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Math 615 NADE (Bueler)

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Midterm Exam

In class. No textbook, notes, or internet. 70 minutes. 100 points possible.

1. (10 pts) Use Taylor's theorem to derive the centered finite difference (FD) approximation to  $u''(x)$  for an equally-spaced grid. (Hints. Denote the grid spacing by  $h$ . Use Taylor twice. Combine and cancel terms.) To state your final result, fill in the blanks at the bottom.

$$u(x+h) = u(x) + u'(x)h + \frac{h^2}{2}u''(x) + \frac{h^3}{6}u'''(x) + O(h^4)$$

$$u(x-h) = u(x) - hu'(x) + \frac{h^2}{2}u''(x) - \frac{h^3}{3}u'''(x) + O(h^4)$$

add:

$$u(x+h) + u(x-h) = 2u(x) + h^2u''(x) + O(h^4)$$

rearrange:

$$\frac{u(x+h) - 2u(x) + u(x-h)}{h^2} = u''(x) + O(h^2)$$

$$u''(x) = \frac{u(x+h) - 2u(x) + u(x-h)}{h^2} + O\left(h^{\boxed{2}}\right)$$

2. (10 pts) Consider the ODE BVP

$$(*) \quad u''(x) + 5u(x) = f(x), \quad u(0) = \alpha, \quad u(2) = \beta,$$

for  $f(x)$  a given continuous function and  $\alpha, \beta$  any real numbers. Propose an FD scheme, on an equally-spaced grid of  $m$  subintervals, for problem (\*). (Hints. Describe the grid. State the main FD equation. State/include how the boundary conditions are handled. Make the range of indices clear in each expression. You do not need to prove or explain anything.)

$$h = \frac{2-0}{m} = \frac{2}{m}, \quad x_j = jh \quad [j=0, 1, \dots, m+1]$$

$$\frac{u^{j+1} - 2u^j + u^{j-1}}{h^2} + 5u^j = f(x_j) \quad [j=1, \dots, m-1]$$

$$u^0 = \alpha, \quad u^m = \beta$$

this is optional, if  
above is complete

becomes a linear system:

$m+1$  rows  
 $m+1$  cols

$$\begin{bmatrix} \vdots & & & \\ \vdots & \ddots & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & \vdots \\ & & & \vdots & \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u^0 \\ u^1 \\ u^2 \\ \vdots \\ u^{m-1} \\ u^m \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ f(x_1) \\ f(x_2) \\ \vdots \\ f(x_{m-1}) \\ \beta \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^h u^h = F^h$$

Other possible approach is just fine:

$$u^h = \begin{bmatrix} u^1 \\ \vdots \\ u^{m-1} \end{bmatrix} \leftarrow \text{only interior points have unknowns}$$

$$\frac{u^2 - 2u^1 + \alpha}{h^2} = f(x_1)$$

3. (a) (8 pts) For an ODE problem and an FD scheme, for example as on the previous page, define the *local truncation error*  $\tau^h$ . (*Hints.* You need only *define* it, not simplify or expand it.)

the local truncation error for problem 2 is

$$\tau^h = \frac{u(x_{j+1}) - 2u(x_j) + u(x_{j-1})}{h^2} + 5u(x_j) - f(x_j),$$

i.e.  $\tau$  is residual from applying scheme to exact solution

- (b) (5 pts) Define what it means for an FD scheme to be *consistent*.

an FD scheme is consistent if

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \tau^h = 0$$

- (c) (5 pts) Suppose an FD scheme with grid spacing  $h$  is applied to a linear ODE or PDE BVP. This generates a matrix equation

$$A^h U^h = F^h.$$

Define what it means for the scheme to be *stable*.

an FD scheme which generates these linear systems is stable in norm  $\| \cdot \|$  if there is a constant  $C > 0$  so that  $\|(A^h)^{-1}\| \leq C$  for all  $h > 0$ .

4. (10 pts) Consider a system of  $m$  nonlinear equations in  $m$  variables,

$$f_1(x_1, \dots, x_m) = 0,$$

 $\vdots$ 

$$f_m(x_1, \dots, x_m) = 0.$$

and suppose each  $f_i$  is differentiable. We may write this system as " $F(x) = 0$ " where  $x \in \mathbb{R}^m$  and  $F(x) \in \mathbb{R}^m$ . State *Newton's method* for the equations  $F(x) = 0$ . (*Hints.* The method can be stated as a simple pseudocode or as a MATLAB function; syntax is not critical. It should start with an initial iterate  $x^{[0]}$  and generate a sequence of iterates  $x^{[k]}$ , and have an appropriate termination criterion based on a tolerance parameter. *Required:* Make it clear which derivatives of  $F(x)$  are used, and how, using standard notation as appropriate. *Required:* Clearly identify any linear systems that need to be solved.)

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function z = newton(F, J, x0, tol)
    x = x0
    for j = 1:100 % or "max_iter" etc.
        if ||F(x)|| < tol
            break
        end
        solve J(x) s = -F(x) for s
        x = x + s
    end
    z = x

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$\xrightarrow{\text{linear system; solve e.g. by: } s = -J(x)^{-1} F(x)}$

here  $F$  is a function  $F: \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  where

$F(x)_j = f_j(x_1, \dots, x_m)$  and  $J$  is a function

$J: \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$ , the Jacobian, where

$$J(x)_{ij} = \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial x_j}(x_1, \dots, x_m)$$

5. (a) (5 pts) Compute the eigenvalues of the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & -8 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} p(\lambda) &= \det(\lambda I - A) = \det\left(\begin{bmatrix} \lambda-3 & & \\ & \lambda-2 & \\ & & \lambda \end{bmatrix}\right) \\ &= (\lambda-3)[(\lambda-2)\lambda - 8] = (\lambda-3)(\lambda^2 - 2\lambda - 8) \end{aligned}$$

$$= (\lambda-3)(\lambda+2)(\lambda-4) \therefore \lambda_1 = -2, \lambda_2 = 3, \lambda_3 = 4$$

*are eigenvalues of A*

- (b) (5 pts) If  $\lambda_i$  is an eigenvalue of  $A$ , describe in a couple of sentences how to find a corresponding eigenvector. (Hint. Use complete sentences. Required: State the equation satisfied by the eigenvector.)

Given  $A$  and eigenvalue  $\lambda_i$  of  $A$ , we must find nonzero solutions of the linear system

$$Av = \lambda_i v$$

equivalently  $(\lambda_i I - A)v = 0$ . Nonzero solutions exist because  $\lambda_i I - A$  is not invertible.

- (c) (5 pts) For the matrix  $A$  in part (a), will the iteration

$$y_{k+1} = Ay_k$$

converge for any nonzero vector  $y_0 \in \mathbb{R}^3$ ? Explain, using precise language as appropriate.

No. Our convergence theorem for  $y_{k+1} = My_k + c$  says this converges for all  $y_0$  if and only if  $\rho(M) < 1$ . However,  $\rho(A) = \max\{\lambda_i\} = 4 > 1$ .

also o.k: expand  $y_0$  in eigenbasis and show divergence

6. (10 pts) For the ODE system

$$u'(t) = f(t, u(t)),$$

where  $u(t) \in \mathbb{R}^s$ , and supposing an initial condition  $u(t_0) = \eta$  for  $\eta \in \mathbb{R}^s$ , write a pseudocode for the *explicit midpoint (EM) method*. The user provides a final time  $t_f$  and a fixed number  $N$  of steps. (Hint. State the method as a pseudocode or MATLAB function; syntax is not critical.)

$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{scheme: } U^* = U^n + \frac{k}{2} f(t_n, U^n) \\ U^{n+1} = U^n + k f(t_n + \frac{k}{2}, U^*) \end{array} \right]$$

function  $U = em(f, eta, t0, tf, N)$

$$k = (tf - t0)/N; \quad t = t0:k:tf;$$

$$U = eta;$$

for  $j = 1:N$

$$U_{\text{star}} = U + (k/2) * f(t(j-1), U);$$

$$U = U + k * f(t(j-1) + k/2, U_{\text{star}});$$

end

7. (10 pts) For the scalar ODE IVP

$$u'(t) = t - 5u(t), \quad u(0) = 3,$$

compute  $U^1$  from one step of the *backward Euler* method, assuming  $k = 0.5$ .

$$\frac{U^{n+1} - U^n}{k} = t_{n+1} - 5U^{n+1} \quad ] \text{ scheme}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} n=0, k=0.5, t_0=0, \\ t_1=0.5, U^0=3 \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow 2(U' - 3) = 0.5 - 5U'$$

$$2U' + 5U' = 0.5 + 6$$

$$U' = \frac{6.5}{7} = \frac{13}{14}$$

8. (7 pts) For a square matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$ , define the *matrix exponential*  $e^A$ .

$$e^A = I + A + \frac{A^2}{2} + \frac{A^3}{3!} + \dots$$

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absolutely convergent Taylor series of  $e^z$

also o.k. if it is made clear that some matrices are not diagonalizable:

if  $A = X \Lambda X^{-1}$  then  $e^A = X e^{\Lambda} X^{-1}$   
 not always possible

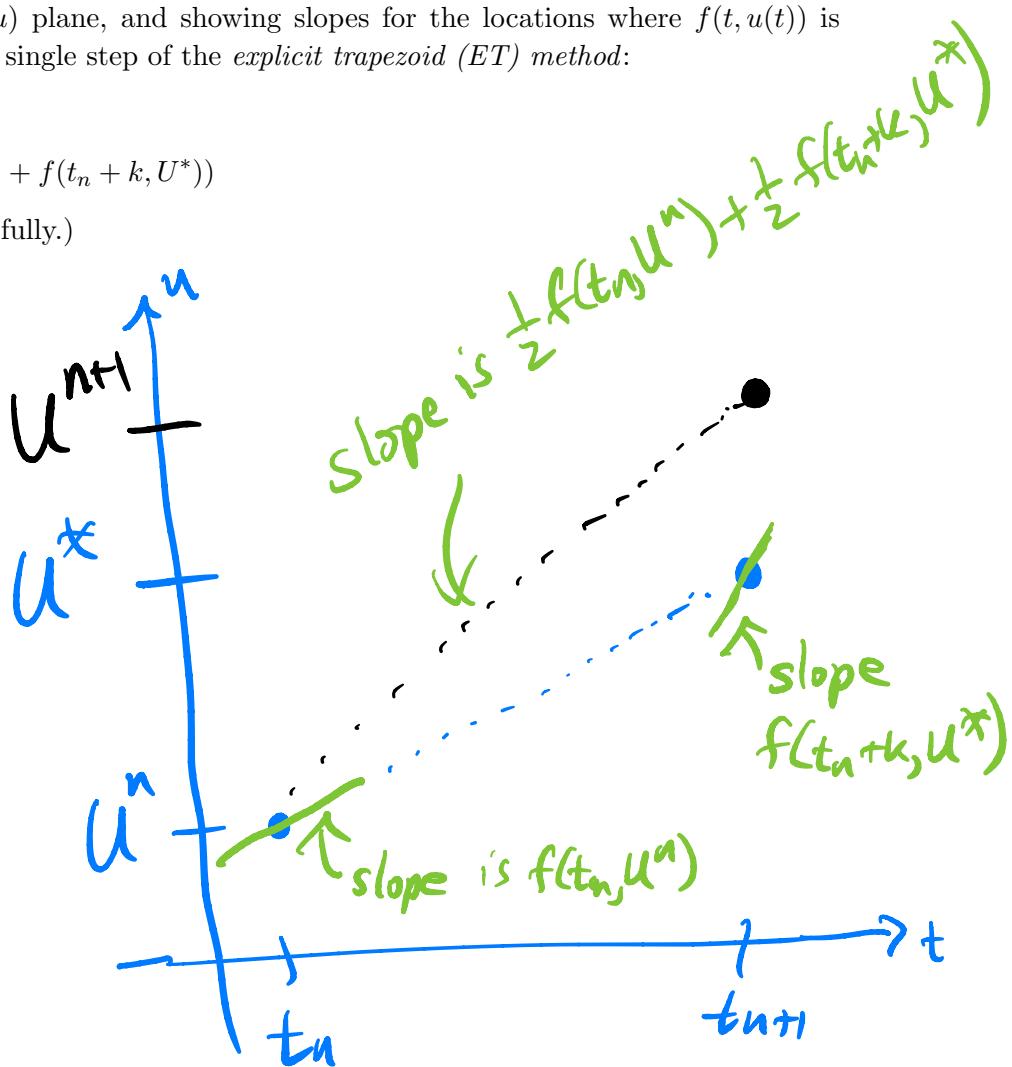
$$= X \begin{bmatrix} e^{\lambda_1} & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & e^{\lambda_m} \end{bmatrix} X^{-1}$$

9. (10 pts) Sketch, in the  $(t, u)$  plane, and showing slopes for the locations where  $f(t, u(t))$  is evaluated, a picture/cartoon of a single step of the *explicit trapezoid (ET) method*:

$$U^* = U^n + k f(t_n, U^n)$$

$$U^{n+1} = U^n + \frac{k}{2} (f(t_n, U^n) + f(t_n + k, U^*))$$

(Hint. Annotate your sketch carefully.)



$$\text{recall: } \tau^h = A^h \hat{U}^h - F^h$$

**Extra Credit.** (3 pts) Recalling the definitions and notation from problem 3, prove the fundamental theorem of finite difference methods, essentially the Lax equivalence theorem, as it applies to ODE BVPs:

$$O(h^p) \text{ local truncation error} + \text{stability} \implies O(h^p) \text{ numerical error.}$$

given:  $\tau^h = O(h^p)$ ,  $A^h U^h = F^h$ ,  $\hat{U}^h$  is exact soln.,  
and  $\exists C$  s.t.  $\|(A^h)^{-1}\| \leq C$ .

let:  $E^h = U^h - \hat{U}^h$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} A^h E^h &= A^h U^h - A^h \hat{U}^h \\ &= F^h - (\tau^h + F^h) = -\tau^h \end{aligned}$$

SD:  $\|E^h\| = \|(A^h)^{-1} \tau^h\| \leq C \|\tau^h\| = C O(h^p)$

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$= O(h^p)$

