

Exam Summer 2017

In all problems, we always assume that all functions f on the right-hand side of Initial Value Problem are smooth with respect to all variables on the domain of definition.

Problem 1 Linear System

[30 Marks]

Consider the system of equations

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dp}{dt} = -\sin q, \\ \frac{dq}{dt} = p, \\ p(0) = p_0 \in \mathbb{R}, q(0) = q_0 \in \mathbb{R}. \end{cases} \quad t \geq 0, \quad (1.1)$$

(1a) Is (1.1) a Hamiltonian system?

(1b) Rewrite (1.1) in the form

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dx}{dt} = f(x), \\ x(0) = x_0 = (p_0, q_0)^T. \end{cases} \quad \text{where } x = (p, q)^T \quad (1.2)$$

(1c) Consider the midpoint scheme

$$\begin{cases} x^{k+1} = x^k + \Delta t f\left(\frac{x^k + x^{k+1}}{2}\right), \\ x^0 = x_0. \end{cases} \quad (1.3)$$

for solving (1.2) where Δt is the step size. Prove that the method is symplectic.

(1d) Suppose that there exists a matrix $S \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2}$ (symmetric and positive definite) and a positive constant c such that

$$x(t)^T S x(t) = c, \quad \forall t \geq 0, \quad \text{where } x \text{ is the solution to (1.2)}. \quad (1.4)$$

Prove that $(x^k)^T S x^k = c$ for $k \geq 0$, where x^k is from (1.3).

(1e) Let us denote $x^k = (p^k, q^k)$. Does the midpoint scheme (1.3) preserve the quantity

$$\frac{1}{2} p_k^2 - \cos q_k ?$$

(1f)

- ☒ Implement the midpoint scheme (1.3) using templates `ImpMidPointSolve.m` and `ImpMidPointStep.m`. `y1=ImpMidPointStep(f, y0, t0, h, tol)` should return the value of one-step midpoint scheme (1.3), and `y=ImpMidPointSolve(f, y0, T, h, tol)` should return the approximate value of IVP at the end time T . In `ImpMidPointStep.m`, we use the fixed point iteration as the method for root-finding problem in implicit method. The parameters f, y_0, T, h, tol stand for the right-hand side of IVP, initial value of IVP, ending time, step size and error tolerance, correspondingly.
- ☒ Complete the template `RunPrb1.m` to solve (1.2) on time interval $[0, 8]$ using your codes `ImpMidPointSolve.m` and `ImpMidPointStep.m`. Set the initial value as $x(0) = [\pi/2, 0]^T$. Set the time step h as $h = 0.25$ and set the error tolerance tol as $tol = 10^{-6}$.
- At the end of `RunPrb1.m`, template code will plot the computed numerical solution.

Problem 2 Improved Single Step Method

[30 Marks]

For Initial value problem

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dx}{dt} = f(t, x), & t \in [0, T], \\ x(0) = x_0, & x_0 \in \mathbb{R}, \end{cases} \quad (2.1)$$

consider the following scheme for solving (2.1):

$$\begin{cases} x^{k+1} = x^k + \Delta t(1 - \alpha)f(t_k, x^k) + \Delta t \alpha f\left(t_k + \frac{\Delta t}{2\alpha}, x^k + \frac{\Delta t}{2\alpha}f(t_k, x^k)\right), \\ x^0 = x(0), \end{cases} \quad (2.2)$$

with some constant $\alpha \geq 1/4$.

(2a) ☒ Show that (2.2) is consistent and that the truncation error $T_k(\Delta t, \alpha)$ can be expressed as

$$T_k(\Delta t, \alpha) = \frac{(\Delta t)^2}{8\alpha} \left[\left(\frac{4}{3}\alpha - 1\right) \frac{d^3x}{dt^3}(t_k) + \frac{d^2x}{dt^2}(t_k) \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}(t_k, x(t_k)) \right] + O((\Delta t)^3). \quad (2.3)$$

(2b) Apply the method (2.2) to solve (numerically)

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dx}{dt} = -x^p, & t \in [0, 1], \\ x(0) = 1, \end{cases} \quad (2.4)$$

where $p \in \mathbb{N}$.

Compare the numerical solution to the explicit analytic solution and give the order of convergence of the global error.

- ☒ Complete the template `methodPrb2.m` to implement the scheme (2.2). The function `u=methodPrb2(odefun, alp, T, y0, N)` should return the value of $x(1)$. Here `odefun`, `alp`, `T`, `y0`, `N` means the right-hand-side of the initial value problem, the value of α , the end time, initial value $x(0)$ and total step number, respectively.
- ☒ Now set $p = 3$ and $\alpha = 1/4 + 0.3$ and total step number to be $N = 2^k, k = 1, 2, \dots, 10$. Complete the template `RunPrb2.m` using your code `methodPrb2.m` to solve (2.4) numerically and then find the convergence order the scheme (2.2).

(2c) ☒ Show (analytically) that, when method (2.2) is applied to (2.4), if $p = 1$, then $T_k(\Delta t, \alpha) = O((\Delta t)^2)$ and, if $p = 2$, then there exists $\alpha \geq 1/4$ such that $T_k(\Delta t, \alpha) = O((\Delta t)^3)$.

Problem 3 Symmetry of Numerical Method

[40 Marks]

Consider the differential equation

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dx}{dt} = f(x) \\ x(0) = x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^2 \end{cases} \quad (3.1)$$

We assume that f is Lipschitz continuous in \mathbb{R}^2 .

Given a numerical method

$$x^{k+1} = \Phi_{\Delta t}(x^k),$$

where Δt is the step size. Its adjoint $\tilde{x}^{k+1} = \Phi_{\Delta t}^*(\tilde{x}^k)$ is defined by $\tilde{x}^k = \Phi_{-\Delta t}(\tilde{x}^{k+1})$ or equivalently

$$\tilde{x}^{k+1} = \Phi_{-\Delta t}^{-1}(\tilde{x}^k).$$

We say that a numerical method is symmetric if it satisfies $\Phi_{\Delta t} \circ \Phi_{-\Delta t} = I$.

(3a)

1. ☒ Is explicit Euler method symmetric? Is implicit Euler method symmetric? Prove them.
2. ☒ Recall that $x^{k+1} = x^k + f((x^{k+1} + x^k)/2)$ is the implicit midpoint rule. Is implicit midpoint rule symmetric? Prove it.
3. ☒ For $x^{k+1} = \Phi_{\Delta t}(x^k)$ a numerical method, show that

$$x^{k+1} = \Phi_{\Delta t/2} \circ \Phi_{\Delta t/2}^*(x^k) \quad (3.2)$$

is a symmetric method.

4. ☒ Denote $x = (p, q)$. Assume that (3.1) is a Hamiltonian system with Hamiltonian function $H = H(p, q)$. Write out the corresponding formulas (may be implicit) for numerical methods that (3.2) yields when Φ is explicit Euler method and implicit Euler method.

(3b) Consider a Runge-Kutta method that is consistent, i.e. $\sum_{i=1}^m b_i = 1$, and with coefficient such that $\sum_{j=1}^m a_{ij} = c_i$ for $1 \leq i \leq m$.

1. ☒ Show that adjoint of the Runge-Kutta method is again a Runge-Kutta method, with coefficient given by

$$\begin{aligned} a_{ij}^* &= b_{m+1-j} - a_{m+1-i, m+1-j}, \\ b_i^* &= b_{m+1-i} \end{aligned}$$

for $1 \leq i, j \leq m$.

2. ☒ Deduce from (3b).1 that $a_{ij} = b_j - a_{m+1-i, m+1-j}$ for all $i, j = 1, \dots, m$, if the method is symmetric.
3. ☒ Deduce from (3b).2 that, if the Runge-Kutta method is explicit, it cannot be symmetric.