# A residual method using Bézier curves for singular nonlinear equations of Lane-Emden type

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#### Abstract

In this article, we introduce a new method to solve a singular non-linear equation of the Lane-Emden type by approximating the solution with Bernstein polynomials. This method is based on the minimization of a residual function using Taylor's series expansion. We also apply this method to problems that are solved by other methods and the obtained results show that our method is efficient, applicable and has great potential than others.

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#### 1. Introduction

We consider the following singular non-linear Lane-Emden equation

$$y'' + \frac{a}{x}y' + f(x, y) = g(x), \quad 0 < x < b,$$
  
$$y(0) = \alpha, \quad y'(0) = \beta,$$
 (1)

where the prescribed function g(x), which represents the source term, is sufficiently smooth;  $f \in C^{n-1}([a, b] \times D_1), D_1$  is a closed interval in  $\mathbb{R}$ and  $a, b, \alpha$ , and  $\beta$  are finite constants.

Lane-Emden type equations are frequently encountered in various physical phenomena such as reactant concentration in a chemical reactor, boundary layer theory, control and optimization theory, flow networks in biology, some areas of astrophysics, the thermal behaviour of a spherical cloud of gas, isothermal gas spheres, and the theory of thermionic currents. But the solutions of (1) neither exists, nor are so practical except for some spe cial cases. So, improving both analytical and numerical schemes for finding the solution becomes very important. So, far many methods have been developed to provide accurate numerical solutions as in Bengochea (2014), Marzban et al. (2008), Parand et al. (2010), Turkyilmazoglu (2013), Wang et al. (2014), Wazwaz (2001), Wazwaz (2014), Kajani et al. (2012) and Yüzbaşı (2011).

Most of them reduce initial value problems to a non-linear system of equations, which require another approximation technique in their solutions and they also need to guarantee the convergence. But our method reduces the initial value problem to linear systems of equation, so that the results give us the unknown Bernstein coefficients of the approximate solution on the subintervals. This creates significant advantage for our method. So, we get an iterative method by dividing a given interval [a, b] into subintervals. Also, we can control the bound of error with respect to step size, instead of degree of approximation curve. On each subinterval, we write an initial value problem, whose initial conditions are obtained from the approximate solution on the previous subinterval by constructing Bezier curves with unknown control points. Our goal is to determine the control points in order to minimize the residual. Finally, we get a piecewise approximate solution in the space  $C^1[a, b]$ .

This technique provides us a lower triangular system with nonzero diagonals. So, most of for Let the non-linear problems can be solved linearly using this technique. The Bernstein polynomials give a preference to the approximate solutions of differential equations as a consequence of these nice properties. Some examples of these type of approximations can be found in Evrenosoglu & Somali (2008), Ghomanjani *et al.* (2012), Wu (2012) and Zheng *et al.* (2004).

The organization of this paper is as follows.

In Section 2 we suggest new technique for the second order non-linear initial value problems using the Bernstein polynomials. Section 3 presents application of the proposed method to the Lane-Emden type equations. The error analysis of this method for the Bernstein polynomials is given in Section 4. In Section 5, three problems are presented by the numerical results to verify the theoretical results in Section 4. Finally, in section of conclusion, we summarize the results of the study and present our suggestions regarding the future works.

# **2.** Residual method for second order nonlinear initial value problems

Consider the initial value problem

$$y'' = F(x, y, y'), \quad y(a) = \alpha, \quad y'(a) = \beta,$$
 (2)

where  $F \in C^{n-1}([a, b] \times D_1 \times D_2)$ ,  $D_1$  and  $D_2$  are the closed intervals in  $\mathbb{R}$  and a, b,  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are finite constants. Let us divide the interval [a, b] into subintervals  $[a_{i-1}, a_i]$  with equal length, where  $a_i = a + ih$ , i = 0, 1, ..., N, h = (b-a)/N, N is a positive integer. So, we can define the initial value problem (2) piecewisely as

$$y_i''(x) = F(x, y_i(x), y_i'(x)), \quad x \in S_i = [a_{i-1}, a_i],$$
(3)

for 
$$1 \le i \le N$$
 and  
 $y_1(a_0) = \alpha, \quad y'_1(a_0) = \beta,$   
 $y'_i(a_{i-1}) = y'_{i-1}(a_{i-1}), \quad y'_i(a_{i-1}) = y'_{i-1}(a_{i-1}),$ 
(4)

for  $2 \leq i \leq N$ .

$$u_i(x) = \sum_{j=0}^n c_j^i B_j^n \left(\frac{x - a_{i-1}}{h}\right)$$
(5)

be a  $n^{\text{th}}$  degree Bezier curve over  $S_i$ , where

$$B_{j}^{n}\left(\frac{x-a_{i-1}}{h}\right) = \binom{n}{j}\frac{1}{h^{n}}(x-a_{i-1})^{j}(a_{i}-x)^{n-j}$$

are the Bernstein polynomials over the interval  $S_i$  and  $c_j^i$  are the unknown control points to be determined. So, we have (n + 1) unknown control points for  $u_i(x)$  over the interval  $S_i$ .

Equations (4), initial conditions, should be applied to the approximate solution, that is

$$u_1(a_0) = \alpha, \qquad u'_1(a_0) = \beta,$$
 (6)

$$u_i(a_{i-1}) = u_{i-1}(a_{i-1}), \quad u'_i(a_{i-1}) = u'_{i-1}(a_{i-1}), \quad (7)$$

for  $2 \le i \le N$ . Thus, we provided that the continuity of the first derivative of the approximate solution

$$u(x) = u_i(x) \qquad x \in S_i, \tag{8}$$

which means that  $u(x) \in C^1[a, b]$ .

By the derivation property of the Bezier curves at the end points and Equations (6) and (7), we have

$$c_0^1 = \alpha, \quad c_1^1 = \beta \frac{h}{n} + \alpha,$$

$$c_0^i = c_n^{i-1}, \quad c_1^i = 2c_n^{i-1} - c_{n-1}^{i-1}$$
(9)

for i = 2, ..., N. After that we have (n - 1) unknown control points for each subinterval  $S_i$ .

Substituting Equation (5) into the differential equation (3) for i = 1, ..., N, we have the piecewise residual function

$$R(x) = R_i(x) \qquad x \in S_i,$$

where

$$R_i(x) = u''_i(x) - F(x, u_i(x), u'_i(x)), \quad x \in S_i.$$

Our aim is to determine such unknown control points  $c_j^i$  so that the sufficiently differentiable residual function  $R_i(x)$  will be minimum in the interval  $S_i$ . To this end, we force the first (n-1) terms in the Taylor expansion of  $R_i(x)$  to be zero at  $x = a_{i-1}$ , i.e.,

$$R_i^{(k)}(a_{i-1}) = 0$$
 for  $k = 0, \dots, n-2.$  (10)

Since

$$R_i(a_{i-1}) = u_i''(a_{i-1}) - F(a_{i-1}, u_i(a_{i-1}), u_i'(a_{i-1})),$$

using the derivative property of the Bezier curves at the end points given in Equations (9), we have the following linear equation

$$\frac{n(n-1)}{h^2} (c_2^i - 2c_1^i + c_0^i) - F\left(a_{i-1}, c_0^i, \frac{n}{h} (c_1^i - c_0^i)\right) = 0.$$
<sup>(11)</sup>

Likewise, the rest of Equation (10)

$$R_i^{(k)}(a_{i-1}) = u_i^{(k+2)}(a_{i-1}) -F^{(k)}(a_{i-1}, u_i(a_{i-1}), u_i'(a_{i-1})) = 0,$$

for  $k = 1, \ldots, n-2$  becomes

$$\frac{n(n-1)\dots(n-k+1)}{h^{k+2}}\Delta^{k+2}c_0^i - F^{(k)}\left(a_{i-1},c_0^i,\frac{n}{h}(c_1^i-c_0^i)\right) = 0,$$
(12)

where

$$F^{(k)}(x,y,z) = \frac{\partial^k}{\partial x^k} F(x,y,z)$$

and

$$\Delta^{k+2}c_0^i = \sum_{j=0}^{k+2} \binom{k+2}{j} (-1)^{k+2-i} c_j^i$$

So, we solve  $c_2^i, \ldots, c_n^i$  from the above lower triangular system of linear equations (11) and (12), hence, we obtain the approximate solution  $u_i(x)$  such that  $R_i(x)$  will be minimum in  $S_i$  for  $i = 1, \ldots, N$ .

# 3. Application of residual method to Lane- Emden equation

First, we define the initial value problem on each interval  $S_i = [a_{i-1}, a_i], 1 \le i \le N$  as in Section 2

$$y_i''(x) = -\frac{2}{x}y_i'(x) - f(x, y_i(x)) + g(x), \quad x \in S_i,$$
(13)

for  $1 \le i \le N$  and  $y_1(a_0) = \alpha, \quad y'_1(a_0) = \beta,$ 

$$y_i(a_{i-1}) = y_{i-1}(a_{i-1}), \quad y'_i(a_{i-1}) = y'_{i-1}(a_{i-1}), \quad (14)$$
  
for  $2 \le i \le N$  where  $a_i = a_0 + ih, a_0 = 0.$ 

We have to change our technique only for the first interval since the residue function

$$R_1(x) = u_1''(x) + \frac{2}{x}u_1'(x) + f(x, u_1) - g(x), \quad x \in S_1$$

and its derivatives are not be defined at  $a_0 = 0$ . So, we choose a point  $\eta \in (0, a_1]$  to force the residue function and its derivatives to 0, i.e.,

$$R_1^{(k)}(\eta) = 0, \quad \text{for} \quad k = 0, \dots, n-2.$$
 (15)

In this case, we have some non-linear equations to find the unknown control points for the first interval, since we cannot use the property of derivatives of the Bezier curves at the end points. But this situation does not affect the order of convergence (this be proved in Section 4). Here, we use the Newton's method to solve the nonlinear equations approximately. For the initial values of the Newton's method, we use the initial values of the Equation (l).

After finding the unknown control points on the interval  $S_1$ , we continue our procedure as described in Section 2. We force the residue function with the derivatives to be 0 at  $x = a_{i-1}$  for  $S_i$ ,  $2 \le i \le N$ , i.e.,

$$R_i^{(k)}(a_{i-1}) = 0, (16)$$

for  $k = 0, \ldots, n-2$  to find the unknown control points where

$$R_i(x) = u_i''(x) + \frac{2}{x}u_i'(x) + f(x, u_i) - g(x).$$
 (17)

In this case, we have (n-1) linear equations to find the unknown control points as well but for only the first interval  $S_1$ , we try to get zero from the residue function and its derivatives at a different point from  $a_0$  because Equation (17) has the singularity only at  $a_0$ .

#### 4. Error analysis

Lemma 1. The residual functions  $R_i(x)$  are of order  $h^{n-1}$  for i = 1, ..., N.

Proof.

Using (10) and Taylor expansion of  $R_i(x)$  at  $x = a_{i-1}$  we have

$$|R_i(x)| \le \frac{h^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} \max_{x \in [a,b]} |R_i^{(n-1)}(x)|.$$

Lemma 2. Let  $\tilde{u}_i(x)$  be the auxiliary approximate solution of piecewise initial value problem (3) with initial conditions (4). Then, we have

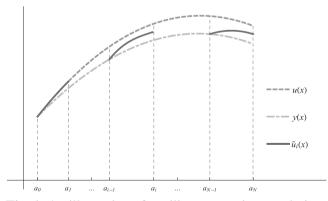
$$y_i^{(l)}(a_{i-1}) = \tilde{u}_i^{(l)}(a_{i-1}), \quad l = 0, 1, \dots, n$$
 (18)

$$|y_i(x) - \tilde{u}_i(x)| \le Kh^{n+1}, \quad \forall x \in S_i$$
<sup>(19)</sup>

$$|y'_i(x) - \tilde{u}'_i(x)| \le (n+1)Kh^n, \quad \forall x \in S_i,$$
 (20)

where  $y_i(x)$  is the corresponding exact solution and  $\frac{1}{1}$ 

$$K = \frac{1}{(n+1)!} \max_{x \in [a,b]} |y_i^{(n+1)}(x)|$$



**Fig. 1.** An illustration of auxiliary approximate solutions  $\tilde{u}_i(x)$  approximate solution u(x) and exact solution  $y_i(x)$  of non-linear initial value problem (2) on  $[a_0, a_N]$ .

Proof. Since both  $\tilde{u}_i(x)$  and  $y_i(x)$  satisfy the initial condition (4), it is obtained that

$$\tilde{u}_i(a_{i-1}) = y_i(a_{i-1}) \text{ and } \tilde{u}'_i(a_{i-1}) = y'_i(a_{i-1}).$$
 (21)

Define the residual function and its derivatives as

$$\tilde{R}_{i}^{(k)}(a_{i-1}) = \tilde{u}_{i}^{(k+2)}(a_{i-1}) - F^{(k)}(a_{i-1}, y_{i-1}(a_{i-1}), y'_{i-1}(a_{i-1})),$$

where k = 0, 1, ..., n - 2 and

i = 1, 2, ..., N, which satisfy  $\tilde{R}_i^{(k)}(a_{i-1}) = 0$  for k = 0, 1, ..., n - 2 as in (10).

$$0 = \tilde{R}_{i}^{(k)}(a_{i-1})$$

$$= \tilde{u}_{i}^{(k+2)}(a_{i-1})$$

$$- F^{(k)}(a_{i-1}, \tilde{u}_{i}(a_{i-1}), \tilde{u}_{i-1}'(a_{i-1}))$$

$$= \tilde{u}_{i}^{(k+2)}(a_{i-1})$$

$$- F^{(k)}(a_{i-1}, y_{i-1}(a_{i-1}), y_{i-1}'(a_{i-1}))$$

$$= \tilde{u}_{i}^{(k+2)}(a_{i-1}) - y_{i}^{(k+2)}(a_{i-1}).$$

$$\tilde{u}_{i}^{(k+2)}(a_{i-1}) = y_{i}^{(k+2)}(a_{i-1})$$
(22)

for  $k = 0, 1, \ldots, n - 2$ . Therefore, Equations (21) and (22) yields,

$$\tilde{u}_i^{(l)}(a_{i-1}) = y_i^{(l)}(a_{i-1})$$
 for  $l = 0, 1, \dots, n$ .

Writing the Taylor expansion of the difference

$$(y_{i}(x) - \tilde{u}_{i}(x)) \text{ about } x = a_{i-1}$$

$$y_{i}(x) - \tilde{u}_{i}(x) = y_{i}(a_{i-1}) - \tilde{u}_{i}(a_{i-1})$$

$$+ (x - a_{i-1})(y'_{i}(a_{i-1}) - \tilde{u}'_{i}(a_{i-1}))$$

$$+ \frac{(x - a_{i-1})^{2}}{2}(y''_{i}(a_{i-1}) - \tilde{u}''_{i}(a_{i-1}))$$

$$+ \cdots$$

$$+ \frac{(x - a_{i-1})^{n}}{n!}(y_{i}^{(n)}(a_{i-1}) - \tilde{u}_{i}^{(n)}(a_{i-1}))$$

$$+ \frac{(x - a_{i-1})^{n+1}}{(n+1)!}(y_{i}^{(n+1)}(\xi_{i-1}))$$

where  $a_{i-1} < \xi_{i-1} < x$ . And using Equation (18) we get

$$y_i(x) - \tilde{u}_i(x) = \frac{(x - a_{i-1})^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} \Big( y_i^{(n+1)}(\xi_{i-1}) \Big),$$

which gives Equation (19).

Similarly expanding the Taylor series of the difference  $(y'_i(x) - \tilde{u}'_i(x))$  at  $x = a_{i-1}$  and using Equation (18), we obtain the required bound in Equation (20).

The following lemma can be proved by using the Taylor expansion of the expressions about  $x = a_{i-1}$ 

Lemma 3. Let  $\tilde{u}_i(x)$  be the auxiliary approximate solution of the piecewise initial value problem (3) with the initial conditions (4) and  $u_i(x)$  be the approximate solution of (3) with the initial conditions (6) or (7). Then,

$$|u_{i}(x) - \tilde{u}_{i}(x)| \leq |u_{i-1}(a_{i-1}) - \tilde{u}_{i-1}(a_{i-1})| \left(1 + \left(\frac{h^{2}}{2!} + \dots + \frac{h^{k}}{k!} + \dots + \frac{h^{n}}{n!}\right)C_{1}\right) + |u_{i-1}'(a_{i-1}) - \tilde{u}_{i-1}'(a_{i-1})| \left(h + \left(\frac{h^{2}}{2!} + \dots + \frac{h^{k}}{k!} + \dots + \frac{h^{n}}{n!}\right)C_{2}\right) (23)$$

$$|u_{i}'(x) - \tilde{u}_{i}'(x)| \leq |u_{i-1}(a_{i-1}) - \tilde{u}_{i-1}(a_{i-1})| \left(h + \frac{h^{2}}{2!} + \dots + \frac{h^{n-1}}{(n-1)!}\right) C_{1} + |u_{i-1}'(a_{i-1}) - \tilde{u}_{i-1}'(a_{i-1})| \left(1 + \left(h + \frac{h^{2}}{2!} + \dots + \frac{h^{n-1}}{(n-1)!}\right) C_{2}\right)$$
(24)

$$|y'_{i}(a_{i}) - u'_{i}(a_{i})| \leq |y_{i-1}(a_{i-1}) - u_{i-1}(a_{i-1})| \\ \left(h + \frac{h^{2}}{2!} + \dots + \frac{h^{n-1}}{(n-1)!}\right) C_{1} \\ + |y'_{i-1}(a_{i-1}) - u'_{i-1}(a_{i-1})| \\ \left(1 + \left(h + \frac{h^{2}}{2!} + \dots + \frac{h^{n-1}}{(n-1)!}\right) C_{2}\right) \\ + (n+1)Kh^{n}$$
(25)

where

$$C_1 = \max_{k=0,1,\dots,n-2} \left\{ \max_{(x,v,z)\in\Omega} |F_v^{(k)}(x,v,z)| \right\}$$
(26)

$$C_2 = \max_{k=0,1,\dots,n-2} \left\{ \max_{(x,v,z)\in\Omega} |F_z^{(k)}(x,v,z)| \right\}$$
(27)

for 
$$\Omega = \{(x, v, z) | x \in [a, b], v \in D_1, z \in D_2\}.$$

Theorem 4. Let y(x) be the exact solution of the second order non-linear initial value problem (2) and u(x) be the corresponding  $n^{\text{th}}$  degree approximate function (8). Then, we have the inequality

$$|y(x) - u(x)| \le Mh^{n-1}, \quad x \in [a, b],$$
(28)  
where  $M = K(b - a)^2 \frac{(n+1)}{2}$  and  
 $K = \frac{1}{(n+1)!} \max_{x \in [a,b]} |y^{(n+1)(x)}|.$ 

Proof. Let  $\tilde{u}_i(x)$  be the auxiliary approximate solution of the piecewise initial value problem (3) with the initial conditions (4) and  $u_i(x)$  be the approximate solution of (3) with the initial conditions (6) or (7), then

$$|y_i(x) - u_i(x)| \le |y_i(x) - \tilde{u}_i(x)| + |\tilde{u}_i(x) - u_i(x)|,$$

 $\forall x \in S_i \text{ for } i = 1, \dots, N.$  Using Equations (19) and (23), we obtain

$$|y_{i+1}(x) - u_{i+1}(x)| \le |u_i(a_i) - \tilde{u}_i(a_i)| \\ \left(1 + \left(\frac{h^2}{2!} + \dots + \frac{h^k}{k!} + \dots + \frac{h^n}{n!}\right) C_1\right) \\ + |u'_i(a_i) - \tilde{u}'_i(a_i)| \\ \left(h + \left(\frac{h^2}{2!} + \dots + \frac{h^k}{k!} + \dots + \frac{h^n}{n!}\right) C_2\right) \\ + Kh^{n+1}$$
(29)

Note that  $\tilde{u}_1(x)$  and  $u_1(x)$  are exactly same since they are the approximate solutions of the same initial value problem. So, from Equations (19) and (20), we get

$$|y_1(x) - u_1(x)| \le Kh^{n+1}, \quad \forall x \in S_1$$
 (30)

$$|y_1'(a_1) - u_1'(a_1)| \le (n+1)Kh^n.$$
(31)

Using the recurrence relations in Equations (29) and (25) and inequalities in Equations (30) and (31), we get by mathematical induction that

$$|y_N(x) - u_N(x)| \le \left(\frac{1}{2}(n+1)N^2 - \frac{1}{2}(n-1)N\right)Kh^{n+1} + O(h^{n+2})$$
$$\le \frac{1}{2}(n+1)K(b-a)^2h^{n-1} + O(h^n)$$

since N = (b - a)/h. Hence, we have

$$|y(x) - u(x)| \le Mh^{n-1}$$

Lemma 5. Let  $\tilde{u}_1(x)$  be the auxihary approximate solution of piecewise initial value problem (13) with initial conditions (14). Then, we have

$$|y_1(x) - u_1(x)| \le KLh^{n+1} + O(h^{n+2}), \forall x \in S_1(32)$$
$$|y_1'(x) - u_1'(x)| \le K\bar{L}h^n + O(h^{n+1}), \forall x \in S_1, (33)$$

where  $y_1(x)$  is the corresponding exact solution and

$$K = \frac{1}{(n+1)!} \max_{x \in (a,b]} |y^{(n+1)}(x)|,$$
  

$$L = 2^{n+1} - n - 2$$
  

$$\bar{L} = (n+1)(2^n - 1).$$

Proof. Using Taylor expansion of

 $\begin{aligned} &|u_1^{(k)}(x) - y_1^{(k)}(x)|, \ k = 0, 1 \text{ about } x = a_0 \text{ and} \\ &|u_1^{(k)}(x) - y_1^{(k)}(x)|, \ k = 2, 3, \dots, n \text{ about} \\ &x = \eta \in (a_0, a_1], \text{ we have} \end{aligned}$ 

$$|u_{1}^{(k)}(x) - y_{1}^{(k)}(x)| \leq |u_{1}^{(k)}(a_{0}) - y_{1}^{(k)}(a_{0})| + |x - a_{0}||u_{1}^{(k+1)}(a_{0}) - y_{1}^{(k+1)}(a_{0})| + \dots + \frac{|x - a_{0}|^{n-k}}{(n-k)!} |u_{1}^{(n)}(a_{0}) - y_{1}^{(n)}(a_{0})| + \frac{|x - a_{0}|^{n-k+1}}{(n-k+1)!} |y_{1}^{(n+1)}(\xi_{k})|,$$
(34)

where  $\xi_k$ , k = 0, 1 and between  $a_0$  and x;

$$|u_{1}^{(k)}(x) - y_{1}^{(k)}(x)| \leq |u_{1}^{(k)}(\eta) - y_{1}^{(k)}(\eta)| + |x - \eta| |u_{1}^{(k+1)}(\eta) - y_{1}^{(k+1)}(\eta)| + \dots + \frac{|x - \eta|^{n-k}}{(n-k)!} |u_{1}^{(n)}(\eta) - y_{1}^{(n)}(\eta)| + \frac{|x - \eta|^{n-k+1}}{(n-k+1)!} |y_{1}^{(n+1)}(\xi_{k})|,$$
(35)

where  $\xi_k$ , k = 2, 3, ..., n are between  $\eta$  and x. Equation (15) for k = 0, 1, ..., n - 2 yields

$$|u_1^{(k)}(\eta) - y_1^{(k)}(\eta)| \le C_1 |u_1(\eta) - y_1(\eta)| + C_2 |u_1'(\eta) - y_1'(\eta)|$$
(36)

where  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  are defined in Lemma 3. Using inequalities in Equations (34), (35) and (36) repeatedly, we get the results in Equations (32) and (33).

The following corollary can be proved with mathematical induction using the recurrence relations in Equations (29), (25) together with the inequalities in Equations (32) and (33).

Corollary 6. Let y(x) be the exact solution of the Lane-Emden type equation (1) and u(x) be the corresponding  $n^{\text{th}}$  degree approximate function. Then, we have

$$|y(x) - u(x)| \le Mh^{n-1}, \qquad x \in [0, b]$$

where M is a constant, which does not depend on h.

## 5. Numerical Examples

In this section, we provide some numerical ex where we have are between and and amples to illustrate the applicability of the proposed method. The tables and figures demonstrate the power of the current study.

Example 1. Consider the Lane-Emden equation in Wang *et al.* (2014)

$$y'' + \frac{2}{x}y' + y^5 = 0, \text{ for } 0 \le x \le 1$$
  
 $y(0) = 1, y'(0) = 0$  (37)

with the exact solution

$$y(x) = (1 + x^2/3)^{-1/2}$$

Algorithm of the method for the above problem with n = 3 and N = 50 as follows Step 1: Set N = 50, h = 1/N.

Step 2: Compute  $a_i = ih$  for i = 1, 2, ..., N. Step 3: Construct

$$u_i(x) = \sum_{j=0}^{3} c_j^i B_j(\frac{x - a_{i-1}}{h}),$$

$$R_i(x) = u_i''(x) + \frac{2}{x}u_i'(x) + u_i(x)^5,$$

 $i = 1, 2, \dots, 50.$ 

Step 4: Set  $c_0^1 = 1$ ,  $c_1^1 = 1$ .

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Step 5: Solve  $c_2^1$  and  $c_3^1$  from following non-linear equations

$$R_1(a_1) = \frac{6}{h^2}(c_3^1 - 2c_2^1 + c_1^1) + \frac{2}{a_1}\frac{3}{h}(c_3^1 - c_2^1) + (c_3^1)^5 = 0,$$

$$\begin{aligned} R_1'(a_1) &= \frac{6}{h^3} (c_3^1 - 3c_2^1 + 3c_1^1 - c_0^1) \\ &- \frac{2}{a_1^2} \frac{3}{h} (c_3^1 - c_2^1) + \frac{2}{a_1} \frac{6}{h^2} (c_3^1 - 2c_2^1 + c_1^1) \\ &+ \frac{3}{h} 5 (c_3^1)^4 (c_3^1 - c_2^1) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

by Newton's method.

Step 6: Set 
$$i = 2$$
.  
Step 7: Compute  $c_0^i = c_3^{i-1}$  and  $c_1^i = 2c_3^{i-1} - c_2^{i-1}$ .

Step 8: Solve  $C_2^i$  and  $C_3^i$  from the following linear equations

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$$R_i(a_{i-1}) = \frac{6}{h^2}(c_2^i - 2c_1^i + c_0^i) + \frac{2}{a_{i-1}}\frac{3}{h}(c_1^i - c_0^i) + (c_0^1)^5 = 0,$$

$$R'_{i}(a_{i-1}) = \frac{6}{h^{3}}(c_{3}^{i} - 3c_{2}^{i} + 3c_{1}^{i} - c_{0}^{i})$$
$$- \frac{2}{a_{i-1}^{2}}\frac{3}{h}(c_{1}^{i} - c_{0}^{i})$$
$$+ \frac{2}{a_{i-1}}\frac{6}{h^{2}}(c_{2}^{i} - 2c_{1}^{i} + c_{0}^{i})$$
$$+ \frac{3}{h}5(c_{0}^{i})^{4}(c_{1}^{i} - c_{0}^{i}) = 0.$$

Step 9: Repeat steps 7 and 8 for

$$i=3,4,\ldots,N.$$

Step 10: Write the piecewise approximate solution as

$$u(x) = \begin{cases} u_1(x), & x \in [a_0, a_1] \\ u_2(x), & x \in [a_1, a_2] \\ \vdots \\ u_N(x), & x \in [a_{N-1}, a_N] \end{cases}$$

Table 1 gives a comparison of numerical results with the results of the reproducing kernel method (RKM) given in Wang *et al.* (2014) and we observe that the accuracy obtained is high enough. In Table 2, we give the observed orders obtained using the following formulae

$$ord(N/2N) = \frac{\log(\frac{\max|y(x) - u(x,N)|}{\max|y(x) - u(x;2N)|})}{\log(2)},$$
 (38)

where u(x;N) denotes the approximate solution of y(x) obtained by N subintervals. It can be seen that observed orders are well to confirm the theoretical results. Figure 2 shows the error functions for N = 50, 100, 200.

		RKM	Presented Method			
37	Exact	(N = 50)	n = 3	n = 4	n = 5	n = 5
Х	Values	(in Wang et al. (2014))	N = 50	N = 50	N = 50	N = 200
0.	1.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
0.1	0.998337	5.115E-7	2.243E-7	1.762E-10	3.194E-11	1.893E-13
0.2	0.993399	7.322E-7	6.306E-7	1.633E-9	8.934E-11	6.780E-13
0.3	0.985329	7.218E-7	1.144E-6	5.405E-9	1.596E-10	8.862E-13
0.4	0.974355	2.963E-7	1.711E-6	1.199E-8	2.250E-10	1.556E-12
0.5	0.960769	1.077E-6	2.248E-6	2.127E-8	2.660E-10	1.960E-12
0.6	0.944911	8.175E-7	2.675E-6	3.259E-8	2.682E-10	1.169E-12
0.7	0.927146	1.459E-6	2.927E-6	4.496E-8	2.253E-10	3.251E-13
0.8	0.907841	1.701E-6	2.960E-6	5.721E-8	1.390E-10	5.829E-13
0.9	0.887357	2.491E-6	2.757E-6	6.828E-8	1.770E-11	6.768E-13
1.	0.866025	3.596E-6	2.324E-6	7.732E-8	1.265E-10	9.200E-13

Table 1. Comparison of the errors of the present method with RKM errors.

**Table 2.** Observed orders of Example 1 with 
$$n = 3, 4, 5$$
 and  $= 25, 50, 100, 200$ .

		n = 4	n = 5
25/50	2.281	3.028	4.339
50/100	2.119	3.017	4.176
25/50 50/100 100/200	2.049	3.010	3.278

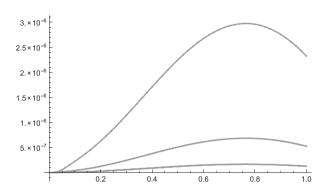


Fig. 2. Graphs of Error functions of Example 1 obtained using 3rd degree approximate function with number of intervals N = 50, 100, 200.

Example 2. Consider the Lane-Emden equation in Parand *et al.* (2010) and Wang *et al.* (2014)

$$y'' + \frac{2}{x}y' + 4(2e^y + e^{y/2}) = 0, \quad \text{for } x \ge 0$$
  
$$y(0) = 0, \qquad y'(0) = 0$$
(39)

with the exact solution  $y(x) = -2\ln(1+x^2)$ .

Table 5 gives a comparison of numerical results with the results of Hermite functions collocation method (HFC) and RKM given in Parand *et al.* (2010) and Wang *et al.* (2014), respectively. In Table 3, observed orders obtained using (38) are given.

Example 3. Consider the Lane-Emden equation in Parand *et al.* (2010)

$$y'' + \frac{2}{x}y' + \sin y = 0, \quad \text{for } x \ge 0$$
  
$$y(0) = 1, \qquad y'(0) = 0$$

with the asymptotic solution given in Wazwaz

$$y(x) \simeq 1 - \frac{1}{6}k_1x^2 + \frac{1}{120}k_1k_2x^4 +k_1\left(\frac{1}{3024}k_1^2 - \frac{1}{5040}k_2^2\right)x^6 +k_1k_2\left(-\frac{113}{3265920}k_1^2 + \frac{1}{362880}k_2^2\right)x^8 +k_1\left(\frac{1781}{898128000}k_1^2k_2^2 - \frac{1}{399168000}k_2^4 -\frac{19}{23950080}k_1^4\right)x^{10},$$

where  $k_1 = \sin(1)$  and  $k_2 = \cos(1)$ .

Table 6 gives a comparison of some numerical results of the presented method with an asymptotic solution given in Wazwaz (2001) and the results of HFC given in Parand *et al.* (2010). In Table 4, we give orders using

$$order(N/2N) = \frac{\log(\frac{\max|u(x;N) - u(x;2N)|}{\max|u(x;2N) - u(x;4N)|})}{\log(2)}$$

where u(x; N), u(x; 2N), u(x; 4N) are approximate solutions of y(x) obtained by respectively. From Tables 2, 3 and 4, it is concluded that observed orders are equal to as proved in Corollary 6.

## 6. Conclusion

In this paper, we have improved a linear residual method. The obtained results give us a piecewise approximate solution of the Lane- Emden type equations. An advantage of this method is that we will have more accurate solutions for the fixed degree of polynomials by solving the linear systems of equations. We have seen that the obtained numerical results are compatible with the theoretical aspects. This method can be extended to some singularly perturbed boundary value problems, the Emden-Fowler equations, strongly non-linear boundary value problems and the chaotic initial value systems such as Lorenz systems, Genesio-Tesi systems, Rossler systems etc.

Table 3. Observed orders of Example2 with					Table 4. Observed orders of Example3 with					
n=3;4;5 and N=25;50;100;200.					n=3;4;5 and N=25;50;100.					
N	n = 3	n = 4	n = 5				n = 3			
25/50	1.900	3.000	2.264				2.345		4.423	
50/100	2.093	3.033	3.903			50/100	2.163	2.998	4.010	
100/200	2.061	3.028	4.022							

## Table 5. Comparison of the errors of the present method with RKM and HFC errors.

		RKM	HFC	Presented Method
Х	Exact	(N = 50)	(in Parand <i>et al.</i> (2010))	N = 50
	Values	(in Wang <i>et al.</i> (2014))	$($ in 1 arand $e_i$ $u_i$ . (2010) $)$	n = 5
0	0.	0	0	0.
0.01	-0.00019999	6.666E-13	2.931E-6	1.886E-13
0.1	-0.0199007	3.829E-8	3.939E-6	2.224E-7
0.5	-0.446287	1.026E-7	3.018E-6	4.755E-6
1	-1.38629	4.361E-6	9.314E-7	2.632E-6
2	-3.21888	4.175E-6	4.999E-7	5.099E-6
3	-4.60517	1.860E-7	8.104E-7	2.257E-6
4	-5.66643	3.312E-6	7.692E-7	1.967E-7

Table 6. Comparison of the errors of the present method with asymptotic solution and HFC errors.

x	Wazwaz (2001)	Error in Parand et al. (2010)	Error in presented method
0	1.	0	0.
0.1	0.998598	7.207E-6	8.427E-9
0.2	0.994396	9.997E-6	8.446E-9
0.5	0.965178	1.038E-5	8.538E-9
1	0.863681	7.027E-6	2.267E-8
1.5	0.705042	1.049E-5	3.309E-6
2	0.506372	9.672E-5	9.156E-5

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# خيلاصية

في هذا البحث نقدم طريقة جديدة لإيجاد حل معادلة أحادية غير خطية من نوع لاين-امدن Lane-Emden لإيجاد الحل التقريبي باستخدام متعددات الحدود من نوع برنشتين Bernstein. تعتمد هذه الطريقة على تصغير دالة البواقي باستخدام مفكوك تيلور Taylor. قمنا أيضاً بتطبيق هذه الطريقة على مسائل تم حلها باستخدام طرق أخرى وتوضح النتائج التي تم الحصول عليها أن الطريقة الجديدة كفوء وقابلة للاستخدام ولها مستقبل واعد مقارنةً بالطرق الأخرى.