

# Lecture 35 - Runge-Kutta methods

$$\text{ODE} \leftarrow f(x, y) \quad \begin{matrix} \nearrow \\ \text{function we are} \\ \text{interested in} \end{matrix}$$

↓  
independent

$$y_{i+1} = y_i + f(x_i, y_i) h \quad \begin{matrix} \nearrow & \nearrow \\ \text{ODE} & \text{first-order Taylor} \\ & \text{series approximation.} \end{matrix}$$

↑ Step size in  
 $x$

$y_i$  initial value      Euler method

Huen's method

$$f(x, y_{i+1}) = \frac{f(x_{i+1}; y_{i+1}^0) + f(x_i, y_i)}{2}$$

$\downarrow$   
corrector

predictor

Mid-point polygon method

ODE



first derivative /  
first order ODE,  
↓  
Solve → integrate them

$$y_{i+1} = y_i + \phi(x_i, y_i, h) h$$



$$\phi(x_i, y_i, h) = a_1 k_1 + a_2 k_2 + a_3 k_3 + \dots + a_n k_n$$

*weights*  $x, y, h$

$$\begin{matrix} \text{evaluation} \\ \text{slope within } k_1 \end{matrix} = f(x_i, y_i) \rightarrow \text{ODE / slope}$$

$$k_2 = f(x_i + p_1 h, y_i + q_{11} k_1 h)$$

$$k_3 = f(x_i + p_2 h, y_i + q_{21} k_1 h + q_{22} k_2 h)$$

⋮

$$k_n = f(x_i + p_{n-1} h, y_i + q_{n-1,1} k_1 h + \dots + q_{n-1,n-1} k_{n-1} h)$$

unknowns

$$a_j, p_{j-1}, q_{j-1,m}$$

$j \in [1, n]$

$m \in [1, j]$

n-order of  
the method

$k_i$  are determined  
via a recursive  
relationship

Runge-Kutta Method of Order 2

$\overset{\circ}{\phi}$

$$y_{i+1} = y_i + (a_1 k_1 + a_2 k_2) h \quad \text{step-size}$$

$$k_1 = \boxed{f(x_i, y_i)}$$

$$k_2 = f(x_i + p_1 h, y_i + q_{11} k_1 h) \quad \text{Use Taylor series}$$

$$= \boxed{f(x_i, y_i)} + p_1 h \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + q_{11} k_1 h \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$$

$$y_{i+1} = y_i + \left[ a_1 f(x_i, y_i) + a_2 f(x_i, y_i) + a_2 p_1 h \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + a_2 q_{11} f(x_i, y_i) h \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right] h$$

$$y_{i+1} = y_i + \left[ (a_1 + a_2) f(x_i, y_i) + a_2 p_1 h \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + a_2 q_{11} f(x_i, y_i) h \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right] h$$

$$y_{i+1} = y_i + f(x_i, y_i) h + \frac{f'(x_i, y_i)_2}{2!} h$$

$$f'(x, y) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial x}$$

$$= \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} f(x, y)$$

$$y_{i+1} = y_i + f(x_i, y_i) h$$

$$+ \left[ \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} f(x, y) \right] \frac{h^2}{2}$$

Also

$$g(x+r, y+r) = g(x, y) + r \frac{\partial g}{\partial x} + r \frac{\partial g}{\partial y}$$

$$y_{i+1} = y_i + [a_1 + a_2] f(x_i, y_i) h$$

local truncation error

$$+ \left[ a_2 p_1 \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + a_2 q_{11} f(x_i, y_i) \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right] h^2$$

global truncation error

numerically  
compute

round off error

$$y_{i+1} = y_i + f(x_i, y_i) h$$

$$+ f'(x_i, y_i) \frac{h^2}{2}$$

Single-step  
algorithms

$$a_1 + a_2 = 1 \rightarrow \text{condition equation}$$

$$a_2 p_1 = 1/2$$

Scenarios

$$a_2 q_{11} = 1/2$$

$$a_1 = 1, a_2 = 0 \Rightarrow p_1 = 0, q_{11} = 0$$

$\therefore$  condition cannot be satisfied

$$a_1 = 0, a_2 = 1 \Rightarrow p_1 = 1/2, q_{11} = 1/2 \rightarrow \text{Heun's method}$$

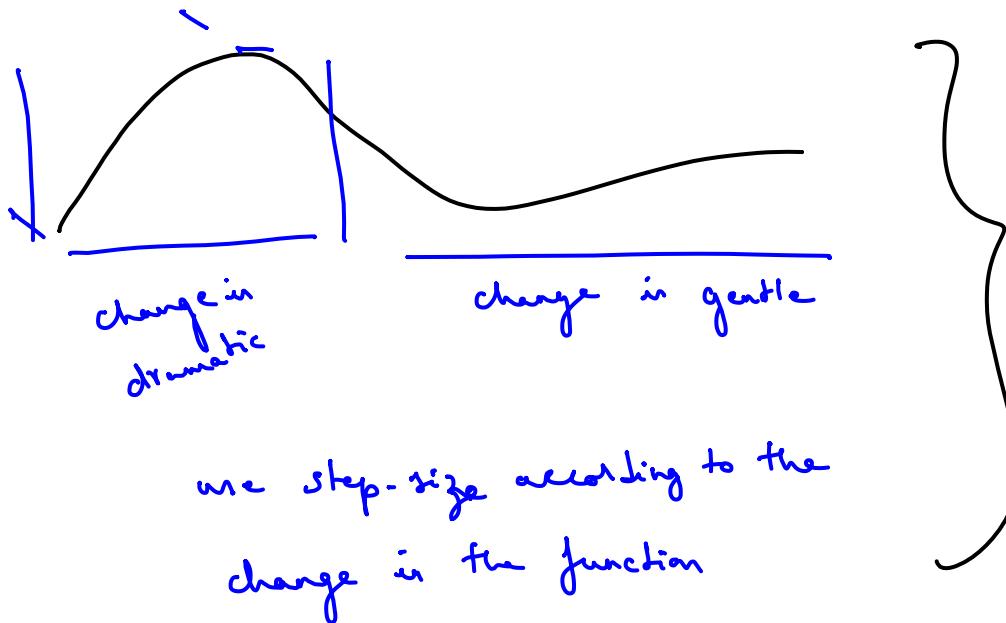
$$a_1 = a_2 = 1/2 \Rightarrow p_1 = 1, q_{11} = 1 \rightarrow \text{Classical Rk 2 method}$$

$$a_2 = 2/3, a_1 = 1/3 \Rightarrow p_1 = 3/4, q_{11} = 9/4 \rightarrow \text{Ralston's Rk 2 method}$$

$b_1$	$a_{11}$
$\vdots$	$a_{21}$
$b_{n-1}$	

RK n tables





Adaptive step-size  
methods