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## Different Types Of Interpolations For Solving Delay Differential Equations Using Explicit Runge-Kutta Method

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### Abstract

Delay differential equations (DDEs) with single and multiple delays are solved using embedded explicit Runge-Kutta method. The delay terms are approximated by using divided difference interpolation, Hermite interpolation and continuous extensions formula of the Runge-Kutta method itself. Numerical results based on the different types of interpolation are tabulated and compared.

*Keywords: Delay Differential Equations; Interpolations ; Runge-Kutta Method.*

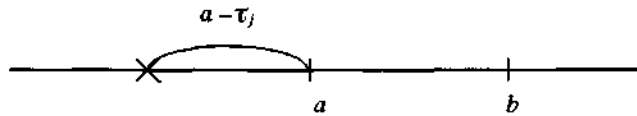
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### 1.0 Introduction

Recently a lot of research has been focused on delay differential equations. This is because DDEs provide a realistic model of many phenomena arising in applied mathematics such as the spread of infectious diseases and reaction to X-ray treatment. More detailed study of the applications of DDE can be found in Driver (1977), Hairer et al ((1993), Kuang (1991) and Macdonald (1989). A general form of a first order delay differential equations is

$$y'(t) = f(t, y(t), y(t - \tau(t, y(t)))) \quad \text{for } t \in [a, b] \quad (1.1a)$$

where  $\tau(t, y(t)) \leq t$ .  $t - \tau(t, y(t))$  is "the lag" and  $\tau(t, y(t))$  is "the Delay". Delay differential equations contain derivatives, which depend on the solution at previous time. For example, at  $t = a$  we must have the solution at  $a - \tau_j$  as shown in the diagram below. If  $T$  is the longest delay, the equations generally require us to provide the solution  $y(t)$  for  $T < t < a$ . For DDE we must provide not just the value of the solution at the initial point, but also the history of the solution before the initial point.



The initial conditions generally involve prescribed values of  $y(t)$  on an interval. The precise nature of these initial conditions depends on the nature of the delay and the range of values of the argument  $t$ . If the solution of the problem is defined by an initial value at a single point, the problem is called an initial value delay differential equation (IVDDE), otherwise it is called an initial function delay differential equation (IFDDE). In general, if we seek the solution of (1.1a) for  $a \leq t \leq b$  an initial function of the following form is required

$$y(t) = \phi(t) \quad \text{for } t \in [a^*, a] \tag{1.1b}$$

where  $a^* = \min \{ \tau(t, y(t)); \text{ for } t \in [a^*, a] \}$ , the delay term.

A general DDE with multiple delays can also be written as follows:

$$y'(t) = f(t, y(t), y(t - \tau_1(t, y(t))), \dots, y(t - \tau_q(t, y(t)))) \tag{1.2}$$

where  $\tau_i(t, y(t)) \geq 0$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, q$ .

A system of  $n$  DDE with multiple delays has the form

$$y_i'(t) = f_i(t, \dots, y_j(t - \tau_{jk}(t, y_1(t))), \dots, y_n(t)), \dots \tag{1.3}$$

where  $i, j = 1, \dots, n$ ;  $k = 0, 1, \dots, q$ , and  $\tau_{jk}(t, y_1(t)), \dots, y_n(t) \geq 0$ .

In this paper the method used is the Runge-Kutta DOPRI (4,5) pair developed by Dormand and Prince (1980), where the lower order method is of order four and has six stages and the higher order method is of order five and has seven stages. The method is represented in Table (1.1).

Table (1.1): Coefficients of Explicit Runge-Kutta DOPRI (4,5)

0							
1	1						
5	5						
3	3	9					
10	40	40					
4	44	56	32				
5	45	15	9				
8	19372	25360	64448	212			
9	6561	2187	6561	729			
1	9017	355	46732	49	5103		
1	3168	33	5247	176	18656		
1	35	0	500	125	2187	11	
	384		1113	192	6784	84	
y	35	0	500	125	2187	11	0
	384		1113	192	6784	84	
y'	5179	0	7571	393	92097	187	1
	57600		16695	640	339200	2100	40

## 2 Numerical method for solving DDEs

Most numerical methods for solving ordinary differential equation (ODE)

$$\begin{aligned} y'(t) &= f(t, y), & t \in [a, b] \\ y(a) &= y_0, \end{aligned} \tag{2.1}$$

can be adapted to solve DDE (1.1). When an s-stage explicit Runge-Kutta method is used to solve (2.1) at the point  $t_{n+1}$ , the following equations will be obtained.

$$\begin{aligned} k_i &= f(t_n + c_i h, y_n + h \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} a_{ij} k_j), & i=1, 2, \dots, s \\ y_{n+1} &= y_n + h \sum_{i=1}^s b_i k_i \end{aligned} \tag{2.2}$$

When the method is adapted to DDE (1.1) we have

$$\begin{aligned} k_i &= f(t_n + c_i h, y_n + h \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} a_{ij} k_j, y(t_n + c_i h - \tau)), & i=1, 2, \dots, s \\ y_{n+1} &= y_n + h \sum_{i=1}^s b_i k_i \end{aligned} \tag{2.3}$$

Where  $y(t_n + c_i h - \tau)$  is approximated using previously computed values of  $y(t)$ , there are a number of techniques for obtaining the approximations of  $y(t - \tau)$ . For example In't Hout (1992) resorted to the techniques of multistage continuous extensions to approximate the delay term and Al-Mutib (1977) used Hermite Interpolation for the purpose. In this paper three types of interpolation are used for the approximation of the delay terms. They are divided difference interpolation, Hermite interpolation and continuous extensions Runge-Kutta method itself. The interpolation order and hence the number of points used have to be adapted to the order of the method. Since DOPRI method is of order five hence there are six values of  $y$ 's (six points) used for the divided difference interpolation and the points are chosen such that  $t_n + c_i h - \tau$  falls in the middle of the six points. For Hermite interpolation we used both the values of  $y$  and  $y'$ , hence for the interpolation to be of the same order as the Runge-Kutta method itself, values of  $y$  and  $y'$  at three points are used for the interpolation. Interpolation using continuous extension Runge-Kutta method will be described in the next section.

## 3 Continuous Extensions Runge-Kutta (CERK) Formula

As we know, Runge-Kutta method produces approximation only at discrete points, CERK formula produces continuous approximation to the solution of an ODE, the formula which was developed by Dormand and Prince (1980) is used here for the purpose of approximating the delay term.

The general form of a continuous extensions Runge-Kutta formula is

$$y_n(t_n + \theta h_n) = y_{n-1}(t_n) + h_n \sum_{i=1}^s b_i^*(\theta) k_i \tag{3.1}$$

where  $0 \leq \theta \leq 1$

Define a CERK formula for DDE by

$$y_n(t_n + h_n) = y_{n-1}(t_n) + h_n \sum_{i=1}^s b_i^*(\theta) k_i \tag{3.3a}$$

$$k_i = f(t_n + c_i h_n, Y_i, y(t_n + c_i h - \tau(t_n + c_i h, y_n)))$$

$$y_n = y_{n-1} + h_n \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} a_{ij} k_j \tag{3.3b}$$

Fourth order continuous extension for Dormand and Prince method is given by the following :

$$b_1^*(\theta) = \theta (1 + \theta (-13371/480 + \theta (1039/360 + \theta (-1163/1152))))$$

$$b_2^*(\theta) = 0$$

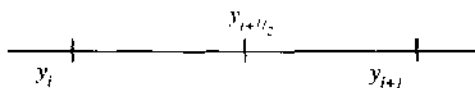
$$b_3^*(\theta) = 100 \theta^2 (1054/9275 + \theta (-4682/27825 + \theta (379/5565))) / 3$$

$$b_4^*(\theta) = 5 \theta^2 (27/40 + \theta (-9/5 + \theta (83/96))) / 2$$

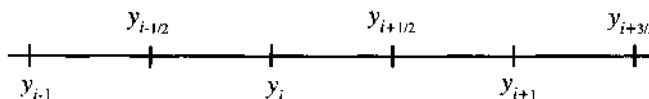
$$b_5^*(\theta) = 18225 \theta^2 (-3/250 + \theta (-37/600)) / 848$$

$$b_6^*(\theta) = 22 \theta^2 (-3/10 + \theta (29/30 + \theta (-17/24))) / 7$$

The method together with the coefficients of Table (1.1) constitutes the continuous extensions Runge-Kutta formula. This fourth order CERK method is used to solve DDE with single and multiple delays. The continuous extensions Runge-Kutta formula with  $\theta=0.5$  is used to get the value of  $y$  in the middle of the mesh points.



(That is the value of  $y_{i+1/2}$  which lies in between  $y_i$  and  $y_{i+1}$ ) .Supposedly the delay term lies in between  $t_i$  and  $t_{i+1}$  ,so we use the values of  $y_{i-1}, y_{i-1/2}, y_i, y_{i+1/2}, y_{i+1}$  and  $y_{i+3/2}$  (as shown below).



for the interpolation. CERK formula is used only to find the value of  $y$  at mid-point of two mesh points, later this value of  $y$  together with the values at mesh points were used for the divided difference interpolation so that the approximation of the delay term can be obtained. Here the DOPRI method is of order five and the CERK method is of order four.

#### 4 Test Problems

The following problems (1) and (2) are given in Al-Mutib (1977) and problem (3), which is a system of delay differential equation having two delays, is from C.A.H. Paul (1997). They are solved using explicit Runge-Kutta DOPRI method in Table (1.1) and the delay terms are approximated using divided difference interpolation, Hermite interpolation and continuous extensions Runge-Kutta formula.

##### Problem 1

$$y_-(t) = 1 - y(\exp(1 - 1/t)) \quad t \geq 3$$

$$y(t) = \ln(t) \quad 0 < t \leq 3.$$

**Analytical solution:**  $y(t) = \ln(t)$

##### Problem 2

$$y_{-1}(t) = y_2(t) \quad 3 \leq t \leq 10$$

$$y_{-2}(t) = -y_2(\exp(1 - y_2(t)) (y_2(t))^2 \exp(t - y_2(t))) \quad 3 \leq t \leq 10$$

$$y_1(t) = \ln(t) \text{ and } y_2(t) = 1/t \quad 0 \leq t \leq 3$$

**Analytical solution:**

$$\left. \begin{aligned} y_1(t) &= \ln(t) \\ y_2(t) &= \frac{1}{t} \end{aligned} \right\} 3 \leq t \leq 10$$

##### Problem 3

$$y'_1(t) = y_5(t-1) + y_3(t-1) \quad t \geq 0,$$

$$y'_2(t) = y_1(t-1) + y_2(t-1/2) \quad t \geq 0,$$

$$y'_3(t) = y_3(t-1) + y_1(t-1/2) \quad t \geq 0,$$

$$y'_4(t) = y_5(t-1) y_4(t-1) \quad t \geq 0,$$

$$y'_5(t) = y_1(t-1) \quad t \geq 0,$$

$$y_1(t) = \exp(t+1) \quad t \leq 0,$$

$$y_2(t) = \exp(t+1/2) \quad t \leq 0,$$

$$y_3(t) = \sin(t+1) \quad t \leq 0,$$

$$y_4(t) = \exp(t+1) \quad t \leq 0,$$

$$y_5(t) = \exp(t+1) \quad t \leq 0.$$

**Analytical solution:**

$$y_1(t) = e^t - \cos(t) + e \quad 0 \leq t \leq 1,$$

$$y_2(t) = 2e^t + \exp(1/2) - 2 \quad 0 \leq t \leq 1/2,$$



$$\begin{aligned}
 &= e^t + 2 \exp(t - 1/2) + t \exp(1/2) - 2t + (3/2) \exp(1/2) - 3 & 1/2 \leq t \leq 1, \\
 y_3(t) &= \exp(t + 1/2) - \cos(t) + 1 - \exp(1/2) + \sin(1) & 0 \leq t \leq 1/2, \\
 &= -\cos(t) + \exp(t - 1/2) - \sin(t - 1/2) + (t + 1/2)e^{-\exp(1/2) + \sin(1)} & 1/2 \leq t \leq 1, \\
 y_4(t) &= (1/2) \exp(2t) - 1/2 + e & 0 \leq t \leq 1, \\
 y_5(t) &= e^t + e - 1 & 0 \leq t \leq 1,
 \end{aligned}$$

## 5 Numerical Results

For comparison, the related methods and abbreviations in tables (5.1-5.3) are

DDI : divided difference interpolation;

HI : Hermite interpolation;

CERK : continuous extensions Runge-Kutta formula;

Tol : requested error tolerance;

NF : total number of function evaluations;

NS : total number of steps;

FS : total number of fail steps;

ERR : maximum relative error over mesh points:  $\max_i |y(t_i) - y_i|$

Table 5.1: Numerical results for Problem 1

Tol		NF	NS	FS	ERR
$10^{-2}$	DDI	28	4	0	3.20462775-E4
	HI	28	4	0	3.20462775-E4
	CERK	56	8	0	4.16753331-E5
$10^{-4}$	DDI	82	10	2	6.84217994-E4
	HI	61	7	2	6.84217994-E4
	CERK	91	13	0	1.44585205-E5
$10^{-6}$	DDI	118	16	1	1.02217893-E4
	HI	117	15	2	1.02217893-E4
	CERK	147	21	0	4.39779309-E7
$10^{-8}$	DDI	216	30	1	3.52151722-E7
	HI	202	28	1	3.52151722-E7
	CERK	259	37	0	3.24283761-E9
$10^{-10}$	DDI	447	63	1	2.30590421-E10
	HI	426	60	1	2.30590421-E10
	CERK	497	71	0	4.09876087-E11

Table 5.2: Numerical results for Problem 2

Tol		NF	NS	FS	ERR
$10^{-2}$	DDI	77	11	0	3.36141013-E4
	HI	77	11	0	4.44800007-E4
	CERK	77	11	0	4.44800007-E4
$10^{-4}$	DDI	147	21	0	1.52490459-E5
	HI	147	21	0	1.39427174-E5
	CERK	175	25	0	1.57390050-E5
$10^{-6}$	DDI	273	39	0	3.28879844-E7
	HI	252	36	0	2.85984712-E7
	CERK	273	39	0	3.17894034-E7
$10^{-8}$	DDI	476	68	0	4.85464643-E11
	HI	462	66	0	4.54779151-E11
	CERK	476	68	0	3.90141531-E9
$10^{-10}$	DDI	924	132	0	4.85464643-E11
	HI	924	132	0	4.54779151-E11
	CERK	931	133	0	6.02358925-E11

Table 5.3: Numerical results for Problem 3

Tol		NF	NS	FS	ERR
$10^{-2}$	DDI	28	4	0	9.18793396-E5
	HI	28	4	0	1.83758679-E4
	CERK	28	4	0	1.57051313-E5
$10^{-4}$	DDI	48	6	1	1.59526209-E4
	HI	48	6	1	3.19052418-E4
	CERK	48	6	1	1.59526209-E4
$10^{-6}$	DDI	83	11	1	1.71687664-E6
	HI	83	11	1	3.07351484-E6
	CERK	82	10	2	2.27373130-E5
$10^{-8}$	DDI	137	17	3	2.61314527-E8
	HI	151	19	3	1.50962562-E6
	CERK	137	17	3	1.54266568-E5
$10^{-10}$	DDI	243	33	2	2.14592913-E7
	HI	264	36	2	3.96070704-E8
	CERK	243	33	2	2.19277121-E7

## 6 Conclusion

Looking at the numerical results Hermite interpolation produced slightly better results based on the function evaluation, number of steps and fail steps except for problem (3) where divided difference interpolation and CERK method performed slightly better than Hermite interpolation. This is expected because the interpolation points in Hermite interpolation are nearer to the point to be interpolated compared to the other two interpolations. Furthermore CERK formula is of order four; so, for the interpolation, we have the intermediate value, which is of order four and the mesh-point value, which is of order five. This is the reason why the results are not as good as the results using divided difference and Hermite interpolations. It is also observed that the errors for problem (3) are slightly larger for most of the tolerances compared to problems (1) and (2). This is expected since the problem has more delay terms. For example the third equation in problem (3) is  $y_3'(t) = y_3(t-1) + y_1(t-1/2)$  there are two delay terms in the equation which require interpolations for their approximations resulting in the increase of the total error. Generally, CERK formula is often used for the purpose of obtaining the value of  $y$  at off mesh points, but in this paper it is used for approximating the delay term. The results demonstrated that CERK formula together with divided difference interpolation can also be used as an alternative method to approximate the delay term when solving DDEs.

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