

1 **Original Research Article**
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3 **Construction of Stable High Order One-Block Methods Using Multi-Block Triple**
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5 **Abstract**

6 This paper deals with the construction of l -stable implicit one-block methods for the solution of
7 stiff initial value problems. The constructions are done using three different multi-block
8 methods. The first multi-block method is composed using Generalized Backward Differentiation
9 Formula (GBDF) and Backward Differentiation Formula (BDF), the second is composed using
10 Reversed Generalized Adams Moulton (RGAM) and Generalized Adams Moulton (GAM) while
11 the third is composed using Reversed Adams Moulton (RAM) and Adams Moulton (AM). Shift
12 operator is then applied to the combination of the three multi-block methods in such a manner
13 that the resultant block is a one-block method and self-starting. These one-block methods are l -
14 stable at order six and $l(\alpha)$ -stable with $\alpha = 79.75^\circ$ an order ten. Numerical experiments show
15 that they are good for solving stiff initial problems.

16 Keywords: l-stable; multi-block; stiff initial value problem; one-block and self-starting.

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19 **Introduction**

20 In [7], it was pointed out that unconventional means were adopted by many researchers in order
21 to circumvent the Dahlquist order barrier [6]. In other to construct high order and stable methods,
22 many researchers in recent time have followed this unconventional means (see [1, 4, 9, 11, 12,
23 13, 14, 15, 16]). In this paper, the same trend is followed in constructing methods for finding the
24 numerical solution $y(t)$ to the initial value problems (ivp) in ode

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$$y'(t) = f(t, y(t)); \quad y(t_0) = y_0; \quad t \in [a, b]; \quad (1)$$

26 $f : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m; \quad y : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$

26 The classical linear multistep formula which is given by

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$$\sum_{r=0}^k \alpha_r y_{n+r} = h_n \sum_{r=0}^k \beta_r f(t_{n+r}, y_{n+r}) \quad (2)$$

28 where the step number $k > 1$ and $h_n = t_{n+1} - t_n$ is a variable step length, $\{\alpha_r\}_{r=0}^k \{\beta_r\}_{r=0}^k$ and are
 29 real constants and both not zero. Formula (1) can be represented by two polynomials

$$30 \quad \rho(z) = \sum_{r=0}^k \alpha_r z^r, \quad \sigma(z) = \sum_{r=0}^k \beta_r z^r \quad (3)$$

31 such that (2) can be rewritten as

$$32 \quad \rho(E)y_n = h\sigma(E)f_n \quad (4a)$$

33 where E is the shift operator defined by $E^j y_n = y_{n+j}$. When (2) is applied to the scalar test
 34 equation

$$35 \quad y' = \lambda y, \quad \text{Re}(\lambda) < 0. \quad (4b)$$

36 yields the stability polynomial

$$37 \quad \rho(z) - h\sigma(z) = 0 \quad (5)$$

38 Now let us redefine (3) as

$$39 \quad \rho(z) = \sum_{r=0}^k A_r z^r, \quad \sigma(z) = \sum_{r=0}^k B_r z^r \quad (6)$$

40 where $\{A_i\}_{i=0}^k$ and $\{B_i\}_{i=0}^k$ are matrices (block coefficients), then (2) becomes a linear multi-block
 41 method (LMBM)

$$42 \quad \sum_{r=0}^k A_r y_{n+r} = h_n \sum_{r=0}^k B_r f(t_{n+r}, y_{n+r}) \quad (7)$$

43 which can be rewritten as (4a)

44 Construction of the block methods

45 The methodology for the construction of the methods is explained in the following proposition:

46 Proposition

47 Let the family of Linear Multi-Block Methods (LMBM) $\{\rho_k^{[j]}(R), \sigma_k^{[j]}(R)\}_{j=1, k=1}^{m, T}$ be given,
 48 that is,

49 $\rho_k^{[j]}(E)Y_n = h\sigma_k^{[j]}(E)F_n ; j = 1(1)m , k = 1(1)T$ (8)

50 with $\{\rho_k^{[j]}, \sigma_k^{[j]}\}$ for a fixed j forming a family of variable order $P_{k,j}$ of variable step number
51 k . Then the resultant system of composite LMBM

52 $E^i \rho_k^{[j]}(E)Y_n = hE^i \sigma_k^{[j]}(E)F_n ; i = 0(1)k-l ; j = 1, 2, \dots, m$ (the number of LMBM)

53 (9)

54 arising from the E-operator transformation of (8) can be composed as the one-block method

55 $C_1 Y_{n+1} + C_0 Y_n = h(D_1 F_{n+1} + D_0 F_n) ; \det(C_1) \neq 0$ (10)

56 if k is chosen such that l is an integer given as

57 $l = \frac{k(ms-1-s)+ms}{s(m-1)} ; k \geq 4; m, s \geq 2$; (s is the number of rows in each LMBM)

58 and $k-l \geq 0$. (11)

59 where Y_{n+1} , Y_n ; F_{n+1} and F_n $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ are as defined below and C_1, C_0, D_1, D_0 are
60 square matrices also defined below for a fixed s and m .

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$$C_0 = \begin{pmatrix} & A_0^{[1]} \\ & A_0^{[2]} \\ \vdots & \\ & \ddots \\ & A_0^{[m]} \\ O & 0 \\ \vdots & \\ \vdots & \\ 0 & \end{pmatrix}_{(k+s(k-l)) \times (k+s(k-l))} ; D_0 = \begin{pmatrix} & B_0^{[1]} \\ & B_0^{[2]} \\ \vdots & \\ & \ddots \\ & B_0^{[m]} \\ O & 0 \\ \vdots & \\ \vdots & \\ 0 & \end{pmatrix}_{(k+s(k-l)) \times (k+s(k-l))} \quad (12)$$

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$$D_l = \begin{pmatrix} B_1^{[1]} & . & . & . & . & B_k^{[1]} & 0 & 0 & 0 & . & . & . & . & . & 0 \\ . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & 0 \\ B_1^{[m]} & . & . & . & . & B_k^{[m]} & 0 & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & 0 \\ B_0^{[1]} & B_1^{[1]} & . & . & . & . & B_k^{[1]} & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & 0 \\ . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & 0 \\ . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & 0 \\ B_0^{[m]} & B_1^{[m]} & . & . & . & . & B_k^{[m]} & 0 & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . \\ 0 & B_0^{[1]} & B_1^{[1]} & . & . & . & B_{k-1}^{[1]} & B_k^{[1]} & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . \\ 0 & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . \\ B_0^{[m]} & B_1^{[m]} & . & . & . & . & B_{k-1}^{[m]} & B_k^{[m]} & 0 & . & . & . & . & . & . \\ . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . \\ . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . \\ 0 & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . \\ 0 & B_0^{[m]} & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & B_k^{[m]} \end{pmatrix}_{(k+s(k-l)) \times (k+s(k-l))}$$

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66 $Y_{n+1} = (y_{n+1}, y_{n+2}, \dots, y_{n+k+s(k-l)})^T; \quad Y_n = (y_{n-(k+s(k-l))+1}, y_{n-2k+l+2}, \dots, y_{n-1}, y_n)^T; \quad (13)$

67 $F_{n+1} = (f_{n+1}, f_{n+2}, \dots, f_{n+k+s(k-l)})^T; \quad F_n = (f_{n-(k+s(k-l))+1}, f_{n-2k+l+2}, \dots, f_{n-1}, f_n)^T$

68 $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

69 **Proof:**

70 Notice that the E -operator is effectively applied $k-l$ times on the system of LMBM $\{\rho_k^{[j]}, \sigma_k^{[j]}\}_{k,j}$
 71 . Thus there are $(k + s(k - l)) \times (k + s(k - l))$ unknown solution points captured in the block of
 72 solution $Y_{n+1} = (y_{n+1}, y_{n+2}, \dots, y_{n+k+s(k-l)})^T$. By this, the block definition in (10) is realized if the
 73 coefficient matrices C_1, C_0, D_1, D_0 are square matrices of dimension $(k + s(k - l)) \times (k + s(k - l))$.

74 This simply implies that $ms + ms(k - l) = k + s(k - l)$ so that l is as in (11) and for a fixed m and
 75 s, k is chosen such that $k - l \geq 0$. ■

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78 In particular:

79 (1.) $m = 2 ; s = 2; l = \frac{k+4}{2}; k = 4, 6, 8, 10, \dots$

80 (2.) $m = 3 ; s = 2; l = \frac{3k+6}{4} ; k = 6, 10, 14, \dots$

81 When $k - l = 0$ the method requires zero shiftings. This is so if $ms=k$. However, the case of
 82 interest in this paper is when $m = 3$ and $s = 2$. Consider the family composed using GBDF/BDF
 83 [3], RGAM/GAM and RAM/AM [2] methods, the coefficients are respectively given below:

84 The method constructed using the pair of GBDF and BDF of order 6, that is $k=6$.

(3)

86 The method constructed using the pair of RGAM and GAM of order 7, that is $k=6$.

(4)

88 The method constructed using the pair of RAM and AM of order 7, that is $k=6$.

(5)

90 The three multi-block (Three-block) methods are then used to construct a one-block method
 91 given as in (10) where

$$C_1 = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{15} & \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{4}{3} & \frac{7}{12} & \frac{2}{5} & -\frac{1}{30} \\ \frac{6}{5} & \frac{15}{4} & -\frac{20}{3} & \frac{15}{2} & -6 & \frac{49}{20} \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{60} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{6} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$D_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 271 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 60480 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 191 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 60480 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 19087 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 60480 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 863 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 60480 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 23 & 10273 & 586 & 2257 & 67 & 191 \\ 504 & 20160 & 945 & 20160 & 2520 & 60480 \\ 67 & 2257 & 586 & 10273 & 23 & 271 \\ 2520 & 20160 & 945 & 20160 & 504 & 60480 \\ 2713 & 15487 & 586 & 6737 & 263 & 863 \\ 2520 & 20160 & 945 & 20160 & 2520 & 60480 \\ 2713 & 15487 & 586 & 15487 & 2713 & 19087 \\ 2520 & 20160 & 945 & 20160 & 2520 & 60480 \end{bmatrix}$$

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95 Case of $k=10$, five-block methods constructed are

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{5} & -\frac{1}{840} & 0 & \frac{4}{28} & -\frac{3}{30} & \frac{6}{32} & \frac{11}{105} & 0 & \frac{4}{2} & \frac{1}{56} \\ \frac{7381}{2520} & 0 & 0 & \frac{45}{4} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{35}{2} & 0 \\ \frac{1}{1260} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{10} & 0 & 1 & F_{n+5} & 0 & 0 & F_{n+4} & 0 & F_{n+2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (11)$$

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$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (12)$$

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$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (13)$$

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102 Putting all the three multi-block methods together, we have (10) where

114 $\pi(w, z) =$

$$-\frac{571w^5}{720} + \frac{571w^6}{720} - \frac{9647w^5z}{5040} - \frac{2867w^6z}{1008} - \frac{61333w^5z^2}{30240} + \frac{145717w^6z^2}{30240} - \frac{26147w^5z^3}{21600} -$$

$$\frac{764341w^6z^3}{151200} - \frac{4517w^5z^4}{10800} + \frac{270707w^6z^4}{75600} - \frac{6109w^5z^5}{90720} - \frac{110011w^6z^5}{64800} + \frac{3223w^6z^6}{7560}$$

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116 The region of absolute stability R_A associated with (10) is the set

117 $R_A = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |w_j(z)| \leq 1, j = 1(1)(k+s(k-l))\}$ (16)

118 For order 6 above $w_j(z), j = 1(1)6$ are given below

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$$\begin{aligned} w_0 &= \frac{359730 + 868230z + 919995z^2 + 549087z^3 + 189714z^4 + 30545z^5}{359730 - 1290150z + 2185755z^2 - 2293023z^3 + 1624242z^4 - 770077z^5 + 193380z^6} \\ &\quad \blacksquare \end{aligned}$$

120 The only non-zero value of $w(z)$ for this family of methods are given as a rational function

121 $T(z) = \frac{P(z)}{Q(z)}$. where $P(z)$ $Q(z)$ are polynomials. From the above $k = 6$,

122 $T(z) =$

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$$\frac{359730 + 868230z + 919995z^2 + 549087z^3 + 189714z^4 + 30545z^5}{359730 - 1290150z + 2185755z^2 - 2293023z^3 + 1624242z^4 - 770077z^5 + 193380z^6} \quad \blacksquare$$

124 This value tends to zero as z tends to infinity.

125 Definition1: A block method is said to be pre-stable if the roots of $Q(z)$ are contained in C^+ (see
126 [5]). The roots of $Q(z)$ are

127 $\{\{z \rightarrow 0.2210288675951737 - 1.2587046977754033 \text{ TM}\}, \{z \rightarrow 0.2210288675951737 +$
128 $1.2587046977754033 \text{ TM}\}, \{z \rightarrow 0.7560441897235561 - 0.701940199394596 \text{ TM}\},$
129 $\{z \rightarrow 0.7560441897235561 + 0.701940199394596 \text{ TM}\}, \{z \rightarrow 1.0140247811340575 -$
130 $0.2047642418277674 \text{ TM}\}, \{z \rightarrow 1.0140247811340575 + 0.2047642418277674 \text{ TM}\}\}$
131 They are contained in C^+ .

132 Definition2: A one block method is A -stable if and only if it is stable on the imaginary axis (I -
133 stable) [8]:

134 That is $T(iy) \leq 1$ for all $y \in \mathfrak{R}$, and $T(z)$ is analytic for $z < 0$ (i.e. $Q(z)$ does not have roots
135 with negative or zero real parts), I -stability is equivalent to the fact that the Norsett polynomial
136 defined by

137 $G(y) = |Q(iy)|^2 - |P(iy)|^2 = Q(iy)Q(-iy) - P(iy)P(-iy)$ (19)

138 satisfies $G(y) > 0$ for all $y \in \Re$ [8].

139 Definition 3: A block method is said to be *L-Stable* if it is *A-Stable* and also $T(z) \rightarrow 0$ as
140 $z \rightarrow \infty$ [10].

141 The none zero solution, $T(z)$ of order 6 has no pole on C^- , all the roots of $Q(z)$ are contained in
142 C^+ . The orders 6 satisfies condition (19) and definitions 1 and 2, therefore is *L-Stable*.

143 Definition 4: A LMF is said to be $A(\alpha)$ -Stable, with $\alpha \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2})$ if its region of absolute stability
144 (RAS) contains the infinite wedge w_α , $w_\alpha = \{\lambda h : -\alpha \leq |\pi - \arg(z)| \leq \alpha\}$

145 Following the analysis as above, the order 10 of the constructed method is $L(\alpha)$ -Stable with
146 $\alpha = 79.75^\circ$.

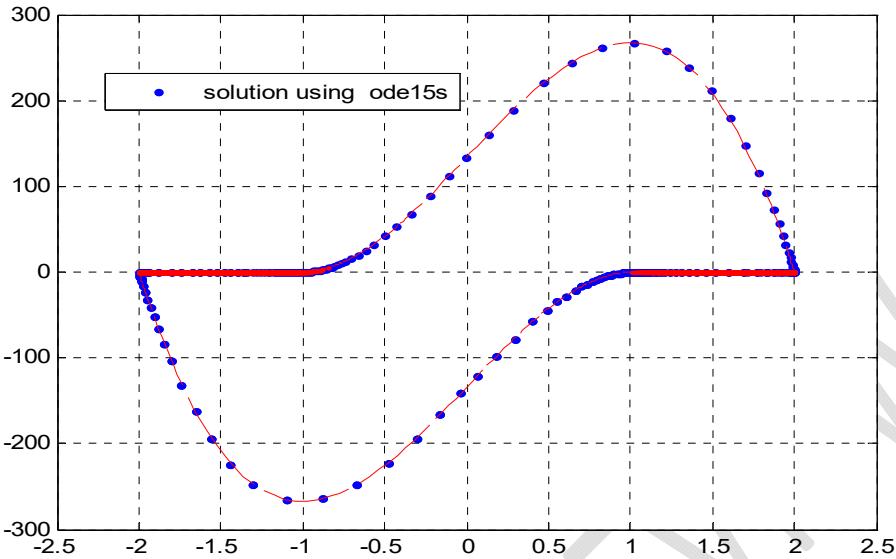
147 Numerical Experiments

148 In this section, we considered two problems to test the effectiveness of the method

149 Problem: Van der Pol problem (cf: [5])

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$$\begin{aligned} y_1' &= y_2 \\ y_2' &= -y_1 + \mu y_2(1 - y_1^2); \quad y_1(0) = 2, \quad y_2(0) = 0, \quad \mu = 200 \end{aligned}$$

151 The phase diagram of the problem of the computed solution and that of ode15s are plotted in
152 figure 1.



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154 Figure 1: The phase diagram of problem computed with order 6 of the method

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156 Conclusion

157 The work done in [2, 3, 9] using linear multistep methods has been extended to multi-block
 158 methods. The order 6 of the methods constructed is L -Stable, while the order 10 is
 159 $L(\alpha)$ -Stable with $\alpha = 79.75^\circ$. The result of the implementation of order 6 of the method on a
 160 stiff initial value problem shows that it is effective.

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