

Test Plan for the Library of ODE Solvers (LODES)

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1 Revision History

Date	Version	Notes
October 2017	17, 1.0	Initial draft.

2 Symbols, Abbreviations and Acronyms

The following table lists the symbols, abbreviations and acronyms used in the Test Plan. The software library's Commonality Analysis (CA) tables provide supplementary items in addition to the ones listed below.

symbol	description
CA	Commonality Analysis
IDE	Integrated Development Environment
IVP	Initial Value Problem
ODE	Ordinary Differential Equation
LODES	Library of ODE Solvers
SRS	Software Requirements Specification
T	Test
O	Output

Table 1: Symbols, Abbreviations, and Acronyms used in the Test Plan

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3 General Information

The following section provides an overview of the Test Plan for the Library of Ordinary Differential Equation (ODE) Solvers.

This section explains the purpose of this document, the scope of the system, and an overview of the following sections.

3.1 Purpose

The main purpose of this document (the Test Plan) is to describe the verification and validation process that will be used to test the functionality of LODES. This document closely follows the requirements and governs the subsequent testing activities. This document is intended to be used as a reference for all testing and will be used to increase confidence in the software implementation.

This document will be used as a guide and starting point for the Test Report. The test cases listed in this document will be executed and the output will be analyzed to uncover errors, increase confidence and correctness in the software.

3.2 Scope

The scope of the testing is limited to the Library of ODE Solvers. Given the appropriate inputs, each program in LODES is intended to find the solution to an Initial Value Problem (IVP).

Due to time and cost constraints, the scope of testing is limited to automated unit and manual system verification and validation activities.

Static testing will be briefly described and will be left to the developer and verifier to perform with due diligence.

3.3 Overview of Document

The following sections provide more detail about the testing of LODES. Information about the testing process is provided and the software specifications that were discussed in the Commonality Analysis are stated. The evaluation process that will be followed during testing is outlined and test cases for both the system testing and unit testing are provided.

4 Plan

This section provides a description of the software that is being tested, the team that will perform the testing, the approach to automated testing, the tools to be used for verification, and the non-testing based verification.

4.1 Software Description

The software being tested is the Library of ODE Solvers. Given the ODE, initial values of x and y , and the final value of x , the programs calculate the final value of y through the use of numerical methods.

4.2 Test Team

The test team that will execute the test cases, write and review the Test Report consists of:

- Paul Aoanan
- To be determined (A separate test report will be reviewed by an independent individual)

4.3 Automated Testing Approach

Automated unit testing will be implemented for LODES as described in Section 4.4. Since MATLAB only offers commercially available testing libraries, the scope of automated testing in this Test Plan is limited to unit testing.

4.4 Verification Tools

The verification tools to be used will be the following:

1. Unit Testing Framework

A Unit Testing Framework designed in MATLAB that will compare MATLAB's own functional programs with LODES' running the same inputs will be implemented.

The following algorithm will be implemented to compare the results:

$$\Delta_{\text{relative}} = \frac{\text{Result}_{\text{MATLAB}} - \text{Result}_{\text{LODES}}}{\text{Result}_{\text{MATLAB}}}$$

2. Static Analyser

The program's IDE (MATLAB) will be used as a Static Analyzer tool for program debugging and for checking syntax errors.

3. Continuous Integration

The source code and the project repository is located in GitHub at: <https://github.com/aoananp/cas741/>. It provides the Build Server functionality to fully maintain and document the software through its lifecycle. As well, it provides the compare functionality for future regression testing and analysis of code updates.

4. Code Coverage Tool

Due to the commercial nature of MATLAB, only commercial code coverage tools are viable for use due to the maturity, increased confidence, and detailed documentation that they offer. Other coverage tools may be considered, but no code coverage tool will be considered in the scope of this test plan due to budget constraints.

4.5 Non-Testing Based Verification

LODES will undergo the following non-testing based verification activities:

Code Inspection

LODES will undergo an initial desk review by the developer. Whilst it is preferred to have an independent body conducting this verification activity, the developer himself will peruse his own code for syntax errors and correct program calls. This code inspection activity provides the initial sanity check for the developer and the software.

Code Walkthrough

LODES will undergo code walkthrough by the developer. Again, whilst it is preferred to have an independent body conducting this verification activity, the developer himself will peruse his code and reference the Commonality Analysis for algorithm adherence. This activity will also involve logic analysis, loop and recursion boundary tracing (using by-hand test cases), passing of variables and references, and if the code is programmatically correct.

Symbolic Execution

Generally, symbolic execution will be performed using the boundary input conditions. Test conditions will be analyzed and executed by-hand. Generally, inputs in, on, and around the boundary conditions are chosen.

5 System Test Description

System testing will be executed to provide increased confidence that LODES will achieve the goals defined in the Commonality Analysis. It uses a "black box" approach wherein it tests the system as a whole through the use of input and output analysis.

5.1 Tests for Faulty Input

5.1.1 Input

The input will be based on the Assumptions table in the Commonality Analysis. Each test will correspond to an entry from the assumptions item whilst altering a specific input variable to a non-permissible value. The list of inputs is in order with the entries in the table.

Table 2: Faulty Input Test Cases

Number	Input	Expected Outcome
01	ODE Function Call $\notin \{\text{euler741, trap741, heun741, rk4741}\} \cup \text{MATLAB functions}$	error: undefined function call
02	$f(x, y) = y'' + y' + x + 2$	error: invalid input
03	$f(x, y) = y' + 1$	error: invalid input
04	$f(x, y) = (dx/dy) + 1$	error: invalid input
05	$f(x, y) = (y + 1)/x$	error: invalid input
06	$f(x, y) = y^2 + x$	error: invalid input
07	Boundary Value Problem	error: invalid input
08	$h = -1$	error: invalid input
09	$h = 0$	error: invalid input
10	$x_0 = i$	error: invalid input
11	$x_0 = [0, 1]$	error: invalid input
12	$y_0 = i$	error: invalid input
13	$y_0 = [0, 1]$	error: invalid input
14	$x_k = i$	error: invalid input
15	$x_k = [0, 1]$	error: invalid input

5.2 Tests for Functional Requirements

5.2.1 Calculation Tests

Euler's Method

1. T-1: Simple Case

Type: Functional, Manual, System

Initial State: Not applicable

Input: $f(x, y) = y, h = 0.5, x_0 = 0, y_0 = 1, x_k = 0.5$

Output: $y_k = 1.5$

How test will be performed: Manual system test

2. T-2: Simple-Iterative Case

Type: Functional, Manual, System

Initial State: Not applicable

Input: $f(x, y) = y, h = 0.5, x_0 = 0, y_0 = 1, x_k = 2$

Output: $y_k = 5.0625$

How test will be performed: Manual system test

5.2.2 Area of Testing2

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5.3 Tests for Nonfunctional Requirements

5.3.1 Area of Testing1

Title for Test

1. test-id1

Type:

Initial State:

Input/Condition:

Output/Result:

How test will be performed:

2. test-id2

Type: Functional, Dynamic, Manual, Static etc.

Initial State:

Input:

Output:

How test will be performed:

5.3.2 Area of Testing2

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5.4 Traceability Between Test Cases and Requirements

6 Unit Testing Plan

[Unit testing plans for internal functions and, if appropriate, output files —SS]

7 Appendix

This is where you can place additional information.

7.1 Symbolic Parameters

The definition of the test cases will call for `SYMBOLIC_CONSTANTS`. Their values are defined in this section for easy maintenance.

7.2 Usability Survey Questions?

This is a section that would be appropriate for some teams.