

# Solving Semi-Explicit Index-1 DAE Systems using L-Stable Extended Block Backward Differentiation Formula with Continuous Coefficients

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**Abstract**— An application of three steps Extended Block Backward Differentiation Formulae (EBBDF) for the solutions of semi-explicit index-1 systems of Differential Algebraic Equations (DAEs) is presented. The processes compute the solutions of DAEs in a block by block fashion by some continuous schemes which are combined and implemented as a set of block formulae. Numerical results revealed this method to be efficient and very accurate, and particularly suitable for semi implicit index one DAEs.

**Index Terms**—: Extended Backward Differentiation Formula, Block method, L-Stability

## I. INTRODUCTION

There are many physical problems which are naturally described by a system of Differential Algebraic Equations (DAEs). These problems have a wide range of applications in various branches of science and engineering. These include mechanical or multibody systems, chemical processes, optimal control, electric circuit design and dynamical systems.

A system of ordinary differential equations (ODEs) with algebraic constraints which can be written in form

$$\left. \begin{aligned} y' &= f_1(y(x), z(x)) & , & & y(x_0) &= y_0 \\ f_2(y(x), z(x)) &= 0 & , & & z(x_0) &= z_0 \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (1)$$

is called differential algebraic equation.

**DEFINITION 1.1 (Differential index):** The index along the solution path is defined as the minimum number of differentiations of the system (1) that is required to reduce the system to a set of ODEs .

Numerical solutions for DAEs were first introduced by Gear by applying numerical methods for ODEs to DAEs [4]. Runge-Kutta methods [1] and BDF [2], [5] are commonly used for semi-explicit index-1 DAEs, however, these methods approximate the solution of (1) at one point. The algorithm presented in this paper is based on block method and approximates the solution at several points. It

would be observed that block methods were first introduced by Milne [9] for use only as a means of obtaining starting values for predictor-corrector algorithms and has since then been developed by several researchers (see [4,10,11,12]), for general use. This paper presents a block method which preserves the Runge-Kutta traditional advantage of being self-starting and is more efficient than several known methods, since it requires  $m$  function evaluations per integration step, where  $m$  is the number functions in the block method .

## II. DERIVATION OF THE METHOD

In this section, we develop an Extended Backward Differential equation (EBDF) with the additional methods derived from its first derivative and combined to form the Extended Block Backward Differentiation Formula (EBBDF) on the interval from  $x_n$  to  $x_{n+3} = x_n + 3h$  where  $h$  is the chosen step-length. In particular, we assume that the exact solution  $y(x)$  on the interval  $[x_n, x_{n+3}]$  is locally represented by  $Y(x)$  given by

$$Y(x) = \sum_{j=0}^{r+s-1} l_j \varphi_j(x) \quad (2)$$

where  $l_j$  are unknown coefficients to be determined, and

$\varphi_j(x)$  are polynomial basis function of degree  $r + s - 1$ .

such that the number of interpolation points  $r$  and the number of distinct collocation points,  $s$  are respectively chosen to satisfy  $r = k$ ,  $s > 0$ . The proposed method is thus constructed by specifying the following parameters:  $\varphi(x_{n+j}) = x_{n+j}^j$ ,  $j = 0, 1, \dots, 4$

$r = 3$ ,  $s = 2$ , and  $k = 3$ .

by imposing the following conditions

$$\sum_{j=0}^4 l_j x_{n+i}^j = y_{n+i} \quad , \quad i = 0, 1, 2 \quad (3)$$

$$\sum_{j=0}^4 j l_j x_{n+i}^{j-1} = f_{n+i} \quad , \quad i = 2, 3, \quad (4)$$

assuming that  $y_{n+j} = Y(x_n + ih)$  denote the numerical approximation to the exact solution  $y(x_{n+j})$ ,

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$f_{n+j} = Y'(x_n + ih)$  denote the approximation to  $y'(x_{n+j})$ ,  $n$  is the grid index. It should be noted that equations (3) and (4) lead to a system of five equations which is solved by matrix inversion to obtain the coefficients  $l_j, j=0,1,\dots,4$ . The EBBDF with continuous coefficients is then obtained by substituting these values of  $l_j$  into equation (2). After some algebraic computation, the method yields the expression in the form

$$Y(x) = \sum_{j=0}^2 \alpha_j(x) y_{n+j} - h(\beta_2(x) f_{n+2} + \beta_3(x) f_{n+3}) \quad (5)$$

where  $\alpha_j(x), j=0, 1, 2, \beta_2(x), \beta_3(x)$  are continuous coefficients. The continuous coefficients of equation (5) are thus given as

$$\alpha_0(x) = \frac{(h-x+x_n)(2h-x+x_n)(17h-5x+5x_n)}{68h^4},$$

$$\alpha_1(x) = \frac{(x-x_n)(2h-x+x_n)(24h-7x+7x_n)}{17h^4},$$

$$\alpha_2(x) = \frac{(x-x_n)(h-x+x_n)(228h^2-23(x+x_n)^2+143h(-x+x_n))}{68h^4},$$

$$\beta_2(x) = \frac{(x-x_n)(h-x+x_n)(2h-x+x_n)(39h+11(-x+x_n))}{34h^3},$$

$$\beta_3(x) = -\frac{(x-x_n)(h-x+x_n)(2h-x+x_n)^2}{17h^3}$$

is then used to generate the main discrete EBBDF by evaluating at point  $x = x_{n+3}$  to yield

$$y_{n+3} = -\frac{1}{17}y_n + \frac{9}{17}y_{n+1} + \frac{9}{17}y_{n+2} + \frac{18}{17}f_{n+2} + \frac{6}{17}f_{n+3} \quad (6)$$

Differentiating (5) with respect to  $x$  we have

$$Y'(x) = \frac{1}{h} \left( \sum_{j=0}^2 \overline{\alpha_j(x)} y_{n+j} - h(\overline{\beta_2(x)} f_{n+2} + \overline{\beta_3(x)} f_{n+3}) \right), \quad (7)$$

$\overline{\alpha_j(x)}, j=0, 1, 2; \overline{\beta_2(x)}, \overline{\beta_3(x)}$  are continuous coefficients used to generate the additional methods.

The additional methods are obtained by evaluating (7) at points  $x = \{x_{n+1}, x_{n+2}\}$  to obtain

$$f_n = -\frac{39}{17}y_n + \frac{96}{17}y_{n+1} - \frac{57}{17}y_{n+2} + \frac{39}{17}f_{n+2} - \frac{4}{17}f_{n+3} \quad (8)$$

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$$f_{n+1} = -\frac{3}{17}y_n - \frac{24}{17}y_{n+1} + \frac{27}{17}y_{n+2} - \frac{14}{17}f_{n+2} + \frac{1}{17}f_{n+3} \quad (9)$$

the methods (6), (8), and (9), are combined to give the Extended block BDF 10

### III. ORDER OF ACCURACY AND STABILITY OF EBBDF

The three step extended block backward differentiation formulae can be represented by a matrix finite difference equation in block form as

$$A^{(1)} Y_{\varpi} = A^{(0)} Y_{\varpi-1} + hB^{(1)} F_{\varpi} + hB^{(0)} F_{\varpi-1} \quad (11)$$

where

$$Y_{\varpi} = (y_{n+1}, y_{n+2}, y_{n+3})^T,$$

$$Y_{\varpi-1} = (y_{n-2}, y_{n-1}, y_n)^T,$$

$$F_{\varpi} = (f_{n+1}, f_{n+2}, f_{n+3})^T,$$

$$F_{\varpi-1} = (f_{n-2}, f_{n-1}, f_n)^T$$

$$\varpi = 0, 1, 2, \dots \text{ and } n = 0, 3, \dots, N-3.$$

And the matrices  $A^{(1)}, A^{(0)}, B^{(1)}$  are  $3 \times 3$  matrices whose entries are given by the coefficients of (11) given as

$$A^{(1)} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{24}{17} & \frac{-27}{17} & 0 \\ \frac{-96}{17} & \frac{57}{17} & 0 \\ \frac{17}{17} & \frac{-9}{17} & 1 \end{pmatrix}, A^{(0)} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \frac{-3}{17} \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{-39}{17} \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{-1}{17} \end{pmatrix}, B^{(1)} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & \frac{-14}{17} & \frac{1}{17} \\ 0 & \frac{39}{17} & \frac{-4}{17} \\ 0 & \frac{18}{17} & \frac{6}{17} \end{pmatrix},$$

$$B^{(0)} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

The local truncation error associated with the EBBDF can be defined to be the linear difference operator

$$L[y(x); h] = \sum_{j=0}^2 \alpha_j y_{n+j} - h(\beta_2 f_{n+2} + \beta_3 f_{n+3}) \quad (12)$$

Assuming that  $y(x)$  is sufficiently differentiable, we can write the terms in (12) as a Taylor series expression of  $y(x_{n+j})$  and  $f(x_{n+j}) = y'(x_{n+j})$  as

$$y(x_{n+j}) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{(jh)^p}{p!} y^{(p)}(x_n) \text{ and } y'(x_{n+j}) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{(jh)^p}{p!} y^{(p+1)}(x_n) \quad (13)$$

Substituting (13) into equation (12), we obtain the equation

$$L[y(x_n); h] = C_0 y(x_n) + C_1 y'(x_n) + C_2 h^2 y''(x_n) + \dots + C_p h^p y^{(p)}(x_n) + \dots$$

Where the constants  $C_p, p = 0, 1, 2, \dots$  are given as follows:

$$C_0 = \sum_{j=0}^2 \alpha_j$$

$$C_2 = \frac{1}{2!} \sum_{j=1}^2 j^2 \alpha_j - 2\beta_2 - 3\beta_3 + \gamma_1$$

...

$$C_p = \frac{1}{p!} \left[ \sum_{j=1}^2 j^p \alpha_j - p(2^{p-1} \beta_2 + 3^{p-1} \beta_3 - l^{p-1} \gamma_l) \right]$$

and  $\gamma_k = 0, \gamma_l = 1, l = 0, 1$ .

The method in (10) is said to have a maximal order of accuracy  $p$  if

$$L[y(x_n); h] = C_{p+1}h^{p+1}y^{(p+1)}(x_n) + O(h^{p+2})$$

And

$$C_0 = C_1 = C_2 \dots C_p = 0, \quad C_{p+1} \neq 0 \quad (14)$$

Therefore,  $C_{p+1}$  is the error constant and  $C_{p+1}h^{p+1}y^{(p+1)}(x_n)$  the principal local truncation error at the point  $x_n$ .

Therefore the values of the error constant calculated for the EBBDF (10) is given as:

$$\left( -\frac{13}{170}, \frac{19}{170}, \frac{-1}{51} \right)^T \text{ with order } p=(4,4,4)^T \text{ and } T \text{ is the transpose.}$$

### A. Zero Stability

The zero stability of the method is concerned with the stability of the difference system in the limit as  $h$  tends to zero [6]. Thus, as  $h \rightarrow 0$  the difference system (11) becomes

$$A^{(1)}Y_{\varpi} = A^{(0)}Y_{\varpi-1}$$

whose first characteristics polynomial  $\rho(R)$  given by  $|R_j| \leq 1, j = 1, \dots, 3$

$$\rho(R) = \det[RA^{(1)} - A^{(0)}] = \frac{72}{17}R^2(1-R) \quad (15)$$

The block method (10) is zero stable for  $\rho(R)=0$  and satisfies, and for those roots with  $|R_j| = 1$ , the multiplicity does not exceed 1. hence the extended block BDF with continuous coefficients is zero stable.

### B. Consistency and Convergence

We note that the block method (10) is consistent as it has order  $p > 1$ . Since the block method (10) is zero stable then following Henrici [8],

Convergence = zero stability + consistency,  
hence the method (10) converges.

### C. Linear Stability

The stability properties of the block formulae (10) is discussed and determined through the application to the test equation :

$$y' = \lambda y, \quad \lambda < 0 \quad (16)$$

applying (12) on (16) yields

$$Y_{\varpi} = Q(z)Y_{\varpi-1}, \quad (17)$$

where  $Q(z)$  is the amplification matrix with  $z = h\lambda$  given by

$$Q(z) = (A^{(1)} + zB^{(1)})^{-1} \cdot (A^{(0)} + B^{(0)})$$

The matrix  $Q(z)$  has eigenvalues

$$(\xi_1, \xi_2, \xi_3) = (0, 0, \xi_3), \text{ where the dominant}$$

eigenvalue  $\xi_3$  is a rational function of  $z$  given by

$$\xi_3(z) = \frac{12 + 18z + 11z^2 + 3z^3}{12 - 18z + 11z^2 - 3z^3} \quad (18)$$

which is the stability function of our block method (10). From (18) the usual property of A-stability which requires that for all  $z=h\lambda \in C^-$  and  $\xi_3(z) < 0$  is obtained. The absolute stability region  $S$  associated with the block method (10) is the set

$$S = \{z=h\lambda \text{ for that } z \text{ where the roots of the stability function (18) are moduli } < 1\}.$$

In the spirit of Hairer and Wanner [7], the stability region  $S$  is presented in white colour which corresponds to the 3- step extended block BDF stability function (18). Clearly, from Figure 1 below, it is obvious that the method is A- stable, since it has no pole of the stability function (18) represented by the plus sign in the left half complex plane, also (18) satisfies the L- stability condition that

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow \infty} \operatorname{Re}(z) = 0 \text{ where } z = h\lambda.$$

Therefore, the method is L-Stable.

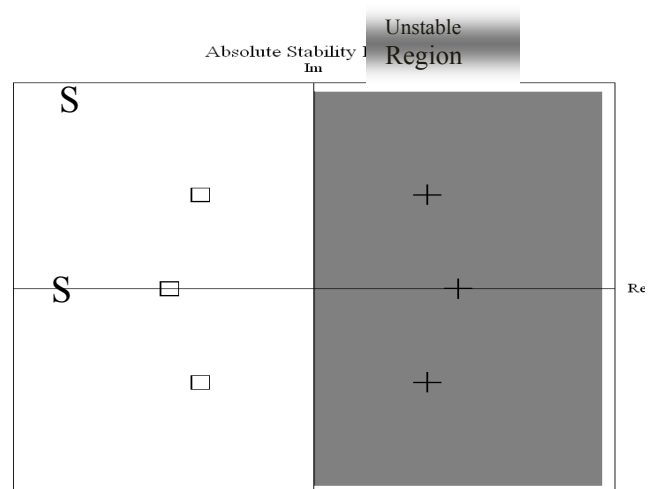


Figure1. Absolute stability region

## IV. Computing with EBBDF

The method is implemented more efficiently as a 3-step block numerical integrators for (1) to simultaneously obtain the approximations  $(y_{n+1}, y_{n+2}, y_{n+3})^T$  without requiring back values or predictors taking  $n = 0, 3, \dots, N - 3$  over sub-intervals  $[x_0, x_3], \dots, [x_{N-3}, x_N]$ . For example,  $n = 0, \varpi = 1, (y_1, y_2, y_3)^T$  are simultaneously obtained over the sub-interval  $[x_0, x_3]$ , as  $y_0$  is known from the initial value problem (1),  $n=3, \varpi=2, (y_4, y_5, y_6)^T$  are simultaneously obtained over the sub-interval  $[x_3, x_6]$  as

$y_3$  is known from previous block and so on. Hence, the sub-intervals do not over-lap. It should be noted that for linear problems, the code used Gaussian elimination and for nonlinear problems, the Newton's method is used.

### V. NUMERICAL EXAMPLES

In this section, we give three examples to illustrate the accuracy of the method. The three problems are standard DAE problems whose solutions are of importance in applied systems. We find maximum absolute errors of the approximate solution. All computations were carried out using our written Mathematica code in Mathematica 8.0.

#### Example 5.1

$$y'(x) = x \cos x - y + (1+x)z, \quad y(0) = 1$$

$$\sin x - z = 0, \quad z(0) = 0$$

The exact solution is

$$y(x) = e^{-x} + x \sin x, \quad z(x) = \sin x$$

#### Example 5.2

$$y'(x) = z, \quad y(0) = 1$$

$$z^3 - y^2 = 0, \quad z(0) = 1$$

$$0 \leq x \leq 10$$

The exact solution is

$$y(x) = \left(1 + \frac{x}{3}\right)^3, \quad z(x) = \left(1 + \frac{x}{3}\right)^2$$

#### Example 5.3

$$y_1'(x) = -xy_2 - (1+x)z_1, \quad y_1(0) = 5$$

$$y_2'(x) = -xy_1 - (1+x)z_2, \quad y_2(0) = 1$$

$$\frac{y_1 - z_2}{5} - \cos\left(\frac{x^2}{2}\right), \quad z_1(0) = -1$$

$$\frac{y_2 - z_1}{5} - \sin\left(\frac{x^2}{2}\right), \quad z_2(0) = 0$$

$$0 \leq x \leq 10$$

The exact solution is

$$y_1(x) = \sin x + 5 \cos\left(\frac{x^2}{2}\right),$$

$$y_2(x) = \cos x + 5 \sin\left(\frac{x^2}{2}\right),$$

$$z_1(x) = -\cos x, \quad z_2(x) = \sin x$$

The tables below show the numerical results of extended block BDF method for solving semi-explicit index-1 DAEs. Tables 1, 2, 3 display the result for example 5.1, 5.2, and 5.3 for  $h=0.1$ , while for different step size the maximum errors are obtained in table 4.

TABLE 1  
Numerical result for the Example 5.1,  $h=0.1$

x	i	Exact	Block method (11)	Error
		y(x) z(x)	y <sub>i</sub> z <sub>i</sub>	y(x)-y <sub>i</sub>     z(x)-z <sub>i</sub>
2	20	1.95393014	1.95393606	$5.92 \times 10^{-6}$
		0.90929743	0.90929861	$1.18 \times 10^{-6}$
4	40	-3.00889434	-3.00889931	$4.97 \times 10^{-6}$
		-0.75680249	-0.75680352	$1.03 \times 10^{-6}$
6	60	-1.67401423	-1.67402028	$6.04 \times 10^{-6}$
		-0.27941549	-0.27941584	$3.50 \times 10^{-7}$
8	80	7.91520143	7.91521420	$1.27 \times 10^{-5}$
		0.98935824	0.98935949	$1.25 \times 10^{-6}$
10	100	-5.44016570	-5.44017306	$7.36 \times 10^{-6}$
		-0.54402111	-0.54402190	$7.90 \times 10^{-7}$

TABLE 2  
Numerical result for the Example 5.2,  $h=0.1$

x	i	Exact	Block method (11)	Error
		y(x) z(x)	y <sub>i</sub> z <sub>i</sub>	y(x)-y <sub>i</sub>     z(x)-z <sub>i</sub>
2	20	4.62962962	4.62962962	$1.77 \times 10^{-15}$
		2.77777777	2.77777777	$8.88 \times 10^{-16}$
4	40	12.70370370	12.70370370	$1.42 \times 10^{-14}$
		5.44444444	5.44444444	$4.44 \times 10^{-15}$
6	60	26.99999999	26.99999999	$1.42 \times 10^{-14}$
		8.99999999	8.99999999	$5.68 \times 10^{-14}$
8	80	49.29629629	49.29629629	$1.13 \times 10^{-13}$
		13.44444444	13.44444444	$2.30 \times 10^{-14}$
10	100	81.37037037	81.37037037	$9.94 \times 10^{-14}$
		18.77777777	18.77777777	$1.77 \times 10^{-14}$

TABLE 3  
Numerical result for the Example 5.3,  $h=0.1$

x	Exact	Exact	Method (11)		Error	
			y(x <sub>1</sub> ) y(x <sub>2</sub> ) z(x <sub>1</sub> )	y <sub>1</sub> y <sub>2</sub> z <sub>1</sub> z <sub>2</sub>	y(x <sub>1</sub> )-y <sub>1</sub>     y(x <sub>2</sub> )-y <sub>2</sub>     z(x <sub>1</sub> )-z <sub>1</sub>     z(x <sub>2</sub> )-z <sub>2</sub>	Error
2	-1.171437	0.416147	-1.171279	0.416035	$1.58 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.12 \times 10^{-4}$
	4.130340	0.909297	4.130540	0.909322	$2.00 \times 10^{-4}$	$2.49 \times 10^{-5}$
4	-1.484303	0.653644	-1.484763	0.652627	$4.60 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.02 \times 10^{-3}$
	4.293148	-0.756802	4.295901	-0.756771	$2.75 \times 10^{-3}$	$3.16 \times 10^{-5}$
6	3.022168	-0.960170	3.031045	-0.954886	$8.88 \times 10^{-3}$	$5.28 \times 10^{-3}$
	-2.794766	-0.279415	-2.807775	-0.275101	$1.30 \times 10^{-2}$	$4.31 \times 10^{-3}$
8	5.160475	0.145500	5.181067	0.136285	$2.06 \times 10^{-2}$	$9.21 \times 10^{-3}$
	2.611633	0.989358	2.612052	0.992150	$4.19 \times 10^{-4}$	$2.79 \times 10^{-3}$
10	4.280809	0.839072	4.301332	0.856292	$2.05 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.72 \times 10^{-2}$
	-2.150946	-0.544021	-2.123399	-0.548677	$2.75 \times 10^{-2}$	$4.66 \times 10^{-3}$

TABLE 4  
Numerical result for the Examples,  
 $Max\ error = \max_{1 \leq i \leq NS} (|y_i - y(t_i)|, |z_i - z(t_i)|)$

h	Max Error Problem5.1	Max Error Problem5.2	Max Error Problem5.3
$10^{-1}$	$1.37516 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.35003 \times 10^{-13}$	$9.11765 \times 10^{-2}$
$10^{-2}$	$1.36738 \times 10^{-9}$	$2.95586 \times 10^{-12}$	$1.15275 \times 10^{-5}$
$10^{-3}$	$3.16192 \times 10^{-13}$	$1.05295 \times 10^{-10}$	$1.13751 \times 10^{-9}$

## VI CONCLUSION

We have proposed in this paper a EBBDF for the solutions of semi-explicit index-1 DAEs. The method is of order 4, it is self-starting and provides good accuracy. Numerical examples using the three step EBBDF showed that the method is accurate and efficient as evident in Tables 1-3. The EBBDF is also found to be convergent and L-stable, making it a suitable method for this class of problems.

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