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# Solution to fractional-order Riccati differential equations using Euler wavelet method

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**Abstract.** The Fractional-order Differential Equations (FDEs) have the ability to model the real-life phenomena better in a variety of applied mathematics, engineering disciplines including diffusive transport, electrical networks, electromagnetic theory, probability, and so forth. In most cases, there are no analytical solutions; therefore, a variety of numerical methods have been developed for obtaining solutions to the FDEs. In this paper, we derive numerical solutions to various fractional-order Riccati-type differential equations using the Euler Wavelet Method (EWM). The Euler wavelet operational matrix method converts the fractional differential equations to a system of algebraic equations. Illustrative examples are included to demonstrate validity and efficiency of the technique.

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## 1. Introduction

Fractional Differential Equations (FDEs) have differentiator operators of non-integer orders. There has been an increasing interest in modeling using FDEs, since they have the ability to model the real-world phenomena more accurately in a variety of disciplines such as visco-elasticity [1], solid mechanics [2], bioengineering [3,4], economics [5], continuum mechanics [6], signal processing [7], system analysis [8], optimal control [9,10], and numerical solutions to integral and differential equations [11-13]. Since most of the fractional-order differential equations do not have analytical solutions, there have been numerous numerical methods developed to attain solutions to them, including Adomian Decomposition Method (ADM) [14,15], Variational Iteration Method (VIM) [16], Fourier transforms [17], Laplace transforms [18], eigenvector expansion

[19], Homotopy Perturbation Transform Method (HPTM) [20,21], and various wavelet methods [22-25].

In many areas of engineering and applied science, such as transmission-line phenomena, optimal filtering, network synthesis, robust stabilization, image processing, control theory, etc., Riccati differential equations are utilized. Recently, various numerical methods [26-29] have been developed to solve Riccati differential equations. As for the numerical methods for fractional Riccati differential equations, Yuzbasi [30] developed a numerical method using the Bernstein polynomial; Mabood et al. [31] used the Optimal Homotopy Asymptotic Method (OHAM); Li et al. [32] applied a Reproducing Kernel Method (RKM); Odibat and Momani [33] used the Modified Homotopy Perturbation Method (MHPM); Khader [34] used the fractional Chebyshev finite difference method; and Sakar et al. [35] applied an Iterative Reproducing Kernel Hilbert Space Method (IRKHS) to get the solutions to fractional Riccati differential equations.

In this paper, we consider the following Riccati differential equations of the form:

$$D^\alpha y(t) = u(t) + v(t)y(t) + w(t)[y(t)]^2,$$

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$$t > 0, \quad n < \alpha \leq n+1, \quad (1)$$

which is subject to the initial conditions  $y^k(0) = g_k$  and  $k = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$ , where  $\alpha$  is the fractional derivative-order parameter;  $n$  is an integer;  $u(t)$ ,  $v(t)$ , and  $w(t)$  are given functions; and  $g_k$  is a constant.

When  $\alpha$  is a positive integer, the fractional equation becomes a classical Riccati differential equation.

The wavelet theory is one of the popular areas in applied science and engineering, such as segmentation, data compression, and time-frequency analysis. Wavelets generally provide accurate modeling in both time and frequency domains. Moreover, it is possible to develop fast numerical algorithms using wavelets [36]. The main advantage of using wavelet methods is that, after the discretization process, the obtained coefficient matrix of the algebraic equations is a sparse matrix, which decreases the computational load and expedites the simulation.

The focus of this paper is on solving the fractional Riccati differential equations by using Euler wavelets. The Euler wavelets are constructed by Euler polynomials. The method consists in reducing the fractional differential equation to a system of algebraic equations with unknown coefficients by using Euler wavelets. Even though the Euler polynomials are not based on orthogonal functions, they have the operational matrix of integration. In addition, numerical examples have demonstrated that the Euler wavelet performs better in approximating an arbitrary function than the Legendre and the Chebyshev wavelets do [37].

The structure of the paper is as follows: In Section 2, we present some basic definitions and properties of the fractional calculus. In Section 3, the Euler wavelets are constructed and the Euler Wavelets Operational Matrix of the Fractional Integration (EWOMFI) is derived. In Section 4, we apply EWM to the solution to the fractional Riccati differential equations through numerical examples; and the conclusion is presented in Section 5.

## 2. Preliminary concepts

In this section, we present definitions for the preliminary fractional calculus used in the paper.

**Definition 1.** The Riemann-Liouville fractional integral operator of order  $\alpha$  is given as:

$$(I^\alpha f)(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^t \frac{f(\tau)}{(t-\tau)^{1-\alpha}} d\tau & \alpha > 0, \quad t > 0, \\ f(t) & \alpha = 0 \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

For  $\alpha \geq 0$ ,  $\beta \geq 0$ ,  $a \geq 0$ , and  $\eta \geq -1$ , we have the following properties of the Riemann-Liouville fractional

integral:

$$\text{i)} \quad I^\alpha I^\beta = I^\beta I^\alpha, \quad (3)$$

$$\text{ii)} \quad I^\alpha (I^\beta f(t)) = I^\beta (I^\alpha f(t)) = I^{\alpha+\beta} f(t), \quad (4)$$

$$\text{iii)} \quad I^\alpha (t-a)^\eta = \frac{\Gamma(\eta+1)}{\Gamma(\alpha+\eta+1)} (t-a)^{\alpha+\eta}. \quad (5)$$

The Riemann-Liouville fractional derivative is defined by:

$$(D^\alpha f)(t) = \left( \frac{d}{dt} \right)^n (I^{n-\alpha} f)(t), \quad 0 \leq n-1 < \alpha \leq n, \quad (6)$$

where  $n$  is an integer and  $t > 0$ . However, the derivative of the Riemann-Liouville operator has certain shortcomings in modeling real-world phenomena. Therefore, in this paper, we use the modified version of the fractional differential operator  $D^\alpha$  proposed by Caputo, which is given in the following definition.

**Definition 2.** The Caputo definition of the fractional derivative operator is given by the following expression:

$$(D^\alpha f)(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{d^n f(t)}{dt^n} & \alpha = n \in \mathbb{R} \\ \frac{1}{\Gamma(n-\alpha)} \int_0^t \frac{f^{(n)}(\tau)}{(t-\tau)^{1-n+\alpha}} d\tau & 0 \leq n-1 < \alpha \leq n \end{cases} \quad (7)$$

The relation between Riemann-Liouville operator and Caputo operator can be expressed by the following two common equations:

$$(D^\alpha I^\alpha f)(t) = f(t), \quad (8)$$

and:

$$(I^\alpha D^\alpha f)(t) = f(t) - \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} f^{(k)}(0^+) \frac{t^k}{k!}. \quad (9)$$

The reader is referred to [18] for more details about fractional differentiation and integration.

## 3. Derivation of the operational matrix of fractional integration for Euler wavelets

### 3.1. Wavelets and Euler wavelets

Wavelet analysis uses localized wavelike functions called ‘wavelets.’ A family of wavelets consists of a mother wavelet and dilated and translated versions of the mother wavelet. By making the dilation parameter  $a$  and the translation parameter  $b$  vary continuously, we

can obtain the following family of continuous wavelets as [24]:

$$\psi_{a,b}(t) = |a|^{-1/2} \psi\left(\frac{t-b}{a}\right), \quad a, b \in \mathbb{R}, \quad a \neq 0. \quad (10)$$

If the translation and dilation parameters are chosen to have discrete values,  $a = a_0^{-k}$ ,  $b = nb_0 a_0^{-k}$ ,  $a_0 > 1$ ,  $b_0 > 0$ , where  $n$  and  $k$  are positive integers, the family of discrete wavelets is obtained as:

$$\psi_{kn}(t) = |a_0|^{k/2} \psi(a_0^k t - nb_0). \quad (11)$$

Euler wavelets  $\psi_{nm} = \psi(k, \tilde{n}, m, t)$  have 4 arguments:  $\tilde{n} = n-1$ ,  $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots, 2^{k-1}$ ;  $k$  can take any positive integer value;  $m$  is the order for Euler polynomials; and  $t$  is the normalized time. Euler wavelets defined on the interval  $[0, 1]$  yield:

$$\psi_{nm}(t) = \begin{cases} 2^{\frac{k-1}{2}} \tilde{E}_m(2^{k-1}t - n + 1), & \frac{n-1}{2^{k-1}} \leq t < \frac{n}{2^{k-1}} \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (12)$$

and:

$$\tilde{E}_m(t) = \begin{cases} 1, & m = 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{\frac{2(-1)^{m-1}(m!)^2}{(2m)!} E_{2m+1}(0)}}, & m > 0 \end{cases}, \quad (13)$$

where  $m = 0, 1, 2, \dots, M-1$  and  $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots, 2^{k-1}$ . The coefficient  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{\frac{2(-1)^{m-1}(m!)^2}{(2m)!} E_{2m+1}(0)}}$  is for normality, the dilation parameter is  $a = 2^{-(k-1)}$ , and the translation parameter is  $b = \tilde{n}2^{-(k-1)}$ .  $E_m(t)$  represents the Euler polynomials of the order  $m$  and given as follows [38]:

$$\sum_{k=0}^m \binom{m}{k} E_k(t) + E_m(t) = 2t^m, \quad (14)$$

where  $\binom{m}{k}$  is the binomial coefficient. The first few Euler polynomials yield:

$$\begin{aligned} E_0(t) &= 1, & E_1(t) &= t - \frac{1}{2}, & E_2(t) &= t^2 - t, \\ E_3(t) &= t^3 - \frac{2}{3}t^2 + \frac{1}{4}, \dots \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

### 3.2. Function approximation

A function  $f(t)$  defined over  $[0, 1]$  may be expanded by

Euler wavelets as:

$$f(t) = \sum_{n=1}^{2^{k-1}} \sum_{m=0}^{M-1} c_{nm} \Psi_{nm}(t) = C^T \psi(t), \quad (16)$$

where superscript  $T$  indicates transposition, and  $C$  and  $\psi(t)$  are  $2^{k-1} \times 1$  vectors given as:

$$\begin{aligned} C &= [c_{10}, c_{11}, \dots, c_{1(M-1)}, c_{20}, c_{21}, \dots, c_{2(M-1)}, \\ &\quad \dots, c_{2^{k-1}0}, c_{2^{k-1}1}, \dots, c_{2^{k-1}(M-1)}]^T, \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi &= [\Psi_{10}, \Psi_{11}, \dots, \Psi_{1(M-1)}, \Psi_{20}, \Psi_{21}, \dots, \Psi_{2(M-1)}, \\ &\quad \dots, \Psi_{2^{k-1}0}, \Psi_{2^{k-1}1}, \dots, \Psi_{2^{k-1}(M-1)}]^T. \end{aligned} \quad (18)$$

Now, let us define  $m' = 2^{k-1}M$ . The Euler wavelet matrix is defined as:

$$\phi_{m' \times m'} = [\Psi(t_1), \Psi(t_2), \Psi(t_3), \dots, \Psi(t_{m'})], \quad (19)$$

where  $t_i$  represents collocation points. If the collocation points are chosen as  $t_i = \frac{i-0.5}{m'}$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, m'$ , the Euler wavelet matrix for  $k = 2$ ,  $M = 3$ , and  $\alpha = 0.5$  becomes:

$$\phi_{m' \times m'}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 1.4142 & 1.4142 & 1.4142 \\ -0.2357 & 0 & 0.2357 \\ -0.0802 & -0.1443 & -0.0802 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1.4142 & 1.4142 & 1.4142 \\ -0.2357 & 0 & 0.2357 \\ -0.0802 & -0.1443 & -0.0802 \end{bmatrix}. \quad (20)$$

### 3.3. Euler wavelet operational matrix of fractional integration

#### 3.3.1. Block pulse functions

An  $m'$  set of Block Pulse Functions (BPFs) is defined as:

$$b_i(t) = \begin{cases} 1 & (i-1)/m' \leq t < i/m' \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}, \quad (21)$$

where  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, m'$ . The function  $b_i(t)$  is disjoint and orthogonal. For  $t \in [0, 1]$ :

$$b_i(t)b_j(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & i \neq j \\ b_i(t) & i = j \end{cases}, \quad (22)$$

$$\int_0^1 b_i(\tau)b_j(\tau)d\tau = \begin{cases} 0 & i \neq j \\ 1/m' & i = j \end{cases}. \quad (23)$$

It is known that any square integral function  $f(t)$

defined in  $[0,1)$  can be expanded into an  $m'$  set of BPFs as:

$$f(t) = \sum_{i=1}^{m'} f_i b_i(t) = f^T B_{m'}(t), \quad (24)$$

where:

$$f = [f_1, f_2, \dots, f_{m'}]^T,$$

$$B_{m'}(t) = [b_1(t), b_2(t), \dots, b_{m'}(t)]^T,$$

and  $f_i$  is given as:

$$f_i = \frac{1}{m'} \int_{(i-1)/m'}^{i/m'} f(t) b_i(t) dt. \quad (25)$$

The Euler wavelet matrix can also be expanded to an  $m'$  set of BPFs as:

$$\psi(t) = \phi_{m' \times m'} B_{m'}(t). \quad (26)$$

The block pulse operational matrix for fractional integration  $F^\alpha$  is defined as [39]:

$$(I^\alpha B_{m'})(t) \approx F^\alpha B_{m'}(t), \quad (27)$$

where:

$$F^\alpha = \frac{1}{m^\alpha} \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha+2)} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \xi_1 & \xi_2 & \xi_3 & \cdots & \xi_{m'-1} \\ 0 & 1 & \xi_1 & \xi_2 & \cdots & \xi_{m'-2} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \xi_1 & \cdots & \xi_{m'-3} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 1 & \xi_1 \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad (28)$$

with  $\xi_k = (k+1)^{\alpha+1} - 2k^{\alpha+1} + (k-1)^{\alpha+1}$ .

Now, let us derive the Euler Wavelet Operational Matrix of Fractional Integration (EWOMFI):

$$(I^\alpha \psi)(t) \approx P_{m' \times m'}^\alpha \psi(t), \quad (29)$$

where matrix  $P_{m' \times m'}^\alpha$  is called the EWOMFI.

Using Eqs. (26) and (27), we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} (I^\alpha \Psi)(t) &\approx (I^\alpha \phi_{m' \times m'} B_{m'})(t) \\ &= \phi_{m' \times m'} (I^\alpha B_{m'})(t) \approx \phi_{m' \times m'} F^\alpha B_{m'}(t). \end{aligned} \quad (30)$$

Furthermore, using Eqs. (26), (29), and (30) yields:

$$\begin{aligned} P_{m' \times m'}^\alpha \Psi(t) &\approx (I^\alpha \Psi)(t) \approx \phi_{m' \times m'} F^\alpha B_{m'}(t) \\ &= \phi_{m' \times m'} F^\alpha \phi_{m' \times m'}^{-1} \Psi(t). \end{aligned}$$

The resulting EWOMFI  $P_{m' \times m'}^\alpha$  becomes:

$$P_{m' \times m'}^\alpha \approx \phi_{m' \times m'} F^\alpha \phi_{m' \times m'}^{-1}. \quad (31)$$

As an example, the EWOMFI for  $k = 2$ ,  $M = 3$ , and  $\alpha = 0.5$  yields:

$$P_{m' \times m'}^\alpha = \begin{bmatrix} 0.4616 & 1.2601 & -0.9787 \\ 0.0219 & 0.2243 & 0.6305 \\ -0.0217 & -0.1061 & 0.2354 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0.5012 & -0.6034 & 0.8425 \\ 0.0179 & -0.0449 & 0.0940 \\ -0.0352 & 0.0410 & -0.0545 \\ 0.4616 & 1.2601 & -0.9787 \\ 0.0219 & 0.2243 & 0.6305 \\ -0.0217 & -0.1061 & 0.2354 \end{bmatrix}. \quad (32)$$

We use  $A \otimes B = (a_{ij} \times b_{ij})_{m' \times m'}$  for the multiplication of two matrices of size  $m' \times m'$ .

The reader is referred to [37] for the convergence analysis of the Euler wavelet basis.

#### 4. Numerical examples

In this section, we provide three numerical examples to demonstrate the accuracy of the Euler Wavelet Method (EWM). Matlab R2017a has been used for the simulations. We have also calculated the order of convergence, which is expressed as [40,41]:

$$\text{converg. rate} = \frac{\log \left( \frac{\text{solution}(i-1) - \text{solution}(i-2)}{\text{solution}(i-2) - \text{solution}(i-3)} \right)}{\log(2)}. \quad (33)$$

##### 4.1. Example 1

$$D^\alpha y(t) + y(t) - y^2(t) = 0, \quad (34)$$

with initial condition  $y(0) = 1/2$ , where the parameter  $\alpha$  denotes the fractional time derivative with  $0 < \alpha \leq 1$ . The exact solution for  $\alpha = 1$  is given as  $y(t) = \frac{e^{-t}}{1+e^{-t}}$ . Let:

$$D^\alpha y(t) \approx C^T \psi(t). \quad (35)$$

Then, with the initial conditions, we have:

$$y(t) \approx (I^\alpha D^\alpha y)(t) \approx C^T P_{m' \times m'}^\alpha \psi(t) + y(0). \quad (36)$$

Substituting Eq. (26) into Eq. (36) the following is obtained:

$$\begin{aligned} y(t) &\approx C^T P_{m' \times m'}^\alpha \phi_{m' \times m'} B_{m'}(t) \\ &+ \left[ \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \dots, \frac{1}{2} \right] B_{m'}(t). \end{aligned} \quad (37)$$

Let:

$$C^T P_{m' \times m'}^\alpha \phi_{m' \times m'} = [a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{m'}], \quad (38)$$

using Eq. (26), we have:

$$\begin{aligned} [y(t)]^2 &= [a_1^2, a_2^2, \dots, a_{m'}^2] B_{m'}(t) + 2K B_{m'}(t) \\ &+ \left[ \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{4}, \dots, \frac{1}{4} \right] B_{m'}(t), \end{aligned} \quad (39)$$

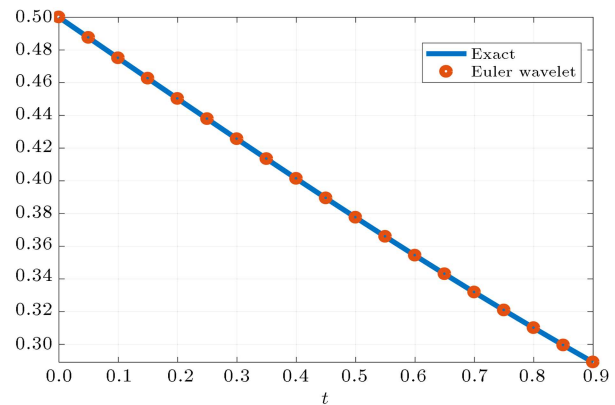
where:

$$K = C^T P_{m' \times m'}^\alpha \phi_{m' \times m'} \otimes \left[ \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \dots, \frac{1}{2} \right]. \quad (40)$$

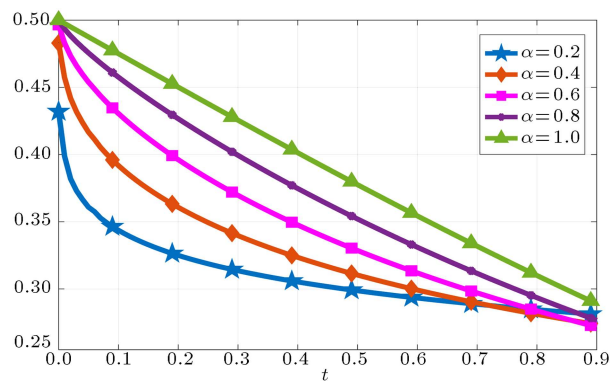
Substituting Eqs. (39), (37), and (35) into Eq. (34), we get:

$$\begin{aligned} C^T \phi_{m' \times m'} + C^T P_{m' \times m'}^\alpha \phi_{m' \times m'} + \left[ \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \dots, \frac{1}{2} \right] \\ - [a_1^2, a_2^2, \dots, a_{m'}^2] - 2K - \left[ \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{4}, \dots, \frac{1}{4} \right] = 0. \end{aligned} \quad (41)$$

This nonlinear system of equations can be solved using Newton iteration method and the vector of unknown coefficients  $C$  can be computed. After calculating the vector  $C$ , we can obtain the numerical solution for  $y(t)$  using Eq. (36). Figure 1 shows the EWM solution for  $m' = 80$  and the exact solution for  $\alpha = 1$ . The comparison between the exact solution and EWM solution for various values of  $m'$  is presented in Table 1. As can be seen in the table, even fairly small values of  $k = 3$  and  $M = 3$  ( $m' = 12$ ) produce a good approximation. As  $m'$  increases, the absolute error decreases to the order of E-9. EWM solution for  $m' = 80$  with various fractional values of  $\alpha$  is given in Figure 2. As  $\alpha$  approaches 1, the solution to the fractional-order differential equation approaches the solution to integer-order differential equation. The order of convergence is given in Table 2. As it is shown [41,42], this rate tends to 2.



**Figure 1.** The solution of EWM for  $\alpha = 1$  and the exact solution for Example 1.



**Figure 2.** The solution of EWM for various values of  $\alpha$  for Example 1.

#### 4.2. Example 2

Consider the following Riccati differential equation:

$$D^\alpha y(t) - 2y(t) + y^2(t) - 1 = 0.$$

$$y(0) = 0, \quad (42)$$

where  $0 < \alpha \leq 1$ . The exact solution for  $\alpha = 1$  is given as:

**Table 1.** Comparison of the exact solution and EWM with  $\alpha = 1$  and various values of  $m'$  for Example 1.

$t$	Exact solution	$m' = 12$	$m' = 24$	$m' = 48$	$m' = 96$	$m' = 192$	$m' = 384$
0.0	0.5000000	0.5000223	0.5000028	0.5000004	0.5000000	0.5000000	0.5000000
0.1	0.4750208	0.4750248	0.4750229	0.4750213	0.4750209	0.4750208	0.4750208
0.2	0.4501660	0.4501822	0.4501699	0.4501669	0.4501662	0.4501661	0.4501660
0.3	0.4255575	0.4255764	0.4255623	0.4255588	0.4255578	0.4255576	0.4255575
0.4	0.4013123	0.4013419	0.4013188	0.4013140	0.4013128	0.4013124	0.4013124
0.5	0.3775407	0.3775881	0.3775507	0.3775429	0.3775412	0.3775408	0.3775407
0.6	0.3543437	0.3543778	0.3543529	0.3543460	0.3543443	0.3543438	0.3543437
0.7	0.3318122	0.3318532	0.3318224	0.3318147	0.3318128	0.3318124	0.3318123
0.8	0.3100255	0.3100667	0.3100358	0.3100282	0.3100262	0.3100257	0.3100256
0.9	0.2890505	0.2890953	0.2890613	0.2890532	0.2890512	0.2890507	0.2890505

**Table 2.** The solution and convergence rate at point  $t = 0.5$  for Example 1.

$i$	$m'$	Solution ( $i$ )	Convergence rate
1	12	0.3775881	—
2	24	0.3775507	—
3	48	0.3775429	2.2615
4	96	0.3775412	2.1979
5	192	0.3775408	2.0874
6	384	0.3775407	2.0000

$$y(t) = 1 + \sqrt{2} \tanh \left( \sqrt{2}t + \frac{1}{2} \log \left( \frac{\sqrt{2}-1}{\sqrt{2}+1} \right) \right).$$

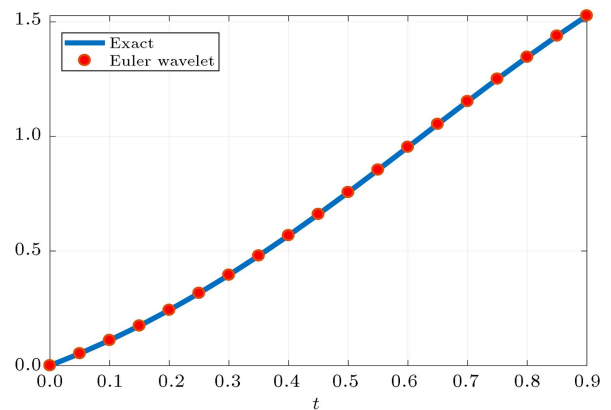
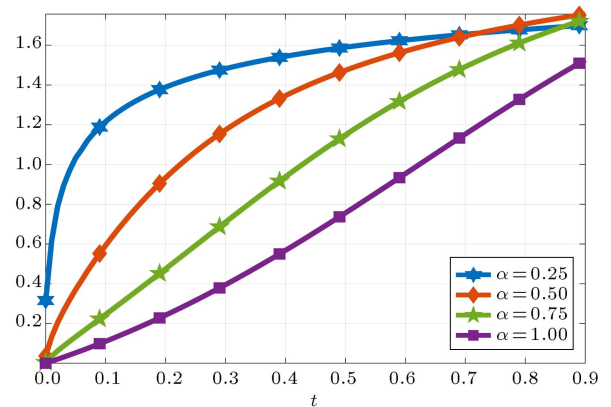
Using the same approximation as that given for Example 1 in detail, we obtain the following nonlinear equation, the solution to which produces  $C$  coefficients:

$$C^T \phi_{m' \times m'} - 2C^T P_{m' \times m'}^\alpha \phi_{m' \times m'} + [a_1^2, a_2^2, \dots, a_{m'}^2] - [1, 1, \dots, 1] = 0. \quad (43)$$

where  $[a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{m'}] = C^T P_{m' \times m'}^\alpha \phi_{m' \times m'}$ . After finding the coefficient vector  $C$ , we can again obtain the numerical solution for  $y(t)$  using Eq. (36). Figure 3 shows the solution of EWM for  $m' = 80$  and the exact solution for  $\alpha = 1$ . The comparison between absolute errors of the EWM solution and some other solution methods for the fractional differential equation with various values of  $m'$  is presented in Table 3. The results indicate two important features; firstly, unlike in the other methods, the absolute error does not increase in the EWM as  $t$  increases and secondly, for the  $m'$  values greater than 96, the EWM provides better approximation. Another comparison for  $\alpha = 0.75$  is given with various values of  $m'$  in Table 4. Euler wavelet solution for  $m' = 80$  with various fractional values of  $\alpha$  is given in Figure 4. Again, it can be stated that the solution to the fractional-order differential equation approaches the solution to integer-order differential equation as  $\alpha$  approaches 1.

**Table 3.** The absolute errors of EWM and some other solution methods for the fractional-order differential equation with  $\alpha = 1$  and various values of  $m'$  for Example 2.

$t$	$m' = 24$	$m' = 48$	$m' = 96$	$m' = 192$	$m' = 384$	MHPM [33]	IRKHSM [27]	OHAM [31]
0.1	5.52E-04	1.38E-04	3.43E-05	8.57E-06	2.14E-06	1.00E-06	3.58E-05	3.20E-05
0.2	6.47E-04	1.63E-04	4.06E-05	1.01E-05	2.54E-06	1.20E-05	7.58E-05	2.90E-05
0.3	7.27E-04	1.78E-04	4.46E-05	1.12E-05	2.80E-06	1.00E-06	1.20E-04	1.10E-03
0.4	7.44E-04	1.85E-04	4.56E-05	1.14E-05	2.86E-06	3.03E-04	1.66E-04	2.50E-03
0.5	5.20E-04	1.52E-04	4.07E-05	1.05E-05	2.66E-06	1.55E-03	2.12E-04	4.40E-03
0.6	5.84E-04	1.47E-04	3.78E-05	9.44E-06	2.34E-06	4.69E-03	2.52E-04	5.50E-03
0.7	4.56E-04	1.22E-04	3.05E-05	7.49E-06	1.87E-06	1.05E-02	2.87E-04	5.50E-03
0.8	3.79E-04	8.82E-05	2.22E-05	5.64E-06	1.41E-06	1.89E-02	3.40E-04	3.80E-03
0.9	2.66E-04	6.63E-05	1.60E-05	4.02E-06	1.01E-06	2.80E-02	4.90E-04	3.40E-03

**Figure 3.** The solution of EWM for  $\alpha = 1$  and the exact solution for Example 2.**Figure 4.** The solution of EWM for various values of  $\alpha$  for Example 2.

#### 4.3. Example 3

Consider the following Riccati differential equation:

$$D^\alpha y(t) + y^2(t) - 1 = 0,$$

$$y(0) = 0, \quad (44)$$

where  $0 < \alpha \leq 1$ . The exact solution for  $\alpha = 1$  is given as  $y(t) = \frac{e^{2t}-1}{e^{2t}+1}$ .

**Table 4.** Comparison of the EWM and some other solution methods for the fractional-order differential equation with  $\alpha = 0.75$  for Example 2.

$t$	$m' = 24$	$m' = 48$	$m' = 96$	$m' = 192$	$m' = 384$	RKM [32]	MHPM [33]	IRKHSM [35]
0.2	0.476341	0.475422	0.475178	0.475117	0.475117	0.4695	0.4288	0.4730
0.4	0.939340	0.938740	0.938586	0.938548	0.938548	0.9335	0.8914	0.9368
0.5	1.149579	1.149198	1.149097	1.149070	1.149070	1.1448	1.1327	1.1475
0.6	1.334765	1.334444	1.334360	1.334339	1.334339	1.3309	1.3702	1.3330
0.8	1.623300	1.623073	1.623011	1.622995	1.622995	1.6215	1.7948	1.6220

The nonlinear equation used to obtain the coefficient vector  $C$  becomes:

$$C^T \phi_{m' \times m'} - [1, 1, \dots, 1] + [a_1^2, a_2^2, \dots, a_{m'}^2] = 0, \quad (45)$$

where  $[a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{m'}] = C^T P_{m' \times m'}^\alpha \phi_{m' \times m'}$ . As in the other two examples, the coefficient vector  $C$  is used to obtain the numerical solution for  $y(t)$  using Eq. (36). Figure 5 presents the solution of EWM for  $m' = 80$  and the exact solution for  $\alpha = 1$ . The comparison between absolute errors of the Euler wavelet solution and some other solution methods for the fractional differential equation with  $m' = 384$  is provided in Table 5. As can be seen in the table, EWM provides better approximation. Another comparison of the numerical results with  $\alpha = 0.75$  is given for various values of  $m'$  in Table 6.

Euler wavelet solution with  $m' = 80$  for various fractional values of  $\alpha$  is given in Figure 6. Again, the results show that the solution to the fractional-order

differential equation approaches the solution to integer-order differential equation as  $\alpha$  approaches 1.

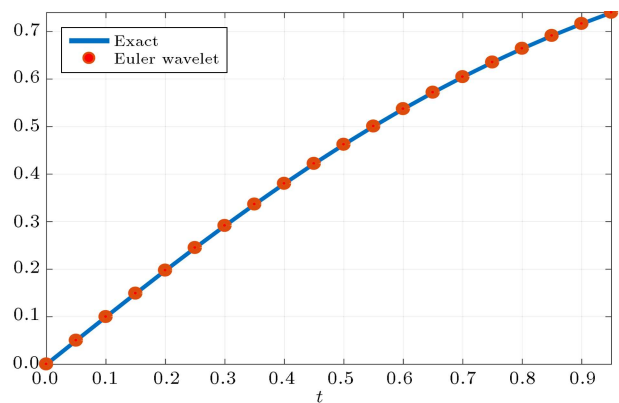
## 5. Conclusion

In this paper, numerical solutions to various fractional-order Riccati-type differential equations were obtained using the Euler Wavelet Method (EWM). The operational matrix of fractional integration was obtained for Euler wavelets and applied for obtaining the solution to several fractional-order Riccati differential equations. It has been shown elsewhere that the Euler wavelets perform better than other wavelet methods [37].

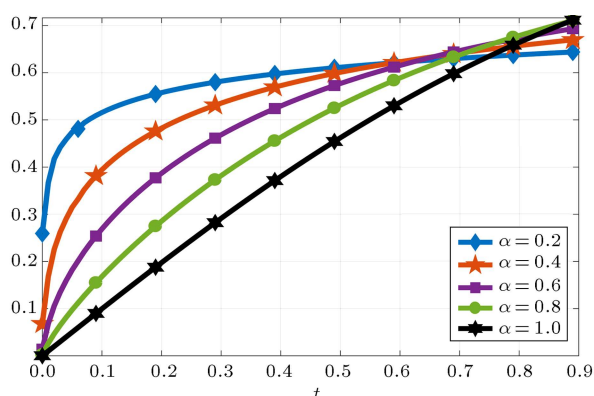
The Euler Wavelet Method (EWM) results in sparse coefficient matrices; therefore, it has shorter simulation duration and lower memory requirements. The numerical solutions given in detail in Section 4 proved that the EWM was a better approximation to the exact solution than other numerical solution methods when larger values of  $m'$  were used for integer orders (corresponding to taking more samples for dis-

**Table 5.** The absolute errors of EWM and some other solution methods for the fractional-order differential equation with  $\alpha = 1$  for Example 3.

$t$	EWM	VIM [28]	MHPM [33]	IRKHSM [27]
0.1	1.117589E-07	5.00E-11	0	9.05E-06
0.2	2.100616E-07	4.39E-09	0	1.72E-05
0.3	2.822560E-07	1.56E-07	1.00E-06	2.38E-05
0.4	3.281852E-07	1.97E-06	5.00E-06	2.85E-05
0.5	3.464860E-07	1.38E-05	3.90E-05	3.11E-05
0.6	3.307795E-07	6.61E-05	1.93E-04	3.17E-05
0.7	2.962782E-07	2.43E-04	7.37E-04	3.07E-05
0.8	2.480617E-07	7.35E-04	2.33E-03	2.81E-05
0.9	1.922805E-07	1.91E-03	6.37E-03	2.32E-05

**Figure 5.** The solution of EWM for  $\alpha = 1$  and the exact solution for Example 3.**Table 6.** Comparison of the EWM and some other solution methods for the fractional-order differential equation with  $\alpha = 0.75$  for Example 3.

$t$	$m' = 24$	$m' = 48$	$m' = 96$	$m' = 192$	$m' = 384$	RKM [32]	Method in [30]	MHPM [33]	IRKHSM [35]
0.2	0.309815	0.309924	0.309962	0.309972	0.309972	0.3073	0.3099	0.3138	0.3100
0.4	0.481539	0.481609	0.488162	0.481630	0.481630	0.4803	0.4816	0.4929	0.4816
0.6	0.5977565	0.597762	0.597780	0.597782	0.597782	0.5975	0.5977	0.5974	0.5978
0.8	0.6788444	0.678850	0.6788495	0.678850	0.678850	0.6796	0.6788	0.6604	0.6788



**Figure 6.** The solution of EWM for various values of  $\alpha$  for Example 3.

cretization). Moreover, the numerical solutions for the fractional orders showed that as  $\alpha$  approached 1, they approached those for the integer orders. The results proved that the method could be applicable to various other fractional differential equations.

The approach used here can be applied to the related differential equations in [43].

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