

First Order Smooth Composite Chebyshev Finite Difference Method for Solving Coupled Lane– Emden Problem in Catalytic Diffusion Reactions

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Abstract

A new effective technique based on Chebyshev Finite Difference Method is introduced. First order smoothness of the approximation polynomial at the end points of each sub-interval is imposed in addition to the continuity condition. Both round-off and truncation error analyses are given besides the convergence analysis. Coupled Lane Emden boundary value problem in Catalytic Diffusion Reactions is investigated by using presented method. The obtained results are compared with the existing methods in the literature and it is observed that the proposed method gives more reliable results than the others.

1. Introduction

Lane-Emden equations [1,2] illustrate many physical phenomena such as astrophysics problems, temperature variation, reaction diffusion process and heat conduction in human head [3-5]. The general system form of nonlinear Lane-Emden equations with the mixed type of boundary conditions are given as

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$$\begin{cases} u''(x) + \frac{r}{x} u'(x) = f_1(u(x), v(x)) \\ v''(x) + \frac{r}{x} v'(x) = f_2(u(x), v(x)), \\ u'(0) = 0, \quad u(1) = \beta_1, \quad v'(0) = 0, \quad v(1) = \beta_2, \end{cases} \quad (1.1)$$

where r, β_1, β_2 are the real constants and $f_1(u(x), v(x))$ and $f_2(u(x), v(x))$ are the real valued functions. Equation (1.1) models the catalytic diffusion reactions [6]. There are several numerical methods as well as analytical methods to deal with these types of equations in recent years [6-16].

As a non-uniform scheme, Chebyshev Finite Difference Method (CFDM) has been widely used for the solution of initial or boundary value problems for the last two decades especially [8, 17-20]. Due to the known advantages of Chebyshev polynomials such as orthogonality and economization, both recursive relations between itself and its derivatives can be obtained easily and they have the lowest maximum error in the given range compared to the other polynomial approximations of the same order. The approximation polynomial is expected to satisfy the problem at the collocation points (Chebyshev Gauss-Lobatto nodes) in CFDM and thus, the nonlinear differential equations with conditions reduce to the nonlinear system of the equations.

In this study, we proposed a new technique, Smooth Composite CFDM based on splitting the overall interval into subinterval in CFDM. The main difference and the advantage of the presented method from both CFDM and Composite CFDM is C^1 -smoothness at the end points of the subintervals. We also performed both convergence and error analyses of the present method. We applied the presented method for the coupled Lane-Emden equations in Catalytic Diffusion Reactions and it is observed that the proposed method gives more reliable results than the existing methods in the literature.

2. Smooth composite Chebyshev finite difference method

An approximation polynomial to the solution of an initial or boundary value problem is given as,

$$y(x) = \sum_{n=0}^N a_n T_n(x) \quad (2.1)$$

where, the superscript ("") in the sum symbol means that half of the first and the last terms have to be taken and N shows the order of the approximation polynomial. Here, Chebyshev polynomials are defined as

$$T_n(x) = \cos(n \arccos(x)), \quad \forall n \geq 0, \quad x \in [-1, 1]. \quad (2.2)$$

By using the orthogonality, the unknown a_n coefficients can be found as

$$a_n = \frac{2}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N y(x_j) T_n(x_j). \quad (2.3)$$

The Composite CFDM is an extension of the CFDM and based on dividing the given interval into the subintervals [21]. In Composite CFDM, the given interval $[a, b]$ is divided into the

M – subinterval with the step size $h = \frac{(b-a)}{M}$. Then, the Gauss-Lobatto points $x_k = \cos(\frac{k\pi}{N})$, $k = 0, 1, \dots, N$ are transformed to the subintervals $\left[\frac{i(b-a)}{M}, \frac{(i+1)(b-a)}{M} \right]$ by

$$t_{ki} = \frac{(b-a)}{2M} (x_k + 2i + 1) \quad (2.4)$$

for each i . The approximation polynomial for the i^{th} interval is given as

$$y_i(x) = \sum_{n=0}^N a_{in} T_n(x), \quad (2.5)$$

where

$$a_{in} = \frac{2}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N y_i(x_j) T_n(x_j). \quad (2.6)$$

The value of the m^{th} order derivative of $y_i(x)$ in (2.5) at the points x_k is given by

$$y_i^{(m)}(x_k) = \sum_{j=0}^N d_{k,j}^{(m)} y_i(x_j) \quad (2.7)$$

where,

$$d_{k,j}^{(m)} = \frac{2}{N} \sum_{n=0}^N T_n(x_j) T_n^{(m)}(x_k). \quad (2.8)$$

The first two of these coefficients are given as [22]

$$d_{k,j}^{(1)} = \frac{4\theta_j}{N} \sum_{n=0}^N \sum_{\substack{l=0 \\ (n+l) \text{ odd}}}^{n-1} \frac{n\theta_n}{c_l} T_n(x_j) T_l(x_k), \quad k, j = 0, 1, \dots, N, \quad (2.9)$$

$$d_{k,j}^{(2)} = \frac{2\theta_j}{N} \sum_{n=0}^N \sum_{\substack{l=0 \\ (n+l) \text{ even}}}^{n-2} \frac{n(n^2 - l^2)\theta_n}{c_l} T_n(x_j) T_l(x_k), \quad k, j = 0, 1, \dots, N \quad (2.10)$$

where

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \theta_0 &= \theta_n = 1/2, \quad \theta_j = 1 \\ c_0 &= 2, \quad c_i = 1 \end{aligned} \right\} \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, N-1, \quad i \geq 1. \quad (2.11)$$

Here, we develop a new technique based on Composite CFDM method as follows:

In Composite CFDM method the interval $[a, b]$ is divided into the subintervals $\left[\frac{i(b-a)}{M}, \frac{(i+1)(b-a)}{M} \right]$. Then, the value of the approximation polynomial at the left end point of the interval must be equal to the value of the polynomial at the right end point of the preceding interval to satisfy continuity, i.e.,

$$y_{i+1}(x_N) = y_i(x_0). \quad (2.12)$$

In Smooth Composite CFDM, the equality of the values of first order derivatives at the same points is added to (2.12) in order to satisfy first order smoothness, i.e.,

$$y'_{i+1}(x_N) = y'_i(x_0). \quad (2.13)$$

Writing the given initial or boundary value problem in terms of the approximation polynomial and its derivatives, the problem is transformed to the set of linear or nonlinear algebraic equations. Each subinterval contains a set of system of equations consisting of $(N+1)$ equations with $(N+1)$ unknowns of the approximation polynomial. Consequently, a system with $M \times (N+1)$ equations and $M \times (N+1)$ unknowns are obtained for the whole interval. After the solution of this system by using one of the root finding algorithms, the corresponding inverse transformation of (2.4) is applied to the obtained solutions for each subinterval. These results are used first in (2.6) and then in (2.5), thus the approximation polynomial, i.e., $P_N(x) \in C^1[a, b]$ is obtained by combining the approximation polynomials $P_N^i(x) \in C^\infty \left[\frac{i(b-a)}{M}, \frac{(i+1)(b-a)}{M} \right]$ for each interval, $i = 0, \dots, M-1$.

3. Convergence and error analyses of smooth composite CFDM

The convergence of the Smooth Composite CFDM is proven and round off and truncation error analyses are given.

Theorem 3.1. (convergence)

Suppose $y_i(x) \in L_w^2(-1,1)$ with bounded by the second derivative, i.e, $|y_i''(x)| \leq C_i$, then its Chebyshev expansion converges to the $y_i(x)$ uniformly, that is the limiting case of (2.5), when N goes to the infinity. Thus, $\bigcup_{i=1}^M y_i(x)$ also converges to the $y(x)$ on the whole interval.

Proof: Since set of Chebyshev polynomials are a complete orthogonal set in the Hilbert space $L_w^2[-1,1]$, multiplying both sides of (2.5) by $T_m(x)$ and the weight function and then integrating it over each subinterval ($\forall i = 1, 2, 3, \dots$) yields

$$\int_{-1}^1 w(x) T_m(x) y_i(x) dx = \int_{-1}^1 w(x) T_m(x) a_{in} T_n(x) dx. \quad (3.1)$$

By the orthogonality property and the uniform convergence gives

$$a_{im} = \frac{2}{\pi c_m} \int_{-1}^1 w(x) y_i(x) T_m(x) dx. \quad (3.2)$$

Substituting $t = \cos \theta$ for $m > 1$, we get

$$a_{im} = \frac{2}{\pi c_m} \int_0^\pi y_i(\cos \theta) \cos m \theta d\theta. \quad (3.3)$$

After applying integration by parts twice, we get

$$\begin{aligned} a_{im} &= \frac{2}{\pi c_m} y_i(\cos \theta) \frac{\sin m \theta}{m} \Big|_0^\pi + \frac{2}{m \pi c_m} \int_0^\pi y_i'(\cos \theta) \sin m \theta \sin \theta d\theta \\ &= \frac{2}{m \pi c_m} y_i'(\cos \theta) \left(\frac{\sin(m-1)\theta}{m-1} - \frac{\sin(m+1)\theta}{m+1} \right) \Big|_0^\pi \\ &\quad + \frac{2}{m \pi c_m} \int_0^\pi y_i''(\cos \theta) \left(\frac{\sin(m-1)\theta}{m-1} - \frac{\sin(m+1)\theta}{m+1} \right) \sin \theta d\theta. \end{aligned} \quad (3.4)$$

The first part of (3.4) gives zero, and by using the triangle inequality for the last part, an upper bound for the coefficients is obtained as

$$\begin{aligned}
|a_{im}| &= \left| \frac{2}{m\pi c_m} \int_0^\pi y_i''(\cos\theta) \left(\frac{\sin(m-1)\theta}{m-1} - \frac{\sin(m+1)\theta}{m+1} \right) \sin\theta d\theta \right| \\
&\leq \frac{2}{m\pi c_m} \int_0^\pi |y_i''(\cos\theta)| \left(\frac{\sin(m-1)\theta}{m-1} + \frac{\sin(m+1)\theta}{m+1} \right) \sin\theta d\theta \\
&\leq \frac{2C_i}{m\pi c_m} \int_0^\pi \left(\frac{\sin(m-1)\theta}{m-1} + \frac{\sin(m+1)\theta}{m+1} \right) \sin\theta d\theta \\
&\leq \frac{2C_i}{m\pi c_m} \int_0^\pi \left(\left| \frac{\sin(m-1)\theta}{m-1} \sin\theta \right| + \left| \frac{\sin(m+1)\theta}{m+1} \sin\theta \right| \right) d\theta \leq \frac{4C_i}{(m^2-1)c_m}.
\end{aligned} \tag{3.5}$$

for $m > 1$. From (3.3), it is obvious that the coefficients a_{im} are also bounded for $m = 0, 1$.

Considering $|T_n(x)| \leq 1$ and using the triangle inequality again, the approximation function can be written as,

$$|y_i(x)| = \left| \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} a_{im} T_m(x) \right| \leq \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} |a_{im}| \leq |a_{i0}| + |a_{i1}| + \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} \frac{4C_i}{(m^2-1)c_m} < \infty. \tag{3.6}$$

Equation (3.6) shows the absolute convergence of each approximation functions for each interval. Then, for the combined solution for whole interval

$$|y(x)| \leq \max_{1 \leq i \leq M} |y_i(x)| \leq \max_{1 \leq i \leq M} \left(|a_{i0}| + |a_{i1}| + \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} \frac{4C_i}{(m^2-1)c_m} \right) \leq \left(|a_{i0}| + |a_{i1}| + \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} \frac{4C}{(m^2-1)c_m} \right) < \infty. \tag{3.7}$$

where $C = \max_{1 \leq i \leq M} |C_i|$. This shows us, the approximation series is absolutely convergent, hence it converges to the $y(x)$ uniformly.

Elbarbary and El-Sayed give the following theorem for the round-off error [23].

Theorem 3.2. The effect of the round off error on the elements $d_{k,j}^{(1)}$ and $d_{k,j}^{(2)}$ are bounded as,

$$\begin{cases} d_{k,j}^{(1)*} - d_{k,j}^{(1)} \leq 4\theta_j (\delta - O(\frac{1}{N^2}\delta)) (\frac{N^2}{3} + \frac{1}{6}) \\ d_{k,j}^{(2)*} - d_{k,j}^{(2)} \leq \frac{4\theta_j}{3} (\delta - O(\frac{1}{N^2}\delta)) (\frac{N^4}{5} - \frac{1}{5}) \end{cases}. \tag{3.8}$$

Canuto gives the truncation error for Chebyshev polynomial approximation [24]. Here, we give the generalization of Canuto's theorem to the composite CFDM as follows:

Theorem 3.3. Suppose, the approximation of the function $y_i(x)$ for each subinterval is given

by $P_N y_i = \sum_{m=0}^N a_{im} T_m$. For $\forall y_i(x) \in H_w^m(-1,1)$, $m \geq 0$, the truncation error estimate,

$$\|y_i - P_N y_i\|_{L_w^2(-1,1)} \leq C_i N^{-m} \|y_i\|_{H_w^{m,N}(-1,1)} \quad (3.9)$$

is satisfied.

Proof: From the properties of Chebyshev polynomials given in Section 2, it is easily to see,

$$\|y_i\|_{L_w^2(-1,1)}^2 = \frac{1}{2} \|y_i^*\|_{L_w^2(0,2\pi)}^2 \quad (3.10)$$

which defines an isomorphism between $L_w^2(-1,1)$ and $L_w^2(0,2\pi)$. Moreover, it maps $H_w^m(-1,1)$ into the space of $H_p^m(0,2\pi)$, where p indicates periodic functions. Thus, since $y_i \in C^{m-1}[-1,1]$, by periodicity, $y_i^* \in C^{m-1}(-\infty, \infty)$. The absolute values of derivatives of cosines smaller than unit, we have

$$\|y_i^*\|_{H^m(0,2\pi)} \leq C_i \|y_i\|_{H_w^m(-1,1)} \quad (3.11)$$

for $m \geq 1$. By defining the symmetric truncation of Fourier series up to the same degree, i.e. N

, $P_N^* \left(\sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} v_k e^{ik\theta} \right) = \sum_{k=-N}^N v_k e^{ik\theta}$. Since $y_i(x) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} a_{im} T_m(x)$ and $y_i^*(\theta) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} a_{im} \cos(k\theta)$, then

$y_j^*(\theta) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} a_{jm} \frac{e^{ik\theta} + e^{-ik\theta}}{2}$, thus $(P_N y_i)^* = P_N^* y_i^* \forall y_i \in L_w^2(-1,1)$. Consequently,

$$\|y_i - P_N y_i\|_{L_w^2(-1,1)} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \|y_i^* - P_N^* y_i^*\|_{L_w^2(0,2\pi)} \leq N^{-m} |C_i| \|y_i^{*(m)}\|_{L^2(0,2\pi)}^2, \quad (3.12)$$

Lastly,

$$\begin{aligned} \|y - P_N y\|_{L_w^2(-1,1)} &\leq \left\| \bigcup_{i=1}^M (y_i - P_N y_i) \right\|_{L_w^2(-1,1)} \leq \max_{1 \leq i \leq M} \|y_i - P_N y_i\|_{L_w^2(-1,1)} \\ &\leq \max_{1 \leq i \leq M} N^{-m} |C_i| \|y_i^{*(m)}\|_{L^2(0,2\pi)}^2 \leq C N^{-m} \max_{1 \leq i \leq M} \|y_i^{*(m)}\|_{L^2(0,2\pi)}^2. \end{aligned} \quad (3.13)$$

4. Numerical examples

In this section, two nonlinear problems arising in chemical reactions are solved by Smooth Composite CFDM. These equations are coupled Lane Emden boundary value problems and do not have exact solutions. Instead, we investigate the maximum absolute residual errors of the equations,

$$\begin{aligned} MR_n^{(1)}(x) &= \max_{0 \leq x \leq 1} \left| u_n''(x) + \frac{r}{x} u_n'(x) - f_1(u_n(x), v_n(x)) \right| \\ MR_n^{(2)}(x) &= \max_{0 \leq x \leq 1} \left| v_n''(x) + \frac{r}{x} v_n'(x) - f_2(u_n(x), v_n(x)) \right|. \end{aligned} \quad (4.1)$$

Example 1: (Catalytic Diffusion Reaction Equation)

$$\begin{cases} u''(x) + \frac{2}{x} u'(x) = a_{11}u^2(x) + a_{12}u(x)v(x), \\ v''(x) + \frac{2}{x} v'(x) = a_{21}v^2(x) + a_{22}u(x)v(x), \\ u'(0) = 0, \quad u(1) = \beta_1, \quad v'(0) = 0, \quad v(1) = \beta_2, \end{cases} \quad (4.2)$$

Here, $a_{11} = 1$, $a_{12} = \frac{2}{5}$, $a_{21} = \frac{1}{2}$, $\beta_1 = 1$, $\beta_2 = 2$. In order to solve this problem by using Smooth Composite CFDM, the interval $[0,1]$ is divided into the M subintervals and each subinterval is transferred to $[-1,1]$. Then, applying Smooth Composite CFDM to the given differential equation and the boundary conditions, we have $M \times (2N + 2)$ nonlinear algebraic equations containing $M \times (2N + 2)$ unknown coefficients. Thus, the obtained system can be solved by any appropriate numerical method. Using the inverse transformations for each interval, the overall solution is obtained by combining the transformed solutions. The comparisons of the presented method with [6, 10, 25] on the maximum residual errors are given in Table 1 and Table 2.

Table 1. Comparisons on $MR_n^{(1)}(x)$ for example 1.

N	[25]	[6]	[9]	$M = 1$	$M = 2$	$M = 4$
2	$7.55E-02$	$4.13E-01$	$3.61E-01$	$5.34E-01$	$2.88E-01$	$1.47E-01$
3	$3.84E-02$	$2.36E-01$	$2.40E-01$	$1.94E-01$	$5.42E-02$	$1.45E-02$
4	$1.74E-02$	$6.43E-02$	$4.21E-02$	$3.46E-02$	$6.00E-03$	$9.09E-04$
5	$8.27E-03$	$4.79E-02$	$1.13E-02$	$7.25E-03$	$6.49E-04$	$5.17E-05$
6	$3.78E-03$	$2.09E-02$	$1.73E-03$	$1.07E-03$	$5.77E-05$	$2.48E-06$
7	$1.71E-03$	$1.09E-02$	$3.25E-04$	$1.75E-04$	$4.97E-06$	$1.12E-07$
8	$7.19E-04$	$6.21E-03$	$4.58E-05$	$2.36E-05$	$3.89E-07$	$4.69E-09$
9	$2.53E-04$	$3.35E-03$	$7.11E-06$	$3.36E-06$	$2.96E-08$	$1.89E-10$
10	$6.27E-05$	$1.79E-03$	$9.47E-07$	$4.28E-07$	$2.14E-09$	$1.67E-11$
11	$7.78E-06$	$9.61E-03$	$1.34E-07$	$5.56E-08$	$1.48E-10$	$1.52E-11$

Table 2. Comparisons on $MR_n^{(2)}(x)$ for example 1.

N	[25]	[6]	[9]	$M = 1$	$M = 2$	$M = 4$
2	$1.77E-01$	$5.67E-01$	$8.36E-01$	$9.02E-01$	$6.71E-01$	$3.44E-01$
3	$9.20E-02$	$3.09E-01$	$5.57E-01$	$4.56E-01$	$1.28E-01$	$3.47E-02$
4	$4.27E-02$	$8.52E-02$	$1.10E-01$	$8.36E-02$	$1.46E-02$	$2.22E-03$
5	$2.06E-02$	$6.09E-02$	$2.75E-02$	$1.77E-02$	$1.60E-03$	$2.15E-04$
6	$9.54E-03$	$2.51E-02$	$4.31E-03$	$2.67E-03$	$1.45E-04$	$6.28E-06$
7	$4.29E-03$	$1.36E-02$	$8.17E-04$	$4.42E-04$	$1.27E-05$	$2.88E-07$
8	$1.73E-03$	$7.32E-03$	$1.17E-04$	$6.07E-05$	$1.00E-06$	$1.22E-08$
9	$5.71E-04$	$3.28E-03$	$1.83E-05$	$8.71E-06$	$7.77E-08$	$4.64E-10$
10	$1.28E-04$	$2.09E-03$	$2.47E-06$	$1.12E-06$	$5.68E-09$	$5.17E-11$
11	$1.44E-05$	$1.11E-03$	$3.60E-07$	$1.47E-07$	$4.05E-10$	$7.32E-12$

Comparison of Smooth Composite CFDM with [6, 10, 25] we get better results. Moreover, the presented method, namely Smooth Composite CFDM gives more reliable results than CFDM as it can be easily seen from Table 1 and Table 2. Absolute residual errors in logarithm of u , $(\log_{10}|erru|)$ and v , $(\log_{10}|errv|)$ are given in Table 3 for the different values of N and M .

Table 3. The absolute residual errors of u , $(\log_{10}|erru|)$ and v , $(\log_{10}|errv|)$ for the different values of N and M .

N	$\log_{10} erru $	$\log_{10} errv $
4		
6		

Example 2:

This example describes the kinetics of the reaction between CO_2 and phenyl glycidyl ether (PGE) in solution.

$$\begin{cases} u''(x) = \frac{\alpha_1 u(x)v(x)}{1 + \beta_1 u(x) + \beta_2 v(x)} \\ v''(x) = \frac{\alpha_2 u(x)v(x)}{1 + \beta_1 u(x) + \beta_2 v(x)}, \\ u(0) = 1, \quad u(1) = k, \quad v'(0) = 0, \quad v(1) = 1, \end{cases} \quad (4.3)$$

The functions $u(x)$ and $v(x)$ are the concentrations of CO_2 and PGE. x is the dimensionless distance as measured from the center and k is the dimensionless concentration of CO_2 at the surface of the catalyst. Here $\alpha_1 = 1$, $\alpha_2 = 2$, $\beta_1 = 1$, $\beta_2 = 3$ and $k = \frac{1}{2}$.

Table 4. Comparisons on $MR_n^{(1)}(x)$ for example 2.

N	[25]	[6]	[9]	$M = 1$	$M = 2$	$M = 4$
1	$4.15E-02$	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
2	$5.28E-03$	$8.88E-02$	$3.86E-02$	$3.91E-02$	$2.00E-02$	$1.02E-02$
3	$5.79E-04$	$8.88E-03$	$1.14E-03$	$1.63E-03$	$6.70E-04$	$2.04E-04$
4	$2.09E-04$	$9.99E-04$	$4.87E-04$	$6.51E-04$	$9.70E-05$	$1.29E-05$
5	$2.85E-05$	$8.88E-05$	$4.07E-05$	$5.51E-05$	$3.62E-06$	$2.34E-07$
6	$5.45E-06$	$8.88E-06$	$1.01E-06$	$1.99E-06$	$1.40E-07$	$4.99E-09$
7	$1.65E-06$	$8.88E-07$	$3.90E-07$	$6.21E-07$	$8.77E-09$	$1.58E-10$
8	$2.81E-06$	$1.04E-07$	$4.88E-09$	$1.34E-08$	$3.85E-10$	$1.20E-11$
9	$1.50E-06$	$2.76E-08$	$3.64E-09$	$6.61E-09$	$2.29E-11$	$9.65E-12$
10	$4.95E-07$	$2.80E-09$	$1.22E-10$	$2.75E-10$	$2.67E-12$	$1.05E-11$

Table 5. Comparisons on $MR_n^{(2)}(x)$ for example 2.

N	[25]	[6]	[9]	$M = 1$	$M = 2$	$M = 4$
1	$8.31E-02$	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
2	$1.05E-02$	$1.77E-01$	$7.73E-02$	$7.83E-02$	$4.00E-02$	$2.04E-02$
3	$1.15E-03$	$1.77E-02$	$2.28E-03$	$3.26E-03$	$1.34E-03$	$4.09E-04$
4	$4.18E-04$	$2.00E-03$	$9.75E-04$	$1.30E-03$	$1.94E-04$	$2.58E-05$
5	$5.71E-05$	$1.77E-04$	$8.14E-05$	$1.10E-04$	$7.25E-06$	$4.69E-07$
6	$1.08E-05$	$1.77E-05$	$2.03E-06$	$3.99E-06$	$2.81E-07$	$9.97E-09$
7	$3.31E-06$	$1.77E-06$	$7.81E-07$	$1.24E-06$	$1.75E-08$	$3.13E-10$
8	$5.69E-06$	$2.09E-07$	$9.76E-09$	$2.69E-08$	$7.69E-10$	$1.38E-11$
9	$3.02E-06$	$5.52E-08$	$7.28E-09$	$1.32E-08$	$4.67E-11$	$8.58E-12$
10	$9.91E-07$	$5.60E-09$	$2.43E-10$	$5.51E-10$	$1.16E-12$	$8.58E-12$

The comparisons on the maximum residual errors between [6, 10, 25] and the present method are given in the Table 4 and Table 5. Also, the maximum residual errors obtained by the presented technique for the different number of subintervals (M) and the different degrees of polynomials (N) are given in the Table 6 and the absolute errors in logarithm (base 10) are given in the Table 6 for the different number of subintervals (M) and the different degrees of polynomials (N).

Table 6. The absolute residual errors u , $(\log_{10}|erru|)$ and v , $(\log_{10}|errv|)$ for the different values of M and N .

N	$\log_{10} erru $	$\log_{10} errv $
4		
6		

Similar to the first example, even for comparison of the present method with [6, 10, 25], the better results are obtained.

5. Conclusions

In this paper, we proposed a new method, Smooth Composite CFDM which is based on CFDM and it is more effective than CFDM. The superiority of the presented method comes from taking into account the first order smoothness at the end points of the subintervals, which is distinctive property from CFDM and Composite CFDM. Convergence and error analyses for the method are investigated. The method is used for the solution of the coupled Lane Emden boundary value problems arising in the Catalytic Diffusion Reactions. The numerical results reveal that this new technique, i.e. Smooth Composite CFDM achieves higher accuracy, less calculation and high efficiency for this type of problems.

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