
Applied Numerical Analysis – Quiz #3

Modules 5 and 6

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Instructions:

- Make sure you have a machine-readable answer form.
- Write your name and student number in the spaces above, **and** on the answer form.
- Fill in the answer form **neatly** to avoid risk of incorrect marking.
- Fill in the version number of your quiz (see bottom right, A-D) on the answer form.
- Use only pencil on the answer form, and correct with a rubber.
- This quiz requires a calculator.
- Each question has exactly one correct answer.
- Correct answers will receive 5 points, unanswered questions 1 point, incorrect answers 0 points.
- This quiz has **10 questions** and **4 pages** in total.

Module 5: ODEs

Note: Throughout this quiz we consider the standard form of the ODE to be:

$$y'(t) = f(y(t)).$$

Question 1 If the error introduced per step of an *unspecified* stable time integration scheme is $\mathcal{O}(\Delta t^3)$, what can you say about the error in the solution at a fixed time T ?

- A: Unanswered C: $\mathcal{O}(\Delta t^1)$ E: $\mathcal{O}(\Delta t^3)$ G: $\mathcal{O}(\Delta t^5)$
B: Not enough data D: $\mathcal{O}(\Delta t^2)$ F: $\mathcal{O}(\Delta t^4)$ H: $\mathcal{O}(\Delta t^6)$

Question 2 Consider the system of two non-linear first-order ODEs

$$\begin{aligned}z_1' &= z_2 \\z_2' &= -\frac{g}{l} \sin(z_1)\end{aligned}$$

describing an ideal pendulum, in which z_1 is the phase angle and z_2 is its time derivative. Use forward-Euler and the initial condition $(z_1^{(0)}, z_2^{(0)}) = (\frac{\pi}{2}, 0)$ (superscripts indicate the timestep). Assume $\frac{g}{l} = 10$. What is the value of $(z_1^{(1)}, z_2^{(1)})$ if $\Delta t = 0.001$?

- A: Unanswered D: $(-\pi/2, -0.01)$ G: $(0, \pi/2)$
B: $(\pi/2, -0.01)$ E: $(-\pi/2, 0.01)$
C: $(\pi/2, 0.01)$ F: $(0, -\pi/2)$

Question 3 Consider the *implicit* scheme:

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + \frac{\Delta t}{2} [f(y_{n+1}) + f(y_n)].$$

By linearization one can obtain an *explicit* scheme which is an approximation to this - with approximation error $\mathcal{O}(\Delta t^3)$. Which of the following is that explicit scheme? [Note: $f_y := \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$]

- A: Unanswered E: $y_{n+1} = y_n + \Delta t [1 - \frac{1}{2} \Delta t f_y(y_n)]^{-1} f(y_n)$
B: $y_{n+1} = y_n + \Delta t f(y_n)$ F: $y_{n+1} = y_n + 2 [1 + \Delta t f_y(y_n)]^{-1} f(y_n)$
C: $y_{n+1} = y_n + \Delta t f(y_{n+1})$ G: $y_{n+1} = y_n + 2 \Delta t [1 + \Delta t f_y(y_n)]^{-1} f(y_n)$
D: $y_{n+1} = y_n + \Delta t [1 - 2 \Delta t f_y(y_n)]^{-1} f(y_n)$ H: $y_{n+1} = y_n + \frac{\Delta t}{2} [f(y_n) + f(y_{n-1})]$

Question 4 Consider the ODE $y' = -2y$. Using the forward-Euler scheme we can write:

$$y_{i+1} = y_i + h(-2y_i) = y_0 (1 - 2h)^{i+1}$$

For which range of stepsize h is the scheme stable for this equation?

- A: Unanswered D: $h < 0$ G: $0 < h < 1$
B: Never stable E: $h > 0.5$ H: $0 < h < 2$
C: $h > 0$ F: $0 < h < 0.5$

Question 5 Consider *numerical stability* of the 2-step Adam-Bashford scheme, given by:

$$y_{i+2} = y_{i+1} + \frac{\Delta t}{2}[3f_{i+1} - f_i].$$

As usual define $z = \lambda\Delta t \in \mathbb{C}$. Derive the discrepancy equation, and solve it using solutions of the form $\delta_i = \beta^i$. What is the equation relating β and z that defines the stability region? [Hint: If you don't remember how to get the discrepancy equation, use $f_i = \lambda y_i$ in the difference scheme.]

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| A: Unanswered | C: $\beta - 1 + z - 3z = 0$ | E: $\beta - (1 + \frac{3}{2}z)\beta + \frac{z}{2} = 0$ |
| B: $\beta^2 - (1 + \frac{3}{2}z)\beta + \frac{z}{2} = 0$ | D: $\beta^2 + (1 + 3z)\beta + z = 0$ | F: $\beta^2 - (1 - \frac{3}{2}z)\beta + \frac{1}{2} = 0$ |

Question 6 Consider a difference scheme $\mathbf{y}_{i+1} = \mathcal{D}(\mathbf{y}_i)$ applied to an initial-value problem with exact solution $y(t)$. Let the scheme predict a discrete solution \mathbf{y}_i at time t_i . Which of the following statements are true?

- (i) The *global error* at time t_i is $|y(t_i) - \mathbf{y}_i|$.
- (ii) The *local error* at time t_i is $|\mathcal{D}(y(t_i)) - y(t_{i+1})|$.
- (iii) If $y(t)$ is a polynomial of degree ≤ 1 , and \mathcal{D} is 1st-order accurate, then $y(t_i) = \mathbf{y}_i$.

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| A: Unanswered | D: (ii) | G: (ii) and (iii) |
| B: None | E: (i) and (ii) | H: (i), (ii) and (iii) |
| C: (i) | F: (i) and (iii) | |

Module 6: Optimization

Question 7 Coca-Cola cans are cylinders of constant volume $V = 311 \text{ cm}^3$ optimized for minimum surface to volume (S/V) ratio. What is approximately the radius of a Coca-Cola can?

- A: Unanswered
- B: Insufficient Data For A Meaningful Answer
- C: 1.25 cm
- D: 3.67 cm.
- E: 4.51 cm
- F: 6.54 cm
- G: 7.34 cm
- H: 8.03 cm

Question 8 We want to obtain the minimum of the Himmelblau function given by:

$$f(x, y) = (x^2 + y - 11)^2 + (x + y^2 - 7)^2.$$

A semi-analytical approach is to set the first parenthesis to zero by setting $y = 11 - x^2$. The variable y is eliminated giving:

$$g(x) = x^4 - 22x^2 + x + 114.$$

Apply 1 iteration of Newton's method with $x_0 = 2$. What is the value of x_1 ?

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| A: Unanswered | C: $2 - \frac{33}{2}$ | E: $2 - \frac{44}{3}$ | G: $2 - \frac{55}{4}$ |
| B: $2 + \frac{33}{2}$ | D: $2 + \frac{44}{3}$ | F: $2 + \frac{55}{4}$ | |

Question 9 A minimization problem in $f(x)$ can be reduced to a zero-finding problem by setting $f'(x) = 0$. In a similar way a 1d zero-finding problem $g(x) = 0$ can be rephrased as an minimization problem: Find x such that

$$\min_x \frac{1}{2} [g(x)]^2.$$

This will have a global minimum at every x which satisfies $g(x) = 0$, but may also have other local minima $\tilde{x}_1, \dots, \tilde{x}_n$. What equation(s) will these local minima satisfy?

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| A: Unanswered | E: $g'(\tilde{x}_i) = 0$ and $g''(\tilde{x}_i) > 0$ |
| B: $g(\tilde{x}_i) = 0$ | F: $g'(\tilde{x}_i) = 0$ and $g''(\tilde{x}_i) < 0$ |
| C: $\sum_i g(\tilde{x}_i) = 0$ | G: $g'(\tilde{x}_i) = 0$ and $g(\tilde{x}_i) \cdot g''(\tilde{x}_i) > 0$ |
| D: $\sum_i \tilde{x}_i = 0$ | H: $g'(\tilde{x}_i) = 0$ and $g(\tilde{x}_i) \cdot g''(\tilde{x}_i) < 0$ |

Question 10 Pseudo-code for the Golden-section search is given below, containing *one* error. What line of the code contains the error? [Note: $\varphi = \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}$, and input is the starting interval $[a, b]$, and an error tolerance ε .]

1. $x_1 \leftarrow a$
2. $x_2 \leftarrow b$
3. $x_3 \leftarrow x_2 - \frac{1}{\varphi}(x_2 - x_1)$
4. $x_4 \leftarrow x_1 + \frac{1}{\varphi}(x_2 - x_1)$
5. error $\leftarrow \infty$
6. **while** error $> \varepsilon$
7. **if** $f(x_3) > f(x_4)$
8. $x_2 \leftarrow x_4$
9. $x_4 \leftarrow x_3$
10. $x_3 \leftarrow x_2 - \frac{1}{\varphi}(x_2 - x_1)$
11. **else**
12. $x_1 \leftarrow x_3$
13. $x_3 \leftarrow x_4$
14. $x_4 \leftarrow x_1 + \frac{1}{\varphi}(x_2 - x_1)$
15. **end if**
16. error = $|x_3 - x_4|$
17. **end while**
18. **return** x_3, x_4

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| A: Unanswered | C: Line 10 | E: Line 16 |
| B: Line 7 | D: Line 14 | |