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# Predictor-Corrector Linear Multistep Method for Direct Solution of Initial Value Problems of Second Order Ordinary Differential Equations

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# ABSTRACT

In this paper, we considered method of interpolation of the approximate solution and collocation of the differential system to generate a continuous linear multistep method. The basic properties of the method was investigated and found to be zero stable, consistent, P-stable and convergent. The method was tested on numerical examples solved by the existing methods, our method was found to performed better in terms of accuracy.

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## **1** INTRODUCTION

Mathematical modeling of real- life problems usually result into functional equation, for example, Ordinary differential equation and Partial differential equation, Integro and Integral differential equation, Stochastic differential equation and others. Not all ordinary differential equations such as those used to model real life problems can be solved analytically.

In this paper, we consider solving directly second order initial value problems (IVPs) of ordinary differential equations (ODEs) of the form

$$y'' = f(x, y, y'), y(a) = 0, y'(a) = y'_0, x \epsilon[a, b]$$
(1.1)

Equation (1.1) arises from many physical phenomena in a wide variety of applications especially in engineering such as the motion of rocket or satellite, fluid dynamic, electric circuit and other area of application. Many scholars have worked at solving (1.1) numerically by reducing it to a system of first order equations [1], [2] and others. In spite of the success of this approach, it suffers some setbacks, according to [3] and [4], the setback are; un-economical in term of cost of implementation, increased computational burden and wastage of computer time, increased dimension of the resulting systems of equations to be solved. The method becomes inefficient when the given system of equation to be solved cannot be solved explicitly with respect to the derivative of the highest order. The approach for solving the system of higher order ODEs directly has been suggested by [5], [6], [7] and [8]), according to [4] and [9], continuous linear multistep method have greater advantages over the discrete method, they gives better error estimate and provides a simplified form of coefficient for further analytical work at different points and guarantee easy approximation of solution at all interior points of the integration interval. Among the authors that proposed the linear multistep method are Kayode [5] and [10] to mention few. They developed an implicit linear multistep method which was implemented in predictor corrector mode and adopted Taylor's series expansion to provide the starting value. These authors independently proposed methods of various order of accuracies to proffer solution to problem (1.1) at only grid points. In addition a few authors [11] and [12] have introduced hybrid methods to solving problem (1.1) but with lower accuracies.

In this research work, power series was used as basis function in generating the continuous hybrid linear multistep for the solution of problem (1.1).

## 2 METHODOLOGY

We consider a power series approximate solution of the form

$$p(x) = \sum_{j=0}^{(c+i)-1} a_j x^j$$
(2.1)

where c and i are the number of collocation and interpolation points respectively

The second derivatives of (2) gives

$$y''(x) = \sum_{j=0}^{(c+i)-1} j(j-1)a_j x^{j-2} = f(x, y, y')$$
(2.2)

Equation (2.1) and (2.2) are respectively interpolated and collocated at selected grid points and off-grid point to obtain the required methods.

Equation (2.1) was interpolated at one grid point and at one off grid point  $x = x_{n+1}$  and  $x_{n+r}$ . Equation (2.2) was collocated at four grid points  $x = x_{n+i}, i = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4$  and evaluating at the end point i.e  $x = x_{n+i}, i = 3$  respectively, gave rise to system of equations which can be express in matrix form

$$AX = B \tag{2.3}$$

[	- 1	$x_{n+3}$	$x_{n+3}^2$	$x_{n+3}^{3}$	$x_{n+3}^4$	$x_{n+3}^5$	$x_{n+3}^{6}$ -	$\begin{bmatrix} a_0 \end{bmatrix}$	1	$y_{n+3}$	1
	1	$x_{n+r}$	$x_{n+r}^2$	$x_{n+r}^3$	$x_{n+r}^4$	$x_{n+r}^{5}$	$x_{n+r}^{6}$	$  a_1$		$y_{n+r}$	
	0	0	2	$6 x_n$	$12 x_n^2$	$20 x_n^3$	$30 x_{n+1}^4$	$  a_2$		$f_n$	
	0	0	2	$6 x_{n+1}$	$12 x_{n+1}^2$	$20 x_{n+1}^3$	$30 x_{n+1}^4$	$a_3$	=	$f_{n+1}$	
	0	0	2	$6 x_{n+2}$	$12 x_{n+2}^2$	$20 x_{n+2}^3$	$30 x_{n+2}^4$	$  a_4$		$f_{n+2}$	
	0	0	2	$6 x_{n+3h}$	$12 x_{n+3}^2$	$20 x_{n+3}^3$	$30 x_{n+3}^4$	$a_5$		$f_{n+3}$	
	0	0	2	$6 x_{n+4}$	$12 x_{n+4}^2$	$20 x_{n+4}^3$	$30 x_{n+4}^4$	$\begin{bmatrix} a_6 \end{bmatrix}$		$\int f_{n+4}$ .	

This is then solved using Gaussian Elimination method to obtained the parameters  $a_j$ 's which is then substituted in (2.1) to obtain the continuous system (2.4) after some algebraic simplifications. Using the transformation in [11]

$$t = \frac{x - x_{n+k-1}}{h}$$
$$\frac{dt}{dx} = \frac{1}{h}$$

The coefficients are put as follows:

$$\alpha_{3} = \frac{-rh + th + 3h}{-rh + 3h}$$

$$\alpha_{\frac{7}{2}} = -\frac{th}{-rh + 3h}$$

$$\beta_{0} = \frac{1}{1440} \left(\frac{45 th^{6} - 147 th^{6}r + 112 th^{6}r - 17 t^{2}h^{6} - 2 trh^{6}}{h^{4}}\right)$$

$$\beta_{1} = \frac{1}{360} \left(\frac{108 th^{6} - 89 th^{6}r + 24 t^{2}h^{6} - 19 trh^{6}}{h^{4}}\right)$$

$$\beta_{2} = \frac{1}{240} \left(\frac{189 th^{6} - 12 th^{6}r - 41 t^{2}h^{6} - 41 th^{6}r + 16 trh^{6}}{h^{4}}\right)$$

$$\beta_{3} = \frac{1}{360} \left(\frac{144 th^{6} + 188 t^{2}h^{6} + 5 th^{6}r - 13 trh^{6}}{h^{4}}\right)$$

$$\beta_{4} = -\frac{1}{1440} \frac{27 th^{6} - 12 th^{6}r - 135 t^{2}h^{6} + 19 th^{6}r - 12 trh^{6} + 2 trh^{6}}{h^{4}}$$
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The first derivative of (2.4) are follows:

$$\alpha_{3}' = \frac{h}{-rh+3h}$$

$$\alpha_{\frac{7}{2}}' = -\left(\frac{h}{-rh+3h}\right)$$

$$\beta_{0}' = \frac{1}{1440} \left(\frac{45h^{6} - 35h^{6}r - 34t - 2rh^{6}}{h^{4}}\right)$$

$$\beta_{1}' = \frac{1}{360} \left(\frac{108h^{6} + 48th^{6}}{h^{4}}\right)$$

$$\beta_{2}' = \frac{1}{240} \left(\frac{189h^{6} - 12h^{6}r - 82th^{6} + 16rh^{6}}{h^{4}}\right)$$

$$\beta_{3}' = \frac{1}{360} \left(\frac{144h^{6} + 376th^{6} + 5h^{6}r - 13rh^{6}}{h^{4}}\right)$$

$$\beta_4' = -\frac{1}{1440} \left( \frac{-12 h^6 r - 270 th^6 + 2 rh^6}{h^4} \right)$$

simplifying the result gives a discrete hybrid linear multistep method

$$y_{n+4} = \left(\frac{-rh + th + 3h}{-rh + 3h}\right)y_{n+3} + \left(-\frac{th}{-rh + 3h}\right)y_{n+r} + \frac{1}{1440}\left(\frac{45 th^6 - 147 th^6 r + 112 th^6 r - 17 t^2 h^6 - 2 trh^6}{h^4}\right)f_n + \frac{1}{360}\left(\frac{108 th^6 - 89 th^6 r + 24 t^2 h^6 - 19 trh^6}{h^4}\right)f_{n+1} + \frac{1}{240}\frac{189 th^6 - 12 th^6 r - 41 t^2 h^6 - 41 th^6 r + 16 trh^6}{h^4}\right)f_{n+2} + \frac{1}{360}\left(\frac{144 th^6 + 188 t^2 h^6 + 5 th^6 r - 13 trh^6}{h^4}\right)f_{n+3} - \frac{1}{1440}\left(\frac{27 th^6 - 12 th^6 r - 135 t^2 h^6 + 19 th^6 r - 12 trh^6 + 2 trh^6}{h^4}\right)f_{n+4}$$

$$(2.6)$$

Evaluating (2.4) and (2.5) at t = 1 gives a discrete hybrid linear multistep method.

$$y_{n+4} = \frac{1}{1440h^3 (3h - rh)} (-1440 rh y_{n+3}h^3 + 5760 y_{n+3}h^4 - 1440 y_{n+r}h^4 + (2 rh^6 + 324 h^6 - 81 rh h^5 - 60 rh^3 h^3 + 55 rh^4 h^2 - 18 rh^5) f_{n+4} + (320 rh^3 h^3 + 3984 h^6 - 1508 rh h^5 - 8 rh^6 - 280 rh^4 h^2 + 84 rh^5) f_{n+3}$$

$$+ (2664 h^6 + 570 rh^4 h^2 + 12 rh^6 - 1050 rh h^5 - 720 rh^3 h^3 - 144 rh^5) f_{n+2} + (108 rh^5 h - 1932 rh h^5 - 8 rh^6 + 960 rh^3 h^3 + 1584 h^6 - 520 rh^4 h^2) f_{n+1} + (2 rh^6 + 84 h^6 - 500 rh^3 h^3 + 720 rh^2 h^4 - 469 rh h^5 + 175 rh^4 h^2 - 30 rh^5) f_n)$$

$$(2.7)$$

$$y'_{n+4} = \frac{1}{1440h^4(3h-rh)} [1440 y_{n+3}h^4 - 1440 y_{n+r}h^4 + (2 rh^6 + 55 rh^4h^2 - 18 rh^5h + 1425 h^6 - 60 rh^3h^3 - 448 rh h^5) f_{n+4} + (5604 h^6 - 8 rh^6 + 84 rh^5h + 320 rh^3h^3 - 280 rh^4h^2 - 2048 rh h^5) f_{n+3} + (570 rh^4 - 768 rh h^5 + 12 rh^6 - 144 rh^5h + 1818 h^6 - 720 rh^3h^3) f_{n+2} + (960 rh^3h^3 - 2048 rh h^5 + 1932 h^6 + 108 rh^5h - 8 rh^6 - 520 rh^4h^2) f_{n+1} + (720 rh^2h^4 - 30 rh^5h - 500 rh^3h^3 - 448 rh h^5 + 21 h^6 + 2 rh^6 + 175 rh^4h^2) f_n]$$

Simplifying (2.7) and (2.8) at  $r = \frac{7}{2}$ , we have:

$$y_{n+4} = 2 y_{n+\frac{7}{2}} - y_{n+3} + \frac{h^2}{422400} (35024 f_{n+4} + 105160 f_{n+3} + 10560 f_{n+1} - 48290 f_{n+2} - 3465 f_n)$$
(2.9)  
$$y_{n+4}' = 2 y_{n+3} - 2 y_{n+\frac{7}{2}} - \frac{h^2}{23040h} \left(-2912 f_{n+1} + 7146 f_{n+2} - 14376 f_{n+3} - 7663 f_{n+4} + 525 f_n\right)$$
(2.9)  
(2.10)

The predictors and its first derivative are developed using power series as the basis function to obtain

$$y_{n+4} = -y_{n+3} + 2y_{n+\frac{7}{2}} + \frac{h^2}{1344000} \left(3900f_n - 21980f_{n+1} + 55300f_{n+2} - 83300f_{n+3} + 382080f_{n+\frac{7}{2}}\right)$$
$$y'_{n+4} = y_{n+\frac{7}{2}} - y_{n+3} + \frac{h^2}{201600h} \left(4985f_n - 28161f_{n+1} + 71575f_{n+2} - 142415f_{n+3} + 245216f_{n+\frac{7}{2}}\right)$$

# 3 ANALYSIS OF THE BASIC PROPERTIES OF THE METHOD

## 3.1 Order of the Method

Let the linear operator L associated with the method (2.9) be defined as

$$L[y(x);h] = \sum_{j=0}^{k} \alpha_j y(x_n + jh) - h^2 \beta_j y''(x_{n+jh})$$

where y(x) is an arbitrary test function that is continuously differentiable in the interval [a, b]. Expanding  $y(x_n + jh)$  and  $y''(x_n + jh), j = 0, 1, ..., m$  in

Taylor series about  $x_n$  and collecting like terms in h and y gives;

$$L[y(x);h] = c_0 y(x) + c_1 h y'(x) + c_2 h^2 y^{(2)}(x) + \dots + c_p h^p y^{(p)}(x)$$
(3.1)

**Definition 1.** The difference operator L associated with the discrete implicit one step method (3.1) are said to be of order p if in (3.2)  $c_0 = c_1 = c_2 = \cdots = c_{p+1} = 0, c_{p+2} \neq 0$  see [1]

**Definition 2.** The term  $c_{p+2}$  is called the error constant and it implies that the local truncation error is given as

$$t_{n+k} = c_{p+2}h^{(p+2)}(x_n) = 0(h^{p+3})$$
 see [1]

**Definition 3.** Linear Multistep method (LMM) is a computational method for determining the sequence  $y_n$  which takes the form of a linear relationship between  $y_{n+j}$  and  $f_{n+j}$ , j = 0(1)k. The general form of a linear k- step method for mth order general odes may be written as

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

 $\alpha_j, \beta_j$  are the coefficients of the method,  $f_{n+j} = f(x_{n+j}, y_{n+j}, y_{n+j}^i, y_{n+j}^{ii}, \dots, y_{n+j}^{m-1}),$ 

j = 0(1)k, h is the steplength, m is the order of ode to be solved:  $\alpha_k \neq 0$ .  $\alpha_0$  and  $\beta_0$  are not both zero. [1]

**Definition 4**. A multistep method is said to be

P-satble, if its interval of periodicity is  $(0, \infty)$  see [13]

Order and Error constant of the Methods are as follows Applying the linear operator L (3.1) to determine the order and the error constants of the derived method. Expanding the method (2.9) and its derivative (2.10) by Taylor's series and combining the coefficient of the like terms in  $h^n$  gives

$$c_0 = c_1 = c_2 = c_3 = c_4 = c_5 = c_5, c_7 = \frac{-89}{15360} = 5.794e^{-3}$$

Hence, the method is of order 5 with error constant  $c_7 = 5.794e^{-3}$ 

and

$$\begin{array}{l} c_0 = c_1 = c_2 = c_3 = c_4 = c_5 = c_6 = 0, c_7 = \\ \frac{5293}{14} = 378.07 \end{array}$$

Hence, the method is of order 5 with error constant  $c_7 = 378.07$ 

#### Zero Stability of the Method

Given the first characteristics polynomial of (2.9) as:

$$\rho(r) = r^4 - 2r^{\frac{t}{2}} + r^3 = 0$$

On solving  $\rho(r)$ , r = 0, 1 which satisfies  $|R_J| \ge 1, j = 1, \ldots, k$ . That the roots lies in the unit circle and the multiplicity is simple. Hence the method is zero stable.

#### Consistency of the Method

A numerical method is said to be consistent if the following conditions are satisfies

i) the order 
$$p \ge 1$$
  
ii) $\sum_{j=0}^{k} \alpha_j = 0$   
iii)  $\rho(1) = \rho'(1) = 0$   
iv) $\rho''(1) = 2!\sigma(1)$ 

where,  $\rho(r)$  and  $\sigma(r)$  are the first and second characteristics polynomials of our method. According to [1], the first condition is a sufficient condition for the associated block method to be consistent. Our method is order p = 5. Hence it is consistent. Region of Absolute Stability of the Method

Consider the stability polynomial

$$\prod(z,\bar{h}) = \rho(z) - \bar{h}\sigma(z) = 0 \qquad (3.2)$$

To determine the region of absolute stability in this work, a method that requires neither the computation of roots of a polynomial nor the solving of simultaneous inequality was adopted. This methods according to [1] is called the Boundary Locus Method (BLM).

**Definition 5.** The region R of the complex  $\overline{h}$ - plane such that the roots of  $\prod(r, \overline{h}) = 0$  lie within the unit circle whenever  $\overline{h}$  lies in the interior of the region is called the region of absolute stability.

Thus, we redefine (3.3) in terms of Euler's number,  $e^i \theta$ , as follows

$$\pi(e^{i\theta}, h) = \rho(e^{i\theta}) = 0 \tag{3.3}$$

so that, the locus of the boundary  $\delta R$  is given by

$$\bar{h}(\theta) = \frac{\rho(e^{i\theta})}{\sigma(e^{i\theta})} \tag{3.4}$$

where  $\rho$  is the first characteristics polynomial and  $\sigma$  is second characteristics polynomial

if 
$$\prod(z,\bar{h}) = 0, \bar{h} = \lambda h^2$$

$$\bar{h}(r) = \frac{\rho(r)}{\sigma(r)}$$
(3.5)  
$$\rho(r) = r^4 - 2r^{\frac{7}{2}} + r^3$$

$$\sigma(r) = \frac{1}{422400} (35024r^4 + 105160r^3 - 48290r^2 + 10560r - 3465)$$

then

Using Matlab to plot (3.5) gives the required stability region below



Fig. 1. Region of Absolute Stability of the method.

As shown on the graph, the region of absolute stability of the method is (-24,0). The method is P-stable .

## 4 NUMERICAL EXAMPLES

### Test problems

## Problem 1

y'' = y': y(0) = 0; y'(0) = -1; h = 0.1

exact solution: y(x) = 1 - exp(x)

#### Problem 2.

y'' = 100y; y(0) = 1, y'(0) = -10, h = 0.01

exact solution: $y(x) = \exp(-10x)$ 

#### Problem 3:

#### **Resonance Vibration of a Machine**

A stamping machine applies hammering forces on metal sheets by a die attached to the plunger which moves vertically up and down by a fly wheel makes the impact force on the metal sheet and therefore the supporting base, intermittent and cyclic. The bearing base on which the metal sheet is situated has a mass, M = 2000 kg. The force acting on the base follows a function: f(t) = 2000 sin(10t), in which t=time in seconds. The base is supported by an elastic pad with an equivalent spring constant  $k = 2 * 10^5 N/M$ . Determine the differential equation for the instantaneous position of the base y(t) if the base is initially depressed down by an amount 0.1m.

Solution: The mass- spring system above is modeled as differential equation:

The Bearing base mass = 2000kg

Spring constant  $k = 2 * 10^5 N/m$ 

Force (ma) on the metal sheet =  $m \frac{d^2 y}{dt^2} = m y''$ 

i.e. ma = my'' = 2000sin(10t); where a = y''

Initial conditions on the system are

 $y(t_0) = y_0; \frac{dy}{dt} | t = 0 = y'(t_0) = y'(0); t_0 = 0, y'_0 = 0.1$ 

Therefore, the governing equation for the instantaneous position of the base y(t) is given by

 $My'' + ky = F(t); y(t_0) = y_0, y'(t_0) = y'0$ 

Theoretical solution:  $y(t) = \frac{1}{10}cos10t + \frac{1}{200}sin10t - \frac{t}{20}cos10t$ 

# 4.1 Results

Х	Exact solution	Computed solution	Error in	Error in [11]
			new method	
0.2	-0.221402758160170	-0.221402754700000	3.46017000e - 09	8.17176E - 07
0.3	-0.349858807576003	-0.349858801900000	5.67600300e - 09	3.10356E - 06
0.4	-0.491824697641270	-0.491824690000000	7.64127000e - 09	6.56957E - 06
0.5	-0.648721270700128	-0.648721260202993	1.04971347e - 08	1.14380E - 05
0.6	-0.822118800390509	-0.822118785895474	1.44950355e - 08	1.79656E - 05
0.7	-1.013752707470477	-1.013752688688239	1.87822380e - 08	2.64474E - 05
0.8	-1.225540928492468	-1.225540905693596	2.27988702e - 08	3.72222E - 05
0.9	-1.459603111156950	-1.459603082898740	2.82582100e - 08	5.06788E - 05
1.0	-1.718281828459045	-1.718275773210793	3.55473540e - 08	6.72615E - 05

Table 1. Result of problem 1, for h=0.1

Table 2. Result of problem 3

X-value	y-exact	y- computed	Error in the	Error in $[12]$
			new method	
0.10	0.3678794411714423	0.3678794504846674	8.1951512e - 09	1.157e-7
0.20	0.3328710836980796	0.3328710939166178	9.3132251e - 09	3.658e-7
0.30	0.3011942119122021	0.3011942232819327	1.02185382e - 08	6.051e-7
0.40	0.2725317930340126	0.2725318050644373	1.20304247e - 08	8.502e-7
0.50	0.2465969639416065	0.2465969772327199	1.32911134e - 08	1.104e-6
0.60	0.2231301601484298	0.2231301746281558	1.44797260e - 08	1.369e-6
0.70	0.2018965179946554	0.2018965339041756	1.59095202e - 08	1.450e-6
0.80	0.1826835240527347	0.1826835411462089	1.70934742e - 08	1.597e-6
0.90	0.1652988882215865	0.1652989069915710	1.87699845e - 08	1.763e-6
1.00	0.1495686192226351	0.1495686397195046	2.04968695e - 08	1.946e-6

Table 3. Computed Results and error of Problem 3

t	exact solution	Computed solution	Error
0.01	0.099404629653415691	0.099404631194783169	1.541367e - 09
0.02	0.097958005773976925	0.097958008750775830	2.976799e - 09
0.03	0.095207162458893865	0.095207163562179453	1.032860e - 09
0.04	0.091970827382988077	0.091970829830720871	2.447733e - 09
0.05	0.087961427477332363	0.087961431546444119	4.069112e - 09
0.06	0.082363909854646533	0.082363923228371022	1.337372e - 08
0.07	0.076833743309093400	0.075850410853356878	1.711910e - 08
0.08	0.069604876901833215	0.069604890787124438	1.388529e - 08
0.09	0.062811758617177721	0.062811776948016179	1.833084e - 08
0.10	0.055536073981512724	0.055536116843483072	4.286197e - 08

# **5 DISCUSSION**

In this paper, we have considered three numerical examples to test the efficiency of our method. First problem was solved by [11] while the second problem was solved by [12], the third problem is Engineering problem. The new method gave better approximation because the proposed method require starting value and does not require self-starting.

## 6 CONCLUSION

In this paper, we have proposed a Predictor-Corrector method for the solution of second order ordinary differential equations. Our method was found to be zero stable, consistent and converges. The numerical examples show that our method gave better accuracy than the existing methods.

## COMPETING INTERESTS

Authors have declared that no competing interests exist.

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