Numerical Solution of Nth-Order Fuzzy Differential Equations by Third Order Runge Kutta Method Based on Combination of Arithmatics, Harmonics and Geometrics Means

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Abstract We discuss a numerical solution of Nth-order fuzzy differential equations with initial value by third order Runge Kutta method based on combination of arithmatics, harmonics and geometrics means. Moreover, the convergence, stability and error analysis also discussed. The algorithm is illustrated by solving the Nth-order of fuzzy initial value problem. The numerical simulation show that the new method worked and give an accurate solution.

Keywords Fuzzy numbers, Nth-order fuzzy Initial value problem, Runge Kutta method, Lipschitz condition

1. Introduction

Every physical problem is inherently biased by uncertainty. There is often a need to model, solve, and interpret the problems one encounters in the world of uncertainty. To overcome this uncertainty and vague, we may use the interval and fuzzy set theory. The topic of fuzzy differential equations (FDEs) forms a suitable setting for mathematical modelling of this physical problems. The concept of fuzzy derivative was first introduced by Chang and Zadeh (1972). Numerical solution for linear fuzzy differential equation was studied by many researcher ([1], [2], [3], [4], [5], [6], [7], [8], [9]). The solution of n-th order of fuzzy differential equation also derive by [10], [11], [12], [13] and [14]. The most frequently method to get the numerical solution is Runge Kutta method.

This paper studied a third order Runge Kutta method based on combination of arithmatics, harmonics and geometrics mean to solve n-th order of fuzzy initial value problem. In the Section 2, we begin with some preliminary results and concepts about fuzzy number and system of fuzzy initial value problem. In Section 3, we discuss the main idea to solve the problem. We also analyse the stability, convergence and the error, then we employ the

2. Preliminaries

2.1. A Fuzzy Number

An interval \widetilde{x} is denoted by $\left[\underline{x}, \overline{x}\right]$ on the set of real numbers R given by

$$\widetilde{x} = [\underline{x}, \overline{x}] = \{x \in R : \underline{x} \le x \le \overline{x}\}.$$

In this paper, we have only considered closed intervals, although there exist various types of intervals such as open and half-open intervals. A fuzzy number \widetilde{U} is convex, normalized fuzzy set \widetilde{U} of the real line R such that

$$\{\mu_{\widetilde{U}}(x): R \to [0,1], \forall x \in R\},$$

where, $\mu_{\widetilde{U}}$ is called the membership function of the fuzzy set, and it is piecewise continuous. A triangular fuzzy number v is defined by three numbers $a_1 < a_2 < a_3$, where the graph of v(x), the member of function of the fuzzy number v, is a triangle with the base on the interval $\left[a_1,a_3\right]$ and the vertex at $x=a_2$. We specify v as $\left(a_1/a_2/a_3\right)$ and

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method on test example. Finally, in Section 4 we give the conclusion of this study.

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i.
$$v > 0$$
 if $a_1 > 0$;
ii. $v \ge 0$ if $a_1 \ge 0$;
iii. $v < 0$ if $a_3 < 0$ and
iv. $v \le 0$ if $a_3 \le 0$.

Let E be a set of all the upper semicontinuous normal convex fuzzy numbers with bounded r-level sets. It means that if $v \in E$, then the r-level set

$$[v]_r = \{s \mid v(s) \ge r\}, \ 0 < r \le 1,$$

is a closed bounded interval which is denoted by

$$[v]_r = [v_1(r), v_2(r)].$$

Let I be a real interval. The mapping $x: I \to E$ is called fuzzy process and its r-level set is denoted by

$$[x(t)]_r = [x_1(t;r), x_2(t;r)], t \in I, r \in (0,1].$$

The derivative x'(t) of the fuzzy process x is defined by

$$[x'(t)]_r = [x_1'(t;r), x_2'(t;r)], t \in I, r \in (0,1],$$

provided that this equation determines the fuzzy number.

Let κ be the set of all nonempty compact subset of R and κ_c be the subset of κ consisting of nonempty convex compact sets. Recall that

$$\rho(x,A) = \min_{\alpha \in A} ||x-a||$$

is a distance of the point $x \in R$ from $A \in \kappa$ and that the Hausdorff separation $\rho(A, B)$ of $A, B \in \kappa$ is defined as

$$\rho(A,B) = \max_{\alpha \in A} \rho(a,B).$$

2.2. A nth Fuzzy Initial Value Problem

Consider the fuzzy initial value problem

$$\begin{cases} x^{(n)}(t) = \varphi(t, x, x', \dots, x^{(n-1)}), \\ x(0) = a_1, \dots, x^{(n-1)}(0) = a_n, \end{cases}$$
 (1)

where φ is continuous mapping from $R_+ \times R^n$ into R and $a_i (0 \le i \le n)$ are fuzzy numbers in E. The n^{th} -order fuzzy differential equation by changing variables

$$y_1(t) = x(t), y_2(t) = x'(t), \dots, y_n(t) = x^{(n-1)}(t),$$

converts to the following fuzzy system

$$\begin{cases} y_1'(t) = f_1(t, y_1, ..., y_n), \\ \vdots \\ y_n'(t) = f_n(t, y_1, ..., y_n), \\ y_1(0) = y_1^{[0]} = a_1, ..., y_n(0) = y_n^{[0]} = a_n, \end{cases}$$
(2)

where $f_i(1 \le i \le n)$ are continuous mapping from $R_+ \times R^n$ into R and $y_i^{[0]}$ are fuzzy numbers in E with α -level intervals $\left[y_i^{[0]}\right]_{\alpha} = \left[\underline{y}_i^{[0]}(\alpha), \overline{y}_i^{[0]}(\alpha)\right]$ for $i = 1, \ldots, n$, and $0 < \alpha \le 1$.

Now, we have to show that the solution of (2) is $y = (y_1, ..., y_n)^t$ on a interval I, if

$$\underline{y}_{i}(t,\alpha) = \min \left\{ f_{i}(t,u_{1},...,u_{n}), u_{j} \in [\underline{y}_{j}(t,\alpha), \overline{y}_{j}(t,\alpha)] \right\}$$

$$= \underline{f}_{i}(t,y(t,\alpha)),$$

$$\overline{y}_{i}(t,\alpha) = \max \left\{ f_{i}(t,u_{1},...,u_{n}); u_{j} \in \left[\underline{y}_{j}(t,\alpha), \overline{y}_{j}(t,\alpha)\right] \right\}$$

$$= \overline{f}_{i}(t,y(t,\alpha)),$$

and
$$y_i(0,\alpha) = y_i^{[0]}(\alpha), \ \overline{y}_i(0,\alpha) = \overline{y}_i^{[0]}(\alpha).$$

For fixed value α , we have a system of initial value problem in R^{2n} and we have intervals $\left[\underline{y}_{j}(t,\alpha), \overline{y}_{j}(t,\alpha)\right]$ with a fuzzy number $y_{i}(t) \in E$. Let

$$\underline{y}^{[0]}(\alpha) = (\underline{y}_i^{[0]}(\alpha), \dots, \underline{y}_n^{[0]}(\alpha))^{t}$$

and

$$\overline{y}^{[0]}(\alpha) = \left(\overline{y}_i^{[0]}(\alpha), \dots, \overline{y}_n^{[0]}(\alpha)\right),$$

with respect to the indicators system (2) can be written as with assumption

$$\begin{cases} y'(t) = F(t, y(t)), \\ y(0) = y^{[0]} \in E^n. \end{cases}$$
 (3)

With assumption $y(t,\alpha) = [\underline{y}(t,\alpha), \overline{y}(t,\alpha)]$ and $y'(t,\alpha) = [\underline{y}'(t,\alpha), \overline{y}'(t,\alpha)]$ where $\underline{y}(t,\alpha) = (\underline{y}(t,\alpha), \dots, \underline{y}(t,\alpha))^t,$ $\overline{y}(t,\alpha) = (\overline{y}(t,\alpha), \dots, \overline{y}(t,\alpha))^t,$ $\underline{y}'(t,\alpha) = (\underline{y}'(t,\alpha), \dots, \underline{y}'(t,\alpha))^t,$ $\underline{y}'(t,\alpha) = (\overline{y}'(t,\alpha), \dots, \underline{y}'(t,\alpha))^t,$ and $F(t,y(t,\alpha)) = [F'(t,y(t,\alpha)), \overline{F'}(t,y(t,\alpha))]$, where

and
$$F(t, y(t, \alpha)) = [\underline{F}'(t, y(t, \alpha)), F'(t, y(t, \alpha))],$$
 where
$$\underline{F}(t, y(t, \alpha)) = (\underline{f}_1(t, y(t, \alpha)), \dots, \underline{f}_n(t, y(t, \alpha)))',$$

$$\overline{F}(t, y(t, \alpha)) = (\overline{f}_1(t, y(t, \alpha)), \dots, \overline{f}_n(t, y(t, \alpha)))'.$$

Function y(t) is a fuzzy solution of (3) on an interval I for all $\alpha \in (0,1]$, if

$$\begin{cases}
\underline{y}'(t,\alpha) = \underline{F}(t,y(t,\alpha)), \\
\underline{y}'(t,\alpha) = \overline{F}(t,y(t,\alpha)) \\
\underline{y}(0,\alpha) = \underline{y}^{[0]}(\alpha), \overline{y}(0,\alpha) = \underline{y}^{[0]}(\alpha).
\end{cases} (4)$$

Or

$$\begin{cases} y'(t,\alpha) = F(t,y(t,\alpha)), \\ y(0,\alpha) = y^{[0]}(\alpha). \end{cases}$$
 (5)

Theorem 2.1. If $f_i(t,u_1,\ldots,u_n)$ for $i=1,\ldots,n$ are continuous function of t and satisfies the Lipschitz condition in $u=(u_1,\ldots,u_n)^t$ in the region $D=\{(t,u)|t\in[0,1],-\infty< u_i<\infty \text{ for } i=1,\ldots,n\}$ with constant L_i then the initial value problem (2) has unique solution in each case.

Proof. See [15]

By Theorem 3.1 the initial value problem (2) has a unique solution $y = (y_1, ..., y_n)^t$.

2.3. Runge Kutta Method

The basis of all Runge Kutta method of order m is to express the difference between the value of t_{n+1} and t_n as

$$y_{n+1} - y_n = \sum_{i=0}^{m} w_i k_i$$

where w_i 's are constants and

$$k_i = hf\left(t_n + a_i h, y_n + \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} c_{ij} k_j\right).$$

The Runge Kutta method of order 3 based on combination of arithmetic, harmonic and geometric means is [16]

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + \frac{h}{90} \left(7(k_1 + 2k_2 + k_3) - \left(\frac{2k_1k_2}{k_1 + k_2} + \frac{2k_2k_3}{k_2 + k_3} \right) + 32\left(\sqrt{k_1 + k_2} + \sqrt{k_2 + k_3} \right) \right),$$
 (6)

with

$$k_{1} = f(t_{n}, y_{n}),$$

$$k_{2} = f\left(t_{n} + \frac{2h}{3}, y_{n} + \frac{2h}{3}k_{1}\right),$$

$$k_{3} = f\left(t_{n} + \frac{2h}{3}, y_{n} - \frac{4h}{9}k_{1} + \frac{10h}{9}k_{2}\right).$$

3. The Third Order of Runge Kutta Method Based on Combination of Arithmatics, Harmonics and Geometrics Mean

Define

$$\underline{y}(t_{n+1};\alpha) - \underline{y}(t_n;\alpha) = \sum_{i=1}^{3} w_i k_{i,1}(t_n, y(t_n;\alpha)),$$

$$\overline{y}(t_{n+1};\alpha) - \overline{y}(t_n;\alpha) = \sum_{i=1}^{3} w_i k_{i,2}(t_n, y(t_n;\alpha)),$$

$$[k_i(t, y(t;\alpha))]_{\alpha} = [k_{i,1}(t, y(t;\alpha), k_{i,2})(t, y(t,\alpha))],$$

$$i = 1,2,3.$$

$$k_{i,1}(t_n; y(t_n;\alpha)) = h \cdot f(t_n + a_i h, y_1(t_n))$$

$$+ \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} b_{ij} k_{j,1}(t_n; y(t_n;\alpha))$$

$$k_{i,2}(t_n; y(t_n;\alpha)) = h \cdot f(t_n + a_i h, y_2(t_n))$$

$$+ \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} b_{ij} k_{j,2}(t_n; y(t_n;\alpha))$$
).

With

$$k_{1,1}(t, y(t; \alpha)) = \min\{h \cdot f(t, s_1, ..., s_n) \\ | s_i \in [y_1(t; \alpha), y_2(t; \alpha)] \}, \\ (i = 1, 2, ..., n)$$

$$k_{1,2}(t, y(t; \alpha)) = \max\{h \cdot f(t, s_1, ..., s_n) \\ | s_i \in [y_1(t; \alpha), y_2(t; \alpha)] \},$$

$$k_{2,1}(t, y(t; \alpha)) = \min\{h \cdot f\left(t + \frac{h}{3}, s_1, ..., s_n\right) \\ | s_i \in [z_{1,1}(t, y(t; \alpha), h), \\ z_{1,2}(t, y(t; \alpha), h)] \},$$

$$k_{2,2}(t, y(t; \alpha)) = \max\{h \cdot f\left(t + \frac{h}{3}, s_1, ..., s_n\right) \\ | s_i \in [z_{1,1}(t, y(t; \alpha), h), \\ z_{1,2}(t, y(t; \alpha), h)] \},$$

$$k_{3,1}(t, y(t; \alpha)) = \min\{h \cdot f\left(t + \frac{h}{3}, s_1, ..., s_n\right) \\ | s_i \in [z_{2,1}(t, y(t; \alpha), h), \\ z_{2,2}(t, y(t; \alpha), h)] \},$$

$$k_{3,2}(t, y(t; \alpha)) = \max \left\{ h \cdot f\left(t + \frac{h}{3}, s_1, \dots, s_n\right) \right\}$$
$$\left| s_i \in \left[z_{2,1}(t, y(t; \alpha), h), z_{2,2}(t, y(t; \alpha), h)\right] \right\}$$

By the third order Runge Kutta based on combination of means, we obtain

$$z_{1,1}(t, y(t; \alpha), h) = y_1(t; \alpha) + \frac{2}{3}k_{1,1}(t, y(t; \alpha)),$$

$$z_{1,2}(t, y(t; \alpha), h) = y_2(t; \alpha) + \frac{2}{3}k_{1,2}(t, y(t; \alpha)),$$

$$z_{2,1}(t, y(t; \alpha), h) = y_1(t; \alpha) - \frac{4}{9}k_{1,1}(t, y(t; \alpha), h)$$

$$+ \frac{10}{9}k_{2,1}(t, y(t; \alpha), h),$$

$$z_{2,2}(t, y(t; \alpha), h) = y_2(t; \alpha) - \frac{4}{9}k_{1,2}(t, y(t; \alpha), h)$$

$$+ \frac{10}{9}k_{2,2}(t, y(t; \alpha), h).$$

From Eq. (6), define

$$F(t, y(t; \alpha), h) = (7(k_{1,1}(t, y(t; \alpha), h) + 2k_{2,1}(t, y(t; \alpha), h) + k_{3,1}(t, y(t; \alpha), h))$$

$$- \left(\frac{2k_{1,1}(t, y(t; \alpha), h)k_{2,1}(t, y(t; \alpha), h)}{k_{1,1}(t, y(t; \alpha), h) + k_{2,1}(t, y(t; \alpha), h)}\right)$$

$$+ \frac{2k_{2,1}(t, y(t; \alpha), h)k_{3,1}(t, y(t; \alpha), h)}{k_{2,1}(t, y(t; \alpha), h) + k_{3,1}(t, y(t; \alpha), h)}$$

$$+ 32\left(\sqrt{k_{1,1}(t, y(t; \alpha), h) + k_{2,1}(t, y(t; \alpha), h)}\right)$$

$$+ \sqrt{k_{2,1}(t, y(t; \alpha), h) + k_{3,1}(t, y(t; \alpha), h)}\right)$$

and

$$G(t, y(t; \alpha), h) = (7(k_{1,2}(t, y(t; \alpha), h) + 2k_{2,2}(t, y(t; \alpha), h)) + k_{3,2}(t, y(t; \alpha), h))$$

$$- \left(\frac{2k_{1,2}(t, y(t; \alpha), h)k_{2,2}(t, y(t; \alpha), h)}{k_{1,2}(t, y(t; \alpha), h) + k_{2,2}(t, y(t; \alpha), h)} + \frac{2k_{2,2}(t, y(t; \alpha), h)k_{3,2}(t, y(t; \alpha), h)}{k_{2,2}(t, y(t; \alpha), h) + k_{3,2}(t, y(t; \alpha), h)} + 32\left(\sqrt{k_{1,2}(t, y(t; \alpha), h) + k_{3,2}(t, y(t; \alpha), h)} + \sqrt{k_{2,2}(t, y(t; \alpha), h) + k_{3,2}(t, y(t; \alpha), h)}\right)\right)$$

The discrete equally spaced grid points $\{t_0 = 0, t_1, \dots, t_N = T\}$ is a partition for interval [0, T]. If the exact and the approximate solution in the i-th α cut

at
$$t_m, 0 \leq m \leq N$$
 are denoted by $\left\lfloor \underline{y}_i^{[m]}(\alpha), \overline{y}_i^{[m]}(\alpha) \right\rfloor$ and $\left\lfloor \underline{Y}_i^{[m]}(\alpha), \overline{Y}_i^{[m]}(\alpha) \right\rfloor$ respectively, then the numerical solution by third order Runge Kutta method based on combination of arithmetic, harmonics and geometrics means is

$$\underline{Y}_{i}^{[m+1]}(\alpha) = \underline{Y}_{i}^{[m]}(\alpha) + \frac{h}{90} F_{i}(t_{m}, Y^{m}(\alpha), h),$$

$$\underline{Y}_{i}^{[0]}(\alpha) = \underline{Y}_{i}^{[0]}(\alpha),$$

$$\overline{Y}_{i}^{[m+1]}(\alpha) = \overline{Y}_{i}^{[m]}(\alpha) + \frac{h}{90} F_{i}(t_{m}, Y^{m}(\alpha), h),$$

$$\overline{Y}_{i}^{[0]}(\alpha) = \overline{Y}_{i}^{[0]}(\alpha),$$
with $[Y_{i}(t)]_{\alpha} = [\underline{Y}_{i}(t, \alpha), \overline{Y}_{i}(t, \alpha)],$

$$Y^{[m]}(\alpha) = [\underline{Y}_{i}^{[m]}(\alpha), \overline{Y}_{i}^{[m]}(\alpha)],$$

$$\underline{Y}_{i}^{[m]}(\alpha) = (\underline{Y}_{i}^{[m]}(\alpha), \dots, \underline{Y}_{i}^{[m]}(\alpha))^{t}, and$$

$$\overline{Y}_{i}^{[m]}(\alpha) = (\overline{Y}_{i}^{[m]}(\alpha), \dots, \overline{Y}_{i}^{[m]}(\alpha))^{t}.$$

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$$F * (t, Y^{[m]}(\alpha), h) = \frac{1}{90} (F_1(t, Y^{[m]}(\alpha), h), ..., F_n(t, Y^{[m]}(\alpha), h))^t,$$

$$G * (t, Y^{[m]}(\alpha), h) = \frac{1}{90} (G_1(t, Y^{[m]}(\alpha), h), ..., G_n(t, Y^{[m]}(\alpha), h))^t.$$

The approximate solution for α -cut of Eq.(2) is $Y^{[m+1]}(\alpha) = Y^{[m]}(\alpha) + hH(t_m, Y^{[m]}(\alpha), h),$ $Y^{[0]}(\alpha) = y^{[0]}(\alpha)$ (7)

where

$$H(t_m, Y^{[m]}(\alpha), h) = [F * (t_m, Y^{[m]}(\alpha), h),$$

$$G * (t_m, Y^{[m]}(\alpha), h)],$$

and

$$\begin{split} &F*\left(t_{m},Y^{[m]}(\alpha),h\right)\\ &=\frac{1}{90}\left(7\left(\underline{k}_{1}\left(t_{m},Y^{[m]}(\alpha),h\right)+2\underline{k}_{2}\left(t_{m},Y^{[m]}(\alpha),h\right)\right)\\ &+\underline{k}_{3}\left(t_{m},Y^{[m]}(\alpha),h\right)\right)\\ &-\left(\frac{2\underline{k}_{1}\left(t_{m},Y^{[m]}(\alpha),h\right)\underline{k}_{2}\left(t_{m},Y^{[m]}(\alpha),h\right)}{\underline{k}_{1}\left(t_{m},Y^{[m]}(\alpha),h\right)+\underline{k}_{2}\left(t_{m},Y^{[m]}(\alpha),h\right)}\right. \end{split}$$

$$+\frac{2\underline{k}_{2}(t_{m},Y^{[m]}(\alpha),h)\underline{k}_{3}(t_{m},Y^{[m]}(\alpha),h)}{\underline{k}_{2}(t_{m},Y^{[m]}(\alpha),h)+\underline{k}_{3}(t_{m},Y^{[m]}(\alpha),h)}$$

$$+32\left(\sqrt{\underline{k}_{1}(t_{m},Y^{[m]}(\alpha),h)+\underline{k}_{2}(t_{m},Y^{[m]}(\alpha),h)}\right)$$

$$+\sqrt{\underline{k}_{2}(t_{m},Y^{[m]}(\alpha),h)+\underline{k}_{3}(t_{m},Y^{[m]}(\alpha),h)}\right)$$

$$-\frac{1}{90}(7(\overline{k}_{1}(t_{m},Y^{[m]}(\alpha),h)+2\overline{k}_{2}(t_{m},Y^{[m]}(\alpha),h)})$$

$$+\overline{k}_{3}(t_{m},Y^{[m]}(\alpha),h)$$

$$-\left(\frac{2\overline{k}_{1}(t_{m},Y^{[m]}(\alpha),h)\overline{k}_{2}(t_{m},Y^{[m]}(\alpha),h)}{\overline{k}_{1}(t_{m},Y^{[m]}(\alpha),h)+\overline{k}_{2}(t_{m},Y^{[m]}(\alpha),h)}\right)$$

$$+\frac{2\overline{k}_{2}(t_{m},Y^{[m]}(\alpha),h)\overline{k}_{3}(t_{m},Y^{[m]}(\alpha),h)}{\overline{k}_{2}(t_{m},Y^{[m]}(\alpha),h)}$$

$$+32\left(\sqrt{\overline{k}_{1}(t_{m},Y^{[m]}(\alpha),h)+\overline{k}_{3}(t_{m},Y^{[m]}(\alpha),h)}\right)$$

$$+\sqrt{\overline{k}_{2}(t_{m},Y^{[m]}(\alpha),h)+\overline{k}_{3}(t_{m},Y^{[m]}(\alpha),h)}\right)$$

with

$$\underline{k}_{j}(t, Y^{[m]}(\alpha), h) = (\underline{k}_{1j}(t, Y^{[m]}(\alpha), h), \dots, \\
\underline{k}_{nj}(t, Y^{[m]}(\alpha), h))^{t}, \\
\overline{k}_{j}(t, Y^{[m]}(\alpha), h) = (\overline{k}_{1j}(t, Y^{[m]}(\alpha), h), \dots, \\
\overline{k}_{nj}(t, Y^{[m]}(\alpha), h))^{t}.$$

3.1. Stability, Convergence and Error Analysis

To analyse the stability, convergence and the error of the method, consider the next definition and theorem.

Definition 3.1. [15] A one-step method for approximating the solution of differential equation

$$\begin{cases} y'(t) = F(t, y(t)), \\ y(0) = y^{[0]} \in R^n, \end{cases}$$

with F is a n^{th} - ordered as $f = (f_1, \ldots, f_n)^t$ and $f_i : R_+ \times R^n \to R(1 \le i \le n)$ is a method that can be written in the form

$$Y^{[n+1]} = Y^{[n]} + h\varphi(t_n, Y^{[n]}, h), \tag{8}$$

where the increment function φ is determined by F.

Theorem 3.2. If $\varphi(t, y, h)$ satisfies a Lipschitz condition in y then the method given by (8) is stable.

Theorem 3.3. In relation (2), if F(t, y) satisfies a Lipschitz condition in y then the method given by (7) is stable.

Theorem 3.4. If

$$Y^{[m+1]}(\alpha) = Y^{[m]}(\alpha) + h\varphi(t_m, Y^{[m]}(\alpha), h),$$

$$Y^{[0]}(\alpha) = y^{[0]}(\alpha)$$

where

$$\varphi(t_m, Y^{[m]}(\alpha), h) = [\varphi_1(t_m, Y^{[m]}(\alpha), h), \varphi_2(t_m, Y^{[m]}(\alpha), h)]$$

Is a numerical method for approximation of differential equation (2), φ_1 and φ_2 are continuous in t,y,h for $0 \le t \le T$, $0 \le h \le h_0$ and all y, and if they satisfy a Lipschitz condition in the region $D = \{(t,u,v,h) \mid 0 \le t \le T, -\infty \le u_i \le v_i, -\infty \le v_i \le \infty, 0 \le h \le h_0, i = 0, \ldots, n\}$, the necessary and sufficient conditions for convergence is

$$\varphi(t, y(t, \alpha), h) = F(t, y(t, \alpha)).$$

Proof. See [15].

Then the method proposed by (6) is convergent to the solution of the system (2).

3.2. Numerical Examples

The next example show the performance the new method.

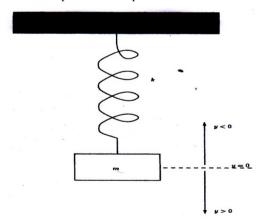


Figure 1

Example [15]. Consider the vibrating mass (m=1 slug) in Fig.1. The spring constant is $k=4\frac{lb}{ft}$, there is no damping force and the forcing function is $100\cos(\varsigma t)$ for $\varsigma>0$. The differential equation of motion is

$$\begin{cases} y''(t) + 4y(t)^{\alpha} = 100\cos(\varsigma t), \\ \left[y(0)\right]^{\alpha} = \left[-1 + \alpha, 1 - \alpha\right], \ 0 \le \alpha \le 1, \\ \left[y'(0)\right]^{\alpha} = \left[-1 + \alpha, 1 - \alpha\right]. \end{cases}$$
Let
$$\begin{cases} u_1(t) = y(t)^{\alpha} \\ u_2(t) = y'(t)^{\alpha} \\ u_1'(t) = u_2(t) \\ u_2'(t) = 100\cos(\varsigma t) - 4u_1(t) \end{cases}$$

The exact solution is

$$y = \left[(-1 + \alpha)\cos(2t) + \frac{-1 + \alpha}{2}\sin(2t) + \psi(t), \right]$$
$$(1 - \alpha)\cos(2t) + \frac{1 - \alpha}{2}\sin(2t) + \psi(t)$$

for

$$\psi(t) = \frac{100}{4 - \zeta^2} (\cos(\zeta t) - \cos(2t)).$$

By using the new method, the numerical solution is in Table 1 and Table 2.

Table 1. The Solution of Example 1 for $\underline{Y}_i^{[m]}(\alpha)$

r	Exact	Numeric	Error
0	-0.58756	-0.58734	0.00022
0.1	-0.48207	-0.47942	0.00265
0.2	-0.37658	-0.37146	0.00512
0.3	-0.27108	-0.26347	0.00761
0.4	-0.16559	-0.16459	0.001
0.5	-0.06011	-0.05821	0.0019
0.6	0.04538	0.04691	0.00153
0.7	0.15087	0.1581	0.00723
0.8	0.25636	0.26529	0.00893
0.9	0.36185	0.3722	0.01035
1	0.46734	0.479614	0.012274

Table 2. The Solution of Example 1 for $\overline{Y}_i^{[m]}(\alpha)$

r	Exact	Numeric	Error
0	1.57171	1.57143	0.00028
0.1	1.46622	1.46345	0.00277
0.2	1.36072	1.3555	0.00522
0.3	1.25523	1.24722	0.00801
0.4	1.14974	1.14514	0.0046
0.5	1.04425	1.03875	0.0055
0.6	0.93876	0.93363	0.00513
0.7	0.83372	0.82289	0.01083
0.8	0.72778	0.71525	0.01253
0.9	0.62229	0.60834	0.01395
1	0.51681	0.500936	0.015874

4. Conclusions

In this paper we presented a numerical approach to solve system of fuzzy differential equations with initial value. The scheme is based on the third order Runge Kutta method for solving *n*-th order of fuzzy initial value probrems. The stability, convergence and error analysis have been studied. Numerical simulation performs that the new method is an accurate method for *n*-th order of fuzzy initial value problems.

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