

NUMERICAL CALCULATING LINEAR VIBRATIONS OF THIRD ORDER SYSTEMS INVOLVING FRACTIONAL OPERATORS

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Abstract. This paper presents a numerical method for dynamic calculation of third order systems involving fractional operators. Using the Liouville-Riemann's definition of fractional derivatives, a numerical algorithm is developed on base of the well-known Newmark integration method to calculate dynamic response of third order systems. Then, we apply this method to calculate linear vibrations of viscoelastic systems containing fractional derivatives.

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1. INTRODUCTION

In 1959 Newmark presented a family of single-step integration methods for the solution of structural dynamic problems [1, 2]. During the past time Newmark's method has been applied to the dynamic analysis of many practical engineering structures. It has been modified and improved by many other researchers such as Wilson, Hilber, Hughes and Taylor... However, these methods are only used for the system of second order equations.

The concepts of fractional derivatives [3, 4, 5] appeared many years ago and are introduced by famous mathematicians like Riemann, Liouville, Grünwald, Letnikov, Caputo... The concept of fractional operators in engineering applications is now increasingly attractive in the formulations of the constitutive law for some viscoelastic materials.

In [6, 7, 8] Shimizu and Zhang have used the Newmark integration method for calculating the vibrations of second order systems involving fractional derivatives. Many vibration problems in engineering lead the system of differential equations of third order. In this paper we present the using Newmark integration method for calculating vibrations of third order systems involving fractional derivatives.

2. THE NEWMARK METHOD FOR THE THIRD ORDER SYSTEMS

The Newmark method is a single-step integration formula. The state vector of the system at a time $t_{n+1} = t_n + h$ is deduced from the already-known state vector at time t_n

through a Taylor expansion of the displacements, velocities and accelerations

$$f(t_n + h) = f(t_n) + h\dot{f}(t_n) + \frac{h^2}{2!}\ddot{f}(t_n) + \dots + \frac{h^s}{s!}f^{(s)}(t_n) + R_s,$$

where R_s is the remainder of the development to the order s

$$R_s = \frac{1}{s!} \int_{t_n}^{t_n+h} f^{(s+1)}(\tau) [t_n + h - \tau]^s d\tau.$$

Relation (1) allows us to compute the accelerations, velocities and displacements of system at time t_{n+1}

$$\ddot{q}_{n+1} = \ddot{q}_n + \int_{t_n}^{t_{n+1}} \ddot{\ddot{q}}(\tau) d\tau, \quad (3)$$

$$\dot{q}_{n+1} = \dot{q}_n + h\ddot{q}_n + \int_{t_n}^{t_{n+1}} (t_{n+1} - \tau) \ddot{\ddot{q}}(\tau) d\tau, \quad (4)$$

$$q_{n+1} = q_n + h\dot{q}_n + \frac{h^2}{2}\ddot{q}_n + \frac{1}{2} \int_{t_n}^{t_{n+1}} (t_{n+1} - \tau)^2 \ddot{\ddot{q}}(\tau) d\tau. \quad (5)$$

Let us express $\ddot{\ddot{q}}(\tau)$ in the time interval $[t_n, t_{n+1}]$ as a function of $\ddot{q}_n, \ddot{q}_{n+1}$ at the interval limits

$$\begin{aligned} \ddot{\ddot{q}}_n &= \ddot{\ddot{q}}(\tau) + q^{(4)}(\tau)(t_n - \tau) + q^{(5)}(\tau) \frac{(t_n - \tau)^2}{2} + \dots \\ \ddot{\ddot{q}}_{n+1} &= \ddot{\ddot{q}}(\tau) + q^{(4)}(\tau)(t_{n+1} - \tau) + q^{(5)}(\tau) \frac{(t_{n+1} - \tau)^2}{2} + \dots \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

By multiplying the first equation of (6) by $(1 - \alpha)$, the second equation by α and adding two equations then, we obtain

$$\ddot{\ddot{q}}(\tau) = (1 - \alpha) \ddot{\ddot{q}}_n + \alpha \ddot{\ddot{q}}_{n+1} + q^{(4)}(\tau) [\tau - \alpha h - t_n] + O(h^2 q^{(5)}). \quad (7)$$

Likewise, multiplying equations (6) by $(1 - 2\gamma)$, 2γ and by $(1 - 6\beta)$, 6β yields

$$\ddot{\ddot{q}}(\tau) = (1 - 2\gamma) \ddot{\ddot{q}}_n + 2\gamma \ddot{\ddot{q}}_{n+1} + q^{(4)}(\tau) [\tau - 2\gamma h - t_n] + O(h^2 q^{(5)}). \quad (8)$$

$$\ddot{\ddot{q}}(\tau) = (1 - 6\beta) \ddot{\ddot{q}}_n + 6\beta \ddot{\ddot{q}}_{n+1} + q^{(4)}(\tau) [\tau - 6\beta h - t_n] + O(h^2 q^{(5)}). \quad (9)$$

Hence, by substituting (7), (8) and (9) in the integral terms of (3), (4) and (5), we obtain the quadrature formulas

$$\int_{t_n}^{t_{n+1}} \ddot{\ddot{q}}(\tau) d\tau = (1 - \alpha) h \ddot{\ddot{q}}_n + \alpha h \ddot{\ddot{q}}_{n+1} + r_n, \quad (10)$$

$$\int_{t_n}^{t_{n+1}} (t_{n+1} - \tau) \ddot{q}(\tau) d\tau = \left(\frac{1}{2} - \gamma\right) h^2 \ddot{q}_n + \gamma h^2 \ddot{q}_{n+1} + r'_n, \quad (11)$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \int_{t_n}^{t_{n+1}} (t_{n+1} - \tau)^2 \ddot{q}(\tau) d\tau = \left(\frac{1}{6} - \beta\right) h^3 \ddot{q}_n + \beta h^3 \ddot{q}_{n+1} + r''_n, \quad (12)$$

The corresponding error measure

$$\begin{aligned} r_n &= \left(\alpha - \frac{1}{2}\right) h^2 q^{(4)}(\bar{\tau}) + O(h^3 q^{(5)}), \\ r'_n &= \left(\gamma - \frac{1}{6}\right) h^3 q^{(4)}(\bar{\tau}) + O(h^4 q^{(5)}), \quad t_n < \bar{\tau} < t_{n+1} \\ r''_n &= \left(\beta - \frac{1}{24}\right) h^4 q^{(4)}(\bar{\tau}) + O(h^5 q^{(5)}). \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

The constants α, γ and β are parameters associated with the quadrate scheme. Choosing values $\alpha = \frac{1}{2}, \gamma = \frac{1}{6}, \beta = \frac{1}{24}$ leads to linear interpolation of $\ddot{q}(\tau)$

$$\ddot{q}(\tau) = \ddot{q}_n + (\tau - t_n) \frac{\ddot{q}_{n+1} - \ddot{q}_n}{h},$$

If we choose $\alpha = \frac{1}{2}, \gamma = \frac{1}{4}, \beta = \frac{1}{12}$, we obtain the average value of $\ddot{q}(\tau)$ over the time interval $[t_n, t_{n+1}]$

$$\ddot{q}(\tau) = \frac{\ddot{q}_n + \ddot{q}_{n+1}}{2}.$$

By substituting integrals (10), (11) and (12) into equations (3), (4) and (5), we get the approximation formulas of displacements, velocities and accelerations of system at time t_{n+1}

$$\ddot{q}_{n+1} = \ddot{q}_n + (1 - \alpha) h \ddot{q}_n + \alpha h \ddot{q}_{n+1}, \quad (14)$$

$$\dot{q}_{n+1} = \dot{q}_n + h \ddot{q}_n + \left(\frac{1}{2} - \gamma\right) h^2 \ddot{q}_n + \gamma h^2 \ddot{q}_{n+1}, \quad (15)$$

$$q_{n+1} = q_n + h \dot{q}_n + \frac{h^2}{2} \ddot{q}_n + \left(\frac{1}{6} - \beta\right) h^3 \ddot{q}_n + \beta h^3 \ddot{q}_{n+1}. \quad (16)$$

Thus, we have established the approximation formulas (14), (15), (16) to approach solving the system of third order differential equations.

Let us then assume that the equations of dynamics

$$M \ddot{q} + B \dot{q} + C q = f(t), \quad (17)$$

are linear, i.e., that matrices M, B, C and K are independent of q , and let us introduce the numerical scheme (14), (15) and (16) in the equations of motion at time t_{n+1} so as to

compute $\ddot{q}_{n+1}$

$$[M + \alpha h B + \gamma h^2 C + \beta h^3 K] \ddot{q}_{n+1} = f_{n+1} - B [\ddot{q}_n + (1 - \alpha) h \ddot{q}_n] - C \left[\dot{q}_n + h \ddot{q}_n + \left(\frac{1}{2} - \gamma \right) h^2 \ddot{q}_n \right] - K \left[q_n + h \dot{q}_n + \frac{h^2}{2} \ddot{q}_n + \left(\frac{1}{6} - \beta \right) h^3 \ddot{q}_n \right]. \quad (18)$$

By solving the system of linear equations (18) we obtain $\ddot{q}_{n+1}$. Then, by using Newmark formulas (14), (15) and (16) we get accelerations, velocities and displacements $\ddot{q}_{n+1}$, $\dot{q}_{n+1}$ and q_{n+1} . We determine the initial conditions of $\ddot{q}(t_0)$ from the given values of $q(t_0)$, $\dot{q}(t_0)$ and $\ddot{q}(t_0)$

$$\ddot{q}(t_0) = M^{-1} [f(t_0) - B \dot{q}(t_0) - C q(t_0) - K q(t_0)]. \quad (19)$$

Let us assume that the non-linear dynamic equations of third order systems have the following form

$$M(q) \ddot{q} + k(t, q, \dot{q}, \ddot{q}) = f(t, q, \dot{q}, \ddot{q}), \quad (20)$$

We have $\ddot{q}_{n+1}$ from equation (18)

$$\ddot{q}_{n+1} = \frac{1}{\beta h^3} (q_{n+1} - q_n) - \frac{1}{\beta h^2} \dot{q}_n - \frac{1}{2\beta h} \ddot{q}_n - \left(\frac{1}{6\beta} - 1 \right) \ddot{q}_n, \quad (21)$$

By substituting (21) into equations (14) and (15), we obtain

$$\dot{q}_{n+1} = \frac{\gamma}{\beta h} (q_{n+1} - q_n) + \left(1 - \frac{\gamma}{\beta} \right) \dot{q}_n + \left(1 - \frac{\gamma}{2\beta} \right) h \ddot{q}_n + \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{\gamma}{6\beta} \right) h^2 \ddot{q}_n, \quad (22)$$

$$q_{n+1} = \frac{\alpha}{\beta h^2} (q_{n+1} - q_n) - \frac{\alpha}{\beta h} \dot{q}_n + \left(1 - \frac{\alpha}{2\beta} \right) \ddot{q}_n + \left(1 - \frac{\alpha}{6\beta} \right) h \ddot{q}_n. \quad (23)$$

We realize that $\ddot{q}_{n+1}$, $\dot{q}_{n+1}$, q_{n+1} are represented by q_{n+1} and the known values of q_n , $\dot{q}_n$, $\ddot{q}_n$. By substituting $\ddot{q}_{n+1}$, $\dot{q}_{n+1}$, q_{n+1} into (20), we obtain the system of non-linear algebraic equations with unknown q_{n+1} . We have values of q_{n+1} through the Newton iteration method. Then, from equations (21), (22) and (23) we determine values of $\dot{q}_{n+1}$, $\ddot{q}_{n+1}$ and $\ddot{q}_{n+1}$ with the initial conditions of $\ddot{q}(t_0)$ derived from the equations of dynamics (20)

$$\ddot{q}_0 = M^{-1}(q_0) [f(t_0, q_0, \dot{q}_0, \ddot{q}_0) - k(t_0, q_0, \dot{q}_0, \ddot{q}_0)]. \quad (24)$$

3. CALCULATING LINEAR VIBRATIONS OF THIRD ORDER SYSTEMS INVOLVING FRACTIONAL OPERATORS

Consider now the motion differential equation of third order systems involving fractional derivative of order q

$$\ddot{x}(t) + a \dot{x}(t) + b D^q x(t) + c x(t) = f(t), \quad (0 < q < 1) \quad (25)$$

where a , b , and c are coefficients; $x(t)$ is the displacement of oscillator and $D^q x(t)$ represents the fractional derivative of order q .

The Liouville - Riemann's fractional derivative is defined as [3, 4, 5]

$$D^q x(t) = D[D^{-u} x(t)] = \frac{1}{\Gamma(u)} \frac{d}{dt} \int_0^t \frac{x(\tau)}{(t-\tau)^{1-u}} d\tau, \quad (26)$$

where $u = 1 - q$, $0 < u < 1$.

In order to make use of Liouville - Riemann's formula to deduce our numerical scheme and to present from the problems mentioned above, we apply the composition rule to $D^q x(t)$ [3, 4, 5], that is

$$D^q x(t) = D[D^{-u} x(t)] = \frac{x(0)}{\Gamma(u)} t^{u-1} + D^{-u} \dot{x}(t), \quad (27)$$

where $\dot{x}(t) = Dx(t)$ represents the velocity of the oscillator, and $x(0)$ is the value of displacement at $t = 0$ and is often given as an initial condition.

The numerical algorithm to calculate the fractional derivative $D^q x(t)$ at $t = t_n$ of Eq. (27) is

$$\begin{aligned} D^q x(t_n) &= \frac{x(0)}{\Gamma(1-q)} t_n^{-q} + D^{q-1} \dot{x}(t_n) \\ &= \frac{x(0)}{\Gamma(1-q)} t_n^{-q} + \frac{1}{\Gamma(1-q)} \int_0^{t_n} \frac{\dot{x}(\tau)}{(t_n - \tau)^q} d\tau \\ &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(1-q)} \frac{x(0)}{t_n^q} + \frac{1}{\Gamma(1-q)} \left[\int_0^{t_{n-1}} \frac{\dot{x}(\tau)}{(t_n - \tau)^q} d\tau + \int_{t_{n-1}}^{t_n} \frac{\dot{x}(\tau)}{(t_n - \tau)^q} d\tau \right], \end{aligned} \quad (28)$$

where we denote

$$I_0 = \frac{x(0)}{t_n^q}, \quad I_{n-1} = \int_0^{t_{n-1}} \frac{\dot{x}(\tau)}{(t_n - \tau)^q} d\tau, \quad \Delta I_n = \int_{t_{n-1}}^{t_n} \frac{\dot{x}(\tau)}{(t_n - \tau)^q} d\tau. \quad (29)$$

By substituting relationships (29) into (28) we become the following equation

$$D^q x(t_n) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(1-q)} (I_0 + I_{n-1} + \Delta I_n), \quad (30)$$

From Eq. (25) we have the following iterative computational scheme

$$\ddot{x}(t_n) + a\dot{x}(t_n) + bD^q x(t_n) + cx(t_n) = f(t_n), \quad (31)$$

where $x(t_n)$ and $\ddot{x}(t_n)$ with subscript n denote the displacement and acceleration at time t_n , respectively.

We approximate the ordinary definite integral I_{n-1} by trapezoid numerical integration as

$$I_{n-1} \approx \frac{h}{2} \left[\frac{\dot{x}_0}{t_n^q} + \frac{\dot{x}_{n-1}}{h^q} + 2 \sum_{i=1}^{n-2} \frac{\dot{x}(ih)}{(t_n - ih)^q} \right], \quad h = t_n - t_{n-1}, n \geq 2. \quad (32)$$

Now we note the integrals ΔI_n of equation (29). We must define $\dot{x}(\tau)$ under integral sign to calculate that integral. With $t_{n-1} \leq \tau \leq t_n$, we use the Taylor expansion and omit high order terms because the interval $\tau - t_{n-1}$ could be taken very small.

$$\dot{x}(\tau) = \dot{x}_{n-1} + (\tau - t_{n-1}) \ddot{x}_{n-1} = \dot{x}_{n-1} + \frac{(\tau - t_{n-1})}{h} (\dot{x}_n - \dot{x}_{n-1}), \quad (33)$$

By substituting (33) into (29), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta I_n &= \int_{t_{n-1}}^{t_n} \frac{\dot{x}_{n-1}}{(t_n - \tau)^q} d\tau + \int_{t_{n-1}}^{t_n} \frac{\dot{x}_n - \dot{x}_{n-1}}{h} \cdot \frac{\tau - t_{n-1}}{(t_n - \tau)^q} d\tau \\ &= \frac{h^{1-q}}{1-q} \dot{x}_{n-1} + \frac{h^{1-q}}{(1-q)(2-q)} (\dot{x}_n - \dot{x}_{n-1}). \end{aligned} \quad (34)$$

From Eq. (22) we have the Newmark approximation of $\dot{x}_n$

$$\dot{x}_n = \frac{\gamma}{\beta h} (x_n - x_{n-1}) + \left(1 - \frac{\gamma}{\beta}\right) \dot{x}_{n-1} + \left(1 - \frac{\gamma}{2\beta}\right) h \ddot{x}_{n-1} + \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{\gamma}{6\beta}\right) h^2 \ddot{\ddot{x}}_{n-1}, \quad (35)$$

From equation (34) and (35), we yield

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta I_n &= \frac{h^{1-q}}{(1-q)(2-q)} \left[\frac{\gamma}{\beta h} (x_n - x_{n-1}) + \left(2 - q - \frac{\gamma}{\beta}\right) \dot{x}_{n-1} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \left(1 - \frac{\gamma}{2\beta}\right) h \ddot{x}_{n-1} + \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{\gamma}{6\beta}\right) h^2 \ddot{\ddot{x}}_{n-1} \right], \end{aligned} \quad (36)$$

From Eqs. (21) and (23) we have the Newmark approximation formulas for $\ddot{x}_n, \ddot{\ddot{x}}_n$ as follows

$$\ddot{x}_n = \frac{1}{\beta h^3} (x_n - x_{n-1}) - \frac{1}{\beta h^2} \dot{x}_{n-1} - \frac{1}{2\beta h} \ddot{x}_{n-1} - \left(\frac{1}{6\beta} - 1\right) \ddot{\ddot{x}}_{n-1}, \quad (37)$$

$$\ddot{\ddot{x}}_n = \frac{\alpha}{\beta h^2} (x_n - x_{n-1}) - \frac{\alpha}{\beta h} \dot{x}_{n-1} + \left(1 - \frac{\alpha}{2\beta}\right) \ddot{x}_{n-1} + \left(1 - \frac{\alpha}{6\beta}\right) h \ddot{\ddot{x}}_{n-1}. \quad (38)$$

By substituting Eq. (30) into the differential equation of motion (31) we have

$$\ddot{\ddot{x}}_n + a \ddot{x}_n + b \frac{1}{\Gamma(1-q)} \Delta I_n + c x_n = f(t_n) - b \frac{1}{\Gamma(1-q)} (I_0 + I_{n-1}), \quad (39)$$

From (36), (37) and (38), we can calculate the left side of (39)

$$\begin{aligned} \ddot{\ddot{x}}_n + a \ddot{x}_n + b \frac{1}{\Gamma(1-q)} \Delta I_n + c x_n &= \left[\frac{1}{\beta h^3} + a \frac{\alpha}{\beta h^2} + b \frac{h^{-q}}{\Gamma(3-q)} \frac{\gamma}{\beta} + c \right] x_n \\ &\quad - \left[\frac{1}{\beta h^3} x_{n-1} + \frac{1}{\beta h^2} \dot{x}_{n-1} + \frac{1}{2\beta h} \ddot{x}_{n-1} + \left(\frac{1}{6\beta} - 1\right) \ddot{\ddot{x}}_{n-1} \right] - \\ &\quad a \left[\frac{\alpha}{\beta h^2} x_{n-1} + \frac{\alpha}{\beta h} \dot{x}_{n-1} + \left(\frac{\alpha}{2\beta} - 1\right) \ddot{x}_{n-1} + \left(\frac{\alpha}{6\beta} - 1\right) h \ddot{\ddot{x}}_{n-1} \right] \\ &\quad - b \frac{h^{1-q}}{\Gamma(3-q)} \left[\frac{\gamma}{\beta h} x_{n-1} + \left(q - 2 + \frac{\gamma}{\beta}\right) \dot{x}_{n-1} + \left(\frac{\gamma}{2\beta} - 1\right) h \ddot{x}_{n-1} + \left(\frac{\gamma}{6\beta} - \frac{1}{2}\right) h^2 \ddot{\ddot{x}}_{n-1} \right], \end{aligned} \quad (40)$$

By substituting Eq.(40) into Eq.(39) we obtain our one-step numerical scheme as

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left[\frac{1}{\beta h^3} + a \frac{\alpha}{\beta h^2} + b \frac{h^{-q}}{\Gamma(3-q)} \frac{\gamma}{\beta} + c \right] x_n = f(t_n) - b \frac{1}{\Gamma(1-q)} (I_0 + I_{n-1}) \\
 & + \left[\frac{1}{\beta h^3} x_{n-1} + \frac{1}{\beta h^2} \dot{x}_{n-1} + \frac{1}{2\beta h} \ddot{x}_{n-1} + \left(\frac{1}{6\beta} - 1 \right) \ddot{x}_{n-1} \right] \\
 & + a \left[\frac{\alpha}{\beta h^2} x_{n-1} + \frac{\alpha}{\beta h} \dot{x}_{n-1} + \left(\frac{\alpha}{2\beta} - 1 \right) \ddot{x}_{n-1} + \left(\frac{\alpha}{6\beta} - 1 \right) h \ddot{x}_{n-1} \right] \\
 & + b \frac{h^{1-q}}{\Gamma(3-q)} \left[\frac{\gamma}{\beta h} x_{n-1} + \left(q-2 + \frac{\gamma}{\beta} \right) \dot{x}_{n-1} + \left(\frac{\gamma}{2\beta} - 1 \right) h \ddot{x}_{n-1} + \left(\frac{\gamma}{6\beta} - \frac{1}{2} \right) h^2 \ddot{x}_{n-1} \right].
 \end{aligned} \tag{41}$$

We finally obtain numerical solution x_n of the differential equation of motion (25) through the values of x_{n-1} , $\dot{x}_{n-1}$, $\ddot{x}_{n-1}$, $\ddot{x}_{n-1}$ where $\dot{x}_{n-1}$, $\ddot{x}_{n-1}$ and $\ddot{x}_{n-1}$ are calculated as follows

$$\begin{cases} \ddot{x}_n = \frac{1}{\beta h^3} (x_n - x_{n-1}) - \frac{1}{\beta h^2} \dot{x}_{n-1} - \frac{1}{2\beta h} \ddot{x}_{n-1} - \left(\frac{1}{6\beta} - 1 \right) \ddot{x}_{n-1}, \\ \ddot{x}_n = \ddot{x}_{n-1} + (1 - \alpha) h \ddot{x}_{n-1} + \alpha h \ddot{x}_n, \\ \dot{x}_n = \dot{x}_{n-1} + h \ddot{x}_{n-1} + \left(\frac{1}{2} - \gamma \right) h^2 \ddot{x}_{n-1} + \gamma h^2 \ddot{x}_n. \end{cases} \tag{42}$$

We suppose that initial conditions to above formulas $x(0)$, $\dot{x}(0)$ and $\ddot{x}(0)$ are given.

4. NUMERICAL EXAMPLES

We have tried out the algorithm on some examples. For the first example, we have chosen

$$\begin{aligned}
 f &= \sin \left(t + \frac{\pi}{3} \right), \\
 a &= 1.3, \quad b = 0.5, \quad c = 0.25, \quad q = 0.5, \quad h = 0.01, \\
 \alpha &= 0.5, \quad \gamma = 0.25, \quad \beta = \frac{1}{12}
 \end{aligned}$$

and the initial conditions

$$\begin{aligned}
 x(0) &= 0, \quad \dot{x}(0) = 1, \quad \ddot{x}(0) = 0 \\
 &\Rightarrow \ddot{x}(0) = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}.
 \end{aligned}$$

The differential equation of motion has following form

$$\ddot{x} + 1.3\dot{x} + 0.5D^{1/2}x(t) + 0.25x = \sin \left(t + \frac{\pi}{3} \right). \tag{43}$$

The solution of Eq. (43) obtained by the Newmark method is compared in Fig. 1 with the numerical results using the Runge - Kutta - Nystroem method.

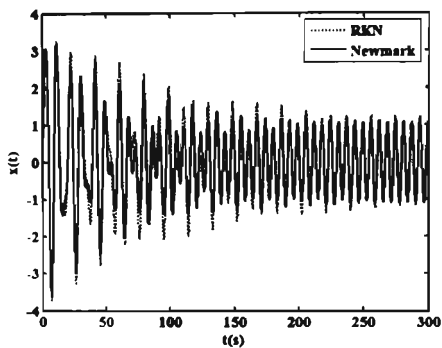


Fig. 1. Time histories of the displacement in Eq. (43) with $h = 0.01$.

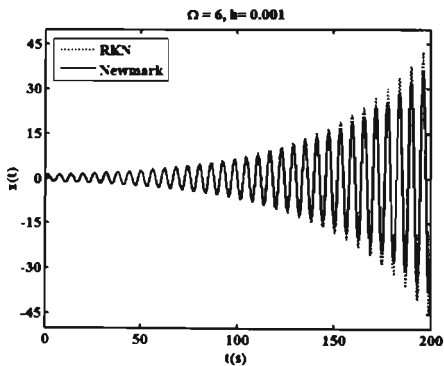


Fig. 2. Time histories of the displacements in Eq. (44) with $h = 0.001$.

In the second example the numerical computations are carried out using the following parameters

$$f = 5 \sin(\Omega t), \quad a = 10, \quad b = 1, \quad c = 10, \quad q = 0.5.$$

The initial conditions have chosen as

$$x(0) = 0, \quad \dot{x}(0) = 1, \quad \ddot{x}(0) = 0 \Rightarrow \ddot{\dot{x}}(0) = 0.$$

The differential equation of motion of the system in this case has following form

$$\ddot{\ddot{x}} + 10\ddot{x} + D^{1/2}x(t) + 10x = 5 \sin(\Omega t). \quad (44)$$

The numerical results of Eq. (44) obtained by the Runge-Kutta-Nystroem method and Newmark method are shown in Fig. 2.

5. CONCLUSIONS

Based on idea of the Newmark integration method, the approximation formulas for the third order dynamic systems are developed in this paper. Then, using the Liouville - Rieman's definition of fractional derivatives and the Newmark integration scheme, a numerical algorithm is developed to calculate dynamic response of third order systems involving fractional derivatives. In two examples, a good agreement is obtained between the results by the Newmark method and the Runge - Kutta - Nystroem method.

The single - step Newmark numerical integration algorithm presented here for fractional third order systems is effective and successful. According to this algorithm, a computer program is developed using MATLAB software.

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