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Preliminary Examination in Numerical Analysis
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Solutions:

1. Root Finding.

We want to find a function such that the iteration $x_{n+1} = x_n - f(x_n)/f'(x_n)$ ‘hop about’ forever within a finite interval, without ever converging. The easiest example would seem to be if the iterates form some short cycle, the simplest of all such arising if $x_{n+1} = -x_n$, i.e. $x_{n+1} = x_n - f(x_n)/f'(x_n) = -x_n$. Simplifying the notation by writing x in place of x_n , this will be satisfied if $f'(x) = \frac{1}{2x} f(x)$. We can thus choose $f(x) = \begin{cases} c\sqrt{x} & \text{if } x \geq 0 \\ c\sqrt{-x} & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases}$, where c is an arbitrary constant.

2. Numerical quadrature.

- (a) Let h denote the length of a single subinterval before the extrapolation is done. Including also the subinterval midpoint, the trapezoidal rule over this subinterval could have the heights at its ends and midpoint: $T_0 = h[\frac{1}{2}, 0, \frac{1}{2}]$ and, when using also the midpoint $T_1 = h[\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{4}]$

3. Interpolation/Approximation.

We start by multiplying the numerator and denominator of $p_n(x)$ by $\ell_n(x)$, to obtain

$$p_n(x) = \frac{\prod_{j=0}^n w_j f(x_j)(x - x_0) \cdots (x - x_{j-1})(x - x_{j+1}) \cdots (x - x_n)}{\prod_{j=0}^n w_j (x - x_0) \cdots (x - x_{j-1})(x - x_{j+1}) \cdots (x - x_n)}.$$

Note next that $\ell_n(x)$ will become a sum of $n+1$ terms, all but one vanishing when substituting $x = x_j$. Hence,

$$\ell_n(x_j) = (x_j - x_0) \cdots (x_j - x_{j-1})(x_j - x_{j+1}) \cdots (x_j - x_n).$$

Substituting $w_j = 1 = \ell_n(x_j)$ into the expression for $p_n(x)$ above thus gives

$$p_n(x) = \frac{\prod_{j=0}^n f(x_j) \frac{(x - x_0) \cdots (x - x_{j-1})(x - x_{j+1}) \cdots (x - x_n)}{(x_j - x_0) \cdots (x_j - x_{j-1})(x_j - x_{j+1}) \cdots (x_j - x_n)}}{\prod_{j=0}^n 1 \frac{(x - x_0) \cdots (x - x_{j-1})(x - x_{j+1}) \cdots (x - x_n)}{(x_j - x_0) \cdots (x_j - x_{j-1})(x_j - x_{j+1}) \cdots (x_j - x_n)}}.$$

The denominator is identically one (being the Lagrange interpolation polynomial to data that is one at every node point), and it can therefore be omitted. The expression has then reduced to the standard form of the Lagrange interpolation polynomial.

4. Linear algebra

- (a) Reduction to Hessenberg form can be performed using either Householder reflections or Givens rotations. The Hessenberg form of a general matrix is of the form

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc} & & & & & & & & \\ \textcircled{O} & x & x & \cdots & x & x & & & 1 \\ \textcircled{B} & x & x & \cdots & x & x & & & \textcircled{C} \\ \textcircled{M} & \cdots & \textcircled{C} \\ @ & 0 & 0 & \cdots & x & x & & & \textcircled{A} \\ & 0 & 0 & \cdots & x & x & & & \end{array}$$

and is tridiagonal for self-adjoint matrices. Its purpose is to reduce the computational burden of QR iteration.

- (b) Initialize $\mathbf{A}_1 = \mathbf{A}$. QR iteration proceeds as

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{A}_n &= \mathbf{Q}_n \mathbf{R}_n \\ \mathbf{A}_{n+1} &= \mathbf{R}_n \mathbf{Q}_n; \quad n = 1, 2, \dots \end{aligned}$$

for $n = 1, 2, \dots$. Here \mathbf{Q}_n is unitary and \mathbf{R}_n is upper triangular. These matrices are obtained via QR factorization. The second step is the product of these matrices in the reverse order.

- (c) We have

5. ODEs

(a) We have

$$\mathbf{f}(t_n + h; \mathbf{y}_n + \mathbf{k}_1) = \mathbf{f}(t_n; \mathbf{y}_n) + h \cdot \frac{\partial \mathbf{f}(t_n; \mathbf{y}_n)}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{f}(t_n; \mathbf{y}_n)}{\partial \mathbf{y}} \mathbf{f}(t_n; \mathbf{y}_n) + O(h^2); \mathbf{y}_h + \mathbf{k}$$

PDEs

We look for the solution in the form

$$u(x; y) = \sum_{m=0}^M \sum_{n=0}^N u_{mn} \sin((m+1)x) \sin(n + \frac{1}{2})y$$

so that

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}(x; y) = \sum_{m=0}^M \sum_{n=0}^N u_{mn} \left(n + \frac{1}{2} \right) \sin((m+1)x) \cos(n + \frac{1}{2})y$$

satisfies the Neumann boundary at $y = 1$. Computing

$$u(x; y) = \sum_{m=0}^M \sum_{n=0}^N u_{mn} \frac{(m+1)^2 + (n + \frac{1}{2})^2}{2} \sin((m+1)x) \sin(n + \frac{1}{2})y$$

We seek an expansion of the right hand side,

$$f(x; y) = \sum_{m=0}^M \sum_{n=0}^N f_{mn} \sin((m+1)x) \sin(n + \frac{1}{2})y$$

so that we can set

$$u_{mn} = \frac{f_{mn}}{\sqrt{(m+1)^2 + (n + \frac{1}{2})^2}}$$

Consider $x_k = (k+1)/M$, $k = 0, \dots, M-1$ and $y_l = (l+1)/N$, $l = 0, \dots, N-1$ so that

$$f(x_k; y_l) = \sum_{m=0}^M \sum_{n=0}^N f_{mn} \sin\left(\frac{(m+1)k}{M}\right) \sin\left(\frac{(n+1)l}{N}\right)$$

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