



## Series Solutions of Delay Integral Equations via a Modified Approach of Homotopy Analysis Method

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### Abstract

In this paper, the series solutions of a non-linear delay integral equations are considered by a modified approach of homotopy analysis method (MAHAM). We split the function  $f(x)$  into infinite sums. The outcomes of the illustrated examples are included to confirm the accuracy and efficiency of the MAHAM. The exact solution can be obtained using special values of the convergence parameter.

**Keywords:** Delay integral equations; Homotopy analysis method; Series solutions.

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### الخلاصة

في هذا البحث، قمنا بدراسة الحلول المتسلسلة للمعادلات التكاملية التباطؤية الخطية وغير الخطية باستخدام أسلوب معدل لطريقة التحليل الهوموتوبي. عملنا على تجزئة الدالة  $f(x)$  الى مجموع غير منتهي. النتائج التي حصلنا عليها من خلال الأمثلة التوضيحية اثبتت مدى كفاءة ودقة الطريقة المستخدمة. وقد حصلنا على الحلول المضبوطة باستخدام قيم خاصة لمعلمة التقارب.

### 1. Introduction

Delay integral equations (DIEs) are used extensively in the applied and mathematical sciences for modeling various phenomenon; for instance, biomathematics, biological models and medical science [1-4], dynamical systems, physics and physical models [5–7], population growth, and infectious diseases [8,9]. Delay integral equations are solved by different methods, such as block pulse functions [10, 11], homotopy perturbation method (HPM) [12], and variation iteration method (VIM) [13]. The homotopy analysis method (HAM), proposed by Liao [14], is a powerful technique to solve non-linear problems. In recent years, this method has been effectively applied to numerous problems in science and engineering [15-18]. All of these successful applications verified the validity, effectiveness, and flexibility of the HAM. Recently, some modifications of HAM were published to facilitate and accurate the calculations, accelerate the rapid convergence of the series solutions, and reduce the size of work [19-28]. It is the aim of this paper to suggest a new powerful modification of the HAM,

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namely a modified approach for homotopy analysis method (MAHAM) to solve the non-linear delay integral equations of the form

$$y(x) = f(x) + \lambda \int_{x_0}^{\theta(x)} K(x, s)F(y(\sigma(s)))ds, x \in [x_0, X], \tag{1}$$

where  $f(x), K(x, s)$ , and  $\theta(x)$  are given,  $\lambda$  is constant,  $\sigma(s)$  represents a general delay function, and  $y(x)$  is unknown. If  $\theta(x) = b$ , where  $b$  is fixed, then equation (1) is called delay Fredholm integral equation (DFIE); otherwise, it is called delay Volterra integral equation (DVIE). The MAHAM demonstrates an accurate solution if compared with other numerical methods. The obtained results suggest that this newly improved technique introduces a powerful improvement for solving non-linear delay integral equations. The outline of the paper is structured as follows: The essential idea of the method is presented in Section 2. The applications of the method and numerical examples are detailed in Section 3. Lastly, Section 4 gives conclusions.

**2. The Fundamental of MAHAM**

Consider the non-linear delay integral equation (1).

In the MAHAM, we split  $f(x)$  into an infinite sum, as follows

$$f(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} f_i(x)$$

Let us construct the so-called zeroth-order deformation equation:

$$(1 - q)[\phi(x, q) - \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} f_i(x) q^i] = qh \left[ \phi(x, q) - \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} f_i(x) q^i - \lambda \int_{x_0}^{\theta(x)} K(x, s)F(\phi(\sigma(s), q))ds \right] \tag{2}$$

where  $q \in [0,1], h \neq 0$ . When  $q = 0$  and  $q = 1$ , equation (2) becomes

$$\phi(x; 0) = f_0(x) \text{ and } \phi(x; 1) = y(x),$$

respectively. Thus, as  $q$  increase from 0 to 1, the solution  $\phi(x; q)$  varies continuously from the initial guess  $y_0(x) = f_0(x)$  to the solution  $y(x)$ .

By expanding  $\phi(x; q)$  in Taylor series with respect to  $q$ , one has

$$\phi(x; q) = f_0(x) + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} y_m(x) q^m, \tag{3}$$

where  $y_m(x) = \frac{1}{m!} \frac{\partial^m}{\partial q^m} \phi(x; 0)$  is the  $m$ th-order homotopy-derivative of  $\phi$ .

Assume that the series (3) converges at  $q = 1$ , then

$$y(x) = \phi(x; 1) = f_0(x) + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} y_m(x) \tag{4}$$

is the homotopy-series solution.

We define the vector so that  $y_r(x) = \{y_0(x), y_1(x), y_2(x), \dots, y_r(x)\}$ .

By differentiating equation (2)  $m$  times with respect to  $q$ , then setting  $q = 0$  and dividing them by  $m!$ , we obtain the so-called  $m^{th}$  order deformation equation

$$y_m(x) = f_m + x_m(y_{m-1}(x) - f_{m-1}) + h(y_{m-1}(x) - f_{m-1}) - h\lambda \int_{x_0}^{\theta(x)} K(x, s)F(y_{m-1}(\sigma(s))) ds \tag{5}$$

where

$$x_m = \begin{cases} 0 & m \leq 1 \\ 1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \tag{6}$$

**3. Applications**

**Example 1.** Consider the linear delay Volterra integral equation [29]

$$y(x) = e^x - xe^{x-1} + xe^{-1} + \int_0^x xy(s - 1)ds \tag{7}$$

with the exact solution  $u(x) = e^x$  over the interval  $[0,1]$ .

For MAHAM solution, we split  $f(x) = e^x - xe^{x-1} + xe^{-1}$  as  $f(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} f_i(x)$  with  $f_0(x) = e^x, f_1(x) = -xe^{x-1} + xe^{-1}, f_i(x) = 0, i \geq 2$ .

Using initial approximation  $y_0(x) = f_0(x) = e^x$ , we construct the zero order deformation equation

$$(1 - q)[\phi(x, q) - \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} f_i(x) q^i] = qh[\phi(x, q) - \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} f_i(x) q^i - \int_0^x x\phi(s - 1, q)ds] \quad (8)$$

The  $m^{th}$  order deformation equation is

$$y_m(x) = f_m + x_m(y_{m-1}(x) - f_{m-1}) + h(y_{m-1}(x) - f_{m-1}) - h \int_0^x x y_{m-1}(s - 1)ds$$

where  $x_m$  is define by (6).

Consequently, we obtain the following components of the solution

$$\begin{aligned} y_0 &= e^x \\ y_1 &= \frac{x}{e} - e^{-1+x}x - \frac{(-1+e^x)hx}{e} \\ y_2 &= -\frac{(-1+e^x)h(1+h)x}{e} - \frac{h(1+h)x(-2+\frac{1}{2}(-2+x)(-2e^x+ex))}{e^2} \\ &\vdots \end{aligned}$$

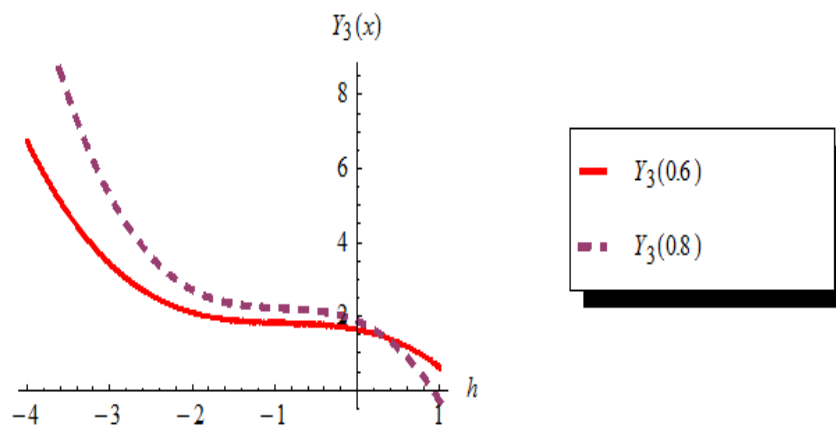
Then, the  $m$ th order series approximation solution of MAHAM can be written as

$$Y_m(x, h) = \sum_{i=0}^m y_i(x, h) \quad (9)$$

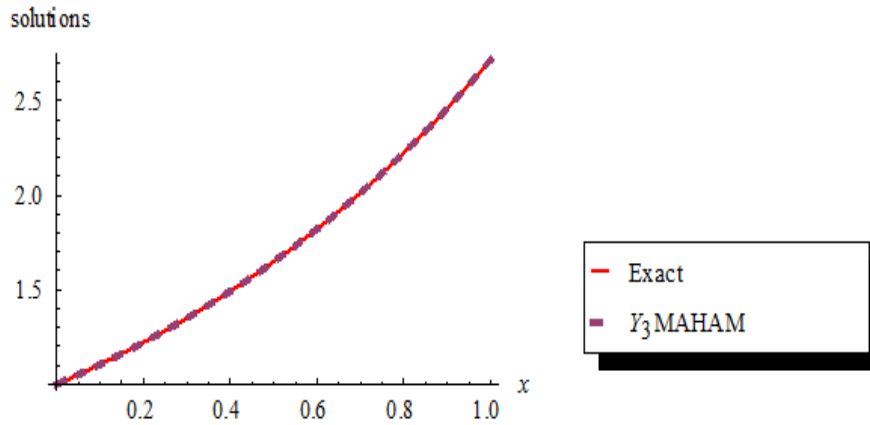
Equation (9) is a series solution to Eq. (7) in terms of the convergence control parameter  $h$ . To determine the valid region of  $h$ , the  $h$ -curves are drawn in Figure 1 by the 3<sup>rd</sup> order MAHAM at various values of  $x$ .

We note that when  $h = -1$  then  $Y_m(x) = e^x$  for  $m \geq 1$ , that is, we obtain the exact solution at all order approximations of MAHAM. Hence, the results obtained by MAHAM are more accurate than those of Block2 and Block3 [29]. As shown in Figure 2, the 3<sup>rd</sup> order approximate solution series obtained by the MAHAM at  $h = -1.001$  is in good agreement with the exact solution.

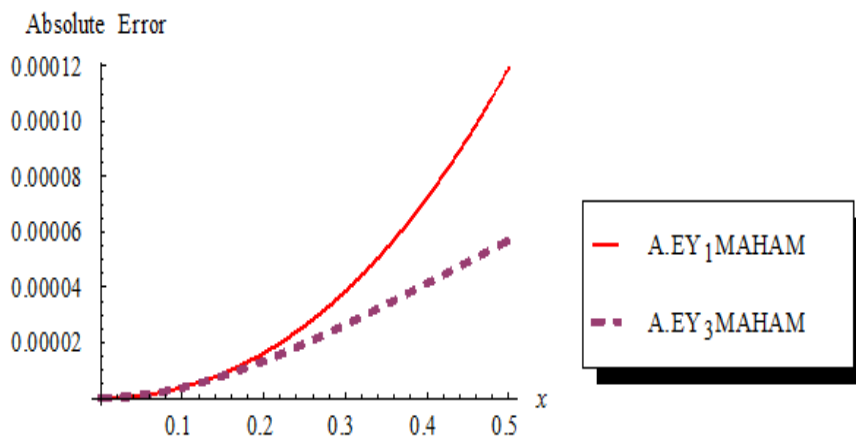
It should be noted that at  $h = -1.001$ , the absolute error is highly decreased when modifying the solution by taking more terms into consideration. Figures 3 and 4 illustrate this fact.



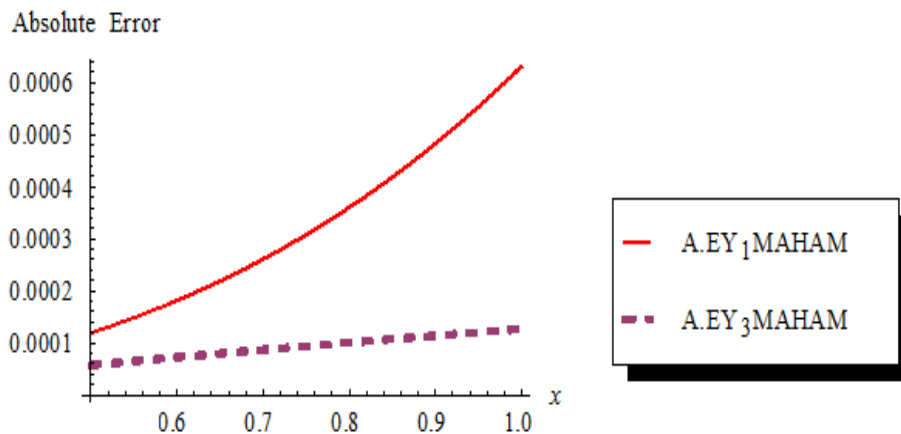
**Figure 1-**  $h$ -curve of  $Y_3$  solution at different values of  $x$  for Example 1.



**Figure 2-**Comparison of  $Y_3$  solution ( $h = -1.001$ ) and the exact solution for Example 1.



**Figure 3-**The absolute errors of 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> order ( $h = -1.001$ ) approximations of MAHAM for Example 1 at  $0 \leq x \leq 0.5$ .



**Figure 4-**The absolute errors of 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> order ( $h = -1.001$ ) approximations of MAHAM for Example 1 at  $0.5 \leq x \leq 1$ .

**Example 2** Consider the linear delay Fredholm integral equation [12]

$$y(x) = x^2 + \frac{5}{3}x + \int_{-1}^1 x s y(s - 1)ds \tag{10}$$

with the exact solution  $u(x) = x^2 + x$  over the interval  $[0,1]$ .

For MAHAM solution, we split  $f(x) = x^2 + \frac{5}{3}x$  as  $f(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} f_i(x)$  with  $f_0(x) = x^2 + \frac{5}{3}x$ ,  $f_i(x) = 0, i \geq 1$ .

Using the initial approximation  $y_0(x) = f_0(x) = x^2 + \frac{5}{3}x$ , we construct the zero order deformation equation

$$(1 - q)[\phi(x, q) - \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} f_i(x) q^i] = qh \left[ \phi(x, q) - \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} f_i(x) q^i - \int_{-1}^1 x s \phi(s - 1, q) ds \right] \quad (11)$$

The  $m^{th}$  order deformation equation is

$$y_m(x) = f_m + x_m(y_{m-1}(x) - f_{m-1}) + h(y_{m-1}(x) - f_{m-1}) - h \int_{-1}^1 x s y_{m-1}(s - 1) ds$$

where  $x_m$  is defined by (6).

Consequently, we obtain the following components of the solution

$$y_0 = x^2 + \frac{5}{3}x$$

$$y_1 = \frac{2hx}{9}$$

$$y_2 = -\frac{4h^2x}{27} + \frac{2}{9}h(1 + h)x$$

$$\vdots$$

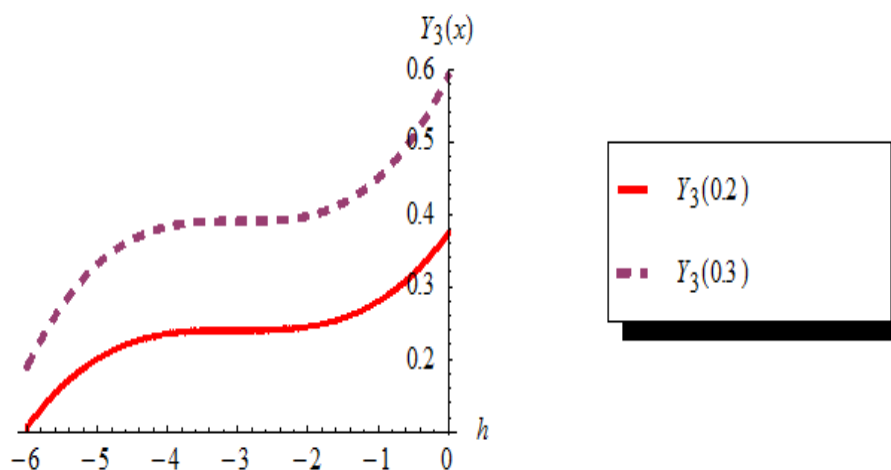
Then, the  $m$ th order series approximation solution of MAHAM can be written as

$$Y_m(x, h) = \sum_{i=0}^m y_i(x, h) \quad (12)$$

Equation (12) is a series solution to the Eq. (10) in terms of the convergence control parameter  $h$ . To determine the valid region of  $h$ , the  $h$ -curves are drawn in Figure 5 by the 3<sup>rd</sup> order MAHAM at various values of  $x$ .

We note that when  $h = -3$  then  $Y_m(x) = x^2 + x$  for  $m \geq 1$ , that is, we obtain the exact solution at all orders approximations of MAHAM. Hence, the results obtained by MAHAM are more accurate than that of the homotopy perturbation method [12].

It should be noted that at  $h = -3.1$ , the absolute error is highly decreased when modifying the solution by taking more terms into consideration. Table 1 illustrates this fact.



**Figure 5-**  $h$ -curve of  $Y_3$  solution at different values of  $x$  for Example 2.

**Table 1-** The absolute errors of  $Y_1, Y_3, Y_5$  and  $Y_7$  of MAHAM at  $h = -3.1$  for Example 2

$x$	$Y_1$ MAHAM	$Y_3$ MAHAM	$Y_5$ MAHAM	$Y_7$ MAHAM
0.0	0.00000000000000	0.00000000000000	0.00000000000000	0.00000000000000
0.1	$2.222222 \times 10^{-3}$	$2.469135 \times 10^{-6}$	$2.743484 \times 10^{-9}$	$3.047520 \times 10^{-12}$
0.2	$4.444444 \times 10^{-3}$	$4.938271 \times 10^{-6}$	$5.486968 \times 10^{-9}$	$6.095041 \times 10^{-12}$
0.3	$6.666666 \times 10^{-3}$	$7.407407 \times 10^{-6}$	$8.230452 \times 10^{-9}$	$9.144740 \times 10^{-12}$
0.4	$8.888888 \times 10^{-3}$	$9.876543 \times 10^{-6}$	$1.097393 \times 10^{-8}$	$1.219002 \times 10^{-11}$
0.5	$1.111111 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.234567 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.371742 \times 10^{-8}$	$1.524291 \times 10^{-11}$
0.6	$1.333333 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.481481 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.646090 \times 10^{-8}$	$1.828948 \times 10^{-11}$
0.7	$1.555555 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.728395 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.920438 \times 10^{-8}$	$2.133626 \times 10^{-11}$
0.8	$1.777777 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.975308 \times 10^{-5}$	$2.194787 \times 10^{-8}$	$2.438027 \times 10^{-11}$
0.9	$2.000000 \times 10^{-2}$	$2.222222 \times 10^{-5}$	$2.469135 \times 10^{-8}$	$2.743272 \times 10^{-11}$
1.0	$2.222222 \times 10^{-2}$	$2.469135 \times 10^{-5}$	$2.743484 \times 10^{-8}$	$3.048583 \times 10^{-11}$

**Example 3.** Consider the nonlinear delay Volterra integral equation [13]

$$y(x) = e^x + \frac{2}{3} \left( 1 - e^{\frac{3}{2}x} \right) + \int_0^x y(s)y\left(\frac{s}{2}\right) ds \tag{13}$$

with the exact solution  $u(x) = e^x$  over the interval  $[0,1]$ .

For MAHAM solution, we split  $f(x) = e^x + \frac{2}{3} \left( 1 - e^{\frac{3}{2}x} \right)$  as  $f(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} f_i(x)$  with

$$f_0(x) = e^x, f_1(x) = \frac{2}{3} \left( 1 - e^{\frac{3}{2}x} \right), f_i(x) = 0, i \geq 2$$

Using the initial approximation  $y_0(x) = f_0(x) = e^x$ ,

we construct the zero order deformation equation

$$(1 - q) \left[ \phi(x, q) - \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} f_i(x) q^i \right] = qh \left[ \phi(x, q) - \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} f_i(x) q^i - \int_0^x \phi(s, q)\phi\left(\frac{s}{2}, q\right) ds \right] \tag{14}$$

The  $m^{th}$  order deformation equation is

$$y_m(x) = f_m + x_m(y_{m-1}(x) - f_{m-1}) + h(y_{m-1}(x) - f_{m-1}) - h \int_0^x y_{m-1}(s)y_{m-1}\left(\frac{s}{2}\right) ds$$

where  $x_m$  is defined by (6).

Consequently, we obtain the following components of the solution

$$y_0 = e^x$$

$$y_1 = \frac{2}{3} (1 - e^{3x/2}) - \frac{2}{3} (-1 + e^{3x/2})h$$

$$y_2 = -\frac{2}{3} (-1 + e^{3x/2})h(1 + h) - \frac{4}{81} h(1 + h)^2 (14 - 12e^{3x/4} - 6e^{3x/2} + 4e^{9x/4} + 9x)$$

⋮

Then, the  $m$ th order series approximation solution of MAHAM can be written as

$$Y_m(x, h) = \sum_{i=0}^m y_i(x, h) \tag{15}$$

Equation (15) is a series solution to Eq. (13) in terms of the convergence control parameter  $h$ .

To determine the valid region of  $h$ , the  $h$ -curves are drawn in Figure 6 by the 3<sup>rd</sup> order MAHAM at various values of  $x$ .

We note that when  $h = -1$  then  $Y_m(x) = e^x$  for  $m \geq 1$ , that is, we obtain the exact solution at all orders approximations of MAHAM. Hence, the results obtained by MAHAM are more accurate than that of the variation iteration method [13].

It should be noted that at  $h = -1.001$ , the absolute error is highly decreased when modifying the solution by taking more terms into consideration. Table 2 illustrates this fact.

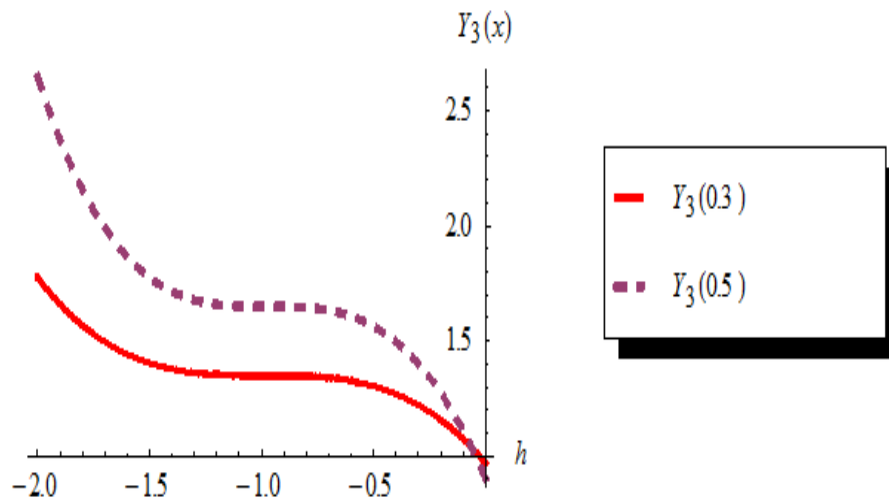


Figure 6-h-curve of  $Y_3$  solution at different values of  $x$  for Example 3.

Table 2- The absolute errors of  $Y_1, Y_2$  and  $Y_3$  of MAHAM at  $h = -1.001$  for Example 3

$x$	$Y_1$ MAHAM	$Y_2$ MAHAM	$Y_3$ MAHAM
0.0	0.000000000000000000	0.000000000000000000	0.000000000000000000
0.1	$1.0788949515 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.0770780245 \times 10^{-7}$	$4.7145620740 \times 10^{-10}$
0.2	$2.3323920505 \times 10^{-4}$	$2.3165317708 \times 10^{-7}$	$3.4068747822 \times 10^{-9}$
0.3	$3.7887479032 \times 10^{-4}$	$3.7302271205 \times 10^{-7}$	$1.2088819945 \times 10^{-8}$
0.4	$5.4807920026 \times 10^{-4}$	$5.3288407197 \times 10^{-7}$	$3.0953220431 \times 10^{-8}$
0.5	$7.4466667774 \times 10^{-4}$	$7.1209239171 \times 10^{-7}$	$6.5924737002 \times 10^{-8}$
0.6	$9.7306874077 \times 10^{-4}$	$9.1116308320 \times 10^{-7}$	$1.2484326572 \times 10^{-7}$
0.7	$1.2384340787 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.1301009856 \times 10^{-6}$	$2.1800558513 \times 10^{-7}$
0.8	$1.5467446151 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.3681730011 \times 10^{-6}$	$3.5885234472 \times 10^{-7}$
0.9	$1.9049503537 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.6236078161 \times 10^{-6}$	$5.6483841692 \times 10^{-7}$
1.0	$2.3211260468 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.8932018228 \times 10^{-6}$	$8.5853441555 \times 10^{-7}$

Example 4 :Consider the linear delay Volterra integral equation [29]

$$y(x) = \sin(x) + x^2 \cos(x - 1) - x^2 \cos(-1) + \int_0^x x^2 y(s - 1)ds \tag{16}$$

with the exact solution  $u(x) = \sin(x)$  over the interval  $[0,1]$ .

For MAHAM solution, we split  $f(x) = \sin(x) + x^2 \cos(x - 1) - x^2 \cos(-1)$  as  $f(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} f_i(x)$  with  $f_0(x) = \sin(x)$  and  $f_1(x) = x^2 \cos(x - 1) - x^2 \cos(-1)$ ,  $f_i(x) = 0, i \geq 2$ .

Using the initial approximation  $y_0(x) = f_0(x) = \sin(x)$ ,

we construct the zero order deformation equation

$$(1 - q)[\phi(x, q) - \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} f_i(x) q^i] = qh[\phi(x, q) - \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} f_i(x) q^i - \int_0^x x^2 \phi(s - 1, q)ds] \tag{17}$$

The  $m^{th}$  order deformation equation is

$$y_m(x) = f_m + x_m(y_{m-1}(x) - f_{m-1}) + h(y_{m-1}(x) - f_{m-1}) - h \int_0^x x^2 y_{m-1}(s - 1)ds$$

where  $x_m$  is defined by (6).

Consequently, we obtain the following components of the solution

$$y_0 = \sin[x]$$

$$y_1 = -x^2 \cos[1] - hx^2(\cos[1] - \cos[1 - x]) + x^2 \cos[1 - x]$$

$$y_2 = -h(1 + h)x^2(\text{Cos}[1] - \text{Cos}[1 - x]) - \frac{1}{3}h(1 + h)x^2(-\text{Cos}[1] - (-1 + x)^3\text{Cos}[1] + 6\text{Cos}[2] + 6(-1 + x)\text{Cos}[2 - x] - 3\text{Sin}[2] + (3 - 3(-2 + x)x)\text{Sin}[2 - x])$$

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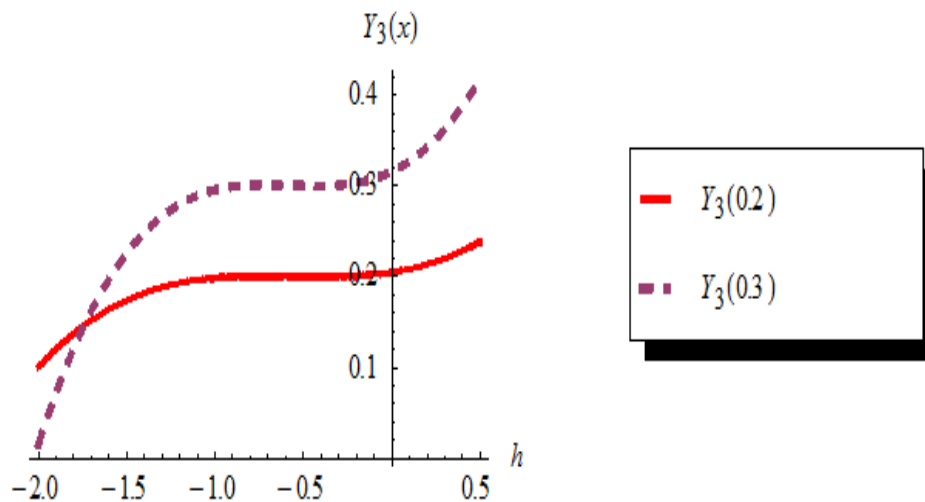
Then, the  $m$ th order series approximation solution of MAHAM can be written as

$$Y_m(x, h) = \sum_{i=0}^m y_i(x, h) \tag{18}$$

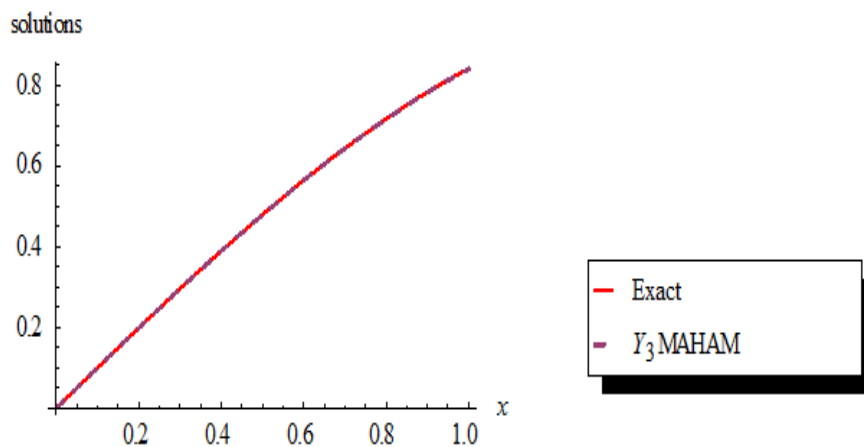
Equation (18) is a series solution to Eq. (16) in terms of the convergence control parameter  $h$ . To determine the valid region of  $h$ , the  $h$ -curves are drawn in Figure 7 by the 3<sup>rd</sup> order MAHAM at various values of  $x$ .

We note that when  $h = -1$  then  $Y_m(x) = \sin(x)$  for  $m \geq 1$ , that is, we obtain the exact solution at all order approximations of MAHAM. Hence, the results obtained by MAHAM are more accurate than those of Block2 and Block3 [29]. As shown in Figure 8, the 3<sup>rd</sup> order approximate solution series obtained by the MAHAM at  $h = -1.001$  is in good agreement with the exact solution.

It should be noted that at  $h = -1.001$ , the absolute error is highly decreased when modifying the solution by taking more terms into consideration. Figures 9 and 10 illustrate this fact.

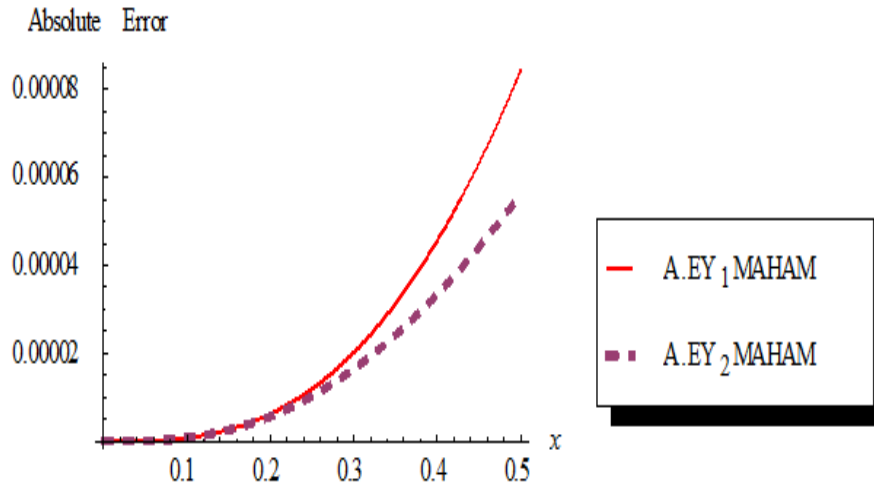


**Figure 7-**  $h$ -curve of  $Y_3$  solution at different values of  $x$  for Example 4.

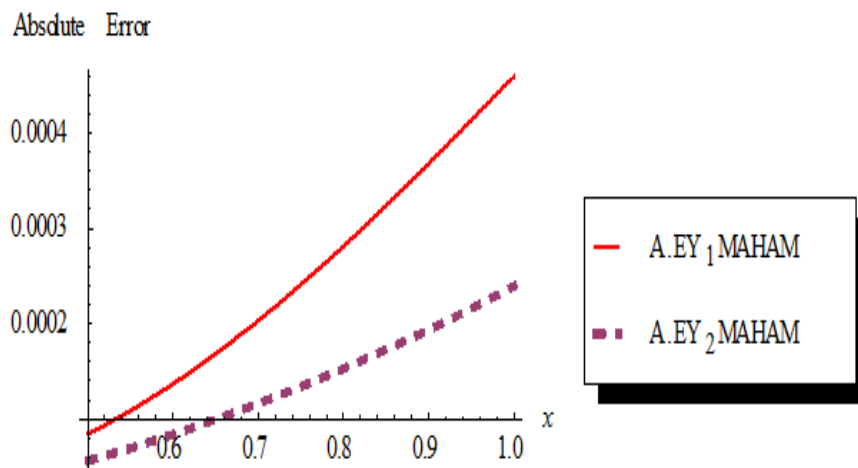


**Figure 8-** Comparison of  $Y_3$  solution ( $h = -1.001$ ) and the exact solution for Example 4.





**Figure 9**-The absolute errors of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> order ( $h = -1.001$ ) approximations of MAHAM for Example 4 at  $0 \leq x \leq 0.5$ .



**Figure 10**-The absolute errors of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> order ( $h = -1.001$ ) approximations of MAHAM for Example 4 at  $0.5 \leq x \leq 1$ .

**Example 5:** Consider the nonlinear delay Volterra integral equation

$$y(x) = f(x) + \int_0^{0.9x} (s + x)[y(s)]^3 ds , \tag{19}$$

where  $f(x)$  is chosen so that its exact solution is  $y(x) = -x + x^2$  [30].

Now

$$f(x) = -x + x^2 + 0.282123x^5 - 0.6200145000000001x^6 + 0.47070488571428576x^7 - 0.12213652982142859x^8$$

**For HAM solution:**

We construct the zero order deformation equation

$$(1 - q)[\varnothing(x, q) - y_0(x)] = qh[\varnothing(x, q) - f(x) - \int_0^x (s + x) \varnothing^3(s, q) ds] \tag{20}$$

The  $m^{th}$  order deformation equation is

$$y_m(x) = x_m y_{m-1}(x) + h[y_{m-1}(x) - (1 - x_m)f(x) - \int_0^x (s + x) (\sum_{n=0}^{m-1} y_{(m-1)-n}(s) \sum_{k=0}^n y_{n-k}(s) y_k(s) ) ds]$$

where  $x_m$  is defined by (6).

Using the initial approximation  $y_0(x) = f(x)$ ,

we obtain the following components of the solution

$$y_0 = -x + x^2 + 0.282123x^5 - 0.6200145000000001x^6 + 0.47070488571428576x^7 - 0.12213652982142859x^8.$$

$$y_1 = -h(0. - 0.282123x^5 + 0.6200145x^6 - 0.4707048857142857x^7 + 0.12213652982142859x^8 + \dots$$

$$y_2 = -h(1 + h)(0. - 0.282123x^5 + 0.6200145x^6 - 0.4707048857142857x^7 + 0.12213652982142859x^8 + \dots$$

⋮

Then, the  $m^{th}$  order series approximation solution expression by HAM can be written in the form

$$Y_m(x, h) = \sum_{i=0}^m y_i(x, h) \tag{21}$$

Equation (21) is a family of approximation solutions to equation (19) in terms of the convergence parameter  $h$ . To find the valid region of  $h$ , the  $h$ -curves given by the 3<sup>rd</sup> order HAM at different values of  $x$  are drawn in Figure 11.

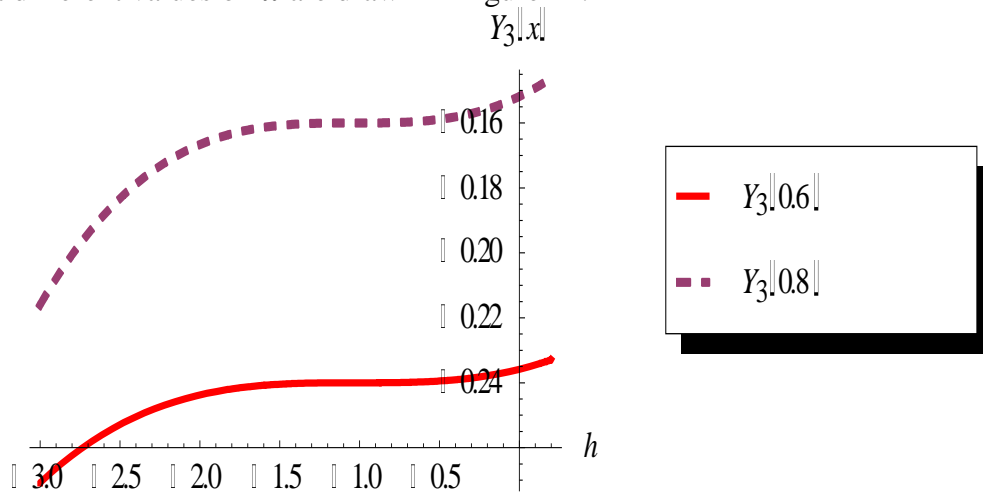


Figure 11- $h$ -curve of  $Y_3$  solution at different values of  $x$  for Example 5.

**For MAHAM solution:**

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$$f(x) = -x + x^2 + 0.282123x^5 - 0.6200145000000001x^6 + 0.47070488571428576x^7 - 0.12213652982142859x^8 \text{ as } f(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} f_i(x) \text{ with}$$

$$f_0(x) = -x + x^2$$

$$f_1(x) = 0.282123x^5 - 0.6200145000000001x^6 + 0.47070488571428576x^7 - 0.12213652982142859x^8, f_i(x) = 0, i \geq 2$$

Using the initial approximation  $y_0(x) = f_0(x) = -x + x^2$ ,

we construct the zero order deformation equation

$$(1 - q)[\phi(x, q) - \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} f_i(x) q^i] = qh[\phi(x, q) - \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} f_i(x) q^i - \int_0^x (s + x) \phi^3(s, q) ds] \tag{22}$$

The  $m^{th}$  order deformation equation is

$$y_m(x) = f_m + x_m(y_{m-1}(x) - f_{m-1}) + h(y_{m-1}(x) - f_{m-1}) -$$

$$h \int_0^x (s + x) \left( \sum_{n=0}^{m-1} y_{(m-1)-n}(s) \sum_{k=0}^n y_{n-k}(s) y_k(s) \right) ds$$

where  $x_m$  is defined by (6).

Consequently, we obtain the following components of the solution

$$y_0 = -x + x^2$$

$$y_1 = -h(0.08197517296361026x^9 + 0.08197517296361026hx^9 - 0.27681342514807544x^{10} - 0.27681342514807544hx^{10} + \dots)$$

$$y_2 = -h(0.08197517296361027hx^9 + 0.08197517296361027h^2x^9 - 0.27681342514807544hx^{10} - 0.27681342514807544h^2x^{10} + \dots)$$

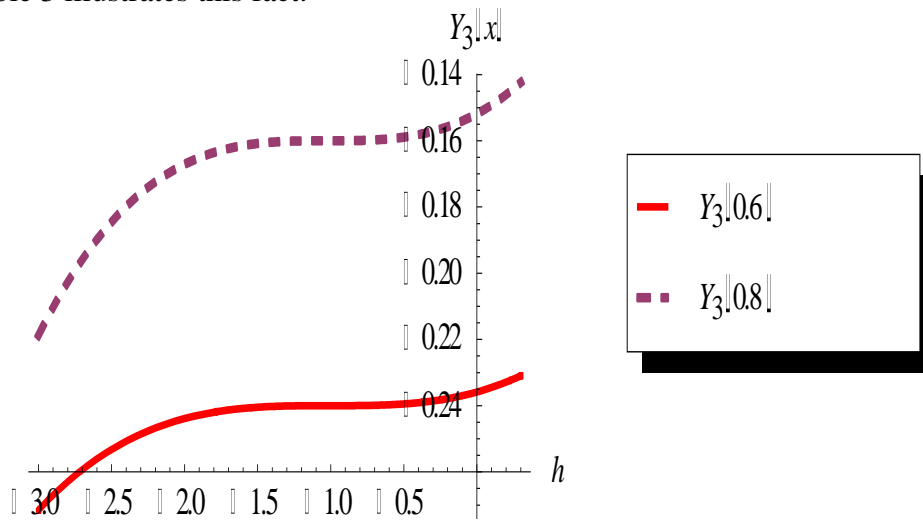
⋮

Then, the  $m^{th}$  order series approximation solution expression by MAHAM can be written in the form

$$Y_m(x, h) = \sum_{i=0}^m y_i(x, h) \tag{23}$$

Equation (23) is a family of approximation solutions to equation (19) in terms of the convergence parameter  $h$ . To find the valid region of  $h$ , the  $h$ -curves given by the 3<sup>rd</sup> order MAHAM at different values of  $x$  are drawn in Figure 12.

It should be noted that the results obtained by MAHAM are more accurate than that of the HAM. Table 3 illustrates this fact.



**Figure 12-**  $h$ -curve of  $Y_3$  solution at different values of  $x$  for Example 5.

**Table 3-**The absolute errors of  $Y_3$  of HAM and MAHAM at  $h = -1$ .

$x$	A.E $Y_3$ HAM	A.E $Y_3$ MAHAM
0.1	0.000000000000000	0.000000000000000
0.2	$1.915134 \times 10^{-15}$	0.000000000000000
0.3	$9.878209 \times 10^{-13}$	0.000000000000000
0.4	$6.524361 \times 10^{-11}$	0.000000000000000
0.5	$1.3607733 \times 10^{-9}$	0.000000000000000
0.6	$1.3303303 \times 10^{-8}$	0.000000000000000
0.7	$7.48816076 \times 10^{-8}$	0.000000000000000
0.8	$2.7294426 \times 10^{-7}$	$2.775557 \times 10^{-17}$
0.9	$6.9125831 \times 10^{-7}$	$2.775557 \times 10^{-17}$
1.0	$1.2700852 \times 10^{-6}$	$6.9388939 \times 10^{-17}$

#### 4. Conclusions

In this article, a modified approach derived from Liao's homotopy analysis technique (MAHAM) was introduced to solve non-linear delay integral equations. The MAHAM gives approximate and exact solutions in a few iterations. Finally, we can say that the MAHAM is a powerful and efficient method for linear and nonlinear delay integral equations.

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