

ENUME ASSIGNMENT C no.21

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Least-Squares Approximation

Theory

Linear least squares is an approach to fit mathematical or statistical model to data in cases where the idealised value provided by the model for any data point is expressed linearly in terms of the unknown parameters of the model. The resulting fitted model can be used to summarise the data, to predict unobserved values from the same system, and to understand the mechanisms that may underlie the system. Linear least squares is the problem of approximately solving an overdetermined system of linear equations, where the best approximation is defined as that which minimises the sum of squared differences between the data values and their corresponding modelled values. The approach is called linear least squares since the assumed function is linear in the parameters to be estimated. The problems are convex and have a closed-form solution that is unique, provided that the number of data points used for fitting equals or exceeds the number of unknown parameters, except in special situations. In contrast, non-linear least squares problems generally must be solved by an iterative procedure, and the problems can be non-convex with multiple optima for the objective function. If prior distributions are available, then even an underdetermined system can be solved using the Bayesian MMSE estimator.

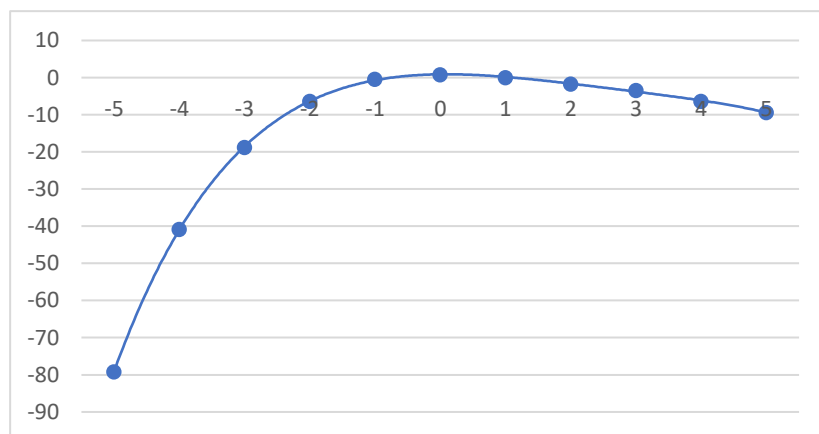
Polynomials are often used as approximating functions (let the order of the polynomial be n), The justification of this fact is the classic Weierstrass theorem about a uniform approximation of a continuous function $f(x)$ on a closed interval $[a, b]$ by an polynomial.

The order n of the approximating polynomial is usually much lower than the number of points, at which the values of the original function are given.

The QR Method should be better because the Gram matrix solution is ill-conditioned with bigger matrices.

Task

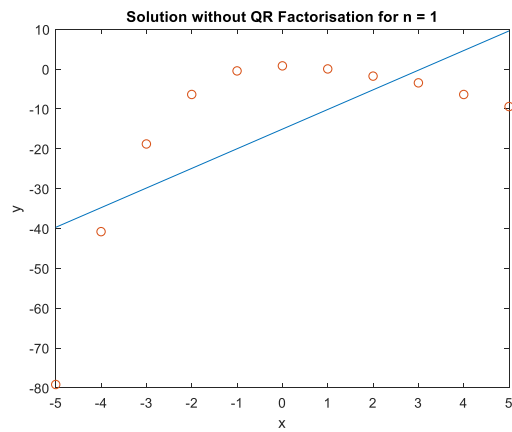
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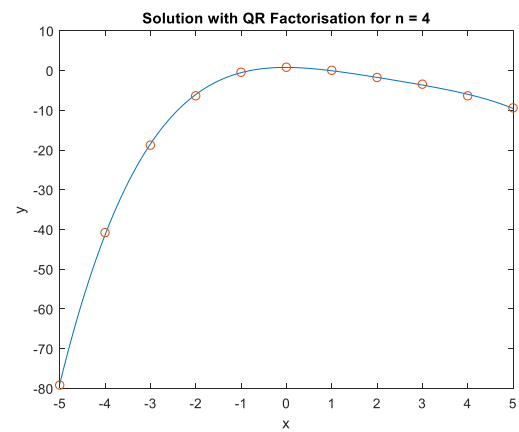
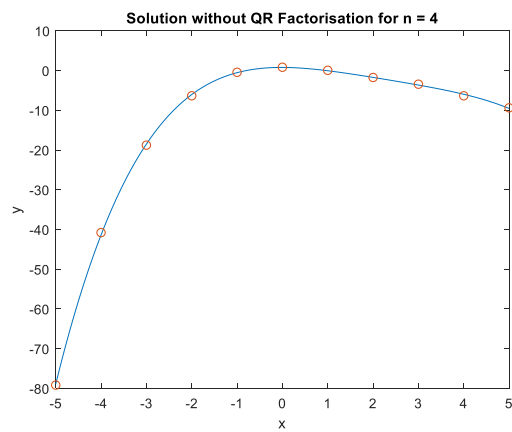
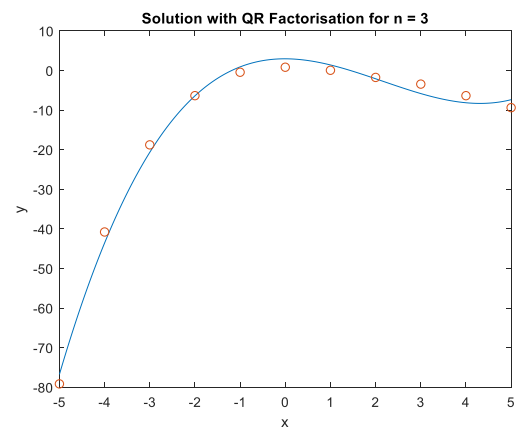
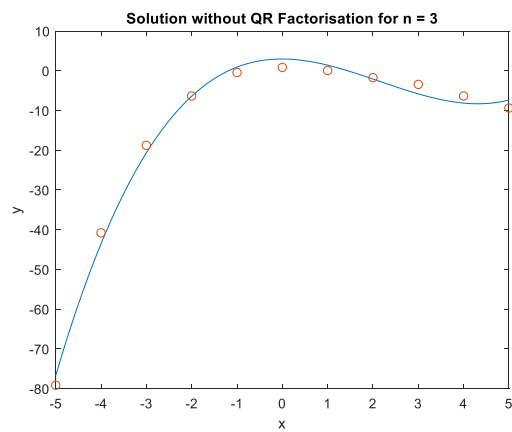
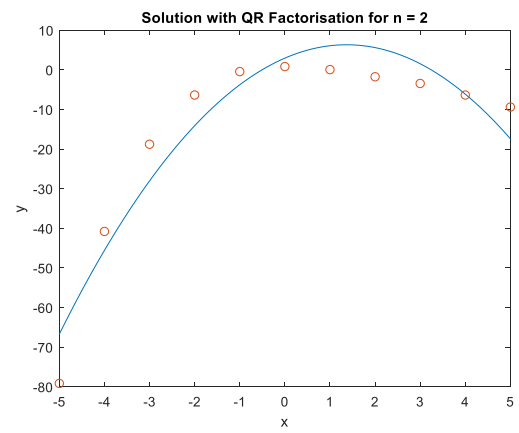
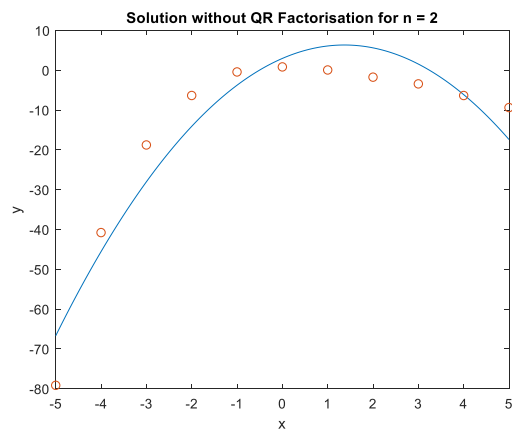
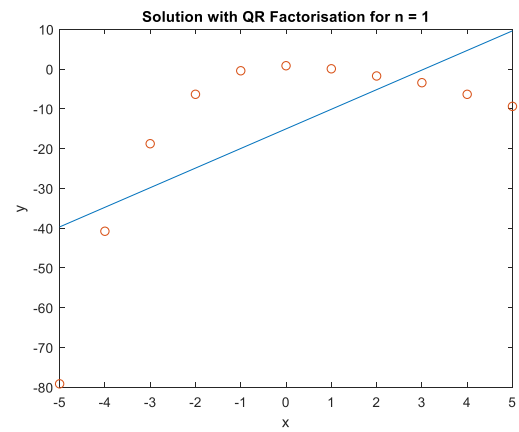
I expect the polynomial to fit the values at degree 4 and above.

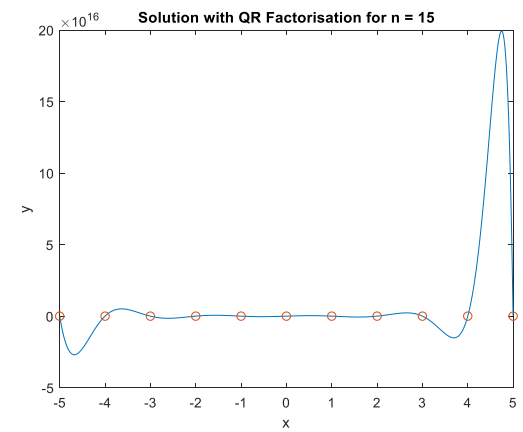
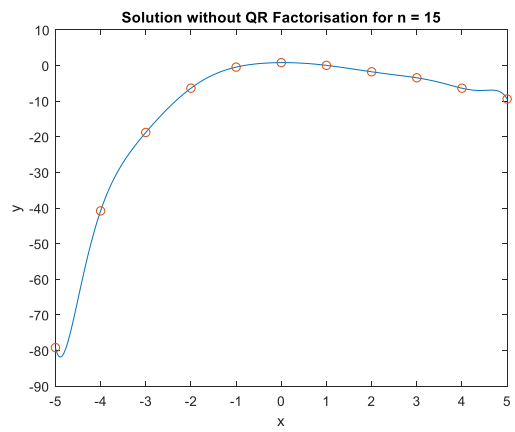
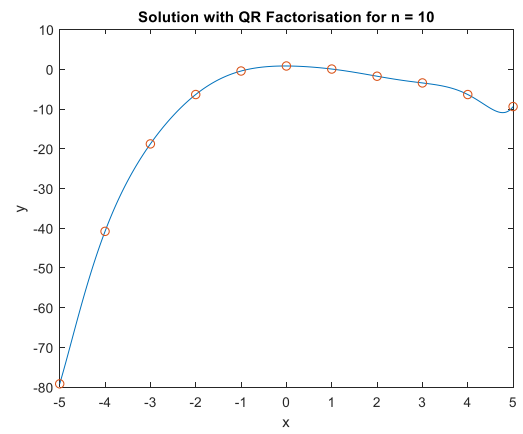
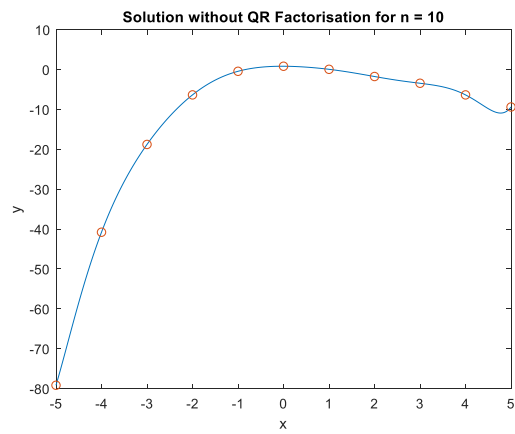
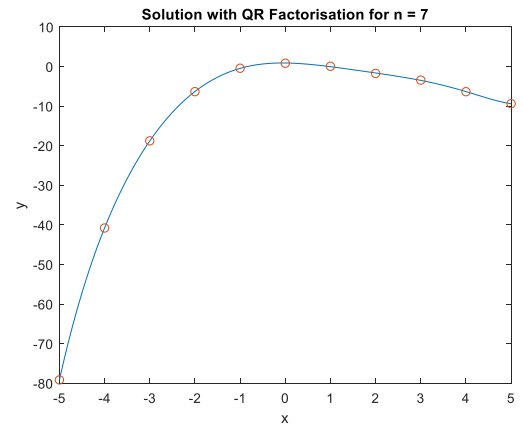
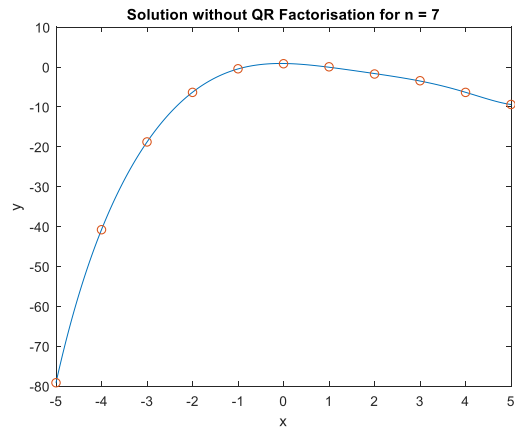
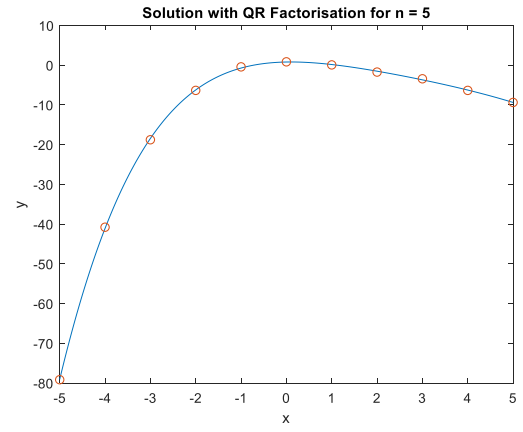
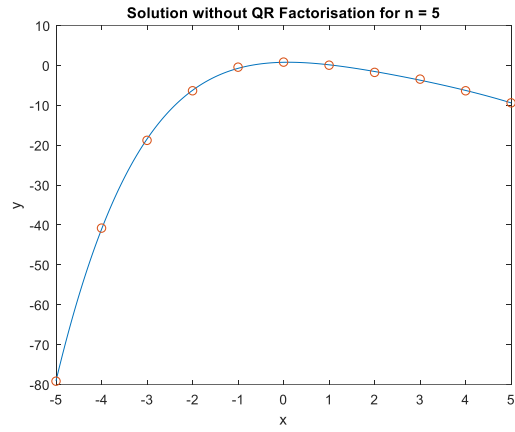
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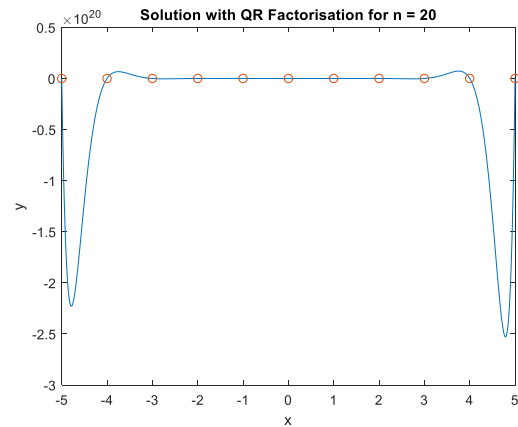
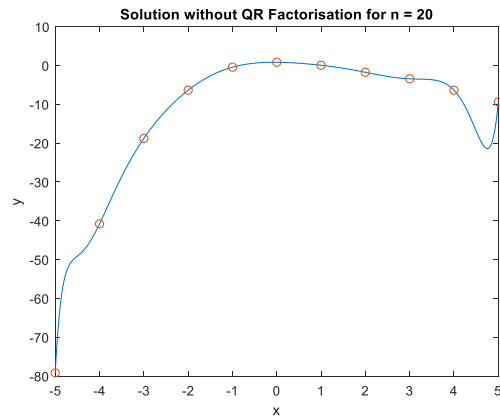
Solution without QR factorisation



Solution with QR factorisation







Without QR				With QR			
n	P			error	P	error	
1	4.9304	-15.0521		0	4.9304	-15.0521	1.1369e-13
2	-1.8009	4.9304	2.9569	2.8422e-14	-1.8009	4.9304 2.9569	1.1719e-13
3	0.2790	-1.8009	-0.0357	2.8422e-14	0.2790	-1.8009 -0.0357	1.8228e-12
4	2.9569				2.9569		
4	-0.0302	0.2790	-1.0465	2.8422e-14	-0.0302	0.2790 -1.0465	1.4729e-11
5	-0.0357	0.7843			-0.0357	0.7843	
5	0.0013	-0.0302	0.2394	1.8192e-12	0.0013	-0.0302 0.2394	3.2618e-11
7	-1.0465	0.2028	0.7843		-1.0465	0.2028 0.7843	
7	0.0002	-0.0002	-0.0088	2.9104e-11	0.0002	-0.0002 -0.0088	1.8626e-09
10	-0.0210	0.3592	-1.1295		-0.0210	0.3592 -1.1295	
10	-0.1381	0.8901			-0.1381	0.8901	
10	0.0000	0.0000	-0.0010	3.5771e-07	0.0000	0.0000 -0.0010	6.3665e-08
15	-0.0004	0.0167	0.0009		-0.0004	0.0167 0.0009	
15	-0.1318	0.3030	-0.9013		-0.1318	0.3030 -0.9013	
15	-0.0547	0.8270			-0.0547	0.8270	
15	-0.0000	0.0000	-0.0000	0.0020	-0.0000	-0.0000 -0.0000	8.0042e+13
20	0.0000	0.0000	-0.0000		0.0001	0.0002 -0.0026	
20	0.0002	0.0003	-0.0067		-0.0018	0.0224 -0.0268	
20	0.0068	0.0578	-0.1043		-0.0882	0.4150 0.1469	
20	0.1343	-0.9201	0.0633		-1.4196	-0.0787 1.0330	
20	0.8270				0.0000		
20	-0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	1.2567	0.0000	0.0000 -0.0000	3.7841e+20
20	-0.0000	0.0000	-0.0000		-0.0000	-0.0000 -0.0000	
20	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		-0.0006	0.0015 0.0313	
20	0.0000	-0.0000	-0.0001		-0.0121	-0.1839 -0.0192	
20	-0.0001	0.0028	0.0099		-0.5230	0.4118 2.6232	
20	-0.0295	-0.1135	0.3971		-0.1466	3.8113 -4.0100	
20	-0.9137	-0.1215	0.8270		-5.7583	3.7747 0.0000	

Conclusion

With and without QR method, it is safe to assume that the degree of the polynomial is 8. However, with QR factorization, the error increases drastically with larger degree of the polynomial (when it diverges from the optimal degree which is 8)

Runge-Kutta Method

Task

$$\begin{aligned}x_1' &= x_2 + x_1(0.5 - x_1^2 - x_2^2) \\x_2' &= -x_1 + x_2(0.5 - x_1^2 - x_2^2) \\interval &= [0,15] \quad x_1(0) = 8, \quad x_2(0) = 8\end{aligned}$$

a) **Runge-Kutta Method of 4th order and Adams PC (P₅EC₅E) with different constant step sizes until an optimal step size is found.** Discussion of step sizes illustrated by

b) **Runge-Kutta Method of 4th order with variable step size automatically adjusted by algorithm, making error estimation according to step doubling rule.** Discussion of the chosen value of minimal step size, absolute and relative tolerances, and the following plots:

- 1) x2 versus x1
- 2) problem solution versus time
- 3) step size versus time
- 4) error estimate versus time

A flow diagram of the algorithm should also be attached.

Theory

Runge-Kutta Methods

The Runge-Kutta Methods are derived from appropriate Taylor Method in such a way that the final global error is of order $O(h^4)$. A trade off is made to perform several function evaluations at each step and eliminate the necessity to compute higher order derivatives. These methods can be constructed for any order N . The Runge-Kutta method of order $N = 4$ is the most popular. Going higher orders is not necessary because the increased accuracy is offset by additional computation effort. If more accuracy is required, then either a smaller step size or an adaptive method should be used. The RK4 Method simulates the accuracy of the Taylor series method of order $N = 4$.

A family of Runge-Kutta methods can be defined by the following formula:

$$\begin{aligned}y_{n+1} &= y_n + h \sum_{i=1}^m w_i k_i \\k_1 &= f(x_n, y_n) \\k_i &= f\left(x_n + c_i h, y_n + h \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} a_{ij} k_j\right), \quad i = 2, 3, \dots, m \\ \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} a_{ij} &= c_i, \quad i = 2, 3, \dots, m\end{aligned}$$

To perform a single step of the method the values of the right-hand sides of the equations must be calculated in precisely m times. The coefficients are usually chosen in a way assuring a high order of the method for a given m . Let $p(m)$ denote the maximal possible order of the Runge-Kutta method, then it can be shown that:

$$p(m) = \begin{cases} = m & m = 1, 2, 3, 4 \\ = m - 1 & m = 5, 6, 7 \\ \leq m - 2 & m \geq 8 \end{cases}$$

The methods with $m = 4$ (and in extension, $p(m) = 4$) are most used as they provide a good tradeoff between accuracy and computation time. The Runge-Kutta method of order 4 is defined as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}y_{n+1} &= y_n + \frac{1}{6}h(k_1 + 2k_2 + 2k_3 + k_4) \\k_1 &= f(x_n, y_n) \\k_2 &= f\left(x_n + \frac{1}{2}h, y_n + \frac{1}{2}hk_1\right) \\k_3 &= f\left(x_n + \frac{1}{2}h, y_n + \frac{1}{2}hk_2\right) \\k_4 &= f(x_n + h, y_n + hk_3)\end{aligned}$$

Step Size Selection

An issue with the practical implementation of numerical methods for solving differential equations is an appropriate procedure for the selection or the correction the step size, h . There are two balancing counteracting factors here:

If step size becomes smaller, then the approximation error of the method becomes smaller. However, it also increases the number of steps necessary to find a solution in the interval. And since the number of arithmetic calculations increases with number of steps, numerical errors also increase.

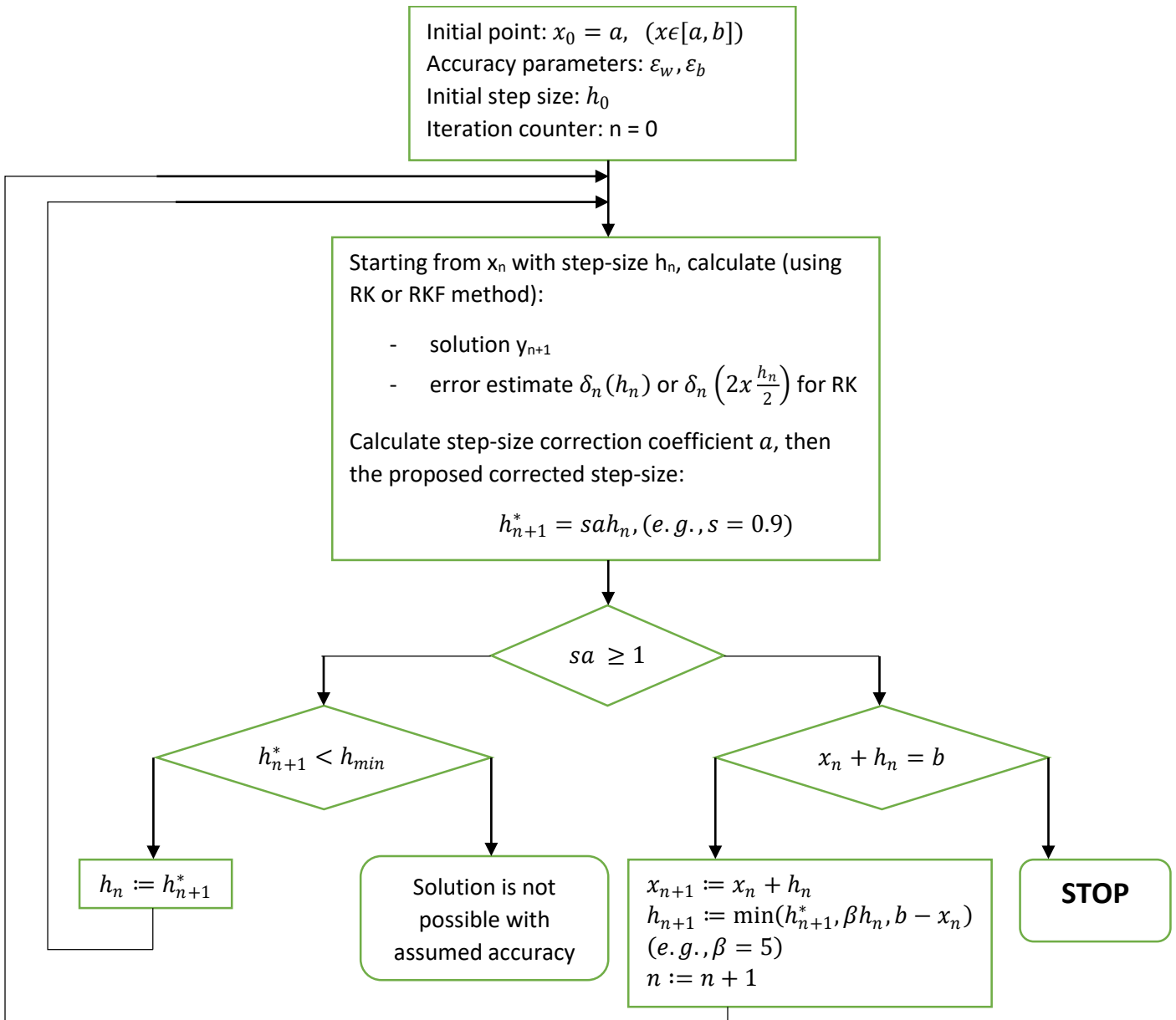
Therefore, small step sizes are not recommended but step size should be sufficiently small enough to perform calculations with desired accuracy. So, a fixed step size could be adequate for solutions varying similarly over an interval.

Error Estimation

In order to find approximation error, for every step of the size h , two additional steps of size $h/2$ are performed parallelly. We denote $y_n(1)$ as the new point obtained using step size h , and $y_n(2)$ as the new point obtained using step size $h/2$. Following a number of equations, we are able to derive this formula for error estimate:

$$\begin{aligned}\delta_n(h) &= \frac{2^P}{2^P - 1} (y_n^{(2)} - y_n^{(1)}) \\ \delta_n\left(2x \frac{h}{2}\right) &= \frac{y_n^{(2)} - y_n^{(1)}}{2^P - 1}\end{aligned}$$

Step Size Correction Algorithm Diagram



Adams PC Method

The Adams method is a numerical method for solving linear first-order ordinary differential equations of the form: $y' = f(x, y)$.

For the P5EC5E we first need 5 values calculated from the Runge-Kutta algorithm, then for the next points we use the predictor formula:

$$y_n = y_{n-1} + h \sum_{j=1}^k \beta_j f(x_{n-j}, y_{n-j})$$

And we can find β_j from the table below:

k	β_1	β_2	β_3	β_4	β_5
5	$\frac{1901}{720}$	$-\frac{2774}{720}$	$\frac{2616}{720}$	$-\frac{1274}{720}$	$\frac{251}{720}$

Then we use error correction which defined as follows:

$$r_n(h) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \left[\sum_{j=1}^k \alpha_j y(x_{n-j}) + h \sum_{j=0}^k \beta_j f(x_{n-j}, y(x_{n-j})) \right] - y(x_n)$$

$$y_n - y(x_n) = h\beta_0[f(x_n, y_n) - f(x_n, y(x_n))] + r_n(h)$$

And we can find β_j from the table below:

k	θ_0^*	θ_1^*	θ_2^*	θ_3^*	θ_4^*	θ_5^*
5	$\frac{475}{1440}$	$\frac{1427}{1440}$	$-\frac{798}{1440}$	$\frac{482}{1440}$	$-\frac{173}{1440}$	$\frac{27}{1440}$

We can simplify it into four equations.

P: $y_n^{[0]} = y_{n-1} + h \sum_{j=1}^k \beta_j f_{n-j}$

E: $f_n^{[0]} = f(x_n, y_n^{[0]})$

C: $y_n = y_{n-1} + h \sum_{j=1}^k \beta_j^* f_{n-j} + h\beta_0^* f_n^{[0]}$

E: $f_n = f(x_n, y_n)$

Appendix

All the MATLAB codes shown on the report were used after `clear` and `clc` commands were used.

Task I: Least Square Approximation

MATLAB code

```
%initialising
clc;
clear;
format short;
%interval
a = -5;
b = 5;
x = (a : b)';
%values of y
y = [ -79.1639
      -40.7900
      -18.7814
      -6.3530
      -0.4392
      0.8270
      0.0585
      -1.7477
      -3.4384
      -6.3580
      -9.3875];
X = a : 0.01 : b;
%different values of polynomial
for n = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 10, 15, 20]
    %print degree of polynomial
    display(n);
    % plot graph for method without QR
    display('Method without QR');
    [P, err] = leastSquare(x, y, n);
    display(P);
    display(err);
    figure;
    plot(X, polyval(P,X),x,y,'o');
    xlabel('x');
    ylabel('y');
    title(['Solution without QR Factorisation for n = ' int2str(n)]);
    %plot graph for method with QR
    display('Method with QR');
    [P, err] = QRleastSquare(x,y,n);
    display(P);
    display(err);
    figure;
    plot(X, polyval(P,X),x,y,'o');
    xlabel('x');
    ylabel('y');
    title(['Solution with QR Factorisation for n = ' int2str(n)]);
end
```

Least Square Approximation – leastSquare.m

```
%LEAST SQUARE PROBLEM
function [P, err] = leastSquare(x, y, n)
n = n + 1; %for the gram function

M = gram(x,n); %getting matrix formed from gram
A = M' * M; %positive definite symmetric matrix
b = M' * y; %MT with vector y gives solution vector b
P = gauss(A,b)'; %solve the equation with gaussian elimination
err = norm(A * P' - b, 2); %error

end
```

Least Square with QR Factorisation – QRleastSquare.m

```
%LEAST SQUARE WITH QR FACTORISATION
function [P, err] = QRleastSquare(x, y, n)
n = n + 1;
M = gram(x, n);
[Q,R] = QR(M); %QR factorization from QR function
b = Q' * y;
P = zeros(n, 1);
for i = n : -1 : 1 %from n to 1
    P(i) = b(i);
    P(i) = P(i) - R(i, (i+1):n) * P((i+1):n);
    P(i) = P(i)/R(i,i);
end
err = norm(M' * M * P - M' * y, 2);
P = P';

end
```

Gram Matrix – gram.m

```
%GRAM MATRIX FUNCTION
function M = gram(x,n)
m = length(x);
M = zeros(m,n); %zero matrix thats 11 x degree of polynomial (+1)
v = ones(m,1); %column vector filled with ones with 11 elements
for i = n : -1 : 1 %counts down from degree of polynomial (+1) to 1
    M(:, i) = v; %replaces zero column with v
    v = v .* x; %v is then multiplied with x
end

end
```

Gauss function – gauss.m

```
function b = gauss(A,b)
%gauss function
n = length(b);
for i = 1 : (n-1)
    [d, maxi] = max(abs(A(i:n,i))); %maximum value on ith column from ith
value to nth value
    maxi = maxi + i - 1;
    if d < 1e-15
        b = NaN; %if max accuracy is reached b is NaN
        return
    end
    %switching ith row with maxith row
    A([i;maxi],:) = A([maxi;i],:);
    b([i;maxi]) = b([maxi;i]);
    for j = (i+1) : n %row substitution
        d = A(j,i)/A(i,i); %row j by row i
        A(j,:) = A(j,:) - d * A(i,:); %row j = row j - d * row i
        b(j) = b(j) - d * b(i); %solution vector also gets decreased
    end
end
for i = n : -1 : 2 %from n to 2
    b(i) = b(i) / A(i,i);
    j = 1 : (i-1);
    b(j) = b(j) - A(j,i) * b(i);
end
b(1) = b(1) / A(1,1);
end
```

QR Method – QR.m

```
%QR Function
function [Q,R] = QR(M)
[m,n] = size(M); %dimensions of the matrix M
Q = zeros(m,n);
R = zeros(n,n);
for i = 1:n
    Q(:,i) = M(:,i);
    R(i,i) = 1;
    N = Q(:,i)' * Q(:,i);
    for j = (i+1):n
        R(i,j) = (Q(:,i)' * M(:,j))/N; %rij = ((ith column of q)' * jth col-
umn of m)/N
        M(:,j) = M(:,j) - R(i,j) * Q(:,i); %j column M = Mj - Rij*ith columnQ
    end
    N = norm(Q(:,i),2);
    Q(:,i) = Q(:,i)/N;
    R(i,i:n) = N * R(i,i:n);
end
end
```

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