

## AM213B Assignment #2

### Problem 1 (Theoretical)

Recall that for Runge-Kutta methods, we derived

$$\text{Condition for first order: } \sum_{i=1}^p b_i = 1$$

Additional condition for second order:

$$\sum_{i=1}^p \left( b_i \sum_{j=1}^p a_{ij} \right) = \frac{1}{2}, \quad \sum_{i=1}^p (b_i c_i) = \frac{1}{2}$$

Consider the Runge-Kutta method below.

$$k_1 = h f(u_n, t_n + h)$$

$$k_2 = h f\left(u_n + \frac{1}{2}k_1, t_n + \frac{1}{2}h\right)$$

$$u_{n+1} = u_n + k_2$$

Verify that this RK method satisfies the conditions above. Thus, it has second order.

Verify that this RK method does not satisfy the internal consistency condition:

$$\text{Internal consistency condition: } c_i = \sum_{j=1}^p a_{ij}$$

Remark: This result demonstrates that the internal consistency condition is not a necessary condition for second order.

### Problem 2 (Theoretical)

Recall that in lecture, we carried out polynomial interpolation based on 3 points and derived

- 3-step Adams-Bashforth method and
- 2-step Adams-Moulton method

Carry out polynomial interpolation based on 2 points and derive

- 2-step Adams-Bashforth method and
- 1-step Adams-Moulton method

**Problem 3 (Theoretical)**

Consider a linear multi-step method (LMM) applied to solving  $u' = 0$

$$\sum_{j=0}^r \alpha_j u_{n+j} = 0, \quad \alpha_r = 1 \quad (\text{E03})$$

The characteristic polynomial  $\rho(\xi)$  is

$$\rho(\xi) \equiv \sum_{j=0}^r \alpha_j \xi^j$$

Suppose  $q_1$  is a double root of  $\rho(\xi)$ . Show that

- $\{u_k = q_1^k, k=0,1,2,\dots\}$  is a solution of (E03).
- $\{u_k = k q_1^k, k=0,1,2,\dots\}$  is also a solution of (E03).

Hint:

“ $q_1$  is a double root” means  $\rho(q_1)=0$  and  $\rho'(q_1)=0$  where

$$\rho(\xi) = \sum_{j=0}^r \alpha_j \xi^j, \quad \rho'(\xi) = \sum_{j=1}^r j \alpha_j \xi^{j-1}$$

**Problem 4**

Use the classic 4th-order Runge-Kutta method (RK4) to solve the IVP below

$$y'' - \mu(1 - y^2)y' + y = 0$$

$$y(0) = y_0, \quad y'(0) = v_0$$

(This is called the van der Pol equation.)

Use  $y_0 = 0.5$ ,  $v_0 = 1$ , and  $h = 0.025$ . Solve the IVP to  $T = 30$ .

Solve the IVP respectively for parameter values

$$\mu = 0.5, \quad \mu = 1.0, \quad \text{and} \quad \mu = 2.5$$

Plot  $y(t)$  vs  $t$  and  $y'(t)$  vs  $t$ .

Plot  $y'(t)$  vs  $y(t)$  (this is called phase plane plot or phase plot).

Hint:

Look at sample code on how to implement RK methods for solving ODE systems.

**Problem 5 (continue with the IVP in Problem 4)**

Use  $y_0 = 0.5$ ,  $v_0 = 1$ , and  $\mu = 2.5$ . Use RK4 to solve the IVP to  $T = 30$ .

Run simulations, respectively, with time step  $h$  and time step  $h/2$ .

Use the two results to estimate the error in numerical solution of time step  $h$ .

Try time steps

$$h = \frac{1}{2^3}, \frac{1}{2^4}, \frac{1}{2^5}, \dots$$

Part 1: From the sequence above, select a time step  $h_c$  such that

$$\max_{t_n \in [0, 30]} (\text{norm of estimated error at } t_n) < 5 \times 10^{-8}$$

Report the value of  $h_c$ .

Plot the norm of estimated error vs t for time step  $h_c$ .

Part 2: Treat the numerical solution of time step  $h_c$  as the “exact solution”. Use the two methods below to calculate the error in numerical solution of time step  $h = 0.025$ .

$$\text{Err}_1 = \frac{1}{1 - (0.5)^4} \left\| \left( \text{result of step } h \right) - \left( \text{result of step } \frac{h}{2} \right) \right\|$$

$$\text{Err}_2 = \left\| \left( \text{result of step } h \right) - (\text{“exact solution”}) \right\|$$

Plot  $\text{Err}_1$  vs t and  $\text{Err}_2$  vs t in ONE figure to compare the two errors.

Plot two versions of the figure: one with linear scale for error, the other with logarithmic scale for error. Use linear scale for the time in both versions.

Hint:

Look at sample code on how to estimate error in numerical solution of ODE system.

Note that (result of step  $h$ ) and (“exact solution”) are represented on *different* numerical grids. Look at the sample code on how to deal with this situation.

**Problem 6** (continue with the IVP in Problem 4)

The Fehlberg method is an embedded Runge-Kutta method with orders 5 and 4. Implement the Fehlberg method to solve the IVP to  $T = 30$ .

Use  $y_0 = 0.5$ ,  $v_0 = 1$ ,  $\mu = 2.5$  and time step  $h = 0.025$ .

Estimate the error as follows:

$$E_{\text{est}}(h) \approx \frac{e_n(h)}{h} \approx \frac{\|w_{n+1} - \tilde{w}_{n+1}\|}{h}$$

where  $w_{n+1}$  and  $\tilde{w}_{n+1}$  are respectively the results of the 5th-order component and the 4th-order component in the Fehlberg method. In each time step, both  $w_{n+1}$  and  $\tilde{w}_{n+1}$  are calculated from  $w_n$  in the Fehlberg method:

$$w_{n+1} = w_n + \sum_{i=1}^p b_i k_i$$

$$\tilde{w}_{n+1} = w_n + \sum_{i=1}^p \tilde{b}_i k_i$$

Calculate the “exact” error using the “exact” solution” from Problem 5:

$$E_{\text{exa}}(h) = \left\| \left( \text{result of 5th order method} \right) - \left( \text{"exact" solution} \right) \right\|$$

Plot  $E_{\text{est}}(h)$  vs  $t$  and  $E_{\text{exa}}(h)$  vs  $t$  in ONE figure to compare the two errors.

Use logarithmic scale for the errors. Use linear scale for the time.

Hint:

The coefficients ( $p$ , matrix  $A$ , vectors  $c$ ,  $b_5$  and  $b_4$ ) of the Fehlberg method are given in the folder of sample code on how to implement RK methods