

Exercises 11: Numeric Ordinary Differential Equations I

The problems are solvable with a computer, normally. There are exceptions.

The symbol | means „or“, the symbol * „optional“, the symbol ** „optional and advanced“ and the symbol © means that a computer is required or helpful.

1. a) © Solve the initial value problem $y' = x y^{1/3}$ $y(1) = 1$ numerically by the method of Taylor with order $p = 4$ and fixed step-size $h = 0.1$ for the x -values 1.1 und 1.2 (two steps). All final (!) results should be rounded to the 10th digit.
- b) © Compute the local error (slope) $\tau_h(x_n)$ and from this $h \cdot \tau_h(x_n)$ as well as the global error for the two steps in a).

Hints: The exact solution of the equation is $y = \left(\frac{x^2 + 2}{3} \right)^{3/2}$.

Compute the derivations y' , y'' , y''' , $y^{(4)}$ algebraically from the differential equation by iteratively applying the product and chain rule (no computer required), as:

$$y'' = (x y^{1/3})' = y^{1/3} + x (y^{1/3})' = y^{1/3} + x \left(\frac{1}{3} y^{-2/3} \cdot y' \right) =$$

$$= y^{1/3} + x \left(\frac{1}{3} y^{-2/3} \cdot x y^{1/3} \right) = y^{1/3} + \frac{1}{3} x^2 y^{-1/3}$$

$$y''' = \left(y^{1/3} + \frac{1}{3} x^2 y^{-1/3} \right)' = \frac{1}{3} y^{-2/3} \cdot y' + 2x \frac{1}{3} y^{-1/3} - \frac{1}{9} x^2 y^{-4/3} \cdot y' = \dots = x y^{-1/3} - \frac{1}{9} x^3 y^{-1}$$

$$y^{(4)} = \left(x y^{-1/3} - \frac{1}{9} x^3 y^{-1} \right)' = \dots = 1 y^{-1/3} - \frac{2}{3} x^2 y^{-1} + \frac{1}{9} x^4 y^{-5/3}$$

2. © Compute the coordinates of the (t, φ) point after the first step rounded to the 6th digit in:

- a) Example 1.2 / Figure 1.2b on page 4/5 (script), Taylor-Method of order $p = 1$ (Euler)
- b) Example 1.3 / Figure 1.3b on page 6/7 (script), Taylor-Method of order $p = 2$

Finally, compute the local error (of slope) $\tau_h(t_n)$ and from this $h \cdot \tau_h(t_n)$ as well as the global error for ab).

Hints: A reference value for the exact φ is 0.283747 (rounded to the 6th digit). The examples refer to the differential equation $\varphi' = c(1 - \varepsilon \cos \varphi)^2$ $\varphi(0) = 0$ with $c = 1$ and $\varepsilon = 0.25$ (angle-velocity-relation of an elliptical gravitational orbit).