(\hat{Q}_y(\tau)) &= B_y(Q_y(\tau)) - \frac{q_1(\tau)B_y(q_1(y))}{\|q_1\|_{\mathbf{W}^2}^2} \\ &= B_y(Q_y(\tau)) - \frac{B_y(Q_y(\tau))B_y(B_s(Q_y(s)))}{B_y(B_s(Q_y(s)))} = 0.\end{aligned}$$

In continuation, we show  $\forall u(y) \in \mathbf{H}[0, 1]$ ,  $u(\tau) = \langle u(y), \hat{Q}_y(\tau) \rangle_{\mathbf{H}}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}\langle u(y), \hat{Q}_y(\tau) \rangle_{\mathbf{H}} &= \langle u(y), Q_y(\tau) - \frac{q_1(\tau)q_1(y)}{\|q_1\|_{\mathbf{W}^2}^2} \rangle_{\mathbf{H}} \\ &= \langle u(y), Q_y(\tau) \rangle_{\mathbf{H}} - \langle u(y), \frac{q_1(\tau)q_1(y)}{\|q_1\|_{\mathbf{W}^2}^2} \rangle_{\mathbf{H}} \\ &= u(\tau) - \frac{q_1(\tau)}{\|q_1\|_{\mathbf{W}^2}^2} B_s \langle u(y), Q_y(s) \rangle_{\mathbf{H}},\end{aligned}$$

since  $\hat{Q}_y(\tau) \in \mathbf{H}[0, 1]$ , we follow  $B(u) = 0$ ; hence  $B_s(u(s)) = 0$ . As a result,  $\langle u(y), \hat{Q}_y(\tau) \rangle_{\mathbf{H}} = u(\tau)$ . For more details refer to [3, 20, 27, 28].  $\square$

### 3. MAIN IDEA

Suppose  $r_y(\tau)$  is the reproducing kernel function for space  $\mathbf{W}^1[0, 1]$  and  $\{\tau_i\}_{i=1}^\infty$  is a dense set on the domain of Eq. (1.1). We define bases of the reproducing kernel space  $\hat{\mathbf{W}}^2[0, 1]$  as follow:

$$\xi_i(\tau) = \hat{Q}_y(\tau)|_{y=\tau_i}.$$

**Theorem 3.1.** [12] If  $\{\tau_i\}_{i=1}^\infty$  is a dense set on  $[0, 1]$ , then  $\xi_i(\tau) = \hat{Q}_y(\tau)|_{y=\tau_i}$  is a system of complete functions in  $\hat{\mathbf{W}}^2[0, 1]$ .

**Theorem 3.2.** [12] If  $\{\tau_i\}_{i=1}^\infty$  is a dense set on  $[0, 1]$ , then the analytical solution of Eq. (1.1) is

$$u_m(\tau) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} c_{i,m} \xi_i(\tau), \quad m = 1, 2, \dots, \quad (3.1)$$

where  $c_{i,m}$  represents the unknown coefficients, they can be determined.



We denoted the approximate solution of Eq. (1.1) as  $u_{n,m}(\tau)$ . We solve the following system of algebraic equations for  $m = 1, 2, \dots$ , to determine the unknown coefficients  $c_{i,m}$ :

$$\sum_{i=1}^n c_{i,m} \mathbf{L}\xi_i(\tau)|_{\tau=\tau_j} = \mathbf{N}(u_{n,m-1}(\tau))|_{\tau=\tau_j} + \mathbf{F}(\tau_j), \quad m = 1, 2, \dots, \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, n. \quad (3.2)$$

We have Eq. (3.2) in matrix form,

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{B},$$

where

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{L}\xi_i(\tau)|_{\tau=\tau_j} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{L}\xi_1(\tau_1) & \mathbf{L}\xi_2(\tau_1) & \mathbf{L}\xi_3(\tau_1) & \dots & \mathbf{L}\xi_{n-1}(\tau_1) & \mathbf{L}\xi_n(\tau_1) \\ \mathbf{L}\xi_1(\tau_2) & \mathbf{L}\xi_2(\tau_2) & \mathbf{L}\xi_3(\tau_2) & \dots & \mathbf{L}\xi_{n-1}(\tau_2) & \mathbf{L}\xi_n(\tau_2) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \mathbf{L}\xi_1(\tau_{n-1}) & \mathbf{L}\xi_2(\tau_{n-1}) & \mathbf{L}\xi_3(\tau_{n-1}) & \dots & \mathbf{L}\xi_{n-1}(\tau_{n-1}) & \mathbf{L}\xi_n(\tau_{n-1}) \\ \mathbf{L}\xi_1(\tau_n) & \mathbf{L}\xi_2(\tau_n) & \mathbf{L}\xi_3(\tau_n) & \dots & \mathbf{L}\xi_{n-1}(\tau_n) & \mathbf{L}\xi_n(\tau_n) \end{bmatrix}, \quad (3.3)$$

$$\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{N}(u_{n,m-1}(\tau))|_{\tau=\tau_j} + \mathbf{F}(\tau_j) = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{N}(u_{n,m-1}(\tau_1)) + \mathbf{F}(\tau_1) \\ \mathbf{N}(u_{n,m-1}(\tau_2)) + \mathbf{F}(\tau_2) \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{N}(u_{n,m-1}(\tau_{n-1})) + \mathbf{F}(\tau_{n-1}) \\ \mathbf{N}(u_{n,m-1}(\tau_n)) + \mathbf{F}(\tau_n) \end{bmatrix}, \quad (3.4)$$

and

$$\mathbf{C} = \begin{bmatrix} c_{1,m} \\ c_{2,m} \\ \vdots \\ c_{n-1,m} \\ c_{n,m} \end{bmatrix}, \quad (3.5)$$

whit  $\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{A}^{-1}\mathbf{B}$ , and from our assumptions,  $\mathbf{A}^{-1}$  exists and is unique, see [4, 6, 8].

**Remark 3.3.** We can define another basis for the reproducing kernel space  $\hat{\mathbf{W}}^2[0, 1]$  as follow:

$$\eta_i(\tau) = \mathbf{L}_y \hat{Q}_y(\tau)|_{y=\tau_i} = \frac{\partial \hat{Q}_y(\tau)}{\partial y}|_{y=\tau_i} + \rho(y) \hat{Q}_y(\kappa(\tau))|_{y=\tau_i} + \varrho(y) \hat{Q}_y(\tau)|_{y=\tau_i}.$$

#### 4. CONVERGENCE ANALYSIS AND ERROR BOUND

**Theorem 4.1.** [26] *The approximate solution (3.2) and its derivative are uniformly convergent to the exact solution of Eq. (1.1).*

**Corollary 4.2.** [12] *The approximate solution  $u_{n,m}^{(l)}(\tau)$  is uniformly convergent to  $u^{(l)}(\tau)$  in space  $\hat{\mathbf{W}}^K[0, 1]$  for  $K = 2, 3$  and  $l = 0, 1$ .*

**Theorem 4.3.** [9, 18, 21] *In the space  $\hat{\mathbf{W}}^K[0, 1]$ , if  $u^{(K+1)}(\tau) \in C[0, 1]$  and  $\|u_{n,m}^{(K+1)}(\tau)\|_\infty$  is bounded, then error bounds are given as follows:*

$$\begin{aligned} \|u_{n,m} - u\|_\infty &= \max_{\tau \in [0,1]} |u_{n,m}(\tau) - u(\tau)| \leq \theta_1 h^{K+1}, \\ \|u'_{n,m} - u'\|_\infty &= \max_{\tau \in [0,1]} |u'_{n,m}(\tau) - u'(\tau)| \leq \theta_2 h^K, \end{aligned}$$

where  $u_{n,m}(\tau)$  is the approximate solution and  $u(\tau)$  is the exact solution of the problem (1.1), and  $h = \max|\tau_{i+1} - \tau_i|$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ , and  $\theta_1$  and  $\theta_2$  are positive constants.



**Remark 4.4.** The stability of the solution to Eq. (1.1) is defined in the kernel space  $\hat{\mathbf{W}}^K[0, 1]$ . Let  $u(\cdot)$  be a solution of Eq. (1.1). The approximate method, which computes  $u_{n,m}(\cdot)$  using the right-hand side  $\mathbf{F}_n(\cdot)$ , is called stable in  $\hat{\mathbf{W}}^K[0, 1]$  if the following is true: whenever  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|\mathbf{F} - \mathbf{F}_n\|_{\hat{\mathbf{W}}^K} = 0$ , it follows that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|u - u_{n,m}\|_{\hat{\mathbf{W}}^K} = 0.$$

To investigate the stability of the proposed method for the solution of problem (1.1). We add a perturbation  $\varepsilon$  in the right-hand side. On the other hand, we demonstrate the variation of the obtained solution from the proposed method is bounded by a constant multiple of  $\varepsilon$ . In other words, the obtained solution depends continuously on the right-hand side.

**Theorem 4.5.** *The present method is stable in the reproducing kernel space  $\hat{\mathbf{W}}^K[0, 1]$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose the Eq. (1.1) has solution  $u(\tau)$  and let  $\mathbf{L}(u_{n,m}(\tau)) = \mathbf{F}_n(\tau)$  and  $\mathbf{F}(\tau) = \mathbf{F}_n(\tau) + \varepsilon_n(\tau)$ , where  $\varepsilon_n(\cdot)$  is a perturbation and  $\varepsilon_n(\cdot) \xrightarrow{\hat{\mathbf{W}}^K} 0$  ( $n \rightarrow \infty$ ). From the Equations (3.1) and (3.2), we get

$$u(\tau) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} c_i \xi_i(\tau), \quad u_{n,m}(\tau) = \sum_{i=1}^n c_i \xi_i(\tau),$$

for  $\mathbf{F}(\tau), \mathbf{F}_n(\tau) \in \mathbf{W}^1[0, 1]$ , we have

$$\mathbf{L}(u(\tau) - u_{n,m}(\tau)) = \mathbf{F}(\tau) - \mathbf{F}_n(\tau) = \varepsilon_n(\tau).$$

According to the properties of the operator  $L$  in Eq. (1.1), we follow the existence and uniqueness of the solution, namely, the operator  $\mathbf{L}^{-1}$  exists. Therefore,

$$u(\tau) - u_{n,m}(\tau) = \mathbf{L}^{-1} \varepsilon_n(\tau).$$

Since  $\mathbf{L}^{-1}$  is continuous, it is bounded, and  $\varepsilon_n(\cdot) \xrightarrow{\hat{\mathbf{W}}^K} 0$  ( $n \rightarrow \infty$ ), we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|u - u_{n,m}\|_{\hat{\mathbf{W}}^K} \leq \|\mathbf{L}^{-1}\| \|\varepsilon_n\|_{\hat{\mathbf{W}}^K} = 0.$$

□

## 5. NUMERICAL EXAMPLES

In this section we used software package Mathematica 12.1, and absolute errors are used to show numerical example results. The convergence orders for the approximate solutions are calculated using the  $C_r = \log_2 \frac{E_n}{E_{2n}}$  where  $E_n = \max_{\tau \in [0,1]} |u(\tau) - u_{n,m}(\tau)|$  and  $E'_n = \max_{\tau \in [0,1]} |u'(\tau) - u'_{n,m}(\tau)|$ . Comparing the accuracy of the present method with that of the method used in [22] ( $E_n, E'_n$ ) are given in Tables 1, 4, 7, and 8 for Examples 5.1, 5.2, and 5.3, specifically in the spaces  $\mathbf{W}^3[0, 1]$  and  $\hat{\mathbf{W}}^3[0, 1]$ . The convergence orders for Examples 5.1, 5.2, and 5.3 with different numbers of collocation points ( $n = 5, 10, 20, 40$ ) are calculated and presented in Tables 2, 3, 5, 6, 9, and 10. These results serve as evidence for the accuracy of error analysis in Theorem 4.3. The graphs of the absolute errors for the approximate solutions and their derivatives with  $n = 11$  and  $n = 51$  for Examples 5.1, 5.2, and 5.3 in the spaces  $\hat{\mathbf{W}}^2[0, 1]$  and  $\hat{\mathbf{W}}^3[0, 1]$  are given in Figures 1–6.

**Example 5.1.** [22–24] Consider the nonlocal functional differential equation with advanced argument as follows:

$$\begin{cases} u'(\tau) + u(\tau) - \sin(\sqrt{\tau})u(\frac{\tau^2}{2}) = \mathbf{F}(\tau), & \tau \in (0, 1), \\ u(0) - u(\frac{1}{8}) - u(\frac{1}{2}) + a_0 u(\frac{1}{8}) = 0, \end{cases}$$

where  $a_0 = 5.15793$  is considered such that the exact solution is  $u(\tau) = \sinh(\tau)$ .

**Example 5.2.** [22–24] Consider the functional differential equation with integral condition of the following form:

$$\begin{cases} u'(\tau) + 500e^\tau u(\sqrt{\tau}) + 2000u(\tau) = \mathbf{F}(\tau), & \tau \in (0, 1), \\ u(1) = 5 \int_0^1 su(s)ds, \end{cases}$$

where the exact solution is  $u(\tau) = \tau^3$ .



TABLE 1. Comparison of the errors in space  $\hat{\mathbf{W}}^3[0, 1]$  and  $\mathbf{W}^3[0, 1]$  for Example 5.1.

PM $\hat{\mathbf{W}}^3$				<a href="#">[22]</a> $\mathbf{W}^3$	
$E_{11}$	$E_{51}$	$E'_{11}$	$E'_{51}$	$E_{11}$	$E_{51}$
$2.50 \times 10^{-6}$	$1.25 \times 10^{-7}$	$1.40 \times 10^{-4}$	$2.00 \times 10^{-7}$	$1.60 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.00 \times 10^{-6}$

TABLE 2. Convergence orders for Example 5.1 in space  $\hat{\mathbf{W}}^2[0, 1]$ .

$E_5$	$E_{10}$	$\text{Log}_2 \frac{E_5}{E_{10}}$	$E_{20}$	$\text{Log}_2 \frac{E_{10}}{E_{20}}$	$E_{40}$	$\text{Log}_2 \frac{E_{20}}{E_{40}}$
$1.20 \times 10^{-3}$	$3.00 \times 10^{-4}$	2.00	$7.00 \times 10^{-5}$	2.09954	$1.50 \times 10^{-5}$	2.22239
$E'_5$	$E'_{10}$	$\text{Log}_2 \frac{E'_5}{E'_{10}}$	$E'_{20}$	$\text{Log}_2 \frac{E'_{10}}{E'_{20}}$	$E'_{40}$	$\text{Log}_2 \frac{E'_{20}}{E'_{40}}$
$3.00 \times 10^{-2}$	$8.00 \times 10^{-3}$	1.90689	$2.00 \times 10^{-3}$	2.00	$4.00 \times 10^{-4}$	2.32193

TABLE 3. Convergence orders for Example 5.1 in space  $\hat{\mathbf{W}}^3[0, 1]$ .

$E_5$	$E_{10}$	$\text{Log}_2 \frac{E_5}{E_{10}}$	$E_{20}$	$\text{Log}_2 \frac{E_{10}}{E_{20}}$	$E_{40}$	$\text{Log}_2 \frac{E_{20}}{E_{40}}$
$2.50 \times 10^{-4}$	$5.00 \times 10^{-6}$	5.64386	$3.00 \times 10^{-7}$	4.05889	$1.25 \times 10^{-7}$	1.26303
$E'_5$	$E'_{10}$	$\text{Log}_2 \frac{E'_5}{E'_{10}}$	$E'_{20}$	$\text{Log}_2 \frac{E'_{10}}{E'_{20}}$	$E'_{40}$	$\text{Log}_2 \frac{E'_{20}}{E'_{40}}$
$2.50 \times 10^{-3}$	$2.00 \times 10^{-4}$	3.64386	$1.20 \times 10^{-5}$	4.05889	$8.00 \times 10^{-7}$	3.90689

**Example 5.3.** [\[22–24\]](#) Consider the following functional differential equation with proportional delay (the pantograph equation):

$$\begin{cases} u'(\tau) + \frac{1}{10}u(\frac{\tau}{5}) + u(\tau) = \mathbf{F}(\tau), & \tau \in (0, 1), \\ u(0) = 1, \end{cases}$$

where the exact solution of this equation is  $u(\tau) = e^{-\tau}$ .

The numerical results obtained using the RKS method are presented in the tables and all figures, including the convergence order, maximum absolute error for an approximate solution, and maximum absolute error for the derivative of an approximate solution. More details are given in the introduction of this section. Further, the numerical results obtained by applying the proposed method are in agreement with the theoretical results and order of convergence.



TABLE 4. Comparison of the errors in space  $\hat{\mathbf{W}}^3[0, 1]$  and  $\mathbf{W}^3[0, 1]$  for Example 5.2.

PM $\hat{\mathbf{W}}^3$				<a href="#">[22]</a> $\mathbf{W}^3$	
$E_{11}$	$E_{51}$	$E'_{11}$	$E'_{51}$	$E_{11}$	$E_{51}$
$4.00 \times 10^{-5}$	$8.00 \times 10^{-9}$	$4.00 \times 10^{-3}$	$8.00 \times 10^{-6}$	$1.50 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.75 \times 10^{-6}$

TABLE 5. Convergence orders for Example 5.2 in space  $\hat{\mathbf{W}}^2[0, 1]$ .

$E_5$	$E_{10}$	$\text{Log}_2 \frac{E_5}{E_{10}}$	$E_{20}$	$\text{Log}_2 \frac{E_{10}}{E_{20}}$	$E_{40}$	$\text{Log}_2 \frac{E_{20}}{E_{40}}$
$1.50 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.20 \times 10^{-3}$	3.64386	$8.00 \times 10^{-5}$	3.90689	$5.00 \times 10^{-6}$	4.00
$E'_5$	$E'_{10}$	$\text{Log}_2 \frac{E'_5}{E'_{10}}$	$E'_{20}$	$\text{Log}_2 \frac{E'_{10}}{E'_{20}}$	$E'_{40}$	$\text{Log}_2 \frac{E'_{20}}{E'_{40}}$
$6.00 \times 10^{-1}$	$1.50 \times 10^{-1}$	2.00	$4.00 \times 10^{-2}$	1.90689	$1.00 \times 10^{-2}$	2.00

TABLE 6. Convergence orders for Example 5.2 in space  $\hat{\mathbf{W}}^3[0, 1]$ .

$E_5$	$E_{10}$	$\text{Log}_2 \frac{E_5}{E_{10}}$	$E_{20}$	$\text{Log}_2 \frac{E_{10}}{E_{20}}$	$E_{40}$	$\text{Log}_2 \frac{E_{20}}{E_{40}}$
$3.50 \times 10^{-3}$	$6.00 \times 10^{-5}$	5.86625	$1.40 \times 10^{-6}$	5.42146	$2.50 \times 10^{-8}$	5.80735
$E'_5$	$E'_{10}$	$\text{Log}_2 \frac{E'_5}{E'_{10}}$	$E'_{20}$	$\text{Log}_2 \frac{E'_{10}}{E'_{20}}$	$E'_{40}$	$\text{Log}_2 \frac{E'_{20}}{E'_{40}}$
$8.00 \times 10^{-2}$	$6.00 \times 10^{-3}$	3.73697	$3.00 \times 10^{-4}$	4.32193	$1.50 \times 10^{-5}$	4.32193

TABLE 7. Comparison of the errors in space  $\hat{\mathbf{W}}^2[0, 1]$  for Example 5.3.

$\tau$	<a href="#">[22]</a> $\mathbf{W}^3$	PM $\hat{\mathbf{W}}^2$	<a href="#">[22]</a> $\mathbf{W}^3$	PM $\hat{\mathbf{W}}^2$
	( $n = 11$ )	( $n = 11$ )	( $n = 51$ )	( $n = 51$ )
$2^{-1}$	$1.59 \times 10^{-6}$	$6.09 \times 10^{-7}$	$3.33 \times 10^{-11}$	$1.13 \times 10^{-9}$
$2^{-2}$	$1.87 \times 10^{-6}$	$2.60 \times 10^{-7}$	$4.13 \times 10^{-11}$	$2.03 \times 10^{-10}$
$2^{-3}$	$2.71 \times 10^{-6}$	$1.60 \times 10^{-7}$	$4.62 \times 10^{-11}$	$1.38 \times 10^{-10}$
$2^{-4}$	$2.41 \times 10^{-6}$	$2.45 \times 10^{-8}$	$4.89 \times 10^{-11}$	$1.46 \times 10^{-10}$
$2^{-5}$	$1.00 \times 10^{-6}$	$2.07 \times 10^{-11}$	$5.05 \times 10^{-11}$	$1.07 \times 10^{-11}$
$2^{-6}$	$3.51 \times 10^{-7}$	$6.71 \times 10^{-9}$	$4.74 \times 10^{-11}$	$9.69 \times 10^{-12}$

TABLE 8. Comparison of the errors in space  $\hat{\mathbf{W}}^3[0, 1]$  for Example 5.3.

$\tau$	$\begin{smallmatrix} [22] \\ \mathbf{W}^3 \end{smallmatrix}$	$\begin{smallmatrix} \text{PM} \\ \hat{\mathbf{W}}^3 \end{smallmatrix}$	$\begin{smallmatrix} [22] \\ \mathbf{W}^3 \end{smallmatrix}$	$\begin{smallmatrix} \text{PM} \\ \hat{\mathbf{W}}^3 \end{smallmatrix}$
	$(n = 11)$	$(n = 11)$	$(n = 51)$	$(n = 51)$
$2^{-1}$	$1.59 \times 10^{-6}$	$5.26 \times 10^{-7}$	$3.33 \times 10^{-11}$	$2.50 \times 10^{-10}$
$2^{-2}$	$1.87 \times 10^{-6}$	$1.07 \times 10^{-8}$	$4.13 \times 10^{-11}$	$3.58 \times 10^{-11}$
$2^{-3}$	$2.71 \times 10^{-6}$	$1.57 \times 10^{-7}$	$4.62 \times 10^{-11}$	$7.70 \times 10^{-12}$
$2^{-4}$	$2.41 \times 10^{-6}$	$3.64 \times 10^{-7}$	$4.89 \times 10^{-11}$	$4.17 \times 10^{-11}$
$2^{-5}$	$1.00 \times 10^{-6}$	$6.39 \times 10^{-7}$	$5.05 \times 10^{-11}$	$1.69 \times 10^{-11}$
$2^{-6}$	$3.51 \times 10^{-7}$	$3.99 \times 10^{-7}$	$4.74 \times 10^{-11}$	$1.915 \times 10^{-11}$

TABLE 9. Convergence orders for Example 5.3 in space  $\hat{\mathbf{W}}^2[0, 1]$ .

$E_5$	$E_{10}$	$\text{Log}_2 \frac{E_5}{E_{10}}$	$E_{20}$	$\text{Log}_2 \frac{E_{10}}{E_{20}}$	$E_{40}$	$\text{Log}_2 \frac{E_{20}}{E_{40}}$
$2.50 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.20 \times 10^{-6}$	4.38082	$6.0 \times 10^{-8}$	4.32193	$4.00 \times 10^{-9}$	3.90689
$E'_5$	$E'_{10}$	$\text{Log}_2 \frac{E'_5}{E'_{10}}$	$E'_{20}$	$\text{Log}_2 \frac{E'_{10}}{E'_{20}}$	$E'_{40}$	$\text{Log}_2 \frac{E'_{20}}{E'_{40}}$
$3.00 \times 10^{-4}$	$2.50 \times 10^{-5}$	3.58496	$2.50 \times 10^{-6}$	3.32193	$3.00 \times 10^{-7}$	3.05889

TABLE 10. Convergence orders for Example 5.3 in space  $\hat{\mathbf{W}}^3[0, 1]$ .

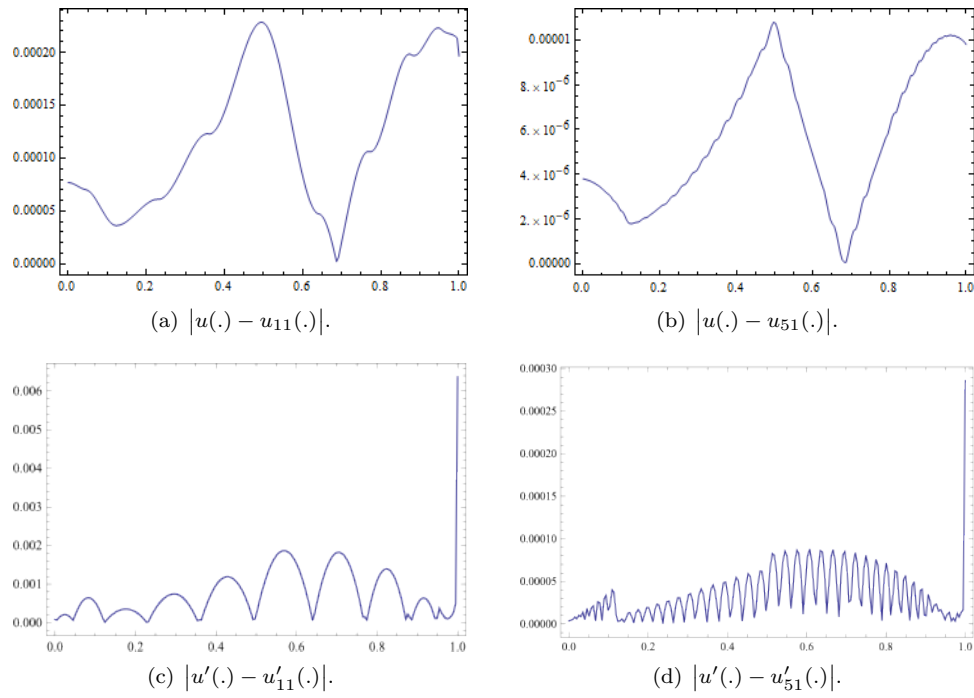
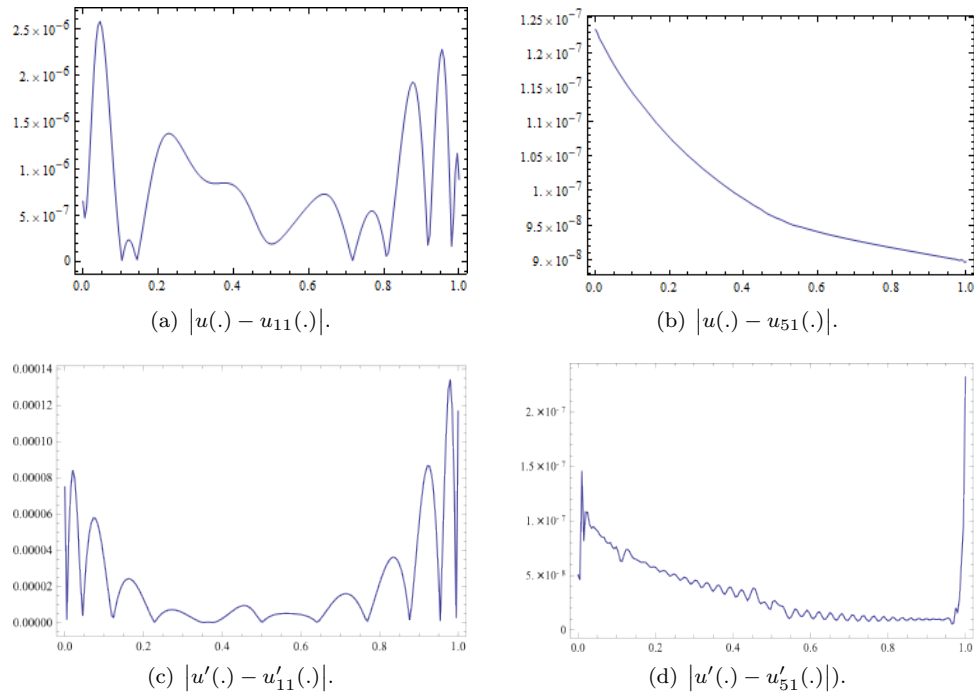
$E_5$	$E_{10}$	$\text{Log}_2 \frac{E_5}{E_{10}}$	$E_{20}$	$\text{Log}_2 \frac{E_{10}}{E_{20}}$	$E_{40}$	$\text{Log}_2 \frac{E_{20}}{E_{40}}$
$6.00 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.20 \times 10^{-6}$	5.64386	$3.50 \times 10^{-8}$	5.09954	$8.00 \times 10^{-10}$	5.45121
$E'_5$	$E'_{10}$	$\text{Log}_2 \frac{E'_5}{E'_{10}}$	$E'_{20}$	$\text{Log}_2 \frac{E'_{10}}{E'_{20}}$	$E'_{40}$	$\text{Log}_2 \frac{E'_{20}}{E'_{40}}$
$8.00 \times 10^{-4}$	$5.00 \times 10^{-5}$	4.00	$2.50 \times 10^{-6}$	4.32193	$7.00 \times 10^{-8}$	5.15843

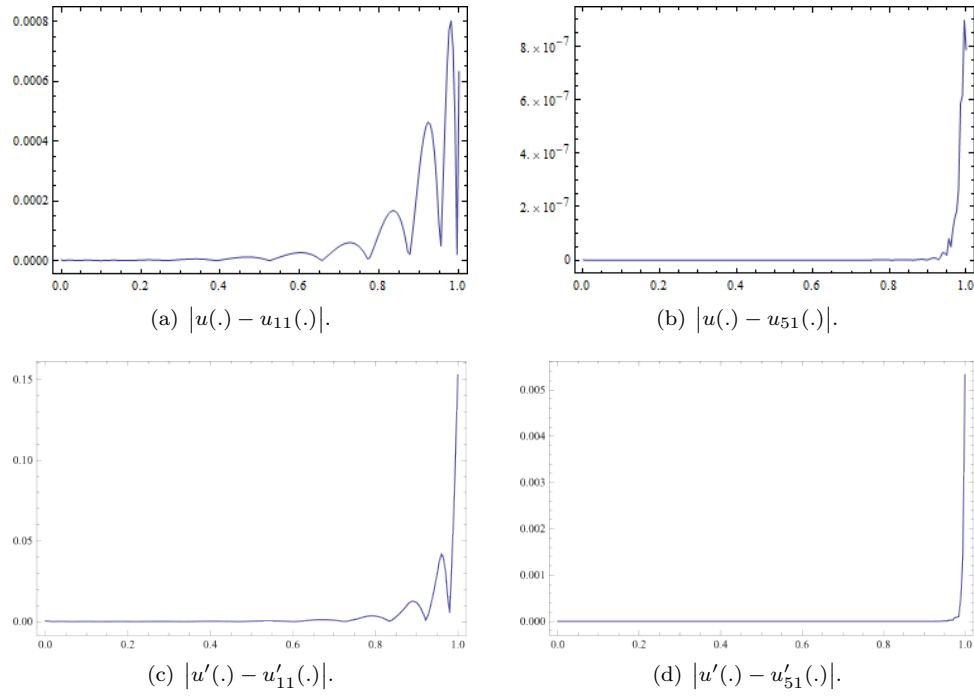
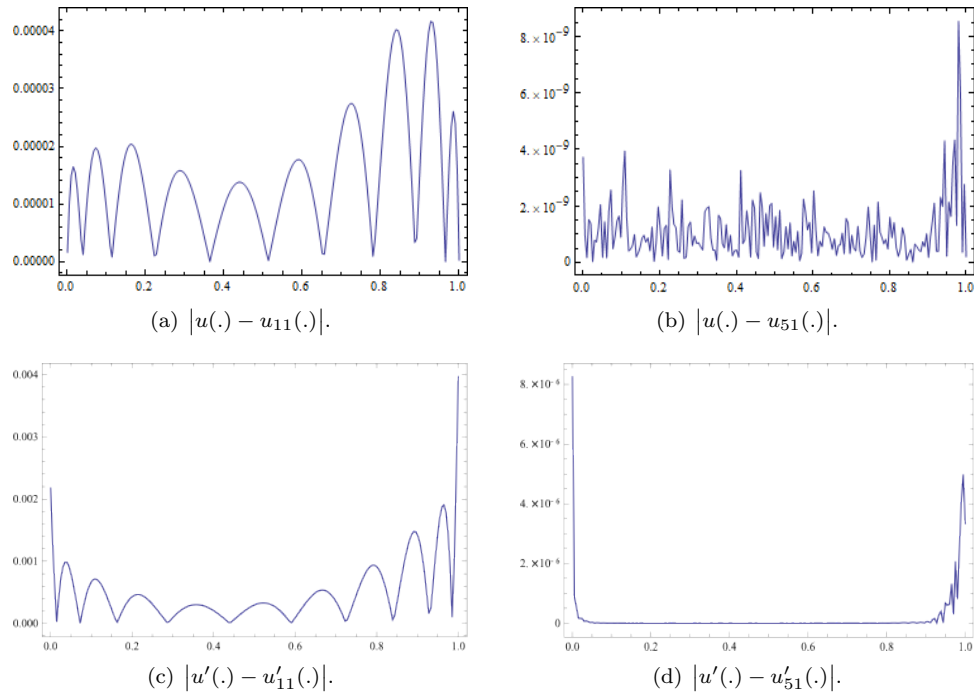
## 6. CONCLUSION

In this paper, we have successfully solved non-local functional differential equations with delayed or advanced arguments using various implementations of the RKM. This approach eliminates the need for the Gram-Schmidt orthogonalization process. Our method allows for the straightforward incorporation of non-local conditions into the reproducing kernel of the spaces  $W^2[0, 1]$  and  $W^3[0, 1]$ , resulting in the creation of new spaces  $\hat{\mathbf{W}}^2[0, 1]$  and  $\hat{\mathbf{W}}^3[0, 1]$  for solving the problem. After comparing the tables and figures related to absolute errors, it can be concluded that the present method has a faster convergence rate for both the approximate solution and its derivative compared to the method used in [22]. When comparing the convergence orders in Tables 2, 3, 5, 6, 9, and 10, it is clear that the convergence rates for Examples 5.1, 5.2, and 5.3 are  $O(h^3)$  and  $O(h^2)$  in the space  $\hat{\mathbf{W}}^2[0, 1]$ , and  $O(h^4)$  and  $O(h^3)$  in the space  $\hat{\mathbf{W}}^3[0, 1]$ , respectively.





FIGURE 1. The graphs of the absolute errors in space  $\hat{\mathbf{W}}^2[0, 1]$  for Example 5.1.FIGURE 2. The graphs of the absolute errors in space  $\hat{\mathbf{W}}^3[0, 1]$  for Example 5.1.

FIGURE 3. The graphs of the absolute errors in space  $\hat{\mathbf{W}}^2[0, 1]$  for Example 5.2.FIGURE 4. The graphs of the absolute errors in space  $\hat{\mathbf{W}}^3[0, 1]$  for Example 5.2.

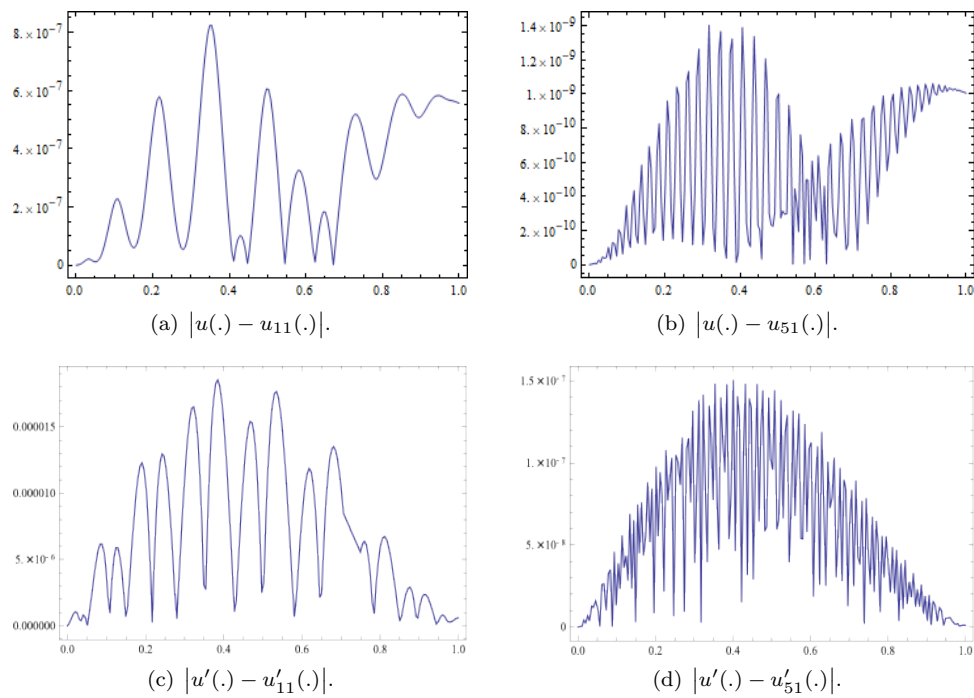


FIGURE 5. The graphs of the absolute errors in space  $\hat{\mathbf{W}}^2[0,1]$  for Example 5.3.

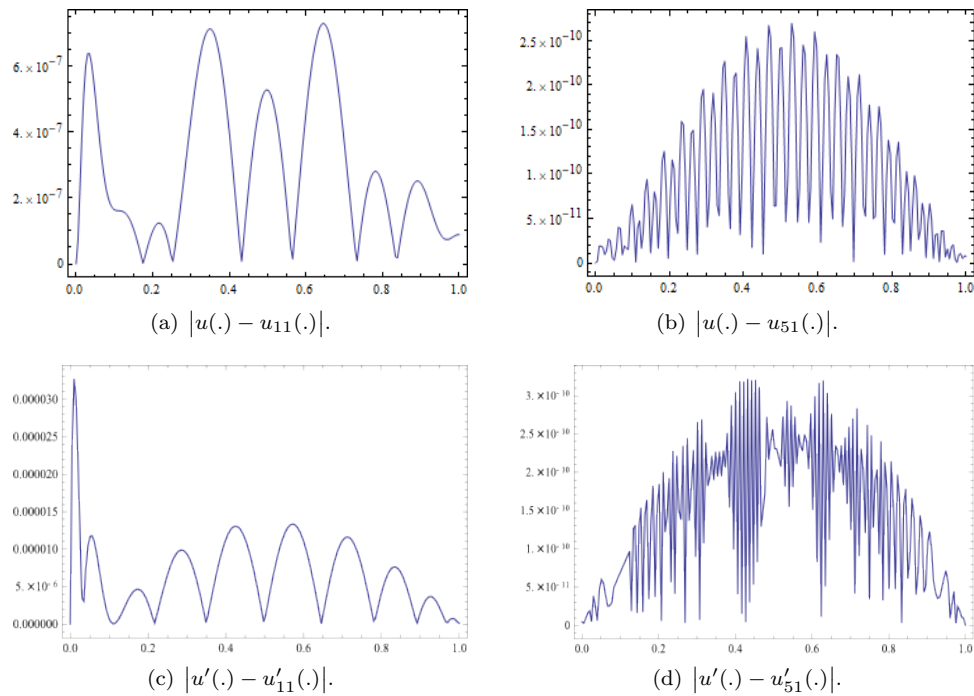


FIGURE 6. The graphs of the absolute errors in space  $\hat{\mathbf{W}}^3[0,1]$  for Example 5.3.

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