

## Problem Set 3 (PHYS512) - Matias Castro Tapia

In [195]:

```
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
```

### Problem 1

I defined the routine rk4\_step to use the Runge Kutta method for integrating differential equations. Thus:

$$f(x, y) = \frac{dy}{dx}$$

$$k_1 = hf(x_n, y_n)$$

$$k_2 = hf(x_n + h/2, y_n + k_1/2)$$

$$k_3 = hf(x_n + h/2, y_n + k_2/2)$$

$$k_4 = hf(x_n + h, y_n + k_3)$$

And then:

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + k_1/6 + k_2/3 + k_3/3 + k_4/6$$

or

$$y(x+h) = y(x) + k_1/6 + k_2/3 + k_3/3 + k_4/6$$

In [2]:

```
def rk4_step(fun,x,y,h):
    k1=h*fun(x,y)
    k2=h*fun(x+(h/2),y+(k1/2))
    k3=h*fun(x+(h/2),y+(k2/2))
    k4=h*fun(x+h,y+k3)
    dy=(k1/6)+(k2/3)+(k3/3)+(k4/6)
    return y+dy
```

I used rk4\_step to solve  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y}{1+x^2}$ . I defined  $h = \frac{20-(-20)}{200}$  because we want to use 200 steps from the initial value  $x = -20$  to the last  $x = 20$  to solve the ODE. Also,  $y(-20) = 1$  for the boundary condition.

In [237]:

```
xx=np.linspace(-20,20,201)
```

In [238]:

```
def dydx(x,y):
    return y/(1+(x**2))
```

In [239]:

```
y0=1
yy=np.ones(len(xx))
h=(xx[-1]-xx[0])/200
yy[0]=y0
for i in range(len(xx)-1):
    yy[i+1]=rk4_step(dydx,xx[i],yy[i],h)
```

The analytic solution is  $y = c_0 \exp(\arctan(x))$ . For this case the constant must be  $c_0 = 1/\exp(\arctan(-20))$  for our boundary condition.

In [244]:

```
c0=1/np.exp(np.arctan(-20))
```

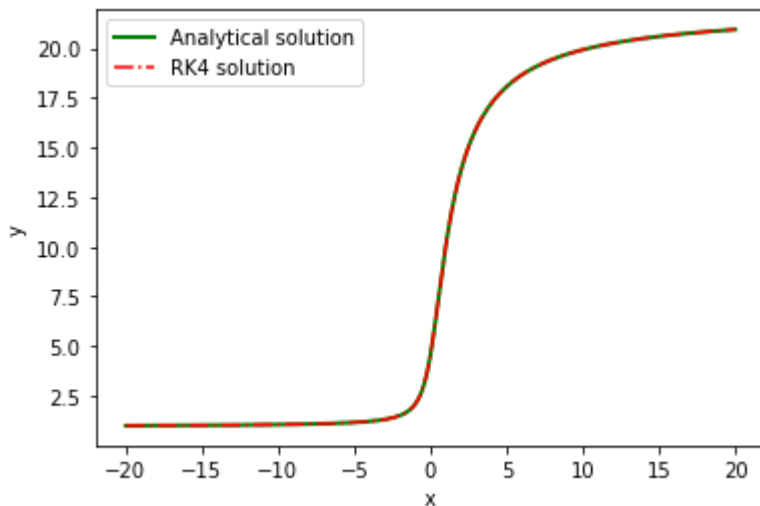
In [245]:

```
yan=c0*np.exp(np.arctan(xx))
```

Now comparing the RK4 solution and the analytical:

In [252]:

```
plt.plot(xx,yan,color='green',label='Analytical solution',linewidth=2)
plt.plot(xx,yy,'r-.', label='RK4 solution')
plt.xlabel('x')
plt.ylabel('y')
plt.legend()
plt.show()
```



I defined the routine `rk4_stepd`, which uses the `rk4_step` routine to compute first  $y(x + h/2)$ , then uses this to compute the following  $y$  with another step of  $h/2$ , then  $y(x + h) = y(x + h/2) + RK4_{terms} = y_2$ . Rigorously, this value should be closer to  $y(x + h) = y_2 + 2(\frac{h}{2})^5 \psi + O(h^6)$  with  $\psi = y^{(5)}/5!$  since RK4 method accuracy is truncated to ignore terms of order  $h^5$  or higher.

On the other hand, the routine also compute  $y(x + h) = y(x) + RK4_{terms} = y_1$ , i.e., using a single step of  $h$ . For this case we will have  $y(x + h) = y_1 + h^5 \psi + O(h^6)$ . Then, if we subtract both expressions for  $y(x + h)$  we will have:

$$0 = y_1 - y_2 + h^5 \frac{15}{15}$$

$$(y_2 - y_1) \frac{16}{15} = h^5 \psi$$

and replacing in the first expression for  $y(x + h)$ :

$$y(x + h) = y_2 + \frac{y_2 - y_1}{15}$$

The routine `rk4_stepd` returns this final expression. We can note that `rk4_step` evaluate  $f(x, y)$  4 times to obtain the RK4 terms, while `rk4_stepd` evaluate  $f(x, y)$  12 times because it uses `rk4_step` 3 times. Therefore, if we want to use almost the same number of function evaluations in both routines we must use about 66 steps in

rk4\_stepd.

In [253]:

```
def rk4_stepd(fun,x,y,h):
    yhalf=rk4_step(fun,x,y,h/2)
    y2=rk4_step(fun,x,yhalf,h/2)
    y1=rk4_step(fun,x,y,h)
    return y2 + (y2-y1)/15
    #h2=h/2
    #k12=h2*fun(x,y,h2)
    #k22=h2*fun(x+(h2/2),y+(k12/2))
    #k32=h2*fun(x+(h2/2),y+(k22/2))
    #k42=h2*fun(x+h2,y+k32)
    #dy2=(k12/6)+(k22/3)+(k32/3)+(k42/6)
    #yhalf=y+dy2
```

In [272]:

```
xx2=np.linspace(-20,20,67)
```

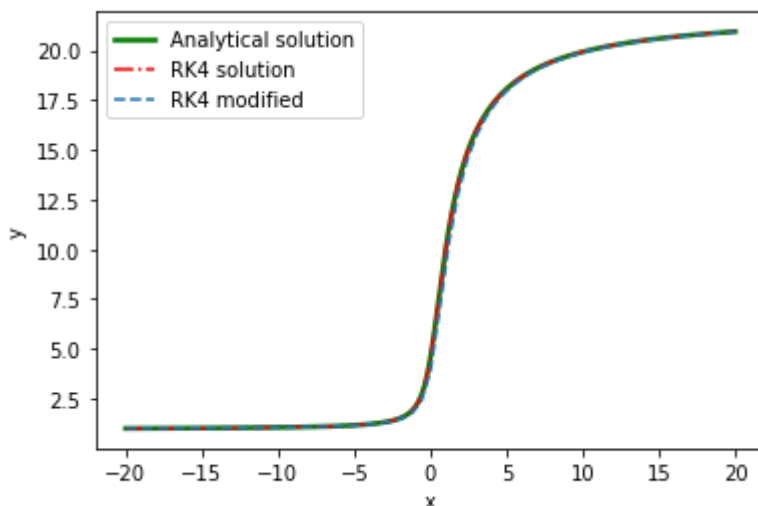
In [273]:

```
yyy=np.ones(len(xx2))
h2=(xx2[-1]-xx2[0])/66
yyy[0]=y0
for i in range(len(xx2)-1):
    yyy[i+1]=rk4_stepd(dydx,xx2[i],yyy[i],h2)
```

Comparing both mehods:

In [274]:

```
plt.plot(xx,yy,color='green',label='Analytical solution',linewidth=2.5)
plt.plot(xx,yy,'r-.',label='RK4 solution')
plt.plot(xx2,yyy,'--',label='RK4 modified')
plt.xlabel('x')
plt.ylabel('y')
plt.legend()
plt.show()
```



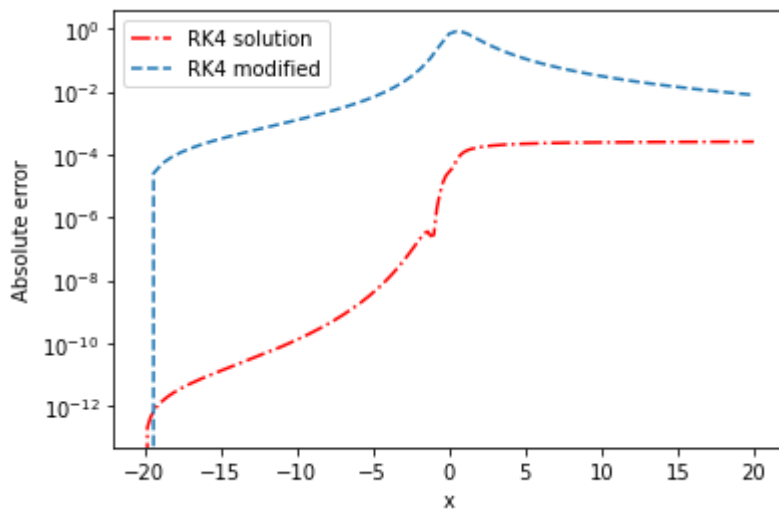
In [275]:

```
yan2=c0*np.exp(np.arctan(xx2))
```

Let's compare the errors too.

In [277]:

```
plt.plot(xx,np.abs(yy-yan),'r-.',label='RK4 solution')
plt.plot(xx2,np.abs(yyy-yan2),'--',label='RK4 modified')
plt.yscale('log')
plt.xlabel('x')
plt.ylabel('Absolute error')
plt.legend()
plt.show()
```



It seems like the modified method does not make the solution better. However, the errors seem to converge to an error of about  $10^{-1}$ .

## Problem 3

(Problem 2 is after Problem 3)

I loaded the file with the "dish zenith" data. We can expand the expression for the paraboloid that we want to fit:

$$z - z_0 = a((x - x_0)^2 + (y - y_0)^2)$$

$$z = a(x^2 + y^2) - 2ax_0x - 2ay_0y + a(x_0^2 + y_0^2) + z_0$$

Then, we can define new variables  $\alpha = a$ ,  $\beta = -2ax_0$ ,  $\gamma = -2ay_0$ , and  $\delta = a(x_0^2 + y_0^2) + z_0$ :

$$z = \alpha(x^2 + y^2) + \beta x + \gamma y + \delta$$

For solving the best-fit parameters we should the best find  $m = (\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta)$ , where the matrix for the model would be (using the row element  $A_i$ ):  $A_i = ((x_i^2 + y_i^2) \ x_i \ y_i \ 1)$ . And the least squares solutions should be:

$$m = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T z$$

In [281]:

```
dat=np.loadtxt('dish_zenith.txt')
```

In [282]:

```
xd=np.array([i[0] for i in dat])
yd=np.array([i[1] for i in dat])
zd=np.array([i[2] for i in dat])
```

In [283]:

```
mat=np.ones([len(xd),4])
for i in range(len(xd)):
    mat[i]=([xd[i]**2+yd[i]**2,xd[i],yd[i],1])
```

$$m = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T z$$

In [284]:

```
m=np.linalg.inv(mat.T@mat)@mat.T@zd
```

In [35]:

```
m
```

Out[35]:

```
array([ 1.66704455e-04,  4.53599028e-04, -1.94115589e-02, -1.51231182e+03])
```

Now, we have to obtain the old parameters  $a$ ,  $x_0$ ,  $y_0$ , and  $z_0$

In [285]:

```
a=m[0]
x0=-m[1]/(2*m[0])
y0=-m[2]/(2*m[0])
z0=m[3]-(x0**2+y0**2)*a
```

In [286]:

```
a,x0,y0,z0
```

Out[286]:

```
(0.0001667044547740132,
 -1.3604886221978416,
 58.22147608157977,
 -1512.877210036787)
```

Due to (x,y,z) in the data are in mm we can estimate the focal length in meters as  $\frac{(1/4a)}{1000}$

In [287]:

```
f=(1/(4*m[0]))/1000 #in meters
```

In [289]:

f

Out[289]:

1.4996599841252194

We are going to define the error in the data comparing the fit with the data  $\sigma_i = |z_i - (Am)_i|$

In [290]:

sig2=np.abs(zd-(mat@m))\*\*2

I defined the noise matrix  $N$  using  $\sigma_i^2$  as elements of a diagonal matrix

In [291]:

```

Nnn=np.zeros([len(zd),len(zd)])
for i in range(len(zd)):
    Nnn[i][i]=sig2[i]

```

Now, the square errors in the best-fit parameters would be the diagonal of  $(A^T N^{-1} A)^{-1}$

In [297]:

errors2=np.diag(np.linalg.inv(mat.T@np.linalg.pinv(Nnn@m)))

In [298]:

errors2

Out[298]:

array([4.08048563e-18, 1.18646669e-11, 1.57044668e-11, 3.10090531e-05])

In [299]:

errorm=np.sqrt(errors2)

In [300]:

errorm

Out[300]:

array([2.02002120e-09, 3.44451258e-06, 3.96288618e-06, 5.56857729e-03])

And the error in the focal length should be  $\Delta f = (|\frac{df}{da}| \Delta a)$  with  $\Delta a = \sigma_a$  and  $\Delta f = \sigma_f$ . Considering  $|\frac{df}{da}| = \frac{1}{4a^2}$

In [304]:

errorf=errorm[0]/(4\*(a\*\*2))

we have to multiply by (1/1000) to have the result in meters.

In [306]:

`errorf/1000`

Out[306]:

1.8171949618123915e-05

In [308]:

`np.abs(f-1.5)`

Out[308]:

0.00034001587478060813

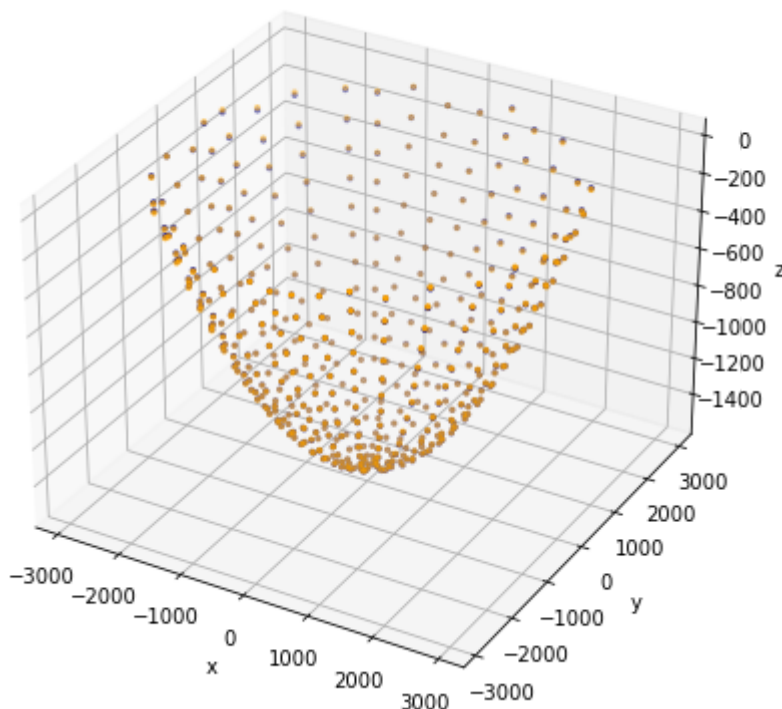
Comparing what I obtained 1.4996599841252194 meters with the expected value 1.5 meters we have a difference of about  $10^{-4}$  which is one order of magnitude larger than the error we estimated.

In [328]:

```
fig = plt.figure(figsize=(7,7))
ax = fig.add_subplot(projection='3d')
ax.set_xlabel('x')
ax.set_ylabel('y')
ax.set_zlabel('z')
#ax.plot_surface(xd,yd,mat@m,marker='.',cmap='Oranges')
ax.scatter(xd,yd,mat@m,marker='.',color='orange')
ax.scatter(xd, yd, zd, marker='.',color='navy')
```

Out[328]:

&lt;mpl\_toolkits.mplot3d.art3d.Path3DCollection at 0x258e25c3e20&gt;



## Problem 2

I defined an array with all the half-lives= $t_{1/2}$  in the order of  $Pb_{206}$  to  $U_{238}$ . They are in years.

In [331]:

```
th=np.array([138.376*0.00274,5.015,22.3,164.3*(3.171e-14),19.9*(1.903e-6),
            26.8*(1.903e-6),3.10*(1.903e-6),3.82535*0.00274,1600,75380,
            245500,6.70*(0.000114),24.10*0.00274,4.468*(1e9)])
```

In [332]:

```
th
```

Out[332]:

```
array([3.7915024e-01, 5.0150000e+00, 2.2300000e+01, 5.2099530e-12,
       3.7869700e-05, 5.1000400e-05, 5.8993000e-06, 1.0481459e-02,
       1.6000000e+03, 7.5380000e+04, 2.4550000e+05, 7.6380000e-04,
       6.6034000e-02, 4.4680000e+09])
```

Then,  $\lambda = \ln(2)/t_{1/2}$  are the decay constants and are related to the half-lives as  $\lambda = \ln(2)/t_{1/2}$

In [333]:

```
ll=(np.log(2)*np.ones(len(th))/th)
```

In [334]:

```
ll
```

Out[334]:

```
array([1.82815968e+00, 1.38214792e-01, 3.10828332e-02, 1.33042886e+11,
       1.83034769e+04, 1.35910146e+04, 1.17496513e+05, 6.61307916e+01,
       4.33216988e-04, 9.19537252e-06, 2.82341010e-06, 9.07498273e+02,
       1.04968226e+01, 1.55135895e-10])
```

In [113]:

```
ll[::-1]
```

Out[113]:

```
array([1.55135895e-10, 1.04968226e+01, 9.07498273e+02, 2.82341010e-06,
       9.19537252e-06, 4.33216988e-04, 6.61307916e+01, 1.17496513e+05,
       1.35910146e+04, 1.83034769e+04, 1.33042886e+11, 3.10828332e-02,
       1.38214792e-01, 1.82815968e+00])
```

I defined the routine ff to introduce the ODEs related to the decay of the elements from  $U_{238}$  to  $Pb_{206}$ . Then, every dndt in the routine are similar to the intermediate elements and just decay for  $U_{238}$  and just increase in the stable  $Pb_{206}$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dN_{U_{238}}}{dt} &= -\lambda_{U_{238}} N_{U_{238}} \\ \frac{dN_{Th_{234}}}{dt} &= -\lambda_{Th_{234}} N_{Th_{234}} + \lambda_{U_{238}} N_{U_{238}} \\ \frac{dN_{Pa_{234}}}{dt} &= -\lambda_{Pa_{234}} N_{Pa_{234}} + \lambda_{Th_{234}} N_{Th_{234}} \\ &\dots\end{aligned}$$



$$\frac{dN_{Pb_{206}}}{dt} = \lambda_{Po_{210}} N_{Po_{210}}$$

In the input of the routine I fixed  $l=l[::-1]$  because the half-lives and the constant were in the order from  $Pb_{206}$  to  $U_{238}$ , while the equations were fixed as described above.

In [335]:

```
def ff(t,n,l=l[::-1]):
    dndt=np.zeros(len(l)+1)
    dndt[0]=-l[0]*n[0]
    for i in range(1,len(l)):
        dndt[i]=-l[i]*n[i]+l[i-1]*n[i-1]
    dndt[len(l)]=l[len(l)-1]*n[len(l)-1]
    return dndt
#dndt[1]=-l[1]n[1]+l[0]n[0]
```

We must define that the fraction of  $U_{238}$  should be 1 for the initial time and 0 for the other elements.

In [336]:

```
n0=np.array([1]+[0]*len(l))
```

In [337]:

```
n0
```

Out[337]:

```
array([1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0])
```

$t0$  is the array with the integration time from 0 to  $10^{10}$ .

In [230]:

```
t0=[0,1e10]
```

I used the implicit method of integration of `integrate.solve_ivp` from `scipy` since the time interval of integration is very large.

In [338]:

```
from scipy import integrate
```

In [340]:

```
ans_stiff=integrate.solve_ivp(ff,t0,n0,method='Radau')
```

`ans_stiff.t` are the time steps used in the integration, while `ans_stiff.y` are the solution for every  $N$ .

In [341]:

```
ans_stiff.t
```

Out[341]:

```
array([0.00000000e+00, 2.02507037e+00, 2.22757741e+01, 2.24782811e+02,  
       2.24985318e+03, 2.25005569e+04, 2.25007594e+05, 6.51844652e+05,  
       1.48408887e+06, 2.75857217e+06, 5.54151454e+06, 1.59917738e+07,  
       8.64570005e+07, 7.91109268e+08, 3.88581261e+09, 8.58372893e+09,  
       1.00000000e+10])
```

In [342]:

ans\_stiff.y

Out[342]:

```

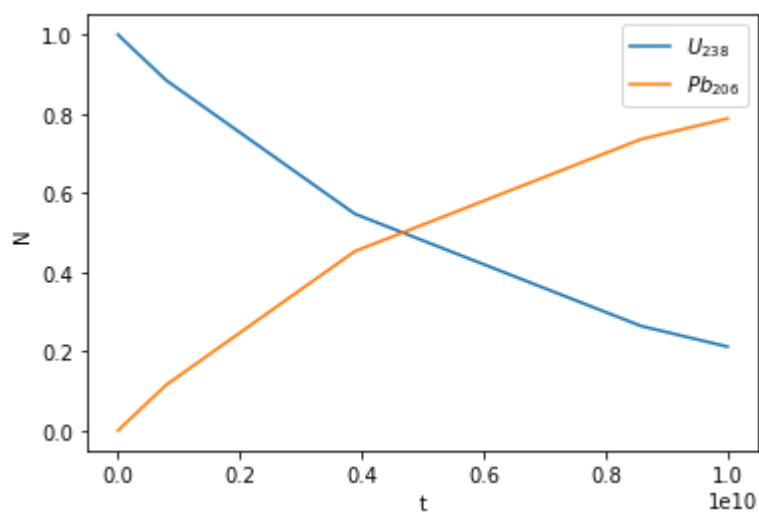
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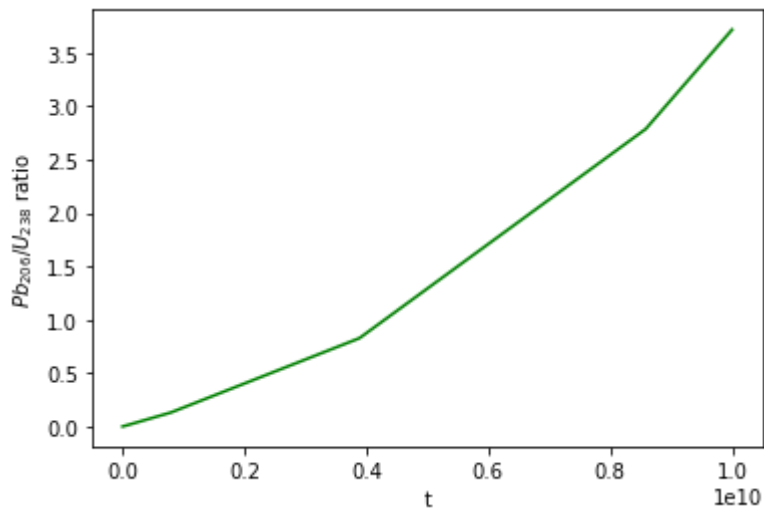
In [347]:

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plt.plot(ans_stiff.t,ans_stiff.y[0],label='$U_{238}$')
plt.plot(ans_stiff.t,ans_stiff.y[-1],label='$Pb_{206}$')
plt.xlabel('t')
plt.ylabel('N')
plt.legend()
plt.show()
```



In [349]:

```
plt.plot(ans_stiff.t,ans_stiff.y[-1]/ans_stiff.y[0], 'g')
plt.xlabel('t')
plt.ylabel('$Pb_{206}/U_{238}$ ratio')
plt.show()
```

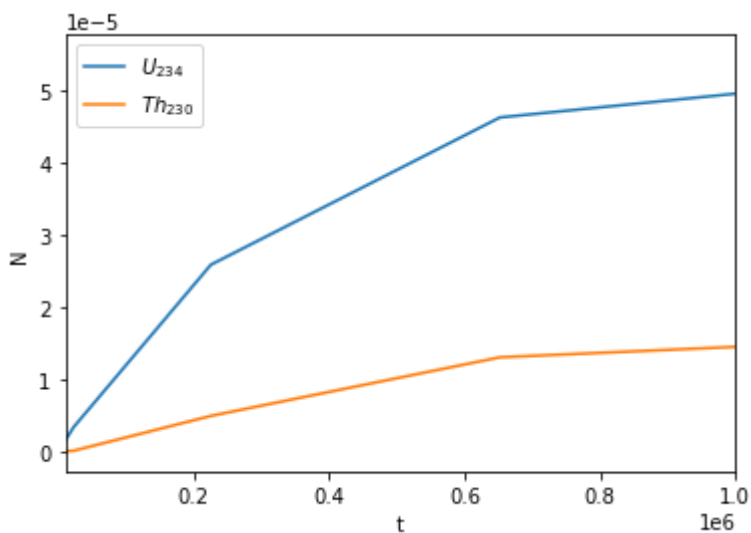


It makes sense that the  $Pb_{206}$  increases almost at the same rate of the  $U_{238}$  decay because all the intermediate elements decay quicker than  $U_{238}$ . We can see in the plot of  $Pb_{206}/U_{238}$  ratio that almost at  $0.5 \times 10^{10}$  years the amount of  $Pb_{206}$  have been increased until the same value of  $U_{238}$ , i.e,  $Pb_{206}/U_{238} \sim 1$ ; this also makes sense since the half-life of  $U_{238}$  is about  $t_{1/2} \sim 0.5 \times 10^{10}$

Now we can see the ratio of  $U_{234}$  and  $Th_{230}$ .

In [353]:

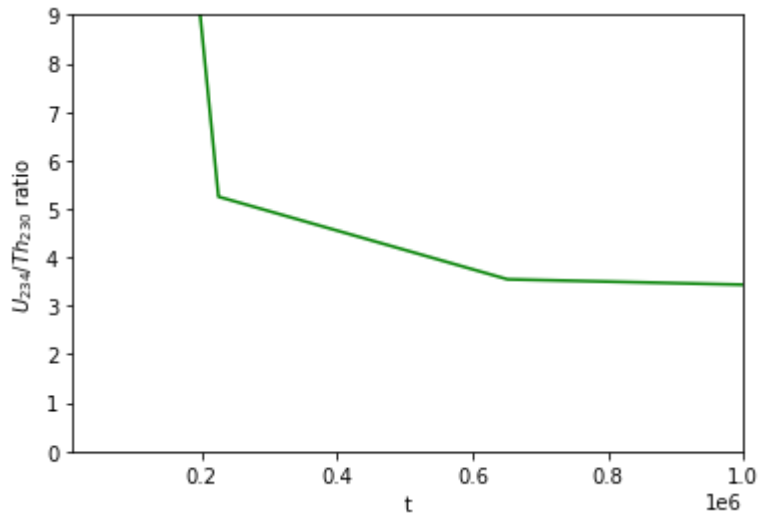
```
plt.plot(ans_stiff.t,ans_stiff.y[3],label='$U_{234}$')
plt.plot(ans_stiff.t,ans_stiff.y[4],label='$Th_{230}$')
plt.xlabel('t')
plt.ylabel('N')
#plt.yscale('log')
plt.xlim(10**4,10**6)
plt.legend()
plt.show()
```



In [358]:

```
plt.plot(ans_stiff.t,ans_stiff.y[3]/ans_stiff.y[4], 'g')
plt.xlabel('t')
plt.ylabel('$U_{234}/Th_{230}$ ratio')
plt.xlim(10**4,10**6)
plt.ylim(0,9)
plt.show()
```

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 plt.plot(ans\_stiff.t,ans\_stiff.y[3]/ans\_stiff.y[4], 'g')



We can see that the  $U_{234}$  is reduced while the  $Th_{230}$  increases. Then for smaller ratios of  $U_{234}/Th_{230}$  the rocks will be older.