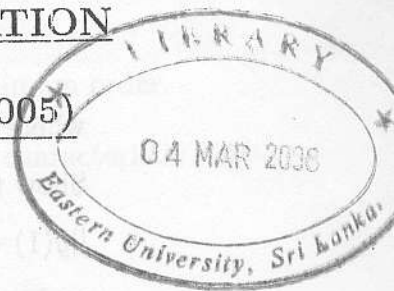


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PART II

MT 405 - NUMERICAL THEORY OF ORDINARY  
DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS

Answer all Questions

Time allowed: Three hours

1. (a) Let  $(x_n)$  be a sequence of real numbers satisfying

$$x_{n+1} \leq \frac{1}{1-A}(x_n + AB), \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots,$$

where  $0 \leq A < 1$  and  $B \geq 0$ . Prove that

$$x_n \leq \frac{1}{(1-A)^n} x_0 + \left[ \frac{1}{(1-A)^n} - 1 \right] B, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots,$$

and deduce that

$$x_n \leq e^{na} x_0 + (e^{na} - 1)B, \quad a = \frac{A}{1-A}, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

- (b) Let  $y$  be the continuous solution of an  $m$ -dimensional system

$$y'(x) = f(y(x)), \quad y(0) = \nu,$$

where for some norm

$$\|f(u) - f(v)\| \leq L\|u - v\| \quad \text{and} \quad \|f(u)\| \leq M$$

for all  $u, v \in \mathbb{R}^m$ . Use the identity

$$y(x+h) - y(x) - hy'(x+h) = h \int_0^1 [y'(x+ht) - y'(x+h)] dt$$

to show that, for any  $x$  and  $h$ ,

$$\|y(x+h) - y(x) - hy'(x+h)\| \leq \frac{h^2}{2} LM.$$

(c) For given  $y_0$ , let  $y_1, y_2, \dots, y_N$  be given by the implicit Euler method

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + hf(y_{n+1}), \quad n = 0, 1, \dots, N-1,$$

where  $h$  is chosen so that  $hN = 1$ .

Show that, for  $hL < 1$ ,

$$\|y(1) - y_N\| \leq e^{\frac{L}{1-hL}} \|y(0) - y_0\| + \frac{h}{2} \left( e^{\frac{L}{1-hL}} - 1 \right) M$$

and comment briefly on this result.

2. (a) Define the following terms:

- i. Convergence,
- ii. Consistency,
- iii. Zero Stability,

applied to the linear multi-step method

$$\sum_{j=0}^k \alpha_j y_{n+j} = h \sum_{j=0}^h \beta_j f_{n+j}, \quad \alpha_k = 1,$$

used for solving initial value problem of the form

$$y' = f(x, y), \quad a \leq x \leq b, \quad y(a) = \nu,$$

where  $y : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  and  $f : [a, b] \times \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ .

What is the relation between these terms ?

Prove that if a linear multi-step method is convergent, then it is zero-stable.

(b) Find the range of values of  $\alpha$  for which the linear 3-step method

$$y_{n+3} + \alpha(y_{n+2} - y_n) - y_{n+1} = \frac{1}{2}(3 + \alpha)h(f_{n+2} + f_{n+1})$$

is zero stable. Show that this method is not convergent for these values of  $\alpha$ .

3. (a) i. Define the order of the linear multi-step method in terms of the associated linear operator.
- ii. Determine the linear 2-step method of maximum order.
- (b) i. Show that a linear multi-step method with characteristic polynomials  $\rho$  and  $\sigma$  is of order  $p$  if and only if

$$\rho(z) - (\ln z)\sigma(z) = c_{p+1}(z-1)^{p+1} + c_{p+2}(z-1)^{p+2} + \dots,$$

$$|z-1| < 1, \text{ with } c_{p+1} \neq 0.$$

- ii. A linear multi-step method with characteristic polynomial

$$p(z) = z^2 - \frac{3}{2}z + \frac{1}{2}$$

is of maximum order. Find the method and the error constant.

Explain why the method is convergent.

4. (a) Define the term "absolute stability" as applied to a numerical method used for solving initial value problems for ordinary differential equations.

- (b) A linear multi-step method has characteristic polynomials  $\rho$  and  $\sigma$ . Show that the method is absolutely stable for given  $z \in \mathbb{C}$  if and only if the zeros of  $\rho(r) - z\sigma(r)$  are of modulus at most one, with zeros of modulus one being simple.

- (c) The explicit Euler method is used as predictor and the Trapezoidal rule is used as corrector in the PEC mode. Show that the combined method is absolutely stable for given  $z \in \mathbb{C}$  if the roots of  $r^2 - (1 + \frac{3z}{2})r + \frac{1}{2}z$  are of modulus at most one with roots of modulus one being simple. Show that the method is absolutely stable for real  $z \in [-1, 0]$ .



5. (a) i. The coefficient of an  $s$ -stage Runge-Kutta method are given by the array

$$\begin{array}{c|c} C & A \\ \hline & b^T \end{array}, \quad C = Ae, \quad e = (1, 1, \dots, 1)^T.$$

Show that the method is absolutely stable for given  $z$

if  $\det(I - zA) \neq 0$  and  $|R(z)| \leq 1$ , where

$$R(z) = 1 + zb^T(I - zA)^{-1}e.$$

- ii. Deduce that, for an explicit method,  $R(z)$  is a polynomial of degree  $s$  and hence prove that all explicit  $s$ -stage Runge-Kutta methods of order  $s$  have identical regions of absolute stability.

- (b) Show that the 3-stage Runge-Kutta method with coefficients

$$\begin{array}{c|ccc} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2/3 & 2/3 & 0 & 0 \\ 2/3 & 0 & 2/3 & 0 \\ \hline & 1/4 & 1/6 & 7/12 \end{array}$$

is of order 2 and that the interval of absolute stability is  $[-3, 0]$ .

6. (a) i. Define the term "B-stability" as applied to an  $s$ -stage Runge-Kutta method given by the array

$$\begin{array}{c|c} C & A \\ \hline & b^T \end{array}, \quad C = Ae, \quad e = (1, 1, \dots, 1)^T, \quad b^T = (b_1, b_2, \dots, b_j).$$

- ii. Let  $B = \text{diag}(b_1, b_2, \dots, b_j)$  and

$$Q = BA^{-1} + A^{-T}B - A^{-T}bb^T A^{-1}.$$

Prove that if  $B$  and  $Q$  are non-negative definite, then the Runge-Kutta method is B-stable.

- (b) i. Define what is meant by the statement that a Runge-Kutta method is algebraically stable. State the relationship between B-stability and algebraic stability.

