

# On implicit Euler for high-order high-index DAEs

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## Abstract

The Implicit Euler method is seldom used to solve differential–algebraic equations (DAEs) of differential index  $r \geq 3$ , since the method in general fails to converge in the first  $r - 2$  steps after a change of stepsize. However, if the differential equation is of order  $d = r - 1 \geq 1$ , an alternative variable-step version of the Euler method can be shown uniformly convergent. For  $d = r - 1$ , this variable-step method is equivalent to the Implicit Euler except for the first  $r - 2$  steps after a change of stepsize. Generalization to DAEs with differential equations of order  $d > r - 1 \geq 1$ , and to variable-order formulas is discussed. © 2001 IMACS. Published by Elsevier Science B.V. All rights reserved.

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## 1. Introduction

According to [3, p. 46], those systems of differential–algebraic equations (DAEs) which arise most commonly in applications are the index one systems, the semi-explicit index two systems and the index three systems in Hessenberg form. However, systems of arbitrarily high index may occur naturally in mathematical models [3, p. 150], and thus methods for such systems are of interest. In this paper we consider DAEs of order  $d \geq r - 1 \geq 1$ , where  $r$  is the (differential) index.

Several codes for DAEs (e.g., DASSL [9], LSODI [7] and SPRINT [2]) have been based on the Backward Differentiation Formulas (BDFs), of which the first-order formula (Implicit Euler) plays a central role—at least in the beginning of the integration. However, it has been known for a long time (cf., e.g., [5,6,4]) that Implicit Euler in general fails to converge in the first  $r - 2$  steps after a change of stepsize, where the initial point may be regarded as one of the positions, where the stepsize is changed (from 0 to a positive value). In [1] an algorithm for correcting the numerical values after stepchanges was derived for  $r = 3$ . However, the algorithm assumes the DAE to depend linearly on the algebraic variables, and consecutive stepchanges seem to worsen the corrected values. In this paper we will derive

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Table 1  
Comparison with results listed in Table 8.3 of [1]

Step no.	Stepsize $\times 10^3$	Value of alg. var.	Absolute error of approximation		
			(Euler)	(Corrected)	(Alt. Euler)
1	1.000	−4.0080	<b>2.0080</b>	<b>0.0044</b>	0.0080
2	1.000	−4.0160	0.0080	0.0080	0.0120
3	0.200	−4.0176	<b>8.0303</b>	<b>0.0391</b>	0.0057
4	0.040	−4.0179	<b>8.0348</b>	<b>0.2121</b>	0.0012
5	0.008	−4.0180	<b>8.0357</b>	<b>1.0725</b>	0.0003
6	0.008	−4.0181	0.0001	0.0001	0.0001
7	0.016	−4.0182	<b>1.0047</b>	<b>0.0001</b>	0.0002
8	0.032	−4.0185	<b>1.0048</b>	<b>0.0002</b>	0.0004
9	0.064	−4.0190	<b>1.0052</b>	<b>0.0003</b>	0.0007
10	0.064	−4.0195	0.0006	0.0006	0.0008

an alternative variable-step version of the Implicit Euler method applicable to  $d$ th order DAEs of index  $r \in [2, d+1]$ , and for  $(d, r) = (2, 3)$  we may compare the errors produced by this method to those of Implicit Euler with/without correction, listed in Table 8.3 of [1] (cf. Table 1 above).

Consider the initial value problem

$$y^{(d)} = f(t, y, y', \dots, y^{(d-1)}, \lambda), \quad y^{(j)}(t_0) = \eta_j, \quad j = 0, 1, \dots, d-1, \quad (1)$$

$$0 = g(t, y, y', \dots, y^{(d+1-r)}), \quad r \in [2, d+1]. \quad (2)$$

Most often, high-order ordinary differential equations (ODEs) are solved by transforming the equation to a system of first-order ODEs, and then by applying some of the many methods for first-order ODEs, e.g., the Implicit Euler. It thus seems natural to consider the following ‘Implicit Euler method’ for producing the approximations  $(y_{0,n}, \lambda_n)$  to the values  $(y(t_n), \lambda(t_n))$ ,  $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ , of the DAE-solution:

$$\begin{aligned} (y_{j,n} - y_{j,n-1})/(t_n - t_{n-1}) &= y_{j+1,n}, \quad j = 0, 1, \dots, d-2, \\ (y_{d-1,n} - y_{d-1,n-1})/(t_n - t_{n-1}) &= f(t_n, y_{0,n}, y_{1,n}, \dots, y_{d-1,n}, \lambda_n), \\ 0 &= g(t_n, y_{0,n}, y_{1,n}, \dots, y_{d+1-r,n}), \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

where  $y_{j,0} = \eta_j$  for  $j = 0, 1, \dots, d-1$ .

However, methods for systems of first-order ODEs are designed to estimate each component of the solution with the *same* order of accuracy, and for low-order methods (such as Implicit Euler) the accuracy of the  $y(t_n)$ -estimate is in general too low for producing reasonable estimates of the *derivatives* of  $y$  and thus of  $\lambda$ .

Another approach is to *exchange the ‘equation order reduction’ and the discretization!* If we thus discretize the DAE (1), (2) by using divided differences, and then write the *discretized* equations as a system of equations, we obtain for the approximations  $(y_{j,n}, \lambda_n) \approx (j!y[t_n, t_{n-1}, \dots, t_{n-j}], \lambda(t_n))$

$$\begin{aligned} (y_{j,n} - y_{j,n-1})/((t_n - t_{n-1-j})/(j+1)) &= y_{j+1,n}, \quad j = 0, 1, \dots, d-2, \\ (y_{d-1,n} - y_{d-1,n-1})/((t_n - t_{n-d})/d) &= f(t_n, y_{0,n}, y_{1,n}, \dots, y_{d-1,n}, \lambda_n), \\ 0 &= g(t_n, y_{0,n}, y_{1,n}, \dots, y_{d+1-r,n}), \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

where  $y_{j,0} = \eta_j$  for  $j = 0, 1, \dots, d-1$ , and  $t_m$  is interpreted as  $t_0$  for  $m$  negative.

We notice that (4) only differs from (3) in  $d - 1$  steps after a change of stepsize, and for  $r = d + 1 \geq 3$ , this corresponds to the case where (3) fails to converge. Hence, one might expect (4) to remedy this lack of convergence. However, as seen in Example 1 below, (4) must be modified for  $r \in [2, d]$ , since the accuracy of the  $y(t_n)$ -estimate may then be affected by the lower accuracy of the estimates of the derivatives via the algebraic condition.

**Example 1.** Consider the following DAE of order  $d = 3$  and index  $r = 3$ :

$$\begin{aligned} y^{(3)}(t) &= \lambda(t), & y^{(0)}(0) &= y^{(1)}(0) = y^{(2)}(0) = 1, \\ 0 &= a \exp(t) + b y^{(0)}(t) - (a + b) y^{(1)}(t), & |a| + |b| &> 0, \end{aligned}$$

for which the solution is  $y(t) = \lambda(t) = \exp(t)$ . Applying method (4), the approximations in the first grid point  $t_1 = h$  will satisfy the equations

$$\begin{aligned} 6 \left( y_{0,1} - 1 - h - \frac{1}{2} h^2 \right) / h^3 &= \lambda_1, \\ 0 &= a \exp(h) + b y_{0,1} - (a + b)(y_{0,1} - 1)/h. \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\lambda_1 = \begin{cases} 3! \exp[h, 0, 0, 0] & \text{if } a + b = 0, \\ 3h^{-1} + \mathcal{O}(1) & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

and we have no (uniform) convergence for  $a + b \neq 0$ .

On the other hand, if  $y^{(1)}(h)$  in the constraint is approximated by using the third-order BDF formula

$$y^{(1)}(t_n) \approx y[t_n, t_{n-1}] + (t_n - t_{n-1}) \{ y[t_n, t_{n-1}, t_{n-2}] + (t_n - t_{n-2}) y[t_n, t_{n-1}, \dots, t_{n-3}] \},$$

$y_{0,n}$  will for  $n \geq 3$  become a BDF3-solution of the ODE

$$(a + b)y'(t) = by(t) + a \exp(t),$$

and for constant stepsize  $h$ ,  $\lambda_n$  will for  $n \geq 6$  become a BDF3-solution of

$$(a + b)\lambda'(t) = b\lambda(t) + a(3!) \exp[t, t - h, t - 2h, t - 3h].$$

Hence, we obtain convergence for fixed stepsize, provided the starting values  $y_{j,0}$  are chosen  $\mathcal{O}(h^{4-j})$ -accurate, as this implies  $\mathcal{O}(h)$ -accuracy of  $\lambda_3, \lambda_4$  and  $\lambda_5$ .

For variable stepsize, however, third-order accuracy of  $y_{0,n}$  does not necessarily imply first-order accuracy of  $\lambda_n$ , and one might think of using the BDF4-formula in the constraint, assuming that an  $\mathcal{O}(H)$ -accurate estimate of the initial value  $\lambda(0)$  is known, as well as  $\mathcal{O}(H^{4-j})$ -estimates of  $y^{(j)}(0)$ , where  $H$  is a finite upper bound of the stepsizes. We will, however, leave this possibility for further research.

Example 1 indicates that method (4) should be modified for  $r \in [2, d]$  in the following way:

$$\begin{aligned} (y_{j,n} - y_{j,n-1}) / ((t_n - t_{n-1-j}) / (j + 1)) &= y_{j+1,n}, \quad j = 0, 1, \dots, d - 2, \\ (y_{d-1,n} - y_{d-1,n-1}) / ((t_n - t_{n-d}) / d) &= f(t_n, y_{0,n}, y_{1,n}, \dots, y_{d-1,n}, \lambda_n), \\ 0 &= g(t_n, y_{0,n}, p'_n(t_n), \dots, p_n^{(d+1-r)}(t_n)), \end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

where  $y_{j,0} = \eta_j$  for  $j = 0, 1, \dots, d-1$ ,  $t_m$  is interpreted as  $t_0$  for  $m$  negative, and  $p_n$  is an interpolation polynomial, which—in case the BDFd-formula is used for estimating  $y'(t_n)$ —reads

$$\sum_{i=0}^{d-1} \prod_{j=0}^{i-1} \left( \frac{t - t_{n-j}}{j+1} \right) y_{i,n} + \prod_{j=0}^{d-1} \left( \frac{t - t_{n-j}}{j+1} \right) f(t_n, y_{0,n}, y_{1,n}, \dots, y_{d-1,n}, \lambda_n).$$

In Section 2 we list the assumptions on the DAE (1), (2), ensuring a unique local DAE-solution, and show that for fixed  $n \geq 1$  (5) has a unique solution within a neighbourhood of the DAE-solution provided the previous numerical values  $(y_{j,n-i}, \lambda_{n-i})$ ,  $i \geq 1$ , are sufficiently accurate, satisfying the algebraic condition to a certain accuracy, and the stepsizes are sufficiently small with bounded ratios. In Section 3 we restrict ourselves to the case  $d = r - 1 \geq 1$  and show that for sufficiently accurate starting values and small stepsizes with bounded ratios, the numerical values will remain accurate, since the method (5) is then (uniformly) convergent. In Section 4 we outline how method (5) may be generalized to variable-step variable-order methods based on the approach of discretization *prior* to any equation order reduction of the DAE. Experiments indicate that contrary to the BDFs (cf. [1]), the order of convergence of these new methods does not drop when the stepsize and/or order is changed in a proper way.

## 2. Existence and uniqueness of solutions to (1), (2) and (5)

Let  $g^{(i)}$ ,  $i = 0, 1, \dots, r-1$ , be formally defined as

$$g^{(i)}(t, y(t), y'(t), \dots, y^{(d+1-r+i)}(t)) = \left( \frac{d}{dt} \right)^{(i)} g(t, y(t), y'(t), \dots, y^{(d+1-r)}(t)).$$

The assumptions on the DAE (1), (2) can then be written as follows.

### Assumptions.

- (1)  $f$  and  $g^{(r-1)}$  are  $C^1$ -functions with bounded and Lipschitz-continuous partial derivatives on open sets  $\Omega_1, \Omega_2$ , containing  $v_0 = (t_0, \eta_0, \dots, \eta_{d-1}, \lambda_0)$  and  $(t_0, \eta_0, \dots, \eta_{d-1}, f(v_0))$ , respectively, where  $\lambda_0$  is the unique value of  $\lambda(t_0)$  (cf., (3) below).
- (2) The initial values  $\eta_0, \dots, \eta_{d-1}$  are consistent with the equations

$$0 = g^{(i)}(t_0, \eta_0, \dots, \eta_{d+1-r+i}), \quad i = 0, 1, \dots, r-2.$$

- (3) There exists a unique solution  $\lambda(t_0) = \lambda_0$  to the equation

$$0 = g^{(r-1)}(t_0, \eta_0, \dots, \eta_{d-1}, f(t_0, \eta_0, \dots, \eta_{d-1}, \lambda(t_0))),$$

or a solution  $\lambda(t_0) = \lambda_0$  is given as initial value.

- (4) The matrix

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda(t)} g^{(r-1)}(t, y_0^{[2]}(t), \dots, y_{d-1}^{[2]}(t), f(t, y_0^{[1]}(t), \dots, y_{d-1}^{[1]}(t), \lambda(t)))$$

is regular with bounded inverse for all  $v(t) = (t, y_0^{[1]}(t), \dots, y_{d-1}^{[1]}(t), \lambda(t)) \in \Omega_1$ ,  $(t, y_0^{[2]}(t), \dots, y_{d-1}^{[2]}(t), f(v(t))) \in \Omega_2$ .

Since the low derivatives  $y^{(i)}(t)$ ,  $i = 0, 1, \dots, d - 1$ , may be formally expressed in terms of  $y^{(d)}(t)$ :

$$y^{(i)}(t) = \sum_{j=0}^{d-1-i} \frac{(t-t_0)^j}{j!} \eta_{i+j} + \int_{t_0}^t \frac{(t-s)^{d-1-i}}{(d-1-i)!} y^{(d)}(s) ds, \quad (6)$$

the assumptions above are easily seen to ensure a unique local solution to the DAE by considering the following iteration for  $k = 0, 1, \dots$

$$\begin{aligned} y_0^{(d)}(t) &\equiv 0, \\ y_{k+1}^{(d)}(t) &= f(t, y_k(t), y'_k(t), \dots, y_k^{(d-1)}(t), \lambda_k(t)) \\ 0 &= \frac{d}{dt} g^{(r-1)}(t, y_{k+1}(t), \dots, y_{k+1}^{(d-1)}(t), y_{k+1}^{(d)}(t)), \quad \lambda_k(t_0) = \lambda_0, \end{aligned}$$

where  $y_m^{(i)}(t)$  denotes (6) with  $y_m^{(d)}$  substituted for  $y^{(d)}$ ,  $m = k, k+1$ .

As concerns the solution of (5), we note that

$$\begin{aligned} p_n(t) &= p_{n-1}(t) + q_{n-1}(t)d!(p_n - p_{n-1})[t_n, \dots, t_{n-d}], \\ q_{n-1}(t) &= \prod_{j=0}^{d-1} \left( \frac{t - t_{n-1-j}}{j+1} \right). \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

Since  $q_{n-1}(t) = 0$  for  $t = t_{n-1}, t_{n-2}, \dots, t_{n-d}$ , we thus have a discrete analogue to (6):

$$\begin{aligned} i!p_n[t_n, \dots, t_{n-i}] &= \sum_{j=0}^{d-1-i} \prod_{k=i}^{i+j-1} \left( \frac{t_n - t_{n-1-k}}{k+1} \right) (i+j)!p_{n-1}[t_{n-1}, \dots, t_{n-1-i-j}] \\ &\quad + \prod_{k=i}^{d-1} \left( \frac{t_n - t_{n-1-k}}{k+1} \right) d!p_n[t_n, \dots, t_{n-d}], \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

and we try to find a solution of (5) by simple functional iteration:

$$\begin{aligned} p_{n,0}(t) &\equiv p_{n-1}(t), \\ d!p_{n,k+1}[t_n, \dots, t_{n-d}] &= f(t_n, p_{n,k}[t_n], \dots, (d-1)!p_{n,k}[t_n, \dots, t_{n-d+1}], \lambda_{n,k}), \\ 0 &= g(t_n, p_{n,k+1}(t_n), \dots, p_{n,k+1}^{(d+1-r)}(t_n))/q_{n-1}^{(d+1-r)}(t_n), \quad k = 0, 1, \dots, \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

where  $p_{n,k+1}^{(i)}(t)$  denotes the  $i$ th derivative of (7) with  $p_{n,k+1}[t_n, \dots, t_{n-d}]$  substituted for  $p_n[t_n, \dots, t_{n-d}]$ , and the  $i$ th order divided difference is found from the  $d$ th order through (8).

**Lemma 2.** *Assume that the unique solution of (1), (2), ensured by our Assumptions, exists for  $t \in [t_0, t_{n-1} + H]$ , where  $H < \infty$  is an upper bound of the stepsizes  $t_i - t_{i-1}$ ,  $i \geq 1$ , and that the DAE-solution remains within  $\Omega_1$ ,  $\Omega_2$ .*

If for  $j = 0, 1, \dots, d-1$ ,  $m = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$ ,

- (i)  $y_{j,0} = y^{(j)}(t_0) + \mathcal{O}(H)(t_1 - t_0)^{d-j}$ ,
- (ii)  $y_{j,m} = y^{(j)}(t_m) + \mathcal{O}(H)$ ,  $\lambda_m = \lambda(t_m) + \mathcal{O}(H)$ ,

- (iii)  $g(t_m, p_m(t_m), \dots, p_m^{(d+1-r)}(t_m))/q_{m-1}^{(d+1-r)}(t_m) = \mathcal{O}(H)$ ,  
(iv)  $(t_{m+1} - t_m)/(t_m - t_{m-1}) \in [\gamma, \Gamma]$  for  $0 < \gamma \leq \Gamma < \infty$ ,

then the iteration (9) converges for sufficiently small  $H$  to the solution of (5) satisfying  $\lambda_n = \lambda_{n-1} + \mathcal{O}(H)$ .

**Proof.** First we prove that for sufficiently small  $H$ , a unique  $\lambda_{n,0} = \lambda_{n-1} + \mathcal{O}(H)$  exists, and that  $\|(p_{n,1} - p_{n-1})[t_n, \dots, t_{n-d}]\|$  is  $\mathcal{O}(H)$ . Then we show, by induction in  $k \geq 1$ , the existence of a unique  $\lambda_{n,k}$  satisfying  $\|\lambda_{n,k} - \lambda_{n,k-1}\| = \mathcal{O}(H)\|(p_{n,k} - p_{n,k-1})[t_n, \dots, t_{n-d}]\|$ , and that  $\|(p_{n,k+1} - p_{n,k})[t_n, \dots, t_{n-d}]\| = \mathcal{O}(H)\|(p_{n,k} - p_{n,k-1})[t_n, \dots, t_{n-d}]\|$ . Hence, for sufficiently small  $H$ , the Cauchy sequence  $(\lambda_{n,k}, p_{n,k+1}[t_n, \dots, t_{n-d}])_k$  will converge to a fixpoint  $(\lambda_n, p_n[t_n, \dots, t_{n-d}])$  of (9), since  $f$  and  $g$  are continuous. That (9) has no other fixpoints with  $\lambda_n = \lambda_{n-1} + \mathcal{O}(H)$  follows from the boundedness of  $(\partial g^{(r-1)}/\partial \lambda)^{-1}$  and the partial derivatives of  $f$ , which is valid for sufficiently small  $H$ .

Let  $k \geq 0$  and  $p_{n,k}$  be given with  $\|(p_{n,k} - p_{n-1})[t_n, \dots, t_{n-d}]\|$  being  $\mathcal{O}(H)$ . In order to find  $\lambda_{n,k} = \lambda_{n-1} + \mathcal{O}(H)$ , we use the iterative scheme

$$\lambda_{n,k}^{[j+1]} = \lambda_{n,k}^{[j]} - \left[ \frac{\partial G_{n,k}}{\partial \lambda} (\lambda_{n,k}^{[0]}) \right]^{-1} G_{n,k}(\lambda_{n,k}^{[j]}), \quad j = 0, 1, \dots, \quad \lambda_{n,k}^{[0]} = \lambda_{n-1}, \quad (10)$$

where

$$G_{n,k}(\lambda) = g\left(t_n, \left(p_{n-1}^{(i)}(t_n) + q_{n-1}^{(i)}(t_n) \Delta f_{n,k}(\lambda)\right)_{i=0}^{d+1-r}\right)/q_{n-1}^{(d+1-r)}(t_n),$$

and  $\Delta f_{n,k}(\lambda)$  denotes

$$f\left(t_n, \left(s!p_{n,k}[t_n, \dots, t_{n-s}]\right)_{s=0}^{d-1}, \lambda\right) - f\left(t_{n-1}, \left(s!p_{n-1}[t_{n-1}, \dots, t_{n-1-s}]\right)_{s=0}^{d-1}, \lambda_{n-1}\right).$$

Since  $p_{n,k}(t)$  is defined in (7) with  $p_{n,k}[t_n, \dots, t_{n-d}]$  substituted for  $p_n[t_n, \dots, t_{n-d}]$ , we find, for  $s = 0, 1, \dots, d-1$ , that  $p_{n,k}[t_n, \dots, t_{n-s}] - p_{n-1}[t_{n-1}, \dots, t_{n-1-s}]$  equals

$$(t_n - t_{n-1-s})p_{n-1}[t_n, \dots, t_{n-1-s}] + \prod_{i=s}^{d-1} (t_n - t_{n-1-i})\mathcal{O}(H) = \mathcal{O}(H). \quad (11)$$

Hence,

$$\frac{\partial G_{n,k}}{\partial \lambda} (\lambda_{n,k}^{[0]}) = \sum_{i=0}^{d+1-r} \frac{q_{n-1}^{(i)}(t_n)}{q_{n-1}^{(d+1-r)}(t_n)} M_{i,n-1}(t_n),$$

where

$$M_{i,n-1}(t_n) = \frac{\partial g}{\partial y^{(i)}} \left( t_n, \left(p_{n-1}^{(s)}(t_n) + \mathcal{O}(H)\right)_{s=0}^{d+1-r} \right) \frac{\partial f}{\partial \lambda} \left( t_n, \left(y_{s,n-1} + \mathcal{O}(H)\right)_{s=0}^{d-1}, \lambda_{n-1} \right),$$

and

$$\frac{q_{n-1}^{(i)}(t_n)}{q_{n-1}^{(d+1-r)}(t_n)} \leq \frac{(t_n - t_{n-1-i}) \cdots (t_n - t_{n-d}) d! / (d-i)!}{(t_n - t_{n-2-d+r}) \cdots (t_n - t_{n-d}) (d+1-r)!} = \mathcal{O}(H), \quad i = 0, 1, \dots, d-r.$$

Due to (ii) in the lemma, and Assumption 4, we may thus assume that

$$\left\| \left[ \frac{\partial G_{n,k}}{\partial \lambda} (\lambda_{n,k}^{[0]}) \right]^{-1} \right\| \leq M, \quad (12)$$

where  $M$  is a constant independent of  $k$ . Hence, if  $G_{n,k}(\lambda_{n,k}^{[0]}) = \mathcal{O}(H)$  it will follow from the scheme (10) that  $\lambda_{n,k}^{[1]} = \lambda_{n-1} + \mathcal{O}(H)$ .

$$G_{n,k}(\lambda_{n,k}^{[0]}) = \tilde{g}_{n-1}(t_n)/q_{n-1}^{(d+1-r)}(t_n) + \mathcal{O}(H),$$

where

$$\tilde{g}_{n-1}(t) = g(t, p_{n-1}(t), \dots, p_{n-1}^{(d+1-r)}(t)),$$

and for  $n \geq r+1$  we obtain from (ii), (iii) and (7) with  $n = n-1$

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{g}_{n-1}(t_{n-i}) &= g(t_{n-i}, p_{n-i}(t_{n-i}), \dots, p_{n-i}^{(d+1-r)}(t_{n-i})) + \mathcal{O}(H) \sum_{s=2}^i q_{n-s}^{(d+1-r)}(t_{n-i}) \\ &= \mathcal{O}(H) q_{n-r-1}^{(d+1-r)}(t_{n-1}), \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, r. \end{aligned}$$

Thus (iv) implies that the  $C^r$ -function  $\tilde{g}_{n-1}(t)$  satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{g}_{n-1}(t_n)/q_{n-1}^{(d+1-r)}(t_n) &= \left[ \sum_{i=1}^r \prod_{s=1}^{i-1} (t_n - t_{n-s}) g_{n-1}[t_{n-1}, \dots, t_{n-i}] \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \mathcal{O}\left(\prod_{s=1}^r (t_n - t_{n-s})\right)\right] / q_{n-1}^{(d+1-r)}(t_n) = \mathcal{O}(H). \end{aligned}$$

Due to (i), the result above is also valid for  $n \in [1, r]$ , but we leave this as an exercise for the reader. Having proved that  $\lambda_{n,k}^{[1]} = \lambda_{n-1} + \mathcal{O}(H)$ , we may now conclude the existence of  $\lambda_{n,k} = \lambda_{n-1} + \mathcal{O}(H)$  by showing that the iterative scheme (10) is strongly contractive. The uniqueness of  $\lambda_{n,k}$  for small  $H$  follows from (12).

Subtracting the equation in (10) from the one with  $j = j-1$ , we have, by induction in  $j \geq 1$ , that

$$\begin{aligned} \|\lambda_{n,k}^{[j+1]} - \lambda_{n,k}^{[j]}\| &\leq M \left\| G_{n,k}(\lambda_{n,k}^{[j]}) - G_{n,k}(\lambda_{n,k}^{[j-1]}) - \left[ \frac{\partial G_{n,k}}{\partial \lambda}(\lambda_{n-1}) \right] (\lambda_{n,k}^{[j]} - \lambda_{n,k}^{[j-1]}) \right\| \\ &\leq \mathcal{O}(HM) \|\lambda_{n,k}^{[j]} - \lambda_{n,k}^{[j-1]}\|, \end{aligned}$$

since  $G_{n,k}$  is a  $C^1$ -function, and  $\lambda_{n,k}^{[j-1]}, \lambda_{n,k}^{[j]}$  stays within a certain neighbourhood of  $\lambda_{n-1}$ .

Returning to the outer iteration (9), we note that, for  $k = 0$ , the uniform Lipschitz continuity of the  $C^1$ -function  $f$  implies that  $\|(p_{n,1} - p_{n-1})[t_n, \dots, t_{n-d}]\|$  is  $\mathcal{O}(H)$ . If  $H$  is sufficiently small, we may thus find a unique  $\lambda_{n,1} = \lambda_{n-1} + \mathcal{O}(H)$ , satisfying  $G_{n,1}(\lambda) = 0$ . Subtracting  $G_{n,0}(\lambda_{n,0})$  from  $G_{n,1}(\lambda_{n,1})$  we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= [g(t_n, (p_{n,2}^{(i)}(t_n))_{i=0}^{d+1-r}) - g(t_n, (p_{n,1}^{(i)}(t_n))_{i=0}^{d+1-r})]/q_{n-1}^{(d+1-r)}(t_n) \\ &= \left\{ \sum_{i=0}^{d+1-r} \frac{q_{n-1}^{(i)}(t_n)}{q_{n-1}^{(d+1-r)}(t_n)} \int_0^1 \frac{\partial g}{\partial y^{(i)}}(t_n, ((\theta p_{n,2}^{(s)} + (1-\theta)p_{n,1}^{(s)})(t_n))_{s=0}^{d+1-r}) d\theta \right\} \\ &\quad \times \{f(t_n, (s!p_{n,1}[t_n, \dots, t_{n-s}])_{s=0}^{d-1}, \lambda_{n,1}) - f(t_n, (s!p_{n,0}[t_n, \dots, t_{n-s}])_{s=0}^{d-1}, \lambda_{n,0})\} \\ &= \left\{ \mathcal{O}(H) + \int_0^1 \frac{\partial g}{\partial y^{(d+1-r)}}(t_n, ((\theta p_{n,2}^{(s)} + (1-\theta)p_{n,1}^{(s)})(t_n))_{s=0}^{d+1-r}) d\theta \right\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\times \left\{ \mathcal{O}(H) \| (p_{n,1} - p_{n,0})[t_n, \dots, t_{n-d}] \| + \int_0^1 \frac{\partial f}{\partial \lambda} \left( t_n, (s! p_{n,1}[t_n, \dots, t_{n-s}])_{s=0}^{d-1}, \theta \lambda_{n,1} + (1-\theta) \lambda_{n,0} \right) d\theta (\lambda_{n,1} - \lambda_{n,0}) \right\}.$$

Using Assumption 4 and the fact that  $g$  is a  $C^1$ -function, we thus have

$$\|\lambda_{n,1} - \lambda_{n,0}\| = \mathcal{O}(H) \| (p_{n,1} - p_{n,0})[t_n, t_{n-1}, \dots, t_{n-d}] \| . \quad (13)$$

From (9) and (8) with subscript  $n$  replaced by  $n, 1$  and  $n, 0$ , it thus follows from the Lipschitz-continuity of  $f$  that

$$\|(p_{n,2} - p_{n,1})[t_n, t_{n-1}, \dots, t_{n-d}] \| = \mathcal{O}(H) \| (p_{n,1} - p_{n,0})[t_n, t_{n-1}, \dots, t_{n-d}] \| . \quad (14)$$

Hence, we may find a unique  $\lambda_{n,2} = \lambda_{n-1} + \mathcal{O}(H)$  satisfying  $G_{n,2}(\lambda_{n,2}) = 0$ , and since (13),(14) can be generalized to all consecutive iterates, the lemma follows by induction.  $\square$

### 3. Uniform convergence of method (5) in case $r = d + 1$

Since the purpose of this section is to prove condition (ii) of Lemma 2 for all  $m \geq 1$  (provided the solution remains within  $\Omega_1, \Omega_2$ ), we may as well use a formulation similar to Lemma 2.

**Theorem 3.** Consider the case  $r = d + 1$ . Assume that the unique solution of (1), (2), ensured by our Assumptions, exists for  $t \in [t_0, t_{N-1} + H]$ , where  $H < \infty$  is an upper bound of the stepsizes  $t_i - t_{i-1}$ ,  $i \geq 1$ , and that the DAE-solution remains within  $\Omega_1, \Omega_2$ . If

- (i)  $y_{j,0} = y^{(j)}(t_0) + \mathcal{O}(H)(t_1 - t_0)^{d-j}$  for  $j = 0, 1, \dots, d-1$ ,
- (ii)  $(t_{n+1} - t_n)/(t_n - t_{n-1}) \in [\gamma, \Gamma]$  for  $0 < \gamma \leq \Gamma < \infty$ ,  $n = 1, 2, \dots, N-1$ .

then, for sufficiently small  $H$ , (5) has a unique solution satisfying  $\lambda_n = \lambda(t_n) + \mathcal{O}(H)$  for all  $t_n$ ,  $n = 1, 2, \dots, N$ , and

$$\begin{aligned} & \|y_{j,n} - j!y[t_n, t_{n-1}, \dots, t_{n-j}] \| \\ &= \mathcal{O}(H)(H + t_n - t_0)^{d-j} [1 + K(H + t_n - t_0) \exp((K + \mathcal{O}(H))(t_n - t_0))], \end{aligned}$$

for  $j = 0, 1, \dots, d-1$ . The constant  $K = d + L_f(1 + ML_g(1 + L_f))$  depends on the bounds  $L_f, L_g$  of the partial derivatives of  $f$  and  $g^{(d)}$  and on the bound  $M$  of  $[\partial g^{(d)}/\partial \lambda(t)]^{-1}$  on  $\Omega_1, \Omega_2$  (cf. the Assumptions).

The error bounds of  $y_{j,n}$ ,  $j = 0, 1, \dots, d-1$ , are also valid if the algebraic constraint is replaced by

$$g(t_n, y_{0,n}) = \mathcal{O}(H) \prod_{j=1}^d (t_n - t_{n-j}). \quad (15)$$

**Proof.** The theorem is clearly valid for  $n = 0$ . Assume that it holds for  $n \leq n - 1$ . Then according to Lemma 2 a unique  $\lambda_n = \lambda(t_n) + \mathcal{O}(H)$  exists. Defining the errors

$$e_{j,n} = j!y[t_n, t_{n-1}, \dots, t_{n-j}] - y_{j,n}, \quad j = 0, 1, \dots, d-1,$$

we obtain from (5) the inequalities

$$\|e_{j,n}\| \leq \|e_{j,n-1}\| + \left( \frac{t_n - t_{n-1-j}}{j+1} \right) \|e_{j+1,n}\|, \quad j = 0, 1, \dots, d-2, \quad (16)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \|e_{d-1,n}\| &\leq \|e_{d-1,n-1}\| + \left( \frac{t_n - t_{n-d}}{d} \right) \|d!y[t_n, \dots, t_{n-d}] - f(t_n, (y_{i,n})_{i=0}^{d-1}, \lambda_n)\| \\ &\leq \|e_{d-1,n-1}\| + \left( \frac{t_n - t_{n-d}}{d} \right) \left( \mathcal{O}(H) + L_f \left( \sum_{i=0}^{d-1} \|e_{i,n}\| + \|\lambda(t_n) - \lambda_n\| \right) \right). \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

Hence, since  $(1-x)^{-1} = \exp(x + \mathcal{O}(x^2))$  for all small  $x > 0$ , we obtain by summation

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{j=0}^{d-1} \|e_{j,n}\| &\leq \sum_{j=0}^{d-1} \|e_{j,n-1}\| + \left( \frac{t_n - t_{n-d}}{d} \right) \left( \mathcal{O}(H) + (d+L_f) \sum_{j=0}^{d-1} \|e_{j,n}\| + L_f \|\lambda(t_n) - \lambda_n\| \right) \\ &\leq \exp \left( (d+L_f + \mathcal{O}(H)) \left( \frac{t_n - t_{n-d}}{d} \right) \right) \\ &\quad \times \left( \sum_{j=0}^{d-1} \|e_{j,n-1}\| + \left( \frac{t_n - t_{n-d}}{d} \right) (\mathcal{O}(H) + L_f \|\lambda(t_n) - \lambda_n\|) \right). \end{aligned} \quad (18)$$

For sufficiently small  $H$  we may thus assume that the bounds  $L_f$ ,  $L_g$  and  $M$  are applicable on the line from the DAE-solution to the numerical solution at  $t_n$ . We shall make use of this and prove that

$$\|\lambda(t_n) - \lambda_n\| \leq \mathcal{O}(H) + M L_g (1 + L_f + \mathcal{O}(H)) \sum_{j=0}^{d-1} \|e_{j,n}\|. \quad (19)$$

It will then follow from the first inequality of (18) that

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{j=0}^{d-1} \|e_{j,n}\| &\leq \sum_{j=0}^{d-1} \|e_{j,n-1}\| + \left( \frac{t_n - t_{n-d}}{d} \right) \left( \mathcal{O}(H) + (K + \mathcal{O}(H)) \sum_{j=0}^{d-1} \|e_{j,n}\| \right) \\ &\leq \exp \left( (K + \mathcal{O}(H)) \left( \frac{t_n - t_{n-d}}{d} \right) \right) \left( \sum_{j=0}^{d-1} \|e_{j,n-1}\| + \left( \frac{t_n - t_{n-d}}{d} \right) \mathcal{O}(H) \right) \\ &\leq \exp((K + \mathcal{O}(H))(t_n - t_0))(H + t_n - t_0)\mathcal{O}(H). \end{aligned}$$

Inserting this bound in (19) and (17) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \|e_{d-1,n}\| &\leq \|e_{d-1,n-1}\| + \left( \frac{t_n - t_{n-d}}{d} \right) \mathcal{O}(H) [1 + K(H + t_n - t_0) \exp((K + \mathcal{O}(H))(t_n - t_0))] \\ &\leq \|e_{d-1,0}\| + \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{t_i - t_{i-d}}{d} \right) \mathcal{O}(H) [1 + K(H + t_n - t_0) \exp((K + \mathcal{O}(H))(t_n - t_0))] \\ &\leq \mathcal{O}(H)(H + t_n - t_0) [1 + K(H + t_n - t_0) \exp((K + \mathcal{O}(H))(t_n - t_0))]. \end{aligned}$$

For  $j = d - 2, d - 3, \dots, 0$ , we obtain the error bound of  $y_{j,n}$  by a similar substitution into (16) of the error bound of  $y_{j+1,n}$ , and the theorem will thus follow from (19).

In order to prove (19) we consider the function

$$\tilde{g}_n(t) = g(t, p_n(t)),$$

where  $p_n$  is the polynomial defined in connection with (5). From (7) we know that  $p_n(t_{n-j}) = p_{n-j}(t_{n-j})$  for  $j = 0, 1, \dots, d$ . Since the ratio between consecutive stepsizes are bounded, it thus follows from (15) (and (i) in case  $n \leq d$ ) that

$$\tilde{g}_n[t_n, t_{n-1}, \dots, t_{n-d}] = \mathcal{O}(H).$$

Since  $\tilde{g}_n$  is a  $C^{d+1}$ -function there exists a  $t_n^* \in [t_{n-d}, t_n]$  such that

$$g^{(d)}(t_n^*, p_n(t_n^*), \dots, p_n^{(d)}(t_n^*)) = \mathcal{O}(H).$$

Let  $r_{i,n}$  denote the polynomials

$$r_{i,n}(t) = \prod_{j=0}^{i-1} (t - t_{n-j})/i!, \quad i = 0, 1, \dots, d.$$

We may then write

$$\begin{aligned} p_n^{(s)}(t_n^*) &= y^{(s)}(t_n^*) + \mathcal{O}(H) - \sum_{i=s}^{d-1} r_{i,n}^{(s)}(t_n^*) e_{i,n} \\ &\quad - r_{d,n}^{(s)}(t_n^*) [f(t_n, (j!y[t_n, \dots, t_{n-j}])_{j=0}^{d-1}, \lambda(t_n)) - f(t_n, (y_{j,n})_{j=0}^{d-1}, \lambda_n)] \\ &= y^{(s)}(t_n^*) + \mathcal{O}(H) - e_{s,n} + \mathcal{O}\left(H\left(\sum_{i=0}^{d-1} \|e_{i,n}\| + \|\lambda(t_n) - \lambda_n\|\right)\right) \end{aligned}$$

for  $s = 0, 1, \dots, d-1$ , whereas  $p_n^{(d)}(t_n^*)$  is

$$y^{(d)}(t_n^*) + \mathcal{O}(H) - [f(t_n, (j!y[t_n, \dots, t_{n-j}])_{j=0}^{d-1}, \lambda(t_n)) - f(t_n, (y_{j,n})_{j=0}^{d-1}, \lambda_n)].$$

Using the boundedness of  $[\partial g^{(d)}/\partial \lambda(t)]^{-1}$  and the partial derivatives of  $f$  and  $g^{(d)}$  on the line from the DAE-solution to the numerical solution at  $t_n$ , (19) and thus the theorem follows by induction in  $n$ .  $\square$

#### 4. Generalization to variable-step variable-order BDFs

It is outside the scope of this paper to extend the convergence result of Section 3 to a variable-step variable-order method. However, since several codes for DAEs have been based on the BDFs (cf. Section 1), it may be of interest to perform some experiments with a method similar to the BDFs, e.g. (for  $d = r - 1 \geq 1$ ):

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^{k_n} \alpha_{i,n}^{[j+1]} y_j[t_n, t_{n-1}, \dots, t_{n-i}] &= y_{j+1,n}, \quad j = 0, 1, \dots, d-1, \\ y_{d,n} &= f(t_n, y_{0,n}, y_{1,n}, \dots, y_{d-1,n}, \lambda_n), \\ 0 &= g(t_n, y_{0,n}). \end{aligned}$$

In order to avoid the drop in the order of convergence, seen when changing stepsize or order in the BDFs, the formula  $y_{j+1,n} \approx y_0^{(j+1)}(t_n)$  should be exact for polynomials  $y_0$  of degree  $k_n + j$ ,  $j = 0, 1, \dots, d - 1$ . Hence, for  $j = 0$  the coefficients  $\alpha_{i,n}^{[j+1]}$  are those of the ordinary  $BDFk_n$ -formula, whereas for  $j > 0$  the coefficients  $\alpha_{i,n}^{[j+1]}$  depend on the formulas used in producing  $y_{j,n-1}, y_{j,n-2}, \dots, y_{j,n-k_n}$ . For  $k_n \in \{1, 2\}$ , this type of method was derived in [10], where also experiments can be found (cf. <http://www.diku.dk/research-groups> for an electronic version of the report). However, even for moderate sizes of  $k_n$  and  $d$  ( $\geq 2$ ), this approach leads to a large family of formulas, and therefore we in this paper follow the alternative approach of Section 1 (discretization *prior* to any equation order reduction) obtaining the following generalization of (5) for  $d = r - 1 \geq 1$ :

$$\begin{aligned} p_{n,d-1+k_n}^{(d)}(t_n) &= f(t_n, y_{0,n}, p'_{n,k_n}(t_n), p''_{n,1+k_n}(t_n), \dots, p_{n,d-2+k_n}^{(d-1)}(t_n), \lambda_n), \\ 0 &= g(t_n, y_{0,n}), \\ p_{n,s}(t) &= \sum_{i=0}^s \prod_{j=0}^{i-1} (t - t_{n-j}) y_0[t_n, t_{n-1}, \dots, t_{n-i}], \quad s = k_n, \dots, d - 1 + k_n. \end{aligned} \tag{20}$$

For fixed stepsize and  $k_n \leq 5$  these formulas are zero-stable for all  $d = r - 1 \geq 1$ , and we hope to generalize Theorem 3 to cover these formulas sometime. Let us end this paper by applying (20) to two index-3 DAEs, both satisfying the Assumptions in Section 2:

**Example 4.** The problem, which was solved by merely first-order formulas in Table 1 was introduced in [1] and it describes the position of a particle on a circular track. The problem reads

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{pmatrix} x'' \\ y'' \end{pmatrix} &= 2 \begin{pmatrix} y \\ -x \end{pmatrix} + \lambda \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} x & x' \\ y & y' \end{pmatrix}(1) = \begin{pmatrix} \sin(1) & 2\cos(1) \\ \cos(1) & -2\sin(1) \end{pmatrix}, \\ 0 &= x^2 + y^2 - 1, \end{aligned}$$

and the solution is  $(x(t), y(t), \lambda(t)) = (\sin(t^2), \cos(t^2), -4t^2)$ .

Applying (20) with  $k_n \in \{1, 2\}$  we may compare the results to those listed in Table 8.2 of [1]:

Table 2

Comparison with results in Table 8.2 of [1]. The results are errors in the estimated algebraic variable  $\lambda$ , and second-order formulas are used except for the first step

$t_n$	Absolute errors for stepsize 0.005			Absolute errors for stepsize 0.01		
	(BDF1&2)	(Corrected)	(20), $k_n \leq 2$	(BDF1&2)	(Corrected)	(20), $k_n \leq 2$
1.005	<b>2.0400</b>	<b>0.0403</b>	0.0402			
1.010	<b>4.0190</b>	<b>0.0190</b>	0.0010	<b>2.0810</b>	<b>0.0812</b>	0.0809
1.015	<b>1.0120</b>	<b>0.0119</b>	0.0010			
1.020	0.0012	0.0012	0.0010	<b>4.0350</b>	<b>0.0360</b>	0.0041
1.030	0.0013	0.0013	0.0009	<b>1.0280</b>	<b>0.0280</b>	0.0041
1.040	0.0013	0.0013	0.0010	0.0052	0.0052	0.0040
1.050	0.0014	0.0014	0.0010	0.0054	0.0054	0.0041

**Example 5.** Since Theorem 3 is valid also for problems where the algebraic variables  $\lambda$  appear nonlinearly, it may be of interest to apply our generalization of (5) (i.e., (20)) to such a problem. Modifying a DAE with  $d = r - 1 = 1$  introduced in [8] slightly, we obtained the following problem with  $d = r - 1 = 2$ :

$$\begin{pmatrix} x'' \\ y'' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} xy^2\lambda^2 \\ y^2[x^2 - 3\lambda + 6(x')^2] \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} x & x' \\ y & y' \end{pmatrix}(0) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$0 = x^2y - 1.$$

This problem has two solutions, viz.  $(x(t), y(t), \lambda(t)) = (e^t, e^{-2t}, e^{2t})$  and  $(x(t), y(t), \lambda(t)) = (a(t), a(t)^{-2}, 0.5a(t)^2)$ , where  $a(t) = 0.5(3e^{t/2} - e^{-t/2})$ . We wanted to find the same solution as in [8], and thus we assumed that  $\lambda(0) = 1$  was given (approximately) as initial value (cf. (3) in the Assumptions, Section 2).

Since the existence of a real-valued numerical solution of (20) has not yet been proved, (20) was solved by applying Newton's method with linesearch to the following constrained least squares problem:

$$\min_{y_{0,n}, \mu_n} \|\sigma_n(p''_{n,1+k_n}(t_n) - f(t_n, y_{0,n}, p'_{n,k_n}(t_n), \mu_n/\sigma_n))\|_2,$$

subject to  $0 = g(t_n, y_{0,n})$ ,

where  $\sigma_n$  is the scaling factor  $(t_n - t_{n-1})(t_n - t_{n-2})$  and  $\mu_n$  is  $\sigma_n\lambda_n$ . Due to the scaling, only few Newton iterations were needed in each step, irrespective of the variation of order and stepsize.

Because of Theorem 3, we expected that the *local* errors of  $y_{0,n}$  and  $\lambda_n$  were  $\mathcal{O}(H^{k_n+2})$  and  $\mathcal{O}(H^{k_n})$ , respectively, whereas the *global* errors should be  $\mathcal{O}(H^{k_n})$  for both components. However, especially for the high order formulas, extreme variation of order and stepsize will probably result in lower orders, and thus we started our runs with a relatively slow increase in the order  $k_n$  of the formulas:

For  $k = 1, 2, \dots, 5, k + 2$  steps were computed by means of the  $k$ th order formula with stepsizes  $h_n = \tilde{H}^{(5+0.2\theta_n)/k}$ , where  $\theta_n$  was randomly chosen in  $[0, 1]$  and  $\tilde{H}$  was a program parameter.

Varying  $\tilde{H}$ , these 25 steps should render our assumptions on the *local* errors probable and result in *local* errors of order at least  $\mathcal{O}(\tilde{H}^7)$  and  $\mathcal{O}(\tilde{H}^5)$ , despite the fact that the initial values  $(x, y, x', y', \lambda)(0)$  were perturbed by  $(\pm h_1^3, \pm h_1^3, \pm h_1^2, \pm h_1^2, \pm h_1)$  with randomly chosen signs.

The computations were ended by a somewhat faster return to the first-order formula, making certain that  $\max\{h_{n-k_n-1}, \dots, h_{n-1}, h_n\}$  was  $\mathcal{O}(\tilde{H}^{5/k_n})$  before reducing the order to  $k_n$ , i.e.,

Five steps of size  $\tilde{H}^{(5+0.2\theta_n)/4}, \tilde{H}^{(5+0.2\theta_n)/4}, \tilde{H}^{(5+0.2\theta_n)/3}, \tilde{H}^{(5+0.2\theta_n)/3}, \tilde{H}^{(5+0.2\theta_n)/2}$  were computed using the 5th order formula. Then one step with  $k_n = 4$  and  $h_n = \tilde{H}^{(5+0.2\theta_n)/2}$  was taken, followed by four steps of size  $\tilde{H}^{(5+0.2\theta_n)}$  and orders 3, 2, 1, 1.

In the first run we chose  $\tilde{H} = 0.1$  and computed the values at the points  $t_1, t_2, \dots, t_{35}$  described above. In the second run  $\tilde{H}$  was 0.01, and after the first 24 steps we continued using the 5th order formula with the variable stepsize  $\tilde{H}^{(1+0.04\theta_n)}$  until the point  $t_{25}$  of the first run was reached. Hence, the results should indicate, whether our assumptions on the local and global errors are true. The results are listed below and they seem to confirm our assumptions. Since the algebraic equation  $0 = g(t_n, y_{0,n}) = x_n^2y_n - 1$  was solved exactly, the relative errors of  $y_n$  are not listed.

Table 3  
Results for the variable-step variable-order formulas (20)

$k_n$	log(stepsize)/ $\log(\tilde{H})$	Rel. error of $x_n, \tilde{H} = 0.1$	Rel. error of $\lambda_n, \tilde{H} = 0.1$	No. of steps	$\log_{10}[(\text{Rel. error}, \tilde{H} = 0.1)/$ (Rel. error, $\tilde{H} = 0.01)]$
For $t \in [0, 1.000]$				For $t \in [0, 0.074]$	
1	$5 + 0.2\theta_1$	$5.7 \times 10^{-15}$	$8.2 \times 10^{-5}$	1	15.1
–	$5 + 0.2\theta_2$	$2.8 \times 10^{-14}$	$1.1 \times 10^{-4}$	1	15.5
–	$5 + 0.2\theta_3$	$6.5 \times 10^{-14}$	$1.0 \times 10^{-4}$	1	15.5
2	$(5 + 0.2\theta_4)/2$	$5.4 \times 10^{-10}$	$1.8 \times 10^{-5}$	1	10.3
–	$(5 + 0.2\theta_5)/2$	$1.3 \times 10^{-9}$	$5.9 \times 10^{-5}$	1	10.3
–	$(5 + 0.2\theta_6)/2$	$1.6 \times 10^{-9}$	$8.9 \times 10^{-5}$	1	10.4
–	$(5 + 0.2\theta_7)/2$	$6.3 \times 10^{-10}$	$1.0 \times 10^{-4}$	1	10.7
3	$(5 + 0.2\theta_8)/3$	$4.6 \times 10^{-8}$	$1.4 \times 10^{-5}$	1	8.4
–	$(5 + 0.2\theta_9)/3$	$1.5 \times 10^{-7}$	$4.8 \times 10^{-5}$	1	8.2
–	$(5 + 0.2\theta_{10})/3$	$2.5 \times 10^{-7}$	$1.3 \times 10^{-4}$	1	8.1
–	$(5 + 0.2\theta_{11})/3$	$2.7 \times 10^{-7}$	$2.2 \times 10^{-4}$	1	7.9
–	$(5 + 0.2\theta_{12})/3$	$1.3 \times 10^{-7}$	$2.7 \times 10^{-4}$	1	7.5
4	$(5 + 0.2\theta_{13})/4$	$1.0 \times 10^{-6}$	$7.3 \times 10^{-5}$	1	7.9
–	$(5 + 0.2\theta_{14})/4$	$2.8 \times 10^{-6}$	$2.8 \times 10^{-4}$	1	7.7
–	$(5 + 0.2\theta_{15})/4$	$3.1 \times 10^{-6}$	$7.3 \times 10^{-4}$	1	7.6
–	$(5 + 0.2\theta_{16})/4$	$2.8 \times 10^{-8}$	$9.5 \times 10^{-4}$	1	6.0
–	$(5 + 0.2\theta_{17})/4$	$7.2 \times 10^{-6}$	$9.0 \times 10^{-4}$	1	7.8
–	$(5 + 0.2\theta_{18})/4$	$1.9 \times 10^{-5}$	$6.2 \times 10^{-4}$	1	7.8
5	$1 + 0.04\theta_{19}$	$4.1 \times 10^{-5}$	$7.2 \times 10^{-4}$	1	7.5
–	$1 + 0.04\theta_{20}$	$4.9 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.8 \times 10^{-3}$	1	7.4
–	$1 + 0.04\theta_{21}$	$2.9 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.5 \times 10^{-3}$	1	7.2
–	$1 + 0.04\theta_{22}$	$1.4 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.2 \times 10^{-3}$	1	6.9
–	$1 + 0.04\theta_{23}$	$3.5 \times 10^{-5}$	$5.0 \times 10^{-3}$	1	7.2
–	$1 + 0.04\theta_{24}$	$1.9 \times 10^{-5}$	$6.5 \times 10^{-3}$	1	6.9
For $t \in [1.095, 1.248]$				For $t \in [1.096, 1.102]$	
–	$1 + 0.04\theta_m$	$1.5 \times 10^{-4}$	$2.0 \times 10^{-3}$	111	4.6
–	$(5 + 0.2\theta_{m+1})/4$	$2.4 \times 10^{-4}$	$2.7 \times 10^{-3}$	1	4.8
–	$(5 + 0.2\theta_{m+2})/4$	$3.0 \times 10^{-4}$	$5.1 \times 10^{-3}$	1	4.9
–	$(5 + 0.2\theta_{m+3})/3$	$3.2 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.9 \times 10^{-4}$	1	4.9
–	$(5 + 0.2\theta_{m+4})/3$	$3.4 \times 10^{-4}$	$3.8 \times 10^{-4}$	1	5.0
–	$(5 + 0.2\theta_{m+5})/2$	$3.4 \times 10^{-4}$	$6.9 \times 10^{-4}$	1	5.0
4	$(5 + 0.2\theta_{m+6})/2$	$3.4 \times 10^{-4}$	$7.1 \times 10^{-4}$	1	5.0
3	$5 + 0.2\theta_{m+7}$	$3.4 \times 10^{-4}$	$6.8 \times 10^{-4}$	1	5.0
2	$5 + 0.2\theta_{m+8}$	$3.4 \times 10^{-4}$	$6.8 \times 10^{-4}$	1	5.0
1	$5 + 0.2\theta_{m+9}$	$3.4 \times 10^{-4}$	$5.9 \times 10^{-4}$	1	5.0
–	$5 + 0.2\theta_{m+10}$	$3.4 \times 10^{-4}$	$5.8 \times 10^{-4}$	1	4.9

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