# Three Steps Block Predictor-Block Corrector Method For The Solution Of General Second Order Ordinary Differential Equations

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#### Abstract:

We consider three steps numerical integrator which is derived by collocation and interpolation of power series approximation solution to generate a linear multistep method which serves as the corrector. The corrector is then implemented in block method. We then propose another numerical integrator which is implemented in block method to serve as a constant order predictor to the corrector. Basic properties of the corrector viz, order, zero stability and stability interval are investigated. The new method was tested on some numerical examples and was found to give better approximation than the existing methods.

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# **1** Introduction

This paper considers method of solving general second order initial value problems of ordinary differential equation of the form

$$y'' = f(x, y, y'), y^{k}(x_{0}) = y_{0}^{k}, k = 0,1$$

(1)

Where f is continuous within the interval of integration.

Method of reduction of higher order ordinary differential equation to systems of first order ordinary differential equation has been discussed by many scholars. These authors suggested that the method increased the dimension of the resulting system of the first order; hence it wastes computer and human effort. Among such authors are [5, 9, 11]. Scholars later adopted predictor-corrector method to solve higher order ordinary differential equation directly. These authors proposed implicit linear multistep methods which serve as the corrector, the predictors proposed to implement this corrector are in reducing order of accuracy. These methods are developed by adopting different approximate solution such as Power series, Chebychev polynomial, Newton polynomial, Lagrange polynomial, Fourier

series to mention few. The major disadvantage of this method is that the predictors are reducing order predictors hence it has a lot of effect on the accuracy of the method. Among authors that proposed predictor corrector method are [6, 7, 12]. Other setbacks of this method are extensively discussed by [7].

In order to cater for the setbacks of the predictor-corrector method, scholars adopted block method for direct solution of higher order ordinary differential equation. This method has the properties of being self starting and gives evaluation at selected grid points without over lapping. It does not require developing predictors or starting values moreover it evaluates fewer functions per step. The major setback of this method is that the interpolation points cannot exceed the order of the differential equation, hence this method does not exhaust all interpolation points therefore methods of lower order are developed. Among these authors are [1, 7, 9, 10, 15, 13, 14, 15, 16]. Scholars later adopted block predictor-block corrector method to cater for some of the setbacks of block method. They proposed a method which is capable of exhausting all the possible interpolation point as the corrector and then proposed a constant order predictor using block method. The method forms a bridge between the predictor-corrector method and the block method. Among these authors are [2, 3, 4]. The major setback of this method is that the evaluation at selected points are overlapping hence the behaviour of the dynamical system at selected grid points cannot be mentioned.

In this paper, we proposed a method in which the corrector is implemented in block method; hence this method gives evaluation at selected grid points without overlapping.

# 2 Methodology

#### 2.1 Development of the block corrector

We consider a power series approximate solution of the form

$$y(x) = \sum_{j=0}^{r+s-1} a_j x^j$$

(2)

Where r and s are the number of collocation and interpolation points respectively.

The second derivative of (2) gives

$$y'' = \sum_{j=2}^{r+s-1} j(j-1)a_j x^{j-2}$$

(3)

Substituting (3) into (1) gives r+s-1

$$f(x, y, y') = \sum_{j=2}^{j} j(j-1)a_j x^{j-2}$$

(4)

Collocating (3) at  $x_{n+r}$ , r = 0(1)3 and interpolating (2) at  $x_{n+s}$ , s = 0(1)2 gives a system of non linear equation of the form AU = B

(5)  

$$U = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x_n & x_n^2 & x_n^3 & x_n^4 & x_n^5 & x_n^6 \\ 0 & x_{n+1} & x_{n+1}^2 & x_{n+1}^3 & x_{n+1}^4 & x_{n+1}^{54} & x_{n+1}^6 \\ 0 & x_{n+2} & x_{n+2}^2 & x_{n+2}^3 & x_{n+2}^4 & x_{n+2}^5 & x_{n+2}^6 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 6x_n & 12x_n^2 & 20x_n^3 & 30x_n^4 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 6x_{n+1} & 12x_{n+1}^2 & 20x_{n+1}^3 & 30x_{n+1}^4 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 6x_{n+2} & 12x_{n+2}^2 & 20x_{n+2}^3 & 30x_{n+2}^4 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 6x_{n+3} & 12x_{n+3}^2 & 20x_{n+3}^3 & 30x_{n+3}^4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \\ a_4 \\ a_5 \\ a_6 \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} y_n \\ y_{n+1} \\ y_{n+2} \\ f_n \\ f_{n+1} \\ f_{n+2} \\ f_{n+3} \end{bmatrix}$$

Solving (5) for 
$$a_i$$
's, using Gaussian

elimination method and substituting back into the approximate solution, gives a continuous linear multistep method.

$$y(x) = \sum_{j=0}^{2} \alpha_{j}(x) y_{n+j} + h^{2} \sum_{j=0}^{3} \beta_{j}(x) f_{n+j}$$
(6)

Where the coefficient of  $y_{n+j}$  and  $f_{n+j}$  gives

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_0 &= -\frac{1}{6} \Big( 2t^6 - 18t^5 + 55t^4 - 60t^3 + 27t - 6 \Big) \\ \alpha_1 &= \frac{1}{3} \Big( 2t^6 - 18t^5 + 55t^4 - 60t^3 + 24t \Big) \\ \alpha_2 &= -\frac{1}{6} \Big( 2t^6 - 18t^5 + 55t^4 - 60t^3 + 21t \Big) \\ \beta_0 &= \frac{1}{360} \Big( 10t^6 - 93t^5 + 305t^4 - 410t^3 + 180t^2 + 8t \Big) \\ \beta_1 &= \frac{1}{360} \Big( 100t^6 - 89t^5 + 2675t^4 - 2820t^3 + 936t \Big) \\ \beta_2 &= \frac{1}{360} \Big( 10t^6 - 99t^5 + 335t^4 - 390t^3 + 144t \Big) \\ \beta_3 &= \frac{1}{360} \Big( 3t^5 - 15t^4 + 20t^3 - 8t \Big) \\ t &= \frac{x - x_n}{h}, \ y_{n+j} = y(x_n + jh), \end{aligned}$$

$$f_{n+j} = f(x_n, y(x_n + jh), y'(x_n + jh))$$
  
Evaluating (6) at  $t = 4$  gives

$$y_{n+3} = 3y_{n+2} + 3y_{n+1} + y_n + \frac{h^2}{12} (f_{n+3} + 9f_{n+2} - 9f_{n+1} - f_n)$$
(7)

Evaluating the first derivative of (6) at t = 0,1 gives

$$hy'_{n} = \frac{-2}{3}y_{n+2} + 8y_{n+1} - \frac{9}{2}y_{n} + \frac{h^{2}}{45}(f_{n} + 117f_{n+1} + 18f_{n+2} - f_{n+3})$$
(8)
$$hy'_{n+1} = \frac{-17}{6}y_{n+2} - 14y_{n+1} + \frac{11}{6}y_{n} + \frac{h^{2}}{360}(47f_{n} + 679f_{n+1} - 121f_{n+2} + 7f_{n+3})$$
(9)

Writing (7)-(9) in block form and solving for the independent solution at selected grid points gives

 $A^{(0)}Y_m = ey_n + cy_n + df(y_n) + bF(Y_m)$ 

(10)

 $f(y_n)$ 

$$T_{m} = [y_{n+1}, y_{n+2}, y_{n+3}]$$
$$y_{n} = [y_{n-1}, y_{n-2}, y_{n}]^{T}$$
$$y_{n} = [y_{n-1}, y_{n}, y_{n+1}]^{T}$$
$$0 = [f_{n-1}, f_{n-2}, f_{n}]^{T}$$

 $v = \int_{v}$ 

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$$F(Y_m) = [f_{n+1}, f_{n+2}, f_{n+3}]^T$$

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$$A^{(0)} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad e = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix},$$
$$c = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \frac{17}{38} & \frac{21}{38} \\ 0 & \frac{14}{19} & \frac{24}{19} \\ 0 & \frac{33}{38} & \frac{81}{38} \end{bmatrix},$$
$$d = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & \frac{851}{13680} \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{127}{855} \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{267}{1520} \end{bmatrix},$$
$$b = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{-1653}{13680} & \frac{93}{13680} & \frac{-11}{13680} \\ \frac{399}{855} & \frac{111}{855} & \frac{-7}{855} \\ \frac{1539}{1520} & \frac{1701}{1520} & \frac{93}{1520} \end{bmatrix}$$

#### 2.2 Development of Block predictor

[7] developed 3 steps block method of the form (10) which is writing explicitly to give

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + hy'_n + \frac{h^2}{360} (97f_n + 114f_{n+1} - 39f_{n+2} + 8f_{n+3})$$

$$y_{n+2} = y_n + 2hy'_n + \frac{h^2}{45} (28f_n + 66f_{n+1} - 6f_{n+2} + 2f_{n+3})$$

$$y_{n+3} = y_n + 3hy'_n + \frac{h^2}{40} (39f_n + 108f_{n+1} + 27f_{n+2} + 6f_{n+3})$$

$$y'_{n+1} = y'_n + \frac{h}{24} (9f_n + 19f_{n+1} - 5f_{n+2} + f_{n+3})$$

$$y'_{n+2} = y'_n + \frac{h}{3} (f_n + 4f_{n+1} + f_{n+2})$$

$$y'_{n+3} = y'_n + \frac{h}{8} (3f_n + 9f_{n+1} + 9f_{n+2} + 3f_{n+3})$$

For the derivation and analysis of the block predictor, readers are referred to [7].

#### 2.3 Implementation of the Method

Given the general block formula proposed by [7] in the form

$$Y_m = ey_n + h^{\mu}df(y_n) + bh^{\mu}F(Y_m)$$

We then proposed a prediction equation of the form

$$Y_m = ey_n + \sum_{\lambda=0}^m h^{\mu+\lambda} F^{\lambda}(y_n),$$

Where  $\mu = 2$  is the order of the differential equation. In this paper, m = 2.

(12)

$$F^{\lambda}(y_n) = \frac{d}{dx^{\lambda}} f^{\lambda}(x, y, y')_{y_n} \text{ Substituting} \quad (10)$$

into (11) gives

$$Y_{m} = ey_{n} + h^{\mu}dF(y_{n}) + bh^{\mu}F\left(ey_{n} + \sum_{\lambda=0}^{2}h^{\mu+\lambda}f^{\lambda}f(y)\right)$$
(13)

Writing (10) as

$$Y_m^* = e^* y_n + chy_n + d^* h^2 f(y_n) + bF(Y_m^*)$$

(14)

Substituting (13) in to (14) gives  

$$Y_m^* = e^* y_n + chy'_n + d^*h^2 f(y_n) + bF(Y_m)$$

(15)

Equation (15) is our **block predictor-block** corrector method.

# 4.0 Analysis of basic properties of the method 4.1 Order of the method

We define a linear operator on the block (10) to give  $\mathcal{L}{y(x): h} =$ 

$$y(x) - A^{(0)}Y_m - ey_n - chy'_n - df(y_n) - bF(Y_m)$$
(16)

Expanding (16) in Taylor series gives  $\mathcal{L}\{y(x):h\} = c_0 y(x) + c_1 h y'(x) + c_2 h^2 y''(x) + \dots + c_n h^b(x)$ 

**Definition:** the block (10) and associated linear operator are said to have order p if  $c_0 = c_1 = c_2 = ... = c_{p+1} = 0$  and  $c_{p+2} \neq 0$ . The term  $c_{p+2}$  is called the error constant and implies that the local truncation error is  $t_{n+k} = c_{n+2}h^{(p+2)}v^{p+2}x_n + O(h^{p+3})$ 

Hence the block (10) has order five with error  
constant 
$$\left[\frac{97}{383040}, \frac{41}{23940}, \frac{9}{42560}\right]$$

#### 4.2 Zero Stability

A block method is said to be zero stable if as  $h \to 0$ , the root  $r_j; j = 1(1)k$  of the first characteristic polynomial  $\rho(R) = 0$  that is  $\rho(R) = \det\left[\sum A^{(0)}R^{k-1}\right] = 0$  satisfying  $|R| \le 1$ 

and for those roots with  $|R| \le 1$  must have multiplicity equal to unity {see [9] for details}

Hence 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$
  
 $R^{3} - R^{2} = 0, R^{2}(R-1) = 0 R = 0,0,1$ 

#### **5.0 Numerical Experiments**

We test our method with second order initial value problems.

**Problem 1**: Consider a non linear initial value problem

$$y''-x(y') = 0, \ y(0) = 1, \ y'(0) = \frac{1}{2}, \ h = 0.01$$
  
Exact solution  $y(x) = 1 + \frac{1}{2} \log_e \left(\frac{2+x}{2-x}\right)$ 

This problem was solved by [1] where a block of 0.1

order four was proposed for  $h = \frac{0.1}{32}$  and [7] where

a 3 steps block method was proposed for the same step size. The result is shown in table I

**Problem II:** We consider a highly oscillatory test problem

 $y''+\lambda^2 y=0$ , where  $\lambda = 2$ , with initial condition y(0) = 1, y'(0) = 2, h = 0.01

Exact solution;  $y(x) = \cos 2x + \sin 2x$ 

We compare our result with [7] where a block method with step length of three was proposed **Table I for problem I** 

x	Exact result	Computed result	Erro r	Erro r in [1]
0. 1	1.05004172 9278491	1.05004172 9278624	1.33 00(- 13)	4.98 27(- 11)
0. 2	1.10033534 7710756	1.10033534 7732074	9.94 98(- 13)	4.10 43(- 10)
0. 3	1.15114043 5936466	1.51140435 9399064	3.43 96(- 12)	1.42 85(- 09)
0. 4	1.20273255 0540823	1.20273255 4062762	8.68 03(- 12)	3.52 42(- 09)
0. 5	1.25541281 1882995	1.25541281 1901369	1.83 73(- 11)	7.24 35(- 09)
0. 6	1.30951960 4203111	1.30951960 4338198	3.50 87(- 11)	1.33 35(- 08)
0. 7	1.36544375 4271396	1.36544375 4334709	6.33 13(-	2.28 72(-

, <b>PP</b>							
			11)	08)			
0. 8	1.42364593 0193602	1.42364893 0303739	1.10 13(- 10)	3.74 47(- 08)			
0. 9	1.48470027 8594052	1.48470027 8782232	1.88 18(- 10)	5.95 07(- 08)			
1. 0	1.84930614 4334055	1.54930614 4656174	3.22 11(- 10)	9.29 40(- 08)			

# **Table II for problem II**

x	Exact result	Computed result	Error	Error in [7]
0.01	1.0197986733599109	1.0197986733589541	9.5379(-13)	-
0.02	1.0391894408476121	1.0391894408454274	2.1846(-12)	2.65(-06)
0.03	1.0581645464146487	1.0581645464109597	3.6890(-12)	3.98(-06)
0.04	1.0767164002717922	1.0767164002646123	7.1798(-12)	5.30(-06)
0.05	1.0948375819248539	1.0948375819138998	1.0965(-11)	6.62(-06)
0.06	1.1125208431427855	1.1125208431277691	1.5016(-11)	7.94(-06)
0.07	1.1297591108568736	1.1297591108357115	2.1162(-11)	9.25(-06)
0.08	1.1465454899898728	1.1465454899622722	2.7600(-11)	1.06(-06)
0.09	1.1628732662139456	1.1628732661796120	3.4333(-11)	1.19(-06)
0.10	1.1787359086363027	1.1787359085930647	4.3238(-11)	1.32(-06)

# **Conclusion:**

We have proposed a 3 steps block predictorblock corrector method in this paper. This method has addressed some of the setbacks of block predictor corrector method proposed by [2, 3, 4]. The result has shown clearly that our method gives better approximation than the existing method.

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