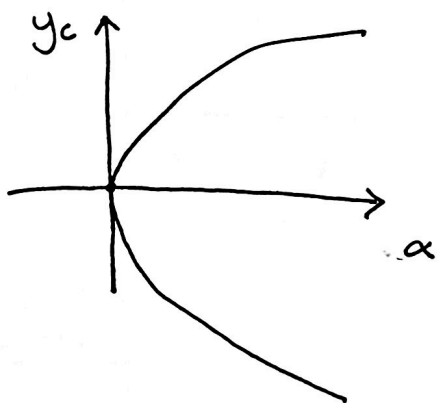


## Bifurcations

Points where critical points change - need a parameter in system (for harvesting, that's  $H$ ).

Ex:  $y' = y^2 - \alpha$



### Critical Points

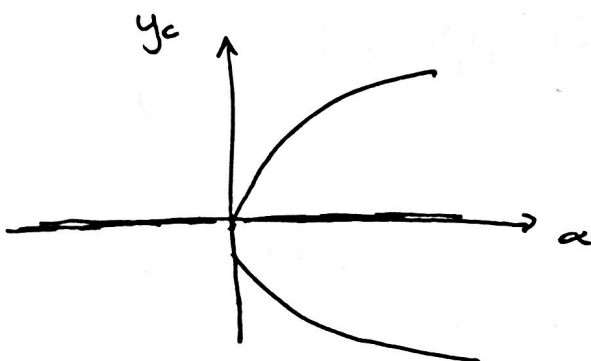
$$\alpha < 0 \rightarrow \text{none}$$

$$\alpha = 0 \rightarrow \text{one } y_c = 0$$

$$\alpha > 0 \rightarrow \text{two } y_c = \pm\sqrt{\alpha}$$

The critical point at  $\alpha = 0$  splits into two for  $\alpha > 0$  is called a saddle node bifurcation.

Ex:  $y' = y^3 - \alpha y$



### Critical points

$$\alpha = 0 \rightarrow \text{one } (y_c = 0)$$

$$\alpha < 0 \rightarrow \text{one } (y_c = 0)$$

$$\alpha > 0 \rightarrow \text{three}$$

This is called a pitchfork bifurcation.

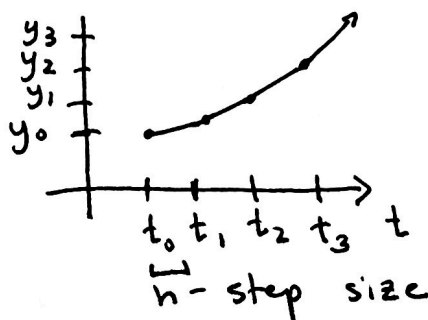
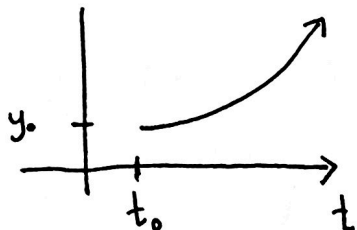
Ex: (Harvesting)  $\rightarrow$  saddle-node

## Numerics

Suppose we have:

$$y' = f(t, y) \quad \text{with} \quad y(t_0) = y_0.$$

Now the idea is to build our solution by connecting lines:



$$y_i \approx y(t_i)$$

( $h \ll 1$  usually)

## Algorithm

$t_0$  given

$y_0$  given

$n$  steps (given)

for  $j = 0:n$

$y_{j+1} =$  some formula to make line (or curve)

$$t_{j+1} = t_j + h$$

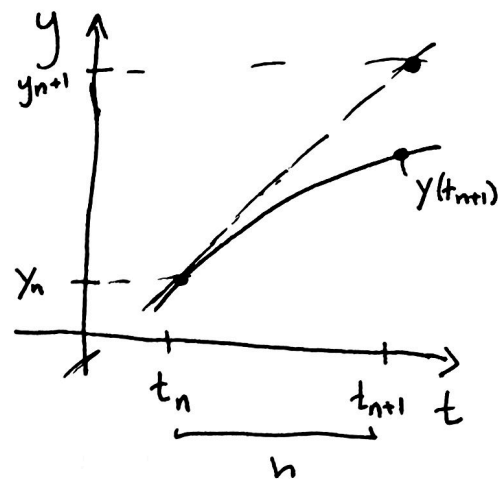
end.

Note: Could also use while loop:

$$\text{while } (t_j < T) \quad \text{where} \quad T = t_0 + n \cdot h$$

Ex: (Forward Euler)

If we zoom in, notice the line can be approximated by the tangent line.



Recall the point-slope formula:

$$y - y_n = m(t - t_n), \quad m = y'(t_n) = f(t_n, y_n)$$

And plug in  $(t_{n+1}, y_{n+1})$ :

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + f(t_n, y_n)(t_{n+1} - t_n) = y_n + h f(t_n, y_n)$$

This is Forward Euler.

### Algorithm

Given  $y_0, t_0, n, h$ .

for  $j = 0:n$

$$y_{j+1} = y_j + h f(t_j, y_j)$$

~~end~~  $t_{j+1} = t_j + h$

end.

We may use "k-notation" (later):

for  $j = 0:n$

$$k_0 = f(t_j, y_j)$$

$$y_{j+1} = y_j + h k_0$$

$$t_{j+1} = t_j + h$$

end

## Error:

### \* Local error

$$y(t_{n+1}) = y(t_n) + h y'(t_n) + \underbrace{\frac{h^2 y''(t_n)}{2}}_{\text{error}} + \dots$$

Note that  $h^3 \ll h^2$  for small  $h$ , so my error is

$$\frac{h^2 y''(t_n)}{2} = O(h^2), \text{ call big-O notation. } (O(h^2) \leq C \cdot h^2)$$

We can see why Euler has local error of  $O(h^2)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} y(t_{n+1}) & \text{ ~~approx~~ } = y_n + h y'(t_n) + \underline{O(h^2)} \\ & \approx y_n + h f(t_n, y_n) = y_{n+1} \end{aligned}$$

### \* Cumulative Error

Each step taken, accumulates a local error. So,

Take  $t = [0, 1]$ ,  $n = \frac{1}{h}$ , so  $h$  steps taken. Then,

$$\text{err}_{[0,1]} \approx \sum_{i=1}^n e_i = O(h^2) n = O(h)$$

cumulative error for Euler

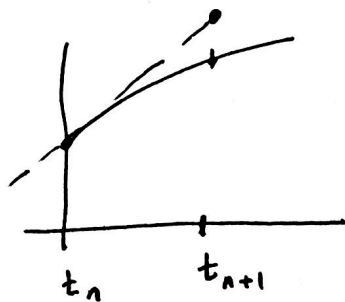
This is the most commonly used metric. As we see, we've lost an order of accuracy from local error.

cut  $h$  in half  $\rightarrow$  step twice as much

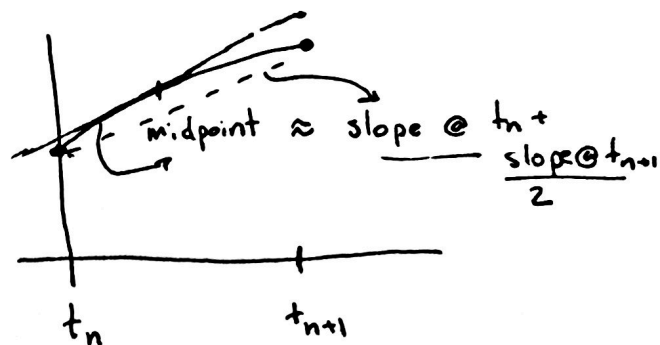


half the error  $\rightarrow$  same amount of work

## Second Order Schemes



Euler



Improved Euler

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + \frac{h}{2} (\text{slope}(t_n) + \text{slope}(t_{n+1})) = y_n + \frac{h}{2} (k_0 + k_1)$$

$k_0 = f(y_n, t_n)$  is known

$k_1 = f(y_{n+1}, t_n)$  which we don't know

↳ predict using Euler  $y_{n+1} \approx y_n + h f(y_n, t_n) = y_n + h k_0$

$$\Rightarrow k_1 = f(y_{n+1}, t_n) = f(y_n + h k_0, t_{n+1}).$$

### Algorithm

$t_0, y_0, n$  given

for  $j=0:n$

$$k_0 = f(y_j, t_j)$$

$$u = y_j + h k_0$$

$$k_1 = f(u, t_{j+1})$$

$$y_{j+1} = y_j + \frac{h}{2} (k_0 + k_1)$$

$$t_{j+1} = t_j + h$$

end

## Error (Improved Euler)

$$\text{Local} \sim O(h^3)$$

$$\text{Cumulative } O(h^2)$$

Cut  $h$  in half  $\Rightarrow$  double the work  
 $\Downarrow$   
error down  $\gamma 4 \Rightarrow$  overall gain

\* Improved Euler gives a relative estimate of error:

$$y_{\text{Low}} = y_i + h k_0$$

Euler

$$y_{\text{High}} = y_i + \frac{h}{2}(k_0 + k_1)$$

Improved Euler

$$|y_{\text{High}} - y_{\text{Low}}| \approx \text{local error (as } h \ll 1)$$

This allows for adaptive schemes.

Idea: Determine step-size  $h$  based on estimate of error!

$y_{\text{Low}}$  is called the low order predictor

$y_{\text{High}}$  is called the high order corrector.

if  $|y_{\text{High}} - y_{\text{Low}}| > \text{tolerance}$

$\hookrightarrow$  cut  $h$

or  $|y_{\text{High}} - y_{\text{Low}}| < \text{really small tolerance}$

$\hookrightarrow$  raise  $h$ .

## Algorithm (Improved Euler)

for  $j = a:n$  (while loop)

$$k_0 = f(t_i, y_i)$$

$$u = y_i + h k_0$$

$$k_1 = f(t_{i+1}, u)$$

$$y_{i+1} = y_i + \frac{h}{2} (k_0 + k_1)$$

adaptive {  $|y_{\text{HIGH}} - y_{\text{LOW}}| > \text{tolerance}$   
 $\rightarrow h = h/2$   
 $|y_{\text{HIGH}} - y_{\text{LOW}}| < \text{small tolerance}$   
 $h = 2h$

end

## RK4 Method

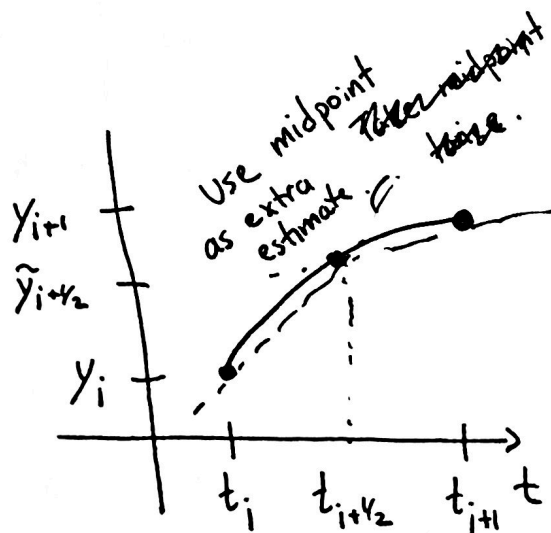
Do this ... twice.

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} k_0 = f(t_i, y_i) \\ u_{y_2} = y_i + \frac{h}{2} k_0 \\ \cancel{k_{y_2}} \\ t_{i+1/2} = t_i + \frac{h}{2} \\ k_{y_2} = f(t_{i+1/2}, u_{y_2}) \\ \bar{u}_{y_2} = y_i + \frac{h}{2} k_{y_2} \\ \bar{k}_{y_2} = f(t_{i+1/2}, \bar{u}_{y_2}) \\ u_1 = y_i + h \bar{k}_{y_2} \\ k_1 = f(t_{i+1}, u_1) \end{array} \right.$$

combining  
 $\rightarrow$

~~$$y_{i+1} = y_i + \frac{h}{6} (k_0 + 2k_{y_2} + 2\bar{k}_{y_2} + k_1)$$~~

$$y_{i+1} = y_i + \frac{h}{6} (k_0 + 2k_{y_2} + 2\bar{k}_{y_2} + k_1)$$



## Error (cont'd)

For RK4, local error is  $O(h^5)$  and cumulative is  $O(h^4)$ .

Half  $h \Rightarrow$   $\begin{cases} \text{double work} \\ \text{error scales } 1/16. \end{cases}$

Ex:

	Euler	I.E.	RK4
$h = 0.1$	$1e-2$	$2e-2$	$2.3e-2$
$h = 0.01$	$2.1e-3$	$2.2e-4$	$1.7e-6$
$h = 0.001$	$1.1e-4$	$3e-6$	$4e-10$

Much better error as you go down in  $h$ .

Trade-off  $\rightarrow$  more computational work.

## ODE45

5 - <sup>global</sup> ~~local~~ error: order of corrector  
 $\rightarrow$  i.e.  $y_{\text{HIGH}}$

4 - <sup>global</sup> ~~transient~~ error of predictor  
 $\rightarrow$  i.e.  $y_{\text{LOW}}$

Improved Euler would be ~~ODE12~~ <sup>ODE12</sup> ~~or ODE24~~, for example

$\rightarrow$  MATLAB doesn't use I.E., but another type of second order.



## Other Rk4 methods

Another one is the 3/8<sup>th</sup>'s rule:

$$k_0 = f(t_n, y_n)$$

$$k_1 = f\left(t_n + \frac{h}{3}, y_n + \frac{k_0}{3}\right)$$

$$k_2 = f\left(t_n + \frac{2h}{3}, y_n - \frac{k_0}{3} + k_1\right)$$

$$k_3 = f(t_{n+1}, y_n + k_1 - k_2 + k_3)$$

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + \frac{h}{8} (k_0 + 3k_1 + 3k_2 + k_3)$$

## Numerical Stability

Note to students: This is not critical point stability.

Suppose we have the test equation:

$$y' = -ay \quad ; \quad y(0) = y_0 \rightarrow y = y_0 e^{-at} \quad , a > 0.$$

Now suppose we integrate with Euler:

$$y_1 = y_0 + hf(y_0) = y_0 - ah y_0 = (1 - ah) y_0$$

$$y_2 = y_1 + hf(y_1) = y_1 - ah y_1 = (1 - ah) y_1 = (1 - ah)^2 y_0$$

$\vdots$

$$y_n = (1 - ah)^n y_0 \quad , \text{ usually written } y_n = Z^n y_0.$$

Notice, as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $y \rightarrow 0$ . However, in our scheme, this only happens when  $|Z| < 1$ . This is the idea behind stability.

$$\text{So, } |z| < 1 \Rightarrow -1 < 1 - ah < 1$$

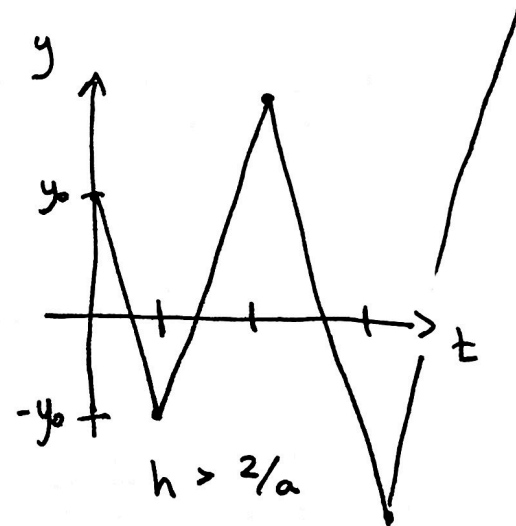
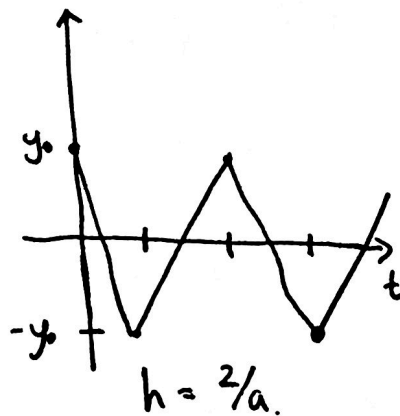
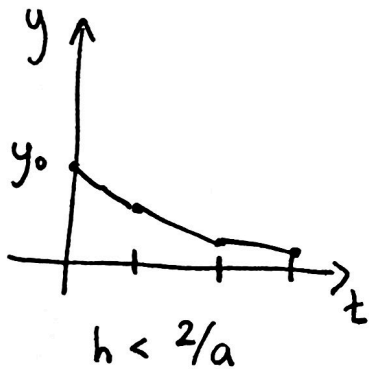
\* Notice that  $1 - ah < 1$  always true.

$\rightarrow 1 - ah > -1 \rightarrow ah < 2 \rightarrow h < 2/a$  - stability limit or stability bound

If  $h = \frac{2}{a}$ , then  $y_{n+1} = (-1)^n y_0$

If  $h < \frac{2}{a}$ , then  $y_n \rightarrow 0$

If  $h > \frac{2}{a}$ , then  $y_n \rightarrow \infty$



All explicit schemes (what we have discussed so far) are subject to numerical instability.

Explicit Schemes :

{ Forward Euler  
Improved Euler  
RK4  
ODE45

## Implicit Schemes

Before:  $y_{n+1} = y_n + h f(t_n, y_n)$

Now:  $y_{n+1} = y_n + h f(t_{n+1}, y_{n+1})$

This is Backward Euler. The equation is implicit. So, if we want to step, we have to solve for  $y_{n+1}$ .

Let's look at the stability. Take  $f(t, y) = -ay$  again.

So,  $y' = -ay$  ;  $y(0) = y_0$ .

$$y_1 = y_0 + h f(y_1) = y_0 - ah y_1 \rightarrow y_1 = \frac{y_0}{1+ah}$$

$$y_2 = y_1 + h f(y_2) = y_0 - ah y_2 \rightarrow y_2 = \frac{y_1}{1+ah} = \left(\frac{1}{1+ah}\right)^2 y_0$$

$$\vdots$$
$$y_n = \left(\frac{1}{1+ah}\right)^n y_0 \quad , \text{ so } y_n = z^n y_0 \quad \text{w/ } z = \frac{1}{1+ah}$$

\* Notice  $|z| < 1$  for any choice of  $h \rightarrow$  unconditionally stable.

ODE15s is a first order implicit scheme with a fifth order corrector.