

# COE 347: Homework 2

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## Objectives

The objective of this homework is to explore the application of numerical methods for the solution of ODEs with emphasis on accuracy of a numerical solution. We will consider all methods seen and discussed in class.

## Question 1

1. **80 pts.** Consider the following ODE

$$\frac{dy(x)}{dx} = y'(x) = -50(y - \cos(x)). \quad (1)$$

Integrate the ODE with initial conditions  $y(0) = 0$  over the interval  $x \in [0, 1]$  using MATLAB built-in functions. The solution will serve as your “exact” solution.

### Setting up our ODE

```
In [124... # load in the modules first
import numpy as np
from scipy.integrate import solve_ivp
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
import pandas as pd
from pprint import pprint

# we will use scipy.integrate.solve_ivp() to solve our IVP listed above
def ode(x, y): # first define a function
    return -50 * (y - np.cos(x))
```

### Explicit Euler Method

Here we implement Forward Euler or Explicit Euler method to solve the ODE above.

```
In [125... def fwd_euler(f, t_range, y0, N):
    """
    Implements the Forward Euler method for solving ODEs.
```

```

Parameters:
    f: Function defining the ODE, dy/dt = f(t, y)
    t_span: Tuple of (t_start, t_end)
    y0: Initial condition, scalar or array
    N: number of steps

Returns:
    t_values: Array of time values
    y_values: Array of solution values at each time
    func_eval: number of time the ODE is called
"""
func_eval = 0

t_start, t_end = t_range # start and end time
h = (t_end - t_start) / N # time step size

t_values = np.linspace(t_start, t_end, num = N+1) # generates num points including the start and end points. To divide an interval into NN steps, you need N+1 points
y_values = np.zeros(len(t_values)) # initialize solution values of y(x)

y_values[0] = y0 # initialize initial condition y0

for n, time in enumerate(t_values[:-1]): # go through all time evaluation points
    y_values[n+1] = y_values[n] + h * f(time, y_values[n]) # recall the euler formula: y_{n+1} = y_n + h * f(t_n, y_n)
    func_eval += 1

# finally return t and y values
return t_values, y_values, func_eval

```

## Implicit (or Backward) Euler Method

Here we implement Backward Euler or Implicit Euler method to solve the ODE above.

One key challenge with **implicit Euler Method** is that, well, it's **implicit**. Meaning, both LHS and RHS has the unknown,  $y_{n+1}$ , that we are trying to solve for.

But for our specific ODE, because it's *linear*, we can manipulate our original equation to concentrate our unknown to the LHS.

Recall the Backward Euler formula:

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + h \cdot f(t_{n+1}, y_{n+1})$$

For the specific ODE:

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = -50(y - \cos t)$$

Substituting into the Backward Euler formula:

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + h \cdot (-50(y_{n+1} - \cos t_{n+1}))$$

Rearrange:

$$y_{n+1} + 50hy_{n+1} = y_n + 50h \cos t_{n+1}$$

Factor  $y_{n+1}$ :

$$y_{n+1}(1 + 50h) = y_n + 50h \cos t_{n+1}$$

Solve explicitly:

$$y_{n+1} = \frac{y_n + 50h \cos t_{n+1}}{1 + 50h}$$

We will go ahead and use this explicit form of our ODE.

```
In [126... def bwd_euler(f, t_range, y0, N):
    """
    Implements the Backward Euler method for solving ODEs when an explicit formula is available.

    Parameters:
        f: Function defining the ODE, dy/dt = f(t, y)
        t_range: Tuple of (t_start, t_end)
        y0: Initial condition, scalar or array
        N: Number of steps

    Returns:
        t_values: Array of time values
        y_values: Array of solution values at each time
    """
    func_eval = 0
    t_start, t_end = t_range # Start and end time
    h = (t_end - t_start) / N # Time step size

    t_values = np.linspace(t_start, t_end, num=N + 1) # Generate N+1 points
    y_values = np.zeros(len(t_values)) # Initialize solution array

    y_values[0] = y0 # Set initial condition

    # Backward Euler loop
    for n in range(N): # Iterating from 0 to N-1 (N steps)
        y_values[n+1] = (y_values[n] + 50 * h * np.cos(t_values[n+1])) / (1 + 50 * h)
        func_eval += 1

    return t_values, y_values, func_eval
```

## Trapezoidal Method

Here we implement trapezoidal method to approximate our integral for our ODE solution approximation.

However, just like BWD Euler, this is an implicit. Thus, we have to turn this into explicit form if possible.

Start with the trapezoidal method formula:

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + \frac{h}{2}[f(t_n, y_n) + f(t_{n+1}, y_{n+1})].$$

Our ODE is:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -50(y - \cos(t)),$$

substitute  $f(t, y) = -50(y - \cos(t))$ :

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + \frac{h}{2}[-50(y_n - \cos(t_n)) + -50(y_{n+1} - \cos(t_{n+1}))].$$

Simplify:

$$y_{n+1} = y_n - \frac{50h}{2}[(y_n - \cos(t_n)) + (y_{n+1} - \cos(t_{n+1}))].$$

Distribute:

$$y_{n+1} = y_n - 25h[y_n - \cos(t_n) + y_{n+1} - \cos(t_{n+1})].$$

Rearrange to collect  $y_{n+1}$  terms:

$$y_{n+1} + 25hy_{n+1} = y_n(1 - 25h) + 25h(\cos(t_n) + \cos(t_{n+1})).$$

Factor  $y_{n+1}$  on the left:

$$y_{n+1}(1 + 25h) = y_n(1 - 25h) + 25h(\cos(t_n) + \cos(t_{n+1})).$$

Solve for  $y_{n+1}$ :

$$y_{n+1} = \frac{y_n(1 - 25h) + 25h(\cos(t_n) + \cos(t_{n+1}))}{1 + 25h}.$$

```
In [127... def trapezoidal(f, t_range, y0, N):
    """
    Implements the Trapezoidal method for solving ODEs when an explicit formula is available.

    Parameters:
        f: Function defining the ODE, dy/dt = f(t, y)
        t_range: Tuple of (t_start, t_end)
        y0: Initial condition, scalar or array
        N: Number of steps

    Returns:
        t_values: Array of time values
        y_values: Array of solution values at each time
    """
    func_eval = 0
    t_start, t_end = t_range # Start and end time
    h = (t_end - t_start) / N # Time step size

    t_values = np.linspace(t_start, t_end, num=N + 1) # Generate N+1 points
    y_values = np.zeros(len(t_values)) # Initialize solution array

    y_values[0] = y0 # Set initial condition

    for n, t in enumerate(t_values[0:-1]):
        y_values[n+1] = y_values[n] * (1 - 25 * h) + 25 * h * (np.cos(t) + np.cos(t_values[n+1])) # compute the numerator first
        y_values[n+1] /= 1 + 25 * h # then divide by the denominator's value
        func_eval += 1

    return t_values, y_values, func_eval
```

### Implicit Midpoint Method

Here we implement the implicit midpoint method to approximate our solution to ODE. Again, because this is an implicit method, we have to rearrange our equation to an explicit form if allowed. We start with the midpoint method formula:

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + hf\left(t_{n+\frac{1}{2}}, y_{n+\frac{1}{2}}\right),$$

where:

$$t_{n+\frac{1}{2}} = t_n + \frac{h}{2}, \quad y_{n+\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{y_n + y_{n+1}}{2}.$$

For the given ODE:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -50(y - \cos(t)),$$

we substitute  $f(t, y) = -50(y - \cos(t))$  into the midpoint method:

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + h \cdot \left(-50\left(y_{n+\frac{1}{2}} - \cos(t_{n+\frac{1}{2}})\right)\right).$$

Substituting  $y_{n+\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{y_n + y_{n+1}}{2}$ , we get:

$$y_{n+1} = y_n - 50h\left(\frac{y_n + y_{n+1}}{2} - \cos\left(t_n + \frac{h}{2}\right)\right).$$

Simplify to Solve for  $y_{n+1}$ :

$$y_{n+1} = y_n - \frac{50h}{2} \cdot (y_n + y_{n+1}) + 50h \cdot \cos\left(t_n + \frac{h}{2}\right).$$

$$y_{n+1} + \frac{50h}{2}y_{n+1} = y_n - \frac{50h}{2}y_n + 50h \cdot \cos\left(t_n + \frac{h}{2}\right).$$

$$y_{n+1}\left(1 + \frac{50h}{2}\right) = y_n\left(1 - \frac{50h}{2}\right) + 50h \cdot \cos\left(t_n + \frac{h}{2}\right).$$

$$y_{n+1} = \frac{y_n\left(1 - \frac{50h}{2}\right) + 50h \cdot \cos\left(t_n + \frac{h}{2}\right)}{1 + \frac{50h}{2}}.$$

The final explicit formula for  $y_{n+1}$  is:

$$y_{n+1} = \frac{y_n(1 - 25h) + 50h \cos\left(t_n + \frac{h}{2}\right)}{1 + 25h}.$$

```
In [128... def mid_point(f, t_range, y0, N):
    """
    Implements the Implicit Midpoint method for solving ODEs when an explicit formula is available.
```

```

Parameters:
    f: Function defining the ODE, dy/dt = f(t, y)
    t_range: Tuple of (t_start, t_end)
    y0: Initial condition, scalar or array
    N: Number of steps

Returns:
    t_values: Array of time values
    y_values: Array of solution values at each time
    func_eval
"""
func_eval = 0
t_start, t_end = t_range # Start and end time
h = (t_end - t_start) / N # Time step size

t_values = np.linspace(t_start, t_end, num=N + 1) # Generate N+1 points
y_values = np.zeros(len(t_values)) # Initialize solution array

y_values[0] = y0 # Set initial condition

for n, t in enumerate(t_values[0:-1]):
    y_values[n+1] = y_values[n] * (1 - 25 * h) + 50 * h * np.cos(t + 0.5 * h) # compute the numerator first
    y_values[n+1] /= 1 + 25 * h # then divide by the denominator's value
    func_eval += 1

return t_values, y_values, func_eval

```

## Adams-Bashforth 2 (AB2) Method

The second-order Adams-Bashforth (AB2) method is given by:

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + h \left( \frac{3}{2} f_n - \frac{1}{2} f_{n-1} \right),$$

where:

- $f_n = f(t_n, y_n)$  is the function evaluated at the current time step  $t_n$ ,
- $f_{n-1} = f(t_{n-1}, y_{n-1})$  is the function evaluated at the previous time step  $t_{n-1}$ ,
- $h$  is the time step size.

The global error is of order  $\mathcal{O}(h^2)$ .

```

In [129... def multi_AB2(f, t_range, y0, N):
    """
    Implements the explicit Adams-Bashforth 2 method for solving ODE.

    Parameters:
        f: Function defining the ODE, dy/dt = f(t, y)
        t_range: Tuple of (t_start, t_end)
        y0: Initial condition, scalar or array
        N: Number of steps

    Returns:
        t_values: Array of time values
        y_values: Array of solution values at each time
        func_eval
    """

```

```

func_eval = 0
t_start, t_end = t_range # Start and end time
h = (t_end - t_start) / N # Time step size

t_values = np.linspace(t_start, t_end, num=N + 1) # Generate N+1 points
y_values = np.zeros(len(t_values)) # Initialize solution array

y_values[0] = y0 # Set initial condition

# Iteratively compute first 5 steps using RK2
for n in range(0, 4): # Iterate from n=0 to n=3, calculating 5 steps
    t = t_values[n] # Current time
    t2 = t + 0.5 * h # Midpoint in time
    y2 = y_values[n] + 0.5 * h * f(t, y_values[n]) # Intermediate y

    # Update y_{n+1} using t2 and y2
    y_values[n+1] = y_values[n] + h * f(t2, y2)

    func_eval += 2 # RK2 uses 2 function evaluations

# Apply AB2 for next steps
for n in range(4, len(t_values) - 1): # Start at n=4
    y_values[n+1] = y_values[n] + h * (1.5 * f(t_values[n], y_values[n]) - 0.5 * f(t_values[n-1], y_values[n-1]))
    func_eval += 2 # Two evaluations per step (current and previous)

return t_values, y_values, func_eval

```

## Explicit Runge-Kutta 2 (RK2) Method

The explicit RK2 (midpoint method) is defined as follows:

1. Compute the midpoint in time:

$$t_2 = t_n + \frac{h}{2}.$$

2. Compute the intermediate value  $y_2$ :

$$y_2 = y_n + \frac{h}{2} f(t_n, y_n).$$

3. Update  $y_{n+1}$  using  $t_2$  and  $y_2$ :

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + h f(t_2, y_2).$$

The RK2 method involves two stages:

- First, calculating  $y_2$ , the intermediate solution at  $t_2$ .
- Then, using  $y_2$  to compute  $y_{n+1}$  via the midpoint method.

The global error for RK2 is of order:

$$E = \mathcal{O}(h^2).$$

In [130... `def explicit_RK2(f, t_range, y0, N):`

```

"""
Implements the explicit Runge-Kutta 2 method (Midpoint Method) for solving the ODE.

Parameters:
    f: Function defining the ODE, dy/dt = f(t, y)
    t_range: Tuple of (t_start, t_end)
    y0: Initial condition, scalar or array
    N: Number of steps

Returns:
    t_values: Array of time values
    y_values: Array of solution values at each time
"""
func_eval = 0
# Start and end time
t_start, t_end = t_range
h = (t_end - t_start) / N # Time step size

# Generate time values and initialize solution array
t_values = np.linspace(t_start, t_end, num=N + 1)
y_values = np.zeros((N + 1, ) + np.shape(y0)) # Properly handle scalar/vector y0

# Set initial condition
y_values[0] = y0

# Iteratively compute y_{n+1} using RK2
for n in range(N): # Iterate up to N steps
    t = t_values[n] # Current time
    # Compute intermediate values t2 and y2
    t2 = t + 0.5 * h # Midpoint in time
    y2 = y_values[n] + 0.5 * h * f(t, y_values[n]) # Intermediate y

    # Update y_{n+1} using t2 and y2
    y_values[n+1] = y_values[n] + h * f(t2, y2)

    func_eval += 2

return t_values, y_values, func_eval

```

## Explicit Runge-Kutta 4 (RK4) Method

Here we implement explicit Runge Kutta, 4th order (RK4) method to solve our ODE. The Runge-Kutta (RK4) method is defined as:

$$\begin{aligned}
 k_1 &= f(x_n, y_n), \\
 k_2 &= f\left(x_n + \frac{h}{2}, y_n + \frac{h}{2}k_1\right), \\
 k_3 &= f\left(x_n + \frac{h}{2}, y_n + \frac{h}{2}k_2\right), \\
 k_4 &= f(x_n + h, y_n + hk_3), \\
 y_{n+1} &= y_n + h \left[ \frac{1}{6}k_1 + \frac{2}{6}k_2 + \frac{2}{6}k_3 + \frac{1}{6}k_4 \right].
 \end{aligned}$$



```
In [131... def explicit_RK4(f, t_range, y0, N):
    """
    Implements the explicit Runge-Kutta 4 method for solving the ODE.

    Parameters:
        f: Function defining the ODE, dy/dt = f(t, y)
        t_range: Tuple of (t_start, t_end)
        y0: Initial condition, scalar or array
        N: Number of steps

    Returns:
        t_values: Array of time values
        y_values: Array of solution values at each time
    """
    func_eval = 0
    t_start, t_end = t_range # Start and end time
    h = (t_end - t_start) / N # Time step size

    t_values = np.linspace(t_start, t_end, num=N + 1) # Generate N+1 points
    y_values = np.zeros((N + 1, ) + np.shape(y0)) # Properly handle scalar/vector y0

    y_values[0] = y0 # Set initial condition

    for n in range(N): # Iterate up to N steps
        t = t_values[n] # Current time
        k1 = f(t, y_values[n])
        k2 = f(t + 0.5 * h, y_values[n] + 0.5 * h * k1)
        k3 = f(t + 0.5 * h, y_values[n] + 0.5 * h * k2)
        k4 = f(t + h, y_values[n] + h * k3)

        # RK4 update step
        y_values[n+1] = y_values[n] + h * (k1 / 6 + k2 / 3 + k3 / 3 + k4 / 6)

        func_eval += 4

    return t_values, y_values, func_eval
```

## Plotting Exact Solution Versus Different Numerical Solutions

- **25 pts.** Implement explicit Euler, implicit Euler, midpoint, trapezoidal, Adams-Bashforth 2, explicit Runge-Kutta 2 (RK2), and explicit Runge-Kutta 4 (RK4) into MATLAB solvers. Details for the explicit RK4 method are given below and are also available on the class notes (Chapter 4).

Always start with a small value of  $h$  and plot the numerical solution in  $[0, 1]$  together with the MATLAB solution above. Confirm that you implemented the method correctly and get an idea of suitable time step sizes.

Turn in plots of numerical solutions on the same graph together with the exact solution. For each method, produce a separate plot with the numerical solutions obtained with four reasonable choices of the time step size  $h$  as to convey the idea that the numerical solution is *converging to the exact one*.

```
In [132... sns.set_theme(palette='flare', style="darkgrid")
# our time span
t_range = [0,1]
t_start, t_end = t_range
# set N
N = 80
# set h
h = (t_end - t_start) / N
# define evaluation points to be consistent.
eval_times = np.linspace(t_start, t_end, num = N+1)
# initial condition
y0 = 0

# solve ode using RK45 -> this is our "exact" solution
exact_y_values = solve_ivp(fun = ode, t_span=[0, 1], y0 =[0], method = 'RK45', t_eval=eval_times, atol=1e-12, rtol=1e-12).y[0]

# Set up the figure size
plt.figure(figsize=(12, 8)) # Width: 12 inches, Height: 8 inches
# Define distinct markers for each method
markers = ["o", "s", "D", "^", "v", "p", "*"] # Circle, square, diamond, triangle, inverted triangle, pentagon, star

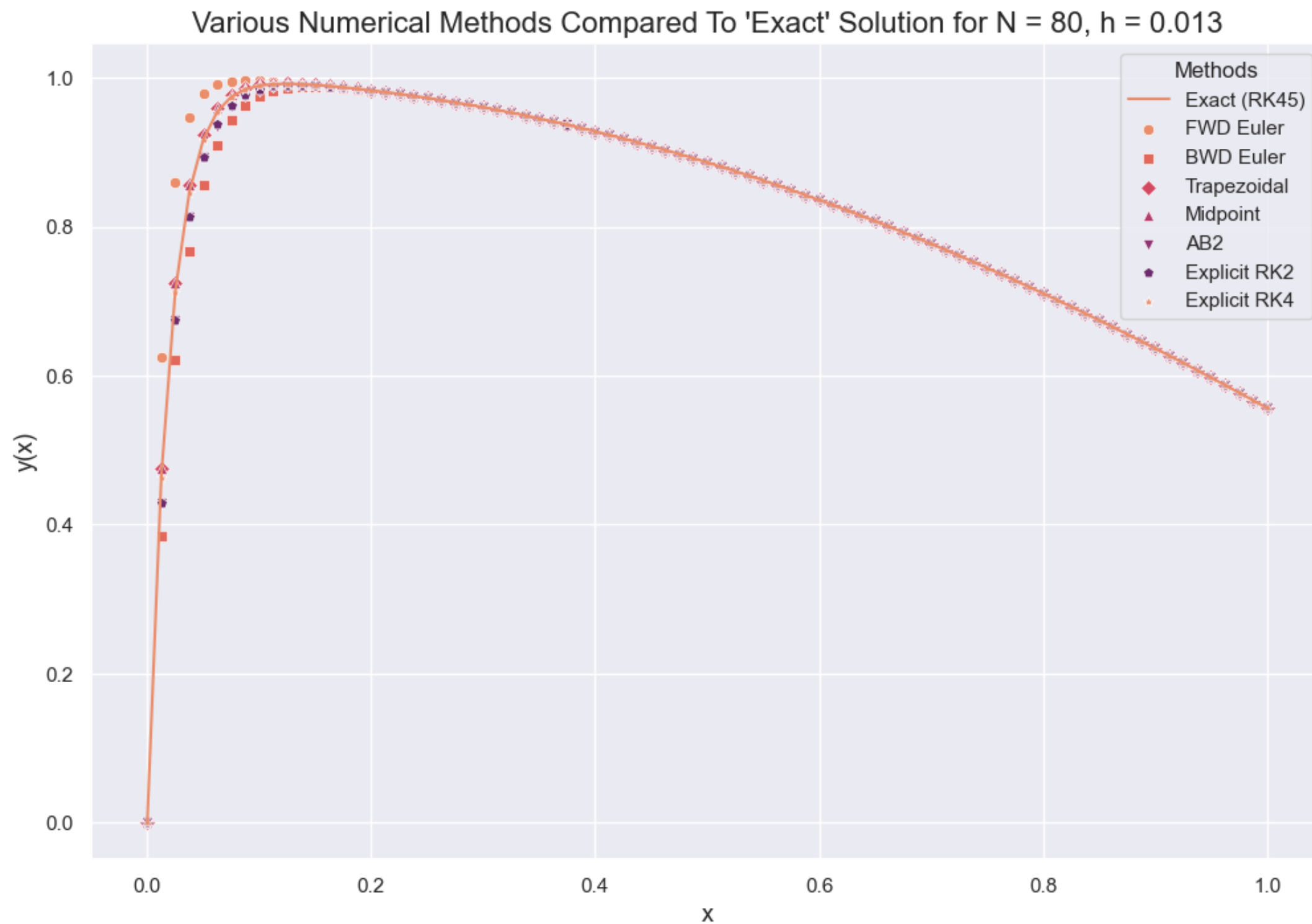
# plot exact solution
sns.lineplot(x=eval_times, y=exact_y_values, label = 'Exact (RK45)')
# Plot Forward Euler
_, fwd_euler_y, _ = fwd_euler(ode, t_range, y0, N)
sns.scatterplot(x=eval_times, y=fwd_euler_y, label='FWD Euler', marker=markers[0])
```

```

# Plot Backward Euler
_, bwd_euler_y, _ = bwd_euler(ode, t_range, y0, N)
sns.scatterplot(x=eval_times, y=bwd_euler_y, label='BWD Euler', marker=markers[1])
# Plot Trapezoidal
_, trapz_y, _ = trapezoidal(ode, t_range, y0, N)
sns.scatterplot(x=eval_times, y=trapz_y, label='Trapezoidal', marker=markers[2])
# Plot Midpoint
_, midpoint_y, _ = mid_point(ode, t_range, y0, N)
sns.scatterplot(x=eval_times, y=midpoint_y, label='Midpoint', marker=markers[3])
# Plot AB2
_, AB2_y, _ = multi_AB2(ode, t_range, y0, N)
sns.scatterplot(x=eval_times, y=AB2_y, label="AB2", marker=markers[4])
# Plot Explicit RK2
_, RK2_y, _ = explicit_RK2(ode, t_range, y0, N)
sns.scatterplot(x=eval_times, y=RK2_y, label='Explicit RK2', marker=markers[5])
# Plot Explicit RK4
_, RK4_y, _ = explicit_RK4(ode, t_range, y0, N)
sns.scatterplot(x=eval_times, y=RK4_y, label='Explicit RK4', marker=markers[6])

axes_font_size = 13
plt.xlabel("x", fontsize = axes_font_size)
plt.ylabel("y(x)", fontsize = axes_font_size)
plt.title(f"Various Numerical Methods Compared To 'Exact' Solution for N = {N}, h = {h:.3f}", fontsize = 16)
plt.legend(title="Methods")
plt.show()

```



### Varying Step-Sizes for Each Numerical Method for Convergence Confirmation

Here, we make separate plots with the numerical solutions obtained with four reasonable choices of the time step size  $h$  as to convey the idea that the numerical solution is converging to the exact one. As our plots confirm below, they all converge with reasonable enough  $N$

```
In [133... # Define the figure and axes for a 2x4 grid
fig, axes = plt.subplots(2, 4, figsize=(16, 8), sharex=True) # 2 rows, 4 columns
# Titles for each subplot
titles = ["Forward Euler", "Backward Euler", "Trapezoidal", "Midpoint", "AB2", "Explicit RK2", "Explicit RK4"]
# Methods and their corresponding function calls
methods = [fwd_euler, bwd_euler, trapezoidal, mid_point, multi_AB2, explicit_RK2, explicit_RK4]
# different step numbers
varying_Ns = np.array([40, 50, 80, 100])
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# different step sizes
varying_hs = (t_end - t_start) / varying_Ns
# Define distinct markers for different step sizes
step_size_markers = ["o", "s", "D", "^"] # At least 4 unique markers

# for later use, we'll also store global error values for varying step sizes for each method
methods_errors = np.zeros(shape = (7,4)) # 7 numerical methods, 4 varying hs for each method
# for method_work computation for later use
methods_work = np.zeros(shape = (7,4), dtype=int)

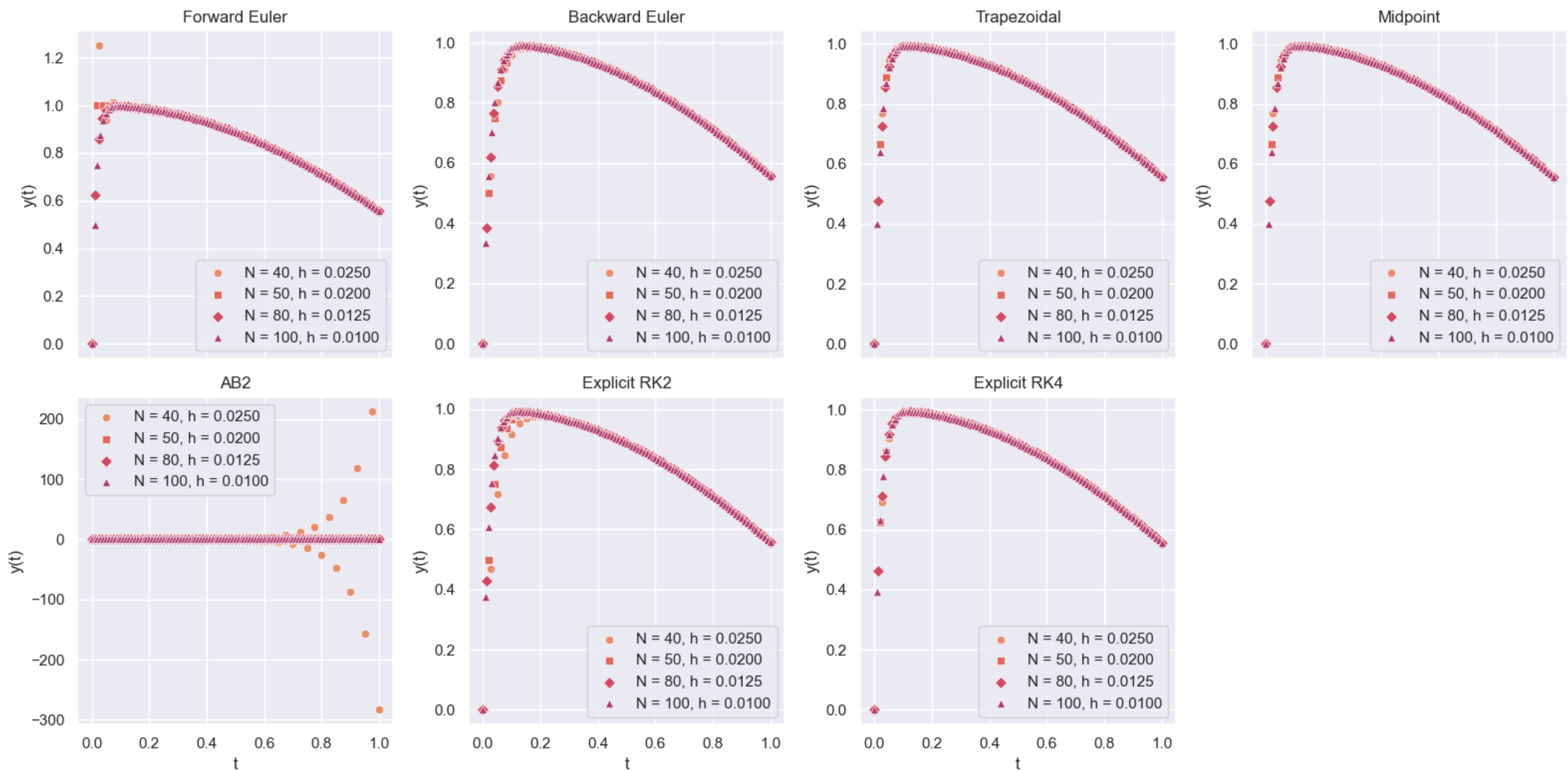
# Loop over each subplot (2x4 grid)
for i, ax in enumerate(axes.flat[0:-1]): # Flatten axes for easy iteration
    # store the errors, e(h) w.r.t. step size h, the difference between the CURRENT numerical solution and the "exact" solution.
    curr_mthd_error = np.zeros(4) # 4 errors for 4 different h
    # store the amount of ode invocations we have
    curr_mthd_work = np.zeros(4, dtype=int) # 4 diff values for 4 diff. h
    # loop over different time step sizes
    for j, steps in enumerate(varying_Ns):
        t_values, y_values, ode_invokes = methods[i](ode, t_range, y0, steps) # Compute solution using a numerical method
        sns.scatterplot(x=t_values, y=y_values, ax=ax, marker=step_size_markers[j], label=f"N = {steps}, h = {varying_hs[j]:.4f}") # plot using different step sizes
        # solve ode using RK45 -> this is our "exact" solution
        exact_y = solve_ivp(fun=ode, t_span=t_range, y0=[y0], method='RK45', t_eval=[t_end], atol=1e-12, rtol=1e-12).y[0, -1]
        # compute the error for current h, at x = 1.0
        curr_mthd_error[j] = abs(y_values[-1] - exact_y)
        # store the function invocation
        curr_mthd_work[j] = ode_invokes

    methods_errors[i] = curr_mthd_error # store 4 errors into our global error vector
    methods_work[i] = curr_mthd_work

    ax.set_title(titles[i]) # Set title
    ax.set_xlabel("t")
    ax.set_ylabel("y(t)")
    ax.legend() # Add legend to each subplot

# hide the last plot
axes[-1,-1].axis('off')
# Adjust layout to avoid overlap
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()

```



- **15 pts.** For each method, advance the solution until  $x = 1$ . Repeat with various step sizes  $h$  and compute the difference between the numerical solution and the “exact” solution. Call this difference the (global) “error” for a given step size,  $e(h)$ .

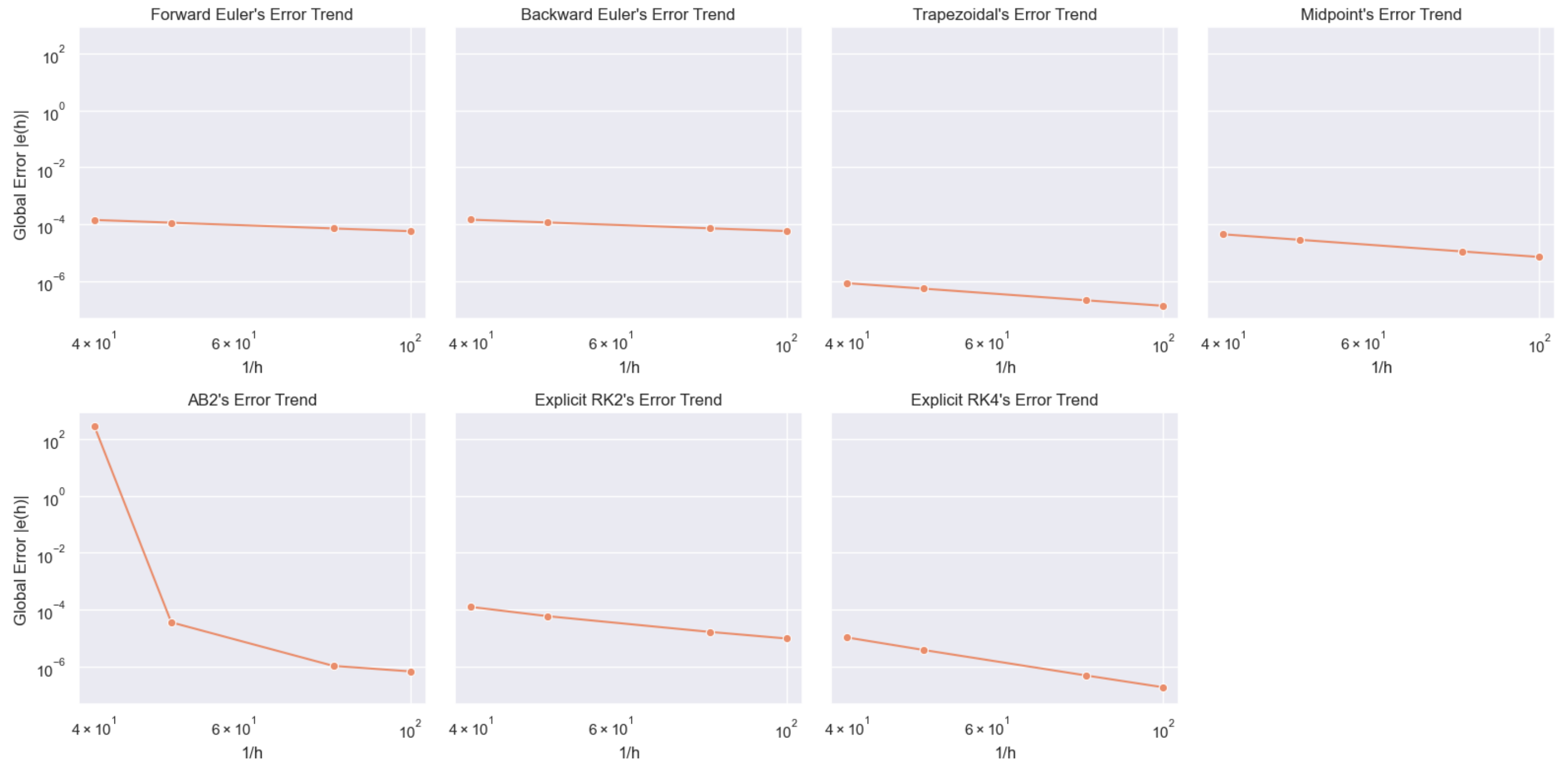
Plot the absolute value of the error  $|e|$  (y-axis) as a function of  $1/h$  (x-axis), where  $h$  is the step size. Use a log-log plot and report the error for all numerical methods considered.

```
In [134... # Define the figure and axes for a 2x4 grid
fig, axes = plt.subplots(2, 4, figsize=(16, 8), sharey=True) # 2 rows, 4 columns
```



```
# Loop over each subplot (2x4 grid)
for i, ax in enumerate(axes.flat[0:-1]): # Flatten axes for easy iteration
    sns.lineplot(x = 1 / varying_hs, y= methods_errors[i], marker = 'o', ax=ax) # plot using different step sizes
    # Set log-log scale
    ax.set_xscale("log"), ax.set_yscale("log")
    # Set plot labels and title
    ax.set_title(f"{titles[i]}s Error Trend")
    ax.set_xlabel("1/h", fontsize = 12)
    ax.set_ylabel("Global Error |e(h)|", fontsize = 12)

# hide the last plot
axes[-1,-1].axis('off')
# Adjust layout to avoid overlap
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
```



- **15 pts.** For each method, fit a function  $E = Ch^\alpha$  to the  $(h, |e|)$  pairs and confirm that  $\alpha$  is close to the value you expect given the rate of convergence of a specific method from the book and class notes.

```
In [135... from scipy.stats import linregress

expected_orders = [1, 1, 2, 2, 2, 2, 4] # Expected theoretical orders for each method

for i, method_error in enumerate(methods_errors):
    log_h = np.log(varying_hs) # log(h)
    log_error = np.log(method_error) # log(|e(h)|)

    slope = linregress(log_h, log_error)[0]
    print(f"{titles[i]}: Estimated  $\alpha \approx$  {slope:.2f}, Expected  $\alpha =$  {expected_orders[i]}")
```

```
Forward Euler: Estimated  $\alpha \approx 0.99$ , Expected  $\alpha = 1$ 
Backward Euler: Estimated  $\alpha \approx 1.01$ , Expected  $\alpha = 1$ 
Trapezoidal: Estimated  $\alpha \approx 2.00$ , Expected  $\alpha = 2$ 
Midpoint: Estimated  $\alpha \approx 2.00$ , Expected  $\alpha = 2$ 
AB2: Estimated  $\alpha \approx 18.71$ , Expected  $\alpha = 2$ 
Explicit RK2: Estimated  $\alpha \approx 2.77$ , Expected  $\alpha = 2$ 
Explicit RK4: Estimated  $\alpha \approx 4.39$ , Expected  $\alpha = 4$ 
```



- **25 pts.** For each method and a choice of time step  $h$ , produce a measure of the “work” (i.e. the “effort”) required to integrate the IVP from  $t = 0$  to  $t = 1$ . One sensible manner of measuring “work” is to count *how many times the function  $f(t, y)$  is evaluated* as the method steps from  $t = 0$  to  $t = 1$ . Modify the MATLAB functions to accomplish this objective (e.g. you may do this by updating a global counter every time the function is called) and call this number of function evaluations  $M$ .

Produce another log-log plot, whereby you plot  $e$  vs.  $M$  for all numerical methods and time step sizes considered. In other words, your plot will show  $e$  vs.  $M$  as  $h$  decreases (and  $M$  increases) for all methods.

What can you conclude by comparing the curves obtained with the various methods?

*A point worth considering. When you implement an implicit method, evaluations of  $f(t, y)$  are required to solve for the implicit equation that has  $y_{n+1}$  as a solution. So, to an extent, the function responsible for solving the implicit equation (e.g. the MATLAB function `fsolve`) decides how many function evaluations are required at each time step in order to achieve a user-prescribed tolerance.*

```
In [136... # Define the figure and axes for a 2x4 grid
fig, axes = plt.subplots(2, 4, figsize=(16, 8), sharey=True, sharex=True)

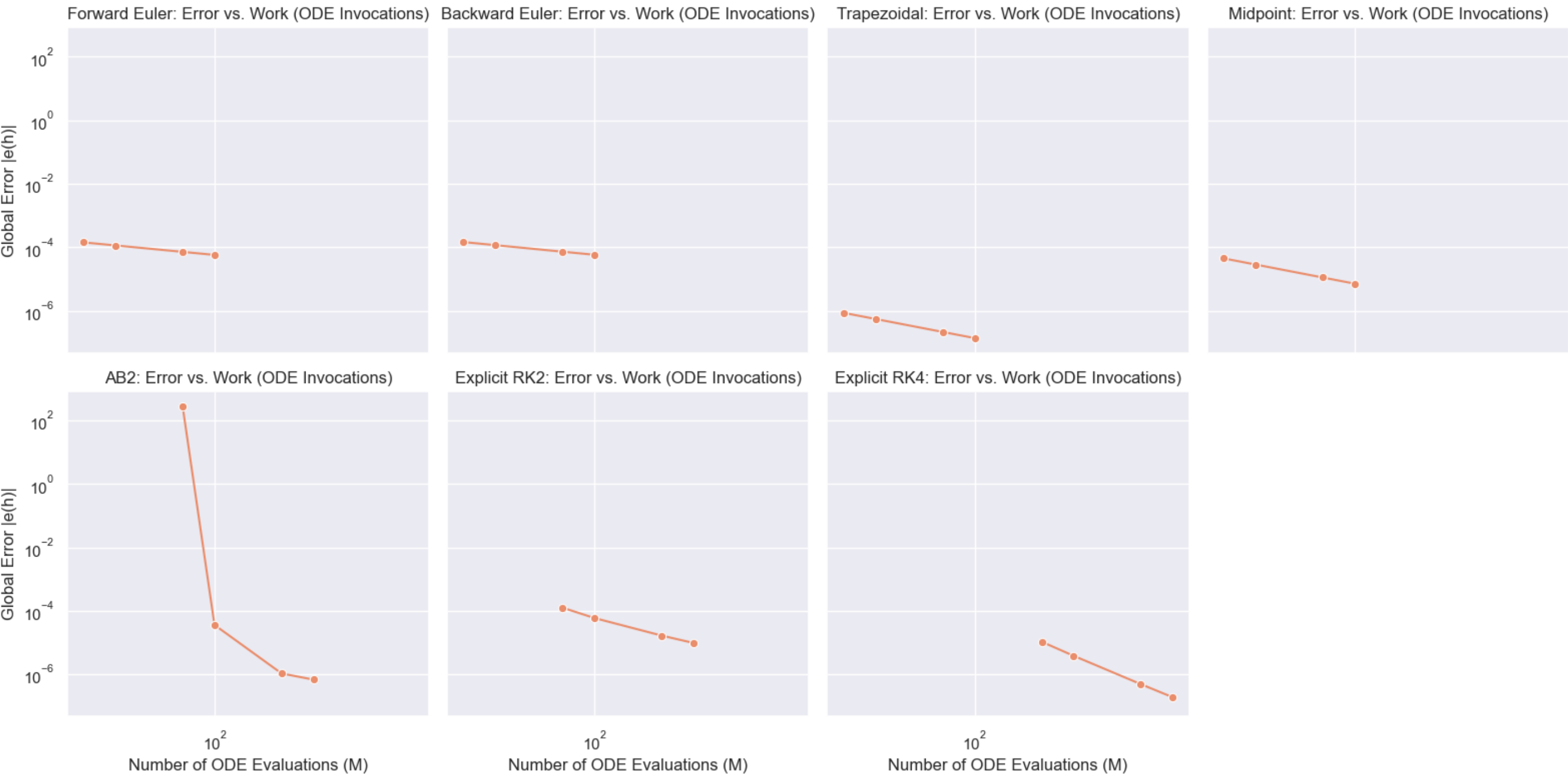
# Loop over each subplot (2x4 grid)
for i, ax in enumerate(axes.flat[0:-1]): # Flatten axes for easy iteration
    sns.lineplot(x=methods_work[i], y=methods_errors[i], marker='o', ax=ax) # Corrected order

    # Set log-log scale
    ax.set_xscale("log")
    ax.set_yscale("log")

    # Set plot labels and title
    ax.set_title(f'{titles[i]}: Error vs. Work (ODE Invocations)')
    ax.set_xlabel("Number of ODE Evaluations (M)", fontsize=12)
    ax.set_ylabel("Global Error |e(h)|", fontsize=12)

# Hide the last empty plot
axes[-1, -1].axis('off')
```

```
# Adjust layout to avoid overlap
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
```



By comparing the error vs. work curves for various numerical methods, we can observe significant differences in their efficiency and accuracy. Higher-order methods, such as Explicit RK4, exhibit the steepest decline in error as the number of function evaluations increases, confirming their superior accuracy per computational effort. In contrast, Forward and Backward Euler methods demonstrate a much slower reduction in error, requiring significantly more function evaluations to achieve comparable accuracy, making them computationally inefficient for high-precision applications.

Second-order methods, including the Trapezoidal, Midpoint, and Explicit RK2 methods, strike a balance between accuracy and computational cost. They outperform the Euler methods while requiring fewer evaluations than RK4, making them an attractive option when moderate accuracy is sufficient. The Adams-Bashforth 2 (AB2) method initially exhibits instability at larger step sizes, but its performance improves as the step size decreases, indicating that multistep methods may require careful handling of initial values.

Explicit RK4 stands out as the most efficient method for achieving high accuracy with a reasonable number of function evaluations. However, it requires four function calls per step, making it computationally expensive compared to second-order methods. In contrast, the Midpoint and Trapezoidal methods provide a good trade-off, offering significant accuracy improvements over Euler methods while keeping function evaluations manageable. Ultimately, the choice of numerical method depends on the trade-off between computational cost and accuracy required for the given problem.

## Question 2

2. **20 pts.** Consider the following  $N \times N$  tridiagonal matrix  $T_N$ :

$$T_N = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 & & 0 \\ 1 & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & \ddots & \ddots & 1 \\ 0 & & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (2)$$

where  $N \geq 1$ .

Compute the eigenvalues of the matrix for  $N = 10$  and confirm that they are

$$\lambda_i = -2(1 - \cos(\pi i / (N + 1))) \quad i = 1, \dots, N \quad (3)$$

Next, plot  $\max |\lambda|$ , i.e. the maximum absolute value of all eigenvalues of  $T_N$  versus  $N$  for  $N = 1, \dots, 20$ . Comment on the behavior of  $\max |\lambda|$  as  $N$  changes. Reconciliate your finding with the expression for  $\lambda_i$  provided above in Eq. (3).

Turn in plots that support your answers and explanations.

### Tridiagonal Matrix Function and Analytical Eigenvalue Function

```
In [137... def make_tridiagonal_matrix(N: int) -> np.array:
    """
    Constructs the N x N tridiagonal matrix T_N.

    Parameters:
    N (int): Size of the matrix

    Returns:
    numpy.ndarray: The tridiagonal matrix T_N
```

```

"""
main_diag = -2 * np.ones(N)      # Main diagonal (-2)
off_diag = np.ones(N - 1)        # Off diagonals (1)
# Construct the tridiagonal matrix
return np.diag(main_diag) + np.diag(off_diag, k=1) + np.diag(off_diag, k=-1)

def compute_eigvals_TN(N):
    """Compute the eigenvalues of the tridiagonal matrix T_N using equation (3)"""
    i_values = np.arange(1, N + 1) # Vector of indices i = [1, 2, ..., N]
    return -2 * (1 - np.cos(np.pi * i_values / (N + 1))) # Fully vectorized operation

```

Compute Eigenvalues for  $N = 10$  and Confirm If they match the above definition (3).

Our results below confirms that both produce same eigenvalues!

```

In [138... # compute eigenvalues of T_N of N = 10
eigen_vals_N10 = np.sort(np.linalg.eig(make_tridiagonal_matrix(10))[0])
# Then compute per (3)
eigen_vals_by_3 = np.sort(compute_eigvals_TN(10))

print(f"Eigen Values (sorted) of the T_N Matrix :")
print(eigen_vals_N10.T)
print(f"Eigen Values (sorted) using the equation 3 : ")
print(eigen_vals_by_3.T)
print("The difference between thsoe two:")
print(np.round(eigen_vals_by_3-eigen_vals_N10,4))

```

```

Eigen Values (sorted) of the T_N Matrix :
[-3.91898595 -3.68250707 -3.30972147 -2.83083003 -2.28462968 -1.71537032
 -1.16916997 -0.69027853 -0.31749293 -0.08101405]
Eigen Values (sorted) using the equation 3 :
[-3.91898595 -3.68250707 -3.30972147 -2.83083003 -2.28462968 -1.71537032
 -1.16916997 -0.69027853 -0.31749293 -0.08101405]
The difference between thsoe two:
[ 0.  0.  0.  0.  0.  0.  0.  0.  0. -0.]

```

Plot  $\max|\lambda|$  for  $N = 1, \dots, 20$

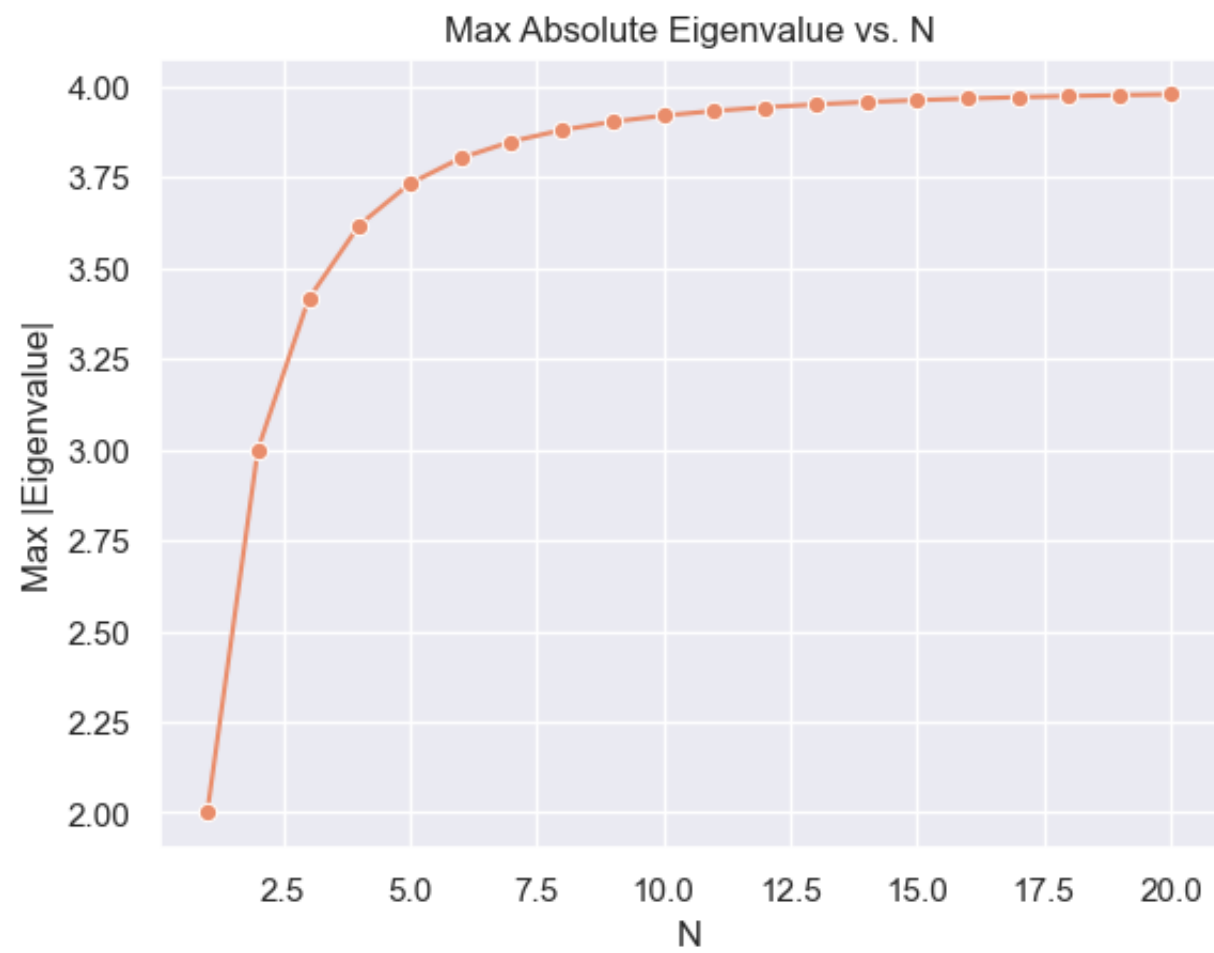
```

In [139... # Store max eigenvalues for N from 1 to 10
max_eigen_vals = np.zeros(20) # Corrected size to match 10 iterations
iterations_N = np.arange(1, 21)

# Iterate over N = 1 to 10
for n in range(1, 20+1):
    max_eigen_vals[n-1] = np.max(np.abs(compute_eigvals_TN(n))) # Adjust index by subtracting 1

# Plot using seaborn
sns.lineplot(x=iterations_N, y=max_eigen_vals, marker='o')
plt.xlabel("N")
plt.ylabel("Max |Eigenvalue|")
plt.title("Max Absolute Eigenvalue vs. N")
plt.grid(True)
plt.show()

```



#### Behavior of $\max |\lambda|$ as $N$ Changes

The plot shows that the maximum absolute eigenvalue,  $\max |\lambda|$ , **increases with  $N$**  but approaches a limiting value. Specifically:

- For small  $N$ , the eigenvalues grow **rapidly**.
- For larger  $N$ , the growth slows down and asymptotically approaches **4**.

This suggests that the largest eigenvalue converges as  $N \rightarrow \infty$ , meaning the system has a well-defined spectral bound.

#### Reconciliation with the Given Formula

From the given formula:

$$\lambda_i = -2(1 - \cos(\pi i / (N + 1)))$$

the maximum eigenvalue occurs at  $i = N$ , giving:

$$\lambda_{\max} = -2(1 - \cos(\pi N / (N + 1)))$$

For large  $N$ , we approximate:

$$\cos\left(\frac{\pi N}{N + 1}\right) \rightarrow -1$$

Thus, the eigenvalue simplifies to:

$$\lambda_{\max} \approx -2(1 - (-1)) = -4$$

Since we are taking **absolute values**, we get:

$$\max |\lambda_{max}| \rightarrow 4$$

which matches the **asymptotic behavior observed in the plot**.