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Predictor-Corrector Formula:

A formula which furnishes a first approximation $y_p^{(0)}$ for the iteration procedure described above is called a predictor formula. Formula (7.14) in this connection is called a corrector formula. The above iteration process thus consists in predicting a tentative value $y_p^{(0)}$ of y_p and correcting it (possibly a number of times) by means of the corrector formula. In the interest of minimizing the number of corrections it is clearly desirable to predict $y_p^{(0)}$ as accurately as possible. If the predictor formula is sufficiently accurate, it may make it unnecessary to correct more than once. For these reasons, the Adams-Bashforth formula [(7.3) with p diminished by 1] is recommended as an accurate predictor formula in connection with the Adams- Moulton method.

Expressing differences in terms of ordinates, the Adams-Moulton formula (7.9) can be written in the form

$$y_p - y_{p-1} = h \sum_{\rho=0}^q \beta_{q\rho}^* f_{p-\rho} \quad (7.15)$$

where

$$\beta_{q\rho}^* = (-1)^\rho \left\{ \binom{\rho}{\rho} \gamma_\rho^* + \binom{\rho+1}{\rho} \gamma_{\rho+1}^* + \cdots + \binom{q}{\rho} \gamma_q^* \right\}$$

$$\rho = 0, 1, \dots, q; \quad q = 0, 1, \dots$$



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Some numerical values of β_{qp}^* are given as under:

ρ	0	1	2	3	4	5
β_{0p}^*	1					
$2 \beta_{1p}^*$	1	1				
$12 \beta_{2p}^*$	5	8	-1			
$24 \beta_{3p}^*$	9	19	-5	1		
$720 \beta_{4p}^*$	251	646	-264	106	-19	
$1440 \beta_{5p}^*$	475	1427	-798	482	-173	27

The Adams- Moulton method is given by

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

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Special Case $q=1$:

For $q = 1$, we have the formula

$$\begin{aligned}
 y_p - y_{p-1} &= h \sum_{m=0}^1 \gamma_m^* \nabla^m f_p \\
 &= h[\gamma_0^* \nabla^0 f_p + \gamma_1^* \nabla^1 f_p] \\
 &= h [\gamma_0^* f_p + \gamma_1^* f_p - \gamma_1^* f_{p-1}] \\
 &= h \left[f_p - \frac{1}{2} f_p + \frac{1}{2} f_{p-1} \right] \\
 &= \frac{h}{2} [f_p + f_{p-1}]
 \end{aligned}$$

which gives the trapezoidal method.

iii) Nystrom's Method :

Here we set

$$\begin{aligned}
 y_{p+1} - y_{p-1} &= \int_{t_{p-1}}^{t_{p+1}} f(t, y(t)) dt \\
 &= h \sum_{m=0}^q K_m \nabla^m f_p
 \end{aligned} \tag{7.16}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
 K_m &= (-1)^m \frac{1}{h} \int_{t_{p-1}}^{t_{p+1}} \binom{-S}{m} dt \\
 &= (-1)^m \int_{-1}^1 \binom{-S}{m} dS
 \end{aligned} \tag{7.17}$$

This method is explicit and works much like the Adams-Bashforth method, except that now the increment of y_n is calculated over two steps in place of one.

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The generating function of the coefficients K_m is found to be

$$\begin{aligned}
 g(t_1) &= \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} K_m t_1^m \\
 &= \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} (-t_1)^m \int_{-1}^1 \binom{-S}{m} dS \\
 &= \int_{-1}^1 \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} (-t_1)^m \binom{-S}{m} dS \\
 &= \int_{-1}^1 (1-t_1)^{-S} dS \\
 &= \left[-\frac{(1-t_1)^{-S}}{\log(1-t_1)} \right]_{-1}^1 \\
 &= \left[-\frac{1}{(1-t_1) \log(1-t_1)} + \frac{1-t_1}{\log(1-t_1)} \right] \\
 &= \left[\frac{-1+(1-t_1)^2}{(1-t_1) \log(1-t_1)} \right] \\
 &= -\frac{t_1}{\log(1-t_1)} \cdot \frac{2-t_1}{1-t_1}
 \end{aligned}$$

using the expansion (7.6) and

$$\frac{2-t_1}{1-t_1} = 1 + \frac{1}{1-t_1} = 2 + t_1 + t_1^2 + \dots$$

we thus have the identity

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\left(1 + \frac{1}{2} t_1 + \frac{1}{3} t_1^2 + \dots\right) (K_0 + K_1 t_1 + K_2 t_1^2 + \dots) \\
 &= 2 + t_1 + t_1^2 + \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

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from which we derive the recurrence relations

$$K_m + \frac{1}{2} K_{m-1} + \frac{1}{2} K_{m-2} + \cdots + \frac{1}{m+1} K_0 = \begin{cases} 2; & m = 0 \\ +1; & m = 1, 2, 3, \dots \end{cases}$$

The numerical values of K_m are given as under:

m	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
K_m	2	0	$\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{29}{90}$	$\frac{14}{45}$	$\frac{1139}{3780}$

Special case $q=1$ of Nystrom's method:

In this case, we have

$$y_{p+1} - y_{p-1} = h \sum_{m=0}^0 K_m \nabla^m f_p$$

$$= h K_0 f_p$$

$$= h 2 f_p$$

or

$$y_{p+1} = y_{p-1} + 2h f_p$$

which gives the mid-point method. Since $K_1 = 0$, it yields the same accuracy as could be expected from taking $q = 1$, which accounts for some of the popularity of the method. The mid-point rule has also been used as a predictor formula for the trapezoidal rule (Adams-Moulton method with $q=1$). For general q the Nystrom method may be used as a predictor formula for the generalized Milne-Simpson method to be discussed now.

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iv) The Generalized Milne-Simpson Method:

Here we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 y_p - y_{p-2} &= \int_{t_{p-2}}^{t_p} f(t) dt \\
 &= h \sum_{m=0}^q K_m^* \nabla^m t_p
 \end{aligned} \tag{7.18}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
 K_m^* &= (-1)^m \frac{1}{h} \int_{t_{p-2}}^{t_p} \binom{-S}{m} dt \\
 &= (-1)^m \int_{-2}^0 \binom{-S}{m} dS
 \end{aligned} \tag{7.19}$$

Formula (7.18) resembles the Adams-Moulton formula in being implicit. However, the integration is now over two steps, which may cause weak stability. On the other hand, the method is, for comparable $q \geq 2$, more accurate than any of the methods previously considered. This is true in particular in the case $q \geq 2$, which is known as the Milne method. The reason why it is more accurate will be understood by studying the coefficients K_m^* . Their generating function is given by

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$$\begin{aligned}
K^*(t_1) &= \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} K_m^* t_1^m = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} (-t_1)^m \int_{-2}^0 \binom{-S}{m} dS \\
&= \int_{-2}^0 \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} (-t_1)^m \binom{-S}{m} dS \\
&= \int_{-2}^0 (1 - t_1)^{-S} dS \\
&= \left[-\frac{(1-t_1)^{-S}}{\log(1-t_1)} \right]_{-2}^0 \\
&= -\frac{1}{\log(1-t_1)} + \frac{(1-t_1)^2}{\log(1-t_1)} \\
&= -\frac{t_1}{\log(1-t_1)} \cdot (2 - t_1)
\end{aligned}$$

Or

$$-\frac{\log(1-t_1)}{t_1} \cdot K^*(t_1) = 2 - t_1$$

where from it follows that

$$\left(1 + \frac{1}{2} t_1 + \frac{1}{3} t_1^2 + \dots\right) (K_0^* + K_1^* t + K_2^* t^2 + \dots) = 2 - t_1$$

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Comparing coefficients, we find

$$K_m^* + \frac{1}{2} K_{m-1}^* + \frac{1}{3} K_{m-2}^* + \cdots + \frac{1}{m+1} K_0^* = \begin{cases} 2; & m = 0 \\ -1; & m = 1 \\ 0; & m = 2, 3, \dots \end{cases}$$

or which can be written as

$$\sum_{n=0}^m \frac{1}{m+1-n} K_n^* = \begin{cases} +2, & m = 0 \\ -1, & m = 1 \\ 0, & m = 2, 3, \dots \end{cases}$$

Numerical values of K_m^* are given as

m	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
K_m^*	2	-2	$\frac{1}{3}$	0	$\frac{-1}{90}$	$\frac{-1}{90}$	$\frac{-37}{3780}$

we note that $K_3^* = 0$, which shows that the Milne-Simpson formula with $q = 2$ produces an effect which normally would be expected only with $q = 3$. We also note that

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

from which there follows the relation

$$K_0^* + K_1^* + K_2^* + \cdots + K_m^* = K_m, \quad m = 0, 1, \dots \quad (7.20)$$

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The numerical values given in the above table suggest that (7.18) be better written and used in the form

$$y_p - y_{p-2} = h \left[2 f_{p-1} + \frac{1}{3} \nabla^2 f_p - \frac{1}{90} (\nabla^4 f_p + \nabla^5 f_p) + \dots \right] \quad (7.21)$$

The Milne formula resulting from $q = 2$ or 3 may be written out in terms of ordinates as follows

$$y_p - y_{p-2} = \frac{1}{3} h (f_p + 4 f_{p-1} + f_{p-2}) \quad (7.22)$$

Equations (7.18), (7.21) and (7.22) represent implicit equations for y_p and are usually solved by iteration, starting with a predicted first approximation $y_p^{(0)}$. Any explicit formula can be used in principle to calculate $y_p^{(0)}$. In the interest of economizing the number of corrections, one will choose, if possible, a predictor formula whose accuracy is comparable to that of the corrector formula. Milne suggests the formula

$$y_p - y_{p-4} = \frac{1}{3} h (8 f_{p-1} - 4 f_{p-2} + 8 f_{p-3}) \quad (7.23)$$

(resulting from integrating the quadratic polynomial interpolating $f(t, y(t))$ at $t_{p-1}, t_{p-2}, t_{p-3}$ between t_{p-4} and t_p) as a predictor formula. Now the iteration procedure may be arranged in the same manner as explained in Adams-Moulton method.

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