

# UNSW, School of Mathematics and Statistics

## MATH2089 – Numerical Methods

### Week 8 – Ordinary Differential Equations II

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- Step-Size control
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- MATLAB M-files

- `eulerf.m`
- `heun.m`
- `rk4.m`
- `ivpmain.m`
- `bvpex1.m`

## Implicit Euler and Heun Methods

- IVP:  $y' = f(t, y)$ ,  $y(t_0) = y_0$
- Explicit Euler**  $y_{n+1} = y_n + hf(t_n, y_n)$ 
  - MATLAB function `eulerf.m`
- Implicit Euler's method**
  - Approximation  $f(t, y) \approx f(t_{n+1}, y_{n+1})$  on  $[t_n, t_{n+1}]$

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + hf(t_{n+1}, y_{n+1}), \quad n = 0, 1, \dots, N-1$$

- Implicit**  $\iff$  require solution of (nonlinear) equation to get  $y_{n+1}$
- Heun's method**: For  $n = 0, 1, \dots, N-1$

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + \frac{h}{2} [f(t_n, y_n) + f(t_{n+1}, y_n + hf(t_n, y_n))]$$

- Example of a **predictor-corrector** method
- Prediction  $\bar{y}_{n+1} = y_n + hf(t_n, y_n)$
- Correction  $y_{n+1} = \frac{h}{2} [f(t_n, y_n) + f(t_{n+1}, \bar{y}_{n+1})]$  uses prediction
- MATLAB function `heunf.m`

## Local vs Global Error

- Local Truncation Error**

$$T(t) = \frac{y(t+h) - y(t)}{h} - f(t, y(t))$$

- Truncation error at  $t_n$  is  $T_n = T(t_n)$
- Euler's method  $T_n = O(h)$
- MATLAB `ivpmain.m`, Example 2

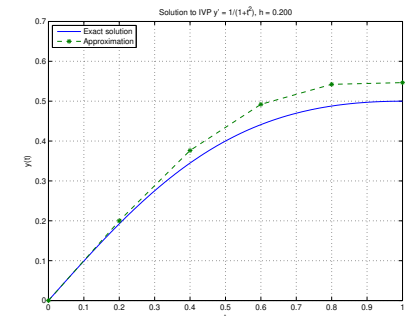
- Global error**

$$E_n(h) = y(t_n) - y_n$$

- Convergence**

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \max_n |E_n(h)| = 0$$

- Euler's method  $E_n = O(h)$   
**slow**



## Explicit Runge-Kutta methods

### Definition (Explicit Runge-Kutta (ERK) Methods)

A  $\nu$ -stage explicit Runge-Kutta method with parameters  $a_{ij}$ ,  $b_j$ ,  $c_j$  is

$$\begin{aligned}\xi_1 &= y_n \\ \xi_2 &= y_n + ha_{2,1}f(t_n + c_1h, \xi_1) \\ \xi_3 &= y_n + ha_{3,1}f(t_n + c_1h, \xi_1) + ha_{3,2}f(t_n + c_2h, \xi_2) \\ &\vdots \\ \xi_\nu &= y_n + h \sum_{i=1}^{\nu-1} a_{\nu,i}f(t_n + c_ih, \xi_i)\end{aligned}$$

Then

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + h \sum_{j=1}^{\nu} b_j f(t_n + c_jh, \xi_j)$$

## Runge-Kutta Parameters

- **RK matrix**  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{\nu \times \nu}$ 
  - $A$  is strictly lower triangular, eg  $A_{ij} = 0$  for  $j \geq i$
- **RK weights**  $\mathbf{b} = (b_1, b_2, \dots, b_\nu)^T \in \mathbb{R}^\nu$
- **RK nodes**  $\mathbf{c} = (c_1, c_2, \dots, c_\nu)^T \in \mathbb{R}^\nu$ ,  $c_1 = 0$
- Parameters  $A$ ,  $\mathbf{b}$ ,  $\mathbf{c}$  displayed in RK tableau

$$\begin{array}{c|c} \mathbf{c} & A \\ \hline & \mathbf{b}^T \end{array}$$

- Two stage RK methods,  $E_n = O(h^2)$ , (Heun is third)

$$\begin{array}{c|c} 0 & \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \hline & 0 \quad 1 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c|c} 0 & \\ \frac{2}{3} & \frac{2}{3} \\ \hline & \frac{1}{4} \quad \frac{3}{4} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c|c} 0 & \\ 1 & 1 \\ \hline & \frac{1}{2} \quad \frac{1}{2} \end{array}$$

## Three and four stage Runge-Kutta Methods

- Three stage RK methods,  $E_n = O(h^3)$  (Classical RK method, Nyström)

$$\begin{array}{c|c} 0 & \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ 1 & -1 \quad 2 \\ \hline & \frac{1}{6} \quad \frac{2}{3} \quad \frac{1}{6} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c|c} 0 & \\ \frac{2}{3} & \frac{2}{3} \\ \frac{2}{3} & 0 \quad \frac{2}{3} \\ \hline & \frac{1}{4} \quad \frac{3}{8} \quad \frac{3}{8} \end{array}$$

- Four stage RK method  $E_n = O(h^4)$  (RK4)

$$\begin{array}{c|c} 0 & \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & 0 \quad \frac{1}{2} \\ 1 & 0 \quad 0 \quad 1 \\ \hline & \frac{1}{6} \quad \frac{1}{3} \quad \frac{1}{3} \quad \frac{1}{6} \end{array}$$

- MATLAB function `rk4.m`

## Runge-Kutta Method – Example

### Example

Write down the formulae for the Runge-Kutta method with the RK tableau

$$\begin{array}{c|c} 0 & \\ \frac{2}{3} & \frac{2}{3} \\ \hline & \frac{1}{4} \quad \frac{3}{4} \end{array}$$

Use this method with  $h = 0.25$  to estimate  $y(1.5)$  for the IVP

$$y' = 1 + \frac{y}{t}, \quad y(1) = 2$$

### Solution

- **RK tableau** gives

$$\begin{aligned}\xi_1 &= y_n \\ \xi_2 &= y_n + \frac{2}{3}hf(t_n, \xi_1) \\ y_{n+1} &= y_n + h \left[ \frac{1}{4}f(t_n, \xi_1) + \frac{3}{4}f(t_n + \frac{2}{3}h, \xi_2) \right]\end{aligned}$$

## Runge-Kutta Method – Example

### Solution

- $f(t, y) = 1 + \frac{y}{t}$ ,  $t_0 = 1$ ,  $y_0 = 2$ ,  $h = 0.25$

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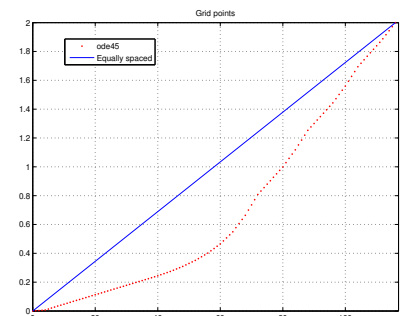
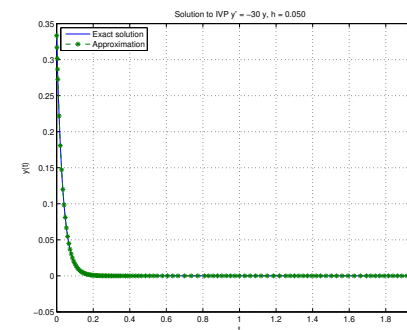
$n$	$t_n$	$\xi_1 = y_n$	$f(t_n, \xi_1)$	$\xi_2$	$f(t_n + \frac{2}{3}h, \xi_2)$
0	1	2	3	2.5	3.1429
1	1.25	2.7768	3.2214	3.3137	3.3391
2	1.5	3.6042			

## Step Size Control

- Adjust step-size to keep local error estimate within tolerance
- Interval halving: at  $t_n, y_n$ 
  - Use one step of  $h$  to get  $y_{n+1}(h)$
  - Use two steps of  $h/2$  to get  $y_{n+1}(h/2)$
  - Local truncation error of method gives estimate of  $T_{n+1}$
  - Reduce step until error estimate within desired tolerance
  - $T(h) = O(h^5) \implies$  halving  $h$  reduces error by  $1/2^5 = 1/32$
  - To reduce error by 10 need to reduce  $h$  by  $10^{1/5} \approx 1.58$
- Runge-Kutta-Fehlberg Method
  - Use difference between different order RK methods to give estimate of local truncation error
  - Runge-Kutta-Fehlberg Method uses fourth and fifth order methods
  - Fewer function evaluations than interval halving
  - MATLAB function ode23, ode45

## Step-Size Control – ODE45

- $y' = -30y$ ,  $y(0) = \frac{1}{3}$ , using MATLAB ode45



## Multi-Step Methods

### Definition

A **multi-step method** uses  $r$  previous values  $y_k$  for  $k \leq n$  to determine

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + h \sum_{j=-1}^r b_j f(t_{n-j}, y_{n-j}), \quad n \geq r$$

- $b_{-1} = 0 \implies$  **explicit** method
- $b_{-1} \neq 0 \implies$  **implicit** method ( $y_{n+1}$  on both sides, solve equation)
- $b_r \neq 0 \implies r + 1$  step method using  $y_{n-r}, y_{n-r+1}, \dots, y_n$
- Need  $r$  starting values  $y_1, \dots, y_r$  (eg from RK method)
- $r = 0$  one-step methods

## Stiff Problems

An IVP is **stiff** when very small step sizes may be required for an explicit method to get an accurate solution.

### Example (Stiff IVP)

Consider the IVP  $y' = -30y$  for  $t \geq 0$  with initial value  $y(0) = 1/3$ . Solve on  $[0, 2]$

- Solution  $y(t) = \frac{1}{3}e^{-30t}$
- As  $t \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $y(t) \rightarrow 0$
- Explicit methods only have this behaviour for small  $h$
- Implicit methods much better for stiff problems
- MATLAB `ivpmain.m`, Example 6 with Euler, Heun, RK4

## Predictor-Corrector Methods

- Notation  $f_n = f(t_n, y_n)$ ,  $f_{n+1} = f(t_{n+1}, y_{n+1})$ , etc
- Adams-Bashforth Predictor (AB4)

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + \frac{h}{24} (55f_n - 59f_{n-1} + 37f_{n-2} - 9f_{n-3})$$

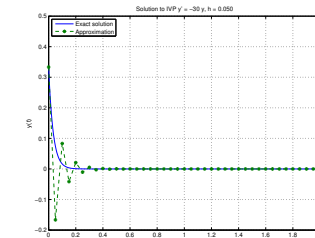
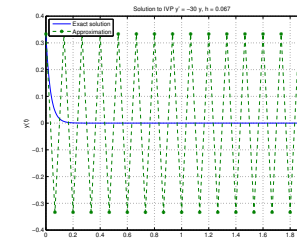
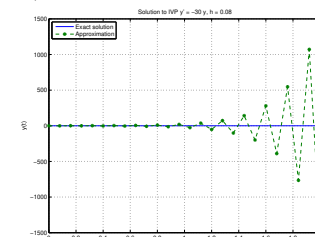
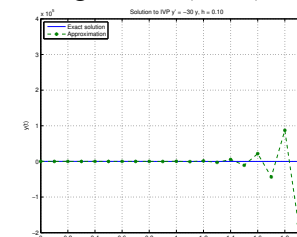
- Local truncation error  $O(h^5)$ , Global truncation error  $O(h^4)$
- Adams-Moulton Corrector (AM4)

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + \frac{h}{24} (9f_{n+1} + 19f_n - 5f_{n-1} + f_{n-2})$$

- $y_{n+1}$  from predictor to get  $f_{n+1}$
- Local truncation error  $O(h^5)$ , Global truncation error  $O(h^4)$

## Stiff Problem – Euler's Method

- Euler's method for  $N = 20, 25, 30, 40$
- Corresponding  $h = 0.1, 0.08, 0.06666, 0.05$



## Euler's Method – Stability

## Example

Test problem  $y' = cy$  with  $y(0) = a$

- Solution  $y(t) = ae^{ct}$
- $c < 0 \implies y(t) \rightarrow 0$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$
- Euler:
 
$$\begin{aligned} y_n &= y_{n-1} + hf(t_{n-1}, y_{n-1}) \\ &= y_{n-1} + hcy_{n-1} = (1 + ch)y_{n-1} \\ &= (1 + ch)^2 y_{n-2} \\ &\vdots \\ &= (1 + ch)^n y_0 \end{aligned}$$
- $y_n = (1 + ch)^n y_0$  diverges unless  $|1 + ch| < 1$ 
  - $c < 0 \implies h < \frac{2}{|c|}$
  - Example  $c = -30 \implies h < 1/15 = 0.0666$

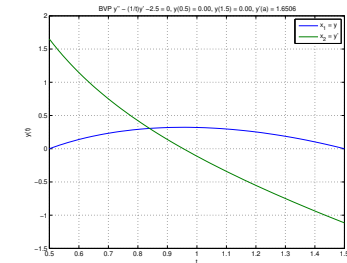
## Boundary Value Problems (BVP)

- Second order differential equation  $y'' = g(t, y, y')$  for  $t \in [a, b]$
- Two-dimensional first-order system: state vector  $\mathbf{x} = [y, y']^T$
- Initial value problem  $\mathbf{x}(a) = (y(a), y'(a))^T$
- Boundary value problem  $y(a) = y_a$  and  $y(b) = y_b$

## Example

BVP  $y'' + \frac{1}{t}y' + 2.5 = 0$ , on  $[0.5, 1.5]$  with  $y(0.5) = 0$  and  $y(1.5) = 0$

- $\mathbf{x} = [y, y']^T$
- $\mathbf{x}' = [y', g(t, y, y')]^T$
- $g(t, y, y') = -\frac{1}{t}y' - 2.5$



## BVP – Shooting Methods

- Shooting Methods
  - First order system
 
$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} y \\ y' \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{x}' = \begin{bmatrix} y' \\ g(x, y, y') \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{x}(a) = \begin{bmatrix} y_a \\ \eta \end{bmatrix}$$
  - Initial conditions with a parameter  $\eta \in \mathbb{R}$
  - Solve IVP to get  $y(b; \eta)$
  - Choose parameter  $\eta$ :  $y(b; \eta) = y_b \iff \psi(\eta) = y(b; \eta) - y_b = 0$
  - Solve  $\psi(\eta) = 0$ 
    - Iterative method (fixed point iteration, Newton, Secant)
    - $\implies$  new estimate of  $\eta$
    - Re-solve IVP with new initial conditions
    - MATLAB `bvpex1.m`

