

## LAB 1

 I. Convert the problem

$$y''' + 4y'' + 5y' + 2y = -4 \sin t - 2 \cos t \\ y(0) = 1, \quad y'(0) = 0, \quad y''(0) = -1$$

to a system of first-order equations. Using Euler's method, solve this system to obtain an approximation  $\hat{y}_N$  for  $y(1)$  using uniform time steps  $t_n = n/N, n = 0, 1, \dots, N$  for  $N = 2^j, j = 0, 1, \dots, 10$ , and report the errors  $e_N = |\hat{y}_N - y(1)|$ , where the exact solution is  $y(t) = \cos t$ .

The first line of your Matlab implementation file `lab1_exercise1.m` should read

```
function [E] = lab1_exercise1(J)
```

where the input  $J$  is used to define the largest  $N = 2^J$  (for example, you are asked to do the computation for  $J = 10$ ) and the output  $E$  is a vector of size  $J + 1$  whose  $j$ -th entry  $E(j)$  contains error  $e_{2^{j-1}}$ . What you observe about  $E(j)/E(j+1)$  as  $j$  increases?

 II. The populations of two species, a prey denoted by  $y_1$  and predator denoted by  $y_2$  can be modeled by the non-linear ODE

$$\begin{bmatrix} y'_1 \\ y'_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1(\alpha_1 - \beta_1 y_2) \\ y_2(-\alpha_2 + \beta_2 y_1) \end{bmatrix} = f(y).$$

The parameters  $\alpha_1$  and  $\alpha_2$  are natural birth and death rates in isolation of prey and predators, respectively, and the parameters  $\beta_1$  and  $\beta_2$  determine the effect of interactions between the two populations, where the probability of interaction is proportional to product of the populations.

Implement a Matlab function that uses the Euler's method with uniform time steps  $t_n = nT/N, n = 0, \dots, N$ , to solve the IVP between  $t = 0$  and  $t = T$ . The first line of your Matlab implementation file `lab1_exercise2.m` should read

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function [ ] = lab1_exercise2(N, T, a1, a2, b1, b2, y10, y20)
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where the input  $N$  specifies the grid size  $N$ , the input  $T$  specifies the final time  $T$ , the inputs,  $a1, a2, b1, b2$  correspond to ODE parameters  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \beta_1, \beta_2$  respectively and the inputs  $y10, y20$  specify the initial conditions  $y_1(0), y_2(0)$  respectively. Your function should plot each of the two populations as a function of time (on the same plot) and, on a separate graph, plots the trajectory of the points  $(y_1(t), y_2(t))$  in the plane as a function of time.

Use  $N = 1000, T = 25$ , the parameter values  $\alpha_1 = 1, \beta_1 = 0.1, \alpha_2 = 0.5, \beta_2 = 0.02$ , and the initial population  $y_1(0) = 100$  and  $y_2(0) = 10$  to display the plots and comment on your observations.