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- Rottmann: *Matematisk formelsamling*
- Approved calculator
- One yellow, stamped A5 sheet with own handwritten formulas and notes (on both sides).

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**NB! There is an appendix at the end of the set!**

**Problem 1** (Counts 50%)

In this problem, you are given small exercises from different parts of the curriculum.  
*Note that yes/no answers without justification give no credit.*

- a) Let the function  $y = \ln x$  be given and assume that the relative error of  $x$  is  $\delta x$ . What is the corresponding relative error  $\delta y$  of  $y$ ?
- b) A Runge–Kutta method has a Butcher-tableau

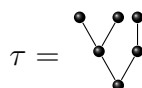
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State the corresponding algorithm when this method is applied to the initial value problem

$$y' = f(t, y), \quad y(t_0) = y_0,$$

using stepsize  $h$ .

- c) Find the order of the method in b).
- d) State the order of the rooted tree



and find the order condition  $\varphi(\tau) = 1/\gamma(\tau)$  corresponding to  $\tau$  for a general  $s$ -stage Runge–Kutta method.

- e) Set up the Gauss–Seidel iteration scheme for the linear system

$$\begin{aligned} 4x_1 - 2x_2 &= 1 \\ x_1 + 3x_2 - x_3 &= 4 \\ x_2 - 2x_3 &= -2 \end{aligned}$$

Will the scheme converge for any starting value  $\mathbf{x}^{(0)} = (x_1^{(0)}, x_2^{(0)}, x_3^{(0)}) \in \mathbb{R}^3$ ?

f) Sketch the row-wise Gershgorin disks for the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0.0 & 0.2 & -0.1 \\ -0.2 & -0.8 & 0.0 \\ -0.1 & -0.1 & 0.4 \end{bmatrix}$$

and give an upper bound for the spectral radius  $\rho(A)$ .

g) Given the vector  $\mathbf{x} = [-3 \ 4]^\top$ , find an orthogonal matrix  $Q$  via Householder reflection such that

$$Q\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

for some constant  $\alpha > 0$ . What is  $\alpha$  in this case?

h) Is the function

$$S(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}x^2, & x \in [0, 2), \\ \frac{1}{2}x^3 - \frac{5}{2}x^2 + 5x - 2, & x \in [2, 4] \end{cases}$$

a cubic spline?

i) Write up and sketch the parametric quadratic Bézier-curve given by the control points

$$\mathbf{P}_0 = (1, 1), \quad \mathbf{P}_1 = (2, 2) \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{P}_2 = (2, 0).$$

**Problem 2** (Counts 20%)

Let  $h$  be some stepsize and consider the formula

$$F(h) = \frac{1}{h^3} \left[ -\frac{1}{2}f(x_0 - 2h) + f(x_0 - h) - f(x_0 + h) + \frac{1}{2}f(x_0 + 2h) \right] \quad (1)$$

used to approximate the third derivative  $f^{(3)}$  at a point  $x_0$  of a sufficiently smooth function  $f$ .

a) Apply the formula to  $f(x) = e^x$  at  $x_0 = 0$  with  $h = 0.1$ .

b) Show that  $F(h)$  can be expanded as

$$F(h) = f^{(3)}(x_0) + C_2h^2 + C_4h^4 + \dots$$

with only even powers of  $h$ , and find an expression for  $C_2$ .

- c) A student applied formula (1) to a smooth function  $f$  at some point  $x_0$  for different values of  $h$ , which gave the following results:

$h$	0.4	0.2	0.1
$F(h)$	26.69065	28.76826	29.30727

Use this to make a better (optimal) approximation to  $f^{(3)}(x_0)$ .

**Problem 3** (Counts 20%)

The *backward differentiation formulas* (BDFs) is a family of implicit linear  $k$ -step methods for the initial value problem

$$y' = f(t, y), \quad y(t_0) = y_0,$$

where we assume that the starting values  $y_1, \dots, y_{k-1}$  (in addition to  $y_0$ ) are given with sufficient accuracy. To construct them, we first use (2) from the Appendix to find the  $k$ th degree polynomial  $q$  interpolating all the previously computed points *plus* the new one, that is, the points

$$(t_{n-k+1}, y_{n-k+1}), \dots, (t_n, y_n), (t_{n+1}, y_{n+1}).$$

Then we replace  $y$  by  $q$  in the differential equation and evaluate the corresponding equation at  $t_{n+1}$ , which yields the BDF

$$q'(t_{n+1}) = f(t_{n+1}, y_{n+1}).$$

- a) Use this to prove that a  $k$ -step BDF can be written as

$$\sum_{j=1}^k \frac{1}{j} \nabla^j y_{n+1} = h f_{n+1},$$

where  $f_{n+1} := f(t_{n+1}, y_{n+1})$ .

- b) Write down the method when  $k = 2$ , and check if it is zero-stable. Find the order of the method and the corresponding error constant.

**Problem 4** (Counts 10%)

The nonlinear system

$$\begin{aligned}5x_1^2 - x_2^2 &= 0 \\ x_2 - \frac{1}{4}(\sin x_1 + \cos x_2) &= 0\end{aligned}$$

has a solution  $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2)$  close to  $(0.1, 0.25)$ .

Find a vector-function  $\mathbf{G}$  and a rectangular set

$$D = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^2 : a \leq x_1 \leq b \text{ and } c \leq x_2 \leq d\},$$

for some suitable values  $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}$ , such that the fixed point iteration

$$\mathbf{x}^{(k+1)} = \mathbf{G}(\mathbf{x}^k)$$

converges to  $\mathbf{x} \in D$  for all starting values  $\mathbf{x}^{(0)} \in D$ .

## Appendix

- A general  $s$ -stage Runge–Kutta method has a Butcher-tableaux

$$\begin{array}{c|cccc}
 c_1 & a_{11} & a_{12} & \cdots & a_{1s} \\
 c_2 & a_{21} & a_{22} & \cdots & a_{2s} \\
 \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\
 c_s & a_{s1} & a_{s2} & \cdots & a_{ss} \\
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 & b_1 & b_2 & \cdots & b_s
 \end{array}$$

- The Bernstein polynomials are given by

$$b_{n,k}(t) = \binom{n}{k} t^k (1-t)^{n-k}.$$

- Let  $\{t_i\}_{i=0}^m$  be a set of equidistant nodes, so that  $t_i = t_0 + ih$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$ , where  $h$  is the distance between the nodes. Given a function  $f$  defined on an interval containing the nodes, with  $f_i := f(t_i)$  for  $i = 0, 1, \dots, m$ , we can introduce *backward differences* recursively by

$$\nabla^0 f_i = f_i, \quad \nabla f_i = f_i - f_{i-1}, \quad \nabla^j f_i = \nabla^{j-1} f_i - \nabla^{j-1} f_{i-1}, \quad j = 1, 2, \dots$$

Now let  $t = t_0 + sh$ , where  $s \in \mathbb{R}$ , be any point. The  $m$ th degree polynomial  $p$  interpolating  $f$  in the nodes  $\{t_i\}$  can be written as

$$p(t) = p(t_m + sh) = f_m + \sum_{j=1}^m (-1)^j \binom{-s}{j} \nabla^j f_m, \quad (2)$$

and (2) is known as *Newton's backward difference formula*. Here

$$\binom{s}{j} := \frac{s(s-1)\cdots(s-j+1)}{j!}$$

is a generalized binomial coefficient.