

Scientific Computing HW 4

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1. The characteristic polynomial is

$$\rho(z) = z^k + \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} \alpha_j z^{k-1-j}$$

and the recurrence is

$$u_{n+1} + \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} \alpha_j u_{n-j} = 0$$

Define a linear operator $D := r \frac{d}{dr}$. Then for all n and l ,

$$D[n^l r^n] = r \frac{d}{dr} n^l r^n = r n^l n r^{n-1} = n^{l+1} r^n$$

so that in particular,

$$n^l r^n = D[n^{l-1} r^n] = D^2[n^{l-2} r^n] = \dots = D^l[r^n] \quad (1.1)$$

Plug $u_n = n^l r^n$ into the LHS of the recurrence, apply (1.1) to each term, then use the linearity of D .

$$\begin{aligned} u_{n+1} + \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} \alpha_j u_{n-j} &= (n+1)^l r^{n+1} + \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} \alpha_j (n-j)^l r^{n-j} = D^l[r^{n+1}] + \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} \alpha_j D^l[r^{n-j}] = D^l \left[r^{n+1} + \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} \alpha_j r^{n-j} \right] \\ &= D^l \left[r^{n-k+1} \left(r^k + \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} \alpha_j r^{k-1-j} \right) \right] = D^l[r^{n-k+1} \rho(r)] = D^l[0] = 0 \end{aligned}$$

2. We first establish a lemma. For the $(k-1) \times k$ matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} \lambda & -1 & & & \\ & \lambda & -1 & & \\ & & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & & & \lambda & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

The submatrix formed by deleting the j th column has determinant $(-1)^{k-j} \lambda^{j-1}$. To see this, write the submatrix in block form.

$$M := \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & -1 & & & \\ & \lambda & -1 & & \\ & & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & & & \lambda & -1 \\ & & & & -1 \\ & & & & \lambda & -1 \\ & 0_{(k-j) \times (j-1)} & & & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & & & & \lambda & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Using the fact that

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} B & 0 \\ 0 & C \end{bmatrix} = \det(B) \det(C)$$

we have $\det M = \lambda^{j-1}(-1)^{k-j}$.

We now aim to show $\det(\lambda I - A) = \rho(\lambda)$.

$$\lambda I - A = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & -1 & & & \\ & \lambda & -1 & & \\ & & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & & & \lambda & -1 \\ \alpha_{k-1} & \alpha_{k-2} & \dots & \alpha_1 & \lambda + \alpha_0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Expanding over row k , starting at column k , and using the above lemma,

$$\begin{aligned} \det(\lambda I - A) &= (\lambda + \alpha_0)(-1)^{k-k} \lambda^{k-1} + \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} (-1)^{k+k-j} \alpha_j (-1)^{k-k+j} \lambda^{k-j-1} = \lambda^k + \alpha_0 \lambda^{k-1} + \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} (-1)^{2k} \alpha_j \lambda^{k-j-1} \\ &= \lambda^k + \alpha_0 \lambda^{k-1} + \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} \alpha_j \lambda^{k-j-1} = \lambda^k + \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} \alpha_j \lambda^{k-j-1} = \rho(\lambda) \end{aligned}$$

3. Note: For explicit matrix norm computations we will use the Euclidean norm

$$\|A\| = \left[\sum_{i,j} A_{ij}^2 \right]^{1/2}$$

Pf. Write the Jordan form of A .

$$A = SJS^{-1}, \quad J = \text{diag}(J_1, J_2, \dots, J_s), \quad J_q = r_q I_{m_q} + N_q, \quad N_q \stackrel{m_q \times m_q}{=} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & & \\ & 0 & 1 & \\ & & \ddots & \ddots \\ & & & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

For all p ,

$$A^p = SJ^p S^{-1}, \quad J^p = \text{diag}(J_1^p, J_2^p, \dots, J_s^p)$$

so we seek a bound on $\|J^p\|$, where $J = rI + N$ is a Jordan block for an eigenvalue r with multiplicity m (we temporarily use J to denote a single block instead of the whole matrix).

If $m = 1$ then $J = [r]$, and since ρ satisfies the root condition, $|r| \leq 1$, giving

$$\|J^p\| = |r|^p \leq 1$$

Now say $m > 1$, so that $|r| < 1$ by the root condition. If $r = 0$ then $J = N$, hence $\|J^p\| = 0$ for all $p \geq m$. Now say $r \neq 0$. For $p \geq m$,

$$\begin{aligned} J^p &= (rI + N)^p = \sum_{j=0}^p \binom{p}{j} r^{p-j} N^j = \sum_{j=0}^m \binom{p}{j} r^{p-j} N^j \\ \implies \|J^p\| &\leq \sum_{j=0}^p \binom{p}{j} |r|^{p-j} \|N^j\| \end{aligned}$$

Fix j with $0 \leq j \leq m$. We establish a bound on $\binom{p}{j}|r|^{p-j}$. Note

$$\binom{p}{j}|r|^{p-j} = \frac{p!}{j!(p-j)!}|r|^p|r|^{-j} = \frac{1}{|r|^j j!}|r|^p \prod_{i=0}^{j-1} (p-i) = \frac{1}{|r|^j j!} \cdot \frac{\prod_{i=0}^{j-1} (p-i)}{|1/r|^p}$$

Considering the fraction in the RHS as $p \rightarrow \infty$, the denominator, an exponential in p with base $|1/r| > 1$, grows faster than the numerator, a polynomial in p . This means $\binom{p}{j}|r|^{p-j}$ tends to 0 as $p \rightarrow \infty$, hence it has a bound M_j independent of p .

Writing small powers of N ,

$$N^0 = I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & 1 & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad N = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & & \\ & 0 & 1 & \\ & & \ddots & \ddots \\ & & & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad N^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & & \\ & 0 & 0 & 1 & \\ & & 0 & \ddots & 1 \\ & & & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad N^3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & \\ & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ & & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ & & & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

we see that for $0 \leq j \leq m$,

$$\|N^j\| = \left[\sum_{i,j} (N^j)_{ij}^2 \right]^{1/2} = [m-j]^{1/2} \leq m^{1/2}$$

We have a bound on $\|J^p\|$ independent of p . Here we re-introduce the subscript q .

$$\|J_q^p\| \leq \max \left[\|J_q^1\|, \|J_q^2\|, \dots, \|J_q^{m_q-1}\|, \sum_{j=0}^{m_q} M_{q,j} m_q^{1/2} \right] =: K_q$$

Now looking at the whole Jordan matrix J ,

$$\|J^p\| \leq \sum_{q=1}^s \|J_q^p\| \leq \sum_{q=1}^s K_q$$

Thus

$$\|A^p\| \leq \|S\| \|S^{-1}\| \sum_{q=1}^s K_q$$

4. Plug the supposed solution U_n into the LHS of the recurrence.

$$\begin{aligned} U_{n+1} &= A^{n-k+2}U_{k-1} + h \sum_{j=0}^{n+1-k} A^j G_{n-j} = A^{n-k+2}U_{k-1} + hG_n + h \sum_{j=1}^{n+1-k} A^j G_{n-j} \\ &= A^{n-k+2}U_{k-1} + hG_n + h \sum_{j=0}^{n-k} A^{j+1} G_{n-j-1} \end{aligned}$$

Plug the solution into the RHS.

$$AU_n + hG_n = A^{n-k+2}U_{k-1} + h \sum_{j=0}^{n-k} A^{j+1} G_{n-j-1} + hG_n$$

The two expressions are equal, so U_n indeed solves the recurrence.

5. (a) For BDF2, the interpolant is

$$p(t) = y_{n+1} + y[t_{n+1}, t_n](t - t_{n+1}) + y[t_{n+1}, t_n, t_{n-1}](t - t_{n+1})(t - t_n)$$

The derivative of the last term at t_{n+1} is

$$\left. \frac{d}{dt} \right|_{t=t_{n+1}} (t - t_{n+1})(t - t_n) = (t - t_n) + (t - t_{n+1}) \Big|_{t=t_{n+1}} = 2t_{n+1} - t_n - t_{n+1} = t_{n+1} - t_n = h_n$$

and so

$$p'(t_{n+1}) = y[t_{n+1}, t_n] + y[t_{n+1}, t_n, t_{n-1}]h_n$$

Equating this with $f_{n+1} := f(t_{n+1}, u_{n+1})$ gives the BDF2 method.

$$\frac{u_{n+1} - u_n}{h_n} + \frac{\frac{u_{n+1} - u_n}{h_n} - \frac{u_n - u_{n-1}}{h_{n-1}}}{h_n + h_{n-1}} h_n = f_{n+1}$$

From $h_n = t_{n+1} - t_n$ and $\omega = \frac{h_n}{h_{n-1}}$,

$$1 + \omega = 1 + \frac{h_n}{h_{n-1}} = \frac{h_{n-1} + h_n}{h_{n-1}} \implies (1 + \omega)^2 = \frac{1}{h_{n-1}^2} [h_{n-1}^2 + h_n^2 + 2h_{n-1}h_n] \quad (5.1)$$

$$1 + 2\omega = 1 + 2\frac{h_n}{h_{n-1}} = \frac{h_{n-1} + 2h_n}{h_{n-1}} \quad (5.2)$$

From (5.1) and (5.2),

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{(1 + \omega)^2}{1 + 2\omega} &= \frac{h_{n-1}}{h_{n-1} + 2h_n} \frac{1}{h_{n-1}^2} [h_{n-1}^2 + h_n^2 + 2h_{n-1}h_n] = \frac{1}{h_{n-1} + 2h_n} \left[h_{n-1} + \frac{h_n^2}{h_{n-1}} + 2h_n \right] \\ &= h_{n-1}(1 + 2\omega) \left[h_{n-1} + \frac{h_n^2}{h_{n-1}} + 2h_n \right] \quad (5.3) \end{aligned}$$

Now multiply the method by $h_n(h_n + h_{n-1})$.

$$(u_{n+1} - u_n)(h_n + h_{n-1}) + \left[\frac{u_{n+1} - u_n}{h_n} - \frac{u_n - u_{n-1}}{h_{n-1}} \right] h_n^2 = h_n(h_n + h_{n-1})f_{n+1}$$

Collect coefficients of the following terms. Rewrite them using (5.2) and (5.3).

$$\begin{aligned} u_{n+1} : \quad & h_n + h_{n-1} + \frac{h_n^2}{h_n} = 2h_n + h_{n-1} \stackrel{(5.2)}{=} h_{n-1}(1 + 2\omega) \\ u_n : \quad & -(h_n + h_{n-1}) + \left[-\frac{1}{h_n} - \frac{1}{h_{n-1}} \right] h_n^2 = - \left[2h_n + h_{n-1} + \frac{h_n^2}{h_{n-1}} \right] \stackrel{(5.3)}{=} -h_{n-1}(1 + 2\omega) \frac{(1 + \omega)^2}{1 + 2\omega} \\ u_{n-1} : \quad & \frac{h_n^2}{h_{n-1}} = h_{n-1}\omega^2 \end{aligned}$$

Putting these together, the method is

$$h_{n-1}(1 + 2\omega)u_{n+1} - h_{n-1}(1 + 2\omega) \frac{(1 + \omega)^2}{1 + 2\omega} u_n + h_{n-1}\omega^2 u_{n-1} = h_n(h_n + h_{n-1})f_{n+1}$$

Divide by $h_{n-1}(1 + 2\omega)$.

$$u_{n+1} - \frac{(1 + \omega)^2}{1 + 2\omega} u_n + \frac{\omega^2}{1 + 2\omega} u_{n-1} = h_n \frac{\frac{h_n}{h_{n-1}} + 1}{1 + 2\omega} f_{n+1} = h_n \frac{1 + \omega}{1 + 2\omega} f_{n+1}$$

(b) From the LHS of the method, define

$$\rho(z) := z^2 - \frac{(1+\omega)^2}{1+2\omega}z + \frac{\omega^2}{1+2\omega}$$

By Vieta's formulas, the roots r, s of ρ satisfy

$$r + s = \frac{(1+\omega)^2}{1+2\omega} = \frac{1+\omega^2+2\omega}{1+2\omega} = \frac{\omega^2}{1+2\omega} + 1$$

$$rs = \frac{\omega^2}{1+2\omega}$$

From these we see

$$r = \frac{\omega^2}{1+2\omega}, \quad s = 1$$

Since $\omega < 1 + \sqrt{2}$,

$$\omega^2 < (1 + \sqrt{2})^2 = 1 + 2 + 2 \cdot \sqrt{2} = 1 + 2(1 + \sqrt{2}) = 1 + 2\omega \implies 0 \leq r = \frac{\omega^2}{1+2\omega} < 1 \implies |r| < 1$$

This leaves $s = 1$ as the only root with modulus 1, and it has multiplicity 1. Thus ρ satisfies the root condition, hence the method is stable.