

This exam has 3 questions, for a total of 100 points.  
Please answer the questions in the spaces provided on the question sheets.  
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35 points

1. Consider Heun's method

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

- (a) Show that Heun's method is an explicit two-stage RK method.
- (b) Prove that Heun's method has order 2 with respect to  $h$ .

(a) Heun's method can be reformulated as

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$$s_1 = y_n$$

$$s_2 = y_n + h a_{2,1} f(t_n, s_1)$$

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + h [b_1 f(t_n + c_1 h, s_1) + b_2 f(t_n + c_2 h, s_2)]$$

which is an explicit two-stage RK method with the RK tableau

$$\begin{array}{c|c} c & A \\ \hline & b^T \end{array} = \begin{array}{c|cc} 0 & & \\ 1 & & 1 \\ \hline & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{array}$$

i.e.,  $c_1 = 0, c_2 = 1, a_{2,1} = 1, b_1 = b_2 = \frac{1}{2}$

(b) The above RK tableau satisfies the condition for order  $p \geq 2$ , (3.7) page 39,

(15 pts)

$$b_1 + b_2 = 1, b_2 c_2 = \frac{1}{2}, a_{2,1} = c_2.$$

Thus, Heun's method has order  $p=2$  w.r.t.  $h$ .

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2. Consider the theta method

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

(a) Prove that the theta method is convergent for every  $\theta \in [0, 1]$ .(b) Prove that the theta method is A-stable if and only if  $\theta \in [0, \frac{1}{2}]$ .

(a) We follow the proofs of Theorems 1.1 and 1.2.  
 30 pts) From Page 14, we have

$$\begin{aligned} e_{n+1} &= e_n + \theta h [f(t_n, y(t_n) + e_n) - f(t_n, y(t_n))] \\ &\quad + (1-\theta)h [f(t_{n+1}, y(t_{n+1}) + e_{n+1}) - f(t_{n+1}, y(t_{n+1}))] \\ &\quad + O(h^{\alpha+1}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{where } \alpha = \begin{cases} 2, & \theta = \frac{1}{2} \\ 1, & \theta \neq \frac{1}{2} \end{cases}$$

It follows from the Lipschitz condition and the triangle inequality that, for  $\theta \in [0, 1]$ ,

$$\|e_{n+1}\| \leq \|e_n\| + \theta h \lambda \|e_n\| + (1-\theta)h \lambda \|e_{n+1}\| + Ch^{\alpha+1}$$

Assume that for small  $h$ ,  $(1-\theta)h\lambda < 1$ , we have

$$\|e_{n+1}\| \leq \left( \frac{1+\theta h\lambda}{1-(1-\theta)h\lambda} \right) \|e_n\| + \left( \frac{C}{1-(1-\theta)h\lambda} \right) h^{\alpha+1}$$

By induction on  $n$ , we deduce that

$$\|e_n\| \leq \frac{C}{\lambda} \left[ \left( \frac{1+\theta h\lambda}{1-(1-\theta)h\lambda} \right)^n - 1 \right] h^\alpha$$

$$\text{Since } \frac{1+\theta h\lambda}{1-(1-\theta)h\lambda} = 1 + \frac{h\lambda}{1-(1-\theta)h\lambda} \leq \exp\left(\frac{h\lambda}{1-(1-\theta)h\lambda}\right),$$

We have

$$\|e_n\| \leq \frac{C}{\lambda} h^\alpha \left( \frac{1+\theta h\lambda}{1-(1-\theta)h\lambda} \right)^n \leq \frac{C}{\lambda} h^\alpha \exp\left(\frac{nh\lambda}{1-(1-\theta)h\lambda}\right)$$

For  $\forall n$  s.t.  $nh < t^*$ ,

$$\|e_n\| \leq \frac{C}{\lambda} h^\alpha \exp\left(\frac{t^*\lambda}{1-(1-\theta)h\lambda}\right)$$

Thus  $\lim_{\substack{h \rightarrow 0 \\ 0 \leq nh \leq t^*}} \|e_n\| = 0$ , i.e., the theta method is convergent for every  $\theta \in [0, 1]$ .

(b) (25pts) Applying the theta method to the linear equation (4.7), i.e.,  
 $y' = \lambda y$ ,  $t \geq 0$ ,  $y(0) = 1$   
 produces a geometric solution sequence

$$y_n = [\tau_\theta(h\lambda)]^n, \quad n = 0, 1, \dots$$

where

$$\tau_\theta(z) = \frac{1 + \theta z}{1 - (1 - \theta)z}, \quad \forall \theta \in [0, 1].$$

Then the linear stability domain for the theta method is.

$$D_\theta = \{z \in \mathbb{C}, |\tau_\theta(z)| < 1\}$$

To check A-stability, i.e.,

$$\mathbb{C}^- = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : \operatorname{Re} z < 0\} \subseteq D$$

We represent  $\mathbb{C}^- = \{z = \rho e^{i\alpha}, \rho > 0, \alpha \in (\frac{1}{2}\pi, \frac{3}{2}\pi)\}$   
 in polar coordinates.

We look for  $\theta$  s.t.  $|\tau_\theta(\rho e^{i\alpha})| < 1$ .

It would be equivalent to

$$|1 + \theta \rho e^{i\alpha}|^2 < |1 - (1 - \theta) \rho e^{i\alpha}|^2$$

$\Leftrightarrow$

$$1 + 2\theta \rho \cos \alpha + \theta^2 \rho^2 < 1 - 2(1 - \theta) \rho \cos \alpha + (1 - \theta)^2 \rho^2$$

$\Leftrightarrow$

$$(1 - 2\theta) \rho > 2 \cos \alpha$$

Since  $\cos \alpha < 0$  for  $\forall \alpha \in (\frac{1}{2}\pi, \frac{3}{2}\pi)$ , i.e.,  $\forall z \in \mathbb{C}^-$ ,  
 the theta method is therefore A-stable if and only  
 if  $1 - 2\theta \geq 0$ , i.e.  $\theta \in [0, \frac{1}{2}]$ .

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(10 pts)

3. Prove that the Gauss-Seidel iteration converges whenever the matrix  $A$  is symmetric and positive definite.

The GS iteration, applied to  $Ax = b$ , can be viewed as a regular splitting iteration

$$Px^{[k+1]} = Nx^{[k]} + b, \quad k=0, 1, \dots$$

with

$$P = D - L_0, \quad N = U_0$$

where we split  $A$  as

$$A = (D - L_0) - U_0$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \square \end{bmatrix} = \left( \begin{bmatrix} \diagdown \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} \triangle \end{bmatrix} \right) - \begin{bmatrix} \nabla \end{bmatrix}$$

Since  $A$  is symmetric, positive definite, Theorem 12.2 and the positive definiteness of the matrix  $Q := P + P^T - A$  imply convergence. For the GS splitting,

$$\begin{aligned} Q &= P + P^T - A = (D - L_0) + (D - L_0)^T - A \\ &= D - L_0 + D - L_0^T = D + (D - L_0 - U_0) - A \\ &= D \end{aligned}$$

i.e.  $Q$  is simply the diagonal matrix of  $A$ . Thus the positive definiteness of  $A$  implies that

$$Q > 0.$$

When you finish this exam, you should go back and reexamine your work for any errors that you may have made.