

# 19. NUMERICAL SOLUTION OF DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS

Problem statement: Solution of equation:  $y' = f(x, y)$ ,  $y(x_1) = y_1$

- Solution: (i) analytical: function  $y(x)$   
(ii) numerical: sequence  $\{x_i, y_i\}$ ,  $i = 2, 3, \dots$

## 19.1 Symbolic Solution

Characteristics:

1. Symbolic solution is not always possible
2. Substitution allows conversion to numerical solution

%%% Example 19.1: Ordinary Differential Equations - Initial-Value Problem

%%% Equation:  $y' + y = 1$ ,  $y(x_1) = 0$ ; for  $x_1=0$  in range  $[x_1, x_k]$

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clear; delete(get(0,'children')); syms t
x1=0; xk=15;
ys=dsolve('Dy+y=1','y(0)=0','t');
subplot(2,1,1); ezplot(ys,[x1 xk]); grid on; axis tight
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## 19.2 Numeric Solution

Principle of Euler method for the Initial Value Problem:

1. Approximate solution:  $y_i = y_{i-1} + h f(x_{i-1}, y_{i-1})$ , where  $x_i = x_{i-1} + h$ ,  $i = 2, 3, \dots$  and  $h$  is a chosen step
2. Step value can affect accuracy and stability

%%% Example 19.2: Ordinary Differential Equations - Initial-Value Problem

%%% Equation:  $y' = 1 - y$ ,  $y(x_1) = 0$ ; % ... Cont of Ex.19.1 %%

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h=input('Step (=0.2): ');
x(1)=x1; y(1)=0; N=(xk-x1)/h+1;
for i=2:N
    x(i)=x(i-1)+h;
    y(i)=y(i-1)+h*(1-y(i-1)); end
hold on; plot(x,y,'-or'); axis tight; hold off
subplot(2,1,2); e=y-subs(ys,t,x); S=sumsqr(e)/length(e);
plot(x,e,'-o'); grid on
title(['ERROR SEQUENCE - MSE=' , num2str(S)]);
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## 19.3 Solution of System of Equations

Euler method application for solution of a system:  $\mathbf{y}' = \mathbf{f}(x, \mathbf{y})$ ,  $\mathbf{y}(x_1) = \mathbf{y}^{(1)}$

1. Vector solution:  $\mathbf{y}^{(i)} = \mathbf{y}^{(i-1)} + h \mathbf{f}(x_{i-1}, \mathbf{y}^{(i-1)})$ , where  $x_i = x_{i-1} + h$ ,  $i = 2, 3, \dots$  and  $h$  is a chosen step
2. Step value can affect accuracy and stability

%%% Example 19.3: System of Ordinary Differential Equations - Initial-Value Problem

%  $y'' + 2y' + 5y = 0$ ,  $y(x_1) = 0$ ;  $y'(x_1) = 2$  for  $x_1=0$  in range  $[x_1, x_k]$

%%% A. Symbolic Solution %%%%%% %%%%%% %%%%%% %%%%%% %%%%%%

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clear; delete(get(0,'children')); syms t; x1=0; xk=5;
ys=dsolve('D2y+2*Dy+5*y=0','y(0)=0','Dy(0)=2');
pretty(simplify(ys)); ezplot(ys,[x1 xk]); axis tight
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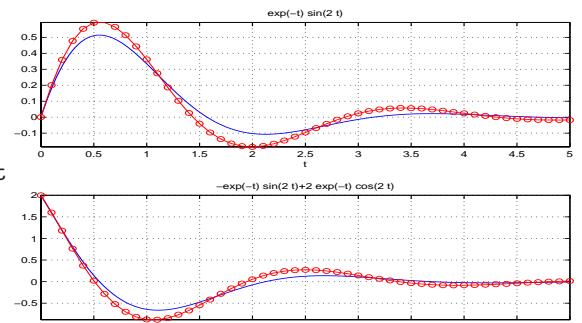
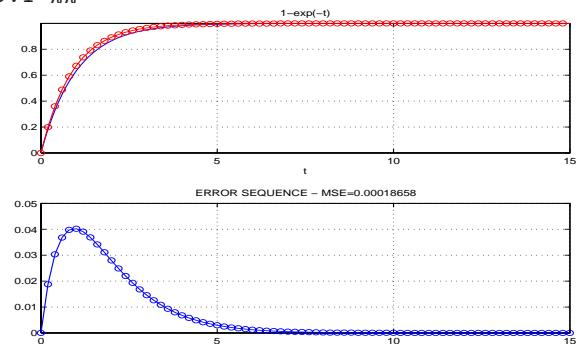
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subplot(2,1,1); ezplot(ys,[x1 xk]); grid on; axis tight
subplot(2,1,2); ezplot(diff(ys),[x1 xk]); grid on; axis tight
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%%% B. Numeric Solution: Euler Method %%%%%% %%%%%% %%%%%% %%%%%%

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% Equation:  $y_1' = -2y_1 - 5y_2$ ;  $y_1(x_1) = 2$ 
%  $y_2' = y_1$ ;  $y_2(x_1) = 0$ ;
h=input('Step (=0.1): ');
x(1)=x1; y1(1)=2; y2(1)=0; N=(xk-x1)/h+1;
for i=2:N
    x(i)=x(i-1)+h; y1(i)=y1(i-1)+h*(-2*y1(i-1)-5*y2(i-1));
    y2(i)=y2(i-1)+h*y1(i-1); end
subplot(2,1,1); hold on; plot(x,y2,'-or'); axis tight; hold off
subplot(2,1,2); hold on; plot(x,y1,'-or'); axis tight; hold off
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## COMMANDS

SYMS  
DSOLVE  
PRETTY  
EZPLOT  
  
ODE23  
HOLD ON  
HOLD OFF  
PLOT



## EXAMPLES 19

19.1 Evaluate symbolic solution of a selected system of differential equations with given initial conditions

19.2 Evaluate numeric solution of a selected system of differential equations with given initial conditions