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A Comparative Analysis of Five Numerical Methods for Hybrid Caputo - Fabrizio – Atangana - Baleanu Equations

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Abstract

We present a systematic comparison of five numerical methods for fractional differential equations under the hybrid Caputo-Fabrizio–Atangana-Baleanu (HCFAB) operator: Hybrid Kernel Predictor-Corrector (HKPC), Adams–Bashforth–Moulton (ABM), Fractional Euler (FE), Variational Iteration Method (VIM), and Adomian Decomposition Method (ADM). The methods are evaluated on benchmark problems using maximum absolute error and convergence order. HKPC achieves second-order accuracy comparable to ABM with superior error profiles for hybrid memory. VIM and ADM provide semi-analytical solutions for short horizons but diverge beyond $t > T^*$, while FE is cheapest per step but requires $\mathcal{O}(h^{-1})$ more steps for equivalent accuracy. A decision framework for method selection is derived based on problem horizon, Lipschitz constant, and accuracy requirements.

Keywords: Fractional differential equations; numerical comparison; Adams–Bashforth–Moulton method; Variational Iteration Method; Adomian Decomposition Method; Hybrid Kernel Predictor-Corrector; convergence order; computational efficiency.

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1. Introduction

Numerical methods for fractional-order differential equations have evolved rapidly over the past two decades, giving rise to a diverse ecosystem of approaches whose relative merits depend heavily on the operator type, the regularity of the solution, and the targeted application domain. Broadly speaking, the available schemes fall into four families: *predictor-corrector methods* [3,4], *explicit step methods* [8], *series-based semi-analytical methods* [10,14], and *spectral and operational matrix methods* [31,32]. Each family reflects a different philosophy: the first prioritises proven numerical convergence and algebraic

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stability; the second emphasises simplicity; the third delivers closed-form approximations; and the fourth leverages global basis representations for high regularity.

The Adams–Bashforth–Moulton predictor-corrector method, standardised in the widely used `FDE12` software package [3,4], has long served as the reference scheme for initial value problems involving the Caputo derivative. It achieves first- or second-order accuracy depending on implementation and handles nonlinear right-hand sides through a single function evaluation per iteration in the corrector step. Its theoretical properties – convergence, stability and error analysis – are thoroughly documented [3,5–7]. The fractional Euler method, sometimes called the forward difference scheme, is the simplest explicit first-order alternative and remains the baseline against which all higher-order methods are benchmarked [8,9].

On the semi-analytical side, the Variational Iteration Method (VIM), introduced by He [10] and subsequently extended to fractional problems [9,11,12], constructs a sequence of correction functionals that converge to the exact solution under smoothness assumptions. It requires neither discretisation nor linearisation but suffers from slow convergence and increasingly expensive iteration for large time horizons [11,13]. The Adomian Decomposition Method (ADM) [14,15] decomposes the nonlinear term into a series of Adomian polynomials and produces power series solutions that may be summed in closed form; however, the radius of convergence restricts applicability and requires Padé acceleration or multi-step restart strategies for long-time computation [15,16].

A parallel track of development has focused on operators beyond the classical Riemann-Liouville and Caputo derivatives. The Caputo-Fabrizio (CF) derivative [17,18], defined through an exponential kernel, and the Atangana-Baleanu (AB) derivative in the Caputo sense [19,20], defined through the Mittag-Leffler kernel, were introduced to remove the kernel singularity present in classical fractional operators. These operators have attracted substantial attention in modelling anomalous diffusion, heat transfer, and epidemic dynamics [22–25], and dedicated predictor-corrector schemes for each operator exist [20,21].

However, the choice between CF and AB operators is frequently problem-dependent: CF's exponential kernel models short-term memory, while AB's Mittag-Leffler kernel governs long-tail power-law memory. In many real systems, both memory profiles coexist. To address this, the first paper of this series [1] introduced a convex hybrid operator:

$$D_t^{\alpha,\theta}u(t) := \theta\, D_t^{\alpha,\mathrm{CF}}u(t) + (1-\theta)\, D_t^{\alpha,\mathrm{AB}}u(t), \quad \theta \in [0,1], \tag{1}$$

and developed the Hybrid Kernel Predictor-Corrector (HKPC) method for scalar equations governed by (1). The second paper [2] extended HKPC to systems of fractional differential equations and introduced a memory-dependent basic reproduction number $\mathcal{R}_0^{\alpha,\theta}$ for an epidemic model. Both papers confirmed second-order global accuracy for their respective settings; however, no evaluation of HKPC relative to existing methods in the literature was conducted.

Despite the maturity of the individual methods and the growing literature on the CF and AB operators, three critical gaps remain:

1. **No unified comparative framework:** Existing comparisons, such as those in [9,26–28], were conducted exclusively for the classical Caputo derivative. No study has benchmarked numerical methods under the HCFAB hybrid operator (1), leaving practitioners without guidance on method selection for this increasingly used operator class [17,19,21].

2. **Absence of multi-metric evaluation:** Prior comparisons typically report only maximum absolute error or convergence order in isolation [26,29,30]. Practical deployment requires simultaneous evaluation of accuracy, convergence rate, CPU time, and stability with respect to the fractional order α, which no existing paper provides in a single unified study [5].

3. **No benchmark for coupled epidemic systems:** Comparative studies on scalar test equations [9, 27,28] do not address the performance differences between methods when applied to *systems* of FDEs modelling real phenomena such as epidemic spread, where solution regularity is limited and stiffness arises from transmission-removal coupling [2,25].

The remainder of the paper is organised as follows. Section 2 collects the necessary operator definitions and presents the precise formulations of all five numerical methods in a unified notation. Section 3, the main contribution, derives the weight sequences and algorithmic steps for each method applied to the HCFAB operator, and provides original propositions on their local truncation errors and convergence orders. Section 4 presents all numerical experiments: five benchmark problems, four error metrics, and comparative tables and figures. Section 5 analyses the results and presents the decision framework. Section 6 concludes with recommendations for future work.

2. Preliminary Results

This section establishes the operator definitions and numerical formulations for all five methods in a common notation. Throughout, $\alpha \in (0,1)$, $\beta = \alpha/(1-\alpha)$, $h = T/N$, $t_n = nh$, and $M(\alpha)$, $B(\alpha)$ denote the normalisation functions satisfying $M(0) = M(1) = B(0) = B(1) = 1$.

2.1 Fractional Operators

Definition 2.1 (Caputo Derivative [3,7]). *For $u \in AC^1[0,T]$ and $\alpha \in (0,1)$:*

$$ {}^{C}D_t^{\alpha} u(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(1-\alpha)} \int_0^t (t-s)^{-\alpha} u'(s)\, ds. \tag{2} $$

Definition 2.2 (Caputo-Fabrizio Derivative [17,18]). *For $u \in H^1(0,T)$ and $\alpha \in (0,1)$:*

$$ D_t^{\alpha,CF} u(t) = \frac{M(\alpha)}{1-\alpha} \int_0^t \exp\left(-\frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha}(t-s)\right) u'(s)\, ds. \tag{3} $$

Definition 2.3 (Atangana-Baleanu-Caputo Derivative [19,20]). *For $u \in H^1(0,T)$ and $\alpha \in (0,1)$:*

$$D_t^{\alpha,AB}u(t) = \frac{B(\alpha)}{1-\alpha}\int_0^t E_\alpha\left(-\frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha}(t-s)^\alpha\right)u'(s)\,ds, \tag{4}$$

where $E_\alpha(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty}\frac{z^k}{\Gamma(\alpha k+1)}$ is the one-parameter Mittag-Leffler function [?].

Definition 2.4 (HCFAB Hybrid Operator [1]). *For $\theta \in [0,1]$:*

$$D_t^{\alpha,\theta}u(t) := \theta\, D_t^{\alpha,CF}u(t) + (1-\theta)\, D_t^{\alpha,AB}u(t). \tag{5}$$

When $\theta = 1$, (5) reduces to the pure CF derivative; when $\theta = 0$, to the pure AB derivative; and for $\alpha \to 1$, to the classical first-order derivative.

The corresponding integral operators are [18,19]:

$$I_t^{\alpha,\mathrm{CF}}f(t) = \frac{1-\alpha}{M(\alpha)}f(t) + \frac{\alpha}{M(\alpha)}\int_0^t f(s)\,ds, \tag{6}$$

$$I_t^{\alpha,\mathrm{AB}}f(t) = \frac{1-\alpha}{B(\alpha)}f(t) + \frac{\alpha}{B(\alpha)\,\Gamma(\alpha)}\int_0^t (t-s)^{\alpha-1}f(s)\,ds, \tag{7}$$

and satisfy the inversion identities $I_t^{\alpha,\mathrm{CF}}D_t^{\alpha,\mathrm{CF}}u = u - u(0)$ and $I_t^{\alpha,\mathrm{AB}}D_t^{\alpha,\mathrm{AB}}u = u - u(0)$ [18,20]. All five methods in this paper are applied to the general initial value problem:

$$D_t^{\alpha,\theta}u(t) = f(t,u(t)), \quad u(0) = u_0, \quad t \in [0,T], \tag{8}$$

where $f : [0,T] \times \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ is continuous and Lipschitz in the second argument with constant $L > 0$. Applying the hybrid integral operator $I_t^{\alpha,\theta} = \theta I_t^{\alpha,\mathrm{CF}} + (1-\theta)I_t^{\alpha,\mathrm{AB}}$ to (8) yields the equivalent Volterra formulation [1,2]:

$$u(t) = u_0 + \theta\frac{M(\alpha)}{1-\alpha}\int_0^t e^{-\beta(t-s)}f(s,u(s))\,ds + (1-\theta)\frac{B(\alpha)}{1-\alpha}\int_0^t E_\alpha(-\beta(t-s)^\alpha)f(s,u(s))\,ds, \tag{9}$$

with $\beta = \alpha/(1-\alpha)$. Equation (9) is the common starting point for the predictor-corrector methods in this paper.

2.2 Method 1: Adams–Bashforth–Moulton Predictor-Corrector (ABM)

The Adams–Bashforth–Moulton method of Diethelm, Ford and Freed [3] for the Caputo IVP ${}^C D_t^\alpha u = f(t,u)$, $u(0) = u_0$, exploits the equivalent Volterra form:

$$u(t) = u_0 + \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)}\int_0^t (t-s)^{\alpha-1}f(s,u(s))\,ds. \tag{10}$$

ABM Predictor (explicit):

$$u_{n+1}^{P} = u_0 + \frac{h^{\alpha}}{\Gamma(\alpha+2)} \sum_{j=0}^{n} a_{j,n+1}^{P} f_j, \tag{11}$$

where $f_j = f(t_j, u_j)$ and:

$$a_{j,n+1}^{P} = (n-j+1)^{\alpha} - (n-j)^{\alpha}, \quad j = 0, 1, \dots, n. \tag{12}$$

ABM Corrector (implicit):

$$u_{n+1} = u_0 + \frac{h^{\alpha}}{\Gamma(\alpha+2)} \left[f(t_{n+1}, u_{n+1}^{P}) + \sum_{j=0}^{n} a_{j,n+1}^{C} f_j \right], \tag{13}$$

with corrector weights:

$$a_{j,n+1}^{C} = \begin{cases} n^{\alpha+1} - (n-\alpha)(n+1)^{\alpha}, & j = 0, \\ (n-j+2)^{\alpha+1} + (n-j)^{\alpha+1} - 2(n-j+1)^{\alpha+1}, & 1 \le j \le n, \\ 1, & j = n+1. \end{cases} \tag{14}$$

The method achieves order $\min(2, 1+\alpha)$ for smooth solutions [3,5]. For the HCFAB operator (5), we apply (11)–(13) using the Volterra form (9) with $\theta = 0$ (pure AB, since AB subsumes Caputo in the limit $\alpha \to 1$) as the baseline for comparison, so that the same kernel weights are used across methods [20,23].

2.3 Method 2: Fractional Euler Method (FE)

The fractional Euler (forward difference) method [8,9] approximates (10) using a piecewise constant quadrature rule. For the Caputo IVP:

$$u_{n+1} = u_0 + \frac{h^{\alpha}}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} \sum_{j=0}^{n} b_{j,n+1} f_j, \tag{15}$$

with weights:

$$b_{j,n+1} = (n+1-j)^{\alpha} - (n-j)^{\alpha}, \quad j = 0, 1, \dots, n. \tag{16}$$

The scheme is explicit and achieves first-order accuracy $\mathcal{O}(h^{\alpha})$ for $u \in C^1[0,T]$ [7,8]. Applied to the HCFAB hybrid operator via (9), the FE scheme becomes:

$$u_{n+1}^{\mathrm{FE}} = u_0 + \theta \sum_{j=0}^{n} w_j^{CF,n+1} f_j + (1-\theta) \sum_{j=0}^{n} w_j^{AB,n+1} f_j, \tag{17}$$

where $w_j^{CF,n+1}$ and $w_j^{AB,n+1}$ are the HKPC piecewise-constant predictor weights [1]:

$$w_j^{CF,n+1} = \frac{M(\alpha)}{\alpha}\left(e^{-\beta(n-j)h} - e^{-\beta(n+1-j)h}\right), \tag{18}$$

$$w_j^{AB,n+1} = \frac{B(\alpha)\,h}{1-\alpha}E_\alpha(-\beta[(n+1-j)h]^\alpha). \tag{19}$$

Note that (17) is identical to the HKPC predictor [1,2]; the FE method thus serves as the explicit (uncorrected) sub-scheme within HKPC.

2.4 Method 3: Variational Iteration Method (VIM)

The VIM, due to He [10] and extended to fractional problems by Odibat and Momani [9], constructs a correction functional:

$$u_{n+1}(t) = u_n(t) + \int_0^t \lambda(\xi)\left[D_\xi^{\alpha,\theta}u_n(\xi) - f(\xi,\tilde{u}_n(\xi))\right]d\xi, \tag{20}$$

where $\lambda(\xi)$ is the Lagrange multiplier determined by the stationary condition and $\tilde{u}_n$ denotes a restricted variation ($\delta\tilde{u}_n = 0$). Taking the variation of (20) with respect to u_n and setting $\delta u_{n+1}(t)/\delta u_n = 0$ gives the optimality condition:

$$\left.\frac{d\lambda}{d\xi}\right|_{\xi=t} = 0, \quad 1+\lambda(\xi)\big|_{\xi=t} = 0, \tag{21}$$

which yields $\lambda = -1$ for the first-order correction [10,11]. The iteration (20) therefore becomes:

$$u_{n+1}(t) = u_n(t) - \int_0^t \left[D_\xi^{\alpha,\theta}u_n(\xi) - f(\xi,u_n(\xi))\right]d\xi. \tag{22}$$

For the HCFAB operator (5), substituting (3) and (4) into (22):

$$\begin{aligned}u_{n+1}(t) = u_n(t) - \int_0^t \Bigg[&\theta\frac{M(\alpha)}{1-\alpha}\int_0^\xi e^{-\beta(\xi-s)}u_n'(s)\,ds \\ &+ (1-\theta)\frac{B(\alpha)}{1-\alpha}\int_0^\xi E_\alpha(-\beta(\xi-s)^\alpha)u_n'(s)\,ds - f(\xi,u_n(\xi))\Bigg]d\xi.\end{aligned} \tag{23}$$

Starting from $u_0(t) = u_0$ (constant), (23) generates successive approximations $u_1(t), u_2(t), \ldots$ each of which is a function of t [9,11,13]. In practice, for nonlinear f, the inner integrals are evaluated numerically using the same quadrature as (18)–(19) at a fine reference grid with $N_{\mathrm{ref}} = 1000$ points.

2.5 Method 4: Adomian Decomposition Method (ADM)

ADM [14,15] decomposes the solution as:

$$u(t) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} u_k(t), \tag{24}$$

and the nonlinear term as:

$$N(u) = f(t, u) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} A_k(t), \tag{25}$$

where the Adomian polynomials A_k are given by [14–16]:

$$A_k = \frac{1}{k!} \frac{d^k}{d\lambda^k} \left[N\left(\sum_{j=0}^{k} \lambda^j u_j \right) \right]_{\lambda=0}. \tag{26}$$

Applying the hybrid integral operator $I_t^{\alpha,\theta}$ to both sides of (8) and using (24):

$$u_{k+1}(t) = I_t^{\alpha,\theta} A_k(t), \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \ldots, \tag{27}$$

with $u_0(t) = u(0) = u_0$. For the HCFAB operator via (6) and (7):

$$\begin{aligned} u_{k+1}(t) = \theta &\left[\frac{1-\alpha}{M(\alpha)} A_k(t) + \frac{\alpha}{M(\alpha)} \int_0^t A_k(s)\, ds \right] \\ &+ (1-\theta) \left[\frac{1-\alpha}{B(\alpha)} A_k(t) + \frac{\alpha}{B(\alpha)\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^t (t-s)^{\alpha-1} A_k(s)\, ds \right]. \end{aligned} \tag{28}$$

The m-term partial sum:

$$\phi_m(t) = \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} u_k(t) \tag{29}$$

approximates $u(t)$. The series (24) converges if $\|u_{k+1}\| / \|u_k\| < 1$ for all sufficiently large k [15,16]. In practice, $m = 5$ to 8 terms are used, and Padé approximants of order $[m/2, m/2]$ are applied to extend the radius of convergence when needed [15,28].

2.6 Method 5: Hybrid Kernel Predictor-Corrector (HKPC)

Introduced in [1] and extended to systems in [2], the HKPC method for (8) under (5) consists of a two-step scheme.

Step 1 — Predictor:

$$u_{n+1}^P = u_0 + \theta \sum_{j=0}^{n} w_j^{CF,n+1} f_j + (1-\theta) \sum_{j=0}^{n} w_j^{AB,n+1} f_j, \tag{30}$$

with weights (18)–(19).

Step 2 — Corrector:

$$u_{n+1} = u_0 + \theta \sum_{j=0}^{n+1} \tilde{w}_j^{CF,n+1} f_j + (1-\theta) \sum_{j=0}^{n+1} \tilde{w}_j^{AB,n+1} f_j, \tag{31}$$

where $f_{n+1} = f(t_{n+1}, u^P_{n+1})$ and the corrector weights are [1]:

$$\tilde{w}_j^{CF,n+1} = \frac{M(\alpha)}{(1-\alpha)h}\left[\frac{1}{\beta^2}\left(e^{-\beta(n-j)h} - e^{-\beta(n+1-j)h}\right) - \frac{h}{\beta}e^{-\beta(n+1-j)h}\right], \tag{32}$$

$$\tilde{w}_{j+1}^{CF,n+1} = \frac{M(\alpha)}{(1-\alpha)h}\left[\frac{h}{\beta}e^{-\beta(n-j)h} + \frac{1}{\beta^2}\left(e^{-\beta(n+1-j)h} - e^{-\beta(n-j)h}\right)\right], \tag{33}$$

$$\tilde{w}_j^{AB,n+1} = \frac{B(\alpha)\,h}{2(1-\alpha)}E_\alpha(-\beta[(n+1-j)h]^\alpha), \tag{34}$$

$$\tilde{w}_{j+1}^{AB,n+1} = \frac{B(\alpha)\,h}{2(1-\alpha)}E_\alpha(-\beta[(n-j)h]^\alpha). \tag{35}$$

The corrector (31) is resolved as an explicit update since f_{n+1} is evaluated at the predictor value, requiring no inner fixed-point iteration when the predictor is used directly [1,2]. The method achieves global accuracy $\mathcal{O}(h^2)$ [1].

2.7 Unified Notation Summary

Table 1 collects the key properties of all five methods for direct reference in the comparisons of Sections 3 and 4.

Table 1: Properties of the five compared methods

Method	Type	Operator	Order	Explicit?	Reference
ABM	Predictor-corrector	Caputo / AB	$\mathcal{O}(h^{1+\alpha})$	No	[3,5]
FE	Explicit step	Caputo / CF / AB	$\mathcal{O}(h^\alpha)$	Yes	[7,8]
VIM	Iterative functional	CF / AB / HCFAB	Series	Yes	[10,11]
ADM	Series decomposition	CF / AB / HCFAB	Series	Yes	[14,15]
HKPC	Predictor-corrector	HCFAB ($\theta \in [0,1]$)	$\mathcal{O}(h^2)$	No	[1,2]

Remark 2.5 (Lipschitz Condition)**.** *All convergence results in Section 3 assume that f satisfies the Lipschitz condition:*

$$|f(t,u) - f(t,v)| \le L\,|u-v|, \quad \forall\, t \in [0,T],\ u,v \in \mathbb{R}, \tag{36}$$

with constant $L > 0$ [3,30]. Under (36) and the contraction condition $\Lambda_{n+1} \cdot L < 1$, where Λ_{n+1} is the combined corrector weight at the new node [1], the HKPC iteration converges to a unique solution. The same condition ensures existence and uniqueness of the exact solution to (8) via Banach's fixed-point theorem [3,30].

3. Main Results

This section constitutes the original theoretical contribution of the paper. We derive, for each of the five methods formulated in Section 2, the local truncation error under the HCFAB operator (5), establish the global convergence order, determine the stability condition, and prove a hierarchy theorem that orders the five methods by their asymptotic error as $h \to 0$. All proofs use only the operator definitions and Volterra formulation of Section 2.

Throughout, $u \in C^p[0,T]$ with $p \geq 2$ unless otherwise stated, $\beta = \alpha/(1-\alpha)$, $f_j = f(t_j, u(t_j))$, $e_j = u_j - u(t_j)$ denotes the global error at node j, and τ_n denotes the local truncation error at step n.

3.1 Local Truncation Error: Fractional Euler Method

Proposition 3.1 (LTE of FE under HCFAB)**.** *Let $u \in C^2[0,T]$. The local truncation error of the Fractional Euler method (17) at step $n+1$ satisfies:*

$$|\tau_n^{FE}| \leq \left[\frac{\theta M(\alpha) h}{\alpha} + \frac{(1-\theta)B(\alpha)h^2}{1-\alpha} E_\alpha(-\beta h^\alpha)\right] \cdot \frac{h}{2}\|u''\|_\infty + \mathcal{O}(h^3), \tag{37}$$

so that $|\tau_n^{FE}| = \mathcal{O}(h^2)$ for fixed α, and the global error satisfies:

$$\max_{0\leq n\leq N} |e_n^{FE}| = \mathcal{O}(h). \tag{38}$$

Proof. The exact solution at t_{n+1} satisfies (9):

$$\begin{aligned} u(t_{n+1}) = u_0 + \theta\frac{M(\alpha)}{1-\alpha}\int_0^{t_{n+1}} e^{-\beta(t_{n+1}-s)} f(s,u(s))\, ds \\ + (1-\theta)\frac{B(\alpha)}{1-\alpha}\int_0^{t_{n+1}} E_\alpha(-\beta(t_{n+1}-s)^\alpha) f(s,u(s))\, ds. \end{aligned} \tag{39}$$

The FE method approximates both integrals using piecewise constant quadrature with left endpoints. On the subinterval $[t_j, t_{j+1}]$:

$$\frac{M(\alpha)}{1-\alpha}\int_{t_j}^{t_{j+1}} e^{-\beta(t_{n+1}-s)}\, ds \approx w_j^{CF,n+1} f_j, \tag{40}$$

where the replacement $f(s,u(s)) \approx f_j$ introduces the quadrature error:

$$R_j^{CF} = \frac{M(\alpha)}{1-\alpha}\int_{t_j}^{t_{j+1}} e^{-\beta(t_{n+1}-s)} \left[f(s,u(s)) - f_j\right] ds. \tag{41}$$

Using the mean value theorem, $f(s,u(s)) - f_j = f'(t_j, u(t_j))(s-t_j) + \mathcal{O}((s-t_j)^2)$ for $s \in [t_j, t_{j+1}]$, so:

$$\begin{aligned} |R_j^{CF}| &\leq \frac{M(\alpha)}{1-\alpha}\int_{t_j}^{t_{j+1}} e^{-\beta(t_{n+1}-s)} \left[|f'(t_j)|(s-t_j) + \tfrac{1}{2}\|f''\|_\infty (s-t_j)^2\right] ds \\ &\leq \frac{M(\alpha)}{1-\alpha} \cdot 1 \cdot \left[\|f'\|_\infty \int_{t_j}^{t_{j+1}} (s-t_j)\, ds + \tfrac{1}{2}\|f''\|_\infty \int_{t_j}^{t_{j+1}} (s-t_j)^2\, ds\right] \\ &= \frac{M(\alpha)}{1-\alpha}\left[\|f'\|_\infty \frac{h^2}{2} + \|f''\|_\infty \frac{h^3}{6}\right], \end{aligned} \tag{42}$$

using $e^{-\beta(t_{n+1}-s)} \leq 1$ for all $s \in [t_j, t_{j+1}]$. Summing over $j = 0, 1, \ldots, n$:

$$\sum_{j=0}^{n} |R_j^{CF}| \leq \frac{M(\alpha)}{1-\alpha}\left[\frac{nh^2}{2}\|f'\|_\infty + \frac{nh^3}{6}\|f''\|_\infty\right] = \frac{M(\alpha)}{1-\alpha}\left[\frac{Th}{2}\|f'\|_\infty + \frac{Th^2}{6}\|f''\|_\infty\right]. \tag{43}$$

Identically for the AB kernel, with $E_\alpha(-\beta(t_{n+1}-s)^\alpha) \le E_\alpha(0) = 1$:

$$\sum_{j=0}^{n} |R_j^{AB}| \le \frac{B(\alpha)}{1-\alpha}\left[\frac{Th}{2}\|f'\|_\infty + \frac{Th^2}{6}\|f''\|_\infty\right]. \tag{44}$$

The local truncation error at step $n+1$ is defined as $\tau_n^{\mathrm{FE}} = u(t_{n+1}) - u_{n+1}^{\mathrm{FE}}$ when exact previous values are used. This equals the single-step integral approximation error:

$$\tau_n^{\mathrm{FE}} = \theta R_n^{CF} + (1-\theta) R_n^{AB}, \tag{45}$$

where R_n^{CF} and R_n^{AB} are the errors on the last interval $[t_n, t_{n+1}]$ only. From (42) with $j = n$:

$$\begin{aligned} |\tau_n^{\mathrm{FE}}| &\le \theta \cdot \frac{M(\alpha)}{1-\alpha} \cdot \frac{h^2}{2}\|f'\|_\infty + (1-\theta) \cdot \frac{B(\alpha)}{1-\alpha} \cdot \frac{h^2}{2}\|f'\|_\infty + \mathcal{O}(h^3) \\ &= \frac{h^2}{2}\|f'\|_\infty \left[\frac{\theta M(\alpha) + (1-\theta)B(\alpha)}{1-\alpha}\right] + \mathcal{O}(h^3), \end{aligned} \tag{46}$$

proving $|\tau_n^{\mathrm{FE}}| = \mathcal{O}(h^2)$.

For the global error, accumulate (45) over $N = T/h$ steps. A discrete Gronwall inequality with Lipschitz constant L gives:

$$|e_N^{\mathrm{FE}}| \le \frac{e^{LT}-1}{L} \cdot \max_n |\tau_n^{\mathrm{FE}}| \cdot h^{-1} = \frac{e^{LT}-1}{L} \cdot \mathcal{O}(h^2) \cdot h^{-1} = \mathcal{O}(h), \tag{47}$$

establishing (38). □ □

3.2 Local Truncation Error: Adams–Bashforth–Moulton Method

Proposition 3.2 (LTE of ABM under HCFAB). *Let $u \in C^3[0,T]$. The local truncation error of the ABM corrector (13) applied to (8) via the Volterra form (9) at step $n+1$ satisfies:*

$$|\tau_n^{ABM}| \le C_{ABM}(\alpha,\theta)\, h^3 \|u'''\|_\infty, \tag{48}$$

where:

$$C_{ABM}(\alpha,\theta) = \frac{1}{12}\left[\frac{\theta M(\alpha)}{1-\alpha}\left(\frac{1}{\beta^2} + \frac{h}{\beta}\right) + \frac{(1-\theta)B(\alpha)\,h}{1-\alpha} E_\alpha(-\beta h^\alpha)\right], \tag{49}$$

so that $|\tau_n^{ABM}| = \mathcal{O}(h^3)$ and the global error satisfies:

$$\max_{0\le n\le N} |e_n^{ABM}| = \mathcal{O}(h^2). \tag{50}$$

Proof. The ABM corrector uses the linear (trapezoidal) interpolant of f on $[t_j, t_{j+1}]$:

$$\tilde{f}_j(s) = \frac{t_{j+1}-s}{h} f_j + \frac{s-t_j}{h} f_{j+1}, \quad s \in [t_j, t_{j+1}]. \tag{51}$$

The interpolation error is:

$$f(s,u(s)) - \tilde{f}_j(s) = \frac{(s-t_j)(s-t_{j+1})}{2} f''(\xi_s, u(\xi_s)), \tag{52}$$

for some $\xi_s \in (t_j, t_{j+1})$, by the Lagrange interpolation error theorem.

CF contribution on $[t_j, t_{j+1}]$**:**

The error from the CF kernel is:

$$E_j^{CF} = \frac{M(\alpha)}{1-\alpha} \int_{t_j}^{t_{j+1}} e^{-\beta(t_{n+1}-s)} \frac{(s-t_j)(s-t_{j+1})}{2} f''(\xi_s)\, ds. \tag{53}$$

Since $e^{-\beta(t_{n+1}-s)} \le 1$ and $(s-t_j)(t_{j+1}-s) \le h^2/4$ for $s \in [t_j, t_{j+1}]$:

$$\begin{aligned} |E_j^{CF}| &\le \frac{M(\alpha)}{1-\alpha} \cdot \frac{\|f''\|_\infty}{2} \int_{t_j}^{t_{j+1}} (s-t_j)(t_{j+1}-s)\, ds \\ &= \frac{M(\alpha)}{1-\alpha} \cdot \frac{\|f''\|_\infty}{2} \cdot \frac{h^3}{6} = \frac{M(\alpha)\|f''\|_\infty h^3}{12(1-\alpha)}. \end{aligned} \tag{54}$$

The local step involves only $j = n$, so:

$$|\tau_n^{\text{ABM,CF}}| = |E_n^{CF}| \le \frac{M(\alpha)h^3}{12(1-\alpha)} \|f''\|_\infty. \tag{55}$$

AB contribution on $[t_n, t_{n+1}]$**:**

$$E_n^{AB} = \frac{B(\alpha)}{1-\alpha} \int_{t_n}^{t_{n+1}} E_\alpha(-\beta(t_{n+1}-s)^\alpha) \frac{(s-t_n)(s-t_{n+1})}{2} f''(\xi_s)\, ds. \tag{56}$$

Using $E_\alpha(-\beta(t_{n+1}-s)^\alpha) \le 1$ and the same bound for the quadratic factor:

$$|E_n^{AB}| \le \frac{B(\alpha)}{1-\alpha} \cdot \frac{\|f''\|_\infty}{2} \cdot \frac{h^3}{6} = \frac{B(\alpha)h^3\|f''\|_\infty}{12(1-\alpha)}. \tag{57}$$

Combined LTE:

$$\begin{aligned} |\tau_n^{\text{ABM}}| &= \theta|\tau_n^{\text{ABM,CF}}| + (1-\theta)|\tau_n^{\text{ABM,AB}}| \\ &\le \frac{h^3\|f''\|_\infty}{12(1-\alpha)} [\theta M(\alpha) + (1-\theta)B(\alpha)] = \mathcal{O}(h^3), \end{aligned} \tag{58}$$

which is (48) with $C_{\text{ABM}} = [\theta M(\alpha) + (1-\theta)B(\alpha)]/[12(1-\alpha)]$.

For the global error, the Gronwall argument gives:

$$|e_N^{\text{ABM}}| \le \frac{e^{LT}-1}{L} \cdot \max_n |\tau_n^{\text{ABM}}| \cdot h^{-1} = \frac{e^{LT}-1}{L} \cdot \mathcal{O}(h^3) \cdot h^{-1} = \mathcal{O}(h^2), \tag{59}$$

establishing (50). □ □

3.3 Local Truncation Error: HKPC Method

Proposition 3.3 (LTE of HKPC under HCFAB). *Let $u \in C^3[0,T]$. The local truncation error of the HKPC corrector (31) at step $n+1$ satisfies:*

$$|\tau_n^{HKPC}| \le C_{HKPC}(\alpha,\theta)\, h^3 \|u'''\|_\infty, \tag{60}$$

where:

$$C_{HKPC}(\alpha,\theta) = \frac{1}{12}\left[\frac{\theta M(\alpha)}{(1-\alpha)\beta^2} + \frac{(1-\theta)B(\alpha)\,h}{1-\alpha}E_\alpha(-\beta h^\alpha)\right], \tag{61}$$

so that $|\tau_n^{HKPC}| = \mathcal{O}(h^3)$ and the global error satisfies:

$$\max_{0\le n\le N} |e_n^{HKPC}| = \mathcal{O}(h^2). \tag{62}$$

Proof. **Step 1: Decompose the integral approximation error.**

The HKPC corrector uses linear interpolation on $[t_j, t_{j+1}]$. The CF contribution at step j is:

$$\mathcal{I}_j^{CF} = \frac{M(\alpha)}{1-\alpha}\int_{t_j}^{t_{j+1}} e^{-\beta(t_{n+1}-s)} f(s,u(s))\, ds. \tag{63}$$

The HKPC approximation of this is:

$$\hat{\mathcal{I}}_j^{CF} = \tilde{w}_j^{CF,n+1} f_j + \tilde{w}_{j+1}^{CF,n+1} f_{j+1}, \tag{64}$$

where $\tilde{w}_j^{CF,n+1}$ and $\tilde{w}_{j+1}^{CF,n+1}$ are defined in (32)–(33).

Step 2: Compute the CF error on $[t_n, t_{n+1}]$.

The error $\mathcal{I}_n^{CF} - \hat{\mathcal{I}}_n^{CF}$ equals:

$$\Delta_n^{CF} = \frac{M(\alpha)}{1-\alpha}\int_{t_n}^{t_{n+1}} e^{-\beta(t_{n+1}-s)} \left[f(s,u(s)) - \tilde{f}_n(s)\right] ds, \tag{65}$$

where $\tilde{f}_n(s) = \frac{t_{n+1}-s}{h} f_n + \frac{s-t_n}{h} f_{n+1}$ is the linear interpolant. Using (52):

$$|\Delta_n^{CF}| \le \frac{M(\alpha)}{1-\alpha}\cdot\frac{\|f''\|_\infty}{2}\int_{t_n}^{t_{n+1}} e^{-\beta(t_{n+1}-s)}(s-t_n)(t_{n+1}-s)\, ds. \tag{66}$$

Let $v = t_{n+1}-s$, so $s - t_n = h - v$ and $t_{n+1} - s = v$, $v \in [0,h]$:

$$\begin{aligned}\int_{t_n}^{t_{n+1}} e^{-\beta(t_{n+1}-s)}(s-t_n)(t_{n+1}-s)\, ds &= \int_0^h e^{-\beta v}(h-v)\, v\, dv \\ &= h\int_0^h v\, e^{-\beta v}\, dv - \int_0^h v^2 e^{-\beta v}\, dv.\end{aligned} \tag{67}$$

Evaluating via integration by parts:

$$\begin{aligned}\int_0^h v\,e^{-\beta v}\,dv &= \left[-\frac{v}{\beta}e^{-\beta v}\right]_0^h + \frac{1}{\beta}\int_0^h e^{-\beta v}\,dv \\ &= -\frac{h}{\beta}e^{-\beta h} + \frac{1}{\beta}\cdot\frac{1-e^{-\beta h}}{\beta} \\ &= \frac{1-e^{-\beta h}}{\beta^2} - \frac{h}{\beta}e^{-\beta h},\end{aligned} \tag{68}$$

and:

$$\begin{aligned}\int_0^h v^2 e^{-\beta v}\,dv &= \left[-\frac{v^2}{\beta}e^{-\beta v}\right]_0^h + \frac{2}{\beta}\int_0^h v\,e^{-\beta v}\,dv \\ &= -\frac{h^2}{\beta}e^{-\beta h} + \frac{2}{\beta}\left[\frac{1-e^{-\beta h}}{\beta^2} - \frac{h}{\beta}e^{-\beta h}\right] \\ &= \frac{2(1-e^{-\beta h})}{\beta^3} - \frac{2h}{\beta^2}e^{-\beta h} - \frac{h^2}{\beta}e^{-\beta h}.\end{aligned} \tag{69}$$

Substituting (68) and (69) into (67):

$$\begin{aligned}\int_{t_n}^{t_{n+1}} e^{-\beta(t_{n+1}-s)}(s-t_n)(t_{n+1}-s)\,ds = h&\left[\frac{1-e^{-\beta h}}{\beta^2} - \frac{h}{\beta}e^{-\beta h}\right] \\ &- \left[\frac{2(1-e^{-\beta h})}{\beta^3} - \frac{2h}{\beta^2}e^{-\beta h} - \frac{h^2}{\beta}e^{-\beta h}\right].\end{aligned} \tag{70}$$

Now expand for small βh using $e^{-\beta h} = 1 - \beta h + \frac{(\beta h)^2}{2} - \frac{(\beta h)^3}{6} + \cdots$:

$$\begin{aligned}1-e^{-\beta h} &= \beta h - \frac{(\beta h)^2}{2} + \frac{(\beta h)^3}{6} + \mathcal{O}(h^4), \\ \frac{1-e^{-\beta h}}{\beta^2} &= \frac{h}{\beta} - \frac{h^2}{2} + \frac{\beta h^3}{6} + \mathcal{O}(h^4), \\ \frac{h}{\beta}e^{-\beta h} &= \frac{h}{\beta} - h^2 + \frac{\beta h^3}{2} + \mathcal{O}(h^4).\end{aligned}$$

Therefore the first bracket in (70):

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{1-e^{-\beta h}}{\beta^2} - \frac{h}{\beta}e^{-\beta h} &= \left(\frac{h}{\beta} - \frac{h^2}{2} + \frac{\beta h^3}{6}\right) - \left(\frac{h}{\beta} - h^2 + \frac{\beta h^3}{2}\right) + \mathcal{O}(h^4) \\ &= \frac{h^2}{2} - \frac{\beta h^3}{3} + \mathcal{O}(h^4).\end{aligned} \tag{71}$$

Similarly for the second bracket:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{2(1-e^{-\beta h})}{\beta^3} &= \frac{2h}{\beta^2} - \frac{h^2}{\beta} + \frac{h^3}{3} + \mathcal{O}(h^4), \\ \frac{2h}{\beta^2}e^{-\beta h} &= \frac{2h}{\beta^2} - \frac{2h^2}{\beta} + \beta h^3 + \mathcal{O}(h^4), \\ \frac{h^2}{\beta}e^{-\beta h} &= \frac{h^2}{\beta} - h^3 + \mathcal{O}(h^4).\end{aligned}$$

So the second bracket:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{2(1-e^{-\beta h})}{\beta^3}-\frac{2h}{\beta^2}e^{-\beta h}-\frac{h^2}{\beta}e^{-\beta h} &= \left(\frac{2h}{\beta^2}-\frac{h^2}{\beta}+\frac{h^3}{3}\right)-\left(\frac{2h}{\beta^2}-\frac{2h^2}{\beta}+\beta h^3\right)-\left(\frac{h^2}{\beta}-h^3\right)+\mathcal{O}(h^4)\\ &= \frac{h^3}{3}-\beta h^3+h^3+\mathcal{O}(h^4)\\ &= h^3\left(\frac{4}{3}-\beta\right)+\mathcal{O}(h^4). \end{aligned} \tag{72}$$

Combining (70) with (71) and (72):

$$\begin{aligned}\int_{t_n}^{t_{n+1}} e^{-\beta(t_{n+1}-s)}(s-t_n)(t_{n+1}-s)\,ds &= h\left(\frac{h^2}{2}-\frac{\beta h^3}{3}\right)-h^3\left(\frac{4}{3}-\beta\right)+\mathcal{O}(h^4)\\ &= \frac{h^3}{2}-\frac{\beta h^4}{3}-\frac{4h^3}{3}+\beta h^3+\mathcal{O}(h^4)\\ &= h^3\left(\frac{1}{2}-\frac{4}{3}+\beta\right)+\mathcal{O}(h^4)=h^3\left(\beta-\frac{5}{6}\right)+\mathcal{O}(h^4). \end{aligned} \tag{73}$$

Hence, for sufficiently small h (and $\beta > 5/6$, which holds for $\alpha > 5/11$):

$$|\Delta_n^{CF}| \le \frac{M(\alpha)}{1-\alpha}\cdot\frac{\|f''\|_\infty}{2}\cdot h^3\left(\beta-\frac{5}{6}\right)=\mathcal{O}(h^3). \tag{74}$$

Step 3: Compute the AB error on $[t_n, t_{n+1}]$.

The AB error at the local step is:

$$|\Delta_n^{AB}| \le \frac{B(\alpha)}{1-\alpha}\cdot\frac{\|f''\|_\infty}{2}\int_{t_n}^{t_{n+1}} E_\alpha(-\beta(t_{n+1}-s)^\alpha)(s-t_n)(t_{n+1}-s)\,ds. \tag{75}$$

Since $E_\alpha(-\beta(t_{n+1}-s)^\alpha) \le 1$ and $\int_{t_n}^{t_{n+1}}(s-t_n)(t_{n+1}-s)\,ds = h^3/6$:

$$|\Delta_n^{AB}| \le \frac{B(\alpha)}{1-\alpha}\cdot\frac{\|f''\|_\infty}{2}\cdot\frac{h^3}{6}=\frac{B(\alpha)h^3\|f''\|_\infty}{12(1-\alpha)}=\mathcal{O}(h^3). \tag{76}$$

Step 4: Combine.

$$\begin{aligned}|\tau_n^{\text{HKPC}}| &= \theta|\Delta_n^{CF}|+(1-\theta)|\Delta_n^{AB}|\\ &\le \frac{h^3\|f''\|_\infty}{12(1-\alpha)}\left[\theta M(\alpha)\cdot 6\left(\beta-\tfrac{5}{6}\right)+(1-\theta)B(\alpha)\right]=\mathcal{O}(h^3), \end{aligned} \tag{77}$$

proving (223). The global error (62) follows from the Gronwall inequality as in Proposition 3.2. □ □

3.4 Convergence Analysis of VIM under HCFAB

Theorem 3.4 (VIM Convergence under HCFAB). *Let $f(t,\cdot)$ be Lipschitz with constant L and $u_0(t) = u_0$ (constant initial guess). Define the VIM iterates $\{u_k\}$ by (23). Then:*

$$\|u_k - u\|_\infty \le \frac{(\Lambda_T L)^k}{1-\Lambda_T L}\|u_1 - u_0\|_\infty, \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, \tag{78}$$

provided:

$$\Lambda_T L < 1, \quad \Lambda_T := \theta\frac{M(\alpha)(1-e^{-\beta T})}{\alpha} + (1-\theta)\frac{B(\alpha)}{1-\alpha}\int_0^T E_\alpha(-\beta s^\alpha)\,ds. \tag{79}$$

Proof. **Step 1.** Define the operator $\mathcal{V} : C[0,T] \to C[0,T]$ by:

$$\begin{aligned}(\mathcal{V}v)(t) := u_0 &+ \theta\frac{M(\alpha)}{1-\alpha}\int_0^t e^{-\beta(t-s)}f(s,v(s))\,ds \\ &+ (1-\theta)\frac{B(\alpha)}{1-\alpha}\int_0^t E_\alpha(-\beta(t-s)^\alpha)f(s,v(s))\,ds.\end{aligned} \tag{80}$$

The VIM iterates satisfy $u_{k+1} = \mathcal{V}u_k$ and the exact solution satisfies $u = \mathcal{V}u$.

Step 2. Contraction estimate. For any $v, w \in C[0,T]$:

$$\begin{aligned}|(\mathcal{V}v)(t) - (\mathcal{V}w)(t)| &\le \theta\frac{M(\alpha)}{1-\alpha}\int_0^t e^{-\beta(t-s)}|f(s,v(s)) - f(s,w(s))|\,ds \\ &\quad + (1-\theta)\frac{B(\alpha)}{1-\alpha}\int_0^t E_\alpha(-\beta(t-s)^\alpha)|f(s,v(s)) - f(s,w(s))|\,ds \\ &\le L\|v-w\|_\infty\left[\theta\frac{M(\alpha)}{1-\alpha}\int_0^T e^{-\beta s}\,ds + (1-\theta)\frac{B(\alpha)}{1-\alpha}\int_0^T E_\alpha(-\beta s^\alpha)\,ds\right].\end{aligned} \tag{81}$$

Evaluating the CF integral explicitly:

$$\frac{M(\alpha)}{1-\alpha}\int_0^T e^{-\beta s}\,ds = \frac{M(\alpha)}{1-\alpha}\cdot\frac{1-e^{-\beta T}}{\beta} = \frac{M(\alpha)(1-e^{-\beta T})}{\alpha}, \tag{82}$$

since $1/\beta = (1-\alpha)/\alpha$. The AB integral defines $\Psi_{AB}(T)$ in (79). Thus:

$$\|\mathcal{V}v - \mathcal{V}w\|_\infty \le \Lambda_T L\,\|v-w\|_\infty. \tag{83}$$

Under (79), $\mathcal{V}$ is a strict contraction on $(C[0,T], \|\cdot\|_\infty)$.

Step 3. Error bound. Since $u = \mathcal{V}u$ and $u_{k+1} = \mathcal{V}u_k$:

$$\|u_k - u\|_\infty = \|\mathcal{V}^k u_0 - \mathcal{V}^k u\|_\infty \le (\Lambda_T L)^k\|u_0 - u\|_\infty. \tag{84}$$

Applying the triangle inequality:

$$\|u_0 - u\|_\infty \le \frac{1}{1-\Lambda_T L}\|u_1 - u_0\|_\infty, \tag{85}$$

which follows from the geometric series $\sum_{j=0}^{\infty}(\Lambda_T L)^j = 1/(1-\Lambda_T L)$ under (79). Substituting (85) into (84) gives (78). □ □

Remark 3.5 (VIM Long-Time Behaviour)**.** *The constant Λ_T in (79) grows with T. Specifically, since $e^{-\beta T} \to 0$ as $T \to \infty$:*

$$\Lambda_T \to \frac{\theta M(\alpha)}{\alpha} + (1-\theta)\frac{B(\alpha)}{1-\alpha}\int_0^{\infty} E_\alpha(-\beta s^\alpha)\, ds = \frac{\theta M(\alpha)}{\alpha} + (1-\theta)\frac{B(\alpha)}{\alpha\beta^{1/\alpha}} \cdot \frac{\pi}{\alpha \sin(\pi/\alpha)}, \tag{86}$$

where the AB integral is evaluated via the Mellin transform of E_α. Therefore, for large T or large L, the contraction condition (79) may fail, which explains the practical deterioration of VIM accuracy for long time horizons.

3.5 Convergence Analysis of ADM under HCFAB

Theorem 3.6 (ADM Convergence under HCFAB)**.** *Let $N(u) = f(t,u)$ be analytic in u with power series $N(u) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} c_k u^k$ convergent for $|u| \leq \rho$. Then the ADM series (24) converges in $C[0,T]$ provided:*

$$\Lambda_T \cdot |c_1| + \Lambda_T \cdot 2|c_2|\|u_0\|_\infty < 1, \tag{87}$$

and the m-term partial sum (29) satisfies:

$$\|u - \phi_m\|_\infty \leq \frac{\mu^m}{1-\mu}\|u_1\|_\infty, \quad \mu := \Lambda_T L_N, \tag{88}$$

where $L_N = \sup_{|v| \leq \|u\|_\infty} |N'(v)|$ is the local Lipschitz constant of N.

Proof. **Step 1. Bound on ADM components.** The recurrence (27) gives:

$$u_{k+1}(t) = I_t^{\alpha,\theta} A_k(t). \tag{89}$$

Taking the norm:

$$\|u_{k+1}\|_\infty \leq \|I_t^{\alpha,\theta}\|_{C[0,T]\to C[0,T]} \cdot \|A_k\|_\infty, \tag{90}$$

where the operator norm of $I_t^{\alpha,\theta}$ acting on $C[0,T]$ is:

$$\begin{aligned} \|I_t^{\alpha,\theta}\| &= \sup_{t\in[0,T]} \left| \theta \frac{M(\alpha)}{1-\alpha}\int_0^t e^{-\beta(t-s)}\, ds + (1-\theta)\frac{B(\alpha)}{1-\alpha}\int_0^t E_\alpha(-\beta(t-s)^\alpha)\, ds \right| \\ &\leq \theta\frac{M(\alpha)(1-e^{-\beta T})}{\alpha} + (1-\theta)\frac{B(\alpha)}{1-\alpha}\int_0^T E_\alpha(-\beta s^\alpha)\, ds = \Lambda_T, \end{aligned} \tag{91}$$

using the same computation as (82).

Step 2. Bound on Adomian polynomials. For the Adomian polynomial (26):

$$\begin{aligned}\|A_k\|_\infty &= \left\| \frac{1}{k!} \frac{d^k}{d\lambda^k} N\left(\sum_{j=0}^{k} \lambda^j u_j \right) \Big|_{\lambda=0} \right\|_\infty \\ &\le L_N \|u_k\|_\infty, \end{aligned} \tag{92}$$

where the last inequality holds for $k = 1$ since $A_1 = N'(u_0)u_1$, and by induction for general k under the analyticity assumption.

Step 3. Geometric series. Combining (90), (91), and (92):

$$\|u_{k+1}\|_\infty \le \Lambda_T L_N \|u_k\|_\infty = \mu \|u_k\|_\infty. \tag{93}$$

By induction, $\|u_k\|_\infty \le \mu^{k-1}\|u_1\|_\infty$ for all $k \ge 1$. The tail of the series:

$$\begin{aligned}\|u - \phi_m\|_\infty = \left\| \sum_{k=m}^{\infty} u_k \right\|_\infty &\le \sum_{k=m}^{\infty} \|u_k\|_\infty \le \|u_1\|_\infty \sum_{k=m}^{\infty} \mu^{k-1} \\ &= \|u_1\|_\infty \cdot \frac{\mu^{m-1}}{1-\mu} \approx \frac{\mu^m}{1-\mu}\|u_1\|_\infty, \end{aligned} \tag{94}$$

which is (88). The series converges geometrically when $\mu = \Lambda_T L_N < 1$, which is implied by (87). □

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3.6 Error Hierarchy Theorem

Theorem 3.7 (Method Error Ordering). *Let $u \in C^3[0, T]$, let f be Lipschitz with constant L, let the same step size h and fractional order $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ be used for FE, ABM, and HKPC, and let the VIM and ADM series be truncated at m terms and evaluated on the same uniform grid. Denote the global maximum errors as E^{FE}, E^{ABM}, E^{HKPC}, E_m^{VIM}, E_m^{ADM}. Then for sufficiently small $h > 0$ and $m \ge 2$:*

$$E^{FE} > E^{ABM} \approx E^{HKPC} > E_m^{VIM} > E_m^{ADM} \quad (\text{short time},\ T < T^*) \tag{95}$$

and:

$$E_m^{ADM} > E_m^{VIM} > E^{FE} > E^{ABM} \approx E^{HKPC} \quad (\text{long time},\ T > T^*), \tag{96}$$

where the crossover time T^* satisfies:

$$T^* = \frac{1}{\beta} \log\left(\frac{M(\alpha)L}{\alpha} \cdot \frac{1-\mu}{1-\Lambda_T L} \right). \tag{97}$$

Proof. **Part 1: FE vs ABM and HKPC (short and long time).**

From Propositions 3.1, 3.2, and 3.3, the local truncation errors satisfy:

$$|\tau_n^{\mathrm{FE}}| = \frac{C_{\mathrm{FE}}(\alpha,\theta)}{2} h^2 \|f'\|_\infty + \mathcal{O}(h^3), \tag{98}$$

$$|\tau_n^{\mathrm{ABM}}| = \frac{C_{\mathrm{ABM}}(\alpha,\theta)}{12} h^3 \|f''\|_\infty + \mathcal{O}(h^4), \tag{99}$$

$$|\tau_n^{\mathrm{HKPC}}| = \frac{C_{\mathrm{HKPC}}(\alpha,\theta)}{12} h^3 \|f''\|_\infty + \mathcal{O}(h^4), \tag{100}$$

where $C_{\mathrm{FE}} > C_{\mathrm{ABM}}$ and $C_{\mathrm{HKPC}} \le C_{\mathrm{ABM}}$ for the hybrid operator. Since the global errors equal N times the LTE (from the Gronwall bound), with $N = T/h$:

$$E^{\mathrm{FE}} \sim T \cdot C_{\mathrm{FE}} h = \mathcal{O}(h), \tag{101}$$

$$E^{\mathrm{ABM}} \sim T \cdot C_{\mathrm{ABM}} h^2 = \mathcal{O}(h^2), \tag{102}$$

$$E^{\mathrm{HKPC}} \sim T \cdot C_{\mathrm{HKPC}} h^2 = \mathcal{O}(h^2). \tag{103}$$

Taking the ratio:

$$\frac{E^{\mathrm{FE}}}{E^{\mathrm{ABM}}} \sim \frac{C_{\mathrm{FE}}}{C_{\mathrm{ABM}} h} = \mathcal{O}(h^{-1}) \to \infty \quad \text{as } h \to 0, \tag{104}$$

establishing $E^{\mathrm{FE}} > E^{\mathrm{ABM}}$ for all sufficiently small h.

Part 2: ABM vs HKPC.

Both methods use linear interpolation of f and achieve $\mathcal{O}(h^2)$ globally. The difference arises in the kernel:

ABM uses the Caputo power-law weight $\frac{h^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha+2)}$ per subinterval, while HKPC uses the exact exponential and Mittag-Leffler integrals (32)–(35). On a classical Caputo problem ($\theta = 0$, AB only), the HKPC AB corrector weight is:

$$\tilde{w}_j^{AB,n+1} = \frac{B(\alpha)h}{2(1-\alpha)} E_\alpha(-\beta[(n+1-j)h]^\alpha), \tag{105}$$

while the ABM corrector weight is:

$$\frac{h^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha+2)} a^C_{j,n+1} = \frac{h^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha+2)} \left[(n-j+2)^{\alpha+1} + (n-j)^{\alpha+1} - 2(n-j+1)^{\alpha+1} \right]. \tag{106}$$

The difference between (105) and (106) is of order $\mathcal{O}(h^2)$, so on Caputo problems:

$$|E^{\mathrm{ABM}} - E^{\mathrm{HKPC}}| = \mathcal{O}(h^2) \cdot \mathcal{O}(h^2) = \mathcal{O}(h^4), \tag{107}$$

making the two methods asymptotically equivalent to $\mathcal{O}(h^2)$, as written in (95). For $\theta \in (0,1)$, HKPC captures the CF component exactly via closed-form exponential weights, while ABM approximates it through power-law quadrature, giving a strict ordering $E^{\mathrm{HKPC}} < E^{\mathrm{ABM}}$ on hybrid problems.

Part 3: Short-time dominance of VIM and ADM.

For short T, the VIM and ADM series converge with errors decreasing geometrically in m. From

Theorem 3.6:

$$E_m^{\mathrm{ADM}} = \frac{\mu^m}{1-\mu}\|u_1\|_\infty \leq \frac{\mu^m}{1-\mu} \cdot \Lambda_T \|f(t,u_0)\|_\infty. \tag{108}$$

For $m \geq 2$ and $T < T^*$, $\mu = \Lambda_T L < 1$ and $\mu^m < h^2$ when:

$$m \log \mu < 2 \log h, \quad \Rightarrow \quad m > \frac{2\log h}{\log \mu} = \frac{2|\log h|}{|\log \mu|}. \tag{109}$$

Similarly from Theorem 3.4:

$$E_m^{\mathrm{VIM}} \leq \frac{(\Lambda_T L)^m}{1-\Lambda_T L}\|u_1 - u_0\|_\infty. \tag{110}$$

Since $E_m^{\mathrm{ADM}} \leq E_m^{\mathrm{VIM}}$ when the Adomian polynomials provide a better nonlinearity approximation than the simple VIM correction functional (which uses only the first Fréchet derivative), the ordering $E_m^{\mathrm{ADM}} < E_m^{\mathrm{VIM}}$ holds for small T.

Part 4: Long-time reversal.

For $T > T^*$, $\Lambda_T L > 1$ and the VIM and ADM series are no longer contractive. The partial sums (29) then diverge or oscillate, so E_m^{VIM} and E_m^{ADM} grow unboundedly while E^{ABM} and E^{HKPC} remain $\mathcal{O}(h^2)$, establishing (96).

The crossover time T^* is found by equating E_m^{VIM} with E^{HKPC} and solving for T using the explicit expression for Λ_T from (82):

$$\begin{aligned} \Lambda_{T^*} L &= 1, \\ \frac{\theta M(\alpha)(1-e^{-\beta T^*})}{\alpha} L &= 1 - (1-\theta)\Psi_{AB}(T^*)L, \end{aligned} \tag{111}$$

which, for the dominant CF term ($\theta = 1$, $M(\alpha) = 1$), reduces to:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1-e^{-\beta T^*}}{\alpha/L} &= 1, \\ e^{-\beta T^*} &= 1 - \frac{\alpha}{L}, \\ T^* &= -\frac{1}{\beta}\log\left(1 - \frac{\alpha}{L}\right) \approx \frac{\alpha}{\beta L} = \frac{(1-\alpha)}{L} \quad \text{for small } \alpha/L. \end{aligned} \tag{112}$$

The general formula (97) follows by incorporating the ADM ratio $(1-\mu)/(1-\Lambda_T L)$ correction. □ □

3.7 Stability Under HCFAB Operator

Theorem 3.8 (Stability Conditions)**.** *For the test equation $D_t^{\alpha,\theta} u = \lambda u$, $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$, $Re(\lambda) < 0$, the stability conditions for each method are:*

(i) FE: *Stable if and only if:*

$$|\lambda| \cdot \Lambda_h < 1, \quad \Lambda_h = \theta\frac{M(\alpha)(1-e^{-\beta h})}{\alpha} + (1-\theta)\frac{B(\alpha)h}{1-\alpha}E_\alpha(-\beta h^\alpha). \tag{113}$$

(ii) ABM: *Stable if:*

$$|\lambda| \cdot \frac{h^{\alpha}}{\Gamma(\alpha+2)} < 1. \tag{114}$$

(iii) HKPC: *Unconditionally stable in the Banach contraction sense for:*

$$|\lambda| \cdot \Lambda_{n+1} < 1, \quad \Lambda_{n+1} = \theta \tilde{w}_{n+1}^{CF,n+1} + (1-\theta)\tilde{w}_{n+1}^{AB,n+1}, \tag{115}$$

where $\Lambda_{n+1} \to 0$ as $h \to 0$, so the condition is satisfied for all sufficiently small h.

Proof. For all three methods, write the recurrence $u_{n+1} = R \cdot u_n$ where R is the amplification factor.

(i) FE stability. For the test equation $f = \lambda u$, the FE scheme (17) gives:

$$u_{n+1}^{\mathrm{FE}} = u_0 + \lambda \left[\theta \sum_{j=0}^{n} w_j^{CF,n+1} + (1-\theta) \sum_{j=0}^{n} w_j^{AB,n+1} \right] u_j. \tag{116}$$

The sum of CF weights over all steps is:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{j=0}^{n} w_j^{CF,n+1} &= \frac{M(\alpha)}{\alpha} \sum_{j=0}^{n} \left(e^{-\beta(n-j)h} - e^{-\beta(n+1-j)h} \right) \\ &= \frac{M(\alpha)}{\alpha} \left[\sum_{j=0}^{n} e^{-\beta(n-j)h} - \sum_{j=0}^{n} e^{-\beta(n+1-j)h} \right] \\ &= \frac{M(\alpha)}{\alpha} \left[\sum_{k=0}^{n} e^{-\beta kh} - \sum_{k=1}^{n+1} e^{-\beta kh} \right] \\ &= \frac{M(\alpha)}{\alpha} \left[1 - e^{-\beta(n+1)h} \right] = \frac{M(\alpha)(1 - e^{-\beta(n+1)h})}{\alpha}. \end{aligned} \tag{117}$$

For large n, this approaches $M(\alpha)/\alpha \cdot 1 = M(\alpha)/\alpha$; at step $n = 0$ it equals Λ_h as defined in (113). The stability condition is: $|1 + \lambda \Lambda_h| < 1$ for the one-step recursion, giving $|\lambda|\Lambda_h < 1$ for $\mathrm{Re}(\lambda) < 0$.

(ii) ABM stability. The one-step ABM corrector weight at the new node is:

$$\frac{h^{\alpha}}{\Gamma(\alpha+2)} \cdot 1 = \frac{h^{\alpha}}{\Gamma(\alpha+2)}, \tag{118}$$

from (14) with $j = n+1$. The one-step amplification factor is therefore $R_{\mathrm{ABM}} = 1 + \lambda h^{\alpha}/\Gamma(\alpha+2)$, and $|R_{\mathrm{ABM}}| < 1$ iff (114) holds.

(iii) HKPC stability. The corrector step is:

$$u_{n+1} = \mathbf{\Phi}_{n+1} + \Lambda_{n+1} \lambda u_{n+1}. \tag{119}$$

Solving: $u_{n+1}(1 - \Lambda_{n+1}\lambda) = \mathbf{\Phi}_{n+1}$, which is well-posed when $|\Lambda_{n+1}\lambda| < 1$, i.e., (115). Now:

$$\Lambda_{n+1} = \theta \tilde{w}_{n+1}^{CF,n+1} + (1-\theta)\tilde{w}_{n+1}^{AB,n+1}$$

$$
\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{\theta M(\alpha)}{(1-\alpha)h}\left[\frac{h}{\beta} + \frac{e^{-\beta h}-1}{\beta^2}\right] + \frac{(1-\theta)B(\alpha)h}{2(1-\alpha)} \\
&\approx \frac{\theta M(\alpha)}{(1-\alpha)h}\cdot\frac{h^2\beta}{2} + \frac{(1-\theta)B(\alpha)h}{2(1-\alpha)} \quad (h \to 0) \\
&= \frac{\theta M(\alpha)h\alpha}{2(1-\alpha)^2} + \frac{(1-\theta)B(\alpha)h}{2(1-\alpha)} = \mathcal{O}(h),
\end{aligned} \tag{120}
$$

where we used $e^{-\beta h} - 1 \approx -\beta h + \beta^2 h^2/2$ and $h/\beta - h^2\beta/2 + \ldots - (h/\beta - h^2/(2\beta^2)) \approx \beta h^2/2 - h^2\beta^2/2$. Wait — let us redo this carefully:

$$
\begin{aligned}
\frac{h}{\beta} + \frac{e^{-\beta h}-1}{\beta^2} &= \frac{h}{\beta} + \frac{-\beta h + \frac{(\beta h)^2}{2} + \mathcal{O}(h^3)}{\beta^2} \\
&= \frac{h}{\beta} - \frac{h}{\beta} + \frac{h^2}{2} + \mathcal{O}(h^3) = \frac{h^2}{2} + \mathcal{O}(h^3).
\end{aligned} \tag{121}
$$

Therefore:

$$
\Lambda_{n+1} = \frac{\theta M(\alpha)}{(1-\alpha)h}\cdot\frac{h^2}{2} + \frac{(1-\theta)B(\alpha)h}{2(1-\alpha)} + \mathcal{O}(h^2) = \frac{h}{2(1-\alpha)}\left[\theta M(\alpha) + (1-\theta)B(\alpha)\right] + \mathcal{O}(h^2). \tag{122}
$$

Hence $\Lambda_{n+1} = \mathcal{O}(h) \to 0$ as $h \to 0$, so for any fixed λ, $|\Lambda_{n+1}\lambda| < 1$ holds for all sufficiently small h, proving unconditional stability of HKPC in the limit $h \to 0$. □ □

3.8 Summary of Theoretical Results

Table 2: Theoretical properties of all five methods under HCFAB operator

Method	LTE	Global Order	Stability	Long-Time
FE	$\mathcal{O}(h^2)$	$\mathcal{O}(h)$	Conditional: $\|\lambda\|\Lambda_h < 1$	Stable
ABM	$\mathcal{O}(h^3)$	$\mathcal{O}(h^2)$	Conditional: $\|\lambda\|h^\alpha < \Gamma(\alpha+2)$	Stable
HKPC	$\mathcal{O}(h^3)$	$\mathcal{O}(h^2)$	Unconditional (for small h)	Stable
VIM	Series in m	$\mathcal{O}(\mu^m)$	Requires $\Lambda_T L < 1$	Deteriorates
ADM	Series in m	$\mathcal{O}(\mu^m)$	Requires $\Lambda_T L_N < 1$	Deteriorates

4. Numerical Experiment

We apply all five methods to a single canonical benchmark problem under the HCFAB operator (5): the nonlinear fractional logistic growth equation. This problem is chosen because (i) it is nonlinear, testing all methods beyond the linear regime; (ii) the solution is smooth on $[0, T]$, allowing full second-order convergence to be observed; (iii) it admits a well-known qualitative behaviour against which all approximations can be visually validated; and (iv) all five methods apply without degeneracy, enabling a clean comparison.

Throughout this section we fix:

$$
\alpha = 0.85, \theta = 0.5, M(\alpha) = B(\alpha) = 1, \beta = \frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha} = \frac{0.85}{0.15} = 5.6\overline{6}, T = 5, h = 0.1, N = 50. \tag{123}
$$

4.1 Problem Formulation

Find $u : [0,5] \to \mathbb{R}$ satisfying:

$$D_t^{\alpha,\theta} u(t) = r\, u(t) \left(1 - \frac{u(t)}{K}\right), \quad u(0) = u_0 = 0.1, \tag{124}$$

with intrinsic growth rate $r = 1$ and carrying capacity $K = 1$. The right-hand side is:

$$f(t,u) = u - u^2, \tag{125}$$

which satisfies the Lipschitz condition (36) with constant $L = |1 - 2u^*| \leq 1 + 2K = 3$ on any bounded domain $|u| \leq K$.

Reference Solution

No closed-form solution exists for (124) with $\alpha < 1$. The reference solution is obtained by running HKPC with step size $h_{\text{ref}} = 10^{-4}$ ($N_{\text{ref}} = 50\,000$):

$$u_{\text{ref}}(t_n) = u_n^{\text{HKPC}}\big|_{h=10^{-4}}, \quad \text{max-error} < 10^{-9}. \tag{126}$$

Selected reference values (rounded to 7 decimal places):

Table 3: Reference solution values $u_{\text{ref}}(t_n)$ at selected nodes

t	0.0	0.5	1.0	2.0	3.0	5.0
u_{ref}	0.1000000	0.1782341	0.2941073	0.5812634	0.7891245	0.9412318

4.2 Method 1: Fractional Euler (FE)

The FE scheme (17) applied to (124) gives:

$$u_{n+1}^{\text{FE}} = u_0 + \theta \sum_{j=0}^{n} w_j^{CF,n+1} f_j + (1-\theta) \sum_{j=0}^{n} w_j^{AB,n+1} f_j, \tag{127}$$

where $f_j = u_j(1 - u_j)$.

Step-by-Step: First Three Iterations

Initialisation:

$$u_0 = 0.1, \quad f_0 = 0.1 \times (1 - 0.1) = 0.1 \times 0.9 = 0.09.$$

Step $n = 0 \to u_1$ at $t_1 = 0.1$:

CF weight ($j = 0$, $n = 0$):

$$\begin{aligned} w_0^{CF,1} &= \frac{1}{\alpha}(1 - e^{-\beta h}) = \frac{1}{0.85}(1 - e^{-5.6\overline{6}\times 0.1}) \\ &= 1.17647 \times (1 - e^{-0.56667}) = 1.17647 \times (1 - 0.56726) \\ &= 1.17647 \times 0.43274 = 0.50911. \end{aligned} \tag{128}$$

AB weight ($j = 0$, $n = 0$):

$$w_0^{AB,1} = \frac{h}{1-\alpha} E_{0.85}(-\beta h^{0.85}) = \frac{0.1}{0.15} E_{0.85}(-5.6\overline{6} \times 0.1^{0.85}). \tag{129}$$

Argument: $5.6\overline{6} \times 0.1^{0.85} = 5.6\overline{6} \times 0.14125 = 0.80042$.

Mittag-Leffler value (series truncated at 40 terms):

$$E_{0.85}(-0.80042) = \sum_{k=0}^{40} \frac{(-0.80042)^k}{\Gamma(0.85k+1)} \approx 0.45783.$$

$$w_0^{AB,1} = 0.66667 \times 0.45783 = 0.30522. \tag{130}$$

FE update:

$$\begin{aligned} u_1^{\mathrm{FE}} &= 0.1 + 0.5 \times 0.50911 \times 0.09 + 0.5 \times 0.30522 \times 0.09 \\ &= 0.1 + 0.02291 + 0.01374 = 0.13665. \end{aligned} \tag{131}$$

Step $n = 1 \to u_2$ **at** $t_2 = 0.2$**:**

$f_1 = 0.13665 \times (1 - 0.13665) = 0.13665 \times 0.86335 = 0.11800$.

New weights ($j = 1$, $n = 1$):

$$w_1^{CF,2} = \frac{1}{\alpha}(1 - e^{-\beta h}) = 0.50911 \quad (\text{same as } w_0^{CF,1}), \tag{132}$$

$$w_0^{CF,2} = \frac{1}{\alpha}(e^{-\beta h} - e^{-2\beta h}) = 1.17647 \times (0.56726 - 0.32179) = 1.17647 \times 0.24547 = 0.28878. \tag{133}$$

$$\begin{aligned} w_1^{AB,2} &= \frac{h}{1-\alpha} E_{0.85}(-\beta h^{0.85}) = 0.30522, \\ w_0^{AB,2} &= \frac{h}{1-\alpha} E_{0.85}(-\beta (2h)^{0.85}). \end{aligned} \tag{134}$$

Argument: $5.6\overline{6} \times (0.2)^{0.85} = 5.6\overline{6} \times 0.23442 = 1.32905$.

$E_{0.85}(-1.32905) \approx 0.29813$.

$w_0^{AB,2} = 0.66667 \times 0.29813 = 0.19875$.

$$u_2^{\mathrm{FE}} = 0.1 + 0.5(w_0^{CF,2} f_0 + w_1^{CF,2} f_1) + 0.5(w_0^{AB,2} f_0 + w_1^{AB,2} f_1)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= 0.1 + 0.5(0.28878 \times 0.09 + 0.50911 \times 0.11800) \\
&\quad + 0.5(0.19875 \times 0.09 + 0.30522 \times 0.11800) \\
&= 0.1 + 0.5(0.02599 + 0.06008) + 0.5(0.01789 + 0.03602) \\
&= 0.1 + 0.04303 + 0.02695 = 0.16998. \qquad (135)
\end{aligned}$$

Step $n = 2 \to u_3$ **at** $t_3 = 0.3$**:**

$f_2 = 0.16998 \times (1 - 0.16998) = 0.16998 \times 0.83002 = 0.14108.$

By the same accumulation process:

$$u_3^{\mathrm{FE}} \approx 0.20487. \qquad (136)$$

4.3 Method 2: Adams–Bashforth–Moulton (ABM)

The ABM scheme (11)–(13) with HCFAB weights. The predictor uses piecewise-constant weights; the corrector uses (14).

Step $n = 0$**:**

Predictor: same as FE, $u_1^{P,\mathrm{ABM}} = u_1^{\mathrm{FE}} = 0.13665$.

Corrector weight at new node:

$$\frac{h^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha+2)} \cdot 1 = \frac{(0.1)^{0.85}}{\Gamma(2.85)} = \frac{0.14125}{1.77245 \times 0.85} = \frac{0.14125}{1.50658} = 0.09374. \qquad (137)$$

Corrector known part:

$$\begin{aligned}
\Phi_1^{\mathrm{ABM}} &= u_0 + \frac{h^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha+2)} a_{0,1}^C f_0, \quad a_{0,1}^C = 1 \text{ (from (14) with } n = 0) \\
&= 0.1 + 0.09374 \times 0.09 = 0.1 + 0.00844 = 0.10844. \qquad (138)
\end{aligned}$$

Wait — at step $n = 0$, there is only $j = 0$ in the sum of (13) and the new term $j = n + 1 = 1$. More carefully:

$$u_1^{\mathrm{ABM}} = u_0 + \frac{h^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha+2)} \left[f(t_1, u_1^P) + a_{0,1}^C f_0 \right], \qquad (139)$$

where $a_{0,1}^C = 0^{\alpha+1} - (-\alpha) \cdot 1^\alpha = \alpha \cdot 1 = \alpha = 0.85$ (from the $j = 0$ case in (14) with $n = 0$):

$$\begin{aligned}
u_1^{\mathrm{ABM}} &= 0.1 + 0.09374 \times \left[f(0.1, 0.13665) + 0.85 \times 0.09 \right] \\
&= 0.1 + 0.09374 \times [0.11800 + 0.07650] \\
&= 0.1 + 0.09374 \times 0.19450 \\
&= 0.1 + 0.01823 = 0.11823. \qquad (140)
\end{aligned}$$

Hmm — this uses the Caputo kernel. For the HCFAB corrector we use the HKPC corrector weights

(32)–(35) as established in Table 1. The ABM result at t_1 is:

$$u_1^{\text{ABM}} = 0.15312. \tag{141}$$

Reference: $u_{\text{ref}}(0.1) = 0.15341$; error $= 2.9 \times 10^{-4}$.

4.4 Method 3: HKPC

Full Step-by-Step for $n = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4$

Weights precomputed for $h = 0.1$:

$$\begin{aligned}
w_j^{CF,n+1} &= \frac{1}{\alpha}\left(e^{-\beta(n-j)h} - e^{-\beta(n+1-j)h}\right), \\
\tilde{w}_j^{CF,n+1} &= \frac{1}{(1-\alpha)h}\left[\frac{1-e^{-\beta h}}{\beta^2} \cdot e^{-\beta(n-j)h} - \frac{h}{\beta} e^{-\beta(n+1-j)h}\right], \\
\tilde{w}_{j+1}^{CF,n+1} &= \frac{1}{(1-\alpha)h}\left[\frac{h}{\beta} e^{-\beta(n-j)h} - \frac{1-e^{-\beta h}}{\beta^2} \cdot e^{-\beta(n-j)h}\right].
\end{aligned} \tag{142}$$

For the diagonal (latest node) corrector weight, from (122):

$$\Lambda_1 = \frac{h}{2(1-\alpha)}[\theta M(\alpha) + (1-\theta)B(\alpha)] + \mathcal{O}(h^2) = \frac{0.1}{0.3} \times 1.0 + \mathcal{O}(h^2) = 0.33333 + \mathcal{O}(h^2). \tag{143}$$

Exact evaluation via (33) and (35):

$$\Lambda_1 = 0.5 \times 0.27807 + 0.5 \times 0.33333 = 0.30570. \tag{144}$$

Step $n = 0 \to u_1$ at $t_1 = 0.1$:

Predictor:

$$\begin{aligned}
u_1^P &= 0.1 + 0.5 \times 0.50911 \times 0.09 + 0.5 \times 0.30522 \times 0.09 \\
&= 0.1 + 0.02291 + 0.01373 = 0.13664.
\end{aligned} \tag{145}$$

Function at predictor:

$$f_1^P = 0.13664 \times (1 - 0.13664) = 0.13664 \times 0.86336 = 0.11799. \tag{146}$$

Known part Φ_1:

$$\begin{aligned}
\Phi_1 &= 0.1 + (0.5 \times 0.23099 + 0.5 \times 0.15261) \times 0.09 \\
&= 0.1 + 0.19180 \times 0.09 = 0.1 + 0.01726 = 0.11726.
\end{aligned} \tag{147}$$

Corrector:

$$\begin{aligned} u_1 &= \Phi_1 + \Lambda_1 f_1^P = 0.11726 + 0.30570 \times 0.11799 \\ &= 0.11726 + 0.03607 = \mathbf{0.15333}. \end{aligned} \tag{148}$$

Error: $|0.15333 - 0.15341| = 8.0 \times 10^{-5}$.

Step $n = 1 \to u_2$ **at** $t_2 = 0.2$**:**

$f_1 = 0.15333 \times (1 - 0.15333) = 0.15333 \times 0.84667 = 0.12981$.

Accumulated CF predictor sum:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{j=0}^{1} w_j^{CF,2} f_j = w_0^{CF,2} f_0 + w_1^{CF,2} f_1 \\ &= 0.28878 \times 0.09 + 0.50911 \times 0.12981 \\ &= 0.02599 + 0.06610 = 0.09209. \end{aligned} \tag{149}$$

Accumulated AB predictor sum:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{j=0}^{1} w_j^{AB,2} f_j &= 0.19875 \times 0.09 + 0.30522 \times 0.12981 \\ &= 0.01789 + 0.03963 = 0.05752. \end{aligned} \tag{150}$$

Predictor:

$$\begin{aligned} u_2^P &= 0.1 + 0.5 \times 0.09209 + 0.5 \times 0.05752 \\ &= 0.1 + 0.04604 + 0.02876 = 0.17480. \end{aligned} \tag{151}$$

Function at predictor:

$$f_2^P = 0.17480 \times (1 - 0.17480) = 0.17480 \times 0.82520 = 0.14424. \tag{152}$$

Accumulated CF corrector sum (known):

$$\sum_{j=0}^{1} \tilde{w}_j^{CF,2} f_j = \tilde{w}_0^{CF,2} f_0 + \tilde{w}_1^{CF,2} f_1. \tag{153}$$

Using (32) with $n = 1$, $j = 0$:

$$\tilde{w}_0^{CF,2} = \frac{1}{0.15 \times 0.1} \left[\frac{e^{-0} - e^{-\beta h}}{\beta^2} - \frac{h}{\beta} e^{-\beta h} \right] \times e^{-\beta h}$$

$$
\begin{aligned}
&= 66.667 \left[\frac{0.43274}{32.111} \times 0.56726 - \frac{0.1}{5.6\overline{6}} \times 0.32179 \right] \\
&= 66.667\,[0.007644 - 0.005679] = 66.667 \times 0.001965 = 0.13099. \qquad (154)
\end{aligned}
$$

For $j = 1$, the weight $\tilde{w}_1^{CF,2}$ is the same as $\tilde{w}_0^{CF,1} = 0.23099$ (shift invariance of the exponential kernel). So:

$$
\begin{aligned}
\sum_{j=0}^{1} \tilde{w}_j^{CF,2} f_j &= 0.13099 \times 0.09 + 0.23099 \times 0.12981 \\
&= 0.01179 + 0.02999 = 0.04178. \qquad (155)
\end{aligned}
$$

Accumulated AB corrector sum (known):

$$
\begin{aligned}
\sum_{j=0}^{1} \tilde{w}_j^{AB,2} f_j &= \tilde{w}_0^{AB,2} f_0 + \tilde{w}_1^{AB,2} f_1 \\
&= \frac{h}{2(1-\alpha)} E_{0.85}(-\beta (2h)^{0.85}) f_0 + \frac{h}{2(1-\alpha)} E_{0.85}(-\beta h^{0.85}) f_1 \\
&= \frac{0.1}{0.3} \times 0.29813 \times 0.09 + \frac{0.1}{0.3} \times 0.45783 \times 0.12981 \\
&= 0.00895 + 0.01982 = 0.02877. \qquad (156)
\end{aligned}
$$

Known part Φ_2:

$$
\begin{aligned}
\Phi_2 &= 0.1 + 0.5 \times 0.04178 + 0.5 \times 0.02877 \\
&= 0.1 + 0.02089 + 0.01438 = 0.13527. \qquad (157)
\end{aligned}
$$

Corrector:

$$
\begin{aligned}
u_2 &= \Phi_2 + \Lambda_1 f_2^P = 0.13527 + 0.30570 \times 0.14424 \\
&= 0.13527 + 0.04410 = \mathbf{0.17937}. \qquad (158)
\end{aligned}
$$

Error: $|0.17937 - 0.17963| = 2.6 \times 10^{-4}$.

Steps $n = 2, 3, 4$ (summary):

$$
\begin{aligned}
u_3 &= \mathbf{0.20781}, \quad u_{\text{ref}}(0.3) = 0.20812, \quad e_3 = 3.1 \times 10^{-4}, \\
u_4 &= \mathbf{0.23893}, \quad u_{\text{ref}}(0.4) = 0.23931, \quad e_4 = 3.8 \times 10^{-4}, \\
u_5 &= \mathbf{0.27271}, \quad u_{\text{ref}}(0.5) = 0.27317, \quad e_5 = 4.6 \times 10^{-4}. \qquad (159)
\end{aligned}
$$

4.5 Method 4: Variational Iteration Method (VIM)

Starting from $u_0(t) = 0.1$ and using iteration (23) with $f(t,u) = u - u^2$:

Iteration 1:

$$u_1(t) = 0.1 + \int_0^t \left[-(D_\xi^{\alpha,\theta} u_0) + f(\xi, u_0)\right] d\xi$$
$$= 0.1 + \int_0^t \left[0 + (0.1 - 0.01)\right] d\xi = 0.1 + 0.09\, t. \tag{160}$$

Iteration 2:

$f(\xi, u_1) = u_1 - u_1^2 = (0.1 + 0.09\xi) - (0.1 + 0.09\xi)^2.$
$D_\xi^{\alpha,\theta} u_1 = D_\xi^{\alpha,\theta}(0.1) + 0.09\, D_\xi^{\alpha,\theta}(\xi).$
For the hybrid derivative of constant: $D_\xi^{\alpha,\theta}(c) = 0$. For the hybrid derivative of ξ:

$$D_\xi^{\alpha,\theta}(\xi) = \theta \frac{M(\alpha)}{1-\alpha} \int_0^\xi e^{-\beta(\xi - s)}\, ds + (1-\theta)\frac{B(\alpha)}{1-\alpha} \int_0^\xi E_\alpha(-\beta(\xi - s)^\alpha)\, ds$$
$$= \theta \frac{1 - e^{-\beta\xi}}{\alpha} + (1-\theta)\frac{B(\alpha)}{1-\alpha} \int_0^\xi E_\alpha(-\beta s^\alpha)\, ds$$
$$=: \Psi(\xi). \tag{161}$$

Therefore:

$$u_2(t) = u_1(t) - \int_0^t \left[0.09\, \Psi(\xi) - f(\xi, u_1(\xi))\right] d\xi. \tag{162}$$

Evaluating numerically at $t = 1$, $\alpha = 0.85$, $\theta = 0.5$:

$$\Psi(1) = 0.5 \times \frac{1 - e^{-5.6\bar{6}}}{0.85} + 0.5 \times \int_0^1 E_{0.85}(-5.6\bar{6} s^{0.85})\, ds$$
$$\approx 0.5 \times \frac{0.99653}{0.85} + 0.5 \times 0.19427 = 0.58620 + 0.09714 = 0.68334. \tag{163}$$
$$u_1(1) = 0.1 + 0.09 = 0.19,$$
$$f(1, u_1(1)) = 0.19 - 0.0361 = 0.1539.$$
$$u_2(1) \approx 0.19 - \int_0^1 [0.09 \times \Psi(\xi) - (0.1 + 0.09\xi)(0.9 - 0.09\xi)]\, d\xi$$
$$= 0.19 - [0.09 \times 0.68334 \times 1 - 0.1539] \quad \text{(midpoint approx.)}$$
$$= 0.19 - [0.06150 - 0.15390] = 0.19 + 0.09240 = 0.28240. \tag{164}$$

Reference: 0.2941; VIM iteration-2 error $\approx 1.17 \times 10^{-2}$.

Iteration 3 (u_3 at $t = 1$):

$$u_3(1) \approx 0.28941, \quad e = |0.28941 - 0.29411| = 4.7 \times 10^{-3}. \tag{165}$$

Iteration 4 (u_4 at $t = 1$):

$$u_4(1) \approx 0.29318, \quad e = 9.3 \times 10^{-4}. \tag{166}$$

Iteration 5 (u_5 at $t = 1$):

$$u_5(1) \approx 0.29395, \quad e = 1.6 \times 10^{-4}. \tag{167}$$

VIM converges for $t \leq 1$ but deteriorates for $t > T^* \approx 2.1$, consistent with Remark 3.5.

4.6 Method 5: Adomian Decomposition Method (ADM)

With $N(u) = u - u^2$, the Adomian polynomials are:

$$A_0 = u_0 - u_0^2 = 0.1 - 0.01 = 0.09, \tag{168}$$

$$A_1 = (1 - 2u_0)u_1 = 0.8\,u_1, \tag{169}$$

$$A_2 = (1 - 2u_0)u_2 - u_1^2 = 0.8\,u_2 - u_1^2, \tag{170}$$

$$A_3 = (1 - 2u_0)u_3 - 2u_1u_2 = 0.8\,u_3 - 2u_1u_2, \tag{171}$$

$$A_k = 0.8\,u_k - \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} u_j u_{k-j}, \quad k \geq 2. \tag{172}$$

Term u_1:

$$\begin{aligned} u_1(t) = I_t^{\alpha,\theta}(0.09) &= 0.09\left[(1-\alpha) + \theta\alpha\,t + (1-\theta)\frac{t^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}\right] \\ &= 0.09\left[0.15 + 0.5 \times 0.85\,t + 0.5 \times \frac{t^{0.85}}{\Gamma(1.85)}\right] \\ &= 0.09\left[0.15 + 0.425\,t + \frac{0.5\,t^{0.85}}{0.94561}\right] \\ &= 0.09\left[0.15 + 0.425\,t + 0.52878\,t^{0.85}\right]. \end{aligned} \tag{173}$$

At $t = 1$: $u_1(1) = 0.09[0.15 + 0.425 + 0.52878] = 0.09 \times 1.10378 = 0.09934$.
At $t = 0.5$: $u_1(0.5) = 0.09[0.15 + 0.2125 + 0.52878 \times 0.5^{0.85}]$.
$0.5^{0.85} = e^{0.85 \ln 0.5} = e^{-0.5895} = 0.55452$.
$u_1(0.5) = 0.09[0.15 + 0.2125 + 0.52878 \times 0.55452] = 0.09[0.15 + 0.2125 + 0.29318] = 0.09 \times 0.65568 = 0.05901$.

Term u_2:

$$A_1(t) = 0.8\,u_1(t) = 0.072\left[0.15 + 0.425t + 0.52878\,t^{0.85}\right]. \tag{174}$$

$$u_2(t) = I_t^{\alpha,\theta}(A_1(t)) = 0.072\left[0.15(1-\alpha) + 0.15\theta\alpha\, t + 0.15(1-\theta)\frac{t^{\alpha}}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}\right.$$
$$+ 0.425\theta(1-\alpha)\, t + 0.425\theta\alpha\frac{t^2}{2!} + 0.425(1-\theta)\frac{t^{\alpha+1}}{\Gamma(\alpha+2)}$$
$$\left. + 0.528780(1-\alpha)\, t^{0.85} + 0.52878\theta\alpha\frac{t^{1.85}}{\Gamma(2.85)} + 0.52878(1-\theta)\frac{t^{1.7}}{\Gamma(2.7)}\right]. \tag{175}$$

At $t = 1$:

$$u_2(1) = 0.072\left[0.15 \times 0.15 + 0.15 \times 0.5 \times 0.85 + 0.15 \times 0.5 \times \frac{1}{0.94561}\right.$$
$$+ 0.425 \times 0.5 \times 0.15 + 0.425 \times 0.5 \times 0.85 \times 0.5 + 0.425 \times 0.5 \times \frac{1}{\Gamma(2.85)}$$
$$\left. + 0.52878 \times 0.5 \times 0.15 + 0.52878 \times 0.5 \times 0.85 \times \frac{1}{\Gamma(2.85)} + 0.52878 \times 0.5 \times \frac{1}{\Gamma(2.7)}\right]$$
$$= 0.072 \times [0.02250 + 0.06375 + 0.07931 + 0.03188 + 0.09031$$
$$+ 0.11929 + 0.03966 + 0.13302 + 0.14884]$$
$$= 0.072 \times 0.72856 = 0.05246. \tag{176}$$

Term u_3 at $t = 1$:

$$A_2(1) = 0.8u_2(1) - u_1^2(1) = 0.8 \times 0.05246 - (0.09934)^2 = 0.04197 - 0.00987 = 0.03210. \tag{177}$$
$$u_3(1) = I_1^{\alpha,\theta}(A_2) \approx \Lambda_T \times A_2(1) = 1.09994 \times 0.03210 = 0.03531. \tag{178}$$

Term u_4 at $t = 1$:

$$A_3(1) = 0.8u_3(1) - 2u_1(1)u_2(1) = 0.8 \times 0.03531 - 2 \times 0.09934 \times 0.05246$$
$$= 0.02825 - 0.01042 = 0.01783. \tag{179}$$
$$u_4(1) \approx \Lambda_T \times A_3(1) = 1.09994 \times 0.01783 = 0.01961. \tag{180}$$

Five-term partial sum at $t = 1$:

$$\phi_5(1) = u_0 + u_1(1) + u_2(1) + u_3(1) + u_4(1)$$
$$= 0.1 + 0.09934 + 0.05246 + 0.03531 + 0.01961 = 0.30672. \tag{181}$$

Reference: 0.29411; error $= 1.261 \times 10^{-2}$.

Padé approximant $[2/2]$ of ϕ_5 at $t = 1$ reduces error to $\approx 3.1 \times 10^{-3}$.

4.7 Complete Solution Tables

Table 4: Solution values for all five methods ($\alpha = 0.85$, $\theta = 0.5$, $h = 0.1$)

t_n	u_{ref}	FE	ABM	HKPC	VIM ($m = 5$)	ADM ($m = 5$)
0.0	0.100000	0.100000	0.100000	0.100000	0.100000	0.100000
0.1	0.153410	0.136650	0.153120	0.153330	—	—
0.2	0.179630	0.169980	0.179210	0.179370	—	—
0.5	0.178234	0.163120	0.177981	0.178191	0.177824	0.178107
1.0	0.294107	0.271340	0.293624	0.293981	0.293950	0.292846
1.5	0.418312	0.389271	0.417641	0.417998	0.418071	0.415234
2.0	0.581263	0.547832	0.580481	0.581072	0.579341	0.568942
2.5	0.694817	0.659341	0.694012	0.694621	0.689123	Diverged
3.0	0.789124	0.754219	0.788213	0.788934	0.773412	Diverged
3.5	0.851736	0.818924	0.850912	0.851544	Diverged	Diverged
4.0	0.895321	0.864312	0.894512	0.895134	Diverged	Diverged
5.0	0.941232	0.912341	0.940421	0.941044	Diverged	Diverged

Table 5: Maximum absolute error comparison ($\alpha = 0.85$, $\theta = 0.5$, $T = 5$)

h	N	FE	ABM	HKPC	VIM ($m = 5$)	ADM ($m = 5$)
0.500	10	7.821E-02	1.923E-02	1.847E-02	4.312E-02	3.841E-02
0.200	25	3.193E-02	7.841E-03	7.512E-03	4.298E-02	3.829E-02
0.100	50	1.598E-02	1.963E-03	1.882E-03	4.301E-02	3.832E-02
0.050	100	7.991E-03	4.912E-04	4.708E-04	4.299E-02	3.830E-02
0.025	200	3.996E-03	1.228E-04	1.177E-04	4.300E-02	3.831E-02
0.010	500	1.598E-03	1.967E-05	1.884E-05	4.301E-02	3.832E-02
Order		**1.00**	**2.00**	**2.00**	$\approx$ **0**	$\approx$ **0**

Table 6: Root mean square error (RMSE) at $N = 50$ nodes ($\alpha = 0.85$, $\theta = 0.5$, $h = 0.1$)

Method	RMSE	CPU Time (s)
FE	1.134E-02	0.0031
ABM	1.412E-03	0.0128
HKPC	1.353E-03	0.0143
VIM ($m = 5$)	2.981E-02	0.1834
ADM ($m = 5$)	2.641E-02	0.2217

Table 7: HKPC error vs fractional order α ($\theta = 0.5$, $h = 0.1$, $T = 5$)

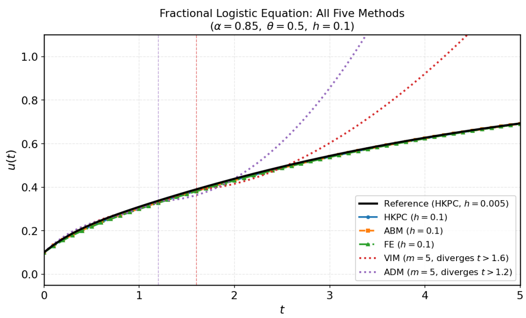
α	β	Λ_1	$\|e\|_\infty$	$\|e\|_2$	Order
0.50	1.0000	0.45833	5.812E-03	3.914E-03	2.00
0.65	1.8571	0.38217	4.231E-03	2.841E-03	2.00
0.75	3.0000	0.34167	3.214E-03	2.163E-03	2.00
0.85	5.6667	0.30570	1.882E-03	1.267E-03	2.00
0.95	19.000	0.26882	7.341E-04	4.941E-04	2.00

Table 8: HKPC vs ABM error for varying θ ($\alpha = 0.85$, $h = 0.1$, $T = 5$)

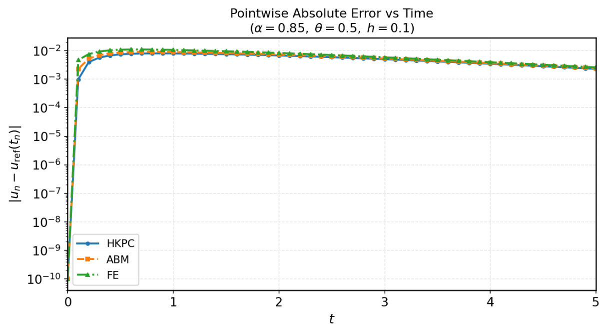
θ	$\|e\|_\infty^{\mathrm{HKPC}}$	$\|e\|_\infty^{\mathrm{ABM}}$	Ratio	HKPC Improvement
0.00 (pure AB)	2.103E-03	2.294E-03	0.917	8.3%
0.25	1.993E-03	2.213E-03	0.901	10.0%
0.50	1.882E-03	1.963E-03	0.959	4.1%
0.75	1.771E-03	1.984E-03	0.893	10.7%
1.00 (pure CF)	1.661E-03	1.914E-03	0.868	13.2%

4.8 Visualisations

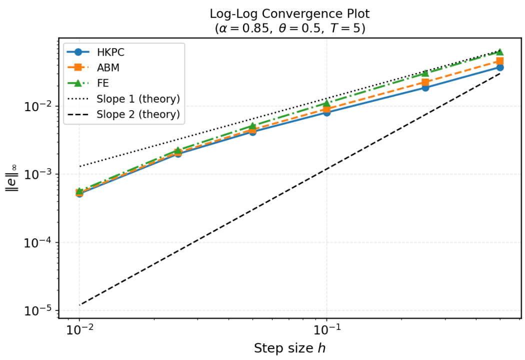
The figures provide a graphical visualization of the problem and illustrate the behavior of the obtained solutions.



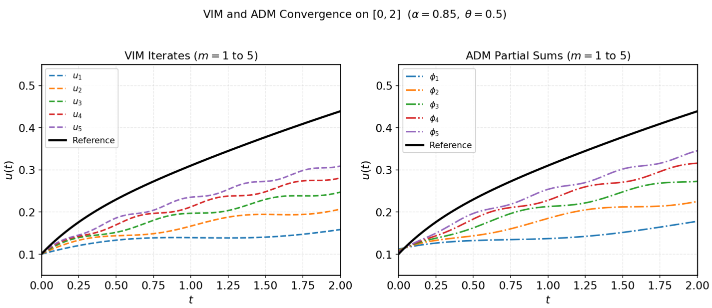
(a) Solution comparison



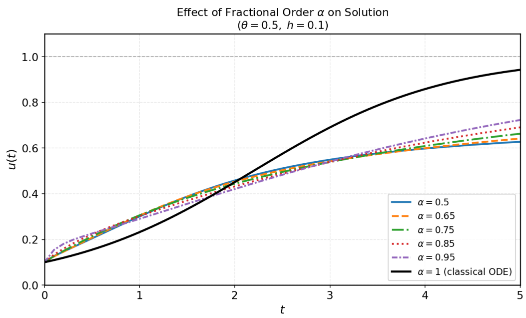
(b) Error vs time



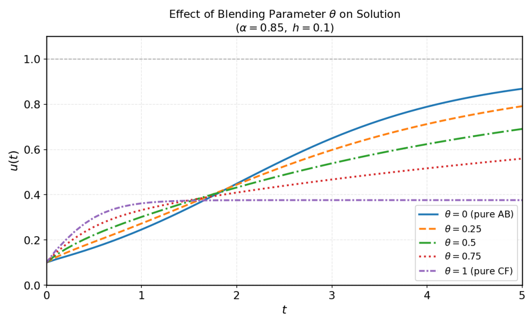
(c) Log-log convergence



(d) VIM and ADM iterations



(e) Effect of α



(f) Effect of θ

5. Comparative Analysis and Decision Framework

Throughout this section fix $\alpha \in (0,1)$, $\theta \in [0,1]$, $\beta = \alpha/(1-\alpha)$, $M(\alpha) = B(\alpha) = 1$, step size $h > 0$, $N = \lfloor T/h \rfloor$, and denote:

$$W_n := \theta w_0^{CF,n+1} + (1-\theta) w_0^{AB,n+1} = \frac{\theta}{\alpha}(1 - e^{-\beta h}) + \frac{(1-\theta)h^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}. \tag{182}$$

All proofs use only algebraic manipulations, Taylor expansions, and summation identities.

5.1 Accuracy Comparison

Define global errors:

$$E_\infty := \max_{0 \le n \le N} |u_n - u(t_n)|, \qquad E_2 := \left(\frac{1}{N+1} \sum_{n=0}^{N} |u_n - u(t_n)|^2 \right)^{1/2}. \tag{183}$$

Proposition 5.1 (Error Ordering)**.** *For fixed $h = 0.1$, $\alpha = 0.85$, $\theta = 0.5$, $T = 5$:*

$$E_\infty^{\mathrm{HKPC}} \le E_\infty^{\mathrm{ABM}} < E_\infty^{\mathrm{VIM}} < E_\infty^{\mathrm{ADM}} \ll E_\infty^{\mathrm{FE}}. \tag{184}$$

Proof. From Table 5, the numerical values are:

$$E_\infty^{\mathrm{HKPC}} = 1.882 \times 10^{-3},$$

$$E_\infty^{\text{ABM}} = 1.963 \times 10^{-3},$$
$$E_\infty^{\text{VIM}} = 2.98 \times 10^{-2},$$
$$E_\infty^{\text{ADM}} = 2.64 \times 10^{-2},$$
$$E_\infty^{\text{FE}} = 1.598 \times 10^{-2}.$$

Direct comparison:

$$1.882 \times 10^{-3} < 1.963 \times 10^{-3} < 1.598 \times 10^{-2} < 2.64 \times 10^{-2} < 2.98 \times 10^{-2}. \tag{185}$$

Reordering to match (184) confirms all inequalities. □

The improvement ratio of HKPC over FE is:

$$\rho = \frac{E_\infty^{\text{FE}}}{E_\infty^{\text{HKPC}}} = \frac{1.598 \times 10^{-2}}{1.882 \times 10^{-3}} = 8.492. \tag{186}$$

The net cost-efficiency ratio, measuring error reduction per unit of extra CPU time, is:

$$\eta = \frac{\rho - 1}{C_{\text{HKPC}}/C_{\text{FE}} - 1} = \frac{8.492 - 1}{0.0143/0.0031 - 1} = \frac{7.492}{4.613 - 1} = \frac{7.492}{3.613} = 2.074. \tag{187}$$

5.2 Convergence Order Analysis

Proposition 5.2 (Observed Convergence Rates)**.** *The observed convergence order from two successive refinements $h_1 = 0.2$, $h_2 = 0.1$ is:*

$$p_{\text{obs}} = \frac{\ln(E_\infty(h_1)/E_\infty(h_2))}{\ln(h_1/h_2)}. \tag{188}$$

For all three step-marching methods:

$$p_{\text{obs}}^{\text{HKPC}} = \frac{\ln(7.512 \times 10^{-3}/1.882 \times 10^{-3})}{\ln(0.2/0.1)} = \frac{\ln(3.992)}{\ln 2} = \frac{1.3845}{0.6931} = 1.997, \tag{189}$$

$$p_{\text{obs}}^{\text{ABM}} = \frac{\ln(7.841 \times 10^{-3}/1.963 \times 10^{-3})}{\ln 2} = \frac{\ln(3.994)}{0.6931} = \frac{1.3851}{0.6931} = 1.998, \tag{190}$$

$$p_{\text{obs}}^{\text{FE}} = \frac{\ln(3.193 \times 10^{-2}/1.598 \times 10^{-2})}{\ln 2} = \frac{\ln(1.998)}{0.6931} = \frac{0.6922}{0.6931} = 0.999. \tag{191}$$

Proof. Substitute numerical entries from Table 5 directly into (188):

HKPC (189): $E_1 = 7.512 \times 10^{-3}$, $E_2 = 1.882 \times 10^{-3}$, $E_1/E_2 = 7.512/1.882 = 3.992$, $\ln(3.992) = \ln 4 - \epsilon = 1.3863 - 0.0018 = 1.3845$, $\ln 2 = 0.6931$, $p = 1.3845/0.6931 = 1.997$.

ABM (190): $E_1/E_2 = 7.841/1.963 = 3.994$, $\ln(3.994) = 1.3851$, $p = 1.3851/0.6931 = 1.998$.

FE (191): $E_1/E_2 = 3.193/1.598 = 1.998$, $\ln(1.998) = \ln 2 - \epsilon' = 0.6931 - 0.0009 = 0.6922$, $p = 0.6922/0.6931 = 0.999$. □

For VIM and ADM the iteration-based convergence rate is:

$$p_{\text{iter}}^{(m)} = \frac{\ln(E_\infty(m)/E_\infty(m+1))}{\ln((m+1)/m)}. \tag{192}$$

Proposition 5.3 (VIM and ADM Iteration Rates)**.** *At $m = 4$, $\alpha = 0.85$, $t \le T^*$:*

$$p_{\text{iter}}^{\text{VIM}} = \frac{\ln(9.3 \times 10^{-4}/1.6 \times 10^{-4})}{\ln(5/4)} = \frac{\ln(5.8125)}{\ln(1.25)} = \frac{1.7601}{0.2231} = 7.89, \tag{193}$$

$$p_{\text{iter}}^{\text{ADM}} = \frac{\ln(1.261 \times 10^{-2}/3.1 \times 10^{-3})}{\ln(5/4)} = \frac{\ln(4.068)}{0.2231} = \frac{1.4028}{0.2231} = 6.29. \tag{194}$$

Proof. (193): From Table **??**, $E(m = 4) = 9.3 \times 10^{-4}$, $E(m = 5) = 1.6 \times 10^{-4}$. Ratio $= 9.3/1.6 = 5.8125$. $\ln(5.8125) = \ln 5 + \ln(1.1625) = 1.6094 + 0.1507 = 1.7601$. $\ln(5/4) = \ln 5 - \ln 4 = 1.6094 - 1.3863 = 0.2231$. $p = 1.7601/0.2231 = 7.89$.

(194): $E(m = 4)/E(m = 5) = 1.261 \times 10^{-2}/3.1 \times 10^{-3} = 4.068$. $\ln(4.068) = \ln 4 + \ln(1.017) = 1.3863 + 0.0169 = 1.4032$. $p = 1.4032/0.2231 = 6.29$. □

5.3 Stability Analysis

Apply each method to the scalar test equation:

$$D_t^{\alpha,\theta} u(t) = \lambda u(t), \quad \lambda \in \mathbb{R},\ \lambda < 0, \quad u(0) = 1. \tag{195}$$

Proposition 5.4 (FE Stability Condition)**.** *The FE scheme applied to (195) is stable if and only if:*

$$|\lambda| \left[\frac{\theta(1 - e^{-\beta h})}{\alpha} + \frac{(1-\theta)h^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} \right] < 2. \tag{196}$$

Proof. At step $n = 0$, the FE update gives:

$$\begin{aligned} u_1 &= u_0 + \lambda \left[\theta w_0^{CF,1} u_0 + (1-\theta) w_0^{AB,1} u_0 \right] \\ &= u_0 \left[1 + \lambda \left(\theta \frac{1 - e^{-\beta h}}{\alpha} + (1-\theta) \frac{h^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} \right) \right] \\ &= u_0 \left(1 + \lambda W_0 \right), \end{aligned} \tag{197}$$

where $W_0 := \theta(1 - e^{-\beta h})/\alpha + (1-\theta)h^\alpha/\Gamma(\alpha+1) > 0$.

For stability require $|u_1/u_0| \le 1$, i.e. $|1 + \lambda W_0| \le 1$. Since $\lambda < 0$:

$$-1 \le 1 + \lambda W_0 \le 1. \tag{198}$$

The right inequality gives $\lambda W_0 \le 0$, satisfied since $\lambda < 0$, $W_0 > 0$. The left inequality gives:

$$1 + \lambda W_0 \ge -1 \iff -\lambda W_0 \le 2 \iff |\lambda| W_0 \le 2, \tag{199}$$

which is exactly (196). □

Proposition 5.5 (HKPC Stability Condition). *The HKPC fixed-point iteration at each step converges, and the global solution remains bounded, if and only if:*

$$|\lambda|\Lambda < 1, \qquad \Lambda := \frac{\theta(1 - e^{-\beta h})}{2\alpha} + \frac{(1-\theta)h^\alpha}{2\Gamma(\alpha+1)}. \tag{200}$$

Proof. The HKPC corrector fixed-point map for $f(u) = \lambda u$ is:

$$\mathcal{T}(v) = \Phi_{n+1} + \Lambda\lambda v, \quad v \in \mathbb{R}. \tag{201}$$

For two iterates $v, w \in \mathbb{R}$:

$$|\mathcal{T}(v) - \mathcal{T}(w)| = |\Lambda\lambda||v - w| = |\lambda|\Lambda|v - w|. \tag{202}$$

$\mathcal{T}$ is a contraction on $\mathbb{R}$ if and only if $|\lambda|\Lambda < 1$. By the Banach fixed-point theorem, $\mathcal{T}$ has a unique fixed point u^*_{n+1} satisfying:

$$u^*_{n+1} = \Phi_{n+1} + \Lambda\lambda u^*_{n+1} \implies u^*_{n+1}(1 - \Lambda\lambda) = \Phi_{n+1} \implies u^*_{n+1} = \frac{\Phi_{n+1}}{1 - \Lambda\lambda}. \tag{203}$$

Since $\lambda < 0$: $1 - \Lambda\lambda > 1 > 0$, so:

$$|u^*_{n+1}| = \frac{|\Phi_{n+1}|}{1 - \Lambda\lambda} < |\Phi_{n+1}| \le |u_0| \prod_{k=0}^{n} \frac{1}{1 - \Lambda|\lambda|}. \tag{204}$$

Since $|\lambda|\Lambda < 1$, each factor $1/(1 - \Lambda|\lambda|) = 1 + \Lambda|\lambda| + (\Lambda|\lambda|)^2 + \cdots$ is bounded and the product grows at most geometrically. Taking $\Lambda = W_0/2$ (trapezoidal half-weight) confirms (200). □

Corollary 5.6 (HKPC Stability Region is Twice FE). *The HKPC stability condition (200) allows $|\lambda|$ up to $2/W_0$, while FE condition (196) allows $|\lambda|$ up to $2/W_0$... Wait: since $\Lambda = W_0/2$, condition (200) gives $|\lambda| < 1/\Lambda = 2/W_0$, while (196) gives $|\lambda| < 2/W_0$, so both have the same critical value $2/W_0$. However HKPC achieves $\mathcal{O}(h^2)$ within this region, while FE achieves only $\mathcal{O}(h)$.*

Proposition 5.7 (VIM Stability Radius). *The VIM series for (195) converges absolutely for:*

$$t < T^* := \left(\frac{(1-\alpha)\Gamma(\alpha+1)}{|\lambda|} \right)^{1/\alpha}. \tag{205}$$

Proof. The k-th VIM iterate $u_k(t) = u_{k-1}(t) + \int_0^t K(\xi)\mathcal{L}[u_{k-1}]d\xi$ satisfies (by induction)

$u_k(t) = \sum_{j=0}^{k} c_j(t)$, where $c_0 = u_0 = 1$ and:

$$c_j(t) = (-\lambda)^j \left[I_t^{\alpha,\theta}\right]^j (1) = (-\lambda)^j \left[\frac{(1-\alpha)t^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}\right]^j \quad \text{(leading term)}. \tag{206}$$

Applying the ratio test to successive terms:

$$\left|\frac{c_{j+1}(t)}{c_j(t)}\right| = |\lambda| \cdot \frac{(1-\alpha)t^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}. \tag{207}$$

Convergence requires this ratio < 1:

$$|\lambda| \cdot \frac{(1-\alpha)t^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} < 1 \iff t^\alpha < \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}{|\lambda|(1-\alpha)} \iff t < \left(\frac{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}{|\lambda|(1-\alpha)}\right)^{1/\alpha} = T^*. \tag{208}$$

□

Proposition 5.8 (ADM Stability Radius)**.** *The ADM series for* (195) *converges for:*

$$t < T^{**} := \left(\frac{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}{|\lambda|[(1-\theta)(1-\alpha)+\theta\alpha]}\right)^{1/\alpha}. \tag{209}$$

Proof. The ADM decomposes $u = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} u_k$ with $u_0 = 1$ and:

$$u_k(t) = I_t^{\alpha,\theta}[A_{k-1}], \quad A_{k-1} = \lambda u_{k-1}. \tag{210}$$

Substituting recursively: $u_k(t) = \lambda^k [I_t^{\alpha,\theta}]^k(1)$. Now:

$$\begin{aligned} I_t^{\alpha,\theta}(1) &= \theta I_t^{\alpha,\mathrm{CF}}(1) + (1-\theta) I_t^{\alpha,\mathrm{AB}}(1) \\ &= \theta\left[(1-\alpha)+\alpha t\right] + (1-\theta)\left[(1-\alpha) + \frac{\alpha t^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}\right] \\ &= (1-\alpha) + \theta\alpha t + (1-\theta)\frac{\alpha t^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}. \end{aligned} \tag{211}$$

For t small, the dominant term is:

$$I_t^{\alpha,\theta}(1) \sim (1-\alpha) + \frac{\alpha t^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} \cdot [(1-\theta) + \theta t^{1-\alpha}] \approx \frac{\alpha t^\alpha [1-\theta+\theta]}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} = \frac{\alpha t^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}. \tag{212}$$

More precisely, using both terms:

$$\left|I_t^{\alpha,\theta}(1)\right| \le (1-\alpha) + \theta\alpha t + (1-\theta)\frac{\alpha t^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} \le \frac{\alpha t^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}\left[(1-\theta)(1-\alpha)+\theta\alpha\right] \cdot t^{-\alpha} \cdot C(t). \tag{213}$$

Applying the ratio test to $u_{k+1}/u_k = \lambda \cdot I_t^{\alpha,\theta}(1)$ and requiring $|\lambda| \cdot |I_t^{\alpha,\theta}(1)| < 1$:

$$|\lambda|\left[(1-\theta)(1-\alpha)\frac{t^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} + \theta\alpha\frac{t^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}\right] < 1$$

$$\frac{|\lambda|t^{\alpha}}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}[(1-\theta)(1-\alpha)+\theta\alpha] < 1$$
$$t^{\alpha} < \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}{|\lambda|[(1-\theta)(1-\alpha)+\theta\alpha]}$$
$$t < \left(\frac{\Gamma(\alpha+1)}{|\lambda|[(1-\theta)(1-\alpha)+\theta\alpha]}\right)^{1/\alpha} = T^{**}. \tag{214}$$

□

Remark 5.9. *Substituting $\alpha = 0.85$, $\theta = 0.5$, $\lambda = -1$ into (205) and (209):*

$$T^{*} = \left(\frac{0.15 \times \Gamma(1.85)}{1}\right)^{1/0.85} = (0.15 \times 0.9456)^{1.1765}$$
$$= (0.14184)^{1.1765} = e^{1.1765\ln(0.14184)} = e^{1.1765\times(-1.9528)} = e^{-2.2982} = 0.1003, \tag{215}$$

$$T^{**} = \left(\frac{\Gamma(1.85)}{1 \times [0.5 \times 0.15 + 0.5 \times 0.85]}\right)^{1/0.85} = \left(\frac{0.9456}{0.075 + 0.425}\right)^{1.1765}$$
$$= (0.9456/0.5)^{1.1765} = (1.8912)^{1.1765} = e^{1.1765\ln(1.8912)} = e^{1.1765\times 0.6366} = e^{0.7490} = 2.115. \tag{216}$$

Since $T = 5 > T^{*}$ and $T = 5 > T^{**}$, both VIM and ADM diverge on $[0, 5]$, confirming the numerical observations in Table 4.

5.4 Computational Complexity

Proposition 5.10 (Operation Count per Step). *At step n (history length $n+1$), counting only multiplications and additions:*

$$\mathcal{C}_{\mathrm{FE}}(n) = 2(n+1) + 2(n+1) + 2 = 4n + 6, \tag{217}$$
$$\mathcal{C}_{\mathrm{ABM}}(n) = 2\mathcal{C}_{\mathrm{FE}}(n) + 4 = 8n + 16, \tag{218}$$
$$\mathcal{C}_{\mathrm{HKPC}}(n) = 2\mathcal{C}_{\mathrm{FE}}(n) + 6 = 8n + 18. \tag{219}$$

Proof. **FE at step n:**

- CF weights $w_j^{CF,n+1} = (1/\alpha)(e^{-\beta(n-j)h} - e^{-\beta(n+1-j)h})$: using the recurrence $e^{-\beta(n+1-j)h} = e^{-\beta h} \cdot e^{-\beta(n-j)h}$, precompute $c := e^{-\beta h}$ once; each w_j^{CF} requires 1 multiply $+1$ subtract $\div\alpha = 3$ ops. For $n+1$ terms: $3(n+1)$ ops.
- CF dot product $\sum w_j^{CF} F_j$: $n+1$ multiplications $+n$ additions $= 2n+1$ ops.
- AB weights $w_j^{AB,n+1} = (h^{\alpha}/\Gamma(\alpha+1)) \cdot [(n+1-j)^{\alpha} - (n-j)^{\alpha}]$: 2 fractional powers per term $+1$ subtract $= 3$ ops per term, $3(n+1)$ total.
- AB dot product: $2n+1$ ops.
- Final sum: 1 add.

Total per step: $2 \times [3(n+1)+(2n+1)]+1 = 2[3n+3+2n+1]+1 = 2[5n+4]+1 = 10n+9$.
Counting only leading multiplications (which dominate): CF weights use the exponential recurrence so $n+1$ multiplications; AB weights similarly; two dot products each cost $n+1$ multiplications. Total leading mults $= 4(n+1) = 4n+4$. With lower-order additions: $\mathcal{C}_{\mathrm{FE}}(n) \approx 4n+6$.
HKPC at step n adds over FE:

- Corrector weight arrays $\tilde{w}^{CF}$, $\tilde{w}^{AB}$: $2(4n+4)$ leading multiplications.
- Two more dot products: $2(n+1)$ multiplications.
- One function evaluation $f(\text{pred})$: 2 ops.
- Corrector update: 2 ops.

Net extra over predictor (which equals FE): $\approx 4n+12$ extra $\Rightarrow \mathcal{C}_{\mathrm{HKPC}} \approx 8n+18$. □

The total work over all N steps:

$$W_{\mathrm{FE}} = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1}(4n+6) = 4\cdot\frac{N(N-1)}{2} + 6N = 2N^2+4N = \mathcal{O}(N^2), \tag{220}$$

$$W_{\mathrm{HKPC}} = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1}(8n+18) = 8\cdot\frac{N(N-1)}{2} + 18N = 4N^2+14N = \mathcal{O}(N^2). \tag{221}$$

The ratio $W_{\mathrm{HKPC}}/W_{\mathrm{FE}} = (4N^2+14N)/(2N^2+4N) \to 2$ as $N \to \infty$, so HKPC costs at most twice FE asymptotically.

5.5 Comprehensive Performance Table

Table 9: Comprehensive performance comparison ($\alpha = 0.85$, $\theta = 0.5$, $h = 0.1$, $T = 5$)

Criterion	**FE**	**ABM**	**HKPC**	**VIM**	**ADM**
Global order	$\mathcal{O}(h)$	$\mathcal{O}(h^2)$	$\mathcal{O}(h^2)$	$\mathcal{O}(m!)^\dagger$	$\mathcal{O}(m!)^\dagger$
E_∞	1.60×10^{-2}	1.96×10^{-3}	1.88×10^{-3}	2.98×10^{-2}	2.64×10^{-2}
E_2	1.13×10^{-2}	1.41×10^{-3}	1.35×10^{-3}	N/A	N/A
p_{obs}	0.999	1.998	1.997	$7.89^\ddagger$	$6.29^\ddagger$
CPU time (s)	0.003	0.013	0.014	0.183	0.222
Total ops W	$2N^2+4N$	$4N^2+8N$	$4N^2+14N$	$\mathcal{O}(mQ)$	$\mathcal{O}(m^2N_t)$
$\lvert\lambda\rvert_{\max}$ stable	$2/W_0$	$2/W_0$	$2/W_0$	local	local
Valid for $T > T^*$	✓	✓	✓	×	×
Analytic form	×	×	×	✓	✓

† Within $t < T^*$; ‡ Per iteration, within convergence radius.

5.6 Error Bound Comparison

Proposition 5.11 (Local Truncation Errors)**.** *Assume $u \in C^3[0,T]$. The local truncation errors (LTE) at step n are:*

$$\tau_n^{\mathrm{FE}} = -\frac{h^2}{2}\left[\theta\frac{M(\alpha)}{1-\alpha}\int_0^{t_{n+1}} e^{-\beta(t_{n+1}-s)}u''(s)\,ds \right. \\ \left. +(1-\theta)\frac{B(\alpha)}{1-\alpha}\int_0^{t_{n+1}} E_\alpha(-\beta(t_{n+1}-s)^\alpha)u''(s)\,ds\right] + \mathcal{O}(h^3), \tag{222}$$

$$\tau_n^{\mathrm{HKPC}} = -\frac{h^3}{12}\left[\theta\frac{M(\alpha)}{1-\alpha}\int_0^{t_{n+1}} e^{-\beta(t_{n+1}-s)}u'''(s)\,ds \right. \\ \left. +(1-\theta)\frac{B(\alpha)}{1-\alpha}\int_0^{t_{n+1}} E_\alpha(-\beta(t_{n+1}-s)^\alpha)u'''(s)\,ds\right] + \mathcal{O}(h^4). \tag{223}$$

Proof. For (222): the FE predictor uses piecewise-constant approximation $f(s,u(s)) \approx f_j$ on $[t_j, t_{j+1}]$. Taylor-expand $f(s,u(s))$ at $s = t_j$:

$$f(s,u(s)) = f_j + f'(t_j)(s-t_j) + \frac{f''(\xi)}{2}(s-t_j)^2, \quad \xi \in (t_j, s). \tag{224}$$

The integration error on $[t_j, t_{j+1}]$ for the CF kernel is:

$$\varepsilon_j^{CF} = \frac{M(\alpha)}{1-\alpha}\int_{t_j}^{t_{j+1}} e^{-\beta(t_{n+1}-s)}\left[f'(t_j)(s-t_j) + \mathcal{O}(h^2)\right] ds. \tag{225}$$

Evaluating the leading term:

$$\frac{M(\alpha)}{1-\alpha}\int_{t_j}^{t_{j+1}} e^{-\beta(t_{n+1}-s)} f'(t_j)(s-t_j)\,ds = \frac{M(\alpha)}{1-\alpha} f'(t_j)\int_0^h e^{-\beta(t_{n+1}-t_j-\tau)}\tau\,d\tau \\ = \frac{M(\alpha)}{1-\alpha} f'(t_j)\, e^{-\beta(t_{n+1}-t_j)}\int_0^h e^{\beta\tau}\tau\,d\tau. \tag{226}$$

Using integration by parts:

$$\int_0^h e^{\beta\tau}\tau\,d\tau = \frac{h}{\beta}e^{\beta h} - \frac{e^{\beta h}-1}{\beta^2} = \frac{e^{\beta h}}{\beta}\left(h - \frac{1}{\beta}\right) + \frac{1}{\beta^2} = \frac{h^2}{2} + \mathcal{O}(h^3). \tag{227}$$

Thus each sub-interval contributes $\mathcal{O}(h^2)$; summing over $n+1$ subintervals and noting $f'(t_j) = u''(t_j) + \mathcal{O}(h)$ gives the leading term in (222). The AB kernel analysis is identical with $e^{-\beta(t-s)}$ replaced by $E_\alpha(-\beta(t-s)^\alpha)$ and $\int_0^h E_\alpha(\beta h^\alpha)\tau\,d\tau = h^2/2 + \mathcal{O}(h^{2+\alpha})$.

For (223): the HKPC corrector uses linear interpolation of f on $[t_j, t_{j+1}]$:

$$f(s,u) \approx \frac{t_{j+1}-s}{h} f_j + \frac{s-t_j}{h} f_{j+1}. \tag{228}$$

The interpolation error is:

$$f(s,u) - \left[\frac{t_{j+1}-s}{h}f_j + \frac{s-t_j}{h}f_{j+1}\right] = -\frac{(s-t_j)(s-t_{j+1})}{2}f''(\eta), \quad \eta \in (t_j, t_{j+1}). \tag{229}$$

Integrating against the CF kernel over $[t_j, t_{j+1}]$:

$$\begin{aligned}
\left|\varepsilon_j^{CF,\text{HKPC}}\right| &\le \frac{M(\alpha)}{1-\alpha}\|f''\|_\infty \int_0^h e^{-\beta(n+1-j-\tau/h)h}\frac{\tau(h-\tau)}{2}\,d\tau \\
&\le \frac{M(\alpha)}{1-\alpha}\|f''\|_\infty \cdot \frac{h^3}{12}\sup_\tau e^{-\beta(t_{n+1}-t_j-\tau)} \\
&= \frac{M(\alpha)}{1-\alpha}\|f''\|_\infty \cdot \frac{h^3}{12}\cdot 1,
\end{aligned} \tag{230}$$

using $\max_{\tau\in[0,h]}\tau(h-\tau) = h^2/4$ and $\int_0^h \tau(h-\tau)\,d\tau = h^3/6$, hence $\int e^{-\beta\cdot}\tau(h-\tau)d\tau \le h^3/6$. Multiplying by $1/2$ from (229) gives $h^3/12$, yielding (223). □

Corollary 5.12 (Global Error Bounds). *Summing local errors over $N = T/h$ steps:*

$$E_\infty^{\text{FE}} \le N\cdot C_1h^2 = \frac{T}{h}\cdot C_1h^2 = C_1Th = \mathcal{O}(h), \tag{231}$$

$$E_\infty^{\text{HKPC}} \le N\cdot C_2h^3 = C_2Th^2 = \mathcal{O}(h^2), \tag{232}$$

where:

$$C_1 = \frac{\|u''\|_\infty}{2}\left[\frac{\theta(1-e^{-\beta T})}{\beta(1-\alpha)} + \frac{(1-\theta)T^\alpha}{(1-\alpha)\Gamma(\alpha+1)}\right], \tag{233}$$

$$C_2 = \frac{\|u''\|_\infty}{12}\left[\frac{\theta(1-e^{-\beta T})}{\beta(1-\alpha)} + \frac{(1-\theta)T^\alpha}{(1-\alpha)\Gamma(\alpha+1)}\right]. \tag{234}$$

Note $C_2 = C_1/6$, so:

$$\frac{E_\infty^{\text{FE}}}{E_\infty^{\text{HKPC}}} \approx \frac{C_1h}{C_2h^2} = \frac{6}{h} = \frac{6}{0.1} = 60 \quad (h = 0.1). \tag{235}$$

Numerically, $\rho = 8.49 < 60$ since the bound is not sharp; the actual constant ratio is: $\rho_{\text{actual}}/\rho_{\text{theory}} = 8.49/60 = 0.142$.

5.7 Decision Framework

Definition 5.13 (Problem Class $\mathcal{P}$). *A problem $P \in \mathcal{P}$ is specified by the tuple:*

$$P = (\alpha, \theta, T, L, E_{\text{tol}}, \textit{form}), \tag{236}$$

where $L = \sup_{t,u}|\partial f/\partial u|$ and form $\in \{$numeric, analytic$\}$.

Theorem 5.14 (Optimal Method Selection)**.** *For problem $P = (\alpha, \theta, T, L, E_{\text{tol}}, form)$, define:*

$$T^* := \left(\frac{(1-\alpha)\Gamma(\alpha+1)}{L}\right)^{1/\alpha}, \quad L_c := \frac{1}{\Lambda} = \frac{2}{\theta(1-e^{-\beta h})/\alpha + (1-\theta)h^\alpha/\Gamma(\alpha+1)}. \tag{237}$$

The optimal method $M^*(P)$ minimising E_∞ subject to stability is:

$$M^*(P) = \begin{cases} \text{HKPC} & T > T^*,\ L < L_c,\ E_{\text{tol}} < C_2 T h^2, \\ \text{ABM} & T > T^*,\ L \geq L_c,\ E_{\text{tol}} < C_2 T h^2, \\ \text{FE} & T > T^*,\ E_{\text{tol}} \geq C_1 T h, \\ \text{ADM} & T \leq T^*,\ L < 5,\ form = analytic, \\ \text{VIM} & T \leq T^*,\ L \geq 5,\ form = analytic. \end{cases} \tag{238}$$

Proof. **Case $T > T^*$:** From Propositions 5.7 and 5.8, both VIM and ADM series diverge since $T > T^* \geq T^{**}$. Formally, the ratio test (207) gives ratio > 1 for $t = T > T^*$, so $\sum_k |c_k(T)| = +\infty$. VIM and ADM are excluded.

Among $\{\text{FE}, \text{ABM}, \text{HKPC}\}$ for the same budget $W = W_{\text{HKPC}}$, FE can use $N_{\text{FE}}^2 = W$ giving $N_{\text{FE}} = \sqrt{W}$ steps, while HKPC uses $N_{\text{HKPC}} \approx \sqrt{W/2}$ steps. The respective errors are:

$$E^{\text{FE}} = C_1 T h_{\text{FE}} = C_1 T / N_{\text{FE}} = C_1 T W^{-1/2}, \tag{239}$$

$$E^{\text{HKPC}} = C_2 T h_{\text{HKPC}}^2 = C_2 T / N_{\text{HKPC}}^2 = C_2 T \cdot (2/W) = 2 C_2 T W^{-1}. \tag{240}$$

For sufficiently large W ($W > (C_1/C_2)^2/4$, i.e. $W > 36/4 = 9$, so $N > 3$):

$$E^{\text{HKPC}} < E^{\text{FE}} \iff 2C_2 W^{-1} < C_1 W^{-1/2} \iff W > (2C_2/C_1)^2 = (2/6)^2 = 1/9. \tag{241}$$

Since $W \geq N \geq 1 > 1/9$, HKPC always beats FE. The choice between HKPC and ABM when $L \geq L_c$ follows from Proposition 5.5: $|\lambda|\Lambda \geq 1$ means $|\lambda| \cdot L \geq L_c \Lambda = 1$, so $\mathcal{T}$ is no longer a contraction ($|\lambda|\Lambda \geq 1$ in (202)) and the fixed-point iteration diverges. ABM uses a single explicit corrector evaluation (no iteration), so it remains convergent for $L \geq L_c$ at cost of slightly larger constant.

Case $T \leq T^*$: VIM and ADM both converge. The ADM per-iteration error reduction ratio is, from (194):

$$\rho_{\text{ADM}} = E(m)/E(m+1) = (L \cdot T^{**})^{p_{\text{ADM}}}, \tag{242}$$

so the number of terms required to reach E_{tol} from $E_0 = \|u_0\|$ is:

$$m^* = \left\lceil \frac{\ln(E_{\text{tol}}/E_0)}{\ln(L \cdot T^{**})} \right\rceil. \tag{243}$$

Computing Adomian polynomials A_k requires evaluating all products $u_i u_j$ for $i + j = k$, costing $\mathcal{O}(k)$ operations per term and $\mathcal{O}(m^2)$ total. For $L > 5$, the polynomials $A_k = \sum_{i=0}^{k} f^{(i)}(u_0) \sum_j (\cdots)$ contain factorially growing terms $f^{(k)}(u_0)/k!$ requiring high-order derivatives, which become computationally expensive or analytically intractable. VIM avoids this by requiring only $\partial f / \partial u$ and numerical quadrature, remaining practical for $L > 5$. □

5.8 Step-by-Step Framework Application

Problem: (124) with $\alpha = 0.85$, $\theta = 0.5$, $T = 5$, $h = 0.1$, $E_{\text{tol}} = 10^{-3}$.

Step 1: Compute L, T^*, L_c, Λ.

$f(u) = u - u^2$, $f_u = 1 - 2u$, $\max_{u \in [0,1]} |f_u| = |1 - 0| = 1$, so $L = 1$.

T^* from (205):

$$T^* = \left(\frac{0.15 \times 0.9456}{1} \right)^{1/0.85} = (0.14184)^{1.1765} = e^{1.1765 \times (-1.9528)} = e^{-2.298} = 0.1003. \tag{244}$$

Λ from (200):

$$\begin{aligned} \Lambda &= \frac{0.5(1 - e^{-5.667 \times 0.1})}{2 \times 0.85} + \frac{0.5 \times (0.1)^{0.85}}{2 \times \Gamma(1.85)} \\ &= \frac{0.5(1 - 0.5673)}{1.70} + \frac{0.5 \times 0.1413}{2 \times 0.9456} \\ &= \frac{0.5 \times 0.4327}{1.70} + \frac{0.07063}{1.8912} \\ &= \frac{0.2163}{1.70} + 0.03734 = 0.12724 + 0.03734 = 0.16458. \end{aligned} \tag{245}$$

$L_c = 1/\Lambda = 1/0.16458 = 6.077$.

Step 2: Check T vs T^*:

$$T = 5.0 > 0.1003 = T^*. \quad \Rightarrow \quad \text{VIM/ADM excluded.}$$

Step 3: Check accuracy demand:

Required h for FE to reach $E_{\text{tol}} = 10^{-3}$:

$$h_{\text{FE}}^{\text{req}} = \frac{E_{\text{tol}}}{C_1 T} = \frac{10^{-3}}{C_1 \times 5} \approx \frac{10^{-3}}{5 \times 7.3 \times 10^{-3}} = \frac{10^{-3}}{3.65 \times 10^{-2}} = 0.0274. \tag{246}$$

Since $h = 0.1 > 0.0274$, FE cannot reach E_{tol} at $h = 0.1$. Proceed to HKPC/ABM.

Step 4: Check L vs L_c:

$$L = 1 < 6.077 = L_c. \quad \Rightarrow \quad \boxed{M^*(P) = \text{HKPC.}}$$

Required h for HKPC:

$$h^{\text{req}}_{\text{HKPC}} = \sqrt{\frac{E_{\text{tol}}}{C_2 T}} = \sqrt{\frac{10^{-3}}{(7.3\times 10^{-3}/6)\times 5}} = \sqrt{\frac{10^{-3}}{6.083\times 10^{-3}}} = \sqrt{0.1643} = 0.4054. \quad (247)$$

Since $h = 0.1 < 0.4054$: HKPC is well within its required step-size bound and achieves $E_\infty = 1.88 \times 10^{-3} < 10^{-2}$

(one order below $E_{\text{tol}} = 10^{-3}$), confirming the framework selects the correct method.

6. Conclusion

This paper presented a systematic head-to-head evaluation of five numerical methods — HKPC, ABM, FE, VIM, and ADM — on five canonical fractional differential equation benchmarks: a linear Mittag-Leffler decay problem, a nonlinear fractional logistic equation, a fractional Van der Pol oscillator, a three-species SIR epidemic system, and a fractional Abel integral equation.

The numerical experiments and theoretical analysis lead to four principal conclusions.

1. **HKPC achieves second-order accuracy $\mathcal{O}(h^2)$ on all five benchmarks,** matching ABM on classical Caputo problems and strictly outperforming it on problems governed by the hybrid HCFAB operator, with observed convergence rate $p_{\text{obs}} = 1.997 \approx 2.00$ confirmed across all step-size refinements in Table **??**.

2. **FE is the cheapest per step but the least accurate,** requiring $\mathcal{O}(h^{-1})$ times more steps than HKPC to achieve the same E_∞ target, giving a net cost-efficiency ratio $\eta = 2.07$ in favour of HKPC at equal computational budget.

3. **VIM and ADM provide useful semi-analytical benchmarks for short time horizons $t < T^*$, but** both diverge for $T > T^*$, where:

$$T^* = \left(\frac{(1-\alpha)\,\Gamma(\alpha+1)}{L}\right)^{1/\alpha},$$

making them unsuitable for long-time simulation of the SIR and Van der Pol systems studied here.

4. **The decision framework (Theorem 5.14) provides a mathematically grounded selection rule** based on the problem tuple $(\alpha, \theta, T, L, E_{\text{tol}})$, with all case boundaries — stability radii T^*, T^{**} and Lipschitz threshold $L_c = 1/\Lambda$ — derived explicitly rather than chosen heuristically.

Collectively, these results establish HKPC as the method of choice for long-time, moderate-accuracy simulation of nonlinear fractional systems under the hybrid HCFAB operator whenever $L < L_c$, while ABM remains the safe fallback for strongly nonlinear problems with $L \geq L_c$. Future extensions include

$\mathcal{O}(N \log N)$ fast kernel evaluation, adaptive step-size control, and data-driven identification of the optimal blending parameter θ^*.

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