



NUMERICAL SOLUTION OF NINTH ORDER BOUNDARY VALUE PROBLEMS BY PETROV-GALERKIN METHOD WITH QUINTIC B-SPLINES AS BASIS FUNCTIONS AND SEXTIC B-SPLINES AS WEIGHT FUNCTIONS

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ABSTRACT

In this paper a finite element method involving Petrov-Galerkin method with quintic B-splines as basis functions and sextic B-splines as weight functions has been developed to solve a general ninth order boundary value problem with a particular case of boundary conditions. The basis functions are redefined into a new set of basis functions which vanish on the boundary where the Dirichlet, the Neumann, second order and third order derivative type of boundary conditions are prescribed. The weight functions are also redefined into a new set of weight functions which in number match with the number of redefined basis functions. The proposed method was applied to solve several examples of ninth order linear and nonlinear boundary value problems. The obtained numerical results were found to be in good agreement with the exact solutions available in the literature.

Keywords: petrov-galerkin method, quintic B-spline, sextic B-spline, ninth order boundary value problem, absolute error.

1. INTRODUCTION

In this paper, we consider a general ninth order linear boundary value problem

$$\begin{aligned} & p_0(t)u^{(9)}(t) + p_1(t)u^{(8)}(t) + p_2(t)u^{(7)}(t) + p_3(t)u^{(6)}(t) \\ & + p_4(t)u^{(5)}(t) + p_5(t)u^{(4)}(t) + p_6(t)u'''(t) + p_7(t)u''(t) \\ & + p_8(t)u'(t) + p_9(t)u(t) = b(t), \quad c < t < d \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

subject to boundary conditions

$$\begin{aligned} u(c) &= A_0, u(d) = C_0, u'(c) = A_1, u'(d) = C_1, \\ u''(c) &= A_2, u''(d) = C_2, \\ u'''(c) &= A_3, u'''(d) = C_3, u^{(4)}(c) = A_4 \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

where $A_0, C_0, A_1, C_1, A_2, C_2, A_3, C_3, A_4$ are finite real constants and $p_0(t), p_1(t), p_2(t), p_3(t), p_4(t), p_5(t), p_6(t), p_7(t), p_8(t), p_9(t)$ and $b(t)$ are all continuous functions defined on the interval $[c, d]$.

The ninth-order boundary value problems are known to arise in the study of astrophysics, hydrodynamic and hydro magnetic stability [1]. A class of characteristic-value problems of higher order (as higher as twenty four) is known to arise in hydrodynamic and hydro magnetic stability [1]. The existence and uniqueness of the solution for these types of problems have been discussed in Agarwal [2]. Finding the analytical solutions of such type of boundary value problems in general is not possible. Over the years, many researchers have worked on ninth-order boundary value problems by using different methods for numerical solutions. Chawla and Katti [3] developed a finite difference scheme for the solution of a special case of nonlinear higher order two point boundary value problems. Wazwaz [4] developed the solution of a special type of higher order boundary value problems by using the

modified Adomian decomposition method and he provided the solution in the form of a rapidly convergent series. Hassan and Erturk [5] provided solution of different types of linear and nonlinear higher order boundary value problems by using differential transformation method. Tauseef and Ahmet [6] presented the solution of ninth and tenth order boundary value problems by using homotopy perturbation method without any discretization, linearization or restrictive assumptions. Tauseef and Ahmet [7] developed modified variational method for solving ninth and tenth order boundary value problems introducing He's polynomials in the correction functional. Jafar and Shirin [8] presented homotopy perturbation method for solving the boundary value problems of higher order by reformulating them as an equivalent system of integral equations. Tawfiq and Yassien [9] developed Semi-Analytic technique for the solution of higher order boundary value problems using two-point oscillatory interpolation to construct polynomial solution. Hossain and Islam [10] presented the Galerkin method with Legendre polynomials as basis functions for the solution of odd higher order boundary value problems. Samir [11] developed spectral collocation method for the solution of m^{th} order boundary value problems with help of Tchebychev polynomials by converting the given differential equation into system of first order boundary value problems. Kasi Viswanadham and Reddy [12] solved ninth order boundary value problems by Petrov-Galerkin method with quintic B-splines as basis functions and septic B-splines as weight functions. So far, ninth order boundary value problems have not been solved by using Petrov-Galerkin method with quintic B-splines as basis functions and sextic B-splines as weight functions. This motivated us to solve a ninth order boundary value problem by Petrov-Galerkin method with quintic B-splines as basis functions and sextic B-splines as weight functions.



In this paper, we try to present a simple finite element method which involves Petrov-Galerkin approach with quintic B-splines as basis functions and sextic B-splines as weight functions to solve a general ninth order boundary value problem of the type (1)-(2). This paper is organized as follows. Section 2 deals with the justification for using Petrov-Galerkin method. In Section 3, a description of Petrov-Galerkin method with quintic B-splines as basis functions and sextic B-splines as weight functions is explained. In particular we first introduce the concept of quintic B-splines, sextic B-splines and followed by the proposed method with the specified boundary conditions. In Section 4, the procedure to solve the nodal parameters has been presented. In section 5, the proposed method is tested on several linear and nonlinear boundary value problems. The solution to a nonlinear problem has been obtained as the limit of a sequence of solution of linear problems generated by the quasilinearization technique [13]. Finally, in the last section, the conclusions are presented.

2. JUSTIFICATION FOR USING PETROV-GALERKIN METHOD

In Finite Element Method (FEM) the approximate solution can be written as a linear combination of basis functions which constitute a basis for the approximation space under consideration. FEM involves variational methods like Rayleigh Ritz method, Galerkin method, Least Squares method, Petrov-Galerkin method and Collocation method etc. In Petrov-Galerkin method, the residual of approximation is made orthogonal to the weight functions. When we use Petrov-Galerkin method, a weak form of approximation solution for a given differential equation exists and is unique under appropriate conditions [14, 15] irrespective of properties of a given differential operator. Further, a weak solution also tends to a classical solution of given differential equation, provided sufficient attention is given to the boundary conditions [16]. That means the basis functions should vanish on the boundary where the Dirichlet type of boundary conditions are prescribed and also the number of weight functions should match with the number of basis functions. Hence in this paper we employed the use of Petrov-Galerkin method with quintic B-splines as basis functions and sextic B-splines as weight functions to approximate the solution of ninth order boundary value problem.

3. DESCRIPTION OF THE METHOD

Definition of quintic B-splines and sextic B-splines:

The quintic B-splines and sextic B-splines are defined in [17-19]. The existence of quintic spline interpolate $s(t)$ to a function in a closed interval $[c, d]$ for spaced knots (need not be evenly spaced) of a partition $c = t_0 < t_1 < \dots < t_{n-1} < t_n = d$ is established by constructing it. The construction of $s(t)$ is done with the help of the quintic B-splines. Introduce ten additional knots $t_{-5}, t_{-4}, t_{-3}, t_{-2}, t_{-1}, t_{n+1}, t_{n+2}, t_{n+3}, t_{n+4}$ and t_{n+5} in such a way that $t_{-5} < t_{-4} < t_{-3} < t_{-2} < t_{-1} < t_0$ and $t_n < t_{n+1} < t_{n+2} < t_{n+3} < t_{n+4} < t_{n+5}$.

Now the quintic B-splines $B_i(t)$'s are defined

by

$$B_i(t) = \begin{cases} \sum_{r=i-3}^{i+3} \frac{(t_r - t)_+^5}{\pi'(t_r)}, & t \in [t_{i-3}, t_{i+3}] \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

where

$$(t_r - t)_+^5 = \begin{cases} (t_r - t)^5, & \text{if } t_r \geq t \\ 0, & \text{if } t_r < t \end{cases}$$

$$\text{and } \pi(t) = \prod_{r=i-3}^{i+3} (t - t_r)$$

where $\{B_{-2}(t), B_{-1}(t), B_0(t), B_1(t), \dots, B_{n-1}(t), B_n(t), B_{n+1}(t), B_{n+2}(t)\}$ forms a basis for the space $S_5(\pi)$ of quintic polynomial splines. Schoenberg [19] has proved that quintic B-splines are the unique nonzero splines of smallest compact support with the knots at

$$t_{-5} < t_{-4} < t_{-3} < t_{-2} < t_{-1} < t_0 < t_1 < \dots < t_{n-1} < t_n$$

In a similar analogue sextic B-splines $S_i(t)$'s are defined by

$$S_i(t) = \begin{cases} \sum_{r=i-3}^{i+4} \frac{(t_r - t)_+^6}{\pi'(t_r)}, & t \in [t_{i-3}, t_{i+4}] \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{where } (t_r - t)_+^6 = \begin{cases} (t_r - t)^6, & \text{if } t_r \geq t \\ 0, & \text{if } t_r < t \end{cases}$$

$$\text{and } \pi(t) = \prod_{r=i-3}^{i+4} (t - t_r)$$

where $\{S_{-3}(t), S_{-2}(t), S_{-1}(t), S_0(t), S_1(t), \dots, S_{n-1}(t), S_n(t), S_{n+1}(t), S_{n+2}(t)\}$ forms a basis for the space $S_6(\pi)$ of sextic polynomial splines with the introduction of two more additional knots t_{-6} and t_{n+6} to the already existing knots t_{-5} to t_{n+5} . Schoenberg [19] has proved that sextic B-splines are the unique nonzero splines of smallest compact support with the knots at

$$t_{-6} < t_{-5} < t_{-4} < t_{-3} < t_{-2} < t_{-1} < t_0 < t_1 < \dots < t_{n-1} < t_n \\ < t_{n+1} < t_{n+2} < t_{n+3} < t_{n+4} < t_{n+5} < t_{n+6}$$

To solve the boundary value problem (1) subject to boundary conditions (2) by the Petrov-Galerkin method with quintic B-splines as basis functions and sextic B-splines as weight functions, we define the approximation for $u(t)$ as

$$u(t) = \sum_{j=-2}^{n+2} \alpha_j B_j(t) \quad (3)$$

where α_j 's are the nodal parameters to be determined and $B_j(t)$'s are quintic B-spline basis functions. In Petrov-Galerkin method, the basis functions should vanish on the boundary where the Dirichlet type of boundary conditions are specified. In the set of quintic B-splines $\{B_{-2}(t), B_{-1}(t), B_0(t), B_1(t), \dots, B_{n-1}(t), B_n(t), B_{n+1}(t), B_{n+2}(t)\}$, the basis



functions $B_{-2}(t)$, $B_{-1}(t)$, $B_0(t)$, $B_1(t)$, $B_2(t)$, $B_{n-2}(t)$, $B_{n-1}(t)$, $B_n(t)$, $B_{n+1}(t)$ and $B_{n+2}(t)$ do not vanish at one of the boundary points. So, there is a necessity of redefining the basis functions into a new set of basis functions which vanish on the boundary where the Dirichlet types of boundary conditions are specified. When the chosen approximation satisfies the prescribed boundary conditions or most of the boundary conditions, it gives better approximation results. In view of this, the basis functions are redefined into a new set of basis functions which vanish on the boundary where the Dirichlet, the Neumann, second and third order derivative types of boundary conditions are prescribed. The procedure for redefining of the basis functions is as follows.

Using the definition of quintic B-splines, the Dirichlet, the Neumann, second and third order derivative boundary conditions of (2), we get the approximate solution at the boundary points as

$$A_0 = u(c) = u(t_0) = \sum_{j=-2}^2 \alpha_j B_j(t_0) \quad (4)$$

$$C_0 = u(d) = u(t_n) = \sum_{j=n-2}^{n+2} \alpha_j B_j(t_n) \quad (5)$$

$$A_1 = u'(c) = u'(t_0) = \sum_{j=-2}^2 \alpha_j B'_j(t_0) \quad (6)$$

$$C_1 = u'(d) = u'(t_n) = \sum_{j=n-2}^{n+2} \alpha_j B'_j(t_n) \quad (7)$$

$$A_2 = u''(c) = u''(t_0) = \sum_{j=-2}^2 \alpha_j B''_j(t_0) \quad (8)$$

$$C_2 = u''(d) = u''(t_n) = \sum_{j=n-2}^{n+2} \alpha_j B''_j(t_n) \quad (9)$$

$$A_3 = u'''(c) = u'''(t_0) = \sum_{j=-2}^2 \alpha_j B'''_j(t_0) \quad (10)$$

$$C_3 = u'''(d) = u'''(t_n) = \sum_{j=n-2}^{n+2} \alpha_j B'''_j(t_n) \quad (11)$$

Eliminating α_{-2} , α_{-1} , α_0 , α_1 , α_{n-1} , α_n , α_{n+1} and α_{n+2} from the equations (3) to (11), we get

$$u(t) = w(t) + \sum_{j=2}^{n-2} \alpha_j \hat{R}_j(t) \quad (12)$$

where

$$w(t) = w_3(t) + \frac{A_3 - w_3'''(t_0)}{R_1'''(t_0)} R_1(t) + \frac{C_2 - w_3'''(t_n)}{R_{n-1}'''(t_n)} R_{n-1}(t) \quad (13)$$

$$w_3(t) = w_2(t) + \frac{A_2 - w_2''(t_0)}{Q_0''(t_0)} Q_0(t) + \frac{C_2 - w_2''(t_n)}{Q_n''(t_n)} Q_n(t) \quad (14)$$

$$w_2(t) = w_1(t) + \frac{A_1 - w_1'(t_0)}{P_{-1}'(t_0)} P_{-1}(t) + \frac{C_1 - w_1'(t_n)}{P_{n+1}'(t_n)} P_{n+1}(t) \quad (15)$$

$$w_1(t) = \frac{A_0}{B_{-2}(t_0)} B_{-2}(t) + \frac{C_0}{B_{n+2}(t_n)} B_{n+2}(t) \quad (16)$$

$$\hat{R}_j(t) = \begin{cases} R_j(t) - \frac{R_j'''(t_0)}{R_1'''(t_0)} R_1(t), & j = 2 \\ R_j(t), & j = 3, 4, \dots, n-3 \\ R_j(t) - \frac{R_j'''(t_n)}{R_{n-1}'''(t_n)} R_{n-1}(t), & j = n-2 \end{cases} \quad (17)$$

$$R_j(t) = \begin{cases} Q_j(t) - \frac{Q_j''(t_0)}{Q_0''(t_0)} Q_0(t), & j = 1, 2 \\ Q_j(t), & j = 3, 4, \dots, n-3 \\ Q_j(t) - \frac{Q_j''(t_n)}{Q_n''(t_n)} Q_n(t), & j = n-2, n-1 \end{cases} \quad (18)$$

$$Q_j(t) = \begin{cases} P_j(t) - \frac{P_j'(t_0)}{P_{-1}'(t_0)} P_{-1}(t), & j = 0, 1, 2 \\ P_j(t), & j = 3, 4, \dots, n-3 \\ P_j(t) - \frac{P_j'(t_n)}{P_{n+1}'(t_n)} P_{n+1}(t), & j = n-2, n-1, n \end{cases} \quad (19)$$

$$P_j(t) = \begin{cases} B_j(t) - \frac{B_j(t_0)}{B_{-2}(t_0)} B_{-2}(t), & j = -1, 0, 1, 2 \\ B_j(t), & j = 3, 4, \dots, n-3 \\ B_j(t) - \frac{B_j(t_n)}{B_{n+2}(t_n)} B_{n+2}(t), & j = n-2, n-1, n, n+1 \end{cases} \quad (20)$$

The new set of basis functions in the approximation $u(t)$ is $\{\hat{R}_j(t), j=2, \dots, n-2\}$. Here $w(t)$ takes care of given set of Dirichlet, Neumann, second and third order derivative type of boundary conditions and $\hat{R}_j(t)$'s and its first, second and third order derivatives vanish on the boundary. In Petrov-Galerkin method, the number of basis functions in the approximation should match with the number of weight functions. Here the number of basis



functions in the approximation for $u(t)$ defined in (12) is $n-3$, where as the number of weight functions is $n+6$. So, there is a need to redefine the weight functions into a new set of weight functions which in number match with the number of basis functions. The procedure for redefining the weight functions is as follows:

Let us write the approximation for $v(t)$ as

$$v(t) = \sum_{j=-3}^{n+2} \beta_j S_j(t) \quad (21)$$

where $S_j(t)$'s are sextic B-splines and here we assume that above approximation $v(t)$ satisfies the conditions

$$\begin{aligned} v(c) &= 0, v(d) = 0, v'(c) = 0, v'(d) = 0, v''(c) = 0, \\ v''(d) &= 0, v'''(c) = 0, v'''(d) = 0, v^{(4)}(d) = 0. \end{aligned} \quad (22)$$

Applying the boundary conditions (22) to (21), we get the approximate solution at the boundary points as

$$v(c) = v(t_0) = \sum_{j=-3}^2 \beta_j S_j(t_0) = 0 \quad (23)$$

$$v(d) = v(t_n) = \sum_{j=n-3}^{n+2} \beta_j S_j(t_n) = 0 \quad (24)$$

$$v'(c) = v'(t_0) = \sum_{j=-3}^2 \beta_j S'_j(t_0) = 0 \quad (25)$$

$$v'(d) = v'(t_n) = \sum_{j=n-3}^{n+2} \beta_j S'_j(t_n) = 0 \quad (26)$$

$$v''(c) = v''(t_0) = \sum_{j=-3}^2 \beta_j S''_j(t_0) = 0 \quad (27)$$

$$v''(d) = v''(t_n) = \sum_{j=n-3}^{n+2} \beta_j S''_j(t_n) = 0 \quad (28)$$

$$v'''(c) = v'''(t_0) = \sum_{j=-3}^2 \beta_j S'''_j(t_0) = 0 \quad (29)$$

$$v'''(d) = v'''(t_n) = \sum_{j=n-3}^{n+2} \beta_j S'''_j(t_n) = 0 \quad (30)$$

$$v^{(4)}(d) = v^{(4)}(t_n) = \sum_{j=n-3}^{n+2} \beta_j S^{(4)}_j(t_n) = 0 \quad (31)$$

Eliminating $\beta_{-3}, \beta_{-2}, \beta_{-1}, \beta_0, \beta_{n-2}, \beta_{n-1}, \beta_n, \beta_{n+1}$ and β_{n+2} from the equations (21) and (23) to (31), we get the approximation for $v(t)$ as

$$v(t) = \sum_{j=1}^{n-3} \beta_j \hat{V}_j(t) \quad (32)$$

where

$$\hat{V}_j(t) = \begin{cases} V_j(t), & j=1, 2, \dots, n-4 \\ V_j(t) - \frac{V^{(4)}_j(t_n)}{V^{(4)}_{n-2}(t_n)} V_{n-2}(t), & j=n-3. \end{cases} \quad (33)$$

$$V_j(t) = \begin{cases} \tilde{U}_j(t) - \frac{\tilde{U}'''_j(t_0)}{\tilde{U}'''_0(t_0)} \tilde{U}_0(t), & j=1, 2 \\ \tilde{U}_j(t), & j=3, 4, \dots, n-4 \\ \tilde{U}_j(t) - \frac{\tilde{U}'''_j(t_n)}{\tilde{U}'''_{n-1}(t_n)} \tilde{U}_{n-1}(t), & j=n-3, n-2. \end{cases} \quad (34)$$

$$\tilde{U}_j(t) = \begin{cases} \hat{U}_j(t) - \frac{\hat{U}''_j(t_0)}{\hat{U}''_{-1}(t_0)} \hat{U}_{-1}(t), & j=0, 1, 2 \\ \hat{U}_j(t), & j=3, 4, \dots, n-4 \\ \hat{U}_j(t) - \frac{\hat{U}''_j(t_n)}{\hat{U}''_n(t_n)} \hat{U}_n(t), & j=n-3, n-2, n-1. \end{cases} \quad (35)$$

$$\hat{U}_j(t) = \begin{cases} U_j(t) - \frac{U'_j(t_0)}{U'_{-2}(t_0)} U_{-2}(t), & j=-1, 0, 1, 2 \\ U_j(t), & j=3, 4, \dots, n-4 \\ U_j(t) - \frac{U'_j(t_n)}{U'_{n+1}(t_n)} U_{n+1}(t), & j=n-3, n-2, n-1, n. \end{cases} \quad (36)$$

$$U_j(t) = \begin{cases} S_j(t) - \frac{S_j(t_0)}{S_{-3}(t_0)} S_{-3}(t), & j=-2, -1, 0, 1, 2 \\ S_j(t), & j=3, 4, \dots, n-4 \\ S_j(t) - \frac{S_j(t_n)}{S_{n+2}(t_n)} S_{n+2}(t), & j=n-3, n-2, n-1, n, n+1. \end{cases} \quad (37)$$

Now the new set of weight functions for the approximation $v(t)$ is $\{\hat{V}_j(t), j=1, 2, \dots, n-3\}$. Here $\hat{V}_j(t)$'s and its first, second and third order derivatives vanish on the boundary. Also fourth order derivative of $\hat{V}_j(t)$'s at right boundary also vanish.

Applying the Petrov-Galerkin method to (1) with the new set of basis functions $\{\hat{R}_j(t), j=2, \dots, n-2\}$ and with the new set of weight functions $\{\hat{V}_i(t), i=1, 2, \dots, n-3\}$, we get



$$\int_{t_0}^{t_n} [p_0(t)u^{(9)}(t) + p_1(t)u^{(8)}(t) + p_2(t)u^{(7)}(t) + p_3(t)u^{(6)}(t) + p_4(t)u^{(5)}(t) + p_5(t)u^{(4)}(t) + p_6(t)u'''(t) + p_7(t)u''(t) + p_8(t)u'(t) + p_9(t)u(t)] \hat{V}_i(t) dt = \int_{t_0}^{t_n} b(t) \hat{V}_i(t) dt$$

for $i=1, 2, \dots, n-3$ (38)

Integrating by parts the first five terms on the left hand side of (38) and after applying the boundary conditions prescribed in (2), we get

$$\int_{t_0}^{t_n} p_0(t)u^{(9)}(t) \hat{V}_i(t) dt = -\frac{d^4}{dt^4} [p_0(t) \hat{V}_i(t)]_{t_0}^{t_n} A_4 - \int_{t_0}^{t_n} \frac{d^5}{dt^5} [p_0(t) \hat{V}_i(t)] u^{(4)}(t) dt$$

(39)

$$\int_{t_0}^{t_n} p_1(t)u^{(8)}(t) \hat{V}_i(t) dt = \int_{t_0}^{t_n} \frac{d^4}{dt^4} [p_1(t) \hat{V}_i(t)] u^{(4)}(t) dt$$

(40)

$$\int_{t_0}^{t_n} p_2(t)u^{(7)}(t) \hat{V}_i(t) dt = \int_{t_0}^{t_n} \frac{d^4}{dt^4} [p_2(t) \hat{V}_i(t)] u'''(t) dt$$

(41)

$$\int_{t_0}^{t_n} p_3(t)u^{(6)}(t) \hat{V}_i(t) dt = \int_{t_0}^{t_n} \frac{d^4}{dt^4} [p_3(t) \hat{V}_i(t)] u''(t) dt$$

(42)

$$\int_{t_0}^{t_n} p_4(t)u^{(5)}(t) \hat{V}_i(t) dt = \int_{t_0}^{t_n} \frac{d^4}{dt^4} [p_4(t) \hat{V}_i(t)] u'(t) dt$$

(43)

Substituting (39) to (43) in (38) and using the approximation for $u(t)$ given in (12), and after rearranging the terms for resulting equations, we get a system of equations in the matrix form as

$$\mathbf{A}\alpha = \mathbf{B}$$

(44)

where $\mathbf{A} = [a_{ij}]$;

$$a_{ij} = \int_{t_0}^{t_n} \left\{ \left[-\frac{d^5}{dt^5} [p_0(t) \hat{V}_i(t)] + \frac{d^4}{dt^4} [p_1(t) \hat{V}_i(t)] + p_5(t) \hat{V}_i(t) \right] \hat{R}_j^{(4)}(t) + \left[\frac{d^4}{dt^4} [p_2(t) \hat{V}_i(t)] + p_6(t) \hat{V}_i(t) \right] \hat{R}_j'''(t) + \left[\frac{d^4}{dt^4} [p_3(t) \hat{V}_i(t)] + p_7(t) \hat{V}_i(t) \right] \hat{R}_j''(t) + \left[\frac{d^4}{dt^4} [p_4(t) \hat{V}_i(t)] + p_8(t) \hat{V}_i(t) \right] \hat{R}_j'(t) + p_9(t) \hat{V}_i(t) \hat{R}_j(t) \right\} dt$$

$$\text{for } i=1, 2, \dots, n-3; j=2, \dots, n-2. \quad (45)$$

$$\mathbf{B} = [b_i];$$

$$b_i = \int_{t_0}^{t_n} \left\{ b(t) \hat{V}_i(t) - \left[-\frac{d^5}{dt^5} [p_0(t) \hat{V}_i(t)] + \frac{d^4}{dt^4} [p_1(t) \hat{V}_i(t)] + p_5(t) \hat{V}_i(t) \right] w^{(4)}(t) + \left[\frac{d^4}{dt^4} [p_2(t) \hat{V}_i(t)] + p_6(t) \hat{V}_i(t) \right] w'''(t) + \left[\frac{d^4}{dt^4} [p_3(t) \hat{V}_i(t)] + p_7(t) \hat{V}_i(t) \right] w''(t) + \left[\frac{d^4}{dt^4} [p_4(t) \hat{V}_i(t)] + p_8(t) \hat{V}_i(t) \right] w'(t) + p_9(t) \hat{V}_i(t) w(t) \right\} dt + \frac{d^4}{dt^4} [p_0(t) \hat{V}_i(t)]_{t_0}^{t_n} A_4$$

$$\text{for } i=1, 2, \dots, n-3. \quad (46)$$

$$\text{and } \alpha = [\alpha_1 \alpha_2 \dots \alpha_{n-3}]^T.$$

4. PROCEDURE TO FIND THE SOLUTION FOR NODAL PARAMETERS

A typical integral element in the matrix \mathbf{A} is

$$\sum_{m=0}^{n-1} I_m$$

where $I_m = \int_{t_m}^{t_{m+1}} v_i(t) r_j(t) Z(t) dt$, $r_j(t)$ are the

quintic B-spline basis functions or their derivatives, $v_i(t)$ are the sextic B-spline weight functions or their derivatives. It may be noted that $I_m = 0$ if $(t_{i-4}, t_{i+4}) \cap (t_{j-3}, t_{j+3}) \cap (t_m, t_{m+1}) = \emptyset$. To evaluate each I_m , we employed 7-point Gauss-Legendre quadrature formula. Thus the stiffness matrix \mathbf{A} is a twelve diagonal band matrix. The nodal parameter vector α has been obtained from the system $\mathbf{A}\alpha = \mathbf{B}$ using the band matrix solution package. We have used the FORTRAN-90 program to solve the boundary value problems (1) - (2) by the proposed method.



5. NUMERICAL RESULTS

To demonstrate the applicability of the proposed method for solving the ninth order boundary value problems of the type (1) and (2), we considered three linear and two nonlinear boundary value problems. The obtained numerical results for each problem are presented in tabular forms and compared with the exact solutions available in the literature.

Example 1: Consider the linear boundary value problem

$$u^{(9)} - u = -9e^t, \quad 0 < t < 1 \quad (47)$$

subject to

$$u(0) = 1, u(1) = 0, u'(0) = 0, u'(1) = -e,$$

$$u''(0) = -1, u''(1) = -2e,$$

$$u'''(0) = -2, u'''(1) = -3e, u^{(4)}(0) = -3.$$

The exact solution for the above problem is $u = (1-t)e^t$.

The proposed method is tested on this problem where the domain $[0, 1]$ is divided into 10 equal subintervals. The obtained numerical results for this problem are given in Table-1. The maximum absolute error obtained by the proposed method is 5.778670×10^{-5} .

Table-1. Numerical results for Example 1.

| t | Absolute error by the proposed method |
|-----|---------------------------------------|
| 0.1 | 1.668930E-06 |
| 0.2 | 2.324581E-06 |
| 0.3 | 1.460314E-05 |
| 0.4 | 5.525351E-05 |
| 0.5 | 1.055002E-05 |
| 0.6 | 1.339912E-05 |
| 0.7 | 1.159906E-05 |
| 0.8 | 5.778670E-05 |
| 0.9 | 6.243587E-06 |

Example 2: Consider the linear boundary value problem

$$u^{(9)} + \sin t u^{(4)} + u = (2 + \sin t)e^t, \quad 0 < t < 1 \quad (48)$$

subject to

$$u(0) = 1, u(1) = e, u'(0) = 1, u'(1) = e,$$

$$u''(0) = 1, u''(1) = e, u'''(0) = 1, u'''(1) = e, u^{(4)}(0) = 1.$$

The exact solution for the above problem is $u = e^t$.

The proposed method is tested on this problem where the domain $[0, 1]$ is divided into 10 equal subintervals. The obtained numerical results for this problem are given in Table-2. The maximum absolute error obtained by the proposed method is 1.764297×10^{-5} .

Table-2. Numerical results for Example 2.

| t | Absolute error by the proposed method |
|-----|---------------------------------------|
| 0.1 | 1.549721E-06 |
| 0.2 | 6.198883E-06 |
| 0.3 | 9.894371E-06 |
| 0.4 | 1.299381E-05 |
| 0.5 | 5.125999E-06 |
| 0.6 | 7.629395E-06 |
| 0.7 | 1.764297E-05 |
| 0.8 | 1.716614E-05 |
| 0.9 | 1.120567E-05 |

Example 3: Consider the linear boundary value problem

$$u^{(9)} + u^{(7)} + tu^{(4)} + u''' + \sin t u' + u = 5t \sin t - \cos t + t^2 \cos t - t \sin^2 t + \sin t \cos t + t \cos t, \quad 0 < t < 1 \quad (49)$$

subject to

$$u(0) = 0, u(1) = \cos 1, u'(0) = 1, u'(1) = \cos 1 - \sin 1,$$

$$u''(0) = 0, u''(1) = -2 \sin 1 - \cos 1,$$

$$u'''(0) = -3, u'''(1) = -3 \cos 1 + \sin 1, u^{(4)}(0) = 0.$$

The exact solution for the above problem is $u = t \cos t$.

The proposed method is tested on this problem where the domain $[0, 1]$ is divided into 10 equal subintervals. The obtained numerical results for this problem are given in Table-3. The maximum absolute error obtained by the proposed method is 1.686811×10^{-5} .

**Table-3.** Numerical results for Example 3.

| t | Absolute error by the proposed method |
|-----|---------------------------------------|
| 0.1 | 2.905726E-07 |
| 0.2 | 1.296401E-06 |
| 0.3 | 4.142523E-06 |
| 0.4 | 9.804964E-06 |
| 0.5 | 1.510978E-05 |
| 0.6 | 1.686811E-05 |
| 0.7 | 1.370907E-05 |
| 0.8 | 6.318092E-06 |
| 0.9 | 5.960464E-08 |

Example 4: Consider the nonlinear boundary value problem

$$u^{(9)} + e^u u''' + u'u = (1 + e^{e^t} + e^t)e^t, \quad 0 < t < 1 \quad (50)$$

subject to

$$u(0) = 1, u(1) = e, u'(0) = 1, u'(1) = e, \\ u''(0) = 1, u''(1) = e, u'''(0) = 1, u'''(1) = e, u^{(4)}(0) = 1.$$

The exact solution for the above problem is $u = e^t$.

The nonlinear boundary value problem (50) is converted into a sequence of linear boundary value problems generated by quasilinearization technique [13] as

$$u_{(n+1)}^{(9)} + e^{u_{(n)}} u_{(n+1)}''' + u_{(n)} u_{(n+1)}' + (u_{(n)}''' e^{u_{(n)}} + u_{(n)}') u_{(n+1)} \\ = (1 + e^{e^t} + e^t)e^t + (u_{(n)}''' e^{u_{(n)}} + u_{(n)}') u_{(n)} \\ \text{for } n = 0, 1, 2, \dots \quad (51)$$

subject to

$$u_{(n+1)}(0) = 1, u_{(n+1)}(1) = e, u_{(n+1)}'(0) = 1, u_{(n+1)}'(1) = e, \\ u_{(n+1)}''(0) = 1, u_{(n+1)}''(1) = e, u_{(n+1)}'''(0) = 1, u_{(n+1)}'''(1) = e, \\ u_{(n+1)}^{(4)}(0) = 1.$$

Here $u_{(n+1)}$ is the $(n+1)^{th}$ approximation for $u(t)$. The domain $[0, 1]$ is divided into 10 equal subintervals and the proposed method is applied to the sequence of linear problems (51). The obtained numerical results for this problem are presented in Table-4. The maximum absolute error obtained by the proposed method is 9.799004×10^{-5} .

Table-4. Numerical results for Example 4.

| t | Absolute error by the proposed method |
|-----|---------------------------------------|
| 0.1 | 2.384186E-06 |
| 0.2 | 1.132488E-05 |
| 0.3 | 3.564358E-05 |
| 0.4 | 7.295609E-05 |
| 0.5 | 9.799004E-05 |
| 0.6 | 9.047985E-05 |
| 0.7 | 5.459785E-05 |
| 0.8 | 1.358986E-05 |
| 0.9 | 6.914139E-06 |

Example 5: Consider the nonlinear boundary value problem

$$u^{(9)} - u'u^2 = \cos^3 t, \quad 0 < t < 1 \quad (52)$$

subject to

$$u(0) = 0, u(1) = \sin 1, u'(0) = 1, u'(1) = \cos 1, \\ u''(0) = 0, u''(1) = -\sin 1, u'''(0) = -1, u'''(1) = -\cos 1, \\ u^{(4)}(0) = 0.$$

The exact solution for the above problem is $u = \sin t$.

The nonlinear boundary value problem (52) is converted into a sequence of linear boundary value problems generated by quasilinearization technique [13] as

$$u_{(n+1)}^{(9)} - u_{(n)}^2 u_{(n+1)}' - 2u_{(n)} u_{(n)}' u_{(n+1)} \\ = \cos^3 t - 2u_{(n)}^2 u_{(n)}', \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots \quad (53)$$

subject to

$$u_{(n+1)}(0) = 0, u_{(n+1)}(1) = \sin 1, \\ u_{(n+1)}'(0) = 1, u_{(n+1)}'(1) = \cos 1, \\ u_{(n+1)}''(0) = 0, u_{(n+1)}''(1) = -\sin 1, \\ u_{(n+1)}'''(0) = -1, u_{(n+1)}'''(1) = -\cos 1, u_{(n+1)}^{(4)}(0) = 0.$$

Here $u_{(n+1)}$ is the $(n+1)^{th}$ approximation for $u(t)$. The domain $[0, 1]$ is divided into 10 equal subintervals and the proposed method is applied to the sequence of linear problems (53). The obtained numerical results for this problem are presented in Table-5. The maximum absolute error obtained by the proposed method is 9.059906×10^{-6} .

**Table-5.** Numerical results for Example 5.

| t | Absolute error by the proposed method |
|-----|---------------------------------------|
| 0.1 | 3.054738E-07 |
| 0.2 | 1.415610E-06 |
| 0.3 | 4.023314E-06 |
| 0.4 | 7.897615E-06 |
| 0.5 | 9.059906E-06 |
| 0.6 | 5.722046E-06 |
| 0.7 | 5.960464E-07 |
| 0.8 | 2.801418E-06 |
| 0.9 | 2.861023E-06 |

6. CONCLUSIONS

In this paper, we have employed a Petrov-Galerkin method with quintic B-splines as basis functions and sextic B-splines as weight functions to solve ninth order boundary value problems with special case of boundary conditions. The quintic B-spline basis set has been redefined into a new set of basis functions which vanish on the boundary where the Dirichlet, the Neumann, second and third order derivative types of boundary conditions are prescribed. The sextic B-splines are redefined into a new set of weight functions which in number match the number of redefined set of basis functions. The solution to a nonlinear problem has been obtained as the limit of a sequence of solution of linear problems generated by the quasilinearization technique [13]. The proposed method has been tested on three linear and two nonlinear ninth order boundary value problems. The numerical results obtained by the proposed method are in good agreement with the exact solutions available in the literature. The strength of the proposed method lies in its easy applicability, accurate and efficient to solve ninth order boundary value problems.

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