

# Grünwald Implicit Solution of One-Dimensional Time-Fractional Parabolic Equations Using HSKSOR Iteration

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**Abstract.** This paper presents the application of a half-sweep iteration concept to the Grünwald implicit difference schemes with the Kauff Successive Over-Relaxation (KSOR) iterative method in solving one-dimensional linear time-fractional parabolic equations. The formulation and implementation of the proposed methods are discussed. In order to validate the performance of HSKSOR, comparisons are made with another two iterative methods, full-sweep KSOR (FSKSOR) and Gauss-Seidel (FSGS) iterative methods. Based on the numerical results of three tested examples, it shows that the HSKSOR is superior compared to FSKSOR and FSGS iterative methods.

## 1. Introduction

Numerical solution of fractional partial differential equations (FPDEs) could be found in many application areas especially in the fields of engineering, physics and economics. Their broad applications have been mentioned by many researchers, refer [1,2].

In this paper, we focus on the numerical solution of one-dimensional time-fractional parabolic equations (TFPEs), which can generally be defined as follows

$$\frac{\partial^\alpha U(x,t)}{\partial t^\alpha} + p(x) \frac{\partial U(x,t)}{\partial x} + q(x) \frac{\partial^2 U(x,t)}{\partial x^2} = f(x,t), \quad t > 0, \quad x \in \Omega = [a,b], \quad 0 < \alpha \leq 1, \quad (1)$$

subject to the initial and boundary conditions

$$\begin{aligned} U(x,0) &= g_0(x), & a \leq x \leq b, \\ U(a,t) &= g_1(t); U(b,t) = g_2(t) & 0 \leq t \leq T, \end{aligned}$$

where  $p(x)$  represents a convection coefficient,  $q(x)$  a diffusion coefficient and  $f(x,t)$  a source term.

In order to solve FPDEs, many numerical methods have been developed. Solving problem (1) using numerical techniques will lead to large sparse linear systems. Normally, it requires the application of iterative solvers. In 2012, Youssef [3] introduced a new version of the Successive Over-Relaxation (SOR) iterative method, which known as Kauff Successive Over-Relaxation (KSOR) iterative method. Prior to that, in 1991, Abdullah [4] has introduced the half-sweep iteration concept in order to



reduce the computational complexities during the iteration process. Due to the reduction of the computational complexities, many investigations on the effectiveness of this iteration concept have been discussed extensively by [5,6,7,8]. Inspired by their works, this paper extended the application of the half-sweep iteration concept to the Kaudd Successive Over-Relaxation (HSKSOR) iterative method by solving the Grünwald implicit approximation equations of the problem (1). Previously, the same method has been applied by [9,10] in their respective problems.

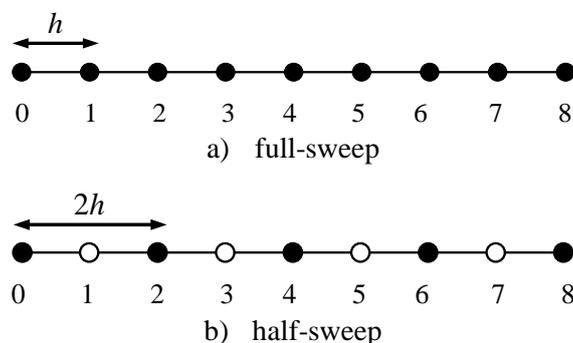
Knowing for the unconditionally stable in both time and space, the implicit finite difference method has been extensively discussed by many researchers before, such as [11,12,13]. To derive the approximation equations of the problem (1), we also have applied the implicit finite difference scheme. However, most of the previous discussions were done based on the Caputo fractional derivative. Meanwhile, in this study, we used the Grünwald fractional operator, which defined by [14,15] as

**Definition 1:** Grünwald fractional derivative of order- $\alpha$

$$D_G^\alpha f(t) = \frac{1}{(\Delta t)^\alpha} \lim_{M \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=0}^M g_{\alpha,k} f(t - k\Delta t), \quad 0 < \alpha < 1 \quad (2)$$

where the Grünwald weights are  $g_{\alpha,k} = \frac{\Gamma(k-\alpha)}{\Gamma(-\alpha)\Gamma(k+1)}$ .

Throughout the application of the half-sweep concept, only half of all interior node points in the solution domain are considered. Figure 1 shows the difference between the execution of full- and half-sweep iterations. Whereby, the applications are onto the node points of type  $\bullet$  only until it reaches a convergence state.



**Figure 1:** a) and b) show the distribution of uniform node points for the full- and half-sweep cases respectively

## 2. Half-sweep Grünwald Implicit finite difference approximation equations

In this paper, Grünwald Implicit finite difference scheme is applied to discretize problem (1). To derive the Grünwald implicit approximation equations, first, we divided the solution domain into uniform step-size  $h = \frac{b-a}{N} = \Delta x$  and  $\Delta t = \frac{T}{M}$  in  $x$  and  $t$  directions respectively, where  $N$  and  $M$  are some positive integers. Based on these uniformly divided finite grid sizes, the solution domain on the time interval  $[0, T]$  and space interval  $[a, b]$  are denoted as  $t_j = j\Delta t$ , at  $j = 0, 1, 2, \dots, M$  and  $x_i = a + ih$ , at  $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, N$  respectively. Hence, by applying the Grünwald fractional derivative operator to the time and implicit difference scheme in space, the discrete form of problem (1) can be expressed generally as

$$\sum_{k=0}^j G_k U_{i,j-k} + \mu_i (U_{i+p,j} - U_{i-p,j}) + \eta_i (U_{i+p,j} - 2U_{i,j} + U_{i-p,j}) = f_{i,j} \quad (3)$$



Therefore, by using the same the decomposition matrix in equation (6), the general scheme of FSKSOR and HSKSOR iterative method can be written as [3,10]

$$\underline{U}^{(k+1)} = (1 + \omega)^{-1} \left( \underline{U}^{(k)} + \omega(D + L)^{-1} \left( \underline{F} - V\underline{U}^{(k)} \right) \right) \quad (8)$$

where  $\omega$  and  $\underline{U}_j^{(k+1)}$  respectively represent the relaxation factor and the unknown vector at  $k^{\text{th}}$  iteration.

Therefore, by determining the values of matrices  $D$ ,  $L$  and  $V$ , the proposed algorithm for the HSKSOR iterative method to solve equation (6) could be described as in Algorithm 1.

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**Algorithm 1:** Half-sweep KSOR scheme

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- i. Initialize  $\underline{U}_i^{(0)} \leftarrow 0$  and  $\varepsilon \leftarrow 10^{-10}$ .
- ii. Assign the optimal value of  $\omega$ ,
- iii. For  $i = 2, 4, 6, \dots, N - 4, N - 2$ , and  $j = 1, 2, 3, \dots, M$ . Compute:

$$\underline{U}^{(k+1)} = (1 + \omega)^{-1} \left( \underline{U}^{(k)} + \omega(D + L)^{-1} \left( \underline{F} - V\underline{U}^{(k)} \right) \right)$$

- iv. Perform the convergence test,  $\left| \underline{U}_{i,j}^{(k+1)} - \underline{U}_{i,j}^{(k)} \right| \leq \varepsilon = 10^{-10}$ . If yes, go to step (v). Otherwise, repeat step (iii).
  - v. Compute the remaining points (i.e.  $\circ$ ) using, direct method.
  - vi. Display approximate solutions.
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#### 4. Numerical examples

In this section, three examples are tested in order to demonstrate the effectiveness of FSKSOR and HSKSOR iterative methods with the Grünwald implicit difference scheme at three different values of alfas ( $\alpha=0.333, 0.666, 0.999$ ).

**Example 1** [20] Consider the following one-dimensional linear inhomogeneous fractional Burger's equation

$$\frac{\partial^\alpha U(x,t)}{\partial t^\alpha} + \frac{\partial U(x,t)}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial^2 U(x,t)}{\partial x^2} = \frac{2t^{2-\alpha}}{\Gamma(3-\alpha)} + 2x - 2.$$

with  $p(x) = 1$  and  $q(x) = -1$ , and subject to the initial condition  $U(x,0) = x^2$ . The exact solution is  $U(x,t) = x^2 + t^2$ .

**Example 2** [21] Consider the following one-dimensional inhomogeneous time-fractional parabolic equation

$$\frac{\partial^\alpha U(x,t)}{\partial t^\alpha} - \frac{\partial^2 U(x,t)}{\partial x^2} = f(x,t),$$

with  $p(x) = 0$  and  $q(x) = -1$ , while  $f(x,t) = \frac{2t^{2-\alpha}}{\Gamma(3-\alpha)} \sin(2\pi x) + 4\pi^2 t^2 \sin(2\pi x)$ ,

and subject to the initial condition  $U(x,0) = 0$ . The exact solution is given by  $U(x,t) = t^2 \sin(2\pi x)$ .

**Example 3** [22] Consider the following one-dimensional linear inhomogeneous time-fractional parabolic equation

$$\frac{\partial^\alpha U(x,t)}{\partial t^\alpha} - \frac{\partial^2 U(x,t)}{\partial x^2} = f(x,t), \quad t > 0, x \in R, 0 < \alpha \leq 1,$$

with  $p(x) = 0$  and  $q(x) = -1$ , while  $f(x,t) = \frac{2e^x t^{2-\alpha}}{\Gamma(3-\alpha)} - t^2 e^x$ ,

subject to the initial condition  $U(x,0) = 0$ . The exact solution is given by  $U(x,t) = t^2 e^x$ .

Three parameters are considered for comparison which are the iteration numbers (k), computation time in seconds (time) and maximum absolute error. In the implementation of the iterative methods, the convergence test considered the tolerance error,  $\epsilon=10^{-10}$ . Meanwhile, the optimal values of  $\omega$  were pre-selected by choosing the one with the smallest iteration numbers. Then, the numerical results obtained from the implementation of FSKSOR and HSKSOR to examples 1 to 3 are recorded as in Tables 1 to 3 respectively. Whereas, Table 4 shows the decrement percentage of the iteration numbers and computation time.

**Table 1.** Comparison of Number Iterations (k), execution time (in seconds) and maximum absolute error for the iterative methods using example 1 at  $\alpha=0.333, 0.666, 0.999$ .

| M    | Method                         | $\alpha=0.333$ |          |            | $\alpha=0.666$ |         |            | $\alpha=0.999$ |         |            |
|------|--------------------------------|----------------|----------|------------|----------------|---------|------------|----------------|---------|------------|
|      |                                | k              | t        | Max Error  | k              | t       | Max Error  | k              | t       | Max Error  |
| 128  | FSGS                           | 18325          | 7.89     | 2.5972e-02 | 8957           | 5.36    | 1.3065e-02 | 2772           | 3.69    | 1.2478e-03 |
|      | FSKSOR<br>( $\omega=-2.0613$ ) | 404            | 3.20     | 2.5972e-02 | 283            | 3.11    | 1.3065e-02 | 166            | 3.14    | 1.2480e-03 |
|      | HSKSOR<br>( $\omega=-2.1261$ ) | 199            | 1.88     | 2.5971e-02 | 140            | 1.87    | 1.3065e-02 | 86             | 1.87    | 1.2480e-03 |
| 256  | FSGS                           | 67139          | 41.90    | 2.5973e-02 | 32944          | 23.62   | 1.3066e-02 | 10244          | 11.42   | 1.2473e-03 |
|      | FSKSOR<br>( $\omega=-2.0303$ ) | 813            | 6.67     | 2.5972e-02 | 569            | 6.47    | 1.3065e-02 | 331            | 6.33    | 1.2480e-03 |
|      | HSKSOR<br>( $\omega=-2.0613$ ) | 404            | 3.76     | 2.5972e-02 | 283            | 3.72    | 1.3065e-02 | 166            | 3.68    | 1.2480e-03 |
| 512  | FSGS                           | 243922         | 276.40   | 2.5975e-02 | 120271         | 142.56  | 1.3067e-02 | 37649          | 53.24   | 1.2454e-03 |
|      | FSKSOR<br>( $\omega=-2.0151$ ) | 1621           | 14.51    | 2.5972e-02 | 1136           | 13.63   | 1.3065e-02 | 659            | 13.08   | 1.2480e-03 |
|      | HSKSOR<br>( $\omega=-2.0303$ ) | 813            | 7.71     | 2.5972e-02 | 569            | 7.59    | 1.3065e-02 | 331            | 7.45    | 1.2480e-03 |
| 1024 | FSGS                           | 877165         | 1914.74  | 2.5981e-02 | 435083         | 965.24  | 1.3074e-02 | 137338         | 323.96  | 1.2376e-03 |
|      | FSKSOR<br>( $\omega=-2.0076$ ) | 3246           | 34.07    | 2.5972e-02 | 2269           | 30.86   | 1.3065e-02 | 1311           | 27.70   | 1.2480e-03 |
|      | HSKSOR<br>( $\omega=-2.0151$ ) | 1621           | 16.27    | 2.5972e-02 | 1136           | 15.76   | 1.3065e-02 | 659            | 15.25   | 1.2480e-03 |
| 2048 | FSGS                           | 3114564        | 13356.94 | 2.6008e-02 | 1556326        | 6730.67 | 1.3102e-02 | 496352         | 2216.78 | 1.2066e-03 |
|      | FSKSOR<br>( $\omega=-2.0076$ ) | 6365           | 87.08    | 2.5972e-02 | 4519           | 75.36   | 1.3065e-02 | 2618           | 63.69   | 1.2480e-03 |
|      | HSKSOR<br>( $\omega=-2.0076$ ) | 3246           | 36.10    | 2.5972e-02 | 2269           | 33.96   | 1.3065e-02 | 1311           | 31.89   | 1.2480e-03 |

**Table 2.** Comparison of Number Iterations (k), execution time (in seconds) and maximum absolute error for the iterative methods using example 2 at  $\alpha=0.333, 0.666, 0.999$ .

| M   | Method                         | $\alpha=0.333$ |       |            | $\alpha=0.666$ |       |            | $\alpha=0.999$ |       |            |
|-----|--------------------------------|----------------|-------|------------|----------------|-------|------------|----------------|-------|------------|
|     |                                | k              | t     | Max Error  | k              | t     | Max Error  | k              | t     | Max Error  |
| 128 | FSGS                           | 14148          | 6.40  | 3.4745e-04 | 7120           | 4.72  | 5.2947e-04 | 2358           | 3.57  | 4.5604e-04 |
|     | FSKSOR<br>( $\omega=-2.0585$ ) | 385            | 3.23  | 3.4734e-04 | 264            | 3.13  | 5.2935e-04 | 144            | 3.09  | 4.5594e-04 |
|     | HSKSOR<br>( $\omega=-2.1204$ ) | 193            | 1.85  | 9.3060e-04 | 135            | 1.84  | 1.1077e-03 | 84             | 1.84  | 1.0292e-03 |
| 256 | FSGS                           | 47194          | 28.00 | 2.0203e-04 | 24125          | 17.50 | 3.8529e-04 | 8332           | 10.12 | 3.1294e-04 |
|     | FSKSOR<br>( $\omega=-2.0299$ ) | 764            | 6.66  | 2.0160e-04 | 513            | 6.40  | 3.8483e-04 | 291            | 6.20  | 3.1267e-04 |
|     | HSKSOR<br>( $\omega=-2.0585$ ) | 385            | 3.80  | 3.4734e-04 | 274            | 3.77  | 5.2935e-04 | 144            | 3.73  | 4.5594e-04 |

|      |                                |         |         |            |        |         |            |        |         |            |
|------|--------------------------------|---------|---------|------------|--------|---------|------------|--------|---------|------------|
| 512  | FSGS                           | 151187  | 149.13  | 1.6691e-04 | 79109  | 86.99   | 3.5049e-04 | 29799  | 42.17   | 2.7708e-04 |
|      | FSKSOR<br>( $\omega=-2.0147$ ) | 1467    | 13.99   | 1.6516e-04 | 1025   | 13.61   | 3.4871e-04 | 576    | 12.74   | 2.7687e-04 |
|      | HSKSOR<br>( $\omega=-2.0298$ ) | 764     | 7.65    | 2.0159e-04 | 513    | 7.56    | 3.8483e-04 | 291    | 7.40    | 3.1267e-04 |
| 1024 | FSGS                           | 454367  | 812.72  | 1.6304e-04 | 251077 | 509.06  | 3.4511e-04 | 107228 | 240.64  | 2.6674e-04 |
|      | FSKSOR<br>( $\omega=-2.0073$ ) | 2906    | 31.95   | 1.5605e-04 | 2049   | 30.49   | 3.3969e-04 | 1125   | 27.04   | 2.6791e-04 |
|      | HSKSOR<br>( $\omega=-2.0147$ ) | 1467    | 16.23   | 1.6516e-04 | 1115   | 15.91   | 3.4871e-04 | 654    | 15.44   | 2.7687e-04 |
| 2048 | FSGS                           | 1241856 | 4591.56 | 1.7665e-04 | 839911 | 3310.98 | 3.3991e-04 | 384794 | 1578.31 | 2.5732e-04 |
|      | FSKSOR<br>( $\omega=-2.0037$ ) | 5708    | 80.73   | 1.5380e-04 | 4056   | 71.23   | 3.3742e-04 | 2155   | 60.45   | 2.6568e-04 |
|      | HSKSOR<br>( $\omega=-2.0071$ ) | 2905    | 35.44   | 1.5605e-04 | 2049   | 33.81   | 3.3969e-04 | 1151   | 31.90   | 2.6792e-04 |

**Table 3.** Comparison of Number Iterations (k), execution time (in seconds) and maximum absolute error for the iterative methods using example 3 at  $\alpha=0.333, 0.666, 0.999$ .

| M    | Method                         | $\alpha=0.333$ |          |            | $\alpha=0.666$ |         |            | $\alpha=0.999$ |         |            |
|------|--------------------------------|----------------|----------|------------|----------------|---------|------------|----------------|---------|------------|
|      |                                | k              | t        | Max Error  | k              | t       | Max Error  | k              | t       | Max Error  |
| 128  | FSGS                           | 18947          | 7.94     | 1.1755e-03 | 9174           | 5.54    | 2.5778e-03 | 2824           | 3.78    | 2.2069e-03 |
|      | FSKSOR<br>( $\omega=-2.0606$ ) | 423            | 3.16     | 1.1757e-03 | 295            | 3.13    | 2.5780e-03 | 172            | 3.11    | 2.2070e-03 |
|      | HSKSOR<br>( $\omega=-2.1252$ ) | 209            | 1.85     | 1.1785e-03 | 145            | 1.84    | 2.5807e-03 | 89             | 1.84    | 2.2096e-03 |
| 256  | FSGS                           | 69499          | 40.98    | 1.1744e-03 | 33775          | 23.09   | 2.5767e-03 | 10436          | 11.31   | 2.2058e-03 |
|      | FSKSOR<br>( $\omega=-2.0300$ ) | 853            | 6.69     | 1.1750e-03 | 592            | 6.44    | 2.5773e-03 | 342            | 6.27    | 2.2064e-03 |
|      | HSKSOR<br>( $\omega=-2.0606$ ) | 423            | 3.82     | 1.1757e-03 | 295            | 3.78    | 2.5780e-03 | 172            | 3.75    | 2.2071e-03 |
| 512  | FSGS                           | 252889         | 267.84   | 1.1724e-03 | 123467         | 138.85  | 2.5746e-03 | 38383          | 51.68   | 2.2036e-03 |
|      | FSKSOR<br>( $\omega=-2.0150$ ) | 1707           | 14.43    | 1.1748e-03 | 1181           | 13.68   | 2.5772e-03 | 681            | 12.89   | 2.2063e-03 |
|      | HSKSOR<br>( $\omega=-2.0300$ ) | 853            | 7.70     | 1.1750e-03 | 592            | 7.59    | 2.5773e-03 | 342            | 7.43    | 2.2064e-03 |
| 1024 | FSGS                           | 911238         | 1836.10  | 1.1650e-03 | 447430         | 922.83  | 2.5670e-03 | 140195         | 309.11  | 2.1956e-03 |
|      | FSKSOR<br>( $\omega=-2.0075$ ) | 3392           | 33.80    | 1.1748e-03 | 2353           | 30.74   | 2.5771e-03 | 1356           | 27.92   | 2.2062e-03 |
|      | HSKSOR<br>( $\omega=-2.0150$ ) | 1707           | 16.51    | 1.1748e-03 | 1181           | 16.02   | 2.5772e-03 | 681            | 15.46   | 2.2063e-03 |
| 2048 | FSGS                           | 3243868        | 12617.00 | 1.1357e-03 | 1604114        | 6334.88 | 2.5367e-03 | 507555         | 2083.86 | 2.1641e-03 |
|      | FSKSOR<br>( $\omega=-2.0038$ ) | 6774           | 88.57    | 1.1747e-03 | 4680           | 75.59   | 2.5771e-03 | 2708           | 63.53   | 2.2062e-03 |
|      | HSKSOR<br>( $\omega=-2.0075$ ) | 3392           | 36.43    | 1.1748e-03 | 2353           | 34.29   | 2.5771e-03 | 1356           | 32.55   | 2.2062e-03 |

From the recorded results in Tables 1 to 3, it clearly shows that the implementation of the half-sweep concept to the standard KSOR iteration technique managed to reduce the required iteration numbers and the computation time needed to solve the problem (1) at all mesh sizes that are examined. The summary of the decrement percentage of FSKSOR and HSKSOR in comparison to the FSGS iterative method for examples 1 to 3 are recorded in Table 4.

**Table 4.** Decrement percentage of the number of iterations and computation time for HSKSOR and FSKSOR iterative methods compared to FSGS iterative Method

| Example | Method |      | $\alpha=0.333$ | $\alpha=0.666$ | $\alpha=0.999$ |
|---------|--------|------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1       | FSKSOR | Iter | 97.80–99.80%   | 96.84–99.71%   | 94.01–99.47%   |
|         |        | Time | 59.44–99.35%   | 41.98–98.88%   | 14.91–97.13%   |
|         | HSKSOR | Iter | 98.91–99.90%   | 98.44–99.85%   | 96.90–99.74%   |
|         |        | Time | 76.17–99.73%   | 65.11–99.50%   | 49.32–98.56%   |
| 2       | FSKSOR | Iter | 97.28–99.54%   | 96.29–99.52%   | 93.89–99.44%   |
|         |        | Time | 49.53–98.24%   | 33.69–97.85%   | 13.45–96.17%   |
|         | HSKSOR | Iter | 98.64–99.77%   | 98.10–99.76%   | 96.44–99.70%   |
|         |        | Time | 71.09–99.23%   | 61.02–98.98%   | 48.46–97.98%   |
| 3       | FSKSOR | Iter | 97.77–99.79%   | 96.78–99.71%   | 93.91–99.47%   |
|         |        | Time | 60.20–99.30%   | 43.50–98.81%   | 17.72–96.95%   |
|         | HSKSOR | Iter | 98.90–99.90%   | 98.42–99.85%   | 96.85–99.73%   |
|         |        | Time | 76.70–99.71%   | 66.79–99.46%   | 51.32–98.44%   |

## 5. Conclusion

In this work, we implemented the half-sweep iteration concept on Grünwald implicit difference schemes and KSOR iterative method to solve one-dimensional time-fractional parabolic equations. Based on the numerical results, it shows that HSKSOR iterative method has reduced the number of iterations and execution time of the standard FSKSOR and FSGS iterative methods. Meanwhile, from the maximum error, it shows that the accuracy of HSKSOR is in good agreement with FSKSOR and FSGS iterative methods. Overall, the numerical results have shown that the HSKSOR method is more superior in terms of the number of iterations and the execution time than the standard method. For future work, other iterative methods especially on the two-step iteration family [23,24,25,26] will be applied to the proposed approximation equation in order to increase its convergence iteration.

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