



## Module 7: Multistep Methods

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## 2. Cowell's Method:

Here we have

$$y_p - 2y_{p-1} + y_{p-2} = h^2 \sum_{m=0}^q \sigma_m^* \nabla^m f_p \dots \quad (7.43)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_m^* &= \frac{(-1)^m}{h^2} \int_{x_{p-1}}^{x_p} (x_p - x) \left[ \binom{-S}{m} + \binom{S+2}{m} \right] dx \\ &= (-1)^m \int_{-1}^0 (-S) \left[ \binom{-S}{m} + \binom{S+2}{m} \right] dS \end{aligned} \quad (7.44)$$

The coefficients  $\sigma_m^*$  are obtained by using the method of generating function;

$$\begin{aligned} S^*(t) &= \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sigma_m^* t^m \\ &= \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} (-t)^m \int_{-1}^0 (-S) \left[ \binom{-S}{m} + \binom{S+2}{m} \right] dS \\ &= \int_{-1}^0 \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} (-t)^m (-S) \binom{-S}{m} dS + \int_{-1}^0 \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} (-t)^m (-S) \binom{S+2}{m} dS \\ &= \int_{-1}^0 (-S) (1-t)^{-S} dS + \int_{-1}^0 (-S) (1-t)^{S+2} dS \end{aligned}$$

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Using integration by parts, we get

$$= \left[ \frac{t}{\log(1-t)} \right]^2 \quad (7.45)$$

or

$$\left[ \frac{\log(1-t)}{t} \right]^2 S^*(t) = 1$$

This gives

$$\left( 1 + \frac{2}{3} h_2 t + \frac{2}{4} h_3 t^2 + \dots \right) (\sigma_0^* + \sigma_1^* t + \sigma_2^* t^2 + \dots) = 1$$

By comparing coefficients, we get the recurrence solution

$$\sigma_0^* = 1$$

$$\sigma_m^* = -\frac{2}{3} h_2 \sigma_{m-1}^* - \frac{2}{4} h_3 \sigma_{m-2}^* - \dots - \frac{2}{m+2} h_{m+1} \sigma_0^*; \quad m = 1, 2, \dots$$

The numerical values of  $\sigma_m^*$  for certain values of  $m$  are given in the following table:

$m$	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
$\sigma_m^*$	1	-1	$\frac{1}{12}$	0	$-\frac{1}{240}$	$-\frac{1}{240}$	$-\frac{221}{60480}$

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The relation between  $\sigma_m$  and  $\sigma_m^*$  is obtained as follows:

we know that

$$S(t) = \left[ \frac{t}{\log(1-t)} \right]^2 \cdot \frac{1}{1-t}$$

Also

$$S^*(t) = \left[ \frac{t}{\log(1-t)} \right]^2$$

Thus , we have

$$S^*(t) = (1 - t) S(t)$$

from which it follows that for  $m = 1, 2, \dots$

$$\sigma_m^* = \sigma_m - \sigma_{m-1} \quad (7.46)$$

The Cowell formula is not used for  $q = 0$ . For  $q = 1$ , we have

$$y_p - 2y_{p-1} + y_{p-2} = h^2 \sum_{m=0}^1 \sigma_m^* \nabla^m f_p$$

$$= h^2 [\sigma_0^* \nabla^0 f_p + \sigma_1^* \nabla f_p]$$

$$= h^2 [f_p + (-1)\{f_p - f_{p-1}\}]$$

$$= h^2 f_{p-1}$$

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which is the same as the Stormer's formula with  $q = 0$  or  $1$ . For  $q = 2$  and  $q = 3$  we obtain the frequently used formula

$$y_p - 2y_{p-1} + y_{p-2} = h^2 \left\{ f_{p-1} + \frac{1}{12} \nabla^2 f_p \right\}$$

$$= \frac{1}{12} h^2 \{ f_p + 10f_{p-1} + f_{p-2} \} \quad (7.47)$$

The Cowell formulas are implicit for  $q \geq 2$ ; i. e. the unknown value  $y_p$  occurs not only on the left but also, as an argument in  $f_p$ , on the right. The resulting equation for  $y_p$ , which is non-linear except when the differential equation is linear, can be solved by iteration. As a predictor formula, Stormer formula (7.38) is recommended, because it uses the same combination of values of  $y_n$  on the left.

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## 3. Some further Special methods:

Further useful formulas can be derived by doubling the step  $K$ , analogously to the doubling of the step in the derivation of the Nystrom and Milne-Simpson methods for first order equations. By taking  $K = 2h$  and  $x = x_{p-1}$ , we obtain the formula

$$y_{p+1} - 2y_{p-1} + y_{p-3} = h^2 \sum_{m=0}^q \tau_m \nabla^m f_p \quad (7.48)$$

where the coefficients  $\tau_m$  are given by

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_m &= \frac{(-1)^m}{h^2} \int_{x_{p-1}}^{x_{p+1}} (x_{p+1} - x) \left[ \binom{-s}{m} + \binom{s+2}{m} \right] dx \\ &= (-1)^m \int_{-1}^1 (1-s) \left[ \binom{-s}{m} + \binom{s+2}{m} \right] ds \end{aligned} \quad (7.49)$$

Again, the method of generating function is used to obtain the coefficients  $\tau_m$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} T(t) &= \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \tau_m t^m \\ &= \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} (-t)^m \int_{-1}^1 (1-s) \left[ \binom{-s}{m} + \binom{s+2}{m} \right] ds \\ &= \int_{-1}^1 \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} (-t)^m (1-s) \binom{-s}{m} ds + \int_{-1}^1 \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} (-t)^m (1-s) \binom{s+2}{m} ds \\ &= \int_{-1}^1 (1-s) (1-t)^{-s} ds + \int_{-1}^1 (1-s) \cdot (1-t)^{s+2} ds \end{aligned}$$

On integration, one finds that

$$T(t) = \left[ \frac{t}{\log(1-t)} \right]^2 \frac{4-4t+t^2}{1-t} \quad (7.50)$$

or

$$\left[ \frac{\log(1-t)}{t} \right]^2 T(t) = \frac{4-4t+t^2}{1-t}$$

This gives

$$\left( 1 + \frac{2}{3} h_2 t + \frac{2}{4} h_3 t^2 + \dots \right) (\tau_0 + \tau_1 t + \tau_2 t^2 + \dots)$$

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$$= (1 + t + t^2 + \dots) (4 - 4t + t^2)$$

which leads to the recurrence relation as

$$\tau_0 = 4, \quad \tau_1 = -4$$

$$\tau_m = 1 - \frac{2}{3} h_2 \tau_{m-1} - \frac{2}{4} h_3 \tau_{m-2} - \dots - \frac{2}{m+2} h_{m+1} \tau_0, \quad m = 2, 3, \dots$$

Some numerical values of  $\tau_m$  are given as under:

m	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
$\tau_m$	4	-4	$\frac{4}{3}$	0	$\frac{1}{15}$	$\frac{1}{15}$	$\frac{61}{945}$

Formula (7.48) is explicit. It is not recommended for  $q < 2$ . For  $q = 2$  there results the simple and relatively accurate formula

$$y_{p+1} - 2y_{p-1} + y_{p-3} = \frac{4}{3} h^2 \{f_p + f_{p-1} + f_{p-2}\} \quad (7.51)$$

Since  $\tau_3 = 0$ , the same formula results also from picking the value  $q = 3$ .

Another set of formulas is derived by choosing  $K = 2h$ ,  $x = x_{p-2}$  in (7.37).

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we obtain

$$y_p - 2 y_{p-2} + y_{p-4} = h^2 \sum_{m=0}^q \tau_m^* \Delta^m f_p \quad (7.52)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_m^* &= \frac{(-1)^m}{h^2} \int_{x_{p-2}}^{x_p} (x_p - x) \left[ \binom{-s}{m} + \binom{s+4}{m} \right] dx \\ &= (-1)^m \int_{-2}^0 (-s) \left[ \binom{-s}{m} + \binom{s+4}{m} \right] ds \end{aligned} \quad (7.53)$$

The generating function is given as:

$$\begin{aligned} T^*(t) &= \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \tau_m^* t^m \\ &= \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} (-t)^m \int_{-2}^0 (-s) \left[ \binom{-s}{m} + \binom{s+4}{m} \right] ds \\ &= \int_{-2}^0 \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} (-t)^m (-s) \binom{-s}{m} ds + \int_{-2}^0 \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} (-t)^m (-s) \binom{s+4}{m} ds \\ &= \int_{-2}^0 (-s)(1-t)^{-s} ds + \int_{-2}^0 (-s)(1-t)^{s+4} ds \end{aligned}$$

on integration, we find

$$T^*(t) = \left[ \frac{t}{\log(1-t)} \right]^2 (4 - 4t + t^2) \quad (7.54)$$

The recurrence relation is obtained as

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_0^* &= 4, \quad \tau_1^* = -8, \quad \tau_2^* = 4 + \frac{4}{3}, \\ \tau_m^* &= -\frac{2}{3} h_2 \tau_{m-1}^* - \frac{2}{4} h_3 \tau_{m-2}^* - \cdots - \frac{2}{m+2} h_{m+1} \tau_0^*, \quad m = 3, 4, \dots \end{aligned}$$

By comparing (7.50) and (7.54), we also find that

$$\tau_m^* = \tau_m - \tau_{m-1}, \quad m = 1, 2, \dots$$

The numerical values of  $\tau_m^*$  are readily found as follows:

m	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
$\tau_m^*$	4	-8	$\frac{16}{3}$	$-\frac{4}{3}$	$\frac{1}{15}$	0	$-\frac{2}{945}$

For  $q = 0, 1, 2$ , (7.52) has an irregular appearance, and its use for practical purposes is not recommended. For  $q = 3$ , the formula reads

$$y_p - 2 y_{p-2} + y_{p-4} = \frac{4}{3} h^2 \{f_{p-1} + f_{p-2} + f_{p-3}\} \quad (7.55)$$



which is equivalent to (7.51). For  $q = 4$  and, since  $\tau_5^* = 0$ , also for  $q = 5$ , (7.52) reduces to

$$y_p - 2 y_{p-2} + y_{p-4} = \frac{1}{15} h^2 \{ f_p + 16 f_{p-1} + 26 f_{p-2} + 16 f_{p-3} + f_{p-4} \} \quad (7.56)$$

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## Problems

1. Using generating functions, show that

$$K_m = 2\gamma_m - \gamma_{m-1}$$

$$K_m^* = 2\gamma_m^* - \gamma_{m-1}^*, \quad m = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

2. Solve the initial value problem

$$y' = 1 - xy^2, \quad y(0) = 0$$

numerically, using the step  $h = 0.1$ , by

- determining the initial values  $y_{-1}$  and  $y_{+1}$  by the Runge-Kutta method, and
- Continuing the computation by the Adams-Moulton method with  $q = 3$ , using suitable Adams-Bashforth formula as predictors.