

Section 6.1: Multi-step methods

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What is something Euler's Method, Taylor Methods, RK Methods have in common?

- they only rely on previous step.
- w_{j+1} depends only on w_j (not w_{j-1}, w_{j-2}, \dots etc.)

recall Euler's Method

$$w_{j+1} = w_j + \Delta t [f(t_j, w_j)]$$

Goal: obtain higher accuracy by using more information. (i.e., w_{j+1} will depend on w_j, w_{j-1}, \dots)

General form for an "m" step method is

$$\begin{aligned} w_0 &= \alpha_0 \\ w_1 &= \alpha_1 \\ w_2 &= \alpha_2 \\ &\vdots \\ w_{m-1} &= \alpha_{m-1} \end{aligned} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \\ \\ \end{array} \right\} \text{initial conditions}$$

$$w_{j+1} = a_0 w_j + a_1 w_{j-1} + a_2 w_{j-2} + \dots + a_m w_{j+1-m} + \Delta t [b_0 f(t_{j+1}, w_{j+1}) + b_1 f(t_j, w_j) + b_2 f(t_{j-1}, w_{j-1}) + \dots + b_m f(t_{j+1-m}, w_{j+1-m})]$$

$w_0 = \alpha_0$
 $w_1 = \alpha_1$
 $w_{j+1} = a_0 w_j + a_1 w_{j-1} + \Delta t [\dots]$
 Euler's Method: $w_2 = a_0 w_1 + a_1 w_0 + \Delta t [\dots]$
 $j=2$ $w_3 = a_0 w_2 + a_1 w_1 + \Delta t [\dots]$

Special case

If $b_0 = 0$, we call method "explicit" (only depends on past)
 If $b_0 \neq 0$, we call method "implicit" (w_{j+1} on both sides)

How to obtain a MS method?

Recall that we are solving $y' = f(t, y)$, $y(t_0) = \alpha$.

Let's integrate over $[t_j, t_{j+1}]$

$$\int_{t_j}^{t_{j+1}} y'(t) dt = \int_{t_j}^{t_{j+1}} f(t, y) dt$$

by FTC

$$y(t_{j+1}) - y(t_j) = \int_{t_j}^{t_{j+1}} f(t, y) dt$$

we can't solve w/ knowing y.
 BUT we can approx. $f(t, y)$ with a Lagrange interpolating polynomial $P(t)$

$$y(t_{j+1}) = y(t_j) + \int_{t_j}^{t_{j+1}} P(t) dt$$

Let's do an example.

ex Use 2 points to create Lagrange Interpolating polynomial of $f(t, y)$ explicitly (use t_j, t_{j-1})

$$P(t) = \underbrace{f(t_{j-1}, y_{j-1})}_{\substack{\frac{t-t_j}{t_{j-1}-t_j} \\ -\frac{1}{\Delta t}(t-t_j)}} L_0(t) + \underbrace{f(t_j, y_j)}_{\substack{\frac{t-t_{j-1}}{t_j-t_{j-1}} \\ \frac{1}{\Delta t}(t-t_{j-1})}} L_1(t)$$

since $t_j - t_{j-1} = \Delta t$

Now plug into $\int_{t_j}^{t_{j+1}} P(t) dt$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{t_j}^{t_{j+1}} P(t) dt &= f(t_{j-1}, y_{j-1}) \left(-\frac{1}{\Delta t}\right) \int_{t_j}^{t_{j+1}} (t-t_j) dt + f(t_j, y_j) \left(\frac{1}{\Delta t}\right) \int_{t_j}^{t_{j+1}} (t-t_{j-1}) dt \\ &= -\frac{f(t_{j-1}, y_{j-1})}{\Delta t} \left[\frac{t^2}{2} - t_j t \right]_{t_j}^{t_{j+1}} + \frac{f(t_j, y_j)}{\Delta t} \left[\frac{t^2}{2} - t_{j-1} t \right]_{t_j}^{t_{j+1}} \\ &\vdots \quad \text{left as exercise for students} \\ &= -\frac{f(t_{j-1}, y_{j-1})}{2} \Delta t + \frac{3f(t_j, y_j)}{2} \Delta t \end{aligned}$$

So all together

$$y(t_{j+1}) = y(t_j) + \Delta t \left[\frac{3}{2} f(t_j, y_j) - \frac{1}{2} f(t_{j-1}, y_{j-1}) \right]$$

→ "Adams-Bashforth" 2-step Method (LTE $\mathcal{O}(\Delta t^3)$)
 $y_0 = \alpha_0, y_1 = \alpha_1$

ex What if we used L.L.P. implicitly (t_j, t_{j+1})?

$$P(t) = f(t_{j+1}, y_{j+1}) \underbrace{L_0(t)}_{\frac{1}{\Delta t}(t-t_j)} + f(t_j, y_j) \underbrace{L_1(t)}_{\frac{1}{\Delta t}(t-t_{j+1})}$$

⋮

$$w_{j+1} = w_j + \frac{\Delta t}{12} [5f(t_{j+1}, w_{j+1}) + 8f(t_j, w_j) - f(t_{j-1}, w_{j-1})]$$

$w_n = \alpha_n$

"Adams-Moulton" 2-step Method (LTE $O(\Delta t^4)$)
 $w_0 = a_0, w_1 = a_1$ Implicit

ex Consider $y' = y - t^2 + 1$, $0 \leq t \leq 2$, $y(0) = 0.5$. Use AM2 with $N=10$ to estimate solution.

$$\begin{aligned} w_2 &= w_1 + \frac{\Delta t}{12} [5f(t_2, w_2) + 8f(t_1, w_1) - f(t_0, w_0)] \\ &= w_1 + \frac{\Delta t}{12} (5[w_2 - t_2^2 + 1] + 8[w_1 - t_1^2 + 1] - [w_0 - t_0^2 + 1]) \\ &= w_1 + \left(\frac{5\Delta t}{12} w_2 - \frac{5\Delta t}{12} t_2^2 + \frac{5\Delta t}{12} + \frac{8\Delta t}{12} w_1 - \frac{8\Delta t}{12} t_1^2 + \frac{8\Delta t}{12} - \frac{\Delta t}{12} w_0 + \frac{\Delta t}{12} t_0^2 - \frac{\Delta t}{12} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$w_2 = \frac{12}{7\Delta t} \left[\left(1 + \frac{2}{3}\Delta t\right) w_1 - \frac{\Delta t}{12} w_0 + \frac{\Delta t}{12} - \frac{5\Delta t}{12} t_2^2 - \frac{2\Delta t}{3} t_1^2 + \frac{\Delta t}{12} t_0^2 \right]$$

ugh. That was a lot of work.

ex Consider $y' = y - t^2 + 1$, $0 \leq t \leq 2$, $y(0) = 0.5$. Use AB2 method to approximate solution w/ $N=10$.

$$\begin{aligned} y(t_{j+1}) &= y(t_j) + \Delta t \left[\frac{3}{2} f(t_j, y_j) - \frac{1}{2} f(t_{j-1}, y_{j-1}) \right] \\ y(t_2) &= y(t_1) + \Delta t \left[\frac{3}{2} [y_1 - t_1^2 + 1] - \frac{1}{2} [y_0 - t_0^2 + 1] \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$y_0 = 0.5$$

$$y_1 = ?$$

How can we find y_1 ?

Use a 1-step method from Unit 5 (Euler, RK2, RK4) to generate our initial conditions)

In particular, use a 1-step method with comparable LTE.

Unit 5