

# A LOCAL MESHLESS RBF METHOD FOR SOLVING FRACTIONAL INTEGRO-DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS WITH OPTIMAL SHAPE PARAMETERS

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**Abstract.** This paper investigates the application of the meshless local radial basis functions collocation method (LRBFCM) for the numerical solution of fractional integro-differential equation and two-dimensional fractional Volterra integral equation. Unlike the traditional global RBF collocation method, dividing the collocation of the problem in the global domain into many local regions, and therefore, the ill-conditioning of the problem is reduced and becomes highly stable. Here, we use the multiquadric (MQ) radial basis function that includes a shape parameter, which plays an important role in the accuracy of method. Scaling of the shape parameter to make local RBF approximation insensitive is performed by particle swarm optimization (PSO) algorithm. Some test problems are studied and the numerical results shows the efficiency of the method.

**Keywords:** fractional calculus, local meshless methods, fractional integral-differential equations, collocation methods, optimal shape parameter.

## 1. Introduction

Meshless methods are very attractive and effective for solving boundary value problems, because they involve simple preprocessing, arbitrary node distribution and flexibility of placing nodes at arbitrary locations. Also, they are easily extendable to higher dimensional problems. These methods may use strong form [1, 2, 3] or weak form of governing equations [4, 5, 6, 7]. Also, these methods may treat the problem locally [8, 9, 10, 11] or globally [12]. Since the final matrix ob-

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tained in global methods are usually full and ill conditioned, local methods were proposed in the literature. Local multiquadric approximation (LMQ) method [13, 8, 14] and the finite collocation approach (FC) [9, 15] are among the popular local methods which use strong form equations. These local methods reduce the problem into many local sub-problems and finally assemble all these local equations into the final global matrix. Therefore, the final global matrix obtained by LMQ and FC methods are sparse. In this paper we use the multiquadric (MQ) radial basis function. Kansa [16] applied MQ functions for scattered data approximation in and presented a new approach to solve PDEs [17]. MQ was employed as a spatial approximation scheme for Hyperbolic, parabolic and the elliptic Poisson's equation. This function has a free parameter ( $c$ ) called shape parameter. This parameter plays an important role for the accuracy of the method, and is achieved by various techniques. The particle swarm optimization (PSO) algorithm is applied to obtain the optimum value of this parameter. In this paper our aim is to suggest and apply the local RBF method based on multi-quadratics for the numerical solutions of the fractional integro-differential equation and fractional integral equations. These equations form an important part of applied mathematics, which links with many theoretical and practical fields. The concept of the fractional derivative was introduced in the middle of the 19th century by Riemann and Liouville. Many physical and biological models are formulated using fractional differentials. So, in recent years the number of publications about the fractional calculus has rapidly increased [4, 11, 18]. This paper is organized as follows: In Section 2, the basic definitions in fractional calculus and fractional integral equation which is needed in the next sections are presented. In Section 3, the local RBF method for discretizing fractional integral and integro-differential equations is described. Section 4 is devoted to introducing particle swarm optimization algorithm for finding optimal shape parameters. Numerical results are given in Section 5. Our conclusions are summarized in Section 6.

## 2. Basic definitions

In this section, we give some basic definitions and properties of the fractional calculus theory which are used further in this paper [18, 19].

Let  $f(x)$  be a function defined on  $(a, b)$ , then we have the following definitions:

**Definition 1.** The Riemann-Liouville(R-L) fractional integration operator of order  $\alpha \geq 0$  of a function  $f$  is defined as:

$$I^\alpha f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_a^x \frac{f(t)}{(x-t)^{1-\alpha}} dt, & \alpha > 0, x > 0, \\ f(x), & \alpha = 0, \end{cases}$$

where  $\Gamma(\cdot)$  is the gamma function and  $I$  is the fractional integral.

**Definition 2.** The Riemann - Liouville fractional derivative of  $f(x)$  is:

$${}^R D^\alpha f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\Gamma(m-\alpha)} \frac{d^m}{dx^m} \int_a^x \frac{f(t)}{(x-t)^{-m+1+\alpha}} dt, & x > 0, m-1 \leq \alpha < m, \\ f^m(x), & \alpha = m, \end{cases}$$

where  $m = \lceil \alpha \rceil$  is the smallest integer such that  $m > \alpha$  and  $d^m/dx^m$  denotes the standard derivatives of integer order.

**Definition 3.** The Caputo fractional derivative of  $f(x)$  is:

$$D^\alpha f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\Gamma(m-\alpha)} \int_a^x \frac{f^{(m)}(t)}{(x-t)^{-m+\alpha+1}} dt, & x > 0, m-1 \leq \alpha < m, \\ f^m(x), & \alpha = m. \end{cases}$$

The Caputo operator  $D^\alpha$  advantages for fractional differential equations (FDEs) with initial conditions. The two definitions of Riemann-Liouville and Caputo are not equivalent and their relation is correlated by the following expression,

$${}^R D^\alpha f(x) = D^\alpha f(x) + \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} f^{(k)}(a) \Phi_{k-\alpha+1}(x-a).$$

$$\Phi_\alpha(x) = \begin{cases} x^{\alpha-1}, & x > 0, \\ 0, & x \leq 0. \end{cases}$$

**Definition 4.** The left-sided mixed Riemann-Liouville integral of order  $r = (r_1, r_2)$  for the function  $u(x, y)$  is defined as

$$(1) \quad (I_\theta^r u)(x, y) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(r_1)} \frac{1}{\Gamma(r_2)} \int_a^x \int_a^y (x-s)^{r_1-1} (y-t)^{r_2-1} u(s, t) ds dt,$$

where  $r \in (0, \infty) \times (0, \infty)$ ,  $\theta = (0, 0)$  and  $u \in L^1(J)$ . So, we have the following:

- (1)  $(I_\theta^\theta u)(x, y) = u(x, y)$ ,
- (2)  $(I_\theta^r u)(x, y) = \int_a^x \int_a^y u(s, t) ds dt$  where  $r = (1, 1)$  and for all  $(x, y) \in J$ ,
- (3)  $(I_\theta^r u)(x, 0) = (I_\theta^r u)(0, y) = 0$  for  $x \in [0, a]$ ,  $y \in [0, b]$ ,
- (4) Let  $\lambda, \omega \in (-1, \infty)$  then  $(I_\theta^r x^\lambda y^\omega) = \frac{\Gamma(\lambda+1)\Gamma(\omega+1)}{\Gamma(\lambda+r_1+1)\Gamma(\omega+r_2+1)} x^{\lambda+r_1} y^{\omega+r_2}$  for all  $(x, y) \in J$ .

For more information about the left-sided mixed Riemann-Liouville integral see also [20].

Two-dimensional fractional Volterra integral equation is defined as follows:

$$(2) \quad \begin{aligned} & u(x, y) - \frac{1}{\Gamma(r_1)} \frac{1}{\Gamma(r_2)} \int_a^x \int_a^y (x-s)^{r_1-1} (y-t)^{r_2-1} K(x, y, s, t, u(s, t)) ds dt \\ & = g(x, y). \end{aligned}$$

### 3. Discretization by LRBF-MQ

In this section, the local RBF method is used as a technique for approximation of boundary value problems and fractional integral equations . To illustrate the local RBF method, we consider the following boundary value problem:

$$(3) \quad \begin{cases} L(u(x)) = f(x), & x \in \Omega, \\ B(u(x)) = h(x), & x \in \partial\Omega, \end{cases}$$

where L and B denote the linear partial differential operator and boundary operation respectively.  $\Omega \subset R^n$  is a bounded domain, and  $\partial\Omega$  denotes its boundary. In the local RBF method, we consider a set of N scattered nodal points in the domain and on the boundary that is represented by  $\Xi = \{x_k\}_{k=1}^N$ . Then, to approximate the unknown solution  $u$  at an arbitrary point  $x_k, k = 1, \dots, N$ , we consider a local region  $\Omega_x$  around this point, called the domain of influence of point  $x_k$ , covering a number of  $n$  nodal points as shown in Fig.1. The solution

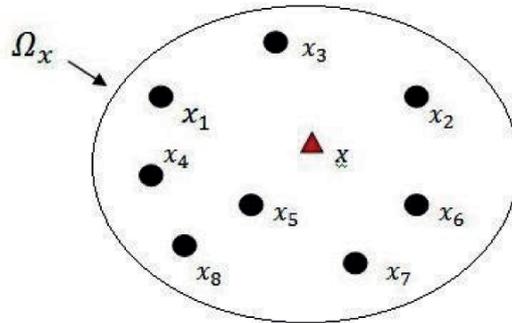


Figure 1. Influence domain  $\Omega_x$  of a node  $x$  embracing 8 neighboring nodes.

$u(x)$  can be approximated by a localized formulation as follows:

$$(4) \quad \tilde{u}(x) = \sum_{j=1}^n \lambda_j \phi_j(x),$$

where

$$\phi_j(x) = \sqrt{\|x - x_j\|^2 + c^2},$$

is the multiquadric(MQ),  $n$  is the number of nodal points fallen with in the influence domain  $\Omega_x$  of  $x$ . The parameter  $c > 0$  is known as the shape parameter, and describes the relative width of the RBFs around their centers. This parameter plays an important role for the accuracy of the method. In most articles, the authors choose this shape parameter by trial and error or some other techniques [21, 22]. Here the particle swarm optimization algorithm is applied to obtain the optimum value of this parameter which is explained in the next section.

To obtain the values of the coefficients  $\lambda_j$ , we can first evaluate Eq. (4) at all nodal points  $x_i; i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  in each influence domain. If all the collocation points are distinct, and  $\phi(x)$  is a positive definite, it can be proved that the matrix  $\Phi = (\phi(\|x_i^k - x_j^k\|_2))$  is non-singular. Hence, the unknown coefficients in Eq. (4) have the following matrix form:

$$(5) \quad \lambda^k = \Phi^{-1}u^k,$$

where  $\lambda^k = (\lambda_1^k, \lambda_2^k, \dots, \lambda_n^k)^T$ ,  $u^k = (u(x_1^k), u(x_2^k), \dots, u(x_n^k))^T$ . Then the approximate solution  $\tilde{u}(x_k)$  can be revised according to the given nodal values  $u(x_j^k)$  at influence domain  $x_k$ :

$$(6) \quad \tilde{u}(x_k) = \Phi^k \lambda^k = \Phi^k \Phi^{-1} u^k = \Psi^k u^k,$$

where  $\Phi^k = (\phi(\|x_k - x_j^k\|_2))$ , and  $\Psi^k = \Phi^k \Phi^{-1} = [\psi_1, \psi_1, \dots, \psi_n]$ . The functions  $\psi_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  are called the shape functions for the local RBF interpolation. Fractional derivatives  $D^\alpha \Psi$  can be computed as follows:

Using Eq (5),

$$(7) \quad D^\alpha(u(x)) = D^\alpha\left[\sum_{j=1}^n \lambda_j \phi_j(x)\right] = D^\alpha\left[\sum_{j=1}^n \Phi^{-1} \phi_j(x) \tilde{u}\right] = [\Phi^{-1} D^\alpha(\Delta^k(x))] \tilde{u},$$

where  $D^\alpha \Delta^k(x) = [D^\alpha \phi_1(x), D^\alpha \phi_2(x), \dots, D^\alpha \phi_n(x)]$  and  $\tilde{u} = (\tilde{u}(x_1), \tilde{u}(x_2), \dots, \tilde{u}(x_n))$ .

Finally, corresponding to each node, a local equation will be obtained and all these equations should be assembled in a global final system. When assembling the local equations in the final global system, the  $i$ th row of the global matrix is a vector with  $n$  non-zero elements  $[0, \dots, \vartheta(\psi_1), 0, \dots, \vartheta(\psi_2), 0, \dots, \vartheta(\psi_n), 0, \dots, 0]$  in which  $\vartheta(\psi_i)$  is equal either  $L(\psi_i)$  or  $B(\psi_i)$  depending on operator that acts on  $\psi_i$ . then Substituting these vectors into Eq. (3), yields

$$\begin{bmatrix} L\Psi \\ B\Psi \end{bmatrix} \tilde{u} = [b],$$

which in general is the following system of equations:

$$Au = b.$$

Note that the number of columns, which  $\psi_k$  is located, is the global number of node  $k$  in all collocation node. In other words, this row is the extension of vector by patching zeros into entries associated with the nonselected  $[\vartheta(\psi_1), \vartheta(\psi_2), \dots, \vartheta(\psi_n)]$  nodes in the  $\Omega_{x_i}$ .

By solving the above mentioned linear sparse system of equations, we get the approximate solutions  $\tilde{u}$  at all of the collocation points.

Similarly for two-dimensional fractional integral equation we have:

$$(8) \quad u(p) \simeq \sum_{\gamma=0}^n \lambda_\gamma \phi(\|p - p_\gamma\|) = \lambda^T \varphi(p),$$

then we have

$$(9) \quad \lambda = \varphi^{-1}u,$$

where  $p = (x, y)$  and  $p_\gamma = (x_\gamma, y_\gamma) \in R^2$ . The dependence on the RBF expansion coefficients can be removed from Eq. (9) by the following:

$$(10) \quad u(p_k) \simeq \sum_{\gamma=0}^n \lambda_\gamma \phi(\|p_k - p_\gamma^s\|) = \Phi^k \lambda^k = \Phi^k \Phi^{-1} u^k = \Psi u^k,$$

substituting Eqs. (9) and (10) in Eq. (2) we have:

$$(11) \quad \Psi u^k - \frac{1}{\Gamma(r_1)\Gamma(r_2)} \int_a^x \int_a^y (x-s)^{r_1-1} (y-t)^{r_2-1} \cdot K(x, y, s, t, \Phi^{-1} \phi(s, t) \tilde{u}) ds dt = g(x, y).$$

Substituting the given collocation points in the above equation and applying Legendre quadrature integration formula, we obtain

$$(12) \quad \Psi \tilde{u} - \frac{1}{\Gamma(r_1)\Gamma(r_2)} \sum_{k=0}^m \sum_{l=0}^m w_k w_l (x_i - \xi_k)^{r_1-1} (y_j - \tau_l)^{r_2-1} \cdot K(x_i, y_j, \xi_k, \tau_l, \Phi^{-1} \phi(\xi_k, \tau_l) \tilde{u}) = g(x_i, y_j).$$

#### 4. Choosing a Shape Parameter

In RBFs interpolation, different shape parameters correspond to different approximation results. In this section presented particle, swarm optimization algorithm (PSO) for optimizing shape parameters with respect to error in an global and local RBF interpolation is applied.

##### 4.1 Particle swarm optimization algorithm (PSOA)

PSOA was firstly proposed by Eberhart and Kennedy (1995) based on the population (swarm) of particles [23]. Each particle is associated with velocity that indicates where the particle is traveling. The process is such that a group of particles in the particle swarm optimization algorithm are initially created randomly and by updating the generations, they try to find the optimal solution. In a bunch of  $N$  particles, the position of the  $i$ th particle in the search space is located under the influence of a  $n$ -dimensional spatial vector of Eq.(13).

$$(13) \quad X_i = (x_{i1}, x_{i2}, \dots, x_{in})^T \in S,$$

The velocity vector of this particle is as Eq. (14).

$$(14) \quad V_i = (v_{i1}, v_{i2}, \dots, v_{in})^T \in S,$$

The best position of the  $i$ th particle is represented by the Eq. (15).

$$(15) \quad P_{besti} = (P_{besti1}, P_{besti2}, \dots, P_{bestin})^T \in S.$$

In each step, each particle is updated using the two best values. First situation is the best one that a particle can achieve so far. This position is known and stored as  $P_{BEST}$ . The best alternative used by the algorithm is the best situation ever achieved by the particle population. The other most appropriate value used by the algorithm, the best position ever has been achieved by the particle population. this position is shown by  $G_{BEST}$ . After finding the best values, the speed and location of each particle is updated using Eqs. (16) and (17).

$$(16) \quad V_{i,t+1} = \omega V_{i,t} + c_1 r_1 (P_{i,t}^{best} - X_{i,t}) + c_2 r_2$$

$$(17) \quad X_{i,t+1} = X_{i,t} + V_{i,t+1}.$$

$V_{i,t}$  and  $X_{i,t}$  are respectively the velocity vectors and the position of the particle  $i$  in the repetition  $t$ .  $\omega$  is a stationary coefficient 1 and 2 are acceleration coefficients the implementation of optimization algorithm particles are usually considered 2. Also  $r_1$  and  $r_2$  are two nonlinear stochastic numbers between 0 and 1. The condition for stopping the PSO algorithm is usually considered to be such that, if the difference between two consecutive results is less than a certain value, the algorithm is stopped or a certain number of repetitions are considered for the algorithm [24].

Here, the error is considered to be the objective function, and we find the optimal shape parameter by finding the least error in the repetitions of the PSO algorithm.

#### **LRBF implementation.**

The step-wise procedure for the implementation of LRBF collocation method is as follows:

Step 1: Selection of scattered nodal points in the domain and on the boundary.

Step 2: Consider a local region around each collocate point, called the domain of influence including the point itself and  $n - 1$  other points.

Step 3: Applying local interpolation on each subdomain, Upon computing  $\Phi^{-1}$ , the coefficient vector calculated by  $\lambda^k = \Phi^{-1} u^k$ .

Step 4: Approximated function,  $u(x_k)$ , ( $x_k$  is center subdomain) expressed in terms of the nodal values at each subdomain. That is  $\tilde{u}(x_k) = \Psi^k u^k$ .

Step 5: Finally, corresponding to each node a local equation will be obtained and all these equations should be assembled in a final global system.

Step 6: Finding the optimal shape parameter with the pso algorithm.

Step 7: Solving linear sparse system of equations, we get the approximate solutions  $u$  at all of the collocation points.

## 5. Numerical experiment

Test problems that we consider in this section consist of fractional integro-differential equation with the nonlocal boundary conditions, Bagley-Torvik equation and two-dimensional Volterra integral equation of fractional order. Accuracies of the numerical results are measured by infinity norm error  $\|e\|_\infty$  or root mean square (RMS) error defined by:

$$\delta_{er} = \|e\|_\infty = \max\{|u_N(x_i) - u^*(x_i)|\}, \quad x_i \in X,$$

and

$$RMS = \left( \sum_{z_i \in Z} \frac{(u_N x_i - u^*(x_i))^2}{|X|} \right)^{1/2},$$

where  $u_N$  is the numerical solution,  $u^*$  is the exact solution and  $X$  is the number of testing nodes.

**Remark.** 1) Number of influence domain points is selected based on the factors of accuracy and cost of calculations.

2) In PSO, population size is set to 10 and maximum number of iterations is selected 100.

3) The method is implemented in MATLAB and the numerical experiments are performed using a laptop with an Intel(R) Core(TM) i5-3230M, CPU 2.60GHz, and 4 GB RAM.

### 5.1 Example 1.

Consider the following fractional integro-differential equation [19].

$$(18) \quad {}^R D^{\frac{5}{4}} u(x) = (\cos x - \sin x)u(x) + f(x) + \int_0^x \sin t u(t),$$

with the nonlocal conditions

$$\begin{aligned} u(0) + u(1) + \left(\frac{e+1}{e+2}\right)u'(0) + \frac{1}{2}u'(1) - 8 \int_0^1 t u(t) &= 0, \\ 2u(0) + 2u(1) + \left(\frac{e}{e+1}\right)u'(0) - u'(1) &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

By choosing  $f(x) = \frac{8}{3} \frac{x^{\frac{3}{4}}}{\Gamma(\frac{3}{4})} - 2 \cos x - 2x \sin x + x^2 \sin x + 2$ , the exact solution of above problem is  $u(x) = x^2$ .

Numerical results versus the numbers of nodal points and stencil with optimal shape parameter are shown in Tabel 1. Fig. 2 presents the RMS error versus the number of the nodal points and stencil with optimal shape parameter. Fig. 3 shows the error curves for local and global RBF methods with 100 nodal points and optimal shape parameter. According to Tabel 1 and Figures 2 and 3, the local method is often just as accurate as the global RBF method.

Table 1: Numerical results with different number of nodal

points by optimal neighborhood node and optimal shape parameter  $c$  and CPU time (seconds) for Ex.1.

N	n	LRBF			GRBF		
		$\delta_{er}$	RMS	CPU(s)	$\delta_{er}$	RMS	CPU(s)
20	7	$1.33 \times 10^{-4}$	$8.9799 \times 10^{-4}$	1.80	$5.44 \times 10^{-3}$	$2.5962 \times 10^{-3}$	4.17
30	7	$5.45 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.4264 \times 10^{-4}$	1.97	$4.04 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.7907 \times 10^{-3}$	5.67
50	11	$3.38 \times 10^{-4}$	$8.6699 \times 10^{-5}$	3.50	$4.08 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.7942 \times 10^{-3}$	12.12
80	16	$1.36 \times 10^{-4}$	$6.9852 \times 10^{-5}$	6.23	$4.04 \times 10^{-3}$	$2.0904 \times 10^{-3}$	26.13
100	17	$5.85 \times 10^{-5}$	$3.7125 \times 10^{-5}$	8.41	$4.24 \times 10^{-3}$	$2.7614 \times 10^{-3}$	39.30
150	21	$8.18 \times 10^{-5}$	$2.1590 \times 10^{-5}$	14.99	$4.13 \times 10^{-3}$	$2.2810 \times 10^{-3}$	85.90
200	25	$5.45 \times 10^{-5}$	$2.9491 \times 10^{-5}$	23.22	$4.16 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.7991 \times 10^{-3}$	149.35
250	32	$3.84 \times 10^{-4}$	$2.0969 \times 10^{-4}$	36.58	$4.17 \times 10^{-3}$	$4.0903 \times 10^{-3}$	239.13
300	35	$2.92 \times 10^{-4}$	$8.4034 \times 10^{-5}$	48.24	$4.49 \times 10^{-3}$	$4.2043 \times 10^{-3}$	339.24

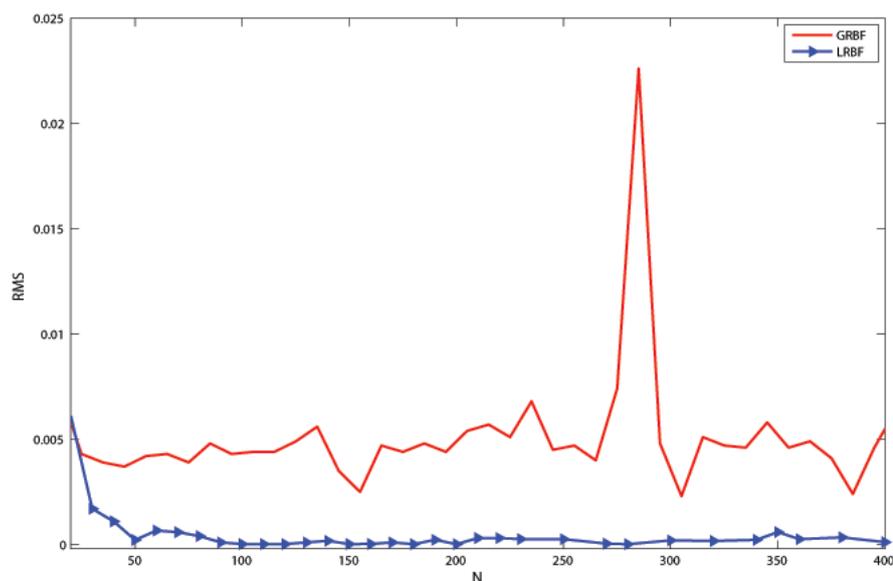


Fig. 2. RMS error versus N for Ex. 1.

## 5.2 Example 2.

Consider the following Bagley-Torvik equation [25]

$$(19) \quad u^{(2)}(x) + \theta D^\alpha u(x) + \sigma u(x) = f(x),$$

where

$$f(x) = (\lambda - 1)(\lambda x - \lambda + 2)x^{\lambda-3} + \theta \frac{(\lambda - 1)!}{\Gamma(\lambda - \alpha)} \left( \frac{\lambda x}{\lambda - \alpha} - 1 \right) x^{\lambda-\alpha-1} + \sigma x^{\lambda-1}(x - 1).$$

The exact solution for various values of  $\theta = 0.5$ ,  $\sigma = 1$  and  $\lambda = 5$  and  $\alpha = 0.3$  is  $u(x) = x^{\lambda-1}(x - 1)$ .

Results for different values of the nodal points and the optimal stencil shown in the Table 2. Fig.4 presents the RMS error versus the number of the nodal points and Also, exact solution and approximate solution for various values  $\alpha$

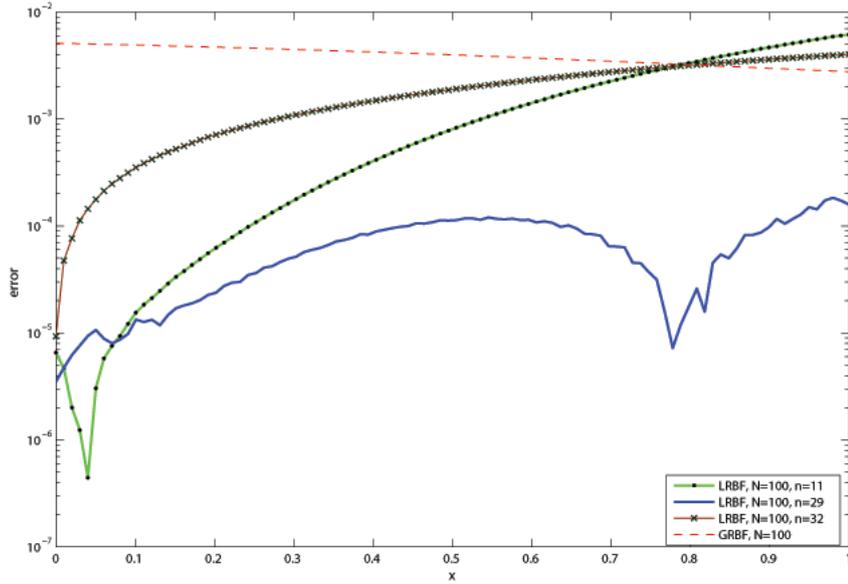


Fig. 3. Absolute errors for local and global RBF methods with optimal shape parameter for Ex.1.

Table 2: Numerical results with different number of nodal points and optimal shape parameter c for

Ex.2.					
N	n	LRBF		GRBF	
		$\delta_{er}$	RMS	$\delta_{er}$	RMS
30	9	$4.9909 \times 10^{-4}$	$2.0626 \times 10^{-4}$	$9.8453 \times 10^{-5}$	$9.8248 \times 10^{-5}$
50	12	$8.9333 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.2044 \times 10^{-5}$	$4.4596 \times 10^{-5}$	$4.4521 \times 10^{-6}$
80	16	$6.2402 \times 10^{-5}$	$2.5866 \times 10^{-6}$	$1.3771 \times 10^{-6}$	$3.3757 \times 10^{-6}$
100	19	$5.5600 \times 10^{-6}$	$6.2525 \times 10^{-7}$	$2.4027 \times 10^{-6}$	$2.4027 \times 10^{-6}$
150	39	$5.7572 \times 10^{-6}$	$8.9533 \times 10^{-7}$	$1.2282 \times 10^{-6}$	$1.1645 \times 10^{-6}$
200	35	$6.3928 \times 10^{-5}$	$5.7164 \times 10^{-6}$	$1.1907 \times 10^{-6}$	$1.0134 \times 10^{-6}$
250	26	$1.2551 \times 10^{-5}$	$2.0264 \times 10^{-5}$	$2.2545 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.5756 \times 10^{-6}$
300	33	$8.0320 \times 10^{-5}$	$3.6287 \times 10^{-4}$	$2.1676 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.4436 \times 10^{-5}$

presented in Fig. 5. Table 2 Shows that for the less number of collocation points, global RBFs method is better than local RBF method, but with increasing collocation points, the performance of the local RBFs method is better [25].

### 5.3 Example 3.

Consider the following Bagley-Torvik equation [26].

$$(20) \quad u^{(2)}(x) + \theta D^\alpha u(x) = -1 - e^{(x-1)},$$

In general, the exact solution of the problem is not known. However, for  $\alpha = 1$ ,  $\theta = -1$ , the problem has exact solution is  $u(x) = x(1 - e^{x-1})$ .

Table 3 shows the numerical results at different the numbers of nodal points and stencil with optimal shape parameter. Approximate solutions with various  $\alpha$  are presented in Fig. 6. RMS error and absolute error versus the number of the nodal points are shown in Fig. 7. Considering the results, accuracy of the

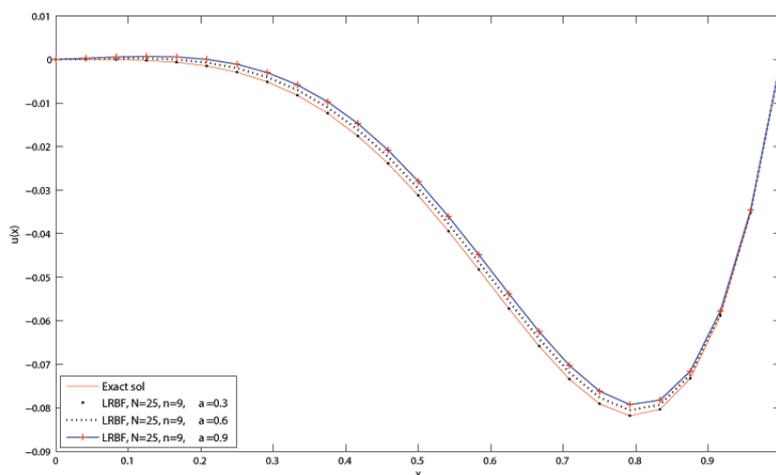


Fig. 4. Approximate solution obtained for Ex.2.

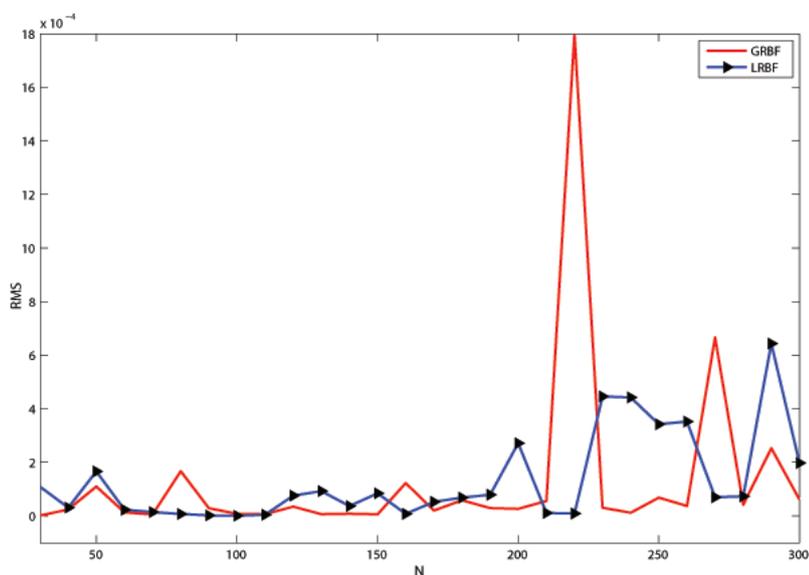


Fig. 5. RMS error versus N for Ex.2.

local method is more than the global method, and the local method is faster. Better result is obtained with local RBF collocation method than the method of [25].

Tables 1 to 3 show that one of the advantages of using the optimal shape parameter in the local and global RBFs methods is that the approximate values obtained do not oscillate for the number of different nodal points.

Table 3: Numerical results with different number of nodal points and optimal shape parameter c for

Ex.3.					
N	n	LRBF		GRBF	
		$\delta_{er}$	RMS	$\delta_{er}$	RMS
20	6	$3.7348 \times 10^{-7}$	$4.4256 \times 10^{-7}$	$4.9140 \times 10^{-7}$	$1.9437 \times 10^{-7}$
30	6	$3.0022 \times 10^{-7}$	$1.7868 \times 10^{-7}$	$7.5015 \times 10^{-7}$	$2.2452 \times 10^{-7}$
50	6	$1.5166 \times 10^{-7}$	$6.9974 \times 10^{-8}$	$1.9361 \times 10^{-7}$	$8.5469 \times 10^{-8}$
80	11	$1.3692 \times 10^{-7}$	$2.5266 \times 10^{-8}$	$3.1795 \times 10^{-6}$	$1.0485 \times 10^{-6}$
100	20	$1.1811 \times 10^{-7}$	$1.9041 \times 10^{-8}$	$8.5846 \times 10^{-6}$	$3.1034 \times 10^{-6}$
150	21	$3.0144 \times 10^{-7}$	$2.5230 \times 10^{-8}$	$9.0405 \times 10^{-6}$	$2.2476 \times 10^{-6}$
200	21	$4.5467 \times 10^{-7}$	$4.7993 \times 10^{-7}$	$3.0446 \times 10^{-6}$	$1.9750 \times 10^{-6}$
250	21	$4.6912 \times 10^{-6}$	$1.2645 \times 10^{-7}$	$1.0388 \times 10^{-6}$	$1.6379 \times 10^{-6}$

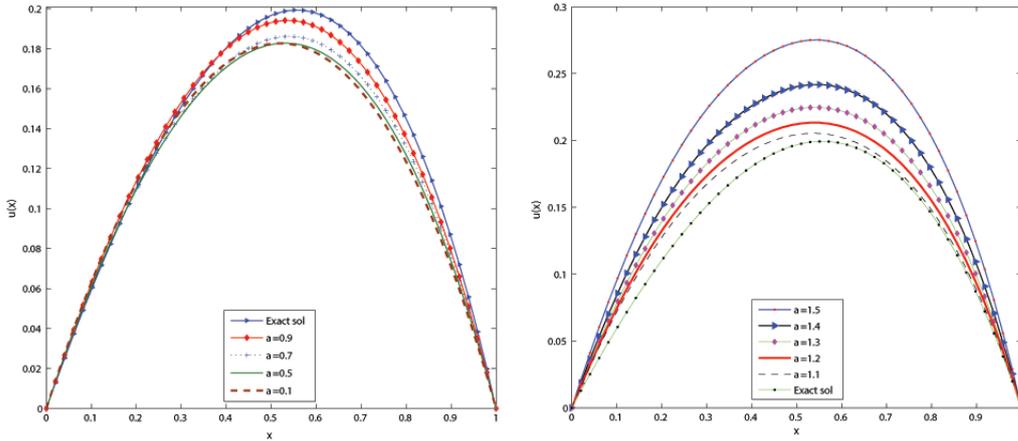


Fig. 6. Numerical solutions of Ex.3 for various  $\alpha$ .

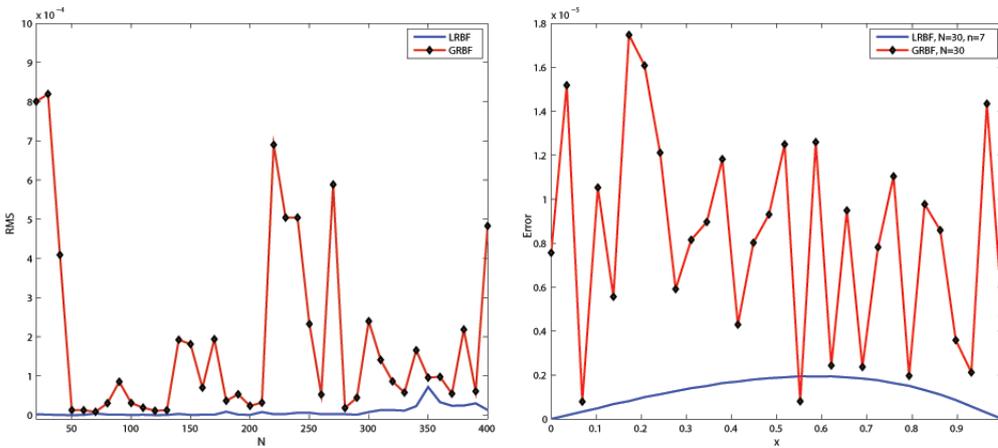


Fig. 7. RMS errors and absolute error local and global RBF methods for Ex.3.

**5.4 Example 4.**

Consider the following two-dimensional nonlinear fractional Volterra integral equation:

$$\begin{aligned}
 u(x, y) &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(\frac{3}{2})\Gamma(\frac{5}{2})} \left[ \int_0^x \int_0^y (x-s)^{\frac{1}{2}}(y-t)^{\frac{3}{2}} \sqrt{xyt} [u(s, t)]^2 dt ds \right] \\
 (21) \quad &= \sqrt{y} \left( \frac{-1}{180} x^3 y^{\frac{7}{2}} + \sqrt{\frac{x}{3}} \right),
 \end{aligned}$$

Table 4: Numerical results obtained with different number of nodal points for Ex.4.

N	3 × 3 stencil			5 × 5 stencil		
	$\delta_{ex}$	RMS	CPU(s)	$\delta_{ex}$	RMS	CPU(s)
6 <sup>2</sup>	1.042 × 10 <sup>-2</sup>	5.8280 × 10 <sup>-3</sup>	127.5	8.5 × 10 <sup>-2</sup>	3.5273 × 10 <sup>-3</sup>	343.2
7 <sup>2</sup>	2.872 × 10 <sup>-2</sup>	1.2000 × 10 <sup>-3</sup>	188.2	4.6 × 10 <sup>-2</sup>	2.9653 × 10 <sup>-3</sup>	495.5
8 <sup>2</sup>	1.107 × 10 <sup>-2</sup>	3.6457 × 10 <sup>-4</sup>	311.1	3.0 × 10 <sup>-3</sup>	3.6065 × 10 <sup>-4</sup>	663.9
9 <sup>2</sup>	1.480 × 10 <sup>-3</sup>	2.6248 × 10 <sup>-4</sup>	534.0	2.9 × 10 <sup>-3</sup>	9.5724 × 10 <sup>-4</sup>	1603.0
10 <sup>2</sup>	2.072 × 10 <sup>-4</sup>	8.6700 × 10 <sup>-5</sup>	827.9	5.1 × 10 <sup>-3</sup>	3.3647 × 10 <sup>-4</sup>	2042.3
11 <sup>2</sup>	3.421 × 10 <sup>-4</sup>	9.2053 × 10 <sup>-5</sup>	961.5	4.2 × 10 <sup>-2</sup>	3.2812 × 10 <sup>-3</sup>	2973.6

In which the exact solution is  $u(x, y) = \frac{\sqrt{3xy}}{3}$ . The results with optimal shape parameter are presented in Table 4. Fig. 8 show the cross section of the approximate solutions with  $N = 10^2$ ,  $3 \times 3$  stencils and fixed values of  $y$ . The results obtained in Test problems (4) with local RBF method are more accurate than the results obtained in [27].

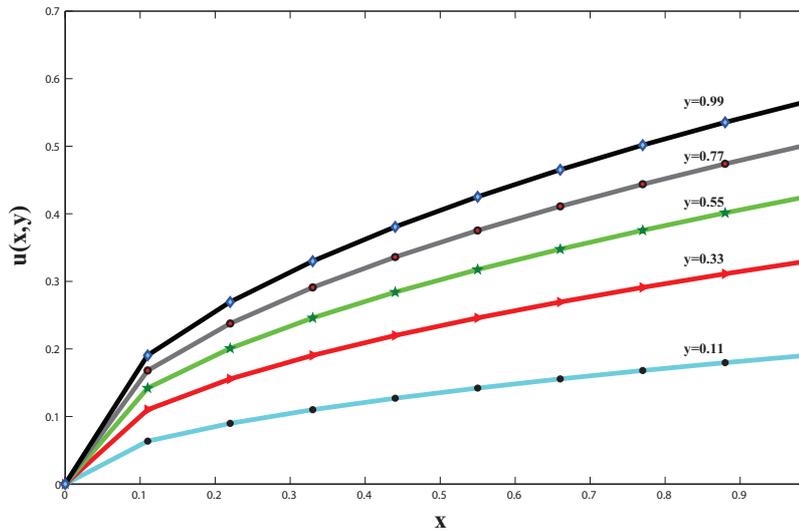


Fig. 8. Cross section of approximate solution obtained with  $N = 10^2$  and  $3 \times 3$  stencils for Ex. 4

### 5.5 Example 5.

Consider the two-dimensional fractional Volterra integral equation:

$$u(x, y) - \frac{1}{\Gamma(r_1)\Gamma(r_2)} \int_0^x \int_0^y (x-s)^{r_1-1} (y-t)^{r_2-1} \sqrt{xy}stu(s, t)dsdt = f(x, y),$$

$$f(x, y) = x^3(y^2 - y) - \frac{1}{60}x^{\frac{11}{2}}y^{\frac{7}{2}}(3y - 4).$$

We applied the presented method for various values of  $r_1$  and  $r_2$ . For  $r_1 = r_2 = 1$ , the exact solution is given as  $u(x, y) = x^3(y^2 - y)$ . Note that as  $r_1$  and  $r_2$  approach to 1, the numerical solution converges to the analytical solution  $u(x, y) = x^3(y^2 - y)$ . Table 5 compares the absolute errors with 100 number of nodal points,  $3 \times 3$  stencil between the local RBFs method and method [28].

Table 5: Numerical results obtained with 100 number of nodal points, with  $3 \times 3$  and optimal shape parameter  $c$  for Ex.5.

$x=y$	$r_1 = r_2 = 0.8$		$r_1 = 0.8, r_2 = 0.95$	
	$\delta_{er}$	Error [28]	$\delta_{er}$	Error [28]
0.0	0.0	$3.544 \times 10^{-4}$	0.0	$3.068 \times 10^{-3}$
0.1	$8.4684 \times 10^{-7}$	$1.388 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.2140 \times 10^{-6}$	$1.240 \times 10^{-3}$
0.2	$1.1030 \times 10^{-7}$	$8.772 \times 10^{-4}$	$4.5487 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.166 \times 10^{-3}$
0.3	$1.6701 \times 10^{-6}$	$1.407 \times 10^{-3}$	$4.0259 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.863 \times 10^{-3}$
0.4	$2.0687 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.153 \times 10^{-3}$	$9.4018 \times 10^{-4}$	$5.133 \times 10^{-3}$
0.5	$1.2684 \times 10^{-5}$	$5.673 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.2354 \times 10^{-3}$	$4.848 \times 10^{-3}$
0.6	$4.8970 \times 10^{-4}$	$9.748 \times 10^{-3}$	$2.1018 \times 10^{-3}$	$8.742 \times 10^{-3}$
0.7	$1.2566 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.089 \times 10^{-3}$	$2.9120 \times 10^{-3}$	$9.716 \times 10^{-3}$
0.8	$1.3564 \times 10^{-3}$	$7.730 \times 10^{-3}$	$3.3028 \times 10^{-3}$	$6.411 \times 10^{-3}$
0.9	$3.4802 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.222 \times 10^{-3}$	$4.2901 \times 10^{-3}$	$2.162 \times 10^{-4}$

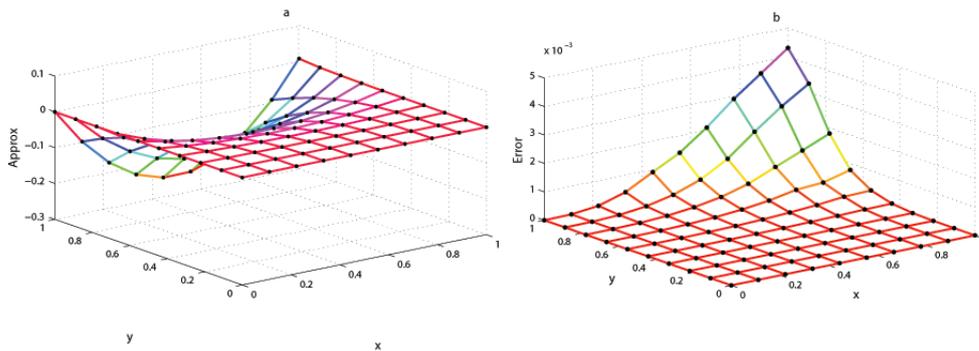


Fig. 9. Graphs of approximate solution (a) and absolute error (b) with  $r_1 = 0.8$  and  $r_2 = 0.95$  for Ex.5.

Graphs of approximate solution and absolute error with  $r_1 = 0.8, r_2 = 0.95, N = 100$  and  $3 \times 3$  stencil are given in Fig. 9. The results obtained in this paper, with local RBF method are more accurate than the results obtained in [28].

### 6. Conclusion

A meshless local RBF method was proposed to solve fractional integro-differential equation and two-dimensional fractional Volterra integral equation. In one-dimensional problems, by increasing the number of collocation points to find an optimal and more stable response, the number of nodes in local domain of influence increases. Numerical results showed that in the two dimensional fractional integral equations the local RBF method is much more efficient than the global RBF method, so, it can be concluded that local RBF method is more suitable for high dimensional problems.

The effectiveness of the method has the following reasons:

- 1) The use of the strong form equation and collocation approach made the method simpler than similar methods.

2) Using the localization approach, the matrix operations required only the inversion of matrices of small size and the final global matrix became sparse.

So the method is suitable for large-scale and complicated problems.

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