

Copilot

In the case of a ballistic propagation problem with a speed-dependent drag coefficient, you can use the Runge-Kutta method to solve the system of differential equations that describe the motion of the projectile. The key is to correctly formulate the force equation that includes the drag term.

The force equation for a projectile under gravity and air resistance is usually written as:

$$m \frac{dv}{dt} = mg - kv|v|$$

where:

- m is the mass of the projectile,
- v is its velocity,
- g is the acceleration due to gravity,
- k is a drag coefficient,
- $|v|$ is the magnitude of the velocity.

The drag force is proportional to the square of the speed, which makes the problem non-linear.

Here is a Python function that uses the 4th order Runge-Kutta method to solve this problem:

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import numpy as np

def f(v, k, m, g):
    magv = np.linalg.norm(v)
    return np.array([k * magv * v[0], k * magv * v[1] - g])

def runge_kutta(f, x0, y0, v0, h, n, k, m, g):
    x = x0
    y = y0
    v = v0
    for i in range(n):
        k1 = h * f(v, k, m, g)
        k2 = h * f(v + 0.5*k1, k, m, g)
        k3 = h * f(v + 0.5*k2, k, m, g)
        k4 = h * f(v + k3, k, m, g)
        v = v + (1/6)*(k1 + 2*k2 + 2*k3 + k4)
        x = x + h * v[0]
        y = y + h * v[1]
    return x, y, v
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In this Python function, f is the function that you want to solve, x_0 , y_0 and v_0 are the initial conditions, h is the step size, n is the number of steps, k is the drag coefficient, m is the mass of the projectile, and g is the acceleration due to gravity. The function returns the approximate solution at $x_0 + n*h$, $y_0 + n*h$ and the final velocity.

Please note that this is a simplified model and actual projectile motion can be more complex due to factors like wind, spin, and variable air density. Also, the step size h may need to be adjusted based on the specifics of the problem to ensure the accuracy of the solution.