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Recitation 8: Wednesday, 4 April / Friday, 6 April

MATLAB Exercises\_Recitation 8 due: *Monday, 9 April 2012 at 5 PM by upload to Stellar*

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which contains the completed scripts and functions for the assigned MATLAB Exercises\_Recitation 8: all the scripts should be in a single file, with each script preceded by a comment line which indicates the exercise number; each function .m file should contain a comment line which indicates the exercise number.

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1. Consider the ordinary differential equation (ODE) initial value problem (IVP) for  $u(t)$  given by

$$\begin{cases} \frac{du}{dt} = -2u + 1, & 0 < t \leq 1, \\ u(t = 0) = 1. \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

Write a MATLAB script which

- (i) implements the Euler Forward scheme applied to equation (1) for  $\Delta t = 0.01$  and  $J = 100$ : the script should compute  $\tilde{u}^j = \tilde{u}(t^j = j\Delta t)$  (an approximation to  $u(t^j)$ ) for  $j = 0, 1, \dots, J$ , and display  $\tilde{u}^J = \tilde{u}(t^J = 1)$ ;
- (ii) evaluates and displays the exact solution at time  $t = 1$ ,  $u(t = 1)$ .

Note in (ii) you should develop the expression for  $u(t)$  analytically and then in your script just evaluate this expression for  $t = 1$ .

2. Repeat Question 1 but now (in a new script) for the Crank-Nicolson scheme rather than the Euler Forward scheme.
3. Consider the matrix  $\mathbf{A} = [0, 1; -2, -0.01]$ . Write a MATLAB script which computes and displays

- (i) `lamvec = eig(A)`;

- (ii) a  $2 \times 1$  array `lamvec_byhand` which contains the exact eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{A}$ .

Note in (ii) you should develop expressions for the eigenvalues analytically (from the characteristic polynomial) and then in your script just evaluate these expressions.

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