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# System of second order robot arm problem by an efficient numerical integration algorithm

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### ABSTRACT

**Purpose:** The aim of this article is focused on providing numerical solutions for system of second order robot arm problem using the Runge-Kutta Sixth order algorithm.

**Design/methodology/approach:** The parameters governing the arm model of a robot control problem have also been discussed through RK-sixth-order algorithm. The precised solution of the system of equations representing the arm model of a robot has been compared with the corresponding approximate solutions at different time intervals.

**Findings:** Results and comparison show the efficiency of the numerical integration algorithm based on the absolute error between the exact and approximate solutions. The stability polynomial for the test equation  $\gamma = \lambda \gamma$  ( $\lambda$  is a complex Number) using RK-butcher algorithm obtained by Murugesan et. al. [1] and Park et. al. [2,3] is not correct and the stability regions for RK-Butcher methods have been absurdly presented. They have made a blunder in determining the range for real parts of  $\lambda$ h (h is a step size) involved in the test equation for RK-Butcher algorithms. Further, they have abruptly drawn the stability region for STWS method assuming that it is based on the Taylor's series technique.

**Research limitations/implications:** It is noticed that STWS algorithm is not based on the Taylor's series method and it is an A-stable method. In the present paper, a corrective measure has been taken to obtain the stability polynomial for the case of RK-Butcher algorithm, the ranges for the real part of  $\lambda$ h and to present graphically the stability regions of the RK-Butcher methods.

**Originality/value:** Based on the numerical results and graphs, a thorough comparison is carried out between the numerical algorithms.

Keywords: RK-Sixth-Order algorithm; Ordinary differential equations; System of second order; Robot arm problem

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## **1. Introduction**

The dynamics of Robot arm problem was initially discussed by Taha [5]. Research in this area is still active and its applications are enormous. This is because of its nature of extending accuracy in the determination of approximate solutions and its flexibility. Many investigations [4-8] have analysed the various aspects of linear and non-linear systems.

Most of the Initial Value Problems (IVPs) are solved through Runge-Kutta (RK) techniques which in turn being applied to compute numerical solutions for variety of problems, which are modelled as and the differential equations are discussed by Alexander and Coylc [11], Evans [12], Hung [13], Shampine and Watts [14,18]. Shampine and watts [12] have developed mathematical codes for the Runge-Kutta fourth order technique. Runge-Kutta formula of fifth order has been developed by Butcher [15-17]. The numerical solution of robot arm problem has been obtained [19]. The applications of Non-linear Differential–Algebraic Control Systems to Constrained Robot Systems have been discussed by Krishnan and Mcclamroch [21]. Also, Asymptotic observer design for Constrained Robot Systems have been analyzed by Huang and Tseng [9].

The rest of the article is organized as follows. Section 2 provides a notion about the basics of robot arm model problem with variable structure control and controller design. In section 3 the outline of RK-Sixth order technique is discussed with system of second order equations. Section 3 analyses in brief about the Numerical Algorithm for General1zed Linear State Space System. Finally discussion and conclusion is given in section 5.

# 2. Robot arm model and essential of variable structure

#### 2.1. Robot arm model

It is well known that non-linearity and coupled characteristics are involved in designing a robot control system and its dynamic behavior. A set of coupled non-linear second order differential equations in the form of gravitational torques, Coriolis and Centrifugal forces represent the dynamics of the robot. The importance of the above three forces are dependent on the two physical parameters of the robot namely the load it carries and the speed at which the robot operates. The design of the control system becomes more complex when the end user needs more accuracy based on the variations of the parameters mentioned above. A detailed version of a robot's structure with proper explanation is given in [20]. Keeping the objective on solving the robot dynamic equations in real time computation in view, an efficient numerical technique is required. Taha [5] discussed about the dynamics of robot arm problem and it can be represented in the following form.

$$T = A(Q)\ddot{Q} + B(Q,\dot{Q}) + C(Q) \tag{1}$$

where A(Q) is the coupled inertia matrix,  $B(Q,\dot{Q})$  is the matrix of coriolis and centrifugal forces. C(Q) is the gravity matrix, T is the input torques applied at various joints.

For a robot with two degrees of freedom, by considering lumped equivalent massless links, i.e. it means point load or in this case the mass is concentrated at the end of the links ,the dynamics are represented by

$$T_{1} = D_{11}\ddot{q}_{1} + D_{12}\ddot{q}_{21} + D_{122}(\ddot{q}_{2})^{2} + D_{112}(\dot{q}_{1}\dot{q}_{2}) + D_{1}$$
(2)  

$$T_{2} = D_{21}\ddot{q}_{1} + D_{22}\ddot{q}_{2} + D_{122}(\dot{q}_{1})^{2} + D_{2}$$
where  

$$D_{11} = (M_{1} + M_{2})d_{2}^{2} + 2M_{2}d_{1}d_{2}\cos(q_{2})$$

$$D_{12} = M_2 d_2^2 + M_2 d_1 d_2 \cos(q_2)$$
  

$$D_{21} = D_{12}$$
  

$$D_{22} = M_2 d_2^2$$
  

$$D_{112} = -2M_2 d_1 d_2 \sin(q_2)$$
  

$$D_{122} = -M_2 d_1 d_2 \sin(q_2)$$
  

$$D_{211} = D_{122}$$
  

$$D_1 = [(M_1 + M_2) d_1 \sin(q_1) + M_2 d_2 \sin(q_1 + q_2)]g$$
  

$$D_2 = [M_2 d_2 \sin(q_1 + q_2)]g$$

The values of the robot parameters used are M1= 2Kg, M2 = 5Kg, d1 = d2 = 1m. In the case of problem of set point regulation the state vectors are represented as

$$X = (X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4)^T = (q_1 - q_{1d}, \dot{q}_1, q_2 - q_{2d}, \dot{q}_2)^T$$
(3)  
where

 $q_1$  and  $q_2$  are the angles at joints 1 and 2 respectively, and  $q_1d$  and  $q_2d$  are constants. Hence, equation (2). may be written in state space representation as,

$$e_{1} = x_{2}$$

$$\dot{x}_{2} = \frac{D_{22}}{d} (D_{122}X_{2}^{2} + D_{112}X_{2}X_{4} + D_{1} + T_{1}) - \frac{D_{12}}{d} (D_{211}X_{4}^{2} + D_{2} + T_{2})$$

$$\dot{e}_{3} = x_{4}$$

$$\dot{x}_{4} = \frac{-D_{12}}{d} (D_{122}X_{2}^{2} + D_{112}X_{2}X_{4} + D_{1} + T_{1}) - \frac{D_{12}}{d} (D_{211}X_{4}^{2} + D_{2} + T_{2})$$

$$(4)$$

Here, the robot is simply a double inverted pendulum and the lagrangian approach is used to develop the equations.

It is observed that by selecting the suitable parameters, the non-linear equations (3) of the two-link robot-arm model may be reduced to the following system of linear equations [5] as  $\dot{e}_1 = x_2$ 

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{x}_2 &= B_{10}T_1 - A_{11}x_2 - A_{10}e_1 \\ \dot{e}_3 &= x_4 \\ \dot{x}_4 &= B_{20}^2T_2 - A_{21}^2x_4 - A_{20}^2e_3 \end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

From (5) one can obtain the system of second order linear equations

$$\ddot{x}_1 = -A_{11}\dot{x}_1 - A_{10}x_1 + B_{10}T_1$$
$$\ddot{x}_3 = -\dot{A}_{21}^2x_3 - A_{20}^2x_1 + B_{210}^2T_2$$
where the values of the permuta

where the values of the parameters concerning the joint-1 are given by,

$$A_{10} = 0.1730, A_{11} = -0.2140, B_{10} = 0.00265$$

and the values of parameters concerning the joint-2 are given by,  $A_{20}$ = 0.0438,  $A_{21}$  = 0.3610,  $B_{20}$  = 0.0967

and by choosing  $T_1 = 1$  and  $T_2 = 1$  with initial conditions,

 $[e_1(0) \quad x_2(0) \quad e_3(0) \quad x_4(0)]^{T} = [-1 \quad 0 \quad -1 \quad 0]^{T}$ and the corresponding exact solution is given by,  $e_{1}(t) = e^{0.107t} [-1.15317919 \cos(0.401934074t) + 0.306991074 \sin(0.401934074t)] + 0.15317919$   $x_{2}(t) = e^{0.107t} [0.463502009 \sin(0.401934074t) + 0.123390173 \cos(0.401934074t)] + e^{0.107t} [-1.15317919 \cos(0.401934074t)] + 0.306991074 \sin(0.401934074t)]$   $e_{3}(t) = 1.029908976 e^{-0.11340416t} - - - 6.904124484 e^{-0.016916839t} + 4.874215508$   $x_{4}(t) = -0.116795962 e^{-0.11340416t} + (6)$ 

## 3. Outline of RK-Sixth-order algorithm

System of second order linear differential equations originates in the form of mathematical formulation of problems in mechanics, electronic circuits, chemical process and electrical networks, etc. Hence, the concept of solving a second order equation using the RK-Sixth-order algorithm is extended to find the numerical solution of the system of second order equations as given below. It is of importance to mention that one has to determine the upper limit of the step-size (h) in order to have a stable numerical solution of the given ordinary differential equation with IVP. Keeping this in view,

Consider the system of second order Initial Value Problems,

$$\ddot{y}_{j} = f_{j}(x, y_{j}, \dot{y}_{j}), j = 1, 2, \dots, m$$
 (7)

with  $y_j(x_0) = y_{j0}$ 

$$\dot{y}_{i}(x_{0}) = \dot{y}_{i0}$$
 for all j = 1,2,....m

Then the RK-Sixth-Order algorithm to determine  $y_j$  and  $\dot{y}_j$ , j=1,2,3,...,m are given by,

$$y_{jn+1} = y_{jn} + h \left[ \frac{13}{200} k_{1j} + \frac{11}{40} k_{3j} + \frac{11}{40} k_{4j} + \frac{4}{25} k_{5j} + \frac{4}{25} k_{6j} + \frac{13}{200} k_{7j} \right]$$
and
$$\dot{y}_{jn+1} = \dot{y}_{jn} + h \left[ \frac{13}{200} u_{1j} + \frac{11}{40} u_{3j} + \frac{11}{40} u_{4j} + \frac{4}{25} u_{51j} + \frac{4}{25} u_{6j} + \frac{13}{200} u_{7j} \right]$$

$$k_{1j} = \dot{y}_{jn},$$
(8)

$$\begin{split} k_{2j} &= \dot{y}_{jn} + \frac{hu_{1j}}{2}, \\ k_{3j} &= \dot{y}_{jn} + \frac{2hu_{1j}}{9} + \frac{4hu_{2j}}{9}, \\ k_{4j} &= \dot{y}_{jn} + \frac{7hu_{1j}}{36} + \frac{2hu_{2j}}{9} - \frac{hu_{3j}}{12} \\ k_{5j} &= \dot{y}_{jn} - \frac{35hu_{1j}}{144} - \frac{55hu_{2j}}{36} + \frac{35hu_{3j}}{48} + \frac{15hu_{4j}}{8}, \\ k_{6j} &= \dot{y}_{jn} - \frac{hu_{1j}}{360} - \frac{11hu_{2j}}{36} - \frac{hu_{3j}}{8} + \frac{hu_{4j}}{2} + \frac{hu_{5j}}{10}, \end{split}$$

$$k_{7j} = \dot{y}_n - \frac{41hu_{1j}}{260} + \frac{22hu_{2j}}{13} + \frac{43hu_{3j}}{156} -$$
(9)  
$$-\frac{118hu_{4j}}{39} + \frac{32hu_{5j}}{195} + \frac{80hu_{6j}}{39}$$

$$u_{1j} = f(x_n, y_{jn}, y_{jn}),$$
  

$$u_{2j} = f(x_n + \frac{h}{2}, y_{1n} + \frac{hk_{11}}{2}, y_{2n} + \frac{hk_{12}}{2}, ..., y_{mn} + \frac{hk_{1m}}{2}, \dot{y}_{1n} + \frac{hu_{11}}{2}, \dot{y}_{2n} + \frac{hu_{12}}{2}, ..., \dot{y}_{mn} + \frac{hu_{1m}}{2})$$

f(x, y, y)

$$\begin{split} & u_{3j} = f\left(x_n + \frac{2h}{3}, y_{1n} + \frac{2hk_{11}}{9} + \frac{4hk_{21}}{9}, \\ & y_{2n} + \frac{2hk_{12}}{9} + \frac{4hk_{22}}{9}, ..., y_{mn} + \frac{2hk_{1m}}{9}, + \frac{4hk_{2m}}{9}, \\ & \dot{y}_{1n} + \frac{2hu_{11}}{9} + \frac{4hu_{21}}{9}, \dot{y}_{2n} + \frac{2hu_{12}}{9} + \frac{4hu_{22}}{9}, ..., \\ & \dot{y}_{mn} + \frac{2hu_{1m}}{9} + \frac{4hu_{2m}}{9}, \\ & u_{4j} = f\left(x_n + \frac{h}{3}, y_{1n} + \frac{7hk_{11}}{36} + \frac{2hk_{21}}{9} - \frac{hk_{31}}{12}, \\ & y_{2n} + \frac{7hk_{12}}{36} + \frac{2hk_{22}}{9} - \frac{2hk_{32}}{9}, ..., \\ & y_{mn} + \frac{7hk_{1m}}{36}, + \frac{2hu_{21}}{9} - \frac{hk_{3m}}{12}, \\ & \dot{y}_{1n} + \frac{7hu_{11}}{36} + \frac{2hu_{21}}{9} - \frac{hk_{31}}{12}, \\ & \dot{y}_{2n} + \frac{7hu_{12}}{36} + \frac{2hu_{22}}{9} - \frac{2hk_{32}}{9}, ..., \\ & \dot{y}_{nm} + \frac{7hu_{12}}{36} + \frac{2hu_{22}}{9} - \frac{2hk_{32}}{9}, ..., \\ & \dot{y}_{nm} + \frac{7hu_{12}}{36} + \frac{2hu_{22}}{9} - \frac{2hk_{32}}{9}, ..., \\ & \dot{y}_{nm} + \frac{7hu_{12}}{36} + \frac{2hu_{2m}}{9} - \frac{hk_{3m}}{12}, \\ & \dot{y}_{nm} + \frac{7hu_{1m}}{36} + \frac{2hu_{2m}}{9} - \frac{hk_{3m}}{12}, \\ & \dot{y}_{nm} + \frac{7hu_{1m}}{36} + \frac{2hu_{2m}}{9} - \frac{hk_{3m}}{12}, \\ & \dot{y}_{nm} + \frac{7hu_{1m}}{36} + \frac{2hu_{2m}}{9} - \frac{hk_{3m}}{12}, \\ & \dot{y}_{nm} + \frac{7hu_{1m}}{36} + \frac{2hu_{2m}}{9} - \frac{hk_{3m}}{12}, \\ & \dot{y}_{nm} + \frac{7hu_{1m}}{36} + \frac{2hu_{2m}}{9} - \frac{hk_{3m}}{12}, \\ & \dot{y}_{nm} + \frac{7hu_{1m}}{36} + \frac{2hu_{2m}}{9} - \frac{hk_{3m}}{12}, \\ & \dot{y}_{nm} + \frac{7hu_{1m}}{36} + \frac{2hu_{2m}}{9} - \frac{hk_{3m}}{12}, \\ & \dot{y}_{nm} + \frac{7hu_{1m}}{36} + \frac{2hu_{2m}}{9} - \frac{hk_{3m}}{12}, \\ & \dot{y}_{nm} + \frac{7hu_{1m}}{36} + \frac{2hu_{2m}}{9} - \frac{hk_{3m}}{12}, \\ & \dot{y}_{nm} + \frac{7hu_{1m}}{36} + \frac{2hu_{2m}}{9} - \frac{hk_{3m}}{12}, \\ & \dot{y}_{nm} + \frac{7hu_{1m}}{36} + \frac{2hu_{2m}}{9} - \frac{hu_{3m}}{12}, \\ & \dot{y}_{nm} + \frac{7hu_{1m}}{36} + \frac{2hu_{2m}}{9} - \frac{hu_{3m}}{12}, \\ & \dot{y}_{nm} + \frac{7hu_{1m}}{36} + \frac{2hu_{2m}}{9} - \frac{hu_{3m}}{12}, \\ & \dot{y}_{nm} + \frac{7hu_{1m}}{36} + \frac{2hu_{2m}}{9} - \frac{hu_{3m}}{12}, \\ & \dot{y}_{mm} + \frac{7hu_{3m}}{36} + \frac{hu_{3m}}{36} + \frac{hu_{3m}}{$$

$$\begin{split} & u_{5j} = f\left(x_n + \frac{5h}{6}, y_{1n} - \frac{35hk_{11}}{144} - \frac{55hk_{21}}{36} + \frac{35hk_{31}}{48} + \frac{15hk_{41}}{8}, \right. \\ & y_{2n} - \frac{35hk_{12}}{144} - \frac{55hk_{22}}{36} + \frac{35hk_{32}}{48} + \frac{15hk_{42}}{8}, \dots, y_{mn} \\ & - \frac{35hk_{1m}}{144} - \frac{55hk_{2m}}{36} + \frac{35hk_{3m}}{48} + \frac{15hk_{4m}}{8}, \\ & \dot{y}_{1n} - \frac{35hu_{11}}{144} - \frac{55hu_{21}}{36} + \frac{35hu_{31}}{48} + \frac{15hu_{41}}{8}, \\ & \dot{y}_{2n} - \frac{35hu_{12}}{144} - \frac{55hu_{22}}{36} + \frac{35hu_{32}}{48} + \frac{15hu_{42}}{8}, \dots, \\ & \dot{y}_{mn} - \frac{35hu_{1m}}{144} - \frac{55hu_{2m}}{36} + \frac{35hu_{3m}}{48} + \frac{15hu_{42}}{8}, \dots, \end{split}$$

$$\begin{split} & u_{6j} = f\left(x_n + \frac{h}{6}, y_{1n} - \frac{hk_{11}}{360} - \frac{11hk_{21}}{36} - \frac{hk_{31}}{8} + \frac{hk_{41}}{2} + \frac{hk_{51}}{10} \right), \\ & y_{2n} - \frac{hk_{12}}{360} - \frac{11hk_{22}}{36} - \frac{hk_{32}}{8} + \frac{hk_{42}}{2} + \frac{hk_{52}}{10} \right), \dots, y_{mn} \\ & - \frac{hk_{13}}{360} - \frac{11hk_{23}}{36} - \frac{hk_{33}}{8} + \frac{hk_{43}}{2} + \frac{hk_{53}}{10} \right), \\ & \dot{y}_{1n} - \frac{hu_{11}}{360} - \frac{11hu_{21}}{36} - \frac{hu_{31}}{8} + \frac{hu_{41}}{2} + \frac{hu_{51}}{10} \right), \\ & \dot{y}_{2n} - \frac{hu_{12}}{360} - \frac{11hu_{22}}{36} - \frac{hu_{32}}{8} + \frac{hu_{42}}{2} + \frac{hu_{52}}{10} \right), \dots, \end{split}$$

$$\forall j = 1, 2, 3, ..., m$$

$$u_{7j} = f(x_n + h, y_{1n} - \frac{41hk_{11}}{260} + \frac{41hk_{21}}{13} + \frac{43hk_{31}}{156} - \frac{118hk_{41}}{39} + \frac{32hk_{51}}{195} + \frac{80hk_{61}}{39}, y_{2n} - \frac{41hk_{12}}{260} + \frac{41hk_{22}}{13} + \frac{43hk_{32}}{156} - \frac{118hk_{42}}{13} + \frac{32hk_{52}}{195} + \frac{80hk_{62}}{39}, ..., y_{mn} - \frac{41hk_{1m}}{260} + \frac{41hk_{2m}}{13} + \frac{41hk_{2m}}{13} + \frac{43hk_{3m}}{156} - \frac{118hk_{4m}}{13} + \frac{32hk_{5m}}{195} + \frac{80hk_{6m}}{39}, \frac{y_{1n} - \frac{41hu_{11}}{260} + \frac{41hu_{21}}{13} + \frac{43hu_{31}}{156} - \frac{118hu_{41}}{39} + \frac{32hu_{51}}{195} + \frac{80hu_{61}}{39}, \frac{y_{2n} - \frac{41hu_{12}}{260} + \frac{41hu_{22}}{13} + \frac{43hu_{32}}{156} - \frac{118hu_{42}}{195} + \frac{32hu_{51}}{195} + \frac{32hu_{52}}{195} + \frac{80hu_{62}}{39}, ..., \frac{y_{mn}}{260} - \frac{41hu_{1m}}{13} + \frac{43hu_{3m}}{156} - \frac{118hu_{4n}}{13} + \frac{43hu_{3m}}{156} - \frac{118hu_{4m}}{13} + \frac{43hu_{3m}}{156} - \frac{118hu_{4m}}{156} - \frac{11$$

The corresponding RK-Sixth order array to represent Equation (9) takes form as follows:

$\frac{5}{6}$ $\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{-35}{144}$ $\frac{-1}{360}$	$\frac{-55}{36}$ $\frac{-11}{36}$	$\frac{35}{48}$ $\frac{-1}{8}$	$\frac{15}{8}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	1 10		
1	$\frac{-41}{260}$	$\frac{22}{13}$	8 43 156	2 -118 39	32 195	80 39	
	13	0	156	11	4	4	13

Therefore, the final integration is a weighted sum of the six calculated derivatives and the RK-sixth-order predictor formula is given by,

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + \left[\frac{13}{200}k_1 + \frac{11}{40}k_3 + \frac{11}{40}k_4 + \frac{4}{25}k_5 + \frac{4}{25}k_6 + \frac{13}{200}k_7\right]$$
(11)

Substituting the expressions of  $k_1$ ,  $k_2$ ,  $k_3$ ,  $k_4$ ,  $k_5$ ,  $k_6$  and  $k_7$  into equation (11) we get,

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + \frac{h\lambda y_n}{2160} [2160 + 2160z + 1080z^2 + 360z^3 + (12)]$$

 $+90z^{4}+18z^{5}+3z^{6}-z^{7}$ ]

From equation (12), the stability of the polynomial Q(z) =  $y_{n+1}$  /y\_n becomes,

$$Q(z) = 1 + z + \frac{z^2}{2} + \frac{z^3}{6} + \frac{z^4}{24} + \frac{z^5}{120} + \frac{z^6}{720} - \frac{z^7}{2160}$$
(13)

In a similar manner, the stability polynomial for the test equation  $\dot{y} = \lambda y$  ( $\lambda$  is a complex constant) using the RK-Butcher technique has been obtained as

$$Q_1(z) = \frac{1}{1+z} + \frac{z^2}{2} + \frac{z^3}{6} + \frac{z^4}{24} + \frac{z^5}{120} + \frac{z^6}{640}$$
(14)

At this juncture, it is pertinent to point out that Murugesan et. al.[1] and Park et. al.[2,3] have obtained incorrect stability polynomial for the same test equation by adapting the RK-Butcher technique and these are respectively given by

$$Q_2(z) = \frac{1}{1+z} + \frac{z^2}{2} + \frac{z^3}{6} + \frac{z^4}{24} + \frac{z^5}{120} + \frac{z^6}{720}$$
(15)

$$Q_3(z) = 1 + z + \frac{z^2}{2} + \frac{z^3}{6} + \frac{z^4}{360} - \frac{853 z^5}{19008}$$
(16)

It is of importance to mention that Murugesan et. al. [1] and Park et.al.[2,3] have not presented the mathematical derivation of obtaining the stability polynomial for single term walsh series (STWS) technique. The stability region for STWS technique shown in papers published by them is not similar to the one for RK-Butcher technique which is based on the Taylor series method. A careful study shows that STWS technique is not based on the Taylor series technique but it is an A-stable technique. Keeping this in view, the form of stability region for STWS technique is ridicules and incorrect. Moreover, Murugesan et. al. [1] and Park et.al. [2,3] have made a wrong comparative analysis of the stability region of the RK-Butcher technique using an incorrect version of the stability polynomials (Equations (9)(15) and (10)(16)) obtained by them. Further, the stability region of the STWS technique is abruptly assumed by them.

Also, they have made a critical mistakes to be determined i.e., the range for the real part of  $\lambda h$  in the cases of RKAM and the RK-Butcher techniques. The wrong range for the real part of  $\lambda h$  is -2.780 < Re(z) < 0.0 in the RK-Butcher technique. Similar types of severe mistakes have been detected in the paper authored by the same group (Sekar et. al. [4]). In view of this, we have presented the corrected version of the stability region of the RK-Butcher technique which are shown in Figure 2.

In this stability regions, the range for the real part of  $\lambda h$  is - 3.463 < Re(z) < 0.0 in the RK-Butcher algorithm.

## 4. Results and conclusion

The discrete and exact solutions of the robot arm model problem have been computed for different time intervals using the equations (5) and (9) which are depicted in Tables 1-4. The values of  $e_1(t)$ ,  $x_2(t)$ , $e_3(t)$  and  $x_4(t)$  are calculated for time t arranging from 0.25 to 1. The absolute error between the exact and discrete solutions for the RK techniques based on RK-Fifth-order and RK-Sixth-order are calculated. For time t = 0.0, 0.25, 0.05, 0.75 and 1.0 the values are tabulated in Tables 1-4 respectively.

It is significant to stress that the obtained discrete solutions for the Robot Arm model problem using the RK-Sixth-order algorithm guarantees more accurate values in comparison with RK-Fifth-order technique. It is of interest to mention that the stability region for STWS technique drawn by Murugesan et. al [1] and Park et. al. [2,3] is not correct. At this juncture, the present authors have made an observation that the stability region for STWS technique presented by them is not correct owing to the reason that STWS technique is not based on the Taylor series technique and it is the type of A-stable technique. The numerical solutions calculated using RK-Sixth-order algorithm are in very close to the exact solutions of the robot arm model problem while the RK-Fifth Order technique gives rise to a considerable error. Therefore, RK-Sixth-order algorithm is more suitable for studying the system of second order robot arm model problem and this algorithm can be implemented for any length of independent variable on a digital computer.

## Table 1.

Solutions	of Equation	ns (3) and (15)	for $x_1(t)$					
Sol.	Time	Exact	RKAM	RKAM	RK-Butcher	RK-Butcher	RK-	RK-Sixth
No.		Solution	Solution	Error	Solution	Error	Sixth Order	Order Error
							Solution	
1	0.00	-1.00000	-1.00000	0.00000	-1.00000	0.00000	-1.00000	0.00000
		00000	00000	00000	00000	00000	00000	00000
2	0.25	-0.99365	-0.99533	-0.00167	-0.99533	-0.00167	-0.99533	-0.00167
		86212	27587	41375	27583	41371	27581	41370
3	0.50	-0.97424	-0.97864	-0.00440	-0.97864	-0.00440	-0.97432	-0.00008
		24794	73848	49054	73825	49031	45899	21105
4	0.75	-0.94124	-0.94943	-0.00819	-0.94943	-0.00818	-0.94514	-0.00389
		82065	98199	16134	52670	70605	13296	31231
5	1.00	-0.89429	-0.90733	-0.01303	-0.90730	-0.01300	-0.90309	-0.00879
		59125	16683	57558	36550	77425	01483	42358

Table 2.

Solutions of Equations (3) and (15) for  $x_2(t)$ 

Sol.	Time	Exact	RKAM	RKAM	RK-Butcher	RK-Butcher	RK-	RK-Sixth
		Solution	Solution	Error	Solution	Error	Sixth Order	Order Error
							Solution	
1	0.00	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000
		00000	00000	00000	00000	00000	00000	00000
2	0.25	0.05114	0.04598	0.00515	0.04598	0.00515	0.04598	0.00515
		10611	64489	46122	64413	46198	63413	46098
3	0.50	0.10452	0.09412	0.0104	0.09412	0.0104	0.09409	0.00515
		49896	65859	450	65909	450	22750	46101
4	0.75	0.15968	0.14389	0.01578	0.14398	0.01569	0.14399	0.01568
		29669	71697	57972	68497	61172	50296	79373
5	1.00	0.21610	0.19499	0.02110	0.19508	0.02101	0.19665	0.01944
		01218	42351	58867	83237	17981	02520	98698

Sol.	Time	Exact	RKAM	RKAM	RK-Butcher	RK-Butcher	RK-	RK-Sixth
No.		Solution	Solution	Error	Solution	Error	Sixth Order	Order Error
							Solution	
1	0.00	-1.00000	-1.00000	0.00000	-1.00000	0.00000	-1.00000	0.00000
		00000	00000	00000	00000	00000	00000	00000
2	0.25	-0.99965	-0.99973	-0.00008	-0.99970	0.00005	-0.99970	-0.00005
		16946	51600	34654	57337	40391	56599	39653
3	0.50	-0.99862	-0.99871	0.00009	-0.99869	0.00006	-0.99869	-0.00006
		16177	98532	82355	04291	88114	04092	87915
4	0.75	-0.99693	-0.99700	0.00007	-0.99697	0.00004	-0.99696	-0.00003
		17452	73822	56370	79638	62186	69638	52186
5	1.00	-0.99460	-0.99462	0.00001	-0.99461	0.00001	-0.99461	0.00001
		34264	09249	74985	95155	60891	60056	25792

Table 3. Solutions of Equations (3) and (15) for  $x_3(t)$ 

Table 4.

Solutions of Equations (3) and (15) for  $x_4(t)$ 

Sol.	Time	Exact	RKAM	RKAM	<b>RK-Butcher</b>	RK-Butcher	RK-	RK-Sixth
No.		Solution	Solution	Error	Solution	Error	Sixth Order	Order Error
							Solution	
1	0.00	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000
		00000	00000	00000	00000	00000	00000	00000
2	0.25	0.00277	0.00285	-0.00007	0.00285	-0.00007	0.00284	-0.00007
		18839	05791	86952	05764	86925	99524	80685
3	0.50	0.00545	0.00560	-0.00015	0.00560	-0.00015	0.00560	-0.00015
		45872	69156	23284	68988	23116	62955	17083
4	0.75	0.00805	0.00879	-0.00074	0.00827	-0.00022	0.00827	-0.00022
		06523	39398	32875	17292	10769	11480	04957
5	1.00	0.01056	0.01084	-0.00028	0.01084	-0.00028	0.01084	-0.00028
		25499	77411	51912	75497	49998	71859	4636

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