

# MATH 26 Differential Equations

Class 35: December 9, 2022





## Assignment 23

# Announcements

**Project 3 Due Today**

**Course Response Forms  
In Class Next Monday  
Bring Laptop/SmartPhone**

**Final Exam  
Thursday, December 15: 7 - 10 PM**

## Numerical Methods for Systems of First Order Equations

Write system

$$x' = F(t, x, y), x(t_0) = x_0$$

$$y' = G(t, x, y), y(t_0) = y_0$$

as  $\mathbf{x}' = \mathbf{f}(t, \mathbf{x})$  with  $\mathbf{x}(t_0) = \mathbf{x}_0$

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}, \mathbf{f} = \begin{pmatrix} F \\ G \end{pmatrix}$$

Euler's Method ( $x_{n+1} = x_n + hf_n$ ) becomes

$$\mathbf{x}_{n+1} = \mathbf{x}_n + h\mathbf{f}_n$$

In component form

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_{n+1} \\ y_{n+1} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_n \\ y_n \end{pmatrix} + h \begin{pmatrix} F(t_n, x_n, y_n) \\ G(t_n, x_n, y_n) \end{pmatrix}$$

## Runge-Kutta for Systems

$$\mathbf{x}_{n+1} = \mathbf{x}_n + \frac{h}{6} [\mathbf{k}_{n1} + 2\mathbf{k}_{n2} + 2\mathbf{k}_{n3} + \mathbf{k}_{n4}]$$

where

$$\mathbf{k}_{n1} = \mathbf{f}(t_n, \mathbf{x}_n)$$

$$\mathbf{k}_{n2} = \mathbf{f}\left(t_n + \frac{h}{2}, \mathbf{x}_n + \frac{h}{2}\mathbf{k}_{n1}\right)$$

$$\mathbf{k}_{n3} = \mathbf{f}\left(t_n + \frac{h}{2}, \mathbf{x}_n + \frac{h}{2}\mathbf{k}_{n2}\right)$$

$$\mathbf{k}_{n4} = \mathbf{f}(t_n + h, \mathbf{x}_n + h\mathbf{k}_{n3})$$

## Example

$$x' = x + y + t, \text{ with } x(0) = 1$$

$$y' = 4x - 2y, \text{ with } y(0) = 0$$

Euler's Method yields approximate values at

$t_n = 0.2, 0.4, 0.6, 0.8, 1.0$  with  $h = 0.1$  of

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1.26 \\ 0.76 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1.7714 \\ 1.4824 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2.58991 \\ 2.3703 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 3.82374 \\ 3.60413 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 5.64246 \\ 5.38885 \end{pmatrix}$$

Runge-Kutta yields approximate values at

$t_n = 0.2, 0.4, 0.6, 0.8, 1.0$  with  $h = 0.1$  of

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1.32489 \\ 0.75916 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1.9369 \\ 1.57999 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2.93459 \\ 2.66201 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 4.48422 \\ 4.22784 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 6.8444 \\ 6.56684 \end{pmatrix}$$

Exact Values are

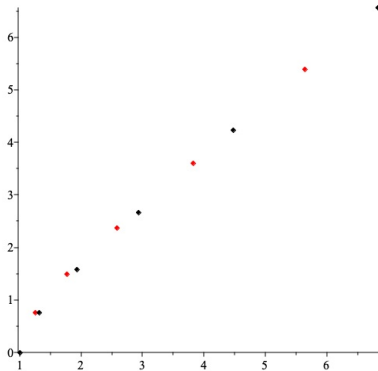
$$\begin{pmatrix} 1.32489 \\ 0.759546 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1.93692 \\ 1.58003 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2.93463 \\ 2.66208 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 4.48430 \\ 4.22795 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 6.84457 \\ 6.84457 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$x' = x + y + t, y' = 4x - 2y \text{ with } x(0) = 1, y(0) = 0$$

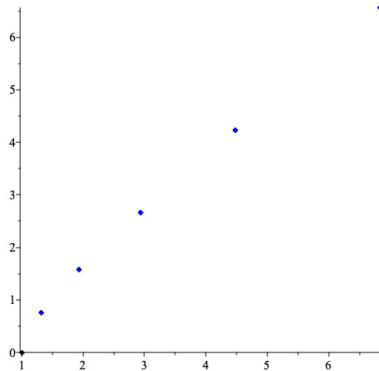
Exact Solution is

$$x(t) = e^{2t} + \frac{2}{9}e^{-3t} - \frac{t}{3} - \frac{2}{9}$$

$$y(t) = e^{2t} - \frac{8}{9}e^{-3t} = \frac{2t}{3} - \frac{1}{9}$$



Euler vs Exact



Runge-Kutta vs Exact

## Ways To Study Differential Equations

- ▶ Numerical Approximations to Solution
- ▶ Linearize Near Equilibrium Points
- ▶ Qualitative Analysis
- ▶ **SOLVE THE EQUATION**





Example

$$y' = y \text{ with } y(0) = 1$$

$$y'(t) = y(t)$$

$$\frac{y'(t)}{y(t)} = 1$$

Integrate Both Sides With Respect to  $t$

$$\ln y = t + C$$

Exponentiate

$$y = Ce^t$$

Use Initial Condition:  $y = 1$  when  $t = 0$

$$1 = Ce^0 = C \times 1 = C$$

$y = e^t$  is the unique solution

*e t*

How Do We Actually Calculate  $e^t$  for a specific  $t$ ?  
In particular, what is the value of  $e^1 = e$ ?



What Is Going On Inside The Calculator?

## Power Series Approach

Assume solution can be represented by a power series

$$y = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + a_3x^3 + \dots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n x^n$$

Then we have an expression for the solution if we can determine what the constant coefficients  $a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots$  are.

Example: Solve  $y' = y$  with initial value  $y(0) = 1$

With

$$y = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + a_3x^3 + a_4x^4 + a_5x^5 \dots$$

we have

$$y' = a_1 + 2a_2x + 3a_3x^2 + 4a_4x^3 + 5a_5x^4 + \dots$$

Since  $y' = y$  and

$$y = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + a_3x^3 + a_4x^4 + a_5x^5 \dots$$

$$y' = a_1 + 2a_2x + 3a_3x^2 + 4a_4x^3 + 5a_5x^4 + \dots$$

we can equate coefficients

$$\begin{aligned} a_1 = a_0 & & 2a_2 = a_1 & & 3a_3 = a_2 & & \dots & & na_n = a_{n-1} \\ a_1 = a_0 & & a_2 = \frac{a_1}{2} & & a_3 = \frac{a_2}{3} & & \dots & & a_n = \frac{a_{n-1}}{n} \end{aligned}$$

$$a_1 = a_0$$

$$a_2 = \frac{a_1}{2} = \frac{a_0}{2}$$

$$a_3 = \frac{a_2}{3} = \frac{a_0}{3 \times 2} = \frac{a_0}{3!}$$

$$a_4 = \frac{a_3}{4} = \frac{a_0}{4 \times 3!} = \frac{a_0}{4!}$$

...

$$a_n = \frac{a_{n-1}}{n} = \frac{a_0}{n \times (n-1)!} = \frac{a_0}{n!}$$

So the solution of  $y' = y$  is

$$y = a_0 \left( 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \dots + \frac{x^n}{n!} + \dots \right)$$

Solution to  $y' = y$  with  $y(0) = 1$  has the form

$$y = a_0 \left( 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \dots + \frac{x^n}{n!} + \dots \right)$$

Evaluating at  $x = 0$  gives  $1 = y(0) = a_0(1 + 0 + 0 + 0 + \dots) = a_0$   
so  $a_0 = 1$  and

$$y = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \dots + \frac{x^n}{n!} + \dots$$

But we also know the solution is  $y = e^x$ . Thus

$$e^x = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \dots + \frac{x^n}{n!} + \dots$$

$$P_n(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{x^k}{k!}$$

$n$	$P_n(1)$
0	1.0
1	2.0
2	2.50000
3	2.666666667
4	2.708333333
5	2.716666667
6	2.718055556
7	2.718253968
8	2.718278770
9	2.718281526
10	2.718281801
11	2.718281826
12	2.718281828

## Example: A Second Order Differential Equation

$$y'' + xy' + y = 0$$

$$y = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \dots + a_nx^n + a_{n+1}x^{n+1} + a_{n+2}x^{n+2} + \dots$$


$$y' = a_1 + 2a_2x + \dots + na_nx^{n-1} + (n+1)a_{n+1}x^n + (n+2)a_{n+2}x^{n+1}$$

$$xy' = a_1x + 2a_2x^2 + \dots + na_nx^n + (n+1)a_{n+1}x^{n+1} + (n+2)a_{n+2}x^{n+2} + \dots$$

$$y'' = 2a_2 + \dots + n(n-1)a_nx^{n-2} + n(n+1)a_{n+1}x^{n-1} + (n+1)(n+2)a_{n+2}x^n + \dots$$

Coefficient of  $x^n$  in  $y + xy' + y''$  is

$$\begin{aligned} & a_n + na_n + (n+1)(n+2)a_{n+2} \\ &= a_n(1+n) + (n+1)(n+2)a_{n+2} = (n+1)[a_n + (n+2)a_{n+2}] \end{aligned}$$

But all coefficients must be 0. Thus 



Our Equation:  $y'' + xy' + y = 0$  has solution

$$y = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \dots + a_nx^n + a_{n+1}x^{n+1} + a_{n+2}x^{n+2} + \dots$$

$$\text{where } a_{n+2} = -\frac{a_n}{n+2}$$

Thus

$$a_2 = -\frac{a_0}{2}, a_4 = -\frac{a_2}{4} = +\frac{a_0}{2 \cdot 4}, a_6 = -\frac{a_4}{2 \cdot 4 \cdot 6}, \dots$$

$$a_3 = \frac{a_1}{3}, a_5 = +\frac{a_1}{3 \cdot 5}, a_7 = -\frac{a_1}{3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7}, \dots$$

We can write solution as

$$y = a_0 \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{2}x^2 + \frac{1}{2 \cdot 4}x^4 - \frac{1}{2 \cdot 4 \cdot 6}x^6 + \dots + \frac{(-1)^n}{2 \cdot 4 \cdot 6 \cdot \dots \cdot 2n}x^{2n} + \dots \right] \\ + a_1 \left[ x - \frac{1}{3}x^3 + \frac{1}{3 \cdot 5}x^5 + \dots + \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdot \dots \cdot (2n-1)}x^{2n-1} + \dots \right]$$

where  $a_0 = y(0)$  and  $a_1 = y'(0)$ .

Our Equation:  $y'' + xy' + y = 0$  has solution

$$y = a_0 \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{2}x^2 + \frac{1}{2 \cdot 4}x^4 - \frac{1}{2 \cdot 4 \cdot 6}x^6 + \dots + \frac{(-1)^n}{2 \cdot 4 \cdot 6 \cdot \dots \cdot 2n}x^{2n} + \dots \right]$$
$$+ a_1 \left[ x - \frac{1}{3}x^3 + \frac{1}{3 \cdot 5}x^5 + \dots + \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdot \dots \cdot (2n-1)}x^{2n-1} + \dots \right]$$

$$y = a_0 f(x) + a_1 g(x)$$

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n}}{2 \cdot 4 \cdot 6 \cdot \dots \cdot 2n}$$

$$g(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1} x^{2n-1}}{3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdot \dots \cdot (2n-1)}$$

**Example: Find Power Series Solution  
for  $y' = 5y + 13$  with  $y(0) = \frac{2}{5}$ .**

$$y = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + a_3x^3 + \dots + a_nx^n + a_{n+1}x^{n+1} + \dots$$

Note first:  $a_0 = \frac{2}{5}$

Write equation as  $y' - 5y = 13$

Coefficient of  $x^n$  in  $-5y$  is  $-5a_n$

Coefficient of  $x^n$  in  $y'$  is  $(n+1)a_{n+1}$

Constant Term in  $y' - 5y$  is  $a_1 - 5a_0$  which equals 13

So  $a_1 = 13 + 5a_0 = 13 + 5\left(\frac{2}{5}\right) = 15 = 3 \times 5$

So  $(n+1)a_{n+1} - 5a_n = 0$  for  $n \geq 1$

Thus Recurrence Relation is

$$a_{n+1} = \frac{5a_n}{n+1}, \text{ for } n \geq 1$$

$n$	$a_{n+1} = \frac{5a_n}{n+1}$
1	$a_2 = \frac{1}{2} (5a_1) = \frac{1}{2} (5 \times 3 \times 5) = 3 \times \frac{5^2}{2!}$
2	$a_3 = \frac{1}{3} (5a_2) = \frac{1}{3} (5 \times 3 \times \frac{5^2}{2!}) = 3 \times \frac{5^3}{3!}$
3	$a_4 = \frac{1}{4} (5a_3) = 3 \times \frac{5^4}{4!}$
4	$a_5 = \frac{1}{5} (5a_4) = 3 \times \frac{5^5}{5!}$
...	
$n - 1$	$a_n = \frac{1}{n} (5a_{n-1}) = 3 \times \frac{5^n}{n!}$

Thus  $y = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + a_3x^3 + a_4x^4 + \dots a_nx^n + \dots$

$$= \frac{2}{5} + 3 \times 5x + 3 \times \frac{(5x)^2}{2!} + 3 \times \frac{(5x)^3}{3!} + \dots + 3 \times \frac{(5x)^n}{n!} + \dots$$

$$y = \frac{2}{5} + 3 \times 5x + 3 \times \frac{(5x)^2}{2!} + 3 \times \frac{(5x)^3}{3!} + \dots + 3 \times \frac{(5x)^n}{n!} + \dots$$

$$= \frac{2}{5} + 3 \times \left( 5x + \frac{(5x)^2}{2!} + \frac{(5x)^3}{3!} + \dots + \frac{(5x)^n}{n!} + \dots \right)$$

$$= \frac{2}{5} + 3 - 3 + 3 \times \left( 5x + \frac{(5x)^2}{2!} + \frac{(5x)^3}{3!} + \dots + \frac{(5x)^n}{n!} + \dots \right)$$

$$= \frac{2}{5} - 3 + 3 \times \left( 1 + 5x + \frac{(5x)^2}{2!} + \frac{(5x)^3}{3!} + \dots + \frac{(5x)^n}{n!} + \dots \right)$$

$$\text{so } y = -\frac{13}{5} + 3e^{5x}$$

**Example: Solve  $y' = 5y + 13$  with  $y(0) = \frac{2}{5}$   
as First Order Linear Differential Equation.**

$$y' - 5y = 13. \text{ Integrating Factor is } e^{-5x}$$

$$(ye^{-5x})' = 13e^{-5x}$$

$$ye^{-5x} = 13\frac{-1}{5}e^{-5x} + C$$

$$y = -\frac{13}{5} + Ce^{5x}$$

$$\text{Using } y(0) = \frac{2}{5} \text{ yields } C = 3$$

## Frequently Encountered Second Order Differential Equations in Applications

$$P(x)y'' + Q(x)y' + R(x)y = 0$$

Airy	$y'' - xy = 0$
Bessel	$x^2y'' + xy' + (x^2 - \nu^2)y = 0$
Chebyshev	$(1 - x^2)y'' - xy' + \alpha^2y = 0$
Hermite	$y'' - 2xy' + \lambda y = 0$
Laguerre	$xy'' + (1 - x)y' + \lambda y = 0$
Legendre	$(1 - x^2)y'' - 2xy' + \alpha(\alpha + 1)y = 0$

Equation	Areas of Application
Airy	Acoustics, Fiber Optics
Bessel	Acoustics, Electrodynamics
Chebyshev	Approximation Theory
Hermite	Quantum Mechanics
Laguerre	Approximation Theory
Legendre	Heat Flow, Electrodynamics

**For More Material on  
Power Series Solutions  
of Differential Equations,  
Download Chapter 9  
of Brennan and Boyce**