

**Definition. (Runge-Kutta Method)**

A method for numerically integrating ordinary differential equations by using a trial step at the midpoint of an interval to cancel out the lower-order error terms.

**Second-Order Formula**

$$\begin{aligned}
 k_1 &= h \cdot f(x_n, y_n) \\
 k_2 &= h \cdot f\left(x_n + \frac{1}{2}h, y_n + \frac{1}{2}k_1\right) \\
 y_{n+1} &= y_n + k_2 + \mathcal{O}(h^3)
 \end{aligned}$$

**Fourth-Order Formula**

$$\begin{aligned}
 k_1 &= h \cdot f(x_n, y_n) \\
 k_2 &= h \cdot f\left(x_n + \frac{1}{2}h, y_n + \frac{1}{2}k_1\right) \\
 k_3 &= h \cdot f\left(x_n + h, y_n + \frac{1}{2}k_2\right) \\
 k_4 &= h \cdot f\left(x_n + h, y_n + \frac{1}{2}k_3\right) \\
 y_{n+1} &= y_n + \frac{1}{6}k_1 + \frac{1}{3}k_2 + \frac{1}{3}k_3 + \frac{1}{6}k_4 + \mathcal{O}(h^5)
 \end{aligned}$$

This method is reasonably simple and robust and is a good general candidate for numerical solution of differential equations when combined with an intelligent adaptive step-size routine.

Let  $\varphi$  be the map from the material domain to the spatial domain.  
 let  $\Phi$  be the map from the referential domain to the spatial domain.  
 let  $\Psi$  be the map from the referential domain to the material domain.  
 let  $\Omega_M$  denote the material domain and  $M_i$  is a unit material.  
 let  $\Omega_R$  denote the referential domain.  
 let  $\Omega_S$  denote the spatial domain and  $S_i$  is a unit of space.

**MAP OF DOMAINS**

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \varphi : \Omega_M \times [t_0, t_{\text{final}}) &\longrightarrow \Omega_S \times [t_0, t_{\text{final}}) \\
 (\vec{M}, t) &\longmapsto \varphi(\vec{M}, t) = (\vec{s}, t) \\
 &\longmapsto \Phi(\Psi^{-1}(\vec{M}, t)) = (\vec{s}, t)
 \end{aligned}$$

which links  $\vec{M}$  and  $\vec{S}$  in time by the law of motion, namely

$$\vec{S} = \vec{S}(\vec{M}, t), t = t \tag{1}$$

1. The spatial coordinates  $\vec{S}$  depend on both the material particle  $\vec{M}$  and time  $t$ .
2. Physical time is measured by the same variable  $v$  in both material and spatial domains.

Since  $\varphi = \Phi \circ \Psi^{-1}$ , let us define the mappings  $\Phi$  (map from reference to spatial) and  $\Phi^{-1}$  (map from material to referential).

Thus,

1.

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi^{-1} : \Omega_M \times [t_0, t_{\text{final}}] &\longrightarrow \Omega_R \times [t_0, t_{\text{final}}] \\ (\vec{M}, t) &\longmapsto \Phi(\vec{M}, t) = (\vec{R}, t) \end{aligned}$$

2.

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi^{-1} : \Omega_R \times [t_0, t_{\text{final}}] &\longrightarrow \Omega_S \times [t_0, t_{\text{final}}] \\ (\vec{R}, t) &\longmapsto \Phi(\vec{R}, t) = (\vec{S}, t) \end{aligned}$$

$\Phi$  can be understood as the motion of the grid points in the spatial domain.

$\Psi^{-1}$  can be understood as the motion of the material form the perspective of the material.

