

On pseudo-Runge-Kutta methods of the third kind

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1. Introduction

Consider the initial value problem

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

where the function $f(x, y)$ is assumed to be sufficiently smooth. Let $y(x)$ be the solution of this problem,

$$(1.2) \quad x_n = x_0 + nh \quad (n = 1, 2, \dots, h > 0),$$

and let y_1 be an approximation of $y(x_1)$ obtained by some appropriate method. We are concerned with the case where a pseudo-Runge-Kutta method is used for computing approximations y_j of $y(x_j)$ ($j=2, 3, \dots$).

Byrne and Lambert [1] introduced pseudo-Runge-Kutta methods of order $r+1$ ($r=2, 3$) of the form

$$(1.3) \quad y_{n+1} = y_n + h \sum_{i=1}^r (p_i k_{i,n} + q_i k_{i,n-1}) \quad (n = 1, 2, \dots),$$

where

$$k_{i,m} = f(x_m + a_i h, y_m + h \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} b_{ij} k_{j,m}) \quad (i = 1, 2, \dots, r; m = 0, 1, \dots),$$

$$a_1 = 0, a_i = \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} b_{ij} \quad (i = 2, 3, \dots, r),$$

and p_i, q_i ($i=1, 2, \dots, r$) and b_{ij} ($i=2, 3, \dots, r; j=1, 2, \dots, i-1$) are constants. Gruttke [3] has shown that such a method exists also for $r=4$.

Costabile [2] considered pseudo-Runge-Kutta methods of the second kind of the form

$$(1.4) \quad y_{n+1} = y_n + h \sum_{i=0}^r p_i k_i \quad (n = 1, 2, \dots),$$

where

$$k_0 = f(x_{n-1}, y_{n-1}), \quad k_1 = f(x_n, y_n),$$

$$k_i = f(x_n + a_i h, y_n + h \sum_{j=0}^{i-1} b_{ij} k_j), \quad a_i = \sum_{j=0}^{i-1} b_{ij} \quad (i = 2, 3, \dots, r),$$

and p_i ($i=0, 1, \dots, r$) and b_{ij} ($i=2, 3, \dots, r; j=0, 1, \dots, i-1$) are constants. Nakashima [4] proposed those of the third kind which are of the form (1.4) with

$$k_i = f(x_n + a_i h, y_n + h \sum_{j=0}^{i-1} b_{ij} k_j + c_i (y_n - y_{n-1})),$$

$$a_i = \sum_{j=0}^{i-1} b_{ij} + c_i \quad (i = 2, 3, \dots, r),$$

c_i and b_{ij} ($i=2, 3, \dots, r; j=0, 1, \dots, i-1$) being constants. It is known that a method of each kind of order $r+1$ exists for $r=2, 3$.

The object of this paper is to show that for $r=2, 3$ there exists a pseudo-Runge-Kutta method of the third kind of order $r+2$ which embeds a two-step method of order $r+1$, and to show that for $r=4$ we can construct a pseudo-Runge-Kutta method of the third kind of order $r+2$ and also a two-step method of order $r+1$ by incorporating the first value of f in the next step of integration.

2. Preliminaries

Let

$$(2.1) \quad x_n = x_0 + nh \quad (n = 1, 2, \dots, h > 0),$$

$$(2.2) \quad y_{n+1} = y_n + h\Phi(x_n, y_n, y_{n-1}; h) \quad (n = 1, 2, \dots),$$

$$(2.3) \quad \Phi(x_n, y_n, y_{n-1}; h) = \sum_{i=0}^r p_i k_i \quad (r = 2, 3, 4),$$

$$(2.4) \quad t(x_n, y_n, y_{n-1}; h) = \sum_{i=0}^{r+1} q_i k_i + s(y_n - y_{n-1}),$$

where h is a stepsize,

$$k_0 = f(x_{n-1}, y_{n-1}), \quad k_1 = f(x_n, y_n),$$

$$k_i = f(x_n + a_i h, y_n + h \sum_{j=0}^{i-1} b_{ij} k_j + c_i (y_n - y_{n-1})) \quad (i = 2, 3, \dots, r),$$

$$k_{r+1} = f(x_{n+1}, y_{n+1}),$$

$$(2.5) \quad \sum_{j=0}^{i-1} b_{ij} + c_i = a_i \quad (i = 2, 3, \dots, r),$$

$q_{r+1} = 0$ if $r \neq 4$, and the starting value y_1 is computed by some appropriate method.

Denote by $y(x)$ the solution of (1.1) and let

$$(2.6) \quad T(x; h) = y(x) + h\Phi(x, y(x), y(x-h); h) - y(x+h),$$

$$(2.7) \quad t(x; h) = t(x, y(x), y(x-h); h),$$

$$(2.8) \quad t_n = t(x_n, y_n, y_{n-1}; h),$$

$$(2.9) \quad e_i = -2b_{i0} - c_i + 2 \sum_{j=2}^{i-1} a_j b_{ij} \quad (i = 2, 3, 4),$$

$$g_i = 3b_{i0} + c_i + 3 \sum_{j=2}^{i-1} a_j^2 b_{ij},$$

$$l_i = -4b_{i0} - c_i + 4 \sum_{j=2}^{i-1} a_j^3 b_{ij},$$

$$m_i = 5b_{i0} + c_i + 5 \sum_{j=2}^{i-1} a_j^4 b_{ij},$$

$$u_{ij} = (e_j - a_j^2)b_{ij}, \quad v_{ij} = (g_j - a_j^3)b_{ij}, \quad w_{ij} = (l_j - a_j^4)b_{ij}$$

$$(i = 3, 4; j = 2, 3, \dots, i - 1).$$

Let D be the differential operator defined by

$$(2.10) \quad D = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + k \frac{\partial}{\partial y}, \quad k = f(x_n, y(x_n))$$

and put

$$(2.11) \quad D^j f(x_n, y(x_n)) = T^j, \quad D^j f_y(x_n, y(x_n)) = S^j, \quad D^j f_{yy}(x_n, y(x_n)) = R^j$$

$$(j = 1, 2, \dots), \quad (Df)^2(x_n, y(x_n)) = P, \quad (Df_y)^2(x_n, y(x_n)) = Q,$$

$$(D^2 f)^2(x_n, y(x_n)) = U, \quad f_y(x_n, y(x_n)) = f_y, \quad f_{yy}(x_n, y(x_n)) = f_{yy},$$

$$f_{yyy}(x_n, y(x_n)) = f_{yyy}.$$

Then $T(x_n; h)$ can be expanded into power series in h as follows:

$$(2.12) \quad T(x_n; h) = A_1 h k + A_2 h^2 T + (h^3/2)(A_3 T^2 + A_4 f_y T) + (h^4/3!)(B_1 T^3$$

$$+ 3B_2 TS + B_3 f_y T^2 + B_4 f_y^2 T) + (h^5/4!)(C_1 T^4 + 6C_2 TS^2 + 4C_3 T^2 S$$

$$+ 3C_4 f_{yy} P + C_5 f_y T^3 + C_6 f_y^2 T^2 + C_7 f_y^3 T + C_8 f_y TS) + (h^6/5!)(D_1 T^5$$

$$+ 10D_2 TS^3 + 10D_3 T^2 S^2 + 5D_4 T^3 S + 10D_5 f_{yy} TT^2 + 15D_6 PR + 15D_7 TQ$$

$$+ D_8 f_y f_{yy} P + D_9 f_y TS^2 + D_{10} f_y T^2 S + D_{11} f_y^2 TS + D_{12} f_y T^4 + D_{13} f_y^2 T^3$$

$$+ D_{14} f_y^3 T^2 + D_{15} f_y^4 T) + (h^7/6!)(E_1 T^6 + 15E_2 TS^4 + 20E_3 T^2 S^3 +$$

$$15E_4 T^3 S^2 + 6E_5 T^4 S + 45E_6 PR^2 + 15E_7 f_{yyy} TP + 60E_8 TT^2 R +$$

$$10E_9 f_y U + 15E_{10} f_{yy} TT^3 + 24E_{11} T^2 Q + E_{12} TSS^2 + E_{13} f_{yy} PS +$$

$$E_{14} f_y f_{yy} TT^2 + E_{15} f_y^2 f_{yy} P + E_{16} f_y TQ + E_{17} f_y PR + E_{18} f_y TS^3 +$$

$$E_{19} f_y T^2 S^2 + E_{20} f_y T^3 S + E_{21} f_y^2 TS^2 + E_{22} f_y^2 T^2 S + E_{23} f_y^3 TS +$$

$$E_{24} f_y T^5 + E_{25} f_y^2 T^4 + E_{26} f_y^3 T^3 + E_{27} f_y^4 T^2 + E_{28} f_y^5 T) + O(h^8),$$

where

$$(2.13) \quad A_1 = \sum_{j=0}^r p_j - 1, \quad A_2 = -p_0 + \sum a_i p_i - 1/2,$$

$$A_3 = p_0 + \sum a_i^2 p_i - 1/3, \quad A_4 = p_0 + \sum e_i p_i - 1/3,$$

$$B_1 = -p_0 + \sum a_i^3 p_i - 1/4, \quad B_2 = -p_0 + \sum a_i e_i p_i - 1/4,$$

$$B_3 = -p_0 + \sum g_i p_i - 1/4, \quad B_4 = B_3 + 3 \sum_{j=3}^r \sum_{k=\frac{1}{2}}^j u_{jk} p_j,$$

$$C_1 = p_0 + \sum a_i^4 p_i - 1/5, \quad C_2 = p_0 + \sum a_i^2 e_i p_i - 1/5, \quad C_3 = p_0 + \sum a_i g_i p_i - 1/5,$$

$$C_4 = p_0 + \sum e_i^2 p_i - 1/5, \quad C_5 = p_0 + \sum l_i p_i - 1/5, \quad C_6 = C_5 + 4 \sum_{j=3}^r \sum_{k=\frac{1}{2}}^j v_{jk} p_j,$$

$$C_7 = C_6 + 12u_{32} b_{43} p_4, \quad C_8 = 4C_3 + 3C_5 + 12 \sum_{j=3}^r \sum_{k=\frac{1}{2}}^j (a_j + a_k) u_{jk} p_j,$$

$$\begin{aligned}
D_1 &= -p_0 + \Sigma a_1^3 p_i - 1/6, & D_2 &= -p_0 + \Sigma a_i^3 e_i p_i - 1/6, \\
D_3 &= -p_0 + \Sigma a_i^2 g_i p_i - 1/6, & D_4 &= -p_0 + \Sigma a_i^4 p_i - 1/6, \\
D_5 &= -p_0 + \Sigma e_i g_i p_i - 1/6, & D_6 &= -p_0 + \Sigma a_i e_i^2 p_i - 1/6, \\
D_7 &= D_4 + 4 \sum_{j=3}^r \sum_{k=2}^{j-1} a_j a_k u_{jk} p_j, \\
D_8 &= 10D_5 + 3D_{12} + 15 \sum_{j=3}^r \sum_{k=2}^{j-1} (e_k + a_k^2 + 2e_j) u_{jk} p_j, \\
D_9 &= 10D_3 + 6D_{12} + 30 \sum_{j=3}^r \sum_{k=2}^{j-1} (a_j^2 + a_k^2) u_{jk} p_j, \\
D_{10} &= 5D_4 + 4D_{12} + 20 \sum_{j=3}^r \sum_{k=2}^{j-1} (a_j + a_k) v_{jk} p_j, \\
D_{11} &= D_{10} + 3D_{14} + 60(a_3 + a_4) u_{32} b_{43} p_4, & D_{12} &= -p_0 + \Sigma m_i p_i - 1/6, \\
D_{13} &= D_{12} + 5 \sum_{j=3}^r \sum_{k=2}^{j-1} w_{jk} p_j, & D_{14} &= D_{15} = D_{13} + 20v_{32} b_{43} p_4
\end{aligned}$$

and i ranges from 2 to r . Also $t(x_n; h)$ can be expanded as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
(2.14) \quad t(x_n; h) &= A_1^* h k + A_2^* h^2 T + (h^3/2)(A_3^* T^2 + A_4^* f_y T) \\
&\quad + (h^4/3!)(B_1^* T^3 + 3B_2^* T S + B_3^* f_y T^2 + B_4^* f_y^2 T) + \dots,
\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
(2.15) \quad A_1^* &= \sum_{j=0}^{r+1} q_j + s, & A_2^* &= -q_0 + \Sigma a_i q_i + q_{r+1} - s/2, \\
A_3^* &= q_0 + \Sigma a_i^2 q_i + q_{r+1} + s/3, & A_4^* &= q_0 + \Sigma e_i q_i + q_{r+1} + s/3, \\
B_1^* &= -q_0 + \Sigma a_i^3 q_i + q_{r+1} - s/4, & B_2^* &= -q_0 + \Sigma a_i e_i q_i + q_{r+1} - s/4, \\
B_3^* &= -q_0 + \Sigma g_i q_i + q_{r+1} - s/4, & B_4^* &= B_3^* + 3 \sum_{j=3}^r \sum_{k=2}^{j-1} u_{jk} q_j
\end{aligned}$$

and so on.

Let

$$(2.16) \quad d_{ij} = a_j(a_j+1)b_{ij} \quad (i = 3, 4; 2 \leq j \leq i-1).$$

Then from (2.9) it follows that

$$\begin{aligned}
l_i &= -e_i - 2g_i + 2 \sum_{j=2}^{i-1} (2a_j+1)d_{ij} \quad (i = 2, 3, 4), \\
m_i &= 2e_i + 3g_i + \sum_{j=2}^{i-1} (5a_j^2 - 5a_j - 4)d_{ij}, \\
(2.17) \quad b_{i0} &= e_i + g_i - \sum_{j=2}^{i-1} a_j(3a_j+2)b_{ij},
\end{aligned}$$

$$(2.18) \quad c_i = -3e_i - 2g_i + 6 \sum_{j=2}^{i-1} d_{ij}.$$

3. Construction of the methods

We shall show the following

THEOREM. For $r=2, 3, 4$ there exist formulas (2.2) and (2.4) such that $T(x_n; h) = O(h^{r+3})$ and $t(x_n; h) = O(h^{r+2})$ respectively.

3.1. Case $r=2$

The choice $A_i=B_i=0$ ($i=1, 2, 3, 4$) yields

$$(3.1) \quad a_2 = 7/10, \quad b_{20} = 833/1000, \quad b_{21} = 2023/1000, \quad c_2 = -539/250,$$

$$(3.2) \quad y_{n+1} = y_n + h(-7k_0 + 221k_1 + 500k_2)/714,$$

$$(3.3) \quad 5C_i = -5/24 \quad (i = 1, 2, 3, 4), \quad 5C_j = -31/6 \quad (j = 5, 6, 7), \quad 5C_8 = -49/3.$$

This method has been obtained by Nakashima.

Choosing $A_i^*=0$ ($i=1, 2, 3, 4$) and $s=1/2$, we have

$$(3.4) \quad t_n = h(-287k_0 - 527k_1 + 100k_2)/1428 + (y_n - y_{n-1})/2,$$

$$(3.5) \quad 4B_i^* = 2/5, \quad 5C_i^* = -101/240 \quad (i = 1, 2, 3, 4),$$

$$5C_j^* = -11/12 \quad (j = 5, 6, 7), \quad 5C_8^* = -133/30.$$

The method (3.2) is of order 4 and the method $z_{n+1} = y_{n+1} + t_n$ is of order 3, so that the difference t_n of the two methods is available for stepsize control.

3.2. Case $r=3$

The conditions $A_i=B_i=0$ ($i=1, 2, 3, 4$) and $C_j=0$ ($j=1, 2, \dots, 8$) yield

$$(3.6) \quad e_i = a_i^2, \quad g_i = a_i^3 \quad (i = 2, 3), \quad 27 - 35(a_2 + a_3) + 50a_2a_3 = 0,$$

$$\sum_{j=0}^3 p_j = 1, \quad -p_0 + a_2p_2 + a_3p_3 = 1/2, \quad 12a_2(a_2+1)(a_2-a_3)p_2 = 7-10a_3,$$

$$12a_3(a_3+1)(a_3-a_2)p_3 = 7-10a_2, \quad 60(2a_2+1)d_{32}p_3 = 31,$$

$$(3.7) \quad 600D_i = 25(a_2 + a_3) - 31 \quad (i=1, 2, 3, 5, 6), \quad 60D_j = 62a_3 - 49 \quad (j=4, 7),$$

$$60D_{12} = (155a_2^2 - 5a_2 - 49)/(2a_2 + 1),$$

$$60D_k = -(160a_2 + 49)/(2a_2 + 1) \quad (k = 13, 14, 15) \quad D_8 = 10D_1 + 3D_{12},$$

$$D_9 = 10D_1 + 6D_{12}, \quad D_{10} = 5D_4 + 4D_{12}, \quad D_{11} = D_{10} + 3D_{13}.$$

The conditions $A_i^*=B_i^*=0$ ($i=1, 2, 3, 4$) lead to

$$(3.8) \quad \sum_{i=0}^3 q_i + s = 0, \quad -q_0 + a_2q_2 + a_3q_3 = s/2,$$

$$12a_2(a_2+1)(a_2-a_3)q_2 + (2a_3+1)s = 0,$$

$$12a_3(a_3+1)(a_3-a_2)q_3 + (2a_2+1)s = 0,$$

$$(3.9) \quad 5C_i^* = 2(5a_2^2 - a_2 - 2)s/(7 - 10a_2) \quad (i = 1, 2, 3, 4),$$

$$5C_j^* = -4(3a_2+1)s/(7-10a_2) \quad (j = 5, 6, 7), \quad C_8^* = 3C_1^* + 4C_3^*.$$

For $a_2=1/5$ and $s=-1/2$ we have

$$(3.10) \quad a_2 = 1/5, \quad b_{20} = 6/125, \quad b_{21} = 36/125, \quad c_2 = -17/125, \quad a_3 = 4/5, \\ b_{30} = -2214/4375, \quad b_{31} = -15444/4375, \quad b_{32} = 558/175, \quad c_3 = 7208/4375,$$

$$(3.11) \quad y_{n+1} = y_n + h(2k_0 - 81k_1 + 750k_2 + 625k_3)/1296,$$

$$(3.12) \quad t_n = h(398k_0 + 2673k_1 - 1950k_2 + 175k_3)/2592 - (y_n - y_{n-1})/2,$$

$$(3.13) \quad 6D_i = -3/50 \quad (i = 1, 2, 3, 5, 6), \quad 6D_j = 3/50 \quad (j = 4, 7), \\ 6D_8 = -699/70, \quad 6D_9 = -678/35, \quad 6D_{10} = -2157/70, \\ 6D_{11} = -1686/35, \quad 6D_{12} = -219/70, \quad 6D_k = -81/14 \quad (k = 13, 14, 15),$$

$$(3.14) \quad 5C_i^* = 2/5 \quad (i = 1, 2, 3, 4), \quad 5C_j^* = 16/25 \quad (j = 5, 6, 7), \quad 5C_8^* = 94/25.$$

3.3. Case $r=4$

If we impose the condition $a_2(a_2+1) \neq 0$ and choose

$A_i = B_i = 0 \quad (i = 1, 2, 3, 4), \quad C_j = 0 \quad (j = 1, 2, \dots, 8), \quad D_k = 0 \quad (k = 1, 2, \dots, 15),$
then we have

$$(3.15) \quad b_{32}b_{43}(a_4 - a_3)p_4 \neq 0, \quad e_i = a_i^2, \quad g_i = a_i^3 \quad (i = 2, 3, 4), \quad a_4 = 1, \\ 5 - 8(a_2 + a_3) + 15a_2a_3 = 0, \quad \sum_{j=0}^4 p_j = 1, \quad -p_0 + \sum_{i=2}^4 p_i = 1/2, \\ 60a_2(a_2+1)(a_2-1)(a_2-a_3)p_2 = 15a_3 - 8, \\ 60a_3(a_3+1)(a_3-1)(a_3-a_2)p_3 = 15a_2 - 8, \\ 120(1-a_2)(1-a_3)p_4 = 27 - 35(a_2+a_3) + 50a_2a_3, \\ 120(1-a_3)(2a_2+1)d_{32}p_3 = 13, \\ 60(3+5a_2+5a_3+10a_2a_3)(a_3-a_2)d_{43}p_4 = 49 + 5a_2 - 155a_2^2, \\ 120(1-a_3)[(2a_2+1)d_{42} + (2a_3+1)d_{43}]p_4 = 49 - 62a_3.$$

The choice $A_i^* = B_i^* = 0 \quad (i = 1, 2, 3, 4)$ and $C_j^* = 0 \quad (j = 1, 2, \dots, 8)$ yields

$$(3.16) \quad \sum_{j=0}^5 q_j + s = 0, \quad -q_0 + \sum_{i=2}^4 a_i q_i + q_5 = s/2, \\ 60a_2(a_2+1)(a_2-1)(a_2-a_3)q_2 = (15a_3+8)s, \\ 60a_3(a_3+1)(a_3-1)(a_3-a_2)q_3 = (15a_2+8)s, \\ 120(1-a_2)(1-a_3)(q_4+q_5) = (3+5a_2+5a_3+10a_2a_3)s, \\ (2a_2+1)d_{32}q_3 + [(2a_2+1)d_{42} + (2a_3+1)d_{43}]q_4 + 2q_5 + s/60 = 0,$$

$$(3.17) \quad D_i^* = 4(a_2+a_3)s/15 \quad (i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, 6), \\ D_j^* = 2(a_3-1)(2a_2+1)d_{32}q_3 - s/20 \quad (j = 4, 7), \\ D_{12}^* = a_2(5a_2+3)d_{32}q_3 + [a_2(5a_2+3)d_{42} + a_3(5a_3+3)d_{43}]q_4 + 4q_5 - s/60,$$

$$D_k^* = -2a_2 d_{32} q_3 - 2[a_2 d_{42} + a_3 d_{43} - 5(2a_2 + 1)d_{32} b_{43}]q_4 + 4q_5 - s/60$$

$$(k = 13, 14, 15), \quad D_8^* = 10D_1^* + 3D_{12}^*, \quad D_9^* = 10D_1^* + 6D_{12}^*,$$

$$D_{10}^* = 5D_4^* + 4D_{12}^*, \quad D_{11}^* = D_{10}^* + 3D_{13}^*.$$

For $a_2 = 1/6$ and $s = 1/20$ we have

$$(3.18) \quad a_2 = 1/6, \quad b_{20} = 7/216, \quad b_{21} = 49/216, \quad c_2 = -5/54, \quad a_3 = 2/3, \\ b_{30} = -2615/8316, \quad b_{31} = -3065/1188, \quad b_{32} = 195/77, \quad c_3 = 611/594, \\ a_4 = 1, \quad b_{40} = 2399/1708, \quad b_{41} = 2821/244, \quad b_{42} = -3825/427, \\ b_{43} = 99/61, \quad c_4 = -565/122,$$

$$(3.19) \quad y_{n+1} = y_n + h(k_0 - 35k_1 + 1728k_2 + 2079k_3 + 427k_4)/4200,$$

$$(3.20) \quad t_n = h(-1111k_0 - 15715k_1 + 15552k_2 - 3969k_3 + 1043k_4)/84000 \\ + 13h(k_4 - k_5)/220 + (y_n - y_{n-1})/20,$$

$$(3.21) \quad 7E_i = 19/1080 \quad (i=1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9), \quad 7E_j = -1/36 \quad (j=4, 10), \\ 7E_k = 3571/5760 \quad (k=5, 11), \quad 7E_{12} = 3371/160, \quad 7E_{13} = 3171/320, \\ 7E_{14} = 13487/108, \quad 7E_{15} = 261523/1728, \quad 7E_{16} = 27289/120, \\ 7E_{17} = 6785/36, \quad 7E_{18} = 6766/54, \quad 7E_{19} = 75599/540, \\ 7E_{20} = 17009/720, \quad 7E_{21} = 148093/1440, \quad 7E_{22} = 38301/360, \\ 7E_{23} = 163759/1440, \quad 7E_{24} = 2249/180, \quad 7E_{25} = 1705/192, \\ 7E_m = 267/48 \quad (m=26, 27, 28),$$

$$(3.22) \quad 6D_i^* = 1/15 \quad (i=1, 2, 3, 5, 6), \quad 6D_j^* = 6/55 \quad (j=4, 7), \quad 6D_8^* = -2173/2640, \\ 6D_9^* = -3053/1320, \quad 6D_{10}^* = -317/220, \quad 6D_{11}^* = -493/110, \\ 6D_{12}^* = -437/880, \quad 6D_k^* = -223/220 \quad (k=13, 14, 15).$$

If y_{n+1} is accepted as an approximation to $y(x_{n+1})$, then k_5 can be used as k_1 in the next step of integration.

Added in proof: After the submission of this work, we learned that M. Nakashima has obtained independently an optimal pseudo-Runge-Kutta method of the third kind of order 5 for $r=3$.

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