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HIGHER ORDER HYBRID STÖRMER-COWELL METHODS FOR  
ORDINARY DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS

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Abstract

Hybrid Störmer-Cowell methods are constructed for the numerical solution of second order ordinary differential equations not containing  $y'$ . The order  $p$  of such stable  $k$ -step method is not limited to  $k+1$  ( $k+2$ ). These methods are combined with predictor  $k$ -step methods of the same order as the corrector or higher. The coefficients, the order and the error constant for the corrector and predictor(s) will be given.

1. Introduction

In this paper we construct hybrid Störmer-Cowell  $k$ -step methods for the numerical solution of a special class of second-order ordinary differential equations,

$$y''(x) = f(x, y(x)), y(x_0) = y_0, y'(x_0) = y_0' \quad (1)$$

In [1], Neta and Lee have shown how to construct hybrid formulae for the solution of (1). These formulae used the value of  $f$  at an offstep point. To be more precise, let

$$x_n = x_0 + nh \quad (2)$$

$$y_n = y(x_n) \quad (3)$$

$$f_n = f(x_n, y_n) \quad (4)$$

then one can find  $\alpha_i, \beta_i, r, \beta_r$  such that the method

$$y_{n+k} + \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \alpha_i y_{n+i} = h^2 \sum_{i=0}^{k'} \beta_i f_{n+i} + h^2 \beta_r f_{n+r} \quad (5)$$

is of order  $p \geq k'+3$ , where  $k'=k$  (implicit) or  $k'=k-1$  (explicit). It was shown in [1] that if the characteristic polynomials

$$\rho(\zeta) = \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \alpha_i \zeta^i + \zeta^k = \sum_{i=2}^k a_i (\zeta-1)^i \quad (6)$$

and

$$\sigma(\zeta) = \sum_{i=0}^{k'} \beta_i \zeta^i = \sum_{i=0}^{k'} b_i (\zeta-1)^i \quad (7)$$

then if the coefficients  $a_i$  are given one can find  $r, \beta_r$  and  $b_i$  as follows:

$$r = k'+1 + \frac{d_{k'+2}}{d_{k'+1}} (k'+2) \quad (8)$$

$$\beta_r = \frac{d_{k'+1}}{\binom{r}{k'+1}} \quad (9)$$

$$b_i = d_i - \beta_r \binom{r}{i} \quad i=0,1,\dots,k' \quad (10)$$

where

$$d_i = \sum_{j=0}^{\min(k-2,i)} a_{j+1} \delta_{i-j} \quad (11)$$

and a table for  $\delta_\ell$  is given. We choose here  $a_i$  so that the methods obtained are of Störmer-Cowell type, i.e.

$$a_i = \binom{k-2}{i-2}, \quad i=2,\dots,k. \quad (12)$$

Method (5) should be complemented by a predictor method to obtain  $y_{n+r}$  and if  $k'=k$  also by a predictor to obtain  $y_{n+k}$ . These predictors should be of at least the same order. Therefore one might need to use points to the left of  $x_n$ , i.e.

$$y_{n+r} + \sum_{i=m_1}^{\ell} \alpha_i^p y_{n+i} = h^2 \sum_{i=m_2}^{\ell} \beta_i^p f_{n+i}, \quad (13)$$

where  $m_1$  or  $m_2$  or both may take the value of  $-1$  and  $\ell$  is not larger than  $k-1$ . For implicit methods one requires another predictor

$$y_{n+k} + \sum_{i=m_3}^{k-1} \alpha_i^e y_{n+i} = h^2 \sum_{i=m_4}^{k-1} \beta_i^e f_{n+i} + h^2 \beta_r^e f_{n+r}, \quad (14)$$

where  $m_3$  or  $m_4$  may take value of  $-1$ . Note that this predictor is using the value  $f_{n+r}$ . This form of predictor is different from the one suggested in [1]. The addition of last term makes it possible to take  $m_4=0$  for all  $k$  and  $m_3=0$  for  $k>4$ .

In the next section we give corrector methods of step  $k=3, \dots, 10$ . Section 3 will be devoted to predictor methods. In the last section we quote some of the numerical experiments with some of the methods developed here.

## 2. Corrector Methods

In this section we list all methods (5) with step  $k=3, 4, \dots, 10$ . The coefficients  $\alpha_i$  are given by

$$\alpha_k = \alpha_{k-2} = 1, \alpha_{k-1} = -2, \alpha_i = 0 \text{ for } i < k-2. \quad (15)$$

The parameter  $r$  specifying the location of the offstep point, the order  $p$  of the method, the error constant  $C_{p+2}$  and the coefficients  $\beta_i$ ,  $i=0, \dots, k'$ ,  $\beta_r$  are given in table 1 for explicit methods and in table 2 for implicit ones. Note that the implicit 2-step and 3-step methods are not admissible (see [1]).

k	3	4	5	6
r	2.8	3.73684210	4.70767196	5.69177288
p	5	6	7	8
$C_{p+2}$	-.10000000-2	-.36462684-3	-.16204766-3	-.80804574-4
$\beta_r$	-.12400794	.14516580	.15758052	.16540094
$\beta_0$	-.59523809-2	.14084507-2	-.49054041-3	.20950070-3
$\beta_1$	.11111111	-.13782051-1	.45665358-2	-.20312433-2
$\beta_2$	.77083333	.13030303	-.22638821-1	.95388181-2
$\beta_3$		.73690476	.14505551	-.31976901-1
$\beta_4$			.71592679	.15683471
$\beta_5$				.70202417

Table 1a  
Explicit methods k=3,4,5,6

k	7	8	9	10
r	6.68229495	7.67634671	8.67251060	9.67001689
p	9	10	11	12
$C_{p+2}$	-.43287127-4	-.24221408-4	-.13845229-4	-.79061388-5
$\beta_r$	.17054348	.17400933	.17636925	.17797044
$\beta_0$	-.10119455-3	.52850086-4	-.28970778-4	.16282699-4
$\beta_1$	.10489682-2	-.59021225-3	.34895104-3	-.21126402-3
$\beta_2$	-.51209658-2	.30781356-2	-.19603740-2	.12806198-2
$\beta_3$	.16196153-1	-.10102852-1	.68694141-2	-.48348316-2
$\beta_4$	-.41377820-1	.24254098-1	-.17086510-1	.12835695-1
$\beta_5$	.16637432	-.50495023-1	.33295804-1	-.25880675-1
$\beta_6$	.69243705	.17411045	-.59028738-1	.42787438-1
$\beta_7$		.68568323	.18033057	-.66712287-1
$\beta_8$			.68089060	.18523791
$\beta_9$				.67751067

Table 1b  
Explicit methods k=7,8,9,10

Note that the offstep point is close to the last one but always to the left. This is not always the case for implicit method (see table 2<sub>a</sub>, k=5).

Note also that the 3-step method has already appeared in [1] but

without the error constant.

k	3	4	5	6
r	not admissible	4.26190476	5.01809955	5.89754386
p		7	8	9
$C_{p+2}$		.12726982-3	.47341230-4	.21493471-4
$\beta_r$		-.48111699-1	-.11625695+1	.27817386
$\beta_0$		.72160149-3	-.20243820-3	.74695943-4
$\beta_1$		-.88807786-2	.22823046-2	-.84967203-3
$\beta_2$		.11359649	-.14310404-1	.48215643-2
$\beta_3$		.78396226	.12530652	-.20373494-1
$\beta_4$		.15871212	.76315917	.13569099
$\beta_5$			.12863343+1	.74575181
$\beta_6$				-.14328975

Table 2a  
Implicit methods k=4,5,6

k	7	8	9	10
r	6.82612677	7.77918355	8.74616319	9.72180140
p	10	11	12	13
$C_{p+2}$	.11056649-4	.62071745-5	.37194074-5	.23447000-5
$\beta_r$	.20060996	.18250507	.17692934	.17560563
$\beta_0$	-.32867724-4	.16345007-4	-.88923170-5	.51816403-5
$\beta_1$	.38996793-3	-.20489775-3	.11832348-3	-.73253484-4
$\beta_2$	-.22246023-2	.12174863-2	-.74236859-3	.48768778-3
$\beta_3$	.84536504-2	-.46406284-2	.29446022-2	-.20415997-2
$\beta_4$	-.26987808-1	.13270984-1	-.84334359-2	.60804591-2
$\beta_5$	.14506952	-.34082690-1	.19347750-1	-.13954183-1
$\beta_6$	.73114235	.15364528	-.41597575-1	.26742561-1
$\beta_7$	-.56420173-1	.71877521	.16155723	-.49479752-1
$\beta_8$		-.30502150-1	.70820568	.16890562
$\beta_9$			-.18320654-1	.69908985
$\beta_{10}$				-.11368200-1

Table 2b  
Implicit methods k=7,8,9,10

In the next section we give the predictor(s) for each method.

### 3. Predictor Methods

In this section we first obtain predictors for  $y_{n+r}$ ,

$$y_{n+r} + \sum_{i=m_1}^{\ell} \alpha_i^p y_{n+i} = h^2 \sum_{i=m_2}^{\ell} \beta_i^p f_{n+i}. \quad (16)$$

Since the error constants for the predictors were much larger than those for the correctors we compensate for that by using methods of order higher than the corrector. We, of course, try to take  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  equal to zero. This was not possible for  $k=3,4,5$ . The value of  $m_2$  is zero except for  $k=3$ . The value of  $m_1$  is zero except for  $k=3,4,5$ . The value of  $\ell$  is  $k-1$  except for  $k=7,9$ . In table 3 we list all predictors for explicit methods. In table 4 we list all predictors for implicit ones. The numerical computation were done on IBM 3033 using quadruple precision.

k	3	4	5	6
p	6	7	9	10
m <sub>1</sub>	-1	-1	-1	0
m <sub>2</sub>	-1	0	0	0
l	2	3	4	5
error constant	-.120644	-.781580	-.126110+1	-.511035+1
$\alpha_{-1}^P$	.342221	-.258793	.208853	-
$\beta_{-1}^P$	-.194560-2	-	-	-
$\alpha_0^P$	.611842+1	-.396424+1	.120792+2	.367629
$\beta_0^P$	.969882	-.695354	.101038+1	.877969-2
$\alpha_1^P$	-.124635+2	.130984+2	.239818+2	.115265+2
$\beta_1^P$	.560138+1	-.318615+1	.154738+2	.117248+1
$\alpha_2^P$	.500287+1	-.125320+2	-.724675+2	.191310+2
$\beta_2^P$	.129577+1	.316797+1	.412074+2	.146835+2
$\alpha_3^P$		.265667+1	.243363+2	-.631349+2
$\beta_3^P$		.100631+1	.156096+2	.367044+2
$\alpha_4^P$			.108613+2	.216244+2
$\beta_4^P$			.134448+1	.138740+2
$\alpha_5^P$				.948540+1
$\beta_5^P$				.123554+1

Table 3a  
 Predictors for  $y_{n+r}$ , k=3,4,5,6  
 Explicit methods



k	7	8	9	10
p	10	14	14	18
l	5	7	7	9
error constant	.225082+2	-.196303+2	.433475+3	-.114931+3
$\alpha_0^P$	-.153395+4	.188920	.709131+4	.205771
$\beta_0^P$	.338469-2	.227664-2	0	.302836-2
$\alpha_1^P$	-.292726+4	.176000+2	.111532+6	.282802+2
$\beta_1^P$	-.960976+2	.111279+1	.264220+3	.147642+1
$\alpha_2^P$	.600557+4	.149721+3	.878572+5	.485862+3
$\beta_2^P$	-.188826+4	.304916+2	.157969+5	.623928+2
$\alpha_3^P$	.264761+4	.780667+2	-.490597+6	.185815+4
$\beta_3^P$	-.537193+4	.196918+3	.138769+6	.710567+3
$\alpha_4^P$	-.393145+4	-.486276+3	.219783+6	-.598117+2
$\beta_4^P$	-.425259+4	.381792+3	.280850+6	.293923+4
$\alpha_5^P$	-.261519+3	.694778+2	.799926+5	-.462766+4
$\beta_5^P$	-.627614+3	.200924+3	.741289+5	.477573+4
$\alpha_6^P$		.152752+3	-.150648+5	-.537155+2
$\beta_6^P$		.320643+2	-.116481+5	.293761+4
$\alpha_7^P$		.174690+2	-.596110+3	.185325+4
$\beta_7^P$		.149393+1	-.192434+4	.711539+3
$\alpha_8^P$				.486939+3
$\beta_8^P$				.630044+2
$\alpha_9^P$				.274888+2
$\beta_9^P$				.178819+1

Table 3b  
 Predictors for  $y_{n+r}$ ,  $k=7,8,9,10$   
 $m_1=m_2=0$   
 Explicit methods

k	4	5	6	7
p	7	8	10	10
$m_1$	-1	-1	0	0
$l$	3	4	5	5
error constant	-.253727+1	-.254569+1	-.963735+1	.457761+2
$\alpha_{-1}^p$	-.319885+1	.109108+1	-	-
$\alpha_0^p$	-.494399+2	.645624+2	.744155	-.328702+4
$\beta_0^p$	-.860104+1	.534738+1	.722796-2	-.126693-3
$\alpha_1^p$	.153404+3	.132571+3	.356354+2	-.106799+5
$\beta_1^p$	-.405863+2	.831073+2	.312982+1	-.176602+3
$\alpha_2^p$	-.144430+3	-.396663+3	.697001+2	.229024+5
$\beta_2^p$	.305067+2	.223712+3	.457636+2	-.453655+4
$\alpha_3^p$	.426655+2	.132924+3	-.212504+3	-.100184+4
$\beta_3^p$	.599872+1	.829270+2	.121101+3	-.148777+5
$\alpha_4^p$		.645137+2	.705428+2	-.754699+4
$\beta_4^p$		.527039+1	.455133+2	-.861967+4
$\alpha_5^p$			.348815+2	-.387649+3
$\beta_5^p$			.318632+1	-.103135+4

Table 4a  
Predictors for  $y_{n+r}$ ,  $k=4,5,6,8$ .  
Implicit methods

Note that the implicit 3-step method is not admissible. For the 7-step method we were not able to obtain a predictor of order higher than the corrector (the coefficients obtained were very large!). We thus quote a method of order equal to that of the corrector. Note also that  $m_2=0$  for all  $k$ .

k	8	9	10
p	14	14	18
ℓ	7	7	9
error constant	-.321489+2	.534738+3	-.159123+3
$\alpha_0^P$	.371291	.919053+4	.278898
$\beta_0^P$	.401737-2	0	.370340-2
$\alpha_1^P$	.359664+2	.144642+6	.409100+2
$\beta_1^P$	.225246+1	.342409+3	.210232+1
$\alpha_2^P$	.307613+3	.114874+6	.713224+3
$\beta_2^P$	.624200+2	.204774+5	.907521+2
$\alpha_3^P$	.158651+3	-.635196+6	.274674+4
$\beta_3^P$	.404025+3	.180023+6	.104341+4
$\alpha_4^P$	-.100107+4	.281196+6	-.761357+2
$\beta_4^P$	.781732+3	.365276+6	.433338+4
$\alpha_5^P$	.151508+3	.104616+6	-.685005+4
$\beta_5^P$	.407434+3	.986260+5	.705205+4
$\alpha_6^P$	.309914+3	-.185909+5	-.734132+2
$\beta_6^P$	.638506+2	-.139615+5	.433369+4
$\alpha_7^P$	.360487+2	-.732881+3	.274205+4
$\beta_7^P$	.259549+1	-.238246+4	.104557+4
$\alpha_8^P$			.714945+3
$\beta_8^P$			.917146+2
$\alpha_9^P$			.404536+2
$\beta_9^P$			.242710+1

Table 4b  
 Predictors for  $y_{n+r}$ , k=8,9,10.  
 Implicit methods

We now turn to the predictors

$$y_{n+k} + \sum_{i=m_3}^{k-1} \alpha_i^e y_{n+i} = h^2 \sum_{i=m_4}^{k-1} \beta_i^e f_{n+i} + h^2 \beta_r^e f_{n+r} \quad (17)$$

required when implicit methods are used. We were able to let  $m_4=0$  for all  $k$  and  $m_3=0$  for all  $k>4$ . The coefficients are given in table 5.

k	4	5	6	7
p	8	9	11	13
$m_3$	-1	0	0	0
error constant	-.269468	-.136821+1	-.689958	-.258038+1
$\beta_r^e$	-.215780-1	-.464910-1	-.584639-1	-.811941-1
$\alpha_{-1}^e$	-.938103-2	-	-	-
$\alpha_0^e$	.129840+1	-.105403+1	.756327	-.396132
$\beta_0^e$	.458424-1	-.521267-1	.284739-1	-.149795-1
$\alpha_1^e$	.641121+1	-.331213+1	.118920+2	-.558051+1
$\beta_1^e$	.202068+1	-.150816+1	.167908+1	-.853059
$\alpha_2^e$	-.156801+2	.151065+2	.117751+2	.283090+1
$\beta_2^e$	.735934+1	-.380564+1	.149692+2	-.648265+1
$\alpha_3^e$	.697987+1	-.150604+2	-.486416+2	.333678+2
$\beta_3^e$	.180268+1	.370923+1	.328134+2	-.582212+1
$\alpha_4^e$		.332010+1	.116081+2	-.412494+2
$\beta_4^e$		.145608+1	.151649+2	.162641+2
$\alpha_5^e$			.116100+2	.235109+1
$\beta_5^e$			.188556+1	.103471+2
$\alpha_6^e$				.767624+1
$\beta_6^e$				.157279+1

Table 5a  
Predictors for  $y_{n+k}$ ,  $k=4,5,6,7$   
Implicit methods

k	8	9	10
p	15	17	19
error	.138404-1	-.615773+1	-.680595+1
constant			
$\beta_r^e$	-.963740-1	-.115590	-.131241
$\alpha_0^e$	.298987	-.156860	.807340-1
$\beta_0^e$	.933504-2	-.490357-2	.222649-2
$\alpha_1^e$	.100326+1	-.505137+1	.442666+1
$\beta_1^e$	.921096	-.476312	.317509
$\alpha_2^e$	.557976+2	-.226128+2	.494427+2
$\beta_2^e$	.154948+2	-.749994+1	.825033+1
$\alpha_3^e$	.144537+2	.285606+2	.142413+3
$\beta_3^e$	.792413+2	-.313340+2	.716069+2
$\alpha_4^e$	-.154045+3	.902992+2	-.254763+2
$\beta_4^e$	.142057+3	-.228257+2	.254241+3
$\alpha_5^e$	.297029+1	-.100322+3	-.325099+3
$\beta_5^e$	.852224+2	.481135+2	.394652+3
$\alpha_6^e$	.581029+2	-.308724+2	-.441341+2
$\beta_6^e$	.185942+2	.472018+2	.269221+3
$\alpha_7^e$	.113889+2	.320033+2	.133291+3
$\beta_7^e$	.166572+1	.122309+2	.854651+2
$\alpha_8^e$		.715276+1	.578833+2
$\beta_8^e$		.137857+1	.127366+2
$\alpha_9^e$			.617251+1
$\beta_9^e$			.124776+1

Table 5b

Predictors for  $y_{n+k}$ ,  $k=8,9,10$

Implicit methods

$$m_3 = m_4 = 0$$

#### 4. Numerical Experiments

In this section we solve the following problem

$$\begin{aligned}
 y'' &= y, \quad 0 < x < 1 \\
 y(0) &= 1, \\
 y'(0) &= 1,
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{18}$$

whose exact solution is

$$y(x) = e^x, \tag{19}$$

using the explicit 6-step method of order 8 and the implicit 6-step method of order 9. These methods are combined with the corresponding predictors. All computations were done on IBM 3033 using quadruple precision. The results for various values of  $h$  for each method are given in the following two tables. The order of the method was computed numerically and shown to agree with the theoretical result.

$h$	max. error	rate
1/6	.233486-11	3.2
1/7	.142545-11	5.4
1/8	.696706-12	6.6
1/9	.318410-12	8.5
1/10	.129530-12	14.7
1/11	.319933-13	4.7
1/12	.212229-13	

Table 6

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6-step explicit method of order 8

Note that the roundoff errors are dominating in the last case where  $h=1/12$ . Note also that we were able to get excellent results already with  $h=1/6$ .

h	max. error	rate
1/10	.868438-10	4.7
1/11	.554339-10	4.9
1/12	.361554-10	5.1
1/13	.240315-10	5.3
1/14	.162167-10	5.5
1/15	.110557-10	5.9
1/16	.756912-11	6.3
1/17	.516353-11	6.9
1/18	.347082-11	7.9
1/19	.225755-11	9.7
1/20	.137270-11	13.3
1/21	.716639-12	

Table 7  
6-step implicit method of order 9

Note that the error is not as small as in the explicit one.

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