

Computational Methods in Physics (PHY 365)

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MATLAB ODE solvers

Solver	DE	Method	When to use
ode45	NDEs *	RK	Most of the time. This should be the first solver you try.
ode23	NDEs	RK	For solving moderately stiff problems.
ode113	NDEs	Adams	For solving computationally intensive problems.
ode15s	SDEs [†] & DAEs [‡]	NDF (BDF) [§]	If ode45 is slow because the problem is stiff

*Nonstiff DEs

[†]Stiff DEs

[‡]Diff. Algebraic Equations

[§]Numerical (Backward) Differentiation Formula

MATLAB ODE solvers

- An ODE problem is stiff if the solution being sought is varying **slowly**, but there are **nearby solutions** that vary **rapidly**.
- The numerical method must take small steps to obtain satisfactory results.
- Stiffness is an efficiency issue.
- Nonstiff methods can solve stiff problems; they just take a long time to do it.

MATLAB ODE solvers

- `[T, Y] = solver(odefun, tspan, y0, options)`

MATLAB ODE solvers

■ $[T, Y] = \text{solver}(\text{odefun}, \text{tspan}, y_0, \text{options})$

solver	one of ode45, ode23, ode113, ode15s, ode23s, ode23t, or ode23tb.
odefun	A function handle that evaluates the right side of the differential equations.
tspan	A vector specifying the interval of integration.
y0	A vector of initial conditions.
options	Structure of optional parameters that change the default integration properties.

First order ODE

$$\blacksquare \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = 0 \quad y(0) = 2$$

First order ODE

- $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$ $y(0) = 2$

- Initial and final x

$$x_i = 0;$$

$$x_f = 10;$$

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- Calling the ODE solver

$$[X, Y] = \text{ode45}('func_1', x, IC);$$

First order ODE

- Plotting the result

`plot(X , Y)`

First order ODE

- Plotting the result

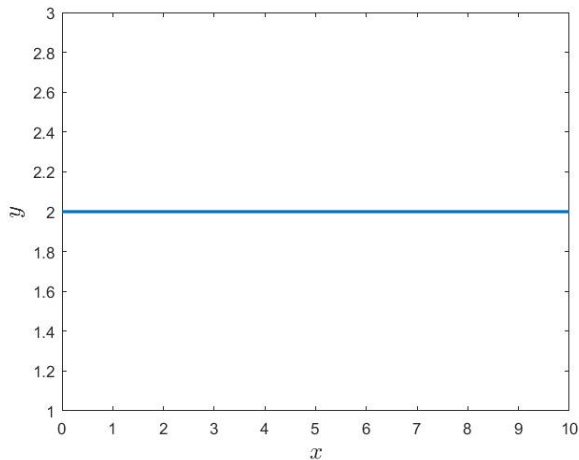
```
plot(X , Y)
```

- The function file

```
function dy = func_1(x , y)
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```
dy = 0;
```

First order ODE



First order ODE

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$$x_i = 0;$$

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- Initial condition

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- Calling the ODE solver

$$[X, Y] = \text{ode45}('func_2', x, IC);$$

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- Plotting the result

`plot(X , Y)`

First order ODE

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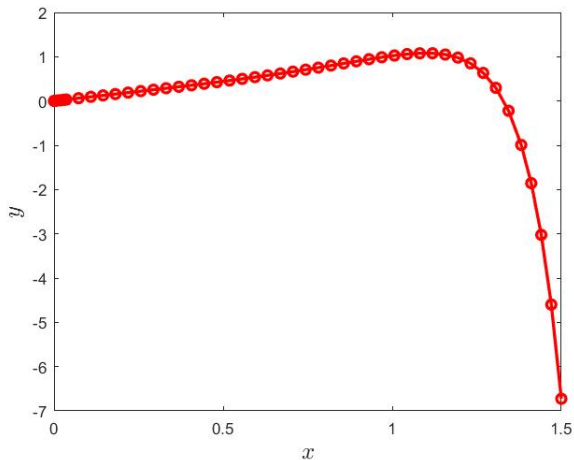
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plot(X , Y)
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- The function file

```
function dy = func_2(x,y)
```

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dy = x ^3 - exp(3 * x ^2 - 2) + exp(x ^3);
```

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$$\blacksquare \quad y^2 \frac{dy}{dx} = x^2 + \exp(3x^4 - 2) \quad y(0) = 1$$

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$$x = [x_i, x_f];$$

- Initial condition

$$IC = 1;$$

- Calling the ODE solver

$$[X, Y] = \text{ode45} (@ \text{func_3}, x, IC);$$

First order ODE

- Plotting the result
plot (X , Y)

First order ODE

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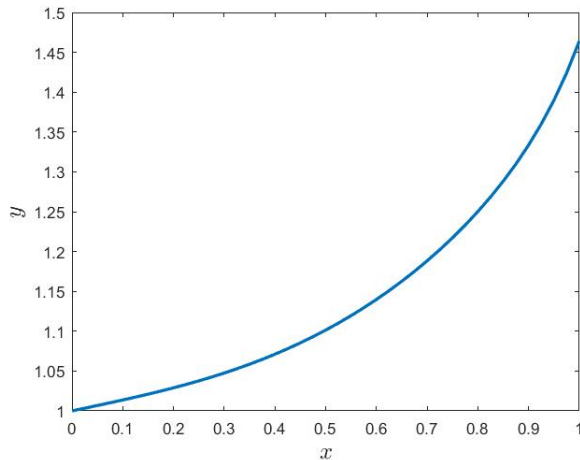
plot (X , Y)

- The function file

function dy = func_3(x,y)

dy = (x ^ 2 + exp(3 * x ^ 4 - 2)) ./ y ^ 2;

First order ODE



References

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