Math 450 Exam 4 Review Sheet

Section 4.7: Gaussian Quadrature

- Understand the idea behind Gaussian Quadrature: finding nodes x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n and coefficients c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n such that
- $\int_{-1}^{1} P(x) dx = \sum_{i=1}^{n} c_i P(x_i) \text{ for any polynomial } P(x) \text{ of degree less than } 2n.$
- Know the key properties of Legendre Polynomials.
- Know the statement and proof of Theorem 4.7
- Given a table of roots and coefficients, be able to use Gaussian Quadrature to approximate the value of definite integrals over [-1, 1].
- Be able to use a change of coordinates to translate an integral over an arbitrary interval [a, b] to one over [-1, 1].

Section 5.1: The Elementary Theory of Initial Value Problems

- Know the definition of a Lipschitz condition and a Lipschitz constant for a function f over a domain D.
- Know the definition of a **convex** set D.
- Be able to show that a given function f is Lipschitz over a domain D either directly or using Theorem 5.3
- Understand the definition of a well-posed initial value problem (including the definition of a perturbed problem).
- Be able to use Theorem 5.6 to show that a given initial value problem is well posed.

Section 5.2: Euler's Method

- Understand Euler's method, and be able to derive it from the first order Taylor Polynomial centered at t_i evaluated at t_{i+1} .
- Be able to apply Euler's method to a well posed IVP to approximate the value of the unique solution at a particular point.
- Be able to use the error term from Theorem 5.9 in order to find an upper bound on the error in using Euler's Method to approximate a well posed IVP as a specific point.

Section 5.3: Higher Order Taylor Methods

• Understand the definition of the local truncation error of a method for approximating the value of a solution to an IVP.

• Know the general form for both the recursive formula for Taylor's Method of order n and the remainder term that can be used to give an upper bound on the local truncation error.

• Be able to use Taylor's Method of order n to approximate a given well posed IVP at the specific value. This includes knowing how to compute higher order derivatives of f(t, y).

Section 5.4: Runge-Kutta Methods

• Know the statement of Taylor's Theorem for functions of two variables (Theorem 5.13), and the related definitions of Taylor Polynomials in two variables and their Remainder terms.

• Know both the statement of the Midpoint Method and how it was derived by matching coefficients to the two variable Taylor Polynomial of degree one.

• Be able to apply the Midpoint Method, Modified Euler's, Heun's Method, and Runge-Kutta of Order Four to approximate solutions to a well posed IVP at a given point.