

### 3. Predictor-corrector method:

to avoid solving equations in implicit schemes:

predict: use an explicit method to estimate  $\bar{Y}_{n+1}$

correct: in implicit scheme use  $\bar{Y}_{n+1}$  in RHS, instead of  $Y_{n+1}$ .

### Taylor series method:

Assuming  $y' = f(t, y)$  has smooth solutions, expand  $y(t)$  about  $t = t_n$ :

$$y(t_n + h) = y(t_n) + y'(t_n) \cdot h + \frac{y''(t_n)}{2!} h^2 + \frac{y'''(t_n)}{3!} h^3 + \dots + \frac{y^{(m)}(t_n)}{m!} h^m + O(h^{m+1})$$

m-th order

Now  $y' = f(t, y) \Rightarrow y'(t_n) = f(t_n, Y_n)$

$$y'' = \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \cdot \frac{dy}{dt} \Rightarrow y''(t_n) = \frac{\partial f}{\partial t}(t_n, Y_n) + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}(t_n, Y_n) \cdot f(t_n, Y_n)$$

$$y'''(t) = \dots \text{ gets very messy } \dots$$

For simple  $f(t, y)$ , can do differentiations directly, at least for low order terms, very messy...

e.g.  $y' = y^2 - 3t$ ,  $y(0) = 1$ : 3<sup>rd</sup> order Taylor:

$$Y_{n+1} \approx y(t_{n+1}) \approx Y_n + y'(t_n) \cdot h + y''(t_n) \frac{h^2}{2!} + y'''(t_n) \frac{h^3}{3!}$$

with  $y'(t_n) = f(t_n, Y_n) = Y_n^2 - 3t_n$

$$y''(t_n) = 2yy' - 3 = 2Y_n \cdot [Y_n^2 - 3t_n]$$

$$y'''(t_n) = 2(y'^2 + yy'') = 2[Y_n^2 - 3t_n]^2 + 2Y_n \cdot [ \quad ]$$

## Runge-Kutta methods

Idea: replace higher derivatives in Taylor by  $f$ -evaluations.

eg. 2<sup>nd</sup> order RK: start with 2<sup>nd</sup> order Taylor expansion of  $y(t)$  about  $t_n$ :

$$y(t_{n+1}) = y(t_n) + h \cdot y'(t_n) + \frac{h^2}{2} y''(t_n) + O(h^3)$$

$$\text{now } y' = f(t, y) \Rightarrow y'' = \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \cdot y' = f_t + f f_y$$

$$\Rightarrow y(t_{n+1}) = y(t_n) + h f + \frac{h^2}{2} [f_t + f f_y] + O(h^3)$$

Runge, in 1904, noticed that these terms resemble terms in Taylor expansion of  $f(t, y)$ : expand  $f(t_n + \alpha, y_n + \beta)$  about  $(t_n, y_n)$ :

$$h \cdot f(t_n + \alpha, y_n + \beta) = h \cdot f + h \cdot \alpha \cdot \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + h \cdot \beta \cdot \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} + h \cdot O(h^2)$$

matching terms  $\Rightarrow h \cdot \alpha = \frac{h^2}{2}$ ,  $h \cdot \beta = \frac{h^2}{2} \cdot f \Rightarrow \alpha = \frac{h}{2}$ ,  $\beta = \frac{h}{2} f$  up to  $O(h^3)$

$\Rightarrow$  2<sup>nd</sup> order RK:  $Y_{n+1} = Y_n + h \cdot f\left(t_n + \frac{h}{2}, Y_n + \frac{h}{2} f(t_n, Y_n)\right)$  explicit single step

better view:  $K_1 = f(t_n, Y_n)$

$$Y_{n+1} = Y_n + h \cdot f\left(t_n + \frac{h}{2}, Y_n + \frac{h}{2} \cdot K_1\right)$$

2 stages  
f-evaluations

Viewed as Predictor-Corrector:  $Y^{\text{pred}} = Y_n + h \cdot f(t_n, Y_n)$  (forward Euler)

$$Y_{n+1} = Y_n + h \cdot f\left(t_n + \frac{h}{2}, \frac{Y_n + Y^{\text{pred}}}{2}\right)$$

For higher orders, many choices for  $\alpha, \beta$  exist.

Expansions get very long and messy... up to 10<sup>th</sup> order... in 1990,

RK methods are characterized by order<sup>p</sup> of accuracy and number of stages<sup>s</sup> (# of f-evaluations = cost)

$$RK1 = RK(1, 1) \equiv \text{Forward Euler}$$

$$RK2 = RK(2, 2) \quad (\text{above})$$

best known: classical RK4 = RK(4, 4)

For orders  $p > 4$  need  $s > p$ , so 4<sup>th</sup> order is "optimal"

Explicit and implicit versions exist

Classical RK4:  $Y_{n+1} = Y_n + \frac{h}{6} [K_1 + 2K_2 + 2K_3 + K_4]$

where  $K_1 = f(t_n, Y_n)$   
 $K_2 = f(t_n + \frac{h}{2}, Y_n + \frac{h}{2} K_1)$   
 $K_3 = f(t_n + \frac{h}{2}, Y_n + \frac{h}{2} K_2)$   
 $K_4 = f(t_n + h, Y_n + h K_3)$

4<sup>th</sup> order, 4-stage, single step, explicit

This is the original Runge-Kutta method, developed in 1904.

One of the best ODE solvers, for non-stiff ODEs.

In Matlab: rk4

General form of RK:  $Y_{n+1} = Y_n + \Delta t \cdot \sum_{k=1}^s b_k \cdot f(t_n + c_k \Delta t, Y_{nk})$

$c_k = \sum_{l=1}^s a_{kl}$ , with  $Y_{nk} = \Delta t \cdot \sum_{l=1}^s a_{kl} \cdot f(t_n + c_l \Delta t, Y_{nl}), k=1, \dots, s$

usually presented by a Butcher array:

$$\begin{array}{c|ccc} c_1 & a_{11} & \dots & a_{1s} \\ \vdots & & & \\ c_s & a_{s1} & \dots & a_{ss} \\ \hline & b_1 & \dots & b_s \end{array}$$

$$c_k = \sum_{l=1}^s a_{kl}$$

Explicit if  $[a_{kl}]$  is lower triangular, else implicit

$\begin{array}{c c} 0 & 0 \\ \hline & 1 \end{array}$	explicit Euler (forward)	$\begin{array}{c c} 1 & 1 \\ \hline & 1 \end{array}$	implicit backward Euler
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$\begin{array}{c cc} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 1 & 1 & 0 \\ \hline & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{array}$	explicit trapezoidal p=2, s=2
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$\begin{array}{c cccc} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \hline & \frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{6} \end{array}$	classical RK4
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RKF45 (Runge-Kutta-Fehlberg, 1960): uses an RK4 (not classical) <sup>or</sup> an RK5 to estimate error, using only 6 evaluations, for adaptiveness (adjust  $\Delta t$ , half or double it). Order 4, 6 evaluations/step.

One of the best adaptive schemes.

Always worth trying RK4 and RKF45 to compare with other integrators.

## Multistep methods

use  $s$  steps to update  $Y_{n+s}$ , achieve order  $s$ :  $O(h^s)$

Adams-Bashforth: explicit, Adams-Moulton: implicit

e.g. 2-step Adams-Bashforth: uses  $Y_n, Y_{n+1}$  for  $Y_{n+2}$ : 2<sup>nd</sup> order, explicit

$$Y_{n+2} = Y_{n+1} + \frac{3}{2}h \cdot f(t_{n+1}, Y_{n+1}) - \frac{1}{2}h \cdot f(t_n, Y_n)$$

e.g. 2-step Adams-Moulton: uses  $Y_n, Y_{n+1}, Y_{n+2}$  for  $Y_{n+2}$ : 3<sup>rd</sup> order, implicit

$$Y_{n+2} = Y_{n+1} + h \cdot \left[ \frac{5}{12} f(t_{n+2}, Y_{n+2}) + \frac{8}{12} f(t_{n+1}, Y_{n+1}) - \frac{1}{12} f(t_n, Y_n) \right]$$

Often used predictor-corrector style: predict  $Y_{n+s}$  by Adams-Bashforth  
correct by Adams-Moulton,  $O(h^s)$  overall

Efficient for very high orders, good for adaptive

General form:

$$Y_{n+s} + a_{s-1} Y_{n+s-1} + \dots + a_0 Y_n = h \cdot \left[ b_s \cdot f(t_{n+s}, Y_{n+s}) + b_{s-1} \cdot f(t_{n+s-1}, Y_{n+s-1}) + \dots + b_0 \cdot f(t_n, Y_n) \right]$$

coefficients  $a_i, b_i$  chosen for high order and easy implementation.  
Explicit if  $b_s = 0$ , else implicit.