

# lab4\_gwatts

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**Problem embedded** Though the error estimate is for the embedded fourth-order Runge-Kutta method, the fifth-order method can be used in practice for calculating the solution, the assumption being the fifth-order method should be at least as accurate as the fourth-order method. In the demo below, compare solutions of the test problem eq:test2

eq:test2

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = -y + t + 1, \quad y(0) = 1$$

generated by the fifth-order method with solutions generated by the standard fourth-order Runge-Kutta method. Which method is more accurate? Again, determine how the error decreases as you halve the stepsizes.

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[1]: import context
from collections import namedtuple
from numlabs.lab4.lab4_functions import rk4ODEinter41, rkckODEinter41
import numpy as np
from matplotlib import pyplot as plt

# initial values
initialVals={
    'yinitial': 1,
    't_beg': 0.,
    't_end': 1.,
    'dt': 0.2,
    'c1': -1.,
    'c2': 1.,
    'c3': 1.
}
initialvals = namedtuple('initialvals', 'yinitial t_beg t_end dt c1 c2 c3')
coeff = initialvals(**initialVals)

timeVec=np.arange(coeff.t_beg,coeff.t_end,coeff.dt)
nsteps=len(timeVec)

yrk=[]
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yrkck=[]
y1=coeff.yinitial
y2=coeff.yinitial
yrk.append(coeff.yinitial)
yrkck.append(coeff.yinitial)

# use RK4 and RK5 on first dt
for i in np.arange(1,nsteps):
    ynew=rk4ODEinter41(coeff,y1,timeVec[i-1])
    yrk.append(ynew)
    y1=ynew
    ynew=rkckODEinter41(coeff,y2,timeVec[i-1])
    yrkck.append(ynew)
    y2=ynew

analytic=timeVec + np.exp(-timeVec)

# plot RK4, RK5, and the analytical solution
fig1,((ax1,ax2),(ax3,ax4))=plt.subplots(2,2,figsize=(12,12))
l1=ax1.plot(timeVec,analytic,'b-',label='analytic')
l2=ax1.plot(timeVec,yrkck,'g+-',label='RK 5th Order')
l3=ax1.plot(timeVec,yrk,'m-',label='RK 4th Order')
ax1.legend(loc='best')
ax1.set_title('dt = '+str(coeff.dt));

# plot analytic - RK4 and analytic - RK5 to see which one has a smaller error
l2=ax2.plot(timeVec,analytic - yrkck,'g+-',label='Analytic - 5th Order RK')
l3=ax2.plot(timeVec,analytic - yrk,'m-',label='Analytic - 4th Order RK')
ax2.legend(loc='best')
ax2.set_title('dt = ' + str(coeff.dt));

#
#
# Repeat the steps above but with half the step size
initialVals={
    'yinitial': 1,
    't_beg': 0.,
    't_end': 1.,
    'dt': 0.1,
    'c1': -1.,
    'c2': 1.,
    'c3': 1.
}
initialvals = namedtuple('initialvals', 'yinitial t_beg t_end dt c1 c2 c3')
coeff = initialvals(**initialVals)

timeVec=np.arange(coeff.t_beg,coeff.t_end,coeff.dt)

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nsteps=len(timeVec)

yrk=[]
yrkck=[]
y1=coeff.yinitial
y2=coeff.yinitial
yrk.append(coeff.yinitial)
yrkck.append(coeff.yinitial)

# step size is now half the previous
for i in np.arange(1,nsteps):
    ynew=rk4ODEinter41(coeff,y1,timeVec[i-1])
    yrk.append(ynew)
    y1=ynew
    ynew=rkckODEinter41(coeff,y2,timeVec[i-1])
    yrkck.append(ynew)
    y2=ynew

analytic=timeVec + np.exp(-timeVec)

l1=ax3.plot(timeVec,analytic,'b-',label='analytic')
ax3.set_xlabel('time (seconds)')
l2=ax3.plot(timeVec,yrkck,'g+-',label='RK 5th Order')
l3=ax3.plot(timeVec,yrk,'m-',label='RK 4th Order')
ax3.legend(loc='best')
ax3.set_title('dt = '+str(coeff.dt));

l2=ax4.plot(timeVec,analytic - yrkck,'g+-',label='Analytic - 5th Order RK')
l3=ax4.plot(timeVec,analytic - yrk,'m-',label='Analytic - 4th Order RK')
ax4.legend(loc='best')
ax4.set_title('dt = ' + str(coeff.dt))
ax4.set_xlabel('time (seconds)')

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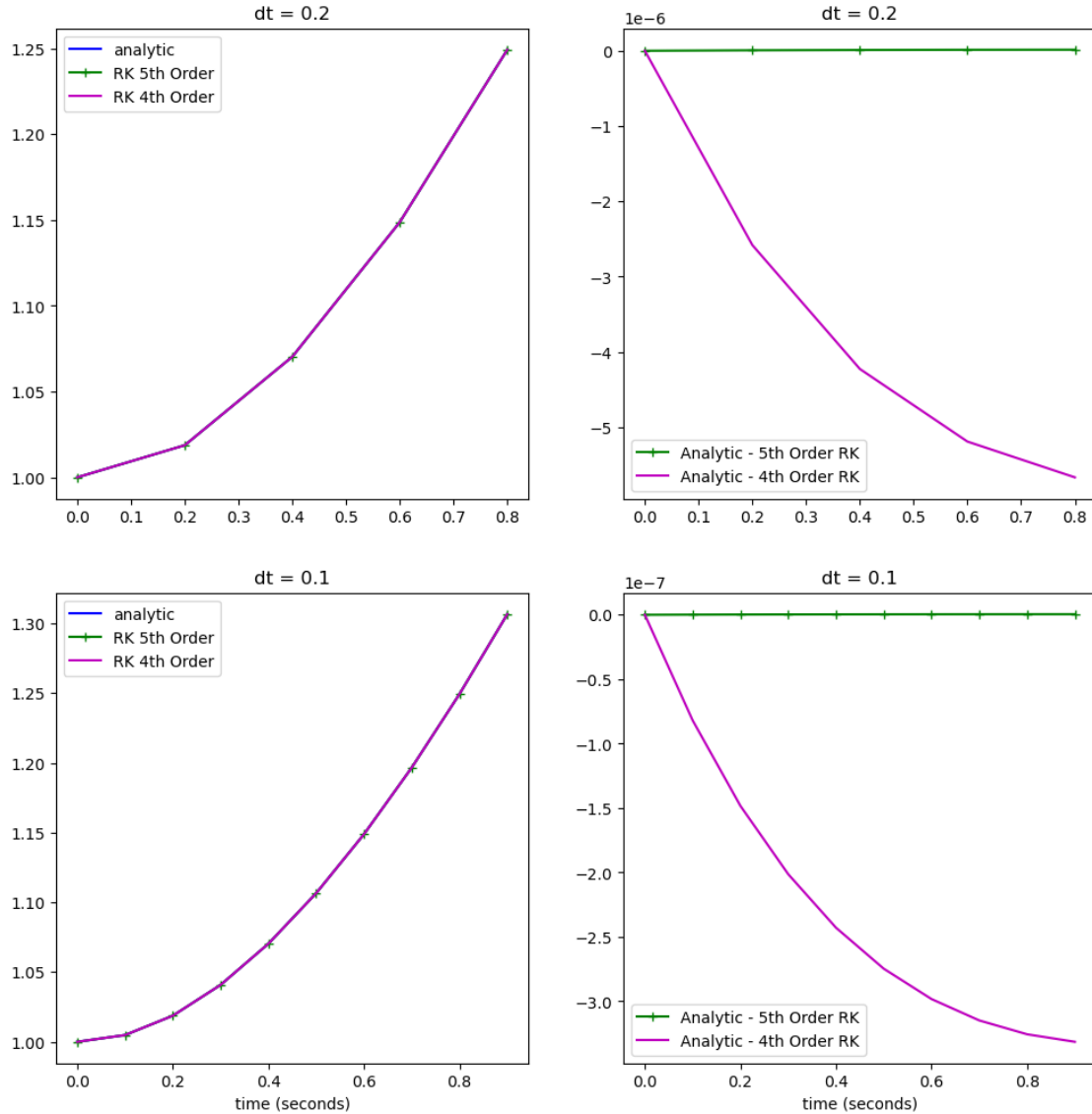
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/home/gwatts/repos/numeric_2024
back of path: /home/gwatts/miniforge3/envs/numeric_2024/lib/python3.12/site-
packages
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through /home/gwatts/repos/numeric\_2024/notebooks/lab4/context.py

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[1]: Text(0.5, 0, 'time (seconds)')
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The plots in column 1 in the figure above show the analytical solution and the RK4 and RK5 solutions. From these we can see that both RK methods are very accurate. If we increase  $t_{\text{end}}$  and  $dt$  (e.g.  $dt = 5$ ,  $t_{\text{end}} = 40$ ), we can see that the RK methods do eventually deviate from the true solution but halving the step size decreases the error.

The plots in column 2 show the difference between the analytical solution and each of the RK methods. In both plots we can see that the RK5 method is more accurate but by very little, note the y-axis scales! And again, halving the time step reduced the error in RK4 from a  $e-6$  scale to  $e-7$ .

## Problem Coding B

1. Now solve the following test equation by both the midpoint and Heun's method and compare.

$$f(y, t) = t - y + 1.0$$

Choose two sets of initial conditions and determine if there is any difference between the two methods when applied to either problem. Should there be? Explain by analyzing the steps that each method is taking.

2. Add your answer as new cells to the problem A notebook

```
[2]: import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import context
import json
from collections import namedtuple
from numlabs.lab4.lab4_functions import derivsinter41

def derivsinter41(coeff, y, theTime):
    f = coeff.c1*y + coeff.c2*theTime + coeff.c3
    return f

def midpointinter41(coeff, y, theTime):
    midy = y + 0.5 * coeff.dt * derivsinter41(coeff, y, theTime)
    y = y + coeff.dt * derivsinter41(coeff, midy, theTime + 0.5 * coeff.dt)
    return y

def heun4(coeff, y, theTime):
    k1 = coeff.dt * derivsinter41(coeff, y, theTime)
    k2 = coeff.dt * derivsinter41(coeff, y + (2.0/3.0)*k1, theTime + coeff.dt*(2.0/3.0))
    y_heun = y + (1.0/4.0)*k1 + (3.0/4.0)*k2
    return y_heun

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#
initialVals = {
    'yinitial': 1.,
    't_beg': 0.,
    't_end': 10.,
    'dt': 0.1,
    'c1': -1.,
    'c2': 1.,
    'c3': 1.
}
```

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initvals = namedtuple('initvals','dt c1 c2 c3 t_beg t_end yinitial')
coeff = initvals(**initialVals)

ym=coeff.yinitial
yh=coeff.yinitial
#ya=coeff.yinitial

time=np.arange(coeff.t_beg,coeff.t_end,coeff.dt)
nsteps=len(time)

saveMids=np.empty([nsteps],np.float64)
saveHeuns=np.empty([nsteps],np.float64)
#saveAnalyt=np.empty([nsteps],np.float64)

for i in range(nsteps):
    ym = midpointinter41(coeff, ym, time[i])
    saveMids[i] = ym
    yh = heun4(coeff,yh, time[i])
    saveHeuns[i] = yh
    #ya=time[i] + np.exp(-time[i])
    #saveAnalyt[i]=ya

fig2,(ax1,ax2,ax3)=plt.subplots(1,3,figsize=(18,6))
ax1.plot(time,saveMids, 'o-', label='Midpoint')
ax1.plot(time,saveHeuns, '+-', label='Heun')
#ax1.plot(time,saveAnalyt, '-', label='Analytical')
ax1.set_title('y(0) = ' + str(coeff.yinitial))
ax1.set_xlabel('time (seconds)')
ax1.set_ylabel('y0');
ax1.legend()

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#
#
#repeat with new initial condition
initialVals = {
    'yinitial': 0.,
    't_beg': 0.,
    't_end': 10.,
    'dt': 0.1,
    'c1': -1.,
    'c2': 1.,
    'c3': 1.
}

```

```

initvals = namedtuple('initvals','dt c1 c2 c3 t_beg t_end yinitial')
coeff = initvals(**initialVals)

ym=coeff.yinitial
yh=coeff.yinitial
#ya=coeff.yinitial

time=np.arange(coeff.t_beg,coeff.t_end,coeff.dt)
nsteps=len(time)

saveMids=np.empty([nsteps],np.float64)
saveHeuns=np.empty([nsteps],np.float64)
#saveAnalyt=np.empty([nsteps],np.float64)

for i in range(nsteps):
    ym = midpointinter41(coeff, ym, time[i])
    saveMids[i] = ym
    yh = heun4(coeff,yh, time[i])
    saveHeuns[i] = yh
    #ya=time[i] + np.exp(-time[i])
    #saveAnalyt[i]=ya

ax2.plot(time,saveMids, 'o-', label='Midpoint')
ax2.plot(time,saveHeuns, '+-', label='Heun')
#ax2.plot(time,saveAnalyt, '-', label='Analytical')
ax2.set_title('y(0) = ' + str(coeff.yinitial))
ax2.set_xlabel('time (seconds)')
ax2.set_ylabel('y0');
ax2.legend()

#
#
#
#
#repeat with new initial condition
initialVals = {
    'yinitial': 1.,
    't_beg': 0.,
    't_end': 50.,
    'dt': 5.,
    'c1': -1.,
    'c2': 1.,
    'c3': 1.
}

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```

initvals = namedtuple('initvals','dt c1 c2 c3 t_beg t_end yinitial')
coeff = initvals(**initialVals)

ym=coeff.yinitial
yh=coeff.yinitial
#ya=coeff.yinitial

time=np.arange(coeff.t_beg,coeff.t_end,coeff.dt)
nsteps=len(time)

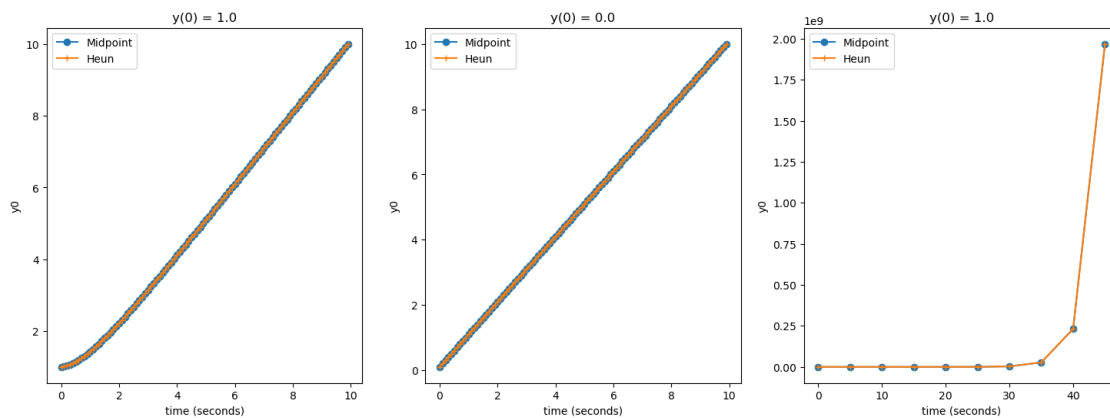
saveMids=np.empty([nsteps],np.float64)
saveHeuns=np.empty([nsteps],np.float64)
#saveAnalyt=np.empty([nsteps],np.float64)

for i in range(nsteps):
    ym = midpointinter41(coeff, ym, time[i])
    saveMids[i] = ym
    yh = heun4(coeff,yh, time[i])
    saveHeuns[i] = yh
    #ya=time[i] + np.exp(-time[i])
    #saveAnalyt[i]=ya

ax3.plot(time,saveMids, 'o-', label='Midpoint')
ax3.plot(time,saveHeuns, '+-', label='Heun')
#ax3.plot(time,saveAnalyt, '-', label='Analytical')
ax3.set_title('y(0) = ' + str(coeff.yinitial))
ax3.set_xlabel('time (seconds)')
ax3.set_ylabel('y0');
ax3.legend()

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[2]: <matplotlib.legend.Legend at 0x7f4344da4440>





Both methods give the same accuracy for the various  $y(0)$  shown in the figure above. In the third figure with  $y(0)=3$ , I've also increased  $tend$  and  $dt$  to see how that would effect the two methods. Changing the step size has changed the shape of the curve but by the same amount for both methods.

The Heun method averages the slope at an intermediate step and  $t1$  to calculate the slope at the whole step. This is similar to the midpoint in that it also takes an intermediate step (a half step) first to calculate the slope at a whole step so I would expect the midpoint and Heun method to have similar errors.

## Problem Coding C

1. Solve the Newtonian cooling equation of lab 1 by any of the above methods.
2. Add cells that do this and also generate some plots, showing your work along with the parameter values and initial conditions.

### Example One

Consider a small rock, surrounded by air or water, which gains or loses heat only by conduction with its surroundings (there are no radiation effects). If the rock is small enough, then we can ignore the effects of diffusion of heat within the rock, and consider only the flow of heat through its surface, where the rock interacts with the surrounding medium.

It is well known from experimental observations that the rate at which the temperature of the rock changes is proportional to the difference between the rock's surface temperature,  $T(t)$ , and the *ambient temperature*,  $T_a$  (the ambient temperature is simply the temperature of the surrounding material, be it air, water, ...). This relationship is expressed by the following ordinary differential equation

(Conduction 1d)

$$\underbrace{\frac{dT}{dt}}_{\substack{\text{rate of change} \\ \text{of temperature}}} = -\lambda \underbrace{(T - T_a)}_{\substack{\text{temperature} \\ \text{difference}}} .$$

and is commonly known as *Newton's Law of Cooling*. (The parameter  $\lambda$  is defined to be  $\lambda = \mu A / cM$ , where  $A$  is the surface area of the rock,  $M$  is its mass,  $\mu$  its thermal conductivity, and  $c$  its specific heat.)

If we assume that  $\lambda$  is a constant, then the solution to this equation is given by

(Conduction solution)

$$T(t) = T_a + (T(0) - T_a)e^{-\lambda t},$$

where  $T(0)$  is the initial temperature.

In order to obtain realistic value of the parameter  $\lambda$ , let our "small" rock be composed of granite, with mass of 1 *gram*, which corresponds to a  $\lambda \approx 10^{-5} \text{ sec}^{-1}$ .

```
[3]: import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import context
import json
import math
from collections import namedtuple

def heat(theTemp,Ta,theLambda):
    out=-theLambda*(theTemp-Ta)
    return out

def midpoint(npts,tend,To,Ta,theLambda):
    theTemp=np.empty([npts,],np.float64)
    theTemp[0]=To
    dt=tend/npts
    theTime=np.empty_like(theTemp)

    theTime[0]=0
    theTime[1]=dt

    # midpoint calculates from the half step
    tempHalf = To + 0.5*((To + heat(To,Ta,theLambda)*dt)-To)
    theTemp[1] = To + heat(tempHalf,Ta,theLambda)*dt
    for timeStep in np.arange(2,npts):
        theTime[timeStep]=theTime[timeStep-1] + dt
        theTemp[timeStep]=theTemp[timeStep-2] + \
            heat(theTemp[timeStep-1],Ta, theLambda)*2.0*dt
    return (theTime,theTemp)
```

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[4]: initialVals = {
    'yinitial': 1.,
    'tbeg': 0.,
    'tend': 4.,
    'Ta': 10., # start at 30 degC, air temp of 20 deg C
    'To': 20.,
    'theLambda': 0.8 #units have to be per minute if time in seconds
}

initialvals = namedtuple('initialvals', 'Ta To theLambda tbeg tend yinitial')
coeffs = initialvals(**initialVals)
npts=40
dt = coeffs.tend/npts

exactTime=np.linspace(0,coeffs.tend,npts)
exactTemp=coeffs.Ta + (coeffs.To-coeffs.Ta)*np.exp(-coeffs.theLambda*exactTime)
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time=np.arange(coeffs.tbeg,coeffs.tend,npts)

mid={}
mid=midpoint(npts, coeffs.tend, coeffs.To, coeffs.Ta, coeffs.theLambda)

fig3,(ax1,ax2,ax3)=plt.subplots(1,3,figsize=(18,6))
ax1.plot(mid[0],mid[1],'o-', label='midpoint')
ax1.plot(exactTime,exactTemp, 'o-', label='analytic')
ax1.set_xlabel('time (seconds)')
ax1.set_ylabel('temperature (C)');
ax1.set_title('dt = ' + str(dt) + ' lambda = ' + str(coeffs.theLambda))
ax1.legend()

#
#
#
#
initialVals = {
    'yinitial': 1.,
    'tbeg': 0.,
    'tend': 4.,
    'Ta': 10., # start at 30 degC, air temp of 20 deg C
    'To': 20.,
    'theLambda': 0.3 #units have to be per minute if time in seconds
}

initialvals = namedtuple('initialvals', 'Ta To theLambda tbeg tend yinitial')
coeffs = initialvals(**initialVals)

exactTime=np.linspace(0,coeffs.tend,npts)
exactTemp=coeffs.Ta + (coeffs.To-coeffs.Ta)*np.exp(-coeffs.theLambda*exactTime)

mid={}
mid=midpoint(npts, coeffs.tend, coeffs.To, coeffs.Ta, coeffs.theLambda)

ax2.plot(mid[0],mid[1],'o-', label='midpoint')
ax2.plot(exactTime,exactTemp, 'o-', label='analytic')
ax2.set_xlabel('time (seconds)')
ax2.set_ylabel('temperature (C)');
ax2.set_title('dt = ' + str(dt) + ' lambda = ' + str(coeffs.theLambda))
ax2.legend()

#
#
#

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#
initialVals = {
    'yinitial': 1.,
    'tbeg': 0.,
    'tend': 4.,
    'Ta': 10., # start at 30 degC, air temp of 20 deg C
    'To': 20.,
    'theLambda': 1.2 #units have to be per minute if time in seconds
}

initialvals = namedtuple('initialvals', 'Ta To theLambda tbeg tend yinitial')
coeffs = initialvals(**initialVals)

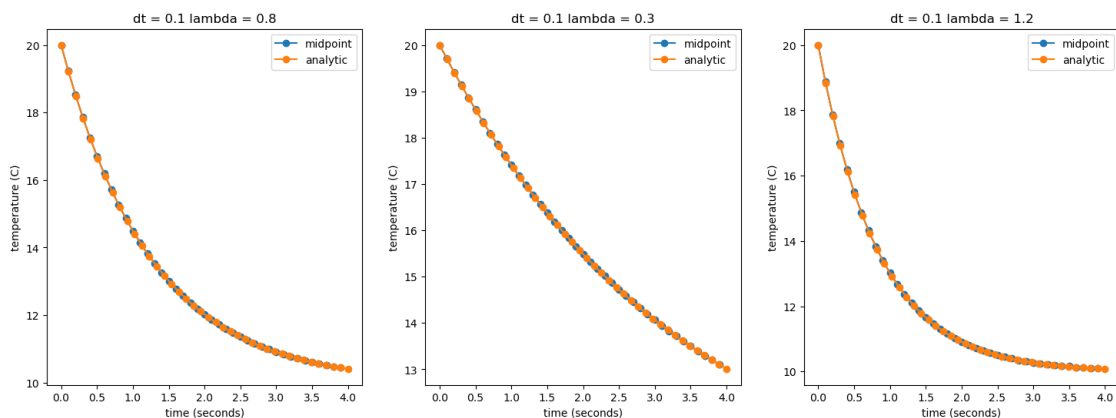
exactTime=np.linspace(0,coeffs.tend,npts)
exactTemp=coeffs.Ta + (coeffs.To-coeffs.Ta)*np.exp(-coeffs.theLambda*exactTime)

mid={}
mid=midpoint(npts, coeffs.tend, coeffs.To, coeffs.Ta, coeffs.theLambda)

ax3.plot(mid[0],mid[1],'o-', label='midpoint')
ax3.plot(exactTime,exactTemp, 'o-', label='analytic')
ax3.set_xlabel('time (seconds)')
ax3.set_ylabel('temperature (C)');
ax3.set_title('dt = ' + str(dt) + ' lambda = ' + str(coeffs.theLambda))
ax3.legend()

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[4]: <matplotlib.legend.Legend at 0x7f4344d081d0>



The figure above shows the solution to the heat equation with various lambdas. The smaller the lambda, the more shallow the curve...or the curve looks more linear compared to the decaying exponential of the original lambda (0.8) and the larger lambda (1.2). Lambda is the thermal conductivity, so a smaller lambda means that heat doesn't permeate through the rock as quickly so it is a slower cooling process, or vice versa for larger lambda, which is what is shown in these

plots.

```
[5]: initialVals = {
    'yinitial': 1.,
    'tbeg': 0.,
    'tend': 4.,
    'Ta': 10., # start at 30 degC, air temp of 20 deg C
    'To': 20.,
    'theLambda': 0.8 #units have to be per minute if time in seconds
}

initialvals = namedtuple('initialvals', 'Ta To theLambda tbeg tend yinitial')
coeffs = initialvals(**initialVals)
npts=10
dt = coeffs.tend/npts

exactTime=np.linspace(0,coeffs.tend,npts)
exactTemp=coeffs.Ta + (coeffs.To-coeffs.Ta)*np.exp(-coeffs.theLambda*exactTime)

time=np.arange(coeffs.tbeg,coeffs.tend,npts)

mid={}
mid=midpoint(npts, coeffs.tend, coeffs.To, coeffs.Ta, coeffs.theLambda)

fig4,(ax1,ax2)=plt.subplots(1,2,figsize=(12,6))
#ax1.plot(mid[0],mid[1],'o-', label='midpoint')
ax1.plot(exactTime-mid[0],exactTemp-mid[1], 'o-', label='analytic-midpoint')
#ax1.plot(time, T + (coeffs.Ta-T[0])*math.exp(-coeffs.gm*time),
#         label='analytic')
ax1.set_xlabel('time (seconds)')
ax1.set_ylabel('temperature (C)');
ax1.set_title('dt = ' + str(dt))
ax1.legend()

#
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#
#
npts=100
dt = coeffs.tend/npts

exactTime=np.linspace(0,coeffs.tend,npts)
exactTemp=coeffs.Ta + (coeffs.To-coeffs.Ta)*np.exp(-coeffs.theLambda*exactTime)

time=np.arange(coeffs.tbeg,coeffs.tend,npts)
```

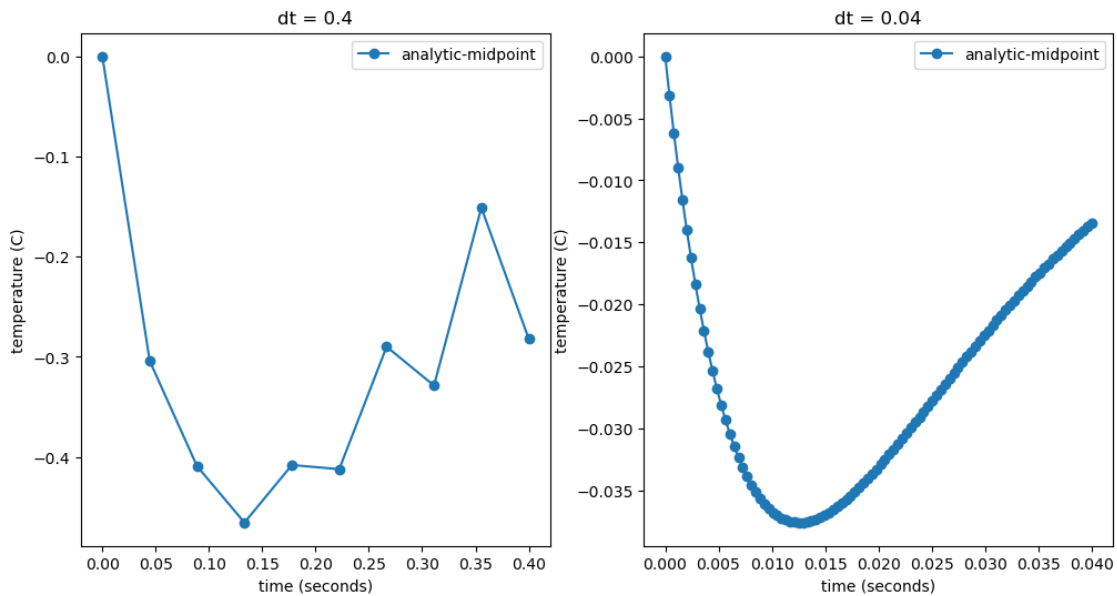
```

mid={}
mid=midpoint(npts, coeffs.tend, coeffs.To, coeffs.Ta, coeffs.theLambda)

#ax2.plot(mid[0],mid[1],'o-', label='midpoint')
ax2.plot(exactTime-mid[0],exactTemp-mid[1], 'o-', label='analytic-midpoint')
ax2.set_xlabel('time (seconds)')
ax2.set_ylabel('temperature (C)');
ax2.set_title('dt = ' + str(dt))
ax2.legend()

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[5]: <matplotlib.legend.Legend at 0x7f4344d754c0>



Here, I have played around with the step size to show again how smaller steps sizes decreases the method error.

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