

# Homework 5 of Computational Mathematics

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**Problem 1.** Show that each of the following initial-value problems has a unique solution and find the solution. Can Theorem 5.4 be applied in each case?

a.  $y' = t^{-2}(\sin 2t - 2ty)$ ,  $1 \leq t \leq 2$ ,  $y(1) = 2$ ; and

b.  $y' = -y + t\sqrt{y}$ ,  $2 \leq t \leq 3$ ,  $y(2) = 2$ .

**Solution.**

a. The domain of  $f(t, y) = \frac{\sin 2t - 2ty}{t^2}$  is  $D = [1, 2] \times \mathbb{R}$ . It is clear that  $f$  is continuous on  $D$ . Fix a  $t \in [1, 2]$ . Then, for  $y_1, y_2 \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} |f(t, y_1) - f(t, y_2)| &= \frac{2t|y_1 - y_2|}{t^2} \\ &\leq 2|y_1 - y_2|, \end{aligned}$$

which implies  $f$  satisfies a Lipschitz condition in the variable  $y$  on  $D$  with a Lipschitz constant 2.

By Theorem 5.4, the initial-value problem has a unique solution. Using algebra, we have

$$\begin{aligned} t^2 y' + 2ty &= \sin 2t \\ t^2 y &= -\frac{1}{2} \cos 2t + C \\ \xrightarrow{y(1)=2} y &= \frac{-\cos 2t + 4 + \cos 2}{2t^2}. \end{aligned}$$

b.

**Problem 2.** For each choice of  $f(t, y)$  given in parts (a)-(d):

- i. Does  $f$  satisfy a Lipschitz condition on  $D = \{(t, y) \mid 0 \leq t \leq 1, -\infty < y < \infty\}$ ?
- ii. Can Theorem 5.6 be used to show that the initial-value problem

$$y' = f(t, y), \quad 0 \leq t \leq 1, \quad y(0) = 1$$

is well-posed?

- a.  $f(t, y) = e^{t-y}$ ; and
- b.  $f(t, y) = \frac{1+y}{1+t}$ .

**Solution.**

- a. Fix a  $t \in [0, 1]$ . Then, for  $y_1, y_2 \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $y_1 > y_2$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} |e^{t-y_1} - e^{t-y_2}| &\geq |e^{-y_1} - e^{-y_2}| \\ &\geq e^{-y_2} \end{aligned}$$

is unbounded, which implies that  $f$  does not satisfy a Lipschitz condition on  $D$  in the variable  $y$ .

We cannot use Theorem 5.6 here since  $f$  does not satisfy a Lipschitz condition.

- b. Fix a  $t \in [0, 1]$ . Then, for  $y_1, y_2 \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$\left| \frac{1+y_1}{1+t} - \frac{1+y_2}{1+t} \right| \leq |y_1 - y_2|,$$

which implies  $f$  satisfies a Lipschitz condition in the variable  $y$  on  $D$  with Lipschitz constant 1.

Since  $f$  is continuous on  $D$ , by Theorem 5.6, the initial-value problem is well-posed.  $\square$

**Problem 3.** Use Euler's method to approximate the solutions for each of the following initial-value problems.

a.  $y' = \frac{2 - 2ty}{t^2 + 1}$ ,  $0 \leq t \leq 1$ ,  $y(0) = 1$  with  $h = 0.1$ ; and

b.  $y' = \frac{y^2}{1 + t}$ ,  $1 \leq t \leq 2$ ,  $y(1) = -\frac{1}{\ln 2}$  with  $h = 0.1$ .

Show that the actual solutions are indeed  $y(t) = \frac{2t + 1}{t^2 + 1}$  and  $y(t) = \frac{-1}{\ln(t + 1)}$ , respectively. Plot the errors between your numerical solutions and the exact solutions. Draw your conclusion regarding to the order of error with respect to the time step  $dt$ .

**Solution.**

**Problem 4.** Given the initial-value problem

$$y' = -y + t + 1, \quad 0 \leq t \leq 5, \quad y(0) = 1$$

with exact solution  $y(t) = e^{-t} + t$ .

- a. Approximate  $y(5)$  using Euler's method with  $h = 0.2$ ,  $h = 0.1$ , and  $h = 0.05$ .
- b. Determine the optimal value of  $h$  to use in computing  $y(5)$ , assuming  $\delta = 10^{-6}$  and that Eq. (5.14) is valid.

**Solution.**

**Problem 5.** Use Taylor's method of order two to approximate the solutions for each of the following initial-value problems.

a.  $y' = \frac{1+y}{1-t}$ ,  $1 \leq t \leq 2$ ,  $y(1) = 2$  with  $h = 0.5$ ; and

b.  $y' = -y + t\sqrt{y}$ ,  $2 \leq t \leq 3$ ,  $y(2) = 2$  with  $h = 0.25$ .

**Solution.**

**Problem 6.** Given the initial-value problem

$$y' = \frac{2}{t}y + t^2e^t, \quad 1 \leq t \leq 2, \quad y(1) = 0$$

with exact solution  $y(t) = t^2(e^t - e)$ .

- a. Use Taylor's method of order two with  $h = 0.1$  to approximate the solution, and compare it with the actual values of  $y$ .
- b. Use the answers generated in part (a) and linear interpolation to approximate  $y$  at the following values, and compare them to the actual values of  $y$ .
  - i.  $y(1.04)$ ;
  - ii.  $y(1.55)$ ; and
  - iii.  $y(1.97)$ .
- c. Use Taylor's method of order four with  $h = 0.1$  to approximate the solution, and compare it with the actual values of  $y$ .
- d. Use the answers generated in part (c) and piecewise cubic Hermite interpolation to approximate  $y$  at the following values, and compare them to the actual values of  $y$ .
  - i.  $y(1.04)$ ;
  - ii.  $y(1.55)$ ; and
  - iii.  $y(1.97)$ .

**Solution.**

**Problem 7.** Use the modified Euler method to approximate the solutions to each of the following initial-value problems, and compare the results to the actual values.

a.  $y' = \frac{y^2}{1+t}$ ,  $1 \leq t \leq 2$ ,  $y(1) = -\frac{1}{\ln 2}$  with  $h = 0.1$ ; actual solution  $y = \frac{-1}{\ln(t+1)}$ ; and

b.  $y' = \frac{y^2 + y}{t}$ ,  $1 \leq t \leq 3$ ,  $y(1) = -2$  with  $h = 0.2$ ; actual solution  $y(t) = \frac{2t}{1-2t}$ .

**Solution.**



**Problem 8.** Show that the difference method

$$\omega_0 = \alpha$$

$$\omega_{i+1} = \omega_i + a_1 f(t_i, \omega_i) + a_2 f(t_i + \alpha_2, \omega_i + \delta_2 f(t_i, \omega_i)),$$

for each  $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, N - 1$ , cannot have local truncation error  $\mathcal{O}(h^3)$  for any choice of constants  $a_1, a_2, \alpha_2$ , and  $\delta_2$ .

**Solution.**

**Problem 9.** Use the Runge-Kutta Fehlberg algorithm with tolerance  $TOL = 10^{-4}$  to approximate the solution to the following initial-value problems.

a.  $y' = \left(\frac{y}{t}\right)^2 + \frac{y}{t}, \quad 1 \leq t \leq 1.2, \quad y(1) = 1$  with  $hmax = 0.05$  and  $hmin = 0.02$ ; and

b.  $y' = \sin t + e^{-t}, \quad 0 \leq t \leq 1, \quad y(0) = 0$  with  $hmax = 0.25$  and  $hmin = 0.02$ .

**Solution.**

**Problem 10.** Use each of the Adams-Bashforth methods to approximate the solutions to the following initial-value problems. In each case use starting values obtained from the Runge-Kutta method of order four. Compare the results to the actual values.

a.  $y' = \frac{y}{t} - \left(\frac{y}{t}\right)^2$ ,  $1 \leq t \leq 2$ ,  $y(1) = 1$  with  $h = 0.1$ ; actual solution  $y(t) = \frac{t}{1 + \ln(t)}$ ; and

b.  $y' = -5y + 5t^2 + 2t$ ,  $0 \leq t \leq 1$ ,  $y(0) = \frac{1}{3}$  with  $h = 0.1$ ; actual solution  $y(t) = -3 + \frac{2}{1 + e^{-2t}}$ .

**Solution.**

**Problem 11.** The initial-value problem

$$y' = e^y, \quad 0 \leq t \leq 0.2, \quad y(0) = 1$$

has solution  $y(t) = 1 - \ln(1 - et)$ . Applying the three-step Adams-Moulton method to this problem is equivalent to finding the fixed point  $\omega_{i+1}$  of

$$g(\omega) = \omega_i + \frac{h}{24} (9e^\omega + 19e^{\omega_i} - 5e^{\omega_{i-1}} + e^{\omega_{i-2}}).$$

- a. With  $h = 0.01$ , obtain  $\omega_{i+1}$  by functional iteration for  $i = 2, \dots, 19$  using exact starting values  $\omega_0, \omega_1$ , and  $\omega_2$ . At each step use  $\omega_i$  to initially approximate  $\omega_{i+1}$ .
- b. Will Newton's method speed the convergence over functional iteration?

**Solution.**

**Problem 12.** Derive the Adams-Bashforth three-step method by the following method. Set

$$y(t_{i+1}) = t(t_i) + ah f(t_i, y(t_i)) + bh f(t_{i-1}, y(t_{i-1})) + ch f(t_{i-2}, y(t_{i-2})).$$

Expand  $y(t_{i+1})$ ,  $f(t_{i-2}, y(t_{i-2}))$ , and  $f(t_{i-1}, y(t_{i-1}))$  in Taylor series about  $(t_i, y(t_i))$ , and equate the coefficients of  $h$ ,  $h^2$ , and  $h^3$  to obtain  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$ .

**Solution.**

**Problem 13.** Use the Adams variable step-size predictor-corrector algorithm with  $TOL = 10^{-4}$  to approximate the solutions to the following initial-value problems:

a.  $y' = \sin t + e^{-t}$ ,  $0 \leq t \leq 1$ ,  $y(0) = 0$  with  $hmax = 0.2$  and  $hmin = 0.01$ ; and

b.  $y' = -ty + \frac{4t}{y}$ ,  $0 \leq t \leq 1$ ,  $y(0) = 1$  with  $hmax = 0.2$  and  $hmin = 0.01$ .

**Solution.**

**Problem 14.** Let  $P(t)$  be the number of individuals in a population at time  $t$ , measured in years. If the average birth rate  $b$  is constant and the average death rate  $d$  is proportional to the size of the population (due to overcrowding), then the growth rate of the population is given by the logistic equation

$$\frac{dP}{dt}(t) = b P(t) - k(P(t))^2,$$

where  $d = k P(t)$ . Suppose  $P(0) = 50976$ ,  $b = 2.9 \times 10^{-2}$ , and  $k = 1.4 \times 10^{-7}$ . Find the population after 5 years using the extrapolation method (based on the Euler method and the midpoint method) with times step  $h = 0.1$ . Justify the order of truncation error from your numerical answers.

**Solution.**

**Problem 15.** Suppose the swinging pendulum described in the lead example of this chapter is 2 ft long and that  $g = 32.17 \text{ ft/s}^2$ . With  $h = 0.1 \text{ s}$ , compare the angle  $\theta$  obtained for the following two initial-value problems at  $t = 0, 1, 2$ .

$$\frac{d^2\theta}{dt^2} + \frac{g}{L} \sin \theta = 0, \quad \theta(0) = \frac{\pi}{6}, \quad \theta'(0) = 0.$$

You shall use Adams fourth order predictor-corrector algorithm to obtain your numerical answer.

**Solution.**



**Problem 16.** Consider the differential equation

$$y' = f(t, y), \quad a \leq t \leq b, \quad y(a) = \alpha.$$

a. Show that

$$y'(t_i) = \frac{-3y(t_i) + 4y(t_{i+1}) - y(t_{i+2}))}{2h} + \frac{h^2}{3}y'''(\xi_1)$$

for some  $\xi \in (t_i, t_{i+2})$ .

b. Part (a) suggests the difference method

$$\omega_{i+2} = 4\omega_{i+1} - 3\omega_i - 2h f(t_i, \omega_i), \quad \text{for } i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, N-2.$$

Use this method to solve

$$y' = 1 - y, \quad 0 \leq t \leq 1, \quad y(0) = 0$$

with  $h = 0.1$ . Use the starting values  $\omega_0 = 0$  and  $\omega_1 = y(t_1) = 1 - e^{-0.1}$ .

c. Repeat part (b) with  $h = 0.01$  and  $\omega_1 = 1 - e^{-0.01}$ .

d. Analyze this method for consistency, stability, and convergence.

**Solution.**

**Problem 17.** Given the multistep method

$$\omega_{i+1} = -\frac{3}{2}\omega_i + 3\omega_{i-1} - \frac{1}{2}\omega_{i-2} + 3g f(t_i, \omega_i), \quad \text{for } i = 2, 3, \dots, N-1$$

with starting values  $\omega_0$ ,  $\omega_1$ , and  $\omega_2$ :

- a. Find the local truncation error.
- b. Comment on consistency, stability, and convergence.

**Solution.**

**Problem 18.** Discuss consistency, stability, and convergence for the implicit trapezoidal method

$$\omega_{i+1} = \omega_i + \frac{h}{2} (f(t_{i+1}, \omega_{i+1}) + f(t_i, \omega_i)), \quad \text{for } i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, N-1$$

with  $\omega_0 = \alpha$  applied to the differential equation

$$y' = f(t, y), \quad a \leq t \leq b, \quad y(a) = \alpha.$$

**Solution.**

**Problem 19.** Show that the fourth-order Runge-Kutta method,

$$k_1 = h f(t_i, \omega_i),$$

$$k_2 = h f(t_i + h/2, \omega_i + k_1/2),$$

$$k_3 = h f(t_i + h/2, \omega_i + k_2/2),$$

$$k_4 = h f(t_i + h, \omega_i + k_3),$$

$$\omega_{i+1} = \omega_i + \frac{1}{6} (k_1 + 2k_2 + 2k_3 + k_4)$$

when applied to the differential equation  $y' = \lambda y$ , can be written in the form

$$\omega_{i+1} = \left( 1 + h\lambda + \frac{1}{2}(h\lambda)^2 + \frac{1}{6}(h\lambda)^3 + \frac{1}{24}(h\lambda)^4 \right) \omega_i.$$

**Solution.**