

## 84. Some New Two-step Integration Methods

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**1. Introduction.** The purpose of this is to present some new two-step methods, which deal with the following initial value problem :

$$(1.1) \quad y' = f(x, y), \quad y(x_0) = y_0.$$

Of all computational methods for (1.1), Runge-Kutta (abbr., R-K) are most popular. R-K methods retain the advantage of one-step methods, but need some functional evaluations for each step. We shall look for other methods to decrease the functional evaluations in R-K methods. Such methods have been discussed by Byrne, Lambert [1] and many others. We have seen in [1] that two-step R-K methods have order  $p(r) = r + 1$  ( $r = 2, 3, 4$ ), and that R-K methods [2], [3] have order  $p(r) = r$  ( $r = 1, 2, 3, 4$ ),  $p(5) = 4$ ,  $p(6) = 5$ ,  $p(r) = 6$  ( $r = 7, 8$ ),  $p(r) = 7$  ( $r = 9, 10$ ),  $p(11) = 8$ , where  $p(r)$  denotes the highest order that can be attained by an  $r$ -stage. Thus two-step R-K methods attain higher order than R-K methods for the same stage. However, in actual computation, two-step R-K methods would not yield as good numerical results as R-K methods for the same order, and some people seem to have the opinion that two-step R-K methods may not be useful for actual computations, but some useful two-step methods are still required in many fields. We now propose the following two-step R-K methods which improve the defect of the usual two-step R-K methods :

$$(1.2) \quad \begin{aligned} y_{n+1} &= V_1^{(1)}y_{n-1} + V_2^{(1)}y_n + h\Phi^{(1)}(x_{n-1}, x_n, y_{n-1}, y_{n-1+\theta_1}, y_n, y_{n+\theta_2}; h), \\ y_{n+1+\theta} &= V_1^{(2)}y_{n-1} + V_2^{(2)}y_n + h\Phi^{(2)}(x_{n-1}, x_n, y_{n-1}, y_{n-1+\theta_1}, y_n, y_{n+\theta_2}; h), \\ \Phi^{(j)}(x_{n-1}, x_n, y_{n-1}, y_{n-1+\theta_1}, y_n, y_{n+\theta_2}) &= \sum_{i=1}^r (W_i^{(j)}k_i(x_{n-1}) + S_i^{(j)}k_i(x_n)) \\ &\quad (0 \leq \theta = \theta_1, \theta_2 \leq 1), \quad (j = 1, 2), \end{aligned}$$

$$k_i(x_{n-j}) = f(x_{n-j}, y_{n-j}) \quad (j = 0, 1),$$

$$k_i(x_{n-1}) = f(x_{n-1} + a_i h, y_{n-1} + b_i y_{n-1+\theta_1} + h \sum_{j=1}^{r-1} b_{ij} k_j(x_{n-1})),$$

$$k_i(x_n) = f(x_n + c_i h, y_n + d_i y_{n+\theta_2} + h \sum_{j=1}^{r-1} d_{ij} k_j(x_n)),$$

$$a_i = b_i + \sum_{j=1}^{r-1} b_{ij}, \quad c_i = d_i + \sum_{j=1}^{r-1} d_{ij} \quad (0 < a_i, c_i \leq 1).$$

In our methods, we have  $p(2) = 5$ . In using our method, we assume that we have already computed the value of  $y(x_0 + \theta h)$ ,  $y(x_0 + h)$  and  $y(x_0 + (1 + \theta)h)$  by some other means, where  $y(x)$  denotes the analytical solutions of (1.1). We first calculate the value of  $y_1$  and  $y_{1+\theta_1}$  by some means of (1.2), and next proceed to the calculation of  $y_2$  and  $y_{2+\theta_2}$ . To demonstrate

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