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Last time:

Existence & Uniqueness

Main Theorem: (Thm 2' in text book, § 1.10)

Let f and $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$ be continuous in $t_0 \leq t \leq t_0 + a$, $|y - y_0| \leq b$,
Compute $M = \max_R |f(t,y)|$ and set $\alpha = \min(a, b/M)$.

Then the IVP $y'(t) = f(t,y)$, $y(t_0) = y_0$ has a unique solution on the interval $t_0 \leq t \leq t_0 + \alpha$. (See textbook for detailed proof using Picard Iterations.)

Example: (Failure of uniqueness)

$$y' = \sqrt{y}$$

$$y(0) = 0$$

Clearly $y(t) = 0$ is a solution.

$$\text{Also: } \frac{y'}{\sqrt{y}} = 1 \Rightarrow \int_0^y \frac{1}{\sqrt{w}} dw = \int_0^t dt$$

$$\Rightarrow 2\sqrt{y} = t$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{y = \frac{t^2}{4}} \quad \text{Also a solution } y' = \frac{t}{2} = \sqrt{y}.$$

Checking the conditions of the Thm:

$f(t,y) = \sqrt{y}$ is continuous everywhere

$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{y}}$ is not continuous at the initial value, $(0,0)$.

Next up: - Numerical Methods for Solving IVPs.

As mentioned, very rarely is the IVP

$$y'(t) = f(t,y)$$

$$y(t_0) = y_0$$

solvable analytically.

The most simple approximation at some point $t > t_0$, but close, is to use the Taylor series approximation:

$$y(t) \approx y(t_0) + y'(t_0)(t - t_0)$$

Using the information available, we have:

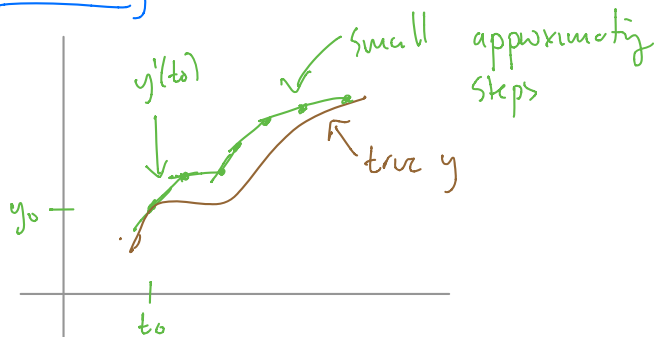
$$y(t) \approx y(t_0) + f(t_0, y_0) (t - t_0)$$

If we look at t_0, t_1, \dots and $t_{k+1} - t_k = h$, then

$$y(t_k) \approx y(t_0) + h f(t_0, y_0) \leftarrow \text{this is known as}$$

EXPLICIT EULER Method

Pictorially:



To summarize:

$$y_k \approx y(t_k)$$

$$\text{Define } y_{k+1} = y_k + h \underbrace{f(t_k, y_k)}_{\text{approximation to } y'(t_k)}$$

(since we do not know the true y_k).

Example

$$y'(t) = 1 + (y-t)^2$$

$$y(t_0) = y_0$$

$$\text{Explicit Euler: } y_{k+1} = y_k + (1 + (y_k - t_k)^2) h$$

Error Analysis

Recall the Taylor series:

$$y(t) = y(t_0) + y'(t_0)(t-t_0) + \frac{y''(\xi)}{2!}(t-t_0)^2 + \dots$$

Taylor's Theorem says that if we truncate this, then

$$y(t) = \underbrace{y(t_0) + y'(t_0)(t-t_0)}_{\text{EQUALS}} + \frac{y''(\xi)}{2!}(t-t_0)^2$$

ξ is some number in the interval (t_0, t) .

To find the error in Euler's Method we examine $\underbrace{y_{k+1}}_{\text{approx}} - \underbrace{y(t_{k+1})}_{\text{true value}}$

$$\text{Euler: } y_{k+1} = y_k + h f(t_k, y_k)$$

$$\text{Taylor: } y(t_{k+1}) = y(t_k) + y'(t_k)h + \frac{y''(\xi_k)}{2!}h^2$$

$$y_{k+1} - y(t_{k+1}) = y_k - y(t_k) + h(f(t_k, y_k) - f(t_k, y(t_k))) - \frac{y''(\xi_k)}{2}h^2$$

Note that $f(t_k, y_k) - f(t_k, y(t_k)) = \frac{f(t_k, y_k) - f(t_k, y(t_k))}{y_k - y(t_k)} (y_k - y(t_k))$

$$= \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(t_k, \eta_k) (y_k - y(t_k))$$

↑
some η_k

$$\Rightarrow |y_{k+1} - y(t_{k+1})| \leq |y_k - y(t_k)| + \left| \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(t_k, \eta_k) \right| |y_k - y(t_k)| h + \frac{|y''(\xi_k)|}{2} h^2$$

Set $\epsilon_k = |y_k - y(t_k)|$ (error on step k)

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \epsilon_{k+1} &\leq \epsilon_k + \left| \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(t_k, \eta_k) \right| \epsilon_k h + \frac{|y''(\xi_k)|}{2} h^2 \\ &= \left(1 + h \left| \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(t_k, \eta_k) \right| \right) \epsilon_k + \frac{|y''(\xi_k)|}{2} h^2 \\ &= (1 + hL) \epsilon_k + \frac{D}{2} h^2 \end{aligned}$$

with $L = \max \left| \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right|$

$D = \max |y''|$ and note $y'' = \frac{d}{dt} y'$

To summarize:

$$\epsilon_{k+1} \leq (1 + hL) \epsilon_k + \frac{D}{2} h^2$$

Can we say anything about ϵ_k independent of ϵ_{k-1} ?

$$= \frac{d}{dt} f(t, y) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dt}$$

$$= \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} f$$

If $\epsilon_{k+1} \leq A \epsilon_k + B$, then we can show that

$$\epsilon_k \leq \frac{B}{A-1} (A^k - 1)$$

$$= \frac{D}{2} h^2 \frac{1}{|1+hL|} \left((1+hL)^k - 1 \right)$$

$$= \frac{D}{2L} h \underbrace{\left((1+hL)^k - 1 \right)}_{\rightarrow 0 \text{ as } h \rightarrow 0}$$

$\rightarrow 0 \text{ as } h \rightarrow 0$

After some more algebra

$$\epsilon_k \leq \frac{Dh}{2L} (e^{\alpha L} - 1)$$

(§1.13, page 102)
 α from E&U Thm.

\Rightarrow Euler's scheme is First order convergent i.e. if $h \rightarrow h/2$, then $\epsilon_k \rightarrow \epsilon_k/2$.

Interpreted in terms of the exact solution:

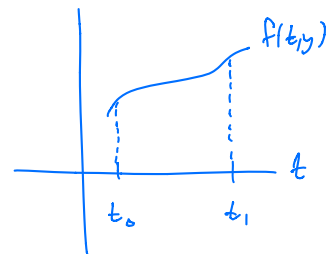
$$\begin{aligned} y'(t) &= f(t, y) \\ y(t_0) &= y_0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow y(t) = y_0 + \int_{t_0}^t f(s, y) ds$$

$$\approx y_0 + (t-t_0) \cdot f(t_0, y(t_0))$$

$$= y_0 + h f(t_0, y_0)$$

Euler's Method obtained by approximating this integral



In this case, the value of f at t_0 was used. Alternatively we could have used the value at t_1 :

$$y(t_1) = y_0 + \int_{t_0}^{t_1} f(s, y(s)) ds$$

$$\approx y_0 + (t_1 - t_0) f(t_1, y(t_1))$$

Now, the equation $y_1 = y_0 + h f(t_1, y_1)$ must be solved

for the value of y_1 . This is known as IMPLICIT EULER.

The error is similar, but the stability is better.

Ex Stability of Euler.

Examine the model problem $y' = -\lambda y$, with $\lambda > 0$

Explicit Euler:
$$y_{t+1} = y_t - h\lambda y_t$$
$$= (1 - h\lambda) y_t$$

The true solution is $y = c e^{-\lambda t}$, and $y(t) \rightarrow 0$ as $t \rightarrow \infty$.

In order for $y_t \rightarrow 0$, we require

$$y_1 = (1 - h\lambda) y_0$$
$$y_2 = (1 - h\lambda) y_1 = (1 - h\lambda)^2 y_0$$

that $|1 - h\lambda| < 1$, and therefore since $\lambda > 0, h > 0$,

we require $h \in (0, 2/\lambda)$ ← the step size h must be in this interval to ensure stability

Implicit Euler:

$$y_{t+1} = y_t - h\lambda y_{t+1}$$

Solve for y_{t+1} to obtain
$$y_{t+1} = \frac{1}{1+h\lambda} y_t = \frac{1}{(1+h\lambda)^{t+1}} y_0$$

The factor $\frac{1}{1+h\lambda}$ is always < 1 if $h\lambda > 0$, and therefore

IMPLICIT EULER is A-stable.