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EXAMPLE OF LuaLATEX WITH ASMECONF.CLS FOR ODE INTEGRATION

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ABSTRACT

This paper is an example of using asmeconf with LualATEX to solve an ODE initial value problem using a fourth-order Runge-Kutta method and to plot the result using PGFPLOTS. The use of a landscape figure is also illustrated. References are given for further reading.

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NOMENCLATURE

A Constant parameter [-]

t Time [s]

y(t) Position [m]

1. INTRODUCTION

LualATEX is built upon the Lua programming language [1]. By directly using Lua code in a LATEX file, we can accomplish a wide range of tasks, as illustrated in the open-access paper by Montijano et al. [2]. In the present example, we follow Montijano et al. in solving a nonlinear first-order ordinary differential equation and plotting the result—all within a single LATEX file!

2. SOLUTION TO AN INITIAL VALUE PROBLEM

We consider an initial value problem like that of Montijano et al.:

$$y'(t) = A \cdot y(t) \cos\left(t + \sqrt{1 + y(t)}\right) \text{ with } y(0) = 1$$
 (1)

Here, A is a constant. We may adopt a fourth-order Runge-Kutta algorithm for the integration, which we shall perform to $t=30\,\mathrm{s}$ using a 400 point discretization. The details of the Runge-Kutta algorithm and a listing of the code are given in Montijano et al. (You can also read the code in the present . tex file.)

The algorithm is implemented directly in the preamble of this file, and the results are plotted in Fig. 1 for A =

 $\{0.25, 0.5, 0.75, 1.0\}$. Plotting is done using the PGFPLOTS package [3].

Landscape figures may be produced at full-page size by putting \usepackage[figuresright]{rotating} (Fig. 1) into your .tex file's preamble and using the sidewaysfigure* environment [4].

3. CONCLUSION

LualATEX enables numerical computations within a LATEX environment. By combining this capability with PGFPlots, the need for separate numerical and/or graphics packages can be reduced.

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The example shown in this paper is directly based on an example given by Montijano et al. [2]. Additional examples, such as the Lorenz attractor, are contained in that paper.

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