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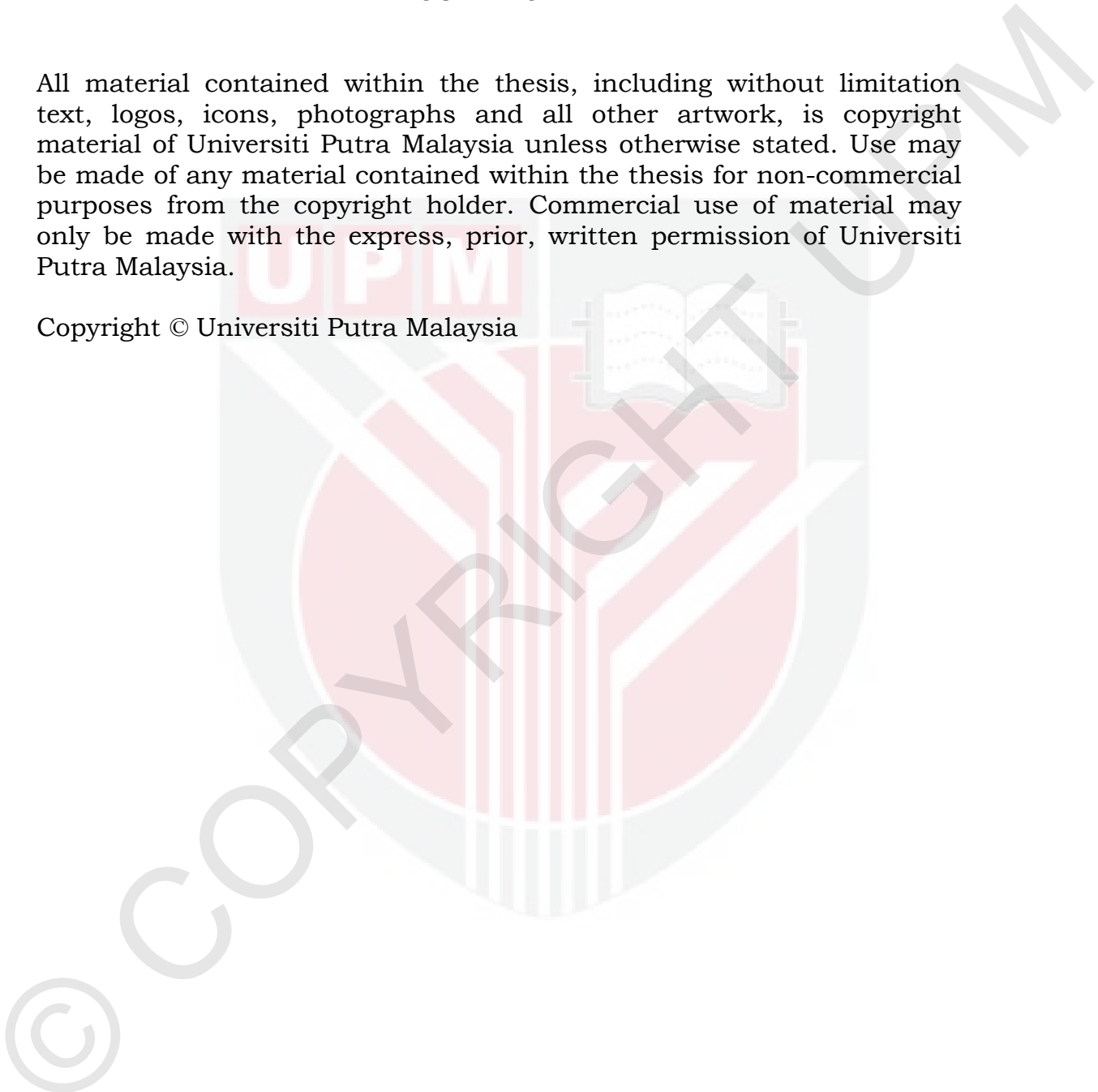
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Our main contribution in the thesis is the development of a new block method which is called diagonally implicit two point block backward differentiation formulas of order two (DI2BBDF(2)), order three (DI2BBDF(3)) and order four (DI2BBDF(4)) for solving stiff ordinary differential equations (ODEs) and fuzzy differential equations (FDEs). This method is constructed to compute multiple approximations concurrently in a block using various back values. The performance of the method is compared with existing methods. Furthermore, the convergence and stability properties of the method are investigated. The strategy of choosing suitable step size is also discussed. This thesis also explored the numerical solution of first order FDEs. The fully implicit two point block backward differentiation formulas of order three (FI2BBDF(3)) is reviewed and modified in fuzzy version for solving fuzzy initial value problems (FIVPs) under a new interpretation of Hukuhara Differentiability Theorem (HDT). Based on HDT, the exact and approximated solutions for two cases are compared to investigate the accuracy of the method. Finally, the derived method is modified in fuzzy version for solving FIVPs under HDT. The efficiency of the method is compared with several existing methods. In conclusion, the proposed method can be an alternative method for solving stiff ODEs and FDEs.

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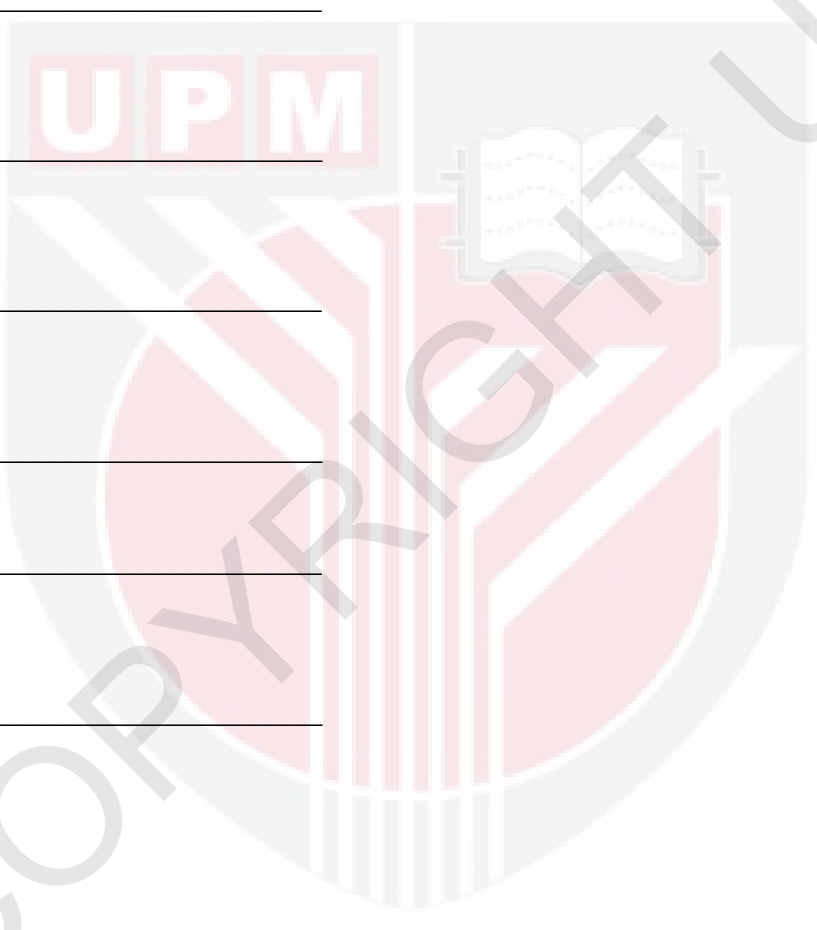
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## LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

IVPs	Initial value problems
LMM	Linear multistep method
ODEs	Ordinary differential equations
FDEs	Fuzzy differential equations
FIVPs	Fuzzy initial value problems
HDT	Hukuhara Differentiability Theorem
BBDF	Block backward differentiation formulas
FI2BBDF(3)	Fully implicit two point block backward differentiation formulas of order three
FI3BBDF(3)	Fully implicit three point block backward differentiation formulas of order three
FI2BEBDF(3)	Fully implicit two point block extended backward differentiation formulas order three
FI3BEBDF(3)	Fully implicit three point block extended backward differentiation formulas of order three
DI2BBDF(2)	Diagonally implicit two point block backward differentiation formulas of second order
DI2BBDF(3)	Diagonally implicit two point block backward differentiation formulas of third order
DI2BBDF(4)	Diagonally implicit two point block backward differentiation formulas of fourth order
FFI2BBDF(3)	Fuzzy fully implicit two point block backward differentiation formulas of order three
FDI2BBDF(2)	Fuzzy diagonally implicit two point block backward differentiation formulas of order two
FDI2BBDF(3)	Fuzzy diagonally implicit two point block backward differentiation formulas of order three
FDI2BBDF(4)	Fuzzy diagonally implicit two point block backward differentiation formulas of order four
DI2BBDF	Diagonally implicit two point block backward differentiation formula
AB2SM	Adam Bashforth 2 –step method
PC3SM	Predictor-corrector 3 –step method
EULER	Euler method
ERK4	Extended Runge-Kutta method of order four
RK3	Runge-Kutta of order three
RK4	Runge-Kutta of order four

# CHAPTER 1

## INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 Introduction

Differential equations serve as mathematical models for many exciting problems, not only in science and technology but also in such diverse fields such as economics, psychology, defense, and demography. The general form of differential equation is given by Butcher (2008) as follows:

$$y'(x) = f(x, y(x)), \quad y' = dy/dx. \quad (1.1)$$

Rapid growth in the theory of differential equations and in its applications to almost every branch of knowledge has resulted in a continued study by researchers in many disciplines. However, ordinary differential equations (ODEs) are the most popular differential equations in mathematics curricula all over the world and it is now being taught at various levels in almost every institution of higher learning. Lambert (1991) has presented the general form of first order system of ODEs as

$$\left. \begin{aligned} y'_1(x) &= f_1(x, y_1, y_2, \dots, y_m), \\ y'_2(x) &= f_2(x, y_1, y_2, \dots, y_m), \\ &\vdots \\ y'_m(x) &= f_m(x, y_1, y_2, \dots, y_m). \end{aligned} \right\} (1.2)$$

Currently, the study of differential equations with uncertainty plays an important role in many disciplines and real world phenomena. This type of differential equations is called fuzzy differential equations (FDEs). Developing an accurate numerical method is one of the important parts in studying ODEs and FDEs. The numerical method can be classified as single step methods and multistep methods. The single step methods is used to calculate approximated solution using one previous point while for multistep methods, the approximated solution is evaluated using several previous points. The examples of multistep methods are Adams method and backward differentiation formulas (BDF).

### 1.2 Stiff initial value problems

The following definition is given by Lambert (1991) to define stiff ODEs.

### Definition 1.1

The system of (1.2) is said to be stiff if  $Re(\lambda_t) < 0, t = 1, 2, \dots, m$  and  $max_t |Re(\lambda_t)| \gg min_t |Re(\lambda_t)|$  where  $\lambda_t$  are the eigenvalues of the Jacobian matrix,  $J = \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}\right)$ . Stiff problems often have  $Re(\lambda_t)$  of greatly varying magnitude, which adds to the difficulty of their solution.

### 1.3 Linear multistep method

The theory of linear multistep method (LMM) is developed in large scale by Dahlquist (1956) and has become widely known through the exposition by Henrichi (1962, 1963). In this section, we briefly present some definitions of LMM which are introduced by Lambert (1991).

### Definition 1.2

The LMM can be represented in standard form by an equation:

$$\sum_{j=0}^k a_j y_{n+j} = h \sum_{j=0}^k b_j f_{n+j}, \quad (1.3)$$

where  $y_{n+j} \approx y(x_{n+j})$  and  $f_{n+j} \equiv f(x_{n+j}, y_{n+j})$ ,  $a_j$  and  $b_j$  are real constants and  $k$  is defined as the order of the particular method applied. The formula (1.3) is explicit if  $b_k = 0$ , and it is implicit if  $b_k \neq 0$ .

### Definition 1.3

The LMM is said to be of order  $p$  if  $C_0 = C_1 = \dots = C_p = 0, C_{p+1} \neq 0$ . The general form of constant  $C_q$  is defined as:

$$C_0 = \sum_{j=0}^k j \alpha_j, \quad (1.4)$$
$$C_q = \sum_{j=0}^k \left( \frac{1}{q!} j^q \alpha_j - \frac{1}{(q-1)!} j^{q-1} \beta_j \right), \quad q = 1, 2, \dots, k.$$

The general form of block method is given by Ibrahim *et al.* (2008) as follows:

### Definition 1.4

The  $k$ -block  $r$ -point method is a matrix finite difference equation of the form:

$$\sum_{j=0}^k \alpha_j y_{n+j} = h \sum_{j=0}^k \beta_j f_{n+j}, \quad (1.5)$$

where  $\alpha_j$  and  $\beta_j$  are properly chosen  $r \times r$  matrix coefficients.

Majid and Suleiman (2006) stated that the block method is defined to be diagonally implicit if the coefficients of the upper-diagonal entries are zero.

**Definition 1.5**

We consider  $a_{11}$ ,  $a_{12}$ ,  $a_{21}$  and  $a_{22}$  are coefficients of  $y_{n+1}$  and  $y_{n+2}$  in the matrix form below.

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y_{n+1} \\ y_{n+2} \end{bmatrix}. \tag{1.6}$$

The equation (1.5) is defined to be diagonally implicit if  $a_{12}$  is zero whereas  $a_{11}$  and  $a_{22}$  are equal.

**1.4 Convergence**

Convergence refers to the ability of a method to approximate the exact solution to a differential equation to any required accuracy. Butcher (2008) mentioned that the LMM is convergent if and only if it is consistent and stable.

**Definition 1.6**

The equation (1.5) proved to be consistent if and only if the following conditions are satisfied:

$$\sum_{j=0}^k \alpha_j = 0, \tag{1.7}$$

$$\sum_{j=0}^k j\alpha_j = \sum_{j=0}^k \beta_j, \tag{1.8}$$

**Definition 1.7**

LMM is said to be zero-stable if the roots  $R_j, j = 1(1)k$  of the first characteristic polynomial,  $\rho(R) = \det [\sum_{i=0}^k A_i R^{k-i}] = 0$ ,  $A_0 = -I$  satisfies  $|R_j| \leq 1$ . If one of the roots is +1, we call this root the principal root of  $\rho(R)$ .

**Definition 1.8**

The LMM is said to be zero-stable if no root of the first characteristic polynomial,  $\rho(t)$  has modulus greater than one, and if every root with modulus one is simple.

**Theorem 1.1**

The necessary and sufficient conditions for the LMM to be convergent are that it is consistent and zero-stable.

## 1.5 Stability theory

The stability properties of LMM are generally considered as the most important for the effectiveness solution of some problems. In fact, Shampine and Watts (1969) emphasized that the stability problem would appear to be the most serious limitation of block methods. The following definitions demonstrate the absolute stable and A-stable of LMM.

### Definition 1.9

The LMM is said to be absolute stable in a region  $\mathfrak{R}$  (real part) of the complex plane if, for all  $\hat{h} \in \mathfrak{R}$ , all roots of the stability polynomial  $\pi(t, \hat{h})$  associated with the method, satisfy  $|t_s| < 1, s = 1, 2, \dots, k$ .

### Definition 1.10

The LMM is A-stable if its region of absolute stability contains the whole of the left-hand half-plane,  $Re(h\lambda) < 0$ .

## 1.6 Fuzzy theory

Here, we present some definitions of fuzzy number, triangular fuzzy number, trapezoidal fuzzy number and fuzzy initial value problems which are described by Nguyen and Walker (2000).

### Definition 1.11

A fuzzy number satisfies the following conditions.

- 1)  $A(t) = 1$  for at least one  $t$ .
- 2) The support  $\{t: A(t) > 0\}$  of  $A$  is bounded.
- 3) The  $\alpha$  - cuts of  $A$  are closed intervals.

### Definition 1.12

A fuzzy number,  $\mu(t)$  can be determined by any pair  $\mu(t) = (\underline{\mu}(t), \bar{\mu}(t))$ ,

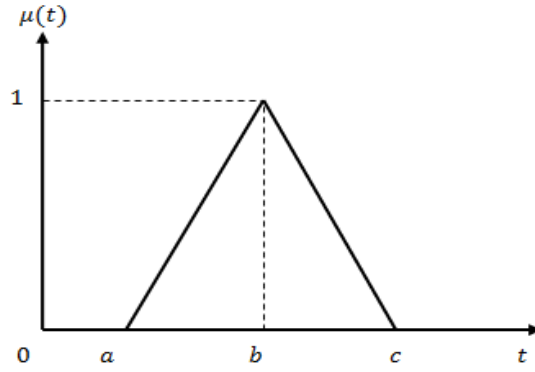
where  $0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$ , which satisfies the three conditions:

- 1)  $\underline{\mu}(t)$  is a bounded left continuous increasing function  $\alpha \in (0, 1]$ .
- 2)  $\bar{\mu}(t)$  is a bounded left continuous decreasing function  $\alpha \in (0, 1]$ .
- 3)  $\underline{\mu}(t) \leq \bar{\mu}(t), 0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$ .

### Definition 1.13

A triangular fuzzy number is determined by a triplet  $(a, b, c)$  of crisp number with  $a < b < c$  where its membership function is given by

$$\mu(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{t-a}{b-a}, & \text{if } a \leq t \leq b \\ \frac{t-c}{b-c}, & \text{if } b < t \leq c \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

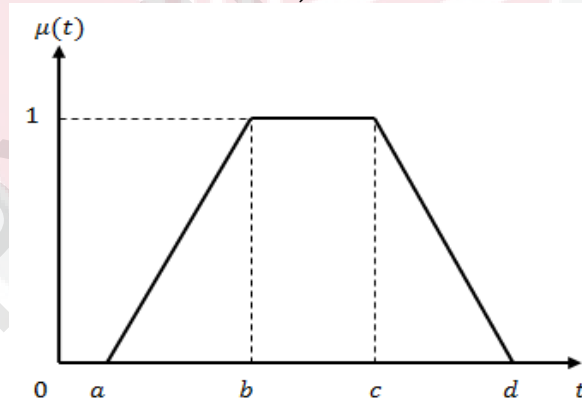


**Figure 2.1: Triangular fuzzy on  $[a, c]$**

**Definition 1.14**

A trapezoidal fuzzy number is determined by the quadruplet  $(a, b, c, d)$  of crisp number with  $a < b < c < d$  where its membership function is given by

$$\mu(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{t-a}{b-a}, & \text{if } a \leq t \leq b \\ 1, & \text{if } b < t < c \\ \frac{t-c}{d-c}, & \text{if } c \leq t \leq d \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



**Figure 2.2: Trapezoidal fuzzy on  $[a, d]$**

**1.7 Fuzzy initial value problems**

The general form of fuzzy initial value problem (FIVP) is first introduced by Seikkala (1987) as follows:

$$x'(t) = f(t, x(t)), \quad x(0) = x_0, \tag{1.9}$$

where  $x_0$  is a fuzzy number with  $\alpha$ -level intervals  $[x_0]_\alpha = [x^{\alpha}_{01}, x^{\alpha}_{02}]$  and  $0 < \alpha \leq 1$ .



The general form of FIVP which is given by Shokri (2007) in following form:

$$\begin{aligned} y'(t; \alpha) &= f(t; y(t; \alpha); \alpha), & t \in [t_0, T], \\ y(t_0; \alpha) &= y_0, & \alpha \in [0, 1] \end{aligned} \quad (1.10)$$

where  $y(t; \alpha)$  is a fuzzy function of  $t$ ,  $f(t; y(t; \alpha); \alpha)$  is a fuzzy function of variable  $t$  and the fuzzy variable  $y(t; \alpha)$ ,  $y'(t; \alpha)$  is the fuzzy derivative of  $y(t; \alpha)$  and  $y(t_0; \alpha)$  is a trapezoidal shaped fuzzy number.

The definition and theorem of Hukuhara differentiability is given by Stefanini and Bede (2009) as follows:

**Definition 1.15**

Let  $f : T \rightarrow E(\mathbb{R})$  and  $t_0 \in (a, b)$  where  $f$  is differentiable at  $t_0$ . Then we consider two cases:

(I) For all  $h > 0$  sufficiently close to 0, the Hukuhara differences  $f(t_0 + h) \ominus f(t_0)$  and  $f(t_0) \ominus f(t_0 - h)$  exist (in metric D) such that

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{f(t_0 + h) \ominus f(t_0)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{f(t_0) \ominus f(t_0 - h)}{h} = f'(t_0), \quad (1.11)$$

(II) For all  $h > 0$  sufficiently close to 0, the Hukuhara differences  $f(t_0) \ominus f(t_0 + h)$  and  $f(t_0 - h) \ominus f(t_0)$  exist (in metric D) such that

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{f(t_0) \ominus f(t_0 + h)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{f(t_0 - h) \ominus f(t_0)}{h} = f'(t_0), \quad (1.12)$$

**Theorem 1.2**

Let  $f : T \rightarrow y(\mathbb{R})$  where  $t \in (t_0, T)$  and  $y$  is a fuzzy function and denote  $[f(t; \alpha)] = [\underline{y}(t; \alpha), \bar{y}(t; \alpha)]$  for each  $\alpha \in [0, 1]$ . Then two cases will be considered.

Case 1: If  $f(t; \alpha)$  is Hukuhara differentiable in the first form (1.11), then  $\underline{y}(t; \alpha)$  and  $\bar{y}(t; \alpha)$  are differentiable functions in the following form:

$$f'(t; \alpha) = [\underline{y}'(t; \alpha), \bar{y}'(t; \alpha)]. \quad (1.13)$$

Case 2: If  $f(t; \alpha)$  is Hukuhara differentiable in the second form (1.12), then  $\underline{y}(t; \alpha)$  and  $\bar{y}(t; \alpha)$  are differentiable functions in the following form:

$$f'(t; \alpha) = [\bar{y}'(t; \alpha), \underline{y}'(t; \alpha)]. \quad (1.14)$$

## **1.8 Objective of the thesis**

The objectives of this thesis are as follows:

- 1) To derive the diagonally implicit two point block backward differentiation formulas of order two, three and four for solving ODEs and FDEs.
- 2) To study the convergence and stability properties of the derived methods.
- 3) To compare the efficiency of the derived methods in terms of accuracy and computational time when applied to stiff ODEs.
- 4) To investigate the accuracy of the proposed method when applied to FDEs.

## **1.9 Scope of the thesis**

This thesis comprises the formulation of a new block backward differentiation formulas (BBDF) which is called diagonally implicit two point block backward differentiation formulas (DI2BBDF) of order two (DI2BBDF(2)), order three (DI2BBDF(3)) and order four (DI2BBDF(4)). Meanwhile, the scope of this thesis is limited to the numerical solution of stiff initial value problems (IVPs) and first order fuzzy initial value problems (FIVPs). For a fair comparison, the numerical results obtained from the existing methods are collected and compared with the proposed method.

## **1.10 Outline of the thesis**

This thesis covers the following:

Chapter 1 provides the interest of problems and some relevant definitions when solving stiff ODEs and FDEs.

In Chapter 2, the evolution of block method, BBDF, diagonally implicit method and FDEs are reviewed.

Chapter 3 contains the derivation of second order, third order and fourth order diagonally implicit two point BBDF. The order of the method is verified. This chapter focuses on solving stiff ODEs under implementation of Newton iteration. In the last section of this chapter, the performance of the derived method is compared with the existing methods in terms of accuracy and computational time.

In Chapter 4, the consistency and zero stability of the derived method are discussed for the purpose of convergence properties. The stability region of the methods are illustrated and discussed. The restriction of the step size is calculated to determine the suitable step size.

The formulation of fully implicit two point BBDF is reviewed in Chapter 5. This method is modified in fuzzy version to solve FIVPs. A new interpretation of FIVPs is presented based on Case 1 and Case 2 of HDT. The performance of the method is observed based on comparison of approximate solutions and exact solutions.

In Chapter 6, the diagonally implicit two point BBDF of order two, order three and order four are modified in fuzzy version to solve FIVPs. The accuracy of the numerical results is compared with several existing methods.

Finally, the summary of the thesis and recommendation for future research are discussed in Chapter 7.



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