

# Differential Equations

## Computational Practicum - Task 14

$$y' = \left(1 + \frac{y}{x}\right) \ln \frac{x+y}{x} + \frac{y}{x}$$

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In this document, I will analyze a specific problem (task 14) where  $f(x, y) = (1 + \frac{y}{x}) \ln \frac{x+y}{x} + \frac{y}{x}$ ,  $x_0 = 1$ ,  $y_0 = 2$  and  $X = 6$ . The exact solution and it's corresponding approximations in three numerical methods, i.e. Euler's method, improved Euler method and Runge-Kutta method will be implemented in a Java application. This application also provides data visualization; and allows user to change initial value  $x_0$ ,  $y_0$ ,  $X$  and grid size hence ability to compare methods.

The overview of the problem and methods will be presented in the first part. Following is about implementation in Java. Finally, analysis using implemented application will be provided.

## 1 SOLUTION

Consider the initial value problem with the ODE of the first order and some interval:

$$\begin{cases} y' = f(x, y) = (1 + \frac{y}{x}) \ln \frac{x+y}{x} + \frac{y}{x} \\ y(x_0) = y_0 \\ x \in [x_0, X] \end{cases}$$

Obviously,  $f(x, y)$  is defined when  $x \neq 0$  and  $\frac{x+y}{x} > 0$

### 1.1 EXACT SOLUTION

Let  $r = \frac{y}{x}$ ,  $y' = (1 + \frac{y}{x}) \ln \frac{x+y}{x} + \frac{y}{x}$  becomes:  $r'x + r = (1 + r) \ln(1 + r) + r$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \frac{dr}{(1+r) \ln(1+r)} &= \frac{dr}{x} \\ \Rightarrow \int_{\frac{y_0}{x_0}}^r \frac{dr}{(1+r) \ln(1+r)} &= \int_{x_0}^x \frac{dx}{x} \\ \Rightarrow \ln \frac{\ln(1+r)}{\ln(1+\frac{y_0}{x_0})} &= \ln \frac{x}{x_0} \\ \Rightarrow y = x(1 + \frac{y_0}{x_0})^{\frac{x}{x_0}} - x \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $y = x(1 + \frac{y_0}{x_0})^{\frac{x}{x_0}} - x$  where  $x \neq 0$  and  $\frac{x+y}{x} > 0$  is the exact solution of  $y' = (1 + \frac{y}{x}) \ln \frac{x+y}{x} + \frac{y}{x}$

## 1.2 NUMERICAL METHODS

We are interested in computing approximate values of solutions of  $y' = f(x, y)$ ,  $y(x_0) = y_0$  at equally spaced points  $x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n = X$  in an interval  $[x_0, X]$ .

$$x_i = x_0 + i h, i = 0, 1, \dots, n \text{ where } h = \frac{X - x_0}{n}$$

Local error (error at the  $i$ th step):  $e_i = y(x_i) - y_i$

Global error:  $e = e_n = y(X) - y_n$

### 1.2.1 EULER METHOD

Euler method is the simplest numerical method which is based on the assumption that the tangent line at  $(x_i, y(x_i))$  approximate the integral curve over  $[x_i, x_{i+1}]$ . It starts with the known value  $y(x_0) = y_0$  and computes  $y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n$  by the formula:

$$y_{i+1} = y_i + h f(x_i, y_i), 0 \leq i \leq n-1$$

### 1.2.2 IMPROVED EULER METHOD

The improved Euler method starts with the known value  $y(x_0) = y_0$  and computes  $y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n$  by the formula:

$$\begin{aligned} k_{1i} &= f(x_i, y_i) \\ k_{2i} &= f(x_i + h, y_i + h k_{1i}) \\ y_{i+1} &= y_i + \frac{h}{2} (k_{1i} + k_{2i}) \end{aligned}$$

### 1.2.3 RUNGE-KUTTA METHOD

Runge-Kutta is the most widely method. It starts with the known value  $y(x_0) = y_0$  and computes  $y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n$  by the formula:

$$\begin{aligned} k_{1i} &= f(x_i, y_i) \\ k_{2i} &= f(x_i + \frac{h}{2}, y_i + \frac{h}{2} k_{1i}) \\ k_{3i} &= f(x_i + \frac{h}{2}, y_i + \frac{h}{2} k_{2i}) \\ k_{4i} &= f(x_i + h, y_i + h k_{3i}) \\ y_{i+1} &= y_i + \frac{h}{6} (k_{1i} + 2k_{2i} + 2k_{3i} + k_{4i}) \end{aligned}$$

## 2 JAVA APPLICATION

Above solutions are implemented in Java using Netbeans and SceneBuilder. This application provides GUI which allows user to alter  $x_0$ ,  $y_0$ ,  $X$  and grid size  $n$  in constraint, i.e.  $x_0, X \neq 0$ ,  $\frac{x_0 + y_0}{x_0} > 0$  (to ensure that  $f(x, y)$  is defined) and  $X > x_0$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $n > 0$ . Since  $f(x, y)$  is not defined at  $x = 0$ , for the ease of implementation, I applied one more constraint to user input:  $x_0$  and  $X$  must have the same sign (both positive or both negative).

### 2.1 USER GUIDE

#### Highlight features

- Allow changing initial values  $x_0$ ,  $y_0$ ,  $X$  and grid size  $N$ .
- Allow choosing methods: exact solution, Euler method, improved Euler method and Runge-Kutta method.
- Provide visualization for solutions, local errors and global errors for chosen methods.

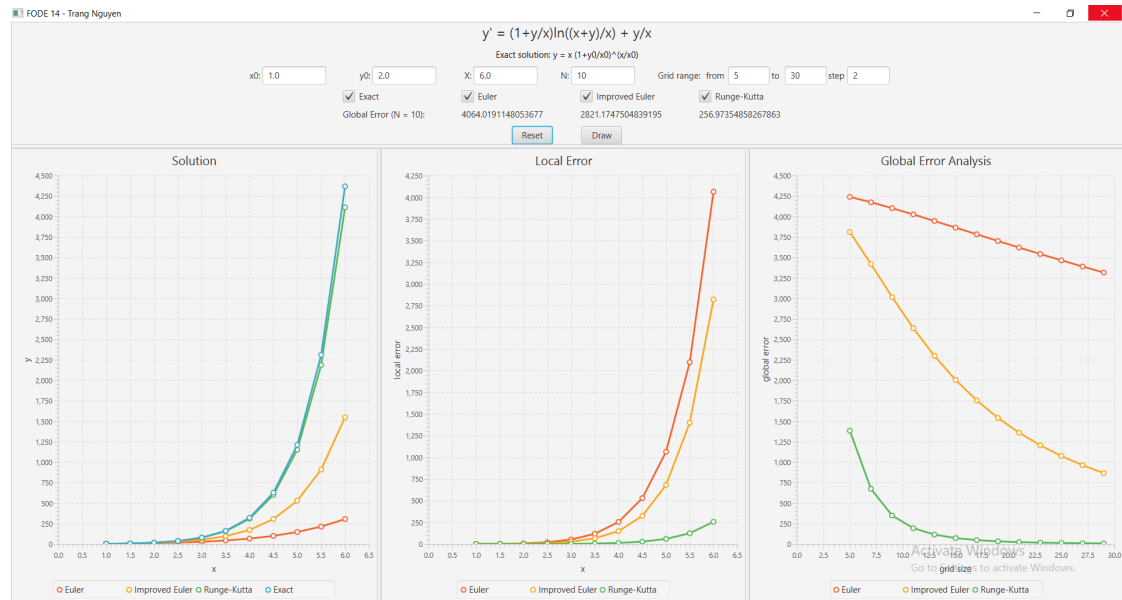


Figure 2.1: Application screenshot with default values

#### How to use

1. Enter valid initial values  $x_0$ ,  $y_0$ , and  $X$ , grid size  $N$  and grid range. Default values:  $x_0 = 1.0$ ,  $y_0 = 2.0$ ,  $X = 6.0$ ,  $N = 10$  and grid range from 5 to 30 with step of 2. Any invalid input will be informed.

x0 cannot be zero

$x_0$ :    
  $y_0$ :    
 $X$ :    
 N:    
 Grid range: from  to  step

Figure 2.2: Enter values

- Choose methods to process. Both Exact, Euler, Improved Euler and Runge-Kutta are chosen by default.

☒ Exact   
☒ Euler   
☒ Improved Euler   
☒ Runge-Kutta

Figure 2.3: Choose methods

- Click  button to start analyzing.  
Global errors with specified  $N$  will be presented right below chosen methods.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exact	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Euler	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improved Euler	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Runge-Kutta
Global Error (N = 10):			
	4064.0191148053677	2821.1747504839195	256.97354858267863

Figure 2.4: Global Errors at  $N$

Also, plots of solutions, local errors, global errors in grid range will be updated in drawing space.

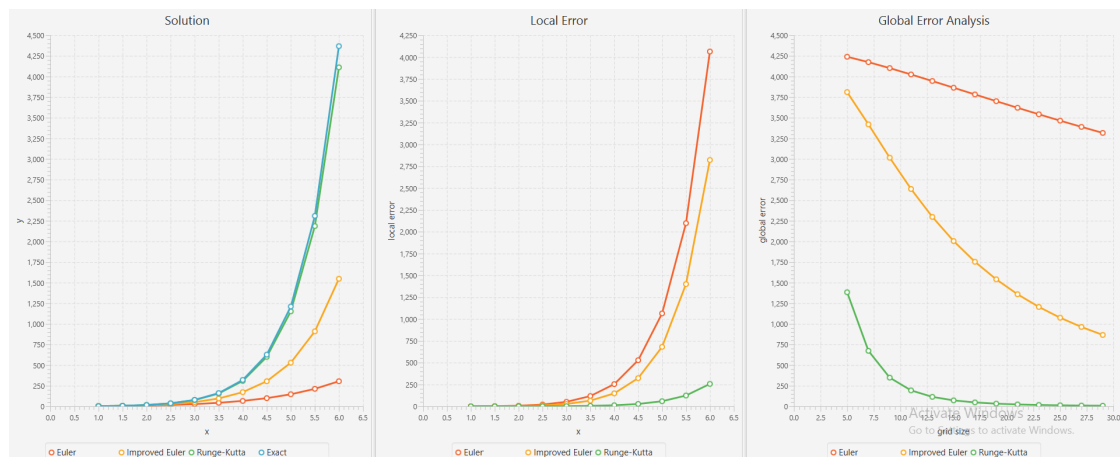


Figure 2.5: Plots of solutions, local errors at  $N$ ; and global errors in grid range

Click  button to reset all elements to default values.

## 2.2 IMPLEMENTATION

The application is written in Java using Netbeans and SceneBuilder. Since for each initial value  $x_0$ , and  $y_0$ ; and  $X$ , exact solution and it's approximation should be provided, I decided

to used only one class named Fode14 for our ODE. In GUI, there is only two event handlers (for clicking "Draw" and "Reset" buttons) which are in FXMLDocumentController class.

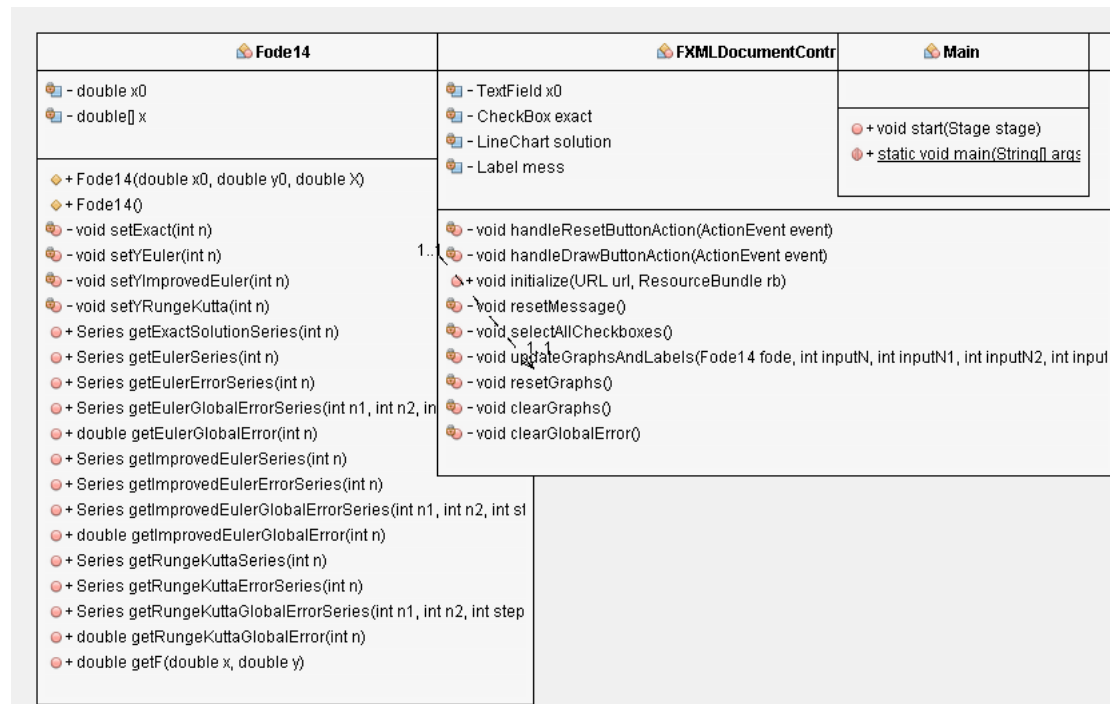


Figure 2.6: UML Diagram

Below is implementation of Runge-Kutta method (as functions in Fode14). It's structure is applicable for others.

```

private void setYRungeKutta(int n) throws Exception {
    setExact(n);

    if (yRungeKutta == null || yRungeKutta.length != n+1) {
        yRungeKutta = new double[n+1];
        yRungeKutta[0] = y0;

        double k1, k2, k3, k4;
        double h = (X-x0)/n;
        for (int i = 0; i < n; ++i) {
            k1 = getF(x[i], yRungeKutta[i]);
            k2 = getF(x[i] + h/2.0, yRungeKutta[i] + h*k1/2.0);
            k3 = getF(x[i] + h/2.0, yRungeKutta[i] + h*k2/2.0);
            k4 = getF(x[i] + h, yRungeKutta[i] + h*k3);
            yRungeKutta[i+1] = yRungeKutta[i] + h*(k1+2*k2+2*k3+k4)/6.0;
        }
    }
}

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public Series getRungeKuttaSeries(int n) throws Exception {
    Series rungeKutta = new Series();
    rungeKutta.setName("Runge-Kutta");

    setYRungeKutta(n);
    for (int i = 0; i <= n; ++i) {
        rungeKutta.getData().add(new XYChart.Data(x[i], yRungeKutta[i]));
    }
    return rungeKutta;
}

public Series getRungeKuttaErrorSeries(int n) throws Exception {
    Series rungeKutta = new Series();
    rungeKutta.setName("Runge-Kutta");

    setYRungeKutta(n);
    for (int i = 0; i <= n; ++i) {
        rungeKutta.getData().add(new XYChart.Data(x[i], yExact[i] -
            yRungeKutta[i]));
    }
    return rungeKutta;
}

public Series getRungeKuttaGlobalErrorSeries(int n1, int n2, int step)
    throws Exception {
    if (n1 <= 0 || n2 <= 0 || n1 >= n2 || step <= 0) {
        throw new Exception("Invalid Grid range input");
    }
    Series rungeKutta = new Series();
    rungeKutta.setName("Runge-Kutta");

    for (int i = n1; i <= n2; i += step) {
        rungeKutta.getData().add(new XYChart.Data(i,
            getRungeKuttaGlobalError(i)));
    }

    return rungeKutta;
}

public double getRungeKuttaGlobalError(int n) throws Exception {
    setYRungeKutta(n);
    return yExact[n] - yRungeKutta[n];
}

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### 3 ANALYSIS

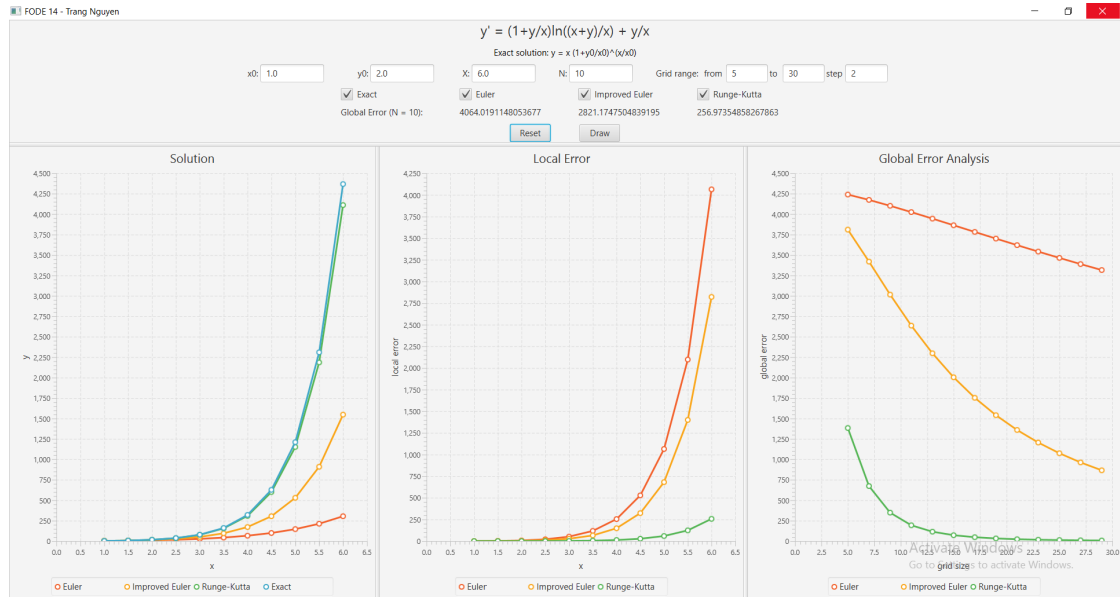


Figure 3.1: Analysis with  $x_0 = 0.1$ ,  $y_0 = 2$ ,  $X = 6.0$ ,  $N = 10$ , grid range = (5, 30, 2)

Analyzing using the software, we can infer that:

- Runge-Kutta method has the highest performance (closest to exact solution, lowest local and global errors). Following is Improved Euler, and Euler method.
- For  $x_0 = 0.1$ ,  $y_0 = 2$ ,  $X = 6.0$ , from  $N = 20$ , increasing  $N$  does not significantly affect accuracy of Runge-Kutta method. This number for improved Euler method is around 150, and for Euler method is around 2000.