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Adams-Bashforth Method in terms of Ordinates :

Now if we assume that $t_p = t_0 + ph$, where h is a constant and p is an integer, and write $f_p = f(t_p, y_p)$. Then, the first backward difference of the function $f(t)$ at the point $t = t_p$ is defined by

$$\nabla f_p = f_p - f_{p-1}$$

Higher backward differences are defined by

$$\nabla^q f_p = \nabla (\nabla^{q-1} f_p), \text{ so that for instance}$$

$$\nabla^2 f_p = \nabla (f_p - f_{p-1})$$

$$= \nabla f_p - \nabla f_{p-1}$$

$$= f_p - f_{p-1} - f_{p-1} + f_{p-2}$$

$$= f_p - 2f_{p-1} + f_{p-2}$$

If we also put $\nabla^0 f_p = f_p$. One can easily verify by induction that

$$\nabla^q f_p = \sum_{m=0}^q (-1)^m \binom{q}{m} f_{p-m} \quad q = 0, 1, \dots \quad (7.7)$$

where $\binom{q}{m}$ denotes the binomial coefficient

$$\binom{q}{0} = 1$$

$$\binom{q}{m} = \frac{q(q-1)\dots(q-m+1)}{1.2.3\dots m}, \quad m = 1, 2, \dots$$

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Expressing the differences in terms of ordinates defined by (7.7) in (7.3) and collecting the coefficients of equal ordinates, the Adams- Bashforth formula appears in the form

$$y_{p+1} - y_p = h \sum_{q=0}^p \beta_{qp} f_{p-q} \quad (7.8)$$

where the coefficients β_{qp} are given by

$$\beta_{qp} = (-1)^p \left\{ \binom{p}{0} \gamma_p + \binom{p+1}{1} \gamma_{p+1} + \cdots + \binom{q}{p} \gamma_q \right\}, \quad p = 0, 1, \dots, q; q = 0, 1, \dots$$

It should be noted that the coefficients β_{qp} depend on q as well as p , which makes it more difficult to change the number of differences employed. Some numerical values of the coefficients β_{qp} are given as under:

p	0	1	2	3	4	5
β_{0p}	1					
$2 \beta_{1p}$	3	-1				
$12 \beta_{2p}$	23	-16	5			
$24 \beta_{3p}$	55	-59	37	-9		
$720 \beta_{4p}$	1901	-2774	2616	-1274	251	
$1440 \beta_{5p}$	4227	-7673	9482	-6798	-2627	-425

The numerically large values of the coefficients and the alternating signs are a disadvantage of the method.

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ii) The Adams- Moulton Method

Here we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 y_p - y_{p-1} &= \int_{t_{p-1}}^{t_p} f(t, y(t)) dt \\
 &= h \sum_{m=0}^q \gamma_m^* \nabla^m f_p
 \end{aligned} \tag{7.9}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
 \gamma_m^* &= (-1)^m h^{-1} \int_{t_{p-1}}^{t_p} \binom{-S}{m} dt \\
 &= (-1)^m \int_{-1}^0 \binom{-S}{m} dS
 \end{aligned}$$

The coefficients γ_m^* are determined by using the method of generating functions.

$$\begin{aligned}
 G^*(t_1) &= \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \gamma_m^* t_1^m = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} (-t_1)^m \int_{-1}^0 \binom{-S}{m} dS \\
 &= \int_{-1}^0 \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} (-t_1)^m \binom{-S}{m} dS \\
 &= \int_{-1}^0 (1 - t_1)^{-S} dS
 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
&= \left[-\frac{(1-t_1)^{-s}}{\log(1-t_1)} \right]_{-1}^0 \\
&= \left[-\frac{1}{\log(1-t_1)} + \frac{(1-t_1)}{\log(1-t_1)} \right] \\
&= \frac{-t_1}{\log(1-t_1)} \tag{7.10}
\end{aligned}$$

Thus, we have

$$-\frac{\log(1-t_1)}{t_1} G^*(t_1) = 1$$

Using the expression

$$-\frac{\log(1-t_1)}{t_1} = 1 + \frac{1}{2} t_1 + \frac{1}{3} t_1^2 + \dots$$

we have

$$\left(1 + \frac{1}{2} t_1 + \frac{1}{3} t_1^2 + \dots \right) (\gamma_0^* + \gamma_1^* t_1 + \gamma_2^* t_1^2 + \dots) = 1$$

It follows that

$$\gamma_m^* + \frac{1}{2} \gamma_{m-1}^* + \frac{1}{3} \gamma_{m-2}^* + \dots + \frac{1}{m+1} \gamma_0^* = \begin{cases} 1, & m = 0 \\ 0, & m = 1, 2, 3, \dots \end{cases}$$

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The numerical values can now be easily found from these recurrence relations and are given as under:

m	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
γ_m^*	1	$\frac{-1}{2}$	$\frac{-1}{12}$	$\frac{-1}{24}$	$\frac{-19}{720}$	$\frac{-3}{160}$	$\frac{-863}{60480}$

We also note the relation

$$\frac{1}{1-t_1} G^*(t_1) = G(t_1)$$

or

$$(1 + t_1 + t_1^2 + \dots)(\gamma_0^* + \gamma_1^* t_1 + \dots) = \gamma_0 + \gamma_1 t_1 + \gamma_2 t_1^2 + \dots$$

comparing the coefficients of t_1^m , we obtain

$$\gamma_0^* + \gamma_1^* + \dots + \gamma_m^* = \gamma_m \quad m = 0, 1, 2, \dots \quad (7.11)$$

Formula (7.9) is used like the Adam- Bashforth formula except that now only the values $y_{p-1}, y_{p-2}, \dots, y_{p-q}$ are known and (7.9) is used to determine y_p . Since y_p occurs as an argument in $f_p = f(t_p, y_p)$ in the right hand term of (7.9), this equation now represents a nontrivial equation for y_p . In general, it will not be possible to solve this equation explicitly. Fortunately, the special form of the equation suggests an iteration procedure which furnishes the solution very rapidly if h is sufficiently small.

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Assuming that from some source an approximation $y_p^{(0)}$ of a solution of (6.9) has been obtained, we calculate $f_p^{(0)} = f(t_p, y_p^{(0)})$

and from the differences $\nabla f_p^{(0)} = f_p^{(0)} - f_{p-1}^{(0)}$, $\nabla^2 f_p^{(0)} = \nabla f_p^{(0)} - \nabla f_{p-1}^{(0)}$, ...

A better approximation $y_p^{(1)}$ is then obtained from

$$y_p^{(1)} = y_{p-1} + h \sum_{m=0}^q \gamma_m^* \nabla^m f_p^{(0)} \quad (7.12)$$

Calculating

$f_p^{(1)} = f(t_p, y_p^{(1)})$ and re-evaluating the differences, a still better value $y_p^{(2)}$ is

$$y_p^{(2)} = y_{p-1} + h \sum_{m=0}^q \gamma_m^* \nabla^m f_p^{(1)} \quad (7.13)$$

Generally, a sequence $y_p^{(v)}$ ($v = 0, 1, 2, \dots$) of approximations is obtained recursively from the relation

$$y_p^{(v+1)} = y_{p-1} + h \sum_{m=0}^q \gamma_m^* \nabla^m f_p^{(v)} \quad (7.14)$$

where $f_p^{(v)} = f(t_p, y_p^{(v)})$. It can be proved that the sequence of numbers $y_p^{(0)}, y_p^{(1)}, y_p^{(2)}, \dots$ thus defined converges for sufficiently small values of h to a solution y_p of (7.9) and that this solution is unique.

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