

1. The motion of a non-frictional pendulum is governed by the Ordinary Differential Equation (ODE)

$$\frac{d^2\theta}{dt^2} + \frac{g}{L}\theta = 0$$

where  $\theta$  is the angular displacement,  $L=1\text{ m}$  is the pendulum length and the gravity acceleration is  $g=9.8\text{ m/s}^2$

The position and velocity at time  $t=1\text{ s}$  are known:

$$\theta(1) = 0.4\text{ rad} \quad ; \quad \frac{d\theta}{dt}(1) = 0\text{ rad/s}$$

a) Solve the initial boundary value problem in the interval  $(0, 1)$  using a second-order Runge-Kutta method to determine the initial position at  $t=0\text{ s}$ , with 2 and 4 time steps.

b) Using the approximation obtained in a), compute an approximation of the relative error in the solution computed with 2 steps

c) Propose a time step  $h$  to obtain an approximation with a relative error three orders of magnitude smaller.

a) Reduction of one ODE of order  $n$  to a system of  $n$  first-order ODEs

$$\begin{aligned} y_1 &= \theta \\ y_2 &= \theta' \end{aligned} \rightarrow Y = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} y_1' &= \theta' = y_2 \\ y_2' &= \theta'' = -\frac{g}{L}\theta = -\frac{g}{L}y_1 \end{aligned} \rightarrow F = \begin{pmatrix} y_2 \\ -\frac{g}{L}y_1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Runge-Kutta method:

$$Y_{i+1}^* = Y_i + h f(t_i, Y_i)$$

$$Y_{i+1} = Y_i + \frac{h}{2} [f(t_i, Y_i) + f(t_{i+1}, Y_{i+1}^*)]$$

2 time steps:  $\rightarrow h = \frac{0-1}{2} = -\frac{1}{2}$

$$i=0 \quad Y_{0+1}^* = \begin{pmatrix} 0.4 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} - \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -\frac{9.8}{25} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.4 \\ 49/25 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$Y_{0+1} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.4 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} - \frac{1}{4} \left[ \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -\frac{9.8}{25} \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 49/25 \\ -\frac{9.8}{25} \end{pmatrix} \right] = \begin{pmatrix} 0.4 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 49/100 \\ -49/25 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -0.09 \\ 49/25 \end{pmatrix} = Y_1$$

$$i=1 \quad Y_{1+1}^* = \begin{pmatrix} -0.09 \\ 49/25 \end{pmatrix} - \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 49/25 \\ 0.882 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -0.07 \\ 0.519 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$Y_{1+1} = \begin{pmatrix} -0.09 \\ 49/25 \end{pmatrix} - \frac{1}{4} \left[ \begin{pmatrix} 49/25 \\ 0.882 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0.519 \\ 10.486 \end{pmatrix} \right] = \begin{pmatrix} -0.95975 \\ 0.882 \end{pmatrix} = Y_2$$

$$\boxed{\theta(0) = -0.95975} \quad \frac{d\theta}{dt}(0) = -0.882$$

4 time steps:  $\rightarrow h = -\frac{1}{4}$

(repeating the same steps as in the case of 2 time steps)

$$(i=0) \quad Y_{0+1}^* = \begin{Bmatrix} 0.4 \\ 1.02/100 \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$Y_{0+1} = \begin{Bmatrix} 0.2775 \\ 0.198 \end{Bmatrix} = Y_1$$

$$(i=1) \quad Y_{1+1}^* = \begin{Bmatrix} 0.0325 \\ 1.6599 \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$Y_{1+1} = \begin{Bmatrix} -0.0525 \\ 1.3598 \end{Bmatrix} = Y_2$$

$$(i=2) \quad Y_{2+1}^* = \begin{Bmatrix} -0.3924 \\ 1.2312 \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$Y_{2+1} = \begin{Bmatrix} -0.3763 \\ 0.8147 \end{Bmatrix} = Y_3$$

$$(i=3) \quad Y_{3+1}^* = \begin{Bmatrix} -0.58 \\ -0.1073 \end{Bmatrix}$$

$$Y_{3+1} = \begin{Bmatrix} -0.4648 \\ -0.3568 \end{Bmatrix} = Y_4$$

$$\boxed{\theta(0) = -0.4648} \quad \frac{d\theta}{dt} = -0.3568$$

b) Taking into account that the exact value ( $\approx 1000$  time steps) is

$$Y = \begin{Bmatrix} -0.4 \\ 0.0139 \end{Bmatrix}$$

the error is %

$$E = \left| \frac{Y_{\text{exact}} - Y_{\text{2time}}}{Y_{\text{exact}}} \times 100 \right| = 139.194\%$$

$$c) \quad h^* = \left( \frac{t_0}{E_h} \right)^{1/(p+1)} \cdot h = \left( \frac{10^3 E_h}{E_h} \right)^{1/2} \cdot (-0.5) = -0.016$$

2. Consider the initial value problem

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = y - x^2 + 1 \quad x \in (0, 1)$$

$$y(0) = 1$$

a) Solve the initial value problem using the Euler method with step  $h = 0.25$

b) Compute the solution using the Heun method with a step  $h$  such that the computational cost is equivalent to the computational cost in a)

a) Euler method

$$y_0 = 1$$

$$y_{i+1} = y_i + h f(x_i, y_i) \quad i = 0, \dots, m-1$$

$i=0$	1	2	3	4
$x=0$	0.25	0.5	0.75	1

$i=0$   $x_0 = 0$   $y_0 = 1$

$$y_{0+1} = y_0 + h f(x_0, y_0) = 1 + 0.25(1 - 0^2 + 1) = 1.5 = y_1$$

$i=1$   $y_{1+1} = 1.5 + 0.25(1.5 - 0.25^2 + 1) = 2.109375 = y_2$

$i=2$   $y_{2+1} = 2.109375 + 0.25(2.109375 - 0.5^2 + 1) = 2.82421875 = y_3$

$i=3$   $y_{3+1} = 2.82421875 + 0.25(2.82421875 - 0.75^2 + 1) = 3.639648438 = y_4$

$$y(1) = 3.639648438$$

b) To have the same computational cost:  $h = 0.5$

Heun method: 
$$\begin{cases} y_{i+1}^* = y_i + h f(x_i, y_i) \\ y_{i+1} = y_i + \frac{h}{2} [f(x_i, y_i) + f(x_i, y_{i+1}^*)] \end{cases}$$

$i=0$	1	2
$x=0$	0.5	1

$i=0$   $y_{0+1}^* = 2$

$$y_{0+1} = 2.1875 = y_1$$

$i=1$   $y_{1+1}^* = 3.6563$

$$y_{1+1} = 3.8359 = y_2$$

$$y(1) = 3.8359$$

3. The ordinary differential equation

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x, y)$$

is defined over the domain  $(0, 1)$ , and is to be solved numerically subjected to the initial condition  $y(0) = 1$ , where  $y(x)$  is the exact solution. The forward Euler method for integrating the above differential equation is written as

$$Y_{i+1} = Y_i + h f(x_i, Y_i)$$

where  $Y_i$  denotes the discrete solution at node  $i$ , with position  $x_i$ , of a uniform grid of nodes of constant grid interval size  $h$  and  $x_{i+1} = x_i + h$ .

- Using a Taylor series expansion, deduce the leading truncation error of the scheme. Is the method consistent? Explain your answer.
- State the backward Euler method for integrating the above differential equation where  $f(x, y)$  is a general non-linear function of  $x$  and  $y$ .
- Deduce the stability limits of the respective forward Euler method and backward Euler method for the model equation  $dy/dx = -\lambda y$  where  $\lambda$  is a positive real constant.
- Use the backward Euler method to compute the numerical solution of the ordinary differential equation

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -25y^{3/5}$$

with initial conditions  $y(0) = 1$ , by hand for two steps with grid interval size  $h = 1/10$  (use 2 Newton iterations per step for this calculation)

- Use the forward Euler method to compute the numerical solution of the above ordinary differential equation with same initial condition by hand for two steps with grid interval size  $h = 1/10$

f) The analytical solution is

$$y(x) = \left( \frac{125x + 2}{2} \right)^{-2/5}$$

Using Matlab codes, indicate the maximum stable interval size possible for forward Euler method from the following:  $h = 1/10$ ,  $h = 1/15$ ,  $h = 1/30$ ,  $h = 1/45$ ,  $h = 1/90$ . How does your choice compare with the stability condition.

$$a) \quad y_{i+1} = y_i + h \frac{dy}{dx}(x_i) + \frac{h^2}{2} \frac{d^2y}{dx^2}(x_i) + O(h^3)$$

$$y_{i-1} = y_i - h \frac{dy}{dx}(x_i) + \frac{h^2}{2} \frac{d^2y}{dx^2}(x_i) + O(h^3)$$

subtracting

$$y_{i+1} - y_{i-1} = 2h \frac{dy}{dx}(x_i) + O(h^3)$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx}(x_i) = \frac{y_{i+1} - y_{i-1}}{2h} - \tau_i(h)$$

$\tau_i(h) = O(h^2)$   
truncation error

$$b) \quad y = y_{i+1} - h \frac{dy}{dx}(x_{i+1}) + O(h^2)$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx}(x_{i+1}) = \frac{y_{i+1} - y_i}{h} + \tau_i(h)$$

$\tau_i(h) = O(h)$   
truncation error

Replacing the ODE  $\rightarrow y_{i+1} = y_i + h f(x_{i+1}, y_{i+1}) + h \tau_i(h)$

Neglecting the truncation error the numerical scheme for the backward Euler is obtained

$$y_{i+1} = y_i + h f(x_{i+1}, y_{i+1})$$

c) when  $\text{Re}(\lambda) < 0$  the analytical solution goes to zero (when  $x$  goes to infinitive).

For fixed values of  $\lambda$  and  $h$ , the scheme is said to be absolutely stable if the numerical solution goes to zero.

Backward Euler method for  $f(x, y) = \lambda y$   
That is  $y_{i+1} = y_i + h\lambda y_{i+1} \rightarrow (1 - h\lambda)y_{i+1} = y_i$

$$y_{i+1} = G y_i \quad \text{with} \quad G = \frac{1}{1 - h\lambda}$$

stability condition:  $|1 - \lambda h| > 1$

stability condition for real  $\lambda$ :  $\lambda h < 0$  or  $\lambda h > 2$   
unconditionally stable for  $\lambda < 0$

d)  $y_0 = 1$

$(i=0) \quad y_{0+1} = y_0 + \frac{1}{10} (-25 y_0^{3.5}) = y_1$

$2.5 y_1^{3.5} + y_1 - 1 = 0$   
 $\Downarrow$   
 Newton  $\boxed{x^{k+1} = x^k - \frac{f(x^k)}{f'(x^k)}}$

$x^0 = 1$

$x^1 = x^0 - \frac{2.5 \sqrt{x^0} + x^0 - 1}{8.75 \sqrt{x^0} + 1} = 0.8462$

$x^2 = x^1 - \frac{2.5 \sqrt{x^1} + x^1 - 1}{8.75 \sqrt{x^1} + 1} = 0.7880 \rightarrow y_1 = 0.7880$

$(i=1) \quad y_{1+1} = y_1 + \frac{1}{10} (-25 \cdot y_1^{3.5}) = y_2$

$2.5 \sqrt{y_2} + y_2 - 0.7880 = 0$

$\Downarrow$   
 Newton

$x^0 = 0.7880$

$x^1 = x^0 - \frac{2.5 \sqrt{x^0} + x^0 - 0.7880}{8.75 \sqrt{x^0} + 1} = 0.7368$

$x^2 = 0.7229 \rightarrow y_2 = 0.7229$

e)  $y_1 = y_0 + h f(x_0, y_0)$

$(i=0) \quad y_{0+1} = 1 + \frac{1}{10} (-25 \cdot 1^{3.5}) = -1.5 = y_1$

$(i=1) \quad y_{1+1} = -1.5 + \frac{1}{10} (-25 (-1.5)^{3.5}) \Rightarrow \underline{\underline{UNSTABLE}}$