# Numerical Evaluation of Quarter-Sweep KSOR Method to Solve Time-Fractional Parabolic Equations

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## **ABSTRACT**

We study the performance of the combination of quarter-sweep iteration concept with the Kaudd Successive Over-Relaxation (KSOR) iterative method in solving the discretized one-dimensional time-fractional parabolic equation. We called the mixed of these two concepts as QSKSOR. The time-fractional derivative in Grünwald sense, together with the implicit finite difference scheme was used to discretized the tested problems to form the quarter-sweep implicit finite difference approximation equations in the sense of Grünwald type. This approximation equation of half-sweep will then generate a linear system. Next, we used the proposed QSKSOR iterative method to the generated linear systems before comparing the effectiveness between the other family of KSOR method, FSKSOR and HSKSOR with respect to the full- and half-sweep cases respectively. To do so, three examples are included. The results of this study show the superiority of the QSKSOR iterative method in terms of iteration numbers and execution time in comparison to the other two methods.

**Keywords:** *Grünwald-type, Fractional derivative, Finite difference, Implicit scheme, QSKSOR iteration.* 

## I. INTRODUCTION

The use of fractional partial differential equations (FPDEs) could be found in many areas of applications. Previous researches have mentioned it often. For instance, refer [1]-[3]. Generally, the one-dimensional inhomogeneous time-fractional parabolic equation (TFPE) can be defined as

$$\frac{\partial^{\alpha} U}{\partial t^{\alpha}} + p(x) \frac{\partial U}{\partial x} = q(x) \frac{\partial^{2} U}{\partial x^{2}} + f(x,t), 
a \le x \le b, \quad 0 \le t \le T, \quad 0 < \alpha \le 1,$$
(1)

subject to the following initial and boundary conditions:

$$\begin{split} U\left(x,0\right) &= g_1\left(x\right), & a \leq x \leq b, \\ U\left(a,t\right) &= g_2\left(t\right); & U\left(b,t\right) &= g_3\left(t\right) & 0 < t \leq T, \end{split}$$

where p(x), q(x) and the function f(x,t) are the convection parameter, diffusion parameter and source term respectively.

Usually, solving FPDEs analytically is difficult, hence many researches have applied the mesh-based numerical techniques such as finite volume, finite element and finite difference methods [1]-[6] to obtain the approximate solution of problem (1). Then, this will lead to sparse linear systems.

Discretization of the time factor in equation (1) needed to be done using fractional operator. In this study, we applied the fractional derivative in the sense of Grünwald type fractional operator, which defined in [7]-[8] as the following

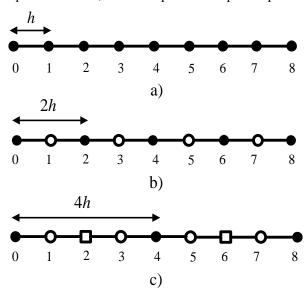
$$D_G^{\alpha} f(t) = \frac{1}{\left(\Delta t\right)^{\alpha}} \lim_{N \to \infty} \sum_{k=0}^{j} g_{\alpha,k} f(t - k\Delta t), \quad 0 < \alpha < 1 \quad (2)$$

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

This study is motivated by the Kaudd Successive Over-Relaxation (KSOR) iteration technique which has been developed by [9] in 2012. Apart from that, the application of quarter-sweep iteration concept in this study is inspired from the work done by [10], where they used the Modified Explicit Group (MEG) iterative method to find the numerical solution two-dimensional Poisson equations. Originally, this work which they modified from their previous work [11], has extended the half-sweep iteration concept (see in [12]-[15]) to the quarter-sweep iteration concept in order to accelerate the iteration process by considering only one-fourth of the total node points located in the solution domain.

Due to the excellent performance of quarter-sweep

concept, it has been extensively discussed in many areas of problem solving (see in [6], [16]-[19]). Figure 1 illustrates the ideas of the iteration processes with respect to the full-, half- and quarter-sweep concepts.



**Figure 1** a), b) and c) depicted the full-, half-and quarter-sweep cases of uniform node points distribution in the given solution domain.

Firstly, finite grid network requires to be established to guide us in implementing the quarter-sweep concept in any iterative schemes. Based on Figure 1, formulation of iterative methods is performed based on the solid interior grid points ( $\bullet$ ) until it met convergence test. Meanwhile, for the rest of the remaining node points of type ( $\circ$ ) and ( $\square$ ), the direct method will be used in the calculation.

More specifically, we examine the effectiveness of the quarter-sweep iteration concept with the Kaudd Successive Over-Relaxation (KSOR) iterative method based on the Grünwald implicit difference approximation equations for solving problem (1). We also employed the half-sweep HSKSOR and full-sweep FSKSOR method as control techniques to demonstrate the efficiency of the QSKSOR method.

The remainder of this paper is organized as follows: Section 2 demonstrate the formulation of the quarter-sweep Grünwald implicit difference approximation equations. Then, Section 3 elaborates the derivation of the family of Kaudd Successive Over-Relaxation (KSOR) iterative method. Next, Section 4 illustrates some numerical experiments. Finally, Section 5 stated the conclusion of this study

## II. QUARTER-SWEEP GRÜNWALD IMPLICIT DIFFERENCE APPROXIMATION EQUATIONS

In this section, we are discussing how to derive the quarter-sweep Grünwald implicit approximation equations from discretization of problem (1) using the time derivative of the Grünwald operator and implicit finite difference scheme. This step will lead to sparse and large linear systems.

By using quarter-sweep Grünwald implicit finite difference scheme, the approximation equations at i=4,8,12,...,N-8,N-4 can be stated as

$$\frac{1}{\left(\Delta t\right)^{\alpha}} \sum_{k=0}^{j} g_{\alpha,k} U_{i,j-k} + \frac{p(x)}{8\Delta x} \left( U_{i+4,j} - U_{i-4,j} \right) + \frac{q(x)}{\left(4\Delta x\right)^{2}} \left( U_{i+4,j} - 2U_{i,j} + U_{i-4,j} \right) = f_{i,j}$$
(3)

Then, by letting

$$G_k = \frac{g_{\alpha,k}}{\left(\Delta t\right)^{\alpha}}, \quad \rho_i = \frac{p(x)}{8\Delta x}, \text{ and } \lambda_i = \frac{q(x)}{\left(4\Delta x\right)^2},$$

the quarter-sweep Grünwald implicit approximation equation (3) can be simplified and expressed as

$$\alpha_{i}U_{i-4,j} + \beta_{i}U_{i,j} + \gamma_{i}U_{i+4,j} = F_{i,j}$$
 (4)

where

$$\alpha_i = \lambda_i - \rho_i,$$
  

$$\beta_i = G_0 - 2\lambda_i,$$
  

$$\gamma_i = \lambda_i + \rho_i,$$

and where

$$F_{i,j} = \begin{cases} f_{i,1} - G_1 U_{i,0} & j = 1 \\ f_{i,j} - \sum_{k=1}^{j} G_k U_{i,j-k} & j = 2, 3, \dots, M \end{cases}$$

Next, the approximation equations (4) can be easily shown in matrix form as follows

$$A\underline{U}_{j} = \underline{F}_{j} \tag{5}$$

where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \beta_4 & \gamma_4 & & & & \\ \alpha_8 & \beta_8 & \gamma_8 & & & & \\ & \alpha_{12} & \beta_{12} & \gamma_{12} & & & \\ & & \alpha_{16} & \beta_{16} & \gamma_{16} & & \\ & & & O & O & O \\ & & & & \alpha_{N-8} & \beta_{N-8} \gamma_{N-8} \\ & & & & & \alpha_{N-4} & \beta_{N-4} \end{bmatrix}_{(N-4)\times(N-4)},$$
 
$$\underline{U}_j = \begin{bmatrix} U_{4,j} & U_{8,j} & U_{12,j} & \mathbf{K} & U_{N-8,j} & U_{N-4,j} \end{bmatrix}^T,$$
 
$$\underline{F}_j = \begin{bmatrix} F_{4,j} - \alpha_4 U_{0,j} & F_{8,j} & F_{12,j} & \mathbf{K} & F_{N-8,j} & F_{N-4,j} - \gamma_{N-4} U_{N,j} \end{bmatrix}^T.$$

## III. FAMILY OF KSOR ITERATIVE METHOD

In this paper, we applied the FSKSOR, HSKSOR and QSKSOR iterative methods to solve linear systems generated from discretization of problem (1). To construct these methods, firstly we decompose the coefficient matrix, *A* as

$$A = D + L + V \tag{6}$$

where D, L and V are the diagonals, lower triangulation and upper triangulation matrices respectively.

Then, by referring to the decomposition matrix in equation (6), the general scheme of QSKSOR iterative method can be stated as follows [9],[19]

$$\underline{U}_{j}^{(k+1)} = \left( \left( (1+\omega)D - \omega L \right)^{-1} \left( D + \omega V \right) \right) \underline{U}_{j}^{(k)} + \left( (1+\omega)D - \omega L \right)^{-1} \left( \omega \underline{F}_{j} \right)$$
(7)

where the relaxation parameter  $\omega$  is extended to R - [-2, 0] for KSOR iterative method.

Therefore, by determining the values of matrices D, L and V, the proposed algorithm for QSKSOR iterative method to solve equation (7) could be described as in Algorithm 1.

## Algorithm 1: QSKSOR Scheme

- i. Initialize  $\underline{U}_{j}^{(k+1)} \leftarrow 0$  and  $\varepsilon \leftarrow 10^{-10}$ .
- ii. For  $j=1,2,\cdots,M$ , and  $i=4,8,12,\cdots,N-4$ , calculate:  $\underline{U}_{j}^{(k+1)} \leftarrow \left(\left(\left(1+\omega\right)D-\omega L\right)^{-1}\left(D+\omega V\right)\right)\underline{U}_{j}^{(k)} + \left(\left(1+\omega\right)D-\omega L\right)^{-1}\left(\omega\underline{F}_{j}\right)$
- iii. Perform the convergence test,  $\left| \underline{U}_i^{(k+1)} \underline{U}_i^{(k)} \right| \le \varepsilon = 10^{-10}$ . If yes, go to step (iv). Otherwise, repeat step (ii).
- iv. Compute the remaining points (i.e.  $\circ$  and  $\square$ ) using, direct method.
- v. Display approximate solutions.

## IV. NUMERICAL EXAMPLES

In order to verify the effectiveness of the QSKSOR method over the HSKSOR and FSKSOR iterative methods, three numerical examples are tested. Three parameters namely the iteration numbers (k), execution time (t) and maximum absolute error (MAE) are considered at the different order of  $\alpha$ -values (i.e.  $\alpha$ = as 0.333, 0.666, 0.999). Meanwhile, in the implementation of the iterative methods, the convergence test considered the tolerance error  $\varepsilon = 10^{-10}$ .

**Example 1** [20] As the first example, we consider the following one-dimensional linear inhomogeneous fractional Burger's equation:

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

with p(x) = 1 and q(x) = -1,

while 
$$f(x,t) = \frac{2t^{2-\alpha}}{\Gamma(3-\alpha)} + 2x - 2$$
,

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,

$$f(x,t) = \frac{2t^{2-\alpha}}{\Gamma(3-\alpha)}t^{2-\alpha}\sin(2\pi x) + 4\pi^2t^2\sin(2\pi x),$$

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

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

$$t > 0, \quad x \in R, \quad 0 < \alpha \le 1,$$

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  $U(x,t) = t^2 e^x$ .

Then, the numerical results obtained from the implementation of QSKSOR, HSKSOR and FSKSOR iterative methods for examples 1 to 3 are recorded in

Tables 1 to 3 respectively. Whereas, Tables 4 and 5 show the decrement percentage of the iteration numbers and execution time in seconds.

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

	using example 1 at $\alpha$ =0.333, 0.666, 0.999									
M	Method	α=0.333			(	$\alpha = 0.666$		α=0.999		
		k	t	MAE	k	t	MAE	k	t	MAE
128	FSKSOR	404	3.20	2.5972e-02	283	3.11	1.3065e-02	166	3.14	1.2480e-03
	FSKSOK	$(\omega = -2.0613)$			$(\omega = -2.0909)$			$(\omega = -2.1743)$		
	HSKSOR	199	1.88	2.5971e-02	140	1.87	1.3065e-02	86	1.87	1.2480e-03
		$(\omega = -2.1261)$			$(\omega = -2.1899)$			$(\omega = -2.3794)$		
	QSKSOR	102	1.86	2.5967e-02	75	1.87	1.3064e-02	45	1.86	1.2481e-03
		$(\omega = -2.2687)$			$(\omega = -2.4017)$			$(\omega = -2.8629)$		
	FSKSOR	813	6.67	2.5972e-02	569	6.47	1.3065e-02	331	6.33	1.2480e-03
		$(\omega = -2.0303)$			$(\omega = -2.0446)$			$(\omega = -2.0836)$		
256	HSKSOR	404	3.76	2.5972e-02	283	3.72	1.3065e-02	166	3.68	1.2480e-03
230		$(\omega = -2.0613)$			$(\omega = -2.0909)$			$(\omega = -2.1743)$		
	QSKSOR	199	3.68	2.5971e-02	140	3.67	1.3065e-02	86	3.66	1.2480e-03
		$(\omega = -2.1261)$			$(\omega = -2.1898)$			$(\omega = -2.3794)$		
	FSKSOR	1621	14.5	2.5072 02	1136	13.6 3	1.3065e-02	659	13.0 8	1.2480e-03
512		( 2.0151)	1	2.5972e-02	( 2.0221)	3		( 2.0411)	8	
		(ω=-2.0151) 813	7.71	2.5072 . 02	$(\omega = -2.0221)$	7.59	1 2075 : 02	$(\omega = -2.0411)$	7.45	1.2490 - 02
	HSKSOR	$(\omega = -2.0303)$	7.71	2.5972e-02	569	7.59	1.3065e-02		7.45	1.2480e-03
		404	7.37	2.5972e-02	(ω=-2.0446) 283	7.34	1.3065e-02	$(\omega = -2.0836)$	7.33	1.2480e-03
	QSKSOR	$(\omega = -2.0613)$	1.31	2.39726-02	$(\omega = -2.0909)$	7.34	1.3003e-02	$(\omega = -2.1743)$	1.33	1.24806-03
	FSKSOR		34.0		/	30.8		(60-2.1743)	27.7	
		3246	7	2.5972e-02	2269	6	1.3065e-02	1311	0	1.2480e-03
		$(\omega = -2.0076)$			$(\omega = -2.0110)$			$(\omega = -2.0204)$		
102	HSKSOR	1621	16.2	2.5972e-02	1136	15.7	1.3065e-02	659	15.2	1.2480e-03
102 4		1021	7	2.39726-02	1150	6	1.30036-02	039	5	1.24606-03
4		$(\omega = -2.0151)$			$(\omega = -2.0221)$			$(\omega = -2.0411)$		
	QSKSOR	813	14.9	2.5972e-02	569	14.8	1.3065e-02	331	14.7	1.2480e-03
			6	2.37120 02		5	1.3003€ 02		3	1.24000 03
		$(\omega = -2.0303)$			$(\omega = -2.0446)$			$(\omega = -2.0836)$		
204	FSKSOR	6365	87.0 8	2.5972e-02	4519	75.3 6	1.3065e-02	2618	63.6 9	1.2480e-03
		(0-2,0076)	8		(0= 2.0110)	0		(0-2.0204)	9	
		$(\omega = -2.0076)$	36.1		$(\omega = -2.0110)$	22.0		$(\omega = -2.0204)$	31.8	
	HSKSOR	3246	0	2.5972e-02	2269	33.9 6	1.3065e-02	1311	31.8 9	1.2480e-03
		$(\omega = -2.0076)$			$(\omega = -2.0110)$			$(\omega = -2.0204)$		
	QSKSOR	1621	30.7	2.5972e-02	1136	30.2	1.3065e-02	659	29.7 2	1.2480e-03
	Spiroott	$(\omega = -2.0151)$			$(\omega = -2.0221)$	-		$(\omega = -2.0411)$	-	
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**Table 2.** Comparison on Number of Iterations (k), execution time (seconds) and maximum absolute error (MAE) for the iterative methods using

	example 2 at $\alpha$ =0.333, 0.666, 0.999									
M	Method	α=0.333			α=0.666		α=0.999			
		k	t	MAE	k	t	MAE	k	t	MAE
	FSKSOR	385	3.23	3.4734e-04	264	3.13	5.2935e-04	144	3.09	4.5594e-04
		$(\omega = -2.0585)$			$(\omega = -2.0903)$			$(\omega = -2.1686)$		
128	HSKSOR	193	1.85	9.3060e-04	135	1.84	1.1077e-03	84	1.84	1.0292e-03
		$(\omega = -2.1204)$			$(\omega = -2.1889)$			$(\omega = -2.3790)$		
	QSKSOR	99	1.83	3.2676e-03	73	1.83	3.4249e-03	40	1.83	3.3262e-03
		$(\omega = -2.2563)$			$(\omega = -2.3991)$			$(\omega = -2.8606)$		
	FSKSOR	764	6.66	2.0160e-04	513	6.40	3.8483e-04	291	6.20	3.1267e-04
		$(\omega = -2.0299)$			$(\omega = -2.0441)$			$(\omega = -2.0811)$		
256	HSKSOR	385	3.80	3.4734e-04	274	3.77	5.2935e-04	144	3.73	4.5594e-04
256		$(\omega = -2.0585)$		$(\omega = -2.0866)$			$(\omega = -2.1686)$			
	QSKSOR	193	3.74	9.3059e-04	135	3.73	1.1077e-03	84	3.72	1.0292e-03
		$(\omega = -2.1204)$			$(\omega = -2.1889)$			$(\omega = -2.3787)$		
512	FSKSOR	1467	13.99	1.6516e-04	1025	13.61	3.4871e-04	576	12.74	2.7687e-04
		$(\omega = -2.0147)$			$(\omega = -2.0218)$			$(\omega = -2.0397)$		
	HSKSOR	764	7.65	2.0159e-04	513	7.56	3.8483e-04	291	7.40	3.1267e-04
312		$(\omega = -2.0298)$			$(\omega = -2.0441)$			$(\omega = -2.0811)$		
	QSKSOR	385	7.38	3.4734e-04	274	7.31	5.2935e-04	144	7.28	4.5594e-04
		$(\omega = -2.0585)$			$(\omega = -2.0866)$			$(\omega = -2.1686)$		
	FSKSOR	2906	31.95	1.5605e-04	2049	30.49	3.3969e-04	1125	27.04	2.6791e-04
		$(\omega = -2.0073)$			$(\omega = -2.0096)$			$(\omega = -2.0197)$		
1024	HSKSOR	1467	16.23	1.6516e-04	1115	15.91	3.4871e-04	654	15.44	2.7687e-04
1024		$(\omega = -2.0147)$			$(\omega = -2.0189)$			$(\omega = -2.0388)$		
	QSKSOR	764	15.16	2.0159e-04	513	15.06	3.8483e-04	310	14.93	3.1268e-04
		$(\omega = -2.0298)$			$(\omega = -2.0441)$			$(\omega = -2.0834)$		
2048	FSKSOR	5708	80.73	1.5380e-04	4056	71.23	3.3742e-04	2155	60.45	2.6568e-04
		$(\omega = -2.0037)$			$(\omega = -2.0054)$			$(\omega = -2.0098)$		
	HSKSOR	2905	35.44	1.5605e-04	2049	33.81	3.3969e-04	1151	31.90	2.6792e-04
		$(\omega = -2.0071)$			$(\omega = -2.0103)$			$(\omega = -2.0202)$		
	QSKSOR	1467	31.03	1.6516e-04	1025	30.63	3.4871e-04	599	30.18	2.7687e-04
		$(\omega = -2.0147)$			$(\omega = -2.0218)$			$(\omega = -2.0408)$		

Table 3. Comparison on Number of Iterations (k), execution time (seconds) and maximum absolute error (MAE) for the iterative methods using example 3 at α=0.333, 0.666, 0.999

		methods using example 3 at α=0.333, 0.666, 0.999						0.000		
M	Method	α=0.333		α=0.666			α=0.999			
		k	t	MAE	k	t	MAE	k	t	MAE
128	FSKSOR	423	3.16	1.1757e-03	295	3.13	2.5780e-03	172	3.11	2.2070e-03
		$(\omega = -2.0606)$			$(\omega = -2.0905)$			$(\omega = -2.1743)$		
	HSKSOR	209	1.85	1.1785e-03	145	1.84	2.5807e-03	89	1.84	2.2096e-03
		$(\omega = -2.1252)$			$(\omega = -2.1892)$			$(\omega = -2.3794)$		
	QSKSOR	111	1.83	1.1897e-03	78	1.82	2.59138e-03	46	1.84	2.2200e-03
		$(\omega = -2.2578)$			$(\omega = -2.4024)$			$(\omega = -2.8662)$		
	FSKSOR	853	6.69	1.1750e-03	592	6.44	2.5773e-03	342	6.27	2.2064e-03
	FSKSOR	$(\omega = -2.0300)$			$(\omega = -2.0444)$			$(\omega = -2.0837)$		
256	HCKCOD	423	3.82	1.1757e-03	295	3.78	2.5780e-03	172	3.75	2.2071e-03
256	HSKSOR	$(\omega = -2.0606)$			$(\omega = -2.0906)$			$(\omega = -2.1743)$		
	QSKSOR	209	3.73	1.1785e-03	145	3.74	2.5807e-03	89	3.72	2.2097e-03
		$(\omega = -2.1252)$			$(\omega = -2.1892)$			$(\omega = -2.3794)$		
512	FSKSOR	1707	14.43	1.1748e-03	1181	13.68	2.5772e-03	681	12.89	2.2063e-03
		$(\omega = -2.0150)$			$(\omega = -2.0221)$			$(\omega = -2.0411)$		
	HSKSOR	853	7.70	1.1750e-03	592	7.59	2.5773e-03	342	7.43	2.2064e-03
312		$(\omega = -2.0300)$			$(\omega = -2.0445)$			$(\omega = -2.0837)$		
	OCKCOD	423	7.41	1.1757e-03	295	7.37	2.5780e-03	172	7.33	2.2071e-03
	QSKSOR	$(\omega = -2.0606)$			$(\omega = -2.0906)$			$(\omega = -2.1743)$		
	FSKSOR	3392	33.80	1.1748e-03	2353	30.74	2.5771e-03	1356	27.92	2.2062e-03
		$(\omega = -2.0075)$			$(\omega = -2.0110)$			$(\omega = -2.0204)$		
1024	HSKSOR	1707	16.51	1.1748e-03	1181	16.02	2.5772e-03	681	15.46	2.2063e-03
1024		$(\omega = -2.0150)$			$(\omega = -2.0221)$			$(\omega = -2.0411)$		
	QSKSOR	853	15.21	1.1750e-03	592	15.1	2.5773e-03	342	14.97	2.2064e-03
		$(\omega = -2.0300)$			$(\omega = -2.0444)$			$(\omega = -2.0837)$		
2048	FSKSOR	6774	88.57	1.1747e-03	4680	75.59	2.5771e-03	2708	63.53	2.2062e-03
		$(\omega = -2.0038)$			$(\omega = -2.0055)$			$(\omega = -2.0102)$		
	HSKSOR	3392	36.43	1.1748e-03	2353	34.29	2.5771e-03	1356	32.55	2.2062e-03
		$(\omega = -2.0075)$			$(\omega = -2.0110)$			$(\omega = -2.0204)$		
	QSKSOR	1707	31.22	1.1748e-03	1181	30.73	2.5772e-03	681	30.20	2.2063e-03
		$(\omega = -2.0150)$			$(\omega = -2.0221)$			$(\omega = -2.0411)$		

**Table 4.** Percentage reduction on the iteration numbers (Iter) and execution time for QSKSOR in comparison to the FSKSOR iterative method.

**Table 5.** Percentage reduction on the iteration numbers (Iter) and execution time for HSKSOR in comparison to the FSKSOR iterative method.

			Example		_			Example	
α		1	2	3	α		1	2	3
	Iter	74.53-74.75	73.71-74.74	73.76-75.50		Tr	49.00-50.74	47.92-49.87	49.68-50.59
0.33		%	%	%	0.33	Iter	%	%	%
3	Tim	41.88-64.64	43.34-61.56	42.09-64.75	3	Tim	41.25-58.54	42.72-56.10	41.46-58.87
	e	%	%	%		e	%	%	%
	Iter	73.50-75.40	72.35-74.96	73.56-75.51		T4	49.79-50.53	45.58-49.95	49.72-50.85
0.66		%	%	%	0.66	Iter	%	%	%
6	Tim	39.87-59.90	41.53-57.00	41.85-59.35	6	Tim	39.87-54.94	41.09-52.53	41.21-54.64
	e	%	%	%		e	%	%	%
	Iter	72.89-74.83	71.13-75.00	73.26-74.85		Tr	48.19-49.92	41.67-50.52	48.26-49.93
0.99		%	%	%	0.99	Iter	%	%	%
9	Tim	40.76-53.34	40.00-50.07	40.67-52.46	9	Tim	40.45-49.93	39.84-47.23	40.19-48.76
	e	%	%	%	_	e	%	%	%

From the numerical results obtained and recorded in Tables 1 to 3, it clearly shows that, by implementing the quarter-sweep concept to the standard KSOR iteration technique, the required iteration numbers needed to solve problem (1) can be reduced at all mesh sizes that are considered. Meanwhile, as compared to the other iterative methods tested, the time execution of the QSKSOR iterative method has shown improvement as the mesh size increases

## V. CONCLUSION

This paper concerns on the implementation of quarter-sweep iteration concept with KSOR iterative method in solving the linear systems produced from discretization of fractional parabolic equations using the Grünwald type of time-fractional derivative with the implicit difference scheme. It shows, based on the numerical results, that QSKSOR iterative method yields the best results with the least iteration numbers and time of execution amongst the tested family of KSOR iterative methods. Overall, the numerical results have shown that in term of iteration numbers and the time of execution, the QSKSOR scheme is better than the other methods.

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