

Numerical Solution of Fuzzy Differential Equations by Runge-Kutta Verner Method

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Abstract

In this paper we study the numerical methods for Fuzzy Differential equations by an application of the Runge-Kutta Verner method for fuzzy differential equations. We prove a convergence result and give numerical examples to illustrate the theory.

Keywords: Fuzzy Differential Equations; Fuzzy Cauchy problem; Runge-Kutta Verner method.

1 Introduction

The concept of fuzzy derivative was first introduced by Chang, Zadeh in [6] it was followed up by Dubois, Prede in [7], who defined and used the extension principle. The fuzzy differential equations (FDEs) and the initial value problem were regularly treated by Kaleva in [18, 19] and by Seikkala in [20]. The numerical method for solving fuzzy differential equations is introduced by Ma, Friedman, Kandel in [22] by the standard Euler method and by authors in [1, 2] by Taylor method. Jayakumar et al [13] discussed numerical solution of FDEs of order five. In the last few years many works have been performed by several authors in numerical solutions of fuzzy differential equations [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 11, 16, 20]. Recently, the numerical solution of FDEs by predictor-corrector method has been studied in [5]. In this work we replace the fuzzy differential equation by its parametric form and then solve numerically the new system. Which consider the two classic ordinary differential equations with initial condition.

The structure of this paper organizes as follows: In section 2. some basic results on fuzzy numbers and definition of a fuzzy derivative, which have been discussed by Seikkala in [25] are given. In section 3. we define the problem, this is a fuzzy Cauchy problem whose numerical solution is the main interest of this chapter. The numerically solving fuzzy differential equation by the Runge-Kutta Verner method is discussed in section 4. The proposed algorithm is illustrated by solving some examples in section 5. and conclusion is in section 6.

2 Preliminaries

Consider the initial value problem

$$\begin{cases} y'(t) = f(t, y(t)); & t_0 \leq t \leq T, \\ y(a) = \alpha. \end{cases} \quad (2.1)$$

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

$$y_{n+1} - y_n = \sum_{i=1}^m w_i k_i, \tag{2.2}$$

where for $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, m$ the w_i 's are constants and

$$k_i = h \cdot f(t_n + \alpha_i h, y_n + \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} \beta_{ij} k_j). \tag{2.3}$$

Equation (2.2) is to be exact for powers of h through h^m , because it is to be coincident with Taylor series of order m . Therefore, the truncation error T_m , can be written as

$$T_m = \gamma_m h^{m+1} + O(h^{m+2}).$$

The true magnitude of γ_m will generally be much less than the bound of theorem 2.1. Thus, if it the $O(h^{m+2})$ term is small compared with $\gamma_m h^{m+1}$, as we expect, to be so if h is small, then the bound on $\gamma_m h^{m+1}$, will usually be a bound on the error as a whole. The famous nonzero constants α_i, β_{ij} in the Runge Kutta Verner Method are

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_1 = 0, \alpha_2 = \frac{1}{6}, \alpha_3 = \frac{4}{15}, \alpha_4 = \frac{2}{3}, \alpha_5 = \frac{5}{6}, \alpha_6 = 1, \alpha_7 = \frac{1}{15}, \alpha_8 = 1, \\ \beta_{21} = \frac{1}{6}, \beta_{31} = \frac{4}{15}, \beta_{32} = \frac{16}{75}, \beta_{41} = \frac{5}{6}, \beta_{42} = \frac{-8}{3}, \beta_{43} = \frac{5}{2}, \\ \beta_{51} = \frac{-165}{64}, \beta_{52} = \frac{55}{6}, \beta_{53} = \frac{-425}{64}, \beta_{54} = \frac{85}{96}, \\ \beta_{61} = \frac{12}{5}, \beta_{62} = -8, \beta_{63} = \frac{4015}{612}, \beta_{64} = \frac{-11}{36}, \beta_{65} = \frac{86}{225}, \\ \beta_{71} = \frac{-8263}{15000}, \beta_{72} = \frac{124}{75}, \beta_{73} = \frac{-643}{680}, \beta_{74} = \frac{-84}{250}, \beta_{75} = \frac{2484}{10625}, \\ \beta_{81} = \frac{3501}{1720}, \beta_{82} = \frac{-300}{43}, \beta_{83} = \frac{297278}{52632}, \beta_{84} = \frac{-319}{2322}, \beta_{85} = \frac{24068}{84065}, \beta_{87} = \frac{3850}{26703}, \end{aligned}$$

where $m = 8$. Hence we have [see [19]]

$$\begin{aligned} y_0 &= \alpha, \\ k_1 &= h \cdot f(t_i, y_i), \\ k_2 &= h \cdot f(t_i + \frac{1}{6}h, y_i + \frac{1}{6}k_1), \\ k_3 &= h \cdot f(t_i + \frac{4}{15}h, y_i + \frac{4}{15}k_1 + \frac{16}{75}k_2), \\ k_4 &= h \cdot f(t_i + \frac{2}{3}h, y_i + \frac{5}{6}k_1 - \frac{8}{3}k_2 + \frac{5}{2}k_3), \\ k_5 &= h \cdot f(t_i + \frac{5}{6}h, y_i - \frac{165}{64}k_1 + \frac{55}{6}k_2 - \frac{425}{64}k_3 + \frac{85}{96}k_4), \\ k_6 &= h \cdot f(t_i + h, y_i + \frac{12}{5}k_1 - 8k_2 + \frac{4015}{612}k_3 - \frac{11}{36}k_4 + \frac{86}{225}k_5), \\ k_7 &= h \cdot f(t_i + \frac{1}{15}h, y_i - \frac{8263}{15000}k_1 + \frac{124}{75}k_2 - \frac{643}{680}k_3 - \frac{81}{250}k_4 + \frac{2484}{10625}k_5), \\ k_8 &= h \cdot f(t_i + h, y_i + \frac{3501}{1720}k_1 - \frac{300}{43}k_2 + \frac{297278}{52632}k_3 - \frac{319}{2322}k_4 + \frac{24068}{84065}k_5 + \frac{3850}{26703}k_7), \\ y_{i+1} &= y_i + \frac{3}{40}k_1 + \frac{875}{2244}k_3 + \frac{23}{72}k_4 + \frac{264}{1955}k_5 + \frac{125}{11592}k_7 + \frac{43}{616}k_8, \end{aligned} \tag{2.4}$$

where

$$a = t_0 \leq t_1 \leq \dots \leq t_N = b \text{ and } h = \frac{(b-a)}{N} = t_{i+1} - t_i. \tag{2.5}$$

Theorem 2.1. Let $f(t, y)$ belong to $C^8[a, b]$ and let its partial derivatives are bounded and assume there exists, L, M , positive numbers, such that

$$|f(t, y)| < M, \quad \left| \frac{\partial^{i+j} f}{\partial t^i \partial y^j} \right| < \frac{L^{i+j}}{M^{j-i}}, i + j \leq m,$$

then in the Runge -Kutta Verner method, $y(t_{i+1}) - y_{i+1} \approx \frac{4}{9}h^8ML^7 + O(h^9)$. A triangular fuzzy number v , is defined by three numbers $a < b < c$ where the graph of $v(x)$, the membership function of the fuzzy number v , is a triangle with base on the interval $[a, c]$ and vertex at $x = b$. We specify v as $(a/b/c)$.

We will write :

(1) $v > 0$ if $a > 0$; (2) $v \geq 0$ if $a \geq 0$; (3) $v < 0$ if $c < 0$; and (4) $v \leq 0$ if $c \leq 0$.

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

$$[v]_r = \{s | v(s) \geq r\}, \quad 0 < r \leq 1,$$

is a closed bounded interval which is denoted by

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

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

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

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

$$[x'(r)]_r = [x'_1(t; r), x'_2(t; r)], \quad t \in I, r \in (0, 1].$$

Provided that this equation defines a fuzzy number, as in Seikkala [25].

3 A Fuzzy Cauchy Problem

Consider the fuzzy initial value problem

$$\begin{cases} y'(t) = f(t, y(t)), & t \in I = [0, T], \\ y(0) = y_0, \end{cases} \tag{3.6}$$

where f is a continuous mapping from $R_+ \times R$ into R and $y_0 \in E$ with r - level sets

$$[y_0]_r = [\underline{y}(0; r), \bar{y}(0; r)], \quad r \in (0, 1].$$

The extension principle of Zadeh leads to the following definition of $f(t, y)$ when $y = y(t)$ is a fuzzy number

$$f(t, y)(s) = \sup \{y(\tau) | s = f(t, \tau)\}, \quad s \in R.$$

It follows that

$$[f(t, y)]_r = [\underline{f}(t, y; r), \bar{f}(t, y; r)], \quad r \in (0, 1],$$

where

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \underline{f}(t, y; r) &= \min\{f(t, u) | u \in [\underline{y}(r), \bar{y}(r)]\}, \\ \bar{f}(t, y; r) &= \max\{f(t, u) | u \in [\underline{y}(r), \bar{y}(r)]\}. \end{aligned} \right\} \tag{3.7}$$

Theorem 3.1. Let f satisfy $|f(t, v) - f(t, \bar{v})| \leq g(t, |v - \bar{v}|)$, $t \geq 0$, $v, \bar{v} \in R$, where $g : R_+ \times R_+$ is a continuous mapping such that $r \rightarrow g(t, r)$ is nondecreasing, the initial value problem

$$u'(t) = g(t, u(t)), \quad u(0) = u_0, \tag{3.8}$$

has a solution on R_+ for $u_0 > 0$ and that $u(t) = 0$ is the only solution of (3.8) for $u_0 = 0$. Then the fuzzy initial value problem (3.6) has a unique fuzzy solution.

4 The Runge-Kutta Verner Method

Let the exact solution $[Y(t)]_r = [\underline{Y}(t; r), \bar{Y}(t; r)]$ is approximated by some $[y(t)]_r = [\underline{y}(t; r), \bar{y}(t; r)]$. From (2.2),(2.3) we define

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \underline{y}(t_{n+1}; r) - \underline{y}(t_n; r) &= \sum_{i=1}^8 w_i k_i(t_n, y(t_n; r)), \\ \bar{y}(t_{n+1}; r) - \bar{y}(t_n; r) &= \sum_{i=1}^8 w_i \bar{k}_i(t_n, y(t_n; r)), \end{aligned} \right\} \tag{4.9}$$

where the w_i 's are constants and

$$\left. \begin{aligned} [k_i(t, y(t; r))]_r &= [k_i(t, y(t, r)), \bar{k}_i(t, y(t, r))], \quad i = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 \\ k_i(t, y(t, r)) &= h.f(t_n + \alpha_i h, \underline{y}(t_n) + \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} \beta_{i,j} k_j(t_n, y(t_n; r))), \\ \bar{k}_i(t, y(t, r)) &= h.f(t_n + \alpha_i h, \bar{y}(t_n) + \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} \beta_{i,j} \bar{k}_j(t_n, y(t_n; r))), \\ \underline{k}_1(t, y(t; r)) &= \min\{h.f(t, u) | u \in [\underline{y}(t; r), \bar{y}(t; r)]\}, \\ \bar{k}_1(t, y(t; r)) &= \max\{h.f(t, u) | u \in [\underline{y}(t; r), \bar{y}(t; r)]\}, \\ \underline{k}_2(t, y(t; r)) &= \min\{h.f(t + h/6, u) | u \in [\underline{z}_1(t, y(t; r)), \bar{z}_1(t, y(t; r))]\}, \\ \bar{k}_2(t, y(t; r)) &= \max\{h.f(t + h/6, u) | u \in [\underline{z}_1(t, y(t; r)), \bar{z}_1(t, y(t; r))]\}, \\ \underline{k}_3(t, y(t; r)) &= \min\{h.f(t + 4h/15, u) | u \in [\underline{z}_2(t, y(t; r)), \bar{z}_2(t, y(t; r))]\}, \\ \bar{k}_3(t, y(t; r)) &= \max\{h.f(t + 4h/15, u) | u \in [\underline{z}_2(t, y(t; r)), \bar{z}_2(t, y(t; r))]\}, \\ \underline{k}_4(t, y(t; r)) &= \min\{h.f(t + 2h/3, u) | u \in [\underline{z}_3(t, y(t; r)), \bar{z}_3(t, y(t; r))]\}, \\ \bar{k}_4(t, y(t; r)) &= \max\{h.f(t + 2h/3, u) | u \in [\underline{z}_3(t, y(t; r)), \bar{z}_3(t, y(t; r))]\}, \\ \underline{k}_5(t, y(t; r)) &= \min\{h.f(t + 5h/6, u) | u \in [\underline{z}_4(t, y(t; r)), \bar{z}_4(t, y(t; r))]\}, \\ \bar{k}_5(t, y(t; r)) &= \max\{h.f(t + 5h/6, u) | u \in [\underline{z}_4(t, y(t; r)), \bar{z}_4(t, y(t; r))]\}, \\ \underline{k}_6(t, y(t; r)) &= \min\{h.f(t + h, u) | u \in [\underline{z}_5(t, y(t; r)), \bar{z}_5(t, y(t; r))]\}, \\ \bar{k}_6(t, y(t; r)) &= \max\{h.f(t + h, u) | u \in [\underline{z}_5(t, y(t; r)), \bar{z}_5(t, y(t; r))]\}, \\ \underline{k}_7(t, y(t; r)) &= \min\{h.f(t + h/15, u) | u \in [\underline{z}_6(t, y(t; r)), \bar{z}_6(t, y(t; r))]\}, \\ \bar{k}_7(t, y(t; r)) &= \max\{h.f(t + h/15, u) | u \in [\underline{z}_6(t, y(t; r)), \bar{z}_6(t, y(t; r))]\} \end{aligned} \right\} \tag{4.10}$$

$$\underline{k}_8(t, y(t; r)) = \min\{h.f(t+h, u) | u \in [\underline{z}_7(t, y(t; r)), \bar{z}_7(t, y(t; r))]\},$$

$$\bar{k}_8(t, y(t; r)) = \max\{h.f(t+h, u) | u \in [\underline{z}_7(t, y(t; r)), \bar{z}_7(t, y(t; r))]\}.$$

Now we define,

$$\underline{z}_1(t, y(t; r)) = \underline{y}(t; r) + \frac{1}{6}k_1(t, y(t; r)),$$

$$\bar{z}_1(t, y(t; r)) = \bar{y}(t; r) + \frac{1}{6}\bar{k}_1(t, y(t; r)),$$

$$\underline{z}_2(t, y(t; r)) = \underline{y}(t; r) + \frac{4}{75}k_1(t, y(t; r)) + \frac{16}{75}k_2(t, y(t; r)),$$

$$\bar{z}_2(t, y(t; r)) = \bar{y}(t; r) + \frac{4}{75}\bar{k}_1(t, y(t; r)) + \frac{16}{75}\bar{k}_2(t, y(t; r)),$$

$$\underline{z}_3(t, y(t; r)) = \underline{y}(t; r) + \frac{5}{6}k_1(t, y(t; r)) - \frac{8}{3}k_2(t, y(t; r)) + \frac{5}{2}k_3(t, y(t; r)),$$

$$\bar{z}_3(t, y(t; r)) = \bar{y}(t; r) + \frac{5}{6}\bar{k}_1(t, y(t; r)) - \frac{8}{3}\bar{k}_2(t, y(t; r)) + \frac{5}{2}\bar{k}_3(t, y(t; r)),$$

$$\underline{z}_4(t, y(t; r)) = \underline{y}(t; r) - \frac{165}{64}k_1(t, y(t; r)) + \frac{55}{6}k_2(t, y(t; r))$$

$$- \frac{425}{64}k_3(t, y(t; r)) + \frac{85}{96}k_4(t, y(t; r)),$$

$$\bar{z}_4(t, y(t; r)) = \bar{y}(t; r) - \frac{165}{64}\bar{k}_1(t, y(t; r)) + \frac{55}{6}\bar{k}_2(t, y(t; r))$$

$$- \frac{425}{64}\bar{k}_3(t, y(t; r)) + \frac{85}{96}\bar{k}_4(t, y(t; r)),$$

$$\underline{z}_5(t, y(t; r)) = \underline{y}(t; r) + \frac{12}{5}k_1(t, y(t; r)) - 8k_2(t, y(t; r))$$

$$+ \frac{4015}{612}k_3(t, y(t; r)) - \frac{11}{36}k_4(t, y(t; r)) + \frac{88}{255}k_5(t, y(t; r)),$$

$$\bar{z}_5(t, y(t; r)) = \bar{y}(t; r) + \frac{12}{5}\bar{k}_1(t, y(t; r)) - 8\bar{k}_2(t, y(t; r))$$

$$+ \frac{4015}{612}\bar{k}_3(t, y(t; r)) - \frac{11}{36}\bar{k}_4(t, y(t; r)) + \frac{88}{255}\bar{k}_5(t, y(t; r)),$$

$$\underline{z}_6(t, y(t; r)) = \underline{y}(t; r) - \frac{8263}{15000}k_1(t, y(t; r)) + \frac{124}{75}k_2(t, y(t; r))$$

$$- \frac{643}{680}k_3(t, y(t; r)) + \frac{81}{250}k_4(t, y(t; r)) + \frac{2484}{10625}k_5(t, y(t; r)),$$

$$\bar{z}_6(t, y(t; r)) = \bar{y}(t; r) - \frac{8263}{15000}\bar{k}_1(t, y(t; r)) + \frac{124}{75}\bar{k}_2(t, y(t; r))$$

$$- \frac{643}{680}\bar{k}_3(t, y(t; r)) + \frac{81}{250}\bar{k}_4(t, y(t; r)) + \frac{2484}{10625}\bar{k}_5(t, y(t; r)),$$

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{z}_7(t, y(t; r)) &= \underline{y}(t; r) + \frac{3501}{1720} k_1(t, y(t; r)) - \frac{300}{43} k_2(t, y(t; r)) \\ &\quad + \frac{297275}{52632} k_3(t, y(t; r)) - \frac{319}{2322} k_4(t, y(t; r)) \\ &\quad + \frac{24068}{84065} k_5(t, y(t; r)) + \frac{3850}{26703} k_7(t, y(t; r)), \\ \bar{z}_7(t, y(t; r)) &= \bar{y}(t; r) + \frac{3501}{1720} \bar{k}_1(t, y(t; r)) - \frac{300}{43} \bar{k}_2(t, y(t; r)) \\ &\quad + \frac{297275}{52632} \bar{k}_3(t, y(t; r)) - \frac{319}{2322} \bar{k}_4(t, y(t; r)) \\ &\quad + \frac{24068}{84065} \bar{k}_5(t, y(t; r)) + \frac{3850}{26703} \bar{k}_7(t, y(t; r)). \end{aligned}$$

Next we define,

$$\left. \begin{aligned} F[t, y(t; r)] &= \frac{3}{40} k_1(t, y(t; r)) + \frac{875}{2244} k_3(t, y(t; r)) + \frac{23}{72} k_4(t, y(t; r)) \\ &\quad + \frac{264}{1955} k_5(t, y(t; r)) + \frac{125}{11592} k_7(t, y(t; r)) + \frac{43}{616} k_8(t, y(t; r)), \\ G[t, y(t; r)] &= \frac{3}{40} \bar{k}_1(t, y(t; r)) + \frac{875}{2244} \bar{k}_3(t, y(t; r)) + \frac{23}{72} \bar{k}_4(t, y(t; r)) \\ &\quad + \frac{264}{1955} \bar{k}_5(t, y(t; r)) + \frac{125}{11592} \bar{k}_7(t, y(t; r)) + \frac{43}{616} \bar{k}_8(t, y(t; r)) \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (4.11)$$

The exact and approximate solutions at $t_n, 0 \leq n \leq N$ are denoted by $[Y(t_n)]_r = [\underline{Y}(t_n; r), \bar{Y}(t_n; r)]$ and $[y(t_n; r)]_r = [\underline{y}(t_n; r), \bar{y}(t_n; r)]$, respectively. The solution is calculated by grid points at (3.6),(4.10) we have

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \underline{Y}(t_{n+1}; r) &\approx \underline{Y}(t_n; r) + F[t_n, Y(t_n; r)], \\ \bar{Y}(t_{n+1}; r) &\approx \bar{Y}(t_n; r) + G[t_n, Y(t_n; r)]. \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (4.12)$$

We define

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \underline{y}(t_{n+1}; r) &= \underline{y}(t_n; r) + F[t_n, Y(t_n; r)], \\ \bar{y}(t_{n+1}; r) &= \bar{y}(t_n; r) + G[t_n, Y(t_n; r)]. \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (4.13)$$

The following lemmas will be applied to show convergence of these approximates i.e.,

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0^-} y(t; r) = \underline{Y}(t; r), \quad \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \bar{y}(t; r) = \bar{Y}(t; r).$$

Lemma 4.1. Let the sequence of numbers $\{W_n\}_{n=0}^N$ satisfy

$$|W_{n+1}| \leq A|W_n| + B, \quad 0 \leq n \leq N - 1,$$

for some given positive constants A and B . Then

$$|W_n| \leq A^n |W_0| + B \frac{A^n - 1}{A - 1}, \quad 0 \leq n \leq N$$

The proof, using mathematical induction is straight forward.

Lemma 4.2. Let the sequence of numbers $\{W_n\}_{n=0}^N, \{V_n\}_{n=0}^N$ satisfy

$$\left. \begin{aligned} |W_{n+1}| &\leq |W_n| + A \cdot \max\{|W_n|, |V_n|\} + B, \\ |V_{n+1}| &\leq |V_n| + A \cdot \max\{|W_n|, |V_n|\} + B. \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (4.14)$$

For some given positive constants A and B , and denote

$$U_n = |W_n| + |V_n|, \quad 0 \leq n \leq N.$$

Then

$$U_n \leq \bar{A}^n U_0 + \bar{B} \frac{\bar{A}^n - 1}{\bar{A} - 1}, \quad 0 \leq n \leq N$$

where $\bar{A} = 1 + 2A$ and $\bar{B} = 2B$.

Proof. By virtue of equation (4.13) we get

$$\begin{aligned} |W_{n+1}| + |V_{n+1}| &\leq |W_n| + |V_n| + 2A(|W_n| + |V_n|) + 2B \\ &= (1 + 2A)(|W_n| + |V_n|) + 2B \end{aligned}$$

and by applying Lemma 4.1 for $U_n, 0 \leq n \leq N$ we conclude equation (4.12) is valid.

Our next result determines the pointwise convergence of the Runge-Kutta Verner approximates to the exact solution. Let $F(t, u, v)$ and $G(t, u, v)$ are obtained by substituting $[y(t)]_r = [u, v]$ in (4.10),

$$\begin{aligned} F[t, y(t : r)] &= \frac{3}{40} k_1(t, y(t; r)) + \frac{875}{2244} k_3(t, y(t; r)) + \frac{23}{72} k_4(t, y(t; r)) \\ &\quad + \frac{264}{1955} k_5(t, y(t; r)) + \frac{125}{11592} k_7(t, y(t; r)) + \frac{43}{616} k_8(t, y(t; r)), \\ G[t, y(t : r)] &= \frac{3}{40} \bar{k}_1(t, y(t; r)) + \frac{875}{2244} \bar{k}_3(t, y(t; r)) + \frac{23}{72} \bar{k}_4(t, y(t; r)) \\ &\quad + \frac{264}{1955} \bar{k}_5(t, y(t; r)) + \frac{125}{11592} \bar{k}_7(t, y(t; r)) + \frac{43}{616} \bar{k}_8(t, y(t; r)) \end{aligned}$$

The domain where F and G are defined is therefore

$$K = \{(t, u, v) | 0 \leq t \leq T, \quad -\infty < v < \infty, \quad -\infty < u < v\}$$

□

Theorem 4.1. Let $F(t, u, v)$ and $G(t, u, v)$ belong to $C^8(K)$ and let the partial derivatives of F and G be bounded over K . Then, for arbitrary fixed $r, 0 \leq r \leq 1$, the approximately solutions (4.12) converge to the exact solutions $\underline{Y}(t; r)$ and $\bar{Y}(t; r)$ uniformly in t .

Proof. It is sufficient to show

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^-} y(t_N; r) &= \underline{Y}(t_N; r), \\ \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^-} \bar{y}(t_N; r) &= \bar{Y}(t_N; r). \end{aligned}$$

where $t_N = T$. For $n = 0, 1, \dots, N - 1$, by using Taylor theorem we get

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \underline{Y}(t_{n+1}; r) &= \underline{Y}(t_n; r) + F[(t_n, \underline{Y}(t_n; r), \bar{Y}(t_n; r))] + \frac{4h^8}{9} ML^6 + O(h^9), \\ \bar{Y}(t_{n+1}; r) &= \bar{Y}(t_n; r) + G[(t_n, \underline{Y}(t_n; r), \bar{Y}(t_n; r))] + \frac{4h^8}{9} ML^6 + O(h^9), \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (4.15)$$

denote

$$W_n = \underline{Y}(t_n; r) - \underline{y}(t_n; r), V_n = \bar{Y}(t_n; r) - \bar{y}(t_n; r).$$

Hence from (4.12) and (4.14)

$$W_{n+1} = W_n + \{F[(t_n, \underline{Y}(t_n; r), \bar{Y}(t_n; r))] - F[(t_n, \underline{y}(t_n; r), \bar{y}(t_n; r))]\} + \frac{4h^8}{9}ML^6 + O(h^9),$$

$$V_{n+1} = V_n + \{G[(t_n, \underline{Y}(t_n; r), \bar{Y}(t_n; r))] - G[(t_n, \underline{y}(t_n; r), \bar{y}(t_n; r))]\} + \frac{4h^8}{9}ML^6 + O(h^9),$$

Then

$$|W_{n+1}| \leq |W_n| + 2Lh \cdot \max\{|W_n|, |V_n|\} + \frac{4}{9}h^8ML^7 + O(h^9),$$

$$|V_{n+1}| \leq |V_n| + 2Lh \cdot \max\{|W_n|, |V_n|\} + \frac{4}{9}h^8ML^8 + O(h^9),$$

for $t \in [0, T]$ and $L > 0$ is bound for the partial derivatives of F and G. Thus by lemma 4.2

$$|W_n| \leq (1 + 4Lh)^n |U_0| + \left(\frac{8}{9}h^8ML^8 + O(h^9)\right) \frac{(1+4Lh)^n - 1}{4Lh},$$

$$|V_n| \leq (1 + 4Lh)^n |U_0| + \left(\frac{8}{9}h^8ML^8 + O(h^9)\right) \frac{(1+4Lh)^n - 1}{4Lh},$$

where $|U_0| = |W_0| + |V_0|$. In particular

$$|W_n| \leq (1 + 4Lh)^N |U_0| + \left(\frac{4}{3}h^8ML^7 + O(h^8)\right) \frac{(1+4Lh)^{\frac{T}{h}} - 1}{4Lh},$$

$$|V_n| \leq (1 + 4Lh)^N |U_0| + \left(\frac{4}{3}h^8ML^7 + O(h^8)\right) \frac{(1+4Lh)^{\frac{T}{h}} - 1}{4Lh},$$

Since $W_0 = V_0 = 0$, we obtain

$$|W_N| \leq \left(\frac{4}{3}h^7ML^8 + O(h)\right) \frac{e^{4LT} - 1}{L} h^6 + O(h^8),$$

$$|V_N| \leq \left(\frac{4}{3}h^7ML^8 + O(h)\right) \frac{e^{4LT} - 1}{L} h^6 + O(h^8),$$

and if $h \rightarrow 0$ we get $W_N \rightarrow 0$ and $V_N \rightarrow 0$ which completes the proof. □

5 Numerical Examples

Example 5.1. Consider the fuzzy initial value problem,

$$\begin{cases} y'(t) = y(t), & t \in I = [0, 1], \\ y(0) = (0.75 + 0.25r, 1.125 - 0.125r), & 0 < r \leq 1. \end{cases}$$

By using the Runge-Kutta Verner method, we have

$$\underline{y}(t_{n+1}; r) = \underline{y}(t_n; r) \left[1 + h + \frac{h^2}{2} + \frac{h^3}{6} + \frac{h^4}{24} + \frac{h^5}{120} + \frac{h^6}{720} + \frac{h^7}{5400} \right]$$

$$\bar{y}(t_{n+1}; r) = \bar{y}(t_n; r) \left[1 + h + \frac{h^2}{2} + \frac{h^3}{6} + \frac{h^4}{24} + \frac{h^5}{120} + \frac{h^6}{720} + \frac{h^7}{5400} \right]$$

The exact solution is given by $\underline{Y}(t;r) = \underline{y}(0;r)e^t$, $\bar{Y}(t;r) = \bar{y}(0;r)e^t$, which at $t = 1$,

$$Y(1;r) = [(0.75 + 0.25r)e, (1.125 - 0.125r)e], \quad 0 < r \leq 1$$

The exact and approximate solutions by Runge-Kutta Verner method plotted at $t = 1$ in figure 1

Table 1

r	RK-Order five		RK-Verner		Exact Solution	
	$\underline{y}(t_i;r)$	$\bar{y}(t_i;r)$	$\underline{y}(t_i;r)$	$\bar{y}(t_i;r)$	$\underline{Y}(t_i;r)$	$\bar{Y}(t_i;r)$
0.1	2.106497822	3.023843648	2.106667891	3.024087779	2.106668417	3.024088534
0.2	2.174449365	2.989867880	2.174624920	2.990109265	2.174625463	2.990110011
0.3	2.242400908	2.955892105	2.242581948	2.956130750	2.242582508	2.956131488
0.4	2.310352450	2.921916334	2.310538977	2.922152236	2.310539554	2.922152966
0.5	2.378303992	2.887940563	2.378496006	2.888173721	2.378496600	2.888174443
0.6	2.446255535	2.853964791	2.446453035	2.854195207	2.446453646	2.854195920
0.7	2.514207078	2.819989020	2.514410063	2.820216693	2.514410691	2.820217397
0.8	2.582158620	2.786013249	2.582367092	2.786238178	2.582367737	2.786238874
0.9	2.650110163	2.752037477	2.650324121	2.752259664	2.650324783	2.752260351
1.0	2.718061706	2.718061706	2.718281150	2.718281150	2.718281828	2.718281828

Table 2

r	Error in RK-Order five		Error in RK-Verner	
	$\underline{y}(t_i;r)$	$\bar{y}(t_i;r)$	$\underline{Y}(t_i;r)$	$\bar{Y}(t_i;r)$
0.1	1.86×10^{-4}	2.45×10^{-4}	7.55×10^{-7}	7.55×10^{-7}
0.2	1.76×10^{-4}	2.42×10^{-4}	5.43×10^{-7}	7.46×10^{-7}
0.3	1.82×10^{-4}	2.39×10^{-4}	5.60×10^{-7}	7.38×10^{-7}
0.4	1.87×10^{-4}	2.37×10^{-4}	5.67×10^{-7}	7.30×10^{-7}
0.5	1.92×10^{-4}	2.34×10^{-4}	5.94×10^{-7}	7.22×10^{-7}
0.6	1.98×10^{-4}	2.31×10^{-4}	6.11×10^{-7}	7.13×10^{-7}
0.7	2.04×10^{-4}	2.28×10^{-4}	6.28×10^{-7}	7.04×10^{-7}
0.8	2.09×10^{-4}	2.26×10^{-4}	6.45×10^{-7}	6.96×10^{-7}
0.9	2.15×10^{-4}	2.23×10^{-4}	6.62×10^{-7}	6.87×10^{-7}
1.0	2.20×10^{-4}	2.20×10^{-4}	6.781×10^{-7}	6.78×10^{-7}

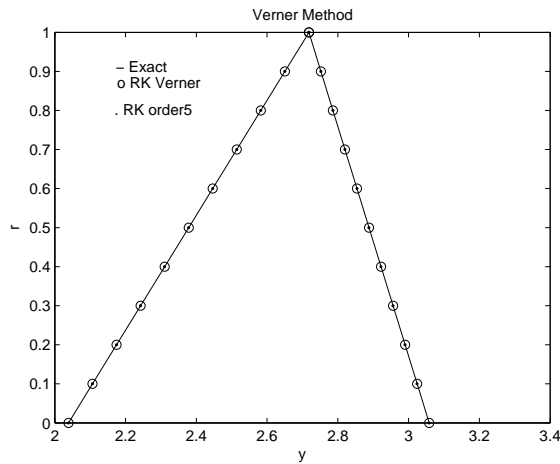


Figure 1: $h=0.5$

Example 5.2. Consider the fuzzy initial value problem,

$$y'(t) = c_1 y^2(t) + c_2, \quad y(0) = 0,$$

Where $c_i > 0$, for $i = 1, 2$ are triangular fuzzy numbers, The exact solution is given by

$$Y_1(t; r) = l_1(r) \tan(w_1(r)t), \quad Y_2(t; r) = l_2(r) \tan(w_2(r)t),$$

with

$$l_1(r) = \sqrt{c_{2,1}(r)/c_{1,1}(r)}, \quad l_2(r) = \sqrt{c_{2,2}(r)/c_{1,2}(r)}$$

$$w_1(r) = \sqrt{c_{1,1}(r)/c_{2,1}(r)}, \quad w_2(r) = \sqrt{c_{1,2}(r)/c_{2,2}(r)}$$

$$[c_1]_r = [0.5 + 0.5r, 1.5 - 0.5r] \text{ and } [c_2]_r = [0.75 + 0.25r, 1.25 - 0.25r]$$

The r -level sets of $y'(t)$ are

$$Y'_1(t; r) = c_{2,1}(r) \sec^2(w_1(r)t), \quad Y'_2(t; r) = c_{2,2}(r) \sec^2(w_2(r)t),$$

which defines a fuzzy number. We have

$$f_1(t, y; r) = \min\{c_1 u^2 + c_2 | u \in [y_1(t; r), y_2(t; r)], c_1 \in [c_{1,1}(r), c_{1,2}(r)], c_2 \in [c_{2,1}(r), c_{2,2}(r)]\}$$

$$f_2(t, y; r) = \max\{c_1 u^2 + c_2 | u \in [y_1(t; r), y_2(t; r)], c_1 \in [c_{1,1}(r), c_{1,2}(r)], c_2 \in [c_{2,1}(r), c_{2,2}(r)]\}$$

By Runge-Kutta Verner method at t_n , $0 \leq n \leq N$

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{k}_1(t_n; r) &= h(\underline{c}_1(r) \cdot y_1^2(t_n; r) + \underline{c}_2(r)), & \bar{k}_1(t_n; r) &= h(\bar{c}_1(r) \cdot y_1^2(t_n; r) + \bar{c}_2(r)), \\ \underline{k}_2(t_n; r) &= h(\underline{c}_1(r) \cdot z_1^2(t_n; r) + \underline{c}_2(r)), & \bar{k}_2(t_n; r) &= h(\bar{c}_1(r) \cdot \bar{z}_1^2(t_n; r) + \bar{c}_2(r)), \\ \underline{k}_3(t_n; r) &= h(\underline{c}_1(r) \cdot z_2^2(t_n; r) + \underline{c}_2(r)), & \bar{k}_3(t_n; r) &= h(\bar{c}_1(r) \cdot \bar{z}_2^2(t_n; r) + \bar{c}_2(r)), \\ \underline{k}_4(t_n; r) &= h(\underline{c}_1(r) \cdot z_3^2(t_n; r) + \underline{c}_2(r)), & \bar{k}_4(t_n; r) &= h(\bar{c}_1(r) \cdot \bar{z}_3^2(t_n; r) + \bar{c}_2(r)), \\ \underline{k}_5(t_n; r) &= h(\underline{c}_1(r) \cdot z_4^2(t_n; r) + \underline{c}_2(r)), & \bar{k}_5(t_n; r) &= h(\bar{c}_1(r) \cdot \bar{z}_4^2(t_n; r) + \bar{c}_2(r)), \\ \underline{k}_6(t_n; r) &= h(\underline{c}_1(r) \cdot z_5^2(t_n; r) + \underline{c}_2(r)), & \bar{k}_6(t_n; r) &= h(\bar{c}_1(r) \cdot \bar{z}_5^2(t_n; r) + \bar{c}_2(r)), \\ \underline{k}_7(t_n; r) &= h(\underline{c}_1(r) \cdot z_6^2(t_n; r) + \underline{c}_2(r)), & \bar{k}_7(t_n; r) &= h(\bar{c}_1(r) \cdot \bar{z}_6^2(t_n; r) + \bar{c}_2(r)), \\ \underline{k}_8(t_n; r) &= h(\underline{c}_1(r) \cdot z_7^2(t_n; r) + \underline{c}_2(r)), & \bar{k}_8(t_n; r) &= h(\bar{c}_1(r) \cdot \bar{z}_7^2(t_n; r) + \bar{c}_2(r)) \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{z}_1(t, y(t; r)) &= \underline{y}(t; r) + \frac{1}{6} \underline{k}_1(t, y(t; r)), & \bar{z}_1(t, y(t; r)) &= \bar{y}(t; r) + \frac{1}{6} \bar{k}_1(t, y(t; r)), \\ \underline{z}_2(t, y(t; r)) &= \underline{y}(t; r) + \frac{4}{75} \underline{k}_1(t, y(t; r)) + \frac{16}{75} \underline{k}_2(t, y(t; r)), \\ \bar{z}_2(t, y(t; r)) &= \bar{y}(t; r) + \frac{4}{75} \bar{k}_1(t, y(t; r)) + \frac{16}{75} \bar{k}_2(t, y(t; r)), \\ \underline{z}_3(t, y(t; r)) &= \underline{y}(t; r) + \frac{5}{6} \underline{k}_1(t, y(t; r)) - \frac{8}{3} \underline{k}_2(t, y(t; r)) + \frac{5}{2} \underline{k}_3(t, y(t; r)), \\ \bar{z}_3(t, y(t; r)) &= \bar{y}(t; r) + \frac{5}{6} \bar{k}_1(t, y(t; r)) - \frac{8}{3} \bar{k}_2(t, y(t; r)) + \frac{5}{2} \bar{k}_3(t, y(t; r)), \\ \underline{z}_4(t, y(t; r)) &= \underline{y}(t; r) - \frac{165}{64} \underline{k}_1(t, y(t; r)) + \frac{55}{6} \underline{k}_2(t, y(t; r)) - \frac{425}{64} \underline{k}_3(t, y(t; r)) + \frac{85}{96} \underline{k}_4(t, y(t; r)), \\ \bar{z}_4(t, y(t; r)) &= \bar{y}(t; r) - \frac{165}{64} \bar{k}_1(t, y(t; r)) + \frac{55}{6} \bar{k}_2(t, y(t; r)) - \frac{425}{64} \bar{k}_3(t, y(t; r)) + \frac{85}{96} \bar{k}_4(t, y(t; r)), \\ \underline{z}_5(t, y(t; r)) &= \underline{y}(t; r) + \frac{12}{5} \underline{k}_1(t, y(t; r)) - 8 \underline{k}_2(t, y(t; r)) + \frac{4015}{612} \underline{k}_3(t, y(t; r)) - \frac{11}{36} \underline{k}_4(t, y(t; r)) \\ &\quad + \frac{88}{255} \underline{k}_5(t, y(t; r)), \\ \bar{z}_5(t, y(t; r)) &= \bar{y}(t; r) + \frac{12}{5} \bar{k}_1(t, y(t; r)) - 8 \bar{k}_2(t, y(t; r)) + \frac{4015}{612} \bar{k}_3(t, y(t; r)) - \frac{11}{36} \bar{k}_4(t, y(t; r)) \\ &\quad + \frac{88}{255} \bar{k}_5(t, y(t; r)), \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{z}_6(t, y(t; r)) &= \underline{y}(t; r) - \frac{8263}{15000} \underline{k}_1(t, y(t; r)) + \frac{124}{75} \underline{k}_2(t, y(t; r)) - \frac{643}{680} \underline{k}_3(t, y(t; r)) \\ &\quad + \frac{81}{250} \underline{k}_4(t, y(t; r)) + \frac{2484}{10625} \underline{k}_5(t, y(t; r)), \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{z}_6(t, y(t; r)) &= \bar{y}(t; r) - \frac{8263}{15000} \bar{k}_2(t, y(t; r)) + \frac{124}{75} \bar{k}_2(t, y(t; r)) - \frac{643}{680} \bar{k}_3(t, y(t; r)) \\ &\quad + \frac{81}{250} \bar{k}_4(t, y(t; r)) + \frac{2484}{10625} \bar{k}_5(t, y(t; r)), \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{z}_7(t, y(t; r)) &= \underline{y}(t; r) + \frac{3501}{1720} \underline{k}_1(t, y(t; r)) - \frac{300}{43} \underline{k}_2(t, y(t; r)) + \frac{297275}{52632} \underline{k}_3(t, y(t; r)) - \frac{319}{2322} \underline{k}_4(t, y(t; r)) \\ &\quad + \frac{24068}{84065} \underline{k}_5(t, y(t; r)) + \frac{3850}{26703} \underline{k}_7(t, y(t; r)), \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{z}_7(t, y(t; r)) &= \bar{y}(t; r) + \frac{3501}{1720} \bar{k}_1(t, y(t; r)) - \frac{300}{43} \bar{k}_2(t, y(t; r)) + \frac{297275}{52632} \bar{k}_3(t, y(t; r)) - \frac{319}{2322} \bar{k}_4(t, y(t; r)) \\ &\quad + \frac{24068}{84065} \bar{k}_5(t, y(t; r)) + \frac{3850}{26703} \bar{k}_7(t, y(t; r)). \end{aligned}$$

Table 3

r	RK-Order five		RK-Verner		Exact Solution	
	$\underline{y}(t_i; r)$	$\bar{y}(t_i; r)$	$\underline{y}(t_i; r)$	$\bar{y}(t_i; r)$	$\underline{Y}(t_i; r)$	$\bar{Y}(t_i; r)$
0.1	0.907765412	3.51404262	0.907804578	3.788167313	0.907804620	3.788162443
0.2	0.958432140	3.12243215	0.958507321	3.404672221	0.958503811	3.285743458
0.3	1.012764215	2.80144321	1.021876521	2.899150750	1.012872911	2.899145990
0.4	1.071436752	2.53145312	1.071542988	2.591950700	1.071539268	2.591943937
0.5	1.134446235	2.30385428	1.134835440	2.341537913	1.134831610	2.341533263
0.6	1.203435760	2.10964426	1.203810023	2.133147941	1.203806083	2.133143341
0.7	1.278467850	1.94187396	1.279377801	1.956718228	1.279373751	1.956713678
0.8	1.361046321	1.79567350	1.362504321	1.805159032	1.362500161	1.805154542
0.9	1.452445321	1.66745431	1.454513787	1.673688345	1.454509517	1.673683905
1.0	1.553740225	1.553740225	1.557412106	1.557412106	1.557407725	1.557407725

Table 4

r	Error in RK-Order five		Error in RK-Verner	
	$y(t_i; r)$	$\bar{y}(t_i; r)$	$\underline{Y}(t_i; r)$	$\bar{Y}(t_i; r)$
0.1	3.92×10^{-5}	2.74×10^{-1}	3.40×10^{-6}	4.87×10^{-6}
0.2	1.04×10^{-4}	1.63×10^{-1}	3.51×10^{-6}	4.82×10^{-6}
0.3	1.08×10^{-4}	9.77×10^{-2}	3.61×10^{-6}	4.76×10^{-6}
0.4	1.12×10^{-4}	6.05×10^{-2}	3.72×10^{-6}	4.71×10^{-6}
0.5	1.84×10^{-4}	3.76×10^{-2}	3.83×10^{-6}	4.65×10^{-6}
0.6	3.85×10^{-4}	2.35×10^{-2}	3.94×10^{-6}	4.60×10^{-6}
0.7	3.05×10^{-4}	1.48×10^{-2}	4.05×10^{-6}	4.55×10^{-6}
0.8	4.10×10^{-4}	9.45×10^{-3}	4.16×10^{-6}	4.49×10^{-6}
0.9	2.06×10^{-3}	6.28×10^{-3}	4.27×10^{-6}	4.44×10^{-6}
1.0	3.70×10^{-3}	3.70×10^{-3}	4.38×10^{-6}	4.38×10^{-6}

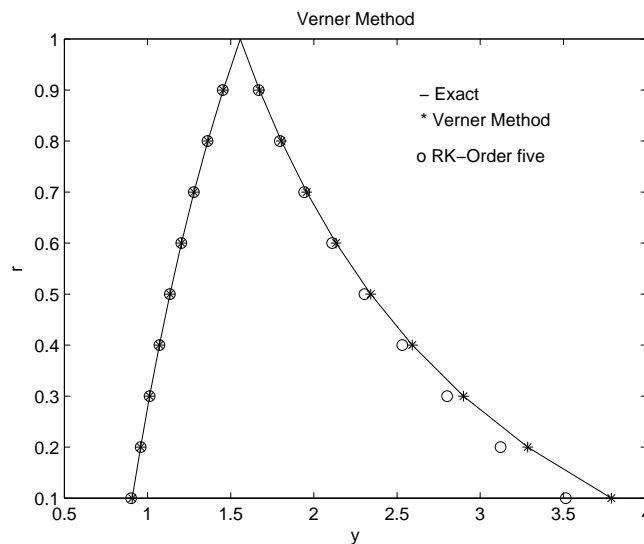


Figure 2: h=0.5

6 Conclusion

In this paper we have applied iterative solution of *Runge-Kutta Verner method* for numerical solution of fuzzy differential equations. It is clear that the method introduced in this paper with $O(h^8)$ performs better than *Runge-Kutta method of order five* $O(h^5)$

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