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This thesis describes the development of sequential and parallel methods for solving delay differential equations. A new sequential code for the numerical solution of delay differential equations is considered. The variable order variable stepsize formulae based on the Adams-Bashforth-Moulton methods are represented in divided difference form. Derivative discontinuities are detected by local error estimate at the grid points. Large magnitude of the local error estimate indicates the presence of derivative discontinuity. Stepsize is then reduced and eventually the discontinuity point is included in the grid. The formulae representation proves to be efficient when compared with the existing method in modified divided difference form.

We also consider the development of two-point block methods on sequential and parallel computers. Formulae for three two-point block methods for solving delay differential equations are derived. The implicit block methods are implemented using variable stepsize variable order technique. The formulae for two-point diagonally and triangu-



larly implicit block methods using predictor-corrector application are represented in divided difference form. Meanwhile, the predictor-corrector formulae for two-point fully implicit block method are calculated beforehand and stored at the beginning of the code. All of the block methods rely on the local error estimates to detect derivative discontinuities. In all of the developed methods, regions of absolute stability are presented and compared. Comparison among the developed methods indicates that all of the methods achieve the desired accuracy. Block methods are efficient when compared with the sequential non-block method as the total steps taken can be reduced. The new block methods are then used for the parallel implementation in solving large system of delay differential equations. The parallel programs using Message Passing Interface are run on Sun Fire V1280 using two processors. Numerical results indicate that parallel implementation increases the performance of the block methods.



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Tesis ini menghuraikan proses pembangunan kaedah-kaedah jujukan dan selari bagi penyelesaian persamaan pembezaan lengah. Satu kod berjujukan yang baru untuk penyelesaian berangka persamaan pembezaan lengah adalah dipertimbangkan. Formula saiz langkah dan peringkat berbeza-beza berdasarkan kaedah-kaedah Adams-Bashforth-Moulton dipersembahkan dalam bentuk beza terbahagi. Ketakselajaran terbitan dikesan oleh nilai anggaran ralat setempat pada titik-titik grid. Magnitud yang besar bagi anggaran ralat setempat menunjukkan kehadiran ketakselajaran terbitan. Saiz langkah kemudiannya dikurangkan supaya titik ketakselajaran adalah tergolong dalam titik grid. Apabila dibandingkan dengan kaedah sedia ada dalam bentuk beza terbahagi berubah, formula yang dipersembahkan dalam bentuk beza terbahagi menghasilkan satu kaedah yang cekap.

Kami juga mempertimbangkan kaedah-kaedah blok dua-titik yang dilaksanakan pada komputer selari dan tak selari. Tiga formula bagi kaedah-kaedah blok dua-titik diter-



bitkan. Kaedah-kaedah blok tersirat ini dilaksanakan dengan menggunakan teknik saiz langkah dan peringkat berbeza-beza. Formula bagi kaedah-kaedah blok tersirat dua-titik secara pepenjuru dan bentuk segitiga menggunakan aplikasi pembetul-peramal yang diwakili dalam bentuk beza terbahagi. Sementara itu, formula pembetul-peramal bagi kaedah blok dua-titik sepenuhnya tersirat dikira terlebih dahulu dan disimpan di awal kod. Semua kaedah-kaedah blok tersebut bergantung kepada nilai anggaran ralat setempat untuk mengesan ketakselajaran terbitan. Rantau kestabilan bagi kaedah-kaedah yang dibangunkan adalah dibentangkan. Perbandingan di antara kaedah-kaedah yang dibangunkan menunjukkan bahawa semua kaedah-kaedah tersebut mencapai tahap kejituan yang dikehendaki. Kaedah-kaedah blok adalah cekap apabila dibandingkan dengan kaedah jujukan tanpa blok kerana jumlah bilangan langkah yang diambil dapat dikurangkan. Kaedah-kaedah blok kemudiannya digunakan di dalam pelaksanaan selari bagi menyelesaikan sistem persamaan pembezaan lengah yang besar. Pelaksanaan program selari dijalankan dengan menggunakan komputer Sun Fire V1280 bersama dua buah pemproses dibantu oleh protokol mesej penghantar Message Passing Interface. Keputusan berangka menunjukkan bahawa teknik selari meningkatkan prestasi kaedah-kaedah blok tersebut.

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