

SOLUTION TECHNIQUES

4. → Numerical Methods for ODE.

A) Reduction to 1st order system

B) Discretization

C) Stability

Reading: Numerical Comp. of Int. & Ext. Flows Vol 1 C. Hirsch. 267-290
ATP 76-83.

A) An n^{th} order ODE can always be reduced to n 1st order ODEs.

$$y^{(n)} = F(t, y, y', \dots, y^{(n-1)})$$

Define $x_1 = y, x_2 = y', \dots, x_n = y^{(n-1)}$

⇒

$$x_1' = x_2$$

$$x_2' = x_3$$

$$\vdots$$

$$x_{n-1}' = x_n$$

$$x_n' = F(t, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$$

Example 1) Falkner-Skan Eqn for $f(\eta)$

$$F''' + \frac{\beta u + 1}{2} FF'' + \beta u (1 - F'^2) = 0$$

$$F' = U$$

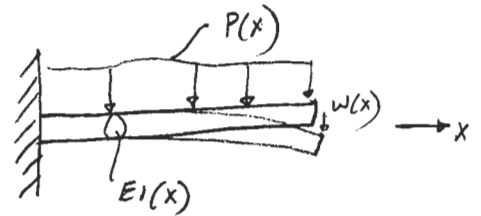
$$U' = S$$

$$S' = -\frac{\beta u + 1}{2} FS - \beta u (1 - U^2)$$

$$\text{or } \begin{bmatrix} F \\ U \\ S \end{bmatrix}' = f \left[\begin{pmatrix} F \\ U \\ S \end{pmatrix}; \beta \right]$$

2) Beam Equation

$$(EI(x) w''')' = P(x)$$



① $w' = t$

$t' = u$

$u' = v$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{Bmatrix} w \\ t \\ u \\ v \end{Bmatrix}' = \begin{bmatrix} & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} w \\ t \\ u \\ v \end{Bmatrix} + \begin{Bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ P/EI \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$EI v' + 2EI' v + EI'' u = P$$

$$\rightarrow [EI u]'' = [(EI)' u + \frac{v}{EI} EI]'$$

② Alternatively

$w' = t$

$EIt' = u$

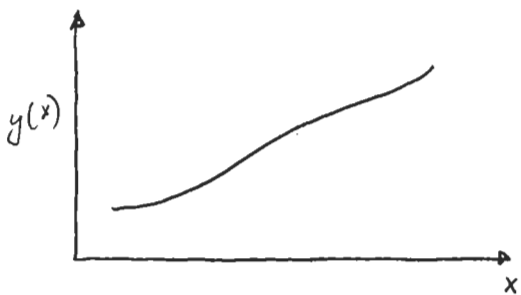
$u' = v$

$v' = P$

← *Chaos, no need to differentiate EI
illustrates alt. approach to order reduction*

We need to examine how to solve 1st order ODE $\rightarrow y' = f(x, y)$

B) Discretization

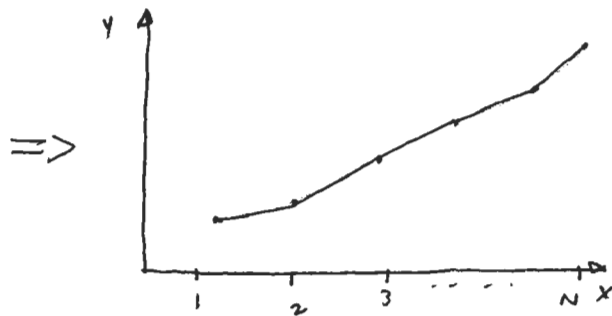


Cont. System

① $y(x)$ governed by ODE

and ICs and/or B.Cs

② ∞ DOF



Discrete System

$1 \leq i \leq N$

y_i governed by N algebraic equations, (including I.C, B.C)

N DOFs

Example

$$y' = -\alpha y \quad ; \quad \alpha > 0$$

Exact solution: $y = y_0 e^{-\alpha x}$

Discretize using forward Euler

$$\begin{aligned} y_{i+1} &= y_i + \Delta x y_i' = y_i - \Delta x \alpha y_i \\ &= y_i (1 - \Delta x \alpha) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} y_{i+2} &= y_{i+1} - \Delta x \alpha y_{i+1} \\ &= y_{i+1} (1 - \Delta x \alpha) = y_i (1 - \Delta x \alpha)^2 \end{aligned}$$

in general $\therefore y_n = y_0 (1 - \alpha \Delta x)^n$

The discretization is consistent if $y_i \rightarrow y_{\text{exact}}$ as $\Delta x \rightarrow 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_0 \left(1 - \frac{\alpha X}{n}\right)^n & \quad \text{where } X = x_{\text{end}} - x_0 \\ & \quad \uparrow \\ & \quad \text{length of domain} \\ &= y_0 e^{-\alpha X} \quad \therefore \text{discretization is consistent} \end{aligned}$$

c) Stability

Discretization is stable if error between y_i & y_{exact} stays bound as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

$$y_n = y_0 (1 - \alpha \Delta x)^n$$

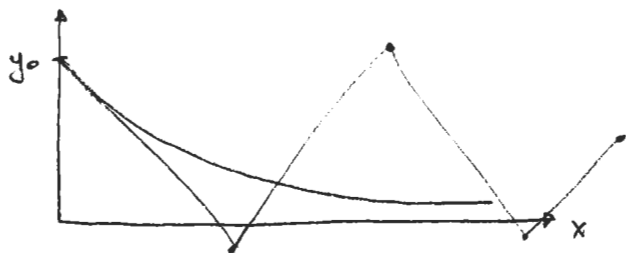
$$\left| \frac{y_n}{y_0} \right| = |1 - \alpha \Delta x|^n \quad \alpha > 0$$

for $\alpha > 0$ $y_{\text{exact}} = y_0 e^{-\alpha x}$ decays as $x \rightarrow \infty$

\therefore for $|y_n/y_0|$ to decay $|1 - \alpha \Delta x| \leq 1$ ($|1 - \alpha \Delta x| > 1$, $y_n \rightarrow$ grows)

$\therefore |1 - \alpha \Delta x| \leq 1$ is a stability requirement

$\Rightarrow \alpha \Delta x \leq 2$ for stability



Backward Euler Discretization

$$y' = -\alpha y$$

$$y_{i+1} = y_i + \Delta x y'_{i+1} = y_i - \Delta x \alpha y_{i+1}$$

$$= \frac{y_i}{1 + \Delta x \alpha}$$

$$\therefore y_n = y_0 (1 + \alpha \Delta x)^{-n}$$

$\alpha \geq 0$ stable if $|1 + \alpha \Delta x| \geq 1 \Rightarrow$ stable for all Δx

\Rightarrow for simple 1-equation systems, stability and accuracy requirements on Δx are typically the same

\Rightarrow for multi-equation systems, they can be very different.

$$\epsilon y'' + y' - y = 0$$

$$y(0) = 1$$

$$y'(0) = 0$$

Reduce order to 1st

$$z = y' - y$$

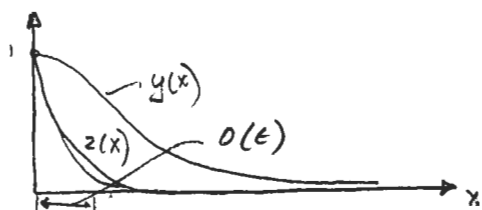
$$\therefore y' = -y + z$$

$$z' = -z/\epsilon$$

$$y(0) = 1$$

$$z(0) = 1$$

Exact solution



$$\vec{y}' = -[A] \vec{y}$$

$$y_{n+1} = [I - Q \Delta x] y_n$$

$$\downarrow$$
$$[A] \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

if the largest eigenvalue of $[A]$
has magnitude less than 1. Then y_n
is bounded, or

$$\Delta x < 2 / \lambda_{\max}$$

Using Forward Euler

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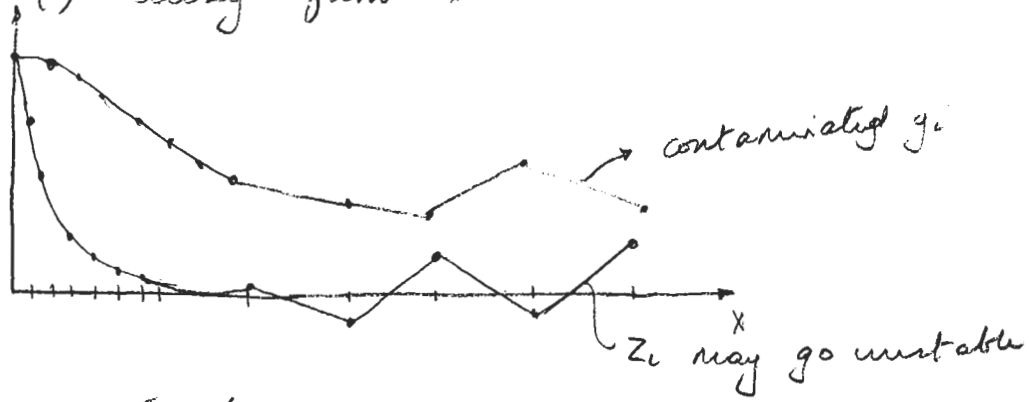
$$y_{i+1} = y_i + \Delta x (-y_i + z_i) = y_i (1 - \Delta x) + z_i \Delta x$$

$\alpha = 1$
 $\Delta x = 1/1$
 $n = 5$

$$z_{i+1} = z_i - z_i / \epsilon \Delta x = z_i \left(1 - \frac{\Delta x}{\epsilon}\right)$$

$$\begin{Bmatrix} y_{i+1} \\ z_{i+1} \end{Bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 - \Delta x & \Delta x \\ 0 & 1 - \frac{\Delta x}{\epsilon} \end{bmatrix} \begin{Bmatrix} y_i \\ z_i \end{Bmatrix}$$

To accurately resolve z close to $x=0$ we need $\Delta x \sim O(\epsilon)$, and $\Delta x \sim O(1)$ away from $x=0$



spacing dictated by accuracy may result in instability even after $z \rightarrow 0$. Excess work is done in maintaining small $\Delta x \sim O(\epsilon)$ (excess work $\sim 1/\epsilon$)

Instability in z_i contaminates y_i . Alternative is to use Backward Euler Scheme

$$\Delta x_{\text{stability}} \ll \Delta x_{\text{accuracy}} \rightarrow \text{stiff ODE system}$$

Stiffness occurs when there are 2 or more different scales of the independent variable.

~~$$\begin{aligned} y' &= z - y & y'' &= z' - y' \\ \epsilon z' &= -z \\ \epsilon (y'' + y') &= -y' - y \\ \epsilon y'' + y' & & \end{aligned}$$~~

Stability

Lecture 11 (Cont'd)

[stability + stiffness are 2 imp issues for solving TSE eqns numerically] (7)

$$y_{n+1} = y_n (1 - \alpha \Delta x)$$

$$y_n = y_0 (1 - \alpha \Delta x)^n$$

Error

$$y_n = y_{\text{exact } n} + \epsilon_n$$

Substituting above gives

$$\epsilon_{n+1} = \epsilon_n (1 - \alpha \Delta x)$$

(since y_{exact} satisfies the difference eqn.)

For the forward Euler scheme to be stable

$$\left| \frac{\epsilon_{n+1}}{\epsilon_n} \right| \text{ must not grow } \therefore \leq 1$$

Assume

$$\epsilon_n = \gamma_n e^{i n \phi}$$

$$\gamma_{n+1} e^{i(n+1)\phi} = \gamma_n e^{i n \phi} (1 - \alpha \Delta x)$$

$$\text{or } \frac{\gamma_{n+1}}{\gamma_n} = \underbrace{(1 - \alpha \Delta x)}_{\text{amplification factor}} e^{-i\phi}$$

$$\left| \frac{\gamma_{n+1}}{\gamma_n} \right|^2 = (1 - \alpha \Delta x)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow |1 - \alpha \Delta x| \leq 1 \Rightarrow \alpha \Delta x \leq 2 //$$

Stiff system

$$\epsilon y'' + y'(1 + \epsilon) + y = 0$$

$$y(0) = 1$$

$$y'(0) = 0$$

$$z = y' + y, \quad z' = y'' + y'$$

$$\Rightarrow \epsilon(y'' + y') + (y' + y) = 0$$

$$\epsilon z' + z = 0 \Rightarrow z' = -z/\epsilon$$

$$y' = -y + z$$

$$z' = -z/\epsilon$$

$$y'' = -y' + z'$$

$$= -y' - z/\epsilon$$

$$= -y' - \frac{y - y'}{\epsilon}$$

$$\epsilon y'' = -y' - y + y'$$

$$= -y'(1 + \epsilon) - y$$

$$\boxed{\epsilon y'' + y'(1 + \epsilon) + y = 0}$$

$$z = y + y'$$

Equivalent system :

$$y' = -y + z$$

$$z' = -z/\epsilon //$$

Stability on z

$$\left| \frac{\Delta x}{\epsilon} \right| \leq 2$$

$$\Delta x \leq 2\epsilon$$