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Advanced Analytical Treatment of Fractional Logistic Equations Based on Residual Error Functions

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In this article, an analytical reliable treatment based on the concept of residual error functions is employed to address the series solution of the differential logistic system in the fractional sense. The proposed technique is a combination of the generalized Taylor series and minimizing the residual error function. The solution methodology depends on the generation of a fractional expansion in an effective convergence formula, as well as on the optimization of truncated errors, $\text{Res}_q^j(t)$, through the use of repeated Caputo derivatives without any restrictive assumptions of system nature. To achieve this, some logistic patterns are tested to demonstrate the reliability and applicability of the suggested approach. Numerical comparison depicts that the proposed technique has high accuracy and less computational effect and is more efficient.

1. Introduction

Scientists were interested in studying differential equations in the fractional sense as flexible mathematical frameworks for modeling, measuring, and describing genetic structures, memory and material transfer, and multiple processes that have recently become an increasingly stimulating area of engineering and science applications, including but not limited to viscosity, fluid mechanics, optimal control, oscillation, signal processing, anomalous diffusion, electromagnetic, and fractal geometry [1–6]. When comparing with the integer order issues, the memory and hereditary properties of several substances are well and fully described by noninteger order issues. Anyhow, numerous attempts to provide numerical solutions to such equations exist in the literature, often due to the difficulty in finding analytical solutions accurately. Therefore, different numerical and approximation methods were introduced to handle those fractional systems [7–10].

In this research direction, the application of fractional residual power series method is employed based on residual

error concept to find the analytic-numeric solutions of the fractional logistic model:

$$D_0^\alpha q(t) = \lambda q(t) (1 - q(t)), \quad t \geq 0, \quad 0 < \alpha \leq 1, \quad (1)$$

along with the initial condition

$$D_0^\alpha q(0) = p_0, \quad p_0 > 0, \quad (2)$$

where $\lambda > 0$, D_0^α indicates Caputo fractional derivatives, while $q(t)$ indicates smooth solution to be obtained. In this regard, suppose that the logistic models (1) and (2) have a unique analytical solution for $t \geq 0$. However, when $\alpha = 1$, the differential equation (1) will be called the standard logistic model in the following form $dq(t)/dt = \lambda q(t) (1 - q(t))$, which has the exact solution $q(t) = (p_0 e^{\lambda t}) / ((1 - p_0) + p_0 e^{\lambda t})$. Further, P.-F. Verhulst was the first who presented the standard logistic model. Indeed, there are two basic kinds of the logistic models: continuous and discrete models. The continuous cases are explained by ordinary differential equations of the first order that are called “standard logistic,” while the discrete case representing a

simple recurrence formula detects the properties of chaotic in specific domains. Furthermore, logistic solutions provide a consistent classification of the rates of population growth and their rapid and startling development, which does not include reducing food supplies, basic needs, or disease outbreaks. For solution behavior, the logistic system curve increases exponentially starting from the factor of multiplication up to the limit of saturation, that is, the maximum carrying capacity. Consequently, $dQ/dt = \lambda Q(1 - (Q/K))$, where Q represents the size of population growth in terms of t , λ indicates the maximum population growth rate, while K indicates carrying capacity. On the other hand, the continuous logistic system has a steady population growth rate in the form of $Q(t) = p_0 e^{\lambda t}$ with initial population data p_0 . In addition, the theory of existence and uniqueness of the continuous logistic system in a fractional sense has been presented in the literature; for more details, see [11–15].

In this research work, a reliable numerical treatment, the fractional residual power series method (FRPSM), is suggested for solving a sort of fractional logistic system. The FRPSM is an easy and reliable tool to obtain the values of unknown coefficients of desired fractional series solution for different types of linear and nonlinear FDEs without discretization, perturbation, and linearization by solving sequence of algebraic system [16–23]. The FRPS technique is primarily applied using the residual error concept and the repetition of Caputo derivatives to obtain the appropriate series solution by choosing a fit initial data, whereas the gained series solution and all fractional derivatives are valid for all mesh points of the domain of interest. To view the characteristics and advantages of numerical methods developed in dealing with various physical and engineering phenomena in the fractional sense, we refer to [24–31].

The rest of the current study is outlined in five sections. Characterization and primary results of the theory of fractional calculus are given as well as representation of fractional series solution is also provided in Section 2. In Section 3, the main procedures of the proposed algorithm are discussed to construct the required series solution. In Section 4, several applications are considered to confirm the performance and reliability of the present FRPSM. The conclusion is briefly presented finally.

2. Primary Mathematical Concepts

This section is devoted to concepts and results concerning the Caputo fractional derivatives and generalized power series representations. Throughout this research, the order α of fractional derivatives is a nonnegative real constant.

Definition 1 [2]. The Riemann–Liouville fractional integral operator J_0^α with order $\alpha \geq 0$ is given by

$$J_0^\alpha q(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^t q(\tau) (t - \tau)^{\alpha-1} d\tau, & 0 \leq t < \infty, \alpha > 0, \\ q(t), & \alpha = 0. \end{cases} \tag{3}$$

Definition 2 [2]. The operator of fractional derivative D_0^α with order $\alpha \geq 0$ for $q(t)$ is given by

$$D_0^\alpha q(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\Gamma(n - \alpha)} \int_0^t \frac{q^{(n)}(\tau)}{(t - \tau)^{\alpha-n+1}} d\tau, & 0 < n - 1 < \alpha < n, n \in \mathbb{N}, \\ \frac{d^n}{dt^n} q(t), & \alpha = n, \end{cases} \tag{4}$$

which is called the Caputo fractional operator.

The operator D_0^α satisfies the following properties:

- (i) $D_0^\alpha c = 0, c \in \mathbb{R}$
- (ii) $D_0^\alpha t^\gamma = (\Gamma(\gamma + 1)/\Gamma(\gamma + 1 - \alpha))t^{\gamma-\alpha}, n - 1 < \alpha < n, \gamma > n - 1$, and is equal to zero otherwise
- (iii) $D_0^\alpha (Aq(t) + Bp(t)) = AD_0^\alpha q(t) + BD_0^\alpha p(t)$ for $A, B \in \mathbb{R}$, that is, D_0^α is linear operator

Moreover, $(J_0^\alpha D_0^\alpha q)(t) = q(t) - \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} q^{(k)}(\tau^+) ((t - \tau)^{k\tau} / \Gamma(k + 1))$ for $0 \leq \tau < t, q \in C^n[a, b]$, and $n - 1 < \alpha \leq n, n \in \mathbb{N}$, as well as for $\alpha \geq 0$, we have $D_0^\alpha J_0^\alpha q(t) = q(t)$.

Remark 1 [19]. For an arbitrary function $q(t), 0 \leq \tau < t$, the Caputo fractional derivative can be computed by the following formula:

$$D_0^\alpha q(t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{q^{(n)}(\tau)}{\Gamma(n + 1 - \alpha)} (t - \tau)^{n\alpha}. \tag{5}$$

It is worth mentioning that the fractional calculus has a nonlocal property, so solving fractional differential equations is a challenge, especially for numerical calculations. This property indeed is the main reason why fractional calculus is more popular and good tool for modeling reality. However, Taylor expansion in the fractional sense does not give an approximation of the function at a point because of nonlocality. Anyhow, the local fractional Taylor formula has been successfully generalized and applied in science and engineering problems based on the theory of fractal geometry; for more details, we refer to [32–34].

Definition 3 [20]. The fractional power series “FPS” about $t = t_0$ for $n - 1 < \alpha \leq n$ is given by

$$\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} a_i (t - t_0)^{i\alpha} = a_0 + a_1 (t - t_0)^\alpha + a_2 (t - t_0)^{2\alpha} + \dots \tag{6}$$

Theorem 1 [20]. According to the FPS $\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} a_i (t - t_0)^{i\alpha}$, there are the following possibilities:

- (1) The series converges only for $t = t_0$ whenever R is equal to zero
- (2) The series converges $\forall t \geq t_0$ whenever R is equal to infinity
- (3) The series converges at $t \in [t_0, t_0 + R)$ for $R > 0$ and diverges for $t > t_0 + R$

where R indicates the radius of convergence of the power series.

Lemma 1. Assume that $q(t) \in C[t_0, t_0 + R)$, $R > 0$, $D_0^{i\alpha} q(t) \in C(t_0, t_0 + R)$, and $0 < \alpha \leq 1$. Then,

$$(J_0^{i\alpha} D_0^{i\alpha})q(t) - (J_0^{(i+1)\alpha} D_0^{(i+1)\alpha})q(t) = \frac{D_{t_0}^{i\alpha} q(t_0)}{\Gamma(i\alpha + 1)} (t - t_0)^{i\alpha}. \tag{7}$$

Proof. From the properties of Caputo fractional operator, one can deduce that

$$\begin{aligned} (J_0^{i\alpha} D_0^{i\alpha})q(t) - (J_0^{(i+1)\alpha} D_0^{(i+1)\alpha})q(t) &= (J_0^{i\alpha} D_0^{i\alpha})q(t) \\ &\quad - (J_0^{i\alpha} J_0^{i\alpha} D_0^{i\alpha} D_0^\alpha)q(t) \\ &= (J_0^{i\alpha} D_0^{i\alpha})q(t) \\ &\quad - (J_0^\alpha (J_0^{i\alpha} D_0^{i\alpha}) D_0^\alpha)q(t) \\ &= J_0^{i\alpha} [(D_0^{i\alpha})q(t) \\ &\quad - (J_0^{i\alpha} D_0^{i\alpha})(D_0^\alpha)q(t)]. \end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

On the other hand, for $(J_0^{i\alpha} D_0^{i\alpha})(D_0^\alpha)q(t)$, we infer that

$$\begin{aligned} (J_0^{i\alpha} D_0^{i\alpha})q(t) - (J_0^{(i+1)\alpha} D_0^{(i+1)\alpha})q(t) &= J_0^{i\alpha} [(D_0^{i\alpha})q(t) - (D_0^{i\alpha}) \\ &\quad \cdot q(t) + D_0^{i\alpha} q(t_0)] \\ &= J_0^{i\alpha} [D_0^{i\alpha} q(t_0)] \\ &= \frac{D_0^{i\alpha} q(t_0)}{\Gamma(i\alpha + 1)} (t - t_0)^{i\alpha}, \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{with } a_i = D_0^{i\alpha} q(t_0). \tag{9}$$

Theorem 2 [19]. Assuming that $q(t)$ has the following power series expansion about $t = t_0$:

$$q(t) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} a_i (t - t_0)^{i\alpha}. \tag{10}$$

If $q(t) \in C[t_0, t_0 + R)$ and $D^{i\alpha} q(t) \in C(t_0, t_0 + R)$, $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots$, then coefficient a_i is given by $a_i = (\mathcal{D}_0^{i\alpha} q(t_0)) / (\Gamma(i\alpha + 1))$, where $\mathcal{D}^{i\alpha} = \mathcal{D}^\alpha \cdot \mathcal{D}^\alpha \dots \mathcal{D}^\alpha$ (i -times).

3. The FRPS Approach

This section is dedicated to presenting the procedures needed to implement the FRPS algorithm to solve the continuous logistic equation in the fractional sense by expanding FPS and utilizing repeated fractional differentiation of the truncated residual functions. To perform this, suppose that the fractional logistic equations (1) and (2) have the solution form about $t = 0$:

$$q(t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n \frac{t^{n\alpha}}{\Gamma(n\alpha + 1)}. \tag{11}$$

This analysis aims at extending the application of fractional Taylor series framework to get an accurate analytic series solution of fractional systems (1) and (2). Thus, if we use the initial data given by (2), $D_0^\alpha q(0) = p_0$, as initial truncated series of $q(t)$, so the FPS solution of equation (1) can be written by

$$q(t) = p_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \frac{t^{n\alpha}}{\Gamma(n\alpha + 1)}. \tag{12}$$

Therefore, the j -th truncated series solution of $q(t)$ is given by

$$q_j(t) = p_0 + \sum_{n=1}^j a_n \frac{t^{n\alpha}}{\Gamma(n\alpha + 1)}. \tag{13}$$

According the FRPS approach, we define the j -th residual function, $\text{Res}_q^j(t)$, for the proposed logistic model as follows:

$$\text{Res}_q^j(t) = D_0^\alpha q_j(t) - \lambda q_j(t) (1 - q_j(t)), \quad j = 1, 2, 3, \dots, \tag{14}$$

whereas the residual function, $\text{Res}_q(t)$, can be defined by

$$\text{Res}_q(t) = \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \text{Res}_q^j(t) = D_0^\alpha q(t) - \lambda q(t) (1 - q(t)), \quad 0 \leq t < R. \tag{15}$$

In this point, we noted that $\text{Res}_q(t) = 0$ for all $t \geq 0$, which leads to $D_0^{k\alpha} \text{Res}_q(0) = D_0^{k\alpha} \text{Res}_q^j(0) = 0$, for all $k = 1, 2, \dots, j$. Consequently, the following fractional relations assist us to determine the unknown coefficients, a_n , $n = 1, 2, \dots, j$, of equation (13):

$$D_0^{(j-1)\alpha} \text{Res}_q^j(0) = 0, \quad j = 1, 2, 3, \dots \tag{16}$$

To show the iteration concept of the FRPS technique to find out a_1 , put $q_1(t) = p_0 + q_1(t^\alpha / \Gamma(\alpha + 1))$ in j -th residual function of equation (14) at $j = 1$ to get that

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Res}_q^1(t) &= D_0^\alpha q_1(t) - \lambda q_1(t) (1 - q_1(t)) \\ &= a_1 - \lambda \left(p_0 + a_1 \frac{t^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha + 1)} \right) \left(1 - p_0 - a_1 \frac{t^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha + 1)} \right) \\ &= \lambda (p_0 - 1) p_0 + a_1 \left(1 + \frac{\lambda (2p_0 - 1)}{\Gamma(\alpha + 1)} t^\alpha \right) \\ &\quad + \frac{\lambda a_1^2}{\Gamma^2(\alpha + 1)} t^{2\alpha}. \end{aligned} \tag{17}$$

Thus, by using the fact that $\text{Res}_q^1(0) = 0$, it yields

$$a_1 = \lambda p_0 (1 - p_0). \tag{18}$$

Therefore, the first FRPS approximation for equations (1) and (2) will be

$$q_1(t) = p_0 \left(1 + \frac{\lambda(1-p_0)}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} t^\alpha \right). \quad (19)$$

In the same way, to find out a_2 , put the second truncated series $q_2(t) = p_0(1 + ((\lambda(1-p_0))/(\Gamma(\alpha+1)))t^\alpha) + a_2((t^{2\alpha})/(\Gamma(2\alpha+1)))$ in $\text{Res}_q^2(t)$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Res}_q^2(t) &= D_0^\alpha q_2(t) - \lambda q_2(t) (1 - q_2(t)) = \left(\lambda p_0 (1 - p_0) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + a_2 \frac{t^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} \right) - \lambda \left(p_0 \left(1 + \frac{\lambda(1-p_0)}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} t^\alpha \right) + a_2 \frac{t^{2\alpha}}{\Gamma(2\alpha+1)} \right) \\ &\quad \cdot \left(1 - p_0 \left(1 + \frac{\lambda(1-p_0)}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} t^\alpha \right) - a_2 \frac{t^{2\alpha}}{\Gamma(2\alpha+1)} \right) \\ &= \lambda p_0 (1 - p_0) \left(1 + \left(1 + \frac{\lambda(2p_0-1)}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} t^\alpha + a_2 \frac{2\lambda}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)\Gamma(2\alpha+1)} t^{3\alpha} \right) \right) \\ &\quad + \frac{\lambda^2 p_0^2 (1-p_0)^2}{\Gamma^2(\alpha+1)} t^{2\alpha} + a_2 \left(\frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} t^\alpha + \frac{\lambda(2p_0-1)}{\Gamma(2\alpha+1)} t^{2\alpha} \right) + a_2^2 \frac{\lambda}{\Gamma^2(2\alpha+1)} t^{4\alpha}. \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

According to the fact on equation (16) at $j = 2$, by applying the operator D_0^α on both sides of equation (20), it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} D_0^\alpha \text{Res}_q^2(t) &= D_0^\alpha \left(\lambda p_0 (1 - p_0) \left(1 + \left(1 + \frac{\lambda(2p_0-1)}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} t^\alpha + a_2 \frac{2\lambda}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)\Gamma(2\alpha+1)} t^{3\alpha} \right) \right) + \frac{\lambda^2 p_0^2 (1-p_0)^2}{\Gamma^2(\alpha+1)} t^{2\alpha} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + a_2 \left(\frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} t^\alpha + \frac{\lambda(2p_0-1)}{\Gamma(2\alpha+1)} t^{2\alpha} \right) + a_2^2 \frac{\lambda}{\Gamma^2(2\alpha+1)} t^{4\alpha} \right) \\ &= \frac{\lambda^3 \Gamma(2\alpha+1) p_0^2 (1-p_0)^2}{\Gamma^3(\alpha+1)} t^\alpha + \lambda^2 p_0 (1-p_0) \left((2p_0-1) + a_2 \frac{2\Gamma(3\alpha+1)}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)\Gamma^2(2\alpha+1)} t^{2\alpha} \right) \\ &\quad + a_2 \left(1 + \frac{\lambda(2p_0-1)}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} t^\alpha + \frac{\lambda\Gamma(4\alpha+1)a_2}{\Gamma^2(2\alpha+1)\Gamma(3\alpha+1)} t^{3\alpha} \right). \end{aligned} \quad (21)$$

Consequently, by applying the fact $D_0^\alpha \text{Res}_q^2(0) = 0$ in equation (21), one can get $a_2 = -\lambda^2 p_0 (1 - p_0) (2p_0 - 1)$. The second FRPS approximation is

$$q_2(t) = p_0 \left(1 - \lambda \frac{(p_0-1)}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} t^\alpha + \lambda^2 \frac{(p_0-1)(2p_0-1)}{\Gamma(2\alpha+1)} t^{2\alpha} \right). \quad (22)$$

Similarly, substituting $q_3(t) = p_0 + \sum_{n=1}^3 a_n ((t^{n\alpha})/\Gamma(n\alpha+1))$ into the residual function $\text{Res}_q^3(t)$ such that $\text{Res}_q^3(t) = D_0^\alpha q_3(t) - \lambda q_3(t) (1 - q_3(t))$, calculating the fractional derivative $D_0^{2\alpha}$ of $\text{Res}_q^3(t)$, and finally solving the following obtained result by $D_0^{2\alpha} \text{Res}_q^3(t)|_{t=0} = 0$, the third coefficient a_3 is determined such that

$$a_3 = \lambda^3 \frac{p_0(1-p_0)(\Gamma^2(\alpha+1) - p_0(1-p_0)(4\Gamma^2(\alpha+1) + \Gamma(2\alpha+1)))}{\Gamma^2(\alpha+1)}. \quad (23)$$

So, the third FRPS approximation is given by

$$q_3(t) = p_0(1 - \lambda) \frac{(p_0 - 1)}{\Gamma(\alpha + 1)} t^\alpha + \lambda^2 \frac{(p_0 - 1)(2p_0 - 1)}{\Gamma(2\alpha + 1)} t^{2\alpha} - \lambda^3 \frac{(p_0 - 1)(\Gamma^2(\alpha + 1) + p_0(p_0 - 1)(4\Gamma^2(\alpha + 1) + \Gamma(2\alpha + 1)))}{\Gamma^2(\alpha + 1)\Gamma(3\alpha + 1)} t^{3\alpha}. \tag{24}$$

Further, when the same routine is repeated as above up to the arbitrary order k , the coefficients $a_n, n = 4, 5, 6, \dots, k$, can be obtained.

Theorem 3. Assuming that $q(t)$ satisfies the conditions of (11) with $R > 0$ such that $q(t) \in C[t_0, t_0 + R], D_0^{i\alpha} q(t) \in C(t_0, t_0 + R), i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, N + 1$. Then,

$$q(t) = q_N(t) + R_N(\zeta), \tag{25}$$

where $q_N(t) = \sum_{i=0}^N (D_0^{i\alpha} q(t_0) / \Gamma(i\alpha + 1)) (t - t_0)^{i\alpha}$ and $R_N(\zeta) = ((D_0^{(N+1)\alpha} q(\zeta)) / (\Gamma((N + 1)\alpha + 1))) (t - t_0)^{(N+1)\alpha}$, for some $\zeta \in (t_0, t)$. Here, $q_N(t)$ is the N -term truncation of $q(t)$ and $R_N(\zeta)$ is the remainder error function.

Proof. Clearly,

$$q(t) - (J_0^{(N+1)\alpha} D_0^{(N+1)\alpha}) q(t) = \sum_{i=0}^N \left[(J_0^{i\alpha} D_0^{i\alpha}) q(t) - (J_0^{(i+1)\alpha} D_0^{(i+1)\alpha}) q(t) \right]. \tag{26}$$

Using Lemma 1, it is obvious that

$$q(t) - (J_0^{(N+1)\alpha} D_0^{(N+1)\alpha}) q(t) = \sum_{i=0}^N \left(\frac{D_0^i q(t_0)}{\Gamma(i\alpha + 1)} \right) (t - t_0)^{i\alpha}. \tag{27}$$

$$q(t) = \sum_{i=0}^N \frac{D_0^{i\alpha} q(t_0)}{\Gamma(i\alpha + 1)} (t - t_0)^{i\alpha} + (J_0^{(N+1)\alpha} D_0^{(N+1)\alpha}) q(t). \tag{28}$$

On the other hand, we get that

This, in turn, implies that

$$\begin{aligned} (J_0^{(N+1)\alpha} D_0^{(N+1)\alpha}) q(t) &= J_0^{(N+1)\alpha} (D_0^{(N+1)\alpha}) q(t) \\ &= \frac{1}{\Gamma((N + 1)\alpha)} \int_{t_0}^t D_0^{(N+1)\alpha} q(\tau) (t - \tau)^{(N+1)\alpha - 1} d\tau \\ &= \frac{D_0^{(N+1)\alpha} q(\zeta)}{\Gamma((N + 1)\alpha)} \int_{t_0}^t (t - \tau)^{(N+1)\alpha - 1} d\tau \text{ (by mean - value theorem for integrals)} \\ &= \frac{D_0^{(N+1)\alpha} q(\zeta)}{\Gamma((N + 1)\alpha)} \frac{(t - t_0)^{(N+1)\alpha}}{(N + 1)\alpha} \\ &= \frac{D_0^{(N+1)\alpha} q(\zeta)}{\Gamma((N + 1)\alpha + 1)} (t - t_0)^{(N+1)\alpha}. \end{aligned} \tag{29}$$

Hence, one can deduce the stated result. □

Remark 2. If $|D_0^{(N+1)\alpha} u(\zeta)| < M$ on $[t_0, t_0 + R]$, then the upper bound of $R_N(\zeta)$ can be obtained by

$$|R_N(\zeta)| \leq \left| \text{Sup}_{t \in [t_0, t_0 + R]} \frac{M(t - t_0)^{(N+1)\alpha}}{\Gamma((N + 1)\alpha + 1)} \right|. \tag{30}$$

4. Illustrative Examples

In this section, numerical applications of the fractional logistic differential equations are presented and quantified at some mesh points. Numerical outcomes highlight the globality of the proposed algorithm in obtaining string solutions consistently and also show that the approximate values are highly acceptable in terms of stability and

accuracy. In the calculation, all symbolic and digital calculations are performed using Mathematica software package.

Example 1. Consider the fractional logistic differential equation

$$D_0^\alpha q(t) = \frac{1}{2} q(t) (1 - q(t)), \quad t > 0, \quad (31)$$

with the initial condition

$$D_0^\alpha q(0) = \frac{1}{2}, \quad 0 < \alpha \leq 1. \quad (32)$$

The exact solution of IVP (31) and (32) at $\alpha = 1$ is given by

$$q(t) = \frac{e^{(1/2)t}}{1 + e^{(1/2)t}}. \quad (33)$$

According the FRPS algorithm, the FPS solution to (31) has the form

$$q(t) = \frac{1}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \frac{t^{n\alpha}}{\Gamma(n\alpha + 1)}. \quad (34)$$

Now, define the residual error for equation (31) by

$$\text{Res}_q(t) = D_0^\alpha q(t) - \frac{1}{2} q(t) (1 - q(t)), \quad (35)$$

and the j -th residual function $\text{Res}_q^j(t)$ by

$$\text{Res}_q^j(t) = D_0^\alpha q_j(t) - \frac{1}{2} q_j(t) (1 - q_j(t)), \quad j = 1, 2, 3, \dots \quad (36)$$

Following the FRPS algorithm to find out the coefficients a_n , $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots, j$, of equation (34). Let the first truncated PS approximation has the form

$$q_1(t) = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{a_1}{\Gamma(1 + \alpha)} t^\alpha. \quad (37)$$

From equation (36) at $j = 1$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Res}_q^1(t) &= D_0^\alpha \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{a_1}{\Gamma(1 + \alpha)} t^\alpha \right) - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{a_1}{\Gamma(1 + \alpha)} t^\alpha \right) \\ &\quad \cdot \left(1 - \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{a_1}{\Gamma(1 + \alpha)} t^\alpha \right) \right) \\ &= a_1 - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{4} - \frac{a_1^2}{\Gamma^2(1 + \alpha)} t^{2\alpha} \right), \end{aligned} \quad (38)$$

and depending on the fact on equation (16), $\text{Res}_q^1(0) = 0$, we have $a_1 = (1/8)$. So, the first approximation is

$$q_1(t) = \frac{1}{8} \left(4 + \frac{1}{\Gamma(1 + \alpha)} t^\alpha \right). \quad (39)$$

For $j = 2$, the second truncated PS approximation has the form

$$q_2(t) = \frac{1}{8} \left(4 + \frac{1}{\Gamma(1 + \alpha)} t^\alpha \right) + \frac{a_2}{\Gamma(1 + 2\alpha)} t^{2\alpha}, \quad (40)$$

and the second residual function is

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Res}_q^2(t) &= D_0^\alpha \left(\frac{1}{8} \left(4 + \frac{1}{\Gamma(1 + \alpha)} t^\alpha \right) + \frac{a_2}{\Gamma(1 + 2\alpha)} t^{2\alpha} \right) \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{8} \left(4 + \frac{1}{\Gamma(1 + \alpha)} t^\alpha \right) + \frac{a_2}{\Gamma(1 + 2\alpha)} t^{2\alpha} \right) \\ &\quad \cdot \left(1 - \left(\frac{1}{8} \left(4 + \frac{1}{\Gamma(1 + \alpha)} t^\alpha \right) + \frac{a_2}{\Gamma(1 + 2\alpha)} t^{2\alpha} \right) \right) \\ &= \frac{a_2}{\Gamma(1 + \alpha)} t^\alpha + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{8\Gamma^2(1 + \alpha)} t^{2\alpha} \right) \\ &\quad + \frac{a_2}{8\Gamma(1 + \alpha)\Gamma(1 + 2\alpha)} t^{3\alpha} + \frac{a_2^2}{2\Gamma^2(1 + 2\alpha)} t^{4\alpha}. \end{aligned} \quad (41)$$

Now, applying D_0^α on both sides of equation (41) such that

$$\begin{aligned} D_0^\alpha \text{Res}_q^2(t) &= D_0^\alpha \left(\frac{1}{8} + a_2 \frac{1}{\Gamma(1 + \alpha)} t^\alpha \right) \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2} D_0^\alpha \left(\left(\frac{1}{8} \left(4 + \frac{1}{\Gamma(1 + \alpha)} t^\alpha \right) + \frac{a_2}{\Gamma(1 + 2\alpha)} t^{2\alpha} \right) \right. \\ &\quad \cdot \left. \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{8\Gamma(1 + \alpha)} t^\alpha - \frac{a_2}{\Gamma(1 + 2\alpha)} t^{2\alpha} \right) \right) \\ &= a_2 + \frac{\alpha\Gamma(2\alpha)}{8\Gamma^3(1 + \alpha)} t^\alpha + a_2 \frac{\Gamma(1 + 3\alpha)}{8\Gamma(1 + \alpha)\Gamma^2(1 + 2\alpha)} t^{2\alpha} \\ &\quad + a_2^2 \frac{2\alpha\Gamma(4\alpha)}{\Gamma^2(1 + 2\alpha)\Gamma(1 + 3\alpha)} t^{3\alpha}. \end{aligned} \quad (42)$$

Using the results of equation (16) at $j = 2$, $\text{Res}_q^2(0) = 0$, we have $a_2 = 0$. So, the second approximation is

$$q_2(t) = \frac{1}{8} \left(4 + \frac{1}{\Gamma(1 + \alpha)} t^\alpha \right). \quad (43)$$

For $j = 3$, the third truncated PS approximation has the form

$$q_3(t) = \frac{1}{8} \left(4 + \frac{1}{\Gamma(1 + \alpha)} t^\alpha \right) + \frac{a_3}{\Gamma(1 + 3\alpha)} t^{3\alpha}, \quad (44)$$

and the third residual function is

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Res}_q^3(t) &= D_0^\alpha \left(\frac{1}{8} \left(4 + \frac{1}{\Gamma(1+\alpha)} t^\alpha \right) + \frac{a_3}{\Gamma(1+3\alpha)} t^{3\alpha} \right) \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{8} \left(4 + \frac{1}{\Gamma(1+\alpha)} t^\alpha \right) + \frac{a_3}{\Gamma(1+3\alpha)} t^{3\alpha} \right) \\ &\quad \cdot \left(1 - \left(\frac{1}{8} \left(4 + \frac{1}{\Gamma(1+\alpha)} t^\alpha \right) + \frac{a_3}{\Gamma(1+3\alpha)} t^{3\alpha} \right) \right). \end{aligned} \tag{45}$$

Now, applying $D_0^{2\alpha}$ on both sides of (46) such that

$$\begin{aligned} D_0^{2\alpha} \text{Res}_q^3(t) &= D_0^{2\alpha} \left(D_0^\alpha \left(\frac{1}{8} \left(4 + \frac{1}{\Gamma(1+\alpha)} t^\alpha \right) + \frac{a_3}{\Gamma(1+3\alpha)} t^{3\alpha} \right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{8} \left(4 + \frac{1}{\Gamma(1+\alpha)} t^\alpha \right) + \frac{a_3}{\Gamma(1+3\alpha)} t^{3\alpha} \right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. \cdot \left(1 - \left(\frac{1}{8} \left(4 + \frac{1}{\Gamma(1+\alpha)} t^\alpha \right) + \frac{a_3}{\Gamma(1+3\alpha)} t^{3\alpha} \right) \right) \right) \\ &= \frac{\alpha \Gamma(2\alpha)}{64 \Gamma^2(1+\alpha)} + a_3 \\ &\quad + a_3 \frac{\Gamma(1+\alpha) \Gamma(1+4\alpha)}{8 \Gamma^2(1+\alpha) \Gamma(1+2\alpha) \Gamma(1+3\alpha)} t^{2\alpha} \\ &\quad + a_3^2 \frac{3\alpha \Gamma(6\alpha)}{\Gamma^2(1+3\alpha) \Gamma(1+4\alpha)} t^{4\alpha}. \end{aligned} \tag{46}$$

Using $D_0^{2\alpha} \text{Res}_q^3(0) = 0$, and then continuing in this process, one can get that

$$\begin{aligned} a_3 &= \frac{\alpha \Gamma(2\alpha)}{64 \Gamma^2(1+\alpha)}, \\ a_4 &= 0, \\ a_5 &= \frac{\alpha \Gamma(2\alpha) \Gamma(4\alpha)}{128 \Gamma(\alpha) \Gamma^2(1+\alpha) \Gamma(1+3\alpha)}, \end{aligned} \tag{47}$$

and so on.

Consequently, few terms of RPS solution are

$$\begin{aligned} q_3(t) &= \frac{1}{64} \left(32 + \frac{8}{\Gamma(1+\alpha)} t^\alpha - \frac{\alpha \Gamma(2\alpha)}{\Gamma^2(1+\alpha) \Gamma(1+3\alpha)} t^{3\alpha} \right), \\ q_4(t) &= \frac{1}{64} \left(32 + \frac{8}{\Gamma(1+\alpha)} t^\alpha - \frac{\alpha \Gamma(2\alpha)}{\Gamma^2(1+\alpha) \Gamma(1+3\alpha)} t^{3\alpha} \right), \\ q_5(t) &= \frac{1}{128} \left(64 + \frac{16}{\Gamma(1+\alpha)} t^\alpha - \frac{2\alpha \Gamma(2\alpha)}{\Gamma^2(1+\alpha) \Gamma(1+3\alpha)} t^{3\alpha} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{\alpha \Gamma(2\alpha) \Gamma(4\alpha)}{\Gamma(\alpha) \Gamma^2(1+\alpha) \Gamma(1+3\alpha) \Gamma(1+5\alpha)} t^{5\alpha} \right). \end{aligned} \tag{48}$$

The numerical results of the 5th FRP solution are given in Table 1 with $\alpha = 1$ in the interval $(0, 1)$ with step size $h = 0.1$. Figure 1 shows a comparison between the behavior of the exact solution and the approximate solution at $\alpha = 1$, while in Table 2, numerical comparison is given between the proposed method and the optimal homotopy asymptotic method (OHAM) [15] at $\alpha = 1$. In Figure 2, the behavior of the 5th FRPS approximation is presented with different values of α , where $\alpha \in \{1.0, 0.9, 0.75, 0.5, 0.25\}$ and with step size of 0.2, whereas in Table 3, we review the numerical comparison between the FRPS solutions and the OHAM [15] when $\alpha = 1$ with step size of 0.3. Anyhow, Table 4 shows the representation of the 6th approximate solution with different values of α such that $\alpha \in \{1.0, 0.75, 0.5, 0.25\}$. From these results, it can be observed that the behavior of the approximate solutions for different values of α is in good agreement with each other that depends on the fractional order α .

Example 2. Consider the fractional logistic differential equation

$$D_0^\alpha q(t) = \frac{1}{4} q(t) (1 - q(t)), \quad t > 0, 0 < \alpha \leq 1, \tag{49}$$

with the initial condition

$$D_0^\alpha q(0) = \frac{1}{3}. \tag{50}$$

The exact solution of IVP (49) and (50) at $\alpha = 1$ is given by

$$q(t) = \frac{e^{(1/4)t}}{2 + e^{(1/4)t}}. \tag{51}$$

According to the FRPS algorithm, the FPS solution of (49) has the form

$$q(t) = \frac{1}{3} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \frac{t^{n\alpha}}{\Gamma(n\alpha + 1)}. \tag{52}$$

Now, the residual error of equation (49) can be defined by

$$\text{Res}_q(t) = D_0^\alpha q(t) - \frac{1}{4} q(t) (1 - q(t)), \tag{53}$$

and the j -th residual function $\text{Res}_q^j(t)$ by

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Res}_q^j(t) &= D_0^\alpha q_j(t) - \frac{1}{4} q_j(t) (1 - q_j(t)), \\ &\quad j = 1, 2, 3, \dots \end{aligned} \tag{54}$$

In view of the FRPS algorithm, few terms $a_n, n = 1, 2, 3, 4$, of equation (52) are given by

TABLE 1: Numerical results of 5th FRPS at $\alpha = 1$ for Example 1.

t	Exact solution	Approximations	Absolute error	Relative error
0.1	0.5124973965	0.5124973965	0	0
0.2	0.5249791875	0.5249791875	0	0
0.3	0.5374298453	0.5374298457	3.59375×10^{-10}	6.68692×10^{-10}
0.4	0.5498339973	0.5498340000	2.68752×10^{-9}	4.88787×10^{-9}
0.5	0.5621765009	0.5621765137	1.27861×10^{-8}	2.27438×10^{-8}
0.6	0.5744425168	0.5744425625	4.56883×10^{-8}	7.95351×10^{-8}
0.7	0.5866175789	0.5866177129	1.33973×10^{-7}	2.28382×10^{-7}
0.8	0.5986876601	0.5986880000	3.39887×10^{-7}	5.67721×10^{-7}
0.9	0.6106392339	0.6106400059	7.71910×10^{-7}	1.26410×10^{-6}

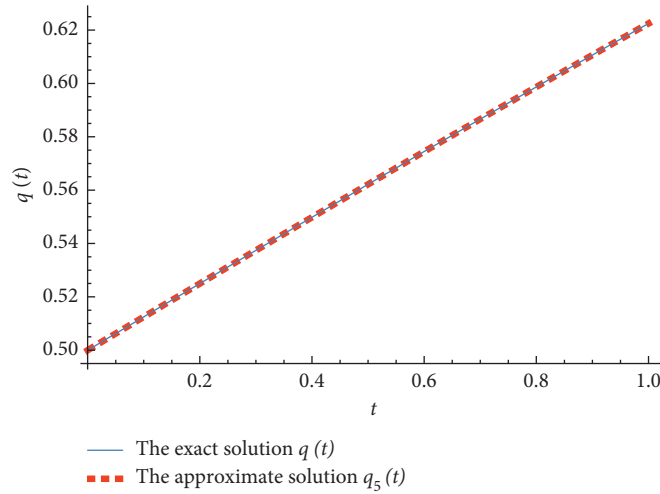


FIGURE 1: The behavior of FRPS solution at $\alpha = 1$ for Example 1.

TABLE 2: Comparison between the FRPS solutions and the OHAM [15] at $\alpha = 1$ for Example 1.

t	Exact	Approximations		Absolute error	
		FRPSM	OHAM	FRPSM	OHAM
0.0	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.00	0.00
0.3	0.5374298453	0.5374298457	0.5374288935	3.59375×10^{-10}	9.52×10^{-7}
0.6	0.5744425168	0.5744425625	0.5744461429	4.56883×10^{-8}	3.63×10^{-6}
0.9	0.6106392339	0.6106400059	0.6106416979	7.71910×10^{-7}	2.46×10^{-6}

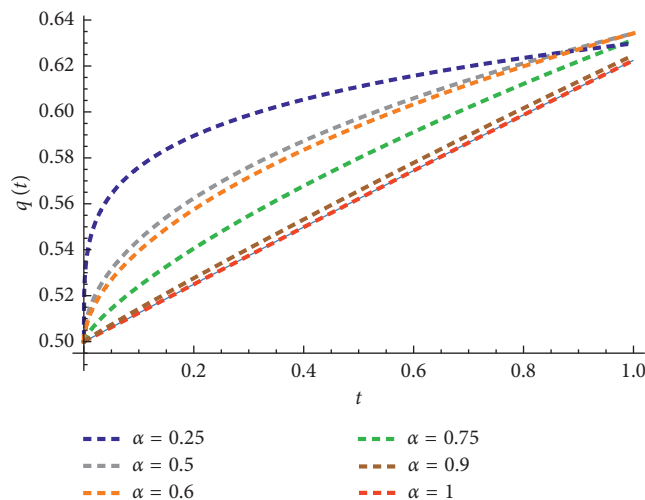


FIGURE 2: FRPS solution plots of Example 1 for different values of α .

TABLE 3: The 5th FRPS solution of Example 1 for several values t and α .

t	$\alpha = 1$	$\alpha = 0.9$	$\alpha = 0.75$	$\alpha = 0.5$
0.0	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
0.2	0.5249791875	0.5304889353505724	0.5405474790276749	0.5624203934410724
0.4	0.5498340000	0.5566921519428415	0.5678024178207643	0.5873774649503688
0.6	0.5744425625	0.5812250955770806	0.5912278649203895	0.6059542706735661
0.8	0.5986880000	0.6266870034872078	0.6122323913149167	0.6211659591174139
1.0	0.6224609375	0.6266870034872078	0.6314223950369852	0.6341997586473209

TABLE 4: Representation of approximate solutions for different values of α .

α_i	FPS approximate solution $q_6(t)$
1/4	$q_6(t) = (1/2) + (1/(960\sqrt{\pi}\Gamma^3(5/4)))(\sqrt{2}t + 10\Gamma^2(5/4)(12\sqrt{\pi} - \sqrt{2}t^{1/2}))t^{1/4}$
1/2	$q_6(t) = (1/2) + (1/32\pi)(8\sqrt{\pi} - (16/45\pi^{3/2})((15\pi/4) - t)t)t^{1/2}$
3/4	$q_6(t) = (1/2) + (1/(1800\Gamma^2(7/4)))(225\Gamma(7/4) + ((15(t^3 - \Gamma(3/4)\Gamma(19/4)t^{3/2}))/\sqrt{2\pi}\Gamma(19/4))t^{3/4}$
1	$q_6(t) = (1/2) + (1/8)t + (1/384)t^3 + (1/15360)t^5$

TABLE 5: Numerical results of 5th FRPS at $\alpha = 1$ for Example 2.

t	Exact solution	Approximations	Absolute error	Relative error
0.1	0.3389118421	0.3389118421	0	0
0.2	0.3445354618	0.3445354618	1.00×10^{-11}	3.00×10^{-11}
0.3	0.3502029635	0.3502029634	1.00×10^{-10}	2.00×10^{-10}
0.4	0.3559130712	0.3559130706	5.60×10^{-9}	1.50×10^{-9}
0.5	0.3616644631	0.3616644609	2.15×10^{-8}	5.90×10^{-9}
0.6	0.3674557720	0.3674557656	6.40×10^{-8}	1.74×10^{-8}
0.7	0.3732855868	0.3732855706	1.61×10^{-7}	4.33×10^{-8}
0.8	0.3791524531	0.3791524170	3.60×10^{-7}	9.51×10^{-8}
0.9	0.3850548747	0.3850548016	7.31×10^{-7}	1.90×10^{-7}

TABLE 6: The 5th FRPS solution of Example 2 for different values of t and α .

t	$\alpha = 1$	$\alpha = 0.9$	$\alpha = 0.75$	$\alpha = 0.5$
0.0	0.3333333333	0.3333333333	0.3333333333	0.3333333333
0.2	0.3445354618	0.34705266128	0.35171387863	0.36224905383
0.4	0.3559130706	0.35916526544	0.36457322181	0.37469934920
0.6	0.3674557656	0.37084329986	0.37604627351	0.38441631947
0.8	0.3791524170	0.38228876744	0.38673297588	0.39270737781
1.0	0.3909911774	0.39358561694	0.39688357406	0.40007972096

$$a_1 = \frac{1}{18},$$

$$a_2 = \frac{1}{216},$$

$$a_3 = \frac{1}{2592} - \frac{\Gamma(1 + 2\alpha)}{1296\Gamma^2(1 + \alpha)},$$

$$a_4 = \frac{1}{31104} - \frac{(\Gamma^2(1 + 2\alpha) + 2\Gamma(1 + \alpha)\Gamma(1 + 3\alpha))}{15552\Gamma^2(1 + \alpha)\Gamma(1 + 2\alpha)}.$$

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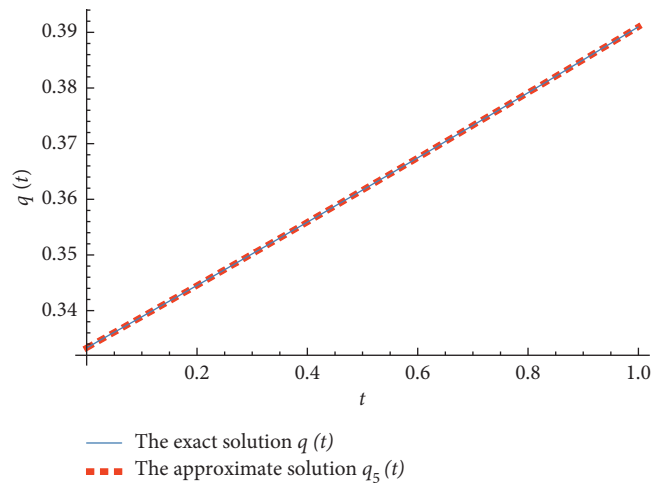


FIGURE 3: The behavior of FRPS solution at $\alpha = 1$ for Example 2.

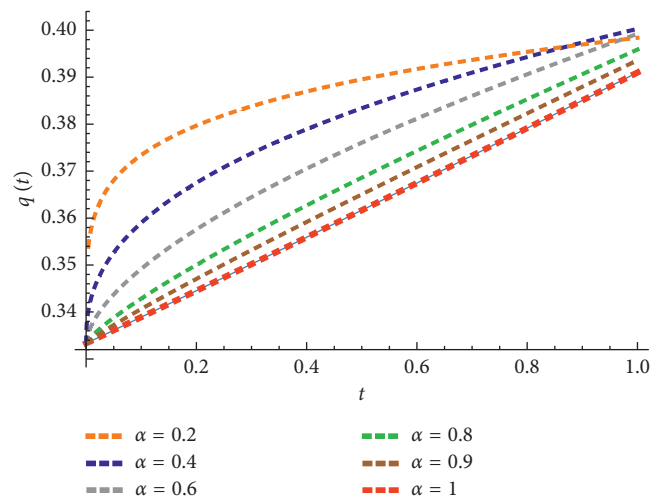


FIGURE 4: RPS solution plots of Example 2 for different values of α .

In Table 5, the numerical error of the 5th FRPS solution is presented for $\alpha = 1$ on $[0, 1]$ with step size of 0.1. In Table 6, the numerical results of the 5th FRPS solution are given for different values of α on $[0, 1]$ with step size of 0.2. The exact and approximate solutions for $\alpha = 1, t \in [0, 1]$ and $n = 5$ are shown in Figure 3, while the behaviors of FRPS solutions are plotted for different values of α in Figure 4. From these results, it can be observed that the behavior of the approximate solutions for different values of α is in good

agreement with each other that depends on the fractional order α .

5. Conclusions

This study targets to implement the FRPS method for investigating the approximate solution of fractional logistic system subject to fit initial condition. The target has been accomplished successfully through extending the FRPS algorithm to handle such type of FDEs. The present method provides a solution in rapidly convergent FPS without linearization, or any limitations. Some numerical applications are performed to show the efficiency and reliability of the presented algorithm using Mathematica software package. The obtained results showed that the FRPSM is an easy, efficient, and systematic algorithm to provide analytic series solutions to various emerging systems of science.

Data Availability

The data used to support the findings of this study are available from the corresponding author upon request.

Conflicts of Interest

The authors declare that they have no conflicts of interest.

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