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# CLASSICAL FIFTH-, SIXTH-, SEVENTH-, AND EIGHTH-ORDER RUNGE-KUTTA FORMULAS WITH STEPSIZE CONTROL

## INTRODUCTION

1. In two earlier papers [1], [2], the author has described a Runge-Kutta procedure which provides a stepsize control by one or two additional evaluations of the differential equations. This earlier procedure, requiring an  $m$ -fold differentiation and a suitable transformation of the differential equations, yielded  $(m+4)$ -th order Runge-Kutta formulas - as well as  $(m+5)$ -th order formulas for the purpose of stepsize control. The stepsize control was based on a complete coverage of the leading local truncation error term. The procedure required altogether six evaluations of the differential equations, regardless of  $m$ .

Since for  $m=0$  no differentiations have to be performed, our earlier formulas represent, in this special case, classical Runge-Kutta formulas of the fourth order, requiring six evaluations of the differential equations and including a complete coverage of the leading truncation error term for the purpose of stepsize control.

2. In this paper we shall derive classical Runge-Kutta formulas of the fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth order including a stepsize control procedure which is again based on a complete coverage of the leading local truncation error term. Naturally, these new formulas require more evaluations per step of the differential equations than the known classical Runge-Kutta formulas without stepsize control procedure.



However, they require fewer evaluations per step than the known classical formulas if Richardson's extrapolation to the limit is used for such formulas as a stepsize control device. Since the application of Richardson's extrapolation to the limit means practically a doubling of the computational effort for the benefit of the stepsize control only, it is worthwhile to look for a less expensive stepsize control procedure.

Less expensive procedures have been suggested by different authors. However, these procedures generally do not make any effort to cover the truncation error, but rather try to estimate the truncation error from the last or the last few considered terms of the Taylor series. Since such a procedure has no mathematical base, these estimates are rather unreliable. Generally, since the terms in a convergent Taylor series are decreasing with increasing order, the last considered term will be larger than the leading truncation error term. Therefore, a stepsize control procedure based on the last or last few considered terms of the Taylor series will, in general, largely underestimate the permissible stepsize, thereby wasting computer time and building up unnecessarily large round-off errors.

3. The new formulas of our paper contain one or more free parameters. By a proper choice of these parameters the leading term of the local truncation error reduces substantially. This, in general, results in an increase of the permissible stepsize. This increase, together with the smaller number of evaluations per step, accounts for the superiority of our new formulas compared with the known Runge-Kutta formulas operated with Richardson's principle as stepsize control procedure.
4. Naturally, the new classical Runge-Kutta formulas of this paper, being of the eighth or lower order, are in general less economical than our earlier Runge-Kutta transformation formulas [1], [2] which represent Runge-Kutta formulas of any desired order. However, our new formulas have certain advantages, since they require no preparatory work (like differentiation of the differential equations) by the programmer. The new formulas including the stepsize control procedure can easily be written as a subroutine.

One might try to further raise the order of our new classical Runge-Kutta formulas hoping to make them still more economical. However, we believe that we have more or less reached the optimum with our eighth-order formula. The examples that we ran show that the gain of our eighth-order formula RK8(9) if compared with our seventh-order formula RK7(8) is not very substantial any more.

We made the same experience with a ninth- and a tenth-order Runge-Kutta formula that E.B. SHANKS has developed recently. These (not yet published) new formulas of SHANKS do not bring a substantial gain any more compared with SHANKS's eighth-order Runge-Kutta formula.

## PART I. FIFTH-ORDER FORMULAS

### SECTION I. THE EQUATIONS OF CONDITION FOR THE RUNGE-KUTTA COEFFICIENTS

5. Although all formulas of this paper hold for systems of differential equations, we state them—for the sake of brevity—for a single differential equation

$$y' = f(x, y) \quad (1)$$

only.

In the customary way, we set:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} f_0 &= f(x_0, y_0) \\ f_k &= f(x_0 + \alpha_k h, y_0 + h \sum_{\lambda=0}^{k-1} \beta_{k\lambda} f_\lambda) \quad (k = 1, 2, 3, \dots, 7) \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (2)$$

and we require:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} y &= y_0 + h \sum_{k=0}^5 c_k f_k + O(h^6) \\ \hat{y} &= y_0 + h \sum_{k=0}^7 \hat{c}_k f_k + O(h^7) \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (3)$$

with  $h$  as integration step size.

Equations (3) mean that we try to determine the coefficients  $\alpha_k, \beta_{k\lambda}, c_k, \hat{c}_k$  in such a way, that the first formula (3) represents a fifth-order and the second formula (3) a sixth-order Runge-Kutta formula. According to (2)

and (3), this means that the coefficients  $\alpha_{\kappa}$  and  $\beta_{\kappa\lambda}$  have to be the same in both formulas for the first six evaluations of  $f$ . This restriction explains why we shall need eight evaluations (instead of seven) for our sixth-order formula.

6. Since the equations of condition for the Runge-Kutta coefficients, resulting from Taylor expansions of (2) and (3), are well known in the literature, we restrict ourselves to stating these equations. For Runge-Kutta formulas up to the eighth order these equations — in condensed form — are listed in a paper by J.C. BUTCHER ([3], Table 1). For the convenience of the reader, we list these equations for a sixth-order formula such as the second formula (3) in the customary summation form. However, since these equations then become somewhat lengthy, we introduce the following abbreviation:

$$\beta_{\kappa 1} \alpha_1^{\lambda} + \beta_{\kappa 2} \alpha_2^{\lambda} + \dots + \beta_{\kappa \kappa-1} \alpha_{\kappa-1}^{\lambda} = P_{\kappa \lambda} \quad (\kappa = 2, 3, \dots, 7; \lambda = 1, 2, 3) \quad (4)$$

The 37 equations of condition for our sixth-order formula, listed in the same order as in BUTCHER's paper, then read:

TABLE I. EQUATIONS OF CONDITION FOR SIXTH-ORDER FORMULA

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(I, 1)} \quad & \sum_{\kappa=0}^7 \hat{c}_{\kappa} - 1 = 0 \\ \text{(II, 1)} \quad & \sum_{\kappa=1}^7 \hat{c}_{\kappa} \alpha_{\kappa} - \frac{1}{2} = 0 \\ \text{(III, 1)} \quad & \sum_{\kappa=2}^7 \hat{c}_{\kappa} P_{\kappa 1} - \frac{1}{6} = 0 \\ \text{(III, 2)} \quad & \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\kappa=1}^7 \hat{c}_{\kappa} \alpha_{\kappa}^2 - \frac{1}{6} = 0 \\ \text{(IV, 1)} \quad & \sum_{\kappa=3}^7 \hat{c}_{\kappa} \left( \sum_{\lambda=2}^{\kappa-1} \beta_{\kappa \lambda} P_{\lambda 1} \right) - \frac{1}{24} = 0 \\ \text{(IV, 2)} \quad & \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\kappa=2}^7 \hat{c}_{\kappa} P_{\kappa 2} - \frac{1}{24} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

TABLE I. (Continued)

$$(IV, 3) \sum_{\kappa=2}^7 \hat{c}_{\kappa} \alpha_{\kappa} P_{\kappa 1} - \frac{1}{8} = 0$$

$$(IV, 4) \frac{1}{6} \sum_{\kappa=1}^7 \hat{c}_{\kappa} \alpha_{\kappa}^3 - \frac{1}{24} = 0$$

$$(V, 1) \sum_{\kappa=4}^7 \hat{c}_{\kappa} \left[ \sum_{\lambda=3}^{\kappa-1} \beta_{\kappa\lambda} \left( \sum_{\mu=2}^{\lambda-1} \beta_{\lambda\mu} P_{\mu 1} \right) \right] - \frac{1}{120} = 0$$

$$(V, 2) \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\kappa=3}^7 \hat{c}_{\kappa} \left( \sum_{\lambda=2}^{\kappa-1} \beta_{\kappa\lambda} P_{\lambda 2} \right) - \frac{1}{120} = 0$$

$$(V, 3) \sum_{\kappa=3}^7 \hat{c}_{\kappa} \left( \sum_{\lambda=2}^{\kappa-1} \beta_{\kappa\lambda} \alpha_{\lambda} P_{\lambda 1} \right) - \frac{1}{40} = 0$$

$$(V, 4) \frac{1}{6} \sum_{\kappa=2}^7 \hat{c}_{\kappa} P_{\kappa 3} - \frac{1}{120} = 0$$

$$(V, 5) \sum_{\kappa=3}^7 \hat{c}_{\kappa} \alpha_{\kappa} \left( \sum_{\lambda=2}^{\kappa-1} \beta_{\kappa\lambda} P_{\lambda 1} \right) - \frac{1}{30} = 0$$

$$(V, 6) \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\kappa=2}^7 \hat{c}_{\kappa} \alpha_{\kappa} P_{\kappa 2} - \frac{1}{30} = 0$$

$$(V, 7) \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\kappa=2}^7 \hat{c}_{\kappa} P_{\kappa 1}^2 - \frac{1}{40} = 0$$

$$(V, 8) \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\kappa=2}^7 \hat{c}_{\kappa} \alpha_{\kappa}^2 P_{\kappa 1} - \frac{1}{20} = 0$$

$$(V, 9) \frac{1}{24} \sum_{\kappa=1}^7 \hat{c}_{\kappa} \alpha_{\kappa}^4 - \frac{1}{120} = 0$$

$$(VI, 1) \sum_{\kappa=5}^7 \hat{c}_{\kappa} \left\{ \sum_{\lambda=4}^{\kappa-1} \beta_{\kappa\lambda} \left[ \sum_{\mu=3}^{\lambda-1} \beta_{\lambda\mu} \left( \sum_{\nu=2}^{\mu-1} \beta_{\mu\nu} P_{\nu 1} \right) \right] \right\} - \frac{1}{720} = 0$$

$$(VI, 2) \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\kappa=4}^7 \hat{c}_{\kappa} \left[ \sum_{\lambda=3}^{\kappa-1} \beta_{\kappa\lambda} \left( \sum_{\mu=2}^{\lambda-1} \beta_{\lambda\mu} P_{\mu 2} \right) \right] - \frac{1}{720} = 0$$

TABLE I. (Continued)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(VI, 3)} \quad & \sum_{\kappa=4}^7 \hat{c}_{\kappa} \left[ \sum_{\lambda=3}^{\kappa-1} \beta_{\kappa\lambda} \left( \sum_{\mu=2}^{\lambda-1} \beta_{\lambda\mu} \alpha_{\mu} P_{\mu 1} \right) \right] - \frac{1}{240} = 0 \\
 \text{(VI, 4)} \quad & \frac{1}{6} \sum_{\kappa=3}^7 \hat{c}_{\kappa} \left( \sum_{\lambda=2}^{\kappa-1} \beta_{\kappa\lambda} P_{\lambda 3} \right) - \frac{1}{720} = 0 \\
 \text{(VI, 5)} \quad & \sum_{\kappa=4}^7 \hat{c}_{\kappa} \left[ \sum_{\lambda=3}^{\kappa-1} \beta_{\kappa\lambda} \alpha_{\lambda} \left( \sum_{\mu=2}^{\lambda-1} \beta_{\lambda\mu} P_{\mu 1} \right) \right] - \frac{1}{180} = 0 \\
 \text{(VI, 6)} \quad & \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\kappa=3}^7 \hat{c}_{\kappa} \left( \sum_{\lambda=2}^{\kappa-1} \beta_{\kappa\lambda} \alpha_{\lambda} P_{\lambda 2} \right) - \frac{1}{180} = 0 \\
 \text{(VI, 7)} \quad & \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\kappa=3}^7 \hat{c}_{\kappa} \left( \sum_{\lambda=2}^{\kappa-1} \beta_{\kappa\lambda} P_{\lambda 1}^2 \right) - \frac{1}{240} = 0 \\
 \text{(VI, 8)} \quad & \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\kappa=3}^7 \hat{c}_{\kappa} \left( \sum_{\lambda=2}^{\kappa-1} \beta_{\kappa\lambda} \alpha_{\lambda}^2 P_{\lambda 1} \right) - \frac{1}{120} = 0 \\
 \text{(VI, 9)} \quad & \frac{1}{24} \sum_{\kappa=2}^7 \hat{c}_{\kappa} P_{\kappa 4} - \frac{1}{720} = 0 \\
 \text{(VI, 10)} \quad & \sum_{\kappa=4}^7 \hat{c}_{\kappa} \alpha_{\kappa} \left[ \sum_{\lambda=3}^{\kappa-1} \beta_{\kappa\lambda} \left( \sum_{\mu=2}^{\lambda-1} \beta_{\lambda\mu} P_{\mu 1} \right) \right] - \frac{1}{144} = 0 \\
 \text{(VI, 11)} \quad & \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\kappa=3}^7 \hat{c}_{\kappa} \alpha_{\kappa} \left( \sum_{\lambda=2}^{\kappa-1} \beta_{\kappa\lambda} P_{\lambda 2} \right) - \frac{1}{144} = 0 \\
 \text{(VI, 12)} \quad & \sum_{\kappa=3}^7 \hat{c}_{\kappa} \alpha_{\kappa} \left( \sum_{\lambda=2}^{\kappa-1} \beta_{\kappa\lambda} \alpha_{\lambda} P_{\lambda 1} \right) - \frac{1}{48} = 0 \\
 \text{(VI, 13)} \quad & \frac{1}{6} \sum_{\kappa=2}^7 \hat{c}_{\kappa} \alpha_{\kappa} P_{\kappa 3} - \frac{1}{144} = 0 \\
 \text{(VI, 14)} \quad & \sum_{\kappa=3}^7 \hat{c}_{\kappa} P_{\kappa 1} \left( \sum_{\lambda=2}^{\kappa-1} \beta_{\kappa\lambda} P_{\lambda 1} \right) - \frac{1}{72} = 0 \\
 \text{(VI, 15)} \quad & \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\kappa=2}^7 \hat{c}_{\kappa} P_{\kappa 1} P_{\kappa 2} - \frac{1}{72} = 0
 \end{aligned}$$

TABLE I. (Concluded)

$$(VI, 16) \quad \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\kappa=3}^7 \hat{c}_{\kappa} \alpha_{\kappa}^2 \left( \sum_{\lambda=2}^{\kappa-1} \beta_{\kappa\lambda} P_{\lambda 1} \right) - \frac{1}{72} = 0$$

$$(VI, 17) \quad \frac{1}{4} \sum_{\kappa=2}^7 \hat{c}_{\kappa} \alpha_{\kappa}^2 P_{\kappa 2} - \frac{1}{72} = 0$$

$$(VI, 18) \quad \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\kappa=2}^7 \hat{c}_{\kappa} \alpha_{\kappa} P_{\kappa 1}^2 - \frac{1}{48} = 0$$

$$(VI, 19) \quad \frac{1}{6} \sum_{\kappa=2}^7 \hat{c}_{\kappa} \alpha_{\kappa}^3 P_{\kappa 1} - \frac{1}{72} = 0$$

$$(VI, 20) \quad \frac{1}{120} \sum_{\kappa=1}^7 \hat{c}_{\kappa} \alpha_{\kappa}^5 - \frac{1}{720} = 0$$

The Roman numerals in front of the equations in Table I indicate the order of the terms in the Taylor expansion.

A similar table holds for a fifth-order formula such as the first formula (3). We obtain this table from Table I by omitting the sixth-order equations (VI, 1) through (VI, 20), and replacing, in the remaining equations,  $\hat{c}_{\kappa}$  with  $c_{\kappa}$  and the upper limit 7 of the  $\kappa$ -sums with 5.

Naturally, all equations of this new table for a fifth-order formula as well as those of Table I have to be satisfied simultaneously.

7. The equations of Table I which represent necessary and sufficient conditions for a sixth-order Runge-Kutta formula, can, however, be replaced by a much simpler system of sufficient condition.

First, we make the assumptions:

$$\alpha_5 = \alpha_7 = 1, \quad \alpha_6 = 0; \quad \hat{c}_1 = c_1 = 0, \quad \hat{c}_2 = c_2, \quad \hat{c}_3 = c_3, \quad \hat{c}_4 = c_4, \quad \hat{c}_5 = 0, \quad \hat{c}_6 = \hat{c}_7 = c_5 \quad (5)$$

which greatly facilitate the simultaneous solution of both systems of equations (for fifth-order and sixth-order Runge-Kutta formulas). Then, we introduce the following assumptions (A), (B), (C) which are well-known to reduce our equations of condition to a great extent:

$$(A) \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} (*) \quad P_{21} = \frac{1}{2} \alpha_2^2 & (A2) \\ (*) \quad P_{31} = \frac{1}{2} \alpha_3^2 & (A3) \\ (*) \quad P_{41} = \frac{1}{2} \alpha_4^2 & (A4) \end{array} \right. \quad \begin{array}{ll} (*) \quad P_{51} = \frac{1}{2} \alpha_5^2 = \frac{1}{2} & (A5) \\ P_{61} = \frac{1}{2} \alpha_6^2 = 0 & (A6) \\ P_{71} = \frac{1}{2} \alpha_7^2 = \frac{1}{2} & (A7) \end{array}$$

$$(B) \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} (*) \quad c_2 \beta_{21} + c_3 \beta_{31} + c_4 \beta_{41} + c_5 \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \beta_{51} \\ \beta_{61} + \beta_{71} \end{array} \right\} = c_1 (1 - \alpha_1) = 0 & (B1) \\ (*) \quad c_3 \beta_{32} + c_4 \beta_{42} + c_5 \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \beta_{52} \\ \beta_{62} + \beta_{72} \end{array} \right\} = c_2 (1 - \alpha_2) & (B2) \\ (*) \quad c_4 \beta_{43} + c_5 \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \beta_{53} \\ \beta_{63} + \beta_{73} \end{array} \right\} = c_3 (1 - \alpha_3) & (B3) \\ (*) \quad c_5 \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \beta_{54} \\ \beta_{64} + \beta_{74} \end{array} \right\} = c_4 (1 - \alpha_4) & (B4) \\ c_5 (\beta_{65} + \beta_{75}) = c_5 (1 - \alpha_5) = 0 & (B5) \\ c_5 \beta_{76} = c_5 & (B6) \end{array} \right.$$

$$(C) \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} (*) \quad c_2 \alpha_2 \beta_{21} + c_3 \alpha_3 \beta_{31} + c_4 \alpha_4 \beta_{41} + c_5 \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \beta_{51} \\ \beta_{71} \end{array} \right\} = 0 & (C1) \\ c_2 \alpha_2^2 \beta_{21} + c_3 \alpha_3^2 \beta_{31} + c_4 \alpha_4^2 \beta_{41} + c_5 \beta_{71} = 0 & (C2) \\ c_3 \alpha_3 \beta_{32} \beta_{21} + c_4 \alpha_4 (\beta_{42} \beta_{21} + \beta_{43} \beta_{31}) + c_5 (\beta_{72} \beta_{21} + \beta_{73} \beta_{31} + \beta_{74} \beta_{41} \\ + \beta_{75} \beta_{51} + \beta_{76} \beta_{61}) = 0 & (C3) \end{array} \right.$$



The asterisk (\*) in front of some of the equations indicates that these equations hold for the fifth-order formulas as well as for the sixth-order formulas. If the equations marked by an asterisk are split in two lines, the top line holds for the fifth-order formulas and the bottom line for the sixth-order formulas. The equations without an asterisk are required for the sixth-order formulas only.

8. Inserting the assumptions (A) into Table I, one immediately finds the following identities:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} (\text{III}, 1) &\equiv (\text{III}, 2); (\text{IV}, 3) \equiv 3(\text{IV}, 4); (\text{V}, 7) \equiv 3(\text{V}, 9); \\ (\text{V}, 8) &\equiv 6(\text{V}, 9); (\text{VI}, 8) \equiv 2(\text{VI}, 7); (\text{VI}, 14) \equiv (\text{VI}, 16); \\ (\text{VI}, 15) &\equiv (\text{VI}, 17); (\text{VI}, 18) \equiv 15(\text{VI}, 20); (\text{VI}, 19) \equiv 10(\text{VI}, 20). \end{aligned} \right\} (6)$$

Therefore, the equations on the left-hand sides of the identities (6) can be omitted from Table I.

Using also assumption (B1), three more identities are obtained:

$$(\text{IV}, 1) \equiv (\text{IV}, 2); (\text{V}, 3) \equiv 3(\text{V}, 4); (\text{VI}, 7) \equiv 3(\text{VI}, 9); \quad (7)$$

thus eliminating equations (VI, 1), (V, 3), (VI, 7) from Table I.

The assumptions (B) lead to the following identities:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} (\text{IV}, 2) &\equiv (\text{III}, 2) - 3(\text{IV}, 4); (\text{V}, 1) \equiv (\text{IV}, 1) - (\text{V}, 5); \\ (\text{V}, 2) &\equiv (\text{IV}, 2) - (\text{V}, 6); (\text{V}, 4) \equiv (\text{IV}, 4) - 4(\text{V}, 9); \\ (\text{VI}, 1) &\equiv (\text{V}, 1) - (\text{VI}, 10); (\text{VI}, 2) \equiv (\text{V}, 2) - (\text{VI}, 11); \\ (\text{VI}, 4) &\equiv (\text{V}, 4) - (\text{VI}, 13); (\text{VI}, 5) \equiv (\text{V}, 5) - 2(\text{VI}, 16); \\ (\text{VI}, 6) &\equiv (\text{V}, 6) - 2(\text{VI}, 17); (\text{VI}, 9) \equiv (\text{V}, 9) - 5(\text{VI}, 20); \end{aligned} \right\} (8)$$

thus eliminating ten more equations from Table I.

Finally, we make use also of the assumptions (C) and obtain the following identities:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} (V, 5) &\equiv (V, 6); \quad (VI, 3) \equiv 3(V, 4) - 3(VI, 13); \\ (VI, 10) &\equiv (VI, 11); \quad (VI, 12) \equiv 3(VI, 13); \\ (VI, 16) &\equiv (VI, 17) . \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (9)$$

9. Cancelling all equations listed on the left-hand sides of the identities (6), (7), (8), (9), Table I reduces to the following ten equations:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} (I, 1), (II, 1), (III, 2), (IV, 4), (V, 6), (V, 9), (VI, 11), (VI, 13), \\ (VI, 17), (VI, 20) . \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (10)$$

We arrange these remaining equations in two groups, (D) and (E), the former one not containing any  $\beta$ -coefficients. We obtain:

$$(D) \left\{ \begin{aligned} (*) \quad & \left\{ \begin{smallmatrix} c \\ \alpha \\ c \end{smallmatrix} \begin{smallmatrix} o \\ o \\ o \end{smallmatrix} \right\} + c_2 + c_3 + c_4 + \left\{ \begin{smallmatrix} c_5 \\ 2c_5 \end{smallmatrix} \right\} = 1 & (D0) \\ (*) \quad & c_2\alpha_2 + c_3\alpha_3 + c_4\alpha_4 + c_5 = \frac{1}{2} & (D1) \\ (*) \quad & c_2\alpha_2^2 + c_3\alpha_3^2 + c_4\alpha_4^2 + c_5 = \frac{1}{3} & (D2) \\ (*) \quad & c_2\alpha_2^3 + c_3\alpha_3^3 + c_4\alpha_4^3 + c_5 = \frac{1}{4} & (D3) \\ (*) \quad & c_2\alpha_2^4 + c_3\alpha_3^4 + c_4\alpha_4^4 + c_5 = \frac{1}{5} & (D4) \\ & c_2\alpha_2^5 + c_3\alpha_3^5 + c_4\alpha_4^5 + c_5 = \frac{1}{6} & (D5) \end{aligned} \right.$$

and:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} (*) \quad c_2 \alpha_2 P_{22} + c_3 \alpha_3 P_{32} + c_4 \alpha_4 P_{42} + c_5 \left\{ \frac{P_{52}}{P_{72}} \right\} = \frac{1}{15} \\ \\ c_2 \alpha_2 P_{23} + c_3 \alpha_3 P_{33} + c_4 \alpha_4 P_{43} + c_5 P_{73} = \frac{1}{24} \\ \\ c_2 \alpha_2^2 P_{22} + c_3 \alpha_3^2 P_{32} + c_4 \alpha_4^2 P_{42} + c_5 P_{72} = \frac{1}{18} \\ \\ c_3 \alpha_3 (\beta_{32} P_{22} + c_4 \alpha_4 (\beta_{42} P_{22} + \beta_{43} P_{32}) + \\ c_5 (\beta_{72} P_{22} + \beta_{73} P_{32} + \beta_{74} P_{42} + \beta_{75} P_{52} + \beta_{76} P_{62})) = \frac{1}{72} \end{array} \right. .$$

Using (C) and introducing the abbreviations:

$$p_{\kappa\lambda} = P_{\kappa\lambda} - \beta_{\kappa 1} \alpha_1^\lambda \quad (\kappa = 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7; \lambda = 1, 2, 3) \quad (11)$$

the last group of equations reduces to:

$$(E) \left\{ \begin{array}{l} (*) \quad c_3 \alpha_3 P_{32} + c_4 \alpha_4 P_{42} + c_5 \left\{ \frac{P_{52}}{P_{72}} \right\} = \frac{1}{15} \quad (E1) \\ \\ c_3 \alpha_3 P_{33} + c_4 \alpha_4 P_{43} + c_5 P_{73} = \frac{1}{24} \quad (E2) \\ \\ c_3 \alpha_3^2 P_{32} + c_4 \alpha_4^2 P_{42} + c_5 P_{72} = \frac{1}{18} \quad (E3) \\ \\ c_4 \alpha_4 \beta_{43} P_{32} + c_5 (\beta_{73} P_{32} + \beta_{74} P_{42} + \beta_{75} P_{52} + \beta_{76} P_{62}) = \frac{1}{72} \quad (E4) \end{array} \right.$$

Finally, the coefficients  $\beta_{\kappa 0}$  ( $\kappa = 1, 2, 3, \dots, 7$ ) are obtained from the well-known equations:

$$\begin{aligned}
(*) \quad \beta_{10} &= \alpha_1 & (F1) \\
(*) \quad \beta_{20} + \beta_{21} &= \alpha_2 & (F2) \\
(*) \quad \beta_{30} + \beta_{31} + \beta_{32} &= \alpha_3 & (F3) \\
(F) \quad (*) \quad \beta_{40} + \beta_{41} + \beta_{42} + \beta_{43} &= \alpha_4 & (F4) \\
(*) \quad \beta_{50} + \beta_{51} + \beta_{52} + \beta_{53} + \beta_{54} &= \alpha_5 = 1 & (F5) \\
\beta_{60} + \beta_{61} + \beta_{62} + \beta_{63} + \beta_{64} + \beta_{65} &= \alpha_6 = 0 & (F6) \\
\beta_{70} + \beta_{71} + \beta_{72} + \beta_{73} + \beta_{74} + \beta_{75} + \beta_{76} &= \alpha_7 = 1 & (F7)
\end{aligned}$$

The asterisks (\*) in (D), (E), (F) have the same meaning as in equations (A), (B), (C). In the following section we shall show how the sufficient equations of condition (D) and (E) can be solved, taking into account the assumptions (A), (B), (C).

## SECTION II. A SOLUTION OF THE EQUATIONS OF CONDITION FOR THE RUNGE-KUTTA COEFFICIENTS

10. When solving our equations of condition, we shall try to express the  $\beta$ - and  $c$ - coefficients as functions of the  $\alpha$ -coefficients. However, not all four coefficients  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3, \alpha_4$  are independent of one another. In the following two numbers we shall show that  $\alpha_4$  and  $\alpha_3$  can be expressed by  $\alpha_2$ . Therefore, we have only two independent  $\alpha$ -coefficients; namely  $\alpha_1$  and  $\alpha_2$ . Our  $\beta$ - and  $c$ - coefficients will then be expressible by  $\alpha_1$  and  $\alpha_2$  only.

11. To find the relation between  $\alpha_4$  and  $\alpha_2$ , we form:

$$c_3 (1 - \alpha_3) P_{31} + c_4 (1 - \alpha_4) P_{41} . \quad (12)$$

Using the assumptions (A), (B), (C), (D), we obtain from (12):

$$c_3 (1 - \alpha_3) \beta_{32} \alpha_2 + c_4 (1 - \alpha_4) (\beta_{42} \alpha_2 + \beta_{43} \alpha_3) = \frac{1}{24} . \quad (13)$$

We further form the expression:

$$\alpha_2^2 \cdot (B2) + \alpha_3^2 \cdot (B3) + \alpha_4^2 \cdot (B4) - (E1) , \quad (14)$$

thereby eliminating the term  $c_5 (\beta_{52} \alpha_2^2 + \beta_{53} \alpha_3^2 + \beta_{54} \alpha_4^2)$  in (E1) and obtaining:

$$c_3 (1 - \alpha_3) \beta_{32} \alpha_2^2 + c_4 (1 - \alpha_4) (\beta_{42} \alpha_2^2 + \beta_{43} \alpha_3^2) = \frac{1}{60} . \quad (15)$$

We now eliminate the terms with  $c_3$  in (13) and (15) and find:

$$c_4 (1 - \alpha_4) \beta_{43} \alpha_3 (\alpha_3 - \alpha_2) = \frac{1}{60} - \frac{1}{24} \alpha_2 . \quad (16)$$

We establish a second relation between  $c_4$ ,  $\beta_{43}$  and the  $\alpha$ - coefficients. We start by forming:

$$c_3 \alpha_3 P_{31} + c_4 \alpha_4 P_{41} + c_5 P_{51} \quad (17)$$

Using the assumptions (A), (B), (D), we find from (17):

$$c_3 \alpha_3 \beta_{32} \alpha_2 + c_4 \alpha_4 (\beta_{42} \alpha_2 + \beta_{43} \alpha_3) + c_5 (\beta_{52} \alpha_2 + \beta_{53} \alpha_3 + \beta_{54} \alpha_4) = \frac{1}{8} \quad (18)$$

By forming:

$$c_3 \alpha_3^2 P_{31} + c_4 \alpha_4^2 P_{41} + c_5 P_{51} \quad (19)$$

and using (A), (B), (D), we find in the same way:

$$c_3 \alpha_3^2 \beta_{32} \alpha_2 + c_4 \alpha_4^2 (\beta_{42} \alpha_2 + \beta_{43} \alpha_3) + c_5 (\beta_{52} \alpha_2 + \beta_{53} \alpha_3 + \beta_{54} \alpha_4) = \frac{1}{10} . \quad (20)$$

We finally form:

$$(E3) - \alpha_2 \cdot (20) + \alpha_2 \cdot (18) - (E1), \quad (21)$$

thereby eliminating the terms with  $c_3$  and with  $c_5$ . As second relation between  $c_4$ ,  $\beta_{43}$  and the  $\alpha$ -coefficients, we then obtain:

$$c_4 \beta_{43} \alpha_3 \alpha_4 (\alpha_3 - \alpha_2) (1 - \alpha_4) = \frac{1}{90} - \frac{1}{40} \alpha_2 . \quad (22)$$

From the two relations (16) and (22), we find as a relation between  $\alpha_4$  and  $\alpha_2$ :

$$\alpha_4 = \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{9\alpha_2 - 4}{5\alpha_2 - 2} . \quad (23)$$

12. A further relation between  $\alpha_2$ ,  $\alpha_3$ , and  $\alpha_4$  can be obtained from (D1), (D2), (D3), (D4), and (D5) as condition of compatibility. Eliminating from these equations the terms with  $c_5$ ,  $c_2$ ,  $c_4$ ,  $c_3$ , in this order, leads to:

$$\alpha_3 = \frac{5\alpha_2\alpha_4 - 3(\alpha_2 + \alpha_4) + 2}{10\alpha_2\alpha_4 - 5(\alpha_2 + \alpha_4) + 3} \quad (24)$$

Introducing (23) in (24) we find as a relation between  $\alpha_3$  and  $\alpha_2$ :

$$\alpha_3 = \frac{\alpha_2}{15\alpha_2^2 - 10\alpha_2 + 2} \quad (25)$$

13. The weight factors  $c_K$  (or  $\hat{c}_K$ ) are now obtained from equations (D1), (D2), (D3), (D4):

$$\left. \begin{aligned} c_2 = \hat{c}_2 &= \frac{1}{180} \cdot \frac{45\alpha_2^2 - 30\alpha_2 + 4}{(15\alpha_2^2 - 10\alpha_2 + 2)(5\alpha_2 - 2)\alpha_2(\alpha_3 - \alpha_2)(\alpha_4 - \alpha_2)(1 - \alpha_2)} \\ c_3 = \hat{c}_3 &= \frac{1}{180} \cdot \frac{15\alpha_2^2 - 10\alpha_2 + 2}{(5\alpha_2 - 2)\alpha_3(\alpha_2 - \alpha_3)(\alpha_4 - \alpha_3)(1 - \alpha_3)} \\ c_4 = \hat{c}_4 &= -\frac{1}{20} \cdot \frac{(5\alpha_2^2 - 5\alpha_2 + 1)(5\alpha_2 - 2)}{(15\alpha_2^2 - 10\alpha_2 + 2)\alpha_4(\alpha_2 - \alpha_4)(\alpha_3 - \alpha_4)(1 - \alpha_4)} \\ c_5 = \hat{c}_6 = \hat{c}_7 &= \frac{1}{2} - (c_2\alpha_2 + c_3\alpha_3 + c_4\alpha_4) \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (26)$$

14. From the two equations (E1), it follows:

$$p_{72} = p_{52} \quad (27)$$

Multiplying equations (B2), (B3), (B4) by  $\alpha_2^2$ ,  $\alpha_3^2$ ,  $\alpha_4^2$ , respectively, adding these three equations, and using (D2) and (D3), leads to:

$$c_3 p_{32} + c_4 p_{42} + c_5 p_{52} = \frac{1}{12} . \quad (28)$$

The three equations (28), (E1), (E3) represent a system of three linear equations for the three unknowns  $p_{32}$ ,  $p_{42}$ ,  $p_{52}$ . Its solution reads:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} p_{32} &= \frac{1}{180} \cdot \frac{3\alpha_4 - 2}{c_3(\alpha_4 - \alpha_3)(1 - \alpha_3)} \\ p_{42} &= \frac{1}{180} \cdot \frac{3\alpha_3 - 2}{c_4(\alpha_3 - \alpha_4)(1 - \alpha_4)} \\ p_{52} &= \frac{1}{180} \cdot \frac{15\alpha_3\alpha_4 - 12(\alpha_3 + \alpha_4) + 10}{c_5(1 - \alpha_3)(1 - \alpha_4)} . \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (29)$$

15. The four equations (A2), (A3), (A4), (A5) yield:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \beta_{21}\alpha_1 &= \frac{1}{2} \alpha_2^2 \\ \beta_{31}\alpha_1 &= \frac{1}{2} \alpha_3^2 - p_{31} \\ \beta_{41}\alpha_1 &= \frac{1}{2} \alpha_4^2 - p_{41} \\ \beta_{51}\alpha_1 &= \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{c_5} \left( \frac{1}{6} - c_3 p_{31} - c_4 p_{41} \right) . \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (30)$$

The last equation (30) is obtained using equations (B2), (B3), (B4) and equations (D1), (D2).



Introducing (30) into equation (C1) results in the following expression for  $p_{41}$ :

$$p_{41} = - \frac{c_3 p_{31} (1 - \alpha_3) - \frac{1}{24}}{c_4 (1 - \alpha_4)} \quad (31)$$

Since  $\beta_{32}$  is already known from the first equation (29), equation (31) and the second equation (29) represent two equations for the two unknowns  $\beta_{42}$ ,  $\beta_{43}$ . Their solution reads:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} c_4 \beta_{42} &= \frac{15\alpha_2\alpha_3(\alpha_4 - \alpha_3) + 4(\alpha_3 - \alpha_2) - 6\alpha_3(\alpha_4 - \alpha_2)}{360\alpha_2^2(\alpha_3 - \alpha_2)(\alpha_4 - \alpha_3)(1 - \alpha_4)} \\ c_4 \beta_{43} &= -\frac{1}{120} \cdot \frac{5\alpha_2 - 2}{\alpha_3(\alpha_3 - \alpha_2)(1 - \alpha_4)} \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (32)$$

From equations (B2), (B3), (B4), it now follows:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} c_5 \beta_{52} &= c_2(1 - \alpha_2) - c_3 \beta_{32} - c_4 \beta_{42} \\ c_5 \beta_{53} &= c_3(1 - \alpha_3) - c_4 \beta_{43} \\ c_5 \beta_{54} &= c_4(1 - \alpha_4) \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (33)$$

It can easily be shown that the coefficients  $\beta_{52}$ ,  $\beta_{53}$ ,  $\beta_{54}$ , as obtained from (33), satisfy the last equation (29).

Since the coefficients  $\beta_{21}\alpha_1$ ,  $\beta_{31}\alpha_1$ ,  $\beta_{41}\alpha_1$ ,  $\beta_{51}\alpha_1$  are obtainable from (30), all Runge-Kutta coefficients for our fifth order formula are now determined as functions of the parameters  $\alpha_1$  and  $\alpha_2$ .

16. We still have to find the coefficients  $\beta_{6\lambda}$  and  $\beta_{7\lambda}$  for our sixth-order formula which is required for the stepsize control.

From the two equations (C1) it follows:

$$\beta_{71} = \beta_{61} . \quad (34)$$

From (B6) we obtain:

$$\beta_{76} = 1 . \quad (35)$$

Equation (B5) suggests:

$$\beta_{65} = \beta_{75} = 0 . \quad (36)$$

From equations (A7), (E1), (E2), the following expressions for  $p_{71}$ ,  $p_{72}$ ,  $p_{73}$  are obtained:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} c_5 p_{71} &= \frac{1}{360} \cdot \frac{60\alpha_2(1-\alpha_3)(1-\alpha_4) + 2(3\alpha_4 - 2) - 15\alpha_2(1-\alpha_3)}{\alpha_2(1-\alpha_3)(1-\alpha_4)} \\ c_5 p_{72} &= \frac{1}{180} \cdot \frac{15\alpha_3\alpha_4 - 12(\alpha_3 + \alpha_4) + 10}{(1-\alpha_3)(1-\alpha_4)} \\ c_5 p_{73} &= \frac{1}{360} \cdot \frac{15(1-\alpha_3)(1-\alpha_4) + 15\alpha_2\alpha_3\alpha_4(1-\alpha_3) - 6\alpha_3\alpha_4(1-\alpha_2-\alpha_3) - 4\alpha_2}{(1-\alpha_3)(1-\alpha_4)} \end{aligned} \right\} (37)$$

Equations (37) yield the following solution for  $\beta_{74}$ ,  $\beta_{73}$ ,  $\beta_{72}$ :

$$\left. \begin{aligned} c_5 \beta_{74} &= -\frac{1}{60} \cdot \frac{(12\alpha_2 - 5)(5\alpha_2^2 - 5\alpha_2 + 1)}{(15\alpha_2^2 - 10\alpha_2 + 2)\alpha_4(\alpha_2 - \alpha_4)(\alpha_3 - \alpha_4)} \\ c_5 \beta_{73} &= \frac{1}{\alpha_3(\alpha_3 - \alpha_2)} \left[ \frac{60\alpha_2\alpha_4 - 45\alpha_2 - 30\alpha_4 + 24}{360(1 - \alpha_4)} - c_5 \beta_{74} \alpha_4(\alpha_4 - \alpha_2) \right] \\ c_5 \beta_{72} &= \frac{1}{\alpha_2^2} \left[ \frac{15\alpha_3\alpha_4 - 12(\alpha_3 + \alpha_4) + 10}{180(1 - \alpha_3)(1 - \alpha_4)} - c_5 (\beta_{73}\alpha_3^2 - \beta_{74}\alpha_4^2) \right] \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (38)$$

Finally, equations (B2), (B3), (B4) yield for the coefficients  $\beta_{62}$ ,  $\beta_{63}$ ,  $\beta_{64}$ :

$$\left. \begin{aligned} c_5 \beta_{62} &= c_2(1 - \alpha_2) - c_3 \beta_{32} - c_4 \beta_{42} - c_5 \beta_{72} \\ c_5 \beta_{63} &= c_3(1 - \alpha_3) - c_4 \beta_{43} - c_5 \beta_{73} \\ c_5 \beta_{64} &= c_4(1 - \alpha_4) - c_5 \beta_{74} \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (39)$$

17. It can be verified that the Runge-Kutta coefficients, as obtained in this section, satisfy indeed all our equations of condition (A) through (F), if  $c_0$ ,  $\hat{c}_0$ ,  $\beta_{10}$ ,  $\beta_{20}$ , ...,  $\beta_{70}$  are determined from (D0) and (F). From the derivation of our Runge-Kutta coefficients it is not obvious that they satisfy equations (C3) and (E4), since these two equations have not been used in the derivation. However, when expressing all coefficients by  $\alpha_2$  explicitly, it can be shown that the two equations (C3) and (E4) become identities in  $\alpha_2$ .

### SECTION III. THE LEADING TERM OF THE LOCAL TRUNCATION ERROR

18. The leading truncation error term of our fifth-order Runge-Kutta formula is a sum of twenty members, each being of the form:

$$T_{\nu} \cdot [\dots]_{\nu} \cdot h^5 \quad (40)$$

The  $T_{\nu}$  are numerical constants that are characteristic for the individual Runge-Kutta formula under consideration; they are, however, independent of the differential equation (1). The bracket in (40) contains certain combinations of partial derivatives of the right-hand side of (1). The twenty  $T_{\nu}$ -values, expressed by the Runge-Kutta coefficients of Section II, can be obtained from the left-hand sides of equations (VI, 1) through (VI, 20) of Table I, if, in these equations, we replace  $\hat{c}_{\kappa}$  by  $c_{\kappa}$  and the upper limit 7 of the  $\kappa$ -sums by 5.

If we list these  $T_{\nu}$ -values in the same order as in Table I, the first  $T_{\nu}$  read:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} T_1 &= c_5 \beta_{54} \beta_{43} \beta_{32} \beta_{21} \alpha_1 - \frac{1}{720} \\ T_2 &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\kappa=4}^5 c_{\kappa} \left[ \sum_{\lambda=3}^{\kappa-1} \beta_{\kappa\lambda} \left( \sum_{\mu=2}^{\lambda-1} \beta_{\lambda\mu} P_{\mu 2} \right) \right] - \frac{1}{720} \\ T_3 &= \sum_{\kappa=4}^5 c_{\kappa} \left[ \sum_{\lambda=3}^{\kappa-1} \beta_{\kappa\lambda} \left( \sum_{\mu=2}^{\lambda-1} \beta_{\lambda\mu} \alpha_{\mu} P_{\mu 1} \right) \right] - \frac{1}{240} \\ &\vdots \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (41)$$

19. Naturally, it will be desirable to establish Runge-Kutta formulas with small  $T_{\nu}$  - values. If we succeed in making all  $T_{\nu}$  - values sufficiently small, the sum of the terms (40) representing the leading term of the local truncation error can also be expected to be reasonably small.

Due to the special structure of our Runge-Kutta formulas (assumptions (5)), the majority of our  $T_{\nu}$ -values are zero, as we shall see immediately.

Because of (5), (27), (34), the equations of condition (C2), (D5), (E3) hold for fifth-order Runge-Kutta formulas also. Since (D5) and (E3) correspond to equations (VI, 20) and (VI, 17) of Table I, we have  $T_{20} = 0$  and  $T_{17} = 0$ . From  $T_{20} = 0$  we obtain, using (6), (7), (8):  $T_{19} = 0$ ,  $T_{18} = 0$ ,  $T_9 = 0$ ,  $T_7 = 0$ ,  $T_8 = 0$ . Correspondingly, from  $T_{17} = 0$  we find, using (6), (8), (9):  $T_{15} = 0$ ,  $T_6 = 0$ ,  $T_{16} = 0$ ,  $T_5 = 0$ ,  $T_{14} = 0$ .

By a proper choice of the parameter  $\alpha_1$  we can also make  $T_{11} = 0$ . The straightforward computation, using the results of Section I and II, shows that  $T_{11} = 0$  requires

$$\alpha_1 = \frac{2}{15} \cdot \frac{5\alpha_2 - 1}{\alpha_2} . \quad (42)$$

From the identity (VI, 2)  $\equiv$  (V, 2) - (VI, 11) in (8), it follows that  $T_{11} = 0$  leads to  $T_2 = 0$  also. Therefore, altogether, fourteen  $T_{\nu}$ -values of the leading truncation error term are zero.

20. We now compute  $T_{10}$  using the results of Sections I and II. Expressing  $T_{10}$  by the only free parameter  $\alpha_2$ , the computation yields

$$T_{10} = \frac{1}{360} \cdot \frac{(3\alpha_2 - 1)(5\alpha_2 - 1)}{15\alpha_2^2 - 10\alpha_2 + 2} , \quad (43)$$

and from the identity  $(VI, 1) \equiv (V, 1) - (VI, 10)$  in (8), it follows:

$$T_1 = - T_{10} . \quad (44)$$

21. We still have to determine  $T_3$ ,  $T_4$ ,  $T_{12}$ ,  $T_{13}$ . Again, a straightforward computation, using the results of Sections I and II, leads to:

$$T_{13} = - \frac{1}{360} \cdot \frac{(3\alpha_2 - 1) (5\alpha_2^2 - 5\alpha_2 + 1)}{15\alpha_2^2 - 10\alpha_2 + 2} . \quad (45)$$

Finally, from (8) and (9) we obtain:

$$T_4 = - T_{13}, \quad T_3 = 3T_{13}, \quad T_{12} = 3T_{13} . \quad (46)$$

## SECTION IV. EXAMPLE FOR A FIFTH-ORDER RUNGE-KUTTA FORMULA

22. From (43) through (46), it follows that all  $T_\nu$ -values become zero for  $\alpha_2 = 1/3$ . However, this value for  $\alpha_2$  leads to  $\alpha_3 = 1$ ,  $\alpha_4 = 1$ , thereby making equations (D1) through (D5) incompatible. Therefore, we have to discard the value  $\alpha_2 = 1/3$ . This means that we cannot make all  $T_\nu$ -values zero. This was to be expected, however, because otherwise we would obtain a sixth-order Runge-Kutta formula with only six evaluations.

One might try to keep the  $T_\nu$ -values small by choosing  $\alpha_2$  close to  $1/3$  (this means  $\alpha_3$  and  $\alpha_4$  close to 1). However, such a choice of  $\alpha_2$  is not advisable, since this would lead to large values for some of the weight coefficients (26).

23. Since we cannot make all  $T_\nu$ -values zero, we might try to make the  $T_\nu$ -values (45) and (46) zero by assuming:

$$5\alpha_2^2 - 5\alpha_2 + 1 = 0 \quad (47)$$

This would leave us with only two  $T_\nu$ -values different from zero ( $T_1$  and  $T_{10}$ ). From (47) we would obtain:

$$\alpha_2 = \frac{1}{10} (5 \pm \sqrt{5}) \quad (48)$$

and from (43), (44):

$$T_{10} = -T_1 = \frac{5 \pm 3\sqrt{5}}{3600} . \quad (49)$$

Obviously, the minus sign in (48) would be preferable, since it leads to a smaller value  $T_{10}$ .

However, the values (48) do not lead to a solution of our problem: for  $\alpha_2 = \frac{1}{10} (5 - \sqrt{5})$  we would obtain from (47):  $\alpha_3 = \frac{1}{10} (5 + \sqrt{5})$ . From equations (D1) through (D5) we derive, by eliminating  $c_5$ ,  $c_2$ , and  $c_3$ , the two relations:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} c_4 \alpha_4 (\alpha_3 - \alpha_4) (\alpha_2 - \alpha_4) (1 - \alpha_4) &= \frac{1}{60} [10\alpha_2 \alpha_3 - 5(\alpha_2 + \alpha_3) + 3] \\ c_4 \alpha_4^2 (\alpha_3 - \alpha_4) (\alpha_2 - \alpha_4) (1 - \alpha_4) &= \frac{1}{60} [5\alpha_2 \alpha_3 - 3(\alpha_2 + \alpha_3) + 2] \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (50)$$

For our values  $\alpha_2$ ,  $\alpha_3$  the right-hand sides of (50) would both become zero. Therefore, one of the following conditions must hold:  $\alpha_4 = 0$ ,  $\alpha_4 = 1$ ,  $\alpha_4 = \alpha_2$ ,  $\alpha_4 = \alpha_3$  or  $c_4 = 0$ . It can be shown, however, that for any of these conditions our equations of condition (A) through (E) lead to contradictions.

24. However, by choosing for  $\alpha_2$  a value in the vicinity of  $\frac{1}{10} (5 - \sqrt{5})$  the terms (45) and (46) can be kept small. On the other hand, the terms (43) and (44) vary only slightly in the vicinity of  $\alpha_2 = \frac{1}{10} (5 - \sqrt{5})$  for which value they have an extremum. Therefore, instead of choosing  $\alpha_2 = \frac{1}{10} (5 - \sqrt{5}) \approx 0.276$  we might, for example, take  $\alpha_2 = \frac{4}{15} \approx 0.267$ . This value is relatively close to  $\frac{1}{10} (5 - \sqrt{5})$ ; it yields relatively simple Runge-Kutta coefficients—all weight factors (26) being non-negative—and the error coefficients  $T_{10}$  and  $T_{13}$  become relatively small. Table II shows the Runge-Kutta coefficients for  $\alpha_2 = 4/15$ , as obtained from Section II. In this case, the leading term (the sixth-order term) of the truncation error obtained as the difference of the two formulas (3), would read:

$$TE = \frac{5}{66} (f_0 + f_5 - f_6 - f_7) h \quad (51)$$

From (43) and (45) we then obtain for our error coefficients:

$$T_{10} = -\frac{1}{2160} \approx -0.463 \cdot 10^{-3}; \quad T_{13} = \frac{1}{32400} \approx 0.309 \cdot 10^{-4}. \quad (52)$$



TABLE II. RK5(6)

$\kappa \backslash \lambda$	$\alpha_\kappa$	$\beta_{\kappa\lambda}$							$c_\kappa$	$\hat{c}_\kappa$
		0	1	2	3	4	5	6		
0	0	0							$\frac{31}{384}$	$\frac{7}{1408}$
1	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{6}$							0	
2	$\frac{4}{15}$	$\frac{4}{75}$	$\frac{16}{75}$						$\frac{1125}{2816}$	
3	$\frac{2}{3}$	$\frac{5}{6}$	$-\frac{8}{3}$	$\frac{5}{2}$					$\frac{9}{32}$	
4	$\frac{4}{5}$	$-\frac{8}{5}$	$\frac{144}{25}$	-4	$\frac{16}{25}$				$\frac{125}{768}$	
5	1	$\frac{361}{320}$	$-\frac{18}{5}$	$\frac{407}{128}$	$-\frac{11}{80}$	$\frac{55}{128}$			$\frac{5}{66}$	0
6	0	$-\frac{11}{640}$	0	$\frac{11}{256}$	$-\frac{11}{160}$	$\frac{11}{256}$	0			$\frac{5}{66}$
7	1	$\frac{93}{640}$	$-\frac{18}{5}$	$\frac{803}{256}$	$-\frac{11}{160}$	$\frac{99}{256}$	0	1		$\frac{5}{66}$

## SECTION V. NUMERICAL COMPARISON WITH OTHER FIFTH-ORDER RUNGE-KUTTA FORMULAS

25. For comparison, we consider some other fifth-order Runge-Kutta formulas. The first two fifth-order Runge-Kutta formulas ever developed are due to W. KUTTA ([4], p. 446/447). Since both formulas of W. KUTTA contained minor arithmetical errors which later were corrected by this author ([5], p. 424), and by E. J. NYSTRÖM ([6], p. 5), respectively, we state in Tables III and V KUTTA's formulas in their correct form. We also present in Tables IV and VI the error coefficients  $T_1$  through  $T_{20}$  for KUTTA's formulas. These coefficients have been rounded to three significant digits.

TABLE III. KUTTA 1

$\kappa \backslash \lambda$	$\alpha_\kappa$	$\beta_{\kappa\lambda}$					$c_\kappa$
		0	1	2	3	4	
0	0	0					$\frac{17}{144}$
1	$\frac{1}{5}$	$\frac{1}{5}$					0
2	$\frac{2}{5}$	0	$\frac{2}{5}$				$\frac{25}{36}$
3	1	$\frac{9}{4}$	-5	$\frac{15}{4}$			$\frac{1}{72}$
4	$\frac{3}{5}$	$-\frac{63}{100}$	$\frac{9}{5}$	$-\frac{13}{20}$	$\frac{2}{25}$		$-\frac{25}{72}$
5	$\frac{4}{5}$	$-\frac{6}{25}$	$\frac{4}{5}$	$\frac{2}{15}$	$\frac{8}{75}$	0	$\frac{25}{48}$

TABLE IV. ERROR COEFFICIENTS FOR KUTTA 1

n	$T_{5n+1}$	$T_{5n+2}$	$T_{5n+3}$	$T_{5n+4}$	$T_{5n+5}$
0	$-0.139 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$-0.556 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$-0.833 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$-0.278 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$0.278 \cdot 10^{-2}$
1	$0.111 \cdot 10^{-2}$	$0.417 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$0.833 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$0.139 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$0.139 \cdot 10^{-2}$
2	$0.556 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$0.833 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$0.278 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$-0.389 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$-0.222 \cdot 10^{-3}$
3	$-0.389 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$-0.222 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$-0.250 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$-0.167 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$-0.167 \cdot 10^{-4}$

TABLE V. KUTTA 2

$\kappa \backslash \lambda$	$\alpha_{\kappa}$	$\beta_{\kappa\lambda}$					$c_{\kappa}$
		0	1	2	3	4	
0	0	0					$\frac{23}{192}$
1	$\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{1}{3}$					0
2	$\frac{2}{5}$	$\frac{4}{25}$	$\frac{6}{25}$				$\frac{125}{192}$
3	1	$\frac{1}{4}$	-3	$\frac{15}{4}$			0
4	$\frac{2}{3}$	$\frac{2}{27}$	$\frac{10}{9}$	$-\frac{50}{81}$	$\frac{8}{81}$		$-\frac{27}{64}$
5	$\frac{4}{5}$	$\frac{2}{25}$	$\frac{12}{25}$	$\frac{2}{15}$	$\frac{8}{75}$	0	$\frac{125}{192}$

TABLE VI. ERROR COEFFICIENTS FOR KUTTA 2

n	$T_{5n+1}$	$T_{5n+2}$	$T_{5n+3}$	$T_{5n+4}$	$T_{5n+5}$
0	$-0.139 \cdot 10^{-2}$	0	$-0.833 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$-0.278 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$0.278 \cdot 10^{-2}$
1	0	$0.417 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$0.833 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$0.139 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$0.139 \cdot 10^{-2}$
2	0	$0.833 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$0.278 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$-0.556 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$-0.926 \cdot 10^{-4}$
3	$-0.555 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$-0.926 \cdot 10^{-4}$	$-0.278 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$-0.185 \cdot 10^{-3}$	$-0.185 \cdot 10^{-4}$

Comparing Tables IV and VI with the error coefficients (52) of our Runge-Kutta formula, we notice that in both formulas of KUTTA the coefficient  $T_{10}$  is three times as large as in our formula, and the coefficient  $T_{13}$  even nine times as large as our coefficient  $T_{13}$ . Furthermore, in KUTTA's formulas the term  $T_5$ , which is zero in our formula, is six times as large as our largest term  $T_1 = -T_{10}$ . Finally, KUTTA's first formula has twenty non-vanishing error coefficients  $T_\nu$ , and his second formula has still seventeen such terms, whereas our formula carries only six non-vanishing error coefficients  $T_\nu$ .

For these reasons we may expect that our formula (Table II), having a smaller truncation error, shall integrate a problem in fewer steps than KUTTA's formulas (Table III and Table V).

26. More recently, several other authors (H. P. KONEN, H. A. LUTHER, J. A. ZONNEVELD, etc.) have derived more fifth-order Runge-Kutta formulas. However, we cannot consider all these fifth-order formulas, especially since most of them are really not much of an improvement with respect to the error coefficients if compared with KUTTA's formulas.

27. For the numerical comparison of our formula RK5(6) with KUTTA's formulas, we apply these formulas to an example of a system of two differential equations, for which the exact solution is known. Therefore, in our example, we can easily check on the accumulated errors of these formulas.

Example:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} y' &= -2xy \cdot \log z, & z' &= 2xz \cdot \log y \\ \text{Initial values: } x_0 &= 0, y_0 = e, z_0 = 1 \\ \text{Exact solution: } y &= e^{\cos(x^2)}, & z &= e^{\sin(x^2)} \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (53)$$

Since no other step-size control procedure seems to be known for KUTTA's formulas, we have applied RICHARDSON's extrapolation to the limit as stepsize control for these formulas.

All computations were executed on an IBM-7094 computer (16 decimal places). The same tolerance ( $10^{-16}$ ) for the local truncation error was allowed for all formulas.

Table VII shows the results of our computer runs for example (53); all runs cover the interval from  $x = 0$  to  $x = 5$ .

TABLE VII. COMPARISON OF FIFTH-ORDER METHODS FOR EXAMPLE (53)

		Results for $x=5$ and Tolerance $10^{-16}$				
Method	Number of Substitutions per Step	Number of Steps	Total Number of Evaluations	Running Time on IBM-7094 (min)	Accumulated Errors in y and z	
					$\Delta y$	$\Delta z$
KUTTA 1	11	6335	69685	7.10	$-0.3071 \cdot 10^{-12}$	$-0.2772 \cdot 10^{-12}$
KUTTA 2	11	6290	69190	6.95	$-0.2383 \cdot 10^{-12}$	$-0.2802 \cdot 10^{-12}$
RK5(6)	8	4779	38232	3.84	$+0.1072 \cdot 10^{-12}$	$-0.2190 \cdot 10^{-12}$

The table shows that in this example our formula RK5(6) requires approximately 55 percent of the evaluations or 55 percent of the computer running time compared with KUTTA's formulas, all formulas yielding about the same accuracy.

Such a saving could be expected since the computational effort per step — including stepsize control — is smaller for our method than for KUTTA's formulas. Furthermore, we save steps since our local truncation error is smaller.

## PART II. SIXTH-ORDER FORMULAS

### SECTION VI. THE EQUATIONS OF CONDITION FOR THE RUNGE-KUTTA COEFFICIENTS

28. For sixth-order Runge-Kutta formulas with stepsize control, we allow for ten evaluations of the differential equations per step.

Therefore, we have instead of (2) and (3):

$$\left. \begin{aligned} f_0 &= f(x_0, y_0) \\ f_\kappa &= f(x_0 + \alpha_\kappa h, y_0 + h \sum_{\lambda=0}^{\kappa-1} \beta_{\kappa\lambda} f_\lambda) \quad (\kappa = 1, 2, 3, \dots, 9) \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (54)$$

and

$$\left. \begin{aligned} y &= y_0 + h \sum_{\kappa=0}^7 c_\kappa f_\kappa + O(h^7) \\ \hat{y} &= y_0 + h \sum_{\kappa=0}^9 \hat{c}_\kappa f_\kappa + O(h^8) \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (55)$$

29. Since Table I contains the Taylor terms up to the sixth-order only, we need a supplementary table for the seventh-order terms. Such a table can again be obtained from J. C. BUTCHER's paper ([3], Table I). It would contain 48 equations. Because of the length of this supplementary table, we do not reproduce it here, but refer directly to BUTCHER's paper. We denote the equations of this new table — in the same order as in BUTCHER's table — by (VII, 1) through (VII, 48).

This supplementary table in combination with Table I contains all equations of condition for a seventh-order Runge-Kutta formula. Naturally, in Table I the  $\kappa$ -sums now run up to 9 (instead of 7). Since we are looking for a pair of Runge-Kutta formulas (55), the original Table I (with  $\hat{c}_\kappa$  replaced by  $c_\kappa$ ) must also be satisfied for our sixth-order formula.

30. We proceed in a very similar way as in Part I and make the following assumptions:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \alpha_7 = \alpha_9 = 1, \alpha_8 = 0, \hat{c}_1 = c_1 = 0, \hat{c}_2 = c_2 = 0, \hat{c}_3 = c_3, \hat{c}_4 = c_4, \hat{c}_5 = c_5, \\ \hat{c}_6 = c_6, \hat{c}_7 = 0, \hat{c}_8 = \hat{c}_9 = c_7 \\ \beta_{31} = \beta_{41} = \beta_{51} = \beta_{61} = \beta_{71} = \beta_{81} = \beta_{91} = 0 \end{aligned} \right\} (56)$$

Further, analogous to Part I, the following assumptions shall hold:

$$(A1) \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} (*) P_{21} = \frac{1}{2} \alpha_2^2 & (A1-2) \\ (*) P_{31} = \frac{1}{2} \alpha_3^2 & (A1-3) \\ (*) P_{41} = \frac{1}{2} \alpha_4^2 & (A1-4) \\ (*) P_{51} = \frac{1}{2} \alpha_5^2 & (A1-5) \end{array} \right| \begin{array}{ll} (*) P_{61} = \frac{1}{2} \alpha_6^2 & (A1-6) \\ (*) P_{71} = \frac{1}{2} \alpha_7^2 = \frac{1}{2} & (A1-7) \\ P_{81} = \frac{1}{2} \alpha_8^2 = 0 & (A1-8) \\ P_{91} = \frac{1}{2} \alpha_9^2 = \frac{1}{2} & (A1-9) \end{array}$$

$$(A2) \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} (*) P_{32} = \frac{1}{3} \alpha_3^3 & (A2-3) \\ (*) P_{42} = \frac{1}{3} \alpha_4^3 & (A2-4) \\ (*) P_{52} = \frac{1}{3} \alpha_5^3 & (A2-5) \\ (*) P_{62} = \frac{1}{3} \alpha_6^3 & (A2-6) \end{array} \right| \begin{array}{ll} (*) P_{72} = \frac{1}{3} \alpha_7^3 = \frac{1}{3} & (A2-7) \\ P_{82} = \frac{1}{3} \alpha_8^3 = 0 & (A2-8) \\ P_{92} = \frac{1}{3} \alpha_9^3 = \frac{1}{3} & (A2-9) \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left. \begin{aligned}
(*) \quad & c_2\beta_{21} + c_3\beta_{31} + c_4\beta_{41} + c_5\beta_{51} + c_6\beta_{61} + c_7 \left\{ \frac{\beta_{71}}{\beta_{81} + \beta_{91}} \right\} = c_1(1 - \alpha_1) = 0 \quad (B1) \\
(*) \quad & c_3\beta_{32} + c_4\beta_{42} + c_5\beta_{52} + c_6\beta_{62} + c_7 \left\{ \frac{\beta_{72}}{\beta_{82} + \beta_{92}} \right\} = c_2(1 - \alpha_2) = 0 \quad (B2) \\
(*) \quad & c_4\beta_{43} + c_5\beta_{53} + c_6\beta_{63} + c_7 \left\{ \frac{\beta_{73}}{\beta_{83} + \beta_{93}} \right\} = c_3(1 - \alpha_3) \quad (B3) \\
(*) \quad & c_5\beta_{54} + c_6\beta_{64} + c_7 \left\{ \frac{\beta_{74}}{\beta_{84} + \beta_{94}} \right\} = c_4(1 - \alpha_4) \quad (B4) \\
(*) \quad & c_6\beta_{65} + c_7 \left\{ \frac{\beta_{75}}{\beta_{85} + \beta_{95}} \right\} = c_5(1 - \alpha_5) \quad (B5) \\
(*) \quad & c_7 \left\{ \frac{\beta_{76}}{\beta_{86} + \beta_{96}} \right\} = c_6(1 - \alpha_6) \quad (B6) \\
& c_7 (\beta_{87} + \beta_{97}) = c_7(1 - \alpha_7) = 0 \quad (B7) \\
& c_7 \beta_{98} = c_7(1 - \alpha_8) = c_7 \quad (B8)
\end{aligned} \right\} (B)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left. \begin{aligned}
(*) \quad & c_3\alpha_3\beta_{32} + c_4\alpha_4\beta_{42} + c_5\alpha_5\beta_{52} + c_6\alpha_6\beta_{62} + c_7 \left\{ \frac{\beta_{72}}{\beta_{92}} \right\} = 0 \quad (C1) \\
& c_3\alpha_3^2\beta_{32} + c_4\alpha_4^2\beta_{42} + c_5\alpha_5^2\beta_{52} + c_6\alpha_6^2\beta_{62} + c_7 \beta_{92} = 0 \quad (C2) \\
& c_4\alpha_4\beta_{43}\beta_{32} + c_5\alpha_5(\beta_{53}\beta_{32} + \beta_{54}\beta_{42}) + c_6\alpha_6(\beta_{63}\beta_{32} + \beta_{64}\beta_{42} + \beta_{65}\beta_{52}) \\
& \quad + c_7(\beta_{93}\beta_{32} + \beta_{94}\beta_{42} + \beta_{95}\beta_{52} + \beta_{96} \beta_{62} + \beta_{97}\beta_{72} + \beta_{98}\beta_{82}) = 0 \quad (C3)
\end{aligned} \right\} (C)
\end{aligned}$$

The asterisk (\*) in front of some of these equations means now, naturally, that these equations must hold for the seventh-order formula as well as for the sixth-order formula.



31. We now reduce the necessary and sufficient equations of condition of our supplementary table to fewer and simpler sufficient equations of condition by inserting the assumptions (A1), (A2), (B), and (C) into the table.

Since the reduction is completely analogous to the procedure of Number 8, we shall present here the results of the reduction only, without going into all details. The reduction leads to equations (VII, 24), (VII, 29), (VII, 37), and (VII, 48) as the only four independent equations of the table. All other equations of the table can be expressed by these four equations and by some sixth-order equations of Table I.

For the benefit of the truncation error terms, which we shall consider later, we now list those equations which can be expressed by (VII, 24) and (VII, 29):

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\text{VII}, 1) &\equiv (\text{VI}, 1) - (\text{VII}, 21) \\
 (\text{VII}, 2) &\equiv (\text{VI}, 2) - (\text{VII}, 22) \\
 (\text{VII}, 3) &\equiv (\text{VI}, 3) - 3(\text{VII}, 24) \\
 (\text{VII}, 4) &\equiv (\text{VI}, 4) - (\text{VII}, 24) \\
 (\text{VII}, 21) &\equiv (\text{VII}, 24) \\
 (\text{VII}, 22) &\equiv (\text{VII}, 24) \\
 (\text{VII}, 23) &\equiv 3(\text{VII}, 24)
 \end{aligned}
 \quad \left. \vphantom{\begin{aligned} (\text{VII}, 1) &\equiv (\text{VI}, 1) - (\text{VII}, 21) \\ (\text{VII}, 2) &\equiv (\text{VI}, 2) - (\text{VII}, 22) \\ (\text{VII}, 3) &\equiv (\text{VI}, 3) - 3(\text{VII}, 24) \\ (\text{VII}, 4) &\equiv (\text{VI}, 4) - (\text{VII}, 24) \\ (\text{VII}, 21) &\equiv (\text{VII}, 24) \\ (\text{VII}, 22) &\equiv (\text{VII}, 24) \\ (\text{VII}, 23) &\equiv 3(\text{VII}, 24) \end{aligned}} \right\} \quad (57)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\text{VII}, 5) &\equiv (\text{VI}, 5) - 4(\text{VII}, 29) \\
 (\text{VII}, 6) &\equiv (\text{VI}, 6) - 4(\text{VII}, 29) \\
 2(\text{VII}, 7) &\equiv (\text{VI}, 8) - 6(\text{VII}, 29) \\
 (\text{VII}, 8) &\equiv (\text{VI}, 8) - 6(\text{VII}, 29) \\
 (\text{VII}, 9) &\equiv (\text{VI}, 9) - (\text{VII}, 29) \\
 (\text{VII}, 25) &\equiv 4(\text{VII}, 29) \\
 (\text{VII}, 26) &\equiv 4(\text{VII}, 29) \\
 (\text{VII}, 27) &\equiv 3(\text{VII}, 29) \\
 (\text{VII}, 28) &\equiv 6(\text{VII}, 29)
 \end{aligned}
 \quad \left. \vphantom{\begin{aligned} (\text{VII}, 5) &\equiv (\text{VI}, 5) - 4(\text{VII}, 29) \\ (\text{VII}, 6) &\equiv (\text{VI}, 6) - 4(\text{VII}, 29) \\ 2(\text{VII}, 7) &\equiv (\text{VI}, 8) - 6(\text{VII}, 29) \\ (\text{VII}, 8) &\equiv (\text{VI}, 8) - 6(\text{VII}, 29) \\ (\text{VII}, 9) &\equiv (\text{VI}, 9) - (\text{VII}, 29) \\ (\text{VII}, 25) &\equiv 4(\text{VII}, 29) \\ (\text{VII}, 26) &\equiv 4(\text{VII}, 29) \\ (\text{VII}, 27) &\equiv 3(\text{VII}, 29) \\ (\text{VII}, 28) &\equiv 6(\text{VII}, 29) \end{aligned}} \right\} \quad (58)$$

The remaining equations of our supplementary table can be expressed by equations (VII, 37) and (VII, 48). However, because of our assumptions (56), these two equations do not contribute to the truncation error of our sixth-order formula.

It should be noticed that the fifth and sixth identities in (57) are correct only if assumption (C3) is assumed to hold. Since condition (C3) does not hold in the case of a sixth-order formula, it can not be followed from (VII, 21)  $\equiv$  (VII, 24) and (VII, 22)  $\equiv$  (VII, 24) that the truncation error coefficients  $T_{21}$  and  $T_{22}$  are identical with  $T_{24}$ .

32. We now list for our pair of sixth- and seventh-order Runge-Kutta formulas the sufficient equations of condition that result after we have performed all the reductions in Table I and in the supplementary table.

We arrange them again in two groups (D) and (E) in the same way as in Part I.

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left. \begin{aligned}
 (*) \quad & \left\{ \begin{matrix} c_0 \\ \wedge \\ c_0 \end{matrix} \right\} + c_3 + c_4 + c_5 + c_6 + \left\{ \begin{matrix} c_7 \\ 2c_7 \end{matrix} \right\} = 1 & (D0) \\
 (*) \quad & c_3\alpha_3 + c_4\alpha_4 + c_5\alpha_5 + c_6\alpha_6 + c_7 = \frac{1}{2} & (D1) \\
 (*) \quad & c_3\alpha_3^2 + c_4\alpha_4^2 + c_5\alpha_5^2 + c_6\alpha_6^2 + c_7 = \frac{1}{3} & (D2) \\
 (*) \quad & c_3\alpha_3^3 + c_4\alpha_4^3 + c_5\alpha_5^3 + c_6\alpha_6^3 + c_7 = \frac{1}{4} & (D3) \\
 (*) \quad & c_3\alpha_3^4 + c_4\alpha_4^4 + c_5\alpha_5^4 + c_6\alpha_6^4 + c_7 = \frac{1}{5} & (D4) \\
 (*) \quad & c_3\alpha_3^5 + c_4\alpha_4^5 + c_5\alpha_5^5 + c_6\alpha_6^5 + c_7 = \frac{1}{6} & (D5) \\
 (*) \quad & c_3\alpha_3^6 + c_4\alpha_4^6 + c_5\alpha_5^6 + c_6\alpha_6^6 + c_7 = \frac{1}{7} & (D6)
 \end{aligned} \right\} (D)
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
(E) \left\{ \begin{aligned}
(*) \quad & c_3 \alpha_3 P_{33} + c_4 \alpha_4 P_{43} + c_5 \alpha_5 P_{53} + c_6 \alpha_6 P_{63} + c_7 \left\{ \begin{matrix} P_{73} \\ P_{93} \end{matrix} \right\} = \frac{1}{24} & (E1) \\
& c_3 \alpha_3 P_{34} + c_4 \alpha_4 P_{44} + c_5 \alpha_5 P_{54} + c_6 \alpha_6 P_{64} + c_7 P_{94} = \frac{1}{35} & (E2) \\
& c_3 \alpha_3^2 P_{33} + c_4 \alpha_4^2 P_{43} + c_5 \alpha_5^2 P_{53} + c_6 \alpha_6^2 P_{63} + c_7 P_{93} = \frac{1}{28} & (E3) \\
& c_4 \alpha_4 \beta_{43} P_{33} + c_5 \alpha_5 (\beta_{53} P_{33} + \beta_{54} P_{43}) + c_6 \alpha_6 (\beta_{63} P_{33} + \beta_{64} P_{43} + \beta_{65} P_{53}) \\
& + c_7 (\beta_{93} P_{33} + \beta_{94} P_{43} + \beta_{95} P_{53} + \beta_{96} P_{63} + \beta_{97} P_{73} + \beta_{98} P_{83}) = \frac{1}{140} & (E4)
\end{aligned} \right.
\end{aligned}$$

Group D is an obvious extension of the former group (D) of Number 9, the last equation (D6) representing equation (VII, 48) of the supplementary table. In group (E) the first equation represents equation (E2) of the former group (E) of Number 9. Equations (E2), (E3), (E4) of group (E) correspond to equations (VII, 29), (VII, 37), (VII, 24) of the supplementary table.

Because of our assumptions (A2) the equations (E1), (E3) of our former group (E) in Number 9 become identical to the equations (D4), (D5) and can, therefore, be omitted from our new group (E). Introducing our new assumptions (A2) and (C1) into equation (E4) of our former group (E), it follows immediately that this equation becomes identical with equation (E1) of our new group (E).

Since the extension of our former group (F) for sixth-order Runge-Kutta formulas is quite obvious, we omit this extension here.

## SECTION VII. A SOLUTION OF THE EQUATIONS OF CONDITION FOR THE RUNGE-KUTTA COEFFICIENTS

33. In the case of our sixth-order Runge-Kutta formula, six  $\alpha$ -coefficients,  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3, \alpha_4, \alpha_5, \alpha_6$ , are at our disposal. We try again to express the  $\beta$ - and  $c$ -coefficients as functions of these  $\alpha$ -coefficients. Again, we shall show that not all six  $\alpha$ -coefficients are independent of one another. Obviously, from (A1-3) and (A2-3), it follows

$$\alpha_2 = \frac{2}{3} \alpha_3 . \quad (59)$$

34. A further relation between the  $\alpha$ -coefficients is obtained from equations (D1) through (D6) as condition of compatibility. Eliminating from these equations the terms with  $c_7, c_6, c_3, c_4, c_5$ , in this order, leads to:

$$\alpha_5 = \frac{1}{7} \cdot \frac{35\alpha_3\alpha_4\alpha_6 - 21(\alpha_3\alpha_4 + \alpha_3\alpha_6 + \alpha_4\alpha_6) + 14(\alpha_3 + \alpha_4 + \alpha_6) - 10}{10\alpha_3\alpha_4\alpha_6 - 5(\alpha_3\alpha_4 + \alpha_3\alpha_6 + \alpha_4\alpha_6) + 3(\alpha_3 + \alpha_4 + \alpha_6) - 2} \quad (60)$$

35. We now establish a relation between  $\alpha_3, \alpha_4, \alpha_6$ , which will allow us to express  $\alpha_2, \alpha_3, \alpha_5$  by  $\alpha_4$  and  $\alpha_6$  so that  $\alpha_1, \alpha_4, \alpha_6$  will be the only free  $\alpha$ -coefficients. To find such a relation, we proceed in the following manner:

From (A1) we find by multiplying these equations with  $c_3(1 - \alpha_3), c_4(1 - \alpha_4), \dots$ , adding them and using (D2) and (D3):

$$c_3(1 - \alpha_3) P_{31} + c_4(1 - \alpha_4) P_{41} + c_5(1 - \alpha_5) P_{51} + c_6(1 - \alpha_6) P_{61} = \frac{1}{24} \quad (61)$$

and in the same way from (A2), using (D3) and (D4):

$$c_3(1 - \alpha_3) P_{32} + c_4(1 - \alpha_4) P_{42} + c_5(1 - \alpha_5) P_{52} + c_6(1 - \alpha_6) P_{62} = \frac{1}{60} \quad (62)$$

A third equation is found by forming:

$$\alpha_2^3(B2) + \alpha_3^3(B3) + \alpha_4^3(B4) + \alpha_5^3(B5) + \alpha_6^3(B6) - (E1) , \quad (63)$$

thereby eliminating in (63) the terms with  $c_7$ . We obtain:

$$c_3(1 - \alpha_3) P_{33} + c_4(1 - \alpha_4) P_{43} + c_5(1 - \alpha_5) P_{53} + c_6(1 - \alpha_6) P_{63} = \frac{1}{120} \quad (64)$$

From equations (61), (62), (64), we can easily eliminate the terms with  $c_3$  and  $c_4$ . We obtain:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} & c_5(1 - \alpha_5) \beta_{54} \alpha_4 (\alpha_4 - \alpha_3) (\alpha_4 - \alpha_2) + c_6(1 - \alpha_6) [\beta_{64} \alpha_4 (\alpha_4 - \alpha_3) (\alpha_4 - \alpha_2) \\ & + \beta_{65} \alpha_5 (\alpha_5 - \alpha_3) (\alpha_5 - \alpha_2)] = \frac{1}{120} [5\alpha_2 \alpha_3 - 2(\alpha_2 + \alpha_3) + 1] \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (65)$$

If we had multiplied (A1) with  $c_3(1 - \alpha_3^2)$ ,  $c_4(1 - \alpha_4^2)$ ,  $\dots$ , we would have obtained instead of (61):

$$c_3(1 - \alpha_3^2) P_{31} + c_4(1 - \alpha_4^2) P_{41} + c_5(1 - \alpha_5^2) P_{51} + c_6(1 - \alpha_6^2) P_{61} = \frac{1}{15} \quad (66)$$

and by multiplying (A2) with  $c_3(1 - \alpha_3^2)$ ,  $c_4(1 - \alpha_4^2)$ ,  $\dots$ ,

$$c_3(1 - \alpha_3^2) P_{32} + c_4(1 - \alpha_4^2) P_{42} + c_5(1 - \alpha_5^2) P_{52} + c_6(1 - \alpha_6^2) P_{62} = \frac{1}{36} \quad (67)$$

Analogous to (63) we now form:

$$\alpha_2^3(B2) + \alpha_3^3(B3) + \alpha_4^3(B4) + \alpha_5^3(B5) + \alpha_6^3(B6) - (E3) \quad (68)$$

and find:

$$c_3(1 - \alpha_3^2) P_{33} + c_4(1 - \alpha_4^2) P_{43} + c_5(1 - \alpha_5^2) P_{53} + c_6(1 - \alpha_6^2) P_{63} = \frac{1}{70}. \quad (69)$$

From equations (66), (67), (69), we can again eliminate the terms with  $c_3$  and  $c_4$  and find:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} & c_5(1 - \alpha_5^2) \beta_{54} \alpha_4 (\alpha_4 - \alpha_3) (\alpha_4 - \alpha_2) + c_6(1 - \alpha_6^2) [\beta_{64} \alpha_4 (\alpha_4 - \alpha_3) (\alpha_4 - \alpha_2) \\ & + \beta_{65} \alpha_5 (\alpha_5 - \alpha_3) (\alpha_5 - \alpha_2)] = \frac{1}{1260} [84\alpha_2\alpha_3 - 35(\alpha_2 + \alpha_3) + 18]. \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (70)$$

Obviously, equations (65) and (70) permit the elimination of the terms with  $c_6$  and yield:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} & c_5 \beta_{54} (\alpha_6 - \alpha_5) (1 - \alpha_5) \alpha_4 (\alpha_4 - \alpha_3) (\alpha_4 - \alpha_2) = \frac{1}{2520} \{ 21(1 + \alpha_6) [5\alpha_2\alpha_3 \\ & - 2(\alpha_2 + \alpha_3) + 1] - 2[84\alpha_2\alpha_3 - 35(\alpha_2 + \alpha_3) + 18] \}. \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (71)$$

To eliminate  $c_5 \beta_{54}$ , we need a second relation between  $c_5 \beta_{54}$  and the  $\alpha$ -coefficients. We start from (A1-5) and (A2-5). Multiplying these equations with  $c_5$  and eliminating the terms with  $\beta_{53}$  yields:

$$c_5 \beta_{54} \alpha_4 (\alpha_4 - \alpha_3) = c_5 \beta_{52} \alpha_2 (\alpha_3 - \alpha_2) - \frac{1}{6} c_5 \alpha_5^2 (3\alpha_3 - 2\alpha_5). \quad (72)$$

From (B2), (C1), (C2) we find by eliminating the terms with  $\beta_{62}$  and  $\beta_{72}$ :

$$c_5 \beta_{52} (\alpha_6 - \alpha_5) (1 - \alpha_5) = -c_3 \beta_{32} (\alpha_6 - \alpha_3) (1 - \alpha_3) - c_4 \beta_{42} (\alpha_6 - \alpha_4) (1 - \alpha_4) \quad (73)$$

Combining (72) and (73) yields:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} c_5 \beta_{54} (\alpha_6 - \alpha_5) (1 - \alpha_5) \alpha_4 (\alpha_4 - \alpha_3) &= - c_3 \beta_{32} \alpha_2 (\alpha_3 - \alpha_2) (\alpha_6 - \alpha_3) (1 - \alpha_3) \\ - c_4 \beta_{42} \alpha_2 (\alpha_3 - \alpha_2) (\alpha_6 - \alpha_4) (1 - \alpha_4) &- \frac{1}{6} c_5 \alpha_5^2 (3\alpha_3 - 2\alpha_5) (\alpha_6 - \alpha_5) (1 - \alpha_5) \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (74)$$

From (A1-4) and (A2-4) we find by eliminating the terms with  $\beta_{43}$ :

$$\beta_{42} \alpha_2 (\alpha_3 - \alpha_2) = \frac{1}{6} \alpha_4^2 (3\alpha_3 - 2\alpha_4) \quad (75)$$

and from (A1-3) and (59)

$$\beta_{32} \alpha_2 (\alpha_3 - \alpha_2) = \frac{1}{6} \alpha_3^2 (3\alpha_3 - 2\alpha_3) \quad (76)$$

Inserting (75) and (76) into (74), we obtain:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} c_5 \beta_{54} (\alpha_6 - \alpha_5) (1 - \alpha_5) \alpha_4 (\alpha_4 - \alpha_3) &= - \frac{1}{2} \alpha_3 [c_3 \alpha_3^2 (\alpha_6 - \alpha_3) (1 - \alpha_3) \\ &+ c_4 \alpha_4^2 (\alpha_6 - \alpha_4) (1 - \alpha_4) + c_5 \alpha_5^2 (\alpha_6 - \alpha_5) (1 - \alpha_5)] \\ &+ \frac{1}{3} [c_3 \alpha_3^3 (\alpha_6 - \alpha_3) (1 - \alpha_3) + c_4 \alpha_4^3 (\alpha_6 - \alpha_4) (1 - \alpha_4) \\ &+ c_5 \alpha_5^3 (\alpha_6 - \alpha_5) (1 - \alpha_5)] \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (77)$$

The values of the brackets in (77) can easily be obtained from equations (D1) through (D6) by eliminating  $c_7$  and  $c_6$ . For the first bracket we obtain

$\frac{1}{60} (5\alpha_6 - 3)$  and for the second one  $\frac{1}{60} (3\alpha_6 - 2)$ . Inserting these values in (77), we find:

$$c_5 \beta_{54} (\alpha_6 - \alpha_5) (1 - \alpha_5) \alpha_4 (\alpha_4 - \alpha_3) = \frac{1}{360} [2(3\alpha_6 - 2) - 3\alpha_3(5\alpha_6 - 3)] \quad (78)$$

From equations (71) and (78) we can now easily find the wanted relation between the  $\alpha$ -coefficients by forming:

$$(78) \cdot (\alpha_4 - \alpha_2) - (71) = 0 \quad (79)$$

We obtain:

$$\alpha_3 = \frac{1}{7} \cdot \frac{42\alpha_4\alpha_6 - 28\alpha_4 - 21\alpha_6 + 15}{15\alpha_4\alpha_6 - 9\alpha_4 - 6\alpha_6 + 4} \quad (80)$$

36. Having subjected the  $\alpha$ -coefficients to the restrictive conditions (59), (60), and (80), we can now easily find the  $c$ - and  $\beta$ -coefficients in terms of the  $\alpha$ -coefficients. The procedure is quite similar to that of Part I.

From equations (D1) through (D6) we obtain for the  $c$ -coefficients:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} c_3 = \hat{c}_3 &= \frac{1}{60} \cdot \frac{10\alpha_4\alpha_5\alpha_6 - 5(\alpha_4\alpha_5 + \alpha_4\alpha_6 + \alpha_5\alpha_6) + 3(\alpha_4 + \alpha_5 + \alpha_6) - 2}{\alpha_3(\alpha_4 - \alpha_3)(\alpha_5 - \alpha_3)(\alpha_6 - \alpha_3)(1 - \alpha_3)} \\ c_4 = \hat{c}_4 &= \frac{1}{60} \cdot \frac{10\alpha_3\alpha_5\alpha_6 - 5(\alpha_3\alpha_5 + \alpha_3\alpha_6 + \alpha_5\alpha_6) + 3(\alpha_3 + \alpha_5 + \alpha_6) - 2}{\alpha_4(\alpha_3 - \alpha_4)(\alpha_5 - \alpha_4)(\alpha_6 - \alpha_4)(1 - \alpha_4)} \\ c_5 = \hat{c}_5 &= \frac{1}{60} \cdot \frac{10\alpha_3\alpha_4\alpha_6 - 5(\alpha_3\alpha_4 + \alpha_3\alpha_6 + \alpha_4\alpha_6) + 3(\alpha_3 + \alpha_4 + \alpha_6) - 2}{\alpha_5(\alpha_3 - \alpha_5)(\alpha_4 - \alpha_5)(\alpha_6 - \alpha_5)(1 - \alpha_5)} \\ c_6 = \hat{c}_6 &= \frac{1}{60} \cdot \frac{10\alpha_3\alpha_4\alpha_5 - 5(\alpha_3\alpha_4 + \alpha_3\alpha_5 + \alpha_4\alpha_5) + 3(\alpha_3 + \alpha_4 + \alpha_5) - 2}{\alpha_6(\alpha_3 - \alpha_6)(\alpha_4 - \alpha_6)(\alpha_5 - \alpha_6)(1 - \alpha_6)} \\ c_7 = \hat{c}_8 = \hat{c}_9 &= \frac{1}{2} - (c_3\alpha_3 + c_4\alpha_4 + c_5\alpha_5 + c_6\alpha_6) \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (81)$$



37. From (A1-2) and (59), it follows:

$$\beta_{21} \alpha_1 = \frac{2}{9} \alpha_3^2; \quad (82)$$

and from (A1-3) and (59):

$$\beta_{32} = \frac{3}{4} \alpha_3. \quad (83)$$

From (A1-4) and (A2-4), we find:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \beta_{42} &= \frac{1}{6} \cdot \frac{\alpha_4^2 (3\alpha_3 - 2\alpha_4)}{\alpha_2 (\alpha_3 - \alpha_2)} \\ \beta_{43} &= \frac{1}{6} \cdot \frac{\alpha_4^2 (3\alpha_2 - 2\alpha_4)}{\alpha_3 (\alpha_2 - \alpha_3)} \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (84)$$

Equations (B2), (C1), (C2) can now be considered as three equations for  $\beta_{52}$ ,  $\beta_{62}$ ,  $\beta_{72}$ , since  $\beta_{32}$  and  $\beta_{42}$  are already known. From these equations, we obtain:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \beta_{52} &= - \frac{c_3(\alpha_6 - \alpha_3)(1 - \alpha_3) \beta_{32} + c_4(\alpha_6 - \alpha_4)(1 - \alpha_4) \beta_{42}}{c_5(\alpha_6 - \alpha_5)(1 - \alpha_5)} \\ \beta_{62} &= - \frac{c_3(\alpha_5 - \alpha_3)(1 - \alpha_3) \beta_{32} + c_4(\alpha_5 - \alpha_4)(1 - \alpha_4) \beta_{42}}{c_6(\alpha_5 - \alpha_6)(1 - \alpha_6)} \\ \beta_{72} &= - \frac{1}{c_7} (c_3\beta_{32} + c_4\beta_{42} + c_5\beta_{52} + c_6\beta_{62}) \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (85)$$

From equations (A1-5) and (A2-5), we now obtain  $\beta_{53}$  and  $\beta_{54}$ :

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \beta_{53} &= \frac{\frac{1}{6} \alpha_5^2 (3\alpha_4 - 2\alpha_5) - \beta_{52} \alpha_2 (\alpha_4 - \alpha_2)}{\alpha_3 (\alpha_4 - \alpha_3)} \\ \beta_{54} &= \frac{\frac{1}{6} \alpha_5^2 (3\alpha_3 - 2\alpha_5) - \beta_{52} \alpha_2 (\alpha_3 - \alpha_2)}{\alpha_4 (\alpha_3 - \alpha_4)} \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (86)$$

We eliminate  $P_{73}$  from equations (E1) and (E3) and find:

$$P_{63} = \frac{1}{c_6 \alpha_6 (1 - \alpha_6)} \left[ \frac{1}{168} - c_3 \alpha_3 (1 - \alpha_3) P_{33} - c_4 \alpha_4 (1 - \alpha_4) P_{43} - c_5 \alpha_5 (1 - \alpha_5) P_{53} \right] \quad (87)$$

Since  $P_{33}$ ,  $P_{43}$ ,  $P_{53}$  are already known from (83), (84), (85), (86),  $P_{63}$  is a known quantity now.

Equations (A1-6), (A2-6) and the definition of  $P_{63}$  can now be considered as three equations for  $\beta_{63}$ ,  $\beta_{64}$ ,  $\beta_{65}$ , since  $\beta_{62}$  is already known. Their solution reads:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \beta_{63} &= \frac{P_{61} \alpha_4 \alpha_5 - P_{62} (\alpha_4 + \alpha_5) + P_{63} - \beta_{62} \alpha_2 (\alpha_4 - \alpha_2) (\alpha_5 - \alpha_2)}{\alpha_3 (\alpha_4 - \alpha_3) (\alpha_5 - \alpha_3)} \\ \beta_{64} &= \frac{P_{61} \alpha_3 \alpha_5 - P_{62} (\alpha_3 + \alpha_5) + P_{63} - \beta_{62} \alpha_2 (\alpha_3 - \alpha_2) (\alpha_5 - \alpha_2)}{\alpha_4 (\alpha_3 - \alpha_4) (\alpha_5 - \alpha_4)} \\ \beta_{65} &= \frac{P_{61} \alpha_3 \alpha_4 - P_{62} (\alpha_3 + \alpha_4) + P_{63} - \beta_{62} \alpha_2 (\alpha_3 - \alpha_2) (\alpha_4 - \alpha_2)}{\alpha_5 (\alpha_3 - \alpha_5) (\alpha_4 - \alpha_5)} \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (88)$$

the quantities  $P_{61}$ ,  $P_{62}$ ,  $P_{63}$  being represented by the right-hand sides of equations (A1-6), (A2-6), (87).

From equations (B3) through (B6), we obtain the coefficients  $\beta_{73}$ ,  $\beta_{74}$ ,  $\beta_{75}$ ,  $\beta_{76}$  in the form:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} c_7\beta_{73} &= c_3(1 - \alpha_3) - (c_4\beta_{43} + c_5\beta_{53} + c_6\beta_{63}) \\ c_7\beta_{74} &= c_4(1 - \alpha_4) - (c_5\beta_{54} + c_6\beta_{64}) \\ c_7\beta_{75} &= c_5(1 - \alpha_5) - c_6\beta_{65} \\ c_7\beta_{76} &= c_6(1 - \alpha_6) . \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (89)$$

38. We still have to determine the coefficients  $\beta_{8\lambda}$  and  $\beta_{9\lambda}$ , required for our seventh-order formula.

We determine first the coefficients  $\beta_{9\lambda}$ . From (B8), it follows:

$$\beta_{98} = 1 , \quad (90)$$

while (B7) suggests:

$$\beta_{97} = \beta_{87} = 0 . \quad (91)$$

From the two equations (C1), we obtain:

$$\beta_{92} = \beta_{72} , \quad (92)$$

and from the two equations (E1):

$$P_{93} = P_{73} . \quad (93)$$

The still missing coefficients  $\beta_{93}$ ,  $\beta_{94}$ ,  $\beta_{95}$ ,  $\beta_{96}$  can be obtained from equations (A1-9), (A2-9), the definition of  $P_{93}$ , and the definition of  $P_{94}$ . We find:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \beta_{93} &= \frac{P_{91}\alpha_4\alpha_5\alpha_6 - P_{92}(\alpha_4\alpha_5 + \alpha_4\alpha_6 + \alpha_5\alpha_6) + P_{93}(\alpha_4 + \alpha_5 + \alpha_6) - P_{94} - \beta_{92}\alpha_2(\alpha_4 - \alpha_2)(\alpha_5 - \alpha_2)(\alpha_6 - \alpha_2)}{\alpha_3(\alpha_4 - \alpha_3)(\alpha_5 - \alpha_3)(\alpha_6 - \alpha_3)} \\ \beta_{94} &= \frac{P_{91}\alpha_3\alpha_5\alpha_6 - P_{92}(\alpha_3\alpha_5 + \alpha_3\alpha_6 + \alpha_5\alpha_6) + P_{93}(\alpha_3 + \alpha_5 + \alpha_6) - P_{94} - \beta_{92}\alpha_2(\alpha_3 - \alpha_2)(\alpha_5 - \alpha_2)(\alpha_6 - \alpha_2)}{\alpha_4(\alpha_3 - \alpha_4)(\alpha_5 - \alpha_4)(\alpha_6 - \alpha_4)} \\ \beta_{95} &= \frac{P_{91}\alpha_3\alpha_4\alpha_6 - P_{92}(\alpha_3\alpha_4 + \alpha_3\alpha_6 + \alpha_4\alpha_6) + P_{93}(\alpha_3 + \alpha_4 + \alpha_6) - P_{94} - \beta_{92}\alpha_2(\alpha_3 - \alpha_2)(\alpha_4 - \alpha_2)(\alpha_6 - \alpha_2)}{\alpha_5(\alpha_3 - \alpha_5)(\alpha_4 - \alpha_5)(\alpha_6 - \alpha_5)} \\ \beta_{96} &= \frac{P_{91}\alpha_3\alpha_4\alpha_5 - P_{92}(\alpha_3\alpha_4 + \alpha_3\alpha_5 + \alpha_4\alpha_5) + P_{93}(\alpha_3 + \alpha_4 + \alpha_5) - P_{94} - \beta_{92}\alpha_2(\alpha_3 - \alpha_2)(\alpha_4 - \alpha_2)(\alpha_5 - \alpha_2)}{\alpha_6(\alpha_3 - \alpha_6)(\alpha_4 - \alpha_6)(\alpha_5 - \alpha_6)} \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (94)$$

The quantity  $P_{94}$  is obtainable from (E2) as:

$$P_{94} = \frac{1}{c_7} \left( \frac{1}{35} - c_3 \alpha_3 P_{34} - c_4 \alpha_4 P_{44} - c_5 \alpha_5 P_{54} - c_6 \alpha_6 P_{64} \right) . \quad (95)$$

The coefficients  $\beta_{8\lambda}$  can now be found from equations (B):

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \beta_{82} &= \beta_{72} - \beta_{92} = 0 \\ \beta_{83} &= \beta_{73} - \beta_{93} \\ \beta_{84} &= \beta_{74} - \beta_{94} \end{aligned} \right| \begin{aligned} \beta_{85} &= \beta_{75} - \beta_{95} \\ \beta_{86} &= \beta_{76} - \beta_{96} \\ \beta_{87} &= 0 . \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (96)$$

All Runge-Kutta coefficients for our pair of sixth- and seventh-order formulas are now known. Under the restrictive conditions (59), (60), and (80) our coefficients satisfy all equations of condition (A1), (A2), (B), (C), (D), and (E).

## SECTION VIII. THE LEADING TERM OF THE LOCAL TRUNCATION ERROR

39. According to our supplementary table we have 48 terms  $T_\nu$  ( $\nu = 1, 2, 3, \dots, 48$ ) that contribute to the leading truncation error term of a sixth-order Runge-Kutta formula. We obtain these terms from the left-hand sides of the equations of our table by replacing  $\hat{c}_\kappa$  with  $c_\kappa$  and the upper limit 9 of the  $\kappa$ -sums by 7. Fortunately, because of our assumptions (56) and our conditions (A1), (A2), (B), and (C), the majority of the terms  $T_\nu$  are zero. For those  $T_\nu$ , that are not zero, we obtain from (57) and (58):

$$T_1 = -T_{21}, \quad T_2 = -T_{22}, \quad T_3 = -3T_{24}, \quad T_4 = -T_{24}, \quad T_{23} = 3T_{24} \quad (97)$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} T_5 &= -4T_{29}, \quad T_6 = -4T_{29}, \quad T_7 = -3T_{29}, \quad T_8 = -6T_{29}, \quad T_9 = -T_{29} \\ T_{25} &= 4T_{29}, \quad T_{26} = 4T_{29}, \quad T_{27} = 3T_{29}, \quad T_{28} = 6T_{29} \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (98)$$

with:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} T_{21} &= \frac{1}{6} \sum_{\kappa=5}^7 c_\kappa \alpha_\kappa \left[ \sum_{\lambda=4}^{\kappa-1} \beta_{\kappa\lambda} \left( \sum_{\mu=3}^{\lambda-1} \beta_{\lambda\mu} \alpha_\mu^3 \right) \right] - \frac{1}{840} \\ T_{22} &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\kappa=4}^7 c_\kappa \alpha_\kappa \left[ \sum_{\lambda=3}^{\kappa-1} \beta_{\kappa\lambda} \left( \sum_{\mu=2}^{\lambda-1} \beta_{\lambda\mu} P_{\mu 2} \right) \right] - \frac{1}{840} \\ T_{24} &= \frac{1}{6} \sum_{\kappa=4}^7 c_\kappa \alpha_\kappa \left( \sum_{\lambda=3}^{\kappa-1} \beta_{\kappa\lambda} P_{\lambda 3} \right) - \frac{1}{840} \\ T_{29} &= \frac{1}{24} \sum_{\kappa=3}^7 c_\kappa \alpha_\kappa P_{\kappa 4} - \frac{1}{840} \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (99)$$

40. The expressions (99) can be simplified by further use of the equations of condition. We finally obtain:

$$\begin{aligned}
 T_{29} &= \frac{1}{24} c_7 (P_{74} - P_{94}) \\
 T_{24} &= \frac{1}{6} c_7 (\beta_{83} P_{33} + \beta_{84} P_{43} + \beta_{85} P_{53} + \beta_{86} P_{63}) \\
 T_{21} &= T_{24} - \frac{1}{6} c_7 (\beta_{83} \beta_{32} + \beta_{84} \beta_{42} + \beta_{85} \beta_{52} + \beta_{86} \beta_{62}) \alpha_2^3 \\
 T_{22} &= \frac{3}{2} \frac{\alpha_1}{\alpha_2} (T_{24} - T_{21}) + T_{21} .
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{100}$$

We observe that only  $T_{22}$  depends on  $\alpha_1$ . By a proper choice of  $\alpha_1$  we might be able to keep  $T_{22}$  small.

## SECTION IX. EXAMPLE FOR A SIXTH-ORDER RUNGE-KUTTA FORMULA

41. It would present an extremely laborious and unpleasant problem to express all  $c$ - and  $\beta$ -coefficients by the free coefficients  $\alpha_1, \alpha_4, \alpha_6$  and to determine these  $\alpha$ -coefficients in such a way that the error terms (100) become reasonably small.

However, since we have to consider these error terms to obtain an effective sixth-order Runge-Kutta formula, we used an electronic computer to determine the error terms  $T_{29}, T_{24}, T_{21}, T_{22}/\alpha_1$  for a variety of pairs of coefficients  $\alpha_4, \alpha_6$ .

We selected  $\alpha_4$  and  $\alpha_6$  from the following set:  $1/2, 1/3, 2/3, 1/4, 3/4, \dots$  using all positive fractions with denominators 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15. Inspecting the print-out of the above-mentioned error terms, we choose for our Runge-Kutta formula a combination of  $\alpha_4$  and  $\alpha_6$  that leads to reasonably small error terms.

We choose:

$$\alpha_4 = \frac{1}{2}, \quad \alpha_6 = \frac{6}{7} \quad (\alpha_1 = \frac{1}{2} \alpha_2). \quad (101)$$

This combination leads to:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} T_{29} &\approx +0.376 \cdot 10^{-5}, \quad T_{24} \approx -0.919 \cdot 10^{-4}, \quad T_{21} \approx -0.273 \cdot 10^{-4}, \\ T_{22} &\approx -0.758 \cdot 10^{-4} \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (102)$$

The other non-zero error terms of our formula can then be computed from (97) and (98).

The Runge-Kutta coefficients of our formula were determined from the equations of Section VII and are listed in Table VIII.

TABLE VIII. RK 6 (7)

$\kappa \backslash \lambda$	$\alpha_\kappa$	$\beta_{\kappa\lambda}$								$c_\kappa$	$\hat{c}_\kappa$
		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
0	0	0								$\frac{77}{1440}$	$\frac{11}{864}$
1	$\frac{2}{33}$	$\frac{2}{33}$									0
2	$\frac{4}{33}$	0	$\frac{4}{33}$								0
3	$\frac{2}{11}$	$\frac{1}{22}$	0	$\frac{3}{22}$						$\frac{1771561}{6289920}$	
4	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{43}{64}$	0	$-\frac{165}{64}$	$\frac{77}{32}$					$\frac{32}{105}$	
5	$\frac{2}{3}$	$-\frac{2383}{486}$	0	$\frac{1067}{54}$	$-\frac{26312}{1701}$	$\frac{2176}{1701}$				$\frac{243}{2560}$	
6	$\frac{6}{7}$	$\frac{10077}{4802}$	0	$-\frac{5643}{686}$	$\frac{116259}{16807}$	$\frac{6240}{16807}$	$\frac{1053}{2401}$			$\frac{16807}{74880}$	
7	1	$-\frac{733}{176}$	0	$\frac{141}{8}$	$-\frac{335763}{23296}$	$\frac{216}{77}$	$-\frac{4617}{2816}$	$\frac{7203}{9152}$		$\frac{11}{270}$	0
8	0	$\frac{15}{352}$	0	0	$-\frac{5445}{46592}$	$\frac{18}{77}$	$-\frac{1215}{5632}$	$\frac{1029}{18304}$	0		$\frac{11}{270}$
9	1	$-\frac{1833}{352}$	0	$\frac{141}{8}$	$-\frac{51237}{3584}$	$\frac{18}{7}$	$-\frac{729}{512}$	$\frac{1029}{1408}$	0		$\frac{11}{270}$

$$\text{Truncation Error Term: } TE = \frac{11}{270} (f_0 + f_7 - f_8 - f_9) h \quad (103)$$



## SECTION X. NUMERICAL COMPARISON WITH OTHER SIXTH-ORDER RUNGE-KUTTA FORMULAS

42. The first sixth-order Runge-Kutta formulas were developed by A. HU<sup>Y</sup>TA [7], [8]. We use his second formula ([8], p. 23), since it has somewhat simpler coefficients. HU<sup>Y</sup>TA's formulas are based on eight evaluations of the differential equations per step.

Later, J. C. BUTCHER [9] and other authors found sixth-order Runge-Kutta formulas that require seven evaluations per step only. We consider one of BUTCHER's formulas ([9], p. 193) as of special interest, since this formula has favorably small truncation error coefficients.

We computed the error coefficients  $T_{\nu}$  ( $\nu = 1, 2, 3, \dots, 48$ ) for HU<sup>Y</sup>TA's formula as well as for BUTCHER's formula. Comparing them with our error coefficients (102), we found that HU<sup>Y</sup>TA's largest coefficient  $T_{38}$  is more than 32 times as large as our largest coefficients  $T_3 = -3T_{24}$  and  $T_{23} = 3T_{24}$ , while BUTCHER's largest coefficients  $T_6$  and  $T_{26}$  are less than three times as large as our coefficients  $T_3$  and  $T_{23}$ . While our formula RK6(7) of Table VIII has only 18 non-vanishing error coefficients  $T_{\nu}$ , HU<sup>Y</sup>TA's formula has 36 such coefficients and in BUTCHER's formula all 48 coefficients are different from zero.

43. For the numerical comparison of our formula RK6(7) with HU<sup>Y</sup>TA's and BUTCHER's formulas, we again apply these formulas to our problem (53). We ran our formulas on the computer in exactly the same way and under exactly the same conditions as in Number 27, again using RICHARDSON's principle as stepsize control procedure for HU<sup>Y</sup>TA's and BUTCHER's formulas. Table IX shows our results.

In this example our formula RK6(7) requires only approximately 58 percent of the evaluations and of the computer running time compared with BUTCHER's formula. If we compare our formula with the earlier HU<sup>Y</sup>TA formula, this percentage decreases even more to approximately 40-42 percent.

TABLE IX. COMPARISON OF SIXTH-ORDER METHODS FOR EXAMPLE (53)

Method	Number of Substitutions per Step	Results for $x = 5$ and Tolerance $10^{-16}$				
		Number of Steps	Total Number of Evaluations	Running Time on IBM-7094 (min)	Accumulated Errors in y and z	
					$\Delta y$	$\Delta z$
$\checkmark$ HUTA	15	3596	53940	5.65	$-0.4863 \cdot 10^{-13}$	$-0.1731 \cdot 10^{-12}$
BUTCHER	13	2958	38454	3.87	$-0.5951 \cdot 10^{-13}$	$-0.1495 \cdot 10^{-12}$
RK6(7)	10	2245	22450	2.25	$-0.4641 \cdot 10^{-13}$	$-0.1079 \cdot 10^{-12}$

# PART III. SEVENTH-ORDER FORMULAS

## SECTION XI. THE EQUATIONS OF CONDITION FOR THE RUNGE-KUTTA COEFFICIENTS

44. For a seventh-order Runge-Kutta formula RK7(8) with stepsize control we allow for thirteen evaluations of the differential equations per step:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} f_0 &= f(x_0, y_0) \\ f_K &= f(x_0 + \alpha_K h, y_0 + h \sum_{\lambda=0}^{K-1} \beta_{K\lambda} f_\lambda) \quad (K = 1, 2, 3, \dots, 12) \end{aligned} \right\} (104)$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} y &= y_0 + h \sum_{K=0}^{10} c_K f_K + O(h^8) \\ \hat{y} &= y_0 + h \sum_{K=0}^{12} \hat{c}_K f_K + O(h^9) \end{aligned} \right\} (105)$$

45. We now need the equations of condition for the eighth-order terms. These are also listed in BUTCHER's paper ([3], Table 1). There are 115 such equations, and we shall refer to them as equations (VIII, 1) through (VIII, 115) - in the same order as in BUTCHER's paper.

46. To reduce these 115 necessary and sufficient conditions to a system of simpler and fewer sufficient conditions, we make - very similar as in Part I and in Part II - the following assumptions:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \alpha_{10} &= \alpha_{12} = 1, \quad \alpha_{11} = 0; \quad \hat{c}_1 = c_1 = 0, \quad \hat{c}_2 = c_2 = 0, \quad \hat{c}_3 = c_3 = 0, \\ \hat{c}_4 &= c_4 = 0, \quad c_5 = \hat{c}_5, \quad c_6 = \hat{c}_6, \quad c_7 = \hat{c}_7, \quad c_8 = \hat{c}_8, \quad c_9 = \hat{c}_9, \\ \hat{c}_{10} &= 0, \quad \hat{c}_{11} = \hat{c}_{12} = c_{10} \\ \beta_{31} &= \beta_{41} = \beta_{51} = \beta_{61} = \beta_{71} = \beta_{81} = \beta_{91} = \beta_{101} = \beta_{111} = \beta_{121} = 0 \\ \beta_{52} &= \beta_{62} = \beta_{72} = \beta_{82} = \beta_{92} = \beta_{102} = \beta_{112} = \beta_{122} = 0 \end{aligned} \right\} (106)$$

and:

$$(A1) \quad P_{v1} = \frac{1}{2} \alpha_v^2 \quad (v = 2, 3, 4, \dots, 12) \quad (A1-v)$$

$$(A2) \quad P_{v2} = \frac{1}{3} \alpha_v^3 \quad (v = 2, 3, 4, \dots, 12) \quad (A2-v)$$

$$(A3) \quad P_{v3} = \frac{1}{4} \alpha_v^4 \quad (v = 5, 6, 7, \dots, 12) \quad (A3-v)$$

$$(B) \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \sum_{v=5}^9 c_v \beta_{v3} + c_{10} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \beta_{103} \\ \beta_{113} + \beta_{123} \end{array} \right\} = c_3 (1 - \alpha_3) = 0 \end{array} \right. \quad (B3)$$

$$\sum_{v=5}^9 c_v \beta_{v4} + c_{10} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \beta_{104} \\ \beta_{114} + \beta_{124} \end{array} \right\} = c_4 (1 - \alpha_4) = 0 \quad (B4)$$

$$\sum_{v=5}^9 c_v \beta_{v5} + c_{10} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \beta_{105} \\ \beta_{115} + \beta_{125} \end{array} \right\} = c_5 (1 - \alpha_5) \quad (B5)$$

$$\sum_{v=7}^9 c_v \beta_{v6} + c_{10} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \beta_{106} \\ \beta_{116} + \beta_{126} \end{array} \right\} = c_6 (1 - \alpha_6) \quad (B6)$$

$$\sum_{v=8}^9 c_v \beta_{v7} + c_{10} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \beta_{107} \\ \beta_{117} + \beta_{127} \end{array} \right\} = c_7 (1 - \alpha_7) \quad (B7)$$

$$c_9 \beta_{98} + c_{10} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \beta_{108} \\ \beta_{118} + \beta_{128} \end{array} \right\} = c_8 (1 - \alpha_8) \quad (B8)$$

$$c_{10} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \beta_{109} \\ \beta_{119} + \beta_{129} \end{array} \right\} = c_9 (1 - \alpha_9) \quad (B9)$$

$$c_{10} (\beta_{1110} + \beta_{1210}) = c_{10} (1 - \alpha_{10}) = 0 \quad (B10)$$

$$c_{10} \beta_{1211} = c_{10} (1 - \alpha_{11}) = c_{10} \quad (B11)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
(C) \left\{ \begin{aligned}
& \sum_{\mu=5}^9 c_{\mu} \alpha_{\mu} \beta_{\mu 3} + c_{10} \begin{Bmatrix} \beta_{103} \\ \beta_{123} \end{Bmatrix} = 0 & (C1) \\
& \sum_{\mu=5}^9 c_{\mu} \alpha_{\mu} \beta_{\mu 4} + c_{10} \beta_{124} = 0 & (C2) \\
& \sum_{\mu=5}^9 c_{\mu} \alpha_{\mu}^2 \beta_{\mu 3} + c_{10} \beta_{123} = 0 & (C3) \\
& \sum_{\mu=5}^9 c_{\mu} \alpha_{\mu}^2 \beta_{\mu 4} + c_{10} \beta_{124} = 0 & (C4) \\
& \sum_{\mu=6}^9 c_{\mu} \alpha_{\mu} \left( \sum_{\nu=6}^{\mu-1} \beta_{\mu \nu} \beta_{\nu 3} \right) + c_{10} \sum_{\nu=6}^{11} \beta_{12 \nu} \beta_{\nu 3} = 0 & (C5) \\
& \sum_{\mu=6}^9 c_{\mu} \alpha_{\mu} \left( \sum_{\nu=6}^{\mu-1} \beta_{\mu \nu} \beta_{\nu 4} \right) + c_{10} \sum_{\nu=6}^{11} \beta_{12 \nu} \beta_{\nu 4} = 0 & (C6)
\end{aligned} \right.
\end{aligned}$$

47. The reduction leads to equations (VIII, 57), (VIII, 68), (VIII, 86), and (VIII, 115) as the only four independent equations for the 8-th order terms. After the reduction we again arrange the remaining independent equations of condition in two groups (D) and (E) in the same way as before:

$$(D) \left\{ \begin{aligned}
& \begin{Bmatrix} c_0 \\ \hat{c}_0 \end{Bmatrix} + \sum_{\nu=5}^9 c_{\nu} + \begin{Bmatrix} c_{10} \\ 2c_{10} \end{Bmatrix} = 1 & (D0) \\
& \sum_{\nu=5}^{10} c_{\nu} \alpha_{\nu}^{\mu} = \frac{1}{\mu+1} \quad (\mu = 1, 2, 3, \dots, 7) & (D\mu)
\end{aligned} \right.$$

$$(E) \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \sum_{\mu=5}^9 c_{\mu} \alpha_{\mu} P_{\mu 4} + c_{10} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} P_{104} \\ P_{124} \end{array} \right\} = \frac{1}{35} & (E1) \\ \sum_{\mu=5}^9 c_{\mu} \alpha_{\mu} \left( \sum_{\nu=4}^{\mu-1} \beta_{\mu\nu} P_{\nu 3} \right) + c_{10} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \sum_{\nu=4}^9 \beta_{10\nu} P_{\nu 3} \\ \sum_{\nu=4}^{11} \beta_{12\nu} P_{\nu 3} \end{array} \right\} = \frac{1}{140} & (E2) \\ \sum_{\mu=5}^9 c_{\mu} \alpha_{\mu} P_{\mu 5} + c_{10} P_{125} = \frac{1}{48} & (E3) \\ \sum_{\mu=5}^9 c_{\mu} \alpha_{\mu}^2 P_{\mu 4} + c_{10} P_{124} = \frac{1}{40} & (E4) \\ \sum_{\mu=5}^9 c_{\mu} \alpha_{\mu} \left( \sum_{\nu=5}^{\mu-1} \beta_{\mu\nu} P_{\nu 4} \right) + c_{10} \sum_{\nu=5}^{11} \beta_{12\nu} P_{\nu 4} = \frac{1}{240} & (E5) \end{array} \right.$$

Obviously, equation (D7) represents equation (VIII, 115) of BUTCHER's table, while equations (E3), (E4), (E5) are identical with BUTCHER's equations (VIII, 68), (VIII, 86), and (VIII, 57). Equations (E1) and (E2) originate from seventh-order terms and, under our new assumptions, are identical with equations (E2) and (E4) of Part II. Equations (E1) and (E3) of Part II may be omitted now, since, because of our new assumptions (A3), they now become identical with (D5) and (D6).

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48. From equations (D1) through (D7) we obtain a relation between  $\alpha_5$ ,  $\alpha_6$ ,  $\alpha_7$ ,  $\alpha_8$ ,  $\alpha_9$  as condition of compatibility. The relation can be written in the form:

$$\alpha_5 = \frac{1}{2} \frac{70\alpha_6\alpha_7\alpha_8\alpha_9 - 42(\alpha_6\alpha_7\alpha_8 + \dots + \alpha_7\alpha_8\alpha_9) + 28(\alpha_6\alpha_7 + \dots + \alpha_8\alpha_9) - 20(\alpha_6 + \dots + \alpha_9) + 15}{70\alpha_6\alpha_7\alpha_8\alpha_9 - 35(\alpha_6\alpha_7\alpha_8 + \dots + \alpha_7\alpha_8\alpha_9) + 21(\alpha_6\alpha_7 + \dots + \alpha_8\alpha_9) - 14(\alpha_6 + \dots + \alpha_9) + 10} \quad (107)$$

This rather lengthy expression simplifies to  $\alpha_5 = 1/2$ , if we require  $\alpha_6 + \alpha_7 = 1$  and  $\alpha_8 + \alpha_9 = 1$ . Therefore, we assume for the following:

$$\alpha_5 = \frac{1}{2}, \quad \alpha_6 + \alpha_7 = 1, \quad \alpha_8 + \alpha_9 = 1, \quad (108)$$

since such a choice of  $\alpha_5$ ,  $\alpha_6$ ,  $\alpha_7$ ,  $\alpha_8$ ,  $\alpha_9$  also leads to rather simple expressions for the weight coefficients  $c_5$ ,  $c_6$ , ...,  $c_{10}$ . We obtain:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} c_5 &= \frac{16}{105} \cdot \frac{14(5\alpha_6^2 - 5\alpha_6 + 1)\alpha_8^2 - 14(5\alpha_6^2 - 5\alpha_6 + 1)\alpha_8 + (14\alpha_6^2 - 14\alpha_6 + 3)}{(1-2\alpha_6)^2(1-2\alpha_8)^2} \\ c_6 &= c_7 = \frac{1}{420} \cdot \frac{7\alpha_8(1-\alpha_8)-1}{\alpha_6(1-\alpha_6)(1-2\alpha_6)^2(\alpha_8-\alpha_6)(1-\alpha_6-\alpha_8)} \\ c_8 &= c_9 = -\frac{1}{420} \cdot \frac{7\alpha_6(1-\alpha_6)-1}{\alpha_8(1-\alpha_8)(1-2\alpha_8)^2(\alpha_6-\alpha_8)(1-\alpha_6-\alpha_8)} \\ c_{10} &= \frac{1}{420} \cdot \frac{70\alpha_6(1-\alpha_6)\alpha_8(1-\alpha_8) - 7[\alpha_6(1-\alpha_6) + \alpha_8(1-\alpha_8)] + 1}{\alpha_6(1-\alpha_6)\alpha_8(1-\alpha_8)} \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (109)$$

Naturally, we have assumed in (109) that  $\alpha_6$ ,  $\alpha_7$ ,  $\alpha_8$ ,  $\alpha_9$  are different from one another and different from 0, 1/2, 1.

49. Further restrictive conditions between the  $\alpha$ -coefficients shall now be established.

From (A1-2) and (A2-2), it follows:

$$\alpha_1 = \frac{2}{3} \alpha_2 \quad (110)$$

and from (A1-3) and (A2-3):

$$\alpha_2 = \frac{2}{3} \alpha_3 \quad (111)$$

From (A1-5), (A2-5), and (A3-5), we obtain the following relation between  $\alpha_3$  and  $\alpha_4$ :

$$\alpha_3 = \frac{1}{2} \alpha_5 \frac{4\alpha_4 - 3\alpha_5}{3\alpha_4 - 2\alpha_5} \quad (112)$$

or because of  $\alpha_5 = 1/2$ :

$$\alpha_3 = \frac{1}{8} \cdot \frac{8\alpha_4 - 3}{3\alpha_4 - 1} \quad (112a)$$

From (108), (110), (111), (112a), it follows that all  $\alpha$ -coefficients can be expressed by  $\alpha_4$ ,  $\alpha_6$ ,  $\alpha_8$ .

Later in No.52, however, we shall show that  $\alpha_8$  is already determined by our equations of condition and by our assumptions. Therefore,  $\alpha_4$  and  $\alpha_6$  shall be the only free  $\alpha$ -coefficients.

50. We now determine the  $\beta$ -coefficients. From (A1-2) we obtain:

$$\beta_{21} = \frac{3}{4} \alpha_2 \quad (113)$$

and from (A1-3) and (111):

$$\beta_{32} = \frac{3}{4} \alpha_3 \quad (114)$$



Equations (A1-4) and (A2-4) lead to:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \beta_{42} &= \frac{1}{6} \frac{\alpha_4^2}{\alpha_3 - \alpha_2} \cdot \frac{3\alpha_3 - 2\alpha_4}{\alpha_2} \\ \beta_{43} &= -\frac{1}{6} \frac{\alpha_4^2}{\alpha_3 - \alpha_2} \cdot \frac{3\alpha_2 - 2\alpha_4}{\alpha_3} \end{aligned} \right\} (115)$$

and equations (A1-5) and (A2-5) lead to:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \beta_{53} &= \frac{1}{6} \frac{\alpha_5^2}{\alpha_4 - \alpha_3} \cdot \frac{3\alpha_4 - 2\alpha_5}{\alpha_3} \\ \beta_{54} &= -\frac{1}{6} \frac{\alpha_5^2}{\alpha_4 - \alpha_3} \cdot \frac{3\alpha_3 - 2\alpha_5}{\alpha_4} \end{aligned} \right\} (116)$$

Equations (A1-6), (A2-6) and (A3-6) represent three linear equations for the three unknowns  $\beta_{63}$ ,  $\beta_{64}$ , and  $\beta_{65}$ . Their solution reads:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \beta_{63} &= \frac{1}{12} \alpha_6^2 \frac{6\alpha_4 \alpha_5 - 4(\alpha_4 + \alpha_5)\alpha_6 + 3\alpha_6^2}{\alpha_3(\alpha_4 - \alpha_3)(\alpha_5 - \alpha_3)} \\ \beta_{64} &= \frac{1}{12} \alpha_6^2 \frac{6\alpha_3 \alpha_5 - 4(\alpha_3 + \alpha_5)\alpha_6 + 3\alpha_6^2}{\alpha_4(\alpha_3 - \alpha_4)(\alpha_5 - \alpha_4)} \\ \beta_{65} &= \frac{1}{12} \alpha_6^2 \frac{6\alpha_3 \alpha_4 - 4(\alpha_3 + \alpha_4)\alpha_6 + 3\alpha_6^2}{\alpha_5(\alpha_4 - \alpha_5)(\alpha_3 - \alpha_5)} \end{aligned} \right\} (117)$$

Assuming:

$$\beta_{73} = 0 \quad (118)$$

we can determine, in the same way,  $\beta_{74}$ ,  $\beta_{75}$ ,  $\beta_{76}$  from equations (A1-7), (A2-7), (A3-7):

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \beta_{74} &= \frac{1}{12} \alpha_7^2 \frac{6\alpha_5 \alpha_6 - 4(\alpha_5 + \alpha_6)\alpha_7 + 3\alpha_7^2}{\alpha_4(\alpha_5 - \alpha_4)(\alpha_6 - \alpha_4)} \\ \beta_{75} &= \frac{1}{12} \alpha_7^2 \frac{6\alpha_4 \alpha_6 - 4(\alpha_4 + \alpha_6)\alpha_7 + 3\alpha_7^2}{\alpha_5(\alpha_4 - \alpha_5)(\alpha_6 - \alpha_5)} \\ \beta_{76} &= \frac{1}{12} \alpha_7^2 \frac{6\alpha_4 \alpha_5 - 4(\alpha_4 + \alpha_5)\alpha_7 + 3\alpha_7^2}{\alpha_6(\alpha_4 - \alpha_6)(\alpha_5 - \alpha_6)} \end{aligned} \right\} (119)$$

From equations (B3), (C1) and (C3), we can now determine  $\beta_{83}$ ,  $\beta_{93}$ , and  $\beta_{103} = \beta_{123}$ :

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \beta_{83} &= - \frac{c_5 (\alpha_9 - \alpha_5)(1-\alpha_5)\beta_{53} + c_6 (\alpha_9 - \alpha_6)(1-\alpha_6)\beta_{63}}{c_3 (\alpha_9 - \alpha_8)(1-\alpha_8)} \\ \beta_{93} &= - \frac{c_5 (\alpha_8 - \alpha_5)(1-\alpha_5)\beta_{53} + c_6 (\alpha_8 - \alpha_6)(1-\alpha_6)\beta_{63}}{c_9 (\alpha_8 - \alpha_9)(1-\alpha_9)} \\ \beta_{103} = \beta_{123} &= - \frac{c_5 (\alpha_8 - \alpha_5)(\alpha_9 - \alpha_5)\beta_{53} + c_6 (\alpha_8 - \alpha_6)(\alpha_9 - \alpha_6)\beta_{63}}{c_{10} (1-\alpha_8)(1-\alpha_9)} \end{aligned} \right\} (120)$$

Assuming:

$$\beta_{104} = \beta_{124} , \quad (121)$$

we obtain, in the same way,  $\beta_{84}$ ,  $\beta_{94}$ , and  $\beta_{104} = \beta_{124}$  from equations (B4), (C2), and (C4):

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \beta_{84} &= - \frac{c_5 (\alpha_9 - \alpha_5)(1-\alpha_5)\beta_{54} + c_6 (\alpha_9 - \alpha_6)(1-\alpha_6)\beta_{64} + c_7 (\alpha_9 - \alpha_7)(1-\alpha_7)\beta_{74}}{c_3 (\alpha_9 - \alpha_8)(1-\alpha_8)} \\ \beta_{94} &= - \frac{c_5 (\alpha_8 - \alpha_5)(1-\alpha_5)\beta_{54} + c_6 (\alpha_8 - \alpha_6)(1-\alpha_6)\beta_{64} + c_7 (\alpha_8 - \alpha_7)(1-\alpha_7)\beta_{74}}{c_9 (\alpha_8 - \alpha_9)(1-\alpha_9)} \\ \beta_{104} = \beta_{124} &= - \frac{c_5 (\alpha_8 - \alpha_5)(\alpha_9 - \alpha_5)\beta_{54} + c_6 (\alpha_8 - \alpha_6)(\alpha_9 - \alpha_6)\beta_{64} + c_7 (\alpha_8 - \alpha_7)(\alpha_9 - \alpha_7)\beta_{74}}{c_{10} (1-\alpha_8)(1-\alpha_9)} \end{aligned} \right\} (122)$$

51. From equations (B) we obtain by multiplying equation (B3) with  $\alpha_3^4$ , equation (B4) with  $\alpha_4^4$ , etc., adding all these equations and using equations (D4) and (D5):

$$c_5 P_{54} + c_6 P_{64} + c_7 P_{74} + c_3 P_{84} + c_9 P_{94} + c_{10} P_{104} = \frac{1}{30} \quad (123)$$

This equation together with equations (E1) and (E4) can be considered as a system of three equations for the three quantities  $P_{84}$ ,  $P_{94}$ ,  $P_{104}$ , since  $P_{54}$ ,  $P_{64}$ ,  $P_{74}$  are already known from No.50.

The system has the following solution:

$$\left. \begin{aligned}
c_3 (\alpha_9 - \alpha_8)(1 - \alpha_8) P_{94} &= \frac{1}{840} (4\alpha_8 - 3) - c_5 (\alpha_8 - \alpha_5)(1 - \alpha_5) P_{54} - c_3 (\alpha_8 - \alpha_6)(1 - \alpha_6) P_{64} - c_7 (\alpha_8 - \alpha_7)(1 - \alpha_7) P_{74} \\
c_9 (\alpha_8 - \alpha_9)(1 - \alpha_9) P_{94} &= \frac{1}{840} (4\alpha_8 - 3) - c_5 (\alpha_8 - \alpha_5)(1 - \alpha_5) P_{54} - c_6 (\alpha_8 - \alpha_6)(1 - \alpha_6) P_{64} - c_7 (\alpha_8 - \alpha_7)(1 - \alpha_7) P_{74} \\
c_{10} (1 - \alpha_8)(1 - \alpha_9) P_{104} &= \frac{1}{840} [28\alpha_8 \alpha_9 - 24(\alpha_8 + \alpha_9) + 21] - c_5 (\alpha_8 - \alpha_5)(\alpha_8 - \alpha_5) P_{54} - c_3 (\alpha_8 - \alpha_6)(\alpha_8 - \alpha_6) P_{64} \\
&\quad - c_7 (\alpha_8 - \alpha_7)(\alpha_8 - \alpha_7) P_{74}
\end{aligned} \right\} \quad (124)$$

The quantities  $P_{54}$ ,  $P_{64}$ ,  $P_{74}$  which occur on the right-hand sides of equations (124) can be expressed by  $\alpha_4$  and  $\alpha_6$ . Using the results of No.49 and No.50 we find:

$$\left. \begin{aligned}
P_{54} &= \frac{1}{1536} \cdot \frac{1}{3\alpha_4 - 1} (8\alpha_4^2 + 24\alpha_4 - 9) \\
P_{64} &= \frac{\alpha_6^2}{96} \cdot \frac{1}{3\alpha_4 - 1} [8\alpha_4^2 (9\alpha_6^2 - 10\alpha_6 + 3) + 3\alpha_4 (12\alpha_6^2 + 4\alpha_6 - 3) - 3\alpha_6 (7\alpha_6 - 2)] \\
P_{74} &= \frac{1}{24} (1 - \alpha_6)^2 [(6\alpha_6^3 - 5\alpha_6^2 - 4\alpha_6 + 3) + \alpha_4 (14\alpha_6^2 - 10\alpha_6 + 2)]
\end{aligned} \right\} \quad (125)$$

52. Equations (A1-8), (A2-8), (A3-8) and the definition of  $P_{94}$  may be written in the form:

$$\left. \begin{aligned}
\beta_{85} \alpha_6 + \beta_{86} \alpha_6 + \beta_{87} \alpha_7 &= \frac{1}{2} \alpha_8^2 - \beta_{83} \alpha_3 - \beta_{84} \alpha_4 \\
\beta_{85} \alpha_6^2 + \beta_{86} \alpha_6^2 + \beta_{87} \alpha_7^2 &= \frac{1}{3} \alpha_8^3 - \beta_{83} \alpha_3^2 - \beta_{84} \alpha_4^2 \\
\beta_{85} \alpha_6^3 + \beta_{86} \alpha_6^3 + \beta_{87} \alpha_7^3 &= \frac{1}{4} \alpha_8^4 - \beta_{83} \alpha_3^3 - \beta_{84} \alpha_4^3 \\
\beta_{85} \alpha_6^4 + \beta_{86} \alpha_6^4 + \beta_{87} \alpha_7^4 &= P_{84} - \beta_{83} \alpha_3^4 - \beta_{84} \alpha_4^4
\end{aligned} \right\} \quad (126)$$

Since we know  $\beta_{83}$ ,  $\beta_{84}$ ,  $P_{84}$  from equations (120), (122), (124), we can consider equations (126) as a system of four linear equations for the three unknowns  $\beta_{85}$ ,  $\beta_{86}$ ,  $\beta_{87}$ .

As condition of compatibility, we obtain from (126) the following relation:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{12} \alpha_8^2 [6\alpha_5\alpha_6\alpha_7 - 4\alpha_8(\alpha_5\alpha_6 + \alpha_5\alpha_7 + \alpha_6\alpha_7) + 3\alpha_8^2(\alpha_5 + \alpha_6 + \alpha_7)] - P_{84} \\ & - \beta_{83}\alpha_3(\alpha_5 - \alpha_3)(\alpha_6 - \alpha_3)(\alpha_7 - \alpha_3) - \beta_{84}\alpha_4(\alpha_5 - \alpha_4)(\alpha_6 - \alpha_4)(\alpha_7 - \alpha_4) = 0 \end{aligned} \right\} (127)$$

In (127) we now have to insert our expressions for  $P_{84}$ ,  $\beta_{83}$ , and  $\beta_{84}$  and express all  $\beta$ - and  $c$ -coefficients by the  $\alpha$ -coefficients. Finally, we have to insert our restrictive conditions (108) and (112a) for the  $\alpha$ -coefficients, thereby converting (127) into a condition between  $\alpha_6$  and  $\alpha_8$  since the terms with  $\alpha_4$  drop out.

A tedious but straightforward computation finally reduces the left-hand side of (127) to a product of several factors. One factor is a function of  $\alpha_8$  only and can be made zero by a proper choice of  $\alpha_8$ . The other factors contain  $\alpha_6$  also. They can not be made zero for rational values  $\alpha_6$ ,  $\alpha_8$ , if we assume that  $\alpha_6$ ,  $\alpha_7$ ,  $\alpha_8$ ,  $\alpha_9$  be different from another and different from 0,  $1/2$ , 1, in order to prevent the denominators of (109) from becoming zero.

If we omit all factors that are different from zero, we are finally left with:

$$6\alpha_8^3 - 7\alpha_8 + 2 = 0. \quad (128)$$

From (128) follows  $\alpha_8 = 1/2$  or  $\alpha_8 = 2/3$ . Since  $\alpha_8 = 1/2$  has again to be discarded, we obtain:

$$\alpha_8 = \frac{2}{3} \quad (129)$$

as resulting from condition (127).

The restrictive conditions (108), (110), (111), (112), (129) reduce the independent  $\alpha$ -coefficients to two, namely  $\alpha_4$  and  $\alpha_6$ .

53. Since the computation of the remaining  $\beta$ -coefficients and auxiliary expressions is straightforward, we just indicate from which equations they are obtained without stating the explicit expressions for them:

$\beta_{85}$ ,  $\beta_{86}$ ,  $\beta_{87}$  from (A1-8), (A2-8), (A3-8)

$P_{94}$ ,  $P_{104}$  =  $P_{124}$  from (E1), (E4)

$\beta_{95}$ ,  $\beta_{96}$ ,  $\beta_{97}$ ,  $\beta_{98}$  from (A1-9), (A2-9), (A3-9),  $P_{94}$

$\beta_{105}, \beta_{106}, \beta_{107}, \beta_{108}, \beta_{109}$  from (B5), (B6), (B7), (B8), (B9)

$\beta_{125}, \beta_{126}, \beta_{127}, \beta_{128}, \beta_{129}$  from (A1-12), (A2-12), (A3-12), (C5), (C6)

$\beta_{1210} = 0, \quad \beta_{1211} = 1$  from (B10), (B11)

$\beta_{113} = 0, \beta_{114} = 0, \beta_{115}, \beta_{116} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{from } (B3), (B4), (B5), (B6) \\ \beta_{117}, \beta_{118}, \beta_{119}, \beta_{1110} = 0 \end{array} \right. \left\{ \begin{array}{l} (B7), (B8), (B9), (B10) \end{array} \right.$

All Runge-Kutta coefficients for our pair of seventh- and eighth-order formulas are now known if we still determine  $c_0, \hat{c}_0$  from equation (D0) and the coefficients  $\beta_{\nu 0} (\nu=1, 2, 3, \dots, 12)$  from the extended equations (F). If we submit the  $\alpha$ -coefficients to the restrictive conditions (108), (110), (111), (112), (129), the Runge-Kutta coefficients satisfy all our equations of condition.

### SECTION XIII. THE LEADING TERM OF THE LOCAL TRUNCATION ERROR

54. There are 115 terms  $T_\nu$  ( $\nu = 1, 2, 3, \dots, 115$ ) that contribute to the leading truncation error term of a seventh-order Runge-Kutta formula. However, because of our assumptions and our conditions (A1), (A2), (A3), (B), and (C), most terms  $T_\nu$  are zero. Indeed, there are only 40 error coefficients  $T_\nu$  that are different from zero. All those 40 coefficients  $T_\nu$  are multiples of four coefficients  $T_{49}$ ,  $T_{52}$ ,  $T_{57}$ , and  $T_{68}$ :

$$\left. \begin{aligned} T_1 &= -T_{49}, & T_2 &= -T_{52}, & T_3 &= -3T_{52}, & T_4 &= -T_{52}, & T_{50} &= T_{52}, & T_{51} &= 3T_{52} \\ T_5 &= -4T_{57}, & T_6 &= -4T_{57}, & T_7 &= -3T_{57}, & T_8 &= -6T_{57}, & T_9 &= -T_{57}, & T_{53} &= 4T_{57} \\ T_{54} &= 4T_{57}, & T_{55} &= 3T_{57}, & T_{56} &= 6T_{57}, & T_{10} &= -5T_{68}, & T_{11} &= -5T_{68}, & T_{12} &= -15T_{68} \\ T_{13} &= -5T_{68}, & T_{14} &= -10T_{68}, & T_{15} &= -10T_{68}, & T_{16} &= -10T_{68}, & T_{17} &= -10T_{68}, & T_{18} &= -15T_{68} \\ T_{19} &= -10T_{68}, & T_{20} &= -T_{68}, & T_{58} &= 5T_{68}, & T_{59} &= 5T_{68}, & T_{60} &= 15T_{68}, & T_{61} &= 5T_{68} \\ T_{62} &= 10T_{68}, & T_{63} &= 10T_{68}, & T_{64} &= 10T_{68}, & T_{65} &= 10T_{68}, & T_{66} &= 15T_{68}, & T_{67} &= 10T_{68} \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (130)$$

55. The four basic error coefficients  $T_{49}$ ,  $T_{52}$ ,  $T_{57}$ ,  $T_{68}$  can be written in the following form:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} T_{49} &= \sum_{K=5}^{10} c_K \alpha_K \left\langle \sum_{\lambda=5}^{K-1} \beta_{K\lambda} \left\{ \sum_{\mu=4}^{\lambda-1} \beta_{\lambda\mu} \left[ \sum_{\nu=3}^{\mu-1} \beta_{\mu\nu} \left( \sum_{\rho=2}^{\nu-1} \beta_{\nu\rho} P_{\rho 1} \right) \right] \right\} \right\rangle - \frac{1}{5760} \\ T_{52} &= \frac{1}{6} \sum_{K=5}^{10} c_K \alpha_K \left[ \sum_{\lambda=4}^{K-1} \beta_{K\lambda} \left( \sum_{\mu=3}^{\lambda-1} \beta_{\lambda\mu} P_{\mu 3} \right) \right] - \frac{1}{5760} \\ T_{57} &= \frac{1}{24} \sum_{K=5}^{10} c_K \alpha_K \left( \sum_{\lambda=4}^{K-1} \beta_{K\lambda} P_{\lambda 4} \right) - \frac{1}{5760} \\ T_{68} &= \frac{1}{120} \sum_{K=5}^{10} c_K \alpha_K P_{K 5} - \frac{1}{5760} \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (131)$$

## SECTION XIV. EXAMPLE FOR A SEVENTH-ORDER RUNGE-KUTTA FORMULA

56. For our seventh-order Runge-Kutta formula we select for the independent parameters  $\alpha_4, \alpha_6$  such a pair of values for which the four error terms (131) become small.

Since it seems hardly possible to find such a pair of values  $\alpha_4, \alpha_6$  analytically, we again ran a variety of combinations  $\alpha_4, \alpha_6$  on an electronic computer and printed out the error terms (131) for each combination. Inspecting these printouts, we chose for our Runge-Kutta formula the following combination:

$$\alpha_4 = 5/12, \quad \alpha_6 = 5/6 . \quad (132)$$

This combination results in rather small values for our error terms (131):

$$T_{e1} \approx 0.164 \cdot 10^{-5}, \quad T_{e2} \approx -0.567 \cdot 10^{-6}, \quad T_{e7} \approx 0.765 \cdot 10^{-6}, \quad T_{e8} \approx -0.919 \cdot 10^{-7} \quad (133)$$

It also leads to relatively simple Runge-Kutta coefficients, which are listed in Table X.

TABLE X. RK 7(8)

$k$	$\alpha_k$	$\beta_{k\lambda}$										$c_k$	$\hat{c}_k$
$k$		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
0	0	0										$\frac{41}{840}$	$\frac{41}{840}$
1	$\frac{2}{27}$	$\frac{2}{27}$											0
2	$\frac{1}{9}$	$\frac{1}{36}$	$\frac{1}{12}$										0
3	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{24}$	0	$\frac{1}{8}$									0
4	$\frac{5}{12}$	$\frac{5}{12}$	0	$-\frac{25}{16}$	$\frac{25}{16}$								0
5	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{20}$	0	0	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{5}$							$\frac{34}{105}$
6	$\frac{5}{6}$	$-\frac{25}{108}$	0	0	$\frac{125}{108}$	$-\frac{65}{27}$	$\frac{125}{54}$						$\frac{9}{35}$
7	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{31}{300}$	0	0	0	$\frac{61}{225}$	$-\frac{2}{9}$	$\frac{13}{900}$					$\frac{9}{35}$
8	$\frac{2}{3}$	2	0	0	$-\frac{53}{6}$	$\frac{704}{45}$	$-\frac{107}{9}$	$\frac{67}{90}$	3				$\frac{9}{280}$
9	$-\frac{1}{3}$	$-\frac{91}{108}$	0	0	$\frac{23}{108}$	$-\frac{976}{135}$	$\frac{311}{54}$	$-\frac{19}{60}$	$\frac{17}{6}$	$-\frac{1}{12}$			$\frac{9}{280}$
10	1	$\frac{2383}{4100}$	0	0	$-\frac{341}{164}$	$\frac{4496}{1025}$	$-\frac{301}{82}$	$\frac{2133}{4100}$	$\frac{45}{82}$	$\frac{45}{164}$	$\frac{18}{41}$		$\frac{41}{840}$
11	0	$\frac{3}{205}$	0	0	0	0	$-\frac{6}{41}$	$-\frac{3}{205}$	$-\frac{3}{41}$	$\frac{3}{41}$	$\frac{6}{41}$	0	$\frac{41}{840}$
12	1	$-\frac{1777}{4100}$	0	0	$-\frac{341}{164}$	$\frac{4496}{1025}$	$-\frac{289}{82}$	$\frac{2193}{4100}$	$\frac{51}{82}$	$\frac{33}{164}$	$\frac{12}{41}$	0	$\frac{41}{840}$

$$\text{Truncation Error Term: } TE = \frac{41}{840} (f_0 + f_{10} - f_{11} - f_{12})h \quad (134)$$



## SECTION XV. NUMERICAL COMPARISON WITH OTHER SEVENTH-ORDER RUNGE-KUTTA FORMULAS

57. The only other 7-th order Runge-Kutta formula, known in the literature, is due to E.B. SHANKS ([10], p.34). It is based on nine evaluations of the differential equations per step.

Computing the error coefficients  $T_\nu$  ( $\nu = 1, 2, 3, \dots, 115$ ) for SHANKS's formula, we found that these coefficients are rather large compared with the coefficients (130), (133), of our formula RK7(8).

While our formula RK7(8) contains only 40 non-zero error coefficients  $T_\nu$ , SHANKS's 7-th order formula has 102 non-zero terms  $T_\nu$ . The largest coefficient  $T_\nu$  in SHANKS's formula is  $-0.353 \cdot 10^{-2}$ , and there are 15 terms  $T_\nu$  in SHANKS's formula which are larger in absolute value than  $10^{-3}$ . The largest coefficient  $T_\nu$  of our formula RK7(8) is  $-0.459 \cdot 10^{-5}$  and in our formula there are 16 coefficients  $T_\nu$  which are larger in absolute value than  $10^{-8}$  and 24 such coefficients which are smaller in absolute value than  $10^{-8}$ .

58. For the numerical comparison of our formula RK7(8) with SHANKS's formula we applied these formulas again to our problem (53) in exactly the same way as in Part I and Part II. We again used RICHARDSON's principle as stepsize control procedure for SHANKS's formula since no other satisfactory stepsize control procedure seems to be known for SHANKS's formulas. Table XI shows the results of our comparison.

TABLE XI. COMPARISON OF SEVENTH-ORDER METHODS FOR EXAMPLE (53)

Method	Number of Substitutions per Step	Results for $x = 5$ and Tolerance $10^{-18}$				
		Number of Steps	Total Number of Evaluations	Running Time on IBM-7094 (min)	Accumulated Errors in y and z	
					$\Delta y$	$\Delta z$
SHANKS	17	1423	24 191	2.49	$-0.1332 \cdot 10^{-13}$	$-0.7377 \cdot 10^{-13}$
RK7(8)	13	818	10 634	1.12	$-0.2509 \cdot 10^{-13}$	$-0.5135 \cdot 10^{-13}$

The table shows that, in this example, the computer running time for our formula RK7(8) is only about 45% of the running time of SHANKS's 7-th order formula. The relatively large number of integration steps (1423), required by SHANKS's formula, reflects the unfavorable magnitude of the error coefficients of SHANKS's formula.

# PART IV. EIGHTH-ORDER FORMULAS

## SECTION XVI. THE EQUATIONS OF CONDITION FOR THE RUNGE-KUTTA COEFFICIENTS

59. An eighth-order Runge-Kutta formula RK8(9) with stepsize control can be established if we allow for seventeen evaluations of the differential equations per step:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} f_0 &= f(x_0, y_0) \\ f_k &= f(x_0 + \alpha_k h, y_0 + h \sum_{\lambda=0}^{k-1} \beta_{k\lambda} f_\lambda) \quad (k=1, 2, 3, \dots, 16) \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (135)$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} y &= y_0 + h \sum_{k=0}^{14} c_k f_k + O(h^9) \\ \hat{y} &= y_0 + h \sum_{k=0}^{16} \hat{c}_k f_k + O(h^{10}) \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (136)$$

60. Since BUTCHER's paper ([3], Table I) lists the equations of condition up to the eighth-order only, we have to find the ninth-order equations that we need for our stepsize control by either extending BUTCHER's table or by using a scheme suggested by SHANKS [10].

We like to mention, however, that more recently another approach, based on quadrature formulas and also applicable to Runge-Kutta formulas of any order, was described by C. STIMBERG ([11], pp.1/9). For fourth-order Runge-Kutta formulas, C. STIMBERG has presented his method in more detail in another paper [12]. For a similar approach based on quadrature formulas see also J.S. ROSEN [13].

61. There are 286 ninth-order equations of condition. However, this number of equations is greatly reduced if we make - very similar as in Parts I, II, and III - the following assumptions:

$$\left. \begin{aligned}
& \alpha_{14} = \alpha_{15} = 1, \quad \alpha_{16} = 0, \quad \hat{c}_1 = c_1 = 0, \quad \hat{c}_2 = c_2 = 0, \quad \dots, \quad \hat{c}_7 = c_7 = 0, \\
& \hat{c}_8 = c_8, \quad \hat{c}_9 = c_9, \quad \dots, \quad \hat{c}_{13} = c_{13}, \quad \hat{c}_{14} = 0, \quad \hat{c}_{15} = \hat{c}_{16} = c_{14} \\
& \beta_{31} = \beta_{41} = \beta_{51} = \dots = \beta_{161} = 0, \quad \beta_{52} = \beta_{62} = \beta_{72} = \dots = \beta_{162} = 0 \\
& \beta_{73} = \beta_{83} = \beta_{93} = \dots = \beta_{163} = 0, \quad \beta_{94} = \beta_{94} = \beta_{104} = \dots = \beta_{164} = 0
\end{aligned} \right\} (137)$$

and:

$$(A1) \quad P_{v1} = \frac{1}{2} \alpha_v^2 \quad (v = 2, 3, 4, \dots, 16) \quad (A1-v)$$

$$(A2) \quad P_{v2} = \frac{1}{3} \alpha_v^3 \quad (v = 2, 3, 4, \dots, 16) \quad (A2-v)$$

$$(A3) \quad P_{v3} = \frac{1}{4} \alpha_v^4 \quad (v = 5, 6, 7, \dots, 16) \quad (A3-v)$$

$$(A4) \quad P_{v4} = \frac{1}{5} \alpha_v^5 \quad (v = 8, 9, 10, \dots, 16) \quad (A4-v)$$

$$(B) \left\{ \begin{aligned}
& \sum_{v=8}^{13} c_v \beta_{v5} + c_{14} \left\{ \frac{\beta_{145}}{\beta_{155} + \beta_{165}} \right\} = c_5 (1 - \alpha_5) = 0 \quad (B5) \\
& \sum_{v=8}^{13} c_v \beta_{v6} + c_{14} \left\{ \frac{\beta_{146}}{\beta_{156} + \beta_{166}} \right\} = c_6 (1 - \alpha_6) = 0 \quad (B6) \\
& \sum_{v=8}^{13} c_v \beta_{v7} + c_{14} \left\{ \frac{\beta_{147}}{\beta_{157} + \beta_{167}} \right\} = c_7 (1 - \alpha_7) = 0 \quad (B7) \\
& \sum_{v=9}^{13} c_v \beta_{v8} + c_{14} \left\{ \frac{\beta_{148}}{\beta_{158} + \beta_{168}} \right\} = c_8 (1 - \alpha_8) \quad (B8) \\
& \sum_{v=10}^{13} c_v \beta_{v9} + c_{14} \left\{ \frac{\beta_{149}}{\beta_{159} + \beta_{169}} \right\} = c_9 (1 - \alpha_9) \quad (B9) \\
& \sum_{v=11}^{13} c_v \beta_{v10} + c_{14} \left\{ \frac{\beta_{1410}}{\beta_{1510} + \beta_{1610}} \right\} = c_{10} (1 - \alpha_{10}) \quad (B10) \\
& \sum_{v=12}^{13} c_v \beta_{v11} + c_{14} \left\{ \frac{\beta_{1411}}{\beta_{1511} + \beta_{1611}} \right\} = c_{11} (1 - \alpha_{11}) \quad (B11) \\
& c_{13} \beta_{1312} + c_{14} \left\{ \frac{\beta_{1412}}{\beta_{1512} + \beta_{1612}} \right\} = c_{12} (1 - \alpha_{12}) \quad (B12) \\
& c_{14} \left\{ \frac{\beta_{1413}}{\beta_{1513} + \beta_{1613}} \right\} = c_{13} (1 - \alpha_{13}) \quad (B13) \\
& c_{14} (\beta_{1514} + \beta_{1614}) = c_{14} (1 - \alpha_{14}) = 0 \quad (B14) \\
& c_{14} \beta_{1615} = c_{14} (1 - \alpha_{15}) = c_{14} \quad (B15)
\end{aligned} \right.$$

$$\begin{aligned}
(C) \quad \left\{ \begin{aligned} & \sum_{\mu=8}^{13} c_{\mu} \alpha_{\mu} \beta_{\mu 5} + c_{14} \beta_{165} = 0 & (C1) \\ & \sum_{\mu=8}^{13} c_{\mu} \alpha_{\mu} \beta_{\mu 6} + c_{14} \beta_{166} = 0 & (C2) \\ & \sum_{\mu=8}^{13} c_{\mu} \alpha_{\mu} \beta_{\mu 7} + c_{14} \beta_{167} = 0 & (C3) \\ & \sum_{\mu=8}^{13} c_{\mu} \alpha_{\mu}^2 \beta_{\mu 5} + c_{14} \beta_{165} = 0 & (C4) \\ & \sum_{\mu=8}^{13} c_{\mu} \alpha_{\mu}^2 \beta_{\mu 6} + c_{14} \beta_{166} = 0 & (C5) \\ & \sum_{\mu=8}^{13} c_{\mu} \alpha_{\mu}^2 \beta_{\mu 7} + c_{14} \beta_{167} = 0 & (C6) \\ & \sum_{\mu=9}^{13} c_{\mu} \alpha_{\mu} \left( \sum_{\nu=8}^{\mu-1} \beta_{\mu \nu} \beta_{\nu 5} \right) + c_{14} \sum_{\nu=8}^{13} \beta_{16 \nu} \beta_{\nu 5} = 0 & (C7) \\ & \sum_{\mu=9}^{13} c_{\mu} \alpha_{\mu} \left( \sum_{\nu=8}^{\mu-1} \beta_{\mu \nu} \beta_{\nu 6} \right) + c_{14} \sum_{\nu=8}^{13} \beta_{16 \nu} \beta_{\nu 6} = 0 & (C8) \\ & \sum_{\mu=9}^{13} c_{\mu} \alpha_{\mu} \left( \sum_{\nu=8}^{\mu-1} \beta_{\mu \nu} \beta_{\nu 7} \right) + c_{14} \sum_{\nu=8}^{13} \beta_{16 \nu} \beta_{\nu 7} = 0 & (C9) \end{aligned} \right.
\end{aligned}$$

62. The assumptions of No.61 reduce the equations of condition for our pair of eighth- and ninth-order Runge-Kutta formulas to the following two groups (D) and (E) in very much the same way as before in Parts I, II, or III:

$$(D) \quad \left\{ \begin{aligned} & \left\{ \begin{matrix} c_0 \\ \hat{c}_0 \end{matrix} \right\} + \sum_{\nu=8}^{13} c_{\nu} + \left\{ \begin{matrix} c_{14} \\ 2c_{14} \end{matrix} \right\} = 1 & (D0) \\ & \sum_{\nu=8}^{14} c_{\nu} \alpha_{\nu}^{\mu} = \frac{1}{\mu+1} \quad (\mu = 1, 2, 3, \dots, 8) & (D\mu) \end{aligned} \right.$$

$$(E) \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \sum_{\mu=8}^{13} c_{\mu} \alpha_{\mu} P_{\mu 5} + c_{14} \left\{ \frac{P_{14 5}}{P_{16 5}} \right\} = \frac{1}{48} & (E1) \\ \sum_{\mu=8}^{13} c_{\mu} \alpha_{\mu} P_{\mu 6} + c_{14} P_{16 6} = \frac{1}{63} & (E2) \\ \sum_{\mu=8}^{14} c_{\mu} \alpha_{\mu}^2 P_{\mu 5} = \frac{1}{54} & (E3) \\ \sum_{\mu=9}^{13} c_{\mu} \alpha_{\mu} \left( \sum_{\nu=8}^{\mu-1} \beta_{\mu \nu} P_{\nu 5} \right) + c_{14} \sum_{\nu=8}^{13} \beta_{16 \nu} P_{\nu 5} = \frac{1}{378} & (E4) \end{array} \right.$$

## SECTION XVII. A SOLUTION OF THE EQUATIONS OF CONDITION FOR THE RUNGE-KUTTA COEFFICIENTS

63. We only briefly indicate how a solution of the equations of condition (A1), (A2), (A3), (A4), (B), (C), (D), and (E) can be obtained, since we follow a very similar procedure as in the earlier parts of our paper.

The eight equations (D<sub>μ</sub>) for the seven weight factors  $c_8, c_9, \dots, c_{14}$  lead to a condition of compatibility for the coefficients  $\alpha_v$ . This condition and some other relations simplify considerably if we assume:

$$\alpha_6 + \alpha_7 = 1, \quad \alpha_{10} + \alpha_{11} = 1, \quad \alpha_{12} + \alpha_{13} = 1 \quad (138)$$

Our condition of compatibility can then be written as:

$$\alpha_8 = \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{2\alpha_9 - 1} \cdot \frac{42(5\alpha_9 - 3)\alpha_{10}\alpha_{11}\alpha_{12}\alpha_{13} + 6(4 - 7\alpha_9)(\alpha_{10}\alpha_{11} + \alpha_{12}\alpha_{13}) - (5 - 9\alpha_9)}{70\alpha_{10}\alpha_{11}\alpha_{12}\alpha_{13} - 14(\alpha_{10}\alpha_{11} + \alpha_{12}\alpha_{13}) + 3} \quad (139)$$

If this relationship between  $\alpha_8, \alpha_9, \alpha_{10}, \alpha_{11}, \alpha_{12}, \alpha_{13}$  holds, the weight factors  $c_8, c_9, \dots, c_{14}$  can be determined from the first seven equations (D<sub>μ</sub>).

64. Besides (139) there are further restrictive conditions for the coefficients  $\alpha_v$ . Obviously the conditions (110), (111), (112) still hold in the case of our eighth-order formula. Furthermore, from equations (A1-8), (A2-8), (A3-8), (A4-8) the following condition results:

$$\alpha_5 = \frac{1}{5} \alpha_8 \frac{20\alpha_6\alpha_7 - 15\alpha_9 + 12\alpha_9^2}{6\alpha_6\alpha_7 - 4\alpha_8 + 3\alpha_8^2} \quad (140)$$

From (110), (111), (112), (138), (139), (140), it follows that all  $\alpha$ -coefficients can be expressed by  $\alpha_4, \alpha_6, \alpha_9, \alpha_{10}, \alpha_{12}$ .

We shall show, however, in No. 65, that the coefficient  $\alpha_8$  is already determined as soon as  $\alpha_6, \alpha_{10}, \alpha_{12}$  are fixed. Therefore,  $\alpha_4, \alpha_6, \alpha_{10}, \alpha_{12}$  are the only free  $\alpha_v$ -coefficients.

65. The  $\beta$ -coefficients are computed in very much the same way as in Part III. The expressions for  $\beta_{21}$ ,  $\beta_{32}$ ,  $\beta_{42}$ ,  $\beta_{43}$ ,  $\beta_{53}$ ,  $\beta_{54}$ ,  $\beta_{63}$ ,  $\beta_{64}$ ,  $\beta_{65}$ ,  $\beta_{74}$ ,  $\beta_{75}$ ,  $\beta_{76}$  are identical with those in Part III.

$$\text{Equations} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} (A1-8), (A2-8), (A3-8) \\ (A1-9), (A2-9), (A3-9), (A4-9) \\ (A1-10), (A2-10), (A3-10), (A4-10) \\ (A1-11), (A2-11), (A3-11), (A4-11) \end{array} \right\} \text{yield} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \beta_{85}, \beta_{86}, \beta_{87} \\ \beta_{95}, \beta_{96}, \beta_{97}, \beta_{98} \\ \beta_{105}, \beta_{107}, \beta_{108}, \beta_{109} \\ \beta_{117}, \beta_{118}, \beta_{119}, \beta_{1110} \end{array} \right\},$$

if we assume

$$\beta_{105} = 0, \beta_{115} = \beta_{116} = 0, \quad (141)$$

Assuming:

$$\beta_{165} = \beta_{145}, \quad \beta_{166} = \beta_{146}, \quad \beta_{167} = \beta_{147} \quad (142)$$

$$\text{equations} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} (B5), (C1), (C4) \\ (B6), (C2), (C5) \\ (B7), (C3), (C6) \end{array} \right\} \text{yield} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \beta_{125}, \beta_{135}, \beta_{145} \\ \beta_{126}, \beta_{136}, \beta_{146} \\ \beta_{127}, \beta_{137}, \beta_{147} \end{array} \right\}$$

From equations (A1-12), (A2-12), (A3-12), (A4-12), we can now obtain the coefficients  $\beta_{128}$ ,  $\beta_{138}$ ,  $\beta_{1210}$ ,  $\beta_{1211}$ .

66. Using the expressions for  $\beta_{K\lambda}$  as obtained from No.65, the auxiliary quantities  $P_{85}$ ,  $P_{95}$ ,  $P_{105}$ ,  $P_{115}$ ,  $P_{125}$  are determined if  $\alpha_6$ ,  $\alpha_8$ ,  $\alpha_9$ ,  $\alpha_{10}$ ,  $\alpha_{12}$  are given.

From (B) it follows easily:

$$c_2 P_{85} + c_3 P_{95} + c_{10} P_{105} + c_{11} P_{115} + c_{12} P_{125} + c_{13} P_{135} + c_{14} P_{145} = \frac{1}{42} \quad (143)$$

Equations (143), (E1), (E3) can now be written in the form:



$$\left. \begin{aligned} c_{13} P_{135} + c_{14} P_{145} &= \frac{1}{42} - \sum_{\nu=8}^{12} c_{\nu} P_{\nu 5} \\ c_{13} \alpha_{13} P_{135} + c_{14} P_{145} &= \frac{1}{48} - \sum_{\nu=8}^{12} c_{\nu} \alpha_{\nu} P_{\nu 5} \\ c_{13} \alpha_{13}^2 P_{135} + c_{14} P_{145} &= \frac{1}{54} - \sum_{\nu=8}^{12} c_{\nu} \alpha_{\nu}^2 P_{\nu 5} \end{aligned} \right\}, \quad (144)$$

representing three equations for the two unknowns  $P_{135}$ ,  $P_{145}$ .

From (144) the following condition of compatibility can be obtained:

$$\sum_{\nu=8}^{12} c_{\nu} (\alpha_{13} - \alpha_{\nu}) (1 - \alpha_{\nu}) P_{\nu 5} = \frac{1}{3024} (9\alpha_{13} - 7) \quad (145)$$

Equations (145) can be considered as a restrictive condition for  $\alpha_9$ . Therefore, only  $\alpha_4$ ,  $\alpha_6$ ,  $\alpha_{10}$ ,  $\alpha_{12}$  can be considered as free parameters.

67. The computation of the remaining  $\beta$ -coefficients is again straightforward and need hardly any explanation.

From (A1-13), (A2-13), (A3-13), (A4-13), and the definition of  $P_{135}$  - the quantity  $P_{135}$  is already obtained from (144) - we obtain  $\beta_{138}$ ,  $\beta_{139}$ ,  $\beta_{1310}$ ,  $\beta_{1311}$ ,  $\beta_{1312}$ .

The upper equations (B8) through (B13) yield  $\beta_{146}$ ,  $\beta_{149}$ ,  $\beta_{1410}$ ,  $\beta_{1411}$ ,  $\beta_{1412}$ ,  $\beta_{1413}$ . This concludes the determination of the  $\beta$ -coefficients for our eighth-order formula.

68. We still have to determine the coefficients  $\beta_{15\lambda}$  and  $\beta_{16\lambda}$  for the ninth-order formula.

From (E2) we can determine  $P_{166}$ . Since  $P_{165} = P_{145}$ , equations (A1-16), (A2-16), (A3-16), (A4-16), the definition of  $P_{165}$ , and the definition of  $P_{166}$  represent six equations for the six unknowns  $\beta_{168}$ ,  $\beta_{169}$ ,  $\beta_{1610}$ ,  $\beta_{1611}$ ,  $\beta_{1612}$ ,  $\beta_{1613}$ , since the coefficients  $\beta_{165}$ ,  $\beta_{166}$ ,  $\beta_{167}$  are already determined by (142).

Equation (B14) suggests:

$$\beta_{1614} = \beta_{1514} = 0 , \quad (146)$$

and equation (B15) yields:

$$\beta_{1615} = 1 . \quad (147)$$

Finally, the coefficients  $\beta_{15\lambda}$  can be determined by comparing the upper and the lower parts of equations (B).

All Runge-Kutta coefficients for our pair of eighth- and ninth-order formulas are now known if we still determine  $c_0$ ,  $\hat{c}_0$  from equation (D0) and the coefficients  $\beta_{\nu 0}$  ( $\nu=1, 2, 3, \dots, 16$ ) from the extended equations (F). If we submit the  $\alpha$ -coefficients to the above restrictive conditions, the Runge-Kutta coefficients satisfy all our equations of condition.

## SECTION XVIII. EXAMPLE FOR AN EIGHTH-ORDER RUNGE-KUTTA FORMULA

69. In Table XII we present an example for an eighth-order Runge-Kutta formula RK8(9). Since  $\alpha_9$ , as obtained from equation (145), is in general no simple rational number anymore, we give in Table XII the decimal representation of the Runge-Kutta coefficients. The  $\beta$ - and  $c$ -coefficients not listed in Table XII are zero. The free parameters  $\alpha_4$ ,  $\alpha_6$ ,  $\alpha_{10}$ ,  $\alpha_{12}$  were selected in such a way as to make the error coefficients of the leading error term of our Runge-Kutta formula as small as possible.

The computation of the coefficients was performed on an IBM-7094 electronic computer in 40-digit arithmetic\*.

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TABLE XII. RK 8 (9)

$\alpha_1$	=	0.4436	8940	3764	9818	3109	5994	0428	1370
$\alpha_2$	=	0.6655	3410	5647	4727	4664	3991	0642	2055
$\alpha_3$	=	0.9983	0115	8471	2091	1996	5986	5963	3083
$\alpha_4$	=	0.3155	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000
$\alpha_5$	=	0.5054	4100	9481	6906	8626	5161	2673	7384
$\alpha_6$	=	0.1714	2857	1428	5714	2857	1428	5714	2857
$\alpha_7$	=	0.8285	7142	8571	4285	7142	8571	4285	7143
$\alpha_8$	=	0.6654	3966	1210	1156	2534	9537	6925	5586
$\alpha_9$	=	0.2487	8317	9680	6265	2069	7222	7456	0771
$\alpha_{10}$	=	0.1090	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000
$\alpha_{11}$	=	0.8910	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000
$\alpha_{12}$	=	0.3995	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000
$\alpha_{13}$	=	0.6005	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000	0000
$\alpha_{14}$	=	1							
$\alpha_{15}$	=	0							
$\alpha_{16}$	=	1							
$\beta_{10}$	=	0.4436	8940	3764	9818	3109	5994	0428	1370
$\beta_{20}$	=	0.1663	8352	6411	8681	8666	0997	7660	5514
$\beta_{21}$	=	0.4991	5057	9235	6045	5998	2993	2981	6541
$\beta_{30}$	=	0.2495	7528	9617	8022	7999	1496	6490	8271
$\beta_{32}$	=	0.7487	2586	8853	4068	3997	4489	9472	4812
$\beta_{40}$	=	0.2066	1891	1634	0060	2426	5567	1039	3185
$\beta_{42}$	=	0.1770	7880	3779	8634	7040	3809	9728	8319
$\beta_{43}$	=	-0.6819	7715	4138	6949	4669	3770	7681	5048 $\cdot 10^{-1}$
$\beta_{50}$	=	0.1092	7823	1526	6640	8227	9038	9092	6157
$\beta_{53}$	=	0.4021	5962	6423	6799	5421	9905	6369	0087 $\cdot 10^{-2}$
$\beta_{54}$	=	0.3921	4118	1690	7898	0444	3923	3017	4325
$\beta_{60}$	=	0.9889	9281	4091	6466	5304	8447	6543	4355 $\cdot 10^{-1}$
$\beta_{63}$	=	0.3513	8370	2279	6396	6951	2044	8735	6703 $\cdot 10^{-2}$
$\beta_{64}$	=	0.1247	6099	9831	6001	6621	5206	2587	2489
$\beta_{65}$	=	-0.5574	5546	8349	8979	9643	7429	0146	6348 $\cdot 10^{-1}$
$\beta_{70}$	=	-0.3680	6865	2862	4220	3724	1531	0108	0691
$\beta_{74}$	=	-0.2227	3897	4694	7600	7645	0240	2094	4166 $\cdot 10^{+1}$
$\beta_{75}$	=	0.1374	2908	2567	0291	0729	5656	9124	5744 $\cdot 10^{+1}$
$\beta_{76}$	=	0.2049	7390	0271	1160	3002	1593	5409	2206 $\cdot 10^{+1}$
$\beta_{80}$	=	0.4546	7962	6413	4715	0077	3519	5060	3349 $\cdot 10^{-1}$

TABLE XII. RK 8 (9) (Continued)

$\beta_{85}$	=	0.3254 2131 7015 8914 7114 6774 6964 8853
$\beta_{86}$	=	0.2847 6660 1385 2790 8888 1824 2057 3687
$\beta_{87}$	=	0.9783 7801 6759 7915 2435 8683 9727 1099 $\cdot 10^{-2}$
$\beta_{90}$	=	0.6084 2071 0626 2205 7051 0941 4520 5182 $\cdot 10^{-1}$
$\beta_{95}$	=	-0.2118 4565 7440 3700 7526 3252 7525 1206 $\cdot 10^{-1}$
$\beta_{96}$	=	0.1959 6557 2661 7083 1957 4644 9066 2983
$\beta_{97}$	=	-0.4274 2640 3648 1760 3675 1448 3534 2899 $\cdot 10^{-2}$
$\beta_{98}$	=	0.1743 4365 7368 1491 1935 3234 5255 8189 $\cdot 10^{-1}$
$\beta_{100}$	=	0.5405 9783 2959 3191 7365 7857 2411 1182 $\cdot 10^{-1}$
$\beta_{103}$	=	0.1102 9325 5978 2392 6539 2831 2764 8228
$\beta_{107}$	=	-0.1256 5008 5200 7255 6414 1477 6378 2250 $\cdot 10^{-2}$
$\beta_{108}$	=	0.3679 0043 4775 8146 0136 3840 4356 6339 $\cdot 10^{-2}$
$\beta_{109}$	=	-0.5778 0542 7709 7207 3940 8406 2857 1866 $\cdot 10^{-1}$
$\beta_{110}$	=	0.1273 2477 0686 6711 4646 6451 8179 9160
$\beta_{117}$	=	0.1144 8395 0063 9510 5323 6588 7572 1817
$\beta_{118}$	=	0.2877 3020 7096 9799 2776 2022 0184 9198
$\beta_{119}$	=	0.5094 5379 4596 1136 3153 7358 8507 9465
$\beta_{1110}$	=	-0.1479 9682 2443 7257 5900 2421 4444 9640
$\beta_{120}$	=	-0.3652 6793 8766 1674 0535 8485 4439 4333 $\cdot 10^{-2}$
$\beta_{125}$	=	0.8162 9896 0123 1891 9777 8194 2124 7030 $\cdot 10^{-1}$
$\beta_{126}$	=	-0.3860 7735 6356 9350 6490 5176 9434 3215
$\beta_{127}$	=	0.3086 2242 9246 0510 6450 4741 6602 5206 $\cdot 10^{-1}$
$\beta_{128}$	=	-0.5807 7254 5283 2060 2815 8293 7473 3518 $\cdot 10^{-1}$
$\beta_{129}$	=	0.3359 8659 3288 8497 1493 1434 5136 2322
$\beta_{1210}$	=	0.4106 6880 4019 4995 8613 5496 2278 6417
$\beta_{1211}$	=	-0.1184 0245 9723 5598 5520 6331 5615 4536 $\cdot 10^{-1}$
$\beta_{130}$	=	-0.1237 5357 9212 4514 3254 9790 9613 5669 $\cdot 10^{+1}$
$\beta_{135}$	=	-0.2443 0768 5513 5478 5358 7348 6136 6763 $\cdot 10^{+2}$
$\beta_{136}$	=	0.5477 9568 9327 7865 6050 4365 2899 1173
$\beta_{137}$	=	-0.4441 3863 5334 1324 6374 9598 9656 9346 $\cdot 10^{+1}$
$\beta_{138}$	=	0.1001 3104 8137 1326 6094 7926 1785 1022 $\cdot 10^{+2}$
$\beta_{139}$	=	-0.1499 5773 1020 5175 8447 1709 8507 3142 $\cdot 10^{+2}$
$\beta_{1310}$	=	0.5894 6948 5232 1701 3620 8245 3965 1427 $\cdot 10^{+1}$
$\beta_{1311}$	=	0.1738 0377 5034 2898 4877 6168 5744 0542 $\cdot 10^{+1}$
$\beta_{1312}$	=	0.2751 2330 6931 6673 0263 7586 2286 0276 $\cdot 10^{+2}$
$\beta_{140}$	=	-0.3526 0859 3883 3452 2700 5029 5887 5588
$\beta_{145}$	=	-0.1839 6103 1448 4827 0375 0441 9898 8231

TABLE XII. RK 8 (9) (Continued)

$\beta_{146}$	= -0.6557 0189 4497 4164 5138 0068 7998 5251
$\beta_{147}$	= -0.3908 6144 8804 3986 3435 0255 2024 1310
$\beta_{148}$	= 0.2679 4646 7128 5002 2936 5844 2327 1209
$\beta_{149}$	= -0.1038 3022 9913 8249 0865 7698 5850 7427 $\cdot 10^{+1}$
$\beta_{1410}$	= 0.1667 2327 3242 5867 1664 7273 4616 8501 $\cdot 10^{+1}$
$\beta_{1411}$	= 0.4955 1925 8553 1597 7067 7329 6707 1441
$\beta_{1412}$	= 0.1139 4001 1323 9706 3228 5867 3814 1784 $\cdot 10^{+1}$
$\beta_{1413}$	= 0.5133 6696 4246 5861 3688 1990 9719 1534 $\cdot 10^{-1}$
$\beta_{150}$	= 0.1046 4847 3406 1481 0391 8730 0240 6755 $\cdot 10^{-2}$
$\beta_{158}$	= -0.6716 3886 8449 9028 2237 7784 4617 8020 $\cdot 10^{-2}$
$\beta_{159}$	= 0.8182 8762 1894 2502 1265 3300 6524 8999 $\cdot 10^{-2}$
$\beta_{1510}$	= -0.4264 0342 8644 8334 7277 1421 3808 7561 $\cdot 10^{-2}$
$\beta_{1511}$	= 0.2800 9029 4741 6893 6545 9763 3115 3703 $\cdot 10^{-3}$
$\beta_{1512}$	= -0.8783 5333 8762 3867 6639 0578 1314 5633 $\cdot 10^{-2}$
$\beta_{1513}$	= 0.1025 4505 1108 2555 8084 2177 6966 4009 $\cdot 10^{-1}$
$\beta_{160}$	= -0.1353 6550 7861 7406 7080 4421 6888 9966 $\cdot 10^{+1}$
$\beta_{165}$	= -0.1839 6103 1448 4827 0375 0441 9898 8231
$\beta_{166}$	= -0.6557 0189 4497 4164 5138 0068 7998 5251
$\beta_{167}$	= -0.3908 6144 8804 3986 3435 0255 2024 1310
$\beta_{168}$	= 0.2746 6285 5812 9992 5758 9622 0773 2989
$\beta_{169}$	= -0.1046 4851 7535 7191 5887 0351 8857 2676 $\cdot 10^{+1}$
$\beta_{1610}$	= 0.1671 4967 6671 2315 5012 0044 8830 6588 $\cdot 10^{+1}$
$\beta_{1611}$	= 0.4952 3916 8258 4180 8131 1869 9074 0287
$\beta_{1612}$	= 0.1148 1836 4662 7330 1905 2257 9595 4930 $\cdot 10^{+1}$
$\beta_{1613}$	= 0.4108 2191 3138 3305 5603 9813 2752 7525 $\cdot 10^{-1}$
$\beta_{1615}$	= 1
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$c_0$	= 0.3225 6083 5002 1624 9913 6129 0096 0247 $\cdot 10^{-1}$
$c_8$	= 0.2598 3725 2837 1540 3018 8870 2317 1963
$c_9$	= 0.9284 7805 9965 7702 7788 0637 1430 2190 $\cdot 10^{-1}$
$c_{10}$	= 0.1645 2339 5147 6434 2891 6477 3184 2800
$c_{11}$	= 0.1766 5951 6378 6007 4367 0842 9839 7547
$c_{12}$	= 0.2392 0102 3203 5275 9374 1089 3332 0941
$c_{13}$	= 0.3948 4274 6042 0285 3746 7521 1882 9325 $\cdot 10^{-2}$
$c_{14}$	= 0.3072 6495 4758 6064 0406 3683 0552 2124 $\cdot 10^{-1}$
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TE	= $c_{14} (f_0 + f_{14} - f_{15} - f_{16}) h$ (148)

## SECTION XIX. NUMERICAL COMPARISON WITH OTHER EIGHTH-ORDER RUNGE-KUTTA FORMULAS

70. We compare our formula RK8(9) with SHANKS's eighth-order formula (8-12) ([13], p.34) which is the only other eighth-order Runge-Kutta formula known to us. We apply both formulas to our problem (53) in exactly the same way as in Parts I, II, and III using RICHARDSON's principle as stepsize control procedure for SHANKS's formula. Table XIII shows our results.

TABLE XIII. COMPARISON OF EIGHTH-ORDER METHODS FOR EXAMPLE (53)

Method	Number of Substitutions per Step	Results for $x = 5$ and Tolerance $10^{-15}$				
		Number of Steps	Total Number of Evaluations	Running Time on IBM-7094 (min)	Accumulated Errors in y and z	
					$\Delta y$	$\Delta z$
SHANKS	23	694	15 962	1.65	$-0.1710 \cdot 10^{-15}$	$-0.4646 \cdot 10^{-15}$
RK8(9)	17	510	8 670	0.91	$-0.1776 \cdot 10^{-15}$	$-0.3553 \cdot 10^{-15}$

The table shows that, in this example, the computer running time for our formula RK8(9) is about 55% of the running time of SHANKS's eighth-order formula.

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