COMPUTATIONAL PHYSICS LAB

(PH49012)

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Practice Problems (Submission is NOT required)

Q1. Consider the differential equation

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}x}{\mathrm{d}t} = -x^3 + \sin t$$

with the initial condition x = 0 at t = 0. Do the time integration and plot your result up to t = 10, using Euler's method, 2nd and 4th order Runge-Kutta method. Note that smooth solution can be achieved in case of Runge-Kutta method with less number of points.

Q2. Consider the following set of equations:

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}x}{\mathrm{d}t} = xy - x, \quad \frac{\mathrm{d}y}{\mathrm{d}t} = y - xy + \sin^2 \omega t$$

Solve the given system using 4th order Runge-Kutta method and plot your results from t=0 to t=10, for the case $\omega=1$ with initial condition x=y=1 at t=0

All these problems are discussed in Computational Physics by Mark Newman