PH 707: Assignment #4

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1 Fourth Order Runge Kutta Error Term.

The Runge Kutta approximation for $\int_{t_{n}}^{t_{n+1}=t_{n}+h} \overrightarrow{f}(\overrightarrow{x}(t),t) dt$ to solve the equation $\overrightarrow{x}(t) = \overrightarrow{f}(\overrightarrow{x}(t),t)$ is,

$$\overrightarrow{x}_{n+1} = \overrightarrow{x}_n + \frac{h}{6} \left(\overrightarrow{k}_1 + 2 \overrightarrow{k}_2 + 2 \overrightarrow{k}_3 + \overrightarrow{k}_4 \right)$$

where,

$$\begin{split} \overrightarrow{k}_1 &= \overrightarrow{f} \ (\overrightarrow{x}_n, t_n) \\ \overrightarrow{k}_2 &= \overrightarrow{f} \ \bigg(\overrightarrow{x}_n + \frac{h}{2} \overrightarrow{k}_1, t_n + \frac{h}{2} \bigg) \\ \overrightarrow{k}_3 &= \overrightarrow{f} \ \bigg(\overrightarrow{x}_n + \frac{h}{2} \overrightarrow{k}_2, t_n + \frac{h}{2} \bigg) \\ \overrightarrow{k}_4 &= \overrightarrow{f} \ \bigg(\overrightarrow{x}_n + \overrightarrow{k}_3, t_n + h \bigg). \end{split}$$

Putting these together,

$$\overrightarrow{x}_{n+1} = \overrightarrow{x}_n + \frac{h}{6} \overrightarrow{f} (\overrightarrow{x}_n, t_n) + \frac{h}{3} \overrightarrow{f} \left(\overrightarrow{x}_n + \frac{h}{2} \overrightarrow{f} (\overrightarrow{x}_n, t_n), t_n + \frac{h}{2} \right)$$

$$+ \frac{h}{3} \overrightarrow{f} \left(\overrightarrow{x}_n + \frac{h}{2} \overrightarrow{f} \left(\overrightarrow{x}_n + \frac{h}{2} \overrightarrow{f} (\overrightarrow{x}_n, t_n), t_n + \frac{h}{2} \right), t_n + \frac{h}{2} \right)$$

$$+ \frac{h}{6} \overrightarrow{f} \left(\overrightarrow{x}_n + \overrightarrow{f} \left(\overrightarrow{x}_n + \frac{h}{2} \overrightarrow{f} (\overrightarrow{x}_n + \frac{h}{2} \overrightarrow{f} (\overrightarrow{x}_n, t_n), t_n + \frac{h}{2} \right), t_n + \frac{h}{2} \right), t_n + h \right).$$

Now we can expand $E(h) = \int_{t_n}^{t_n+h} \overrightarrow{f}(\overrightarrow{x}(t),t) dt - \overrightarrow{x}_{n+1}(h)$ in a Taylor expansion of h up to 5th order in Mathematica. **The code and the results are given in the next page**. Note that the lowest order term is $o(h^5)$ so that the locally it is correct upto 4th order. Globally (in the whole problem range, not just in (t_n, t_{n+1})), one upper bound of the error is $O(h^4)$ (in general difficult to prove for arbitrary differential equations and arbitrary ranges).

Here is a cleaner Mathematica code for the error term

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In[1]:= K1[h ] := hf[tn, x[tn]]
      K2[h] := hf[tn+1/2h, x[tn]+1/2K1[h]]
      K3[h_] := hf[tn+1/2h, x[tn]+1/2K2[h]]
      K4[h] := hf[tn+h, x[tn] + K3[h]]
      RK4Approx[h_] := 1/6 (K1[h] + 2K2[h] + 2K3[h] + K4[h])
      Exact[h_] := Integrate[f[t, x[t]], {t, tn, tn + h}]
 ln[7]:= y[t_] := f[t, x[t]]
      x'[t_] := y[t]
      x''[t_] := y'[t]
      x'''[t_] := y''[t]
      x''''[t_] := y'''[t]
      FullSimplify[Series[Exact[h] - RK4Approx[h], {h, 0, 5}]]
Out[12]=
      2880
        (-f[tn, x[tn]]^4 f^{(0,4)}[tn, x[tn]] + 24 f^{(0,1)}[tn, x[tn]]^3 f^{(1,0)}[tn, x[tn]] + f[tn, x[tn]]^3
             (6f^{(0,2)}[tn, x[tn]]^2 - 2f^{(0,1)}[tn, x[tn]]f^{(0,3)}[tn, x[tn]] - 4f^{(1,3)}[tn, x[tn]]) -
           6f^{(0,1)}[tn, x[tn]]^2f^{(2,0)}[tn, x[tn]] + 6f^{(1,1)}[tn, x[tn]]f^{(2,0)}[tn, x[tn]] -
           6f^{(1,0)}[tn, x[tn]] (3f^{(0,2)}[tn, x[tn]] f^{(1,0)}[tn, x[tn]] + f^{(2,1)}[tn, x[tn]]) -
           6 f[tn, x[tn]]^{2} (f^{(0,3)}[tn, x[tn]] f^{(1,0)}[tn, x[tn]] +
               3f^{(0,2)}[tn, x[tn]](2f^{(0,1)}[tn, x[tn]]^2 - f^{(1,1)}[tn, x[tn]]) + f^{(2,2)}[tn, x[tn]]) +
           4f^{(0,1)}[tn, x[tn]](-3f^{(1,0)}[tn, x[tn]]f^{(1,1)}[tn, x[tn]] + f^{(3,0)}[tn, x[tn]]) +
           2 f [tn, x[tn]]
             (3(4f^{(0,1)}[tn, x[tn]]^4 - 4f^{(0,1)}[tn, x[tn]]^2f^{(1,1)}[tn, x[tn]] + 2f^{(1,1)}[tn, x[tn]]^2 -
                   2 f^{(1,0)} [tn, x[tn]] f^{(1,2)} [tn, x[tn]] + f^{(0,2)} [tn, x[tn]] f^{(2,0)} [tn, x[tn]] +
                   f^{(0,1)} [tn, x[tn]] (-8 f^{(0,2)} [tn, x[tn]] f^{(1,0)} [tn, x[tn]] + f^{(2,1)} [tn, x[tn]]) -
               2 f^{(3,1)} [tn, x[tn]]) - f^{(4,0)} [tn, x[tn]]) h^5 + 0[h]^6
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2 Physical Pendulum Using Runge Kutta 4th Order.

In the following pages, the codes and the results are presented in the following order:

- 1. Physical pendulum solution for stepsize $\frac{2\pi-0}{1000}=0.00628319$ in the range $(0,2\pi)$ and comparison with Taylor approximation.
- 2. The solution for various step-sizes and the optimal step size, by inspection.
- 3. A better, easier, less computationally expensive and very well-known method of controlling for the step-sizes in RK, the Adaptive Runge-Kutta method applied to the physical pendulum.

It helps to summarize the method using the Butcher tableaux as follows:

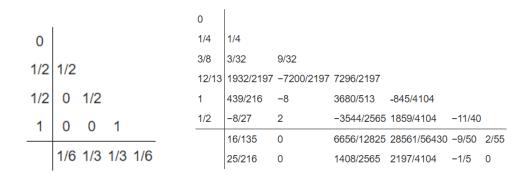


Figure 1: Butcher Tables for 4th order Runge Kutta and Adaptive Runge Kutta