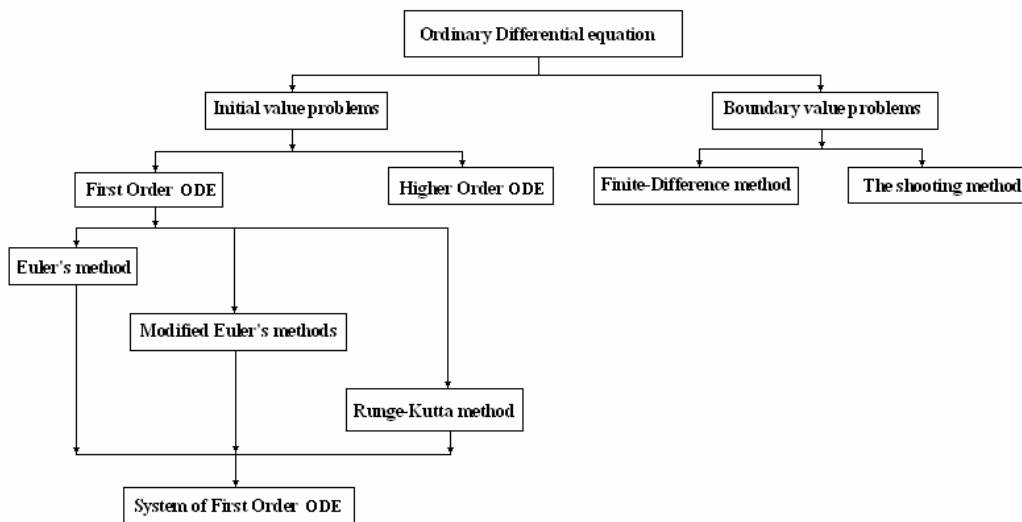


## Chapter SIX

### Ordinary Differential Equations



#### Initial Value Problems

##### 1) First Order Ordinary Differential Equation

###### A- Euler's Method

$$y_{i+1} = y_i + f(x_i, y_i)h$$

Where:  $f(x_i, y_i)$  is the differential equation evaluated at  $x_i$  and  $y_i$ .  
 $h$  is the step size.

###### B- Heun's Method

The slope at the beginning of an interval

$$y'_i = f(x_i, y_i)$$

is used to extrapolate linearly to  $y_{i+1}$

$$y_{i+1}^p = y_i + f(x_i, y_i)h$$

In Heun's method the  $y_{i+1}^p$  calculated is not the final answer but an intermediate prediction.

It provides an estimate of  $y_{i+1}$  that allows the calculation of an estimated slope at the end of the interval:

$$y'_{i+1} = f(x_{i+1}, y_{i+1}^p)$$

Thus, the two slopes can be combined to obtain an average slope:

$$y' = \frac{y'_i + y'_{i+1}}{2} = \frac{f(x_i, y_i) + f(x_{i+1}, y_{i+1}^p)}{2}$$

This average slope is then used to extrapolate linearly from  $y_i$  to  $y_{i+1}$  using Euler's method:

$$y_{i+1} = y_i + \frac{f(x_i, y_i) + f(x_{i+1}, y_{i+1}^p)}{2} h$$

This is called a corrector equation.

### C- *The improved polygon method*

This technique uses Euler's method to predict a value of  $y$  at the midpoint of the interval:

$$y_{i+\frac{1}{2}} = y_i + y'_i \frac{h}{2}$$

Then this predicted value is used to estimate a slope at the midpoint:

$$y'_{i+\frac{1}{2}} = y' \left( x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}, y_{i+\frac{1}{2}} \right)$$

Then

$$y_{i+1} = y_i + y'_{i+\frac{1}{2}} h$$

### D- *Runge-Kutta Methods*

Many variations exist but all can be cast in the form:

$$y_{i+1} = y_i + \phi(x_i, y_i, h)h$$

where  $\phi(x_i, y_i, h)$  is called an increment function.

The increment can be written in general form:

$$\phi = a_1 k_1 + a_2 k_2 + a_3 k_3 + \dots + a_n k_n$$

where the  $a$ 's are constants and the  $k$ 's are:

$$k_1 = f(x_i, y_i) = y'_i$$

$$k_2 = f(x_i + p_1 h, y_i + q_{11} k_1 h)$$

$$k_3 = f(x_i + p_2 h, y_i + q_{21} k_1 h + q_{22} k_2 h)$$

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$$k_n = f(x_i + p_{n-1} h, y_i + q_{n-1,1} k_1 h + q_{n-1,2} k_2 h + \dots + q_{n-1,n-1} k_{n-1} h)$$

- *First Order Runge-Kutta Method*

If  $n = 1$

$$\begin{aligned}\phi &= a_1 k_1 \\ y_{i+1} &= y_i + a_1 k_1 h \\ y_{i+1} &= y_i + a_1 y'_i h\end{aligned}$$

This is Euler's method.

- *Second Order Runge-Kutta Method*

If  $n = 2$

$$\begin{aligned}y_{i+1} &= y_i + (a_1 k_1 + a_2 k_2)h \\ \text{where} \\ k_1 &= f(x_i, y_i) = y'_i \\ k_2 &= f(x_i + p_1 h, y_i + q_{11} k_1 h)\end{aligned}$$

$a_1, a_2, p_1, q_{11}$  are evaluated by setting  $y_{i+1} = y_i + (a_1 k_1 + a_2 k_2)h$  equal to a Taylor series expansion to the second-order term.

$$\begin{aligned}a_1 + a_2 &= 1 \\ a_2 p_1 &= \frac{1}{2} \\ a_2 q_{11} &= \frac{1}{2}\end{aligned}$$

There are 3 equations with 4 unknowns.

We must assume a value of one of the unknowns in order to determine the other three.

If  $a_2 = 1/2$

$$\begin{aligned}a_2 &= \frac{1}{2} \\ a_1 &= 1 - \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \\ p_1 &= \frac{\frac{1}{2}}{\frac{1}{2}} = 1 \\ q_{11} &= \frac{\frac{1}{2}}{\frac{1}{2}} = 1 \\ k_1 &= f(x_i, y_i) \\ k_2 &= f(x_i + h, y_i + k_1 h) \\ y_{i+1} &= y_i + \left(\frac{1}{2} k_1 + \frac{1}{2} k_2\right)h = y_i + \left(\frac{k_1 + k_2}{2}\right)h = y_i + \frac{f(x_i, y_i) + f(x_i + h, y_i + k_1 h)}{2}h\end{aligned}$$

This is similar to Heun's method.

**If  $a_2 = 1$**

$$a_2 = 1$$

$$a_1 = 0$$

$$p_1 = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$q_{11} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$k_1 = f(x_i, y_i)$$

$$k_2 = f\left(x_i + \frac{1}{2}h, y_i + \frac{1}{2}k_1h\right)$$

$$y_{i+1} = y_i + k_2h$$

This is the improved polygon method.

**If  $a_2 = 2/3$  (Raltson's Method)**

$$a_2 = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$a_1 = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$p_1 = q_{11} = \frac{3}{4}$$

$$k_1 = f(x_i, y_i)$$

$$k_2 = f\left(x_i + \frac{3}{4}h, y_i + \frac{3}{4}k_1h\right)$$

$$y_{i+1} = y_i + \left(\frac{1}{3}k_1 + \frac{2}{3}k_2\right)h$$

- *Third Order Runge-Kutta Method*

$$k_1 = f(x_i, y_i)$$

$$k_2 = f\left(x_i + \frac{1}{2}h, y_i + \frac{1}{2}k_1h\right)$$

$$k_3 = f(x_i + h, y_i - k_1h + 2k_2h)$$

$$y_{i+1} = y_i + \left[\frac{1}{6}(k_1 + 4k_2 + k_3)\right]h$$

- *Fourth Order Runge-Kutta Method*

$$k_1 = f(x_i, y_i)$$

$$k_2 = f\left(x_i + \frac{1}{2}h, y_i + \frac{1}{2}k_1h\right)$$

$$k_3 = f\left(x_i + \frac{1}{2}h, y_i + \frac{1}{2}k_2h\right)$$

$$k_4 = f(x_i + h, y_i + k_3h)$$

$$y_{i+1} = y_i + \left[ \frac{1}{6} (k_1 + 2k_2 + 2k_3 + k_4) \right] h$$

- **Higher Order Runge-Kutta Methods**

**Butcher's fifth order RK method**

$$k_1 = f(x_i, y_i)$$

$$k_2 = f\left(x_i + \frac{1}{4}h, y_i + \frac{1}{4}k_1h\right)$$

$$k_3 = f\left(x_i + \frac{1}{4}h, y_i + \frac{1}{8}k_1h + \frac{1}{8}k_2h\right)$$

$$k_4 = f\left(x_i + \frac{1}{2}h, y_i - \frac{1}{2}k_2h + k_3h\right)$$

$$k_5 = f\left(x_i + \frac{3}{4}h, y_i + \frac{3}{16}k_1h + \frac{9}{16}k_4h\right)$$

$$k_6 = f\left(x_i + h, y_i - \frac{3}{7}k_1h + \frac{2}{7}k_2h + \frac{12}{7}k_3h - \frac{12}{7}k_4h + \frac{8}{7}k_5h\right)$$

$$y_{i+1} = y_i + \left[ \frac{1}{90} (7k_1 + 32k_3 + 12k_4 + 32k_5 + 7k_6) \right] h$$

**Fehlberg Runge-Kutta**

$$k_1 = f(x_i, y_i)$$

$$k_2 = f\left(x_i + \frac{1}{4}h, y_i + \frac{1}{4}k_1h\right)$$

$$k_3 = f\left(x_i + \frac{3}{8}h, y_i + \frac{3}{32}k_1h + \frac{9}{32}k_2h\right)$$

$$k_4 = f\left(x_i + \frac{12}{13}h, y_i + \frac{1932}{2197}k_1h - \frac{7200}{2197}k_2h + \frac{7296}{2197}k_3h\right)$$

$$k_5 = f\left(x_i + h, y_i + \frac{439}{216}k_1h - 8k_2h + \frac{3860}{513}k_3h - \frac{845}{4104}k_4h\right)$$

$$k_6 = f\left(x_i + \frac{h}{2}, y_i - \frac{8}{27}k_1h + 2k_2h - \frac{3544}{2565}k_3h + \frac{1859}{4104}k_4h - \frac{11}{40}k_5h\right)$$

$$y_{i+1} = y_i + \left[ \frac{25}{216}k_1 + \frac{1408}{2565}k_3 + \frac{2197}{4104}k_4 - \frac{1}{5}k_5 \right] h$$

or

$$y_{i+1} = y_i + \left[ \frac{16}{135}k_1 + \frac{6656}{12825}k_3 + \frac{28561}{56430}k_4 - \frac{9}{50}k_5 + \frac{2}{55}k_6 \right] h$$

## 2) *Systems of First Ordinary Differential Equations*

$$\begin{aligned}y_1' &= f_1(x, y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n) \\y_2' &= f_2(x, y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n) \\y_3' &= f_3(x, y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n) \\&\bullet \\&\bullet \\y_n' &= f_n(x, y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)\end{aligned}$$

- The system requires that  $n$  initial conditions be known at the starting value of  $x$ .
- All previous methods can be extended to the system of equations.
- The procedure for solving a system of equations simply involves applying the one-step techniques for every equation at each step before proceeding to the next step.

## 3) *Higher Order Ordinary Differential Equations*

$$y'' = g(x, y, y')$$

Can be converted to a system of two first-order ODE by a simple change of variables:

$$\begin{aligned}u &= y \\v &= y' \\u' &= y' = v = f(x, u, v) \\v' &= y'' = g(x, u, v)\end{aligned}$$

The initial conditions:

$$y(0) = \alpha_0 \quad \text{and} \quad y'(0) = \alpha_1$$

These initial conditions become:

$$u(0) = \alpha_0 \quad \text{and} \quad v(0) = \alpha_1$$

### **For higher order ODE**

$$\begin{aligned}y^{(n)} &= f(x, y, y', y'', y''', \dots, y^{(n-1)}) \\y(0) &= \alpha_0, y'(0) = \alpha_1, y''(0) = \alpha_2, y'''(0) = \alpha_3, \dots, y^{(n-1)}(0) = \alpha_{n-1} \\u_1 &= y \\u_2 &= y' \\u_3 &= y'' \\&\bullet \\u_n &= y^{(n-1)} \\ \text{Then} \\u_1' &= u_2 \\u_2' &= u_3 \\u_3' &= u_4\end{aligned}$$

$$u'_n = f(x, u_1, u_2, u_3, u_4, \dots, u_n)$$

initial conditions

$$u_1(0) = \alpha_0, u_2(0) = \alpha_1, u_3(0) = \alpha_2, u_4(0) = \alpha_3, \dots, u_n(0) = \alpha_{n-1}$$

### Boundary Value Problems

$$\frac{d^2T}{dx^2} + h'(T_a - T) = 0$$

$h'$  is a radiative heat loss coefficient ( $\text{cm}^{-2}$ )

$$T(0) = T_1$$

$$T(L) = T_2$$

#### 1) *The Shooting Method*

It is based on converting the boundary value problem to an equivalent initial value problem.

A trial and error approach is then implemented to solve the initial value version.

For nonlinear boundary value problems, perform three applications of the shooting method and use a quadratic interpolating polynomial to estimate the proper boundary condition.

#### 2) *Finite-Difference method*

Finite divided differences are substituted for the derivatives in the original equation.

The differential equation is transformed to a set of simultaneous algebraic equations that can be solved as before.

$$\frac{d^2T}{dx^2} + h'(T_a - T) = 0$$

$$T(0) = T_1$$

$$T(L) = T_2$$

$$\frac{d^2T}{dx^2} = \frac{T_{i+1} - 2T_i + T_{i-1}}{\Delta x^2} \quad (\text{central})$$

$$\therefore \frac{T_{i+1} - 2T_i + T_{i-1}}{\Delta x^2} - h'(T_i - T_a) = 0$$

$$T_{i+1} - 2T_i + T_{i-1} - h'\Delta x^2 T_i + h'\Delta x^2 T_a = 0$$

$$T_{i+1} - (2 + h'\Delta x^2)T_i + T_{i-1} = -h'\Delta x^2 T_a$$

$$-T_{i-1} + (2 + h'\Delta x^2)T_i - T_{i+1} = h'\Delta x^2 T_a$$

This equation is applied to each of the interior nodes of the rod as an example.

The first and the last interior nodes,  $T_{i-1}$  and  $T_{i+1}$  are specified by the boundary conditions.

The resulting set of linear equations will be tridiagonal.