

Homotopy Perturbation Method for Nonlinear Thermoelasticity

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Abstract: In this paper, homotopy perturbation method (HPM) is applied to solve the Cauchy problem arising in one dimensional nonlinear thermoelasticity. It is observed that the proposed technique is fully compatible with such nonlinear problems. Numerical results explicitly reveal the complete reliability of the proposed algorithm (HPM).

Key words: Homotopy perturbation method • Cauchy problem • Nonlinear one dimensional thermoelasticity

INTRODUCTION

The homotopy perturbation method (HPM) was first proposed by the Chinese mathematician Ji-Huan He [1-3]. Unlike classical techniques, the homotopy perturbation method leads to an analytical approximate and exact solutions of the nonlinear equations easily and elegantly without transforming the equation or linearizing the problem and with high accuracy, minimal calculation and avoidance of physically unrealistic assumptions. As a numerical tool, the method provides us with numerical solution without discretization of the given equation and therefore, it is not affected by computation round-off errors and one is not faced with necessity of large computer memory and time. This technique has been employed to solve a large variety of linear and nonlinear problems [4-18]. The interested reader can see the Refs. [19-22] for latest development of HPM.

The object of this study is to employ HPM to solve a real-life problem that exhibits coupling between the mechanical and thermal fields. Let consider the following nonlinear system arising in thermo elasticity [23-25].

$$u_{tt} - a(u_{xx}, \theta) u_{xxx} + b(u_{xx}, \theta) \theta_x = f(x, t) \quad (1)$$

$$c(u_{xx}, \theta) \theta_t + b(u_{xx}, \theta) u_{xt} - d(\theta) \theta_{xx} = g(x, t) \quad (2)$$

subject to the initial conditions of

$$u(x, 0) = u^0(x), u_t(x, 0) = u^1(x), \theta(x, 0) = \theta^0(x) \quad (3)$$

where $u(x, t)$ is the body displacement from equilibrium and $\theta(x, t)$ is the difference of the body's temperature from a reference $T_0 = 0$, subscripts denote partial derivatives and a, b, c and d are given smooth functions. For more details about the physical meaning of the model, see [23, 26]. Recently Ganji *et al* [27] used Adomian's decomposition method for solving the governing problem.

Solution Procedure: In order to illustrate the effectiveness of the method, an artificial model is used. Let us define a, b, c, d, u^0, u^1 and θ^0 by [25]:

$$a(u_{xx}, \theta) = 2 - u_{xx} b(u_{xx}, \theta) = 2 + u_{xx} \theta = 1, d(u_{xx}, \theta) = \theta \quad (4)$$

$$u^0(x) = \frac{1}{1+x^2}, u^1(x) = 0, \theta^0(x) = \frac{1}{1+x^2} \quad (5)$$

and replace the right-hand side of above equations by :

$$f(x, t) = \frac{2}{1+x^2} - \frac{2(1+t^2)(3x^2-1)}{(1+x^2)^3} a(w, v) - \frac{2x(1+t)}{(1+x^2)^2} b(w, v) \quad (6)$$

$$g(x, t) = \frac{2}{1+x^2} c(w, v) - \frac{4xt}{(1+x^2)^2} b(w, v) - \frac{2(1+t)(3x^2-1)}{(1+x^2)^3} d(v) \quad (7)$$

$$w = w(x, t) = -\frac{2x(1+t^2)}{(1+x^2)^2}, v = v(x, t) = \frac{1+t}{1+x^2} \quad (8)$$

where a , b , c and d are defined by Eq. (4) and the exact solution of two equations are given by [25] :

$$u(x,t) = \frac{1+t^2}{(1+x^2)^2}, \theta(x,t) = \frac{1+t}{1+x^2} \quad (9)$$

If we put (4) into (1) and (2), then we get :

$$u - (2-u_x \theta) u_{xx} + (2+u_x \theta) \theta_x - f(x,t) = 0 \quad (10)$$

$$\theta_1 + (2+u_x \theta) u_{xx} - \theta \theta_{xx} - g(x,t) = 0 \quad (11)$$

and we get

$$u_{tt} + p \{ -2u_{xx} + u_x u_{xx} \theta + 2\theta_x + u_x \theta_x \theta - f(x,t) \} = 0 \quad (12)$$

$$\theta_1 + 2u_{xt} + u_x u_{xx} \theta - \theta \theta_{xx} + g(x,t) = 0 \quad (13)$$

We construct the following homotopies

$$u_{tt} + p \{ -2u_{xx} + u_x u_{xx} \theta + 2\theta_x + u_x \theta_x \theta - f(x,t) \} = 0 \quad (14)$$

$$\theta_t + p \{ 2u_{xt} + u_x u_{xt} \theta - \theta \theta_{xx} - g(x,t) \} = 0 \quad (15)$$

Assume the solution of Eqs. (14,15) to be in the form:

$$u = u_0 + p u_1 + p^2 u_2 + p^3 u_3 + \dots \quad (16)$$

$$\theta = \theta_0 + p \theta_1 + p^2 \theta_2 + p^3 \theta_3 + \dots \quad (17)$$

Substituting (16-17) into (14,15) and equating the coefficients of like powers p , we get the following set of differential equations

$$p^0 : (u_0)_{tt} = 0$$

$$(\theta_0)_t = 0$$

$$p^2 : (u_2)_t - 2(u_1)_{xx} + (u_0)_x (u_0)_{xx} \theta_1 + (u_0)_x (u_1)_{xx} \theta_0 + (u_1)_x (u_0)_{xx} \theta_0 + 2(\theta_1)_x + (u_0)_x (\theta_1)_x \theta_0 + (u_0)_x (\theta_0)_x \theta_1 + (u_1)_x (\theta_0)_x \theta_0 - f(x,t) = 0$$

$$(\theta_2)_t + 2(u_1)_{xt} + (u_0)_x (u_0)_{xt} \theta_1 + (u_0)_x (u_1)_{xt} \theta_0 + (u_1)_x (u_0)_{xt} \theta_0 - \theta_0 (\theta_1)_{xx} - \theta_1 (\theta_0)_{xx} - g(x,t) = 0$$

$$(\theta_3)_t + 2(u_2)_{xt} + (u_0)_x (u_0)_{xt} \theta_2 + (u_0)_x (u_1)_{xt} \theta_1 + (u_0)_x (u_2)_{xt} \theta_0 + (u_1)_x (u_0)_{xt} \theta_1 + (u_1)_x (u_1)_{xt} \theta_1$$

$$+ (u_2)_x (u_0)_{xt} \theta_0 - \theta_0 (\theta_2)_{xx} - \theta_2 (\theta_0)_{xx} - \theta_1 (\theta_1)_{xx} - g(x,t) = 0$$

and so on, the rest of the polynomials can be constructed in a similar manner. With the initial conditions Eq. (3) gives

$$u_0(x,t) = \frac{1}{1+x^2} \quad (18)$$

$$u_1(x,t) = \frac{1}{105(1+x^2)^6} \left(\begin{aligned} &10t^7(x-3x^3) + 14t^6(x+x^2-3x^3+x^4) \\ &+ 42t^5(x+x^2-3x^3+x^4) \\ &+ 35t^4(1+x+2x^2-6x^3-2x^4-8x^6-3x^8) \\ &+ 70t^3(2x^2-7x^3+2x^4-6x^5-4x^7-x^9) \\ &+ 105t^2(1+5x^2+10x^4+10x^6+5x^8+x^{10}) \end{aligned} \right) \quad (19)$$

$$p^1 : (u_1)_{tt} - 2(u_0)_{xx} + (u_0)_x (u_0)_{xx} \theta_0 + 2(\theta_0)_x + (u_0)_x (\theta_0)_x \theta_0 - f(x,t) = 0 \quad (\theta_1)_t + 2(u_0)_{xt} + (u_0)_x (u_0)_{xt} \theta_0 - \theta_0 (\theta_0)_{xx} - g(x,t) = 0$$

$$\theta_0(x,t) = \frac{1}{1+x^2} \quad (20)$$

$$\theta_1(x,t) = \frac{1}{15(1+x^2)^5} \left(\begin{aligned} &24t^5x^2 + 30t^4x^2 + 10t^3(1+2x^2-3x^4) \\ &+ 30t^2(1-2x-6x^3-3x^4-6x^5-2x^7) \\ &+ 15t(1+4x^2+6x^4+4x^6+x^8) \end{aligned} \right) \quad (21)$$

Proceeding in the same way, we can obtain $u_2(x,t)$, $\theta_2(x,t)$ and higher order approximations. Here, the numerical results are evaluated using terms approximation of the recursive relations.

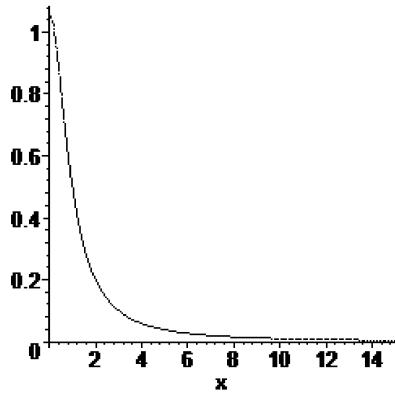


Fig. 1: $u(x,t)$ when $t=0.25$ Line:HPM, Point:exact

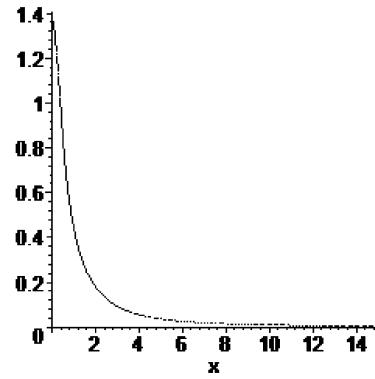


Fig. 5: $\theta(x,t)$ when $t=0.25$ Line:HPM, Point:exact

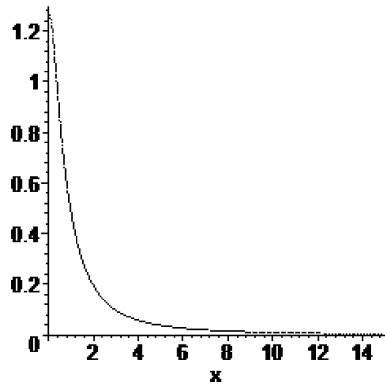


Fig. 2: $u(x,t)$ when $t=0.25$ Line:HPM, Point:exact

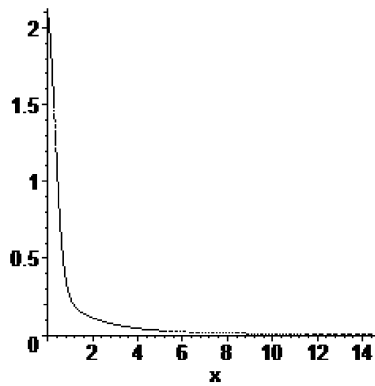


Fig. 6: $\theta(x,t)$ when $t=0.5$ Line:HPM, Point:exact

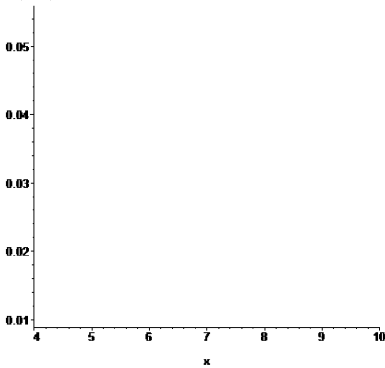


Fig. 3: Absolute error when $t=0.25$

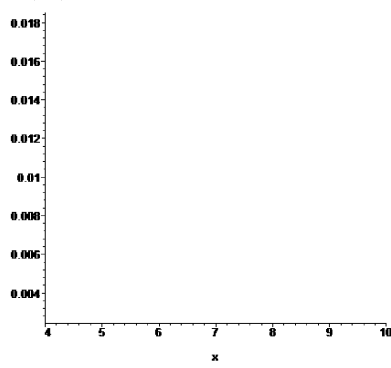


Fig. 7: Absolute error when $t=0.25$

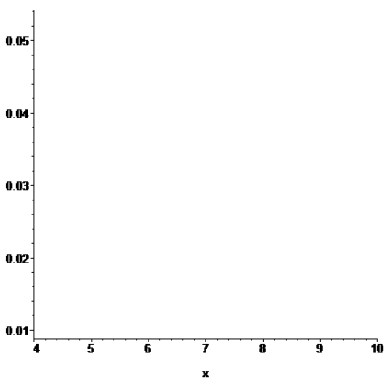


Fig. 4: Absolute error when $t=0.5$

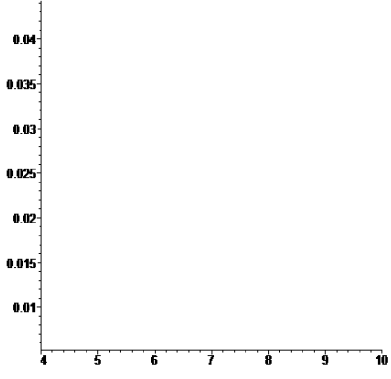


Fig. 8: Absolute error when $t=0.5$

CONCLUSIONS

In this study, we have successfully applied HPM to obtain an approximation of the analytic solution of the Cauchy problem arising in one dimensional nonlinear thermoelasticity. In this method, the solution is found in the form of a convergent series with easily computed components. The results obtained by homotopy perturbation method are compared with those of the exact solution, which shows very good agreement, even using only few terms of the recursive relations. In general, this method provides highly accurate numerical solutions and can be applied to wide class of nonlinear problems. Homotopy perturbation method does not require small parameters which are needed by perturbation method. Also the method avoids linearization and physically unrealistic assumptions.

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