

# Lab01-Initial Value Problems

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## 1 Lab01: Initial Value Problems

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## 2 Introduction

This lab covers Newton's method, Lagrange interpolation and forward and backward Euler.

## 3 Newton's Method

Create a function *Newtons\_Method* to find the root(s) of a function  $f(x)$ . Start from an initial guess  $x_0$ , to successively better the approximation of the root. If  $f(x)$  has continuous derivatives, Newton's method will converge to  $x^*$  if our initial guess is reasonable.

$$x_{k+1} = x_k - \frac{f(x_k)}{f'(x_k)}$$

### 3.1 Code Deliverable

```
In [1]: import numpy as np
import pandas as pd

def newtons_method(maxIter, tol, f, f_prime, x0):
    """
    Implementation of Newton's Method
    Input:
        maxIter - maximum number of iterations
        tol - tolerance used for stopping criteria
        f - the function handle for the function f(x)
        f_prime - the function handle for the function's derivative
        x0 - the initial point
    Output:
        x1 - approximations
        iter1 - number of iterations
    """
    #begin counting iterations
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iter1 = 0

#Tabular format (commented out for backward euler)
print("Results:\n\nIter: Approx: |x_k -1|:\n")

#iterate while the iteration counter is less than your iteration cap and
#the function value is not close to 0
while (iter1 < maxIter and abs(f(x0)) > tol):

    #Newton's method definition
    x1 = x0 - f(x0)/f_prime(x0)

    #update counter
    iter1 += 1

    #disrupt loop if error is less than your tolerance
    if (abs(x1 - x0) < tol):
        break
    #update position
    else:
        x0 = x1
    #print out tabular format of results (Commented out for backward euler)
    print(iter1, " | ", '{:.4f}'.format(round(x1,4)),
          ' | {:.4E}'.format(abs(x1-1)))

return x1, iter1

```

### 3.2 Code Check

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In [2]: #define lambda functions for f and f_prime
        f = lambda x: x**2 - 1
        f_prime = lambda x: 2*x

        #call newtowns_method function
        approx, iteration = newtons_method(6, 1.0*10**-8, f, f_prime, 2)

```

Results:

Iter: Approx: |x\_k -1|:

1		1.2500		2.5000E-01
2		1.0250		2.5000E-02
3		1.0003		3.0488E-04
4		1.0000		4.6461E-08
5		1.0000		1.1102E-15

## 4 Lagrange Interpolation

Create a function `lagrange_interp` to find the value of the Lagrange Interpolation polynomial evaluated at a point  $x$ . We define the Lagrange interpolation polynomial

$$p(x) := \sum_{i=1}^n y_i L_i(x)$$

The Lagrange polynomials are defined as

$$L_i(x) := \prod_{j=0, j \neq i} \frac{x - x_j}{x_i - x_j}$$

### 4.1 Code Deliverable

```
In [4]: #import external modules
import numpy as np

def lagrange_interp(x, xvals, yvals):
    """
    Input:
        x - interpolation points. All four values are set to one
            variable and indexed at function call
        xvals - target points equispaced using linspace(-1, 1, 500)
        yvals - function values evaluated at the interpolation points
    Output:
        y - the value of the Lagrange interpolation polynomial
            evaluated at the point x
    """
    #get the length of the interpolation points
    # this variable will be used to assign the limit of iteration
    n = len(x)

    #call basis function to calculate vector of lagrange polynomials
    lagrange_poly = lagrange_basis(x, xvals)

    #assign y to 0
    y = 0

    #iterate
    for i in range(n):
        #calculate the sum of element wise multiplication of the function values
        #yvals and basis vector created by lagrange_basis
        y += yvals[i] * lagrange_poly[i]
    return y

def lagrange_basis(x, xvals):
    """
    Input:
```

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x - interpolation points. All four values are set to one variable
and indexed at function call
xvals - target points equispaced using linspace(-1, 1, 500)
Output:
    y - returns a vector of lagrange polynomials evaluated at the target point x
    """
    #get the length of the interpolation points
    # this variable will be used to assign the limit of iteration
    n = len(x)

    #preallocate y variable with 500 1's
    y = np.ones(n)

    for i in range(n):
        for j in range(n):
            #constraint to prevent i = j
            if i != j:
                #calculate lagrange polynomials evaluated at the target point
                #*= to find product
                y[i] *= (xvals - x[j]) / (x[i] - x[j])
    return y

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#### 4.1.1 Runge Phenomenon

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{1+25x^2} \quad x \in [-1, 1]$$

Evaluate the interpolant of  $f(x)$  at a set of target points. We use 500 equispaced points in  $[-1, 1]$  for the target points. Using  $n = 3, 5, 9, 17$ , plot  $p(x)$  and  $f(x)$  on the same plot for each  $n$ . Also plot the differences of  $f(x)$  and  $p(x)$  for each case.

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In [5]: #import external modules
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
%matplotlib inline

#runge function
runge = lambda x: 1/(1 + 25*x**2)

#500 equispaced target points in [-1, 1]
xvals = np.linspace(-1, 1, 500)

#interpolation points using list comprehension for code redundancy.
x = [np.linspace(-1, 1, q) for q in [3, 5, 9, 17]]

#initialize polynomials with size 500
p1 = np.zeros(500)
p2 = np.zeros(500)
p3 = np.zeros(500)
p4 = np.zeros(500)

```

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#call function lagrange_interp using list comprehension
#x[1..4] is interpolation points indexed at different n values
#xvals[i] is iterating through the length of p(s) (500) to be used
#in lagrange_basis to subtract from x[j]
#runge(x[1..4]) calls the runge function evaluated at each set of interpolation points
p1 = [lagrange_interp(x[0], xvals[i], runge(x[0])) for i in range(len(p1))]
p2 = [lagrange_interp(x[1], xvals[i], runge(x[1])) for i in range(len(p2))]
p3 = [lagrange_interp(x[2], xvals[i], runge(x[2])) for i in range(len(p3))]
p4 = [lagrange_interp(x[3], xvals[i], runge(x[3])) for i in range(len(p4))]

#Calculate differences of f(x) and p(x) for each case
diff1 = runge(xvals) - p1
diff2 = runge(xvals) - p2
diff3 = runge(xvals) - p3
diff4 = runge(xvals) - p4

#plotting (find better way to limit repeated code)
plt.figure(1, figsize=(15, 12))
plt.subplot(4,2,1)
plt.plot(xvals, runge(xvals), color='red', label='f(x)')
plt.plot(xvals, p1, color='green', linestyle='dashed', label='p(x) when n = 3')
plt.legend()

plt.subplot(4,2,2)
plt.plot(xvals, runge(xvals), color='red', label='f(x)')
plt.plot(xvals, p2, color='purple', linestyle='dashed', label='p(x) when n = 5')
plt.legend()

plt.subplot(4,2,3)
plt.plot(xvals, runge(xvals), color='red', label='f(x)')
plt.plot(xvals, p3, color='black', linestyle='dashed', label='p(x) when n = 9')
plt.legend()

plt.subplot(4,2,4)
plt.plot(xvals, runge(xvals), color='red', label='f(x)')
plt.plot(xvals, p4, color='blue', linestyle='dashed', label='p(x) when n = 17')
plt.legend()

plt.subplot(4,2,5)
plt.plot(xvals, diff1, color='green', label='diff of f(x) - p(x) when n = 3')
plt.legend()

plt.subplot(4,2,6)
plt.plot(xvals, diff2, color='purple', label='diff of f(x) - p(x) when n = 5')
plt.legend()

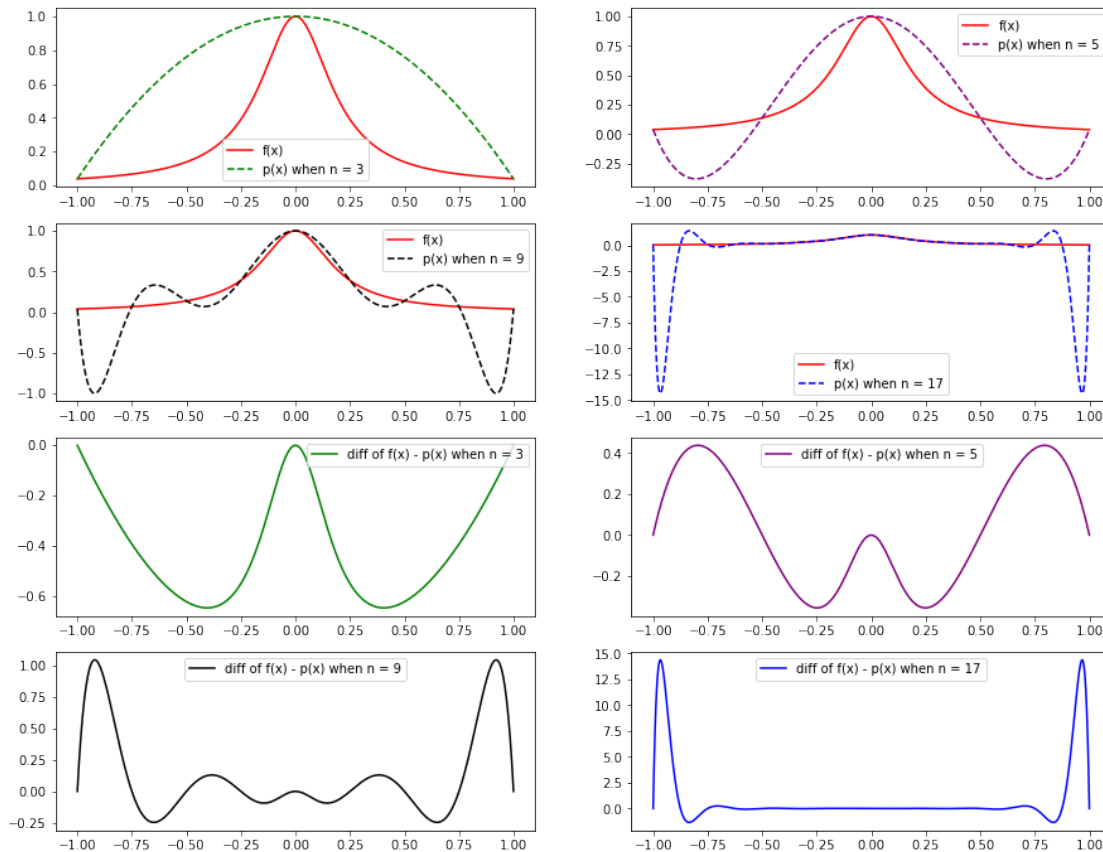
plt.subplot(4,2,7)

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plt.plot(xvals, diff3, color='black', label='diff of f(x) - p(x) when n = 9')
plt.legend()
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plt.subplot(4,2,8)
plt.plot(xvals, diff4, color='blue', label='diff of f(x) - p(x) when n = 17')
plt.legend()
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**Runge Phenomenon Results** For the first four plots the discrete solutions of  $p(x)$  at  $dt = 1/4, 1/8, 1/16, 1/32, 1/64$  are plotted and represented with a dotted line. The solid curve in red is the exact solution  $f(x)$  (Runge function) evaluated at target points  $xvals$ . From these figures, the discrete approximations appear to be approaching the exact solution as  $dt$  decreases. At  $n = 17$  (graph 4) we can see that the interpolating polynomial does a particularly poor job of interpolating near the endpoints of the interval  $[-1,1]$ . Although the interpolating polynomial is doing a better job of fitting the original function in the middle, the interpolant it is oscillating at the edges, which causes the error to increase without bound when the degree of the polynomial is increased. This is known as Runge's Phenomenon, this occurs when the magnitude of the  $n$ -th order derivatives of the particular function grows quickly when  $n$  increases and if the interpolation points are equispaced. To combat this problem, we can use points that are distributed more densely towards

the edges of the interval to minimize the oscillation. These points are called Chebyshev points, its implementation will be shown in the next couple of sections.

#### 4.1.2 Chebyshev Points

```
In [6]: #import external modules
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
%matplotlib inline

#Grab all values for n
n = [len(x[i]) for i in range(len(x))]

#evaluate Chebyshev point
c1 = [np.cos(np.pi * (2 * k - 1) / (2 * n[0])) for k in range(1, n[0]+1)]
c2 = [np.cos(np.pi * (2 * k - 1) / (2 * n[1])) for k in range(1, n[1]+1)]
c3 = [np.cos(np.pi * (2 * k - 1) / (2 * n[2])) for k in range(1, n[2]+1)]
c4 = [np.cos(np.pi * (2 * k - 1) / (2 * n[3])) for k in range(1, n[3]+1)]

#call function lagrange_interp using list comprehension
#c1..4 is interpolation points indexed at different n values
#xvals[i] is iterating through the length of p(s) (500) to be used in
#lagrange_basis to subtract from x[j]
#runge(x[1..4]) calls the runge function evaluated at each set of interpolation points
cc1 = [lagrange_interp(c1, xvals[i], runge(x[0])) for i in range(len(p4))]
cc2 = [lagrange_interp(c2, xvals[i], runge(x[1])) for i in range(len(p4))]
cc3 = [lagrange_interp(c3, xvals[i], runge(x[2])) for i in range(len(p4))]
cc4 = [lagrange_interp(c4, xvals[i], runge(x[3])) for i in range(len(p4))]

#Calculate differences of f(x) and p(x) for each case
cdiff1 = runge(xvals) - cc1
cdiff2 = runge(xvals) - cc2
cdiff3 = runge(xvals) - cc3
cdiff4 = runge(xvals) - cc4

#plotting (find better way to limit repeated code)
plt.figure(1, figsize=(15, 12))
plt.subplot(4,2,1)
plt.plot(xvals, runge(xvals), color='red', label='f(x)')
plt.plot(xvals, cc1, color='green', linestyle='dashed', label='p(x) when n = 3')
plt.legend()

plt.subplot(4,2,2)
plt.plot(xvals, runge(xvals), color='red', label='f(x)')
plt.plot(xvals, cc2, color='purple', linestyle='dashed', label='p(x) when n = 5')
plt.legend()

plt.subplot(4,2,3)
plt.plot(xvals, runge(xvals), color='red', label='f(x)')
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plt.plot(xvals, cc3, color='black', linestyle='dashed', label='p(x) when n = 9')
plt.legend()

plt.subplot(4,2,4)
plt.plot(xvals, runge(xvals), color='red', label='f(x)')
plt.plot(xvals, cc4, color='blue', linestyle='dashed', label='p(x) when n = 17')
plt.legend()

plt.subplot(4,2,5)
plt.plot(xvals, cdiff1, color='green', label='diff of f(x) - p(x) when n = 3')
plt.legend()

plt.subplot(4,2,6)
plt.plot(xvals, cdiff2, color='purple', label='diff of f(x) - p(x) when n = 5')
plt.legend()

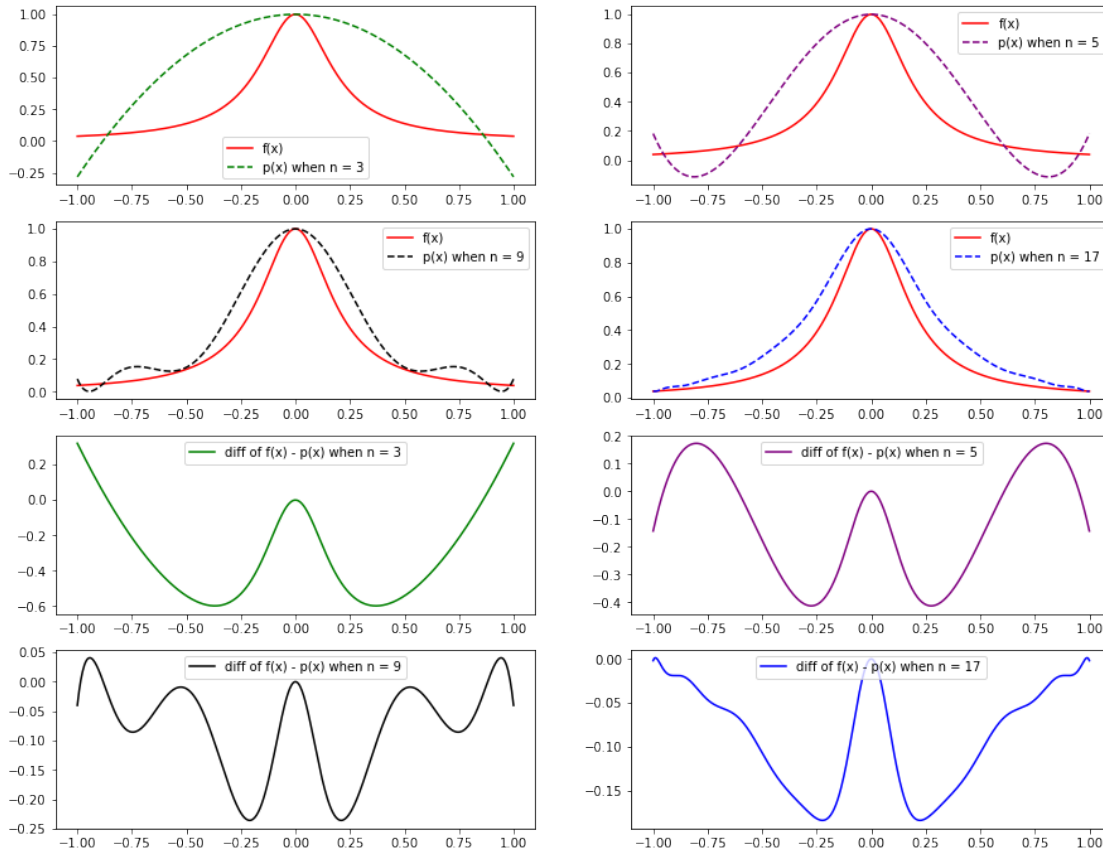
plt.subplot(4,2,7)
plt.plot(xvals, cdiff3, color='black', label='diff of f(x) - p(x) when n = 9')
plt.legend()

plt.subplot(4,2,8)
plt.plot(xvals, cdiff4, color='blue', label='diff of f(x) - p(x) when n = 17')
plt.legend()

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**Chebyshev Results** For the smooth function given, interpolating at more points does improve the fit when interpolating at  $n$  Chebyshev points. As I interpolate at the Chebyshev points of higher and higher degree ( $n=17$ ), the interpolants converge to the function being interpolated. When  $n = 17$   $p(x)$  fits best and can be confirmed by last difference error plot. Overall, when using equispaces points, Chebyshev interpolation points fit the original function more percisely.

## 5 Euler Methods

### 5.1 Forward Euler

Create a function, *Forward\_Euler* to find an approximate solution  $Y_n$ , at discrete time steps. The forward, or explicit, Euler method is:

$$Y^{n+1} := Y^n + dt f(Y^n, t^n)$$

#### 5.1.1 Code Deliverable

```
In [7]: #import external modules
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
```

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%matplotlib inline

# def forward_euler(y0, t0, tf, dt, f):
def forward_euler(f, t, y0, dt):
    """
    Implementation of the Forward Euler method
     $y[i+1] = y[i] + h * f(x[i], y[i])$  where  $f(x[i], y[i])$  is the differential
    equation evaluated at  $x[i]$  and  $y[i]$ 
    Input:
        f - function f(y,t)
        t - data structure is a numpy array with t[0] initial time
        and t[-1] final time
        y0 - data structure is a numpy array with initial value 1.0
        dt - data structure is a numpy array time step
    Output:
        x - vector of time steps
        y - vector of approximate solutions
    """
    #Initialize error vector
    err = []

    #print tabulated results
    print("Results:\n\n\tapprox\t\t\terror\n")

    #iterate through each delta t
    for h in dt:

        #return evenly spaced values between 0.0 and 1.0+h with intervals of h
        #this creates time intervals
        x = np.arange(t[0], t[-1]+h, h)

        #initialize y by returning a numpy array with shape 101, filled with zeros
        #this preallocation is necessary for time reasons and to add values into array
        y = np.zeros(len(x)+1)

        #assign time at position 0 to starting time (0.0) and set
        #approximation at time step 0 = 1.0 which is
        #the initial value given
        x[0], y[0] = t[0], y0

        #apply Euler's method
        for i in range(1, len(x)):
            y[i] = y[i-1] + h * f(x[i - 1], y[i - 1])

        #calculate error and append values for each h to err list
        e = [np.abs(y[-1] - exact(x[-1]))]
        err.append(e)

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        #Print tabulated results
        print('{:.4f}'.format(round(h,4)), '|',
              '{:.4f}'.format(round(y[-1],6)), '|', err[-1])

    #Plot log log plot
    plt.loglog(dt, err)
    plt.title("Error for each dt when t = 1")
    plt.xlabel('Step size dt')
    plt.ylabel("Error")

    #return time (x) and approximations (y)
    return x, y, err

```

### 5.1.2 Exponential Problem

Applied forward Euler to the IVP

$$y^{(t)} = -ty(t), \quad y(0) = 1$$

This IVP has the exact solution

$$y^{(t)} = e^{-\frac{t^2}{2}} \quad \text{for } 0 \leq t \leq 1$$

```

In [8]: #import external modules
import numpy as np

#define f and exact lambda functions
f = lambda x, y: -(x*y)
exact = lambda x: np.exp((-x**2)/2)

# initial values
#list comprehension to create dt values [1/4, 1/8, 1/16, 1/32, 1/64]
dt = np.asarray([1/(2**x) for x in range(2,7)])

#initialize t(start) and t(final) can index them as start (t[0]) final (t[-1])
t = np.array([0.0, 1.0])

#IVP initial value y(0) = 1
y0 = np.array([1.0])

#call function forward_euler
ts, ys, err = forward_euler(f, t, y0, dt)

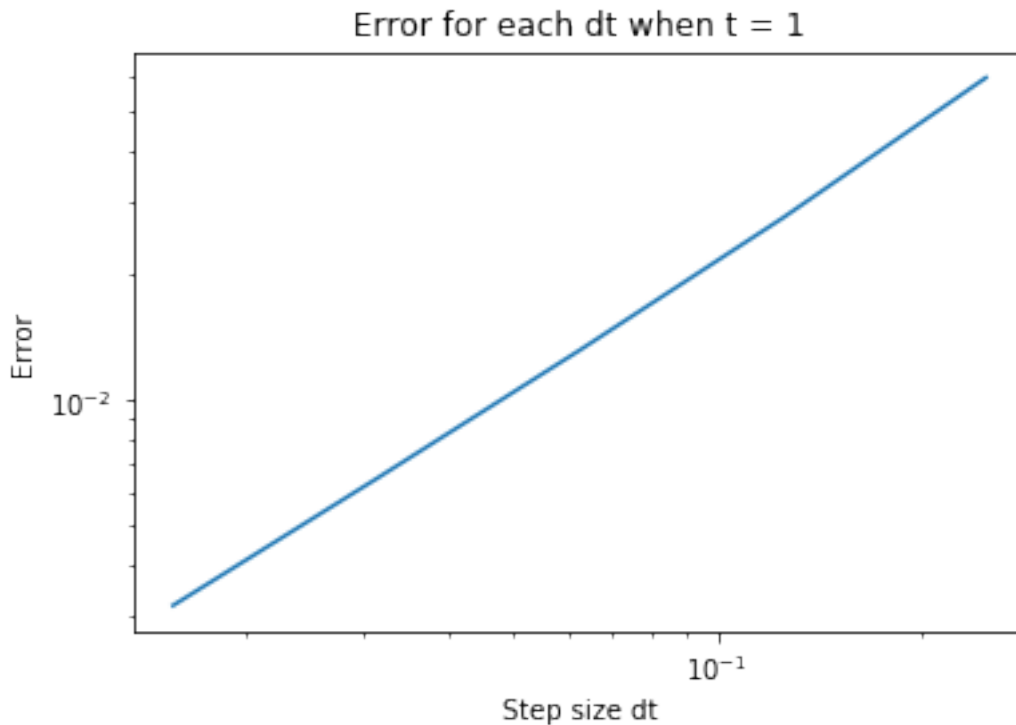
#calculate the slope of the log log plot
m = (np.log(0.003192141757434319/0.006451437944548166))/(np.log(0.0156/0.0312))
print("\nSlope of the log log plot ", round(m,6))

```

Results:

dt	approx	error
0.2500	0.6665	[0.059973246537366576]
0.1250	0.6340	[0.027497237627641224]
0.0625	0.6197	[0.013177037781581191]
0.0312	0.6130	[0.006451437944548166]
0.0156	0.6097	[0.003192141757434319]

Slope of the log log plot 1.015096



We observe that, as we expected, the points fall on a straight line. The slope of the line gives the convergence rate and can be determined by a visual inspection as well as calculating the slope of the log log plot. Using the formula shown below we can determine the rate of convergence.

$$m = \frac{\log \left( \frac{\text{error}[-1]}{\text{error}[-2]} \right)}{\log \left( \frac{\text{dt}[-1]}{\text{dt}[-2]} \right)}$$

The calculated slope is  $m = 1.015096$  which suggests that the rate of convergence is linear of order  $O(h)$ .

## 5.2 Backward Euler

A simple variation of the forward Euler method is the backward (implicit) Euler method. Starting from  $y_0 = y(t_0)$ , we get  $\{Y_n\}$  from

$$Y^{n+1} := Y^n + dt f(Y^{n+1}, t^{n+1})$$

Applying backward Euler on the IVP from section 4.3, you have

$$Y^{n+1} := Y^n + dt(-t^{n+1}Y^{n+1})$$

Rearranging for  $Y^{n+1}$  you get

$$Y^{n+1} := \frac{Y^n}{1 + dt * t^{n+1}}$$

### 5.2.1 Code Deliverable

```
In [9]: #import external modules
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
%matplotlib inline

#Pseudocode of Backward Euler
def backward_euler(y0, t, dt, f, fdy):

    #Initialize error vector
    err = []

    #print tabulated results
    print("Results:\n\ndt\tapprox\t\terror\n")

    #iterate through each delta t
    for h in dt:

        #return evenly spaced values between 0.0 and 1.0+h with intervals of h
        #this creates time intervals
        T = np.arange(t[0], t[-1]+h, h)

        #initialize y by returning a numpy array with shape 101, filled with zeros
        #this preallocation is necessary for time reasons and to add values into array
        Y = np.zeros(len(T))

        #assign time at position 0 to starting time (0.0)
        #and set approximation at time step 0 = 1.0 which
        #is the initial value given
        T[0], Y[0] = t[0], y0

        #apply Euler's method
        for i in range(1, len(T)):

            Y[i] = backward_euler_step(Y[i-1], T[i], h, f, fdy)

        #calculate error and append values for each h to err list
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    e = [np.abs(Y[-1] - exact(T[-1]))]
    err.append(e)

    #Print tabulated results
    print('{:.4f}'.format(round(h,4)), '|',
          '{:.4f}'.format(round(Y[-1],6)), '|', err[-1])

    #Plot log log plot
    plt.loglog(dt, err)
    plt.title("Error for each dt when t = 1")
    plt.xlabel('Step size dt')
    plt.ylabel("Error")

    return Y, T, err

#function for one step of backward euler
def backward_euler_step(YN, TNext, dt, f, fdy):

    #define your maximum iterations and tolerance for newtons_method
    max_iterations = 1000
    tolerance = 1e-06

    #define g and gdy
    g = lambda y: y - YN - dt * f(y, TNext)
    gdy = lambda y: 1 - dt * fdy(y, TNext)

    y_next, iteration = newtons_method(max_iterations, tolerance, g, gdy, YN)

    return y_next

```

## 5.2.2 Exponential Problem

```

In [10]: #import external modules
import numpy as np

#define lambda functions for f, fdy, and exact
f = lambda y, t: -t*y
fdy = lambda y, t: -t
exact = lambda t: np.exp((-t**2)/2)

# initial values
#list comprehension to create dt values [1/4, 1/8, 1/16, 1/32, 1/64]
dt = np.asarray([1/(2**x) for x in range(2,7)])

#initialize t(start) and t(final) can index them as start (t[0]) final (t[-1])
t = np.array([0.0, 1.0])

#IVP initial value y(0) = 1

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y0 = np.array([1.0])

#call function backward_euler
ys, ts, err = backward_euler(y0, t, dt, f, fdy)

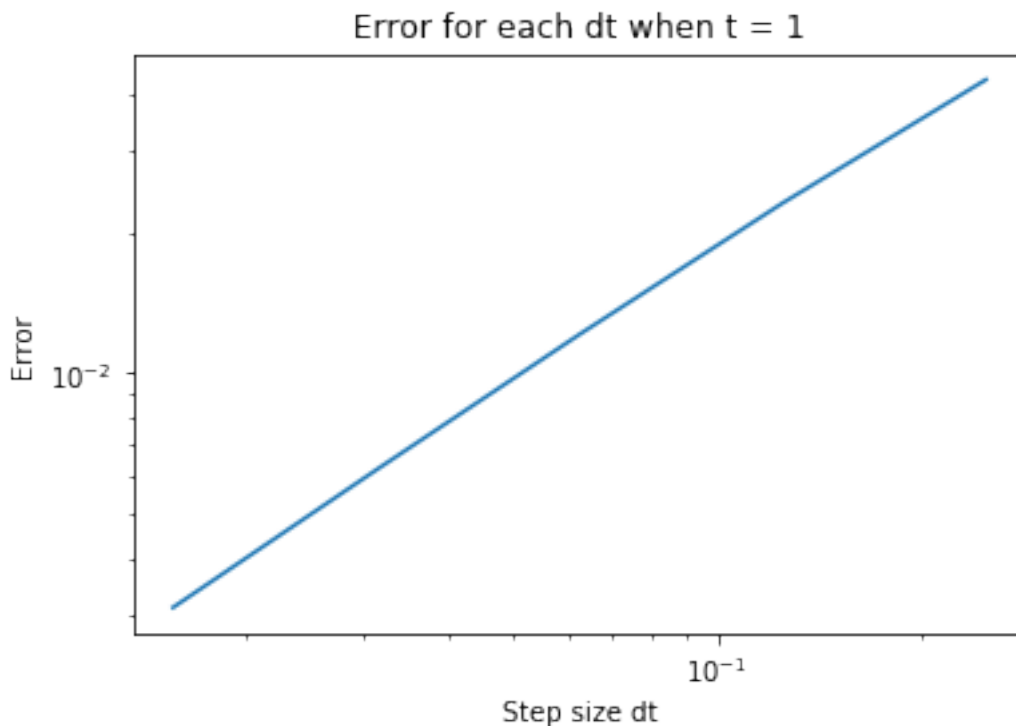
#calculate the slope of the log log plot
m = (np.log(0.0031263258522746806/0.006188136937170463))/(np.log(0.0156/0.0312))
print("\nSlope of the log log plot ", round(m,6))

```

Results:

dt	approx	error
0.2500	0.5636	[0.0429255685533626]
0.1250	0.5833	[0.02327251995598778]
0.0625	0.5944	[0.012123236289752537]
0.0312	0.6003	[0.006188136937170463]
0.0156	0.6034	[0.0031263258522746806]

Slope of the log log plot 0.985037



We observe that, as we expected, the points fall on a straight line. The slope of the line gives the convergence rate and can be determined by a visual inspection as well as calculating the slope of the log log plot. Using the formula shown below we can determine the rate of convergence.

$$m = \frac{\log \left( \frac{\text{error}[-1]}{\text{error}[-2]} \right)}{\log \left( \frac{dt[-1]}{dt[-2]} \right)}$$

The calculated slope is  $m = 0.985037$  which suggests that the rate of convergence is linear of order  $O(h)$ .