

An hybrid block method for direct integration of first, second and third order IVPs

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Abstract. Development of numerical methods for the solution of initial value problems (IVPs) in ordinary differential equations (ODEs) has been considered overwhelmingly in literature. However, the use of a single numerical method for the integration of ODEs of different order has not been commonly reported.

In this paper, we focus on development of a numerical method capable of obtaining the numerical solution of first, second and third order IVPs. The method is formulated from continuous schemes obtained via collocation and interpolation techniques and applied in a block-by-block manner as numerical integrator for first, second and third order ODEs. The convergence properties of the method are discussed via zero-stability and consistency. Numerical examples are included and comparisons are made with existing methods in the literature.

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1. Introduction

In science and engineering, many physical problems are modelled by ordinary differential equations of the form

$$(1) \quad y^m(x) = f(x, y(x), y'(x), \dots, y^{m-1}(x)), \quad y^{m-1}(x_0) = \gamma, \quad a \leq x \leq b.$$

Many of the equations resulting from these problems have no analytical solutions hence, the need for efficient numerical methods to address this difficulty as the quest for the solution is on the increase.

Several numerical methods have been proposed for the solution of (1) for $m = 1, 2, 3, 4$ with the ultimate goal of improving on the efficiency and convergence of the existing methods (see Butcher (2003), Yahaya *et al.* (2016), Adeniyi and Alabi (2011), Jator (2007, 2010a, 2010b), Kuboye (2015), Kuboye *et al.* (2018), Lambert (1973, 1991), Ismail (2009), Ramos *et al.* (2016), Simos (2002)). The advent of the self-starting method popularly called block method has been adopted greatly by researchers and discussed extensively in literature (see Sagir (2014), Vigo-Aguiar and Ramos (2006), Olabode (2009, 2013), Ramos *et al.* (2016), Adeyefa (2017)) among others. The formulation of block method to integrate (1) has been widely reported in the literature to be self starting and efficient. However, to use a formulated block method for integration of several order IVPs, say first, second and third order ODEs has not been commonly reported. Thus, the focus of this paper is to formulate a self-starting method for the numerical solution of the ODE (1) for $m = 1, 2$ and 3 .

In what immediately follows in Section two, we derive the proposed method and discuss the basic properties of the method in Section three. Numerical examples are given to show the efficiency of the method in Section four while the discussion of results is given in Section five. Finally, the conclusion of the paper is discussed in Section six.

2. Materials and methods

In this section, we formulate new one-step hybrid method capable of solving first, second and third order ODEs.

Our approximate solution is formulated using constructed orthogonal polynomials $q_0(x) = 1$, $q_1(x) = \frac{1}{2}(3x - 1)$, $q_2(x) = \frac{1}{2}(5x^2 - 2x - 1)$, $q_3(x) = \frac{1}{8}(35x^3 - 15x^2 - 15x + 3)$, $q_4(x) = \frac{1}{8}(63x^4 - 28x^3 - 42x^2 + 12x + 3)$, $q_5(x) = \frac{1}{16}(231x^5 - 105x^4 - 210x^3 + 70x^2 + 35x - 5)$, $q_6(x) = \frac{1}{16}(429x^6 - 198x^5 - 495x^4 + 180x^3 + 135x^2 - 30x - 5)$ constructed in Adeyefa and Adeniyi (2015) as our basis function. Thus, we introduce

$$(2) \quad y(x) = \sum_{j=0}^{k+8} a_j q^j$$

as an approximate solution to first, second and third order ODEs of the form

$$(3) \quad y'(x) = f(x, y(x)), \quad y(x_0) = y_0,$$

$$(4) \quad y''(x) = f(x, y(x), y'(x)), \quad y(x_0) = y_0, \quad y'(x_0) = y'_0,$$

$$(5) \quad y'''(x) = f(x, y(x), y'(x), y''(x)), \quad y(x_0) = y_0, \quad y'(x_0) = y'_0, \quad y''(x_0) = y''_0,$$

where a and q in (2) are constants to be determined and the constructed orthogonal polynomials respectively.

Equation (2) is interpolated at $x = x_n$, its first and second derivatives are collocated at $x = x_{n+v}, v = 0, \frac{1}{3}, 1$ while its third derivative is collocated at $x = x_{n+r}, r = 0, \frac{1}{3}$.

As a result, we have

$$(6) \quad \begin{aligned} \sum_{j=0}^{k+8} \alpha_j q_n^j &= y_n, \\ \sum_{j=1}^{k+8} j \alpha_j q_{n+r}^{j-1} &= f_{n+r}, \\ \sum_{j=2}^{k+8} j(j-1) \alpha_j q_{n+r}^{j-2} &= g_{n+r}, \\ \sum_{j=3}^{k+8} j(j-1)(j-2) \alpha_j q_{n+r}^{j-3} &= k_{n+r}. \end{aligned}$$

Solving equation (6) using Gaussian elimination approach in order to get the unknown variables a 's which are substituted into equation (2). This yields a continuous implicit scheme of the form:

$$(7) \quad \begin{aligned} \alpha_0(t) y_n &= h \left(\sum_{j=0}^k \beta_j(t) f_{n+j} + \beta_{\frac{1}{3}}(t) f_{n+\frac{1}{3}} \right) \\ &+ h^2 \left(\sum_{j=0}^k \lambda_j(t) g_{n+j} + \lambda_{\frac{1}{3}}(t) g_{n+\frac{1}{3}} \right) + h^3 \left(\delta_0(t) k_n + \delta_{\frac{1}{3}}(t) k_{n+\frac{1}{3}} \right) \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} t &= \frac{2x - 2x_n - h}{h}, \quad (\alpha_0(t) = 1, \\ \beta_0 &= -\frac{1}{71680} h(t+1)(70875t^7 + 33885t^6 - 186345t^5 - 97743t^4 + 127633t^3 \\ &+ 86007t^2 + 37053t - 8773), \\ \beta_{\frac{1}{3}} &= \frac{243}{1146880} h(4725t^4 - 11820t^3 + 8990t^2 - 2924t + 1781)(t+1)^4, \\ \beta_1 &= -\frac{1}{1146880} h(14175t^4 - 12420t^3 - 11430t^2 - 4164t - 289)(t+1)^4, \\ \lambda_0 &= -\frac{1}{71680} h^2(10395t^6 - 6750t^5 - 19995t^4 + 9052t^3 + 7701t^2 \\ &+ 4386t - 373)(t+1)^2, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\lambda_{\frac{1}{3}} &= -\frac{81}{143360}h^2(315t^4 - 780t^3 + 530t^2 - 44t + 11)(t+1)^4, \\ \lambda_1 &= \frac{1}{114688}h^1(189t^4 - 108t^3 - 114t^2 - 44t - 3)(t+1)^4, \\ \delta_0 &= -\frac{1}{430080}h^3(2835t^5 - 5265t^4 + 990t^3 + 1086t^2 + 927t - 29)(t+1)^3, \\ \delta_{\frac{1}{3}} &= \frac{9}{573440}h^3(945t^4 - 1980t^3 + 710t^2 + 388t + 133)(t+1)^4.\end{aligned}$$

Equation (7) is evaluated at $x = x_{n+1}$ (i.e. $t = 1$) and $x = x_{n+\frac{1}{3}}$ (i.e. $t = -\frac{1}{3}$) to obtain the following schemes

$$(8) \quad \begin{pmatrix} y \\ n+\frac{1}{3} \\ y_{n+1} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} y_n + hD \begin{pmatrix} f_n \\ f_{n+\frac{1}{3}} \\ f_{n+1} \end{pmatrix} + h^2E \begin{pmatrix} g_n \\ g_{n+\frac{1}{3}} \\ g_{n+1} \end{pmatrix} + h^3F \begin{pmatrix} k_n \\ k_{n+\frac{1}{3}} \\ k_{n+1} \end{pmatrix}$$

where the values of D, E and F are

$$\begin{aligned}D &= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{3527}{22680} & \frac{797}{489} & -\frac{29}{11421} \\ \frac{362880}{883} & \frac{4480}{11421} & -\frac{29}{883} \\ -\frac{280}{4480} & \frac{4480}{4480} & \frac{4480}{4480} \end{pmatrix}, E = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{641}{68040} & -\frac{11}{840} & \frac{1}{108864} \\ \frac{69}{280} & -\frac{81}{280} & -\frac{5}{448} \\ -\frac{280}{280} & -\frac{280}{280} & -\frac{448}{448} \end{pmatrix}, \\ F &= \begin{pmatrix} \frac{31}{136080} & \frac{83}{181440} \\ \frac{17}{1680} & \frac{99}{2240} \\ -\frac{1680}{1680} & \frac{2240}{2240} \end{pmatrix}.\end{aligned}$$

Equation (8) is our proposed first, second and third order IVPs solver.

3. Basic properties of the method

We shall consider in this section, the analysis of basic properties of this method such as order, error constant, zero stability and consistency is investigated.

3.1 Order and error constant

Equation (8) derived is a discrete scheme belonging to the class of LMMs of the form

$$(9) \quad \sum_{j=0}^k \alpha_j y_{n+j} = h \sum_{j=0}^k \omega_j f_{n+j} + h^2 \sum_{j=0}^k \beta_j g_{n+j} + h^3 \sum_{j=0}^k \gamma_j G_{n+j}.$$

Following, Fatunla (1988) and Lambert (1991), we define the local truncation error associated with equation (9) by the difference operator

$$(10) \quad \begin{aligned}L[y(x) : h] &= \sum_{j=0}^k [\alpha_j y(x_n + jh) - h\omega_j f(x_n + jh) - h^2\beta_j g(x_n + jh) \\ &\quad - h^3\gamma_j G(x_n + jh)],\end{aligned}$$

where $y(x)$ is an arbitrary function, continuously differentiable on $[a, b]$.

Expanding (10) in Taylor series about the point x , we obtain the expression

$$L[y(x); h] = C_0y(x) + C_1hy'(x) + C_2y''(x) + \dots + C_{p+2}h^{p+2}y^{p+2}(x),$$

where the $C_0, C_1, C_2, \dots, C_p, \dots, C_{p+2}$ are obtained as

$$C_0 = \sum_{j=0}^k \alpha_j, C_1 = \sum_{j=1}^k j\alpha_j,$$

$$C_2 = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=0}^k j^2\alpha_j,$$

$$C_q = \frac{1}{q!} \left[\sum_{j=1}^k j^q\alpha_j - q(q-1) \sum_{j=1}^k \beta_j j^{q-2} - q(q-1)(q-2) \sum_{j=1}^k \gamma_j j^{q-3} \right].$$

In the spirit of Lambert (1991), equation (10) is of order p if $C_0 = C_1 = C_2 = \dots = C_p = C_{p+1}$ and $C_{p+2} \neq 0$. The $C_{p+2} \neq 0$ is called the error constant and $C_{p+2}h^{p+2}y^{p+2}(x_n)$ is the principal local truncation error at the point x_n .

Thus, the block (8) is of order $p = 6$ and error constant

$$C_{p+3} = \left[\frac{113}{1999918771200}, \frac{13}{914457600} \right]^T.$$

3.2 Zero stability of the method

The linear multistep method (9) is said to be zero-stable if no root of the first characteristic polynomial $\rho(R)$ has modulus greater than one and if every root of modulus one has multiplicity not greater than the order of the differential equation.

To analyze the zero-stability of the method, we present (9) in vector notation form of column vectors $e = (e_1, \dots, e_\gamma)^T$, $d = (d_1, \dots, d_\gamma)^T$, $y_m = (y_{n+1}, \dots, y_{n+\gamma})^T$, $F(y_m) = (f_{n+1}, \dots, f_{n+\gamma})^T$, $G(y_m) = (g_{n+1}, \dots, g_{n+\gamma})^T$, $W(y_m) = (k_{n+1}, \dots, k_{n+\gamma})^T$ and matrices $A = (a_{ij})$, $B = (b_{ij})$. Thus, equation (8) forms the block formula

$$(11) \quad A_0y_m = hBF(y_m) + A^1y_n + hbf_n + h^2DG(y_m) + h^2dg_n + h^3VW(y_m) + h^3uT_n,$$

where h is a fixed mesh size within a block.

In line with equation (11), $A^0 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ and $A^1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$. The first characteristic polynomial of the block hybrid method is given by

$$(12) \quad \rho(R) = \det(RA^0 - A^1).$$

Substituting $A^0 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ and $A^1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ in equation (12) and solving for R , the values of R are obtained as 0 and 1.

According to Fatunla in (1988, 1991), the block method represented by equation (8) are zero-stable, since from equation (12), $\rho(R) = 0$, satisfy $|R_j| \leq 1$, $j = 1$ and for those roots with $|R_j| = 1$, the multiplicity does not exceed two.

3.3 Consistency and convergence of the method

The linear multistep method (9) is said to be consistent if it has order $p \geq 1$. The method is consistent being of order 6.

According to the theorem of Dahlquist in Dahlquist (1979), the necessary and sufficient condition for a LMM to be convergent is to be consistent and zero stable. Since the method satisfies the two conditions hence it is convergent.

4. Numerical experiment

We consider in this section, four test problems which includes first, second and third order ordinary differential equations to test the effectiveness of this new scheme.

Problem 1. We consider the IVP $y'' = y'$, $y(0) = 0$, $y'(0) = -1$, $h = 0.1$ with exact solution, $y(x) = 1 - e^x$ which has been solved in Mohammed and Adeniyi (2014) with step number $k = 5$ and in Kuboye (2015) with step number $k = 5$.

Problem 2. We consider the IVP $y''' = e^x$, $y(0) = 3$, $y'(0) = 1$, $y''(0) = 5$, $h = 0.1$ for which the exact solution is given by $y(x) = 2 + 2x^2 + e^x$.

This example was solved in Abdullahi *et al.* (2016) and in Olabode (2009) using step number $k = 5$ methods.

Problem 3. Here we consider another IVP $y''' = 3 \sin x$, $y(0) = 1$, $y'(0) = 0$, $y''(0) = -2$, $h = 0.1$ solved by Olabode (2013) and Kuboye (2015) with step number $k = 6$ and for which the exact solution is given by $y(x) = 3 \cos x + \frac{x^2}{2} - 2$.

Problem 4. We consider first order IVP $y' = 0.5(1 - y)$, $y(0) = 0.5$, $h = 0.1$ with the exact solution $y(x) = 1 - 0.5e^{-0.5x}$. This IVP was solved by Ajileye *et al.* (2018) and Sunday *et al.* (2013).

Problem 5. We consider non-linear IVP $y'' - x(y')^2 = 0$, $y(0) = 1$, $y'(0) = 0.5$, $h = 0.003125$ whose exact solution is $1 + \frac{1}{2} \ln(\frac{2+x}{2-x})$.

Details of the numerical results for Problems 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 are shown in Figures 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 respectively and discussed in Section five.

5. Discussion of results

Figures 1, 2, 3 and 4 summarize the results obtained for the four test problems considered. In Figures 1a, 2a, 3a and 4a, comparisons of the exact and approximate solutions are displayed while the Errors are compared in Figures 1b, 2b,

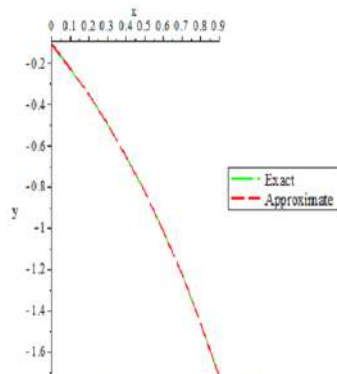


Fig 1a: Comparing exact and approximate solutions of Problem 1

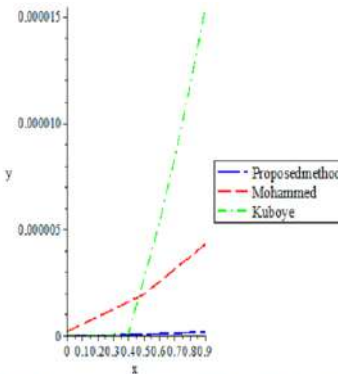


Fig 1b: Error comparison of existing methods and proposed method for Problem 1

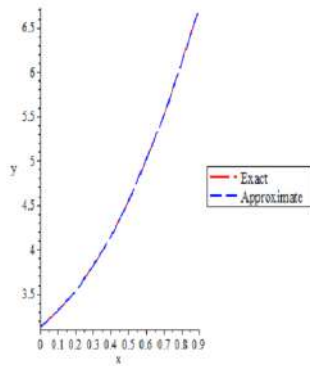


Fig 2a: Comparing exact and approximate solutions of Problem 2

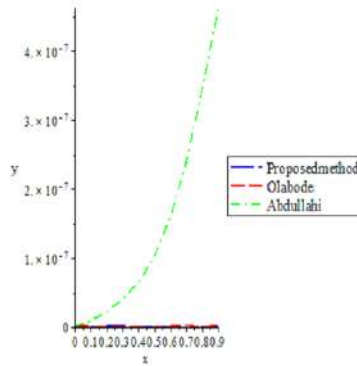


Fig 2b: Error comparison of existing methods and proposed method for Problem 2

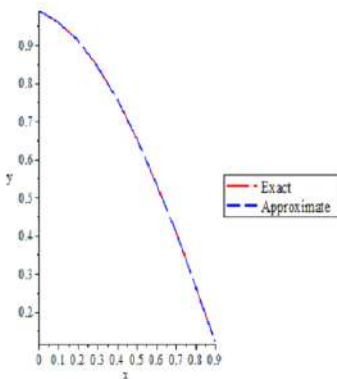


Fig 3a: Comparing exact and approximate solutions of Problem 3

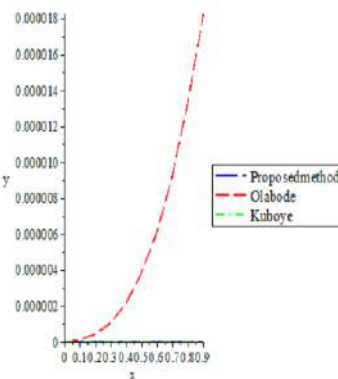


Fig 3b: Error comparison of existing methods and proposed method for Problem 3

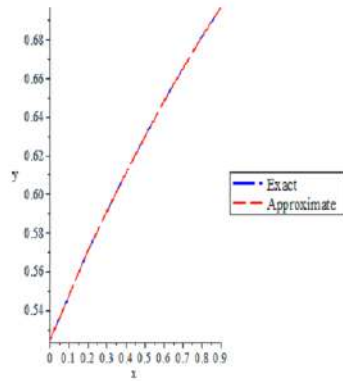


Fig 4a: Comparing exact and approximate solutions of Problem 4

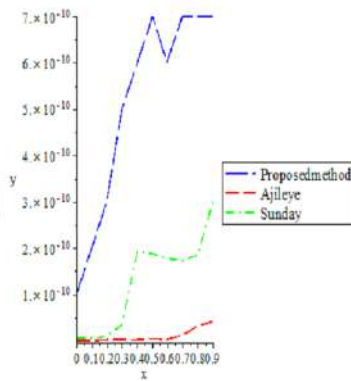
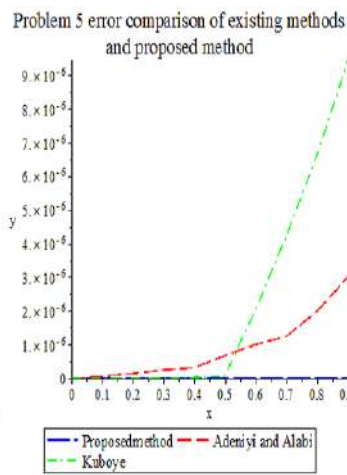
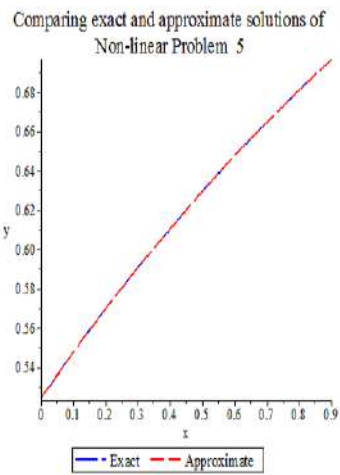


Fig 4b: Error comparison of existing methods and proposed method for Problem 4



3b and 4b. The proposed method is of step number $k = 1$ and it compared favourably with existing methods despite their $k > 1$ methods. In Problem 1, our step length is $h = 0.1$ against $h = 0.01$ used in Mohammed and Adeniyi (2014) and Kuboye (2015). The proposed method still gives better accuracy even with larger h . In Figure 4, the methods developed by Ajileye *et al.* (2018) and Sunday *et al.* (2013) performed better than the new method in terms of accuracy but their methods do not have the ability to solve higher order ordinary differential equations.

Figure 5 displays the comparison of the exact and the approximate solutions and the error between the existing methods and the proposed method. It is obvious that the new method compares favourably with the existing methods.

6. Conclusion

A block method has been applied to solve first, second and third order ordinary differential equations directly without construction of additional schemes or employing existing predictors for implementation. Numerical experiments performed using this method show that the method is consistent, efficient and accurate. We therefore recommend the method for direct integration of first, second and third order ordinary differential equations.

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