Self-exercise - SRU03
Response to questions

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1 Step-by-step with A3-SRU03

Example 1. *Let the linear m-step method be given by coefficients $\alpha_l \in \mathbb{R}$ and $\beta_l \in \mathbb{R}$ where $l = 0, 1, \ldots, m$, satisfying the following system of equations*

$$\sum_{l=0}^{m} a_l = 0, \tag{1}$$

$$\sum_{l=0}^{m} (l^q \alpha_l - q\, l^{q-1} \beta_l) = 0, \quad \textit{for} \quad q = 1, 2, 3, \ldots, p. \tag{2}$$

Then the linear m-step method has the consistency order of p.

Consider the following ordinary differential equation (ODE) taking the form

$$x'(t) = f(t, x(t)), \quad \text{with} \quad x(t_0) = x_0, \tag{3}$$

which may be approximated by a linear multistep method, taking the general form

$$\boxed{\sum_{l=0}^{m} \alpha_l\, x(t_j + lh) = h \sum_{l=0}^{m} \beta_l\, f(t_j + lh, x(t_j + lh)).} \tag{4}$$

Observation 1. *There are 6 symbols arising in (1), (2), (4) to be aware of*

1. *m is the total number of steps used in the multistep method.*
2. *$\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ is the coefficient for the linear combination of $x(t_j + lh)$*
3. *$\beta \in \mathbb{R}$ is the coefficient for the linear combination of $f(t_j + lh, x(t_j + lh))$.*
4. *p is the consistency order.*
5. *l is the dummy index, running from 0 to m.*
6. *q is the dummy index, running from 1 to p.*

Observation 2. *The multistep method arising in (4) is a* ***linear*** *multistep method, or specifically* ***linear*** *m-step method. The term* ***linear*** *coming along with m-step method, i.e. linear m-step method, emphasizes the fact that there is actually a* ***linear combination*** *of the terms* $x(t_j + lh)$ *with coefficients* α_l *on the LHS of (4), and a* ***linear combination*** *of the terms* $f(t_j + lh, x(t_j + lh))$ *with coefficients* β_l *on the RHS of (4). This linear m-step method uses the information from the previous m steps to compute the value for the next step. In details, let us examine the formula (4) which is written again as follows*

$$\sum_{l=0}^{m} \alpha_l \, x(t_j + lh) = h \sum_{l=0}^{m} \beta_l \, f(t_j + lh, x(t_j + lh)), \tag{5}$$

whose LHS is written in its entirety as follows

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{l=0}^{m} \alpha_l \, x(t_j + lh) &= \alpha_0 \, x(t_j) + \alpha_1 \, x(t_j + h) + \alpha_2 \, x(t_j + 2h) + \dots \\ &\quad + \dots + \alpha_{m-1} \, x(t_j + (m-1)h) + \alpha_m \, x(t_j + mh),\end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

whereas the RHS of (5) has its expansion as follows

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{l=0}^{m} \beta_l \, f(t_j + lh, x(t_j + lh)) = {} & \beta_0 \, f(t_j, x(t_j)) + \beta_1 \, f(t_j + h, x(t_j + h)) \\ & + \beta_2 \, f(t_j + 2h, x(t_j + 2h)) \\ & + \dots + \\ & + \beta_{m-1} \, f(t_j + (m-1)h, x(t_j + (m-1)h)) \\ & + \beta_m \, f(t_j + mh, x(t_j + mh)).\end{aligned} \tag{7}$$

The insertion of (6) and (7) into (5) leads to

$$\begin{aligned}& \alpha_0 \, x(t_j) + \alpha_1 \, x(t_j + h) + \alpha_2 \, x(t_j + 2h) \\ & + \dots \\ & + \alpha_{m-1} \, x(t_j + (m-1)h) + \alpha_m \, x(t_j + mh) \\ & = \\ & \beta_0 \, f(t_j, x(t_j)) + \beta_1 \, f(t_j + h, x(t_j + h)) + \beta_2 \, f(t_j + 2h, x(t_j + 2h)) \\ & + \dots + \\ & + \beta_{m-1} \, f(t_j + (m-1)h, x(t_j + (m-1)h)) + \beta_m \, f(t_j + mh, x(t_j + mh)),\end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

which tells us the fact that the value $x(t_j + mh)$ *is approximated by using all information from previous steps, based on*

1. $x(t_j)$, $x(t_j + h)$, $\dots$, $x(t_j + (m-1)h)$.
2. $f(t_j, x(t_j))$, $f(t_j + h, x(t_j + h))$, $\dots$, $f(t_j + mh, x(t_j + mh))$.
3. *Coefficients* α_l *and* β_l.

Observation 3. *The apprearance of the green term $f(t_j + mh, x(t_j + mh))$ arising in (8) plays a significant role, meaning that*

1. $\beta_m = 0$*: the green term is switched off, and the scheme becomes* ***explicit****.*

2. $\beta_m \neq 0$*: the green term is switched on, and the scheme becomes* ***implicit****.*

Observation 4. *Specific choices of α_l and β_l leads to some familiar methods. Especially, when $m = 1$ the linear m-step method becomes single-step method, or one-step method. If so, according to (4) there will be 4 coefficients $(\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \beta_0, \beta_1)$ to be defined. For example:*

1. $(\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \beta_0, \beta_1) = (-1, 1, 1, 0)$ *we obtain explicit Euler.*

2. $(\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \beta_0, \beta_1) = (-1, 1, 0, 1)$ *we obtain implicit Euler.*

When the time t is considered at a specific discretized time point $t = t_j + lh$, the ODE in (3) yields

$$x'(t_j + lh) = f(t_j + lh, x(t_j + lh)), \tag{9}$$

Substitution of (9) into (4) leads to

$$\sum_{l=0}^{m} \alpha_l\, x(t_j + lh) = h \sum_{l=0}^{m} \beta_l\, x'(t_j + lh), \tag{10}$$

which, by group the summation sign together, leads equally to

$$\sum_{l=0}^{m} (\alpha_l\, x(t_j + lh) - h\, \beta_l\, x'(t_j + lh)) = 0. \tag{11}$$

Then, the order of consistency is figured out by taking advantage of using Taylor's expansion for $x(t_j + lh)$ and $x'(t_j + lh)$. By using (19) and (20) in Observation 5 we obtain

$$x(t_j + lh) = \sum_{n=0}^{q} \frac{x^{(n)}(t_j)\,(lh)^n}{n!} + \mathcal{O}((lh)^{q+1}), \tag{12}$$

$$x'(t_j + lh) = \sum_{n=0}^{r} \frac{x^{(n+1)}(t_j)\,(lh)^n}{n!} + \mathcal{O}((lh)^{r+1}), \tag{13}$$

where, according to (19) and (20) in Observation 5, the following two substitutions have been performed for (12) and (13), meaning that

$$a \to t_j, \tag{14}$$

$$h \to lh. \tag{15}$$

Furthermore, expression (12) can be split into two main parts, where the first part going with index $n = 0$ and the second part going with $n \geq 1$, as follows

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\begin{aligned}
x(t_j + lh) &= \sum_{n=0}^{q} \frac{x^{(n)}(t_j)\,(lh)^n}{n!} + \mathcal{O}((lh)^{q+1}) \\
&= \frac{x^{(0)}(t_j)\,(lh)^0}{0!} + \sum_{n=1}^{q} \frac{x^{(n)}(t_j)\,(lh)^n}{n!} + \mathcal{O}((lh)^{q+1}) \\
&= x(t_j) + \sum_{n=1}^{q} \frac{x^{(n)}(t_j)\,(lh)^n}{n!} + \mathcal{O}((lh)^{q+1}). \qquad (16)
\end{aligned}
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Besides, shifting index starting from $i = 0$ to $i = 1$ for expression (13) yields

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\begin{aligned}
x'(t_j + lh) &= \sum_{n=0}^{r} \frac{x^{(n+1)}(t_j)\,(lh)^n}{n!} + \mathcal{O}((lh)^{r+1}) \\
&= \sum_{n=1}^{r+1} \frac{x^{(n)}(t_j)\,(lh)^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} + \mathcal{O}((lh)^{r+}) \qquad (17)
\end{aligned}
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Observation 5. *Taylor's expansion of function $x(t)$ around point a reads*

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) &= x(a) + \frac{x'(a)\,(t-a)}{1!} + \frac{x''(a)\,(t-a)^2}{2!} + \cdots + \frac{x^{(p)}(a)\,(t-a)^p}{p!} \\ &\qquad + \mathcal{O}((t-a)^{p+1}) \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{p} \frac{x^{(n)}(a)\,(t-a)^n}{n!} + \mathcal{O}((t-a)^{p+1}). \end{aligned} \tag{18}$$

Then, by setting $h := t - a$ we obtain $t = a + h$; hence, the (18) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} x(a+h) &= x(a) + \frac{x'(a)\,h}{1!} + \frac{x''(a)\,h^2}{2!} + \cdots + \frac{x^{(p)}(a)\,h^p}{p!} + \mathcal{O}(h^{p+1}) \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{p} \frac{x^{(n)}(a)\,h^n}{n!} + \mathcal{O}(h^{p+1}), \end{aligned} \tag{19}$$

which gives rise to

$$\begin{aligned} x'(a+h) &= x'(a) + \frac{x''(a)\,h}{1!} + \frac{x'''(a)\,h^2}{2!} + \cdots + \frac{x^{(p+1)}(a)\,h^p}{p!} + \mathcal{O}(h^{p+1}) \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{p} \frac{x^{(n+1)}(a)\,h^n}{n!} + \mathcal{O}(h^{p+1}), \end{aligned} \tag{20}$$

$$x(t_j + lh) = x(t_j) \tag{21}$$