

# Ordinary Differential Equation

Let us consider a first order differential equation of the type :

$\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x, y)$  The solution of this type of differential equation is given by:

- Euler Method
- Runge-Kutta Method

## Euler Method

Consider differential equation:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x, y) \quad (1)$$

If  $f$  is a function of  $x$  alone then we can directly write

$$y(x) = \int f(x)dx \quad (2)$$

But here  $f$  is the function of  $x$  and  $y$ . So we apply Taylor Series by expanding  $y(x)$  at  $x = x_0$ .

$$y(x) = y(x_0) + (x - x_0)y'(x_0) \quad (3)$$

Here the series is truncated at the second term.

$$y(x) = y(x_0) + (x - x_0)f(x_0, y_0) \quad (4)$$

$$y(x) = y(x_0) + hf(x_0, y_0) \quad (5)$$

Where  $h = (x - x_0)$  is the size of step.

Similarly:

$$y(x_1) = y(x_0) + hf(x_0, y_0) \quad (6)$$

$$y(x_2) = y(x_1) + hf(x_1, y_1) \quad (7)$$

So in general,

$$y(x_{i+1}) = y(x_i) + hf(x_i, y_i) \quad (8)$$

This is simple **Euler's Method**.

The flow chart of this method is as shown below:

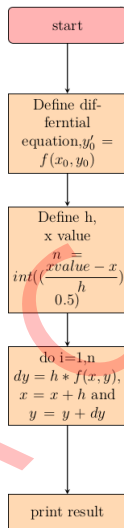


Figure: Showing different values of  $x$  and their corresponding functional value

(Q) Solve the differential equation  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2y}{x}$  by using **Euler's Method** for different values of **x, y, xvalue and h**.

The Fortran code to solve this differential equation is as shown below:

```
program Eulerdifferential
implicit none
real:: x,y,xvalue,h,dy,fx
integer::n,i
external fx
write(*,*)"give the values of x,y,xvalue,h"
read(*,*)x,y,xvalue,h
n=int((xvalue-x)/h+0.5)
```

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do i=1, n
dy=h*fx(x,y)
x=x+h
y=y+dy
write(*,*)i,x,y
enddo
write(*,*)"value of y at x=",x,"is",y
end program
real function fx(x,y)
real::x,y
fx=2.0*y/x
end function
```

!this programming is used to solve the differential equation  
! $dy/dx = 2*y/x$  by using Euler's method

When the same program is run with different h values, the following result is obtained.

e2.png

**Figure:** Output of the differential equation  $\frac{2y}{x}$  at different  $x=1.0$ ,  $y=2.0$ ,  $xvalue=2.0$  and  $h=0.10, 0.15$

When the value of h changes, the number of iterations required to solve the differential equation changes, as does the output of the differential value.



# Runge-Kutta Method

- The Euler method is a one-step finite difference method of first order. (The total error is of order  $h$  if it is of first order)
- In this approach, the total error will be of higher order in  $h$ .
- The Euler's Method is an example of general class of approximations of Runge-Kutta Method.
- More popular and improved method is Runge-Kutta Method.

We notice that all the Euler Methods can be written in the form:

$$y(x) = y(x_0) + h[\alpha f(x_0, y_0) + \beta f(x_0 + \gamma h, y_0 + \delta h f_0)] \quad (9)$$

$$y(x) = y(x_0) + h\alpha f(x_0, y_0) + h\beta \left[ f(x_0, y_0) + h\gamma \frac{df(x_0, y_0)}{dx} + h\delta h f(x_0, y_0) \frac{d^2f}{dx^2} \right] \quad (10)$$

This expression agrees with Taylor series through term  $h^2$ , such that:

$$\alpha + \beta = 1$$

$$\beta\gamma = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\beta\delta = \frac{1}{2}$$

Where  $\alpha = \frac{1}{3}$ ,  $\beta = \frac{2}{3}$ ,  $\gamma = \delta = \frac{3}{4}$

This method can be derived in terms of integral

$$y(x = x_0 + h) = y(x_0) + \int_{x_0}^{x_0+h} f(\tau, y) d\tau \quad (11)$$

Approximating integral by midpoint rule:

$$y(x = x_0 + h) = y(x_0) + hf(x_0 + \frac{h}{2}, y_{mid}) \quad (12)$$

But

$$y_{mid} = y_0 + \frac{h}{2}f_0$$

Hence

$$y(x = x_0 + h) = y(x_0) + hf(x_0 + \frac{h}{2}, y_0 + \frac{h}{2}f_0) \quad (13)$$

Now the most popular Runge-Kutta method is fourth order (RK-4 method) and is written as:

$$m_1 = f_0 = f(x, y)$$

$$m_2 = f_1 = f\left(x + \frac{h}{2}, y + \frac{hm_1}{2}\right)$$

$$m_3 = f_2 = f\left(x + \frac{h}{2}, y + \frac{hm_2}{2}\right)$$

$$m_4 = f_3 = f\left(x + h, y + hm_3\right)$$

Hence the solution is written as:

$$y(x = x_0 + h) = y(x_0) + \frac{h}{6}(f_0 + 2f_1 + 2f_2 + f_3) \quad (14)$$

Or,

$$y(x = x_0 + h) = y_i + \frac{h}{6}(m_1 + 2m_2 + 2m_3 + m_4) \quad (15)$$

Here these  $m_1, m_2, m_3, m_4$  notations are used only for our convenience.

(Q) Solve the differential equation  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2y}{x}$  by using **Runge Kutta Method** for different values of **x,y,xvalue and h**.

The code to solve this differential equation using **Runge-Kutta Method** is as shown below:


```
program runge`kutta
implicit none
real:: x,y,xvalue,h,dy,fx,m1,m2,m3,m4
integer::n,i
external fx
write(*,*)"give the values of x,y,xvalue,h"
read(*,*)x,y,xvalue,h
n=int((xvalue-x)/h+0.5)
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do i=1, n  
  m1=fx(x,y)  
  m2=fx(x+(h/2),y+(m1*h/2))  
  m3=fx(x+(h/2),y+(m2*h/2))  
  m4=fx(x+h, y+m3*h)  
  dy=(m1+2*m2+2*m3+m4)*h/6
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x=x+h  
y=y+dy  
write(*,*)i,x,y  
enddo  
write(*,*)"value of y at x=",x,"is",y  
end program  
real function fx(x,y)  
real::x,y  
fx=2.0*y/x  
end function
```

!this programming is used to solve the differential equation  
!dy/dx = 2\*y/x by using Euler's method


When this program is run the output is obtained as shown below:

runge1.png

**Figure:** Output of the differential equation  $\frac{2y}{x}$  at different  $x=1.0$ ,  $y=2.0$ ,  $xvalue=2.0$  and  $h=0.05$



When the same program is run with different h values, the following result is obtained.



runge2.png

**Figure:** Output of the differential equation  $\frac{2y}{x}$  at different  $x=1.0$ ,  $y=2.0$ ,  $xvalue=2.0$  and  $h=0.10, 0.15$

Note: When the value of h changes, the number of iterations required to solve the differential equation changes, as does the output of the differential value.

# Second Order Differential Equation

Let us consider a second order differential equation:

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = f\left(x, y, \frac{dy}{dx}\right) \quad (16)$$

One can solve above equation by using

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = z$$

So the above equation reduces to:

$$\frac{dz}{dx} = f(x, y, z) \quad (17)$$

We can now solve this equation using the RK-4 method.

The following is an example of a second order differential equation:

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 2\frac{dy}{dx} + 5y = 9 \quad (18)$$

Algorithms to solve this equation is given below:

- Define differential equation. Divide into two different equation like  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 2\frac{dy}{dx} + 5y = 9$  by substituting  $\frac{dy}{dx} = z$  (one equation) and  $\frac{dz}{dx} + 2z + 5y = 9$  (another equation).
- Define function according to RK-4 method.
- Give initial values of  $x$ ,  $y$ ,  $z$  and  $h$ .
- Give final value of  $x$  ie.  $x_f$ .
- And put

$$m_1 = f(x_1, y_1, z_1)$$

$$p_1 = g(x_1, y_1, z_1)$$

$$m_2 = f(x_1 + \frac{h}{2}, y_1 + m_1 \frac{h}{2}, z_1 + p_1 \frac{h}{2})$$

$$p_2 = g(x_1 + \frac{h}{2}, y_1 + m_1 \frac{h}{2}, z_1 + p_1 \frac{h}{2})$$

$$m_3 = f(x_1 + \frac{h}{2}, y_1 + m_2 \frac{h}{2}, z_1 + p_2 \frac{h}{2})$$

$$p_3 = g(x_1 + \frac{h}{2}, y_1 + m_2 \frac{h}{2}, z_1 + p_2 \frac{h}{2})$$

$$m_4 = f(x_1 + h, y_1 + m_3 h, z_1 + p_3 h)$$

$$p_4 = g(x_1 + h, y_1 + m_3 h, z_1 + p_3 h)$$

$$m = (m_1 + 2m_2 + 2m_3 + m_4)/6$$

$$p = (p_1 + 2p_2 + 2p_3 + p_4)/6$$

- Put

$$y_1 = y_1 + h * m$$

$$z_1 = z_1 + h * p$$

$$x_1 = x_1 + h$$

- Print  $x_1, y_1, z_1$



$$f(x, y, z) = z$$

$$g(x, y, z) = 9 - 5y - 2z$$

These codes aid in the solution of the following equation (35):

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = f(x, y, \frac{dy}{dx}) \text{ as}$$

Program secondorder

implicit none

real:: x1,y1,z1,h,m1,m2,m3,m4,p1,p2,p3,p4,f,g,xf,m,p

integer::i,n

external f ,g

x1=1.0

y1=2.0

z1=3.0

xf=5.0

h=0.05

!you can make to give the values of

!x1,y1,z1,xf and h from the keyboard

$n=(xf-1)/h+0.5$

!here we defined no of intervals

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do i=1,n  
  m1=f(x1,y1,z1)  
  p1=g(x1,y1,z1)  
  m2=f(x1+h/2., y1+m1*h/2., z1+p1*h/2.)  
  p2=g(x1+h/2., y1+m1*h/2., z1+p1*h/2.)  
  m3=f(x1+h/2., y1+m2*h/2., z1+p2*h/2.)  
  p3=g(x1+h/2., y1+m2*h/2., z1+p2*h/2.)
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```
m4=f(x1+h, y1+m3*h, z1+p3*h)
p4=g(x1+h, y1+m3*h, z1+p3*h)
m=(m1+2.0*m2+2.0*m3+m4)/6.
p=(p1+2.0*p2+2.0*p3+p4)/6.
y1=y1+h*m
z1=z1+h*p
x1=x1+h
end do
write(*,*)x1,y1,z1
end program
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```
real function f(x,y,z)
real:: x,y,z
f=z
end function
real function g(x,y,z)
real:: x,y,z
g=9.0-5.0*y-2.0*z
end function
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!here we have a second order differential equation

$$!d^2y/dx^2 + 2.0*dy/dx + 5.0*y = 9.0$$


!to solve this we substitute  $dy/dx = z$  (one equation)

!so that the above second order equation reduces

$$!to \quad dz/dx + 2.0*z + 5.0*y = 9 \quad (\text{another equation})$$

!we use RK-4 method

When we run this program the output obtained for  $x_1 = 1.0, y_1 = 2.0, z_1 = 3.0, x_f = 5.0, h = 0.05$  is as shown below:

 diff.png

**Figure:** Solution of the differential equation  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 2\frac{dy}{dx} + 5y = 9$  for  $x_1 = 1.0, y_1 = 2.0, z_1 = 3.0, x_f = 5.0, h = 0.05$