

Stable methods for solving the standard Abel integral equation by means of orthogonal polynomials.

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INTRODUCTION

The standard form of the Abel integral equation is given as follows,

$$T_{\alpha}u(x) = \int_0^x \frac{u(t)}{(x-t)^{1-\alpha}} dt = f(x), \quad 0 \leq x \leq 1.$$

where $0 < \alpha < 1$ is a positive real number, $f(\cdot)$ is the data function and $u(\cdot)$ is the unknown function to be computed. In this talk, we built **stable methods** for the solution of the **ill-posed problem**.

These methods are **explicit** and they are **based on the use of various families of orthogonal polynomials** of the Legendre and Jacobi types.

Moreover, they have the **advantage to ensure the stability of the solution under a fairly weak condition** on the functional spaces to which the data function belongs. Also, we provide some numerical examples that illustrate our proposed methods.

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A norm $\|\cdot\|_\alpha$ is defined on E_α by, $\|f\|_\alpha^2 = \sum_{n \geq 0} f_n^2 (n+2)^{2\alpha}$.

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$$\|u - \tilde{u}\|_\sigma \leq \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \|f - \tilde{f}\|_\alpha, \quad (4)$$

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be the approximate solution of equation $T_\alpha \tilde{u} = \tilde{f}$. Here, the $(\tilde{f}_n)_{0 \leq n \leq N-1}$ are the expansion coefficients of the perturbed function \tilde{f} . Assume that $\|f - \tilde{f}\|_\alpha \leq \Gamma(\alpha)\varepsilon$, where f is the noise free function, satisfying $T_\alpha u = f$. Then, we have

$$\|u - \tilde{u}_N\|_\sigma \leq \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \sqrt{\sum_{n=N}^{\infty} f_n^2 (n+2)^{2\alpha} + \varepsilon}$$

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- **Remark :** Numerical evidences show that

$$\sum_{s \geq 0} \frac{\langle P_s, F_m \rangle^2}{(1+(s(s+1))^\eta)^2} = O(m^{-4\eta}).$$

Moreover, since $\beta_{m,\alpha}^2 \sim m^{-2\alpha}$,

then we can chose $\sigma_0(\alpha) = \frac{1}{4} + \frac{\alpha}{2}$ defined by (5). This means that our Legendre based method for solving (1) is numerically valid on a fairly large subspace $\tilde{E}_{\alpha,\epsilon}$ of $L^2([0, 1])$, given by

$$\tilde{E}_{\alpha,\epsilon} = \left\{ f = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} f_n P_n \in L^2([0, 1]); \sum_{n \geq 0} (1 + (n(n+1))^{1/4 + \alpha/2 + \epsilon})^2 (f_n)^2 < \infty \right\}$$

EXAMPLE 1 : SOLVED BY THE FIRST METHOD

We first consider $\alpha = 1/10$ and we apply our proposed method with $N = 25$ to solve equation (1), with the noisy data function $\tilde{f}_1(x) = f_1(x) + \eta(x)$, where $f_1(x) = 10(x - \frac{1}{4})^{0.9} 1_{[\frac{1}{4}, 1]}(x)$, $\eta(x) = 0.01 \sin(100\pi x)$, $0 \leq x \leq 1$.

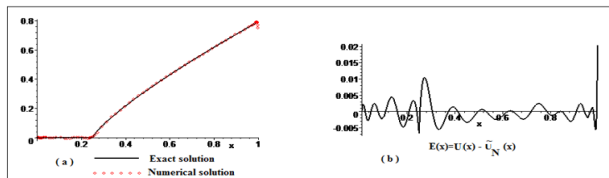


Figure: (a) graphs of the exact and numerical solution, (b) graph of the error corresponding to the function \tilde{f}_1 .

EXAMPLE 2 : SOLVED BY THE SECOND METHOD

In this example, we consider the value $\alpha = 0.5$ and the smooth function f_2 , given by $f_2(x) = \frac{16}{3\Gamma(0.5)}(x^{5/2} - x^{3/2})$. In this case, the exact solution of (1) is given by $u(x) = 5x^2 - 4x$. Then, we contaminate the function f_2 with a **35 db SNR Gaussian** white noise η_2 . Here, the SNR denotes the signal to noise ratio, given by the formula $\text{SNR} = 20 \log_{10} \left(\frac{\|f\|_2}{\|\eta\|_2} \right)$, where f is the signal function and η is the noise. The graph of noisy function \tilde{f}_2 , is given by Figure 2(a). Next, we apply the Legendre polynomials based method with $N = 8$ and compute an approximate solution $\tilde{u}_N(x)$ to the exact solution $u(x)$. The graphs of $u(x)$ and \tilde{u}_N are given by Figure 2(b).

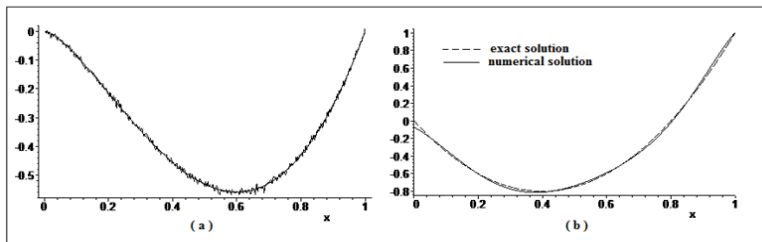


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- For a given three real numbers α, β, μ satisfying $0 < \alpha < 1, 2\alpha > \beta > -1, \mu > 0$, we consider the weighted Sobolev type functional space $F_{\alpha,\beta,\mu}$, given by

$$F_{\alpha,\beta,\mu} = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} f = \sum_{n \geq 0} f_n x^{\alpha+\beta} Q_n^{\mu-\alpha,\beta+\alpha} \in L^2([0,1], x^{-\alpha-\beta} (1-x)^{\mu-\alpha} dx) \\ ; \sum_{n \geq 0} (f_n)^2 (1+n)^{2\alpha} < +\infty \end{array} \right\}$$

Then, we prove that the Abel equation (1) has a stable solution belonging to $L^2([0,1], (1-x)^\mu x^{-\beta} dx)$, whenever $f \in F_{\alpha,\beta,\mu}$.

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For any positive integers n, k and any real $0 < \alpha < 1$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 I_{n,k}(\alpha) &= \sqrt{2n+2-\alpha}\sqrt{2k+1} - \int_0^1 x^{1-\alpha} Q_n^{0,1-\alpha}(x) P_k'(x) dx \\
 &= \frac{\sin(\pi\alpha)}{\pi} \frac{(-1)^{n+k} \sqrt{2n+2-\alpha}\sqrt{2k+1}}{n!} \\
 &\quad \sum_{l=0}^n \binom{n}{l} \frac{\Gamma(n+l+2-\alpha)\Gamma(l-\alpha+1)\Gamma(k-l+\alpha)}{\Gamma(k+l+2-\alpha)} \quad (6)
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Let $0 < \alpha < 1$, and assume that $f \in F_\alpha$. If $u(t) = \sum_{k \geq 0} \beta_k P_k(t)$ is the solution of the equation $T_\alpha u = f$, then for all $k \geq 1$ β_k is given by the following formula

$$\begin{aligned} \beta_k &= \sqrt{2k+1} \beta_0 - \frac{\sin(\alpha\pi)}{\pi} \int_0^1 T_{1-\alpha} f(x) P'_k(x) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \sum_{n=0}^{k-1} f_n \frac{n!}{\Gamma(n+2-\alpha)} I_{n,k}(\alpha) \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

$$+ \frac{\sqrt{2k+1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \sum_{n=k}^{\infty} f_n \frac{n!}{\Gamma(n+2-\alpha)} \sqrt{2n+2-\alpha}, \quad (8)$$

where $I_{n,k}(\alpha)$ is as given by previous theorem.

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with

$$\chi_k(\alpha) = \frac{\sqrt{2k+1} k^\alpha}{(k+1-\alpha)} \left(2^\alpha - 1 + 2^\alpha \frac{\alpha}{2k} \right) \leq 2^{1/2+\alpha} \left(1 + \frac{\alpha}{2-\alpha} \right) k^{\alpha-\frac{1}{2}}.$$

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$u = \sum_{k \geq 0} \beta_k P_k(x) \in U_\alpha$, $\tilde{u} = \sum_{k \geq 0} \tilde{\beta}_k P_k(x) \in U_\alpha$ be the solutions of the equation $T_\alpha u = f$, and $T_\alpha \tilde{u} = \tilde{f}$ respectively. Then, we have

$$\|u - \tilde{u}\|_\alpha \leq C_\alpha \|f - \tilde{f}\|.$$

with $C_\alpha = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \max\left(\frac{1}{(1-\alpha)}, 2^{2+\alpha} \left(1 + \frac{\alpha}{2-\alpha}\right)\right)$

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$$\|u - \tilde{u}_N(x)\|_\alpha \leq \|u - u_N\|_\alpha + \|u_N - \tilde{u}_N\|_\alpha \leq \sup_{n \geq N+1} |\beta_n|(n+1/2)^{1/2-\alpha} + C_\alpha \epsilon. \quad (11)$$

Second method

A second but a more classical stability result concerning the solution of the Abel integral equation (1) based on the use of Jacobi polynomials is given by the following theorem.

Theorem

Let α, β, μ , be any real numbers, satisfying $0 < \alpha < 1$, $\mu > 0$, and $2\alpha > \beta > -1$. If $f(\cdot) \in F_{\alpha, \beta, \mu}$, then the function

$$u(x) = \sum_{n \geq 0} f_n \eta_{n, \beta, \mu}(\alpha) x^\beta Q_n^{\mu, \beta}(x), \quad (12)$$

$$\eta_{n, \beta, \mu}(\alpha) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \sqrt{\frac{\Gamma(n + \beta + \alpha + 1) \Gamma(n + \mu + 1)}{\Gamma(n + \mu - \alpha + 1) \Gamma(n + \beta + 1)}} \quad (13)$$

belongs to $L^2([0, 1], (1 - x)^\mu x^{-\beta} dx)$ and it is a solution of (1).
Moreover, we have

$$\|u\|^2 \leq \frac{(1 + \mu)^\alpha (1 + \beta)^\alpha}{\Gamma^2(\alpha)} \sum_{n \geq 0} |f_n|^2 (1 + n)^{2\alpha} = \frac{(1 + \mu)^\alpha (1 + \beta)^\alpha}{\Gamma^2(\alpha)} \|f\|^2. \quad (14)$$

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- By the work of **R. Gorenflo and M. Yamamoto [4]**, we can obtain **similar stability** results associated with the solution of the **generalized problem of Abel type** by Jacobi type polynomials.

$$\mathcal{K}u(x) = \int_0^x \frac{k(x,t)}{(x-t)^{1-\alpha}} u(t) dt = f(x), \quad 0 \leq x \leq 1.$$

Here, $k(\cdot)$ is a smooth function with $k(0) \neq 0$.

Example :

This example is devoted to the *challenging problem* of solving an Abel integral equation having a discontinuous solution have been studied. We consider the data function $f(x)$, given as follows,

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 2\sqrt{x} & \text{if } 0 \leq x < 0.2 \\ 2\sqrt{x} - \frac{2}{3}(x - 0.2)^{3/2} + (2x - 4)\sqrt{x - 0.2} = f_1(x) & \text{if } 0.2 \leq x < 0.5 \\ f_1(x) + \frac{4}{3}(x - 0.5)^{3/2} - (4x - 4)\sqrt{x - 0.5} = f_2(x) & \text{if } 0.5 \leq x < 0.7 \\ f_2(x) - \frac{2}{3}(x - 0.7)^{3/2} + (2x - 3)\sqrt{x - 0.7} & \text{if } 0.7 \leq x \leq 1. \end{cases}$$

The exact solution of (1) corresponding to the previous data function is given by the following discontinuous function

$$u(x) = 1 \cdot 1_{[0,0.2[} + (1 - x) \cdot 1_{[0.2,0.5[} + (x - 1) \cdot 1_{[0.5,0.7[} - \frac{1}{2}1_{[0.7,1]}, \quad 0 \leq x \leq 1$$

We contaminated $f(x)$ by a **30 db SNR Gaussian white noise** $\eta(x)$. Next, we have computed the Jacobi expansion coefficients of $\tilde{f}(x)$ by using a $N_q = 50$ points quadrature method, associated with the orthogonal polynomial $Q_{N_q}^{1-\alpha,0}(x)$, $\alpha = \frac{1}{2}$. Then, we have applied formula (10) with $N = 40$ and obtained $\tilde{u}_{40}(x)$, a numerical approximation to $u(x)$.

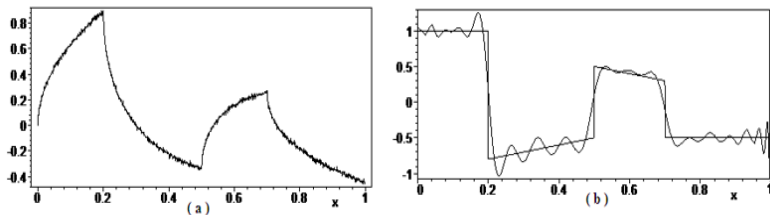


Figure: (a) Graphs of the functions $f(x)$ and the noised function $\tilde{f}(x)$,
(b) Graphs of the exact and the numerical solution $u(x)$, $\tilde{u}_{40}(x)$.

Remark the existence of a **Gibbs phenomenon** at these discontinuity points $x_1 = 0.2, x_2 = 0.5, x_3 = 0.7$. To overcome the loss of accuracy problem and as it is done in **Ammari-Karoui, J. Cheng ([1],[3])**, we defined the function $F(x)$ obtained from $f(x)$ by using the following formula,

$$F(x) = f(x) \cdot 1_{[0, x_1]} + \sum_{p=1}^3 \left[f(x) - \left(\sum_{l=1}^p \sigma_l \right) \int_{x_p}^x \frac{1}{(x-t)^{1-\alpha}} \right] 1_{]x_p, x_{p+1}], x_4 = 1. \quad (15)$$

$\sigma_l = u(x_l^+) - u(x_l^-), l = 1, \dots, 3$ denotes the values of the jumps at the discontinuity point x_l . If $U(x)$ denotes the solution of the Abel equation corresponding to the data function $F(x)$, then it can be easily checked that the exact solution of the original problem is given as follows,

$$u(x) = U(x) \cdot 1_{[0, x_1]} + \sum_{p=1}^3 \left[U(x) + \sum_{l=1}^p \sigma_l \right] 1_{]x_p, x_{p+1}], x_4 = 1. \quad (16)$$

By using the numerical estimates values $x_1^* = 0.206$, $x_2^* = 0.496$, $x_3^* = 0.706$, $\tilde{\sigma}_1 = -1.81$, $\tilde{\sigma}_2 = 0.96$, $\tilde{\sigma}_3 = -0.89$. we have computed **via formula** (15) a smooth function $\tilde{F}(x)$. Then, we have resolved the Abel equation by using our Jacobi-Legendre method with $N = 10$ and the auxiliary data function $\tilde{F}(x)$. Finally, we have applied formula (16) and obtained a highly accurate approximation $\tilde{u}_{10}(x)$ to the true solution $u(x)$, see Figure 5.

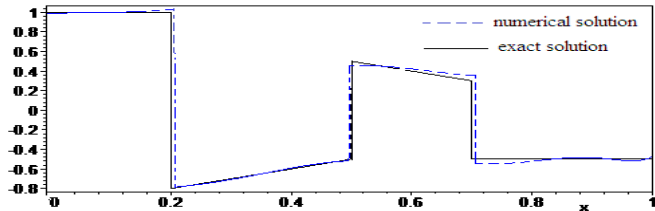


Figure: Graphs of the exact and the numerical solution $u(x)$, $\tilde{u}_{10}(x)$.

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