

SOLUTION OF HW3

- Problem 3.1. The exact solution of $Y(x)$ is

$$Y(x) = 2e^x - 1.$$

Compare the numerical solution with the exact one.

- Problem 3.2. The exact solution of $Y(x)$ is

$$Y(x) = \frac{2}{2 + x^2}.$$

Compare the numerical solution with the exact one.

- Problem 3.4. The second order Taylor series method is

$$\frac{y_{i+1} - y_i}{h} = f(x_i, y_i) + \frac{h}{2} [f_x(x_i, y_i) + f_y(x_i, y_i)f(x_i, y_i)].$$

For this problem,

$$f_x(x, y) = 1$$

$$f_y(x, y) = 2y.$$

We then have

$$\frac{y_{i+1} - y_i}{h} = (x_i + y_i^2) + \frac{h}{2}(1 + 2y_i(x_i + y_i^2)).$$

- Problem 3.7. For the third-order Taylor series method, we consider

$$Y(x_{i+1}) = Y(x_i) + Y'(x_i)h_i + \frac{Y''(x_i)}{2}h_i^2 + \frac{Y'''(x_i)}{6}h_i^3 + O(h_i^4).$$

Note that

$$Y'(x_i) = f(x_i, Y_i)$$

$$Y''(x_i) = f_x(x_i, Y_i) + f_y(x_i, Y_i)f(x_i, Y_i)$$

$$\begin{aligned} Y'''(x_i) &= f_{xx}(x_i, Y_i) + f_{xy}(x_i, Y_i)f(x_i, Y_i) + (f_{yx}(x_i, Y_i) \\ &\quad + f_{yy}(x_i, Y_i)f(x_i, Y_i))f(x_i, Y_i) + (f_x(x_i, Y_i) + f_y(x_i, Y_i)f(x_i, Y_i))f_y(x_i, Y_i) \\ &= f_{xx}(x_i, Y_i) + 2f_{xy}(x_i, Y_i)f(x_i, Y_i) + f_{yy}(x_i, Y_i)f^2(x_i, Y_i) \\ &\quad + f_x(x_i, Y_i)f_y(x_i, Y_i) + f_y^2(x_i, Y_i)f(x_i, Y_i). \end{aligned}$$

Replacing Y_i with y_i and neglecting the remainder term, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{y_{i+1} - y_i}{h_i} &= f(x_i, y_i) + \frac{h_i}{2}(f_x(x_i, y_i) + f_y(x_i, y_i)f(x_i, y_i)) \\ &\quad + \frac{h_i^2}{6}(f_{xx}(x_i, y_i) + 2f_{xy}(x_i, y_i)f(x_i, y_i) + f_{yy}(x_i, y_i)f^2(x_i, y_i) \\ &\quad + f_x(x_i, y_i)f_y(x_i, y_i) + f_y^2(x_i, y_i)f(x_i, y_i)). \end{aligned}$$

It is seen the remainder term $O(h_i^4)$ suggests that $|Y^{(4)}(x)|$ is bounded and the stability requires that $|\partial_y \Phi_f| \leq L$. We can assume that $f(x, y)$ is a C^3 function on a compact subset in \mathbb{R}^2 .

Problem 3.10. The exact solution is

$$Y(x) = x - x^2$$

Compare the numerical solution with the exact one. The second-order Taylor series method can exactly recover the true solution. The numerical scheme is:

$$\frac{y_{i+1} - y_i}{h} = f(x_i, y_i) + \frac{h}{2}(f_x + f_y f) = (1 - 2x_i) - h.$$

or

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

It is easy to check:

$$y_1 = h - h^2,$$

which is the exact solution. We argue by induction. Assume that $y_i = x_i - x_i^2 = ih - i^2h^2$. We have

$$\begin{aligned}y_{i+1} &= ih - i^2h^2 + (1 - 2ih)h - h^2 \\ &= (i + 1)h - (i^2 + 2i + 1)h^2 \\ &= (i + 1)h - (i + 1)^2h^2.\end{aligned}$$

Problem 3.11. Note that

$$\frac{dY}{dx} = \frac{d}{dx} \int_a^x f(t)dt = f(x).$$

Instead of considering numerical integration directly, we may solve the ODE numerically

$$\frac{dY}{dx} = f(x), \quad Y(a) = 0, \quad \text{on } [a, b].$$

The numerical solution of $Y(x)$ at $x = b$ yields the approximate integration since

$$Y(b) = \int_a^b f(x)dx.$$