

Task Report

Flax & Teal - Internship Application

(solving IVP by Euler's method in rust)

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1 Problem Statement

Solve the following initial value problem (IVP) using the Euler's method in Rust:

$$y' = \cos(t) - y; \quad 0 \leq t \leq 5; \quad y(0) = 1 \quad (1.1)$$

with the different n values (10, 25 and 1000). Then compare with the analytic solution and plot.

2 Analytical Solution

Given the Initial Value Problem (IVP),

$$y' = \cos(t) - y; \quad 0 \leq t \leq 5; \quad y(0) = 1 \quad (2.1)$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} + y = \cos(t) \quad (2.2)$$

This is a standard First order ODE with variable coefficients. The general form of this IVP is,

$$\frac{dy}{dt} + P(t) y = Q(t) \quad (2.3)$$

on comparing equations (2.2) and (2.3) we have, $P(t) = 1$ and $Q(t) = \cos(t)$. The general solution is of the form,

$$y * (I.F) = \int (I.F) * Q(t) dt + C \quad (2.4)$$

here, $(I.F)$ is called the integrating factor and is given by, $(I.F) = e^{\int P(t) dt}$. And C be the real valued integration constant. Now, calculating the integrating factor for the given IVP,

$$(I.F) = e^{\int P(t) dt} = e^{\int 1 dt} = e^t \quad (2.5)$$

Hence the solution for the IVP is given by the following equation, from equation (2.4)

$$y e^t = \int \cos(t) e^t dt + C \quad (2.6)$$

Solving the RHS of the equation (2.12),

$$\int \cos(t) e^t dt = \int \frac{(e^{it} + e^{-it})}{2} e^t dt \quad (2.7)$$

$$= \int \frac{(e^{(1+i)t} + e^{(1-i)t})}{2} dt \quad (2.8)$$

$$= \frac{e^{(1+i)t}}{2(1+i)} + \frac{e^{(1-i)t}}{2(1-i)} \quad (\text{on simplification...}) \quad (2.9)$$

$$= \frac{e^t}{2}(\cos(t) + \sin(t)) \quad (2.10)$$

from equations (2.12) and (2.10); the general analytical solution is,

$$y(t) = \frac{1}{2}(\cos(t) + \sin(t)) + e^{-t}C \quad (2.11)$$

substituting the given initial condition from (1.1), we get $C = 1/2$. Hence the analytical solution for the given IVP is,

$$\boxed{y(t) = \frac{1}{2}(\cos(t) + \sin(t)) + \frac{e^{-t}}{2}} \quad (2.12)$$

3 Numerical Solution - Euler's Method

Euler's method is a first-order numerical procedure for solving ODEs with a given initial value. Now consider a general first-order ODE with its initial conditions,

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = f(t, y(t)); \quad y(t = t_o) = y_o \quad (3.1)$$

We want to approximate the solution near the initial point $t = t_o$. So at this point we have the ODE.

$$\left. \frac{dy}{dt} \right|_{t=t_o} = f(t_o, y(t_o)); \quad (3.2)$$

By using the definition of the derivative, the above can be written in difference form as,

$$y = y_o + f(t_o, y(t_o))(t - t_o) \quad (3.3)$$

On creating a 1D mesh (discretizing the independent variable domain), with uniform spacing (say, h) between $n + 1$ points. Then the above definition can be modified to obtain the Euler's solution.

$$y_{k+1} = y_k + f(t_k, y(t_k)) * h; \quad h = (t_{k+1} - t_k); \quad k \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots, n\} \quad (3.4)$$

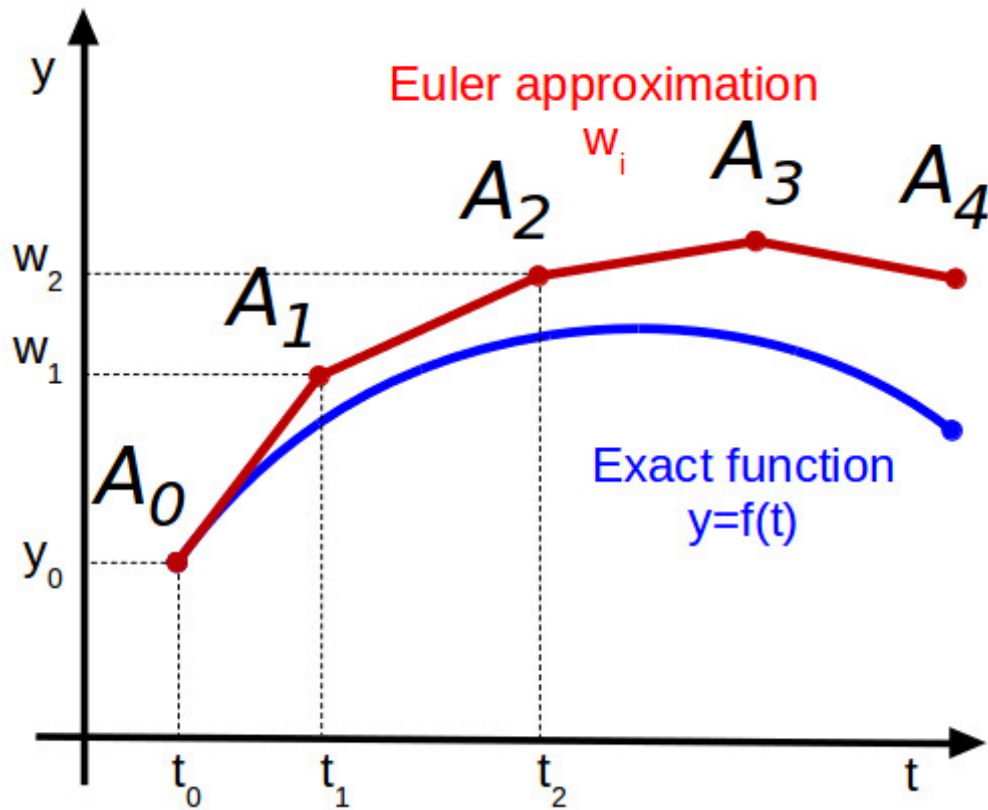


Figure 3.1: Illustration. Image Credits: <https://x-engineer.org/euler-integration/>

Algorithm 1 Euler's Method for Solving an Initial Value Problem

Require: Derivative function $f(t, y)$, start time t_0 , end time t_n , initial value y_0 , number of steps n

- 1: Compute step size $h \leftarrow \frac{t_n - t_0}{n}$
 - 2: Generate mesh: $T \leftarrow [t_0 + i \cdot h \mid i = 0, \dots, n]$
 - 3: Initialize solution array: $Y \leftarrow$ array of size $n + 1$
 - 4: Set initial condition: $Y[0] \leftarrow y_0$
 - 5: **for** $k = 0$ to $n - 1$ **do**
 - 6: $Y[k + 1] \leftarrow Y[k] + h \cdot f(T[k], Y[k])$
 - 7: **end for**
 - 8: **return** Arrays T, Y (mesh and solution values)
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4 Python Implementation

Though the aim is to solve the IVP in rust programming language, I solved this first in python to get an approach and project structure. Then the project and all functionalities are migrated into rust language.

Project structure :

```
python_code
├── README.md
├── environment.yml
├── jupyter_nbooks
│   ├── IVP_Euler_Solver.ipynb
│   └── report_plots.ipynb
├── requirements.txt
├── src
│   ├── __init__.py
│   ├── config.ini
│   ├── main.py           # entry point (command line executable)
│   ├── solution.csv
│   └── solvers.py
└── tests
    ├── __init__.py
    └── test_solvers.py    # tested the code logic
```

Standard coding practices followed:

- **Code Modularization** : The code is split into 3 files inside the "**python_code/src/.**"
 - a command line executable python script. (entry point - contains main function). (**main.py**)
 - a library script with the helper class, OOP approach is used. (**solvers.py**)
 - a file to get inputs from the user, (**config.ini**). Solves a general 1st order ODE, (IVP).
- **Docstrings** : Detailed comments and method or function summaries are included.
- **Type Hinting** : To capture errors early. (using `mypy`, a static type checker).
- **Exception handling** : Uses "`if not ... or ...`" to check parsed values from `config.ini`
- **Logging** : Uses `logging` package to log every individual runs at `python_code/src/logs/`
- **Testing** : tested all the library functions or methods in the `solvers.py` file.
- **Virtual environment** : `environment.yml` (conda env) & `requirements.txt` (pip dependencies)

```
def solve(self) -> np.ndarray:
    """
    Solve the IVP using Euler's method.

    Returns:
        np.ndarray: Array of y values at each mesh point
    """
    y = np.zeros(self.num_steps + 1)
    y[0] = self.y_0

    for k in range(self.num_steps):
        t = self.mesh[k]
        y[k + 1] = y[k] + self.h * self.f(t, y[k])

    return y
```

Figure 4.1: Euler's method logic inside the Class.

User Inputs : (config.ini)

```
1  # Mesh configuration
2  [mesh_1D]
3  n = 10
4  domain_start = 0.0
5  domain_end = 5.0
6
7  ; Initial values for the ODE
8  [initial_conditions]
9  y_0 = 1.0
10
11 # ODE function definition
12 # dy/dt = f(t, y)
13 # expression = f(t, y)
14 [ode_function]
15 expression = np.cos(t) - y
16 ; use numpy convention to define the function
```

Figure 4.2: All the features of a general first order ODE (IVP) is configurable through this file.

Outputs :

The output is exported both as a ".csv" file and as a line plot.

Approach :

- Started with a ".ipynb" file. Made a (**trial & error, not so neat**) working code logic of Euler's method in procedural programming approach. This code served as a reference while modularizing.
- Then split the logic into the above-mentioned 3 source code files.

5 Rust Implementation

Project structure :

```
rust_code
├── Cargo.lock
├── Cargo.toml
├── README.md
├── config.ini           # user inputs
├── solution.csv
└── src
    ├── lib.rs          # library crate
    └── main.rs         # binary crate (command line executable)
```

Comments :

- All the standard practices mentioned in the python implementation is also followed here almost.
- The project structure is also similar. (config.ini, src/main.rs and src/lib.rs files).
- But certain things are implemented in rusty manner.
 - **Package Managing** : It is done using cargo. It comes with standard rust installation.
 - **Environment** : Dependencies are maintained automatically by Cargo.lock and Cargo.toml
 - **Type hinting** : Rust is a statically typed language. Hence it becomes mandatory.
 - **Logging** : Rust already capture all errors while compilation. So, avoided purposefully.
 - Other practices like **Docstings, Exception & error handling, Testing** are also followed.
- Outputs are exported only as a ".csv" file.
- **Approch** : The Python implementation made it easier while migrating. Followed it.
- Didn't follow the OOP paradigm. But the rust features struct, fn, impl were used to group the data and their associated methods.

Repository Link :

https://github.com/SATHEESH-D-M/flax-teal_assignment

6 Results

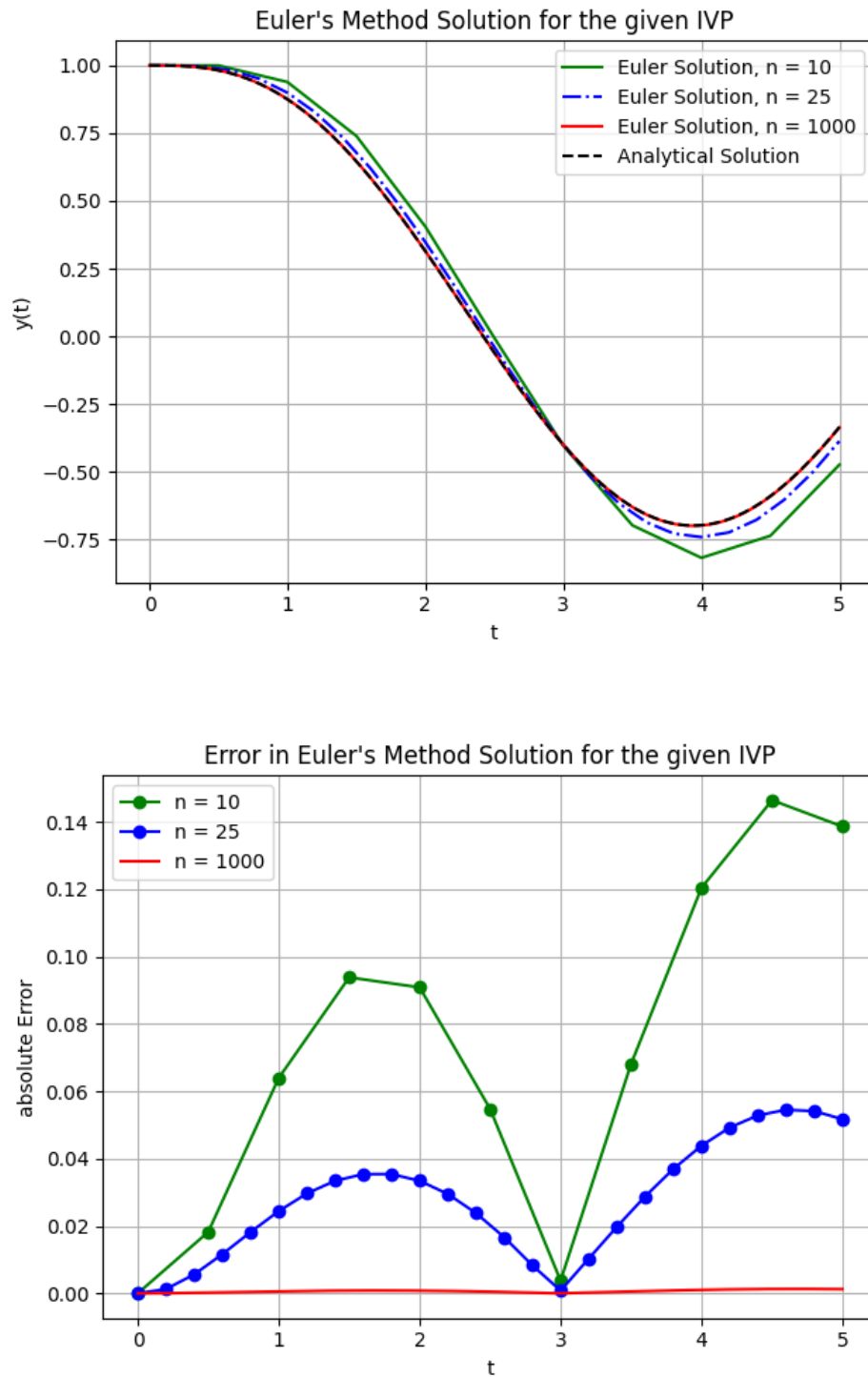


Figure 6.1: Absolute error, because Euler's method uses only the first derivative (linear approximation) for solving. It misses the curvature of original $y(t)$. To reduce this error, increase step count (n).