

# Fermat Collocation Method for Solving a Class of the Second Order Nonlinear Differential Equations

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**Abstract** In this paper, a matrix method based on collocation points on any interval  $[a,b]$  is proposed for the approximate solution of some second order nonlinear ordinary differential equations with the mixed conditions in terms of Fermat polynomials. The method, by means of collocation points, transforms the differential equation to a matrix equation which corresponds to a system of nonlinear algebraic equations with unknown Fermat coefficients. Also, the method can be used for solving Riccati equation. The numerical results show the effectiveness of the method for this type of equation. Comparing the methodology with some known techniques shows that the present approach is relatively easy and high accurate.

**Keywords:** Nonlinear ordinary differential equations, Riccati equation, Fermat polynomials, collocation points

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## 1. Introduction

Nonlinear ordinary differential equations are frequently used to model a wide class of problems in many areas of scientific fields; chemical reactions, spring-mass systems bending of beams, resistor-capacitor-inductance circuits, pendulums, the motion of a rotating mass around another body and so forth [1,2]. These equations have also demonstrated their usefulness in ecology and economics. Thus, methods of solution for these equations are of great importance to engineers and scientist. Although many important differential equations can be solved by well known analytical techniques, a greater number of physically significant differential equations can not be solved [2,3]. On the other hand, Riccati differential equations occur a very important class of nonlinear differential equations. These play a fundamental role in control theory; for example, optimal control, filtering and estimation, decompling and order reduction etc [4,5].

In this paper, for our aim we consider the second order nonlinear ordinary differential equation of the form

$$\begin{aligned}
 &P(x)y(x) + Q(x)y'(x) + R(x)y^2(x) \\
 &+ S(x)y(x)y'(x) + T(x)(y'(x))^2 + \\
 &A(x)y''(x) + B(x)y(x)y''(x) + \\
 &C(x)y'(x)y''(x) + E(x)(y''(x))^2 = g(x)
 \end{aligned} \tag{1} [6]$$

under the mixed conditions

$$\alpha y(a) + \beta y(b) = \lambda \tag{2}$$

and look for the approximate solution in the form

$$\begin{aligned}
 y(x) &= \sum_{n=0}^N y_n F_n(x), \\
 F_n(x) &= 3xF_{n-1}(x) - 2F_{n-1}^2(x), \quad (3) [7,8] \\
 a \leq x \leq b
 \end{aligned}$$

which is a Fermat polynomial of degree  $N$ , where  $y_n (n = 0, 1, \dots, N)$  are the coefficients to be determined. Here  $P(x)$ ,  $Q(x)$ ,  $R(x)$ ,  $S(x)$ ,  $T(x)$ ,  $A(x)$ ,  $B(x)$ ,  $C(x)$ ,  $E(x)$  and  $g(x)$  are the functions defined on  $a \leq x \leq b$ ; the real coefficients  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$  and  $\lambda$  are appropriate constants. Note that in the case of,  $S(x)=T(x)=A(x)=B(x)=C(x)=E(x)=0$  in Eq. (1), it is a Riccati Equation [9,10,11]. Eq.(1) is a simple case of the general class of nonlinear ordinary differential equations. Despite its simplicity, the changes of obtaining an elementary solution are quite remote. It is well known that no general formula exists for the solution of the nonlinear ordinary differential equations, also of Eq.(1) moreover, certain special types of Eq.(1) having exact or approximate solutions may be solved by means of known methods [12,13]. In the other cases, that is, for the second order nonlinear differential equations which can not be solved by known methods, the new Fermat collocation method to be presented in this paper can be used.

## 2. Fundamental Matrix Relations

Our aim is to find the matrix form of each term in the nonlinear equation given by Eq. (1). Firstly, we consider the solution  $y(x)$  defined by a truncated series (3) and then we can convert to the matrix form

$$y(x) = \mathbf{F}(x)\mathbf{Y} \tag{4}$$

where

$$\mathbf{F}(x) = [F_0(x) \quad F_1(x) \quad \cdots \quad F_N(x)]$$

$$\mathbf{Y} = [y_0 \quad y_1 \quad \cdots \quad y_N]^T$$

If we differentiate expression (4) with respect to  $x$ , we obtain

$$y'(x) = \mathbf{F}'(x)\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{F}(x)\mathbf{D}\mathbf{Y},$$

$$y''(x) = \mathbf{F}'(x)\mathbf{D}\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{F}(x)\mathbf{D}^2\mathbf{Y} \quad (5)$$

where

$$\mathbf{D} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 3 & 0 & 6 & 0 & 12 & 0 & 24 & 0 & \cdots \\ 0 & 0 & 6 & 0 & 12 & 0 & 24 & 0 & 48 & \cdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 9 & 0 & 18 & 0 & 36 & 0 & \cdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 12 & 0 & 24 & 0 & 48 & \cdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 15 & 0 & 30 & 0 & \cdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 18 & 0 & 36 & \cdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 21 & 0 & \cdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 24 & \cdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots \end{bmatrix}$$

(N+1)×(N+1)

By using (4), the matrix form of expression  $y^2(x)$  is obtained as

$$y^2(x) = [1 \quad 3x \quad 9x^2 - 2 \quad \cdots \quad F_N(x)]$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{F}(x) & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \mathbf{F}(x) & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \cdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & \mathbf{F}(x) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y_0\mathbf{Y} \\ y_1\mathbf{Y} \\ \vdots \\ y_N\mathbf{Y} \end{bmatrix}$$

or briefly

$$y^2(x) = \mathbf{F}(x)\mathbf{F}^*(x)\mathbf{Y}^* \quad (6)$$

where

$$\mathbf{F}^*(x) = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{F}(x) & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \mathbf{F}(x) & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \cdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & \mathbf{F}(x) \end{bmatrix}, \quad [13]$$

$$\mathbf{Y}^* = [y_0\mathbf{Y} \quad y_1\mathbf{Y} \quad \cdots \quad y_N\mathbf{Y}]^T,$$

By using the expression (4), (5) and (6) we obtain

$$y(x)y'(x) = \mathbf{F}(x)\mathbf{F}^*(x)\mathbf{D}^*\mathbf{Y}^* \quad (7)$$

Following a similar way to (6), we have

$$(y'(x))^2 = \mathbf{F}(x)\mathbf{D}\mathbf{F}^*(x)\mathbf{D}^*\mathbf{Y}^* \quad (8)$$

where

$$\mathbf{D}^* = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{D} & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \mathbf{D} & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \cdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & \mathbf{D} \end{bmatrix}$$

Besides, applying a similar way to (4), (5) and (6), can be written, respectively

$$y(x)y''(x) = \mathbf{F}(x)\mathbf{F}^*(x)\bar{\mathbf{D}}\mathbf{Y}^* \quad (9)$$

$$y'(x)y''(x) = \mathbf{F}(x)\mathbf{D}\mathbf{F}^*(x)\bar{\mathbf{D}}\mathbf{Y}^* \quad (10)$$

and

$$(y''(x))^2 = \mathbf{F}(x)\mathbf{D}^2\mathbf{F}^*(x)\bar{\mathbf{D}}\mathbf{Y}^* \quad (11)$$

where

$$\bar{\mathbf{D}} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{D}^2 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \mathbf{D}^2 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \cdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & \mathbf{D}^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

### 3. Matrix Relations Based on Collocation Points

Let us use the collocation points defined by

$$x_i = a + \frac{b-a}{N}i, \quad i = 0, 1, \dots, N \quad (12)$$

in order to

$$a = x_0 < x_1 < \cdots < x_n = b.$$

By putting the collocation points (9) into Eq. (1), we get the equation

$$P(x_i)y(x_i) + Q(x_i)y'(x_i) + R(x_i)y^2(x_i) + S(x_i)y(x_i)y'(x_i) + T(x_i)(y'(x_i))^2 + A(x_i)y''(x_i) + B(x_i)y(x_i)y''(x_i) + C(x_i)y'(x_i)y''(x_i) + E(x_i)(y''(x_i))^2 = g(x_i) \quad (13)$$

$$i = 0, 1, \dots, N;$$

$$a \leq x_i \leq b$$

By using the relations (4), (5), (6), (7), (8), (9), (10) and (11); the system (13) can be written in the matrix form

$$(\mathbf{P}\mathbf{F} + \mathbf{Q}\mathbf{F}\mathbf{D} + \mathbf{A}\mathbf{F}\mathbf{D}^2)\mathbf{Y} + (\mathbf{R}\mathbf{F}\mathbf{F}^* + \mathbf{S}\mathbf{F}\mathbf{F}^*\mathbf{D}^* + \mathbf{T}\mathbf{F}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{F}^*\mathbf{D}^* + \mathbf{B}\mathbf{F}\mathbf{F}^*\bar{\mathbf{D}} + \mathbf{C}\mathbf{F}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{F}^*\bar{\mathbf{D}} + \mathbf{E}\mathbf{F}\mathbf{D}^2\mathbf{F}^*\bar{\mathbf{D}})\mathbf{Y}^* = \mathbf{G}$$

or shortly

$$\mathbf{W}\mathbf{Y} + \mathbf{V}\mathbf{Y}^* = \mathbf{G} \quad (14)$$

where

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{bmatrix} P(x_0) & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & P(x_1) & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \cdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & P(x_N) \end{bmatrix};$$

$$\mathbf{Q} = \begin{bmatrix} Q(x_0) & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & Q(x_1) & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \cdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & Q(x_N) \end{bmatrix};$$

$$\mathbf{R} = \begin{bmatrix} R(x_0) & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & R(x_1) & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \cdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & R(x_N) \end{bmatrix};$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{S} &= \begin{bmatrix} S(x_0) & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & S(x_1) & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \cdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & S(x_N) \end{bmatrix}; \\
 \mathbf{T} &= \begin{bmatrix} T(x_0) & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & T(x_1) & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \cdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & T(x_N) \end{bmatrix}; \\
 \mathbf{A} &= \begin{bmatrix} A(x_0) & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & A(x_1) & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \cdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & A(x_N) \end{bmatrix}; \\
 \mathbf{B} &= \begin{bmatrix} B(x_0) & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & B(x_1) & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \cdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & B(x_N) \end{bmatrix}; \\
 \mathbf{C} &= \begin{bmatrix} C(x_0) & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & C(x_1) & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \cdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & C(x_N) \end{bmatrix}; \\
 \mathbf{E} &= \begin{bmatrix} E(x_0) & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & E(x_1) & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \cdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & E(x_N) \end{bmatrix}; \\
 \mathbf{G} &= \begin{bmatrix} g(x_0) \\ g(x_1) \\ \vdots \\ g(x_N) \end{bmatrix}; \mathbf{F} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{F}(x_0) \\ \mathbf{F}(x_1) \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{F}(x_N) \end{bmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3x_0 & 9x_0^2 - 2 & \cdots & 3x_0 F_{N-1}(x_0) \\ & & & & -2F_{N-2}(x_0) \\ 1 & 3x_1 & 9x_1^2 - 2 & \cdots & 3x_1 F_{N-1}(x_1) \\ & & & & -2F_{N-2}(x_1) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \cdots & \vdots \\ 1 & 3x_N & 9x_N^2 - 2 & \cdots & 3x_N F_{N-1}(x_N) \\ & & & & -2F_{N-2}(x_N) \end{bmatrix}; \\
 \mathbf{F}^* &= \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{F}(x_0) & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \mathbf{F}(x_1) & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \cdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & \mathbf{F}(x_N) \end{bmatrix}.
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\overline{[\mathbf{W}; \mathbf{V}; \mathbf{G}]} = \begin{bmatrix} w_{00} & w_{01} & w_{02} & \cdots & w_{0N} & ; & v_{00} & v_{01} & v_{02} & \cdots & v_{0N} & : & g(x_0) \\ w_{10} & w_{11} & w_{12} & \cdots & w_{1N} & ; & v_{10} & v_{11} & v_{12} & \cdots & v_{1N} & : & g(x_1) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \cdots & \vdots & ; & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \cdots & \vdots & : & \vdots \\ w_{N-2,0} & w_{N-2,1} & w_{N-2,2} & \cdots & w_{N-2,N} & ; & v_{N-2,0} & v_{N-2,1} & v_{N-2,2} & \cdots & v_{N-2,N} & : & g(x_{N-2}) \\ k_{00} & k_{01} & k_{02} & \cdots & k_{0N} & ; & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & : & \lambda_1 \\ k_{10} & k_{11} & k_{12} & \cdots & k_{1N} & ; & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & : & \lambda_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

or the corresponding matrix equation

$$\overline{\mathbf{W}}\mathbf{Y} + \overline{\mathbf{V}}\mathbf{Y}^* = \overline{\mathbf{G}} \tag{18}$$

### 4. Method of Solution

By substituting the matrix relations in section two, into matrix equation (14) we have the fundamental matrix equation clearly

$$\mathbf{W}\mathbf{Y} + \mathbf{V}\mathbf{Y}^* = \mathbf{G}$$

or

$$\overline{[\mathbf{W}; \mathbf{V}; \mathbf{G}]} \tag{15}$$

where

$$\mathbf{W} = [w_{pq}] = \mathbf{P}\mathbf{F} + \mathbf{Q}\mathbf{F}\mathbf{D},$$

$$\mathbf{V} = [v_{pq}] = \mathbf{R}\mathbf{F}\mathbf{F}^* + \mathbf{S}\mathbf{F}\mathbf{F}^*\mathbf{D}^* + \mathbf{T}\mathbf{F}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{F}^*\mathbf{D}^*,$$

$$p, q = 0, 1, \dots, N$$

We can find the corresponding matrix equation for the condition (2), using the relation (4), as follows:

$$\{\alpha\mathbf{F}(a) + \beta\mathbf{F}(b)\} \mathbf{Y} = [\lambda] \tag{16}$$

so that

$$\mathbf{F}(a)$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3a & 9a^2 - 2 & \cdots & 3aF_{N-1}(a) - 2F_{N-2}(a) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{F}(b)$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3b & 9b^2 - 2 & \cdots & 3bF_{N-1}(b) - 2F_{N-2}(b) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{K} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{K}_1 \\ \mathbf{K}_2 \end{bmatrix} = [k_{ij}], \quad i = 0, 1, \quad j = 0, 1, \dots, N.$$

We can write the corresponding matrix form (16) for the mixed condition (2) in the augmented matrix form as

$$\overline{[\mathbf{K}; \mathbf{0}; \lambda]} \tag{17}$$

where

$$\mathbf{K} = \begin{bmatrix} k_{00} & k_{01} & \cdots & k_{0N} \\ k_{10} & k_{11} & \cdots & k_{1N} \end{bmatrix} = \sum_{k=0}^1 \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_{ik} \mathbf{F}(a) \\ + \beta_{ik} \mathbf{F}(b) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\lambda = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 \\ \lambda_2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{0} = [0 \quad 0 \quad \cdots \quad 0]_{1 \times (N+1)}.$$

To obtain the approximate solution of Eq. (1) with the mixed condition (2) in the terms of Fermat polynomials, by replacing the row matrix (17) by the last row of the matrix (14), we obtain the required augmented matrix:

where

$$\overline{\mathbf{W}} = \begin{bmatrix} w_{00} & w_{01} & \dots & w_{0N} \\ w_{10} & w_{11} & \dots & w_{1N} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ w_{N-2,0} & w_{N-2,1} & \dots & w_{N-2,1} \\ k_{00} & k_{01} & \dots & k_{0N} \\ k_{10} & k_{11} & \dots & k_{1N} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\overline{\mathbf{V}} = \begin{bmatrix} v_{00} & v_{01} & \dots & v_{0N} \\ v_{10} & v_{11} & \dots & v_{1N} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ v_{N-2,0} & v_{N-2,1} & \dots & v_{N-2,1} \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \overline{\mathbf{G}} = \begin{bmatrix} g(x_0) \\ g(x_1) \\ \vdots \\ g(x_{N-2}) \\ \lambda_1 \\ \lambda_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

The unknown coefficients set  $\{y_0, y_1, \dots, y_N\}$  can be determined from the nonlinear system (18). As a result, we can obtain approximate solution in the truncated series form (3).

### 5. Accuracy of Solution

We can check the accuracy of the solution by following procedure [12,13,14]: The truncated Fermat series in (3) have to be approximately satisfying Eq. (1); that is, for each  $x=x_i \in [a,b], i=1,2,\dots$

$$E(x_i) = \left| \begin{array}{l} P(x_i)y(x_i) + Q(x_i)y'(x_i) \\ + R(x_i)y^2(x_i) + S(x_i)y(x_i)y'(x_i) \\ + T(x_i)(y'(x_i))^2 + A(x_i)y''(x_i) + \\ B(x_i)y(x_i)y''(x_i) + C(x_i)y'(x_i)y''(x_i) \\ + E(x_i)(y''(x_i))^2 - g(x_i) \end{array} \right| \cong 0$$

and  $E(x_i) \leq 10^{-k_i}$  ( $k_i$  is any positive integer).

If  $\max(10^{-k_i}) = 10^{-k}$  ( $k$  is any positive integer) is prescribed, then the truncation limit  $N$  is increased until the difference  $E(x_i)$  at each of the points  $x_i$  becomes smaller than the prescribed  $10^{-k}$ .

### 6. Numerical Examples

The method of this study is useful in finding the solutions of second-order nonlinear ordinary differential equations in terms of Fermat polynomials. We illustrate it by the following examples.

**Example 6.1.** Let us first consider the first-order nonlinear differential equation

$$y''(x)y(x) + xy^2(x) + y(x)y'(x) = x^5 + 2x^2 - x - 2 \tag{19}$$

with condition

$$y(0) = 1, y'(0) = 0, 0 \leq x \leq 1$$

$$\mathbf{Y}^* = [y_0 y_0 \quad y_0 y_1 \quad y_0 y_2 \quad y_0 y_3 \quad y_1 y_0 \quad y_1 y_1 \quad y_1 y_2 \quad y_1 y_3 \quad y_2 y_0 \quad y_2 y_1 \quad y_2 y_2 \quad y_2 y_3 \quad y_3 y_0 \quad y_3 y_1 \quad y_3 y_2 \quad y_3 y_3]^T.$$

The augmented matrix for this fundamental matrix equation is calculated.

and the approximate solution  $y(x)$  by the truncated Taylor polynomial

$$y(x) = \sum_{n=0}^3 y_n F_n(x) \quad , \quad 0 \leq x \leq 1$$

where

$$R(x) = x, S(x) = 1, B(x) = 1, \\ g(x) = x^5 + 2x^2 - x - 2.$$

For  $N=3$  the collocation points become

$$x_0 = 0, x_1 = \frac{1}{3}, x_2 = \frac{2}{3}, x_3 = 1.$$

From the fundamental matrix equations for the given equation and condition respectively are obtained as

$$(\mathbf{PF} + \mathbf{QFD} + \mathbf{AFD}^2)\mathbf{Y} \\ + (\mathbf{RFF}^* + \mathbf{SFF}^*\mathbf{D}^* + \mathbf{TDFD}^*\mathbf{D}^* \\ + \mathbf{BFF}^*\mathbf{\bar{D}} + \mathbf{CFDF}^*\mathbf{\bar{D}} + \mathbf{EFD}^2\mathbf{F}^*\mathbf{\bar{D}})\mathbf{Y}^* = \mathbf{G}$$

and

$$\mathbf{F}(0)\mathbf{Y} = [1] \quad , \quad \mathbf{F}(0)\mathbf{D}\mathbf{Y} = [0]$$

so that

$$\mathbf{F} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & -3 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & 7 & 15 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{Y} = \begin{bmatrix} y_0 \\ y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{G} = \begin{bmatrix} -2.00000 \\ -1.03703 \\ 0.51851 \\ 4.00000 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\mathbf{D} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 3 & 0 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 9 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\mathbf{D}^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 18 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 54 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{R} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{3} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{2}{3} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\mathbf{S} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{B} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{F}^* = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 & -3 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 & 7 & 15 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$[W;V;G] = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & ; & 0 & 0.003 & 0.018 & -0.012 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -0.006 & -0.06 & -0.264 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & : & -2.00000 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & ; & 0.0003 & 0.003 & 0.0173 & -0.012 & 0.0003 & 0.0033 & 0.0237 & 0.05 & -0.0003 & 0.0037 & -0.0307 & -0.132 & -0.001 & -0.012 & -0.1149 & -0.7078 & : & -1.03703 \\ 1 & 0 & -2 & 0 & ; & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & : & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 & -12 & ; & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & : & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

From the obtained system, the coefficients  $y_0, y_1, y_2$  and  $y_3$  are found as  $y_0=5/3, y_1=0, y_2=1/3$  and  $y_3=0$ .

Hence we have the Fermat polynomial solution

$$y(x) = 1 - x^2 .$$

**Example 6.2.** Consider the following nonlinear differential equation given by

$$y''(x)y(x) - y^2(x) + xy(x) = xe^x \tag{20}$$

with the initial condition

$$y(0) = 1 \quad , \quad y'(0) = 1 \quad , \quad 0 \leq x \leq 1 .$$

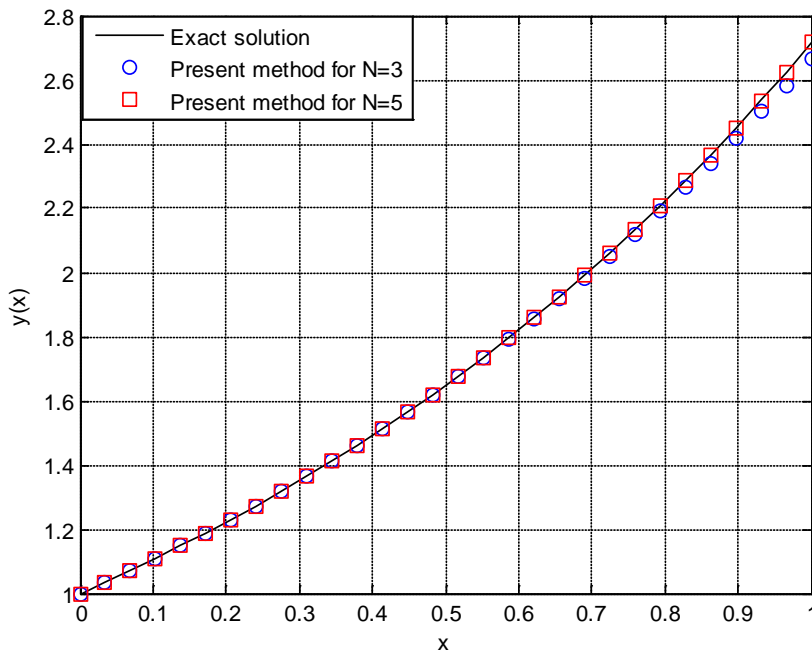
So that

$$P(x) = x, R(x) = -1, B(x) = 1, g(x) = xe^x .$$

The solutions obtained for  $N=3,5$  are compared with the exact solution is  $e^x$ , which are given in Figure 1. We compare the numerical solution and absolute errors for  $N=3,5$  in Table 1.

**Table 1. Comparison of the numerical errors of Example 6.2**

$x_i$	Exact solution	$N=3$ Numerical solution	$N=5$ Numerical solution	$N=3$ Error	$N=5$ Error
0	1	1	1	0	0
0.1	1.105170918	1.1052	1.1052	4.1341E-5	2.4385E-6
0.2	1.221402758	1.2214	1.2214	3.9151E-5	7.5779E-6
0.3	1.349858807	1.3497	1.3499	1.6949E-4	1.4779E-5
0.4	1.491824697	1.4910	1.4918	8.6984E-4	2.1135E-5
0.5	1.648721270	1.6462	1.6487	2.4824E-3	1.8604E-5
0.6	1.822118800	1.8165	1.8221	5.5770E-3	1.0205E-5
0.7	2.013752707	2.0029	2.0137	1.0889E-2	9.7752E-5
0.8	2.225540928	2.2062	2.2252	1.9335E-2	2.9893E-4
0.9	2.459603111	2.4276	2.4589	3.2036E-2	7.0025E-4
1	2.718281828	2.6679	2.7169	5.0382E-2	1.3818E-3



**Figure 1.** Numerical and exact solution of Example 6.2 for  $N=3,5$

**Example 6.3.** Let us first consider the second order nonlinear differential equation

$$y''(x)y(x) - y^2(x) - xy(x) = -xe^{-x} \quad (21)$$

with condition

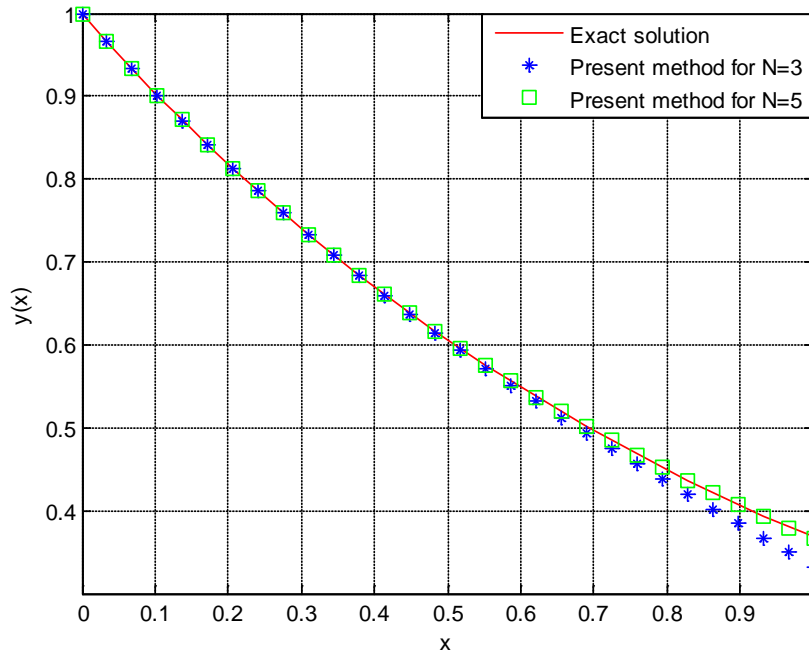
$$y(0) = 1, y'(0) = -1, 0 \leq x \leq 1.$$

Taking  $N=3,5$  we obtain the approximate solution of this nonlinear differential equation.

The values of this solution are compared with the exact solution is  $e^x$  and given errors in [Table 2](#).

**Table 2. Comparison of the absolute errors of Example 6.3**

$x_i$	Exact solution	$N=3$ $y(x_i)$ Absolute errors		$N=5$ $y(x_i)$ Absolute errors	
		1	0	1	0
0	1	1	0	1	0
0.1	0.90484	0.90476	7.8378E-05	0.90481	2.9789E-05
0.2	0.81873	0.81852	2.0971E-04	0.81867	5.7545E-05
0.3	0.74082	0.74029	5.3294E-04	0.74073	8.4607E-05
0.4	0.67032	0.66905	1.2690E-03	0.67021	1.1425E-04
0.5	0.60653	0.60382	2.7132E-03	0.60638	1.5390E-04
0.6	0.54881	0.54358	5.2277E-03	0.54859	2.1802E-04
0.7	0.49659	0.48735	9.2356E-03	0.49625	3.3179E-04
0.8	0.44933	0.43411	1.5215E-02	0.44879	5.3528E-04
0.9	0.40657	0.38288	2.3693E-02	0.40568	8.8822E-04
1	0.36788	0.33264	3.5239E-02	0.3664	1.4794E-03



**Figure 2.** Numerical and exact solution of Example 6.3 for  $N=3,5$

## 7. Conclusion

A new technique, using the Fermat polynomial, to numerically solve the second order nonlinear differential equations is presented. Nonlinear ordinary differential equations are usually difficult to solve analytically. Then it is required to obtain the approximate solutions. For this reason, the present method has been proposed for approximate solution and also analytical solution.

In this paper we have presented a suggested method to solve second order nonlinear ordinary differential equations with mixed conditions using the matrix method based on collocation points on any interval  $[a,b]$ . The matrix method avoids the difficulties and massive computational work by determining the analytic solution. [Table 1](#) illustrates the errors obtained by using the procedure outlined above.

On the other hand, from [Table 1](#), it may be observed that the errors found for different  $N$  show close agreement

for various values of  $x_i$ . Moreover, approximate solutions of Example 3 show very good agreement with the exact solution, and also in Example 1 we get the exact solution. Besides, tables show that closer the zero, better results are obtained. However, more term of the Fermat series is required for accurate calculation for large  $x$ .

A considerable advantage of the method is that Fermat coefficients of the solution are found very easily by using the computer programs. In addition, an interesting feature of this method is to find the analytical solutions if the equation has an exact solution that is a polynomial of  $N$  degree or less than  $N$ .

The method can also be extended to the high order nonlinear ordinary differential equations with variable coefficients, but some modifications are required.

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