

# Runge-Kutta Method Presentation

## Using Beamer

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# Introduction

Runge-Kutta Method is a series of methods used to solve differential equations with more accuracy without performing many calculations. It assumes the following solutions:

- 1st Order (Eulers Method)
- 2nd Order Runge-Kutta Method
- 4th Order Runge-Kutta Method (RK4)

# 1st Order Runge-Kutta Method

It uses the following formular:

$$y(x + h) = y(x) + hf(x, y)$$

To construct the tangent at the point  $x$  and obtain the value of  $y(x + h)$  whose slope is:

$$f(x, y) \text{ or simply, } \frac{dy}{dx}$$

General formula:  $y_{i+1} = y_i + hf(x_i, y_i)$

**NB**

This is the easiest of all the methods but has an error margin

## 2nd Order Runge-Kutta Method

The Runge-Kutta method finds an approximate value of  $y$  for a given  $x$ . Only first-order ordinary differential equations can be solved by using the Runge Kutta 2nd order method.

Below is the formula used to compute next value:  $y_{n+1}$  from previous value

$y_n$ :  $y_{n+1}$  = value of  $y$  at  $(x = n + 1)$

$y_n$  = value of  $y$  at  $(x = n)$  where:

$0 \leq n < (x - x_0)/h$ ;  $h$  is step height

$x_{n+1} = x_0 + h$

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The essential formula to compute the value of  $y(n + 1)$ :

$$K_1 = h * f(x_n, y_n)$$

$$K_2 = h * f\left(x_n + \frac{h}{2}, y_n + \frac{K_1 * h}{2}\right)$$

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + K_2 + (h^3)$$

## 2nd order Continuation

- The formula basically computes the next value  $y_{n+1}$  using current  $y_n$  plus the weighted average of two increments:
- $K_1$  is the increment based on the slope at the beginning of the interval, using  $y$ .
- $K_2$  is the increment based on the slope at the midpoint of the interval, using  $(y + h * K_1/2)$ .
- The method is a second-order method, meaning that the local truncation error is on the order of  $O(h^3)$ , while the total accumulated error is order  $O(h^4)$ .

# 4th Order Runge-Kutta Method

To be presented by Nelson

## TIP

4th Order Runge-Kutta method also called RK4 is the most important in the series

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