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Derivation of an approximate formula of the Rabotnov fractional-exponential kernel fractional derivative and applied for numerically solving the blood ethanol concentration system

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Abstract: The article aimed to develop an accurate approximation of the fractional derivative with a non-singular kernel (the Rabotnov fractional-exponential formula), and show how to use it to solve numerically the blood ethanol concentration system. This model can be represented by a system of fractional differential equations. First, we created a formula for the fractional derivative of a polynomial function t^p using the Rabotnov exponential kernel. We used the shifted Vieta-Lucas polynomials as basis functions on the spectral collocation method in this work. By solving the specified model, this technique generates a system of algebraic equations. We evaluated the absolute and relative errors to estimate the accuracy and efficiency of the given procedure. The results point to the technique's potential as a tool for numerically treating these models.

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1. Introduction

Numerous authors have remained interested in fractional calculus throughout the past three decades [1]. To address the demand for models of real-world problems in numerous domains, researchers have identified the importance of discrete fractional derivatives with unique, singular, or non-singular, distinct kernels [2, 3]. Due to the lack of an exact solution in the majority of fractional differential equations (FDEs), numerical and approximation techniques must be used [4–7]. Also, for more details, you can read [8–10].

As generalizations of the classical ones, a wide range of fractional operators have been developed recently. The typical derivative's power kernel, as shown by Caputo and Riemann-Liouville, a novel class of fractional derivatives is produced when the exponential and Mittag-Leffler kernels are used to replace this kernel. Atangana-Baleanu, and Caputo-Fabrizio, respectively, are the names of the derivatives with Mittag-Leffler and exponential kernels. Numerous fields, such as chaos theory [11], medical sciences [12–16] and groundwater flow [17], make extensive use of these non-singular derivatives [18].

It is difficult to create a higher-order convergent method to solve numerically the multidimensional FDEs. Due to such reasons, some numerical methods are frequently applied to achieve this objective. Among them, is the space-time spectral order sinc-collocation method, which is used for solving the fourth-order nonlocal heat model arising in viscoelasticity [19]. Also, the numerical solution of the three-dimensional nonlocal evolution equation with a weakly singular kernel is considered where the first-order fractional convolution quadrature scheme and backward Euler alternating direction implicit (ADI) method, are proposed to approximate and discretize the Riemann-Liouville fractional integral term and temporal derivative, respectively. To obtain a fully discrete method, the standard central finite difference scheme is used to discretize the second-order spatial derivative. By using the ADI scheme for the three-dimensional problem, the overall computational cost is reduced significantly [20].

Here in this paper, a broad approximation analytical method for locating the approximate solution of the differential equations is the spectral collocation technique (SCM). The well-known polynomials on $[-2, 2]$, known as Vieta-Lucas polynomials, have various applications. They are commonly utilized because they have high function approximation qualities. SCM provides certain benefits for dealing with FDEs because any of the numerical programs can readily produce the Vieta-Lucas coefficients for the solution. This makes the procedure quicker than the alternatives. Additionally, this approach is a numerical strategy for solving many problems in both finite and infinite domains [21–23].

This effort will estimate the fractional operator using the Rabotnov fractional-exponential (RFE) kernel. The fractional order derivative of a polynomial function t^p is first estimated using the RFE kernel. Based on this approximation and the properties of the Vieta-Lucas polynomials (VLPs), we offer a numerical simulation for the suggested model. By using the polynomial's fractional derivative, we can demonstrate the accuracy of this new formula. We also investigate the blood ethanol concentration system (BECS) with the RFE kernel fractional derivative, allowing us to confidently forecast the outcome of our approach.

The rest of the paper is organized as follows: In Section 2, we present some definitions and concepts concerning fractional derivatives, the approximation of fractional order derivative of t^p , and the shifted Vieta-Lucas polynomials. Through Section 3, we give the implementation of the proposed method.

In Section 4, we present a numerical simulation of the proposed model under study. Finally, the conclusions are in Section 5.

2. Definitions and concepts

2.1. Fractional derivatives

Definition 2.1. Let $\varphi(t) \in H^1(0, b)$, then the fractional Caputo derivative ${}^C D^\nu$ of order $0 < \nu \leq 1$ is given by

$${}^C D^\nu \varphi(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(1-\nu)} \int_0^t \frac{\varphi'(\tau)}{(t-\tau)^\nu} d\tau, \quad t > 0.$$

Definition 2.2. The Caputo fractional derivative (left-sided) on interval $[0, 1]$ for a function $\Theta(t)$ of order β is defined by

$${}^{RFE} D^\beta \Theta(t) = \int_0^t \Theta^{(n)}(\xi) \mathbb{R}_\beta[-\Omega(t-\xi)^\beta] d\xi, \quad n-1 < \beta \leq n, \quad (2.1)$$

where $\Omega \in R^+$ and the Rabotnov fractional exponential function is defined by

$$\mathbb{R}_\beta[-\Omega(t)^\beta] = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-\Omega)^k t^{(k+1)(\beta+1)-1}}{\Gamma[(k+1)(\beta+1)]}.$$

Regarding the RFE-operator derivative, further information can be found in [24, 25].

2.2. Approximation of fractional order derivative of t^p

In this part, an approximate fractional derivative formula corresponding to the RFE kernel is computed using a widely accessible numerical integration scheme, such as the Simpson- $\frac{1}{3}$ rule.

Theorem 2.1. [26] For $n-1 < \beta < n$ and $g(t) = t^p$ with $p \geq n$ ($n = \lceil \beta \rceil$), we have

$${}^{RFE} D^\beta t^p = \frac{h\Gamma(p+1)}{3\Gamma(p+1-\lceil \beta \rceil)} \left[G_{\beta,p}(t, \xi_0) + G_{\beta,p}(t, \xi_N) + 4 \sum_{k=1, k\text{-odd}}^{N-1} G_{\beta,p}(t, \xi_k) + 2 \sum_{k=2, k\text{-even}}^{N-2} G_{\beta,p}(t, \xi_k) \right], \quad (2.2)$$

where the domain $[0, 1]$ is divided into N equal segments and the length of each segment is h :

$$h = \frac{1}{N}, \quad G_{\beta,p}(t, \xi) = \xi^{p-\lceil \beta \rceil} \mathbb{R}_\beta[-\Omega(t-\xi)^\beta], \quad \xi_k = \frac{k}{N}, \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, N.$$

Remark 2.1. Due to the difficulty of integration (2.1), it was evaluated using Simpson's $1/3$ rule, or any other numerical method could be used. We did not use the trapezoidal rule, due to the hope of getting the numerical solutions with small errors, which will not be achieved unless a highly accurate method of integration is used. Here in our work we will express the solution as a finite series of polynomials, and as it shows, we can get more accurate values if we increase the order of approximation. This, in turn, prompts us to use high-precision integration techniques, such as the Simpson rule or others.

2.3. The shifted VLPs

To achieve our goal, we present in this subsection the fundamental definitions, notations and characteristics of the shifted VLPs [27]. The majority of our research is concentrated on an orthogonal polynomials class. The recurrence relations and analytical forms of these polynomials can be used to construct a new family of orthogonal polynomials called VLPs.

VLPs $VL_k(z)$ of degree $k \in \mathbb{N}_0$ is defined as follows [27]:

$$VL_k(z) = 2 \cos(k\psi), \quad \psi = \arccos(0.5z), \quad \psi \in [0, \pi], \quad |z| \leq 2.$$

The $VL_k(z)$ satisfies

$$VL_k(z) = zVL_{k-1}(z) - VL_{k-2}(z), \quad k = 2, 3, \dots, \quad VL_0(z) = 2, \quad VL_1(z) = z.$$

Using $z = 4t - 2$, VLPs are used to create a new class of orthogonal polynomials on $[0, 1]$, which will be designated by $VL_k^s(t)$ and so

$$VL_k^s(t) = VL_k(4t - 2).$$

$VL_k^s(t)$ has the following recurrence relation:

$$VL_{k+1}^s(t) = (4t - 2)VL_k^s(t) - VL_{k-2}^s(t), \quad k = 2, 3, \dots,$$

where $VL_0^s(t) = 2$, $VL_1^s(t) = 4t - 2$. Also, we find $VL_k^s(0) = 2(-1)^k$ and $VL_k^s(1) = 2$, $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$. The analytical formula for $VL_k^s(t)$ is

$$VL_k^s(t) = 2k \sum_{j=0}^k (-1)^j \frac{4^{k-j} \Gamma(2k-j)}{\Gamma(j+1) \Gamma(2k-2j+1)} t^{k-j}, \quad k = 2, 3, \dots$$

The polynomials $VL_i^s(t)$ are orthogonal on $[0, 1]$ w.r.t. the weight function $\frac{1}{\sqrt{t-t^2}}$, and so we have

$$\langle VL_i^s(t), VL_j^s(t) \rangle = \int_0^1 \frac{VL_i^s(t) VL_j^s(t)}{\sqrt{t-t^2}} dt = \begin{cases} 0, & i \neq j \neq 0, \\ 4\pi, & i = j = 0, \\ 2\pi, & i = j \neq 0. \end{cases}$$

Let $v(t) \in L^2[0, 1]$, then,

$$v(t) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} c_j VL_j^s(t). \quad (2.3)$$

Using the first $m + 1$ terms of (2.3), we have

$$v_m(t) = \sum_{j=0}^m c_j VL_j^s(t), \quad (2.4)$$

where $c_j, j = 0, 1, 2, \dots, m$ can be obtained by

$$c_j = \frac{1}{\delta_j} \int_0^1 \frac{v_m(t) VL_j^s(t)}{\sqrt{t-t^2}} dt, \quad \delta_j = \begin{cases} 4\pi, & j = 0, \\ 2\pi, & j = 1, 2, \dots, m. \end{cases} \quad (2.5)$$

Lemma 2.1. If $v(t) \in L_{\tilde{w}}^2[0, 1]$ w.r.t. the weight function $\tilde{w}(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{t-t^2}}$, and $|v''(t)| \leq \varepsilon$, $\varepsilon \in \mathbb{R}$, then the approximation (2.4) converges uniformly to $v(t)$ as $m \rightarrow \infty$. Furthermore, we have the following estimations:

(1)

$$|c_j| \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{4j(j^2 - 1)}, \quad j > 2.$$

(2) The error can be estimated by

$$\|v(t) - v_m(t)\|_{\mathbb{W}} < \frac{L}{12 \sqrt{m^3}}.$$

(3) If $v^{(m)}(t) \in C[0, 1]$, then,

$$\|v(t) - v_m(t)\| \leq \frac{\Delta \Pi^{m+1}}{(m+1)!} \sqrt{\pi}, \quad \Delta = \max_{t \in [0,1]} v^{(m+1)}(t) \text{ and } \Pi = \max\{1 - t_0, t_0\}.$$

Proof. The details of the proof for these three items in this lemma can be found through Theorems 2–4 in [28]. \square

For additional information on the convergence analysis of the approximation (2.4), and the VLPs see [29].

Theorem 2.2. The β -order of the RFE fractional derivative for $v_i(t)$ which is given in Eq (2.4) can be found by [26]:

$${}^{RFE}D^\beta v_i(t) = \sum_{j=\lceil\beta\rceil}^i \chi_{i,j,\beta} \left[G_{\beta,p}(t, \xi_0) + G_{\beta,p}(t, \xi_m) + 4 \sum_{k=1, k\text{-odd}}^{m-1} G_{\beta,p}(t, \xi_k) + 2 \sum_{k=2, k\text{-even}}^{m-2} G_{\beta,p}(t, \xi_k) \right], \quad (2.6)$$

where

$$\chi_{i,j,\beta} = \frac{h \Gamma(i-j+1)}{3 \Gamma(i-j+1-\lceil\beta\rceil)} \times \frac{(-1)^j 2i 4^{i-j} \Gamma(2i-j)}{\Gamma(j+1) \Gamma(2i-2j+1)}, \quad G_{\beta,p}(t, \xi) = \xi^{p-\lceil\beta\rceil} \mathbb{R}_\beta[-\Omega(t-\xi)^\beta]_{p=i-j}.$$

Proof. Since the fractional operator ${}^{RFE}D^\beta$ is linear, so from (2.4), we can obtain the following:

$${}^{RFE}D^\beta v_i(t) = \sum_{j=0}^i \frac{(-1)^j 2i 4^{i-j} \Gamma(2i-j)}{\Gamma(j+1) \Gamma(2i-2j+1)} {}^{RFE}D^\beta t^{i-j}. \quad (2.7)$$

Now, from Theorem 2.1, we can get the following:

$$\begin{aligned} {}^{RFE}D^\beta t^{i-j} &= \frac{\Gamma(i-j+1)}{\Gamma(i-j-\lceil\beta\rceil+1)} \times \frac{h}{3} \left[G_{\beta,p}(t, \xi_0) + G_{\beta,p}(t, \xi_N) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + 4 \sum_{k=1, k\text{-odd}}^{N-1} G_{\beta,p}(t, \xi_k) + 2 \sum_{k=2, k\text{-even}}^{N-2} G_{\beta,p}(t, \xi_k) \right], \end{aligned} \quad (2.8)$$

where the domain $[0, 1]$ is divided into m equal segments with length h of each segment:

$$h = \frac{1}{N}, \quad G_{\beta,p}(t, \xi) = \xi^{p-\lceil\beta\rceil} \mathbb{R}_\beta[-\Omega(t-\xi)^\beta]_{p=i-j}, \quad \xi_k = \frac{k}{N}, \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, N.$$

Connecting (2.7) and (2.8), we get

$$\begin{aligned} {}^{RFE}D^\beta v_i(t) &= \sum_{j=\lceil\beta\rceil}^i \frac{\Gamma(i-j+1)}{\Gamma(i-j+1-\lceil\beta\rceil)} \times \frac{(-1)^j 2i 4^{i-j} \Gamma(2i-j)}{\Gamma(j+1) \Gamma(2i-2j+1)} \times \frac{h}{3} \left[G_{\beta,p}(t, \xi_0) + G_{\beta,p}(t, \xi_N) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + 4 \sum_{k=1, k\text{-odd}}^{N-1} G_{\beta,p}(t, \xi_k) + 2 \sum_{k=2, k\text{-even}}^{N-2} G_{\beta,p}(t, \xi_k) \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (2.9)$$

The proof is complete because of this finding, which makes it simple to arrive at the necessary formula (2.6). \square

3. Implementation of the proposed method

This section focuses on determining the alcohol concentrations in a person's blood $\Psi(t)$ and stomach $\Phi(t)$. The primary source of the actual data used in the current research study was an experimental investigation conducted in [30]. The proposed model is offered and based on the kinetic reaction of the RFE fractional derivative in the following form:

$${}^{RFE}D^\theta \Phi(t) = -\lambda^\theta \Phi(t), \quad (3.1)$$

$${}^{RFE}D^\nu \Psi(t) = \lambda^\nu \Phi(t) - \mu^\nu \Psi(t), \quad (3.2)$$

$$\Phi(0) = \Phi_0, \quad \Psi(0) = 0, \quad (3.3)$$

where the parameters are defined in [30]. The exact solution of (3.1)–(3.3) is given by [31]:

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi(t) &= \Phi_0 E_\theta(-\lambda^\theta t^\theta), \\ \Psi(t) &= \Phi_0 \lambda^\nu \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \sum_{q=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-\lambda^\theta)^r (-\mu^\nu)^q}{\Gamma(r\theta + q\nu + \nu + 1)} t^{r\theta + q\nu + \nu}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.4)$$

Now, we use the SCM to numerically solve (3.1)–(3.3). $\Phi(t)$ and $\Psi(t)$ can be approximated by $\Phi_m(t)$ and $\Psi_m(t)$, respectively as follows:

$$\Phi_m(t) = \sum_{i=0}^m \rho_i \text{VL}_i^s(t), \quad \Psi_m(t) = \sum_{i=0}^m \sigma_i \text{VL}_i^s(t). \quad (3.5)$$

Using (3.1), (3.2), (3.5) and (2.6), then,

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{j=[\theta]}^m \rho_j \chi_{m,j,\theta} \left[G_{\theta,p}(t, \xi_0) + G_{\theta,p}(t, \xi_N) + 4 \sum_{k=1, k\text{-odd}}^{N-1} G_{\theta,p}(t, \xi_k) + 2 \sum_{k=2, k\text{-even}}^{N-2} G_{\theta,p}(t, \xi_k) \right] \\ &= - \left(\lambda^\theta \sum_{i=0}^m \rho_i \text{VL}_i^s(t) \right), \end{aligned} \quad (3.6)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{j=[\nu]}^m \sigma_j \chi_{m,j,\nu} \left[G_{\nu,p}(t, \xi_0) + G_{\nu,p}(t, \xi_N) + 4 \sum_{k=1, k\text{-odd}}^{N-1} G_{\nu,p}(t, \xi_k) + 2 \sum_{k=2, k\text{-even}}^{N-2} G_{\nu,p}(t, \xi_k) \right] \\ &= \lambda^\nu \left(\sum_{i=0}^m \rho_i \text{VL}_i^s(t) \right) - \mu^\nu \left(\sum_{i=0}^m \sigma_i \text{VL}_i^s(t) \right). \end{aligned} \quad (3.7)$$

The previous equations (3.6) and (3.7) will be collocated at m of nodes t_r (roots of $\text{VL}_m^s(t)$) as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{j=[\theta]}^m \rho_j \chi_{m,j,\theta} \left[G_{\theta,p}(t_r, \xi_0) + G_{\theta,p}(t_r, \xi_N) + 4 \sum_{k=1, k\text{-odd}}^{N-1} G_{\theta,p}(t_r, \xi_k) + 2 \sum_{k=2, k\text{-even}}^{N-2} G_{\theta,p}(t_r, \xi_k) \right] \\ &= - \left(\lambda^\theta \sum_{i=0}^m \rho_i \text{VL}_i^s(t_r) \right), \end{aligned} \quad (3.8)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{j=\lceil \nu \rceil}^m \sigma_j \chi_{m,j,\nu} \left[G_{\nu,p}(t_r, \xi_0) + G_{\nu,p}(t_r, \xi_N) + 4 \sum_{k=1, k\text{-odd}}^{N-1} G_{\nu,p}(t_r, \xi_k) + 2 \sum_{k=2, k\text{-even}}^{N-2} G_{\nu,p}(t_r, \xi_k) \right] \\ &= \lambda^\nu \left(\sum_{i=0}^m \rho_i \text{VL}_i^s(t_r) \right) - \mu^\nu \left(\sum_{i=0}^m \sigma_i \text{VL}_i^s(t_r) \right). \end{aligned} \quad (3.9)$$

Also, from Eq (3.5) in (3.3), (3.3) can be written as

$$\sum_{j=0}^m 2(-1)^j \rho_j = \Phi_0, \quad \sum_{j=0}^m 2(-1)^j \sigma_j = 0. \quad (3.10)$$

Equations (3.8) and (3.9) with (3.10) give a system of $2(m+1)$ equations that will be solved for $\rho_i, \sigma_i, i = 0, 1, \dots, m$, by using the Newton iteration method [32].

4. Numerical simulation

We are now prepared to numerically solve the investigated model using the suggested technique by considering (3.1)–(3.3) for some θ, ν, m with $\lambda = 0.02873, \mu = 0.08442$ and $\Phi_0 = 4, \Psi_0 = 0$ in Figures 1–6.

In Figure 1, the numerical solution is compared with the exact solution at $\theta = 0.95, \nu = 0.95$ with $m = 4$, while in Figure 2, the absolute error with $\theta = 0.95, \nu = 0.95$ at $m = 8$ is given.

In Figure 3, a comparison between the numerical and exact solutions for $\theta = 0.85, \nu = 0.85$ with $m = 4$, where in Figure 4, the absolute error is presented with $\theta = 0.85, \nu = 0.85$ at $m = 8$.

Figure 5 gives the numerical (a,c) and exact solutions (b,d) for some values of θ and ν at $m = 5$.

Finally, Figure 6 gives the numerical (a,c) and exact solutions (b,d) for some λ and μ at $m = 5$ and initial conditions $\Phi_0 = 4, \Psi_0 = 0$.

We can say that the behavior of the solution is dependent on θ, ν, λ and μ , demonstrating the viability of the proposed numerical approach in the context of fractional derivatives.

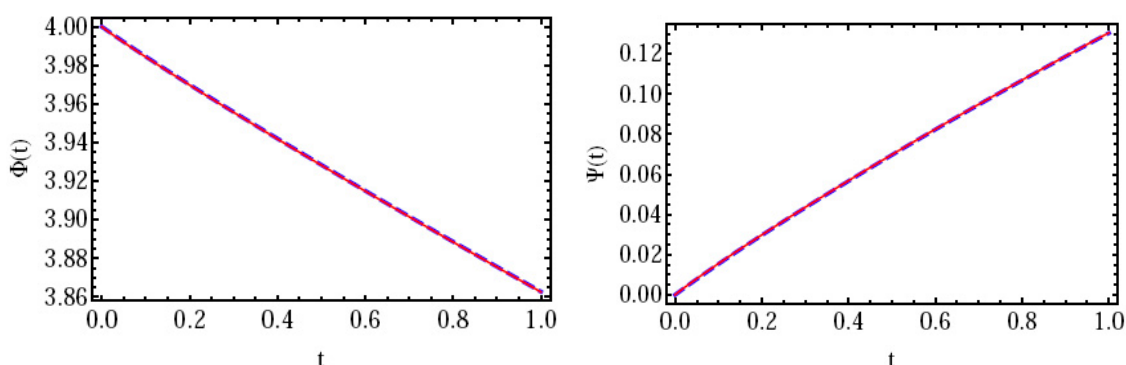


Figure 1. Comparison between the approximate and exact solutions with $\theta = \nu = 0.95$ and $m = 4$.

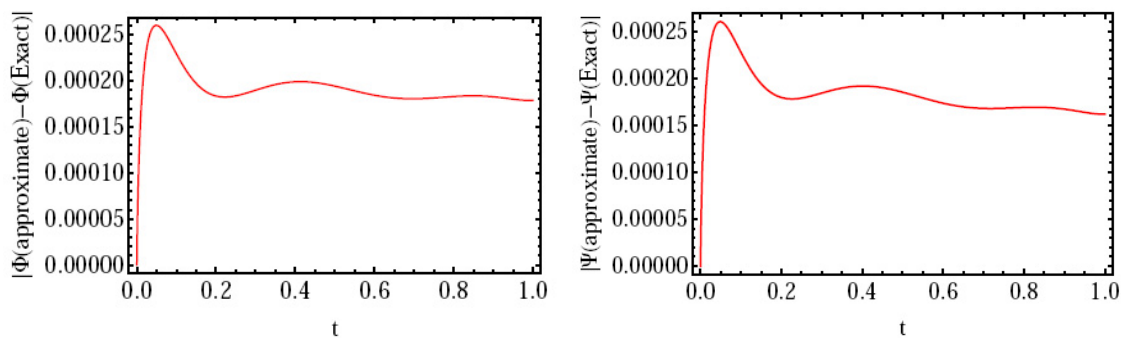


Figure 2. The absolute error with $\theta = 0.95$, $\nu = 0.95$ and $m = 8$.

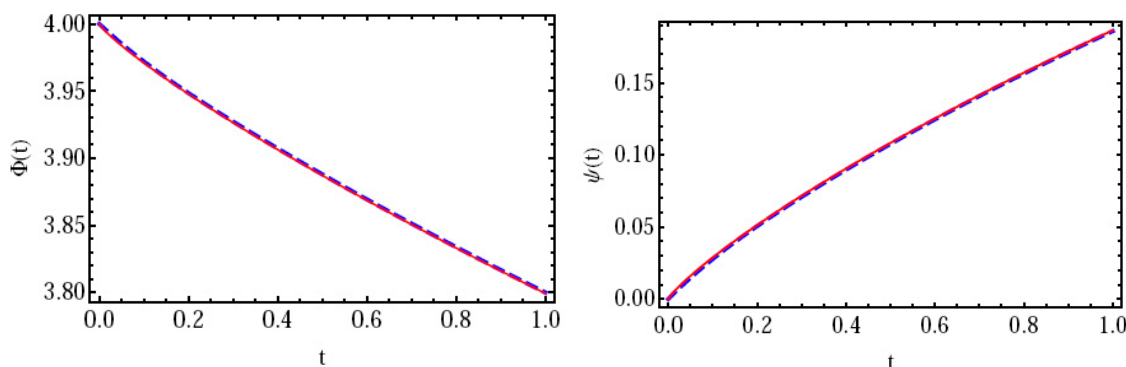


Figure 3. Comparison between the approximate and exact solutions with $\theta = \nu = 0.85$ and $m = 4$.

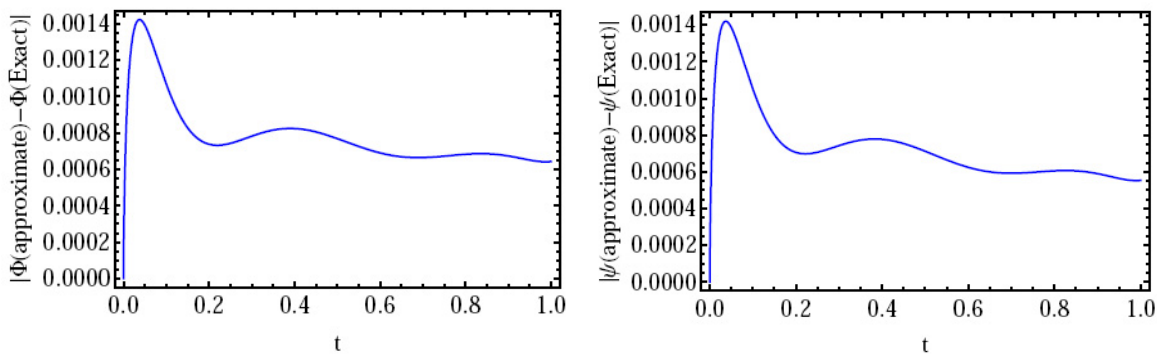


Figure 4. The absolute error with $\theta = 0.85$, $\nu = 0.85$ and $m = 8$.

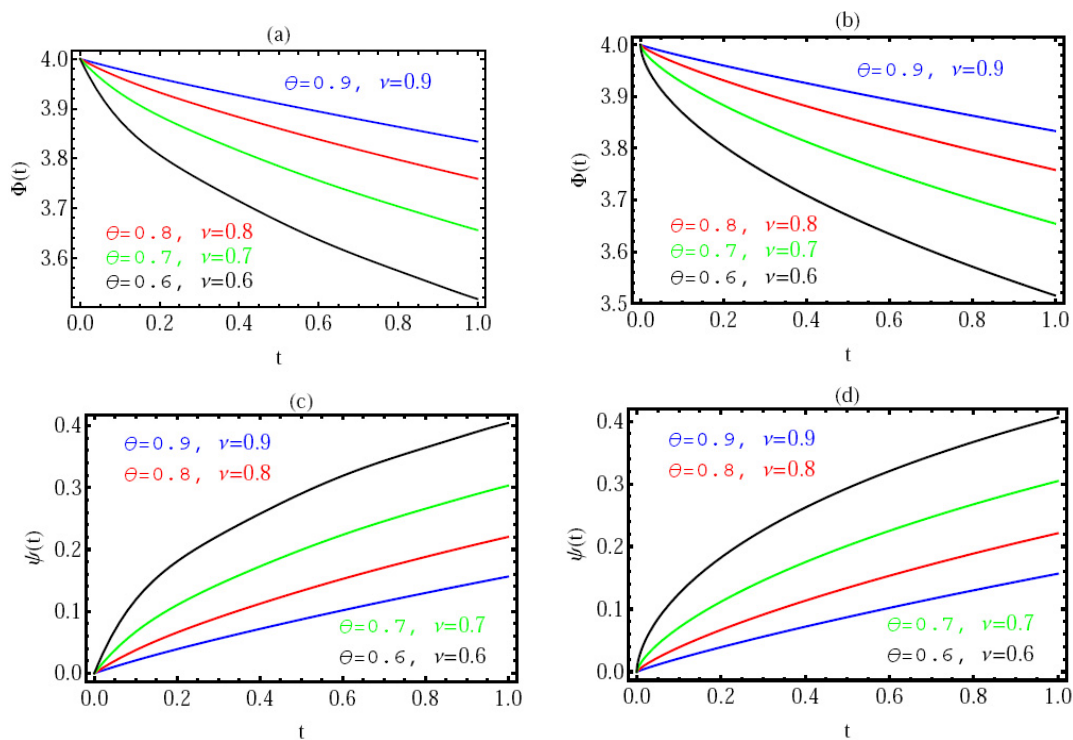


Figure 5. Behavior of the numerical solution with distinct values of θ and ν at $m = 5$.

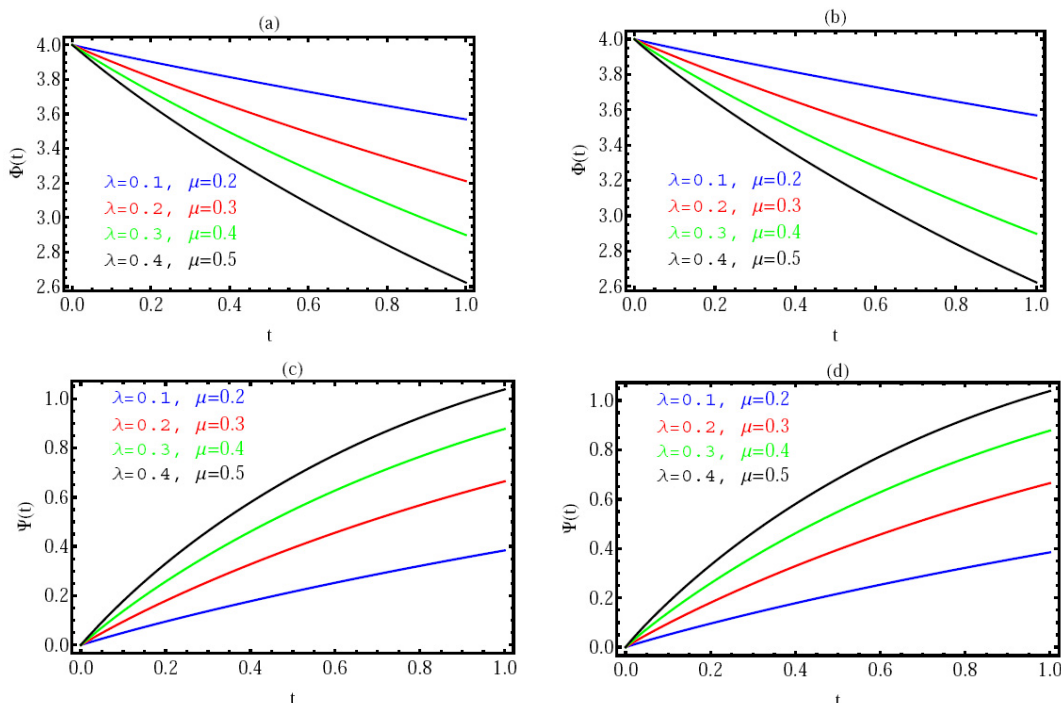


Figure 6. Behavior of the numerical solution with distinct values λ and μ at $m = 5, \Phi_0 = 4$.

The impact of the order of the fractional derivative can be shown through the given Figures 1–6, especially Figure 5, where we computed the numerical solution with various values of the fractional derivative, which is closely consistent with the natural behavior of solutions to reduce the alcohol concentrations (AC) in a person’s blood and increase AC in a person’s stomach.

To confirm our numerical solutions at $(\theta = 0.9, \nu = 0.9$ and $\Phi_0 = 10, \Psi_0 = 0)$, in Table 1, the relative error (RE) for the proposed approach and the Chebyshev SCM for the same model utilizing the non-singular kernel of the Atangana-Baleanu-Caputo fractional derivative is also contrasted [33].

Table 1. Comparison of the relative error for solutions.

t	RE of method [33]		RE of present method	
	$\Phi(t)$	$\Psi(t)$	$\Phi(t)$	$\Psi(t)$
0.0	2.1597E-04	3.4561E-06	5.7410E-07	2.3210E-08
0.1	6.8523E-05	3.0258E-06	1.0213E-07	3.1234E-08
0.2	5.8520E-05	2.6524E-05	2.6541E-06	5.9632E-07
0.3	3.1321E-05	3.9800E-06	5.3214E-07	8.9565E-08
0.4	3.8520E-04	2.0123E-06	3.6325E-07	5.1230E-07
0.5	7.9521E-05	0.0147E-06	3.3210E-07	3.6963E-09
0.6	1.8521E-05	2.9632E-05	0.9541E-06	1.3214E-07
0.7	8.6541E-05	2.0123E-05	4.3214E-06	3.0125E-07
0.8	0.7536E-05	1.1502E-06	3.0214E-07	3.1102E-07
0.9	1.8520E-05	0.3214E-05	2.1234E-06	2.5241E-07
1.0	3.9510E-06	3.8521E-05	2.9514E-07	3.3214E-07

5. Conclusions

The indicated RFE kernel problem was quantitatively addressed using the existing approximation technique. Using the provided numerical solutions, we demonstrated that this method can be utilized to solve the given model satisfactorily and that there is excellent agreement with the existing results. We may additionally control and minimize the relative errors by increasing terms from the series solution. By contrasting the provided approximate and exact solutions, the quality of the proposed approach was shown. We may conclude that the operator without singularity was more suitable for numerical simulations of the model under discussion in this research when compared to previously published work, employing a different numerical strategy and a different fractional derivative. We intend to deal with this model in the future, but on a larger scale by generalizing this research to include a modified proposed method, a high-dimensional problem with real models or additional types of fractional derivatives. The numerical simulation work was completed using the Mathematica computer program.

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