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# ode45 in MATLAB

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ODE45 is 'n funksie in Matlab wat stelsels van 1ste-orde aanvangswaardeprobleme numeries oplos. Dit is 'n aanpasbare tydstep metode gebaseer op 'n 4de-orde Runge-Kutta formule gekombineer met 'n 5de-orde formule vir foutskatting. Hierdie dokument verduidelik kortliks hoe die funksie gebruik kan word. Matlab se dokumentasie (doc ode45) kan geraadpleeg word vir verdere inligting.

*ODE45 is a function in Matlab that solves systems of 1st-order initial value problems numerically. It is an adaptive time step method based on a 4th-order Runge-Kutta formula combined with a 5th-order formula for error estimation. This document explains briefly how the function can be used. Matlab's documentation (doc ode45) can be consulted for further information.*

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Beskou die volgende stelsel van 1ste-orde differensiaalvergelykings met aanvangsvoorwaardes (hier het ons  $n$  afhanklike veranderlikes):

*Consider the following system of 1st-order differential equations with initial conditions (here we have  $n$  dependent variables):*

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dv_1}{dt} &= f_1(t, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n), & v_1(t_0) &= a_1, \\ \frac{dv_2}{dt} &= f_2(t, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n), & v_2(t_0) &= a_2, \\ &\vdots \\ \frac{dv_n}{dt} &= f_n(t, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n), & v_n(t_0) &= a_n.\end{aligned}$$

'n Oplossing vir hierdie stelsel is funksies  $v_1(t)$ ,  $v_2(t)$ , ...,  $v_n(t)$  wat bostaande DVs en aanvangswaardes bevredig.

*A solution for this system is a set of functions  $v_1(t)$ ,  $v_2(t)$ , ...,  $v_n(t)$  that satisfies the DEs and initial conditions above.*

Hierdie stelsel kan in matriksvorm geskryf word:

*This system can be written in matrix form:*

$$\frac{d\mathbf{v}}{dt} = \mathbf{f}(t, \mathbf{v}), \quad \mathbf{v}(t_0) = \mathbf{a},$$

waar

*where*

$$\mathbf{v}(t) = [v_1(t), v_2(t), \dots, v_n(t)]^T, \quad \mathbf{f} = [f_1(t, \mathbf{v}), f_2(t, \mathbf{v}), \dots, f_n(t, \mathbf{v})]^T, \quad \mathbf{a} = [a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n]^T.$$

Die funksie `ode45` aanvaar die volgende sintaks:

*The function `ode45` allows the following syntax:*

$$\boxed{[\mathbf{t}, \mathbf{v}] = \text{ode45}(\mathbf{f}, [\mathbf{tmin} \ \mathbf{tmax}], \mathbf{a});}$$

Die toevoer-parameters is:

*The input parameters are:*

- (1)  $\mathbf{f}$ : 'n vektor van funksies wat die regterkant van bostaande stelsel van DVs beskryf;
- (2)  $[\mathbf{tmin} \ \mathbf{tmax}]$ : 'n interval vir  $t$  waaroor die oplossing gevind moet word (let op:  $\mathbf{tmin}$  moet ooreenstem met  $t_0$  hierbo);
- (3)  $\mathbf{a}$ : die aanvangswaardes, soos  $\mathbf{a}$  hierbo.

- (1)  $\mathbf{f}$ : a vector of functions that describes the righthand side of the above system of DEs;
- (2)  $[\mathbf{tmin} \ \mathbf{tmax}]$ : an interval for  $t$  over which the solution is to be found (note:  $\mathbf{tmin}$  should correspond to  $t_0$  above);
- (3)  $\mathbf{a}$ : the initial values, like  $\mathbf{a}$  above.

Die funksie lewer 'n kolomvektor  $\mathbf{t}$ , sê van lengte  $m$ , en 'n  $m \times n$  matriks  $\mathbf{v}$ . Die elemente van  $\mathbf{t}$  is diskrete tydsteppe  $t_1, t_2, \dots, t_m$  waarby oplossings benaderd gevind is. Die element  $v(i, j)$ , d.w.s. in ry  $i$  en kolom  $j$ , is 'n numeries-berekende benaderde waarde van  $v_j(t_i)$ .

*The function returns a column vector  $\mathbf{t}$ , say of length  $m$ , and an  $m \times n$  matrix  $\mathbf{v}$ . The elements of  $\mathbf{t}$  are discrete time steps  $t_1, t_2, \dots, t_m$  on which solutions were approximated. The element  $v(i, j)$ , i.e. in row  $i$  and column  $j$ , is a numerically calculated approximate value of  $v_j(t_i)$ .*

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**Voorbeeld 1:** Beskou die probleem**Example 1:** Consider the problem

$$y' + 2y^2 = 6t + 5, \quad y(0) = 3,$$

waar ons belangstel in 'n oplossing  $y = y(t)$  met  $t \in [0, 2]$ . Ons skryf die DV eers in die vorm

where we are interested in a solution  $y = y(t)$  with  $t \in [0, 2]$ . We first write the DE in the form

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = 6t + 5 - 2y^2,$$

en kan nou `ode45` inspan om die probleem numeries op te los:

and can now use `ode45` to solve the problem numerically:

```
>> f = @(t,y) 6*t + 5 - 2*y^2;
>> [t,y] = ode45(f, [0 2], 3);
```

Let op: ons het slegs een DV, dus is `f` 'n funksie wat twee getalle (`t` en `y`) afbeeld na 'n enkele getal (leer meer oor die gebruik van die `@`-simbool deur "anonymous functions" in Matlab se dokumentasie na te slaan). Ons het ook slegs een aanvangswaarde (`3`) in hierdie geval.

Note: we have only one DE, therefore `f` is a function that maps two numbers (`t` and `y`) to a single number (learn more about the usage of the `@`-symbol by searching for "anonymous functions" in Matlab's documentation). In this case we also have one initial condition (`3`).

Bostaande kode lewer twee kolomvektore: `t` en `y`. In hierdie geval het elkeen 53 elemente. Ons kan nou 'n grafiek teken van `y` teenoor `t`:

The code above produces two column vectors: `t` and `y`. In this case each one has 53 elements. We can now draw a graph of `y` vs `t`:

```
>> figure
>> plot(t,y)
```

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**Voorbeeld 2:** Beskou die stelsel**Example 2:** Consider the system

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dx}{dt} &= \left(-\frac{2}{25}\right)x + \left(\frac{1}{50}\right)y, & x(0) &= 25, \\ \frac{dy}{dt} &= \left(\frac{2}{25}\right)x - \left(\frac{2}{25}\right)y, & y(0) &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Ons stel belang in oplossings  $x(t)$  en  $y(t)$  met  $t \in [0, 100]$ . Ons kan die volgende in Matlab uitvoer:

We are interested in solutions  $x(t)$  and  $y(t)$  for  $t \in [0, 100]$ . We can execute the following in Matlab:

```
>> f = @(t,v) [(-2/25)*v(1) + (1/50)*v(2); (2/25)*v(1) - (2/25)*v(2)];
>> v0 = [25; 0];
>> [t,v] = ode45(f, [0 100], v0);
```

Let op dat die funksie `f` nou 'n  $2 \times 1$  vektor lewer, met eerste element gelyk aan  $dx/dt$  en die tweede gelyk aan  $dy/dt$ . Dis ook belangrik om te sien dat `f` steeds twee parameters as toevoer neem (`t`, en `v` wat nou 'n vektor is) hoewel slegs een daarvan in die definisie voorkom. Dit is 'n konvensie wat deur `ode45` gevolg word. Let ook op dat daar nou twee aanvangswaardes gegee word in die vorm van die  $2 \times 1$  vektor `v0`.

Note that the function `f` now produces a  $2 \times 1$  vector, with first element equal to  $dx/dt$  and the second element equal to  $dy/dt$ . It is also important to see that `f` still requires two input parameters (`t`, and `v` which is now a vector) even though only one of them is used in the definition. This is a convention followed by `ode45`. Also note that there are now two initial conditions given in the form of the  $2 \times 1$  vector `v0`.

Om die afvoer te stip is steeds so maklik soos `plot(t,v)`. Matlab aanvaar dat twee kolomme in `v` dui op twee aparte funksies in `t`.

Plotting the results is still as easy as `plot(t,v)`. Matlab assumes that two columns in `v` indicate two separate functions in `t`.