

Material to know for Numerical methods for differential equations (wi3097)

For all subjects we assume that you know the definition/expression and you are able to use these concepts.

1. Introduction numerical analysis

- Taylor polynomial and remainder term
- Big O symbol and computational rules
- Definition absolute and relative error
- Floating point numbers and rounding error

2. Interpolation

- Linear interpolation formula, Lagrange interpolation, if the formulas are given you should be able to use them.
- Remainder term for Linear and Lagrange interpolation
- Be familiar with the definition of a spline. If the formulas are given you should be able to construct a cubic spline.

3. Numerical differentiation

- Forward, Backward and central difference for the first order derivative
- Be able to derive general difference formulas for first order and higher order derivatives.
- derivation of the truncation and rounding error
- Richardson error estimate

4. Non-linear equations

- Bisection and fixed point method, know the formulas and be able to use them
- Termination criterion for bisection and a linear convergent process, derivation and application
- Be able to give a graphical convergence/divergence plot of the fixed point iteration
- Newton Raphson method know the formulas and be able to use them, including graphical interpretation and local convergence
- Be able to derive the quadratic convergence of the Newton Raphson method
- Use of the Newton Raphson method for non-linear systems
- Application: non-linear boundary value problem

5. Numerical integration

- Rectangular rule and Trapezoidal rule, know the formulas and be able to use them
- For both methods you are able to derive the truncation and rounding error behavior.
- For both methods you can give the composite rule and the remainder term of the composite rule.

6. Initial value problems

- Forward Euler, Backward Euler, Implicit Trapezoidal rule, Modified Euler
- If the formulas of RK4 are given you are able to use them
- explicit and implicit
- derivation of local truncation error
- Order global error = order local truncation error effect of rounding errors
- Efficiency comparison of various numerical methods
- Stability, stable differential equation
- Test equation, stability numerical method
- Derivation of amplification factor $Q(h\lambda)$, investigate when $|Q(h\lambda)| \leq 1$
- Analysis of the stability of a general differential equation
- Stability numerical method for a general differential equation
- If a numerical method is stable the the order of the global and local truncation error are the same
- Be able to apply a numerical method to a system of differential equations
- rewrite a higher order initial value problem to a system of first order differential equations
- numerical stability of a (general) system of first order differential equations, use of a stability region
- implicit methods are very suitable for stiff systems

7. Boundary value problems

- Norm of a vector and the norm of a symmetric matrix
- Condition number of a system of equations
- Know the Gershgorin theorem and be able to use it
- Be able to discretize a general second order boundary value problem with finite differences
- Derive the local truncation error
- Use of the boundary conditions and construction of the resulting linear system
- Definition of stability, global error. If the method is stable, then the order of the global and local truncation error are the same
- Use of a Neumann boundary condition and derivation of the local truncation error, use of a virtual point