

1. Prove that Heun's method has order 2 with respect to h .

[Hint: notice that $h\tau_{n+1} = y_{n+1} - y_n - h\Phi(t_n, y_n; h) = E_1 + E_2$, where

$$E_1 = \int_{t_n}^{t_{n+1}} f(s, y(s)) ds - \frac{h}{2} [f(t_n, y_n) + f(t_{n+1}, y_{n+1})]$$

and

$$E_2 = \frac{h}{2} \{ [f(t_{n+1}, y_{n+1}) - f(t_{n+1}, y_n + hf(t_n, y_n))] \},$$

where E_1 is the error due to numerical integration with the trapezoidal method and E_2 can be bounded by the error due to using the forward Euler method.]

Heun's method: $y_{n+1} = y_n + h\Phi(t_n, y_n, h) + h\tau_{n+1}$

$$\Rightarrow h\tau_{n+1} = y_{n+1} - y_n - h\Phi(t_n, y_n, h) \\ = y_{n+1} - y_n - \frac{h}{2} [f(t_n, y_n) + f(t_{n+1}, y_n + hf(t_n, y_n))]$$

$$= \underbrace{\int_{t_n}^{t_{n+1}} f(s, y(s)) ds - \frac{h}{2} [f(t_n, y_n) + f(t_{n+1}, y_{n+1})]}_{E_1} + \underbrace{\frac{h}{2} [f(t_{n+1}, y_{n+1}) - f(t_{n+1}, y_n + hf(t_n, y_n))]}_{E_2}$$

where E_1 is the error given by trapezoidal rule, which is $-\frac{h^3}{12} f''(\xi_n, y(\xi_n))$ for $\xi_n \in (t_n, t_{n+1})$

$$\Rightarrow E_1 = O(h^3)$$

For E_2 , consider Taylor expansion:

$$f(t_{n+1}, y_n + hf(t_n, y_n)) = f(t_{n+1}, y_{n+1}) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(t_{n+1}, y_{n+1}) (y_n + hf(t_n, y_n) - y_{n+1}) + O(h^2)$$

where $y_n + hf(t_n, y_n) - y_{n+1} = O(h^2)$ is given by Forward Euler method

$$\Rightarrow E_2 = hO(h^2) = O(h^3)$$

Thus we have $h\tau_{n+1} = E_1 + E_2 = O(h^3) \Rightarrow \tau_{n+1} = O(h^2) \square$

2. Prove that the Crank-Nicolson method has order 2 with respect to h .

[Solution: using (9.12) we get, for a suitable ξ_n in (t_n, t_{n+1})

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + \frac{h}{2} [f(t_n, y_n) + f(t_{n+1}, y_{n+1})] - \frac{h^3}{12} f''(\xi_n, y(\xi_n))$$

or, equivalently,

$$\frac{y_{n+1} - y_n}{h} = \frac{1}{2} [f(t_n, y_n) + f(t_{n+1}, y_{n+1})] - \frac{h^2}{12} f''(\xi_n, y(\xi_n)). \quad (11.90)$$

Therefore, relation (11.9) coincides with (11.90) up to an infinitesimal of order 2 with respect to h , provided that $f \in C^2(I)$.

CN method: $y_{n+1} = y_n + \frac{h}{2} [f(t_n, y_n) + f(t_{n+1}, y_{n+1})] + h\tau_{n+1}$

$$\Rightarrow h\tau_{n+1} = y_{n+1} - y_n - \frac{h}{2} [f(t_n, y_n) + f(t_{n+1}, y_{n+1})] \\ = \int_{t_n}^{t_{n+1}} f(s, y(s)) ds - \frac{h}{2} [f(t_n, y_n) + f(t_{n+1}, y_{n+1})]$$

$$\text{Let } g(s) = f(s, y(s)) \Rightarrow h\tau_{n+1} = \int_{t_n}^{t_{n+1}} g(s) ds - \frac{h}{2} [g(t_n) + g(t_{n+1})] = -\frac{h^3}{12} g''(\xi_n) = O(h^3)$$

for $\xi_n \in (t_n, t_{n+1})$ from trapezoidal rule of integration

$$\Rightarrow \tau_{n+1} = O(h^2) \square$$