

1. Prove that Heun's method has order 2 with respect to h .

[Hint: notice that $h\tau_{n+1} = y_{n+1} - y_n - h\Phi(t_n, y_n; h) = E_1 + E_2$, where

$$E_1 = \int_{t_n}^{t_{n+1}} f(s, y(s)) ds - \frac{h}{2} [f(t_n, y_n) + f(t_{n+1}, y_{n+1})]$$

and

$$E_2 = \frac{h}{2} \{ [f(t_{n+1}, y_{n+1}) - f(t_{n+1}, y_n + hf(t_n, y_n))] \},$$

where E_1 is the error due to numerical integration with the trapezoidal method and E_2 can be bounded by the error due to using the forward Euler method.]

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + \frac{h}{2} \{ f_n + f(t_{n+1}, y_n + hf_n) \}$$

$$\tau_{n+1} = \frac{y_{n+1} - y_n}{h} - \frac{1}{2} [f_n + f(t_{n+1}, y_n + hf_n)] \quad \text{Truncation error}$$

$$\Rightarrow h\tau_{n+1} = y_{n+1} - y_n - \frac{h}{2} \{ f_n + f(t_{n+1}, y_n + hf_n) \}$$

$$= \underbrace{\int_{t_n}^{t_{n+1}} f(s, y(s)) ds - \frac{h}{2} \{ f_n + f(t_{n+1}, y_{n+1}) \}}_{E_1''} + \underbrace{\frac{h}{2} \{ f(t_{n+1}, y_{n+1}) - f(t_{n+1}, y_n + hf_n) \}}_{E_2''}$$

E_1 is $O(h^3)$ by trapezoidal rule

$$\therefore y_{n+1} = y_n + hf(t_n, y_n) + O(h^2) \quad \text{by forward Euler}$$

$$\Rightarrow f(t_{n+1}, y_{n+1}) = f(t_{n+1}, y_n + hf(t_n, y_n)) + O(h^2)$$

$$\therefore E_2 = \frac{h}{2} [f(t_{n+1}, y_{n+1}) - f(t_{n+1}, y_n + hf(t_n, y_n) + O(h^2))] \sim O(h^3)$$

$$\text{thus } \tau = \frac{E_1 + E_2}{h} \text{ is order 2}$$

2. Prove that the Crank-Nicolson method has order 2 with respect to h .
 [Solution: using (9.12) we get, for a suitable ξ_n in (t_n, t_{n+1})]

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + \frac{h}{2} [f(t_n, y_n) + f(t_{n+1}, y_{n+1})] - \frac{h^3}{12} f''(\xi_n, y(\xi_n))$$

or, equivalently,

$$\frac{y_{n+1} - y_n}{h} = \frac{1}{2} [f(t_n, y_n) + f(t_{n+1}, y_{n+1})] - \frac{h^2}{12} f''(\xi_n, y(\xi_n)). \quad (11.90)$$

Therefore, relation (11.9) coincides with (11.90) up to an infinitesimal of order 2 with respect to h , provided that $f \in C^2(I)$.

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + \frac{h}{2} (f_n + f_{n+1})$$

$$\Rightarrow \tau_{n+1} = \frac{1}{h} \left[(y_{n+1} - y_n) - \frac{h}{2} (f_n + f_{n+1}) \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{h} \left[\int_{t_n}^{t_{n+1}} f(s) ds - \frac{h}{2} (f_n + f_{n+1}) \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{h} \left[\frac{h^3}{12} f''(\xi) \right], \quad \xi \in [t_n, t_{n+1}] \text{ by trapezoidal rule.}$$

\therefore Crank-Nicolson method has order 2.