



# Lab Exercises for Numerical Analysis and Simulation I: ODEs

## Laboratory 1 - Consistency and Convergence

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Each working group (1-3 persons) shall present and explain their programmes. Please contact Igor Kossaczky ([kossaczky@math.uni-wuppertal.de](mailto:kossaczky@math.uni-wuppertal.de)) for a date arrangement.

We consider the initial value problem (IVP)

$$y'(x) = f(x, y(x)), \quad y(x_0) = y_0 \quad (y : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n, f : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n)$$

and want to solve it numerically in some interval  $x \in [x_0, x_{\text{end}}]$ . For this purpose, an adaptive method with step size control shall be constructed in this lab exercise.

With the explicit Euler scheme

$$u_1 = u_0 + hf(x_0, u_0)$$

and the explicit Euler scheme with half step size

$$v_1 = v_{\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{h}{2}f(x_{\frac{1}{2}}, v_{\frac{1}{2}}) \quad \text{with} \quad v_{\frac{1}{2}} = v_0 + \frac{h}{2}f(x_0, v_0),$$

two methods are given to compute new approximations  $u_{n+1}$  and  $v_{n+1}$  by means of known values. Both methods exhibit consistency order  $\mathcal{O}(h)$ . By an appropriate combination of these schemes ( $w_1 = 2v_1 - u_1$ ) one achieves the modified Euler scheme according to Collatz

$$w_1 = w_0 + hf\left(x_0 + \frac{h}{2}, w_0 + \frac{h}{2}f(x_0, w_0)\right),$$

which has consistency order  $\mathcal{O}(h^2)$ .

**Task 1:** Implement the Euler scheme in a function of the following structure:

Function name: `euler`

Input parameters:

<code>fname</code>	name of right-hand side <code>f</code>
<code>x0</code>	starting point
<code>y0</code>	initial value vector (dimension <code>n</code> )
<code>h</code>	step size

Output parameters:

<code>x</code>	independent variable
<code>y</code>	approximations at point <code>x</code>

Implement the explicit Euler scheme with half step size and the modified Euler scheme according to Collatz in separate functions `halfeuler` and `collatz`, which make use of the implemented function `euler`. The input and output parameter shall be the same as for the function `euler`.

**Task 2:** Furthermore, implement a method for solving the initial value problem with step size control based on the explicit Euler scheme and the modified Euler scheme according to Collatz. Use the estimated local error

$$e := u_1 - w_1 = \mathcal{O}(h^2)$$

and the formula for step size prediction

$$h_{\text{opt}} = h_{\text{used}} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{1}{\text{ERR}}}$$

with the error norm

$$\text{ERR} := \sqrt{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n \left( \frac{e_j}{\text{atol} + z_j \cdot \text{rtol}} \right)^2}, \quad \text{where } z_j := \max\{|u_{0,j}|, |u_{1,j}|\}.$$

Consequently, the step is accepted if  $\text{ERR} < 1$  holds.

Include the safety factor  $\rho = 0.9$  for scaling the resulting  $h_{\text{opt}}$ , i.e.

$$h_{\text{new}} = \rho \cdot h_{\text{opt}}.$$

Moreover, use the bounding parameters  $\sigma = 0.2$  and  $\theta = 5$  for decreasing/increasing the step size to avoid oscillating behavior, meaning the new step size has to fulfill

$$h_{\text{used}} \cdot \sigma \leq h_{\text{new}} \leq h_{\text{used}} \cdot \theta.$$

If the step size becomes smaller than  $h_{\text{min}} := 10^{-6}$ , integration shall be terminated with an according information in the output parameter.

Implement the method with step size control in a separate function

Function name: `functionname`

Input parameters:

<code>fname</code>	name of right-hand side <code>f</code>
<code>xspan</code>	vector <code>[x0,xend]</code>
<code>y0</code>	initial value vector (dimension <code>n</code> )
<code>h0</code>	initial step size
<code>rtol</code>	relative tolerance
<code>atol</code>	absolute tolerance

Output parameters:

<code>x</code>	vector with points of independent variable
<code>y</code>	matrix with approximations at points <code>x</code>
<code>istat</code>	statistics
	<code>istat = [number of evaluations of right-hand side <code>f</code>, number of accepted steps, number of rejected steps]</code>

<code>idid = 1:</code>	<code>xend</code> was reached
<code>= 0:</code>	step size too small

**Test examples:****a) Scalar ODE**

The initial value problem

$$y'(x) = \frac{y}{1+x^2}, \quad y(x_0) = y_0$$

exhibits the exact solution

$$y(x) = y_0 \cdot e^{\arctan(x) - \arctan(x_0)}.$$

Solve the problem in the interval  $x \in [-10, 20]$  with initial condition  $y(-10) = 1$ . Apply step size control with the initial step size  $h_0 = 1$ . Choose the fixed absolute tolerance  $atol = 10^{-6}$ , whereas the relative tolerances  $rtol = 10^{-l}$  for  $l = 3, 4, 5, 6$  should be applied. Compare the four numerical approximations to the exact solution. Try also the method with constant step sizes in the three cases  $h = 1, 0.5, 0.1$ .

**b) Three-body problem**

We consider a three-body problem with the earth, the moon and a satellite in a two-dimensional space  $(\xi_1, \xi_2)$ . The unknowns are the position and velocity of the satellite:  $y_1 := \xi_1, y_2 := \xi_2, y_3 := \xi_1', y_4 := \xi_2'$ . The system of ODEs reads

$$\begin{aligned} y_1'(x) &= y_3 \\ y_2'(x) &= y_4 \\ y_3'(x) &= y_1 + 2y_4 - (1 - \mu) \frac{y_1 + \mu}{r_1^3} - \mu \frac{y_1 - 1 + \mu}{r_2^3} \\ y_4'(x) &= y_2 - 2y_3 - (1 - \mu) \frac{y_2}{r_1^3} - \mu \frac{y_2}{r_2^3} \end{aligned}$$

with the parameter  $\mu = \frac{1}{82.45}$  and

$$r_1 := \sqrt{(y_1 + \mu)^2 + y_2^2}, \quad r_2 := \sqrt{(y_1 - 1 + \mu)^2 + y_2^2}.$$

Solve the system with the initial values

$$y(0) = (1.2, 0, 0, -1.049358)^\top$$

in the time interval  $x \in [0, T]$  with  $T := 6.1921693$ . Thereby, select the initial step size  $h_0 = T/1500$ . Apply constant step sizes as well as step size control with the tolerances  $rtol = atol = 10^{-6}$ . Plot the resulting satellite's orbits in  $(\xi_1, \xi_2)$  phase diagrams. Compare the results of the two simulations.

**c) Lorenz - equation**

Given is the ODE  $y' = A(y) \cdot y$  with

$$A(y) = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{8}{3} & 0 & y_2 \\ 0 & -10 & 10 \\ -y_2 & 28 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

the initial value  $y_0 = (20, 5, -5)^\top$  and the perturbed initial values  $\tilde{y}_0 = (20, 5, -5.1)^\top$ . Use  $rtol = atol = 10^{-4}$  and the initial step size  $h_0 = 0.01$ . Visualize the numerical solution for  $t \in [0, 10]$  using a phase plot in  $(y_1, y_2, y_3)$  (`plot3`). Moreover, plot each component of the solutions corresponding to the different initial values in  $(t, y_i)$  to estimate the differences.

## Comments and Remarks

We highly recommend using Matlab for solving the lab exercises, but you are free to use other high level programming languages, e.g. Octave, Python, C, C++, Fortran, ...

### Remarks for Matlab:

- The dimension  $n$  of the ODE system can be determined inside the functions by the initial vector  $y_0$  using the command `length` or `size`.
- The evaluation of the varying function `fname` inside the function `euler` can be done using the command `feval`, for example via: `f = feval(fname,x,y)`. Type `doc feval` in Matlab for more information.
- If the right-hand side  $f$  is given in the file `fname.m`, then the integrator is called by:  
`[...] = functionname(@fname, ...)` or `[...] = functionname('fname', ...)`.
- The size of the output parameters `x` and `y` is not known a priori. The vector and the matrix can be enlarged in each step. However, this extension may take a long time for larger sizes. At the beginning, fix `x` and `y` using the command `zeros` to a maximum number of steps, for example 10000. Cut off the unused part at the end of the integration.