

User manual for
Iode
(text-based interface)

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Overview

Iode (rhymes with diode) is a software package that enable students to explore direction fields, phase planes, second order linear ODEs, Fourier series and heat and wave equations. The name Iode is supposed to be reminiscent of “Illinois” and “ODE”.

Iode runs under either Matlab or Octave (their programming languages are mostly compatible). For instructions on downloading, installing and running all the needed software, see Appendix A. If your computer already has Matlab or Octave installed, then all you need to get is Iode. Experienced users can proceed directly to www.math.uiuc.edu/iode/ to download it.

The *graphical* user interface for Iode is supported only under Matlab, version 6.0 or later. This manual describes the *text-based* user interface, which runs under earlier versions of Matlab and also under Octave. The graphical user interface offers certain features and plotting options that are unavailable in the text-based interface.

A good way to learn Iode is simply to explore it. Choose various options and see what happens. Also, the built-in help features in Matlab and Octave are your friends. For example, typing `help euler` at the prompt will give information on the module `euler.m`.

Please let us know if you encounter problems with Iode, or if you have suggestions for improvement. To contact us, see www.math.uiuc.edu/iode/.

From a programming perspective, the main point of Iode is that it is modular and has well-defined interfaces. This has several useful consequences. For example, it is easy for the user to customize Iode, or to create and plug in new modules. Simple modules of this sort can be created even by users without much programming experience. In fact, Iode was born out of frustration with other educational packages that conceal their inner workings from the user.

The mathematical modules (such as `df.m` or `euler.m`) are usable in Mat-

lab and Octave without the menus, and much of the code is easily extensible. Users are encouraged, and in some of our classes *expected*, to look at the code and modify it, take it apart, put it back together, and so on. For example, Appendix D discusses how to create your own solver module for numerically solving ODEs. On the other hand, Iode comes with a user interface that exposes most of the capabilities of the mathematical modules, and so you can use Iode even if you don't have any programming skills. This manual will mostly be concerned with explaining the user interface.

Iode main menu

After launching the text-based Iode user interface (see instructions in Appendix B), we get to the main menu:

- [1] Direction fields
- [2] Phase planes
- [3] Second order linear ODEs
- [4] Fourier series
- [5] Partial differential equations
- [6] Purge temporary files
- [7] Quit

Before looking at these options in detail, we explain some features that are common to all parts of Iode. For example, you will often be prompted to input some piece of information (such as a number, or a variable name or a function). Whenever this happens, Iode will display the current value of the information inside square brackets. For example, the prompt

Independent variable [x]

asks you to input the name of the independent variable. The current name is x , which is displayed inside square brackets. If in response you enter t (and then hit return), t will be the name for the independent variable from then on. If in response you do not enter anything but just hit return, then Iode will simply keep using the current name x for the independent variable.

Iode also retains the current value if it cannot make sense of the information you provide. For example, a common mistake is to forget to type “ $*$ ” to indicate multiplication. If you are asked to enter a function and type $2xy$ as $2xy$, then Iode will report an error and will retain the previous function. The correct expression is $2*x*y$.

The current value gives you a clue as to what kind of information Iode wants from you. For example, if the current value is a number, then you should probably enter a number. If the information that Iode seeks is not a number but instead, say, a color code, then Iode will display a list of acceptable responses.

Under Octave, Ctrl-D is a shortcut for quitting from any module in Iode, or from Octave itself. More drastically, Ctrl-C will immediately terminate Iode.

Chapter 1

Direction fields

This module deals with general first order ODEs, that is, equations of the form

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x, y). \quad (1.1)$$

The module plots the associated direction (or slope) field in a separate graphics window, and it computes and plots numerical solutions of the equation. The user can input the equation and the initial condition, and change the method used for computing numerical solutions.

After selecting [1] from the Iode main menu, one sees the direction fields menu; the menu options are explained below. The current ODE is always displayed above the menu, along with the current values of the options for the numerical method.

The graphics window shows a plot of the direction field for the ODE, with the equation itself written across the top of the window.

When you first enter the module, you will find Iode has already chosen a default ODE as well as reasonable option settings. Next we explain how to change these settings.

Enter equation

When you select [1] **Enter equation**, you are prompted for three pieces of information: an independent variable, a dependent variable, and a function.

When you input the names for the independent (horizontal) and dependent (vertical) variables, you are specifying the form in which you want the equation written: for example,

- $dy/dx = f(x, y)$, in which case the solution will be a function y of a variable x , or
- $dx/dt = f(t, x)$, in which case the solution will be a function x of a variable t .

In the first case you would input x for the independent variable and y for the dependent variable. In the second case, input t for the independent variable and x for the dependent variable.

Then Iode will prompt you to input the function f , using valid Matlab or Octave syntax — consult Appendix C for examples. For example, to study the equation $dx/dt = xt^2$, you should input $x*t^2$. Note that you do not input the letter f , here. You just input the expression that you want on the right hand side of the ODE.

Warning 1.1.

- Your expression for f should involve the independent or dependent variables you have chosen (or both), but no other variables!
- Variable names should consist of only one letter, to avoid the risk of conflicting with Iode's internal variables.

Enter display parameters

Allows you to change the domain and range of the direction field, and the number of line segments used to plot it. Note that this will clear all plots in the graphics window.

The prompts are self-explanatory.

Plot numerical solution

To get a specific solution of the differential equation $\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x, y)$, you also need to specify the initial data, $y(x_0) = y_0$. When you select **Plot numerical solution**, Iode asks you to input this information. Then you are asked to input the color of the plot.

Remark 1.2. The algorithm and the step size used for actually computing the numerical solution are displayed above the menu, and can be changed using the next option.

Change numerical solver

When you select [4] `Change numerical solver`, you will be prompted for the numerical method and step size. The step size should be a small, positive number. Some acceptable choices for the numerical method will be listed on the screen (or see Appendix C for more information on solvers).

Plot arbitrary function

If you know a formula for the exact solution of a differential equation, then you might want to compare it with the numerical solution, which is only an approximation, to see how accurate the numerical solution is. This helps indicate how reliable the numerical solution will be on other problems, where you do not know the exact solution.

The item [5] `Plot arbitrary function` allows you to plot the exact solution. Actually it will plot any function for which you input the formula. For example, to plot $y = \sin(x)$ you just input `sin(x)`. Consult Appendix C for more examples of functions you can use.

Clear plots

Clears all plots of functions from the graphics window, while leaving the direction field intact.

Save plot

[This feature is only implemented for Octave because Matlab's way of saving plots is quite different. This shouldn't be a problem, because Matlab's user interface has a menu item for saving plots.]

If you select [7] `Save plot`, you will be prompted for two pieces of information: first a file name (without any extension), and then an extension. For example, suppose that at the first prompt you enter `my_plot`, and at the second prompt you hit return to keep the default extension `eps`. Then a file called `my_plot.eps` will be created, containing your plot in a format known as Encapsulated PostScript. To view or print your file, use the program

Ghostview. For example, on a Unix system you would get to a Unix prompt (outside of Octave) and type `ghostview my_plot.eps`.

Remark 1.3. Only the graphics display is saved in the file, not the Iode settings that generated it.

In the text-based user interface of Iode, there is no way to “save your current settings” and come back to them later. (The graphical user interface does offer this feature.)

For most purposes, you should use the default extension `eps`. Other valid extensions include `fig` for Xfig pictures (choose this if you would like to edit your plots with Xfig), `gif` for gif files (not recommended due to patent issues), and `png` for Portable Network Graphics (choose this if you would like to include your plots in web pages and such).

Warning 1.4. When you save a plot, if you enter the same name as an existing file then the existing file will be overwritten, with no warning.

Chapter 2

Phase planes

This module deals with autonomous systems of two equations, that is, systems of equations of the form

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = F(x, y), \quad \frac{dy}{dt} = G(x, y). \quad (2.1)$$

The module creates a graphics window showing the phase portrait associated with such a system, and it computes and plots numerical solutions of the system in this phase plane. The user can input the system and the initial conditions, and change the method used for computing numerical solutions.

After selecting [2] from the Iode main menu, one sees the phase planes menu; the menu options are explained below. The current system of equations is always displayed above the menu, along with the current values of the options for the numerical method.

The graphics window shows a plot of the phase portrait for the system, with the system itself written across the top of the window.

When you first enter the module, you will find Iode has already chosen a system and chosen the option settings. Next we explain how to change these settings.

Enter functions

When you select [1] `Enter functions`, you will be prompted to input five pieces of information: an independent variable, two dependent variables (the horizontal and vertical variables), and the two functions F and G . Most

users will only work with autonomous systems, in which case the expressions that you enter for F and G will involve only the dependent variables, not the independent one.

Remark 2.1 (Note for advanced users). Iode can also handle nonautonomous systems, in which the expressions for f and g depend also on the independent variable t . Iode will correctly compute numerical solutions for such systems, but will not draw the full phase portrait (which is three-dimensional). The phase portrait that Iode displays in this case is the one at $t = t_0$, see Section 2.

In all other respects, this option is similar to the corresponding part of the direction fields module, described in Section 1.

Enter display parameters

Allows you to specify the region shown in the phase portrait, and to change the number of line segments used to plot the phase portrait.

The prompts are self-explanatory. The parameter t_0 is the value of the independent variable for which the phase portrait is shown, and it is also the initial value of the independent variable when computing numerical solutions. Most users will only work with autonomous systems, in which case t_0 doesn't matter.

Plot numerical solution

To get a specific solution of the system (2.1), you also need to specify the initial data $x_0 = x(t_0)$ and $y_0 = y(t_0)$, which say where the plot should start in the phase portrait. When you select [3] **Plot numerical solution**, Iode asks you to input the initial data, and the t -duration of the plot. (Think of the plot as tracing the path of a moving particle, in which case the t -duration denotes the time elapsed.) The t -duration may be negative, in which case the solution is computed backwards from t_0 . You are also asked to input the color of the plot.

Remark 2.2. The algorithm and the step size used for actually computing the numerical solution are displayed above the menu, and can be changed using the next option.

Change numerical solver

See Section 1.

Plot arbitrary trajectory

As in Section 1, this feature will be most useful in situations where you know an exact formula for the solution, and want to compare it to a numerical solution in order to estimate the accuracy of the numerical method.

Clear plot

See Section 1.

Save plot

See Section 1.

Chapter 3

Second order linear ODEs

This module deals with second order linear nonhomogeneous ODEs,

$$mx''(t) + cx'(t) + kx(t) = f(t). \quad (3.1)$$

Equations of this sort arise in models of simple mechanical vibrations, and electrical circuits. (Incidentally, the application to mechanical vibrations explains why the module has filename `mvmenu.m`.)

The module plots the “forcing” function f , and it computes and plots numerical solutions of the equation (3.1). The user can input the equation and the initial conditions, and change the method used for computing numerical solutions.

After selecting [3] from the Iode main menu, one sees the Second order linear ODEs menu; the menu options are explained below. The current ODE is always displayed above the menu, along with the current values of the options for the numerical method.

The graphics window shows a plot of the forcing function f , with the equation itself written across the top of the window.

The options in this module are either self-explanatory or else are very similar to the corresponding parts of the direction fields module.

Enter differential equation

When you select `Enter differential equation`, you will be prompted for the six pieces of information needed to make sense of (3.1): an independent and a dependent variable, the coefficients m, c and k (which are allowed to

involve the independent variable, but are usually just constants), and the function f .

Otherwise this option is very similar to the corresponding part of the direction fields module, described in Section 1.

Enter domain and range

See Section 1.

Plot numerical solution

See Section 1.

Change numerical solver

See Section 1.

Plot arbitrary function

See Section 1.

Clear plots

See Section 1.

Save plot

See Section 1.

Chapter 4

Fourier series

The Fourier series module can compute and graph the Fourier coefficients of a periodic function f , and can plot partial sums of the Fourier series, as well as the difference between the function f and partial sums of its Fourier series. The user inputs the function f , decides how many coefficients are to be computed, and can then “step through” the graphs of the partial sums.

For concreteness, here we will write $f(x)$ for the function being considered, even though the user can change the name of the independent variable from x to something else, if desired.

After selecting [4] from the Iode main menu, you will see the Fourier series menu and a graphics window. At the top of the graphics window, and also above the Fourier series menu, you will see displayed a function $f(x)$ and the value of the “top harmonic”. The function is written in the form

$$f(x) = (\text{a valid Matlab or Octave expression})$$

for $x_0 \leq x < x_1$, extended periodically, where x_0 and x_1 are numbers.

Remark 4.1. The interval $x_0 \leq x < x_1$ is part of the definition of the function! For example, it tells us that the period of the function is $P = x_1 - x_0$. See Section 4 for further discussion.

The graphics window shows a plot of f (in blue) over two periods. The red plot is a partial sum of the Fourier series of f , that is, a plot of

$$\frac{A_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^N \left(A_n \cos \frac{n\pi x}{L} + B_n \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L} \right), \quad (4.1)$$

where N = “top harmonic”. Here A_n and B_n are the Fourier coefficients and L is the half-period, $L = (x_1 - x_0)/2$.

The “top harmonic” number N tells you the highest frequency that is included in the partial sum.

Enter function

Select [1] **Enter function** to enter a new function. The function is the *periodic extension* of a formula (given by the user) on an interval (given by the user). So you are prompted not only for a formula for the function, but also for the left and right endpoints of the interval. You are also given the chance to change the name of the independent variable.

Plot partial sums

This displays partial sums of the Fourier series, in red in the graphics window. Try hitting **f** (for “forward”) a few times and see how the display changes. Notice that the value of the top harmonic (as shown in the graphics window) goes up when you enter **f**, and goes down when you enter **b**.

Various options relating to these plots can be set using menu option [7] **Options**.

Plot errors

This menu item is very similar to the previous one. It displays the error

$$\text{error}(x) = f(x) - \left[\frac{A_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^N \left(A_n \cos \frac{n\pi x}{L} + B_n \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L} \right) \right]$$

between f and partial sum of its Fourier series. The vertical scale of the plot automatically adjusts to the size of the error, so that successive plots may be displayed with different vertical scales.

Superimposing successive plots does not make sense if the scale changes, and so this item will not superimpose plots, regardless of the plotting options chosen in [7] **Options**.

Show A_n

This option plots the first N_{max} Fourier cosine coefficients, where N_{max} is the value of “max harmonic” (which can be changed using menu option [7] **Options**). It does not plot the constant term A_0 .

Recall that the n th Fourier cosine coefficient is defined by

$$A_n = \frac{1}{L} \int_{x_0}^{x_1} f(x) \cos \frac{n\pi x}{L} dx,$$

where $L = (x_1 - x_0)/2$ is the half-period.

Show B_n

Similar to the previous option, but for the Fourier sine coefficients

$$B_n = \frac{1}{L} \int_{x_0}^{x_1} f(x) \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L} dx.$$

Show C_n=sqrt(A_n^2+B_n^2)

Similar to the previous two options. The reason it is interesting to plot the values of $C_n = \sqrt{A_n^2 + B_n^2}$ is that

$$A_n \cos \frac{n\pi x}{L} + B_n \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L} = C_n \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L} - \alpha_n\right), \quad (4.2)$$

where the angle α_n is defined by requiring $\cos \alpha_n = A_n/C_n$ and $\sin \alpha_n = B_n/C_n$. (Formula (4.2) is proved just by substituting the identity $\cos(\beta - \alpha) = \cos \beta \cos \alpha + \sin \beta \sin \alpha$ on the right hand side.)

The meaning of (4.2) is that C_n equals the amplitude of the combined oscillations at the n th frequency level, in the Fourier series of f .

Options

These options all deal with aspects of the display. Play around and have fun.

Save plot

See Section 1.

Chapter 5

Partial differential equations

This module computes and plots solutions of the wave equation and heat (diffusion) equation. Solutions are found on an interval $0 \leq x \leq L$, for times $0 \leq t \leq T$. The method is separation of variables.

Enter equation and boundary conditions

When you select [1] `Enter equation and boundary conditions`, you will be prompted first of all to choose either the heat equation

$$u_t = k u_{xx}$$

or the wave equation

$$u_{tt} = c^2 u_{xx}.$$

Heat (diffusion) equation. Then Iode asks for the diffusivity k , followed by the boundary conditions. Iode can deal with Dirichlet boundary conditions ($u(0, t) = 0$ and $u(L, t) = 0$), with Neumann boundary conditions ($u_x(0, t) = 0$ and $u_x(L, t) = 0$), and also with periodic boundary conditions ($u(0, t) = u(L, t)$ and $u_x(0, t) = u_x(L, t)$). Users are encouraged to create modules for other boundary conditions as well: see `dirichlet.m` as a guide to doing this.

Wave equation. Then Iode asks for the wavespeed c , followed by the boundary conditions as above.

Enter duration, length and initial conditions

After selecting [2] Enter duration, length and initial conditions, you will be asked to enter the duration T over which the numerical solution is to be plotted, and then the length L of the interval.

Heat equation. Then Iode asks for the initial temperature (or concentration) function $u(x, 0) = f(x)$.

Wave equation. Then Iode asks for the initial displacement $u(x, 0) = f(x)$ and the initial velocity $u_t(x, 0) = g(x)$.

Remark 5.1. Iode computes its approximate solutions by separation of variables. For example, for the heat equation with Dirichlet boundary conditions Iode will use

$$u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{N_{max}} b_n e^{-(n\pi/L)^2 kt} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right)$$

where N_{max} is the value of “Max harmonic” (which can be changed using menu item [6] Options), and where the b_n are the Fourier sine coefficients of the initial value $f(x)$. For the wave equation with Dirichlet boundary conditions the approximate solution is

$$u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{N_{max}} \left[b_n \cos\left(\frac{n\pi ct}{L}\right) + B_n \frac{L}{n\pi c} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi ct}{L}\right) \right] \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right),$$

where the b_n are the Fourier sine coefficients of the initial displacement $f(x)$ and the B_n are the Fourier sine coefficients of the initial velocity $g(x)$.

Plot 3D

This plots the graph $z = u(x, t)$ of the approximate solution, in 3- dimensions.

Plot snapshots (t-slices)

This plots the graph of $u(x, t)$ as a function of x , for a discrete succession of t -values. The default plotting option is to step through the t -values, but animation can be chosen instead using menu item [6] Options.

Plot sections (x-slices)

This plots the graph of $u(x, t)$ as a function of t , for a discrete succession of x -values. The default plotting option is to step through the x -values, but animation can be chosen instead using menu item [6] **Options**.

Options

The first option is to choose Max harmonic N_{max} , which specifies how many terms to take in the Fourier series that are used to construct approximate solutions.

The remaining options all deal with aspects of the display, and are self-explanatory.

Save plot

See Section 1.

Chapter 6

Purge temporary files

Unfortunately, Octave and Gnuplot generate a large number of temporary files, and they don't always remove these files properly. A prolonged Iode session (or a session involving extremely complex plots) can then fill up your file system with temporary files. This is a known problem of Octave and will be corrected in a future version.

If Octave has accumulated too many temporary files, your plots will be left incomplete or might not get updated correctly. You can fix the problem by exiting to the main menu and choosing [6] **Purge temporary files**. After deleting the temporary files, you can continue your work with Iode.

If you are using Octave and Gnuplot without the user interface of Iode, it may be a good idea to remove temporary files every once in a while by issuing the command `purge_tmp_files`.

Chapter 7

Quit

This quits out of Iode, returning the user to an Octave prompt.

Incidentally, when running Iode under Octave, Ctrl-D is a shortcut for quitting out of any module or out of Octave itself. More drastically, Ctrl-C will immediately terminate Iode.

Appendix A

Installing Iode

Iode runs under either Matlab or Octave. If you wish to use the graphical user interface of Iode, you will need Matlab Version 6.0 or later.

If your computer already has Matlab or Octave installed, then you only need to install Iode.

Obtaining and installing Iode

On your machine, create a directory called `my_iode` or similar. Then...

- Unix systems: From www.math.uiuc.edu/iode/, download the file `iode.zip` and unpack it into the directory `my_iode` with `unzip` or similar.
- Windows systems: From www.math.uiuc.edu/iode/, download the file `iode_dos.zip` and unpack it into the directory `my_iode` with WinZip or similar.

Iode is free software, available under the GNU General Public License.

Obtaining and installing Matlab

Matlab is commercial software, available at www.mathworks.com for Unix, Windows and Mac. It is already installed on many Unix systems in universities. Matlab is available to students at a discounted price (see the downloads page at www.math.uiuc.edu/iode/).

After installing Matlab on a Windows system, it is helpful to set it up to launch in the correct directory. See Appendix B.

Obtaining and installing Octave

Octave is free software, and you can obtain it from www.octave.org for Unix, Windows, and Mac OS X.

Installing Octave on Unix systems

If your home machine runs Unix, then chances are that you are already expert enough to download and install Octave yourself, following the directions at www.octave.org. If you run into trouble, your local Unix geeks will be happy to help.

Installing Octave on Windows systems

You can find an easy to install Windows executable at

<http://www.site.uottawa.ca/~adler/octave/>.

After downloading the .exe file, chances are that your browser will offer to run the installation program. If not, then you should double-click on the file to activate the installation.

If something goes wrong with the installation of Octave, you may be able to get some help at http://octave.sourceforge.net/Octave_Windows.htm.

After installing Octave under Windows, it is helpful to set it up to launch in the correct directory. See Appendix B.

Appendix B

Running Iode

Running Iode under Unix

Log in to the machine and get to a Unix prompt. Change directory to get into `my_iode` by using a Unix command such as `cd my_iode`. Then launch Matlab or Octave by typing `matlab` or `octave` at the prompt. Note that the order of operations matters here: you need to change into the directory containing Iode *before* you launch Matlab or Octave.

Once you have gotten Matlab or Octave running, just type `iode` at the Matlab or Octave prompt. The graphical user interface for Iode will launch if it can; otherwise the text-based user interface will launch. Some development versions of Octave sometimes fail to work with the part of Iode that determines whether the graphical user interface can be launched. If you are using a version of Octave that reports an error when processing the command `iode`, you can launch the text-based interface right away, by typing `iode.txt`.

Running Iode under Windows

Log in to the machine and launch Matlab or Octave through the Start → Programs menu.

Remark B.1 (Important note). Before launching Matlab or Octave for the very first time, it is helpful to **right**-click on the program name in the Start → Programs menu, then click on Properties, and put the correct filepath into the “Start in:” box. Your filepath should look something

like `C:\My_files\MathClass\my_iode`. The point is that from now on, when you launch Matlab or Octave it will be able to find the `iode` files.

Once you have gotten Matlab or Octave running, just type `iode` at the Matlab or Octave prompt. If this does not work, then you probably need to change into the directory `my_iode` where you have stored the Iode files. You can do this from within Matlab or Octave, using Unix commands such as `cd my_iode`, at the Matlab or Octave prompt.

Appendix C

Reference materials

Mathematical expressions in Matlab, Octave and Iode

For simple expressions, we use the usual keyboard characters:

`2*x` means $2x$,
`(x^3-1)/6` means $(x^3 - 1)/6$.

Or instead of the usual division `/`, we can use “left division” `\`.

`pi/3` means $\frac{\pi}{3}$,
`3\pi` also means $\frac{\pi}{3}$.

Built-in functions

`exp(x)` exponential, e^x
`log(x)` natural logarithm, $\ln x$
`log10(x)` base 10 logarithm, $\log_{10} x$
`abs(x)` absolute value, $|x|$
`sqrt(x)` square root, \sqrt{x}
`sign(x)` signum function, which equals $\begin{cases} +1 & \text{if } x > 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } x = 0 \\ -1 & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases}$
`sin(x)` $\sinh(x)$

<code>cos(x)</code>	trigonometric	<code>cosh(x)</code>	hyperbolic
<code>tan(x)</code>	functions	<code>tanh(x)</code>	trigonometric
<code>cot(x)</code>	(x in radians)	<code>coth(x)</code>	functions
<code>sec(x)</code>		<code>sech(x)</code>	
<code>csc(x)</code>		<code>csch(x)</code>	
<code>asin(x)</code>		<code>asinh(x)</code>	
<code>acos(x)</code>	inverse	<code>acosh(x)</code>	inverse
<code>atan(x)</code>	trigonometric	<code>atanh(x)</code>	hyperbolic
<code>acot(x)</code>	functions	<code>acoth(x)</code>	trigonometric
<code>asec(x)</code>		<code>asech(x)</code>	functions
<code>acsc(x)</code>		<code>acsch(x)</code>	
<code>besselj(nu,z)</code>	Bessel function of the first kind		
<code>bessely(nu,z)</code>	Bessel function of the second kind		
<code>besseli(nu,z)</code>	Modified Bessel function of the first kind		
<code>besselk(nu,z)</code>	Modified Bessel function of the second kind		

Example C.1.

`sin(exp(y))^4` means $\sin^4(e^y)$,
`acos(exp(1)^(-1))` means $\arccos(e^{-1})$.

No matter whether you're using Octave or Matlab, you can always find more information on a function by typing `help function`.

Additional Iode functions

The installation of Iode includes the following functions, useful for studying Fourier series and for creating initial values for partial differential equations.

`hat(x,a,b)`: equals 0 for $x \leq a$ and $x \geq b$, and equals 1 for $a < x < b$. To make sense, `hat` requires $a < b$.

`triangle(x,a,b,m)`: a triangular-shaped function, equalling 0 for $x \leq a$, then rising linearly to height 1 at $x = m$ and falling back linearly to zero at $x = b$, then equalling zero for $x \geq b$. To make sense, `triangle` requires $a < m < b$. The parameter m is optional and defaults to the midpoint $\frac{a+b}{2}$.

`bump(x,a,b,m)`: is a continuously differentiable function that equals 0 for $x \leq a$ and $x \geq b$, is positive for $a < x < b$, has a maximum of 1 at $x = m$, and is strictly increasing between a and m and strictly decreasing between m and b . To make sense, `bump` requires $a < m < b$. The parameter m is optional and defaults to $\frac{a+b}{2}$.

Logical expressions in Matlab, Octave and Iode

Expressions like `x>=2` are treated as logical functions, and return a value of either 1 (true) or 0 (false). So `x>=2` is the “step” function that equals

$$\begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \geq 2 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Example C.2. Logical functions help us create functions defined in pieces:

$$(t^2)*(t<4) \quad \text{means} \quad \begin{cases} t^2 & \text{if } t < 4 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases},$$

because `(t<4)` equals 1 if $t < 4$ and equals 0 otherwise.

Color codes recognized by Matlab, Octave and Iode

b	blue
g	green
r	red
c	cyan
m	magenta
y	yellow
k	black

Note that yellow plots are usually hard to see due to lack of contrast.

Some solver codes recognized by Iode

<code>euler</code>	Euler method for (systems of) first order equations
<code>rk</code>	Runge–Kutta for (systems of) first order equations

In addition to the pre-installed solvers listed above, you can also create your own. For example, if you devise a new method for solving differential equations, then you could program it in a new file called `my_algorithm.m`, in your Iode directory. The structure of `my_algorithm.m` should follow that of `euler.m`. You will simply need to change the “update” steps, which in `euler.m` are:

```
k1=feval(fs,x,tc(i));  
x=x+h*k1;
```

Then after creating the file `my_algorithm.m`, you can input `my_algorithm` when Iode prompts you for a numerical method.

Appendix D

Structure of Iode

For users who like to look under the hood, we now provide some information on the structure of Iode. We encourage users to modify Iode and create new modules.

Figure D.1 breaks Iode down into its constituent modules. Each module occurs as an m-file with the same name. For example, `dfmenu` in the figure means the file `dfmenu.m` that comes as part of the Iode package.

There are two kinds of module. The first kind are the menus and auxiliaries, providing the user interface. The second (and main) kind are the mathematical modules, which actually perform the calculations needed to solve the differential equations numerically, and calculate the Fourier coefficients numerically, and so on.

The mathematical modules `euler.m` and `rk.m` are particularly instructive — they implement the Euler and Runge–Kutta methods for solving a first order ODE. You can implement different solver methods yourself, as outlined in Appendix C.

In order to develop a better understanding of what the various modules do, you can look at the file `doc.txt`. Together with Figure D.1, it should give you a rather complete picture of the structure of Iode. Another useful file to look at is `sample.m`, which contains the transcript of a short Octave session that shows how to use the direction fields module and numerical solvers without resorting to any menus.

Any manual can only take you so far. If you have followed this manual up to this point, you are ready to go exploring on your own. Good luck, and have fun!

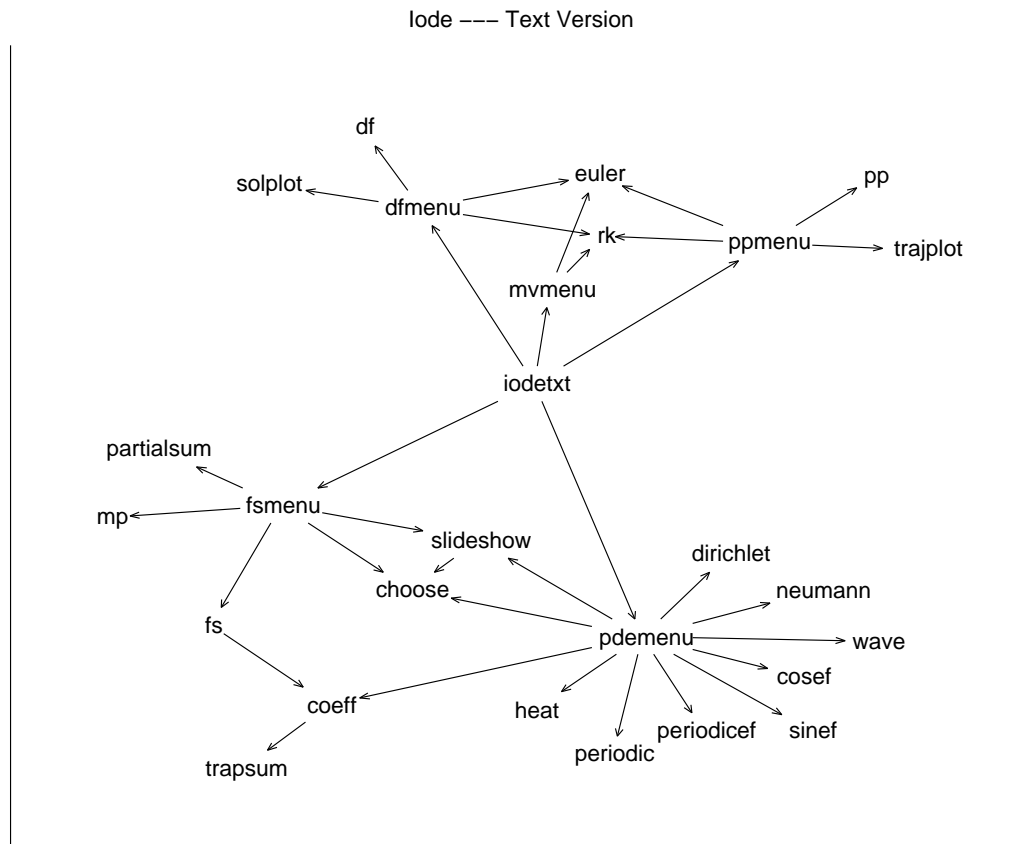


Figure D.1: Relationships between the most important modules of the text-based version of Iode.