

# MTH 371: Homework 12

## Quadrature Rules, Numerical Differentiation, and Numerical Methods for ODEs

### GENERAL HOMEWORK GUIDELINES:

- On the very first page of your homework, provide your name, date, and homework number.
  - Homework will be graded in part on neatness, organization, and completeness of solutions. Multiple pages MUST BE STAPLED.
  - Attach all Scilab code, output, and plots to the page immediately following each problem. Also, clearly indicate the problem they correspond to.
1. Below is a table of the zeros of the  $k$ th degree Legendre polynomial for  $k = 2, 3, 4, 5$ . These zeros give the nodes  $x_i$  for Gaussian quadrature rules on interval  $[-1, 1]$ . Using the method of undetermined coefficients, find the corresponding  $A_i$  values for each  $k$  via Scilab. Summarize your results in a table.

$k$	$x_i$
2	$\pm\sqrt{\frac{1}{3}}$
3	$0, \pm\sqrt{\frac{3}{5}}$
4	$\pm\sqrt{\frac{1}{7}(3 - 4\sqrt{0.3})}, \pm\sqrt{\frac{1}{7}(3 + 4\sqrt{0.3})}$
5	$0, \pm\sqrt{\frac{1}{9}(5 - 2\sqrt{\frac{10}{7}})}, \pm\sqrt{\frac{1}{9}(5 + 2\sqrt{\frac{10}{7}})}$

2. With the transformation  $t = \frac{2x - (a + b)}{b - a}$ , a Gaussian quadrature rule of the form

$$\int_{-1}^1 f(t) dt \approx \sum_{i=0}^n A_i f(t_i)$$

can be used over the interval  $[a, b]$ . Write a function `y = GaussianQuad(f,a,b,n)` which computes the the  $n$ th Gaussian quadrature rule

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx \approx \sum_{i=0}^n A_i f(x_i).$$

Use the  $x_i, A_i$  values found from problem 1 stored as a table as well as the above transformation. Assume input `f` is a defined Scilab function.

3. Use your code from problem 2 to compute the Gaussian quadrature approximations of the following functions for  $n = 1, 2, 3, 4$ .
- (a)  $\int_0^1 \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} dx$
  - (b)  $\int_0^1 \frac{\sin(x)}{x} dx$

4. Derive the following two formulas and establish formulas for the errors.

$$(a) \quad f'(x) \approx \frac{1}{4h} (f(x+2h) - f(x-2h))$$

$$(b) \quad f''(x) \approx \frac{1}{4h^2} (f(x+2h) - f(x) + f(x-2h))$$

For each, determine the best choice of  $h$  to minimize the total error (combination of roundoff and theoretical error). Write a Scilab script to test your findings for derivatives of  $f(x) = \sin(x)$  at  $x = \pi/6$ .

5. Consider the following initial value problem.

$$\begin{cases} y' = y + y^2, & t \in [1, 2.77] \\ y(1) = \frac{e}{16-e} \end{cases}$$

- Verify that  $y(t) = \frac{e^t}{16-e^t}$  is the exact solution.
  - Use Euler's method with  $h = \frac{1}{100}$  to find an approximate solution. Compare the result with the exact solution by plotting them on the same graph and printing the 10 largest absolute errors.
  - Use a linear interpolant of your solution from (b) to approximate the solution at  $t = \frac{\pi}{3}, \frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{e}{2}, e$ . Compute the absolute error at these values.
  - Repeat parts (b) and (c) with
    - a high order Taylor methods of global error  $O(h^2)$ ,
    - a high order Taylor methods of global error  $O(h^3)$ ,
    - and the midpoint method.
6. Consider the following initial value problem.

$$\begin{cases} y' = (2-t)y, & t \in [2, 5] \\ y(2) = 1 \end{cases}$$

- Verify that  $y(t) = \exp\left(-\frac{(t-2)^2}{2}\right)$  is the exact solution. (Here  $\exp(x) = e^x$ .)
  - Use a second order Runge-Kutta method with  $h = \frac{1}{100}$  to find an approximate solution. Compare the result with the exact solution by plotting them on the same graph and printing the 10 largest absolute errors.
  - Repeat part (b) with a fourth order Runge-Kutta method.
  - Repeat part (b) by using the built in Scilab function `ode(y0,t0,t,f,'rk')`. Research this Scilab function and compare it to the previous two.
7. Suppose that a differential equation is solved numerically on an interval  $[a, b]$  and that the local error is  $Ch^p$  for some constant  $C$ . Show that if all truncation errors have the same sign (the worst possible case), then the total truncation error is  $(b-a)Ch^{p-1}$  where  $h = \frac{(b-a)}{n}$ .

8. (BONUS) In class, we discussed Richardson extrapolation as a way to improve an approximation. Apply this methodology to the composite trapezoidal rule below

$$\int_a^b f(x) \, dx = \frac{h}{2} (f_0 + 2f_1 + \cdots + 2f_{n-1} + f_n) + Ch^2 + O(h^4)$$

where  $h = (b - a)/n$ ,  $x_i = a + ih$ ,  $f_i = f(x_i)$ , and  $C$  is a constant by completing the following steps. This is known as **Romberg integration** (Section 4.4 in the text).

- (a) Define  $T_h = \frac{h}{2} (f_0 + 2f_1 + \cdots + 2f_{n-1} + f_n)$ . Find a linear combination of approximations  $T_h$  and  $T_{h/2}$  which results in a method which is  $O(h^4)$ . Denote this new linear combination as  $\phi_1(h)$ .  $\phi_1(h)$  should look familiar. What is it?
- (b) Assume the error for the above composite trapezoidal rule has only even powers of  $h$ ,  $h^2, h^4, h^6, \dots$ . Repeat part (a) twice to find methods,  $\phi_2(h), \phi_3(h)$  which are  $O(h^6)$  and  $O(h^8)$  respectively.
- (c) To test your three new methods  $\phi_1, \phi_2, \phi_3$  for the following integrals. Compare these three results and their errors to the regular composite trapezoidal rule. Use  $n = 5$  for each.

- i.  $\int_0^1 \frac{1}{1+x^2} \, dx$
- ii.  $\int_0^\pi \sin(x) \, dx$
- iii.  $\int_0^1 \sqrt{x} \, dx$  Why are the results for this part worse than perhaps expected?

9. (BONUS) Solve the initial value problems from problems 5 and 6 exactly. Your final solution should match the given exact solution.
10. (BONUS) Use Simpson's rule to design an implicit method for a general initial value problem.

$$\begin{cases} y' = f(t, y), & t \in [a, b] \\ y(a) = y_a. \end{cases}$$

11. (BONUS) Design a third-order Runge Kutta method for a general initial value problem

$$\begin{cases} y' = f(t, y), & t \in [a, b] \\ y(a) = y_a. \end{cases}$$