

# Extrapolation

(1) Idea:

Note  $\frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} =: \kappa_1(h) \xrightarrow{h \rightarrow 0} f'(x)$ . For  $f \in C^1$ :

Apply Taylor expansion on  $f(x+h)$  at  $x$ :

$$\kappa_1(h) = f'(x) + \frac{1}{2}h f''(x) + \frac{1}{6}h^2 f'''(x) + O(h^3).$$

i.e.  $\kappa_1(h)$  approxi.  $f'(x)$  with first order

We can also use the central difference:

$$\kappa_2(h) := \frac{f(x+h) - f(x-h)}{2h}$$

$$\Rightarrow \kappa_2(h) = f'(x) + \frac{1}{6}h^2 f'''(x) + O(h^4), \text{ by Taylor}$$

$\therefore \kappa_2(h)$  approxi.  $f'(x)$  with second order

Prob: In both case, we want to compute

$\kappa(h)$  when  $h \rightarrow 0$  but can't set  $h=0$

And  $\kappa(h)$  has expansion:  $\kappa(0) + \kappa'(0)h + \dots$

$\therefore$  the idea is:

i) For  $h > h_1 > \dots > h_k > 0$ , compute  $\kappa(h_i)$ .

ii) Fit a polynomial  $p(h)$  iii) Set  $\kappa(0) \approx p(0)$ .

ex. 1. i) For fixed value  $H$ . And assume it has expansion:

$$\kappa(H) = \kappa(0) + \kappa_m H^m + O(H^{m+1}).$$

$$\kappa\left(\frac{H}{2}\right) = \kappa(0) + \kappa_m \left(\frac{H}{2}\right)^m + O(H^{m+1}).$$

We interpolate them by linear poly

$$p(h) = b_0 + b_m h^m \text{ given by}$$

$$b_0 = \frac{2^m \kappa\left(\frac{H}{2}\right) - \kappa(H)}{2^m - 1}, \quad b_m = 2^{-m} \frac{\kappa(H) - \kappa\left(\frac{H}{2}\right)}{H^m (2^m - 1)}$$

$$\Rightarrow p(H) = \kappa(H), \quad p\left(\frac{H}{2}\right) = \kappa\left(\frac{H}{2}\right)$$

Then: set  $p(0) = b_0 = \kappa(0) + O(H^{m+1})$ .

Key: We see that we increase order from  $O(h^m)$  to  $O(h^{m+1})$  by merely compute  $\kappa(h)$

ii) Note if we interpolate  $\kappa_1(h)$ ,  $\kappa_2(h)$

at  $H, \frac{H}{2}$  by poly  $\Rightarrow$  The order can be improved from 1 to 2 and 2 to 4.

Remark: We notice in error expansion of  $\kappa_2$  only has even order power of  $h \Rightarrow$  extrapolation is efficient.

Note above we only use  $a(h), a(\frac{h}{2})$  to fit a linear polynomial. More generally, we can fit a higher order poly. and delete high order error by using more values.

eg. If we have  $a(h) = a(0) + a_m h^m + a_{m+1} h^{m+1} + \dots$

using  $p(h) = b_0 + b_1 h^m + b_2 h^{m+1}$  from  $a(h)$  and

$a(\frac{h}{2}), a(\frac{h}{4}) \Rightarrow p(0)$  will approx. of order  $m+2$

## (2) Applications on ODEs:

We can try to apply the idea on local error i.e. solve IVP with step length  $H$  and solve it again with  $\frac{H}{2}$  to get  $y_n^H, y_n^{\frac{H}{2}}$ .

Note for  $f \in C^{m+1}$ . Apply one-step method of order  $m$  with equidistant step length  $h \Rightarrow$

We have:  $y_n = y(t_n) + h^m c_m(t_n) + \dots + h^N c_N(t_n) + O(h^{N+1})$

Remark: Note equidistant time stepping means it's not allowed to use adaptive time stepping

$\Rightarrow$  We use extrapolation locally in each step

e.g. From step  $k$  to  $k+1$ :

$y_k \xrightarrow{h} y_{k+1}^n$ .  $y_k \xrightarrow{\frac{h}{2}} \tilde{y}_{k+1}^{\frac{n}{2}} \xrightarrow{\frac{h}{2}} y_{k+1}^{\frac{n}{2}}$ . Then we estimate error by  $EST_{k+1} = |y_{k+1}^{\frac{n}{2}} - y_{k+1}^n| / (1 - 2^{-n})$

Also, we interpolate by  $y_{k+1}^n$ ,  $y_{k+1}^{\frac{n}{2}}$  to  $p < 0$

$$p < 0) = (2^{\frac{n}{2}} y_{k+1}^{\frac{n}{2}} - y_{k+1}^n) / (2^{\frac{n}{2}} - 1) \approx y_{k+1}^{n \rightarrow 0} \text{ (i.e. exact sol.)}$$

Then we estimate the local error as

$$|y_{k+1}^n - p < 0)| = \left| \frac{2^{\frac{n}{2}}}{2^{\frac{n}{2}} - 1} \cdot (y_{k+1}^n - y_{k+1}^{\frac{n}{2}}) \right|.$$

One method suitable to use extrapolation if

- It's cheap. (little eval. of  $f$ ).
- Expansion only contains even power of  $h$  can be efficient.

e.g. Most commonly used method on extrapolation is explicit midpoint rule:

$y_n = y_{n-2} + 2h f(t_{n-1}, y_{n-1})$  started with explicit Euler.

Thm. (Cragg)

For  $f \in C^{2n+2}$ . Consider mid-pt rule started

with explicit Euler. Then:  $y_n = y(t_n) + \sum_{k=1}^m h^{2k} (a_k(t_n) + (-1)^k b_k(t_n)) + O(h^{2m+2})$

(i.e. it has expansion only in even power)

Remark: i) Note that there are some techniques to deal with oscillatory of  $b_k(t_n)$ .

In each step: e.g.  $\{n_i\} = \{2, 4, 6, 8, 12, 16\}$ .

For step  $t_k \xrightarrow{H} t_{k+1}$ :

Compute with  $n_i$  steps of length  $\frac{H}{n_i}$

values  $\{y_{k+i}^{(i)}\}$ ;

$\Rightarrow$  use the given values to apply extrapolation

Then: we find the local truncated error has increased from order 2 to order 12 for  $f$  smooth enough.

ii) The Cragg's extrapolation method can be seen as one-step method with step length  $H$ . Since it starts from one-step expl. Euler