

# ASYMPTOTIC EXPANSIONS OF THE CUBIC SPLINE COLLOCATION SOLUTION FOR SECOND-ORDER ORDINARY DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS\*

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## Abstract

In this paper, we consider the following problem

$$\begin{cases} u''(x) = f(x, u(x), u'(x)), & a \leq x \leq b, \\ u(a) = u(b) = 0, \end{cases}$$

and obtain the following theorem.

**Theorem.** Suppose that  $s(x)$  is a unique collocation solution of the above equation. The solution  $u(x)$  of the above equation exists uniquely and  $u(x) \in C^{r+2}[a, b]$ ,  $f(x, y, z) \in C^r([a, b] \times (-\infty, \infty) \times (-\infty, \infty))$ ,  $r = \lfloor \frac{r-1}{2} \rfloor$ ,  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \geq 0$ . Then

$$s(x_i) = u(x_i) + \sum_{j=1}^i h^{2j} e_j(x_i) + O(h^r), \quad i=0, 1, \dots, N,$$

where  $e_j(x)$  are solutions of some linear ordinary differential equations.

We consider boundary-value problems of the first kind for second-order differential equations

$$\begin{cases} u''(x) = f(x, u(x), u'(x)), & a \leq x \leq b, \\ u(a) = u(b) = 0, \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

where  $u(x)$  is assumed to exist uniquely and  $u(x) \in C^{r+2}[a, b]$ .

$$f(x, y, z) \in C^r([a, b] \times (-\infty, \infty) \times (-\infty, \infty)), \text{ and } \frac{\partial f(x, y, z)}{\partial y} \geq 0.$$

Let  $\Delta$  be an equidistant partition of  $[a, b]$

$$\Delta: a = x_0 < x_1 < \dots < x_N = b$$

and let  $SP(3, \Delta)$  be a cubic spline space.

**Definition.** If there is a unique  $s(x) \in SP(3, \Delta)$  such that

$$s(a) = s(b) = 0,$$

$$s'(x_i) = f(x_i, s(x_i), s'(x_i)), \quad i=0, 1, \dots, N,$$

then  $s(x)$  is called the cubic spline collocation solution of boundary value problems of (1).

In the following, we always assume that collocation solutions exist uniquely.

Let

$$s(x) = \sum_{i=-1}^{N+1} \alpha_i B_i(x),$$

where  $B_i(x)$  are B-Splines of a cubic spline. By using the values of  $B_i(x_j)$ ,  $B'_i(x_j)$ ,

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$B_i''(x_j)$  we have a system of nonlinear equations.

$$\begin{cases} \alpha_{-1} + 4\alpha_0 + \alpha_1 = 0, \\ \frac{\alpha_{i+1} - 2\alpha_i + \alpha_{i-1}}{h^2} = f\left(x_i, \frac{\alpha_{i+1} + 4\alpha_i + \alpha_{i-1}}{6}, \frac{\alpha_{i+1} - \alpha_{i-1}}{2h}\right), \quad i=0, 1, \dots, N, \\ \alpha_{N-1} + 4\alpha_N + \alpha_{N+1} = 0. \end{cases}$$

Cancelling  $\alpha_{-1}, \alpha_{N+1}$  we obtain

$$\begin{cases} -6\alpha_0 = h^2 f\left(x_0, u_0, \frac{\alpha_1 + 2\alpha_0}{h}\right), \\ \frac{\alpha_{i+1} - 2\alpha_i + \alpha_{i-1}}{h^2} = f\left(x_i, \frac{\alpha_{i+1} + 4\alpha_i + \alpha_{i-1}}{6}, \frac{\alpha_{i+1} - \alpha_{i-1}}{2h}\right), \quad i=1, 2, \dots, N-1, \\ -6\alpha_N = h^2 f\left(x_N, u_N, -\frac{\alpha_{N-1} + 2\alpha_N}{h}\right). \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

Solving this system by Newton's iteration we can obtain the collocation solution  $s(x)$ .

For simplicity let us assume

$$l = \left[ \frac{r-1}{2} \right] \quad \text{and} \quad 0! = \frac{1}{3}.$$

For any function  $d_j(x) \in O^{r+2-2j}[a, b]$  ( $j=0, 1, \dots, l$ ), if we take  $\beta_i = \sum_{j=0}^l h^{2j} d_j(x_i)$  ( $i=0, 1, \dots, N$ ), then for  $i=1, 2, \dots, N-1$ , from Taylor's formula we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\beta_{i+1} - 2\beta_i + \beta_{i-1}}{h^2} &= \sum_{j=0}^l h^{2j} \sum_{k=0}^j \frac{2 \cdot d_{j-k}^{(2k+2)}(x_i)}{(2k+2)!} + O(h^r), \\ \frac{\beta_{i+1} + 4\beta_i + \beta_{i-1}}{6} &= \sum_{j=0}^l h^{2j} \sum_{k=0}^j \frac{d_{j-k}^{(2k)}(x_i)}{3 \cdot (2k)!} + O(h^r), \\ \frac{\beta_{i+1} - \beta_{i-1}}{2h} &= \sum_{j=0}^l h^{2j} \sum_{k=0}^j \frac{d_{j-k}^{(2k+1)}(x_i)}{(2k+1)!} + O(h^r), \\ f\left(x_i, \frac{\beta_{i+1} + 4\beta_i + \beta_{i-1}}{6}, \frac{\beta_{i+1} - \beta_{i-1}}{2h}\right) &= f(x_i, d_0(x_i), d'_0(x_i)) + \sum_{1 \leq s+m < l} \frac{1}{s!m!} \frac{\partial^{s+m}}{\partial y^s \partial z^m} f(x_i, d_0(x_i), d'_0(x_i)) \\ &\quad \times \left( \sum_{j=1}^l h^{2j} \sum_{k=0}^j \frac{d_{j-k}^{(2k+1)}(x_i)}{(2k+1)!} + O(h^r) \right)^m \\ &\quad \times \left( \sum_{j=1}^l h^{2j} \sum_{k=0}^j \frac{d_{j-k}^{(2k)}(x_i)}{3 \cdot (2k)!} + O(h^r) \right)^s + O(h^r) \\ &= f(x_i, d_0(x_i), d'_0(x_i)) + \sum_{1 \leq s+m < l} \frac{1}{s!m!} \frac{\partial^{s+m}}{\partial y^s \partial z^m} f(x_i, d_0(x_i), d'_0(x_i)) \\ &\quad \times \sum_{j=s+m}^l h^{2j} \left\{ \sum_{\substack{t_1+\dots+t_{s+m}=j \\ t_r \geq 1}} \prod_{n=1}^s \left( \sum_{k=0}^{t_n} \frac{d_{t_n-k}^{(2k)}(x_i)}{3 \cdot (2k)!} \right) \prod_{n=s+1}^{s+m} \left( \sum_{k=0}^{t_n} \frac{d_{t_n-k}^{(2k+1)}(x_i)}{(2k+1)!} \right) \right\} + O(h^r) \\ &= f(x_i, d_0(x_i), d'_0(x_i)) + \sum_{j=1}^l h^{2j} \sum_{1 \leq s+m < j} \frac{1}{s!m!} \frac{\partial^{s+m}}{\partial y^s \partial z^m} f(x_i, d_0(x_i), d'_0(x_i)) \\ &\quad \times \left\{ \sum_{\substack{t_1+\dots+t_{s+m}=j \\ t_r \geq 1}} \prod_{n=1}^s \left( \sum_{k=0}^{t_n} \frac{d_{t_n-k}^{(2k)}(x_i)}{3 \cdot (2k)!} \right) \cdot \prod_{n=s+1}^{s+m} \left( \sum_{k=0}^{t_n} \frac{d_{t_n-k}^{(2k+1)}(x_i)}{(2k+1)!} \right) \right\} + O(h^r), \quad (3) \end{aligned}$$