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The differential equation of a physical phenomenon is given by  
 $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 500x^2 = 0, 0 \leq x \leq 1$ , Trial function  $y = a_1(x - x^3) + a_2(x - x^5)$ , Calculate the value of parameters,  $a_1$  and  $a_2$ . By the following methods. (i) Point collocation method (ii) Sub-domain collocation method (iii) Least Square Method and (iv) Galerkin's method. Boundary condition are,  $y(0) = 0, y(1) = 0$

Given: Differential equation

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 500x^2 = 0, 0 \leq x \leq 1$$

Trial function,  $y = a_1(x - x^3) + a_2(x - x^5)$

Boundary condition are  $y(0) = 0, y(1) = 0$

To find: The value of the parameter  $a_1$  and  $a_2$  by

- (i) point collocation method
- (ii) Subdomain collocation method
- (iii) Least Squares method
- (iv) Galerkin's method

Sol: First we have to verify, whether the trial function satisfies the boundary conditions or not.  
Trial function is  $y = a_1(x - x^3) + a_2(x - x^5)$   
When  $x = 0, y = 0$        $x = 1, y = 0$

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Hence it satisfies the boundary conditions.

$$\text{Residual, } R: y = a_1(x-x^3) + a_2(x-x^5)$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = a_1(1-3x^2) + a_2(1-5x^4)$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = a_1(-6x) + a_2(-20x^3)$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = -6a_1x - 20a_2x^3$$

Substitute  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$  value in given differential equation (1)

$$\Rightarrow \text{Residual, } R = -6a_1x - 20a_2x^3 + 500x^2$$

The interval 0 to 1 is divided into two domains 0 to  $\frac{1}{2}$  and  $\frac{1}{2}$  to 1.

(i) point collocation: In point collocation method residual are set to zero.

$$\Rightarrow R = -6a_1x - 20a_2x^3 + 500x^2 = 0 \rightarrow \textcircled{3}$$

Domain (i): Limit is 0 to  $\frac{1}{2}$ , In domain (1), we can choose an arbitrary point. Let it be  $\frac{1}{5}$ .



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So, put  $x = \frac{1}{3}$  in equation (3)

$$R = -6a_1 \left[ \frac{1}{3} \right] - 20a_2 \left[ \frac{1}{3} \right]^3 + 500 \left[ \frac{1}{3} \right]^2 = 0$$

$$-2a_1 - \frac{20}{27} a_2 + \frac{500}{9} = 0$$

$$-2a_1 - 0.741a_2 = -55.55$$

$$2a_1 + 0.741a_2 = 55.55$$

$$a_1 + 0.3705a_2 = 27.775 \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

Domain (2): Limit in  $\frac{1}{2}$  to 1: In domain (2) we can choose  $x = \frac{2}{3}$  and substituting the same in equation (3).

$$R = -6a_1 \left[ \frac{2}{3} \right] - 20a_2 \left[ \frac{2}{3} \right]^3 + 500 \left[ \frac{2}{3} \right]^2 = 0$$

$$-4a_1 - 20a_2 \times \frac{8}{27} + 50 \times \frac{4}{9} = 0$$

$$-4a_1 - 5.925a_2 + 222.22 = 0$$

$$4a_1 + 5.925a_2 = 222.22$$

$$a_1 + 1.481a_2 = 55.555 \quad \text{--- (5)}$$

Solving equation (4) & (5),

$$-a_1 - 0.3705a_2 = -27.775$$

$$a_1 + 1.481a_2 = 55.555$$

$$1.111a_2 = 27.78$$

$$a_2 = 27.78 / 1.111 \Rightarrow a_2 = 25$$



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Substitute  $a_2$  Value in equation (4) or (5).

$$(5) \Rightarrow a_1 + 1.481(25) = 55.555$$

$$a_1 + 37.025 = 55.555$$

$$a_1 = 18.53$$

Hence the trial function is,  $y = 18.53(x-x^3) + 25(x-x^5)$

(ii) Sub domain Collocation:

This method requires,  $\int_0^1 R dx = 0$

The interval 0 to 1 is divided into two domain 0 to  $\frac{1}{2}$  and  $\frac{1}{2}$  to 1

For domain (1)  $\int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} R dx = 0$

Substitute R value,

$$\int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} [-6a_1x - 20a_2x^3 + 500x^2] dx = 0$$

$$-6a_1 \left[ \frac{x^2}{2} \right]_0^{\frac{1}{2}} - 20a_2 \left[ \frac{x^4}{4} \right]_0^{\frac{1}{2}} + 500 \left[ \frac{x^3}{3} \right]_0^{\frac{1}{2}} = 0$$

$$-6a_1 \left[ \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 - 0 \right] - \frac{20a_2}{4} \left[ \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^4 - 0 \right] + \frac{500}{3} \left[ \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 - 0 \right] = 0$$

$$-\frac{6a_1}{8} - \frac{20a_2}{64} + \frac{500}{24} = 0$$

$$-0.75a_1 - 0.3125a_2 + 20.83 = 0$$

$$0.75a_1 + 0.3125a_2 = 20.83$$

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$$a_1 + 0.4166a_2 = 27.773 \quad \text{--- (6)}$$

For domain (2)  $\int_{1/2}^1 R dx = 0$

Substitute R value  $x^{1/2}$

$$\int_{1/2}^1 [-6a_1x - 20a_2x^3 + 500x^2] dx = 0$$

$$-6a_1 \left[ \frac{x^2}{2} \right]_{1/2}^1 - 20a_2 \left[ \frac{x^4}{4} \right]_{1/2}^1 + 500 \left[ \frac{x^3}{3} \right]_{1/2}^1 = 0$$

$$-\frac{6a_1}{2} \left[ 1 - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 \right] - \frac{20a_2}{4} \left[ 1 - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^4 \right] + \frac{500}{3} \left[ 1 - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 \right] = 0$$

$$-6a_1 [0.75] - \frac{20a_2}{4} [0.9375] + \frac{500}{3} [0.875] = 0$$

$$-2.25a_1 - 4.6875a_2 + 145.83 = 0$$

$$2.25a_1 + 4.6875a_2 = 145.83$$

$$a_1 + 2.083a_2 = 64.813 \quad \text{--- (7)}$$

Solving equation (6) & (7)

$$-a_1 - 0.4166a_2 = -27.773$$

$$a_1 + 2.083a_2 = 64.813$$

$$1.6664a_2 = 37.04$$

$$a_2 = 22.23$$



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Substitute  $a_2$  value in equation (6) (or) 7.

$$\textcircled{7} \Rightarrow a_1 + 2 \cdot 0.83 (22 \cdot 23) = 64.813$$

$$a_1 + 46.305 = 64.813$$

$$a_1 = 18.50$$

Hence the trial function is,

$$y = 18.50 (x - x^3) + 22.23 (x - x^5)$$

(iii) **Least Squares method**

This method requires  $I = \int_0^1 R^2 dx$

It can be written as  $\frac{\partial I}{\partial a_1} = \int_0^1 R \frac{\partial R}{\partial a_1} dx \dots \textcircled{8}$

For domain (1)  $\frac{\partial I}{\partial a_1} = \int_0^{1/2} R \frac{\partial R}{\partial a_1} dx \dots \textcircled{9}$

We know that,  $R = -6a_1x - 20a_2x^3 + 500x^2$

$$\frac{\partial R}{\partial a_1} = -6x \quad \rightarrow \text{Substitute } R, \text{ and } \frac{\partial R}{\partial a_1} \text{ values in equation } \textcircled{9}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial I}{\partial a_1} = \int_0^{1/2} (-6a_1x - 20a_2x^3 + 500x^2) (-6x) dx$$

The requirement is  $\frac{\partial I}{\partial a_1} = 0$



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$$\int_0^{1/2} [-6a_1x - 20a_2x^3 + 5000x^2](-60x) dx = 0$$

$$\int_0^{1/2} [-36a_1x^2 + 120a_2x^4 - 3000x^3] dx = 0$$

$$\frac{36a_1}{3} \left[ \frac{x^3}{3} \right]_0^{1/2} + 120a_2 \left[ \frac{x^5}{5} \right]_0^{1/2} - 3000 \left[ \frac{x^4}{4} \right]_0^{1/2} = 0$$

$$\frac{36a_1}{3} \left[ \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 - 0 \right] + \frac{120a_2}{5} \left[ \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^5 - 0 \right] - 3000 \left[ \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^4 - 0 \right] = 0$$

$$12a_1 \left[ \frac{1}{8} \right] + 24a_2 \left[ \frac{1}{32} \right] - 750 \left[ \frac{1}{16} \right] = 0$$

$$1.5a_1 + 0.75a_2 = 46.875$$

$$a_1 + 0.5a_2 = 31.25 \quad \text{--- (10)}$$

For domain (2)  $\frac{\partial I}{\partial a_2} = \int_{1/2}^1 R \frac{\partial R}{\partial a_2} dx$  --- (11)

we know that,  $R = -6a_1x - 20a_2x^3 + 5000x^2$

$$\frac{\partial R}{\partial a_2} = -20x^3$$

Substitute R and  $\frac{\partial R}{\partial a_2}$  values in equation (11)

$$\frac{\partial I}{\partial a_2} = 0 \Rightarrow \int_{1/2}^1 [-6a_1x - 20a_2x^3 + 5000x^2] [-20x^3] dx = 0$$

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$$\int_{\frac{1}{2}}^1 [-6a_1x - 20a_2x^3 + 500x^2] [-20x^3] = 0$$
$$\int_{\frac{1}{2}}^1 [20a_1x^4 + 400a_2x^6 - 1000x^5] = 0$$
$$\frac{1}{2} \left[ 120a_1 \left[ \frac{x^5}{5} \right]_{\frac{1}{2}}^1 + 400a_2 \left[ \frac{x^7}{7} \right]_{\frac{1}{2}}^1 - 1000 \left[ \frac{x^6}{6} \right]_{\frac{1}{2}}^1 \right] = 0$$
$$\frac{120a_1}{5} \left[ (1)^5 - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^5 \right] + \frac{400a_2}{7} \left[ (1)^7 - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^7 \right] - \frac{1000}{6} \left[ (1)^6 - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^6 \right] = 0$$
$$24a_1 [1 - 0.03125] + 57.142a_2 [1 - 0.00781] - 1666.66 [1 - 0.01562] = 0$$
$$23.25a_1 + 56.695a_2 - 1640.626 = 0$$
$$23.25a_1 + 56.695a_2 = 1640.626$$
$$a_1 + 2.438a_2 = 70.564 \quad \dots (12)$$

Solving equation (10) and (12)

$$-a_1 - 0.5a_2 = -31.25$$
$$a_1 + 2.438a_2 = 70.564$$

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$$1.938a_2 = 39.314$$
$$a_2 = 20.28$$

Substitute  $a_2$  Value in equation (10) and (12)

$$(10) \rightarrow a_1 + 0.5(20.28) = 31.25 \rightarrow a_1 = 21.11$$

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Hence the trial function is  
 $y = 21.11(x-x^3) + 20.28(x-x^5)$

[iv] Galerkin's Method:

In this method, the trial function itself is considered as the weighting function

$$\int_0^1 w_i R dx = 0$$

For domain (1):  $\int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} w_i R dx = 0$  — (13)

Here, the trial function is,  $y = w_1 = x - x^3$

Residual, R value is,  $R = -6a_1x - 20a_2x^3 + 500x^2$

Substitute  $w_i$  and R values in equation (13)

$$\int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} (x-x^3) (-6a_1x - 20a_2x^3 + 500x^2) dx = 0$$

$$\int_0^{\frac{1}{2}} [-6a_1x^2 - 20a_2x^4 + 500x^3 + 6a_1x^4 + 20a_2x^6 - 500x^5] dx = 0$$

$$-6a_1 \left[ \frac{x^3}{3} \right]_0^{\frac{1}{2}} - 20a_2 \left[ \frac{x^5}{5} \right]_0^{\frac{1}{2}} + 500 \left[ \frac{x^4}{4} \right]_0^{\frac{1}{2}} + 6a_1 \left[ \frac{x^5}{5} \right]_0^{\frac{1}{2}} +$$

$$20a_2 \left[ \frac{x^7}{7} \right]_0^{\frac{1}{2}} - 500 \left[ \frac{x^6}{6} \right]_0^{\frac{1}{2}} = 0$$



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$$-2a_1 \left[ \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 - 0 \right] - 4a_2 \left[ \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^5 - 0 \right] + 125 \left[ \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^4 - 0 \right] + 1.92a_1 \left[ \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^5 - 0 \right] + 2.857a_2 \left[ \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^7 - 0 \right] - 83.33 \left[ \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^6 - 0 \right] = 0$$

$$-2a_1 (0.125) - 4a_2 (0.03125) + 125 (0.0625) + 1.92a_1 (0.03125) + 2.857a_2 (0.00781) - 83.33 (0.0156) = 0$$

$$-0.25a_1 - 0.125a_2 + 7.8125 + 0.0375a_1 + 0.0223a_2 - 1.299 = 0$$

$$-0.2125a_1 - 0.1027a_2 + 6.5135 = 0$$

$$0.2125a_1 + 0.1027a_2 = 6.5135$$

$$a_1 + 0.4832a_2 = 30.651 \quad \text{--- (14)}$$

For domain (2)  $\int_{1/2}^1 w_2^2 dx = 0$  --- (15)

Here, the trial function is  $y = w_2 = (x - 25)$

$$R = -6a_1 x - 20a_2 x^3 + 500x^2$$

Substitute  $w_2$  and  $R$  values in eq (15)

$$\int_{1/2}^1 (x - x^5) [-6a_1 x - 20a_2 x^3 + 500x^2] dx = 0$$

$$\int_{1/2}^1 -6a_1 x^2 - 20a_2 x^4 + 500x^3 + 6a_1 x^6 + 20a_2 x^8 - 500x dx = 0$$



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$$\begin{aligned}
 & -6a_1 \left[ \frac{x^3}{3} \right]_{\frac{1}{2}} - 20a_2 \left[ \frac{x^5}{5} \right]_{\frac{1}{2}} + 500 \left[ \frac{x^4}{4} \right]_{\frac{1}{2}} + 6a_1 \left[ \frac{x^7}{7} \right]_{\frac{1}{2}} + \\
 & 20a_2 \left[ \frac{x^9}{9} \right]_{\frac{1}{2}} - 500 \left[ \frac{x^8}{8} \right]_{\frac{1}{2}} = 0 \\
 & -2a_1 \left[ 1 - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 \right] - 4a_2 \left[ 1 - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^5 \right] + 1.25 \left[ 1 - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^4 \right] + \\
 & 0.857a_1 \left[ 1 - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^7 \right] + 2.22a_2 \left[ 1 - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^9 \right] - 62.5 \left[ 1 - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^8 \right] = 0 \\
 & -1.75a_1 - 3.875a_2 + 117.187 + 0.850a_1 \\
 & + 2.0215a_2 - 62.255 = 0 \\
 & -0.9a_1 - 1.659a_2 + 54.932 = 0 \\
 & 0.9a_1 + 1.659a_2 = 54.932 \quad (14) \\
 & a_1 + 1.843a_2 = 61.033 \quad (16)
 \end{aligned}$$

Solving equation (14) and (16)

$$\begin{aligned}
 -a_1 - 0.4832a_2 &= -30.651 \\
 a_1 + 1.843a_2 &= 61.035 \\
 \hline
 1.3598a_2 &= 30.384 \\
 a_2 &= 22.34
 \end{aligned}$$

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Substitute  $a_2$  value in equation (16)

$$a_1 + 10.843(22.34) = 61.035$$

$$a_1 + 41.173 = 61.035$$

$$a_1 = 19.862$$

Hence the trial function is

$$y = 19.862(x-x^3) + 22.34(x-x^5)$$

Result:

	$a_1$	$a_2$
(i) point collocation	18.53	25
(ii) Subdomain collocation	18.50	22.23
(iii) Least Squares method	21.11	20.28
(iv) Galerkin's method	19.862	22.34

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