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Solution and grading manual

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**Problem 1      Laplace transform [10 pts]**

- a)** Consider the function  $f: [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  given by

$$f(t) = \begin{cases} 6 \cdot t & \text{for } 0 \leq t < 1, \\ 6 & \text{for } t \geq 1. \end{cases}$$

Compute the Laplace transform  $\mathcal{L}(f)(s)$  of the function  $f$ .

- b)** Show that for a function  $y: [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  whose Laplace transform exists, the following identity holds true:

$$\mathcal{L} \left( \int_0^t \sin(x-t) \cdot y(x) dx \right) (s) = \frac{Y(s)}{-s^2 - 1},$$

where  $Y(s) = \mathcal{L}(y)(s)$  denotes the Laplace transform of  $y$ .

- c)** Use the results from **a)** and **b)** to compute the solution of the integral equation

$$y(t) + \int_0^t \sin(x-t) \cdot y(x) dx = f(t).$$

**Solution.**

- a) Using the Heaviside function  $u(t - a)$ ,  $f$  can be written as

$$f(t) = 6 \cdot t - 6 \cdot (t - 1) \cdot u(t - 1).$$

The Laplace transform can now be calculated using ‘standard techniques’ to

$$\mathcal{L}(f)(s) = \frac{6}{s^2} - \frac{6 \cdot \exp(-s)}{s^2}.$$

- b) We use that  $\sin(\cdot)$  is an odd function, which allows to express the left hand side as a convolution. The convolution theorem and the Laplace transform of the sine function give the result:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}\left(\int_0^t \sin(x - t) \cdot y(x) dx\right) &= \mathcal{L}\left(-\int_0^t \sin(t - x) \cdot y(x) dx\right) \\ &= -\mathcal{L}((\sin(t)) * y(t)) = -Y(s) \cdot \mathcal{L}(\sin t) \\ &= \frac{-Y(s)}{s^2 + 1} = \frac{Y(s)}{-s^2 - 1}. \end{aligned}$$

- c) We apply the Laplace transform on both sides of the equation and use the above identities:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}\left(y(t) + \int_0^t \sin(x - t) \cdot y(x) dx\right) &= \mathcal{L}(f) \\ Y(s) + \frac{Y(s)}{-s^2 - 1} &= \frac{6 - 6 \cdot \exp(-s)}{s^2} \\ Y(s) \cdot \frac{s^2}{s^2 + 1} &= \frac{6 - 6 \cdot \exp(-s)}{s^2} \\ \Rightarrow Y(s) &= \frac{6 \cdot (s^2 + 1) \cdot (1 - \exp(-s))}{s^4}. \end{aligned}$$

The inverse Laplace transform of the last results gives the solution  $y(t)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} y(t) &= \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left(\frac{6 \cdot (s^2 + 1) \cdot (1 - \exp(-s))}{s^4}\right) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left(\frac{6}{s^2} + \frac{6}{s^4} - \exp(-s) \cdot \left(\frac{6}{s^2} + \frac{6}{s^4}\right)\right) \\ &= 6t + t^3 - u(t - 1) \cdot (6 \cdot (t - 1) + (t - 1)^3) \\ &= t^3 - (1 - t)^3 u(t - 1) + f(t). \end{aligned}$$

## Grading manual

- a) (2p)
- b) (3p): 2 pts for rewriting as convolution and use of convolution theorem,  
1 pt for final correct answer
- c) (5p) 3 pts for correct Laplace transform, 2 pts for inversion.  
Full points if Laplace transform of  $f$  was miscalculated in a) but inverse Laplace transform in c) then was computed correctly.

**Problem 2     Fourier series [15 pts]**

- a)** Assume that  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a  $2\pi$ -periodic function and that  $a \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\}$  is a constant. Decide for all the following functions whether they are also necessarily periodic. If they are, what is their (fundamental) period?

1.  $g_1(x) := f(a \cdot x)$ ,
2.  $g_2(x) := f(x + a)$ ,
3.  $g_3(x) := f(x^a)$ ,
4.  $g_4(x) := a + a \cdot (f(x/a + a))^a$ .

- b)**
1. Calculate the Fourier series of the function  $f(x) = |\sin x|$  defined on  $[-\pi, \pi]$ . Explicitly write down the first five non-vanishing terms of the Fourier sum. **Hint:** You can use the fact that the sine is an odd function, and use your knowledge about Fourier series of even functions.
  2. With  $f$  from b) 1., how many terms in the partial Fourier sum  $F_N(x) = a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^N (a_n \cos(nx) + b_n \sin nx)$  need to be taken into account such that the square error

$$E_N = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} (f(x) - F_N(x))^2 dx,$$

is less than 0.01?

**Hint:** The number is not very large. We recommend that you just calculate (to four digits) the error for the first few partial sums. You can use that  $\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} (f(x))^2 dx = \pi$ .

**Solution**

- a) 1. The function is periodic with period  $2\pi/a$ . To see this, we calculate:

$$g_1(x + (2\pi/a)) = f(a(x + 2\pi/a)) = f(ax + 2\pi) = f(ax) = g_1(x).$$

2. The function is also periodic and has period  $2\pi$ . (trivial observation)  
 $g_2(x + 2\pi) = f(x + 2\pi + a) = f(x + a) = g_2(x)$ .
3. Unless  $a = 1$ , the function is not necessarily periodic.
4. The function is periodic and has period  $2\pi a$ :

$$\begin{aligned} g_4(x + 2\pi a) &= a + a \cdot (f((x + 2\pi a)/a + a))^a = a + a \cdot (f(x/a + 2\pi + a))^a \\ &= a + a \cdot (f(x/a + a))^a = g_4(x). \end{aligned}$$

- b) 1. Since the sine-function is odd, the function  $f$  is even and can be expressed by cosine-terms only (i.e.,  $b_n = 0$  for all  $n$ ). To get rid of the absolute-value, we treat the problem as an even half-range expansion of  $\sin(x)$ . The Fourier coefficients are now given by

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{\pi} \cdot \int_0^\pi \sin x dx = \frac{2}{\pi},$$

$$\begin{aligned} a_n &= \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\pi \sin(x) \cdot \cos(nx) dx \\ &= \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\pi \frac{1}{2} (\sin(x - nx) + \sin(x + nx)) dx \quad \sin \alpha \cos \beta = \frac{1}{2} (\sin(\alpha - \beta) + \sin(\alpha + \beta)) \\ &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\pi (-\sin((n-1)x) + \sin((n+1)x)) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{\pi} \left[ \frac{1}{n-1} \cos((n-1)x) - \frac{1}{n+1} \cos((n+1)x) \right]_0^\pi \\ &= -\frac{2}{\pi \cdot (n-1) \cdot (n+1)} \cdot (1 + (-1)^n). \end{aligned}$$

So, the Fourier series is given by

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &\sim \frac{2}{\pi} - \frac{2}{\pi} \cdot \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1 + (-1)^n}{(n-1)(n+1)} \cdot \cos(nx) \\ &= \frac{2}{\pi} - \frac{4}{\pi} \cdot \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(2k-1)(2k+1)} \cdot \cos(2kx) \\ &= \frac{2}{\pi} - \frac{4}{\pi} \cdot \left( \frac{\cos 2x}{1 \cdot 3} + \frac{\cos 4x}{3 \cdot 5} + \frac{\cos 6x}{5 \cdot 7} + \frac{\cos 8x}{7 \cdot 9} + \dots \right) \end{aligned}$$

2. We know that the error can be expressed as

$$E_N = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} (f(x))^2 dx - \pi \cdot \left( 2a_0^2 + \sum_{n=1}^N (a_n^2 + b_n^2) \right).$$

For the given function and its Fourier sum, this leads to

$N$	$a_N$	$E_N$
0	$2/\pi$	$\pi - 8/\pi \approx 0.5911$
1	0	
2	$\frac{-4}{3\pi}$	$\pi - 8/\pi - 16/(9\pi) \approx 0.0292$
3	0	
4	$\frac{-4}{15\pi}$	$\pi - 8/\pi - 16/(9\pi) - 16/(225\pi) \approx 0.00659 < 0.01$

### Grading manual

a) (5p): 1,2,3 gives 1 pt each, 4 gives 2 pts.

b) (10p):

**Subproblem 1 (7p):**

2 pts identification as even function, realize that it can be written as  $\cos(x)$  series/Fourier series of the even extension of  $\sin(x)$ ,

1 pt for computation of  $a_0$ ,

3 pts for computation of  $a_n$ ,

1 pt for final series.

**Subproblem 2 (3p)** for using the error formula and finding the correct  $N$ .

If coefficients in b) Subproblem 1 were miscalculated, there is no chance to answer this correctly, but give 1 pt for realizing that a mistake must have happened.

1-2 pts deduction for each minor/major miscalculations (but no minus points)



**Problem 3     Heat equation [12 pts]**

Consider the following heat equation

$$u_t(x, t) = c^2 u_{xx}(x, t), \quad t \geq 0, x \in [0, \pi]$$

with boundary conditions

$$u(0, t) = u(\pi, t) = 0, \quad t \geq 0$$

and initial condition

$$u(x, 0) = \frac{\pi}{2} - \left| x - \frac{\pi}{2} \right|, \quad x \in [0, \pi].$$

- a) Show that the Fourier sine series solution of this above heat equation with boundary conditions is

$$u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} u_n(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n \sin(nx) e^{-c^2 n^2 t}$$

by using the separation of variables method.

- b) Compute the Fourier sine series solution of the above heat equation with the given boundary conditions and initial condition. Write down the three first non-zero terms of the solution.

**Solution**

a) We set

$$u(x, t) = F(x)G(t).$$

This gives

$$F(x)G'(t) = c^2 F''(x)G(t).$$

Separation of variables leads to

$$\frac{G'}{c^2 G} = \frac{F''}{F}.$$

As the left-hand side depends only on  $t$  and the right-hand side only on  $x$ , both fractions must be equal to a constant, say  $k$ . For  $k \geq 0$  we get the trivial solution  $u \equiv 0$ . Therefore,  $k < 0$ , and we set  $k = -p^2$ . We get the two ODEs:

$$\begin{aligned} F'' + p^2 F &= 0 \\ G' + c^2 p^2 G &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

The first ODE has the general solution

$$F(x) = A \cos(px) + B \sin(px).$$

Using the boundary conditions, we get

$$u(0, t) = F(0)G(t) = 0 = u(\pi, t) = F(\pi)G(t).$$

This gives  $F(0) = F(\pi) = 0$ , as otherwise we would get  $G(t) \equiv 0$ . Then  $F(0) = A = 0$  and  $F(\pi) = B \sin(p\pi) = 0$  with  $B \neq 0$ , thus  $p = \frac{n\pi}{\pi} = n$ ,  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ . We can set  $B = 1$  and obtain  $F_n(x) = \sin(nx)$ . The second ODE has the form (with  $p = n$ )

$$G' + c^2 p^2 G = G' + (cn)^2 G = 0.$$

Its general solution is

$$G_n = B_n e^{-(cn)^2 t}$$

Hence, the function

$$u(x, t) = F_n G_n = B_n \sin(nx) e^{-(cn)^2 t}$$

solves the heat equation with the given boundary conditions. Therefore, the series

$$u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} u_n(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n \sin(nx) e^{-c^2 n^2 t}$$

is also a solution of the problem.

b) The solution of the problem is

$$u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} u_n(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n \sin(nx) e^{-c^2 n^2 t}.$$

The initial condition gives

$$u(x, 0) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} u_n(x, 0) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n \sin(nx) = \frac{\pi}{2} - \left| x - \frac{\pi}{2} \right|$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} B_n &= \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} \left( \frac{\pi}{2} - \left| x - \frac{\pi}{2} \right| \right) \sin(nx) dx \\ &= \frac{2}{\pi} \left( \int_0^{\pi/2} x \cdot \sin(nx) dx + \int_{\pi/2}^{\pi} (\pi - x) \cdot \sin(nx) dx \right) \\ &= \frac{2}{\pi} \cdot \left( \left[ -x \cdot \frac{\cos(nx)}{n} \right]_0^{\pi/2} + \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{\cos(nx)}{n} dx + \left[ (x - \pi) \cdot \frac{\cos(nx)}{n} \right]_{\pi/2}^{\pi} - \int_{\pi/2}^{\pi} \frac{\cos(nx)}{n} dx \right) \\ &= \frac{2}{\pi} \cdot \left( -\frac{\pi}{2n} \cos(n\pi/2) + \frac{1}{n^2} [\sin(nx)]_0^{\pi/2} + \frac{\pi}{2n} \cos(n\pi/2) - \frac{1}{n^2} [\sin(nx)]_{\pi/2}^{\pi} \right) \\ &= \frac{2}{\pi n^2} \cdot (\sin(n\pi/2) + \sin(n\pi/2)) \\ &= \frac{4 \sin(\frac{\pi n}{2})}{\pi n^2} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we have

$$b_1 = \frac{4}{\pi}, \quad b_2 = 0, \quad b_3 = -\frac{4}{\pi 3^3}, \quad b_4 = 0, \quad b_5 = \frac{4}{\pi 5^2}, \dots$$

So, we have

$$\begin{aligned} u(x, t) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} u_n(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{4 \sin(\frac{\pi n}{2})}{\pi n^2} \sin(nx) e^{-c^2 n^2 t} \\ &= \frac{4}{\pi} \sin(x) e^{-c^2 t} - \frac{4}{\pi 3^3} \sin(3x) e^{-c^2 3^2 t} + \frac{4}{\pi 5^2} e^{-c^2 5^2 t} \dots \end{aligned}$$

**Grading manual** Generally, 1-2 pts deduction for each minor/major miscalculations (but no minus points)

- a) (7p): 1 pt for ansatz/product representation  $u(x, t) = F(x)G(t)$ ,  
 2 pts for inserting into PDE and deriving the 2 ODEs,  
 2 pts for deriving final expression for  $F(x)$ ,  
 1 pt for final expression for  $G(t)$ ,  
 1 pt for final series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} u_n(x, t)$

- b) (5p):** 1 pt for inserting initial condition and finding sin series for  $u(x, 0)$   
3 pts for computing  $B_n$   
1 pt for final solution

**Problem 4      Wave equation [10 pts]**

Consider the wave equation

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} - \frac{1}{4} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = 0$$

on the real line  $\mathbb{R}$ . Use d'Alembert's solution formula to find the solution  $u(x, t)$  satisfying initial conditions

$$\begin{aligned} u(x, 0) &= x, \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(x, 0) &= \cos^2(x). \end{aligned}$$

Simplify the resulting expressions as much as possible.

**Solution.** Recall that D'Alembert's formula gives a nice expression for the solution to the wave equation

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} - c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = 0$$

on the real line with initial conditions  $u(x, 0) = f(x)$  and  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(x, 0) = g(x)$ , namely

$$u(x, t) = \frac{1}{2}[f(x + ct) + f(x - ct)] + \frac{1}{2c} \int_{x-ct}^{x+ct} g(s) ds.$$

In our case, we have  $c = \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $f(x) = x$  and  $g(x) = \cos^2 x$ ,

$$u(x, t) = \frac{1}{2}[(x + \tfrac{1}{2}t) + (x - \tfrac{1}{2}t)] + \int_{x-ct}^{x+ct} \cos^2(s) ds.$$

We can use the trigonometric identities

$$\cos^2(\alpha) = \frac{1}{2}(\cos(2\alpha) + 1)$$

$$2 \cos \alpha \sin \beta = \sin(\alpha + \beta) - \sin(\alpha - \beta)$$

$$\begin{aligned} u(x, t) &= x + \int_{x-ct}^{x+ct} \cos^2(x) dx \\ &= x + \int_{x-ct}^{x+ct} \frac{1 + \cos(2s)}{2} dx \\ &= x + \frac{x}{2} \Big|_{x-ct}^{x+ct} + \frac{\sin(2s)}{4} \Big|_{x-ct}^{x+ct} \\ &= x + ct + \frac{1}{4}(\sin(2(x + ct)) - \sin(2(x - ct))) \\ &= x + ct + \frac{1}{2} \cos(2x) \sin(2ct) \\ &= x + \frac{1}{2}t + \frac{1}{2} \cos(2x) \sin(t) \quad \text{with } c = \frac{1}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

### Grading manual [10 pts]

Generally, 1-2 pts deduction for each minor/major miscalculations (but no minus points)

4 pts for d'Alembert's formula, e.g. 1 for general d'Alembert formula, 1 pt each for identifying  $c$ ,  $f$  and  $g$ .

6 pts for computation of the integral

**Problem 5    Interpolation [9 pts]**

Consider the data points

$x_i$	$-1$	$1$	$3$
$f(x_i)$	$1$	$4$	$3$

- a) Use Lagrange interpolation to find the polynomial of minimal degree interpolating these points. Express the polynomial in the form  $p_n(x) = a_n x^n + \cdots + a_1 x + a_0$ .
- b) Determine the Newton form of the interpolating polynomial.
- c) Now add the data point  $(x_3, f_3) = (4, 6)$  and compute the resulting interpolation polynomial for the given 4 data points.

**Solution.** Lagrange and Newton polynomial for the first 3 data points are given by

$$\begin{aligned}
 L_0 &= \frac{(x-3)(x-1)}{8} \\
 L_1 &= -\frac{(x-3)(x+1)}{4} \\
 L_2 &= \frac{(x-1)(x+1)}{8} \\
 p_2(x) &= \frac{(x-3)(x-1)}{8} - (x-3)(x+1) + \frac{3(x-1)(x+1)}{8} \\
 p_2(x) &= -\frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{3x}{2} + 3 \\
 \omega_0 &= 1 \\
 \omega_1 &= x+1 \\
 \omega_2 &= (x-1)(x+1)
 \end{aligned}$$

Divided difference table =

`[[ -1, 1, 3], [1, 4, 3], [3/2, -1/2, None], [-1/2, None, None]]`

Using Newton form for the 4th data point.

Divided difference table =

`[[ -1, 1, 3, 4], [1, 4, 3, 6], [3/2, -1/2, 3, None], [-1/2, 7/6, None, None], [1/3, None, None, None]]`

4th Newton polynomial and final interpolation polynomial.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \omega_3 &= (x-3)(x-1)(x+1) \\
 p_3(x) &= \frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{3x^2}{2} + \frac{7x}{6} + 4
 \end{aligned}$$

## Grading manual

- a) (3p):** 2 pts for interpolation polynomial in Lagrange form, 1 pt for final polynomial  
 no points for systematic major blunders when setting up Lagrange basis function, e.g. calculating  $l_0$  via

$$l_0(x) = (x-x_1)(x-x_2) \quad \text{instead of} \quad l_0(x) = \frac{(x-x_1)(x-x_2)}{(x_0-x_1)(x_0-x_2)}$$



- b) (3p):** 2 pts for computation of divided difference table, 1 pt for interpolation polynomial in Newton form  
Only Newton form is required, no point deduction for miscalculations during additional rewriting into monomial form  $p_n(x) = a_nx^n + \cdots + a_1x + a_0$ .
- c) (3p):** Can be computed using either the Lagrange or Newton (simpler!) form, 2 pts for computation of divided difference table or Lagrange polynomials, 1 pt for interpolation polynomial in either Newton or Lagrange form  
Only correct Newton (or Lagrange) form is required, no point deduction for miscalculations during additional rewriting into monomial form  $p_n(x) = a_nx^n + \cdots + a_1x + a_0$ .

**Problem 6      Quadrature rules [15 pts]**

- a)** It is known that the quadrature rule  $MR[f](a, b)$  defined by the midpoint rule satisfies the error estimate

$$|MR[f](a, b) - \int_a^b f(x)dx| \leq \frac{7M}{24}(b-a)^3,$$

where  $M = \max_{x \in [a, b]} |f''(x)|$ . Which degree of exactness has this quadrature rule and why?

- b)** Show that the corresponding *composite midpoint rule*  $CMR[f](a, b, m)$  defined on  $m$  equally spaced subintervals satisfies an estimate for the quadrature error of the form

$$|CMR[f](a, b, m) - \int_a^b f(x)dx| \leq M(b-a)\frac{7h^2}{24},$$

where  $h = \frac{b-a}{m}$  and  $M$  is defined as in **b**).

- c)** Consider the integral  $\int_0^1 \cos(x) dx$ . Find the number of intervals  $m$  which guarantees that the quadrature error for the composite midpoint rule is below  $10^{-3}$ .
- d)** Write down a `Python` code snippet, which for given function  $f$ , interval endpoints  $a, b$  and number of intervals  $m$  uses the composite midpoint rule to compute the integral  $\int_a^b f(x)dx$  numerically.

**Solution.**

- a) A quadrature rule has a degree of exactness equal to  $p$  if every polynomial up to order  $p$  is integrated exactly by the quadrature rule (i.e quadrature error is 0). The error estimate involves the second derivative  $f''(x)$ . Thus the quadrature rule has a degree of exactness of 1 since the second derivative vanishes for all polynomials up to order 1.
- b) Define  $h = (b - a)/m$  and  $m$  subintervals  $[x_{i-1}, x_i]$  for  $i = 1, \dots, m$ , with  $x_i = a + ih$  for  $i = 0, \dots, m$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 |CMR[f](a, b, m) - \int_a^b f(x)dx| &= \left| \sum_{i=1}^m MR[f](x_{i-1}, x_i) - \sum_{i=1}^m \int_{x_{i-1}}^{x_i} f(x)dx \right| \\
 &\leq \sum_{i=1}^m \left| MR[f](x_{i-1}, x_i) - \int_{x_{i-1}}^{x_i} f(x)dx \right| \\
 &\leq \sum_{i=1}^m \max_{x \in [x_{i-1}, x_i]} |f''(x)| \frac{7}{24} h^3 \\
 &\leq \underbrace{\max_{x \in [a, b]} |f''(x)|}_{=:M} \frac{7}{24} h^3 m \\
 &= M \frac{7}{24} h^3 (b - a) / h = M \frac{7}{24} h^2 (b - a).
 \end{aligned}$$

- c) For the given integrand  $\cos(x)$  we observe that

$$M = \max_{x \in [0, 1]} |\cos''(x)| \max_{x \in [0, 1]} |\cos(x)| = 1$$

With  $h = (b - a)/m$ , the error estimate can be rewritten as follows

$$\begin{aligned}
 |CMR[f](a, b, m) - \int_a^b f(x)dx| &\leq M(b - a) \frac{7h^2}{24} \\
 &= M \frac{(b - a)^3}{m^2} \frac{7}{24}
 \end{aligned}$$

With  $M = 1$  and  $(b - a) = 1$ , we thus want  $m$  to be large enough to satisfy

$$10^{-3} \geq M \frac{(b - a)^3}{m^2} \frac{7}{24} = \frac{1}{m^2} \frac{7}{24} \Rightarrow m \geq \sqrt{\frac{7000}{24}} \approx 17.078,$$

so for  $m = 18$ , we can guarantee that the quadrature error is less than  $10^{-3}$ .

- d) Alternative 1 using the `np.sum` function:

```

1 def CMR(f, a, b, N):
2     h = (b-a)/N
3     xi = np.linspace(a+h/2, b-h/2, N)
4     return h*np.sum(f(xi))

```

Alternative 2 using a simple for loop to compute the sum of function evaluations at the interval midpoints:

```

1 def CMR(f, a, b, N):
2     h = (b-a)/N
3     f_sum = 0
4     for xi in np.linspace(a+h/2, b-h/2, N):
5         f_sum += f(xi)
6     return h*f_sum

```

## Grading manual

- a) (3p) 1pt for reviewing degree of exactness,  
2 pts for determining degree of exactness and arguing via second order derivative in error representation
- b) (4p) 2 pts for bounding quadrature error of the composite rule by a sum of the quadrature errors on each subinterval  
2 pts for using the error estimate for the simple midpoint rule from a) and the final error estimate.
- c) (4p) 1 pt for finding  $M$   
2 pts for relating quadrature error estimate to given tolerance  
1 pt for finding correct  $m$ .
- d) (4p) for correct code, -1 pt for each "bug/error" in the code (at most 4 minus point).

**Problem 7     Nonlinear equations [8 pts]**

Let  $r$  be a solution of the following equation

$$x + \sin(x - 2) = 0, \quad 0 \leq x \leq 2$$

Show that the solution is unique by using the intermediate value theorem.

Starting from

$$x_0 = 0.5,$$

perform two iterations of the Newton method.

**Solution** The function  $f(x) = x + \sin(x - 2)$  is continuous on the interval  $[0, 2]$ . We have  $f(0) = \sin(-2) \approx -0.909$  and  $f(2) = 2$ . Therefore, by the intermediate value theorem, there exists a zero in  $[0, 2]$ . This solution is unique as

$$f'(x) = 1 + \cos(x - 2) > 0$$

for all  $x \in [0, 2]$ . Applying Newton's method, we get

$$\begin{aligned}x_1 &= x_0 - \frac{f(x_0)}{f'(x_0)} = 0.5 - \frac{0.5 + \sin(-1.5)}{1 + \cos(-1.5)} = 0.964 \\x_2 &= x_1 - \frac{f(x_1)}{f'(x_1)} = 0.964 - \frac{0.964 + \sin(0.964 - 2)}{1 + \cos(0.964 - 2)} = 0.895.\end{aligned}$$

**Grading manual** [8 pts]:

2 pts for application of intermediate value theorem,

2 pts for uniqueness

2pts for computation of  $x_1$

2pts for computation of  $x_2$

**Problem 8 Numerical methods for ODE [12 pts]**

Consider the following implementation of a 3-stage Runge-Kutta method.

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1 def rkm(y0, t0, T, f, Nmax):
2     ts = [t0]
3     ys = [y0]
4     dt = (T-t0)/Nmax
5
6     while (ts[-1] < T):
7         t, y = ts[-1], ys[-1]
8
9         k1 = f(t,y)
10        k2 = f(t+2/3*dt, y+2/3*dt*k1)
11        k3 = f(t+dt, y+dt/2*(k1+k2))
12
13        ys.append(y + dt/4*(k1+3*k2))
14        ts.append(t + dt)
15
16    return np.array(ts), np.array(ys)

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- Extract the Butcher table from the given implementation. Can you simplify the Butcher table and/or implementation code?
- Determine the consistency order of the Runge-Kutta method implemented in a).
- Now imagine you have run a convergence rate study for three different Runge-Kutta methods, one of which was the method implemented in the code snippet above. You obtained the following tables which tabulate the number of used, equidistant time-steps  $N$  against the resulting error.

What are the experimentally observed orders of convergence for each method and which table was likely produced by the method implemented above? Justify your answers!

	N	Error
0	4	0.221199
1	8	0.096199
2	16	0.044258
3	32	0.021231
4	64	0.010403
5	128	0.005141

**Table 1**

	N	Error
0	4	3.1795e-02
1	8	3.0213e-03
2	16	3.1609e-04
3	32	3.5879e-05
4	64	4.2818e-06
5	128	5.2306e-07

**Table 2**

	N	Error
0	4	0.071203
1	8	0.010207
2	16	0.001986
3	32	0.000446
4	64	0.000106
5	128	0.000026

**Table 3**

**Solution.** a)

$$\begin{array}{c|ccc} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2/3 & 2/3 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1/2 & 1/2 & 0 \\ \hline & 1/4 & 3/4 & 0 \end{array}.$$

Since the computation of the next step

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + \frac{\tau}{4}(k_1 + 3k_2)$$

does not use  $k_3$ , we could safely skip the computation of  $k_3$ , that is simply delete line 11 in the given code.

The presented method is in fact a 2 stage Runge-Kutta method represented by the Butcher table

$$\begin{array}{c|cc} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2/3 & 2/3 & 0 \\ \hline & 1/4 & 3/4 \end{array}$$

b) Note again that  $b_3 = 0$  and we have in fact a two stage method. Then the order conditions are (omitting all terms involving  $b_3 = 0$ ):

$$p = 1 \qquad b_1 + b_2 = \frac{1}{4} + \frac{3}{4} = 1 \qquad \text{OK}$$


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$$p = 2 \qquad b_1 c_1 + b_2 c_2 = \frac{1}{4} \cdot 0 + \frac{3}{4} \cdot \frac{2}{3} = \frac{1}{2} \qquad \text{OK}$$


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$$\begin{aligned} p = 3 \qquad b_1 c_1^2 + b_2 c_2^2 &= \frac{1}{4} \cdot 0^2 + \frac{3}{4} \cdot \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{3} \qquad \text{OK} \\ b_1(a_{11}c_1 + a_{12}c_2) + b_2(a_{21}c_1 + a_{22}c_2) &= \frac{1}{4}(0 \cdot 0 + 0 \cdot \frac{2}{3}) + \frac{3}{4}(\frac{2}{3} \cdot 0 + 0 \cdot \frac{2}{3}) \\ &= 0 \neq \frac{1}{6} \qquad \text{Not satisfied} \end{aligned}$$

Thus the given Runge-Kutta method has consistency order 2.



**c)** For a Runge-Kutta methods which has consistency order  $p$ , we expect the method to have convergence order 2 as well for reasonable right-hand side functions in an ODE problem. Thus, whenever the number of subintervals is doubled, the error should be reduced by a roughly a factor of  $\frac{1}{2^p}$ , that is  $err_k/err_{k+1} \approx 2^p$ . Taking the log gives

$$\frac{\log(err_k/err_{k+1})}{\log 2} \approx p. \quad (1)$$

**Table 1:** For each doubling of the number of time-steps, the error is roughly reduced by a factor  $\frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2^1}$  so the experimentally observed convergence rate EOC is 1. We can confirm that using (1), e.g. for the first doubling we get  $\log(0.221199/0.096199)/\log(2) \approx 1.20$  and for the last two doublings, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \log(0.021231/0.010403)/\log(2) &\approx 1.029 \\ \log(0.010403/0.005141)/\log(2) &\approx 1.017 \end{aligned}$$

so the EOC is around 1.

**Table 2:** With the same rationale as for the first table, we see that the EOC for the first doubling is  $\log(3.1795e - 2/3.0213e - 3)/\log(2) \approx 3.396$  while for the last two doubling we see that

$$\begin{aligned} \log(3.5879e - 5/4.2818e - 6)/\log(2) &\approx 3.067 \\ \log(4.2818e - 6/5.2306e - 7)/\log(2) &\approx 3.033 \end{aligned}$$

so the EOC is very close to 3.

**Table 3:** With the same rationale as for the first table, we see that the EOC for the first doubling is  $\log(0.071203/0.010207)/\log(2) \approx 2.8023791301743497$  while for the last two doubling we see that the EOC approaches 2,

$$\begin{aligned} \log(0.000446/0.000106)/\log(2) &\approx 2.073 \\ \log(0.000106/0.000026)/\log(2) &\approx 2.0275 \end{aligned}$$

In problem part **b)**, we saw that the given Runge-Kutta method has consistency order 2, we thus expect the method to have convergence order 2 as well for reasonable right-hand side functions in an ODE problem, so Table 3 is most likely produced by the code given above.

## Grading manual

- a) (4p) 2 pts for correct Butcher table,  
1 pt for realizing that  $k_3$  is not used and that line 11 can be deleted  
1 pt for reduced/simplified Butcher table
- b) (4p) 1 pt for each correctly checked order condition
- c) (4p) 1 pt for each table/ correctly identified EOC, short rationale is ok (e.g. “the error roughly is reduced by a factor 4 for each doubling of the number of time steps which corresponds to an EOC of around 2.”)  
1 pt for determining right table produced by code from a).

**Problem 9**      **Numerical Methods for Partial Differential Equations [9 pts]**

- a) Let  $u : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a 4 times differentiable function and assume that all derivatives are continuous on  $[a, b]$ .

Show that the central difference operator

$$\partial^+ \partial^- u(x) := \frac{u(x+h) - 2u(x) + u(x-h)}{h^2}$$

satisfies

$$u''(x) - \partial^+ \partial^- u(x) = \mathcal{O}(h^2) \quad h \rightarrow 0.$$

- b) On the 2-dimensional unit square  $\Omega = (0, 1)^2 \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ , consider the two-dimensional Laplace equation

$$\Delta u(x, y) := \partial_{xx} u(x, y) + \partial_{yy} u(x, y) = 0. \quad (2)$$

Assume that  $(N+1)^2$  grid points  $\{(x_i, y_j)\}_{i,j}^N$  are defined by uniformly subdividing each axis into  $N$  subintervals; that is, for a given double index  $(i, j)$ , a grid point is given by  $(x_i, y_j) = (ih, jh)$  where  $h = 1/N$ .

Write down the definition of the 5-point stencil used in the finite-difference based discretization of the two-dimensional Laplace operator  $\Delta$ .

- c) On the three-dimensional unit cube  $\Omega = (0, 1)^3 \subset \mathbb{R}^3$  consider the three-dimensional Laplace equation

$$\Delta u(x, y, z) := \partial_{xx} u(x, y, z) + \partial_{yy} u(x, y, z) + \partial_{zz} u(x, y, z) = 0. \quad (3)$$

Assume that  $(N+1)^3$  grid points  $\{(x_i, y_j, z_k)\}_{i,j,k}^N$  are defined by uniformly subdividing each axis into  $N$  subintervals; that is, for a given triple index  $(i, j, k)$ , a grid point is given by  $(x_i, y_j, z_k) = (ih, jh, kh)$  where  $h = 1/N$ .

Find the corresponding stencil to discretize the three-dimensional Laplace operator  $\Delta$  using the finite difference method. Give a *short* rationale of how you arrived at the formula.

**Solution**

a) Taylor-expand the terms  $u(x+h)$  and  $u(x-h)$  around  $x$

$$u(x+h) = u(x) + u'(x)h + \frac{u''(x)}{2}h^2 + \frac{u^{(3)}(x)}{6!}h^3 + \frac{u^{(4)}(x)}{4!}h^4 \quad (4)$$

$$u(x-h) = u(x) - u'(x)h + \frac{u''(x)}{2}h^2 - \frac{u^{(3)}(x)}{6!}h^3 + \frac{u^{(4)}(x)}{4!}h^4 \quad (5)$$

Adding these two equations gives

$$u(x+h) + u(x-h) = 2u(x) + u''(x)h^2 + 2\frac{u^{(4)}(x)}{4!}h^4 \quad (6)$$

$$= 2u(x) + u''(x)h^2 + \mathcal{O}(h^4) \quad (7)$$

Rearranging the last equation yields

$$\frac{u(x+h) - 2u(x) + u(x-h)}{h^2} = u''(x) + \mathcal{O}(h^2). \quad (8)$$

b) 5-point stencil is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta u(x_i, y_j) &\approx \partial_x^+ \partial_x^- u(x_i, y_j) + \partial_y^+ \partial_y^- u(x_i, y_j) \\ &= \frac{u(x_{i+1}, y_j) + u(x_{i-1}, y_j) + u(x_i, y_{j-1}) + u(x_i, y_{j+1}) - 4u(x_i, y_j)}{h^2} \end{aligned}$$

c) To obtain the right stencil for the Laplace operator in 3D, we use the same idea as before/in the course when we passed from 1D to 2D: One simply applies a 2nd order central finite difference operator along each coordinate axis to approximate  $\partial_{xx}$ ,  $\partial_{yy}$ , and  $\partial_{zz}$ , which results in a 7 point stencil

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta u(x_i, y_j, z_k) &\approx \partial_x^+ \partial_x^- u(x_i, y_j, z_k) + \partial_y^+ \partial_y^- u(x_i, y_j, z_k) + \partial_z^+ \partial_z^- u(x_i, y_j, z_k) \\ &= \frac{1}{h^2} \left( u(x_{i+1}, y_j, z_k) + u(x_{i-1}, y_j, z_k) - 2u(x_i, y_j, z_k) \right. \\ &\quad + u(x_i, y_{j-1}, z_k) + u(x_i, y_{j+1}, z_k) - 2u(x_i, y_j, z_k) \\ &\quad \left. + u(x_i, y_j, z_{k-1}) + u(x_i, y_j, z_{k+1}) - 2u(x_i, y_j, z_k) \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{h^2} \left( u(x_{i+1}, y_j, z_k) + u(x_{i-1}, y_j, z_k) \right. \\ &\quad + u(x_i, y_{j-1}, z_k) + u(x_i, y_{j+1}, z_k) \\ &\quad \left. + u(x_i, y_j, z_{k-1}) + u(x_i, y_j, z_{k+1}) - 6u(x_i, y_j, z_k) \right) \end{aligned}$$

## Grading manual

**a) (4p):**

1 pt for each Taylor expansion, ‘  
2 pts for final estimate via inserting and rearranging  
-2 pts if Taylor expansions were too short, e.g only  $\mathcal{O}(h^3)$  remainder term  
instead of  $\mathcal{O}(h^4)$  term.

**b) (2p)** Only definition of 5 point stencil is asked for.

**c) (3p):** 1 pts for short reasoning/rationale (apply 1D FD in each direction) 2  
pts for final 7-point stencil

## Grading scale and distribution

The exam contained 9 problems in total, the maximum score for each problem is documented in the solution manual above, with a total score of 100 points.

Problem set	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Average score	5.7	5.8	7.5	6.2	7.9	4.6	5.5	5.2	2.2
Max points	10	15	12	10	9	15	8	12	9

The grading scale used for the assessment of this exam corresponds to the NTNU standard grading scale describe at

<https://i.ntnu.no/wiki/-/wiki/Norsk/Prosentvurderingsmetoden>

but scaled with a factor 0.9:

- A:  $\geq 80$
- B:  $\geq 69$
- C:  $\geq 58$
- D:  $\geq 47$
- E:  $\geq 36$
- F:  $0 < 36$

The resulting grade distribution is shown below, together with the grade distributions for the autumn semesters 2017-2019. Note that in autumn 2020, a digital home exam with pass/not pass grade scale was conducted and thus the results are not included.

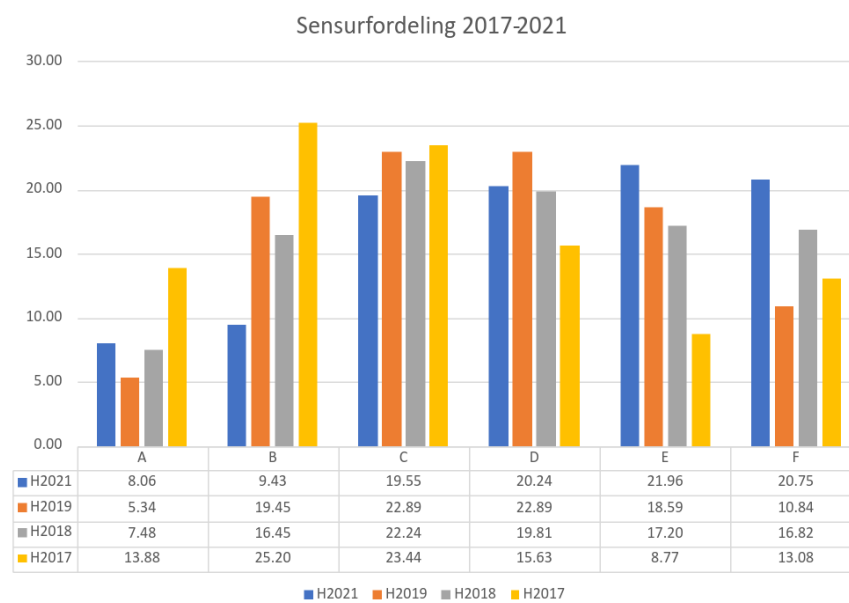


Figure 1: Grade distribution for TMA4130 exam results from autumn 2021 and autumn 2017-2019.