

CONTINUOUS NUMERICAL INTERPOLANT FOR THE SOLUTION OF WAVE EQUATIONS

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Abstract

A new Continuous interpolant method based on polynomial approximation is here proposed for solving wave equation subject to some initial and boundary conditions. The method results from discretization of the wave equation which leads to the production of a system of algebraic equations. By solving the system of algebraic equations by employing the continuous interpolant scheme we obtain the problem approximate solutions.

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1.0 Introduction

There is a growing interest in the recent literatures concerning continuous numerical methods for solving ODEs. In science and engineering, this interest is extended to the development of continuous numerical techniques for solving wave equation subject to initial and boundary conditions. Their advantages over discrete ones are now well known, including their connection to large families. In (1) we saw the presentation of an extension of this continuous method for solving ODEs to solve PDEs in two dimensions as a conjecture. Hitherto, efforts have been on top gear to derive continuous numerical interpolant for solving wave equation. When this is achieved then a generalized scheme that can solve all the branches of PDEs- parabolic, hyperbolic and elliptic equations is possible. In this paper therefore, we develop a new continuous numerical interpolant which is based on interpolation and collocation at some points along the coordinates.

2.0 Solution Method

To set up the solution method we select an integer N such that $N > 0$. Then subdivide the interval $0 \leq x \leq X$ into N equal subintervals with mesh points along the space coordinate given by $x_i = ih, i = \frac{1}{\beta} \left(\frac{1}{\beta} \right) N$, where $Nh = X$. Similarly, reverse the

roles of x and t and select another integer M such that $M > 0$. Also, subdivide the interval $0 \leq t \leq T$ into M equal subintervals with mesh points along time axis given by $t_j = jk, j = \frac{1}{\alpha} \left(\frac{1}{\alpha} \right) M$ where $Mk = T$ and h, k are the mesh sizes along space and time axes respectively. Here, we seek for the approximate solution $\bar{U}(x, t)$ to $\bar{U}_{p-1}(x, t)$ of the form

$$\bar{U}(x, t) \approx \bar{U}_{p-1}(x, t) = \sum_{r=0}^{p-1} a_r [Q_r(x, t)], \quad x \in [x_i, x_{i+h}], \quad t \in [t_j, t_{j+k}] \quad (2.0)$$

Over $h > 0, k > 0$ mesh sizes, such that

$0 = x_0 < \dots < x_1 < \dots < x_N, 0 = t_0 < \dots < t_1 < \dots < t_M$. Let p be the sum of interpolation points along space

and time coordinates. Hence, $\rho = g + b$ where g is the number of interpolation points along the space axis and b the number of interpolation points along time coordinate. The basis function $Q_r(x, t), r = 0, 1, \dots, p-1$ is the Taylor's polynomials which is known, a_r are the constants to be determined. There will be flexibility in the choice of the basis function as may be

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desired for specific application. For this work, we consider the Taylor's polynomial $Q_r(x, t) = x^r t^r$. The interpolation values $\bar{U}_{i,j}, \dots, \bar{U}_{i+h-1,j}$ are assumed to have been determined from previous steps, while the method seeks to obtain $\bar{U}_{i+h,j}$ as in (1).

Applying the above interpolation conditions on eqn. (2.0) we obtain,

$$a_0 Q_0(x_{i+h}, t_{j+k}) + a_1 Q_1(x_{i+h}, t_{j+k}) + \dots + a_{p-2} Q_{p-2}(x_{i+h}, t_{j+k}) = \bar{U}(x_{i+h}, t_{j+k}) \tag{2.1}$$

We let $h = -\frac{1}{\beta} \left[g - \left(\frac{2\beta-1}{\beta} \right) \right]$ arbitrarily and $k = 0$, then by Cramer's rule, eqn. (2.1) becomes

$$W \underline{a} = \underline{F}, \quad \underline{F} = \left(\bar{U}_{v,j}, \bar{U}_{v+\frac{1}{\beta},j}, \dots, U_{z,j} \right)^T \tag{2.2}$$

$$\underline{a} = (a_0, \dots, a_{p-1})^T$$

and

$$W = \begin{bmatrix} Q_0(x_v, t_j) & Q_1(x_v, t_j) & \dots & Q_{p-1}(x_v, t_j) \\ Q_0\left(x_{v+\frac{1}{\beta}}, t_j\right) & Q_1\left(x_{v+\frac{1}{\beta}}, t_j\right) & \dots & Q_{p-1}\left(x_{v+\frac{1}{\beta}}, t_j\right) \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ Q_0(x_z, t_j) & Q_1(x_z, t_j) & \dots & Q_{p-1}(x_z, t_j) \end{bmatrix}$$

Where $z = i + g - \left(\frac{2\beta-1}{\beta} \right)$, $v = i - \frac{1}{\beta}$ and W^{-1} exists. Hence, by equation (2.2) we obtain

$$\underline{a} = \bar{\omega} \underline{F}, \quad \bar{\omega} = W^{-1} \tag{2.3}$$

The vector $\underline{a} = (a_0, \dots, a_{p-1})^T$ is now determined in terms of known parameters in $\bar{\omega} \underline{F}$. If $\bar{\omega}_{r+1}$ is the $(r+1)^{th}$ row of $\bar{\omega}$ then $a_r = \bar{\omega}_{r+1} \underline{F}$

Eqn. (2.4) determines the values of a_r . Let us take first and second derivatives of eqn. (2.0) with respect to x ,

$$\bar{U}'(x, t) = \sum_{r=0}^{p-1} a_r \left[Q_r'(x, t) \right]$$

$$\bar{U}''(x, t) = \sum_{r=0}^{p-1} a_r \left[Q_r''(x, t) \right] \tag{2.5}$$

Substituting eqn. (2.4) into eqn. (2.5), we obtain

$$\bar{U}''(x, t) = \sum_{r=0}^{p-1} \left[\bar{\omega}_{r+1} \underline{F} \left(Q_r''(x, t) \right) \right] \tag{2.6}$$

We reverse the roles of x and t in eqn. (2.1) and we arbitrarily set $k = 0 \left[\frac{1}{\alpha} \right] b - \left(\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha} \right)$ and $k = 0$, then again by Cramer's rule

eqn. (2.1) becomes.

$$Y \underline{a} = \underline{E}, \quad \underline{E} = \left(\bar{U}_{i,\eta-\frac{1}{\alpha}}, \bar{U}_{i,\eta}, \dots, U_{i,\gamma} \right)^T \tag{2.7}$$

$$\underline{a} = (a_0, \dots, a_{p-1})^T$$

and

$$Y = \begin{bmatrix} Q_0\left(x_i, t_{\eta-\frac{1}{\alpha}}\right) & Q_1\left(x_i, t_{\eta-\frac{1}{\alpha}}\right) & \dots & Q_{p-1}\left(x_i, t_{\eta-\frac{1}{\alpha}}\right) \\ Q_0(x_i, t_\eta) & Q_1(x_i, t_\eta) & \dots & Q_{p-1}(x_i, t_\eta) \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ Q_0(x_i, t_\gamma) & Q_1(x_i, t_\gamma) & \dots & Q_{p-1}(x_i, t_\gamma) \end{bmatrix}$$

Where $\eta = j + \frac{1}{\alpha}$, $\gamma = j + b - \left(\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha} \right)$, and Y^{-1} exists (1-17). Hence from equation (2.7) we obtain

$$\underline{a} = L \underline{E}, \quad L = Y^{-1} \tag{2.8}$$

The vector $\underline{a} = (a_0, \dots, a_{p-1})^T$ is now determined in terms of known parameters in $L\underline{E}$. If L_{r+1} is the $(r+1)^{th}$ row of L then

$$a_r = L_{r+1}\underline{E} \quad (2.9)$$

Also, eqn. (2.9) determines the values of a_r . Taking the first and second derivatives of eqn. (2.0) with respect to t , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{U}'(x,t) &= \sum_{r=0}^{p-1} a_r \left[\mathcal{Q}_r'(x,t) \right] \\ \bar{U}''(x,t) &= \sum_{r=0}^{p-1} a_r \left[\mathcal{Q}_r''(x,t) \right] \end{aligned} \quad (2.10)$$

Substituting eqn. (2.9) in eqn. (2.10) we have

$$\bar{U}''(x,t) = \sum_{r=0}^{p-1} \left[L_{r+1}\underline{E} \left(\mathcal{Q}_r''(x,t) \right) \right] \quad (2.11)$$

But by eqn. (1.0) it is obvious that eqn. (2.11) is equal to eqn. (2.6), therefore,

$$\sum_{r=0}^{p-1} \left[L_{r+1}\underline{E} \left(\mathcal{Q}_r''(x,t) \right) \right] - \sum_{r=0}^{p-1} \left[\bar{\omega}_{r+1}\underline{F} \left(\mathcal{Q}_r''(x,t) \right) \right] = 0 \quad (2.12)$$

Collocating eqn. (2.12) at $x = x_i$ and $t = t_j$ we obtain a new continuous numerical interpolant that solves eqn. (2.0) explicitly.

3.0 Numerical Examples

In this section we give some numerical examples to compute approximate solutions for equation (2.0) by the method discussed in this paper. This is in order to test the numerical accuracy of the new method. To achieve this, we truncate the Taylor's polynomial after second degree and use it as the basis function for the computations. The resultant interpolant is used to solve the following two test problems.

Example 1

Use the scheme to approximate the solution to the wave equation

$$\frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial t^2} - \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial x^2} = 0, \quad 0 < x < 1, \quad 0 < t, \quad U(0,t) = U(1,t) = 0, \quad t > 0$$

$$U(x,0) = \sin \pi x, \quad 0 \leq x \leq 1, \quad \frac{\partial U}{\partial x}(x,0) = 0, \quad 0 \leq x \leq 1$$

Table 1: Result of action of Eqn. (2.12) on example 1

x	Exact solution $U(x,t)$	Schmidt method $U(x,t)$	New Method $U(x,t)$	Errors	
				New Method	Schmidt method
0	0	0	0	0	0
0.1	0.305212482	0.305992120	0.305235901	2.3419 X E-5	7.7963840 X E- 4
0.2	0.580548640	0.582031600	0.580593187	4.4547 X E-5	1.4829604 X E- 3
0.3	0.799056652	0.801097772	0.799117966	6.1314 X E-5	2.0411200 X E- 3
0.4	0.939347432	0.941746912	0.939419511	7.2079 X E-5	2.3994802 X E- 3
0.5	0.987688340	0.990211303	0.987764129	7.5789 X E-5	2.5229632 X E- 3
0.6	0.939347432	0.941746912	0.939419511	7.2079 X E-5	2.3994802 X E- 3
0.7	0.799056652	0.801097772	0.799117966	6.1314 X E-5	2.0411200 X E- 3
0.8	0.580548640	0.582031600	0.580593187	4.4547 X E-5	2.0411200 X E- 3
0.9	0.305212482	0.305992120	0.305235901	2.3419 X E-5	7.7963840 X E- 4
1	0	0	0	0	0

Example 2

Use the scheme to approximate the solution to the wave equation

$$\frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial t^2} - 4 \frac{\partial^2 U}{\partial x^2} = 0, \quad 0 < x < 1, \quad 0 < t, \quad U(0,t) = U(1,t) = 0, \quad t > 0$$

$$U(x,0) = \sin \pi x, \quad 0 \leq x \leq 1, \quad \frac{\partial U}{\partial x}(x,0) = 0, \quad 0 \leq x \leq 1$$

Table2: Result of action of Eqn. (2.12) on example2

x	Exact Solution $U(x,t)$	Schmidt method $U(x,t)$	New method $U(x,t)$	Errors	
				New Method	Schmidt Method
0	0	0	0	0	0
0.1	0.305212482	0.304983829	0.305235901	2.3419 X E-5	2.2865 X E -4
0.2	0.58054864	0.580113718	0.580593187	4.4547 X E-5	4.3492 X E -4
0.3	0.799056652	0.798458034	0.799117966	6.1314X E-5	5.9862 X E -4
0.4	0.939347432	0.9386437114	0.939419511	7.2079 X E-5	7.0372 X E -4
0.5	0.987688340	0.986948407	0.987764129	7.5789 X E-5	7.3993 X E -4
0.6	0.939347432	0.305992120	0.939419511	7.2079 X E-5	7.0372 X E -4
0.7	0.799056652	0.798458034	0.799117966	6.1314 X E-5	5.9862 X E -4
0.8	0.58054864	0.580113718	0.580593187	4.4547 X E-5	4.3492 X E -4
0.9	0.305212482	0.304983829	0.305235901	2.3419 X E-5	2.2865 X E -4
1	0	0	0	0	0

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