Abstract: In this work, a pair of embedded explicit exponentially-fitted Runge–Kutta–Nyström methods is formulated for solving special second-order ordinary differential equations (ODEs) with periodic solutions. A variable step-size technique is used for the derivation of the 5(3) embedded pair, which provides a cheap local error estimation. The numerical results obtained signify that the new adapted method is more efficient and accurate compared with the existing methods.

Keywords: exponentially-fitted method; Runge–Kutta–Nyström; periodic problems; initial value problems

1. Introduction

In this work, we focus on the numerical solution of the special second-order ordinary differential equation of the form:

\[ y'' = f(x, y), \quad y(x_0) = y_0, \quad y'(x_0) = y'_0, \]  

(1)

whose solution have a notable periodic character, where \( y \in \mathbb{R}^d \) and \( f : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^d \to \mathbb{R}^d \) is sufficiently differentiable. Problems of such form occur frequently in the scientific areas such as molecular dynamics, quantum mechanics, chemistry, nuclear physics, and electronics. Due to its applications, many researchers are motivated to study the numerical solution of Equation (1) (see [1–7]). Senu [8] proposed an embedded explicit RKKN method for solving oscillatory problems, Fawzi et al. [9] derived an embedded 6(5) pair of explicit Runge–Kutta methods for periodic ivps, Franco [10] developed two new embedded pairs of explicit Runge–Kutta methods adapted to the numerical solution of oscillatory problems, and Anastassi [11] constructed a 6(4) optimized embedded Runge–Kutta–Nyström pair for the numerical solution of periodic problems. Recently, Demba et al. [12,13] constructed two new embedded explicit trigonometrically-fitted RKN methods for solving the problem in Equation (1).
A new embedded explicit exponentially-fitted RKN method based on the 5(3) embedded pair of explicit type derived in [14] is constructed in this work for solving Equation (1). This method can integrate exactly the test equation \( y' = y^2 \), and the numerical results show the efficiency of the proposed method in comparison with other existing RKN methods in the scientific literature.

The paper is structured as follows. In Section 2, we explain the fundamental concepts of an explicit RKN pair, the basic definition of exponentially-fitted RKN method, and the derivation of an explicit exponentially-fitted RKN method. Section 3 deals with the construction of the proposed method. In Section 4, we analyze the algebraic order of the constructed method from their local truncation error (LTE) and we present a detailed information about the stability of the constructed method. In Section 5, we give the numerical results. In Section 6, we present a brief discussion about the graphs obtained, and a conclusion is drawn in the last section of the paper.

2. Fundamental Concepts

A Runge–Kutta–Nyström method of explicit type is represented generally as:

\[
y_{n+1} = y_n + h y'_n + h^2 \sum_{i=1}^{s} b_i f(x_n + c_i h, Y_i), \tag{2}
\]

\[
y'_{n+1} = y'_n + h \sum_{i=1}^{s} d_i f(x_n + c_i h, Y_i), \tag{3}
\]

\[
Y_i = y_n + c_i h y'_n + h^2 \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} a_{ij} f(x_n + c_j h, Y_j). \tag{4}
\]

where \( y_{n+1} \) and \( y'_{n+1} \) denote the approximations of \( y(x_{n+1}) \) and \( y'(x_{n+1}) \) respectively, and \( x_{n+1} = x_n + h, n = 0, 1, \ldots \). The corresponding Butcher tableau is given by:

| \( c \) | \( A \) |
| --- | --- |
| \( c_1, c_2, \ldots, c_s \) | \( (a_{ij})_{s \times s} \) |
| \( b \) | \( b_1, b_2, \ldots, b_s \) |
| \( d \) | \( d_1, d_2, \ldots, d_s \) |

where \( A \) is a matrix \((a_{ij})_{s \times s}\), \( c = (c_1, c_2, \ldots, c_s)^T \), \( b = (b_1, b_2, \ldots, b_s) \), and \( d = (d_1, d_2, \ldots, d_s) \).

An embedded \( m(n) \) pair of RKN methods is based on the method \((c, A, b, d)\) of order \( m \) and the other RKN method \((c, A, b, \hat{d})\) of order \( n(n < m) \). The higher order method yields the approximate solution \((y_{n+1}, y'_{n+1})\), while the lower order method yields the approximate solution \((\hat{y}_{n+1}, \hat{y}'_{n+1})\), which is only used for the estimation of the local truncation error.

A pair of embedded explicit RKN method is generally represented by the following Butcher tableau:

| \( c \) | \( A \) |
| --- | --- |
| \( c_1, c_2, \ldots, c_s \) | \( (a_{ij})_{s \times s} \) |
| \( b^T \) | \( b_1, b_2, \ldots, b_s \) |
| \( d^T \) | \( d_1, d_2, \ldots, d_s \) |

In this study, a variable step-size procedure is utilized. Local error estimation at the point \( x_{n+1} = x_n + h \) is determined by \( \delta_{n+1} = \hat{y}_{n+1} - y_{n+1} \) and \( \delta'_{n+1} = \hat{y}'_{n+1} - y'_{n+1} \). To control the step size \( h \), we use the local error estimation given by \( \text{Est}_{n+1} = \max(\|\delta_{n+1}\|_\infty, \|\delta'_{n+1}\|_\infty) \). We utilize the step-size control procedure in [4] for the numerical solution of Equation (1). That is:

- if \( \text{Est}_{n+1} < \text{Tol}/100 \), \( h_{n+1} = 2h_n \);
if $\text{Tol}/100 \leq \text{Est}_{n+1} < \text{Tol}$, $h_{n+1} = h_n$; and

- if $\text{Est}_{n+1} \geq \text{Tol}$, $h_{n+1} = h_n/2$ and repeat the step.

Here, $\text{Tol}$ is the tolerance. Note that the approximation $y_n$ is used as the initial value for the $(n+1)$th step.

**Definition 1.** A Runge–Kutta–Nyström method (Equations (2)–(4)) is said to be exponentially-fitted if it integrates exactly the functions $e^{wx}$ and $e^{-wx}$ with $w > 0$, the principal frequency of the problem.

When an explicit Runge–Kutta–Nyström method (Equations (2)–(4)) is applied to the test equation $y'' = w^2 y$, we obtain the following equations:

\[
y_{n+1} = y_n + hy'_n + h^2 \sum_{i=1}^{s} b_i (w^2 Y_i),
\]

\[
y'_{n+1} = y'_n + h \sum_{i=1}^{s} d_i (w^2 Y_i),
\]

where

\[
Y_1 = y_n,
\]

\[
Y_i = y_n + c_i hy'_n + h^2 \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} a_{ij} (w^2 Y_j), \quad i = 2, 3, \ldots, s.
\]

Let $y_n = e^{wx_n}$, evaluating the value of $y_n, y_{n+1}, y'_n$ and $y'_{n+1}$ and, putting in Equations (5)–(8), we get the system of equations below:

\[
T_1 := e^\mu = 1 + \mu + \mu^2 \sum_{i=1}^{s} \left( b_i + b_i c_i + b_i \mu^2 \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} a_{ij} e^{-iwx_n} Y_j \right),
\]

\[
T_2 := e^\mu = 1 + \mu \sum_{i=1}^{s} \left( d_i + d_i c_i + d_i \mu^2 \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} a_{ij} e^{-iwx_n} Y_j \right).
\]

where $\mu = wh$.

**3. Construction of the Proposed Method**

In this section, we construct a new embedded explicit exponentially-fitted RKN method.

In this study, the RKN5(3) embedded pair is used as given in [14]. The coefficients of the method are given in Table 1.

To obtain the adapted method in the embedding procedure, we consider firstly the coefficients of the lower-order method (order 3) in the RKN5(3) pair. We solve the system of equations in Equations (9) and (10) considering those coefficients but taking two of them as unknowns, specifically the parameters $\hat{b}_3, \hat{d}_3$. We obtain the following solution:

\[
\hat{b}_3 = \frac{9}{2500} (42000 e^\mu - 42000 - 70 \mu^2 - 840 \mu^3 - 294 \mu^4 - 1150 \mu^5 - 1250 \mu^6 - 42000 \mu - 27750 \mu^2 - 7 \mu^3.,
\]

\[
\hat{d}_3 = \frac{3}{70} \frac{31500 e^\mu - 31500 - 7 \mu^2 - 294 \mu^3 - 70 \mu^4 - 300 \mu^5 - 480 \mu^6 - 840 \mu^7 - 21375 \mu - 9000 \mu^2}{\mu (7 \mu^4 + 1350 + 70 \mu^2 + 900 \mu + 300 \mu^2)}.
\]
In Taylor series form, we have:

\[
b_3 = \frac{9}{40} - \frac{1}{100} \mu^3 - \frac{23}{200} \mu^4 + \frac{41}{1000} \mu^5 - \frac{157}{10000} \mu^6 - \frac{4081}{1000000} \mu^7 - \frac{23299}{100000000} \mu^8 + \frac{109791}{1000000000} \mu^9 - \frac{371941}{10000000000} \mu^{10} + \frac{59754443}{100000000000} \mu^{11} - \frac{26351639}{1000000000000} \mu^{12} + \frac{5254972663}{100000000000000} \mu^{13} - \frac{21331490509}{10000000000000000} \mu^{14} + \frac{460574383343}{100000000000000000} \mu^{15} + \cdots,
\]

\[
d_3 = \frac{9}{8} \mu^3 - \frac{7}{40} \mu^4 + \frac{31}{1000} \mu^5 + \frac{29}{10000} \mu^6 - \frac{4153}{1000000} \mu^7 - \frac{8741}{100000000} \mu^8 + \frac{22011}{1000000000} \mu^9 - \frac{530767}{100000000000} \mu^{10} + \frac{912717}{1000000000000} \mu^{11} + \frac{27470217}{100000000000000} \mu^{12} + \frac{5158787897}{10000000000000000} \mu^{13} - \frac{2900078753}{100000000000000000} \mu^{14} + \frac{14707761917}{1000000000000000000} \mu^{15} + \cdots.
\]

(12)

As \( \mu \to 0 \), the coefficients \( b_3 \) and \( d_3 \) of the lower-order adapted method reduce to the coefficients of the original lower-order method in the RKN5(3) approach. In a similar way, solving the above system in Equations (9) and (10) using the coefficients of the higher-order method (order 5) taking as unknowns the coefficients \( b_3 \) and \( d_4 \), we obtain the following solution:

\[
b_3 = \frac{225}{28} \mu^4 \left( 168 e^{-\mu} - 168 - 10 \mu^3 - \mu^4 - 57 \mu^2 - 168 \right) + \frac{5}{16} \mu (42 \mu^4 + 10 \mu^5 + \mu^6 + 375 \mu^2 + 120 \mu^3 + 75 \mu^4),
\]

(13)

In Taylor series form, we have:

\[
b_3 = \frac{9}{8} \mu^3 - \frac{13}{40} \mu^4 + \frac{29}{1000} \mu^5 + \frac{41}{10000} \mu^6 + \frac{1433}{1000000} \mu^7 - \frac{38177}{100000000} \mu^8 + \frac{2843}{1000000000} \mu^9 - \frac{299609}{100000000000} \mu^{10} + \frac{59754443}{1000000000000} \mu^{11} + \cdots,
\]

\[
d_3 = \frac{9}{8} \mu^3 - \frac{7}{40} \mu^4 + \frac{31}{1000} \mu^5 + \frac{29}{10000} \mu^6 - \frac{4153}{1000000} \mu^7 - \frac{8741}{100000000} \mu^8 + \frac{22011}{1000000000} \mu^9 - \frac{530767}{100000000000} \mu^{10} + \frac{912717}{1000000000000} \mu^{11} + \frac{27470217}{100000000000000} \mu^{12} + \frac{5158787897}{10000000000000000} \mu^{13} - \frac{2900078753}{100000000000000000} \mu^{14} + \frac{14707761917}{1000000000000000000} \mu^{15} + \cdots.
\]

(14)

As \( \mu \to 0 \), the coefficients \( b_3 \) and \( d_4 \) of the higher-order adapted method reduce to the coefficients of the original higher-order method in the RKN5(3) approach.

The obtained coefficients depending on \( \mu \) together with the rest of the coefficients of the original RKN5(3) method form the new adapted embedded method, which is named as EEERKN5(3).

4. Algebraic Order and Error Analysis

In this part, we carry out the local truncation error and orders of convergence analysis based on the Taylor series expansion as given below:

\[
LTE = y_n + 1 - y(x_n + h),
\]

\[
LTE_{der} = y_n + 1 - y(x_n + h).
\]

(15)
The LTE and LTE_{der} of the lower-order method (order 3) are:

\[
\begin{align*}
LTE & = -\frac{h^4}{24} (f_{xx} + 2y' f_{xy} + (y'')^2 f_{y y} + f_y y'') + O(h^5), \\
LTE_{der} & = \frac{h^6}{720} (f_{xxxx} + 3y' f_{yxxx} + 3y'' f_{xyx} + 3(y'')^2 f_{xyy} + 3y' f_{y y y}' + (y'')^3 f_{yyy} + f_y f_x + (f_y)^2 y') + O(h^7).
\end{align*}
\]  

(16)

From Equation (16), we can observe that the algebraic order of the lower-order method is 3 because all of the coefficients up to \( h^3 \) turns to zero. Similarly, the LTE and LTE_{der} of the higher-order method (order 5) are:

\[
\begin{align*}
LTE & = -\frac{h^6}{240}(4y'^3 + 3y'' f_{yy} + 6y'' f_{yxx} + 6y'^2 f_{yy y} + y^4 f_{yyyy} + 4y' f_{xxx y} + 12f_y f_{xx} + 12f_y^2 y'') \\
LTE_{der} & = \frac{h^8}{720}(f_{xxxxx} + 18y' f_{y yyy} y'' + 15y'^2 f_{y yyy} + 10y'' f_{yxxx y} + 10y'' f_{yxy} + 10y'' f_{xy} + 10y'' f_{xxx y} + 5f_{xxx y} + 5f_{xxx y} + 7f_{xxx y} + 8f_{yxy} f_{xy} + 10y'' f_{yyy} f_{xy} + 10y'^2 f_{y yyy} y'' + 10y'^2 f_{y yyy} y' + 9f_{y xxx y} + 15f_{y xxx y} + 23y^2 f_{y yyy} y'' + 15y'^2 f_{y yyy} y'' + 30y' f_{y yyy} + 30y'^2 f_{y yyy} y'' + 8f_{y y y} f_{y y} + 10y'' f_{y y} + 10y'' f_{y y} + f_{y y} + 5y' f_{y y} + 5y' f_{y y} + O(h^7). \\
\end{align*}
\]  

(17)

From Equation (17), the higher-order method has order 5 because all of the coefficients up to \( h^5 \) turns to zero.

**Analysis of Stability**

The linear stability of the RKN method in Equations (2)–(4) is obtained by applying it to the test equation \( y'' = -w^2 y \). In particular, for the method given in Table 1, setting \( H = -(w h)^2 \), the numerical solution satisfies the following recurrence system:

\[
G_{n+1} = E(H)G_n,
\]

where

\[
G_{n+1} = \begin{bmatrix} y_{n+1} \\ hy'_{n+1} \end{bmatrix}, \quad G_n = \begin{bmatrix} y_n \\ hy'_n \end{bmatrix}, \quad E(H) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 + H b^T N^{-1} e & wh (1 + H d^T N^{-1} c) \\ -wh d^T N^{-1} e & 1 + H d^T N^{-1} c \end{bmatrix}, \quad N = I - HA,
\]

\[
A = [a_{ij}]_{4 \times 4} \text{ is the corresponding matrix of coefficients and } I \text{ is the identity matrix of fourth order,}
\]

\[
b = [b_1, b_2, b_3, b_4]^T, \quad d = [d_1, d_2, d_3, d_4]^T, \quad e = [1, 1, 1, 1, 1]^T, \quad c = [c_1, c_2, c_3]^T.
\]

It is considered that \( E(H) \) has complex conjugate eigenvalues for sufficiently small values of \( \mu [15] \). With this consideration, a periodic numerical solution is obtained. The periodic behavior depends on the eigenvalues of \( E(H) \), which is called the stability matrix and its characteristic equation can be written as:

\[
\lambda^2 - tr(E(H))\lambda + det(E(H)) = 0.
\]

**Definition 2.** An interval \((-H_b, 0)\) corresponding to the RKN method in Equations (2)–(4) is said to be an interval of absolute stability if, for all \( H \in (-H_b, 0) \), it holds that \(|\lambda_{1,2}| < 1\), where \( \lambda_{1,2} \) are the roots of the above characteristic equation.

**Definition 3.** An interval \((-H_p, 0)\) corresponding to the RKN method in Equations (2)–(4) is said to be periodic if, for every \( H \in (-H_p, 0) \), \(|\lambda_{1,2}| = 1\), with \( \lambda_1 \neq \lambda_2 \), where \( \lambda_{1,2} \) are the roots of the above characteristic equation.
Using Maple package, as well as the definitions in Equations (2) and (3), we find that the higher-order method of our new embedded pair (EEERKN5(3)) has a non-vanishing interval of absolute stability, while the lower-order method of our new embedded pair (EEERKN5(3)) has a non-vanishing interval of periodicity. Therefore, the higher-order method of our new embedded pair (EEERKN5(3)) has \((-9.48, 0)\) as the interval of absolute stability, while the lower-order method of our new embedded pair (EEERKN5(3)) has \((-458.42, 0)\) as the interval of periodicity.

5. Numerical Experiments

To show the robustness of the constructed method, we consider the following standard embedded RKN methods for the numerical comparison:

- **EEERKN5(3):** The new embedded pair constructed in this paper;
- **RKN5(3):** A 5(3) pair of explicit RKN methods given by Van de Vyver in [14];
- **ARKN5(3):** A 5(3) pair of explicit ARKN methods derived by Franco in [16];
- **RKN6(4)6ER-PFAF:** A 6(4) optimized embedded RKN pair obtained by Anastassi and Kosti [11]; and
- **FRKN4:** A Runge–Kutta–Nyström pair obtained by Van de Vyver in [17].

They are used to integrate the following periodic initial value problems:

**Problem 1. (Almost Periodic Problem) in [18]**

\[
\begin{align*}
y''_1 & = -y_1 + 0.001 \cos(x), \quad y_1(0) = 1, \quad y'_1(0) = 0, \\
y''_2 & = -y_2 + 0.001 \sin(x), \quad y_2(0) = 0, \quad y'_2(0) = 0.9995, \quad x \in [0, 100].
\end{align*}
\]

The exact solution is

\[
y_1(x) = \cos(x) + 0.0005 x \cos(x), \\
y_2(x) = \sin(x) - 0.0005 x \sin(x),
\]

We take \(w = 1.0\) to apply our method and the adapted methods in [11,16,17].

**Problem 2. (Two-Body Problem) in [19]**

\[
\begin{align*}
y''_1 & = -\frac{y_1}{(y_1^2 + y_2^2)^{3/2}}, \quad y_1(0) = 1, \quad y'_1(0) = 0, \\
y''_2 & = -\frac{y_2}{(y_1^2 + y_2^2)^{3/2}}, \quad y_2(0) = 0, \quad y'_2(0) = 1.
\end{align*}
\]

The exact solution is

\[
y_1(x) = \cos x, \\
y_2(x) = \sin x,
\]

We solve this problem in \([0, 100]\) taking \(w = 1\) for the adapted methods considered.

**Problem 3. (Almost Periodic Problem) Van de Vyver in [17]**

\[
\begin{align*}
y''_1 & = -y_1 + \epsilon \cos(\Psi x), \quad y_1(0) = 1, \quad y'_1(0) = 0, \\
y''_2 & = -y_2 + \epsilon \sin(\Psi x), \quad y_2(0) = 0, \quad y'_2(0) = 1, \quad x \in [0, 100].
\end{align*}
\]

The exact solution is
\[
y_1(x) = \frac{(1 - \epsilon - \Psi^2)}{(1 - \Psi^2)} \cos(x) + \frac{\epsilon}{(1 - \Psi^2)} \cos(\Psi x),
\]
\[
y_2(x) = \frac{(1 - \epsilon \Psi - \Psi^2)}{(1 - \Psi^2)} \sin(x) + \frac{\epsilon}{(1 - \Psi^2)} \sin(\Psi x),
\]
where \( \epsilon = 0.001 \) and \( \Psi = 0.1 \).

For the application of the adapted method developed in this paper and the methods by Anastassi and Kosti in [11], Franco in [16], and Van de Vyver in [17], we consider \( w = 1 \).

**Problem 4. (Nonlinear Problem) in [20]**

\[
y'' + y + y^3 = B \cos(\Omega x), \quad y(0) = 1, \; y'(0) = 0,
\]
with \( B = 0.002 \) and \( \Omega = 1.01 \), the exact solution is

\[
y(x) = 0.200179477536 \cos(\Omega x) + 0.246946143 \times 10^{-3} \cos(3\Omega x) + 0.304016 \times 10^{-6} \cos(5\Omega x) + 0.374 \times 10^{-9} \cos(7\Omega x).
\]

We solve this problem in \([0, 100]\) taking \( w = 1 \) for the adapted methods considered.

The numerical results are shown in Tables 2–5.

**Table 2. Numerical results for Problem 1.**

| TOL | METHOD       | STEP | FCN | FSTEP | MAXE     | TIME(s) |
|-----|--------------|------|-----|-------|----------|---------|
| \(10^{-2}\) | EEERKN5(3)  | 122  | 488 | 0     | 2.570495\((-3)\) | 0.053   |
|      | RKN5(3)     | 122  | 488 | 0     | 1.076884\((-2)\) | 0.094   |
|      | ARKN5(3)    | 242  | 968 | 0     | 9.829659\((-1)\) | 0.271   |
|      | RKN6(4)6ER-PFAF | 242  | 1452| 0     | 6.005192\((-1)\) | 0.075   |
|      | FRKN4       | 484  | 1939| 1     | 3.086156\((-1)\) | 0.063   |
| \(10^{-4}\) | EEERKN5(3)  | 522  | 2088| 0     | 4.246848\((-7)\) | 0.050   |
|      | RKN5(3)     | 522  | 2088| 0     | 7.153723\((-6)\) | 0.055   |
|      | ARKN5(3)    | 1044 | 4179| 1     | 6.406274\((-2)\) | 0.062   |
|      | RKN6(4)6ER-PFAF | 1044 | 6269| 1     | 3.549698\((-2)\) | 0.370   |
|      | FRKN4       | 4169 | 16,685| 3     | 4.185123\((-3)\) | 0.102   |
| \(10^{-6}\) | EEERKN5(3)  | 1123 | 4492| 0     | 4.226820\((-9)\) | 0.047   |
|      | RKN5(3)     | 1123 | 4492| 0     | 1.541216\((-7)\) | 0.053   |
|      | ARKN5(3)    | 4491 | 17,970| 2     | 3.460856\((-3)\) | 0.053   |
|      | RKN6(4)6ER-PFAF | 4491 | 26,956| 2     | 1.912992\((-3)\) | 0.218   |
|      | FRKN4       | 35,919| 143,691| 5     | 5.635773\((-5)\) | 0.487   |
| \(10^{-8}\) | EEERKN5(3)  | 2420 | 9680| 0     | 4.243372\((-11)\) | 0.075   |
|      | RKN5(3)     | 2420 | 9680| 0     | 3.319323\((-9)\) | 0.096   |
|      | ARKN5(3)    | 19,347| 77,397| 3     | 1.863540\((-4)\) | 0.130   |
|      | RKN6(4)6ER-PFAF | 19,347| 116,097| 3     | 1.030210\((-4)\) | 0.129   |
|      | FRKN4       | 309,539| 1,238,177| 7     | 7.583321\((-7)\) | 3.248   |
| \(10^{-10}\) | EEERKN5(3)  | 10,422| 41,694| 2     | 1.646495\((-11)\) | 0.134   |
|      | RKN5(3)     | 10,421| 41,687| 1     | 1.664952\((-11)\) | 0.109   |
|      | ARKN5(3)    | 83,362| 333,460| 4     | 1.003239\((-5)\) | 0.338   |
|      | RKN6(4)6ER-PFAF | 83,362| 500,192| 4     | 5.548769\((-6)\) | 0.403   |
|      | FRKN4       | 2,667,524| 10,670,123| 9     | 1.495822\((-8)\) | 26.747  |
Table 3. Numerical results for Problem 2.

| TOL   | METHOD                  | STEP | FCN  | FSTEP | MAXE  | TIME(s)  |
|-------|-------------------------|------|------|-------|-------|----------|
| 10^-2 | EEERKN5(3)              | 122  | 488  | 0     | 1.227156(-1) | 0.040    |
|       | RKN5(3)                 | 122  | 488  | 0     | 8.478978(-1)  | 0.041    |
|       | ARKN5(3)                | 270  | 1083 | 1     | 1.804551(+0)  | 0.044    |
|       | RKN6(4)6ER-PFAF         | 363  | 2188 | 2     | 1.815228(+0)  | 0.047    |
|       | FRKN4                   | 484  | 1939 | 1     | 1.942861(+0)  | 0.043    |
| 10^-4 | EEERKN5(3)              | 522  | 2088 | 0     | 3.621045(-5)  | 0.040    |
|       | RKN5(3)                 | 522  | 2088 | 0     | 6.990118(-5)  | 0.047    |
|       | ARKN5(3)                | 1044 | 4179 | 1     | 1.480699(-1)  | 0.045    |
|       | RKN6(4)6ER-PFAF         | 1044 | 6269 | 1     | 2.961366(-1)  | 0.041    |
|       | FRKN4                   | 4169 | 16,685| 3    | 1.130567(-2)  | 0.078    |
| 10^-6 | EEERKN5(3)              | 1123 | 4492 | 0     | 3.722093(-7)  | 0.045    |
|       | RKN5(3)                 | 1123 | 4492 | 0     | 1.520229(-5)  | 0.063    |
|       | ARKN5(3)                | 4491 | 17,970 | 2   | 5.473843(-3)  | 0.051    |
|       | RKN6(4)6ER-PFAF         | 4491 | 26,956| 2    | 6.609722(-3)  | 0.060    |
|       | FRKN4                   | 35,919| 143,691 | 5 | 1.165965(-4)  | 0.361    |
| 10^-8 | EEERKN5(3)              | 2420 | 9680 | 0     | 3.718493(-9)  | 0.048    |
|       | RKN5(3)                 | 2420 | 9680 | 0     | 3.282692(-7)  | 0.139    |
|       | ARKN5(3)                | 19,347| 77,397 | 3   | 4.588825(-4)  | 0.122    |
|       | RKN6(4)6ER-PFAF         | 19,347| 116,097 | 3  | 2.937332(-4)  | 0.090    |
|       | FRKN4                   | 4169 | 16,685| 3    | 1.130567(-2)  | 0.078    |
| 10^-10| EEERKN5(3)              | 10,422| 41,694 | 2   | 1.717850(-11)| 0.120    |
|       | RKN5(3)                 | 10,421| 41,687 | 1   | 2.058225(-10)| 0.054    |
|       | ARKN5(3)                | 83,362| 333,460 | 4  | 2.680717(-5)  | 0.254    |
|       | RKN6(4)6ER-PFAF         | 83,362| 500,192 | 4  | 1.159927(-5)  | 0.247    |
|       | FRKN4                   | 2,667,524| 10,670,123 | 9 | 1.557560(-8)  | 22.647   |

Table 4. Numerical results for Problem 3.

| TOL   | METHOD                  | STEP | FCN  | FSTEP | MAXE  | TIME(s)  |
|-------|-------------------------|------|------|-------|-------|----------|
| 10^-2 | EEERKN5(3)              | 122  | 488  | 0     | 2.591319(-3) | 0.062    |
|       | RKN5(3)                 | 122  | 488  | 0     | 3.828692(-2)  | 0.062    |
|       | ARKN5(3)                | 242  | 968  | 0     | 9.806283(-1)  | 0.100    |
|       | RKN6(4)6ER-PFAF         | 242  | 1452 | 0     | 5.976002(-1)  | 0.300    |
|       | FRKN4                   | 484  | 1939 | 1     | 3.076264(-1)  | 0.092    |
| 10^-4 | EEERKN5(3)              | 522  | 2088 | 0     | 4.299671(-7)  | 0.065    |
|       | RKN5(3)                 | 522  | 2088 | 0     | 7.172465(-6)  | 0.074    |
|       | ARKN5(3)                | 1044 | 4179 | 1     | 6.403590(-2)  | 0.191    |
|       | RKN6(4)6ER-PFAF         | 1044 | 6269 | 1     | 3.548404(-2)  | 0.165    |
|       | FRKN4                   | 4169 | 16,685| 3    | 4.181655(-3)  | 0.126    |
| 10^-6 | EEERKN5(3)              | 1123 | 4492 | 0     | 4.355510(-9)  | 0.064    |
|       | RKN5(3)                 | 1123 | 4491 | 0     | 1.542823(-7)  | 0.066    |
|       | ARKN5(3)                | 4491 | 17,970| 2   | 3.456803(-3)  | 0.152    |
|       | RKN6(4)6ER-PFAF         | 4491 | 26,956| 2    | 1.911456(-3)  | 0.143    |
|       | FRKN4                   | 35,919| 143,691 | 5 | 5.631169(-5)  | 0.566    |
| 10^-8 | EEERKN5(3)              | 2420 | 9680 | 0     | 4.516099(-11)| 0.081    |
|       | RKN5(3)                 | 2420 | 9680 | 0     | 3.324929(-9)  | 0.095    |
|       | ARKN5(3)                | 19,347| 77,397 | 3   | 1.862032(-4)  | 0.243    |
|       | RKN6(4)6ER-PFAF         | 19,347| 116,097 | 3  | 1.029369(-4)  | 0.276    |
|       | FRKN4                   | 309,539| 1,238,177 | 7 | 7.577131(-7)  | 3.588    |
| 10^-10| EEERKN5(3)              | 10,422| 41,694 | 2   | 1.643923(-11)| 0.166    |
|       | RKN5(3)                 | 10,421| 41,687 | 1   | 1.658362(-11)| 0.153    |
|       | ARKN5(3)                | 83,362| 333,460 | 4  | 1.002430(-5)  | 0.470    |
|       | RKN6(4)6ER-PFAF         | 83,362| 500,192 | 4  | 5.544237(-6)  | 0.470    |
|       | FRKN4                   | 2,667,524| 10,670,123 | 9 | 1.494338(-8)  | 26.650   |
Table 5. Numerical results for Problem 4.

| TOL  | METHOD       | STEP | FCN  | FSTEP | MAXE          | TIME(s) |
|------|--------------|------|------|-------|---------------|---------|
| $10^{-2}$ | EEERKN5(3) | 122  | 515  | 9     | 1.170545(-3)  | 0.055   |
|      | RKN5(3)     | 122  | 536  | 16    | 2.777502(-3)  | 0.066   |
|      | ARKN5(3)    | 123  | 504  | 4     | 2.849535(-1)  | 0.141   |
|      | RKN6(4)6ER-PFAF | 124  | 744  | 0     | 2.653779(-1)  | 0.062   |
|      | FRKN4       | 439  | 1825 | 23    | 5.353312(-2)  | 0.062   |
| $10^{-4}$ | EEERKN5(3) | 262  | 1072 | 8     | 1.356514(-5)  | 0.047   |
|      | RKN5(3)     | 262  | 1075 | 9     | 7.208088(-5)  | 0.062   |
|      | ARKN5(3)    | 510  | 2076 | 12    | 4.321049(-2)  | 0.078   |
|      | RKN6(4)6ER-PFAF | 513  | 3128 | 10    | 2.781421(-2)  | 0.094   |
|      | FRKN4       | 1815 | 7362 | 34    | 2.600772(-3)  | 0.088   |
| $10^{-6}$ | EEERKN5(3) | 573  | 2337 | 15    | 9.010356(-8)  | 0.062   |
|      | RKN5(3)     | 562  | 2260 | 4     | 1.659456(-6)  | 0.078   |
|      | ARKN5(3)    | 2085 | 8439 | 33    | 1.815951(-3)  | 0.141   |
|      | RKN6(4)6ER-PFAF | 2140 | 13,005 | 33    | 1.236425(-3)  | 0.071   |
|      | FRKN4       | 14,666 | 58,868 | 68    | 4.713910(-5)  | 0.266   |
| $10^{-8}$ | EEERKN5(3) | 1959 | 7932 | 32    | 9.751267(-10) | 0.078   |
|      | RKN5(3)     | 2324 | 9922 | 32    | 7.596427(-9)  | 0.141   |
|      | ARKN5(3)    | 9091 | 36,487 | 41    | 1.005629(-4)  | 0.148   |
|      | RKN6(4)6ER-PFAF | 9258 | 55,773 | 45    | 6.49156(-5)   | 0.187   |
|      | FRKN4       | 134,843 | 539,678 | 102   | 4.210467(-7)  | 2.129   |
| $10^{-10}$ | EEERKN5(3) | 5213 | 21,140 | 96    | 4.741679(-12) | 0.109   |
|      | RKN5(3)     | 5183 | 20,816 | 28    | 4.524522(-11) | 0.125   |
|      | ARKN5(3)    | 39,556 | 158,425 | 67    | 5.609382(-6)  | 0.281   |
|      | RKN6(4)6ER-PFAF | 40,226 | 241,631 | 55    | 3.583863(-6)  | 0.299   |
|      | FRKN4       | 1,209,331 | 4,837,732 | 136   | 5.483721(-9)  | 14.829   |

To further show the efficacy of the constructed method (EEERKN5(3)), we use the graphical approach to display the performance of EEERKN5(3) in comparison with other existing methods in the literature, as shown in Figures 1–4. Tol = $10^{-2i}$, $i = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5$. 

![Almost Periodic Problem](image)
Figure 2. Efficiency curves for Problem 2.

Figure 3. Efficiency curves for Problem 3.
6. Discussion

Our proposed method (EEERKN5(3)) has the least error norm and least computational time, signifying that it is highly efficient and accurate for solving Equation (1), as shown in Tables 2–5 and Figures 1–4. The graphs show the accuracy, measured in $\log_{10}(\text{Max global error})$ versus the $\log_{10}(\text{Number of function evaluations})$. Therefore, we can deduce that (EEERKN5(3)) is more suitable for solving Equation (1) than the other existing methods in the scientific literature.

7. Conclusions

In this work, we construct a new efficient embedded explicit exponentially-fitted RKN method for solving periodic initial value problems. The constructed method contains four variable coefficients that depend on a parameter which is given by the product of the parameter of the method $\omega$ and the step-length $h$ [21,22]. The numerical experiment performed show clearly that EEERKN5(3) is more efficient for solving problem in Equation (1) than the other existing methods used for comparison.

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Abbreviations

The following abbreviations are used in this manuscript:

- RKN Runge-Kutta-Nyström
- IVP Initial value problem
- LTE Local Truncation error
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