

TAM 470 - Homework 2 Solutions

Problem 1

Consider Taylor expansions of f_{j-1} and f_{j-2} .

$$f_{j-1} = f_j - h f_j' + \frac{h^2}{2} f_j'' - \frac{h^3}{6} f_j''' + \frac{h^4}{24} f_j^{(4)} + \dots$$

$$f_{j-2} = f_j - 2h f_j' + \frac{(2h)^2}{2} f_j'' - \frac{(2h)^3}{6} f_j''' + \frac{(2h)^4}{24} f_j^{(4)} + \dots$$

Let's evaluate RHS of given equation using above expressions.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{f_j - 2f_{j-1} + f_{j-2}}{h^2} &= \frac{1}{h^2} \left[\cancel{f_j} - 2 \left(\cancel{f_j} - \cancel{h f_j'} + \frac{h^2}{2} f_j'' - \frac{h^3}{6} f_j''' + \dots \right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \cancel{f_j} - \cancel{2h f_j'} + 2h^2 f_j'' - \frac{4h^3}{3} f_j''' + \dots \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{h^2} \left[h^2 f_j'' + \left(\frac{h^3}{3} - \frac{4h^3}{3} \right) f_j''' + \dots \right] \\ &= f_j'' - h f_j''' + \text{H.O.T} \end{aligned}$$

Rearranging,

$$f_j'' = \frac{f_j - 2f_{j-1} + f_{j-2}}{h^2} + hf_j''' + \text{H.O.T}$$

$$\Rightarrow \tau = hf_j'''$$

\Rightarrow This scheme is 1st order accurate.

NOTE:- H.O.T means higher order terms.

Problem 2

Start with an expression similar to Main 2.10.

For our case, we look at $x_{i-1}, x_i, x_{i+1}, x_{i+2}$.

$$\therefore f'_i + \sum_{k=-1}^2 a_k f_{i+k} = O(?) \quad (*)$$

a_{-1}, a_0, a_1, a_2 are to be determined.
Construct the Taylor table as shown below.

	f_i	f'_i	f''_i	f'''_i	$f^{(4)}_i$	$f^{(5)}_i$
f'_i	0	1	0	0	0	0
$a_{-1} f_{i-1}$	a_{-1}	$-a_{-1}h$	$+\frac{a_{-1}h^2}{2}$	$-\frac{a_{-1}h^3}{6}$	$+\frac{a_{-1}h^4}{24}$	$-\frac{a_{-1}h^5}{120}$
$a_0 f_i$	a_0	0	0	0	0	0
$a_1 f_{i+1}$	a_1	a_1h	$\frac{a_1h^2}{2}$	$\frac{a_1h^3}{6}$	$\frac{a_1h^4}{24}$	$\frac{a_1h^5}{120}$
$a_2 f_{i+2}$	a_2	$a_2(2h)$	$\frac{a_2(2h)^2}{2}$	$\frac{a_2(2h)^3}{6}$	$\frac{a_2(2h)^4}{24}$	$\frac{a_2(2h)^5}{120}$

Set as many lower derivative columns to 0
We have four unknowns \Rightarrow we look to
solve using first 4 columns.

$$\therefore a_{-1} + a_0 + a_1 + a_2 = 0 \quad - (2.1)$$

$$1 + h(-a_{-1} + a_1 + 2a_2) = 0 \quad - (2.2)$$

$$h^2 \left(\frac{a_{-1}}{2} + \frac{a_1}{2} + 2a_2 \right) = 0 \quad - (2.3)$$

$$h^3 \left(-\frac{a_{-1}}{6} + \frac{a_1}{6} + \frac{8a_2}{6} \right) = 0 \quad - (2.4)$$

Solving.

$$\begin{aligned} a_{-1} &= \frac{1}{3h} \\ a_0 &= \frac{1}{2h} \\ a_1 &= -\frac{1}{h} \\ a_2 &= \frac{1}{6h} \end{aligned}$$

Leading term will have the 5th column
i.e f^{IV} term. The leading term is,

$$\frac{h^4}{24} \cdot \frac{1}{h} \left[\frac{1}{3} - 1 + \frac{16}{6} \right] f_i^{IV} = \frac{h^3}{12} f_i^{IV}$$

Using a_{-1}, a_0, a_1, a_2 in (*), we get,

$$\therefore f'_i = \frac{-2f_{i-1} - 3f_i + 6f_{i+1} - f_{i+2}}{6h} + \frac{h^3}{12} f_j^{(4)} + \text{H.O.T}$$

\therefore The method is 3rd order accurate.

Problem 3 (Main exercise 4)

(a) $f'_0 + \alpha f'_1 - \frac{1}{h} (a f_0 + b f_1 + c f_2 + d f_3) = 0(?)$

Taylor table

	f_0	f'_0	f''_0	f'''_0	f^{IV}_0	f^{V}_0	f^{VI}_0
f'_0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
$\alpha f'_1$	0	α	αh	$\frac{\alpha h^2}{2}$	$\frac{\alpha h^3}{6}$	$\frac{\alpha h^4}{24}$	$\frac{\alpha h^5}{120}$
$-\frac{a}{h} f_0$	$-\frac{a}{h}$	0	0	0	0	0	0
$-\frac{b}{h} f_1$	$-\frac{b}{h}$	$-b$	$-\frac{bh^2}{h^2}$	$-\frac{bh^2}{6}$	$-\frac{bh^3}{24}$	$-\frac{bh^4}{120}$	$-\frac{bh^5}{720}$
$-\frac{c}{h} f_2$	$-\frac{c}{h}$	$-2c$	$-\frac{c(2h)^2}{h^2 \cdot 2}$	$-\frac{c}{h} \frac{(2h)^3}{6}$	$-\frac{c}{h} \frac{(2h)^4}{24}$	$-\frac{c}{h} \frac{(2h)^5}{120}$	$-\frac{c}{h} \frac{(2h)^6}{720}$
$-\frac{d}{h} f_3$	$-\frac{d}{h}$	$-3d$	$-\frac{d(3h)^2}{h^2 \cdot 2}$	$-\frac{d}{h} \frac{(3h)^3}{6}$	$-\frac{d}{h} \frac{(3h)^4}{24}$	$-\frac{d}{h} \frac{(3h)^5}{120}$	$-\frac{d}{h} \frac{(3h)^6}{720}$

To solve for (a, b, c, d) in terms of α , we set the first 4 columns to be 0.

$\therefore a + b + c + d = 0 \quad - (5.1)$

$$b + 2c + 3d = (1 + \alpha) \quad - (5.2)$$

$$b + 4c + 9d = 2\alpha \quad - (5.3)$$

$$b + 8c + 27d = 3\alpha \quad - (5.4)$$

Solving using sympy,

$$a = -\frac{(11 + 2\alpha)}{6}, \quad b = \frac{6 - \alpha}{2}$$

$$c = \frac{2\alpha - 3}{2}, \quad d = \frac{2 - \alpha}{6}$$

One good choice is $\alpha = 2$ because this sets $d = 0$. Now we can get same third order accuracy using just f_0, f_1 and f_2 .

(b) For the scheme to be fourth order accurate, we take the 5th column as well (along with equations (5.1)-(5.4))

$$\therefore b + 16c + 81d = 4\alpha \quad - (5.5)$$

Solving (5.1) - (5.5) for (α, a, b, c, d) ,
we get.

$$\alpha = 3, \quad a = -\frac{17}{6}, \quad b = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$c = \frac{3}{2}, \quad d = -\frac{1}{6}$$

Leading term is $\frac{h^4}{120} f_0^{(4)} [\alpha - b - 32c - 243d]$

$$= -\frac{h^4}{20} f_0^{(4)}$$

\therefore The scheme can be written as:-

$$f_0' + 3f_1' = \frac{-17f_0 + 9f_1 + 9f_2 - f_3}{6h} - \frac{h^4}{20} f_0^{(4)} + \text{H.O.T.}$$