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Solving Fredholm Integral Equation of the Second Kind with A Single Core

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INTRODUCTION

The following Fredholm integral equation of the second kind with a single core is considered:

$$u(t) - \int_0^1 \frac{u(s) ds}{(t-s)^\alpha} = f(t), \quad 0 \leq t \leq 1, \quad 0 < \alpha \leq 1 \quad (1)$$

Where, $u(t), f(t) \in L^2[0,1]$ is the solution to the unknown integral equation. Assuming that the solution to integral equation [1] is located in $L^2[0,1]$, for selecting a network points, horizontal axis in interval of $[0,1]$ is divided into t_m, \dots, t_1, t_0 and also, vertical axis in interval of $[0,1]$ is divided into s_m, \dots, s_1, s_0 . On a square like I_{ij} , the core is estimated by using Legendre base. Off course, a multiple wavelet orthogonal base unit generated based on Legendre polynomials can be used as well, that the Legendre base is a special case of that. for further studies about the way of generating the above multiple wavelet refer to [1]. For instances of the application of Legendre polynomials and multiple wavelet generated based on Legendre polynomials for solving differential - integral equations and non-linear integral equations of Hammerstein refer to [5,7]. Equation (1) has been also solved by [4,6], however, here with a new approach, we will show the efficiency of our method. For this purpose, see the network of points in figure 1.

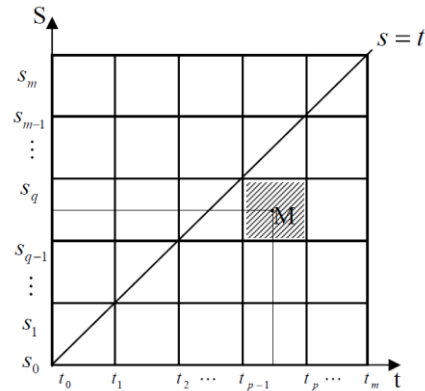


Figure 1.

By square I_{pq} , we refer to a square which is generated from multiplication of pth distance on t axis and qth distance on s axis. Therefore, we have the following:

$$\begin{aligned}
 [t_0, t_1] \times [S_0, S_1] &= I_{11} \\
 \vdots & \\
 [t_{p-1}, t_p] \times [S_{q-1}, S_q] &= I_{pq}.
 \end{aligned}$$

2. Core Estimation

We consider the dimensional space of X_n against n, and $k(t,s)$ core in the space of $X_n \times X_n$ is estimated as below:

$$k(t,s) = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \kappa_{ij} b_i(t) b_j(s)$$

Orthogonal base unit of $\{b_i\}_{i=1}^n$ can be selected from Legendre polynomials orthogonal unit or multiple wavelet orthogonal unit generated based on Legendre polynomials. Hence, core estimation confidants are as per following:

$$\kappa_{ij} = \int_0^1 \int_0^1 k(t,s) b_i(t) b_j(s) dt ds = \int_0^1 \int_0^1 \left[\frac{b_i(t) b_j(s)}{(t-s)^\alpha} \right] dt ds = \int_0^1 \int_0^1 g_{ij}(t,s) dt ds \tag{2}$$

For calculating integral (2) on s=t line, we are faced with the problem of having a single core. For solving this problem as per figure 1, with assuming $S_i = t_i$ for $i=0,1,\dots,m$ and integrating the squares above and below s=t line and on squares for which s=t line crosses their diameter, integral (2) is calculated. Therefore, we have:

$$\kappa_{ij} = \int_0^1 \int_0^1 g_{ij}(t,s) dt ds = \sum_{\substack{p,q=1 \\ p \neq q}}^m \iint_{I_{pq}} g_{ij}(t,s) dt ds + \sum_{p=1}^m \iint_{I_{pp}} g_{ij}(t,s) dt ds. \tag{3}$$

2-1 Calculating integral equation on squares not located on s=t line

Points on s and t axes are assumed to have equal distances and therefore, we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
 t_p &= t_0 + ph = ph \\
 S_p &= S_0 + ph = ph.
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{4}$$

For calculating the integration of function $g_{ij}(t,s)$ on square I_{pq} , we proceed according to figure 2, in which M is the center of I_{pq} square ;

$$\begin{aligned}
 \iint_{I_{pq}} g_{ij}(t,s) dt ds &\approx (I_{pq} \text{ Square area}) g_{ij}(t_M, S_M) \\
 &= (t_p - t_{p-1})(s_q - s_{q-1}) g_{ij}\left(t_p - \frac{h}{2}, s_q - \frac{h}{2}\right)
 \end{aligned}$$

Given the fact that points have equal distance and considering equation (4), we have the following:

$$= h^2 g_{ij}\left(\frac{(2p-1)h}{2}, \frac{(2q-1)h}{2}\right)$$

And considering $h = \frac{1}{m}$, we have:

$$= \frac{1}{m^2} g_{ij}\left(\frac{(2p-1)}{2m}, \frac{(2q-1)}{2m}\right).
 \tag{5}$$

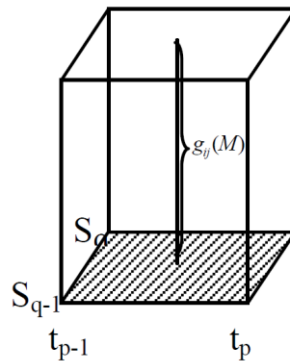


Figure 2.

2-2 Calculating integral on squares located on s = t line

Considering figure 3, square I_{pp} is divided into two triangles above and below $s = t$ line and every time the area of the triangle is multiplied into the value of function $g_j(t, s)$ at the center of the triangle. For this purpose, coordinates of A, B, C, D are considered as below:

$$A = (t_{p-1}, S_{p-1}), B = (t_p, S_{p-1}), C = (t_p, S_p), D = (t_{p-1}, S_p)$$

$$, S_{ABC} = \frac{h^2}{2}, S_{ADC} = \frac{h^2}{2}.$$

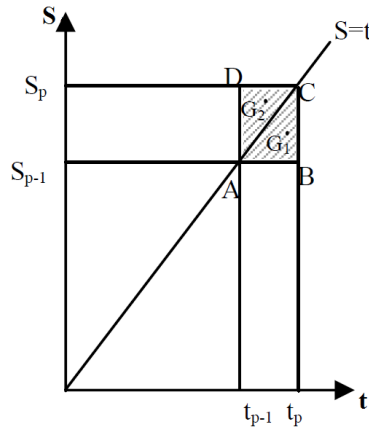


Figure 3.

Coordinates of G_1, G_2 in figure 3 are introduced as below:

$$G_1 = \left(\frac{t_A + t_B + t_C}{3}, \frac{s_A + s_B + s_C}{3} \right) = \left(\frac{t_{p-1} + t_p + t_p}{3}, \frac{2s_{p-1} + s_p}{3} \right) \tag{6}$$

$$= \left(\frac{(p-1)h + 2ph}{3}, \frac{2(p-1)h + ph}{3} \right)$$

$$= \left(\frac{(3p-1)h}{3}, \frac{(3p-2)h}{3} \right)$$

Similarly we have:

$$G_2 = \left(\frac{(3p-2)h}{3}, \frac{(3p-1)h}{3} \right). \tag{7}$$

Considering (6), (7) and $h = \frac{1}{m}$, we have:

$$\iint_{I_{pp}} g_{ij}(t,s) dt ds = (S_{ABC}) g_{ij}(G_1) + S_{ADC} g_{ij}(G_2) \tag{8}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2m^2} \left[g_{ij} \left(\frac{(3p-1)}{3m}, \frac{(3p-2)}{3m} \right) + g_{ij} \left(\frac{(3p-2)}{3m}, \frac{(3p-1)}{3m} \right) \right].$$

With considering equations (3), (5) and (8), estimation coefficients of core, that is, K_{ij} , are obtained as below:

$$\kappa_{ij} = \sum_{\substack{p,q=1 \\ p \neq q}}^m \frac{1}{m^2} g_{ij} \left(\frac{(2p-1)}{2m}, \frac{(2q-1)}{2m} \right) \tag{9}$$

$$+ \sum_{p=1}^m \frac{1}{2m^2} \left[g_{ij} \left(\frac{(3p-1)}{3m}, \frac{(3p-2)}{3m} \right) + g_{ij} \left(\frac{(3p-2)}{3m}, \frac{(3p-1)}{3m} \right) \right].$$

From (9), coefficients of K_{ij} for core estimation with m is found to be large enough, in which $p \neq q$ below and above s = t line is calculated as below:

$$\kappa_{ij} = \sum_{p=1}^{m-1} \sum_{q=p+1}^m \frac{1}{m^2} g_{ij} \left(\frac{(2p-1)}{2m}, \frac{(2q-1)}{2m} \right) \tag{10}$$

$$+ \sum_{q=1}^{m-1} \sum_{p=q+1}^m \frac{1}{m^2} g_{ij} \left(\frac{(2p-1)}{2m}, \frac{(2q-1)}{2m} \right)$$

$$+ \sum_{p=1}^m \frac{1}{2m^2} \left[g_{ij} \left(\frac{(3p-1)}{3m}, \frac{(3p-2)}{3m} \right) + g_{ij} \left(\frac{(3p-2)}{3m}, \frac{(3p-1)}{3m} \right) \right].$$

Now, given the value of α at the core of $k(t,s) = \frac{1}{(t-s)^\alpha}$ and $g_{ij}(t,s)$, κ_{ij} can be calculated.

$$\kappa_{ij} = \sum_{p=1}^{m-1} \sum_{q=p+1}^m \frac{1}{m^2} \frac{b_i \left(\frac{2p-1}{2m} \right) b_j \left(\frac{2q-1}{2m} \right)}{\left(\frac{2p-1}{2m} - \frac{2q-1}{2m} \right)^\alpha} + \sum_{q=1}^{m-1} \sum_{p=q+1}^m \frac{1}{m^2} \frac{b_i \left(\frac{2p-1}{2m} \right) b_j \left(\frac{2q-1}{2m} \right)}{\left(\frac{2p-1}{2m} - \frac{2q-1}{2m} \right)^\alpha}$$

$$+ \sum_{p=1}^m \frac{1}{2m^2} \left[\frac{b_i \left(\frac{3p-1}{3m} \right) b_j \left(\frac{3p-2}{3m} \right)}{\left(\frac{3p-1}{3m} - \frac{3p-2}{3m} \right)^\alpha} + \frac{b_i \left(\frac{3p-2}{3m} \right) b_j \left(\frac{3p-1}{3m} \right)}{\left(\frac{3p-2}{3m} - \frac{3p-1}{3m} \right)^\alpha} \right].$$

With simplifying the above equations, K_{ij} is introduced as below:

$$\begin{aligned} \kappa_{ij} = & \sum_{p=1}^{m-1} \sum_{q=p+1}^m \frac{b_i \left(\frac{2p-1}{2m} \right) b_j \left(\frac{2q-1}{2m} \right)}{m^{(2-\alpha)} (p-q)^\alpha} + \sum_{q=1}^{m-1} \sum_{p=q+1}^m \frac{1}{m^2} \frac{b_i \left(\frac{2p-1}{2m} \right) b_j \left(\frac{2q-1}{2m} \right)}{m^{(2-\alpha)} (p-q)^\alpha} \\ & + \sum_{p=1}^m \frac{1}{2m^{(2-\alpha)}} \left[3^\alpha b_i \left(\frac{3p-1}{3m} \right) b_j \left(\frac{3p-2}{3m} \right) + (-3)^\alpha b_i \left(\frac{3p-2}{3m} \right) b_j \left(\frac{3p-1}{3m} \right) \right] \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

In equation (11), multiple wavelet bases, in the case that the interval of $[0,1]$ is not divided into smaller intervals, are same as Legendre polynomials orthogonal unit on interval $[0,1]$ which are introduced in section 3, below.

3. Introducing Legendre orthogonal unit polynomials

Legendre orthogonal unit polynomials based on Rodrigues formula are presented as below. (for further information see [2,3])

$$L_n(t) = \frac{(-1)^n 2^n}{n!} \frac{d^n}{dt^n} \left[(1-t^2)^n \right], \quad t \in [-1,1], \quad w(t) = 1. \quad (12)$$

$$L_0(t) = 1, \quad L_1(t) = t$$

$$(n+1)L_{n+1}(t) = (2n+1)tL_n(t) - nL_{n-1}(t), \quad n \geq 1.$$

Also we have:

$$\int_{-1}^1 L_m(t)L_n(t) dt = \begin{cases} 0 & m \neq n, \\ \frac{2}{2n+1} & m = n. \end{cases}$$

For Legendre orthogonal unit polynomials, we act as below:

$$\int_{-1}^1 (\alpha L_m(t)) (\alpha L_n(t)) dt = \begin{cases} 0 & m \neq n, \\ 1 & m = n. \end{cases}$$

Therefore, we have:

$$\alpha = \sqrt{\frac{2n+1}{2}}, \quad L_0(t) = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}}, \quad L_1(t) = \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} t, \dots$$

3-1- Introducing Legendre orthogonal unit polynomials on $[0,1]$

With replacing the variable of $2t-1$ with t in (12), we have:

$$L_n(t) = \frac{(-1)^n 2^n}{n!} \frac{d^n}{dt^n} \left[(t-t^2)^n \right], \quad t \in [0,1]. \quad (13)$$

For generating Legendre orthogonal unit polynomials in equation (13), the condition of $\int_0^1 (\alpha_j b_j(t))^2 dt = 1$ is used and for example, values of α_j are presented for $j = 0, 1, \dots, 7$ as below:

$$\alpha_0 = 1, \quad \alpha_1 = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}, \quad \alpha_2 = \frac{\sqrt{5}}{4}, \quad \alpha_3 = \frac{\sqrt{7}}{8}, \quad \alpha_4 = \frac{3}{16}, \quad \alpha_5 = \frac{\sqrt{11}}{32}, \quad \alpha_6 = \frac{\sqrt{13}}{64}, \quad \alpha_7 = \frac{\sqrt{15}}{128}.$$

Also, $b_j(t)$ for $j = 0, 1, \dots, 7$ which is used in this article, is written as below:

$$\begin{aligned} L_0(t) &= 1, \\ L_1(t) &= \sqrt{3}(2t-1), \\ L_2(t) &= \sqrt{5}(6t^2-6t+1), \\ L_3(t) &= \sqrt{7}(20t^3-30t^2+12t-1), \\ L_4(t) &= 3(70t^4-140t^3+90t^2-20t+1). \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

4. Numerical results

Numerical results are obtained by using *Mathematica*, 5.1 software.

Example 4-1

The below problem of Fredholm integral equation of the second type with a single core is solved with the above method:

$$\begin{cases} u(t) - \int_0^1 \frac{u(s) ds}{(t-s)^2} = 1^2 \left(1 + Ln \left(\frac{1-t}{t} \right) \right) + t + \frac{1}{2} \\ u(t) = t^2 \quad \text{: the real answer} \end{cases}$$

For solving example 4-1, Legendre base in the case of $n = 3, 4$ is used and the dimension of the solved equation is equal to 3 and 4, respectively and m is the number of estimation points on vertical and horizontal axes for core estimation. In table 1, it is seen that the obtained numerical solution has a high level of accuracy.

Table 1.

X_n	n	m	Error
S_0^3	3	300	8.2×10^{-6}
S_0^4	4	100	1.3×10^{-7}

Example 4-2

The following problem of Fredholm integral equation of the second type with a single core is solved with the above method:

$$\begin{cases} u(t) - \int_0^1 \frac{u(s) ds}{(t-s)^{1/3}} = t^2 \left(1 + \frac{3}{2} \left((t-1)^{2/3} - t^{2/3} \right) - \frac{6}{5} t \left((t-1)^{5/3} - t^{5/3} \right) + \frac{3}{8} \left((t-1)^{8/3} - t^{8/3} \right) \right) \\ u(t) = t^2 \quad \text{:the real answer} \end{cases}$$

For solving this problem, Legendre base of $n=3,4$ is used and the dimension of the solved equation is equal to 3 and 4, respectively and m is the number of estimation points on vertical and horizontal axes for core estimation. In table 2, it is seen that although the dimension of the equation is low, the obtained numerical solution has a high level of accuracy.

Table 2.

X_n	n	m	Error
S_0^3	3	20	9.0×10^{-5}
S_0^4	4	17	1.0×10^{-6}

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