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# Solution of an Initial Value Problem in Ordinary Differential Equations Using the Quadrature Algorithm Based on the Heronian Mean

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**Abstract:** Over the years, the Quadrature Algorithm as a method of solving initial value problems in ordinary differential equations is known to be of low accuracy compared to other well known methods. However, It has been shown that the method perform well when applied to moderately stiff problems. In this present study, the nonlinear method based on the Heronian Mean (HeM), of the function value for the solution of initial value problems is developed. Stability investigation is in agreement with the known Trapezoidal method.

**Keywords:** Harmonic Mean, Stability, Stiff Problems, Geometric Mean, Accuracy

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## 1. Introduction

Ordinary differential equations are the major form of mathematical model occurring in Science and Engineering, and, consequently, the numerical solution of differential equations is a very large area of research. The advent of computers has tremendously revolutionized the type and variety of numerical methods over the past three decades and these methods are applied to solve mathematical problems. Several methods have been developed using the idea of different means such as the geometric mean, centroidal mean, harmonic mean, contra-harmonic mean and the heronian mean. The three stage method based on the harmonic mean and a multi-derivative method using the usual arithmetic mean were developed respectively [1] and [2]. Also, a third-order method based on the geometric mean was presented [3]. But a fourth-order method based on the harmonic mean was introduced [4] while the fourth-order method which is an embedded method based on the arithmetic and harmonic mean was constructed [5]. The comparison of modified Runge-Kutta methods based on varieties of means was studied [6]. The New 4th Order Hybrid Runge-Kutta methods for solving IVPs in ODEs was investigated [7]. In the paper, a new 4th Order Hybrid Runge-Kutta method

based on linear combination of Arithmetic mean, Geometric mean and the Harmonic mean to solve first order initial value problems (IVPs) in ordinary differential equations (ODEs).

The trapezoidal rule for the numerical integration of first-order ordinary differential equations is shown to possess, for a certain type of problem, an undesirable property. The removal of this difficulty is shown to be straightforward, resulting in a modified trapezoidal rule. Whilst this latent difficulty is slight (and probably rare in practice), the fact that the proposed modification involves negligible additional programming effort would suggest that it is worthwhile. A corresponding modification for the trapezoidal rule for the Goursat problem is also included. [8] presented a nonlinear trapezoidal formula for the solution of the Goursat problem. The new scheme implements the harmonic mean (HM) averaging of the functional values rather than the arithmetic mean (AM) or the geometric mean (GM) averaging. A comparison is made with the existing techniques, and the results obtained show better approximations related to the accuracy level in favor of the HM strategy. [9] considered a Third Runge-Kutta Method based on a Linear combination of Arithmetic mean, harmonic mean and geometric mean. [10] derived the Runge-Kutta methods based on averages other than the arithmetic mean is on the rise. In this paper, the

authors propose a new version of explicit Runge-Kutta method, by introducing the harmonic mean as against the usual arithmetic averages in standard Runge-Kutta schemes.

The a nonlinear mid-point rule formula based on geometric means (GM) for the numerical solution of differential equations  $y' = f(x, y)$  was presented [11] with supporting numerical results. However, the New fifth order weighted Runge-kutta methods based on the Heronian mean for initial value problems in ordinary differential equations was developed and implemented [12]. In the paper Comparisons in terms of numerical accuracy and size of the stability region between new proposed Runge-Kutta(5,5) algorithm, Runge-Kutta (5,5) based on Harmonic Mean, Runge-Kutta(5,5) based on Contra Harmonic Mean and Runge-Kutta(5,5) based on Geometric Mean where also investigated.

We consider the numerical solution of the initial value problems.

$$v' = f(u, v) \quad y(x_0) = v_0 \tag{1}$$

In the region of  $x_0 \leq x \leq X$ .

Numerical integration as the process of finding the value of a definite integral,

$$I = \int_a^b f(u) du \tag{2}$$

With  $a \leq u \leq b$  An approximate value of the integral is obtained by replacing the function by an interpolating polynomial. Thus, different formulas for numerical integration

$$I = h \left[ \int_0^n u_0 + r\Delta u_0 + \frac{r(r-1)}{2} \Delta^2 u_0 + \frac{r(r-1)(r-2)}{6} \Delta^3 u_0 + \dots \right] dr \tag{6}$$

$$= nh \left[ u_0 + \frac{n}{2} \Delta u_0 + \frac{n(2n-3)}{12} \Delta^2 u_0 + \frac{n(n-2)^2}{24} \Delta^3 u_0 + \left( \frac{n^4}{5} - \frac{3n^3}{2} + \frac{11n^2}{3} - 3n \right) \frac{\Delta^4 u_0}{4!} + \dots \right]$$

One of the methods in literature for solving (1) is the trapezoidal rule. This is obtained by setting  $n$  equal to 1, and takes the curve between two consecutive points as linear. Thus, we terminate the sequence on the right in equation (6) at the linear term as the higher difference terms  $(\Delta^2 u_0, \Delta^3 u_0, \dots)$  etc would be zero. Then,

The Trapezoidal rule for the solution of (1) is given as:

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + \frac{h}{2} [f(u_n, v_n) + f(u_{n+1}, v_{n+1})] \tag{7}$$

where  $h$  is the mesh length in the  $u$  direction.

## 2. Materials and Methods

The numerical algorithm (7) is a one-step implicit method that has the desirable features of performing well when applied to stiff problems and also being A-stable method [13]. In another approach [14], the nonlinear equivalent of

would result for different interpolating formulas. In this case, the Newton's forward difference formula shall be applied.

The interval  $[a, b]$  is divided into  $n$  equal subintervals:  $a = u_0 < u_1 < u_2 < \dots < u_n = b$ .

With  $u_{n+1} - u_n = h$  then (2) becomes:

$$I = \int_{u_0}^{u_n} f(u) du \tag{3}$$

Suppose  $u = u_0 + rh$  and  $du = h dr$   $u_n = u_0 + nh$

Making a change of variable from  $u$  to  $r : u = u_0 + rh$

The integral (3) becomes,

$$I = \int_{u_0}^{u_0+nh} f(u_0 + rh) h dr = h \int_0^n f(u_0 + rh) dr \tag{4}$$

Approximating  $f(u) = f(u_0 + rh)$  by the Newton's forward difference formula.

Then, from equation (4), and setting  $v = f(u)$  :

$$I = h \left[ \int_0^n u_0 + r\Delta u_0 + \frac{r(r-1)}{2} \Delta^2 u_0 + \frac{r(r-1)(r-2)}{6} \Delta^3 u_0 + \dots \right] dr \tag{5}$$

Integrating (5) and substituting the limit of integration gives:

the trapezoidal formula (7), referred to as the geometric mean (GM) Euler formula was derived [13]. The result reveals that for certain function  $\lambda(x)$ , the stability requirement imposes certain

$$h[\lambda(x_n)] - \lambda(x_{n+1}) \leq 4$$

restrict the step length to lie in the interval:

$$0 < h \leq 4[\lambda(x_n) - \lambda(x_{n+1})]^{-1}$$

This is a big challenge. [8] developed an alternative strategy to circumvent this challenge by replacing (1) by:

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + \frac{h}{2} [f(u_{n+\frac{1}{2}}, v_n) + f(u_{n+\frac{1}{2}}, v_{n+1})]$$

Similarly the approach [8], the effect of the nonlinear formula based on the geometric mean instead of the

arithmetic means (AM) in the trapezoidal formula (1). was demonstrated [14] Instead of (7) they considered the geometric mean (GM) formula was

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + h\sqrt{f(u_n)f(u_{n+1})} \tag{8}$$

Due to the modification to [8], it gives a better accuracy when applied to certain problems.

In this present paper, the Arithmetic mean (AM) (7) and the Geometric Mean (GM) in (8) are replaced by the Heronian Mean (Mean) as:

$$v_{n+1} = v_n + \frac{h}{3} \left[ f(u_n, v_n) + f(u_{n+1}, v_{n+1}) + \sqrt{f(u_n, v_n)f(u_{n+1}, v_{n+1})} \right] \tag{9}$$

The method (9) above is implicit with high order.

It is truly preferable to write (9) as:

$$v_{n+1}^{(i+1)} = v_n + \frac{h}{3} \left[ f(u_n, v_n) + f(u_{n+1}, v_{n+1}^{(i)}) + \sqrt{f(u_n, v_n)f(u_{n+1}, v_{n+1}^{(i)})} \right] \tag{10}$$

The starting value  $v_0^{(1)}$  is obtained by an implicit formula, e.g., the Euler formula. Thus, Solving for  $v_{n+1}$  in:

$$v_{n+1} = v_n + \frac{h}{3} \left[ f(u_n, v_n) + f(u_{n+1}, v_{n+1}) + \sqrt{f(u_n, v_n)f(u_{n+1}, v_{n+1})} \right]$$

Define:

$$v_{n+1}^{(i+1)} = v_n + \frac{h}{3} \left[ f(u_n, v_n) + f(u_{n+1}, v_{n+1}^{(i)}) + \sqrt{f(u_n, v_n)f(u_{n+1}, v_{n+1}^{(i)})} \right]$$

the scheme would look like (for  $i=0$ ),

$$(i=0), \quad v_1^1 = v_0 + \frac{h}{3} \left[ f(u_0, v_0) + f(u_1, v_1^0) + \sqrt{f(u_0, v_0)f(u_1, v_1^0)} \right] \tag{11}$$

$$(i=1), \quad v_1^2 = v_0 + \frac{h}{3} \left[ f(u_0, v_0) + f(u_1, v_1^1) + \sqrt{f(u_0, v_0)f(u_1, v_1^1)} \right] \tag{12}$$

This is continuing recursively until convergence is obtained.

### 3. Results

Stability and Convergence analysis of the New Scheme.

In this session, the stability of (10) shall be investigated. The stability region largely depends on the initial value problem (IVP). According to [15] and [16], it should be noted

that The condition  $\left| \frac{u_{n+1}}{u_n} \right| < 1$  must be satisfied in order to

determine the stability region [15] and [16]. To determine the stability region. To study the stability properties of method (11), we apply the new algorithm to the test equation  $v' = \lambda v$ . This will yield:

$$\frac{v_{n+1}}{v_n} = 1 + \frac{\lambda h}{3} \left[ 1 + \frac{v_{n+1}}{v_n} + \sqrt{\frac{v_{n+1}}{v_n}} \right] \tag{13}$$

Defining  $\frac{v_{n+1}}{v_n} = P_n = Z_n^2$  We obtain:

$$Z_n^2 = 1 + \frac{\lambda h}{3} \left[ 1 + Z_n^2 + Z_n \right]$$

Simplifying (13) yields:

$$3Z_n^2 - \lambda h Z_n^2 - \lambda h Z_n - \lambda h - 3 = 0$$

$$Z_n^2 - \left( \frac{\lambda h}{3 - \lambda} \right) Z_n - \left( \frac{\lambda h + 3}{3 - \lambda} \right) = 0 \tag{14}$$

For absolute stability, it is required that the roots:

$$|Z_n| < 1$$

(14) can be solved to obtain:

$$Z_n = \frac{\frac{\lambda h}{3 - \lambda} \pm \sqrt{\left( \frac{\lambda h}{3 - \lambda} \right)^2 - 4 \left( \frac{\lambda h + 3}{3 - \lambda} \right)}}{2} \tag{15}$$

$$\left[ \frac{\lambda h}{6 - 2\lambda} \pm \sqrt{\left( \frac{\lambda h}{12 - 4\lambda} \right)^2 - \left( \frac{\lambda h + 3}{12 - 4\lambda} \right)} \right] \leq 1 \tag{16}$$

(16) is satisfied if:

$$\sqrt{\left(\frac{\lambda h}{12-4\lambda}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{\lambda h+3}{12-4\lambda}\right)} < 0$$

This condition is satisfied if  $\lambda(u)$  a negative function, which agrees with the present circumstance. There is no restriction on the meshsize as far as the solution of  $v' = \lambda(u)v$  is the object of consideration by using the present algorithm unlike in the conventional trapezoidal rule.

### 4. Discussion

In this section, we illustrate the efficiency and suitability of the new computational methods discussed in this paper. The problems can be evaluated with different step sizes.

Problem 1.  $v' = \frac{1}{v}$   $v(0)=1$  and the exact solution is

$$u = (2u + 1)^{\frac{1}{2}} \text{ on } [0,1]$$

The results of problem 1 with different values of step sizes are presented in the figures below.

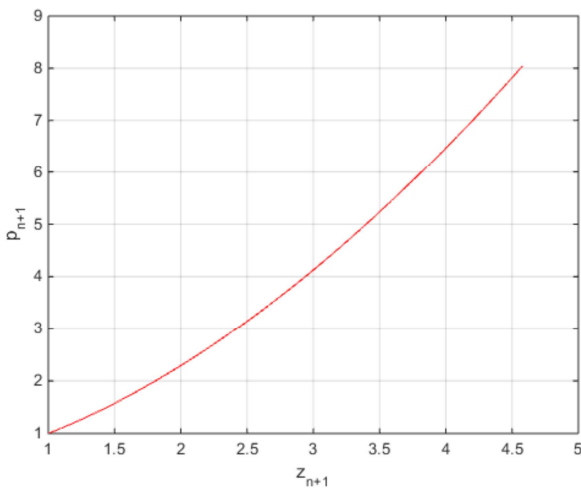


Figure 1. The graph of  $p_{n+1}$  against  $z_{n+1}$  for  $h = 0.1$ .

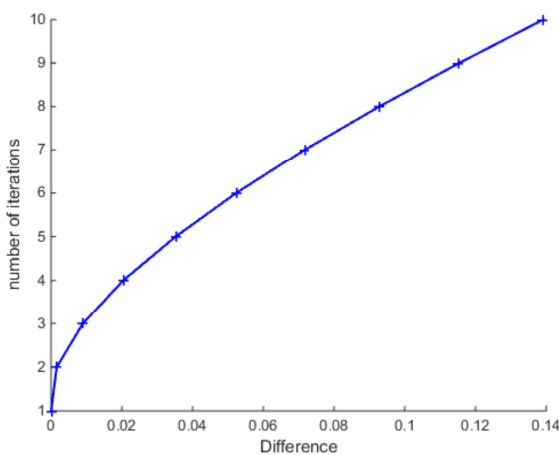


Figure 2. The graph of the number of iterations against  $|y_{n+1}^{(i+1)} - y_{n+1}^{(i)}|$  for  $h = 0.1$ .

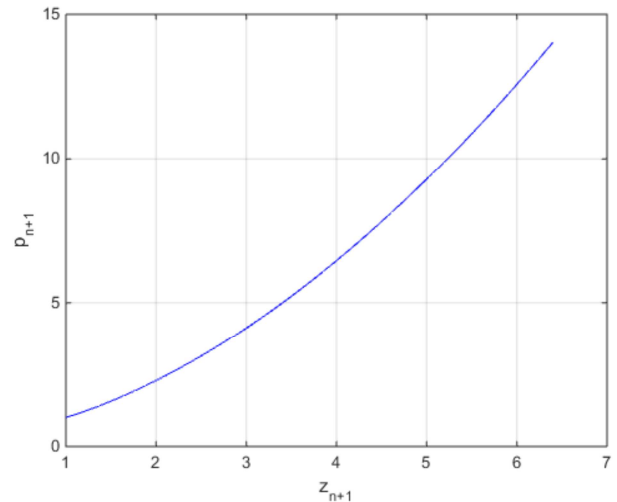


Figure 3. The graph of  $p_{n+1}$  against  $z_{n+1}$  for  $h = 0.2$ .

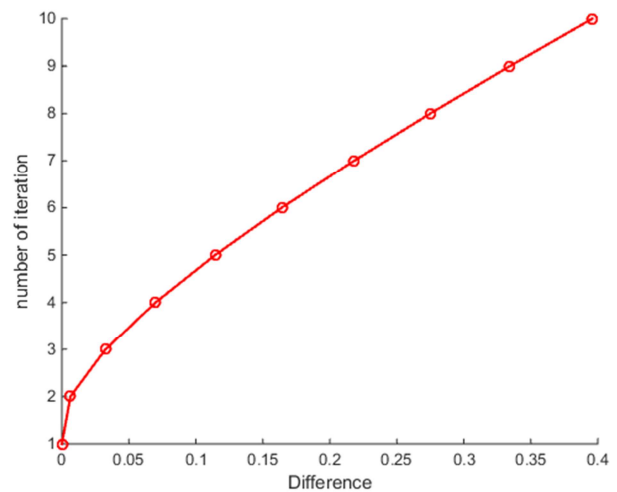


Figure 4. The graph of the number of iterations against  $|y_{n+1}^{(i+1)} - y_{n+1}^{(i)}|$  for  $h = 0.2$ .

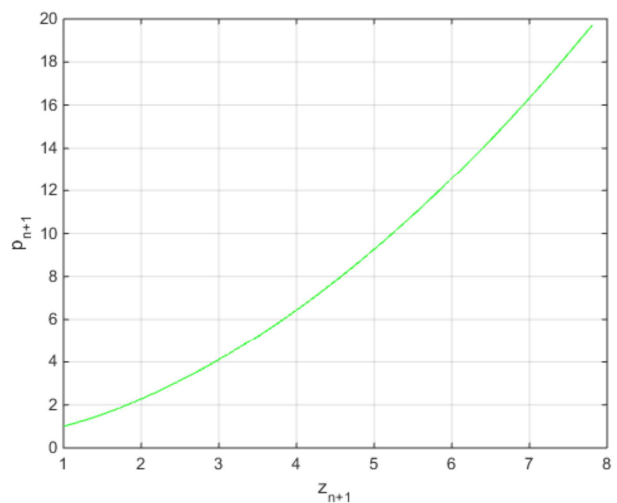


Figure 5. The graph of  $p_{n+1}$  against  $z_{n+1}$  for  $h = 0.3$ .

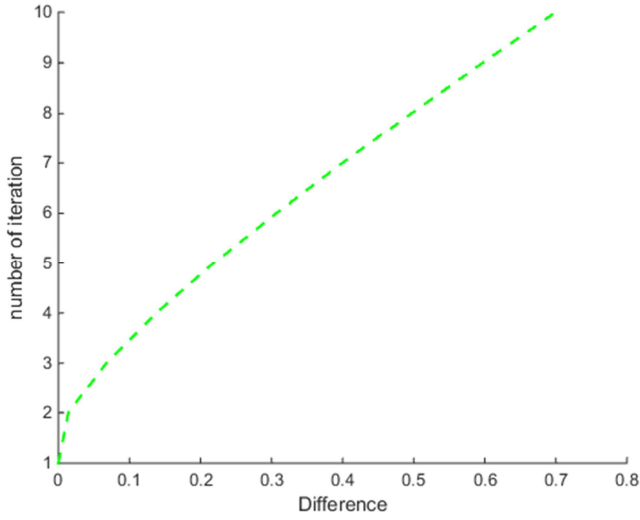


Figure 6. The graph of the number of iterations against  $|y_{n+1}^{(i+1)} - y_{n+1}^{(i)}|$  for  $h = 0.3$ .

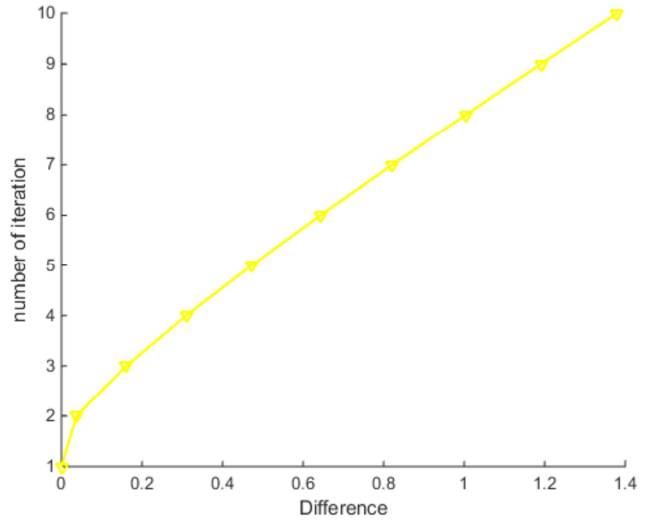


Figure 8. The graph of the number of iterations against  $|y_{n+1}^{(i+1)} - y_{n+1}^{(i)}|$  for  $h = 0.5$ .

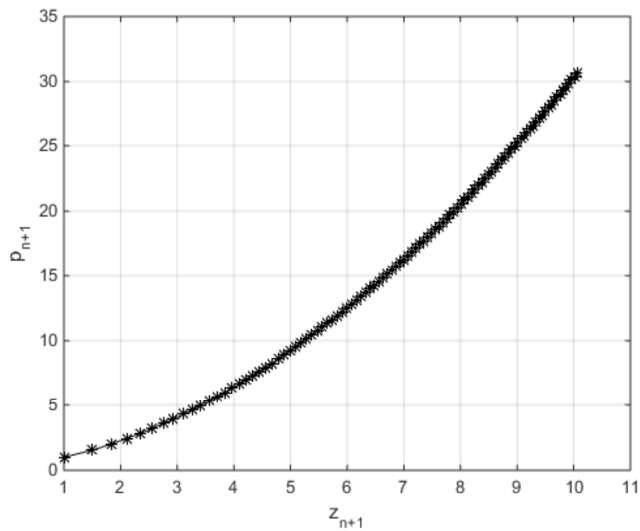


Figure 7. The graph of  $p_{n+1}$  against  $z_{n+1}$  for  $h = 0.5$ .

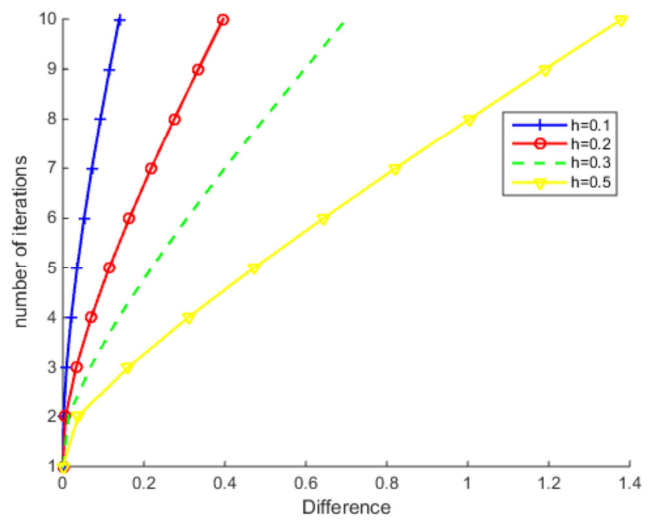


Figure 9. The graph of the number of iterations against  $|y_{n+1}^{(i+1)} - y_{n+1}^{(i)}|$  for  $h = 0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.5$ .

Table 1. Table of the value of  $|y_{n+1}^{(i+1)} - y_{n+1}^{(i)}|$  for  $h = 0.1$  for ten iterations.

n	$y_{n+1}^{(i)}$	$y_{n+1}^{(i+1)}$	$ y_{n+1}^{(i+1)} - y_{n+1}^{(i)} $
1	1	1	0.0000
2	1.1000	1.1016	0.0016
3	1.1909	1.1999	0.0090
4	1.2749	1.2953	0.0204
5	1.3533	1.3885	0.0352
6	1.4272	1.4796	0.0524
7	1.4973	1.5690	0.0717
8	1.5641	1.6569	0.0928
9	1.6280	1.7434	0.1154
10	1.6894	1.8286	0.1392

**Table 2.** Table of the value of  $|y_{n+1}^{(i+1)} - y_{n+1}^{(i)}|$  for  $h = 0.2$  for ten iterations.

n	$y_{n+1}^{(i)}$	$y_{n+1}^{(i+1)}$	$ y_{n+1}^{(i+1)} - y_{n+1}^{(i)} $
1	1	1	0.0000
2	1.2000	1.2064	0.0064
3	1.3667	1.3993	0.0326
4	1.5130	1.5829	0.0699
5	1.6452	1.7596	0.1144
6	1.7668	1.9310	0.1642
7	1.8800	2.0980	0.2180
8	1.9863	2.2613	0.2750
9	2.0870	2.4215	0.3345
10	2.1829	2.5790	0.3961

**Table 3.** Table of the value of  $|y_{n+1}^{(i+1)} - y_{n+1}^{(i)}|$  for  $h = 0.3$  for ten iterations.

n	$y_{n+1}^{(i)}$	$y_{n+1}^{(i+1)}$	$ y_{n+1}^{(i+1)} - y_{n+1}^{(i)} $
1	1	1	0.0000
2	1.3000	1.3140	0.014
3	1.5308	1.5981	0.0673
4	1.7267	1.8646	0.1379
5	1.9005	2.1192	0.2187
6	2.0583	2.3649	0.3066
7	2.2041	2.6037	0.3996
8	2.3402	2.8369	0.4967
9	2.4684	3.0655	0.5971
10	2.5899	3.2900	0.704

**Table 4.** Table of the value of  $|y_{n+1}^{(i+1)} - y_{n+1}^{(i)}|$  for  $h = 0.5$  for ten iterations.

n	$y_{n+1}^{(i)}$	$y_{n+1}^{(i+1)}$	$ y_{n+1}^{(i+1)} - y_{n+1}^{(i)} $
1	1	1	0.0000
2	1.5000	1.5375	0.0375
3	1.8333	1.9945	0.1612
4	2.1061	2.4160	0.3099
5	2.3435	2.8158	0.4723
6	2.5568	3.2005	0.6437
7	2.7524	3.5738	0.8214
8	2.9340	3.9381	1.0041
9	3.1045	4.2951	1.1906
n10	3.2655	4.6459	1.3804

### 5. Conclusion

In this paper, the relevance studies in literature were reviewed and the gaps identified. We have also successfully derived the Quadrature Algorithm based on the Harmonic (HM). This method is an improvement over the ones in literature. Also, the stability investigated with the aid of a MATLAB. Practical applicable problems have been considered to test the convergence of the scheme. The results indicate that the New method is stable. The convergence analysis indicate that only a slight increase in computing time is needed in the analysis to give a favorable result.

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