

## Chebyshev Collocation Approach for Continuous Four-Step Hybrid Backward Difference Formula for Stiff System

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### Abstract

*In this paper, we developed an implicit continuous four-step hybrid backward difference formulae for the direct solution of stiff system. For this purpose, the Chebyshev polynomial was employed as the basis function for the development of schemes in a collocation and interpolation techniques. The schemes were analysed using appropriate existing theorem to investigate their stability, consistency, convergence and the investigation shows that the developed schemes are consistent, zero-stable and hence convergent. The methods were implemented on test problem from the literatures to show the accuracy and effectiveness of the scheme.*

### Introduction

Ordinary differential equation (ODE) has been an important tool in modelling real life situations in Engineering, Science and Technology. It is an equation of the form

$$y' = f(x, y), y(a) = y_0, x \in [a, b] \quad (1)$$

Where  $f: \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ ,  $f$  satisfies a Lipschitz conditions Henrici (1962), System (1) can be regarded as stiff if its exact solution contains very fast as well as very slow components (see, Dahlquist, 1974).

Stiff Initial Value Problems (IVPs) occur in any field of Sciences and engineering especially in electric circuits, chemical reactions, vibration, automatic control and combustion kinetics, theory of fluid mechanics. The solution is characterized by the transient and steady state components which restrict the step size of many numerical methods excepts method that has the properties of A-stability Suleiman *et al.* (2013) and Suleiman *et al.* (2014). We discover that the nature of the problem made it difficult to develop suitable methods for the solution of stiff problems. However, effort have been made by researchers such as Ngwane and Jator (2012), Abasi *et al.* (2014), Musa *et al.* (2013), Ibrahim *et al.* (2007), Biala *et al.* (2015), Babangida *et al.* (2016) among others, to develop methods for stiff ordinary differential equations.

The Dahlquist barrier theorem was circumvented by several authors that proposed modified form of linear multi-steps methods (LMMs) known as hybrid methods by introducing the off-grid points in the process of derivation. Gear (1965), Gragg and Stetter (1964) working in conjunction with Butcher (1965) by introducing the off-grid step point. These methods were shown to be of order  $2k + 2$ . Gupta (1978) observes that the design of algorithm for hybrid methods is more difficult due to the occurrence of off-step function which increase the number of predictors involved to implement the method.

Moreover, Curtis and Hirschfelder (1952) developed the backward differentiation formulae (BDF). Since then, a great effort has been made in order to obtain a new numerical integration with stability properties that is strong which is desirable for solving stiff system.

In this paper, the modified four-step backward differentiation formulae (BDF) are obtained from the continuous scheme and assembled into a block matrix equation which is applied to provide the solution for (1). The block method was first introduced by Milne (1952) for use as a means of starting values for predictor –corrector algorithms and has since then been developed by researcher (see Majid (2014), Wu and Xia (2001), Brumano and Trigiante (2000)), for general purpose. The application is that it yields several results at a time which depends on the number of points on the structure of the block method. The research work is motivated by constructing a hybrid backward differentiation formula (HBDF) that satisfies the Dahlquist barrier theorem, whose stated that the maximum attainable order for  $k$  even is  $k + 2$  and  $k$  odd is  $k + 1$  if essential zero stability condition is to be achieved. In this research, we obtain the order of the method to be 5 which is  $k + 1$  and the zero stability condition is achieved.

**Derivation of the Method**

The four-step HBDF type block method is of the form:

$$y_{n+k} = \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} \alpha_j y_{n+j} + h\beta_\mu f_{n+\mu} + h\beta_k f_{n+k} \tag{2}$$

Where  $\alpha_j$ ,  $\beta_\mu$  and  $\beta_k$  are coefficients to be determined. We proceed by assuming that the exact solution  $y(x)$  of the form

$$y(x) = \sum_{j=0}^5 \phi_j T_j(t) \tag{3}$$

Where  $\phi_j$  are unknown coefficients to be determined and  $T_j(t)$  are Chebyshev polynomial basis functions. The method is constructed with the Chebyshev polynomial as

$$T_0(x) = 1, T_1(x) = x, T_2(x) = 2x^2 - 1; T_3(x) = 4x^3 - 3x, T_4(x) = 8x^4 - 8x^2 + 1, T_5(x) = 16x^5 - 20x^3 + 5x$$

by imposing the following conditions

$$y(x_{n+j}) = y_{n+j} \tag{4}$$

$$y'(x_{n+j}) = f_{n+j} \tag{5}$$

It is observed that equations (4) and (5) is a system of  $(k + 1)$  equations which must be solved to obtain the coefficients of  $\phi_j$ ,  $j = 0, 1, 2, \dots, 5$  which are substituted into (3) and after some algebraic computations, the continuous representation yields the form

$$y(x) = \sum_{j=0}^3 \alpha_j(x) y_{n+j} + h\beta_\mu(x) f_{n+\mu} + h\beta_k(x) f_{n+k} \tag{6}$$

Where  $\alpha_j(x)$ ,  $\beta_j(x)$  and  $\beta_\mu(x)$  are the continuous coefficients. The equation (6) is then used to obtain the main method by evaluating  $x = x_{n+4}$  and additional method by evaluating  $x = x_{n+\frac{15}{4}}$  and differentiating equation (6) once and evaluate at  $x = x_{n+1}$ ,  $x = x_{n+2}$ , and  $x = x_{n+3}$  to form the block.

The combination of these methods yields the block method as given below:

$$\left. \begin{aligned}
 y_{n+4} &= -\frac{331}{24561}y_n + \frac{272}{2729}y_{n+1} - \frac{996}{2729}y_{n+2} + \frac{31408}{24561}y_{n+3} + \frac{8192}{8187}hf_{n+\frac{15}{4}} - \frac{564}{2729}hf_{n+4} \\
 y_{n+\frac{15}{4}} &= -\frac{349811}{25150464}y_n + \frac{143325}{1397248}y_{n+1} - \frac{1043625}{2794496}y_{n+2} + \frac{16156525}{12575232}y_{n+3} + \frac{28105}{32748}hf_{n+\frac{15}{4}} - \frac{444675}{1397248}hf_{n+4} \\
 f_{n+3} &= \frac{1}{147366} \frac{1}{h} \left( 60318hf_{n+4} - 113664hf_{n+\frac{15}{4}} + 4601y_n - 35883y_{n+1} + 151983y_{n+3} - 120701y_{n+3} \right) \\
 f_{n+2} &= \frac{1}{221049} \frac{1}{h} \left( 56511hf_{n+4} - 95232hf_{n+\frac{15}{4}} + 10493y_n - 107730y_{n+1} - 75789y_{n+2} + 173026y_{n+3} \right) \\
 f_{n+1} &= \frac{1}{147366} \frac{1}{h} \left( 55242hf_{n+4} - 89088hf_{n+\frac{15}{4}} + 28831y_n + 163053y_{n+1} - 299079y_{n+2} + 107195y_{n+3} \right)
 \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (7)$$

The above equation gives the main and additional methods.

### Analysis and Implementation

In this section, we discuss the local truncation error and order, convergence, the stability and implementation of the methods.

From (7) the Four-step HBDF is written in the form:

$$A^{(0)}Y_r = A^{(1)}Y_{r-1} + h(B^{(1)}F_{r-1} + B^{(0)}F_r) \quad (8)$$

$$\text{Where } A^{(0)} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad A^{(1)} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$B^{(0)} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B^{(1)} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{11083}{3960} & -\frac{4073}{840} & \frac{2563}{360} & -\frac{32128}{3465} & \frac{1873}{360} \\ \frac{1552}{495} & -\frac{407}{105} & \frac{292}{45} & -\frac{29696}{3465} & \frac{217}{45} \\ \frac{1371}{1371} & -\frac{963}{963} & \frac{291}{291} & -\frac{3456}{3456} & \frac{201}{201} \\ \frac{440}{70275} & -\frac{280}{49725} & \frac{40}{15675} & -\frac{385}{2595} & \frac{40}{9975} \\ \frac{22528}{1544} & -\frac{14336}{52} & \frac{2048}{344} & -\frac{308}{4096} & \frac{2048}{224} \\ \frac{495}{495} & -\frac{15}{15} & \frac{45}{45} & -\frac{495}{495} & \frac{45}{45} \end{bmatrix}$$

where  $Y_r = [y_{n+1}, y_{n+2}, y_{n+3}, y_{n+\frac{15}{4}}, y_{n+4}]^T$

$Y_{r-1} = [y_{n-4}, y_{n-3}, y_{n-2}, y_{n-1}, y_n]^T$

$F_r = [f_{n+1}, f_{n+2}, f_{n+3}, f_{n+\frac{15}{4}}, f_{n+4}]^T$

$F_{r-1} = [f_{n-4}, f_{n-3}, f_{n-2}, f_{n-1}, f_n]^T$

where these are vectors notations.

**Local Truncation Error and Order**

Following Fatunla (1991) and Lambert (1973), we define the Local Truncation Error (LTE) associated with (6) to be the linear difference operator

$$L[y(x); h] = A^{(0)}Y_r - A^{(1)}Y_{r-1} - h(B^{(1)}F_{r-1} + B^{(0)}F_r) \tag{9}$$

where we have taken  $y_{n+j} = y(x_n + jh)$  and  $f_{n+j} = y'(x_n + jh)$

Assuming that  $y(x)$  is sufficiently differentiable, we can expand the term in (9) as a Taylor’s series about  $x_n$  to obtain the expression as

$$L[y(x); h] = C_0y(x) + C_1hy'(x) + \dots + C_qh^qy^q(x) + \dots \tag{10}$$

Where  $C_j$  is a  $(5 \times 1)$  matrix

These are vectors of numerical estimates from (7)  $r = 0, r = 1$  which show that the method is zero-stable and consistent since the order  $p = 5$ . Hence it is convergent.

It is evident from the calculation that the block method is of order  $(5,5,5,5,5)^T$  and the error constant  $(\frac{263}{40935}, \frac{56749}{1964880}, -\frac{122703}{40}, -\frac{15663}{8}, \frac{3587045}{536543232})^T$

It is worth noting that zero stability is concerned with the stability of the difference system in the limit as  $h$  tends to zero. Thus, as  $h \rightarrow 0$ , the method (7) tends to the difference system

$$A^{(0)}Y_r - A^{(1)}Y_{r-1} = 0$$

The method (7) is zero stable if the roots  $R_{ij} = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5$  of the first characteristics polynomial  $\rho(R)$  specified by

$$\rho(R) = \det \left[ \sum_{i=0}^1 A^{(i)} R^{1-i} \right] = 0 \text{ Satisfies } |R_j| \leq 1 = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 \text{ and for those roots with } |R_j| = 1, \text{ the}$$

multiplicity does not exceed 1, (See Fatunla (1991)).

Thus, the Four-step HBDF is zero stable since

$$\rho(R) = R^4(R - 1) \Rightarrow R_1 \Rightarrow R_2 \Rightarrow R_3 \Rightarrow R_4 = 0, R_5 = 1$$

The HBDF is also consistent since each of it numerical integrations have order  $p > 1$ , according to Henrici (1962). We can conclude that, the method is convergent.

**Region of Absolute Stability of HBDF methods**

The absolute stability region of the HBDF methods is constructed by reformulating the integrators as a general linear method of Butcher (1967) using notations introduced by Burrage and Butcher (1967). General Linear Method (GLM) is represented by a partition and  $(s + r) \times (s + r)$  characterised by the four matrices  $A, B, U, V$  expressed in the form

$$\begin{bmatrix} Y'_{[n]} \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ Y_{[n]}^i \\ Y'_{[n]} \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ Y^r_{[n]} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ U & V \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} hf(Y'_{[n]}) \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ hf(Y^i_{[n]}) \\ y'_{[n*1]} \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ y^r_{[n]} \end{bmatrix}$$

The elements of these matrices  $A, B, U, V$  are substituted into

the recurrence relation  $y^{[i*1]} = M(z)y^{[i]}$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, N - 1$

Where  $M(z) = U + zB(1 - zA)^{-1}V$  (11)

The stability polynomial

$\rho(\eta, z) = \det(\eta)$  (12)

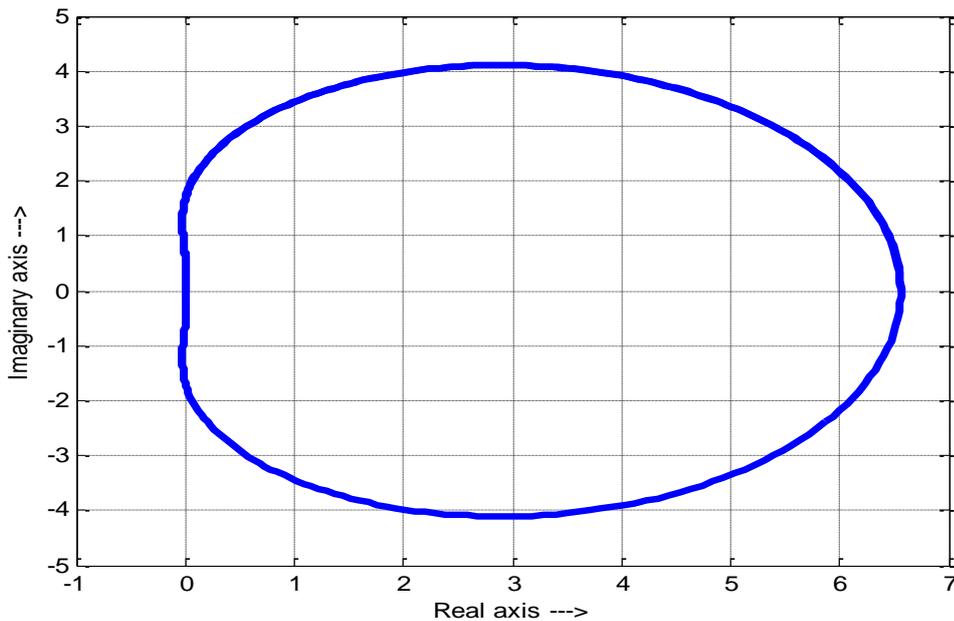
Where  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{5458}{6039} & 0 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{62}{183} \\ 0 & 0 & -\frac{8187}{2807} & 0 & -\frac{31744}{25263} & \frac{401}{60318} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{147366}{120701} & -\frac{113664}{120701} & \frac{120701}{28105} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{32748}{8192} & -\frac{1397248}{564} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{8187}{2729} & \frac{2729}{2729} \end{bmatrix}$

$B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{8192}{8187} & -\frac{564}{2729} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{147366}{120701} & 0 & \frac{60318}{120701} \\ 0 & 0 & -\frac{8187}{2807} & 0 & -\frac{31744}{25263} & \frac{401}{60318} \\ 0 & -\frac{5458}{6039} & 0 & 0 & 0 & -\frac{62}{183} \end{bmatrix}$

$U = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -\frac{9745}{14823} & \frac{1007}{549} & 0 & -\frac{2621}{14823} \\ \frac{24718}{10827} & 0 & -\frac{570}{401} & \frac{1499}{10827} \\ 0 & \frac{151983}{120701} & -\frac{35883}{120701} & \frac{107}{2807} \\ \frac{16156525}{12575232} & -\frac{1043625}{2794496} & \frac{143325}{1397248} & -\frac{349811}{25150464} \\ \frac{31408}{24561} & -\frac{996}{2729} & \frac{272}{2729} & -\frac{331}{24561} \end{bmatrix}$

$$V = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{31408}{24561} & \frac{996}{2729} & \frac{272}{2729} & \frac{331}{24561} \\ 0 & \frac{151983}{120701} & \frac{35883}{120701} & \frac{107}{2807} \\ \frac{24718}{10827} & 0 & \frac{570}{401} & \frac{1499}{10827} \\ \frac{9745}{14823} & \frac{1007}{549} & 0 & \frac{2621}{14823} \end{bmatrix}$$

The method is plotted in a MATLAB environment to produce the RAS of the HBDF. It is observed that, the method is A-stable as shown in figure 1.



**Figure 4.1. Showing Region of Absolute Stability of the HBDF**

**Numerical Solution**

In this section, numerical examples are carried out for all computations with the written code in Maple 2015.

**Example 4.1**

We consider stiff systems (See Akinfenwa, 2011), in the range  $0 \leq t \leq 10$

$$y_1'' = 998y_1 + 998y_2, y_1(0) = 1$$

$$y_2' = -999y_1 - 1999y_2, y_2(0) = 1$$

The exact solution is given by the sum of two decaying exponential components

$$y_1 = 4e^{-t} - 3e^{-1000t}, y_2 = -2e^{-t} + 3e^{-1000t}$$

The stiffness ratio is 1:1000. The result of the proposed method is compared with Akinfenwa *et al.* (2011) at the end of  $t = 10$  is presented in Table 1.

**Table 1: Comparison of  $BBDF_8$  for example 4.1 with  $h=0.1$**

| $t$ | <b>Exact</b><br>$y_1(t) \times 10^{-3}$<br>$y_2(t) \times 10^{-3}$ | $BBDF_8$ $y_1 \times 10^{-3}$<br>$y_2 \times 10^{-3}$ | <b>Proposed method</b><br>( $HBDF_4$ )<br>$y_1 \times 10^{-3}$<br>$y_2 \times 10^{-3}$ | $BBDF_8$<br><b>(Absolute error)</b><br>$ y_1(t) - y_1 $<br>$ y_2(t) - y_2 $ | <b>Proposed method</b><br>$ y_1(t) - y_1 $<br>$ y_2(t) - y_2 $ |
|-----|--|---|--|---|--|
| 10  | 0.18159971904994<br>-0.09079955952497                              | 0.18159971946833<br>-0.09079985973416                 | 0.18159971904876<br>-0.09079985952367  | $4.183 \times 10^{-13}$<br>$3.00209 \times 10^{-10}$                        | $1.180 \times 10^{-15}$<br>$2.9999 \times 10^{-10}$            |

**Example 4.2**

We consider a system of equation which has been solved by Jackson and Kanue (1975) and Sahi *et al.* (2012)

$$y'_1 = -y_1 + 95y_2, y_1(0) = 1$$

$$y'_2 = -y_1 - 97y_2, y_2(0) = 1$$

With exact solution of the system given by

$$y_1(t) = \frac{95}{47}e^{-2t} - \frac{48}{47}e^{-26t}$$

$$y_2(t) = \frac{48}{47}e^{-96t} - \frac{1}{47}e^{-2t}$$

The proposed method is compared with results obtained by Jackson and Kanue (1975) and Sahi *et al.* (2002) and the results are displayed in Table 2. As expected, the result show better accuracy than Jackson and Kanue (1975) and Sahi *et al.* (2002).

**Table 2: Comparison between existing methods with the proposed method**

| $h$     | <b>Jackson and Kanue (1975)</b><br>$ y_1(t) - y_1 $<br>$ y_2(t) - y_2 $ | <b>Sahi <i>et al.</i> (2012)</b><br>$ y_1(t) - y_1 $<br>$ y_2(t) - y_2 $ | <b>Proposed Method</b><br>$ y_1(t) - y_1 $<br>$ y_2(t) - y_2 $ |
|---------|---|--|--|
| 0.0625  | $3 \times 10^{-7}$<br>$4 \times 10^{-7}$                                | $9 \times 10^{-11}$<br>$1 \times 10^{-8}$                                | $2 \times 10^{-12}$<br>$1 \times 10^{-11}$                     |
| 0.03125 | $1 \times 10^{-8}$<br>$1 \times 10^{-8}$                                | $4 \times 10^{-12}$<br>$4 \times 10^{-12}$                               | $3 \times 10^{-13}$<br>$2 \times 10^{-13}$                     |

**Example 4.3**

We consider the second order ordinary differential equation given by

$$y'' + 1001y' + 1000y = 0 \text{ and reduced to a system of first order differential equation}$$

$$y' = z, y(0) = 1 \quad z' = -1000y - 1001z, z(0) = 0$$

The result of the problem has been compared with Abhulimen (2009), Abhulimen and Okunuga (2008).

The stiff system has eigenvalues  $\lambda_1 = -1$  and  $\lambda_2 = 1000$  for the purpose of comparison, we solved the problem from the range of integration of  $(0,1)$ . Numerical results are shown below and it can clearly be seen that the results are more accurate than those presented by Abhulimen (2009), Abhulimen and Okunuga (2008) as displayed in Table 3.

**Table 3: Comparison of proposed method for example 4.3**

| Method                   | $t$ | $error =  y_0 - y_1 $  |
|--------------------------|-----|------------------------|
| Abhulimen (2009)         | 1   | $1.8 \times 10^{-7}$   |
| Okunuga (1999)           | 1   | $5.26 \times 10^{-8}$  |
| Abhulimen&Okunuga (2008) | 1   | $5.29 \times 10^{-9}$  |
| Proposed method          | 1   | $2.86 \times 10^{-12}$ |

**Example 4.4.** Consider the nonlinear problem

$$y_1' = -1002y_1 + 1000y_1^2, \quad y_1(0) = 1$$

$$y_2' = y_1 - y_2(1 + y_2), \quad y_2(0) = 1$$

This problem has been solved by Wu and Xia (2001) using two low accuracy explicit methods in vector form and also Akinfenwa *et al.*, (2013) solved the problem using a continuous block backward differentiation formula. Their results are reproduced in tables 4 and 5 and compared with our method in tables 6 and 7 with values of  $t$  the independent variable,  $h$  the step size, and  $N$  the number of computation step, the theoretical solutions; the proposed solution, and the absolute error.

**Table 4: Absolute error for Akinfenwa, Jator, and Yao (2013)**

| $t$ | $h$  | $N$ | $Y$   | Theoretical                        | Akinfenwa, Jator, and Yao $k = 4$  | Absolute error            |
|-----|------|-----|-------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1   | 0.02 | 50  | $y_1$ | $1.353352832366127 \times 10^{-1}$ | $1.35335286619327 \times 10^{-1}$  | $3.3827 \times 10^{-9}$   |
|     |      |     | $y_2$ | $3.678794411714423 \times 10^{-1}$ | $3.678794457979147 \times 10^{-1}$ | $4.6265 \times 10^{-9}$   |
| 10  | 0.02 | 500 | $y_1$ | $2.061153622416581 \times 10^{-9}$ | $2.061154110095654 \times 10^{-9}$ | $4.8766 \times 10^{-16}$  |
|     |      |     | $y_2$ | $4.539992976383902 \times 10^{-5}$ | $4.539993515208483 \times 10^{-5}$ | $5.38966 \times 10^{-12}$ |

**Table 5: Absolute error for Wu and Xia (2001)**

| $t$ | $h$   | $N$   | $Y$   | Theoretical                        | Wu and Xia (2001)                  | Absolute error           |
|-----|-------|-------|-------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1   | 0.002 | 500   | $y_1$ | $1.353352832366127 \times 10^{-1}$ | $1.353350271728111 \times 10^{-1}$ | $2.5606 \times 10^{-7}$  |
|     |       |       | $y_2$ | $3.678794411714423 \times 10^{-1}$ | $3.678795213211519 \times 10^{-1}$ | $8.0150 \times 10^{-8}$  |
| 10  | 0.001 | 10000 | $y_1$ | $2.061153622416581 \times 10^{-9}$ | $2.061154177118385 \times 10^{-9}$ | $5.5468 \times 10^{-16}$ |
|     |       |       | $y_2$ | $4.539992976383902 \times 10^{-5}$ | $4.539993585613384 \times 10^{-5}$ | $6.0936 \times 10^{-12}$ |

**Table 6: Absolute error for the proposed HBDF<sub>4</sub>**

| $t$ | $h$  | $N$ | $Y$   | Theoretical                        | Proposed Method                        | Absolute error            |
|-----|------|-----|-------|------------------------------------|--|---------------------------|
| 1   | 0.02 | 50  | $y_1$ | $1.353352832366127 \times 10^{-1}$ | $1.3533528814908014 \times 10^{-1}$    | $5.1537 \times 10^{-11}$  |
|     |      |     | $y_2$ | $3.678794411714423 \times 10^{-1}$ | $3.6787944124186063308 \times 10^{-1}$ | $7.0418 \times 10^{-11}$  |
| 10  | 0.02 | 500 | $y_1$ | $2.061153622416581 \times 10^{-9}$ | $2.0611536298007748961 \times 10^{-9}$ | $7.38419 \times 10^{-18}$ |
|     |      |     | $y_2$ | $4.539992976383902 \times 10^{-5}$ | $4.5399929843545673782 \times 10^{-5}$ | $7.97066 \times 10^{-14}$ |

**Table 7: Absolute error for the proposed HBDF<sub>4</sub>**

| $t$ | $h$   | $N$   | $Y$   | Theoretical                        | Proposed Method                        | Absolute error            |
|-----|-------|-------|-------|------------------------------------|--|---------------------------|
| 1   | 0.002 | 500   | $y_1$ | $1.353352832366127 \times 10^{-1}$ | $1.3533528323661321371 \times 10^{-1}$ | $9.99201 \times 10^{-16}$ |
|     |       |       | $y_2$ | $3.678794411714423 \times 10^{-1}$ | $3.6787944117144303093 \times 10^{-1}$ | $9.99201 \times 10^{-16}$ |
| 10  | 0.001 | 10000 | $y_1$ | $2.061153622416583 \times 10^{-9}$ | $2.061154177118387 \times 10^{-9}$     | $5.54702 \times 10^{-16}$ |
|     |       |       | $y_2$ | $4.539992976383905 \times 10^{-5}$ | $4.539993585613387 \times 10^{-5}$     | $6.09229 \times 10^{-12}$ |

**Conclusion**

A 4-step HBDF with continuous coefficients has been implemented as a self-starting method for solution of stiff systems of ODEs. The method avoids complicated subroutines needed for existing methods requiring starting values or predictors. The stability and consistency property of our method makes it attractive for numerical solution of stiff problems. We have demonstrated the accuracy of the methods for both linear and non linear problems. It is recommended that future research be focused on the implementation of the method to parabolic partial differential equations since it is  $L_0$ - stable.

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