

Simple cases for $f(x, y)$

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(1) $f(x)$ only (not a function of y)

$$y(x_{j+1}) - y(x_j) = \underbrace{\int_{x_j}^{x_{j+1}} f(x) dx}_{\text{last chapter} \Rightarrow \text{use Simpson's rule}}$$

$$y_{j+1} = y_j + \frac{h}{6} [f(x_j) + 4f(x_j + \frac{h}{2}) + f(x_{j+1})]$$

(split double panel $\xrightarrow{h} \xrightarrow{h}$ into single $\xrightarrow{2h}$)
 $x_j \quad x_{j+1} \quad x_{j+2} \quad x_j \quad x_{j+\frac{1}{2}} \quad x_{j+1}$

For RK4 with $f(x)$ only $K_1 = K_2 = f(x_j + h/2)$

$$\text{RK4 } y_{j+1} = y_j + \frac{1}{6} h [f(x_j) + (2+2)f(x_j + \frac{h}{2}) + f(x_j + h)]$$

RK4 \Rightarrow Simpson's rule when $f(x)$

(2) $f(y)$ only (called autonomous ODE)

$$\text{test eqn: } y'(x) = \mu y(x)$$

$$K_0 = h f(x_j, y_j) = \mu h y_j$$

$$K_1 = h f(x_j + \frac{h}{2}, y_j + \frac{K_0}{2}) = h \mu [y_j + \frac{K_0}{2}]$$

$$= [\mu h + \frac{1}{2}(\mu h)^2] y_j$$

$$K_2 = h f(x_j + \frac{h}{2}, y_j + \frac{K_1}{2}) = h \mu [y_j + \frac{K_1}{2}]$$

$$= [\mu h + \frac{1}{2}(\mu h)^2 + \frac{1}{4}(\mu h)^3] y_j$$

$$k_3 = h f(x_j + h, y_j + k_2) =$$

$$\left[uh + \frac{1}{2}(uh)^2 + \frac{1}{3}(uh)^3 + \frac{1}{4}(uh)^4 \right] y_j$$

$$y_{j+1} = y_j + \frac{1}{6}(k_0 + 2k_1 + 2k_2 + k_3)$$

$$= \left[1 + uh + \frac{1}{2}(uh)^2 + \frac{1}{6}(uh)^3 + \frac{1}{24}(uh)^4 \right] y_j$$

exact: $y(x) = ce^{ux}$

$$y(x_j) = ce^{ux_j} \quad y(x_{j+1}) = ce^{u(x_j+h)}$$

$$\frac{y(x_{j+1})}{y(x_j)} = e^{uh} = 1 + uh + \frac{1}{2}(uh)^2 + \frac{1}{6}(uh)^3 + \frac{1}{24}(uh)^4 + \frac{1}{120}(uh)^5 + O(h^6)$$

exact ratio matches y_{j+1}/y_j to $O(h^4)$

[See code IVP Riccati equation RK4]

"Stiffness" describes ill-conditioning of a DE
stiff ODE \Rightarrow unstable in general

Try $y'(x) = 501e^x - 500y(x)$ $y(0) = 0$

exact $y(x) = e^x - e^{-500x}$

Large difference in RK4 for 28 or 30 points

(use more points if necessary)

Read about Global adaptive stepping

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Local stepping Try to adjust h on the fly

Let's step from x_j to x_{j+1}

$$y(x_{j+1}) = \underbrace{\tilde{y}_{j+1}} + Kh^5 + O(h^6) \quad (a)$$

Start at x_j, y_j and use RK4 to get \tilde{y}_{j+1}

Now step twice: $x_j \rightarrow x_j + h/2$, $x_j + h/2 \rightarrow x_{j+1}$

$$y(x_j + \frac{h}{2}) = \tilde{\tilde{y}}_{j+1/2} + K(\frac{h}{2})^5 + O(h^6)$$

$$y(x_{j+1}) = \tilde{\tilde{y}}_{j+1} + 2K(\frac{h}{2})^5 + O(h^6) \quad (b)$$

$$(a), (b) \quad \tilde{\tilde{y}}_{j+1} - \tilde{y}_{j+1} = \frac{15}{16} Kh^5$$

$$\left[\text{use in (b)} \quad y(x_{j+1}) = \tilde{\tilde{y}}_{j+1} + \frac{1}{15} (\tilde{\tilde{y}}_{j+1} - \tilde{y}_{j+1}) + O(h^6) \right]$$

What size h_* should you use to get an acceptable abs. tolerance Δ ?

$$\frac{|\tilde{\tilde{y}}_{j+1} - \tilde{y}_{j+1}|}{\Delta} = \left(\frac{h}{h_*} \right)^5 \quad \text{used to make approx to get } \tilde{\tilde{y}}, \tilde{y} \text{ both at } j+1$$

$$\text{or- } h_* = 2h \left| \frac{\Delta}{\tilde{\tilde{y}}_{j+1} - \tilde{y}_{j+1}} \right|^{1/5} \quad 2 \sim 4/5 \text{ for safety}$$

Two Equations

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Often in physics we solve coupled ODEs

$$y_0'(x) = f_0(x, y_0(x), y_1(x)) \quad y_0(a) = c_0$$

$$y_1'(x) = f_1(x, y_0(x), y_1(x)) \quad y_1(a) = c_1$$

$y_0(x)$ and $y_1(x)$ are dep. variables

Note that we can have a single 2nd order IVP

$$w''(x) = f(x, w, w') \quad w(a) = c \quad w'(a) = d$$

and transform it to

$$y_0(x) = w(x)$$

$$y_1(x) = w'(x) = y_0'(x)$$

So that

$$y_0'(x) = y_1(x)$$

$$y_0(a) = c$$

$$y_1'(x) = f(x, y_0(x), y_1(x))$$

$$y_1(a) = d$$

Even more generally for $y_0(x), y_1(x), \dots, y_{v-1}(x)$

$$\vec{y}'(x) = \vec{f}(x, \vec{y}(x))$$

$$\vec{y}(a) = \vec{c}$$

\vec{y} functions

\vec{c} is vector of v dim

We discretize with n grid points and
carry over results

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BW Euler: $\vec{y}_{j+1} = \vec{y}_j + h \vec{f}(x_{j+1}, \vec{y}_{j+1})$ $j = 0, 1, \dots, n-2$
 $\vec{y}_0 = \vec{c}$

RK4 $\vec{k}_0 = h \vec{f}(x_j, \vec{y}_j)$

$$\vec{k}_1 = h \vec{f}\left(x_j + \frac{h}{2}, \vec{y}_j + \frac{\vec{k}_0}{2}\right)$$

$$\vec{k}_2 = h \vec{f}\left(x_j + \frac{h}{2}, \vec{y}_j + \frac{\vec{k}_1}{2}\right)$$

$$\vec{k}_3 = h \vec{f}(x_j + h, \vec{y}_j + \vec{k}_3)$$

$$\vec{y}_{j+1} = \vec{y}_j + \frac{1}{6} (\vec{k}_0 + 2\vec{k}_1 + 2\vec{k}_2 + \vec{k}_3)$$

Just to be clear \vec{y}_0 is each $y(x)$ function
evaluated at index 0 $(y_0)_0, (y_1)_0, (y_2)_0, \dots$
(at x_0)

Recall Riccati eqn: $y'(x) = \frac{-30}{1-x^2} + \frac{\partial x}{1-x^2} y(x) - y^2(x)$

$$y(0.05) = 19.53$$

Let $y(x) = w'(x)/w(x)$

$$y' = \frac{w''}{w} - \frac{(w')^2}{w^2} = \frac{w''}{w} - y^2$$

$$\frac{w''}{w} = \frac{-30}{1-x^2} + \frac{\partial x}{1-x^2} y(x)$$

$$\omega''(x) = \frac{-30}{1-x^2} \omega(x) + \frac{2x}{1-x^2} \omega'(x)$$

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$$\text{Since } \omega'(x) = y(x)\omega(x)$$

$$\omega(0.05) = 0.0927... \quad \omega'(0.05) = 1.8096...$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{l} \text{know } y(0.05) \rightarrow \frac{\omega'(0.05)}{\omega(0.05)} \quad \text{know } y'(0.05) \rightarrow \frac{\omega''(0.05)}{\omega(0.05)} \\ \text{and above equation relating } \omega'', \omega', \omega \end{array} \right]$$

And our new way of writing 2nd order
as 2 first orders

$$y_0'(x) = y_1(x)$$

$$y_1'(x) = \frac{-30}{1-x^2} y_0(x) + \frac{2x}{1-x^2} y_1(x)$$

[see code]

Boundary Value Problems (BVP)

We will address 2nd order ODE

$$\omega''(x) = f(x, \omega, \omega') \quad \underbrace{\omega(a)=c \quad \omega(b)=d}_{\text{boundary conditions (Dirichlet)}}$$

$\omega'(a)$ is not known \Rightarrow can't step through w/ RK4

Shooting method: guess $\omega'(a)$ and see if it

can take you from $\omega(a) \rightarrow \omega(b)$

iterate based on where you 'land'

method: $w_0 = c$ $w_{n-1} = d$

trial value $w'(a) = \sigma$

Use RK4 to get w_{n-1} . Call effect of RK4 (or other

integrator) g so $g(\sigma) = w_{n-1} = d$

g is a method but we can treat it as unknown fun

So we need root of equation $g(\sigma) = d$

Ex: $w''(x) = \frac{-30}{1-x^2} w(x) + \frac{2x}{1-x^2} w'(x)$

[$w(x) = P_5(x)$ 5th legendre poly $\frac{1}{8}(63x^5 - 70x^3 + 15x)$]

$w(0.05) = 0.0926...$ $w(0.49) = 0.11177...$

Recall that secant method found roots without needing $f'(x)$, just used $f(x)$ to find $f(x) = 0$

[See code]

Summary: start with 2nd order BVP

write it as 2 coupled ODEs

guess an initial value

use IVP solver and root finder

to find correct initial value

use IVP solver w/ good initial values