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On the solutions of electrohydrodynamic flow with fractional differential equations by reproducing kernel method

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Abstract: In this manuscript we investigate electrodynamic flow. For several values of the intimate parameters we proved that the approximate solution depends on a reproducing kernel model. Obtained results prove that the reproducing kernel method (RKM) is very effective. We obtain good results without any transformation or discretization. Numerical experiments on test examples show that our proposed schemes are of high accuracy and strongly support the theoretical results.

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1 Introduction

The electrohydrodynamic flow of a fluid is governed by a non-linear ordinary differential equation. The degree of non-linearity is stated by a nondimensional variable $\alpha$ and the equation can be approached by two different linear equations for very small or very large values of $\alpha$ respectively. The electrohydrodynamic flow of a fluid has been researched by McKee [21]. The governing equations were turned to the following problem [20]:

$$\frac{d^\gamma \varphi}{dr^\gamma} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{d^\beta \varphi}{dr^\beta} + H^2 \left(1 - \frac{\varphi}{1 - \alpha \varphi}\right) = 0, \quad 0 < r < 1,$$

(1)

with the boundary conditions

$$\varphi'(0) = \varphi(1) = 0,$$

(2)

where $\varphi(r)$ is the fluid speed, $r$ is the radial range from the center of the cylindrical conduit, $H$ is the Hartmann electric number, the parameter $\alpha$ is the size of the power of the nonlinearity and $\gamma = 2, \beta = 1$. Paullet [23] showed the existence and uniqueness of a solution to (1)–(2), and explored an error in the perturbative and numerical solutions given in [21] for large values of $\alpha$.

Fractional calculus is a 300 years old and has been enhanced progressively up to now. The concept of differentiation to fractional order was described in 19th century by Riemann and Liouville. In several problems of physics, mechanics and engineering, fractional differential equations have been demonstrated to be a valuable tool in modeling many phenomena. However, most fractional order equations do not have analytic solutions. Therefore, there has been an important interest in developing numerical methods for the solutions of fractional-order differential equations [18]. Fractional differential equations, as an important research branch, have attracted much interest recently [9]. We recall that a general solution technique for fractional differential equations has not yet been constituted. Most of the solution methods in this area have been enhanced for significant sorts of problems. Consequently, a single standard method for problems related fractional calculus has not been found. Thus, determining credible and affirmative solution methods along with fast application techniques is beneficial and worthy of further examination [3]. For more details see [10–14, 24, 30].

The goal of this paper is to give approximate solutions to (1)–(2) for all values of the relevant variables using the RKM. Recently, much interest has been dedicated to the work of the RKM to research several scientific models [4]. The book [6] presents an overview for the
RKM. Many problems such as population models and complex dynamics have been solved in the reproducing kernel spaces [7, 17, 26, 27]. For more details of this method see [1, 2, 5, 8, 15, 16, 19, 25, 28, 29].

This study is arranged as follows. Section 2 presents useful reproducing kernel functions. Solutions in $W^2_2[0, 1]$ and a related linear operator are given in Section 3. This section demonstrates the fundamental results. The exact and approximate solutions of (1)–(2) are given in this section. Examples are shown in Section 4. Some conclusions are given in the final section.

**Definition 1.1.** A Hilbert space $H$ which is defined on a nonempty set $E$ is denominated a reproducing Hilbert space if there exists a reproducing kernel function $K : E \times E \to \mathbb{C}$.

## 2 Construction of reproducing kernel space

**Definition 2.1.** $G^2_1[0, 1]$ is defined by:

$$G^2_1[0, 1] = \{ \varphi \in AC[0, 1] : \varphi' \in L^2[0, 1] \}.$$

$$\langle \varphi, \psi \rangle_{G^2_1} = \varphi(0)\psi(0) + \int_0^1 \varphi'(r)\psi'(r)dr, \quad \varphi, \psi \in G^2_1[0, 1],$$

and

$$\|\varphi\|_{G^2_1} = \sqrt{\langle \varphi, \varphi \rangle_{G^2_1}}, \quad \varphi \in G^2_1[0, 1],$$

are the inner product and the norm in $G^2_1[0, 1]$.

**Lemma 2.2** (See [6, page 17]). Reproducing kernel function $Q_\theta$ of $G^2_1[0, 1]$ is obtained as:

$$Q_\theta(r) = \begin{cases} 1 + r, & 0 \leq r \leq \theta \leq 1, \\ 1 + \theta, & 0 \leq \theta < r \leq 1. \end{cases}$$

**Definition 2.3.** We denote the space $W^2_2[0, 1]$ by

$$W^2_2[0, 1] = \{ \varphi \in AC[0, 1] : \varphi', \varphi'' \in AC[0, 1], \varphi^{(3)} \in L^2[0, 1], \varphi(0) = 0 = \varphi(1) \}.$$

$$\langle \varphi, \psi \rangle_{W^2_2} = \sum_{i=0}^{2} \varphi^{(i)}(0)\psi^{(i)}(0) + \int_0^1 \varphi^{(3)}(r)\psi^{(3)}(r)dr, \quad \varphi, \psi \in W^2_2[0, 1]$$

and

$$\|\varphi\|_{W^2_2} = \sqrt{\langle \varphi, \varphi \rangle_{W^2_2}}, \quad \varphi \in W^2_2[0, 1],$$

are the inner product and the norm in $W^2_2[0, 1]$.

**Theorem 2.4.** Reproducing kernel function $B_\theta$ of $W^2_2[0, 1]$ is acquired as

$$B_\theta(r) = \begin{cases} \frac{5}{624} r^2 \theta^4 - \frac{1}{624} r^2 \theta^3 - \frac{5}{3744} r^2 \theta^3 + \frac{156}{1729} r^2 \theta^2 \\
+ \frac{5}{1872} r^2 \theta^3 - \frac{5}{1872} r^2 \theta^2 - \frac{5}{3744} \theta^2 r^2 + \frac{156}{1729} \theta^2 r \\
- \frac{18720}{1872} \theta^2 r^3 + \frac{156}{1729} \theta^2 r^2 + \frac{156}{1729} \theta^2 r \\
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**Proof.** Let $\varphi \in W^2_2[0, 1]$ and $0 \leq \theta \leq 1$. By using the definition 3 and integrating by parts, we acquire

$$\langle \varphi, B_\theta \rangle_{W^2_2} = \sum_{i=0}^{2} \varphi^{(i)}(0)B_\theta^{(i)}(0) + \int_0^1 \varphi^{(3)}(r)B_\theta^{(3)}(r)dr$$

$$= \varphi(0)B_\theta(0) + \varphi'(0)B_\theta'(0) + \varphi''(0)B_\theta''(0)$$

$$+ \varphi''(1)B_\theta''(1) - \varphi''(0)B_\theta''(0) - \varphi'(1)B_\theta'(1)$$

$$+ \varphi'(0)B_\theta'(0) + \int_0^1 \varphi'(r)B_\theta''(r)dr.$$
Theorem 3.1. \( T \) is a bounded linear operator.

Proof. We will show \( \|T\varphi\|_{G_1}^2 \leq K \|\varphi\|_{W_2}^2 \). We get

\[
\|T\varphi\|_{G_1}^2 = \langle T\varphi, T\varphi \rangle_{G_1} = \|T\varphi(0)\|^2 + \int_0^1 \|T\varphi'(r)\|^2 \, dr,
\]

by definition 2.1. By the reproducing property, we obtain

\[
\varphi(r) = \langle \varphi(\cdot), B_r(\cdot) \rangle_{W_2},
\]

and

\[
T\varphi(r) = \langle \varphi(\cdot), TB_r(\cdot) \rangle_{W_2}.
\]

Thus,

\[
|T\varphi(r)| \leq \|\varphi\|_{W_2} \|TB_r\|_{W_2} = K_1 \|\varphi\|_{W_2},
\]

where \( K_1 > 0 \). Therefore,

\[
\left(\|T\varphi(0)\|^2 + \int_0^1 \|T\varphi'(r)\|^2 \, dr\right) \leq K_2^2 \|\varphi\|_{W_2}^2.
\]

Considering that

\[
(T\varphi)'(r) = \langle \varphi(\cdot), (TB_r)'(\cdot) \rangle_{W_2},
\]

then

\[
|T\varphi'(r)| \leq \|\varphi\|_{W_2} \|TB_r\|_{W_2} = K_2 \|\varphi\|_{W_2},
\]

where \( K_2 > 0 \). Thus, we acquire

\[
\left(\|T\varphi(0)\|^2 + \int_0^1 \|T\varphi'(r)\|^2 \, dr\right) \leq K_2^2 \|\varphi\|_{W_2}^2,
\]

and

\[
\int_0^1 \|T\varphi'(r)\|^2 \, dr \leq K_2^2 \|\varphi\|_{W_2}^2.
\]

Therefore, we get

\[
\|T\varphi\|_{G_1}^2 \leq \left(\|T\varphi(0)\|^2 + \int_0^1 \|T\varphi'(r)\|^2 \, dr\right) \leq K^2 \|\varphi\|_{W_2}^2 = K \|\varphi\|_{W_2}^2,
\]

where \( K = K_1^2 + K_2^2 > 0 \). This completes the proof.

We denote \( q_r(\cdot) = Q_r(\cdot) \) and \( \eta_r(\cdot) = T^* q_r(\cdot) \). The orthonormal system \( \{\bar{\eta}_i(r)\}_{i=1}^\infty \) of \( W_2^1[0,1] \) is obtained from Gram-Schmidt orthogonalization process of \( \{\eta_i(r)\}_{i=1}^\infty \) and

\[
\bar{\eta}_i(r) = \sum_{k=1}^i \sigma_{ik} \eta_k(r), \quad (\sigma_{ii} > 0, \ i = 1, 2, \ldots).
\]

Theorem 3.2. Let \( \{r_i\}_{i=1}^\infty \) be dense in \([0,1]\) and \( \eta_i(r) = T^* q_r(\cdot) \). Then, the sequence \( \{\eta_i(r)\}_{i=1}^\infty \) is a complete system in \( W_2^1[0,1] \).

Proof. We obtain

\[
\eta_i(r) = \langle q_r(\cdot), T^* q_r(\cdot), B_r(\cdot) \rangle_{W_2} = \langle q_r(\cdot), T^* B_r(\cdot) \rangle_{W_2} = T^* B_r(\cdot)|_{\theta=r}.
\]

Therefore, \( \eta_i(r) \in W_2^1[0,1] \). For each fixed \( \varphi(r) \in W_2^1[0,1] \), let \( \langle \varphi(r), \eta_i(r) \rangle = 0 \) for all \( i \), i.e.,

\[
\langle \varphi(r), T^* q_r(\cdot) \rangle = \langle T^* q_r(\cdot), \eta_i(r) \rangle = 0.
\]

Thus, \( T\varphi(x) = 0 \) and \( \varphi \equiv 0 \). This completes the proof.

Theorem 3.3. If \( \varphi(r) \) is the exact solution of (5), then

\[
\varphi(r) = T^{-1} z(r, \varphi) = \sum_{i=1}^\infty \sum_{k=1}^i \sigma_{ik} z(r_k, \varphi(r_k)) \bar{\eta}_i(r),
\]

where \( \{(r_i)\}_{i=1}^\infty \) is dense in \([0,1]\).

Proof. We acquire

\[
\varphi(r) = \sum_{i=1}^\infty \sum_{k=1}^i \sigma_{ik} \langle z(r_k, \varphi), \eta_k(r) \rangle_{G_1} \bar{\eta}_i(r)
\]

\[
= \sum_{i=1}^\infty \sum_{k=1}^i \sigma_{ik} \langle z(r_k, \varphi), T^* q_k(r) \rangle_{W_2} \bar{\eta}_i(r)
\]

\[
= \sum_{i=1}^\infty \sum_{k=1}^i \sigma_{ik} \langle T\varphi(r), q_k(r) \rangle_{G_1} \bar{\eta}_i(r),
\]

from (6). By uniqueness of the solution of (5), we acquire

\[
\varphi(r) = \sum_{i=1}^\infty \sum_{k=1}^i \sigma_{ik} z(r_k, \varphi(r_k)) \bar{\eta}_i(r),
\]

\[
\|\varphi_n - \varphi\|_{W_2^1} \to 0, \quad n \to \infty.
\]

The approximate solution \( \varphi_n(r) \) is achieved as

\[
\varphi_n(r) = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^i \sigma_{ik} z(r_k, \varphi(r_k)) \bar{\eta}_i(r).
\]
Moreover the sequence \(\|\varphi_n - \varphi\|_{W^2}\) is monotonically decreasing in \(n\).

Proof. We obtain
\[
\|\varphi_n - \varphi\|_{W^2} = \left\| \sum_{i=n+1}^{\infty} \sum_{k=1}^{i} \sigma_{ik} z(r_k, \varphi(r_k)) \hat{\eta}_i(r) \right\|_{W^2},
\]
by (7) and (8). Therefore
\[
\|\varphi_n - \varphi\|_{W^2} \to 0, \quad n \to \infty.
\]
Furthermore
\[
\|\varphi_n - \varphi\|_{W^2}^2 = \left\| \sum_{i=n+1}^{\infty} \sum_{k=1}^{i} \sigma_{ik} z(r_k, \varphi(r_k)) \hat{\eta}_i(r) \right\|_{W^2}^2
= \sum_{i=n+1}^{\infty} \left( \sum_{k=1}^{i} B_{ik} \phi \right)^2.
\]
Obviously, \(\|\varphi_n - \varphi\|_{W^2}\) is monotonically decreasing in \(n\).

4 Numerical experiments

We solve (1)–(2) numerically in this section. Tables 1–2 present the approximate solutions of the problem (1)–(2) for different values of \(\gamma, \beta\) and \(\alpha\). Figures 1–2 show the approximate solutions for several values of the intimate variables. The results depend on both \(H\) and \(\alpha\). We use MAPLE to solve the BVP. In figures 1–2 we give numerical solutions of the BVP for values of \(\alpha = 0.5, 1.0\) and \(H^2 = 0.5, 1.0, 2.0\).

Remark 4.1. A Spectral Method [22] and Homotopy analysis method [20] have been applied to the electrohydrodynamic flow. Our results are in good agreement with the results obtained by these methods. Therefore the RKM is a reliable method for electrohydrodynamic flow.

Figure 1: Graph of numerical results for \(\alpha = 0.5, \gamma = 2, \beta = 1\) and several values of \(H\).

Figure 2: Graph of numerical results for \(\gamma = 2, \beta = 1, \alpha = 1.0\) and several values of \(H\).

Table 1: Approximate solutions of (1)–(2) when \(\alpha = 0.5\).

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Table 2: Approximate solutions of (1)–(2) when \(\alpha = 1.0\).

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5 Conclusion

In this work, the reproducing kernel method (RKM) has been performed to acquire solutions for a nonlinear boundary value problems. We came across an important
challenge in regard to attaining solutions however, we have shown that the solutions obtained are convergent. We obtained good results for different values of $\alpha$, $\beta$ and $\gamma$ in (1)–(2). Reproducing kernel functions were found to be very useful to get these results and they prove that the RKM is very effective.

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