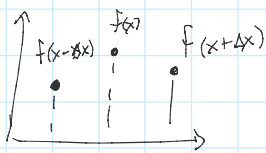


Solving ODEs (or systems of)

Exam Recap - how to find $f'(x)$

a) Taylor Series Expansion

$$\text{expand } f(x+\Delta x) \approx f(x) + \Delta x f'(x) + \frac{\Delta x^2}{2} f''(x) + O(\Delta x^3)$$



Left-sided: $f(x) - f(x-\Delta x) \approx \Delta x f'(x) - \frac{\Delta x^2}{2} f''(x) + O(\Delta x^3)$

Right-sided: $f(x+\Delta x) - f(x) \approx \Delta x f'(x) + \frac{\Delta x^2}{2} f''(x) + O(\Delta x^3)$

$$f'(x) \approx \frac{f(x) - f(x-\Delta x)}{\Delta x} + O(\Delta x)$$

Centered
finite difference

$$\frac{f(x+\Delta x) - f(x-\Delta x)}{2\Delta x} = \frac{2\Delta x}{2\Delta x} f'(x) + O(\Delta x^3)$$

b) Unique parabola going through $f(x-\Delta x)$, $f(x)$, $f(x+\Delta x)$
Should end up w/ same formula!

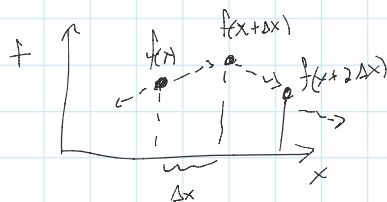
c) Fit a line, look @ slope

$$\begin{cases} S_x = \sum x_i = (x-\Delta x) + x + (x+\Delta x) = 3x \\ S_f = \sum f(x_i) = \end{cases}$$

get the same $f'(x)$!

$$\frac{\partial \chi^2}{\partial b} = \frac{\partial}{\partial b} \sum \frac{(f(x_i) - b x_i - a)^2}{\sigma_i^2} = 0$$

$$f'(x) = \text{function of } f, x \equiv A(f(x), x)$$



$$f'(x) = \frac{f(x+\Delta x) - f(x)}{\Delta x} = A(f(x), x)$$

* $f_{x+\Delta x} = f(x) + \Delta x A$ Euler's Method
apply repeatedly to get $f_{x+2\Delta x}$

Improvements to Euler's Method?

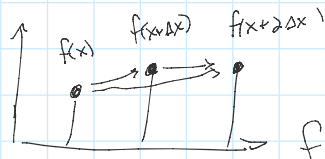
- Choose Δx so error is below some tolerance
"Adaptive step size"

- If we have f at >1 point, use this info
"Multi-point" Methods (less common)

- Try to reduce error by taking steps w/ different Δx , cleverly combining.
"Runge-Kutta" Methods (most common)

"Richardson Extrapolation": take steps $\Delta x, \Delta x/2, 2\Delta x, \dots$
 & extrapolate to $\Delta x \rightarrow 0$

trying to solve
 $f'(x) = A(f, x)$



$$f(x+\Delta x) = f(x) + \Delta x f'(x) + \frac{\Delta x^2}{2} f''(x) + O(\Delta x^3)$$

$$f_1 \equiv f(x+\Delta x) + \Delta x = f(x+\Delta x) + \Delta x f'(x+\Delta x) + \frac{\Delta x^2}{2} f''(x+\Delta x) + O(\Delta x^3)$$

$$= f(x) + \Delta x A + \frac{\Delta x^2}{2} f''(x) + \Delta x A(x+\Delta x) + \frac{\Delta x^2}{2} f''(x) + O(\Delta x^3)$$

$$= f(x) + \Delta x (A(x) + A(x+\Delta x)) + \Delta x^2 f''(x)$$

$$f_2 \equiv f(x+2\Delta x) = f(x) + 2\Delta x f'(x) + \frac{4\Delta x^2}{2} f''(x) + O(\Delta x^3)$$

↑ try to eliminate

take weighted average of f_1, f_2 : $c_1 f_1 + c_2 f_2$

$$\begin{cases} c_1 + c_2 = 1 \\ c_1 \Delta x^2 + c_2 \Delta x^2 \cdot 2 = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\hookrightarrow c_2 = -1, c_1 = 2$$

* "extrapolated" solution is $2f_1 - f_2 + O(\Delta x^3)$

* error estimate: $|f_1 - f_2| < \text{tolerance}$

* Use other step sizes to eliminate $\Delta x^3, \Delta x^4, \dots$

* Can generate many different integration schemes

- "Midpoint method" - derived above - 2nd-order Runge-Kutta - RK2

$$f_{\text{midpoint}}(x+\Delta x) = f(x) + \Delta x A\left[f(x) + \frac{\Delta x}{2} A(f(x), x), x + \frac{\Delta x}{2}\right] + \underline{O(\Delta x^3)}$$

- 4th-order RK - RK4

$$f_{\text{RK4}}(x+\Delta x) = f(x) + \frac{\Delta x}{6} (k_1 + 2k_2 + 2k_3 + k_4) + O(\Delta x^5)$$

$$\begin{cases} k_1 = A(f(x), x) \\ k_2 = A\left(f(x) + \frac{\Delta x}{2} k_1, x + \frac{\Delta x}{2}\right) \\ k_3 = A\left(f(x) + \frac{\Delta x}{2} k_2, x + \frac{\Delta x}{2}\right) \\ k_4 = A(f(x) + \Delta x k_3, x + \Delta x) \end{cases}$$

Given integrate $f'(x)$ in some range, w/w $[a, b]$, $b-a=L$

→ subdivide L into N pieces

$$\Delta x \sim \frac{L}{N}, \quad N \propto \frac{1}{\Delta x}$$

total, accumulated error will be

$$O(\Delta x^2/\Delta x) \text{ for RK2}$$

$$O(\Delta x^5/\Delta x) \text{ for RK4}$$

Systems
of
Multiple
Eqns

$$f'(x) = A(f(x), x)$$

\Downarrow

$$f'(x) = A_f(f, g, x)$$

$$g'(x) = A_g(f, g, x)$$

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$$\frac{d\vec{f}(x)}{dx} = \vec{A}(\{\vec{f}\}, x)$$

and

$$f(x+\Delta x) \approx f(x) + \Delta x \cdot A_f$$

$$g(x+\Delta x) \approx g(x) + \Delta x \cdot A_g$$

and

$$\vec{f}(x+\Delta x) \approx \vec{f}(x) + \Delta x \cdot \vec{A}$$

Systems
w/ higher-order
derivatives

$$f''(x) = A(f, x) ?$$

$$\text{define: } f'(x) = g$$

$$\text{then: } g'(x) = A(f, x)$$

Can work with any order derivative - just successively
define new functions to eliminate higher-order derivatives.

$$\text{Ex: } \frac{d^4 f}{dx^4} = A(f, x) \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \frac{df^{(1)}}{dx} = g(x) \\ \frac{dg^{(1)}}{dx} = h(x) \\ \frac{dh^{(1)}}{dx} = j(x) \\ \frac{dj^{(1)}}{dx} = A(f, x) \end{cases}$$