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# A FAMILY OF SECOND DERIVATIVE SIMPSON'S TYPE BLOCK METHODS FOR STIFF SYSTEMS

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## Abstract: -

In this paper, we developed a new family of self-starting second derivative Simpson's type block methods (SDSM) of uniform order p = 2k + 2 for step number  $k \le 6$ . The new block methods for k = 2, 3,...,6 were seen to possess good stability property as they possessed good regions of absolute stability. They were also found to be consistent, zero stable and A-stable (Fig.4). This essential property made them suitable for the solution of stiff system of ordinary differential equations. Four numerical examples were considered and results obtained show improved accuracy in terms of their Maximum absolute errors when compared with the work of existing scholars. The newly developed block methods were seen to approximate well with the stiff Ode Solver (Fig. 5, 6, 7 and 8).

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

One major concern of the computational scientist is the numerical integration of stiff ordinary differential equations. Most real-life problems are modeled into system of ordinary differential equations, some of these equations exhibit behavior known as stiffness. Interest in stiff systems appeared initially in the 20<sup>th</sup> century in radio engineering (e.g the Van der Pol problem). One of the first attempts to cope with the difficulties of stiffness was suggested by [8].

Recently, [30] introduced Second derivative Simpson's block method for k = 2 for stiff ODEs of the form

$$y'(x) = f(x, y(x)), y(x_0) = y_0$$
(1.1)

on the interval  $I = [x_0, x_N]$ , where  $y : [x_0, x_N] \to R^m$  and  $f : [x_0, x_N] \times R^m \to R^m$ .

A potentially good numerical method for the solution of stiff systems of ODEs must have good accuracy and reasonable wide region of absolute stability [9].

The search for efficient, more accurate higher order A-stable block methods for the solution of stiff ODEs is now evolving [3, 4, 8, 14, 15, 18 and 24]. It is for this reason that we developed more efficient methods that should address the problem of stiffness.

#### Lemma 1.1

Equation (1.1) is called stiff differential equation if its Jacobian (in the neighborhood of the solution) has

eigenvalues that verify  $\frac{\max |\operatorname{Re} \lambda_i|}{\min |\operatorname{Re} \lambda_i|} >> 0$ (i)  $\operatorname{Re} \lambda_i < 0, i = 1, 2, ..., m$  and that is if

(ii) 
$$\frac{\max_{i=1,2,\dots,m} |\operatorname{Re} \lambda_i|}{\min_{i=1,2,\dots,m} |\operatorname{Re} \lambda_i|} >> 0$$

where  $\lambda_i$ , i = 1, 2, ..., m are the eigenvalues of (1.1) (Lambert, 1973).

#### Proof

To prove lemma 1.1, we consider a system of first order ordinary differential equations

$$y'_{1} = -0.1y_{1} - 0.4y_{2}$$
$$y'_{2} = -50y_{2}$$
$$y'_{3} = 70y_{2} - 120y_{3}$$

Then the Jacobian

$$J = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial y_1} & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial y_2} & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial y_3} \\ \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial y_1} & \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial y_2} & \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial y_3} \\ \frac{\partial f_3}{\partial y_1} & \frac{\partial f_3}{\partial y_2} & \frac{\partial f_3}{\partial y_3} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -0.1 & -0.4 & 0 \\ 0 & -50 & 0 \\ 0 & 70 & -120 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$Now, |J\lambda - I| = \begin{vmatrix} -0.\lambda - 1 & -0.4\lambda & 0 \\ 0 & -50\lambda - 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 70\lambda & -120\lambda - 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

clearly, condition (i) and (ii) is satisfied with stiffness ratio  $S = 1.25 \times 10^3$ We extended the idea in [30] for k = 3, 4, ..., 6 and investigated their stability property; we also implemented the new block methods on some stiff ODEs occurring in real life. The Conventional Second Derivative Linear Multistep Method (SDLMM) is written in the form

$$\sum_{i=0}^{k} \phi_{i} y_{n+i} = h \sum_{i=0}^{k} \varphi_{i} f_{n+i} + h^{2} \sum_{i=0}^{k} \psi_{i} f_{n+i}'$$

$$f'_{n+i} = y''$$
(1.2)

where,  $\phi_i, \phi_i$  and  $\psi_i$  are coefficients of the methods to be determined and  $J_{n+i} = y_{n+i}$ .

A lot of scholars have considered the computational treatment for the solution of (1.1) through the second derivative

method for instance [10, 11, 12, 18, 21, 25, 26 and 30].

Block methods were introduced to both improve the stability of methods and provide the k-1 Starting values to k-step LMM. They are usually set of LMMs simultaneously applied to (1.1) and then

combined to yield better approximations. They have the capacity to generate simultaneously k approximate solutions. Some of the scholars that have written extensively on block methods include but not limited to the following [1, 5, 7, 10, 13, 17, 27, 28 and 29].

This paper is organized in the following manner. Section 2 will contain a discussion of the derivative of the methods with some few definitions, theorems and proofs. Section 3 contains the stability property of the family of second derivative Simpson's type block methods. In section 4, we shall present some numerical examples to showcase the efficiency and accuracy of the methods, while section 5 shall consists of discussion of results and conclusion.

### 2. METHODOLOGY

Our interest in this paper is to extend the idea in [30] to derive and implement a family of Second Derivative Simpson's type block Methods (SDSM) on (1.1) for k = 2,3,...,6. This can be achieved through the derivation of a class of main methods and their associated additional methods.

In the spirit of [30], we constructed the main method for SSDSM in the form  $y_n \square I y_n \square h_{\square} \square_j j \square 0^{f_n} \square j$ 

$$y_{n+i} - y_n = h \sum_{j=0}^{k} \varphi_j f_{n+j} + h^2 \sum_{j=0}^{k} \psi_j f'_{n+j}, i = 2, 3, \dots, 6$$
(2.1)

where,  $\varphi_i$  and  $\psi_i$  are coefficients of the methods to be determine. We also have that  $y_{n+i} = y(x_{n+i})$ 

$$f_{n+i} = f(x_{n+i}, y(x_{n+i}))$$
  
$$f_{n+i}' = \frac{df(x, y(x))}{dx}, i = 0, 1, \dots, 6$$
  
(2.2)

where,  $y_{n+i}$  is an approximation to the theoretical solution  $y(x_{n+i})$ .

Then the additional method can be constructed in the form

$$y_{n+i-1} - y_n = h \sum_{j=0}^{n} \varphi_j f_{n+j} + h^2 \sum_{j=0}^{n} \psi_j f'_{n+j}, i = 2, 3, \dots, 6$$
(2.3)

#### 2.1 Specification of the methods

In other to specify the methods (2) and (3), we seek a continuous interpolant of the SDSM to approximate the theoretical solution of (1.1). We assume that the solution of (1.1) is in the range  $I = (x_0, x_N)$  by interpolating the function

$$y(x) = h \sum_{i=0}^{2k+2} \tau_i x^i$$
(2.4)

where,  $\tau_i$  are unknown coefficients of the method to be computed. The continuous SDSM is constructed by imposing the following conditions

$$\sum_{i=0}^{\kappa} \varphi_i =$$

 $\sum_{i=0}^{p_i} e^{i \pi i}$ , that is, summation of the coefficients of  $f_{n+j}$  of the main method is equal to the step number k.

ii. The coefficients of  $f'_{n+i}$ , i = 0, 1, ..., k of the main method and those of the first characteristic polynomial are somewhat symmetric.

iii. 
$$y(x_n) = y_n$$

iv. 
$$y'(x_{n+i}) = f_{n+i}, i = 0, 1, \dots, 6$$

v. 
$$y''(x_{n+i}) = f'_{n+i}, i = 0, 1, \dots, 6$$

The conditions stated above are then used to solve for  $\tau_i$ . The continuous SDSM is derived by

substituting the values of  $\tau_i$  into equation (2.4). After some manipulations, the continuous approximation is expressed in the form

$$y(x) = y_n + h \sum_{j=0}^k \varphi_j(x) f_{n+j} + h^2 \sum_{j=0}^k \psi_j(x) f'_{n+j}$$
(2.5)

Evaluating (2.5) at  $x = x_{n+i}$ , i = 1,...,6, we obtained the desire set of main method and its associated final additional methods.

Accordingly, we presented the following set of Equations.

## **Main Methods**

$$order \ 2k+2 = 6 \ (SSDSM)$$

$$y_{n+2} - y_n = \frac{h}{15} (7f_{n+2} + 16f_{n+1} + 7f_n) - \frac{h^2}{15} (f'_{n+2} - f'_n)$$

$$order \ 2k+2 = 8 \ (ESDSM)$$

$$y_{n+3} - y_n = \frac{h}{224} (93f_{n+3} + 243f_{n+2} + 243f_{n+1} + 93f_n) - \frac{h^2}{1120} (57f'_{n+3} - 81f'_{n+2} + 81f'_{n+1} - 57f'_n)$$

$$order \ 2k+2 = 10 \ (TSDSM)$$

$$y_{n+4} - y_n = \frac{h}{8505} (3202f_{n+4} + 8192f_{n+3} + 11232f_{n+2} + 8192f_{n+1} + 3202f_n) - \frac{h^2}{2835} (116f'_{n+4} - 512f'_{n+3} + 512f'_{n+1} - 116f'_n)$$

order 
$$2k + 2 = 12 (T^*SDSM)$$
  
 $y_{n+5} - y_n = \frac{h}{912384} (319085 f_{n+5} + 691875 f_{n+4} + 1270000 f_{n+3} + 1270000 f_{n+2} + 691875 f_{n+1} + 319085 f_n) - \frac{h^2}{1064448} (36975 f'_{n+5} - 314375 f'_{n+4} - 272500 f'_{n+3} + 272500 f'_{n+2} + 314375 f'_{n+1} - 36975 f'_n)$ 

# **Additional Methods**

order 
$$2k + 2 = 6$$
 (SSDSM)  
 $y_{n+1} - y_n = \frac{h}{240} (11f_{n+2} + 128f_{n+1} + 101f_n) - \frac{h^2}{240} (3f'_{n+2} + 40f'_{n+1} - 13f'_n)$ 

$$order \ 2k+2=8 \ (ESDSM)$$

$$y_{n+2} - y_n = \frac{h}{567} (20f_{n+3} + 351f_{n+2} + 540f_{n+1} + 223f_n) - \frac{h^2}{945} (8f'_{n+3} + 171f'_{n+2} + 144f'_{n+1} - 43f'_n)$$

$$y_{n+1} - y_n = \frac{h}{18144} (397f_{n+3} + 2403f_{n+2} + 8451f_{n+1} + 6893f_n) - \frac{h^2}{30240} (163f'_{n+3} + 2421f'_{n+2} + 7659f'_{n+1} - 1283f'_n)$$

order 
$$2k + 2 = 10$$
 (TSDSM)  

$$y_{n+3} - y_n = \frac{h}{17920} (411f_{n+4} + 11376f_{n+3} + 20736f_{n+2} + 14736f_{n+1} + 6501f_n) - \frac{h^2}{8960} (45f'_{n+4} + 1464f'_{n+3} + 2268f'_{n+2} + 2232f'_{n+1} - 339f'_n)$$

$$y_{n+2} - y_n = \frac{h}{68040} (1153 f_{n+4} + 12608 f_{n+3} + 44928 f_{n+2} + 52928 f_{n+1} + 24463 f_n) - \frac{h^2}{11340} (43 f'_{n+4} + 992 f'_{n+3} + 4536 f'_{n+2} + 3040 f'_{n+1} - 421 f'_n)$$

$$y_{n+1} - y_n = \frac{h}{4354560} (59681 f_{n+4} + 613456 f_{n+3} + 711936 f_{n+2} + 1429936 f_{n+1} + 1539551 f_n) - \frac{h^2}{725760} (2237 f_{n+4}' + 49720 f_{n+3}' + 183708 f_{n+2}' + 249656 f_{n+1}' - 26051 f_n')$$

order  $2k + 2 = 12 (T^*SDSM)$ 

$$\begin{split} y_{u+4} - y_u &= \frac{h}{22275} (336\,f_{u+5} + 13910\,f_{u+4} + 31360\,f_{u+3} + 22560\,f_{u+2} + 13360\,f_{u+1} + 7574\,f_u) \\ &- \frac{h^2}{10395} (32\,f_{u+5}' + 1492\,f_{u+4}' + 3456\,f_{u+3}' + 6400\,f_{u+2}' + 3744\,f_{u+1}' - 340\,f_u') \\ y_{u+2} - y_u &= \frac{h}{1408000} (16617\,f_{u+4} + 284775\,f_{u+4} + 1316400\,f_{u+3} + 1316400\,f_{u+2} + 812775\,f_{u+1} \\ &+ 477033\,f_u) - \frac{h^2}{985600} (2421\,f_{u+5}' + 79875\,f_{u+1}' + 518340\,f_{u+3}' + 664380\,f_{u+2}' + 81275\,f_{u+1} \\ &- 31989\,f_u') \\ y_{u+2} - y_u &= \frac{h}{891000} (9734\,f_{u+4} + 161325\,f_{u+4} + 407200\,f_{u+3} + 407200\,f_{u+2} + 495450\,f_{u+1} \\ &+ 301091\,f_u) - \frac{h^2}{415800} (948\,f_{u+5}' + 30610\,f_{u+4}' + 173840\,f_{u+3}' + 325120\,f_{u+2}' + 156500\,f_{u+1}' \\ &- 13422\,f_u') \\ y_{u+1} - y_u &= \frac{h}{22809600} (22134\,f_{u+5} + 3616235\,f_{u+4} + 8648560\,f_{u+1} - 362640\,f_{u+2} + \\ 3053035\,f_{u+1} + 7633061\,f_u) - \frac{h^2}{5322240} (10795\,f_{u+5}' + 345053\,f_{u+4}' + 1914300\,f_{u+3}' + \\ 3131972\,f_{u+2}' + 2335779\,f_{u+1}' - 168491\,f_u') \\ y_{u+5} - y_u &= \frac{h}{996323328} (10485255\,f_{u+5} + 609445680\,f_{u+5} + 1719564375\,f_{u+4} + 1617920000\,f_{u+3} \\ &+ 379475625\,f_{u+5} + 322599120\,f_{u+1} + 3222126585\,f_u) - \frac{h^2}{498161664} (1010975\,g_{u+6} + 64098000\,g_{u+5} \\ &+ 210324375\,g_{u+4} + 623480000\,g_{u+3} + 614964375\,g_{u+2} + 235515600\,g_{u+1} + 123536000\,f_{u+3} + \\ 47175000\,f_{u+2} + 46977600\,f_{u+1} + 49065126\,f_u) - \frac{h^2}{30403575} (50720\,g_{u+5} + 2270592\,g_{u+5} + \\ 20164500\,g_{u+4} + 42099200\,g_{u+3} + 38908800\,g_{u+2} + 14532480\,g_{u+1} - 885268\,g_u) \\ y_{u+3} - y_u &= \frac{h}{2562560000} (20942669\,f_{u+6} + 508254480\,f_{u,5} + 198075750\,f_{u+4} + 269264000\,f_{u+3} + \\ 478758025\,f_{u+2} + 775497456\,f_{u+1} + 826473395\,f_u) - \frac{h^2}{256256000} (380629\,g_{u+4} + 16742592\,g_{u,5} + \\ 147584025\,f_{u+2} + 775497456\,f_{u+1} + 837683905\,f_{u,5} + 1957353375\,f_{u+4} + 1888360\,g_{u+5} + \\ 457058625\,f_{u+2} + 706775424\,f_{u+1} + 783720817\,f_u) - \frac{h^2}{243243000} (380629\,g_{u+4} + 16742592\,g_{u,5} + \\ 143615475\,g_{u+4} + 336793000\,g_{u+3} + 337979025\,g_{u+2} + 11361898$$

### 3. ANALYSIS

Dahlquist (1963) investigated the stability problem associated with stiff eqautions, the scholar introduced the concept of A-stability, he then outline the following definitions:

**3.1 Order of accuracy and local truncation error:** Following [13, 19 and 20], the local truncation error associated with our block methods is the linear difference operator

$$L[y(x):h] = \sum_{j=0}^{n} \left\{ \alpha_{j} y(x+jh) - h \varphi_{j} y'(x+jh) - h^{2} \psi_{j} y''(x+jh) \right\}$$
(3.1)

We assume that y(x) is sufficiently differentiable and so the terms of (3.1) can be expanded in Taylor series about x to give the expression

$$L[y(x):h] = c_0 z(x) + c_1 h z'(x) + c_2 h^2 z''(x) + \dots + c_q h^q z^{(q)}(x) + \dots$$
(3.2)

where,

$$\begin{split} c_{0} &= \sum_{j=0}^{k} \alpha_{j} \\ c_{1} &= \sum_{j=1}^{k} j \alpha_{j} - \sum_{j=0}^{k} \varphi_{j} \\ c_{2} &= \frac{1}{2!} \sum_{j=1}^{k} j^{2} \alpha_{j} - \sum_{j=1}^{k} j \varphi_{j} - \sum_{j=0}^{k} \psi_{j} \\ \vdots \\ c_{q} &= \frac{1}{q!} \sum_{j=1}^{k} j^{q} \alpha_{j} - \frac{1}{(q-1)!} \sum_{j=1}^{k} j^{q-1} \varphi_{j} - \frac{1}{(q-2)!} \sum_{j=0}^{k} j^{q-2} \psi_{j}, q = 3, 4, \dots \end{split}$$

The computation above leads to definition (3.1)

**Definition 3.1**: A numerical method is said to be of order p if  $c_0 = c_1 = c_2 = ... = c_p$  is called the error constant. The local truncation error (LTE) of the method given by

$$t_{n+k} = c_{p+1} h^{(p+1)} y^{(p+1)} x_n + o(h^{(p+2)})$$
(3.3)

Following [16] and as a consequence of (3.1)-(3.3), we presents the order and error constants of the newly derived block methods in the table 1.

Table 1: Order and error constants of the Second Derivative Simpson's Type Block Methods

		Error Constants				
Method	order $p = 2k + 2$	Main Method	Additional Method(s)			
SSDSM	6	$c_7 = 2.116 \times 10^{-4}$	$c_7 = 1.058 \times 10^{-4}$			
ESDSM			$c_9 = 1.638 \times 10^{-5}$			
	8	$c_9 = 2.870 \times 10^{-5}$	$c_9 = 1.232 \times 10^{-5}$			
TSDSM			$c_{11} = 2.319 \times 10^{-6}$			
	10	$c_{11} = 4.072 \times 10^{-6}$	$c_{11} = 2.036 \times 10^{-6}$			
			$c_{11} = 1.753 \times 10^{-6}$			
T*SDSM	12	$c_{13} = 6.275 \times 10^{-7}$	$c_{13} = 3.471 \times 10^{-7}$			
			$c_{13} = 3.204 \times 10^{-7}$			
			$c_{13} = 3.072 \times 10^{-7}$			
			$c_{13} = 2.804 \times 10^{-7}$			
ESDSM			$c_{15} = 5.633 \times 10^{-8}$			
FSDSM	14		$c_{15} = 5.329 \times 10^{-8}$			
		$c_{15} = 1.048 \times 10^{-7}$	$c_{15} = 5.240 \times 10^{-8}$			
			$c_{15} = 5.151 \times 10^{-8}$			
			$c_{15} = 4.846 \times 10^{-8}$			

### **3.2 Stability Analysis**

We consider the *TSDSM* as an example for computation of stability analysis, we obtained its zero stability and region of absolute stability.

The TSDSM can be represented by a matrix finite difference equation in block form as

$$A^{(0)}Y_{\mu} = A^{(1)}Y_{\mu-1} + h[\varphi^{(0)}F_{\mu} + \varphi^{(1)}F_{\mu-1}] + h^{2}[\psi^{(0)}F'_{\mu} + \psi^{(1)}F'_{\mu-1}]$$
(3.4)

where,

$$Y_{\mu} = (y_{n+1}, \dots, y_{n+4})^{T}, Y_{\mu-1} = (y_{n-3}, \dots, y_{n})^{T}, F_{\mu} = (f_{n+1}, \dots, f_{n+4})^{T}, F_{\mu-1} = (f_{n-3}, \dots, f_{n})^{T}$$
$$F'_{\mu} = (f'_{n+1}, \dots, f'_{n+4})^{T}, \quad F'_{\mu-1} = (f'_{n-3}, \dots, f'_{n})^{T}$$

the matrices  $A^{(0)}$ ,  $A^{(1)}$ ,  $\varphi^{(0)}$ ,  $\varphi^{(1)}$ ,  $\psi^{(0)}$  and  $\psi^{(1)}$  are matrices of dimension 4 defined as follows:<sub>A</sub>(0) is an identity matrix of dimension 4.

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	$\left(\frac{89371}{272160}\right)$	$\frac{103}{630}$	38341 272160	59681 4354560		0	0	0	$\frac{1539551}{4354560}$
$arphi^{(0)} =$	$\frac{6616}{8505}$	$\frac{208}{315}$	$\frac{1576}{8505}$	$\frac{1153}{68040}$	a <sup>(1)</sup> =	0	0	0	$\frac{24463}{68040}$
	$\frac{921}{1120}$	$\frac{81}{70}$	$\frac{711}{1120}$	$\frac{411}{17920}$	, Ψ =	0	0	0	$\frac{6501}{17920}$
	$\frac{8192}{8505}$	$\frac{416}{315}$	$\frac{8192}{8505}$	$\frac{3202}{8505}$		0	0	0	$\frac{3202}{8505}$
$ \psi^{(0)} = \begin{pmatrix} - & - & - & - & - & - & - & - & - & -$	$\left(-\frac{31207}{90720}\right)$	$-\frac{81}{320}$	$-\frac{1243}{18144}$	$-\frac{2237}{725760}$		0	0	0	26051 725760
	$-\frac{152}{567}$	$-\frac{2}{5}$	$-\frac{248}{2835}$	$-\frac{43}{11340}$	W <sup>(1)</sup>	0	0	0	$\frac{421}{11340}$
	$-\frac{279}{1120}$	$-\frac{81}{320}$	$-\frac{183}{1120}$	$-\frac{9}{1792}$	, r	0	0	0	339 8960
	$-\frac{512}{2835}$	0	$\frac{512}{2835}$	$-\frac{116}{2835}$		0	0	0	$\frac{116}{2835}$

**Definition 3.2** [Chu and Hamilton 1987]: A block method is Zero-stable if the roots  $R_{i, j} = 1[1]k$ 

 $\rho(R) = \det\left[\sum_{i=0}^{k} A_{j} R^{k-i}\right] = 0, \ A_{0} = -I, \ satisfies \left|R_{j}\right| \le 1.$  one of the roots is +1, we say this root is the principal root of  $\rho(R)$ .

Following definition (3.2), zero stability of the block method (TSDSM) is concerned with the stability of the difference system in the limit as h tends to zero. Subsequently, equation (3.4) tends to

$$A^{(0)}Y_{\mu} = A^{(1)}Y_{\mu-1} \tag{3.5}$$

whose first characteristics polynomial 
$$\rho^{(R)}$$
 given by  
 $\rho(R) = \det(RA^{(1)} - A^{(0)}) = R^3(R-1)$ 

(3.6)

Hence R = 0,0,0,1. Following [13], the *TSDSM* is zero stable for  $\rho(R) = 0$  and satisfies  $|R_j| \le 1, j = 1, 2, ..., 4$  and for the root with  $|R_j| = 1$ , the multiplicity does not exceed 1.

**Definition 3.3** [Dahlquist 1963, Fatunla 1991]: A numerical method is said to be A-stable if its region of absolute stability contains the whole of the laft hand complex half plane  $\operatorname{Re}(\lambda h) < 0$ The linear stability properties of TSDSM is discussed in the spirit of [15] and determined by expressing it in the form of

(3.4) and apply the test problem

$$y' = \lambda y, \quad y'' = \lambda^2 y, \quad \lambda < 0$$
(3.7)

To yield

$$Y_{\mu} = Q(z)Y_{\mu-1}, \quad z = \lambda h \tag{3.8}$$

where

$$Y_{\mu} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 - \frac{89371}{272160}z + \frac{31207}{90720}z^2 & \frac{81}{320}z^2 - \frac{103}{630}z & \frac{1243}{18144}z^2 - \frac{38341}{272160}z & \frac{2237}{725760}z^2 - \frac{59681}{4354560}z \\ \frac{152}{567}z^2 - \frac{6616}{8505}z & 1 - \frac{208}{315}z + \frac{2}{5}z^2 & \frac{248}{2835}z^2 - \frac{1576}{8505}z & \frac{43}{11340}z^2 - \frac{1153}{68040}z \\ \frac{279}{1120}z^2 - \frac{921}{1120}z & \frac{81}{320}z^2 - \frac{81}{70}z & 1 - \frac{711}{1120}z + \frac{183}{1120}z^2 & \frac{9}{1792}z^2 - \frac{411}{17920}z \\ \frac{512}{2835}z^2 - \frac{8192}{8505}z & -\frac{416}{315}z & -\frac{8192}{8505}z - \frac{512}{2835}z^2 & 1 - \frac{3202}{8505}z + \frac{116}{2835}z^2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 + \frac{1539551}{4354560}z + \frac{26051}{725760}z^2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 + \frac{24463}{68040}z + \frac{421}{11340}z^2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 + \frac{6501}{17920}z + \frac{339}{3960}z^2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 + \frac{3202}{8505}z + \frac{116}{2835}z^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

the matrix Q(z) is also given by

$$Q(z) = (A^{(1)} - z\varphi^{(1)} - z^2\psi^{(1)})^{-1} \cdot (A^{(0)} - z\varphi^{(0)})$$
(3.9)

The matrix Q(z) has eigenvalues  $\{\xi_1, \xi_2, ..., \xi_k\} = \{0, 0, ..., l\}$ , where the dominant eigenvalues  $\xi_k$  is the stability function  $\xi^{(z)}$ : which is a rational function with real coefficients given by

$$\xi_{k}(z) = \frac{63(24z^{\circ} + 30z^{\prime} + 2090z^{\circ} + 9950z^{\circ} + 34095z^{\circ} + 84000z^{\circ} + 142800z^{\circ} + 151200z + 75600)}{1512z^{8} - 31230z^{7} + 115230z^{6} - 719325z^{5} + 176385z^{4} - 4935800z^{3} + 8119600z^{2} - 9525600z + 4762800} (3.10)$$

Thus, the absolute stability region of (3.10) is shown below:



Fig.1: Stability Region of the TSDSM Block method.



Fig.2: Stability Region of the discrete SSDSM (Main Method).



Fig.3: Stability Region of the discrete ESDSM, TSDSM, T\*SDSM and FSDSM (Main Method)



Fig.4: Stability Region of the SSDSM, ESDSM, TSDSM, T\*SDSM and FSDSM (Block Method)

# 4. NUMERICAL EXPERIMENTS

In this section, the newly derived block methods were implemented on four stiff systems of ordinary differential equations occurring in real life. All computations were carried out using the MatLab code in MatLab 7.5.0 (R2007b) and Maple 18. The problems considered were in the form

$$y'_{i} = Ay_{i} + \varphi(x), \quad y_{i}(0) = \eta, \quad i = 1, 2, ..., n$$
(4.1)

Problem 1: Consider a Linear stiff system in 3 dimensions as in (4.1) where,

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} -21 & 19 & -20\\ 19 & -21 & 20\\ 40 & -40 & -40 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \eta = \begin{pmatrix} 1\\0\\-1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \varphi(x) = \begin{pmatrix} 0\\0\\0 \end{pmatrix}$$
(4.2)

with analytical solution given by

$$y_{1} = \frac{1}{2}(e^{-2x} + e^{-40x}(\cos(40x) + \sin(40x))))$$
  

$$y_{2} = \frac{1}{2}(e^{-2x} - e^{-40x}(\cos(40x) + \sin(40x))))$$
  

$$y_{3} = -e^{-40x}(\cos(40x) + \sin(40x)))$$
  
(4.3)

Equation (4.3) was transformed into its second derivative as:

$$V = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 & 1600 \\ 2 & 2 & -1600 \\ 3200 & -3200 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$y_i'' = V y_i$$
(4.4)

The SSDSM was applied to problem 4.1 where the maximum absolute errors in the interval 0 < x < 1 were compared with methods derived by other scholars (see Table 2).

Table 2: Comparison of the newly block methods with Existing Methods for problem 4.1

$h = \frac{n \times 10}{100}$	Steps	Order 6	$h = \frac{1}{2^n \times 100}$	Steps	SDGBDF4 Order 4 [25]	EH-OK5[10] Order 5	GBDF8[6] Order 8	ATBM7[2] Order 7
n = 1	0.1	9.86e-10	n = 0	0.01	2.28e-17	3.21e-13	1.19e-3	3.95e-6
<i>n</i> = 2	0.2	3.56e-15	n = 1	0.005	1.56e-16	1.01e-14	1.30e-5	2.91e-8
<i>n</i> = 3	0.3	3.92e-19	<i>n</i> = 2	0.0025	1.02e-19	3.18e-16	1.08e-7	2.21e-10
<i>n</i> = 4	0.4	5.68e-23	<i>n</i> = 3	0.00125	6.21e-21	9.96e-18	1.08e-9	6.65e-13
<i>n</i> = 5	0.5	1.04e-26	<i>n</i> = 4	0.000625	9.45e-23	3.11e-19	9.41e-12	2.69e-15



Problem 2: We consider another stiff initial value problem in the form (4.1) given by

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} -0.1 & -0.4 & 0 \\ 0 & -50 & 0 \\ 0 & 70 & -120 \end{pmatrix}, \eta = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \varphi(x) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$
(4.6)

we solve the problem at x = 2 with h = 0.001. Transforming (4.6) into second derivative resulted to:



Fig. 6: Graphical Solution of problem 2 with ESDSM, h = 0.001

Problem 3: A numerical example solved by [21].  $y'_1 = -\alpha y_1 - \beta y_2 + (\alpha + \beta - 1)e^{-x}$  $y'_2 = \beta y_1 - \alpha y_2 - (\alpha - \beta - 1)e^{-x}$ 

with initial value  $y(0) = (1,1)^T$ . In order to make this system homogeneous, we introduce an additional variable  $y'_3 = 1$ ,  $y_3(0) = 0$  the eigenvalues of the Jacobian associated with the resulting system are  $-\alpha \pm i\beta$ , 0. this problem has theoretical solution as  $y_1(x) = y_2(x) = e^{-x}$ . Results are obtained when  $\alpha = 1$ ,  $\beta = 30$  and the value of *h* chosen was 0.09



Fig. 7: Graphical Solution of problem 4.3 with TSDSM, h = 0.01

**Problem 4:** To test the efficiency of the proposed algorithm we used the following stiff initial value problem arising from the biochemistry see [23].

$$\frac{dy_1(t)}{dt} = \frac{1}{\alpha} (y_1(t) + y_2(t) - y_1(t)y_2(t) - qy_1^2(t)),$$
  
$$\frac{dy_2(t)}{dt} = 2my_3(t) - y_2(t) - y_1(t)y_2(t),$$
  
$$\frac{dy_3(t)}{dt} = \frac{1}{r} (y_1(t) - y_3(t)), y_1(0) = a, y_2(0) = b, y_3(0) = d$$

Here  $\alpha$ , m, q and r are some parameters, a, b and d are the initial values. For some values of parameters this model has a periodic solution very sensitive for the parameter values. Let the parameter values be as follows:  $\alpha \coloneqq 0.1$ ;  $q \coloneqq 0.01$ ;  $m \coloneqq 0.5$ ;  $r \coloneqq 1$  and the initial conditions are a = 0, b = 0.5 and d = 0.8. The test problem was solved on the interval [0, 30]. Problem 4 was extracted from the work of [22].



# 5. DISCUSSION OF RESULTS

In this paper, we described the construction of a class of Second Derivative Simpson's type Block Methods (SDSM) of order 6, 8, 10, 12 and 14. These block methods were all found to be A-stable with order p = 2k + 2 for step numbers k = 2(3)6 which are appropriate for the numerical solution of system of stiff differential equations (Fig. 4). The discrete forms of the methods were found to have small absolute stability regions for the step numbers under consideration (Fig.2 and Fig. 3). The numerical results obtained were generated using codes written in MATLAB 7.5.0 (R2007b) and Maple 18. It is worth noting that the newly derived block methods approximated well with the Ode Solver (Ode 23s) (Fig. 5, 6 7 and 8) for the step numbers k = 2(3)6. Example, in Fig. 6, both the Ode Solver and ESDSM overlapped at y1, y2 and y3. Comparison of the new block methods with existing methods showed that the new methods perform much better in terms of accuracy. For instance, SSDSM of order 6 performs better in accuracy when compared with ATBM and GBDF8 of order 7 and 8 respectively (Table 2).

# 6. CONCLUSION

The Second Derivative Simpson's Type Block Methods (SDSM) was introduced in section (2). The newly developed class of methods was found to be all A-stable for values of k = 2(3)6 with uniform order p = 2k + 2 (see Table 1) in section (3). They also possessed good stability regions suitable for the solution of stiff system of ODEs. Application of these methods to real life problems was carried out in section (4) and indicated that they were both accurate and very efficient, as a result of this therefore; the authors were of the opinion that they be employed for the solution of large stiff systems and possibly for solution of PDEs through the method of lines (MOL).

# Appendix

SSDSM : Sixth order Second Derivative Simpson's Type Block Method ESDSM : Eighth order Second Derivative Simpson's Type Block Method TSDSM : Tenth order Second Derivative Simpson's Type Block Method T\*SDSM : Twelfth order Second Derivative Simpson's Type Block Method FSDSM : Fourteenth order Second Derivative Simpson's Type Block Method

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