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# Multistep Methods for Nonlinear Boundary-Value Problems with Parameters

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Multistep methods combined with iterative ones are applied to find a numerical solution of ordinary differential equations with parameters. This paper deals with the convergence of such methods. There are some estimations of errors too. © 1990 Academic Press, Inc.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

We assume through that

$$y'(t) = f(t, y(t), \lambda), \quad t \in I = [\alpha, \beta], \quad \alpha < \beta, \quad (1)$$

is a system of  $q$  ordinary differential equations. The right-hand side of this system depends on  $p$  parameters  $\lambda$ , so  $\lambda = [\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_p]^T \in R^p$ . Together with (1) the following boundary conditions are given and they are of the form

$$y(\alpha) = y_0, \quad (2)$$

$$g(\lambda, y(\beta)) = \theta, \quad (3)$$

where  $y_0$  is given in  $R^q$  and  $\theta$  is zero vector in  $R^p$ . The function  $g$  is nonlinear. Now the exact solution  $(\varphi, \lambda)$  of BVP (1)–(3) consists of such  $\varphi \in C(I, R^q)$  and  $\lambda \in R^p$  that both the Eq. (1) and the conditions (2)–(3) are satisfied ( $C(I, R^q)$  denotes the collection of all continuous functions from  $I$  into  $R^q$ ).

A question of the existence and uniqueness of solutions of the problems (1)–(3) was considered by many authors (for example, see [10, 12, 14–17]). Our task is a problem of a numerical solution for (1)–(3). So due to this fact we assume that BVP (1)–(3) has the unique solution  $(\varphi, \lambda) \in C(I, R^q) \times R^p$ .

To describe a numerical method, we first subdivide the interval  $I$  into  $N$  subintervals all of the same length  $h = (\beta - \alpha)/N$ . The points of subdivision will be denoted by  $t_{h0}, t_{h1}, \dots, t_{hN}$ , where the  $i$ th such point is defined by  $t_{hi} = \alpha + ih$ ,  $i \in R_N = \{0, 1, \dots, N\}$ .

Now we suggest a multistep method for  $y_h$  combined with an iterative method for  $\lambda_{hj}$  to determine the numerical solution  $(y_h, \lambda_{hj})$  of (1)–(3). This method can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_{h0} &= \lambda_0, & \lambda_0 \text{ is given,} \\ \lambda_{h,j+1} &= \lambda_{hj} - B^{-1}g(\lambda_{hj}, y_h(\beta; \lambda_{hj})), & j = 0, 1, \dots, \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} &\sum_{i=0}^k a_i(t, h) y_h(t + ih; \lambda_{hj}) \\ &= hF(t, \dots, t + kh - h, h, y_h(t; \lambda_{hj}), \dots, y_h(t + kh - h; \lambda_{hj}), \lambda_{hj}) \\ &\equiv h\mathcal{F}(t, h, y_h, \lambda_{hj}), & a_k \equiv 1, \text{ for } t = t_{hn}, n \in R_{N-k}, j = 0, 1, \dots. \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

Conditions for  $a_i$ ,  $F$ , and  $B$  will be defined later.

The use of (5) requires that the approximations of  $y_h$  for  $t_{h0}, t_{h1}, \dots, t_{h,k-1}$  be computed first. We can apply any one-step method including the Runge–Kutta method as a natural for this purpose. Once the values of  $y_h$  for  $t_{h0}, \dots, t_{h,k-1}$  are available, the formula (5) can be employed to compute the rest. Now knowing the approximate solution  $y_h$  for  $t = t_{hN} = \beta$  we are able to use (4) for determining the new value  $\lambda_{h,j+1}$  and then the corresponding numerical solution  $y_h$  on the mesh points.

The purpose of this paper is to give sufficient conditions for the convergence of (4)–(5). To get it, Lipschitz or Peron conditions are needed on  $F$ . Indeed it is necessary to assume that the method (4)–(5) is consistent. Some estimations of errors are given.

The linear case,

$$g(\lambda, y) = \tilde{M}\lambda + \tilde{N}y - \tilde{K}, \quad \tilde{M}_{p \times p}, \tilde{N}_{p \times q}, \tilde{K}_{p \times 1}, \quad (6)$$

was discussed in [8] (one-step methods) and in [7, 9] (multistep methods). You can find there some numerical examples too.

## 2. DEFINITIONS AND ASSUMPTIONS

We introduce the following basic definitions.

**DEFINITION 1.** The method (4)–(5) is said to be convergent to the solution  $(\varphi, \lambda)$  of BVP (1)–(3) if

$$\lim_{\substack{N \rightarrow \infty \\ j \rightarrow \infty}} \max_{i \in R_N} \|\varphi(t_{hi}; \lambda) - y_h(t_{hi}; \lambda_{hj})\| = 0,$$

$$\lim_{\substack{N \rightarrow \infty \\ j \rightarrow \infty}} \|\lambda_{hj} - \lambda\| = 0.$$

DEFINITION 2. The method (4)–(5) is said to be consistent with the problem (1)–(3) on the solution  $(\varphi, \lambda)$  if there exists a function  $\varepsilon: J_h \times H \rightarrow R_+ = [0, \infty)$ ,  $J_h = [\alpha, \beta - kh]$  such that

$$\left\| \sum_{i=0}^k a_i(t, h) \varphi(t + ih; \lambda) - h\mathcal{F}(t, h, \varphi, \lambda) \right\| \leq \varepsilon(t, h), \quad t \in J_h,$$

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=0}^{N-k} \varepsilon(t_{hi}, h) = 0.$$

Let

$$A_n^h = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ a_{0n}^h & a_{1n}^h & a_{2n}^h & \dots & a_{k-1,n}^h \end{bmatrix},$$

where  $a_{in}^h = -a_i(t_{hn}, h)$ ,  $i \in R_{k-1}$ .

Now we have the following assumptions.

ASSUMPTION  $H_1$ . Suppose that

1°  $F: I^k \times H \times R^{qk} \times R^p \rightarrow R^q$ ,  $f: I \times R^q \times R^p \rightarrow R^q$ ,  $H = [0, h_0]$ ,  $h_0 > 0$ ,  $g: R^p \times R^q \rightarrow R^p$ ;

2° there exist constants  $L_i \geq 0$ ,  $i \in R_k$ , and a function  $\varepsilon_F: I \times H \rightarrow R_+$  such that for  $(s_0, \dots, s_{k-1}, h) \in I^k \times H$  and  $z_i, \bar{z}_i \in R^q$ ,  $i \in R_{k-1}$ ,  $\mu, \bar{\mu} \in R^p$  we have

$$\|F(s_0, \dots, s_{k-1}, h, z_0, \dots, z_{k-1}, \mu) - F(s_0, \dots, s_{k-1}, h, \bar{z}_0, \dots, \bar{z}_{k-1}, \bar{\mu})\|$$

$$\leq \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} L_i \|z_i - \bar{z}_i\| + L_k \|\mu - \bar{\mu}\| + \varepsilon_F(s_0, h),$$

and

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} h \sum_{i=0}^{N-k} \varepsilon_F(t_{hi}, h) = 0;$$

3° there exist a nonsingular square matrix  $B$  of order  $p$  and a constant  $m_1 < 1$  such that

$$\|\mu_1 - \mu_2 - B^{-1}[g(\mu_1, y) - g(\mu_2, y)]\| \leq m_1 \|\mu_1 - \mu_2\|$$

for  $\mu_1, \mu_2 \in R^p$ ,  $y \in R^q$ ;

4°  $\|B^{-1}[g(\mu, y_1) - g(\mu, y_2)]\| \leq m_2 \|y_1 - y_2\|$ , for  $\mu \in R^p$ ,  $y_1, y_2 \in R^q$ .

ASSUMPTION  $H_2$ . Suppose that

1° the conditions 1°, 3°, and 4° of Assumption  $H_1$  are satisfied;

2°  $\|A_n^h\| \leq 1 + h\tilde{R}$  (maximum norm) for  $n \in R_{N-k}$ ,  $h \in H$ , where  $\tilde{R}$  is a nonnegative constant;

3° there exist functions  $\Omega: I^k \times H \times R_+^{k+1} \rightarrow R_+$ ,  $\varepsilon_F: H \rightarrow R_+$ ,  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \varepsilon_F(h) = 0$ , such that

$$\begin{aligned} & \|F(s_0, \dots, s_{k-1}, h, z_0, \dots, z_{k-1}, \mu) - F(s_0, \dots, s_{k-1}, h, \bar{z}_0, \dots, \bar{z}_{k-1}, \bar{\mu})\| \\ & \leq \Omega(s_0, \dots, s_{k-1}, h, \|z_0 - \bar{z}_0\|, \dots, \|z_{k-1} - \bar{z}_{k-1}\|, \|\mu - \bar{\mu}\|) + \varepsilon_F(h), \end{aligned}$$

for  $(s_0, \dots, s_{k-1}, h) \in I^k \times H$ ,  $z_i, \bar{z}_i \in R^q$ ,  $i \in R_{k-1}$ ,  $\mu, \bar{\mu} \in R^p$ ;

4° the function  $\Omega$  has the properties

- (i)  $\Omega$  is continuous and bounded and it is nondecreasing with respect to the last  $k+1$  variables and  $\Omega(s_0, \dots, s_{k-1}, 0, \dots, 0) = 0$ ;
- (ii) there exists a function  $\xi: H \rightarrow R_+$ ,  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \xi(h) = 0$  such that the inequality

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_t^{t+h} \Omega(s, \dots, s, h, v, \dots, v, \bar{v}) ds + h\xi(h) \\ & \geq h\Omega(t, \dots, t+kh-h, h, v, \dots, v, \bar{v}) \end{aligned}$$

holds for  $(t, h, v, \bar{v}) \in J_h \times H \times R_+ \times R_+$ ;

- (iii) the function  $v(t) \equiv 0$  is the only continuous solution of the problem

$$\begin{aligned} v'(t) &= \Omega(t, \dots, t, 0, v(t), \dots, v(t), u) + \tilde{R}v(t), \quad t \in I, \\ v(x) &= 0, \quad (1 - m_1)u = m_2 v(\beta), \end{aligned}$$

where  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  are defined in Assumption  $H_1$ .

3. CONVERGENCE OF (4)–(5)

In this section we wish to examine the convergence behaviour as  $N \rightarrow \infty$  (or  $h \rightarrow 0$ ) and  $j \rightarrow \infty$  of the approximate solution  $(y_h, \lambda_{hj})$ . First it will be assumed that the function  $F$  satisfies a Lipschitz condition with suitable constants. We can prove the following main theorem:

**THEOREM 1.** *If Assumption  $H_1$  is satisfied and if*

- 1° *there exists the unique solution  $(\varphi, \lambda)$  of BVP (1)–(3);*
- 2°  $\|A_n^h\| \leq 1 + h\tilde{R}$  (maximum norm), for  $n \in R_{N-k}$ ,  $h \in H$ , where  $\tilde{R}$  is a nonnegative constant;
- 3°  $d = m_1 + m_2 A < 1$ , where

$$A = \frac{L^k}{L} (D - 1), \quad D = \exp(L(\beta - \alpha)), \quad L = \tilde{R} + \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} L_i;$$

- 4° *there exists a function  $\eta: H \rightarrow R_+$ ,  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \eta(h) = 0$ , such that*

$$\max_j \max_{s \in R_{k-1}} \|y_h(t_{hs}; \lambda_{hj}) - \varphi(t_{hs}; \lambda)\| \leq \eta(h);$$

- 5° *the method (4)–(5) is consistent with BVP (1)–(3) on the solution  $(\varphi, \lambda)$ ;*

*then the method (4)–(5) is convergent to the solution  $(\varphi, \lambda)$  of BVP (1)–(3) and the estimations*

$$\|\lambda_{hj} - \lambda\| \leq u_j(h), \quad j = 0, 1, \dots, \tag{7}$$

$$\max_{n \in R_N} \|y_h(t_{hn}; \lambda_{hj}) - \varphi(t_{hn}; \lambda)\| \leq Au_j(h) + Dw(h), \quad j = 0, 1, \dots, \tag{8}$$

*hold true with*

$$u_j(h) = d^j \|\lambda_0 - \lambda\| + m_2 Dw(h) \frac{1 - d^j}{1 - d}$$

$$w(h) = \eta(h) + \sum_{i=0}^{N-k} [\varepsilon(t_{hi}, h) + h\varepsilon_F(t_{hi}, h)].$$

*Proof.* Put

$$z_{hn}^j = \|y_h(t_{hn}; \lambda_{hj}) - \varphi(t_{hn}; \lambda)\|, \quad n \in R_{N-k}, j = 0, 1, \dots,$$

$$e_{hn}^j = \max_{s \in R_{k-1}} z_{h,n+s}^j,$$

$$\tilde{\varepsilon}(t, h) = \varepsilon(t, h) + h\varepsilon_F(t, h).$$

Repeating the proof of the first part of Theorem 2 in [9], we have

$$e_{hn}^j \leq A \|\lambda_{hj} - \lambda\| + D \left[ e_{h0}^j + \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \tilde{\varepsilon}(t_{hi}, h) \right], \quad n \in R_{N-k+1}, j=0, 1, \dots$$

Now using the definition of  $\lambda_{hj}$  and Assumptions 3° and 4° of  $H_1$  we note

$$\begin{aligned} \|\lambda_{h,j+1} - \lambda\| &= \|\lambda_{hj} - \lambda - B^{-1}[g(\lambda_{hj}, \varphi(\beta; \lambda)) - g(\lambda, \varphi(\beta; \lambda))] \\ &\quad + B^{-1}[g(\lambda_{hj}, \varphi(\beta; \lambda)) - g(\lambda_{hj}, y_h(\beta; \lambda_{hj}))]\| \\ &\leq m_1 \|\lambda_{hj} - \lambda\| + m_2 z_{hN}^j \end{aligned}$$

or

$$\|\lambda_{h,j+1} - \lambda\| \leq d \|\lambda_{hj} - \lambda\| + m_2 Dw(h).$$

Hence, by Lemma 1.2 in [5] we have the estimation (7) and then (8). The convergence follows directly from (7)–(8).

*Remark 1.* Instead of the modified Newton method (4) we may take

$$\lambda_{h,j+1} = \lambda_{hj} - B^{-1}(\lambda_{hj}, y_h(\beta; \lambda_{hj})) g(\lambda_{hj}, y_h(\beta; \lambda_{hj})), \quad j=0, 1, \dots$$

Using a slight modification we may get its convergence provided that the matrix  $B_{p \times p}$  is nonsingular for each pair  $(\lambda_{hj}, y_h)$ .

*Remark 2.* It follows from the proof that Theorem 1 remains true if condition 3° of Assumption  $H_1$  is satisfied only on the solution  $\varphi$ , i.e., if  $y = \varphi(\beta; \lambda)$ .

*Remark 3.* Put  $p = q$ . Assume that for all  $u, v \in R^q$  the matrix

$$\begin{aligned} P(u, v) &= D_u g(u, v) + D_v g(u, v), \\ D_u g(u, v) &= \left[ \frac{\partial g_i(u, v)}{\partial u_j} \right], \quad D_v g(u, v) = \left[ \frac{\partial g_i(u, v)}{\partial v_j} \right], \end{aligned}$$

has a representation of the form

$$P(u, v) = P_0(I + Z(u, v))$$

with a constant nonsingular matrix  $P_0$  and there are constants  $v_1, v_2$ ,  $v_1 + v_2 < 1$  such that

$$\|Z(u, v)\| \leq v_1, \quad \|P_0^{-1} D_v g(u, v)\| \leq v_2 \quad \text{for all } u, v \in R^q.$$

Now with a suitable choice of  $B$ , namely  $B = P_0$ , condition 3° of

Assumption  $H_1$  is satisfied with  $m_1 = v_1 + v_2$ . Such case was considered in [18, see p. 476].

Indeed, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \mu_1 - \mu_2 - P_0^{-1} [g(\mu_2 + \mu_1 - \mu_2, y) - g(\mu_2, y)] \\ &= \mu_1 - \mu_2 - P_0^{-1} D_u g(\tau(\mu_1 - \mu_2), y)(\mu_1 - \mu_2) \\ &= \mu_1 - \mu_2 - P_0^{-1} [P(\tau(\mu_1 - \mu_2), y) - D_v g(\tau(\mu_1 - \mu_2), y)](\mu_1 - \mu_2) \\ &= [-Z(\tau(\mu_1 - \mu_2), y) + P_0^{-1} D_v g(\tau(\mu_1 - \mu_2), y)](\mu_1 - \mu_2), \end{aligned}$$

and hence we have our assertion.

We note that for

$$g(u, v) = \tilde{M}u + \tilde{N}v - \tilde{K},$$

if  $\tilde{M} + \tilde{N}$  is a nonsingular square matrix of order  $q$ ,  $\tilde{K} \in R^q$ , we have

$$P_0 = \tilde{M} + \tilde{N}, \quad Z = \theta, \quad v_1 = 0, \quad \|(\tilde{M} + \tilde{N})^{-1} \tilde{N}\| \leq v_2 = m_1.$$

This linear case was discussed in [8] for one-step methods for  $y_h$  combined with an iterative method for  $\lambda_{hj}$ .

Now assuming a Peron condition for  $F$ , the corresponding result for convergence of (4)–(5) is given in the following theorem:

**THEOREM 2.** *If both Assumption  $H_2$  and conditions  $1^\circ$ ,  $4^\circ$ , and  $5^\circ$  of Theorem 1 are satisfied with*

$$\varepsilon(t, h) = h\varepsilon(h), \quad \varepsilon(h) \rightarrow 0,$$

then the method (4)–(5) is convergent to the solution  $(\varphi, \lambda)$  of BVP (1)–(3) and

$$\lim_{\substack{j \rightarrow \infty \\ N \rightarrow \infty}} \sum_{i=0}^j z_{hN}^i m_1^{j-i} = 0, \tag{9}$$

where  $z_{hN}^i$  is defined in the proof of Theorem 1.

*Proof.* We note that

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{i=0}^k a_i(t, h) [y_h(t + ih; \lambda_{hj}) - \varphi(t + ih; \lambda)] \\ &= h\mathcal{F}(t, h, y_h, \lambda_{hj}) - h\mathcal{F}(t, h, \varphi, \lambda) \\ &+ h\mathcal{F}(t, h, \varphi, \lambda) - \sum_{i=0}^k a_i(t, h) \varphi(t + ih; \lambda). \end{aligned} \tag{10}$$

So we have a family of recurrent equations of order  $k$ ,

$$\sum_{i=0}^k a_i(t_{hn}, h) v_{h,n+i}^j = c_{hn}^j, \quad n \in R_{N-k}, \quad (11)$$

where

$$v_{hn}^j = y_h(t_{hn}; \hat{\lambda}_{hj}) - \varphi(t_{hn}; \hat{\lambda})$$

and  $c_{hn}^j$  is defined by the right-hand side of (10) for  $t = t_{hn}$ . Indeed (11) may be written by

$$V_{h,n+1}^j = A_n^h V_{hn}^j + W_{hn}^j, \quad n \in R_{N-k}, \quad (12)$$

where

$$V_{hn}^j = [v_{hn}^j, \dots, v_{h,n+k-1}^j]^T, \quad W_{hn}^j = [\theta, \dots, \theta, c_{hn}^j]^T, \quad \theta \in R^q,$$

with the matrix  $A_n^h$  defined before the assumptions. So we have

$$\|V_{h,n+1}^j\| \leq \|A_n^h\| \|V_{hn}^j\| + \|W_{hn}^j\|$$

or

$$\begin{aligned} e_{h,n+1}^j &= \max_{s \in R_{k-1}} z_{h,n+s+1}^j \leq (1 + h\tilde{R}) e_{hn}^j + h[\varepsilon(h) + \varepsilon_F(h)] \\ &\quad + h\Omega(t_{hn}, \dots, t_{h,n+k-1}, h, e_{hn}^j, \dots, e_{hn}^j, \delta_j^h) \stackrel{\text{df}}{=} w_{h,n+1}^j, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\delta_j^h = \|\lambda_{hj} - \hat{\lambda}\| \quad \text{and} \quad w_{h0}^j = \eta(h).$$

Now we consider the problem

$$\begin{aligned} \omega'(t) &= \tilde{R}\omega(t) + \Omega(t, \dots, t, h, \omega(t), \dots, \omega(t), \delta_j^h) + \zeta(h) + \varepsilon(h) + \varepsilon_F(h) \\ \omega(\alpha) &= \eta(h). \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

This problem has a solution,  $\omega_h(t; \delta_j^h)$ , which is a nondecreasing and continuous function. We are able to prove

$$\omega_h(t_{hn}; \delta_j^h) \geq w_{hn}^j, \quad n \in R_{N-k}, \quad j = 0, 1, \dots$$

It is obviously true for  $n=0$ . Assuming that it is true for fixed  $s$  and integrating (13) from  $t_{hs}$  to  $t_{h,s+1}$ , we have



$$\begin{aligned}
 \omega_h(t_{h,s+1}; \delta_j^h) &= \omega_h(t_{hs}; \delta_j^h) + \tilde{R} \int_{t_{hs}}^{t_{h,s+1}} \omega_h(\tau; \delta_j^h) d\tau \\
 &\quad + \int_{t_{hs}}^{t_{h,s+1}} \Omega(\tau, \dots, \tau, h, \omega_h(\tau; \delta_j^h), \dots, \omega_h(\tau; \delta_j^h), \delta_j^h) d\tau \\
 &\quad + h[\zeta(h) + \varepsilon(h) + \varepsilon_F(h)] \\
 &\geq w_{hs}^j + \tilde{R}hw_{hs}^j + \int_{t_{hs}}^{t_{h,s+1}} \Omega(\tau, \dots, \tau, h, w_{hs}^j, \dots, w_{hs}^j, \delta_j^h) d\tau \\
 &\quad + h[\zeta(h) + \varepsilon(h) + \varepsilon_F(h)] \\
 &\geq (1 + \tilde{R}h)e_{hs}^j + h\Omega(t_{hs}, \dots, t_{h,s+k-1}, h, e_{hs}^j, \dots, e_{hs}^j, \delta_j^h) \\
 &\quad + h[\varepsilon(h) + \varepsilon_F(h)] = w_{h,s+1}^j.
 \end{aligned}$$

Now as in the proof of Theorem 1 we have

$$\delta_{j+1}^h \leq m_1 \delta_j^h + m_2 z_{hN}^j, \quad j=0, 1, \dots \tag{14}$$

Let

$$\begin{aligned}
 \tilde{\delta}_0^h &= \frac{\max(m_2 S, \|\lambda_0 - \lambda\|)}{1 - m_1}, \quad \omega_h(\beta; \delta) \text{ is bounded by } S, \\
 \tilde{\delta}_{j+1}^h &= m_1 \tilde{\delta}_j^h + m_2 \omega_h(\beta; \tilde{\delta}_j^h), \quad j=0, 1, \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

Indeed,

$$\delta_j^h \leq \tilde{\delta}_j^h, \quad j=0, 1, \dots$$

It is easy to see

$$\begin{aligned}
 \tilde{\delta}_1^h &= m_1 \tilde{\delta}_0^h + m_2 \omega_h(\beta; \tilde{\delta}_0^h) \leq m_1 \tilde{\delta}_0^h + m_2 S \\
 &\leq m_1 \tilde{\delta}_0^h + \max(m_2 S, \|\lambda_0 - \lambda\|) = \tilde{\delta}_0^h.
 \end{aligned}$$

It means the sequence  $\{\tilde{\delta}_j^h\}$  is nonincreasing with respect to  $j$ , i.e.,

$$\tilde{\delta}_{j+1}^h \leq \tilde{\delta}_j^h \leq \dots \leq \tilde{\delta}_0^h.$$

It has a limit  $u^h$ , where

$$u^h = \frac{m_2}{1 - m_1} \omega_h(\beta; u^h).$$

But according to assumption 4° (iii) of  $H_2$  we note that  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \omega_h(t; u^h) \equiv 0$  so  $u=0$  and we have the convergence of our method. Now the estimation (9) follows directly from (14). The proof is completed.

*Remark 4* (see [6]). The condition 4° (ii) of Assumption H<sub>2</sub> remains true if we add:

(i)  $\Omega$  is the continuous function with respect to the variables 1st,  $r_1$ th, ...,  $r_s$ th uniformly with respect to the left variables ( $1 < r_1 < \dots < r_s \leq k$ );

(ii)  $\Omega$  is the non-increasing function with respect to the variables  $n_1$ th, ...,  $n_q$ th, where  $\{n_1, \dots, n_q\} = \{2, \dots, k\} \setminus \{r_1, \dots, r_s\}$ ; or

(iii)  $\Omega$  is the continuous function with respect to the variables  $r_1$ th, ...,  $r_s$ th uniformly with respect to the left variables;

(iv)  $\Omega$  is the non-decreasing function with respect to the first variable and it is the non-increasing function with respect to the variables  $n_1$ th, ...,  $n_q$ th.

*Remark 5.* Let there exist constants  $L_i \geq 0$  such that

$$\Omega(s_0, \dots, s_{k-1}, h, u_0, \dots, u_k) = \sum_{i=0}^k L_i u_i.$$

Theorem 2 remains true though the function  $\Omega$  is not bounded. In this case the function

$$v(t) = \frac{L_k}{L} u[\exp(L(t-\alpha)) - 1]$$

is the solution of the initial-value problem given in 4° (iii) of Assumption H<sub>2</sub>. Now adding the boundary condition

$$(1 - m_1)u = m_2 v(\beta)$$

we have

$$(1 - m_1 - m_2 A)u = 0$$

and if condition 3° of Theorem 1 is satisfied then  $u = 0$  and hence really  $v(t) \equiv 0$  is the solution of BVP given in 4° (iii) of Assumption H<sub>2</sub>.

*Remark 6.* Some numerical examples for one-step methods you can find in [8].

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