

ON NUMERICAL SOLUTION OF SEMILINEAR
SINGULAR PERTURBATION PROBLEMS BY USING
THE HERMITE SCHEME ON A NEW
BAKHVALOV-TYPE MESH ¹

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Abstract. A fourth-order finite-difference method for a semilinear singularly perturbed boundary value problem is studied. This method is based on Hermitian approximation of the second derivative on special new discretization mesh of Bakhvalov type. Numerical examples which demonstrate the effectiveness of the method are presented.

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This paper is concerned with the following singularly perturbed semilinear boundary value problem:

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

where $\varepsilon \in (0, \varepsilon_0)$, $\varepsilon_0 \ll 1$, is a small perturbation parameter. For simplicity, we shall assume that $c \in C^\infty(I \times \mathbb{R})$, and

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

The condition (2) is the standard stability condition, which implies that both (1) and reduced problem $c(x, u) = 0$, have unique solutions u_ε and u_0 , respectively, which are both in $C^\infty(I)$. If $u_0(0) \neq 0$ and $u_0(1) \neq 0$, the solution u_ε has a boundary layer of exponential type at $x = 0$ and $x = 1$. In general, the following estimate holds:

$$(3) \quad |u_\varepsilon^{(k)}(x)| \leq \begin{cases} M(1 + \varepsilon^{-k} e^{-\gamma x/\varepsilon}), & x \in [0, 0.5], \\ M(1 + \varepsilon^{-k} e^{-\gamma(1-x)/\varepsilon}), & x \in [0.5, 1], \end{cases} \quad k = 0, 1, \dots,$$

see [11]. Here and throughout the paper, M , sometimes subscripted, denotes a generic positive constant, independent of ε and number of discretization subintervals n that will be used to solve (1) numerically.

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Problems of type (1) are probably the most frequently studied singular perturbation problems, both asymptotically and numerically, see [1], [2], [3], [4], [10], [11], [13], [15] and the references therein. This interest can be justified by several model problems arising in applications.

In this paper we shall consider the numerical method for (1) on a new discretization mesh of Bakhvalov type. The method considered was introduced by Herceg [4], and then studied and improved by Vulanović and Herceg [15], Vulanović [13], and Sun and Stynes [10].

The method discretizes the problem (1) on a special nonequidistant mesh that is dense in the boundary layers. It uses a nonequidistant generalization of the fourth order three-point finite-difference scheme known as the Hermite scheme (which we shall call the H -scheme), and a combination of the H -scheme with the standard central scheme (a combination of this kind will be denoted by HC). The HC -scheme is used also in [15] and [13].

Our mesh (which we shall call the H -mesh), and the meshes used in [4], [15] and [13] belong to those of Bakhvalov type, [1] and [11].

Herceg [4] assumed the following constraint on c in addition to (2) :

$$c_u(x, u) \leq G(x), \quad x \in I, \quad u \in \mathbb{R}, \quad \min_{x \in I} \{5\gamma^2 - 2G(x)\} > 0.$$

This unpleasant condition here is eliminated. So, in this paper we consider only condition (2), as in the other papers that consider the same problems.

Our numerical results are obtained by solving boundary value problems which were considered in many papers. These results show that the theoretical order of convergence is also established numerically.

Let be noted that the Richardson extrapolation can also be used to improve the basic fourth order accuracy of the above scheme, on our new mesh, similarly as in [5] and [16].

1. Discretization mesh

In this paper we shall consider the discretization of problem (1) on the discretization mesh

$$(4) \quad I_h = \{x_i = \lambda(ih), i = 0, 1, \dots, n\}, \quad h = \frac{1}{n}, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

The mesh generating function $\lambda(t)$ is given by

$$\lambda(t) = \begin{cases} \mu(\beta) + \mu'(\beta)(t - \beta), & t \in [0, \beta], \\ \mu(t) := \frac{a\epsilon t}{q-t} + \delta, & t \in [\beta, \alpha], \\ \mu(\alpha) + \mu'(\alpha)(t - \alpha) & t \in [\alpha, 0.5], \\ 1 - \lambda(1 - t), & t \in [0.5, 1]. \end{cases}$$

The constants a and q are independent of ε and satisfy:

$$(5) \quad q \in (0, 0.5), \quad 0 < \varepsilon \leq \varepsilon_0 \ll 1, \quad a > 0, \quad a\varepsilon_0 < q.$$

The last condition guarantees the existence of the point $\alpha \in (0, q)$. The constant $\delta \geq 0$ is chosen so that $1 - 2\delta > 0$ and $\beta < \alpha$:

$$(6) \quad \delta = ap^2\varepsilon, \quad p = \frac{1}{\kappa q - 1}, \quad \kappa > \frac{1}{q - \sqrt{aq\varepsilon_0}}, \quad \kappa \in \mathbb{N},$$

For simplicity, we assume that n is even and divisible by κ :

$$(7) \quad n = 2m, \quad m \in \mathbb{N}, \quad n = 0 \pmod{\kappa}.$$

From (7) follows that β belongs to I_h and the interval $(0, \beta]$ contains $\frac{n}{\kappa}$ points of discretization mesh.

The condition

$$(8) \quad h = \frac{1}{n} < \frac{q}{Q}, \quad Q = 2 \left(1 + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3} \right) \approx 3.1547.$$

implies only that set the $I'_h \subset I_h$ can be constructed:

$$I'_h = \{t_i \in I_h : q - Qh < (i - 1)h < \alpha \quad \text{or} \quad 1 - \alpha < (i + 1)h < 1 - Qh\}.$$

Let us note that the set I'_h can be empty.

The value α is a unique point from $(0, q)$ which is the abscissa of the contact point of the tangent line from $(0.5, 0.5)$ to $\mu(t)$, and it can be found exactly from $\mu(\alpha) + \mu'(\alpha) \left(\frac{1}{2} - \alpha\right) = \frac{1}{2}$:

$$(9) \quad \alpha = \frac{q(1 - 2\delta) - \sqrt{aq\varepsilon((1 - 2q)(1 - 2\delta) + 2a\varepsilon)}}{1 - 2\delta + 2a\varepsilon}.$$

The point β is a unique point from $(0, q)$ which is the abscissa of the contact point of the tangent line from $(0, 0)$ to $\mu(t)$, and it can be found exactly from $\mu(\beta) + \mu'(\beta)(-\beta) = 0$:

$$(10) \quad \beta = \frac{q\sqrt{\delta}}{\sqrt{\delta} + \sqrt{a\varepsilon}}.$$

Now, the mesh generating function $\lambda(t)$ is given by

$$(11) \quad \lambda(t) = \begin{cases} a\varepsilon \left(\frac{\beta}{q-\beta} + \frac{q(t-\beta)}{(q-\beta)^2} \right) + \delta, & t \in [0, \beta], \\ \mu(t) := \frac{a\varepsilon t}{q-t} + \delta, & t \in [\beta, \alpha], \\ a\varepsilon \left(\frac{\alpha}{q-\alpha} + \frac{q(t-\alpha)}{(q-\alpha)^2} \right) + \delta & t \in [\alpha, 0.5], \\ 1 - \lambda(1 - t), & t \in [0.5, 1]. \end{cases}$$

Let α and β be given by (9) and (10) respectively, and λ by (11). Then the following lemmas can be proved.

Lemma 1.1. *It holds that $1 - 2\delta > 0$ and*

$$(12) \quad \sqrt{aq(1-2q)} < \frac{q-\alpha}{\sqrt{\varepsilon}} < \sqrt{aq}.$$

Lemma 1.2. *For the mesh generating function λ it holds*

$$0 < \lambda'(t) \leq \frac{1}{1-2q}, \quad t \in [0, 1],$$

and

$$\frac{2a\varepsilon q}{(q-\beta)^3} \leq \lambda''(t) < \frac{2}{(1-2q)\sqrt{aq\varepsilon(1-2q)}}, \quad t \in [\beta, \alpha].$$

Lemma 1.3. *It holds*

$$\begin{array}{ll} i) \quad \kappa q > 1, & ii) \quad p > 0, \\ iii) \quad \beta = \frac{qp}{1+p} = \frac{1}{\kappa}, & iv) \quad \beta < q - \sqrt{aq\varepsilon} < \alpha. \end{array}$$

Lemma 1.4. *The mesh generating function λ satisfies $M_0\sqrt{\varepsilon} \leq \lambda(\alpha) \leq M_1\sqrt{\varepsilon}$.*

Lemma 1.5. *Let*

$$f(\varepsilon) = \varepsilon^{-k} e^{-\gamma/\sqrt{\varepsilon}},$$

where k and γ are positive constants. Then

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} f(\varepsilon) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad f(\varepsilon) \leq \left(\frac{2k}{\gamma e}\right)^{2k}, \quad \varepsilon \in [0, 0.5].$$

Lemma 1.6. *Let*

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{(q-x)^k} e^{-\frac{\gamma ax}{q-x}},$$

where a, q and γ are positive constants. Then

$$f(x) \leq e^{a\gamma} \left(\frac{k}{aq\gamma e}\right)^k, \quad x \in [0, q].$$

2. Difference scheme

In order to form a discretization of the problem (1) we approximate the differential equation of (1) by a difference formula of Hermite type in $x_i \in I_h \setminus I'_h$. The coefficients in this formula are not constant, i.e. they depend on x_{i-1} , x_i and x_{i+1} for all $i = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$. These coefficients one can obtain in a similar way as on an equidistant mesh. Let

$$T^h w_i = a_1(i) w_{i-1} + a_0(i) w_i + a_2(i) w_{i+1} + b_1(i) w''_{i-1} + b_0(i) w''_i + b_2(i) w''_{i+1},$$

where $w_i = w(x_i)$, and $w_i'' = w''(x_i)$ for a function $w(x)$.

We obtain the coefficients $a_j(i)$ and $b_j(i)$, $j = 0, 1, 2$ from the system

$$T^h x_i^k = 0, \quad k = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4,$$

$$b_1(i) + b_0(i) + b_2(i) = 1.$$

Let $h_i = x_i - x_{i-1}$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$, then we have

$$a_1(i) = \frac{-2}{h_i(h_i+h_{i+1})}, \quad a_0(i) = \frac{2}{h_i h_{i+1}}, \quad a_2(i) = \frac{-2}{h_{i+1}(h_i+h_{i+1})},$$

$$b_0(i) = a_0(i) \frac{h_i^2 + h_{i+1}^2 + 3h_{i+1}h_i}{12},$$

$$b_1(i) = -a_1(i) \frac{h_i^2 - h_{i+1}^2 + h_{i+1}h_i}{12}, \quad b_2(i) = -a_2(i) \frac{h_{i+1}^2 - h_i^2 + h_{i+1}h_i}{12}.$$

Using this we approximate the differential equation of (1) at $x_i \in I_h \setminus I'_h$ by

$$\begin{aligned} F_i := & \varepsilon^2 (a_1(i) w_{i-1} + a_0(i) w_i + a_2(i) w_{i+1}) + b_1(i) c(x_{i-1}, w_{i-1}) \\ & + b_0(i) c(x_i, w_i) + b_2(i) c(x_{i+1}, w_{i+1}) = 0. \end{aligned}$$

If I'_h is non-empty, we approximate (1) at $x_i \in I'_h$ by

$$F_i := \varepsilon^2 (a_1(i) w_{i-1} + a_0(i) w_i + a_2(i) w_{i+1}) + c(x_i, w_i) = 0,$$

see [4].

We form a discrete analogue of problem (1) in the form $F(w) = 0$, where $F = (F_0, F_1, \dots, F_n)$, and

$$F_0 := w_0 = 0,$$

$$(13) \quad \begin{aligned} F_i := & \varepsilon^2 (a_1(i) w_{i-1} + a_0(i) w_i + a_2(i) w_{i+1}) + b_1(i) c(x_{i-1}, w_{i-1}) \\ & + b_0(i) c(x_i, w_i) + b_2(i) c(x_{i+1}, w_{i+1}) = 0, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n-1, \end{aligned}$$

$$F_n := w_n = 0.$$

We note that it holds $b_1(i) = b_2(i) = 0$, $b_0(i) = 1$ for $x_i \in I'_h$, and then we have a central difference scheme.

The obtained discrete analogue combines Hermite difference scheme (at $x_i \in I_h \setminus I'_h$) and central difference scheme (at $x_i \in I'_h$). This combination we shall call *HC*-scheme.

The solution $w^* = [w_0^*, w_1^*, \dots, w_n^*]^\top$ to $F(w) = 0$, is an approximation to the exact solution u_ε of (1).

Let

$$u_{\varepsilon,h} = [u_{\varepsilon}(x_0), u_{\varepsilon}(x_1), \dots, u_{\varepsilon}(x_n)]^{\top},$$

be the restriction of u_{ε} on the discretization mesh. Our aim is to prove

$$(14) \quad \|u_{\varepsilon,h} - w^*\|_{\infty} \leq Mh^4.$$

It is easy to see that for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$

$$\varepsilon^2 T^h u_{\varepsilon}(x_i) = \varepsilon^2 T^h u_{\varepsilon}(x_i) - F_i(w^*) = F_i(u_{\varepsilon}),$$

since $F_i(w^*) = 0$. From $F(u_{\varepsilon}) - F(w^*) = F(u_{\varepsilon})$ it follows

$$(15) \quad F'(v)(u_{\varepsilon} - w^*) = F(u_{\varepsilon})$$

for some $v = [v_0, v_1, \dots, v_n]^{\top}$. From (15) we obtain (14) if $F'(v)^{-1}$ exists and if the following two estimates hold: $\|F'(v)^{-1}\|_{\infty} \leq M$, and $\|F(u_{\varepsilon})\|_{\infty} \leq Mh^4$.

Let us prove the existence of w^* and (14). As the first step, we prove the following Lemma and Theorem.

Lemma 2.1. *On the H -mesh it holds that $|u_{\varepsilon}(x_i) - u_{\varepsilon}(x_{i-1})| \leq Mh$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$.*

Proof. We consider only the set $I_h \cap [0, 0.5]$ since for $I_h \cap [0.5, 1]$ the proof is analogous. Let us consider the following three sets:

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_{\beta} &= \{x \in I_h : 0 < x \leq \lambda(\beta)\}, \\ \tau_{\alpha} &= \{x \in I_h : \lambda(\beta) < x \leq \lambda(\alpha)\}, \\ \tau_{\alpha} &= \{x \in I_h : \lambda(\alpha) < x \leq 0.5\}. \end{aligned}$$

Since

$$(16) \quad u(x_i) - u(x_{i-1}) = \int_{x_{i-1}}^{x_i} u'(t) dt, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, \frac{n}{2},$$

and, from (3),

$$|u'(x)| \leq M \left(1 + \frac{1}{\varepsilon} e^{-\gamma x/\varepsilon}\right), \quad x \in [0, 0.5],$$

it follows

$$(17) \quad \left| \int_{x_{i-1}}^{x_i} u'(t) dt \right| \leq M \left(1 + \frac{1}{\gamma} e^{-\gamma x/\varepsilon}\right) \Big|_{x_{i-1}}^{x_i} \leq M(x_i - x_{i-1}).$$

For $x_i \in \tau_{\beta}$ it holds

$$x_j = a\varepsilon \left(\frac{\beta}{q - \beta} + \frac{q(jh - \beta)}{(q - \beta)^2} \right) + \delta, \quad j = i - 1, i,$$

and

$$(18) \quad x_i - x_{i-1} = \frac{a\varepsilon q}{n(q-\beta)^2} = \frac{a\varepsilon(1+p)^2}{nq} \leq Mh.$$

For $x_i \in \tau_c$ it holds

$$x_i - x_{i-1} = \mu(ih) - \mu((i-1)h) = \mu'(\theta)h, \quad \theta \in ((i-1)h, ih).$$

Since

$$0 < \mu'(t) \leq \frac{1}{1-2q}, \quad t \in [0, 1],$$

it follows

$$(19) \quad |x_i - x_{i-1}| \leq Mh.$$

For $x_i \in \tau_\alpha$ it holds

$$x_j = a\varepsilon \left(\frac{\alpha}{q-\alpha} + \frac{q(jh-\alpha)}{(q-\alpha)^2} \right) + \delta, \quad j = i-1, i,$$

and

$$(20) \quad x_i - x_{i-1} = \frac{a\varepsilon q}{n(q-\alpha)^2} \leq \frac{a\varepsilon q}{nM\varepsilon} \leq Mh,$$

since $M\sqrt{\varepsilon} \leq q - \alpha$. Now, the proof of this Lemma follows from (17) and (18), (19) and (20). \square

Theorem 2.2. *Let the conditions (5)-(8) be satisfied. Then it holds*

$$\|F(u_\varepsilon)\|_\infty \leq Mh^4.$$

Proof. We consider truncation error in the form from [4]. For a function $y \in C^6(I)$ it holds

$$\begin{aligned} Ry_i &= \frac{y^{(5)}(x_i)}{120} (-a_1(i)h_i^5 + a_2(i)h_{i+1}^5) + \frac{y^{(5)}(x_i)}{6} (-b_1(i)h_i^3 + b_2(i)h_{i+1}^3) \\ &\quad + \frac{y^{(6)}(\theta_i)}{720} (a_1(i)h_i^6 + a_2(i)h_{i+1}^6) + \frac{y^{(6)}(\sigma_i)}{24} (b_1(i)h_i^4 + b_2(i)h_{i+1}^4), \end{aligned}$$

where $\theta_i, \sigma_i \in (x_{i-1}, x_{i+1})$. Simple calculation shows that

$$Ry_i = P_i y^{(5)}(x_i) + Q_i y^{(6)}(\theta_i) + S_i y^{(6)}(\sigma_i),$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} P_i &= \frac{1}{180} (h_{i+1} - h_i) (2h_i^2 + 2h_{i+1}^2 + 5h_i h_{i+1}), \\ Q_i &= -\frac{h_{i+1}^5 + h_i^5}{360(h_{i+1} + h_i)}, \quad S_i = \frac{1}{144} (h_i^4 + h_{i+1}^4 - h_i^2 h_{i+1}^2). \end{aligned}$$

Since

$$\varepsilon^2 T^h u_\varepsilon(x_i) = \varepsilon^2 R u_\varepsilon(x_i)$$

$$\begin{aligned} R u_\varepsilon(x_i) &= a_1(i) u_\varepsilon(x_{i-1}) + a_0(i) u_\varepsilon(x_i) + a_2(i) u_\varepsilon(x_{i+1}) \\ &\quad + b_1(i) c(x_{i-1}, u_\varepsilon(x_{i-1})) + b_0(i) c(x_i, u_\varepsilon(x_i)) + b_2(i) c(x_{i+1}, u_\varepsilon(x_{i+1})), \end{aligned}$$

it follows

$$F(u_\varepsilon) = \varepsilon^2 R u_\varepsilon(x_i) = \varepsilon^2 \left(P_i u_\varepsilon^{(5)}(x_i) + Q_i u_\varepsilon^{(6)}(\theta_i) + S_i u_\varepsilon^{(6)}(\sigma_i) \right).$$

We shall prove Theorem by considering the following three parts of the truncation error $\varepsilon^2 R u_\varepsilon(x_i)$:

$$\varepsilon^2 P_i u_\varepsilon^{(5)}(x_i), \quad \varepsilon^2 Q_i u_\varepsilon^{(6)}(\theta_i), \quad \varepsilon^2 S_i u_\varepsilon^{(6)}(\sigma_i).$$

We consider only the set $I_h \cap [0, 0.5]$ since for $I_h \cap [0.5, 1]$ the proof is analogous. In the following we shall consider the sets:

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_1 &= \{j \in I_n : 0 \leq (j-1)h < \beta\}, \\ \tau_2 &= \{j \in I_n : \beta \leq (j-1)h < \alpha\}, \\ \tau_3 &= \{j \in I_n : \alpha \leq (j-1)h \leq 0.5\}. \end{aligned}$$

Case I. Suppose that $i \in \tau_1$, i.e.

$$(21) \quad 0 \leq (i-1)h < \beta.$$

There are three possibilities:

- I.1)** $ih < \beta$,
- I.2)** $ih = \beta < (i+1)h = \beta + h \leq \alpha$,
- I.3)** $ih = \beta < \alpha < (i+1)h = \beta + h$.

Before we discussing these three cases, we consider case I when the central difference scheme is applied.

Obviously, if $ih \leq \beta$ then

$$q - Qh \leq (i-1)h \leq \beta - h \iff h \geq \frac{q - \beta}{Q - 1} = \frac{q}{(Q - 1)(1 + p)}.$$

From this we conclude that

$$(22) \quad q - Qh \leq (i-1)h < \alpha,$$

since $\beta < \alpha$. It means that at x_i the central difference scheme is used. From (22) it follows

$$h > \frac{q - \alpha}{Q} > M\sqrt{\varepsilon}, \quad \text{and} \quad \varepsilon^2 \leq Mh^4.$$

In this case we have

$$\begin{aligned} Ru_\varepsilon(x_i) &= a_1(i)u_\varepsilon(x_{i-1}) + a_0(i)u_\varepsilon(x_i) + a_2(i)u_\varepsilon(x_{i+1}) + c(x_i, u_\varepsilon(x_i)), \\ \varepsilon^2 u_\varepsilon''(x_i) &= c(x_i, u_\varepsilon(x_i)), \end{aligned}$$

and for some $\theta_i \in (x_{i-1}, x_{i+1})$

$$u_\varepsilon''(\theta_i) = a_1(i)u_\varepsilon(x_{i-1}) + a_0(i)u_\varepsilon(x_i) + a_2(i)u_\varepsilon(x_{i+1}) + c(x_i, u_\varepsilon(x_i)).$$

Using this we conclude

$$\begin{aligned} |\varepsilon^2 Ru_\varepsilon(x_i)| &\leq \varepsilon^2 M \max\{|u_\varepsilon''(x)| : x \in I\} \\ &\leq M\varepsilon^2 \left(1 + \varepsilon^{-2} e^{-\gamma x_{i-1}/\varepsilon}\right) \leq M(\varepsilon^2 + e^{-Mn}) \leq Mh^4, \end{aligned}$$

which completes the proof in this case.

In the following we assume that

$$h < \frac{q - \beta}{Q - 1} = \frac{q}{(Q - 1)(1 + p)}.$$

Because of (8) it must be $h < q/Q$, so we shall consider

$$h < \min\left\{\frac{q}{Q}, \frac{q}{(Q - 1)(1 + p)}\right\}$$

and prove

$$(23) \quad h_i = x_i - x_{i-1} \leq M\varepsilon h, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

and

$$(24) \quad h_{i+1} - h_i \leq M\varepsilon h^2, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

Using these estimates we have in case **I.1** $P_i = 0$ and

$$\begin{aligned} \left|Q_i u_\varepsilon^{(6)}(\theta_i) + S_i u_\varepsilon^{(6)}(\theta_i)\right| &\leq M\varepsilon^4 h^4 \max_{x_{i-1} \leq x \leq x_{i+1}} |u_\varepsilon^{(6)}(x)| \\ &\leq M\varepsilon^4 h^4 \left(1 + \frac{1}{\varepsilon^6} e^{-\gamma \frac{x_i-1}{\varepsilon}}\right) \\ &\leq M\varepsilon^4 h^4 \left(1 + \frac{1}{\varepsilon^6}\right), \end{aligned}$$

i.e.

$$|\varepsilon^2 Ru_\varepsilon(x_i)| \leq M\varepsilon^6 h^4 \left(1 + \frac{1}{\varepsilon^6}\right) \leq Mh^4.$$

In cases **I.2** and **I.3** it holds

$$\varepsilon^2 \left| P_i u_\varepsilon^{(5)}(x_i) \right| \leq \varepsilon^2 M \varepsilon^3 h^4 \max_{x_{i-1} \leq x \leq x_{i+1}} \left| u_\varepsilon^{(5)}(x) \right| \leq M \varepsilon^5 h^4 \left(1 + \frac{1}{\varepsilon^5} \right) \leq M h^4.$$

So, Theorem is proved in this case too.

Now, we shall prove estimates (23) and (24) in all tree subcases of case **I**.

I.1) If $ih < \beta$, then $(i+1)h \leq \beta$ and

$$h_{i+1} = h_i = x_i - x_{i-1} = \frac{a\varepsilon q}{n(q-\beta)^2} = \frac{a\varepsilon(1+p)^2}{nq} = M\varepsilon h$$

and $h_{i+1} - h_i = 0$.

I.2a) If $ih = \beta < (i+1)h = \beta + h \leq \alpha$ and

$$h < \frac{q-\beta}{Q-1} = \frac{q}{(Q-1)(1+p)} \leq \frac{q}{Q},$$

hold, then

$$h_i = x_i - x_{i-1} = \frac{a\varepsilon q}{n(q-\beta)^2} = \frac{a\varepsilon(1+p)^2}{nq} \leq M\varepsilon h$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} h_{i+1} &= \lambda(\beta+h) - \lambda(\beta) = \frac{a\varepsilon h(1+p)^2}{q\left(1-h\frac{1+p}{q}\right)} < \frac{a\varepsilon h(1+p)^2}{q\left(1-\frac{1}{Q-1}\right)} \\ h_{i+1} &< \frac{a\varepsilon h(1+p)^2}{q\left(1-\frac{1}{Q-1}\right)} \leq \frac{a\varepsilon h(1+p)^2(Q-1)}{q(Q-2)} \leq M\varepsilon h. \end{aligned}$$

For $h_{i+1} - h_i$ we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} h_{i+1} - h_i &= \frac{a\varepsilon h^2(1+p)^3}{q^2\left(1-h\frac{1+p}{q}\right)} < \frac{a\varepsilon h^2(1+p)^3}{q^2\left(1-\frac{1}{Q-1}\right)} \\ &< \frac{a\varepsilon h^2(1+p)^3(Q-1)}{q^2(Q-2)} \leq M\varepsilon h^2. \end{aligned}$$

I.2b) If $ih = \beta < (i+1)h = \beta + h \leq \alpha$ and

$$h < \frac{q}{Q} \leq \frac{q-\beta}{Q-1} = \frac{q}{(Q-1)(1+p)},$$

then it holds

$$p \leq \frac{1}{Q-1}, \quad 1+p \leq \frac{Q}{Q-1}, \quad Q-1-p \geq \frac{(Q-2)Q}{Q-1},$$

$$h_{i+1} = \lambda(\beta + h) - \lambda(\beta) = \frac{a\varepsilon h(1+p)^2}{q\left(1 - h\frac{1+p}{q}\right)}$$

$$h_{i+1} < \frac{a\varepsilon h(1+p)^2}{q\left(1 - \frac{1+p}{Q}\right)} \leq \frac{a\varepsilon hQ^2}{q(Q-2)(Q-1)} \leq M\varepsilon h.$$

For $h_{i+1} - h_i$ we obtain

$$h_{i+1} - h_i = \frac{a\varepsilon h^2(1+p)^3}{q^2\left(1 - h\frac{1+p}{q}\right)} < \frac{a\varepsilon h^2(1+p)^3}{q^2\left(1 - \frac{1+p}{Q}\right)}$$

$$h_{i+1} - h_i < \frac{a\varepsilon h^2(1+p)^3(Q-1)}{q^2(Q-2)} \leq \frac{a\varepsilon h^2Q^3}{q^2(Q-1)^2(Q-2)} \leq M\varepsilon h^2.$$

I.3a) If $ih = \beta < \alpha < (i+1)h = \beta + h$ and

$$h < \frac{q - \beta}{Q - 1} = \frac{q}{(Q - 1)(1 + p)} \leq \frac{q}{Q},$$

then

$$h_i = x_i - x_{i-1} = \frac{a\varepsilon q}{n(q - \beta)^2} = \frac{a\varepsilon(1+p)^2}{nq} \leq M\varepsilon h$$

and

$$h_{i+1} = \lambda(\beta + h) - \lambda(\beta) = \frac{a\varepsilon hq\left(q - \beta - \frac{(\alpha - \beta)^2}{h}\right)}{(q - \beta)(q - \alpha)^2} < \frac{a\varepsilon hq}{(q - \alpha)^2},$$

since $\alpha - \beta < h$, $\alpha - \beta < q - \beta$ and

$$\frac{q - \beta - \frac{(\alpha - \beta)^2}{h}}{q - \beta} = 1 - \frac{(\alpha - \beta)^2}{(q - \beta)h} < 1.$$

Because of $\alpha < \beta + h$ it follows

$$\alpha < q\left(\frac{p}{1+p} + \frac{1}{(Q-1)(1+p)}\right)$$

and

$$h_{i+1} < \frac{a\varepsilon hq}{(q - \alpha)^2} < \frac{a\varepsilon h(1+p)^2(Q-1)^2}{q(Q-2)^2} \leq M\varepsilon h.$$

For $h_{i+1} - h_i$ we find

$$h_{i+1} - h_i = \frac{a\varepsilon q(\alpha - \beta)((2q - \alpha - \beta)h - (\alpha - \beta)(q - \beta))}{(q - \alpha)^2(q - \beta)^2}$$

$$h_{i+1} - h_i < \frac{aq\varepsilon h^2 (2q - \alpha - \beta - (q - \beta))}{(q - \alpha)^2 (q - \beta)^2} = \frac{aq\varepsilon h^2}{(q - \alpha)(q - \beta)^2}$$

$$h_{i+1} - h_i < \frac{a\varepsilon h^2 (1+p)^3 (Q-1)}{q^2 (Q-2)} \leq M\varepsilon h^2.$$

I.3b) If $ih = \beta < \alpha < (i+1)h = \beta + h$ and

$$h < \frac{q}{Q} \leq \frac{q - \beta}{Q - 1} = \frac{q}{(Q - 1)(1 + p)},$$

then

$$h_i = x_i - x_{i-1} = \frac{a\varepsilon q}{n(q - \beta)^2} = \frac{a\varepsilon (1+p)^2}{nq} \leq M\varepsilon h$$

and

$$h_{i+1} = \lambda(\beta + h) - \lambda(\beta) = \frac{a\varepsilon h q \left(q - \beta - \frac{(\alpha - \beta)^2}{h} \right)}{(q - \beta)(q - \alpha)^2} < \frac{a\varepsilon h q}{(q - \alpha)^2},$$

as in case **I.3a**). Further

$$\alpha < \beta + h < q \left(\frac{p}{1+p} + \frac{q}{Q} \right)$$

and

$$h_{i+1} < \frac{a\varepsilon h q}{(q - \alpha)^2} < \frac{a\varepsilon h (1+p)^2 Q^2}{q(Q-1-p)^2} \leq \frac{a\varepsilon h Q^2}{q(Q-2)^2}.$$

For $h_{i+1} - h_i$ in this case we obtain as in **I.3a**)

$$h_{i+1} - h_i \leq \frac{aq\varepsilon h^2}{(q - \alpha)(q - \beta)^2} = \frac{a\varepsilon h^2 (1+p)^2}{q(q - \alpha)}$$

$$h_{i+1} - h_i < \frac{a\varepsilon h^2 (1+p)^3 Q}{q^2 (Q-1-p)} \leq \frac{a\varepsilon h^2 Q^3}{q^2 (Q-1)^2 (Q-2)} \leq M\varepsilon h^2.$$

Case II. Let us assume $i \in \tau_2$, i.e. $\beta \leq (i-1)h < \alpha$. There are two subcases:

II.1) $q - Qh \leq (i-1)h < \alpha$.

The proof of Theorem in this case is the same as in case I assuming the same condition.

II.2) $(i-1)h < \min\{\alpha, q - Qh\}$.

If $(i-1)h < \alpha$ and $(i-1)h < q - Qh$, then holds

$$(i+1)h < q \quad \text{i} \quad q - (i+1)h \geq (q - (i-1)h) \frac{Q-2}{Q}.$$

Because of that and

$$h_{i+1} = \lambda((i+1)h) - \lambda(ih) \leq \lambda'((i+1)h) \leq Mh$$

we obtain

$$h_{i+1} \leq \frac{Mh\varepsilon}{(q - (i-1)h)^2}.$$

Now, it holds

$$h_{i+1} - h_i \leq Mh^2 \lambda''((i+1)h) \leq \frac{Mh^2 \varepsilon}{(q - (i-1)h)^3} \leq \frac{Mh^2}{\sqrt{\varepsilon}}.$$

Since $q - (i-1)h > q - \alpha > M\sqrt{\varepsilon}$, it follows

$$\left| P_i u_\varepsilon^{(5)}(x_i) \right| \leq M\varepsilon^3 h^4 \max_{x_{i-1} \leq x \leq x_{i+1}} \left| u_\varepsilon^{(5)}(x) \right|$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \left| P_i u_\varepsilon^{(5)}(x_i) \right| &\leq M\varepsilon^3 h^4 \left(1 + \varepsilon^{-5} e^{-\gamma ih/\varepsilon} \right) \frac{1}{(q - (i-1)h)^7} \\ &\leq Mh^4 \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{\varepsilon}} + \varepsilon^{-2} \frac{e^{-\gamma a(i-1)h/(q-(i-1)h)}}{(q - (i-1)h)^7} \right) \end{aligned}$$

and, by Lemma (1.6),

$$\varepsilon^2 \left| P_i u_\varepsilon^{(5)}(x_i) \right| \leq Mh^4.$$

For $\varepsilon^2 \left| Q_i u_\varepsilon^{(6)}(\theta_i) + S_i u_\varepsilon^{(6)}(\theta_i) \right|$ we obtain

$$\varepsilon^2 \left| Q_i u_\varepsilon^{(6)}(\theta_i) + S_i u_\varepsilon^{(6)}(\theta_i) \right| \leq Mh^4 \left(1 + \frac{e^{-\gamma a(i-1)h/(q-(i-1)h)}}{(q - (i-1)h)^8} \right) \leq Mh^4,$$

which completes the proof in case **II**.

Case III. Let be assumed $i \in \tau_3$, i.e. $(i-1)h \geq \alpha$. Then is $h_i = h_{i+1}$ and

$$\varepsilon^{-4} e^{-\gamma(i-1)h/\varepsilon} \leq \varepsilon^{-4} e^{-\lambda(\alpha)/\varepsilon} \leq \varepsilon^{-4} e^{-M/\sqrt{\varepsilon}} \leq M,$$

since $\lambda(\alpha) \geq M\sqrt{\varepsilon}$. For h_{i+1} we obtain again

$$h_{i+1} = \lambda((i+1)h) - \lambda(ih) \leq \lambda'((i+1)h) \leq Mh.$$

Since in this case $P_i = 0$ and

$$\left| Q_i u_\varepsilon^{(6)}(\theta_i) + S_i u_\varepsilon^{(6)}(\theta_i) \right| \leq Mh^4 \left(1 + \varepsilon^{-6} e^{-M/\sqrt{\varepsilon}} \right)$$

Proof. On the H -mesh holds, 2.2,

$$\|F(u_{\varepsilon,h})\|_{\infty} \leq M_1 h^4,$$

where the constant M_1 is independent of n and ε . Let

$$M_0 = \frac{2M_1}{\min\{1, \gamma^2/6\}},$$

then

$$(28) \quad \frac{1}{\min\{1, \gamma^2/6\}} \|F(u_{\varepsilon,h})\|_{\infty} < M_0 h^4.$$

We shall prove the existence of a positive integer n_0 which depends on M_0 but is independent of ε , such that

$$(29) \quad \left\| F'(v)^{-1} \right\|_{\infty} \leq \frac{1}{\min\{1, \gamma^2/6\}}, \quad v \in S(u_{\varepsilon}, Mh^4).$$

Since $a_1(i) + a_0(i) + a_2(i) = 0$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$, and

$$s_i = B_i - |A_i| - |C_i|, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$$

we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} s_i &\geq b_0(i) c_u(x_i, v_i) - |b_1(i)| c_u(x_{i-1}, v_{i-1}) - |b_2(i)| c_u(x_{i+1}, v_{i+1}) \\ &\geq \frac{h_i^2 + h_{i+1}^2 + 3h_{i+1}h_i}{6h_{i+1}h_i} c_u(x_i, v_i) - \frac{h_i^2 + h_{i+1}^2 + h_{i+1}h_i}{6h_i(h_{i+1} + h_i)} c_u(x_{i-1}, v_{i-1}) \\ &\quad - \frac{h_i^2 + h_{i+1}^2 + h_{i+1}h_i}{6h_{i+1}(h_{i+1} + h_i)} c_u(x_{i+1}, v_{i+1}) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$(30) \quad \begin{aligned} s_i &\geq \frac{1}{3} c_u(x_i, v_i) \\ &\quad - \frac{h_i^2 + h_{i+1}^2 + h_{i+1}h_i}{6h_i(h_{i+1} + h_i)} (h_i c_{xu}(\bar{t}_i, \bar{v}_i) - (v_i - v_{i-1}) c_{uu}(\bar{t}_i, \bar{v}_i)) \\ &\quad - \frac{h_i^2 + h_{i+1}^2 + h_{i+1}h_i}{6h_{i+1}(h_{i+1} + h_i)} (h_{i+1} c_{xu}(\tilde{t}_i, \tilde{v}_i) - (v_{i+1} - v_i) c_{uu}(\tilde{t}_i, \tilde{v}_i)), \end{aligned}$$

for some (\bar{x}_i, \bar{v}_i) and $(\tilde{x}_i, \tilde{v}_i)$.

From 3 it follows the existence of M_2 such that

$$\max |u_{\varepsilon}(x) : x \in I| \leq M_2.$$

Now

$$(31) \quad |c_{xu}(x, v)| + |c_{uu}(x, v)| \leq M, \quad (x, v) \in I \times [-M_2 - 1, M_2 + 1].$$

Let n_1 be chosen so that $\frac{M_0}{n_1^4} \leq 1$. From now on we assume that $n \geq n_1$ and $v = [v_0, v_1, \dots, v_n]^\top \in S(u_\varepsilon, Mh^4)$. Then

$$(32) \quad |v_i| \leq M_2 + 1, \quad i = 0, 1, \dots, n$$

and $|\bar{v}_i| \leq M_2 + 1$ and $|\tilde{v}_i| \leq M_2 + 1$, $i = 0, 1, \dots, n$. For $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ by Lemma 2.1 it follows

$$(33) \quad \begin{aligned} |v_i - v_{i-1}| &\leq |v_i - u_\varepsilon(x_i)| + |v_{i-1} - u_\varepsilon(x_{i-1})| \\ &\quad + |u_\varepsilon(x_i) - u_\varepsilon(x_{i-1})| \\ &\leq 2M_0h^4 + Mh. \end{aligned}$$

Using 30-33 we obtain for $n \geq n_1$

$$B_i - |A_i| - |C_i| \geq \frac{1}{3}c_u(x, v) - M_3h, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n-1,$$

where M_3 depends of M_0 but is independent of ε . If a positive integer n_2 is chosen so that

$$M_3h < \frac{\gamma^2}{6}, \quad n \geq n_2,$$

and if $n_0 = \max\{n_1, n_2\}$, then for $n \geq n_0$ it holds

$$B_i - |A_i| - |C_i| \geq \frac{\gamma^2}{3} - \frac{\gamma^2}{6} = \frac{\gamma^2}{6}, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n-1.$$

Now we have

$$B_i - |A_i| - |C_i| \geq \min\left\{1, \frac{\gamma^2}{6}\right\}, \quad i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n,$$

and (29) is true with $\sigma_* = \min\left\{1, \frac{\gamma^2}{6}\right\}$. □

Using (28) and (29) we conclude that F satisfies the conditions of Hadamard Theorem, [7] Because of that $F(w) = 0$ has a unique solution $w^* \in S(u_\varepsilon, Mh^4)$, i.e. it holds (27).

3. Numerical results

Let us present numerical results for the following test problem:

$$-\varepsilon^2 u'' + u + \cos^2(\pi x) + 2(\varepsilon\pi)^2 \cos(2\pi x) = 0, \quad u(0) = u(1) = 0,$$

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