

ON A DIFFERENCE SCHEME FOR SINGULAR PERTURBATION PROBLEMS

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Abstract

The numerical solution of nonlinear two-point singular perturbation boundary value problem is studied. The developed method is based on a combination of numerical solutions of boundary value problems which approximate the problem in boundary layers and the solution of reduced problem. Numerical examples are presented.

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1. Introduction

In this paper we shall consider the problem

$$(1) \quad T_\epsilon u := -\epsilon^2 u'' + c(x, u) = 0, \quad x \in I = [0, 1],$$

$$u(0) = u(1) = 0,$$

where $\epsilon \in (0, \epsilon_0)$, $\epsilon_0 \ll 1$, is a small perturbation parameter. We assume that the following conditions are satisfied:

$$(2) \quad c \in C^k(I \times \mathbb{R}), \quad k \in \mathbb{N},$$

$$0 < \gamma^2 < c_u(x, u) \leq \Gamma, \quad (x, u) \in I \times \mathbb{R}.$$

Numerical treatment of problem (1) was considered among the others, in [1], [2], [9], [12], [13], [20], [23], [26] and [28]. This problem occurs in the study of chemical catalysis, fluid mechanics (boundary value problems), elasticity, quantum mechanics and fluid dynamics.

It is well known that there exists a unique solution $u_\epsilon \in C^{k+2}(I)$ to (1) which in general displays boundary layers at $x = 0$ and $x = 1$ for small ϵ , [1], [2], [9], [19]. The corresponding reduced problem $c(x, u) = 0$ has also a unique solution $u_0 \in C^k(I)$ which in general does not satisfy the boundary conditions. For the solution u_ϵ to (1) it holds, [23], [25]:

$$(3) |u_\epsilon^{(i)}(x)| = \begin{cases} M(1 + \epsilon^{-i} \exp(-\gamma x/\epsilon)), & 0 \leq x \leq 0.5, \\ M(1 + \epsilon^{-i} \exp(-\gamma(1-x)/\epsilon)), & 0.5 \leq x \leq 1. \end{cases} \quad i = 0, 1, \dots, k.$$

Here and throughout the paper M denotes any positive constant that may take a different values in different formulas, but that are always independent of ϵ and of discretization mesh.

In this paper we shall talk about a numerical solution of problem (1) which consists of $u_0(x)$ for $x \in [s, 1 - s_0]$, $s, s_0 \in (0, 0.5)$ and numerical solutions to problems

$$(4) \quad -\epsilon^2 v'' + c(x, v) = 0, \quad x \in [0, s],$$

$$v(0) = 0, \quad v(s) = u_0(s),$$

$$(5) \quad -\epsilon^2 w'' + c(x, w) = 0, \quad x \in [1 - s_0, 1],$$

$$w(1 - s_0) = u_0(1 - s_0), \quad w(1) = 0.$$

A choice of s and s_0 is described in the section 2.

From now on we consider a numerical solution to (1) on $[0, 0.5]$. A numerical solution on $[0, 0.5]$ can be constructed in a similar way.

Let

$$(6) \quad n \in \mathbb{N}, \quad h = \frac{1}{2n}, \quad I_h = \{x_i = \lambda(ih) : i = 0, 1, \dots, n\},$$

be a special discretization mesh with mesh generating function

$$(7) \quad \lambda(t) = \frac{a\epsilon t}{q - t}, \quad t \in [0, 0.5],$$

where

$$q = a\epsilon + 0.5,$$

and a satisfies

$$(8) \quad 0 < 2a\epsilon < 1.$$

Let $I_s = \{x \in I_h : x \leq s\}$. On I_s we solve (4) using finite difference. It we denote this solution by $v_h = [v_0, v_1, \dots, v_m]^T$, $m \leq n$, then we prove that

$$|v(x_i) - v_i| \leq Mh^4, \quad x_i \in I_s,$$

where v is exact solution to (4). The existence of v and the following estimates

$$(9) \quad |u_\epsilon(x) - v(x)| \leq M(\exp(-\gamma s/\epsilon) + \epsilon^2), \quad x \in [0, s],$$

$$(10) \quad |v^{(i)}(x)| \leq M(1 + \epsilon^{-i} \exp(-\gamma x/\epsilon)), \quad x \in [0, 0.5], \quad i = 0, 1, \dots, k,$$

follow from the inverse monotonicity of (4) under assumption (2), see [19], [23], [25]. For $s \leq x \leq -0.5$ we approximate $u_\epsilon(x)$ by $u_0(x)$ and it holds

$$(11) \quad |u_\epsilon(x) - u_0(x)| \leq M(\exp(-s\gamma/\epsilon) + \epsilon^2), \quad x \in [s, 0.5].$$

Using (9) and (10) we prove

$$|u_\epsilon(x) - u(x)| \leq M(h^4 + \epsilon^2), \quad x \in I_s \cup [s, 0.5],$$

where

$$(12) \quad u(x) = \begin{cases} v_i & \text{for } x = x_i \in I_s, \\ u_0(x) & \text{for } x \in [s, 0.5] \end{cases}$$

For the mesh generating function on $[0.5, 1]$ we can take $\mu(t) = 1 - \lambda(1 - t)$, $t \in [0.5, 1]$. In this case one can obtain so in a similar way as s .

Our numerical results are obtained by solving boundary value problems which were considered in many papers: [2], [5-11], [15-17], [20], [24], [27-28]. These results show that the theoretical order of convergence is also established numerically.

2. The numerical method

From now on we shall take ϵ and a such that (8) holds. Our discretization mesh is of the form (6) with the mesh generating function λ given by (7).

In order to form a discretization of the problem (4) we approximate the differential equation of (4) by the following difference formulas:

$$F_1 v_h := -\epsilon^2(A_1(1)v_0 + A_0(1)v_1 + A_2(1)v_2) + c(x_1, v_1) = 0,$$

$$(13) \quad \begin{aligned} F_i v_h &:= -\epsilon^2(a_3(i)v_{i-2} + a_1(i)v_{i-1} + a_0(i)v_i + a_2(i)v_{i+1} + a_4(i)v_{i+2}) \\ &+ C(c_i, v_i) = 0, \quad i = 2, 3, \dots, m-1, \end{aligned}$$

$$F_m v_h := -\epsilon^2(A_1(m)v_{m-1} + A_0(m)v_m + A_2(m)v_{m+1}) + C(x_m, v_m) = 0,$$

where

$$A_1(i) = \frac{2}{b_1(b_1 - b_2)}, \quad A_0(i) = \frac{2}{b_1 b_2}, \quad A_2(i) = \frac{2}{b_2(b_2 - b_1)}$$

$$a_1(i) = \frac{-2(b_2 b_3 + b_2 b_4 + b_3 b_4)}{b_1(b_2 - b_1)(b_3 - b_1)(b_4 - b_1)},$$

$$a_2(i) = \frac{-2(b_1 b_3 + b_1 b_4 + b_3 b_4)}{b_2(b_1 - b_2)(b_3 - b_2)(b_4 - b_2)},$$

$$a_3(i) = \frac{-2(b_1 b_2 + b_1 b_4 + b_2 b_4)}{b_3(b_1 - b_3)(b_2 - b_3)(b_4 - b_3)},$$

$$a_4(i) = \frac{-2(b_1 b_2 + b_1 b_3 + b_2 b_3)}{b_4(b_1 - b_4)(b_2 - b_4)(b_3 - b_4)},$$

$$a_0(i) = \frac{+2(b_1 b_2 + b_1 b_3 + b_1 b_4 + b_2 b_3 + b_2 b_4 + b_3 b_4)}{b_1 b_2 b_3 b_4},$$

with

$$b_1 = x_{i-1} - x_i, \quad b_2 = x_{i+1} - x_i,$$

$$b_3 = x_{i-2} - x_i, \quad b_4 = x_{i+2} - x_i.$$

Let us define

$$d_j(i) = -\epsilon^2 a_j(i), \quad j = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, \quad i = 2, 3, \dots, m-1,$$

$$D_j(i) = -\epsilon^2 A_j(i), \quad j = 0, 1, 2, \quad i = 1, \dots, m.$$

One can obtain

$$d_1(i) = \frac{4(-3h - hi + q)(h - hi + q)^4}{3a^2 h^2 q^2 (q - hi)},$$

$$\begin{aligned}
d_2(i) &= \frac{4(-h - hi + q)^4(3h - hi + q)}{3a^2h^2q^2(q - hi)}, \\
d_3(i) &+ \frac{(6h + hi - q)(2h - hi + q)^4}{12a^2h^2q^2(-(hi) + q)}, \\
d_4(i) &= \frac{(-6h + hi - q)(-2h - hi + q)^4}{12a^2h^2q^2(-(hi) + q)}, \\
d_0(i) &= \frac{(q - ih)^2(24h^2 - 5h^2i^2 + 10hiq - 5q^2)}{2a^2h^2q^2}, \\
D_1(i) &= \frac{-(h + hi - q)(-hi) + q)(h - hi + q)^2}{a^2h^2q^2}, \\
D_2(i) &= \frac{(hi - q)(-h + hi - q)(h + hi - q)^2}{a^2h^2q^2}, \\
D_0(i) &= \frac{2(hi - q)^2(h + hi - q)(h - hi + q)}{a^2h^2q^2}.
\end{aligned}$$

It is easy to see that for $i = 1, 2, \dots, p$, where $p = n - 7$, it holds

$$\begin{aligned}
d_4(i) &> 0, \quad d_3(i) > 0, \quad d_0(i) > 0, \\
d_1(i) &< 0, \quad d_2(i) < 0, \\
D_1(i) &< 0, \quad D_0(i) > 0, \quad D_2(i) < 0.
\end{aligned}$$

Let

$$\phi(i) = \frac{d_2(i)D_2(i+1)}{4d_4(i)} - D_0(i+1).$$

The value s we choose as $s = x_m$, where $m \in \{2, 3, \dots, p\}$ is determined so that

$$(14) \quad \phi(m) < \Gamma \leq \phi(m-1).$$

Since $\phi(i)$ is decreasing function in i , we can obtain m if $\Gamma < \phi(2)$. If we consider $\phi(2)$ as a function of n , then $\phi(2)$ is increasing. So, for sufficiently large n holds $\Gamma < \phi(2)$.

If $\Gamma > \phi(i)$ for all $i = 2, 3, \dots, p$, our method can not be applied. If $\Gamma \leq \phi(i)$, $i = 2, 3, \dots, p$ then we define $m = p$.

Now, using (13) and

$$f_0 v_h := v_0 = 0,$$

$$F_{m+1}v_h := v_{m+1} - u_0(x_{m+1}) = 0,$$

we form discrete analogue of problem (1):

$$(15) \quad F_i v_h = 0, \quad i = 0, 1, \dots, m + 1.$$

The system (15) can be written in the form $Fv_h = d$, where $F = (F_0, F_1, \dots, F_{m+1})$, $d = [0, \dots, 0, u_0(x_{m+1})]^T$.

Theorem 1. *Suppose that the conditions (2) are satisfied. Then the equation $Fv_h = d$ has a unique solution $v_j = [v_0, v_1, \dots, v_{m+1}]^T$ which is point of attraction of Newton method.*

Proof. The Fresheet - derivative $F'(z)$ of F for arbitrary $z = [z_0, z_1, \dots, z_{m+1}]^T$ is a five-diagonal matrix $F'(z)$ of the following form

$$\left[\begin{array}{cccccc} 1 & & & & & \\ D_1(1) & D_0(1) + c_1 & D_2(1) & & & \\ d_3(2) & d_1(2) & d_0(2) + c_2 & d_2(2) & d_4(2) & \\ & d_3(3) & d_1(3) & d_0(3) + c_3 & d_2(3) & d_4(3) \\ & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ d_3(m-1) & d_1(m-1) & d_0(m-1) + c_{m-1} & d_2(m-1) & d_4(m-1) & \\ & & D_1(m) & D_0(m) + c_m & D_2(m) & \\ & & & & & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

where $c_i = c_u(x_i, z_i)$, $i = 2, 3, \dots, m$. For the coefficients of this matrix it holds

$$d_0(i) + c_i > 0, \quad d_1(i) < 0, \quad d_2(i) < 0, \quad d_3(i) \geq 0, \quad d_4(i) > 0$$

$$D_0(i) + c_i > 0, \quad D_1(i) < 0, \quad D_2(i) < 0, \quad i = 1, \dots, m.$$

To prove $F'(z)$ is inverse monotone, i.e. $(F'(x))^{-1} \geq 0$, we shall apply ML -criterion, see [4]. It is sufficient to prove

$$(16) \quad d_2(i)d_2(i+1) \geq 4(d_0(i+1) + c_{i+1})d_4(i), \quad i = 2, \dots, m-2,$$

$$(17) \quad d_2(m-1)D_2(m) \geq 4(D_0(m) + c_m)d_4(m-1),$$

$$(18) \quad d_2(m-1)D_2(m) \geq 4(D_0(m) + c_m)d_4(m-1),$$

$$(19) \quad D_1(1)d_1(2) \geq 4(D_0(1) + c_1)d_3(2),$$

$$(20) \quad d_1(i-1)d_1(i) \geq 4(d_0(i-1) + c_{i-1})d_3(i), \quad i = 3, \dots, m-1.$$

Obviously, (17) is equivalent to

$$\phi(i) \geq c_{i+1}, \quad i = 2, 3, \dots, m-1.$$

Since $\Gamma > c_{i+1}, i = 1, 2, \dots, m+1$, from (14) it follows $\phi_i \geq c_{i+1}, i = 2, 3, \dots, m-1$. Similarly, from

$$\psi(i) \geq \Gamma, \quad i = 3, \dots, m-1,$$

$$H(1) \geq \Gamma,$$

$$H(i) \geq \Gamma, \quad i = 2, \dots, m-2,$$

where

$$\psi(i) = \frac{d_1(i-1)d_1(i)}{4d_3(i)} - d_0(i-1),$$

$$H(1) = \frac{D_1(1)d_1(2)}{4d_3(2)} - D_0(1),$$

$$H(i) = \frac{d_2(i)d_2(i+1)}{4d_4(i)} - d_0(i+1),$$

we obtain (17), (18) and (19).

After some elementary calculation one can obtain that

$$\phi(i) < H(i) < \psi(i), \quad i = 2, 3, \dots, m-1,$$

and

$$\phi(i) < H(i), \quad i = 2, 3, \dots, m-1.$$

So, if m is determined from (14) we have (16)-(19) and $(F'(z))^{-1} \geq 0$.

Let $F'_\gamma(z)$ be a matrix which is obtained from $F'(z)$ if we replace c_i with γ^2 . Thus matrix is also inverse monotone and it holds $F'(z) \geq F'_\gamma(z)$. It is easily seen that

$$(F'_\gamma(z))^{-1} \geq (F'(z))^{-1} \geq 0,$$

$$F'_\gamma(z)\delta \geq M^{-1}\delta, \quad \delta = [1, 1, \dots, 1]^T, \quad M^{-1} = \min\{1, \gamma^2\},$$

$$\|F'(z)^{-1}\|_{\alpha} \leq \|F'_\gamma(z)^{-1}\|_{\infty} = M.$$

Now, by Hodamard Theorem [21], it follows that the equation $Fv_h = d$ has a unique solution v_h . Convergence of the Newton method follows by well known theorems from [4], [21]. \square

Theorem 2. *Suppose the conditions (2) are satisfied. Let u_ϵ be the solution to problem (1) and let u be defined by (12). Then for sufficiently large n holds*

$$|u_\epsilon(x) - u(x)| \leq M(h^4 + \epsilon^2), \quad x \in I_s \cup [s, 0.5].$$

Proof. For $x \in [s, 0.5]$ from (11) it follows

$$|u_\epsilon(x) - u(x)| \leq M(\exp(-s\gamma/\epsilon) + \epsilon^2).$$

For $x = x_i \in I_s$, we have

$$(21) \quad |u_\epsilon(x) - u(x)| \leq |u_\epsilon(x) - v(x)| + |v(x) - v_i|.$$

From (9) it follows

$$|u_\epsilon(x) - u(x)| \leq M(\exp(-\gamma s/\epsilon) + \epsilon^2) + |v(x) - v_i|.$$

We see that for proof of theorem it is sufficient to prove

$$(22) \quad \exp(-\gamma s/\epsilon) \leq M\epsilon^2$$

and

$$(23) \quad |v(x) - v_i| \leq Mh^4.$$

The inequality (22) can be proved by using technique from [27], [28]. We note here only that the truncation error of our discretization can be written as

$$r_1 = \frac{(x_2 - x_1) - (x_1 - x_0)}{3} v^{(3)}(x_1) + \frac{1}{12(x_2 - x_0)} [(x_1 - x_0)^3 v^{(4)}(\alpha) + (x_2 - x_1)^3 v^{(4)}(\beta)],$$

$$\alpha, \beta \in (x_0, x_2),$$

$$r_i = \frac{v^{(5)}(x_i)}{120} \sum_{p=1}^4 a_p(i) b_p^5 + \frac{1}{720} \sum_{p=1}^4 a_p(i) b_p^6 v^{(6)}(\tau_i),$$

$$\tau_i \in (x_{i-1}, x_{i+2}), \quad i = 2, 3, \dots, p,$$

where b_p depends on i , as we have seen. The truncation error τ_1 is $\mathcal{O}(h^2)$, but using technique from [4] we can transform $F_1 v_h$ so that corresponding error is $\mathcal{O}(h^4)$.

So, to finish the proof we have to prove (21). To obtain $s = \lambda(mh)$ we solve equation $\Gamma = \phi(i)$ in i . Let ρ be solution, e.i. $\Gamma = \phi(\rho)$. If ρ is not integer we define $m = [\rho]$, and if ρ is integer we define $m = \rho - 1$. Since $\phi(i)$ is decreasing function in i , (14) is satisfied. The equation $\Gamma = \phi(i)$ is equivalent with

$$\begin{aligned} & 2(h + hi - q)(q - hi)^2(h - hi + q) \\ & ((-7h + hi - q)(-h - hi + q)^3 + 2(q - hi)^3(4h - hi + q)) \\ & - a^2 h^2 (-7h + hi - q) q^2 (-h - hi + q)^3 = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Since $h = \frac{1}{2n}$, with $s = ih$ one can obtain the following equation

$$\begin{aligned} p_n(s) &= 2(q - s)^2 \left(\frac{1}{2n} + q - s\right) \left(\frac{1}{2n} - q + s\right) \\ & (2(q - s)^3 \left(\frac{2}{n} + q - s\right) + \left(\frac{-1}{2n} + q - s\right)^3 \left(\frac{-7}{2n} - q + s\right)) - \\ & \frac{a^2 q^2 \left(\frac{-1}{2n} + q - s\right)^3 \left(\frac{-7}{2n} - q + s\right) y}{4n^2} = 0. \end{aligned}$$

It is easy to see that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} p_n(s) = -2(q - s)^8.$$

The solution of $(q - s)^8 = 0$ is $s = q$. Let we denote by $s_k(n), k = 1, 2, \dots, 8$, solutions of $p_n(s) = 0$. Then, see [29],

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_k(n) = q, \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, 8.$$

Using this we conclude that $\rho h \rightarrow q$. Now, from $\rho - 1 \leq m < \alpha$ it follows

$$mh \rightarrow q, \quad ; \quad \text{for } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Now, we have $q - mh > 0$ and

$$\exp(-\gamma s/\epsilon) = \exp\left(-\gamma \frac{amh}{q - mh}\right) \leq M\epsilon^2$$

for n enough big, since $q - mh \rightarrow 0$. \square

3. The numerical example

In this section we present the results of numerical experiments using the scheme described in previous section. Our example

$$-\epsilon^2 u'' + u + \cos^2(\pi x) + 2(\epsilon\pi)^2 \cos(2\pi x) = 0,$$

$$u(0) = u(1) = 0,$$

is often used in the literature , [6-9], [11], [15-17], [24], [27-28], to compare different codes. We also give the numerical validation of the theoretical order of convergence for the scheme discussed in section 2.

The solution of our problem is

$$u_\epsilon(x) = \frac{\exp(-x/\epsilon) + \exp(-(1-x)/\epsilon)}{1 + \exp(-1/\epsilon)} - \cos^2(\pi x),$$

with $\gamma = 1$ and $r = 1$.

We denote by E_n the maximum of $|u_\epsilon(x) - u(x)|$, $x \in I_h$, i.e.

$$E_n = \max\{|u_\epsilon(x) - u(x)| : i = 0, 1, \dots, n\}.$$

Also, we define in the usual way the order of convergence Ord for two successive values of n with respective errors E_n and E_{2n} :

$$Ord = \frac{\log E_n - \log E_{2n}}{\log 2}.$$

We expect that $Ord = 4$ for small ϵ . In our calculation $a = 1$. Table 1 contains m , E_n and Ord for $n = 2^k$, $k = 4, 5, \dots, q$. For ϵ we take 2^{-8} and $\epsilon \in [2^{-64}, 2^{-16}]$.

$n \setminus \epsilon$	2^{-8}	2^{-16}	2^{-64}	
16	9		9	m
	1.954 (-1)		1.889 (-1)	E_n
32	25		25	Ord
	1.561 (-2)		1.313 (-2)	
64	57		57	
	1.333 (-4)		6.356 (-5)	
128	120		119	
	1.240 (-6)		1.279 (-6)	
256	245		243	
	7.759 (-8)		8.003 (-8)	
512	497		493	
	4.852 (-9)		5.004 (-9)	
	3.9995		3.9994	

Table 1

In the Table 2 we present $s_k(n)$. It is obviously that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_k(n) = q$.

$n \setminus \epsilon$	2^{-8}	2^{-16}
16	0.43682	0.43353
64	0.45710	0.45342
256	0.47855	0.47477
1024	0.49076	0.48692
8192	0.49928	0.49486
65536	0.503908	0.500016
524288	0.503907	0.500016
2097152	0.503906	0.500015
q	0.503906	0.500015 25

Table 2

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REZIME**O JEDNOJ DIFERENCNOJ ŠEMI ZA SINGULARNO
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Posmatra se numeričko rešavanje nelinearnog singularno perturbovanog konturnog problema pomoću kombinacije rešenja odgovarajućeg redukovanog problema i numeričkog rešenja polaznog problema na onom delu intervala koji sadrži granični sloj. Pri tom se za aproksimaciju diferencijalne jednačine koriste diferencne formule četvrtog reda na specijalnoj neekvidistantnoj mreži. Numerički primeri ilustruju efikasnost predloženog postupka i potvrđuju teoretske rezultate.

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