Homework 2.(b)

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C. Forward Euler implementation

euler_integrator.m function

```
function [tspan, y] = euler_integrator(fun, tspan, y0)
1
2
    %EULER Implementation of the forward Euler integration method
    % INPUTS:
3
       fun: function that wants to be integrated
4
       tspan: interval of integration, that goes from intial time to the final
             time [t0 t1 t2 t3 ... tf] - it includes all timesteps
6
    % y0: initial conditions for the function, it must have the SAME length
             as the desired output y
    %
    % OUTPUTS:
10
    % tspan: times in which the integration has been carried out (the same as
11
12
             the input array
    % y: values of the function after the integration
13
14
    % sample call (for a function with extra arguments):
15
                  [t, y] = euler\_integrator(\mathcal{Q}(t, y)) function(t, y, a), tspan, y0)
16
17
    % Javier Lobato, created 02/20/2018
18
19
    % First of all, the function will check that the tspan vector has all
20
    % timesteps of the same size. To do that a subtraction of the i element
21
    % with respect the i-1 element is carried out, comparing all the values of
22
    % the vector with one of its elements (all must be the same)
    timestep = tspan(2:length(tspan))-tspan(1:length(tspan)-1);
24
    if all(round(timestep, 10) ~= round(timestep(1),10))
26
         disp('Not equally spaced tspan')
27
28
    else
         h = timestep(1);
29
30
31
    % ode45 returns a column vector, so to keep the structure when possible...
32
    y = zeros([length(y0), length(tspan)]);
33
34
    % Set the initial values to the solution vector
35
    y(:, 1) = y0;
36
37
    % Loop over the whole time vector - 1 (the first initial value has been
38
    % already included in the solution)
    for i = 1:length(tspan)-1
40
        % Definition of the Euler integration method
41
         y(:, i+1) = y(:, i) + h .* fun(tspan(i), y(:, i));
42
     end
43
44
     end
```

D. Heun's method implementation

heun_integrator.m function

```
function [tspan, y] = heun_integrator(fun, tspan, y0)
    %HEUN_INTEGRATOR Implementation of Heun's integration method
2
3
    % fun: function that wants to be integrated
        tspan: interval of integration, that goes from intial time to the final
5
             time [t0 t1 t2 t3 ... tf] - it includes all timesteps
       y0: initial conditions for the function, it must have the SAME length
7
            as the desired output y
    %
    % OUTPUTS:
10
    % tspan: times in which the integration has been carried out (the same as
11
12
             the input array
    % y: values of the function after the integration
13
14
    % sample call (for a function with extra arguments):
15
                  [t, y] = heun\_integrator(@(t,y) function(t,y,a), tspan, y0)
16
17
    % Javier Lobato, created 02/20/2018
18
19
    % First of all, the function will check that the tspan vector has all
20
    % timesteps of the same size. To do that a subtraction of the i element
21
    % with respect the i-1 element is carried out, comparing all the values of
22
    % the vector with one of its elements (all must be the same)
23
     timestep = tspan(2:length(tspan))-tspan(1:length(tspan)-1);
24
25
    if all(round(timestep, 10) ~= round(timestep(1),10))
26
         disp('Not equally spaced tspan')
27
    else
28
         h = timestep(1);
30
    end
31
    % ode45 returns a column vector, so to keep the structure when possible...
32
    y = zeros([length(y0), length(tspan)]);
33
34
    % Set the initial values to the solution vector
35
    y(:, 1) = y0;
37
     % Loop over the whole time vector - 1 (the first initial value has been
38
    % already included in the solution)
39
    for i = 1:length(tspan)-1
40
         % Definition of the Heun integration method
41
         K1 = h * fun(tspan(i), y(:, i));
42
         K2 = h * fun(tspan(i+1), y(:, i) + K1);
43
         y(:, i+1) = y(:, i) + (K1+K2)/(2);
44
45
     end
46
47
```

E. Lotka Volterra System

lvSystem.m function

```
function [dxdt] = lvSystem(t, x, a)
    %LVSYSTEM Lotka-Volterra System implementation
2
    % INPUTS:
    \% t: although not necessary for direct evaluation, it is necessary for the
4
             different integration methods to work properly
    % x: 3-element vector in which the system will be evaluated
        a: alpha value for the A matrix (already included in the code)
    % OUTPUTS:
    % dxdt: output result of the system
11
    % sample call:
12
13
                  dxdt = lvSystem(t, [x1 x2 x3], alpha)
14
    % Javier Lobato, created 02/20/2018
15
16
    % Preallocation of the output function in a column vector
17
18
    dxdt = zeros([3,1]);
19
    % A matrix definition with the alpha parameter from the input
20
    A = [0.5 \ 0.5 \ 0.1; \ -0.5 \ -0.1 \ 0.1; \ a \ 0.1 \ 0.1];
21
22
    % Looping over the three variable of the Lotka-Volterra system
23
    for i = 1:3
^{24}
         dxdt(i) = x(i)*(A(i,1)*(1-x(1)) + A(i,2)*(1-x(2)) + A(i,3)*(1-x(3)));
25
    end
26
27
28
```

F. Driver

hw2BDriver.m function

```
1
   HOMEWORK #2.B
2
   % Driver for the homework 2.B, this file requires the functions:
        euler_integrator.m
5
        heun_integrator.m
        lvSystem.m
   % to work properly. Running all will generate and save 12 figures for the
   % different desired configurations
10
   % Javier Lobato, created 02/20/18
11
12
   % Let's clear the workspace variables and previous figures
   clear all; close all; clc
14
```

```
15
    %% SECTION G - CALCULATIONS
    % Section values declaration: maximum time, initial values and the 3 alpha
16
    % values and 3 timesteps in which the system will operate (ending with 9
17
    % possible configurations)
18
    maxtime = 200;
19
    initVal = [0.3 \ 0.2 \ 0.1];
20
    alpha = [0.75, 1.2, 1.5];
21
    timesteps = [0.1, 0.5, 1.0];
22
23
    % Preallocation of cells for both values and times for all the possible
24
    % configurations of timestep size and alpha.
25
    ode45_val = cell(length(alpha), length(timesteps));
26
    euler_val = cell(length(alpha), length(timesteps));
27
    heun_val = cell(length(alpha), length(timesteps));
28
29
    ode45_time = cell(length(alpha), length(timesteps));
    euler_time = cell(length(alpha), length(timesteps));
30
    heun_time = cell(length(alpha), length(timesteps));
31
32
    for i = 1:length(alpha) % Looping over the different alpha values
33
        for j = 1:length(timesteps) % Looping over the different timestep sizes
34
            % Each calling to a function will return the integration time as a
35
            % column vector and the integration values for each one of the
36
            % three components
37
             [ode45\_time{i, j}, ode45\_val{i, j}] = ode45(@(t,y) lvSystem(t, y, alpha(i)),
38
             [euler_time{i, j}, euler_val{i, j}] = euler_integrator(@(t,y) lvSystem(t, y, alpha(i)),
39
             [heun_time{i, j}, heun_val{i, j}] = heun_integrator(@(t,y) lvSystem(t, y, alpha(i)),
40
             → 0:timesteps(j):maxtime, initVal);
        end
41
42
43
44
     %% SECTION G - PLOTTING
    % Variable to take into account the number of created figures
    figNo = 0;
46
47
    for i = 1:length(alpha) % Looping over each alpha value
48
49
        for j = 1:length(timesteps) % Looping over each timestep size
50
            % If there is a NaN in any element of the Euler solution
51
            if any(isnan(euler_val{i,j}(1,:)))
                % Limits of the figure will be obtained from the maximum value
53
                \% of either the ode45 or the Heun methods (multiplied by 1.25
54
                % to have a small 'margin')
55
                lowx = 1.25*min([ode45\_val{i,j}(:,1)', heun\_val{i,j}(1,:)]);
56
                highx = 1.25*max([ode45_val{i,j}(:,1)', heun_val{i,j}(1,:)]);
57
                lowy = 1.25*min([ode45\_val{i,j}(:,2)', heun\_val{i,j}(2,:)]);
58
                highy = 1.25*max([ode45\_val{i,j}(:,2)', heun\_val{i,j}(2,:)]);
                lowz = 1.25*min([ode45\_val{i,j}(:,3)', heun\_val{i,j}(3,:)]);
60
                highz = 1.25*max([ode45\_val{i,j}(:,3)', heun\_val{i,j}(3,:)]);
            end
62
63
            % Let's increase the figure number for each looping iteration
64
            figNo = figNo +1;
65
            % Create a new figure for each loop
66
            figure(figNo)
67
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```
% Left subplot: 3D view of the 3 species
69
              subplot(1,2,1);
70
              % Plot the three components (one per axis) of the three integration
71
              % methods previously calculated
72
             hold on
73
                 plot3(euler_val{i,j}(1,:), euler_val{i,j}(2,:), euler_val{i,j}(3,:),
74
                  plot3(heun_val{i,j}(1,:), heun_val{i,j}(2,:), heun_val{i,j}(3,:), 'k-.',
75
                  plot3(ode45_val{i,j}(:,1), ode45_val{i,j}(:,2), ode45_val{i,j}(:,3),
76

    'k-','LineWidth',1)

             hold off
77
             % Force the same view for all the alpha and timstep size values
             view([120 10])
79
              % Replace the automatic axis value just if there is a NaN value in
80
              % the Euler solution
81
              if any(isnan(euler_val{i,j}(1,:)))
82
                  xlim([lowx highx])
                 ylim([lowy highy])
84
                  zlim([lowz highz])
85
              end
86
              % Plot options - legend, title, axis labels...
87
             legend('Euler', 'Heun', 'ode45')
88
              title(['3D plot for $$\alpha$$ = ', num2str(alpha(i)), ', $$h = $$',
89

    num2str(timesteps(j))], 'interpreter', 'latex', 'FontSize', 18)

             xlabel('Specie 1')
90
             ylabel('Specie 2')
             zlabel('Specie 3')
92
93
              % Right subplot: 2D view of the first species evolution in time
94
              subplot(1,2,2);
95
              % Plot the first species versus time for the three integration
96
              % methods previously calculated
97
             hold on
                 plot(euler_time{i,j}(:), euler_val{i,j}(1,:), 'x-', 'Color', [0.3 0.3 0.3],
99
                  → 'MarkerSize', 5)
                 plot(heun_time{i,j}(:), heun_val{i,j}(1,:), '.-', 'Color', [0.6 0.6 0.6],
100
                  → 'MarkerSize', 10)
                 plot(ode45_time{i,j}(:), ode45_val{i,j}(:,1), 'k-', 'LineWidth',1.1)
101
102
             % Replace the automatic axis value just if there is a NaN value in
              % the Euler solution
104
              if any(isnan(euler_val{i,j}(1,:)))
                  ylim([lowx highx])
106
107
              end
              % Plot options - legend, title, axis labels...
108
              title(['First species for $$\alpha$$ = ', num2str(alpha(i)), ', $$h = $$',
109
              num2str(timesteps(j))], 'interpreter', 'latex', 'FontSize', 18)
             legend('Euler','Heun','ode45')
110
              xlabel('Time')
111
             ylabel('First species')
112
113
              % Make the plot full screen and save it with .png format
114
              set(gcf, 'Position', get(0, 'Screensize'));
115
             print(['fig',num2str(figNo)],'-dpng','-r150')
116
         end
117
     end
118
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119
     %% SECTION H - CALCULATIONS
120
     % Values declaration: maximum time, initial values, alpha values and a
121
     % vector with different timestep size that will be analyzed
122
     maxtime = 50;
123
     initVal = [0.3 \ 0.2 \ 0.1];
     alpha = [0.75, 1.2, 1.5];
125
     Etimesteps = logspace(-2,0,40);
126
127
     % Preallocation of a cell array JUST for the value. Given that time does
128
     % not need to be stored in this case, no cell-array for time have been
129
     % created (E stands for error)
130
     Eode45_val = cell(length(alpha), length(Etimesteps));
131
     Eeuler_val = cell(length(alpha), length(Etimesteps));
132
133
     Eheun_val = cell(length(alpha), length(Etimesteps));
134
     % Giving that ode45 solution will be considered as the most accurate one,
135
     % let's increase the relative tolerance to have a more precise solution
136
     options = odeset('RelTol',1E-8);
137
138
     for i = 1:length(alpha) % Looping over the 3 values of alpha
139
         for j = 1:length(Etimesteps) % Looping over the timestep size
140
             % As said, time is not necessary here, so the output of the
141
             % function 'tspan' is replace by ~
142
              [~, Eode45_val{i, j}] = ode45(@(t,y) lvSystem(t, y, alpha(i)), 0:Etimesteps(j):maxtime,
              [~, Eeuler_val{i, j}] = euler_integrator(@(t,y) lvSystem(t, y, alpha(i)),
              [~, Eheun_val{i, j}] = heun_integrator(@(t,y) lvSystem(t, y, alpha(i)),
                  0:Etimesteps(j):maxtime, initVal);
         end
146
147
      end
148
     % Each matrix will have a maximum value of error for each alpha value and
149
     % each timestep size. Although there are just three species, just the error
150
      % of the first specie is taken into account
     eulerError = zeros([length(alpha), length(Etimesteps)]);
152
153
     heunError = zeros([length(alpha), length(Etimesteps)]);
154
     for i = 1:length(alpha) % Looping over the alpha value
155
         for j = 1:length(Etimesteps) % Looping over the timestep size
156
             % Saves the maximum value of the absolute error between both
157
             % integrator methods and the ode45 method (selected as reference)
             eulerError(i,j) = max(abs(Eode45\_val\{i,j\}(:,1)-Eeuler\_val\{i,j\}(1,:)'));
159
             heunError(i,j) = max(abs(Eode45\_val\{i,j\}(:,1)-Eheun\_val\{i,j\}(1,:)'));
160
161
         end
162
     end
163
164
     %% SECTION H - PLOTTING
      \% Variable figNo is taken from the previous section to have continuity and
165
     % do not replace figures
166
167
     for i = 1:length(alpha) % There will be a plot for each alpha value
168
         % Let's increase the figure number for each loop iteration
169
         figNo = figNo + 1;
170
171
172
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173
         % Interpolation of the first part of the curve with a line in the
         % loglog scale, in order to 'get' the order of accuracy
174
         coefE = polyfit(log(Etimesteps(1:20)), log(eulerError(i,1:20)), 1);
175
         coefH = polyfit(log(Etimesteps(1:20)), log(heunError(i,1:20)), 1);
176
177
         % Open a new figure
178
         figure(figNo)
179
180
         % Plot the error of the Euler and Heun's methods and the fitting
181
         % obtained for the first 20 points
182
         hold on
             loglog(Etimesteps, eulerError(i,:),'o-','Color',[0.6 0.6
184
             → 0.6], 'LineWidth', 0.5, 'MarkerFaceColor', [0.6 0.6 0.6])
             loglog(Etimesteps, heunError(i,:),'s-','Color',[0.6 0.6
185
              loglog(Etimesteps(1:20), exp(coefE(2))*Etimesteps(1:20).^coefE(1),'k--','LineWidth',1.3)
186
             loglog(Etimesteps(1:20), exp(coefH(2))*Etimesteps(1:20).^coefH(1),'k:','LineWidth',3)
187
         hold off
         % Plot options - legend, title, axis label
189
         title(['First species absolute error for $$\alpha$$ = ',
190
          → num2str(alpha(i))], 'interpreter', 'latex', 'FontSize', 18)
         legend('Euler absolute error', 'Heun absolute error', ['Euler fit: ',num2str(coefE(1))], ['Heun
191
          → fit: ',num2str(coefH(1))],'Location','northwest')
         set(gca,'xscale','log','yscale','log')
192
         xlabel('Timestep size (h)')
193
         ylabel('Absolute error')
194
         % Make the plot full screen and save it with .png format
         set(gcf, 'Position', get(0, 'Screensize'));
196
         print(['error',num2str(i)],'-dpng','-r150')
197
     end
198
```

G. Set of simulations of the system for different parameters

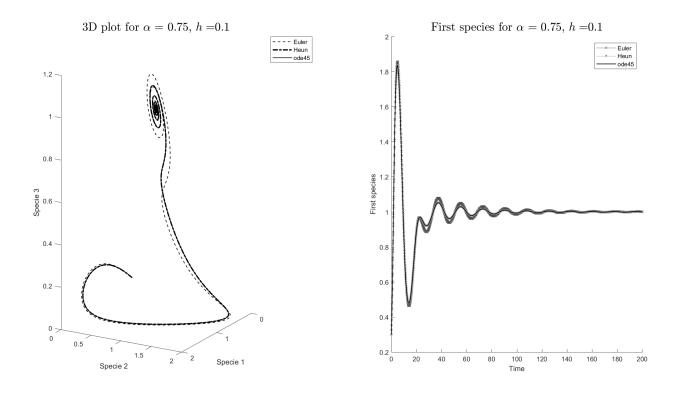


Figure 1: Values of $\alpha = 0.75$ and h = 0.1

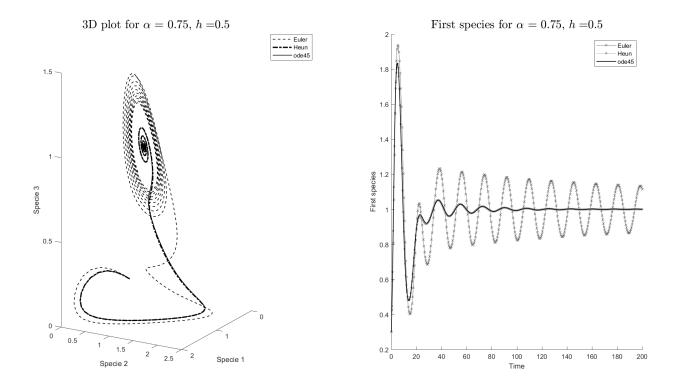


Figure 2: Values of $\alpha = 0.75$ and h = 0.5

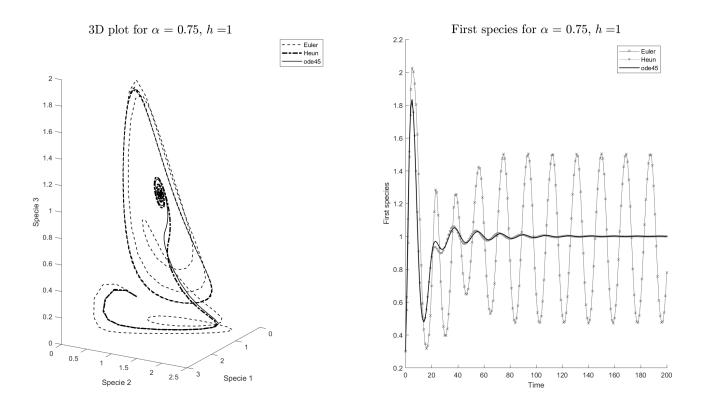


Figure 3: Values of $\alpha = 0.75$ and h = 1

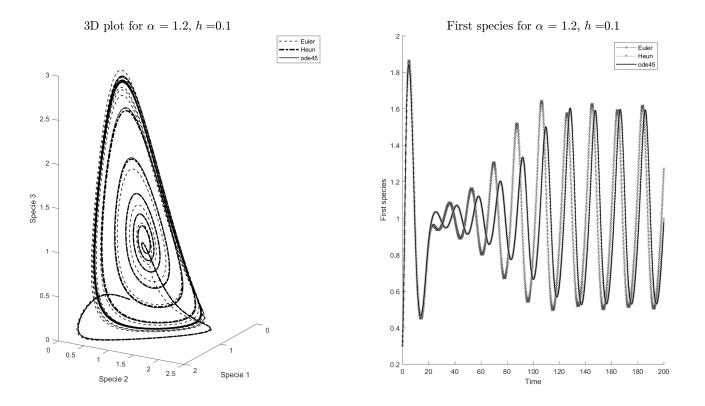


Figure 4: Values of $\alpha = 1.2$ and h = 0.1

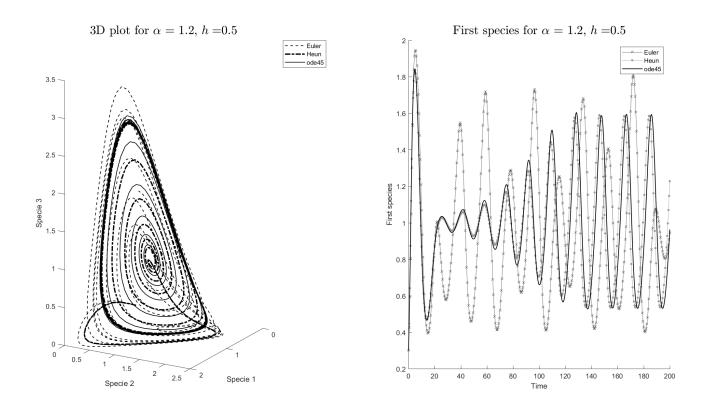


Figure 5: Values of $\alpha = 1.2$ and h = 0.5

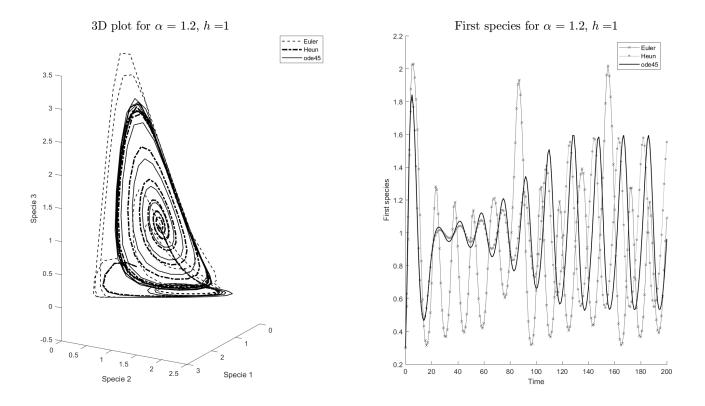


Figure 6: Values of $\alpha = 1.2$ and h = 1

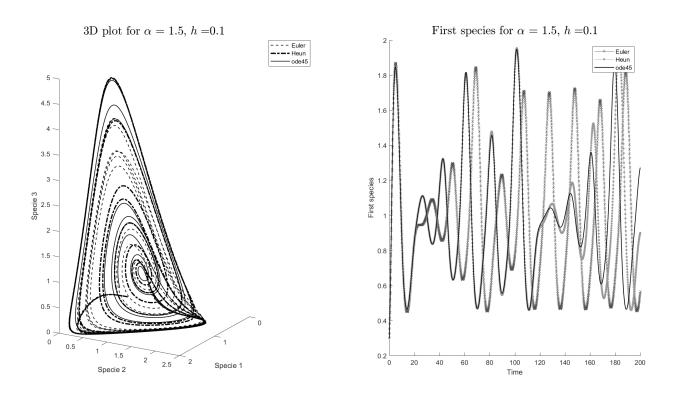


Figure 7: Values of $\alpha = 1.5$ and h = 0.1

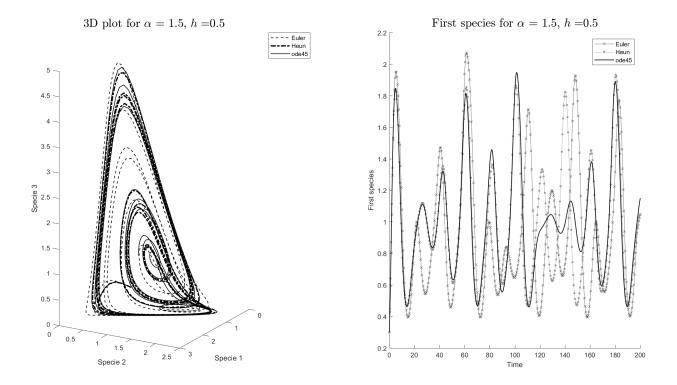


Figure 8: Values of $\alpha = 1.5$ and h = 0.5

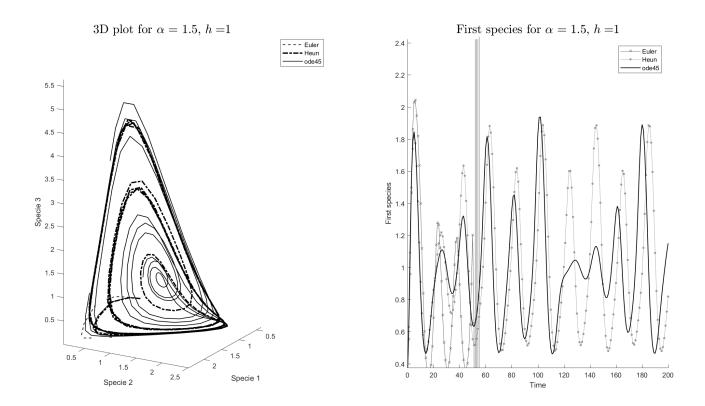


Figure 9: Values of $\alpha=1.5$ and h=1

H. Log-log scale errors

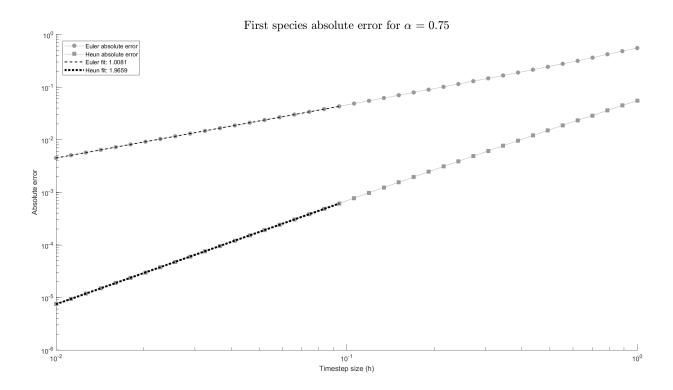


Figure 10: Error for different timestep size ($\alpha = 0.75$)

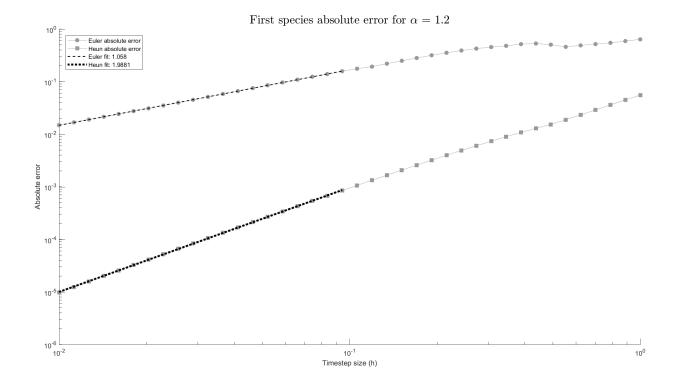


Figure 11: Error for different timestep size ($\alpha = 1.2$)

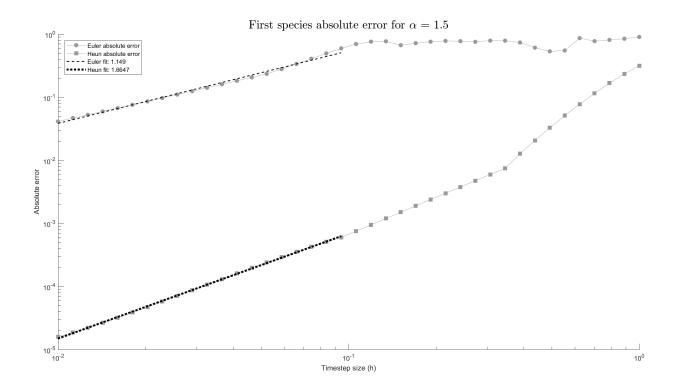


Figure 12: Error for different timestep size ($\alpha = 1.5$)

It can be seen that Euler blows up when the value of $\alpha=1.5$ and h=1. When α increases, both oscillations and amplitude increases. When h increases, the definition of the curve is worse, having bigger differences in the low order methods - compared to the Runge Kutta of 4th and 5th order. If both α and h increases, the system ends up with the failure of the Euler method. Another thing that must be noticed is that these methods have errors that are propagated with time. Thus, it is common to see the same shape with an offset depending on the method used. Euler is the lowest order method of the three and this can be seen in the figure of $\alpha=0.75$ and h=0.5, where both Heun and RK45 give more or less the same values while Euler solution differs a lot.

The log-log plot represents the error depending on the timestep size. This simulation has been done with a maximum simulation time of 50 seconds, so the blow up that Euler has between $\alpha=1.5$ and h=1 will not appear here. There is some random behavior in the errors for higher h and higher α . However, for lower h the error approach a line whose slope is ~ 1 for the Euler method and ~ 2 for the Heun method. This slope values represent the order of accuracy of each integration method.