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ABSTRACT

This work aims at finding a numerical solution of the delay differential equations (DDEs) defined as those in which the rate of change of the quantity under investigation depends on past and present values of the quantity. For this purpose a modified scheme of Runge-Kulta implicit type has been specially developed.

The basic theory of the DDEs, the existence and uniqueness of the solution, the order and stability of the suggested method; all have been investigated and discussed in detail by means of definitions, proved theorems, various solved examples and well studied cases.

The most important problems arising in the practical use of our proposed method and how to overcome them are extensively discussed in a theoretical manner and numerically tested on four different problems, supplemented by a complete computer program.

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Chapter 1

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Introduction

11 Preliminaries

The fundamental challenges of science are those of description and prediction. Observing certain phenomena, we wish to describe what we see now and how to determine the subsequent behavior.

In many applications, one assumes the system under consideration is governed by a principle of causality, that is, the future state of the system is independent of the past states and is determined solely by the present. If it is also assumed that the system is governed by an equation involving the state and rate of change of the state, then, generally, one is considering either ordinary or partial differential equations. Also, as a result of intense and ingenious research, much significant information concerning physical processes can be derived from the analysis of

equations of the foregoing simple type. Furthermore, we now possess powerful procedures for obtaining computational solutions using personal computers.

Despite this satisfactory state of affairs as far as differential equations are concerned, we are nevertheless forced to turn to the study of more complex equations. Under closer scrutiny, detailed studies of the real world impel us, albeit reluctantly, to take into account the fact that the principle of causality is often only a first approximation to the true situation and the more realistic model would include some of the past states of the system. Also, in some problems it is meaningless not to have dependence on the past.

The theory of such systems is a classification of the so called the theory of differential equations with deviating arguments, briefly called differential-difference equations.