

1. It's a sunny April day and Victor is craving for a beer upon returning home. Problem: There is not a single beer can in the fridge. He quickly puts a beer can (which is at 24°C at the moment) in the fridge (which is constantly at 4°C) and waits for half an hour. Once he gets the beer out of the fridge, it has 14°C. (Victor keeps an infrared thermometer always handy at home...)

(a) Write down and solve the differential equation, which determines the temperature of the beer can depending on time.

Hint: The cooling rate is proportional to the difference in temperatures.

(b) How long should Victor keep the beer in the fridge to cool it down to 9°C?

2. Find the general solution of the differential equation

$$y' = 2x(1 + y^2),$$

and the solution satisfying the condition $y(1) = 0$.

3. Find the general solution of the *logistic differential equation*

$$y' = cy \left(1 - \frac{y}{a}\right),$$

and the solution satisfying the condition $y(0) = b$.

4. Write an Octave function `[t, Y] = euler(f, [t0, tk], y0, h)`, which solves the differential equation

$$y' = f(t, y) \quad \text{with initial condition} \quad y(t_0) = y_0$$

using the Euler method with step size h . The function should return a set of function values Y evaluated at times t .

Solve DE's above using this method. Compare exact and numerical solutions.

5. Write an Octave function `[t, Y] = rk4(f, [t0, tk], y0, h)`, which solves the differential equation

$$y' = f(t, y) \quad \text{with initial condition} \quad y(t_0) = y_0$$

using the classical order 4 Runge–Kutta method; for step size h define

$$k_1 = hf(t_i, y_i)$$

$$k_2 = hf(t_i + h/2, y_i + k_1/2)$$

$$k_3 = hf(t_i + h/2, y_i + k_2/2)$$

$$k_4 = hf(t_i + h, y_i + k_3)$$

and evaluate the next value with

$$y_{i+1} = y_i + \frac{1}{6}(k_1 + 2k_2 + 2k_3 + k_4).$$

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