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Math 571: Final Exam (Take Home)

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Please provide the MATLAB (or Mathematica or Maple) codes and their outputs (table/graphs) for Problems #2 and #3. A bonus will be given for solving correctly Problem #3 using all the cited methods.

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**Problem #1:** Consider the initial value problem

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = f(y, t), y(t_0) = y_0, t \in [t_0, T].$$

In integral form we have

$$y(t) = y_0 + \int_{t_0}^t f(y(\tau), \tau) d\tau$$

giving

$$y(t_{n+1}) = y(t_n) + \int_{t_n}^{t_{n+1}} f(y(\tau), \tau) d\tau$$

Let  $h = t_{n+1} - t_n$  "small", this leads to the one-parameter class of methods,  **$\theta$ -method**,

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + h [(1 - \theta)f(y_n, t_n) + \theta f(y_{n+1}, t_{n+1})] \quad (1)$$

for  $\theta \in [0, 1]$ .

Note that, for  $\theta = 0$  we recover the Euler's method and for  $\theta = 1$ , we get the backward Euler method.

1. Determine the first two terms of the residual  $r_n$  for the  $\theta$ -method for general  $f$ . Do this as follows:

(i) write down the Taylor expansion of  $y'(t_{n+1})$  about  $t_n$  and recall  $f(y(t_{n+1}), t_{n+1}) = y'(t_{n+1})$

(ii) note that the residual is obtained upon substitution of the exact solution into the method:

$$y(t_{n+1}) = y(t_n) + h [(1 - \theta)y'(t_n) + \theta y'(t_{n+1})] - r_n \quad (2)$$

(Hint: compare the above relation to the Taylor expansion of  $y(t_{n+1})$  about time  $t_n$ ). What is the order of accuracy? How does it depend on  $\theta$ ?

2. Prove that the  $\theta$ -method converges for sufficiently smooth  $f$ . Proceed as follows:

(i) first show that the error satisfies

$$(1 - h\theta L) \|e_{n+1}\| \leq (1 + h(1 - \theta)L) \|e_n\| + (\theta - \frac{1}{2})h^2 C_1 + (\theta - \frac{1}{3})\frac{h^3}{2} C_2$$

where  $L$  is the Lipschitz constant of and  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  are positive constants (Hint: subtract 2 from 1).

(ii) next, show by induction on  $n$  that

$$\|e_n\| \leq \left[ \left( \frac{1 + h(1 - \theta)L}{1 - h\theta L} \right)^n - 1 \right] \left( \frac{\theta - 1/2}{L} hC_1 + \frac{\theta - 1/3}{L} h^2 C_2 \right)$$

(iii) finally, show that for  $\theta \in [0, 1]$ , the bound

$$\|e_n\| \leq \left[ \exp \left( \frac{hnL}{1 - hL} \right) - 1 \right] \left( \frac{\theta - 1/2}{L} hC_1 + \frac{\theta - 1/3}{L} h^2 C_2 \right)$$

holds and conclude the convergence in the limit  $h \rightarrow 0$ , for fixed  $T$ . How does the convergence depend on  $\theta$ ?

- Determine the stability region  $S$  for  $\theta = 1/2$  and  $\theta = 1$ . Describe these regions in words.

**Problem #2:** Solve the initial value problem

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dy}{dt} = -e^{-y-t}, t \in [0, 5] \\ y(0) = \ln 2 \end{cases}$$

using the Runge-Kutta methods of order two and four. Then evaluate  $y(5)$  in each case and compare with exact value.

**Problem #3:** Solve the initial value problem

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dy}{dt} = -e^{-y-t}, t \in [0, 5] \\ y(0) = \ln 2 \end{cases}$$

using **one of the following methods:**

- (i) the Adomian Decomposition Method
- (ii) the Variation Iteration Method
- (iii) the Integral equation method (Numerically solve an appropriate integral equation)

Then evaluate  $y(5)$  and compare with exact value.