

Chapter 4

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- Problem 1.** (a) Using the composite midpoint quadrature rule, compute the approximate value of the integral $\int_0^1 x^3 dx$, using a mesh size (subinterval length) of $h = 1$ and also using a mesh size of $h = 0.5$.
- (b) Based on the two approximate values computed in part a, Use Richardson extrapolation to compute a more accurate approximate to the integral.
- (c) Would you expect the extrapolated result computed in part b to exact in this case? Why?

Solution. (a)

$$\begin{aligned} h = 1, \quad M(x^3) &= (1 - 0)(1/2)^3 = 1/8 \\ h = 0.5, \quad M(x^3) &= 0.5 \times ((1/4)^3 + (3/4)^3) = 7/32 \end{aligned}$$

- (b) Since $I(f) = \sum_i f(m_i)h + \frac{f''(m_i)}{24}h^3 + \dots \Rightarrow F(h) = a_0 + a_1h^2 + \mathcal{O}(h^4)$ means that $p = 2$ and $r = 4$. Using step 1, 0.5 obtain

$$F(0) = F(1) + \frac{F(1) - F(0.5)}{2^{-2} - 1} = 1/4.$$

- (c) It's not exact that $F(h)$ have $\mathcal{O}(h^4)$ haven't been eliminated.

□

- Problem 2.** (a) If the integrand f is twice continuously differentiable and $f''(x) \geq 0$ on $[a, b]$, show that the composite midpoint and trapezoid quadrature rules satisfy the bracketing property

$$M_k(f) \leq \int_a^b f(x) dx \leq T_k(f).$$

- (b) If the integrand f is convex on $[a, b]$ (see Section 6.2.1), show that the composite midpoint and trapezoid quadrature rules satisfy the bracketing property in part a.

Solution. (a)

$$\begin{aligned} \int_a^b f(x) dx - M_k(f) &= \sum \int_{a_i}^{a_i+h} f(x) - f(a_i + h/2) dx \\ &= \sum \int_0^{h/2} (f'(\chi) - f'(\xi)) t dt \quad \chi \in (a_i, a_i + h/2), \xi \in (a_i + h/2, a_i + h) \\ &\geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_a^b f(x)dx - T_k(f) &= \sum \int_{a_i}^{a_i+h} f(x) - (f(a_i) + f(a_i+h))/2 dx \\
 &= \sum \int_0^{h/2} (f'(\xi) - f'(\chi))t dt \quad \chi \in (a_i, a_i + h/2), \xi \in (a_i + h/2, a_i + h) \\
 &\leq 0
 \end{aligned}$$

(b)

$$\int_a^b f(x)dx = \sum \int_0^{h/2} (f(a_i + t) + f(a_i + h - t))dt \geq \sum \int_0^{h/2} f(a_i + h/2)dt = M_k(f)$$

$$\int_a^b f(x)dx = \sum \int_0^h f(a_i + t)dt \leq \sum \int_0^h tf(a_i) + (1-t)f(a_i + h)dt = T_k(f)$$

□

Problem 3. Let p be a real polynomial of degree n such that

$$\int_a^b p(x)x^k dx = 0, \quad k = 0, \dots, n-1.$$

(a) Show that the n zeros of p are real, simple, and lie in the open interval (a, b) . (Hint: Consider the polynomial $q_k(x) = (x - x_1)(x - x_2) \cdots (x - x_k)$, where $x_i, i = 1, \dots, k$, are the roots of p in $[a, b]$.)

(b) Show that the n -point interpolatory quadrature rule on $[a, b]$ whose nodes are the zeros of p has degree $2n - 1$. (Hint: Consider the quotient and remainder polynomial when a given polynomial is divided by p .)

Solution. (a) Assume $p(x)$ contain m zeros x_i in (a, b) that $m < n$. we have $p(x)(x - x_1) \cdots (x - x_m)$ won't change sign in (a, b) , which is conflict with $\int_a^b p(x)(x - x_1) \cdots (x - x_m) = \int_a^b p(x)(\sum_p \alpha_p x^p)dx = 0$.

(b) Suppose x_i, w_i satisfy

$$\sum_i w_i x_i^k = \int_a^b x^k dx, \quad k = 0, \dots, n-1$$

and x_i is zeros of $p(x)$. There is exist $\alpha_k(x), \beta_k(x) \in P_{n-1}(x)$ such that $x^{n+k} = p(x)\alpha_k(x) + \beta_k(x), k < n$, and

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_a^b x^{n+k} dx &= \int_a^b (p(x)\alpha_k(x) + \beta_k(x))dx = \int_a^b \beta_k(x)dx \\
 &= \sum_i w_i \beta_k(x_i) = \sum_i w_i (p(x_i)\alpha_k(x_i) + \beta_k(x_i)) = \sum_i x_i^{n+k}
 \end{aligned}$$

□

Problem 4. The forward difference formula

$$f'(x) \approx \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$$

and the backward difference formula

$$f'(x) \approx \frac{f(x) - f(x-h)}{h}$$

are both first-order accurate approximations to the first derivative of a function $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. What order accuracy results if we average these two approximations? Support your answer with an error analysis.

Solution.

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} - f'(x) &= \frac{f''(x)}{2}h - \mathcal{O}(h^2) \\ \frac{f(x) - f(x-h)}{h} - f'(x) &= -\frac{f''(x)}{2}h - \mathcal{O}(h^2)\end{aligned}$$

So they are first-order accurate. Average result get

$$\frac{f(x+h) - 2f(x) + f(x-h)}{2h} - f'(x) = \frac{f'''(x)}{6}h^2 - \mathcal{O}(h^3).$$

Therefore it has second-order accurate. □

Problem 5. Suppose that the first-order accurate, forward difference approximation to the derivative of a function at a given point produces the value -0.8333 for $h = 0.2$ and the value -0.9091 for $h = 0.1$. Use Richardson extrapolation to obtain a better approximate value for the derivative.

Solution. Since forward difference formula have $F(h) = a_0 + a_1h + \mathcal{O}(h^2)$ Which means that $p = 1, r = 2$ in this case. Using step sizes of $h = 0.2$ and $h = 0.1 (q = 2)$, we obtain $F(0.2) = -0.8333, F(0.1) = -0.9091$. The extrapolated value is then given by

$$F(0) = F(0.2) + \frac{F(0.2) - F(0.1)}{(1/2 - 1)} = 2F(0.1) - F(0.2) = -0.9861.$$

□

Problem 6. With an initial value of $y_0 = 1$ at $t_0 = 0$ and a time step of $h = 1$, compute the approximate solution value y_1 at time $t_1 = 1$ for the ODE $y' = -y$ using each of the following two numerical methods. (Your answers should be numbers, not formulas.)

- (a) Euler's method
- (b) Backward Euler method

Solution. (a)

$$y_1 = y_0 + hf(t_0, y_0) = y_0 - hy_0 = 1 - 1 = 0.$$

(b)

$$y_1 = y_0 + hf(t_1, y_1) = y_0 - hy_1 \Rightarrow y_1 = \frac{y_0}{1+h} = \frac{1}{1+1} = 0.5.$$

□

Problem 7. Consider the IVP

$$y'' = y$$

for $t \geq 0$, with initial values $y(0) = 1$ and $y'(0) = 2$.

- (a) Express this second-order ODE as an equivalent system of two first-order ODEs.
- (b) What are the corresponding initial conditions for the system of ODEs in part a?
- (c) Are solutions of this system stable?
- (d) Perform one step of Euler's method for this ODE system using a step size of $h = 0.5$.
- (e) Is Euler's method stable for this problem using this step size?

(f) Is the backward Euler method stable for this problem using this step size?

Solution. (a) Define the new unknowns $u_1(t) = y(t)$ and $u_2(t) = y'(t)$, then we have

$$\begin{bmatrix} u_1' \\ u_2' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} u_2 \\ u_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

(b)

$$\begin{bmatrix} u_1(0) \\ u_2(0) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

(c) The eigenvalues of the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

are $1(> 0)$ and -1 , thus solutions of this system are unstable.

(d)

$$\mathbf{u}_1 = \mathbf{u}_0 + hA\mathbf{u}_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + 0.5 \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 2.5 \end{bmatrix}.$$

(e) The eigenvalues of the matrix $I + hA = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0.5 \\ 0.5 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ are $1.5(> 1)$ and 0.5 , therefore, Euler's method is unstable for this problem using this step size.

(f) The formula for the backward Euler method is

$$\mathbf{u}_{n+1} = \mathbf{u}_n + hA\mathbf{u}_{n+1} \Rightarrow \mathbf{u}_{n+1} = (I - hA)^{-1}\mathbf{u}_n,$$

the eigenvalues of the matrix $(I - hA)^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -0.5 \\ -0.5 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^{-1}$ are $(1/2)^{-1} = 2(> 1)$ and $2/3$, therefore, backward Euler's method is unstable for this problem using this step size.

□

Problem 8. Applying the midpoint quadrature rule on the interval $[t_k, t_{k+1}]$ leads to the implicit *midpoint method*

$$y_{k+1} = y_k + h_k f(t_k + h_k/2, (y_k + y_{k+1})/2)$$

for solving the ODE $y' = f(t, y)$. Determine the order of accuracy and the stability region of this method.

Solution. Applying Taylor's theorem yields

$$\begin{aligned} y(t_{k+1}) &= y(t_k) + h_k y'(t_k) + \frac{h_k^2}{2} y''(t_k) + \mathcal{O}(h_k^3); \\ f\left(t_k + \frac{h_k}{2}, \frac{y(t_k) + y(t_{k+1})}{2}\right) &= f(t_k, y(t_k)) + \frac{h_k}{2} f_t(t_k, y(t_k)) + \frac{y(t_{k+1}) - y(t_k)}{2} f_y(t_k, y(t_k)) + \mathcal{O}(h_k^2) \\ &= y'(t_k) + \frac{h_k}{2} (f_t(t_k, y(t_k)) + f_y(t_k, y(t_k)) y'(t_k)) + \mathcal{O}(h_k^2) \\ &= y'(t_k) + \frac{h_k}{2} y''(t_k) + \mathcal{O}(h_k^2). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned}
 y(t_{k+1}) &- \left[y(t_k) + h_k f \left(t_k + \frac{h_k}{2}, \frac{y(t_k) + y(t_{k+1})}{2} \right) \right] \\
 &= y(t_k) + h_k y'(t_k) + \frac{h_k^2}{2} y''(t_k) + \mathcal{O}(h_k^3) \\
 &- \left\{ y(t_k) + h_k \left[y'(t_k) + \frac{h_k}{2} y''(t_k) + \mathcal{O}(h_k^2) \right] \right\} \\
 &= \mathcal{O}(h_k^3),
 \end{aligned}$$

which shows that the implicit midpoint method is of order 2.

To determine the stability of the implicit midpoint method, we apply it to the scalar test ODE $y' = \lambda y$, obtaining

$$y_{k+1} = y_k + \frac{\lambda h_k}{2}(y_k + y_{k+1}),$$

which implies that

$$y_k = \left(\frac{1 + h_k \lambda/2}{1 - h_k \lambda/2} \right)^k y_0.$$

Thus, the stability region of the implicit midpoint method is

$$\mathcal{D} = \left\{ z \in \mathbb{C} : \left| \frac{1+z}{1-z} \right| < 1 \right\}.$$

□

Problem 9. Consider the two-point BVP for the second-order scalar ODE

$$u'' = u, \quad 0 < t < b,$$

with boundary conditions

$$u(0) = \alpha, \quad u(b) = \beta.$$

- (a) Rewrite the problem as a first-order system of ODEs with separated boundary conditions.
- (b) Show that the fundamental solution matrix for the resulting linear system of ODEs is given by

$$Y(t) = \begin{bmatrix} \cosh(t) & \sinh(t) \\ \sinh(t) & \cosh(t) \end{bmatrix}.$$

- (c) Are the solutions to this ODE stable?
- (d) Determine the matrix $Q \equiv B_0 Y(0) + B_b Y(b)$ for this problem.
- (e) Determine the rescaled solution matrix $\Phi(t) = Y(t)Q^{-1}$.
- (f) What can you say about the conditioning of Q , the norm of $\Phi(t)$, and the stability of solutions to this BVP as the right endpoint b grows?

Solution. (a) Define the new unknowns $y_1(t) = u(t)$ and $y_2(t) = u'(t)$, then we have

$$\begin{bmatrix} y_1' \\ y_2' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} y_2 \\ y_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix},$$

with separated linear boundary conditions

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y_1(0) \\ y_2(0) \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y_1(b) \\ y_2(b) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{bmatrix}.$$

- (b) Solving $\mathbf{y}' = A\mathbf{y}$ with initial condition $\mathbf{y}(0) = \mathbf{e}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^T$, we obtain $\mathbf{y}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} \cosh(t) & \sinh(t) \end{bmatrix}^T$, with $\mathbf{y}(0) = \mathbf{e}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^T$, $\mathbf{y}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} \sinh(t) & \cosh(t) \end{bmatrix}^T$. Therefore the fundamental solution matrix is

$$Y(t) = \begin{bmatrix} \cosh(t) & \sinh(t) \\ \sinh(t) & \cosh(t) \end{bmatrix}.$$

- (c) The solutions to this ODE are stable, since growth in the solution is limited by the boundary conditions.

(d)

$$Q = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cosh(b) & \sinh(b) \\ \sinh(b) & \cosh(b) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ \cosh(b) & \sinh(b) \end{bmatrix}.$$

(e)

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi(t) &= Y(t)Q^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \cosh(t) & \sinh(t) \\ \sinh(t) & \cosh(t) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -\frac{\cosh(b)}{\sinh(b)} & \frac{1}{\sinh(b)} \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sinh(b)} \begin{bmatrix} \sinh(b-t) & \sinh(t) \\ -\cosh(b-t) & \cosh(t) \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

- (f) As b grows, the condition number of Q and the norm of $\Phi(t)$ grow as well, and the stability of solutions to this BVP decreases.

□

Problem 10. Consider the two-point BVP

$$u'' = u^3 + t, \quad a < t < b,$$

with boundary conditions

$$u(a) = \alpha, \quad u(b) = \beta.$$

To use the shooting method to solve this problem, one needs a starting guess for the initial slope $u'(a)$. One way to obtain such a starting guess for the initial slope is, in effect, to do a “preliminary shooting” in which we take a single step of Euler’s method with $h = b - a$.

- (a) Using this approach, write out the resulting algebraic equation for the initial slope.
 (b) What starting value for the initial slope results from this approach?

Solution. (a)

$$u(b) = u(a) + hu'(a) \Rightarrow hu'(a) = u(b) - u(a).$$

(b)

$$u'(a) = \frac{u(b) - u(a)}{h} = \frac{\beta - \alpha}{b - a}.$$

□