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A HYBRID OF THE NEW CONJUGATE GRADIENT METHOD AND GALERKIN THEORY FOR OPTIMIZING BEAM DEFLECTION UNDER UNIFORMLY DISTRIBUTED LOAD

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ABSTRACT

A hybrid of the new Conjugate gradient method and Galerkin theory has been used to find the maximum deflection of a beam under uniformly distributed load. Maximum deflection of a beam under a given pressure was found by solving a two-point linear, second order, boundary value problem with homogeneous boundary conditions without evaluating the inverse of a matrix. An objective function associated with a given member of this class of boundary value problems was optimized. The numerical results obtained from solving some of these problems are very close to the exact solutions. This method is easy to implement and automate computer-wise.

Keywords: Hybrid of the new conjugate gradient method, Two-point linear boundary value problems, Objective function, Galerkin theory.

1. INTRODUCTION

Burden and Faires [1] have shown how physical problems that are position-dependent rather than time-dependent could be described in terms of differential equations. A differential equation of this type has conditions imposed at more than one point. A common problem in civil engineering is to find the maximum deflection of a beam subject to uniform loading while the ends are supported in order to avoid deflection at the two fixed ends. A mathematical model of this physical phenomenon results in the formulation of a boundary value problem (BVP). A BVP is an ordinary differential equation with specified values at the extreme points or boundaries of a given system [2]. A beam deflection model, formulated from figure (1), seeks the value of a function $y(x)$ from the following two-point linear boundary value problem.

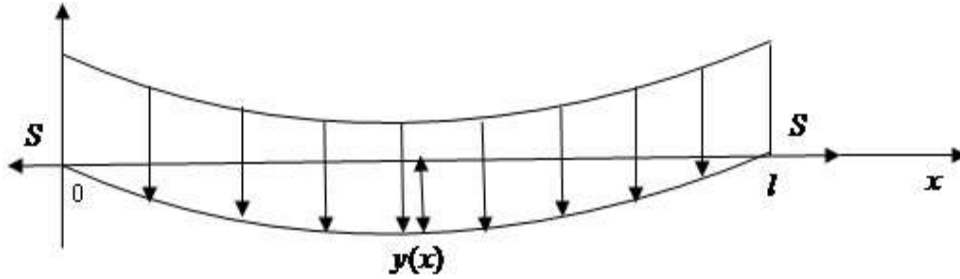


Figure 1: Simply supported beam with a uniformly distributed load.

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$$\frac{d^2 y(x)}{dx^2} = \frac{S}{EI} y(x) + \frac{q}{2EI} x(l-x), 0 \leq x \leq l \quad (1)$$

$$y(0) = 0 = y(l),$$

42 where x is the location along the beam, l is the length of the beam, E is the young's
43 modulus of elasticity of the beam, I is the central moment of inertia, S is the stress at the
44 endpoints and q is the intensity of the uniform load. In a related literature, Mohammadi et al
45 [3] employed the differential quadrature method and Galerkin method in their investigation of
46 free vibration behavior of rectangular graphene sheet under shear in-plane load. Also, Ali et
47 al [4] used the modified Timoshenko beam model to derive a formulation which
48 provides more accurate results than those obtained by the classical beam theory. In
49 addition, Mohammad et al [5] used the differential quadrature method (DQM) to solve the
50 governing equations of the nanorod for clamped-clamped (C-C), clamped-free (C-F) and
51 fixed-attached spring boundary conditions. This paper will concentrate on linear two-point,
52 second order, boundary value problem given in equation (1). This type of boundary value

53 problem is assumed to have a unique solution, $y(x)$, since $\frac{q}{2E} x(l-x)$ is continuous in
54 the given interval. In sections (2) and (3), we considered other relevant literatures and
55 Galerkin method for solving two-point linear, second order, boundary value problems.
56 Sections (4) and (5) treated the new conjugate gradient method with Galerkin theory.
57 Numerical examples and solutions were considered in sections (6) and (7). Section (8)
58 discussed our numerical results. Finally, section (9) summarized the findings of this paper
59 with a conclusion.

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61 2. LITERATURE REVIEW

62 Numerical methods have been used to generate an approximate solution of the
63 conventional linear two-point, second order, boundary value problem since the analytic
64 solution is very difficult to handle. This problem takes the form

$$65 \quad d(x)y''(x) + e(x)y'(x) + v(x)y(x) = t(x), [a, b]. \quad (2)$$

66 A unique solution of equation (2) exists if $d(x)$, $e(x)$, $v(x)$ and $t(x)$ are continuous in
67 $[a, b]$ [1, 6, 7]. Shooting method and finite difference method have been used to solve this
68 class of problems [1, 6, 7, 8]. Fyfe, in 1968 introduced cubic spline interpolation method for
69 solving equation (2). After Fyfe, many researchers, including Burden and Faires, used linear
70 and cubic spline interpolations with Galerkin method and finite element method to solve
71 same problem [1, 9, 10]. Galerkin method is one of the best methods for solving (2)
72 numerically. The numerical solutions of this class of boundary value problems are very good
73 but difficult to implement. The method leads to full matrices that must be inverted in order to
74 obtain the required solutions [11]. Shafiqul and Shirin [12] used Galerkin method with

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75 Bernoulli polynomials to solve equation (2). Also, Rahman et al [13] used Galerkin method
 76 with hermite polynomials to solve same problem. Bamigbola and Ejeje [14] showed that the
 77 properties of an objective function could be explored to design an efficient conjugate
 78 gradient method for solving optimization problems. The new conjugate gradient method [15]
 79 has been used to solve many optimization problems successfully without involving matrix
 80 inversion. We, therefore, present a hybrid of the new conjugate gradient method and
 81 Galerkin theory for solving problem (1) with ease and high accuracy.

82 83 **3. GALERKIN METHOD**

84 Galerkin method is a variation technique used in solving equation (2) numerically. In this
 85 paper, it is based on the fact that a function $w \in C^2[0, 1]$ is the unique solution of

$$86 \quad -[d(x)y'(x)]' + v(x)y(x) = t(x), \text{ for } 0 \leq x \leq 1,$$

87 if and only if w is a unique function in $C^2[0, 1]$ whenever

$$88 \quad \int_0^1 \{-[d(x)w'(x)]' + v(x)w(x) - t(x)\} \phi_j(x) dx = 0 \quad (3)$$

89 $i = 1, \dots, n$. From equation (1),

$$90 \quad v(x) = -\frac{S}{EI}, \quad t(x) = \frac{q}{2EI}x(l-x), \quad d(x) = -1 \text{ and } \phi_j \text{ is a weight function. Equation (3)}$$

91 yields n residual equations in n unknowns. This method approximates the solution of (1) by
 92 solving the system of equations derived from equation (3) simultaneously. In order to solve
 93 this system of equations, we used the finite element method as a variation tool. The finite
 94 element method is simply the Ritz-Galerkin method where the finite set of basis functions
 95 $\phi_1(x), \phi_2(x), \dots, \phi_n(x)$ are splines. With these splines, the minimum of
 96 equation (3) is usually computed. We restrict ourselves to the splines defined
 97 in equation (6). Thus, we convert the interval, $[0, l]$ in equation (1), to $[0, 1]$
 98 by the relation $x \rightarrow z$ such that $z = lx, x \in [0, 1]$ and $z \in [0, l]$. It follows that

$$99 \quad f(x) = t(z), \quad p(x) = \frac{d(z)}{l^2} = -\frac{1}{l^2}, \quad r(x) = v(z) \text{ and } y(x) = w(z). \quad p(x) \text{ becomes the}$$

100 new coefficient of y'' . From equation (3),

$$101 \quad \int_0^1 \{-[p(x)y'(x)]' + r(x)y(x) - f(x)\} \phi_j(x) dx = 0$$

$$102 \quad \int_0^1 \{-[p(x)y''(x) + p'(x)y'(x)] + r(x)y(x) - f(x)\} \phi_j(x) dx = 0$$

$$103 \quad \int_0^1 p(x) \phi_j y''(x) dx = y'(x) p(x) \phi_j(x) \Big|_0^1 - \int_0^1 y'(p'(x) \phi_j(x) + p(x) \phi_j'(x)) dx$$

$$104 \quad = - \int_0^1 y'(p'(x) \phi_j(x) + p(x) \phi_j'(x)) dx$$

105 It follows that

$$106 \quad \int_0^1 \{p(x) \phi_j'(x) y'(x) + r(x) y(x) \phi_j(x)\} dx = \int_0^1 f(x) \phi_j(x) dx \quad (4)$$

107 We partition the interval $[0, 1]$ into $n+1$ subintervals with n interior points such that

$$108 \quad 0 = x_0 < x_1 < \dots < x_n < x_{n+1} = 1; \quad h = x_{i+1} - x_i; \quad x_i = ih; \quad i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n+1.$$

109 A small set of functions which consists of linear combinations of some basis functions
 110 $\phi_1(x), \phi_2(x), \dots, \phi_n(x)$ contains the approximate solutions of (1) [16]. These functions are
 111 required to be linearly independent and satisfy the conditions given in equation (5) below.

$$112 \phi_i(0) = \phi_i(1) = 0; i = 1, 2, \dots, n. \quad (5)$$

113 In this paper, we used the conventional basis functions and their derivatives as defined in
 114 equations (6) and (7) below.

$$115 \phi_i(x) = \begin{cases} 0; & 0 \leq x \leq x_{i-1} \\ \frac{x - x_{i-1}}{h}; & x_{i-1} < x \leq x_i \\ \frac{x_{i+1} - x}{h}; & x_i < x \leq x_{i+1} \\ 0; & x_{i+1} < x \leq 1 \end{cases} \quad (6)$$

$$116 \phi_i'(x) = \begin{cases} 0; & 0 < x < x_{i-1} \\ \frac{1}{h}; & x_{i-1} < x < x_i \\ -\frac{1}{h}; & x_i < x < x_{i+1} \\ 0; & x_{i+1} < x < 1 \end{cases} \quad (7)$$

117 $i = 1, \dots, n$, $\phi_i(x_i) = 1$, $\phi_i(x_{i-1}) = 0$ and $\phi_i(x_{i+1}) = 0$. If we connect (x_i, c_i) by a line
 118 segment we obtain an approximation of the form

$$119 y_n(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n c_i \phi_i(x) \quad (8)$$

120 where c_i approximates the exact solution of (1) at $y(x_i)$. It follows that

$$121 y_n'(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n c_i \phi_i'(x) \quad (9)$$

122 The absolute error of approximation is $|y_n(x) - y(x)|$. Replacing y by $y_n(x)$ and y' by
 123 $y_n'(x)$ in equation (4) gives

$$124 \int_0^1 \{p(x)y_n'(x)\phi_j'(x) + r(x)y_n(x)\phi_j(x)\}dx = \int_0^1 f(x)\phi_j(x)dx$$

125 Substitute for $y_n(x)$ and $y_n'(x)$ values, from equations (8) and (9), into above equation:

$$126 \int_0^1 \{p(x)\sum_{i=1}^n c_i \phi_i'(x)\} \phi_j'(x) + r(x)\{\sum_{i=1}^n c_i \phi_i(x)\} \phi_j(x) dx = \int_0^1 f(x)\phi_j(x)dx$$

$$127 \sum_{i=1}^n \left[\int_0^1 \{p(x)\phi_i'(x)\phi_j'(x) + r(x)\phi_i(x)\phi_j(x)\}dx \right] c_i = \int_0^1 f(x)\phi_j(x)dx \quad (10)$$

128 The solution of equation (10) will produce $n \times n$ linear system of equations in
 129 $c_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$, unknown constants. So, we must form and solve a matrix equation. Define

$$130 a_{i,j} = \int_0^1 \{p(x)\phi_i'(x)\phi_j'(x) + r(x)\phi_i(x)\phi_j(x)\}dx \quad (11)$$

$$131 b_j = \int_0^1 f(x)\phi_j(x)dx \quad (12)$$

132 From equation (11),

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$$\begin{aligned}
133 \quad a_{i,i} &= \int_0^1 \{p(x)[\phi'_i(x)]^2 + r(x)[\phi_i(x)]^2\} dx \\
134 \quad &= \int_{x_{i-1}}^{x_i} \{p(x)[\phi'_i(x)]^2 + r(x)[\phi_i(x)]^2\} dx + \int_{x_i}^{x_{i+1}} \{p(x)[\phi'_i(x)]^2 + r(x)[\phi_i(x)]^2\} dx \quad (13) \\
135 \quad &= \frac{1}{h^2} \int_{x_{i-1}}^{x_i} \{p(x) + r(x)[x - x_{i-1}]^2\} dx + \frac{1}{h^2} \int_{x_i}^{x_{i+1}} \{p(x) + r(x)[x_{i+1} - x]^2\} dx
\end{aligned}$$

136 $i = 1, 2, \dots, n.$

$$\begin{aligned}
137 \quad a_{i,i+1} &= \int_{x_i}^{x_{i+1}} \{p(x)\phi'_i(x)\phi'_{i+1}(x) + r(x)\phi_i(x)\phi_{i+1}(x)\} dx \quad (14) \\
138 \quad &= \frac{1}{h^2} \int_{x_i}^{x_{i+1}} \{-p(x) + r(x)[x - x_i][x_{i+1} - x]\} dx
\end{aligned}$$

139 $i = 1, 2, \dots, n - 1.$

$$\begin{aligned}
140 \quad a_{i,i-1} &= \int_{x_{i-1}}^{x_i} \{p(x)\phi'_i(x)\phi'_{i-1}(x) + r(x)\phi_i(x)\phi_{i-1}(x)\} dx \quad (15) \\
141 \quad &= \frac{1}{h^2} \int_{x_{i-1}}^{x_i} \{-p(x) + r(x)[x - x_{i-1}][x_i - x]\} dx
\end{aligned}$$

142 $i = 2, \dots, n.$

143 From equation (12),

$$\begin{aligned}
144 \quad b_j &= \int_{x_{j-1}}^{x_j} \{f(x)\phi_j(x)\} dx + \int_{x_j}^{x_{j+1}} \{f(x)\phi_j(x)\} dx \quad (16) \\
145 \quad &= \frac{1}{h} \int_{x_{j-1}}^{x_j} \{f(x)(x - x_{j-1})\} dx + \frac{1}{h} \int_{x_j}^{x_{j+1}} \{f(x)(x_{j+1} - x)\} dx
\end{aligned}$$

146 $j = 1, 2, \dots, n.$

147 From the above equations, we obtained the matrix equation for the system:

$$148 \quad AC = B \quad (17)$$

149 where

$$150 \quad A = a_{ij}, B = b_j, C = \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ \vdots \\ c_n \end{pmatrix}, j = 1, 2, \dots, n \text{ and } i = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

151 From equation (17),

$$152 \quad C = A^{-1}B \quad (18)$$

153 The absolute error is: Error = $|y_n(x) - y(lx)|$.

154 **4. NEW CONJUGATE GRADIENT METHOD**

155 The new conjugate gradient method (NCGM) [13] seeks to optimize a multivariable function
156 f whose gradient vector is g . At a point x_k , the objective function F is represented by

$$157 \quad F(x) = f(x_k) + wf(x_k) + \frac{1}{2}w^2f(x_k) + \dots + \frac{1}{m!}w^mf(x_k)$$

158 where

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159 $w^m F(x_k) = \sum_{i_1=1}^N \sum_{i_2=1}^N \dots \sum_{i_N=1}^N h_{i_1} h_{i_2} \dots h_{i_N} \frac{\partial^m f(x_k)}{\partial x_{i_1} \partial x_{i_2} \dots \partial x_{i_N}}$, $x, h \in \mathfrak{R}^m$, $h_j = x_j - x_{j-i}$; $n \geq 2$. The

160 gradient function of F is represented by G . The algorithm for the scheme is given below.

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162 **4.1 ALGORITHM I (NCGM)**

163 Input initial values: x_0 and $D_0 = -G_0$.

164 Repeat:

165 Find step length α_k such that $F(x_k + \alpha_k D_k) = \min F(x_k + \alpha D_k)$.

166 Compute new point: $x_{k+1} = x_k + \alpha_k D_k$. Update search direction:

$$167 \quad D_{k+1} = -G_{k+1} + \beta_k D_k, G_{k+1} = \frac{1}{2} [g(x_k + 2\Delta x_k) + g(x_k)], \beta_k = \frac{\|G_{k+1}\|^2}{D_k^T u_k}$$

168 $u_k = G_{k+1} - G_k$. $\|\cdot\|$ denotes Euclidean norm.

169 Check for optimality of g : Terminate iteration at step k if $\|g(x_k)\|$ is so small that x_k is
170 acceptable.

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172 **5. NEW CONJUGATE GRADIENT METHOD WITH GALERKIN THEORY**

173 The hybrid of the new Conjugate Gradient Method and Galerkin theory seeks to

174 *Maximize* $y(x)$ subject to equation(1). By our method, we require the matrix A, in
175 equation (16), to be symmetric otherwise we replace A with an equivalent symmetric

176 matrix M. That is,

$$177 \quad A^T A C = A^T B$$

178 or

$$179 \quad M C = Z \tag{19}$$

180 where $M = A^T A$ and $Z = A^T B$. Also, $M = A$ if A is symmetric. By our assumption of
181 uniqueness of solution of (1), we state that the matrix M is also positive definite. It follows
182 that we are guaranteed to form an objective function from equation (19) as given below.

$$183 \quad F(C) = \frac{1}{2} C^T M C - C^T Z \tag{20}$$

184 The gradient function is

$$185 \quad G(C) = M C - Z \tag{21}$$

186 Next, we seek to solve the following optimization problem.

$$187 \quad \text{Minimize } (-F) \text{ over } C \tag{22}$$

188 Since our objective function F in equation (20) is a quadratic function, we used the new
189 Conjugate Gradient Method to solve (22). This technique solves the optimization method
190 through an iterative procedure

$$191 \quad C_{k+1} = C_k + \alpha_k d_k \tag{23}$$

192 $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$, d_k is a direction vector and α_k is the line search step length at iteration k .

193 Usually, we find α_k such that $\alpha_k = \min_{\alpha > 0} (-F(C_k + \alpha d_k))$. The algorithm is given below.

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195 **5.1 ALGORITHM II** (Hybrid of the new Conjugate gradient method and Galerkin theory)

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196 Let $G_k = G(C_k)$ and $\|G_k\| = (G_k^T G_k)^{\frac{1}{2}}$. Choose a whole number n and $h = \frac{1}{n+1}$. Use

197 Galerkin method to obtain equations (17) and (19) and $G(C_k) = MC_k - Z$ from equation
 198 (21). Use the following initial values:

199 $C_0 = (0, 0, \dots, 0)^T$, $k = 0$, $D_0 = -G_0$.

200 Repeat the following steps of the new Conjugate gradient method.

201 a. Find step length α_k such that

202
$$F(C_k + \alpha_k D_k) = \min_{\alpha > 0} F(C_k + \alpha D_k)$$

203 b. Compute new point:

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$$C_{k+1} = C_k + \alpha_k D_k$$

205 c. Update search direction:

206
$$D_{k+1} = -G_{k+1} + \beta_k D_k,$$

207
$$G_{k+1} = \frac{1}{2} [G(C_k + 2\Delta C_k) + G(C_k)]$$

208
$$\beta_k = \frac{\|G_{k+1}\|^2}{D_k^T y_k}$$

209
$$y_k = G_{k+1} - G_k$$

210 d. Check for optimality of G : Terminate iteration at step k when $\|G_k\|$ is so small that C_k is
 211 an acceptable estimate of the optimal point of F . If not optimal set $k = k + 1$.

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213 6. NUMERICAL EXAMPLES

214 We used the hybrid of the new Conjugate Gradient Method and Galerkin theory to find the
 215 maximal deflection of a simply supported beam under uniformly distributed load from the
 216 following boundary value problems. Each boundary value problem governs the deflection of
 217 a structured beam as described in exercise 11.3, page 666, of [1]. Nine interior points were
 218 used in each case.

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220 **Problem 1:** The boundary-value problem governing the deflection of a beam, in figure (1),
 221 with supported ends, is

222
$$\frac{d^2 y(x)}{dx^2} = \frac{S}{EI} y(x) + \frac{q}{2EI} x(120 - x), \quad 0 \leq x \leq 120$$

223
$$y(0) = 0 = y(120).$$

224

Suppose the beam is a W10-type steel I-beam with the following characteristics:

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$$S = 1000N, \quad l = 120m, \quad q = 8\frac{1}{3} N/m, \quad E = 3 \times 10^7 N/m^2 \text{ and } I = 625m^4;$$

226 where l is the length, S is the stress at the ends, q is the intensity of uniform load, E is
 227 the modulus of elasticity and I is the central moment of inertia. Find the maximum deflection
 228 of the beam at its middle.

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230 **Solution of problem (1):** In the interval $[0, 1]$, we restated problem (1) as

231
$$- [p(x)y'(x)]' + r(x)y(x) = f(x), \quad y(0) = 0 = y(1), \quad 0 \leq x \leq 1;$$

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232 where $p(x) = -\frac{1}{l^2} = -\frac{1}{14400}$, $r(x) = -\frac{S}{EI}$ and $f(x) = \frac{q}{2EI}120x(120 - 120x)$.

233 Algorithm (5.1) was used to solve the problem. The solution is shown in table (1).

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235 **Exact solution of problem (1):** The deflection of the beam at point x is given by

236
$$y(x) = C_1 e^{x\sqrt{a}} + C_2 e^{-x\sqrt{a}} + \frac{b}{a}x^2 - \frac{120b}{a}x + \frac{2b}{a^2}, \quad 0 \leq x \leq 120.$$

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where

238 $C_1 = -77042.53752198143$, $C_2 = -79207.46247801857$, $a = 5.33333 \times 10^{-8}$ and

239 $b = 2.22222222 \times 10^{-10}$

240

241 **Problem 2:** The boundary-value problem governing the deflection of a 20m long beam with
242 flexural stiffness EI is given by

243
$$\frac{d^2 y(x)}{dx^2} = \frac{q}{2EI}x(20 - x), \quad 0 \leq x \leq 20$$

244 $y(0) = 0 = y(20),$

245 $l = 20m$, $q = 5000N/m$, $EI = 133.333 \times 10^6 Nm^2$ and q is the intensity of the uniform
246 load. Find the maximum deflection of the beam at its middle.

247 **Solution of problem (2):** In the interval $[0, 1]$, we restated problem (2) as

248
$$- [p(x)y'(x)]' + r(x)y(x) = f(x), \quad y(0) = 0 = y(1), \quad 0 \leq x \leq 1;$$

249 where $p(x) = -\frac{1}{l^2} = -\frac{1}{400}$, $r(x) = 0$ and $f(x) = \frac{q}{2EI}20x(20 - 20x)$.

250 Algorithm (5.1) was used to solve the problem. The solution is shown in table (2).

251

252 **Exact solution of problem (2):** The deflection of the beam at point x is given by

253
$$y(x) = \frac{b}{12}(40x^3 - x^4 - 8000x), \quad 0 \leq x \leq 20.$$

254
$$b = \frac{q}{2EI}.$$

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256 **Problem 3:** The deflection of a uniformly loaded, long rectangular plate under an axial
257 tension force is governed by a second-order differential equation. Let S represent the axial
258 force and q the intensity of the uniform load. The deflection w along the elemental length is
259 given by

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$$\frac{d^2 y(x)}{dx^2} = \frac{S}{D}y(x) + \frac{q}{2D}x(50 - x), \quad 0 \leq x \leq 50$$

261 $y(0) = 0 = y(50),$

262 $S = 100N$, $l = 50m$, $q = 200N/m$, $D = 8.8 \times 10^7 Nm^2$;

263 where l is the length of the plate and D is the flexural rigidity of the plate. Find the
264 maximum deflection of the beam at its middle.

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266 **Solution of problem (3):** In the interval $[0, 1]$, we restated problem (3) as

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267 $-[p(x)y'(x)]' + r(x)y(x) = f(x), y(0) = 0 = y(1), 0 \leq x \leq 1;$
 268 where $p(x) = -\frac{1}{l^2} = -\frac{1}{2500}, r(x) = -\frac{S}{D}$ and $f(x) = \frac{q}{2D}50x(50 - 50x).$
 269 Algorithm (5.1) was used to solve the problem. The solution is shown in table (3).
 270

271 **Exact solution of problem (3):** The deflection of the beam at point x is given by

272 $y(x) = C_1 e^{x\sqrt{a}} + C_2 e^{-x\sqrt{a}} + x^2 - 50x + \frac{2}{a}, 0 \leq x \leq 50,$
 273 $C_1 = -856553.471726025, C_2 = -903446.5282739757$ and
 274 $a = 1.136363636363636 \times 10^{-6}$
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276 **7. NUMERICAL SOLUTIONS**

277 We used MatLab to solve the given boundary value problems.
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Table 1: Solution of Problem 1 (Maximal deflection is 0.12cm downwards)

$n = 9, h = \frac{1}{10}, x_i \in [0, 1]$				
i	x_i	$y_9(x_i) = c_i$	$y(120x_i)$	Error = $ y_9(x_i) - y(120x_i) $
1	0.1	-0.000376675239629	-0.000376675016014	2.23615×10^{-10}
2	0.2	-0.000712649320008	-0.000712648849003	4.71005×10^{-10}
3	0.3	-0.000975668780120	-0.000975668110186	6.69934×10^{-10}
4	0.4	-0.001142695610452	-0.001142694818554	7.91898×10^{-10}
5	0.5	-0.001199907076070	-0.001199906197144	8.78927×10^{-10}
6	0.6	-0.001142695610458	-0.001142694702139	9.08319×10^{-10}
7	0.7	-0.000975668780131	-0.000975667935563	8.44568×10^{-10}
8	0.8	-0.000712649320025	-0.000712648557965	7.6206×10^{-10}
9	0.9	-0.000376675239651	-0.000376674608560	6.3109×10^{-10}

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Table 2: Solution of Problem 2 (Maximal deflection is 7.81cm downwards)

$n = 9, h = \frac{1}{10}, x_i \in [0, 1]$				
i	x_i	$y_9(x_i) = c_i$	$y(20x_i)$	Error = $ y_9(x_i) - y(20x_i) $
1	0.1	-0.024525000061357	-0.024525000061312	4.4×10^{-14}
2	0.2	-0.046400000116089	-0.046400000116000	8.9×10^{-14}
3	0.3	-0.063525000158946	-0.063525000158812	1.33×10^{-13}
4	0.4	-0.074400000186200	-0.074400000186000	1.78×10^{-13}
5	0.5	-0.078125000195535	-0.078125000195312	2.22×10^{-13}
6	0.6	-0.074400000186266	-0.074400000186000	2.66×10^{-13}
7	0.7	-0.063525000159123	-0.063525000158812	3.11×10^{-13}
8	0.8	-0.046400000116355	-0.046400000116000	3.55×10^{-13}
9	0.9	-0.024525000061712	-0.024525000061312	4×10^{-13}

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Table 3: Solution of Problem 3 (Maximal deflection is 18.49cm downwards).

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$n = 9, h = \frac{1}{10}, x_i \in [0, 1]$				
i	x_i	$y_9(x_i) = c_i$	$y(50x_i)$	Error = $ y_9(x_i) - y(50x_i) $
1	0.1	-0.058044685436589	-0.058044549310580	$1.36126009 \times 10^{-7}$
2	0.2	-0.109817315930269	-0.109817057382315	$2.58547953 \times 10^{-7}$
3	0.3	-0.150347747852438	-0.150347393937409	$3.53915029 \times 10^{-7}$
4	0.4	-0.176085979463466	-0.176085565239191	$4.14224275 \times 10^{-7}$
5	0.5	-0.18490205005989	-0.184901615371928	$4.34687963 \times 10^{-7}$
6	0.6	-0.176085979463886	-0.176085566170514	$4.13293373 \times 10^{-7}$
7	0.7	-0.150347747853279	-0.150347396032885	$3.51820394 \times 10^{-7}$
8	0.8	-0.10981731593153	-0.109817060641944	$2.55289585 \times 10^{-7}$
9	0.9	-0.05804468543827	-0.058044552803040	$1.32635231 \times 10^{-7}$

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8. DISCUSSION OF NUMERICAL RESULTS

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9. CONCLUSION

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