

Qualifying Exam, Winter 2006
NUMERICAL ANALYSIS

DO NOT FORGET TO WRITE YOUR SID NUMBER ON YOUR EXAM.

Do all 7 problems.

Problems 1-3 are worth 5 points; problems 4-7 are worth 10 points.

[1] (5 Pts.) Consider the fixed point problem $x = G(x)$ with a solution α . Assume that $G(x)$ is two times continuously differentiable and that $G'(\alpha) = 0$ but $G''(\alpha) = K \neq 0$.

(a) Show that if the initial iterate x^0 is sufficiently close to α then the fixed point iteration $x^{n+1} = G(x^n)$ converges to α quadratically.

(b) Give an estimate of the size of ϵ that insures the iteration $x^{n+1} = G(x^n)$ converges to α if $x^0 \in [\alpha - \epsilon, \alpha + \epsilon]$

[2] (5 Pts.) Let A be a square non-singular matrix and \vec{x} be the solution to $A\vec{x} = \vec{b}$. Assume one has an approximate solution \vec{z} with an associated residual $\vec{r} = \vec{b} - A\vec{z}$. Give a derivation of the following relation between the norm of the error and the norm of the residual

$$\frac{\|\vec{x} - \vec{z}\|_2}{\|\vec{x}\|_2} \leq \|A\|_2 \|A^{-1}\|_2 \frac{\|\vec{r}\|_2}{\|\vec{b}\|_2}$$

[3] (5 Pts.) Given data points (x_i, y_i) for $i = 1 \dots N + 1$ with distinct ordinates, prove that the interpolating polynomial of degree at most N is unique.

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[4] (10 Pts.) Consider the ordinary differential equation

$$y'(t) = f(t, y(t)), \quad y(t_0) = y_0.$$

- (a) Give a derivation of the trapezoidal method in a manner analogous to the derivation of general linear multistep methods.
- (b) Find the leading term of the local truncation error of the trapezoidal method. What is the global error of the method?
- (c) Analyze the linear stability for the trapezoidal method and show that the method is A-stable.

[5] (10 Pts.) Consider the second order system of equations

$$u_{tt} = u_{xx} + u_{yy} + 2bu_{xy}$$

to be solved for $0 \leq x, y \leq 1$, periodic boundary conditions, and smooth initial data

$$\begin{aligned} u(x, y, 0) &= u_0(x, y) \\ u_t(x, y, 0) &= u_1(x, y) \end{aligned}$$

- (a) For which real values of b is this a well posed problem? Why?
- (b) Set up a second order accurate, convergent finite difference scheme. Justify your answer.

[6] (10 Pts.) Consider the convection diffusion equation

$$u_t + au_x = bu_{xx}, \quad b > 0, \quad a \neq 0 \quad \text{for} \quad 0 \leq x \leq 1.$$

- (a) Construct a second order accurate unconditionally stable scheme.
- (b) Do you think it is uniformly stable in the maximum norm as $b \downarrow 0$? Justify your answers.

[7] (10 Pts.) Consider the problem

$$\begin{aligned} -\Delta u + u &= f(x, y) & (x, y) \in \Omega, \\ u &= 1 & (x, y) \in \partial\Omega_1, \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial \vec{n}} + u &= x & (x, y) \in \partial\Omega_2, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega &= \{(x, y) : x^2 + y^2 < 1\}, \\ \partial\Omega_1 &= \{(x, y) : x^2 + y^2 = 1, x \leq 0\}, \\ \partial\Omega_2 &= \{(x, y) : x^2 + y^2 = 1, x > 0\}, \end{aligned}$$

and $f \in L^2(\Omega)$.

- (a) Determine an appropriate weak variational formulation.
- (b) Verify conditions on the corresponding linear and bilinear forms needed for existence and uniqueness of the solution.
- (c) Assume that the boundary $\partial\Omega$ is approximated by a polygonal curve. Describe a finite element approximation using P_1 elements. Discuss the form and properties of the stiffness matrix and the existence and uniqueness of the solution of the linear system thus obtained. Give a rate of convergence.