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It is common to use a fixed number of iterations, but other suitable stopping criterion can also be adopted to stop.

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One can use this idea to construct higher order methods. For example, we have

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$$D^2 f := f_{tt} + 2f f_{ty} + f^2 f_{yy} + f_t f_y + f f_y^2,$$

$D^3 f = y^{(4)}(t)$, etc., an order p single step method takes the form

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + h_n f + \frac{h_n^2}{2} Df_n + \cdots + \frac{h_n^p}{p!} D^{p-1} f_n.$$

Such methods are called Taylor series methods.

Remark

These methods can be implemented in some cases but require evaluation of partial derivatives of f . They are, therefore, not commonly used.

What else can we do?