

# Lab 5: Numerical ODE

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In this report we introduce several explicit numerical schemes of ODE, including both single step method (Runge–Kutta Scheme) and multi-step method (Prediction–Correction Scheme). We will introduce the algorithms, convergence analysis and stabilization analysis. In numerical experiments, we will use a toy example to check the correctness and show the numerical simulation of Lorentz model.

## 1 Explicit Runge–Kutta Scheme

For a given equation  $\dot{y} = f(x, y)$ , assume the selected time step is  $h$ , and initial value  $x_0, y_0$ . For step  $n$ , we consider the following scheme,

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + h(c_1 K_1 + \cdots c_m K_m) \quad (1)$$

where

$$K_j = f(x_j + a_j h, y_n + h \sum_{i=0}^{j-1} b_{ji} K_i)$$

This type of numerical ode scheme is called explicit Runge–Kutta Scheme, associated with Butcher Tableau  $\{a, B, c\}$ .

We list several RK scheme and its order.

1. Forward Euler.

$$a = [1]$$

$$b = [0]$$

,

$$c = [1]$$

its order is 1.

2. Improved Euler.

$$\begin{aligned} a &= [0, 1] \\ b &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1/2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ c &= [1/2, 1/2] \end{aligned}$$

its order is 2.

3. Heun.

$$\begin{aligned} a &= [0, 2/3] \\ b &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2/3 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \\ c &= [1/4, 3/4] \end{aligned}$$

its order is 2.

4. Kutta3

$$\begin{aligned} a &= [0, 1/2, 1] \\ b &= [\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1/2 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, [1/2], [-1, 2]] \end{aligned}$$

(Here we only show its lower-triangular part)

$$c = [1/6, 2/3, 1/6]$$

its order is 3.

5. RK4

$$\begin{aligned} a &= [0, 1/2, 1/2, 1] \\ b &= [\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1/2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, [1/2], [0, 1/2], [0, 0, 1]] \\ c &= [1/6, 1/3, 1/3, 1/6] \end{aligned}$$

its order is 4.

## 2 Prediction–Correction Scheme

In multistep method we usually use a explicit scheme to predict the value of  $y_{n+1}$  and use the predicted value to obtain a more accurate value by an implicit scheme, this is called prediction–correction scheme. We will introduce two popular scheme, improved euler and adams4.

To obtain the computational value of  $y_{n+1}$ , we consider the following scheme. For P step, consider

$$y^* = y_n + h \sum_{i=1}^M p_i f(x_{n+1-i}, y_{n+1-i})$$

. For C step, consider

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + h \sum_{i=2}^N c_i f(x_{n+2-i}, y_{n+2-i}) + h f(x_n, y^*)$$

. We consider PC scheme of this type throughout this paper. Two examples will be considered

1. Improved Euler.

$$p = [1]$$

$$c = [1/2, 1/2]$$

its order is 2.

$$p = [55/24, -59/24, 37/24, -9/24]$$

$$c = [9/24, 19/24, -5/24, 1/24]$$

### 3 Numerical Experiments

#### 3.1 Test accuracy and order

We use simple test function  $y(x) = e^x$ , hence  $f(x, y) = y$  and  $y(0) = 1$ . The result is shown in the following table.

method\stepsize	0.01	0.001	order
Euler	1.346800e-02	1.357896e-03	1.00
iEuler	6.764706e-03	6.792591e-04	1.00
Heun	4.496590e-05	4.527073e-07	2.00
Kutta3	1.123594e-07	1.131708e-10	3.00
RK4	2.246421e-10	2.042810e-14	4.04
Adams4	6.471996e-10	6.616929e-14	3.99

#### 3.2 Lorentz system

In this subsection we show the numerical simulation of Lorentz system. Lorentz system is the following ODE system:

$$dx/dt = \sigma(y - x)$$

$$dy/dt = x(\rho - z) - y$$

$$dz/dt = xy - \beta z$$

We will simulate the evolution for various initial value and parameters  $\sigma, \rho$  and  $\beta$ .

We first consider a fixed parameter:  $\sigma = 10, \rho = 8, \beta = 8/3$ . And we choose different initial value to begin our simulation.

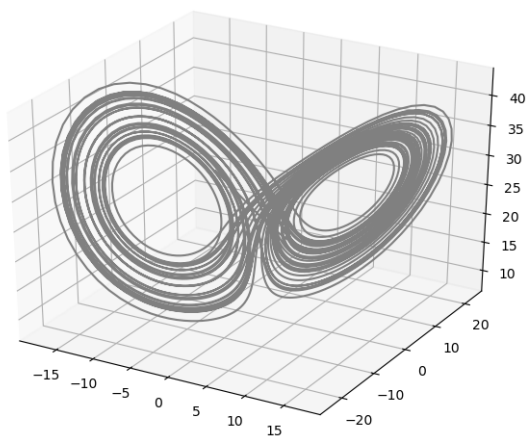
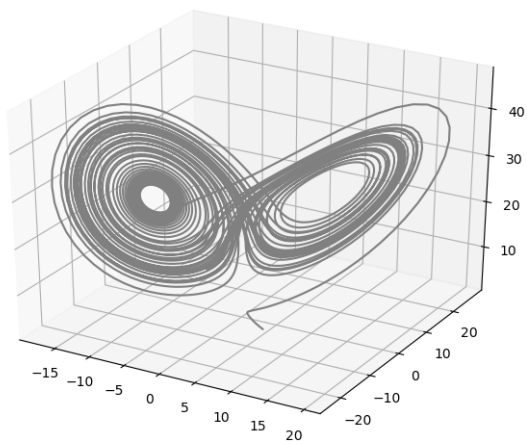
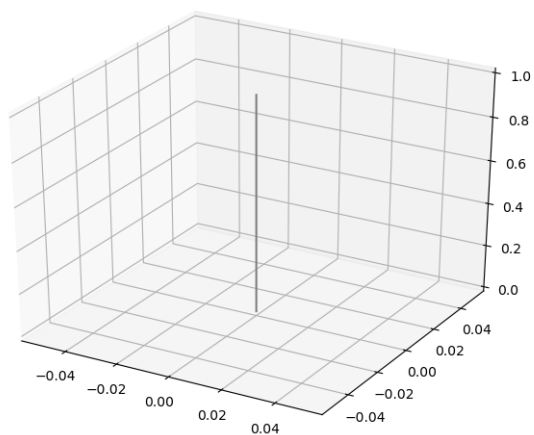
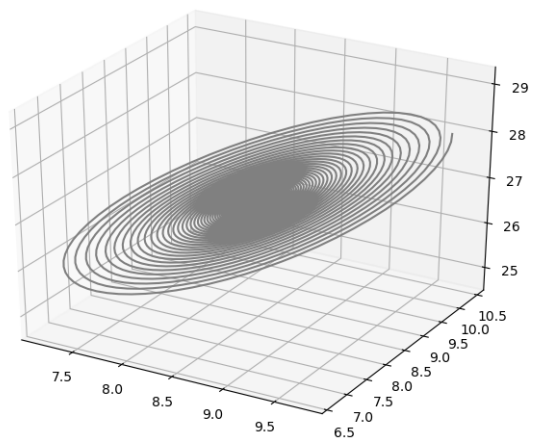
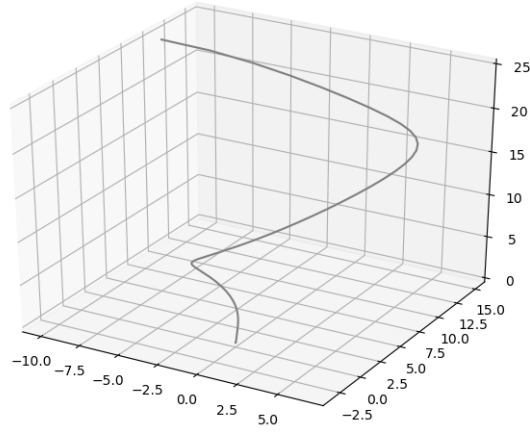
Figure 1:  $x_0 = [-10, 10, 25]$ Figure 2:  $x_0 = [6, -7, 3]$ 

Figure 3:  $x_0 = [0, 0, 1]$ Figure 4:  $x_0 = [8.5, 8.5, 27]$ 

From these figures we can know there are several types, dependent on the choice of initial value. 1) Converges to a unstable stationary point. 2) Around unstable stationary point 3) Lorenz attractor.

Next we examine the choice of parameters.

Figure 5:  $x_0 = [-10, 10, 25]$ ,  $\sigma = 28$ ,  $\rho = 0.5$ ,  $\beta = 8/3$ . When  $\rho < 1$ , we find the system will converge to  $[0, 0, 0]$



When  $\rho > 1$  we find that there are three stationary point  $[0, 0, 0], [\pm\sqrt{\beta(\rho-1)}, \sqrt{\beta(\rho-1)}, \rho-1]$ . Interesting behavior will be found if we choose different  $\rho$ .

Figure 6:  $x_0 = [-10, 10, 25]$ ,  $\sigma = 20$ ,  $\rho = 14$ ,  $\beta = 8/3$ . The system will converge to  $[0, 0, 0]$

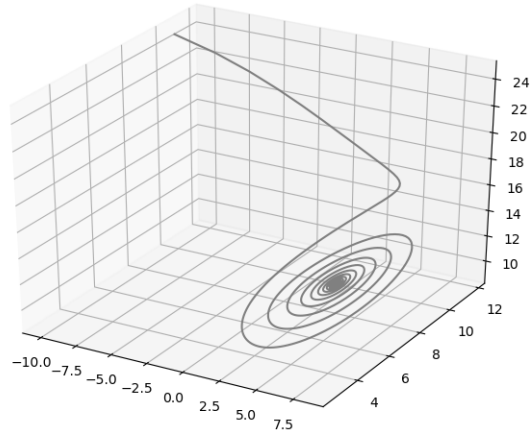
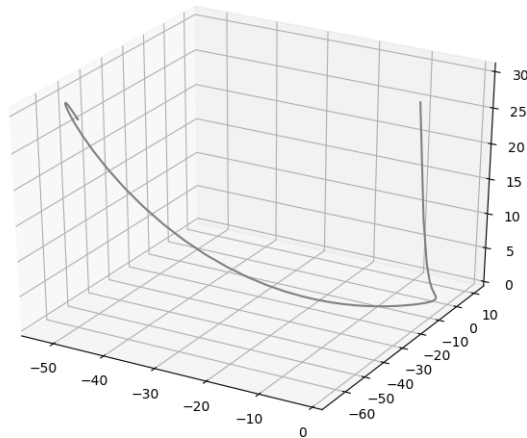


Figure 7:  $x_0 = [-10, 10, 25]$ ,  $\sigma = 10$ ,  $\rho = 28$ ,  $\beta = 100$ . The system will converge to  $[\pm\sqrt{\beta(\rho-1)}, \sqrt{\beta(\rho-1)}, \rho-1]$



Extensive experiments show that when  $\sigma < \beta + 1$ , the convergence result is always correct. When  $\sigma > \beta + 1$  the result can be either convergent or chaotic.