

# On the High-Order Quasi Exactly Solvable Differential Equations

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## Abstract

In this paper, we present a new method for solving a class of high-order quasi exactly solvable ordinary differential equations. With this method, the computed solution is expressed as a linear combination of the canonical polynomials associated with the given differential operator. An iterative algorithm summarizing the procedure is presented and its efficiency is demonstrated through considering two applied problems.

## Keywords

Quasi-Exactly Solvable High-Order Differential Equations, Canonical Polynomials, Tau Method

## 1. Introduction

Let us consider the ordinary differential operator  $D$  of order  $\nu \geq 2$ ,

$$(Du)(x) := \sum_{i=0}^{\nu} \mathbf{A}_i(x) \frac{d^i u}{dx^i} \quad (1)$$

where  $\{\mathbf{A}_i(x); i = 0, 1, \dots, \nu\}$  is a set of  $\nu + 1$  polynomials,  $\deg[\mathbf{A}_i(x)] = i + p$  for all  $i = 0, 1, \dots, \nu$ , where  $p$  is a prescribed nonnegative integer called the *height* of  $D$ , with

$$\mathbf{A}_i(x) := \sum_{j=0}^{i+p} A_{ij} x^j, \quad i = 0, 1, \dots, \nu. \quad (2)$$

This paper is concerned with the solution of the following problem: Given  $n \geq 0$  and  $p \geq 0$ , construct two polynomials,  $y(x) = \sum_{j=0}^n y_j x^j$  of degree  $n$  and

$\lambda(x) = \sum_{j=0}^p \lambda_j x^j$  of degree  $p$  such that the pair  $\{y(x), \lambda(x)\}$  satisfies the follow-

ing ordinary differential equation exactly

$$(Dy)(x) = \lambda(x)y(x). \quad (3)$$

When  $\nu = 2$ , Equation (3) is called quasi exactly solvable (QES). This class of QES problems has applications in various fields of engineering, chemistry and quantum mechanics. Many different techniques to solve QES equations are reported in the literature: Among these are the Functional Ansatz Method, Constraint polynomial approach, asymptotic iteration method and Lie algebraic method (see [1]-[7]). The case  $\nu = 2$  was also discussed very recently in [8], where the authors developed a new approach based on a special set of polynomials associated with the differential operator  $D$  called *canonical polynomials*. The main objective of this paper is to extend that canonical polynomials approach to solve equations of the form (3) with arbitrary order  $\nu \geq 2$ . More precisely, we present a procedure to construct a pair of polynomials based on the canonical polynomial associated with  $D$ . While the existing method for solving QES requires the solution of a nonlinear algebraic system with dimensions depending on the desired degree of  $y$ , the canonical polynomial approach presented in [8] requires a nonlinear algebraic system of dimensions depending on  $p$  only. This advantage is due to the fact that the sequence of canonical polynomials enjoys the permanence characteristic [9].

The canonical polynomials (to be explained shortly) appeared for the first time in [10] wherein Lanczos developed an efficient method, called the Tau method, to approximate the exact solution of differential equations in terms of a finite number of canonical polynomials. Later on, the concept of the canonical polynomial was generalized in [11] to develop a recursive approach of the Tau method that can apply to more complex differential equations. And it was due to the computational efficiency of the canonical polynomials that makes the Tau method more competitive compared to other existing approximation methods (more details can be found in [12]-[17]).

Section 2 will concentrate on the construction of the canonical polynomials associated with the  $\nu$ th differential operator (1) and on their computation. In Section 3 we present an algorithm that allows to obtain the pair of polynomials  $\{y(x), \lambda(x)\}$  in an effective way. Two examples confirming our results are discussed in Section 4.

## 2. The Canonical Polynomials

Let  $D$  be the differential operator defined in (1). In this section we recall the main features of the canonical polynomials associated with  $D$  (see [11]), and we give an algorithm for computing them. First rewrite (3):

$$(Dy)(x) - \lambda(x)y(x) = \left( \sum_{i=1}^{\nu} \mathbf{A}_i(x) \frac{d^i y}{dx^i} \right) + (\mathbf{A}_0(x) - \lambda(x))y(x) = 0$$

That is

$$(D^* y)(x) := \sum_{i=0}^{\nu} \mathbf{A}_i^*(x) \frac{d^i y}{dx^i} = 0$$

where  $\mathbf{A}_0^*(x) := \mathbf{A}_0(x) - \lambda(x)$  and  $\mathbf{A}_i^*(x) = \mathbf{A}_i(x), i = 1, 2, \dots, \nu$ . So, for the sake of simplicity, we shall hide the asterisk "\*" and carry out the analysis for

$$(Dy)(x) := \sum_{i=0}^{\nu} \mathbf{A}_i(x) \frac{d^i y}{dx^i} = 0 \tag{4}$$

keeping in mind that  $\mathbf{A}_0(x)$  involves the unknown coefficients of  $\lambda(x)$ .

**Definition 1.** For any integer  $k \geq 0$ ,  $Q_k^*(x)$  is called a *k*th canonical function of  $D$  if  $DQ_k^* = x^k$ .

The following notation will enable us to formulate the next theorem:

$$A_{rj}^{(k)} := A_{rj} \delta_{kr} \quad \text{where } \delta_{kr} = \begin{cases} \frac{k!}{(k-r)!} & \text{if } k \geq r \\ 0 & \text{if } 0 \leq k < r \end{cases} \tag{5}$$

$$\alpha_j^{(k)} := \sum_{i=0}^{\nu} A_{i,i+j}^{(k)} \quad \text{and} \quad \beta_j^{(k)} := \sum_{i=j}^{\nu} A_{i,i-j}^{(k)} \tag{6}$$

**Theorem 1.** Under the above assumptions and notation, the canonical functions associated with the differential operator (4) are formally generated by the recursion:

$$Q_{k+p}^* = \frac{1}{\alpha_p^{(k)}} \left[ x^k - \sum_{j=0}^{p-1} \alpha_j^{(k)} Q_{k+j}^* - \sum_{j=1}^{\nu} \beta_j^{(k)} Q_{k-j}^* \right], \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \dots \tag{7}$$

provided  $\alpha_p^{(k)} \neq 0$ .

In particular, if  $p = 0$  and  $\alpha_0^{(k)} \neq 0$ , then

$$Q_k^* = \frac{1}{\alpha_0^{(k)}} \left[ x^k - \sum_{j=1}^{\nu} \beta_j^{(k)} Q_{k-j}^* \right], \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

*Proof.* For  $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

$$\begin{aligned} Dx^k &= \sum_{r=0}^{\nu} \left[ \sum_{j=0}^{r+p} A_{rj} x^j \right] k(k-1)(k-2)\dots(k-r+1)x^{k-r} \\ &= \sum_{r=0}^{\nu} \left[ \sum_{j=0}^{r+p} A_{rj} x^j \right] \frac{k!}{(k-r)!} x^{k-r} = \sum_{r=0}^{\nu} \sum_{j=0}^{r+p} (A_{rj} \delta_{kr}) x^{j+k-r} \\ &= x^k \sum_{r=0}^{\nu} \sum_{j=0}^{r+p} A_{rj}^{(k)} x^{j-r} = x^k \left\{ \sum_{j=0}^p \left( \sum_{i=0}^{\nu} A_{i,i+j}^{(k)} \right) x^j + \sum_{j=1}^{\nu} \left( \sum_{i=j}^{\nu} A_{i,i-j}^{(k)} \right) x^{-j} \right\} \\ &= \sum_{j=0}^p \alpha_j^{(k)} x^{k+j} + \sum_{j=1}^{\nu} \beta_j^{(k)} x^{k-j} = \alpha_p^{(k)} x^{k+p} + \sum_{j=0}^{p-1} \alpha_j^{(k)} x^{k+j} + \sum_{j=1}^{\nu} \beta_j^{(k)} x^{k-j} \\ &= \alpha_p^{(k)} x^{k+p} + \sum_{j=0}^{p-1} \alpha_j^{(k)} DQ_{k+j}^* + \sum_{j=1}^{\nu} \beta_j^{(k)} DQ_{k-j}^*. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $D$  is linear, the latter yields:

$$D \left\{ x^k - \sum_{j=0}^{p-1} \alpha_j^{(k)} Q_{k+j}^* - \sum_{j=1}^{\nu} \beta_j^{(k)} Q_{k-j}^* \right\} = \alpha_p^{(k)} x^{k+p}. \tag{8}$$

If  $\alpha_p^{(k)} = 0$ , then  $x^k - \sum_{j=0}^{p-1} \alpha_j^{(k)} Q_{k+j}^* - \sum_{j=1}^v \beta_j^{(k)} Q_{k-j}^*$  is an exact solution.

If  $\alpha_p^{(k)} \neq 0$ , then we obtain the desired formula for  $\{Q_k^*\}$ :

$$Q_{k+p}^* = \frac{1}{\alpha_p^{(k)}} \left\{ x^k - \sum_{j=0}^{p-1} \alpha_j^{(k)} Q_{k+j}^* - \sum_{j=1}^v \beta_j^{(k)} Q_{k-j}^* \right\}.$$

In particular, if  $p = 0$  then

$$\begin{aligned} Dx^k &= \sum_{r=0}^v \left[ \sum_{j=0}^r A_{rj} x^j \right] \frac{k!}{(k-r)!} x^{k-r} \\ &= \alpha_0^{(k)} x^k + \sum_{j=1}^v \beta_j^{(k)} x^{k-j} \\ &= \alpha_0^{(k)} x^k + \sum_{j=1}^v \beta_j^{(k)} DQ_{k-j}^*. \end{aligned}$$

If  $\alpha_0^{(k)} = 0$ , then  $x^k - \sum_{j=1}^v \beta_j^{(k)} Q_{k-j}^*$  is an exact solution.

If  $\alpha_0^{(k)} \neq 0$ , then

$$Q_k^* = \frac{1}{\alpha_0^{(k)}} \left\{ x^k - \sum_{j=1}^v \beta_j^{(k)} Q_{k-j}^* \right\}.$$

This completes the proof.

For illustration, when  $k = 0$ , Equation (7) gives:

$$Q_p^* = \frac{1}{\alpha_p^{(0)}} \left\{ 1 - \sum_{j=0}^{p-1} \alpha_j^{(0)} Q_j^* - \sum_{j=1}^v \beta_j^{(0)} Q_{0-j}^* \right\} = \frac{1}{\alpha_p^{(0)}} \left\{ 1 - \sum_{j=0}^{p-1} \alpha_j^{(0)} Q_j^* \right\}.$$

When  $k = 1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} Q_{p+1}^* &= \frac{1}{\alpha_p^{(1)}} \left\{ x - \sum_{j=0}^{p-1} \alpha_j^{(1)} Q_{j+1}^* - \sum_{j=1}^v \beta_j^{(1)} Q_{1-j}^* \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{\alpha_p^{(1)}} \left\{ x - \alpha_{p-1}^{(1)} Q_p^* - \sum_{j=0}^{p-2} \alpha_j^{(1)} Q_{j+1}^* - \beta_1^{(1)} Q_0^* \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Proceeding this way, we find that for  $k = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$

$$Q_{k+p}^* \in \text{span} \{1, x, \dots, x^k\} \cup \text{span} \{Q_0^*, Q_1^*, \dots, Q_{p-1}^*\}.$$

We are able now to formulate one of the main results of this paper:

**Theorem 2.** For all  $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ , each  $Q_{k+p}^*$  can be written in the form

$$Q_{k+p}^*(x) = Q_{k+p}(x) + R_{k+p} \tag{9}$$

where  $Q_{k+p}(x)$  is a polynomial of degree  $k$ , called a canonical polynomial associated with  $D$ , and generated by the self starting recursive formula:

$$\begin{aligned} Q_1 &= Q_2 = \dots = Q_{p-1} = 0 \\ \text{and } Q_{k+p} &= \frac{1}{\alpha_p^{(k)}} \left\{ x^k - \sum_{j=0}^{p-1} \alpha_j^{(k)} Q_{k+j}^* - \sum_{j=1}^v \beta_j^{(k)} Q_{k-j}^* \right\}, \quad (\text{if } \alpha_p^{(k)} \neq 0) \end{aligned} \tag{10}$$

and where  $R_{k+p}$  is a linear combination of the undefined canonical polynomials

$$\{Q_0^*, Q_1^*, \dots, Q_{p-1}^*\}, \text{ called residual, and written as } R_{k+p} = \sum_{r=0}^{p-1} \rho_{k+p}^{(r)} Q_r^*,$$

where  $\{\rho_{k+p}^{(r)}; k \geq 0\}$  are sequences of constants given by the self starting recursion

$$\rho_j^{(i)} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i = j \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad \text{with } 0 \leq i, j \leq p-1$$

$$\text{and } \rho_{k+p}^{(r)} = \frac{1}{\alpha_p^{(k)}} \left\{ -\sum_{j=0}^{p-1} \alpha_j^{(k)} \rho_{k+j}^{(r)} - \sum_{j=1}^v \beta_j^{(k)} \rho_{k-j}^{(r)} \right\}, \quad (\text{if } \alpha_p^{(k)} \neq 0) \tag{11}$$

*Proof.* This follows by an induction argument once (9) is inserted in (10) and the terms are rearranged:

$$\begin{aligned} Q_{k+p}^* &= \frac{1}{\alpha_p^{(k)}} \left\{ x^k - \sum_{j=0}^{p-1} \alpha_j^{(k)} (Q_{k+j} + R_{k+j}) - \sum_{j=1}^v \beta_j^{(k)} (Q_{k-j} + R_{k-j}) \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{\alpha_p^{(k)}} \left\{ x^k - \sum_{j=0}^{p-1} \alpha_j^{(k)} Q_{k+j} - \sum_{j=0}^{p-1} \alpha_j^{(k)} R_{k+j} - \sum_{j=1}^v \beta_j^{(k)} Q_{k-j} - \sum_{j=1}^v \beta_j^{(k)} R_{k-j} \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{\alpha_p^{(k)}} \left\{ x^k - \sum_{j=0}^{p-1} \alpha_j^{(k)} Q_{k+j} - \sum_{j=1}^v \beta_j^{(k)} Q_{k-j} - \sum_{j=0}^{p-1} \alpha_j^{(k)} R_{k+j} - \sum_{j=1}^v \beta_j^{(k)} R_{k-j} \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{\alpha_p^{(k)}} \left\{ x^k - \sum_{j=0}^{p-1} \alpha_j^{(k)} Q_{k+j} - \sum_{j=1}^v \beta_j^{(k)} Q_{k-j} \right\} \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{\alpha_p^{(k)}} \left\{ -\sum_{j=0}^{p-1} \alpha_j^{(k)} R_{k+j} - \sum_{j=1}^v \beta_j^{(k)} R_{k-j} \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{\alpha_p^{(k)}} \left\{ x^k - \sum_{j=0}^{p-1} \alpha_j^{(k)} Q_{k+j} - \sum_{j=1}^v \beta_j^{(k)} Q_{k-j} \right\} \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{\alpha_p^{(k)}} \left\{ -\sum_{j=0}^{p-1} \alpha_j^{(k)} \left( \sum_{r=0}^{p-1} \rho_{k+j}^{(r)} Q_r^* \right) - \sum_{j=1}^v \beta_j^{(k)} \left( \sum_{r=0}^{p-1} \rho_{k-j}^{(r)} Q_r^* \right) \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{\alpha_p^{(k)}} \left\{ x^k - \sum_{j=0}^{p-1} \alpha_j^{(k)} Q_{k+j} - \sum_{j=1}^v \beta_j^{(k)} Q_{k-j} \right\} \\ &\quad + \sum_{r=0}^{p-1} \frac{1}{\alpha_p^{(k)}} \left\{ -\sum_{j=0}^{p-1} \alpha_j^{(k)} \rho_{k+j}^{(r)} - \sum_{j=1}^v \beta_j^{(k)} \rho_{k-j}^{(r)} \right\} Q_r^* \\ &\equiv Q_{k+p} + R_{k+p} \end{aligned}$$

yielding Equations (10) and (11) as required.

### 3. Construction of Solution

This section is concerned with the construction of the two polynomials  $\{y(x), \mathbf{A}_0(x)\}$  that satisfy Equation (4).

**Theorem 3.** *The above notation and assumptions hold. Suppose that the coefficients  $\{A_{0j}, j = 0, 1, \dots, p\}$  of  $\mathbf{A}_0(x) = \sum_{j=0}^p A_{0j} x^j$  satisfy the following system consisting of  $p+1$  algebraic equations:*

$$A_{0,p} = -n! \sum_{i=1}^v \frac{A_{r,i+p}}{(n-i)!} \tag{12}$$

$$\sum_{j=0}^{p-1} \left[ \sum_{i=0}^{\nu} \frac{A_{i,i+j}}{(n-i)!} \right] \rho_{n+j}^{(r)} + \sum_{j=1}^{\nu} \left[ \sum_{i=j}^{\nu} \frac{A_{i,i-j}}{(n-i)!} \right] \rho_{n-j}^{(r)} = 0, \quad r = 0, 1, \dots, p-1 \quad (13)$$

where  $\{\rho_k^{(r)}\}$  are given by (11). Then

$$Y_n(x) := x^n - \sum_{j=0}^{p-1} \alpha_j^{(n)} Q_{n+j} - \sum_{j=1}^{\nu} \beta_j^{(n)} Q_{n-j} \quad (14)$$

is an exact polynomial solution of Equation (4) where  $\{\alpha_j^{(n)}, \beta_j^{(n)}\}$  are parameters determined in terms of  $\{A_{ij}, j = 0, 1, \dots, p\}_{i=0}^{\nu}$  as defined in (5)-(6), and  $\{Q_k\}$  is a sequence of canonical polynomials associated with  $D$  and recursively generated by (10)

*Proof.* Let  $n \geq 1$ . Setting  $k = n$  in Equation (8) we get

$$D \left\{ x^n - \sum_{j=0}^{p-1} \alpha_j^{(n)} Q_{n+j}^* - \sum_{j=1}^{\nu} \beta_j^{(n)} Q_{n-j}^* \right\} = \alpha_p^{(n)} x^{n+p}. \quad (15)$$

If condition (12) holds, then (5) implies that  $\alpha_p^{(n)} = 0$  and consequently the right hand side of (15) vanishes:

$$D \left\{ x^n - \sum_{j=0}^{p-1} \alpha_j^{(n)} Q_{n+j}^* - \sum_{j=1}^{\nu} \beta_j^{(n)} Q_{n-j}^* \right\} = 0.$$

In other words,

$$Y_n^*(x) := x^n - \sum_{j=0}^{p-1} \alpha_j^{(n)} Q_{n+j}^* - \sum_{j=1}^{\nu} \beta_j^{(n)} Q_{n-j}^*$$

becomes an exact solution, but not necessarily an exact polynomial due to the appearance of the undefined canonical polynomials  $\{Q_0^*, Q_1^*, \dots, Q_{p-1}^*\}$ . However, in order to be an exact polynomial,  $Y_n^*(x)$  must be independent of the  $p$  undefined canonical functions  $\{Q_i^*\}_{i=0}^{p-1}$ . This can be achieved by an appropriate adjustment of the  $p$  coefficients  $\{A_{00}, A_{01}, \dots, A_{0,p-1}\}$  of  $A_0(x)$  as explained next. Using (9) in  $Y_n^*(x)$  we can write:

$$\begin{aligned} Y_n^*(x) &= x^n - \sum_{j=0}^{p-1} \alpha_j^{(n)} Q_{n+j}^* - \sum_{j=1}^{\nu} \beta_j^{(n)} Q_{n-j}^* \\ &= x^n - \sum_{j=0}^{p-1} \alpha_j^{(n)} (Q_{n+j} + R_{n+j}) - \sum_{j=1}^{\nu} \beta_j^{(n)} (Q_{n-j} + R_{n-j}) \\ &= \left( x^n - \sum_{j=0}^{p-1} \alpha_j^{(n)} Q_{n+j} - \sum_{j=1}^{\nu} \beta_j^{(n)} Q_{n-j} \right) \\ &\quad + \left( - \sum_{j=0}^{p-1} \alpha_j^{(n)} R_{n+j} - \sum_{j=1}^{\nu} \beta_j^{(n)} R_{n-j} \right) \\ &= \left( x^n - \sum_{j=0}^{p-1} \alpha_j^{(n)} Q_{n+j} - \sum_{j=1}^{\nu} \beta_j^{(n)} Q_{n-j} \right) \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

$$+ \sum_{r=0}^{p-1} \left( - \sum_{j=0}^{p-1} \alpha_j^{(n)} \rho_{n+j}^{(r)} - \sum_{j=1}^{\nu} \beta_j^{(n)} \rho_{n-j}^{(r)} \right) Q_r^* \quad (17)$$

Working out the coefficients of  $\{Q_r^*\}_{r=0}^{p-1}$  in (17) we find that due to Equation

(13) we get:

$$\sum_{j=0}^{p-1} \alpha_j^{(n)} \rho_{n+j}^{(r)} + \sum_{j=1}^v \beta_j^{(n)} \rho_{n-j}^{(r)} = 0.$$

Thus  $Y_n^*(x)$  reduces to the polynomial (16)

$$Y_n(x) = x^n - \sum_{j=0}^{p-1} \alpha_j^{(n)} Q_{n+j} - \sum_{j=1}^v \beta_j^{(n)} Q_{n-j}.$$

The following corollary follows immediately from the previous theorem:

**Corollary 4.** *If  $p = 0$  and*

$$A_{00} = -n! \sum_{i=1}^v \frac{A_{ii}}{(n-i)!} \tag{18}$$

then

$$Y_n(x) = x^n - \sum_{j=1}^v \beta_j^{(n)} Q_{n-j}$$

is an exact polynomial solution of Equation (4) where

$$Q_k = \frac{1}{\alpha_0^{(k)}} \left\{ x^k - \sum_{j=1}^v \beta_j^{(k)} Q_{k-j} \right\}, \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \dots \tag{19}$$

(note that  $\beta_j^{(k)} = 0$  if  $j < k$  and therefore all  $Q_k$ 's are defined).

**Computational aspects**

For computational purposes, one can reduce the height of  $D$  from  $p$  to zero by differentiating (4)  $p$  times. This is due to the following trivial identity:

$$\frac{d^p}{dx^p}(UV) = \sum_{k=0}^p C_p^k U^{(k)} V^{(p-k)}, \quad C_p^k = \frac{p!}{k!(p-k)!} \tag{20}$$

Applying this identity to (4) we get

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d^p}{dx^p} [(Dy)(x)] &:= \sum_{i=0}^v \frac{d^p}{dx^p} \left( \mathbf{A}_i(x) \frac{d^i y}{dx^i} \right) \\ &= \frac{d^p}{dx^p} [\mathbf{A}_v y^{(v)}] + \sum_{k=1}^{v-1} \frac{d^p}{dx^p} \left( \mathbf{A}_i(x) \frac{d^i y}{dx^i} \right) + \frac{d^p}{dx^p} [\mathbf{A}_0 y] \end{aligned} \tag{21}$$

From (20),

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d^p}{dx^p} [\mathbf{A}_0 y] &= \sum_{k=0}^p C_p^k \mathbf{A}_0^{(k)} y^{(p-k)} = \sum_{k=0}^{p-1} C_p^k \mathbf{A}_0^{(k)} y^{(p-k)} + \mathbf{A}_0^{(p)} y \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{p-1} C_p^k \mathbf{A}_0^{(k)} y^{(p-k)} + (p! \mathbf{A}_{0,p}) y \\ \frac{d^p}{dx^p} [\mathbf{A}_v y^{(v)}] &= \sum_{k=0}^p C_p^k \mathbf{A}_v^{(k)} y^{(v+p-k)} = \mathbf{A}_v y^{(v+p)} + \sum_{k=1}^p C_p^k \mathbf{A}_v^{(k)} y^{(v+p-k)} \end{aligned}$$

Inserting the later in (18) we get

$$\left(D^{(p)}y\right)(x) = \mathbf{A}_\nu y^{(\nu+p)} + \left[\sum_{k=1}^{\nu-1} \frac{d^k}{dx^k} \left(\mathbf{A}_i(x) y^{(i)}\right) + \sum_{k=0}^{p-1} C_p^k \mathbf{A}_0^{(k)} y^{(p-k)}\right] + (p!A_{0,p})y \quad (22)$$

which is a differential operator of order  $\nu + p$  with height 0. Therefore we can apply our results to (22) and reconstruct the solution of the original problem by an antiderivative process. This will reduce the computation cost because the residual subspace of the new operator will be 0.

### 4. Applications

In the section we solve two applied problems by means of Algorithm ((12)-(13)-(14)-(18)-(19)) formulated in Theorem 3:

**Example 1.** *Modified Manning potential with parameters.* Let us consider the Schrodinger's equation

$$-\frac{d^2\psi}{dx^2} + V(x)\psi(x) = E\psi \quad (23)$$

where the potential  $V(x)$  is given by

$V(x) = -v_1 \operatorname{sech}^6 x - v_2 \operatorname{sech}^4 x - v_3 \operatorname{sech}^2 x$  where  $v_1, v_2$  are given constant parameters and  $v_3$  is an unknown parameter and  $E$  is the unknown eigenvalue. We wish to compute  $E$  and  $v_3$ . This potential describes a double-well potential whenever  $v_1 > 0, v_2 < 0, v_3 > 0$  and  $-\frac{v_3}{2v_2} < 1$  which was discussed in ([6], [7]).

Equation (23) can be written as a 2nd order QES in the form (4) with height  $p = 1$ . Setting  $z = \tanh^2 x$  and

$$\psi(x) = \exp\left(\frac{\sqrt{v_1}}{2} \tanh^2 x\right) \left(1 - \tanh^2 x\right)^{\frac{\sqrt{-E}}{2}} \phi(x)$$

allows to write (23) as

$$\mathbf{B}_2(z)\phi''(z) + \mathbf{B}_1(z)\phi'(z) + \mathbf{B}_0(z)\phi(z) = 0 \quad (24)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{B}_2(z) &= -4z + 4z^2 \\ \mathbf{B}_1(z) &= -2 + \left(6 + 4\sqrt{-E} - 4\sqrt{v_1}\right)z + 4\sqrt{v_1}z^2 \\ \mathbf{B}_0(z) &= \left(\sqrt{-E} - E - \sqrt{v_1} - v_1 - v_2 - v_3\right) + \left(v_1 + v_2 + 3\sqrt{v_1} + 2\sqrt{v_1}\sqrt{-E}\right)z \end{aligned}$$

We can reduce the height of Equation (24) from  $p = 1$  to  $p = 0$  by taking its first derivative:

$$\frac{d}{dz} \left[ \mathbf{B}_2(z)\phi''(z) + \mathbf{B}_1(z)\phi'(z) + \mathbf{B}_0(z)\phi(z) \right] = 0$$

which implies that

$$\mathbf{A}_3(z)\phi'''(z) + \mathbf{A}_2(z)\phi''(z) + \mathbf{A}_1(z)\phi'(z) + \mathbf{A}_0(z)\phi(z) = 0 \quad (25)$$



where

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{A}_3(z) &= -4z + 4z^2 \\
 \mathbf{A}_2(z) &= -6 + \left(14 + 4(\sqrt{-E} - \sqrt{v_1})\right)z + 4\sqrt{v_1}z^2 \\
 \mathbf{A}_1(z) &= 6 + \sqrt{-E} - E + 4(\sqrt{-E} - \sqrt{v_1}) - \sqrt{v_1} - v_1 - v_2 - v_3 \\
 &\quad + (11\sqrt{v_1} + 2\sqrt{-E}\sqrt{v_1} + v_1 + v_2)z \\
 \mathbf{A}_0(z) &= \mathbf{B}'_0(z) = 3\sqrt{v_1} + 2\sqrt{-E}\sqrt{v_1} + v_1 + v_2
 \end{aligned} \tag{26}$$

We solved Equation (25) by Algorithm ((12)-(13)-(14)) with  $n = 5$ ,  $v_1 = 1$  and  $v_2 = -50$ .

First we use Equations (10)-(11) to compute the canonical polynomials associated with Equation (25). Here are some of them:

$$\begin{aligned}
 Q_0(z) &= -\frac{1}{20}, \\
 Q_1(z) &= \frac{v_3}{640} - \frac{z}{32} - \frac{71}{160}, \\
 Q_2(z) &= -\frac{v_3^2}{11520} + \left(\frac{v_3}{576} - \frac{173}{288}\right)z + \frac{7v_3}{128} - \frac{z^2}{36} - \frac{12259}{1440}, \\
 Q_3(z) &= \frac{v_3^3}{122880} + \left(-\frac{v_3^2}{6144} + \frac{127v_3}{1024} - \frac{17947}{768}\right)z - \frac{523v_3^2}{61440} \\
 &\quad + \left(\frac{v_3}{384} - \frac{13}{12}\right)z^2 + \frac{22487v_3}{7680} - \frac{z^3}{32} - \frac{1271741}{3840}, \\
 Q_4(z) &= -\frac{v_3^4}{614400} + \frac{77v_3^3}{30720} + \left(\frac{v_3^3}{30720} - \frac{157v_3^2}{3840} + \frac{129889v_3}{7680} - \frac{1474407}{640}\right)z \\
 &\quad + \left(-\frac{v_3^2}{1920} + \frac{91v_3}{192} - \frac{534}{5}\right)z^2 - \frac{219017v_3^2}{153600} + \left(\frac{v_3}{160} - \frac{247}{80}\right)z^3 \\
 &\quad + \frac{681721v_3}{1920} - \frac{z^4}{20} - \frac{104477841}{3200}
 \end{aligned}$$

From (12), we have

$$n! \sum_{i=1}^3 \frac{a_{ii}}{(n-i)!} = 24(-1 + \sqrt{-E}) = 0$$

which gives  $E = -169$ .

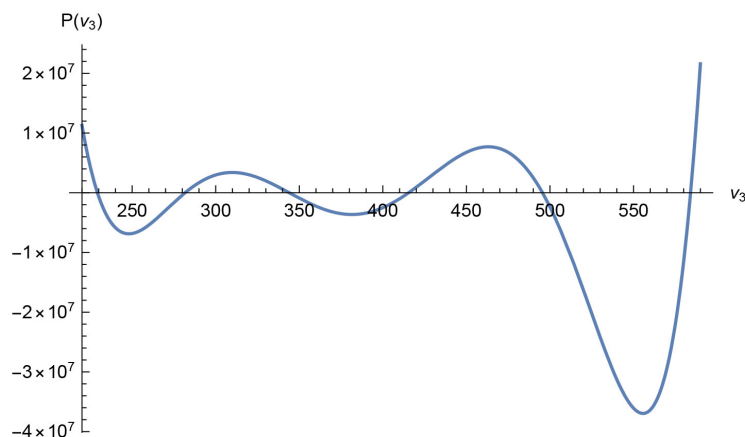
From (26),  $\mathbf{A}_0 = -20$  and therefore  $\mathbf{B}_0(z) = 230 - v_3 - 20z$  where  $v_3$  takes the six values:

$$\begin{aligned}
 &229.2464376447439023, \quad 281.6583890371778959, \quad 344.0001059505978400, \\
 &415.4312871412210056, \quad 495.5461344115843794, \quad 584.1176458146749767
 \end{aligned}$$

which are the zeros of the following polynomial

$$P(v_3) = \frac{v_3^6 - 2350v_3^5 + 2256468v_3^4 - 1132669000v_3^3 + 313363258912v_3^2 - 45290385058560v_3 + 2670960608870400}{122880}$$

whose the plot is given in **Figure 1**. Further, for  $n = 5$ , we obtain obtain  $\phi(z)$  for the six values of  $v_3$  are



**Figure 1.** Plot of  $P(v_3)$  whose the zeros are  $v_3$ . Here  $n = 5$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\phi_{3,1}(z) = & 848965.2873783716955968 + 319874.1407437577997468z \\ & + 44578.5802899894901557z^2 + 2890.7267231984532218z^3 \\ & + 87.6883905888140244z^4 + z^5\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\phi_{3,2}(z) = & -3233.8652725518631273 + 83528.1351716517372919z \\ & + 21688.9752060886286782z^2 + 1968.4480715340372917z^3 \\ & + 74.5854027407055260z^4 + z^5\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\phi_{3,3}(z) = & 22.2163496075455889 - 1266.3331045478599408z \\ & + 6294.6494541225146804z^2 + 1094.9987219712643521z^3 \\ & + 58.9999735123505400z^4 + z^5\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\phi_{3,4}(z) = & -0.1710184447933733 + 15.8560851714625286z \\ & - 173.3804428508567195z^2 + 392.8109983168830377z^3 \\ & + 41.1421782146947486z^4 + z^5\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\phi_{3,5}(z) = & 0.0013228922922234 - 0.1756444672214074z \\ & + 3.0942041854688765z^2 - 15.3305321180491017z^3 \\ & + 21.1134663971039051z^4 + z^5\end{aligned}$$

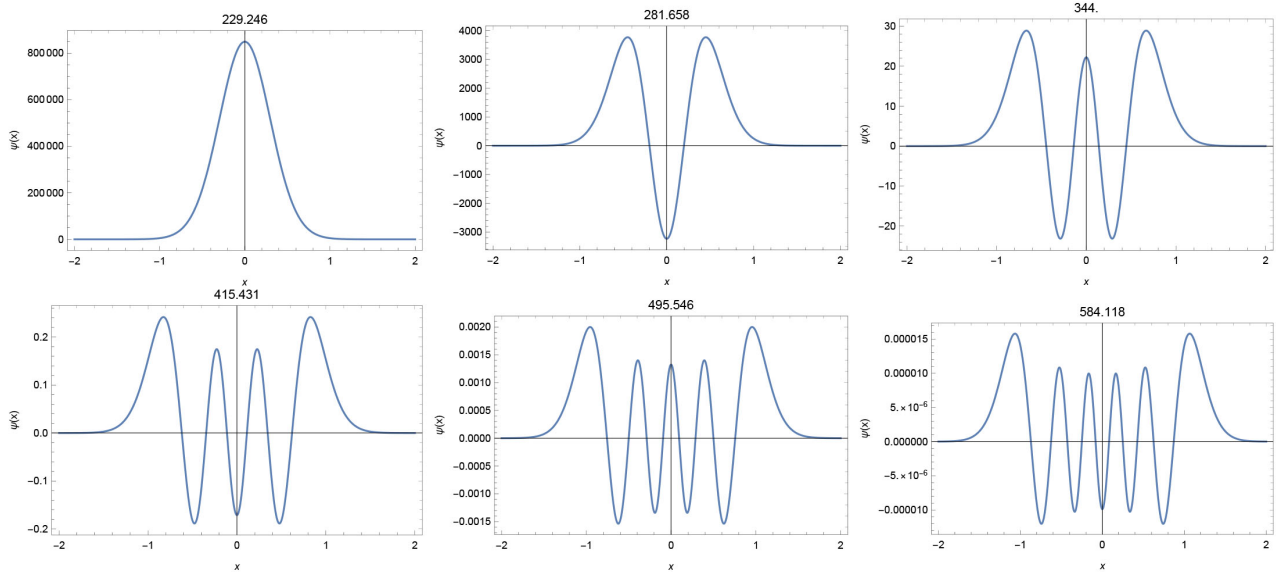
$$\begin{aligned}\phi_{3,6}(z) = & -9.8748769085397727 \times 10^{-6} + 0.0017484340817809z \\ & - 0.0437115352456713z^2 + 0.3460170974111983z^3 \\ & - 1.0294114536687442z^4 + z^5\end{aligned}$$

The graphs of the six functions are shown in **Figure 2**.

**Example 2.** The Schrodinger's equation of  $O(N)$  invariant decatic anharmonic oscillator in  $N$ -dimensional spherical coordinates is

$$-\frac{d^2R(r)}{dr^2} - \frac{N-1}{r} \frac{dR(r)}{dr} + \left[ \frac{l(l+N-2)}{r^2} + 2(V(r)-E) \right] R(r) = 0 \quad (27)$$

where  $R$  stands for the radial wave function. Setting  $R(r) = r^{\frac{1-N}{2}} \psi(r)$  transforms Equation (27) to



**Figure 2.** Plot of the wave function  $\Psi(x)$  for the six values of  $v_3$  that are the roots of  $p(v_3) = 0$  that appear at the top of each plot.  $n = 5$ .

$$-\frac{d^2\psi(r)}{dr^2} + \left[ \frac{\mu(\mu-1)}{r^2} + 2(V(r) - E) \right] \psi(r) = 0 \tag{28}$$

where  $\mu = \ell + \frac{1}{2}(N-1)$ ,  $\ell$  being a positive integer.

Further, consider the transformation

$$\psi(z) = r^\mu \exp\left(-\alpha \frac{r^2}{2} - \beta \frac{r^4}{4} - \gamma \frac{r^6}{6}\right) \phi(z); \quad z = r^2$$

where  $\gamma = \sqrt{2}$  and  $\{\alpha, \beta\}$  are parameters that depend on two unknowns  $\lambda_3$  and  $\lambda_4$ :

$$\beta = \frac{\lambda_4}{\gamma} \quad \text{and} \quad \alpha = \frac{1}{\gamma} \left( \lambda_3 - \frac{\lambda_4^2}{4} \right)$$

$\lambda_3$  and  $\lambda_4$  should be computed with the eigenvalue  $E$ . This yields a second order ODE of the form (1) with height  $p = 2$ :

$$\mathbf{B}_2(z) \frac{d^2\phi(z)}{dz^2} + \mathbf{B}_1(z) \frac{d\phi}{dz} + \mathbf{B}_0(z) \phi(z) = 0$$

where

$$\mathbf{B}_2(z) = 4z$$

$$\mathbf{B}_1(z) = 4\left((N+2\ell)/2 - \gamma z^3 - \beta z^2 - \alpha z\right)$$

$$\mathbf{B}_0(z) = (2\alpha\beta - \gamma(M+4) - 2\lambda_2)z^2 + (\alpha^2 - \beta(M+2) - 2\lambda_1)z + 2E - \alpha M$$

with

$$M = N + 2\ell, \quad \gamma = \sqrt{2}, \quad \beta = \lambda_4/\gamma, \quad \alpha = (\lambda_3 - \lambda_4^2/4)/\gamma$$

In order to obtain an equation with height  $p = 0$ , we differentiate it twice to get:

$$\mathbf{A}_4(z)\phi^{(4)}(z) + \mathbf{A}_3(z)\phi'''(z) + \mathbf{A}_2(z)\phi''(z) + \mathbf{A}_1(z)\phi'(z) + \mathbf{A}_0(z)\phi(z) = 0 \quad (29)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{A}_4(z) &= \mathbf{B}_2(z) = 4z \\ \mathbf{A}_3(z) &= 2\mathbf{B}'_2(z) + \mathbf{B}_1(z) = 8 + 2(2\ell + N) - 4\alpha z - 4\beta z^2 - 4\gamma z^3 \\ \mathbf{A}_2(z) &= \mathbf{B}''_2(z) + 2\mathbf{B}'_1(z) + \mathbf{B}_0(z) \\ &= -8\alpha + 2E - \alpha M + (\alpha^2 - 16\beta - 2\lambda_1 - \beta(2 + M))z \\ &\quad + (2\alpha\beta - 24\gamma - 2\lambda_2 - \gamma(4 + M))z^2 \\ \mathbf{A}_1(z) &= \mathbf{B}'''_2(z) + 2\mathbf{B}''_1(z) = 2\alpha^2 - 8\beta - 4\lambda_1 - 2\beta(2 + M) \\ &\quad + (-24\gamma + 4(2\alpha\beta - 2\lambda_2 - \gamma(4 + M)))z \\ \mathbf{A}_0(z) &= \mathbf{B}''''_2(z) = 2(2\alpha\beta - 2\lambda_2 - \gamma(4 + M)) \end{aligned}$$

The canonical polynomials are obtained by recursion (10)-(11):

$$\begin{aligned} Q_0(z) &= \frac{1}{4\alpha\beta - 18\gamma - 4} \\ Q_1(z) &= \frac{2 - \alpha^2 + 11\beta + (-2 + 2\alpha\beta - 9\gamma)z}{6(-2 + 2\alpha\beta - 13\gamma)(-2 + 2\alpha\beta - 9\gamma)} \\ Q_2(z) &= (4 - 26\alpha - 4\alpha^2 + \alpha^4 + 52\beta + 165\beta^2 + 4E - 4\alpha\beta E - 169\alpha\gamma + 26E\gamma) \frac{1}{D_2} \\ &\quad + (-4 + 2\alpha^2 - 30\beta + 4\alpha\beta - 2\alpha^3\beta + 30\alpha\beta^2 - 18\gamma + 9\alpha^2\gamma - 135\beta\gamma) \frac{z}{D_2} \\ &\quad + (4 - 8\alpha\beta + 4\alpha^2\beta^2 + 44\gamma - 44\alpha\beta\gamma + 117\gamma^2) \frac{z^2}{D_2} \end{aligned} \quad (30)$$

where  $D_2 := 12(-2 + 2\alpha\beta - 17\gamma)(-2 + 2\alpha\beta - 13\gamma)(-2 + 2\alpha\beta - 9\gamma)$

We have applied Algorithm ((12)-(13)-(14)) for different sets of parameters:

1) For  $n = 2$ ,  $\lambda_1 = 1$ ,  $\lambda_2 = 1$ ,  $N = 3$ ,  $\ell = 1$ ,  $\gamma = \sqrt{2}$ ,  $\beta = \lambda_4/\gamma$ ,  $\alpha = (\lambda_3 - \lambda_4^2/4)/\gamma$ ,  $p = 0$ ;  $\nu = 4$ , the unknown  $E, \lambda_3, \lambda_4$  are determined by solving the following system:

$$-24 - 204\sqrt{2} + 12\lambda_3\lambda_4 - 3\lambda_4^3 = 0 \quad (31)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &-15184570 - 4233890\sqrt{2} + (347972E + 79152\sqrt{2}E)\lambda_4 \\ &+ (200600 + 34760\sqrt{2})\lambda_4^2 \\ &+ (179700 + 454070\sqrt{2} - 4656E - 544\sqrt{2}E)\lambda_4^3 \\ &+ (-680 - 40\sqrt{2} - 2960E - 10236\sqrt{2}E)\lambda_4^4 \\ &+ (-520 - 4100\sqrt{2} + 16E - 32\sqrt{2}E^2)\lambda_4^5 \\ &+ (-11625 - 825\sqrt{2} + 104\sqrt{2}E)\lambda_4^6 + 330E\lambda_4^7 = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (32)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &106642188 + 34864280\sqrt{2} - 2087832\lambda_4^2 - 474912\sqrt{2}\lambda_4^2 - 1749968\lambda_4^3 \\
 &- 3254098\sqrt{2}\lambda_4^3 + 13968\lambda_4^4 + 1632\sqrt{2}\lambda_4^4 + 15968\lambda_4^5 + 59960\sqrt{2}\lambda_4^5 \\
 &+ 110898\lambda_4^6 + 17820\sqrt{2}\lambda_4^6 - 264\sqrt{2}\lambda_4^7 - 1388\lambda_4^8 - 1155\sqrt{2}\lambda_4^9 \\
 &+ (-6528\lambda_4^4 - 27936\sqrt{2}\lambda_4^4 + 192\sqrt{2}\lambda_4^6 + 1184\lambda_4^7)E = 0
 \end{aligned} \tag{33}$$

Note that Equation (31) and Equation (33) are linear in  $\lambda_3$  and  $E$  respectively. So we compute  $\lambda_3$  and  $E$  in terms of  $\lambda_4$  and substitute their expressions in Equation (32) which gives the values of  $\lambda_4$ . As a result we get for  $E > 0$  two sets of solutions:

Set 1

$$\begin{aligned}
 \lambda_3 &= 10.4794241513810915978439288620 \\
 \lambda_4 &= 3.57541756044743705617752580655 \\
 E &= 10.3921270096757567640709427917
 \end{aligned}$$

Set 2

$$\begin{aligned}
 \lambda_3 &= 10.4794241513810915978439288620 \\
 \lambda_4 &= 2.96736011311581477714971460010 \\
 E &= 45.4729663748453390359477629584
 \end{aligned}$$

For Set 1 we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \alpha &= 6.20558774817446509454508658219, \\
 \beta &= 2.09824045820667335037013178954, \\
 \gamma &= \sqrt{2}, \quad \mu = 2
 \end{aligned}$$

and the exact solution of Equation (29) when  $n = 2$  is

$$\begin{aligned}
 \phi_2(z) &= 0.148569159577064357603068196653 \\
 &- 0.890196601343371995098741638225z + z^2
 \end{aligned}$$

Then the wave function for  $n = 2$  is

$$\psi_2(z) = r^\mu \exp\left(-\alpha \frac{r^2}{2} - \beta \frac{r^4}{4} - \gamma \frac{r^6}{6}\right) \phi_2(z); \quad z = r^2$$

which is plotted in **Figure 3**.

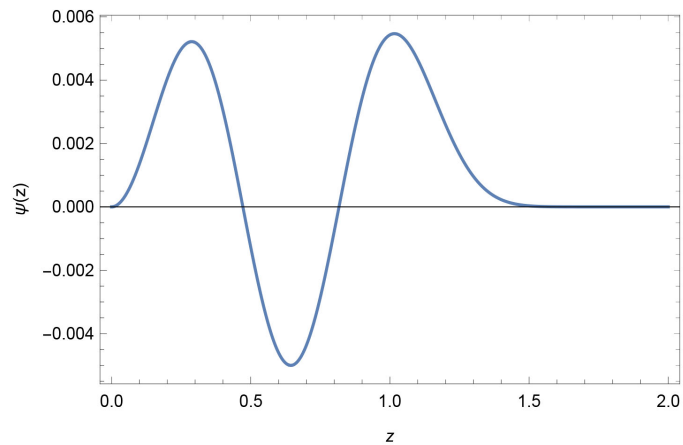
2) For  $n = 4$ ;  $\lambda_1 = 1$ ;  $\lambda_2 = 1$ ;  $N = 6$ ;  $\ell = 1$ ;  $\gamma = \sqrt{2}$ ;  $p = 0$ ;  $\nu = 4$ ;  $M = N + 2\ell$  we obtain a system of equations with unknown  $E, \lambda_3, \lambda_4$ . This system has three sets of solutions:

Set 1

$$\begin{aligned}
 \lambda_3 &= 15.2213022374713691334593627854 \\
 \lambda_4 &= 3.35080280384336327546445916262 \\
 E &= 122.054198917713672699520321911
 \end{aligned}$$

Set 2

$$\begin{aligned}
 \lambda_3 &= 14.6173922152479058765833382408 \\
 \lambda_4 &= 3.74178054365072115240609371379 \\
 E &= 64.518363537276464736709058162
 \end{aligned}$$



**Figure 3.** Plot of wave function  $\psi_2(x)$  for the Set 1 ( $n = 2$ ).

Set 3

$$\lambda_3 = 14.3050849085847171927078631515$$

$$\lambda_4 = 4.24082480839216204741958029044$$

$$E = 20.6723051499346259885190817057$$

The exact polynomial solution of Equation (29) that corresponds to each set of the computed parameters above are:

$$\text{Set 1: } \phi_4(z) = 0.05123329350714747 - 0.55678527469919100z + 1.865828731884573800z^2 - 2.378365009178223910z^3 + z^4$$

$$\text{Set 2: } \phi_4(z) = 1.83303106908165349 - 7.57827320512557611z + 5.04729517062652433z^2 + 1.59031054924421090z^3 + z^4$$

$$\text{Set 3: } \phi_4(z) = 40.08040813732159932 + 35.42885586322148665z + 20.94732836908738593z^2 + 5.631928970610121495z^3 + z^4$$

**Figure 4** shows  $\psi_{4,1}(x)$ .

3) For  $n = 8$ ;  $\lambda_1 = 1$ ;  $\lambda_2 = 1$ ;  $N = 6$ ;  $\ell = 1$ . Here are the results:

Set 1

$$\lambda_3 = 20.56410237324861185$$

$$\lambda_4 = 3.779556076814648561$$

$$E = 284.2200173241970169$$

Set 2

$$\lambda_3 = 20.56410237324861185$$

$$\lambda_4 = 3.779556076814648561$$

$$E = 284.220017324197016903$$

Set 3

$$\lambda_3 = 19.97053471979101493$$

$$\lambda_4 = 4.043790238076919932$$

$$E = 200.814293836308274681$$

Set 4

$$\lambda_3 = 19.49903355415370773$$

$$\lambda_4 = 4.34676919014164935$$

$$E = 128.39046011355799670$$

Set 5

$$\lambda_3 = 19.19007126134549327$$

$$\lambda_4 = 4.69538124652545845$$

$$E = 68.10813774437088605$$

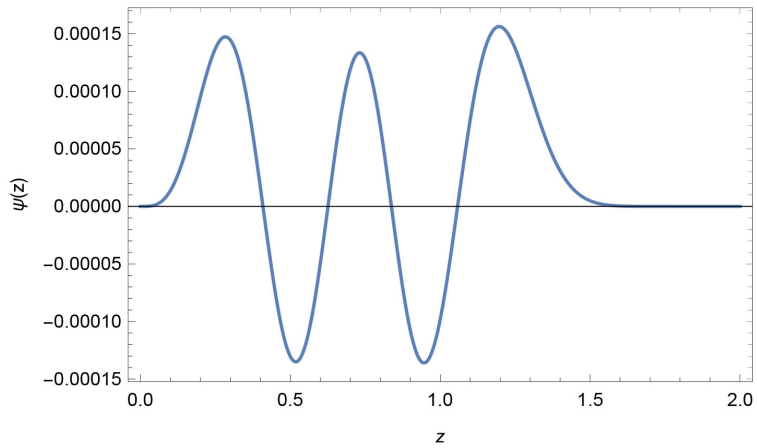
Set 6

$$\lambda_3 = 19.09600441735804689$$

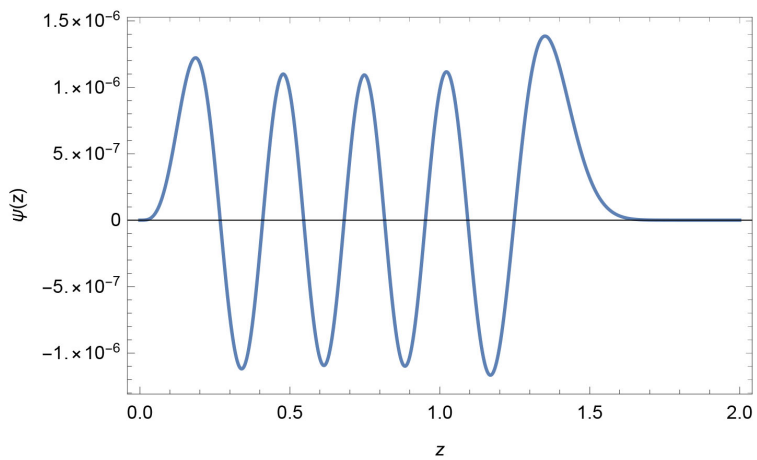
$$\lambda_4 = 5.10347417185941959$$

$$E = 21.86369137050343994$$

The exact solution that corresponds to Set 1:



**Figure 4.** Plot of wave function  $\psi_{4,1}(x)$  for the Set 1 ( $n = 4$ ).



**Figure 5.** Plot of wave function  $\psi_{8,1}(x)$  for the Set 1 ( $n = 8$ ).

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_{8,1}(z) = & 0.0018666121867654 - 0.0551016926965569z \\ & + 0.5790267235874925z^2 - 2.9461631765945323z^3 \\ & + 8.1634406700523406z^4 - 12.8729691673963369z^5 \\ & + 11.4573865169591070z^6 - 5.3265009701024445z^7 + z^8, \end{aligned}$$

**Figure 5** shows  $\psi_{8,1}(x)$ .

### 5. Conclusion

In this paper we have extended the canonical polynomials approach that was developed in [8] to solve QES differential equations of arbitrary high order  $\nu \geq 2$ . While the existing methods for solving QESs require the solution of a nonlinear algebraic system whose dimensions depend on the desired degree of  $y(x)$ , our new approach requires solving a nonlinear algebraic system of dimensions depending on  $p$ , the height of the differential operator. This advantage is due to the fact that the sequence of canonical polynomials enjoys the permanence characteristic.

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