

EXERCISE 8

Problem 1. (Ralston's method)

Ralston's method is given by the following Butcher tableau:

r	0 c_1	0 a_{11}	0 a_{12}	0 a_{13}
1/2 c_2	1/2 a_{21}	0 a_{22}	0 a_{23}	0 a_{23}
3/4 c_3	0 a_{31}	3/4 a_{32}	0 a_{33}	0 a_{33}
	2/9	1/3	4/9	
	b_1	b_2	b_3	

- a) Determine the order of this Runge-Kutta method.
- b) Consider the initial value problem $y'(t) = t^2 e^{-2y}$, $y(0) = 0$. Using a time-step size $h = 0.48$, use Ralston's method to compute the *first step*, by hand. Make sure to also write down all stage derivatives k_1 , k_2 and k_3 .

1 a)

P	Conditions
1	$\sum_{n=1}^s b_n = 1$ $\frac{2}{9} + \frac{3}{9} + \frac{4}{9} = 1$ ✓
2	$\sum_{n=1}^s b_n c_n = 1/2$ $0 + \frac{1}{6} + \frac{3}{4} \cdot \frac{4}{9} = \frac{1}{6} + \frac{2}{3} = \frac{1}{2}$ ✓
3	$\sum_{n=1}^s b_n c_n^2 = 1/3$ $0 + \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{4} + \frac{4}{9} \cdot \frac{9}{16} = \frac{1}{12} + \frac{4}{16} = \frac{1}{12} + \frac{3}{12} = \frac{1}{3}$ ✓
	$\sum_{m=1}^s \sum_{n=1}^s b_n a_{mn} c_n = 1/6$ $0 + \left\{ m=2, \sum_{n=1}^s b_n a_{2n} c_n = 0 \right\} + \left\{ m=3, \sum_{n=1}^s b_n a_{3n} c_n = b_3 a_{32} c_2 = \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{3}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{8} \right\} = \frac{1}{8} X$ $c_1 = 0, a_{21} = 0, a_{31} = 0$ $c_2 = 0, a_{32} = 0$

The RK-method is consistent at order $O(h^2)$.

b)

- $k_1 = h f(t_i, y_i)$
- $k_2 = h f\left(t_i + \frac{h}{2}, y_i + \frac{h}{2} k_1\right)$
- $k_3 = h f\left(t_i + \frac{3}{4}h, y_i + \frac{3}{4}h k_2\right)$

$$\Rightarrow y_{i+1} = y_i + \left[\frac{2}{9}k_1 + \frac{1}{3}k_2 + \frac{4}{9}k_3 \right]$$

$$\underbrace{f(t,y)}_{y'(t) = t^2 e^{2y}}, \quad y(0) = 0, \quad h = 0.48$$

$$1. \quad k_1 = 0.48 \cdot (0)^2 e^0 = 0$$

$$2. \quad k_2 = 0.48 \cdot \left(0 + \frac{0.48}{2}\right)^2 e^0 = 0.48 \cdot 0.24^2 = 0.027648$$

$$3. \quad k_3 = 0.48 \cdot \left(0 + \frac{3}{4} \cdot 0.48\right)^2 e^0 = 0.48 \cdot 0.36^2 = 0.062208$$

$$y_1 = 0 + \frac{2}{9} \cdot 0 + \frac{1}{3} \cdot 0.027648 + \frac{4}{9} \cdot 0.062208 = \underline{\underline{0.036864}}$$

Exact: $y(t) = \frac{1}{2} \log \left(1 + \frac{1}{3}(2 \cdot t^3)\right) \Rightarrow y(0.48) \approx \underline{\underline{0.0355684}}$ close

Problem 2. (A boundary value problem - 4D)

Given the two point boundary value problem:

$$u_{xx} + 2u_x + \pi^2 u = \cos(\pi x) - \pi(x+1) \sin(\pi x), \quad 0 \leq x \leq 2, \quad u(0) = 0, \quad u(2) = 1$$

a) Verify that the exact solution is

$$u(x) = \frac{x}{2} \cos(\pi x).$$

b) Set up a finite difference scheme for this problem, using central differences. Use $\Delta x = 2/N$ as the grid size, and let $x_i = i\Delta x$, $i = 0, 1, \dots, N$.

c) Let $N = 4$ and use the above formula to find approximations $U_i \approx u(x_i)$, $i = 1, 2, 3$. (That is: Set up the system of equations, and solve it). Compare with the exact solution.

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a) $u'' + 2u' + \pi^2 u = \cos(\pi x) - \pi(x+1) \cdot \sin(\pi x), \quad x \in [0, 2], \quad u(0) = 0, \quad u(2) = 1$

If $u(x) = \frac{x}{2} \cos(\pi x)$:

• $\frac{d}{dx} u(x) = \frac{1}{2} (\cos(\pi x) - \pi x \sin(\pi x)) = u'(x)$

• $\frac{d^2}{dx^2} u(x) = -\frac{1}{2} \pi (\cancel{2} \sin(\pi x) + \pi x \cos(\pi x)) = u''(x)$

$$-\pi \sin(\pi x) - \cancel{\frac{x}{2} \pi^2 \cos(\pi x)} + \cos(\pi x) - \pi x \sin(\pi x) + \cancel{\pi^2 \frac{x}{2} \cos(\pi x)}$$

$$= \cos(\pi x) - \pi (\sin(\pi x) + x \sin(\pi x))$$

$$\underline{\underline{\cos(\pi x) - \pi(x+1) \sin(\pi x)}}$$

b)

$$u_{xx} \approx \frac{U_{i+1} - 2U_i + U_{i-1}}{(\Delta x)^2} \quad \text{and} \quad u_x \approx \frac{U_{i+1} - U_{i-1}}{2\Delta x}, \quad \Delta x = \frac{2}{N}, \quad x_i = \Delta x i$$

$$\frac{U_{i+1} - 2U_i + U_{i-1}}{(\Delta x)^2} + 2 \frac{U_{i+1} - U_{i-1}}{2\Delta x} + \pi^2 U_i = \cos(\pi x_i) - \pi(x_i + 1) \sin(\pi x_i)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \left(\frac{1}{(\Delta x)^2} + \frac{1}{\Delta x} \right) U_{i+1} + \left(\frac{-2}{(\Delta x)^2} + \pi^2 \right) U_i + \left(\frac{1}{(\Delta x)^2} - \frac{1}{\Delta x} \right) U_{i-1} = \cos(\pi x_i) - \pi(x_i + 1) \sin(\pi x_i)$$

For $i = 1, 2, \dots, N-1$ For $i = 0$, $u_0 = u(0) = 0$ and $i = N$, $u_N = u(2) = 1$.c) For $N=4$, we get $\Delta x = \frac{2}{4} = 0.5$ $i = 0 : u_0 = u(0) = 0.$ $i = N : u_N = u(2) = 1.$ $i = 1 : x_i = 0.5, \quad u(0.5) = 0 \quad \text{Exact}$

$$2u_0 + (-8 + \pi^2)u_1 + 6u_2 = \cos(\frac{\pi}{2}) - \frac{3}{2}\pi \sin(\frac{\pi}{2})$$

$$\Rightarrow u_1 = \frac{-\frac{3}{2}\pi - 6u_2}{\pi^2 - 8}$$

 $i = 2 : x_i = 1, \quad u(1) = -0.5 \quad \text{Exact}$

$$2u_1 + (\pi^2 - 8)u_2 + 6u_3 = \cos(\pi) - 2\pi \sin(\pi)$$

$$\Rightarrow u_2 = \frac{-1 - 2u_1 - 6u_3}{\pi^2 - 8}$$

$$i=3 : x_i = 1.5 , \quad u(1.5) = 0 \quad \text{Exact}$$

$$2u_2 + (\pi^2 - 8)u_3 + 6u_4 = \cos(\frac{3}{2}\pi) - 2.5\pi \sin(\frac{3}{2}\pi)$$

$$\Rightarrow u_3 = \frac{2.5\pi - 2u_2 - 6}{\pi^2 - 8}$$

solve($U_1 = (-3\pi/2 - 6U_2)/(\pi^2 - 8)$, $U_2 = (-1 - 2U_1 - 6U_3)/(\pi^2 - 8)$, $U_3 = (2.5\pi - 2U_2 - 6)/(\pi^2 - 8)$)

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Input interpretation

$$U_1 = \frac{-3 \times \frac{\pi}{2} - 6U_2}{\pi^2 - 8}$$

$$\text{solve } U_2 = \frac{-1 - 2U_1 - 6U_3}{\pi^2 - 8}$$

$$U_3 = \frac{2.5\pi - 2U_2 - 6}{\pi^2 - 8}$$

Result

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$$U_1 = -3.07908 \text{ and } U_2 = 0.174045 \text{ and } U_3 = 0.80546$$

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Approx

$$u_1 = 0$$

$$u_2 = -0.5$$

$$u_3 = 0$$

Exact

Problem 3. (Ralston's method - 4D)

For the ordinary differential equation

$$y'(t) = -6y(t), \quad \text{with} \quad y(0) = 1,$$

consider Ralston's method given by the following Butcher tableau:

0	0	0
2/3	2/3	0
	1/4	3/4

Using the tableau and expanding the stage derivatives k_i , we can write the solution y_{n+1} in terms of the previous one, y_n , and of the time-step size $h > 0$. More precisely:

$$y_{n+1} = R(h)y_n, \quad \text{so that} \quad y_n = [R(h)]^n y(0),$$

in which $R(h)$ is a second-degree polynomial.

- How many stages does this Runge–Kutta method have?
- Determine the polynomial $R(h)$.
- Using the expression obtained for $R(h)$, determine for what range of step sizes this algorithm is stable.

3 a) 2 stages (as seen by the rows in the Butcher Tableau)

b) $k_1 = h f(t_i, y_i)$

$$k_2 = h f\left(t_i + \frac{2}{3}h, y_i + \frac{2}{3}k_1\right)$$

$$y_{i+1} = y_i + \frac{1}{4}k_1 + \frac{3}{4}k_2$$

For $y'(t) = -6y(t)$ and $y(0) = 1$

We have $f(t, y) = -6y$

So :

$$k_1 = \underline{-6hy_i}$$

$$k_2 = -6h \left(y_i - \frac{2}{3} \cdot 6hy_i \right)$$

$$= \underline{-6hy_i + 4h^2 y_i}$$

$$y_{i+1} = y_i - \frac{6}{4} hy_i + \frac{3}{4} (-6hy_i + 4h^2 y_i)$$

$$= y_i \left(1 - \frac{3}{4} h - h^2 \right)$$

$$\text{So , } R(h) = \underline{1 - \frac{3}{4} h - h^2}$$

c) We need $|R(h)| \leq 1$ to be stable.

$$\left| 1 - \frac{3}{4} h - h^2 \right| \leq 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} 1 - \frac{3}{4} h - h^2 \leq 1 \\ 1 - \frac{3}{4} h - h^2 \geq -1 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} \frac{3}{4} h + h^2 \geq 0 \\ \frac{3}{4} h + h^2 \leq 2 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} h \left(\frac{3}{4} + h \right) \geq 0 \Rightarrow h \geq 0 \cup h \leq -\frac{3}{4} \\ h^2 + \frac{3}{4} h - 2 \leq 0 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{4} (4h^2 + 3h - 8) \leq 0 \Rightarrow 4h^2 + 3h - 8 \leq 0 \\ \Rightarrow \frac{-3 - \sqrt{137}}{8} \leq h \leq \frac{-3 + \sqrt{137}}{8} \end{cases}$$

If we take the intersection of these ranges we get

$$h \in \left[\frac{-3 - \sqrt{157}}{8}, \frac{-3 + \sqrt{157}}{8} \right] \cap \left(h \in (-\infty, -\frac{3}{4}] \cup h \in [0, \infty) \right)$$

$$\underline{h \in \left[\frac{-3 - \sqrt{157}}{8}, -\frac{3}{4} \right] \cup h \in \left[0, \frac{-3 + \sqrt{157}}{8} \right]}$$

The range for which the RK method is stable.