

Successive Approximation Method for Solving Nonlinear Diffusion Equation with Convection Term

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Abstract: - Nonlinear diffusion equation with convection term solved numerically using successive approximation method. Numerical example showed that (SAM) can solve this kind of models also comparing with the exact solution showed that SAM accurate and efficient method as shown in table (1) and Figures (1,2).

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I. INTRODUCTION

This method starts by using the constant function as an approximation to a solution. We substitute this approximation into the right side of the given equation and use the result as a next approximation to the solution. Then we substitute this approximation into the right side of the given equation to obtain what we hope is a still better approximation and we continuing the process. Our goal is to find a function with the property that when it is substituted in the right side of the given equation the result is the same function. This procedure is known as successive approximation method Nowadays engineers and scientists in all fields of their research are using partial differential equations to describe their problems and thus such partial differential equations arise in the study of heat transfer, boundary-layer flow, fluid flow problems, vibrations elasticity, circular and rectangular wave guides, in applied mathematics and so on. [1]

Many physical, chemical and engineering problems mathematically can be modeled in the form of system of partial difference equations or system of ordinary difference equations. Finding the exact solution for the above problems which involve partial differential equations is difficult in some cases. Hence we have to find the numerical solution of these problems using computers which came into existence. [2]

I.1 MATHEMATICAL MODEL

We consider the nonlinear diffusion equation with convection term of the form:

$$u_t = (A(u)u_x)_x + B(u)u_x + C(u)$$

Where $u=u(x, t)$ is the unknown function and $A(u)$, $B(u)$, and $C(u)$ are arbitrary smooth functions on u . The indices t and x denotes differentiating with respect to the variables. The study of solution of this problem has over the years attracted the interest of many researches. Chemiha and Serov [3] considered the lie and non-lie symmetries of non linear diffusion with convection term. In this work, we apply successive approximations method (SAM) to approximate solution of the generalized non linear diffusion equation with convection term of the form:

$$u_t = au_{xx} + buu_x + cu(u - k)(u + k) \quad (1)$$

with taking $A(u) = a, B(u) = bu, \text{ and } C(u) = cu(u - k)(u + k)$

with the initial condition $u(x, 0) = f(x), \quad \alpha \leq x \leq \beta$

II. MATERIALS AND METHODS

II.1 Basic concepts of successive approximations method (SAM) [4] and [5]

The method of successive approximations is one of the powerful methods for solving partial differential equations. The method of SAM provides a method that can, in principle, be used to solve any initial value problem:

$$u' = f(u, t) \text{ be any initial value problem with initial condition } u(t_0) = u_0 \quad (2)$$

Now, integrating both sides of equation (2) with respect to t on the interval $(0, t)$, we obtain:

$$u(t) = u_0 + \int_{t_0}^t f(u(s), s) ds \quad (3)$$

and then iteratively constructs a sequence of solutions that get closer and closer to the actual (exact) solutions of (2). The SAM is based on the integral equation (3) as follows:

$$u_0(t) = u_0 \quad (4)$$

$$u_1(t) = u_0 + \int_{t_0}^t f(u_0, s) ds \quad (5)$$

$$u_2(t) = u_0 + \int_{t_0}^t f(u_1, s) ds \tag{6}$$

$$u_3(t) = u_0 + \int_{t_0}^t f(u_2, s) ds \tag{7}$$

This process can be continued to obtain the n^{th} approximation,

$$u_n(t) = u_0 + \int_{t_0}^t f(u_{n-1}(s), s) ds \quad , \quad n = 1, 2, \dots \tag{8}$$

Then determine whether $u(x)$ approaches the solution $u(x)$ as n increases. This will be done by proving the following:

- The sequence $\{ u(x) \}$ converges to a limit $u(x)$, that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_n(x) = u(x) \quad a \leq x \leq b.$
- The limiting function $u(x)$ is a solution of (3) on the interval $a \leq x \leq b.$
- The solution $u(x)$ of (3) is unique.

A proof of these results can be constructed along the lines of the corresponding proof for ordinary differential equations (see[6]). And this process is called Successive Approximations Method.

II.2 Derivation of SAM for Solving Nonlinear Diffusion Equation with Convection Term

The general successive approximation method for equation (1) is in the form:

$$u_n(x, t) = u(x, 0) + \int_0^t a \frac{\partial^2 u_{n-1}(x, s)}{\partial x^2} ds + \int_0^t b u_{n-1}(x, s) \frac{\partial u_{n-1}(x, s)}{\partial x} ds + \int_0^t c u_{n-1}(x, s) ((u_{n-1}(x, s) - k)(u_{n-1}(x, s) + k)) ds \tag{9}$$

To approximate solution for equation (1), we start with putting $n=1$ in equation (9) to obtain $u_1(x, t)$

$$u_1(x, t) = u_0(x, t) + \int_0^t a \frac{\partial^2 u_0(x, s)}{\partial x^2} ds + \int_0^t b u_0(x, s) \frac{\partial u_0(x, s)}{\partial x} ds + \int_0^t c u_0(x, s) ((u_0(x, s) - k)(u_0(x, s) + k)) ds \tag{10}$$

$$u_1(x, t) = u_0(x, t) + \left(a \frac{\partial^2 u_0(x, t)}{\partial x^2} + b u_0(x, t) \frac{\partial u_0(x, t)}{\partial x} + c (u_0^3(x, t) - k^2 u_0(x, t)) \right) t$$

$$\text{Let } w_0(x, t) = a \frac{\partial^2 u_0(x, t)}{\partial x^2} + b u_0(x, t) \frac{\partial u_0(x, t)}{\partial x} + c (u_0^3(x, t) - k^2 u_0(x, t))$$

$$\text{So } u_1(x, t) = u_0(x, t) + w_0(x, t)t \tag{11}$$

Put $n=2$ in equation (9) to obtain a second approximation $u_2(x, t)$ as follows:

$$u_2(x, t) = u_0(x, t) + \int_0^t a \frac{\partial^2 u_1(x, s)}{\partial x^2} ds + \int_0^t b u_1(x, s) \frac{\partial u_1(x, s)}{\partial x} ds + \int_0^t c (u_1^3(x, s) - k^2 u_1(x, s)) ds \tag{12}$$

Substituting equation (11) in equation (12) , we get

$$u_2(x, t) = u_0(x, t) + \int_0^t a \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} (u_0(x, s) + w_0(x, s)s) ds + \int_0^t [b(u_0(x, s) + w_0(x, s)s) \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (u_0(x, s) + w_0(x, s)s)] ds + \int_0^t c ((u_0(x, s) + w_0(x, s)s)^3 - k^2(u_0(x, s) + w_0(x, s)s)) ds$$

$$u_2(x, t) = u_0(x, t) + \left(a \frac{\partial^2 u_0(x, t)}{\partial x^2} + b u_0(x, t) \frac{\partial u_0(x, t)}{\partial x} + c u_0^3(x, t) - c k^2 u_0(x, t) \right) t$$

$$+ \left(a \frac{\partial^2 w_0(x, t)}{\partial x^2} b u_0(x, t) \frac{\partial w_0(x, t)}{\partial x} + b w_0(x, t) \frac{\partial u_0(x, t)}{\partial x} + 3c u_0^2(x, t) w_0(x, t) - c k^2 w_0(x, t) \right) \frac{t^2}{2} + \left(b w_0(x, t) \frac{\partial w_0(x, t)}{\partial x} + 3c u_0(x, t) w_0^2(x, t) \right) \frac{t^3}{3} + c w_0^3(x, t) \frac{t^4}{4} \tag{13}$$

By the same way for $n=3, 4, \dots$

III. NUMERICAL APPLICATIONS

We will apply Successive Approximations Method (SAM) to solve the nonlinear diffusion equation with convection term, and present numerical results to verify the effectiveness of these methods, we take the following example:

III.1. Numerical Example and results

In this section, we present example of nonlinear diffusion equation with convection term and results will be compared with the exact solutions.

Consider the following nonlinear diffusion equation with convection term.[7]

$$u_t = au_{xx} + buu_x + \frac{b^2}{9a}u(u - k)(u + k) \tag{14}$$

With the initial condition

$$u(x, 0) = \frac{k(-1 + c_1 e^{\frac{bkx}{3a}})}{1 + c_1 e^{\frac{bkx}{3a}} + c_2 e^{\frac{bkx}{6a}}} \tag{15}$$

and boundary conditions

$$u(0, t) = \frac{k(-1 + c_1)}{1 + c_1 + c_2 e^{\frac{b^2k^2t}{12a}}}, \text{ and } u(1, t) = \frac{k(-1 + c_1 e^{\frac{bk}{3a}})}{1 + c_1 e^{\frac{bk}{3a}} + c_2 e^{\frac{b^2k^2t}{12a} + \frac{bk}{6a}}} \tag{16}$$

Where $a \neq 0$, b and k are arbitrary constants. In this example, $(u) = a$, $B(u) = bu$, and

$$c(u) = \frac{b^2}{9a}u(u - k)(u + k)$$

The exact solutions of this equation have been derived by Andrei D. Polyanin and Valentin F. Zaitsev .[7]

$$u(x, t) = \frac{k[-1 + c_1 e^{\frac{bkx}{3a}}]}{1 + c_1 e^{\frac{bkx}{3a}} + c_2 e^{\frac{b^2k^2t}{12a} + \frac{bkx}{6a}}} \tag{17}$$

Where c_1 and c_2 are arbitrary constants.

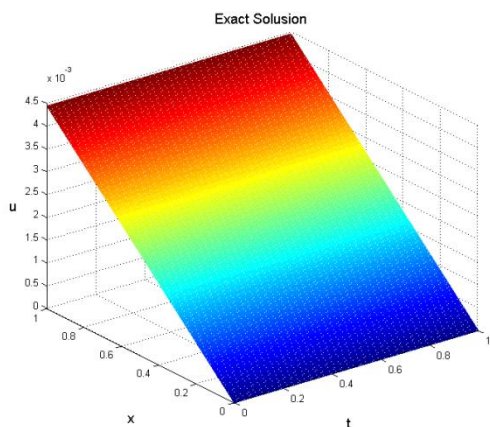
Apply the SAM and by using Matlab, we obtained u_1 and u_2 as follows:

$$u_0(x, t) = \frac{k(-1 + c_1 e^{\frac{bkx}{3a}})}{1 + c_1 e^{\frac{bkx}{3a}} + c_2 e^{\frac{bkx}{6a}}} \tag{18}$$

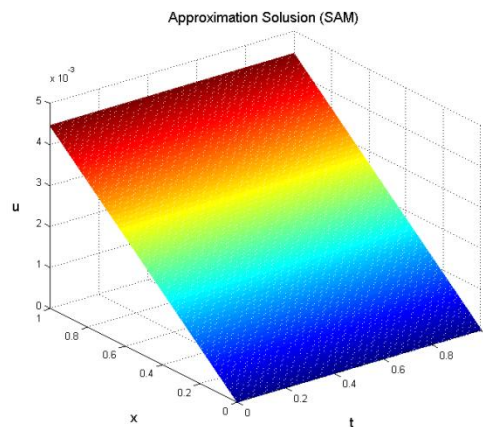
$$u_1(x, t) = \frac{k(-1 + c_1 e^{\frac{bkx}{3a}})}{1 + c_1 e^{\frac{bkx}{3a}} + c_2 e^{\frac{bkx}{6a}}} - \frac{b^2 e^{\frac{bkx}{6a}} k^3 t (-1 + c_1 e^{\frac{bkx}{3a}}) c_2}{12a(1 + c_1 e^{\frac{bkx}{3a}} + c_2 e^{\frac{bkx}{6a}})^2} \tag{19}$$

$$u_2(x, t) = \frac{k(-1 + c_1 e^{\frac{bkx}{3a}})}{(1 + c_1 e^{\frac{bkx}{3a}} + c_2 e^{\frac{bkx}{6a}})} - \left\{ b^2 e^{\frac{bkx}{6a}} k^3 t (-1 + c_1 e^{\frac{bkx}{3a}}) c_2 \left(5184a^3 + 20736a^3 c_1 e^{\frac{bkx}{3a}} + 20736a^3 c_2 e^{\frac{bkx}{6a}} + 20736a^3 c_1^3 e^{\frac{bkx}{a}} + 31104a^3 c_1^2 e^{\frac{2bkx}{3a}} + 31104a^3 c_2^2 e^{\frac{bkx}{3a}} + 20736a^3 c_2^3 e^{\frac{bkx}{2a}} + 5184a^3 c_2^4 e^{\frac{2bkx}{3a}} + 5184a^3 c_1^4 e^{\frac{4bkx}{3a}} + 62208a^3 c_1 c_2^2 e^{\frac{2bkx}{3a}} + 62208a^3 c_1^2 c_2 e^{\frac{5bkx}{6a}} + 20736a^3 c_1^3 c_2 e^{\frac{7bkx}{6a}} + 216a^2 k^2 b^2 t + 31104a^3 c_1^2 c_2^2 e^{\frac{bkx}{a}} + 62208a^3 c_1 c_2 e^{\frac{bkx}{2a}} + b^6 c_2^2 k^6 t^3 e^{\frac{bkx}{3a}} + b^6 c_1^2 c_2^2 k^6 t^3 e^{\frac{bkx}{a}} + 864a^2 b^2 k^2 t c_1 e^{\frac{bkx}{3a}} + 432a^2 b^2 k^2 t c_2 e^{\frac{bkx}{6a}} - 24ab^4 k^4 t^2 c_2 e^{\frac{bkx}{6a}} + 864a^2 b^2 k^2 t c_1 e^{\frac{bkx}{a}} + 1296a^2 b^2 k^2 t c_1^2 e^{\frac{2bkx}{3a}} - 432a^2 b^2 k^2 t c_2^3 e^{\frac{bkx}{2a}} - 216a^2 b^2 k^2 t c_2^4 e^{\frac{2bkx}{3a}} - 48ab^4 k^4 t^2 c_2^2 e^{\frac{bkx}{3a}} - 24ab^4 k^4 t^2 c_2^3 e^{\frac{bkx}{2a}} + 216a^2 b^2 k^2 t c_1^4 e^{\frac{4bkx}{3a}} - 2b^6 c_1 c_2^2 k^6 t^3 e^{\frac{2bkx}{3a}} - 96ab^4 c_1 c_2^2 k^4 t^2 e^{\frac{2bkx}{3a}} + 1296a^2 b^2 c_1^2 c_2 k^2 t e^{\frac{5bkx}{6a}} - 432a^2 b^2 c_1 c_2^3 k^2 t e^{\frac{5bkx}{6a}} + 432a^2 b^2 c_1^3 c_2 k^2 t e^{\frac{7bkx}{6a}} - 72ab^4 c_1^2 c_2 k^4 t^2 e^{\frac{5bkx}{6a}} - 24ab^4 c_1 c_2^3 k^4 t^2 e^{\frac{5bkx}{6a}} - 24ab^4 c_1^3 c_2 k^4 t^2 e^{\frac{7bkx}{6a}} - 48ab^4 c_1^2 c_2^2 k^4 t^2 e^{\frac{bkx}{a}} + 1296a^2 b^2 c_1 c_2 k^2 t e^{\frac{bkx}{2a}} - 72ab^4 c_1 c_2 k^4 t^2 e^{\frac{bkx}{2a}} \right) \right\} / \left(62208a^4 \left(c_1 e^{\frac{bkx}{3a}} + c_2 e^{\frac{bkx}{6a}} + 1 \right) \right)^6 \tag{20}$$

The results are given in the following figures and table:



Show the (Exact) solution for $c_1=c_2=1, a=b=k=0.2$



Show the (SAM) solution for $c_1=c_2=1, a=b=k=0.2$

Table 1: The numerical results for the approximate solutions obtained by SAM in comparison with the exact solutions when $c_1=c_2=1, k=0.2, a=0.2, b=0.2$

Space(x)	Time(t)	Exact	SAM	Error
0	0	0	0	0
	0.4	0	0	0
	0.8	0	0	0
	1	0	0	0
0.4	0	0.001777725104909530	0.001777725104909530	2.1684E-19
	0.4	0.001777567087241040	0.001777567087242080	1.0404E-15
	0.8	0.001777409055529230	0.001777409055537550	8.3223E-15
	1	0.001777330034408260	0.001777330034424510	1.6254E-14
0.8	0	0.003555134221294890	0.003555134221295000	4.3368E-19
	0.4	0.003554818270210270	0.003554818270212350	2.0804E-15
	0.8	0.003554502291036530	0.003554502291053180	1.6641E-14
	1	0.003554344290918590	0.003554344290951090	3.2501E-14
1	0	0.004443621597267900	0.004443621597267900	0
	0.4	0.004443226737372940	0.004443226737375540	2.5995E-15
	0.8	0.004442831842364240	0.004442831842385040	2.0798E-14
	1	0.004442634381695170	0.004442634381735790	4.0620E-14

IV. CONCLUSION

Successive Approximations Method used to solve nonlinear diffusion equation with convection term. **Fig.(1)** and **Fig.(2)** shows the comparison between the exact solution and the numerical solution obtained by Successive Approximations Method (SAM), For $c_1 = 1, c_2 = 1, k=0.2, a=0.2,$ and $b=0.2$. It can be seen that the solution obtained by the present method is nearly identical with that given by exact solution. The absolute error $|u_{exact}(x, t) - u_2(x, t)|$ of example be observed in **Table (1)**.and showed that the SAM is closed to the exact solution, also this method is suitable for this kind of problem.

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