
Tutorial No.5

Exercise 1: Consider the following differential equation:

$$\begin{cases} y' = y + x \\ y(0) = 1 \end{cases}$$

Compute the approximate solution of this equation at $x = 1$ using Euler's method, dividing the interval into 10 equal parts.

Knowing that the exact solution is $y_{exact} = -1 - x + e^x$, compare the result obtained with $y_{exact}(1)$.

Exercise 2: Consider the differential equation:

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$$\begin{cases} y' = y + e^{2x} \\ y(0) = 2 \end{cases}$$

1. Using a step size $h=0.1$, perform one iteration of the Euler-Cauchy (modified Euler) method and calculate the error by comparing the result with the exact solution $y_{exact}(0.1)$
2. Using a step size $h=0.05$, perform two iterations of the Euler-Cauchy method and calculate the error at $y(0.1)$ by comparing the result with the exact solution $y_{exact}(1)$.
3. Compute the ratio of the errors from parts 1) and 2), and provide a comment on the result obtained.

Exercise 3: Consider the following differential equation:

$$\begin{cases} y' = y + x + 1 \\ y(0) = 1 \end{cases}$$

1. Compute the approximate solution $y(0.2)$ using Euler's method and the 4th-order Runge-Kutta method with a step size $h = 0.1$.
2. For each method, calculate the error by comparing the result with the exact solution $y_{exact}(0.2) = 1.0187370780$. Comment on the results obtained.

Note: Use 9 significant digits after the decimal point.

Solution of Tutorial N.o5

Exercise 1

$$\begin{cases} y' = y + x \\ y(0) = 1 \end{cases}$$

1. Calculation of the approximate solution of the differential equation at $x = 1$ using Euler's method

The working interval is $[0, 1]$.

The step size h is: $\frac{1-0}{10} = 0.1$.

Moreover, we have: $f(x, y) = y + x$.

Thus, we can use Euler's method:

$$y(x_{n+1}) \approx y(x_n) + h f(x_n, y(x_n))$$

and successively obtain approximations of

$y(0.1), y(0.2), y(0.3), y(0.4), y(0.5), y(0.6), y(0.7), y(0.8), y(0.9),$ and $(y(1.0))$. The first iteration yields:

$$y(0.1) \approx y(0) + h f(0, 1) = 1 + 0.1(1 + 0) = 1.1.$$

Similarly, the second iteration gives:

$$y(0.2) \approx y(0.1) + h f(0.1, 1.1) = 1.1 + 0.1(1.1 + 0.1) = 1.22.$$

And the third iteration gives:

$$y(0.3) \approx y(0.2) + h f(0.2, 1.22) = 1.22 + 0.1(1.22 + 0.2) = 1.362.$$

The following table summarizes the results of the first ten iterations:

x_n	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.7
$f(x_n)$	1.0000	1.1000	1.2200	1.3620	1.5282	1.72120	1.943122	2.1974342

0.8	0.9	1.0
2.48717762	2.815895382	3.1874849202

Thus, the approximate solution of the differential equation at $x = 1$ is:

$$y(1) = 3.1874849202$$

2. Comparison of the obtained result with the exact solution

The exact solution is: $y_{exact}(x) = 1 - x - e^x$. Thus, the exact solution at $x = 1$ gives:

$$y_{exacte}(1) = 1 - 1 - e^1 = 0.2490787367$$

The error committed is:

$$E_e = |y_{exact}(x) - y(1)| = |y_{exact}(1) - y(1)| = |0.2490787367 - 3.1874849202| = 0.2490787367$$

Exercise 2

$$\begin{cases} y' = y + e^{2x} \\ y(0) = 2 \end{cases}$$

1. Calculation of the first iteration of the Euler-Cauchy method

The step size is $h = 0.1$.

Moreover, we have $f(x, y) = y + e^x$.

Thus, we can use the Euler-Cauchy method:

$$y(x_{n+1}) \approx y(x_n) + \frac{h}{2} [f(x_n, y(x_n)) + f(x_{n+1}, y(x_{n+1}))]$$

with

$$y_{n1} = y(x_n) + h f(x_n, y(x_n))$$

and obtain the approximation of $y(0.1)$. The first iteration yields:

$$y_{n1} = y(0) + h f(0, 2) = 2 + 0.1(2 + e^{2*0}) = 2.3$$

which is the result obtained using Euler's method. The second step gives:

$$y(0.1) = y(0) + \frac{h}{2} [f(0, 2) + f(0.1, 2.3)] = 2 + \frac{0.1}{2} [2 + e^{2*0} + 2.3 + e^{2*0.1}] = 2.326070138$$

Error committed

The exact solution is: $y_{exacte}(x) = e^x + e^{2x}$.

The exact solution at 0.1 gives, $y_{exacte}(0.1) = e^{0.1} + e^{2*0.1} = 2.326573676$, so the error committed is

$$E_{ec(h=0.1)} = |y_{exacte}(0.1) - y(0.1)| = |2.326573676 - 2.326070138| = 0.000503538$$

2. Calculation of the first two iterations of the Euler-Cauchy method

The step size is $h = 0.05$.

Moreover, we have $f(x, y) = y + e^{2x}$.

Thus, we can use the Euler-Cauchy method and successively obtain the approximations of $y(0.05)$ and

$y(0.1)$. The first iteration yields:

$$y_{n1} = y(0) + h f(0.2) = 2 + 0.05(2 + e^{2*0}) = 2.15$$

which is the result obtained using Euler's method. The second step gives:

$$\begin{aligned} y_{n1} &= y(0.05) + h [f(0.05, 2.156379273) = 2.156379273 + 0.05(2.156379273 + e^{2*0.05})] \\ &= 2.319456782 \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, the second iteration gives:

$$\begin{aligned} y(0.05) &\approx y(0) + \frac{h}{2} [f(0, 2) + f(0.05, 2.15)] = 2 + \frac{0.05}{2} [2 + e^{2*0} + 2.15 + e^{2*0.05}] \\ &= 2.156379273 \end{aligned}$$

The correction then leads to:

$$\begin{aligned} y(0.1) &\approx y(0.05) + \frac{h}{2} [f(0.05, 2.156379273) + f(0.1, 2.319456782)] \\ &= 2.156379273 + \frac{0.05}{2} [2.156379273 + e^{2*0.05} + 2.319456782 + e^{2*0.1}] \\ &= 2.326439516 \end{aligned}$$

Error committed

The error committed is:

$$E_{ec(h=0.1)} = |y_{exact}(0.1) - y(0.1)| = |2.326573676 - 2.326439516| = 0.00013416$$

3. Error ratio

The error ratio is:

$$R = \frac{E_{ec(h=0.1)}}{E_{ec(h=0.05)}} = 3.75 \approx 2^2$$

It is clear that the difference between the exact solution and the approximate solution decreases by a factor of $3.75 \approx 2^2$ when the step size h is halved, which confirms that the Euler-Cauchy method is of order 2.

Exercise 3

1. Calculation of the approximation of $y(0.2)$:

The working interval is $[0, 0.2]$.

The step size h is: $h = 0.1$.

Moreover, we have: $f(x, y) = -y + x + 1$.

a. Euler's method

Thus, we can use Euler's method:

$$y(x_{n+1}) \approx y(x_n) + h f(x_n, y(x_n)),$$

and successively obtain approximations of $y(0.1)$ and $y(0.2)$. The first iteration yields:

$$y(0.1) \approx y(0) + h f(0, 1) = 1 + 0.1(-1 + 0 + 1) = 1.$$

Similarly, the second iteration gives:

$$y(0.2) \approx y(0.1) + h f(0.1, 1) = 1 + 0.1(-1 + 0.1 + 1) = 1.01.$$

Thus, the approximation of $y(0.2)$ using Euler's method is $y(0.2) \approx 1.01$.

b. Runge-Kutta method of order 4

Thus, we can use the Runge-Kutta method of order 4:

$$k_1 = h f(x_n, y(x_n))$$

$$k_2 = h f(x_n + \frac{h}{2}, y(x_n) + \frac{k_1}{2})$$

$$k_3 = h f(x_n + \frac{h}{2}, y(x_n) + \frac{k_2}{2})$$

$$k_4 = h f(x_n + h, y(x_n) + k_3)$$

$$y(x_{n+1}) \approx y(x_n) + \frac{1}{6} (k_1 + 2k_2 + 2k_3 + k_4)$$

and successively obtain approximations of $y(0.1)$ and $y(0.2)$. The first iteration yields:

$$k_1 = h f(0.1) = 0.1(-1 + 0 + 1) = 0$$

$$k_2 = h f\left(0 + \frac{0.1}{2}, 1 + \frac{0}{2}\right) = 0.1 f(0.05, 1) = 0.1(-1 + 0.05 + 1) = 0.005$$

$$k_3 = h f\left(0 + \frac{0.1}{2}, 1 + \frac{0}{2}\right) = 0.1 f(0.05, 1.0025) = 0.1(-1.0025 + 0.05 + 1) = 0.00475$$

$$k_4 = h f(0 + 0.1, 1 + 0.00475) = 0.1 f(0.1, 1.00475) = 0.1(-1.00475 + 0.1 + 1)$$

which leads to:

$$\begin{aligned} y(0.1) &\approx y(0) + \frac{1}{6}(k_1 + 2k_2 + 2k_3 + k_4) \\ &= 1 + \frac{1}{6}(0 + 2 * 0.005 + 2 * 0.00475 + 0.009525) = 1.0048375 \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, the second iteration gives:

$$k_1 = h f(0.1, 1.0048375) = 0.1(-1.0048375 + 0.1 + 1) = 0.00951625$$

$$\begin{aligned} k_2 &= h f\left(0.1 + \frac{0.1}{2}, 1.0048375 + \frac{0.00951625}{2}\right) = 0.1 f(0.15, 1.009595625) \\ &= 0.1(-1.009595625 + 0.15 + 1) = 0.014040437 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} k_3 &= h f\left(0.1 + \frac{0.1}{2}, 1.0048375 + \frac{0.014040437}{2}\right) = 0.1 f(0.15, 1.011857718) \\ &= 0.1(-1.011857718 + 0.15 + 1) = 0.013814228 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} k_4 &= h f(0.1 + 0.1, 1.0048375 + 0.013814228) = 0.1 f(0.2, 1.018651728) \\ &= 0.1(-1.018651728 + 0.2 + 1) = 0.018134827 \end{aligned}$$

which leads to:

$$y(0.2) \approx y(0.1) + \frac{1}{6}(k_1 + 2k_2 + 2k_3 + k_4)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= 1.0048375 + \frac{1}{6}(0.00951625 + 2 * 0.014040437 + 2 * 0.013814228 + 0.018134827) \\ &= 1.018730901 \end{aligned}$$

Thus, the approximation of $y(0.2)$ using the Runge-Kutta method of order 4 is $y(0.2) \approx 1.01873090$.

2. Error committed

The exact solution is: $y_{exact}(0.2) = 1.018730780$

a. Error committed by Euler's method:

$$E_e = |y_{exact}(0.2) - y(0.2)| = |1.018730780 - 1.01| = 0.00870750 = 0.873078 * 10^{-2}$$

b. Error committed by the Runge-Kutta method of order 4:

$$E_{RK4} = |y_{exact}(0.2) - y(0.2)| = |1.018730780 - 1.018730901| = 0.000000121 = 0.121 * 10^{-6}$$

It is clear that Euler's method is much less accurate than the Runge-Kutta method of order 4. Therefore, it is preferable to use methods of as high an order as possible.