

Numerical Analysis of Ordinary Differential Equations Programming Exercises

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Exercise sheet 1
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We have prepared an example written in C++ and MATLAB. You can download these from the webpage. The example solves the equation:

$$\begin{aligned}u'(t) &= \lambda u(t), t \in [0, 1] \\ u(0) &= u_0\end{aligned}$$

using the explicit Euler method.

The C++ file can be compiled by:

```
g++ -std=c++11 -o ex01_example ex01_example.cc
```

After that, execute the program with `./ex01_example`

We used the concept of `std::function` instead of classes, which would be better but more complex. Further examples with the `std::function` can be found here:

<http://de.cppreference.com/w/cpp/utility/functional/function>

The MATLAB Code runs with the command `main`, using either MATLAB or Octave.

If you have problems solving the exercises, start with the following tasks using the example code:

- Change the interval $[0, 1]$ to $[0, 4]$.
- Change the code, such that the explicit Euler is called with h instead of n .
- Change the right-hand-side $f(t, u) = \lambda u$ to something more difficult, such as $f(t, u) = t \cdot \sin(u)$?

You can solve the following exercises by modifying the example code or by writing your own code.

The deadline for this exercise sheet is the **19.05.2016**.

Exercise P1.1 (Lotka-Volterra equations)

The Lotka-Volterra equations are of the following form:

$$\begin{aligned}u_1'(t) &= u_1(t)(a - bu_2(t)) \\ u_2'(t) &= u_2(t)(cu_1(t) - d)\end{aligned}$$

with the initial value $u(0) = (u_{1,0}, u_{2,0})^\top$ and parameters $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}$.

- What do these equations model ? Inform yourself with the help of Wikipedia.
- Write a new function

```
erg = rhs(t, (u1, u2))
```

that represents the right-hand-side of these equations. The input (u_1, u_2) and the return value should be vector-valued. The parameters a, b, c and d should be stored within that function.

Remark: In C++ you can use the `std::vector` container to store (u_1, u_2) .
<http://www.cplusplus.com/reference/vector/vector/>

- Use the parameters: $u(0) = (1, 1)^\top$, $(a, b, c, d) = (5, 2, 2, 1)$, $I = [0, 10]$, $n = 100$. Solve the Lotka-Volterra equations with the explicit Euler method. What is the value of $u_h(t_n)$?
- Modify the (or your) `expl_euler` function, so that it returns the numerical solution u_h instead of just the value $u_h(t_n)$. Plot the solution u_h with the parameters of c).

Remark (Plots): If you are using Matlab or Octave the following link will explain you how to plot data:

<http://de.mathworks.com/help/matlab/ref/plot.html>

If you are using C++ then Gnuplot is a good tool to plot functions. You need to create a file with the structure:

```
t0  u1,h(t0)  u2,h(t0)
t1  u1,h(t1)  u2,h(t1)
⋮   ⋮        ⋮
tn  u1,h(tn)  u2,h(tn)
```

After starting Gnuplot with `gnuplot` you can print the data from this file with:

```
set style data lines
plot "filename" using 1:2
plot "filename" using 1:3
```

How can you plot both functions in a single plot ?

Exercise P1.2 (Runge-Kutta Solver)

Now we want to solve the Lotka-Volterra Equations with a different explicit method.

- a) Implement the general Runge-Kutta method:

```
u_h = runge_kutta(A,b,c,u0,t0,tn,n,f)
```

This function gets the same arguments as `expl_euler` in the example code. Additionally the method needs to get a matrix `A` and two vectors `b`, `c` which define the Runge-Kutta method. (See Definition 2.3.5 Butcher tableau.)

Remark: The general form of an explicit Runge-Kutta method is given in Definition 2.3.2 of the lecture notes.

Remark: In C++ you can store `A` with a vector of vectors:

```
std::vector< std::vector<double > > A
```

- b) Solve the Lotka-Volterra equations from Exercise P1.1c) with the classical Runge-Kutta method of fourth order (Example 2.3.18). And plot the solution.