

Numerical Methods 4H Assignment 2 - A two-point boundary value problem

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0.1 Question 1

We use a uniform partition of $[0,1]$ by $(N + 1)$ evenly spaced nodes
 $0 = x_0 < x_1 < \dots < x_n = 1$ where $x_i = i/N$ then $h = 1/N$ and $x_i = hi$.
Let u_i denote $u(x_i)$

0.2 Question 2

At each interior point of $[0,1]$ we have the following formulas:

$$u''(x_i) = \frac{u_{i+1} - 2u_i + u_{i-1}}{h^2} + O(h^2) \quad (1)$$

$$u'(x_i) = \frac{u_{i+1} - u_{i-1}}{2h} + O(h^2) \quad (2)$$

The finite difference approximation for $u(x)$ is now obtained by enforcing the original equation at each interior node of $[0,1]$ that is:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{u_{i+1} - 2u_i + u_{i-1}}{h^2} + \exp(u_i) \frac{u_{i+1} - u_{i-1}}{2h} &= \mu \sin(2\pi x_i) \\ \iff 2u_{i+1} - 4u_i + 2u_{i-1} + h \exp(u_i)(u_{i+1} - u_{i-1}) &= 2h^2 \mu \sin(2\pi x_i) \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

$$\iff u_{i+1}(2 + h \exp(u_i)) - 4u_i + u_{i-1}(2 - h \exp(u_i)) = 2h^2 \mu \sin(2\pi x_i)$$

for $i \in [1, N - 1]$

0.3 Question 3

The $O(h^2)$ accurate backwards finite difference formula for u' is:

$$\frac{u_{i-2} - 4u_{i-1} + 3u_i}{2h} = u'(x_i) + O(h^2) \quad (4)$$

Substitute this into the boundary equation $u'(1) + u^3(1) = 0$:

$$\begin{aligned} u'(1) + u^3(1) &= 0 \\ \iff u'(x_N) + u_N^3 &= 0 \\ \iff \frac{u_{N-2} - 4u_{N-1} + 3u_N}{2h} + u_N^3 &= 0 \\ \implies u_N(2hu_N^2 + 3) - 4u_{N-1} + u_{N-2} &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

which is the difference equation for node x_N

The difference equation for node x_0 is simply $u_0 = 1$

0.4 Question 4

Let $F(u) = 0$ be a system of $N - 1$ equations in $N - 1$ unknowns where

$$\begin{aligned} F_1 &= u_2(2 + h \exp(u_1)) - 4u_1 + (2 - h \exp(u_1)) - 2h^2 \mu \sin(2\pi x_1) = 0 \\ \vdots &= \vdots \\ F_i &= u_{i+1}(2 + h \exp(u_i)) - 4u_i + u_{i-1}(2 - h \exp(u_i)) - 2h^2 \mu \sin(2\pi x_i) = 0 \\ \vdots &= \vdots \\ F_{n-1} &= u_n(2 + h \exp(u_{n-1})) - 4u_{n-1} + u_{n-2}(2 - h \exp(u_{n-1})) - 2h^2 \mu \sin(2\pi x_{n-1}) = 0 \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

Then calculating the Jacobian matrix J where entry $J_{ij} = \frac{\partial F_i}{\partial u_j}$:

$$J = \begin{bmatrix} -4 & 2 + \exp(u_1) & 0 & 0 & \dots & \dots & 0 \\ 2 - \exp(u_2) & -4 & 2 + \exp(u_2) & 0 & \dots & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 2 - \exp(u_3) & -4 & 2 + \exp(u_3) & 0 & \dots & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & 2 - \exp(u_i) & -4 & 2 + \exp(u_i) & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \dots \\ 0 & \dots & \dots & \dots & 0 & 2 - \exp(u_{n-1}) & -4 \end{bmatrix}$$