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MATH 561 Numerical Analysis I
Homework 5

1. (a) Consider an explicit multistep method of the form

$$u_{n+2} + \alpha u_{n+1} - \alpha u_{n-1} - u_{n-2} = h(\beta f_{n+1} + \gamma f_n + \beta f_{n-1})$$

Show that the parameters α, β, γ can be chosen uniquely so that the method has order $p = 6$.

- (b) Discuss the stability properties of the method obtained in (a).
2. Construct a pair of four-step methods, one explicit, the other implicit, both have $\alpha(\xi) = \xi^4 - \xi^3$ and order $p = 4$, but global error constants that are equal in magnitude but opposite in sign.
3. Consider the model problem

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\omega(y - a(x)), 0 \leq x \leq 1, y(0) = y_0$$

where $\omega > 0$ and (i) $a(x) = x^2$, $y_0 = 0$; and (ii) $a(x) = e^x$, $y_0 = 1$

- (a) In each of the cases (i) and (ii), solve the differential equation exactly.

For case (i) this differential equation can be rewritten as

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\omega(y - x^2)$$

for $0 \leq x \leq 1$ and $y(0) = 0$. This is equivalent to

$$\omega(y - x^2) + \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$$

This is not an exact differential equation but it can be made into an exact differential equation by multiplying by an integrating factor, $\mu(x)$.

$$\begin{aligned}\mu(x)\omega(y - x^2) + \mu(x)\frac{dy}{dx} &= 0 \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(\mu(x)\omega(y - x^2)) &= \mu(x)\omega \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(\mu(x)) &= \mu'(x) \\ \mu(x)\omega &= \frac{d\mu}{dx} \\ \mu(x) &= e^{\omega x}\end{aligned}$$

This results in the equivalent exact differential equation

$$e^{\omega x}\omega(y - x^2) + e^{\omega x}\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$$

To solve this type of equation a function $\Psi(x, y)$ must be found such that

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x}(\Psi(x, y)) = e^{\omega x}\omega(y - x^2)$$

and

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y}(\Psi(x, y)) = e^{\omega x}$$

Solving for Ψ

$$\begin{aligned}\Psi(x, y) &= \int e^{\omega x} \omega (y - x^2) dx \\ &= \int \omega y e^{\omega x} dx - \int \omega e^{\omega x} x^2 dx + h(y) \\ &= y e^{\omega x} - e^{\omega x} \left(\frac{\omega^2 x^2 - 2\omega x + 2}{\omega^2} \right) + h(y) \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(\Psi(x, y)) &= e^{\omega x} + h'(y) \\ e^{\omega x} + h'(y) &= e^{\omega x} \\ h(y) &= C \\ \Psi(x, y) &= y e^{\omega x} - e^{\omega x} \left(\frac{\omega^2 x^2 - 2\omega x + 2}{\omega^2} \right) + C\end{aligned}$$

Now this exact differential equation is equivalent to the equation

$$\begin{aligned}y e^{\omega x} - e^{\omega x} \left(\frac{\omega^2 x^2 - 2\omega x + 2}{\omega^2} \right) &= C \\ y e^{\omega x} &= e^{\omega x} \left(\frac{\omega^2 x^2 - 2\omega x + 2}{\omega^2} \right) + C \\ y(x) &= \frac{\omega^2 x^2 - 2\omega x + 2}{\omega^2} + e^{-\omega x} C \\ y(x) &= x^2 - \frac{2}{\omega} x + \frac{2}{\omega^2} + e^{-\omega x} C\end{aligned}$$

Now the initial conditions must be used to solve for C .

$$\begin{aligned}y(0) &= \frac{2}{\omega^2} + C \\ 0 &= \frac{2}{\omega^2} + C \\ C &= -\frac{2}{\omega^2}\end{aligned}$$

Therefore the exact solution to (i) is

$$y(x) = x^2 - \frac{2}{\omega} x + \frac{2}{\omega^2} (1 - e^{-\omega x})$$

For case (ii) this differential equation can be rewritten as

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\omega(y - e^x)$$

for $0 \leq x \leq 1$ and $y(0) = 1$.

The same integrating factor as in part (i) can be used

$$\omega e^{\omega x}(y - e^x) + e^{\omega x} \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$$

To solve this type of equation a function $\Psi(x, y)$ must be found such that

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x}(\Psi(x, y)) = e^{\omega x} \omega (y - e^x)$$

and

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y}(\Psi(x, y)) = e^{\omega x}$$

Solving for Ψ

$$\begin{aligned}\Psi(x, y) &= \int e^{\omega x} dy \\ &= ye^{\omega x} + h(x) \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(\Psi(x, y)) &= \omega ye^{\omega x} + h'(x) \\ \omega ye^{\omega x} + h'(x) &= e^{\omega x} \omega (y - e^x) \\ \omega ye^{\omega x} + h'(x) &= e^{\omega x} \omega y - e^{\omega x} \omega e^x \\ h'(x) &= -\omega e^{(\omega+1)x} \\ h(x) &= -\frac{\omega}{\omega+1} e^{(\omega+1)x} + C \\ \Psi(x, y) &= ye^{\omega x} - \frac{\omega}{\omega+1} e^{(\omega+1)x} + C\end{aligned}$$

Now this exact differential equation is equivalent to the equation

$$\begin{aligned}ye^{\omega x} - \frac{\omega}{\omega+1} e^{(\omega+1)x} &= C \\ ye^{\omega x} &= \frac{\omega}{\omega+1} e^{(\omega+1)x} + C \\ y(x) &= e^{-\omega x} \left(\frac{\omega}{\omega+1} e^{(\omega+1)x} + C \right) \\ y(x) &= \frac{\omega}{\omega+1} e^x + C e^{-\omega x}\end{aligned}$$

Then the initial conditions can be used to solve for C .

$$\begin{aligned}y(0) &= \frac{\omega}{\omega+1} + C \\ 1 &= \frac{\omega}{\omega+1} + C \\ C &= 1 - \frac{\omega}{\omega+1} \\ C &= \frac{1}{\omega+1}\end{aligned}$$

Thus the exact solution to this differential equation is

$$y(x) = \frac{\omega}{\omega+1} e^x + \frac{1}{\omega+1} e^{-\omega x}$$

$$y(x) = \frac{\omega e^x + e^{-\omega x}}{\omega + 1}$$

- (b) In each of the cases (i) and (ii), apply the k th-order Adams-Bashford method and k th-order Adams predictor/corrector method, for $k = 4$, using exact starting values and step lengths $h = 1/20, 1/40, 1/80, 1/160$. Plot the exact values y_n and numerical solution u_n , and check the accuracy of the methods. Try $\omega = 1, 10, 50$. Summarize your results.