

## **Solution of the Quadratic Integral Equation by Homotopy Analysis Method**

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**Abstract.** In the present paper, we derive an approximate solution of the quadratic integral equation by using the homotopy analysis method (HAM). This approach provides a solution in the form of a rapidly converging series, and it includes an auxiliary parameter that controls the series solution's convergence. We compare the HAM solution with the exact solution graphically. Additionally, an absolute error comparison between the exact and HAM solutions is performed. The findings indicate that HAM is a very straightforward and attractive approach for computation.

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### **1. Introduction**

The quadratic integral equation is a particular form of a nonlinear integral equation. It is a very important and applicable equation in various fields such as mathematical physics, biology, economics, engineering and technology. The quadratic integral equation is also applicable in the radiative transformer's theory, kinetic theory of gases, the theory of neutron transport and traffic theory [6,8,11, 12, 20,] and some other applications, which are given in references [5, 7, 15, 17].

In recent years, various analytical and numerical methods, such as the Adomian decomposition method (ADM) [18], the variational homotopy perturbation method (VHPM) [3], the differential transform method (DTM) [29], the homotopy perturbation method (HPM)[9], modified Laplace adomian decomposition method (MLADM) [19], etc., have been developed to solve integral equations and integro-differential equations. The homotopy analysis method (HAM) is a powerful and reliable analytical technique for solving different kinds of linear and nonlinear integral and differential equations. It is based on homotopy, a fundamental concept in topology and differential geometry [24, 26, 28]. It is a computational approach that produces analytical solutions and offers a number of benefits over more traditional numerical methods. It is free from rounding off errors since it does not need discretization, and it does not require a great

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amount of computer memory or power to implement. The method introduces the solution in the form of a convergent series with elegantly computable terms. This approach has been employed effectively to solve linear integral equations [2], linear and nonlinear integro-difference equations [1, 5, 30], nonlinear differential equations [25, 27], and linear and nonlinear fractional differential equations [22, 31, 32] etc.

In the present work, we consider the following quadratic integral equation of the type

$$x(t) = a(t) + g(t, x(t)) \int_0^t f(s, x(s)) ds, \quad (1)$$

where  $a(t)$  is a specific continuous function,  $f$  and  $g$  have partial derivatives of arbitrary order with respect to their second arguments.

The key goal of this work is to apply the Homotopy analysis method for solving quadratic integral equations and to demonstrate the suggested method's correctness, efficiency, and simplicity.

## **2. Basic idea of homotopy analysis method**

To explain the fundamental concept of the Homotopy analysis method (HAM) [24], we consider the following operator equation as follows

$$N[x(t)] = 0, \quad (2)$$

where  $N$  is a non-linear operator,  $x(t)$  is an unknown function and  $t$  is an independent variable. For simplicity, we ignore all boundary and initial conditions, which can be treated in a similar way. By means of generalizing the traditional homotopy method, Liao [26] constructed the so-called zero-order deformation equation as

$$(1-q)L[\phi(t;q) - x_0(t)] = q\hbar H(t)N[\phi(t;q)], \quad (3)$$

where  $q \in [0,1]$  is the embedding parameter,  $\hbar \neq 0$  is called the convergence control auxiliary parameter,  $H(t) \neq 0$  is an auxiliary function,  $L$  is an auxiliary linear operator with the property  $L[0] = 0$ ,  $x_0(t)$  is an initial guess of  $x(t)$  and  $x(t;q)$  is an unknown function.

It is important that one has great freedom to choose the auxiliary things in HAM.

When,  $q = 0$ , due to the property  $L[0] = 0$ , the deformation equation (3) becomes

$$\phi(t;0) = x_0(t), \quad (4)$$

and when  $q = 1$ , (since  $\hbar \neq 0$  and  $H(t) \neq 0$  almost everywhere) the zero-order deformation equation (3) on using equation (2) gives

$$\phi(t;1) = x(t). \quad (5)$$

Thus according to (4) and (5), as the embedding parameter  $q$  increases from 0 to 1,  $x(t;q)$  varies from the initial approximation  $x_0(t)$  to the exact solution  $x(t)$ . Using the parameter  $q$ , we expand  $x(t;q)$  in Taylor series as follows

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$$\phi(t; p) = x_0(t) + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} x_m(t) q^m, \quad (6)$$

where

$$x_m(t) = \frac{1}{m!} \left[ \frac{\partial^m \phi(t; q)}{\partial q^m} \right]_{q=0}. \quad (7)$$

We assume that linear operator  $L$ , the initial guess  $x_0(t)$ , the convergence control parameter  $\hbar$  and the auxiliary function  $H(t)$  are properly chosen such that the series (6) is convergent at  $q=1$ . Now, taking  $q=1$  in equation (6) and using equation (5), we get

$$x(t) = x_0(t) + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} x_m(t) \quad (8)$$

Following Liao [24, 26, 28], differentiating equation (3)  $m$  times with respect to the embedding parameter  $q$  and then, setting  $q=0$ , and finally dividing by  $m!$ , we obtain the so-called  $m^{\text{th}}$ -order deformation equation as

$$L[x_m(t) - \kappa_m x_{m-1}(t)] = \hbar H(t) R_m[\bar{x}_{m-1}(t)], \quad (9)$$

where

$$R_m[\bar{x}_{m-1}] = \frac{1}{(m-1)!} \left[ \frac{\partial^{m-1} N[\phi(t; q)]}{\partial q^{m-1}} \right]_{q=0} \quad (10)$$

$\bar{x}_{m-1}$  stands for the vector  $\bar{x}_{m-1} = \{x_0(t), x_1(t), x_2(t), \dots, x_{m-1}(t)\}$ ,

and

$$\kappa_m = \begin{cases} 0, & m \leq 1 \\ 1, & m > 1 \end{cases}. \quad (11)$$

Applying the inverse operator  $L^{-1}$  on the both side of the equation (9), we have

$$x_m(t) = \kappa_m x_{m-1}(t) + \hbar L^{-1} [H(t) R_m[\bar{x}_{m-1}(t)]]. \quad (12)$$

In this way, it is easy to obtain  $x_m(t)$  for  $m \geq 1$ , thus getting the solution from equation (8).

### 3. Solution of the quadratic integral equation by using homotopy analysis method

In this part, we have obtained the approximate solution of the quadratic integral equation by the application of the HAM method.

**Example 1.** Consider the following quadratic integral equation, given by

$$x(t) = t^2 - \frac{t^{10}}{35} + \frac{t}{5} x(t) \int_0^t s^2 x^2(s) ds \quad (13)$$

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The equation has the exact solution

$$x(t) = t^2. \quad (14)$$

Applying HAM Method to equation (13) and taking the linear operator as

$$L[\phi(t; q)] = \phi(t; q) \quad (15)$$

and nonlinear operator as

$$N[\phi(t; q)] = \phi(t; q) - \left( t^2 - \frac{t^{10}}{35} \right) - \frac{t}{5} \phi(t; q) \int_0^t s^2 \phi^2(s; q) ds \quad (16)$$

For the above operator, with assumption  $H(t) = 1$ , we construct the zeroth-order deformation equation from equation (13) as

$$(1-q)L[\phi(t; q) - x_0(t)] = q \hbar H(t) N[\phi(t; q)], \quad (17)$$

and the  $m^{\text{th}}$ -order deformation equation is given by

$$L[x_m(t) - \kappa_m x_{m-1}(t)] = \hbar R_m[\bar{x}_{m-1}(t)], \quad (18)$$

where

$$R_m[\bar{x}_{m-1}] = \frac{1}{(m-1)!} \left[ \frac{\partial^{m-1} N[\phi(t; q)]}{\partial q^{m-1}} \right]_{q=0} \quad \text{and} \quad \kappa_m = \begin{cases} 0, & m \leq 1 \\ 1, & m > 1 \end{cases}. \quad (19)$$

By using equation (19), we evaluate the value of  $R_m[\bar{x}_{m-1}]$

for  $m = 1$

$$R_1[\bar{x}_0] = x_0(t) - \left( t^2 - \frac{t^{10}}{35} \right) - \frac{t}{5} x_0(t) \int_0^t s^2 x_0^2(s) ds, \quad (20)$$

for  $m = 2$

$$R_2[\bar{x}_1] = x_1(t) - \frac{t}{5} \frac{1}{1!} \frac{\partial}{\partial q} \left[ \phi(t; q) \int_0^t s^2 \phi^2(s; q) ds \right]_{q=0}, \quad (21)$$

and so on.

For  $m \in N$  ( $m \neq 1$ )

$$R_m[\bar{x}_{m-1}] = x_{m-1}(t) - \frac{t}{5} \frac{1}{(m-1)!} \frac{\partial^{m-1}}{\partial q^{m-1}} \left[ \phi(t; q) \int_0^t s^2 \phi^2(s; q) ds \right]_{q=0}. \quad (22)$$

Hence, the value of  $R_m[\bar{x}_{m-1}]$  for  $m \in N$  is given by

$$R_m[\bar{x}_{m-1}] = x_{m-1}(t) - (1 - \kappa_m) \left( t^2 - \frac{t^{10}}{35} \right) - \frac{t}{5} \frac{1}{(m-1)!} \frac{\partial^{m-1}}{\partial q^{m-1}} \left[ \phi(t; q) \int_0^t s^2 \phi^2(s; q) ds \right]_{q=0}. \quad (23)$$

Applying the operator  $L^{-1}$  on both sides of equation (18), we have

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$$x_m(t) = \kappa_m x_{m-1}(t) + \hbar L^{-1} [R_m(\bar{x}_{m-1})]. \quad (24)$$

Now, taking initial solution as

$$x_0(t) = t^2 - \frac{t^{10}}{35} \quad (25)$$

The equation (24) is a recurrence relation for  $m \geq 1$ , using equation (25) in equation (24), we get the value of  $x_m(t)$  for  $m = 1, 2, 3, \dots$  as follows

$$\begin{aligned} x_1(t) &= -\hbar \left[ \frac{1}{35} t^{10} - \frac{29}{18375} t^{18} + \frac{61}{2113125} t^{26} - \frac{1}{4930625} t^{34} \right], \\ x_2(t) &= -\hbar(1 + \hbar) \left[ \frac{1}{35} t^{10} - \frac{29}{18375} t^{18} + \frac{61}{2113125} t^{26} - \frac{1}{4930625} t^{34} \right] \\ &\quad + \hbar^2 \left[ \frac{29}{18375} t^{18} - \frac{1927}{14791875} t^{26} + \frac{150434}{34391109375} t^{34} - \frac{400574}{5215984921875} t^{42} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{387353}{545659325859375} t^{50} - \frac{93}{32646284453125} t^{58} \right], \end{aligned} \quad (26)$$

(27)

and so on. The other rest of the components may be determined likewise.

Therefore, the HAM series solution of equation (13) is given by

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) &= x_0(t) + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} x_m(t) = x_0(t) + x_1(t) + x_2(t) + \dots, \\ x(t) &= t^2 - \frac{1}{35} (1 + 2\hbar + \hbar^2) t^{10} + \frac{58}{18375} \hbar (1 + \hbar) t^{18} - \left( \frac{122}{2113125} \hbar + \frac{2354}{14791875} \hbar^2 \right) t^{26} \\ &\quad + \left( \frac{2}{4930625} \hbar + \frac{22487}{4913015625} \hbar^2 \right) t^{34} - \frac{400574}{5215984921875} \hbar^2 t^{42} \\ &\quad + \frac{387353}{545659325859375} \hbar^2 t^{50} - \frac{93}{32646284453125} \hbar^2 t^{58} + \dots, \end{aligned} \quad (28)$$

If we put  $\hbar = -1$ , in equation (28), we have

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) &= t^2 - 0 + 0 - \left( -\frac{122}{2113125} + \frac{2354}{14791875} \right) t^{26} \\ &\quad + \left( -\frac{2}{4930625} + \frac{22487}{4913015625} \right) t^{34} - \frac{400574}{5215984921875} t^{42} \\ &\quad + \frac{387353}{545659325859375} t^{50} - \frac{93}{32646284453125} t^{58} + \dots, \end{aligned} \quad (29)$$

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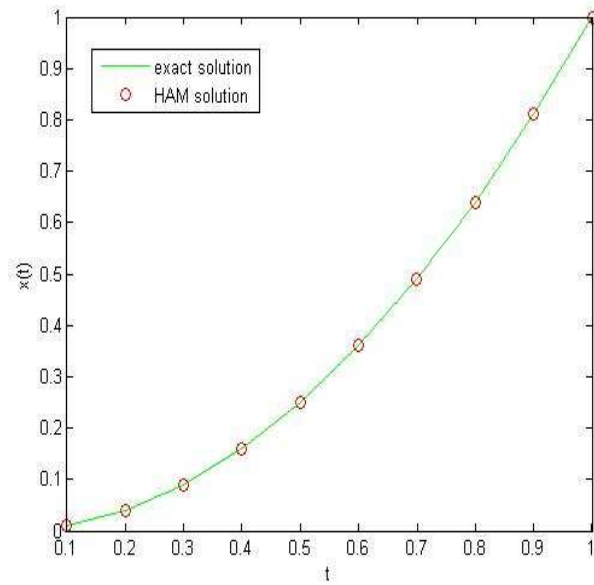
The result in (29) was obtained earlier by Fu *et al.* [18] using the method of ADM. It can be easily observed that for  $\hbar = -1$ , the series solution converges to the exact solution  $x(t) = t^2$  as  $m \rightarrow \infty$ .

In **Table 1**, we compare the approximate solution obtained by using HAM with the exact solution. **Figure 1** and **Figure 2** show the comparison graph of the approximate solution by the HAM with the exact solution and the absolute error graph between them, respectively. It is worth noting that the approximate solutions in all the figures and tables are evaluated using only three terms from the homotopy analysis solution.

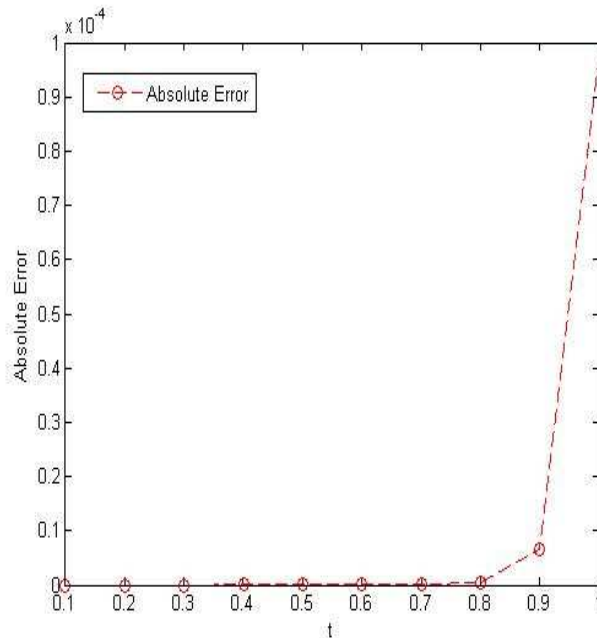
**Table 1:** Numerical comparison of solution of the equation (13) by HAM with the exact solution at different values of  $t$

| $t$ | Exact Solution          | HAM Solution            | $ x_{\text{Exact}} - x_{\text{HAM}} $ |
|-----|-------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 0.1 | 1.0000000000000000e-002 | 1.0000000000000000e-002 | 0                                     |
| 0.2 | 4.0000000000000001e-002 | 4.0000000000000001e-002 | 0                                     |
| 0.3 | 9.0000000000000002e-002 | 9.0000000000000002e-002 | 0                                     |
| 0.4 | 1.6000000000000000e-001 | 1.59999999999955e-001   | 4.579669976578771e-015                |
| 0.5 | 2.5000000000000000e-001 | 2.49999999984892e-001   | 1.510819247485529e-012                |
| 0.6 | 3.6000000000000000e-001 | 3.59999998271376e-001   | 1.728623910679517e-010                |
| 0.7 | 4.899999999999999e-001  | 4.899999905029860e-001  | 9.497013953030375e-009                |
| 0.8 | 6.4000000000000001e-001 | 6.399996956247078e-001  | 3.043752923037602e-007                |
| 0.9 | 8.1000000000000001e-001 | 8.099935631118501e-001  | 6.436888149941034e-006                |
| 1.0 | 1.0000000000000000e+000 | 9.999026882850697e-001  | 9.731171493032598e-005                |

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**Figure 1.** Comparison Graph of HAM solution with exact solution of equation (13), when  $\hbar = -1$



**Figure 2:** Graph of absolute error between HAM solution and exact solution of equation (13), when  $\hbar = -1$

**Example 2.** Consider the following quadratic integral equation, given by

$$x(t) = t^3 - \frac{t^{19}}{100} - \frac{t^{20}}{110} + \frac{t^3}{10} x^2(t) \int_0^t (s+1)x^3(s) ds \quad (30)$$

The equation has the exact solution

$$x(t) = t^3. \quad (31)$$

Applying HAM Method to equation (31) and taking the linear operator as

$$L[\phi(t; q)] = \phi(t; q), \quad (32)$$

and nonlinear operator as

$$N[\phi(t; q)] = \phi(t; q) - \left( t^3 - \frac{t^{19}}{100} - \frac{t^{20}}{110} \right) - \frac{t^3}{10} \phi^2(t; q) \int_0^t (s+1)\phi^3(s; q) ds \quad (33)$$

For the above operator, with assumption  $H(t) = 1$ , we construct the zeroth-order deformation equation from equation (13) as

$$(1-q)L[\phi(t; q) - x_0(t)] = q \hbar H(t) N[\phi(t; q)]. \quad (34)$$

and the  $m^{\text{th}}$ -order deformation equation is given by

$$L[x_m(t) - \kappa_m x_{m-1}(t)] = \hbar R_m[\bar{x}_{m-1}(t)], \quad (35)$$

where

$$R_m[\bar{x}_{m-1}] = \frac{1}{(m-1)!} \left[ \frac{\partial^{m-1} N[\phi(t; q)]}{\partial q^{m-1}} \right]_{q=0} \quad \text{and} \quad \kappa_m = \begin{cases} 0, & m \leq 1 \\ 1, & m > 1 \end{cases}. \quad (36)$$

By using equation (36), we evaluate the value of  $R_m[\bar{x}_{m-1}]$

for  $m = 1$

$$R_1[\bar{x}_0] = x_0(t) - \left( t^3 - \frac{t^{19}}{100} - \frac{t^{20}}{110} \right) - \frac{t^3}{10} x_0^2(t) \int_0^t (s+1)x_0^3(s) ds, \quad (37)$$

for  $m = 2$

$$R_2[\bar{x}_1] = x_1(t) - \frac{t^3}{10} \frac{1}{(1)!} \frac{\partial}{\partial q} \left[ \phi^2(t; q) \int_0^t (s+1)\phi^3(s; q) ds \right]_{q=0}, \quad (38)$$

and so on.

For  $m \in N$  ( $m \neq 1$ )

$$R_m[\bar{x}_{m-1}] = x_{m-1}(t) - \frac{t^3}{10} \frac{1}{(m-1)!} \frac{\partial^{m-1}}{\partial q^{m-1}} \left[ \phi^2(t; q) \int_0^t (s+1)\phi^3(s; q) ds \right]_{q=0}. \quad (39)$$

Hence, the value of  $R_m[\bar{x}_{m-1}]$  for  $m \in N$  is given by



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$$R_m[\bar{x}_{m-1}] = x_{m-1}(t) - (1 - \kappa_m) \left( t^3 - \frac{t^{19}}{100} - \frac{t^{20}}{110} \right) - \frac{t^3}{10} \frac{1}{(m-1)!} \frac{\partial^{m-1}}{\partial q^{m-1}} \left[ \phi^2(t; q) \int_0^t s^2 \phi^3(s; q) ds \right]_{q=0}. \quad (40)$$

Applying the operator  $L^{-1}$  on both sides of equation (35), we have

$$x_m(t) = \kappa_m x_{m-1}(t) + \hbar L^{-1} [R_m(\bar{x}_{m-1})]. \quad (41)$$

Now, taking initial solution as

$$x_0(t) = t^3 - \frac{t^{19}}{100} - \frac{t^{20}}{110}. \quad (42)$$

The equation (41) is a recurrence relation for  $m \geq 1$ , using equation (42) in equation (41), we get the value of  $x_m(t)$  for  $m = 1, 2, 3, \dots$  as follows

$$\begin{aligned} x_1(t) = & -\hbar \left[ \frac{1}{100} t^{19} + \frac{1}{110} t^{20} - \frac{41}{130000} t^{35} - \frac{19}{33000} t^{36} - \frac{89}{338800} t^{37} \right. \\ & + \frac{183}{45500000} t^{51} + \frac{10177}{922350000} t^{52} + \frac{5639}{559020000} t^{53} + \frac{859}{279510000} t^{54} \\ & - \frac{727}{26390000000} t^{67} - \frac{768101}{7618611000000} t^{68} - \frac{10807001}{78123045000000} t^{69} \\ & - \frac{527271}{6251707000000} t^{70} - \frac{320851}{16211580000000} t^{71} + \frac{43}{406000000000} t^{83} \\ & + \frac{2742959}{566512100000000} t^{84} + \frac{20924839}{23637229000000000} t^{85} + \frac{102302983}{1580788700000000} t^{86} \\ & + \frac{1688987}{4568211615000000} t^{87} + \frac{23}{340403250000} t^{88} - \frac{1}{5800000000000} t^{99} \\ & - \frac{1779}{1882100000000000} t^{100} - \frac{89391}{41406200000000000} t^{101} - \frac{125959}{47902690000000000} t^{102} \\ & \left. - \frac{99741}{55372262000000000} t^{103} - \frac{501}{761368602500000} t^{104} - \frac{1}{9985162000000} t^{105} \right], \quad (43) \end{aligned}$$

and so on. The other rest of components may be derived accordingly. Therefore, the HAM series solution of problem (30) is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
 x(t) = t^3 - (\hbar + 1) & \left( \frac{1}{100} t^{19} + \frac{1}{110} t^{20} \right) - \hbar \left[ -\frac{41}{130000} t^{35} - \frac{19}{33000} t^{36} - \frac{89}{338800} t^{37} \right. \\
 & + \frac{183}{45500000} t^{51} + \frac{10177}{922350000} t^{52} + \frac{5639}{559020000} t^{53} + \frac{859}{279510000} t^{54} \\
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 & + \frac{2742959}{56651210000000000} t^{84} + \frac{20924839}{236372290000000000} t^{85} + \frac{102302983}{158078870000000000} t^{86} \\
 & + \frac{1688987}{45682116150000000} t^{87} + \frac{23}{340403250000} t^{88} - \frac{1}{5800000000000} t^{99} \\
 & - \frac{1779}{18821000000000000} t^{100} - \frac{89391}{414062000000000000} t^{101} - \frac{125959}{4790269000000000000} t^{102} \\
 & \left. - \frac{99741}{5537226200000000000} t^{103} - \frac{501}{761368602500000} t^{104} - \frac{1}{9985162000000} t^{105} \right] + \dots,
 \end{aligned} \tag{44}$$

If we put  $\hbar = -1$ , in equation (44), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 x(t) = t^3 - 0 & + \left[ \frac{41}{130000} t^{35} - \frac{19}{33000} t^{36} - \frac{89}{338800} t^{37} + \frac{183}{45500000} t^{51} + \frac{10177}{922350000} t^{52} + \frac{5639}{559020000} t^{53} \right. \\
 & + \frac{859}{279510000} t^{54} - \frac{727}{26390000000} t^{67} - \frac{768101}{7618611000000} t^{68} - \frac{10807001}{78123045000000} t^{69} - \frac{527271}{62517070000000} t^{70} \\
 & - \frac{320851}{162115800000000} t^{71} + \frac{43}{4060000000000} t^{83} + \frac{2742959}{56651210000000000} t^{84} + \frac{20924839}{236372290000000000} t^{85} \\
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 & \left. - \frac{99741}{5537226200000000000} t^{103} - \frac{501}{761368602500000} t^{104} - \frac{1}{9985162000000} t^{105} \right] + \dots,
 \end{aligned} \tag{45}$$

The result in (45) was obtained earlier by Fu *et al.* [18] using the method of ADM. It can be easily observed that for  $\hbar = -1$ , the series solution converges to the exact solution  $x(t) = t^3$  as  $m \rightarrow \infty$ .

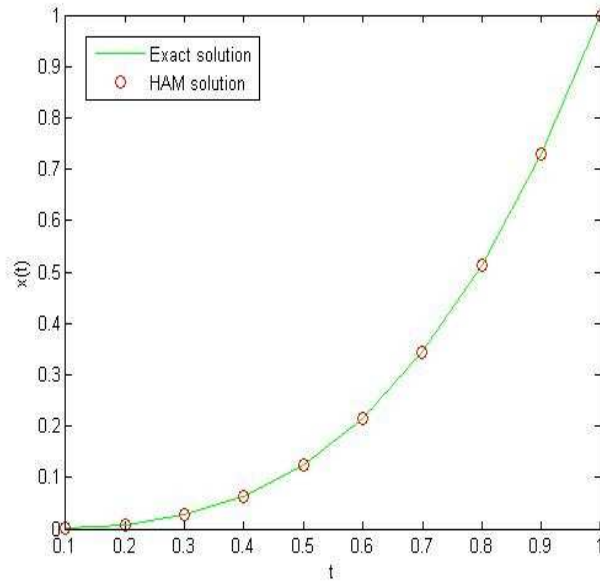
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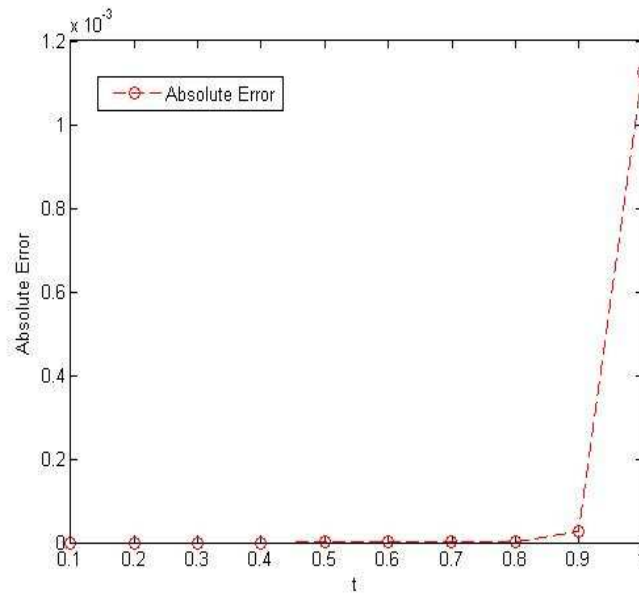
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**Table 2:** Numerical comparison of solution of the equation (30) by HAM with the exact solution at different values of  $t$

| $T$ | Exact Solution          | HAM Solution            | $ x_{\text{Exact}} - x_{\text{HAM}} $ |
|-----|-------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 0.1 | 1.0000000000000000e-003 | 1.0000000000000000e-003 | 0                                     |
| 0.2 | 8.0000000000000002e-003 | 8.0000000000000002e-003 | 0                                     |
| 0.3 | 2.7000000000000001e-002 | 2.7000000000000001e-002 | 0                                     |
| 0.4 | 6.4000000000000002e-002 | 6.4000000000000002e-002 | 0                                     |
| 0.5 | 1.2500000000000000e-001 | 1.249999999999805e-001  | 1.947053629436368e-014                |
| 0.6 | 2.1600000000000000e-001 | 2.159999999870141e-001  | 1.298591789655745e-011                |
| 0.7 | 3.429999999999999e-001  | 3.429999967911216e-001  | 3.208878274207905e-009                |
| 0.8 | 5.1200000000000001e-001 | 5.119996172603906e-001  | 3.827396095612556e-007                |
| 0.9 | 7.2900000000000001e-001 | 7.289739210648457e-001  | 2.607893515438331e-005                |
| 1.0 | 1.0000000000000000e+000 | 9.988740780250106e-001  | 1.125921974989397e-003                |



**Figure 3:** Comparison Graph of HAM solution with exact solution of equation (30), when  $h = -1$



**Figure 4:** Graph of absolute error between HAM solution and exact solution of equation (30), when  $h = -1$

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**Example 3.** Consider the following quadratic integral equation, given by

$$x(t) = t^3 - \frac{t^{12}}{40} + \frac{t}{5} x(t) \int_0^t s x^2(s) ds \quad (46)$$

The equation has the exact solution

$$x(t) = t^2. \quad (47)$$

Applying HAM Method to equation (46) and taking the linear operator as

$$L[\phi(t; q)] = \phi(t; q) \quad (48)$$

and nonlinear operator as

$$N[\phi(t; q)] = \phi(t; q) - \left( t^2 - \frac{t^{10}}{35} \right) - \frac{t}{5} \phi(t; q) \int_0^t s^2 \phi^2(s; q) ds \quad (49)$$

For the above operator, with assumption  $H(t) = 1$ , we construct the zeroth-order deformation equation from equation (13) as

$$(1-q)L[\phi(t; q) - x_0(t)] = q \hbar H(t) N[\phi(t; q)]. \quad (50)$$

and the  $m^{\text{th}}$ - order deformation equation is given by

$$L[x_m(t) - \kappa_m x_{m-1}(t)] = \hbar R_m[\bar{x}_{m-1}(t)], \quad (51)$$

where

$$R_m[\bar{x}_{m-1}] = \frac{1}{(m-1)!} \left[ \frac{\partial^{m-1} N[\phi(t; q)]}{\partial q^{m-1}} \right]_{q=0} \text{ and } \kappa_m = \begin{cases} 0, & m \leq 1 \\ 1, & m > 1 \end{cases}. \quad (52)$$

By using equation (52), we evaluate the value of  $R_m[\bar{x}_{m-1}]$

for  $m = 1$

$$R_1[\bar{x}_0] = x_0(t) - \left( t^3 - \frac{t^{12}}{40} \right) - \frac{t}{5} x_0(t) \int_0^t s x_0^2(s) ds, \quad (53)$$

for  $m = 2$

$$R_2[\bar{x}_1] = x_1(t) - \frac{t}{5} \frac{1}{1!} \frac{\partial}{\partial q} \left[ \phi(t; q) \int_0^t s \phi^2(s; q) ds \right]_{q=0}, \quad (54)$$

and so on.

For  $m \in N$  ( $m \neq 1$ )

$$R_m[\bar{x}_{m-1}] = x_{m-1}(t) - \frac{t}{5} \frac{1}{(m-1)!} \frac{\partial^{m-1}}{\partial q^{m-1}} \left[ \phi(t; q) \int_0^t s \phi^2(s; q) ds \right]_{q=0}. \quad (55)$$

Hence, the value of  $R_m[\bar{x}_{m-1}]$  for  $m \in N$  is given by

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$$R_m [\bar{x}_{m-1}] = x_{m-1}(t) - (1 - \kappa_m) \left( t^3 - \frac{t^{12}}{40} \right) - \frac{t}{5} \frac{1}{(m-1)!} \frac{\partial^{m-1}}{\partial q^{m-1}} \left[ \phi(t; q) \int_0^t s \phi^2(s; q) ds \right]_{q=0}. \quad (56)$$

Applying the operator  $L^{-1}$  on both sides of equation (51), we have

$$x_m(t) = \kappa_m x_{m-1}(t) + \hbar L^{-1} [R_m(\bar{x}_{m-1})]. \quad (57)$$

Now, taking initial solution as

$$x_0(t) = t^3 - \frac{t^{12}}{40}. \quad (58)$$

The equation (57) is a recurrence relation for  $m \geq 1$ , using equation (58) in equation (57), we get the value of  $x_m(t)$  for  $m = 1, 2, 3, \dots$  as follows

$$\begin{aligned} x_1(t) &= -\hbar \left[ \frac{1}{40} t^{12} - \frac{33}{27200} t^{21} + \frac{69}{3536000} t^{30} - \frac{1}{8320000} t^{39} \right], \quad (59) \\ x_2(t) &= -\hbar(\hbar+1) \left[ \frac{1}{40} t^{12} - \frac{33}{27200} t^{21} + \frac{69}{3536000} t^{30} - \frac{1}{8320000} t^{39} \right] \\ &\quad + \hbar^2 \left[ \frac{33}{27200} t^{21} - \frac{249}{2828800} t^{30} + \frac{21867}{8415680000} t^{39} - \frac{148431}{3702899200000} t^{48} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{139521}{428789504000000} t^{57} - \frac{21}{18343936000000} t^{66} \right] \end{aligned} \quad (60)$$

and so on. The other rest of components can be established likewise.

Therefore, the HAM series solution of problem (46) is given by

$$x(t) = x_0(t) + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} x_m(t) = x_0(t) + x_1(t) + x_2(t) + \dots,$$

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) &= t^3 - \frac{1}{40} (1 + 2\hbar + \hbar^2) t^{12} + \frac{33}{13600} \hbar (1 + \hbar) t^{21} - \left( \frac{69}{1768000} \hbar + \frac{117}{1088000} \hbar^2 \right) t^{30} \\ &\quad + \left( \frac{1}{4160000} \hbar + \frac{45757}{16831360000} \hbar^2 \right) t^{39} - \frac{148431}{3702899200000} \hbar^2 t^{48} \\ &\quad + \frac{139521}{428789504000000} \hbar^2 t^{57} - \frac{21}{18343936000000} \hbar^2 t^{66} + \dots, \end{aligned} \quad (61)$$

If we put  $\hbar = -1$ , in equation (61), we have

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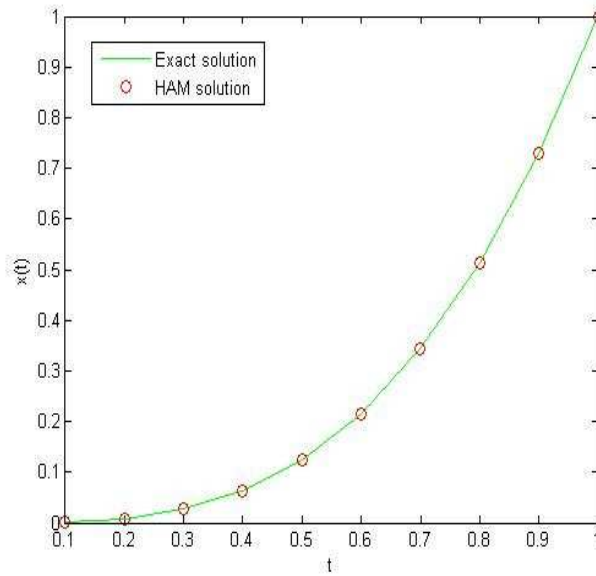
$$\begin{aligned}
 x(t) = & t^3 - 0 + 0 - \left( -\frac{69}{1768000} + \frac{117}{1088000} \right) t^{30} + \left( -\frac{1}{4160000} + \frac{45757}{16831360000} \right) t^{39} \\
 & - \frac{148431}{3702899200000} t^{48} + \frac{139521}{428789504000000} t^{57} - \frac{21}{18343936000000} t^{66} + \dots,
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{62}$$

The result in (62) was obtained earlier by El-Sayed et al. [16] using the method of ADM and RTM. It can be easily observed that for  $\hbar = -1$ , the series solution converges to the exact solution  $x(t) = t^3$  as  $m \rightarrow \infty$ .

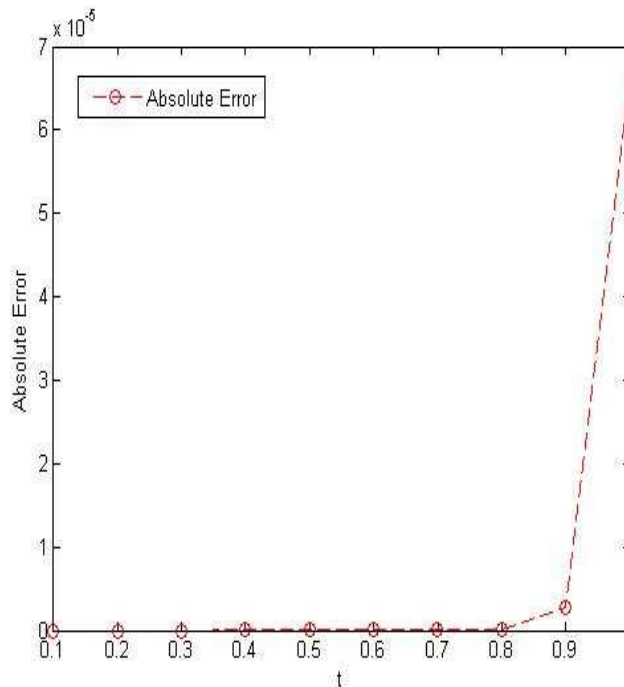
In **Table 3**, we compare the approximate solution obtained by using HAM with the exact solution. **Figure 5** and **Figure 6** show the comparison graph of the approximate solution by the HAM with the exact solution and the absolute error graph between them, respectively. It is worth noting that the approximate solutions in all the figures and tables are evaluated using only three terms from the homotopy analysis solution.

**Table 3:** Numerical comparison of solution of the equation (46) by HAM with the exact solution at different values of  $t$

| $t$ | Exact Solution          | HAM Solution            | $ x_{\text{Exact}} - x_{\text{HAM}} $ |
|-----|-------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 0.1 | 1.0000000000000000e-003 | 1.0000000000000000e-003 | 0                                     |
| 0.2 | 8.0000000000000002e-003 | 8.0000000000000002e-003 | 0                                     |
| 0.3 | 2.7000000000000001e-002 | 2.7000000000000001e-002 | 0                                     |
| 0.4 | 6.4000000000000002e-002 | 6.399999999999993e-002  | 8.326672684688674e-017                |
| 0.5 | 1.2500000000000000e-001 | 1.249999999999362e-001  | 6.381006834033087e-014                |
| 0.6 | 2.1600000000000000e-001 | 2.15999999848598e-001   | 1.514016689796449e-011                |
| 0.7 | 3.429999999999999e-001  | 3.42999984580909e-001   | 1.541908989377561e-009                |
| 0.8 | 5.1200000000000001e-001 | 5.119999156000681e-001  | 8.439993204323315e-008                |
| 0.9 | 7.2900000000000001e-001 | 7.289971362433207e-001  | 2.863756679349905e-006                |
| 1.0 | 1.0000000000000000e+000 | 9.999339287954754e-001  | 6.607120452462034e-005                |



**Figure 5:** Comparison Graph of HAM solution with exact solution of equation (46), when  $h = -1$



**Figure 6:** Graph of absolute error between HAM solution and exact solution of equation (46), when  $h = -1$



### Solution of the Quadratic Integral Equation by Homotopy Analysis Method

**Example 4.** Consider the following quadratic integral equation, given by

$$x(t) = t^2 - \frac{t^{11}}{630} + \frac{1}{6} x^2(t) \int_0^t (t-s)^2 x^2(s) ds \quad (63)$$

The equation has the exact solution

$$x(t) = t^2. \quad (64)$$

Applying HAM Method to equation (63) and taking the linear operator as

$$L[\phi(t; q)] = \phi(t; q), \quad (65)$$

and nonlinear operator as

$$N[\phi(t; q)] = \phi(t; q) - \left( t^2 - \frac{t^{11}}{630} \right) - \frac{1}{6} \phi^2(t; q) \int_0^t (t-s)^2 \phi^2(s; q) ds. \quad (66)$$

For the above operator, with assumption  $H(t) = 1$ , we construct the zeroth-order deformation equation from equation (13) as

$$(1-q)L[\phi(t; q) - x_0(t)] = q \hbar H(t) N[\phi(t; q)]. \quad (67)$$

and the  $m^{\text{th}}$ - order deformation equation is given by

$$L[x_m(t) - \kappa_m x_{m-1}(t)] = \hbar R_m[\bar{x}_{m-1}(t)], \quad (68)$$

where

$$R_m[\bar{x}_{m-1}] = \frac{1}{(m-1)!} \left[ \frac{\partial^{m-1} N[\phi(t; q)]}{\partial q^{m-1}} \right]_{q=0} \text{ and } \kappa_m = \begin{cases} 0, & m \leq 1 \\ 1, & m > 1 \end{cases}. \quad (69)$$

By using equation (569), we evaluate the value of  $R_m[\bar{x}_{m-1}]$

for  $m = 1$

$$R_1[\bar{x}_0] = x_0(t) - \left( t^2 - \frac{t^{11}}{630} \right) - \frac{1}{6} x_0^2(t) \int_0^t (t-s)^2 x_0^2(s) ds, \quad (70)$$

for  $m = 2$

$$R_2[\bar{x}_1] = x_1(t) - \frac{1}{6} \frac{\partial}{\partial q} \left[ \phi^2(t; q) \int_0^t (t-s)^2 \phi^2(s; q) ds \right]_{q=0}, \quad (71)$$

and so on.

For  $m \in N$  ( $m \neq 1$ )

$$R_m[\bar{x}_{m-1}] = x_{m-1}(t) - \frac{1}{6} \frac{1}{(m-1)!} \frac{\partial^{m-1}}{\partial q^{m-1}} \left[ \phi^2(t; q) \int_0^t (t-s)^2 \phi^2(s; q) ds \right]_{q=0}. \quad (72)$$

Hence, the value of  $R_m[\bar{x}_{m-1}]$  for  $m \in N$  is given by

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$$R_m [\vec{x}_{m-1}] = x_{m-1}(t) - (1 - \kappa_m) \left( t^2 - \frac{t^{11}}{630} \right) - \frac{1}{6} \frac{1}{(m-1)!} \frac{\partial^{m-1}}{\partial q^{m-1}} \left[ \phi^2(t; q) \int_0^t (t-s)^2 \phi^2(s; q) ds \right]_{q=0}. \quad (73)$$

Applying the operator  $L^{-1}$  on both sides of equation (68), we have

$$x_m(t) = \kappa_m x_{m-1}(t) + \hbar L^{-1} [R_m(\vec{x}_{m-1})]. \quad (74)$$

Now, taking initial solution as

$$x_0(t) = t^2 - \frac{t^{11}}{630}. \quad (75)$$

The equation (74) is a recurrence relation for  $m \geq 1$ , using equation (75) in (74), we get the value of  $x_m(t)$  for  $m = 1, 2, 3, \dots$  as follows

$$x_1(t) = -\hbar \left[ \frac{1}{630} t^{11} - \frac{17}{3175200} t^{20} + \frac{61}{57510810000} t^{29} - \frac{143}{144927241200000} t^{38} + \frac{1}{6521725854000000} t^{47} \right] \quad (76)$$

$$x_2(t) = -\hbar(1+\hbar) \left[ \frac{1}{630} t^{11} - \frac{17}{3175200} t^{20} + \frac{61}{57510810000} t^{29} - \frac{143}{144927241200000} t^{38} + \frac{1}{6521725854000000} t^{47} \right] + \hbar^2 \left[ \frac{17}{3175200} t^{20} - \frac{2519}{92017296000} t^{29} + \frac{16337737}{433622305670400000} t^{38} - \frac{388643}{22858090113196800000} t^{47} + \frac{18643430059}{2109831432965211795840000000} t^{56} - \frac{176249640017}{77658579483154744635288000000000} t^{65} + \frac{230762317}{596645183833993769758920000000000} t^{74} - \frac{547}{17355548333891221486200000000000} t^{83} \right] \quad (77)$$

and so on. The other rest of components can be obtained accordingly.

Therefore, the HAM series solution of equation (63) is given by

$$x(t) = x_0(t) + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} x_m(t) = x_0(t) + x_1(t) + x_2(t) + \dots,$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 x(t) = & t^2 - \frac{1}{630} (1 + 2\hbar + \hbar^2) t^{11} + \frac{17}{1587600} \hbar (1 + \hbar) t^{20} \\
 & - \left( \frac{61}{28755405000} \hbar + \frac{89}{3129840000} \hbar^2 \right) t^{29} \\
 & + \left( \frac{143}{72463620600000} \hbar + \frac{5588531}{144540768556800000} \hbar^2 \right) t^{38} \\
 & - \left( \frac{1}{3260862927000000} t + \frac{4575059}{266677717987296000000} \hbar^2 \right) t^{47} \\
 & + \frac{18643430059}{2109831432965211795840000000} \hbar^2 t^{56} \\
 & - \frac{176249640017}{77658579483154744635288000000000} \hbar^2 t^{65} \\
 & + \frac{230762317}{596645183833993769758920000000000} \hbar^2 t^{74} \\
 & - \frac{547}{17355548333891221486200000000000} \hbar^2 t^{83} + \dots
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{78}$$

If we put  $\hbar = -1$ , in equation (78), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 x(t) = & t^2 + 0 + \left( \frac{61}{28755405000} - \frac{89}{3129840000} \right) t^{29} \\
 & + \left( -\frac{143}{72463620600000} + \frac{5588531}{144540768556800000} \right) t^{38} \\
 & - \left( \frac{1}{3260862927000000} t + \frac{4575059}{266677717987296000000} \right) t^{47} \\
 & + \frac{18643430059}{2109831432965211795840000000} t^{56} \\
 & - \frac{176249640017}{77658579483154744635288000000000} t^{65} \\
 & + \frac{230762317}{596645183833993769758920000000000} t^{74} \\
 & - \frac{547}{17355548333891221486200000000000} t^{83} + \dots
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{79}$$

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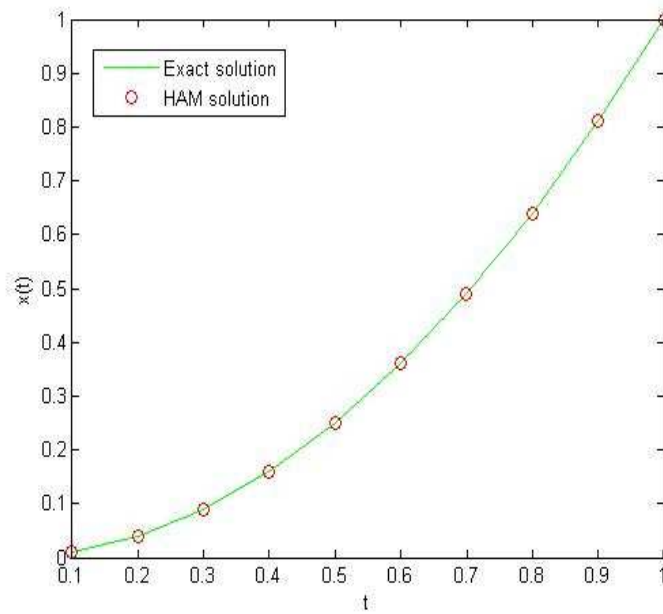
The result in (79) was obtained earlier by El-Sayed *et al.* [16] using the methods of ADM and RTM. It can be easily observed that for  $\hbar = -1$ , the series solution converges to the exact solution  $x(t) = t^2$  as  $m \rightarrow \infty$ .

In **Table 4**, we compare the approximate solution obtained by using HAM with the exact solution. **Figure 7** and **Figure 8** show the comparison graph of the approximate solution by the HAM with the exact solution and the absolute error graph between them, respectively. It is worth noting that the approximate solutions in all the figures and tables are evaluated using only three terms from the homotopy analysis solution.

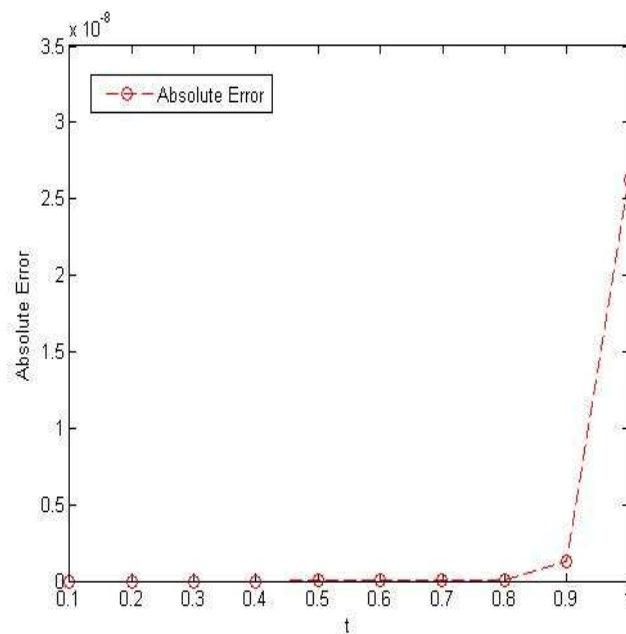
**Table 4:** Numerical comparison of solution of the equation (63) by HAM with the exact solution at different values of  $t$

| $t$ | Exact Solution          | HAM Solution            | $ x_{\text{Exact}} - x_{\text{HAM}} $ |
|-----|-------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 0.1 | 1.0000000000000000e-002 | 1.0000000000000000e-002 | 0                                     |
| 0.2 | 4.0000000000000001e-002 | 4.0000000000000001e-002 | 0                                     |
| 0.3 | 9.0000000000000002e-002 | 9.0000000000000002e-002 | 0                                     |
| 0.4 | 1.6000000000000000e-001 | 1.6000000000000000e-001 | 0                                     |
| 0.5 | 2.5000000000000000e-001 | 2.499999999999999e-001  | 5.551115123125783e-017                |
| 0.6 | 3.6000000000000000e-001 | 3.599999999999903e-001  | 9.714451465470120e-015                |
| 0.7 | 4.899999999999999e-001  | 4.89999999991527e-001   | 8.472667012426882e-013                |
| 0.8 | 6.4000000000000001e-001 | 6.399999999592879e-001  | 4.071221137991188e-011                |
| 0.9 | 8.1000000000000001e-001 | 8.099999987612172e-001  | 1.238782854073861e-009                |
| 1.0 | 1.0000000000000000e+000 | 9.999999737220710e-001  | 2.627792905496307e-008                |

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**Figure 7:** Comparison Graph of HAM solution with exact solution of equation (63), when  $\hbar = -1$



**Figure 8:** Graph of absolute error between HAM solution and exact solution of equation(63), when  $\hbar = -1$

### 5. Concluding remark

In this work, we have determined the approximate solutions of the quadratic integral equations by the use of the homotopy analysis method (HAM). We compared the approximate and exact solutions graphically. The obtained results demonstrate that the proposed approach is highly efficient and straightforward, and it may be implemented to investigate solutions to other nonlinear problems.

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