

Numerical Methods for the IVP

$$u'(t) = f(u) \quad t_n = t_0 + nk$$
$$u(t_0) = \eta \quad U^n \approx u(t_n)$$

Basic methods:

① Explicit Euler

$$\frac{U^{n+1} - U^n}{k} = f(U^n)$$

$$U^{n+1} = U^n + kf(U^n)$$

② Implicit Euler

$$\frac{U^{n+1} - U^n}{k} = f(U^{n+1})$$

Requires solving a
system of equations
at each step.

Trapezoidal method

$$\frac{U^{n+1} - U^n}{k} = \frac{1}{2} (f(U^n) + f(U^{n+1}))$$

Leapfrog (multistep)

$$\frac{U^{n+1} - U^{n-1}}{2k} = f(U^n)$$

Local truncation error

$$\tau^n = \frac{U(t_{n+1}) - U(t_n)}{k} - \frac{1}{2} \left(\overbrace{f(U(t_n))}^{U'(t_n)} + \overbrace{f(U(t_{n+1}))}^{U'(t_{n+1})} \right)$$

$$U(t_{n+1}) = U(t_n) + kU'(t_n) + \frac{k^2}{2}U''(t_n) + \frac{k^3}{6}U'''(t_n) + O(k^4)$$

$$f(U(t_{n+1})) = U'(t_n) + kU''(t_n) + \frac{k^2}{2}U'''(t_n) + \frac{k^3}{6}U^{(4)}(t_n) + O(k^4)$$

$$\tau^n = \frac{\cancel{U} + \cancel{kU'} + \frac{k^2}{2}U'' + \frac{k^3}{6}U''' - \cancel{U}}{k}$$

$$- \frac{1}{2} (\cancel{U} + \cancel{U'} + \cancel{kU''} + \frac{k^2}{2}U''') + O(k^3)$$

$$\tau^n = \frac{k^2}{6}U''' - \frac{k^2}{4}U''' + O(k^3) = -\frac{k^2}{12}U''' + O(k^3)$$

2nd-order accurate.

If we write

$$U^{n+1} = U^n + \frac{k}{2} (f(U^n) + f(U^{n+1}))$$

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$$\mathcal{L}^n = u(t_{n+1}) - u(t_n) - \frac{k}{2} (f(u(t_n)) + f(u(t_{n+1})))$$

$$\mathcal{L}^n = k \tau^n$$

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One-step error local truncation error

$$u \in \mathbb{R}^m$$
$$f(u): \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$$

How to achieve higher order?

① Use more derivatives of u .

$$u(t_{n+1}) \approx u(t_n) + k u'(t_n) + \frac{k^2}{2} u''(t_n)$$

$$U^{n+1} = U^n + k f(U^n) + \frac{k^2}{2} f'(U^n) f(U^n)$$

2nd-order accurate

$$\frac{d^2}{dt^2} u(t) = \frac{d}{dt} f(u(t)) = f'(u) u'(t) = f'(u) f(u)$$

$$\frac{d^2}{dt^2} u_i = \sum_j \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial u_j} f_j(u)$$

These are called
Taylor series methods

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d^3 u_i}{dt^3} &= \frac{d}{dt} \sum_j \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial u_j} f_j(u) \\ &= \sum_j \frac{\partial f_i}{\partial u_j} \sum_k \frac{\partial f_j}{\partial u_k} \frac{du_k}{dt} + \sum_j f_j(u) \sum_k \frac{\partial^2 f_i}{\partial u_j \partial u_k} \frac{du_k}{dt} \\ &= f'(f'(f(u))) + f''(f(u), f(u))\end{aligned}$$

② Use more evaluations of f

$$\frac{U(t_{n+1}) - U(t_n)}{K} = \frac{\cancel{U} + Ku' + \frac{K^2}{2}U'' + \frac{K^3}{6}U''' + \mathcal{O}(K^4) - \cancel{U}}{K}$$

$$U' + \frac{K}{2}U'' + \frac{K^2}{6}U''' + \mathcal{O}(K^4)$$

Example: $U^* = U^n + \frac{K}{2}f(U^n)$
(midpoint Runge-Kutta method)

$$U^{n+1} = U^n + Kf(U^*)$$

$$U^{n+1} = U^n + Kf\left(U^n + \frac{K}{2}f(U^n)\right)$$

$$f\left(U^n + \frac{K}{2}f(U^n)\right) = f(U^n) + \frac{K}{2}f'(U^n)f(U^n) + \frac{K^2}{8}\left(f''(f(U^n), f(U^n)) + f'(f'(f(U^n)))\right) + \mathcal{O}(K^3)$$

$f'(f(u))$

$$\tau^n = \frac{U(t_{n+1}) - U(t_n)}{K} - \underbrace{f(U(t_n))} - \underbrace{\frac{K}{2}f'(f(U(t_n)))} - \frac{K^2}{8}\left(f''(f(U(t_n)), f(U(t_n))) - f'(f'(f(U(t_n))))\right) + \mathcal{O}(K^3)$$

$$\tau^n = \cancel{u'} + \cancel{\frac{k}{2}u'} + \frac{k^2}{6}u'' - \cancel{u'} - \cancel{\frac{k}{2}u'} - \frac{k^2}{8} \underbrace{(f''(f, f) + f'(f'(f)))}_{u'''(t_n)} + \mathcal{O}(k^3)$$

$$\tau^n = \frac{k^2}{24} u'''(t_n) + \mathcal{O}(k^3)$$

2nd-order accurate

Advantages of Runge-Kutta:

- self-starting
- only need f , no other derivatives
- easy to adapt K

$$\text{if } f(u) = Lu$$

$$f'(u) = L$$

$$f''(u) = 0$$

③ Use more previous steps

Examples: (Leapfrog)

Next time

$$\frac{U^{n+1} - U^{n-1}}{2K} = f(U^n)$$

MATLAB: `ode113(s)`

- Not self-starting
- Trickier to adapt K
- Only need 1 evaluation of $f(u)$ per step.



Non-adaptive: $t_n = t_0 + nK$

Adaptive: $t_n = t_{n-1} + K_n$

K_n not necessarily equal to K_{n-1}