

Exercise 1 for the lecture
NUMERICAL MATHEMATICS II
WS 2021/2022

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Due: Tutorial on November 2, 2021

Problem 1

Consider the ODE

$$x'(t) = f(x(t)), \quad 0 < t \leq T.$$

Assume that f is Lipschitz with constant $L > 0$ and let ϕ^t be the associated flow operator. Consider a numerical approximation scheme with discrete flow ψ^τ . Let ψ^τ be stable with a constant $\gamma > 0$ and consistent with order p .

Show that the associated one step method

$$x_{k+1} = \psi^\tau x_k, \quad k = 0, \dots, n-1$$

is convergent with order p .

Hint: Show by induction that

$$\|x(t_k) - x_k\| \leq e^{t_k \gamma L} \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \|\varepsilon_i\|$$

holds for $k = 1, \dots, n-1$ with

$$\varepsilon_k = \phi^\tau x_k - \psi^\tau x_k, \quad k = 0, \dots, n-1.$$

Problem 2

Let $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$. For the linear differential equation

$$x'(t) = \lambda x(t), \quad 0 < t \leq T,$$

we consider the following numerical approximation scheme:

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{x}_{k+1} &= x_k + \tau \lambda x_k, \\ x_{k+1} &= x_k + \frac{\tau}{2} (\lambda x_k + \lambda \tilde{x}_{k+1}). \end{aligned}$$

- a) Write down explicitly the flow operator ϕ^t of the ODE and the discrete flow operator ψ^τ of the numerical scheme.
- b) Show that ψ^τ is consistent with order $p = 2$.
- c) Show that ψ^τ is stable.

Problem 3

- a) Implement a function

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exp_euler(x0, f, tau, n)
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which returns a vector containing n steps of the explicit Euler method $x_{k+1} = x_k + \tau f(x_k)$ approximating the IVP $x'(t) = f(x(t))$ with initial value x_0 .

- b) Analogously to a), implement a function

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heun(x0, f, tau, n)
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which returns a vector containing n steps of Heun's method which is the numerical scheme from the previous exercise.

- c) Consider the IVP

$$\begin{aligned} x'(t) &= -x, & 0 < t \leq T = 1.5, \\ x(0) &= 1, \end{aligned}$$

which has the unique solution $x(t) = e^{-t}$. Apply both methods to this problem using $n = 2, \dots, 1000$ and $\tau = \frac{T}{n}$. Compute the respective errors

$$\max_{k=0, \dots, n} |x(t_k) - x_k|, \quad t_k = k\tau,$$

and compare them by plotting the errors over n using a suitable scaling. Comment on the convergence rates.