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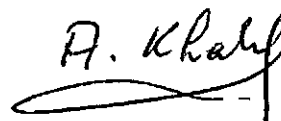
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Summery

In this thesis we are devoted to applying the spectral methods with different basis functions, for studying some linear (Heat equation) and nonlinear (Burgers' equation) Parabolic equations.

Theoretical background as well as, detailed informations for the numerical schemes used in solving these equations are given. Most of the previous work on these equations was devoted to finite difference and finite element methods. Spectral methods are also used but widely with Chebyshev polynomials as basis for the space of solution.

In present work we extend our applications to the use of Legendre polynomials as basis. The necessary formulas for the method were concluded and shown in details throughout this thesis.

Also the resulting systems of algebraic equations were handled in two different ways as to obtain better numerical results.

We have concluded that spectral methods are good and convenient for such problems, and better results are obtained in case of using Legendre polynomials rather than the widely used Chebyshev polynomials. We feel that these results can give rise to apply the scheme to different linear and nonlinear problems.

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Introduction

In this thesis, we present and apply the spectral method to get the numerical solution of some parabolic equations. Such equations appear frequently in Physics and Engineering representing various Phenomena's. In our discussions we have considered (with test examples) linear and nonlinear parabolic equations. Formulations of the numerical schemes are presented with the supporting theoretical informations, different basis Polynomials (Chebyshev and Legendre) for the space of solution are considered such as to compute the numerical solution.

Chapter one gives a review about the types of the equations we are dealing with, and it includes a brief introduction to finite difference and spectral methods that are mainly used in this thesis, in addition to some types of orthogonal polynomials (Chebyshev and Legendre) and their properties as necessary for applications.

Chapter two presents the application of the spectral method to the simple heat equation using Chebyshev and Legendre Polynomials as basis. The necessary formulas for obtaining the coefficient derivatives (1^{st} and 2^{nd}) which relate the Polynomial derivatives with their values are given in details. A test example is considered and the numerical results are shown with graphs.

Chapter three deals with Burgers' equation as nonlinear parabolic equation, and considers the spectral method with Chebyshev Polynomials. The resulting algebraic system of equations is solved by two different techniques and the numerical results are presented in addition to graphs for the solution.

Chapter four is devoted to applying the spectral method with Legendre Polynomials as basis to solve the Burgers' equation. The necessary relations in this case as will be shown in chapter two are used. Other relations for expressing the product of two Polynomials in terms of the Polynomials will also be stated. The application of the method is suited and the numerical results are shown to be better than the previous case, in chapter three.

In chapter five we give a brief discussion of the material presented in this thesis. A comparison between the different schemes discussed in this thesis is presented and a conclusion is given. All computations were carried out on a Pentium 75 PHILIPS. Computer.

CHAPTER ONE