

CHL711 - Numerical Methods in Chemical Engineering

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Major Examination

Part A (32 Marks)

1. Briefly state what is involved in cubic spline interpolation. 3
2. Obtain the value of the integral $\int_2^3 (x \ln x) dx$ after reducing it to the form $\int_{-1}^1 f(z) dz$ and using the 3-point (n=2) Gauss-Legendre quadrature, i.e. $P_2(x) = \frac{1}{2}(5x^2 - 3x)$. The weights w_i are 0.889 for the middle z_i and 0.556 for the other two. 5
3. Why do Adams-Bashforth formulae for ODE-IVP use backward differences $\nabla^j y$? 2
4. Derive the second order Runge-Kutta algorithm for ODE-IVP (modified Euler, etc); are these explicit or implicit? 7
5. For ODE-IVP, can the numerical solutions be more than one? How is the correct one decided? What is the condition for numerical stability? 4
6. What is stiffness ratio? What does it imply for step size? 3
7. In OC technique, for symmetric solution of the ODE why is the $x=0$ condition not utilized? 3
8. What do you understand by orthogonal collocation on finite elements (OCFE)? Why is it required 3

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1. Consider the following coupled equations

$$x^2 + y^2 - 4 = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad x^2 - y^2 - 1.5 = 0$$

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(Do not eliminate variables to give $x^2 = 2.75$ and $y^2 = 1.25$). Obtain the algorithm to solve for x and y using the two-variable Newton Raphson method. Obtain the inverse of the Jacobian analytically. Starting with $x = 1$ and $y = 1$, obtain two iterates and compare with the analytical solution.

2. Consider the Legendre polynomial $P_3(x) = \frac{1}{2}(5x^3 - 3x)$. Generate a set of four data points corresponding to base points $x = -1.0, -0.4, 0.5, 1.0$. Fit a 2nd degree (using first three data points) as well as a 3rd degree polynomial using Lagrangian interpolation. Compare the fitted polynomials and the exact results at $x = 1.0$. [10]

3. (i) Using the approximation to $y'(\alpha)$ in terms of the backward differences $\nabla^j y$, derive the 2nd and 4th order ($j=1$ and $j=3$) Adams-Bashforth formulae for integrating ODE-IVP.

(ii) For the differential equation given below

$$dy/dt = y - t^2 ; y(0) = 1 ; y(0.2) = 1.2186 ; y(0.4) = 1.4682 ; y(0.6) = 1.7379$$

using both formulae obtain $y(1.0)$. Estimate the errors. Compare with analytical solution if possible. [10]

4. Consider the 2nd order Gear *corrector* equation. Obtain its characteristic roots and study its stability in terms

(a) spurious roots. Find out which one is the correct root.

(b) Propagation of the round off errors. [8]

$$(1+x)^{1/2} = 1 + x/2 - x^2/8 + \dots ; (1+x)^{-1} = 1 - x + x^2 - x^3 + \dots ; e^x = 1 + x + x^2/2 + x^3/3! + \dots$$

5. (a) Solve the following differential equation, using the $N=2$ orthogonal collocation procedure along with NR method. Get $y^{(2)}$ and $y^{(3)}$.

$$d^2y/dx^2 + dy/dx - y = e^y ; y(0) = 0 \text{ and } y(1) = 0 ; \text{NR start } y^{(1)} = [0.1, 0.2]^T$$

(b) Consider the ODE-BVP

$$d^2y/dx^2 - 2y^3 = 0 ; y(0) = 1 \text{ and } [dy/dx + y^2]_{x=1} = 0$$

Set up the final NR equations to be solved for $N=1$ OC technique. [18]