Qualifying Exam, Spring 2002 NUMERICAL ANALYSIS

DO NOT FORGET TO WRITE YOUR SID NO. ON YOUR EXAM.

ALL PROBLEMS HAVE EQUAL VALUE. There are 7 problems.

MA: Do any 5 problems.

Ph.D.: Do 5 problems and only 3 of them from 1, 2, 3, and 4.

- [1] Consider the task of finding solutions to f(x) = 0 where $f: \mathfrak{R} \to \mathfrak{R}$.
- (a) What properties must f(x) possess in order that Newton's method converge *cubically* to a particular solution x^* of $f(x^*) = 0$?
- (b) Give an example of a function, f(x), and an associated solution value, x^* , for which Newton's method will converge cubically to x^* if an initial guess is chosen sufficiently close to x^* .
- [2] Consider the problem of finding a quadratic polynomial p(x) that satisfies the conditions

$$p(0) = p_0$$
 $p(1) = p_1$ $p'(s) = p_2$

For which values of $s \in [0,1]$ will there exist a unique quadratic polynomial that satisfies these conditions? Justify your answer. (Don't forget to demonstrate uniqueness.)

[3] Suppose a value L is computed with a numerical procedure $\phi(h)$ and that $\lim_{h\to 0} \phi(h) = L$. Assume that there exists an asymptotic error expansion for $\phi(h)$ of the form

$$L = \phi(h) + c_1 h + c_3 h^3 + c_5 h^5 + \dots$$

(a) How should the values $\phi(h)$ and $\phi(\frac{h}{2})$ be combined to yield an approximation to L that is $O(h^3)$?

- (b) How should the values $\phi(h)$, $\phi(\frac{h}{2})$ and $\phi(\frac{h}{4})$ be combined to yield an approximation to L that is $O(h^5)$?
- [4] Consider a predictor-corrector scheme for ordinary differential equations based on the Euler and trapezoidal methods,

$$y_{n+1}^* = y_n + hf_n$$

 $y_{n+1} = y_n + \frac{h}{2}(f_n + f_n^*)$

- (a) Determine the total order of accuracy.
- (b) Determine the region of absolute stability for the combined method.
- (c) Describe how an adaptive step size control can be derived from the predictor-corrector computations.
- [5] Consider the following partial differential equations

$$-\frac{\partial}{\partial x}\left(a(x,y)\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}\right) - \frac{\partial}{\partial y}\left(b(x,y)\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}\right) + c(x,y)u = f(x,y), (x,y) \in \Omega$$

$$u = 1, \quad (x,y) \in \partial \Omega_1$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 0, \quad (x,y) \in \partial \Omega_2$$

$$\Omega = \{(x,y), \ |x| < 1, \ |y| < 1\}$$

$$\partial \Omega_1 = \{(x,y), \ |x| = 1, \ |y| \le 1\}$$

$$\partial \Omega_2 = \{(x,y), \ |y| = 1 \ |x| < 1\}$$

- (a) Set up a finite element method based on a weak form of the problem above.
- (b) Give conditions on a, b and c such that the method will converge. Give the convergence estimate and motivate your answer.
- (c) Give the finite element method for the corresponding eigenvalue problem $(c(x, y) \to \lambda, f(x, y) \to 0, u = 1 \to u = 0)$.
- [6] We approximate the scalar differential equation

$$u_t + f(u)_x = 0$$

to be solved for, t > 0, u periodic with period 2π in x, $u(x,0) = u_0(x)$, a given periodic smooth function, and f a given smooth function of u, by the two step finite difference scheme

$$\hat{u}_{j}^{n+1} = u_{j}^{n} - \lambda (f(u_{j+1}^{n}) - f(u_{j}^{n}))
u_{j}^{n+1} = \frac{1}{2} (u_{j}^{n} + \hat{u}_{j}^{n+1}) - \frac{\lambda}{2} (f(\hat{u}_{j}^{n}) - f(\hat{u}_{j-1}^{n})).$$

For what values of $\lambda = \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x}$ does this converge as $\Delta t, \Delta x \to 0$? This convergence is generally valid only for a small interval $0 \le t \le T$, for some T > 0, why? What is the rate of convergence? Justify your answers.

[7] Consider the equation

$$u_t = u_{xx} + u_{yy} + u_{zz}$$

to be solved for t > 0 on the cube $0 < x, y, z \le 1$ with u = 0 for the boundary of the cube and $u(x, y, t, 0) = u_0(x, y, z)$ given and smooth.

Devise an unconditionally stable scheme that involves only inverting $n \times n$ matrices if there are n grid points per direction in our discretization.

What is the highest order of accuracy you can get doing this? Justify your answers.