

TEST NUMERICAL METHODS FOR  
DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS (WI3097 TU)  
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1. We consider the following predictor-corrector method for the integration of the initial value problem  $y' = f(t, y)$ ,  $y(t_0) = y_0$ :

$$\begin{aligned}w_{n+1}^* &= w_n + hf(t_n, w_n), \\w_{n+1} &= w_n + h((1 - \mu)f(t_n, w_n) + \mu f(t_{n+1}, w_{n+1}^*)),\end{aligned}\tag{1}$$

where  $h$ ,  $\mu$  and  $w_n$  respectively denote the time step, a real number ( $0 \leq \mu \leq 1$ ), and the numerical solution at time  $t_n$ .

- (a) Show that the local truncation error of the abovementioned method is of order  $O(h)$ , if  $0 \leq \mu \leq 1$  and of order  $O(h^2)$ , if  $\mu = \frac{1}{2}$  (Note that this has to be demonstrated for the general differential equation  $y' = f(t, y)$ ). (3 pt)
- (b) Demonstrate that the amplification factor of the abovementioned method, is given by

$$Q(h\lambda) = 1 + h\lambda + \mu(h\lambda)^2.\tag{2 pt}$$

- (c) We consider the following system of non linear differential equations:

$$\begin{aligned}x_1' &= -\sin x_1 + 2x_2 + t, \quad x_1(0) = 0, \\x_2' &= x_1 - x_2^2, \quad x_2(0) = 1.\end{aligned}\tag{2}$$

Do one step with the method given in (1) with  $h = \frac{1}{2}$  and  $\mu = \frac{1}{2}$ . (1 pt)

- (d) Show that the Jacobian of the right-hand side of (2) at  $t = 0$  is given by:

$$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix}.\tag{1 pt}$$

- (e) Choose  $\mu = 0$ . For which values of  $h$  is the method applied to (2) stable at  $t = 0$ ? Answer the same question for  $\mu = \frac{1}{2}$ . (3 pt)

2. We approximate the integral  $\int_a^b f(x)dx$  using gridnodes  $x_j = a + (j - 1)h$ , where  $x_{n+1} = b$ . For an interval between two adjacent gridnodes,  $(x_j, x_{j+1})$ , the Rectangle Rule gives the approximation  $hf(x_j)$  and a repetitive application gives  $\int_a^b f(x)dx \approx T_0 = h \sum_{j=1}^n f(x_j)$ .

- a Show that the local truncation error,  $|E_0^I| := |\int_{x_j}^{x_{j+1}} f(x)dx - hf(x_j)|$ , and global error,  $|E_0| := |\int_a^b f(x)dx - T_0|$  are, respectively, given by

$$|E_0^I| \leq \frac{h^2}{2} \max_{x \in [x_j, x_{j+1}]} |f'(x)|, \text{ and } |E_0| \leq \frac{(b-a)h}{2} \max_{x \in [a, b]} |f'(x)|. \quad (3)$$

*Hint: You can use Taylor's Theorem, and  $\max_{x \in [a, b]} |f(x)|$  denotes the maximum of  $|f(x)|$  over the interval  $[a, b]$ .* (2 pt.)

- (a) Next we also incorporate the first-order derivative of  $f$  in the gridnodes  $\{x_j\}$ . Use Taylor's Theorem to derive that the integral can be approximated by  $T_1$  using the gridnodes with global error  $E_1$ , where

$$\int_a^b f(x)dx \approx T_1 = h \sum_{j=1}^n \left[ f(x_j) + \frac{h}{2} f'(x_j) \right], \quad |E_1| \leq \frac{(b-a)h^2}{6} \max_{x \in [a, b]} |f''(x)|. \quad (4)$$

(2pt.)

- (b) Use the method from equation (4) with  $h = \frac{1}{2}$  to approximate  $\int_0^1 x^2 dx$  and compare the error with the estimate for  $|E_1|$ . (2pt.)

- d Next we use the derivatives of  $f$  up to the order 2. Further,  $T_2$  and  $E_2$  are, respectively, the approximation of  $\int_a^b f(x)dx$  using these derivatives and the corresponding global error. Show that

$$T_2 = T_1 + \frac{h^3}{3!} \sum_{j=1}^n f''(x_j), \text{ and } |E_2| \leq \frac{(b-a)h^3}{4!} \max_{x \in [a, b]} |f'''(x)|. \quad (5)$$

(2pt.)

- (c) Suppose that all values of  $f$  and their derivatives contain a error of measurement or rounding, i.e.  $|\tilde{f}^{(k)}(x_j) - f^{(k)}(x_j)| \leq \varepsilon$ , for all  $j$  and  $k$ -th derivatives ( $k = 0$  gives  $f$  itself). Let  $T_2$  and  $\tilde{T}_2$ , respectively, be computed using the exact ( $f$ ) and available values ( $\tilde{f}$ ) of  $f$  and its derivatives, show that the influence of the this error can be estimated by:

$$|\tilde{T}_2 - T_2| \leq (b-a)\varepsilon \left( 1 + \frac{h}{2} + \frac{h^2}{3!} \right). \quad (6)$$

(2pt.)