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## Problem 1

Let  $E: \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}$  be a convex functional and consider the associated gradient flow

$$x'(t) = -\nabla E(x(t)), \qquad x(0) = x_0,$$
 (1)

where  $\nabla E(x(t)) \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is the gradient of E at x(t).

- a) Show that  $E(x(t)) \leq E(x_0)$  for all t > 0. Show then that even  $E(x(t)) < E(x_0)$  if  $\nabla E(x_0) \neq 0$ .
- b) Show that  $x^* \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is a fixed point of (1) if and only if  $x^*$  is a minimum of E. Furthermore, show that each isolated fixed point of (1) is stable.
- c) Assume that E is strictly convex. Show that each fixed point of (1) is asymptotically stable.
- d) Let E be strictly convex and coercive. Then  $x^* = \lim_{t\to\infty} x(t)$  is a fixed point of the gradient flow for all  $x_0$ .

## Problem 2

For a linear problem x' = Ax, the Rosenbrock-Wanner method  $\frac{\mathbb{B} \mid \mathbb{A}}{\mid b^T}$  is equivalent to the implicit Runge-Kutta method  $\frac{\mid \mathbb{B}}{\mid b^T}$ . Thus the stability function is given by

$$R(z) = 1 + zb^{T}(1 - z\mathbb{B})^{-1}e, \quad e = (1, \dots, 1)^{T} \in \mathbb{R}^{s}.$$
(2)

Deduce from (2), that the condition  $\sum_{i=1}^{s} b_i = 1$  is sufficient for consistency (order p=1).

## Problem 3

Consider the linear scalar ODE

$$x'(t) = \lambda x(t), \qquad x(0) = x_0.$$

a) Use the implicit Euler method  $\Psi_*^{\tau} x = x + \tau \lambda(\Psi_*^{\tau} x)$  to implement a function that does one step of the extrapolation method using timestep tau:

extrapolation(x, lamda, tau, m)

I.e. your function should return  $\Psi^{\tau} x = T_{mm}$  (using the notation from the lecture notes).

b) Let  $\lambda = -1$  and  $x_0 = 1$ . For each of  $m \in \{2, \ldots, 5\}$ , compute the error

$$|\exp(-\tau)x_0 - \Psi^{\tau}x_0|$$

for  $\tau \in \{10^{-i} : i = 1, ..., 10\}$ . Plot these errors over  $\tau$  using a suitable scaling. Do your computations confirm the consistency order m?

**Hint:** You can use any interpolation method you want. However, the Aitken–Neville scheme might be particularly useful since you only need the point value  $T_{mm}$ .