



# Numerical Treatment of Time-Fractional Klein–Gordon Equation Using Redefined Extended Cubic B-Spline Functions

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In this article we develop a numerical algorithm based on redefined extended cubic B-spline functions to explore the approximate solution of the time-fractional Klein–Gordon equation. The proposed technique employs the finite difference formulation to discretize the Caputo fractional time derivative of order  $\alpha \in (1, 2]$  and uses redefined extended cubic B-spline functions to interpolate the solution curve over a spatial grid. A stability analysis of the scheme is conducted, which confirms that the errors do not amplify during execution of the numerical procedure. The derivation of a uniform convergence result reveals that the scheme is  $O(h^2 + \Delta t^{2-\alpha})$  accurate. Some computational experiments are carried out to verify the theoretical results. Numerical simulations comparing the proposed method with existing techniques demonstrate that our scheme yields superior outcomes.

**Keywords:** redefined extended cubic B-spline, time fractional Klein–Gorden equation, Caputo fractional derivative, finite difference method, convergence analysis

## 1. INTRODUCTION

The subject of fractional-order differential equations has attracted considerable interest due to its applications in a wide range of fields, such as traffic flow, earthquakes and other physical phenomena, signal processing, finance, control theory, fractional dynamics, and mathematical modeling [1–10]. In recent years, the analytical and numerical study of fractional-order differential equations has become a dynamic area of research. Several numerical and analytical techniques have been developed to handle these types of equations [11–22]. There are a number of different definitions of fractional-order derivatives, with different applications. An excellent overview can be found in the works [23–31]. This article is concerned with the following time-fractional non-linear Klein–Gordon equation (KGE):

$$\frac{\partial^\alpha}{\partial t^\alpha} v(x, t) + \rho \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} v(x, t) + \rho_1 v(x, t) + \rho_2 v^\sigma(x, t) = f(x, t), \quad 0 < x \leq L, t_0 < t \leq T, \quad (1)$$

$$v(x, t_0) = \varphi_1(x), \quad v_t(x, t_0) = \varphi_2(x), \tag{2}$$

$$v(0, t) = \varphi_3(t), \quad v(L, t) = \varphi_4(t), \tag{3}$$

where  $\frac{\partial^\alpha}{\partial t^\alpha}$  represents the Caputo fractional time derivative,  $v = v(x, t)$  denotes the displacement of the wave at  $(x, t)$ ,  $\alpha \in (1, 2]$  is the fractional order of the time derivative,  $f(x, t)$  is the source term,  $\rho, \rho_1$  and  $\rho_2$  are real numbers, and  $\sigma = 2$  or  $3$ .

The fractional KGE plays a significant role in quantum mechanics, the study of solitons, and condensed matter physics. Many approaches have been adopted to solve equations of Klein/sine-Gordon type efficiently, including the Adomian decomposition method, the variational iteration method [32–34], and the homotopy analysis method [35]; see also the references cited in these works. Jafari et al. proposed using fractional B-splines for approximate solution of fractional differential equations [36]. In Vong and Wang [37, 38] space compact difference schemes were applied to one- and two-dimensional time-fractional Klein-Gordon-type equations, and stability and convergence of the proposed numerical approaches were established with the aid of an energy method. In Dehghan et al. [39] the authors used a meshless method based on radial basis functions to develop an unconditionally stable numerical scheme for fractional Klein/sine-Gordon equations. The Adomian decomposition method and an iterative method were applied in Jafari [40] to solve Klein-Gordon-type equations involving fractional time derivatives. A fully spectral approach was employed in Chen et al. [41] that uses finite differences for time discretization and Legendre spectral approximation in the spatial direction to construct numerical solutions of non-linear partial differential equations involving fractional derivatives. A sinc-Chebyshev collocation method (SCCM) was developed in Nagy [42] for numerical treatment of the time-fractional non-linear KGE. Recently, in Kanwal et al. [43], Genocchi polynomials were employed together with the Ritz-Galerkin scheme to solve fractional KGEs and diffusion wave equations. A linearized second-order scheme was introduced in Lyu and Vong [44] to solve non-linear time-fractional Klein-Gordon-type equations. Later on, in Doha et al. [45], a space-time spectral approximation was proposed for solving non-linear variable-order fractional Klein/sine-Gordon differential equations.

In this article we propose using redefined extended cubic B-spline (RECBS) functions for numerical solution of the time-fractional KGE. RECBS functions are basically a generalization of typical cubic B-spline functions that involve a free parameter which provides the flexibility to fine-tune the solution curve. We employ the usual finite central difference approach to discretize the Caputo fractional time derivative and use RECBS functions for spatial integration.

This article is organized as follows. The Caputo definition of fractional time derivative and the finite difference formulation for temporal discretization are reviewed in section 2; this section also includes a brief introduction to extended cubic B-spline and RECBS functions and their applications to space discretization. The stability analysis of the proposed algorithm is presented in section 3, and the description of theoretical convergence is

given in section 4. The approximate results are reported and discussed in section 5. Finally, concluding remarks are given in section 6.

## 2. DESCRIPTION OF NUMERICAL TECHNIQUE

### 2.1. Time Discretization

Let the time domain  $[0, T]$  be divided into  $R$  subintervals of equal length  $\Delta t = \frac{T}{R}$  with endpoints  $0 = t_0 < t_1 < \dots < t_R = T$ , where  $t_r = r\Delta t$  and  $r = 0 : 1 : R$ . We first discretize the Caputo fractional derivative at  $t = t_{r+1}$  as [46]

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^\alpha v(x, t_{r+1})}{\partial t^\alpha} &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(2-\alpha)} \int_0^{t_k} \frac{\partial^2 v(x, w)}{\partial w^2} (t_{r+1} - w)^{-\alpha+1} dw \\ (1 < \alpha \leq 2) & \\ &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(2-\alpha)} \sum_{k=0}^r \int_{t_k}^{t_{k+1}} \frac{\partial^2 v(x, w)}{\partial w^2} (t_{r+1} - w)^{-\alpha+1} dw. \\ &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(2-\alpha)} \sum_{k=0}^r \frac{v(x, t_{k+1}) - 2v(x, t_k) + v(x, t_{k-1}))}{\Delta t^2} \\ &\quad \int_{t_k}^{t_{k+1}} (t_{r+1} - w)^{-\alpha+1} dw + I_{\Delta t}^{r+1} \tag{4} \\ &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(2-\alpha)} \sum_{k=0}^r \frac{v(x, t_{k+1}) - 2v(x, t_k) + v(x, t_{k-1}))}{\Delta t^2} \\ &\quad \int_{t_{r-k}}^{t_{r-k+1}} (\epsilon)^{-\alpha+1} d\epsilon + I_{\Delta t}^{r+1} \\ &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(2-\alpha)} \sum_{k=0}^r \frac{v(x, t_{r-k+1}) - 2v(x, t_{r-k}) + v(x, t_{r-k-1}))}{\Delta t^2} \\ &\quad \int_{t_k}^{t_{k+1}} (\epsilon)^{-\alpha+1} d\epsilon + I_{\Delta t}^{r+1} \\ &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(3-\alpha)} \sum_{k=0}^r \frac{v(x, t_{r-k+1}) - 2v(x, t_{r-k}) + v(x, t_{r-k-1}))}{\Delta t^\alpha} \\ &\quad ((k+1)^{2-\alpha} - k^{2-\alpha}) + I_{\Delta t}^{r+1} \\ &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(3-\alpha)} \sum_{k=0}^r p_k \frac{v(x, t_{r-k+1}) - 2v(x, t_{r-k}) + v(x, t_{r-k-1}))}{\Delta t^\alpha} + I_{\Delta t}^{r+1}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $p_k = (k+1)^{2-\alpha} - k^{2-\alpha}$ ,  $\epsilon = (t_{r+1} - w)$ , and  $I_{\Delta t}^{r+1}$  is the truncation error. The truncation error is bounded, i.e.,

$$|I_{\Delta t}^{r+1}| \leq \psi (\Delta t)^{2-\alpha}, \tag{5}$$

where  $\psi$  is a constant. The coefficients  $p_k$  in (4) possess the following attributes:

- the  $p_k$ 's are non-negative for  $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, r$ ;
- $1 = p_0 > p_1 > p_2 > p_3 > \dots > p_n$ , and  $p_n \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ;
- $(2p_0 - p_1) + \sum_{k=1}^{r-1} (-p_{k+1} + 2p_k - p_{k-1}) + (2p_r - p_{r-1}) - p_r = 1$ .

Substituting Equation (4) into Equation (1), we get

$$\frac{1}{\Gamma(3-\alpha)(\Delta t)^\alpha} \sum_{k=0}^r p_k [v(x, t_{r-k+1}) - 2v(x, t_{r-k}) + v(x, t_{r-k-1})] + \rho v_{xx}(x, t) + \rho_1 v(x, t) + \rho_2 v^\sigma(x, t) = f(x, t) \quad (6)$$

$(r = 0, 1, 2, \dots, R - 1)$ .

Suppose  $\beta = \frac{1}{\Gamma(3-\alpha)(\Delta t)^\alpha}$  and  $v(x, t_{r+1}) = v^{r+1}$ . Applying a  $\theta$ -weighted scheme, Equation (6) takes the form

$$\beta p_0 (v^{r+1} - 2v^r + v^{r-1}) + \beta \sum_{k=1}^r p_k (v^{r-k+1} - 2v^{r-k} + v^{r-k-1}) + \theta(\rho v_{xx}^{r+1} + \rho_1 v^{r+1}) = f^{r+1} - (1-\theta)(\rho v_{xx}^r + \rho_1 v^r) - \rho_2 (v^\sigma)^r \quad (7)$$

$(r = 0, 1, 2, \dots, R - 1)$ .

For  $\theta = 1$ , we obtain the following semi-discretized numerical scheme:

$$(\beta p_0 + \rho_1) v^{r+1} + \rho v_{xx}^{r+1} = 2\beta p_0 v^r + \beta \sum_{k=1}^r p_k (v^{r-k+1} - 2v^{r-k} + v^{r-k-1}) - \rho_2 (v^\sigma)^r - \beta p_0 v^{r-1} + f^{r+1} \quad (8)$$

$(r = 0, 1, 2, \dots, R - 1)$ .

### 2.2. Extended Cubic B-Spline Functions

Let the spatial domain  $[a, b]$  be partitioned into  $M$  parts of equal length  $h = \frac{b-a}{M}$  with boundary points  $a = x_0 < x_1 < \dots < x_M = b$ , where  $x_m = x_0 + mh$  for  $m = 0 : 1 : M$ . For a sufficiently continuous function  $v(x, t)$ , there always exists a unique extended cubic B-spline (ECBS) approximation  $V^*(x, t)$ :

$$V^*(x, t) = \sum_{m=-1}^{M+1} \xi_m(t) S_m(x, \lambda), \quad (9)$$

where the  $\xi_m(t)$  are to be calculated and the fourth-degree ECBS blending functions  $S_m(x, \lambda)$  are defined as [47]

$$S_m(x, \lambda) = \frac{1}{24h^4} \begin{cases} 4h(x - x_{m-2})^3(1 - \lambda) + 3(x - x_{m-2})^4\lambda & \text{if } x \in [x_{m-2}, x_{m-1}), \\ h^4(4 - \lambda) + 12h^3(x - x_{m-1}) + 6h^2(x - x_{m-1})^2(2 + \lambda) - 12h(x - x_{m-1})^3 - 3(x - x_{m-1})^4\lambda & \text{if } x \in [x_{m-1}, x_m), \\ h^4(4 - \lambda) - 12h^3(x - x_{m+1}) - 6h^2(x - x_{m+1})^2(2 + \lambda) + 12h(x - x_{m+1})^3 + 3(x - x_{m+1})^4\lambda & \text{if } x \in [x_m, x_{m+1}), \\ -4h(x - x_{m+2})^3(1 - \lambda) - 3(x - x_{m+2})^4\lambda & \text{if } x \in [x_{m+1}, x_{m+2}), \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad (10)$$

Here  $\lambda$ , with  $-n(n - 2) \leq \lambda \leq 1$ , is a real number responsible for fine-tuning the curve, and  $n$  gives the degree of the ECBS used to generate different forms of ECBS functions. The approximate solution  $(V^*)^r_m = V^*(x_m, t^r)$  and its first two derivatives with

respect to the spatial variable  $x$  at the  $r$ th time step can be expressed in terms of  $\xi_m$  as [48]

$$\begin{cases} (V^*)^r_m = b_1 \xi_{m-1}^r + b_2 \xi_m^r + b_1 \xi_{m+1}^r, \\ (V^*_x)^r_m = b_3 \xi_{m-1}^r - b_3 \xi_{m+1}^r, \\ (V^*_{xx})^r_m = b_4 \xi_{m-1}^r + b_5 \xi_m^r + b_4 \xi_{m+1}^r, \end{cases} \quad (11)$$

where  $b_1 = \frac{4-\lambda}{24}$ ,  $b_2 = \frac{16+2\lambda}{24}$ ,  $b_3 = \frac{-1}{2h}$ ,  $b_4 = \frac{2+\lambda}{2h^2}$ , and  $b_5 = \frac{-4-2\lambda}{2h^2}$ .

### 2.3. Redefined Extended Cubic B-Spline Functions

In the typical ECBS collocation method, the basis functions  $S_{-1}, S_0, \dots, S_{M+1}$  do not vanish at the boundaries of the spatial domain when Dirichlet-type end conditions are imposed. Therefore, we need to redefine them so that the resulting set of basis functions will vanish at the boundaries. For this, a weight function  $\Phi(x, t)$  is introduced to eliminate  $\xi_{-1}$  and  $\xi_{M+1}$  from Equation (9) in the following manner [49]:

$$V(x, t) = \Phi(x, t) + \sum_{m=0}^M \xi_m(t) \tilde{S}_m(x, \lambda), \quad (12)$$

where the weight function  $\Phi(x, t)$  and the redefined ECBS (RECBS) functions are given by

$$\Phi(x, t) = \frac{S_{-1}(x, \lambda)}{S_{-1}(x_0, \lambda)} \varphi_3(t) + \frac{S_{M+1}(x, \lambda)}{S_{M+1}(x_M, \lambda)} \varphi_4(t) \quad (13)$$

and.

$$\begin{cases} \tilde{S}_m(x, \lambda) = S_m(x, \lambda) - \frac{S_m(x_0, \lambda)}{S_{-1}(x_0, \lambda)} S_{-1}(x, \lambda) & \text{for } m = 0, 1, \\ \tilde{S}_m(x, \lambda) = S_m(x, \lambda) & \text{for } m = 2 : 1 : M - 2, \\ \tilde{S}_m(x, \lambda) = S_m(x, \lambda) - \frac{S_m(x_M, \lambda)}{S_{M+1}(x_M, \lambda)} S_{M+1}(x, \lambda) & \text{for } m = M - 1, M. \end{cases} \quad (14)$$

### 2.4. Space Discretization

Using Equation (12) in Equation (8) at  $t = t_{r+1}$ , we obtain

$$(\beta p_0 + \rho_1) V^{r+1} + \rho V_{xx}^{r+1} = 2\beta p_0 V^r + \beta \sum_{k=1}^r p_k (V^{r-k+1} - 2V^{r-k} + V^{r-k-1}) - \rho_2 (V^\sigma)^r - \beta p_0 V^{r-1} + f^{r+1}. \quad (15)$$

Discretizing at  $x = x_j$ , we get

$$(\beta + \rho_1) V_j^{r+1} + \rho (V_{xx})_j^{r+1} = 2\beta V_j^r + \beta \sum_{k=1}^r p_k (V_j^{r-k+1} - 2V_j^{r-k} + V_j^{r-k-1}) - \rho_2 (V^\sigma)_j^r - \beta p_0 V_j^{r-1} + f_j^{r+1}$$



Now,  $q^r(x)$  can be written in the form of a Fourier series as follows:

$$q^r(x) = \sum_{r=-\infty}^{\infty} \varepsilon_r(n) e^{\frac{2\pi i n x}{b-a}}, \quad r = 1 : 1 : R, \quad (26)$$

where

$$\varepsilon_r(n) = \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b q^r(x) e^{-\frac{2\pi i n x}{b-a}} dx. \quad (27)$$

Taking the  $\|\cdot\|_2$  norm, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \|q^r\|_2 &= \left( \sum_{n=1}^{R-1} h |q_n^r|^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= \left( \int_a^{a+\frac{h}{2}} |q^r|^2 dx + \sum_{n=1}^{R-1} \int_{x_n-\frac{h}{2}}^{x_n+\frac{h}{2}} |q^r|^2 dx + \int_{b-\frac{h}{2}}^b |q^r|^2 dx \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= \left( \int_a^b |q^r|^2 dx \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}. \end{aligned}$$

From Parseval's equality we have  $\int_a^b |q^r(n)|^2 dx = \sum_{r=-\infty}^{\infty} |\varepsilon_r(n)|^2$ , so the above expression can be written as

$$\|q^r\|_2^2 = \sum_{r=-\infty}^{\infty} |\varepsilon_r(n)|^2. \quad (28)$$

Next, we consider the solution in terms of Fourier series,

$$q_k^r = \varepsilon_r e^{i\nu k h}, \quad (29)$$

where  $\iota = \sqrt{-1}$  and  $\nu = \frac{2\pi n}{b-a}$ . Using Equation (29) in Equation (22) and then dividing by  $e^{i\nu k h}$  gives

$$\begin{aligned} &(\beta b_1 + \rho_1 b_1 + \rho b_4) \varepsilon_{r+1} e^{-i\nu h} + (\beta b_2 + \rho_1 b_2 + \rho b_5) \varepsilon_{r+1} \\ &+ (\beta b_1 + \rho_1 b_1 + \rho b_4) \varepsilon_{r+1} e^{i\nu h} \\ &= 2\beta (b_1 \varepsilon_r e^{-i\nu h} + b_2 \varepsilon_r + b_1 \varepsilon_r e^{i\nu h}) - \beta (b_1 \varepsilon_{r-1} e^{-i\nu h} \\ &+ b_2 \varepsilon_{r-1} + b_1 \varepsilon_{r-1} e^{i\nu h}) \\ &- \beta \sum_{k=1}^r p_k \left[ b_1 (\varepsilon_{r-k+1} e^{-i\nu h} - 2\varepsilon_{r-k} + \varepsilon_{r-k-1} e^{i\nu h}) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + b_2 (\varepsilon_{r-k+1} - 2\varepsilon_{r-k} + \varepsilon_{r-k-1}) \right] \\ &+ b_1 (\varepsilon_{r-k+1} e^{-i\nu h} - 2\varepsilon_{r-k} e^{i\nu h} + \varepsilon_{r-k-1} e^{i\nu h}). \quad (30) \end{aligned}$$

We know that  $e^{i\nu h} + e^{-i\nu h} = 2 \cos(\nu h)$ , so after collecting like terms, the following useful relation is obtained:

$$\varepsilon_{r+1} = \frac{1}{\eta} \left[ 2\varepsilon_r - \varepsilon_{r-1} - \sum_{k=1}^r p_k (\varepsilon_{r-k+1} - 2(b_1 + b_2) \varepsilon_{r-k} + \varepsilon_{r-k-1}) \right], \quad (31)$$

where  $\eta = 1 + \frac{\rho_1}{\beta} + \frac{12\rho(2+\nu) \sin^2(\nu h/2)}{\beta h^2 \{-6 + (4-\nu) \sin^2(\nu h/2)\}}$ . Now it is obvious that  $\eta \geq 1$  for  $\nu > -2$ .

**TABLE 2** | Absolute and relative errors for Example 5.1 with  $M = 100$ ,  $\Delta t = 0.001$ , and  $\alpha = 1.6$ .

t	x	SCCM [42]		Proposed method	
		$L_\infty$	$L_2$	$L_\infty$	$L_2$
0.4	0.4	$9.3726 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.3282 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.6174 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.2207 \times 10^{-5}$
	0.6	$9.4592 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.6950 \times 10^{-2}$	$6.3939 \times 10^{-6}$	$1.1035 \times 10^{-6}$
	0.8	$6.5448 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.4462 \times 10^{-1}$	$5.1612 \times 10^{-6}$	$3.2573 \times 10^{-6}$
0.8	0.4	$1.7359 \times 10^{-4}$	$8.6999 \times 10^{-4}$	$2.4030 \times 10^{-5}$	$9.1532 \times 10^{-6}$
	0.6	$1.2080 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.6683 \times 10^{-3}$	$6.7766 \times 10^{-6}$	$2.8126 \times 10^{-6}$
	0.8	$2.4657 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.9263 \times 10^{-2}$	$3.5003 \times 10^{-6}$	$9.0128 \times 10^{-7}$

**TABLE 1** | Absolute errors for Example 5.1 with  $M = 100$ ,  $\Delta t = 0.001$ , and different values of  $\alpha$ .

x	SCCM [42]			Proposed method		
	$\alpha = 1.5$	$\alpha = 1.7$	$\alpha = 1.9$	$\alpha = 1.5$	$\alpha = 1.7$	$\alpha = 1.9$
0.1	$8.7105 \times 10^{-4}$	$4.3675 \times 10^{-4}$	$5.0452 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.0827 \times 10^{-6}$	$4.6777 \times 10^{-6}$	$9.5482 \times 10^{-6}$
0.2	$8.7781 \times 10^{-4}$	$9.8359 \times 10^{-4}$	$7.5328 \times 10^{-5}$	$9.2126 \times 10^{-6}$	$1.1035 \times 10^{-6}$	$3.6308 \times 10^{-5}$
0.3	$6.2089 \times 10^{-4}$	$4.8897 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.1241 \times 10^{-4}$	$2.9024 \times 10^{-6}$	$1.2573 \times 10^{-5}$	$9.1646 \times 10^{-6}$
0.4	$5.7015 \times 10^{-4}$	$7.6534 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.6772 \times 10^{-4}$	$3.6966 \times 10^{-6}$	$8.1441 \times 10^{-6}$	$7.0990 \times 10^{-6}$
0.5	$5.1476 \times 10^{-4}$	$9.3043 \times 10^{-4}$	$2.5022 \times 10^{-4}$	$8.3386 \times 10^{-6}$	$2.5203 \times 10^{-7}$	$2.3918 \times 10^{-5}$
0.6	$4.8948 \times 10^{-4}$	$9.4248 \times 10^{-4}$	$2.5022 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.0128 \times 10^{-5}$	$7.3829 \times 10^{-6}$	$9.8467 \times 10^{-5}$
0.7	$5.1671 \times 10^{-4}$	$7.5585 \times 10^{-5}$	$2.5022 \times 10^{-4}$	$8.9851 \times 10^{-6}$	$7.1672 \times 10^{-6}$	$7.1855 \times 10^{-6}$
0.8	$5.3919 \times 10^{-4}$	$5.2006 \times 10^{-4}$	$2.5022 \times 10^{-4}$	$5.3467 \times 10^{-6}$	$7.2518 \times 10^{-6}$	$3.2774 \times 10^{-5}$
0.9	$6.0660 \times 10^{-4}$	$5.4848 \times 10^{-4}$	$2.5022 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.7505 \times 10^{-7}$	$9.7572 \times 10^{-6}$	$2.8528 \times 10^{-6}$

**Lemma 3.1.** Let  $\varepsilon_r$  be the solution of Equation (31). Then  $|\varepsilon_r| \leq |\varepsilon_0|$  for  $r = 0 : 1 : R$ .

*Proof:* For  $r = 0$  in (31), we have

$$|\varepsilon_1| = \frac{1}{\eta} |\varepsilon_0| \leq |\varepsilon_0| \quad \text{for } \eta \geq 1.$$

Suppose that the result is true for  $r = 1 : 1 : R$ . Then, from Equation (31) we get

$$\begin{aligned} |\varepsilon_{r+1}| &\leq \frac{1}{\eta} |\varepsilon_r| - \frac{1}{\eta} \sum_{k=1}^r p_k (|\varepsilon_{r-k+1}| - 2|\varepsilon_{r-k}| + |\varepsilon_{r-k-1}|) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{\eta} |\varepsilon_0| - \frac{1}{\eta} |\varepsilon_0| - \sum_{k=1}^r p_k (|\varepsilon_0| - |\varepsilon_0|) \\ &\leq |\varepsilon_0|. \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 1.** The implicit collocation technique presented in Equation (13) is unconditionally stable.

*Proof:* Using Lemma (3.1) and Equation (28), we obtain

$$\|q^r\|_2 \leq |q^0|_2, \quad r = 0 : 1 : R.$$

### 4. CONVERGENCE OF THE SCHEME

To investigate the convergence of the proposed scheme, we follow the approach in Khalid et al. [50]. Before proceeding, we state the following useful theorems [51, 52].

**Theorem 2.** Let  $\Pi = \{a = x_0, x_1, \dots, x_M = b\}$  be a partition of  $[a, b]$  with  $x_m = mh$  for  $m = 0, \dots, M$ , and let  $v \in C^4[a, b]$

and  $f \in C^2[a, b]$ . Suppose  $\tilde{V}(x, t)$  is the spline that interpolates the solution curve of this problem at the knots  $x_m \in \Pi$ . Then there exist constants  $F_m$ , not depending on  $h$ , such that

$$\|\xi^j(v(x, t) - \tilde{V}(x, t))\|_\infty \leq F_j h^{4-j} \quad \forall t \geq 0, \quad j = 0, 1, 2. \quad (32)$$

**Lemma 4.1.** The extended B-splines in (10) satisfy the inequality

$$\sum_{m=0}^M |S_m(x, \lambda)| \leq 1.75 \quad \text{for } 0 \leq x \leq 1. \quad (33)$$

*Proof:* By the triangle inequality we have

$$\left| \sum_{m=0}^M S_m(x, \lambda) \right| \leq \sum_{m=0}^M |S_m(x, \lambda)|.$$

For any knot  $x_m$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{m=0}^M |S_m(x, \lambda)| &= |S_{m-1}(x_m, \lambda)| + |S_m(x_m, \lambda)| \\ &+ |S_{m+1}(x_m, \lambda)| = 1 < \frac{7}{4}. \end{aligned}$$

From (11) we obtain

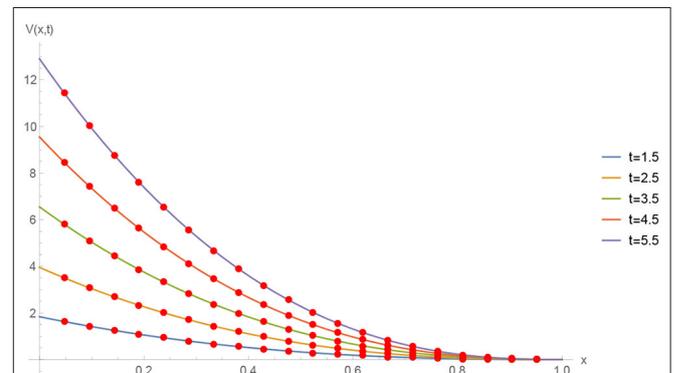
$$\begin{aligned} S_m(x_m, \lambda) &= \frac{1}{12}(8 + \lambda), \quad S_{m-1}(x_{m-1}, \lambda) = \frac{1}{12}(8 + \lambda), \\ S_{m+1}(x_m, \lambda) &= \frac{1}{24}(4 - \lambda), \quad S_{m-2}(x_{m-1}, \lambda) = \frac{1}{24}(4 - \lambda). \end{aligned}$$

Then, for  $x \in [x_{m-1}, x_m]$ ,  $S_m(x, \lambda)$  and  $S_{m-1}(x, \lambda)$  are bounded above by  $\frac{1}{12}(8 + \lambda)$ .

Similarly,  $S_{m+1}(x, \lambda)$  and  $S_{m-2}(x, \lambda)$  are bounded above by  $\frac{1}{24}(4 - \lambda)$

**TABLE 3** | Comparison of absolute errors for Example 5.1 using three different methods with  $M = 100$ ,  $\Delta t = 0.001$ , and  $\alpha = 1.4$  or  $1.6$ .

$\alpha$	$(x, t)$	VIM [34]	SCCM [42]	Proposed method
1.4	(0.1, 0.1)	$9.2852 \times 10^{-3}$	$8.4385 \times 10^{-4}$	$3.6460 \times 10^{-7}$
	(0.2, 0.2)	$2.2201 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.1433 \times 10^{-4}$	$3.0191 \times 10^{-7}$
	(0.3, 0.3)	$3.5651 \times 10^{-2}$	$5.3780 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.1558 \times 10^{-6}$
	(0.4, 0.4)	$4.9628 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.5545 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.6174 \times 10^{-5}$
	(0.5, 0.5)	$6.4449 \times 10^{-2}$	$5.3227 \times 10^{-4}$	$8.4214 \times 10^{-6}$
	(0.6, 0.6)	$7.9514 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.3268 \times 10^{-3}$	$6.5725 \times 10^{-6}$
	(0.7, 0.7)	$9.1443 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.9159 \times 10^{-3}$	$3.6215 \times 10^{-6}$
	(0.8, 0.8)	$8.7942 \times 10^{-2}$	$2.0414 \times 10^{-3}$	$3.5112 \times 10^{-6}$
	(0.9, 0.9)	$9.2321 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.8996 \times 10^{-3}$	$5.7354 \times 10^{-8}$
1.6	(0.1, 0.1)	$4.1518 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.1685 \times 10^{-4}$	$7.3256 \times 10^{-6}$
	(0.2, 0.2)	$1.0319 \times 10^{-3}$	$2.5887 \times 10^{-4}$	$2.3576 \times 10^{-5}$
	(0.3, 0.3)	$1.7757 \times 10^{-2}$	$2.8863 \times 10^{-5}$	$2.1107 \times 10^{-5}$
	(0.4, 0.4)	$2.6987 \times 10^{-2}$	$2.3912 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.6174 \times 10^{-5}$
	(0.5, 0.5)	$3.8327 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.7692 \times 10^{-5}$	$8.3440 \times 10^{-6}$
	(0.6, 0.6)	$5.0993 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.4174 \times 10^{-4}$	$6.9744 \times 10^{-7}$
	(0.7, 0.7)	$6.1379 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.4334 \times 10^{-5}$	$3.5898 \times 10^{-6}$
	(0.8, 0.8)	$5.6577 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.6653 \times 10^{-4}$	$3.5003 \times 10^{-6}$
	(0.9, 0.9)	$3.8618 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.7449 \times 10^{-5}$	$5.5205 \times 10^{-8}$



**FIGURE 1** | Numerical solution of Example 5.1 with  $\Delta t = 0.001$ ,  $M = 100$ , and  $\alpha = 1.5$  at different time stages.

For any point  $x_{m-1} \leq x \leq x_m$ , we obtain

$$\sum_{m=0}^M |S_m(x, \lambda)| = |S_{m-1}(x, \lambda)| + |S_m(x, \lambda)| + |S_{m+1}(x, \lambda)| + |S_{m-2}(x, \lambda)| = \frac{1}{12}(\lambda + 20).$$

Since  $\lambda \in [-8, 1]$ , we have  $1 \leq \frac{5}{3} + \lambda \leq 1.75$ . Hence,

$$\sum_{m=0}^M |S_m(x, \lambda)| \leq 1.75.$$

**Theorem 3.** The extended cubic B-spline approximation  $V(x, t)$  for the analytical exact solution  $v(x, t)$  of problem (1)–(3) exists, and if  $f \in C^2[0, 1]$  then

$$\|v(x, t) - V(x, t)\|_\infty \leq \tilde{F} h^2 \quad \forall t \geq 0, \quad (34)$$

where  $h$  is reasonably small and  $\tilde{F} > 0$  is a constant not depending on  $h$ .

*Proof:* Let  $\tilde{V}(x, t) = \sum_{m=0}^M d_m(t)\eta_m(x)$  be the calculated spline for the approximate solution  $V(x, t)$  and the exact solution  $v(x, t)$ .

Let  $Lv(x_m, t) = LV(x_m, t) = \tilde{y}(x_m, t)$ , with  $m = 0 : 1 : M$ , be the collocation conditions. Then

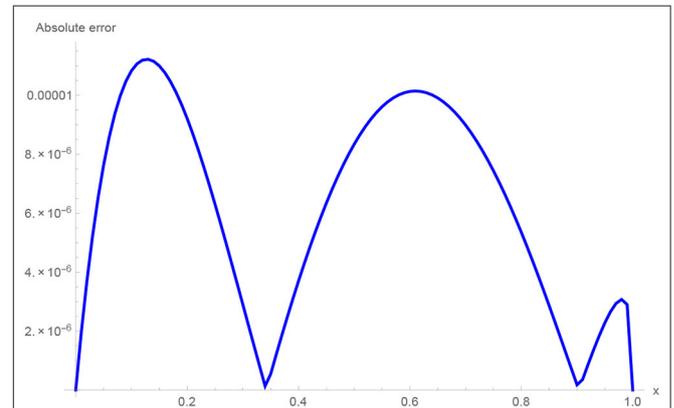
$$L\tilde{V}(x, t) = \tilde{y}(x_m, t), \quad m = 0 : 1 : M.$$

Now, at any time step, the problem can be expressed in the form of a difference equation  $L(\tilde{V}(x_m, t) - V(x_m, t))$  as

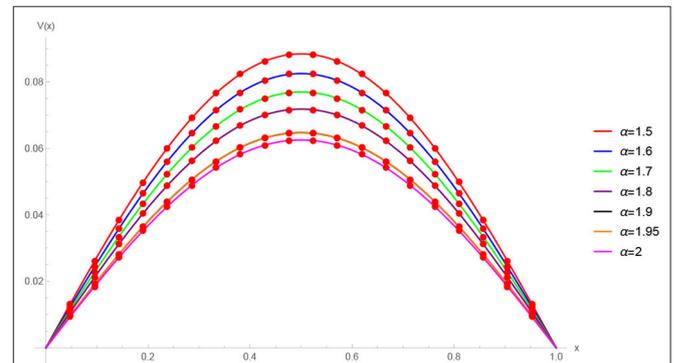
$$\begin{aligned} & (\beta b_1 + \rho_1 b_1 + \rho b_4)\zeta_{m-1}^{r+1} + (\beta b_2 + \rho_1 b_2 + \rho b_5)\zeta_m^{r+1} \\ & + (\beta b_1 + \rho_1 b_1 + \rho b_4)\zeta_{m+1}^{r+1} \\ & = 2\beta(b_1\zeta_{m-1}^r + b_2\zeta_m^r + b_1\zeta_{m+1}^r) - \beta(b_1\zeta_{m-1}^{r-1} + b_2\zeta_m^{r-1} \\ & + b_1\zeta_{m+1}^{r-1}) - \beta \sum_{k=1}^r p_k \left[ b_1(\zeta_{m-1}^{r-k+1} - 2\zeta_{m-1}^{r-k} + \zeta_{m-1}^{r-k-1}) \right. \\ & + b_2(\zeta_m^{r-k+1} - 2\zeta_m^{r-k} + \zeta_m^{r-k-1}) \\ & \left. + b_1(\zeta_{m+1}^{r-k+1} - 2\zeta_{m+1}^{r-k} + \zeta_{m+1}^{r-k-1}) \right] + \frac{1}{h^2} \eta_m^{r+1}. \end{aligned} \quad (35)$$

The boundary conditions can be rewritten as

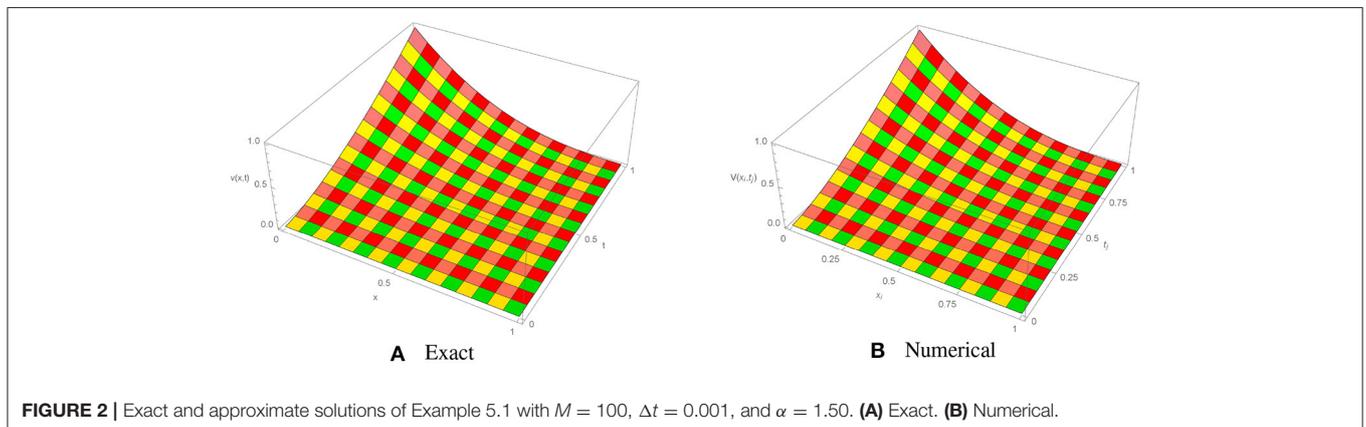
$$b_1\zeta_{m-1}^{r+1} + b_2\zeta_m^{r+1} + b_1\zeta_{m+1}^{r+1} = 0, \quad m = 0, M,$$



**FIGURE 3** | Absolute error for Example 5.1 when  $M = 100$ ,  $\alpha = 1.50$ , and  $\Delta t = 0.001$ .



**FIGURE 4** | Approximate solution of Example 5.1 with  $M = 100$ ,  $t = 0.5$ , and different values of  $\alpha$ .



**FIGURE 2** | Exact and approximate solutions of Example 5.1 with  $M = 100$ ,  $\Delta t = 0.001$ , and  $\alpha = 1.50$ . **(A)** Exact. **(B)** Numerical.

where

$$\zeta_m^r = \xi_m^r - d_m^r, \quad m = 0 : 1 : M,$$

and

$$\eta_m^r = h^2 [y_m^r - \tilde{y}_m^r], \quad m = 0 : 1 : M.$$

From (32) we have

$$|\eta_m^r| = h^2 |y_m^r - \tilde{y}_m^r| \leq F h^4.$$

We define  $\eta^r = \max\{|\eta_m^r| : 0 \leq m \leq M\}$ ,  $\tilde{e}_m^r = |\zeta_m^r|$  and  $\tilde{e}^r = \max\{|\tilde{e}_m^r| : 0 \leq m \leq M\}$ .

For  $r = 0$ , Equation (35) transforms into the following relation:

$$\begin{aligned} & (\beta b_1 + \rho_1 b_1 + \rho b_4) \zeta_{m-1}^1 + (\beta b_2 + \rho_1 b_2 + \rho b_5) \zeta_m^1 \\ & + (\beta b_1 + \rho_1 b_1 + \rho b_4) \zeta_{m+1}^1 \\ & = (\beta + \rho_1) (b_1 \zeta_{m-1}^0 + b_2 \zeta_m^0 + b_1 \zeta_{m+1}^0) + \frac{1}{h^2} \eta_m^1. \end{aligned}$$

Using the initial condition  $e^0 = 0$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & (\beta b_2 + \rho_1 b_2 + \rho b_5) \zeta_m^1 = (\beta b_1 + \rho b_4) (\zeta_{m+1}^1 - \zeta_{m-1}^1) \\ & + \rho_1 b_1 (\zeta_{m+1}^1 - \zeta_{m-1}^1) + \frac{1}{h^2} \eta_m^1. \end{aligned}$$

Taking absolute values of  $\eta_m^r$  and  $\zeta_m^r$  and with adequately small  $h$ , we have

$$\tilde{e}_m^1 \leq \frac{6F h^4}{\beta h^2 (\lambda + 2) + 12(-2 - \lambda) \rho + \rho_1 h^2 (2 + \lambda)}$$

**TABLE 4** | Experimental order of convergence (EOC) for Example 5.1 with  $\alpha = 1.3$  and  $\Delta t = 0.001$ .

$M$	$L_\infty$	EOC	$L_2$	EOC
10	$3.1950 \times 10^{-2}$	—	$2.9355 \times 10^{-2}$	—
20	$9.0451 \times 10^{-3}$	1.8206	$8.7109 \times 10^{-3}$	1.7527
40	$2.4778 \times 10^{-3}$	1.8680	$2.2128 \times 10^{-3}$	1.9769
80	$6.3842 \times 10^{-4}$	1.9564	$5.9376 \times 10^{-4}$	1.8979

**TABLE 5** | Absolute errors for Example 5.2 when  $M = 100$ ,  $\Delta t = 0.001$  using different values of  $\alpha$ .

$x$	SCCM [42]			Proposed method		
	$\alpha = 1.5$	$\alpha = 1.7$	$\alpha = 1.9$	$\alpha = 1.5$	$\alpha = 1.7$	$\alpha = 1.9$
0.1	$1.6396 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.5471 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.4380 \times 10^{-3}$	$2.6129 \times 10^{-6}$	$8.4422 \times 10^{-6}$	$9.8439 \times 10^{-6}$
0.2	$1.2808 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.1272 \times 10^{-3}$	$9.4914 \times 10^{-4}$	$3.0564 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.4959 \times 10^{-7}$	$6.7965 \times 10^{-6}$
0.3	$1.0869 \times 10^{-3}$	$8.9663 \times 10^{-4}$	$6.7913 \times 10^{-4}$	$9.7609 \times 10^{-6}$	$2.7610 \times 10^{-6}$	$1.0853 \times 10^{-5}$
0.4	$8.4196 \times 10^{-4}$	$6.3348 \times 10^{-4}$	$3.9687 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.9015 \times 10^{-6}$	$5.8360 \times 10^{-6}$	$7.0990 \times 10^{-6}$
0.5	$7.8252 \times 10^{-4}$	$5.6868 \times 10^{-4}$	$3.2651 \times 10^{-4}$	$3.2181 \times 10^{-6}$	$7.1727 \times 10^{-6}$	$3.1898 \times 10^{-5}$
0.6	$8.4196 \times 10^{-4}$	$6.3348 \times 10^{-4}$	$3.9687 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.9015 \times 10^{-5}$	$5.8360 \times 10^{-6}$	$4.1207 \times 10^{-6}$
0.7	$1.0869 \times 10^{-3}$	$8.9663 \times 10^{-4}$	$6.7913 \times 10^{-4}$	$9.7609 \times 10^{-6}$	$2.7610 \times 10^{-6}$	$8.6781 \times 10^{-6}$
0.8	$1.2808 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.1272 \times 10^{-3}$	$9.4914 \times 10^{-4}$	$3.0564 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.4959 \times 10^{-7}$	$6.7965 \times 10^{-6}$
0.9	$1.6396 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.5471 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.4380 \times 10^{-3}$	$2.6129 \times 10^{-6}$	$8.4422 \times 10^{-6}$	$9.8439 \times 10^{-6}$

using the boundary conditions, from which we conclude that

$$\tilde{e}^1 \leq F_1 h^2, \tag{36}$$

where  $F_1$  is independent of the spatial grid spacing.

Using the induction technique, we assume that  $\tilde{e}_m^k \leq F_k h^2$  is true for  $k = 1 : 1 : r$ .

Let  $F = \max\{F_k : 0 \leq k \leq r\}$ ; then Equation (35) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} & (\beta b_1 + \rho_1 b_1 + \rho b_4) \zeta_{m-1}^{r+1} + (\beta b_2 + \rho_1 b_2 + \rho b_5) \zeta_m^{r+1} \\ & + (\beta b_1 + \rho_1 b_1 + \rho b_4) \zeta_{m+1}^{r+1} \\ & = 2\beta (b_1 \zeta_{m-1}^r + b_2 \zeta_m^r + b_1 \zeta_{m+1}^r) - \beta (b_1 \zeta_{m-1}^{r-1} + b_2 \zeta_m^{r-1} + b_1 \zeta_{m+1}^{r-1}) \\ & + \beta [(p_0 - 2p_1 + p_2)(b_1 \zeta_{m-1}^r + b_2 \zeta_m^r + b_1 \zeta_{m+1}^r) \\ & + (p_1 - 2p_2 + p_3)(b_1 \zeta_{m-1}^{r-1} + b_2 \zeta_m^{r-1} + b_1 \zeta_{m+1}^{r-1}) \\ & + \dots + (p_{r-4} - 2p_{r-3} + p_{r-2})(b_1 \zeta_{m-1}^1 + b_2 \zeta_m^1 \\ & + b_1 \zeta_{m+1}^1) + p_{r-1}(b_1 \zeta_{m-1}^0 + b_2 \zeta_m^0 + b_1 \zeta_{m+1}^0)] + \frac{1}{h^2} \eta_m^{r+1}. \end{aligned}$$

Again, taking absolute values of  $\eta_m^r$  and  $\zeta_m^r$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{e}_m^{r+1} \leq & \frac{6F h^2}{\beta h^2 (2 + \lambda) + 12(-2 - \lambda) \rho + \rho_1 h^2 (2 + \lambda)} \\ & \left[ 2\beta (b_1 \zeta_{m-1}^r + b_2 \zeta_m^r + b_1 \zeta_{m+1}^r) \right. \\ & \left. - \beta \sum_{k=0}^{r-1} (p_{k+1} - 2p_k - p_{k-1}) F h^2 + F h^2 \right]. \end{aligned}$$

**TABLE 6** | Absolute and relative errors for Example 5.2 when  $M = 100$ ,  $\Delta t = 0.001$  and  $\alpha = 1.6$ .

$t$	$x$	SCCM [42]		Proposed method	
		$L_\infty$	$L_2$	$L_\infty$	$L_2$
0.4	0.4	$3.1780 \times 10^{-6}$	$9.0475 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.1769 \times 10^{-7}$	$9.1321 \times 10^{-8}$
	0.6	$3.1780 \times 10^{-6}$	$9.0475 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.0126 \times 10^{-6}$	$8.0341 \times 10^{-7}$
	0.8	$2.1040 \times 10^{-5}$	$9.6921 \times 10^{-4}$	$7.2740 \times 10^{-6}$	$1.2573 \times 10^{-6}$
0.8	0.4	$5.8118 \times 10^{-4}$	$7.6534 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.8278 \times 10^{-5}$	$8.9616 \times 10^{-6}$
	0.6	$2.4754 \times 10^{-4}$	$5.8118 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.2788 \times 10^{-6}$	$7.8014 \times 10^{-7}$
	0.8	$4.7365 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.7994 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.0951 \times 10^{-5}$	$9.5597 \times 10^{-6}$

Using the boundary conditions, we have

$$\tilde{e}_m^{r+1} \leq F h^2.$$

Hence, for all values of  $n$ ,

$$\tilde{e}_m^{r+1} \leq F h^2. \tag{37}$$

Now,

$$\tilde{V}(x, t) - V(x, t) = \sum_{m=0}^M (d_m(t) - \xi_m(t)) S_m(x).$$

Taking the infinity norm and applying Lemma (3.1), we obtain

$$\|\tilde{V}(x, t) - V(x, t)\|_\infty \leq 1.75 F h^2. \tag{38}$$

Making use of the triangle inequality, we get

$$\|v(x, t) - V(x, t)\|_\infty \leq \|v(x, t) - \tilde{V}(x, t)\|_\infty + \|\tilde{V}(x, t) - V(x, t)\|_\infty. \tag{39}$$

Using the inequalities (32) and (38) in (39), we obtain

$$\|v(x, t) - V(x, t)\|_\infty \leq F_0 h^4 + 1.75 F h^2 = \tilde{F} h^2,$$

where  $\tilde{F} = F_0 h^2 + 1.75 F$ .

Using the above theorem with expression (5), it is easy to conclude that the numerical approach converges unconditionally. Therefore,

$$\|v(x, t) - V(x, t)\|_\infty \leq \tilde{F} h^2 + \psi(\Delta t)^{2-\alpha},$$

where  $\tilde{F}$  is a constant and  $\alpha \in (1, 2]$ . Hence, theoretically, the proposed scheme is  $O(h^2 + \Delta t^{2-\alpha})$  accurate.

## 5. NUMERICAL RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

To examine the accuracy of the proposed method, we conduct a numerical study of some test problems. The  $L_\infty$  and  $L_2$  error norms are calculated as [53]

$$L_\infty = \max_{0 \leq m \leq M} |V(x_m, t) - v(x_m, t)|,$$

$$L_2 = \sqrt{h \sum_{m=0}^M |V(x_m, t) - v(x_m, t)|^2}.$$

Also, the experimental order of convergence (EOC) is computed by the following important formula [54]:

$$EOC = \frac{1}{\log 2} \log \left[ \frac{L_\infty(2m)}{L_\infty(m)} \right].$$

All numerical computations were performed using Mathematica 9.0.

Example 5.1. Consider the non-linear time-fractional KGE [42]

$$\frac{\partial^\alpha v}{\partial t^\alpha} - \frac{\partial^2 v}{\partial x^2} + v^2(x, t) = f(x, t), \quad 0 < t \leq 1, \quad 0 < x \leq 1, \tag{40}$$

TABLE 7 | Absolute errors for Example 5.2 when  $M = 100$  and  $\Delta t = 0.001$ .

$\alpha$	$(x, t)$	VIM [34]	SCCM [42]	Proposed method
1.4	(0.1, 0.1)	$3.9211 \times 10^{-5}$	$2.3809 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.9749 \times 10^{-6}$
	(0.2, 0.2)	$6.1713 \times 10^{-4}$	$5.2644 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.7326 \times 10^{-5}$
	(0.3, 0.3)	$2.1989 \times 10^{-3}$	$6.0187 \times 10^{-6}$	$5.2839 \times 10^{-6}$
	(0.4, 0.4)	$2.5545 \times 10^{-3}$	$6.6640 \times 10^{-5}$	$9.9062 \times 10^{-6}$
	(0.5, 0.5)	$5.3405 \times 10^{-3}$	$4.0011 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.3396 \times 10^{-6}$
	(0.6, 0.6)	$3.1409 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.5837 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.3557 \times 10^{-5}$
	(0.7, 0.7)	$8.0092 \times 10^{-2}$	$9.1922 \times 10^{-4}$	$9.6832 \times 10^{-6}$
	(0.8, 0.8)	$1.3528 \times 10^{-1}$	$2.9084 \times 10^{-3}$	$3.5290 \times 10^{-5}$
	(0.9, 0.9)	$1.4272 \times 10^{-1}$	$3.8732 \times 10^{-3}$	$9.0059 \times 10^{-6}$
1.6	(0.1, 0.1)	$1.0402 \times 10^{-5}$	$2.3809 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.4963 \times 10^{-6}$
	(0.2, 0.2)	$1.4424 \times 10^{-4}$	$5.2644 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.5765 \times 10^{-6}$
	(0.3, 0.3)	$6.7115 \times 10^{-5}$	$6.0187 \times 10^{-6}$	$2.1699 \times 10^{-7}$
	(0.4, 0.4)	$3.0493 \times 10^{-3}$	$6.4440 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.1769 \times 10^{-6}$
	(0.5, 0.5)	$1.6350 \times 10^{-2}$	$4.0011 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.2375 \times 10^{-6}$
	(0.6, 0.6)	$4.9599 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.5837 \times 10^{-4}$	$2.1232 \times 10^{-6}$
	(0.7, 0.7)	$1.0675 \times 10^{-1}$	$9.1922 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.8721 \times 10^{-6}$
	(0.8, 0.8)	$1.6942 \times 10^{-1}$	$2.9084 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.0951 \times 10^{-5}$
	(0.9, 0.9)	$1.7521 \times 10^{-1}$	$3.8732 \times 10^{-3}$	$2.2989 \times 10^{-5}$

TABLE 8 | Experimental order of convergence (EOC) for Example 5.2 with  $\alpha = 1.5$  and  $\Delta t = 0.001$ .

$M$	$L_\infty$	EOC	$L_2$	EOC
10	$2.0835 \times 10^{-2}$	-	$1.8459 \times 10^{-2}$	-
20	$5.2813 \times 10^{-3}$	1.9760	$4.7833 \times 10^{-3}$	1.9482
40	$1.3057 \times 10^{-3}$	2.0161	$1.1406 \times 10^{-3}$	2.0688
80	$3.2509 \times 10^{-4}$	2.0059	$2.8172 \times 10^{-4}$	2.0174

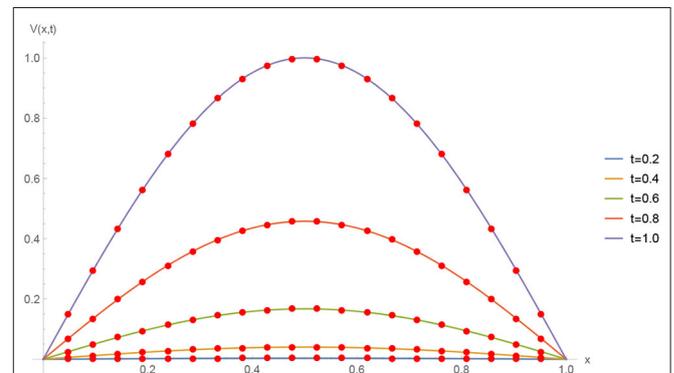
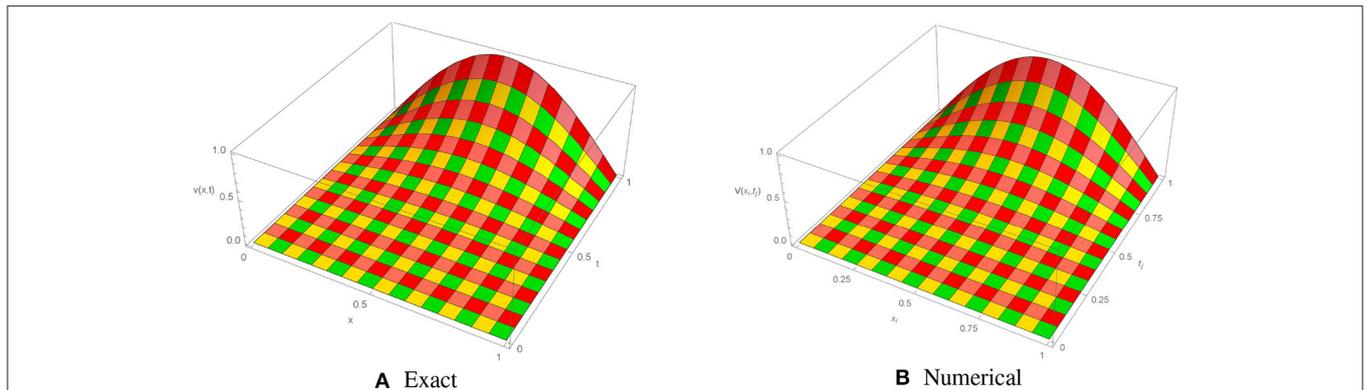


FIGURE 5 | Numerical solution for Example 5.2 with  $\Delta t = 0.001$ ,  $M = 100$ , and  $\alpha = 1.5$  at different time stages.



**FIGURE 6** | Exact and numerical solutions of Example 5.2 with  $M = 100$ ,  $\Delta t = 0.001$ , and  $\alpha = 1.5$ . **(A)** Exact. **(B)** Numerical.

where  $f(x, t) = \frac{\Gamma(\frac{5}{2})}{\Gamma(\frac{5}{2}-\alpha)}(1-x)^{\frac{5}{2}}t^{\frac{3}{2}-\alpha} - \frac{15}{4}(1-x)^{\frac{1}{2}}t^{\frac{3}{2}} + (1-x)^5t^3$ . The initial/end conditions can be extracted from the analytical exact solution  $(1-x)^{\frac{5}{2}}t^{\frac{3}{2}-\alpha}$ .

For Example 5.1, the piecewise-defined approximate solution obtained using the proposed method with  $\alpha = 1.25$ ,  $0 \leq x \leq 1$ ,  $n = 100$ , and  $\Delta t = 0.01$  is given by

$$V(x) = \begin{cases} 0. + x(297.276 + x(-29930.4 + x(993222. + 225927.x))) & \text{if } x \in [0.00, 0.01], \\ 0.999999 + x(-2.49738 + x(1.82587 + (1.38305 - 27.8749x)x)) & \text{if } x \in [0.01, 0.02], \\ 0.99999 + x(-2.49605 + x(1.75961 + (2.48215 - 27.7432x)x)) & \text{if } x \in [0.02, 0.03], \\ 0.99996 + x(-2.49308 + x(1.66094 + (3.57055 - 27.6103x)x)) & \text{if } x \in [0.03, 0.04], \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ -0.118298 + x(6.72761 + x(-26.6775 + (38.9565 - 20.3042x)x)) & \text{if } x \in [0.49, 0.50], \\ -0.201484 + x(7.21369 + x(-27.5747 + (39.3734 - 20.1068x)x)) & \text{if } x \in [0.50, 0.51], \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ -2.7339 + x(13.6165 + x(-24.3154 + (18.715 - 5.28228x)x)) & \text{if } x \in [0.96, 0.97], \\ -1.89304 + x(10.2593 + x(-19.2941 + (15.3811 - 4.45319x)x)) & \text{if } x \in [0.97, 0.98], \\ -0.518579 + x(5.07656 + x(-12.0155 + (10.8746 - 3.41708x)x)) & \text{if } x \in [0.98, 0.99], \\ 4.86293 + x(-13.1733 + x(10.3424 + (-0.616646 - 1.41541x)x)) & \text{if } x \in [0.99, 1.00]. \end{cases}$$

The absolute numerical errors at different grid points of the RECBS solution for Example 5.1 using  $\Delta t = 0.001$  and  $M = 100$  are reported in **Table 1**. It can easily be seen that our scheme is more accurate than the SCCM [42]. In **Table 2** the absolute and relative numerical errors are listed for our method with  $M = 100$ ,  $\Delta t = 0.001$ , and  $\alpha = 1.6$  at  $x = 0.4, 0.6, 0.8$  when  $t = 0.4, 0.8$ . We can see that the computational results are superior to those obtained from the SCCM [42]. **Table 3** compares the absolute errors of the proposed method, the variational iteration method (VIM) [34], and the SCCM [42] under different values of  $\alpha$ . **Figure 1** shows the behavior at different time stages of numerical solutions obtained using  $\alpha = 1.5$ ,  $M = 100$ , and  $\Delta t = 0.001$ . The 3D visuals of exact and numerical solutions with  $\alpha = 1.5$

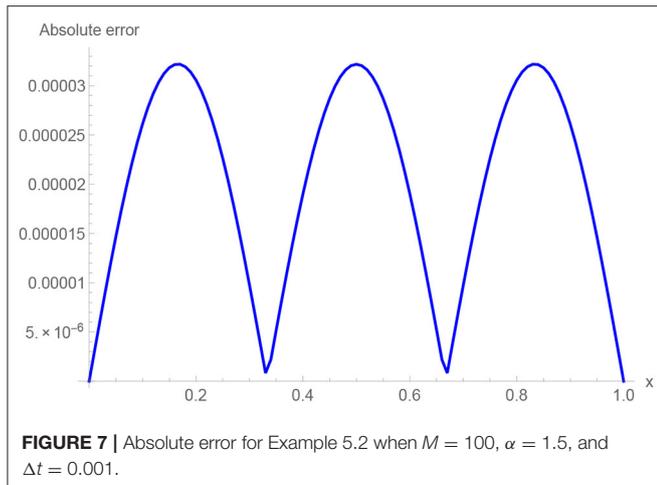
and  $M = 100$  are shown in **Figure 2**. The comparison between the exact and approximate solutions using  $M = 100$  is plotted in **Figure 3**. **Figure 4** depicts the absolute error between the exact and numerical solutions when  $\alpha = 1.3$ ,  $M = 100$ , and  $\Delta t = 0.001$ . The values of the EOC along the spatial grid, using  $\Delta t = 0.001$  and  $\alpha = 1.5$ , are given in **Table 4**. The experimental rate of convergence of the proposed method is found to be in line with the theoretical results.

Example 5.2. Consider the fractional KGE [34, 42]

$$\frac{\partial^\alpha}{\partial t^\alpha} v(x, t) - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} v(x, t) + v(x, t) + \frac{3}{2} v^3(x, t) = f(x, t), \quad 0 < x \leq 1, \quad 0 < t \leq 1, \quad (41)$$

where the forcing term  $f(x, t)$  on right-hand side is given by

$$f(x, t) = \frac{1}{2} \Gamma(3 + \alpha) \sin(\pi x) t^2 + (1 + \pi^2) t^{2+\alpha} \sin(\pi x) + \frac{3}{2} [\sin(\pi x) t^{2+\alpha}]^3,$$



For Example 5.2, the piecewise-defined numerical solution obtained using the proposed method with  $\alpha = 1.5$ ,  $0 \leq x \leq 1$ ,  $n = 100$ , and  $\Delta t = 0.01$  is given by

$$V(x) = \begin{cases} 8.71156 \times 10^{-19} + x(3.13867 + x(2.8549 \times 10^{-14} + (-4.97167 - 11.4015x)x)) & \text{if } x \in [0.00, 0.01], \\ -1.14461 \times 10^{-6} + x(3.13904 + x(-0.041176 + (-3.14329 - 34.194x)x)) & \text{if } x \in [0.01, 0.02], \\ -0.0000194466 + x(3.14196 + x(-0.205754 + (0.51013 - 56.9551x)x)) & \text{if } x \in [0.02, 0.03], \\ -0.000112001 + x(3.15183 + x(-0.575584 + (5.98188 - 79.6639x)x)) & \text{if } x \in [0.03, 0.04], \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ -40.7681 + x(339.328 + x(-1039.38 + (1422.21 - 733.23x)x)) & \text{if } x \in [0.49, 0.50], \\ -44.2829 + x(360.934 + x(-1083.83 + (1453.18 - 733.97x)x)) & \text{if } x \in [0.50, 0.51], \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ -71.1059 + x(298.709 + x(-460.613 + (312.674 - 79.6639x)x)) & \text{if } x \in [0.96, 0.97], \\ -53.5088 + x(223.56 + x(-340.406 + (227.31 - 56.9551x)x)) & \text{if } x \in [0.97, 0.98], \\ -34.2394 + x(143.149 + x(-214.635 + (139.919 - 34.194x)x)) & \text{if } x \in [0.98, 0.99], \\ -13.2345 + x(57.3823 + x(-83.3239 + (50.5776 - 11.4015x)x)) & \text{if } x \in [0.99, 1.00]. \end{cases}$$

The initial/boundary conditions can be extracted from the analytical exact solution  $v(x, t) = \sin(\pi x)t^{2+\alpha}$ . The absolute numerical errors at different grid points of the RECBS solution for Example 5.2 using  $\Delta t = 0.001$  and  $M = 100$  are listed in **Table 5**. Again it can be observed that our scheme is more accurate than the SCCM [42]. **Table 6** reports the absolute and relative errors in our numerical computation with  $M = 100$ ,  $\Delta t = 0.001$ , and  $\alpha = 1.6$  at  $x = 0.4, 0.6, 0.8$  when  $t = 0.4, 0.8$ . It is clear that the results are better than those obtained by the SCCM [42]. **Table 7** compares the absolute errors of the proposed method, VIM [34], and SCCM [42] under different values of  $\alpha$ .

The EOC in the spatial direction, using  $\Delta t = 0.001$  and  $\alpha = 1.50$ , is tabulated in **Table 8**. The experimental rate of convergence of the proposed scheme is found to be in line with the theoretical prediction. **Figure 5** shows the behavior at different time stages of numerical solutions obtained using  $\alpha = 1.5$ ,  $M = 100$ , and  $\Delta t = 0.001$ . The 3D plots of exact and numerical solutions with  $\alpha = 1.5$  and  $M = 100$  are displayed in **Figure 6**. The absolute error between the exact and approximate solutions using  $\alpha = 1.3$ ,  $M = 100$ , and  $\Delta t = 0.001$  is plotted in **Figure 7**.

## 6. CONCLUSION

In this work we have conducted a numerical investigation of the time-fractional Klein–Gordon equation by applying the redefined extended cubic B-spline collocation method. A finite central difference formulation is employed for temporal discretization, while a set of redefined extended cubic B-spline functions is used to interpolate the solution curve in the spatial direction. The unconditional stability of the proposed scheme is established, and the orders of convergence along the space and

time grids are shown to be  $O(h^2)$  and  $O(\Delta t)^{2-\alpha}$ , respectively. The computational outcomes of the proposed algorithm show that the order of convergence agrees with the theoretical results. The numerical scheme has been tested on different problems, and comparison of the results reveals our method's advantage over VIM [34] and SCCM [42].

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