

**ANSWERS OF THE TEST NUMERICAL METHODS FOR
 DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS (WI3097 TU)
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1. (a) The local truncation error is given by

$$\tau_{n+1}(h) = \frac{y_{n+1} - z_{n+1}}{h} \quad (1)$$

where z_{n+1} is the result of applying the method once with starting solution y_n . Here we obtain y_{n+1} by a Taylor expansion around t_n :

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + hy'(t_n) + \frac{h^2}{2}y''(t_n) + O(h^3). \quad (2)$$

For z_{n+1} , we obtain, after substitution of the predictor step for z_{n+1}^* into the corrector step

$$z_{n+1} = y_n + h((1 - \mu)f(t_n, y_n) + \mu f(t_n + h, y_n + hf(t_n, y_n))) \quad (3)$$

After a Taylor expansion of $f(t_n + h, y_n + hf(t_n, y_n))$ around (t_n, y_n) one obtains:

$$z_{n+1} = y_n + h \left((1 - \mu)f(t_n, y_n) + \mu \left(f(t_n, y_n) + h \left(\frac{\partial f(t_n, y_n)}{\partial t} + f(t_n, y_n) \frac{\partial f(t_n, y_n)}{\partial y} \right) \right) + O(h^2) \right). \quad (4)$$

From the differential equation we know that:

$$y'(t_n) = f(t_n, y_n) \quad (5)$$

From the Chain Rule of Differentiation, we derive

$$y''(t_n) = \frac{df(t_n, y_n)}{dt} = \frac{\partial f(t_n, y_n)}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial f(t_n, y_n)}{\partial y} y'(t_n) \quad (6)$$

after substitution of the differential equation one obtains:

$$y''(t_n) = \frac{\partial f(t_n, y_n)}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial f(t_n, y_n)}{\partial y} f(t_n, y_n) \quad (7)$$

This implies that $z_{n+1} = y_n + hy'(t_n) + \mu h^2 y''(t_n)$. Subsequently, it follows that

$$y_{n+1} - z_{n+1} = O(h^2), \text{ and, hence } \tau_{n+1}(h) = \frac{O(h^2)}{h} = O(h) \text{ for } 0 \leq \mu \leq 1, \quad (8)$$

$$y_{n+1} - z_{n+1} = O(h^3), \text{ and, hence } \tau_{n+1}(h) = \frac{O(h^3)}{h} = O(h^2) \text{ for } \mu = \frac{1}{2}. \quad (9)$$

(b) Consider the test equation $y' = \lambda y$, then, herewith, one obtains

$$\begin{aligned} w_{n+1}^* &= w_n + h\lambda w_n = (1 + h\lambda)w_n, \\ w_{n+1} &= w_n + h((1 - \mu)\lambda w_n + \mu\lambda w_{n+1}^*) = \\ &= w_n + h((1 - \mu)\lambda w_n + \mu\lambda(w_n + h\lambda w_n)) = (1 + h\lambda + \mu(h\lambda)^2)w_n. \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

Hence the amplification factor is given by

$$Q(h\lambda) = 1 + h\lambda + \mu(h\lambda)^2. \quad (11)$$

(c) Doing one step with the given method with $h = \frac{1}{2}$ and $\mu = \frac{1}{2}$ leads to the following steps:

Predictor:

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}^* = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} -\sin(0) + 2 + 0 \\ 0 - 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

Corrector:

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} -\sin(1) + 2 \cdot \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \\ 1 - (\frac{1}{2})^2 \end{pmatrix} \right)$$

which can be written as:

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{4} \sin(1) + \frac{3}{8} \\ 1 - \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{16} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{7}{8} - \frac{1}{4} \sin(1) \\ \frac{15}{16} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.6646 \\ 0.9375 \end{pmatrix}$$

(d) In order to compute the Jacobian, we note that the right-hand side of the non linear system can be noted by:

$$f_1(x_1, x_2) = -\sin x_1 + 2x_2 + t$$

$$f_2(x_1, x_2) = x_1 - x_2^2$$

From the definition of the Jacobian it follows that:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_2} \\ \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_2} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -\cos x_1 & 2 \\ 1 & -2x_2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Substitution of $\begin{pmatrix} x_1(0) \\ x_2(0) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$ shows that

$$J = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 1 & -2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

(e) For the stability it is sufficient to check that $|Q(h\lambda_i)| \leq 1$ for all the eigenvalues of the Jacobian matrix. It is easy to see that the eigenvalues of the Jacobian matrix are $\lambda_1 = -3$ and $\lambda_2 = 0$.

For the choice $\mu = 0$ we note that the method is equal to the Euler Forward method. For real eigenvalues the Euler Forward method is stable if $h \leq \frac{-2}{\lambda}$. Since $\lambda_1 = -3$ and $\lambda_2 = 0$ we know that the method is stable if $h \leq \frac{-2}{-3} = \frac{2}{3}$ (another option is to derive the values of h such that $|Q(h\lambda_i)| \leq 1$ by using the description of $Q(h\lambda)$)

For the choice $\mu = \frac{1}{2}$ we use the expression

$$Q(h\lambda) = 1 + h\lambda + \frac{1}{2}(h\lambda)^2$$

For $\lambda_2 = 0$ it appears that $Q(h\lambda_2) = 1$ so the inequality is satisfied for all h . For $\lambda_1 = -3$ we have to check the following inequalities:

$$-1 \leq 1 - 3h + \frac{9}{2}h^2 \leq 1$$

For the left-hand inequality we arrive at

$$0 \leq \frac{9}{2}h^2 - 3h + 2$$

It appears that the discriminant $9 - 4 \cdot \frac{9}{2} \cdot 2$ is negative, so there are no real roots which implies that the inequality is satisfied for all h .

For the right-hand inequality we get

$$-3h + \frac{9}{2}h^2 \leq 0$$

$$\frac{9}{2}h^2 \leq 3h$$

so

$$h \leq \frac{2}{3}$$

(another option is to see that for $\mu = \frac{1}{2}$ the method is equal to the modified Euler method, and remember that this method is stable for real eigenvalues if $h \leq \frac{-2}{\lambda}$)

2. (a) Taylor's Theorem (or here the Mean Value Theorem) gives for a zeroth order approximation around x_j :

$$f(x) = f(x_j) + (x - x_j)f'(\xi(x)), \quad (12)$$

for a $\xi(x) \in (x_j, x)$ if $x > x_j$. Then we consider the interval $[x_j, x_{j+1})$ and use Taylor's Theorem around x_j in the integration to get

$$\int_{x_j}^{x_{j+1}} f(x)dx = \int_{x_j}^{x_{j+1}} f(x_j) + (x - x_j)f'(\xi(x))dx = hf(x_j) + \int_{x_j}^{x_{j+1}} (x - x_j)f'(\xi(x))dx. \quad (13)$$

Hence we get

$$\left| \int_{x_j}^{x_{j+1}} f(x)dx - \int_{x_j}^{x_{j+1}} f(x_j) \right| = \left| \int_{x_j}^{x_{j+1}} (x - x_j) f'(\xi(x)) dx \right|. \quad (14)$$

Taking the maximum value of f' over the interval $[x_j, x_{j+1}]$, yields

$$\left| \int_{x_j}^{x_{j+1}} (x - x_j) f'(\xi(x)) dx \right| \leq \max_{x \in [x_j, x_{j+1}]} |f'(x)| \int_{x_j}^{x_{j+1}} (x - x_j) dx = \frac{h^2}{2} \max_{x \in [x_j, x_{j+1}]} |f'(x)|. \quad (15)$$

By combining relations (14) and (15), we proved that

$$\left| \int_{x_j}^{x_{j+1}} f(x)dx - \int_{x_j}^{x_{j+1}} f(x_j) \right| \leq \frac{h^2}{2} \max_{x \in [x_j, x_{j+1}]} |f'(x)|. \quad (16)$$

Next, we deal with the entire interval $[a, b]$, then

$$\left| \int_a^b f(x)dx - h \sum_{j=1}^n f(x_j) \right| = \left| \sum_{j=1}^n \left(\int_{x_j}^{x_{j+1}} f(x)dx - hf(x_j) \right) \right|. \quad (17)$$

We use the Triangle Inequality to get

$$\left| \sum_{j=1}^n \left(\int_{x_j}^{x_{j+1}} f(x)dx - hf(x_j) \right) \right| \leq \sum_{j=1}^n \left| \int_{x_j}^{x_{j+1}} f(x)dx - hf(x_j) \right|. \quad (18)$$

From relation (16), it follows that

$$\sum_{j=1}^n \left| \int_{x_j}^{x_{j+1}} f(x)dx - hf(x_j) \right| \leq \frac{h^2}{2} \sum_{j=1}^n \max_{x \in [x_j, x_{j+1}]} |f'(x)|. \quad (19)$$

Since $\max_{x \in [a, b]} |f'(x)| \geq \max_{x \in [x_j, x_{j+1}]} |f'(x)|$, $\forall j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$, we get

$$\frac{h^2}{2} \sum_{j=1}^n \max_{x \in [x_j, x_{j+1}]} |f'(x)| \leq \frac{h^2}{2} \cdot n \cdot \max_{x \in [a, b]} |f'(x)|. \quad (20)$$

Since $x_{n+1} = a + nh = b$, we have $nh = b - a$ and hence the above inequality gives

$$\frac{h^2}{2} \sum_{j=1}^n \max_{x \in [x_j, x_{j+1}]} |f'(x)| \leq \frac{h^2}{2} \cdot n \cdot \max_{x \in [a, b]} |f'(x)| = \frac{h}{2} (b - a) \max_{x \in [a, b]} |f'(x)|. \quad (21)$$

Hence the global error can be estimated from above by

$$\left| \int_a^b f(x)dx - h \sum_{j=1}^n f(x_j) \right| \leq \frac{h}{2} (b - a) \max_{x \in [a, b]} |f'(x)|. \quad (22)$$

(b) Incorporating the first-order derivative in Taylor's Theorem (linearization) gives

$$f(x) = f(x_j) + (x - x_j)f'(x_j) + \frac{(x - x_j)^2}{2}f''(\xi(x)), \quad (23)$$

for a $\xi(x) \in (x_j, x)$ if $x > x_j$. We start integrating over the interval $[x_j, x_{j+1}]$ to get

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{x_j}^{x_{j+1}} f(x)dx &= \int_{x_j}^{x_{j+1}} f(x_j) + (x - x_j)f'(x_j) + \frac{(x - x_j)^2}{2}f''(\xi(x))dx = \\ &hf(x_j) + \frac{h^2}{2}f'(x_j) + \int_{x_j}^{x_{j+1}} \frac{(x - x_j)^2}{2}f''(\xi(x))dx. \end{aligned} \quad (24)$$

Hence, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \int_{x_j}^{x_{j+1}} f(x)dx - \left(hf(x_j) + \frac{h^2}{2}f'(x_j) \right) \right| &= \left| \int_{x_j}^{x_{j+1}} \frac{(x - x_j)^2}{2}f''(\xi(x))dx \right| \leq \\ \max_{x \in [x_j, x_{j+1}]} |f''(x)| \int_{x_j}^{x_{j+1}} \frac{(x - x_j)^2}{2} &= \frac{h^3}{6} \max_{x \in [x_j, x_{j+1}]} |f''(x)|. \end{aligned} \quad (25)$$

Analogously to the previous assignment, we get

$$\begin{aligned} |E_1| &= \left| \int_a^b f(x)dx - \sum_{j=1}^n \left(hf(x_j) + \frac{h^2}{2}f'(x_j) \right) \right| = \left| \sum_{j=1}^n \left(\int_{x_j}^{x_{j+1}} f(x)dx - \left(hf(x_j) + \frac{h^2}{2}f'(x_j) \right) \right) \right| \\ &\leq \frac{h^3}{6} \sum_{j=1}^n \max_{x \in [x_j, x_{j+1}]} |f''(x)| \leq \\ \frac{h^3}{6} \cdot n \cdot \max_{x \in [a, b]} |f''(x)| &= \frac{h^2}{6}(b - a) \max_{x \in [a, b]} |f''(x)|. \end{aligned} \quad (26)$$

Hence $\int_a^b f(x)dx \approx \sum_{j=1}^n h(f(x_j) + \frac{h}{2}f'(x_j)) = T_1$ where the global error is estimated from above by the above expression.

(c) Upon considering the interval $(0, 1)$ with $h = \frac{1}{2}$, we use $x_1 = 0$ and $x_2 = \frac{1}{2}$ ($n = 2$). Then, we get

$$\int_0^1 x^2 dx \approx h(f(x_1) + f(x_2)) + \frac{h}{2}(f'(x_1) + f'(x_2)) = \frac{1}{2}(0 + (\frac{1}{2})^2) + \frac{1}{4}(0 + 2 \cdot \frac{1}{2}) = \frac{1}{4}. \quad (27)$$

The exact answer is given by $\frac{1}{3}$, hence the error is $\frac{1}{12}$. To check our result, we use the upper bound of the error given in relation (26):

$$\frac{h^2}{6}(b - a) \max_{x \in [a, b]} |f''(x)| = \frac{1}{6} \cdot (\frac{1}{2})^2 \cdot 1 \cdot 2 = \frac{1}{12}. \quad (28)$$

Note that here it was used that the second-order derivative of x^2 is given by 2. Hence our the error that we found using the exact solution does not exceed the upper bound from relation (26), and hence our result makes sense.

- (d) T_1 is the approximation of the integral obtained by the use the first order derivatives, hence T_2 is the analogon with the first and second order derivatives, hence

$$\begin{aligned}
T_2 &= \\
&\sum_{j=1}^n \left(\int_{x_j}^{x_{j+1}} f(x_j) + (x - x_j)f'(x_j) + \frac{(x - x_j)^2}{2}f''(x_j)dx \right) = \\
&\sum_{j=1}^n \left(\int_{x_j}^{x_{j+1}} f(x_j) + (x - x_j)f'(x_j)dx \right) + \sum_{j=1}^n \int_{x_j}^{x_{j+1}} \frac{(x - x_j)^2}{2}f''(x_j)dx \quad (29) \\
&= T_1 + \sum_{j=1}^n \int_{x_j}^{x_{j+1}} \frac{(x - x_j)^2}{2}f''(x_j)dx = T_1 + \frac{h^3}{3!} \sum_{j=1}^n f''(x_j).
\end{aligned}$$

The last step follows from evaluation of the integral. Hence we demonstrated that

$$T_2 = T_1 + \frac{h^3}{3!} \sum_{j=1}^n f''(x_j). \quad (30)$$

Further, the local error is found by using Taylor's Theorem over the interval $[x_j, x_{j+1}]$ to get

$$\begin{aligned}
&\left| \int_{x_j}^{x_{j+1}} f(x)dx - \left(\int_{x_j}^{x_{j+1}} f(x_j) + \dots + \frac{(x - x_j)^2}{2!}f''(x_j)dx \right) \right| = \\
&\left| \int_{x_j}^{x_{j+1}} \frac{(x - x_j)^3}{3!}f'''(\xi(x))dx \right| \leq \max_{x \in [x_j, x_{j+1}]} |f'''(x)| \int_{x_j}^{x_{j+1}} \frac{(x - x_j)^3}{3!}dx = \quad (31) \\
&\frac{h^4}{4!} \max_{x \in [x_j, x_{j+1}]} |f'''(x)|.
\end{aligned}$$

Here, the last step follows from evaluation of the integral. A summation procedure over all intervals, similar to assignment 2.a., gives the global error bound:

$$|E_2| = \left| \int_a^b f(x)dx - T_2 \right| \leq \frac{h^4}{4!} \sum_{j=1}^n \max_{x \in [x_j, x_{j+1}]} |f'''(x)| \leq \quad (32)$$

$$\frac{h^4}{4!} \cdot n \cdot \max_{x \in [a, b]} |f'''(x)| = \frac{h^3(b - a)}{4!} \max_{x \in [a, b]} |f'''(x)|.$$

(e) Let T_2 and \tilde{T}_2 , respectively, be the approximation of $\int_a^b f(x)dx$ using the exact and available values of f and its derivatives. Then, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
T_2 &= \sum_{j=1}^n \int_{x_j}^{x_{j+1}} f(x_j) + \dots + \frac{(x - x_j)^2}{2!} f''(x_j) dx = \\
&\sum_{j=1}^n \left(hf(x_j) + \frac{h^2}{2} f'(x_j) + \frac{h^3}{3!} f''(x_j) \right) = \\
&h \sum_{j=1}^n f(x_j) + \frac{h^2}{2} \sum_{j=1}^n f'(x_j) + \frac{h^3}{3!} \sum_{j=1}^n f''(x_j).
\end{aligned} \tag{33}$$

For \tilde{T}_2 , we similarly have

$$\tilde{T}_2 = h \sum_{j=1}^n \tilde{f}(x_j) + \frac{h^2}{2} \sum_{j=1}^n \tilde{f}'(x_j) + \frac{h^3}{3!} \sum_{j=1}^n \tilde{f}''(x_j). \tag{34}$$

Subtraction of the above two equations, taking the absolute value, and using the Triangle Inequality, gives

$$\begin{aligned}
|T_2 - \tilde{T}_2| &\leq \\
&h \sum_{j=1}^n |f(x_j) - \tilde{f}(x_j)| + \frac{h^2}{2} \sum_{j=1}^n |f'(x_j) - \tilde{f}'(x_j)| + \frac{h^3}{3!} \sum_{j=1}^n |f''(x_j) - \tilde{f}''(x_j)|,
\end{aligned} \tag{35}$$

Using $|f^{(k)}(x_j) - \tilde{f}^{(k)}(x_j)| \leq \varepsilon$ for all k and j , and $nh = b - a$, gives

$$\begin{aligned}
|T_2 - \tilde{T}_2| &\leq h \cdot n \cdot \varepsilon + \frac{h^2}{2} \cdot n \cdot \varepsilon + \frac{h^3}{3!} \cdot n \cdot \varepsilon = \\
&(b - a)\varepsilon \left(1 + \frac{h}{2} + \frac{h^2}{3!} \right) = (b - a)\varepsilon \sum_{k=1}^3 \frac{h^{k-1}}{k!}.
\end{aligned} \tag{36}$$