

Numerical Methods II

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Chapter 3

This chapter solves boundary value problems (BVP) using finite difference methods (FDM).

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General form: $y''+p(x)y'+q(x)y=r(x)$, $a \leq x \leq b$, $y(a)=\alpha$, $y(b)=\beta$. (a)

Centered-difference formula for second derivative:

$$y''(x_i) = \frac{1}{h^2} [y(x_{i+1}) - 2y(x_i) + y(x_{i-1}))] - \frac{h^2}{12} y^{(4)}(\xi_i), \quad x_{i-1} < \xi_i < x_{i+1}.$$

Centered-difference formula for first derivative:

$$y'(x_i) = \frac{1}{2h} [y(x_{i+1}) - y(x_{i-1}))] - \frac{h^2}{6} y^{(3)}(\xi_i), \quad x_{i-1} < \xi_i < x_{i+1}.$$

Let divide the interval $[a,b]$ into N equal subintervals where $x_0=a$, $x_i=x_0+ih$, $\{i=1,2,\dots,N\}$, $x_N=b$ and $h=(b-a)/N$.

At point $x=x_i$, equation (a) becomes

$$y_i'' + p_i y_i' + q_i y_i = r_i,$$

Using centered-difference formula, we get

$$\frac{y_{i+1} - 2y_i + y_{i-1}}{h^2} + p_i \frac{y_{i+1} - y_{i-1}}{2h} + q_i y_i = r_i, \quad (\times h^2) \rightarrow (y_{i+1} - 2y_i + y_{i-1}) + p_i \frac{h}{2} (y_{i+1} - y_{i-1}) + h^2 q_i y_i = h^2 r_i$$

$$\left(1 - \frac{h}{2} p_i\right) y_{i-1} - (2 - h^2 q_i) y_i + \left(1 + \frac{h}{2} p_i\right) y_{i+1} = h^2 r_i.$$

For $i=1,2,\dots,N-1$, the above equation will produce system $(N-1)$ equations with unknowns y_0, y_1, \dots, y_N . With the given boundary condition, $y_0=\alpha$ and $y_N=\beta$, the system can be solved for y_1, y_2, \dots, y_{N-1} in matrix form, $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{y}=\mathbf{b}$ (where matrix \mathbf{A} is tridiagonal matrix with diagonally dominant, $|a_{ii}| > \sum |a_{ij}|$, $j=1 \dots n$, $j \neq n$, row direction).

Tridiagonal system, $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{y}=\mathbf{b}$, can be solved using Thomas algorithm.

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Thomas algorithm

For tridiagonal system with size $n \times n$, $\mathbf{Ax}=\mathbf{b}$, matrix \mathbf{A} can be factored into $\mathbf{A}=\mathbf{LU}$, where \mathbf{L} (lower triangular Matrix) and \mathbf{U} (upper triangular matrix) as below:

$$A = LU \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} d_1 & e_1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ c_2 & d_2 & e_2 & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & c_{n-1} & d_{n-1} & e_{n-1} \\ 0 & \cdots & 0 & c_n & d_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ c_2 & \alpha_2 & 0 & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & c_{n-1} & \alpha_{n-1} & 0 \\ 0 & \cdots & 0 & c_n & \alpha_n \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \beta_1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \beta_2 & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & 0 & 1 & \beta_{n-1} \\ 0 & \cdots & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

According to the above system, α_i and β_i can be calculated as

$$\alpha_1 = d_1; \quad \alpha_i = d_i - c_i \beta_{i-1}, \quad i=2,3,\dots,n; \quad \beta_i = e_i / \alpha_i, \quad i=1,2,\dots,n-1.$$

The system $\mathbf{Ax}=\mathbf{b}$ can be factorized as $\mathbf{LUx}=\mathbf{b}$, by letting $\mathbf{w}=\mathbf{Ux}$, we get $\mathbf{Lw}=\mathbf{b}$, then

(1) Solve $\mathbf{Lw}=\mathbf{b}$ by forward substitution, we get

$$w_1 = b_1 / \alpha_1, \quad w_i = (b_i - c_i w_{i-1}) / \alpha_i, \quad i=2,3,\dots,n.$$

(2) Solve $\mathbf{Ux}=\mathbf{w}$ by backward substitution, we get

$$x_n = w_n, \quad x_i = w_i - \beta_i x_{i+1}, \quad i=n-1, n-2, \dots, 1.$$

The whole Thomas algorithm can be summarized as:

1. $\alpha_1 = d_1$
2. $\alpha_i = d_i - c_i \beta_{i-1}, \quad i=2,3,\dots,n$
3. $\beta_i = e_i / \alpha_i, \quad i=1,2,\dots,n-1.$
4. $w_1 = b_1 / \alpha_1$
5. $w_i = (b_i - c_i w_{i-1}) / \alpha_i, \quad i=2,3,\dots,n.$
6. $x_n = w_n$
7. $x_i = w_i - \beta_i x_{i+1}, \quad i=n-1, n-2, \dots, 1.$

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Solve the linear boundary value problem

$$y'' + (1/x)y' - (1/x^2)y = 3, \quad y(1) = 2, \quad y(2) = 3$$

for $x=1(0.2)2$ using finite difference method. Analytical solution: $y(x) = x(x-1) + 2/x$.

Let $h=0.2$, $x_0=a=1$, $x_1=1.2$, $x_2=1.4$, $x_3=1.6$, $x_4=1.8$ and $x_5=b=2$. Find $y_i \approx y(x_i)$, $i=1,2,3,4$.

At x_i , we get

$$y_i'' + \left(\frac{1}{x_i}\right)y_i' - \left(\frac{1}{x_i^2}\right)y_i = 3 \rightarrow \left(\frac{y_{i+1} - 2y_i + y_{i-1}}{h^2}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{x_i}\right)\left(\frac{y_{i+1} - y_{i-1}}{2h}\right) - \left(\frac{1}{x_i^2}\right)y_i = 3$$

Multiply with h^2 , here we use 4 decimal place.

$$(y_{i+1} - 2y_i + y_{i-1}) + \frac{h}{2}\left(\frac{1}{x_i}\right)(y_{i+1} - y_{i-1}) - h^2\left(\frac{1}{x_i^2}\right)y_i = 3h^2 \rightarrow \left(1 - \frac{0.1}{x_i}\right)y_{i-1} - \left[2 + \left(\frac{0.2}{x_i}\right)^2\right]y_i + \left(1 + \frac{0.1}{x_i}\right)y_{i+1} = 0.12$$

$$\text{For } i=1, \left(1 - \frac{0.1}{x_1}\right)y_0 - \left[2 + \left(\frac{0.2}{x_1}\right)^2\right]y_1 + \left(1 + \frac{0.1}{x_1}\right)y_2 = 0.12 \rightarrow \left(1 - \frac{0.1}{1.2}\right)2 - \left[2 + \left(\frac{0.2}{1.2}\right)^2\right]y_1 + \left(1 + \frac{0.1}{1.2}\right)y_2 = 0.12$$

$$\rightarrow -2.0278y_1 + 1.0833y_2 = -1.7133$$

$$\text{For } i=2, \left(1 - \frac{0.1}{x_2}\right)y_1 - \left[2 + \left(\frac{0.2}{x_2}\right)^2\right]y_2 + \left(1 + \frac{0.1}{x_2}\right)y_3 = 0.12 \rightarrow \left(1 - \frac{0.1}{1.4}\right)y_1 - \left[2 + \left(\frac{0.2}{1.4}\right)^2\right]y_2 + \left(1 + \frac{0.1}{1.4}\right)y_3 = 0.12$$

$$\rightarrow 0.9286y_1 - 2.0204y_2 + 1.0714y_3 = 0.12$$

$$\text{For } i=3, \left(1 - \frac{0.1}{x_3}\right)y_2 - \left[2 + \left(\frac{0.2}{x_3}\right)^2\right]y_3 + \left(1 + \frac{0.1}{x_3}\right)y_4 = 0.12 \rightarrow \left(1 - \frac{0.1}{1.6}\right)y_2 - \left[2 + \left(\frac{0.2}{1.6}\right)^2\right]y_3 + \left(1 + \frac{0.1}{1.6}\right)y_4 = 0.12$$

$$\rightarrow 0.9375y_2 - 2.0156y_3 + 1.0625y_4 = 0.12$$

$$\text{For } i=4, \left(1 - \frac{0.1}{x_4}\right)y_3 - \left[2 + \left(\frac{0.2}{x_4}\right)^2\right]y_4 + \left(1 + \frac{0.1}{x_4}\right)y_5 = 0.12 \rightarrow \left(1 - \frac{0.1}{1.8}\right)y_3 - \left[2 + \left(\frac{0.2}{1.8}\right)^2\right]y_4 + \left(1 + \frac{0.1}{1.8}\right)(3) = 0.12$$

$$\rightarrow 0.9444y_3 - 2.0123y_4 = -3.0468$$

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Finally, we get the tridiagonal system as below:

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{b} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} -2.0278 & 1.0833 & 0 & 0 \\ 0.9286 & -2.0204 & 1.0714 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.9375 & -2.0156 & 1.0625 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.9444 & -2.0123 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \\ y_4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1.7133 \\ 0.1200 \\ 0.1200 \\ -3.0468 \end{pmatrix}$$

Using Thomas algorithm, we get

i	1	2	3	4
d_i	-2.0278	-2.0204	-2.0156	-2.0123
e_i	-	0.9286	0.9375	0.9444
c_i	1.0833	1.0714	1.0625	-
b_i	-1.7133	0.1200	0.1200	-3.0468
$(\alpha_1=d_1)$ $\alpha_i=d_i-c_i\beta_{i-1}$,	-2.0278	-1.5243	-1.3566	-1.2726
$\beta_i=e_i/\alpha_i$,	-0.5342	-0.7029	-0.7832	-
$(w_1=b_1/\alpha_1)$ $w_i=(b_i-c_iw_{i-1})/\alpha_i$,	0.8449	0.4360	0.2128	2.5521
$(y_n=w_n)$ $y_i=w_i-\beta_iy_{i+1}$,	1.9082	1.9905	2.2116	2.5521

Finally, we get $y(1.2) \approx y_1 = 1.9082$, $y_2 = 1.9905$, $y_3 = 2.2116$ and $y(1.8) \approx y_4 = 2.5521$.

The exact solution is given as $y(1.2) = 1.9067$, $y(1.4) = 1.9886$, $y(1.6) = 2.2100$, $y(1.8) = 2.5511$.

So, finite difference method produce results accurate up to 2 decimal places.

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For the general nonlinear boundary value problem

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

Let divide the interval $[a, b]$ into N equal subintervals where $x_0 = a$, $x_i = x_0 + ih$, $\{i=1, 2, \dots, N\}$, $x_N = b$ and $h = (b-a)/N$.

At point $x = x_i$, equation (a) becomes

$$-\frac{y_{i+1} - 2y_i + y_{i-1}}{h^2} + f\left(x_i, y_i, \frac{y_{i+1} - y_{i-1}}{2h}\right) = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad \boxed{-y_{i-1} + 2y_i - y_{i+1} + h^2 f\left(x_i, y_i, \frac{y_{i+1} - y_{i-1}}{2h}\right) = 0 = f_i(y_1, \dots, y_{N-1})}$$

For $i=1, 2, \dots, N-1$, the above equation will produce nonlinear system $(N-1)$ equations with unknowns y_0, y_1, \dots, y_N . The above nonlinear system has a unique solution if $h < 2/L$, $L = \max |f_{y'}(x, y, y')|$. With the given boundary condition, $y_0 = \alpha$ and $y_N = \beta$, the system can be solved by Newton's method for nonlinear systems. A sequence of iteration will converge to solution if the guess initial approximation is sufficiently close to solution.

The Jacobian matrix, $J(y_1, \dots, y_{N-1})$ is tridiagonal with ij -th entry:

$$J(y_1, \dots, y_{N-1})_{ij} = \begin{cases} -1 + \frac{h}{2} f_{y'}\left(x_i, y_i, \frac{y_{i+1} - y_{i-1}}{2h}\right), & \text{for } i = j-1 \text{ and } j = 2, \dots, N-1, \\ 2 + h^2 f_{yy}\left(x_i, y_i, \frac{y_{i+1} - y_{i-1}}{2h}\right), & \text{for } i = j \text{ and } j = 1, \dots, N-1, \\ -1 - \frac{h}{2} f_{y'}\left(x_i, y_i, \frac{y_{i+1} - y_{i-1}}{2h}\right), & \text{for } i = j+1 \text{ and } j = 1, \dots, N-2. \end{cases}$$

Correction vector can be calculated using Thomas algorithm:

$$\boxed{J \cdot \begin{bmatrix} h_1^{(k)} \\ \vdots \\ h_{N-1}^{(k)} \end{bmatrix} = - \begin{bmatrix} f_1(y_1, \dots, y_{N-1}) \\ \vdots \\ f_{N-1}(y_1, \dots, y_{N-1}) \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} y_1^{(k+1)} \\ \vdots \\ y_{N-1}^{(k+1)} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1^{(k)} \\ \vdots \\ y_{N-1}^{(k)} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} h_1^{(k)} \\ \vdots \\ h_{N-1}^{(k)} \end{bmatrix}}$$

The Newton iteration will stop when the solutions converge to certain decimal places or some norm stopping criteria.

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Newton's method for nonlinear systems

$$\begin{bmatrix} g_1 \\ \vdots \\ g_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

The system of equations $g_i(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n) = 0$ ($1 \leq i \leq n$)
 can be expressed simply as $\mathbf{G}(\mathbf{Y}) = \mathbf{0}$

by letting $\mathbf{Y} = (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)^T$ and $\mathbf{G} = (g_1, g_2, \dots, g_n)^T$. Using the Taylor's series expansion, we get

$$\mathbf{0} = \mathbf{G}(\mathbf{Y} + \mathbf{H}) \approx \mathbf{G}(\mathbf{Y}) + \mathbf{G}'(\mathbf{Y})\mathbf{H}, \quad (\text{where } \mathbf{Y} + \mathbf{H} \text{ is more accurate solution})$$

where $\mathbf{H} = (h_1, h_2, \dots, h_n)^T$ and $\mathbf{G}'(\mathbf{Y})$ is the $n \times n$ Jacobian matrix $\mathbf{J}(\mathbf{Y})$:

$$\mathbf{J}(\mathbf{Y}) = \mathbf{G}'(\mathbf{Y}) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial g_1}{\partial y_1} & \frac{\partial g_1}{\partial y_2} & \cdots & \frac{\partial g_1}{\partial y_n} \\ \frac{\partial g_2}{\partial y_1} & \frac{\partial g_2}{\partial y_2} & \cdots & \frac{\partial g_2}{\partial y_n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial g_n}{\partial y_1} & \frac{\partial g_n}{\partial y_2} & \cdots & \frac{\partial g_n}{\partial y_n} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} y'' + (y')^3 y = 0 \\ \text{ans: } y^3/3 - 2c_1 y = 2x + c_2 \\ \text{let } c_1 = c_2 = 0 \\ y^3 = 6x \\ x = 1(0.25)2 \end{array}$$

The correction vector \mathbf{H} is obtained by solving linear system

$$\mathbf{J}(\mathbf{Y})\mathbf{H} = -\mathbf{G}(\mathbf{Y})$$

If Jacobian matrix is tridiagonal matrix, then \mathbf{H} can be solved using Thomas algorithm. If the matrix size is 2×2 , then just use the inverse of matrix \mathbf{J} , $\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{J}^{-1}(-\mathbf{G})$.

Finally, Newton's iteration for n nonlinear equations in n variables is given by

$$\mathbf{Y}^{(k+1)} = \mathbf{Y}^{(k)} + \mathbf{H}^{(k)} \quad \rightarrow \quad \mathbf{Y}^{(k+1)} = \mathbf{Y}^{(k)} - \mathbf{J}^{-1}\mathbf{G}$$

where the Jacobian system is

$$\mathbf{J}(\mathbf{Y}^{(k)})\mathbf{H}^{(k)} = -\mathbf{G}(\mathbf{Y}^{(k)}).$$

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E.g. use nonlinear finite difference method to solve boundary value problem

$$y'' = -(y')^2 - y + \ln x, \quad 1 \leq x \leq 2, \quad y(1) = 0, \quad y(2) = \ln 2 = 0.6931.$$

for $x=1(0.2)2$. Analytical solution: $y = \ln x$. (use 4 decimal places). Stopping criterion: Tolerance, $\varepsilon = 0.02$ using *maximum-magnitude* norm.

Let $h=0.2$, $x_0=a=1$, $x_1=1.2$, $x_2=1.4$, $x_3=1.6$, $x_4=1.8$ and $x_5=b=2$. Find $y_i \approx y(x_i)$, $i=1,2,3,4$. $N=5$.

At x_i , we get

$$-\frac{y_{i+1} - 2y_i + y_{i-1}}{h^2} + f\left(x_i, y_i, \frac{y_{i+1} - y_{i-1}}{2h}\right) = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad \boxed{-y_{i-1} + 2y_i - y_{i+1} + h^2 \left(-\left(\frac{y_{i+1} - y_{i-1}}{2h}\right)^2 - y_i + \ln x_i \right) = 0 = g_i}$$

$$\text{For } i=1, \quad -y_0 + 2y_1 - y_2 + 0.2^2 \left(-\left(\frac{y_2 - y_0}{2(0.2)}\right)^2 - y_1 + \ln x_1 \right) = 0 \rightarrow -0 + 2y_1 - y_2 + \left(-\frac{1}{4}(y_2 - 0)^2 - 0.2^2 y_1 + 0.2^2 \cdot 0.1823 \right) = 0 = g_1$$

$$\text{For } i=2, \quad -y_1 + 2y_2 - y_3 + 0.2^2 \left(-\left(\frac{y_3 - y_1}{2(0.2)}\right)^2 - y_2 + \ln x_2 \right) = 0 \rightarrow -y_1 + 2y_2 - y_3 + \left(-\frac{1}{4}(y_3 - y_1)^2 - 0.2^2 y_2 + 0.2^2 \cdot 0.3365 \right) = 0 = g_2$$

$$\text{For } i=3, \quad -y_2 + 2y_3 - y_4 + 0.2^2 \left(-\left(\frac{y_4 - y_2}{2(0.2)}\right)^2 - y_3 + \ln x_3 \right) = 0 \rightarrow -y_2 + 2y_3 - y_4 + \left(-\frac{1}{4}(y_4 - y_2)^2 - 0.2^2 y_3 + 0.2^2 \cdot 0.4700 \right) = 0 = g_3$$

$$\text{For } i=4, \quad -y_3 + 2y_4 - y_5 + 0.2^2 \left(-\left(\frac{y_5 - y_3}{2(0.2)}\right)^2 - y_4 + \ln x_4 \right) = 0 \rightarrow -y_3 + 2y_4 - 0.6931 + \left(-\frac{1}{4}(0.6931 - y_3)^2 - 0.2^2 y_4 + 0.2^2 \cdot 0.5878 \right) = 0 = g_4$$

$$\mathbf{J}(\mathbf{Y}) = \begin{bmatrix} \partial g_1 / \partial y_1 & \partial g_1 / \partial y_2 & \cdots & \partial g_1 / \partial y_4 \\ \partial g_2 / \partial y_1 & \partial g_2 / \partial y_2 & \cdots & \partial g_2 / \partial y_4 \\ \partial g_3 / \partial y_1 & \partial g_3 / \partial y_2 & \ddots & \vdots \\ \partial g_4 / \partial y_1 & \partial g_4 / \partial y_2 & \cdots & \partial g_4 / \partial y_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 - 0.2^2 & -1 - \frac{1}{2}(y_2 - 0) & 0 & 0 \\ -1 - \frac{1}{2}(y_3 - y_1)(-1) & 2 - 0.2^2 & -1 - \frac{1}{2}(y_3 - y_1) & 0 \\ 0 & -1 - \frac{1}{2}(y_4 - y_2)(-1) & 2 - 0.2^2 & -1 - \frac{1}{2}(y_4 - y_2) \\ 0 & 0 & -1 - \frac{1}{2}(0.6931 - y_3)(-1) & 2 - 0.2^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$\mathbf{J}(\mathbf{Y}) = \begin{bmatrix} 1.96 & -1 - \frac{1}{2}y_2 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 + \frac{1}{2}(y_3 - y_1) & 1.96 & -1 - \frac{1}{2}(y_3 - y_1) & 0 \\ 0 & -1 + \frac{1}{2}(y_4 - y_2) & 1.96 & -1 - \frac{1}{2}(y_4 - y_2) \\ 0 & 0 & -0.6534 - \frac{1}{2}y_3 & 1.96 \end{bmatrix}$$

To guess the initial values, we use linear interpolation, $h = (\ln 2 - 0)/5 \approx 0.14$; where $y_0 = 0, y_5 = 0.7$. So, we get

$$\mathbf{Y}^{(0)} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1^{(0)} \\ y_2^{(0)} \\ y_3^{(0)} \\ y_4^{(0)} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.14 \\ 0.28 \\ 0.42 \\ 0.56 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{Y}^{(0)}) = \begin{bmatrix} 1.96 & -1 - \frac{1}{2} \cdot 0.28 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 + \frac{1}{2}(0.42 - 0.14) & 1.96 & -1 - \frac{1}{2}(0.42 - 0.14) & 0 \\ 0 & -1 + \frac{1}{2}(0.56 - 0.28) & 1.96 & -1 - \frac{1}{2}(0.56 - 0.28) \\ 0 & 0 & -0.6534 - \frac{1}{2} \cdot 0.42 & 1.96 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\rightarrow \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{Y}^{(0)}) = \begin{bmatrix} 1.96 & -1.14 & 0 & 0 \\ -0.86 & 1.96 & -1.14 & 0 \\ 0 & -0.86 & 1.96 & -1.14 \\ 0 & 0 & -0.8634 & 1.96 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{G}(\mathbf{Y}^{(0)}) = \begin{bmatrix} 2(0.14) - 0.28 - \frac{1}{4} \cdot 0.28^2 - 0.2^2 \cdot 0.14 + 0.0073 \\ -0.14 + 2 \cdot 0.28 - 0.42 - \frac{1}{4}(0.42 - 0.14)^2 - 0.2^2 \cdot 0.28 + 0.0135 \\ -0.28 + 2 \cdot 0.42 - 0.56 - \frac{1}{4}(0.56 - 0.28)^2 - 0.2^2 \cdot 0.42 + 0.0188 \\ -0.42 + 2 \cdot 0.56 - 0.6931 - \frac{1}{4}(0.6931 - 0.42)^2 - 0.2^2 \cdot 0.56 + 0.0235 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -0.0179 \\ -0.0173 \\ -0.0176 \\ -0.0106 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1.96 & -1.14 & 0 & 0 \\ -0.86 & 1.96 & -1.14 & 0 \\ 0 & -0.86 & 1.96 & -1.14 \\ 0 & 0 & -0.8634 & 1.96 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} h_1^{(0)} \\ h_2^{(0)} \\ h_3^{(0)} \\ h_4^{(0)} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -0.0179 \\ -0.0173 \\ -0.0176 \\ -0.0106 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \text{Thomas algorithm} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} h_1^{(0)} \\ h_2^{(0)} \\ h_3^{(0)} \\ h_4^{(0)} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.0414 \\ 0.0556 \\ 0.0491 \\ 0.0270 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} y_1^{(1)} \\ y_2^{(1)} \\ y_3^{(1)} \\ y_4^{(1)} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1^{(0)} \\ y_2^{(0)} \\ y_3^{(0)} \\ y_4^{(0)} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} h_1^{(0)} \\ h_2^{(0)} \\ h_3^{(0)} \\ h_4^{(0)} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.14 \\ 0.28 \\ 0.42 \\ 0.56 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0.0414 \\ 0.0556 \\ 0.0491 \\ 0.0270 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.1814 \\ 0.3356 \\ 0.4691 \\ 0.587 \end{bmatrix}$$

Ordinary differential equations (ODEs)

Finite difference method for nonlinear second-order boundary value problem

$$\mathbf{Y}^{(1)} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1^{(1)} \\ y_2^{(1)} \\ y_3^{(1)} \\ y_4^{(1)} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.1814 \\ 0.3356 \\ 0.4691 \\ 0.587 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{Y}^{(1)}) = \begin{bmatrix} 1.96 & -1 - \frac{1}{2}0.3356 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 + \frac{1}{2}(0.4691 - 0.1814) & 1.96 & -1 - \frac{1}{2}(0.4691 - 0.1814) & 0 \\ 0 & -1 + \frac{1}{2}(0.587 - 0.3356) & 1.96 & -1 - \frac{1}{2}(0.587 - 0.3356) \\ 0 & 0 & -0.6534 - \frac{1}{2}0.4691 & 1.96 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\rightarrow \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{Y}^{(1)}) = \begin{bmatrix} 1.96 & -1.1678 & 0 & 0 \\ -0.8562 & 1.96 & -1.1439 & 0 \\ 0 & -0.8743 & 1.96 & -1.1257 \\ 0 & 0 & -0.8880 & 1.96 \end{bmatrix}, \quad -\mathbf{G}(\mathbf{Y}^{(1)}) = \begin{bmatrix} -0.0009 \\ 0.00004 \\ -0.00016 \\ -0.0007 \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$\begin{bmatrix} y_1^{(2)} \\ y_2^{(2)} \\ y_3^{(2)} \\ y_4^{(2)} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1^{(1)} \\ y_2^{(1)} \\ y_3^{(1)} \\ y_4^{(1)} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} h_1^{(1)} \\ h_2^{(1)} \\ h_3^{(1)} \\ h_4^{(1)} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.1814 \\ 0.3356 \\ 0.4691 \\ 0.587 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0.0011 \\ 0.0010 \\ 0.0010 \\ 0.0008 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.1825 \\ 0.3366 \\ 0.4701 \\ 0.5878 \end{bmatrix}$$

Stopping criterion: *maximum-magnitude* norm of increment solution vector $< \varepsilon = 0.02$. $\|\mathbf{Y}^{(2)} - \mathbf{Y}^{(1)}\|_{\infty} = \|\mathbf{H}^{(1)}\|_{\infty} = 0.0011 < \varepsilon$.

The final solution is

$$\begin{bmatrix} y_1^{(2)} \\ y_2^{(2)} \\ y_3^{(2)} \\ y_4^{(2)} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.1825 \\ 0.3366 \\ 0.4701 \\ 0.5878 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \text{exact solution: } \begin{bmatrix} \ln 1.2 \\ \ln 1.4 \\ \ln 1.6 \\ \ln 1.8 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.1823 \\ 0.3365 \\ 0.4700 \\ 0.5878 \end{bmatrix}$$

Note: If the problem is simplified by only finding 2 points (y_1 and y_2), Then Thomas algorithm is not required since the matrix is 2×2 . Use the below simple formula.

$$\mathbf{J}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \frac{1}{ad - bc} \begin{bmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \mathbf{H} = \mathbf{J}^{-1}(-\mathbf{G}).$$

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