

Approximate solution of singular integral equations of the first kind with Cauchy kernel

ABSTRACT

In this work a study of efficient approximate methods for solving the Cauchy type singular integral equations (CSIEs) of the first kind, over a finite interval, is presented. In the solution, Chebyshev polynomials of the first kind, $T_n(x)$, second kind, $U_n(x)$, third kind, $V_n(x)$, and fourth kind, $W_n(x)$, corresponding to respective weight functions $W(1)(x)=(1-x^2)^{-1/2}$, $W(2)(x)=(1-x^2)^{1/2}$, $W(3)(x)=(1+x)^{1/2}(1-x)^{-1/2}$ and $W(4)(x)=(1+x)^{-1/2}(1-x)^{1/2}$, have been used to obtain systems of linear algebraic equations. These systems are solved numerically. It is shown that for a linear force function the method of approximate solution gives an exact solution, and it cannot be generalized to any polynomial of degree n . Numerical results for other force functions are given to illustrate the efficiency and accuracy of the method.

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