

Advanced Numerical Analysis for Chemical
Engineering
Final Examination -2 (3 hrs.)

Q1.(a) Given the measurements b_1, \dots, b_n at distant points t_1, \dots, t_n . Show that the straight line

$$b = C + Dt + e$$

which minimizes $\sum e^2$ comes from the least squares:

$$\begin{bmatrix} n & \sum t_i \\ \sum t_i & (\sum t_i)^2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} C \\ D \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sum b \\ \sum b_i t_i \end{bmatrix}$$

(3 marks)

(b) Find the best straight line fit to the following measurements (3 marks)

$$\begin{aligned} y &= 2 \text{ at } t = -1 ; y = 0 \text{ at } t = 0 \\ y &= -3 \text{ at } t = -1 ; y = -5 \text{ at } t = 2 \end{aligned}$$

(c) Find a vector \mathbf{x} orthogonal to row space, and a vector \mathbf{y} orthogonal to column space, of (2 marks)

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 & 3 \\ 3 & 6 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

(d) It is desired to minimize the following objective function

$$\Phi(\mathbf{x}) = f(x) = x_1 - x_2 + 2(x_1)^2 + 2x_1x_2 + (x_2)^2$$

(i) analytically and (ii) using Newton's method starting from $x^{(0)} = [0 \ 0]^T$. Perform one iteration by Newton's method assuming step length parameter $\lambda = 1$ (Do not perform one dimensional optimization). How close is $\begin{bmatrix} x_1^{(1)} & x_2^{(1)} \end{bmatrix}$ generated by Newton's method to the stationary point of $\Phi(\mathbf{x})$? Is the stationary point of $\Phi(\mathbf{x})$ a maximum or a minimum? (3 marks)

Q2. (a) For a general 2×2 matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$$

which iterative scheme, Jacobi or Gauss -Seidel, will converge faster? (6 marks)

(b) It is desired to apply the method of finite difference to solve the following PDE

$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial^2 C}{\partial z^2}$$

$$\text{Boundary Conditions : } C(0, t) = C(1, t) = 0$$

$$\text{Initial Condition : } C(z, 0) = 1$$

where t and z represent dimensionless time and dimensionless length, respectively.

(i) Assuming ' n ' equidistant grid points, obtain a set of ODE-IVP from the PDE and arrange these equations in a standard form $d\mathbf{x}/dt = A\mathbf{x}$. (4 marks)

(ii) Suppose the resulting set of ODE-IVP is to be integrated using implicit Euler method. Find the condition on the integration step size ' h ' in terms of eigenvalues of matrix A so that the approximation error will decay exponentially and approximate solution will approach the true solution. The eigenvalues of matrix A are given by

$$\lambda_i = -4 \sin^2 \left[\frac{\pi i}{2(n+1)} \right] ; \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

(4 marks)

Q3. (a) Consider the following system

$$dy_1/dt = -y_1$$

$$dy_2/dt = y_1 - 2y_2$$

$$dy_3/dt = -y_1 + y_2 - 3y_3$$

$$y_1(0) = 2; \quad y_2(0) = 1 ; \quad y_3(0) = 2$$

(a) Compute the analytical solution to ODE-IVP using eigenvalue and eigenvector based method. and calculate the stiffness ratio for the system. (6 marks)

(b) It is desired to solve the following scalar ODE-IVP

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = f(x, t) ; \quad x(0) = x_0$$

using a multi-step algorithm of the form $t = 0$

$$x(n+1) = \sum_{i=0}^p \alpha_i x(n-i) + h \sum_{i=-1}^p \beta_i f(n-i)$$

where $x(n-i) = x(t_{n-i})$; $f(n-i) = f(x(t_{n-i}), t_{n-i})$ and h is the integration step size. The Adam's Moulton implicit formulae for solving the ODE-IVP is obtained by imposing the following additional constraints along with the exactness constraints for order 'm' algorithm

$$\alpha_1 = \alpha_2 = \alpha_3 = \dots \alpha_p = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \alpha_0 \neq 0$$

Show that, in order to solve for $\{\alpha_i\}$ and $\{\beta_i\}$ exactly in this case, p should be selected as $p = m - 2$. also, obtain the coefficients for 3'rd order Adam's Moulton's implicit algorithm (i.e. $m = 3, p = 1$). (6 marks)

Q4. (a) Very common model for a dimensionless first-order chemical reaction is

$$dC/dt = -kC$$

The integrated form of this model is $C = C(0) \exp(-kt)$, which is non linear in the parameter k and initial concentration $C(0)$. .

t	0.2	0.5	1	1.5	2
C	0.75	0.55	0.21	0.13	0.04

We do not have a measurement of the initial concentration at $t = 0$ and it is desired to estimate both $C(0)$ and k using the data given above. First transform the original model to a linear in parameter form and estimate the model parameters. (5 marks)

(b) Perform one iteration by Gauss-Newton method starting from solution of part (a) as initial guess. (5 marks)