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## §7.1 Initial Value Problems

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- Solve  $\bar{y}' = \bar{F}(x, \bar{y})$ ,  $\bar{y}(a) = \bar{\alpha}$ .
- We call  $y' = f(x, y)$  a first-order differential equation, where  $y' = \frac{dy}{dx}$  and  $f(x, y)$  are given.
- The solution contains an integration constant, so to find this constant we need to know a point on the solution curve:  $y(a) = \alpha$ .

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# ODEs

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- Ordinary differential equation (ODE) of order  $n$ :

$$y^{(n)} = f(x, y, y', y'', \dots, y^{(n-1)})$$

- Can be transformed into  $n$  first-order equations:

$$y_0 = y$$

$$y'_0 = y_1$$

$$\text{Let } y_1 = y'$$

$$\text{Then, } y'_1 = y_2$$

$$y_2 = y''$$

$$y'_2 = y_3$$

$$\vdots$$

$$\vdots$$

$$y_{n-1} = y^{(n-1)}$$

$$y'_{n-1} = f(x, y_0, y_1, y_2, \dots, y_{n-1})$$

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# IVPs

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- For an initial value problem (IVP) we also have:

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} y_0(a) = \alpha_0 \\ y_1(a) = \alpha_1 \\ y_2(a) = \alpha_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_{n-1}(a) = \alpha_{n-1} \end{array} \right\} \text{All given at same value, } x = a$$

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# BVPs

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- For a boundary value problem (BVP), the  $y_i$  are specified at different values of  $x$ :

IVP	BVP
$y'' = -y$	$y'' = -y$
$y(0) = 1$	$y(0) = 1$
$y'(0) = 0$	$y(\pi) = 0$

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# Notation

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- A set of  $n$  first-order ODE's:  $\bar{y}' = \bar{F}'(x, \bar{y}), \bar{y}(a) = \bar{\alpha},$

$$\bar{F}'(x, \bar{y}) = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ f(x, \bar{y}) \end{bmatrix}.$$

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## §7.2 Taylor Series Method

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- Simple with fairly good accuracy.
- Consider Taylor Series (TS) for  $\bar{y}$  about  $x$ :

$$\bar{y}(x+h) \approx \bar{y}(x) + \bar{y}'(x)h + \frac{1}{2!} \bar{y}''(x)h^2 + \frac{1}{3!} \bar{y}'''(x)h^3 + \cdots + \frac{1}{m!} \bar{y}^{(m)}(x)h^m$$

$$\text{Truncation Error: } E = \frac{1}{(m+1)!} \bar{y}^{(m+1)}(\xi)h^{m+1}, x < \xi < x+h.$$

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# Taylor Series Method

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- Taylor Series (TS) for  $\bar{y}$  about  $x$  yields a prediction for  $\bar{y}$  at  $x+h$  given  $\bar{y}(x)$  and its derivatives at  $x$ .
- Using FDA we have  $\bar{y}^{(m+1)}(\xi) \approx \frac{\bar{y}^{(m)}(x+h) - \bar{y}^{(m)}(x)}{h}$ ,  
so truncation error becomes

$$E = \frac{h^m}{(m+1)!} [\bar{y}^{(m)}(x+h) - \bar{y}^{(m)}(x)].$$



A way to monitor error at  
each integration step.

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# Taylor Series Example

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- Example 7.1 (pp. 250-251)  $y' + 4y = x^2$ ,  $y(0) = 1$   
Determine  $y(0.1)$  with the 4<sup>th</sup>-order TS method using a single integration step. Estimate the error and compare with the actual error.

Analytical solution of the ODE is:

$$y(x) = \frac{31}{32}e^{-4x} + \frac{1}{4}x^2 - \frac{1}{8}x + \frac{1}{32}.$$



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# Taylor Series Example

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- 4<sup>th</sup>-order TS method:

$$y(h) = y(0) + y'(0)h + \frac{1}{2!}y''(0)h^2 + \frac{1}{3!}y'''(0)h^3 + \frac{1}{4!}y^{(4)}(0)h^4$$

Using the original ODE we have...

$$y' = -4y + x^2$$

$$y'' = -4y' + 2x = -4(-4y + x^2) + 2x = 16y - 4x^2 + 2x$$

$$y''' = 16y' - 8x + 2 = -64y + 16x^2 - 8x + 2$$

$$y^{(4)} = -64y' + 32x - 8 = 256y - 64x^2 + 32x - 8$$

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# Taylor Series Example

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- At  $x=0$ , we have...

$$y'(0) = -4y(0) + (0)^2 = -4(1) = -4$$

$$y''(0) = 16y(0) - 4(0)^2 + 2(0) = 16$$

$$y'''(0) = -64y(0) + 16(0)^2 - 8(0) + 2 = -62$$

$$y^{(4)}(0) = 256y(0) - 64(0)^2 + 32(0) - 8 = 248$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{So, } y(0.1) &= 1 + (-4)(0.1) + \frac{1}{2!}(16)(0.1)^2 + \frac{1}{3!}(-62)(0.1)^3 + \frac{1}{4!}(248)(0.1)^4 \\ &= 0.6707\end{aligned}$$

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# Taylor Series Example

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- For the error, we have  $E = \frac{h^4}{5!} [\bar{y}^{(4)}(0.1) - \bar{y}^{(4)}(0)]$ ,  
where  $y^{(4)}(0) = 248$ ,

$$y^{(4)}(0.1) = 256(0.6707) - 64(0.1)^2 + 32(0.1) - 8 \\ = 166.259$$

$$\text{So, } E = \frac{(0.1)^4}{5!} (166.259 - 248) = -6.8 \times 10^{-5}$$

Using analytical solution,  $y(0.1) = 0.670623$  so actual error is

$$0.670623 - 0.670700 = -7.7 \times 10^{-5}$$


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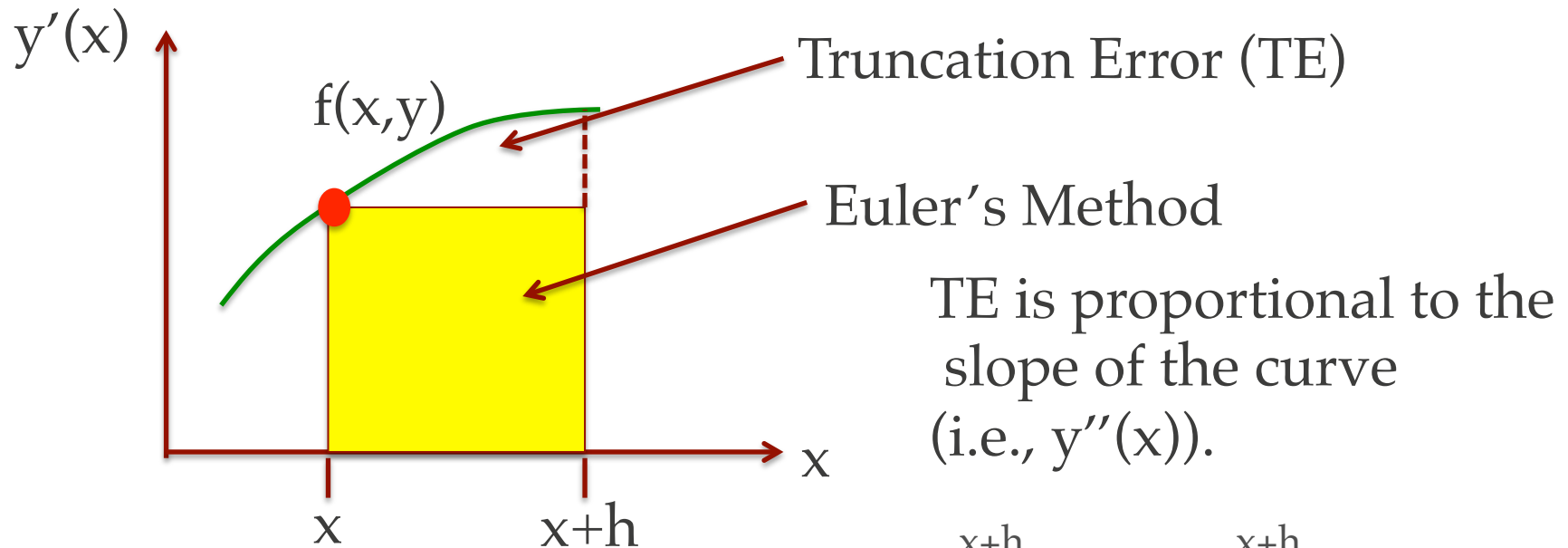
## §7.3 Runge-Kutta Methods

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- Taylor Series (TS) requires repeated differentiation (error-prone and tedious).
- RK methods are designed to eliminate the need for repeated differentiation.
- First-order RK method is equivalent to first-order Taylor Series integration:  
$$\bar{y}(x+h) = \bar{y}(x) + \bar{y}'(x)h$$
$$\bar{y}(x+h) = \bar{y}(x) + \bar{F}(x, \bar{y})h$$

# Euler's Method

- Graphical representation:



TE is proportional to the slope of the curve (i.e.,  $y''(x)$ ).

$$y(x+h) - y(x) = \int_x^{x+h} y' dx = \int_x^{x+h} f(x, y) dx$$

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# Euler's Method Example

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- Example 7.2 (pp. 251-252)

Solve  $y'' = -0.1y' - x$ ,  $y(0) = 0$ ,  $y'(0) = 1$

from  $x=0$  to  $x=2$  using Euler's Method with  $h=0.05$ .

The analytical solution is

$$y = 100x - 5x^2 + 990(e^{-0.1x} - 1)$$

EM:  $\bar{y}(x+h) \approx \bar{y}(x) + \bar{y}'(x)h$

(See `euler.py` on pp. 248-249.)

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# Euler's Method Example

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- Write ODE as a set of first-order equations using the substitutions  $y_0=y$  and  $y_1=y'$ :

$$\bar{y}' = \begin{bmatrix} y_0' \\ y_1' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ -0.1y_1 - x \end{bmatrix}, \bar{y}(0) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Solution:  $y(2)=0.543446$

See `example7_2.py` for code (pp. 251-252).

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# Second-Order RK Method

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- General Form:

$$(\diamondsuit) \bar{y}(x+h) = \bar{y}(x) + c_0 \bar{F}(x, \bar{y})h + c_1 \bar{F}[x + ph, \bar{y} + qh\bar{F}(x, \bar{y})]h$$

Determine  $c_0$ ,  $c_1$ ,  $p$ , and  $q$  by matching with Taylor Series.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Recall } \bar{y}(x+h) &= \bar{y}(x) + \bar{y}'(x)h + \frac{1}{2!} \bar{y}''(x)h^2 + O(h^3) \\ &= \bar{y}(x) + \bar{F}(x, \bar{y})h + \frac{1}{2!} \bar{F}'(x, \bar{y})h^2 + O(h^3) \end{aligned}$$



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# Second-Order RK Method

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- But  $\vec{F}'(x, \vec{y}) = \frac{\partial \vec{F}}{\partial x} + \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \frac{\partial \vec{F}}{\partial y_i} y'_i = \frac{\partial \vec{F}}{\partial x} + \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \frac{\partial \vec{F}}{\partial y_i} F_i(x, \vec{y})$

Hence,

$$(\star) \quad \vec{y}(x+h) = \vec{y}(x) + \vec{F}(x, \vec{y})h + \frac{h^2}{2} \left( \frac{\partial \vec{F}}{\partial x} + \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \frac{\partial \vec{F}}{\partial y_i} F_i(x, \vec{y}) \right) + O(h^3)$$

Returning to  $(\diamond)$ ,

$$\vec{F}[x+ph, \vec{y}+qh\vec{F}(x, \vec{y})] = \vec{F}(x, \vec{y}) + \frac{\partial \vec{F}}{\partial x} ph + qh \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \frac{\partial \vec{F}}{\partial y_i} F_i(x, \vec{y}) + O(h^2)$$

(...via Taylor Series in several variables)

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# Second-Order RK Method

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- So, we can rewrite (❖) as

$$\bar{y}(x+h) = \bar{y}(x) + (c_0 + c_1)\bar{F}(x, \bar{y})h + c_1 \left[ \frac{\partial \bar{F}}{\partial x} p h + q h \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \frac{\partial \bar{F}}{\partial y_i} F_i(x, \bar{y}) \right] h$$

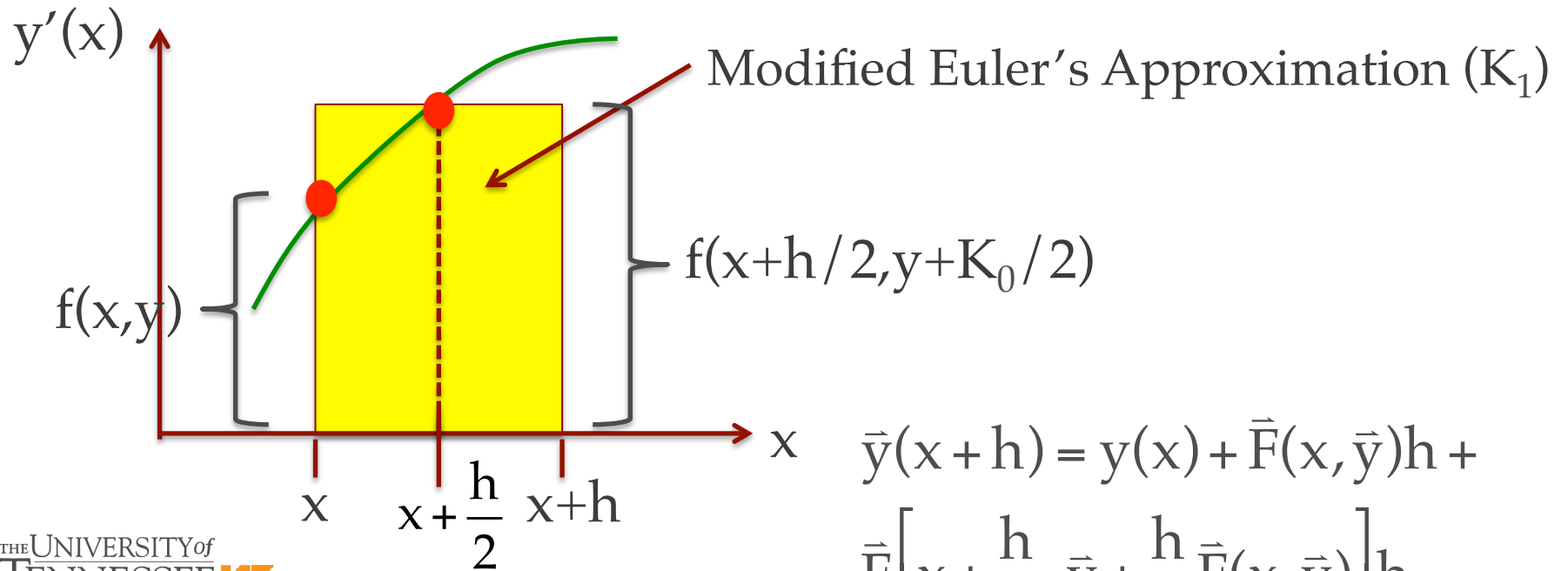
Matching this form of (❖) with (★) implies that we must have  $c_0 + c_1 = 1$ ,  $c_1 p = c_1 q = \frac{1}{2}$ .

Popular Choices:

$\frac{c_0}{0}$	$\frac{c_1}{1}$	$\frac{p}{\frac{1}{2}}$	$\frac{q}{\frac{1}{2}}$	(Modified Euler's Method)
$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	(Heun's Method)

# Modified Euler's Method

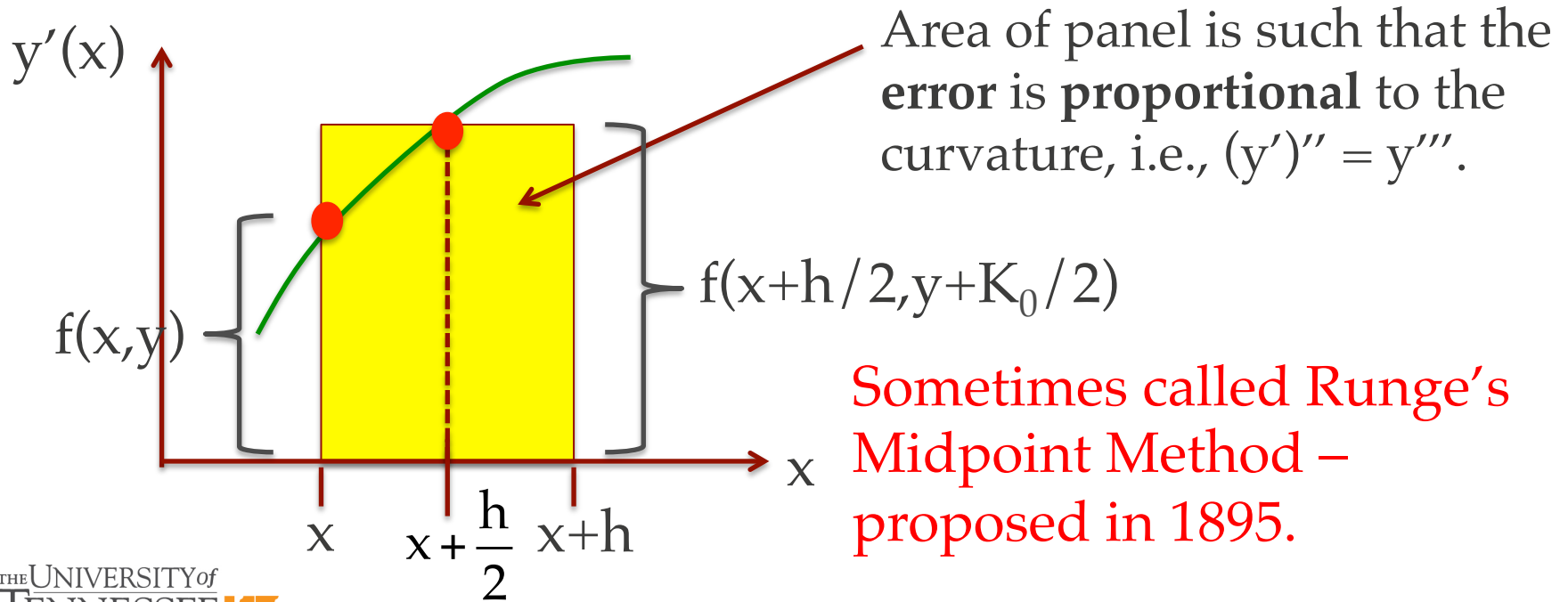
- Graphical rep. in 1D:  $y\left(x + \frac{h}{2}\right) = y(x) + f(x, y) \cdot \frac{h}{2} = y(x) + \frac{K_0}{2}$



$$\bar{y}(x + h) = y(x) + \bar{F}(x, \bar{y})h + \bar{F}\left[x + \frac{h}{2}, \bar{y} + \frac{h}{2}\bar{F}(x, \bar{y})\right]h$$

# Modified Euler's Method

- Graphical rep. in 1D:



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# Modified Euler's Method

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- ME can be represented in three steps:

$$K_0 = h\bar{F}(x, \bar{y}) \longleftarrow \text{Get estimate of } y \text{ at midpoint via EM}$$

$$K_1 = h\bar{F}\left(x + \frac{h}{2}, \bar{y} + \frac{K_0}{2}\right)$$

$$\bar{y}(x+h) = \bar{y}(x) + K_1$$

Then, get area of panel so error is proportional to the curvature.

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# Fourth-Order RK Method

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- See `run_kut4.py` on pp. 255-256.

(determine  
stepsize  $h$   
by trial and  
error)

$$\bar{K}_0 = h\bar{F}(x, \bar{y})$$

$$\bar{K}_1 = h\bar{F}\left(x + \frac{h}{2}, \bar{y} + \frac{\bar{K}_0}{2}\right)$$

$$\bar{K}_2 = h\bar{F}\left(x + \frac{h}{2}, \bar{y} + \frac{\bar{K}_1}{2}\right)$$

$$\bar{K}_3 = h\bar{F}(x + h, \bar{y} + \bar{K}_2)$$

$$\bar{y}(x + h) = \bar{y}(x) + \frac{1}{6}(K_0 + 2K_1 + 2K_2 + K_3)$$

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# RK Examples

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- Example 7.3 on pp. 256-257:  
Use 2<sup>nd</sup> order RK (i.e., ME) to integrate  $y' = \sin y$ ,  $y(0) = 1$  from  $x=0$  to  $x=0.5$  with stepsize  $h=0.1$  (keep 4 decimal places).

Solution:  $F(x, y) = \sin y$

$$K_0 = hF(x, y) = 0.1 \sin y$$

$$K_1 = hF\left(x + \frac{h}{2}, y + \frac{K_0}{2}\right) = 0.1 \sin\left(y + \frac{K_0}{2}\right)$$

$$y(x + h) = y(x) + K_1$$

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# RK Examples

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- Example 7.3 on pp. 256-257:

$$\text{Given } y(0)=1 \dots \quad K_0 = 0.1 \sin(1.0000) = 0.0841$$

$$K_1 = 0.1 \sin\left(1.0000 + \frac{0.0841}{2}\right) = 0.0863$$

$$y(0.1) = 1.0 + 0.0863 = 1.0863$$

$$K_0 = 0.1 \sin(1.0863) = 0.0855$$

$$K_1 = 0.1 \sin\left(1.0863 + \frac{0.0855}{2}\right) = 0.0905$$

$$y(0.2) = 1.0863 + 0.0905 = 1.1768$$



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# RK Examples

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- Example 7.3 on pp. 256-257:  
Tabulated results...

Exact solution  
is  $x(y) = \ln(\csc y - \cot y) + 0.604582$

$x(1.4664) = 0.5$

$x$	$y$	$K_0$	$K_1$
0.0	1.0000	0.0841	0.0863
0.1	1.0863	0.0885	0.0905
0.2	1.1768	0.0923	0.0940
0.3	1.2708	0.0955	0.0968
0.4	1.3676	0.0979	0.0988
0.5	1.4664		

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# RK Examples

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- Example 7.4 on pp. 257-258:

Use 4<sup>th</sup> order RK to integrate  $y'' = -0.1y' - x$ ,  $y(0) = 0$ ,  $y'(0) = 1$  from  $x=0$  to  $x=2$  with stepsize  $h=0.25$ .

Solution: Let  $y_0 = y$  and  $y_1 = y'$

$$\bar{y}' = \bar{F}(x, \bar{y}) = \begin{bmatrix} y'_0 \\ y'_1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ -0.1y_1 - x \end{bmatrix}$$

```
def F(x,y):  
    F=zeros((2),dtype=float64)  
    F[0]=y[1]  
    F[1]=-0.1*y[1]-x  
    return F
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# RK Examples

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- Example 7.4 on pp. 257-258:

```
x=0.0
xStop=2.0
y=array([0.0,1.0])
h=0.25
freq=1
X,Y=integrate(F,x,y,xStop,h) # RK4 function
printSoln(X,Y,freq)          # Output table of results
Input("\nPress return to exit")
```

# RK Examples

- Example 7.4 on pp. 257-258:

Would be same  
estimate from  
Taylor Series  
Method of Order 4

x	y[0]	y[1]
0.0000e+000	0.0000e+000	1.0000e+000
2.5000e-001	2.4431e-001	9.4432e-001
...	...	...
1.0000e+000	7.8904e-001	4.2110e-001
...	...	...
2.0000e+000	5.4345e-001	-1.0543e+000

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# RK Examples

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- Example 7.5 on p. 259:

Use 4<sup>th</sup> order RK to integrate  $y' = 3y - 4e^{-x}$ ,  $y(0) = 1$  from  $x=0$  to  $x=10$  with stepsize  $h=0.1$ ; the analytical solution is  $y=e^{-x}$ .

```
def F(x,y):  
    F=zeros((1),dtype=float64)  
    F[0]=3.0*y[0]-4.0*exp(-x)  
    return F
```

```
x=0.0  
xStop=10.0  
y=array([1.0])  
h=0.1  
freq=20  
X,Y=integrate(F,x,y,xStop,h)  
printSoln(X,Y,freq)  
input("\nHit return to exit")
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# RK Examples

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- Example 7.5 on p. 259:

Output:

x	y[0]
0.0000e+000	1.0000e+000
2.0000e+000	1.3250e-001
4.0000e+000	-1.1237e+000
6.0000e+000	-4.6056e+002
8.0000e+000	-1.8575e+005
1.0000e+001	-7.4912e+007

What is happening?

Seeing numerical instability in  $y$ , but why? Recall that analytical solution is  $y=e^{-x}$ .



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# RK Examples

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- Example 7.5 on p. 259:  
Use 4<sup>th</sup> order RK to integrate  $y' = 3y - 4e^{-x}$ ,  $y(0) = 1$

The general solution to the ODE is  $y = Ce^{3x} + e^{-x}$   
and suppose there is a small error ( $\varepsilon$ ) in the initial  
condition, i.e.,  $y(0) = 1 + \varepsilon$ . Then, the analytical  
(particular) solution becomes  $y = \varepsilon e^{3x} + e^{-x}$ .

term dominates as  $x$  approaches  $\infty^+$

Sensitivity of IC is a source of *numerical instability* of  
the solution – nothing wrong with Python code.

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## §7.4 Stability and Stiffness

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- Numerical integration is **stable** means that the effects of local errors **do not accumulate**, i.e., the global error stays bounded.
- Stability has nothing to do with accuracy—there are inaccurate methods that are stable.
- Stability is determined by: (1) ODE, (2), Method of solution, and (3) stepsize  $h$ .



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# Stability and Stiffness

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- Q: What is the stability of Euler's Method?  
Consider  $y' = -\lambda y$ ,  $y(0) = \beta$  in which the analytical solution is  $y(x) = \beta e^{-\lambda x}$ .

Since EM is given by  $y(x+h) = y(x) + hy'(x)$ , then via substitution for our ODE we have

$$y(x+h) = y(x) + h[-\lambda y(x)] = (1 - \lambda h)y(x).$$

So, if  $|1 - \lambda h| > 1$ , the method will be **unstable**. Why?

EM is stable if  $h \leq$  \_\_\_\_\_.

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## §7.4 Stability and Stiffness

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- An IVP is **stiff**, if some terms in the solution vector  $y(x)$  vary more rapidly with  $x$  than with the other terms. For example,  $y'' + 1001y' + 1000y = 0$  is a stiff ODE since it can be shown that EM would require  $h \leq 2/1000 = .002$  to be stable; RK methods would require very small  $h$  as well.
- RK methods are generally impractical for stiff ODE's—sometimes the remedy is to reduce the order of the method at the cost of increasing the truncation error.