

# Experiment-7

## Ordinary Differential Equations

**Purpose:** In this experiment, you are going to approximate solution of an ordinary differential equation using different methods.

### Introduction

The Runge-Kutta methods are family of implicit and explicit iterative methods for obtaining numerical approximations to solutions of ordinary differential equations.

Let an initial value problem be specified as below:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = g(x, y), \quad y(x_0) = y_0 \quad (1)$$

where  $y$  is an unknown function of  $x$  and  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  is the rate at which  $y$  changes. The value of  $y(x_{last})$  can be approximated using  $g(x, y)$ ,  $x_0$ ,  $y_0$  and chosen step size ( $h$ ).

### The Euler Method

The Euler method is the simplest Runge-Kutta method with one stage.

-Pick a step-size  $h > 0$  and calculate  $y_{n+1}$  for  $n = 0, 1, 2, 3...$  using

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + h * g(x_n, y_n) \quad (2)$$

First step:

$$y_1 = y_0 + h * g(x_0, y_0) \quad (3)$$

### The Midpoint Method

The midpoint method is a second-order Runge-Kutta method with two stages.

-Pick a step-size  $h > 0$  and calculate  $y_{n+1}$  for  $n = 0, 1, 2, 3...$  using

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + h * g(x_n + \frac{h}{2}, y_n + \frac{h * g(x_n, y_n)}{2}) \quad (4)$$

### The Runge-Kutta Method

The Runge-Kutta method is also known as "classic Runge-Kutta method".

-Pick a step-size  $h > 0$  and calculate  $y_{n+1}$  for  $n = 0, 1, 2, 3...$  using

$$k_1 = g(x_n, y_n) \quad (5)$$

$$k_2 = g(x_n + \frac{h}{2}, y_n + \frac{hk_1}{2}) \quad (6)$$

$$k_3 = g(x_n + \frac{h}{2}, y_n + \frac{hk_2}{2}) \quad (7)$$

$$k_4 = g(x_n + h, y_n + hk_3) \quad (8)$$

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + \frac{h * (k_1 + 2k_2 + 2k_3 + k_4)}{6} \quad (9)$$

## Problem Statement

Solve the following initial value problem over the interval  $[-1.8, 1.2]$  using  $stepSize(h) = 0.1$  and  $y(-1.8) = 1.24$ .

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = y(-x^4 + x^2 - x) \quad (10)$$

Analytical solution is:

$$y(x) = e^{[-(x^5/5) + (x^3/3) - (x^2/2)]} \quad (11)$$

## Lab Procedure

We highly recommend you to follow lab procedure without skipping any step and read each step thoroughly before you start.

1- Ask  $x_0$ ,  $y_0$ ,  $x_{last}$  and  $stepSize$  values from user in main function. (10 pts) These values will be used in both Euler and midpoint methods.

2- Write two separate functions to calculate  $y(x)$  and  $\frac{dy}{dx} = g(x, y)$ . Call these functions in main and print calculated values for  $x = -0.1$  and  $y = 0.5$  values. (20 pts)

$$y(-0.1) = 0.9947 \quad g(-0.1, 0.5) = 0.0550$$

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double fY(double x)
double fYdx(double x, double y)
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**Note:** You should be able to extract the y values (yEuler, yMidpoint, yRK4) from the corresponding functions to print them in the main.

3- Implement Euler method and check its operation. Do not use any loop to call Euler function more than one time in main; you should call it only once. The number of steps should be determined using  $x_0$ ,  $x_{last}$  and  $stepSize$  and you should allocate proper amount of memory to store obtained results considering the number of steps. (15 pts)

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double euler(double (*fYdx1)(double, double), double xFirst, double yFirst, double xLast,
double stepSize)
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4- Implement midpoint method and check its operation. Do not use any loop to call midpoint function more than one time in main; you should call it only once. The number of steps should be determined using  $x_0$ ,  $x_{last}$  and  $stepSize$  and you should allocate proper amount of memory to store obtained results considering the number of steps. (20 pts)

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double midpoint(double (*fYdx2)(double, double), double xFirst, double yFirst, double
xLast, double stepSize)
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5- Implement Runge-Kutta method and check its operation. Do not use any loop to call Runge-Kutta function more than one time in main; you should call it only once. The number of steps should be determined using  $x_0$ ,  $x_{last}$  and  $stepSize$  and you should allocate proper amount of memory to store obtained results considering the number of steps. (15 pts)

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double RK4(double (*fYdx3)(double, double), double xFirst, double yFirst, double xLast,
double stepSize)
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6- Print calculated values obtained with all methods and function you wrote for  $y(x)$  in the second step for each iteration with values  $x_0 = -1.8$ ,  $y_0 = 1.24$ ,  $x_{last} = 1.2$  and  $stepSize = 0.1$ . Comment on results. Check Figures: 1 and 2 (20 pts)

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Please enter x0 and y0
-1.8 1.24
Please enter xLast and stepSize
1.2 0.1

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	Euler	Midpoint	RK4	Exact
Step 0-y(-1.800000)---	1.240000	1.240000	1.240000	1.240031
Step 1-y(-1.700000)---	0.563258	0.828280	0.784419	0.784309
Step 2-y(-1.600000)---	0.351354	0.623880	0.578086	0.578000
Step 3-y(-1.500000)---	0.267254	0.523950	0.481377	0.481307
Step 4-y(-1.400000)---	0.232177	0.481456	0.440928	0.440864
Step 5-y(-1.300000)---	0.220995	0.474454	0.434046	0.433984
Step 6-y(-1.200000)---	0.223955	0.492179	0.450142	0.450077
Step 7-y(-1.100000)---	0.236639	0.528796	0.483636	0.483567
Step 8-y(-1.000000)---	0.256657	0.580440	0.530895	0.530819
Step 9-y(-0.900000)---	0.282322	0.643702	0.588746	0.588663
Step 10-y(-0.800000)---	0.312076	0.714885	0.653777	0.653684
Step 11-y(-0.700000)---	0.344233	0.789763	0.722110	0.722008
Step 12-y(-0.600000)---	0.376931	0.863721	0.789539	0.789427
Step 13-y(-0.500000)---	0.408232	0.932179	0.851909	0.851789
Step 14-y(-0.400000)---	0.436298	0.991140	0.905612	0.905484
Step 15-y(-0.300000)---	0.459613	1.037696	0.948027	0.947893
Step 16-y(-0.200000)---	0.477166	1.070330	0.977789	0.977651
Step 17-y(-0.100000)---	0.488542	1.088958	0.994823	0.994683
Step 18-y(0.000000)---	0.493911	1.094706	1.000141	1.000000
Step 19-y(0.100000)---	0.493911	1.089506	0.995483	0.995342
Step 20-y(0.200000)---	0.489461	1.075622	0.982892	0.982753
Step 21-y(0.300000)---	0.481551	1.055200	0.964307	0.964172
Step 22-y(0.400000)---	0.471048	1.029890	0.941224	0.941092
Step 23-y(0.500000)---	0.458537	1.000572	0.914441	0.914312
Step 24-y(0.600000)---	0.444208	0.967182	0.883900	0.883776
Step 25-y(0.700000)---	0.427790	0.928639	0.848623	0.848504
Step 26-y(0.800000)---	0.408535	0.882898	0.806760	0.806647
Step 27-y(0.900000)---	0.385265	0.827186	0.755816	0.755710
Step 28-y(1.000000)---	0.356520	0.758542	0.693138	0.693041
Step 29-y(1.100000)---	0.320868	0.674734	0.616748	0.616661
Step 30-y(1.200000)---	0.277420	0.575564	0.526490	0.526416

Figure 1:  $y(x)$  values obtained with  $\text{stepSize} = 0.1$

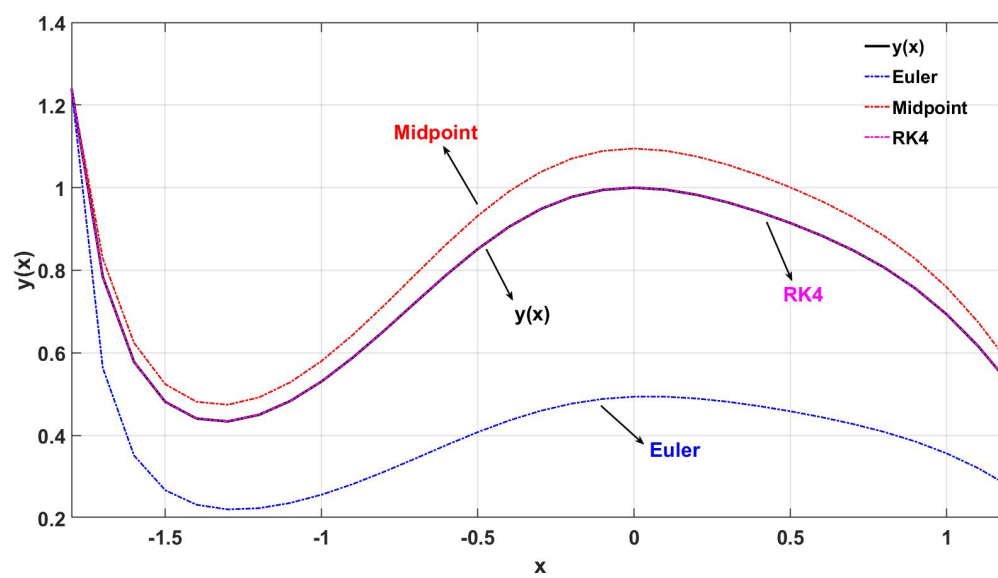


Figure 2:  $y(x)$  values obtained with  $\text{stepSize} = 0.1$