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**Assignment 4: Ordinary Differential Equation (Initial value problems)**  
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**A. Solving Initial value problem (Ordinary differential equation with initial condition):**

We want to solve following ODE (Ordinary differential equation)

$$y' = f(x, y) \text{ where } y(x_0) = y_0;$$

i.e. we want to get values of  $y(x)$  at different  $x$  points ( $0 < x < L$ ) such that it satisfy the above ODE.

**Different Numerical Methods:**

**1. Euler Method:**

$$y_{n+1} = y(x_{n+1}) = y_n + hf(x_n, y_n),$$

where  $h = x_{n+1} - x_n$ .

**2. Mid Point Method:**

$$y_{n+1} = y(x_{n+1}) = y_{n-1} + 2hf(x_n, y_n),$$

where  $h = x_{n+1} - x_n$ .

**Detailed Algorithm for Mid Point Method:**

**Input:**

- (a) Initial value  $(x_0, y_0)$ ,
- (b) End point  $L$ ,
- (c) No. of steps  $N$ ,
- (d) Function  $f(x, y)$ : Should be provided as different function,
- (e) Analytical Solution (if available),  $y = g(x)$ : Should be provided as another function for error calculation

**Algorithm:**

- (i)  $h = \frac{L-x_0}{N}$ ;
- (ii) Initialize a one dimensional array  $y_{\text{val}}[N]$  with  $y_{\text{val}}[0] = y_0$ ;
- (iii)  $\text{esum} = 0$ , (To calculate  $L_2$  norm of error);
- (iv)  $y_1 = y_0 + hf(x_0, y_0)$ ; (First step by Euler method)
- (v)  $\text{esum} = \text{esum} + (y_1 - g(x_0 + h))^2$ ;
- (vi)  $y_{n-1} = y_0; x_{n-1} = x_0$ ;
- (vii)  $y_n = y_1; x_n = x_0 + h$ ;

(viii) For  $i = 2 : N$

$$\begin{aligned}y_{n+1} &= y_{n-1} + hf(x_n, y_n); \\y_{\text{val}}[i] &= y_{n+1}; \\ \text{esum} &= \text{esum} + (y_{n+1} - g(x_n + h))^2; \\x_n &= x_n + h; \\y_{n-1} &= y_n, y_n = y_{n+1};\end{aligned}$$

End For( $i$ )

(ix)  $eL_2 = \frac{1}{N}\sqrt{\text{esum}}$ ;

### 3. Runge-Kutta method of second order (RK2):

$$\begin{aligned}y_{n+1} &= y_n + \frac{1}{2}(k_1 + k_2), \\k_1 &= hf(x_n, y_n), \\k_2 &= hf(x_{n+1}, y_n + k_1),\end{aligned}$$

where  $h = x_{n+1} - x_n$ .

### 4. Runge-Kutta method of fourth order (RK4):

$$\begin{aligned}y_{n+1} &= y_n + \frac{1}{6}(k_1 + 2k_2 + 2k_3 + k_4), \\k_1 &= hf(x_n, y_n), \\k_2 &= hf(x_n + \frac{h}{2}, y_n + \frac{k_1}{2}), \\k_3 &= hf(x_n + \frac{h}{2}, y_n + \frac{k_2}{2}), \\k_4 &= hf(x_{n+1}, y_n + k_3),\end{aligned}$$

where  $h = x_{n+1} - x_n$ .

#### Detailed Algorithm for RK4 Method:

##### Input:

- (a) Initial value  $(x_0, y_0)$ ,
- (b) End point  $L$ ,
- (c) No. of steps  $N$ ,
- (d) Function  $f(x, y)$ : Should be provided as different function,
- (e) Analytical Solution (if available),  $y = g(x)$ : Should be provided as another function for error calculation

##### Algorithm:

- (i)  $h = \frac{L-x_0}{N}$ ;
- (ii) Initialize a one dimensional array  $y_{\text{val}}[N]$  with  $y_{\text{val}}[0] = y_0$ ;
- (iii)  $\text{esum} = 0$ , (To calculate  $L_2$  norm of error);
- (iv)  $y_n = y_0; x_n = x_0$ ;

(v) For  $i = 1 : N$

$$\begin{aligned}
k_1 &= hf(x_n, y_n); \\
k_2 &= hf(x_n + \frac{h}{2}, y_n + \frac{k_1}{2}); \\
k_3 &= hf(x_n + \frac{h}{2}, y_n + \frac{k_2}{2}); \\
k_4 &= hf(x_{n+1}, y_n + k_3); \\
y_{n+1} &= y_n + \frac{1}{6} (k_1 + 2k_2 + 2k_3 + k_4); \\
y_{\text{val}}[i] &= y_{n+1}; \\
\text{esum} &= \text{esum} + (y_{n+1} - g(x_n + h))^2; \\
x_n &= x_n + h; \\
y_n &= y_{n+1}; \\
\text{End For}(i)
\end{aligned}$$

(vi)  $eL_2 = \frac{1}{N} \sqrt{\text{esum}}$ ;

**Problem 1:** Let us consider following initial value problem

$$y' = y + 2x - x^2, \text{ where } y(0) = 1.$$

We want to find distribution of  $y$  in  $0 < x < 5$  by above four numerical methods. Analytical solution of above ODE is given as

$$y(x) = x^2 + e^x.$$

- Write a function which calculate  $f(x, y)$  in  $y' = f(x, y)$ .
- Write another function which calculate analytical solution  $g(x) = x^2 + e^x$ .
- Write four different functions *Euler*, *Midpt*, *RK2*, *RK4* where for each function  
INPUTS:  $x_0, y_0, L, N$  and  
OUTPUTS:  $y_{\text{val}}[N], eL_2$ .  
In each of these functions, functions  $f(x, y)$  and  $g(x)$  will be called for required calculation.

- (1) Find  $y_{\text{val}}[N]$  for  $N = 5, 10, 20$  for all four methods. You should represent your output in tabular form. Table 1 represent one such table for  $N = 5$ . There will be similar

x	Analytical, $y(x)$	$y_n$ (Euler)	$y_n$ (MidPoint)	$y_n$ (RK2)	$y_n$ (RK4)
0.0					
1.0					
2.0					
3.0					
4.0					
5.0					

Table 1: Values of  $y_n$  for different methods for  $N = 5$ .

tables for  $N = 10$  and  $N = 20$ . [10+4+4=18]

- (2) Find  $eL_2$  for  $N = 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25$  for all four methods. Represent your results in tabular form as shown in Table 2 [12]

N	Euler	MidPoint	RK2	RK4
2				
5				
10				
15				
20				
25				

Table 2:  $L_2$  error norms for different methods.

### B. Solving system of initial value problems:

Consider following system of initial value problems

$$\begin{aligned} u'(x) &= f(x, u, v), & u(a) &= u_0, \\ v'(x) &= g(x, u, v), & v(a) &= v_0, \end{aligned}$$

where we want to find  $u(x)$  and  $v(x)$  in  $a < x < b$  such that both  $u$  and  $v$  satisfy above coupled ODEs.

### Runge-Kutta of Fourth order (RK4) for system of ODEs:

$$\begin{aligned} u_{n+1} &= u_n + \frac{1}{6} (k_1 + 2k_2 + 2k_3 + k_4), & v_{n+1} &= v_n + \frac{1}{6} (l_1 + 2l_2 + 2l_3 + l_4), \\ k_1 &= hf(x_n, u_n, v_n), & l_1 &= hg(x_n, u_n, v_n), \\ k_2 &= hf(x_n + \frac{h}{2}, u_n + \frac{k_1}{2}, v_n + \frac{l_1}{2}), & l_2 &= hg(x_n + \frac{h}{2}, u_n + \frac{k_1}{2}, v_n + \frac{l_1}{2}), \\ k_3 &= hf(x_n + \frac{h}{2}, u_n + \frac{k_2}{2}, v_n + \frac{l_2}{2}), & l_3 &= hg(x_n + \frac{h}{2}, u_n + \frac{k_2}{2}, v_n + \frac{l_2}{2}), \\ k_4 &= hf(x_{n+1}, u_n + k_3, v_n + l_3), & l_4 &= hg(x_{n+1}, u_n + k_3, v_n + l_3), \end{aligned}$$

### Detailed Algorithm for RK4 Method for system of ODEs:

#### Input:

1. Initial value  $(x_0, u_0, v_0)$ ,
2. End point  $L$ ,
3. No. of steps  $N$ ,
4. Function  $f(x, u, v)$  and  $g(x, u, v)$ : Should be provided as different function,
5. Analytical Solution (if available),  $u = l(x), v = m(x)$ : Provided for error calculation.

#### Algorithm:

- (i)  $h = \frac{L-x_0}{N}$ ;
- (ii) Initialize two one dimensional arrays  $u_{\text{val}}[N]$  with  $u_{\text{val}}[0] = u_0$  and  $v_{\text{val}}[N]$  with  $v_{\text{val}}[0] = v_0$ ;

(iii)  $\text{esumu} = 0, \text{esumv} = 0$  (To calculate  $L_2$  norm of errors for both  $u$  and  $v$ );

(iv)  $u_n = u_0; v_n = v_0; x_n = x_0$ ;

(v) For  $i = 1 : N$

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    k1 = hf(xn, un, vn);
    l1 = hg(xn, un, vn);
    k2 = hf(xn + h/2, un + k1/2, vn + l1/2);
    l2 = hg(xn + h/2, un + k1/2, vn + l1/2);
    k3 = hf(xn + h/2, un + k2/2, vn + l2/2);
    l3 = hg(xn + h/2, un + k2/2, vn + l2/2);
    k4 = hf(xn+1, un + k3, vn + l3);
    l4 = hg(xn+1, un + k3, vn + l3);
    un+1 = un + h/6 * (k1 + 2k2 + 2k3 + k4);
    vn+1 = vn + h/6 * (l1 + 2l2 + 2l3 + l4);
    uval[i] = un+1;
    vval[i] = vn+1;
    esumu = esumu + (un+1 - l(xn + h))^2;
    sumv = sumv + (vn+1 - m(xn + h))^2;
    xn = xn + h;
    un = un+1;
    vn = vn+1;

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End For( $i$ )

(vi)  $e_u L_2 = \frac{1}{N} \sqrt{\text{esumu}}$ ;

(vii)  $e_v L_2 = \frac{1}{N} \sqrt{\text{sumv}}$ ;

**Problem 2:** Let us consider following system of initial value problem

$$\begin{aligned} y' &= 2xz^2/y, & \text{where } y(1) &= 1, \\ z' &= y/z^2, & \text{where } z(1) &= 1. \end{aligned}$$

We want to find distribution of  $y$  and  $z$  in  $1 < x < 5$  by RK4 method. Analytical solution of above set of ODEs is given as

$$y(x) = x^2, \quad z(x) = x.$$

- Write two functions which calculate  $f(x, y, z)$  in  $y' = f(x, y, z)$  and  $g(x, y, z)$  in  $z' = g(x, y, z)$ .
- Write two functions  $l(x)$  and  $m(x)$  which calculate two analytical solutions.
- Write the function *RK4system* where  
 INPUTS:  $x_0, y_0, z_0, L, N$  and  
 OUTPUTS:  $y_{\text{val}}[N], z_{\text{val}}[N], e_y L_2, e_z L_2$ .  
 In *RK4system*, functions  $f(x, y, z), g(x, y, z), l(x), m(x)$  will be called for required calculation.

- (1) Find  $y_{\text{val}}[N]$  and  $z_{\text{val}}[N]$  for  $N = 5, 10, 20$  with RK4 method. You should represent your output in tabular form. Table 3 represent one such table for  $N = 5$ . There will be similar tables for  $N = 10$  and  $N = 20$ . [10+4+4=18]

x	Analytical, $y(x)$	$y_n$ (RK4)	Analytical, $z(x)$	$z_n$ (RK4)
1.0				
1.8				
2.6				
3.4				
4.2				
5.0				

Table 3: Values of  $y_n$  and  $z_n$  for RK4 method for  $N = 5$ .

- (2) Find  $e_y L_2$  and  $e_z L_2$  for  $N = 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25$ . Represent your results in tabular form as shown in Table 4 [12]

N	$e_y L_2$	$e_z L_2$
2		
5		
10		
15		
20		
25		

Table 4: Error norms ( $e_y L_2$  and  $e_z L_2$ ).

### C. Expressing higher order ODE as system of first order ODEs:

Let us consider following higher order ODE

$$y''' - xy'' + y' - 8y^4 = y \tan x, \text{ where } y(1) = 5, y'(1) = 0, y''(1) = 10$$

We can express above equation as system of 3 first order ODEs as below

$$\begin{aligned} y' &= u, & y(1) &= 5 \\ u' &= v, & u(1) &= 0 \\ v' &= y \tan x + 8y^4 - u + xv & v(1) &= 10 \end{aligned}$$

**Problem 3:** Let us consider following higher order ODE

$$y'' + y = 6 \cos x + 2 \text{ subjected to } y(0) = 4, y'(0) = -\pi.$$

We want to find distribution of  $y$  and  $y'$  in  $0 < x < \pi$  by RK4 method. Analytical solution of above ODE is given as

$$y = 2 \cos x - \pi \sin x + 3x \sin x + 2$$

- (1) Find  $y_{\text{val}}[N]$  and  $y'_{\text{val}}[N]$  for  $N = 5, 10, 20$  with RK4 method. You should represent your output in tabular form. Table 5 represent one such table for  $N = 5$ . There will be similar tables for  $N = 10$  and  $N = 20$ . [10+4+4=18]
- (2) Find  $e_y L_2$  and  $e_{y'} L_2$  for  $N = 2, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25$ . Represent your results in tabular form as shown in Table 6 [12]

x	Analytical, $y(x)$	$y_n$ (RK4)	Analytical, $y'(x)$	$y'_n$ (RK4)
0.0				
0.6283				
1.2566				
1.8850				
2.5133				
3.1416				

Table 5: Values of  $y_n$  and  $y'_n$  for RK4 method for  $N = 5$ .

N	$e_y L_2$	$e_{y'} L_2$
2		
5		
10		
15		
20		
25		

Table 6: Error norms ( $e_y L_2$  and  $e_{y'} L_2$ ).