

# Numerical Solutions for DEs HW1

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**Problem 1.** (1.1) Apply the method to Theorems 1.1 and 1.2 to show the convergence of the implicit midpoint rule (1.12) and of the theta method (1.13)

*Proof.* (a. *The implicit midpoint rule*) we let  $\bar{t} = t_n + \frac{h}{2} = \frac{t_n + t_{n+1}}{2}$ ,  $\mathbf{r}_n$  be the truncation error. And firstly we show that this method is of order 2. By definition

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{y}(t_{n+1}) &= \mathbf{y}(t_n) + h\mathbf{f}(\bar{t}, \frac{\mathbf{y}(t_n) + \mathbf{y}(t_{n+1})}{2}) + h\mathbf{r}_n \\ &= \mathbf{y}(t_n) + h\mathbf{f}(\bar{t}, \mathbf{y}(\bar{t})) + h\mathbf{u}_n + h\mathbf{r}_n\end{aligned}\quad (1)$$

in which we let  $\|\mathbf{u}_n\| = \left\| \mathbf{f}(\bar{t}, \frac{\mathbf{y}(t_n) + \mathbf{y}(t_{n+1})}{2}) - \mathbf{f}(\bar{t}, \mathbf{y}(\bar{t})) \right\|$ . Since  $\mathbf{f}$  is Lipschitz in  $\mathbf{y}$ :

$$\|\mathbf{u}_n\| \leq L \left\| \frac{\mathbf{y}(t_n) + \mathbf{y}(t_{n+1})}{2} - \mathbf{y}(\bar{t}) \right\| = \frac{L}{2} \|\mathbf{y}(t_n) + \mathbf{y}(t_{n+1}) - 2\mathbf{y}(\bar{t})\| \quad (2)$$

With Taylor expansion at  $\bar{t}$ ,

$$\|\mathbf{u}_n\| \leq \frac{L}{2} \left\| (\mathbf{y}(\bar{t}) - \frac{h}{2}\mathbf{y}'(\bar{t})) + (\mathbf{y}(\bar{t}) + \frac{h}{2}\mathbf{y}'(\bar{t})) - 2\mathbf{y}(\bar{t}) + O(h^2) \right\| = O(h^2) \quad (3)$$

Hence use Taylor expansion at  $\bar{t}$  for equation (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (write  $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{y}(\bar{t})$  for simplicity)

$$\begin{aligned}h\mathbf{r}_n &= \mathbf{y}(t_{n+1}) - \mathbf{y}(t_n) - h\mathbf{y}'(\bar{t}) + O(h^3) \\ &= \mathbf{y} + \frac{h}{2}\mathbf{y}' + \frac{h^2}{8}\mathbf{y}'' - (\mathbf{y} - \frac{h}{2}\mathbf{y}' + \frac{h^2}{8}\mathbf{y}'') - h\mathbf{y}' + O(h^3) \\ &= O(h^3)\end{aligned}\quad (4)$$

So the method is of order 2. Now we let  $\mathbf{e}_n = \mathbf{y}_n - \mathbf{y}(t_n)$ , we subtract equation (1) from the method, and using Lipschitz condition:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{e}_{n+1} &= \mathbf{e}_n + h \left[ \mathbf{f}(\bar{t}, \frac{\mathbf{y}_n + \mathbf{y}_{n+1}}{2}) - \mathbf{f}(\bar{t}, \frac{\mathbf{y}(t_n) + \mathbf{y}(t_{n+1})}{2}) \right] + O(h^3) \\ \|\mathbf{e}_{n+1}\| &\leq \|\mathbf{e}_n\| + \frac{hL}{2} \|\mathbf{y}_n + \mathbf{y}_{n+1} - \mathbf{y}(t_n) - \mathbf{y}(t_{n+1})\| + O(h^3) \\ &\leq \|\mathbf{e}_n\| + \frac{hL}{2} (\|\mathbf{e}_n\| + \|\mathbf{e}_{n+1}\|) + O(h^3) \\ \Rightarrow \|\mathbf{e}_{n+1}\| &\leq \frac{1 + \frac{hL}{2}}{1 - \frac{hL}{2}} \|\mathbf{e}_n\| + \frac{c}{1 - \frac{hL}{2}} h^3 \quad (\text{same as the bound for trapezoid method}) \\ &\leq \frac{ch^2}{L} \exp\left(\frac{nhL}{1 - \frac{hL}{2}}\right)\end{aligned}\quad (5)$$

We have  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \|\mathbf{e}_n\| = 0$ . By definition the method is convergent in  $[0, nh]$ .  $\square$

(b. *the  $\theta$  method*) We have known that the theta method is at least order 1. So

$$\mathbf{y}(t_{n+1}) = \mathbf{y}(t_n) + h[\theta\mathbf{f}(t_n, \mathbf{y}(t_n)) + (1 - \theta)\mathbf{f}(t_{n+1}, \mathbf{y}(t_{n+1}))] + O(h^2) \quad (6)$$

Subtract it from the numerical formula, and employing Lipschitz condition:

$$\begin{aligned}\|\mathbf{e}_{n+1}\| &\leq \|\mathbf{e}_n\| + hL\theta\|\mathbf{e}_n\| + hL(1 - \theta)\|\mathbf{e}_{n+1}\| + O(h^2) \\ \Rightarrow \|\mathbf{e}_{n+1}\| &\leq \frac{1 + hL\theta}{1 - hL(1 - \theta)} \|\mathbf{e}_n\| + \frac{c}{1 - hL(1 - \theta)} h^2 \\ &\leq \frac{c}{L} \left[ \left( \frac{1 + hL\theta}{1 - hL(1 - \theta)} \right)^n - 1 \right] h \\ &\leq \frac{ch}{L} \exp\left(\frac{nhL}{1 - hL(1 - \theta)}\right)\end{aligned}\quad (7)$$

We have  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \|e_n\| = 0$ . By definition the method is convergent in  $[0, nh]$ .  $\square$

**Problem 2.** (1.2) The linear system  $\mathbf{y}' = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{y}$ ,  $\mathbf{y}(0) = \mathbf{y}_0$ , where  $\mathbf{A}$  is a symmetric matrix, is solved by Euler's method.

a. Letting  $\mathbf{e}_n = \mathbf{y}_n - \mathbf{y}(nh)$ ,  $n = 0, 1, \dots$ , show that

$$\|\mathbf{e}_n\|_2 \leq \|\mathbf{y}_0\|_2 \max_{\lambda \in \sigma(\mathbf{A})} |(1 + h\lambda)^n - e^{nh\lambda}|$$

where  $\sigma(\mathbf{A})$  is the set of eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\|\cdot\|_2$  the Euclidean matrix norm.

b. Demonstrate that for every  $-1 \ll x \leq 0$  and  $n = 0, 1, \dots$  it is true that

$$e^{nx} - \frac{1}{2}nx^2e^{(n-1)x} \leq (1+x)^n \leq e^{nx}$$

c. Suppose that the maximal eigenvalue of  $\mathbf{A}$  is  $\lambda_{max} < 0$ . Prove that, as  $h \rightarrow 0$ , and  $nh \rightarrow t \in [0, t^*]$ ,

$$\|\mathbf{e}_n\|_2 \leq \frac{1}{2}t\lambda_{max}^2 e^{\lambda_{max}t} \|\mathbf{y}_0\|_2 h \leq \frac{1}{2}t^*\lambda_{max}^2 \|\mathbf{y}_0\|_2 h$$

d. Compare the order of magnitude of this bound with the upper bound from theorem 1.1 in the case

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad t^* = 10$$

*Proof.* (a.) The exact solution of the system is  $\mathbf{y}(t) = e^{\mathbf{A}t}\mathbf{y}_0$ . The euler method gives  $\mathbf{y}_n = (\mathbf{I} + h\mathbf{A})\mathbf{y}_{n-1}$ , so  $\mathbf{y}_n = (\mathbf{I} + h\mathbf{A})^n\mathbf{y}_0$ . By its definition  $\mathbf{e}_n = [(\mathbf{I} + h\mathbf{A})^n - e^{nh\mathbf{A}}]\mathbf{y}_0$ . Take the spectral norm we have

$$\|\mathbf{e}_n\|_2 \leq \|\mathbf{y}_0\|_2 \|(\mathbf{I} + h\mathbf{A})^n - e^{nh\mathbf{A}}\|_2 = \|\mathbf{y}_0\|_2 \max_{\lambda \in \sigma(\mathbf{A})} |(1 + h\lambda)^n - e^{nh\lambda}| \quad (8)$$

(b) For  $x \leq 0$ :  $f'(x) = (e^x - x - 1)' = e^x - 1 \leq 0$ , hence  $f(x) \searrow$ ,  $f(x) \geq f(0) = 0 \Rightarrow e^x \geq 1 + x$  (we call it (1)). At the same time  $g'(x) = (e^x - \frac{x^2}{2} - x - 1)' = e^x - x - 1 \geq 0$ , hence  $g(x) \nearrow$ ,  $g(x) \leq g(0) = 0 \Rightarrow e^x \leq 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2}$ , or  $e^x - \frac{x^2}{2} \leq 1 + x$  (we call it (2)).

Let  $h(\epsilon) = ((1 - \epsilon) - \epsilon)^n + n(1 - \epsilon)^{n-1}\epsilon - (1 - \epsilon)^n$  for  $1 \gg \epsilon \geq 0$ ,  $h'(\epsilon) = n - n(1 - \epsilon)^{n-1} \geq 0$ , hence  $h(\epsilon) \geq h(0) = 0 \Rightarrow ((1 - \epsilon) - \epsilon)^n \geq (1 - \epsilon)^n - n(1 - \epsilon)^{n-1}\epsilon$ . Now suppose  $a \rightarrow 1^-$ ,  $b \rightarrow 0^+$ , consider  $(a - b)^n \sim ((1 - \epsilon) - \epsilon)^n$  with  $a \sim 1 - \epsilon$ ,  $b \sim \epsilon$ , we obtain  $(a - b)^n \geq a^n - na^{n-1}b$ . (we call it (3)).

Now let  $a = e^x$ ,  $b = \frac{x^2}{2}$ , since  $1 \ll x \leq 0$ ,  $x \rightarrow 0^-$ ,  $|b|, |a - 1|$  are small. We can employ (3):

$$e^{nx} - \frac{nx^2}{2}e^{(n-1)x} \leq (e^x - \frac{x^2}{2})^n \leq (1 + x)^n \leq e^{nx}$$

where the first leq is due to (3), the second is due to (2), and the third one is due to (1).

(c) Since  $\lambda_{max} < 0$ ,  $t \in [0, t^*]$ , we have  $te^{\lambda_{max}t} < t \leq t^*$ . Hence  $\frac{1}{2}te^{\lambda_{max}t}(\lambda_{max}^2 \|\mathbf{y}_0\|_2 h) \leq \frac{1}{2}t^*(\lambda_{max}^2 \|\mathbf{y}_0\|_2 h)$ . And by (b):  $-\frac{1}{2}nx^2e^{(n-1)x} \leq (1 + x)^n - e^{nx} \leq 0 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2}nx^2e^{(n-1)x} \geq |(1 + x)^n - e^{nx}| \geq 0$ . So

$$\|\mathbf{e}_n\|_2 \leq \|\mathbf{y}_0\|_2 \max_{\lambda \in \sigma(\mathbf{A})} |(1 + h\lambda)^n - e^{nh\lambda}| \leq \|\mathbf{y}_0\|_2 \max_{\lambda \in \sigma(\mathbf{A})} \frac{1}{2}nh^2\lambda^2 e^{(n-1)h\lambda} \quad (*) \quad (9)$$

with  $h \rightarrow 0$ ,  $nh = t = O(1)$ ,  $(n - 1)h \rightarrow t$ . Hence

$$\|\mathbf{e}_n\|_2 \leq (*) = \frac{1}{2}t \|\mathbf{y}_0\|_2 h \max_{\lambda \in \sigma(\mathbf{A})} \lambda^2 e^{\lambda t} = \frac{1}{2}t \|\mathbf{y}_0\|_2 h \lambda_{max}^2 e^{t\lambda_{max}} \quad (10)$$

Becausue  $\lambda^2 e^{\lambda t}$  is an increasing function with respect to  $\lambda$ . Finished the proof.

(d) In this case  $\lambda_{max} = -1$ ,  $t^* = 10$ . This bound:

$$\|\mathbf{e}_n\|_2 \leq \frac{1}{2}t^*\lambda_{max}^2 \|\mathbf{y}_0\|_2 h = 5 \|\mathbf{y}_0\|_2 h$$

Is linear in  $t^*$  and quadratic in  $\lambda$ . The bound in (1.1)

$$\|e_n\| \leq \frac{c}{\lambda}(e^{t^*\lambda} - 1)h \approx \frac{1}{1}\|y_0\|(e^{10} - 1)h \approx 22026\|y_0\|h$$

grows exponentially with  $\lambda t^*$ .

□

**Problem 3.** (1.3) We solve the scalar linear system  $y' = ay, y(0) = 1$ .

a. Show that the ‘continuous output’ method

$$u(t) = \frac{1 + \frac{1}{2}a(t - nh)}{1 - \frac{1}{2}a(t - nh)}y_n, \quad nh \leq t \leq (n+1)h, \quad n = 0, 1, \dots$$

is consistent with the values of  $y_n$  and  $y_{n+1}$  which are obtained by the trapezoidal rule.

b. Demonstrate that  $u$  obeys the perturbed ODE

$$u'(t) = au(t) + \frac{\frac{1}{4}a^3(t - nh)^2}{[1 - \frac{1}{2}a(t - nh)]^2}y_n \quad t \in [nh, (n+1)h]$$

with initial condition  $u(nh) = y_n$ . Thus prove that

$$u((n+1)h) = e^{ha} \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{4}a^3 \int_0^h \frac{e^{-\tau a} \tau^2 d\tau}{(1 - \frac{1}{2}a\tau)^2} \right] y_n$$

c. Let  $e_n = y_n - y(nh)$ ,  $n = 0, 1, \dots$  show that

$$e_{n+1} = e^{ha} \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{4}a^3 \int_0^h \frac{e^{-\tau a} \tau^2 d\tau}{(1 - \frac{1}{2}a\tau)^2} \right] e_n + \frac{1}{4}a^3 e^{(n+1)ha} \int_0^h \frac{e^{-\tau a} \tau^2 d\tau}{(1 - \frac{1}{2}a\tau)^2}$$

In particular, deduce that  $a < 0$  implies that the error propagates subject to the inequality

$$|e_{n+1}| \leq e^{ha} \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{4}|a|^3 \int_0^h e^{-\tau a} \tau^2 d\tau \right] |e_n| + \frac{1}{4}|a|^3 e^{(n+1)ha} \int_0^h e^{-\tau a} \tau^2 d\tau$$

*Proof.* (a) the formula for Trapezoid rule to solve  $y' = ay$  is

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + \frac{h}{2}(ay_n + ay_{n+1}) \Rightarrow y_{n+1} = \frac{1 + \frac{ah}{2}}{1 - \frac{ah}{2}}y_n$$

And insert  $t = nh, t = (n+1)h$  to  $u(t)$ :  $u(nh) = y_n$ ,  $u(nh + h) = \frac{1 + \frac{1}{2}a(nh+h-nh)}{1 - \frac{1}{2}a(nh+h-nh)}y_n = y_{n+1}$ . Hence it is consistent to trapezoid rule in terms of  $y_n$  and  $y_{n+1}$ .

(b)

$$\begin{aligned} u'(t) &= \frac{\frac{1}{2}a[1 - \frac{1}{2}a(t - nh)] + \frac{1}{2}a[1 + \frac{1}{2}a(t - nh)]}{[1 - \frac{1}{2}a(t - nh)]^2}y_n = \frac{a}{[1 - \frac{1}{2}a(t - nh)]^2}y_n \\ &= \frac{a - \frac{1}{4}a^3(t - nh)^2 + \frac{1}{4}a^3(t - nh)^2}{[1 - \frac{1}{2}a(t - nh)]^2}y_n = \frac{a(1 + \frac{1}{2}a(t - nh))(1 - \frac{1}{2}a(t - nh))}{[1 - \frac{1}{2}a(t - nh)]^2}y_n + \frac{\frac{1}{4}a^3(t - nh)^2}{[1 - \frac{1}{2}a(t - nh)]^2}y_n \\ &= au(t) + \frac{\frac{1}{4}a^3(t - nh)^2}{[1 - \frac{1}{2}a(t - nh)]^2}y_n \end{aligned} \tag{11}$$

So the general solution of the ode is:

$$\begin{aligned} u(t) &= e^{\int_{nh}^t (-a)dz} \left( \int_{nh}^t e^{\int_{nh}^s -adz} \frac{\frac{1}{4}a^3(s - nh)^2}{[1 - \frac{1}{2}a(s - nh)]^2} y_n ds + C \right) \\ &= e^{a(t-nh)} \left( \frac{1}{4}a^3 \int_{nh}^t \frac{e^{-a(s-nh)}(s - nh)^2}{[1 - \frac{1}{2}a(s - nh)]^2} y_n ds + C \right) \end{aligned} \tag{12}$$

Clearly when  $t = nh$ , the integral vanishes, so  $C = y_n$ , we let  $\tau := s - nh$  inside the integral:

$$u(t) = e^{a(t-nh)} \left( \frac{1}{4} a^3 \int_0^{t-nh} \frac{e^{-a\tau} \tau^2}{(1 - \frac{1}{2} a\tau)^2} d\tau + 1 \right) y_n \quad (13)$$

Therefore, at  $t = (n+1)h$ ,

$$u((n+1)h) = e^{ah} \left( \frac{1}{4} a^3 \int_0^h \frac{e^{-a\tau} \tau^2}{(1 - \frac{1}{2} a\tau)^2} d\tau + 1 \right) y_n$$

(c) We can easily solve the scalar linear system analytically:  $y(t) = e^{at}$ . Hence  $y((n+1)h) = e^{a(n+1)h} = e^{ah} y(nh)$ . And we let the constant  $J = \frac{1}{4} a^3 \int_0^h \frac{e^{-a\tau} \tau^2}{(1 - \frac{1}{2} a\tau)^2} d\tau$ . We have:

$$\begin{aligned} e_{n+1} &= y_{n+1} - y(t_{n+1}) = u((n+1)h) - y((n+1)h) \\ &= e^{ah} (J+1) y_n - e^{ah} y(nh) \\ &= e^{ah} (J+1) y_n - e^{ah} y(nh) - e^{ah} J y(nh) + e^{ah} J y(nh) \\ &= e^{ah} (J+1) e_n + J e^{a(n+1)h} \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

If  $a < 0$ ,  $0 < 1 \leq (1 - \frac{1}{2} a\tau)^2$  i.e.  $\frac{1}{(1 - \frac{1}{2} a\tau)^2} \leq 1 \forall \tau \in [0, h]$ . So  $|J| \leq \frac{1}{4} |a|^3 \int_0^h e^{-\tau a} \tau^2 d\tau$ . We conclude that

$$|e_{n+1}| \leq e^{ah} (|J| + 1) |e_n| + |J| e^{a(n+1)h} \leq e^{ah} \left( \frac{1}{4} |a|^3 \int_0^h e^{-\tau a} \tau^2 d\tau + 1 \right) + \frac{1}{4} e^{a(n+1)h} |a|^3 \int_0^h e^{-\tau a} \tau^2 d\tau \quad (15)$$

□

**Problem 4.** (2.2) Let  $\eta(z, w) = \rho(w) - z\sigma(w)$ .

a. Demonstrate that the multistep method (2.8) is of order  $p$  iff

$$\eta(z, e^z) = cz^{p+1} + O(z^{p+2}), \quad z \rightarrow 0$$

for some  $c \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$ .

b. Show that, subject to  $\partial\eta(0, 1)/\partial w \neq 0$ , there exists in a neighbourhood of the origin an analytic function  $w_1(z)$  such that  $\eta(z, w_1(z)) = 0$  and

$$w_1(z) = e^z - c \left( \frac{\partial\eta(0, 1)}{\partial w} \right)^{-1} z^{p+1} + O(z^{p+2}), \quad z \rightarrow 0 \quad (*)$$

c. Show that  $(*)$  is true if the underlying method is convergent.

*Proof.* (a) Define sequence  $\{c_m\}$  as

$$c_m = \begin{cases} \sum_{k=0}^s a_k, & m = 0 \\ \frac{1}{m!} \sum_{k=0}^s (a_k k^m - m b_k k^{m-1}), & m \geq 1 \end{cases} \quad (16)$$

The method (2.8) is of order  $p$  if and only if  $c_m = 0$  for  $m = 0, 1, \dots, p$ ,  $c_{p+1} \neq 0$ ; we call this condition  $(\dagger)$ . We further examine the generating polynomial of  $\{c_m\}$ :  $P(z) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} c_m z^m$ . And then we have  $P(0) = c_0$ ,  $P'(0) = c_1$ , ...,  $P^{(m)}(0) = c_m$ . Hence  $(\dagger) \iff P^{(p+1)}(0) \neq 0$ ,  $P^{(m)}(0) = 0$  for  $m = 1, 2, \dots, p$ . Since  $P$  is a polynomial of  $z$ , this is true if and only if

$$P(z) = cz^{p+1} + h.o.t. \quad c \neq 0, z \rightarrow 0 \quad (\ddagger)$$

And then we rewrite  $P(z)$  as we have done in the course, and finally we can rewrite  $P(z)$  as  $P(z) = \sum_{k=0}^s a_k (e^z)^k - z \sum_{k=0}^s b_k (e^z)^k = \rho(e^z) - z\sigma(e^z) = \eta(z, e^z)$ . Hence  $(\ddagger) \iff \eta(z, e^z) = cz^{p+1} + O(z^{p+2})$ ,  $c \neq 0$ . □

(b) (c) *No Idea...*

**Problem 5.** (2.3) Instead of (2.3), consider the identity

$$\mathbf{y}(t_{n+s}) = \mathbf{y}(t_{n+s-2}) + \int_{t_{n+s-2}}^{t_{n+s}} \mathbf{f}(\tau, \mathbf{y}(\tau)) d\tau$$

- Replace  $\mathbf{f}(\tau, \mathbf{y}(\tau))$  by the interpolating polynomial  $\mathbf{p}$  from section 2.1 and substitute  $\mathbf{y}_{n+s-2}$  in place of  $\mathbf{y}(t_{n+s-2})$ . Show that the resultant explicit *Nystrom* method is of order  $p = s$ .
- Derive the two-step Nystrom method in a closed form by using the above approach.
- Find the coefficients of the two-step and three-step Nystrom methods by noticing that  $\rho(w) = w^{s-2}(w^2 - 1)$  and evaluating  $\sigma$  from (2.13).
- Derive the two-step third-order implicit *Milne* method. Again letting  $\rho(w) = w^{s-2}(w^2 - 1)$  but allowing  $\sigma$  to be of degree  $s$ .

*Proof.* (a)

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{y}(t_{n+s}) &= \mathbf{y}(t_{n+s-2}) + \int_{t_{n+s-2}}^{t_{n+s}} \mathbf{p}(\tau) d\tau + O(h^{s+1}) \\ &= \mathbf{y}(t_{n+s-2}) + \int_{t_{n+s-2}}^{t_{n+s}} \sum_{k=n}^{n+s-1} \mathbf{y}'(t_k) L_k^{[s]}(\tau) d\tau + O(h^{s+1}) \\ &= \mathbf{y}(t_{n+s-2}) + \sum_{k=n}^{n+s-1} \mathbf{y}'(t_k) \int_{t_{n+s-2}}^{t_{n+s}} L_k^{[s]}(\tau) d\tau + O(h^{s+1}) \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

As before we translate the mesh to the left by  $nh$ , and find that  $\int_{t_{n+s-2}}^{t_{n+s}} L_k^{[s]}(\tau) d\tau = \int_{t_{s-2}}^{t_s} L_{\tilde{k}}^{[s]}(\tau) d\tau$ , where  $\tilde{k} = 0, 1, \dots, s-1$ , with  $L_{\tilde{k}}^{[s]}(t) = \prod_{j=0, j \neq \tilde{k}}^{s-1} \frac{t_j - t}{t_j - t_k}$ . And this integral is a constant quantity times  $h$ , we denote  $\int_{t_{s-2}}^{t_s} L_{\tilde{k}}^{[s]}(\tau) d\tau = h \left( \frac{1}{h} \int_{t_{s-2}}^{t_s} L_{\tilde{k}}^{[s]}(\tau) d\tau \right) =: hc_k$  (we change  $k$  to  $k = 0, 1, \dots, s-1$  in the following text). Therefore

$$\mathbf{y}(t_{n+s}) = \mathbf{y}(t_{n+s-2}) + h \sum_{k=0}^{s-1} c_k \mathbf{f}(t_{n+k}, \mathbf{y}(t_{n+k})) + O(h^{s+1}) \quad (18)$$

And the method is given by

$$\mathbf{y}_{n+s} = \mathbf{y}_{n+s-2} + h \sum_{k=0}^{s-1} c_k \mathbf{f}(t_{n+k}, \mathbf{y}_{n+k}) \quad (19)$$

$h$  times the truncation error  $h\mathbf{r}_n \sim O(h^{s+1})$ , so the method is of order  $s$ .

(b) Two-step Nystrom:  $s = 2$ .  $\mathbf{y}_{n+2} = \mathbf{y}_n + h(c_0 \mathbf{f}(t_n, \mathbf{y}_n) + c_1 \mathbf{f}(t_{n+1}, \mathbf{y}_{n+1}))$

$$c_0 = \int_0^2 L_0^{[2]} dt = \int_0^2 \frac{1-t}{1-0} dt = 0; \quad c_1 = \int_0^2 L_1^{[2]} dt = \int_0^2 \frac{0-t}{0-1} dt = 2 \quad (20)$$

So the 2-step Nystrom is given by

$$\mathbf{y}_{n+2} = \mathbf{y}_n + 2h \mathbf{f}(t_{n+1}, \mathbf{y}_{n+1})$$

(c)  $\rho(w) = w^{s-2}(w^2 - 1)$ .

·  $s = 2$  case:  $\rho(w) = w^2 - 1 = (w-1)(w+1) = v(v+2)$ , with  $v = w-1$ ,

$$\sigma(v) = \frac{v+2}{1 - (\frac{1}{2}v - \frac{1}{3}v^2)} = (v+2)(1 + \frac{1}{2}v) + O(v^2) = 2 + 2v + O(v^2)$$

$\sigma(w) = 2 + 2(w-1) = 2$ , which matches our result in (b).

·  $s = 3$  case:  $\rho(w) = w(w^2 - 1) = w(w - 1)(w + 1) = v(v + 1)(v + 2)$ , with  $v = w - 1$ ,

$$\sigma(v) = \frac{(v + 1)(v + 2)}{1 - (\frac{1}{2}v - \frac{1}{3}v^2)} = (v^2 + 3v + 2)(1 + \frac{1}{2}v - \frac{1}{12}v^2) + O(v^3) = 2 + 4v + \frac{7v^2}{3} + O(v^3)$$

$\sigma(w) = \frac{1}{3} - \frac{2}{3}w + \frac{7}{3}w^2$ , which gives the 3-step *Nystrom* method:

$$\mathbf{y}_{n+3} = \mathbf{y}_{n+1} + h \left[ \frac{1}{3}\mathbf{f}(t_n, \mathbf{y}_n) - \frac{2}{3}\mathbf{f}(t_{n+1}, \mathbf{y}_{n+1}) + \frac{7}{3}\mathbf{f}(t_{n+2}, \mathbf{y}_{n+2}) \right] \quad (21)$$

(d) 2-step implicit:  $\rho(w) = w^2 - 1 = (w - 1)(w + 1) = v(v + 2)$

$$\sigma(v) = \frac{v + 2}{1 - (\frac{1}{2}v - \frac{1}{3}v^2)} = (v + 2)(1 + \frac{1}{2}v - \frac{1}{12}v^2) + O(v^3) = 1 + 2v + \frac{v^2}{3} + O(v^3)$$

$\sigma(w) = \frac{1}{3} + \frac{4}{3}w + \frac{1}{3}w^2$ , which gives the 2-step *Mline* method:

$$\mathbf{y}_{n+2} = \mathbf{y}_n + h \left[ \frac{1}{3}\mathbf{f}(t_n, \mathbf{y}_n) + \frac{4}{3}\mathbf{f}(t_{n+1}, \mathbf{y}_{n+1}) + \frac{1}{3}\mathbf{f}(t_{n+2}, \mathbf{y}_{n+2}) \right] \quad (22)$$

□

**Problem 6.** Show that the explicit multistep method

$$\mathbf{y}_{n+3} + a_2\mathbf{y}_{n+2} + a_1\mathbf{y}_{n+1} + a_0\mathbf{y}_n = h[b_2\mathbf{f}(t_{n+2}, \mathbf{y}_{n+2}) + b_1\mathbf{f}(t_{n+1}, \mathbf{y}_{n+1}) + b_0\mathbf{f}(t_n, \mathbf{y}_n)]$$

is fourth order only if  $a_0 + a_2 = 8$  and  $a_1 = -9$ . Hence deduce that this method cannot be both fourth order and convergent.

*Proof.* The method is of order 4  $\iff$

$$\sum_{k=0}^3 a_k = 0; \quad \sum_{k=0}^3 (a_k k^m - m b_k k^{m-1}) = 0, \quad m = 1, 2, 3, 4 \quad (23)$$

And we have already known  $a_3 = 1$ ,  $b_3 = 0$ . Hence it suffices to solve

$$\begin{cases} a_0 + a_1 + a_2 = -1 \\ b_0 + a_1 - b_1 + 2a_2 - b_2 + 3a_3 = 0 \\ a_1 - 2b_1 + 4a_2 - 4b_2 + 9 = 0 \\ a_1 - 3b_1 + 8a_2 - 12b_2 + 27 = 0 \\ a_1 - 4b_1 + 16a_2 - 32b_2 + 81 = 0 \end{cases} \quad (24)$$

Label the equations as a to e:  $(d) - \frac{3}{4}(c) - \frac{1}{4}(e) \Rightarrow$

$$\begin{aligned} -3b_1 + 8a_2 - 12b_2 - \frac{3(-2b_1 + 4a_2 - 4b_2)}{4} - \frac{-4b_1 + 16a_2 - 32b_2}{4} &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow -\frac{1}{2}b_1 + a_2 - b_2 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Insert into (c)  $\Rightarrow a_1 = -9$ , hence  $a_0 + a_2 = 8$ .

*Claim* This method, with  $a_1 = -9$  and  $a_0 + a_2 = 8$  is not stable.

*Proof of claim:* let  $a_2 = c$ , then characteristic polynomial  $\rho(z) = z^3 + cz^2 - 9z + 8 - c$ . Use **Mathematica**, we find its zeros:

$$z_1 = 1, \quad z_2 = \frac{-(c+1) - \sqrt{32 + (c-1)^2}}{2}, \quad z_3 = \frac{-(c+1) + \sqrt{32 + (c-1)^2}}{2} \quad (25)$$

Which are neither (1) all inside the unit circle, nor (2) with norm 1 while having multiplicity of 1. Hence by theorem, the numerical method is not stable.  $\Rightarrow$  the numerical method does not converge. □