

# Exercise # 1. Numerical methods for ODES.

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## Intro

## Methods

## Answers

### Question 1

$$y(t) = e^{-5t} \quad (1)$$

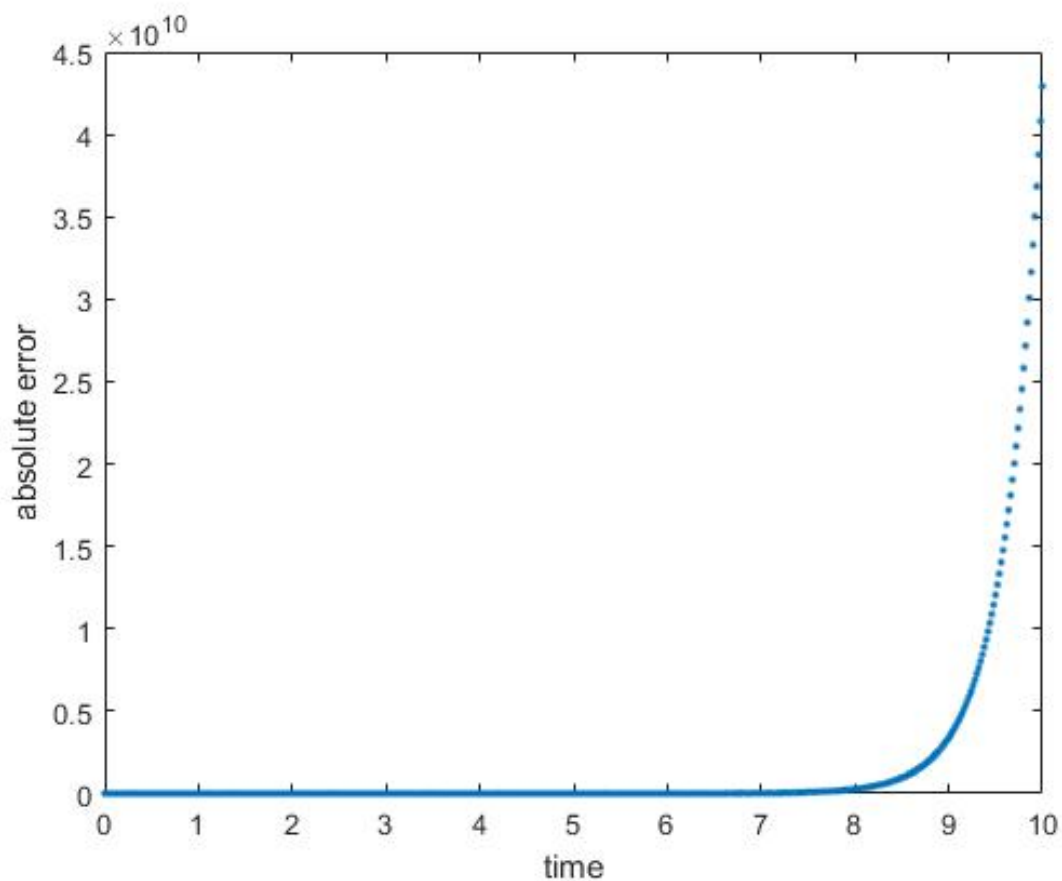


Figure 1: Absolute error in function of time using Forward Euler method to compute  $y(1)$

We got a maximum error of  $4.2916 \times 10^{10} \dots$

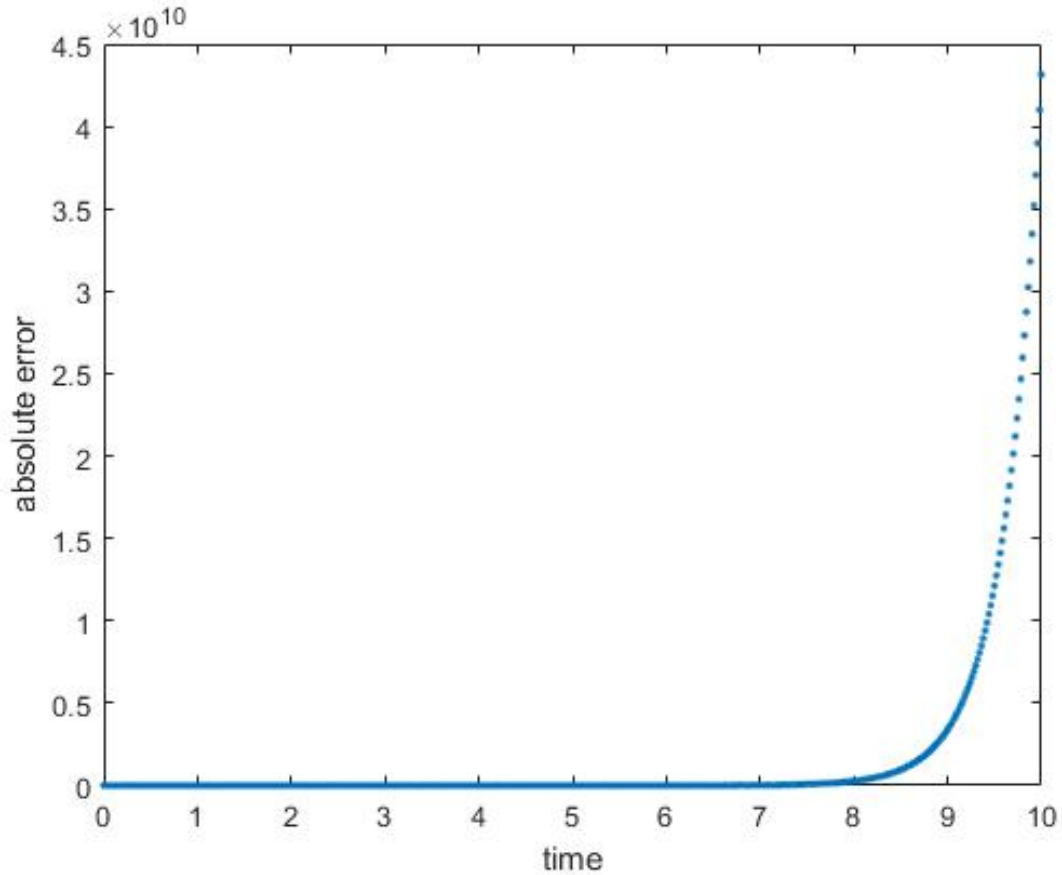


Figure 2: Absolute error in function of time using RK4 method to compute  $y(1)$

We got a maximum error of  $4.3146 \times 10^{10} \dots$

**Comment the different behavior observed by the numerical method.**

The Simpson's method has an empty stability region as proved by: ... We can notice the difference in the initial conditions in our results. The FE calculation for  $y(2)$  is better then the RK4 calculation given the best final error. This is, although, not that relevant, the difference is of about  $0.5 \times 10^{-10}\%$ .

## Question 2

The exact solution can be found as:

$$y(t) = \frac{1}{10t + 1} \quad (2)$$

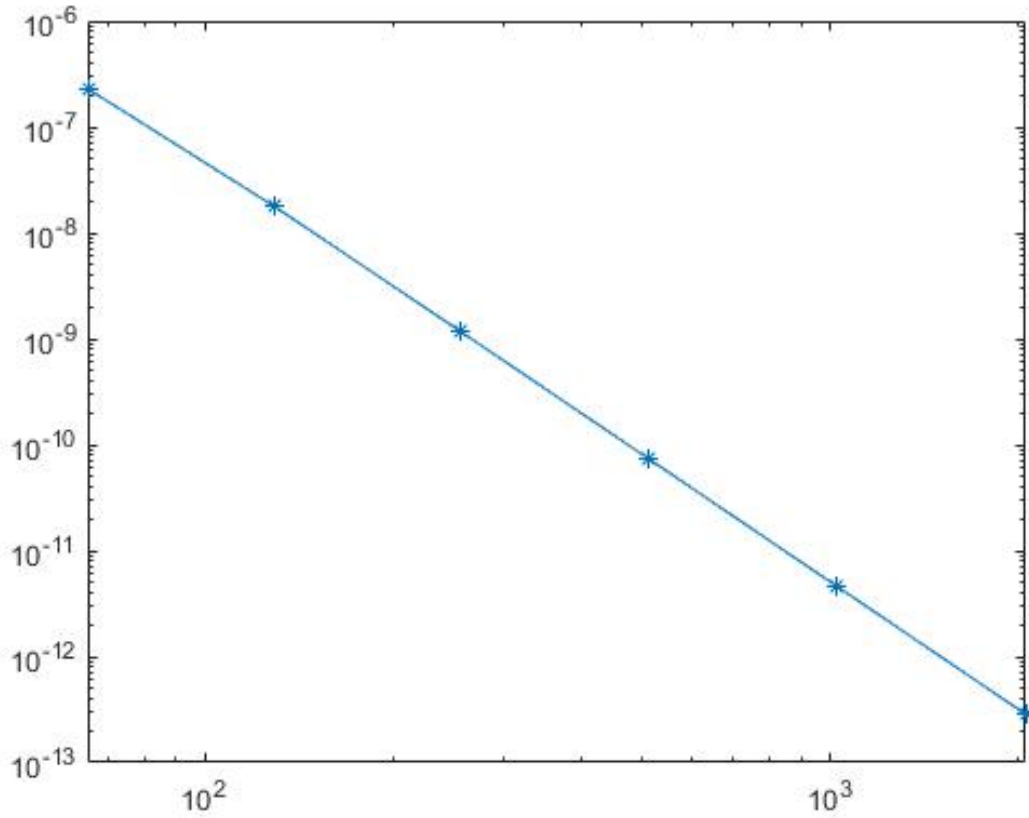


Figure 3: LogLog plot of the error as a function of the number of steps.

<b>h</b>	<b>error</b>
$3.125000 \times 10^{-2}$	$2.291844 \times 10^{-7}$
$1.562500 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.785763 \times 10^{-8}$
$7.812500 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.160234 \times 10^{-9}$
$3.906250 \times 10^{-3}$	$7.312862 \times 10^{-11}$
$1.953125 \times 10^{-3}$	$4.579586 \times 10^{-12}$
$9.765625 \times 10^{-4}$	$2.863750 \times 10^{-13}$

The error reduces with the increase in the number of steps due to the decrease of  $h$  as expected in theory. ...

### Question 3

### Question 4

### Stability for RK4

As found and explained in this course unit slides, we know that the maximum value of  $h$  can be related to the largest modulus eigenvalue with the following relation:

$$h\lambda > -2 \quad (3)$$

We found  $\lambda$  using `lambda = -eigs(A,1,'lm')` to be  $\lambda = -7.838826244759039 \times 10^4$ . This gives us a theoretical value  $h_{max} = 2.551402388000602 \times 10^{-5}$ .

Method	Number of steps	Error	CPU time (secs)
ODE45	9445	$1.155269 \times 10^{-5}$	8.791882s
CN	100	$4.467899 \times 10^{-3}$	208.038764s
CN	1000	$4.441078 \times 10^{-4}$	514.197773s
CN	10000	$4.438412 \times 10^{-5}$	3086.958397s
BDF3	100	$4.482679 \times 10^{-3}$	188.455409s
BDF3	1000	$4.442484 \times 10^{-4}$	557.765280s
BDF3	10000	$4.438552 \times 10^{-5}$	3399.768021s

## Question 5

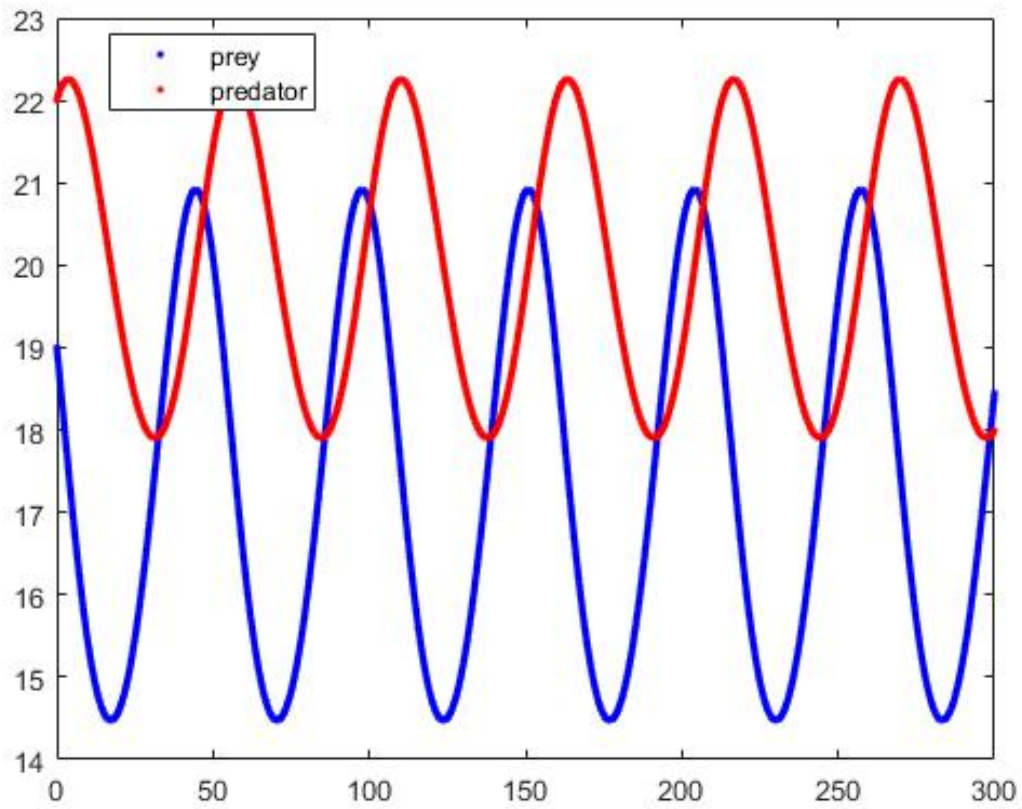


Figure 4: Evolution of the number of preys and predators.

## Results

## Outputs