

Numerical Solution of Volterra Integral Equations Using the Chebyshev-Collocation Spectral Methods

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Abstract- The main purpose of this paper is to submit a new numerical approach for the Volterra integral equations based on a spectral method. The Chebyshev-collocation spectral method is proposed to solve the Volterra integral equations of the second kind and then convergence analysis of proposed method is discussed. Numerical examples show that the approximate solutions have a good degree of accuracy.

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I. INTRODUCTION

This paper consider the second kind Volterra integral equations

$$y(t) + \int_0^t R(t,s)y(s)ds = f(t) \quad , t \in [0, T] \quad (1.1)$$

Where the source function $f(t)$ and the kernel function $R(t, s)$ are given, and $y(t)$ is the unknown function.

In order that the solutions of (1.1) be sufficiently smooth, it is necessary to use very high-order numerical methods such as spectral methods for approximating the solutions.

For this purpose, we transfer the problem (1.1) to an equivalent problem defined in $[-1, 1]$. First using the change of variables $t = \frac{T(1+x)}{2}$, $x = \frac{2t}{T-1}$ the Volterra equation (1.1) rewrite as follows:

$$u(x) + \int_0^{T(1+x)/2} K\left(\frac{T(1+x)}{2}, s\right)y(s)ds = g(x) \quad (1.2)$$

Where

$$g(x) = f\left(\frac{T}{2}(1+x)\right), \quad u(x) = y\left(\frac{T}{2}(1+x)\right), \quad x \in [-1, 1].$$

Now we use the linear transformation $s = \frac{T(1+\tau)}{2}$, $\tau \in [-1, x]$ to transfer the integral interval $[0, T(1+x)/2]$ to the interval $[-1, x]$.

Then the equation (1.2) become:

$$u(x) + \int_{-1}^x K(x, \tau)u(\tau)d\tau = g(x) \quad , x \in [-1, 1] \quad (1.3)$$

where

$$K(x, \tau) = \frac{T}{2}R\left(\frac{T}{2}(1+x), \frac{T}{2}(1+\tau)\right).$$

In this paper provide Chebyshev-collocation spectral method and its convergence analysis. This method has higher accuracy degree relative to Legendre-collocation spectral method.

This paper is organized as follows:

In section 2, Chebyshev-collocation spectral method is expressed for the Volterra integral equations of second kind. In section 3, some useful lemmas for the convergence analysis are proposed. In section 4, the convergence analysis in both L^2 and L^∞ spaces is shown. In section 5, numerical results are presented to verify the convergence obtained in section 4.

II. CHEBYSHEV-COLLOCATION METHOD

We will consider the second kind linear Volterra integral equations as:

$$u(x) + \int_{-1}^x K(x,s)u(s)ds = g(x) \quad , x \in [-1, 1] \quad (2.1)$$

Also we consider the $(N + 1)$ -point collocation points as the set of Gauss, or Gauss-Radau, or Gauss-Lobatto points, $\{x_i\}_{i=0}^N$.

By using these points the equation (2.1) can be written as:

$$u(x_i) + \int_{-1}^{x_i} K(x_i, s)u(s)ds = g(x_i) \quad , 0 \leq i \leq N \quad (2.2)$$

For calculating the integral, we use Gauss integration formula as:

$$\int_a^b f(x)\omega(x)dx \cong \sum_{i=0}^N f(x_i)\omega_i \quad (2.3)$$

First we transfer the integral interval to interval $[-1, 1]$, by using the following linear transformation:

$$s = s(x, \theta) = \frac{1+x}{2}\theta + \frac{x-1}{2} \quad , -1 \leq \theta \leq 1 \quad (2.4)$$

Then the equation (2.2) is expressed as follows:

$$u(x_i) + \frac{1+x_i}{2} \int_{-1}^1 K(x_i, s(x_i, \theta))u(s(x_i, \theta))\sqrt{1-\theta^2}\omega(\theta)d\theta = g(x_i) \quad , 0 \leq i \leq N \quad (2.5)$$

where $\omega(\theta)$ indicates the Chebyshev weight.

Now by using $(N + 1)$ -point Gauss integration formula we get:

$$u(x_i) + \frac{1+x_i}{2} \sum_{j=0}^N K(x_i, s(x_i, \theta_j)) u(s(x_i, \theta_j)) \sqrt{1-\theta_j^2} \omega_j = g(x_i), \quad 0 \leq i \leq N, \quad (2.6)$$

where the set $\{\theta_j\}_{j=0}^N$ coincide with the collocation points $\{x_j\}_{j=0}^N$.

Let $u(s(x_i, \theta_j))$ be shown as u_i , then by using chebyshev interpolation polynomials, the expansion u is as:

$$u(\sigma) \approx \sum_{j=0}^N u_j F_j(\sigma), \quad (2.7)$$

where F_j is the j -th chebyshev basis function and

$$F_j(s) = \sum_{p=0}^N \alpha_{p,j} T_p(s), \quad (2.8)$$

where

$$\alpha_{p,j} = \frac{1}{\gamma_p} \sum_{i=0}^N T_p(x_i) F_j(x_i) \omega_i = \frac{T_p(x_j) \omega_j}{\gamma_p}, \quad p = 0, 1, 2, \dots \quad (2.9)$$

And

$$\gamma_p = \frac{\pi}{2} C_p, \quad \forall p < N \quad (2.10)$$

$$C_p = \begin{cases} 2, & k = 0 \\ 1, & k \geq 1 \end{cases} \quad (2.11)$$

$$\gamma_N = \begin{cases} \frac{\pi}{2} & \text{for Gauss and Gauss - Radau formulas,} \\ \pi & \text{for the Gauss - Lobatto formula} \end{cases} \quad (2.12)$$

Combining equations (2.6) and (2.7) yields:

$$u_i + \frac{1+x_i}{2} \sum_{j=0}^N u_j \left(\sum_{p=0}^N K(x_i, s(x_i, \theta_p)) F_j(s(x_i, \theta_p)) \right) \sqrt{1-\theta_p^2} \omega_p = g(x_i), \quad 0 \leq i \leq N. \quad (2.13)$$

We obtain $\{u_i\}_{i=0}^N$ by solving the above system.

III. ERROR ESTIMATES

Lemma 3.1. ([3], Gauss integration error)

Assume that a $(N+1)$ -point Gauss, or Gauss-Radau, or Gauss-Lobatto integration formula relative to the Chebyshev weight is used to integrate the product $u\phi$, where $u \in H_\omega^m(I)$ with $I := (-1,1)$ for some $m \geq 1$ and $\phi \in p_N$. Then will exist a constant C independent of N such that:

$$\left| \int_{-1}^1 u(x)\phi(x)\omega(x)dx - (u, \phi)_N \right| \leq CN^{-m} |u|_{H_\omega^{m,N}(I)} \|\phi\|_{L_\omega^2(I)} \quad (3.1)$$

where

$$|u|_{H_\omega^{m,N}(I)} = \left(\sum_{j=\min(m,N+1)}^m \|u^{(j)}\|_{L_\omega^2(I)}^2 \right)^{1/2}, \quad (3.2)$$

$$(u, \phi)_N = \sum_{j=0}^N \omega_j u(x_j) \phi(x_j) \quad (3.3)$$

Lemma 3.2. ([3], Estimates for the interpolation error)

Assume that $u \in H_\omega^m(I)$ and denote $I_N u \in \mathbb{P}_N$ its interpolation polynomial in the $(N+1)$ -point Gauss, or Gauss-Radau, or Gauss-Lobatto points $\{x_j\}_{j=0}^N$, namely,

$$I_N u = \sum_{i=0}^N u(x_i) F_i(x) \quad (3.4)$$

Then the following estimates are obtained

$$\|u - I_N u\|_{L_\omega^2(I)} \leq CN^{-m} |u|_{H_\omega^{m,N}(I)} \quad (3.5)$$

$$\|u - I_N u\|_{L^\infty(I)} \leq CN^{\frac{1}{2}-m} |u|_{H_\omega^{m,N}(I)} \quad (3.6)$$

$$\|u - I_N u\|_{H_\omega^l(I)} \leq CN^{2l-m} |u|_{H_\omega^{m,N}(I)}, \quad 0 \leq l \leq m \quad (3.7)$$

Lemma 3.3. ([9] Lebesgue constant for the Chebyshev series)

Assume that $F_j(x)$ is the j -th Chebyshev interpolation polynomials in the Gauss, or Gauss-Radau, or Gauss-Lobatto points. Then

$$\max_{x \in I} \sum_{j=0}^N |F_j(x)| = A_N(T) \quad (3.8)$$

where

$$A_N(T) = \frac{2}{\pi} \log N + \frac{2}{\pi} (\gamma + \log \frac{8}{\pi}) + \alpha_N, \quad 0 < \alpha_N < \frac{\pi}{72N^2}, \quad N \geq 1.$$

Lemma 3.4. ([8], Gronwall inequality)

If a non-negative integrable function $E(t)$ satisfies

$$E(t) \leq C_1 \int_{-1}^t E(s) ds + G(t), \quad -1 \leq t \leq 1 \quad (3.9)$$

Where $G(t)$ is an integrable function, then

$$\|E\|_{L_\omega^p(I)} \leq C \|G\|_{L_\omega^p(I)}, \quad 1 \leq p \leq \infty \quad (3.10)$$

IV. CONVERGENCE ANALYSIS

In this section, we will investigate the convergence analysis in both L^2 and L^∞ spaces.

4.1. Error analysis in L^2 space

Theorem 4.1. Let u be the exact solution of the Volterra equation (2.1) and assume that

$$U(x) = \sum_{j=0}^N u_j F_j(x) \quad (4.1)$$

Where u_j is given by (2.13) and $F_j(x)$ is the j -th Chebyshev basis function associated with the Gauss-points $\{x_j\}_{j=0}^N$. If $u \in H_\omega^m(I)$ and $e(x) = U(x) - u(x)$, then for $m \geq 1$ the following formula be obtained:

$$\|e(x)\|_{L_\omega^2(I)} \leq CN^{-(2+m)} \max_{x \in I} |K(x, s(x, \cdot))|_{H_\omega^{m,N}(I)} \|u\|_{L_\omega^2(I)} + CN^{-m} |u|_{H_\omega^{m,N}(I)}$$

provided that N is sufficiently large, and C is a constant independent of N .

Proof:

We rewrite the equation (2.1) as follows:

$$u_i + \frac{1+x_i}{2} \sum_{p=0}^N K(x_i, s(x_i, \theta_p)) \omega_p \sum_{j=0}^N u_j F_j(s(x_i, \theta_p)) = g(x_i), \quad 0 \leq i \leq N \quad (4.1)$$

Then by using the equation (4.1) is written:

$$u_i + \frac{1+x_i}{2} \sum_{p=0}^N K(x_i, s(x_i, \theta_p)) \omega_p U(s(x_i, \theta_p)) = g(x_i), \quad 0 \leq i \leq N. \quad (4.2)$$

From the equation (3.3) we have:

$$(K(x, s), \emptyset(s))_{N,s} = \sum_{j=0}^N K(x, s(x, \theta_j)) \emptyset(s(x, \theta_j)) \omega_j. \quad (4.3)$$

Now the equation (4.2) can be written as:

$$u_i + \frac{1+x_i}{2} (K(x_i, s), U(s))_{N,s} = g(x_i), \quad 0 \leq i \leq N. \quad (4.4)$$

We define:

$$J_1(x) = \frac{1+x}{2} \int_{-1}^1 K(x, s(x, \theta)) U(s(x, \theta)) \omega(s(x, \theta)) d\theta - \frac{1+x}{2} (K(x, s), U(s))_{N,s}. \quad (4.5)$$

Then

$$J_1(x_i) = \frac{1+x_i}{2} \int_{-1}^1 K(x_i, s(x_i, \theta)) U(s(x_i, \theta)) \omega(s(x_i, \theta)) d\theta - \frac{1+x_i}{2} (K(x_i, s), U(s))_{N,s} \quad (4.6)$$

Then we have:

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1+x_i}{2} (K(x_i, s), U(s))_{N,s} \\ &= \frac{1+x_i}{2} \int_{-1}^1 K(x_i, s(x_i, \theta)) U(s(x_i, \theta)) \omega(s(x_i, \theta)) d\theta \\ & - J_1(x_i) \end{aligned}$$

So the equation (4.4) can be written as:

$$u_i + \frac{1+x_i}{2} \int_{-1}^1 K(x_i, s(x_i, \theta)) U(s(x_i, \theta)) \omega(s(x_i, \theta)) d\theta - J_1(x_i) = g(x_i).$$

Then

$$u_i + \frac{1+x_i}{2} \int_{-1}^1 K(x_i, s(x_i, \theta)) U(s(x_i, \theta)) \omega(s(x_i, \theta)) d\theta = g(x_i) + J_1(x_i). \quad (4.7)$$

By using the equation (2.4), the equation (4.7) can be written as follows:

$$u_i + \int_{-1}^{x_i} K(x_i, s) U(s) ds = g(x_i) + J_1(x_i), \quad 0 \leq i \leq N \quad (4.8)$$

Since

$$U(x) = e(x) + u(x) \quad (4.9)$$

Then the equation (4.8) can be written as:

$$u_i + \int_{-1}^{x_i} K(x_i, s) (e(s) + u(s)) ds = g(x_i) + J_1(x_i), \quad 0 \leq i \leq N$$

Then

$$u_i + \int_{-1}^{x_i} K(x_i, s) e(s) ds + \int_{-1}^{x_i} K(x_i, s) u(s) ds = g(x_i) + J_1(x_i), \quad 0 \leq i \leq N$$

By multiplying $F_i(x)$ in the above equation and summing up for $i = 0, \dots, N$ the following equation is obtained:

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{i=0}^N u_i F_i(x) + \sum_{i=0}^N \int_{-1}^{x_i} K(x_i, s) e(s) ds \cdot F_i(x) \\ & + \sum_{i=0}^N \int_{-1}^{x_i} K(x_i, s) u(s) ds \cdot F_i(x) \\ & = \sum_{i=0}^N g(x_i) \cdot F_i(x) + \sum_{i=0}^N J_1(x_i) \cdot F_i(x) \end{aligned}$$

By using the equations (4.1) and (3.4) we have:

$$\begin{aligned} & U(x) + I_N \left(\int_{-1}^x K(x, s) e(s) ds \right) \\ & + I_N \left(\int_{-1}^x K(x, s) u(s) ds \right) = I_N g + I_N J_1 \quad (4.10) \end{aligned}$$

From the equation (2.1) we have:

$$g(x) - u(x) = \int_{-1}^x K(x, s) e(s) ds.$$

Then the equation (4.10) can be written as:

$$\begin{aligned} & U(x) + I_N \left(\int_{-1}^x K(x, s) e(s) ds \right) + I_N (g(x) - u(x)) \\ & = I_N g + I_N J_1. \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} & U(x) + I_N \left(\int_{-1}^x K(x, s) e(s) ds \right) + I_N g(x) - I_N u(x) \\ & = I_N g + I_N J_1 \end{aligned}$$

This equation by using the equation (4.9) can be expressed as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} & e(x) + u(x) + I_N \left(\int_{-1}^x K(x, s) e(s) ds \right) + I_N g(x) - I_N u(x) \\ & = I_N g + I_N J_1 \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$e(x) + u(x) + I_N \left(\int_{-1}^x K(x, s) e(s) ds \right) - I_N u = I_N J_1$$

Then result will be:

$$e(x) + (u - I_N u)(x) + I_N \left(\int_{-1}^x K(x, s) e(s) ds \right) = I_N J_1 \quad (4.11)$$

Now we define:

$$J_2(x) = I_N u(x) - u(x) \quad (4.12)$$

And

$$J_3(x) = \int_{-1}^x K(x, s) e(s) ds - I_N \left(\int_{-1}^x K(x, s) e(s) ds \right) \quad (4.13)$$

Then the equation (4.13) can be written as:

$$I_N \left(\int_{-1}^x K(x, s) e(s) ds \right) = \int_{-1}^x K(x, s) e(s) ds - J_3(x) \quad (4.14)$$

By using the equations (4.12) and (4.14), the equation (4.11) is expressed as follows:

$$e(x) - J_2(x) + \int_{-1}^x K(x, s) e(s) ds - J_3(x) = I_N J_1$$

Then

$$e(x) + \int_{-1}^x K(x, s) e(s) ds = I_N J_1 + J_2(x) + J_3(x). \quad (4.15)$$

So we have:

$$e(x) \leq \int_{-1}^x e(s) ds + (I_N J_1) + J_2(x) + J_3(x).$$

From the Lemma 3.4 is obtained:

$$\begin{aligned} \|e(x)\|_{L^2_\omega(I)} &\leq C \|I_N(J_1) + J_2(x) + J_3(x)\|_{L^2_\omega(I)} \\ &\leq C (\|I_N(J_1)\|_{L^2_\omega(I)} + \|J_2(x)\|_{L^2_\omega(I)} + \|J_3(x)\|_{L^2_\omega(I)}) . \end{aligned} \quad (4.16)$$

From the equation (3.4) we have:

$$I_N(J_1) = \sum_{i=0}^N J_1(x_i) F_i(x).$$

By using the L^2 norm the following equation is obtained:

$$\|I_N(J_1)\|_{L^2_\omega(I)} = \left\| \sum_{i=0}^N J_1(x_i) F_i(x) \right\|_{L^2_\omega(I)} \leq \sum_{i=0}^N |J_1(x_i)| |F_i(x)| \quad (4.17)$$

By using the equation (4.6) is written:

$$J_1(x_i) = \frac{1+x_i}{2} \left(\int_{-1}^1 K(x_i, s(x_i, \theta)) U(s(x_i, \theta)) \omega(s(x_i, \theta)) d\theta - (K(x_i, s), U(s))_{N,s} \right).$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} |J_1(x_i)| &= \left| \frac{1+x_i}{2} \left(\int_{-1}^1 K(x_i, s(x_i, \theta)) U(s(x_i, \theta)) \omega(s(x_i, \theta)) d\theta - (K(x_i, s), U(s))_{N,s} \right) \right| \\ &= \left| \frac{1+x_i}{2} \right| \left| \int_{-1}^1 K(x_i, s(x_i, \theta)) U(s(x_i, \theta)) \omega(s(x_i, \theta)) d\theta - (K(x_i, s), U(s))_{N,s} \right|. \end{aligned}$$

From the Lemma 3.1 is obtained:

$$|J_1(x_i)| \leq CN^{-m} |K(x_i, s(x_i, \cdot))|_{H_\omega^{m,N}(I)} \|U\|_{L^2_\omega(I)} \quad (4.18)$$

Then

$$|J_1(x_i)| \leq CN^{-m} \max_{x \in I} |K(x, s(x, \cdot))|_{H_\omega^{m,N}(I)} \|U\|_{L^2_\omega(I)} \quad (4.19)$$

Therefore the equation (4.17) can be written as follows:

$$\|I_N(J_1)\|_{L^2_\omega(I)} \leq \sum_{i=0}^N CN^{-m} \max_{x \in I} |K(x, s(x, \cdot))|_{H_\omega^{m,N}(I)} \|U\|_{L^2_\omega(I)} |F_i(x)|$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \|I_N(J_1)\|_{L^2_\omega(I)} &\leq CN^{-m} \max_{x \in I} |K(x, s(x, \cdot))|_{H_\omega^{m,N}(I)} \|U\|_{L^2_\omega(I)} \sum_{i=0}^N |F_i(x)| \\ &\quad - F(x, \alpha(x)) \frac{d\alpha(x)}{dx} \end{aligned}$$

Then the equation (4.27) can be written as:

$$\begin{aligned} \|J_3(x)\|_{L^2_\omega(I)} &\leq CN^{-1} \left\| K(x, x) e(x) + \int_{-1}^x K_x(x, s) e(s) ds \right\|_{L^2_\omega(I)} \\ &\leq CN^{-1} \|e\|_{L^2_\omega(I)}. \end{aligned} \quad (4.28)$$

Then by using the equations (4.22), (4.24) and (4.28), we express the equation (4.16) as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \|e(x)\|_{L^2_\omega(I)} &\leq CN^{-(2+m)} \max_{x \in I} |K(x, s(x, \cdot))|_{H_\omega^{m,N}(I)} (\|e(x)\|_{L^2_\omega(I)} \\ &\quad + \|u(x)\|_{L^2_\omega(I)}) + CN^{-m} |u|_{H_\omega^{m,N}(I)} \\ &\quad + CN^{-1} \|e\|_{L^2_\omega(I)}. \end{aligned} \quad (4.29)$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \|e(x)\|_{L^2_\omega(I)} &\leq CN^{-(2+m)} \max_{x \in I} |K(x, s(x, \cdot))|_{H_\omega^{m,N}(I)} \|e(x)\|_{L^2_\omega(I)} \\ &\quad + CN^{-(2+m)} \max_{x \in I} |K(x, s(x, \cdot))|_{H_\omega^{m,N}(I)} \|u(x)\|_{L^2_\omega(I)} \\ &\quad + CN^{-m} |u|_{H_\omega^{m,N}(I)} + CN^{-1} \|e\|_{L^2_\omega(I)} \end{aligned}$$

If N be large enough, then we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \|e(x)\|_{L^2_\omega(I)} &\leq CN^{-(2+m)} \max_{x \in I} |K(x, s(x, \cdot))|_{H_\omega^{m,N}(I)} \|u(x)\|_{L^2_\omega(I)} \\ &\quad + CN^{-m} |u|_{H_\omega^{m,N}(I)} \end{aligned}$$

4.2. Error analysis in L^∞ space

Theorem 4.2. Let u be the exact solution of the Volterra equation (2.1) and U be defined by (4.1). If $u \in H_\omega^m(I)$ and $e(x) = U(x) - u(x)$, then for $m \geq 1$,

$$\begin{aligned} \|e(x)\|_{L^\infty_\omega(I)} &\leq CN^{-(2+m)} \max_{x \in I} |K(x, s(x, \cdot))|_{H_\omega^{m,N}(I)} \|u\|_{L^\infty_\omega(I)} \\ &\quad + CN^{\frac{1}{2}-m} |u|_{H_\omega^{m,N}(I)} \end{aligned}$$

provided that N is sufficiently large, and C is a constant independent of N.

Proof:

Similar to the proof of Theorem 4.1, we get:

$$e(x) \leq \int_{-1}^x e(s) ds + (I_N(J_1) + J_2(x) + J_3(x)) \quad (4.30)$$

By using the Lemma (3.4) we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \|e(x)\|_{L^\infty_\omega(I)} &\leq C \|I_N(J_1) + J_2(x) + J_3(x)\|_{L^\infty_\omega(I)} \\ &\leq C (\|I_N(J_1)\|_{L^\infty_\omega(I)} + \|J_2(x)\|_{L^\infty_\omega(I)} + \|J_3(x)\|_{L^\infty_\omega(I)}) \end{aligned} \quad (4.31)$$

By using the equation (3.4) is expressed:

$$I_N(J_1) = \sum_{i=0}^N J_1(x_i) F_i(x)$$

By using the L^∞ norm can be written:

$$\|I_N(J_1)\|_{L^\infty_\omega(I)} = \left\| \sum_{i=0}^N J_1(x_i) F_i(x) \right\|_{L^\infty_\omega(I)} \leq \sum_{i=0}^N |J_1(x_i)| |F_i(x)|. \quad (4.32)$$

By using the equation (4.19) we are obtained:

$$\|I_N(J_1)\|_{L^\infty_\omega(I)} \leq \sum_{i=0}^N CN^{-m} \max_{x \in I} |K(x, s(x, \cdot))|_{H_\omega^{m,N}(I)} \|U\|_{L^2_\omega(I)} |F_i(x)|.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \|I_N(J_1)\|_{L^\infty_\omega(I)} &\leq CN^{-m} \max_{x \in I} |K(x, s(x, \cdot))|_{H_\omega^{m,N}(I)} \|U\|_{L^2_\omega(I)} \sum_{i=0}^N |F_i(x)| \\ &\quad + CN^{\frac{1}{2}-m} |u|_{H_\omega^{m,N}(I)} + CN^{-\frac{1}{2}} \|e\|_{L^\infty_\omega(I)} \end{aligned} \quad (4.41)$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \|e(x)\|_{L^\infty_\omega(I)} &\leq CN^{-(2+m)} \max_{x \in I} |K(x, s(x, \cdot))|_{H_\omega^{m,N}(I)} \|e(x)\|_{L^\infty_\omega(I)} \\ &\quad + CN^{-(2+m)} \max_{x \in I} |K(x, s(x, \cdot))|_{H_\omega^{m,N}(I)} \|u(x)\|_{L^\infty_\omega(I)} \\ &\quad + CN^{\frac{1}{2}-m} |u|_{H_\omega^{m,N}(I)} + CN^{-\frac{1}{2}} \|e\|_{L^\infty_\omega(I)}. \end{aligned}$$

If N be large enough, then we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \|e(x)\|_{L^\infty_\omega(I)} &\leq CN^{-(2+m)} \max_{x \in I} |K(x, s(x, \cdot))|_{H_\omega^{m,N}(I)} \|u(x)\|_{L^\infty_\omega(I)} + \\ &\quad CN^{\frac{1}{2}-m} |u|_{H_\omega^{m,N}(I)}. \end{aligned}$$

V. NUMERICAL EXAMPLES

Example 5.1. Consider the Volterra equation (2.1) with $K(x, s) = e^{xs}$

$$g(x) = e^{4x} + \frac{1}{x+4}(e^{x(x+4)} - e^{-(x+4)})$$

The corresponding exact solution is $u(x) = e^{4x}$.

This problem was solved in [2]. We use the Chebyshev Gauss points as the collocation points, therefore the points and their corresponding weights are as follows:

$$x_j = \cos \frac{(2j+1)\pi}{2N+2}, \quad j = 0, 1, \dots, N$$

$$\omega_j = \frac{\pi}{N+1}, \quad j = 0, 1, \dots, N$$

By using the numerical scheme (2.13), we will get numerical errors get for several values of N (table5.1-5.3).

TABLE 5.1

x	The error estimate For N=4		
	Approximate Solution	Exact Answer	Error
-0.9511	0.0021	0.0223	0.0202
-0.5878	0.2085	0.0953	0.1132
0	0.8466	1	0.1534
0.5878	10.5630	10.4982	0.0648
0.9511	42.9918	44.8983	1.9065

TABLE 5.2

x	The error estimate For N=6		
	Approximate Solution	Exact Answer	Error
-0.9749	0.0202	0.0203	0.0001
-0.7818	0.0486	0.0438	0.0048
-0.4339	0.1676	0.1763	0.0087
0	1.0035	1	0.0035
0.4339	5.6263	5.6723	0.0460
0.7818	22.5621	22.8100	0.2479
0.9749	48.5311	49.3827	0.8516

Also, according to theorem 4.1 can be obtained the error using the following equation

$$\|e(x)\|_{L^2_\omega(I)} \leq CN^{-(2+m)} \max_{x \in I} |K(x, s(x, \cdot))|_{H^m_\omega(I)} \|u\|_{L^2_\omega(I)} + CN^{-m} |u|_{H^m_\omega(I)}$$

That for several values of N , and by inserting $C = 10^{-4}$ in the above formula, the following table is derived

TABLE 5.3

m N error	Example 5.1: The point error.				
	6	8	10	12	14
6 6 error	3.2828e-004	1.4548e-005	3.9136e-007	7.0821e-009	2.2771e-011
16 16 error	9.3767e-013	7.8881e-015	6.1956e-017	5.2652e-019	5.2110e-021

Example 5.2. Consider the Volterra equation (2.1) with

$$K(x, s) = xsin(s)$$

$$g(x) = \cos(x) + \frac{x}{4}(\cos(2) - \cos(2x))$$

The corresponding exact solution is $u(x) = \cos(x)$.

TABLE 5.4

m N error	Example 5.2: The point error.				
	6	8	10	12	14
6 6 error	5.5942e-008	2.4099e-010	5.6922e-013	8.4479e-016	8.5901e-019
16 16 error	6.3522e-022	3.5679e-025	1.5734e-028	5.5913e-032	1.6351e-035

RESULT

In this paper we used the Chebyshev-collocation spectral method to solve Volterra integral equations. By using this method the errors decay exponentially and the approximate answers are achieved with higher accuracy degree relative to Legendre-collocation spectral method. (The Legendre-collocation spectral method is the only spectral method that ever its convergence analysis is expressed)

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