

APPM 2360 Spring 2009
Solutions for Homework 3

Sec 1.4:

2. Calculator Again Consider the IVP $y' = ty$, $y(0) = 1$.

- (a) Use Euler's method to approximate the solution at $t = 1$ with step sizes 1, 1/2, 1/4, 1/8.
 (b) Solve the problem exactly, and compare the result at $t = 1$ with the approximations calculated in part (a).

Solutions:

(a)

Euler's Method with Different Step Sizes							
$h = 1$		$h = 1/2$		$h = 1/4$		$h = 1/8$	
t	$y \approx$	t	$y \approx$	t	$y \approx$	t	$y \approx$
0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1
1	1	0.5	1	0.25	1	0.125	1
		1	1.25	0.50	1.062	0.250	1.0156
				0.75	1.195	0.375	1.0474
				1	1.419	0.50	1.0965
						0.625	1.1650
						0.750	1.2560
						0.875	1.3737
						1	1.5240

(b) Separating variables: $\frac{dy}{y} = t dt$, thus $\ln|y| = \frac{t^2}{2} + c \Rightarrow y = Ce^{t^2/2}$. Notice $y(0) = 1$ yields $C = 1 \Rightarrow y(t) = e^{t^2/2}$. Plug in $t = 1$, we have $y(1) = e^{1/2} \approx 1.6487$.

The estimate value of $y(1)$ with different stepsize h is listed in boldface as shown above, thus:

- $h = 1$:, $Error = 1.6487 - 1 = 0.6487$;
 $h = 1/2$:, $Error = 1.6487 - 1.25 = 0.3987$;
 $h = 1/4$:, $Error = 1.6487 - 1.419 = 0.2297$;
 $h = 1/8$:, $Error = 1.6487 - 1.524 = 0.1247$;

7. Solve the problem below numerically using various step sizes. Compare with values of exact solutions when possible. $y' = t - y$, $y(0) = 2$

Solutions:

With stepsize $h = 0.05$ and Euler's method we obtain the following results:(other stepsizes and numerical methods are also encouraged)

Euler's Method ((h = 0.05))			
t	$y \approx$	t	$y \approx$
0	2	0.6	1.2211
0.1	1.8075	0.7	1.1630
0.2	1.6435	0.8	1.1204
0.3	1.5053	0.9	1.0916
0.4	1.3903	1	1.0755
0.5	1.2962		

Since the DE is not separable, you don't have to do any comparison.

10. Solve the problem below numerically using various step sizes. Compare with values of exact solutions when possible. $y' = -ty$, $y(0) = 1$

Solutions:

Choose $h = 0.01$, still use Euler's method results is as follows:

Euler's Method ((h = 0.01))			
t	y ≈	t	y ≈
0	1	0.6	0.8375
0.1	0.9955	0.7	0.7850
0.2	0.9812	0.8	0.7284
0.3	0.9574	0.9	0.6692
0.4	0.9249	1	0.6086
0.5	0.8845		

It's easy to find the Analytical solution is $y(t) = e^{-t^2/2}$. So $y(1) = e^{-1/2} = 0.6065$. So, $Error = |0.6065 - 0.6086| = 0.0021$

12. **Nasty Surprise** Use Euler's method with $h = 0.25$ to approximate the solution of $y' = y^2$, $y(0) = 1$, at $t = 0.50$, $t = 0.75$, and $t = 1$. Verify that the exact solution is $y(t) = 1/(1 - t)$; does this help explain what happened to the Euler approximations?

Solutions:

Choose $h = 0.25$, then the value of y at each step is as follows:

Euler's Method ((h = 0.25))		
t	y ≈	y' = y ²
0	1	1
0.25	1.25	1.5625
0.50	1.6406	2.6917
0.75	2.3135	5.3525
1	3.6517	

For analytical solution: $\frac{dy}{y^2} = dt \Rightarrow -y^{-1} = t + c \Rightarrow$. Plug in $y(0) = 1 \Rightarrow c = -1 \Rightarrow y(t) = \frac{1}{1-t}$. And we can see that at $t = 1$, $y = \infty$, which suggests Euler method doesn't work very well for this problem.

22. Solving $y' = -ty$, $y(0) = 1$ using Runge-Kutta method.

Solutions:

Using the 4th-order Runge Kutta method and $h = 0.01$, we obtain the following table:

Runge-Kutta Method ((h = 0.01))			
t	y ≈	t	y ≈
0	1	0.6	0.8353
0.1	0.9950	0.7	0.7827
0.2	0.9802	0.8	0.7261
0.3	0.9560	0.9	0.6670
0.4	0.9231	1	0.6065
0.5	0.8825		

We have already known in **problem (10)** that, the exact solution at 1 is $y(1) = 0.6065$. So the Runge-Kutta approximate the solution within given accuracy.

Sec 1.5:

2. $ty' + y = 2, \quad y(0) = 1$

Solutions:

From the DE, we have $y' = \frac{2-y}{t}$, so $f(t, y) = \frac{2-y}{t}$, and the continuous region for f is:

$$R = \{(t, y) | t \in (-\infty, 0) \cup (0, \infty), y \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

while the initial value $(t_0, y_0) = (0, 1) \notin R$. Therefore, the answer to (a) is "no"—Picard's Thm doesn't apply to the IVP. And for (c), the answer is "yes", such as $(1, 5)$. The set of such points are R as given above.

7. $y' = \ln|y - 1|, \quad y(0) = 2$

Solutions:

Since $f(t, y) = \ln|y - 1|$, and $f_y = \frac{1}{y-1}$ (Separate the cases when $y > 1$ and $y < 1$, break the absolute value and you'll get it.) So the continuous region for f and f_y are the same, *i.e.*

$$R = \{(t, y) | \mathbb{R} \times (-\infty, 1) \cup (1, \infty)\}$$

and this is the largest region for Picard's Thm to hold. Obviously, the initial value $(t_0, y_0) = (0, 2) \in R$, so there exists a unique solution passing through $(0, 2)$.

19. $y' = y^2, \quad y(0) = 1$

Solutions:

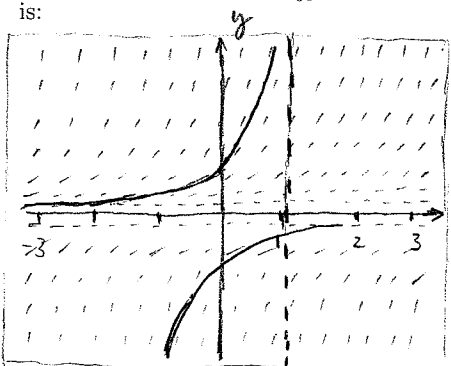
(a). Since $f(t, y) = y^2$ and $f_y = 2y$, the two functions are continuous everywhere in the $t - y$ plane, that is Picard's condition holds everywhere, thus the largest region is just $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$.

(b). (c). By the results from **Sec 1.4 Problem 12**, we have $y(t) = \frac{1}{1-t}$. As when $t = 1, y = \infty$ and also according to the graph, the largest interval the the solution is defined is: $(-\infty, 1)$.

(d). Separate the variables and integrate we have: $-y^{-1} = t + c$, plug in $y(t_0) = y_0$ we obtain: $-1/y_0 = t_0 + c \Rightarrow c = -t_0 - \frac{1}{y_0}$ so

$$y(t) = \frac{1}{t_0 + \frac{1}{y_0} - t}$$

So $y = \infty$ when $t = t_0 + \frac{1}{y_0}$. By observing the graph, this means: the largest interval that the solution exists is:



$$\left(-\infty, t_0 + \frac{1}{y_0}\right), \quad \text{if } y_0 > 0;$$

$$\left(t_0 + \frac{1}{y_0}, \infty\right), \quad \text{if } y_0 < 0.$$

20. **Nonuniqueness** Show that IVP $y' = y^{1/3}, y(0) = 0$ exhibits nonunique solutions and sketch graphs of several possibilities. What does Picard's Thm tell you for the problem?

Solutions:

Because $f = y^{1/3}$ is continuous everywhere, so by Picard's Thm, a solution exists for any initial value. However, $f_y = 1/3y^{-2/3}$ is not continuous for $y = 0$. So Picard's Thm doesn't guarantee the uniqueness for points where $y = 0$. Seperate variables, we get $y^{-1/3}dy = dt$ thus,

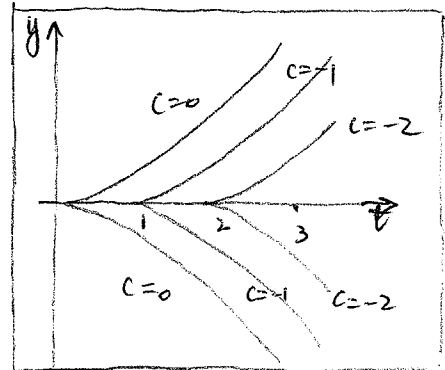
$$\frac{3}{2}y^{2/3} = t + c.$$

Plug in $y(0) = 0 \Rightarrow c = 0$. So we can get one solution:

$$y(t) = \pm \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{3/2} |t|^{3/2}$$

Notice that $y = 0$ is also a solution. So, combine both of them we have an infinite number of solutions as follows:

$$y(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & t < |c| \\ \pm \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{3/2} (t + c)^{3/2} & t \geq |c| \geq 0 \end{cases}$$



Sec 2.1:

4. **Solutions:** Second-order, linear, nonhomogeneous, variable coefficients.

8. **Solutions:** Second-order, nonlinear.

13. $L(y) = y' + y^2$

Solutions:

Nonlinear, since $L(ky) = ky' + k^2y \neq kL(y) = ky' + ky^2$, violates (3).

29. **Solutions:** Easy to verify y_1 and y_2 are solutions. For $y = c_1e^{2t} + c_2e^{3t}$, $y'' - 5y' - 6y = c_14e^{2t} + c_29e^{3t} - 5(c_12e^{2t} + c_23e^{3t}) + 6(c_1e^{2t} + c_2e^{3t}) = 0$

44. **Solutions:**

(1), just verify y_p is the solution;

(2), Since $L(y) = y' + 2y$ is linear (verify it), for the nonhomogeneous problem: $y' + 2y = 0$, seperate variavles, we get: $y(t) = ce^{-2t}$, so the solution for the original problem is $y(t) = y_h + y_p = ce^{-2t} + 4 \sin t - 2 \cos t$.