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**A THREE-LEVEL LINEARIZED DIFFERENCE SCHEME FOR
THE TWO-DIMENSIONAL
EXTENDED-FISHER-KOLMOGOROV EQUATION**

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ABSTRACT. The extended-Fisher-Kolmogorov (EFK) equation is a strong non-linear fourth order reaction diffusion evolution system. So far, the numerical methods for solving this problem are only a few. In this work, a three-level linearized finite difference scheme is derived. The scheme is proved to be uniquely solvable, and unconditionally second-order convergent in both time and space in the maximum norm. Several numerical examples are presented to demonstrate the accuracy and efficiency of the proposed method.

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