

Numerical Methods for Partial Differential Equations  
Homework- Ordinary Differential Equations  
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### Exercise-1

**A.1** To solve the following second-order ODE, first it must be reduced to a system of first order ODEs.

$$\frac{d^2\theta}{dt^2} + \frac{g}{L}\theta = 0$$

$$t \in [0,1] \quad L = 1 \quad g = 9.81 \quad \theta(1) = 0.4 \quad \frac{d\theta}{dt}(1) = 0$$

$$\theta(t)_{exact} = \frac{2}{5} \sin \sqrt{\frac{g}{L}} \sin \sqrt{\frac{gt}{L}} + \frac{2}{5} \cos \sqrt{\frac{g}{L}} \cos \sqrt{\frac{gt}{L}}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\theta} = \begin{Bmatrix} \theta_1 \\ \theta_2 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} \theta \\ \frac{d\theta}{dt} \end{Bmatrix}, \quad \frac{d\boldsymbol{\theta}}{dt} = \begin{Bmatrix} \frac{d\theta_1}{dt} \\ \frac{d\theta_2}{dt} \end{Bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{f}(\boldsymbol{\theta}, t) = \begin{Bmatrix} \theta_2 \\ -\frac{g}{L}\theta_1 \end{Bmatrix} \quad \boldsymbol{\alpha}(1) = \begin{Bmatrix} 0.4 \\ 0 \end{Bmatrix}$$

Then, Second-order Runge-Kutta method for the above system will be:

$$\theta_1^{i+1} = \theta_1^i + \frac{h}{2} (k_{11} + k_{12}), \quad \theta_2^{i+1} = \theta_2^i + \frac{h}{2} (k_{21} + k_{22})$$

Where

$$\begin{aligned} k_{11} &= f_1(t^i, \theta_1^i, \theta_2^i) & k_{12} &= f_1(t^i, \theta_1^i + k_{11}h, \theta_2^i + k_{21}h) \\ k_{21} &= f_2(t^i, \theta_1^i, \theta_2^i) & k_{22} &= f_2(t^i, \theta_1^i + k_{11}h, \theta_2^i + k_{21}h) \end{aligned}$$

**A.1.1** To obtain the  $\theta(0)$  with 2 time steps, the starting point of iteration was  $t = 1$  with  $h = -0.5$

Time	$d\theta/dt$ or $\theta_2$	$\theta$ or $\theta_1$	$\theta_{exact}$
1	0.00000	0.40000	0.40000
0.5	1.96200	-0.09050	0.00190
0	-0.8878	<b>-0.96052</b>	-0.39998

**A.1.2** To obtain the  $\theta(0)$  with 4 time steps, the starting point of iteration was  $t = 1$  with  $h = -0.2$

Time	$d\theta/dt$ or $\theta_2$	$\theta$ or $\theta_1$	$\theta_{exact}$
1	0.00000	0.40000	0.40000
0.75	0.98100	0.27738	0.00190
0.5	1.36052	-0.05291	0.28351
0.25	0.81368	-0.37682	-0.28082
0	-0.35991	<b>-0.46472</b>	-0.39998

**B.1** In order to compute an approximation of the relative error in the two step solution, it was compared with the values in the four step solution.

$$E_{relative} = \left| \frac{\theta(0)_{h=0.5} - \theta(0)_{h=0.25}}{\theta(0)_{h=0.5}} \right| = \left| \frac{-0.96052 + 0.46472}{-0.96052} \right| = \mathbf{0.51617966}$$

**C.1** Since the required  $h_{new}$  is with a relative error three orders of magnitude smaller, it can be said:

$$Tol = E_r \times 10^{-3}$$

Taking into account the used method is a second-order, with  $O(h^3)$  local error, the new step can be obtained as following:

$$E_h = O(h^3), \quad Tol = O(h_{new}^3)$$

$$h_{new} = \left( \frac{Tol}{E_r} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \times h = \left( \frac{E_r \times 10^{-3}}{E_r} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \times h = \frac{\mathbf{h}}{\mathbf{10}}$$

## Exercise-2

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = y - x^2 + 1 \quad x \in [0,1] \quad y(0) = 1$$

$$y_{exact} = x^2 + 2x + 1$$

**A.2** Euler method was applied using the following equation

$$Y_{i+1} = Y_i + f(x_i, Y_i)h$$

With  $h = 0.25$  and starting values ( $Y_0 = 1$ , &  $x_0 = 0$ ), the values in each step were:

$x_i$	$Y_i$	$Y_{exact}$
0	1.00000	1.00000
0.25	1.50000	1.56250
0.5	2.10938	2.25000
0.75	2.82422	3.06250
1	<b>3.63965</b>	4.00000

**B.2** The cost of each method is considered as the number of evaluations of slop  $f(x, y)$ . The step size for Heun method with the same cost as Euler method in the previous section is  $h_{Huen} = \mathbf{0.5}$ , and it was found as following:

$$cost_{Euler} = 1/step \quad cost_{Huen} = 2 /step$$

Then

$$The\ Cost = cost_{euler} \times n_{euler} = 4 \times 1 = 4$$

$$n_{Huen} = \frac{Cost}{cost_{huen}} = \frac{4}{2} = 2 \quad \rightarrow \quad h_{Huen} = \frac{ODE_{interval}}{n_{Huen}} = \frac{1}{2} = 0.5$$

Then, Huen method was applied using the following equation

$$Y_{i+1} = Y_i + \frac{h}{2} (k_1 + k_2)$$

Where:

$$k_1 = f(x_i, Y_i)$$

$$k_2 = f(x_i, Y_i + k_1 h)$$

With  $h = 0.5$  and starting values ( $Y_0 = 1$ , &  $x_0 = 0$ ), the values in each step were:

$x_i$	$Y_i$	$Y_{eacxt}$
0	1.00000	1.00000
0.5	2.18750	2.25000
1	<b>3.83594</b>	4.00000

**C.2** To compute the pure interpolation polynomial that fits the results in B, a second-order polynomial is used.

$$y = a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & x_0 & x_0^2 \\ 1 & x_1 & x_1^2 \\ 1 & x_2 & x_2^2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ a_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} Y_0 \\ Y_1 \\ Y_2 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0.5 & 0.25 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ a_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2.18750 \\ 3.83594 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ a_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1.91406 \\ 0.92188 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$y = 1 + 1.91406 x + 0.92188 x^2$$

**D2.** To approximate the results in obtained in A2 a reasonable choice will be to use Least Squares Fitting with second-order polynomial, because the available information about the solution indicates that it is a polynomial of second order.

$$y = c_0 + c_1 x + c_2 x^2$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 5 & \sum x & \sum x^2 \\ \sum x & \sum x^2 & \sum x^3 \\ \sum x^2 & \sum x^3 & \sum x^4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_0 \\ c_1 \\ c_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sum y \\ \sum xy \\ \sum x^2 y \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2.5 & 1.875 \\ 2.5 & 1.875 & 1.5625 \\ 1.875 & 1.5625 & 1.3828125 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_0 \\ c_1 \\ c_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 11.073242 \\ 7.1875 \\ 5.84936523 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} c_0 \\ c_1 \\ c_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.999135 \\ 1.799888 \\ 0.841518 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$y = 0.99913 + 1.79988x + 0.841518x^2$$

It can be seen that Least squares Fitting produced the same polynomial as the one in C2 with slight difference in the constant values, However if both of them were compared to the analytical solution ( $y = x^2 + 2x + 1$ ) it can be said that the first polynomial with less would describe the solution more accurately.

### Exercise-3

**A3.** Firstly, the solution in Forward Euler method can be represented by a Taylor series expansion about a the value  $(x_i, y_i)$

$$y_{i+1} = y_i + y_i' h + \frac{y_i''}{2!} h^2 + \dots + \frac{y_i^{(n)}}{n!} h^n + R_n$$

$$y_{i+1} = y_i + f'(x_i, y_i)h + \frac{f''(x_i, y_i)}{2!} h^2 + \dots + \frac{f^{(n)}(x_i, y_i)}{n!} h^n + R_n$$

$$y_{i+1} = \underbrace{y_i + f'(x_i, y_i)h}_{\text{Euler Approximation}} + \underbrace{\frac{f''(x_i, y_i)}{2!} h^2 + \dots + \frac{f^{(n)}(x_i, y_i)}{n!} h^n + R_n}_{\text{Local Error or Residual (R)}}$$

For small values of  $h$  the local error can be represented by the first term only, neglecting other terms.

$$R(h^2) = \frac{f''(x_i, y_i)}{2!} h^2 = O(h^2)$$

Therefore, Forward Euler method can be written:

$$y_{i+1} = y_i + f'(x_i, y_i)h + O(h^2)$$

$$f'(x_i, y_i) = \frac{y_{i+1} - y_i}{h} - \left\{ \frac{O(h^2)}{h} \right\} \rightarrow \text{Truncation error } (\tau(h))$$

**Yes!!** , from the above expression it can be said that the method is consistent, because the truncation error is proportional to  $h$  which means that when  $h$  goes to zero the error also goes to zero.

$$(\tau(h) \rightarrow 0 \text{ when } h \rightarrow 0)$$

**B3.** For given ordinary differential equation as

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x, y)$$

$$x \in [0, 1] \quad y(0) = 1$$

Backward Euler method for integration can be stated as following:

$$Y_{i+1} - Y_i - f(x_{i+1}, Y_{i+1})h = 0$$

**C3.** The stability limits is found by putting the absolute value of the amplification factor less than one. Given model equation:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \lambda y$$

For Forward Euler method:

$$Y_{i+1} = Y_i + Y_i \lambda h = Y_i \overbrace{(1 + \lambda h)}^{\text{amplification Factor } G}$$

$$|G| < 1 \rightarrow |1 + \lambda h| < 1 \rightarrow -2 < \lambda h < 0$$

For backward Euler method

$$Y_{i+1} = Y_i + Y_{i+1} \lambda h \rightarrow Y_{i+1} = \frac{1}{(1 - \lambda h)} Y_i$$

$$|G| < 1 \rightarrow \left| \frac{1}{(1 - \lambda h)} \right| < 1 \rightarrow |1 - \lambda h| > 1$$

$$\lambda h < 0 \quad \& \quad \lambda h > 2$$

**D3.** Given model equation

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x, y) = -25 y^{3.5}$$

Backward Euler method was applied using the following equation

$$Y_{i+1} - Y_i - f(x_{i+1}, Y_{i+1})h = 0$$

$$Y_{i+1} - Y_i + 25 Y_{i+1}^{3.5} h = 0$$

And in order to apply Newton method, the derivative of above equation:

$$1 + 87.5 Y_{i+1}^{2.5} h = 0$$

And, then Newton method in each step with two iterations can be stated as following

$$Y_{i+1}^{j+1} = Y_{i+1}^j - \frac{Y_{i+1}^j - Y_i + 25 (Y_{i+1}^j)^{3.5} h}{1 + 87.5 (Y_{i+1}^j)^{2.5} h} \quad j = 0, 1, 2$$

Where  $Y_i$  is chosen as initial guess in each step ( $Y_{i+1}^0 = Y_i$ ).

With  $h = 0.1$  and starting values ( $Y_0 = 1$ , &  $x_0 = 0$ ), the values in each step were:

$x_i$	$Y_i$	$Y_{exact}$
0	1.00000	1.00000
0.1	0.62179	0.45276
0.2	0.46025	0.35307

**E 3.** Euler method was applied using the following equation

$$Y_{i+1} = Y_i + f(x_i, Y_i)h$$

With  $h = 0.1$  and starting values ( $Y_0 = 1$ , &  $x_0 = 0$ ), the values in each step were

$x_i$	$Y_i$	$Y_{\text{exact}}$
0	1.00000	1.00000
0.1	-1.50000	0.45276
0.2	-1.5+10.33378i	0.35307

**F 3.** In order to find the stability condition in Euler method for the ODE:  $\frac{dy}{dx} = -25 y^{3.5}$  must be linearized first.

Using Taylor Series at  $y = 1$ , for  $f(y) = -25 y^{3.5}$

$$f(y) = f(1) + f'(1)(y - 1) + \dots + \frac{f^n(1)}{n!} (y - 1)^n + \dots$$

Taking only the linear terms

$$f(y) = 62.5 - 87.5 y$$

Then, Euler method can be written as

$$Y_{i+1} = Y_i + (62.5 - 87.5 Y_i)h = Y_i \overbrace{(1 - 87.5h)}^{\text{amplification Factor } G} + 62.5$$

$$|G| < 1 \quad \rightarrow \quad |1 - 87.5h| < 1 \quad \rightarrow \quad 0 < h < \frac{2}{87.2}$$

Then, Matlab code was used to check the stability of the given step sizes, and the result was:

- For  $h = \frac{1}{10}$  &  $h = \frac{1}{15}$  the results fitted the stability condition, because in both cases the value of  $y$  became minus after one step, and in the second it became complex number.
- As for  $h = \frac{1}{30}$ , the stability condition did not hold because there were no minus values or complex number for  $y$ , and by increasing the number of steps it converges.
- For  $h = \frac{1}{45}$  &  $h = \frac{1}{90}$  the results fitted the criteria in the stability condition, and the solution was stable and smooth.

From this analysis, it can be stated that the maximum possible step size is  $\frac{1}{15}$

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## Exercise-4

A.4 For the second-order ordinary equation

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + \omega^2 y = 0$$

$$x \in [0,1] \quad y(0) = 0 \quad \frac{dy}{dt}(0) = \omega$$

$$y(x)_{exact} = \sin(\omega x)$$

The reduced system of first order ODEs is:

$$\mathbf{y} = \begin{Bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{Bmatrix} y \\ \frac{dy}{dt} \end{Bmatrix}, \quad \frac{d\mathbf{y}}{dt} = \begin{Bmatrix} \frac{dy_1}{dt} \\ \frac{dy_2}{dt} \end{Bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{y}, x) = \begin{Bmatrix} y_2 \\ -\omega^2 y_1 \end{Bmatrix} \quad \boldsymbol{\alpha}(1) = \begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ \omega \end{Bmatrix}$$

B.4 Then, The Forward Euler method for the above system will be:

$$Y_1^{i+1} = Y_1^i + f_1(x_i, Y_1^i, Y_2^i)h \quad Y_2^{i+1} = Y_2^i + f_2(x_i, Y_1^i, Y_2^i)h$$

To obtain the  $y_1(1)$  &  $y_2(1)$  with 4 time steps, the starting point of iteration was  $x = 0, y_1(0) = 0$   
 $y_2(0) = \omega = 3$  with  $h = 0.25$

x	dy/dx or y <sub>2</sub>	y or y <sub>1</sub>	y <sub>exact</sub>
0	3.00000	0.00000	0.00000
0.25	3.00000	0.75000	0.68164
0.5	1.31250	1.50000	0.99749
0.75	-2.06250	1.82813	0.77807
1	-6.17578	<b>1.31250</b>	0.14112

C.4 Then, the solution with 8 time steps was:

x	dy/dx or y <sub>2</sub>	y or y <sub>1</sub>	y <sub>exact</sub>
0.000	3.00000	0.00000	0.00000
0.125	3.00000	0.37500	0.36627
0.25	2.57813	0.75000	0.68164
0.375	1.73438	1.07227	0.90227
0.5	0.52808	1.28906	0.99749
0.625	-0.92212	1.35507	0.95409
0.75000	-2.44658	1.23981	0.77807
0.87500	-3.84136	0.93399	0.49392
1.00000	-4.89209	<b>0.45382</b>	0.14112

In order to compute an approximation of the relative in the 8 steps solution, the solution will be compared with the value in the four step solution.

$$E_{relative} = \left| \frac{y(1)_{h=0.125} - \theta(1)_{h=0.25}}{\theta(1)_{h=0.125}} \right| = \left| \frac{0.45382 - 1.31250}{0.45382} \right| = 1.892115817$$

The required step size is to obtain a numerical solution with three significant digits, so it can be said:

$$Tol = 10^{-4}$$

And since the used method is a first order method, with  $O(h^2)$  local error, the new step can be obtained as following:

$$E_h = O(h^2), \quad Tol = O(h_{new}^2)$$

$$h_{new} = \left( \frac{Tol}{E_r} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \times h = \left( \frac{10^{-4}}{1.892115817} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \times 0.125 = 9.08732697 \times 10^{-4}$$

$$n = \frac{1}{9.08732697} \times 10^4 = 1100.43 \cong 1100$$

$$h_{new} = \frac{1}{1100}$$

With the new step  $y(1) = \mathbf{0.14170589}$ , where the exact is  $y_{exact}(1) = \mathbf{0.14112}$ .