

# Application of Optimal Homotopy Asymptotic Method for Solving Linear Boundary Value Problems Differential Equation

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**Abstract** The objective of this study are to apply the OHAM to find approximate solutions of singular two-point boundary value problems comparisons with exact solutions and other method like spline method were made. The results of equations studied using OHAM solutions were significantly reliable.



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## 1 Introduction

Boundary value problems (BVPs) ply a significant role in various of mathematical modeling, such as, physical methods, most phenomena occurring nonlinear and described by nonlinear equations, so solving the nonlinear equation has been a main focus. The optimal homotopy asymptotic methods (OHAM) one of the modeling used to solve linear and nonlinear differential equation. Was presented firstly by Marinca et al. [8-10] aiming at solving nonlinear problems without depending on a small parameter. generalization and reliability of this method were proved and solutions of currently important applications in science and engineering were obtained by several authors [1-7]. It can be noted that the HAM and HPM are special cases affiliated to OHAM. An of advantages of OHAM is that it does not require the identification of the curve and it is also parameter free.

In OHAM, the control and adjust of the convergence region are provided in a convenient way. Moreover, the OHAM has been built on convergence criteria similar to HAM but it differs from it in

that its level of flexibility is greater than that of HAM [6]. This method is successfully applied by Marinca et al. [9,10] to problems in mechanics, and has also shown its effectiveness and accuracy.

In this work, OHAM is applied successfully for finding approximate analytic solution of linear (BVPs), in section 2, we describe the basic idea of OHAM, in section 3, two examples are presented to illustrate the sufficiency of method, and the conclusion of this study is presented in the last section.

## 2 Analysis of Method

Consider the following differential equation

$$L(u(x)) + g(x) + N(u(x)) = 0, B\left(u, \frac{du}{dx}\right) = 0. \quad (1)$$

Where  $L$  is the linear operator,  $N$  nonlinear operator,  $u(x)$  is an unknown function,  $x$  denotes an independent variable,  $g(x)$  is a known function and  $B$  is a boundary operator.

By means of OHAM one first constructs a family of equations

$$\begin{aligned} (1 - q)[L(v(x; q)) + g(x)] \\ = H(q)[L(v(x; q)) + g(x) + N(v(x, q))], \\ B\left(v(x; q), \frac{dv(x; q)}{dx}\right) = 0, \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

where  $q \in [0, 1]$  is an embedding parameter,  $H(q)$  is a nonzero auxiliary function for  $q \neq 0$  and  $H(0) = 0$ ,  $v(x, q)$  is an unknown function.

Obviously, when  $q = 0$  and  $q = 1$  it holds that  $v(x, 0) = u_0(x)$  and  $v(x, 1) = u(x)$

respectively. Thus, as  $q$  varies from  $0$  to  $1$ , the solution  $v(x, q)$  approaches form  $u_0(x)$  to  $u(x)$  where  $u_0(x)$  is obtained from Eq. (3.1.2) for  $q = 0$ .

$$L(u_0(x)) + g(x) = 0, B(u_0, \frac{du_0}{dx}) = 0. \quad (3)$$

Next, we choose the auxiliary function  $H(q)$  in the form

$$H(q) = qc_1 + q^2 c_2 + q^3 c_3 + \dots, \quad (4)$$

where  $c_1, c_2, c_3, \dots$  are the convergent control parameters which can be determined later.

To get an approximate solution, we expand  $v(x, q, c_i)$  in Taylor's series about  $q$  in the following manner,

$$v(x, q, c_i) = u_0(x) + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} u_k(x, c_1, c_2, \dots, c_k)q^k. \quad (5)$$

Substituting (5) into (2) and equating the coefficient of like powers of  $q$ , we obtain the following linear equation.

Zeroth order problem is given by Eq. (3) and the first order problem is given by Eq. (6)

$$L(u_1(x)) + g(x) = c_1 N_0(u_0(x)), B(u_1, \frac{du_1}{dx}) = 0 \quad (6)$$

and the second order problem is given as the follow:

$$L(u_2(x)) - L(u_1(x)) = c_2 N_0(u_0(x)) + c [L(u_1(x)) + N_1(u_0(x))] \\ , u_1(x), B(u_2, \frac{du_2}{dx}) \quad (7)$$

The general governing for  $u_k(x)$  are given by:

$$\begin{aligned}
 L(u_k(x)) - L(u_{k-1}(x)) &= c_k N_0(u_0(x)) \\
 &+ \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} c_i [L(u_{k-i}(x) + N_{k-i}(u_0(x), u_1(x), \dots, u_{k-1}(x)))] \\
 ,B(u_k, \frac{du_k}{dx}) &= 0.
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{8}$$

Where  $k = 2, 3, \dots$ , and  $N_m(u_0(x), u_1(x), \dots, u_m(x))$  is the coefficient of  $q^m$  in the expansion of  $N(v(x; q))$  about the embedding parameter  $q$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 N(v(x, q, c_i)) &= \\
 N_0(u_0(x)) + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} N_m(u_0(x), u_1(x), \dots, u_m(x)) q^m.
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{9}$$

It has been observed that the convergence of the series (5) depends upon the auxiliary convergent control parameters  $c_1, c_2, c_3, \dots$ . If it is convergent at  $q = 1$ , one has

$$v(x; c_i) = u_0(x) + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} u_k(x, c_1, c_2, \dots, c_k).
 \tag{10}$$

The result of the  $m$ th-order approximation is

$$\tilde{u}(x, c_1, c_2, \dots, c_m) = u_0(x) + \sum_{m=1}^m u_i(x, c_1, c_2, \dots, c_i).
 \tag{11}$$

Substituting (11) into (1) yields the following residual

$$\begin{aligned}
 R(x, c_1, c_2, \dots, c_m) &= L(\tilde{u}(x, c_1, c_2, \dots, c_m)) + g(x) \\
 &+ N(\tilde{u}(x, c_1, c_2, \dots, c_m)).
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{12}$$

If  $R = 0$ , then  $\tilde{u}$  will be the exact solution. Generally, it does not happen, especially in nonlinear are problems.

In order to find the optimal values of  $c_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ , we first construct the functional.

$$J(c_1, c_2, \dots, c_m) = \int_a^b R^2(x, c_1, c_2, \dots, c_m) dx, \quad (13)$$

and the minimizing it, we have

$$\frac{dj}{dc_1} = \frac{dj}{dc_2} = \dots = \frac{dj}{dc_m} = 0. \quad (14)$$

Where  $a$  and  $b$  are in the domain of the problem. With these constants knows, the approximate solution (of order) is well determined.

### 3 Application

Example1: consider the Bessel's equation of order zero taken from Kanth, Ravi and Reddy (2005).

$$u''(x) + \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)u'(x) + u(x) = 0, \quad u'(0) = 0, u(1) = 1. \quad (15)$$

The exact solution of this problem in the case is given by

$$u(x) = \frac{J_0(x)}{J_0(0)}. \quad (16)$$

To use the basic idea of OHAM formulated and according to eq. (1), we define the linear and nonlinear operators in the following form:

$$L(v(x; q)) = \frac{d^2 v(x; q)}{dx^2},$$

$$N(v(x; q)) = \frac{xd^2 v(x; q)}{dx^2} + \frac{dv(x; q)}{dx} + xv(x; q). \quad (17)$$

Now, apply eq. (3) when  $q = 0$ , it gives the zeroth-order problem as follow:

$$u''(0) = 0, u_0(1) = 1, u_0'(0) = 0 \tag{18}$$

The solution of eq. (4) is given by

$$u_0(x) = 0. \tag{19}$$

From eq. (6), the first-order problem is

$$u_1''(x, c_1) = c_1, u_1'(0) = 0, u_1(1) = 0. \tag{20}$$

This has the following solution

$$u_1(x, c_1) = \frac{1}{2}(-1 + x^2)c_1. \tag{21}$$

According to eq. (7), the second-order problem is

$$u_2''(x, c_1, c_2) = c_2 + c_1 u_1(x) + \frac{c_1 u_1'(x)}{x} + u_1''(x) + c_1 u_1''(x),$$

$$u_2'(0) = 0, u_2(1) = 0. \tag{22}$$

And has the solution

$$u_2(x, c_1, c_2) = \frac{1}{24}(-1 + x^2)(12c_1 + (19 + x^2)c_1^2 + 12c_2). \tag{23}$$

By applying equation (8) for  $k = 3$ , the third-order problem is defined as:

$$u_3''(x, c_1, c_2, c_3) = c_3 + c_2 u_1(x) + c_1 u_2(x) + \frac{c_2 u_1'(x)}{x} + \frac{c_1 u_2'(x)}{x} + c_2 u_1''(x) + u_2''(x) + c_1 u_2''(x), u_3'(0) = 0, u_3(1) = 0. \tag{24}$$

And has the following solution:

$$u_3(x, c_1, c_2, c_3) = \frac{1}{720}(-1 + x^2)(60(19 + x^2) + (881 + 86x^2 + x^4)c_1^3 + 60c_1(6 + (19 + x^2)c_2) + 360(c_2 + c_3)). \tag{25}$$

Substituting eq. (19), (21), (23) and (25) yields the third-order OHAM approximation solution for ( $m = 3$ ) for eq. (15)

$$\tilde{u}(x, c_1, c_2, c_3) = u_0(x) + u_1(x, c_1) + u_2(x, c_1, c_2) + u_3(x, c_1, c_2, c_3). \quad (26)$$

On the domain between  $a = 0$  and  $b = 1$ , the residual is

$$R = x\tilde{u}''(x, c_1, c_2, c_3) + \tilde{u}'(x, c_1, c_2, c_3) + x\tilde{u}(x, c_1, c_2, c_3). \quad (27)$$

The less square method can be applied as

$$J(c_1, c_2, c_3) = \int R^2 dx. \quad (28)$$

Thus, the following values of convergent control parameters  $c_i$ 's,  $i = 1, 2, 3$  are

obtained by applying the condition (14) as follow:

$$c_1 = -0.7308282927162905, c_2 = 0.004724683876999099,$$

$$c_3 = -0.0014964083830838778$$

By using these values of the convergent control parameters, the third-order approximate solution in (12) become:

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{u}(x, c_1, c_2, c_3) = & 1.3068495266302014 - 0.3267012651195327x^2 \\ & - 0.020393881120754326x^4 - 0.0005421426314229495x^6. \end{aligned} \quad (29)$$

Table 1: comparison between the OHAM solution and spline solution together with the exact solution for example 1

$x$	Exact	Spline $h=1/40$	OHAM	Error-Spline	Error-OHAM
0.000	1.306956	1.306840	1.306849	0.000116	0.000107
0.025	1.306752	1.306636	1.306645	0.000116	0.000107
0.050	1.306139	1.306023	1.306032	0.000116	0.000106
0.075	1.305119	1.305003	1.305012	0.000116	0.000106
0.100	1.303691	1.303575	1.303584	0.000116	0.000106
0.200	1.293919	1.293804	1.293814	0.000115	0.000105
0.300	1.277714	1.277601	1.277611	0.000113	0.000102
0.400	1.255198	1.255088	1.255097	0.00011	0.000101
0.500	1.226539	1.226432	1.226440	0.000107	0.000099
0.600	1.191950	1.191848	1.191854	0.000102	0.000096
0.700	1.151690	1.151594	1.151598	0.000096	0.000092
0.800	1.106059	1.105969	1.105971	0.000089	0.000087
0.900	1.05539	1.055312	1.055313	0.000078	0.000077
1.00	1.000071	1.000000	1.000000	0.000070	0.000070

From this table it can be seen that the result obtained by using three order OHAM solutions is nearly identity to the exact solution.

Example 2: consider the following example:

$$u^{(4)}(x) = 1 - 4u(x) \quad , -1 \leq x \leq 1$$

$$u(-1) = 0, u'(-1) = 0, u(1) = 0, u'(1) = 0. \quad (30)$$

The exact solution of this problem in the case is given by

$$u(x) = \frac{1}{4} \left[ 1 - \frac{2(\sin(1)\sinh(1)\sin x \sinh x + \cos(1)\cosh(1)\cos x \cosh x)}{\cos(2) + \cosh(2)} \right] \quad (31)$$

To use the basic ideas of OHAM formulated according to eq. (1), we define the linear and nonlinear operators in the following form

$$L[v(x; q)] = \left( \frac{d^4 v(x; q)}{dx^4} \right)$$

$$N[v(x; q)] = \frac{d^4 v(x; q)}{dx^4} + 4v(x; q) - 1 \quad (32)$$

Now, apply eq. (30) when  $q = 0$ , it gives the zeroth-order problem as follow:

$$u_0^{(4)} = 0, u_0(1) = 0, u_0''(1) = 0, u_0''(-1) = 0, u_0(-1) = 0.$$

The solution of eq. (3.1.6) is given by

$$u_0(x) = 0. \quad (33)$$

From eq. (6) the first-order problem is

$$u_1^{(4)}(x, c_1) = -c_1, u_1''(-1) = u_1(-1) = u_1''(1) = u_1(1) = 0. \quad (34)$$

which has the following solution

$$u_1(x, c_1) = -\frac{5c_1}{24} + \frac{x^2 c_1}{4} - \frac{x^4 c_1}{24}. \quad (35)$$

From eq. (7), the second-order problem is

$$u_2^{(4)}(x, c_1, c_2) = -c_1 - \frac{11c_1^2}{6} + x^2 c_1^2 - \frac{1}{6} x^4 c_1^2 - c_2, u_2''(-1) = u_2(-1) = u_2''(1) = u_2(1) = 0. \quad (36)$$

And has the following solution

$$u_2(x, c_1, c_2) = -\frac{5c_1}{24} + \frac{x^2c_1}{4} - \frac{x^4c_1}{4} - \frac{697c_1^2}{2016} + \frac{151x^2c_1^2}{360} - \frac{11x^4c_1^2}{144} + \frac{x^6c_1^2}{360} - \frac{x^8c_1^2}{10080} - \frac{5c_2}{24} + \frac{x^2c_2}{4} - \frac{x^4c_2}{24}. \tag{37}$$

When k=3, and by applying eq. (8), the third-order problem become

$$u_3(-1) = u_3''(-1) = u_3(1) = u_3''(1) = 0. \tag{38}$$

The solution of equation (38) is given below

$$u_3(x, c_1, c_2, c_3) = -\frac{5c_1}{24} + \frac{x^2c_1}{4} - \frac{x^4c_1}{24} - \frac{697c_1^2}{1008} + \frac{151}{180}x^2c_1^2 - \frac{11}{72}x^4c_1^2 + \frac{1}{180}x^6c_1^2 - \frac{x^8c_1^2}{5040} - \frac{3433333c_1^3}{453600} + \frac{317641x^2c_1^3}{453600} - \frac{1621x^4c_1^3}{12096} + \frac{241x^6c_1^3}{32400} - \frac{17x^8c_1^3}{60480} + \frac{x^{10}c_1^3}{453600} - \frac{x^{12}c_1^3}{29937600} - \frac{5c_2}{24} + \frac{x^2c_2}{4} - \frac{x^4c_2}{24} - \frac{697c_1c_2}{1008} + \frac{151}{180}x^2c_1c_2 - \frac{11}{72}x^4c_1c_2 + \frac{1}{180}x^6c_1c_2 - \frac{x^8c_1c_2}{5040} - \frac{5c_3}{24} + \frac{x^2c_3}{4} - \frac{x^4c_3}{24}. \tag{39}$$

By substitution these values of the convergent control parameters in eq. (40)

third order approximation become

$$\tilde{u}(x, c_1, c_2, c_3) = u_0(x) + u_1(x, c_1) + u_2(x, c_1, c_2) + u_3(x, c_1, c_2, c_3). \tag{40}$$

On the domain between  $a = 0$  and  $b = 1$ , the residual is

$$R = u^4(x, c_1, c_2, c_3) - 1 + 4u(x, c_1, c_2, c_3), \quad -1 \leq x \leq 1, \tag{41}$$

the less square method can be applied as

$$J(c_1, c_2, c_3) = \int R^2 dx. \quad (42)$$

And

$$\frac{dj}{dc_1} = \frac{dj}{dc_2} = \frac{dj}{dc_3} = 0. \quad (43)$$

Thus, the values of the convergent control parameters are obtained in the following form

$$c_1 = -0.8427030133903135, c_2 = -0.03745389496031039, c_3 = 0.007891985031813164$$

The approximate solution (40) now become

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{u}(x, c_1, c_2, c_3) = & 0.1254157425664142 - 0.14777096526408612x^2 + \\ & 0.020764064567026067x^4 + \\ & 0.0016418600724808347x^6 - \\ & 0.00004940261018944155x^8 - \\ & 0.000001319321363145261x^{10} + \\ & 1.998971762341304 \times 10^{-8}x^{12} \end{aligned} \quad (44)$$

Table 2: Exact and approximate solution using OHAM for Example 2

$x$	Exact	OHAM	$ \text{Error-OHAM} $
0.0	0.1254157423	0.1254157425	$2.05210 \times 10^{-10}$
0.1	0.1239401108	0.1239401109	$1.58996 \times 10^{-10}$
0.2	0.1195382313	0.1195382314	$4.40237 \times 10^{-11}$
0.3	0.1122857383	0.1122857382	$8.11986 \times 10^{-11}$
0.4	0.1023106408	0.1023106407	$1.54609 \times 10^{-10}$
0.5	0.0897962152	0.0897962150	$1.44571 \times 10^{-10}$
0.6	0.0749849828	0.0749849827	$6.76991 \times 10^{-11}$
0.7	0.0581836997	0.0581836997	$2.16225 \times 10^{-11}$
0.8	0.0397692606	0.0397692607	$6.71113 \times 10^{-11}$
0.9	0.0201953945	0.0201953946	$5.03632 \times 10^{-11}$
1.0	0	0	$1.1418004128 \times 10^{-17}$

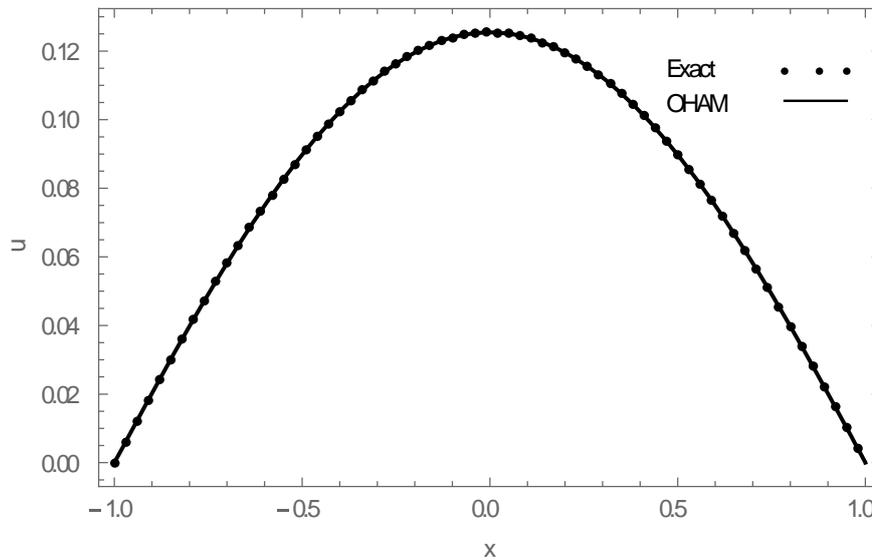


Figure 1 : Exact and approximate solution using OHAM for example 2.

Example 2 is regulated in Table 2 and Fig.1 which show high accuracy of OHAM, that proves and demonstrate the capability and reliability of the OHAM.

### 3 Conclusion

OHAM has been applied successfully to obtain approximate analytical solution of singular boundary value problem and higher order boundary value problem. The practicality and effectively of OHAM have been illustrated through two examples. This shows that the method is efficient and reliable from singular two points boundary value problems and higher-order boundary value problem.

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