



# Construction of Five-step Continuous Block General Method for the Solution of Ordinary Differential Equations

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## ABSTRACT

In this paper, a self starting five step Continuous Block Hybrid Adams Moulton Method (CBHAM) with three off-grid points is developed using collocation and interpolation procedures. The predictor schemes are then expanded using Taylor's series expansion. Multiple numerical integrators were produced and arrived at some discrete schemes. The discrete schemes are of uniform order and are assembled into a single block matrix equation. These equations are simultaneously applied to provide the approximate solution for stiff initial value problems for ordinary differential equations. The order of accuracy and stability of the block method is discussed and its accuracy is established numerically.

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**1. INTRODUCTION**

Consider the first order initial value problems of the form

$$y' = f(x, y), y(x_0) = y_0, x \in [a, b] \tag{1}$$

The solution is in the range  $a \leq x \leq b$ , where  $a$  and  $b$  are finite and we assumed that  $f$  satisfies Lipschitz condition, which guarantees the existence and uniqueness of solution of the problem (1).

The discrete solution of (1) by linear multi-step methods has being studied by authors like [1] One important advantage of the continuous over discrete approach is the ability to provide discrete schemes for simultaneous integration

These discrete schemes can as well be reformulated as general linear method (GLM) [2].

Many researchers have worked on the development of continuous linear multi-step method in finding solution to (1). These scholars proposed methods with different basis functions, among them are, [3,4,5], to mention few. These block methods are self- starting and can directly be applied to stiff problems.

In this paper, we present the construction of five step continuous block general linear method with three off-grid points. The derived schemes will be applied in a block form.

**2. DERIVATION OF THE METHODS**

We define the K-step continuous Hybrid formula to be of the form

$$y(x) = \sum_{j=1}^{r-1} \alpha_j(x) y_{n+j} + \sum_{j=1}^{s-1} h_n \beta_j(x) f_{n+j} \tag{2}$$

$n = 0, k, 2k, \dots, j$

Where  $t$  and  $s$  denote the number of interpolation and collocation points respectively and  $h_n$  the variable step-size which is valid in the  $k$ -step,  $x_n \leq x \leq x_{n+k}$ . Note that,

$$\alpha_i(x) = \sum_{r=1}^t C_{ri} \phi_r(x) + \sum_{r=t+1}^p C_{ri} \phi_r(x) \tag{3}$$

$$h_n \beta_i(x) = \sum_{r=1}^t C_{ri} \phi_r(x) + \sum_{r=t+1}^p C_{ri} \phi_r(x) \tag{4}$$

The polynomial  $\phi_1, \dots, \phi_p$  are given bases and  $p = t + s - 1$  is the degree of the polynomial interpolation  $Y$  and the collocation points  $C_i, i = 1, \dots, s$  and  $C_{ij}$  are element of an inverse matrix  $C$ , for the initial value problems given in the form of (1).

The formulas in equations (2), (3) and (4) are obtained from the multi-step collocation following [6] which was a generalization of [1]. The expansion of

$$y(x) \approx Y(x) = \alpha_1 \phi_1(x) + \alpha_2 \phi_2(x) + \dots + \alpha_p \phi_p(x) \tag{5}$$

$x_n \leq x \leq x_{n+k}$

Starting with (5) and imposing the following conditions

$$\begin{cases} \alpha_1 \phi_1(x_j) + \dots + \alpha_p \phi_p(x_j) = y_j, j = 1, \dots, t \\ \alpha_1 \phi_1'(x_j) + \dots + \alpha_p \phi_p'(x_j) = f_j, i = 1, \dots, s \end{cases} \tag{6}$$

Putting (6) in matrix form, we have

$$CA = I \tag{7}$$

where  $I$  is the identity matrix of appropriate dimension

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x_n & x_n^2 \cdots x_n^f & \cdots x_n^{f+m-1} \\ 1 & x_{n+1} & x_{n+1}^2 \cdots x_{n+1}^f & \cdots x_{n+1}^{f+m-1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \ddots \vdots & \ddots \vdots \\ 1 & x_{n+t-1} & x_{n+t-1}^2 \cdots x_{n+t-1}^f & \cdots x_{n+t-1}^{f+m-1} \\ 0 & 1 & 2\bar{x}_0 \cdots t\bar{x}_1^{(t-1)} \cdots (t+m-1)\bar{x}_1^{f+m-2} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \ddots \vdots & \ddots \vdots \\ 0 & 1 & 2\bar{x}_m \cdots t\bar{x}_m^{(t-1)} \cdots (t+m-1)\bar{x}_m^{f+m-2} \end{pmatrix} \tag{8}$$

and

$$C = \begin{pmatrix} C_{1,1} & C_{1,2} & \cdots & C_{1,t} & C_{1,t+1} & \cdots & C_{1,t+s} \\ C_{2,1} & C_{2,2} & \cdots & C_{2,t} & C_{2,t+1} & \cdots & C_{2,t+s} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ C_{t,1} & C_{t,2} & \cdots & C_{t,t} & C_{t,t+1} & \cdots & C_{t,t+s} \\ C_{t+1,1} & C_{t+1,2} & \cdots & C_{t+1,t} & C_{t+1,t+1} & \cdots & C_{t+1,t+s} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ C_{t+s,1} & C_{t+s,2} & \cdots & C_{t+s,t} & C_{t+s,t+1} & \cdots & C_{t+s,t+s} \end{pmatrix} \tag{9}$$

We call  $A$  the multi-step collocation and interpolation matrix which has a very simple structure and of dimension  $(t+m) \times (t+m)$ . As can be seen the entries of  $C$  are the constant coefficients of the polynomial given in (2) which are to be determined.

### 3. SPECIFICATION OF THE METHODS

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x_n & x_n^2 \cdots & x_n^{t+m-1} \\ 1 & x_{n+1} & x_{n+1}^2 \cdots & x_{n+1}^{t+m-1} \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ 1 & x_{n+t-1} & x_{n+t-1}^2 \cdots & x_{n+t-1}^{t+m-1} \\ 0 & 1 & 2\bar{x}_0 & (t+m-1)\bar{x}_0^{t+m-2} \\ 0 & 1 & 2\bar{x}_0 & (t+m-1)\bar{x}_1^{t+m-2} \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ 0 & 1 & 2\bar{x}_{m-1} & (t+m-1)\bar{x}_{m-1}^{t+m-2} \end{pmatrix} \tag{10}$$

The parameters required for equation (10) are  $k=5, t=1, m=k+3$

$$(x_n, x_{n+5}), \left( \bar{x}_0 = x_n, \bar{x}_1 = x_{n+1}, \bar{x}_{3/2} = x_{n+3/2}, \bar{x}_2 = x_{n+2}, \bar{x}_{5/2} = x_{n+5/2}, \bar{x}_3 = x_{n+3}, \bar{x}_{7/2} = x_{n+7/2}, \bar{x}_4 = x_{n+4}, \bar{x}_5 = x_{n+5} \right)$$

### 3.1 The Continuous General Block Method: Case K=5, with 3 Off-grid Points

The collocation matrix  $A$  is given by

$$\begin{pmatrix}
 1 & x_n & x_n^2 & x_n^3 & x_n^4 & x_n^5 & x_n^6 & x_n^7 & x_n^8 & x_n^9 \\
 0 & 1 & 2x_n & 3x_n^2 & 4x_n^3 & 5x_n^4 & 6x_n^5 & 7x_n^6 & 8x_n^7 & 9x_n^8 \\
 0 & 1 & 2x_{n+1} & 3x_{n+1}^2 & 4x_{n+1}^3 & 5x_{n+1}^4 & 6x_{n+1}^5 & 7x_{n+1}^6 & 8x_{n+1}^7 & 9x_{n+1}^8 \\
 0 & 1 & 2x_{n+\frac{3}{2}} & 3x_{n+\frac{3}{2}}^2 & 4x_{n+\frac{3}{2}}^3 & 5x_{n+\frac{3}{2}}^4 & 6x_{n+\frac{3}{2}}^5 & 7x_{n+\frac{3}{2}}^6 & 8x_{n+\frac{3}{2}}^7 & 9x_{n+\frac{3}{2}}^8 \\
 0 & 1 & 2x_{n+2} & 3x_{n+2}^2 & 4x_{n+2}^3 & 5x_{n+2}^4 & 6x_{n+2}^5 & 7x_{n+2}^6 & 8x_{n+2}^7 & 9x_{n+2}^8 \\
 0 & 1 & 2x_{n+\frac{5}{2}} & 3x_{n+\frac{5}{2}}^2 & 4x_{n+\frac{5}{2}}^3 & 5x_{n+\frac{5}{2}}^4 & 6x_{n+\frac{5}{2}}^5 & 7x_{n+\frac{5}{2}}^6 & 8x_{n+\frac{5}{2}}^7 & 9x_{n+\frac{5}{2}}^8 \\
 0 & 1 & 2x_{n+3} & 3x_{n+3}^2 & 4x_{n+3}^3 & 5x_{n+3}^4 & 6x_{n+3}^5 & 7x_{n+3}^6 & 8x_{n+3}^7 & 9x_{n+3}^8 \\
 0 & 1 & 2x_{n+\frac{7}{2}} & 3x_{n+\frac{7}{2}}^2 & 4x_{n+\frac{7}{2}}^3 & 5x_{n+\frac{7}{2}}^4 & 6x_{n+\frac{7}{2}}^5 & 7x_{n+\frac{7}{2}}^6 & 8x_{n+\frac{7}{2}}^7 & 9x_{n+\frac{7}{2}}^8 \\
 0 & 1 & 2x_{n+4} & 3x_{n+4}^2 & 4x_{n+4}^3 & 5x_{n+4}^4 & 6x_{n+4}^5 & 7x_{n+4}^6 & 8x_{n+4}^7 & 9x_{n+4}^8 \\
 0 & 1 & 2x_{n+5} & 3x_{n+5}^2 & 4x_{n+5}^3 & 5x_{n+5}^4 & 6x_{n+5}^5 & 7x_{n+5}^6 & 8x_{n+5}^7 & 9x_{n+5}^8
 \end{pmatrix} \tag{11}$$

Similarly, we invert the matrix  $A$  in equation (1) above, which leads to the following Continuous scheme.

$$y(x) = \alpha_0 y_{n+1} + h \left[ \begin{matrix} \beta_0(x)f_n + \beta_1(x)f_{n+1} + \beta_{3/2}(x)f_{n+3/2} + \beta_2(x)f_{n+2} + \beta_{5/2}(x)f_{n+5/2} + \beta_3(x)f_{n+3} + \beta_{7/2}(x)f_{n+7/2} \\ + \beta_4(x)f_{n+4} + \beta_5(x)f_{n+5} \end{matrix} \right] \tag{12}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
 \alpha_0 &= 1. \\
 \beta^0 &= \frac{1}{2268000} x^3 \left( 1344x^6 + 4183h^6 + 22680x^5h + 154980x^4h^2 + 548100x^3h^3 + 1048950x^2h^4 - 20160xx^5 - 2622375x^5 + 1056132x^2h^4 + 20160x^2x^4 - 274050x^3h^3 - 13440x^3x^3 + 44280x^4h^2 + 5760x^4x^2 - 4050x^5h - 1440x^5x^2 - 283500xx^4h - 1549800xx^3h^2 - 4110750xx^2h^3 - 5280660xx^4h^4 + 1644300x^2x^2h^3 + 929880x^2x^2h^2 + 226800x^2x^3h - 309960x^3x^2h^2 - 113400x^3x^2h + 32400x^4x^2h + 160x^6 \right) / h^8 \\
 \beta^1 &= \frac{-1}{453600} x^3 \left( 94080x^6 + 13948200h^6 + 1517040x^5h + 9765000x^4h^2 + 31857000x^3h^3 + 54815040x^2h^4 + 46018980x^5h^5 - 141120xx^5 - 11504745x^5h^5 + 5481504x^2h^{12} - 1592850x^3h^{11} + 279000x^4h^2 + 40320x^4x^2 - 27090x^5h^9 - 1896300xx^4h - 9765000xx^3h^2 - 23892750xx^2h^3 - 27407520xx^4h^4 + 9557100x^2x^2h^{11} + 5859000x^2h^{10}x^2 + 1517040x^2h^9x^3 + 141120x^2h^8x^4 - 1953000x^3h^{10}x^2 - 758520x^3h^9x^3 - 94080x^3h^8x^3 + 216720x^4x^2h - 10080x^5h^8x^3 + 1120x^6 \right) / h^8 \\
 \beta^2 &= \frac{2}{14175} x^3 \left( 6720x^6 + 748200h^6 + 105840x^5h + 661500x^4h^2 + 2079000x^3h^3 + 3409560x^2h^4 + 2687580x^5h^5 - 10080xx^5 - 671895x^5h^5 + 18900x^4h^2 + 2880x^4x^2 - 132300xx^4h - 661500xx^3h^2 - \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & 1559250x^2x^n h^3 - 1704780xx^n h^4 + 15120x^4x^n h + 80x^6 + 623700x^2x^n h^3 + 396900x^2x^n h^2 + \\
 & 105840x^2x^n h - 132300x^3x^n h^2 - 52920x^3x^n h + 340956x^2h^4 + 10080x^2x^n - 103950x^3h^3 - \\
 & 6720x^3x^n - 1890x^5h - 720x^5x^n) / h^8 \\
 \beta^3 &= \frac{-1}{45360} x^3 \left( 94080x^6 + 8297100h^6 + 1446480x^5h + 8782200x^4h^2 + 26657400x^3h + \right. \\
 & 41940360x^2h^4 + 31486140xx^n h^5 - 141120xx^n - 7871535xh^5 - 1808100xx^n h - 8782200xx^n h^2 - \\
 & 19993050xx^n h^3 - 20970180xx^n h^4 + 1120x^6 + 7997220x^2x^n h^3 + 5269320x^2x^n h^2 + \\
 & 1446480x^2x^n h - 1756440x^3x^n h^2 - 723240x^3x^n h + 4194036x^2h^4 + 141120x^2x^n - 1332870x^3h^3 - \\
 & \left. 94080x^3x^n - 10080x^5x^n + 250920x^4h^{10} + 206640x^4h^9x^n + 40320x^4h^8x^n \right) / h^8 \\
 \beta^4 &= \frac{4}{70875} x^3 \left( 3424680h^6 + 47040x^6 + 705600x^5h + 4164300x^4h^2 + 12243000x^3h^3 + \right. \\
 & 18600120x^2h^4 + 13463100xx^n h^5 - 70560xx^n - 3365775xh^5 + 1860012x^2h^4 + 70560x^2x^n - \\
 & 612150x^3h^3 - 47040x^3x^n + 118980x^4h^2 + 20160x^4x^n - 5040x^5x^n - 882000xx^n h - \\
 & 4164300x^3xh^2 - 9182250xx^n h^3 - 9300060xx^n h^4 + 3672900x^2x^n h^3 + 2498580x^2x^n h^2 + \\
 & \left. 705600x^2x^n h - 832860x^3x^n h^2 - 352800x^3x^n h + 100800x^4x^n h + 560x^6 \right) / h^8 \\
 \beta^5 &= \frac{-1}{45360} x^3 \left( 94080x^6 + 5825400h^6 + 1375920x^5h + 7900200x^4h^2 + 22566600x^3h^3 + \right. \\
 & 33309360x^2h^4 + 23462460xx^n h^5 - 141120xx^n - 5865615xh^5 + 141120x^2x^n + 3330936x^2h^4 - \\
 & 1128330x^3h^3 - 94080x^3x^n + 225720x^4h^2 + 40320x^4x^n - 24570x^5h - 10080x^5x^n - 1719900xx^n h - \\
 & 1692495xx^n h^3 - 16654680xx^n h^4 + 6769980x^2x^n h + 4740120x^2x^n h + 1375920x^2x^n h - \\
 & \left. 1580040x^3x^n h^2 - 687960x^3x^n h + 196560x^4x^n h + 1120x^6 \right) / h^8 \\
 \beta^6 &= \frac{2}{14175} x^3 \left( 361800h^6 + 6720x^6 + 95760x^5h + 535500x^4h^2 + 1491000x^3h^3 + 2149560x^2h^4 + \right. \\
 & 1483020xx^n h^5 - 100800xx^n - 370755xh^5 + 10080x^2x^n + 214956x^2h^4 - 74550x^3h^3 - 6720x^3x^n + \\
 & 15300x^4h^2 + 2880x^4x^n - 720x^5x^n - 1710x^5h + 80x^6 - 119700xx^n h - 535500xx^n h^2 - \\
 & 118250xx^n h^3 - 1074780xx^n h^4 + 321300x^2x^n h^2 + 95760x^2x^n h + 447300x^2x^n h^3 - \\
 & \left. 107100x^3x^n h^2 - 47880x^3x^n h + 13680x^4x^n h \right) / h^8 \\
 \beta^7 &= \frac{-1}{453600} x^3 \left( 94080x^6 + 1305360x^5h + 7119000x^4h^2 + 27410040x^3h^3 + 27410040x^2h^4 + \right. \\
 & 18606420xx^n h^5 - 141120xx^n - 4651605xh^5 + 141120x^2h^4 - 94080x^3x^n - 969150x^3h^3 +
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & 40320x^4x^n + 203400x^4h^2 - 23310x^5h - 10080x^5x^n + 4479300h^6 - 1631700xx^n h - \\
 & 7119000xx^n h^2 - 14537250xx^n h^3 - 13705020xx^n h^4 + 1305360x^2x^n h + 4271400x^2x^n h^2 + \\
 & 5814900x^2x^n h^3 - 652680x^3x^n h - 1423800x^3x^n h^2 + 186480x^4x^n h + 1120x^6) //h^8 \\
 \beta^8 &= \frac{1}{2268000} x^3 \left( 13440x^6 + 176400x^5h + 919800x^4h^2 + 2415000x^3h^3 + 3316320x^2h^4 + \right. \\
 & 2198700x^1h^5 - 20160xx^5 - 549675xh^5 + 20160x^2x^4 + 331632x^2h^4 - 13440x^3x^3 - 120750x^3h^3 + \\
 & 5760x^4x^2 + 26280x^4h^2 - 3150x^5h^9 + 519480h^6 - 220500xx^4h - 919800xx^3h^2 - 1811250xx^2h^3 - \\
 & 165816xx^3h^4 + 176400x^2x^2h + 1551880x^2x^2h^2 + 724500x^2x^2h^3 - 88200x^3x^2h - \\
 & \left. 1839600x^3x^2h^2 + 25200x^4x^2h - 1440x^5h^8x^n + 160x^6) //h^8 \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

Evaluating the continuous scheme (12) at  $x = x_{n+1}$ ,  $x = x_{n+3/2}$ ,  $x = x_{n+2}$ ,  $x = x_{n+5/2}$ ,  $x = x_{n+3}$ ,  $x = x_{n+7/2}$ ,  $x = x_{n+4}$ ,  $x = x_{n+5}$ , we obtain respectively the following order eight block hybrid method which is zero-stable and L-stable by the analysis in the section below.

Therefore, the hybrid block method is:

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + \frac{h}{2268000} \left[ -22823f_{n+5} + 1018705f_{n+4} - 5401280f_{n+7/2} + 14066950f_{n+3} - 22258304f_{n+5/2} + \right. \\
 \left. 22802950f_{n+2} - 15231680f_{n+3/2} + 6764305f_{n+1} + 529177f_n \right]$$

Order P =9,  $C_{10} = \frac{23}{113400}$

$$y_{n+3/2} = y_n + \frac{h}{3584000} \left[ -35451f_{n+5} + 1580535f_{n+4} - 8372160f_{n+7/2} + 21771650f_{n+3} - 34357248f_{n+5/2} + \right. \\
 \left. 34977150f_{n+2} - 22327360f_{n+3/2} + 11304585f_{n+1} + 834299f_n \right]$$

Order P =9,  $C_{10} = \frac{211638773}{36700160}$

$$y_{n+2} = y_n + \frac{h}{141750} \left[ -1411f_{n+5} + 62960f_{n+4} - 333760f_{n+7/2} + 869150f_{n+3} - 1376128f_{n+5/2} + \right. \\
 \left. 1436150f_{n+2} - 852160f_{n+3/2} + 445685f_{n+1} + 33014f_n \right]$$

Order P =9,  $C_{10} = \frac{9}{44800}$

$$y_{n+5/2} = y_n + \frac{h}{2322432} \left[ -23015f_{n+5} + 1025875f_{n+4} - 5432000f_{n+7/2} + 14106250f_{n+3} - 21831680f_{n+5/2} + \right. \\
 \left. 24133750f_{n+2} - 14024000f_{n+3/2} + 7310125f_{n+1} + 540775f_n \right]$$

Order P =9,  $C_{10} = \frac{119125}{594542592}$

$$y_{n+3} = y_n + \frac{h}{28000} \left[ -279f_{n+5} + 12465f_{n+4} - 66240f_{n+7/2} + 177350f_{n+3} - 254592f_{n+5/2} + \right. \\ \left. 289350f_{n+2} - 168640f_{n+3/2} + 88065f_{n+1} + 6521f_n \right]$$

$$\text{Order P=9, } C_{10} = \frac{9}{44800}$$

$$y_{n+7/2} = y_n + \frac{h}{41472000} \left[ -408317f_{n+5} + 18046945f_{n+4} - 89069120f_{n+7/2} + 278121550f_{n+3} - 382140416f_{n+5/2} + \right. \\ \left. 430928050f_{n+2} - 250550720f_{n+3/2} + 130568095f_{n+1} + 9655933f_n \right]$$

$$\text{Order P =9, } C_{10} = \frac{5243}{26214400}$$

$$y_{n+4} = y_n + \frac{h}{70875} \left[ -736f_{n+5} + 43010f_{n+4} - 117760f_{n+7/2} + 454400f_{n+3} - 636928f_{n+5/2} + \right. \\ \left. 727400f_{n+2} - 424960f_{n+3/2} + 222560f_{n+1} + 16514f_n \right]$$

$$\text{Order P =9, } C_{10} = \frac{-77459101}{1607445000}$$

$$y_{n+5} = y_n + \frac{h}{18144} \left[ 4045f_{n+5} + 65125f_{n+4} - 152000f_{n+7/2} + 298750f_{n+3} - 431120f_{n+5/2} + \right. \\ \left. 298750f_{n+2} - 152000f_{n+3/2} + 65125f_{n+1} + 4045f_n \right]$$

$$\text{Order P =9, } C_{10} = -\frac{1865576447}{193133445}$$

(13)

#### 4. ANALYSIS OF THE NEW METHODS

##### 4.1 Consistence

The block method (13) is consistent since it has order  $p = 9 \geq 1$ .

##### 4.2 Zero Stability

###### Definition 4.1

For  $n = mr$  for some integer  $m \geq 0$ , a block method is said to be zero stable if the roots  $R_j, j = 1, \dots, k$  of the first characteristic polynomial

$$\rho(R) = \det \left[ \sum_{j=0}^k A' R^{k-i} \right] = 0 \text{ Satisfies } |R_j| \leq 1 \text{ and for those roots with } |R_j| = 1, \text{ the multiplicity must not}$$

exceed one. Thus,

$$\rho(R) = \det [RA^0 - A']$$

$$\rho(R) = \det R \left[ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right] = R^7(R-1) \tag{14}$$

R=0, R=1 and by definition (4.1), the block hybrid method (13) is zero stable.

### 4.3 Convergence

The block method (13) is convergent by consequence of Dahlquist theorem below.

**Theorem 4.1:** *The necessary and sufficient conditions that a continuous LMM be convergent are that it be consistent and zero-stable.*

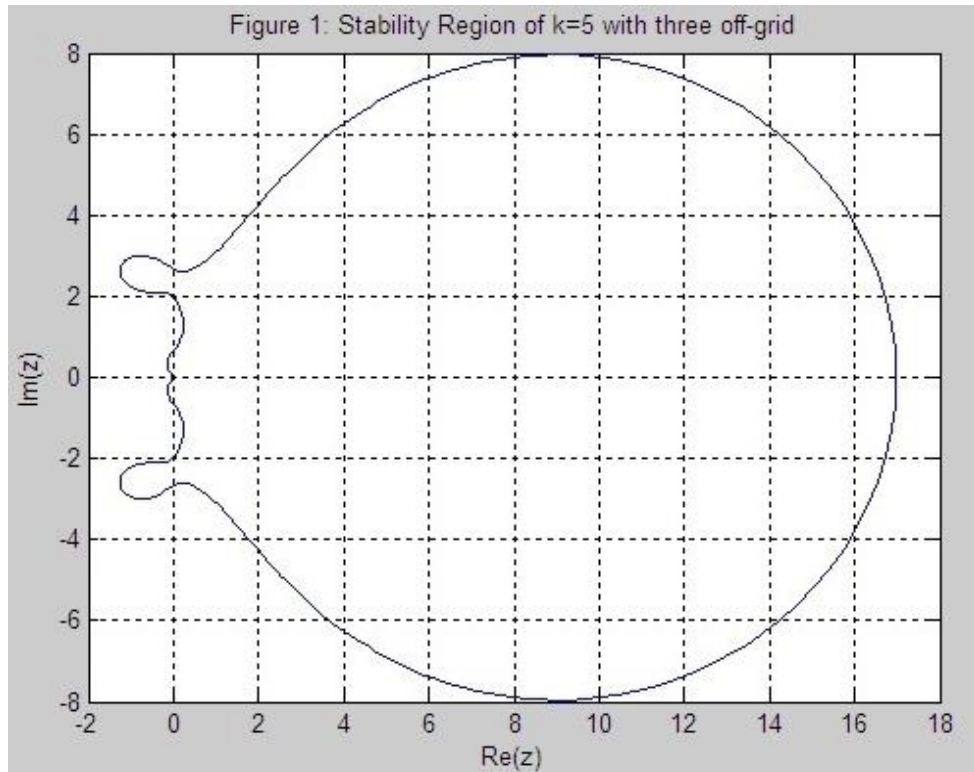
### 4.4 Region of Absolute Stability

The stability polynomial for our method is given by

$$\begin{aligned} & -h^8 \left( \left( \frac{19135}{497664} \right) w^7 - \left( \frac{125305}{1492992} \right) w^8 \right) - h^7 \left( \left( \frac{7480219}{2090188} \right) w^8 + \left( \frac{2321393}{6967296} \right) w^7 \right) \\ & - h^6 \left( \left( \frac{473735837}{627056640} \right) w^8 + \left( \frac{56612707}{69672960} \right) w^7 \right) + h^5 \left( \left( \frac{523261}{221184} \right) w^7 - \left( \frac{20689721}{17915904} \right) w^8 \right) \\ & + h^4 \left( \left( \frac{294864509}{26873856} \right) w^8 + \left( \frac{45424367}{2322432} \right) w^7 \right) + h^3 \left( \left( \frac{180861131}{4478976} \right) w^8 + \left( \frac{7860527}{165888} \right) w^7 \right) \\ & + h^2 \left( \left( \frac{9677381}{209952} \right) w^8 + \left( \frac{84377}{2016} \right) w^7 \right) - h \left( \left( \frac{5}{2} \right) w^8 + \left( \frac{5}{2} \right) w^7 \right) + w^8 - w^7 \end{aligned}$$

Using MATLAB software, the absolute stability region of the new method is plotted and shown in Fig. 1.





**Fig. 1. Stability region of k=5 with three off-grid**

According to Lambert (1973), the stability region for L-stable schemes must encroach into the positive half of the complex  $z$  plane

Note: the off-step points  $x_{n+\frac{3}{2}}$ ,  $x_{n+\frac{5}{2}}$ ,  $x_{n+\frac{7}{2}}$  are used as an additional collocation points to the earlier known ones  $x_n$ ,  $x_{n+1}$ ,  $x_{n+2}$ ,  $x_{n+3}$ ,  $x_{n+4}$  and  $x_{n+5}$ . This shows an L-Stable block hybrid method of order eight.

**5. NUMERICAL EXPERIMENTS**

The newly constructed method in equation (13) is tested on both mildly stiff and non-stiff IVP problems and the results are displayed in Table 1 and Table 2 below.

The following notations are used in the tables below.

- ERR-Exact Solution-Computed Result
- ESSI-Error in Skwame et al. (2012)
- EMY-Error in Mohammed and Yahaya [8]

**5.1 Problem 5.0.1**

Consider the mildly stiff IVP,

$$y' = \lambda y, \quad y(0) = 1, \quad h = 0.01, \quad \lambda = -10$$

Exact solutions:  $y(x) = e^{\lambda x}$

[7] solved this problem. They solved the problem by adopting as L-stable hybrid block Simpson's method of order six.

**5.2 Problem 5.0.2**

Consider the non-stiff IVP,

$$y' = -y, \quad y(0) = 1,$$

Exact solutions:  $y(x) = e^{-x}$

[8] Solved this problem, by adopting fully implicit four points block backward formula.

**Table 1. Showing the result for mildly stiff problem 5.0.1**

| <b>x</b> | <b>Exact solution</b> | <b>Computed solution</b> | <b>ERR</b>    | <b>ESSI</b> |
|----------|-----------------------|--------------------------|---------------|-------------|
| 0.01     | 0.9048374180359595    | 0.9048374180555556       | 1.959610e-011 | 6.28e-03    |
| 0.02     | 0.8187307530779818    | 0.8187307531134442       | 3.546241e-011 | 1.88e-03    |
| 0.03     | 0.7408182206817179    | 0.7408182207298494       | 4.813150e-011 | 3.26e-03    |
| 0.04     | 0.6703200460356393    | 0.6703200460937075       | 5.806822e-011 | 1.06e-02    |
| 0.05     | 0.6065306597126334    | 0.6065306597783113       | 6.567791e-011 | 3.85e-03    |
| 0.06     | 0.5488116360940264    | 0.5488116361653398       | 7.131340e-011 | 1.45e-03    |
| 0.07     | 0.4965853037914095    | 0.4965853038666910       | 7.528156e-011 | 5.02e-04    |
| 0.08     | 0.4493289641172216    | 0.4493289641950702       | 7.784862e-011 | 2.76e-04    |
| 0.09     | 0.4065696597405992    | 0.4065696598198445       | 7.924533e-011 | 1.01e-04    |
| 0.10     | 0.3678794411714423    | 0.3678794412511137       | 7.967133e-011 | 3.74e-05    |

**Table 2. Showing the result for non stiff problem 5.0.2**

| <b>x</b> | <b>Exact solution</b> | <b>Computed solution</b> | <b>ERR</b>    | <b>EMY</b> |
|----------|-----------------------|--------------------------|---------------|------------|
| 0.01     | 0.9048374180359595    | 0.9048374180555556       | 1.959610e-011 | 2.5292e-06 |
| 0.02     | 0.8187307530779818    | 0.8187307531134442       | 3.546241e-011 | 2.0937e-06 |
| 0.03     | 0.7408182206817179    | 0.7408182207298494       | 4.813150e-011 | 2.0079e-06 |
| 0.04     | 0.6703200460356393    | 0.6703200460937075       | 5.806822e-011 | 1.6198e-06 |
| 0.05     | 0.6065306597126334    | 0.6065306597783113       | 6.567791e-011 | 3.1608e-06 |
| 0.06     | 0.5488116360940264    | 0.5488116361653398       | 7.131340e-011 | 2.7294e-06 |
| 0.07     | 0.4965853037914095    | 0.4965853038666910       | 7.528156e-011 | 2.5457e-06 |
| 0.08     | 0.4493289641172216    | 0.4493289641950702       | 7.784862e-011 | 2.1713e-06 |
| 0.09     | 0.4065696597405992    | 0.4065696598198445       | 7.924533e-011 | 3.1008e-06 |
| 0.10     | 0.3678794411714423    | 0.3678794412511137       | 7.967133e-011 | 2.7182e-06 |

**6. DISCUSSION OF THE RESULTS**

We have considered two numerical examples to test the efficiency of our method. [7] solved problem 5.1. They adopted an L-Stable hybrid block Simpsons' method of order six. The new method gave a better approximation because the proposed method is self-starting and does not require starting values. [8] solved problem 5.2. They proposed a fully implicit four-point block backward difference formula. Our new method also gave better approximation.

**7. CONCLUSION**

We proposed an order nine continuous hybrid block method for the solution of first order ordinary differential equations. Our method was found to be zero stable, consistent and convergent. The numerical examples considered showed that our method gave better accuracy than the existing methods.

**COMPETING INTERESTS**

Authors have declared that no competing interests exist.

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