

# On the Construction of Analytic-Numerical Approximations for a Class of Coupled Differential Models in Engineering

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## Abstract

In this paper, a method to construct an analytic-numerical solution for homogeneous parabolic coupled systems with homogeneous boundary conditions of the type  $u_t = Au_{xx}$ ,

 $A_1u(0,t) + B_1u_x(0,t) = 0$ ,  $A_2u(1,t) + B_2u_x(1,t) = 0$ , 0 < x < 1, t > 0, u(x,0) = f(x), where A is a positive stable matrix and  $A_1$ ,  $A_2$ ,  $B_1$ ,  $B_2$  are arbitrary matrices for which the block matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} A_1 & B_1 \end{pmatrix}$  is non-singular is grouped.

 $\begin{pmatrix} A_1 & B_1 \\ A_2 & B_2 \end{pmatrix}$  is non-singular, is proposed.

## **Keywords**

Coupled Diffusion Problems, Coupled Boundary Conditions, Vector Boundary-Value Differential Systems, Sturm-Liouville Vector Problems, Analytic-Numerical Solution

## **1. Introduction**

Coupled partial differential systems with coupled boundary-value conditions are frequent in different areas of science and technology, as in scattering problems in Quantum Mechanics [1]-[3], in Chemical Physics [4]-[6], coupled diffusion problems [7]-[9], modelling of coupled thermoelastoplastic response of clays subjected to

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Recently [15] [16], an exact series solution for the homogeneous initial-value problem

$$u_t(x,t) - Au_{xx}(x,t) = 0, \quad 0 < x < 1, \quad t > 0$$
(1)

$$A_{1}u(0,t) + B_{1}u_{x}(0,t) = 0, \quad t > 0$$
<sup>(2)</sup>

$$A_{2}u(1,t) + B_{2}u_{x}(1,t) = 0, \quad t > 0$$
(3)

$$u(x,0) = f(x), \quad 0 \le x \le 1 \tag{4}$$

where  $u = (u_1, u_2, \dots, u_m)^T$  and  $f(x) = (f_1(x), f_2(x), \dots, f_m(x))^T$  are a *m*-dimensional vectors, was constructed under the following hypotheses and notation:

1. The matrix coefficient A is a matrix which satisfies the following condition

$$\operatorname{Re}(z) > 0, \quad \forall z \in \sigma(A) \tag{5}$$

where  $\sigma(C)$  denotes the set of all the eigenvalues of a matrix C in  $\mathbb{C}^{m \times m}$ . Thus, A is a *positive stable* matrix (where  $\operatorname{Re}(z)$  denotes the real part of  $z \in \mathbb{C}$ ).

2. Matrices  $A_i$ ,  $B_i$ , i = 1, 2, are  $m \times m$  complex matrices, and we assume that the block matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} A_1 & B_1 \\ A_2 & B_2 \end{pmatrix} \text{ is regular,} \tag{6}$$

and also that the matrix pencil

$$A_1 + \rho B_1$$
 is regular. (7)

Condition (7) is well known in the literature of singular systems of differential equations, see [17], and involves the existence of some  $\rho_0 \in \mathbb{C}$  so that matrix  $A_1 + \rho_0 B_1$  is invertible. In this case, matrix  $A_1 + \rho B_1$  is invertible with the possible exception of at most a finite number of complex numbers  $\rho$ . In particular, we may assume that  $\rho_0 \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Using condition (7) we can introduce the following matrices  $\tilde{A}_1$  and  $\tilde{B}_1$  defined by

$$\tilde{A}_{1} = (A_{1} + \rho_{0}B_{1})^{-1}A_{1}, \quad \tilde{B}_{1} = (A_{1} + \rho_{0}B_{1})^{-1}B_{1}$$
(8)

which satisfy the condition  $\tilde{A}_1 + \rho_0 \tilde{B}_1 = I$ , where matrix I denotes, as usual, the identity matrix. Under hypothesis (6), is it easy to show that matrix  $B_2 - (A_2 + \rho_0 B_2)\tilde{B}_1$  is regular (see [18] for details) and we can introduce matrices  $\tilde{A}_2$  and  $\tilde{B}_2$  defined by

$$\tilde{A}_{2} = \begin{bmatrix} B_{2} - (A_{2} + \rho_{0}B_{2})\tilde{B}_{1} \end{bmatrix}^{-1}A_{2}, \quad \tilde{B}_{2} = \begin{bmatrix} B_{2} - (A_{2} + \rho_{0}B_{2})\tilde{B}_{1} \end{bmatrix}^{-1}B_{2}$$
(9)

that satisfy the conditions  $\tilde{B}_2 - (\tilde{A}_2 + \rho_0 \tilde{B}_2)\tilde{B}_1 = I$ ,  $\tilde{B}_2 \tilde{A}_1 - \tilde{A}_2 \tilde{B}_1 = I$ .

Under the above assumptions, the homogeneous problem (1)-(4) was solved in [15] [16] in two different cases:

(a) If we consider the following hypotheses:

exist 
$$b_1 \in \sigma(\tilde{B}_1) - \{0\}, b_2 \in \sigma(\tilde{B}_2)$$
, and  $v \in \mathbb{C}^m - \{0\}$ , such that  $(\tilde{B}_1 - b_1 I)v = (\tilde{B}_2 - b_2 I)v = 0$  (10)

Then, if the vector valued function f(x) satisfies hypotheses

$$\begin{cases}
f \in C^{2}([0,1]) \\
(1-\rho_{0}b_{1})f(0) + b_{1}f'(0) = 0 \\
-\left(\frac{1-b_{2}+\rho_{0}b_{1}b_{2}}{b_{1}}\right)f(1) + b_{2}f'(1) = 0
\end{cases}$$
(11)

with the additional condition:

$$f(x) \in \operatorname{Ker}(\tilde{B}_1 - b_1 I) \cap \operatorname{Ker}(\tilde{B}_2 - b_2 I), \quad 0 \le x \le 1$$
  
and (12)

 $\operatorname{Ker}(\tilde{B}_1 - b_1 I) \cap \operatorname{Ker}(\tilde{B}_2 - b_2 I)$  is an invariant subspace with respect to matrix A,

where a subspace E of  $\mathbb{C}^m$  is invariant by the matrix  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times m}$  if  $A(E) \subset E$ , we can construct an exact series solution u(x,t) of homogeneous problem (1)-(4). This construction was made in Ref. [15].

(b) If we consider the following hypotheses:

$$0 \in \sigma(\tilde{B}_1), \ a_2 \in \sigma(\tilde{A}_2), \text{ and we have } w \in \mathbb{C}^m - \{0\}, \text{ so that } \tilde{B}_1 w = \left(\tilde{A}_2 - a_2 I\right) w = 0$$
(13)

Then, if the vector valued function f(x) satisfies the hypotheses

$$\begin{cases} f \in C^{2}([0,1]) \\ f(0) = 0 \\ a_{2}f(1) + f'(1) = 0 \end{cases}$$
(14)

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under the additional condition:

$$f(x) \in \operatorname{Ker}(\tilde{B}_{1}) \cap \operatorname{Ker}(\tilde{A}_{2} - a_{2}I), \quad 0 \le x \le 1$$
  
and (15)

 $\operatorname{Ker}(\tilde{B}_1) \cap \operatorname{Ker}(\tilde{A}_2 - a_2 I)$  is an invariant subspace respect to matrix A,

then we can construct an exact series solution u(x,t) of homogeneous problem (1)-(4). This construction was made in Ref. [16].

Observe that under the different hypotheses (a) and (b), the exact solution of problem (1)-(1) is given by the series

$$u(x,t) = \alpha\left(\left(1-\rho_0 b_1\right)x - b_1\right)C(0) + \sum_{\lambda_n \in \mathcal{F}} e^{-\lambda_n^2 A t} X_{\lambda_n}(x)C(\lambda_n), \quad x \in [0,1], \quad t \ge 0$$
(16)

where, under hypothesis (a), the value of  $\alpha$  is given by

$$\alpha = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \frac{(1-b_2+\rho_0 b_1 b_2)(1-\rho_0 b_1)}{b_1} = 1\\ 0 & \text{if } \frac{(1-b_2+\rho_0 b_1 b_2)(1-\rho_0 b_1)}{b_1} \neq 1 \end{cases}$$
(17)

and  $\mathcal{F}$  is the set of eigenvalues  $\lambda_n \in (n\pi, (n+1)\pi)$ , where  $\lambda_n$  is the solution of the equation

$$\lambda \cot(\lambda) = \frac{(1 - b_2 + \rho_0 b_1 b_2)(1 - \rho_0 b_1)}{b_1} - b_1 b_2 \lambda^2$$
(18)

with an additional solution  $\lambda_0 \in (0, \pi)$  if

$$\frac{(1-b_2+\rho_0 b_1 b_2)(1-\rho_0 b_1)}{b_1} < 1$$
<sup>(19)</sup>

and under hypothesis (b), the value of  $\alpha$  is given by

$$\alpha = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } -a_2 = 1 \\ 0 & \text{if } -a_2 \neq 1 \end{cases}$$
(20)

and  $\mathcal{F}$  is the set of eigenvalues  $\lambda_n \in (n\pi, (n+1)\pi)$ , where  $\lambda_n$  is the solution of the equation

 $\lambda \cot\left(\lambda\right) = -a_2 \tag{21}$ 

with an additional solution  $\lambda_0 \in (0, \pi)$  if

$$-a_2 < 1$$
 (22)

Under both hypotheses (a) and (b), the value of  $X_{\lambda}(x)$ ,  $C(\lambda_n)$  and C(0) are given by

$$X_{\lambda_n}(x) = \left( \left(1 - \rho_0 b_1\right) \sin\left(\lambda_n x\right) - b_1 \lambda_n \cos\left(\lambda_n x\right) \right)$$
(23)

$$C(\lambda_n) = \frac{\int_0^1 ((1-\rho_0 b_1) \sin(\lambda_n x) - b_1 \lambda_n \cos(\lambda_n x)) f(x) dx}{\int_0^1 ((1-\rho_0 b_1) \sin(\lambda_n x) - b_1 \lambda_n \cos(\lambda_n x))^2 dx}$$
(24)

and

$$C(0) = \frac{\int_{0}^{1} ((1 - \rho_0 b_1) x - b_1) f(x) dx}{\int_{0}^{1} ((1 - \rho_0 b_1) x - b_1)^2 dx}$$
(25)

taking  $b_1 = 0$  in Formulaes (23)-(25) if we consider hypothesis (b).

The series solution of problem (1)-(4) given in (16) presents some computational difficulties:

(a) The infiniteness of the series.

(b) Eigenvalues  $\lambda_n$  are not exactly computable because Equation (18) (or Equation (21) under hypothesis (b) holds) is not solvable in a closed form, although well known and efficient algorithms for approximation, see references [13] [19] [20].

(c) Other problem is the calculation of the matrix exponential, which may present difficulties, see [21] [22] for example.

For this reason we propose in this paper to solve the following problem:

Given an admissible error  $\varepsilon > 0$  and a bounded subdomain  $D[t_0, t_1] = [0, 1] \times [t_0, t_1]$ ,  $t_0 > 0$ . How do we construct an approximation that avoids the above-quoted difficulties and whose error with respect to the exact solution (16) is less than  $\varepsilon$  uniformly in  $D[t_0, t_1]$ ?

This paper deals with the construction of analytic-numerical solutions of problem (1)-(4) in a subdomain  $D[t_0,t_1] = [0,1] \times [t_0,t_1]$ ,  $t_0 > 0$ , with *a priori* error  $\varepsilon > 0$ . The work is organized as follows: in Section 2 we

construct the approximate solution. In Section 3 we will introduce an algorithm and give an illustrative example. Throughout this paper we will assume the results and nomenclature given in [15] [16]. If  $B = (b_{ij})$  is a matrix in  $\mathbb{C}^{m \times m}$ , its 2-norm denoted by ||B|| is defined by ([23], p. 56)

$$||B|| = \sup_{z \neq 0} \frac{||Bz||_2}{||z||_2}$$

where for a vector y in  $\mathbb{C}^m$ ,  $\|z\|_2$  is the usual euclidean norm of y, and the 2-norm satisfies

$$\max_{i,j} \left| b_{ij} \right| \le \left\| B \right\| \le m \max_{i,j} \left| b_{ij} \right|$$

Let us introduce the notation

$$\alpha(C) = \max\left\{\operatorname{Re}(z); z \in \sigma(C)\right\}$$
(26)

and by ([23], p. 556) it follows that

$$\left\| e^{tB} \right\| \le e^{\alpha(B)t} \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} \frac{\left\| \sqrt{mB} \right\|^k t^k}{k!}$$
(27)

## 2. The Proposed Approximation

Let  $(x,t) \in D[t_0,t_1] = [0,1] \times [t_0,t_1]$ ,  $t_0 > 0$ , be and we take an admissible error  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Observe first that given (24), using Parseval's identity for scalar Sturm-Liouville problems, see [24] and ([11], p. 223), one gets that

$$\left\|C\left(\lambda_{n}\right)\right\|^{2} \leq \int_{0}^{1}\left\|f\left(x\right)\right\|^{2} \mathrm{d}x, \quad \lambda_{n} \in \mathcal{F}$$

Thus, we can take a positive constant M > 0, defined by

$$M = \int_{0}^{1} \left\| f(x) \right\|^{2} \mathrm{d}x$$
 (28)

satisfying

$$\left\|C\left(\lambda_{n}\right)\right\|^{2} \leq M, \quad \lambda_{n} \in \mathcal{F}$$

$$\tag{29}$$

Moreover, by (23), we have

$$|X_{\lambda_n}(x)|^2 = \left| \left( (1 - \rho_0 b_1) \sin(\lambda_n x) - b_1 \lambda_n \cos(\lambda_n x) \right) \right|^2 \le |1 - \rho_0 b_1|^2 + |b_1|^2 \lambda_n^2 + 2|1 - \rho_0 b_1| |b_1| \lambda_n.$$

If we define  $\beta > 0$  by

$$\beta = \max\left\{ \left| 1 - \rho_0 b_1 \right|^2, \left| b_1 \right|^2, \left| 1 - \rho_0 b_1 \right| \left| b_1 \right| \right\}$$
(30)

we have that

$$\left|X_{\lambda_{n}}\left(x\right)\right|^{2} \leq \beta \left(1+\lambda_{n}\right)^{2}, \quad \lambda_{n} \in \mathcal{F}$$

$$(31)$$

On the other hand, we know from (27) that

$$\left\| \mathrm{e}^{-A\lambda_n^2 t} \right\| \le \mathrm{e}^{-\alpha(A)\lambda_n^2 t} \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} \frac{\left\| \sqrt{m}A \right\|^k t^k \lambda_n^{2k}}{k!}$$

where, as  $\lambda_n \ge 1$ ,  $n \ge 1$ , we have for  $t \in [t_0, t_1]$ :

$$\left\| e^{-A\lambda_{n}^{2}t} \right\|^{2} \le e^{-2\alpha(A)\lambda_{n}^{2}t_{0}} \left( \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} \frac{\left\| \sqrt{m}A \right\|^{k} t_{1}^{k}}{k!} \right)^{2} \lambda_{n}^{4m-4} = L^{2}\lambda_{n}^{4m-4} e^{-2\alpha(A)\lambda_{n}^{2}t_{0}} = L^{2}\lambda_{n}^{-4} \left( \lambda_{n}^{4m} e^{-2\alpha(A)\lambda_{n}^{2}t_{0}} \right)$$
(32)

where

$$L = \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} \frac{\left\|\sqrt{m}A\right\|^{k} t_{1}^{k}}{k!} > 0$$
(33)

Observe that for a fixed  $m \ge 0$  the numerical series  $\sum_{\lambda_n \in \mathcal{F}} \lambda_n^{4m} e^{-2\alpha(A)\lambda_n^2 t_0}$  is convergent, because using Lemma 1 of Ref. [15] if hypothesis (a) holds, or Lemma 2 of Ref. [16] if hypothesis (b) holds, one gets  $\lim_{n \to \infty} \lambda_n = \infty$ ,  $\lim_{n \to \infty} (\lambda_{n+1} - \lambda_n) = \pi$ , and by application of D'Alembert's criterion for series:

$$\lim_{n\to\infty}\frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} = \lim_{n\to\infty}\left(\frac{\lambda_{n+1}}{\lambda_n}\right)^{4m} e^{-2\alpha(A)t_0\left(\lambda_{n+1}^2 - \lambda_n^2\right)} \le \lim_{n\to\infty} e^{-\alpha(A)t_0\left(\lambda_{n+1}^2 - \lambda_n^2\right)}\left(\frac{n+2}{n}\right)^{4m} = e^{\lim_{n\to\infty}-\alpha(A)t_0\pi(\lambda_{n+1} + \lambda_n)} = 0$$

then

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \lambda_n^{4m} \mathrm{e}^{-2\alpha(\Lambda)\lambda_n^2 t_0} = 0.$$
(34)

Taking into account that  $(1+\lambda_n)^2 > 1$  and M > 0,  $\beta > 0$ , it follows that

$$\frac{1}{M\beta\left(1+\lambda_{n}\right)^{2}L^{2}} < \frac{1}{M\beta L^{2}} < 1$$
(35)

and by (34) there is a positive integer  $n_0$  so that

$$\lambda_n^{4m} \mathrm{e}^{-2\alpha(A)\lambda_n^2 t_0} < \frac{1}{M\beta(1+\lambda_n)^2 L^2}, \quad \forall n \ge n_0$$
(36)

Using (29), (31), (32) and (36), if  $n \ge n_0$ , we have

$$\left\| e^{-A\lambda_n^2 t} X_{\lambda_n} \left( x \right) C\left( \lambda_n \right) \right\|^2 \le \left\| e^{-A\lambda_n^2 t} \right\|^2 \left\| X_{\lambda_n} \left( x \right) \right\|^2 \left\| C\left( \lambda_n \right) \right\|^2 = M \beta \left( 1 + \lambda_n \right)^2 L^2 \lambda_n^{-4} \left( \lambda_n^{4m} e^{-2\alpha(A)\lambda_n^2 t_0} \right) \le \lambda_n^{-4}$$

As eigenvalues  $\lambda_n \in (n\pi, (n+1)\pi)$ , then, for n > 1 it follows that

$$\frac{1}{\lambda_n^4} < \frac{1}{n^4} \tag{37}$$

Taking into account that  $\sum_{n\geq 1} \frac{1}{n^4} = \frac{\pi^4}{90}$ , from (37) one gets that

$$\left\|\sum_{\substack{\lambda_n \in \mathcal{F} \\ n \ge n_0}} e^{-A\lambda_n^{2t}} X_{\lambda_n}(x) C(\lambda_n)\right\|^2 \le \sum_{\substack{\lambda_n \in \mathcal{F} \\ n \ge n_0}} \left\|e^{-A\lambda_n^{2t}} X_{\lambda_n}(x) C(\lambda_n)\right\|^2$$

$$\le \sum_{\substack{\lambda_n \in \mathcal{F} \\ n \ge n_0}} \frac{1}{\lambda_n^4}$$

$$\le \sum_{\substack{n \ge n_0}} \frac{1}{n^4}$$

$$= \frac{\pi^4}{90} - \sum_{n=1}^{n_0} \frac{1}{n^4}$$
(39)

We take the first positive integer  $n_1$  so that

$$\sum_{n=1}^{n_1} \frac{1}{n^4} \ge \frac{\pi^4}{90} - \frac{\varepsilon}{3}, \quad n_1 \ge n_0$$
(40)

We define the vector valued function  $u(x,t,n_1)$  as

$$u(x,t,n_1) = \alpha \left( \left(1 - \rho_0 b_1\right) x - b_1 \right) C(0) + \sum_{\substack{\lambda_n \in \mathcal{F} \\ n \le n_1}} e^{-\lambda_n^2 A t} X_{\lambda_n}(x) C(\lambda_n), \quad (x,t) \in D[t_0,t_1]$$

$$\tag{41}$$

Using (38) one gets that

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| u(x,t) - u(x,t,n_1) \right\|^2 &\leq \left\| \sum_{\substack{\lambda_n \in \mathcal{F} \\ n \geq n_1}} e^{-\lambda_n^2 A t} X_{\lambda_n}(x) C(\lambda_n) \right\|^2 \\ &\leq \frac{\pi^4}{90} - \sum_{n=1}^{n_1} \frac{1}{n^4} \\ &\leq \frac{\pi^4}{90} - \frac{\pi^4}{90} + \frac{\varepsilon}{3} \\ &= \frac{\varepsilon}{3}, \end{aligned}$$

thus

$$\left\| u\left(x,t\right) - u\left(x,t,n_{1}\right) \right\|^{2} \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{3}, \quad \left(x,t\right) \in D\left[t_{0},t_{1}\right]$$

$$\tag{42}$$

**Remark 1.** Note that to determine the positive integer  $n_0$  we need to check condition (36), which requires knowledge the exact eigenvalues  $\lambda_n$ . From Ref. [15] [16] it is well know that  $\lambda_n \in (n\pi, (n+1)\pi)$ , then

$$\lambda_n^{4m} \mathrm{e}^{-2\alpha(A)\lambda_n^2 t_0} < (n\pi)^{4m} \mathrm{e}^{-2\alpha(A)n^2 \pi^2 t_0}$$

and by (35), we can replace condition (36) by take the first positive integer  $n_0$  satisfying

$$(n\pi)^{4m} e^{-2\alpha(A)n^2\pi^2 t_0} < \frac{1}{M\beta L^2}.$$
(43)

Approximation  $u(x,t,n_1)$  defined by (41) involves computation of the exact eigenvalues  $\lambda_n$ ,  $n \le n_1$  which is not easy in practice. Now we study the admissible tolerance when one considers approximate eigenvalues  $\lambda_n$ ,  $n \le n_1$  in expression (41), taking

$$\tilde{u}(x,t,n_1) = \alpha \left( \left(1 - \rho_0 b_1\right) x - b_1 \right) C(0) + \sum_{n \le n_1} e^{-\tilde{\lambda}_n^2 A t} X_{\tilde{\lambda}_n}(x) C\left(\tilde{\lambda}_n\right)$$
(44)

where

$$X_{\widetilde{\lambda_{n}}}(x) = \left( \left(1 - \rho_{0} b_{1}\right) \sin\left(\widetilde{\lambda_{n}} x\right) - b_{1} \widetilde{\lambda_{n}} \cos\left(\widetilde{\lambda_{n}} x\right) \right), \quad x \in [0, 1]$$

$$(45)$$

$$C\left(\widetilde{\lambda_{n}}\right) = \frac{\int_{0}^{1} \left(\left(1-\rho_{0}b_{1}\right)\sin\left(\widetilde{\lambda_{n}}x\right)-b_{1}\widetilde{\lambda_{n}}\cos\left(\widetilde{\lambda_{n}}x\right)\right)f(x)dx}{\int_{0}^{1} \left(\left(1-\rho_{0}b_{1}\right)\sin\left(\widetilde{\lambda_{n}}x\right)-b_{1}\widetilde{\lambda_{n}}\cos\left(\widetilde{\lambda_{n}}x\right)\right)^{2}dx}$$
(46)

with C(0) defined by (25). Note that

$$e^{-\widetilde{\lambda_{n}}^{2}At}X_{\widetilde{\lambda_{n}}}(x)C(\widetilde{\lambda_{n}}) - e^{-\lambda_{n}^{2}At}X_{\lambda_{n}}(x)C(\lambda_{n})$$

$$= \left(e^{-\widetilde{\lambda_{n}}^{2}At} - e^{-\lambda_{n}^{2}At}\right)\left\{\left(1 - \rho_{0}b_{1}\right)\sin\left(\widetilde{\lambda_{n}}x\right) - b_{1}\widetilde{\lambda_{n}}\cos\left(\widetilde{\lambda_{n}}x\right)\right\}C(\widetilde{\lambda_{n}})$$

$$+ e^{-\lambda_{n}^{2}At}\left\{\left(1 - \rho_{0}b_{1}\right)\sin\left(\widetilde{\lambda_{n}}x\right) - b_{1}\widetilde{\lambda_{n}}\cos\left(\widetilde{\lambda_{n}}x\right) - (1 - \rho_{0}b_{1})\sin\left(\lambda_{n}x\right) + b_{1}\lambda_{n}\cos\left(\lambda_{n}x\right)\right\}C(\widetilde{\lambda_{n}})$$

$$+ e^{-\lambda_{n}^{2}At}\left\{\left(1 - \rho_{0}b_{1}\right)\sin\left(\lambda_{n}x\right) - b_{1}\lambda_{n}\cos\left(\lambda_{n}x\right)\right\}\left(C(\widetilde{\lambda_{n}}) - C(\lambda_{n})\right).$$
(47)

It is easy to see that

$$(1-\rho_0 b_1) \sin\left(\widetilde{\lambda_n} x\right) - b_1 \widetilde{\lambda_n} \cos\left(\widetilde{\lambda_n} x\right) \le |1-\rho_0 b_1| + |b_1| \widetilde{\lambda_n},$$
(48)

$$\left| \left( 1 - \rho_0 b_1 \right) \sin\left(\lambda_n x\right) - b_1 \lambda_n \cos\left(\lambda_n x\right) \right| \le \left| 1 - \rho_0 b_1 \right| + \left| b_1 \right| \lambda_n, \tag{49}$$

and

$$\left| (1 - \rho_0 b_1) \sin\left(\widetilde{\lambda}_n x\right) - b_1 \widetilde{\lambda}_n \cos\left(\widetilde{\lambda}_n x\right) - (1 - \rho_0 b_1) \sin\left(\lambda_n x\right) + b_1 \lambda_n \cos\left(\lambda_n x\right) \right| \leq \left( \left| 1 - \rho_0 b_1 \right| + \left| b_1 \right| (1 + \lambda_n) \right) \left| \lambda_n - \widetilde{\lambda}_n \right|.$$
(50)

Replacing in (47) and taking norms, one gets

$$\left| e^{-\widetilde{\lambda_{n}}^{2}At} X_{\widetilde{\lambda_{n}}}\left(x\right) C\left(\widetilde{\lambda_{n}}\right) - e^{-\lambda_{n}^{2}At} X_{\lambda_{n}}\left(x\right) C\left(\lambda_{n}\right) \right\| \leq \left\| e^{-\widetilde{\lambda_{n}}^{2}At} - e^{-\lambda_{n}^{2}At} \left\| \left( \left| 1 - \rho_{0}b_{1} \right| + \left| b_{1} \right| \widetilde{\lambda_{n}} \right) \right\| C\left(\widetilde{\lambda_{n}}\right) \right\|$$

$$+ \left\| e^{-\lambda_{n}^{2}At} \left\| \left( \left( \left| 1 - \rho_{0}b_{1} \right| + \left| b_{1} \right| \left(1 + \lambda_{n}\right) \right) \right| \lambda_{n} - \widetilde{\lambda_{n}} \right| \right) \right\| C\left(\widetilde{\lambda_{n}}\right) \right\|$$

$$+ \left\| e^{-\lambda_{n}^{2}At} \left\| \left( \left| 1 - \rho_{0}b_{1} \right| + \left| b_{1} \right| \lambda_{n} \right) \right\| C\left(\widetilde{\lambda_{n}}\right) - C\left(\lambda_{n}\right) \right\|.$$

$$(51)$$

We define  $I(\rho)$  for  $\rho > 0$  by

$$I(\rho) = \int_0^1 ((1 - \rho_0 b_1) \sin(\rho x) - b_1 \rho \cos(\rho x))^2 dx$$
(52)

by applying the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality for integrals and (28), one gets:

$$\int_{0}^{1} \left\| f(x) \right\| dx \le \left( \int_{0}^{1} \left\| f(x) \right\|^{2} dx \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \sqrt{M}$$

We have

$$\begin{split} \left\| C\left(\widetilde{\lambda_{n}}\right) \right\| &\leq \frac{1}{I\left(\widetilde{\lambda_{n}}\right)} \int_{0}^{1} \left| \left(1 - \rho_{0} b_{1}\right) \sin\left(\widetilde{\lambda_{n}} x\right) - b_{1} \widetilde{\lambda_{n}} \cos\left(\widetilde{\lambda_{n}} x\right) \right| \left\| f\left(x\right) \right\| dx \\ &\leq \frac{1}{I\left(\widetilde{\lambda_{n}}\right)} \int_{0}^{1} \left( \left|1 - \rho_{0} b_{1}\right| + \left|b_{1}\right| \widetilde{\lambda_{n}} \right) \right\| f\left(x\right) \right\| dx \\ &\leq \frac{\left|1 - \rho_{0} b_{1}\right| + \left|b_{1}\right| \widetilde{\lambda_{n}}}{I\left(\widetilde{\lambda_{n}}\right)} \int_{0}^{1} \left\| f\left(x\right) \right\| dx \\ &\leq \frac{\left|1 - \rho_{0} b_{1}\right| + \left|b_{1}\right| \widetilde{\lambda_{n}}}{I\left(\widetilde{\lambda_{n}}\right)} \sqrt{M}. \end{split}$$

Taking  $\gamma > 0$  satisfying

$$\min_{n \le n_1} \left\{ I(\rho), \rho = \lambda_n, \rho = \widetilde{\lambda_n} \right\} \ge 1/\gamma$$
(53)

it follows that

$$\left| C\left(\widetilde{\lambda_{n}}\right) \right| \leq \gamma \left( \left| 1 - \rho_{0} b_{1} \right| + \left| b_{1} \right| \widetilde{\lambda_{n}} \right) \sqrt{M}.$$
(54)

Moreover, working component by component:

$$C(\widetilde{\lambda_{n}})_{i} - C(\lambda_{n})_{i}$$

$$= \frac{\int_{0}^{1} X_{\widetilde{\lambda_{n}}}(x) f_{i}(x) dx}{I(\widetilde{\lambda_{n}})} - \frac{\int_{0}^{1} X_{\lambda_{n}}(x) f_{i}(x) dx}{I(\lambda_{n})}$$

$$= \frac{I(\lambda_{n}) \int_{0}^{1} X_{\widetilde{\lambda_{n}}}(x) f_{i}(x) dx - I(\widetilde{\lambda_{n}}) \int_{0}^{1} X_{\lambda_{n}}(x) f_{i}(x) dx}{I(\widetilde{\lambda_{n}}) I(\lambda_{n})}$$

$$= \frac{\left(I(\lambda_{n}) - I(\widetilde{\lambda_{n}})\right) \int_{0}^{1} X_{\widetilde{\lambda_{n}}}(x) f_{i}(x) dx - I(\widetilde{\lambda_{n}}) \int_{0}^{1} \left(X_{\lambda_{n}}(x) - X_{\widetilde{\lambda_{n}}}(x)\right) f_{i}(x) dx}{I(\widetilde{\lambda_{n}}) I(\lambda_{n})}$$
(56)

Applying the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality for integrals again:

$$\int_{0}^{1} \left| X_{\widetilde{\lambda_{n}}}(x) f_{i}(x) \right| dx \leq \left( \int_{0}^{1} \left| f_{i}(x) \right|^{2} dx \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left( \int_{0}^{1} \left| X_{\widetilde{\lambda_{n}}}(x) \right|^{2} dx \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \left( \int_{0}^{1} \left| f_{i}(x) \right|^{2} dx \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \left( I\left(\widetilde{\lambda_{n}}\right) \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$
(57)

and

$$\int_{0}^{1} \left| \left( X_{\lambda_{n}} \left( x \right) - X_{\widetilde{\lambda_{n}}} \left( x \right) \right) f_{i} \left( x \right) \right| dx$$

$$\leq \left( \left| 1 - \rho_{0} b_{1} \right| + \left| b_{1} \right| \left( 1 + \lambda_{n} \right) \right) \left| \lambda_{n} - \widetilde{\lambda_{n}} \right| \int_{0}^{1} \left| f_{i} \left( x \right) \right| dx$$
(58)

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$$\leq \left(\left|1-\rho_{0}b_{1}\right|+\left|b_{1}\right|\left(1+\lambda_{n}\right)\right)\left|\lambda_{n}-\widetilde{\lambda_{n}}\right|\left(\int_{0}^{1}\left|f_{i}\left(x\right)\right|^{2}\,\mathrm{d}x\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}\tag{59}$$

By (55) and taking into account (57) and (58):

$$\begin{aligned} \left| C\left(\widetilde{\lambda_{n}}\right)_{i} - C\left(\lambda_{n}\right)_{i} \right| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{I\left(\widetilde{\lambda_{n}}\right)I\left(\lambda_{n}\right)} \left( \left| I\left(\lambda_{n}\right) - I\left(\widetilde{\lambda_{n}}\right) \right| \int_{0}^{1} \left| X_{\widetilde{\lambda_{n}}}\left(x\right) f_{i}\left(x\right) \right| dx + I\left(\widetilde{\lambda_{n}}\right) \int_{0}^{1} \left| \left(X_{\lambda_{n}}\left(x\right) - X_{\widetilde{\lambda_{n}}}\left(x\right)\right) f_{i}\left(x\right) \right| dx \right) \\ &= \frac{\left( \int_{0}^{1} \left| f_{i}\left(x\right) \right|^{2} dx \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{I\left(\lambda_{n}\right)} \left( \frac{\left| I\left(\lambda_{n}\right) - I\left(\widetilde{\lambda_{n}}\right) \right|}{\left(I\left(\widetilde{\lambda_{n}}\right)\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}} + \left| I\left(\lambda_{n}\right) - I\left(\widetilde{\lambda_{n}}\right) \right| \left(\left|1 - \rho_{0}b_{1}\right| + \left|b_{1}\right|\left(1 + \lambda_{n}\right)\right) \right). \end{aligned}$$

$$(60)$$

Note that from the definition of  $I(\rho)$ , (52), it follows that

$$\left|I\left(\lambda_{n}\right)-I\left(\widetilde{\lambda_{n}}\right)\right| \leq \left(\left|1-\rho_{0}b_{1}\right|+\left|b_{1}\right|\left(1+\widetilde{\lambda_{n}}\right)\right)\left(2\left|1-\rho_{0}b_{1}\right|+\left|b_{1}\right|\left(\widetilde{\lambda_{n}}+\lambda_{n}\right)\right)\right|\widetilde{\lambda_{n}}-\lambda_{n}\right|$$
(61)

then, replacing in (60) one gets

$$\left| C\left(\widetilde{\lambda_{n}}\right)_{i} - C\left(\lambda_{n}\right)_{i} \right| \leq \frac{\left(\int_{0}^{1} \left|f_{i}\left(x\right)\right|^{2} \mathrm{d}x\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{I\left(\lambda_{n}\right)} \left\{ \left(\left|1 - \rho_{0}b_{1}\right| + \left|b_{1}\right|\left(1 + \lambda_{n}\right)\right) + \left(\left|1 - \rho_{0}b_{1}\right| + \left|b_{1}\right|\left(1 + \lambda_{n}\right)\right) \left(2\left|1 - \rho_{0}b_{1}\right| + \left|b_{1}\right|\left(\widetilde{\lambda_{n}} + \lambda_{n}\right)\right) \left(I\left(\widetilde{\lambda_{n}}\right)\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right\} \left|\widetilde{\lambda_{n}} - \lambda_{n}\right|.$$

$$(62)$$

We take

$$\Lambda \ge \max_{n \le n_1} \left\{ \lambda_n, \widetilde{\lambda_n} \right\}$$
(63)

then, if we define

$$\mathcal{A} = |1 - \rho_0 b_1| + |b_1| (1 + \Lambda), \quad \mathcal{B} = 2|1 - \rho_0 b_1| + 2|b_1|\Lambda$$
(64)

from (54) we have that

$$\left\| C\left(\widetilde{\lambda_n}\right) \right\| \le \gamma \mathcal{A}\sqrt{M} \tag{65}$$

and from (62) and (53):

$$\left| C\left(\widetilde{\lambda_{n}}\right)_{i} - C\left(\lambda_{n}\right)_{i} \right| \leq \frac{\left(\int_{0}^{1} \left|f_{i}\left(x\right)\right|^{2} \mathrm{d}x\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{I\left(\lambda_{n}\right)} \left\{ \mathcal{A} + \mathcal{A}\mathcal{B}\left(I\left(\widetilde{\lambda_{n}}\right)\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \right\} \left|\widetilde{\lambda_{n}} - \lambda_{n}\right|$$

$$= \left(\int_{0}^{1} \left|f_{i}\left(x\right)\right|^{2} \mathrm{d}x\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \gamma \left\{ \mathcal{A} + \mathcal{A}\mathcal{B}\gamma^{\frac{1}{2}} \right\} \left|\widetilde{\lambda_{n}} - \lambda_{n}\right|$$

$$\leq \sqrt{M} \gamma \left\{ \mathcal{A} + \mathcal{A}\mathcal{B}\gamma^{\frac{1}{2}} \right\} \left|\widetilde{\lambda_{n}} - \lambda_{n}\right|.$$
(66)

Using the 2-norm properties, from (66) we have

$$\left\|C\left(\widetilde{\lambda_{n}}\right)-C\left(\lambda_{n}\right)\right\|\leq\left(\int_{0}^{1}\left|f_{i}\left(x\right)\right|^{2}\mathrm{d}x\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}\gamma\left\{\mathcal{A}+\mathcal{AB}\gamma^{\frac{1}{2}}\right\}\left|\widetilde{\lambda_{n}}-\lambda_{n}\right|$$
(67)

By other hand, we can write

$$e^{-\widetilde{\lambda_n}^2 At} - e^{-\lambda_n^2 At} = e^{-\widetilde{\lambda_n}^2 At} \left( e^{\left(\lambda_n^2 - \widetilde{\lambda_n}^2\right) At} - I \right)$$

where taking norm, applying (32) and (33) together the mean value theorem, under the hypothesis  $\left| \tilde{\lambda}_n - \lambda_n \right| < 1$ , one gets

$$\begin{split} \left\| e^{-\widetilde{\lambda_n^2}At} - e^{-\lambda_n^2At} \right\| &\leq \left\| e^{-\widetilde{\lambda_n^2}At} \right\| \left( e^{\left(\lambda_n^2 - \widetilde{\lambda_n^2}\right) \|A\|_{t_1}} - 1 \right) \\ &\leq e^{-t_0 \alpha(A)\Lambda^2} \left( \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} \frac{\left(\sqrt{m}\Lambda^2 \|A\|_{t_1}\right)^k}{k!} \right) \left( e^{\left(\lambda_n^2 - \widetilde{\lambda_n^2}\right) \|A\|_{t_1}} - 1 \right) \\ &\leq e^{-t_0 \alpha(A)\Lambda^2} L^* t_1 \left\| A \right\| 4\Lambda e^{t_1 \|A\|_{2\Lambda}} \left| \widetilde{\lambda_n} - \lambda_n \right|. \end{split}$$

where

$$L^{*} = \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} \frac{\left(\sqrt{m}\Lambda^{2} \|A\|t_{1}\right)^{k}}{k!} > 0$$
(68)

Replacing in (51) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| e^{-\widetilde{\lambda_{n}^{2}}At} X_{\widetilde{\lambda_{n}}}\left(x\right) C\left(\widetilde{\lambda_{n}}\right) - e^{-\lambda_{n}^{2}At} X_{\lambda_{n}}\left(x\right) C\left(\lambda_{n}\right) \right\| &\leq e^{-t_{0}\alpha(A)\Lambda^{2}} L^{*} t_{1} \left\|A\right\| 4\Lambda e^{t_{1}\left\|A\right\| 2\Lambda} \gamma \sqrt{M} \mathcal{A}^{2} \left|\widetilde{\lambda_{n}} - \lambda_{n}\right| \\ &+ e^{-t_{0}\alpha(A)\Lambda^{2}} L\gamma \sqrt{M} \mathcal{A}^{2} \left|\widetilde{\lambda_{n}} - \lambda_{n}\right| \\ &+ e^{-t_{0}\alpha(A)\Lambda^{2}} L\mathcal{A}\sqrt{M} \gamma \left\{\mathcal{A} + \mathcal{A}\mathcal{B}\gamma^{\frac{1}{2}}\right\} \left|\widetilde{\lambda_{n}} - \lambda_{n}\right| \\ &= S \left|\widetilde{\lambda_{n}} - \lambda_{n}\right|, \end{aligned}$$

$$(69)$$

where

$$S = \mathcal{A}^{2} \gamma \sqrt{M} e^{-t_{0} \alpha(A) \Lambda^{2}} \left( L + L \left( 1 + \mathcal{B} \sqrt{\gamma} \right) + L^{\star} 4t_{1} \left\| A \right\| \Lambda e^{2t_{1} \|A\|} \Lambda \right)$$
(70)

Given  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $n_1$ , consider approximations  $\widetilde{\lambda_n}$  of  $\lambda_n$  for  $n \le n_1$  satisfying

$$\left|\widetilde{\lambda_{n}}-\lambda_{n}\right| < \min_{n \le n_{1}} \left\{1, \frac{\sqrt{\varepsilon}}{\sqrt{3}n_{1}S}\right\}$$

$$(71)$$

then

$$\begin{split} \left\| u(x,t,n_{1}) - \widetilde{u}(x,t,n_{1}) \right\| &= \left\| \sum_{n \leq n_{1}} \left( e^{-\widetilde{\lambda_{n}^{2}}At} X_{\widetilde{\lambda_{n}}}\left(x\right) C\left(\widetilde{\lambda_{n}}\right) - e^{-\lambda_{n}^{2}At} X_{\lambda_{n}}\left(x\right) C\left(\lambda_{n}\right) \right) \right\| \\ &\leq \sum_{n \leq n_{1}} \left\| e^{-\widetilde{\lambda_{n}^{2}}At} X_{\widetilde{\lambda_{n}}}\left(x\right) C\left(\widetilde{\lambda_{n}}\right) - e^{-\lambda_{n}^{2}At} X_{\lambda_{n}}\left(x\right) C\left(\lambda_{n}\right) \right\| \\ &\leq \sum_{n \leq n_{1}} S\left| \widetilde{\lambda_{n}} - \lambda_{n} \right| \\ &< Sn_{1} \frac{\sqrt{\varepsilon}}{\sqrt{3}n_{1}S} \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{\varepsilon}}{\sqrt{3}}, \end{split}$$

and therefore

$$\left\| u\left(x,t,n_{1}\right) - \tilde{u}\left(x,t,n_{1}\right) \right\|^{2} \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{3}, \quad \left(x,t\right) \in D\left[t_{0},t_{1}\right].$$

$$\tag{72}$$

**Remark 2.** From (61), and taking into account the definition of  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{B}$  given in (64), it follows that

$$\left|I\left(\lambda_{n}\right)-I\left(\widetilde{\lambda_{n}}\right)\right|\leq\mathcal{AB}\left|\widetilde{\lambda_{n}}-\lambda_{n}\right|$$

so that, if  $|\widetilde{\lambda_n} - \lambda_n|$  is enough small, it can take  $I(\lambda_n) \approx I(\widetilde{\lambda_n})$  in the computation of  $\gamma$ .

Similarly, can be taken in practice

$$\Lambda \ge \max_{1 \le n \le n_1} \left\{ \widetilde{\lambda_n} \right\}$$
(73)

instead of the definition (63).

Approximation  $\tilde{u}(x,t,n_1)$  need to compute the exact value of the matrix exponential  $e^{-\tilde{\lambda}_n^2 At}$ . However, the approximate calculation of the exponential matrix  $e^{-\tilde{\lambda}_n^2 At}$  can be performed by methods such as those based on the Taylor series, [25] [26], based on Hermite matrix polynomials, [27], and other existing methods in the literature, see [22] [23] for example. Suppose we take the matrix  $App\left(e^{-\tilde{\lambda}_n^2 At}\right)$  as an approximation of matrix  $\tilde{z}^2$ .

 $e^{-\lambda_n^2 At}$ , so that

$$\left\| e^{-\widetilde{\lambda_n}^2 A t} - \operatorname{App}\left( e^{-\widetilde{\lambda_n}^2 A t} \right) \right\| \le \varepsilon_n t_1, \quad t \in [t_0, t_1], \quad \varepsilon_n > 0, \quad n \le n_1$$
(74)

We define the approximation  $U(x, t, n_1)$  by:

$$\mathcal{U}(x,t,n_1) = \alpha \left( \left(1 - \rho_0 b_1\right) x - b_1 \right) C(0) + \sum_{n \le n_1} \operatorname{App}\left( e^{-\widetilde{\lambda_n}^2 A_t} \right) X_{\widetilde{\lambda_n}}(x) C\left(\widetilde{\lambda_n}\right)$$
(75)

and from (65), (64) and (45) one gets that

$$\begin{split} \left\| \widetilde{u}(x,t,n_{1}) - \mathcal{U}(x,t,n_{1}) \right\| &\leq \left\| \sum_{n \leq n_{1}} \left( e^{-\widetilde{\lambda_{n}}^{2} A t} - \operatorname{App}\left( e^{-\widetilde{\lambda_{n}}^{2} A t} \right) \right) \right\| \left\| X_{\widetilde{\lambda_{n}}}(x) \right\| \left\| C\left(\widetilde{\lambda_{n}}\right) \right\| \\ &\leq \sum_{n \leq n_{1}} \left\| e^{-\widetilde{\lambda_{n}}^{2} A t} - \operatorname{App}\left( e^{-\widetilde{\lambda_{n}}^{2} A t} \right) \right\| \gamma \mathcal{A}^{2} \sqrt{M} \\ &\leq \gamma \mathcal{A}^{2} \sqrt{M} t_{1} \sum_{n \leq n_{1}} \mathcal{E}_{n}. \end{split}$$

We take

$$\mathcal{K} = \max_{1 \le n \le n_1} \left\{ \varepsilon_n \right\} \tag{76}$$

and suppose we make the approximation accurate enough satisfying condition

$$\mathcal{K} < \frac{\sqrt{\varepsilon}}{\sqrt{3}n_1 t_1 \gamma \mathcal{A}^2 \sqrt{M}} \tag{77}$$

Thus, if  $\mathcal{K}$  satisfies (77) it follows that

$$\left\|\tilde{u}(x,t,n_1) - \mathcal{U}(x,t,n_1)\right\|^2 \le \frac{\varepsilon}{3},\tag{78}$$

and from (42), (72) and (78):

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| u(x,t) - \mathcal{U}(x,t,n_1) \right\|^2 &= \left\| u(x,t) - u(x,t,n_1) + u(x,t,n_1) - \tilde{u}(x,t,n_1) + \tilde{u}(x,t,n_1) - \mathcal{U}(x,t,n_1) \right\|^2 \\ &\leq \left\| u(x,t) - u(x,t,n_1) \right\|^2 + \left\| u(x,t,n_1) - \tilde{u}(x,t,n_1) \right\|^2 + \left\| \tilde{u}(x,t,n_1) - \mathcal{U}(x,t,n_1) \right\|^2 \\ &\leq \frac{\varepsilon}{3} + \frac{\varepsilon}{3} + \frac{\varepsilon}{3} \\ &= \varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

Summarizing, the following results has been established:

**Theorem 1.** We consider problem (1)-(4) satisfying hypotheses (5), (6) and (7). Let  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $D[t_0,t_1] = [0,1] \times [t_0,t_1]$ . Suppose that the hypothesis (a) is verified, this ensures that there is an exact solution u(x,t) of problem (1)-(4), see Ref. [15]. Let  $\alpha$ ,  $\alpha(A)$ , M,  $\beta$  and L be the constant defined by (17), (26), (28), (30) and (68) respectively. Let  $n_0$  and  $n_1$  be positive integers satisfying conditions (43) and (40). Let  $\lambda_n$  be the  $n_1$ -first approximate roots of the equation (18), each one in the interval  $(n\pi,(n+1)\pi)$ ,  $n \le n_1$ , and let  $\lambda_0$  be the approximation of the additional solution  $\lambda_0 \in (0,\pi)$  to be consider if condition (19) holds. Let  $\gamma > 0$  be satisfying (53) and let  $\Lambda$ , A, B and  $L^*$  be the positive constants defined by (63), (64) and (68) respectively. Suppose that the approximations  $\lambda_n$  satisfy (71), where S is the constant defined by (70). Suppose that the approximations  $App\left(e^{-\lambda_n^2 At}\right)$  of matrices  $e^{-\lambda_n^2 At}$ , for  $n \le n_1$  satisfy that the approximation error is less than K, where K is a positive constant which satisfies (77). Consider the functions  $X_{\lambda_n}(x)$ ,  $n \le n_1$  defined by (45) and vectors  $C(\lambda_n)$ ,  $n \le n_1$ , defined by (46), joint the vector C(0) defined by (24) if  $\alpha \ne 0$ . Then, the vector valued function  $U(x,t,n_1)$  defined by (75) satisfies

$$\left\| u(x,t) - \mathcal{U}(x,t,n_1) \right\|^2 \le \varepsilon, \quad (x,t) \in D[t_0,t_1]$$

**Theorem 2.** We consider problem (1)-(4) satisfying hypotheses (5), (6) and (7). Let  $\varepsilon > 0$ , and we consider the subdomain  $D[t_0,t_1] = [0,1] \times [t_0,t_1]$ . Suppose that the hypothesis (b) is verified, this ensures that there is an exact solution u(x,t) of problem (1)-(4), see Ref. [16]. Let  $\alpha$ ,  $\alpha(A)$ , M and L be the constant defined by (20), (26), (28) and (68) respectively. Let  $n_0$  and  $n_1$  be positive integers satisfying conditions (43) and (40). Take  $\beta = 1$  and  $b_1 = 0$ . Let  $\widetilde{\lambda_n}$  be the  $n_1$ -first approximate roots of the equation (21), each one in the interval  $(n\pi, (n+1)\pi)$ ,  $n \le n_1$ , and let  $\widetilde{\lambda_0}$  be the approximation of the additional solution  $\lambda_0 \in (0,\pi)$  to be consider if condition (22) holds. Let  $\gamma > 0$  be satisfying (53) and let  $\Lambda$ ,  $\mathcal{A}$ ,  $\mathcal{B}$  and  $L^*$  be the positive constants defined by (63), (64) and (68) respectively. Suppose that the approximations  $\widetilde{\lambda_n}$  satisfy (71), where S is the constant defined by (70). Suppose that the approximations  $\operatorname{App}\left(e^{-\widetilde{\lambda_n}^2 A_t}\right)$  of matrices  $e^{-\widetilde{\lambda_n}^2 A_t}$ , for  $n \le n_1$  satisfy that the approximation error is less than  $\mathcal{K}$ , where  $\mathcal{K}$  is a positive constant which satisfies (77). Consider the functions  $X_{\widetilde{\lambda_n}}(x)$ ,  $n \le n_1$  defined by (45) and vectors  $C(\widetilde{\lambda_n})$ ,  $n \le n_1$ , defined by (24) if  $\alpha \ne 0$ . Then, the vector valued function  $\mathcal{U}(x,t,n_1)$  defined by (75) satisfies

$$\left\| u\left(x,t\right) - \mathcal{U}\left(x,t,n_{1}\right) \right\|^{2} \leq \varepsilon, \quad \left(x,t\right) \in D\left[t_{0},t_{1}\right]$$

#### 3. Algorithm 1, Algorithm 2 and Example

We can give the following algorithms, according to the hypothesis (a) or (b) is satisfied, to construct the approximation  $\mathcal{U}(x,t,n_1)$ .

Algorithm 1. Construction of the analytic-numerical solution of problem (1)-(4) under hypotheses (a) in the subdomain  $D[t_0, t_1] = [0, 1] \times [t_0, t_1], t_0 > 0$ , with *a priori* error bound  $\varepsilon > 0$ .

- 1: Compute the constant  $\rho_0$  satisfying (7).
- 2: Determine  $b_1$  and  $b_2$  satisfying (10). Compute constant  $\alpha$  defined by (17).
- 3: Compute constants ||A||,  $\alpha(A)$ , M,  $\beta$ , L defined by (26), (28), (30) and (68) respectively.
- 4: Determine the first positive integer  $n_0$  which satisfies (43).
- 5: Determine the first positive integer  $n_1$  which satisfies (40).

6: Determine approaches  $\widetilde{\lambda_n}$  of the  $n_1$ -first roots of Equation (18) each one in the interval  $(k\pi, (k+1)\pi)$ ,  $k \le n_1$ , joint the approximation of the additional solution  $\lambda_n \in (0,\pi)$  if condition (19) holds.

- 7: Compute  $I(\rho)$  for  $\rho = \lambda_n$ ,  $n \le n_1$  and determine  $\gamma > 0$  satisfying (53).
- 8: Compute  $\Lambda$ ,  $\mathcal{A}$ ,  $\mathcal{B}$  and  $L^{t}$  defined by (63), (64) and (68) respectively.

9: Compute S defined by (70)

- 10: Check that approximations  $\widetilde{\lambda_n}$  satisfy (71). Otherwise return to step 6 and calculate approximations  $\widetilde{\lambda_n}$  more precisely.
- 11: Compute  $\mathcal{K}$  satisfying (77).
- 12: Compute approximations App $\left(e^{-\tilde{\lambda}_n^2 At}\right)$  of matrices  $e^{-\tilde{\lambda}_n^2 At}$ , for  $n \le n_1$  so that the error in each one approach is less than  $\mathcal{K}$ .
- 13: Compute functions  $X_{\overline{x}}(x)$ ,  $n \le n_1$ , defined by (45).
- 14: Compute vectors  $C(\tilde{\lambda}_n)$ ,  $n \le n_1$ , defined by (46). If  $\alpha \ne 0$ , compute C(0) defined by (24).
- 15: Compute the approximation  $\mathcal{U}(x,t,n_1)$  defined by (75).

Algorithm 2. Construction of the analytic-numerical solution of problem (1)-(4) under hypotheses (b) in the subdomain  $D[t_0, t_1] = [0, 1] \times [t_0, t_1], t_0 > 0$ , with *a priori* error bound  $\varepsilon > 0$ .

1: Compute the constant  $\rho_0$  satisfying (7).

2: Determine  $a_2$  satisfying (13). Compute constant  $\alpha$  defined by (20). Take  $b_1 = 0$  and  $\beta = 1$ .

3: Compute constants  $\|A\|$ ,  $\alpha(A)$ , M, L defined by (26), (28) and (68) respectively.

- 4: Determine the first positive integer  $n_0$  which satisfies (43).
- 5: Determine the first positive integer  $n_1$  which satisfies (40).

6: Determine approaches  $\lambda_n$  of the  $n_1$ -first roots of Equation (21) each one in the interval  $(k\pi, (k+1)\pi)$ ,  $k \le n_1$ , joint the approximation of the additional solution  $\lambda_n \in (0,\pi)$  if condition (22) holds.

Continue with the step 7 of Algorithm 1

**Example 1.** We will construct an approximate solution in the subdomain  $D[0,1] = [0,1] \times [0.1,1]$ , with a priori error bound  $\varepsilon = 10^{-2}$ , of the homogeneous parabolic problem with homogeneous conditions (1)-(4), where the matrix  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{4\times 4}$  is chosen

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & -2 \\ -1 & 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$
(79)

and the 4×4 matrices  $A_i, B_i, i \in \{1, 2\}$ , are

Also, the vectorial valued function f(x) will be defined as

$$f(x) = \begin{pmatrix} 0\\ x^2 - 1\\ 0\\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$
(81)

This is precisely the example 1 of Ref. [15] whose exact solution is given by:

$$u(x,t) = \left(\sum_{n\geq 0} -\frac{32(-1)^n e^{-\frac{\pi}{2}(2n+1)^2 t} \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}(2n+1)x\right)}{\pi^3 (2n+1)^3}\right) \begin{pmatrix} 0\\1\\0\\0 \end{pmatrix}$$
(82)

We will follow algorithm 1 step by step:

1. Hypothesis (a) holds with m = 4. Note that although  $A_1$  is singular, taking  $\rho_0 = 1 \in \mathbb{R}$ , the matrix pencil  $A_1 + \rho_0 B_1 = I_{4 \times 4}$ (83)

is regular. Therefore, we take  $\rho_0 = 1$ .

2. Performing calculations similar to those made in Ref. [15], one gets that  $b_1 = 1$ ,  $b_2 = 0$  and  $\alpha = 0$ . 3. It is easy to calculate ||A|| = 3.67571,  $\sigma(A) = \{1, 2\}$ , thus  $\alpha(A) = 2$ . Similarly M = 8/15,  $\beta = 1$  and L = 101.589.

4. Note that

$$\frac{1}{M\beta L^2} = 0.00018168.$$

Then, by (43):

$$n = 3 \Longrightarrow (3\pi)^{16} e^{-0.4(3^2)\pi^2} = 1.43749 > \frac{1}{M\beta L^2},$$
  
$$n = 4 \Longrightarrow (4\pi)^{16} e^{-0.4(4^2)\pi^2} = 1.428708 \times 10^{-10} < \frac{1}{M\beta L^2},$$

then we take  $n_0 = 4$ .

5. We have

$$n = 4 \Longrightarrow \left(\sum_{k=1}^{4} \frac{1}{k^4} - \frac{\pi^4}{90} + \frac{10^{-2}}{3}\right) = -0.000237971,$$
  
$$n = 5 \Longrightarrow \left(\sum_{k=1}^{5} \frac{1}{k^4} - \frac{\pi^4}{90} + \frac{10^{-2}}{3}\right) = 0.00136203,$$

then we can take  $n_1 = 5 > n_0 = 4$ .

6. We need to determinate the  $n_1$ -first roots of equation

 $\lambda \cot(\lambda) = 0$ 

We can solve exactly this equation,  $\lambda_n = \frac{\pi}{2} + n\pi$ ,  $n = 1, \dots, 5$ , with an additional solution  $\lambda_0 \in [0, \pi[$ , because

$$\frac{(1-b_2+\rho_0 b_1 b_2)(1-\rho_0 b_1)}{b_1} = 0 < 1$$

and then  $\lambda_0 = \frac{\pi}{2}$ .

In summary,  $\lambda_0 = \frac{\pi}{2}$ ,  $\lambda_1 = \frac{3\pi}{2}$ ,  $\lambda_2 = \frac{5\pi}{2}$ ,  $\lambda_3 = \frac{7\pi}{2}$ ,  $\lambda_4 = \frac{9\pi}{2}$ ,  $\lambda_5 = \frac{11\pi}{2}$ . We take the approximate values (50 exact decimal)

$$\begin{split} \lambda_0 &= 1.5707963267948966192313216916397514420985846996876, \\ \widetilde{\lambda_1} &= 4.7123889803846898576939650749192543262957540990627, \\ \widetilde{\lambda_2} &= 7.8539816339744830961566084581987572104929234984378, \\ \widetilde{\lambda_3} &= 10.995574287564276334619251841478260094690092897813, \\ \widetilde{\lambda_4} &= 14.137166941154069573081895224757762978887262297188, \\ \widetilde{\lambda_5} &= 17.278759594743862811544538608037265863084431696563. \end{split}$$

7. We calculate  $I(\rho)$  for  $\rho = \widetilde{\lambda_n}$ :

$$\begin{split} I\left(\widetilde{\lambda_{0}}\right) &= 1.2337005501361698273543113749845188919142124259051, \\ I\left(\widetilde{\lambda_{1}}\right) &= 11.103304951225528446188802374860670027227911833146, \\ I\left(\widetilde{\lambda_{2}}\right) &= 30.842513753404245683857784374612972297855310647627, \\ I\left(\widetilde{\lambda_{3}}\right) &= 60.451326956672321540361257374241425703796408869350, \\ I\left(\widetilde{\lambda_{4}}\right) &= 99.929744561029756015699221373746030245051206498313, \\ I\left(\widetilde{\lambda_{5}}\right) &= 149.27776656647654910987167637312678592161970353452. \end{split}$$

the smallest of them is  $I(\widetilde{\lambda_0})$ , as  $1/\widetilde{\lambda_0} \approx 0.810569$ , we take  $\gamma = 0.82$ .

8. We have that  $\Lambda = 17.3 > \tilde{\lambda_5}$ ,  $\mathcal{A} = 18.3$ ,  $\mathcal{B} = 34.6$  and  $L^* = 1.77759 \times 10^9$ .

9. We have that  $S = 1.56631 \times 10^{43}$ .

10. To be applicable the algorithm 1, the approximations  $\widetilde{\lambda_n}$  may satisfy:

$$\left|\lambda_{n}-\widetilde{\lambda_{n}}\right| < \min\left\{1,\frac{\sqrt{\varepsilon}}{\sqrt{3}n_{1}S}\right\} = 7.37211 \times 10^{-46}$$

As the roots were calculated with 50 decimal accurate, we accept these approximations of the roots. 11. We have to take  $\mathcal{K}$  satisfying (77). In our case

$$\mathcal{K} < \frac{\sqrt{\varepsilon}}{\sqrt{3}n_1 t_1 \gamma \mathcal{A}^2 \sqrt{M}} = 0.0000472137.$$

12. We have to compute approximations  $App(e^{-\lambda_n^2 At})$  of matrices  $e^{-\lambda_n^2 At}$ , for n = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 with a maximum error  $\mathcal{K}$ . In this case, using minimal theorem ([28], p. 571), we can determine the exact value of  $e^{As}$  given by:

$$e^{As} = \begin{pmatrix} e^{-2s} & 0 & 0 & e^{-2s} \left(-1+e^{s}\right) \\ -\frac{1}{2}e^{-2s}s\left(2+s\right) & e^{-2s} & -e^{-2s}s & \frac{1}{2}e^{-2s}\left(-2+2e^{s}+2s+s^{2}\right) \\ e^{-2s}s & 0 & e^{-2s} & -e^{-2s}s \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & e^{-s} \end{pmatrix}$$
(84)

then, we can obtain App  $\left(e^{-\tilde{\lambda}_{n}^{-2}At}\right)$  for n = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 replacing in (84). 13. Functions  $X_{\tilde{\lambda}_{n}}(x)$ ,  $n = 0, 1, \dots, 4$ , defined by (45) are given by:  $X_{\tilde{\lambda}_{0}}(x) = -1.5707963267948966192\cos(1.5707963267948966192x)$ ,  $X_{\tilde{\lambda}_{1}}(x) = -4.7123889803846898577\cos(4.7123889803846898577x)$ ,  $X_{\tilde{\lambda}_{1}}(x) = -7.8539816339744830962\cos(7.8539816339744830962x)$ ,  $X_{\tilde{\lambda}_{2}}(x) = -10.995574287564276335\cos(10.995574287564276335x)$ ,  $X_{\tilde{\lambda}_{4}}(x) = -14.137166941154069573\cos(14.137166941154069573x)$ ,  $X_{\tilde{\lambda}_{4}}(x) = -17.278759594743862812\cos(17.278759594743862812x)$ .

14. Vectors  $C(\widetilde{\lambda_n})$ ,  $n = 1, \dots, 5$ , defined by (46) are given by:

$$C\left(\widehat{\lambda_{0}}\right) = \begin{pmatrix} 0\\ 0.65702286429979745210577812909559642508\\ 0\\ 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$C\left(\widehat{\lambda_{1}}\right) = \begin{pmatrix} 0\\ -0.0081113933864172524951330633221678570997\\ 0\\ 0\\ 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$C\left(\widehat{\lambda_{2}}\right) = \begin{pmatrix} 0\\ 0.00105123658287967592336924500655295428012\\ 0\\ 0\\ 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$C\left(\widehat{\lambda_{2}}\right) = \begin{pmatrix} 0\\ -0.0002736455078299864440257301662205732716\\ 0\\ 0\\ 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$C\left(\widehat{\lambda_{4}}\right) = \begin{pmatrix} 0\\ 0.0001001406590915710184584328805205908284\\ 0\\ 0\\ 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$C\left(\widehat{\lambda_{5}}\right) = \begin{pmatrix} 0\\ -0.00004487554567992606052221693389082688512\\ 0\\ 0\\ 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

We don't compute C(0) defined by (25) because  $\alpha = 0$ . 15. Compute  $U(x,t,n_1)$  defined by (75), obtaining:

$$\mathcal{U}(x,t,5) = \begin{pmatrix} 0\\ \mathcal{W}(x,t)\\ 0\\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

where

$$\mathcal{W}(x,t) = -1.03204910e^{-4.93480220t}\cos(1.57079633x) + 0.0382240408e^{-44.4132198t}\cos(4.71238898x) \\ -0.00825639281e^{-123.370055t}\cos(7.85398163x) + 0.00300888951e^{-241.805308t}\cos(10.9955743x) \\ -0.00141570522e^{-399.718978t}\cos(14.1371669x) + 0.000775393765e^{-597.111066t}\cos(17.2787596x)$$

and our approximation satisfies

$$\|u(x,t) - \mathcal{U}(x,t,5)\|^2 < 10^{-2}, \quad (x,y) \in D[0.1,1]$$

As an example, consider the point  $(x,t) = (0.27, 0.9) \in D[0.1,1]$ . We have the approximation

$$\mathcal{U}(0.27, 0.9, 5) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -0.0110808 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

It is easy to check that, from (82), one gets

$$\|u(0.27, 0.9) - \mathcal{U}(0.27, 0.9, 5)\| < 10^{-18}$$

#### 4. Conclusion

In this paper, a method to construct an analytic-numerical solution for homogeneous parabolic coupled systems with homogeneous boundary conditions of the type (1)-(4) has been presented. An algorithm with an illustrative example is given.

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