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**POLYNOMIAL SOLUTION OF ONE- DIMENSIONAL ELASTIC WAVE EQUATION**

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**ABSTRACT**

The present paper deals with the problem of one-dimensional elastic wave equation with certain boundary conditions. The polynomial solution of this problem is obtained as a polynomial using double interpolation.

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**INTRODUCTION**

In the study of wave propagation in different elastic solids it yields one-dimensional wave equation in some special cases. Usually the solution of these equations is given in Fourier series form (Iyengar *et al.*, 2007). In this paper, an attempt is made to find the solution of one-dimensional elastic wave equation with certain boundary conditions of a polynomial. Using the double interpolation (Scanborough, 1966) and Crank- Nicolson method (Stanley, 1982), the solution of one-dimensional wave equation obtained as an interpolating polynomial. The method is useful in case of simple harmonic motion.

**Formulation of the Problem**

We consider the following boundary value problem of one-dimensional wave equation.

$$25 u_{xx} = u_{tt} \tag{1}$$

subject to the following boundary conditions

$$u(0,t) = 0 \tag{2}$$

$$u(4,t) = 0 \tag{3}$$

$$u(x,0) = x^2 (x - 4) \tag{4}$$

$$u_t(x,0) = 0 \tag{5}$$

where  $u_t = \frac{\partial u(x,t)}{\partial t}$

and  $0 \leq t \leq 0.8$  and  $0 \leq x \leq 4$

**Solution of the Problem**

A net of square mesher is formed by straight lines parallel to the coordinate axes for the domain of the problem. We take the interval of differencing of x as 1, i.e., h=1. Comparing the equation with

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = \frac{1}{a^2} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2}, \text{ we have } a=5. \text{ Hence, as per Crank- Nicolson's method the interval of differencing}$$

$k=h/a=1/5=0.2$ . Thus  $x_0 = 0, x_1 = 1, x_2 = 2, x_3 = 3, x_4 = 4$ , and  $t_0 = 0, t_1 = \frac{1}{5}, t_2 = \frac{2}{5}, t_3 = \frac{3}{5}$ ,

$t_4 = \frac{4}{5}$ . We denote  $u_{rs} = u(r, s/a)$ , (r,s = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4.)

The boundary condition (2) gives

$$u_{00} = u_{01} = u_{02} = u_{03} = u_{04} = 0 \tag{6}$$

The boundary condition (3) gives

$$u_{40} = u_{41} = u_{42} = u_{43} = u_{44} = 0 \tag{7}$$

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The initial condition (4) gives

$$u_{00} = 0, u_{10} = -3, u_{20} = -8, u_{30} = -9, u_{40} = 0. \tag{8}$$

The initial condition (5) gives

$$u_{il} = \frac{1}{2} [u_{(i-1)l} + u_{(i+1)l}].$$

$$\text{This gives } u_{11} = -4, u_{21} = -6, u_{31} = -4. \tag{9}$$

The other values are obtained from the recurrence relation

$$u_{i(j+1)} = u_{(i+1)j} + u_{(i-1)j} - u_{i(j-1)}$$

and are shown in the Table 1.

**Table 1**

$x$ $t$	0	1	2	3	4
0	0	-3	-8	-9	0
$\frac{1}{5}$	0	-4	-6	-4	0
$\frac{2}{5}$	0	-3	-2	3	0
$\frac{3}{5}$	0	2	6	2	0
$\frac{4}{5}$	0	3	2	3	0

The differences of different orders of  $\Delta^{0+k}u_{oi}; (i, k=0,1,2,3,4)$  are zero.

$$\text{i.e., } \Delta^{0+k}u_{oi} = 0 \quad (i, k=0,1,2,3,4) \tag{10}$$

The general formula for the different order of differences are given by

$$\Delta^{m+n}u_{00} = \Delta^{m+n}u_{0n} + (-1)^1 n \Delta^{m+0}u_{0(n-1)} + (-1)^2 \frac{n(n-1)}{2!} \Delta^{m+0}u_{0(n-2)} + (-1)^3 \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)}{3!} \Delta^{m+0}u_{0(n-3)} + \dots + (-1)^n \Delta^{m+0}u_{00} \tag{11}$$

The differences of different order are given by in equations (12) to (21).

**Table 2**

$u_{li}$	$\Delta^{0+1}u_{li}$	$\Delta^{0+2}u_{li}$	$\Delta^{0+3}u_{li}$	$\Delta^{0+4}u_{li}$
-3	-1			
-4	1	2	2	
-3	5	4	-8	-10
2	1	-4		
3				

$$\text{From Table 2 we have, } \Delta^{0+1}u_{10} = -1; \Delta^{0+2}u_{10} = 2, \Delta^{0+3}u_{10} = 2; \Delta^{0+4}u_{10} = -10; \tag{12}$$

Similarly we obtain,

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$$\Delta^{0+1}u_{20} = 2; \Delta^{0+2}u_{20} = 2; \Delta^{0+3}u_{20} = 2 \Delta^{0+4}u_{20} = -18 . \tag{13}$$

$$\Delta^{0+1}u_{30} = 5; \Delta^{0+2}u_{30} = 2; \Delta^{0+3}u_{30} = -10; \Delta^{0+4}u_{30} = 20. \tag{14}$$

and

$$\Delta^{1+0}u_{00} = -3; \Delta^{2+0}u_{00} = -2; \Delta^{3+0}u_{00} = 2; \Delta^{4+0}u_{00} = 4 . \tag{15}$$

$$\Delta^{1+0}u_{01} = -4; \Delta^{2+0}u_{01} = 2; \Delta^{3+0}u_{01} = 2; \Delta^{4+0}u_{01} = -4. \tag{16}$$

$$\Delta^{1+0}u_{02} = -3; \Delta^{2+0}u_{02} = 4; \Delta^{3+0}u_{02} = 0; \Delta^{4+0}u_{02} = -12. \tag{17}$$

$$\Delta^{1+0}u_{03} = -2; \Delta^{2+0}u_{03} = 6; \Delta^{3+0}u_{03} = -14; \Delta^{4+0}u_{03} = 24. \tag{18}$$

$$\Delta^{1+0}u_{04} = 3; \Delta^{2+0}u_{04} = -4; \Delta^{3+0}u_{04} = 6; \Delta^{4+0}u_{04} = -12. \tag{19}$$

From equations (11) to (19) we obtain

$$\Delta^{1+1}u_{00} = -1 \Delta^{1+2}u_{00} = 2; \Delta^{2+2}u_{00} = -2; \Delta^{3+1}u_{00} = 0; \Delta^{1+3}u_{00} = 2. \tag{20}$$

The formula for double interpolation (Scanborough, 1966) up to fifth order differences is

$$\begin{aligned} u(x,t) = & u_{00} + \left[ \frac{x-x_0}{h} \Delta_{u_{00}}^{l+0} + \frac{t-t_0}{k} \Delta^{0+1}u_{00} \right] \\ & + \frac{1}{2!} \left[ \frac{(x-x_0)(x-x_1)}{h^2} \Delta^{2+0}u_{00} + \frac{2(x-x_0)(t-t_0)}{hk} \Delta^{l+1}u_{00} + \frac{(t-t_0)(t-t_1)}{k^2} \Delta^{0+2}u_{00} \right] \\ & + \frac{1}{3!} \left[ \frac{(x-x_0)(x-x_1)(x-x_2)}{h^3} \Delta^{3+0}u_{00} + \frac{3(x-x_0)(x-x_1)(t-t_1)}{h^2k} \Delta^{2+0}u_{00} \right. \\ & \left. + \frac{3(x-x_0)(t-t_0)(t-t_1)}{hk^2} \Delta^{l+2}u_{00} + \frac{(t-t_0)(t-t_1)(t-t_2)}{k^3} \Delta^{0+3}u_{00} \right] \\ & + \frac{1}{4!} \left[ \frac{(x-x_0)(x-x_1)(x-x_2)(x-x_3)}{h^4} \Delta^{4+0}u_{00} + \frac{(x-x_0)(x-x_1)(x-x_2)(t-t_0)}{h^3k} \Delta^{3+1}u_{00} \right. \\ & \left. + \frac{6(x-x_0)(x-x_1)(t-t_0)(t-t_1)}{h^2k^2} \Delta^{2+2}u_{00} + \frac{4(x-x_0)(t-t_0)(t-t_1)(t-t_2)}{hk^3} \Delta^{l+3}u_{00} \right. \\ & \left. + \frac{(t-t_0)(t-t_1)(t-t_2)(t-t_3)}{k^4} \Delta^{0+4}u_{00} \right] \tag{21} \end{aligned}$$

Substituting the values of  $\Delta^{m+n}u_{00}$  from equations (10), (15) and (20) in equation (21), and simplifying we obtain

$$u(x,t) = \frac{1}{6}(x^4 - 17x^2) - \frac{1}{3}(x^3 + x) + \frac{1}{3}(xT^3 + xT) - \frac{1}{2}(xT^2 + x^2T) \tag{22}$$

where  $T = \frac{t}{k} = \frac{t}{1/5} = 5t$

The required polynomial solution  $u(x, t)$  of one- dimensional equation (1) with boundary conditions (2) to (5) is given by equation (22).

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