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# Numerical Scheme based on Non-polynomial Spline Functions for the System of Second Order Boundary Value Problems arising in Various Engineering Applications 

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#### Abstract

Several applications of computational science and engineering, including population dynamics, optimal control, and physics, reduce to the study of a system of second-order boundary value problems. To achieve the improved solution of these problems, an efficient numerical method is developed by using spline functions. A non-polynomial cubic spline-based method is proposed for the first time to solve a linear system of second-order differential equations. Convergence and stability of the proposed method are also investigated. A mathematical procedure is described in detail, and several examples are solved with numerical and graphical illustrations. It is shown that our method yields improved results when compared to the results available in the literature.


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## 1. Introduction

Many problems in science, engineering, and mathematics can be reduced to solving systems of equations with notable examples in modeling and simulation of physical systems, and the verification and validation of engineering designs [1]. These systems of boundary value problems (BVPs) with different types of boundary conditions (BCs) are powerful tools to define many realism matters and so, constitute a very interesting topic for researchers. Modeling of real world problems into various orders of system of BVPs can be often seen in the field of population dynamics, brine tank cascade, compartment analysis, pond pollution, chemo stats, irregular heartbeats and lidocaine, flow of nutrient in an aquarium, forecasting prices, boxcars, electrical network, coupled spring-mass systems, logging timber by helicopter, earthquake effects on buildings, etc. [2].

In recent times, second order system of BVPs has been considered by several researchers. They have put much effort to solve these problems numerically and developed some efficient and accurate methods. For instance, second-order linear and nonlinear systems were studied by Geng and Cui [3] in the reproducing kernel space, whereas Dehghan et al. [4] and Gamel [5] presented a sinc-collocation method to solve them. Lu in [6] introduced an analytical method based on the variational iterations to obtain the approximate solution of this system of second order BVPs. Over again, Laplace homotopy analysis was instituted by Bataineh and his team [7] as well as Ogunlaran et al. [8] to solve the system of non-linear differential equations.

Due to ever widening range of applications and mathematical consequences of spline functions, solution of BVPs using them has been an active field for researcher [9]. They have sufficiently closely been approximated to systems of BVPs by spline functions based approaches as well. For example, Dehghan et al. [10] used B-spline scaling functions and obtain the solution of the non-linear system of second-order BVPs. Caglar et al. applied collocation method with B-splines to solve the second order system of BVPs [11]. Khuri and Sayfy [12] used same approach and acquired the result for a generalized system of BVPs. Heilat et al. [13] employed extended cubic B-spline based scheme and solve the linear case of above discussed problem. A singular boundary value problem was solved by Goh and his group [14] with extended cubic uniform B-spline functions based method.


Fig.1. System of two masses and two springs
In this work, we study the solution of the following linear system of second-order BVPs:

$$
\begin{align*}
& u^{\prime \prime}(x)+a_{1}(x) u^{\prime}(x)+a_{2}(x) u(x)+a_{3}(x) v^{\prime \prime}(x)+a_{4}(x) v^{\prime}(x)+a_{5}(x) v(x)=f_{1}(x), \\
& v^{\prime \prime}(x)+b_{1}(x) v^{\prime}(x)+b_{2}(x) v(x)+b_{3}(x) u^{\prime \prime}(x)+b_{4}(x) u^{\prime}(x)+b_{5}(x) u(x)=f_{2}(x), \tag{1}
\end{align*}
$$

subject to

$$
\begin{equation*}
u(0)=u(1)=0, \quad v(0)=v(1)=0 \tag{2}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $0 \leq x \leq 1, f_{1}(x)$ and $f_{2}(x)$ are given functions and $a_{j}(x)$ and $b_{j}(x)$, for $j=1,2,3,4,5$ are continuous. Here, we emphasize that the coupled system of second-order BVPs is just a special case of our anticipated problem (1)-(2). A coupled spring-mass system is one of the very simple and prevalent applications involving above considered system. A schematic diagram is shown in Figure 1, illustrates the coupling of simple oscillators where two blocks of weight $m_{1}$ and $m_{2}$ are attached with two springs. $x_{1}$ and $x_{2}$ are the elongations of each spring from equilibrium and $k_{1}, k_{2}$ are the spring constants. [15]. The detailed explanation of the existence of solution for these systems can be easily found in [16]-[19]. It is quite considered that on the specified interval, the proposed system (1)-(2) have unique solutions.

From above we can perceive that a number of different techniques like reproducing kernel, sinc-collocation, variational iteration, laplace homotopy analysis along with B-spline collocation method have been projected to obtain the solution of the system of second-order BVPs, for linear and non-linear cases both. Here, we propose an efficient numerical method generated by non-polynomial cubic splines to attain the solution of the proposed system (1)-(2). Our solution methodology is based on the development of an algorithm that is formed by exponential and trigonometric cubic spline functions, which solves the deliberated problem efficiently. Present method is developed by means of following function space:

$$
\begin{align*}
T_{3}(x)= & \operatorname{Span}\left\{1, x, e^{k x}, \sin (k x)\right\}, \\
& =\operatorname{Span}\left\{1, x, \frac{2}{k^{2}}\left(e^{k x}-k x\right),\left(\frac{6}{k^{3}}\right)(\sin (k x)-k x)\right\}, \tag{3}
\end{align*}
$$

where $k$ is the frequency of the non-polynomial functions. It follows that if $k \rightarrow 0, T_{3}$ reduces to Span $\left\{1, x, x^{2}, x^{3}\right\}$ [20].The present combination of function space was also considered by Chaurasia et al. [21] to solve the fourth order system of BVPs, but with quintic non-polynomial splines.

Here, we have organized our work in this way. We have deliberated the development of a non-polynomial spline method in section 2. In section 3, detailed solution methodology is discussed for the solution of linear second-order system of BVPs. Convergence and stability analysis of the proposed method are given in section 4 and 5 , respectively. In section 6 , three examples are solved to verify the practicality of our developed scheme with graphical depictions. Section 7 concludes the study with remarks.

## 2. Development of Non-polynomial Spline Method

Set a framework of an equally spaced partition of an interval [ $a, b$ ], dividing into $N$ equal sections as $a=x_{0}<x_{1}<x_{2}<\ldots \ldots \ldots<x_{N}$ $=b, h=b-a / N$. Our spline functions $P_{1 j}(x)$ and $P_{2 j}(x)$ hold the following structures in every section of the interval:

$$
\begin{align*}
& P_{1 j}(x)=c_{1 j} \sin k\left(x-x_{j}\right)+c_{2 j} e^{k\left(x-x_{j}\right)}+c_{3 j}\left(x-x_{j}\right)+c_{4 j}, \quad j=0,1,2, \ldots \ldots, N ;  \tag{4}\\
& P_{2 j}(x)=d_{1 j} \sin k\left(x-x_{j}\right)+d_{2 j} e^{k\left(x-x_{j}\right)}+d_{3 j}\left(x-x_{j}\right)+d_{4 j}, j=0,1,2, \ldots \ldots, N, \tag{5}
\end{align*}
$$

where, $c_{i j}$, and $d_{i j}$; $i=1,2,3,4$ are constants and $k$ is free parameter, which can be real or purely imaginary. Functions $P_{1 j}(x)$ and $P_{2 j}(x)$, which interpolate $S(x)$ and $s(x)$, respectively at $x_{j}$ and reduce to cubic splines as $k \rightarrow 0$. Let $u(x)$ and $v(x)$ be the exact solutions of (1). $S_{j}$ and $s_{j}$ be approximation to $u_{j}=u\left(x_{j}\right)$ and $v_{j}=v\left(x_{j}\right)$ respectively, obtained by the segment $P_{1 j}(x)$ and $P_{2 j}(x)$ of the spline functions passing through the points $\left(x_{j}, S_{j}\right),\left(x_{j+1}, S_{j+1}\right)$ and $\left(x_{j}, S_{j}\right),\left(x_{j+1}, S_{j+1}\right)$. Then our proposed mixed splines are defined by the functions $S(x)$ $=P_{1 j}(x)$ and $s(x)=P_{2 j}(x) ; j=0,1,2, \ldots, N$. Now, we assume

$$
\begin{array}{cc}
P_{1 j}\left(x_{j}\right)=S_{j}, & P_{1 j}\left(x_{j+1}\right)=S_{j+1} \\
P_{1 j}^{(2)}\left(x_{j}\right)=M_{j}, & P_{1 j}^{(2)}\left(x_{j+1}\right)=M_{j+1} \tag{6}
\end{array}
$$

and

$$
\begin{array}{lr}
P_{2 j}\left(x_{j}\right)=s_{j}, & P_{2 j}\left(x_{j+1}\right)=s_{j+1}, \\
P_{2 j}^{(2)}(x)=m_{j}, & P_{2 j}^{(2)}\left(x_{j+1}\right)=m_{j+1}, \tag{7}
\end{array}
$$

to get the following value of coefficients

$$
\begin{array}{lr}
c_{1 j}=\frac{1}{k^{2} \sin \theta}\left[e^{\theta} M_{j}-M_{j+1}\right], & c_{2 j}=\frac{1}{k^{2}}\left[M_{j}\right], \\
c_{3 j}\left(x_{j}\right)=\frac{S_{j+1}-S_{j}}{h}+\frac{M_{j+1}+M_{j}}{k^{2} h}-\frac{2 e^{\theta} M_{j}}{k^{2} h}, & c_{4 j}=S_{j}-\frac{1}{k^{2}}\left[M_{j}\right],
\end{array}
$$

and

$$
\begin{array}{lr}
d_{1 j}=\frac{1}{k^{2} \sin \theta}\left[e^{\theta} m_{j}-m_{j+1}\right], & d_{2 j}=\frac{1}{k^{2}}\left[m_{j}\right], \\
d_{3 j}\left(x_{j}\right)=\frac{s_{j+1}-s_{j}}{h}+\frac{m_{j+1}+m_{j}}{k^{2} h}-\frac{2 e^{\theta} m_{j}}{k^{2} h}, & d_{4 j}=s_{j}-\frac{1}{k^{2}}\left[m_{j}\right],
\end{array}
$$

where, $j=0,1, \ldots, N$ and $\vartheta=k h$. At the knots, apply the first derivative continuity of spline functions to acquire the following relations:

$$
\begin{equation*}
S_{j-1}-2 S_{j}+S_{j+1}=h^{2}\left[\alpha M_{j-1}+\beta M_{j}+\gamma M_{j+1}\right], \quad j=1,2, \ldots ., N-1 \tag{8}
\end{equation*}
$$

and

$$
\begin{equation*}
s_{j-1}-2 s_{j}+s_{j+1}=h^{2}\left[\alpha m_{j-1}+\beta m_{j}+\gamma m_{j+1}\right], \quad j=1,2, \ldots, N-1, \tag{9}
\end{equation*}
$$

where

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \alpha=\left[\theta e^{\theta}\{\sin (\theta)+\cos (\theta)\}+\sin (\theta)\left(1-2 e^{\theta}\right)\right] / \theta^{2} \sin (\theta), \\
& \beta=\left[2 e^{\theta} \sin (\theta)-\theta e^{\theta}-\theta\{\sin (\theta)+\cos (\theta)\}\right] / \theta^{2} \sin (\theta), \\
& \gamma=[\theta-\sin (\theta)] / \theta^{2} \sin (\theta),
\end{aligned}
$$

Equations (8)-(9) provides us a system of 2 N - 2 linear algebraic equations in the $2 \mathrm{~N}-2$ unknowns $\mathrm{S}_{j}$ and $\mathrm{s}_{\mathrm{j}}$, for $\mathrm{j}=1,2, \ldots \ldots, \mathrm{~N}-1$. As $k \rightarrow 0$, $\alpha=1 / 6, \beta=4 / 6$ and $\gamma=1 / 6$, then our schemes (8)-(9) reduce to the cubic spline scheme [22].
The local truncation errors $T_{1 j}$ and $T_{2 j}$, for $j=1,2, \ldots, N-1$ can be written as:

$$
\begin{equation*}
T_{1 j}=\{1-(\alpha+\beta+\gamma)\} h^{2} u_{j}^{(2)}+(\alpha-\gamma) h^{3} u_{j}^{(3)}+\left\{\frac{1}{12}-\frac{1}{2}(\alpha+\gamma)\right\} h^{4} u_{j}^{(4)}+O\left(h^{5}\right) . \tag{10}
\end{equation*}
$$

and

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mathrm{T}_{2 j}=\{1-(\alpha+\beta+\gamma)\} h^{2} v_{j}^{(2)}+(\alpha-\gamma) h^{3} v_{j}^{(3)}+\left\{\frac{1}{12}-\frac{1}{2}(\alpha+\gamma)\right\} h^{4} v_{j}^{(4)}+O\left(h^{5}\right) . \tag{11}
\end{equation*}
$$

Equation (10) designs the second order methods for various choices of parameters $\alpha, b$ and $\gamma$, where $\alpha+\beta+\gamma=1$ and $\alpha=\gamma$ in the following way:
Case (i): For $\alpha=1 / 6, \beta=4 / 6$ and $\gamma=1-\alpha-\beta$, the truncation error

$$
T_{1 j}=\left(-\frac{1}{12}\right) h^{4} u_{j}^{(4)}+O\left(h^{5}\right) .
$$

Case (ii): For $\alpha=1 / 8, b=6 / 8$, the truncation error

$$
\mathrm{T}_{1 j}=\left(-\frac{1}{24}\right) h^{4} u_{j}^{(4)}+\mathrm{O}\left(h^{5}\right) .
$$

Case (iii): $\alpha=1 / 18, b=16 / 18$, the truncation error

$$
T_{1 j}=\left(\frac{1}{36}\right) h^{4} u_{j}^{(4)}+O\left(h^{5}\right) .
$$

In the same way, we can obtain the truncation errors for scheme (9) by using Eq. (11).

## 3. Composite Non-Polynomial Spline Solution for Linear System of Second Order BVPs

To illustrate the development of an approximation for Eq. (1), first we discretize it and get the following form:

$$
\begin{align*}
& u^{(2)}\left(x_{j}\right)+a_{1}\left(x_{j}\right) u^{\prime}\left(x_{j}\right)+a_{2}\left(x_{j}\right) u\left(x_{j}\right)+a_{3}\left(x_{j}\right) v^{(2)}\left(x_{j}\right)+a_{4}\left(x_{j}\right) v^{\prime}\left(x_{j}\right)+a_{5}\left(x_{j}\right) v\left(x_{j}\right)=f_{1}\left(x_{j}\right) \\
& v^{(2)}\left(x_{j}\right)+b_{1}\left(x_{j}\right) v^{\prime}\left(x_{j}\right)+b_{2}\left(x_{j}\right) v\left(x_{j}\right)+b_{3}\left(x_{j}\right) u^{(2)}\left(x_{j}\right)+b_{4}\left(x_{j}\right) u^{\prime}\left(x_{j}\right)+b_{5}\left(x_{j}\right) u\left(x_{j}\right)=f_{2}\left(x_{j}\right) \tag{12}
\end{align*}
$$

Using Eqs. (6)- (7) replace second derivatives by exponential cubic spline function, which after simplification gives the value of $M_{j}$ and $m_{j}$ :

$$
\begin{equation*}
M_{j}=\left(\frac{1}{1-a_{3} b_{3}}\right)\left[\left(f_{1}-a_{3} f_{2}\right)-\left(a_{1}-a_{3} b_{4}\right) u_{j}^{\prime}-\left(a_{2}-a_{3} b_{5}\right) u_{j}+\left(a_{3} b_{1}-a_{4}\right) v_{j}^{\prime}+\left(a_{3} b_{2}-a_{5}\right) v_{j}\right] ; \tag{13a}
\end{equation*}
$$

and

$$
\begin{equation*}
m_{j}=\left(\frac{1}{1-a_{3} b_{3}}\right)\left[\left(f_{2}-b_{3} f_{1}\right)-\left(b_{1}-b_{3} a_{4}\right) v_{j}^{\prime}-\left(b_{2}-b_{3} a_{5}\right) v_{j}+\left(b_{3} a_{1}-b_{4}\right) u_{j}^{\prime}+\left(b_{3} a_{2}-b_{5}\right) u_{j}\right] ; \tag{13b}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $M_{j}=S^{(2)}\left(x_{j}\right)$ and $m_{j}=s^{(2)}\left(x_{j}\right) ; j=1,2, \ldots ., N-1$. Following Jain [23], approximation of first derivatives of $u$ (and $v$ also) can be written as

$$
\begin{equation*}
u_{j}^{\prime}=\frac{u_{j+1}-u_{j-1}}{2 h} ; \quad u_{j+1}^{\prime}=\frac{3 u_{j+1}-4 u_{j}+u_{j-1}}{2 h} ; \quad u_{j-1}^{\prime}=\frac{-u_{j+1}+4 u_{j}-3 u_{j-1}}{2 h} \tag{14}
\end{equation*}
$$

So, after replacing the terms $M_{j}$ and $m_{j}$ and using Eq. (14) into the schemes (8)-(9), we get the system of equations for $j=1,2, \ldots$., $N-1$. This system can be written into the following matrix form:

$$
\begin{align*}
& \left(A_{0}+h^{2} B_{1} F_{11}+\frac{h}{2} B_{2} F_{12}\right) S+\left(\frac{h}{2} B_{2} F_{13}+h^{2} B_{1} F_{14}\right) s=C_{1} ; \\
& \left(\frac{h}{2} B_{2} F_{23}+h^{2} B_{1} F_{24}\right) S+\left(A_{0}+h^{2} B_{1} F_{21}+\frac{h}{2} B_{2} F_{22}\right) s=C_{2} . \tag{15}
\end{align*}
$$

which can be represented by the matrix equation, such as

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mathrm{AS}_{1}=\mathrm{C}, \tag{16}
\end{equation*}
$$

where matrix $A$ is given by

$$
A=\left[\begin{array}{ll}
A_{11} & A_{12}  \tag{17}\\
A_{21} & A_{22}
\end{array}\right]
$$

Each sub-matrix $A_{11}, A_{12}, A_{21}$ and $A_{22}$ are of order $N-1$, defined as follows:

$$
\begin{array}{ll}
A_{11}=A_{0}+h^{2} B_{1} F_{11}+\frac{h}{2} B_{2} F_{12} ; & A_{12}=\frac{h}{2} B_{2} F_{13}+h^{2} B_{1} F_{14} ; \\
A_{21}=\frac{h}{2} B_{2} F_{23}+h^{2} B_{1} F_{24} ; & A_{22}=A_{0}+h^{2} B_{1} F_{21}+\frac{h}{2} B_{2} F_{22} . \tag{18}
\end{array}
$$

Matrices $C=\left[C_{1}, C_{2}\right]^{\top}$; where $C_{1}=h^{2} B_{1} F_{15}$ and $C_{2}=h^{2} B_{1} F_{25}$.

$$
\mathrm{S}_{\mathrm{l}}=\left[\mathrm{S}_{1}, \mathrm{~S}_{1}, \ldots ., \mathrm{S}_{\mathrm{N}-1}, \mathrm{~S}_{1}, \mathrm{~S}_{1}, \ldots \ldots, \mathrm{~S}_{\mathrm{N}-1}\right]^{\mathrm{T}}
$$

and square matrices $A_{0}, B_{1}$ and $B_{2}$ are given as below

$$
A_{0}=\left[\begin{array}{cccccccc}
-2 & 1 & 0 & & & & \\
1 & -2 & 1 & & & & \\
0 & 1 & -2 & 1 & & & & \\
\ldots & \ldots & \ldots & \ldots & \ldots & \ldots & \ldots \\
\ldots & \ldots & \ldots & \ldots & \ldots & \ldots & \ldots \\
& & & & 1 & -2 & 1 \\
& & & & & 1 & -2
\end{array}\right], \quad B_{1}=\left[\begin{array}{ccccccc}
\beta & \gamma & 0 & & & & \\
\alpha & \beta & \gamma & & & & \\
0 & \alpha & \beta & \gamma & & & \\
\ldots & \ldots & \ldots & \ldots & \ldots & \ldots & \ldots \\
\ldots & \ldots & \ldots & \ldots & \ldots & \ldots & \ldots \\
& & & & \alpha & \beta & \gamma \\
& & & & & \alpha & \beta
\end{array}\right]
$$

$$
\mathrm{B}_{2}=\left[\begin{array}{ccccccc}
4 \alpha-4 \gamma & -\alpha+\beta+3 \gamma & 0 & & & & \\
-3 \alpha-\beta+\gamma & 4 \alpha-4 \gamma & -\alpha+\beta+3 \gamma & & & & \\
0 & -3 \alpha-\beta+\gamma & 4 \alpha-4 \gamma & -\alpha+\beta+3 \gamma & & & \\
\ldots & \ldots & \ldots & \ldots & \ldots & \ldots & \ldots \\
\ldots & \ldots & \ldots & \ldots & \ldots & \ldots & \ldots \\
& & & & & \\
& & & & & -3 \alpha-\beta+\gamma & 4 \alpha-4 \gamma
\end{array}\right] .
$$

Matrices $F_{k}$, for $k=1$ and $l=1,2,3,4,5$ can be defined as follows:

$$
F_{k l}=\left[\begin{array}{ccccccc}
f_{k 1}\left(x_{1}\right) & f_{k l}\left(x_{2}\right) & 0 & 0 & & & \\
f_{k 1}\left(x_{1}\right) & f_{k l}\left(x_{2}\right) & f_{k 1}\left(x_{3}\right) & 0 & & & \\
0 & f_{k 1}\left(x_{2}\right) & f_{k 1}\left(x_{3}\right) & f_{k l}\left(x_{4}\right) & & & \\
\ldots & \ldots & \ldots & \ldots & \ldots & \ldots & \ldots \\
\ldots & \ldots & \ldots & \ldots & \ldots & \ldots & \ldots \\
& & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \ldots & \ldots \\
& & & & & f_{k l}\left(x_{N-2}\right) & f_{k l}\left(x_{N-1}\right)
\end{array}\right],
$$

where the terms used in the above matrices are defined as

$$
\begin{array}{rr}
f_{11}\left(x_{j}\right)=\frac{\left(a_{2}\left(x_{j}\right)-a_{3}\left(x_{j}\right) b_{5}\left(x_{j}\right)\right)}{\varphi\left(x_{j}\right)} ; & f_{12}\left(x_{j}\right)=\frac{\left(a_{1}\left(x_{j}\right)-a_{3}\left(x_{j}\right) b_{4}\left(x_{j}\right)\right)}{\varphi\left(x_{j}\right)} ; \\
f_{13}\left(x_{j}\right)=\frac{\left(a_{4}\left(x_{j}\right)-a_{3}\left(x_{j}\right) b_{1}\left(x_{j}\right)\right)}{\varphi\left(x_{j}\right)} ; & f_{14}\left(x_{j}\right)=\frac{\left(a_{5}\left(x_{j}\right)-a_{3}\left(x_{j}\right) b_{2}\left(x_{j}\right)\right)}{\varphi\left(x_{j}\right)} ; \\
f_{15}\left(x_{j}\right)=\frac{\left(f_{1}\left(x_{j}\right)-a_{3}\left(x_{j}\right) f_{2}\left(x_{j}\right)\right)}{\varphi\left(x_{j}\right)} ; & \text { where }
\end{array} \varphi\left(x_{j}\right)=\left(1-a_{3}\left(x_{j}\right) b_{3}\left(x_{j}\right)\right) ; j=1,2, \ldots, N-1 .
$$

Similarly, matrices $F_{k l}$, for $k=2$ and $l=1,2,3,4,5$ can be defined by swapping the functions $a$ and $b$. For example,

$$
f_{21}\left(x_{j}\right)=\frac{\left(b_{2}\left(x_{j}\right)-b_{3}\left(x_{j}\right) a_{5}\left(x_{j}\right)\right)}{\varphi\left(x_{j}\right)},
$$

and so on. By substituting the value of A and C, simplify the system (15) and we get the tri-diagonal system of linear equations. On solving this system by using any suitable method, the solution matrix is attained. Thus, solution matrix $\mathrm{S}_{\mathrm{l}}$ gives the approximations $S_{j}$ and $s_{j}$ to the solution $u(x)$ and $v(x)$ at the points $x_{1}, x_{2}, \ldots, x_{N-1}$.

## 4. Convergence Analysis

In this section, we examine our developed scheme in terms of convergence. We can write the error equation of the method (15) as

$$
\begin{equation*}
A E=T \text {, } \tag{19}
\end{equation*}
$$

where, $E=\left(\begin{array}{ll}E_{1} & E_{2}\end{array}\right)^{t}$, the error of discretization with $E_{1 j}=u_{j}-S_{j}, E_{2 j}=v_{j}-s_{j}$, where $E=U-S_{1}, U=\left(u_{j}, v_{j}\right)$ and matrix A is according Eq.(17) and $T=\left(T_{1 j} \quad T_{2 j}\right)^{t}$, for $j=1,2, \ldots \ldots, N-1$, the local truncation errors described in eqs. (10)- (11).
Let us assume that $B_{1} F_{i j}$ and $B_{2} F_{i j} \geq 0$ in Eq. (18), for all $i$, $j$. So, the diagonal blocks $A_{11}$ and $A_{22}$ are invertible [24] and hold the following condition

$$
\left(1+d_{2}^{*}\right)\left(1+d_{1^{\prime}}\right)<\left(1+d_{2}^{*}\right)+\left(1+d_{1} \cdot\right),
$$

where,

$$
d_{2}^{*}=\left\|A_{12} A_{22}{ }^{-1}\right\|_{\infty} \text { and } d_{1 *}=\left\|A_{21} A_{11}^{-1}\right\|_{\infty} .
$$

Then matrix A, defined in Eq. (17) is invertible and so $\mathrm{A}^{-1}$ exists. From Eq. (19) and norm inequalities, we have

$$
\begin{equation*}
\|E\| \leq\left\|A^{-1}\right\|\|T\| \tag{20}
\end{equation*}
$$

where matrix $\left\|A^{-1}\right\|$ satisfies the following condition, according to Gil [24]

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left\|A^{-1}\right\| \leq \frac{\max \left(\left\|A_{11}{ }^{-1}\right\|\| \| A_{22}{ }^{-1} \|\right) \cdot\left(1+d_{2}{ }^{*}\right)\left(1+d_{1^{\cdot}}\right)}{\left(1+d_{2}{ }^{*}\right)+\left(1+d_{1} \cdot\right)-\left(1+d_{2}^{*}\right)\left(1+d_{1} \cdot\right)} . \tag{21}
\end{equation*}
$$

As $\|T\| \leq O\left(h^{4}\right)$ and from the classifications of the matrices $A_{k} ; k, l=1,2$ defined in Eq. (18), we can have

$$
\begin{equation*}
\|E\| \leq O\left(h^{2}\right) . \tag{22}
\end{equation*}
$$

From above, it follows that $\|E\| \rightarrow 0$ as $h \rightarrow 0$. So we can conclude that method (15) is second order convergent.

## 5. Stability Analysis

Here, we will check the stability of our scheme (15) when applied to system (1)-(2). Introducing the separate perturbations $\delta u(x)$ and $\delta v(x)$ in the given system suppose the errors $e_{j}$ and $e_{k}$ have been occurred in the calculation of A and C respectively specified in Eq. (16). Let $\mathrm{S}_{1}{ }^{*}$ be the solution of the perturbed system, then the above system (16) can be written as

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left(\mathrm{A}+e_{\mathrm{j}}\right) \mathrm{S}_{1}^{*}=\mathrm{C}+e_{k} \tag{23}
\end{equation*}
$$

Let $A$ is non-singular and also assume that

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left\|e_{j}\right\|<\left(\frac{1}{2\left\|A^{-1}\right\|}\right), \tag{24}
\end{equation*}
$$

Then, $\mathrm{A}+e_{i}$ is also non-singular and

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left\|\left(A+e_{j}\right)^{-1}\right\| \leq 2\left\|A^{-1}\right\| . \tag{25}
\end{equation*}
$$

From (16) and (23), it follows that

$$
\begin{equation*}
S_{1}-S_{1}^{*}=\left(A+e_{j}\right)^{-1}\left(e_{j} S_{1}-e_{k}\right) \tag{26}
\end{equation*}
$$

Also, from the definition of norm

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left\|A^{-1}\right\|_{\infty} \leq\left[\min _{0 \leq j \leq N}\left(\left|a_{j, k}\right|-\sum_{j \neq k} \mid a_{j, k}\right)\right]^{-1}=w(\text { say })<\infty \tag{27}
\end{equation*}
$$

So, from (25), (26) and (27), we can have

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left\|S_{1}-S_{1}^{*}\right\|_{\infty}<2 w\left\{\left\|e_{j}\right\|_{\infty}\left\|S_{1}\right\|_{\infty}+\left\|e_{k}\right\|_{\infty}\right\}, \tag{28}
\end{equation*}
$$

which shows that our scheme is stable.

## 6. Results and Discussions

To show the usefulness of our developed spline based scheme, we have solved three problems of linear system of secondorder BVPs. All computations, for these problems were carried out using Matlab software.

### 6.1 Problem 1

$$
\begin{gather*}
u^{(2)}(x)+x u(x)+x v(x)=f_{1}(x), \\
v^{(2)}(x)+2 x v(x)+x u(x)=f_{2}(x), \tag{29}
\end{gather*}
$$

subject to BCs

$$
u(0)=u(1)=0, v(0)=v(1)=0, \text { where } 0<x<1, f_{1}(x)=2 \text { and } f_{1}(x)=-2 .
$$

The theoretical solution for $u(x)$ and $v(x)$ are given by

$$
\begin{equation*}
u(x)=x^{2}-x ; v(x)=x-x^{2} . \tag{30}
\end{equation*}
$$

Numerical solution acquired by our method for two different choices of $\alpha, \beta$ and $\nu$ are given in Table 1 for $N=21$. Table 1 confirms that our method gives better accuracy than the methods obtained in [11] and [13].

Table 1. Maximum Absolute Errors for Problem 1 ( $\mathrm{N}=21$ ).

| Table 1. Maximum Absed |  | $u(x)$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Our Method <br> $(\alpha=\gamma=1 / 6, b=4 / 6)$ <br> Our Method <br> $(\alpha=\gamma=1 / 8, b=6 / 8)$ | $3.3 \times 10^{-16}$ | $6.6 \times 10^{-16}$ |
| B-spline method[11] <br> Extended cubic B-spline <br> method [13] | $3.0 \times 10^{-16}$ | $1.1 \times 10^{-16}$ |



Fig. 2 (a) \& (b). Comparison of approximate values and exact values for Problem 1 at $\mathrm{N}=21$.

Table 2. Maximum absolute errors, Problem 2.

|  | $N=50$ |  | $N=100$ |  | $N=200$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Our Method | $u(x)$ | $v(x)$ | $u(x)$ | $v(x)$ | $u(x)$ | $v(x)$ |
| $\alpha=\gamma=1 / 6,8=4 / 6$ | $1.20 \times 10^{-3}$ | $3.07 \times 10^{-4}$ | $7.77 \times 10^{-5}$ | $7.77 \times 10^{-5}$ | $3.07 \times 10^{-4}$ | $8.94 \times 10^{-6}$ |
| $\alpha=\gamma=1 / 8,8=6 / 8$ | $1.20 \times 10^{-3}$ | $2.78 \times 10^{-5}$ | $3.07 \times 10^{-4}$ | $7.09 \times 10^{-6}$ | $7.77 \times 10^{-5}$ | $1.78 \times 10^{-6}$ |
| $\alpha=\gamma=1 / 18,8=16 / 18$ | $1.22 \times 10^{-3}$ | $1.68 \times 10^{-5}$ | $3.09 \times 10^{-4}$ | $4.31 \times 10^{-6}$ | $7.80 \times 10^{-5}$ | $1.09 \times 10^{-6}$ |
|  | $N=21$ |  | $N=41$ |  | $N=61$ |  |
|  | $u(x)$ | $v(x)$ | $u(x)$ | $v(x)$ | $u(x)$ | $v(x)$ |
| $\begin{gathered} \text { Our Method } \\ \alpha=\gamma=1 / 18,8=16 / 18 \end{gathered}$ | $6.58 \times 10^{-3}$ | $8.77 \times 10^{-5}$ | $1.80 \times 10^{-3}$ | $2.47 \times 10^{-5}$ | $8.25 \times 10^{-4}$ | $1.14 \times 10^{-5}$ |
| B-spline method <br> [11] | $1.89 \times 10^{-3}$ | $9.60 \times 10^{-5}$ | $4.74 \times 10^{-4}$ | $2.40 \times 10^{-5}$ | $2.10 \times 10^{-4}$ | $1.07 \times 10^{-5}$ |




Fig. 3 (a) \& (b). Comparison of approximate values and exact values for Problem 2 at $\mathrm{N}=61$.

### 6.2 Problem 2

$$
\begin{gather*}
u^{(2)}(x)+(2 x-1) u^{(1)}(x)+\cos (\pi x) v^{(1)}(x)=f_{1}(x),  \tag{31}\\
v^{(2)}(x)+x u(x)=f_{2}(x),
\end{gather*}
$$

subject to BCs

$$
\begin{gathered}
u(0)=u(1)=0, v(0)=v(1)=0, \text { where } 0<x<1 \\
f_{1}(x)=-\pi^{2} \sin (\pi x)+(2 x-1)(\pi+1) \cos (\pi x) \text { and } f_{2}(x)=2+x \sin (\pi x)
\end{gathered}
$$

The exact solution for $u(x)$ and $v(x)$ are

$$
\begin{equation*}
u(x)=\sin (\pi x), v(x)=x^{2}-x \tag{32}
\end{equation*}
$$

The maximum absolute error and its comparison with B-spline method [11] for problem 2 are summarized in Table 2, at different values of $N$.

### 6.3 Problem 3

$$
\begin{align*}
& u^{(2)}(x)+u^{(1)}(x)+x u(x)+v^{(1)}(x)+2 x v(x)=f_{1}(x) \\
& u^{(2)}(x)+v(x)+2 u^{(1)}(x)+x^{2} u(x)=f_{2}(x) \tag{33}
\end{align*}
$$

subject to BCs

$$
\begin{gathered}
u(0)=u(1)=0, v(0)=v(1)=0, \text { where } 0<x<1, \\
f_{1}(x)=-2(x+1) \cos (x)+\pi \cos (\pi x)+2 x \sin (\pi x)+\left(4 x-2 x^{2}-4\right) \sin (x) \text { and } \\
f_{2}(x)=-4(x-1) \cos (x)-2\left(2-x^{2}+x^{3}\right) \sin (x)-\left(\pi^{2}-1\right) \sin (\pi x)
\end{gathered}
$$

The exact solution for $u(x)$ and $v(x)$ are

$$
\begin{equation*}
u(x)=2(1-x) \sin (\pi x), \quad v(x)=\sin (\pi x) \tag{34}
\end{equation*}
$$

The maximum absolute errors for problem 3 are summarized in Table 3-4, at different values of $N$ with comparison of results given in [3] and [4]. Thus, if we look at the results given in Tables 1-4, it is clear that our non-polynomial spline based method is convergent as accuracy improves, when we increase the number of mesh points. Our method is quite comparable with the methods suggested in [3], [4] and [11]. Even, for problem 1 our method gives pretty much better results than B-spline method proposed in [11] and [13]. Figures 2-4 have been depicted to demonstrate the numerical results for problems 1-3, respectively.

Table 3. Maximum absolute errors, Problem 3 ( $\mathrm{N}=25$ ).

| Reproducing kernel space <br> $[3]$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $x$ | $u(x)$ | $v(x)$ | Sinc-collocation method $[4]$ |  | Our method <br> $(\alpha=\gamma=1 / 6,8=4 / 6)$ |  |
| 0.08 | $3.3 \times 10^{-3}$ | $7.7 \times 10^{-3}$ | $3.2 \times 10^{-3}$ | $1.5 \times 10^{-3}$ | $5.4 \times 10^{-3}$ | $3.9 \times 10^{-3}$ |
| 0.24 | $7.7 \times 10^{-3}$ | $2.2 \times 10^{-2}$ | $9.4 \times 10^{-4}$ | $7.0 \times 10^{-3}$ | $1.3 \times 10^{-3}$ | $8.5 \times 10^{-4}$ |
| 0.40 | $9.7 \times 10^{-3}$ | $2.7 \times 10^{-2}$ | $2.0 \times 10^{-3}$ | $7.4 \times 10^{-3}$ | $1.7 \times 10^{-3}$ | $1.3 \times 10^{-3}$ |
| 0.56 | $9.5 \times 10^{-3}$ | $2.7 \times 10^{-2}$ | $2.2 \times 10^{-4}$ | $1.0 \times 10^{-2}$ | $4.1 \times 10^{-3}$ | $2.9 \times 10^{-3}$ |
| 0.72 | $7.3 \times 10^{-3}$ | $2.0 \times 10^{-2}$ | $4.1 \times 10^{-3}$ | $4.4 \times 10^{-3}$ | $5.9 \times 10^{-3}$ | $4.0 \times 10^{-3}$ |
| 088 | $3.4 \times 10^{-3}$ | $9.4 \times 10^{-3}$ | $1.0 \times 10^{-2}$ | $2.1 \times 10^{-2}$ | $7.0 \times 10^{-3}$ | $4.7 \times 10^{-3}$ |
| 0.96 | $1.1 \times 10^{-3}$ | $3.1 \times 10^{-3}$ | $2.1 \times 10^{-3}$ | $6.9 \times 10^{-3}$ | $7.3 \times 10^{-3}$ | $5.0 \times 10^{-3}$ |

Table 4. Maximum absolute errors, Problem 3.

|  | $N=50$ |  | $N=100$ | $v(x)$ | $u(x)$ | $v(x)$ |
| :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | :---: |
| Our Method | $u(x)$ | $v(x)$ | $u(x)$ |  | $N=200$ |  |
| $\alpha=\gamma=1 / 6,8=4 / 6$ | $1.8 \times 10^{-3}$ | $1.4 \times 10^{-3}$ | $4.8 \times 10^{-4}$ | $3.7 \times 10^{-4}$ | $1.2 \times 10^{-4}$ | $9.6 \times 10^{-5}$ |




Fig. 4 (a) \& (b): Comparison of approximate values and exact values for Problem 3 at $\mathrm{N}=100$

## 7. Conclusions

In this paper, a non-polynomial cubic spline-based method was proposed to find the approximation to the solution of a linear system of second-order BVPs. Convergence and stability analysis of the method were also discussed. It was verified by the numerical results that the problems were solved by the proposed approach effectively. This method is simple and produced commendable results when compared with the methods given in ([11], [13], and others) available in the literature. Our paper could contribute remarkably to this field as it leads to the possibility to apply non-polynomial spline functions as a robust tool to approximate the system of BVPs. This work can be extended to improve the existing computational error in the field of approximation of systems of different order of BVPs and, of course, to solve non-linear problems too.

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