

- Due to the snow days homework is accepted up to Sunday night.
- I'll post my solutions Monday morning.
- Exam is Thursday March 16

Explicit RK methods: usual beginning point is the ODE

$$y' = f(t, y), \quad y(t_0) = y_0$$

Setup a grid t_n of time steps to approximate a solution of the initial value problem...

$$\int_{t_n}^{t_{n+1}} y'(t) dt = \int_{t_n}^{t_{n+1}} f(t, y(t)) dt$$

approximate this integral..

$$y(t_{n+1}) - y(t_n) \approx \underbrace{(t_{n+1} - t_n)}_h f\left(\frac{t_n + t_{n+1}}{2}, y\left(\frac{t_n + t_{n+1}}{2}\right)\right) \quad O(h^3)$$

Idea: Interpolate between y_n and y_{n+1} .

$$y\left(\frac{t_n + t_{n+1}}{2}\right) \approx \frac{y_n + y_{n+1}}{2} \quad \text{this is } O(h^2)$$

This is the midpoint method

$$y_{n+1} - y_n = (t_{n+1} - t_n) f\left(\frac{t_n + t_{n+1}}{2}, \frac{y_n + y_{n+1}}{2}\right)$$

Make grid uniform: Then $t_n = t_0 + hn$ and

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + h f\left(t_n + \frac{h}{2}, \frac{y_n + y_{n+1}}{2}\right)$$

This is an implicit scheme that's Order 2 which means the truncation error is $O(h^3)$. Not an explicit RK method (yet).

This point is not on the grid... how to make a scheme? Since $h \cdot O(h^2) = O(h^3)$ this substitution doesn't effect the order...

~~Idea: Interpolate between y_n and y_{n+1} .~~

Idea: Use the ODE to approximate $y(t_n + \frac{h}{2})$

$$\int_{t_n}^{t_n + \frac{h}{2}} y' dt = \int_{t_n}^{t_n + \frac{h}{2}} f(t, y(t)) dt \quad / \quad \text{use Euler's method...}$$

$$y(t_n + \frac{h}{2}) \approx y(t_n) + \frac{h}{2} f(t_n, y(t_n)) \quad \text{to } O(h^2)$$

Substitute this into

again $h \cdot O(h^2) = O(h^3)$

$$y(t_{n+1}) - y(t_n) \approx h f(t_n + \frac{h}{2}, y(t_n + \frac{h}{2})) \quad \text{to } O(h^3)$$

Thus we get the 2nd order method

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + h f(t_n + \frac{h}{2}, y_n + \frac{h}{2} f(t_n, y_n))$$

The idea of an RK method is substituting one method into another one... Each method is called an RK stage...

$$\xi_1 = y_n$$

$$\xi_2 = y_n + \frac{h}{2} f(t_n, y_n) \quad \text{is an } O(h^2) \text{ approx of } y(t_n + \frac{h}{2})$$

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + h f(t_n + \frac{h}{2}, \xi_2)$$

Abstract this with parameters ... but before that one more example...

Another example, the implicit trapezoid method

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + h \left(\frac{f(t_n, y_n) + f(t_{n+1}, y_{n+1})}{2} \right) \quad \text{is } O(h^3)$$

interpolation of f 's rather than the y 's.

Convert this to an explicit method of the same order but substituting a method of lesser order in for the implicit part. Euler's method

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + h f(t_n, y_n) \quad \text{is } O(h^2)$$

Thus

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + h \left(\frac{f(t_n, y_n) + f(t_{n+1}, y_n + h f(t_n, y_n))}{2} \right)$$

This is another 2-stage RK method

$$\xi_1 = y_n$$

$$\xi_2 = y_n + h f(t_n, \xi_1) \quad \text{is an } O(h^2) \text{ approx of } y(t_n + h)$$

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + \frac{h}{2} f(t_n, \xi_1) + \frac{h}{2} f(t_n + h, \xi_2)$$

Abstract this with parameters

$$\xi_1 = y_n$$

$$c_1 = 0$$

$$\xi_2 = y_n + h a_{21} f(t_n, \xi_1) \quad \text{is an } O(h^2) \text{ approx of } y(t_n + c_2 h)$$

note $c_2 = a_{21}$

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + h b_1 f(t_n + c_1 h, \xi_1) + h b_2 f(t_n + c_2 h, \xi_2) \quad \text{approx of } y(t_{n+1})$$

$$b_1 + b_2 = 1$$

And abstract the number of stages

approx of $y(t_n)$: $\xi_1 = y_n$

$$c_1 = 0$$

approx of $y(t_n + c_2 h)$: $\xi_2 = y_n + h a_{21} f(t_n + c_1 h, \xi_1)$

$$c_2 = a_{21}$$

approx of $y(t_n + c_3 h)$: $\xi_3 = y_n + h a_{31} f(t_n + c_1 h, \xi_1) + h a_{32} f(t_n + c_2 h, \xi_2)$

$$c_3 = a_{31} + a_{32}$$

\vdots

approx of $y(t_n + c_r h)$: $\xi_r = y_n + h \sum_{i=1}^{r-1} a_{ri} f(t_n + c_i h, \xi_i)$

$$c_r = \sum_{i=1}^{r-1} a_{ri}$$

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + h \sum_{j=1}^r b_j f(t_n + c_j h, \xi_j)$$

$$\sum_{j=1}^r b_j = 1$$

Now solve for the parameters a's, b's and c's to optimize something: **order**, stability?, energy conservation, monotonicity, other physical constraints... memory usage, fewest number of stages...

Notation. RK Tableaux

$$\begin{array}{c|c} c & A \\ \hline & b^T \end{array}$$

a way to describe the parameters...

For example

$$\xi_1 = y_n$$

$$a_{21} = 1$$

$$c_1 = 0$$

$$\xi_2 = y_n + h f(t_n, \xi_1)$$

$$c_2 = a_{21} = 1$$

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + \frac{h}{2} f(t_n, \xi_1) + \frac{h}{2} f(t_n + h, \xi_2)$$

$$b_1 = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$b_2 = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\begin{array}{c|cc} & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ \hline & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{array}$$

Another example

$$\xi_1 = y_n$$

$$c_1 = 0$$

$$\xi_2 = y_n + \frac{h}{2} f(t_n, y_n)$$

$$a_{21} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$c_2 = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + h \cdot 0 \cdot f(t_n, \xi_1) + h f(t_n + \frac{h}{2}, \xi_2)$$

$$b_1 = 0$$

$$b_2 = 1$$

$$\begin{array}{c|cc} & 0 & 0 \\ \hline \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ \hline & 0 & 1 \end{array}$$

note that once ξ_2 is computed we can forget about ξ_1 ... so this method saves memory...

Try to make a higher order method: **Gauss Quadrature formula?**

$$y' = f(t, y)$$

$$\int_0^1 f(\tau) d\tau \approx \frac{1}{2} f\left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{12}}\right) + \frac{1}{2} f\left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{12}}\right)$$

$$\int_{t_n}^{t_{n+1}} y'(t) dt = \int_{t_n}^{t_{n+1}} f(t, y(t)) dt$$

$$y(t_{n+1}) - y(t_n) \approx \frac{h}{2} f\left(t_n + \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{12}}\right)h, y\left(t_n + \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{12}}\right)h\right)\right)$$

$$+ \frac{h}{2} f\left(t_n + \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{12}}\right)h, y\left(t_n + \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{12}}\right)h\right)\right) \quad O(h^5)$$

If I could figure out an $O(h^4)$ way to approximate

$$y(t_n + (\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{12}})h) \text{ and } y(t_n + (\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{12}})h)$$

then I'd have an order 4 integrator in the end...

Maybe lower my ambition to begin with and look for an $O(h^3)$ approximation of

$$y(t_n + (\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{12}})h) \text{ and } y(t_n + (\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{12}})h)$$

for a order 3 integrator in the end...

For example approximate these using any of the RK ^{2 stages each} 2nd order schemes to get $O(h^3)$ approximations and substitute the approximations into the Gauss formula to get an explicit RK integrator of order 3.

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5 stage RK method of order 3.

That's a lot of stages... Solving for the parameters to maximize the order while minimizing the stages leads to a 3-stage RK method of order 3.