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ABSTRACT

In this paper, a shifted Jacobi–Gauss collocation spectral method is proposed for solving the nonlinear Lane–Emden type equation. The spatial approximation is based on shifted Jacobi polynomials $P_{T,n}^{(\alpha,\beta)}(x)$ with α , $\beta \in (-1,\infty)$, T > 0, and n is the polynomial degree. The shifted Jacobi–Gauss points are used as collocation nodes. Numerical examples are included to demonstrate the validity and applicability of the technique and a comparison is made with existing results. The method is easy to implement and yields very accurate results. © 2011 Elsevier B.V. All rights reserved.