

# Simulation Methods - Problem Set 2

## Ex 01 Order of an integration scheme

For a numerical solution  $y_{\text{num}}$  to be second-order accurate, it is necessary that  $\|y - y_{\text{num}}\| = \mathcal{O}(h^2)$  where  $y$  is the exact solution and  $h$  is the step size.

Thus, we calculate  $y_{n+1} - y(t_n + \Delta t)$  where  $\Delta t$  is the step size.

We begin with the Taylor expansion of  $y(t_n + \Delta t)$  around  $t_n$ :

$$y(t_n + \Delta t) = y(t_n) + \left. \frac{\partial y}{\partial t} \right|_{t=t_n} \Delta t + \mathcal{O}(\Delta t^2) = y_n + \left. \frac{\partial y}{\partial t} \right|_{t=t_n} \Delta t + \mathcal{O}(\Delta t^2)$$

Plugging this in yields:

$$y_{n+1} - y_n - \left. \frac{\partial y}{\partial t} \right|_{t=t_n} \Delta t + \mathcal{O}(\Delta t^2)$$

Now we use the definition of the Runge-Kutta scheme

to rewrite  $y_{n+1}$  and simplify:

$$\begin{aligned} & \left[ \frac{1}{2} (k_1 + k_2) - \left. \frac{\partial y}{\partial t} \right|_{t=t_n} \right] \Delta t + \mathcal{O}(\Delta t^2) ; k_1 = f(t_n, y_n) = \left. \frac{\partial y}{\partial t} \right|_{t=t_n} \\ & = \left( \frac{k_2 - \left. \frac{\partial y}{\partial t} \right|_{t=t_n}}{2} \right) \Delta t + \mathcal{O}(\Delta t^2) \end{aligned}$$

We calculate another Taylor expansion:

$$k_2 = f(y_n + k_1 \Delta t, t_n + \Delta t) = f(y_n, t_n) + \left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right|_{y=y_n} k_1 \Delta t + \left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} \right|_{t=t_n} \Delta t + \mathcal{O}(\Delta t^2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \left( k_2 - \left. \frac{\partial y}{\partial t} \right|_{t=t_n} \right) \Delta t = \frac{1}{2} (k_2 - f(y_n, t_n)) \Delta t$$

$$= \left[ \left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right|_{y=y_n} \Delta t + \left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} \right|_{t=t_n} \right] \Delta t + \mathcal{O}(\Delta t^2)$$

$$= \mathcal{O}(\Delta t^2)$$

Heun's method

~~Heun's method~~ is of 2<sup>nd</sup> order accuracy.



(a) Lagrangian of the double pendulum:

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{m_1}{2} (l_1 \dot{\phi}_1)^2 + \frac{m_2}{2} [(l_1 \dot{\phi}_1)^2 + (l_2 \dot{\phi}_2)^2 + 2 l_1 l_2 \dot{\phi}_1 \dot{\phi}_2 \cos(\phi_1 - \phi_2)] - m_1 g l_1 (1 - \cos \phi_1) - m_2 g [l_1 (1 - \cos \phi_1) + l_2 (1 - \cos \phi_2)]$$

Conjugate momenta:

$$q_1 = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{\phi}_1} ; \quad \dot{q}_2 = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{\phi}_2}$$

$$\Rightarrow q_1 = m_1 l_1^2 \dot{\phi}_1 + m_2 l_1^2 \dot{\phi}_1 + m_2 l_1 l_2 \dot{\phi}_2 \cos(\phi_1 - \phi_2) \quad (1)$$

$$q_2 = m_2 l_2^2 \dot{\phi}_2 + m_2 l_1 l_2 \dot{\phi}_1 \cos(\phi_1 - \phi_2) \quad (2)$$

Derivatives after  $\phi_1$  and  $\phi_2$ :

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \phi_1} = -m_2 l_1 l_2 \dot{\phi}_1 \dot{\phi}_2 \sin(\phi_1 - \phi_2) - (m_1 + m_2) g l_1 \sin(\phi_1)$$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \phi_2} = +m_2 l_1 l_2 \dot{\phi}_1 \dot{\phi}_2 \sin(\phi_1 - \phi_2) - m_2 g l_2 \sin(\phi_2)$$

Thus we find the equations of motion to be:

$$\frac{d}{dt} q_1 = +m_2 l_1 l_2 \dot{\phi}_1 \dot{\phi}_2 \sin(\phi_1 - \phi_2) - (m_1 + m_2) g l_1 \sin(\phi_1)$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} q_2 = -m_2 l_1 l_2 \dot{\phi}_1 \dot{\phi}_2 \sin(\phi_1 - \phi_2) - m_2 g l_2 \sin(\phi_2)$$

(b) From equations (1) and (2), we can obtain expressions for  $\dot{\phi}_1$  and  $\dot{\phi}_2$ :

$$q_1 = (m_1 + m_2) l_1^2 \dot{\phi}_1 + m_2 l_1 l_2 \dot{\phi}_2 \cos(\phi_1 - \phi_2)$$

$$q_2 = m_2 l_2^2 \dot{\phi}_2 + m_2 l_1 l_2 \dot{\phi}_1 \cos(\phi_1 - \phi_2)$$

This is a  $2 \times 2$  system of linear equations. The solution reads:

$$\dot{\phi}_1 = \frac{m_2 l_2 q_1 - m_2 l_1 l_2 \cos(\phi_1 - \phi_2) q_2}{m_2 (m_1 + m_2) l_1^2 l_2^2 - m_2^2 l_1^2 l_2^2 \cos^2(\phi_1 - \phi_2)} =: f_1(q_1, q_2, \phi_1, \phi_2)$$

$$\dot{\phi}_2 = \frac{(m_1 + m_2) l_1^2 q_2 - m_2 l_1 l_2 \cos(\phi_1 - \phi_2) q_1}{m_2 (m_1 + m_2) l_1^2 l_2^2 - m_2^2 l_1^2 l_2^2 \cos^2(\phi_1 - \phi_2)} =: f_2(q_1, q_2, \phi_1, \phi_2)$$

We can then express  $\dot{q}_1$  and  $\dot{q}_2$ :

$$\dot{q}_1 = -m_2 l_1 l_2 f_1 f_2 \sin(\phi_1 - \phi_2) - (m_1 + m_2) g l_1 \sin \phi_1 =: f_3(q_1, q_2, \phi_1, \phi_2)$$

$$\dot{q}_2 = m_2 l_1 l_2 f_1 f_2 \sin(\phi_1 - \phi_2) - m_2 g l_2 \sin(\phi_2) =: f_4(q_1, q_2, \phi_1, \phi_2)$$

(c) + (d) see source code in .py file.