

## *B-splines Algorithms for Solving Fredholm Linear Integro-Differential Equations*

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### **Abstract**

Algorithms using the second order of  $B$ -splines  $[B_i^2(x)]$  and the third order of  $B$ -splines  $[B_i^3(x)]$  are derived to solve 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> linear Fredholm integro-differential equations (FIDEs). These new procedures have all the useful properties of  $B$ -spline function and can be used comparatively greater computational ease and efficiency. The results of these algorithms are compared with the cubic spline function. Two numerical examples are given for conciliated the results of this method.

### **1. Introduction**

$B$ -splines were introduced around 1940's in the context of approximation theory. They have been applied for geometric modeling since 1970's. According schoenberg,  $B$ -splines basis and the letter  $B$  in  $B$ -spline stands for basis [1]. The general form of linear Fredholm integro-differential equation of order  $n$  is:

$$\left[ D^n + \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} P_j(x) D^j \right] u(x) = f(x) + \int_a^b k(x,t) u(t) dt, \\ x \in [a, b]$$

with two point boundary conditions:

$$\sum_{j=0}^{n-1} r_{j0} \frac{d^j}{dx^j} u(a) + r_{jn} \frac{d^j}{dx^j} u(b) = c_j, \\ j = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$$

where  $u(x)$  is the unknown function and  $f(x), k(x,t)$  and

$P_i(x), (i = 0, 1, \dots, n-1)$  are known continuous functions on  $[a, b]$ . This equation was treated using collocation, least square and Galerkin methods as well as linear programming method [ 2 ]. To facilitate the presentation of the material that followed, a brief review of some background on the  $B$ -splines and their relevant properties are given in the following section.

## 2. Definitions and Properties of B-splines

### Definition (1)

Let  $t = (t_i)$  be a non decreasing sequence " which may be finite , infinite or binfinite", the  $i$ -th  $B$ -splines of order  $k$  for the knot sequence  $t$  is denoted by  $B_i^k(t)$  are defined by the rule :

$$B_i^k(x) = (t_{i+1} - t_i) \prod_{j=0}^{k-1} (t - t_j)^+ \quad \text{for all } x \in \mathfrak{R} \quad (1)$$

It is used here to indicate that the  $k$ -th divided difference of the function  $(t - x)^{k-1}$  of the two variables  $t$  and  $x$  is to be taken by fixing  $x$  and considering  $(t - x)^{k-1}$  as a function of  $t$  alone. It is used here to indicate that the  $k$ -th divided difference of the function  $(t - x)^{k-1}$  of the two variables  $t$  and  $x$  is to be taken by fixing  $x$  and considering  $(t - x)^{k-1}$  as a function of  $t$  alone.

### Definition (2)

The  $B$ -splines of order 0 are defined by:

$$B_i^0(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & t_i \leq x < t_{i+1} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

obviously  $B_i^0$  is discontinuous. However, it is continuous from the right at all points. Thus

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow t_i^+} B_i^0(x) = 1 = B_i^0(t_i) \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow t_{i+1}^-} B_i^0(x) = 0 = B_i^0(t_{i+1})$$

### Property (1)

Let  $k \geq 1$ , and suppose  $t_i < t_{i+k+1}$ , then for all  $x \in \mathfrak{R}$  we have

$$B_i^k(x) = \left( \frac{x - t_i}{t_{i+1} - t_i} \right) B_i^{k-1}(x) + \left( \frac{t_{i+k+1} - x}{t_{i+k} - t_{i+1}} \right) B_{i+1}^{k-1}(x) \quad (2)$$

with  $k = 1, 2, \dots$ ; and  $i = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$ . This equation is called "recurrence relation"

### Property(2)

We have

$$B_i^k(x) > 0 \quad \text{for } x \in (t_i, t_{i+k}), \quad k \geq 0$$

and

$$B_i^k(x) = 0 \quad \text{for } x \notin [t_i, t_{i+k+1}),$$

$k \geq 0$

these two properties are easily shown by induction.

### Property(3)

If we take  $x$  in the open interval  $(t_r, t_s)$ , then

$$\sum_{i=r}^s B_i(x) = \sum_{i=r}^s B_i(x) = 1 \quad \text{for all } t_i < x < t_{i+1}$$

## 3. The Second Order of B-splines $[B_i^2(x)]$

In this section, we find only the second order of  $B$ -spline which is called quadratic  $B$ -splines, because the first order is straight and like linear spline  $L(x)$  [ 3 ].

Take  $k = 2$  in eq. (2), we get

$$\begin{aligned} B_i^2(x) &= \left( \frac{x - t_i}{t_{i+1} - t_i} \right) B_i^1(x) + \left( \frac{t_{i+2} - x}{t_{i+1} - t_{i+1}} \right) B_{i+1}^1(x) \\ &= \left( \frac{x - t_i}{t_{i+1} - t_i} \right) \left[ \left( \frac{x - t_i}{t_{i+1} - t_i} \right) B_i^0(x) + \left( \frac{t_{i+2} - x}{t_{i+1} - t_{i+1}} \right) B_{i+1}^0(x) \right] + \\ &\quad \left( \frac{t_{i+2} - x}{t_{i+1} - t_{i+1}} \right) \left[ \left( \frac{x - t_{i+1}}{t_{i+1} - t_{i+1}} \right) B_{i+1}^0(x) + \left( \frac{t_{i+2} - x}{t_{i+1} - t_{i+1}} \right) B_{i+2}^0(x) \right] \end{aligned}$$

since the distance between the knots  $t_i, i = 0, 1, \dots, n$  is equal space, then  $t_{i+1} - t_i = h, t_{i+2} - t_i = 2h$ . Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} B_i^2(x) &= \frac{(x - t_i)^2}{2h^2} B_i^0(x) + \frac{(x - t_i)(t_{i+2} - x) + (t_{i+2} - x)(x - t_{i+1})}{2h^2} \\ &\quad B_{i+1}^0(x) + \frac{(t_{i+2} - x)^2}{2h^2} B_{i+2}^0(x) \end{aligned}$$

That is:

$$B_i^1(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{(x-t_i)^2}{2h^2} & t_i < x \leq t_{i+1} \\ \frac{(x-t_i)(t_{i+1}-x) + (t_i-x)(x-t_{i+1})}{2h^2} & t_{i+1} < x < t_{i+2} \\ \frac{(t_{i+2}-x)^2}{2h^2} & t_{i+2} \leq x < t_{i+3} \\ 0 & t_{i+3} \leq x \text{ or } x \leq t_i \end{cases}$$

since  $s(x) = \sum_{i=0}^n u_i B_i^1(x)$ , then for  $n=3$  (see figure 1) we have

$$s(x) = u_0 B_0^1(x) + u_1 B_1^1(x) + u_2 B_2^1(x) + u_3 B_3^1(x)$$

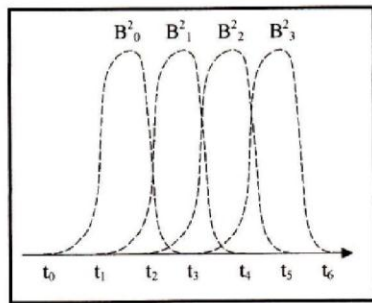


Figure (1)

where

$$B_0^1(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{(x-t_0)^2}{2h^2} & t_0 < x \leq t_1 \\ \frac{(x-t_0)(t_1-x) + (t_0-x)(x-t_1)}{2h^2} & t_1 < x < t_2 \\ \frac{(t_2-x)^2}{2h^2} & t_2 \leq x < t_3 \end{cases}$$

$$B_1^1(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{(x-t_1)^2}{2h^2} & t_1 < x \leq t_2 \\ \frac{(x-t_1)(t_2-x) + (t_1-x)(x-t_2)}{2h^2} & t_2 < x < t_3 \\ \frac{(t_3-x)^2}{2h^2} & t_3 \leq x < t_4 \end{cases}$$

$$B_2^1(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{(x-t_2)^2}{2h^2} & t_2 < x \leq t_3 \\ \frac{(x-t_2)(t_3-x) + (t_2-x)(x-t_3)}{2h^2} & t_3 < x < t_4 \\ \frac{(t_4-x)^2}{2h^2} & t_4 \leq x < t_5 \end{cases}$$

and

$$B_i^1(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{(x-t_i)^2}{2h^2} & t_i < x \leq t_{i+1} \\ \frac{(x-t_i)(t_{i+1}-x) + (t_i-x)(x-t_{i+1})}{2h^2} & t_{i+1} < x < t_{i+2} \\ \frac{(t_{i+2}-x)^2}{2h^2} & t_{i+2} \leq x < t_{i+3} \end{cases}$$

For second order  $B$ -splines, we shall see that  $B_{i-2}^2(x)$  is zero at every knot except at:

$$B_{i-2}^2(t_{i-1}) = \frac{t_{i+1}-t_{i-2}}{t_i-t_{i-2}} \quad \text{and} \quad B_{i-2}^2(t_i) = \frac{t_{i+1}-t_i}{t_{i+1}-t_{i-1}}$$

Therefore if  $x \in [t_i, t_{i+1}]$ , we have

$$s(x) = A_i(x)u_i + B_i(x)u_{i+1} + C_i(x)u_{i+2} \tag{3}$$

where

$$A_i(x) = \frac{(t_{i+1}-x)^2}{2h^2},$$

$$B_i(x) = \frac{(x-t_i)(t_{i+1}-x) + (t_{i+2}-x)(x-t_i)}{2h^2}$$

$$C_i(x) = \frac{(x-t_i)^2}{2h^2}$$

with  $i = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$ .

#### 4. The Third-order of B-splines $[B_i^3(x)]$

The third order of  $B$ -splines is called cubic  $B$ -splines, where  $s(x)$  denotes the cubic polynomial over each subinterval  $[t_i, t_{i+1}]$ .

The formula of  $s(x)$  is obtained from eq.(2) :

$$B_i^3(x) = \left(\frac{x-t_i}{t_{i+1}-t_i}\right) B_i^2(x) + \left(\frac{t_{i+1}-x}{t_{i+1}-t_i}\right) B_{i+1}^2(x)$$

$$= \left(\frac{x-t_i}{t_{i+1}-t_i}\right) \left[ \left(\frac{x-t_i}{t_{i+2}-t_i}\right) B_i^1(x) + \left(\frac{t_{i+3}-x}{t_{i+2}-t_{i+1}}\right) B_{i+1}^1(x) \right] +$$

$$\left(\frac{t_{i+1}-x}{t_{i+1}-t_i}\right) \left[ \left(\frac{x-t_{i+1}}{t_{i+2}-t_{i+1}}\right) B_{i+1}^1(x) + \left(\frac{t_{i+4}-x}{t_{i+2}-t_{i+1}}\right) B_{i+2}^1(x) \right]$$

After some manipulations and by the same way in  $B_i^2(x)$ -splines, the following important equation is

concluded:

$$s(x) = A_i(x)u_i + B_i(x)u_{i+1} + C_i(x)u_{i+2} + D_i(x)u_{i+3}$$

(4)

where

$$A_i(x) = \left(\frac{t_{i+1}-x}{6h}\right)^3$$

$$B_i(x) = \frac{(x-t_{i+2})(t_{i+1}-x)^2 + (t_{i+2}-x)(x-t_i) + (t_{i+2}-x)(x-t_{i+1})(t_{i+1}-x)}{6h^3}$$

$$C_i(x) = \frac{(x-t_{i+1})^2(t_{i+1}-x) + (x-t_{i+1})(t_{i+2}-x)(x-t_i) + (t_{i+2}-x)(x-t_i)^2}{6h^3}$$

$$D_i(x) = \left(\frac{x-t_i}{6h}\right)^3$$

with  $i = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$

### 5. Solution of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> order linear FIDEs using B<sub>i</sub><sup>2</sup>(x)-splines

First we consider the 1<sup>st</sup> order linear FIDE of the form:

$$\frac{du(x)}{dx} + p(x)u(x) = f(x) + \int_a^x k(x,t)u(t)dt$$

(5)

with the boundary conditions  $u(a) = u_0$  and  $u(b) = u_n$ .

Substituting eq.(3) into eq.(5) for  $u(x)$  and with  $x = t_i$  gives the following formula

$$(2 + hp_i)u_{i+1} + (hp_i - 2)u_i = 2hf_i + 2h \sum_{j=0}^{i-1} \int_{x_j}^{x_{j+1}} k(x_i, t)(A_j(t)u_j + B_j(t)u_{j+1} + C_j(t)u_{j+2})dt$$

(6)

for  $i = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$ .

the iterated integrals in eq.(6) are approximated using trapezoidal rule. Now, the following formula of the 2<sup>nd</sup> order linear FIDE is considered:

$$\frac{d^2 u(x)}{dx^2} + q(x)\frac{du(x)}{dx} + p(x)u(x) = f(x) + \int_a^x k(x,t)u(t)dt$$

(7)

where  $q, p, f$  and  $k$  are known continuous functions with the boundary conditions

$$u(a) = u_0 \text{ and } u(b) = u_n.$$

After substituting eq.(3) into eq.(7) with  $i = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$  and  $x = t_{i+1}$ , yields:

$$u_i + \left(-2 - hq_{i+1} + \frac{h^2}{2}p_{i+1}\right)u_{i+1} + \left(1 + hq_{i+1} + \frac{h^2}{2}p_{i+1}\right)u_{i+2} = h^2 f_{i+1} + h^2 \sum_{j=0}^{i+1} \int_{x_j}^{x_{j+1}} k(x_{i+1}, t)(A_j(t)u_j + B_j(t)u_{j+1} + C_j(t)u_{j+2})dt$$

(8)

### 6. Solution of 3<sup>rd</sup> order linear FIDEs using B<sub>i</sub><sup>3</sup>(x)-spline

Consider the 3<sup>rd</sup> order linear FIDE of the form:

$$u'''(x) + w(x)u''(x) + q(x)u'(x) + p(x)u(x) = f(x) + \int_a^x k(x,t)u(t)dt$$

(9)

where  $w, q, p, f$  and  $k$  are known continuous functions with the boundary conditions  $u(a), u(b)$  and  $u'(b)$ .

Put eq.(4) into eq.(9) to get:

$$(-6 + 6hw_i - 3h^2q_i + h^3p_i)u_i + (18 - 12hw_i + 4h^3p_i)u_{i+1} + (-18 + 6hw_i + 3h^2q_i + h^3p_i)u_{i+2} + 6u_{i+3} = 6h^3 f_i + 6h^3 \sum_{j=0}^{i+2} \int_{x_j}^{x_{j+1}} k(x_i, t)(A_j(t)u_j + B_j(t)u_{j+1} + C_j(t)u_{j+2} + D_j(t)u_{j+3})dt$$

(10)

where  $i = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$  and  $x = t_{i+1}$ .

Note that the involved integrals in eq.(10) are approximated using trapezoidal rule with  $n$  subintervals. The result of eq.(10) is the  $(n \times n + 1)$  matrix. Therefore with the aid of the central difference formula :

$$u'_n = \frac{u_{n+1} - u_{n-1}}{2h}$$

we can use  $(2hu'_n + u_{n-1})$  instead of  $u_{n+1}$  in order to obtain  $(n \times n)$  matrix .

**7. The Algorithms**

**B<sub>21</sub>-Spline Algorithm:**

The numerical solution of 1<sup>st</sup> order FIDEs using quadratic B – splines function is summerized as follows:

**Step 1:**

Input the boundary conditions  $u_0$  and  $u_n$  then put  $h = (b - a)/n, n \in \mathbb{N}$

**Step 2:**

Substitute  $i = 0, 1, \dots, n - 1$  into eq.(6), yields

$$\begin{aligned} &(2 + hp_0)u_1 + (hp_0 - 2)u_0 = 2hf_0 \\ &+ 2h \sum_{j=0}^{i-1} \int_{x_j}^{x_{j+1}} k(x_0, t)(A_j(t)u_j + B_j(t)u_{j+1} + C_j(t)u_{j+2})dt \\ &\vdots \\ &(2 + hp_{n-1})u_n + (hp_{n-1} - 2)u_{n-1} = 2hf_{n-1} \\ &+ 2h \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \int_{x_j}^{x_{j+1}} k(x_{n-1}, t)(A_j(t)u_j + B_j(t)u_{j+1} + C_j(t)u_{j+2})dt \end{aligned}$$

**Step 3:**

Use Gauss elimination procedure to solve the above system and find  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{n-1}$ .

**B<sub>22</sub>-Spline Algorithm**

The numerical solution of 2<sup>nd</sup> order FIDEs using quadratic B – splines function is summerized as follows:

**Step 1:**

Input the boundary conditions  $u_0$  and  $u_n$  then put  $h = (b - a)/n, n \in \mathbb{N}$

**Step 2:**

Substitute  $i = 0, 1, \dots, n - 1$  into eq.(8), yields

$$\begin{aligned} &u_0 + \left(-2 - hq_1 + \frac{h^2}{2}p_1\right)u_1 + \left(1 + hq_1 + \frac{h^2}{2}p_1\right)u_2 \\ &= h^2f_1 + h^2 \sum_{j=0}^{i-1} \int_{x_j}^{x_{j+1}} k(x_1, t)(A_j(t)u_j + B_j(t)u_{j+1} + C_j(t)u_{j+2})dt \\ &\vdots \\ &u_{n-1} + \left(-2 - hq_n + \frac{h^2}{2}p_n\right)u_n + \left(1 + hq_n + \frac{h^2}{2}p_n\right)u_{n-1} \\ &= h^2f_n + h^2 \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \int_{x_j}^{x_{j+1}} k(x_{n-1}, t)(A_j(t)u_j + B_j(t)u_{j+1} + C_j(t)u_{j+2})dt \end{aligned}$$

**Step 3:**

Use Gauss elimination procedure to solve the above system and find  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{n-1}$ .

**B<sub>33</sub>-Spline Algorithm:**

The numerical solution of 3<sup>rd</sup> order FIDEs using  $B^3(x)$  splines function is summerized as follows:

**Step 1:**

Input the boundary conditions  $u_0, u_n$  and  $u'_n$  then put  $h = (b - a)/n, n \in \mathbb{N}$

**Step 2:**

Put  $i = 0, 1, \dots, n - 1$  into eq.(10), yields

$$\begin{aligned} &(-6 + 6hw_0 - 3h^2q_0 + h^3p_0)u_0 + (18 - 12hw_0 + 4h^3p_0)u_1 \\ &+ (-18 + 6hw_0 + 3h^2q_0 + h^3p_0)u_2 + 6u_3 \\ &= 6h^3f_0 + 6h^3 \sum_{j=0}^{i-1} \int_{x_j}^{x_{j+1}} k(x_0, t)(A_j(t)u_j + B_j(t)u_{j+1} + C_j(t)u_{j+2} + D_j(t)u_{j+3})dt \\ &\vdots \\ &(-6 + 6hw_{n-1} - 3h^2q_{n-1} + h^3p_{n-1})u_{n-1} + (18 - 12hw_{n-1} + 4h^3p_{n-1})u_n \\ &+ (-18 + 6hw_{n-1} + 3h^2q_{n-1} + h^3p_{n-1})u_{n+1} + 6u_{n+2} \\ &= 6h^3f_{n-1} + 6h^3 \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \int_{x_j}^{x_{j+1}} k(x_{n-1}, t)(A_j(t)u_j + B_j(t)u_{j+1} + C_j(t)u_{j+2} + D_j(t)u_{j+3})dt \end{aligned}$$

**Step 3:**

Solve this system by Gauss elimination procedure to find  $u_j$ 's for  $i = 0, 1, \dots, n - 1$ .

**8. Illustrative Examples**

**Example (1):**

Consider the following 2<sup>nd</sup> order linear FIDE :

$$u''(x) = -\sin(x) - 0.45969x + 0.30116 + \int_0^1 (x-t)u(t)dt$$

with the boundary conditions  $u(0) = 0$  and  $u(1) = \sin(1)$ , while the exact solution is  $u(x) = \sin(x)$ . This problem

is solved using the method derived in section 5, the solution of  $u(x)$  is obtained as shown in Table 1 for  $n=10$ ,  $h=0.1$  and

$x_i = a + ih$ ,  $i = 0,1,\dots,n$ . For the comparison of computing accuracy (depend on the least square error L.S.E.), the solution obtained by using cubic spline [8] is also tabulated.

$x$	$B_n$ - spline	cubic spline [8]	Exact
0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
0.1	0.10050	0.103428	0.099833
0.2	0.198949	0.205341	0.198669
0.3	0.295749	0.304288	0.295520
0.4	0.389521	0.399335	0.389418
0.5	0.479367	0.489587	0.479426
0.6	0.564428	0.574200	0.564642
0.7	0.643891	0.653830	0.644218
0.8	0.717001	0.723412	0.717356
0.9	0.783068	0.786633	0.783327
1.0	0.841471	0.841471	0.841471
L.S.E	0.0000005	0.0005415	

Table (1) solution of example (1)

**Example (2):**

Consider the 3<sup>rd</sup> order linear FIDE :

$$u''(x) + (x^2 + 2)u'(x) - u(x) = f(x) + \int_0^1 (x + 2t)u(t)dt$$

with the boundry conditions  $u(0)=0$  and  $u(1)=2.71828$ , where

$$f(x) = e^{-(x^2 + 2)} - 1.718281x - 2$$

The solution of  $u(x)$  for  $0 \leq x \leq 1$  with  $n=10$ ,  $h=0.1$  and  $x_i = a + ih$ ,  $i = 0,1,\dots,n$

is required. Using the method derived in section 6, is obtained as shown in

Table 2. Again, the results obtained by other method is also listed in Table 2 for comparison with the exact solution  $u(x) = e^{-x}$ .

$x$	$B_n$ - spline	cubic spline [8]	Exact
0.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
0.1	1.100822	1.093367	1.100822
0.2	1.214284	1.201841	1.214294
0.3	1.341251	1.334840	1.341251
0.4	1.482913	1.493106	1.482913
0.5	1.640566	1.671793	1.640566
0.6	1.815555	1.863659	1.815555
0.7	2.009296	2.062340	2.009296
0.8	2.223273	2.265665	2.223273
0.9	2.459052	2.478961	2.459052
1.0	2.718281	2.718282	2.718281
L.S.E	0.0003579	0.0073524	

Table (2) solution of example (2)

**9. Conclusion**

A method of using  $B$ -splines functions has been presented for solving FIDEs. It has been shown that the proposed method is comparable in accuracy with other method. The results show a marked improvement in the least square errors from which we conclude that:

- The  $B$ -splines functions give better accuracy and more stable than spline functions.
- As  $n$  "the number of knots" is increased, the error term is decreased.

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## خوارزميات B-splines لحل معادلات فريدهولم الخطية التكاملية - التفاضلية

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### الخلاصة

تم اشتقاق خوارزميات لحل معادلات فريدهولم الخطية التكاملية - التفاضلية ذات الرتبة الأولى، الثانية والثالثة باستخدام  $[B_i^2(x)]$  و  $[B_i^3(x)]$ . من الممكن ملاحظة كفاءة هذه الخوارزميات و سهولة الحسابات فيها، حيث تمت مقارنة نتائج هذه الخوارزميات مع نتائج دوال الثمة التكميلية من خلال بعض الأمثلة العددية.