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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 well-known too that a more accurate numerical results can be obtained by incorporating the higher derivatives of the solutions in the method. Based on these arguments, we are focused on developing block methods with extra derivatives for directly solving second, third and fourth order ODEs.

In this study, two-point and three-point implicit block methods with extra derivatives are derived using Hermite Interpolating polynomial as the basis function. The technique of integration is used in the derivation as it is more straight forward and can easily be carried out compared to the existing technique of collocation and interpolation in which the points need to be collocated and interpolated resulting in a huge system of linear equations which need to be solved simultaneously.

The thesis consists of three parts, the first part of the thesis described the derivation of two-point and three-point implicit block methods which incorporated the second, third and fourth derivatives of the solution for directly solving general second order ODEs. Absolute stability for both block methods is presented. The second part of the thesis is focused on the derivation of two-

point and three-point implicit block methods which include the third, fourth and fifth derivatives of the solutions for directly solving general third order ODEs. The last part of the thesis concerned with the construction of two-point and three-point implicit block method which involved the fourth and the fifth derivatives of the solution for directly solving general fourth order ODEs.

The basic properties of all the methods, such as algebraic order, zero-stability, and convergence are established. 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. Applications in several real fields also illustrate the efficiency of the proposed methods.

In conclusion, the new block methods with extra derivatives and codes developed based on the methods are suitable for solving second, third and fourth order ODEs respectively and can be applied to solve physical problems.

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## LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

ODEs	Ordinary Differential Equations
IVPs	Initial Value Problems
MAXE	Maximum Absolute Error
FCN	Number of Function Evaluations
NS	Total Number of Steps
h	step size
I2PBDO8	Implicit two-point block method for second-order ODEs
I3PBDO8	Implicit three-point block method for second-order ODEs
I2PBffDO9	Direct implicit two-point block method for third-order ODEs
I3PBffDO9	Direct implicit three-point block method for third-order ODEs
I2PBDO6	Two-point direct implicit block method for fourth-order ODEs
I3PBDO6	Three-point direct implicit block method for fourth-order ODEs

# CHAPTER 1

## INTRODUCTION

Higher-order ordinary differential equations (ODEs) are found in a wide variety of real-life situations. They are used to model problems arising from the field of applied sciences and engineering in terms of unknown function and their derivatives. Many researchers in the literature have presented theoretical and numerical studies for such ODEs. The analytical solutions of ODEs are complicated or impossible for most of realistic systems of ODEs. Therefore, the need to develop numerical methods to achieve more accurate approximations and to be easy to implement is eminent.

### 1.1 Ordinary Differential Equations

The  $n^{\text{th}}$  order ordinary differential equation can be written as

$$y^{(n)} = f(x, y, y', \dots, y^{(n-1)}), \quad n = 2, 3, 4 \quad (1.1)$$

subject to the initial conditions

$$y(a) = y_0, \quad y^{(i)}(a) = y_0^{(i)}, \quad 0 \leq i \leq n-1, \quad a \leq x \leq b.$$

In (1.1), the quantity being differentiated,  $y$  is called as the dependent variable, while the quantity with respect to which  $y$  is differentiated,  $x$  is called as an independent variable.

#### 1.1.1 Initial Value Problems

**Definition 1.1** The initial value problem (IVPs) of a system of  $s$  first-order ODEs can be defined as:

$$y' = f(x, y) \quad (1.2)$$

subject to the initial conditions

$$y(x_0) = y_0, \quad x \in [a, b]$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} f &: \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^s \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^s, \\ y(x) &= [y_1(x), y_2(x), \dots, y_s(x)]^T, \\ f(x, y) &= [f_1(x, y), f_2(x, y), \dots, f_s(x, y)]^T. \end{aligned}$$

and  $y_0$  is a given vector of initial conditions

**Definition 1.2** The initial value problem (IVPs) of a system of  $s$  general second-order ODEs can be defined as:

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

subject to the initial conditions

$$y(x_0) = y_0, \quad y'(x_0) = y'_0, \quad x \in [a, b],$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} f &: \mathfrak{R} \times \mathfrak{R}^s \times \mathfrak{R}^s \rightarrow \mathfrak{R}^s, \\ y(x) &= [y_1(x), y_2(x), \dots, y_s(x)]^T, \\ y'(x) &= [y'_1(x), y'_2(x), \dots, y'_s(x)]^T, \\ f(x, y, y') &= [f_1(x, y, y'), f_2(x, y, y'), \dots, f_s(x, y, y')]^T. \end{aligned}$$

and  $y_0, y'_0$  are given vectors of initial conditions.

### 1.1.2 Existence and Uniqueness of Solution for the general $n^{\text{th}}$ order IVPs

We shall suppose that always exists a unique solution of the problems in this thesis. Thus, the hypotheses of the following theorem is fulfilled by each component of the system.

#### **Theorem 1.1** (Wend (1967))

Let  $D$  be domain defined by the inequalities  $0 \leq x - x_0 < a$ ,  $|s_i - y_i| < b_i$ ,  $0 \leq i \leq n-1$ , where  $y_i \geq 0$  for  $i > 0$ . Suppose the function  $f(x, s_0, s_1, \dots, s_{n-1})$  in (1.1) is nonnegative, continuous and nondecreasing in  $x$ , and continuous and nondecreasing in  $s_i$  for each  $0 \leq i \leq n-1$  in the domain  $D$ . If in addition  $f(x, y_0, \dots, y_{n-1}) \neq 0$  in  $D$  for  $x > x_0$ , then the IVP (1.1) has at most one solution in  $D$ .

### 1.1.3 Linear Multistep Method

The linear  $k$ -step methods use  $k$  of the previous points to determine the sequence  $y_n$  that takes form of a linear relationship between  $y_{n+i}, f_{n+i}$ , where  $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, k$  which can be written for the  $n^{\text{th}}$ -order ODEs as

$$\sum_{i=0}^k \alpha_i y_{n+i} = h \sum_{i=0}^k \beta_i y'_{n+i} + \dots + h^n \sum_{i=0}^k \gamma_i f_{n+i}. \quad (1.4)$$

Where  $\alpha_i, \beta_i$ , and  $\gamma_i$  are constants with  $\alpha_k \neq 0$  and  $n$  is the order of the differential equation. The method (1.4) is implicit if  $\beta_k \neq 0$ ,  $\gamma_k \neq 0$  and explicit if  $\beta_k = 0$ ,  $\gamma_k = 0$ .

**Definition 1.3** ( Gear (1971); Lambert (1991); Fatunla (1988))

The linear operator  $\ell$  associated with Equation (1.4) can be defined as

$$\ell[y(x) : h] = \sum_{i=0}^k [\alpha_i y(x + ih) - h\beta_i y'(x + ih) - h^2\gamma_i y''(x + ih) - \dots - h^n \delta_i y^{(n)}(x + ih)]. \quad (1.5)$$

Where  $y(x)$  is an arbitrary function that is differentiable on  $[a, b]$  and  $n$  is the order of the differential equation. By expanding the test function and its derivatives as the Taylor series at  $x$  and collecting the terms yields

$$\ell[y(x) : h] = C_0 y(x) + C_1 h y'(x) + C_2 h^2 y''(x) + \dots + C_p h^{(p)} y^{(p)}(x) + \dots$$

where the coefficients  $c_p$  are constants defined as

$$\begin{aligned} C_0 &= \sum_{i=0}^k \alpha_i = \bar{0}, \\ C_1 &= \sum_{i=0}^k (i\alpha_i - \beta_i) = \bar{0}, \\ C_2 &= \sum_{i=0}^k \left( \frac{i^2}{2!} \alpha_i - i\beta_i - \gamma_i \right) = \bar{0}, \\ &\vdots \\ C_p &= \sum_{i=0}^k \left( \frac{i^p}{p!} \alpha_i - \frac{i^{p-1}}{(p-1)!} \beta_i - \dots - \frac{i^{p-n}}{(p-n)!} \delta_i \right). \end{aligned}$$

**Definition 1.4** ( Fatunla (1988))

The multistep method (1.4) and the associated linear (1.5) have order  $p$  if  $C_0 = C_1 = \dots = C_{p+(n-1)} = 0$  and  $C_{p+n} \neq 0$ , where  $n$  is the order of the differential equation. Then, the coefficient  $C_{p+n}$  is the error constant.

**Definition 1.5** ( Lambert (1991); Fatunla (1988))

The multistep method (1.4) can be said consistent if it has order  $p \geq 1$ . The first and second characteristic polynomials of the linear multistep method are defined as

$$\rho(\zeta) = \sum_{i=0}^k \alpha_i \zeta^i$$

$$\sigma(\zeta) = \sum_{i=0}^k \beta_i \zeta^i$$

**Definition 1.6** ( Lambert (1991) and Henrici (1962))

The linear multistep method is said to be zero-stable if the following conditions are fulfilled,

- All roots of the first characteristic polynomial ,  $|\zeta_i| \leq 1$ .
- The multiplicity for those roots with  $|\zeta_i| = 1$ , must not exceed  $n$ .

**Theorem 1.2** ( Henrici (1962))

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

**Definition 1.7** ( Stoer and Bulirsch (1991))

If  $f$  a function of distinct numbers  $x_i$ ;  $i = 0, 1, n$ , then there is exists a unique polynomial  $P$  of degree  $n$  at most with property  $f(x_i) = P(x_i)$  for every  $i$ . The Polynomial of Hermite interpolation  $P$  has the following form

$$P_n(x) = \sum_{i=0}^n \sum_{k=0}^{m_i-1} f^{(k)}(x_i) \bar{L}_{i,k}(x). \quad (1.6)$$

Where,  $\bar{L}_{(i,k)}(x)$  is the generalized Lagrange polynomial which defined as,

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{L}_{i,m_i-1}(x) &= l_{i,m_i-1}(x) \\ l_{i,k}(x) &= \frac{(x-x_i)^k}{k!} \prod_{j=0, j \neq i}^n \left( \frac{x-x_j}{x_i-x_j} \right)^{m_j}, \quad j, i = 0, 1, \dots, n, \quad k = 0, 1, \dots, m_i-1 \\ \bar{L}_{i,k}(x) &= l_{i,k}(x) - \sum_{v=k+1}^{m_i-1} l_{i,k}^{(v)}(x_i) \bar{L}_{i,v}(x) \end{aligned}$$

## 1.2 Problem Statement

Throughout recent literature, the direct numerical methods to approximate higher-order ordinary differential equations ODEs (2.1) are being considerably explored. The reason why these numerical methods were implemented is that some of these higher-order ODEs lack an approximated solution or the current numerical methods are less accurate. However, collocation and interpolation techniques are utilized as direct methods in general. The points need to be collocated and interpolated after which a system of linear equations must be resolved in order to obtain the method's coefficients. More recently, researchers have developed methods with additional derivatives in solving ODEs. Hence, adding extra derivatives to the method leads to obtain a more accurate numerical results. Therefore, we develop direct  $r$ -point block implicit methods by using interpolation and integration strategy which can be implemented in a straightforward manner for solving both the linear and nonlinear general higher-order ODEs with impressive results.

## 1.3 Objectives of Study

This study aims to construct block methods for solving higher-order IVPs. The implementation of the block methods is expected to simultaneously obtain the approximation at two and three points. These methods should give better results in terms of accuracy. The objectives of this study can be accomplished by:

- To derive the implicit two-point and three-point block methods with the



second, third, and fourth derivatives of the solution based on Hermite interpolation polynomial for solving general second-order initial value problems.

- To derive the implicit two-point and three-point block methods with the third, fourth, and fifth derivatives of the solution based on Hermite interpolation polynomial for solving general third-order initial value problems.
- To derive the implicit two-point and three-point block methods with the fourth and fifth derivatives of the solution based on Hermite interpolation polynomial for solving general fourth-order initial value problems.
- To investigate the stability and convergence of the methods.
- To compare the effectiveness of the proposed methods with its counterparts.
- To apply the proposed methods to solve real-life applications.

## 1.4 Outline of the Study

A brief description of the thesis's organization will be given as follows:

Chapter 1, discusses the overview of ordinary differential equations. The definitions and the theories which are related to the proposed methods are presented. Chapter 2, reviews some of previous studies on numerical methods for solving higher-order ODEs.

Chapter 3, 4 and 5 deals with the implicit block methods for solving higher-order ODEs. Chapter 3, provides the formulation of two-point and three-point implicit block methods based on Hermite interpolation polynomial for solving general second-order ODEs. The methods proposed include the second, third, and fourth derivatives of the solutions. The stability of these methods is also discussed in this chapter. Chapter 4 provides the formulation of two-point and three-point implicit block methods based on Hermite interpolation polynomial for solving general third-order ODEs. The proposed methods include the third, fourth, and fifth derivatives of the solutions. Characteristics of the proposed methods, including algebraic order, zero stability, and convergence, are analysed. Chapter 5 provides the formulation of two-point and three-point implicit block methods based on Hermite interpolation polynomial for solving general fourth-order ODEs. The proposed methods include the fourth and fifth derivatives of the solution. Characteristics of the proposed methods, including algebraic order, zero stability, and convergence, are also analysed. Some applications of the proposed methods for solving conventional problems are provided.

Finally, Chapter 6 summarizes the works of this study and provides suggestions for future work.

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