

Answer-sheet 2
Euler and Runge-Kutta of order 2

Exercise 1. : Consider the differential equation $y' = -y$. To be able to plot the corresponding vector field, we will need to define, in addition to the function $\text{ff}(t,y)=f(y)$ for the `ode` instruction, a function $\text{fff}(t,(t,y))=[1,-y]'$.

1. Execute the following code and explain how `fchamp` compute the direction of the arrows. `clear ;`
`xset("window",0);`
`function z=f(y); z=-y; endfunction;`
`function z=ff(t,y); z=f(y); endfunction;`
`function z=fff(t,v); z=[1,-v(2)]'; endfunction;`
`fchamp(fff,0,0 :0.2 :2,0 :0.4 :4);`

2. With the following constantes, compute the solution $y(t)$ s.t. $y(0) = 4$ with `y=ode(y0,0,t,ff)` and add it to your figure with `plot(t,y)`

```
Tmax=2;y0=4;  
N=100;smallstep=Tmax/N;  
M=10;largestep=Tmax/M;  
t=0 :smallstep :Tmax;  
How is the solution with respect to the vector field?
```

3. The following function allow to compute the Euler approximation.

```
y(t0)=y0.  
function y=Euler(t0,y0,step);  
    y=y0+step*ff(t0,y0);  
endfunction;
```

The following line allow to draw the segment which is the first step of the approximate solution.

```
plot([0,largestep],[y0, Euler(0,y0,largestep)],'r-o');
```

Outline the figure you obtain and comment.

4. When doing this again up to $T = 2 = \text{Tmax}$ one get the complete approximate solution.

```
step=largestep;  
tt=0 :step :Tmax;  
yy=zeros(1+Tmax/step);yy(1)=y0;  
for i=1 :1 :Tmax/step;  
    yy(i+1)=Euler(tt(i),yy(i),step);  
end;  
plot(tt,yy,'g->');  
disp(y(N+1)-yy(1+Tmax/step),'difference=',step,'step=');
```

What is the discrepancy Δ you observe between the value $y(2)$ of the solution and its approximation $y_M = yy(1+M)$?

$$\Delta_{0.2} =$$

Explain why $\tilde{y}(T) = yy(M+1) = yy(1+Tmax/step)$.

Draw carefully the picture you obtain showing precisely on your picture the discrepancy $\tilde{y}(0.4)$. Compute its exact value.

$$\tilde{y}(0.4) =$$

5. Compute again the approximate solution but now with `step=smallstep`; and comment. Notice that you can get the new curve in red using the instruction `plot(tt,yy,'r-.'`);

6. Let $\Delta_{0.2}$ and $\Delta_{0.02}$ be the errors, at $t = 2$, between exact and approximate solution for $h = 0.2$ et $h = 0.02$. Compute :

$$\Delta_{0.2} =$$

$$\Delta_{0.02} =$$

$$\Delta_{0.02}/\Delta_{0.2} =$$

How does this error change with the size of the step?

Exercise 2. : We want to see in what extent the RK2 method is indeed better than the Euler's one. Here is the Scilab code for the RK2 algorithm.

```
function y=RK(t0,y0,step);
// local variables : k1,k2;
    k1=step*ff(t0,y0);
    k2=step*ff(t0+step/2,y0+k1/2);
    y=y0+k2;
endfunction;
```

1. Consider again the equation $y' = -y$. Draw the vector field in the same window as for exercise 1 and the solution such that $y(0) = 4$. Then add the first segment of the approximate solution. Comment.

2. Draw the approximate solution for `step=largestep` first and then for `step=smallstep`. Comment.

3. Let again $\Delta_{0.2}$ and $\Delta_{0.02}$ be the discrepancy at $t = 2$ between the exact and the approximate solution for $h = 0.2$ et $h = 0.02$. Report your results :

$$\Delta_{0.2} =$$

$$\Delta_{0.02} =$$

$$\Delta_{0.02}/\Delta_{0.2} =$$

4. Explain if your results confirm or not that RK2 is a order 2 method.

Remark : The `ode` instruction does not compute the exact solution but it computes obviously an approximation. As we know that the exact solution is $y(t) = 4e^{-t}$ compute the error using for example `disp(4*exp(-2)-y(N+1), 'difference=4exp(-2)-ode(2)')` ;

$$\Delta =$$

Using the "help" of `scilab` find which algorithm is used by `ode`.