

Convergence theorem Suppose

1° $f: [a, b] \times [y_0 - c, y_0 + c] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ satisfies the assumptions of the theorem that guarantees that the initial value problem

$$\begin{cases} y'(t) = f(t, y(t)) \\ y(a) = y_0 \end{cases} \text{ is well-posed}$$

$$2^\circ \forall h \in (0, h_0) \quad \forall n = 0, 1, 2, \dots, N-1 \quad \begin{aligned} y_{n+1} &= y_n + h \Phi(t_n, y_n, h) \\ &\in [y_0 - c, y_0 + c] \\ t_n &= a + nh \end{aligned}$$

3° $\Phi: [a, b] \times [y_0 - c, y_0 + c] \times [0, h_0] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is continuous

4° $\forall t \in [a, b] \quad \forall x, \tilde{x} \in [y_0 - c, y_0 + c] \quad \forall h \in [0, h_0]$

$$|\Phi(t, x, h) - \Phi(t, \tilde{x}, h)| \leq L |x - \tilde{x}|$$

$$5^\circ \forall t \in [a, b] \quad \forall x \in [y_0 - c, y_0 + c] \quad \Phi(t, x, 0) \equiv f(t, x)$$

Then, $\lim_{\substack{h \rightarrow 0 \\ n \rightarrow \infty}} y_n = y(t)$, where $t = \lim_{\substack{h \rightarrow 0 \\ n \rightarrow \infty}} t_n \in [a, b]$

$$t_n = a + nh, \quad h = \frac{b-a}{N}$$

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number of
subintervals in $[a, b]$

$N \in \mathbb{N}$ is such that $h \leq h_0$

Proof. By Theorem 1,

$$|e_n| \leq \frac{1}{L} (\exp(L(t_n - a)) - 1) \cdot \max_{0 \leq i \leq N-1} |T_i|$$

and, since $t_n \leq b$ for $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots, N$, we get

$$(1) \quad |e_n| \leq \frac{1}{L} (\exp(L(b-a)) - 1) \cdot \max_{0 \leq i \leq N-1} |T_i|$$

Also, $|e_0| = 0$. Here,

$$\begin{aligned} T_i &= \frac{y(t_{i+1}) - y(t_i)}{h} - \underbrace{\Phi(t_i, y(t_i), h) + \Phi(t_i, y(t_i), 0) - \Phi(t_i, y(t_i), 0)}_{= f(t_i, y(t_i))} \\ &= \underbrace{\frac{y(t_{i+1}) - y(t_i)}{h}}_{= y'(t_i)} - \underbrace{f(t_i, y(t_i))}_{= y'(t_i)} \\ &= \frac{y'(t_i)(t_{i+1} - t_i)}{h} \end{aligned}$$

$$\tau_i = y'(\xi_i) - y'(t_i) + \Phi(t_i, y(t_i), 0) - \Phi(t_i, y(t_i), h)$$

since $t_{i+1} - t_i = h$

here $\xi_i \in [t_i, t_{i+1}]$