

Pen and paper

1. By approximating $f(t, y(t))$ in

$$y(t_{n+3}) = y(t_{n+2}) + \int_{t_{n+2}}^{t_{n+3}} f(t, y(t)) dt \quad (1)$$

using a Lagrange polynomial $F(t)$ that interpolates $f(t_{n+2}, y_{n+2})$, $f(t_{n+1}, y_{n+1})$, $f(t_n, y_n)$, obtain the 3-step Adams–Bashforth method.

2. Consider the following multi-step method:

$$y_{n+2} - 3y_{n+1} + 2y_n = h \left[\frac{13}{12} f(t_{n+2}, y_{n+2}) - \frac{5}{3} f(t_{n+1}, y_{n+1}) - \frac{5}{12} f(t_n, y_n) \right]. \quad (2)$$

- (a) Show that the local truncation error is $O(h^3)$.
(b) Suppose you solve a trivial initial value problem

$$y'(t) = 0, \quad y(0) = 1, \quad (3)$$

using this scheme with $y_0 = 1$ and $y_1 = 1 + \varepsilon$. Express y_n in terms of n and ε .

- (c) Would you use this scheme?
3. (a) Find the 6th-order and 7th-order backward finite difference formulas from a book or the internet (e.g. <http://web.media.mit.edu/~crtaylor/calculator.html>).
(b) Obtain the 6th-order and 7th-order backward differentiation formula methods.
(c) Show that BDF6 is a stable method but BDF7 is not.

MATLAB

1. (a) Write a MATLAB function

`function [tvals,yvals] = AB2(F,t0,T,y0,y1,n)`
that computes the solution $y(t)$ ($t_0 \leq t \leq T$) to the initial value problem

$$y'(t) = f(t, y(t)), \quad y(t_0) = y_0. \quad (4)$$

using AB2 with provided y_1 . Note that `tvals` contains points $t_k = t_0 + k\Delta t$ ($k = 0, 1, \dots, n$) with $\Delta t = (T - t_0)/n$ and `yvals` contains the values of the approximate solution at these points.

- (b) Validate your code by using the following initial value problem:

$$y' = \left(1 - \frac{4}{3}t\right)y, \quad y(0) = 1. \quad (5)$$

For the value of y_1 , use the exact solution $y(t) = \exp(t - \frac{2}{3}t^2)$.

2. (a) Write a *wrapper* MATLAB function

`function [tvals,yvals] = AB2_y1(F,t0,T,y0,n,opt)`
that computes the solution $y(t)$ to (4) by *internally calling* AB2 with a value of y_1 computed by the forward Euler update (`opt=1`) or the explicit midpoint update (`opt=2`).

- (b) For the three cases (i.e., AB2 with exact y_1 and AB2_y1 with `opt=1,2`), draw a log-log plot of the error at the final time $t = 3$ versus the number of subintervals n and compare the results.