

NUMERICAL EXPERIMENTS OF THE LEGENDRE POLYNOMIAL BY GENERALIZED DIFFERENTIAL TRANSFORM METHOD FOR SOLVING THE LAPLACE EQUATION

EBRAHIM AMOUPOUR, ELYAS ARSANJANI TOROQI, AND HASHEM SABERI NAJAFI

ABSTRACT. Finding a solution for the Legendre equation is difficult. Especially if it is as a part of the Laplace equation solving in the electric fields. In this paper, first a problem of the generalized differential transform method (GDTM) is solved by the Sturm-Liouville equation, then the Legendre equation is solved by using it. To continue, the approximate solution is compared with the n th-degree Legendre polynomial for obtaining the inner and outer potential of a sphere. This approximate is more accurate than the previous solutions, and is closer to an ideal potential in the intervals.

1. Introduction

In recent years, the study of systems and fractional equations, with various methods, has helped a lot to improve physics and engineering [9, 14, 16, 20]. For example, Grunwald-Letnikov, Riemann-Liouville, and Caputo fractional derivatives have been introduced in [9, 14, 16]. The Laplace equation is one of the most important PDEs in Physics and Electronic [2, 7, 8, 10, 23]. It represents the equilibrium. For example, when the heat transfer in a body reaches the equilibrium, solving of the Laplace equation shows the temperature in different places. Also, the Laplace equation is used to experiment density of chemical material in equilibrium and in conditions of electric and gravitational fields. It is solved by using Legendre polynomials [2, 8, 10]. To continue, two practical examples of this equation are described. If $u(x)$ be the density of chemical material then its output flux in each region V is zero

$$\int_{\partial V} F \vec{n} ds = 0,$$

Received May 13, 2017; Revised February 5, 2018; Accepted March 1, 2018.

2010 *Mathematics Subject Classification.* 35J05, 35C10, 26A33.

Key words and phrases. generalized differential transform method, Legendre polynomial, Sturm-Liouville equation.

This work was financially supported by KRF 2003-041-C20009.

where F shows the flux which is proper to the gradient of function u .

$$F = -\alpha \nabla u, \quad \alpha > 0.$$

According to the divergence theorem, we have

$$\int_{\partial V} F \vec{n} ds = \int_V \operatorname{div}(F) dx = 0.$$

The region V is arbitrary. Hence, the Laplace equation is written in three dimensional space as Cartesian coordinates

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{div}(F) &= 0, \\ \operatorname{div}(\nabla u) &= 0, \\ \nabla^2 u &= 0, \quad \nabla^2 = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2}. \end{aligned}$$

For the second example, we suppose that E , ρ and ϵ_0 are field, density and the permittivity of vacuum, respectively. Hence, the mathematical model of mentioned values is as follow:

$$(1) \quad \nabla \cdot E = \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0}, \quad \nabla \times E = 0.$$

When the nucleus of the field is zero, then according to the Liouville theorem, the field has the gradient of a scalar function as u . This function is called potential, which the electrostatic field is its gradient.

$$(2) \quad E = -\nabla u.$$

According to (1) and (2), we have

$$(3) \quad \nabla^2 u = -\frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0}.$$

Eq. (3) is called the Poisson equation. If there is no electric charge, that is $\rho = 0$, then the Poisson equation to be transformed into the Laplace equation.

$$(4) \quad \nabla^2 u = 0.$$

Using spherical coordinates in (4), we have

$$(5) \quad \nabla^2 u = \frac{1}{r^2} \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r^2 \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{\sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\sin \theta \frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta} \right) + \frac{1}{\sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \phi^2} \right] = 0.$$

One of the methods to solve (5) is the separation of the variables. We suppose that the potential function is followed by

$$(6) \quad u = R(r) \cdot P(\theta) \cdot Q(\phi),$$

where r, θ and ϕ are radius, the angle between a vector and the z -axis and the angle of vector projection onto xy plane with the positive x -axis, respectively. Substituting (6) into (5) and by using the direction symmetry condition as

a boundary condition, Eq. (5) is transformed into three ordinary differential equations in which direction the solution is symmetry.

$$(7) \quad \frac{d^2 Q}{d\phi^2} = -m^2 Q,$$

$$(8) \quad r^2 \frac{d^2 R}{dr^2} + 2r \frac{dR}{dr} - n(n+1)R = 0,$$

$$(9) \quad \frac{1}{\sin \theta} \frac{d}{d\theta} \left(\sin \theta \frac{dP}{d\theta} \right) + n(n+1)P = 0,$$

where $Q(\phi)$ is constant and $m^2 = 0$. Also, m and n are parameters for solving differential equations in spherical coordinates. Using a new variable $x = \cos \theta$, Eq. (9) is written as follow

$$(10) \quad \sin^2 \theta \frac{d^2 P}{dx^2} - 2 \cos \theta \frac{dP}{dx} + n(n+1)P = 0.$$

The general solutions (8) and (10) are as follow

$$R(x) = c_1 r^n + c_2 r^{-(n+1)},$$

$$P(x) = c_1 P_1 + c_2 P_2,$$

where

$$P_1(x) = 1 + \sum_{q=1}^{\infty} (-1)^q \frac{n(n-2) \cdots (n-2q+2)(n+1) \cdots (n+2q-1)}{(2q)!} x^{2q},$$

$$P_2(x) = x + \sum_{q=1}^{\infty} (-1)^q \frac{(n-1)(n-3) \cdots (n-2q+1)(n+2) \cdots (n+2q)}{(2q+1)!} x^{2q+1}.$$

Also, we can obtain the above term by the Legendre polynomial of degree n , known as Rodrigues' formula [8, 10, 15, 23]. The Laplace equation is solved by complicated and time-consuming methods. In Section 3, by using the generalized differential transform, we can obtain better approximate than the previous methods. Solving the ordinary, partial and fractional differential equations is one of the advantages of this method. It obtains approximates of fractional model as well as ordinary and partial differential equations [3, 11, 17–19].

2. Method

In this section, we explain some definitions and theorems related to the Laplace equation and GDTM.

Theorem 2.1 (The uniqueness theorem). *Consider a volume V bounded by some surface S . If we give the charge density ρ all over V and the potential u_S on S , then the potential all over V is unique.*

For details and the proof see [6].

Theorem 2.2. *The solution of Laplace equation is consistently depended on boundary conditions.*

For more details see [1, 21, 22].

Definition. The Caputo fractional derivative of order α is defined by

$$D^\alpha f(x) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(-\alpha + l)} \int_a^x (x - \tau)^{-\alpha + l - 1} f^{(l)}(\tau) d\tau,$$

where $l - 1 < \alpha \leq l$, $l \in \mathbb{Z}^+$. For more details see [9, 14, 16].

Definition. We define the generalized differential transform for the k -th derivative of a function $f(x)$ as follow:

$$(11) \quad F_\alpha(k) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha k + 1)} [(D^\alpha)^k f(x)]_{x=x_0},$$

where $0 < \alpha \leq 1$ and $(D^\alpha)^k = D^\alpha \cdots D^\alpha$ (k -times).

Also, the inverse differential transform of $F_\alpha(k)$ is defined as

$$(12) \quad f(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} F_\alpha(k) (x - x_0)^{\alpha k}.$$

Substituting (11) into (12) and by using the generalized Taylor's formula [13], we obtain

$$f(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} F_\alpha(k) (x - x_0)^{\alpha k} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(x - x_0)^{\alpha k}}{\Gamma(\alpha k + 1)} ((D^\alpha)^k f)(x_0).$$

Using Theorem 4 in [13], we have

$$(13) \quad f(x) \cong \sum_{k=0}^t F_\alpha(k) (x - x_0)^{\alpha k},$$

where t is sufficiently large. The following theorems help us to solve the fractional differential equations.

Theorem 2.3. If $f(x) = g(x) \pm h(x)$, then $F_\alpha(k) = G_\alpha(k) \pm H_\alpha(k)$, where $0 < \alpha \leq 1$.

Theorem 2.4. If $f(x) = cg(x)$ and $c \in \mathbb{R}$, then $F_\alpha(k) = cG_\alpha(k)$, where $0 < \alpha \leq 1$.

Theorem 2.5. If $f(x) = D^\alpha g(x)$, then $F_\alpha(k) = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha(k+1)+1)}{\Gamma(\alpha k+1)} G_\alpha(k+1)$.

Theorem 2.6. If $f(x) = D^\beta g(x)$, $l - 1 < \beta \leq l$ and the function $g(x)$ satisfies the conditions of Theorem 2-5 in [12], then $F_\alpha(k) = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha k + \beta + 1)}{\Gamma(\alpha k + 1)} G_\alpha(k + \frac{\beta}{\alpha})$, where $0 < \alpha \leq 1$.

The proofs may be found in [12].

3. Discussion

In this section, Eq. (10) is solved by using Rodrigues' formula and other methods. Then we obtain the approximates of (10) by the Sturm-Liouville equation and GDTM.

Example 3.1. Figure 1 shows the spherical capacitor consisting of two metallic hemispheres of radius 1 ft separated by a small slit for reasons of isolation, under this condition, the upper hemisphere is kept 110V and the lower is grounded. The boundary condition is as follow

$$f(\theta) = \begin{cases} 110, & 0 \leq \theta < \frac{\pi}{2}, \\ 0, & \frac{\pi}{2} < \theta \leq \pi. \end{cases}$$

The inner and outer potential of sphere are written as follow, respectively:

$$(14) \quad u_n(r, \theta) = A_n r^n P_n(\cos \theta),$$

$$(15) \quad u_n(r, \theta) = \frac{B_n}{r^{n+1}} P_n(\cos \theta),$$

for $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ $P_n(\cos \phi)$ are the Legendre polynomials. We consider a series of terms Eq. (14)

$$(16) \quad u(r, \theta) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n r^n P_n(\cos \theta), \quad r \leq R.$$

Since the sphere S is given by $r = R$, the Dirichlet condition satisfies for (16). (see Eq. (9) in Sect. 12.11 in [10]). Hence, we have

$$(17) \quad u(R, \theta) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n R^n P_n(\cos \theta) = f(\theta),$$

where (17) is the Fourier-Legendre series of $f(\theta)$. According to Eq. (7) in Sect. 11.9 in [10], we obtain

$$A_n R^n = \frac{2n+1}{2} \int_{-1}^1 \tilde{f}(\omega) P_n(\omega) d\omega,$$

where $\tilde{f}(\theta)$ denotes $f(\theta)$. We suppose $\omega = \cos \theta$. Since the limits of integration -1 and 1 correspond to $\theta = \pi$ and $\theta = 0$, respectively, we can write

$$(18) \quad A_n = \frac{2n+1}{2R^n} \int_0^\pi f(\theta) P_n(\cos \theta) \sin \theta d\theta, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

Also, from Eq. (15) we have

$$u(r, \theta) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{B_n}{r^{n+1}} P_n(\cos \theta), \quad r \geq R.$$

According to (8), (9), and (10) in Sect. 12.11 in [10], we obtain

$$B_n = \left(\frac{2n+1}{2} \right) R^{n+1} \int_0^\pi f(\theta) P_n(\cos \theta) \sin \theta \, d\theta, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

Since $R = 1$, we can write Eq. (18) as follow

$$A_n = \left(\frac{2n+1}{2} \right) 110 \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} P_n(\cos \theta) \sin \theta \, d\theta = \left(\frac{2n+1}{2} \right) 110 \int_0^1 P_n(\omega) d\omega.$$

According to Sect. 5.2 in [10], we obtain

$$A_n = 55(2n+1) \sum_{m=0}^M \frac{(2n-2m)!}{2^n m! (n-m)! (n-2m)!} \int_0^1 \omega^{n-2m} \, d\omega,$$

where $M = \frac{n}{2}$ for even n and $M = \frac{n-1}{2}$ for odd n . For $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ we have

$$(19) \quad A_0 = 55, \quad A_1 = \frac{165}{2}, \quad A_2 = 0, \quad A_3 = -\frac{385}{8}, \dots$$

Substituting (19) into (16), we have

$$u(r, \theta) = 55 + \left(\frac{165}{2} \right) r P_1(\cos \theta) - \left(\frac{385}{8} \right) r^3 P_3(\cos \theta) + \dots$$

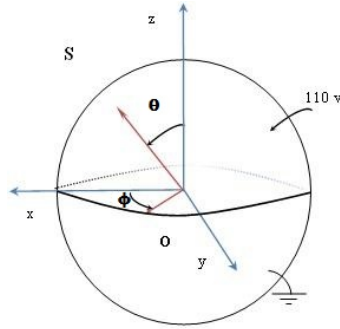


FIGURE 1. The spherical capacitor.

Note that the even coefficients of $A_n, n = 2, 4, 6, \dots$, are zero. Since $R = 1$ then $A_n = B_n$. Hence, the inner and outer potential of sphere are equal and it is as follow

$$(20) \quad u(r, \theta) = \frac{55}{r} + \left(\frac{165}{2r^2} \right) P_1(\cos \theta) - \left(\frac{385}{8r^4} \right) P_3(\cos \theta) + \left(\frac{605}{16r^6} \right) P_5(\cos \theta) \\ - \left(\frac{4125}{128r^8} \right) P_7(\cos \theta) + \left(\frac{7315}{256r^{10}} \right) P_9(\cos \theta) + \dots,$$

where P_0, P_1, P_3, \dots are the Legendre polynomials of degree n and we can obtain them by using the Rodrigues' formula

$$P_n(\omega) = \frac{1}{2^n n!} \frac{d^n}{d\omega^n} (\omega^2 - 1)^n.$$

Therefore, we have

$$\begin{aligned} (21) \quad & P_0(\omega) = 1, \quad P_1(\omega) = \omega, \quad P_3(\omega) = \frac{1}{2}(5\omega^3 - 3\omega), \\ & P_5(\omega) = \frac{63}{8}\omega^5 - \frac{35}{4}\omega^3 + \frac{15}{8}\omega, \\ & P_7(\omega) = \frac{429}{16}\omega^7 - \frac{693}{16}\omega^5 + \frac{315}{16}\omega^3 - \frac{35}{16}\omega, \\ & P_9(\omega) = \frac{12155}{128}\omega^9 - \frac{6435}{32}\omega^7 + \frac{9009}{64}\omega^5 - \frac{1155}{32}\omega^3 + \frac{315}{128}\omega, \dots \end{aligned}$$

Substituting (21) into (20) and setting $r = 1$ and $\omega = \cos(\theta)$ we obtain the potential of sphere by Rodrigues' formula as follow

$$\begin{aligned} u(1, \theta) = & 55 + \left(\frac{165}{2}\right)\omega - \left(\frac{385}{8}\right)\left(\frac{1}{2}(5\omega^3 - 3\omega)\right) \\ & + \left(\frac{605}{16}\right)\left(\frac{63}{8}\omega^5 - \frac{35}{4}\omega^3 + \frac{15}{8}\omega\right) \\ & - \left(\frac{4125}{128}\right)\left(\frac{429}{16}\omega^7 - \frac{693}{16}\omega^5 + \frac{315}{16}\omega^3 - \frac{35}{16}\omega\right) \\ & + \left(\frac{7315}{256}\right)\left(\frac{12155}{128}\omega^9 - \frac{6435}{32}\omega^7 + \frac{9009}{64}\omega^5 - \frac{1155}{32}\omega^3 + \frac{315}{128}\omega\right). \end{aligned}$$

By setting the generalized differential transform $\sin^2 \theta$ in the denominator, GDTM is unable to solve of Eq. (10) because this transform is zero in some of the steps. Therefore, we consider the Sturm-Liouville equation to solve the problem.

$$\frac{d}{d\omega} \left[h(\omega) \frac{dP}{d\omega} \right] + [i(\omega) + \lambda j(\omega)]P = 0,$$

where $i = 0, j = 1$. We suppose $\omega = \cos \theta$ and $h(\omega) = 1 - \omega^2$, then Eq. (10) is transformed by the Sturm-Liouville equation as follow

$$(22) \quad h(\omega) \frac{d^2 P}{d\omega^2} - 2\omega \frac{dP}{d\omega} + \lambda P = 0, \quad \lambda = n(n+1).$$

We consider the below initial conditions by using Rodrigues' formula for $n = 0, 1, 3, \dots, 9$, respectively:

$$(23) \quad P_0(1) = 1, \quad P'_0(1) = 0,$$

$$(24) \quad P_1(1) = 1, \quad P'_1(1) = 1,$$

$$(25) \quad P_3(1) = 1, \quad P'_3(1) = 6,$$

$$(26) \quad P_5(1) = 1, \quad P'_5(1) = 15,$$

$$(27) \quad P_7(1) = 1, \quad P_7'(1) = 28,$$

$$(28) \quad P_9(1) = 1, \quad P_9'(1) = 45.$$

We suppose $\alpha = 1$ and $\beta = 2$. According to definition of Caputo fractional derivative and Eq. (11), the generalized differential transform Eq. (22) and (23) are as follow, respectively:

$$\begin{aligned} P_1^0(k+2) &= 0, \\ P_1^0(0) &= 1, \quad P_1^0(1) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, we have the solution $P_0(\omega)$ up to $O((\omega - 1)^0)$

$$P_0(\omega) = 1,$$

where $O((\omega - 1)^0)$ and $(\omega - 1)^0$ are truncation error and the first term of solution series of GDTM, respectively. By using Theorems 2.6 and 2.5 to transform the first and second terms of Eq. (22), respectively and considering Theorems 2.3 and 2.4 to perform the operation of addition or subtraction, then multiplication λ by P in the mentioned equation, respectively, we obtain the generalized differential transform of Eq. (22) and initial conditions (24)-(28) for $n = 1, 3, \dots, 9$ as follow

$$(29) \quad \begin{aligned} P_1^1(k+2) &= 2 \frac{\Gamma(k+1)}{h(x)\Gamma(k+3)} \left[\omega \frac{\Gamma(k+2)}{\Gamma(k+1)} P_1^1(k+1) - P_1^1(k) \right], \\ P_1^1(0) &= 1, P_1^1(1) = 0, \end{aligned}$$

$$(30) \quad \begin{aligned} P_1^3(k+2) &= \frac{\Gamma(k+1)}{h(x)\Gamma(k+3)} \left[2\omega \frac{\Gamma(k+2)}{\Gamma(k+1)} P_1^3(k+1) - 12P_1^3(k) \right], \\ P_1^3(0) &= 1, P_1^3(1) = 0, \end{aligned}$$

$$(31) \quad \begin{aligned} P_1^5(k+2) &= \frac{\Gamma(k+1)}{h(x)\Gamma(k+3)} \left[2\omega \frac{\Gamma(k+2)}{\Gamma(k+1)} P_1^5(k+1) - 30P_1^5(k) \right], \\ P_1^5(0) &= 1, P_1^5(1) = 0, \end{aligned}$$

$$(32) \quad \begin{aligned} P_1^7(k+2) &= \frac{\Gamma(k+1)}{h(x)\Gamma(k+3)} \left[2\omega \frac{\Gamma(k+2)}{\Gamma(k+1)} P_1^7(k+1) - 56P_1^7(k) \right], \\ P_1^7(0) &= 1, P_1^7(1) = 0, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$(33) \quad \begin{aligned} P_1^9(k+2) &= \frac{\Gamma(k+1)}{h(x)\Gamma(k+3)} \left[2\omega \frac{\Gamma(k+2)}{\Gamma(k+1)} P_1^9(k+1) - 90P_1^9(k) \right], \\ P_1^9(0) &= 1, P_1^9(1) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Considering $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ for each n in Eq. (29)-(33) at once and substituting the above coefficients instead of $F_\alpha(k)$ and $\omega_0 = 1$ (because of initial $\theta = 0$)

instead of x_0 in Eq. (13) at the second, we obtain the Legendre polynomials $P_1(\omega), P_3(\omega), \dots, P_9(\omega)$ as follow

$$(34) \quad P_1(\omega) = 1 - \left(\frac{1}{h}\right)(\omega - 1)^2 - \left(\frac{2\omega}{3h^2}\right)(\omega - 1)^3 + \left(\frac{1}{6h^2} - \frac{\omega^2}{3h^3}\right)(\omega - 1)^4,$$

$$(35) \quad P_3(\omega) = 1 - \left(\frac{6}{h}\right)(\omega - 1)^2 - \left(\frac{4\omega}{h^2}\right)(\omega - 1)^3 + \left(\frac{6}{h^2} - \frac{2\omega^2}{h^3}\right)(\omega - 1)^4,$$

$$(36) \quad P_5(\omega) = 1 - \left(\frac{15}{h}\right)(\omega - 1)^2 - \left(\frac{10\omega}{h^2}\right)(\omega - 1)^3 + \left(\frac{75}{2h^2} - \frac{5\omega^2}{h^3}\right)(\omega - 1)^4,$$

$$(37) \quad P_7(\omega) = 1 - \left(\frac{28}{h}\right)(\omega - 1)^2 - \left(\frac{56\omega}{3h^2}\right)(\omega - 1)^3 + \left(\frac{392}{3h^2} - \frac{28\omega^2}{3h^3}\right)(\omega - 1)^4,$$

$$(38) \quad P_9(\omega) = 1 - \left(\frac{45}{h}\right)(\omega - 1)^2 - \left(\frac{30\omega}{h^2}\right)(\omega - 1)^3 + \left(\frac{675}{2h^2} - \frac{15\omega^2}{h^3}\right)(\omega - 1)^4.$$

It should be noted that including more components of the series solution results in increasing errors. Therefore, we consider the solution $P_n(\omega)$ up to $O((\omega - 1)^4)$. Also, setting $\theta = 0$ results in changing of Eq. (22). In fact, we can't consider it as Strum-Liouville equation. Setting the above equations in Eq. (20) we obtain the solutions of the Laplace equation by using GDTM for $\theta \in [0.1745329252, 1.570796327]$ as follow

$$(39) \quad \begin{aligned} u(1, \theta) = & 55 + \frac{165}{2} \left[1 - \left(\frac{1}{h}\right)(\omega - 1)^2 - \left(\frac{2\omega}{3h^2}\right)(\omega - 1)^3 + \left(\frac{1}{6h^2} - \frac{\omega^2}{3h^3}\right)(\omega - 1)^4 \right] \\ & - \frac{385}{8} \left[1 - \left(\frac{6}{h}\right)(\omega - 1)^2 - \left(\frac{4\omega}{h^2}\right)(\omega - 1)^3 + \left(\frac{6}{h^2} - \frac{2\omega^2}{h^3}\right)(\omega - 1)^4 \right] \\ & + \frac{605}{16} \left[1 - \left(\frac{15}{h}\right)(\omega - 1)^2 - \left(\frac{10\omega}{h^2}\right)(\omega - 1)^3 + \left(\frac{75}{2h^2} - \frac{5\omega^2}{h^3}\right)(\omega - 1)^4 \right] \\ & - \frac{4125}{128} \left[1 - \left(\frac{28}{h}\right)(\omega - 1)^2 - \left(\frac{56\omega}{3h^2}\right)(\omega - 1)^3 + \left(\frac{392}{3h^2} - \frac{28\omega^2}{3h^3}\right)(\omega - 1)^4 \right] \\ & + \frac{7315}{256} \left[1 - \left(\frac{45}{h}\right)(\omega - 1)^2 - \left(\frac{30\omega}{h^2}\right)(\omega - 1)^3 + \left(\frac{675}{2h^2} - \frac{15\omega^2}{h^3}\right)(\omega - 1)^4 \right], \end{aligned}$$

where θ is shown in Radian. Table 1 shows a comparison of the approximate of the Legendre polynomial of degree 9 by using GDTM, Rodrigues' formula, RKF45 and Taylor' series methods. RKF45 is a Fehlberg fourth-fifth order by using Runge-Kutta method [4, 5]. Figure 2 shows the approximate and error of the methods for $\theta \in [0.01745329252, 0.1745329252]$. GDTM is not suitable in the first limited interval. Also, Figures 3 and 4 show that the values of GDTM are closer to the ideal potential that is 110V and includes the least error. As we know, the potential reduces considerably when we approach to isolation and error increases subsequently. Figure 4 shows that the potential of GDTM decreases as same as RKF45 and Taylor's series.

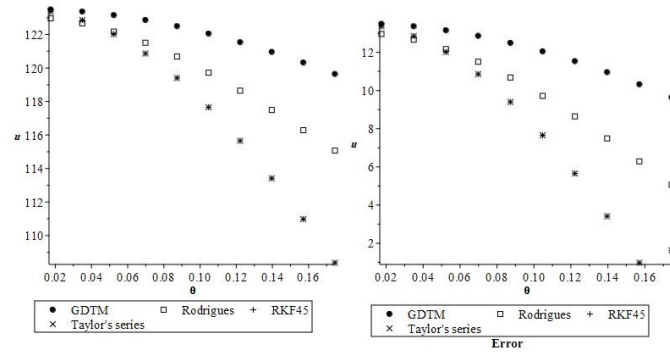


FIGURE 2. Comparison GDTM with other methods (b) error in $\theta \in [0.01745329252, 0.1745329252]$.

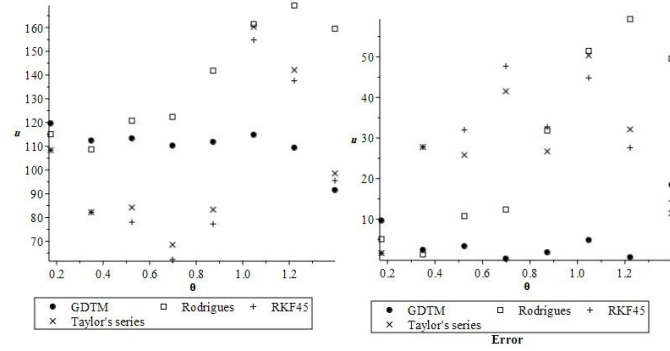


FIGURE 3. Comparison GDTM with other methods (b) error in $\theta \in [0.1745329252, 1.396263402]$.

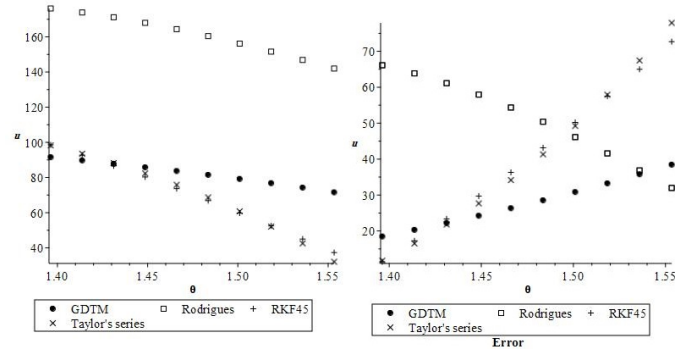


FIGURE 4. Comparison GDTM with other methods (b) error in $\theta \in [1.396263402, 1.553343034]$.

TABLE 1. Comparison GDTM with other methods in $\theta \in [0.1745329252, 1.396263402]$.

θ	GDTM	Rodrigues	RKF45	Taylor's series
0.1745329252	119.6395530	115.0677953	108.3734725	108.3734725
0.3490658504	112.4109645	108.7032745	82.2353712	82.2353714
0.5235987758	113.3224144	120.7591281	78.0034333	84.1951037
0.6981317008	110.2591195	122.3741211	62.2939333	68.4800347
0.8726646262	111.8103094	141.8542600	77.2680049	83.3120615
1.047197551	114.8379630	161.4808985	154.8091511	160.3441611
1.221730477	109.3999094	169.3100614	137.5806397	142.1331072
1.396263402	91.53486009	159.5602254	95.5078245	98.5605815

Conclusion

In this paper, GDTM has been used to obtain the Lagrange polynomials. Although, variable h causes to increase the computations, the approximate of GDTM has more accurate than previous methods. The error showed that recent results of the Laplace equation are far from the ideal potential but the approximate of GDTM is closer to it in the most intervals.

References

- [1] A. V. Bakshi and U. V. Baksh, *Electromagnetic Theory*, Technical publications Pune, India, 2008.
- [2] D. R. Bland, *Solutions of Laplace's Equation*, Routledge and Keegan Paul Ltd., London, 1961.
- [3] V. S. Erturk, S. Momani, and Z. Odibat, *Application of generalized differential transform method to multi-order fractional differential equations*, Commun. Nonlinear Sci. Numer. Simul. **13** (2008), no. 8, 1642–1654.
- [4] E. Fehlberg, *Classical Fifth-, Sixth-, Seventh-, and Eighth-Order Runge-Kutta Formulas with Step Size Control*, George C. Marshal space flight center, Huntsville, Ala. 1968.
- [5] ———, *Klassische Runge-Kutta-Formeln vierter und niedrigerer Ordnung mit Schrittweiten-Kontrolle und ihre Anwendung auf Wärmeleitungsprobleme*, Computing (Arch. Elektron. Rechnen) **6** (1970), 61–71.
- [6] R. Fitzpatrick, *Maxwell Equations and the Principles of Electromagnetism*, Infinity Science Press LLC, Hingham, MA, 2008.
- [7] W. H. Hayt and J. A. Buck, *Engineering Electromagnetics*, The McGraw-Hill, New York, 2012.
- [8] J. D. Jackson, *Classical Electrodynamics*, second edition, John Wiley & Sons, Inc., New York, 1975.
- [9] A. A. Kilbas, H. M. Srivastava, and J. J. Trujillo, *Theory and Applications of Fractional Differential Equations*, North-Holland Mathematics Studies, **204**, Elsevier Science B.V., Amsterdam, 2006.
- [10] E. Kreyszig, *Advanced Engineering Mathematics*, Second edition, John Wiley and sons, Inc., New York, 2011.
- [11] Z. Odibat and S. Momani, *A generalized differential transform method for linear partial differential equations of fractional order*, Appl. Math. Lett. **21** (2008), no. 2, 194–199.

- [12] Z. Odibat, S. Momani, and V. S. Erturk, *Generalized differential transform method: application to differential equations of fractional order*, Appl. Math. Comput. **197** (2008), no. 2, 467–477.
- [13] Z. Odibat and N. T. Shawagfeh, *Generalized Taylor's formula*, Appl. Math. Comput. **186** (2007), no. 1, 286–293.
- [14] K. B. Oldham and J. Spanier, *The Fractional Calculus*, Academic Press, New York, 1974.
- [15] G. M. Phillips, *Interpolation and Approximation by Polynomials*, CMS Books in Mathematics/Ouvrages de Mathématiques de la SMC, **14**, Springer-Verlag, New York, 2003.
- [16] I. Podlubny, *Fractional Differential Equations*, Mathematics in Science and Engineering, **198**, Academic Press, Inc., San Diego, CA, 1999.
- [17] H. Saberi Najafi and E. Arsanjani Toroqi, *Generalized differential transform method for solving liquid-film mass transfer equation of fractional order*, Progr. Fract. Differ. Appl. **4** (2018), 59–64.
- [18] H. Saberi Najafi, E. Arsanjani Toroqi, and A. Jafarzadeh Divishali, *A new fractional model of single degree of freedom system, by using generalized differential transform method*, Rom. J. Math. Comput. Sci. **6** (2016), no. 1, 93–105.
- [19] H. Saberi Najafi, S. R. Mirshafaei, and E. Arsanjani Toroqi, *An approximate solution of the Mathieu fractional equation by using the generalized differential transform method (Gdtm)*, Appl. Appl. Math. **7** (2012), no. 1, 374–384.
- [20] H. Saberi Najafi, A. Refahi Sheikhan, and A. Ansari, *Stability analysis of distributed order fractional differential equations*, Abstr. Appl. Anal. **2011**, Art. ID 175323, 12 pp.
- [21] J. W. Thomas, *Numerical Partial Differential Equations: Finite Difference Methods*, Texts in Applied Mathematics, **22**, Springer-Verlag, New York, 1995.
- [22] J. Vanderlinde, *Classical Electromagnetic Theory*, second edition, Fundamental Theories of Physics, **145**, Kluwer Academic Publishers, Dordrecht, 2004.
- [23] D. G. Zill, *A First Course in Differential Equation with Modeling Applications*, Brooks-Cole, Boston, 2013.

EBRAHIM AMOUPOUR

DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONIC ENGINEER

ROUDSAR AND AMLASH BRANCH ISLAMIC AZAD UNIVERSITY

ROUDSAR, P.O. BOX 4481714188, IRAN

Email address: amoupour@yahoo.com

ELYAS ARSANJANI TOROQI

DEPARTMENT OF APPLIED MATHEMATICS

FACULTY OF MATHEMATICS

LAHIJAN BRANCH ISLAMIC AZAD UNIVERSITY

LAHIJAN, P.O. BOX 1616, IRAN

Email address: arsanjanie@yahoo.com

HASHEM SABERI NAJAFI

DEPARTMENT OF APPLIED MATHEMATICS

FACULTY OF MATHEMATICS

LAHIJAN BRANCH ISLAMIC AZAD UNIVERSITY

LAHIJAN, P.O. BOX 1616, IRAN

Email address: hnajafi@guilan.ac.ir