

Pensieve header: A stability comparison of Euler, Improved Euler, and Runge-Kutta.

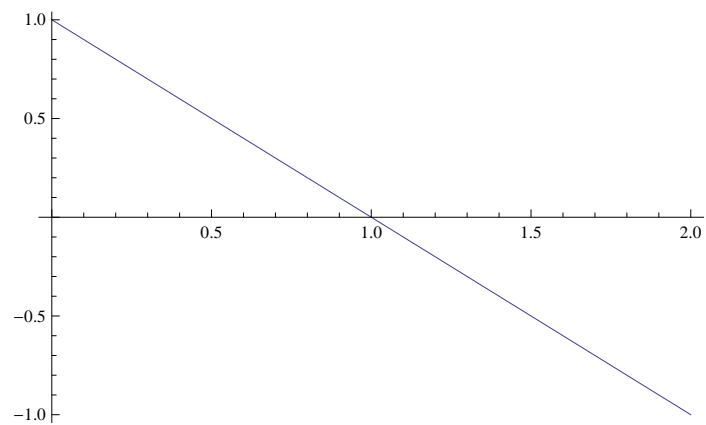
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Euler[f_, x0_, y0_, x_, n_] := Module[
  {h = (x - x0) / n, xj = x0, yj = y0, k1},
  Do[
    k1 = f[xj, yj];
    xj = xj + h;
    yj = yj + h k1,
    {n}
  ];
  yj
];

ImprovedEuler[f_, x0_, y0_, x_, n_] := Module[
  {h = (x - x0) / n, xj = x0, yj = y0, k1, k2},
  Do[
    k1 = f[xj, yj];
    k2 = f[xj + h, yj + h k1];
    xj = xj + h;
    yj = yj + h (k1 + k2) / 2,
    {n}
  ];
  yj
];

RungeKutta[f_, x0_, y0_, x_, n_] := Module[
  {h = (x - x0) / n, xj = x0, yj = y0, k1, k2, k3, k4},
  Do[
    k1 = f[xj, yj];
    k2 = f[xj + h / 2, yj + h k1 / 2];
    k3 = f[xj + h / 2, yj + h k2 / 2];
    k4 = f[xj + h, yj + h k3];
    xj = xj + h;
    yj = yj + h (k1 + 2 k2 + 2 k3 + k4) / 6,
    {n}
  ];
  yj
];

f[x_, y_] := -λ y;
Euler[f, 0, 1, h, 1]
1 - h λ
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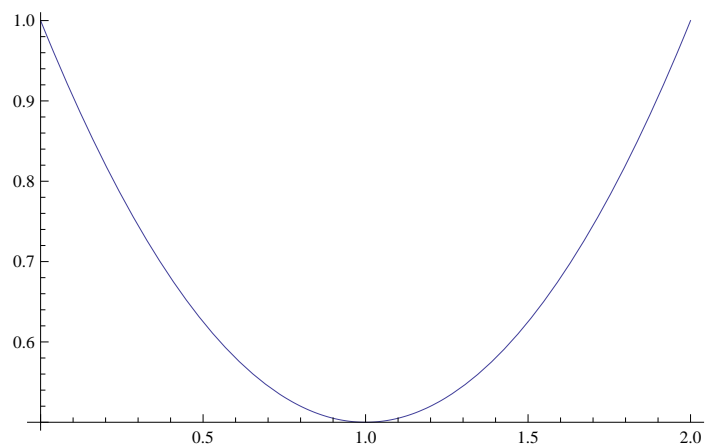
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Plot[Euler[f, 0, 1, 1, 1], {λ, 0, 2}]
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ImprovedEuler[f, 0, 1, h, 1] // Simplify
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$$1 - h \lambda + \frac{h^2 \lambda^2}{2}$$

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Plot[ImprovedEuler[f, 0, 1, 1, 1], {λ, 0, 2}]
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RungeKutta[f, 0, 1, h, 1] // Simplify
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$$\frac{1}{24} (24 - 24 h \lambda + 12 h^2 \lambda^2 - 4 h^3 \lambda^3 + h^4 \lambda^4)$$

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Plot[RungeKutta[f, 0, 1, 1, 1], {λ, 0, 2}]
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