

Mech 221 Math solutions,
Suggested problems week #4

2.10 #3 $y' = -ty$ $y(0) = 1$.

a) both linear & separable, use separable solve technique.

$$\frac{dy}{y} = -t dt \Rightarrow \ln|y| = -t^2/2 + C.$$

so $y(t) = e^{-t^2/2}$

\uparrow
 $y(0) = 1$
 $\Rightarrow C = 0.$

b) $y_{k+1} = y_k + h(-kh y_k)$
 $= (1 - kh^2) y_k.$

c) $y_1 = y_0 = 1.$

$$y_2 = (1 - (0.1)^2) 1 = 0.99.$$

$$y_3 = (1 - 2(0.1)^2) 0.99 = 0.9702$$

d) Exact $y(0.1) \approx 0.9950$
 $y(0.2) \approx 0.9802$
 $y(0.3) \approx 0.9560$ } note: not a very good approx, h should be smaller.

#2 $y' = y^2$ $y(0) = 1$

a) separable $\frac{dy}{y^2} = dt \Rightarrow -\frac{1}{y} = t + C$
 \uparrow
 $y(0) = 1$
 $\Rightarrow C = -1.$

$y(t) = \frac{1}{1-t}$

solution exists $[-\infty, 1)$.

b) FE $y_{k+1} = y_k + h y_k^2$

$h = 0.1,$

k	y_k
0	1.
1	1.1
2	1.2210
3	1.3701
4	1.5578
5	1.8005
6	2.1246
7	2.5760
8	3.2397
9	4.2892
10	6.1289
11	9.8852
12	19.6570.

c) All numerical methods make errors, but in this case it is serious. FE predicts the existence of solutions outside the real domain of existence.

Using FE to approximate $y(1.2)$ will always give a value, no matter what h .

7.2 #7 a) $y' = -\frac{t}{y}$ $y(0) = 3,$
 separable $y^2 = -t^2/2 + C \quad \leftarrow C = 9/2$

$y = \sqrt{9 - t^2}$ $y(1) = \sqrt{8}$

b) FE $y_{k+1} = y_k - h \left(\frac{h k}{y_k} \right)$
 $= y_k - \frac{h^2 k}{y_k}$

I wrote a MATLAB inline code fragment to compute with $h = \frac{1}{20}$

$y_{20} \approx 2.8375$
 Error = $\sqrt{8} - y_{20} \approx -9.1 \times 10^{-3}$ } FE

Heun $y^* = y_k - h \left(\frac{h k}{y_k} \right)$ [FE predictor].

$y_{k+1} = y_k - \frac{h}{2} \left(\frac{h k}{y_k} + \frac{h(k+1)}{y^*} \right)$ [corrector].

$y_{20} \approx 2.8284$ ← Heun.

Error = $\sqrt{8} - y_{20} \approx -6.9 \times 10^{-7}$ }
 ↑ must record more digits than shown

Modified Euler.

$$y^* = y_k - \frac{h}{2} \left(\frac{h k}{y_k} \right)$$

$$y_{k+1} = y_k - h \left(\frac{h(k+\frac{1}{2})}{y^*} \right)$$

$$y_{20} \approx 2.8284$$

$$\text{Error} \approx \sqrt{8^2} - y_{20} \approx -1.4 \times 10^{-5}$$

} ME.

#9 $y' + 2ty = 0$ $y(0) = 2$.

a) separable (linear also).

$$\frac{dy}{y} = -2t dt \Rightarrow \ln|y| = -t^2 + C$$

$$C = \ln|2|$$

$$y = 2e^{-t^2}$$

$$y(1) = 2/e$$

b) FE $y_{k+1} = y_k - 2h^2 k y_k = (1 - 2h^2 k) y_k$

$$y_{20} \approx 0.7488$$

$$\text{Error } 2/e - y_{20} \approx -0.013$$

} FE

Heun predictor $y^* = (1 - 2h^2k) y_k$

corrector $y_{k+1} = y_k - h^2 (k y_k + (k+1) y^*)$

$y_{20} \approx 0.7364$

Error $2/e - y_{20} \approx -6.0 \times 10^{-4}$

} Heun.

Modified Euler $y^* = (1 - h^2k) y_k$

$y_{k+1} = y_k - 2h^2 (k + \frac{1}{2}) y^*$

$y_{20} \approx 0.7354$

Error $2/e - y_{20} \approx 3.3 \times 10^{-4}$

} ME.