

MTH 654-2024 Homework A1.

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Please try all (1-4), but turn in at least 2 pbms including (1,4).

Instructions: Your answers should be concise but also provide sufficient insight into the algorithms and theory rather than be “a bunch of plots stapled together. Avoid showing obvious code snippets and ELEMENTARY calculations. Code in any language, but using MATLAB might save you time and allow Instructor’s support.

Problem 1 (+10). Consider the ODE

$$(1) \quad u' = u - u^3, \quad u(u) = u_{init}.$$

Explore the stability of FE, BE and CS schemes for (1) allowing variable time step τ .

i) Write your code that allows variable τ (show me snippets for time stepping). For nonlinear solver, use `fzero` or see Pbm 2. Test your code on some ODE with an easy analytical solution. Also, you can compare to `ode45` (do not turn these tests in).

(ii) Experiment with $u_{init} = 2, 0.1$ or 0.9 , with $\tau = 0.1, \tau = 0.9$ or even $\tau = 2$. (For each case run until $T = 5$.)

Report if the numerical solution for FE, BE, and CS is monotone and energy stable (should it be? Illustrate with plots or tables and theory if possible.

Solution:

Problem 2 (+10). Consider $F(u) = u^3 - u$. Use the Newton iteration to find its roots, i.e, the points where $F(u) = 0$. These roots can (perhaps) be also found with a fixed point set-up $u = G(u)$ (choose $G(u)$ wisely). Apply the theory and check what happens in practice.

A region of attraction is a region (set of initial guesses $u^{(0)}$) for which the algorithm for Newton converges quadratically. For fixed point iteration, this is a region in which the fixed point iteration converges. The attraction regions can be empty.

(i) Is the problem $F(u) = 0$ or $u = G(u)$ well-posed?

(ii) Find the attraction region for Newton iteration around the root $u^* = 1$ with initial guess $u^{(0)}$ by experimentation; compare with the theoretical estimates.

(iii) Do the same for fixed point iteration.

Extra: (iv) Attempt the “pseudo-transient continuation”, e.g., apply Forward Euler method to the ODE $u' + F(u) = 0, u(0) = 2$ to advance the initial guess u_0 towards the root. Compare to what happens if you try instead the ODE $u' - F(u) = 0, u(0) = 2$? Explain what you see in practice, and what theory can explain what you see. How would you choose the time step in the Forward Euler method to succeed.

Solution:

Problem 3 (+10). Let $F(x) = (x_1^2 + x_2^2 - 2; \exp(x_1 - 1) + x_2^3 - 2)$. which has a root $x_* = (1, 1)$. Plot the region of attraction for Newton. (Grid the region around the root and mark the initial guesses, for which the code converges quadratically, say in 5 iterations; e.g, use `scatter` in MATLAB). **Hint:** $x^{(0)} = (1.088, 1.257)$ is a good initial guess. **Extra:** With $x^{(0)} = (2, 0.5)$, you would need backtracking. Implement backtracking and show that it can be successful (report on the iterations).

Solution:

Problem 4 (+10). Use the provided code `ELLIPTIC1d.m` for FV in 1D for

$$(2) \quad -(ku_x)_x = f, \quad x \in (0, 1)$$

which allows Dirichlet or Neumann boundary conditions.

(Get acquainted with the code, try some easy examples when $k = 1$, and $u(x)$ is known: do not turn this in).

(i) Let $u(x) = e^{10x^2}/e^{10}$. Test using Dirichlet and Neumann boundary conditions with an appropriate “manufactured” f . Test convergence in $\|\cdot\|_{\Delta,2}$ on a sequence of uniform grids $h = 5, 10, 50, 100$. Determine an optimal non-uniform grid. (Be brief. I do not need to see the code unless you have difficulties).

(ii) Describe how to extend the algorithm (give the discrete equations) from (2) to

$$(3) \quad -(ku_x)_x + cu = f, \quad x \in (0, 1)$$

Implement and test as in (i).

(iii) Calculate an analytical solution $u^{exact}(x)$ to the flow problem (2) when $u(0) = 1, u(1) = 0, f \equiv 0$ and when $k(x) = k_{left} = 1, x < a$ and $k(x) = k_{right} = 10, x > a$ with $a = 1/3$. Implement the numerical solution using well chosen grid with $M = 5$ and $M = 50$, and compare with u^{exact} . What do you see? What does the theory say?

Extra: calculate the flux out of the domain at $x = 1$ (you need to code this). This flux gives an *upscaled* value \hat{k} , a weighted harmonic average of k_{left}, k_{right} . Check!

Solution:
