

### Third derivative GLM with RK-stability

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#### *Abstract*

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*This paper presents third derivative Runge-Kutta methods (TDRK) which have a simple transformation to general linear method (GLM) for the numerical integration of initial value problems (IVPs) in ordinary differential equations (ODEs).*

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## 1.0 Introduction

The RK method is one of the traditional methods for the numerical solution of IVPs in ODEs,

$$\begin{cases} y' = f(x, y(x)), & x \in [x_0, X] \\ y_0 = y(x_0), & y \in R^m, f \in R \times R^m, m \geq 1. \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

The RK method is

$$Y_i = y_{n-1} + h \sum_{j=1}^s a_{ij} f(Y_j), \quad i = 1, \dots, s, \quad (2)$$

$$y_n = y_{n-1} + h \sum_{i=1}^s b_i f(Y_i), \quad (3)$$

where,  $h = x_n - x_{n-1}$  is the step length and the stage  $Y_i = y(x_{n-1} + c_i h) + O(h^{q+1})$ , the  $c_i = [c_1, c_2, \dots, c_s]^T$  is called the abscissa vector or the *nodes* and it may lie between 0 and 1, while  $q$  represent the stage order. The  $y_n = y(x_{n-1} + h) + O(h^{p+1})$  is denotes the output method and is of order  $p$ . To specify a particular method, one needs to provide the integer  $s$  (the number of stages), and the coefficients  $a_{ij}$  (for  $1 \leq j < i \leq s$ ),  $b_i$  (for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, s$ ) and  $c_i$  (for  $i = 2, 3, \dots, s$ ). With the paper of Butcher [1] it became customary to symbolize methods (1.2) and (1.3) by the tableau

$$\begin{array}{c|c} c_i & [a_{ij}] \\ \hline & b_i^T \end{array}$$

where the matrix  $[a_{ij}]$  is called the RK matrix, while the  $b_i$  are known as the weights. Examples of RK methods are in [1-7]. As in [7], RK methods have both advantages and disadvantages. They are stable and easy to implement in variable step size and order. However, they have difficulties in achieving high accuracy at reasonable computational cost. The interest is on the transformation of RK methods to GLM [8]. The GLM was introduced by Butcher [8] to provide a unifying framework for both multistage and multivalued methods. The GLM [8] is

$$\begin{cases} Y_i = \sum_{j=1}^s h a_{ij} F_j + \sum_{j=1}^r u_{ij} y_j^{[n-1]}, & i = 1, \dots, s, \\ y_i^{[n]} = \sum_{j=1}^s h b_{ij} F_j + \sum_{j=1}^r v_{ij} y_j^{[n-1]}, & i = 1, \dots, r. \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

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The matrix representation is

$$\begin{pmatrix} Y \\ y^{[n]} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} A & U \\ B & V \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} hF \\ y^{[n-1]} \end{pmatrix}, \tag{5}$$

where  $Y = (Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_s)^T$ ,  $F = (F_1, F_2, \dots, F_s)^T$  are the stages and stage derivatives while,

$y^{[n-1]} = (y_1^{[n-1]}, y_2^{[n-1]}, \dots, y_r^{[n-1]})^T$ ,  $y^{[n]} = (y_1^{[n]}, y_2^{[n]}, \dots, y_r^{[n]})^T$  denotes the input and output approximations.

The matrices in (5) are  $A = \{a_{ij}\} \in R^{(s \times r)}$ ,  $B = \{b_{ij}\} \in R^{(r \times r)}$ ,  $U = \{u_{ij}\} \in R^{(s \times s)}$ , and  $V = \{v_{ij}\} \in R^{(r \times s)}$ . The stability of the method in (5) is determined from the stability matrix

$$M(z) = V + zB(I - zA). \tag{6}$$

The characteristics polynomial of (5) is

$$\Pi(w, z) = \det(wI - M(z)). \tag{7}$$

**Definition 1.** c.f. [9]: If the characteristic polynomial of  $M(z)$ , known as the stability function, has the special form

$$\Pi(w, z) = \det(wI - M(z)) = w^{r-1}(w - R(z)),$$

then the method is said to possess RK stability.

Examples of RK methods in the format of (5) are in [4-5]. How this is done has been well discussed in [10-14]. Examples of RK methods in GLM form are in [10-14]. Enright [15] considered second derivative in linear multistep methods. In this regard, Butcher and Hojjati [10], and Okuonghae [12-13] extended ((2), (3)) and (5) to SDGLM methods. An example is

$$\begin{pmatrix} Y \\ y^{[n]} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} A_1 & A_2 & U \\ B_1 & B_2 & V \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} hF \\ h^2 F' \\ y^{[n-1]} \end{pmatrix}, c = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \tag{8}$$

where,

$$A_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{3} & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{7}{16} & \frac{9}{16} & 0 \end{pmatrix}, A_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{27} & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{16} & \frac{1}{16} & 0 \end{pmatrix}, B_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 7 & 9 & 0 \\ 16 & 16 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, B_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 16 & 16 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$U = (1 \ 1 \ 1)^T, V = 1, Y = (Y_1, Y_2, Y_3)^T, F = (F_1, F_2, F_3)^T, F' = (F'_1, F'_1, F'_3)^T.$$

The stability polynomial of the explicit SDGLM (8) is

$$\Pi(w, z) = w - 1 - z - \frac{5z^2}{16} - \frac{z^3}{24} - \frac{z^4}{432}.$$

This (8) is thus by [16] nearly ARK-stable. The interval of absolute stability of the algorithm in (8) is (-8, 0). This paper describes an extension of second derivative RK methods [12] to third derivative RK methods (TDRK) which have a simple transformation to GLM.

**2.0 Third derivative GLM (TDGLM)**

The general form of the proposed GLM is

$$\begin{cases} Y_i = \sum_{j=1}^s h^3 a_{ij}^{(3)}(c_i)F_j'' + h^2 \sum_{j=1}^s a_{ij}^{(2)}(c_i)F_j' + h \sum_{j=1}^s a_{ij}^{(1)}(c_i)F_j + \sum_{j=1}^r u_{ij}(c_i)y_j^{[n-1]}, & i=1, \dots, s, \\ y_i^{[n]} = \sum_{j=1}^s h^3 b_{ij}^{(3)}(t)F_j'' + h^2 \sum_{j=1}^s b_{ij}^{(2)}(t)F_j' + h \sum_{j=1}^s b_{ij}^{(1)}(t)F_j + \sum_{j=1}^r v_{ij}(t)y_j^{[n-1]}, & i=1, \dots, r, \end{cases} \quad (9)$$

$$Y_i = y(x_{n-1} + c_i h), \quad F_j = F(x_{n-1} + c_j h, Y_i), \quad y_1^{[n-1]} = y_{n-1}, \quad y_1^{[n]} = y(x_{n-1} + th), \quad c_s = t = 1.$$

In Butcher tableau this is,

$$\begin{pmatrix} Y \\ y^{[n]} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} A_1 & A_2 & A_3 & U \\ B_1 & B_2 & B_3 & V \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} hF \\ h^2 F' \\ h^3 F'' \\ y^{[n-1]} \end{pmatrix}, \quad c = \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \\ \vdots \\ c_s \end{pmatrix}, \quad (10)$$

where,

$$Y = (Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_s)^T, \quad F = (F_1, F_2, \dots, F_s)^T, \quad F' = (F_1', F_2', \dots, F_s')^T, \quad F'' = (F_1'', F_2'', \dots, F_s'')^T,$$

$$y^{[n-1]} = (y_1^{[n-1]}, y_2^{[n-1]}, \dots, y_r^{[n-1]})^T, \quad y^{[n]} = (y_1^{[n]}, y_2^{[n]}, \dots, y_r^{[n]})^T, \quad A_1 = \{a_{ij}^{(1)}\} \in R^{(s \times s)}, \quad A_2 = \{a_{ij}^{(2)}\} \in R^{(s \times s)},$$

$$A_3 = \{a_{ij}^{(3)}\} \in R^{(s \times s)}, \quad B_1 = \{b_{ij}^{(1)}\} \in R^{(r \times s)}, \quad B_2 = \{b_{ij}^{(2)}\} \in R^{(r \times s)}, \quad B_3 = \{b_{ij}^{(3)}\} \in R^{(r \times s)}, \quad U = \{u_{ij}\} \in R^{(s \times r)}, \quad \text{and}$$

$$V = \{v_{ij}\} \in R^{(r \times r)}.$$

The dimension of the method in (10) is  $(s+r) \times (3s+r)$ . The stability matrix of the TDGLM is obtained when (10) is applied to the Dahlquist [17] test scalar problem  $y' = \lambda y$ , where  $\lambda$  may be a complex number. Following the idea in [12, 13] we obtain

$$\psi(z) = V + z(B_1 + zB_2 + z^2B_3)(I - zA_1 - z^2A_2 - z^3A_3)^{-1}U, \quad z = \lambda h. \quad (11)$$

The stability polynomial of (10) is

$$\Pi(w, z) = \det(wI - \psi(z)). \quad (12)$$

The advantages of TDRK method (10) is that it promotes high order and large region of absolute stability, especially if the methods are of RK stability [18]. Again, they can be used as a starter for a suitable GLM. This paper is organized as follows. Section 3 discusses the derivation of explicit TDRK methods and their transformation to TDGLM. Section 4 discusses some numerical experiment.

**3.0 Derivation of the TDRK methods and their transformation to GLM**

To derive (9) we use the following polynomial interpolant [17]

$$y(x) = \sum_{j=0}^N \theta_j x^j. \quad (13)$$

The variable  $x$  in (13) can be computed from the scale variable  $t = \frac{x - x_{n-1}}{h}$ . When  $r=1, s=1$  in (9), we have the first stage and the output methods as

$$\begin{cases} Y_1 = h^3 a_{11}^{(3)}(c_1)F_1'' + h^2 a_{11}^{(2)}(c_1)F_1' + h a_{11}^{(1)}(c_1)F_1 + u_{11}(c_1)y_1^{[n-1]}, \\ y_1^{[n]} = h^3 b_{11}^{(3)}(t)F_1'' + h^2 b_{11}^{(2)}(t)F_1' + h b_{11}^{(1)}(t)F_1 + v_{11}(t)y_1^{[n-1]}, \\ Y_1 = y(x_{n-1} + c_1 h), \quad y_1^{[n]} = Y_2 = y(x_{n-1} + th). \end{cases} \quad (14)$$

The coefficients of the method in (14) are:

$$a_{11}^{(1)}(c_1) = c_1, \quad a_{11}^{(2)}(c_1) = \frac{c_1^2}{2}, \quad a_{11}^{(3)}(c_1) = \frac{c_1^3}{6}, \quad u_{11}(c_1) = 1,$$

$$b_{11}^{(1)}(t) = t, \quad b_{11}^{(2)}(t) = \frac{t^2}{2}, \quad b_{11}^{(3)}(t) = \frac{t^3}{6}, \quad v_{11}(t) = 1.$$

Fixing  $c_1 = 0$  and  $t = 1$  gives the stage and the output method

$$Y_1 = y_1^{[n-1]}, \tag{15}$$

$$y_1^{[n]} = \frac{h^3}{6} F_1'' + \frac{h^2}{2} F_1' + h F_1 + y_1^{[n-1]}, \quad p = 3. \tag{16}$$

The GLM form of (15) and (16) is

$$\begin{pmatrix} Y \\ y^{[n]} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} A_1 & A_2 & A_3 & U \\ B_1 & B_2 & B_3 & V \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} h F \\ h^2 F' \\ h^3 F'' \\ y^{[n-1]} \end{pmatrix}, \quad c = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \tag{17}$$

here,

$$A_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad A_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad A_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{6} & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad B_1 = (1 \quad 0), \quad B_2 = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad B_3 = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{6} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$U = (1 \quad 1), \quad V = 1, \quad Y = (Y_1, Y_2)^T, \quad F = (F_1, F_2)^T, \quad F' = (F'_1, F'_2)^T, \quad F'' = (F''_1, F''_2)^T.$$

The stability polynomial of the TDGLM (17) is  $\Pi(w, z) = w - 1 - z - \frac{z^2}{2} - \frac{z^3}{6}$ . The stability polynomial of (17) is

exactly the same as that of the classical third order RK method. By implication, this method will behave like the third order RK method. The interval of absolute stability of the method in (17) is  $(-2.513, 0)$ . The stability plot is given in Fig. 1.

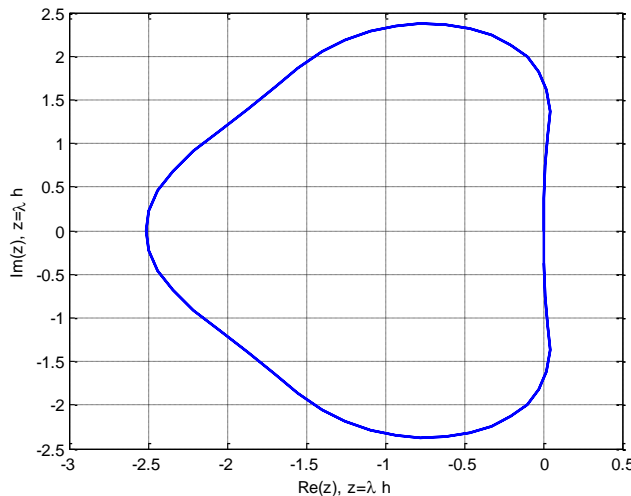


Fig. 1: The stability region of the GLM (17).

Similarly, the coefficient of the methods in (9) when  $r = 1, s = 2$  are

$$a_{11}^{(1)}(c_1) = c_1, \quad a_{11}^{(2)}(c_1) = \frac{c_1^2}{2}, \quad a_{11}^{(3)}(c_1) = \frac{c_1^3}{6}, \quad u_{11}(c_1) = 1,$$

$$a_{21}^{(1)}(c_2) = c_2, \quad a_{21}^{(2)}(c_2) = \frac{c_2^2}{2}, \quad a_{21}^{(3)}(c_2) = \frac{c_2^3}{6}, \quad u_{21}(c_2) = 1,$$

$$b_{11}^{(1)} = (t(2t^5 - 6t^4 c_2 + 5t^3 c_2^2 - 2c_2^5 + 5c_1^2(t - 2c_2)(t^2 + 2c_2(-t + c_2)) + c_1(-6t^4 + 10c_2(2t^3 - 2t^2 c_2 + c_2^3)))) / (2(c_1 - c_2)^5),$$

$$b_{12}^{(1)} = (-t(2t^5 - 6t^4 c_1 + 5t^3 c_1^2 - 2c_1^5 + 2(-3t^4 + 5c_1(2t^3 - 2t^2 c_1 + c_1^3)))c_2$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& +5(t-2c_1)(t^2+2c_1(-t+c_1)c_2^2)/2(c_1-c_2)^5, \\
b_{11}^{(2)} & = (-t(5t^5+2t^3c_1(-7t+5c_1)-2t^2(8t^2+5c_1(-5t+4c_1))c_2) \\
& +15t(t-2c_1)^2c_2^2+20(t-2c_1)c_1c_2^3-5(t-2c_1)c_2^4)/10(c_1-c_2)^4, \\
b_{12}^{(2)} & = -(t(5t^5-5c_1^4(t-2c_2)+15tc_1^2(t-2c_2)^2+20c_1^3(t-2c_2)c_2 \\
& +2t^3c_2(-7t+5c_2)-2t^2c_1(8t^2+5c_2(-5t+4c_2))))/10(c_1-c_2)^4, \\
b_{11}^{(3)} & = (t(10t^5+t^2c_2(-36t^2+5(9t-4c_2)c_2)+15c_1^2(t-2c_2)(t^2+2c_2 \\
& (-t+c_2))+6tc_1(-4t^3+5c_2(3t^2+2c_2(-2t+c_2))))/(120(c_1-c_2)^3), \\
b_{12}^{(3)} & = (-t(2t^5-6t^4c_1+5t^3c_1^2-2c_1^5+2(-3t^4+5c_1(2t^3-2t^2c_1+c_1^3))c_2 \\
& +5(t-2c_1)(t^2+2c_1(-t+c_1)c_2^2))/2(c_1-c_2)^5.
\end{aligned}$$

Setting  $c_1 = 0$ ,  $c_2 = \frac{2}{3}$  and  $t = 1$  in the above coefficients gives the methods for  $r = 1, s = 2$  in (9) as

$$Y_1 = y_1^{[n-1]}, \quad (18)$$

$$Y_2 = \frac{4h^3}{81}F_1'' + \frac{2h^2}{9}F_1' + \frac{2h}{3}F_1 + y_1^{[n-1]}, \quad p = 3, \quad (19)$$

$$y_1^{[n]} = h^3\left(\frac{-1}{480}F_1'' + \frac{3}{160}F_2''\right) - h^2\left(\frac{1}{160}F_1' + \frac{9}{160}F_2'\right) + h\left(\frac{5}{32}F_1 + \frac{27}{32}F_2\right) + y_1^{[n-1]}, \quad p = 6. \quad (20)$$

The Butcher picture of (18) - (20) is

$$\begin{pmatrix} Y \\ y^{[n]} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} A_1 & A_2 & A_3 & U \\ B_1 & B_2 & B_3 & V \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} hF \\ h^2F' \\ h^3F'' \\ y^{[n-1]} \end{pmatrix}, \quad c = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{2}{3} \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (21)$$

where,

$$A_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{2}{3} & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{5}{32} & \frac{27}{32} & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad A_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{2}{9} & 0 & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{160} & -\frac{9}{160} & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad A_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{4}{81} & 0 & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{480} & \frac{3}{160} & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$B_1 = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{5}{32} & \frac{27}{32} & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad B_2 = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{160} & -\frac{9}{160} & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad B_3 = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{480} & \frac{3}{160} & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad U = (1 \ 1 \ 1), \quad V = 1, \quad Y = (Y_1, Y_2, Y_3)^T,$$

$$F = (F_1, F_2, F_3)^T, \quad F' = (F_1', F_2', F_3')^T \quad \text{and} \quad F'' = (F_1'', F_2'', F_3'')^T.$$

The stability polynomial of this method (21) is

$$\Pi(w, z) = w - 1 - z - \frac{z^2}{2} - \frac{z^3}{6} - \frac{z^4}{24} - \frac{z^5}{720} - \frac{z^6}{1080}.$$

The interval of absolute stability of (21) is  $(-2.678, 0)$ , see Fig. 2 for the plot. The (21) is nearly ARK-stable.

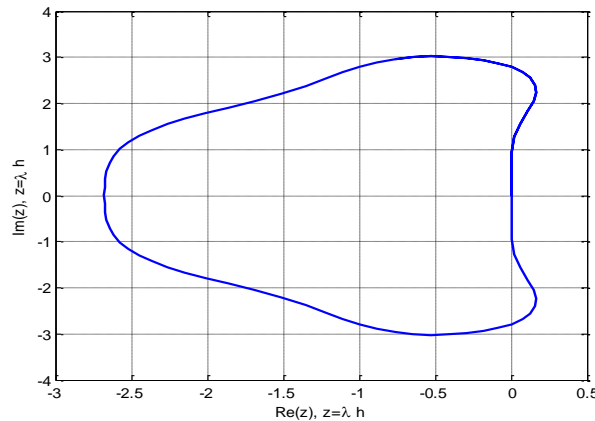


Fig. 2: The stability region of the GLM (21).

#### 4.0 Numerical experiments and conclusion.

In this section we shall compare the numerical results obtained via error by using the TDGLM (17) and the third order RK method [5]

$$\begin{cases} Y_1 = y_{n-1}, \\ Y_2 = y_{n-1} + \frac{2h}{3} F_1, \quad F_1 = F(x_{n-1}, Y_1), \\ Y_3 = y_{n-1} + \frac{h}{3} F_1 + \frac{2h}{3} F_2, \quad F_2 = F\left(x_{n-1} + \frac{2}{3}h, Y_2\right), \\ y_{n+1} = y_{n-1} + \frac{h}{4} F_1 + \frac{3h}{4} F_3, \quad F_3 = F\left(x_{n-1} + \frac{2}{3}h, Y_3\right), \end{cases}$$

to solve the following IVPs:

**Problem 1:**

$$\begin{cases} y' = -10(y-1)^2, \quad x \in [0, 20], \\ y(0) = 2, \quad y(x) = 1/(1+10x). \end{cases}$$

**Problem 2:**

$$\begin{cases} y' = -2xy^2, \quad x \in [0, 20], \\ y(0) = 1, \quad y(x) = 1/(1+x^2). \end{cases}$$

**Problem 3:**

$$\begin{cases} y' = -y^{3/2}, \quad x \in [0, 20], \\ y(0) = 1, \quad y(x) = 1/(x+1)^{2/3}. \end{cases}$$

The method is implemented using constant step-size. The error:  $|y(x_n) - y_n|$  in the solution when the methods are applied to problems 1-3 are given in Tables 1-3.

**Table 1: Results for Problem 1 for comparison**

x	h = 0.01		h = 0.001	
	TDGLM error	RK error	TDGLM error	RK error
5.0	5.56e - 07	5.39e - 05	1.06e - 08	5.07e - 06
10.0	1.42e - 07	1.59e - 05	2.71e - 09	1.51e - 06
15.0	6.36e - 08	7.73e - 06	1.21e - 09	7.37e - 07
20.0	3.59e - 08	4.59e - 06	6.86e - 10	4.39e - 07

**Table 2: Results for Problem 2 for comparison**

x	h = 0.01		h = 0.001	
	TDGLM error	RK error	TDGLM error	RK error
5.0	6.44e - 05	1.12e - 04	1.06e - 08	2.31e - 07
10.0	8.54e - 06	2.81e - 05	2.71e - 09	1.35e - 07
15.0	2.56e - 06	9.42e - 06	1.21e - 09	5.89e - 08
20.0	1.08e - 06	4.15e - 06	6.86e - 10	2.89e - 08

**Table 3: Results for Problem 3 for comparison**

x	h = 0.01		h = 0.001	
	TDGLM error	RK error	TDGLM error	RK error
5.0	1.57e - 11	2.40e - 09	1.66e - 16	2.38e - 12
10.0	6.36e - 12	9.87e - 10	9.99e - 16	9.79e - 13
15.0	3.62e - 12	5.64e - 10	7.77e - 16	5.59e - 13
20.0	2.41e - 12	3.76e - 10	1.19e - 16	3.72e - 13

The numerical results in Tables 1-3 show that the TDGLM (17) compared favourably with the classical third order RK methods in terms of accuracy on problems 1-3.

This impressive performance is as a result of the RK stability property the TDGLM possesses.

In this paper we have summarised the construction of the TDGLM. Their stability polynomials are same as that of the classical RK methods in [5]. Indeed, the intervals of absolute stabilities of these TDGLM are equivalent to that of the third order RK methods.

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