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#### On homework:

- If you work with anyone else, document what you worked on together.
- Show your work.
- Always clearly label plots (axis labels, a title, and a legend if applicable).
- Homework should be done "by hand" (i.e. not with a numerical program such as MATLAB, Python, or Wolfram Alpha) unless otherwise specified. You may use a numerical program to check your work.
- If you use a numerical program to solve a problem, submit the associated code, input, and output (email submission is fine).

Do not write in the table to the right.

Problem	Points	Score
1	20	
2	10	
3	15	
4	20	
5	10	
6	25	
Total:	100	

1. (20 points) We often measure convergence by comparing one iteration to the previous iteration (rather than the solution, since we presumably don't know what it is). Imagine that you have software that gives the following solution vectors

$$x_{n-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.45 \\ 0.95 \\ 0.2 \\ -0.05 \\ 0.6 \end{pmatrix} \qquad x_n = \begin{pmatrix} 0.5 \\ 0.9 \\ 0.3 \\ -0.1 \\ 0.5 \end{pmatrix}$$

Calculate

a. The absolute and relative error using the 1 norm

Please see the attachment for b. The absolute and relative error using the 2 norm

c. The absolute and relative error using the infinity norm

calculation.

What is *least* restrictive (that is, what would cause the code to converge *first*)?

Please see the attachment for explanation.

Image that now  $x_{n-1} = (0.49, 0.92, 0.4, -0.09, 0.51)^T$ . Recalculate the convergence values for a)-c) above.

What do you observe? How does the **least** restrictive norm change? What does that mean about how you might select convergence criteria?

Please see the attachment for explanation.

2. (10 points) You have a piece of software that takes mesh spacing as an input variable. Imagine that you have the following relative error values for each mesh spacing (h)number of mesh cells (N cells):

h	N cells	rel err
1.0	8	8.44660179e-03
0.5	16	2.30286448e-03
0.1	80	9.84273963e-05
0.05	160	2.48043656e-05
0.01	800	9.98488163e-07

One of the ways we characterize method performance is the order of convergence. We'd like to know how the error changes as we change the resolution of our discretization, in this case, mesh spacing.

Using a log-log plot, plot relative error as a function of

a. mesh spacing and

Please see the attachment for the plots.

b. cell count.

What is the functional relationship between error and mesh spacing / number of cells?

Please see the attachment for explanation.

3. (15 points) Consider the following four equally-spaced points on the interval  $[x_0, x_3]$ :

$$x_j = x_0 + jh$$
  $j = 0, 1, 2, 3$   $h = (x_3 - x_0)/3$ .

Using the formula for the interpolating polynomial  $P_3(x)$  you used in Question 1b of Homework 2, integrate  $P_3(x)$  to derive the following Newton-Cotes formula, often referred to as **Simpson's three-eights rule**:

$$I(f(x)) \approx I_3(f(x)) = \frac{3h}{8} \left[ f(x_0) + 3f(x_0 + h) + 3f(x_0 + 2h) + f(x_0 + 3h) \right]$$

Note that you can substitute h in for the xs in  $P_3$  because we are explicitly stating that the points are equally spaced (i.e.  $x = x_0 + 3th$ , where  $t \in [0,1]$ )  $\therefore dx = 3hdt$ , and  $x_0$ ,  $x_1$ , and  $x_2$  are modified accordingly).

For this problem, don't worry about an error term. Please see the attachment for calculation.

4. (20 points) Consider the following integral:

$$I = \int_{2}^{4} \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 - 1}} dx \, .$$

- (a) (6 points) Compute the integral exactly by hand. Please see the attachment for calculation.
- (b) (8 points) Write a code that performs Composite Simpson's 3/8 rule to compute the integral. I advise something like

I = CompSimp38(a,b,n)

where a and b are the endpoints and n is the number of points to use in the integration (which must be divisible by 3!).

- (c) (6 points) Experimentally determine the rate of convergence as a function of h. Specify the order of convergence.
- 5. (10 points) For n = 100 we will use this tridiagonal system of equations

$$2x_0 - x_1 = 0$$

$$-x_{j-1} + 2x_j - x_{j+1} = j, j = 1, ..., n-2$$

$$-x_{n-2} + 2x_{n-1} = n-1$$

in a few different ways. You may use Python, MATLAB or another package or code language of your choice. Note: NumPy and SciPy are libraries that can be imported into Python and would be useful for this assignment.

- (a) (2.5 points) Use built in Python or MATLAB commands to construct **A** and  $\vec{b}$ .
- (b) (2.5 points) What is the condition number of **A**? What does this tell us? (Hint: Use a Python built-in.)
- (c) (2.5 points) Solve this problem by explicitly inverting **A** and multiplying  $\vec{b}$ .

(a)-(c) are done in my Python script (HW2\_P5), please run it and see A and b matrices in the Variable explorer. For (b) and (d), my condition number and plot are included in the attachment.

(d) (2.5 points) Use scipy.linalg.solve (Python) or the backslash operator (MAT-LAB) to solve the system. Please follow the instruction on the previous pg.

Plot both your explicit (c) and numerical (d) solutions on the same plot. Include axis labels, a title, and a legend.

Please see the attachment.

6. (25 points) There are several fundamental alpha decay series (neptunium, uranium, thorium, and actinium). Here we'll look at the neptunium (which is the only one without the parent occurring naturally) as shown in the figure:

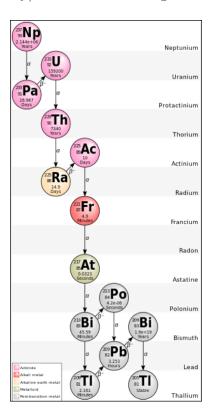


Figure 1: Neptunium Decay Series

This is a nice decay chain in the sense that there is only one non-linear term - the decay of  $^{213}$ Bi, which can decay by  $\beta^-$  (97.8%) or  $\alpha$  (2.2%). The population of each member, N, at any time t is given by the Bateman Equations:

$$\frac{dN_t(t)}{dt} = -\lambda_1 N_1(t)$$

$$\frac{dN_i(t)}{dt} = -\lambda_i N_i(t) + \lambda_{i-1} N_{i-1}(t)$$

which has the analytic solution of:

$$N_n(t) = \sum_{i=1}^n \left[ N_i(0) \left( \prod_{j=1}^{n-1} \lambda_j \right) \left( \sum_{j=1}^n \left( \frac{e^{-\lambda_j t}}{\prod_{p=i, p \neq j}^n (\lambda_p - \lambda_j)} \right) \right) \right]$$
(1)

Find a solution to the system of ODEs for the neptunium series on a per atom basis. Plot the relative abundance of each isotope as a function of time spanning from 1 second to 1 day. Start with <sup>221</sup>Fr. Please see the attachment for explanation and plot.

Hint(s): In the HW directory, there is a python dictionary containing all of the relevant nuclear data in a file named nuclearData.txt. You can copy this directly into your code and use it - in fact it is recommended. Also, there is no reason to code up an ODE solver. Instead use Python's ODEINT (demonstrated) in class.

Comment on what happens if you start higher in the decay series. What about if you carry the decay to longer times?

If you carry the decay far enough in time, you start to see oscillations in the population. Comment on the cause of these oscillations.

BONUS (5 points): submit your code by providing read/clone access to an online version control repository where your code is stored (e.g. github or bitbucket). If you don't know what that means and want to learn about it, come talk to me or check out resources here: http://software-carpentry.org/lessons.html For Windows, you want to setup the Git GUI. NOTE: You will not be able to do this from AFIT's systems.

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norm ∞: || xil = max 15 z≤n | Xe| 11×11/00 = 0.95

 $11\overline{x}_{n}11_{\infty} \equiv 0.9$ 

a. Calculate the absolute and relative error using the (norm. absolute: 112n-2n-11, +1(23)-(2)5)11 = 0.05

relative:  $||\vec{x}_n - \vec{x}_{n-1}||_1 = \left| \frac{(0.05)}{(2.3)} \right| = 0.02$ 

b. Calculate the absolute and relative error using the 2 norm absolute:  $||\overline{x}_n - \overline{x}_{n-1}||_2 = ||1/19 - 1/23|| = 0.04$ 

resulte: 11 xn xn-1/2 = 10.04 = 0.03 error 11x11 = 10.04 = 0.03

C. Calculate the obsolute and relative error using the infinity norm. absolute:  $||\hat{x}_n - \hat{x}_{n+1}||_{\infty} = ||0.9 - 0.95|| = 0.05$ 

Velate:  $||\bar{x}_n - \bar{x}_{n+1}||_{\infty} = ||0.05|| = 0.05$ error:  $||\bar{x}_n||_{\infty} = ||0.05|| = 0.05$ 

What is least restrictive (what would cause the cooke to converge first)? The method to adding all data induced the factost convergence pate than the other methods.

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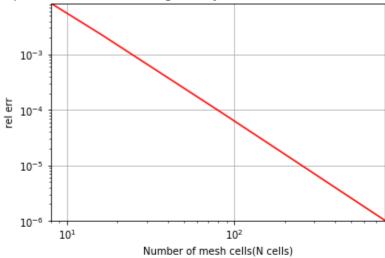
norm 2: 11 × 11 | = (0.49+ |0.9+ + |0.4+ + |0.09| + |0.5|| = 1.23
      ( norm \infty: 11 \times 11 \infty = 0.92

With \times_n values we arbitred previously, we are calculate,
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                               relative: \|\vec{x}_n - \vec{x}_{n1}\|_1 = \|\underline{\alpha}\|_{2\sqrt{3}} = 0.04
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                             relative: ||\vec{x}_n - \vec{x}_{n+1}||_{\infty} = ||0.04|| = 0.03
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                                         error: ||\vec{x}_n - \vec{x}_m||_{\infty} = ||0.02|| = 0.02
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get some different values.
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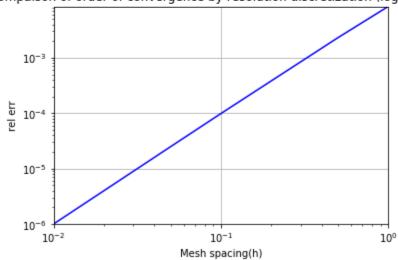
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HW2 P.2 (a)(b) plots

Compaison of order of convergence by resolution discretization (log-log plot)



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What is the functional relationship between error and mesh spacing/number of cells?

For a given set of data(rel error in this case), the more number of cells(the higher resolutions) we create, the smaller mesh spacing the plot gets (increasing convergence rate). Also, the mesh spacing and number of mesh cells have one by one relationship, meaning that they are related to measured dataset linearly but not exponentially.

3. Consider the formula for the interpolation polynomial  $f_3(x)$  integrate  $f_3(x)$  to derive the Simpson's three-eights rule:  $X_3 = X_0 + 5h : 5 = 0.1.2.3 : h = (X_3 - X_0)/3 \implies X_0 = X : X_1 = X_0 + h : X_2 = X_0 + 2h : X_3 = X_0 + 3h$   $F_3(x) = \frac{(X_0 - X_1)(X_0 - X_2)(X_0 - X_3)}{(X_0 - X_1)(X_0 - X_3)} f(X_0) + \frac{(X_0 - X_0)(X_1 - X_2)(X_1 - X_3)}{(X_1 - X_0)(X_1 - X_3)} f(X_1)$  $+ \frac{(x-x_{0})(x-x_{1})(x-x_{3})}{(x_{2}-x_{0})(x_{2}-x_{3})} + \frac{(x-x_{0})(x-x_{1})(x-x_{2})}{(x_{3}-x_{0})(x_{3}-x_{1})(x_{3}-x_{2})} + (x_{3})$  $= \frac{(x-x_0-h)(x-x_0-2h)(x-x_0-3h)}{(x_0-x_0-2h)(x_0-x_0-3h)} \frac{(x-x_0)(x-x_0-2h)(x-x_0-3h)}{(x_0+h-x_0)(x_0+h-x_0-2h)(x_0+h-x_0-3h)} + (x_0)$  $+(x-x_0)(x-x_0-h)(x-x_0-3h)$  $\frac{+(x_{-})(x-x_{0}-h)(x-x_{0}-3h)}{(x_{0}+2h-x_{0}-h)(x_{0}+2h-x_{0}-3h)} + \frac{(x_{-}x_{0})(x-x_{0}-h)(x_{-}-x_{0}-2h)}{(x_{0}+3h-x_{0})(x_{0}+2h-x_{0}-3h)} + \frac{(x_{-}x_{0})(x_{-}-x_{0}-h)(x_{-}-x_{0}-2h)}{(x_{0}+3h-x_{0})(x_{0}+3h-x_{0}-h)(x_{0}+3h-x_{0}-2h)}$  $\frac{-4(x)(x-x_{0}-2h)(x-x_{0}-2h)(x-x_{0}-3h)}{-6h^{3}}+\frac{(x-x_{0})(x-x_{0}-2h)(x-x_{0}-3h)}{2h^{3}}+(x_{1})+\frac{(x-x_{0})(x-x_{0}-h)(x-x_{0}-3h)}{-2h^{3}}$ + (x-x<sub>o</sub>)(x-x<sub>o</sub>-h)(x-x<sub>o</sub>-2h)<sub>1</sub>(x<sub>3</sub>) 6h<sup>8</sup> Lets +1 L'ets try to integrate Lagrange terms separatly  $L_0 = (X - X_0 - h)(X - X_0 - 2h)(X - X_0 - 3h) \longrightarrow W_0$  $L_1 = \frac{(x-x_6)(x-x_6-2h)(x-x_6-3h)}{2h^3}$ Wors are culculated in the next couple Pys  $L_{2} = (X - X_{0})(X - X_{0} - h)(X - X_{0} - 3h)$   $-2h^{3}$ 

 $L_3 = (x-x_0)(x-x_0-h)(x-x_0-2h) \rightarrow W_3$ 

Now put all wo-wa together with our points +(xo) - f(xa) our equation becomes

 $=\frac{1}{2h^2}\left(\frac{3h^3}{4}\right)=\left(\frac{3h}{8}\right)$ 

$$I(P_3) \approx (f(x_0) \frac{3}{8}h + f(x_1) \frac{9h}{8} + f(x_2) \frac{9h}{8} + f(x_3) \frac{3h}{8})$$

$$= \frac{3}{8}h (f(x_0) + 3f(x_0 + h) + 3f(x_0 + 2h) + f(x_0 + 3h) \checkmark$$

$$\frac{w_{0}}{b} = \int_{-\infty}^{\sqrt{3}} \frac{1}{b} \frac{1}{b}$$

4. consider the following integral:

$$J = \int_{2}^{4} \frac{x}{Jx^{2}-1} dx$$

$$\begin{cases} u = x^{2}-1 \\ du = 2x dx \Rightarrow xdx = \pm du \end{cases} \Rightarrow J = \int_{3}^{15} \frac{15}{Ju} du = \pm \int_{3}^{15} \frac{15}{u^{2}} du$$

$$Apply power rule: \int x^{2}dx = \frac{x^{2}+1}{a+1}, a \neq -1$$

$$= \pm \left[ \frac{u^{2}}{15} \right]_{3}^{15} = \sqrt{15} - \sqrt{3} = \sqrt{3}(\sqrt{5}-1)$$

#### 4.(c) The rate of convergence differentiated via different order of convergences

Data table Plot

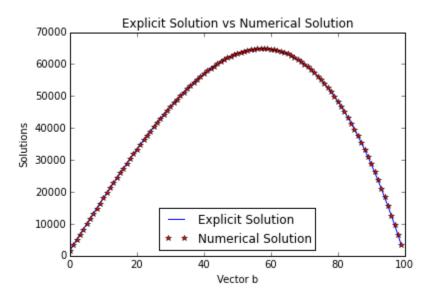
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**Comment:** With the first order of convergence (q=1) the rate of convergence (mu) was not easily recognizable on the plot shown above, so I used the 2nd and 3rd orders to increase its magnitude. Also, I converted linlin plot to loglog for a better representation of this set up. As shown in the plot, we see that the more spacing reduces the real error quantity (mu) which is denoted as shown:

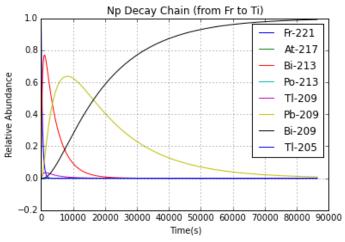
$$\lim_{k \to \infty} \frac{||\hat{x}^{(k+1)} - \vec{x}||_p}{||\hat{x}^{(k)} - \vec{x}||_p^q} = \mu$$

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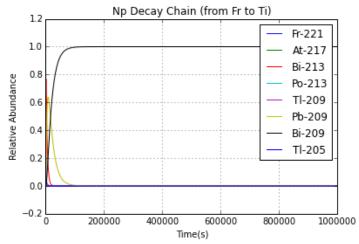
#### Plot for (c), (d)



### Time scale:1sec to 24hrs(1day)



### Time scale:1sec to 10E5sec(appx. 11days)



## Comment on what happens if you start higher in the decay series. What about if you carry the decay to longer times?

In this case, Fr-221 was the highest isotope that was started from the chain and it appears to have the shortest half-life amongst all others. On the other hand Bi-209, the second from the very last isotope in this chain, tends to have the longest half-life. This makes sense! Those isotopes in lower in the decay series are more stable, thus they get longer life span!

# If you carry the decay far enough in time, you start to see oscillations in the population. Comment on the cause of these oscillations.

I did not include the plot in this document, but if you play with my python script, manipulating the time variable, I could see that some random picks appeared in the negative region at some point in time, interestingly enough when I run the script multiple times, with the same setting, I get different plotting each time. I think, it's caused due to a systematic error.