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Preliminary Examination in Numerical Analysis
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Solutions:

1. Root Finding.

(a) Let the root be $x = r$. We subtract $f(x_n)$ from both sides of $x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)}$

3. Interpolation/Approximation.

- (a) $p_n(x) = \prod_{k=0}^n L_k(x) f_k$; here $L_k(x) = \frac{(x-x_0)\dots(x-x_{k-1})(x-x_{k+1})\dots(x-x_n)}{(x_k-x_0)\dots(x_k-x_{k-1})(x_k-x_{k+1})\dots(x_k-x_n)}$.
- (b) Suppose there are two different polynomials $p_n(x)$ and $q_n(x)$ that both take the values f_k at node locations x_k ; $k = 0; 1; \dots; n$. The difference $p_n(x) - q_n(x)$ is again a polynomial of degree n but with $n+1$ zeros, showing that it must be identically zero, in conflict with the assumption that $p_n(x)$ and $q_n(x)$ are different.
- (c) Each of the following three approaches will show that, for $n+1$ nodes, the polynomial degree will be $2n+1$.

- (i) **Direct solution of linear system:** Let the Hermite polynomial be $H_{2n+1}(x) = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \dots + a_{2n+1}x^{2n+1}$. Imposing all the $2n+2$ requirements gives a square $(2n+2) \times (2n+2)$ linear system of the following structure for the coefficients:

$$\begin{matrix}
 2 & 1 & x_0 & x_0^2 & x_0^3 & \dots & 3 & 2 & 3 & 2 & 3 \\
 6 & 1 & x_1 & x_1^2 & x_1^3 & \dots & 7 & 6 & 7 & 6 & 7 \\
 \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\
 6 & 0 & 1 & 2x_0 & 3x_0^2 & \dots & 7 & 6 & 7 & 6 & 7 \\
 4 & 0 & 1 & 2x_1 & 3x_1^2 & \dots & 5 & 4 & 5 & 4 & 5 \\
 \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots
 \end{matrix} = \begin{matrix} f_0 \\ f_1 \\ \vdots \\ f_n \\ f_0' \\ f_1' \\ \vdots \\ f_n' \end{matrix}$$

- (ii) **Based on Lagrange interpolation:** With $L_k(x)$ denoting the Legendre kernel, the polynomials $h_i(x)$ for $i=0, \dots, n$ are $h_i(x) = \frac{L_i(x) L_i'(x_k)}{L_i'(x_k)}$.

4. Linear algebra

- (a) Since A is an antisymmetric matrix, its eigenvalues are purely imaginary, or zero. Since it is a matrix with real entries, the roots of the characteristic polynomial come in pairs (if they are complex-valued). For odd-sized matrix these two conditions force at least one of the eigenvalues to be zero.
- (b) For even-sized matrix the product of a pair of complex-valued eigenvalues is always positive and the conclusion follows.

- (b) For an explicit multistep method, the equation for the roots of the characteristic polynomial has the form

$$(u) = u^s + \text{lower order terms} = 0:$$

Since the polynomial can be written in terms of its roots as

$$(u) = (u - u_1)(u - u_2) \cdots (u - u_s);$$

and in the region of absolute stability all roots $|u_k| < 1$, we conclude that, in that region, all coefficients of the polynomial are bounded (independent of h). However, if the region of absolute stability is unbounded, then some of the coefficients will become

here

$$A = \frac{1}{2}(c)^2 - \frac{1}{2}c; \quad B = (c)^2 - 1 \quad \text{and} \quad C = \frac{1}{2}(c)^2 + \frac{1}{2}c :$$

Using e^{jkh_x} $\sum_{j=0}^{N-1}$ as an eigenvector (with index $k = 0; \dots; N-1$), we compute

$$\begin{aligned} Ae^{j(j+1)kh_x} - Be^{jkh_x} + Ce^{j(j-1)kh_x} &= e^{jkh_x} [Ae^{ikh_x} - B + Ce^{-ikh_x}] \\ &= e^{jkh_x} [1 - (c)^2 + (c)^2 \cos(kh_x) - ic \sin(kh_x)] \end{aligned}$$

Computing the absolute value of the eigenvalue $\lambda_k = 1 - (c)^2 + (c)^2 \cos(kh_x) - ic \sin(kh_x)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} |\lambda_k|^2 &= [1 - (c)^2 + (c)^2 \cos^2(kh_x)]^2 + (c)^2 \sin^2(kh_x) \\ &= [1 - (c)^2 \sin^2(kh_x)]^2 + (c)^2 \sin^2(kh_x) : \end{aligned}$$

Setting $a = (c)^2$, $a > 0$ and $x = \sin^2(kh_x)$, $0 \leq x \leq 1$, as a function of x we have $(1 - ax)^2 + ax = 1 - ax + a^2x^2$. The condition $a \leq 1$ implies that

$$1 - ax + a^2x^2 \leq 1 :$$

Thus, we obtain stability under the CFL condition $c \leq 1$ or $h_t = h_x^{-1} = c$.