CAAM 336 · DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS

Homework 45

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45. [25 points] Let the norm $\|\cdot\|: \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}$ be defined by

$$\|\mathbf{y}\| = \sqrt{\mathbf{y}\cdot\mathbf{y}}.$$

Let the timestep $\Delta t \in \mathbb{R}$ be such that $\Delta t > 0$ and let $t_k = k\Delta t$ for $k = 0, 1, 2, \ldots$. Let

$$\mathbf{A} = \left[\begin{array}{cc} -50 & 49 \\ 49 & -50 \end{array}\right]$$

and consider the problem of finding $\mathbf{x}(t)$ such that

$$\mathbf{x}'(t) = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}(t), \quad t \geq 0$$

and

$$\mathbf{x}(0) = \left[\begin{array}{c} 2 \\ 0 \end{array}\right].$$

(a) Compute $\mathbf{x}(t)$.

(b) How does $\|\mathbf{x}(t)\|$ behave as $t \to \infty$?

(c) For $k = 0, 1, 2, \ldots$, let $\mathbf{x}_k$ be the approximation to $\mathbf{x}(t_k)$ obtained using the forward Euler method. What choice of the timestep $\Delta t > 0$ will result in $\|\mathbf{x}_k\| \to 0$ as $k \to \infty$?

(d) For $k = 0, 1, 2, \ldots$, let $\mathbf{x}_k$ be the approximation to $\mathbf{x}(t_k)$ obtained using the backward Euler method. What choice of the timestep $\Delta t > 0$ will result in $\|\mathbf{x}_k\| \to 0$ as $k \to \infty$?