



## A Study on Functional Fractional Integro-Differential Equations of Hammerstein type

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**Abstract** In this paper, functional Hammerstein integro-differential equations of fractional order is studied. Here the existence and uniqueness of the solution is proved. A numerical method to approximate the solution of problem is also presented which is based on an improvement of the successive approximations method. Error estimation of the method is analyzed and error bound is obtained. The convergence and stability of the method are proved. At the end, application of the method is revealed by presenting some examples.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

Fractional integro-differential equations arise in modeling many processes in applied sciences such as physics, chemistry, economy, electromagnetic, biology, engineering. Mathematical formulas of many phenomena such as oscillation of earthquake, fluid-dynamic traffic, statistical mechanics, astronomy, control theory and other areas of application contain integro-differential equations of fractional order [5, 6, 7, 8, 15, 16, 19, 31, 32].

On the other hand, solution of most of these equations can not be obtained analytically, so approximate methods should be used to solve them. For this type of equations, various methods have been used. For example, the Adomian decomposition method [14, 27, 28, 33], variational iteration method and homotopy perturbation method [2, 13, 23, 29, 37], Taylor expansion [17], wavelets [26, 34, 38, 39, 41],

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operational Tau method [21, 40], fractional differential transform method [4, 30], sinc-collocation method [3, 12], Laplace transform method [20, 22] and least squares method [25]. But, numerical solution of functional fractional integro-differential equations of Hammerstein type, have been studied in a few references.

In this paper, we consider functional fractional Hammerstein integro-differential equations (FFHIDEs) as

$$D^\alpha y(t) - \int_a^b K(t, s)F(s, y(s), y(\theta(s)))ds = g_1(t), \quad t \in [a, b] \quad (1.1)$$

with initial condition

$$y(a) = y_0, \quad (1.2)$$

where  $D^\alpha$  denotes the Caputo fractional operator of order  $\alpha$ ,  $0 < \alpha < 1$ ,  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $a < b$ ,  $\theta : [a, b] \rightarrow [a, b]$ ,  $\forall t \in [a, b]$ ,  $\theta, g_1 \in \mathbb{C}^1[a, b]$ , and  $K \in \mathbb{C}^1([a, b] \times [a, b])$ .

Here, we combine the successive approximations method with the trapezoidal quadrature and natural cubic spline interpolation to solve the mentioned equations. Proving the convergence and numerical stability of the method only requires the Lipschitz properties.

## 2. PRELIMINARY RESULTS

**2.1. Preliminaries.** Assuming that  $F \in \mathbb{C}^1([a, b] \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R})$ ,  $K \in \mathbb{C}^1([a, b] \times [a, b])$ ,  $\theta$  and  $g \in \mathbb{C}^1[a, b]$  and  $\theta : [a, b] \rightarrow [a, b]$ . Consider the following conditions:

(i) there exist  $\lambda, \mu \geq 0$  such that

$$|F(s, x_1, z_1) - F(s, x_2, z_2)| \leq \lambda|x_1 - x_2| + \mu|z_1 - z_2|, \quad (2.1)$$

for all  $s \in [a, b]$ ,  $(x_1, z_1), (x_2, z_2) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$ ,

(ii)

$$2Q(b-a)^q(\lambda + \mu) < \Gamma(\alpha + 1) \quad (2.2)$$

where  $Q = \max \{|K(t, s)|, |\frac{\partial K(t, s)}{\partial t}| : (t, s) \in [a, b] \times [a, b]\}$  and

$$(b-a)^q = \max \{(b-a)^{\alpha+1}, (b-a)^{\alpha+2}\}.$$

Let  $F_0 : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $F_0(s) = F(s, g(s), g(\theta(s)))$ , then  $F_0$  is continuous on the compact set  $[a, b]$  because  $F$ ,  $g$  and  $\theta$  are continuous and so there exists  $M \geq 0$ , such that  $|F_0(s)| \leq M$  for all  $s \in [a, b]$ .

**2.2. Basic definitions of fractional calculus.** We recall the following definitions from [11]:

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}_+$ . The operator  $J_0^\alpha$ , defined on the space  $L_1[a, b]$  by

$$J_a^\alpha f(t) := \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_a^t (t-x)^{\alpha-1} f(x)dx, \quad J_a^0 f(t) = f(t). \quad (2.3)$$

for  $a \leq t \leq b$ , is called the Riemann-Liouville fractional integral operator of order  $\alpha > 0$ .



**Definition 2.2.** The fractional derivative of  $f$  in the Caputo sense is defined by

$$D_a^\alpha f(t) = J_a^{n-\alpha} D^n f(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(n-\alpha)} \int_a^t (t-x)^{n-\alpha-1} \frac{d^n f(x)}{dx^n} dx, \tag{2.4}$$

$$n-1 < \alpha \leq n, n \in \mathbb{N}, a \leq t \leq b, x > 0.$$

### 3. EXISTENCE AND UNIQUENESS OF THE SOLUTION

In this section, the existence and uniqueness of the solution of problem (1.1)-(1.2) are investigated.

**Lemma 3.1.** *Problem (1.1)-(1.2) is equivalent to the integral equation of the Hammerstein type*

$$y(t) = g(t) + \int_a^t H(t,s)F(s,y(s),y(\theta(s)))ds \tag{3.1}$$

where

$$g(t) = y(a) + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_a^t (t-\tau)^{\alpha-1} g_1(\tau) d\tau,$$

$$H(t,s) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_a^b (t-\tau)^{\alpha-1} K(\tau,s) d\tau.$$

In other words, every solution of the integral equation (3.1) is a solution of problem (1.1)-(1.2), and vice versa.

*Proof.* Using the fractional integral operator on both sides of the equation (1.1) and by using of (1.2), we have

$$y(t) = y(a) + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_a^t (t-\tau)^{\alpha-1} g_1(\tau) d\tau$$

$$+ \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_a^t (t-\tau)^{\alpha-1} \int_a^b K(\tau,s)F(s,y(s),y(\theta(s)))dsd\tau. \tag{3.2}$$

By changing the order of integration in (3.2), equation (3.1) is obtained. □

**Remark 3.2.** If the functions  $g_1$  and  $K$  are continuous on their domains, then  $g$  and  $H$  are also continuous.

Now we prove the existence and uniqueness of the solution by inspiration of [24].

**Theorem 3.3.** *If  $g$  and  $H$  are continuous functions on  $[a, b]$  and  $[a, b] \times [a, b]$  respectively, then the equation (3.1) has a unique continuous solution.*

*Proof.* We define the sequence  $\{y_n(t)\}_{n=1}^\infty$  as follows:

$$y_n(t) = g(t) + \int_a^t H(t,s)F(s,y_{n-1}(s),y_{n-1}(\theta(s)))ds, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots, \tag{3.3}$$

where  $y_0(t) = g(t)$ . We introduce the sequence  $\psi_n(t)$  as follows:

$$\psi_n(t) = y_n(t) - y_{n-1}(t), \quad n = 1, 2, \dots, \tag{3.4}$$



where  $\psi_0(t) = g(t)$  and so we have

$$y_n(t) = \sum_{i=0}^n \psi_i(t). \quad (3.5)$$

By setting  $H_1 = \max_{t,s \in [a,b]} |H(t,s)|$  and due to the  $\theta : [a,b] \rightarrow [a,b]$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} |\psi_n(t)| &= |y_n(t) - y_{n-1}(t)| \leq H_1 \int_a^t \lambda |y_{n-1}(s) - y_{n-2}(s)| ds \\ &\quad + H_1 \int_a^t \mu |y_{n-1}(\theta(s)) - y_{n-2}(\theta(s))| ds \\ &\leq H_1(\lambda + \mu) \int_a^t \max_{s \in [a,b]} |y_{n-1}(s) - y_{n-2}(s)| ds \\ &= H_1(\lambda + \mu) \int_a^t \max_{s \in [a,b]} |\psi_{n-1}(s)| ds, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots \end{aligned}$$

Now, by using induction, we prove the following inequality:

$$|\psi_n(t)| \leq \frac{G(H_1(\lambda + \mu)(t-a))^n}{n!}, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots, \quad (3.6)$$

where  $G = \max_{t \in [a,b]} |g(t)|$ . Obviously, the inequality holds for  $n = 0$ . Suppose that the inequality holds for  $n - 1$ , we have:

$$\begin{aligned} |\psi_n(t)| &\leq H_1(\lambda + \mu) \int_a^t |\psi_{n-1}(s)| ds \\ &\leq H_1(\lambda + \mu) \int_a^t \frac{G(H_1(\lambda + \mu)(s-a))^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} ds \\ &= \frac{G(H_1(\lambda + \mu))^n}{(n-1)!} \int_a^t (s-a)^{n-1} ds \\ &= \frac{G(H_1(\lambda + \mu)(t-a))^n}{n!}, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the sequence  $y_n(t)$  in (3.5) is uniformly convergent and can be written as:

$$y(t) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \psi_i(t). \quad (3.7)$$

Now, we show that the continuous function  $y(t)$  in (3.7) satisfies the equation (3.1). For this purpose, we put

$$y(t) = y_n(t) + \Delta_n(t), \quad (3.8)$$

by using (3.3), we have

$$\begin{aligned} y(t) - \Delta_n(t) &= g(t) + \int_a^t H(t,s) \cdot F(s, y(s) - \Delta_{n-1}(s), y(\theta(s)) \\ &\quad - \Delta_{n-1}(\theta(s))) ds, \end{aligned} \quad (3.9)$$



so that

$$y(t)-g(t) - \int_a^t H(t, s).F(s, y(s), y(\theta(s)))ds = \Delta_n(t) + \int_a^t H(t, s) \cdot [F(s, y(s) - \Delta_{n-1}(s), y(\theta(s)) - \Delta_{n-1}(\theta(s))) - F(s, y(s), y(\theta(s)))]ds.$$

By applying (2.1), we have

$$\begin{aligned} | y(t) - g(t) - \int_a^t H(t, s).F(s, y(s), y(\theta(s)))ds | \\ \leq | \Delta_n(t) | + H_1 \left[ \lambda \int_a^t | \Delta_{n-1}(s) | ds + \mu \int_a^t | \Delta_{n-1}(\theta(s)) | \right] \\ \leq | \Delta_n(t) | + H_1(\lambda + \mu) \int_a^t \max_{s \in [a, b]} | \Delta_{n-1}(s) | ds \\ \leq | \Delta_n(t) | + H_1(t - a)(\lambda + \mu) \| \Delta_{n-1} \|, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\| \Delta_{n-1} \| = \max_{a \leq s \leq b} | \Delta_{n-1}(s) |$ . On the other hand  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} | \Delta_{n-1} | = 0$ , Therefore, for sufficiently large values of  $n$ , the right-hand side of the inequality can be made as small as desired, and this concludes that the function  $y(t)$  defined in the (3.7) satisfies the equation (3.1), and therefore is a solution of (3.1).

Now, to show uniqueness, we assume that  $x(t)$  is another continuous solution of the equation (3.1), then

$$| x(t) - y(t) | \leq H_1 \int_a^t \lambda | x(s) - y(s) | ds + H_1 \int_a^t \mu | x(\theta(s)) - y(\theta(s)) | ds,$$

and by putting  $B = \max_{t \in [a, b]} |x(t) - y(t)|$ , we have

$$| x(t) - y(t) | \leq H_1(\lambda + \mu) \int_a^t \max_{s \in [a, b]} | x(s) - y(s) | ds \leq H_1 B(t - a)(\lambda + \mu).$$

Repeating the above process, leads to

$$| x(t) - y(t) | \leq \frac{B [H_1(t - a)(\lambda + \mu)]^n}{n!},$$

which yields  $x(t) = y(t)$  when  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . □

#### 4. DESCRIPTION OF THE METHOD

To describe the method, by using integration by parts to Eq. (3.2), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} y(t) = g(t) + \frac{(t - a)^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha + 1)} \int_a^b K(a, s)F(s, y(s), y(\theta(s)))ds \\ + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha + 1)} \int_a^t \int_a^b (t - \tau)^\alpha \frac{\partial K(\tau, s)}{\partial \tau} F(s, y(s), y(\theta(s)))dsd\tau \end{aligned} \tag{4.1}$$

The sequence of successive approximations for (4.1) is defined as

$$y_0(t) = g(t),$$



$$\begin{aligned}
y_m(t) &= g(t) + \frac{(t-a)^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} \int_a^b K(a, s) F(s, y_{m-1}(s), y_{m-1}(\theta(s))) ds \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} \int_a^t \int_a^b (t-\tau)^\alpha \frac{\partial K(\tau, s)}{\partial \tau} F(s, y_{m-1}(s), y_{m-1}(\theta(s))) ds d\tau, \\
m &\in \mathbb{N},
\end{aligned} \tag{4.2}$$

which can be considered as approximations of the exact solution of the equation (3.2). We need to compute the integrals in (4.2) by quadrature rules. For this purpose, consider the uniform partition of  $[a, b]$ :

$$a = t_0 < t_1 < \dots < t_{n-1} < t_n = b \tag{4.3}$$

with  $t_i = a + ih$ ,  $i = 0, \dots, n$ , where  $h = \frac{b-a}{n}$  and assume that  $f$  is a given Lipschitz function, i.e.

$$|f(s) - f(s')| \leq L |s - s'|, \tag{4.4}$$

where  $L > 0$ . Then the trapezoidal quadrature rule with an error estimate is [10]:

$$\int_a^b f(s) ds = \frac{h}{2} \cdot \sum_{j=1}^n [f(t_{j-1}) + f(t_j)] + e_n(f), \tag{4.5}$$

where

$$|e_n(f)| \leq \frac{(b-a)^2 L}{4n}, \tag{4.6}$$

and for bivariate function  $f$  with Lipschitz properties

$$|f(t', s) - f(t, s)| \leq L_1 |t - t'|, \quad |f(t, s) - f(t, s')| \leq L_2 |s - s'| \tag{4.7}$$

where  $L_1, L_2 > 0$ , is

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_a^b \int_a^b f(t, s) dt ds &= \frac{h^2}{4} \cdot \sum_{k=1}^i \sum_{j=1}^n [f(t_k, t_{j-1}) + f(t_k, t_j) + f(t_{k-1}, t_{j-1}) \\
&\quad + f(t_{k-1}, t_j)] + r_n(f)
\end{aligned} \tag{4.8}$$

where

$$|r_n(f)| \leq \frac{(b-a)^2}{4n} (L_2 + L_1(b-a)). \tag{4.9}$$

By setting  $t = t_i$  and using the trapezoidal rule (4.5) and (4.8) in (4.2), we have

$$y_0(t_i) = g(t_i), \quad i = \overline{0, n} \tag{4.10}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
y_1(t_i) &= g(t_i) + \frac{(t_i - a)^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha + 1)} \left( \frac{h}{2} \sum_{j=1}^n [K(a, t_{j-1}) F(t_{j-1}, g(t_{j-1}), g(\theta(t_{j-1}))) \right. \\
&\quad \left. + K(a, t_j) \cdot F(t_j, g(t_j), g(\theta(t_j)))] \right) \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha + 1)} \left( \frac{h^2}{4} \sum_{k=1}^i \sum_{j=1}^n [(t_i - t_k)^\alpha \frac{\partial K(t_k, t_j)}{\partial \tau} F(t_j, g(t_j), g(\theta(t_j)))] \right)
\end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
 &+ (t_i - t_k)^\alpha \frac{\partial K(t_k, t_{j-1})}{\partial \tau} F(t_{j-1}, g(t_{j-1}), g(\theta(t_{j-1}))) \\
 &+ (t_i - t_{k-1})^\alpha \cdot \frac{\partial K(t_{k-1}, t_j)}{\partial \tau} F(t_j, g(t_j), g(\theta(t_j))) \\
 &+ (t_i - t_{k-1})^\alpha \frac{\partial K(t_{k-1}, t_{j-1})}{\partial \tau} F(t_{j-1}, g(t_{j-1}), g(\theta(t_{j-1}))) \Big] \\
 &+ \underbrace{\frac{(t_i - a)^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha + 1)} e_{1,i} + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha + 1)} r_{1,i}}_{R_{1,i}} = \overline{y_1(t_i)} + R_{1,i}, \quad i = \overline{0, n}
 \end{aligned} \tag{4.11}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 y_2(t_i) = &g(t_i) + \frac{(t_i - a)^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha + 1)} \left( \frac{h}{2} \sum_{j=1}^n [K(a, t_{j-1}) F(t_{j-1}, \overline{y_1(t_{j-1})}) \right. \\
 &+ R_{1,j-1}, y_1(\theta(t_{j-1}))) + K(a, t_j) F(t_j, \overline{y_1(t_j)} + R_{1,j}, y_1(\theta(t_j)))] \Big) \\
 &+ \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha + 1)} \left( \frac{h^2}{4} \sum_{k=1}^i \sum_{j=1}^n [(t_i - t_k)^\alpha \cdot \frac{\partial K(t_k, t_j)}{\partial \tau} F(t_j, \overline{y_1(t_j)} + R_{1,j}, y_1(\theta(t_j))) \right. \\
 &+ (t_i - t_k)^\alpha \frac{\partial K(t_k, t_{j-1})}{\partial \tau} \cdot F(t_{j-1}, \overline{y_1(t_{j-1})} + R_{1,j-1}, y_1(\theta(t_{j-1}))) \\
 &+ (t_i - t_{k-1})^\alpha \frac{\partial K(t_{k-1}, t_j)}{\partial \tau} \cdot F(t_j, \overline{y_1(t_j)} + R_{1,j}, y_1(\theta(t_j))) \\
 &+ (t_i - t_{k-1})^\alpha \frac{\partial K(t_{k-1}, t_{j-1})}{\partial \tau} \cdot F(t_{j-1}, \overline{y_1(t_{j-1})} + R_{1,j-1}, y_1(\theta(t_{j-1}))) \Big] \Big) \\
 &+ \underbrace{\frac{(t_i - a)^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha + 1)} e_{2,i} + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha + 1)} r_{2,i}}_{R_{2,i}}
 \end{aligned} \tag{4.12}$$

Replacing  $y_1$  by  $s_1$  (where  $s_1$  is the natural cubic spline interpolation of  $y_1$ ) which is introduced below in (4.16), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 y_2(t_i) = &g(t_i) + \frac{(t_i - a)^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha + 1)} \left( \frac{h}{2} \sum_{j=1}^n [K(a, t_{j-1}) F(t_{j-1}, \overline{y_1(t_{j-1})}, s_1(\theta(t_{j-1}))) \right. \\
 &+ K(a, t_j) \cdot F(t_j, \overline{y_1(t_j)}, s_1(\theta(t_j)))] \Big) \\
 &+ \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha + 1)} \left( \frac{h^2}{4} \sum_{k=1}^i \sum_{j=1}^n [(t_i - t_k)^\alpha \frac{\partial K(t_k, t_j)}{\partial \tau} \cdot F(t_j, \overline{y_1(t_j)}, s_1(\theta(t_j))) \right. \\
 &+ (t_i - t_k)^\alpha \frac{\partial K(t_k, t_{j-1})}{\partial \tau} F(t_{j-1}, \overline{y_1(t_{j-1})}, s_1(\theta(t_{j-1}))) \\
 &+ (t_i - t_{k-1})^\alpha \frac{\partial K(t_{k-1}, t_j)}{\partial \tau} F(t_j, \overline{y_1(t_j)}, s_1(\theta(t_j)))
 \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
& + (t_i - t_{k-1})^\alpha \frac{\partial K(t_{k-1}, t_{j-1})}{\partial \tau} \cdot F(t_{j-1}, \overline{y_1(t_{j-1})}, s_1(\theta(t_{j-1}))) \Big] + \overline{R}_{2,i} \\
& = \overline{y_2(t_i)} + \overline{R}_{2,i}, \quad i = \overline{0, n}
\end{aligned} \tag{4.13}$$

and for  $m \geq 3$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
y_m(t_i) &= g(t_i) + \frac{(t_i - a)^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha + 1)} \left( \frac{h}{2} \sum_{j=1}^n [K(a, t_{j-1}) \right. \\
& \quad \cdot F(t_{j-1}, \overline{y_{m-1}(t_{j-1})} + \overline{R}_{m-1, j-1}, y_{m-1}(\theta(t_{j-1}))) \\
& \quad \left. + K(a, t_j) F(t_j, \overline{y_{m-1}(t_j)} + \overline{R}_{m-1, j}, y_{m-1}(\theta(t_j))) \right] + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha + 1)} \\
& \quad \cdot \left( \frac{h^2}{4} \sum_{k=1}^i \sum_{j=1}^n [(t_i - t_k)^\alpha \frac{\partial K(t_k, t_j)}{\partial \tau} F(t_j, \overline{y_{m-1}(t_j)} + \overline{R}_{m-1, j}, y_{m-1}(\theta(t_j))) \right. \\
& \quad + (t_i - t_k)^\alpha \frac{\partial K(t_k, t_{j-1})}{\partial \tau} F(t_{j-1}, \overline{y_{m-1}(t_{j-1})} + \overline{R}_{m-1, j-1}, y_{m-1}(\theta(t_{j-1}))) \\
& \quad + (t_i - t_{k-1})^\alpha \frac{\partial K(t_{k-1}, t_j)}{\partial \tau} F(t_j, \overline{y_{m-1}(t_j)} + \overline{R}_{m-1, j}, y_{m-1}(\theta(t_j))) \\
& \quad + (t_i - t_{k-1})^\alpha \cdot \frac{\partial K(t_{k-1}, t_{j-1})}{\partial \tau} F(t_{j-1}, \overline{y_{m-1}(t_{j-1})} \\
& \quad \left. \left. + \overline{R}_{m-1, j-1}, y_{m-1}(\theta(t_{j-1}))) \right] \right) + \underbrace{\frac{(t_i - a)^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha + 1)} e_{m,i} + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha + 1)} r_{m,i}}_{R_{m,i}}
\end{aligned} \tag{4.14}$$

and replacing  $y_{m-1}(t_i)$  with  $s_{m-1}(t_i)$ , for  $m \geq 3$  and  $i = \overline{0, n}$ , yields

$$\begin{aligned}
y_m(t_i) &= g(t_i) + \frac{(t_i - a)^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha + 1)} \left( \frac{h}{2} \sum_{j=1}^n [K(a, t_j) F(t_j, \overline{y_{m-1}(t_j)}, s_{m-1}(\theta(t_j))) \right. \\
& \quad \left. + K(a, t_{j-1}) \cdot F(t_{j-1}, \overline{y_{m-1}(t_{j-1})}, s_{m-1}(\theta(t_{j-1}))) \right] \\
& \quad + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha + 1)} \left( \frac{h^2}{4} \sum_{k=1}^i \sum_{j=1}^n [(t_i - t_k)^\alpha \frac{\partial K(t_k, t_j)}{\partial \tau} F(t_j, \overline{y_{m-1}(t_j)}, s_{m-1}(\theta(t_j))) \right. \\
& \quad + (t_i - t_k)^\alpha \frac{\partial K(t_k, t_{j-1})}{\partial \tau} F(t_{j-1}, \overline{y_{m-1}(t_{j-1})}, s_{m-1}(\theta(t_{j-1}))) \\
& \quad + (t_i - t_{k-1})^\alpha \frac{\partial K(t_{k-1}, t_j)}{\partial \tau} F(t_j, \overline{y_{m-1}(t_j)}, s_{m-1}(\theta(t_j))) \\
& \quad \left. \left. + (t_i - t_{k-1})^\alpha \frac{\partial K(t_{k-1}, t_{j-1})}{\partial \tau} F(t_{j-1}, \overline{y_{m-1}(t_{j-1})}, s_{m-1}(\theta(t_{j-1}))) \right] \right) \\
& \quad + \overline{R}_{m,i} = \overline{y_m(t_i)} + \overline{R}_{m,i}, \quad i = \overline{0, n}
\end{aligned} \tag{4.15}$$

where  $s_{m-1}(t_i)$  is cubic spline interpolation for  $\overline{y_{m-1}(t_i)}$ , where its restriction on interval  $[t_{i-1}, t_i], i = \overline{1, n}$  is as follows [1, 18]:





$$s_{m-1}^{(i)}(t) = \left[ \frac{(t-t_{i-1})^2}{2} - \frac{(t-t_{i-1})^3}{6h} - \frac{h(t-t_{i-1})}{3} \right] \cdot M_{m-1}^{(i-1)} + \left[ \frac{(t-t_{i-1})^3}{6h} - \frac{h(t-t_{i-1})}{6} \right] \cdot M_{m-1}^{(i)} + \frac{t-t_{i-1}}{h} \cdot \overline{y_{m-1}}(t_i) + \frac{t_i-t}{h} \cdot \overline{y_{m-1}}(t_{i-1}), \tag{4.16}$$

with  $M_{m-1}^{(0)} = M_{m-1}^{(n)} = 0$ . And to compute  $M_{m-1}^{(i)}$ ,  $i = \overline{1, n-1}$  we use the following algorithm:

$$\begin{aligned} a_i &= 2, \quad b_i = c_i = \frac{1}{2}, \\ d_i &= \frac{3}{h^2} \cdot [\overline{y_{m-1}}(t_{i+1}) - 2\overline{y_{m-1}}(t_i) + \overline{y_{m-1}}(t_{i-1})], \quad i = \overline{1, n-1} \\ \alpha_1 &= \frac{c_1}{a_1}, \quad \omega_i = a_i - \alpha_{i-1} \cdot b_i, \quad \alpha_i = \frac{c_i}{\omega_i}, \quad i = \overline{2, n-2}, \\ \omega_{n-1} &= a_{n-1} - \alpha_{n-2} \cdot b_{n-1} \quad z_1 = \frac{d_1}{2}, \quad z_i = \frac{d_i - b_i \cdot z_{i-1}}{\omega_i}, \quad i = \overline{2, n-1} \end{aligned}$$

and by using of the backward recurrence, we have

$$M_{m-1}^{(n-1)} = z_{n-1}, \quad M_{m-1}^{(i)} = z_i - \alpha_i \cdot M_{m-1}^{(i+1)}, \quad i = \overline{n-2, 1}.$$

**Lemma 4.1.** [9] *If  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a uniformly continuous function and  $s \in \mathbb{C}^2[a, b]$  is the cubic spline of interpolation generated with natural boundary conditions  $s''(a) = s''(b) = 0$ , such that  $s(t_i) = f(t_i) = f_i$ ,  $i = \overline{0, n}$ , then the following error estimation holds:*

$$\max_{t \in [a, b]} |s(t) - f(t)| \leq \frac{7}{4} \omega(f, h), \tag{4.17}$$

where  $\omega(f, h) = \sup \{ |f(t) - f(t')| : t, t' \in [a, b], |t - t'| \leq h \}$  is the uniform modulus of continuity.

### 5. ERROR BOUND AND CONVERGENCE ANALYSIS

In this section, we analyze error bound and convergence of the method presented in the previous section.

**Theorem 5.1.** *Suppose that the  $y^*$  be the exact solution of the equation (3.2), and consider the sequence of successive approximations (4.2). Then the following error estimation holds*

$$|y^*(t) - y_m(t)| \leq \left[ \frac{2(b-a)^q Q(\lambda+\mu)}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} \right]^m \cdot \frac{2(b-a)^q Q M}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}, \quad \forall t \in [a, b]. \tag{5.1}$$

*Proof.* By using of (4.2), we have

$$|y_1(t) - y_0(t)| \leq \frac{|(t-a)^\alpha|}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} \int_a^b |K(a, s)| \cdot |F(s, y_0(s), y_0(\theta(s)))| ds$$



$$\begin{aligned}
& + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} \int_a^t \int_a^b |(t-\tau)^\alpha| \cdot \left| \frac{\partial K(\tau, s)}{\partial \tau} \right| \cdot |F(s, y_0(s), y_0(\theta(s)))| ds d\tau \\
& \leq \frac{2(b-a)^q}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} QM,
\end{aligned} \tag{5.2}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
|y_2(t) - y_1(t)| & \leq \frac{|(t-a)^\alpha|}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} \int_a^b |K(a, s)| \cdot |F(s, y_1(s), y_1(\theta(s))) \\
& \quad - F(s, y_0(s), y_0(\theta(s)))| ds + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} \int_a^t \int_a^b |(t-\tau)^\alpha| \\
& \quad \cdot \left| \frac{\partial K(\tau, s)}{\partial \tau} \right| \cdot |F(s, y_1(s), y_1(\theta(s))) - F(s, y_0(s), y_0(\theta(s)))| ds d\tau \\
& \leq \frac{2(b-a)^q Q(\lambda+\mu)}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} \cdot \frac{2(b-a)^q}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} QM,
\end{aligned}$$

by repeating the above process, we obtain

$$|y_m(t) - y_{m-1}(t)| \leq \left[ \frac{2(b-a)^q Q(\lambda+\mu)}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} \right]^{m-1} \cdot \frac{2(b-a)^q}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} QM. \tag{5.3}$$

Now assume  $n > m$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
|y_n(t) - y_m(t)| & \leq |y_n(t) - y_{n-1}(t)| + |y_{n-1}(t) - y_{n-2}(t)| \\
& \quad + \dots + |y_{m+1}(t) - y_m(t)|
\end{aligned}$$

and by using of (5.3), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
|y_n(t) - y_m(t)| & \leq \left[ \frac{2(b-a)^q Q(\lambda+\mu)}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} \right]^{n-1} \cdot \frac{2(b-a)^q}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} QM + \frac{2(b-a)^q}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} QM \\
& \quad \cdot \left[ \frac{2(b-a)^q Q(\lambda+\mu)}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} \right]^{n-2} + \dots + \left[ \frac{2(b-a)^q Q(\lambda+\mu)}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} \right]^m \cdot \frac{2(b-a)^q}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} QM \\
& = \left( 1 + \frac{2(b-a)^q Q(\lambda+\mu)}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} + \dots + \left[ \frac{2(b-a)^q Q(\lambda+\mu)}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} \right]^{n-1-m} \right) \\
& \quad \cdot \left[ \frac{2(b-a)^q Q(\lambda+\mu)}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} \right]^m \cdot \frac{2(b-a)^q}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} QM \\
& = \frac{1 - \left[ \frac{2(b-a)^q Q(\lambda+\mu)}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} \right]^{n-m}}{1 - \frac{2(b-a)^q Q(\lambda+\mu)}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}} \cdot \left[ \frac{2(b-a)^q Q(\lambda+\mu)}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} \right]^m \cdot \frac{2(b-a)^q}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} QM,
\end{aligned}$$

therefore

$$\begin{aligned}
|y_n(t) - y_m(t)| & \leq \frac{1 - \left[ \frac{2(b-a)^q Q(\lambda+\mu)}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} \right]^{n-m}}{1 - \frac{2(b-a)^q Q(\lambda+\mu)}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}} \cdot \left[ \frac{2(b-a)^q Q(\lambda+\mu)}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} \right]^m \\
& \quad \cdot \frac{2(b-a)^q}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} QM.
\end{aligned}$$



Now if  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and by using (2.2), we obtain

$$|y^*(t) - y_m(t)| \leq \frac{\left[ \frac{2(b-a)^q Q(\lambda+\mu)}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} \right]^m}{1 - \frac{2(b-a)^q Q(\lambda+\mu)}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}} \cdot \frac{2(b-a)^q}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} QM,$$

which is the desired error bound. □

Now, we give the following theorem for convergence analysis:

**Theorem 5.2.** *Under conditions (2.1) and (2.2), the sequence  $(\overline{y_m(t_i)})_{m \in \mathbb{N}_0}$  approximates the solution  $y^*(t_i)$  at the points  $t_i = a + ih$ ,  $i = \overline{0, n}$  with the following error:*

$$\begin{aligned} |y^*(t_i) - \overline{y_m(t_i)}| \leq & \frac{\frac{1}{4n\Gamma(\alpha+1)} [(b-a)^{\alpha+2}L + (b-a)^3L_1 + (b-a)^2L_2]}{1 - \frac{2(b-a)^q Q(\lambda+\mu)}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}} \\ & + \frac{\frac{2(b-a)^q Q\mu}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} \cdot \omega(V, h)}{1 - \frac{2(b-a)^q Q(\lambda+\mu)}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}} + \frac{\left[ \frac{2(b-a)^q Q(\lambda+\mu)}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} \right]^m}{1 - \frac{2(b-a)^q Q(\lambda+\mu)}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}} \cdot \frac{2(b-a)^q}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} QM, \quad m \in \mathbb{N}_0, \end{aligned} \quad (5.4)$$

where  $\mathbb{N}_0 = \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$  and  $V_{m-1}$  is defined in (5.6).

*Proof.* By using the algorithm of the method, we have

$$\begin{aligned} |y^*(t_i) - \overline{y_m(t_i)}| & \leq |y^*(t_i) - y_m(t_i)| + |y_m(t_i) - \overline{y_m(t_i)}| \\ & = |y^*(t_i) - y_m(t_i)| + |\overline{R_{m,i}}|, \quad \forall m \in \mathbb{N}_0, \quad i = \overline{0, n}, \end{aligned} \quad (5.5)$$

From (5.1), we have

$$|y^*(t) - y_m(t)| \leq \frac{\left[ \frac{2(b-a)^q Q(\lambda+\mu)}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} \right]^m}{1 - \frac{2(b-a)^q Q(\lambda+\mu)}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}} \cdot \frac{2(b-a)^q}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} QM.$$

Therefore, it is enough, we find a bound for  $|\overline{R_{m,i}}|$ . Since  $y_m(t_i) \neq \overline{y_m(t_i)}$ ,  $\forall m \in \mathbb{N}_0$ ,  $i = \overline{0, n}$ , so  $s_m$  which interpolates the values  $y_m(t_i)$ ,  $i = \overline{0, n}$ , does not interpolate the values of  $y_m(t_i)$ . Thus, for every  $m$ , the function  $V_m : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $m \in \mathbb{N}_0$  by its restriction on the subintervals  $[t_{i-1}, t_i]$ ,  $i = \overline{1, n}$  is defined as

$$\begin{aligned} V_m(t) = & y_m(t) + \left[ \overline{y_m(t_i)} - y_m(t_i) \right] \cdot \frac{t - t_{i-1}}{h} \\ & + \left[ \overline{y_m(t_{i-1})} - y_m(t_{i-1}) \right] \cdot \frac{t_i - t}{h}. \end{aligned} \quad (5.6)$$

We see that  $V_m(t_i) = \overline{y_m(t_i)}$ ,  $\forall i = \overline{0, n}$ , that is,  $V_m$  interpolate the values of  $\overline{y_m(t_i)}$ ,  $i = \overline{0, n}$ , and this function is continuous. Therefore,  $s_m$  interpolates the function  $V_m$  for every  $m \in \mathbb{N}_0$  and  $V_m$  is uniformly continuous on the compact interval  $[a, b]$ . So  $V_m$  satisfies in the conditions of Lemma 4.1 and by using (4.17) we obtain

$$|V_m(t) - s_m(t)| \leq \frac{7\omega(V_m, h)}{4}, \quad \forall t \in [a, b], \quad \forall m \in \mathbb{N}. \quad (5.7)$$



Now, by using the algorithm of the method, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
|\overline{R_{2,i}}| = |y_2(t_i) - \overline{y_2(t_i)}| \leq & |R_{2,i}| + \frac{|(t_i - a)^\alpha|}{\Gamma(\alpha + 1)} \cdot \frac{(b - a)}{2n} \sum_{j=1}^n \left[ |K(a, t_{j-1})| \right. \\
& \cdot |F(t_{j-1}, \overline{y_1(t_{j-1})} + R_{1,j-1}, y_1(\theta(t_{j-1}))) - F(t_{j-1}, \overline{y_1(t_{j-1})}, s_1(\theta(t_{j-1})))| \\
& \left. + |K(a, t_j)| \cdot |F(t_j, \overline{y_1(t_j)} + R_{1,j}, y_1(\theta(t_j))) - F(t_j, \overline{y_1(t_j)}, s_1(\theta(t_j)))| \right] \\
& + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha + 1)} \cdot \frac{(b - a)^2}{4n^2} \sum_{k=1}^i \sum_{j=1}^n |(t_i - t_k)^\alpha| \cdot \left| \frac{\partial K(t_k, t_j)}{\partial \tau} \right| \cdot |F(t_j, \overline{y_1(t_j)}) \\
& + R_{1,j}, y_1(\theta(t_j))) - F(t_j, \overline{y_1(t_j)}, s_1(\theta(t_j)))| + |(t_i - t_k)^\alpha| \cdot \left| \frac{\partial K(t_k, t_{j-1})}{\partial \tau} \right| \\
& \cdot |F(t_{j-1}, \overline{y_1(t_{j-1})} + R_{1,j-1}, y_1(\theta(t_{j-1}))) - F(t_{j-1}, \overline{y_1(t_{j-1})}, s_1(\theta(t_{j-1})))| \\
& + |(t_i - t_{k-1})^\alpha| \cdot \left| \frac{\partial K(t_{k-1}, t_j)}{\partial \tau} \right| \cdot |F(t_j, \overline{y_1(t_j)} + R_{1,j}, y_1(\theta(t_j))) \\
& - F(t_j, \overline{y_1(t_j)}, s_1(\theta(t_j)))| + |(t_i - t_{k-1})^\alpha| \cdot \left| \frac{\partial K(t_{k-1}, t_{j-1})}{\partial \tau} \right| \\
& \cdot |F(t_{j-1}, \overline{y_1(t_{j-1})} + R_{1,j-1}, y_1(\theta(t_{j-1}))) \\
& - F(t_{j-1}, \overline{y_1(t_{j-1})}, s_1(\theta(t_{j-1})))| \tag{5.8}
\end{aligned}$$

and for  $m \geq 3$  we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
|\overline{R_{m,i}}| = |y_m(t_i) - \overline{y_m(t_i)}| \leq & |R_{m,i}| + \frac{|(t_i - a)^\alpha|}{\Gamma(\alpha + 1)} \cdot \frac{(b - a)}{2n} \sum_{j=1}^n \left[ |K(a, t_{j-1})| \right. \\
& \cdot |F(t_{j-1}, \overline{y_{m-1}(t_{j-1})} + \overline{R_{m-1,j-1}}, y_{m-1}(\theta(t_{j-1}))) \\
& - F(t_{j-1}, \overline{y_{m-1}(t_{j-1})}, s_{m-1}(\theta(t_{j-1})))| + |K(a, t_j)| \\
& \left. \cdot |F(t_j, \overline{y_{m-1}(t_j)} + \overline{R_{m-1,j}}, y_{m-1}(\theta(t_j))) - F(t_j, \overline{y_{m-1}(t_j)}, s_{m-1}(\theta(t_j)))| \right] \\
& + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha + 1)} \cdot \frac{(b - a)^2}{4n^2} \sum_{k=1}^i \sum_{j=1}^n |(t_i - t_k)^\alpha| \cdot \left| \frac{\partial K(t_k, t_j)}{\partial \tau} \right| \\
& \cdot |F(t_j, \overline{y_{m-1}(t_j)} + \overline{R_{m-1,j}}, y_{m-1}(\theta(t_j))) - F(t_j, \overline{y_{m-1}(t_j)}, s_{m-1}(\theta(t_j)))| \\
& + |(t_i - t_k)^\alpha| \cdot \left| \frac{\partial K(t_k, t_{j-1})}{\partial \tau} \right| \\
& \cdot |F(t_{j-1}, \overline{y_{m-1}(t_{j-1})} + \overline{R_{m-1,j-1}}, y_{m-1}(\theta(t_{j-1}))) \\
& - F(t_{j-1}, \overline{y_{m-1}(t_{j-1})}, s_{m-1}(\theta(t_{j-1})))| + |(t_i - t_{k-1})^\alpha| \cdot \left| \frac{\partial K(t_{k-1}, t_j)}{\partial \tau} \right| \\
& \cdot |F(t_j, \overline{y_{m-1}(t_j)} + \overline{R_{m-1,j}}, y_{m-1}(\theta(t_j))) - F(t_j, \overline{y_{m-1}(t_j)}, s_{m-1}(\theta(t_j)))| \\
& + |(t_i - t_{k-1})^\alpha| \cdot \left| \frac{\partial K(t_{k-1}, t_{j-1})}{\partial \tau} \right| \cdot |F(t_{j-1}, \overline{y_{m-1}(t_{j-1})}
\end{aligned}$$



$$+ \overline{R_{m-1,j-1, y_{m-1}(\theta(t_{j-1}))}} - F(t_{j-1}, \overline{y_{m-1}(t_{j-1})}, s_{m-1}(\theta(t_{j-1}))) | .$$

Here we need to obtain an estimate for  $| y_{m-1}(t) - s_{m-1}(t) |$ . For this purpose we have

$$\begin{aligned} | y_{m-1}(t) - s_{m-1}(t) | &\leq | y_{m-1}(t) - V_{m-1}(t) | + | V_{m-1}(t) - s_{m-1}(t) | \\ &\leq | \frac{t - t_{i-1}}{h} | \cdot | \overline{R_{m-1,i}} | + | \frac{t_i - t}{h} | \cdot | \overline{R_{m-1,i-1}} | + | V_{m-1}(t) - s_{m-1}(t) | \\ &\leq \max(\overline{R_{m-1,i-1}}, \overline{R_{m-1,i}}) + \frac{7}{4} \omega(V_{m-1}, h), \quad \forall t \in [t_{i-1}, t_i], \quad \forall i = \overline{0, n}. \end{aligned}$$

Now we can find a bound for  $| \overline{R_{m,i}} |$ . From (5.8) and (5.9)  $\forall i = \overline{0, n}$  we conclude

$$\begin{aligned} | \overline{R_{2,i}} | &\leq | R_{2,i} | + \frac{|(t_i - a)^\alpha|}{\Gamma(\alpha + 1)} \cdot \frac{(b - a)}{2n} \sum_{j=1}^n \left[ Q(\lambda | R_{1,j-1} | \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \mu | y_1(\theta(t_{j-1})) - s_1(\theta(t_{j-1})) |) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + Q(\lambda | R_{1,j} | + \mu | y_1(\theta(t_j)) - s_1(\theta(t_j)) |) \right] + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha + 1)} \\ &\quad \cdot \frac{(b - a)^2}{4n^2} \sum_{k=1}^i \sum_{j=1}^n \left[ |(t_i - t_k)^\alpha| \cdot Q(\lambda | R_{1,j} | + \mu | y_1(\theta(t_j)) - s_1(\theta(t_j)) |) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + |(t_i - t_k)^\alpha| \cdot Q(\lambda | R_{1,j-1} | + \mu | y_1(\theta(t_{j-1})) - s_1(\theta(t_{j-1})) |) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + |(t_i - t_{k-1})^\alpha| \cdot Q(\lambda | R_{1,j} | + \mu | y_1(\theta(t_j)) - s_1(\theta(t_j)) |) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + |(t_i - t_{k-1})^\alpha| \cdot Q(\lambda | R_{1,j-1} | + \mu | y_1(\theta(t_{j-1})) - s_1(\theta(t_{j-1})) |) \right] \end{aligned} \tag{5.9}$$

therefore

$$\begin{aligned} | \overline{R_{2,i}} | &\leq \frac{1}{4n\Gamma(\alpha + 1)} [(b - a)^{\alpha+2}L + (b - a)^3L_1 + (b - a)^2L_2] + \frac{1}{4n\Gamma(\alpha + 1)} \\ &\quad \cdot \frac{2(b - a)^q Q(\lambda + \mu)}{\Gamma(\alpha + 1)} \cdot [(b - a)^{\alpha+2}L + (b - a)^3L_1 + (b - a)^2L_2] \\ &\quad + \frac{2(b - a)^q Q\mu}{\Gamma(\alpha + 1)} \cdot \frac{7}{4} \omega(V, h). \end{aligned} \tag{5.10}$$

With the induction for  $m \geq 3$  and for every  $i = \overline{0, n}$ , also using (2.2), we have

$$\begin{aligned} | \overline{R_{m,i}} | &\leq \left[ 1 + \frac{2(b - a)^q Q(\lambda + \mu)}{\Gamma(\alpha + 1)} + \left( \frac{2(b - a)^q Q(\lambda + \mu)}{\Gamma(\alpha + 1)} \right)^2 \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \dots + \left( \frac{2(b - a)^q Q(\lambda + \mu)}{\Gamma(\alpha + 1)} \right)^{m-1} \right] \cdot \frac{1}{4n\Gamma(\alpha + 1)} \\ &\quad \cdot [(b - a)^{\alpha+2}L + (b - a)^3L_1 + (b - a)^2L_2] + \frac{2(b - a)^q Q\mu}{\Gamma(\alpha + 1)} \cdot \frac{7}{4} \omega(V, h) \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
 & \cdot \left[ 1 + \frac{2(b-a)^q Q(\lambda + \mu)}{\Gamma(\alpha + 1)} + \left( \frac{2(b-a)^q Q(\lambda + \mu)}{\Gamma(\alpha + 1)} \right)^2 \right. \\
 & + \dots + \left. \left( \frac{2(b-a)^q Q(\lambda + \mu)}{\Gamma(\alpha + 1)} \right)^{m-2} \right] = \frac{\frac{2(b-a)^q Q\mu}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} \cdot \frac{7}{4} \omega(V, h)}{1 - \frac{2(b-a)^q Q(\lambda+\mu)}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}} \\
 & + \frac{\frac{1}{4n\Gamma(\alpha+1)} [(b-a)^{\alpha+2}L + (b-a)^3L_1 + (b-a)^2L_2]}{1 - \frac{2(b-a)^q Q(\lambda+\mu)}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}} \tag{5.11}
 \end{aligned}$$

Now, by replacing (5.11) and the bound obtained in (5.3), in (5.5), the inequality (5.4) is obtained.  $\square$

**Corollary 5.3.** *Under the conditions of the theorem 5.2, when  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and  $m \rightarrow \infty$ , we have*

$$|y^*(t_i) - \overline{y_m(t_i)}| \rightarrow 0, \quad \forall i = \overline{0, n}$$

which concludes the proposed method is convergent.

*Proof.* Since  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \omega(V_{m-1}, h) = 0$  and  $\lambda, \mu, M, Q$  and  $(b-a)$  are fixed values, so

$$\begin{aligned}
 \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{1}{4n\Gamma(\alpha+1)} [(b-a)^{\alpha+2}L + (b-a)^3L_1 + (b-a)^2L_2]}{1 - \frac{2(b-a)^q Q(\lambda+\mu)}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}} &= 0, \\
 \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{2(b-a)^q Q\mu}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} \cdot \frac{7}{4} \omega(V, h)}{1 - \frac{2(b-a)^q Q(\lambda+\mu)}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}} &= 0,
 \end{aligned}$$

also, using (2.2), we have

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\left[ \frac{2(b-a)^q Q(\lambda+\mu)}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} \right]^m}{1 - \frac{2(b-a)^q Q(\lambda+\mu)}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}} \cdot \frac{2(b-a)^q}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} QM = 0.$$

$\square$

### 6. STABILITY ANALYSIS

To prove the stability of the method, we consider a small perturbation in the first step  $y_0 = g$ , so we consider the equation (3.2) as follows

$$\begin{aligned}
 x(t) &= h(t) + \frac{(t-a)^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} \int_a^b K(a, s) \cdot F(s, x(s), x(\theta(s))) ds \\
 &+ \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} \int_a^t \int_a^b (t-\tau)^\alpha \frac{\partial K(\tau, s)}{\partial \tau} \cdot F(s, x(s), x(\theta(s))) ds d\tau, \quad t \in [a, b], \tag{6.1}
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $h \in C^1[a, b]$  and  $|g(t) - h(t)| < \varepsilon$  for small  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Also, assume that  $M' \geq 0$  is such that

$$M' = \max\{|F(s, h(s), h(\theta(s)))| : s \in [a, b]\}.$$



Using the proposed method for the equation (6.1), we get the sequence of successive approximations on the points  $t_i = a + ih, i = \overline{0, n}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} x_0(t_i) &= h(t_i), \quad i = \overline{0, n}, \\ x_m(t_i) &= h(t_i) + \frac{(t_i - a)^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha + 1)} \int_a^b K(a, s) \cdot F(s, x(s), x(\theta(s))) ds \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha + 1)} \int_a^{t_i} \int_a^b (t_i - \tau)^\alpha \frac{\partial K(\tau, s)}{\partial \tau} \cdot F(s, x(s), x(\theta(s))) ds d\tau, \quad m \in \mathbb{N}, \end{aligned}$$

with computations such as (4.15), we have

$$\begin{aligned} x_0(t_i) &= h(t_i), \quad i = \overline{0, n}, \\ x_m(t_i) &= \overline{x_m(t_i)} + \overline{R'_{m,i}}, \quad i = \overline{0, n}, \quad m \in \mathbb{N}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$|x_0(t) - y_0(t)| < \varepsilon, \quad \forall t \in [a, b].$$

**Definition 6.1.** [9] The presented method is stable if there are  $p \in \mathbb{N}_0$ , a sequence of continuous functions  $\mu_m : [0, b - a] \rightarrow [0, \infty]$ ,  $m \in \mathbb{N}_0$  with the property  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \mu_m(h) = 0, \forall m \in \mathbb{N}_0$  and the constants  $K_1, K_2, K_3 > 0$  independent of  $h$  so that

$$|\overline{x_m(t_i)} - \overline{y_m(t_i)}| \leq K_1 \varepsilon + K_2 \cdot h^p + K_3 \cdot \mu_m(h), \quad \forall i = \overline{0, n}, \quad m \in \mathbb{N}_0.$$

**Theorem 6.2.** Under the conditions of the theorem 5.2, the presented method is stable.

*Proof.* We have

$$\begin{aligned} |\overline{x_m(t_i)} - \overline{y_m(t_i)}| &\leq |\overline{x_m(t_i)} - x_m(t_i)| + |x_m(t_i) - y_m(t_i)| \\ &\quad + |y_m(t_i) - \overline{y_m(t_i)}| \leq |\overline{R_{m,i}}| + |x_m(t_i) - y_m(t_i)| + |\overline{R'_{m,i}}|, \end{aligned} \tag{6.2}$$

and based on the relation (5.11):

$$\begin{aligned} |\overline{R_{m,i}}| &\leq \frac{1}{4n\Gamma(\alpha+1)} [(b-a)^{\alpha+2}L + (b-a)^3L_1 + (b-a)^2L_2] \\ &\quad \frac{1}{1 - \frac{2(b-a)^\alpha Q(\lambda+\mu)}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}} \\ &\quad + \frac{\frac{2(b-a)^\alpha Q\mu}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} \cdot \frac{7}{4}\omega(V, h)}{1 - \frac{2(b-a)^\alpha Q(\lambda+\mu)}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}}, \end{aligned} \tag{6.3}$$

$$\begin{aligned} |\overline{R'_{m,i}}| &\leq \frac{1}{4n\Gamma(\alpha+1)} [(b-a)^{\alpha+2}L' + (b-a)^3L'_1 + (b-a)^2L'_2] \\ &\quad \frac{1}{1 - \frac{2(b-a)^\alpha Q(\lambda+\mu)}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}} \\ &\quad + \frac{\frac{2(b-a)^\alpha Q\mu}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} \cdot \frac{7}{4}\omega(V, h)}{1 - \frac{2(b-a)^\alpha Q(\lambda+\mu)}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}}, \end{aligned} \tag{6.4}$$



where  $L', L'_1, L'_2 \geq 0$  are Lipschitz constants similar to (4.4) and (4.7). Since  $|x_0(t) - y_0(t)| \leq \varepsilon, \forall t \in [a, b]$ , so

$$\begin{aligned} |x_1(t) - y_1(t)| &\leq |x_0(t) - y_0(t)| \frac{|(t-a)^\alpha|}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} \int_a^b |K(a,s)| \cdot |F(s, x_0(s), x_0(\theta(s))) \\ &\quad - F(s, y_0(s), y_0(\theta(s)))| ds + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} \int_a^t \int_a^b |(t-\tau)^\alpha| \cdot \left| \frac{\partial K(\tau,s)}{\partial \tau} \right| \\ &\quad \cdot |F(s, x_0(s), x_0(\theta(s))) - F(s, y_0(s), y_0(\theta(s)))| ds d\tau \\ &\leq \left[ 1 + \frac{2(b-a)^q Q(\lambda+\mu)}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} \right] \cdot \varepsilon, \end{aligned}$$

and for  $m \geq 2$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} |x_m(t) - y_m(t)| &\leq |x_0(t) - y_0(t)| \frac{|(t-a)^\alpha|}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} \int_a^b |K(a,s)| \\ &\quad \cdot |F(s, x_{m-1}(s), x_{m-1}(\theta(s))) - F(s, y_{m-1}(s), y_{m-1}(\theta(s)))| ds \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} \int_a^t \int_a^b |(t-\tau)^\alpha| \cdot \left| \frac{\partial K(\tau,s)}{\partial \tau} \right| \\ &\quad \cdot |F(s, x_{m-1}(s), x_{m-1}(\theta(s))) - F(s, y_{m-1}(s), y_{m-1}(\theta(s)))| ds d\tau \\ &\leq \left[ 1 + \frac{2(b-a)^q Q(\lambda+\mu)}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} + \left( \frac{2(b-a)^q Q(\lambda+\mu)}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} \right)^2 + \dots \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \left( \frac{2(b-a)^q Q(\lambda+\mu)}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} \right)^m \right] \cdot \varepsilon \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{1 - \frac{2(b-a)^q Q(\lambda+\mu)}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}}. \end{aligned} \tag{6.5}$$

And by replacing (6.3), (6.4) and (6.5) into (6.2), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} |\overline{x_m(t_i)} - \overline{y_m(t_i)}| &\leq \frac{\frac{(b-a)^q Q\mu}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} \cdot 7\omega(V, h)}{1 - \frac{2(b-a)^q Q(\lambda+\mu)}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}} + \frac{\varepsilon}{1 - \frac{2(b-a)^q Q(\lambda+\mu)}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}} \\ &\quad + [(b-a)^{\alpha+2}(L+L') + (b-a)^3(L_1+L'_1) + (b-a)^2(L_2+L'_2)] \\ &\quad \cdot \frac{\frac{1}{4n\Gamma(\alpha+1)}}{1 - \frac{2(b-a)^q Q(\lambda+\mu)}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}} \leq K_1\varepsilon + K_2 \cdot h + K_3 \cdot \mu_m(h), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} K_1 &= \frac{1}{1 - \frac{2(b-a)^q Q(\lambda+\mu)}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}}, \quad K_3 = \frac{\frac{(b-a)^q Q\mu}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} \cdot 7\omega(V, h)}{1 - \frac{2(b-a)^q Q(\lambda+\mu)}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}}, \\ K_2 &= \frac{\frac{1}{4n\Gamma(\alpha+1)} [(b-a)^{\alpha+2}(L+L') + (b-a)^3(L_1+L'_1) + (b-a)^2(L_2+L'_2)]}{1 - \frac{2(b-a)^q Q(\lambda+\mu)}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}}, \end{aligned}$$

with  $p = 1$  and  $\mu_m(h) = \omega(V_{m-1}, h)$ . Therefore by definition 6.1, the presented method is stable. □





7. APPLICATION OF THE METHOD

In this section, we apply the presented method to obtain the approximate solution of functional fractional Hammerstein integro-differential equations.

**Example 7.1.** Consider the following fractional Hammerstein integro-differential equation of [35, 36, 41]

$$D^{\frac{1}{2}}y(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\frac{1}{2})} \left( \frac{8}{3}t^{\frac{3}{2}} - 2t^{\frac{1}{2}} \right) - \frac{t}{1260} + \int_0^1 ts[y(s)]^4 ds, \tag{7.1}$$

with the initial condition  $y(0) = 0$  and exact solution is  $y(t) = t^2 - t$ . Using the fractional integral operator on both sides of the equation (7.1) and by using of initial condition, we obtain

$$y(t) = t^2 - t - \frac{t^{\frac{3}{2}}}{945\sqrt{\pi}} + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\frac{1}{2})} \int_0^t \int_0^1 (t - \tau)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \tau s [y(s)]^4 ds d\tau. \tag{7.2}$$

We apply the presented method on the (7.2) and the numerical results of the presented method are given in TABLE 1. We calculate its polynomial interpolation  $p(t)$  for  $(t_i, \overline{y_m(t_i)})$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  and  $\|y(t) - p(t)\|_2$  for different values of  $n$ , which are shown in TABLE 2. It is obviously seen that the numerical results of our method are more accurate than of the results obtained from referred methods.

TABLE 1. Numerical results of Example 7.1

$t$	<i>exact solution</i>	$n = 8$	$n = 16$	$n = 24$	$n = 32$	$n = 48$
$t = 0.125$	-0.10937500	-0.10938159	-0.10937749	-0.10937640	-0.10937592	-0.10937551
$t = 0.250$	-0.18750000	-0.18750705	-0.18750261	-0.18750145	-0.18750095	-0.18750052
$t = 0.375$	-0.23437500	-0.23438225	-0.23437766	-0.23437647	-0.23437596	-0.23437553
$t = 0.500$	-0.25000000	-0.25000736	-0.25000269	-0.25000149	-0.25000097	-0.25000053
$t = 0.625$	-0.23437500	-0.23438243	-0.23437771	-0.23437649	-0.23437597	-0.23437554
$t = 0.750$	-0.18750000	-0.18750748	-0.18750272	-0.18750150	-0.18750097	-0.18750054
$t = 0.875$	-0.10937500	-0.10938251	-0.10937772	-0.10937651	-0.10937598	-0.10937554
$t = 1.000$	0.00000000	-0.7534e-5	-0.2733e-5	-0.1515e-5	-0.9815e-6	-0.5504e-6

TABLE 2. Absolute errors of Example 7.1

	$\ e_8\ _2$	$\ e_{12}\ _2$	$\ e_{16}\ _2$	$\ e_{24}\ _2$	$\ e_{32}\ _2$	$\ e_{48}\ _2$
<i>Presented method</i>	7.2850e-6	4.0478e-6	2.6559e-6	1.4716e-6	9.6072e-7	5.3383e-7
<i>Ref. [35]</i>	-	1.0438e-4	-	2.6403e-5	-	-
<i>Ref. [41]</i>	6.0313e-5	-	1.4484e-6	-	2.3374e-7	5.3445e-6
<i>Ref. [36]</i>	-	7.7110e-4	-	2.0755e-5	-	5.3445e-6

**Example 7.2.** As the second example, consider the following fractional Hammerstein integro-differential equation of Ref. [36]

$$D^{\frac{5}{6}}y(t) - \int_0^1 te^s[y(s)]^4 ds = \frac{3}{\Gamma(\frac{1}{6})} (2t^{\frac{1}{6}} - \frac{431}{91}t^{\frac{13}{6}} + t(248e - 674)), \tag{7.3}$$



with the initial condition  $y(0) = 0$  and exact solution  $y(t) = t - t^3$ . Using the fractional integral operator on both sides of the equation (7.3) and using of initial condition, yields

$$y(t) = t - t^3 - \frac{1}{\Gamma(\frac{5}{6})} \left( \frac{8928}{55} t^{\frac{11}{6}} e - \frac{24264t^{\frac{11}{6}}}{55} \right) + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\frac{5}{6})} \int_0^t \int_0^1 (t - \tau)^{\frac{-1}{6}} \tau e^s [y(s)]^4 ds d\tau. \quad (7.4)$$

$\|y(t) - p(t)\|_2$  of the presented method and Ref. [36] are given in TABLE 3.

TABLE 3. Numerical results of Example 7.2

$\ e_n\ _2$	<i>presented method</i>	<i>Ref. [36]</i>
$\ e_{12}\ _2$	$1.79091184e - 4$	$2.0862e - 3$
$\ e_{24}\ _2$	$9.29306806e - 5$	$6.3440e - 4$

**Example 7.3.** Consider the following functional fractional Hammerstein integro-differential equation

$$D^{\frac{1}{2}} y(t) - \int_0^1 (t - s) \cdot ((s - 1) + sy(\frac{s}{2})) ds = \frac{8}{3\sqrt{\pi}} t^{\frac{3}{2}} + \frac{7}{16} t - \frac{7}{60}, \quad (7.5)$$

with the initial condition  $y(0) = 0$  and exact solution  $y(t) = t^2$ . Similar to the previous example, by using the fractional integral operator on both sides of the equation (7.5) and by using of initial condition, we obtain

$$y(t) = t^2 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \left( \frac{7t^{\frac{3}{2}}}{12} - \frac{7\sqrt{t}}{30} \right) + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\frac{1}{2})} \int_0^t \int_0^1 (t - \tau)^{\frac{-1}{2}} (\tau - s) \cdot ((s - 1) + sy(\frac{s}{2})) ds d\tau. \quad (7.6)$$

The numerical results of the presented method are given in TABLE 4. Also,  $\|y(t) - p(t)\|_2$  is reported in last line.

## 8. CONCLUSION

In this paper, we investigated on functional Hammerstein integro-differential equations of fractional order. Here we also presented an approximate method to solve these equations. We proved convergence and stability of the method, too. At the end, we gave some numerical examples, which show the accuracy of the method.

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TABLE 4. Numerical results of Example 7.3

$t$	<i>exact solution</i>	$n = 8$	$n = 24$	$n = 48$
$t = 0.125$	0.01562500	0.01758606	0.01619027	0.01586463
$t = 0.502$	0.06250000	0.06410829	0.06302393	0.06273235
$t = 0.375$	0.14062500	0.14193456	0.14111765	0.14085170
$t = 0.500$	0.25000000	0.25107388	0.25047139	0.25022308
$t = 0.625$	0.39062500	0.39151664	0.39108344	0.39084622
$t = 0.750$	0.56250000	0.56325437	0.56295248	0.56272087
$t = 0.875$	0.76562500	0.76628063	0.76607752	0.76584684
$t = 1.000$	1.00000000	1.00059055	1.00045784	1.00022396
$\ e_n\ _2$		$1.1959e - 3$	$4.9113e - 4$	$2.2686e - 4$

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