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Abstract: To date, all explicit symplectic Runge–Kutta–Nyström methods of order five or above are derived by numerical solutions of order condition equations and symplectic condition. In this paper, we derive 124 sets of seven-stage fifth-order explicit symplectic Runge–Kutta–Nyström methods with closed-form coefficients in the Butcher tableau using the roots of a degree-3 shifted Legendre polynomial. One method is analyzed and its P-stable interval is derived. Numerical tests on the two newly discovered methods are performed, showing their long-time stability and large step size stability over some existing methods.

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1. Introduction

In recent decades, geometric numerical methods that preserve at least one geometric property of a given system have received significant attention in various fields, such as astrophysics, computational fluid dynamics and molecular dynamics; see monographs [1–5] and references therein. For other traditional numerical methods for ordinary differential equations, such as Runge–Kutta methods, we refer to the book [6].

Consider the classical second-order differential equation [2,4]

$$\ddot{q} = - \bigtriangledown U(q), \ q(t_0) = q_0, \ \dot{q}(t_0) = p_0,$$

where $U : \mathbb{R}^d \to \mathbb{R}$ is assumed to be sufficiently smooth. Introducing $p = \dot{q}$, wherein q and p are vectors, represents a function related to potential energy. An *s*-stage explicit symplectic Runge–Kutta–Nyström (ESRKN) method applied to the above equation is [7]

$$Q_{i} = q_{n} + hc_{i}p_{n} - h^{2}\sum_{j=1}^{s} \bar{a}_{ij} \bigtriangledown U(Q_{j}),$$

$$q_{n+1} = q_{n} + hp_{n} - h^{2}\sum_{i=1}^{s} \bar{b}_{i} \bigtriangledown U(Q_{i}),$$

$$p_{n+1} = p_{n} - h\sum_{i=1}^{s} b_{i} \bigtriangledown U(Q_{i}),$$
(1)

where h is the step size,

$$\bar{b}_i = b_i(1-c_i), \ i = 1, \dots, s \text{ and } \bar{a}_{ij} = \begin{cases} 0, & i \leq j, \\ b_j(c_i - c_j), & i > j. \end{cases}$$



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The ESRKN method (1) is expressed in a Butcher tableau by where the symbols match their locations in (1). For more information about Butcher tableaus, we refer to a Butcher book [6].

Therefore, an ESRKN method is determined only by nodes c_i and quadrature coefficients b_i . There are different strategies used to obtain c_i and b_i ; we mention (without being exhaustive) the following references [5,8–16]. For ESRKN methods with an order higher than four, none of the aforementioned works present c_i and b_i in exact closed form. In other words, those methods obtained do not satisfy order conditions and symplectic conditions exactly, but within some digits of accuracy. Hence, an interesting question is whether or not there exists a closed form of c_i and b_i for ESRKN with an order higher than four. In this paper, we present a positive answer to this question.

In an earlier work, authors in [8] constructed a fifth-order ESRKN method by solving 13 equations of order conditions, while constructing a sixth-order method requires solving 23 equations of order conditions. Obviously, as the order increases, so does the computational cost of solving the nonlinear order equations to produce c_i and b_i . Although the research by Calvo and Hairer has significantly reduced the number of independent order conditions in the ESRKN method [17], the coupled order conditions equations still comprise a considerable proportion of the total order conditions equations. On the other hand, despite modern computers' tremendous performance, it is nearly impossible to solve order conditions directly to obtain c_i and b_i with a higher order. One possibility is to assign some suitable c_i first and then solve order conditions to yield b_i . But what is the preassigned acceptable c_i ? It is worth noting that the c_i nodes of both three-stage fourth-order ESRKN methods in Tables 1 and 2 are the roots of the degree-2 shifted Legendre polynomial [18].

Table 1. Scheme 1.

$\frac{\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}}{\frac{1}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}}$ $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$	$\frac{2-\sqrt{3}}{12}$	$\sqrt{3}$	
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ine	$\frac{5-3\sqrt{3}}{24}$	$\frac{3+\sqrt{3}}{12}$	$\frac{1+\sqrt{3}}{24}$
ine	$\frac{1}{4} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{4} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}$

Table 2. Scheme 2.

$\frac{1}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}$			
$\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}$	$\frac{2+\sqrt{3}}{12}$		
$\frac{1}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}$	0	$-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}$	
ine	$\frac{5+3\sqrt{3}}{24}$	$\frac{3-\sqrt{3}}{12}$	$\frac{1-\sqrt{3}}{24}$
ine	$\frac{1}{4} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{4} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}$

Numerous researchers have already successfully utilized polynomials or functions to design numerical methodologies. For instance, Revelli and Ridolfi [19] developed an interpolation collocation method based on the sine function. Additionally, a fourth-order algorithm was designed based on sinc-collocation in [20]. The successful instances have sparked a great deal of interest in our investigation for constructing higher-order ESRKN methods based on shifted Legendre polynomials.

We investigate the potential of using the degree-3 shifted Legendre polynomial roots as the c_i nodes and come up with a five-stage fourth-order ESRKN method, which further confirms that it is feasible to construct ESRKN using the shifted Legendre polynomial roots as the c_i nodes. We then conduct further research to derive fifth-order ESRKN methods. The main contribution of this paper is to show that this is an effective technique for deriving

ESRKN methods and we demonstrate this by deriving 124 seven-stage fifth-order ESRKN methods with c_i and b_i in closed form. To the best of our knowledge, this is the first work carried out to derive closed-form ESRKN methods with order five. We will explore closed-form ESRKN methods with order 6 or higher in a future paper.

This paper is organized as follows. In Section 2, we introduce order conditions for the ESRKN method (1) and demonstrate two closed-form ESRKN methods with order four and five, respectively. Their P-stable intervals are also provided. Section 3 presents numerical experiments. In Section 4, some conclusions are drawn. Appendix A lists 124 sets of preassigned acceptable c_i , where the corresponding closed-form real solution b_i could be determined by order conditions.

2. ESRKN Methods with Order 4 and 5

2.1. Order Conditions for ESRKN Method

Given the assumption $\bar{b}_i = b_i(1 - c_i)$, the order conditions for RKN method (1) are as follows [8,21]:

If only condition (1) is satisfied, the method is of order one. If both conditions (1) and (2) are satisfied, the method is of order two. If conditions (1) to (4) are satisfied, the method is of order three. If conditions (1) to (7) are satisfied, the method is of order four, and if conditions (1) to (13) are satisfied, the method is of order five. It has been demonstrated that, for ESRKN methods, conditions (7), (12) and (13) are redundant [8].

2.2. A Five-Stage Fourth-Order ESRKN Method

Let the degree-*l* normalized shifted Legendre polynomial $P_l(x)$ be [21],

$$P_l(x) = \frac{\sqrt{2l+1}}{l!} \frac{d^l}{dx^l} (x^l (x-1)^l), \qquad l = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

The roots of degree-3 shifted Legendre polynomial $P_3(x) = \sqrt{7}(20x^3 - 30x^2 + 12x - 1)$ are

$$g_1 = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{15}}{10}, \quad g_2 = \frac{1}{2}, \quad g_3 = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{15}}{10}.$$
 (3)

By placing g_1, g_2, g_3 in five positions as a set of c_i , we find a closed-form five-stage fourth-order ESRKN method whose Butcher tableau is presented in Table 3.

$\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{15}}{10}$	0	0	0	0	0
$\frac{1}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{15}}{10}$	$\frac{3}{10} - \frac{13\sqrt{15}}{180}$	0	0	0	0
$\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{15}}{10}$	0	$\frac{\sqrt{15}}{18}$	0	0	0
$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{3}{20} - \frac{13\sqrt{15}}{360}$	$\frac{\sqrt{15}}{36}$	$\frac{13\sqrt{15}}{360} - \frac{3}{20}$	0	0
$\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{15}}{10}$	0	$\frac{\sqrt{15}}{18}$	0	$\frac{2\sqrt{15}}{45}$	0
ine	$\frac{119}{360} - \frac{31\sqrt{15}}{360}$	$\frac{5}{36} + \frac{\sqrt{15}}{36}$	$\frac{31\sqrt{15}}{360} - \frac{119}{360}$	$\frac{2}{9}$	$\frac{5}{36} - \frac{\sqrt{15}}{36}$
ine	$\frac{13}{36} - \frac{\sqrt{15}}{10}$	$\frac{5}{18}$	$\frac{\sqrt{15}}{10} - \frac{13}{36}$	$\frac{4}{9}$	$\frac{5}{18}$

Table 3. Five-stage fourth-order ESRKN method.

Theorem 1. *The explicit five-stage method defined in Table 3 is a fourth-order symplectic RKN method and its P-stable interval* [22] *is* (0, 7.75342...).

Proof. It is easy to verify that parameters in Table 3 satisfy order conditions (1) to (7); therefore, it is of fourth order.

We solve the test equation $\ddot{q} = -\lambda^2 q$ using the ESRKN method (1) to obtain $\mathbf{y}_{n+1} = M \mathbf{y}_n$, where

$$\mathbf{y}_{n} = \begin{pmatrix} q_{n} \\ h\dot{q}_{n} \end{pmatrix}, \quad M = \begin{pmatrix} 1 - r\bar{b}^{\mathsf{T}}(I + r\bar{a})^{-1}e & 1 - r\bar{b}^{\mathsf{T}}(I + r\bar{a})^{-1}c \\ -rb^{\mathsf{T}}(I + r\bar{a})^{-1}e & 1 - rb^{\mathsf{T}}(I + r\bar{a})^{-1}c \end{pmatrix}.$$
 (4)

Here, $r = \lambda^2 h^2$, $e = (1, \dots, 1)$, c, b, \bar{b} and matrix \bar{a} are defined in Table 3. Numerical calculations reveal that the *P*-stable interval is given by

$$I_p = \{r \mid \rho(M) = 1, \operatorname{tr}(M)^2 < 4 \operatorname{det}(M)\} = (0, 7.75342...).$$

2.3. A Seven-Stage Fifth-Order ESRKN Method

We choose the stage number as seven and place g_1 , g_2 and g_3 of (3) in seven positions of $\{c_i\}$. There are $3^7 = 2187$ permutations for c_i . By solving the fifth-order conditions of 13 equations, we find real solution b_i for 124 sets of c_i . For each set of nodes c_i , we present its adjoint counterpart in Appendix A. Therefore, we find in total 124 seven-stage fifth-order ESRKN methods in closed form, where c_i is chosen among g_1 , g_2 and g_3 of (3) and b_i is solved by fifth-order conditions in (2). In particular, we display in Table 4 such an ESRKN method.

Table 4. A seven-stage fifth-order ESRKN method (cf. (5)).

$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
$\frac{1}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{15}}{10}$	ā ₂₁	0	0	0	0	0	0
$\frac{1}{2}$	0	ā ₃₂	0	0	0	0	0
$\frac{1}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{15}}{10}$	\bar{a}_{41}	0	\bar{a}_{43}	0	0	0	0
$\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{15}}{10}$	ā ₅₁	ā ₅₂	ā ₅₃	\bar{a}_{54}	0	0	0
$\frac{1}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{15}}{10}$	ā ₆₁	0	ā ₆₃	0	$-\frac{\sqrt{15}}{18}$	0	0
$\frac{1}{2}$	0	ā ₇₂	0	\bar{a}_{74}	$-\frac{\sqrt{15}}{36}$	$-\frac{1}{20}+\frac{\sqrt{15}}{72}$	0
ine	\bar{b}_1	\bar{b}_2	\bar{b}_3	\bar{b}_4	$\frac{5}{36} - \frac{\sqrt{15}}{36}$	$\frac{7}{360} - \frac{\sqrt{15}}{360}$	$\frac{1}{9} - \frac{\sqrt{15}}{30}$
ine	b_1	b_2	b_3	b_4	$\frac{5}{18}$	$\frac{5}{36} - \frac{\sqrt{15}}{30}$	$\frac{2}{9} - \frac{\sqrt{15}}{15}$

Here, in Table 4,

$$b_{1} = -\frac{137\sqrt{15}}{1296} + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{21955335 - 5576400\sqrt{15}}}{6480},$$

$$b_{2} = \frac{1117\sqrt{15}}{6480} - \frac{5}{18} - \frac{\sqrt{21955335 - 5576400\sqrt{15}}}{6480},$$

$$b_{3} = \frac{1117\sqrt{15}}{6480} - \frac{5}{18} + \frac{\sqrt{21955335 - 5576400\sqrt{15}}}{6480},$$

$$b_{4} = -\frac{901\sqrt{15}}{6480} + \frac{5}{12} + \frac{\sqrt{21955335 - 5576400\sqrt{15}}}{6480},$$

$$\bar{b}_{i} = b_{i}(1 - c_{i}) \text{ and } \bar{a}_{ij} = b_{j}(c_{i} - c_{j}).$$
(5)

Theorem 2. *The seven-stage explicit method defined in Table 4 is a fifth-order symplectic RKN method and its P-stable interval is (0, 9.22575...).*

Proof. We verify the 13 equations in (2) by plugging the coefficients c_i , b_i , \bar{b}_i and \bar{a}_{ij} from Table 4. We compute the spectrum of M in (4) with c, b, \bar{b} and \bar{a} from Table 4 to obtain

$$I_p = \{r \mid \rho(M) = 1, \operatorname{tr}(M)^2 < 4 \operatorname{det}(M)\} = (0, 9.22575...).$$

3. Numerical Experiments

We compute two numerical examples. The first example has a known solution that the computation verifies, determining the symplecticity-preserving and the order convergence of the new methods. The second example shows a strong stability of the new methods over some existing methods.

We solve the Kepler problem, cf. [4],

$$\begin{aligned} \ddot{\mathbf{q}} &= f(\mathbf{q}), \quad f(\begin{pmatrix} q_1 \\ q_2 \end{pmatrix}) = \begin{pmatrix} -q_1/(q_1^2 + q_2^2)^{3/2} \\ -q_2/(q_1^2 + q_2^2)^{3/2} \end{pmatrix}, \\ \mathbf{q}(0) &= \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \dot{\mathbf{q}}(0) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \sqrt{13/40} \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

The Hamiltonian is

$$H(\mathbf{q}, \dot{\mathbf{q}}) = \frac{\dot{q}_1^2 + \dot{q}_2^2}{2} - \frac{1}{(q_1^2 + q_2^2)^{1/2}}.$$
(6)

The exact solution is

$$q_1(t) = \frac{\cos(E(t)) - e}{1 - e} \cdot 4, \qquad q_2(t) = T(1 - e)\sin(E(t))\sqrt{13/40},$$

where e = 3/10, $T = 2\pi a^{3/2}$, a = 40/7 and E(t) is the solution of the Kepler equation

$$E(t) - e\sin(E(t)) = a^{-3/2}t.$$

We solve the Kepler problem in $t \in [0, 5T]$ using the five-stage fourth-order method defined in Table 3, and using the seven-stage fifth-order method defined in Table 4, with grid size $h = 5T/2^7, \ldots, 5T/2^{12}$. In Figure 1, we plot the error of the computed Hamiltonian (6). It indicates that both methods are symplectic. The error is roughly caused by the computer round-off.



Figure 1. The error of computed Hamiltonian, $H(\mathbf{q}, \dot{\mathbf{q}}) - H(\mathbf{q}_0, \dot{\mathbf{q}}_0)$, on [0, 5*T*], using the five-stage fourth-order method (**top**) and using the seven-stage fifth-order method (**bottom**).

In Table 5, we list the computed error at t = 5T and the computed order of convergence using the fifth-stage fourth-order method in Table 3, and using the seven-stage fifth-order method defined in Table 4.

Table 5. Error profile using the 5-stage 4th order method in Table 3 (left), and using the 7-stage 5th order method in Table 4 (right).

h	$\left q_1(5T)-q_1^N\right $	Order	$\left q_2(5T)-q_2^N\right $	Order
$5T/2^{7}$	$1.832 imes 10^{-1}$	_	$7.271 imes 10^{-3}$	_
$5T/2^{8}$	$1.251 imes 10^{-2}$	3.9	$1.293 imes10^{-4}$	5.8
$5T/2^{9}$	$8.009 imes10^{-4}$	4.0	$2.091 imes10^{-6}$	6.0
$5T/2^{10}$	$5.035 imes10^{-5}$	4.0	$3.296 imes10^{-8}$	6.0
$5T/2^{11}$	$3.152 imes 10^{-6}$	4.0	$5.140 imes 10^{-10}$	6.0
$5T/2^{12}$	$1.971 imes10^{-7}$	4.0	$4.690 imes 10^{-12}$	6.8

We next solve the Hénon–Heiles Hamiltonian system [23,24]

$$\dot{p}_1 = -q_1 - 2q_1q_2, \qquad \dot{q}_1 = p_1, \dot{p}_2 = -q_2 - q_1^2 + q_2^2, \qquad \dot{q}_2 = p_2,$$
(7)

with initial values $(p_1, p_2, q_1, q_2) = (0, 0, 0.1, -0.5)$. The corresponding Hamiltonian function is denoted by

$$H(p,q) = \frac{1}{2}(p_1^2 + p_2^2) + \frac{1}{2}(q_1^2 + q_2^2) + q_1^2q_2 - \frac{1}{3}q_2^2.$$
 (8)

In the following experiments, we apply four ESRKN methods to (7): the five-stage fourth-order ESRKN method listed in Table 3; the seven-stage fifth-order ESRKN method listed in Table 4; the five-stage fifth-order ESRKN method from [8] listed in the first part of Table 6, which satisfies the order condition with an error tolerance of 10^{-15} ; the seven-stage fifth-order RKN method from [10] listed in the second part of Table 6, which satisfies

the order condition with an error tolerance of less than 3×10^{-16} . In short, we will denote these four methods as NEW4, NEW5, OS5 and CS5, cf. the abbreviation table at the end. In all the following figures, the cyan, red, magenta and blue lines denote the results derived by NEW4, NEW5, OS5 [8] and CS5 [10], respectively.

Table 6. Top: the five-stage fifth-order method (OS5) from [8]. Bottom: the seven-stage fifth-order method (CS5) from [10].

c_1	0.69883375727544694289	b_1	0.40090379269664777606	
<i>c</i> ₂	0.20413810365459889029	b_2	0.95997088013412390506	
c ₃	1.02055757000418534370	b_3	0.08849515812721633901	
c_4	0.36292800323075291580	b_4	1.22143909234910252870	
c_5	0.30508610893167564804	b_5	-1.67080892330709041000	
<i>c</i> ₁	0.000000000000000	b_1	0.06281213570268329	
<i>c</i> ₂	0.2179621390175646	b_2	0.37889831312525750	
c ₃	0.4424703708255242	b_3	0.27545285152613400	
c_4	1.4784605594388980	b_4	-0.001585299574780513	
c_5	0.34000000000000000	b_5	-0.17857040385276180	
<i>c</i> ₆	0.70000000000000000	b_6	0.34799958341988310	
C7	1.00000000000000000	b ₇	0.11499281965358440	

In Table 7, we present the convergence rates of the NEW4, NEW5, OS5 [8] and CS5 [10] methods, where global errors for q and p corresponding to these four methods at five step sizes h in the time interval [0, 1] are provided. It verifies the convergence rates of all four methods.

1.	NEW4		NEW5		OS5 [8]		CS5 [10]	
п	Error	Order	Error	Order	Error	Order	Error	Order
2 ⁻²	1.2779×10^{-5}		$2.7640 imes 10^{-6}$		$4.6273 imes 10^{-5}$		$2.3635 imes 10^{-7}$	_
2^{-3}	$7.7886 imes 10^{-7}$	4.04	$8.0660 imes 10^{-8}$	5.10	$1.2286 imes 10^{-6}$	5.23	7.3171×10^{-9}	5.01
2^{-4}	$4.8164 imes10^{-8}$	4.02	$2.4460 imes 10^{-9}$	5.04	$3.5467 imes 10^{-8}$	5.11	$2.2908 imes 10^{-10}$	4.99
2^{-5}	$2.9957 imes 10^{-9}$	4.00	$7.5375 imes 10^{-11}$	5.01	$1.0657 imes 10^{-9}$	5.05	$7.1838 imes 10^{-12}$	5.00
2^{-6}	$1.8680 imes 10^{-10}$	4.00	$2.3438 imes 10^{-12}$	5.00	3.2652×10^{-11}	5.03	2.3228×10^{-13}	4.95

The research findings from [25] revealed that particles of (7) manifest chaotic behavior when the system energy $H > \frac{1}{12}$. Furthermore, it was proposed that when H is less than $\frac{1}{6}$, particle trajectories are confined within the equilateral triangle defined by $H = \frac{1}{6}$. For the sake of this study, an initial value of $H = \frac{1}{6}$ is selected, resulting in chaotic numerical behavior while constraining trajectories within the triangular region. This property is expected to be retained by symplectic numerical methods. Numerical computations have demonstrated, however, that those methods such as OS5 [8] and CS5 [10], which do not fully meet the order condition equations and symplectic condition, are incapable of retaining long-term stability. After a certain time, the variations in particle trajectories escalate rapidly, eventually exceeding the boundaries of the triangular region.

Figure 2 illustrates the trajectory plots derived from numerical simulations of the Hénon–Heiles system within the interval [0, 1000] using a step size of h = 0.5. All four methods display trajectories that are confined within the equilateral triangle area in this situation. Nonetheless, Figure 3 shows that when the OS5 [8] method is used to generate numerical trajectories within the interval [0, 17,575], the trajectories escape directly from the upper region. Figure 4 looks into the causes of the OS5 [8] method's escape phenomena, attributing them to the numerical inability to maintain system energy. The capacity of symplectic algorithms to maintain correct numerical behavior over lengthy periods of time is a significant advantage. Therefore, we continue to increase the time interval. In Figure 5,



it is evident that the NEW4, NEW5 and CS5 [10] methods maintain accurate numerical behavior even at t = 100,000.

Figure 2. Solving the numerical orbit diagram of the Hénon–Heiles system over the interval [0, 1000] with a step size of h = 0.5.



Figure 3. Solving the numerical orbit diagram of the Hénon–Heiles system over the interval [0, 17,575] with a step size of h = 0.5.



Figure 4. Computing the Hamiltonian energy diagram of the Hénon–Heiles system over the interval [0, 17,575] with a step size of h = 0.5.



Figure 5. Solving the numerical orbit diagram of the Hénon–Heiles system over the interval [0, 100,000] with a step size of h = 0.5.

With such extensive time intervals, the need for further comparisons with bigger time intervals appears to be decreasing for the NEW4, NEW5 and CS5 [10] methods. As a result, the step size is steadily increased in the interval [0, 10,000], beginning with h = 0.50 and gradually increasing until it reaches h = 0.86. The CS5 [10] method begins to gradually deviate from the triangular region at this point. However, the NEW4 and NEW5 methods

continue to display reliable numerical performance in the face of such variances. These phenomena are illustrated in Figure 6. Finally, Figure 7 depicts the variation in Hamiltonian energy over time using the NEW4, NEW5 and CS5 [10] methods, emphasizing that the inability to maintain system energy is the cause of the escape phenomena.



Figure 6. Solving the numerical orbit diagram of the Hénon–Heiles system over the interval [0, 10,000] with a step size of h = 0.86.



Figure 7. Computing the Hamiltonian energy diagram of the Hénon–Heiles system over the interval [0, 10,000] with a step size of h = 0.86.

4. Discussion

This article introduces an approach to constructing ESRKN methods that precisely satisfy the order conditions and the symplectic conditions, resulting in 124 sets of sevenstage fifth-order ESRKN methods. Based on the results of numerical experiments, it is clear that using ESRKN methods that exactly meeting the order conditions and the symplectic conditions has advantages over approaches that have inherent errors in satisfying these criteria. In light of these findings, a future research will be dedicated to developing sixth-order ESRKN methods.

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Appendix A

We list all 124 cases of preassigned acceptable c_i in Table A1, where roots of degree-3 shifted Legendre polynomial g_i in (3) are placed to seven positions of c_i in the dictionary order, i.e.,

serial #	1,	[1,1,1,1,1,1,1],	$[c_i] = [g_1, g_1, g_1, g_1, g_1, g_1, g_1, g_1],$
serial # 29	0,	[1, 2, 1, 2, 3, 1, 2],	$[c_i] = [g_1, g_2, g_1, g_2, g_3, g_1, g_2].$

Among the 124 cases, of which the solutions $\{b_i\}$ exist satisfying order conditions (2), 4 are self-adjoint and the remaining 120 cases are in 60 adjoint pairs.

sol#,	serial #, c _i index,		adjoint	
1.	290,[1,2,1,2,3,1,2]	2.	1266	
3.	292,[1,2,1,2,3,2,1]	4.	1752	
5.	301,[1,2,1,3,1,2,1]	6.	1887	
7.	303,[1,2,1,3,1,2,3]	8.	429	
9.	305,[1,2,1,3,1,3,2]	10.	915	
11.	308,[1,2,1,3,2,1,2]	12.	1320	
13.	309,[1,2,1,3,2,1,3]	14.	591	
15.	313,[1,2,1,3,2,3,1]	16.	1563	
17.	416,[1,2,3,1,2,1,2]	18.	1356	
19.	417,[1,2,3,1,2,1,3]	20.	627	
21.	421,[1,2,3,1,2,3,1]	22.	1599	
23.	422,[1,2,3,1,2,3,2]	24.	870	
25.	425,[1,2,3,1,3,1,2]	26.	1275	
27.	427,[1,2,3,1,3,2,1]	28.	1761	
29.	436,[1,2,3,2,1,2,1]	30.	1896	
31.	438,[1,2,3,2,1,2,3]		self	
32.	439,[1,2,3,2,1,3,1]	33.	1653	

Table A1. A total of 124 preassigned c_i for which real solutions b_i are solved by order conditions (2).

Table A1. Cont.

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sol#,	serial #, c _i index,		adjoint	
34.	440,[1,2,3,2,1,3,2]	35.	924	
36.	452,[1,2,3,2,3,1,2]	37.	1248	
38.	453,[1,2,3,2,3,1,3]	39.	519	
40.	520,[1,3,1,2,1,3,1]	41.	1668	
42.	521,[1,3,1,2,1,3,2]	43.	939	
44.	533,[1,3,1,2,3,1,2]	45.	1263	
46.	535,[1,3,1,2,3,2,1]	47.	1749	
48.	552,[1,3,1,3,2,1,3]	49.	588	
50.	556,[1,3,1,3,2,3,1]	51.	1560	
52.	579,[1,3,2,1,2,1,3]	53.	633	
54.	583,[1,3,2,1,2,3,1]	55.	1605	
56.	584,[1,3,2,1,2,3,2]	57.	876	
58.	587,[1,3,2,1,3,1,2]	59.	1281	
60.	589,[1,3,2,1,3,2,1]	61.	1767	
62.	625,[1,3,2,3,1,2,1]	63.	1875	
64.	628,[1,3,2,3,1,3,1]	65.	1632	
66.	629,[1,3,2,3,1,3,2]	67.	903	
68.	632,[1,3,2,3,2,1,2]	69.	1308	
70.	830,[2,1,2,1,3,1,2]	71.	1286	
72.	832,[2,1,2,1,3,2,1]	73.	1772	
74.	868,[2,1,2,3,1,2,1]	75.	1880	
76.	872,[2,1,2,3,1,3,2]	77.	908	
78.	875,[2,1,2,3,2,1,2]	79.	1313	
80.	880,[2,1,2,3,2,3,1]	81.	1556	
82.	902,[2,1,3,1,2,1,2]	83.	1358	
84.	907,[2,1,3,1,2,3,1]	85.	1601	
86.	913,[2,1,3,1,3,2,1]	87.	1763	
88.	922,[2,1,3,2,1,2,1]	89.	1898	
90.	925,[2,1,3,2,1,3,1]	91.	1655	
92.	926,[2,1,3,2,1,3,2]		self	
93.	938,[2,1,3,2,3,1,2]	94.	1250	
95.	940,[2,1,3,2,3,2,1]	96.	1736	
97.	1249,[2,3,1,2,1,3,1]	98.	1667	
99.	1262,[2,3,1,2,3,1,2]		self	
100.	1264,[2,3,1,2,3,2,1]	101.	1748	
102.	1273,[2,3,1,3,1,2,1]	103.	1883	
104.	1280,[2,3,1,3,2,1,2]	105.	1316	
106.	1285,[2,3,1,3,2,3,1]	107.	1559	
108.	1312,[2,3,2,1,2,3,1]	109.	1604	
110.	1318,[2,3,2,1,3,2,1]	111.	1766	
112.	1555,[3,1,2,1,2,3,1]	113.	1609	
114.	1561,[3,1,2,1,3,2,1]	115.	1771	
116.	1597,[3,1,2,3,1,2,1]	117.	1879	
118.	1600,[3,1,2,3,1,3,1]	119.	1636	
120.	1654,[3,1,3,2,1,3,1]		self	
121.	1669,[3,1,3,2,3,2,1]	122.	1735	
123.	1759,[3,2,1,3,1,2,1]	124.	1885	

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