

# Computer Project 3

## Python Implementation of Numeric ODE Solvers

DUE: Wednesday, November 9, 2022

- 1) Implement Euler's Method in Python. You should create a function called `Eulers_Method` declared as follows.

```
def Eulers_Method(func, x0, y0, xf, N):
```

The function arguments are:

- `func`: a function of the form `func(x,y)` which is the right-hand side of the standard first-order ODE

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x, y),$$

- `x0`, `y0`: the initial condition for the ODE  $y(x_0) = y_0$ ,
- `xf`: the final  $x$ -value that the method should predict a value for,
- `N`: the total number of steps used to get from `x0` to `xf`.

Your function should return two lists, `X` and `Y`. `X` is the list of `N+1` evenly spaced  $x$ -values starting from `x0` and ending at `xf`. `Y` should be the corresponding list of predicted  $y$ -values from Euler's Method.

- 2) Implement the Fourth Order Runge-Kutta Method in Python. You should create a function called `RK4` declared as follows.

```
def RK4(func, x0, y0, xf, N):
```

The function arguments and return types are exactly the same as for Euler's Method.

- 3) Find the exact solution to the following initial value problem by hand.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{1}{x}y &= \sqrt{y} \\ y(1) &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

Use this to determine the value of  $y(16)$ .

- 4) Use your implementation of `Eulers_Method` from 1) to approximate the solution to the ODE from 3) on the interval  $[1, 16]$  in 100 steps. Compute the absolute error between the exact value  $y(16)$  and the final value reported from your method (which should be `Y[100]`).
- 5) Use your implementation of `Eulers_Method` from 1) to approximate the solution to the ODE from 3) on the interval  $[1, 16]$  in 1000 steps. Compute the absolute error between the exact value  $y(16)$  and the final value reported from your method (which should be `Y[1000]`). By what factor did the error improve from the run with 100 steps?
- 6) Use your implementation of `RK4` from 2) to approximate the solution to the ODE from 3) on the interval  $[1, 16]$  in 100 steps. Compute the absolute error between the exact value  $y(16)$  and the final value reported from your method (which should be `Y[100]`).
- 7) Use your implementation of `RK4` from 2) to approximate the solution to the ODE from 3) on the interval  $[1, 16]$  in 1000 steps. Compute the absolute error between the exact value  $y(16)$  and the final value reported from your method (which should be `Y[1000]`). By what factor did the error improve from the run with 100 steps?