

# The Spectral Jacobi Tau Method for Fractional Riccati Equations

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## 1 Problem Formulation

The fractional Riccati equation on  $[0, T]$ :

$$D^\nu y(t) = p(t) + q(t) y(t) + r(t) y^2(t), \quad t \in [0, T] \quad (1)$$

with initial condition  $y(0) = y_0$ .

## 2 Spectral Tau Method

The shifted Jacobi polynomials on  $[0, 1]$  are defined by:

$$P_i^{(\alpha, \beta)}(t) = \sum_{k=0}^i (-1)^{i-k} \binom{i+\alpha}{k} \binom{i+\beta}{i-k} t^k. \quad (2)$$

The solution is expanded as:

$$y_N(t) = \sum_{i=0}^N c_i P_i^{(\alpha, \beta)}(t/T). \quad (3)$$

Functions  $p(t)$ ,  $q(t)$ , and  $r(t)$  are also expanded:

$$p(t) = \sum_{i=0}^N p_i P_i^{(\alpha, \beta)}(t/T), \quad q(t) = \sum_{i=0}^N q_i P_i^{(\alpha, \beta)}(t/T), \quad r(t) = \sum_{i=0}^N r_i P_i^{(\alpha, \beta)}(t/T). \quad (4)$$

The shifted weight function:

$$w(t) = t^\alpha (1-t)^\beta. \quad (5)$$

The coefficients are defined by:

$$p_i = \frac{1}{h_i^{(\alpha, \beta)}} \int_0^1 p(Tt) P_i^{(\alpha, \beta)}(t) w(t) dt, \quad (6)$$

$$q_i = \frac{1}{h_i^{(\alpha, \beta)}} \int_0^1 q(Tt) P_i^{(\alpha, \beta)}(t) w(t) dt, \quad (7)$$

$$r_i = \frac{1}{h_i^{(\alpha, \beta)}} \int_0^1 r(Tt) P_i^{(\alpha, \beta)}(t) w(t) dt. \quad (8)$$

The normalization constant is:

$$h_i^{(\alpha, \beta)} = \frac{\Gamma(i + \alpha + 1) \Gamma(i + \beta + 1)}{(2i + \alpha + \beta + 1) \Gamma(i + 1) \Gamma(i + \alpha + \beta + 1)}. \quad (9)$$

The fractional derivative matrix  $\mathbf{D}^\nu$  has elements:

$$D_{ij}^\nu = \frac{1}{T^\nu} \sum_{k=j}^i \theta_{i,k}^\nu, \quad (10)$$

where

$$\theta_{i,k}^\nu = \frac{\Gamma(k + \beta + 1) \Gamma(i + \alpha + \beta + 1)}{\Gamma(k + \alpha + \beta + 1) \Gamma(i + \beta + 1)} \binom{i}{k} \frac{\Gamma(k + \nu)}{\Gamma(k + 1)}. \quad (11)$$

The operational matrices  $\mathbf{P}$ ,  $\mathbf{Q}$ , and  $\mathbf{R}$  have elements:

$$P_{ij} = \frac{1}{h_j^{(\alpha, \beta)}} \int_0^1 P_i^{(\alpha, \beta)}(t) P_j^{(\alpha, \beta)}(t) w(t) dt, \quad (12)$$

$$Q_{ij} = \sum_{k=0}^N \frac{q_k}{h_j^{(\alpha, \beta)}} \int_0^1 P_i^{(\alpha, \beta)}(t) P_j^{(\alpha, \beta)}(t) P_k^{(\alpha, \beta)}(t) w(t) dt, \quad (13)$$

$$R_{ij} = \sum_{k=0}^N \frac{r_k}{h_j^{(\alpha, \beta)}} \int_0^1 P_i^{(\alpha, \beta)}(t) P_j^{(\alpha, \beta)}(t) P_k^{(\alpha, \beta)}(t) w(t) dt. \quad (14)$$

The triple product integral has the exact form:

$$\int_0^1 P_i^{(\alpha, \beta)}(t) P_j^{(\alpha, \beta)}(t) P_k^{(\alpha, \beta)}(t) w(t) dt = \sum_{m=0}^i \sum_{n=0}^j \sum_{l=0}^k \gamma_{mnl}^{ijk} \frac{\Gamma(m + n + l + \alpha + 1) \Gamma(\beta + 1)}{\Gamma(m + n + l + \alpha + \beta + 2)}, \quad (15)$$

where

$$\gamma_{mnl}^{ijk} = (-1)^{i+j+k-m-n-l} \binom{i+\alpha}{m} \binom{i+\beta}{i-m} \binom{j+\alpha}{n} \binom{j+\beta}{j-n} \binom{k+\alpha}{l} \binom{k+\beta}{k-l}. \quad (16)$$

The nonlinear system to solve is:

$$\mathbf{D}^\nu \mathbf{c}_m = \mathbf{p} + \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{c}_m + \mathbf{R} \mathbf{c}_m^2, \quad (17)$$

where  $\mathbf{c}_m = [c_{m,0}, c_{m,1}, \dots, c_{m,N}]^\top$  is the coefficient vector at iteration  $m$ .

The tau condition for the initial value is:

$$\sum_{i=0}^N c_{0,i} P_i^{(\alpha,\beta)}(0) = y_0, \quad \text{where} \quad P_i^{(\alpha,\beta)}(0) = (-1)^i \binom{i+\beta}{i}. \quad (18)$$

The Newton iteration update is:

$$\mathbf{c}_{m+1} = \mathbf{c}_m - \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{c}_m)^{-1} \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{c}_m), \quad (19)$$

where

$$\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{c}_m) = \mathbf{D}^\nu \mathbf{c}_m - \mathbf{p} - \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{c}_m - \mathbf{R} \mathbf{c}_m^2, \quad (20)$$

and

$$\mathbf{J}(\mathbf{c}_m) = \mathbf{D}^\nu - \mathbf{Q} - 2\mathbf{R} \mathbf{c}_m. \quad (21)$$

The reconstructed solution is:

$$y(t) = \sum_{i=0}^N c_i^* P_i^{(\alpha,\beta)}\left(\frac{t}{T}\right), \quad (22)$$

where  $c_i^*$  are the converged coefficients.