

## A Modified Block Adam Moulton (MOBAM) Method for the Solution of Stiff Initial Value Problems of Ordinary Differential Equations

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**Abstract:** Stiff ordinary differential equations pose computational difficulties as they present severe step size restrictions on the numerical methods to be used. Construction of numerical methods that possess suitable stability properties for the solution of such systems has been the target of many researchers. Development of methods suitable for these systems of equations has been either through the use of derivative of the solution or by introducing off-step points, additional stages or super future points. These processes have been exploited in Runge-Kutta methods or linear multistep methods. In this study, an improved class of linear multistep block method has been constructed based on Adams Moulton block methods. The improved methods are shown to be A-stable, a property desirable to handle stiff ODEs. Methods of uniform orders 10 and 11 have been constructed. The efficiency of the new methods tested on stiff systems of ODEs and the results reveal that the MOBAM methods compare favourably with results obtained using the state of the art Matlab Ode23 solver.

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### INTRODUCTION

Stiff initial value problems of ordinary differential equations were realized in 1952 arising from the study of chemical kinetics. Since then, many researches have been involved in the study and development of suitable numerical methods to handle them. Curtiss and Hirschfelder (1952), Mitchell and Craggs (1953) and Gear (1971) developed the Backward Differential Formulae which were used to solve stiff problems arising from chemical kinetics. Intensive work done in this regard yielding several efficient numerical algorithms has appeared in the literature. Because of the severe restriction on step size placed on Adams Moulton methods for the solution of stiff ODEs, Garfinket *et al.* (1978) introduced the concept of A-stability for linear multistep methods. This property became the minimum requirement for any linear multistep method to be used for the solution of stiff ODEs. Achieving A-stability was difficult, other stability requirements such as  $A(\alpha)$ -stability and stiffly stability were considered. Chakrararti and Kamel (1983) developed stiffly stable second derivative methods with high order and improved stability regions to handle stiff problems. Several other researchers such as Samir (2013), Evelyn and Renante (2006), Song (2010), Vlachos *et al.* (2009) and Ali and Gholamreza (2012) developed improved and more friendly numerical methods with improved stability properties that could handle stiff ODEs with various degrees of stiffness.

In this study, we pursue the path of Adams Moulton methods by constructing A-stable block linear multistep methods of uniform order 10 and 11. These methods are obtained by modifying the Adams Moulton method of step number 9 by reducing its interpolation step number from 8 to 3. This approach is similar to that of Brugnano and Trigiante (1998) where they developed the Generalized Adams methods.

The modified methods are constructed using the concept of multistep collocation of Lie and Norsett (1989) which Onumanyi *et al.* (1994, 1999) referred to as block linear multistep methods. The block methods are arrived at by evaluating the continuous formulation of the new method at grid and off grid points to yield the discrete schemes used as block integrators. The methods are applied simultaneously producing self-starting methods thus eliminating the issue of overlap of pieces of solutions.

### CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW METHOD

The k-step general linear multistep method for numerically solving the differential equation:

$$y' = f(x, y), \quad y(x_0) = y_0, \quad x \in [a, b], \quad y \in R \quad (1)$$

is described by the linear difference equation:

$$\sum_{j=0}^k \alpha_j(x) y_{n+j} = h \sum_{j=0}^k \beta_j(x) f_{n+j} \quad (2)$$

With  $h$  being the step size,  $\alpha_j(x)$  and  $\beta_j(x)$  being the continuous coefficients of the method. The new improved nine step method based on the Adams Moulton method is defined as:

$$y_{n+v} - \alpha_{v-1}(x)y_{n+v-1} = h \sum_{j=0}^m \beta_j(x) f_{n+j} \tag{3}$$

where,  $v = \frac{k-1}{2}$ ,  $\alpha_{v-1}$  and  $\beta_j(x)$  are the continuous coefficients of the method,  $m$  is the number of distinct collocation points,  $h$  is the step size and  $k = m - 1 = 3, 5, 7, 9, \dots$

Using the method in Onumanyi *et al.* (1994, 1999) and further studied by Kumleng *et al.* (2012) and Chollom *et al.* (2012) the method (3) for  $v = \frac{k-1}{2}$  and  $j = 0, 1, \dots, 9$  sequence in the matrix form:

$$DC = I \tag{4}$$

where,  $D = C^{-1}$ ,  $C^{-1}$  being the elements of the continuous coefficients of the method.

**Construction of MOBAM K = 9:** This method has its general form as:

$$y(x) = \alpha_3(x)y_{n+3} + h \sum_{j=0}^k \beta_j(x) f_{n+j}, j = 0, 1, \dots, 9 \tag{5}$$

Using the procedure in Onumanyi *et al.* (1999), we obtain the D matrix for (5) as:

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x_{n+3} & x_{n+3}^2 & x_{n+3}^3 & x_{n+3}^4 & x_{n+3}^5 & x_{n+3}^6 & x_{n+3}^7 & x_{n+3}^8 & x_{n+3}^9 & x_{n+3}^{10} \\ 0 & 1 & 2x_n & 3x_n^2 & 4x_n^3 & 5x_n^4 & 6x_n^5 & 7x_n^6 & 8x_n^7 & 9x_n^8 & 10x_n^9 \\ 0 & 1 & 2x_{n+1} & 3x_{n+1}^2 & 4x_{n+1}^3 & 5x_{n+1}^4 & 6x_{n+1}^5 & 7x_{n+1}^6 & 8x_{n+1}^7 & 9x_{n+1}^8 & 10x_{n+1}^9 \\ 0 & 1 & 2x_{n+2} & 3x_{n+2}^2 & 4x_{n+2}^3 & 5x_{n+2}^4 & 6x_{n+2}^5 & 7x_{n+2}^6 & 8x_{n+2}^7 & 9x_{n+2}^8 & 10x_{n+2}^9 \\ 0 & 1 & 2x_{n+3} & 3x_{n+3}^2 & 4x_{n+3}^3 & 5x_{n+3}^4 & 6x_{n+3}^5 & 7x_{n+3}^6 & 8x_{n+3}^7 & 9x_{n+3}^8 & 10x_{n+3}^9 \\ 0 & 1 & 2x_{n+4} & 3x_{n+4}^2 & 4x_{n+4}^3 & 5x_{n+4}^4 & 6x_{n+4}^5 & 7x_{n+4}^6 & 8x_{n+4}^7 & 9x_{n+4}^8 & 10x_{n+4}^9 \\ 0 & 1 & 2x_{n+5} & 3x_{n+5}^2 & 4x_{n+5}^3 & 5x_{n+5}^4 & 6x_{n+5}^5 & 7x_{n+5}^6 & 8x_{n+5}^7 & 9x_{n+5}^8 & 10x_{n+5}^9 \\ 0 & 1 & 2x_{n+6} & 3x_{n+6}^2 & 4x_{n+6}^3 & 5x_{n+6}^4 & 6x_{n+6}^5 & 7x_{n+6}^6 & 8x_{n+6}^7 & 9x_{n+6}^8 & 10x_{n+6}^9 \\ 0 & 1 & 2x_{n+7} & 3x_{n+7}^2 & 4x_{n+7}^3 & 5x_{n+7}^4 & 6x_{n+7}^5 & 7x_{n+7}^6 & 8x_{n+7}^7 & 9x_{n+7}^8 & 10x_{n+7}^9 \\ 0 & 1 & 2x_{n+8} & 3x_{n+8}^2 & 4x_{n+8}^3 & 5x_{n+8}^4 & 6x_{n+8}^5 & 7x_{n+8}^6 & 8x_{n+8}^7 & 9x_{n+8}^8 & 10x_{n+8}^9 \\ 0 & 1 & 2x_{n+9} & 3x_{n+9}^2 & 4x_{n+9}^3 & 5x_{n+9}^4 & 6x_{n+9}^5 & 7x_{n+9}^6 & 8x_{n+9}^7 & 9x_{n+9}^8 & 10x_{n+9}^9 \end{bmatrix} \tag{6}$$

Using the Maple software, the inverse of the matrix (6) is obtained and represented as C, the elements of which yield the continuous coefficients  $\alpha_3(x)$  and  $\beta_j(x), j = 0, 1, \dots, 9$  of the method (5) as:

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_3(x) &= 1 \\ \beta_0(x) &= \left( -\frac{359\mu}{12800} + \mu - \frac{7129\mu^2}{5040h} + \frac{6515\mu^3}{6048h^2} - \frac{4523\mu^4}{9072h^3} + \frac{19\mu^5}{128h^4} - \frac{3013\mu^6}{103680h^5} + \frac{5\mu^7}{1344h^6} - \frac{29\mu^8}{96768h^7} + \frac{\mu^9}{72576h^8} - \frac{\mu^{10}}{362880h^9} \right) \\ \beta_1(x) &= \left( -\frac{147429h}{89600} + \frac{9\mu^2}{2h} - \frac{4609\mu^3}{840h^2} + \frac{14139\mu^4}{4480h^3} - \frac{7667\mu^5}{7200h^4} + \frac{7807\mu^6}{34560h^5} - \frac{11\mu^7}{360h^6} + \frac{59\mu^8}{23040h^7} - \frac{11\mu^9}{90720h^8} + \frac{\mu^{10}}{403200h^9} \right) \\ \beta_2(x) &= \left( \frac{279h}{1600} - \frac{9\mu^2}{h} + \frac{5869\mu^3}{420h^2} - \frac{2083\mu^4}{2240h^3} + \frac{2490\mu^5}{720h^4} - \frac{6787\mu^6}{8640h^5} + \frac{563\mu^7}{5040h^6} - \frac{7\mu^8}{720h^7} + \frac{43\mu^9}{90720h^8} - \frac{\mu^{10}}{100800h^9} \right) \\ \beta_3(x) &= \left( -\frac{13273h}{5600} + \frac{14\mu^2}{h} - \frac{6289\mu^3}{270h^2} + \frac{72569\mu^4}{4320h^3} - \frac{4013\mu^5}{600h^4} + \frac{13873\mu^6}{8640h^5} - \frac{401\mu^7}{1680h^6} + \frac{31\mu^8}{1440h^7} - \frac{7\mu^9}{6480h^8} + \frac{\mu^{10}}{43200h^9} \right) \\ \beta_4(x) &= \left( \frac{19107h}{8960} - \frac{63\mu^2}{4h} + \frac{6499\mu^3}{240h^2} - \frac{6519\mu^4}{320h^3} + \frac{122249\mu^5}{1440h^4} - \frac{36769\mu^6}{17280h^5} + \frac{3313\mu^7}{10080h^6} - \frac{353\mu^8}{11520h^7} + \frac{41\mu^9}{25920h^8} - \frac{\mu^{10}}{28800h^9} \right) \\ \beta_5(x) &= \left( -\frac{73809h}{44800} + \frac{63\mu^2}{5h} - \frac{265\mu^3}{12h^2} + \frac{109\mu^4}{64h^3} - \frac{5273\mu^5}{720h^4} + \frac{32773\mu^6}{17280h^5} - \frac{305\mu^7}{10080h^6} + \frac{67\mu^8}{2304h^7} - \frac{\mu^9}{648h^8} + \frac{\mu^{10}}{2880h^9} \right) \\ \beta_6(x) &= \left( \frac{5039h}{5600} - \frac{7\mu^2}{h} + \frac{6709\mu^3}{540h^2} - \frac{84307\mu^4}{8640h^3} + \frac{10279\mu^5}{2400h^4} - \frac{9823\mu^6}{8640h^5} + \frac{313\mu^7}{1680h^6} - \frac{53\mu^8}{2880h^7} + \frac{13\mu^9}{12960h^8} - \frac{\mu^{10}}{43200h^9} \right) \\ \beta_7(x) &= \left( -\frac{3663h}{11200} + \frac{18\mu^2}{7h} - \frac{967\mu^3}{210h^2} + \frac{410\mu^4}{1120h^3} - \frac{2939\mu^5}{1800h^4} + \frac{3817\mu^6}{8640h^5} - \frac{373\mu^7}{5040h^6} + \frac{151\mu^8}{20160h^7} - \frac{19\mu^9}{45360h^8} + \frac{\mu^{10}}{100800h^9} \right) \\ \beta_8(x) &= \left( \frac{909h}{12800} - \frac{9\mu^2}{16h} + \frac{3407\mu^3}{33360h^2} - \frac{1823\mu^4}{2240h^3} + \frac{10579\mu^5}{28800h^4} - \frac{3487\mu^6}{34560h^5} + \frac{347\mu^7}{20160h^6} - \frac{41\mu^8}{23040h^7} + \frac{37\mu^9}{362880h^8} - \frac{\mu^{10}}{403200h^9} \right) \\ \beta_9(x) &= \left( -\frac{25h}{3584} + \frac{\mu^2}{18h} - \frac{761\mu^3}{7560h^2} + \frac{2953\mu^4}{362880h^3} - \frac{89\mu^5}{2400h^4} + \frac{1069\mu^6}{103680h^5} - \frac{\mu^7}{560h^6} + \frac{13\mu^8}{69120h^7} - \frac{\mu^9}{90720h^8} + \frac{\mu^{10}}{362880h^9} \right) \end{aligned} \tag{7}$$

Substituting the continuous coefficients (7) into (5) yields the continuous form of the MOBAM method (8):

$$\begin{aligned}
 y(x_n + \mu) = & y_{n+3} + \left( -\frac{3591h}{12800} + \mu - \frac{7129\mu^2}{5040h} + \frac{6515\mu^3}{6048h^2} - \frac{4523\mu^4}{9072h^3} + \frac{19\mu^5}{128h^4} - \frac{3013\mu^6}{103680h^5} + \frac{5\mu^7}{1344h^6} - \frac{29\mu^8}{96768h^7} + \frac{\mu^9}{72576h^8} - \frac{\mu^{10}}{3628800h^9} \right) f_n + \\
 & \left( -\frac{147429h}{89600} + \frac{9\mu^2}{2h} - \frac{4609\mu^3}{840h^2} + \frac{14139\mu^4}{4480h^3} - \frac{7667\mu^5}{7200h^4} + \frac{7807\mu^6}{34560h^5} - \frac{11\mu^7}{360h^6} + \frac{59\mu^8}{23040h^7} - \frac{11\mu^9}{90720h^8} + \frac{\mu^{10}}{403200h^9} \right) f_{n+1} + \\
 & \left( \frac{279h}{1600} - \frac{9\mu^2}{h} + \frac{5869\mu^3}{420h^2} - \frac{20837\mu^4}{2240h^3} + \frac{24901\mu^5}{7200h^4} - \frac{6787\mu^6}{8640h^5} + \frac{563\mu^7}{5040h^6} - \frac{7\mu^8}{720h^7} + \frac{43\mu^9}{90720h^8} - \frac{\mu^{10}}{100800h^9} \right) f_{n+2} + \\
 & \left( -\frac{13273h}{5600} + \frac{14\mu^2}{h} - \frac{6289\mu^3}{270h^2} + \frac{72569\mu^4}{4320h^3} - \frac{4013\mu^5}{600h^4} + \frac{13873\mu^6}{8640h^5} - \frac{401\mu^7}{1680h^6} + \frac{31\mu^8}{1440h^7} - \frac{7\mu^9}{6480h^8} + \frac{\mu^{10}}{43200h^9} \right) f_{n+3} + \\
 & \left( \frac{19107h}{8960} - \frac{63\mu^2}{4h} + \frac{6499\mu^3}{240h^2} - \frac{6519\mu^4}{320h^3} + \frac{122249\mu^5}{14400h^4} - \frac{36769\mu^6}{17280h^5} + \frac{3313\mu^7}{10080h^6} - \frac{353\mu^8}{11520h^7} + \frac{41\mu^9}{25920h^8} - \frac{\mu^{10}}{28800h^9} \right) f_{n+4} + \\
 & \left( -\frac{73809h}{44800} + \frac{63\mu^2}{5h} - \frac{265\mu^3}{12h^2} + \frac{1091\mu^4}{64h^3} - \frac{5273\mu^5}{720h^4} + \frac{32773\mu^6}{17280h^5} - \frac{305\mu^7}{1008h^6} + \frac{67\mu^8}{2304h^7} - \frac{\mu^9}{648h^8} + \frac{\mu^{10}}{28800h^9} \right) f_{n+5} + \\
 & \left( \frac{5039h}{5600} - \frac{7\mu^2}{h} + \frac{6709\mu^3}{540h^2} - \frac{84307\mu^4}{8640h^3} + \frac{10279\mu^5}{2400h^4} - \frac{9823\mu^6}{8640h^5} + \frac{313\mu^7}{1680h^6} - \frac{53\mu^8}{2880h^7} + \frac{13\mu^9}{12960h^8} - \frac{\mu^{10}}{43200h^9} \right) f_{n+6} + \\
 & \left( -\frac{3663h}{11200} + \frac{18\mu^2}{7h} - \frac{967\mu^3}{210h^2} + \frac{4101\mu^4}{1120h^3} - \frac{2939\mu^5}{1800h^4} + \frac{3817\mu^6}{8640h^5} - \frac{373\mu^7}{5040h^6} + \frac{151\mu^8}{20160h^7} - \frac{19\mu^9}{45360h^8} + \frac{\mu^{10}}{100800h^9} \right) f_{n+7} + \\
 & \left( \frac{909h}{12800} - \frac{9\mu^2}{16h} + \frac{3407\mu^3}{33360h^2} - \frac{1823\mu^4}{2240h^3} + \frac{10579\mu^5}{28800h^4} - \frac{3487\mu^6}{34560h^5} + \frac{347\mu^7}{20160h^6} - \frac{41\mu^8}{23040h^7} + \frac{37\mu^9}{362880h^8} - \frac{\mu^{10}}{403200h^9} \right) f_{n+8} + \\
 & \left( -\frac{25h}{3584} + \frac{\mu^2}{18h} - \frac{761\mu^3}{7560h^2} + \frac{29531\mu^4}{362880h^3} - \frac{89\mu^5}{2400h^4} + \frac{1069\mu^6}{103680h^5} - \frac{\mu^7}{560h^6} + \frac{13\mu^8}{69120h^7} - \frac{\mu^9}{90720h^8} + \frac{\mu^{10}}{3628800h^9} \right) f_{n+9}
 \end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

where,  $\mu = x - x_n$  and  $\mu \in [0, 9h]$ . Evaluating the continuous scheme (8) at the following points  $\mu = 0, h, 2h, 4h, 5h, 6h, 7h, 8h, 9h$  yields the MOBAM method (9) for  $k = 9$  used in block for the solution of ODEs:

$$\begin{aligned}
 y_{n+3} - y_n = & \frac{h}{89600} (25137f_n + 147429f_{n+1} - 15624f_{n+2} + 212368f_{n+3} - 191070f_{n+4} + \\
 & 147618f_{n+5} - 80624f_{n+6} + 29304f_{n+7} - 6363f_{n+8} + 625f_{n+9}) \\
 y_{n+1} - y_{n+3} = & \frac{h}{113400} (729f_n - 38938f_{n+1} - 156340f_{n+2} - 18742f_{n+3} - 28234f_{n+4} + \\
 & 24266f_{n+5} - 13492f_{n+6} + 4910f_{n+7} - 1063f_{n+8} + 104f_{n+9}) \\
 y_{n+2} - y_{n+3} = & \frac{h}{7257600} (-10625f_n + 163531f_{n+1} - 3133688f_{n+2} - 5597072f_{n+3} + 2166334f_{n+4} \\
 & - 1295810f_{n+5} + 617584f_{n+6} - 206072f_{n+7} + 42187f_{n+8} - 3969f_{n+9}) \\
 y_{n+4} - y_{n+3} = & \frac{h}{7257600} (-3969f_n + 50315f_{n+1} - 342136f_{n+2} + 3609968f_{n+3} + 4763582f_{n+4} - \\
 & 1166146f_{n+5} + 462320f_{n+6} - 141304f_{n+7} + 27467f_{n+8} - 2497f_{n+9}) \\
 y_{n+5} - y_{n+3} = & \frac{h}{113400} (-23f_n + 334f_{n+1} - 2804f_{n+2} + 46378f_{n+3} + 139030f_{n+4} + 46378f_{n+5} - \\
 & 2804f_{n+6} + 334f_{n+7} - 23f_{n+8}) \\
 y_{n+6} - y_{n+3} = & \frac{h}{89600} (-49f_n + 603f_{n+1} - 3960f_{n+2} + 42352f_{n+3} + 95454f_{n+4} + 95454f_{n+5} + \\
 & 42352f_{n+6} - 3960f_{n+7} + 603f_{n+8} - 49f_{n+9}) \\
 y_{n+7} - y_{n+3} = & \frac{h}{14175} (13f_{n+1} - 224f_{n+2} + 5494f_{n+3} + 17632f_{n+4} + 10870f_{n+5} + 17632f_{n+6} + \\
 & 5494f_{n+7} - 224f_{n+8} + 13f_{n+9}) \\
 y_{n+8} - y_{n+3} = & \frac{h}{290304} (-425f_n + 4675f_{n+1} - 25400f_{n+2} + 171760f_{n+3} + 247150f_{n+4} + \\
 & 381550f_{n+5} + 185200f_{n+6} + 387400f_{n+7} + 101635f_{n+8} - 2025f_{n+9}) \\
 y_{n+9} - y_{n+3} = & \frac{h}{1400} (9f_n - 90f_{n+1} + 396f_{n+2} - 598f_{n+3} + 3798f_{n+4} - 1494f_{n+5} + \\
 & 3980f_{n+6} - 306f_{n+7} + 2313f_{n+8} + 392f_{n+9})
 \end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

**Construction of Hybrid MOBAM K = 9,  $\mu = \frac{17}{2}$ :** This is the hybrid form of the MOBAM family for  $k=9$ . An off step point is inserted in (5) to give its general form as:

$$y(x) = \alpha_3(x)y_{n+3} + h \sum_{j=0}^k \beta_j(x)f_{n+j} + h\beta_u(x)f_{n+u}, \quad j = 0,1,\dots,9, \mu = \frac{17}{2} \tag{10}$$

Following a similar procedure as in above section gives the matrix:

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x_{n+3} & x_{n+3}^2 & x_{n+3}^3 & x_{n+3}^4 & x_{n+3}^5 & x_{n+3}^6 & x_{n+3}^7 & x_{n+3}^8 & x_{n+3}^9 & x_{n+3}^{10} & x_{n+3}^{11} \\ 0 & 1 & 2x_n & 3x_n^2 & 4x_n^3 & 5x_n^4 & 6x_n^5 & 7x_n^6 & 8x_n^7 & 9x_n^8 & 10x_n^9 & 11x_n^{10} \\ 0 & 1 & 2x_{n+1} & 3x_{n+1}^2 & 4x_{n+1}^3 & 5x_{n+1}^4 & 6x_{n+1}^5 & 7x_{n+1}^6 & 8x_{n+1}^7 & 9x_{n+1}^8 & 10x_{n+1}^9 & 11x_{n+1}^{10} \\ 0 & 1 & 2x_{n+2} & 3x_{n+2}^2 & 4x_{n+2}^3 & 5x_{n+2}^4 & 6x_{n+2}^5 & 7x_{n+2}^6 & 8x_{n+2}^7 & 9x_{n+2}^8 & 10x_{n+2}^9 & 11x_{n+2}^{10} \\ 0 & 1 & 2x_{n+3} & 3x_{n+3}^2 & 4x_{n+3}^3 & 5x_{n+3}^4 & 6x_{n+3}^5 & 7x_{n+3}^6 & 8x_{n+3}^7 & 9x_{n+3}^8 & 10x_{n+3}^9 & 11x_{n+3}^{10} \\ 0 & 1 & 2x_{n+4} & 3x_{n+4}^2 & 4x_{n+4}^3 & 5x_{n+4}^4 & 6x_{n+4}^5 & 7x_{n+4}^6 & 8x_{n+4}^7 & 9x_{n+4}^8 & 10x_{n+4}^9 & 11x_{n+4}^{10} \\ 0 & 1 & 2x_{n+5} & 3x_{n+5}^2 & 4x_{n+5}^3 & 5x_{n+5}^4 & 6x_{n+5}^5 & 7x_{n+5}^6 & 8x_{n+5}^7 & 9x_{n+5}^8 & 10x_{n+5}^9 & 11x_{n+5}^{10} \\ 0 & 1 & 2x_{n+6} & 3x_{n+6}^2 & 4x_{n+6}^3 & 5x_{n+6}^4 & 6x_{n+6}^5 & 7x_{n+6}^6 & 8x_{n+6}^7 & 9x_{n+6}^8 & 10x_{n+6}^9 & 11x_{n+6}^{10} \\ 0 & 1 & 2x_{n+7} & 3x_{n+7}^2 & 4x_{n+7}^3 & 5x_{n+7}^4 & 6x_{n+7}^5 & 7x_{n+7}^6 & 8x_{n+7}^7 & 9x_{n+7}^8 & 10x_{n+7}^9 & 11x_{n+7}^{10} \\ 0 & 1 & 2x_{n+8} & 3x_{n+8}^2 & 4x_{n+8}^3 & 5x_{n+8}^4 & 6x_{n+8}^5 & 7x_{n+8}^6 & 8x_{n+8}^7 & 9x_{n+8}^8 & 10x_{n+8}^9 & 11x_{n+8}^{10} \\ 0 & 1 & 2x_{n+\frac{17}{2}} & 3x_{n+\frac{17}{2}}^2 & 4x_{n+\frac{17}{2}}^3 & 5x_{n+\frac{17}{2}}^4 & 6x_{n+\frac{17}{2}}^5 & 7x_{n+\frac{17}{2}}^6 & 8x_{n+\frac{17}{2}}^7 & 9x_{n+\frac{17}{2}}^8 & 10x_{n+\frac{17}{2}}^9 & 11x_{n+\frac{17}{2}}^{10} \\ 0 & 1 & 2x_{n+9} & 3x_{n+9}^2 & 4x_{n+9}^3 & 5x_{n+9}^4 & 6x_{n+9}^5 & 7x_{n+9}^6 & 8x_{n+9}^7 & 9x_{n+9}^8 & 10x_{n+9}^9 & 11x_{n+9}^{10} \end{bmatrix} \quad (11)$$

The continuous coefficients of the method (10) are similarly obtain from the inverse of (11) as:

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_3(x) &= 1 \\ \beta_0(x) &= \left( -\frac{4581629h}{16755200} + \mu \frac{126233\mu^2}{85680h} - \frac{610807\mu^3}{514080h^2} - \frac{366199\mu^4}{616896h^3} + \frac{1205177\mu^5}{6168960h^4} - \frac{7687\mu^6}{1762560h^5} + \right. \\ &\quad \left. \frac{3419\mu^7}{514080h^6} - \frac{1123\mu^8}{1645056h^7} + \frac{167\mu^9}{3701376h^8} - \frac{107\mu^{10}}{61689600h^9} + \frac{\mu^{11}}{33929280h^{10}} \right) \\ \beta_1(x) &= \left( -\frac{1693113h}{985600} + \frac{51\mu^2}{10h} - \frac{83393\mu^3}{12600h^2} + \frac{792\mu^4}{1920h^3} - \frac{9335\mu^5}{6048h^4} + \frac{12937\mu^6}{34560h^5} \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \frac{677\mu^7}{11200h^6} + \frac{149\mu^8}{23040h^7} - \frac{\mu^9}{2268h^8} + \frac{\mu^{10}}{57600h^9} - \frac{\mu^{11}}{3326400} \right) \\ \beta_2(x) &= \left( \frac{407367h}{8008000} - \frac{153\mu^2}{13h} + \frac{104813\mu^3}{5460h^2} - \frac{40118h^4}{29120h^3} + \frac{371335\mu^5}{655200h^4} - \frac{16518\mu^6}{112320h^5} + \right. \\ &\quad \left. \frac{8179\mu^7}{32760h^6} - \frac{1039\mu^8}{37440h^7} + \frac{2299\mu^9}{1179360h^8} - \frac{103\mu^{10}}{1310400h^9} + \frac{\mu^{11}}{720720h^{10}} \right) \\ \beta_3(x) &= \left( -\frac{446146h}{1355200} + \frac{238\mu^2}{11h} - \frac{111953\mu^3}{2970h^2} + \frac{1384609h^4}{47520h^3} - \frac{759127\mu^5}{59400h^4} + \frac{332153\mu^6}{95040h^5} \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \frac{858\mu^7}{13860h^6} + \frac{2257\mu^8}{31680h^7} - \frac{367\mu^9}{71280h^8} + \frac{101\mu^{10}}{475200h^9} - \frac{\mu^{11}}{261360h^{10}} \right) \\ \beta_4(x) &= \left( \frac{376763h}{98560} - \frac{119\mu^2}{4h} + \frac{115523\mu^3}{2160h^2} - \frac{12382h^4}{2880h^3} + \frac{254760\mu^5}{129600h^4} - \frac{96619\mu^6}{17280h^5} + \right. \\ &\quad \left. \frac{3103\mu^7}{3024h^6} - \frac{1403\mu^8}{11520h^7} + \frac{703\mu^9}{77760h^8} - \frac{11\mu^{10}}{28800h^9} + \frac{\mu^{11}}{142560h^{10}} \right) \\ \beta_5(x) &= \left( -\frac{1882809h}{492800} + \frac{153\mu^2}{5h} - \frac{23533\mu^3}{420h^2} + \frac{20667h^4}{448h^3} - \frac{109279\mu^5}{5040h^4} + \frac{109723\mu^6}{17280h^5} - \right. \\ &\quad \left. \frac{1727\mu^7}{1440h^6} + \frac{337\mu^8}{2304h^7} - \frac{101\mu^9}{9072h^8} + \frac{97\mu^{10}}{20160h^9} - \frac{\mu^{11}}{110880h^{10}} \right) \\ \beta_6(x) &= \left( \frac{360737h}{123200} - \frac{119\mu^2}{5h} + \frac{119093\mu^3}{2700h^2} - \frac{318847\mu^4}{8640h^3} + \frac{381983\mu^5}{21600h^4} - \frac{45733\mu^6}{8640h^5} + \right. \\ &\quad \left. \frac{12893\mu^7}{12600h^6} - \frac{23\mu^8}{180h^7} + \frac{43\mu^9}{4320h^8} - \frac{19\mu^{10}}{43200h^9} + \frac{\mu^{11}}{118800h^{10}} \right) \\ \beta_7(x) &= \left( -\frac{15627h}{8800} + \frac{102\mu^2}{7h} - \frac{17159\mu^3}{630h^2} + \frac{77453\mu^4}{3360h^3} - \frac{423559\mu^5}{37800h^4} + \frac{29467\mu^6}{8640h^5} - \right. \\ &\quad \left. \frac{1693\mu^7}{2520h^6} + \frac{863\mu^8}{10080h^7} - \frac{103\mu^9}{15120h^8} + \frac{31\mu^{10}}{100800h^9} - \frac{\mu^{11}}{166320h^{10}} \right) \\ \beta_8(x) &= \left( \frac{1140903h}{985600} - \frac{153\mu^2}{16h} + \frac{60439\mu^3}{3360h^2} - \frac{2457\mu^4}{160h^3} + \frac{1521413\mu^5}{201600h^4} - \frac{80437\mu^6}{34560h^5} + \right. \\ &\quad \left. \frac{4693\mu^7}{10080h^6} - \frac{1391\mu^8}{23040h^7} + \frac{1777\mu^9}{362880h^8} - \frac{13\mu^{10}}{57600h^9} + \frac{\mu^{11}}{221760h^{10}} \right) \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

$$\beta_{\frac{17}{2}}(x) = \left( -\frac{3046144h}{4679675} + \frac{65536\mu^2}{12155} - \frac{116801536\mu^3}{11486475h^2} + \frac{1334272\mu^4}{153153h^3} - \frac{148209664\mu^5}{34459425h^4} + \frac{9728\mu^6}{7293h^5} - \frac{3085312\mu^7}{11486475h^6} + \frac{256\mu^8}{7293h^7} - \frac{59392\mu^9}{20675655h^8} + \frac{512\mu^{10}}{3828825h^9} - \frac{1024\mu^{11}}{379053675h^{10}} \right)$$

$$\beta_9(x) = \left( \frac{22423h}{197120} - \frac{17\mu^2}{18h} + \frac{4499\mu^3}{2520h^2} - \frac{556819\mu^4}{362880h^3} + \frac{345019\mu^5}{453600h^4} - \frac{24581\mu^6}{103680h^5} + \frac{83\mu^7}{1728h^6} - \frac{437\mu^8}{69120h^7} + \frac{71\mu^9}{136080h^8} - \frac{89\mu^{10}}{3628800h^9} + \frac{\mu^{11}}{1995840h^{10}} \right) f_{n+9}$$

Substituting the continuous coefficients (12) into (10) produces the continuous form of the new MOBAM method for  $k = 9$ ,  $\mu = \frac{17}{2}$  as:

$$y(\mu + x_n) = y_{n+3} + \left( -\frac{4581629h}{16755200} + \mu - \frac{126233\mu^2}{85680h} + \frac{610807\mu^3}{514080h^2} - \frac{366199\mu^4}{616896h^3} + \frac{1205177\mu^5}{6168960h^4} - \frac{76871\mu^6}{1762560h^5} + \frac{3419\mu^7}{514080h^6} - \frac{1123\mu^8}{1645056h^7} + \frac{167\mu^9}{3701376h^8} - \frac{107\mu^{10}}{61689600h^9} + \frac{\mu^{11}}{33929280h^{10}} \right) f_n +$$

$$\left( -\frac{1693113h}{985600} + \frac{51\mu^2}{10h} - \frac{83393\mu^3}{12600h^2} + \frac{7921\mu^4}{1920h^3} - \frac{9335\mu^5}{6048h^4} + \frac{12937\mu^6}{34560h^5} - \frac{677\mu^7}{11200h^6} + \frac{149\mu^8}{23040h^7} - \frac{\mu^9}{2268h^8} + \frac{\mu^{10}}{57600h^9} - \frac{\mu^{11}}{3326400} \right) f_{n+1} +$$

$$\left( \frac{407367h}{8008000} - \frac{153\mu^2}{13h} + \frac{104813\mu^3}{5460h^2} - \frac{401181h^4}{29120h^3} + \frac{3713351\mu^5}{655200h^4} - \frac{165181\mu^6}{112320h^5} + \frac{8179\mu^7}{32760h^6} - \frac{1039\mu^8}{37440h^7} + \frac{2299\mu^9}{1179360h^8} - \frac{103\mu^{10}}{1310400h^9} + \frac{\mu^{11}}{720720h^{10}} \right) f_{n+2} +$$

$$\left( -\frac{4461461h}{1355200} + \frac{238\mu^2}{11h} - \frac{111953\mu^3}{2970h^2} + \frac{1384609h^4}{47520h^3} - \frac{759127\mu^5}{59400h^4} + \frac{332153\mu^6}{95040h^5} - \frac{8581\mu^7}{13860h^6} + \frac{2257\mu^8}{31680h^7} - \frac{367\mu^9}{71280h^8} + \frac{101\mu^{10}}{475200h^9} - \frac{\mu^{11}}{261360h^{10}} \right) f_{n+3} +$$

$$\left( \frac{376763h}{98560} - \frac{119\mu^2}{4h} + \frac{115523\mu^3}{2160h^2} - \frac{123821h^4}{2880h^3} + \frac{2547601\mu^5}{129600h^4} - \frac{96619\mu^6}{17280h^5} + \frac{3103\mu^7}{3024h^6} - \frac{1403\mu^8}{11520h^7} + \frac{703\mu^9}{77760h^8} - \frac{11\mu^{10}}{28800h^9} + \frac{\mu^{11}}{142560h^{10}} \right) f_{n+4} +$$

$$\left( -\frac{1882809h}{492800} + \frac{153\mu^2}{5h} - \frac{23533\mu^3}{420h^2} + \frac{20667h^4}{448h^3} - \frac{109279\mu^5}{5040h^4} + \frac{109723\mu^6}{17280h^5} - \frac{1727\mu^7}{1440h^6} + \frac{337\mu^8}{2304h^7} - \frac{101\mu^9}{9072h^8} + \frac{97\mu^{10}}{201600h^9} - \frac{\mu^{11}}{110880h^{10}} \right) f_{n+5} +$$

$$\left( \frac{360737h}{123200} - \frac{119\mu^2}{5h} + \frac{119093\mu^3}{2700h^2} - \frac{318847\mu^4}{8640h^3} + \frac{381983\mu^5}{21600h^4} - \frac{45733\mu^6}{8640h^5} + \frac{12893\mu^7}{12600h^6} - \frac{23\mu^8}{180h^7} + \frac{43\mu^9}{4320h^8} - \frac{19\mu^{10}}{43200h^9} + \frac{\mu^{11}}{118800h^{10}} \right) f_{n+6} +$$

$$\left( -\frac{15627h}{8800} + \frac{102\mu^2}{7h} - \frac{17159\mu^3}{630h^2} + \frac{77453\mu^4}{3360h^3} - \frac{423559\mu^5}{37800h^4} + \frac{29467\mu^6}{8640h^5} - \frac{1693\mu^7}{2520h^6} + \frac{863\mu^8}{10080h^7} - \frac{103\mu^9}{15120h^8} + \frac{31\mu^{10}}{100800h^9} - \frac{\mu^{11}}{166320h^{10}} \right) f_{n+7} +$$

$$\left( \frac{1140903h}{985600} - \frac{153\mu^2}{16h} + \frac{60439\mu^3}{3360h^2} - \frac{2457\mu^4}{160h^3} + \frac{1521413\mu^5}{201600h^4} - \frac{80437\mu^6}{34560h^5} + \frac{4693\mu^7}{10080h^6} - \frac{1391\mu^8}{23040h^7} + \frac{1777\mu^9}{362880h^8} - \frac{13\mu^{10}}{57600h^9} + \frac{\mu^{11}}{221760h^{10}} \right) f_{n+8} +$$

$$\left( -\frac{3046144h}{4679675} + \frac{65536\mu^2}{12155} - \frac{116801536\mu^3}{11486475h^2} + \frac{1334272\mu^4}{153153h^3} - \frac{148209664\mu^5}{34459425h^4} + \frac{9728\mu^6}{7293h^5} - \frac{3085312\mu^7}{11486475h^6} + \frac{256\mu^8}{7293h^7} - \frac{59392\mu^9}{20675655h^8} + \frac{512\mu^{10}}{3828825h^9} - \frac{1024\mu^{11}}{379053675h^{10}} \right) f_{n+\frac{17}{2}} +$$

$$\left( \frac{22423 h}{197120} - \frac{17 \mu^2}{18 h} + \frac{4499 \mu^3}{2520 h^2} - \frac{556819 \mu^4}{362880 h^3} + \frac{345019 \mu^5}{453600 h^4} - \frac{24581 \mu^6}{103680 h^5} + \frac{83 \mu^7}{1728 h^6} - \frac{437 \mu^8}{69120 h^7} + \frac{71 \mu^9}{136080 h^8} - \frac{89 \mu^{10}}{3628800 h^9} + \frac{\mu^{11}}{1995840 h^{10}} \right) f_{n+9}$$

where,  $\mu = x - x_n$  and  $\mu \in [0, 9h]$ . Evaluating the continuous scheme (13) at the following points  $\mu = 0, h, 2h, 4h, 5h, 6h, 7h, 8h, \frac{17}{2}h, 9h$  yields the discrete members of the Modified Block Hybrid Adams Method (MOBHAM) used as block integrators as:

$$\begin{aligned} y_n - y_{n+3} &= -\frac{h}{2395993600} (655172947 f_n + 4115957703 f_{n+1} - \\ &1218842064 f_{n+2} + 7887863048 f_{n+3} - 9159108530 f_{n+4} + 9154217358 f_{n+5} - \\ &7015613176 f_{n+6} + 4254794544 f_{n+7} - 2773535193 f_{n+8} + 1559625728 f_{n+\frac{17}{2}} - 272551565 f_{n+9}) \\ y_{n+1} - y_{n+3} &= \frac{h}{9097288200} (50461697 f_n - 3041910300 f_{n+1} - \\ &12919661700 f_{n+2} - 462284706 f_{n+3} - 4173983242 f_{n+4} + 4401077538 f_{n+5} - \\ &3373129188 f_{n+6} + 2030152410 f_{n+7} - 1312470159 f_{n+8} + 735182848 f_{n+\frac{17}{2}} - 128011598 f_{n+9}) \\ y_{n+2} - y_{n+3} &= -\frac{h}{582226444800} (607643465 f_n - 10622743131 f_{n+1} + \\ &239872909584 f_{n+2} + 480783779736 f_{n+3} - 232034579062 f_{n+4} + 178839894090 f_{n+5} - \\ &119438161128 f_{n+6} + 66455799696 f_{n+7} - 40827431931 f_{n+8} + 22431268864 f_{n+\frac{17}{2}} - 3841935383 f_{n+9}) \\ y_{n+4} - y_{n+3} &= -\frac{h}{582226444800} (188536777 f_n - 2711763483 f_{n+1} + \\ &21333375888 f_{n+2} - 272743194984 f_{n+3} - 413057496566 f_{n+4} + 133291433418 f_{n+5} - \\ &74179086696 f_{n+6} + 37828966032 f_{n+7} - 22073336571 f_{n+8} + 11903565824 f_{n+\frac{17}{2}} - 2007444439 f_{n+9}) \\ y_{n+5} - y_{n+3} &= -\frac{h}{9097288200} (1469039 f_n - 22958364 f_{n+1} + \\ &207240132 f_{n+2} - 3671758974 f_{n+3} - 11242913110 f_{n+4} - 3605498754 f_{n+5} + \\ &117533988 f_{n+6} + 49927878 f_{n+7} - 55696641 f_{n+8} + 34471936 f_{n+\frac{17}{2}} - 6393530 f_{n+9}) \\ y_{n+6} - y_{n+3} &= -\frac{h}{2395993600} (676819 f_n - 9663225 f_{n+1} + \\ &76071600 f_{n+2} - 1050296312 f_{n+3} - 2703306034 f_{n+4} - 2358687474 f_{n+5} - \\ &1313459576 f_{n+6} + 235126320 f_{n+7} - 113048793 f_{n+8} + 58064896 f_{n+\frac{17}{2}} - 9459021 f_{n+9}) \\ y_{n+7} - y_{n+3} &= -\frac{h}{1137161025} (177320 f_n - 2851563 f_{n+1} + \\ &26317632 f_{n+2} - 463764522 f_{n+3} - 1372289776 f_{n+4} - 926283930 f_{n+5} - \\ &1363849344 f_{n+6} - 476918442 f_{n+7} + 45099912 f_{n+8} - 16252928 f_{n+\frac{17}{2}} + 1971541 f_{n+9}) \\ y_{n+8} - y_{n+3} &= -\frac{5h}{23289057792} (1480765 f_n - 20558967 f_{n+1} + \\ &156227280 f_{n+2} - 2062826376 f_{n+3} - 5235912110 f_{n+4} - 4488330990 f_{n+5} - \\ &4496046984 f_{n+6} - 5126687280 f_{n+7} - 2447435991 f_{n+8} + 489291776 f_{n+\frac{17}{2}} - 58258915 f_{n+9}) \\ y_{n+\frac{17}{2}} - y_{n+3} &= -\frac{11h}{2463635865600} (60848359 f_n - 868413975 f_{n+1} + \\ &6868940100 f_{n+2} - 97078557732 f_{n+3} - 256542831974 f_{n+4} - 207787036314 f_{n+5} - \\ &227009590236 f_{n+6} - 232587334980 f_{n+7} - 189017501673 f_{n+8} - 27073183744 f_{n+\frac{17}{2}} - 783270631 f_{n+9}) \\ y_{n+9} - y_{n+3} &= -\frac{h}{37437400} (15301 f_n - 204204 f_{n+1} + \\ &1460844 f_{n+2} - 17238442 f_{n+3} - 40641458 f_{n+4} - 38375766 f_{n+5} - \\ &33324148 f_{n+6} - 44035134 f_{n+7} - 22688523 f_{n+8} - 23461888 f_{n+\frac{17}{2}} - 6130982 f_{n+9}) \end{aligned} \tag{14}$$

### STABILITY ANALYSIS OF THE NEW BLOCK METHODS

The block method (9) is represented by a matrix finite difference equation in block form as:

$$A^{(1)} Y_{w+1} = A^{(0)} Y_w + hB^{(1)} F_w \tag{15}$$

where,

$$Y_{w+1} = (y_{n+1}, y_{n+2}, y_{n+3}, y_{n+4}, y_{n+5}, y_{n+6}, y_{n+7}, y_{n+8}, y_{n+9})^T$$

$$Y_w = (y_{n-8}, y_{n-7}, y_{n-6}, y_{n-5}, y_{n-4}, y_{n-3}, y_{n-2}, y_{n-1}, y_n)^T$$

$$F_w = (f_{n+1}, f_{n+2}, f_{n+3}, f_{n+4}, f_{n+5}, f_{n+6}, f_{n+7}, f_{n+8}, f_{n+9})^T$$

for  $w = 0, \dots$  and  $n = 0, 9, \dots, N-9$  and the matrices  $A^{(1)}, A^{(0)}, B^{(1)}$  being 9 by 9 matrices whose entries are given by the coefficients of (9) and are as defined in equation (16) below:

$$A^{(0)} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, A^{(1)} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$B^{(1)} = \begin{bmatrix} 147429 & -279 & 13273 & -19107 & 73809 & -5039 & 3663 & -909 & 25 \\ 89600 & 1600 & 5600 & 8960 & 44800 & 5600 & 11200 & 12800 & 3584 \\ -19469 & -7817 & -9371 & -14117 & 12133 & -3373 & 491 & -1063 & 13 \\ 56700 & 5670 & 56700 & 56700 & 56700 & 28350 & 11340 & 113400 & 14175 \\ 163531 & -391711 & -349817 & 1083167 & -129581 & 38599 & -25759 & 42187 & -7 \\ 7257600 & 907200 & 453600 & 3628800 & 725760 & 453600 & 907200 & 7257600 & 12800 \\ 10063 & -42767 & 225623 & 2381791 & -583073 & 5779 & -17663 & 27467 & -2497 \\ 1451520 & 907200 & 453600 & 3628800 & 3628800 & 90720 & 907200 & 7257600 & 7257600 \\ 167 & -701 & 23189 & 13903 & 23189 & -701 & 167 & -23 & 0 \\ 56700 & 28350 & 56700 & 11340 & 56700 & 28350 & 56700 & 113400 & 14175 \\ 603 & -99 & 2647 & 47727 & 47727 & 2647 & -99 & 603 & -7 \\ 89600 & 2240 & 5600 & 44800 & 44800 & 5600 & 2240 & 89600 & 12800 \\ 13 & -32 & 5494 & 17632 & 2174 & 17632 & 5494 & -32 & 13 \\ 14175 & 2025 & 14175 & 14175 & 2835 & 14175 & 14175 & 2025 & 14175 \\ 4675 & -3175 & 10735 & 123575 & 190775 & 11575 & 48425 & 101635 & -25 \\ 290304 & 36288 & 18144 & 145152 & 145152 & 18144 & 36288 & 290304 & 3584 \\ -9 & 99 & -299 & 1899 & -747 & 199 & -153 & 2313 & 7 \\ 140 & 350 & 700 & 700 & 700 & 70 & 700 & 1400 & 25 \end{bmatrix} \tag{16}$$

where,  $w = 0,1,2,\dots,9$  and  $n$  is the grid index.

**Zero-stability:** Zero-stability is concerned with the stability of the difference system (15) as  $h$  tends to zero. Thus, as  $h \rightarrow 0$ , the method (15) tends to the difference system:

$$A^{(1)}Y_{w+1} = A^{(0)}Y_w \tag{17}$$

whose first characteristic polynomial  $\rho(\lambda)$  is given by:

$$\rho(\lambda) = |\lambda A^{(0)} - A^{(1)}| \tag{18}$$

Substituting  $A^{(0)}, A^{(1)}$  from (16) into the characteristics polynomial  $\rho(\lambda)$  (18) gives:

$$\rho(\lambda) = |\lambda A^{(0)} - A^{(1)}| = \lambda^8(\lambda - 1) \tag{19}$$

By Fatunla (1991), the block method (9) is zero-stable since in (19),  $\rho(\lambda) = 0$  satisfies  $|\lambda_j| \leq 1, j = 1, \dots$  and for those roots with  $|\lambda_j| = 1$ , the multiplicity does not exceed 1. The block method is therefore convergent according to

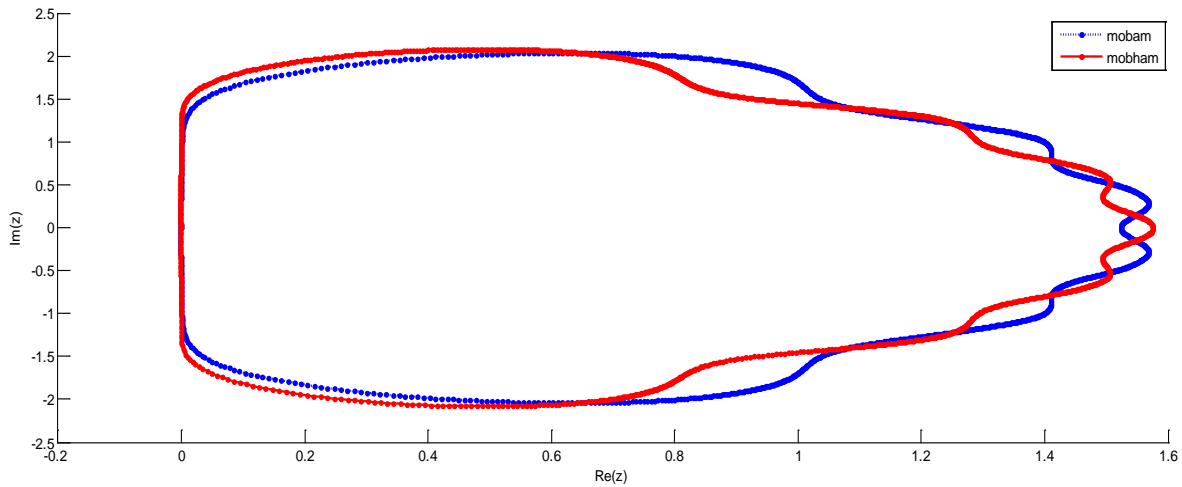


Fig. 1: Absolute stability regions of the MOBAM methods

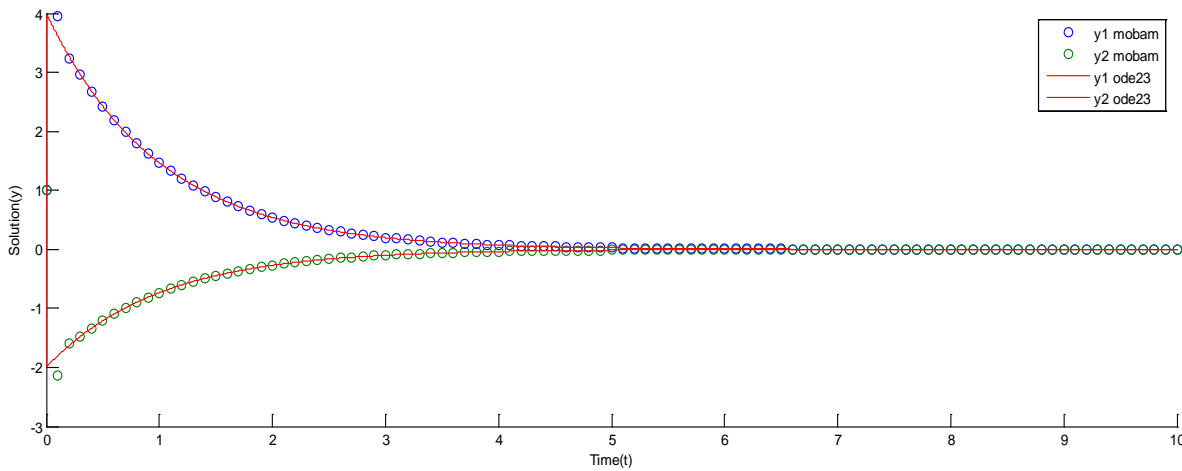


Fig. 2: Solution of example 1 using (10) and ode23

Henrici (1962). Since the MOBAM method is both consistent and zero-stable, it is convergent. Using the same procedure, the MOBHAM method in (14) is also zero-stable and consistent, hence convergent.

**Order of the MOBAM methods:** The orders and error constants of the new block methods are obtained using Chollom *et al.* (2007).

The block method (10) is of uniform order  $(10,10,10,10,10,10,10,10,10)^T$  with error constants:

$$C_{11} = \left( -\frac{11899}{1971200}, -\frac{5609}{7484400}, \frac{171137}{479001600}, \frac{90817}{479001600}, \frac{263}{7484400}, \frac{443}{1971200}, -\frac{62}{467775}, \frac{18665}{19160064}, -\frac{179}{30800} \right)^T$$

while the block method (15) is of uniform order  $(1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1)^T$  with error constants:

$$C_{12} = \left( \frac{24307}{5420800}, \frac{28249}{54885600}, -\frac{36919}{188179200}, -\frac{37987}{439084800}, -\frac{4997}{164656800}, -\frac{443}{5420800}, -\frac{31}{1715175}, -\frac{5905}{52690176}, -\frac{4908607}{59454259200}, -\frac{17}{96800} \right)^T$$

**Absolute stability region of the MOBAM methods:**

Following Chollom *et al.* (2007) and Butcher (1985), the block methods (9) and (14) are reformulated as General linear methods and the region of absolute stability of the method was plotted using the matlab program and is shown in Fig. 1.

Figure 1 reveals that the MOBAM methods are A-stable.

**NUMERICAL EXPERIMENTS**

In this section, the MOBAM methods (9) and (14) are tested on linear and nonlinear stiff initial value problems of ODEs. The solution curves obtained for the MOBAM methods are compared with the well-known MATLAB ODE 23 solver.



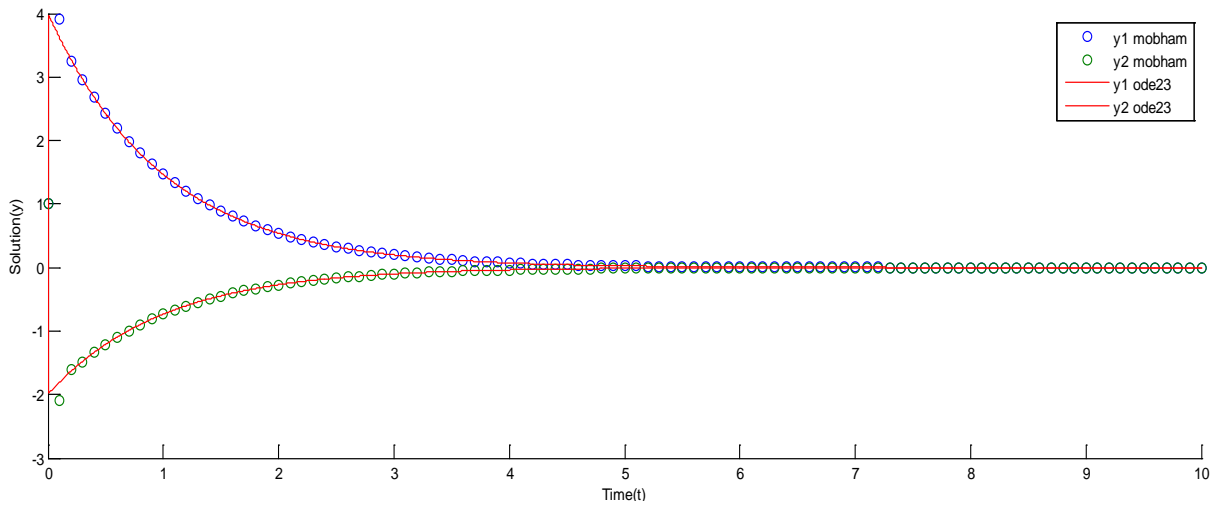


Fig. 3: Solution of example 1 using (15) and ode23

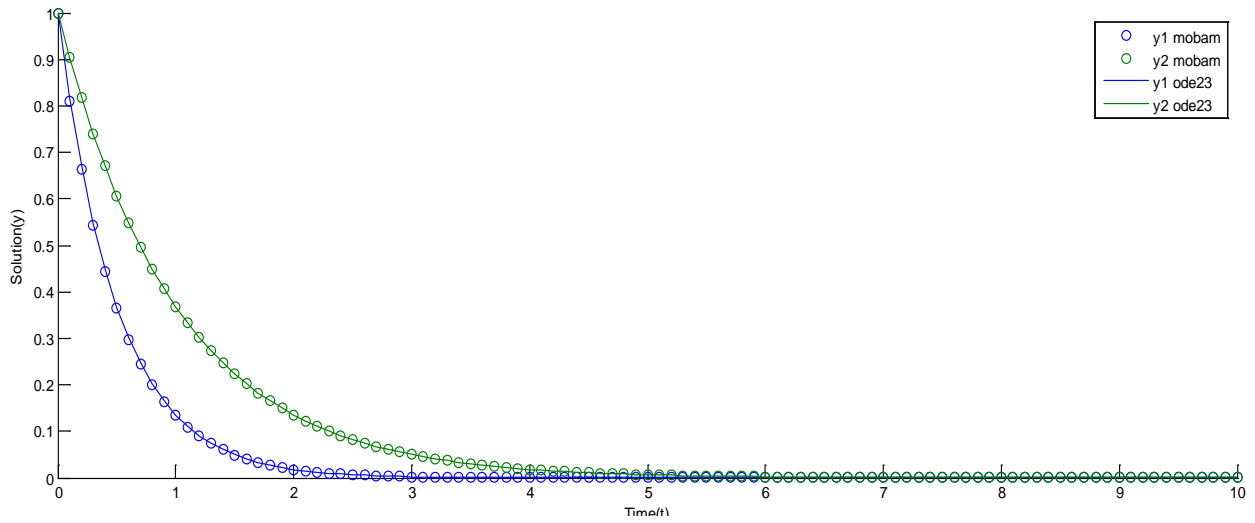


Fig. 4: Solution of example 2 using (10) and ode23

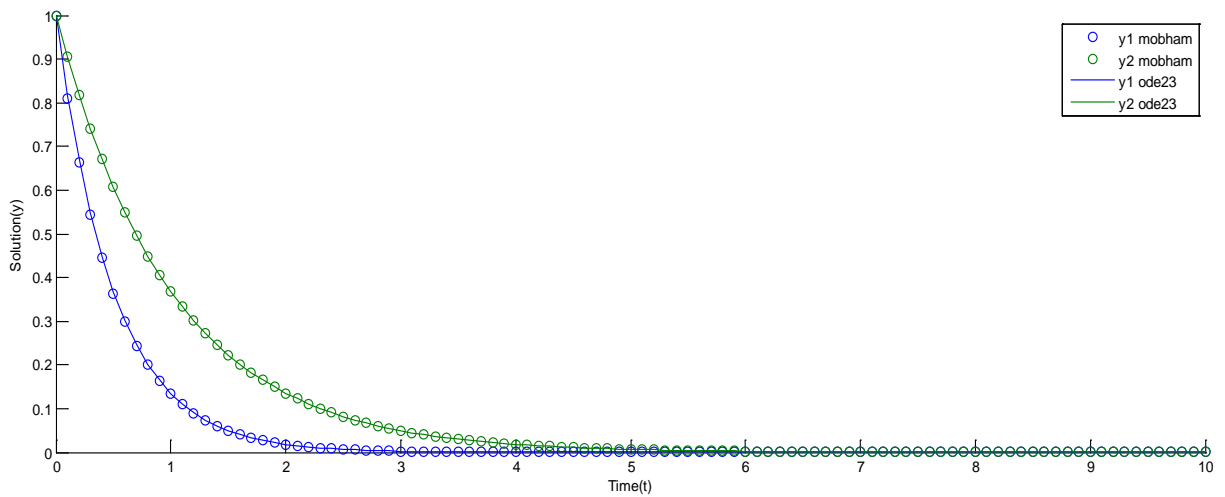


Fig. 5: Solution of example 2 using (15) and ode23

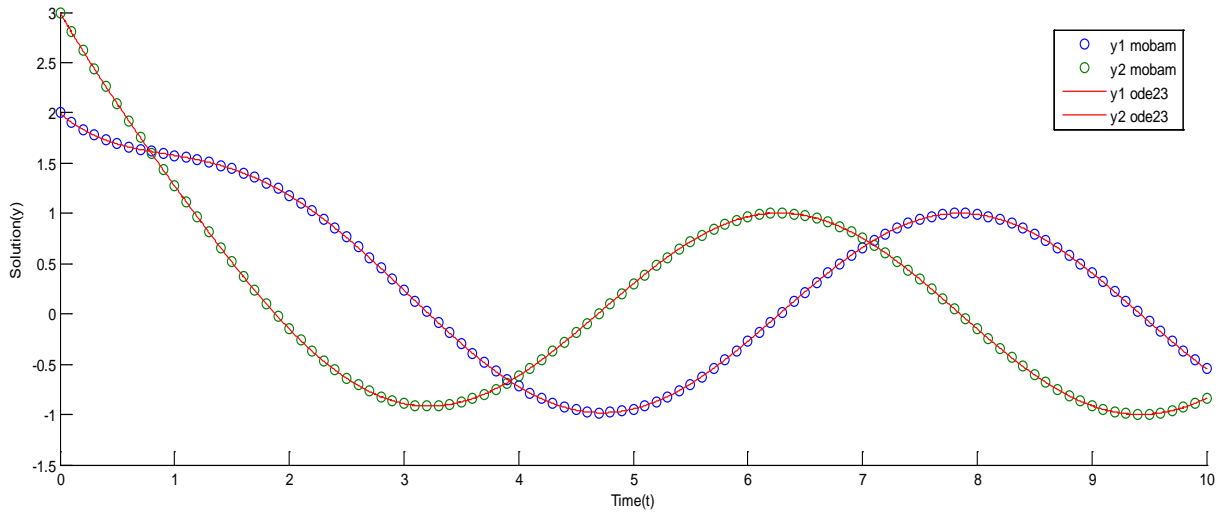


Fig. 6: Solution of example 3 using (10) and ode23

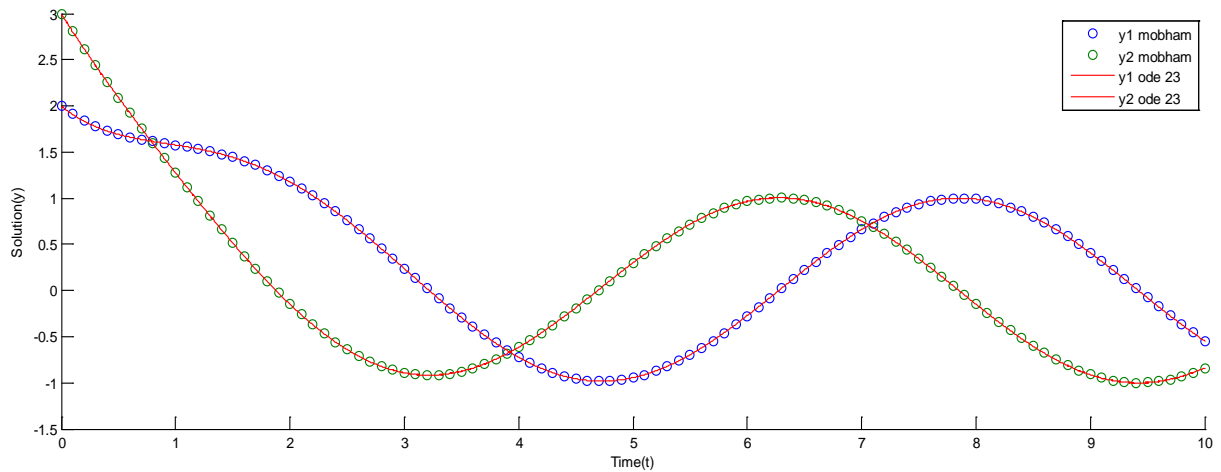


Fig. 7: Solution of example 3 using (15) and ode23

**Example 1:** We consider a well-known classical system experimented in Baker (1989), Stabrowski (1997), Vigo-Aguilar and Ramos (2007) and Akinfenwa *et al.* (2011), in the range  $0 \leq t \leq 10$ :

$$\begin{aligned} y_1' &= 998y_1 + 1998y_2, & y_1(0) &= 1 \\ y_2' &= -999y_1 - 1999y_2, & y_2(0) &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

Its exact solution is given by the sum of two decaying exponential components:

$$y_1 = 4e^{-t} - 3e^{-1000t}, \quad y_2 = -2e^{-t} + 3e^{-1000t}$$

The stiffness ratio is 1:1000,  $h = 0.1$  (Fig. 2 and 3)

**Example 2:** Consider the stiffly nonlinear problem which was proposed by Kaps *et al.* (1981) in the range  $0 \leq t \leq 10$ .

$$\begin{aligned} y_1' &= -(\varepsilon^{-1} + 2)y_1 + \varepsilon^{-1}y_2^2, & y_1(0) &= 1 \\ y_2' &= y_1 - y_2 - y_2^2, & y_2(0) &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

The smaller is the  $\varepsilon$ , the more serious the stiffness of the system. Its exact solution is given by (Fig. 4 and 5):

$$y_1 = y_2^2, \quad y_2 = e^{-t}, \quad h = 0.1, \quad \varepsilon = 10^{-8}$$

**Example 3:** Consider the stiff problem; see Brugnano and Trigiante (1998):

$$\begin{aligned} y_1' &= -2y_1 + y_2 + 2 \sin x, & y_1(0) &= 2 \\ y_2' &= 998y_1 - 999y_2 + 999(\cos x - \sin x), & y_2(0) &= 3 \end{aligned}$$

The stiffness ratio of the problem is 1000.  $h = 0.1$ ,  $0 \leq x \leq 10$ . Its exact solution is given by (Fig. 6 and 7):

$$y_1(x) = 2e^{-x} + \sin x, \quad y_2(x) = 2e^{-x} + \cos x$$

### CONCLUSION

New MOBAM methods have been proposed and implemented as self-starting methods for the solution of stiff ordinary differential equations. The MOBAM methods are A-stable making them suitable for the numerical solution of stiff problems. The accuracy and efficiency of the new block methods have been demonstrated on both linear and non-linear stiff problems as can be seen in Fig. 2 to 7. The authors in the next work will address the theoretical aspect and implementation strategies of the MOBAM class.

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