

A COLLOCATION METHOD FOR LANE-EMDEN TYPE EQUATIONS IN TERMS OF GENERALIZED BERNSTEIN POLYNOMIALS

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Abstract

In this study, a collocation method based on Bernstein polynomials defined on the interval [a, b] is developed for approximate solution of the nonlinear differential equations of Lane-Emden type that have an important place in astrophysics and mathematical physics. The proposed method reduces the solution of nonlinear problem to the solution of a system of linear algebraic equations iteratively by using quasilinearization technique and collocation points. Some numerical examples are given to illustrate the efficiency, validity and applicability of the method.

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