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| GWT  CU  ODE | Google Web Toolkit  Cranfield University  Ordinary differential equation |
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# Introduction

The Introduction chapter points aims and objectives of the thesis project. All requirements of the project are explained in this chapter. Moreover, main motivators to perform this specific topic are included as well.

## Aims and objectives

The main objective of this thesis project is to develop following application :

1. Parsing equations entered by the user
2. Solving series of simultaneous ordinary differential equations (linear or non-linear).
3. Presenting the solution on the 2D graph.
4. Storing and loading equations along with parameters entered by the user.

## Motivation

In general, two main motivators of this project are :

1. Discovering most efficient numerical methods for solving series of ordinary differential equations.
2. Familiarise with AJAX applications development and Google AppEngine along with Datastore.

# Literature review

This chapter demonstrates knowledge about recommended practical numerical methods for solving ODE’s. Presented literature review gives an insight into major types of numerical routines taking into account efficiency and accuracy. What is more, technologies supporting AJAX applications development along with App engine are also presented in this chapter. It is important to perform detailed research of technologies essential to develop the project.

## ODE numerical routines

Describes types of practical numerical methods for solving ODE’s including Runge-Kutta, Modified midpoint, Bulirsch-Stoer, Rosenbrock metods and predictor-corrector rmethods.

### 4th Order Runge-Kutta

4th Order Runge-Kutta method propagate solution over an interval by combining the information from four Euler-style steps ( . Each step involves one evaluation of the right-hand of the function and then using the information obtained to match a Taylor series expansion up to higher order.

### Modified Midpoint

### Richardson extrapolation

#### Burlish – Stoer

### Rosenbrock

### Predictor- Corrector

#### Adams-Bashforth-Moulton

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