

# A general class of explicit pseudo two-step RKN methods on parallel computers

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**Abstract:** The aim of this paper is to investigate a general class of explicit pseudo two-step Runge-Kutta-Nyström methods (RKN methods) of arbitrarily high order for nonstiff problems for systems of special second-order differential equations  $y''(t) = f(y(t))$ . Order and stability considerations show that we can obtain for any given  $p$ , a stable  $p^{\text{th}}$ -order explicit pseudo two-step RKN method requiring  $p - 2$  right-hand side evaluations per step of which each evaluation can be obtained in parallel. Consequently, on a multiprocessor computer, only one sequential right-hand side evaluation per step is required. By a few widely-used test problems, we show the superiority of the methods considered in this paper over both sequential and parallel methods available in the literature. © 1999 Elsevier Science Ltd. All rights reserved.

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