

Numerical Analysis

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1 Euler's Method

The object of *Euler's method* is to obtain approximations to the well-posed initial-value problem

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = f(t, y), \quad a \leq t \leq b, \quad y(a) = \alpha$$

We will use Taylor's Theorem to derive Euler's method. Suppose that $y(t)$, the unique solution has two continuous derivations on $[a, b]$, so that for each $i = 0, 1, \dots, N-1$

$$y(t_{i+1}) = y(t_i) + (t_{i+1} - t_i)y'(t_i) + \frac{(t_{i+1} - t_i)^2}{2}y''(\xi_i)$$

for some number ξ_i in t_i, t_{i+1} . Because $h = t_{i+1} - t_i$, we have

$$y(t_{i+1}) = y(t_i) + hy'(t_i) + \frac{h^2}{2}y''(\xi_i)$$

Euler's method constructs $\omega_i \approx y(t_i)$, for each $i = 1, 2, \dots, N$, by deleting the remainder term, then Euler's method is

$$\begin{cases} \omega_0 = \alpha \\ \omega_{i+1} = \omega_i + hf(t_i, \omega_i) \quad \text{for } i = 0, 1, \dots, N-1 \end{cases}$$

1.1 Errors Bounds for Euler's Method

定理 1.1 Suppose f is continuous and satisfies a Lipschitz condition with constant L on

$$D = \{(t, y) | a \leq t \leq b, y \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

and that a constant M exists with

$$|y''(t)| \leq M, \quad \text{for all } t \in [a, b]$$

where $y(t)$ denotes the unique solution to the initial-value problem

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = f(t, y), \quad a \leq t \leq b, \quad y(a) = \alpha$$

Let $\omega_0, \dots, \omega_N$ be the approximations generated by Euler's method for

some positive integer N , then for each $i = 0, 1, \dots, N$

$$|y(t_i) - \omega_i| \leq \frac{hM}{2L} [e^{L(t_i-a)} - 1].$$

[Proof]

$$\begin{aligned} |y_{i+1} - \omega_{i+1}| &\leq |y_i - \omega_i| + h |f(t_i, y_i) - f(t_i, \omega_i)| + \frac{h^2}{2} |y''(\xi_i)| \\ &\leq (1 + hL) |y_i - \omega_i| + \frac{h^2 M}{2} \\ &\leq e^{(i+1)hL} (|y_0 - \omega_0| + \frac{h^2 M}{2hL}) - \frac{h^2 M}{2hL} \\ &= \frac{hM}{2L} (e^{(t_{i+1}-a)L} - 1). \end{aligned}$$

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定理 1.2 If u_0, u_1, \dots, u_N be the approximations and $|\delta_i| < \delta$, then

$$|y(t_i) - u_i| \leq \frac{1}{L} \left(\frac{hM}{2} + \frac{\delta}{h} \right) [e^{L(t_i-a)} - 1] + \delta e^{L(t_i-a)}$$

The minimal value of $E(f)$ occurs when $h = \sqrt{\frac{2\delta}{M}}$