

Midterm Exam II Formulas

Quadratic Formula : If we have $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$, then $x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$

Euler's Formula Let $z = a + bi$ be a complex number given in rectangular form, then

$$e^z = e^{a+bi} = e^a(\cos(b) + i \sin(b))$$

two other related formulas:

(i) if $z = a + bi$, then $r = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$, and $\tan(\theta) = \frac{y}{x}$, so $z = re^{i\theta}$

(ii) for any angle θ , $e^{i\theta} = \cos \theta + i \sin \theta$

Numerical Methods for Systems In each of the following we are attempting to find an approximate numerical solution $(\hat{x}(t), \hat{y}(t))$ to the (potentially) non-autonomous system

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dx}{dt} &= F(x, y, t) \\ \frac{dy}{dt} &= G(x, y, t)\end{aligned}$$

with the initial conditions $x(0) = x_0$ and $y(0) = y_0$

where we let $k = \Delta t$, be the step size, so $t_{i+1} = t_i + k$, and we denote $\hat{y}(t_i)$ by \hat{y}_i , and $\hat{x}(t_i)$ by \hat{x}_i

Euler's Method for any positive integer i ,

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{x}_i &= \hat{x}_{i-1} + kF(\hat{x}_{i-1}, \hat{y}_{i-1}, t_{i-1}) \\ \hat{y}_i &= \hat{y}_{i-1} + kG(\hat{x}_{i-1}, \hat{y}_{i-1}, t_{i-1})\end{aligned}$$

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$$x_{temp} = \hat{x}_{i-1} + kF(\hat{x}_{i-1}, \hat{y}_{i-1}, t_{i-1}) \quad \text{and} \quad y_{temp} = \hat{y}_{i-1} + kG(\hat{x}_{i-1}, \hat{y}_{i-1}, t_{i-1})$$

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{x}_i &= \hat{x}_{i-1} + \frac{k}{2} \left(F(\hat{x}_{i-1}, \hat{y}_{i-1}, t_{i-1}) + F(\hat{x}_{temp}, \hat{y}_{temp}, t_i) \right) \\ \hat{y}_i &= \hat{y}_{i-1} + \frac{k}{2} \left(G(\hat{x}_{i-1}, \hat{y}_{i-1}, t_{i-1}) + G(\hat{x}_{temp}, \hat{y}_{temp}, t_i) \right)\end{aligned}$$

Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors Given a square matrix A , its eigenvalues satisfy $\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$

and if λ is an eigenvalue for A (real or complex), then an eigenvector \mathbf{v} for λ satisfies

$$A\mathbf{v} = \lambda\mathbf{v}$$

Sinusoidal Forcing Formulas The following sum to product identity (actually difference to product) is used below:

$$\cos(\alpha) - \cos(\beta) = -2 \sin\left(\frac{\alpha + \beta}{2}\right) \sin\left(\frac{\alpha - \beta}{2}\right)$$

Recall the general solution of the DE $y'' + k^2 y = \cos(\omega t)$ has the form

$$y(t) = C_1 \cos(kt) + C_2 \sin(kt) + \frac{1}{k^2 - \omega^2} \cos(\omega t)$$

So, if we choose for our initial conditions $y(0) = 0$ and $y'(0) = 0$, we get

$$y(t) = \frac{1}{k^2 - \omega^2} (\cos(\omega t) - \cos(kt))$$

and if we will denote $a = \frac{1}{k^2 - \omega^2}$, and we will write $y(t) = a(\cos(\omega t) - \cos(kt))$

and using the sum to product identity referenced above we get $y(t) = -2a \sin\left(\frac{\omega + k}{2}t\right) \sin\left(\frac{\omega - k}{2}t\right)$