

6th homework assignment Dynamical Systems

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Problem 21.

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Consider the initial-value problem

$$\dot{x} = f(x) := x, \quad x(0) = x_0 := 1$$

on the time interval $0 \leq t \leq T$ for fixed $T > 0$. Calculate an approximate solution $x(T)$ analytically

(i) by Picard iteration, i.e. determine the n -th Picard iterate $x^{[n]}(T)$;

$$x^{[k+1]}(t) = x_0 + \int_0^t f(x^{[k]}(\tau)) d\tau, \quad x^{[0]}(t) \equiv x_0$$

(ii) by explicit Euler scheme, i.e. determine the value $x^{[n]}$ after n Euler steps of stepsize $h^{[n]} = \frac{T}{n}$,

$$x_{k+1}^{[n]} = x_k^{[n]} + h^{[n]} f\left(x_k^{[n]}\right), \quad x_0^{[n]} = x_0$$

Compare!

We have

$$\dot{x} = x, \quad x(0) = 1$$

so the solution is

$$x(t) = e^t$$

(i)

$$\begin{aligned} & x^{[0]}(t) \equiv 1 \\ \Rightarrow & x^{[1]}(t) = 1 + \int_0^t x^{[0]}(\tau) d\tau = 1 + t \\ \Rightarrow & \dots \\ \Rightarrow & x^{[n]}(T) = 1 + T + \frac{1}{2!}T^2 + \frac{1}{3!}T^3 + \dots + \frac{1}{n!}T^n \\ \Rightarrow & \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x^{[n]}(T) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!}T^n =: \exp(T) \quad (\text{Taylor series}) \end{aligned}$$

(ii)

$$\begin{aligned}x_{k+1}^{[n]} &= x_k^{[n]} + h^{[n]} x_k^{[n]} = (1 + h^{[n]}) x_k^{[n]} \\ \Rightarrow x_n^{[n]} &= (1 + h^{[n]})^n \cdot 1 = \left(1 + \frac{T}{n}\right)^n \\ \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n^{[n]} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{T}{n}\right)^n =: \exp(T) \quad (\text{another definition of exp})\end{aligned}$$

So both approximate solutions converge to the correct solution.

The Picard iteration converges faster:

For the $(k+1)$ -th step there is only $\frac{T^n}{n!}$ added to the previous value $x^{[k]}$, which (even for big T) becomes small very fast.

$x_n^{[n]}$ is easier to calculate (only multiplication, no integrals) but converges slower.

Problem 22.

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The initial-value problem

$$\dot{x} = f(x) := x^2, \quad x(0) = x_0 := 1$$

has a solution for $-\infty < t < 1$ with “blow-up“, $\lim_{t \rightarrow 1} x(t) = +\infty$.

Let $(x_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$ be the series of Picard iterates:

$$\begin{aligned}x_0(t) &\equiv x_0 \\ x_{n+1}(t) &= x_0 + \int_0^t f(x_n(s)) ds\end{aligned}$$

- (i) Prove: $x_k(t)$ is defined for all $k \in \mathbb{N}$ and $t \in \mathbb{R}$.
- (ii) Calculate $x_1(t), x_2(t), x_3(t)$ and $x_4(t)$ explicitly.
- (iii) Determine all $t \geq 0$ such that $x_k(t)$ converges to the solution $x(t)$ of the initial-value problem, as $k \rightarrow \infty$.

(i) **Proof:** Polynomes are defined on all of $\mathbb{R}$

$$\begin{aligned}x_0 &\equiv 1 \in \text{polynomes on } \mathbb{R} \\ x_{k+1}(t) &= 1 + \underbrace{\int_0^t (x_k(s))^2 ds}_{\text{polynome}} \\ &= 1 + \underbrace{\int_0^t p(s) ds}_{\text{integral is polynome again}} \\ &=: P(t) \in \text{polynomes on } \mathbb{R}\end{aligned}$$

So by induction $x_k(t)$ is defined $\forall t \in \mathbb{R}$. □

Prove: $x_k(t)$ is defined for all $k \in \mathbb{N}$ and $t \in \mathbb{R}$.

(ii)

$$\begin{aligned}
x_1(t) &= 1 + t \\
x_2(t) &= 1 + \int_0^t (1 + s)^2 ds = 1 + t + t^2 + \frac{1}{3}t^3 \\
x_3(t) &= 1 + \int_0^t (1 + s + s^2 + \frac{1}{3}s^3)^2 ds \\
&= 1 + t + t^2 + t^3 + \frac{2}{3}t^4 + \frac{1}{3}t^5 + \frac{1}{9}t^6 + \frac{1}{63}t^7 \\
x_4(t) &= 1 + \int_0^t (t + t^2 + t^3 + \frac{2}{3}t^4 + \frac{1}{3}t^5 + \frac{1}{9}t^6 + \frac{1}{63}t^7)^2 ds \\
&= 1 + \int_0^t \left(1 + 2t + 3t^2 + 4t^3 + \frac{13}{3}t^4 + 4t^5 + \frac{29}{9}t^6 + \frac{142}{63}t^7 + \frac{86}{63}t^8 \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \frac{44}{63}t^9 + \frac{55}{189}t^{10} + \frac{2}{21}t^{11} + \frac{13}{567}t^{12} + \frac{2}{567}t^{13} + \frac{1}{3969}t^{14} \right) ds \\
&= 1 + t + t^2 + t^3 + t^4 + \frac{13}{15}t^5 + \frac{2}{3}t^6 + \frac{29}{63}t^7 + \frac{71}{252}t^8 + \frac{86}{567}t^9 \\
&\quad + \frac{22}{315}t^{10} + \frac{5}{189}t^{11} + \frac{1}{126}t^{12} + \frac{1}{567}t^{13} + \frac{1}{3969}t^{14} + \frac{1}{59535}t^{15}
\end{aligned}$$

(iii) By the results of (ii) we assume, that $x_n(t)$ are in the form

$$x_n(t) = 1 + t + t^2 + t^3 + \dots + t^n + \text{higher terms} \quad (1)$$

We also see (because this is quite a simple ODE) that the exact solution is

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

which can be expressed as a Taylor series for $t \in [0, 1)$ which is the time where a solution to the ODE exists

$$x(t) = \sum_n^{\infty} t^n$$

This would mean convergence of the approximate solution for $n \rightarrow \infty$ everywhere ($\forall t \in [0, 1)$) So we need to proof (1)

Proof: By induction over n we get

$$\begin{aligned}
x_0 &= 1 && \text{is in the correct form} \\
x_{n+1} &= 1 + \int_0^t (x_n(s))^2 ds
\end{aligned}$$

We are only interested in terms $a_k t^k$ with $k \leq n+1$. So if we square the terms of x_n , which supposedly is in the form (1), only the terms with $k \leq n$ can support to those

because for $k > n \Rightarrow \int a_k t^k = \frac{a_k}{k} t^{k+1}$ which isn't of any interest.

$$\begin{aligned}\Rightarrow x_{n+1} &= 1 + \int_0^t (1 + s + s^2 + \cdots + s^n)^2 ds + \text{higher terms} \\ &= 1 + \int_0^t (1 + 2s + 3s^2 + \cdots + (n+1)s^n) ds + \text{higher terms} \\ &= 1 + (t + t + t^2 + \cdots + t^{n+1}) + \text{higher terms}\end{aligned}$$

This is in the correct form, as supposed.

So the iteration converges to the Taylor series of the correct solution, because the '*higher terms*' become small for $t < 1$.

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