

# Runge-Kutta Methods

Taylor's Theorem for  $f(x, y)$

$$f(x+h, y+k) = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \frac{1}{i!} (h \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + k \frac{\partial}{\partial y})^i f(x, y) + \frac{1}{n!} (h \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + k \frac{\partial}{\partial y})^n f(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) \quad (1)$$

$x \leq \bar{x} \leq x+h$  ,  $y \leq \bar{y} \leq y+h$

$$(h \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + k \frac{\partial}{\partial y})^0 f(x, y) = f(x, y)$$

$$(h \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + k \frac{\partial}{\partial y})^1 f(x, y) = h \frac{\partial}{\partial x} f(x, y) + k \frac{\partial}{\partial y} f(x, y) = h f_x(x, y) + k f_y(x, y)$$

$$(h \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + k \frac{\partial}{\partial y})^2 f(x, y) = h^2 f_{xx}(x, y) + 2hk f_{xy}(x, y) + k^2 f_{yy}(x, y)$$

$$f(x+h, y+k) = f + (h f_x + k f_y) + \frac{1}{2!} (h^2 f_{xx} + 2hk f_{xy} + k^2 f_{yy}) + \frac{1}{3!} (h^3 f_{xxx} + 3h^2 k f_{xxy} + 3hk^2 f_{xyy} + k^3 f_{yyy}) + \dots \quad (2)$$

Runge-Kutta Method of order 2

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

$$y(x_0) = y_0$$

$$K_1 = hf(x_n, y_n)$$

$$K_2 = hf(x_n + \alpha h, y + \beta K_1)$$

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + w_1 K_1 + w_2 K_2$$

$$f(x_{n+2h}, y_n + \beta h f) = f + 2h f_x + \beta h f_y + \frac{1}{2} (2h \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \beta h f \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2}) f(x, y) \quad (3)$$

$$y(x_{n+1}) = y(x_n + h) = y(x_n) + (w_1 + w_2) h f + 2w_2 h^2 f_x + \beta w_2 h^2 f f_y + O(h^3) \quad (4)$$

On the other hand

$$y(x_{n+1}) = y(x_n + h) = y(x_n) + h y'(x_n) + \frac{1}{2} h^2 y''(x_n) + O(h^3) \quad (5)$$

$$y'(x_n) = f(x_n, y_n)$$

$$y''(x_n) = \frac{dy'}{dx} = \frac{d}{dx} f(x_n, y_n) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} = f_x + f_y f \quad (6)$$

$$y_{(t_{n+1})} = y_{(t_n)} + hf + \frac{1}{2}h^2 f_f + \frac{1}{6}h^3 f_{ff} + O(h^4) \quad (7)$$

(4)  $\Rightarrow$  (7) Agreement

$$w_1 + w_2 = 1, \quad 2w_2 = \frac{1}{2}, \quad \beta w_2 = \frac{1}{6}$$

One solution:  $w_1 = w_2 = \frac{1}{2}, \quad \alpha = \beta = 1$

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + \frac{1}{2}(k_1 + k_2)$$

$$\begin{cases} k_1 = hf(t_n, y_n) \\ k_2 = hf(t_n + h, y_n + k_1) \end{cases} \quad \text{Modified Euler's Method}$$

Another solution:  $w_1 = 0, w_2 = 1, \quad \alpha = \beta = \frac{1}{2}$

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + h k_2$$

$$\begin{cases} k_1 = hf(t_n, y_n) \\ k_2 = hf(t_n + \frac{h}{2}, y_n + \frac{1}{2}k_1) \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dy}{dt} = 2 + (y - t - 1)^2 \\ y(1) = 2 \end{cases}$$

Exact solution:  $y(t) = 1 + t + \tan(t - 1)$

$$h = 0.01, \quad n = 100, \quad t_0 = 1, \quad \dots, \quad t_n = 2$$

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## Runge-Kutta Method of Order 4

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + \frac{1}{6} (k_1 + 2k_2 + 2k_3 + k_4)$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} k_1 = hf(t_n, y_n) \\ k_2 = hf(t_n + \frac{1}{2}h, y_n + \frac{1}{2}k_1) \\ k_3 = hf(t_n + \frac{1}{2}h, y_n + \frac{1}{2}k_2) \\ k_4 = hf(t_n + h, y_n + k_3) \end{array} \right.$$