

Numerical Analysis

Ordinary Differential Equation



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Lecture Note for Numerical Analysis: Ordinary Differential Equation

1. Problem Statement of Initial Value Problem

- The 1st order nonlinear ordinary differential equation(ODE)

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x, y), \quad y(x_0) = y_0 \quad \text{where } x \in R, y \in R, f \in R$$

Solution

$$y(x) = y_0 + \int_{x_0}^x f(\tilde{x}, y) d\tilde{x}$$

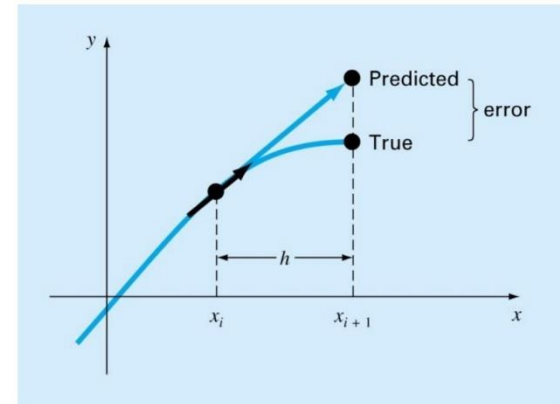
2. Euler's method: 1st order forward differencing for the 1st function derivative

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x, y), \quad y(x_0) = y_0 \quad \text{where } x \in R, y \in R, f \in R$$

- 1st function derivative using the 1st order forward difference formula

$$\frac{dy}{dx} \approx \frac{y(x_{j+1}) - y(x_j)}{h} \approx f(x_j, y(x_j)) \Rightarrow y(x_{j+1}) = y(x_j) + hf(x_j, y(x_j))$$

Error in Euler's Method



○ Error Analysis for Euler's Method/

Numerical solutions of ODEs involves two types of error:

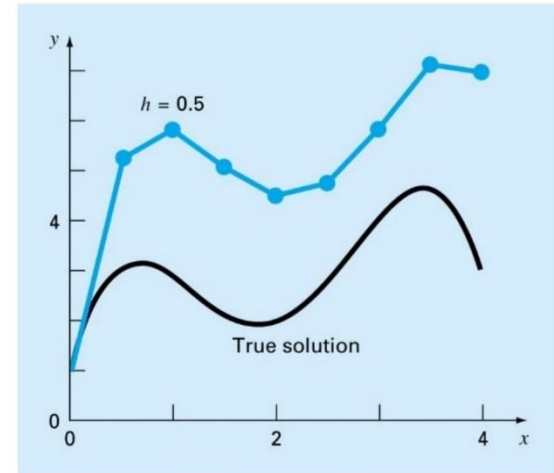
- Truncation error
 - Local truncation error
 - Propagated truncation error
- The sum of the two is the total or global truncation error
- Round-off errors

○ The Taylor series provides a means of quantifying the error in Euler's method. However;

- ✓ The Taylor series provides only an estimate of the local truncation error-that is, the error created during a single step of the method.
- ✓ In actual problems, the functions are more complicated than simple polynomials. Consequently, the derivatives needed to evaluate the Taylor series expansion would not always be easy to obtain.

○ Conclusion,

- ✓ the error can be reduced by reducing the step size
- ✓ If the solution to the differential equation is linear, the method will provide error free predictions as for a straight line the 2nd derivative would be zero.



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3. Heun's method: Predictor-Corrector Scheme

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x, y), \quad y(x_0) = y_0 \quad \text{where } x \in R, y \in R, f \in R$$

- One method to improve the estimate of the slope involves the determination of two derivatives for the interval:
 - ✓ At the initial point
 - ✓ At the end point

The two derivatives are then averaged to obtain an improved estimate of the slope for the entire interval.

- Predictor Step: 1st function derivative using the 1st order forward difference formula

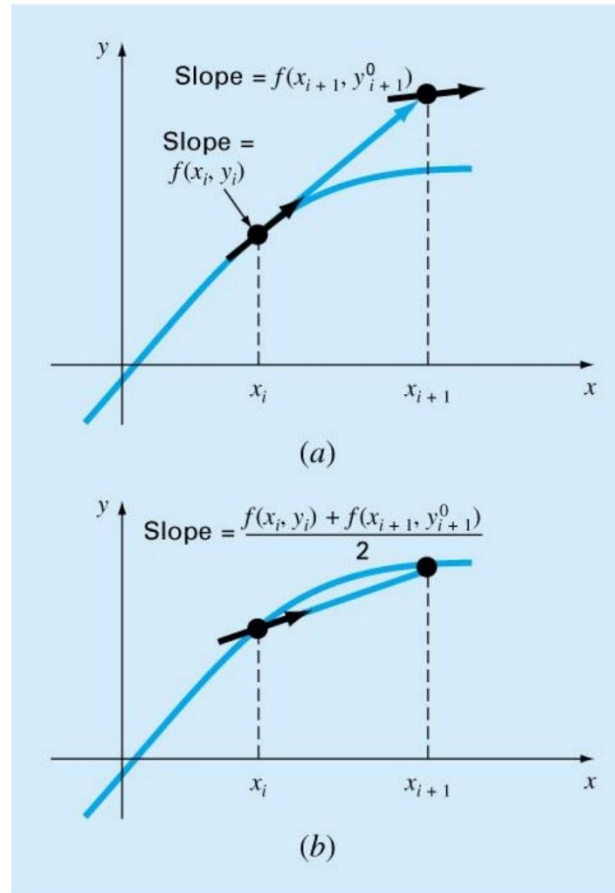
$$\frac{dy}{dx} \approx \frac{y^p(x_{j+1}) - y(x_j)}{h} \approx f(x_j, y(x_j)) \Rightarrow y^p(x_{j+1}) = y(x_j) + hf(x_j, y(x_j))$$

Prediction of 1st function derivative at $x = x_{j+1}$ using the predicted function value $y^p(x_{j+1})$ as

$$\frac{dy(x_{j+1})}{dx} = f(x_{j+1}, y^p(x_{j+1}))$$

- Corrector Step:

$$y(x_{j+1}) = y(x_j) + \frac{h}{2} \{f(x_j, y(x_j)) + f(x_{j+1}, y^p(x_{j+1}))\}$$



Schematic for Predictor-Corrector Scheme

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4. Mid-Point Method

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x, y), \quad y(x_0) = y_0 \quad \text{where } x \in R, y \in R, f \in R^n$$

- Uses Euler's method to predict a value of y at the midpoint of the interval:

$$y(x_{j+1}) = y(x_j) + \frac{h}{2} f(x_{j+1/2}, y(x_{j+1/2}))$$

5. Runge-Kutta Method

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x, y), \quad y(x_0) = y_0 \quad \text{where } x \in R, y \in R, f \in R$$

- Runge-Kutta methods achieve the accuracy of a Taylor series approach without requiring the calculation of higher derivatives.

$$y_{j+1} = y_j + h(a_1 k_1 + a_2 k_2 + \cdots + a_n k_n)$$

$$k_1 = f(x_j, y_j)$$

$$k_2 = f(x_j + p_1 h, y_j + q_{11} k_1 h)$$

$$k_3 = f(x_j + p_2 h, y_j + q_{21} k_1 h + q_{22} k_2 h)$$

$$\vdots$$

$$k_n = f(x_j + p_{n-1} h, y_j + q_{n-1,1} k_1 h + q_{n-1,2} k_2 h + \cdots + q_{n-1,n-1} k_{n-1} h)$$

- k 's are recurrence functions. Because each k is a functional evaluation, this recurrence makes RK methods efficient for computer calculations.
- Various types of RK methods can be devised by employing different number of terms in the increment function as specified by n .
- First order RK method with $n=1$ is in fact Euler's method.
- Once n is chosen, values of a 's, p 's, and q 's are evaluated by setting general equation equal to terms in a Taylor series expansion.

(5-1) 1st order Runge-Kutta Method

$$\begin{aligned} y_{j+1} &= y_j + a_1 k_1 h \\ &= y_j + f(x_j, y_j)h \end{aligned} \quad \leftarrow \quad \begin{aligned} a_1 &= 1 \\ \text{Since Taylor Expansion of } y_{j+1} &= y_j + f(x_j, y_j)h + O(h) \end{aligned}$$

- 1st order Runge-Kutta Method is the same as Euler's method

(5-2) 2nd order Runge-Kutta Method

$$y_{j+1} = y_j + h(a_1 k_1 + a_2 k_2) \quad \text{where} \quad \begin{aligned} k_1 &= f(x_j, y_j) \\ k_2 &= f(x_j + p_1 h, y_j + q_{11} k_1 h) \end{aligned}$$

The 2nd order approximation $y_{j+1} = y_j + f(x_j, y_j)h + \frac{f'(x_j, y_j)}{2} h^2$

Using the chain rule,

$$f'(x, y) = \frac{df(x, y)}{dx} = \frac{\partial f(x, y)}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial f(x, y)}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial x} \rightarrow \begin{aligned} y_{j+1} &= y_j + f(x_j, y_j)h + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial x} \right)_{x=x_j} h^2 \\ y_{j+1} &= y_j + f(x_j, y_j)h + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} f \right)_{x=x_j} h^2 \end{aligned}$$

Taylor series expansion of $f(x_j + p_1 h, y_j + q_{11} k_1 h)$

$$\begin{aligned} f(x_j + p_1 h, y_j + q_{11} k_1 h) &\approx f(x_j, y_j) + \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right) p_1 h + \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right) q_{11} k_1 h \\ &\approx f(x_j, y_j) + \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right) p_1 h + \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right) f q_{11} h \\ &\approx f(x_j, y_j) + \left[\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right) p_1 + \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right) f q_{11} \right] h \end{aligned}$$

Taylor series expansion of the 2nd order RK-formula

$$\begin{aligned} y_{j+1} &= y_j + h \{ a_1 f(x_j, y_j) + a_2 f(x_j + p_1 h, y_j + q_{11} k_1 h) \} \\ &\approx y_j + a_1 f(x_j, y_j) h + a_2 \left\{ f(x_j, y_j) + \left[\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right) p_1 + \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right) f q_{11} \right] h \right\} h \\ &\approx y_j + (a_1 + a_2) f(x_j, y_j) h + a_2 \left[\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right) p_1 + \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right) f q_{11} \right] h^2 \end{aligned}$$

Comparing two equations

$$(1) \quad y_{j+1} = y_j + f(x_j, y_j) h + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} f \right)_{x=x_j} h^2$$

$$(2) \quad y_{j+1} \approx y_j + (a_1 + a_2) f(x_j, y_j) h + a_2 \left[\left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right) p_1 + \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right) f q_{11} \right] h^2$$

$$a_1 + a_2 = 1$$

$$a_2 p_1 = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$a_2 q_{11} = \frac{1}{2}$$

→ Four unknowns with three relations, which means the infinite number of RK scheme

(5-2-1) Heun's method with a single corrector ($a_2=1/2$)

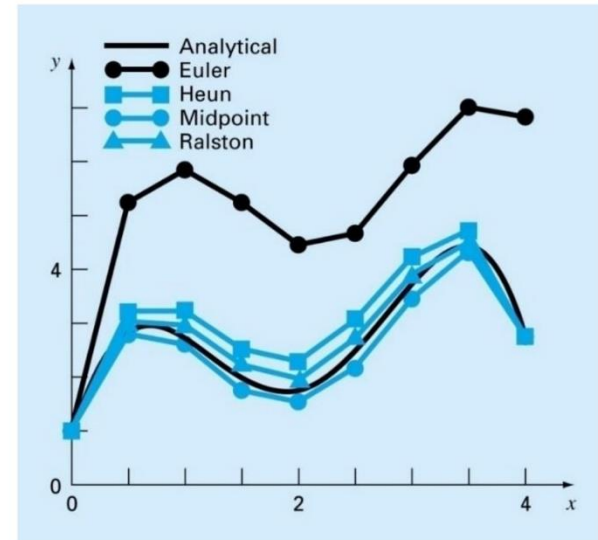
$$\begin{aligned} a_1 &= a_2 = \frac{1}{2} \\ p_1 &= 1 \\ q_{11} &= 1 \end{aligned} \rightarrow \begin{aligned} y_{j+1} &= y_j + \frac{1}{2} h(k_1 + k_2) \\ k_1 &= f(x_j, y_j) \\ k_2 &= f(x_j + h, y_j + k_1 h) \end{aligned}$$

(5-2-2) Midpoint method ($a_2=1$)

$$\begin{aligned} a_1 &= 0 \\ a_2 &= 1 \\ p_1 &= \frac{1}{2} \\ q_{11} &= \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned} \rightarrow \begin{aligned} y_{j+1} &= y_j + h k_2 \\ k_1 &= f(x_j, y_j) \\ k_2 &= f(x_j + \frac{1}{2} h, y_j + \frac{1}{2} k_1 h) \end{aligned}$$

(5-2-3) Ralston's method ($a_2=2/3$)

$$\begin{aligned} a_1 &= \frac{1}{3} \\ a_2 &= \frac{2}{3} \\ p_1 &= \frac{3}{4} \\ q_{11} &= \frac{3}{4} \end{aligned} \rightarrow \begin{aligned} y_{j+1} &= y_j + \frac{1}{3} h(k_1 + 2k_2) \\ k_1 &= f(x_j, y_j) \\ k_2 &= f(x_j + \frac{3}{4} h, y_j + \frac{3}{4} k_1 h) \end{aligned}$$



(5-3) 3rd order Runge-Kutta Method

→ Eight unknowns with six relations, which again means the infinite number of RK scheme and two parameters should be specified

One common version:

$$y_{j+1} = y_j + \frac{1}{6}h(k_1 + 4k_2 + k_3)$$

$$k_1 = f(x_j, y_j)$$

$$k_2 = f(x_j + \frac{1}{2}h, y_j + \frac{1}{2}k_1h)$$

$$k_3 = f(x_j + h, y_j - k_1h + 2k_2h)$$

(5-4) 4th order Runge-Kutta Method

One common version:

$$y_{j+1} = y_j + \frac{1}{6}h(k_1 + 2k_2 + 2k_3 + k_4)$$

$$k_1 = f(x_j, y_j)$$

$$k_2 = f(x_j + \frac{1}{2}h, y_j + \frac{1}{2}k_1h)$$

$$k_3 = f(x_j + \frac{1}{2}h, y_j + \frac{1}{2}k_2h)$$

$$k_4 = f(x_j + h, y_j + k_3h)$$

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6. Systems of the ordinary differential equations

$$\frac{dy_1}{dx} = f_1(x, y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)$$

$$\frac{dy_2}{dx} = f_2(x, y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)$$

$$\frac{dy_3}{dx} = f_3(x, y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)$$

⋮

$$\frac{dy_n}{dx} = f_n(x, y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)$$

which requires n-initial conditions such as

$$y_1(0) = (y_1)_0$$

$$y_2(0) = (y_2)_0$$

$$y_3(0) = (y_3)_0$$

⋮

$$y_n(0) = (y_n)_0$$

The equations above can be represented as a vector form as

$$\frac{d\mathbf{y}}{dx} = \mathbf{f}(x, \mathbf{y}), \quad \text{with } \mathbf{y}(0) = \mathbf{y}_0$$

$$\mathbf{y} = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{pmatrix}, \quad \frac{d\mathbf{y}}{dx} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{dy_1}{dx} \\ \frac{dy_2}{dx} \\ \vdots \\ \frac{dy_n}{dx} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{f} = \begin{pmatrix} f_1(x, y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n) \\ f_2(x, y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n) \\ \vdots \\ f_n(x, y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n) \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{y}(0) = \begin{pmatrix} y_1(0) \\ y_2(0)_0 \\ \vdots \\ y_n(0) \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{y}_0 = \begin{pmatrix} (y_1)_0 \\ (y_2)_0 \\ \vdots \\ (y_n)_0 \end{pmatrix}$$

The we can apply the same formula as in the ordinary differential equation as

(6-1) 1st order Euler's method

$$\mathbf{y}(x_{j+1}) = \mathbf{y}(x_j) + h\mathbf{f}(x_j, \mathbf{y}(x_j))$$

(6-2) Heun's predictor-corrector method

Predictor step:

$$\mathbf{y}^p(x_{j+1}) = \mathbf{y}(x_j) + h\mathbf{f}(x_j, \mathbf{y}(x_j))$$

Corrector step:

$$\mathbf{y}(x_{j+1}) = \mathbf{y}(x_j) + \frac{h}{2} \{ \mathbf{f}(x_j, \mathbf{y}(x_j)) + \mathbf{f}(x_{j+1}, \mathbf{y}^p(x_{j+1})) \}$$

(6-3) Mid point method

$$\mathbf{y}(x_{j+1}) = \mathbf{y}(x_j) + \frac{h}{2} \mathbf{f}(x_{j+1/2}, \mathbf{y}(x_{j+1/2}))$$

(6-4) 4-th order Runge-Kutta method

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{y}_{j+1} &= \mathbf{y}_j + \frac{1}{6} h(\mathbf{k}_1 + 2\mathbf{k}_2 + 2\mathbf{k}_3 + \mathbf{k}_4) \\ \mathbf{k}_1 &= \mathbf{f}(x_j, \mathbf{y}_j) \\ \mathbf{k}_2 &= \mathbf{f}(x_j + \frac{1}{2}h, \mathbf{y}_j + \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{k}_1h) \\ \mathbf{k}_3 &= \mathbf{f}(x_j + \frac{1}{2}h, \mathbf{y}_j + \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{k}_2h) \\ \mathbf{k}_4 &= \mathbf{f}(x_j + h, \mathbf{y}_j + \mathbf{k}_3h) \end{aligned}$$

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7. Handling higher order nonlinear ordinary differential equation

(7-1) 2nd order ODE

$$\frac{d^2 \mathbf{y}}{dx^2} = \mathbf{f}(x, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{y}') \quad \text{where } x \in R, \mathbf{y}' = \frac{d\mathbf{y}}{dx}$$

$$\mathbf{y}_1 = \mathbf{y}$$

$$\mathbf{y}_2 = \mathbf{y}' = \frac{d\mathbf{y}}{dx}$$

Then we can transform above 2nd order system into the 1st order nonlinear ODE as

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\mathbf{y}_1}{dx} &= \frac{d\mathbf{y}}{dx} = \mathbf{y}' = \mathbf{y}_2 \\ \frac{d\mathbf{y}_2}{dx} &= \frac{d^2 \mathbf{y}}{dx^2} = \mathbf{f}(x, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{y}') = \mathbf{f}(x, \mathbf{y}_1, \mathbf{y}_2) \end{aligned} \quad \rightarrow \quad \begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{y}_1 \\ \mathbf{y}_2 \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{y}_2 \\ \mathbf{f}(x, \mathbf{y}_1, \mathbf{y}_2) \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{y}_1 \\ \mathbf{y}_2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \mathbf{f}(x, \mathbf{y}_1, \mathbf{y}_2) \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

(7-2) 3rd order ODE

$$\frac{d^3 \mathbf{y}}{dx^3} = \mathbf{f}(x, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{y}', \mathbf{y}'') \quad \text{where } x \in R, \mathbf{y}' = \frac{d\mathbf{y}}{dx}, \mathbf{y}'' = \frac{d^2 \mathbf{y}}{dx^2}$$

$$\mathbf{y}_1 = \mathbf{y}$$

$$\mathbf{y}_2 = \mathbf{y}' = \frac{d\mathbf{y}}{dx}$$

$$\mathbf{y}_3 = \mathbf{y}'' = \frac{d^2 \mathbf{y}}{dx^2}$$

Then we can transform above 3rd order system into the 1st order nonlinear ODE as

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\mathbf{y}_1}{dx} &= \frac{d\mathbf{y}}{dx} = \mathbf{y}_2 \\ \frac{d\mathbf{y}_2}{dx} &= \frac{d^2 \mathbf{y}}{dx^2} = \mathbf{y}_3 \\ \frac{d\mathbf{y}_3}{dx} &= \frac{d^3 \mathbf{y}}{dx^3} = \mathbf{f}(x, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{y}', \mathbf{y}'') = \mathbf{f}(x, \mathbf{y}_1, \mathbf{y}_2, \mathbf{y}_3) \end{aligned}$$

→

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{y}_1 \\ \mathbf{y}_2 \\ \mathbf{y}_3 \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{y}_2 \\ \mathbf{y}_3 \\ \mathbf{f}(x, \mathbf{y}_1, \mathbf{y}_2, \mathbf{y}_3) \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & I & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & I \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{y}_1 \\ \mathbf{y}_2 \\ \mathbf{y}_3 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \mathbf{f}(x, \mathbf{y}_1, \mathbf{y}_2, \mathbf{y}_3) \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

End of Lecture