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# Solving a Class of Singular Fifth-Order Boundary Value Problems Using Reproducing Kernel Hilbert Space Method

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We use the reproducing kernel Hilbert space method to solve the fifth-order boundary value problems. The exact solution to the fifth-order boundary value problems is obtained in reproducing kernel space. The approximate solution is given by using an iterative method and the finite section method. The present method reveals to be more effective and convenient compared with the other methods.

#### 1. Introduction

The reproducing kernel Hilbert space method has been shown [1–7] to solve effectively, easily, and accurately a large class of linear and nonlinear, ordinary, partial differential equations. However, in [1–7], it cannot be used directly boundary value problems with mixed boundary conditions, since it is very difficult to obtain a reproducing kernel function satisfying mixed nonlinear boundary conditions. The aim of this work is to fill this gap. In [8], we give a new reproducing kernel Hilbert space for solving singular linear fourth-order boundary value problems with mixed boundary conditions. In this paper, we use the new reproducing kernel Hilbert function space method to solve the nonlinear fifthorder boundary value problems.

Singular fifth-order boundary value problems arise in the fields of gas dynamics, Newtonian fluid mechanics, fluid mechanics, fluid dynamics, elasticity, reaction-diffusion processes, chemical kinetics, and other branches of applied mathematics.

Let us consider the following class of singular fifth-order mixed boundary value problems:

$$u^{(5)}(x) + \frac{p_1(x)}{x^{\alpha_1}(1-x)^{\beta_1}}u^{(4)}(x) + \dots + \frac{p_4(x)}{x^{\alpha_4}(1-x)^{\beta_4}}u'(x)$$

$$+ \frac{p_5(x)}{x^{\alpha_5}(1-x)^{\beta_5}}u(x) = f(x), \quad x \in (0,1),$$
  

$$B_i u = r_i, \quad (i = 1, 2, \dots, 5),$$
(1)

where  $p_j(x), f(x) \in L^2[0,1]$  (j = 1,...,5) are known functions.  $B_i u$  (i = 1, 2, ..., 5) are linear conditions. We assume that (1) has a unique solution which belongs to  $W_2^6[0,1]$ , where  $W_2^6[0,1]$  is a reproducing kernel space.

*Remark 1.* If  $B_i u = u^{(i)}(0)$  (i = 1, ..., m), then (1) is an initial value problem. If  $B_i u = u(x_i)$  (i = 1, 2, ..., m), then (1) is a multipoint problem and so on. That is, problem (1) has a rather general form.

Let  $\alpha = \max_{1 \le i \le 5} \{\alpha_i\}$  and  $\beta = \max_{1 \le i \le 5} \{\beta_i\}, F(x) = x^{\alpha} (1-x)^{\beta} f(x).$ Consider

$$(Lu) (x) = x^{\alpha} (1-x)^{\beta} u^{(5)} (x) + x^{\alpha-\alpha_1} (1-x)^{\beta-\beta_1} p_1 (x) u^{(4)} (x) + \dots + x^{\alpha-\alpha_4} (1-x)^{\beta-\beta_4} p_4 (x) u' (x) + x^{\alpha-\alpha_5} (1-x)^{\beta-\beta_5} p_5 (x) u (x) .$$

$$(2)$$

It is easy to prove that  $L : W_2^6[0,1] \to L^2[0,1]$  is a bounded linear operator. On the other hand, we suppose that the linear conditions can also always be homogenized; after homogenization of these conditions, we put these conditions into the reproducing kernel space  $W_2^6[0,1]$  constructed in the following section. Equation (1) can be transformed into the following form in  $W_2^6[0,1]$ :

$$(Lu)(x) = F(x). \tag{3}$$

#### 2. Reproducing Kernel Hilbert Space

*Definition 2.* Let *H* be a real Hilbert space of functions  $f : \Omega \to R$ . A function  $K : \Omega \times \Omega \to R$  is called reproducing kernel for *H* if

(i) 
$$K(x, \cdot) \in H$$
 for all  $x \in \Omega$ ,

(ii) 
$$f(x) = \langle f, K(\cdot, x) \rangle_H$$
 for all  $f \in H$  and all  $x \in \Omega$ .

Definition 3. A real Hilbert space H of functions on a set  $\Omega$  is called a reproducing kernel Hilbert space if there exists a reproducing kernel K of H.

One defines that the inner product space  $\overline{W}_2^{m+1}[0,1] = \{u \mid u, u', \dots, u^{(m)} \text{ are absolutely continuous function, } u^{(m+1)} \in L^2[0,1]\}.$ 

The inner product in  $\overline{W}_{2}^{m+1}[0,1]$  is given by

$$\langle u(x), v(x) \rangle$$

$$= \sum_{i=0}^{m} u^{(i)}(0) v^{(i)}(0) + \int_{0}^{1} u^{(m+1)}(t) v^{(m+1)}(t) dt.$$
(4)

**Theorem 4** (see [8]). The space  $\overline{W}_2^{m+1}[0,1]$  is a reproducing kernel space, and its reproducing kernel is

$$R^{\{m+1\}}(x,y) = \begin{cases} \sum_{i=0}^{m} \frac{1}{(i!)^2} x^i y^i & x < y, \\ + \frac{1}{(m!)^2} \int_0^x (x-t)^m (y-t)^m dt, & x < y, \\ \sum_{i=0}^{m} \frac{1}{(i!)^2} x^i y^i & y < x, \\ + \frac{1}{(m!)^2} \int_0^y (x-t)^m (y-t)^m dt, & x < y, \end{cases}$$
(5)

For studying the solution of (1) in the homogenized form, we give space (6) as follows:

$$W_2^6[0,1] = \left\{ u \mid u \in \overline{W}_2^6[0,1], B_i u = 0, i = 1, 2, \dots, 5 \right\}.$$
(6)

 $W_2^6[0,1]$  is equipped with the same inner product  $\overline{W}_2^6[0,1]$ . In the following, we construct a reproducing kernel for the space  $W_2^6[0,1]$ , and we give Lemmas 5 and 6.

**Lemma 5.** Let  $A : H[a,b] \to L^2[a,b]$  be a bounded linear operator; function  $R_x(y)$  is the reproducing kernel of space H[a,b]. Let  $g_z(x) = (A_s R_x(s))(z)$ ; then  $||g_z(x)||^2 = (A_s(A_t R_s(t))(z))(z)$ , where H[a,b] denotes any reproducing kernel space of functions over [a,b], the symbol  $A_s$  indicates that the operator A applies to functions of the variable s, and the symbol  $(A_s R_x(s))(z)$  indicates that the operator A applies to function  $R_x(s)$  of the variable s and s = z.

Proof. Consider

$$\begin{aligned} \left\|g_{z}\left(x\right)\right\|^{2} &= \left\langle\left(A_{s}R_{x}\left(s\right)\right)\left(z\right),\left(A_{t}R_{x}\left(t\right)\right)\left(z\right)\right\rangle \\ &= \left(A_{s}\left(A_{t}\left\langle R_{x}\left(s\right),R_{x}\left(t\right)\right\rangle\right)\left(z\right)\right)\left(z\right) \quad (7) \\ &= \left(A_{s}\left(A_{t}R_{s}\left(t\right)\right)\left(z\right)\right)\left(z\right). \end{aligned}$$

**Lemma 6.** If A,  $g_z(x)$ , and  $R_x(y)$  are defined as in Lemma 5, let  $K_x(y) = R_x(y) - g_z(x)g_z(y)/||g_z(x)||^2$ ; consider the space  $H_1 = \{u(y) \mid u(y) \in H[a, b], and (A_yu(y))(z) = 0\}$ , then,  $K_x(y)$  is the reproducing kernel of space  $H_1$ .

*Proof.* For any  $u(y) \in H_1$ , next, we will prove  $\langle u(y), K_x(y) \rangle = u(x)$ .

Consider

Let  $h_1(x) = B_{1y}R^{\{6\}}(x, y), h_2(x) = B_{2y}(R^{\{6\}}(x, y) - h_1(x)h_1(y)/\|h_1(x)\|^2), h_3(x) = B_{3y}(R^{\{6\}}(x, y) - h_1(x)h_1(y)/\|h_1(x)\|^2 - h_2(x)h_2(y)/\|h_2(x)\|^2), h_4(x) = B_{4y}(R^{\{6\}}(x, y) - h_1(x)h_1(y)/\|h_1(x)\|^2 - h_2(x)h_2(y)/\|h_2(x)\|^2 - h_3(x)h_3(y)/\|h_3(x)\|^2), \text{and } h_5(x) = B_{5y}(R^{\{6\}}(x, y) - h_1(x)h_1(y)/\|h_1(x)\|^2 - h_2(x)h_3(y)/\|h_3(x)\|^2 - h_4(x)h_4(y)/\|h_4(x)\|^2), \text{ where the symbol } B_{iy} \ (i = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5) \text{ indicates that the operator } B_i \ (i = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5) \text{ applies to functions of the variable } y. \text{ Using Lemma 6, we get Theorem 7.}$ 

TABLE 1: The numerical results of Example 12.

<i>x</i>	$u_T(x)$	$u_{100}(x)$	$ u_{20}(x) - u_T(x) $	$ u_{40}(x) - u_T(x) $	$ u_{100}(x) - u_T(x) $	$ u_{100}'(x) - u_T'(x) $
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0.08	-0.00150556	-0.00149854	$3.11533  imes 10^{-4}$	$2.12134 \times 10^{-4}$	$7.01613 \times 10^{-6}$	$4.26411 \times 10^{-5}$
0.16	-0.00300419	-0.00299716	$5.86206 \times 10^{-4}$	$4.03105  imes 10^{-4}$	$7.02601 \times 10^{-6}$	$3.96519  imes 10^{-5}$
0.24	-0.000739712	-0.000738437	$1.36893 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.08655 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.27471 \times 10^{-6}$	$1.06360 \times 10^{-4}$
0.32	0.00926282	0.00925363	$1.38316 \times 10^{-3}$	$9.02756  imes 10^{-4}$	$9.18729  imes 10^{-6}$	$1.59425  imes 10^{-4}$
0.4	0.0316161	0.0315926	$4.00907 \times 10^{-3}$	$2.65016 \times 10^{-3}$	$2.34247 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.93257  imes 10^{-4}$
0.48	0.0717954	0.0717548	$7.49348  imes 10^{-3}$	$4.96714 \times 10^{-3}$	$4.06485  imes 10^{-5}$	$2.28313  imes 10^{-4}$
0.56	0.136337	0.136276	$1.13395 \times 10^{-3}$	$7.52215 \times 10^{-3}$	$6.03524 \times 10^{-5}$	$2.58664  imes 10^{-4}$
0.64	0.23304	0.232959	$1.48395 \times 10^{-3}$	$9.84568 \times 10^{-3}$	$8.01808  imes 10^{-5}$	$2.77257 \times 10^{-4}$
0.72	0.371189	0.371084	$1.71134 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.13541 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.04886 \times 10^{-4}$	$2.93384  imes 10^{-4}$
0.8	0.561801	0.561673	$1.71481 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.13757 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.27883  imes 10^{-4}$	$3.40704  imes 10^{-4}$
0.88	0.817902	0.817739	$1.38345 \times 10^{-3}$	$9.1769  imes 10^{-3}$	$1.63033  imes 10^{-4}$	$6.89140  imes 10^{-4}$
0.96	1.15484	1.15458	$5.99608 \times 10^{-3}$	$3.97735 \times 10^{-3}$	$2.60877  imes 10^{-4}$	$1.51714  imes 10^{-3}$

**Theorem 7.** The space  $W_2^6[0, 1]$  is a reproducing kernel space, and its reproducing kernel is

$$K(x, y) = R^{\{6\}}(x, y) - \frac{h_1(x)h_1(y)}{\|h_1(x)\|^2} - \frac{h_2(x)h_2(y)}{\|h_2(x)\|^2} - \frac{h_3(x)h_3(y)}{\|h_3(x)\|^2} - \frac{h_4(x)h_4(y)}{\|h_4(x)\|^2} - \frac{h_5(x)h_5(y)}{\|h_5(x)\|^2}.$$
(9)

#### 3. Analytical Solution

Let  $\psi_i(x) = (L_y K(x, y))(x_i), i = 1, 2, \dots$  Via Gram-Schmidt orthonormalization for  $\{\psi_i(x)\}_{i=1}^{\infty}$ , we get

$$\overline{\psi}_{i}\left(x\right) = \sum_{k=1}^{i} \beta_{ik} \psi_{k}\left(x\right), \qquad (10)$$

where the  $\beta_{ik}$  are the coefficients resulting from Gram-Schmid orthonormalization.

**Lemma 8.** If  $\{x_i\}_{i=1}^{\infty}$  are distinct points dense in [0, 1] and  $L^{-1}$  is existent, then  $\{\psi_i(x)\}_{i=1}^{\infty}$  is a complete function system in  $W_2^{m+1}[0, 1]$ .

*Proof.* For each fixed  $u(x) \in W_2^{m+1}[0, 1]$ , if  $\langle u(x), \psi_i(x) \rangle = 0$ , then

$$\langle u(x), \psi_{i}(x) \rangle$$

$$= \left( L_{y} \langle u(x), K(x, y) \rangle \right) (x_{i}) = \left( L_{y} u(y) \right) (x_{i}) = 0.$$
(11)

Taking into account the density of  $\{x_i\}_{i=1}^{\infty}$ , it results in  $(L_y u(y))(x) = 0$ . It follows that  $u(x) \equiv 0$  from the existence of  $L^{-1}$ .

**Theorem 9.** If  $\{x_i\}_{i=1}^{\infty}$  are distinct points dense in [0, 1] and  $L^{-1}$  is existent, then

$$u(x) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \sum_{k=1}^{i} \beta_{ik} F(x_k) \overline{\psi}_i(x)$$
(12)

*is an analytical solution of* (3).

*Proof.* u(x) can be expanded to Fourier series in terms of normal orthogonal basis  $\{\overline{\psi}_i(x)\}_{i=1}^{\infty}$  in  $W_2^{m+1}[0, 1]$  as follows:

$$u(x) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \langle u(x), \overline{\psi}_{i}(x) \rangle \overline{\psi}_{i}(x)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \sum_{k=1}^{i} \beta_{ik} \langle u(x), \psi_{k}(x) \rangle \overline{\psi}_{i}(x)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \sum_{k=1}^{i} \beta_{ik} \langle u(x), (L_{s}K_{x}(s))(x_{k}) \rangle \overline{\psi}_{i}(x)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \sum_{k=1}^{i} \beta_{ik} (L_{s} \langle u(x), K_{x}(s) \rangle) (x_{k}) \overline{\psi}_{i}(x)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \sum_{k=1}^{i} \beta_{ik} (L_{s}u(s)) (x_{k}) \overline{\psi}_{i}(x)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \sum_{k=1}^{i} \beta_{ik} F(x_{k}) \overline{\psi}_{i}(x).$$

#### 4. Numerical Solution

We define an approximate solution  $u_n(x)$  by

$$u_n(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^i \beta_{ik} F(x_k) \overline{\psi}_i(x).$$
(14)

x		Solution			Absolute error	
λ	$u_T(t,x)$	Reference [9]	$u_{100}(x)$	$ u_{50}(x) - u_T(x) $	Reference [9]	$ u_{100}(x) - u_T(x) $
0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
0.1249	0.0000752	0.0000754	0.0000754	$8.11621 \times 10^{-7}$	$2 \times 10^{-7}$	$2.74983  imes 10^{-7}$
0.2431	0.0013039	0.0013043	0.0013037	$3.70493 \times 10^{-6}$	$4 \times 10^{-7}$	$1.13843 \times 10^{-7}$
0.3806	0.0080242	0.0080249	0.0080244	$7.8819 \times 10^{-6}$	$7 \times 10^{-7}$	$2.32339 \times 10^{-7}$
0.4195	0.0116531	0.0116538	0.0116533	$8.85202 \times 10^{-6}$	$7 \times 10^{-7}$	$2.59035 \times 10^{-7}$
0.5	0.0220970	0.0220978	0.0220972	$1.01895 \times 10^{-5}$	$8 \times 10^{-7}$	$2.94629 \times 10^{-7}$
0.6923	0.0588207	0.0588201	0.0588209	$8.5994 \times 10^{-6}$	$6 \times 10^{-7}$	$2.44068 \times 10^{-7}$
0.7854	0.0723723	0.0723726	0.0723724	$5.68292 \times 10^{-6}$	$4 \times 10^{-7}$	$1.60302 \times 10^{-7}$
0.8917	0.0646361	0.0646363	0.0646366	$1.96562 \times 10^{-6}$	$2 \times 10^{-7}$	$5.51306 \times 10^{-7}$
1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

TABLE 2: Comparison of the absolute error of Example 13.

TABLE 3: The numerical results of Example 13.

x	$u_T'(x)$	$u'_{100}(x)$	$ u_{100}'(x) - u_T'(x) $	$u_T''(x)$	$u_{100}''(x)$	$ u_{100}''(x) - u_T''(x) $
0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0.1	0.0012491	0.00125306	$3.95623  imes 10^{-6}$	0.0419792	0.0420291	$4.98366 \times 10^{-5}$
0.2	0.0121642	0.0121721	$7.93764  imes 10^{-6}$	0.193196	0.193223	$2.63540 \times 10^{-5}$
0.3	0.0421473	0.0421562	$8.95432  imes 10^{-6}$	0.410381	0.410375	$6.05312 \times 10^{-6}$
0.4	0.0930975	0.0931043	$6.87917 \times 10^{-6}$	0.591978	0.591944	$3.40825  imes 10^{-5}$
0.5	0.15468	0.154682	$2.49761 \times 10^{-6}$	0.596621	0.59657	$5.13938 \times 10^{-5}$
0.6	0.200775	0.200773	$2.91343 \times 10^{-6}$	0.250969	0.250915	$5.41587  imes 10^{-5}$
0.7	0.186533	0.186526	$7.76184  imes 10^{-6}$	-0.645692	-0.645732	$3.97775 \times 10^{-5}$
0.8	0.0457947	0.0457844	$1.023370 \times 10^{-5}$	-2.31836	-2.31836	$6.35516 \times 10^{-6}$
0.9	-0.311216	-0.311224	$8.34947 \times 10^{-6}$	-5.01403	-5.01398	$4.75597 \times 10^{-5}$
1.0	-1	-1	$6.12843  imes 10^{-14}$	-9	-8.99988	$1.23122 \times 10^{-5}$

**Theorem 10.** Let  $\varepsilon_n^2 = ||u(x) - u_n(x)||^2$ , where u(x) and  $u_n(x)$  are given by (12) and (14); then the sequence of real numbers  $\varepsilon_n(x)$  is monotonously decreasing and  $\varepsilon_n(x) \to 0$ .

Proof. We have

$$\varepsilon_{n}^{2} = \left\| u\left(x\right) - u_{n}\left(x\right) \right\|^{2} = \left\| \sum_{i=n+1}^{\infty} \left\langle u\left(x\right), \overline{\psi}_{i}\left(x\right) \right\rangle \overline{\psi}_{i}\left(x\right) \right\|^{2}$$

$$= \sum_{i=n+1}^{\infty} \left( \left\langle u\left(x\right), \overline{\psi}_{i}\left(x\right) \right\rangle \right)^{2}.$$
(15)

Clearly,  $\varepsilon_{n-1} \ge \varepsilon_n$  and consequently  $\{\varepsilon_n\}$  is monotonously decreasing in the sense of  $\|\cdot\|$ . By Theorem 9, we know that  $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \langle u(x), \overline{\psi}_i(x) \rangle \overline{\psi}_i(x)$  is convergent in the norm of  $\|\cdot\|$ ; then we have

$$\varepsilon_n^2 = \left\| u\left(x\right) - u_n\left(x\right) \right\|^2 \longrightarrow 0.$$
 (16)

Hence,  $\varepsilon_n \to 0$ .

**Theorem 11** (convergence analysis).  $u_n(x)$  and  $u_n^{(k)}(x)$  are uniformly convergent to u(x) and  $u^{(k)}(x)$ , k = 0, 1, 2, ..., m, where u(x) and  $u_n(x)$  are given by (12) and (14).

*Proof.* For any 
$$x \in [0, 1], k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, 5$$

$$\begin{aligned} \left| u_{n}^{(k)}(x) - u^{(k)}(x) \right| &= \left| \left\langle u_{n}(t) - u(t), \frac{\partial^{k} K(x,t)}{\partial x^{k}} \right\rangle \right| \\ &\leq \left\| u_{n}(t) - u(t) \right\| \cdot \left\| \frac{\partial^{k} K(x,t)}{\partial x^{k}} \right\|. \end{aligned}$$
(17)

Then there exists  $C_k > 0$  such that

$$\left|u_{n}^{(k)}\left(x\right)-u^{(k)}\left(x\right)\right| \leq C_{k}\left\|u_{n}\left(t\right)-u\left(t\right)\right\|$$

$$=C_{k}\varepsilon_{n}\longrightarrow0.$$
(18)

$$z_{n} \longrightarrow 0.$$

The numerical solution to (3) can be obtained using the following method:

$$u_{n}(x) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} d_{i} \psi_{i}(x), \qquad (19)$$

where the coefficients  $d_i$ , i = 1, ..., m, are determined by the equation

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} d_i L \psi_i(x) |_{x=x_j} = F(x_j), \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$
 (20)

Using (19) and (20), we have  $(Lu_m)(x_j) = F(x_j)$ , j = 1, 2, ..., n. So,  $u_n(x)$  is the approximation solution of (3).

TABLE 4: The numerical results of Example 13.

x	$u_{T}^{(3)}(x)$	$u_{100}^{(3)}(x)$	$ u_{100}^{(3)}(x) - u_T^{(3)}(x) $	$u_{T}^{(4)}(x)$	$u_{100}^{(4)}(x)$	$ u_{100}^{(4)}(x) - u_T^{(4)}(x) $
0.1	0.971215	0.971117	$9.72528 \times 10^{-5}$	11.8289	11.8244	$\frac{4.50235 \times 10^{-3}}{4.50235 \times 10^{-3}}$
0.2	1.97221	1.9719	$3.12435 \times 10^{-4}$	7.04361	7.0429	$7.15499 \times 10^{-4}$
0.3	2.19979	2.19947	$3.16007  imes 10^{-4}$	-3.23499	-3.2345	$4.83768  imes 10^{-4}$
0.4	1.19534	1.19511	$2.34524  imes 10^{-4}$	-17.4321	-17.431	$1.09059 \times 10^{-3}$
0.5	-1.39212	-1.39222	$1.05489  imes 10^{-4}$	-34.8029	-34.8014	$1.46428 \times 10^{-3}$
0.6	-5.85595	-5.8559	$5.44543 \times 10^{-5}$	-54.8995	-54.8978	$1.72026 \times 10^{-3}$
0.7	-12.4526	-12.4524	$2.36294  imes 10^{-4}$	-77.4172	-77.4153	$1.90772 \times 10^{-3}$
0.8	-21.4126	-21.4122	$4.34553  imes 10^{-4}$	-102.132	-102.13	$2.05168 \times 10^{-3}$
0.9	-32.9466	-32.9459	$6.45658  imes 10^{-4}$	-128.873	-128.871	$2.16643 \times 10^{-3}$
1.0	-47.25	-47.2491	$9.67158  imes 10^{-4}$	-157.5	-157.498	$2.26074 \times 10^{-3}$

(5)

#### 5. Numerical Experiment

In this section, two numerical examples are studied to demonstrate the accuracy of the present method.

Example 12. Consider the following fifth-order boundary value problem with nonclassical side condition (the righthand side of this problem has a singularity at x = 0, x = 1):

$$u^{(5)}(x) - e^{x} \frac{x}{1-x} u''(x) + e^{x} \frac{x}{1-x} u(x) = f(x),$$
  
$$0 < x < 1,$$

$$u(0) = u'(0) = u\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) = 0,$$

$$5u''(0) + 42 \int_0^1 e^{-x} u(x) \, dx = 0,$$

$$4u'''(1) + u'(1) = 10u''(1),$$
(21)

where  $f(x) = e^{x}(-45 + 195x - 750x^{2} + 320x^{5/2} - 600x^{3} - 600x^{3})$  $32(5 + e^{x})x^{7/2} + 40(20 + 3e^{x})x^{4} - 16(9 + 4e^{x})x^{9/2} + 16(23 + 10e^{x})x^{5} - 16x^{11/2} + 32x^{6})/32(-1+x)x^{5/2}$ . The exact solution is  $u_T(x) = x^2(\sqrt{x} - 1/2)e^x$ . The numerical results are presented in Table 1.

Example 13 (see [9]). Consider the following fifth-order boundary value problem (the right-hand side of this problem has a singularity at x = 0):

$$u^{(5)}(x) - e^{-x}u(x)$$
  
=  $-e^{-x}x^{\frac{9}{2}}(1-x) + \frac{945(1-11x)}{32\sqrt{x}}, \quad 0 < x < 1, \quad (22)$   
 $u(0) = u'(0) = u''(0) = u(1) = 0, \quad u'(1) = -1,$ 

where the exact solution is  $u_T(x) = x^{9/2}(1 - x)$ . By the homogeneous process of the boundary condition, letting

 $v(x) = u(x) - x^{3}(1 - x)$ , the problem can be transformed into the equivalent form

$$v^{(5)}(x) - e^{-x}v(x)$$
  
=  $-e^{-x}\left(x^{\frac{9}{2}} - x^{3}\right)(1-x) + \frac{945(1-11x)}{32\sqrt{x}}, \quad 0 \le x \le 1,$   
 $v(0) = v'(0) = v''(0) = v(1) = v'(1) = 0.$   
(23)

The numerical results are presented in Tables 2, 3, and 4.

#### 6. Conclusions and Remarks

In this paper, a new reproducing kernel space satisfying mixed boundary value conditions is constructed skillfully. This makes it easy to solve such kind of problems. Furthermore, the exact solution of the problem can be expressed in series form. The numerical results demonstrate that the new method is quite accurate and efficient for singular problems of fifth-order ordinary differential equations. All computations have been performed using the Mathematica 7.0 software package.

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