

use modified euler 's method to find the approximate solution of IVP $y' = 2xy$, $y(1)=1$, at $x=1.5$ with $h=0.1$. if the exact solution is $y(x) = e^{x^2-1}$, find the error.

Solution: for the numerical solution of the differential equation:

$$y' = f(x, y), \quad f(x, y) = 2 \cdot x \cdot y$$

use the explicit midpoint method also known as the modified Euler method:

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + h \cdot f\left(x_n + \frac{h}{2}, y_n + \frac{h}{2} \cdot f(x_n, y_n)\right), \quad h = 0.1, \quad x_0 = 1, \quad y_0 = 1$$

to find the approximate solution of IVP at $x=1.5$, it takes 5 steps:

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 &= x_0 + h = 1.1, \quad y_1 = y_0 + h \cdot f\left(x_0 + \frac{h}{2}, y_0 + \frac{h}{2} \cdot f(x_0, y_0)\right) \\ &= 1 + 0.1 \cdot f(1.05, 1 + 0.05 \cdot f(1, 1)) = 1 + 0.1 \cdot f(1.05, 1.1) = 1.2310 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x_2 &= x_1 + h = 1.2, \quad y_2 = y_1 + h \cdot f\left(x_1 + \frac{h}{2}, y_1 + \frac{h}{2} \cdot f(x_1, y_1)\right) \\ &= 1.231 + 0.1 \cdot f(1.15, 1.231 + 0.05 \cdot f(1.1, 1.231)) \\ &= 1.231 + 0.1 \cdot f(1.15, 1.3664) = 1.5453 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x_3 &= x_2 + h = 1.3, \quad y_3 = y_2 + h \cdot f\left(x_2 + \frac{h}{2}, y_2 + \frac{h}{2} \cdot f(x_2, y_2)\right) \\ &= 1.5453 + 0.1 \cdot f(1.25, 1.5453 + 0.05 \cdot f(1.2, 1.5453)) \\ &= 1.5453 + 0.1 \cdot f(1.25, 1.7307) = 1.97795 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x_4 &= x_3 + h = 1.4, \quad y_4 = y_3 + h \cdot f\left(x_3 + \frac{h}{2}, y_3 + \frac{h}{2} \cdot f(x_3, y_3)\right) \\ &= 1.97795 + 0.1 \cdot f(1.35, 1.97795 + 0.05 \cdot f(1.3, 1.97795)) \\ &= 1.97795 + 0.1 \cdot f(1.35, 2.2351) = 2.5814 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x_5 &= x_4 + h = 1.5, \quad y_5 = y_4 + h \cdot f\left(x_4 + \frac{h}{2}, y_4 + \frac{h}{2} \cdot f(x_4, y_4)\right) \\ &= 2.5814 + 0.1 \cdot f(1.45, 2.5814 + 0.05 \cdot f(1.4, 2.5814)) \\ &= 2.5814 + 0.1 \cdot f(1.45, 2.9428) = 3.4348 \end{aligned}$$

exact solution:

$$y(x) = e^{x^2-1}, \quad y(1.5) = 3.4903 \quad \text{error} = 3.4903 - 3.4348 = 0.0555 \quad (\sim 1.6\%)$$

Answer: $y_5 = 3.4348$, $\text{error} = 0.0555$ ($\sim 1.6\%$)

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