

# Numerical integration of coupled ODEs

This example is based that given in the Mathworks web page <https://www.mathworks.com/examples/matlab/mw/matlab-ex13677222-solve-nonstiff-odes>. It uses the Matlab function ODE45 to integrate a coupled pair of ordinary differential equations – the van der Pol equation with  $\mu = 1$ .

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[t,y] = ode45(@vdp1,[0 20],[2; 0]);

% Plot of the solution
plot(t,y(:,1),'-o',t,y(:,2),'-o')
xlabel('Time t')
ylabel('Solution y')
legend('y_1','y_2')

print(gcf,'example_02_fig.png','-dpng');

dlmwrite('example_02.txt',[t';y(:,1)';y(:,2)']','delimiter',' ','precision','% .8e');

function dydt = vdp1(t,y)
%VDP1 Evaluate the van der Pol ODEs for mu = 1
%
% See also ODE113, ODE23, ODE45.

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dydt = [y(2); (1-y(1)^2)*y(2)-y(1)];
end
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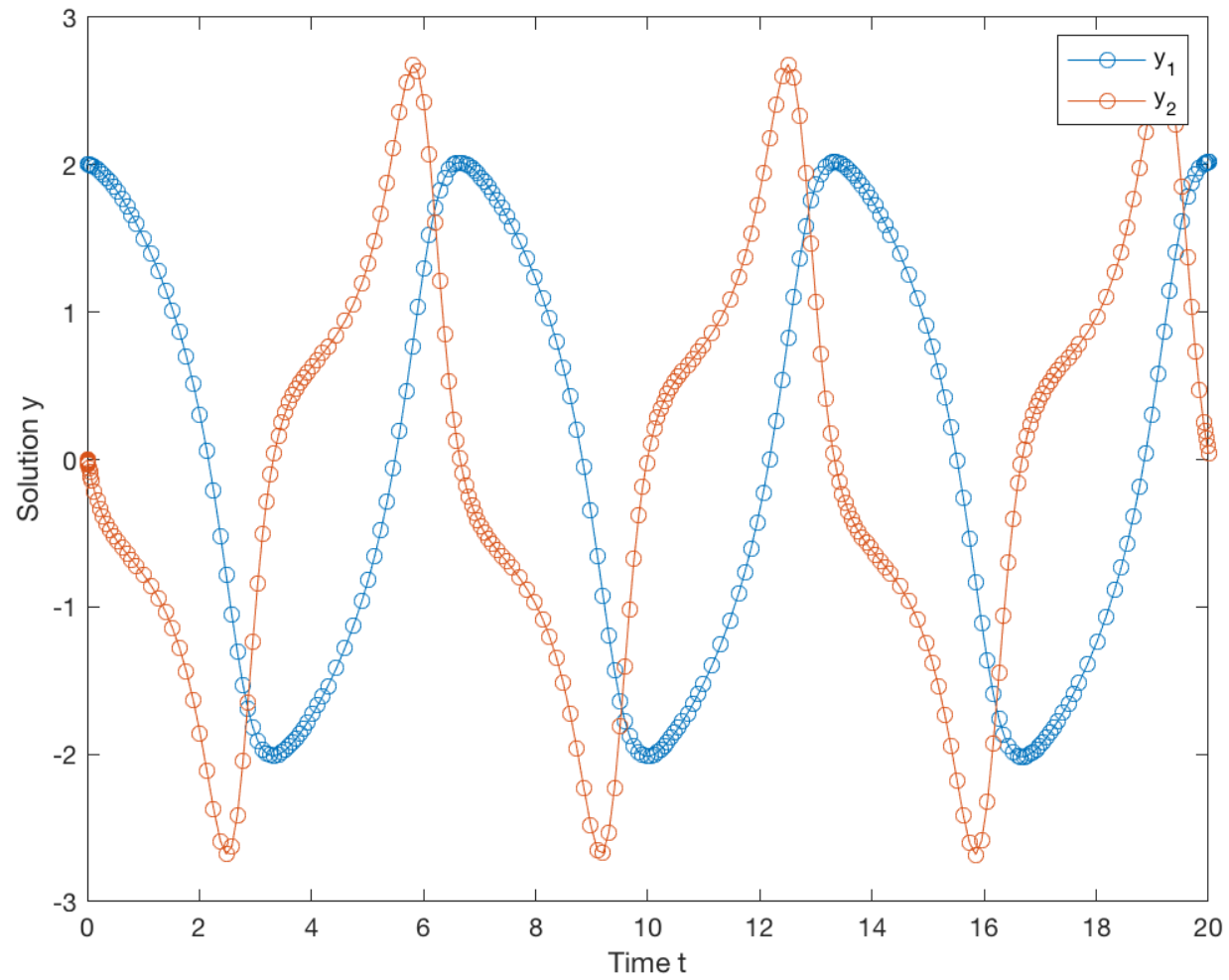


Figure 1: Solution of van der Pol equation ( $\mu = 1$ ) using ODE45.

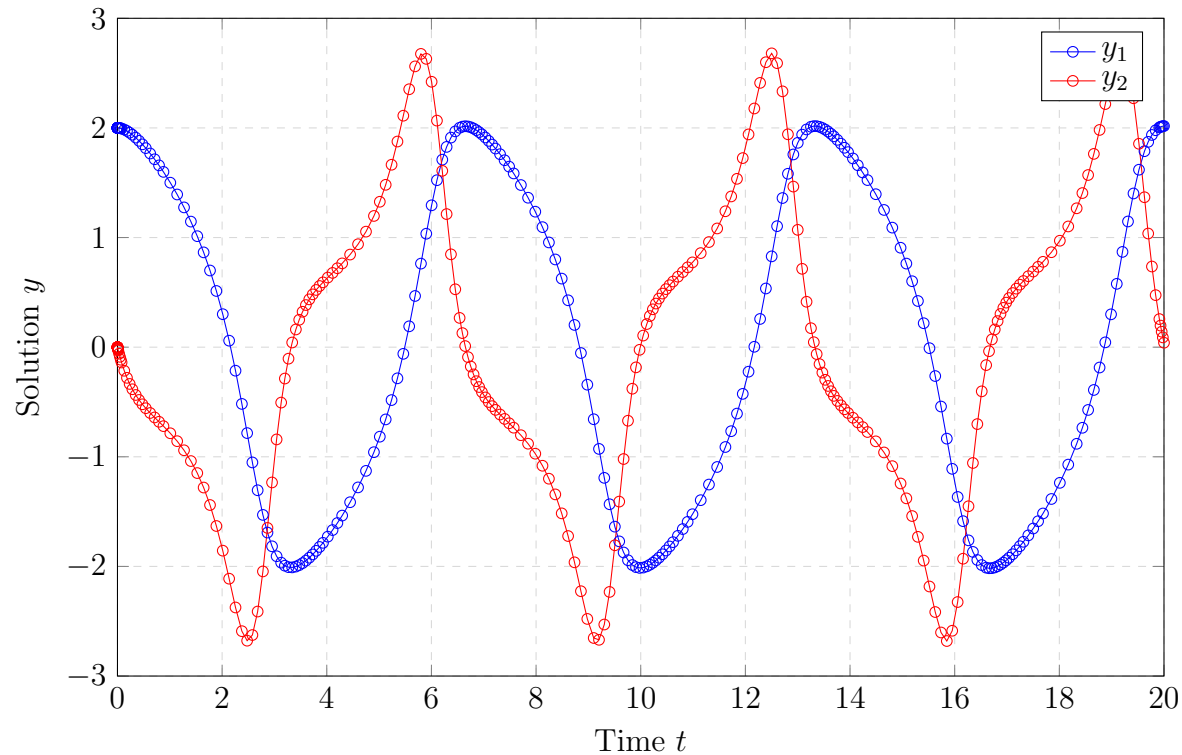


Figure 2: Solution of van der Pol equation ( $\mu = 1$ ) using ODE45.

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\begin{tikzpicture} % requires \usepackage{pgfplots}
  \begin{axis}
    [xmin= 0.0, xmax=20.0,
    ymin=-3.0, ymax=3.0,
    xlabel=\text{Time }t$, ylabel=\text{Solution }y$,
    grid=major, grid style={dashed,gray!30},
    legend entries = {$y_1$, $y_2$}]
    \addplot[blue, mark=o] table [x index=0, y index=1]{example_02.txt};
    \addplot[red, mark=o] table [x index=0, y index=2]{example_02.txt};
  \end{axis}
\end{tikzpicture}
\captionof{figure}{Solution of van der Pol equation ( $\mu = 1$ ) using ODE45.} % requires \usepackage{caption}

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