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科目名稱: 數值偏微分方程式一

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### Homework # 3

Assign: 10/30/2002

Due: 11/13/2002

- Include your computer program(s), when turning the homework set

This problem is concerned with the motion of an elastic beam arising from mechanics. We assume that the beam is inextensible of length 1 and thin. So we neglect shearing forces and rotatory inertia. We further want to allow it arbitrarily large movements. Thus, the most natural coordinate system to use is the angle  $\theta$  as a function of arc length  $s$  and time  $t$ . We further suppose that the beam clamped at  $s = 0$  and a force  $\vec{F} = (F_x, F_y)$  acting at the free end  $s = 1$ . The beam is then described by the equation

$$x(s, t) = \int_0^s \cos[\theta(\sigma, t)] d\sigma, \quad y(s, t) = \int_0^s \sin[\theta(\sigma, t)] d\sigma.$$

By applying the Lagrange theory and using the Hamilton principle (see [1] for example), it can be shown that the equation of motion for this problem can be described by the following integral-differential equation:

$$\int_0^1 G(s, \sigma) \left\{ \cos[\theta(s, t) - \theta(\sigma, t)] \ddot{\theta}(\sigma, t) + \sin[\theta(s, t) - \theta(\sigma, t)] \left[ \dot{\theta}(\sigma, t) \right]^2 \right\} d\sigma = \theta''(s, t) + F_y(t) \cos[\theta(s, t)] - F_x(t) \sin[\theta(s, t)], \quad 0 \leq s \leq 1, \quad (1)$$

with the boundary conditions

$$\theta(0, t) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \theta'(1, t) = 0, \quad (2)$$

and

$$G(s, \sigma) = 1 - \max(s, \sigma).$$

Note the dots and primes represent derivatives with respect to  $t$  and  $s$ , respectively.

Now if we discretize the integral with the help of midpoint rule, i.e.,

$$\int_0^1 f[\theta(\sigma, t)] d\sigma = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n f(\theta_k), \quad \theta_k = \theta\left(\frac{k-1/2}{n}, t\right), \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

and  $\theta''$  by a standard central difference formula, Equation (1) becomes a system of nonlinear ordinary differential equations for the unknown  $\theta$  at a discrete arc length  $s$  and a continuous time  $t$  spaces,

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \left[ a_{lk} \ddot{\theta}_k + b_{lk} \left( \dot{\theta}_k \right)^2 \right] = n^4 (\theta_{l-1} - 2\theta_l + \theta_{l+1}) + n^2 (F_y \cos \theta_l - F_x \sin \theta_l), \quad l = 1, 2, \dots, n,$$

where

$$a_{lk} = g_{lk} \cos(\theta_l - \theta_k), \quad b_{lk} = g_{lk} \sin(\theta_l - \theta_k), \quad g_{lk} = n + \frac{1}{2} - \max(l, k).$$

We use the following numerical boundary conditions,

$$\theta_0 = -\theta_1, \quad \theta_{n+1} = \theta_n,$$

for the discrete representation of (2).

An an example, we choose the initial conditions

$$\theta(s, 0) = 0, \quad \dot{\theta}(s, 0) = 0,$$

and apply the exterior forces

$$F_x = -\varphi(t), \quad F_y = \varphi(t), \quad \varphi(t) = \begin{cases} \alpha \sin^2 t & 0 \leq t \leq \pi \\ 0 & \pi < t, \end{cases}$$

for some constant  $\alpha$ .

- a) Devise an *efficient* algorithm to solve the problem numerically with parameters:  $\alpha = 3/2$ ,  $n = 40$ , for example, and  $0 \leq t \leq 5$ . Plot the resulting solution in the  $(x, y, t)$  space.
- b) Perform the same computations as in a), but with a slightly perturbed initial data, say at the free end  $s = 1$  only. What kind of solution behavior do you observe ?

## References

- [1] E. Hairer and G. Wanner. *Solving Ordinary Differential Equations II: Stiff and Differential-Algebraic Problems*. Springer-Verlag, 2 revised edition, 1996.