

Solving Oscillatory Equation Using Euler's Method

1 Introduction

If we use Euler's Method to solve an oscillatory equation, it gives an unstable solution. We can just verify that by observing the z-t graph. Over time amplitude is increasing.

2 Python Script

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1 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
2
3 def f(t, z, w):
4     return 1j*w*z
5
6 w = 2 # frequency
7 t0 = 0 # initial time
8 tf = 10 # final time
9 h = 0.01 # step size
10 z0 = 1 # initial value of z
11
12 # Initializing arrays for t and z
13 t = [t0]
14 z = [z0]
15
16 for i in range(int((tf-t0)/h)):
17     z_next = z[-1] + h*f(t[-1], z[-1], w)
18     t_next = t[-1] + h
19     z.append(z_next)
20     t.append(t_next)
21
22 plt.plot(t, z)
23 plt.xlabel('time')
24 plt.ylabel('z')
25 plt.title('Euler Method for dz/dt = i*w*z')
26 plt.show()
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