

# On Finite Spectral Method for Axisymmetric Helmholtz Problem.

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## Abstract

In this paper we investigate the numerical solution of the two-dimensional Helmholtz axy-symmetric equation via the spectral method, we reduce this problem of two-dimensional by using the cilindrical coordinates and we reduce the obtained prblem to 1-dimensional usig the orthogonal matrix, then the proposed method lood to a systeme of ordinaries equations are radher simple ..

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## 1 Introduction

For a generic point  $(x, y, z)$  in  $IR^3$ , we consider the Helmholtz problem in Cartesian coordinates

$$\begin{cases} -\Delta \check{u} + k\check{u} = \check{f}(x, y, z) & \text{in } \Omega_3 \\ \check{u} = \check{g}(x, y, z) & \text{on } \partial\Omega_3 \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

where  $\Delta \check{u} = \frac{\partial^2 \check{u}}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \check{u}}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \check{u}}{\partial z^2}$  and by using the cylindrical coordinates  $(r, \theta, z)$  in  $IR^+ \times ]-\pi, \pi] \times IR$ , when the right-hand side  $\check{f}$  and the boundary  $\check{g}$  are invariant by rotation, the two-dimensional reduction reads; [5],

$$\begin{cases} -\Delta_r u + u = f(r, z) & \text{in } \Omega_2 \\ u = g & \text{on } \partial\Omega_2 \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

$$\Delta_r = -\partial_r^2 - \frac{1}{r}\partial_r - \partial_z^2 \quad (3)$$

where  $\Omega_2$  is a regular finite rectangle defined by  $\Omega_2 = \Lambda \times I = [0, 1] \times [a, b]$  and  $\partial I$  the boundaries of  $I = [a, b]$ ,  $f \in L_1^2(\Omega_2)$ , where :

$$L_1^2(\Omega_2) = \left\{ f : \Omega_2 \rightarrow R \text{ measurable} / \int_{\Omega_2} (f(r, z))^2 r dr dz < \infty \right\} \quad (4)$$

Then the problem (2) is a problem of two space variables, by using the orthogonal matrix we reduce this problem to a problem of one space variable.

In this work we construct approximate solutions to the boundary value problem (2) in the form

$$u_N(r, z) = \sum_{n=1}^{N+1} a_n(z) l_n(r) \quad (5)$$

Where the Lagrangian interpolates  $l_n(r)$ ,  $1 \leq n \leq N+1$ , are defined at the points  $r_i \in \bar{I} = [0, 1]$ ,  $0 \leq i \leq N$  and at the points  $z_j \in \bar{\Lambda} = [-1, 1]$ ,  $0 \leq j \leq N$  respectively,

where the points  $r_i$ ,  $0 \leq j \leq N$  are the collocation points on the Gauss-Lobatto Legendre grid.

The choice of the form (5) for the solution, added to some technics gives a linear system which can be written in a matricial form as  $Aa - \Gamma D^2 a = \Gamma F$ , where  $A$  is a square symmetric positive defined matrix and  $\Gamma$  is a diagonal invertible matrix and the operator  $D^2 = \frac{d^2}{dz^2}$ . We write  $a = Pv$  where  $P$  is an orthogonal matrix such that  $P^{-1}(\Gamma^{-1}A)P = C$  is a diagonal matrix, then we obtain a system of  $N+1$  ordinary differential equations, we can use Lagrange's method of undetermined parameters to solve for each component  $v_j(z)$  of  $v$  [9], finally we conclude the expressions of functions  $a_n(z)$  and for which we obtain the approximation solution.

## 2 Polynomials

we work in the interval  $\Lambda = [0, 1]$  and we use the polynomials

$$O_n(r) = \left( \frac{1}{n!} \frac{d^n}{dr^n} ((r - r^2)^n) \right), n \geq 0$$

occur from the Legendre polynomials with change of variable, each polynomial  $O_n$  has the degree  $n$  and in  $L_1^2(\Lambda)$  satisfies the following property:

$$\int_0^1 O_n^2(r) r dr = \frac{1}{2n+1} \quad (6)$$

also we use the polynomials

$$A_n(r) = \left( \frac{1}{n!r} \frac{d^n}{dr^n} ((r)(r - r^2)^n) \right), n \geq 0 \quad (7)$$

has the degree  $n+1$  and in  $L_1^2(\Lambda)$  satisfies the following property:

$$\int_0^1 A_n^2(r) r dr = \frac{1}{2(n+1)}, n \geq 0 \quad (8)$$

and we consider the differential equation:

$$h'_n(z) = -n(n+1)L_n(z) \quad (9)$$

where,

$$h_n(z) = (1 - z^2)L'_n(z) \quad (10)$$

### 3 Variational formulation

#### 3.1 The spaces

The pivot space of the problem (2) is the space  $L_1^2(\Lambda)$ , and the variational space is

$$H_1^1(\Lambda) = \{v / \partial_r v \in L_1^2(\Lambda)\} \quad (11)$$

and the corresponding norms are defined respectively as,

$$\|v\|_{L_1^2(\Lambda)}^2 = \int_{\Lambda} v^2 r dr dz \quad (12)$$

$$\|v\|_{H_1^1(\Lambda)}^2 = \int_{\Lambda} ((\partial_r v)^2 + (v)^2) r dr \quad (13)$$

#### 3.2 Continuous problem

The variational formulation of problem (2) it is written :

$$\begin{cases} \text{find } u \in H_1^1(\Lambda), \text{ with } u \text{ in } H_1^1(\Lambda), \text{ such that} \\ \forall v \in H_1^1(\Lambda), (u_{zz}, v) + a_1(u, v) = (f, v) \end{cases} \quad (14)$$

where the bilinear form  $a_1(., .)$  is given by:

$$a_1(u, v) = \int_0^1 (\partial_r u \partial_r v + uv) r dr \quad (15)$$

see[7].

### 4 Discrete space and form

Let us denoted by  $N$  the parameter of discretization for the problem (2), in spectral method  $N$  represent the degree of polynomials. The approximate space is essentially generated by the finite dimensional subspace of  $L_1^2(\Lambda)$ ,  $P_N(\Lambda)$  is the approximate space of the space  $H_1^1(\Lambda)$ , we consider also the exact quadrature formula and introduce a bilinear form  $a_{1N}$  with approach to the form  $a_1$  and we approximate the scalar  $(., .)_N$  for  $(., .)$ .

#### 4.1 Discret problem

Firstly we observe that the products of Lagrange polynomials  $l_n(r)$ ,  $1 \leq n \leq N+1$ , form a basis of  $P_N(\Lambda)$ , then the exact solution  $u$  of problem (2) is approached by the solution  $u_N$  belonging to  $P_N(\Lambda)$ , and the variational problem is:

$$\begin{cases} \text{find } u_N \in P_N(\Lambda), \text{ s.t} \\ \forall v_N \in P_N(\Lambda), (u_{Nzz}, v_N)_N + a_{1N}(u_N, v_N) = (f_N, v_N)_N \end{cases} \quad (16)$$

where

$$a_{1N}(u_N, v_N) = \sum_{k=0}^N (\partial_r u_N \partial_r v_N + u_N v_N) (r_k, z) w_k$$

where  $r_k, w_k, 0 \leq k \leq N$  are defined in propositions 1.

## 4.2 Existence and uniqueness of solution

### 4.2.1 Weighted quadrature formula

**Proposition 1** *There exists a unique set of  $N + 1$  nodes  $r_j$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq N + 1$  in  $I$ , there exists  $N + 1$  positive weights  $w_j$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq N + 1$ , such that the following exactness property holds:*

$$\forall \varphi \in P_{2N-1}(I), \quad \int_0^1 \varphi(r) r dr = \sum_{j=0}^N \varphi(r_j) w_j \quad (17)$$

where  $r_j$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq N + 1$  are the roots of the polynomial  $t_N(r) = (r - r^2)A'_N(r)$  where  $A'_N(r) = \frac{d}{dr}A_N(r)$  (??) and the weights are given by:

$$\omega_{N+1} = \frac{1}{N(N+1)}, \quad \omega_1 = \frac{\omega_{N+1}}{(N+1)^2} \quad (18)$$

$$\omega_j = \frac{4}{N(N+2)A_N^2(r_j)} \quad 2 \leq j \leq N+1 \quad (19)$$

**Proof.** The proof is similar to the proof in [5]. ■

**Proposition 2** *The polynomial  $q_{2N-1}$  with degree  $2N - 1$  has the form*

$$\begin{aligned} q_{2N-1}(r) &= (r - r^2)^2 A_{N-1}'^2(r) + \alpha(N) (r - r^2) A_N'^2(r) \\ \text{where } \alpha(N) &= \frac{N+1}{2N(4N^2-1)} \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

**Lemma 3** *The polynomials*

$$t_{N-1} = (r - r^2)A_{N-1}'(r) \in P_N(\Lambda) \quad (21)$$

verify the double inequality:

$$\|t_{N-1}\|_{L_1^2(\Lambda)}^2 \leq (t_{N-1}, t_{N-1})_N \leq \frac{3}{2} \|t_{N-1}\|_{L_1^2(\Lambda)}^2 \quad (22)$$

where  $P_N(\Lambda)$  is the space of polynomials with degree  $\leq N$  on  $\Lambda$ .

**Proof.** Using (21) we find,

$$I_1 = \int_0^1 t_{N-1}^2(r) r dr = \frac{(N^2 - 1)(N^2 + 2)}{N(4N^2 - 1)} \quad (23)$$

$$I_2 = \int_0^1 (r - r^2) A_N'^2(r) r dr = \frac{4N(N+2)}{2(N+1)} \quad (24)$$

$$\int_0^1 q_{2N-1}(r) r dr = I_1 + \alpha(N) I_2 \quad (25)$$

using the exact quadrature formula then

$$I_3 = \int_0^1 q_{2N-1}(r) r dr = \sum_{i=0}^N t_{N-1}^2(r_i) \omega_i$$

we conclude that,

$$\|t_{N-1}\|_{L^2_1(I)}^2 \leq (t_{N-1}, t_{N-1})_N \quad (26)$$

let define  $\gamma$  s.t  $\gamma \frac{I_1}{I_3} \geq 1$  that's give

$$\gamma > 1$$

then we can take,

$$\gamma = \frac{3}{2}$$

finally we find  $I_3 \leq \gamma I_1$  and then (25) and (26) give the desired result (22) ■

**Proposition 4** *The bilinear form  $a_{1N}(\cdot, \cdot)$  satisfy the following properties of continuity:*

$$\forall v_N \in P_N(\Lambda), \forall u_N \in P_N(\Lambda), |a_{1N}(u_N, v_N)| \leq \frac{3}{2} \|u_N\|_{H^1_1(\Lambda)} \cdot \|v_N\|_{H^1_1(\Lambda)} \quad (27)$$

and ellipticity:

$$\forall u_N \in P_N(\Lambda), |a_{1N}(u_N, u_N)| \geq \|u_N\|_{h^1_1(\Lambda)}^2 \quad (28)$$

## 5 Method of solution and numerical implementation

The problem (16) is equivalent to,

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \sum_{n=1}^{N-1} \left( \sum_{k=1}^{N+1} (-l''_n(r_k) - l'_n(r_k)/r_k + l_n(r_{kl})) l_m(r_k) \omega_k a_n(z) - l_n(r_k) l_m(r_k) \omega_k a''_n(z) \right) = \sum_{n=1}^{N-1} f_n(t) l_n(r_k) \quad \text{in } \Lambda \\ u_N(r, z) = g(z) \quad \text{on } \partial I = \partial([a, b]) \\ f(r, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{N+1} f_n(r_n, t) l_n(r), \quad , \quad r_n \in \sum_{N+1} \end{array} \right. \quad (29)$$

when  $m$  vary from 1 to  $N-1$ , we obtain a linear system, then we can write this system in a matricial form:

$$Aa - \Gamma D^2 a = \Gamma F \quad (30)$$

where  $A$  is a symmetric matrix positive defined with order  $N-1$ , its elements have the form:

$$\alpha_{mn} = \sum_{k=1}^{N+1} (-l''_n(r_k) - l'_n(r_k)/r_k + l_n(r_k)) l_m(r_k) \omega_k, \quad n = \overline{1, N-1}, m = \overline{1, N-1}$$

$\Gamma$  is a diagonal invertible matrix its elements are define as:

$$\gamma_{mn} = \begin{cases} \omega_m, & n = m \\ 0, & n \neq m \end{cases}, \quad m, n = \overline{1, N-1}$$

$F$  is a known vector where:

$$F = (f_1(z), f_2(z), f_3(z), \dots, f_{N-2}(z), f_{N-1}(z))^T$$

and the vector  $a$  is an unknown vector where

$$a = (a_1(z), a_2(z), a_3(z), \dots, a_{N-2}(z), a_{N-1}(z))^T$$

the operator,

$$D^2 = \frac{d^2}{dz^2}$$

multiplying (30) by the invertible matrix  $\Gamma^{-1}$  of  $\Gamma$  then we find

$$\Gamma^{-1}Aa - D^2a = F \quad (31)$$

the matrix  $\Gamma^{-1}A$  has positive eigenvalues and there exists an orthogonal invertible matrix  $P$  such that,

$$P^{-1}(\Gamma^{-1}A)P = C$$

where  $C$  is a diagonal matrix, the elements of the diagonal are the eigenvalues  $\alpha_i, i = \overline{1, N+1}$  of the matrix  $\Gamma^{-1}A$ , if we consider the vector  $v$  such that

$$a = Pv$$

then the system (31) becomes

$$(\Gamma^{-1}A)Pv - PD^2v = F \quad (32)$$

multiplying (32) by the matrix  $P^{-1}$  we obtain,

$$Cv - D^2v = P^{-1}F \quad (33)$$

The matricial form (33) has  $N - 1$  linear equations defined as

$$\begin{aligned} v_i''(t) - \alpha_i v_i(t) &= h_i(t) \\ \text{where } h_i(t) &= -\sum_{j=1}^{N-1} p^{-1}(i, j) F_j(t), \quad 1 \leq i \leq N-1 \end{aligned} \quad (34)$$

$p^{-1}(i, j)$  are the elements of the inverse matrix  $P^{-1}$ . To solve the equations (34) we use Lagrange's method of undetermined parameters [9], we may write the solution in the closed form :

$$v_i(z) = -\frac{1}{\mu_i} \int_{-1}^z \sinh(\mu_i(z-s)) h_i(s) ds + c_i e^{-\mu_i t} + d_i e^{\mu_i t}, \quad \mu_i = (\alpha_i)^{(1/2)} \quad (35)$$

where  $d_i$  and  $c_i$  are constants to be determined, using the boundary conditions then (35) may be written in the following form:

$$v_i(t) = -\frac{1}{\mu_i} \int_{-1}^z \sinh(\mu_i(z-s)) h_i(s) ds - \frac{1}{\mu_i} \frac{\int_{-1}^1 \sinh(\mu_i(1-s)) h_i(s) ds}{\sinh(2\mu_i)} \sinh(\mu_i(z+1)) \quad (36)$$

where

$$\begin{cases} v_i(-1) = \sum_{j=1}^{N-1} p_{ni}^{-1} u(r_j, -1) \\ v_i(1) = \sum_{j=1}^{N-1} p_{ni}^{-1} u(r_j, 1) \end{cases} \quad i = \overline{1, N-1}$$

$p_{ni}^{-1}$ ,  $n, i = \overline{1, N+1}$  are the entries of the inverse matrix  $P^{-1}$ . Finally we obtain the functions,

$$a_n(t) = \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} p_{ni} \left( -\frac{1}{\mu_i} \int_{-1}^z \sinh(\mu_i(z-s)) h_i(s) ds - \frac{1}{\mu_i} \frac{\int_{-1}^1 \sinh(\mu_i(1-s)) h_i(s) ds}{\sinh(2\mu_i)} \sinh(\mu_i(z+1)) \right), n = \overline{1, N-1}$$

where  $p_{nj}$ ,  $1 \leq n, j \leq N-1$  are the elements of the matrix  $P$ , using (5) and (36) we obtain the approximate solution

$$u_N(r, z) = \sum_{n=1}^{N-1} \sum_{i=1}^{N-1} p_{ni} \frac{1}{\mu_i} \left( -\frac{1}{\mu_i} \int_{-1}^z \sinh(\mu_i(z-s)) h_i(s) ds + \right. \\ \left. - \frac{1}{\mu_i} \frac{\int_{-1}^1 \sinh(\mu_i(1-s)) h_i(s) ds}{\sinh(2\mu_i)} \sinh(\mu_i(z+1)) \right) l_n(r)$$

## 5.1 Error estimate

**Definition 5** The polynomial space  $P_N(\Omega_2)$  dense in the space of continuous functions on  $\Omega_2$  hence in  $H_1^1(\Omega_2)$  then any function  $u \in H_1^1(\Omega_2)$  admits the expansion

$$u(r, z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \alpha(n, m) A_n(r) h_m(z)$$

and using (21) and (9) we can write

$$u(r, t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \gamma(n, m) A_n(r) L_m(z) \quad (37)$$

**Proposition 6** The following estimate holds between the exact solution  $u$  in  $H_1^1(\Omega_2)$  and the approximation solution  $u_N \in P_N(\Omega_2)$  verify,

$$\|u - u_N\|_{L_1^2(\Omega_2)} \leq c_1 N^{-2} \|f - f_N\|_{L_1^2(\Omega_2)}, \quad c \text{ is a real positive constant} \quad (38)$$

**Proof.** Using the ellipticity condition (28) we can write,

$$\begin{aligned} \|u - u_N\|_{H_1^1(\Omega_2)}^2 &\leq a_1(u - u_N, u - u_N) = (f - f_N, u - u_N) \\ &= c_1 \int_{\Omega_2} ((f - f_N)(u - u_N)) r dr, \quad c_1 \text{ is a real positive constant} \end{aligned} \quad (39)$$

using (??) and (21) and the orthogonality properties we can write

$$\frac{1}{N^2} \leq \int_{\Omega_2} h_N'^2(z) t_N'^2 r dr dz$$

also

$$\frac{1}{N^2} \leq \int_{\Omega_2} h_N^2(z) t_N'^2 r dr dz$$

using (13) we can write

$$\|u - u_N\|_{H_1^1(\Omega_2)}^2 = \|\partial_z(u - u_N)\|_{L_1^2(\Omega_2)}^2 + \|\partial_r(u - u_N)\|_{L_1^2(\Omega_2)}^2 + \|u - u_N\|_{L_1^2(\Omega_2)}^2 \quad (40)$$

$$\frac{1}{N^2} \|u - u_N\|_{L_1^1(\Omega_2)}^2 \leq c_1 \int_{\Omega_2} ((f - f_N)(u - u_N)) r dr \quad (41)$$

$$\leq c_1 \|u - u_N\|_{L_1^1(\Omega_2)} \|f - f_N\|_{L_1^1(\Omega_2)} \quad (42)$$

then we find,

$$\|u - u_N\|_{L_1^2(\Omega_2)} \leq c_1 N^{-2} \|f - f_N\|_{L_1^2(\Omega_2)}$$

this is the desired result. ■

## 5.2 Figure illustration

The figures 1 and 2 present the true and the approximate solution  $u$  and  $u_N$  respectively, figures 3 and 4 present the true and the approximate function  $b_k(z) = u(r, z)$ ,  $a_k(z) = u(r, z)$ ,  $r = r(k)$ ,  $k = \overline{0, N}$  respectively, figures 5 and 6 present the true and the approximate function  $b_k(r) = u(r, z)$ ,  $a_k(r) = u(r, z)$ ,  $z = z(k)$ ,  $k = \overline{0, N}$  respectively, these plots occur when  $N = 10$  and the test function is :  $u(r, t) = r \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}r\right) \sin(\pi z)$ .

These plots are occurred when  $N = 10$  and  $(r, t) \in [0, 1] \times [-1, 1]$

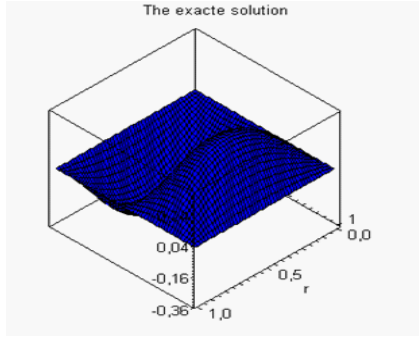


Figure 1

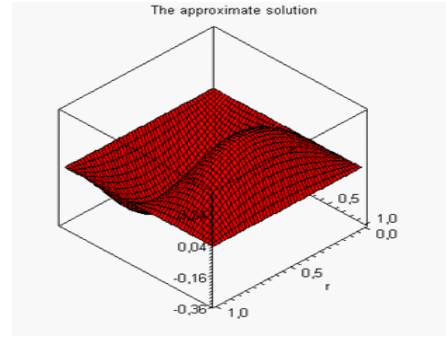


Figure 2

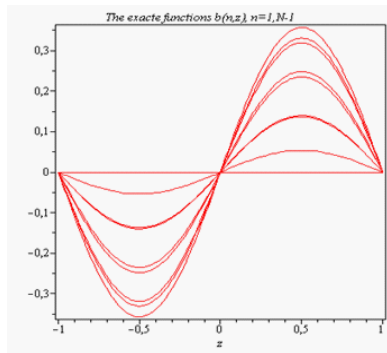


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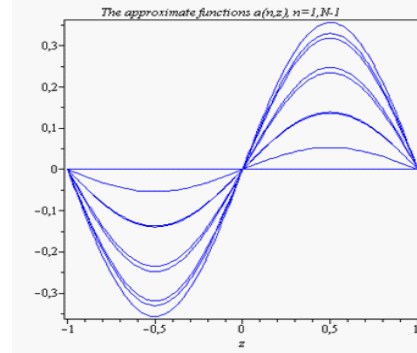


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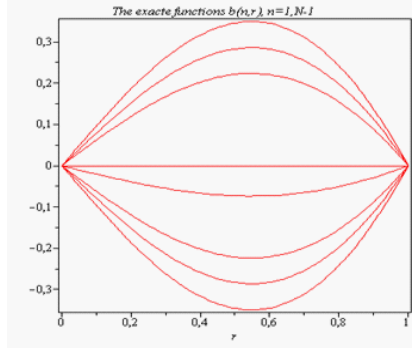


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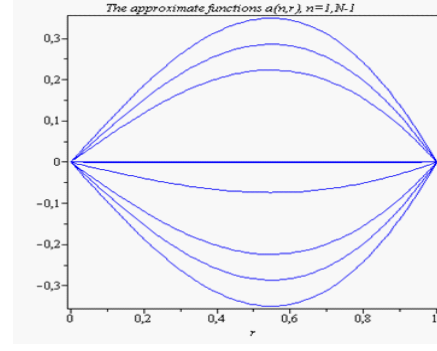


Figure 6

The behavior of the error  $n$  vary from 2 to 10

$N$	2	3	4	5
$Error(N)$	$0.653 \times 10^{-1}$	$0.447 \times 10^{-2}$	$0.174 \times 10^{-3}$	$0.148 \times 10^{-4}$
$N$	6	7	8	9
$Error(N)$	$0.608 \times 10^{-5}$	$0.159 \times 10^{-8}$	$0.747 \times 10^{-9}$	$0.185 \times 10^{-3}$

The graphs made by Maple see [6].

**Conclusion 7** *In this paper the order of the matrix from  $(N-1)^2$  to  $(N-1)$ , by using the technics of the orthogonal matrix, then the solution presented in this method is comparably with others methods good, and give higher accuracy than the finite difference method and spectral method with two variables.*

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