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Traditionally, higher order ordinary differential equations (ODEs) are solved by reducing them to an equivalent system of first order ODEs. However, it is more cost effective if they can be solved directly by numerical methods. Block methods approximate the solutions of the ODEs at more than one point at one time step, hence faster solutions can be obtained. It is rather well-known too that a more accurate numerical results can be obtained by having extra derivatives in the method. Based on these arguments, we are focused on developing block methods with extra derivatives for solving first, second and third ODEs. The study in the thesis consists of three parts.

The first part of the thesis described the derivation of two and three point implicit and semi implicit block methods with second derivative for solving first order ODEs. Absolute stability for both implicit and semi implicit second derivative block methods are also presented. Numerical results clearly show that the new proposed methods are more efficient in terms of accuracy and computational time when compared with well-known existing methods.

The second part of the thesis is focused on the derivation of two and three point implicit and semi implicit second derivative block methods for directly solving second order ODEs. The zero-stability of the new methods are also given. The numerical results revealed that the new methods are more accurate as compared to the existing methods and it is also illustrated that the new second derivative block methods require less computational time when solving second order ODEs.

Finally, the last part of the thesis concerned with the construction of two and three point implicit and semi implicit second derivative block multistep methods for directly solving third order ODEs. The zero-stability for the new methods are also presented. Numerical results show that new methods are more efficient than the existing methods.

In conclusion, accurate and required less computational time have potential to be a good tools for solving first, second and third order ODEs respectively.



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## LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

ODEs	Ordinary Differential Equations
IVPs	Initial Value Problems
LTE	Local Truncation Error
MAXE	Maximum Error
New 2PSDBI	2-point implicit block method for first order
New 2PSDBE	2-point semi implicit block method for first order
New 23PSDBI	3-point implicit block method for first order
New 3PSDBE	3-point semi implicit block method for first order
New 2PSDBI(2)	2-point implicit block method for second order
New 2PSDBE(2)	2-point semi implicit block method for second order
New 23PSDBI(2)	3-point implicit block method for second order
New 3PSDBE(2)	3-point semi implicit block method for second order
New 2PSDBI(3)	2-point implicit block method for third order
New 2PSDBE(3)	2-point semi implicit block method for third order
New 23PSDBI(3)	3-point implicit block method for third order
New 3PSDBE(3)	3-point semi implicit block method for third order

# CHAPTER 1

## INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 Ordinary Differential Equations

Ordinary differential equation( ODE) is a differential equation that contains only ordinary derivatives of one or more unknown functions with respect to a single independent variable.

The  $d$ –th order ODEs can be written as:

$$y^{(d)} = f(x, y, \dots, y^{(d-1)}), \quad (1.1)$$

with initial conditions:

$$y(a) = y_0 \text{ and } y^{(i)}(a) = \eta_i, \quad 0 < i \leq d-1, \quad x \in [a, b],$$

while the first order ODEs can be written as:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x, y(x)), y(a) = y_0 \quad (1.2)$$

where  $x \in [a, b]$ .

In (1.2), the quantity being differentiated,  $y$  is called the dependent variable, while the quantity with respect to  $y$  which is differentiated,  $x$  is called the independent variable.

### 1.2 The Initial Value Problems to ODEs

The initial value problems (IVPs) of system first order differential equation is defined as:

$$\mathbf{y}'(x) = \mathbf{f}(x, \mathbf{y}), \quad (1.3)$$

with initial conditions

$$\mathbf{y}(x_0) = \mathbf{y}_0, \quad \mathbf{y}'(x_0) = \mathbf{y}'_0, \quad x \in [a, b]$$

where

$$\mathbf{y}(x) = [y_1(x), y_2(x), \dots, y_s(x)]^T$$

$$f(x, \mathbf{y}) = [f_1(x, \mathbf{y}), f_2(x, \mathbf{y}), \dots, f_s(x, \mathbf{y})]^T,$$

and  $\mathbf{y}_0$  is a given vector of initial conditions. The initial value problems (IVPs) of general second order is defined as:

$$y''(x) = f(x, y, y'), \quad (1.4)$$

with initial conditions

$$y(x_0) = y_0, \quad y'(x_0) = y'_0,$$

where  $f : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$ , and  $y_0, y'_0 \in \mathbb{R}^d$ .

The initial value problems (IVPs) of general third order is defined as:

$$y'''(x) = f(x, y, y', y''), \quad (1.5)$$

with initial conditions

$$y(x_0) = y_0, \quad y'(x_0) = y'_0, \quad y''(x_0) = y''_0,$$

where  $f : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$ , and  $y_0, y'_0, y''_0 \in \mathbb{R}^d$ .

### 1.3 Existence and Uniqueness

The solutions to higher order ODEs can be obtained by reducing the ODEs to the systems of first order ODEs and direct methods. The following two theorems can be stated: Theorem 1.1 discusses about the existence and uniqueness of first order ODEs and Theorem 1.2 guarantees the uniqueness of higher order ODEs.

#### **Theorem 1.1 : Henrici (1962)**

Let  $f(x, y)$  be defined and continuous  $\forall$  points  $(x, y)$  in a domain  $D$  defined by  $x \in [a, b], y \in (-\infty, \infty)$ , containing initial values  $(x_0, y_0)$ ,  $a$  and  $b$  are finite. Let there exists a constant  $L$  called Lipschitz constant such that for any  $x \in [a, b]$  and for any pairs  $y_1, y_2$  for which  $(x, y_1), (x, y_2)$  are both in  $D$   $|f(x, y_1) - f(x, y_2)| \leq L |y_1 - y_2|$ . Then for any given number  $x \in [a, b]$ , the first order initial value problem has a unique solution  $y(x)$ .

#### **Theorem 1.2 : Wend (1969)**

Let  $D$  be the region defined by the inequalities  $x_0 \leq x \leq x_0 + a, |s_j - c_j| \leq b, j = 0, 1, \dots, d-1$  ( $a > 0, b > 0$ ). Suppose  $F(x, s_0, \dots, s_{d-1})$  is defined in  $D$  and in addition

- (1)  $F$  is nonnegative and nondecreasing in each of  $x, s_0, \dots, s_{d-1}$  in  $D$ ,
- (2)  $F(x, c_0, \dots, c_{d-1}) > 0$  for  $x_0 \leq x \leq x_0 + a$ ,
- (3)  $c_k \leq 0, k = 1, 2, \dots, d-1$ .

then the  $d$ -th order initial value problem has a unique solution in  $D$ .

### 1.4 Linear Multistep Method

Linear multistep method of step  $k$  is the computational method for determining the sequence  $y(x)$  for a function  $f(x, y, \dots, y^{d-1}) = y^d(x)$  which consists of a linear relationship between  $y_{n+j}, f_{n+j}, j = 0, 1, \dots, k$ .

$$\sum_{j=0}^k \alpha_j y_{n+j} = h \sum_{j=0}^k \beta_j y'_{n+j} + \dots + h^d \sum_{j=0}^k \gamma_j f_{n+j}, \quad (1.6)$$

where  $d$  is the order of the differential equation,  $\alpha_j, \beta_j$  and  $\gamma_j$  are constants and assume that  $\alpha_k \neq 0$ . This method is implicit if  $\beta_k \neq 0$  and  $\gamma_k \neq 0$  and explicit if  $\beta_k = 0$  and  $\gamma_k = 0$

**Definition 1.1** ( Gear (1971), Fatunla (1991) and Lambert (1991))

The linear difference operator  $L$  associated with the (1.6), is defined by

$$L[y(x); h] = \sum_{j=0}^k \alpha_j y(x_n + jh) - h \sum_{j=0}^k \beta_j y'(x_n + jh) - \dots - h^d \sum_{j=0}^k \gamma_j y^{(d)}(x_n + jh), \quad (1.7)$$

where  $d$  is the order of the differential equation and  $y(x)$  is an ordinary function that is continuous and differentiable on  $[a, b]$ . Using the Taylor series at point  $x$  to expand  $y(x_n + jh)$  and  $y^{(d)}(x_n + jh)$  in (1.7) gives

$$L[y(x); h] = C_0 y(x) + C_1 h y'(x) + \dots + C_p h^p y^{(p)}(x) + C_{p+1} h^{p+1} y^{(p+1)}(x) + \dots$$

where

$$C_0 = \sum_{j=0}^k \alpha_j,$$

$$C_1 = \sum_{j=0}^k (j\alpha_j - \beta_j),$$

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$$C_p = \sum_{j=0}^k \left( \frac{j^p}{p!} \alpha_j - \frac{j^{p-1}}{(p-1)!} \beta_j - \dots - \frac{j^{p-d}}{(p-d)!} \gamma_j \right).$$

The multistep (1.6) is said to have order  $p$  if  $C_0 = C_1 = \dots = C_p = C_{p+1} = \dots = C_{p+(d-1)} = 0, C_{(p+d)} \neq 0$ . Therefore,  $C_{(p+d)}$  is the error constant and  $C_{(p+d)} h^{(p+d)} y^{(p+d)}(x_n)$  is the principal local truncation error at the point  $x_n$ .



**Definition 1.2** ( see Lambert (1991)) The multistep method is said to be consistent if it has order  $p \geq 1$ . The method is consistent if and only if

$$\sum_{j=0}^k \alpha_j = 0$$

and

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

The first and second characteristic polynomials of the linear multistep method are defined as

$$\rho(\xi) = \sum_{j=0}^k \alpha_j \xi^j,$$

$$\sigma(\xi) = \sum_{j=0}^k \beta_j \xi^j.$$

The multistep method is consistent if and only if  $\rho(1) = 0$  and  $\rho'(1) = \sigma(1)$ .  $\xi_1$  is called the principal root and the following roots  $\xi_s, s = 2, 3, \dots, k$ , are called spurious roots. The characteristic polynomial of the method may be written as follows:

$$\pi(r, \bar{h}) = \rho(r) - \bar{h} \sigma(r) = 0,$$

where  $\bar{h} = h\lambda$  and  $\lambda = \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$  is a complex parameter.

**Definition 1.3** ( see Lambert (1991)) The linear multistep method is said to be zero stable if no root of the first characteristic polynomial  $\rho(\xi)$  has modulus greater than one, and every root with modulus one is simple.

**Definition 1.4** ( see Henrici (1962)) The linear multistep method (1.6) is said to be zero stable if the root of the first characteristic polynomial  $\rho(\xi)$  has modulus less than or equal to one, and that the multiplicity of the roots with modulus one be at most two.

**Theorem 1.3** : Henrici (1962)

The necessary and sufficient conditions for a method to be convergent are that it be consistent and zero-stable.

**Definition 1.5** ( see Stoer and Bulirsch (1991))

If given  $x_0, x_0, \dots, x_n$  are  $(n+1)$  distinct numbers and  $f$  is a function whose values are given at these numbers, then there exists a unique polynomial  $P$  of degree at most  $n$  with property that

$f(x_i) = P(x_i)$  for each  $i = 0, 1, \dots, n$ .  
The Hermite interpolating polynomial  $P$  is given by

$$P(x) = \sum_{i=0}^n \sum_{k=0}^{m_i-1} f^{(k)}(x_i) L_{i,k}(x), \quad (1.8)$$

where  $L_{i,k}(x)$  is the generalized Lagrange polynomial which can be defined by

$$L_{i,m_i-1}(x) = \ell_{i,m_i-1}(x), \quad i = 0, 1, \dots, n,$$

$$\ell_{i,k}(x) = \frac{(x-x_i)^k}{k!} \prod_{j=0, j \neq i}^n \left( \frac{x-x_j}{x_i-x_j} \right)^{m_j}, \quad i = 0, 1, \dots, n, k = 0, 1, \dots, m_i-1.$$

and recursively for  $k = m_i - 2, m_i - 3, \dots, 0$ .

$$L_{i,k}(x) = \ell_{i,k}(x) - \sum_{v=k+1}^{m_i-1} \ell_{i,k}^{(v)}(x_i) L_{i,v}(x).$$

## 1.5 Problem Statement

Initial value problems (IVPs) of first, second and third order (ODEs) often arise in many fields of applied sciences such as mathematics, chemistry, physics, electricity and nuclear.

The common technique for solving general second and general third order ODEs is by transforming the problems into a system of first order ODEs and solving it using a suitable numerical method in the literature. The disadvantage of this technique is that it needed more computational time.

The aim of this research is to develop efficient numerical methods in terms of accuracy and computational time for directly solving general second order ODEs and general third order ODEs.

## 1.6 Scope of Study

The study focuses on methods for the solution of first, second and third order ODEs directly using extra derivative block methods.

## 1.7 Objectives of the Study

The main objective of the thesis are:

- To derive two and three point implicit and semi implicit second derivative block methods for directly solving first order  $y' = f(x, y)$ , second order  $y'' = f(x, y, y')$  and third order  $y''' = f(x, y, y', y'')$  ODEs by using Hermite interpolating polynomial.
- To establish the order conditions and zero-stability of the methods.
- To perform numerical comparison of the proposed methods with other existing methods.

## 1.8 Outline of Thesis

This thesis is divided into six chapters which are organized as follows:

In Chapter 1, an introduction on the ordinary differential equations, basic theory and definitions of multistep methods are given.

Chapter 2, deals with the review of previous works on numerical methods for solving the first order, general second order and general third-order ODEs.

Chapter 3, described the derivation of the two and three point implicit and semi implicit second derivative block multistep methods for solving first order ODEs. The zero-stable and order of the new methods are also presented. The numerical results obtained are compared with other well-known existing methods.

In Chapter 4, the derivation of two and three point implicit and semi implicit second derivative block multistep methods for solving general second order ODEs are given. The zero-stable and order of the new methods are discussed. Numerical results based on the methods are presented and compared with existing methods.

In Chapter 5, construction and derivation of two and third point implicit and semi implicit second derivative block multistep methods for solving general third order ODEs are explained in detail. The zero-stability and order of the new methods are obtained. Numerical results are presented and performance of the methods compared with existing methods are discussed.

Lastly, the summary of the entire thesis, conclusions and future studies are given in Chapter 6.



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