

## AM213B Assignment #4

### Problem 1 (Theoretical)

Consider BDF2 method

$$\frac{3}{2}u_{n+2} - 2u_{n+1} + \frac{1}{2}u_n = hf(u_{n+2}, t_{n+2})$$

Part 1:

Use Taylor expansion to show that the local truncation error is  $O(h^3)$ .

Part 2:

Find the stability polynomial and use the quadratic formula to write out the two roots.

Use the expressions obtained to show that the two roots satisfy

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow \infty} \xi_1(z) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{z \rightarrow \infty} \xi_2(z) = 0.$$

### Problem 2 (Theoretical)

Consider the implicit 2-step method below

$$u_{n+2} - u_n = h \left[ \frac{1}{3}f(u_{n+2}, t_{n+2}) + \frac{4}{3}f(u_{n+1}, t_{n+1}) + \frac{1}{3}f(u_n, t_n) \right]$$

Part 1:

Use Taylor expansion to show that the local truncation error is  $O(h^5)$ .

Hint:

Use  $f(u(t_{n+j}), t_{n+j}) = u'(t_{n+j})$  and expand every term around  $t_{n+1}$ .

Part 2:

The stability polynomial is

$$\pi(\xi, z) = (\xi^2 - 1) - z \left( \frac{1}{3}\xi^2 + \frac{4}{3}\xi + \frac{1}{3} \right)$$

Let  $z = -\varepsilon$  with small  $\varepsilon > 0$ , we examine the two roots of  $\pi(\xi, z)$ .

Show that the two roots  $\xi_1(\varepsilon)$  and  $\xi_2(\varepsilon)$  satisfy

$$\xi_1(\varepsilon) = 1 - \varepsilon + O(\varepsilon^2), \quad \xi_2(\varepsilon) = -\left(1 + \frac{\varepsilon}{3}\right) + O(\varepsilon^2)$$

Hint:

Using the quadratic formula and then expand in terms of  $\epsilon$ .

Remarks:

- This method demonstrates that the Dahlquist barrier on accuracy of implicit LMM:  
 $p \leq r + 2$  is actually attainable.
- Although this method has the 4th order accuracy, it is not practically useful (similar to the situation with the 2-step midpoint method).

**Problem 3 (Computational)**

Plot the region of absolute stability for each of the methods below.

- BDF2
- BDF3
- BDF4

Hint:

- We learned that all BDF methods satisfy  $\lim_{z \rightarrow \infty} \xi_j(z) = 0$ , which implies that the region of stability is the exterior of its boundary, instead of the interior.
- See sample code on how to shade the exterior of a closed loop.

**Problem 4 (Computational)**

Implement the finite difference method to solve the two-point BVP.

$$\begin{cases} u'' - q \cdot (1 + \cos^2 x) u = -\exp(4 \sin x) \\ u(0) = 1, \quad u(3) = 1.5 \end{cases}$$

Solve the BVP for  $q = 10$  with  $h = 0.01$  (see hint below).

Part 1:

Plot  $u(x)$  vs  $x$ .

Part 2:

Solve the BVP with  $h_2 = h/2$  and do error estimation. Plot the estimated error vs  $x$ .

Use linear scales for both  $x$  and error. Do not take the absolute value of error.

Part 3:

Repeat Part 1 & Part 2 above for  $q = 100$  and compare the results.

Hint:

Note that  $h = 0.01$  corresponds to  $N_1 = N + 1 = 3/0.01 = 300$  where  $N_1$  is # of sub-intervals and  $N$  is # of internal points (# of unknown  $u$ 's).

### Problem 5 (Computational)

Consider the linear first order ODE system below

$$\frac{d\vec{u}(t)}{dt} = A\vec{u}(t) + \vec{b}(t) \quad (\text{E01})$$

$$\vec{u}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} u(1,t) \\ u(2,t) \\ \vdots \\ u(m,t) \end{pmatrix}_{m \times 1}, \quad A = a \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 1 & & \\ 1 & -2 & \ddots & \\ & \ddots & \ddots & 1 \\ & & 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix}_{m \times m}, \quad \vec{b}(t) = a \begin{pmatrix} \sin(\pi t) \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}_{m \times 1}$$

where  $A$  is an  $m \times m$  tridiagonal matrix given above.

Implement the 2S-DIRK method to solve the ODE system with initial value  $\vec{u}(0) = \vec{0}$ .

#### Part 1:

Use  $m = 399$ ,  $a = 3 \times 10^4$ ,  $h = 0.02$ , and solve to  $T = 10$ .

Plot  $u(5, t)$  vs  $t$ ,  $u(80, t)$  vs  $t$ , and  $u(200, t)$  vs  $t$  in one figure.

#### Part 2:

Solve the ODE system with  $h_2 = h/2$  and estimate the errors of  $u(5, t)$ ,  $u(80, t)$  and  $u(200, t)$ . Plot the three errors vs  $t$  in one figure. Use linear scales for both  $t$  and error. Do not take the absolute value of error. Near  $t = 0$ , you will have relatively large error. That is expected.

#### Hint:

- In Matlab, use “diag” to construct matrix  $A$ .
- The implementation of the 2S-DIRK is described below.

The 2S-DIRK is specified by its Butcher tableau.

$$\text{Butcher tableau: } \begin{array}{c|cc} \alpha & \alpha & 0 \\ 1 & 1-\alpha & \alpha \\ \hline & 1-\alpha & \alpha \end{array}, \quad \alpha = 1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

We apply it to (E01). For simplicity, we drop the vector notation:  $\vec{u} \rightarrow u, \vec{b} \rightarrow b$ . We first write it in terms of  $f(u, t)$  and then replace  $f(u, t)$  with  $Au + b(t)$ .

$$k_1 = \Delta t f(u_n + \alpha k_1, t_n + \alpha \Delta t)$$

$$\Rightarrow k_1 = \Delta t A(u_n + \alpha k_1) + \Delta t b(t_n + \alpha \Delta t)$$

$$\Rightarrow (I - \Delta t \alpha A)k_1 = \Delta t A u_n + \Delta t b(t_n + \alpha \Delta t)$$

**To calculate vector  $k_1$ , we only need to solve the linear system above!**

In Matlab, this linear system is solved using

$$k_1 = (I - \Delta t \alpha A) \setminus (\Delta t A u_n + \Delta t b(t_n + \alpha \Delta t))$$

For vector  $k_2$ , we have the linear system

$$(I - \Delta t \alpha A) k_2 = \Delta t A(u_n + (1 - \alpha)k_1) + \Delta t b(t_n + \Delta t)$$

In Matlab, this linear system is solved using

$$k_2 = (I - \Delta t \alpha A) \setminus (\Delta t A(u_n + (1 - \alpha)k_1) + \Delta t b(t_n + \Delta t))$$

Once we obtain vectors  $k_1$  and  $k_2$ , we calculate  $u_{n+1}$ .

$$u_{n+1} = u_n + (1 - \alpha)k_1 + \alpha k_2$$

In summary, when implementing the 2S-Dirk to solving  $\vec{u}'(t) = A\vec{u} + \vec{b}(t)$ , we do not need to solve any non-linear system.