



On the Stability Analysis and Implementation of a New fully Implicit Third-Stage Fourth-Order Runge-Kutta Method

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ABSTRACT: The object of this paper is to analyze the stability and implement a newly derived implicit third-stage fourth-order Runge-Kutta method. Efforts will be made to carry out a comparative analysis with an existing method. The analysis revealed that the method is A- and L-stable. The implementation on initial-value problems revealed that the method performed better than the existing method. The implementation was carried out by MAPLE program and the stability curve plotted using MATLAB codes.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Runge-Kutta methods are numerical (one-step) methods for solving initial-value problems in Ordinary Differential Equations. Initial-value problems are first-order Differential Equations that are applicable to real life problems such as growth and decay problems, falling bodies problems, temperature problems, problems in chemical engineering, control theory e.t.c. We shall be focusing on stiff initial-value problems because over the years, this has shown much concern in modern day research.

For many classes of numerical methods, A-stability and even L-stability imply implicitness. According to Yahaya (2014), "explicit Runge-Kutta methods have rather small regions of absolute stability, even those designed to have extended regions of stability are inadequate unless the system is only very mildly stiff". On the other hand it is rather easier to find A-stable implicit Runge-Kutta methods than to find A-stable implicit linear multistep methods. For example, Butcher (1987, 1988, 1997, 2000, 2003, 2008, 2009, 2010) has shown that Ehle's R-stage implicit Runge-Kutta methods of orders $2R - 1$ and $2R - 2$, having Radau and Lobatto's quadratures respectively are all A-stable; thus there exist A-stable methods of this type of arbitrarily high order. L-stable implicit Runge-Kutta methods are also possible. Several authors like Yakubu (2010), Agam and Yahaya (2014), and Lambert (1992) have considered A- or L-stable implicit Runge-Kutta methods associated with various types of quadratures. Also, Van Der Houwen and Sommeijer (2015) worked on Runge-Kutta projection methods with low dispersion and dissipation errors. However, all such methods suffer a serious practical disadvantage in that the solution of the implicit non-linear equations at each step is considerably harder to achieve in the case of implicit Runge-Kutta than in the case of implicit linear multistep methods. If we considered R-stage fully implicit Runge-Kutta methods applied to an m-dimensional stiff system, then it is clear that the k_r , $r = 1, 2, \dots, R$ are also m-vectors. It follows that at each step we have to solve a system of mR simultaneous non-linear equations by some form of Newton iteration - and this will converge only if we

can find a suitably accurate initial iterate. In special situations implicit methods may be competitive; much will depend on the structure of the implicit equations arising from a particular problem.

If the Runge-Kutta method is semi-explicit, then the mR simultaneous equations split into R distinct sets of equations, each set containing m equations. The class of semi-explicit methods developed by Butcher (1963, 1964, 1975) as quoted in the work of Lambert (1977), are not, however, A-stable because they do not satisfy the conditions for A-stability.

It is clear from the above discussion that our troubles with stiff systems are almost over when we find an A- or L-stable method; but the real test is the efficiency with which we can handle the resultant implicitness.

II. METHODS OF DERIVATION

i From the general R – Stage Implicit Runge–Kutta Method, get $K_r, r = 1, 2, 3, \dots, R$, Obtain the Taylor series expansion of the $K_r, r = 1, 2, 3, \dots, R$,

ii Since k_1, k_2 and k_3 are implicit, we cannot proceed by successive substitution as in the case of explicit. we assume that the solutions for k_1, k_2, k_3 may be expressed in the form: $K_r = \alpha_r + h\beta_r + h^2\theta_r + h^3\phi_r + O(h^4), r = 1, 2, 3$

iii. Putting the k_1, k_2 and k_3 from (ii) into k_r expanded by Taylor's series above from (i), equate coefficients in power of h to get $\alpha_r, \beta_r, \theta_r$ and $\phi_r, r = 1, 2, 3, \dots, R$.

iv Also, Put the k_1, k_2 and k_3 from (ii) into $\phi(x, y, h) = \sum_{r=1}^3 c_r k_r = c_1 k_1 + c_2 k_2 + c_3 k_3$ and arrange in power of h.

v Equate $\phi(x, y, h)$ from (iv) above and compare with Taylor's series of the form:

$$\phi_T(x, y, h) = f + \frac{h}{2!}(f_x + ff_y) + \frac{h^2}{3!}(f_{xx} + 2ff_{xy} + f_x f_y + ff_y^2 + f^2 f_{yy}) + \frac{h^3}{4!}(f_{xxx} + 3ff_{xxy} + 3f^2 f_{xyy} + 3f_x f_{xy} + 5ff_y f_{xy} + 3ff_x f_{yy} + f_{xx} f_y + 4f^2 f_y f_{yy} + f_x f_y^2 + ff_y^3 + f^3 f_{yyy}) .$$

vi As a result, a set of linear/ non linear equations will be generated.

vii Solve the set of equations to derive a new fourth-order third-stage fully implicit Runge-Kutta formula.

III. DERIVATION OF THE FOURTH-ORDER THIRD-STAGE FULLY IMPLICIT RUNGE-KUTTA METHOD

From Lambert (1977), the general R – Stage Implicit Runge – Kutta Method is

$$y_{n+1} - y_n = h \phi(x_n, y_n, h),$$

$$\phi(x, y, h) = \sum_{r=1}^R C_r K_r$$

$$K_r = f(x + ha_r, y + h \sum_{s=1}^R b_{rs} k_s), r = 1, 2, 3, \dots, R,$$

$$a_r = \sum_{s=1}^R b_{rs}, r = 1, 2, 3, \dots, R,$$

(3.1)

For a third – stage, $R = 3$, K_r becomes:

$$K_r = f(x + ha_r, y + h(b_{r1}k_1 + b_{r2}k_2 + b_{r3}k_3))$$

(3.2)

Expanding (3.2) with Taylor series about the point (x, y) , we obtain:

$$K_r = \sum_{p=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{p!} (ha_r \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + h(b_{r1}k_1 + b_{r2}k_2 + b_{r3}k_3) \frac{\partial}{\partial y})^p f(x, y)$$

$$K_r = f + h[a_r f_x + (b_{r1}k_1 + b_{r2}k_2 + b_{r3}k_3)f_y] + \frac{1}{2!}h^2[a_r^2 f_{xx} + 2a_r(b_{r1}k_1 + b_{r2}k_2 + b_{r3}k_3)f_{xy} + (b_{r1}k_1 + b_{r2}k_2 + b_{r3}k_3)^2 f_{yy}] + \frac{1}{3!}h^3[a_r^3 f_{xxx} + 3a_r(b_{r1}k_1 + b_{r2}k_2 + b_{r3}k_3)f_{xxy} + 3a_r(b_{r1}k_1 + b_{r2}k_2 + b_{r3}k_3)^2 f_{xyy} + (b_{r1}k_1 + b_{r2}k_2 + b_{r3}k_3)^3 f_{yyy}] + O(h^2), r = 1, 2, 3$$

(3.3)

Since k_1, k_2 and k_3 are implicit, we cannot proceed by successive substitution as in the case of explicit. we assume that the solutions for k_1, k_2, k_3 may be expressed in the form:

$$K_r = \alpha_r + h\beta_r + h^2\theta_r + h^3\phi_r + O(h^4), r = 1, 2, 3$$

(3.4)

Putting the k_1, k_2 and k_3 into k_r , we have:

$$K_r = f + ha_r f_x + hb_{r1}(\alpha_1 + h\beta_1 + h^2\theta_1)f_y + hb_{r2}(\alpha_2 + h\beta_2 + h^2\theta_2)f_y + hb_{r3}(\alpha_3 + h\beta_3 + h^2\theta_3)f_y + \frac{h^2}{2!}a_r^2 f_{xx} + h^2 a_r b_{r1}(\alpha_1 + h\beta_1)f_{xy} +$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& h^2 a r b_{r2}(\alpha_2 + h\beta_2)f_{xy} + h^2 a r b_{r3}(\alpha_3 + h\beta_3)f_{xy} + \frac{h^2}{2!} b_{r1}^2(\alpha_1 + 2h\alpha_1\beta_1)f_{yy} + \\
& h^2 b_{r1}b_{r2}(\alpha_1\alpha_2 + h\alpha_1\beta_2 + h\beta_1\alpha_2)f_{yy} + h^2 a r b_{r3}(\alpha_1\alpha_3 + h\alpha_1\beta_3 + h\beta_1\alpha_3)f_{yy} + \\
& \frac{h^2}{2!} b_{r2}^2(\alpha_2^2 + 2h\alpha_2\beta_2)f_{yy} + h^2 b_{r2}b_{r3}(\alpha_2\alpha_3 + h\alpha_2\beta_3 + h\beta_2\alpha_3)f_{yy} + \\
& \frac{h^2}{2!} b_{r3}^2(\alpha_3^2 + 2h\alpha_3\beta_3)f_{yy} + \frac{h^3}{3!} a_r^3 f_{xxx} + \frac{h^3}{2!} a_r^2 b_{r1}\alpha_1 f_{xxy} + \frac{h^3}{2!} a_r^2 b_{r2}\alpha_2 f_{xxy} + \\
& \frac{h^3}{2!} a_r^2 b_{r3}\alpha_3 f_{xxy} + \frac{h^3}{2!} a r b_{r1}^2 \alpha_1^2 f_{xyy} + h^3 a r b_{r1}b_{r2}\alpha_1\alpha_2 f_{xyy} + \\
& h^3 a r b_{r1}b_{r3}\alpha_1\alpha_3 f_{xyy} + \frac{h^3}{2!} a r b_{r2}^2 \alpha_2^2 f_{xyy} + h^3 a r b_{r2}b_{r3}\alpha_2\alpha_3 f_{xyy} + \\
& \frac{h^3}{2!} a r b_{r3}^2 \alpha_3^2 f_{xyy} + \frac{h^3}{3!} (b_{r1}^3\alpha_1^3 + 3b_{r1}^2b_{r2}\alpha_1^2\alpha_2 + 3b_{r1}^2b_{r3}\alpha_1^2\alpha_3 + 3b_{r1}b_{r2}^2\alpha_1\alpha_2^2 + \\
& 6b_{r1}b_{r2}b_{r3}\alpha_1\alpha_2\alpha_3 + 3b_{r1}b_{r3}^2\alpha_1\alpha_3^2 + b_{r2}^3\alpha_2^3 + 3b_{r2}^2b_{r3}\alpha_2^2\alpha_3 + \\
& 3b_{r2}b_{r3}^2\alpha_2\alpha_3^2 + b_{r3}^3\alpha_3^3)f_{yyy} + O(h^4)
\end{aligned} \tag{3.5}$$

Equating (3.4) with (3.5) in powers of h , we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned}
\alpha_r &= f \\
\beta_r &= \alpha_r f_x + (b_{r1}\alpha_1 + b_{r2}\alpha_2 + b_{r3}\alpha_3)f_y \\
\theta_r &= (b_{r1}\beta_1 + b_{r2}\beta_2 + b_{r3}\beta_3)f_y + \frac{1}{2!} a_r^2 f_{xx} + (a_r b_{r1}\alpha_1 + a_r b_{r2}\alpha_2 + a_r b_{r3}\alpha_3)f_{xy} \\
&+ \frac{1}{2} (b_{r1}^2\alpha_1^2 + 2b_{r1}b_{r2}\alpha_1\alpha_2 + 2b_{r1}b_{r3}\alpha_1\alpha_3 + b_{r2}^2\alpha_2^2 + 2b_{r2}b_{r3}\alpha_2\alpha_3 + b_{r3}^2\alpha_3^2)f_{yy} \\
\phi_r &= (b_{r1}\theta_1 + b_{r2}\theta_2 + b_{r3}\theta_3)f_y + (a_r b_{r1}\beta_1 + a_r b_{r2}\beta_2 + a_r b_{r3}\beta_3)f_{xy} + \\
&(b_{r1}^2\beta_1 + b_{r1}b_{r2}\alpha_1\beta_2 + b_{r1}b_{r3}\alpha_1\beta_3 + b_{r2}b_{r3}\alpha_2\beta_3 + b_{r2}^2\alpha_2\beta_2 + \\
&b_{r2}b_{r3}\alpha_2\beta_3 + b_{r3}^2\alpha_3\beta_3)f_{yy} + \frac{1}{6} a_r^3 f_{xxx} + \frac{1}{2} a_r^2 (b_{r1}\alpha_1 + b_{r2}\alpha_2 + b_{r3}\alpha_3) \\
&f_{xxy} + \frac{1}{2} a_r (b_{r1}^2\alpha_1^2 + 2b_{r1}b_{r2}\alpha_1\alpha_2 + 2b_{r1}b_{r3}\alpha_1\alpha_3 + b_{r2}^2\alpha_2^2 + 2b_{r2}b_{r3}\alpha_2\alpha_3 + b_{r3}^2\alpha_3^2) \\
&f_{xyy} + \frac{1}{6} (b_{r1}^3\alpha_1^3 + 3b_{r1}^2b_{r2}\alpha_1^2\alpha_2 + 3b_{r1}^2b_{r3}\alpha_1^2\alpha_3 + 3b_{r1}b_{r2}^2\alpha_1\alpha_2^2 + \\
&6b_{r1}b_{r2}b_{r3}\alpha_1\alpha_2\alpha_3 + 3b_{r1}b_{r3}^2\alpha_1\alpha_3^2 + b_{r2}^3\alpha_2^3 + 3b_{r2}^2b_{r3}\alpha_2^2\alpha_3 + \\
&3b_{r2}b_{r3}^2\alpha_2\alpha_3^2 + b_{r3}^3\alpha_3^3)f_{yyy} + O(h^4), \quad r = 1, 2, 3
\end{aligned} \tag{3.6}$$

From (3.4), we know that:

$$\begin{aligned}
k_1 &= \alpha_1 + h\beta_1 + h^2\theta_1 + h^3\phi_1 \\
k_2 &= \alpha_2 + h\beta_2 + h^2\theta_2 + h^3\phi_2 \\
k_3 &= \alpha_3 + h\beta_3 + h^2\theta_3 + h^3\phi_3
\end{aligned} \tag{3.7}$$

$$\text{Also from (1), } \phi(x, y, h) = \sum_{r=1}^3 c_r k_r = c_1 k_1 + c_2 k_2 + c_3 k_3 \tag{3.8}$$

Putting (3.7) into (3.8), we have:

$$\phi(x, y, h) = c_1\alpha_1 + c_2\alpha_2 + c_3\alpha_3 + h(c_1\beta_1 + c_2\beta_2 + c_3\beta_3) + h^2(c_1\theta_1 + c_2\theta_2 + c_3\theta_3) + h^3(c_1\phi_1 + c_2\phi_2 + c_3\phi_3) + O(h^4) \tag{3.9}$$

The necessary Taylor's series expansion is:

$$\begin{aligned}
\phi_T(x, y, h) &= f + \frac{h}{2!} (f_x + f f_y) + \frac{h^2}{3!} (f_{xx} + 2f f_{xy} + f_x f_y + f f_y^2 + f^2 f_{yy}) + \frac{h^3}{4!} (f_{xxx} + 3f f_{xxy} + 3f^2 f_{xyy} + \\
&3f_x f_{xy} + 5f f_y f_{xy} + 3f f_x f_{yy} + f_{xx} f_y + 4f^2 f_y f_{yy} + f_x f_y^2 + f f_y^3 + f^3 f_{yyy})
\end{aligned} \tag{3.10}$$

Putting $\alpha_i, \beta_i, \theta_i$ and ϕ_i $i = 1, 2, 3$, into (3.7), and the resulting k_1, k_2, k_3 into (3.8) and equating coefficients with (3.10), we have the equations below:

$$\begin{aligned}
c_1 + c_2 + c_3 &= 1, \quad c_1\alpha_1 + c_2\alpha_2 + c_3\alpha_3 = \frac{1}{2}, \quad c_1\alpha_1^2 + c_2\alpha_2^2 + c_3\alpha_3^2 = \frac{1}{3}, \quad c_1\alpha_1^3 + c_2\alpha_2^3 + c_3\alpha_3^3 = \frac{1}{4} \\
c_1(b_{11}\alpha_1 + b_{12}\alpha_2 + b_{13}\alpha_3) + c_2(b_{21}\alpha_1 + b_{22}\alpha_2 + b_{23}\alpha_3) + c_3(b_{31}\alpha_1 + b_{32}\alpha_2 + b_{33}\alpha_3) &= \frac{1}{6} \\
c_1(b_{11}\alpha_1^2 + b_{12}\alpha_1\alpha_2 + b_{13}\alpha_1\alpha_3) + c_2(b_{21}\alpha_1\alpha_2 + b_{22}\alpha_2^2 + b_{23}\alpha_2\alpha_3) + c_3(b_{31}\alpha_1\alpha_3 + b_{32}\alpha_2\alpha_3 + b_{33}\alpha_3^2) &= \frac{1}{8} \\
c_1(b_{11}\alpha_1^2 + b_{12}\alpha_2^2 + b_{13}\alpha_3^2) + c_2(b_{21}\alpha_1^2 + b_{22}\alpha_2^2 + b_{23}\alpha_3^2) + c_3(b_{31}\alpha_1^2 + b_{32}\alpha_2^2 + b_{33}\alpha_3^2) &= \frac{1}{12} \\
c_1[a_1(b_{11}^2 + b_{12}b_{21} + b_{13}b_{31}) + a_2(b_{11}b_{12} + b_{12}b_{22} + b_{13}b_{32}) + a_3(b_{11}b_{13} + b_{12}b_{23} + b_{13}b_{33})] + \\
c_2[a_1(b_{11}b_{21} + b_{21}b_{22} + b_{23}b_{31}) + a_2(b_{12}b_{21} + b_{22}^2 + b_{23}b_{32}) + a_3(b_{21}b_{13} + b_{22}b_{23} + b_{23}b_{33})] + \\
c_3[a_1(b_{11}b_{31} + b_{21}b_{32} + b_{31}b_{33}) + a_2(b_{12}b_{31} + b_{22}b_{32} + b_{32}b_{33}) + a_3(b_{13}b_{31} + b_{23}b_{32} + b_{33}^2)] &= \frac{1}{24}
\end{aligned} \tag{3.11}$$

Note: $a_1 = b_{11} + b_{12} + b_{13}$, $a_2 = b_{21} + b_{22} + b_{23}$, $a_3 = b_{31} + b_{32} + b_{33}$,

From the general implicit Runge-Kutta scheme in (3.1), we have the third-stage fourth-order method:

$$\begin{aligned} y_{n+1} - y_n &= h(c_1 k_1 + c_2 k_2 + c_3 k_3) \\ k_1 &= f(x_n + ha_1, y_n + h(b_{11}k_1 + b_{12}k_2 + b_{13}k_3)) \\ k_2 &= f(x_n + ha_2, y_n + h(b_{21}k_1 + b_{22}k_2 + b_{23}k_3)) \\ k_3 &= f(x_n + ha_3, y_n + h(b_{31}k_1 + b_{32}k_2 + b_{33}k_3)) \end{aligned} \quad (3.12)$$

Resolving (3.11) and putting the parameters into (3.12), we have the implicit third-stage fourth-order formula below:

$$\begin{aligned} y_{n+1} - y_n &= \frac{h}{4}(k_1 + 2k_2 + k_3) \\ k_1 &= f\left(x_n + h\left(\frac{3-\sqrt{6}}{6}\right), y_n + h\left(\frac{k_1}{8} + \left(\frac{6-\sqrt{6}}{24}\right)k_2 + \left(\frac{1-\sqrt{6}}{8}\right)k_3\right)\right) \\ k_2 &= f\left(x_n + \frac{h}{2}, y_n + h\left(\left(\frac{6+\sqrt{6}}{48}\right)k_1 + \frac{k_2}{4} + \left(\frac{6-\sqrt{6}}{48}\right)k_3\right)\right) \\ k_3 &= f\left(x_n + h\left(\frac{3+\sqrt{6}}{6}\right), y_n + h\left(\left(\frac{1+\sqrt{6}}{8}\right)k_1 + \left(\frac{6+\sqrt{6}}{24}\right)k_2 + \frac{k_3}{8}\right)\right) \end{aligned} \quad (3.13)$$

The Butcher's tableau for our method is:

$\frac{3-\sqrt{6}}{6}$	$\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{6-\sqrt{6}}{24}$	$\frac{1-\sqrt{6}}{8}$
$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{6+\sqrt{6}}{48}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{6-\sqrt{6}}{48}$
$\frac{3+\sqrt{6}}{6}$	$\frac{1+\sqrt{6}}{8}$	$\frac{6+\sqrt{6}}{24}$	$\frac{1}{8}$
	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{4}$

The Lobatto's third-stage fourth-order implicit formula below:

$$\begin{aligned} y_{n+1} &= y_n + \frac{h}{6}(k_1 + 4k_2 + k_3) \\ k_1 &= f\left(x_n, y_n + \frac{h}{6}(k_1 - 2k_2 + k_3)\right) \\ k_2 &= f\left(x_n + \frac{h}{2}, y_n + \frac{h}{12}(2k_1 + 5k_2 - k_3)\right) \\ k_3 &= f\left(x_n + h, y_n + \frac{h}{6}(k_1 + 4k_2 + k_3)\right) \end{aligned}$$

IV. STABILITY FUNCTION OF OUR IMPLICIT METHOD

According to Butcher (2010), the stability function of any implicit RungeKutta method is:

$$y_{n+1} = \det \frac{(I - ZA + Zeb^T)y_n}{\det(1 - ZA)}$$

From our implicit method above,

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{8} & \frac{6-\sqrt{6}}{24} & \frac{1-\sqrt{6}}{8} \\ \frac{6+\sqrt{6}}{48} & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{6-\sqrt{6}}{48} \\ \frac{1+\sqrt{6}}{8} & \frac{6+\sqrt{6}}{24} & \frac{1}{8} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$e = (1,1,1)^T, I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, b = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{4} \\ \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{4} \end{bmatrix}, b^T = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{4} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(I - zA) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} - z \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{8} & \frac{6-\sqrt{6}}{24} & \frac{1-\sqrt{6}}{8} \\ \frac{6+\sqrt{6}}{48} & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{6-\sqrt{6}}{48} \\ \frac{1+\sqrt{6}}{8} & \frac{6+\sqrt{6}}{24} & \frac{1}{8} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(I - zA) = \begin{bmatrix} (1 - \frac{z}{8}) & (-\frac{z}{4} + \frac{\sqrt{6}z}{24}) & (-\frac{z}{8} + \frac{\sqrt{6}z}{8}) \\ (-\frac{z}{8} - \frac{\sqrt{6}z}{48}) & (1 - \frac{z}{4}) & (-\frac{z}{8} + \frac{\sqrt{6}z}{48}) \\ (-\frac{z}{8} - \frac{\sqrt{6}z}{8}) & (-\frac{z}{4} + \frac{\sqrt{6}z}{24}) & (1 - \frac{z}{8}) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Det}(I - zA) = \text{Det} \begin{bmatrix} (1 - \frac{z}{8}) & (-\frac{z}{4} + \frac{\sqrt{6}z}{24}) & (-\frac{z}{8} + \frac{\sqrt{6}z}{8}) \\ (-\frac{z}{8} - \frac{\sqrt{6}z}{48}) & (1 - \frac{z}{4}) & (-\frac{z}{8} + \frac{\sqrt{6}z}{48}) \\ (-\frac{z}{8} - \frac{\sqrt{6}z}{8}) & (-\frac{z}{4} + \frac{\sqrt{6}z}{24}) & (1 - \frac{z}{8}) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Det}(I - zA) = (1 - \frac{z}{8}) \left[(1 - \frac{z}{4}) (1 - \frac{z}{8}) - (\frac{-z}{8} + \frac{\sqrt{6}z}{48}) (\frac{-z}{4} - \frac{\sqrt{6}z}{24}) \right] - (\frac{-z}{4} + \frac{\sqrt{6}z}{24}) \left[(\frac{-z}{8} - \frac{\sqrt{6}z}{48}) (1 - \frac{z}{8}) - (\frac{-z}{8} + \frac{\sqrt{6}z}{48}) (\frac{-z}{8} - \frac{\sqrt{6}z}{8}) \right] + (\frac{-z}{8} + \frac{\sqrt{6}z}{8}) \left[(\frac{-z}{8} - \frac{\sqrt{6}z}{48}) (\frac{-z}{4} - \frac{\sqrt{6}z}{24}) - (1 - \frac{z}{4}) (\frac{-z}{8} - \frac{\sqrt{6}z}{8}) \right]$$

$$\text{Det}(I - zA) = (1 - \frac{z}{2} + \frac{5z^2}{96} - \frac{z^3}{1536}) - (\frac{5z^2}{192} - \frac{5z^3}{768} + \frac{5\sqrt{6}z^3}{1536}) + (\frac{5z^2}{64} - \frac{25z^3}{1536} + \frac{5\sqrt{6}z^3}{1536})$$

$$= 1 - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)z + \left(\frac{5}{48}\right)z^2 - \left(\frac{1}{96}\right)z^3$$

$$(I - zA + zeb^T) = \begin{bmatrix} (1 - \frac{z}{8}) & (-\frac{z}{4} + \frac{\sqrt{6}z}{24}) & (-\frac{z}{8} + \frac{\sqrt{6}z}{8}) \\ (-\frac{z}{8} - \frac{\sqrt{6}z}{48}) & (1 - \frac{z}{4}) & (-\frac{z}{8} + \frac{\sqrt{6}z}{48}) \\ (-\frac{z}{8} - \frac{\sqrt{6}z}{8}) & (-\frac{z}{4} + \frac{\sqrt{6}z}{24}) & (1 - \frac{z}{8}) \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \frac{z}{4} & \frac{z}{2} & \frac{z}{4} \\ \frac{z}{4} & \frac{z}{2} & \frac{z}{4} \\ \frac{z}{4} & \frac{z}{2} & \frac{z}{4} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Det}(I - zA + zeb^T) = \det \begin{bmatrix} (1 + \frac{z}{8}) & (\frac{z}{4} + \frac{\sqrt{6}z}{24}) & (\frac{z}{8} + \frac{\sqrt{6}z}{8}) \\ (\frac{z}{8} - \frac{\sqrt{6}z}{48}) & (1 + \frac{z}{4}) & (\frac{z}{8} + \frac{\sqrt{6}z}{48}) \\ (\frac{z}{8} - \frac{\sqrt{6}z}{8}) & (\frac{z}{4} - \frac{\sqrt{6}z}{24}) & (1 + \frac{z}{8}) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Det}(I - zA + zeb^T) = (1 + \frac{z}{8}) \left[(1 + \frac{z}{4}) (1 + \frac{z}{8}) - (\frac{z}{8} + \frac{\sqrt{6}z}{48}) (\frac{z}{4} - \frac{\sqrt{6}z}{24}) \right] - (\frac{z}{4} + \frac{\sqrt{6}z}{24}) \left[(\frac{z}{8} - \frac{\sqrt{6}z}{48}) (1 + \frac{z}{8}) - (\frac{z}{8} + \frac{\sqrt{6}z}{48}) (\frac{z}{8} - \frac{\sqrt{6}z}{8}) \right] + (\frac{z}{8} + \frac{\sqrt{6}z}{8}) \left[(\frac{z}{8} - \frac{\sqrt{6}z}{48}) (\frac{z}{4} - \frac{\sqrt{6}z}{24}) - (1 + \frac{z}{4}) (\frac{z}{8} - \frac{\sqrt{6}z}{8}) \right]$$

$$\text{Det}(I - zA + zeb^T) = (1 + \frac{z}{2} + \frac{5z^2}{96} + \frac{z^3}{1536}) - (\frac{5z^2}{192} + \frac{5z^3}{768} + \frac{5\sqrt{6}z^3}{1536}) + (\frac{5z^2}{64} + \frac{25z^3}{1536} + \frac{5\sqrt{6}z^3}{1536})$$

$$\text{Det}(I - zA + zeb^T) = 1 + \frac{z}{2} + \frac{5z^2}{48} + \frac{z^3}{96}$$

$$\text{Gives birth to our stability function } y_{n+1} = \frac{1 + \frac{z}{2} + \frac{5z^2}{48} + \frac{z^3}{96}}{1 - \frac{z}{2} + \frac{5z^2}{48} - \frac{z^3}{96}}$$

The above stability function is a rational polynomial which can be expressed as:

$$y_{n+1} = \left(1 + \frac{z}{2} + \frac{5z^2}{48} + \frac{z^3}{96}\right) \left(1 - \frac{z}{2} + \frac{5z^2}{48} - \frac{z^3}{96}\right)^{-1} = \left(1 + z + \frac{z^2}{2} + \frac{z^3}{6}\right)$$

Theorem 4.1: The new fourth order third stage implicit Runge-Kutta method is an A-stable and L-stable method.

Proof:

From our definition on A-stability using the stability function in chapter two of this work,

We obtain that $y_{n+1} = R(z)y_n$, where $z = \lambda h$

$$\text{And } R(z) = \frac{1 + \frac{z}{2} + \frac{5z^2}{48} + \frac{z^3}{96}}{1 - \frac{z}{2} + \frac{5z^2}{48} - \frac{z^3}{96}}$$

We have:

$$y_{n+1} = \left(\frac{1 + \frac{(\lambda h)}{2} + \frac{5(\lambda h)^2}{48} + \frac{(\lambda h)^3}{96}}{1 - \frac{(\lambda h)}{2} + \frac{5(\lambda h)^2}{48} - \frac{(\lambda h)^3}{96}} \right) y_n$$

$$y_1 = \left(\frac{1 + \frac{(\lambda h)}{2} + \frac{5(\lambda h)^2}{48} + \frac{(\lambda h)^3}{96}}{1 - \frac{(\lambda h)}{2} + \frac{5(\lambda h)^2}{48} - \frac{(\lambda h)^3}{96}} \right) y_0$$

$$y_2 = \left(\frac{1 + \frac{(\lambda h)}{2} + \frac{5(\lambda h)^2}{48} + \frac{(\lambda h)^3}{96}}{1 - \frac{(\lambda h)}{2} + \frac{5(\lambda h)^2}{48} - \frac{(\lambda h)^3}{96}} \right)^2 y_0$$

$$y_3 = \left(\frac{1 + \frac{(\lambda h)}{2} + \frac{5(\lambda h)^2}{48} + \frac{(\lambda h)^3}{96}}{1 - \frac{(\lambda h)}{2} + \frac{5(\lambda h)^2}{48} - \frac{(\lambda h)^3}{96}} \right)^3 y_0$$

Therefore, for any fixed point n , we have:

$$y_n = \left(\frac{1 + \frac{(\lambda h)}{2} + \frac{5(\lambda h)^2}{48} + \frac{(\lambda h)^3}{96}}{1 - \frac{(\lambda h)}{2} + \frac{5(\lambda h)^2}{48} - \frac{(\lambda h)^3}{96}} \right)^n y_0$$

So for any fixed point $t = t_n = nh$, we have $|R(\lambda nh)^n| \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ for all λh with $\text{Re}(\lambda) < 0$, where

$y_n \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Hence, $y_{n+1} = R(z).y_n$, and by induction, $y_n = (R(Z))^n.y_0$.

Hence, $R(z) = 1 + z + \frac{1}{2}z^2 + \frac{1}{6}z^3 = 0$. Using MAPLE to solve $R(z)$, the complex roots are:

$$-1.59607163798332152310, -0.70196418100833923844 - 1.80733949445202185360I, \\ -0.70196418100833923844 + 1.80733949445202185360I$$

$$|R(z)| \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } Re \rightarrow -\infty$$
$$1 + -1.59607163798332152310 + \frac{(-1.59607163798332152310)^2}{2} + \frac{(-1.59607163798332152310)^3}{6}$$

Plotting the complex roots on a graph (the real parts on the x -axis and the imaginary parts on the y -axis) using MATLAB CODE, we have the absolute stability region seen in the diagram below:

V. IMPLEMENTATION ON STIFF PROBLEMS

Results of problem 1 from the fully implicit third-stage fourth-order method:

XN	YN	TSOL	ERROR
.1D+00	0.99855072463768115940	0.99865792823444318286	0.00010720359676202346
.2D+00	0.60369670237345095568	0.60379303598931081698	0.00009633361585986130
.3D+00	0.48137098222575332792	0.48143590657882500675	0.00006492435307167883
.4D+00	0.48148551375359932124	0.48152440795673243033	0.00003889420313310909
.5D+00	0.53660943371538520230	0.53663127777746836059	0.00002184406208315829
.6D+00	0.61644771659676726480	0.61645949409804005768	0.00001177750127279288
.7D+00	0.7073895538333022042	0.70739572743296586164	0.00000617359963564122
.8D+00	0.80331994447584401207	0.80332311454634786900	0.00000317007050385693
.9D+00	0.90149156925726325180	0.90149317161675335874	0.00000160235949010694
1D+01	1.00067012531848059140	1.00067092525580502370	7.99937324432300000000 10^{-7}
1.1+01	1.10030107079525939610	1.10030146615019095320	3.95354931557100000000 10^{-7}

Results of problem 1 from Lobatto's fully implicit third-stage fourth-order method:

XN	YN	TSOL	ERROR
.1D+00	0.99820359281437125750	0.99865792823444318286	0.00045433542007192536
.2D+00	0.60338484707232242103	0.60379303598931081698	0.00040818891698839595
.3D+00	0.48116085946361785375	0.48143590657882500675	0.00027504711520715300
.4D+00	0.48135966742378047324	0.48152440795673243033	0.00016474053295195709
.5D+00	0.53653877279511099098	0.53663127777746836059	0.00009250498235736961
.6D+00	0.61640962850079834925	0.61645949409804005768	0.00004986559724170843
.7D+00	0.70736959363808309098	0.70739572743296586164	0.00002613379488277066
.8D+00	0.80330969774165408278	0.80332311454634786900	0.00001341680469378622
.9D+00	0.90148639120134165395	0.90149317161675335874	0.00000678041541170479
1D+01	1.00066754095868637150	1.00067092525580502370	0.00000338429711865220
1.1+01	1.10029979384372142430	1.10030146615019095320	0.00000167230646952890

Results of problem 2 from the fully implicit third-stage fourth-order method:

XN	YN	TSOL	ERROR
.01D+00	0.86070795369259161231	0.86070797642505780723	2.27324661949200000000 10^{-8}
.02D+00	0.74081818154968842727	0.74081822068171786607	3.91320294388000000000 10^{-8}
.03D+00	0.63762810109989915281	0.63762815162177329314	5.05218741403300000000 10^{-8}
.04D+00	0.54881157811458712292	0.54881163609402643263	5.79794393097100000000 10^{-8}
.05D+00	0.47236649036180817775	0.47236655274101470714	6.23792065293900000000 10^{-8}
.06D+00	0.40656959531226321521	0.40656965974059911188	6.44283358966700000000 10^{-8}
.07D+00	0.34993768441484315930	0.34993774911115535467	6.46963121953700000000 10^{-8}
.08D+00	0.30119414827262356352	0.30119421191220209664	6.36395785331200000000 10^{-8}
.09D+00	0.25924019902391285407	0.25924026064589150757	6.16219786535000000000 10^{-8}
.1D+00	0.22313010121673221810	0.22313016014842982893	5.89316976108300000000 10^{-8}

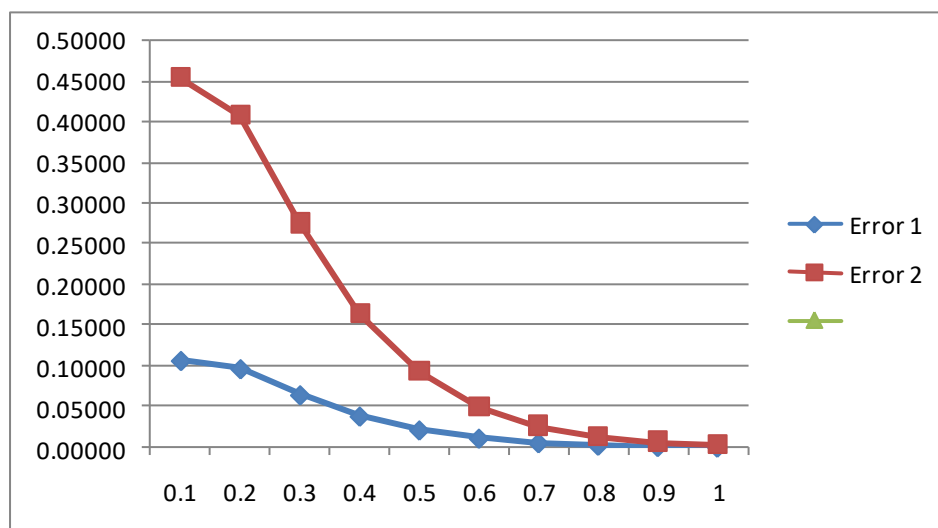
Results of problem 2 from Lobatto's fully implicit third-stage fourth-order method:

XN	YN	TSOL	ERROR
.01D+00	0.86070784837010437479	0.86070797642505780723	1.28054953432440000000 10^{-7}

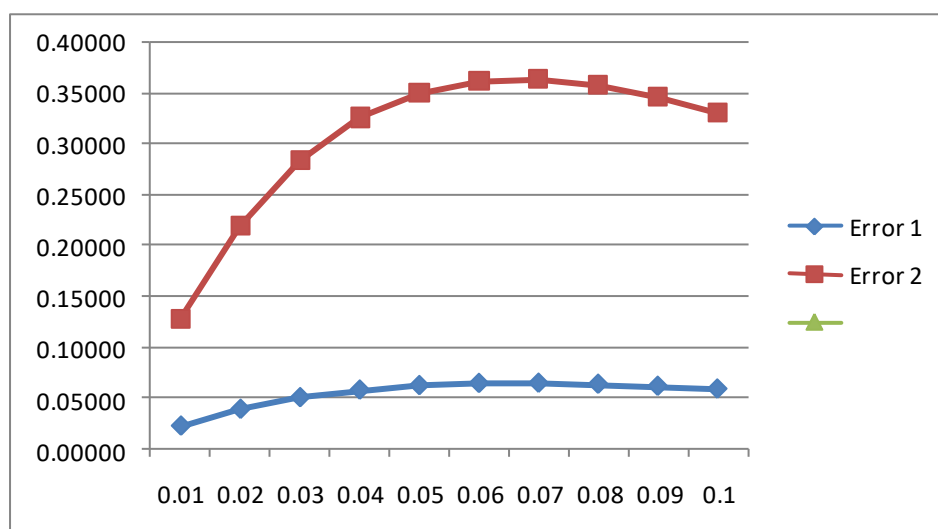
.02D+00	0.74081800024589458406	0.74081822068171786607	2.204358232820100000000 10^{-7}
.03D+00	0.63762786702548738110	0.63762815162177329314	2.845962859120400000000 10^{-7}
.04D+00	0.54881130948832626802	0.54881163609402643263	3.266057001646100000000 10^{-7}
.05D+00	0.47236620135087674985	0.47236655274101470714	3.513901379572900000000 10^{-7}
.06D+00	0.40656929680747261790	0.40656965974059911188	3.629331264939800000000 10^{-7}
.07D+00	0.34993738466850610268	0.34993774911115535467	3.644426492519900000000 10^{-7}
.08D+00	0.30119385342229143798	0.30119421191220209664	3.584899106586600000000 10^{-7}
.09D+00	0.25923991352140106162	0.25924026064589150757	3.471244904459500000000 10^{-7}
.1D+00	0.22312982817865703581	0.22313016014842982893	3.319697727931200000000 10^{-7}

FIGURE 2 ABSOLUTE ERROR GRAPHS FOR THE ABOVE STIFF PROBLEMS

PROBLEM 1



PROBLEM 2



N.B: Error1 is from our three-stage fourth-order fully implicit method
 Error2 is from Lobatto's three-stage fourth-order fully implicit method

VI. CONCLUSION

It is clearly seen from the two graphs that our implicit method performs better than the existing Lobatto's method. The error columns in our table of results table 5.1 justify our claim. Also, from our stability analysis it shows that our method is both A- and L-stable.

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