



# Higher-Order Numerical Technique Based on Strong Stability Preserving Method for Solving Nonlinear Fisher Equation

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**Abstract.** This paper presents higher-order numerical methods for solving nonlinear Fisher equations. These types of equations arise in various fields of sciences and engineering, the main application of this equation has been found in the biomedical sciences. The solution of this equation helps to determine the size of the brain tumor. In this paper, we have constructed the numerical method based on the method of lines and higher order strong stability preserving schemes of order three and four. These schemes are explicit in nature and easy to implement specially to solve the nonlinear problems. Due to the stability-preserving nature of the scheme, the restriction on time steps is very mild. These schemes are very practical to use and produce very accurate results. Various test problems are considered to validate the scheme along with a comparison of  $L_2$  and  $L_\infty$  errors with the exact solution, resulting in high accuracy. The scheme is found to be better compared to existing schemes with less computational effort.

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## 1. Introduction

We introduced the one-dimensional nonlinear Fisher equation

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \alpha u(1 - u), \quad 0 \leq x \leq 1, t > 0, \quad (1.1)$$

where  $u(x, t)$  population density.

The Fisher equation was initially formulated in 1937, and eq. (1.1) is referenced from [10]. The details of the analysis and explanation of eq. (1.1) can be found in Kolmogorov *et al.* [16]. As a result, it is termed the Fisher-Kolmogorov-Petrovsky-Piscounov (Fisher-KPP) equation, although it is more commonly recognized as the Fisher equation. The first solutions for eq. (1.1) were found by Ablowitz and Zeppetella [2]. After that, eq. (1.1) was expressed multiple times in various form by Korpusov *et al.* [17], Kudryashov [18], and Polyanin and Zhurov [25]. This equation finds numerous uses in the fields of science and engineering (see, Baker [4], Chandraker *et al.* [8], Dattoli *et al.* [9], Gunzburger *et al.* [11], Ma and Fuchssteiner [20], Polyanin and Zhurov [25]). The researchers explored some important variations of this equation (see, Abd-Elhameed *et al.* [1], Agbavon *et al.* [3], Bastani and Salkuyeh [5], Branco *et al.* [7], Hussen and Mebrate [13], Jiwrai and Mittal [14], Macías-Díaz *et al.* [21], Mittal and Jiwari [22], Verma *et al.* [29], Vimal *et al.* [30, 31], and Wang [34]). The literature contains detailed information regarding the mathematical properties of Fisher's equation, along with extensive discussions (see, Kawahara and Tanaka [15], Larson [19], and Tyson and Brazhnik [28]).

In mathematical science, we develop a method for obtaining numerical solutions of a one-dimensional nonlinear reaction-diffusion equation using the SSPRK-43 technique. We perform this task by transforming the PDE into ODE over time through the application of the method of lines (Oymak and Selçuk [23]). The method of lines, which is a technique for finding numerical solutions of PDE, plays an essential role in preserving the accuracy and stability of the developing solution. The ODEs resulting from the discretization of the Navier-Stokes equations are integrated using an implicit method, Adams-Moulton, which is integrated with the widely recognized ODE solver (Hindmarsh [12]).

In this paper, we introduce a numerical approach for solving Fisher's equation. We use the method of lines in the spatial domain and employ the *strong stability preserving Runge-Kutta* (SSPRK) method in the time domain for Fisher's equation. In Section 2, we illustrate Fisher's equation in one dimension, including initial and boundary conditions. In Section 3, involves semi-discretizing the derived equation in the spatial dimension using MOL and fully discretizing it by implementing the SSP-RK43 method on the resulting ODE system. In Section 4, we describe numerical experiments of test examples and compare the numerical solutions with a few existing methods. Our method demonstrates higher accuracy compared to the existing methods. In Section 5, conclusion is given.

## 2. Problem Statement

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \alpha u(1 - u), \quad 0 \leq x \leq 1, t > 0, \quad (2.1)$$

with initial condition

$$u(x, 0) = u_0(x), \quad 0 \leq x \leq 1,$$

and the boundary conditions

$$u(0, t) = f_3(t), \quad 0 \leq t \leq T,$$

$$u(1, t) = f_4(t), \quad 0 \leq t \leq T,$$

where  $\alpha$  is the reactive factor and  $u_0(x)$ ,  $f_3$ , and  $f_4$ , are given functions of the variables which are sufficiently smooth.

### 3. Numerical Scheme

The *Method of Lines* (MOL) is a widely recognized technique used for solving time-dependent partial differential equations. Initially, the PDEs are converted into ODEs using the method of lines. Then the set of ODEs is solved by applying the SSP-RK43 scheme for integration. To discretize the solution domain for eq. (1.1), we apply a uniform mesh approach. The spatial interval  $[0, 1]$  is divided into  $M$  equal sub-intervals, each with a width of  $\Delta x$ , where  $\Delta x$  is calculated as  $\Delta x = \frac{1}{M}$ . We then define spatial points  $x_m$  as  $x_m = m\Delta x$  for  $m$  is ranging from 0 to  $M$ .

#### 3.1 Method of Lines (MOL)

In [26], Rothe first introduced the *Method of Lines* (MOL), and in subsequent works of Bonkile et al. [6], and Parambu et al. [24] utilized the MOL to transform the PDEs into a set of ODEs, effectively addressing the Burger's equation and Stefan problem. An unsteady linear partial differential equation undergoes spatial discretization to create a semi-discrete *method of lines* (MOL) scheme. This includes discretizing the reaction term  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t}$  with a second-order central method and using the central difference to discretize the diffusion term  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$ ,

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{u_{m+1}(t) - u_{m-1}(t)}{2h}, \quad (3.1)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = \frac{u_{m+1}(t) - 2u_m(t) + u_{m-1}(t)}{h^2}, \quad h = \Delta x, \quad (3.2)$$

$$\frac{du_m}{dt} = \left( \frac{u_{m+1}(t) - 2u_m(t) + u_{m-1}(t)}{h^2} + \alpha u_m(1 - u_m) \right), \quad (3.3)$$

where  $m = 1, 2, 3, \dots, M - 1$ .

The right-hand side of eq. (3.3) can be expressed using a discrete operator form:

$$\frac{du_m}{dt} = L(u_m), \quad (3.4)$$

where  $m$  is ranging from 1 to  $M - 1$ , and  $L$  is basically a nonlinear difference operator.

#### 3.2 Time Integration

In this method, we establish a system of ordinary differential equations that are solved with a four-stage, third-order time-stepping Runge-Kutta (SSP-RK43) scheme designed to ensure strong stability preservation. In this case, the SSP method used exhibits the property where the number of stages ( $s = 4$ ) exceeds the method's order ( $k = 3$ ).

##### 3.2.1 SSP-RK43

The purpose of SSP-RK43 is to achieve high-order accuracy in time integration while maintaining strong stability properties. Let us express an  $s$ -stage explicit Runge-Kutta method in the following manner,

$$U^{(0)} = U^n, \quad (3.5)$$

$$U^{(i)} = \sum_{k=0}^{i-1} (\alpha_{i,k} U^{(k)} + \Delta t b_{i,k} L(U^{(k)})), \quad i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, s, \quad (3.6)$$

$$U^{n+1} = U^{(s)}. \quad (3.7)$$

The SSP-RK43 scheme is characterized by coefficients  $a_{i,k}$  that satisfy the conditions  $a_{i,k} \geq 0$  and  $a_{i,k} = 0$  only if  $b_{i,k} = 0$  (Shu [27]). This scheme also possesses a *Courant-Friedrichs-Lewy* (CFL) coefficient is 2. Additionally, it's required that the sum of coefficients  $\sum_{k=0}^{i-1} a_{i,k} = 1$  holds for  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, s$ .

To descretize the temporal domain  $[0, T]$  into  $N$  equivalent sub-intervals with a uniform mesh size, we assume  $\Delta t = 1/N = k$  and utilize  $t_n = n\Delta t$ . We perform the integration of eq. (3.4) from  $t_n$  to  $t_n + \Delta t$  using the following steps for  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots, N$ , resulting in the complete determination of the solution  $u(x, t)$  at a specific time level.

Table 1 gives the values of  $a_{ik}$  and  $b_{ik}$  coefficients.

**Table 1.** Butcher tableau of SSP-RK43 scheme (Shu [27])

$a_{i,k}$				$b_{i,k}$			
1				$\frac{1}{2}$			
0	1			0	$\frac{1}{2}$		
$\frac{2}{3}$	0	$\frac{1}{3}$		0	0	$\frac{1}{6}$	
0	0	0	1	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} u_m^{(0)} &= u_m^n \\ u_m^{(0)} &= u_m^n \end{aligned} \right\}, \tag{3.8}$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} u_m^{(1)} &= u_m^{(0)} + \Delta t \left( \frac{1}{2} \right) L(u_m^{(0)}) \\ u_m^{(1)} &= u_m^{(0)} + \left( \frac{k}{2} \right) \left[ \frac{u_{m+1}^{(0)} - 2u_m^{(0)} + u_{m-1}^{(0)}}{h^2} + \alpha u_m^{(0)} (1 - u_m^{(0)}) \right] \end{aligned} \right\}, \tag{3.9}$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} u_m^{(2)} &= u_m^{(1)} + \Delta t \left( \frac{1}{2} \right) L(u_m^{(1)}) \\ u_m^{(2)} &= u_m^{(1)} + \left( \frac{k}{2} \right) \left[ \frac{u_{m+1}^{(1)} - 2u_m^{(1)} + u_{m-1}^{(1)}}{h^2} + \alpha u_m^{(1)} (1 - u_m^{(1)}) \right] \end{aligned} \right\}, \tag{3.10}$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} u_m^{(3)} &= \left( \frac{2}{3} \right) u_m^{(0)} + \left( \frac{1}{3} \right) u_m^{(2)} + \Delta t \left( \frac{1}{6} \right) L(u_m^{(2)}) \\ u_m^{(3)} &= \left( \frac{2}{3} \right) u_m^{(0)} + \left( \frac{1}{3} \right) u_m^{(2)} + \left( \frac{k}{6} \right) \left[ \frac{u_{m+1}^{(2)} - 2u_m^{(2)} + u_{m-1}^{(2)}}{h^2} + \alpha u_m^{(2)} (1 - u_m^{(2)}) \right] \end{aligned} \right\}, \tag{3.11}$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} u_m^{(n+1)} &= u_m^{(3)} + \Delta t \left( \frac{1}{2} \right) L(u_m^{(3)}) \\ u_m^{(n+1)} &= u_m^{(0)} + \left( \frac{k}{2} \right) \left[ \frac{u_{m+1}^{(3)} - 2u_m^{(3)} + u_{m-1}^{(3)}}{h^2} + \alpha u_m^{(3)} (1 - u_m^{(3)}) \right] \end{aligned} \right\}, \tag{3.12}$$

where  $\Delta t = k$ ,  $m = 2, 3, \dots, M$  for the next iteration  $u_m^{(0)} = u_m^{n+1}$ .

## 4. Numerical Results

Numerical results for the Fisher equation (1.1) using the SSP-RK43 method in MATLAB are presented, and the method's accuracy is assessed by comparing it with the exact solution. Assess the accuracy and efficiency of the proposed method by evaluating the  $L_2$  and  $L_\infty$  error norms,

$$L_2 = \left[ \frac{1}{M} \sum_{m=0}^M (U_m - u_m)^2 \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}, \quad L_\infty = \max_{0 \leq m \leq M} |U_m - u_m|.$$

Here,  $u_m$  is numerical solution and  $U_m$  as the similarity solution corresponding to the node at position  $x_m$ .

**Example 4.1.** Consider the Fisher equation

$$u_t = u_{xx} + \alpha u(1 - u),$$

subject to the initial condition

$$u(x, 0) = \frac{1}{(1 + e^{\sqrt{\frac{\alpha}{6}}x})^2},$$

where the exact solution is presented in [22] given by

$$u(x, t) = \frac{1}{(1 + e^{\sqrt{\frac{\alpha}{6}}x - \frac{5}{6}\alpha t})^2}.$$

**Example 4.2.** Consider the Fisher equation

$$u_t = u_{xx} + u(1 - u^\alpha),$$

with initial condition

$$u(x, 0) = \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \tanh \left( -\frac{\alpha}{2\sqrt{2\alpha+4}}x \right) + \frac{1}{2} \right\}^{\frac{2}{\alpha}}.$$

The exact solution is presented in [22] by

$$u(x, t) = \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \tanh \left( -\frac{\alpha}{2\sqrt{2\alpha+4}} \left( x - \frac{\alpha+4}{\sqrt{2\alpha+4}}t \right) \right) + \frac{1}{2} \right\}^{\frac{2}{\alpha}}.$$

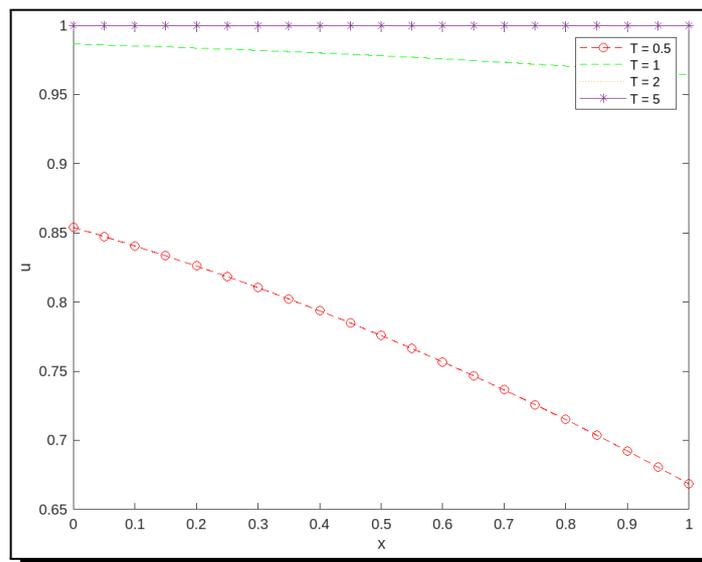
Tables 2 and 3 present numerical and exact solutions at various time points for different values of ' $\alpha$ ' and  $N$  is number of iteration in examples one and two. We compare the numerical and exact solutions for  $\alpha = 6$  and 1 using at two distinct time steps, namely  $\Delta t = 0.00001$  and  $\Delta t = 0.000005$ , with a specific focus on Examples 4.1 and 4.2. Figures 1, 2, 3, and 4 represent numerical solutions compared to the exact solution, while Figures 5, 6, 7, and 8 display the absolute error graphs about the exact solution for  $\alpha = 6$  and  $\alpha = 1$ , with  $\Delta t$  values of 0.00001 and 0.000005. We have conducted a comparison with existing numerical methods with [13, 22, 30, 32]. Our proposed numerical approaches, given in Tables 4, 5, 6, , 7, 8 and 9, perform better than those presented in references [22, 30, 32]. Tables 10, 11, 12, and 13 provide the  $L_2$  and  $L_\infty$  errors for examples one and two. From these tables and graphs, we observed that the proposed method yields more accurate values for all time steps.

**Table 2.** Numerical and exact solution at  $\alpha = 6, N = 20$  for Example 4.1

$x$	$T$	$\Delta t = 0.00001$		$\Delta t = 0.000005$	
		Numerical solution	Exact solution	Numerical solution	Exact solution
0.25	0.5	0.818397	0.818393	0.818396	0.818393
	1.0	0.982919	0.982919	0.982919	0.982919
	2.0	0.999883	0.999883	0.999883	0.999883
	5.0	1.000000	1.000000	1.000000	1.000000
0.5	0.5	0.775809	0.775803	0.775808	0.775803
	1.0	0.978147	0.978147	0.978147	0.978147
	2.0	0.999850	0.999850	0.999850	0.999850
	5.0	1.000000	1.000000	1.000000	1.000000
0.75	0.5	0.725830	0.725824	0.725828	0.725824
	1.0	0.972071	0.972071	0.972071	0.972071
	2.0	0.999808	0.999808	0.999808	0.999808
	5.0	1.000000	1.000000	1.000000	1.000000

**Table 3.** Numerical and exact solution at  $\alpha = 1, N = 20$  for Example 4.2

$x$	$T$	$\Delta t = 0.00001$		$\Delta t = 0.000005$	
		Numerical solution	Exact solution	Numerical solution	Exact solution
0.25	0.5	0.334095	0.334094	0.334094	0.334094
	1.0	0.455739	0.455739	0.455739	0.455739
	2.0	0.683951	0.683951	0.683951	0.683951
	5.0	0.966525	0.966525	0.966525	0.966525
0.5	0.5	0.305739	0.305739	0.305739	0.305739
	1.0	0.425509	0.425509	0.425509	0.425509
	2.0	0.659217	0.659216	0.659217	0.659216
	5.0	0.963028	0.963028	0.963028	0.963028
0.75	0.5	0.278354	0.278353	0.278354	0.278353
	1.0	0.395412	0.395411	0.395412	0.395411
	2.0	0.633359	0.633358	0.633358	0.633358
	5.0	0.959178	0.959178	0.959178	0.959178



**Figure 1.** Solution at  $\alpha = 6, \Delta t = 0.00001,$  and  $N = 20$  for Example 4.1

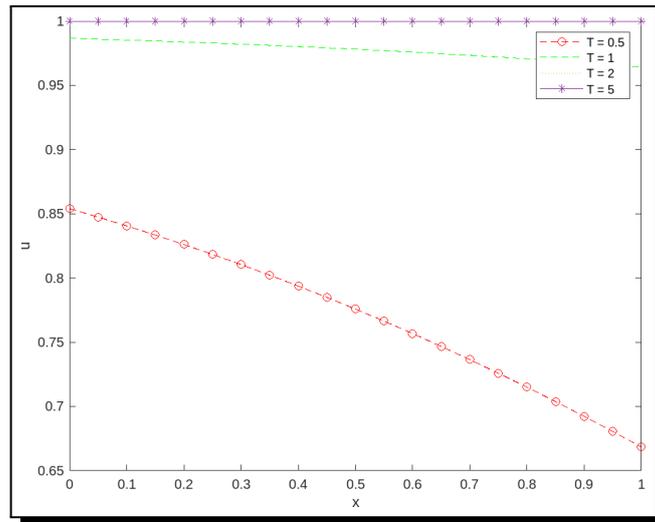


Figure 2. Solution at  $\alpha = 6$ ,  $\Delta t = 0.000005$ , and  $N = 20$  for Example 4.1

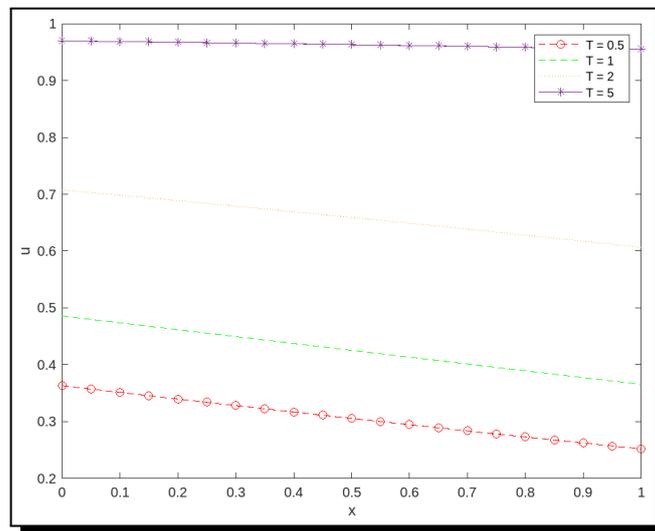


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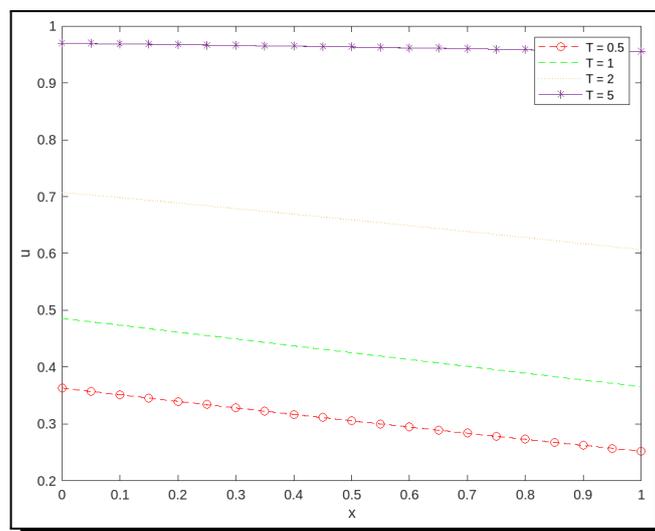


Figure 4. Solution at  $\alpha = 1$ ,  $\Delta t = 0.000005$ , and  $N = 20$  for Example 4.2

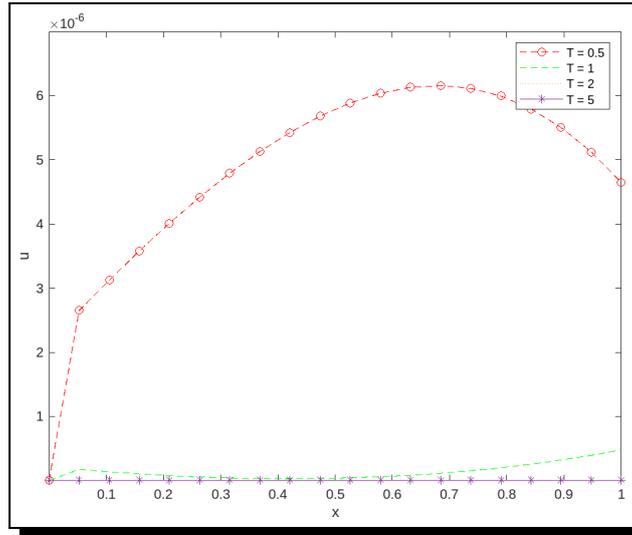


Figure 5. Absolute errors at  $\alpha = 6$ ,  $\Delta t = 0.00001$ , and  $N = 20$  for Example 4.1

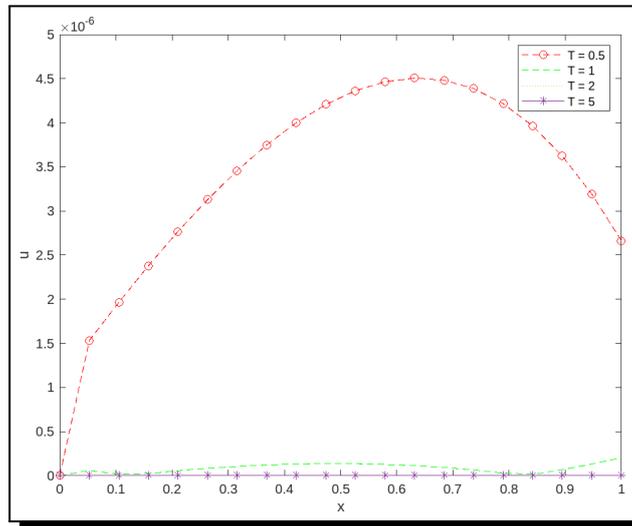


Figure 6. Absolute errors at  $\alpha = 6$ ,  $\Delta t = 0.000005$ , and  $N = 20$  for Example 4.1

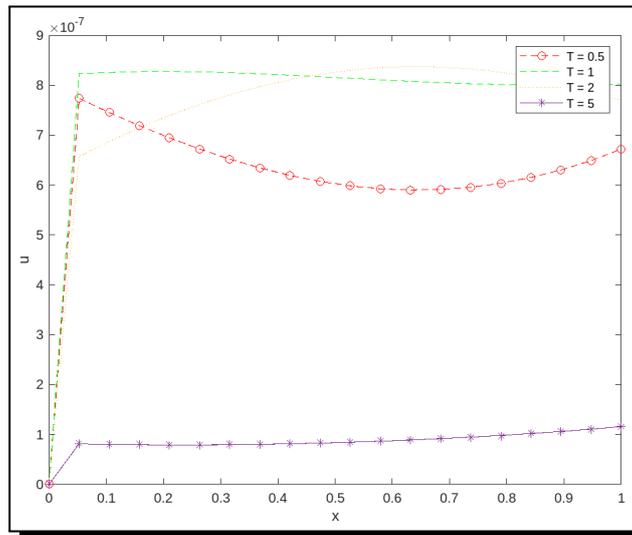


Figure 7. Absolute errors at  $\alpha = 1$ ,  $\Delta t = 0.00001$ , and  $N = 20$  for Example 4.2

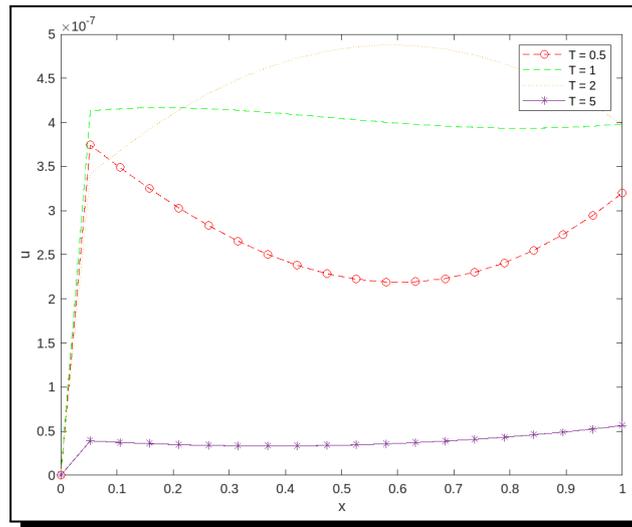


Figure 8. Absolute errors at  $\alpha = 1$ ,  $\Delta t = 0.000005$ , and  $N = 20$  for Example 4.2

Table 4. Present and existing numerical solution comparison with exact solution at  $\alpha = 6$ ,  $N = 20$  for Example 4.1

$x$	$T$	$\Delta t = 0.0001$			$\Delta t = 0.00005$		
		Mittal [22]	Present solution	Exact solution	Mittal [22]	Present solution	Exact solution
0.25	0.5	0.81847	0.818420	0.818393	0.81843	0.818407	0.818393
	1.0	0.98293	0.982921	0.982919	0.98292	0.982920	0.982919
	2.0	0.99988	0.999883	0.999883	0.99988	0.999883	0.999883
	5.0	1.00000	1.000000	1.000000	1.00000	1.000000	1.000000
0.5	0.5	0.77590	0.775837	0.775803	0.77580	0.775822	0.775803
	1.0	0.97816	0.978150	0.978147	0.97815	0.978148	0.978147
	2.0	0.99985	0.999850	0.999850	0.99985	0.999850	0.999850
	5.0	1.00000	1.000000	1.000000	1.00000	1.000000	1.000000
0.75	0.5	0.72594	0.725862	0.725824	0.72588	0.725844	0.725824
	1.0	0.97209	0.972075	0.972071	0.97208	0.972073	0.972071
	2.0	0.99981	0.999808	0.999808	0.99981	0.999808	0.999808
	5.0	1.00000	1.000000	1.000000	1.00000	1.000000	1.000000

Table 5. Present and existing numerical solution comparison with exact solution at  $\alpha = 1$ ,  $N = 20$  for Example 4.2

$x$	$T$	$\Delta t = 0.0001$			$\Delta t = 0.00005$		
		Mittal [22]	Present solution	Exact solution	Mittal [22]	Present solution	Exact solution
0.25	0.5	0.33412	0.334102	0.334094	0.33409	0.334098	0.334094
	1.0	0.45576	0.455747	0.455739	0.45574	0.455743	0.455739
	2.0	0.68397	0.683957	0.683951	0.68394	0.683954	0.683951
	5.0	0.96653	0.966526	0.966525	0.96653	0.966525	0.966525
0.5	0.5	0.30576	0.305746	0.305739	0.30574	0.305742	0.305739
	1.0	0.42553	0.425517	0.425509	0.42551	0.425513	0.425509
	2.0	0.65924	0.659223	0.659216	0.65921	0.659220	0.659216
	5.0	0.96303	0.963029	0.963028	0.96303	0.963029	0.963028
0.75	0.5	0.27838	0.278361	0.278353	0.27835	0.278357	0.278353
	1.0	0.39544	0.395420	0.395411	0.39542	0.395415	0.395411
	2.0	0.63338	0.633365	0.633358	0.63336	0.633361	0.633358
	5.0	0.95918	0.959179	0.959178	0.95918	0.959179	0.959178

**Table 6.** Comparison of numerical solution for Example 4.1 at  $\Delta t = 0.0004$ ,  $T = 0.4$  and  $\alpha = 6$ .

$x$	SIS [13]	Present solution	Exact solution
0	0.77580349	0.77580349	0.77580349
0.1	0.75685967	0.75684613	0.75671127
0.2	0.73668727	0.73656282	0.73641959
0.3	0.71528604	0.71508119	0.71492899
0.4	0.69266980	0.69241517	0.69225459
0.5	0.66886832	0.66859637	0.66842802
0.6	0.64392921	0.64367440	0.64349899
0.7	0.61791942	0.61771822	0.61753662
0.8	0.59092643	0.59081698	0.59063034
0.9	0.56305891	0.56305630	0.56289023
1	0.53444665	0.53444665	0.53444665

**Table 7.** Comparison of numerical solution for Example 4.1 at  $\Delta t = 0.000005$ ,  $T = 0.1$  and  $\alpha = 6$ 

$x$	BDF1 [32]	BDF2 [32]	Present solution	Exact solution
0.1	0.35841806	0.35842071	0.35842328	0.35842691
0.2	0.32997086	0.32997260	0.32997524	0.32998421
0.3	0.30230060	0.30230157	0.30230424	0.30231742
0.4	0.27558402	0.27558442	0.27558708	0.27560315
0.5	0.24997987	0.24997993	0.24998256	0.25000000
0.6	0.22562504	0.22562500	0.22562757	0.22564477
0.7	0.20263156	0.20263170	0.20263415	0.20264943
0.8	0.18108475	0.18108534	0.18108759	0.18109917
0.9	0.16104234	0.16104363	0.16104557	0.16105159

**Table 8.** Comparison of numerical solution for Example (4.1) at  $\Delta t = 0.000005$ ,  $T = 0.1$  and  $\alpha = 1$ 

$x$	BDF1 [30]	BDF2 [30]	Present solution	Exact solution
0.1	0.26073733	0.26073824	0.26073855	0.26073843
0.2	0.25042002	0.25042078	0.25042103	0.25042110
0.3	0.24031064	0.24031127	0.24031149	0.24031169
0.4	0.23041738	0.23041791	0.23041810	0.23041838
0.5	0.22074766	0.22074815	0.22074832	0.22074865
0.6	0.21130823	0.21130872	0.21130889	0.21130920
0.7	0.20210505	0.20210558	0.20210576	0.20210601
0.8	0.19314332	0.19314394	0.19314415	0.19314428
0.9	0.18442751	0.18442824	0.18442848	0.18442843

**Table 9.** Comparison of numerical solution for Example (4.1) at  $\Delta t = 0.000005$ ,  $T = 0.1$  and  $\alpha = 6$ 

$x$	BDF1 [30]	BDF2 [30]	Present solution	Exact solution
0.1	0.35840890	0.35842119	0.35842328	0.35842691
0.2	0.32996342	0.32997349	0.32997524	0.32998421
0.3	0.30229465	0.30230278	0.30230424	0.30231742
0.4	0.27557923	0.27558586	0.27558708	0.27560315
0.5	0.24997582	0.24998148	0.24998256	0.25000000
0.6	0.22562126	0.22562655	0.22562757	0.22564477
0.7	0.20262760	0.20263311	0.20263415	0.20264943
0.8	0.18108020	0.18108646	0.18108759	0.18109917
0.9	0.16103685	0.16104428	0.16104557	0.16105159

**Table 10.** Error of Example 4.1 at  $\alpha = 1$ 

T	$\Delta t = 0.0001$		$\Delta t = 0.00005$	
	$L_2$	$L_\infty$	$L_2$	$L_\infty$
0.5	2.87954E-05	3.80053E-05	1.54322E-05	2.02224E-05
1.0	2.99375E-06	4.2997E-06	1.38381E-06	2.0213E-06
2.0	1.99398E-08	2.91E-08	8.69856E-09	1.31E-08
5.0	0	0	0	0

**Table 11.** Error of Example 4.2 at  $\alpha = 1$ 

T	$\Delta t = 0.0001$		$\Delta t = 0.00005$	
	$L_2$	$L_\infty$	$L_2$	$L_\infty$
0.5	6.40395E-06	7.6751E-06	3.14702E-06	3.7845E-06
1.0	7.09577E-06	8.2303E-06	3.54533E-06	4.1173E-06
2.0	6.06549E-06	7.2913E-06	3.0837E-06	3.6994E-06
5.0	8.58653E-07	1.0872E-06	4.23784E-07	5.377E-07

**Table 12.** Error of Example 4.1 at  $\alpha = 6$ 

T	$\Delta t = 0.00001$		$\Delta t = 0.000005$	
	$L_2$	$L_\infty$	$L_2$	$L_\infty$
0.5	4.74683E-06	5.9958E-06	3.41395E-06	4.3637E-06
1.0	1.05544E-07	1.986E-07	8.09956E-08	1.355E-07
2.0	5.91608E-10	1E-09	1.5411E-09	2.3E-09
5.0	0	0	0	0

**Table 13.** Error of Example 4.2 at  $\alpha = 1$ 

T	$\Delta t = 0.00001$		$\Delta t = 0.000005$	
	$L_2$	$L_\infty$	$L_2$	$L_\infty$
0.5	5.41759E-07	6.721E-07	2.16534E-07	2.831E-07
1.0	7.04974E-07	8.268E-07	3.49989E-07	4.155E-07
2.0	6.98402E-07	8.301E-07	4.00322E-07	4.857E-07
5.0	7.58889E-08	9.81E-08	3.24257E-08	4.32E-08

## 5. Conclusion

We have developed a high-order numerical method for solving the Fisher's equation. We implement a technique known as semi-discretization to solve PDEs in the spatial variable using the *Method of Lines* (MOL). Using this approach, we derive a system of ODEs that are solved using the SSP-RK43 scheme. We consider two examples of the Fisher equation, comparing numerical solutions at various time steps for different values of ' $\alpha$ ' to determine the efficiency and accuracy of the method. The  $L_2$  and  $L_\infty$  norms are evaluated for numerical errors. The introduced method produces better results, approaching the exact solution numerically. The results are also compared with a few existing methods in Tables 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9, they are found to be more precise and accurate. This technique can also be implemented to solve higher-dimensional nonlinear *Partial Differential Equations* (PDEs).

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