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 Preliminary Examination in Numerical Analysis
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Solutions:

1. Root Finding.

We want to find a function such that the iteration $x_{n+1} = x_n - f'(x_n)/f(x_n)$ 'hops about' forever within a finite interval, without ever converging. The easiest example would seem to be if the iterates form some short cycle, the simplest of all such arising if $x_{n+1} = x_n$, i.e. $x_n = x_n - f'(x_n)/f(x_n)$. Simplifying the notation by writing x in place of x_n , this will be satisfied if $f'(x) = \frac{1}{2x} f(x)$. We can thus choose $f(x) = \begin{cases} c \rho^x & \text{if } x \geq 0 \\ c \rho^{-x} & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases}$, here c is an arbitrary constant.

2. Numerical Quadrature.

- (a) Let h denote the length of a single subinterval before the extrapolation is done. Including also the subinterval midpoint, the trapezoidal rule over this subinterval would have the weights at its ends and midpoint: $T_0 = h[\frac{1}{2} \ 0 \ \frac{1}{2}]$ and, then using also the midpoint $T_1 = h[\frac{1}{4} \ \frac{1}{2} \ \frac{1}{4}]$.

3. Interpolation/Approximation.

We start by multiplying the numerator and denominator of $p_n(x)$ by $\omega_n(x)$, to obtain

$$p_n(x) = \frac{\prod_{j=0}^n w_j f(x_j) (x-x_0) \cdots (x-x_{j-1})(x-x_{j+1}) \cdots (x-x_n)}{\prod_{j=0}^n w_j (x-x_0) \cdots (x-x_{j-1})(x-x_{j+1}) \cdots (x-x_n)};$$

Note next that $\omega_n(x)$ will become a sum of $n+1$ terms, all but one vanishing when substituting $x = x_j$. Hence,

$$\omega_n(x_j) = (x_j - x_0) \cdots (x_j - x_{j-1})(x_j - x_{j+1}) \cdots (x_j - x_n);$$

Substituting $w_j = 1/\omega_n(x_j)$ into the expression for $p_n(x)$ above thus gives

$$p_n(x) = \sum_{j=0}^n f(x_j) \frac{(x-x_0) \cdots (x-x_{j-1})(x-x_{j+1}) \cdots (x-x_n)}{(x_j-x_0) \cdots (x_j-x_{j-1})(x_j-x_{j+1}) \cdots (x_j-x_n)};$$

5. ODEs

(a) We have

$$\mathbf{f}(t_n + h; \mathbf{y}_n + \mathbf{k}_1) = \mathbf{f}(t_n; \mathbf{y}_n) + h \frac{\partial \mathbf{f}(t_n; \mathbf{y}_n)}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \mathbf{f}(t_n; \mathbf{y}_n)}{\partial \mathbf{y}} \mathbf{f}(t_n; \mathbf{y}_n) + O(h^2); \mathbf{y}_n + \mathbf{k}$$

PDEs

We look for the solution in the form

$$u(x; y) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} u_{mn} \sin((m+1)x) \sin\left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right)y$$

so that

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}(x; y) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} u_{mn} \left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right) \sin((m+1)x) \cos\left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right)y$$

satisfies the Neumann boundary at $y = 1$. Computing

$$u(x; y) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} u_{mn} \frac{2}{(m+1)^2 + \left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right)^2} \sin((m+1)x) \sin\left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right)y ;$$

we seek an expansion of the right hand side,

$$f(x; y) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} f_{mn} \sin((m+1)x) \sin\left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right)y$$

so that we can set

$$u_{mn} = \frac{f_{mn}}{2 \left((m+1)^2 + \left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 \right)} ;$$

Consider $x_k = (k+1)\pi/M$, $k = 0; \dots; M-1$ and $y_l = (l+1)\pi/N$, $l = 0; \dots; N-1$ so that

$$f(x_k; y_l) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} f_{mn} \sin\left(\frac{(m+1)k\pi}{M}\right) \sin\left(\frac{(n + \frac{1}{2})l\pi}{N}\right)$$

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