

# FOURTH ORDER COMPACT METHOD FOR ONE DIMENSIONAL HOMOGENEOUS TELEGRAPH EQUATION

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**ABSTRACT:** Many boundary value problems that arise in real life situations defy analytical solutions; hence numerical techniques are the best source for finding the solution of such equations. In this paper, a compact method for homogeneous telegraph equation is developed, and comparison of the compact method with the second order scheme is also given. We have obtained results both numerically and graphically. We used FORTRAN 90 for the calculations of the numerical results and MS office for the graphical comparison.

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## INTRODUCTION

The compact method is a new difference approximation. It is the fourth order approximation using only three grid points; whereas standard fourth order centered difference approximation requires five points, so in this method we have a higher order accuracy using fewer grid points. In (ORSZAG; 1974) a compact formula was mentioned and this method was used in that manner by Ciment and Leventhal (1978) for hyperbolic problems. Telegraph equation occurs in the study of transmission of electrical signals in a cable line and wave phenomenon. Biologists come across these equations in the study of pulses blood flow in arteries and in one dimensional haphazard movement of bugs along a hedge. Also the transmission of acoustic waves in Darcy type permeable medium and analogous flows of viscous Maxwell fluids are presently a few of the phenomenon by Telegraph equation.

Let us consider the second order one-dimensional linear hyperbolic equation

$$\alpha \frac{\partial^2 u(x,t)}{\partial t^2} + \beta \frac{\partial u(x,t)}{\partial t} + \gamma u(x,t) = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \quad (1)$$

with the following initial conditions

$$(2)$$

$$(3)$$

and with the boundary conditions

$$(4)$$

$$(5)$$

$$\text{for } 0 \leq x \leq l, \quad t > 0$$

Eq. (1) is referred to as the second order linear homogeneous Telegraph Equation with constant

coefficients. In eq. (1),  $x$  is distance and  $t$  is time. For

$$\alpha = 0, \quad \beta = 0, \quad \text{and } \gamma = 0, \quad \text{equation (1)}$$

represents a damped wave equation and for

$\alpha = 0$  and  $\beta = 0$  are non negative integers then it is called telegraph equation.

**Finite difference scheme:** To develop the finite difference scheme for eq. (1), select an integer  $m$  AND THE VALUES OF  $t$  FROM  $0$  TO  $\infty$  THEN THE MESH POINTS  $(x_i, t_n)$  ARE

$$x_i \text{ for } i = 0, 1, \dots, m$$

$$t_n \text{ for } n = 0, 1, \dots, \infty$$

At any interior grid points  $(x_i, t_n)$ , then the Hyperbolic Homogeneous Telegraph eq. (1) becomes

$$\alpha \frac{\partial^2 u(x_i, t_n)}{\partial t^2} + \beta \frac{\partial u(x_i, t_n)}{\partial t} + \gamma u(x_i, t_n) = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u(x_i)}{\partial x^2} \quad (6)$$

The method is obtained by using the central difference approximation for the first and second order partial derivatives.

So that eq. (6) becomes

$$\frac{\alpha}{(\Delta t)^2} (u_i^{n+1} - 2u_i^n + u_i^{n-1}) - \frac{\alpha(\Delta t)^2}{12} \frac{\partial^4 u(x_i, \mu_n)}{\partial t^4} + \text{boundary conditions give} \tag{8}$$

$$\frac{\beta}{2(\Delta t)} (u_i^{n+1} - u_i^{n-1}) - \frac{\beta(\Delta t)^2}{6} \frac{\partial^3 u(x_i, \mu_n)}{\partial t^3} + \gamma u_i^n = \frac{c}{(\Delta x)}$$

where

Neglecting the truncation error leads to the difference equation.

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{\alpha}{(\Delta t)^2} (u_i^{n+1} - 2u_i^n + u_i^{n-1}) + \frac{\beta}{2(\Delta t)} (u_i^{n+1} - u_i^{n-1}) + \gamma u_i^n \\ &\frac{c^2}{(\Delta x)^2} (u_{i+1}^n + u_{i-1}^n) = \left( \frac{\alpha}{(\Delta t)^2} + \frac{\beta}{2(\Delta t)} \right) u_i^{n+1} + \\ &\left( \gamma - \frac{2\alpha}{(\Delta t)^2} + \frac{2c^2}{(\Delta x)^2} \right) u_i^n + \left( \frac{\alpha}{(\Delta t)^2} - \frac{\beta}{2(\Delta t)} \right) u_i^{n-1} \end{aligned}$$

Taking

$$\left( \frac{\alpha}{(\Delta t)^2} + \frac{\beta}{2(\Delta t)} \right) \text{ and } \left( \gamma - \frac{2\alpha}{(\Delta t)^2} + \frac{2c^2}{(\Delta x)^2} \right)$$

So

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{c^2}{(\Delta x)^2} (u_{i+1}^n + u_{i-1}^n) = \lambda_1 u_i^{n+1} + \lambda_2 u_i^n + \lambda_3 u_i^{n-1} \\ &\lambda_1 u_i^{n+1} = \frac{c^2}{(\Delta x)^2} (u_{i+1}^n + u_{i-1}^n) - \lambda_2 u_i^n - \lambda_3 u_i^{n-1} \\ &u_i^{n+1} = \frac{c^2}{\lambda_1 (\Delta x)^2} (u_{i+1}^n + u_{i-1}^n) - \frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda_1} u_i^n - \frac{\lambda_3}{\lambda_1} u_i^{n-1} \end{aligned}$$

By letting  $\Psi = \frac{c^2}{\lambda_1 (\Delta x)^2}$ ,  $\Lambda = -\frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda_1}$  and  $\Phi = -\frac{\lambda_3}{\lambda_1}$

So

$$\begin{aligned} u_i^{n+1} &= \Lambda (u_{i+1}^n + u_{i-1}^n) + \Psi u_i^n + \Phi u_i^{n-1} \\ u_i^{n+1} &= \Psi u_i^n + \Lambda u_{i+1}^n + \Lambda u_{i-1}^n + \end{aligned} \tag{7}$$

This equation holds for each  $i$ :

boundary conditions give  
for each  $i$ .  
And the initial condition implies that

for  $i$ :

Writing in matrix form for  $i$  we have

$$\begin{bmatrix} u_1^{n+1} \\ u_2^{n+1} \\ \vdots \\ u_{m-1}^{n+1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \Psi & \Lambda & 0 & 0 \\ \Lambda & \Psi & \Lambda & 0 \\ 0 & \Lambda & \ddots & \ddots \\ 0 & 0 & \ddots & \Psi & \Lambda \\ 0 & 0 & \Lambda & \Psi \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_1^n \\ u_2^n \\ \vdots \\ u_{m-1}^n \end{bmatrix} + \Phi \begin{bmatrix} u_1^{n-1} \\ u_2^{n-1} \\ \vdots \\ u_{m-1}^{n-1} \end{bmatrix} \tag{10}$$

Equations (7) and (8) imply that the  $n$  time steps requires values from the  $n-1$  and  $n-2$  time steps. This produces a minor starting problem since values of

which is needed, in equation (7) to compute  $u_i^n$  must be obtained from the initial value condition.

$$u_i^0 = g(x_i), \quad 0 \leq x \leq l$$

A better approximation can be obtained rather

easily, particularly when the second derivative of  $u$  at

can be determined.

Consider the Taylor Series

$$u_i^{n+1} = u_i^n + k u_t|_i^n + \frac{k^2}{2} u_{tt}|_i^n + \frac{k^3}{6} u_{ttt}|_i^n + \frac{k^4}{24} u_{tttt}|_i^n + \frac{k^5}{120} u_{ttttt}|_i^n$$

$$\frac{u_i^{n+1} - u_i^n}{k} = u_t|_i^n + \frac{k}{2} u_{tt}|_i^n + \frac{k^2}{6} u_{ttt}|_i^n + \frac{k^3}{24} u_{tttt}|_i^n + \frac{k^4}{120} u_{ttttt}|_i^n$$

For  $k \rightarrow 0$  we have

$i$ : The

$$\frac{u_i^t - u_i^0}{k} = u_{t|_i}^0 + \frac{k}{2} u_{tt|_i}^0 + \frac{k^2}{6} u_i^{(3)0} \quad (11)$$

for some  $\gamma$  in  $[0, 1]$  and suppose the homogeneous telegraph equation also holds on the initial line. That is by equation (2)

$$u_{tt|_i}^0 = \frac{c^2}{\alpha} f''(x_i) - \frac{\beta}{\alpha} u_{t|_i}^0 - \frac{\gamma}{\alpha} u_i^0$$

Substituting this value in eq.(11), we get

$$\frac{u_i^t - u_i^0}{k} = u_{t|_i}^0 + \frac{k}{2} \left( \frac{c^2}{\alpha} f''(x_i) - \frac{\beta}{\alpha} u_{t|_i}^0 - \frac{\gamma}{\alpha} u_i^0 \right) + \frac{k^2}{6} u_i^{(3)0}(x_i)$$

but

$$u_{t|_i}^0 = g(x_i)$$

So on simplifying we get

$$u_i^t = \frac{k^2 c^2}{2\alpha} f''(x_i) + \left( k - \frac{\beta k^2}{2\alpha} \right) g(x_i) + \left( 1 - \frac{\gamma k^2}{2\alpha} \right) u_i^0$$

This is an approximation with local truncation error

for each

Now from the difference equation

$$f''(x_i) = \frac{f(x_{i+1}) - 2f(x_i) + f(x_{i-1}))}{h^2}$$

$$u_i^t = \frac{k^2 c^2}{2\alpha} \left( \frac{f(x_{i+1}) - 2f(x_i) + f(x_{i-1}))}{h^2} \right) + \left( k - \frac{\beta k^2}{2\alpha} \right) g(x_i) +$$

$$\left( 1 - \frac{\gamma k^2}{2\alpha} \right) u_i^0$$

But  $\lambda = \frac{ck}{\alpha}$  and letting  $\lambda^2 = \frac{c^2 k^2}{\alpha^2}$ , we have

$$u_i^t = \frac{\lambda^2}{2\alpha} (f(x_{i+1}) + f(x_{i-1})) + \left( k - \frac{\beta k^2}{2\alpha} \right) g(x_i) + \left( 1 - \frac{\gamma k^2}{2\alpha} - \frac{\lambda^2}{\alpha} \right) f(x_i) \quad (12)$$

for each  $i$ . Note here  $\lambda^2 = \frac{c^2 k^2}{\alpha^2}$  and

**Compact scheme for telegraph equation:** To develop this scheme for the second order linear hyperbolic

homogeneous Telegraph eq. (1) with  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are given functions. This Compact method approximates eq. (1) by two difference equations of fourth order using only

three grid points say  $x_{i-1}, x_i, x_{i+1}$  and  $t_{i-1}, t_i, t_{i+1}$ . Let us denote first and second derivatives of  $u(x, t)$  with respect to  $x$  by  $u_x$  and  $u_{xx}$  respectively.

$$(13)$$

$$u_{xx}(x, t) = S$$

We shall first develop a relationship between the values

of  $u$  and  $S$ . Since  $S = u_{xx}$ , it is clear that

$$u_{i+1}^n = u_{i-1}^n + \int_{i-1}^{i+1} F(\xi, l) d\xi$$

Approximating this integral by Simpson's Rule and rearranging it, so we have

$$u_{i+1}^n = u_{i-1}^n + \frac{h}{3} (F_{i-1}^n + 4F_i^n + F_{i+1}^n) + \frac{h^3}{90} \frac{\partial^4 F(\xi, l)}{\partial x^4}$$

Thus to fourth order, we have

$$(F_{i-1}^n + 4F_i^n + F_{i+1}^n) + \frac{3}{h} (u_{i-1}^n - u_{i+1}^n) \quad (14)$$

So we have a relationship between  $u_{i+1}^n$  and  $u_{i-1}^n$ . This is the first difference equation.

In order to obtain the second equation, we start by

evaluating (1) at the mid point  $x_i$ . Then eq. (1) becomes

$$\alpha u_{tt|_i}^n + \beta u_{t|_i}^n + \gamma u_i^n = S \quad (15)$$

We now require an expression for  $S$ . If we express

$u$  and  $S$  in Taylor series about the point  $(x_i, t_i)$  and adding the results we get

$$u_{i+1}^n + u_{i-1}^n = 2u_i^n + h^2 S|_i^n + \frac{h^4}{12} u_{xxxx}|_i^n + \frac{h^6}{360} u_{xxxxxx}(\xi, l)|_i^n$$

(16)

where we have replaced  $u_{i+1}^n$  with  $F_{i+1}^n$ . If we carry out the

same procedure for  $u_{i-1}^n$  then we have

$$F_{i+1}^n - F_{i-1}^n = 2hS|_i^n + \frac{h^3}{3}u_{xxxx}|_i^n + \frac{h^5}{60}u_{xxxxxx}(\xi, t)|_i^n \quad (17)$$

We now eliminate  $u_{i+1}^n$  from these two equations and after rearranging, we get the following expression for  $S|_i^n$ .

(See Ozair, A compact method for heat equation, with equations (8),

where  $n$  tells the equation number in Ozair's paper).

We now substitute the expression for  $u_{i+1}^n$  into (15) and

rearrange to get the following second difference equation of fourth order.

$$\alpha u_{tt}|_i^n + \beta u_t|_i^n = \frac{2c^2}{h^2}(u_{i+1}^n + u_{i-1}^n) - \left(\gamma + \frac{4c^2}{h^2}\right)u_i^n - \frac{c^2}{2h}(F_{i+1}^n - F_{i-1}^n) \quad (18)$$

We have now replaced (1) by two difference equations (14) and (18). Now we have to look at the boundaries. Let us first consider the left boundary condition i.e., at

$x=0$  and denotes the points  $u_0^n, u_1^n, \dots$  by  $F_0^n, F_1^n, \dots$ . The first difference equation we get from the boundary

condition is

(19)

In order to get the second equation, we start with the differential equation at the point  $x=h$  and  $t=t_n$ .

$$c^2S|_0^n = \alpha u_{tt}|_0^n + \beta \quad (20)$$

$$c^2S|_1^n = \alpha u_{tt}|_1^n + \beta \quad (21)$$

From (See Ozair, A compact method for heat equation,

with equation (9) and (10)), we have the following

expressions for  $S|_0^n$  and  $S|_1^n$ .

$$S|_0^n = \frac{1}{2h^2}(-23u_0^n + 16u_1^n + 7u_2^n) - \frac{1}{h}(6F_0^n + 8F_1^n + F_2^n) \quad (22)$$

$$S|_1^n = \frac{2}{h^2}(u_0^n - 2u_1^n + u_2^n) - \frac{1}{2h}(F_2^n) \quad (23)$$

Finally we have from (14)

$$(F_0^n + 4F_1^n + F_2^n) + \frac{3}{h}(u_0^n - u_1^n) = 0 \quad (24)$$

So we have five equations (20) to (24). If we eliminate

$u_1^n, u_2^n, F_1^n, F_2^n$  and  $F_0^n$  from these five equations, we get

the second difference equation, valid at  $x=0$ .

$$\left(\frac{12c^2}{h^2} + \gamma\right) u_0^n - \left(\frac{12c^2}{h^2} + \gamma\right) u_1^n + \frac{6c^2}{h} F_0^n + \frac{6c^2}{h} F_1^n = \alpha(u_{tt}|_1^n - u_{tt}|_0^n) + \beta(u_t|_1^n - u_t|_0^n) \quad (25)$$

In a similar manner, we can derive the following difference equation for  $u_m^n$  and  $u_{m-1}^n$  at  $x = x_m$ , i.e. at the right boundary point.

(26)

$$\left(\frac{12c^2}{h^2} + \gamma\right) u_{m-1}^n - \left(\frac{12c^2}{h^2} + \gamma\right) u_m^n + \frac{6c^2}{h} F_{m-1}^n + \frac{6c^2}{h} F_m^n = \alpha(u_{tt}|_m^n - u_{tt}|_{m-1}^n) + \beta(u_t|_m^n - u_t|_{m-1}^n) \quad (27)$$

Thus for each point, we have two difference equations. If we write them all together, we have the following Fourth Order

Compact Scheme for  $u_i^n$ .

$$\begin{aligned} u_0^n &= 0 \\ \left(\frac{12c^2}{h^2} + \gamma\right) u_0^n - \left(\frac{12c^2}{h^2} + \gamma\right) u_1^n + \frac{6c^2}{h} F_0^n + \frac{6c^2}{h} F_1^n &= \alpha(u_{tt}|_1^n - u_{tt}|_0^n) + \beta(u_t|_1^n - u_t|_0^n) \\ \frac{2c^2}{h^2} (u_{i+1}^n + u_{i-1}^n) - \left(\gamma + \frac{4c^2}{h^2}\right) u_i^n - \frac{c^2}{2h} (F_{i+1}^n - F_{i-1}^n) &= \alpha u_{tt}|_i^n + \beta u_t|_i^n \\ u_m^n &= 0 \\ \left(\frac{12c^2}{h^2} + \gamma\right) u_{m-1}^n - \left(\frac{12c^2}{h^2} + \gamma\right) u_m^n + \frac{6c^2}{h} F_{m-1}^n + \frac{6c^2}{h} F_m^n &= \alpha(u_{tt}|_m^n - u_{tt}|_{m-1}^n) + \beta(u_t|_m^n - u_t|_{m-1}^n) \end{aligned}$$

The superscript  $\tau$  is used to denote the time grid lines.

**Accuracy of the scheme:** Next, we compare the accuracy of the method with the standard five point centered difference scheme of the fourth order. The

relation between  $F_i$  and  $S_i$  in this method is

$$\frac{1}{6} F_{i-1} + \frac{2}{3} F_i + \frac{1}{6} F_{i+1} = \frac{1}{2h} (u_{i+1} - u_{i-1})$$

and the relation between  $S_i$  and  $F_i$  in this method is

$$\frac{1}{12} S_{i-1} + \frac{5}{6} S_i + \frac{1}{12} S_{i+1} = \frac{1}{h^2} (u_{i+1} - 2u_i + u_{i-1})$$

The accuracy of this scheme is easily obtained by Taylor expansions of the above equations. The consequential truncation error is

$$F_i = u$$

and

$$S_i = u_i'' - \left(\frac{1}{240}\right) h^4 u^{(6)}$$

The usual five-point fourth order approximations for

and are

$$F_i = \frac{1}{12h} (-u_{i+2} + 8u_{i+1} - 8u_{i-1} + u_{i-2})$$

and

$$S_i = \frac{1}{12h^2} (-u_{i+2} + 16u_{i+1} - 30u_i + 16u_{i-1} - u_{i-2})$$

The truncation error here is

$$F_i = u_i' - \left(\frac{1}{30}\right) h^4 u^{(5)}$$

and

$$S_i = u_i'' - \left(\frac{1}{90}\right) h^4 u^{(6)}$$

Even though the new scheme and the standard representation both represent fourth order accuracy, the compact method should generate slightly more correct results due to smaller coefficients of the truncation error terms.

Difference scheme using compact scheme for  $\alpha$  and central difference scheme for  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$ .

$$u_{tt}|_i^n = \frac{u_i^{n+1} - 2u_i^n + u_i^{n-1}}{k^2} + O(k^2)$$

and

$$u_t|_i^n = \frac{u_i^{n+1} - u_i^{n-1}}{2k} + O(k^2)$$

Then

$$u_{tt}|_i^n - u_{tt}|_{i-1}^n = \frac{(u_i^{n-1} - u_i^{n-2}) - 2(u_i^n - u_{i-1}^n) - (u_{i-1}^{n-1} + u_{i-1}^{n-2})}{k^2}$$

and

$$u_t|_i^n - u_t|_{i-1}^n = \frac{u_i^{n+1} - u_i^{n-1} - u_{i-1}^{n+1} + u_{i-1}^{n-1}}{2k}$$

Then by using the last results, we have from eqs. (19), (25), (24),(18), (26) and (27) as below:

$$u_0^n = 0$$

$$\left(\frac{\alpha}{k^2} + \frac{\beta}{2k}\right) u_i^{n+1} - \frac{6c^2}{h} F_i^n - \frac{6c^2}{h} F_i^n = \left(\frac{2\alpha}{k^2} - \frac{12c^2}{h^2} - \gamma\right) u_i^n + \left(\frac{\beta}{2k} - \frac{\alpha}{k^2}\right) u_i^{n-1}$$

$$F_{i-1}^n + 4F_i^n + F_{i+1}^n = \frac{3}{h} (u_{i+1}^n - u_{i-1}^n)$$

$$\left(\frac{\alpha}{k^2} + \frac{\beta}{2k}\right) u_i^{n+1} + \frac{c^2}{2h} F_{i-1}^n - \frac{c^2}{2h} F_{i+1}^n = \frac{2c^2}{h^2} (u_{i-1}^n + u_{i+1}^n) + \left(\frac{2\alpha}{k^2} - \frac{4c^2}{h^2} - \gamma\right) u_i^n + \left(\frac{\beta}{2k} - \frac{\alpha}{k^2}\right) u_i^{n-1}$$

$$u_m^n = 0$$

$$\left(\frac{\alpha}{k^2} + \frac{\beta}{2k}\right) u_m^{n+1} + \frac{6c^2}{h} F_{m-1}^n + \frac{6c^2}{h} F_m^n = \left(\frac{2\alpha}{k^2} - \frac{12c^2}{h^2} - \gamma\right) u_m^n + \left(\frac{\beta}{2k} - \frac{\alpha}{k^2}\right) u_m^{n-1}$$



Now for finding  $u_t|_i^p$  for the next time level, we use the initial condition

$$u_t|_i^p = g(x_i), \quad 0 \leq x \leq l$$

Which can be approximated into the form by using Taylor's series and finite differences as given in eq. (12). The Fourth Order Compact Scheme can be expressed in matrix form.

**Application 1:** Let us consider the homogeneous telegraph equation  $u_t$  in the interval

$$. \text{ The boundary conditions are } u(0, t) = u(\pi, t) = 0$$

and the initial conditions are

$$\text{and } u$$

$$u$$

The Exact Solution is

## Comparison of the Numerical Results of FDM and FOCM at

**Table 1: Finite difference method**

$x_i$	FDM	Exact	Error
0.000000000	0.000000000	0.000000000	
0.000000000			
0.314159265	0.225789472	0.225706846	0.000065573
0.628318531	0.429476947	0.429319918	0.000157029
0.942477796	0.591124713	0.590908170	0.000216543
1.256637061	0.694908500	0.694654226	0.000254274
1.570796327	0.730607786	0.730402708	0.000267506
1.884955592	0.694908500	0.694654226	0.000254274
2.199114858	0.591124713	0.590908170	0.000216543
2.513274123	0.429476947	0.429319918	0.000157029
2.827433388	0.225789472	0.225706846	0.000082626
3.141592654	0.000000000	0.000000000	0.000000000

**Table 2: Fourth order compact method**

$x_i$	FOCM	Exact	Error
0.000000000	0.000000000	0.000000000	0.000000000
0.314159265	0.225772419	0.225706846	0.000065573
0.628318531	0.429440009	0.429319918	0.000120090
0.942477796	0.591074269	0.590908170	0.000166100
1.256637061	0.694849272	0.694654226	0.000195050
1.570796327	0.730607786	0.730402708	0.000205080
1.884955592	0.694849272	0.694654226	0.000195050
2.199114858	0.591074269	0.590908170	0.000166100
2.513274123	0.429440009	0.429319918	0.000120090
2.827433388	0.225772419	0.225706846	0.000065573
3.141592654	0.000000000	0.000000000	0.000000000

For graph see Figure 1

**Application 2:** Let us consider the homogeneous Telegraph equation in the interval

. The boundary conditions are

$$u(0, t) = u(1, t) = 0$$

and the initial conditions are

and

The Exact Solution is

### Comparison of the Numerical Results of FDM and FOCM at $t=0.05$

**Table 3: Finite difference method**

$x_i$	FDM	Exact	Error
0.00000000	0.00000000	0.00000000	0.00000000
0.10000000	0.189019874	0.188654259	0.000365615
0.20000000	0.359537184	0.358841747	0.000695437
0.30000000	0.494860351	0.493903279	0.000957072
0.40000000	0.581743300	0.580618143	0.001125157
0.50000000	0.611681104	0.610498011	0.001183093
0.60000000	0.581743300	0.580618143	0.001125157
0.70000000	0.494860351	0.493903279	0.000957072
0.80000000	0.359537184	0.358841747	0.000695437
0.90000000	0.189019874	0.188654259	0.000365615
1.00000000	0.00000000	0.00000000	0.00000000

**Table 4: Fourth order compact method**

$x_i$	FOCM	Exact	Error
0.00000000	0.00000000	0.00000000	0.00000000
0.10000000	0.188897592	0.188654259	0.000243333
0.20000000	0.359286293	0.358841747	0.000444546
0.30000000	0.494860351	0.493903279	0.000610882
0.40000000	0.581743300	0.580618143	0.000718743
0.50000000	0.611681104	0.610498011	0.000755415
0.60000000	0.581743300	0.580618143	0.000718743
0.70000000	0.494860351	0.493903279	0.000610882
0.80000000	0.359286293	0.358841747	0.000444546
0.90000000	0.188897592	0.188654259	0.000243333
1.00000000	0.00000000	0.00000000	0.00000000

For graph see Figure 2

**Application 3:** Let us consider the homogeneous Telegraph equation in the interval

. The boundary conditions are

$$u(0, t) = u(\pi, t) = 0$$

and the initial conditions are

and , .

The Exact Solution is .

### Comparison of the Numerical Results of FDM and FOCM at

**Table 5: Finite difference method**

$x_i$	FDM	Exact	Error
0.000000000	0.000000000	0.000000000	0.000000000
0.314159265	0.189019874	0.188654259	0.000365615
0.628318531	0.359537184	0.358841747	0.000695437
0.942477796	0.494860351	0.493903279	0.000957072
1.256637061	0.581743300	0.580618143	0.001125157
1.570796327	0.611681104	0.610498011	0.001183093
1.884955592	0.581743300	0.580618143	0.001125157
2.199114858	0.494860351	0.493903279	0.000957072
2.513274123	0.359537184	0.358841747	0.000695437
2.827433388	0.189019874	0.188654259	0.000365615
3.141592654	0.000000000	0.000000000	0.000000000

**Table 6: FOURTH ORDER COMPACT METHOD**



$x_i$	FOCM	Exact	Error
0.000000000	0.000000000	0.000000000	0.000000000
0.314159265	0.188897634	0.188654259	0.000243375
0.628318531	0.359286293	0.358841747	0.000444546
0.942477796	0.494514161	0.493903279	0.000610882
1.256637061	0.581336886	0.580618143	0.000718743
1.570796327	0.611253426	0.610498011	0.000755415
1.884955592	0.581336886	0.580618143	0.000718743
2.199114858	0.494514161	0.493903279	0.000610882
2.513274123	0.359286293	0.358841747	0.000444546
2.827433388	0.188897634	0.188654259	0.000243375
3.141592654	0.000000000	0.000000000	0.000000000

For graph see Figure 3

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

In this paper, numerical solutions for one dimensional linear homogeneous Telegraph equation are derived using Finite Difference Method (FDM) and Fourth Order Compact Method (FOCM). Fourth Order Compact Method is known to be a powerful method for solving such hyperbolic equations. Three different problems are tested numerically using finite difference method and fourth order compact method. The numerical results are then compared with the exact solutions. We observe that the fourth order compact method, which also uses only three nodes, gives better results than the standard finite difference second order method.

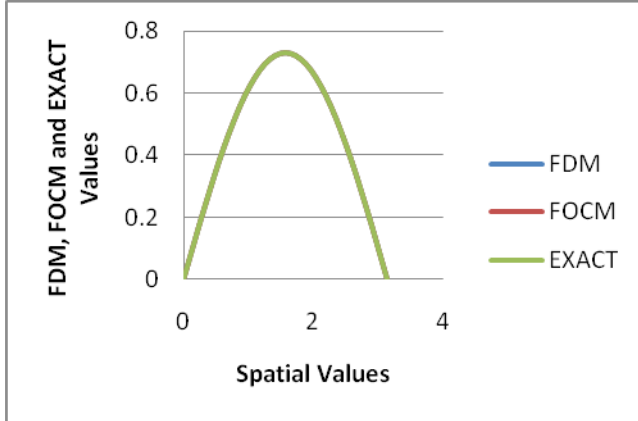


FIGURE 1. Comparison of FDM, FOCM and EXACT

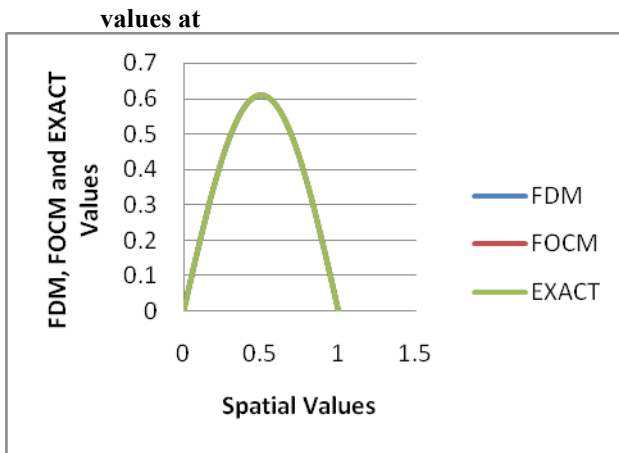


FIGURE 2. Comparison of FDM, FOCM and EXACT

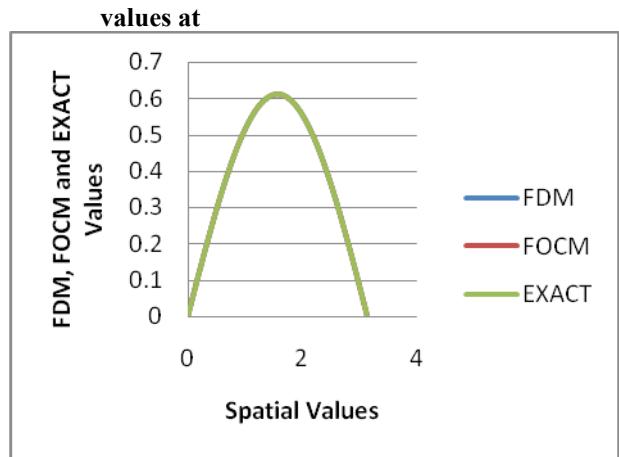


FIGURE 3. Comparison of FDM, FOCM and EXACT

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