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Caputo's Implicit Solution of Space-Fractional Diffusion Equations by QSSOR Iteration

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In this study, we present the Caputo's implicit finite difference solution for the one-dimensional linear space-fractional diffusion equations based on the quarter-sweep Caputo's implicit finite difference approximation equation. To derive the approximation equation, firstly the proposed problem will be discretized by using the Caputo's space fractional derivative and the second-order central difference scheme. Then we can construct a linear system which has been solved by using Quarter-Sweep SOR (QSSOR) iterative method. The numerical results of this iterative method will be compared with other existing SOR methods such as Full-Sweep SOR (FSSOR) and Half-Sweep SOR (HSSOR). Finally it can be concluded that the proposed iterative method is superior compared with the FSSOR and HSSOR methods.

Keywords: Caputo's fractional derivative; Implicit Scheme; QSSOR method

1. INTRODUCTION

Over recent years, many researchers have paid attention to study of fractional partial differential equations (FPDEs). Fractional partial differential equations (FPDE's) arise in many science problems such as biology¹, chemistry², and hydrology³. One of its advantages is that it can be seen as a super set of ordinary derivatives that give the fractional derivatives to accomplish what integer-order derivatives cannot⁴. One may refer for the history of the development of fractional differential operator^{5,6}.

Several definitions of fractional calculus have been proposed in the last two centuries. Here, we give some basic definitions and properties of the fractional calculus theory which are used further in this paper

Definition 1^{7,8,9}. The Riemann-Liouville fractional integral operator, J^β of order- β is defined as

$$J^\beta f(x) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\beta)} \int_0^x (x-t)^{\beta-1} f(t) dt, \beta > 0, x > 0 \quad (1)$$

Definition 2^{9,10}. The Caputo's fractional partial derivative operator, D^β of order- β is defined as

$$D^\beta f(x) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(m-\beta)} \int_0^x \frac{f^{(m)}(t)}{(x-t)^{\beta-m+1}} dt, \quad (2)$$

with $m-1 < \beta \leq m, m \in \mathbb{N}, x > 0$

We have the following properties when $m-1 < \beta \leq m, x > 0$:

$$D^\beta_k = 0, (k \text{ is a constant}),$$

$$D^\beta x^n = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{for } n \in \mathbb{N}_0 \text{ and } n < [\beta] \\ \frac{\Gamma(n+1)}{\Gamma(n+1-\beta)} x^{n-\beta}, & \text{for } n \in \mathbb{N}_0 \text{ and } n \geq [\beta] \end{cases}$$

where function $[\beta]$ denotes the smallest integer greater than or equal to β , $\mathbb{N}_0 = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$ and $\Gamma(\cdot)$ is the gamma function.

In this paper, we consider a Caputo's implicit finite difference scheme to discretize the one-dimensional space-fractional diffusion equation of the form

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$$\frac{\partial U(x,t)}{\partial t} = a(x) \frac{\partial^\beta U(x,t)}{\partial x^\beta} + b(x) \frac{\partial U(x,t)}{\partial x} + c(x)U(x,t) + f(x,t) \quad (3)$$

with initial condition

$$U(x,0) = f(x), \quad 0 < x < \ell,$$

and the Dirichlet boundary conditions

$$U(0,t) = g_0(t), \quad U(\ell,t) = g_1(t), \quad 0 < t \leq T.$$

Actually the problem in Eq.(3) has been solved by many authors. Khader¹¹ used the properties of chebyshev polynomial method to discretize Eq.(3). For instance, and then to get a linear system which was solved by finite difference method. Next Mehdi Safari¹² used He's variational iteration method to solve Eq.(3).

The main idea of the current work is to apply of the quarter-sweep SOR (QSSOR) iteration for solving problem Eq.(3) based on Caputo's implicit finite difference approximation equations. Basically, the combination of quarter-sweep iteration with SOR method is called as Quarter-Sweep SOR (QSSOR) method. To show the performance of the QSSOR method, we implement the FSSOR and Half-Sweep SOR (HSSOR) iterative methods being used as a control method. From other observation of previous study, the proposed quarter-sweep iteration concept on QSSOR is inspired by the concept of the half-sweep iterative method. Firstly, this concept has been introduced by Abdullah via the Explicit Decoupled Group (EDG) iterative method to solve two-dimensional Poisson equations¹³. The main characteristics of the half-sweep iteration is to reduce the computational complexities during iteration process, in which it will only consider nearly half of all interior node points in the solution domain in Eq.(3). Thus, the applications of half-sweep iterative methods have been discussed in^{14,15}. Later, Othman and Abdullah¹⁶ extended concept of half-sweep iteration by introducing the quarter-sweep iterative method via the modified explicit group (MEG) iterative method to solve two-dimensional Poisson Equations. Furthermore, to verify the effectiveness of the quarter-sweep iteration many studies have also been carried out^{17,18}. Actually, quarter-sweep iteration inherits the characteristics of the half-sweep iteration in which its implementation process will consider approximately a quarter of all interior node points of the solution domains in Eq.(3).

2. CAPUTO'S IMPLICIT FINITE DIFFERENCE APPROXIMATION

Based on Eq. (3) and assume $h = \frac{\ell}{k}$, where k is

positive integer, the formulation of Caputo's fractional partial derivative of the second order approximation

method is given as

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^\beta U(x_i, t_n)}{\partial x^\beta} &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(2-\beta)} \int_0^{t_n} \frac{\partial^2 U(x_i, s)}{\partial x^2} (t_n - s)^{1-\beta} \partial s \\ &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(2-\beta)} \sum_{j=0,4,8}^{i-4} \int_{j_h}^{(j+1)h} \left(\frac{U_{i-j+4,n} - 2U_{i-j,n} + U_{i-j-4,n}}{4h^2} \right) (nh-s)^\beta \partial s \\ &= \frac{(2h)^\beta}{\Gamma(3-\beta)} \sum_{j=0,4,8}^{i-4} U_{i-j+4,n} - 2U_{i-j,n} + U_{i-j-4,n} \left(\left(\frac{j}{4} + 1 \right)^{2-\beta} - \frac{j^{2-\beta}}{4} \right) \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

and we have the following expressions

$$\sigma_{\beta,4h} = \frac{(2h)^{-\beta}}{\Gamma(3-\beta)}$$

and

$$g_j^\beta = \left(\frac{j}{4} + 1 \right)^{2-\beta} - \frac{j^{2-\beta}}{4}$$

By simplifying the discrete approximation in Eq.(4), we have

$$\frac{\partial^\beta U(x_i, t_n)}{\partial x^\beta} = \sigma_{\beta,2h} \sum_{j=0,4,8}^{i-4} g_j^\beta (U_{i-j+4,n} - 2U_{i-j,n} + U_{i-j-4,n}) \quad (5)$$

By using Eq. (5) and the implicit finite difference discretization scheme, the Caputo's implicit finite difference approximation equation of problem in Eq (3) can be given a

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda(U_{i,n} - U_{i,n-4}) &= a_i \sigma_{\beta,4h} \sum_{j=0,4,8}^{i-4} g_j^\beta (U_{i-j+4,n} - 2U_{i-j,n} + U_{i-j-4,n}) + b_i \frac{(U_{i+4,n} - U_{i-4,n})}{8h} \\ &+ C_i U_{i,n} + f_{i,n} \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

for $i=4,8,\dots,m-4$. We obtain Eq.(7) let manipulating the approximation equation (6) as follows

$$\lambda U_{i,n-4} = a_i \sigma_{\beta,4h} \sum_{j=0,4,8}^{i-4} g_j^\beta (U_{i-j+4,n} - 2U_{i-j,n} + U_{i-j-4,n}) - \frac{b_i}{8h} (U_{i+4,n} - U_{i-4,n}) - C_i U_{i,n} + \lambda U_{i,n} - f_{i,n} \quad (7)$$

Again from simplification of Eq.(7), we can get

$$\cdot b_i^* U_{i-4,n} + (\lambda - c_i^*) U_{i,n} - b_i^* U_{i+4,n} - a_i^* \sum_{j=0,4,8}^{i-4} g_j^\beta (U_{i-j+4,n} - 2U_{i-j,n} + U_{i-j-4,n}) = f_i \quad (8)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} a_i^* &= a_i \sigma_{\beta,4h}, \quad b_i^* = \frac{b_i}{8h}, \quad c_i^* = c_i, \quad F_i^* = f_{i,n}, \\ f_i &= \lambda(U_{i,n-4}) + F_i^*. \end{aligned}$$

By considering Eq.(8), this approximation equation can be shown as follows

$$-R_i + \alpha_i U_{i-12,n} + s_i U_{i-8,n} + p_i U_{i-4,n} + q_i U_{i,n} + r_i U_{i+4,n} = f_i \quad (9)$$

$$a_{ij} = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{jika } j \geq i + 8 \\ b_i, & \text{jika } j = i + 4 \\ (-1 + 2b_i) + b_i g_4, & \text{jika } j = i = 8, 12, \dots, M - 4 \\ b_i(1 - 2g_4 + g_8), & \text{jika } j = i - 4, i = 12, 16, \dots, M - 8 \\ b_i(g_4 - 2g_8 + g_{12}), & \text{jika } j = i - 8, i \geq 16 \end{cases}$$

If:

$$\begin{aligned} a_{44} &= -(1 + 2b_4), \\ a_{84} &= b_8(1 - 2g_4), \\ a_{124} &= b_{12}(g_4 - 2g_8), \end{aligned}$$

Lema 1 (Cases of Quarter-Sweep Matrix Coefficient)

If $\lambda_j(A)$, $j = 4, 8, \dots, M - 4$, it represents the eigenvalue of the matrix A it is evidenced the following:

- (i). $|\lambda_j(A)| > 1$, $j = 4, 8, \dots, M - 4$,
- (ii). $\| -A^{-1} \|_2 \leq 1$

Proof:

Gerschgorin's theorem states that every eigenvalue of the square matrix A is at least following one of the following disks:

$$|\lambda - a_{jj}| \leq \sum_{\ell=4, \ell \neq j}^m a_{\ell j}, \quad j = 4, 8, \dots, M - 4 \quad (13)$$

then, each eigenvalue on matrix A meets one of the inequalities:

$$|\lambda| \leq |\lambda - a_{jj}| \leq \sum_{\ell=4, \ell \neq j}^m |a_{\ell j}| \leq \sum_{\ell=4}^m |a_{\ell j}|, \quad (14)$$

$$|\lambda| \geq |a_{jj}| - |\lambda - a_{jj}| \geq |a_{jj}| - \sum_{\ell=4, \ell \neq j}^m |a_{\ell j}|. \quad (15)$$

Next, to prove the condition (i), consider the equation(15) for matrix A, then each eigenvalue of the matrix A satisfies the inequality

$$\begin{aligned} |\lambda_4 A| &\geq |-(1 + 2b_4)| - |b_4| \\ &\geq 1 + 2b_4 - b_4 \\ &\geq 1 + b_4 > 1, \quad \because b_4 > 0 \\ \therefore |\lambda_4(A)| &> 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} |\lambda_8(A)| &\geq |-(1 + 2b_8) + b_8 g_4| - |b_8| - |b_8 - 2b_8 g_4| \\ &\geq (1 + 2b_8 + b_8 g_4) - b_8 - (b_8 - 2b_8 g_4) \\ &\geq 1 + 2b_8 + b_8 g_4 - b_8 - b_8 + 2b_8 g_4 \\ &\geq 1 + 2b_8 - 2b_8 + b_8 g_4 + 2b_8 g_4 \\ &\geq 1 + 3b_8 g_4 > 1, \quad \because b_8 > 0 \\ \therefore |\lambda_8(A)| &> 1 \\ &\vdots \end{aligned}$$

$$|\lambda_M(A)| \geq |-(1 + 2b_M) + b_M g_{M-4}| - |b_M| - |b_M - 2b_M g_{M-4}|$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\geq (1 + 2b_M + b_M g_{M-4}) - (b_M) - (b_M - 2b_M g_{M-4}) \\ &\geq 1 + 2b_M + b_M g_{M-4} - b_M - b_M + 2b_M g_{M-4} \\ &\geq 1 + 2b_M - 2b_M + b_M g_{M-4} + 2b_M g_{M-4} \\ &\geq 1 + 3b_M g_{M-4} > 1, \quad \because b_M > 0 \\ \therefore |\lambda_M(A)| &> 1 \end{aligned}$$

Next, this proves that $|\lambda_j(A)| > 1$, $j = 4, 8, \dots, M - 4$.

To prove the condition (ii), assume

$$\| -A^{-1} \|_2 = \max_{1 \leq j \leq M} |\lambda_j(-A^{-1})| > 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \rho(-A^{-1}) = \frac{1}{\lambda} \quad \text{so}$$

$$\| -A^{-1} \|_2 \leq \frac{1}{|\lambda_j(-A^{-1})|} \leq 1$$

It can be concluded that the statement

$$\| -A^{-1} \|_2 \leq \frac{1}{|\lambda_j(-A^{-1})|} \leq 1$$

is a condition of (ii) the stability of the Gerschgorin theorem[22].

Theorem 1 (Case of Quarter-Sweep Approximation Equation)

The solution on the Quarter-Sweep approximation equation (11) is unconditional stable.

Proof:

To prove that the above scheme is unconditionally stable,

$$\text{then it is shown } \left\| \underset{\sim}{u}_n \right\|_2 \leq \left\| \underset{\sim}{u}_0 \right\|_2, \quad \text{for } n \geq 4$$

From equation (11), we have

$$A \underset{\sim}{u}_n = -\underset{\sim}{u}_{n-4}, \quad n = 4, 8, \dots, N \quad (16)$$

Matrix A is inverse matrix, then for $n = 4, 8, \dots$ from equation (16), it is found

$$A \underset{\sim}{u}_4 = -\underset{\sim}{u}_0$$

$$\therefore \underset{\sim}{u}_4 = -A^{-1} \underset{\sim}{u}_0$$

$$A \underset{\sim}{u}_8 = -\underset{\sim}{u}_4$$

$$\underset{\sim}{u}_8 = -A^{-1} \underset{\sim}{u}_4$$

$$\underset{\sim}{u}_8 = -A^{-1} \left(-A^{-1} \underset{\sim}{u}_0 \right)$$

$$\therefore \underset{\sim}{u}_8 = \left(-A^{-1} \right)^2 \underset{\sim}{u}_0$$

\vdots

$$\underset{\sim}{u}_n = \left(-A^{-1} \right)^n \underset{\sim}{u}_0, \quad n \geq 4 \quad (17)$$

From equation (17), it is found

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| u_n \right\|_{\sim, 2} &\leq \left\| -A^{-1} \right\|_{\sim, 2}^n \left\| u_0 \right\|_{\sim, 2} \\ &\therefore \left\| u_n \right\|_{\sim, 2} \leq \left\| u_0 \right\|_{\sim, 2} \end{aligned}$$

From Lema 1, it can be proved that

$$\therefore \left\| -A^{-1} \right\|_{\sim, 2}$$

From the above proof, it can be shown that the finite difference scheme for Quarter-Sweep space-fractional diffusion equation is stable unconditionally. Thus, the proof is complete.

5. NUMERICAL EXPERIMENTS

In order to evaluate the effectiveness performance of QSSOR iterative methods as described in the previous section, numerical experiments were carried out from two problems of Space-fractional diffusion equation. Both problems are classified as well-posed equation. For comparison purpose, three criteria have been considered such as number of iterations (K), execution time (in seconds) and maximum absolute error at three different values of $\beta = 1.2$, $\beta = 1.5$ and $\beta = 1.8$. For implementation of three iterative schemes, the convergence test considered the tolerance error, which is fixed as $\epsilon = 10^{-10}$.

Example 1²³ :

First, consider the following space-fractional initial boundary value problem

$$\frac{\partial U(x, t)}{\partial t} = d(x) \frac{\partial^\beta U(x, t)}{\partial x^\beta} + p(x, t), \quad (18)$$

On finite domain $0 < x < 1$, with the diffusion coefficient $d(x) = \Gamma(\beta)x^{0.5}$, the source function $p(x, t) = (x^2 + 1)\cos(t+1) - 2x\sin(t+1)$, with the initial condition $U(x, 0) = (x^2 + 1)\sin(1)$ and the boundary conditions $U(0, t) = \sin(t+1)$, $U(1, t) = 2\sin(t+1)$, for $t > 0$. The exact solution of this problem is $U(x, t) = (x^2 + 1)\sin(t+1)$.

Example 2²³ :

Consider the following space-fractional initial boundary value problem

$$\frac{\partial U(x, t)}{\partial t} = \Gamma(1.2)x^\beta \frac{\partial^\beta U(x, t)}{\partial x^{1.8}} + 3x^2(2x-1)e^{-t}, \quad (19)$$

with the initial condition $U(x, 0) = x^2 - x^3$, and zero Dirichlet conditions. The exact solution of this problem is $U(x, t) = x^2(1-x)e^{-t}$.

All results of numerical experiments for Problem (18) dan (19), which were obtained from implementation of FSSOR, HSSOR and QSSOR iterative methods have been recorded in Tables 1 and 2 at different values of mesh sizes, $m = 128, 256, 512, 1024$, and 2048 .

6. CONCLUSIONS

In this paper, we applied the QSSOR method based on the corresponding Caputo's fractional derivative operator and implicit finite difference scheme to solve space-fractional diffusion equation. Based on numerical simulations, clearly it demonstrates that two promising improvements in the number of iteration (K) and execution time with implementing a QSSOR iterative method have been shown as compared to the FSSOR and HSSOR methods. Overall, the numerical results showed that the quarter-sweep iteration concept in association with the SOR iterative method is superior and it has reduced the computational complexity significantly. Therefore further investigation of two-step^{24,25} iterative methods should be considered for future works.

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TABLE 1. Comparison between number of iterations (K), the execution time (seconds) and maximum errors for iterative methods using example 1 at $\beta = 1.2, 1.5, 1.8$

M	Method	$\beta = 1.2$			$\beta = 1.5$			$\beta = 1.8$		
		K	Time	Max Error	K	Time	Max Error	K	Time	Max Error
128	FSSOR	66	1.69	2.37e-02	205	4.08	6.21e-04	733	14.47	2.42e-02
	HSSOR	46	0.47	2.22e-02	110	0.78	6.99e-04	158	6.01	2.42e-02
	QSSOR	21	0.12	1.99e-02	32	0.12	8.19e-04	70	0.19	4.11e-02
256	FSSOR	129	10.13	2.44e-02	545	42.29	6.69e-04	1361	107.33	2.39e-02
	HSSOR	77	2.93	2.37e-02	212	17.62	6.77e-04	479	49.23	2.39e-02
	QSSOR	46	0.31	2.24e-02	79	0.48	6.99e-04	225	1.30	4.03e-02
512	FSSOR	278	85.9	2.47e-02	1459	144.73	5.35e-04	3472	725.25	2.37e-02
	HSSOR	129	19.47	2.44e-02	550	81.68	6.69e-04	1465	219.71	2.37e-02
	QSSOR	77	1.77	2.37e-02	205	4.34	6.21e-04	633	15.48	3.99e-02
1024	FSSOR	607	140	2.49e-02	3906	756.12	5.13e-04	5539	1259.97	2.36e-02
	HSSOR	278	68.3	2.47e-02	1385	330.55	5.36e-04	2472	770.92	2.36e-02
	QSSOR	129	10.56	2.44e-02	540	44.33	5.69e-04	2393	194.41	3.97e-02
2048	FSSOR	1230	577.00	2.52e-02	6320	3348.68	5.09e-04	13643	3979.18	2.30e-02
	HSSOR	632	202.34	2.49e-02	3345	1096.00	5.13e-04	7625	1321.10	2.30e-02
	QSSOR	278	95.69	2.47e-02	1459	503	5.35e-04	6786	680.26	3.96e-02

TABLE 2. Comparison between number of iterations (K), the execution time (seconds) and maximum errors for iterative methods using example 2 at $\beta = 1.2, 1.5, 1.8$

M	Method	$\beta = 1.2$			$\beta = 1.5$			$\beta = 1.8$		
		K	Time	Max Error	K	Time	Max Error	K	Time	Max Error
128	FSSOR	49	1.19	1.80e-01	156	3.77	5.44e-02	332	3.24	1.25e-04
	HSSOR	23	0.43	1.80e-01	56	0.66	5.44e-02	103	1.22	1.22e-04
	QSSOR	19	0.08	1.59e-01	23	0.08	4.61e-02	43	0.12	3.29e-04
256	FSSOR	103	5.45	1.84e-01	225	14.80	5.58e-02	890	36.00	1.44e-04
	HSSOR	52	2.44	1.84e-01	147	6.69	5.58e-02	313	14.25	1.44e-04
	QSSOR	33	0.25	1.73e-01	56	0.36	5.16e-02	138	0.79	1.76e-04
512	FSSOR	221	25.31	1.86e-01	732	153.67	5.65e-02	1490	427	1.47e-04
	HSSOR	99	13.05	1.86e-01	393	72.47	5.65e-02	661	176	1.47e-04
	QSSOR	52	1.19	1.80e-01	147	3.12	5.44e-02	448	9.54	8.88e-04
1024	FSSOR	271	172.33	5.45e-01	1463	218	1.32e-02	4619	2210.72	1.25e-04
	HSSOR	212	52.00	1.89e-01	547	120.00	5.69e-02	3823	1423.03	1.49e-04
	QSSOR	99	8.19	1.84e-01	393	32	5.58e-02	2153	920.27	4.09e-04
2048	FSSOR	880	424.00	1.92e-01	2530	953.23	5.73e-02	7710	4120.81	2.30e-04
	HSSOR	495	198.22	1.92e-01	1782	523.00	5.73e-02	5482	2740.23	2.30e-04
	QSSOR	212	73.76	1.86e-01	1047	365.48	5.65e-02	3264	1029.27	1.54e-04