

## Solving Systems of Ordinary Differential Equations

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## Outline

- Review basics of numerical solutions of ordinary differential equations
- Error control in simple methods discussed previously
- Systems of differential equations
- Reducing higher-order equations into a system of first-order equations
- Writing and using software for solving systems of ordinary differential equations

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## Schedule for April and May

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## Review Numerical Approach

- Solve initial value problem,  $dy/dx = f(x,y)$  (known equation) with  $y(x_0) = y_0$ 
  - Use a finite difference grid:  $x_{i+1} - x_i = h_i$
  - Replace derivative by finite-difference approximation:  $dy/dx \approx (y_{i+1} - y_i) / (x_{i+1} - x_i) = (y_{i+1} - y_i) / h_i$
  - Derive a formula to compute  $f_{avg}$  the average value of  $f(x,y)$  between  $x_i$  and  $x_{i+1}$
  - Replace  $dy/dx = f(x,y)$  by  $(y_{i+1} - y_i) / h_i = f_{avg}$
  - Repeatedly compute  $y_{i+1} = y_i + h_i f_{avg}$

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## Review Notation and Order

- $x_i$  is independent variable
- $y_i$  is numerical solution at  $x = x_i$
- $f_i$  is derivative found from  $x_i, y_i$ :  $f_i = f(x_i, y_i)$
- $y(x_i)$  is the exact value of  $y$  at  $x = x_i$
- $f(x_i, y(x_i))$  is the exact derivative
- $e_1 = y(x_1) - y_1$  = local truncation error
- $E_j = y(x_j) - y_j$  is global truncation error
- If  $e$  is  $O(h^n)$ , then  $E$  is  $O(h^{n-1})$

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## Review Simple Methods

- Euler:  $y_{i+1} = y_i + h_i f_i = y_i + h_i f(x_i, y_i)$
- Huen's method

$$y_{i+1}^0 = y_i + h_{i+1} f(x_i, y_i) \quad x_{i+1} = x_i + h_{i+1}$$

$$y_{i+1} = y_i + \frac{h_{i+1}}{2} [f(x_i, y_i) + f(x_{i+1}, y_{i+1}^0)] = \frac{y_i + y_{i+1}^0 + h_{i+1} f(x_{i+1}, y_{i+1}^0)}{2}$$

- Modified Euler method

$$y_{i+\frac{1}{2}} = y_i + \left[ \frac{h_{i+1}}{2} \right] f(x_i, y_i) \quad x_{i+\frac{1}{2}} = x_i + \frac{h_{i+1}}{2}$$

$$y_{i+1} = y_i + h_{i+1} f(x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}, y_{i+\frac{1}{2}})$$

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## Review 4<sup>th</sup> Order Runge-Kutta

- Uses four derivative evaluations per step

$$y_{i+1} = y_i + \frac{k_1 + 2k_2 + 2k_3 + k_4}{6} \quad x_{i+1} = x_i + h_{i+1}$$

$$k_1 = h_{i+1} f(x_i, y_i)$$

$$k_2 = h_{i+1} f\left(x_i + \frac{h_{i+1}}{2}, y_i + \frac{k_1}{2}\right)$$

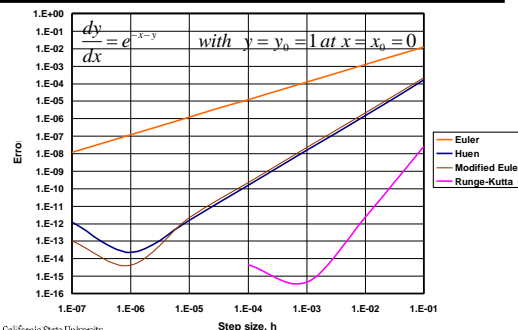
$$k_3 = h_{i+1} f\left(x_i + \frac{h_{i+1}}{2}, y_i + \frac{k_2}{2}\right)$$

$$k_4 = h_{i+1} f(x_i + h_{i+1}, y_i + k_3)$$

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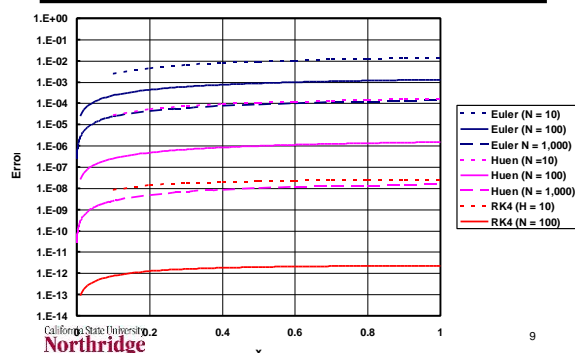
## Error (at x = 1) versus step size for ODE solvers



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## Error Propagation in Solutions of ODEs



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## Error Control

- How do we choose h to maintain desired accuracy?
- Want to obtain a result with some desired small global error
- Can just repeat calculations with smaller h until two results are sufficiently close
- Can use algorithms that estimate error and adjust step size during the calculation based on the error

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## Runge-Kutta Error Control

- Take step with two formulas of different orders using the same function evaluations in each formula
- Use the difference between the two formulas as an estimate of the error
- Use the error estimate to control the step size based on a user-input desired error
- Some methods in final slides not shown

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## Dormand-Prince Method

- Uses fourth- and fifth-order expressions to find error estimate
- Modifies step size by comparing error estimate with desired error
- Used in MATLAB solver ode45 which is in next programming assignment
- Algorithm equations shown on next two slides

v1.11 of ode45 code at  
[http://users.powernet.co.uk/kienzle/octave/matcomp/scripts/ode\\_v1.11/ode45.m](http://users.powernet.co.uk/kienzle/octave/matcomp/scripts/ode_v1.11/ode45.m)

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### Dormand-Prince Equations

$$\begin{aligned} k_1 &= hf(t_k, y_k), \\ k_2 &= hf(t_k + \frac{1}{5}h, y_k + \frac{1}{5}k_1), \\ k_3 &= hf(t_k + \frac{3}{10}h, y_k + \frac{3}{40}k_1 + \frac{9}{40}k_2), \\ k_4 &= hf(t_k + \frac{4}{5}h, y_k + \frac{44}{45}k_1 - \frac{56}{15}k_2 + \frac{32}{9}k_3), \\ k_5 &= hf(t_k + \frac{8}{9}h, y_k + \frac{19372}{6561}k_1 - \frac{25360}{2187}k_2 + \frac{64448}{6561}k_3 - \frac{212}{729}k_4), \\ k_6 &= hf(t_k + h, y_k + \frac{9017}{3168}k_1 - \frac{355}{33}k_2 - \frac{46732}{5247}k_3 + \frac{49}{176}k_4 - \frac{5103}{18656}k_5), \\ k_7 &= hf(t_k + h, y_k + \frac{35}{384}k_1 + \frac{500}{1113}k_3 + \frac{125}{192}k_4 - \frac{2187}{6784}k_5 + \frac{11}{84}k_6). \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{44}{45} - \frac{56}{15} + \frac{32}{9} \\ &= \frac{44 - 168 + 160}{45} \\ &= \frac{36}{45} = \frac{4}{5} \end{aligned}$$

Toshinori Kimura, "On Dormand-Prince Method  
[http://depa.fquim.unam.mx/amyd/archivero/DormandPrince\\_19856.pdf](http://depa.fquim.unam.mx/amyd/archivero/DormandPrince_19856.pdf)

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### Dormand-Prince Method II

$$\begin{aligned} y_{k+1} &= y_k + \frac{35}{384}k_1 + \frac{500}{1113}k_3 + \frac{125}{192}k_4 - \frac{2187}{6784}k_5 + \frac{11}{84}k_6, \\ z_{k+1} &= y_k + \frac{5179}{57600}k_1 + \frac{7571}{16695}k_3 + \frac{393}{640}k_4 - \frac{92097}{339200}k_5 + \frac{187}{2100}k_6 + \frac{1}{40}k_7, \\ |z_{k+1} - y_{k+1}| &= \left| \frac{71}{57600}k_1 - \frac{71}{16695}k_3 + \frac{71}{1920}k_4 - \frac{17253}{339200}k_5 + \frac{22}{525}k_6 - \frac{1}{40}k_7 \right|. \end{aligned}$$

$$s = \left( \frac{\epsilon h}{2|z_{k+1} - y_{k+1}|} \right)^{\frac{1}{5}}, \quad \begin{array}{l} \epsilon \text{ is desired error per step} \\ h_{\text{opt}} \text{ is optimum step size} \end{array}$$

$$h_{\text{opt}} = sh,$$

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### Next Steps

- We have shown some algorithms for solving the initial value problem,  $dy/dx = f(x,y)$  with  $y = y_0$  at  $x = x_0$
- Need to solve higher order equations
- Can show than any  $n^{\text{th}}$ -order equation can be expressed as a system of  $n$  first-order equations
- Then have to consider solving systems of first order equations

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### Basic Idea

- Any  $n^{\text{th}}$  order ODE can be written as a system of  $n$  first-order ODEs
- For a system of two or more ODEs with varying orders:
  - Break the  $k^{\text{th}}$  ODE with order  $n_k$  into  $n_k$  first-order ODEs; repeat for all equations
  - The result will be a system of first order ODEs
    - The total number of ODEs will be  $n_1 + n_2 + \dots =$  the sum of the orders of each original ODE

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### Higher order equations

- Look at spring-mass-damper equation as example:  $md^2y/dt^2 + Cdy/dt + ky = F$ 
  - $F$  is applied force which may be a **known** function of  $t$ ,  $y$  and  $dy/dt$  (may have  $F = 0$ )
  - Define a velocity,  $v = dy/dt$
  - $dv/dt = d^2y/dt^2$
  - Our second order equation becomes  $mdv/dt + Cv + ky = F$  giving two ODEs

$$\frac{dv}{dt} = F - \frac{C}{m}v - ky = f_v(t, y, v)$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = v = f_y(t, y, v)$$

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### Higher Order Equations II

$$\frac{dv}{dt} = f_v(t, y, v) \quad \frac{dy}{dt} = f_y(t, y, v) \quad \text{General Notation} \quad \frac{dy_i}{dt} = f_i(t, y) \quad \frac{dy_N}{dt} = f_N(t, y_1, \dots, y_N)$$

- The two first order equations we found look like our initial value problem
  - This assumes that we have an initial condition for velocity,  $v$ 
    - Will cover situations where this is not true (known as boundary value problems) later
  - We can apply all algorithms developed for single first-order equations to any system of simultaneous first-order equations

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## Solving Simultaneous ODEs

- Apply same algorithms used for single ODEs
  - Must apply each part of each algorithm step to all equations in system before going on to next step
  - Key is having consistent  $x$  and  $y$  values in determination of  $f_k(x, y)$
  - All  $y_k$  values in  $y$  must be available at the same  $x$  point when computing the  $f_k$
  - E.g., in Runge-Kutta we must evaluate  $k_1$  for all equations before finding  $k_2$

## Runge-Kutta for ODE System

- $y_{(n)}$  is vector of dependent variables at  $x = x_n$
- $k_{(1)}$ ,  $k_{(2)}$ ,  $k_{(3)}$ , and  $k_{(4)}$ , are vectors containing intermediate Runge-Kutta results
- $f$  is a vector containing the derivatives
- $k_{(1)} = hf = hf(x_n, y_{(n)})$
- $k_{(2)} = hf(x_n + h/2, y_{(n)} + k_{(1)}/2)$
- $k_{(3)} = hf(x_n + h/2, y_{(n)} + k_{(2)}/2)$
- $k_{(4)} = hf(x_n + h, y_{(n)} + k_{(3)})$
- $y_{(n+1)} = (k_{(1)} + 2k_{(2)} + 2k_{(3)} + k_{(4)})/6$

## ODE System by RK4

- $dy/dx = -y + z$  and  $dz/dx = y - z$  with  $y(0) = 1$  and  $z(0) = -1$  with  $h = .1$
- Details of first step from  $y_0$  to  $y_1$
- $k_{(1)y} = h[-y + z] = 0.1[-1 + (-1)] = -.2$
- $k_{(1)z} = h[y - z] = 0.1[1 - (-1)] = .2$
- $k_{(2)y} = h[-(y + k_{(1)y}/2) + z + k_{(1)z}/2] = 0.1[-(1 + -0.2/2) + (-1 + .2/2)] = -.18$
- $k_{(2)z} = h[(y + k_{(1)y}/2) - (z + k_{(1)z}/2)] = 0.1[(1 + -0.2/2) - (-1 + .2/2)] = .18$

## ODE System by RK4 II

- $k_{(3)y} = h[-(y + k_{(2)y}/2) + z + k_{(2)z}/2] = 0.1[-(1 + -0.18/2) + (-1 + .18/2)] = -.182$
- $k_{(3)z} = h[(y + k_{(2)y}/2) - (z + k_{(2)z}/2)] = 0.1[(1 + -0.18)/2 - (-1 + .18/2)] = .182$
- $k_{(4)y} = h[-(y + k_{(3)y}) + z + k_{(3)z}] = 0.1[-(1 + -0.182) + (-1 + .182)] = -.1636$
- $k_{(4)z} = h[(y + k_{(3)y}) - (z + k_{(3)z})] = 0.1[(1 + -0.182) - (-1 + .182)] = .1636$

## ODE System by RK4 III

- $y_{i+1} = y_i + (k_{(1)y} + 2k_{(2)y} + 2k_{(3)y} + k_{(4)y})/6$   
 $= 1 + [(-.2) + 2(-.18) + 2(-.182) + (-.1636)]/6 = .8187$  (here  $i = 0$ )
- $z_{i+1} = z_i + (k_{(1)z} + 2k_{(2)z} + 2k_{(3)z} + k_{(4)z})/6$   
 $= -1 + [(.2) + 2(.18) + 2(.182) + (.1636)]/6 = -.8187$
- Continue in this fashion until desired final  $x$  value is reached
  - Note all  $k_m$  computed before any  $k_{m+1}$
- No  $x$  dependence for  $f$  in this example

## Numerical Software for ODEs

- Usually written to solve a system of  $N$  equations, but will work for  $N = 1$
- User has to code a subroutine or function to compute the  $f$  array
  - Input variables are  $x$  and  $y$ ;  $f$  is output
  - Some codes have one dimensional parameter array to pass additional information from main program into the function that computes derivatives

### Derivative Subroutine Example

- Visual Basic **sub code** for system of ODEs at right is shown below

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dy_1}{dx} &= -y_1 + \sqrt{y_2} - y_3 e^{2x} \\ \frac{dy_2}{dx} &= -2y_1^2 \quad \frac{dy_3}{dx} = -3y_1 y_2\end{aligned}$$

```
Sub fsub( x As Double, y() As Double, _
        f() As Double )
    f(1) = -y(1) + Sqr(y(2)) - y(3)*Exp(2*x)
    f(2) = -2 * y(1)^2
    f(3) = -3 * y(1) * y(2)
End Sub
```

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### Derivative Function Example

- Visual Basic **function code** for system of ODEs

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dy_1}{dx} &= -y_1 + \sqrt{y_2} - y_3 e^{2x} \\ \frac{dy_2}{dx} &= -2y_1^2 \quad \frac{dy_3}{dx} = -3y_1 y_2\end{aligned}$$

```
Function ff( x As Double, y() As Double, _
        N As Long) As Variant
    Dim fd() As Double; ReDim fd(1 to N)
    fd(1) = -y(1) + Sqr(y(2)) - y(3)*Exp(2*x)
    fd(2) = -2 * y(1)^2
    fd(3) = -3 * y(1) * y(2) : ff = fd
End Function
```

*In main program use  $f = ff(x,y,N)$   
where  $f$  is an array of same size*

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### Derivative Subroutine Example

- MATLAB **function** for system of ODEs at right is shown below

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dy_1}{dx} &= -y_1 + \sqrt{y_2} - y_3 e^{2x} \\ \frac{dy_2}{dx} &= -2y_1^2 \quad \frac{dy_3}{dx} = -3y_1 y_2\end{aligned}$$

```
function f = test( x, y)
    f = zeros(3,1);
    f(1) = -y(1) + Sqrt(y(2)) - y(3)*Exp(2*x);
    f(2) = -2 * y(1)^2;
    f(3) = -3 * y(1) * y(2);
end %semicolons prevent output
```

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### Derivative Subroutine Example

- C++ code for system of ODEs at right is shown below

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dy_1}{dx} &= -y_1 + \sqrt{y_2} - y_3 e^{2x} \\ \frac{dy_2}{dx} &= -2y_1^2 \quad \frac{dy_3}{dx} = -3y_1 y_2\end{aligned}$$

```
void fsub(double x, double y[], double f[])
{
    f[1] = -y[1] + sqrt(y[2]) - y[3]*exp(2*x);
    f[2] = -2 * y[1] * y[1];
    f[3] = -3 * y[1] * y[2];
}
```

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### Derivative Subroutine Example

- Fortran code for system of ODEs at right is shown below

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dy_1}{dx} &= -y_1 + \sqrt{y_2} - y_3 e^{2x} \\ \frac{dy_2}{dx} &= -2y_1^2 \quad \frac{dy_3}{dx} = -3y_1 y_2\end{aligned}$$

```
subroutine fsub( x, y, f )
    real(KIND=8) x, y(:), f(:)
    f(1) = -y(1) + sqrt(y(2)) - y(3)*exp(2*x)
    f(2) = -2 * y(1)**2
    f(3) = -3 * y(1) * y(2)
end subroutine fsub
```

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### Assignment Seven and Last

- Write routine in MATLAB and in VBA to solve general system of  $N$  ODEs with following form:  $dy_m/dt = f_m(t, y)$ ,  $m = 1, N$
- Apply to  $N = 3$  system with known exact solutions same as on previous slides

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dy_1}{dx} &= -y_1 + \sqrt{y_2} - y_3 e^{2x} & y_1 &= e^{-t} \\ \frac{dy_2}{dx} &= -2y_1^2 \quad \frac{dy_3}{dx} = -3y_1 y_2 & y_2 &= e^{-2t} \\ & & y_3 &= e^{-3t}\end{aligned}$$

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## Assignment Seven Algorithms

- Code Huen algorithm in MATLAB

$$y_{m,i+1}^0 = y_{m,i} + hf_m(t_i, y_i)$$

$$t_{i+1} = t_i + h$$

$$y_{m,i+1} = \frac{y_{m,i} + y_{m,i+1}^0 + hf_m(t_{i+1}, y_{m,i+1}^0)}{2}$$

- Modified Euler algorithm in VBA

$$y_{m,i+1/2} = y_{m,i} + \frac{h}{2} f_m(t_i, y_i)$$

$$y_{m,i+1} = y_{m,i} + hf_m(t_i + h/2, y_{m,i+1/2})$$

$$t_{i+1} = t_i + h$$

- Use MATLAB function ode45 for solving same set of equations and compare work for same accuracy

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## Runge-Kutta Error Control

- Following slides not shown in class
- Present other approach to error control in Runge-Kutta algorithms
  - Older method: Compare results for two steps at step size  $h$  with one step of  $2h$ 
    - Requires 12 derivative function evaluations over both steps
  - Runge-Kutta-Fehlberg: early method to use algorithms of different order with same function evaluations

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## Runge-Kutta Error Control

- Control error by doing integration with  $h$  and  $2h$  all along integration
  - Integration with  $2h$  step requires 3 additional function evaluations per 2 steps
  - Analyze local truncation error, which is  $O(h^5)$ , for both steps

$$y(x+2h) = y_h + Ah^5 + Bh^6 + \dots$$

$$y(x+2h) = y_{2h} + A(2h)^5 + B(2h)^6 + \dots$$

$$0 = y_{2h} - y_h + (2^5 - 1)Ah^5 + O(h^6)$$

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## Runge-Kutta Error Control II

- $y_{2h} - y_h = \Delta$  is measure of truncation error
- User specifies  $\Delta_D$ , the desired error
  - Many ways to specify this, single value, relative values, relative to increments for  $y$  in one step
- Since error scales as  $h^5$ , we can adjust step size such that  $h_{\text{new}} = h_{\text{old}} |\Delta_D / \Delta|^{1/5}$
- Typically use safety factor to avoid making  $h_{\text{new}}$  too large

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## Runge-Kutta-Fehlberg

- Uses two equations to compute  $y_{n+1}$ , one has  $O(h^5)$ , the other  $O(h^6)$  error
- Requires six derivative evaluations per step (same evaluations used for both equations)
- The error estimate can be used for step size control based on an overall 5<sup>th</sup> order error
- Cask-Karp version and Runge-Kutta-Verner use same idea

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## Runge-Kutta-Fehlberg II

- See page 663 in Rao text for algorithm
- Typical formula components below
- $y_{n+1} = y_n + (16k_1/135 + 6656k_2/12825 \dots$
- $k_3 = hf(x_n + 3h/8, y_n + 3k_1/32 + 9k_2/32)$
- $\text{Error} = k_1/360 - 128k_3/4275 \dots$
- $h_{\text{new}} = h_{\text{old}} \| h_{\text{old}} E_{\text{Desired}} / \text{Error} \|^{1/4}$
- $E_{\text{Desired}}$  is set by user
- RKF45 code by Watts and Shampine

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### Increments, k, for RKF

$$\begin{aligned}
 k_1 &= hf(x_j, y_j) & k_2 &= hf\left(x_j + \frac{h}{4}, y_j + \frac{k_1}{4}\right) \\
 k_3 &= hf\left(x_j + \frac{3h}{8}, y_j + \frac{3k_1 + 9k_2}{32}\right) \\
 k_4 &= hf\left(x_j + \frac{12h}{13}, y_j + \frac{1932k_1 - 7200k_2 + 7296k_3}{2197}\right) \\
 k_5 &= hf\left(x_j + h, y_j + \frac{439k_1}{216} - 8k_2 + \frac{3680k_3}{513} - \frac{845k_4}{4104}\right) \\
 k_6 &= hf\left(x_j + \frac{h}{2}, y_j - \frac{8k_1}{27} + 2k_2 - \frac{3544k_3}{2565} + \frac{1859k_4}{4104} - \frac{11k_5}{40}\right)
 \end{aligned}$$

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### Final RKF Step Results

- Proposed value of  $y_{i+1}$  is

$$y_{i+1} = y_i + \frac{16k_1}{135} + \frac{6656k_3}{12825} + \frac{28561k_4}{56430} - \frac{9k_5}{60} + \frac{2k_6}{55}$$

- Estimated error is

$$\varepsilon_{i+1} = \frac{16k_1}{135} + \frac{6656k_3}{12825} + \frac{28561k_4}{56430} - \frac{9k_5}{60} + \frac{2k_6}{55}$$

- If  $\varepsilon_{\min} < \varepsilon_{i+1} < \varepsilon_{\max}$  accept  $y_{i+1}$ ; keep h
- If  $\varepsilon_{i+1} < \varepsilon_{\min}$  accept  $y_{i+1}$  and get new h
- If  $\varepsilon_{i+1} > \varepsilon_{\max}$  get new h and redo step
- $h_{\text{new}} = h_{\text{old}}(\varepsilon^* h_{\text{old}} / |\varepsilon_{i+1}|)^{1/4}$   $\varepsilon^*$  = desired error

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