

Advanced Numerical Analysis for Chemical Engineering

Quiz-2 (1 hrs.)

1. Consider a packed bed reactor with jacket temperature cooling. It is assumed that an exothermic gas phase reaction $A \rightarrow B$ is carried out in the reactor and the reaction is of zero order. The steady state behavior of the system is described by the following set of coupled ODEs

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{du}{dz} &= \alpha(v - u) - \beta(u - T) \\ \frac{d^2v}{dz^2} &= B(v - u) + C(v - T) - A \exp\left(\frac{\eta v}{v + 1}\right) \\ u(0) &= 0 \quad ; \quad \left[\frac{dv}{dz}\right]_{z=0} = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \left[\frac{dv}{dz}\right]_{z=1} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

where u and v represent dimensionless gas temperature and catalyst packing temperature, respectively. Here, $(\alpha, \beta, \eta, A, B, C)$ represent dimensionless model parameters and T represents scaled wall temperature (which is assumed to be known *a-priori*). Discretize the above set of ODE-BVP using the method of orthogonal collocations. Use two internal grid points at (0.21132, 0.78868) for discretization. What is the degree of freedom (no. of variables - no. of equations) for the resulting set of equations?

Note: \mathbf{S} and \mathbf{T} matrices for two internal collocation points at (0.21132, 0.78868) are as follows

$$\mathbf{S} = \begin{bmatrix} -7 & 8.2 & -2.2 & 0 \\ -2.7 & 1.7 & 1.7 & -0.7 \\ 0.7 & -1.7 & -1.7 & 2.7 \\ -1 & 2.2 & -8.2 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \quad ; \quad \mathbf{T} = \begin{bmatrix} 24 & -37.2 & 25.2 & -12 \\ 16.4 & -24 & 12 & -4.4 \\ -4.4 & 12 & -24 & 16.4 \\ -12 & 25.2 & -37.2 & 24 \end{bmatrix}$$

2. Consider PDE describing concentration dynamics in a TRAM.

$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial t} = (1 + \alpha C) \frac{\partial^2 C}{\partial z^2} + \alpha \left(\frac{\partial C}{\partial z} \right)^2 \quad (0 < z < 1, \quad 0 > t)$$

$$I.C. \quad : \quad C(z, 0) = 1 + 0.2z$$

$$B.C.1(at \ z = 0) : C(0, t) = 1 \quad ; \quad B.C.2(at \ z = 1) : \frac{\partial C(1, t)}{\partial z} = 0$$

It is desired to discretize the above PDE in space and convert it to a set of ODE-IVP using the finite difference method. The grid points are selected as follows

$$z_0 = 0, z_1 = 0.1, z_2 = 0.3, z_3 = 0.7, z_4 = 1$$

Using these grid points, derive the set of ODEs that approximate the TRAM dynamics and specify appropriate initial conditions.

Note: Expressions for approximating the first and the second derivatives are as follows

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{du(z_i)}{dz} &\approx \frac{u_{i+1} - u_i}{\Delta z_i + \Delta z_{i-1}} \\ \frac{d^2u(z_i)}{dz^2} &\approx \frac{2}{\Delta z_i + \Delta z_{i-1}} \left[\frac{u_{i+1} - u_i}{\Delta z_i} - \frac{u_i - u_{i-1}}{\Delta z_{i-1}} \right]\end{aligned}$$

where $\Delta z_i = z_{i+1} - z_i$.