

DKE Numerical Mathematics
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Part I

During this part of the exam, you may *only* use the formula sheet provided, and an electronic calculator. You may *not* use a textbook or your own notes.

Part II

During this part of the exam, you may *only* use the formula sheet provided, and the version of Matlab installed on the Department's computers. You may *not* use the internet, any other software, or your own laptop.

1. [10 points] Use the secant method to estimate the root of $e^x - 5x = 0$ lying in $[2, 3]$ to within an accuracy of 0.1, starting with $p_0 = 2$ and $p_1 = 3$.

Solution:

[2] Secant rule $p_{n+1} = p_n - \frac{p_n - p_{n-1}}{f(p_n) - f(p_{n-1})} f(p_n)$.

[1] $p_0 = 2$, $f(p_0) = -2.6109$; $p_1 = 3$, $f(p_1) = 5.0855$.

[2] $p_2 = 3.0000 - (3.0000 - 2.0000)/(5.0855 - -2.6109) \times 5.0855 = 3.0000 - 0.12993 \times 5.0833 = 3.3333 - 0.66076 = 2.3392$.

[2] $f(p_2) = -1.3229$, $p_3 = 2.4756$. $f(p_3) = -0.4889$, $p_4 = 2.5556$.

[1] Stop if $|p_n - p_{n-1}| < \epsilon$.

[1] $e_4 = |p_3 - p_4| = 0.08 < 0.1$.

[1] $x \approx p_4 = 2.6 \pm 0.1$.

Common mistakes:

The termination condition is $|p_n - p_{n-1}| < \epsilon = 0.1$. This is usually sufficient to have $|p_n - p_*| < \epsilon$, where p is the root.

2. [14 points] Compute the coefficients c_0, c_1 of the cubic spline s interpolating the data

i	0	1	2
x_i	0.5	1.0	1.5
y_i	0.7	2.3	3.1

using boundary conditions $b_0 = s'(0.5) = 2.0$ and $c_2 = \frac{1}{2}s''(1.5) = 2.2$. Write down the polynomial s_1 valid for $x \in [1.0, 1.5]$. Use your result to approximate y when $x = 1.2$.

Solution:

[1] Equally-spaced nodes $h = 0.5$.

[2] Clamped left boundary $2c_0 + c_1 = 3/h^2(a_0 - a_1 - b_0h) = (3/0.5^2) \times (2.3 - 0.7 - 2.0 \times 0.5) = 12 \times 0.6 = 7.2$.

(Equivalently, $2hc_0 + hc_1 = 3/h((a_0 - a_1)/h - b_0)$ so $c_0 + \frac{1}{2}c_1 = 3.6$.)

[2] Knot condition $c_0 + 4c_1 + c_2 = 3/h^2(a_2 - 2a_1 + a_0) = (3/0.5^2) \times (3.1 - 2 \times 2.3 + 0.7) = 12 \times (-0.8) = -9.6$.

[1] Right boundary condition $c_2 = 2.2$.

[2] Eliminate c_2 , $c_0 + 4c_1 = -11.8$. Eliminate c_0 , $c_1 = (2 \times (-11.8) - 7.2)/7 = -30.8/7 = -4.4$, $c_0 = (7.2 - c_1)/2 = (7.2 - (-4.4))/2 = 11.6/2 = 5.8$.

[3] Compute $b_1 = (a_2 - a_1)/h - h/3(2c_1 + c_2) = (3.1 - 2.3)/0.5 - 0.5/3 \times (2 \times (-4.4) + 2.2) = 0.8 \times 2.0 - (-6.6)/6 = 2.7$.

Compute $d_1 = (c_2 - c_1)/3/h = (2.2 - (-4.4))/3/0.5 = 6.6 \times 2.0/3 = 4.4$. [3] Polynomial $s_1 = a_1 + b_1(x - x_1) + c_1(x - x_1)^2 + d_1(x - x_1)^3 = 2.3 + 2.7 \times (x - 1.0) - 4.4 \times (x - 1.0)^2 - 4.4 \times (x - 1.0)^3$. $s_1(1.2) = 2.3 + 2.7 \times 0.2 - 4.4 \times 0.2^2 + 2.7 \times 0.2^3 = 2.3 + 0.54 - 0.176 + 0.0352 = 2.6992 = 2.7(1dp)$.

3. [8 points] Estimate $\int_1^4 f(x)dx$ by applying Simpson's rule to the following data:

x	0.0	0.5	1.0	1.5	2.0	2.5	3.0	3.5	4.0
$f(x)$	0.500	0.471	0.333	0.186	0.100	0.057	0.034	0.022	0.015

Solution:

[1] $a = 1, b = 4.$

[1] $n = 6, h = (b - a)/n = 0.5$

[2] $S_6 = (b - a)/(3n)(f(a) + 4f(a + h) + 2f(a + 2h) + 4f(a + 3h) + \cdots + 2f(b - 2h) + 4f(b - h) + f(b))$

[3] $S_6 = \frac{4-1}{3 \times 6}(0.333 + 4 \times 0.186 + 2 \times 0.100 + 4 \times 0.057 + 2 \times 0.034 + 4 \times 0.022 + 0.015) = \frac{1}{6}(0.333 + 0.744 + 0.200 + 0.228 + 0.068 + 0.088 + 0.015) = \frac{1}{6}1.676 = 0.27933 \dots$

[1] $I \approx 0.279 \approx 0.28.$

Common mistakes:

The data is given to 3dp, so the integral can only be correct to at most 3dp. Give at most 3dp in your answer!

4. **[8 Points]** If you were to compute the solution of the differential equation $\dot{x} = \cos(x) - t$ starting at $t = 1$, $x = 2$ using the adaptive Bogacki-Shampine method with an error of tolerance of 10^{-4} per unit time, would a step size of 0.1 be adequate?

Solution:

[2] $k_1 = hf(t, x)$, $k_2 = hf(t + \frac{1}{2}h, x + \frac{1}{2}k_1)$, $k_3 = hf(t + \frac{3}{4}h, x + \frac{3}{4}k_2)$, $k = (2k_1 + 3k_2 + 4k_3)/9$, $k_4 = hf(t + h, x + k)$, $\kappa = (7k_1 + 6k_2 + 8k_3 + 3k_4)/24$. $q = (\epsilon h / |\kappa - k|)^{1/2}$.

[1] Accept if $q \geq 1$ i.e. $|\kappa - k| < \epsilon h$.

[1] $t = 1, x = 2, h = 0.1$

[3] $k_1 = 0.1f(1, 2) = 0.1 \times (-1.4161468) = -0.14161468;$

$k_2 = 0.1f(1.05, 1.92919266) = -0.14007729;$

$k_3 = 0.1f(1.075, 1.89494203) = -0.13934991;$

$k = -0.14009566;$

$k_4 = 0.1f(1.1, 1.85990435) = -0.13850974;$

$\kappa = -0.14008729;$

$k - \kappa = -8.36 \times 10^{-6}, \quad \epsilon h = 1 \times 10^{-5}$

[1] $q = 1.09$ accept.

5. [10 points] Compute the trigonometric polynomial best approximating the data (x_j, y_j) below in the least-squares sense, computing terms up to $\cos(2x)$, $\sin(x)$.

j	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2
x_j	$-\pi$	$-\frac{2}{3}\pi$	$-\frac{1}{3}\pi$	0	$\frac{1}{3}\pi$	$\frac{2}{3}\pi$
y_j	-0.50	0.76	0.98	0.88	0.86	0.18

Use your result to approximate y when $x = \pi/4$.

Note: $\cos(\pi/3) = 1/2$, $\sin(\pi/3) = \sqrt{3}/2 \approx 0.8660$, $\cos(\pi/4) = \sin(\pi/4) = 1/\sqrt{2} \approx 0.7071$.

Solution:

[2] $m = 3$, $a_k = \frac{1}{3} \sum_{j=-3}^2 y_j \cos(kx_j)$, $b_k = \frac{1}{3} \sum_{j=-3}^2 y_j \sin(kx_j)$.

[1] $a_0 = (-0.50 + 0.76 + 0.98 + 0.88 + 0.86 + 0.18)/3 = 3.16/3 = 1.0533$.

[4] $a_1 = (1 \times (-0.50) + \frac{-1}{2} \times 0.76 + \frac{1}{2} \times 0.98 + 1 \times 0.88 + \frac{1}{2} \times 0.86 + \frac{-1}{2} \times 0.18)/3$
 $= (-0.50 - 0.38 + 0.48 + 0.88 + 0.43 - 0.09)/3 = 1.83/3 = 0.6100$.

$a_2 = (1 \times (-0.50) + \frac{-1}{2} \times 0.76 + \frac{-1}{2} \times 0.98 + 1 \times 0.88 + \frac{-1}{2} \times 0.86 + \frac{-1}{2} \times 0.18)/3$
 $= (-0.50 - 0.38 - 0.49 + 0.88 - 0.43 - 0.09)/3 = -1.01/3 = 0.3367$.

$b_1 = (0 \times (-0.50) + \frac{-\sqrt{3}}{2} \times 0.76 + \frac{-\sqrt{3}}{2} \times 0.98 + 0 \times 0.88 + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \times 0.86 + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \times 0.18)/3$
 $= (0 - 0.6582 - 0.8487 + 0 + 0.7448 + 0.1559)/3 = -0.6062/3 = -0.2021$.

[3] $s(x) = a_0/2 + a_1 \cos(x) + a_2 \cos(2x) + b_1 \sin(x)$
 $= 0.5267 + 0.6100 \cos(x) - 0.3367 \cos(2x) - 0.2021 \sin(x)$.

$x = \pi/4$ gives $\cos(x) = \sin(x) = 1/\sqrt{2} \approx 0.7071$, $\cos(2x) = 0$,

$s(2) = 0.5267 + 0.6100 \times 0.7071 - 0.3367 \times 0 - 0.2021 \times 0.7071 = 0.5267 + 0.4313 - 0.1429 = -0.8151 = 0.82$ (2dp).

6. [10 Points] Compute the divided differences $f[x_i, \dots, x_j]$, $i < j$ for the data:

x	1.0	0.5	1.5	0.0	2.0
y	0.688	0.730	0.570	0.499	0.414

Write down the nested form of the interpolating quartic polynomial. Estimate the value of y when $x = 0.8$.

Solution:

[2] Divided differences $f[x_i] = f(x_i)$,

$f[x_i, \dots, x_j] = (f[x_{i+1}, \dots, x_j] - f[x_i, \dots, x_{j-1}]) / (x_j - x_i)$.

[5] $f[x_0, x_1] = \frac{f[x_1] - f[x_0]}{x_1 - x_0} = \frac{y_1 - y_0}{x_1 - x_0} = \frac{0.730 - 0.688}{0.5 - 1.0} = \frac{0.042}{-0.5} = -0.0840$.

$$f[x_1, x_2] = \frac{f[x_2] - f[x_1]}{x_2 - x_1} = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1} = \frac{0.570 - 0.730}{1.5 - 0.5} = \frac{-0.160}{1.0} = -0.1600$$

$$f[x_0, x_1, x_2] = \frac{f[x_1, x_2] - f[x_0, x_1]}{x_2 - x_0} = \frac{-0.1600 - (-0.0840)}{1.5 - 1.0} = \frac{-0.0760}{0.5} = -0.1520$$

1.0	0.68800	-0.08400	-0.15200	0.26267	-0.10600
0.5	0.73000	-0.16000	-0.41467	0.15667	
1.5	0.57000	0.04733	-0.17967		
0.0	0.49900	-0.04250			
2.0	0.41400				

[3] $p(x) = a_0 + (x - x_0)(a_1 + (x - x_1)(a_2 + (x - x_2)(a_3 + (x - x_3)a_4)))$.

$$= 0.688 + (x - 1.0)(-0.084 + (x - 0.5)(-0.152 + (x - 1.5)(0.262\bar{6} + (x - 0.0)(-0.106))))$$

$$p(0.8) = 0.688 + (-0.2) \times (-0.084 + 0.3 \times (-0.152 + (-0.7) \times (0.262\bar{6} + 0.8 \times (-0.106))))$$

$$= 0.721 \text{ (3dp)}$$

Or ordered,

0.0	0.49900	0.46200	-0.54600	0.26267	-0.10600
0.5	0.73000	-0.08400	-0.15200	0.05067	
1.0	0.68800	-0.23600	-0.07600		
1.5	0.57000	-0.31200			
2.0	0.41400				

Common mistakes: There is no need to reorder the data!

Show your working! Write out the formula, a couple of You should also write out the divided differences.

7. [10 Points] Compute the Romberg estimate $R_{4,4}$ to the definite integral

$$\int_0^3 \sin(x^2) dx.$$

Write out the computed values of $R_{i,j}$ to 6 decimal places.

Note: Use $R_{k,1}$ to denote the estimates obtained by the trapezoidal rule with 2^{k-1} subdivisions.

Solution:

[3] Trapezoidal rule $h_n = \frac{b-a}{n}$, $T_n = h_n(\frac{1}{2}f(a) + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} f(a + ih_n) + \frac{1}{2}f(b))$ or $T_1 = \frac{b-a}{2}(f(a) + f(b))$; $T_{2n} = \frac{1}{2}T_n + \frac{1}{2}h_{2n} \sum_{i=1}^n f(a + (2i-1)h_{2n})$.

Romberg integrals $R_{i,1} = T_{2^{i-1}}$, $R_{i,j} = R_{i,j-1} + (R_{i,j-1} - R_{i-1,j-1})/4^{j-1}$.

[4] $T_1 = \frac{3-0}{1}(\frac{1}{2}f(0) + \frac{1}{2}f(3)) = \frac{3}{1}(\frac{1}{2} \times 0.00000 + \frac{1}{2} \times 0.41212) = 0.61818$.

$$T_2 = \frac{3-0}{2}(\frac{1}{2}f(0.0) + f(1.5) + \frac{1}{2}f(3.0))$$

$$= \frac{3}{2} \times (\frac{1}{2} \times 0.00000 + 0.77807 + \frac{1}{2} \times 0.41212) = \frac{3}{8} \times 0.98413 = 1.47620.$$

$$T_4 = \frac{3-0}{4}(\frac{1}{2}f(0.0) + f(0.75) + f(1.5) + f(2.25) + \frac{1}{2}f(3.0))$$

$$= \frac{3}{4} \times (\frac{1}{2} \times 0.00000 + 0.53330 + 0.77807 - 0.93933 + \frac{1}{2} \times 0.41212) = \frac{3}{4} \times 0.57810 = 0.43358.$$

$$T_8 = \frac{3-0}{8}(\frac{1}{2}f(0.0) + f(0.375) + f(0.75) + f(1.125) + f(1.5) + f(1.875) + f(2.25) + f(2.625) + \frac{1}{2}f(3.0))$$

$$= \frac{3}{8} \times (\frac{1}{2} \times 0.00000 + 0.14016 + 0.53330 + 0.95380 + 0.77807 - 0.36537 - 0.93933 + 0.57077 + \frac{1}{2} \times 0.41212)$$

$$= \frac{3}{8} \times 0.87745 = 0.70404$$

[3] $R_{2,2} = R_{2,1} + (R_{2,1} - R_{1,1})/3 = 1.47620 + (1.47620 - 0.61818)/3 = 1.76221$

$$R_{3,2} = R_{3,1} + (R_{3,1} - R_{2,1})/3 = 0.43358 + (0.43358 - 1.47620)/3 = 0.08603$$

$$R_{4,2} = R_{4,1} + (R_{4,1} - R_{3,1})/3 = 0.70404 + (0.70404 - 0.43358)/3 = 0.79420$$

$$R_{3,3} = R_{3,2} + (R_{3,2} - R_{2,2})/15 = 0.08603 + (0.08603 - 1.76221)/15 = -0.02571$$

$$R_{4,3} = R_{4,2} + (R_{4,2} - R_{3,2})/15 = 0.79420 + (0.79420 - 0.08603)/15 = 0.84141$$

$$R_{4,4} = R_{4,3} + (R_{4,3} - R_{3,3})/63 = 0.84141 + (0.84141 - -0.02571)/63 = 0.85518$$

	0.618178			
$R =$	1.476199	1.762206		
	0.433575	0.086034	-0.025711	
	0.704045	0.794201	0.841413	0.855176

8. [12 points] When using the two-stage Adams-Moulton method to solve an initial-value problem, which method would you prefer to use for the bootstrapping step, Euler's method or Heun's third-order method? Give a reason for your answer.

Use the two-stage Adams-Bashforth method as a predictor, and the two-stage Adams-Moulton method as a corrector with step size $h = 0.5$ to estimate the solution up to $t = 10.0$ of the differential equation

$$\dot{y} = \cos(y) - 1/(t + y); \quad y(0.0) = 1.000000$$

What would happen to the error if you were to use a step-size of $h = 0.25$?

You may assume an approximation $y(0.5) \approx 0.770151$ is obtained using a single step of Euler's method, and $y(0.5) \approx 0.871805$ is obtained using a single step of Heun's method. You should write out the first two steps in full, and give the values of y when $t = 2.0, 5.0, 10.0$.

Solution:

[2] Prefer Heun's method, as this is a third-order method, as is the two-stage Adams method, so take $y(0.5) \approx y_1 = -0.085521$.

[2] Predictor $\hat{y}_{k+1} = y_k + \frac{1}{2}h(3f(t_k, y_k) - f(t_{k-1}, y_{k-1}))$.

Corrector $y_{k+1} = y_k + \frac{1}{12}h(5f(t_{k+1}, \hat{y}_{k+1}) + 8f(t_k, y_k) - f(t_{k-1}, y_{k-1}))$.

[4] $f(t_0, y_0) = f(0.0, 1.000000) = -0.459698$.

$$f(t_1, y_1) = f(0.5, 0.871804) = -0.085521.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{y}_2 &= y_1 + \frac{1}{2}h(3f(t_1, y_1) - f(t_0, y_0)) \\ &= 0.871804 + \frac{1}{2} \times 0.5 \times (3 \times (-0.085521) - (-0.459698)) \\ &= 0.871804 + 0.5 \times (-0.101568) = 0.922589. \end{aligned}$$

$$f(t_2, \hat{y}_2) = f(1.0, 0.922589) = 0.083626.$$

$$\begin{aligned} y_2 &= y_1 + \frac{1}{12}h(5f(t_2, \hat{y}_2) + 8f(t_1, y_1) - f(t_0, y_0)) \\ &= 0.871804 + \frac{1}{12} \times 0.5 \times (5 \times 0.083626 + 8 \times (-0.085521) - (-0.459698)) \\ &= 0.871804 + 0.5 \times 0.016139 = 0.879874. \end{aligned}$$

[2] $f(t_2, y_2) = f(1.0, 0.879874) = 0.105298$.

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{y}_3 &= y_2 + \frac{1}{2}h(3f(t_2, y_2) - f(t_1, y_1)) \\ &= 0.879874 + \frac{1}{2} \times 0.5 \times (3 \times 0.105298 - (-0.085521)) \\ &= 0.879874 + 0.5 \times (-0.101568) = 0.980228. \end{aligned}$$

$$f(t_3, \hat{y}_3) = f(1.5, 0.980228) = 0.153645.$$

$$\begin{aligned} y_3 &= y_2 + \frac{1}{12}h(5f(t_3, \hat{y}_3) + 8f(t_2, y_2) - f(t_1, y_1)) \\ &= 0.879874 + \frac{1}{12} \times 0.5 \times (5 \times 0.153645 + 8 \times 0.105298 - (-0.085521)) \\ &= 0.879874 + 0.5 \times 0.141344 = 0.950546. \end{aligned}$$

[1] $y(2.0) = y_4 = 1.038586$, $y(5.0) \approx y_{10} = 1.362328$, $y(10.0) \approx y_{20} = 1.473689$ [1] Expect error to be multiplied by $1/8$.

9. [10 Points] The coefficients c_k of the Legendre polynomials P_k up to degree 6 in the least-squares approximation of a function f over the interval $[-1, +1]$ are

k	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
c_j	-0.13	0.69	-0.02	-0.22	0.24	-0.01	-0.10

Using the recurrence relation for evaluating the Legendre polynomials P_k , compute the value of the approximation $g_6(x) = \sum_{k=0}^6 c_k P_k(x)$ at $x = 0.4$.

Using the formula for $\int_{-1}^{+1} P_k(x)^2 dx$, estimate the value of $\int_{-1}^{+1} f(x)^2 dx$.

Solution:

[2] $P_0(x) = 1$, $P_1(x) = x$, $P_{k+1}(x) = ((2k+1)xP_k(x) - kP_{k-2}(x))/(k+1)$.

[3] $P_0(0.4) = 1$,

$$P_1(0.4) = 0.4,$$

$$P_2(0.4) = (3 \times 0.4 \times 0.4 - 1 \times 1)/2 = -0.26$$

$$P_2(0.4) = (5 \times 0.4 \times 0.26 - 2 \times 0.4)/2 = -0.440$$

$$P_4(0.4) = (7 \times 0.4 \times -0.440 - 3 \times 0.26)/4 = -0.1130$$

$$P_5(0.4) = (9 \times 0.4 \times -0.113 - 4 \times -0.440)/5 = 0.27064$$

$$P_6(0.4) = (11 \times 0.4 \times 0.27064 - 5 \times -0.1130)/6 = 0.292636$$

[2] $g(x) = \sum_{k=0}^6 c_k P_k(x) = c_0 P_0(x) + c_1 P_1(x) + \cdots + c_6 P_6(x)$

$$g(0.4) = -0.13 \times 1.0 + 0.69 \times 0.4 - 0.02 \times (-0.26) - 0.22 \times (-0.440)$$

$$+ 0.24 \times (-0.1130) - 0.01 \times 0.27064 - 0.10 \times 0.292636$$

$$= -0.13 + 0.276 + 0.0052 + 0.09680 - 0.027120 - 0.0027064 - 0.02926360$$

$$= 0.18891 = 0.19 \text{ (2dp)}$$

[3] $\int_{-1}^{+1} g(x)^2 dx = \int_{-1}^{+1} \sum_{k=0}^6 c_k^2 P_k(x)^2 dx = \sum_{k=0}^6 c_k^2 \int_{-1}^{+1} P_k(x)^2 dx$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^6 c_k^2 \int_{-1}^{+1} P_k(x)^2 dx = \sum_{k=0}^6 \frac{2}{2k+1} c_k^2$$

$$= \frac{2}{1} \times (-0.13)^2 + \frac{2}{3} \times 0.69^2 + \frac{2}{5} \times (-0.02)^2 + \frac{2}{7} \times (-0.22)^2$$

$$+ \frac{2}{9} \times 0.24^2 + \frac{2}{11} \times (-0.01)^2 + \frac{2}{13} \times (-0.10)^2$$

$$= 0.00338 + 0.31740 + 0.00016 + 0.01383 + 0.01280 + 0.00002 + 0.00154$$

$$= 0.37955 = 0.38 \text{ (2dp)}.$$

10. [8 Points] Consider the second-order ordinary differential equations

$$\ddot{x} - (1 - x^2)\dot{x} + x = \cos(2\pi t); \quad x(0) = 2.0, \quad \dot{x}(0) = 1.0.$$

Show how to express this equation as a system of first-order equations, and write down a Matlab function `f(t,y)` expressing the right-hand side of this system.

Compute the values of x and $\dot{x}$ when $t = 30$ using the builtin Matlab function `ode45`. Sketch the solution over the time interval $[0, 30]$ and describe briefly its qualitative properties.

Solution:

[3] Introduce new variable $v = \dot{x}$ and set $y = (y_1, y_2) = (x, v)$. Then $\dot{x} = v$ and $\dot{v} = \ddot{x} = \cos(2\pi t) - x + (1 - x^2)v$, so $\dot{y}_1 = y_2$ and $\dot{y}_2 = \cos(2\pi t) - y_1 + (1 - y_1^2)y_2$. In vector form,

$$\dot{y} = \begin{pmatrix} \dot{y}_1 \\ \dot{y}_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} y_2 \\ \cos(2\pi t) - y_1 + (1 - y_1^2)y_2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

[2] `f=@(t,y)[y(2);cos(2*pi*t)-y(1)+(1-y(1).^2).*y(2)]`, or

`g=(t,x,v)cos(2*pi*t)-x+(1-x.^2).*v, f=(t,y)[y(2);g(t,y(1),y(2))]`,

[1] `t0=0; tf=30; y0=[2.0;1.0], sol=ode45(f,[t0,tf],y0)`. Find $x(30) = -1.677911$, $\dot{x}(30) = -1.697751$.

[2] Non-sinusoidal, almost periodic oscillations, period roughly 6.