

Euler Matrix Method for Solving Complex Differential Equations with Variable Coefficients in Rectangular Domains

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Abstract: In this study, we examine the approximate solutions of complex differential equations in rectangular domains by using Euler polynomials. We construct the matrix forms of Euler polynomials and their derivatives to transform the considered differential equation to matrix equation with unknown Euler coefficients. This matrix equation is also equivalent to a system of linear algebraic equations. Linear system is solved by substituting collocation points into those matrix forms to get the unknown Euler coefficients. Determining these coefficients provides the approximate solutions of the given complex differential equations under the given conditions.

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1. Introduction

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Complex differential equations arise from many important applications in physics, engineering, applied science, etc. Vibrations of a one-mass system with two DOFs (degree of freedom) are a good example to illustrate the one of the many implementations of them. Complex differential equations have been tried to solve by some techniques [1]-[4]. However, it is not always possible to have the solution of these differential equations explicitly. So, researchers need some numerical techniques to cope with difficulties generated from the structure of complex differential equations. Collocation methods are one of the well-known methods for solving many differential equations [5]-[10] and they are also useful for complex differential equations.

This paper offers Euler matrix method for solving linear complex differential equations with variable coefficients in a rectangular domain such as:

$$f^{(m)}(z) + \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} P_k(z) f^{(k)}(z) = S(z) \quad (1)$$
$$m \geq 1, z = x + iy, x \in [a, b], y \in [c, d]$$

under the conditions:

$$f^{(r)}(0) = \alpha_r, r = 0, 1, \dots, m-1. \quad (2)$$

Here we assume that the coefficients $P_k(z)$, known function $S(z)$ and unknown function $f(z)$ are analytic functions in the rectangular domain $D = \{z \in C : z = x + iy, a \leq x \leq b, c \leq y \leq d : a, b, c, d \in R\}$ where the coefficients α_r are suitable constants. We assume that the solution of Eq. (1) under the given conditions (2) is given in the form:

$$f(z) \approx f_N(z) = \sum_{n=0}^N f_n E_n(z) \quad (3)$$

which is the truncated Euler series of the unknown function $f(z)$. In order to determine the Euler coefficients f_n , we use the collocation points [5], [6]:

$$z_{pp} = x_p + iy_p \quad (4)$$

where

$$x_p = a + \frac{b-a}{N} p, y_p = c + \frac{d-c}{N} p, p = 0, 1, \dots, N. \quad (5)$$

2. Revision of Euler Polynomials and Operational Matrix Review Stage

The classical Euler polynomials $E_n(x)$ are defined as [11]-[13]:

$$e^{E(x)t} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} E_n(x) \frac{t^n}{n!} = \frac{2}{e^t + 1} e^{xt}, |t| < \pi \quad (6)$$

The first few Euler polynomials are:

$$\begin{aligned} E_0(x) &= 1 \\ E_1(x) &= x - \frac{1}{2} \\ E_2(x) &= x^2 - x \\ E_3(x) &= x^3 - \frac{3}{2}x^2 + \frac{1}{4} \\ E_4(x) &= x^4 - 2x^3 + x \\ E_5(x) &= x^5 - \frac{5}{2}x^4 + \frac{5}{2}x^2 - \frac{1}{2} \\ E_6(x) &= x^6 - 3x^5 + 5x^3 - 3x \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

Some basic properties about these polynomials are as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} E_k(x) + E_n(x) &= 2x^n \\
 E_n(x+y) &= \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} E_k(x) y^{n-k} \\
 E_N(x) &= \sum_{n=0}^N \binom{N}{n} E_n(0) x^{N-n}
 \end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

They also satisfy the relations:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{d E_n(x)}{dx} &= n E_{n-1}(x) \quad (n \geq 1) \\
 \int_0^1 E_n(x) dx &= -\frac{2E_{n+1}}{n+1}
 \end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

$$E_n(x+1) + E_n(x) = 2x^n \tag{10}$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} E_k(x) E_{n-k}(w) = 2(1-w-z) E_n(z+w) + 2E_{n+1}(z+w), \quad n \geq 0 \tag{11}$$

and also the following differential equation:

$$\frac{E_n(0)}{n!} y^{(n)}(x) + \frac{E_{n-1}(0)}{(n-1)!} y^{(n-1)}(x) + \cdots + \frac{E_2(0)}{2!} y''(x) + \left(\frac{1}{2} - x\right) y'(x) + ny(x) = 0 \tag{12}$$

If we define the Euler vector $E(x)$ in the form $E(x) = [E_0(x), E_1(x), E_2(x), \dots, E_n(x)]$, we can write the following relation by means of the property (9)

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} E_0'(x) \\ E_1'(x) \\ E_2'(x) \\ \vdots \\ E_{n-1}'(x) \\ E_n'(x) \end{bmatrix}}_{E'(x)^T} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & N-1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 & N & 0 \end{bmatrix}}_M \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} E_0(x) \\ E_1(x) \\ E_2(x) \\ \vdots \\ E_{n-1}(x) \\ E_n(x) \end{bmatrix}}_{E^T} \tag{13}$$

M is called the operational matrix of differentiation. Note that if we use the complex variable z instead of the real variable x in the matrix relation (13), we get the same result since the well-known property $(z^n)' = nz^{n-1}$. Hence, k th derivative of $E(x)$ can be constructed as:

$$\begin{aligned}
 E'(x)^T &= ME(x)^T \\
 \Rightarrow E^{(1)}(x) &= E(x)M^T \\
 E^{(2)}(x) &= E^{(1)}(x)M^T = E(x)(M^T)^2 \\
 E^{(3)}(x) &= E^{(1)}(x)(M^T)^2 = E(x)(M^T)^3 \\
 &\vdots \\
 E^{(k)}(x) &= E(x)(M^T)^k.
 \end{aligned} \tag{14}$$

3. Method of Solution

Let us consider the complex differential equation with variable coefficients (1) and the truncated series or its approximated solution $f_N(z)$. Evidently, $f_N(z)$ can be written as:

$$f_N(z) = E(z)F \quad (15)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} E(z) &= [E_0(z) \quad E_1(z) \quad \cdots \quad E_N(z)] \\ F &= [f_0 \quad f_1 \quad \cdots \quad f_N]^T \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

Thus, by considering the Eq.(14) we can get

$$f_N^{(k)}(z) = E(z)(M^T)^k F, \quad k \leq N \quad (17)$$

Using the collocation points $z = z_{pp} \ (p = 0, 1, \dots, N)$, the matrix relation (17) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} f_N^{(k)}(z_{00}) &= E(z_{00})(M^T)^k F, \\ f_N^{(k)}(z_{11}) &= E(z_{11})(M^T)^k F, \\ &\vdots \\ f_N^{(k)}(z_{NN}) &= E(z_{NN})(M^T)^k F. \end{aligned} \quad (18)$$

where

$$E(z_{pp}) = [E_0(z_{pp}) \quad E_1(z_{pp}) \quad \cdots \quad E_N(z_{pp})] \quad (19)$$

or briefly

$$F^{(k)} = \begin{bmatrix} f_N^{(k)}(z_{00}) \\ f_N^{(k)}(z_{11}) \\ \vdots \\ f_N^{(k)}(z_{NN}) \end{bmatrix} = L(M^T)^k F \quad (20)$$

where

$$L = \begin{bmatrix} E(z_{00}) \\ E(z_{11}) \\ \vdots \\ E(z_{NN}) \end{bmatrix} \quad (21)$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} E_0(z_{00}) & E_1(z_{00}) & E_2(z_{00}) & \cdots & E_N(z_{00}) \\ E_0(z_{11}) & E_1(z_{11}) & E_2(z_{11}) & \cdots & E_N(z_{11}) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ E_0(z_{NN}) & E_1(z_{NN}) & E_2(z_{NN}) & \cdots & E_N(z_{NN}) \end{bmatrix}$$

Substituting the collocation points $z = z_{pp}$ into Eq. (1) yields

$$f_N^{(m)}(z_{pp}) + \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} P_k(z_{pp}) f_N^{(k)}(z_{pp}) = S(z_{pp}), \quad p = 0, 1, \dots, N \quad (22)$$

or

$$F^{(m)} + \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} P_k F^{(k)} = L(M^T)^m + \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} P_k L(M^T)^k F = S \quad (23)$$

where

$$S = [S(z_{00}) \quad S(z_{11}) \quad \dots \quad S(z_{NN})]^T \quad (24)$$

And

$$P_k = \begin{bmatrix} P_k(z_{00}) & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & P_k(z_{11}) & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & P_k(z_{NN}) \end{bmatrix} \quad (25)$$

We now consider fundamental matrix Eq. (23) corresponding to Eq. (1). Eq. (23) can be rewritten in the form as:

$$WF = S \quad \text{or} \quad [W; S] = [w_{pq}; s_p] \quad p, q = 0, 1, \dots, N \quad (26)$$

where

$$W = L(M^T)^m + \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} P_k L(M^T)^k. \quad (27)$$

One can also obtain the corresponding matrix form for the given conditions (2) by using the relation (17) as follows:

$$f^{(r)}(0) = E(0)(M^T)^r F = \alpha_r, \quad r = 0, 1, \dots, m-1 \quad (28)$$

or in vector form

$$U_r F = \alpha_r \quad (29)$$

where

$$U_r = E(0)(M^T)^r, \quad r = 0, 1, \dots, m-1. \quad (30)$$

Equivalently, it can be written as the augmented matrix form:

$$[U_r; \alpha_r] = [u_{r0} \quad u_{r1} \quad u_{r2} \quad \dots \quad u_{rN} \quad ; \quad \alpha_r], \quad r = 0, 1, \dots, m-1. \quad (31)$$

Eventually, we replace the m row matrices (31) by the last m rows of the augmented matrix (27) to get the unknown Euler coefficients f_n , $n = 0, 1, \dots, N$ to obtain the approximate solution of the problem consisting of Eq. (1) and the conditions (2). By doing so, we have new augmented matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} \hat{W}; \hat{S} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} w_{00} & w_{01} & \dots & w_{0N} & ; & s_0 \\ w_{10} & w_{11} & \dots & w_{1N} & ; & s_1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ w_{N-m,0} & w_{N-m,1} & \dots & w_{N-m,N} & ; & s_{N-m} \\ u_{00} & u_{01} & \dots & u_{0N} & ; & \alpha_0 \\ u_{10} & u_{11} & \dots & u_{1N} & ; & \alpha_1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ u_{m-1,0} & u_{m-1,1} & \dots & u_{m-1,N} & ; & \alpha_{m-1} \end{bmatrix} \quad (32)$$

or the corresponding matrix-vector equation

$$\hat{W}F = \hat{S}. \quad (33)$$

If $\det(\hat{W}) \neq 0$, we can write (32) as

$$F = (\hat{W})^{-1} \hat{S} \quad (34)$$

and the matrix F can be uniquely determined. Thus the m th-order complex differential equation with variable coefficients (1) with the given conditions (2) has a unique solution. This solution is given by the truncated Euler series (3). For stability analysis of differential equations, we refer to [14]

4. Examples

Example 1. Consider the linear first order complex differential equation (5)

$$f'(z) + zf(z) = 2z^2 - z + 2, \quad z = x + iy, \quad x \in [0, 1], \quad y \in [0, 1] \quad (35)$$

with $f(0) = -1$.

Collocation points for $N = 3$ are

$$z_{00} = 0, \quad z_{11} = (1+i)/3, \quad z_{22} = (2+2i)/3 \quad \text{and} \quad z_{33} = 1+i. \quad (36)$$

We need to find the Euler coefficients f_0, f_1, f_2, f_3 by accepting the approximate solution as in the form

of Eq. 3

$$f_3(z) = \sum_{n=0}^3 f_n E_n(z), \quad z \in D. \quad (37)$$

We have $P_0(z) = z$ and $S(z) = 2z^2 - z + 2$, then

$$P_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.3333 + 0.3333i & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.6667 + 0.6667i & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1.0000 \end{bmatrix}, \quad (38)$$

$$S = \begin{bmatrix} S(z_{00}) \\ S(z_{11}) \\ S(z_{22}) \\ S(z_{33}) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2.0000 \\ 1.6667 + 0.1111i \\ 1.3333 + 1.1111i \\ 1.0000 + 3.0000i \end{bmatrix} \quad (39)$$

and for $N = 3$ we get

$$L = \begin{bmatrix} E(z_{00}) \\ E(z_{11}) \\ E(z_{22}) \\ E(z_{33}) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} E_0(z_{00}) & E_1(z_{00}) & E_2(z_{00}) & E_0(z_{00}) \\ E_0(z_{11}) & E_1(z_{11}) & E_2(z_{11}) & E_0(z_{11}) \\ E_0(z_{22}) & E_1(z_{22}) & E_2(z_{22}) & E_0(z_{22}) \\ E_0(z_{33}) & E_1(z_{33}) & E_2(z_{33}) & E_0(z_{33}) \end{bmatrix} \quad (40)$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1.0000 & -0.5000 & 0 & 0.2500 \\ 1.0000 & -0.1667 + 0.3333i & -0.3333 - 0.1111i & 0.1759 - 0.2592i \\ 1.0000 & 0.1667 + 0.6667i & -0.6666 + 0.2222i & -0.3425 - 0.7407i \\ 1.0000 & 0.5000 + 1.0000i & -1.0000 + 1.0000i & -1.7500 - 1.0000i \end{bmatrix}$$

where

$$E_0(z) = 1, \quad E_1(z) = z - 1/2, \quad E_2(z) = z^2 - z, \quad E_3(z) = z^3 - (3/2)z^2 + (1/4). \quad (41)$$

According to (27), we obtain the coefficients matrix

$$W = L(M^T) + P_0 L = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1.0000 & -1.0000 & 0 \\ 0.3333 + 0.3333i & 0.8333 + 0.0555i & -0.4074 + 0.5185i & -0.8548 - 0.3610i \\ 0.6667 + 0.6667i & 0.6666 + 0.5556i & 0.6297 + 1.9260i & -1.7346 - 0.0555i \\ 1.0000 + 1.0000i & 0.5000 + 1.5000i & -1.0000 + 2.0000i & -3.7500 + 0.2500i \end{bmatrix}. \quad (42)$$

For the initial condition $f(0) = -1$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} [U_0; \alpha_0] &= [E(0); S(0)] \\ &= [1.0000 \quad -0.5000 \quad 0 \quad 0.2500 \quad ; \quad -1] \end{aligned} \quad (43)$$

Substituting the matrix form of initial conditions into W and S , we obtain fundamental matrix

$$\hat{W} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1.0000 & -1.0000 & 0 \\ 0.3333+0.3333i & 0.8333+0.0555i & -0.4074+0.5185i & -0.8548-0.3610i \\ 0.6667+0.6667i & 0.6666+0.5556i & 0.6297+1.9260i & -1.7346-0.0555i \\ 1.0000 & -0.5000 & 0 & 0.2500 \end{bmatrix} \quad (44)$$

and

$$\hat{S} = \begin{bmatrix} 2.0000 \\ 1.6667+0.1111i \\ 1.3333+1.1111i \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (45)$$

Computing $F = (W)^{-1} \hat{S}$, we have

$$F = \begin{bmatrix} -0.0000+0.0000i \\ 2.0000-0.0000i \\ -0.0000-0.0000i \\ -0.0000+0.0000i \end{bmatrix}. \quad (46)$$

Substituting these coefficients into the Eq.(3), we obtain $f_3 = E(z)F = 2z - 1$ which is the exact solution of the given problem.

Example 2. Let us consider the following second order complex differential equation (5)

$$f''(z) + zf'(z) + zf(z) = e^z + 2ze^z \quad (47)$$

under the initial conditions $f(0) = f'(0) = 1$.

Here $P_0(z) = P_1(z) = z$ and $S(z) = e^z + 2ze^z$.

We have collocation points

$$z_{00} = 0, z_{11} = (1+i)/5, z_{22} = (2+2i)/5, z_{33} = (3+3i)/5, z_{44} = (4+4i)/5, z_{55} = 1+i$$

for $N = 5$. Hence, we obtain

$$P_0 = P_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.2+0.2i & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.4+0.4i & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0.6+0.6i & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0.8+0.8i & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1+i \end{bmatrix}, \quad S = \begin{bmatrix} 1.0000 \\ 1.5788+0.8185i \\ 2.0086+2.1449i \\ 2.0739+4.0681i \\ 1.4770+6.6318i \\ -0.1686+9.7995i \end{bmatrix}. \quad (48)$$

Also, we can write matrix forms of initial conditions as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} [E(0); 1] &= [1.0000 \quad -0.5000 \quad 0 \quad 0.2500 \quad 0 \quad -0.5000 \quad ; \quad 1] \\ [E(0)M^T; 1] &= [0 \quad 1.0000 \quad -1.0000 \quad 0 \quad 1.0000 \quad 0 \quad ; \quad 1] \end{aligned} \quad (49)$$

We proceed as in the previous example by replacing rows, then we find the coefficients matrix of the approximate solution

$$F = \begin{bmatrix} 1.7184 - 0.0000i \\ 1.7189 + 0.0003i \\ 0.8603 + 0.0021i \\ 0.2864 + 0.0056i \\ 0.0693 + 0.0048i \\ -0.0107 + 0.0034i \end{bmatrix}. \quad (50)$$

The exact solution is given as $e^z = e^{x+iy} = e^x \cos(y) + i(e^x \sin(y))$.

We compare this solution with the approximate solution for $N = 5, 6, 7$ in Tables 1.

Table 1. The Absolute Error for the Present Method at Various Points for Example 2

z	Exact solution	N=5	N=6	N=7
0.0 + 0.0i	0.000000000 0.000000000i	0.0000000	0.0000000	0.0000000
0.2 + 0.2i	0.242655268 0.242655268i	0.3947E-7	0.1645E-7	0.8650E-8
0.4 + 0.4i	0.580943900 0.580943900i	0.8493E-5	0.2289E-6	0.0254E-7
0.6 + 0.6i	1.028845666 1.028845666i	0.1928E-4	0.1325E-5	0.3256E-7
0.8 + 0.8i	1.596505341 1.596505341i	0.0902E-3	0.9232E-5	0.0254E-5
1.0 + 1.0i	2.287355287 2.287355287i	0.4977E-3	0.5524E-4	0.6659E-5

5. Conclusions

Complex differential equations are very complicated to obtain an analytic solution. So, researchers need to use some numerical methods to deal with them. We here offer Euler operational matrix method for solving high order complex differential equations with variable coefficients. Using collocation points with this method yields good results as in the given examples. Especially, if the considered problems have exact solution which is a polynomial of degree or less than , then we can obtain the exact solution. In other cases, we can also have the approximate solutions which are compatible with the solution of the considered problem.

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