

# New Modified Adomian Decomposition Method for Solving Second-Order Boundary Value Problems with Neumann Conditions

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**Abstract:** In this paper, a modification of the Adomian Decomposition Method called New Modified Adomian Decomposition Method is proposed. The proposed method is based on the Modified Adomian Decomposition Method and the inverse linear operator theorem. Some examples are presented to show the ability of the method for linear and nonlinear second-order boundary value problems with Neumann conditions.

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## 1. Introduction

A Boundary Value Problem (BVP) is a system of ordinary differential equations with solutions and derivative value specified at more than one point. Most commonly at just two points (boundaries) defining a two-point boundary value problem. BVPs arise in science and engineering and most of them do not have exact solutions. As a result semi-analytical and numerical methods are used to solve BVPs. The analysis of literature shows that not much is done on solutions of second-order two-point BVPs with Neumann boundary conditions. [1] Solved linear second order two-point boundary problems with Neumann boundary conditions using Quadratic Spline, Cubic Polynomials and Nonpolynomial Spline. [2] used Polynomial Spline approach to solve linear and nonlinear second-order two-point boundary problems with Neumann boundary conditions. [3] and [4] solved second order BVPs with Neumann conditions using Advanced Adomian Decomposition Method (AADM).

In this paper, we solve second-order BVPs using a new method called New Modified Adomian Decomposition Method (NMADM). It is based on the traditional Adomian Decomposition Method (ADM), the Modified Adomian Decomposition Method (MADM) and the inverse linear operator theorem found in [3].

## 2. Analysis of ADM, MADM and NMADM

Consider the general form of a two-point nonlinear second-order BVP:

$$y^{tt}(x) + h(x, y) = g(x), \quad a \leq x \leq b, \quad (1)$$

with Neumann boundary conditions

$$\begin{aligned} y^t(a) &= \delta_1 \\ y^t(b) &= \delta_2, \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

where  $h(x, y)$  is a linear or nonlinear function of  $y$  and  $g(x)$  are continuous functions defined in the interval  $x \in [a, b]$  and  $\delta_1, \delta_2$  are real constants. In operator form [5–8], equation (1) can be written as:

$$Ly = g(x) - Ny, \quad (3)$$

where  $L = \frac{d^2}{dx^2}$  is the linear operator and  $Ny = h(x, y)$  is the nonlinear operator.

The ADM expresses the solution of (1) into infinite series as follows:

$$y(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} y_n(x) \quad (4)$$

and the nonlinear term  $h(x, y)$  is decomposed into:

$$Ny = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n \quad (5)$$

where the  $A_n$ 's are called Adomian polynomials and are calculated by the formular,

$$A_n = \frac{1}{n!} \frac{d^n}{d\lambda^n} \left[ N \left( \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \lambda^i y^i \right) \right]_{\lambda=0}, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots \quad (6)$$

### 2.1 ADM

Applying the inverse operator  $L^{-1}[\cdot] = \int_a^x \int_a^x [\cdot] dx dx$  on both sides equation (3) together with equation (2), we obtain the following:

$$y(x) = k_1 + k_2 x + L^{-1}g(x) - L^{-1}Ny \quad (7)$$

where  $k_1$  and  $k_2$  are constants of integration. Substituting equations (4) and (5) into equation (7) yields,

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} y_n(x) = k_1 + k_2 x + L^{-1}g(x) - L^{-1} \left[ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n \right] \quad (8)$$

From equation (8), we can write the following recursive:

$$\begin{aligned} y_0 &= k_1 + k_2 x + L^{-1}g(x) \\ y_{n+1} &= -L^{-1}A_n, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots \end{aligned}$$

Thus, the  $n$ -term approximation of the solution is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_n(x) &= \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} y_i(x) \\ \text{with } y(x) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Phi_n(x) \end{aligned}$$

2.2 MADM

Rewriting equation (8) by inserting the following expression [9 – 11],

$$L^{-1} \left[ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n \right] - p L^{-1} \left[ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n \right]$$

We get the following:

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} y_n(x) = k_1 + k_2 x + L^{-1} \left[ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n \right] - p L^{-1} \left[ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n \right] + L^{-1} g(x) - L^{-1} \left[ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n \right], \quad (10)$$

where p is an artificial parameter and  $a'_n, n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ , are unknown coefficients. From equation (10), we obtain the following recursive:

$$y_0 = k_1 + k_2 x + L^{-1} \left[ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n \right],$$

$$y_1 = -p L^{-1} \left[ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n \right] + L^{-1} g(x) - L^{-1} A_0,$$

$$y_{n+1} = -L^{-1} A_n, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots$$

To avoid the calculations of  $A_n, n = 1, 2, \dots$ , we determine  $a_n$ , for  $n = 1, 2, \dots$  such that  $\mu_1 = 0$ . Consequently,  $\mu_2 = u_3 = \dots = 0$ . We set  $p = 1$  and find the solution of equation (1) as:

$$y(x) = k_1 + k_2 x + L^{-1} \left[ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n \right]$$

2.3 NMADM

Operating on the left hand side of equation (3) with the inverse operator

$$L_{xx}^{-1}[\cdot] = \int_{\Omega}^x ds \int_a^s [\cdot] dt + \frac{1}{\Omega} \int_0^{\Omega} ds \left( s \int_b^s [\cdot] dt \right) \quad [4]$$

and introducing  $L^{-1}[\cdot]$ , we obtain the following equation

$$y(x) = (x - \Omega)y'(a) + \frac{\Omega}{2}y'(b) + \frac{1}{\Omega} \int_0^{\Omega} y(x) dx + L^{-1}g(x) - L^{-1}Ny. \quad (11)$$

Substituting equations (4) and (5) and inserting equation (9) in equation (11), we obtain the following:

$$y_0 = (x - \Omega)u'(a) + \frac{\Omega}{2}u'(b) + \frac{1}{\Omega} \int_0^{\Omega} u(x) dx + L^{-1} \left[ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n \right],$$

$$= \left( \frac{1 - \cos(1)}{\sin(1)} \right) x + \frac{a_0 x^2}{2} + \frac{a_1 x^3}{6} + \frac{a_2 x^4}{12} + \frac{a_3 x^5}{20} + \frac{a_4 x^6}{30} + \frac{a_5 x^7}{42} + \dots$$

And

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} y_n(x) = (x - \Omega)y'(a) + \frac{\Omega}{2}y'(b) + \frac{1}{\Omega} \int_0^{\Omega} y(x) dx + L^{-1} \left[ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n \right] - p L^{-1} \left[ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n \right] + L^{-1}g(x) - L^{-1} \left[ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A_n \right] \quad (12)$$

From equation (12), the iterations are then determined in the following recursive way:

$$y_0 = (x - \Omega)y'(a) + \frac{\Omega}{2}y'(b) + \frac{1}{\Omega} \int_0^{\Omega} y(x) dx + L^{-1} \left[ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n \right]$$

$$y_1 = -p L^{-1} \left[ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n \right] + L^{-1}g(x) - L^{-1}A_0$$

$$y_{n+1} = -L^{-1}A_n, \quad n = 1, 2, \dots$$

Thus calculating the coefficients  $a_n$ , for  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$  and setting  $p = 1$  as  $\Omega \rightarrow 0$ , we write the solution to equation (1) as,

$$y(x) = x\delta_{-1} + L^{-1} \left[ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n \right] \quad (13)$$

3. Numerical Illustrations

Example 1. [4]

Consider the following linear second-order two-point BVP

$$y'' + y = -1, \quad 0 \leq x \leq 1 \quad (14)$$

$$y'(0) = \frac{1 - \cos(1)}{\sin(1)} = y'(1)$$

In operator form, equation (14) can be written as,

$$L(y'') = L(-y - 1) \quad (15)$$

By using equation (12), we have the following:

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} y_n(x) = (x - \Omega)y'(a) + \frac{\Omega}{2}y'(b) + \frac{1}{\Omega} \int_0^{\Omega} y(x) dx + L^{-1} \left[ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n \right] - p L^{-1} \left[ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n \right] + L^{-1}1 - L^{-1} \left[ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} y_n \right] \quad (16)$$

$$y_1 = -pL^{-1} [\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n] - L^{-1}(1) - L^{-1}(y_0),$$

$$= -\frac{x^2}{2} - \left(\frac{1-\cos(1)}{6\sin(1)}\right) x^3 - \frac{a_0 x^4}{24} - \frac{a_1 x^5}{120} - \frac{a_2 x^6}{360} - \frac{a_3 x^7}{840} - \frac{a_4 x^8}{1680} - \frac{a_5 x^9}{30240} - \dots - \frac{a_0 p x^2}{2}$$

$$- \frac{a_1 p x^3}{6} - \frac{a_2 p x^4}{12} - \frac{a_3 p x^4}{20} - \frac{a_4 p x^6}{30} - \frac{a_5 p x^7}{42}.$$

For  $y_1 = 0$  and  $p = 1$ , it can be shown that:

$$a_0 = -1, \quad a_1 = \frac{\cos(1)-1}{\sin(1)}, \quad a_2 = \frac{1}{2},$$

$$a_3 = \frac{1-\cos(1)}{6\sin(1)}, \quad a_4 = \frac{-1}{24}, \quad a_5 = \frac{\cos(1)-1}{120\sin(1)}$$

Using equation (13), the solution to equation (14) is therefore given by,

$$y(x) = \frac{x-x\cos(1)}{\sin(1)} + \frac{x^3\cos(1)-x^3}{6\sin(1)} + \frac{x^5-x^5\cos(1)}{120\sin(1)} +$$

$$\frac{x^7\cos(1)-x^7}{5040\sin(1)} - \frac{1}{2}x^2 + \frac{1}{24}x^4 - \frac{1}{720}x^6 + 1-1,$$

$$= \left(\frac{1-\cos(1)}{\sin(1)}\right) \sin x + \cos x - 1$$

**Example 2.** [4]

Consider the following linear second-order two-point BVP,

$$y'' + xy = (3 - x - x^2 + x^3) \sin(x) + 4x \cos(x), \quad 0 \leq x \leq 1 \tag{17}$$

$$y'(0) = -1, \quad u'(1) = 2 \sin(1).$$

In operator form, equation (17) can be written as,

$$L(y'') = (3 - x - x^2 + x^3) \sin(x) + 4x \cos(x) - xy \tag{18}$$

Using equation (12) we write equation (18) as follows:

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} y_n(x) = (x - \Omega)y'(a) + \frac{\Omega}{2}y'(b) + \frac{1}{\Omega} \int_0^{\Omega} y(x)dx + L^{-1} \left[ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n \right]$$

$$- pL^{-1} \left[ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n \right] + L^{-1} [(3 - x - x^2 + x^3) \sin(x) + 4x \cos(x)] \tag{19}$$

$$- L^{-1} \left[ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x A_n \right]$$

Thus,

$$y_0 = (x - \Omega)(-1) + \frac{\Omega}{2}(2 \sin(1)) + \frac{1}{\Omega} \int_0^{\Omega} u(x)dx + \int_0^x \int_0^x (a_0 x^0 + a_1 x^1 + a_2 x^2 + a_3 x^3$$

$$+ a_4 x^4 + a_5 x^5 + \dots) dx dx,$$

$$= -x + \frac{a_0 x^2}{2} + \frac{a_1 x^3}{6} + \frac{a_2 x^4}{12} + \frac{a_3 x^5}{20} + \frac{a_4 x^6}{30} + \frac{a_5 x^7}{42} + \dots .$$

And

$$y_1 = -pL^{-1} [\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n] - L^{-1} [(3 - x - x^2 + x^3) \sin x + 4x \cos x] - L^{-1}(xA_0),$$

$$= -p \int_0^x \int_0^x (a_0 x^0 + a_1 x^1 + a_2 x^2 + a_3 x^3 + a_4 x^4 + a_5 x^5 + \dots) dx dx$$

$$- \int_0^x \int_0^x [(3 - x - x^2 + x^3) \sin x + 4x \cos x] dx dx - \int_0^x \int_0^x (xy_0) dx dx,$$

Using the Taylor series of  $\cos x$  and  $\sin x$  of order 10 we find  $y_1$  as follows:

$$y_1 = -\frac{a_1 p x^3}{6} - \frac{a_2 p x^4}{12} - \dots + \frac{7}{6}x^3 - \frac{1}{12}x^4 - \frac{7}{40}x^5 - \dots + \frac{1}{12}x^4 - \frac{1}{40}a_0 x^5 + \dots .$$

For  $y_1 = 0$  and  $p = 1$ , it can be shown that:

$$a_0 = -0, \quad a_1 = 7, \quad a_2 = 0, \quad a_3 = -\frac{2}{7}, \quad a_4 = 0, \quad a_5 = \frac{43}{120}$$

Using equation (13), the solution to equation (17) is therefore given by:

$$y = -x + \int_0^x \int_0^x (7x - \frac{7}{2}x^2 + \frac{43}{120}x^5 + \dots) dx dx$$

$$= -x + \frac{7}{6}x^3 - \frac{7}{40}x^5 + \frac{43}{720}x^7 + \dots$$

$$= -x + \frac{7}{3!}x^3 - \frac{21}{5!}x^5 + \frac{43}{7!}x^7 + \dots$$

**Example 3.** [4]

Consider the following nonlinear second-order two-point BVP,

$$y'' - y^2 = 2\pi^2 \cos(2\pi x) - \sin^4(\pi x), \quad 0 \leq x \leq 1$$

$$y'(0) = 0 = y'(1).$$

We rewrite equation (20) as follows:

$$y'' = 2\pi^2 \cos(2\pi x) - \sin^4(\pi x) + y^2$$

Using NMADM we find  $y_0$  and  $y_1$  as follows:

$$y_0 = (x - \Omega)(0) + \frac{\Omega}{2}(0) + \frac{1}{\Omega} \int_0^\Omega u(x)dx + \int_0^x \int_0^x (a_0x^0 + a_1x^1 + a_2x^2 + a_3x^3 + a_4x^4 + a_5x^5 + \dots) dx dx,$$

$$= \frac{a_0x^2}{2} + \frac{a_1x^3}{6} + \frac{a_2x^4}{12} + \frac{a_3x^5}{20} + \frac{a_4x^6}{30} + \frac{a_5x^7}{42} + \dots$$

$$y_1 = -pL^{-1} [\sum_{n=0}^\infty a_n x^n] - L_{xx}^{-1} [2\pi^2 \cos(2\pi x) - \sin^4(x\pi)] + L^{-1}[A_0(y^2)],$$

$$= -p \int_0^x \int_0^x [a_0x^0 + a_1x^1 + a_2x^2 + a_3x^3 + a_4x^4 + a_5x^5 + \dots] dx dx$$

$$+ \int_0^x \int_0^x [2\pi^2 \cos(2\pi x) - \sin^4(x\pi)] dx dx - \int_0^x \int_0^x y_0^2 dx dx,$$

Using the Taylor series of  $\cos(2\pi x)$  and  $\sin^4(x\pi)$  of order 10 we find  $y_1$  as follows:

$$y_1 = -\frac{a_1 p x^3}{6} - \frac{a_2 p x^4}{12} - \dots + \pi^2 x^2 - \frac{1}{3} \pi^4 x^4 - \frac{1}{30} \pi^4 x^6 + \dots + \frac{1}{120} a_0^2 x^6 + \dots$$

For  $y_1 = 0$  and  $p = 1$ , it can be shown that:

$$a_0 = 2\pi^2, a_1 = 0, a_2 = -4\pi^4, a_3 = 0, a_4 = \frac{4}{3}\pi^6, a_5 = 0$$

**Example 4.** [4]

Using equation (13), the solution to equation (20) is therefore given by:

$$y = \int_0^x \int_0^x (2\pi^2 - 4\pi^4 x^2 + \frac{4}{3}\pi^6 x^6 + \dots) dx dx$$

$$= \pi^2 x^2 - \frac{1}{3}\pi^4 x^4 + \frac{2}{45}\pi^6 x^6 + \dots$$

$$= (\pi x)^2 - \frac{1}{3}(\pi x)^4 + \frac{2}{45}(\pi x)^6 + \dots$$

Consider the following nonlinear second two-point BVP:

$$y'' + e^{-2y} = 0, \quad 0 \leq x \leq 1$$

$$y'(0) = 1, \quad u'(1) = \frac{1}{2}.$$

We rewrite equation (21) as follows:

$$y'' = -e^{-2y}, \quad 0 \leq x \leq 1$$

Solution by NMADM

$$y_0 = (x - \Omega)(1) + \frac{\Omega}{2}(\frac{1}{2}) + \frac{1}{\Omega} \int_0^\Omega u(x)dx + \int_0^x \int_0^x (a_0x^0 + a_1x^1 + a_2x^2 + a_3x^3 + a_4x^4 + a_5x^5 + \dots) dx dx,$$

$$= x + \frac{a_0x^2}{2} + \frac{a_1x^3}{6} + \frac{a_2x^4}{12} + \frac{a_3x^5}{20} + \frac{a_4x^6}{30} + \frac{a_5x^7}{42} + \dots$$

$$y_1 = -p \int_0^x \int_0^x [a_0x^0 + a_1x^1 + a_2x^2 + a_3x^3 + a_4x^4 + a_5x^5 + \dots] dx dx - \int_0^x \int_0^x e^{-2y_0} dx dx,$$

Using the Taylor series of  $e^{y_0}$  of order 10, we evaluate  $y_1$  as follows:

$$y_1 = -\frac{a_1 p x^3}{6} - \frac{a_2 p x^4}{12} - \frac{a_3 p x^5}{20} - \dots - \frac{1}{2}x^2 + \frac{1}{3}x^3 - \frac{1}{6}x^4 + \frac{1}{12}a_0x^4 + \dots$$

For  $y_1 = 0$  and  $p = 1$ , it can be shown that

$$a_0 = -1, a_1 = 2, a_2 = -3, a_3 = 4, a_4 = -5, a_5 = 6.$$

Using equation (13), the solution to equation (21) is therefore given by:

$$y = x + \int_0^x \int_0^x (-1 + 2x - 3x^2 + 4x^3 - 5x^4 + 6x^5 + \dots) dx dx$$

$$= x - \frac{1}{2}x^2 + \frac{1}{3}x^3 - \frac{1}{4}x^4 + \frac{1}{5}x^5 - \frac{1}{6}x^6 + \frac{1}{7}x^7 + \dots$$

#### 4. Conclusion

The modified Adomian decomposition method has been modified by incorporating the inverse linear operator theorem. The resulting method is the new Adomian decomposition method. The new method has been proved to be effective and efficient in solving second-order boundary value problems with Neumann conditions. It is

demonstrated through four examples that the method has the ability of solving second-order BVPs with Neumann conditions. The results obtained confirm with the results obtained in [4] where a different method was applied. It is important to note that unlike in traditional ADM, NMADM requires the calculation of  $u_0$  and  $u_1$  only. Further, for nonlinear terms, it requires  $A_0$  only. It is also observed that using NMADM, the solutions are obtained in closed form.

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