

## A Multistage Homotopy Perturbation Method for Solving Human T-Cell Lymphotropic Virus I (HTLV-I) Infection of CD4<sup>+</sup> T-Cells Model

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**Abstract:** In this article, a multistage homotopy perturbation method is implemented to give approximate and analytical solutions of nonlinear ordinary differential equation systems such as human T-cell lymphotropic virus I (HTLV-I) infection of CD4<sup>+</sup> T-cells model. Numerical results are compared to those obtained by the fourth-order Runge-Kutta method. Some plots and tables are presented to show the reliability and simplicity of the method.

**Key words:** Homotopy perturbation method • Human T-cell lymphotropic virus I (HTLV-I) infection of CD4<sup>+</sup> T-cells model • Nonlinear systems

### INTRODUCTION

Dynamics of human T-cell lymphotropic virus I (HTLV-I) infection of CD4<sup>+</sup> T-cells is examined [1-6] at the study. The components of the basic four-component model are the concentration of healthy CD4<sup>+</sup> T-cells at time  $t$ , the concentration of latently infected CD4<sup>+</sup> T-cells, the concentration of actively infected CD4<sup>+</sup> T-cells and the concentration of leukemic cells at time  $t$  are denoted respectively by  $T(t)$ ,  $T_L(t)$ ,  $T_A(t)$  and  $T_M(t)$ . These quantities satisfy.

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dT}{dt} &= \lambda - \mu_T T - \kappa T_A T \\ \frac{dT_L}{dt} &= \kappa_1 T_A T - (\mu_L + \alpha) T_L \\ \frac{dT_A}{dt} &= \alpha T_L - (\mu_A + \rho) T_A \\ \frac{dT_M}{dt} &= \rho T_A + \beta T_M (1 - T_M / T_{max}) - \mu_M T_M\end{aligned}\quad (1)$$

With the initial conditions:

$$T(0) = P_1, T_L(0) = P_2, T_A(0) = P_3, T_M(0) = P_4 \quad (2)$$

Where  $T, T_L, T_A$  and  $T_M$  denote the numbers of uninfected, latent infected, actively infected CD4<sup>+</sup> cells, the number of leukemia cells, respectively. The parameters  $\lambda, \mu_T, \kappa$  and  $\kappa_1$  are the source of CD4<sup>+</sup> T-cells from precursors, the natural death rate of CD4<sup>+</sup> T-cells, the rate at which

uninfected cells are contacted by actively infected cells, the rate of infection of T-cells with virus from actively infected cells, respectively.  $\mu_L, \mu_A$  and  $\mu_M$  are blanket death terms for latently infected, actively infected and leukemic cells. Additionally,  $\alpha$  and  $\rho$  represent the rates at which latently infected and actively infected cells become actively infected and leukemic, respectively. The rate  $\beta$  determines the speed at which the saturation level for leukemia cells is reached.  $T_{max}$  is the maximal value that adult T-cell leukemia can reach. The main purpose of this paper is to extend the application of the multi-step homotopy perturbation method, a reliable algorithm based on an adaptation of the standard homotopy perturbation method [7-16], developed in [17-20] to obtain numerical solution of Eqs. (1) subject to the initial conditions (2). Throughout this paper, we set  $\mu_T = 0.66(mm^3 / day)$ ,  $\mu_L = 0.06(day)$ ,  $\mu_A = 0.05(day)$ ,  $\mu_M = 0.005(day)$ ,  $k = 0.5$ ,  $\alpha = 0.004(day)$ ,  $\beta = 0.0003(day)$ ,  $\rho = 0.00004(day)$ ,  $T_{max} = 2200(mm^3)$ . The paper is organized as follows: A brief review of HPM and MsHPM are given in Section 2 and 3, respectively. The application of the proposed numerical scheme to model (1) is illustrated in Section 4. The conclusions are then given in the final Section 5.

**Homotopy Perturbation Method:** To illustrate the homotopy perturbation method (HPM) for solving nonlinear differential equations, He [7, 8] considered the following non-linear differential equation:

$$A(u) = f(r), \quad r \in \Omega \quad (3)$$

Subject to the boundary condition

$$B\left(u, \frac{\partial u}{\partial n}\right) = 0, r \in G \quad (4)$$

Where  $A$  is a general differential operator,  $B$  is a boundary operator,  $f(r)$  is a known analytic function,  $\Gamma$  is the boundary of the domain  $\Omega$  and  $\frac{\partial}{\partial n}$  denotes differentiation along the normal vector drawn outwards from  $\Omega$ . The operator  $A$  can generally be divided into two parts  $M$  and  $N$ . Therefore, (3) can be rewritten as follows:

$$M(u) + N(u) = f(r), r \in \Omega \quad (5)$$

He [7, 8] constructed a homotopy  $v(r, p): \Omega \times [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  which satisfies

$$H(v, p) = (1 - p) [M(v) - M(u_0)] + p[A(v) - f(r)] = 0 \quad (6)$$

Which is equivalent to

$$H(v, p) = M(v) - M(u_0) + pM(v_0) + p[N(v) - f(r)] = 0 \quad (7)$$

Where  $p \in [0, 1]$  is an embedding parameter and  $u_0$  is an initial approximation of (3). Obviously, we have

$$H(v, 0) = M(v) - M(u_0) = 0, H(v, 1) = A(v) - f(r) = 0. \quad (8)$$

The changing process of  $p$  from zero to unity is just that of  $H(v, p)$  from  $M(v) - M(u_0)$  to  $A(v) - f(r)$ . In topology, this is called deformation and is called homotopic. According to the homotopy perturbation method, the parameter  $p$  is used as a small parameter and the solution of Eq. (6) can be expressed as a series in  $p$  in the form.

$$v = v_0 + pv_1 + p^2v_2 + p^3v_3 + \dots \quad (9)$$

When  $p \rightarrow 1$  Eq. (6) corresponds to the original one, Eqs. (7) and (8) become the approximate solution of Eq. (3), i.e.,

$$u = \lim_{p \rightarrow 1} v = v_0 + v_1 + v_2 + v_3 + \dots \quad (10)$$

The convergence of the series in Eq. (10) is discussed by He in [7, 8].

**Multistage Homotopy Perturbation Method:** For large  $t$ , HPM is not good result to approximate solution of some differential equation. To guarantee validity of approximation solution for large  $t$ , the studies at [17-20], a new approach called the MSHPM is mentioned. According to this approach, the solution from  $[t_0, t]$  to be

reproduced by subdividing this interval into  $[t_0, t]$ ,  $[t_1, t_2], \dots, [t_{j-1}, t_j = t]$  and a recursive formula of (11) to be applied on each subinterval [17-20].

The initial approximation in each interval is taken from the solution in the previous interval,

$$u_{i,0}(t) = u_i(t^*) = c_i^* \quad (11)$$

Where  $t_i^*$  is the left-end point of each subinterval and  $c_i^*$  is denoted as the initial approximations for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$ . By knowing the first initial conditions, one would be able to by applying the inverse linear operator for all unknowns  $u_{i,n}(t), (i = 1, 2, \dots, m, n = 0, 1, \dots)$  as follow:

$$L^{-1}(\cdot) = \int_{t^*}^t (\cdot) dt. \quad (12)$$

In order to carry out the iteration in every subinterval of equal length  $\Delta t, [t_0, t], [t_1, t_2], \dots, [t_{j-1}, t_j = t]$  we need to know the values of the following:

$$u_{i,0}^*(t) = u_i(t^*) = c_i^*, i = 1, 2, \dots, m. \quad (13)$$

This information is typically not directly attainable, but through the initial value  $t^* = t_0$ , we could derive all the initial approximations. This is done by taking the previous initial approximation from the  $n$ -th-iterate of the preceding subinterval given by (13), i.e.

$$u_{i,0}^*(t) \cong u_{i,n}(t^*), i = 1, 2, \dots, m \text{ and } t^* \in (t_0, t_1). \quad (14)$$

## Applications

**HPM Solution:** In this section, we will apply the homotopy perturbation method to nonlinear ordinary differential systems (1).

According to homotopy perturbation method, we derive a correct functional as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} v_1' - x_0' + p(x_0' - \lambda + \mu_T v_1 + \kappa v_1 v_3) &= 0, \\ v_2' - y_0' + p(y_0' - \kappa_1 v_1 v_3 + (\mu_L + \alpha) v_2) &= 0, \\ v_3' - z_0' + p(z_0' - \alpha v_2 + (\mu_A + \rho) v_3) &= 0, \\ v_4' - r_0' + p\left(r_0' - \rho v_3 - \beta v_4 \left(1 - \frac{v_4}{T_{max}} + \mu_M v_4\right)\right) &= 0. \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

The initial approximations are as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} v_{10}(t) &= x_0(t) = T(0) = P_1, \\ v_{20}(t) &= y_0(t) = T_L(0) = P_2, \\ v_{30}(t) &= z_0(t) = T_A(0) = P_3, \\ v_{40}(t) &= r_0(t) = T_M(0) = P_4, \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}v_1 &= \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} v_{1j} p^j, \\v_2 &= \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} v_{2j} p^j, \\v_3 &= \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} v_{3j} p^j, \\v_4 &= \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} v_{4j} p^j.\end{aligned}\tag{17}$$

Where  $v_{ij}$ ,  $i,j = 1,2,3,\dots$  are functions yet to be determined. Substituting Eqs.(16) and (17) into Eq. (15) and arranging the coefficients of "p" powers, we have.

$$\begin{aligned}& \left( v'_{1,1} - \lambda + \mu_T P_1 + k P_1 P_3 \right) p + \left( v'_{1,2} + \mu_T v_{1,1} + \kappa (P_1 v_{3,1} + P_3 v_{1,1}) \right) p^2 \\& + \left( v'_{1,3} + \mu_T v_{1,2} + \kappa (P_1 v_{3,2} + P_3 v_{1,2} + v_{1,1} v_{3,1}) \right) p^3 + \dots = 0, \\& \left( v'_{2,1} - \kappa P_1 P_3 + (\mu_L + \alpha) P_2 \right) p + \left( v'_{2,2} - \kappa (P_1 v_{3,1} + P_3 v_{1,1}) + (\mu_L + \alpha) v_{2,1} \right) p^2 \\& + \left( v'_{2,3} - \kappa (P_1 v_{3,2} + P_3 v_{1,2} + v_{1,1} v_{3,1}) + (\mu_L + \alpha) v_{2,2} \right) p^3 + \dots = 0, \\& \left( v'_{3,1} - \alpha P_2 + (\mu_A + \rho) P_3 \right) p + \left( v'_{3,2} - \alpha v_{2,1} + (\mu_A + \rho) v_{3,1} \right) p^2 \\& + \left( v'_{3,3} - \alpha v_{2,2} + (\mu_A + \rho) v_{3,2} \right) p^3 + \dots = 0, \\& \left( v'_{4,1} - \rho P_3 + (\mu_M - \beta) P_4 + \frac{\beta}{T_{Max}} P_4^2 \right) p + \left( v'_{4,2} - \rho v_{3,1} + (\mu_M - \beta) v_{4,1} + \frac{\beta}{T_{Max}} 2 P_4 v_{4,1} \right) p^2 \\& + \left( v'_{4,3} - \rho v_{3,2} + (\mu_M - \beta) v_{4,2} + \frac{\beta}{T_{Max}} (v_{4,1}^2 + 2 P_4 v_{4,2}) \right) p^3 + \dots = 0.\end{aligned}\tag{18}$$

In order to obtain the unknowns  $v_{ij}$ ,  $i,j = 1,2,3,\dots$  we must construct and solve the following system which includes nine equations with nine unknowns, considering the initial conditions  $v_{ij}(0)$ ,  $i,j = 1,2,3,\dots$

$$\begin{aligned}& v'_{1,1} - \lambda + \mu_T P_1 + k P_1 P_3 = 0, \\& v'_{1,2} + \mu_T v_{1,1} + \kappa (P_1 v_{3,1} + P_3 v_{1,1}) = 0, \\& v'_{1,3} + \mu_T v_{1,2} + \kappa (P_1 v_{3,2} + P_3 v_{1,2} + v_{1,1} v_{3,1}) = 0, \\& v'_{2,1} - \kappa P_1 P_3 + (\mu_L + \alpha) P_2 = 0, \\& v'_{2,2} - \kappa (P_1 v_{3,1} + P_3 v_{1,1}) + (\mu_L + \alpha) v_{2,1} = 0, \\& v'_{2,3} - \kappa (P_1 v_{3,2} + P_3 v_{1,2} + v_{1,1} v_{3,1}) + (\mu_L + \alpha) v_{2,2} = 0, \\& v'_{3,1} - \alpha P_2 + (\mu_A + \rho) P_3 = 0, \\& v'_{3,2} - \alpha v_{2,1} + (\mu_A + \rho) v_{3,1} = 0, \\& v'_{3,3} - \alpha v_{2,2} + (\mu_A + \rho) v_{3,2} = 0, \\& v'_{4,1} - \rho P_3 + (\mu_M - \beta) P_4 + P_4^2 \beta / T_{max} = 0, \\& v'_{4,2} - \rho v_{3,1} + (\mu_M - \beta) v_{4,1} + 2 P_4 v_{4,1} \beta / T_{max} = 0, \\& v'_{4,3} - \rho v_{3,2} + (\mu_M - \beta) v_{4,2} + \beta / T_{max} (v_{4,1}^2 + 2 P_4 v_{4,2}) = 0.\end{aligned}\tag{19}$$

From Eq. (19), if the 3- terms approximations are sufficient, we will obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} T(t) &= \lim_{p \rightarrow 1} v_1(t) = \sum_{k=0}^3 v_{1,k}(t), \\ T_L(t) &= \lim_{p \rightarrow 1} v_2(t) = \sum_{k=0}^3 v_{2,k}(t), \\ T_A(t) &= \lim_{p \rightarrow 1} v_3(t) = \sum_{k=0}^3 v_{3,k}(t), \\ T_M(t) &= \lim_{p \rightarrow 1} v_4(t) = \sum_{k=0}^3 v_{4,k}(t). \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

Hence the 2-term approximate series solutions of HPM are

$$\begin{aligned} T &= P_1 + \lambda t - \mu_T P_1 t - \kappa P_1 P_3 t \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} \left( (-\mu_T (\lambda - \mu_T P_1 - \kappa P_1 P_3) - \kappa (\lambda - \mu_T P_1 - \kappa P_1 P_3)) P_3 \right) t^2 + \dots, \\ T_L &= P_2 + \kappa P_1 P_3 t - (\mu_L + \alpha) P_2 t \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} \left( \kappa (\lambda - \mu_T P_1 - \kappa P_1 P_3) P_3 + \kappa P_1 (\alpha P_2 - (\mu_A + \rho) P_3) \right) t^2 + \dots, \\ T_A &= P_3 + \alpha P_2 t - (\mu_A + \rho) P_3 t \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} \left( \alpha (\kappa P_1 P_3 - (\mu_L + \alpha) P_2) - (\mu_A + \rho) (\alpha P_2 - (\mu_A + \rho) P_3) \right) t^2 + \dots, \\ T_M &= P_4 + \rho P_3 t + \beta P_4 t - \beta P_4^2 t / T_{\max} - \mu_M P_4 t \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} \left( \rho (\alpha P_2 - (\mu_A + \rho) P_3) + \beta (\rho P_3 + \beta P_4 - \beta P_4^2 / (T_{\max} - \mu_M P_4)) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - 2\beta P_4 / T_{\max} (\rho P_3 + \beta P_4 - \beta P_4^2 / T_{\max} - \mu_M P_4) - \mu_M (\rho P_3 + \beta P_4 - \beta P_4^2 / (T_{\max} - \mu_M P_4)) \right) t^2 + \dots \end{aligned} \quad (21)$$

**MsHPM Solution:** According to MsHPM, we choose the initial approximations as

$$\begin{aligned} v_{10}(t) &= x_0(t) = T(t^*) = P_1^*, \\ v_{20}(t) &= y_0(t) = T_L(t^*) = P_2^*, \\ v_{30}(t) &= z_0(t) = T_A(t^*) = P_3^*, \\ v_{40}(t) &= r_0(t) = T_M(t^*) = P_4^*. \end{aligned} \quad (22)$$

Carrying out the steps involved in MsHPM gives,

$$\begin{aligned}
 T &= P_1^* + \lambda(t-t^*) - \mu_T P_1^*(t-t^*) - \kappa P_1^* P_3^*(t-t^*) \\
 &+ \frac{1}{2} \left( \left( -\mu_T (\lambda - \mu_T P_1^* - \kappa P_1^* P_3^*) - \kappa (\lambda - \mu_T P_1^* - \kappa P_1^* P_3^*) P_3^* \right) \right) (t-t^*)^2 + \dots, \\
 T_L &= P_2^* + \kappa P_1^* P_3^*(t-t^*) - (\mu_L + \alpha) P_2^*(t-t^*) \\
 &+ \frac{1}{2} \left( \left( \kappa (\lambda - \mu_T P_1^* - \kappa P_1^* P_3^*) P_3^* + \kappa P_1^* (\alpha P_2^* - (\mu_A + \rho) P_3^*) \right) \right) (t-t^*)^2 + \dots, \\
 T_A &= P_3^* + \alpha P_2^*(t-t^*) - (\mu_A + \rho) P_3^*(t-t^*) \\
 &+ \frac{1}{2} \left( \left( \alpha (\kappa P_1^* P_3^* - (\mu_L + \alpha) P_2^*) - (\mu_A + \rho) (\alpha P_2^* - (\mu_A + \rho) P_3^*) \right) \right) (t-t^*)^2 + \dots, \\
 T_M &= P_4^* + \rho P_3^*(t-t^*) + \beta P_4^*(t-t^*) - \beta P_4^{*2} (t-t^*) / T_{\max} - \mu_M P_4^*(t-t^*) \\
 &+ \frac{1}{2} \left( \left( \rho (\alpha P_2^* - (\mu_A + \rho) P_3^*) + \beta (\rho P_3^* + \beta P_4^* - \beta P_4^{*2} / (T_{\max} - \mu_M P_4^*)) \right) \right. \\
 &\left. - 2\beta P_4^* / T_{\max} (\rho P_3^* + \beta P_4^* - \beta P_4^{*2} / T_{\max} - \mu_M P_4^*) - \mu_M (\rho P_3^* + \beta P_4^* - \beta P_4^{*2} / (T_{\max} - \mu_M P_4^*)) \right) (t-t^*)^2 + \dots
 \end{aligned} \tag{23}$$

To carry out the iterations in very subinterval of equal length, we take the values of the following,

$$\begin{aligned}
 P_1^* &= T(t^*) \cong \varphi_{T3}(t^*), \\
 P_2^* &= T_L(t^*) \cong \varphi_{T_L3}(t^*), \\
 P_3^* &= T_A(t^*) \cong \varphi_{T_A3}(t^*), \\
 P_4^* &= T_M(t^*) \cong \varphi_{T_M3}(t^*).
 \end{aligned} \tag{24}$$

Where  $\varphi_{T3}(t) = \sum_{k=0}^3 y_{1,k}$ ,  $\varphi_{T_L3}(t) = \sum_{k=0}^3 y_{2,k}$ ,  $\varphi_{T_A3}(t) = \sum_{k=0}^3 y_{3,k}$ , and  $\varphi_{T_M3}(t) = \sum_{k=0}^3 y_{4,k}$ .

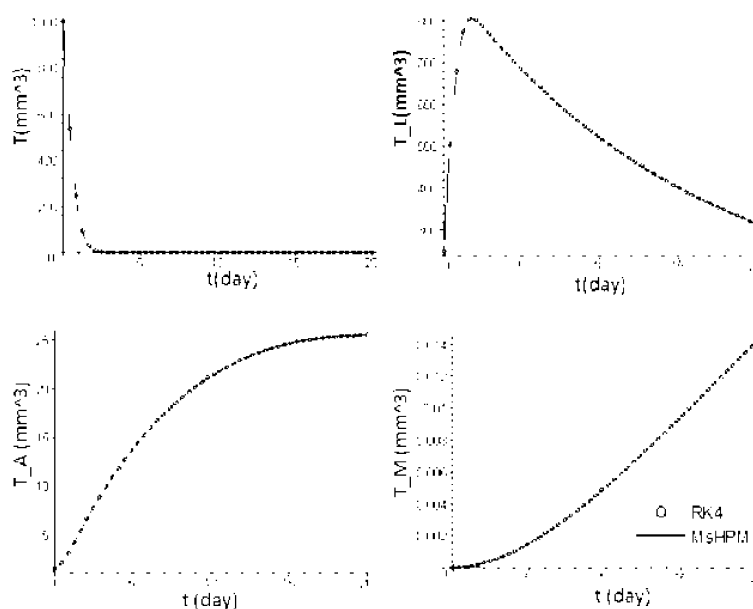


Fig. 1: Comparison of  $T(t)$ ,  $T_L(t)$ ,  $T_A(t)$ ,  $T_M(t)$  for 3-term MsHPM with  $dt = 0.01$  and RK4 with  $h = 0.001$

Here, based on initial conditions  $T(0) = 1000 / \text{mm}^3$ ,  $T_L(0) = 250 / \text{mm}^3$ ,  $T_A(0) = 1.5 / \text{mm}^3$  for the four-component model are  $T_M(0) = 0$  given solutions obtained from MsHPM and RK4 in follow:

Figure 1 show the solutions for  $T(t)$ ,  $T_L(t)$ ,  $T_A(t)$ ,  $T_M(t)$  respectively by the 3-term MsHPM and RK4 on time step  $dt = 0.01$ .

Table 1: Numerical comparison of  $T$  for RK4 with  $h = 0.001$  and 3-term MsHPM with  $dt = 0.01$

$t$	RK4	MsHPM	RK4-MsHPM
0	1000.	1000	0.
2	8.682267410	8.682266400	0.1011 e-5
4	0.956397209	0.956397150	0.5920 e-7
6	0.713837906	0.713837897	0.9400 e-8
8	0.598531209	0.598531200	0.8600 e-8
10	0.533915509	0.533915504	0.4800 e-8
12	0.495080674	0.495080669	0.5100 e-8
14	0.471374381	0.471374379	0.1800 e-8
16	0.457466762	0.457466755	0.6500 e-8
18	0.450396379	0.450396373	0.5700 e-8
20	0.448388749	0.448388739	0.1020 e-8

Table 2: Numerical comparison of  $T_L$  for RK4 with  $h = 0.001$  and 3-term MsHPM with  $dt = 0.01$

$t$	RK4	MsHPM	RK4-MsHPM
0	250.	250.	0.
2	803.3744157	803.3744124	0.33000 e-5
4	722.5191776	722.5191826	0.49000 e-5
6	646.1901762	646.1901799	0.37000 e-5
8	579.1198287	579.1198306	0.19000 e-5
10	520.1674099	520.1674121	0.21000 e-5
12	468.3360672	468.3360667	0.50000 e-6
14	422.7557620	422.7557618	0.20000 e-6
16	382.6653946	382.6653977	0.31000 e-5
18	347.3980294	347.3980334	0.39000 e-5
20	316.3685950	316.3685940	0.11000 e-5

Table 3: Numerical comparison of  $T_A$  for RK4 with  $h = 0.001$  and 3-term MsHPM with  $dt = 0.01$

$t$	RK4	MsHPM	RK4-MsHPM
0	1.5	1.5	0.
2	6.416966379	6.416966388	0.8000 e-8
4	11.61881117	11.61881122	0.4000 e-7
6	15.71097903	15.71097905	0.1000 e-7
8	18.86895765	18.86895790	0.2400 e-6
10	21.24769074	21.24769100	0.2600 e-6
12	22.97924481	22.97924504	0.2200 e-6
14	24.17602333	24.17602348	0.1400 e-6
16	24.93353355	24.93353392	0.3600 e-6
18	25.33276597	25.33276630	0.3200 e-6
20	25.44224472	25.44224528	0.5500 e-6

Table 4: Numerical comparison of  $T_M$  for RK4 with  $h = 0.001$  and 3-term MsHPM with  $dt = 0.01$

$t$	RK4	MsHPM	RK4-MsHPM
0	0.	0.	0.
2	0.0002911773	0.0002911773	0.2911 e-15
4	0.0010147120	0.0010147120	0.1014 e-13
6	0.0021003093	0.0021003093	0.2100 e-13
8	0.0034632272	0.0034632272	0.3463 e-12
10	0.0050328279	0.0050328279	0.5032 e-13
12	0.0067505369	0.0067505369	0.6750 e-12
14	0.0085680395	0.0085680396	0.8568 e-12
16	0.0104457326	0.0104457327	0.1044 e-11
18	0.0123513950	0.0123513951	0.1235 e-11
20	0.0142590459	0.0142590457	0.1425 e-10

Tables 1-4 exhibits a numerical comparison of the results obtained with RK4 and with the MsHPM. It is to be noted that the results obtained the MsHPM agree very well with RK4 solutions.

## CONCLUSIONS

In this paper, multistage homotopy perturbation method was used for finding the solutions of nonlinear ordinary differential equation systems such as human T-cell lymphotropic virus I (HTLV-I) infection of CD4<sup>+</sup> T-cells model. We demonstrated the accuracy and efficiency of these methods by solving some ordinary differential equation systems. Comparison between the multistage Homotopy perturbation solution and classical Runge-Kutta solution was discussed and plotted. Higher accuracy solution was obtained via this algorithm.

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