

Lecture 9

Ordinary Differential Equations

Part I



- ❖ ODEs
- ❖ Taylor series methods and Euler method
- ❖ Midpoint and Heun's method
- ❖ Runge-Kutta methods

Derivatives

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Ordinary Derivatives

$$\frac{dv}{dt}$$

v is a function of one independent variable

Partial Derivatives

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial y}$$

u is a function of more than one independent variable

Differential Equations

Differential Equations

Ordinary Differential Equations

$$\frac{d^2 v}{dt^2} + 6tv = 1$$

involve one or more
Ordinary derivatives of
unknown functions

Partial Differential Equations

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} - \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = 0$$

involve one or more
partial derivatives of
unknown functions

Ordinary Differential Equations

Ordinary Differential Equations (ODEs) involve one or more ordinary derivatives of unknown functions with respect to one independent variable

Examples :

$$\frac{dv(t)}{dt} - v(t) = e^t$$

$$\frac{d^2 x(t)}{dt^2} - 5 \frac{dx(t)}{dt} + 2x(t) = \cos(t)$$

x(t): unknown function

t: independent variable

Example of ODE:

Model of Falling Parachutist

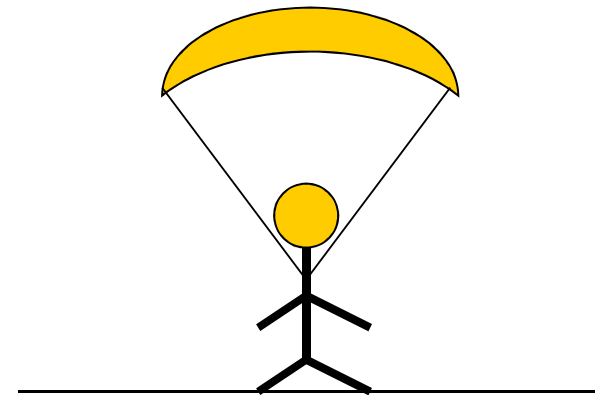
The velocity of a falling parachutist is given by:

$$\frac{d v}{d t} = 9.8 - \frac{c}{M} v$$

M : *mass*

c : *drag coefficient*

v : *velocity*



Definitions

The diagram shows the equation $\frac{dv}{dt} = 9.8 - \frac{c}{M}v$. A red dotted oval encircles the entire equation. Three red dotted circles highlight specific parts: one around dv , one around dt , and one around v . Three lines with arrowheads point from these circles to three yellow boxes. A fourth line points from the red dotted oval to a fourth yellow box.

$$\frac{dv}{dt} = 9.8 - \frac{c}{M}v$$

Ordinary
differential
equation

(Dependent
variable) unknown
function to be
determined

(independent variable)
the variable with respect to which
other variables are differentiated

Order of a Differential Equation

The **order** of an ordinary differential equation is the order of the highest order derivative.

Examples :

$$\frac{dx(t)}{dt} - x(t) = e^t$$

First order ODE

$$\frac{d^2 x(t)}{dt^2} - 5 \frac{dx(t)}{dt} + 2x(t) = \cos(t)$$

Second order ODE

$$\left(\frac{d^2 x(t)}{dt^2} \right)^3 - \frac{dx(t)}{dt} + 2x^4(t) = 1$$

Second order ODE

Solution of a Differential Equation

A **solution** to a differential equation is a function that satisfies the equation.

Example :

$$\frac{dx(t)}{dt} + x(t) = 0$$

Solution $x(t) = e^{-t}$

Proof :

$$\frac{dx(t)}{dt} = -e^{-t}$$

$$\frac{dx(t)}{dt} + x(t) = -e^{-t} + e^{-t} = 0$$

Linear ODE

An ODE is linear if

The unknown function and its derivatives appear to power one

No product of the unknown function and/or its derivatives

Examples :

$$\frac{dx(t)}{dt} - x(t) = e^t$$

Linear ODE

$$\frac{d^2x(t)}{dt^2} - 5\frac{dx(t)}{dt} + 2t^2x(t) = \cos(t)$$

Linear ODE

$$\left(\frac{d^2x(t)}{dt^2}\right)^3 - \frac{dx(t)}{dt} + \sqrt{x(t)} = 1$$

Non-linear ODE

Nonlinear ODE

An ODE is linear if

The unknown function and its derivatives appear to power one

No product of the unknown function and/or its derivatives

Examples of nonlinear ODE :

$$\frac{dx(t)}{dt} - \cos(x(t)) = 1$$

$$\frac{d^2x(t)}{dt^2} - 5 \frac{dx(t)}{dt} x(t) = 2$$

$$\frac{d^2x(t)}{dt^2} - \left| \frac{dx(t)}{dt} \right| + x(t) = 1$$

Solutions of Ordinary Differential Equations

$$x(t) = \cos(2t)$$

is a solution to the ODE

$$\frac{d^2 x(t)}{dt^2} + 4x(t) = 0$$

Is it unique?

All functions of the form $x(t) = \cos(2t + c)$
(where c is a real constant) are solutions.

Uniqueness of a Solution

In order to uniquely specify a solution to an n^{th} order differential equation we need n conditions.

$$\frac{d^2 x(t)}{dt^2} + 4x(t) = 0$$

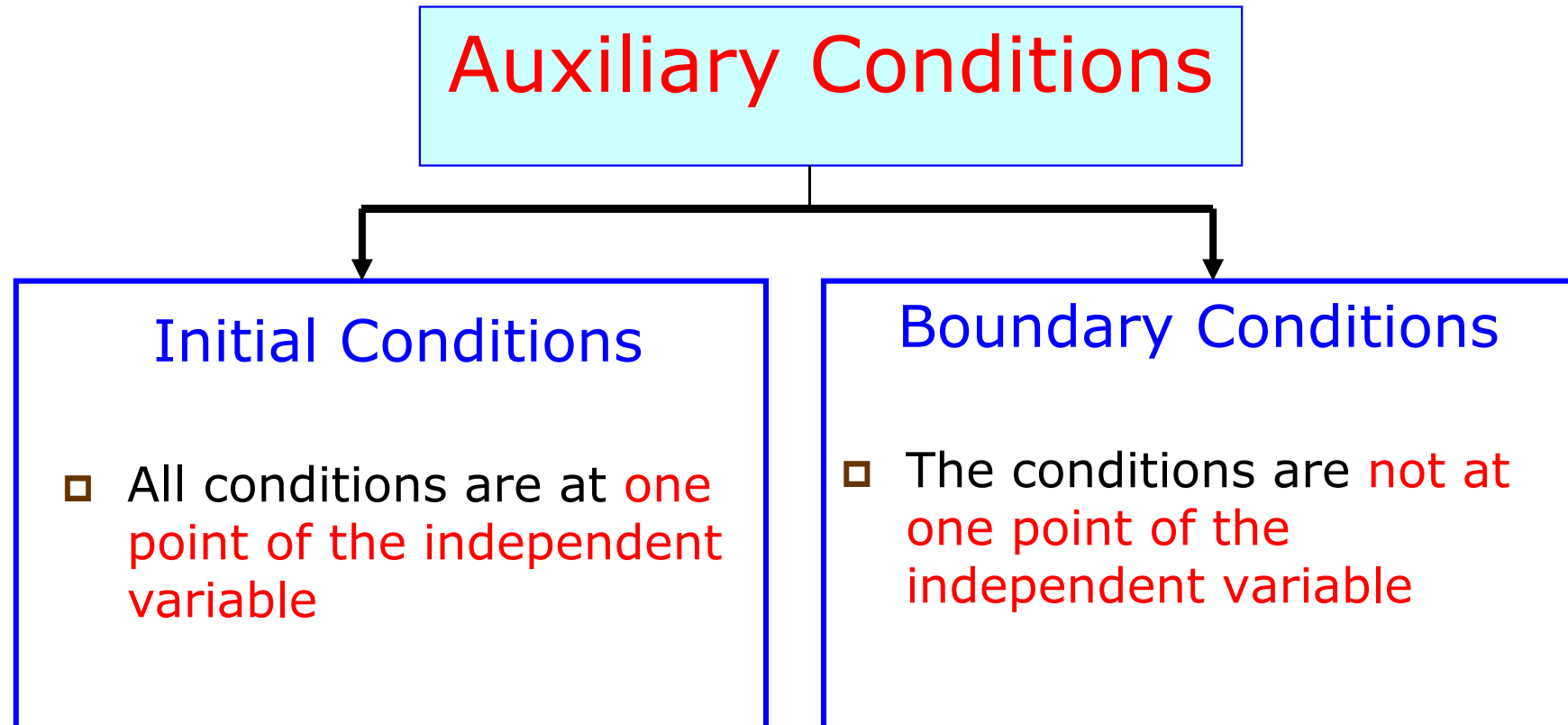
Second order ODE

$$x(0) = a$$

$$\dot{x}(0) = b$$

Two conditions are needed to uniquely specify the solution

Auxiliary Conditions



Boundary-Value and Initial value Problems

Initial-Value Problems

- ▣ The auxiliary conditions are at **one point of the independent variable**

$$\ddot{x} + 2\dot{x} + x = e^{-2t}$$

$$x(0) = 1, \quad \dot{x}(0) = 2.5$$

same

Boundary-Value Problems

- ▣ The auxiliary conditions are **not at one point of the independent variable**
- ▣ More difficult to solve than initial value problems

$$\ddot{x} + 2\dot{x} + x = e^{-2t}$$

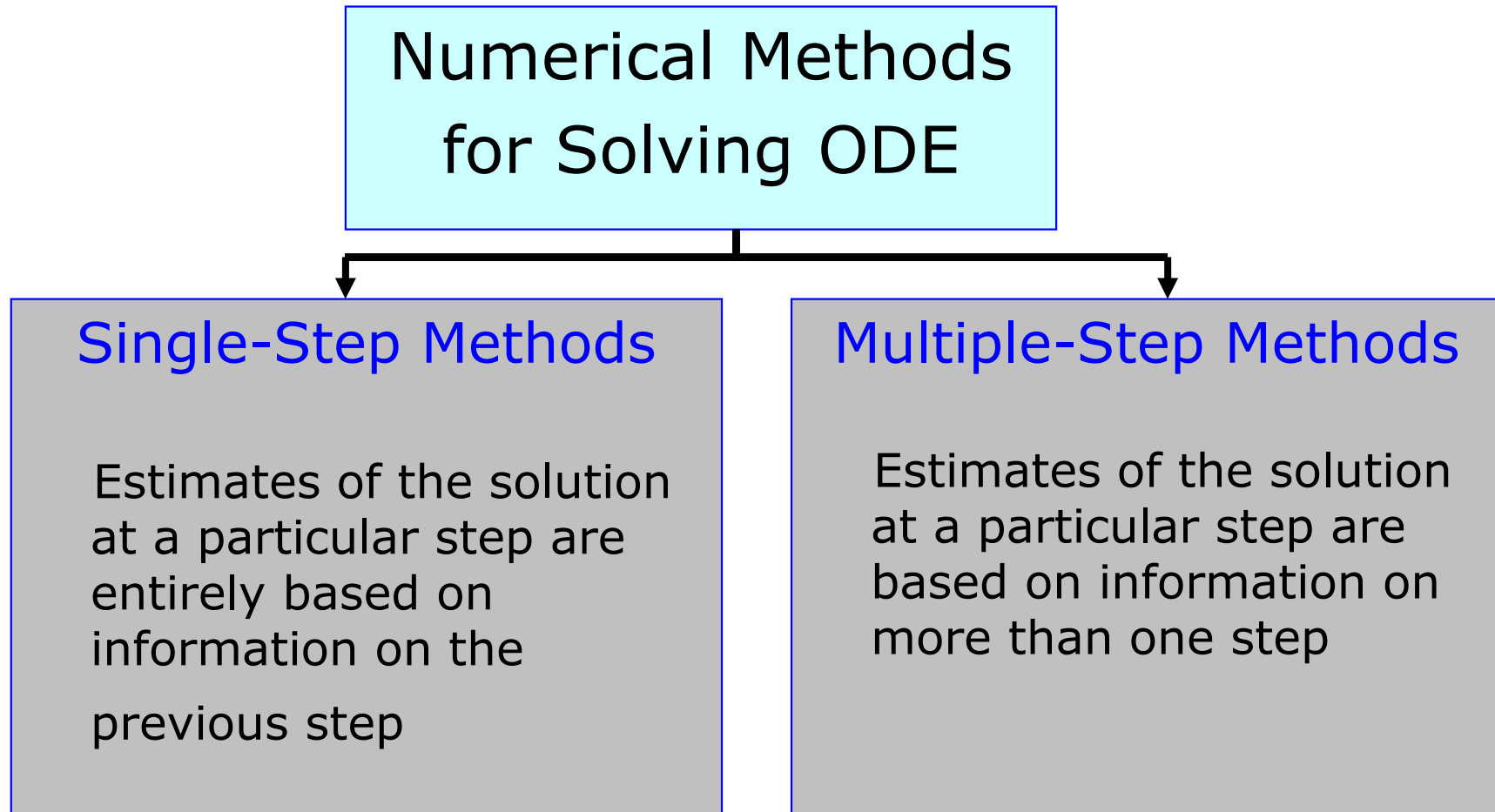
$$x(0) = 1, \quad x(2) = 1.5$$

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Analytic and Numerical Solutions

- ▣ Analytical Solutions to ODEs are available for linear ODEs and special classes of nonlinear differential equations.
- ▣ Numerical methods are used to obtain a graph or a table of the unknown function.
- ▣ Most of the Numerical methods used to solve ODEs are based directly (or indirectly) on the truncated Taylor series expansion.

Classification of the Methods



Taylor Series Method

The problem to be solved is a first order ODE:

$$\frac{dy(x)}{dx} = f(x, y), \quad y(x_0) = y_0$$

Estimates of the solution at different base points:

$$y(x_0 + h), \quad y(x_0 + 2h), \quad y(x_0 + 3h), \quad \dots$$

are computed using the truncated Taylor series expansions.

Taylor Series Expansion

Truncated Taylor Series Expansion

$$y(x_0 + h) \approx \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{h^k}{k!} \left(\frac{d^k y}{dx^k} \bigg|_{x=x_0, y=y_0} \right)$$
$$\approx y(x_0) + h \frac{dy}{dx} \bigg|_{x=x_0, y=y_0} + \frac{h^2}{2!} \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} \bigg|_{x=x_0, y=y_0} + \dots + \frac{h^n}{n!} \frac{d^n y}{dx^n} \bigg|_{x=x_0, y=y_0}$$

The n^{th} order Taylor series method uses the n^{th} order Truncated Taylor series expansion.

Euler Method

- ▣ First order Taylor series method is known as *Euler Method*.
- ▣ Only the constant term and linear term are used in the Euler method.
- ▣ The error due to the use of the truncated Taylor series is of order $O(h^2)$.

First Order Taylor Series Method

(Euler Method)

$$y(x_0 + h) = y(x_0) + h \left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{\substack{x=x_0, \\ y=y_0}} + O(h^2)$$

Notation :

$$x_n = x_0 + nh, \quad y_n = y(x_n),$$

$$\left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{\substack{x=x_i, \\ y=y_i}} = f(x_i, y_i)$$

Euler Method

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

Euler Method

Problem:

Given the first order ODE: $\dot{y}(x) = f(x, y)$

with the initial condition: $y_0 = y(x_0)$

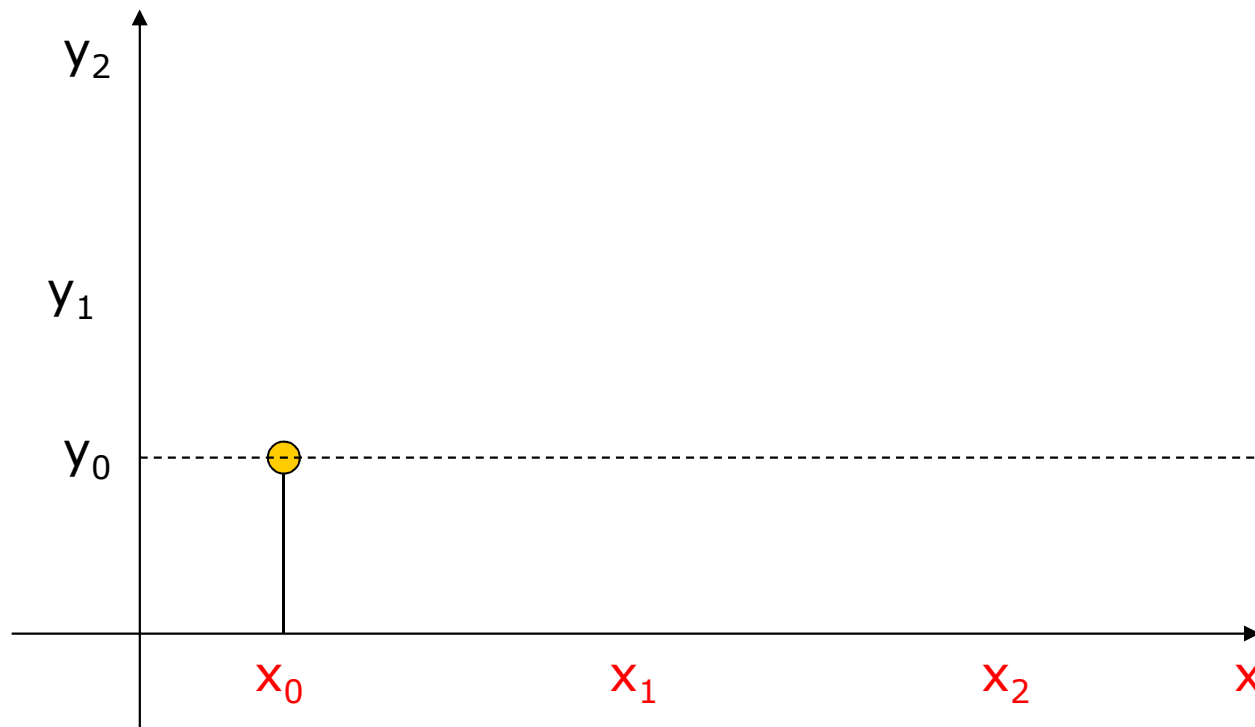
Determine: $y_i = y(x_0 + ih)$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots$

Euler Method:

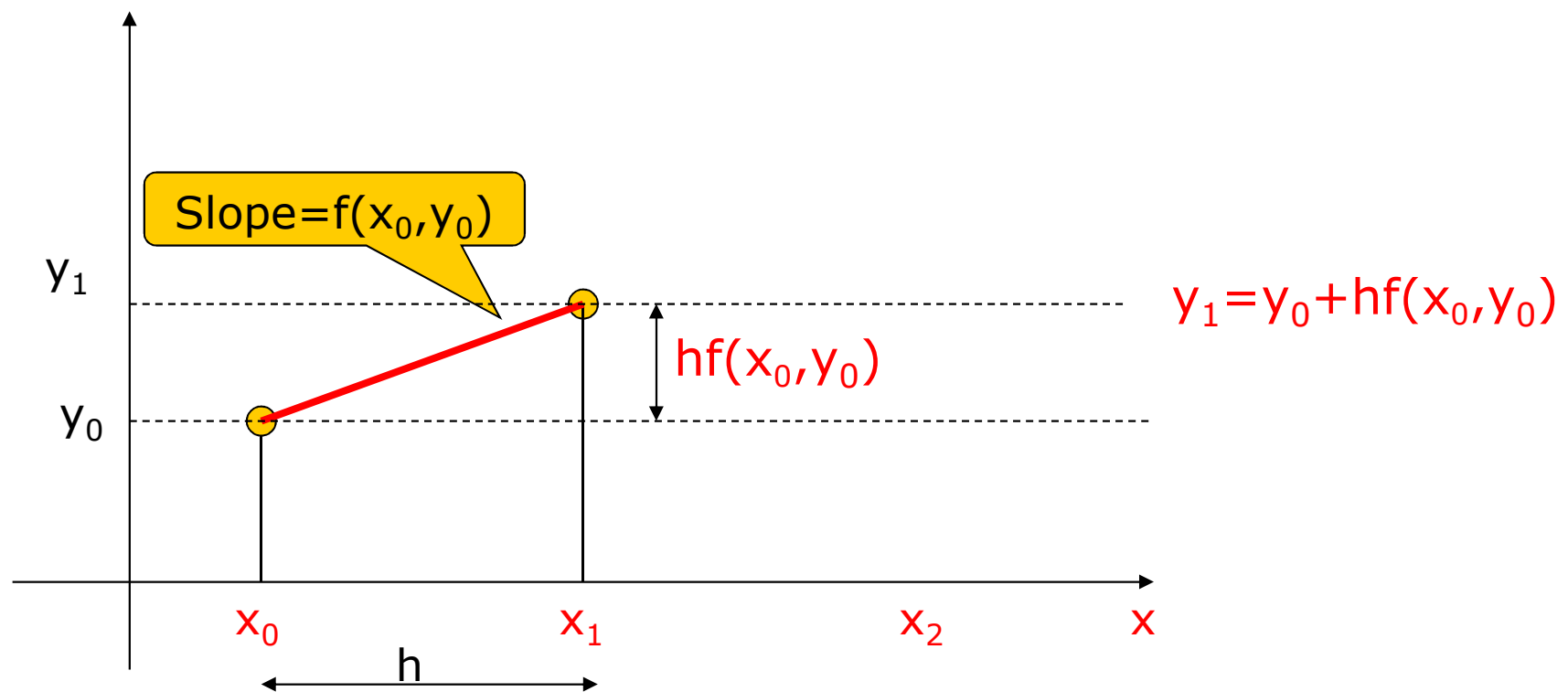
$$y_0 = y(x_0)$$

$$y_{i+1} = y_i + h f(x_i, y_i) \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots$$

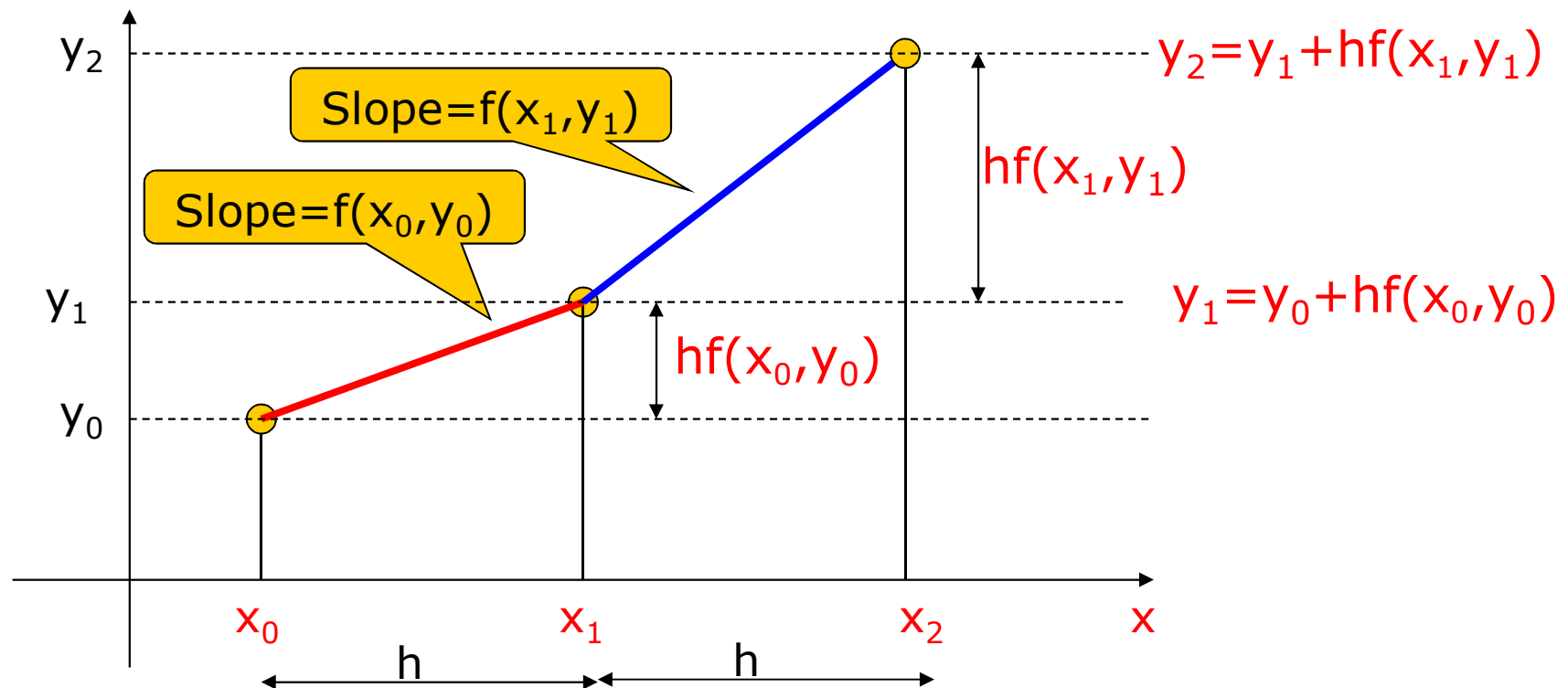
Interpretation of Euler Method



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Interpretation of Euler Method



Example 1

Use Euler method to solve the ODE:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 1 + x^2, \quad y(1) = -4$$

to determine $y(1.01)$, $y(1.02)$ and $y(1.03)$.

Example 1

$$f(x, y) = 1 + x^2, \quad x_0 = 1, \quad y_0 = -4, \quad h = 0.01$$

Euler Method

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

$$\text{Step1: } y_1 = y_0 + h f(x_0, y_0) = -4 + 0.01(1 + (1)^2) = -3.98$$

$$\text{Step2: } y_2 = y_1 + h f(x_1, y_1) = -3.98 + 0.01(1 + (1.01)^2) = -3.9598$$

$$\text{Step3: } y_3 = y_2 + h f(x_2, y_2) = -3.9598 + 0.01(1 + (1.02)^2) = -3.9394$$

Example 1

$$f(x, y) = 1 + x^2, \quad x_0 = 1, \quad y_0 = -4, \quad h = 0.01$$

Summary of the result:

i	x_i	y_i
0	1.00	-4.00
1	1.01	-3.98
2	1.02	-3.9595
3	1.03	-3.9394

Example 1

$$f(x, y) = 1 + x^2, \quad x_0 = 1, \quad y_0 = -4, \quad h = 0.01$$

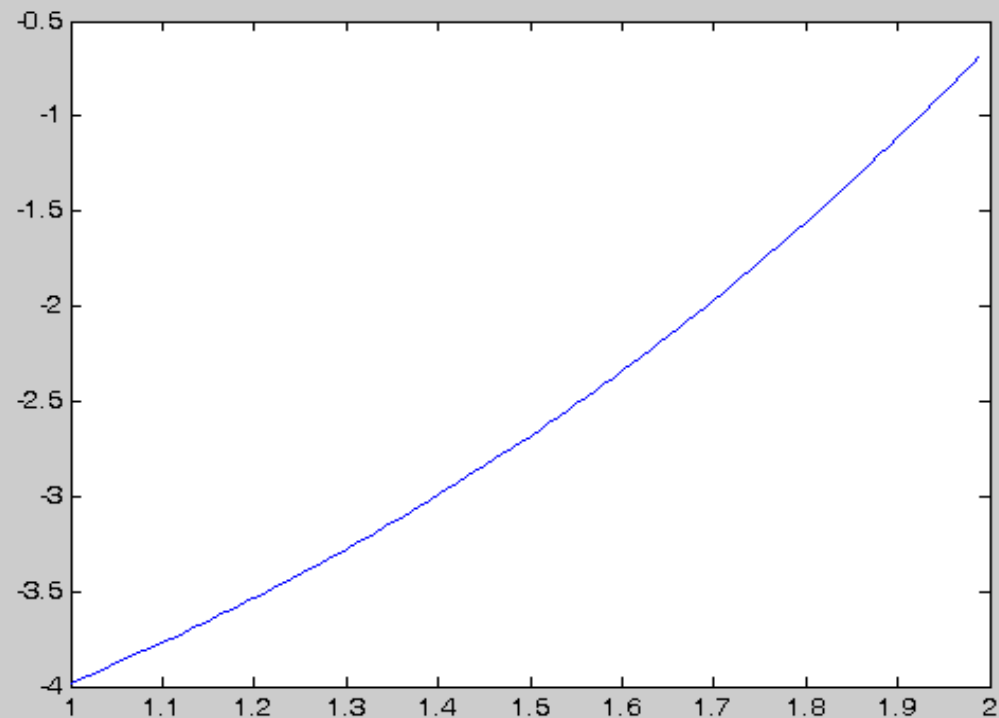
Comparison with true value:

i	x_i	y_i	True value of y_i
0	1.00	-4.00	-4.00
1	1.01	-3.98	-3.97990
2	1.02	-3.9595	-3.95959
3	1.03	-3.9394	-3.93909

Example 1

$$f(x, y) = 1 + x^2, \quad x_0 = 1, \quad y_0 = -4, \quad h = 0.01$$

A graph of the
solution of the
ODE for
 $1 < x < 2$



Types of Errors

- **Local truncation error:**

Error due to the use of truncated Taylor series to compute $x(t+h)$ in one step.

- **Global Truncation error:**

Accumulated truncation over many steps.

- **Round off error:**

Error due to finite number of bits used in representation of numbers. This error could be accumulated and magnified in succeeding steps.

Second Order Taylor Series Methods

$$\text{Given } \frac{dy(x)}{dx} = f(y, x), \quad y(x_0) = y_0$$

Second order Taylor Series method

$$y_{i+1} = y_i + h \frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{h^2}{2!} \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + O(h^3)$$

$\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2}$ needs to be derived analytically.

Third Order Taylor Series Methods

$$\text{Given } \frac{dy(x)}{dx} = f(y, x), \quad y(x_0) = y_0$$

Third order Taylor Series method

$$y_{i+1} = y_i + h \frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{h^2}{2!} \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + \frac{h^3}{3!} \frac{d^3 y}{dx^3} + O(h^4)$$

$\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2}$ and $\frac{d^3 y}{dx^3}$ need to be derived analytically.

High Order Taylor Series Methods

$$\text{Given } \frac{dy(x)}{dx} = f(y, x), \quad y(x_0) = y_0$$

n^{th} order Taylor Series method

$$y_{i+1} = y_i + h \frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{h^2}{2!} \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + \dots + \frac{h^n}{n!} \frac{d^n y}{dx^n} + O(h^{n+1})$$

$\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2}, \frac{d^3 y}{dx^3}, \dots, \frac{d^n y}{dx^n}$ need to be derived analytically.

Higher Order Taylor Series Methods

- High order Taylor series methods are more accurate than Euler method.
- But, the 2nd, 3rd, and higher order derivatives need to be derived analytically which may not be easy.

Example 2

Second order Taylor Series Method

Use Second order Taylor Series method to solve:

$$\frac{dx}{dt} + 2x^2 + t = 1, \quad x(0) = 1, \quad \text{use } h = 0.01$$

What is : $\frac{d^2x(t)}{dt^2}$?

Example 2

Use Second order Taylor Series method to solve:

$$\frac{dx}{dt} + 2x^2 + t = 1, \quad x(0) = 1, \quad \text{use } h = 0.01$$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = 1 - 2x^2 - t$$

$$\frac{d^2x(t)}{dt^2} = 0 - 4x \frac{dx}{dt} - 1 = -4x(1 - 2x^2 - t) - 1$$

$$x_{i+1} = x_i + h(1 - 2x_i^2 - t_i) + \frac{h^2}{2}(-1 - 4x_i(1 - 2x_i^2 - t_i))$$

Example 2

$$f(t, x) = 1 - 2x^2 - t, \quad t_0 = 0, \quad x_0 = 1, \quad h = 0.01$$

$$x_{i+1} = x_i + h(1 - 2x_i^2 - t_i) + \frac{h^2}{2}(-1 - 4x_i(1 - 2x_i^2 - t_i))$$

Step 1:

$$x_1 = 1 + 0.01(1 - 2(1)^2 - 0) + \frac{(0.01)^2}{2}(-1 - 4(1)(1 - 2 - 0)) = 0.9901$$

Step 2:

$$x_2 = 0.9901 + 0.01(1 - 2(0.9901)^2 - 0.01) + \frac{(0.01)^2}{2}(-1 - 4(0.9901)(1 - 2(0.9901)^2 - 0.01)) = 0.9807$$

Step 3:

$$x_3 = 0.9716$$

Example 2

$$f(t, x) = 1 - 2x^2 - t, \quad t_0 = 0, \quad x_0 = 1, \quad h = 0.01$$

Summary of the results:

i	t_i	x_i
0	0.00	1
1	0.01	0.9901
2	0.02	0.9807
3	0.03	0.9716

Programming Euler Method

Write a MATLAB program to implement Euler method to solve:

$$\frac{dv}{dt} = 1 - 2v^2 - t. \quad v(0) = 1$$

$$\text{for } t_i = 0.01i, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, 100$$

Programming Euler Method

```
f=inline('1-2*v^2-t','t','v')
h=0.01
t=0
v=1
T(1)=t;
V(1)=v;
for k=1:100
    v=v+h*f(t,v)
    t=t+h;
    T(k+1)=t;
    V(k+1)=v;
end
```

Programming Euler Method

```
f=inline('1-2*v^2-t','t','v')
```

Definition of the ODE

```
h=0.01
```

```
t=0
```

Initial condition

```
v=1
```

```
T(1)=t;
```

```
V(1)=v;
```

```
for k=1:100
```

Main loop

```
    v=v+h*f(t,v)
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    t=t+h;
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    T(k+1)=t;
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    V(k+1)=v;
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Euler method

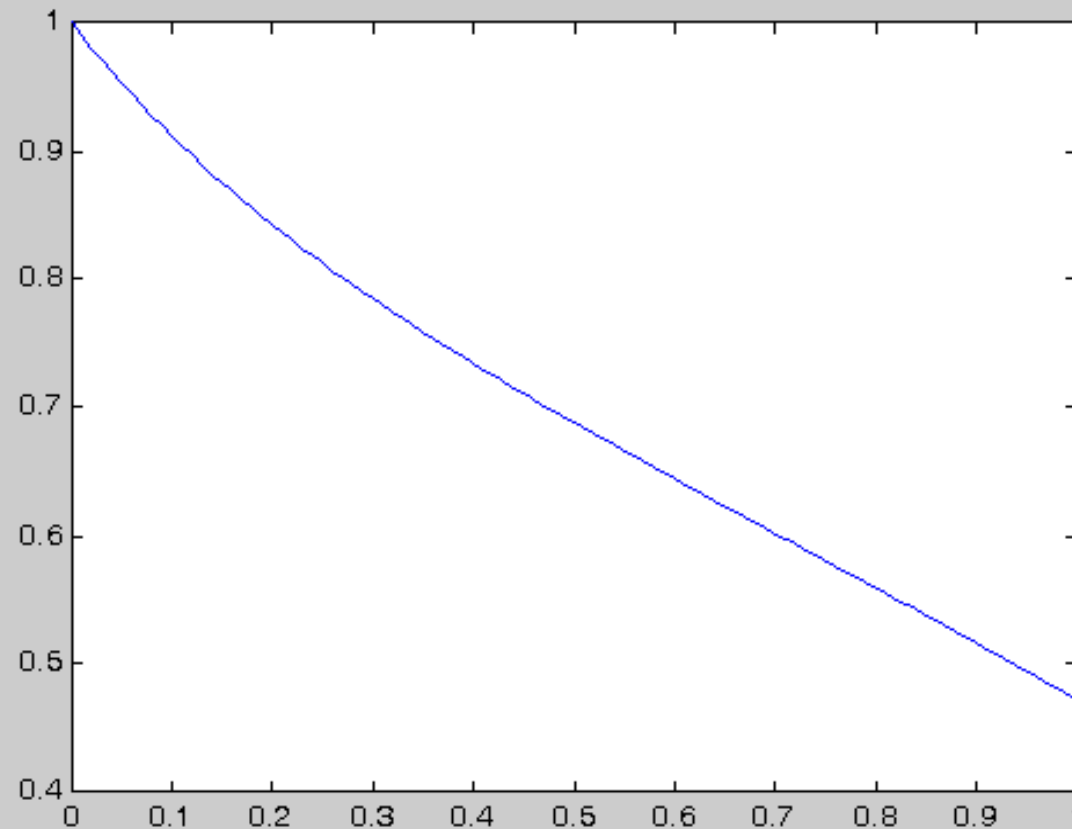
Storing information

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end
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Programming Euler Method

Plot of the
solution

`plot(T,V)`



Euler Method

Problem

$$\dot{y}(x) = f(x, y)$$

$$y(x_0) = y_0$$

Euler Method

$$y_0 = y(x_0)$$

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

for $i = 1, 2, \dots$

Local Truncation Error $O(h^2)$

Global Truncation Error $O(h)$

Midpoint Method Introduction

Problem to be solved is a first order ODE :

$$\dot{y}(x) = f(x, y), \quad y(x_0) = y_0$$

- The methods proposed in this lesson have the general form:

$$y_{i+1} = y_i + h \phi$$

- For the case of Euler: $\phi = f(x_i, y_i)$
- Different forms of ϕ will be used for the Midpoint and Heun's Methods.

Midpoint Method

Problem

$$\dot{y}(x) = f(x, y)$$

$$y(x_0) = y_0$$

Midpoint Method

$$y_0 = y(x_0)$$

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

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

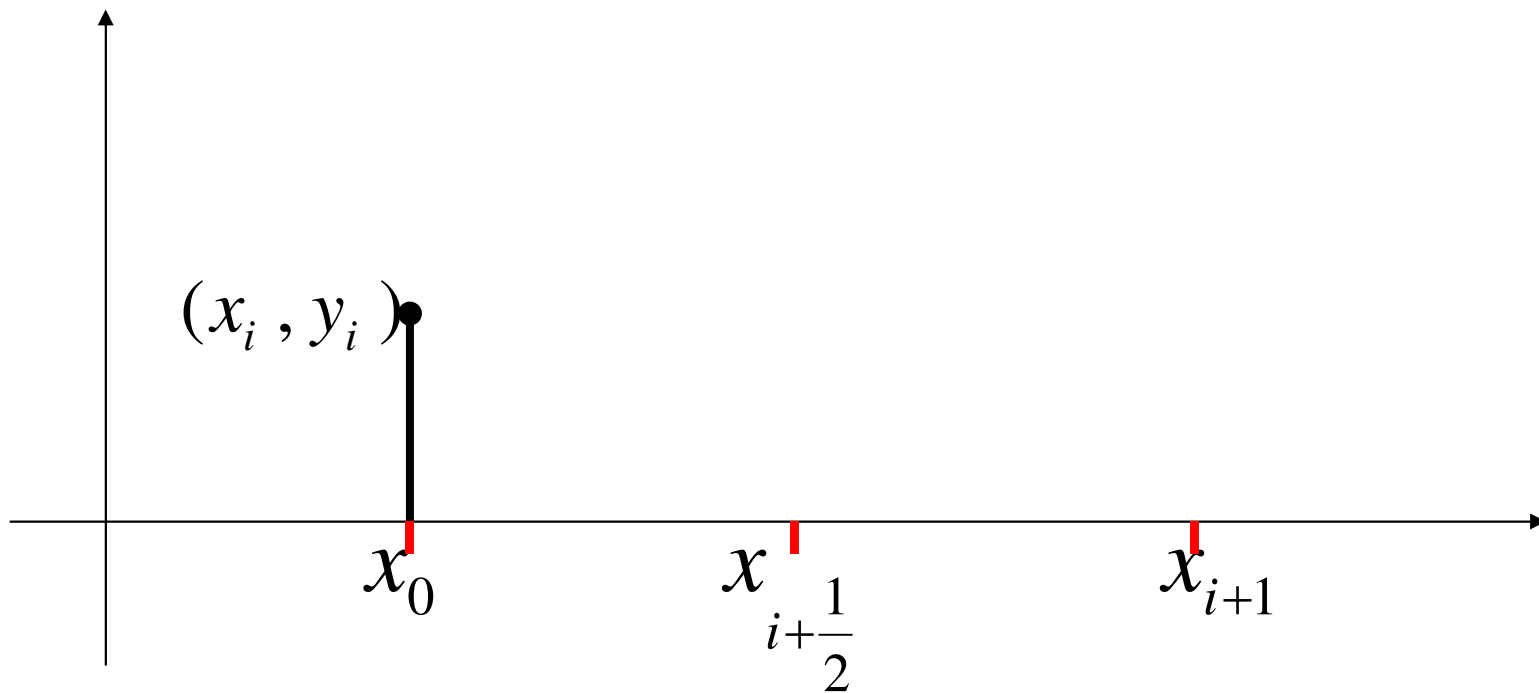
Local Truncation Error $O(h^3)$

Global Truncation Error $O(h^2)$

Motivation

- The midpoint can be summarized as:
 - Euler method is used to estimate the solution at the midpoint.
 - The value of the rate function $f(x,y)$ at the midpoint is calculated.
 - This value is used to estimate y_{i+1} .
- Local Truncation error of order $O(h^3)$.
- Comparable to Second order Taylor series method.

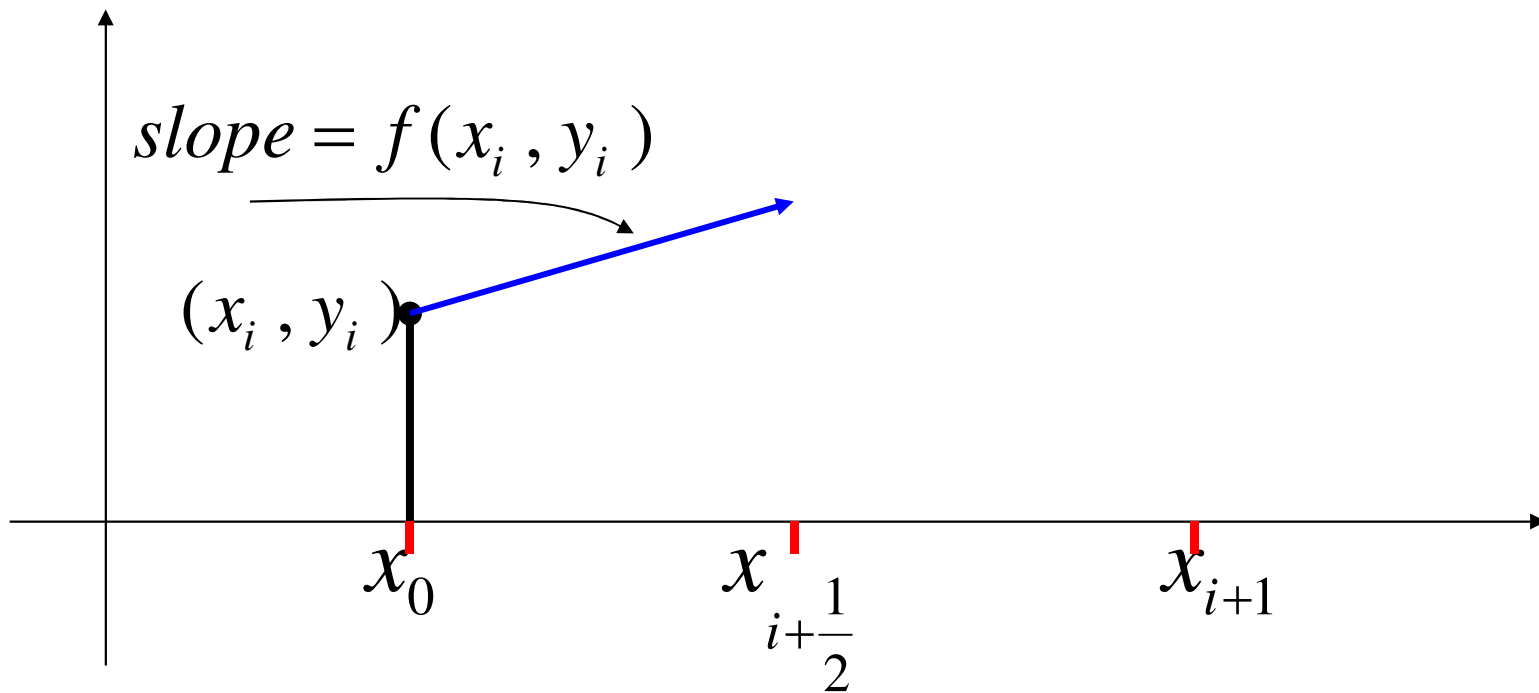
Midpoint Method



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

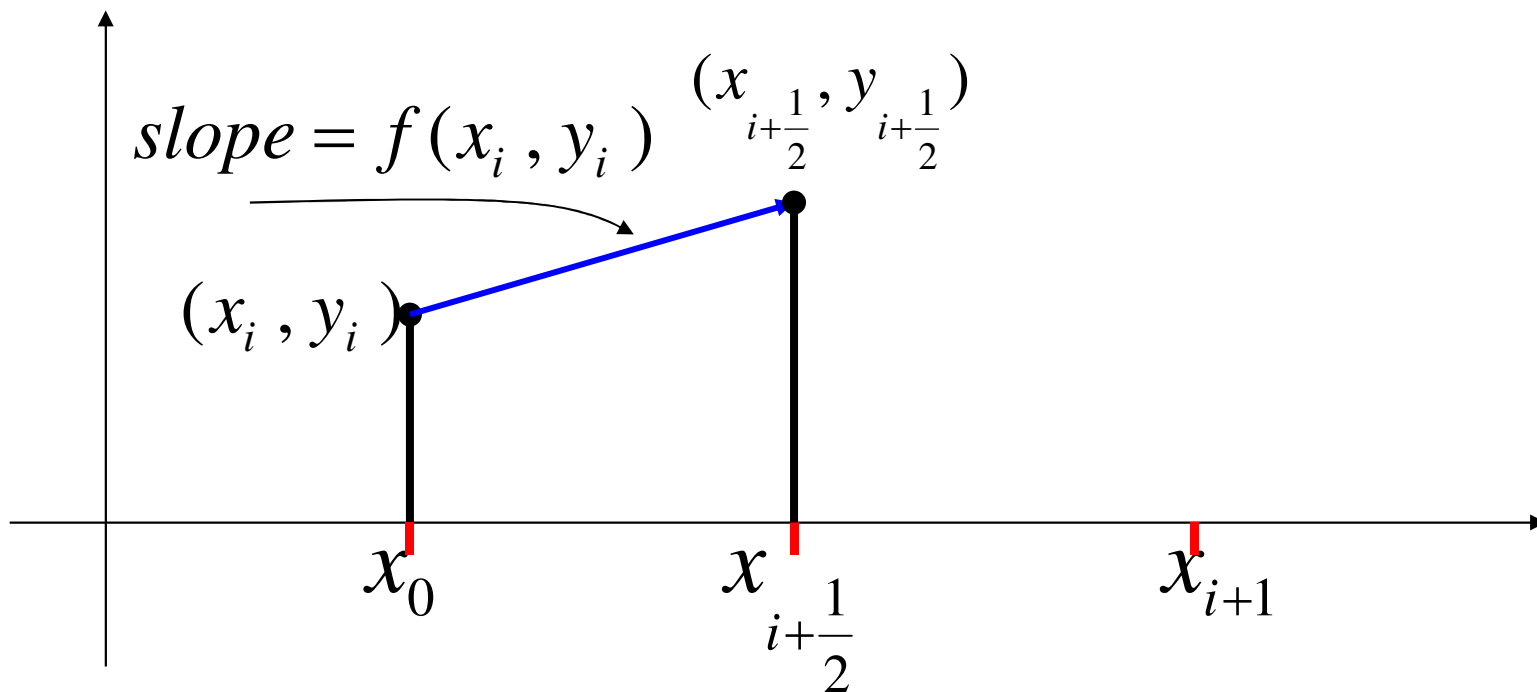
$$y_{i+1} = y_i + h f(x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}, y_{i+\frac{1}{2}})$$

Midpoint Method



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

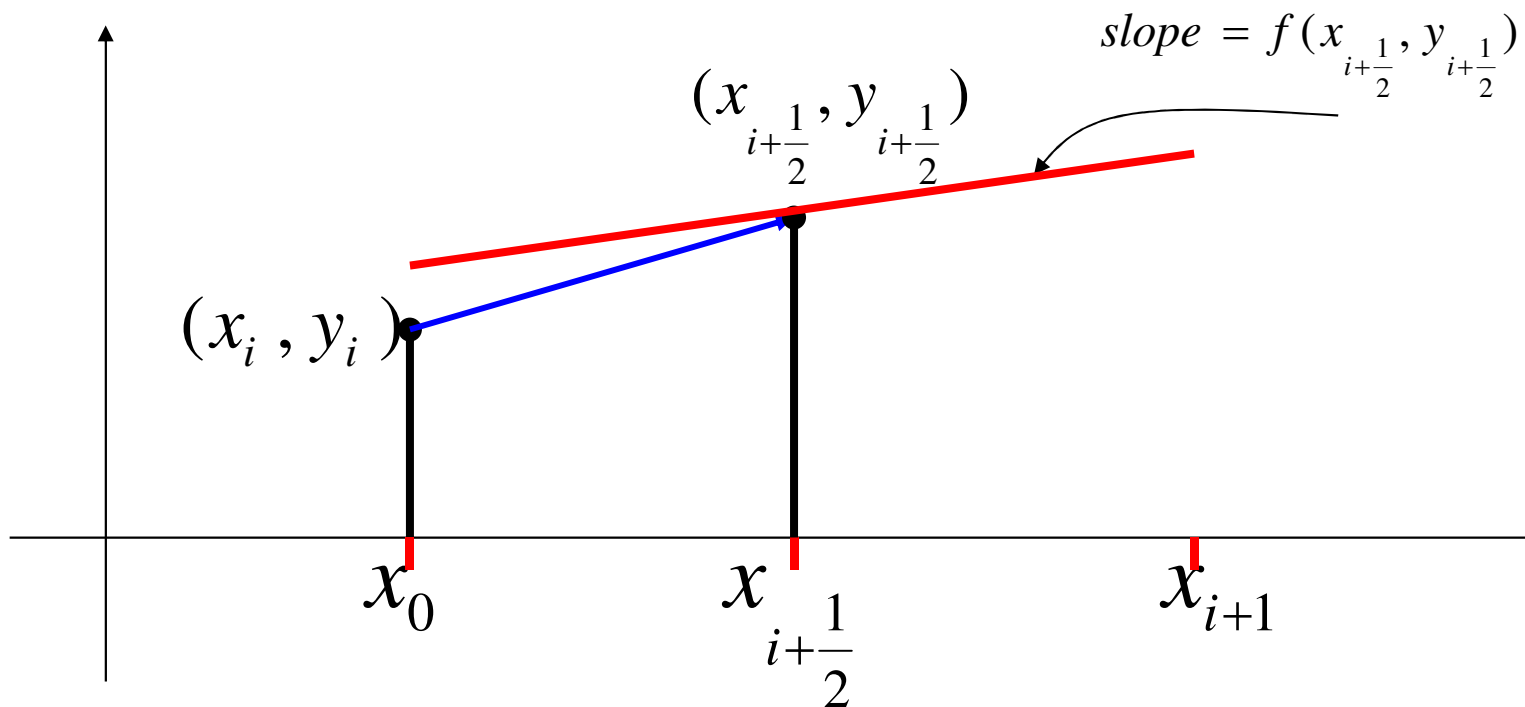
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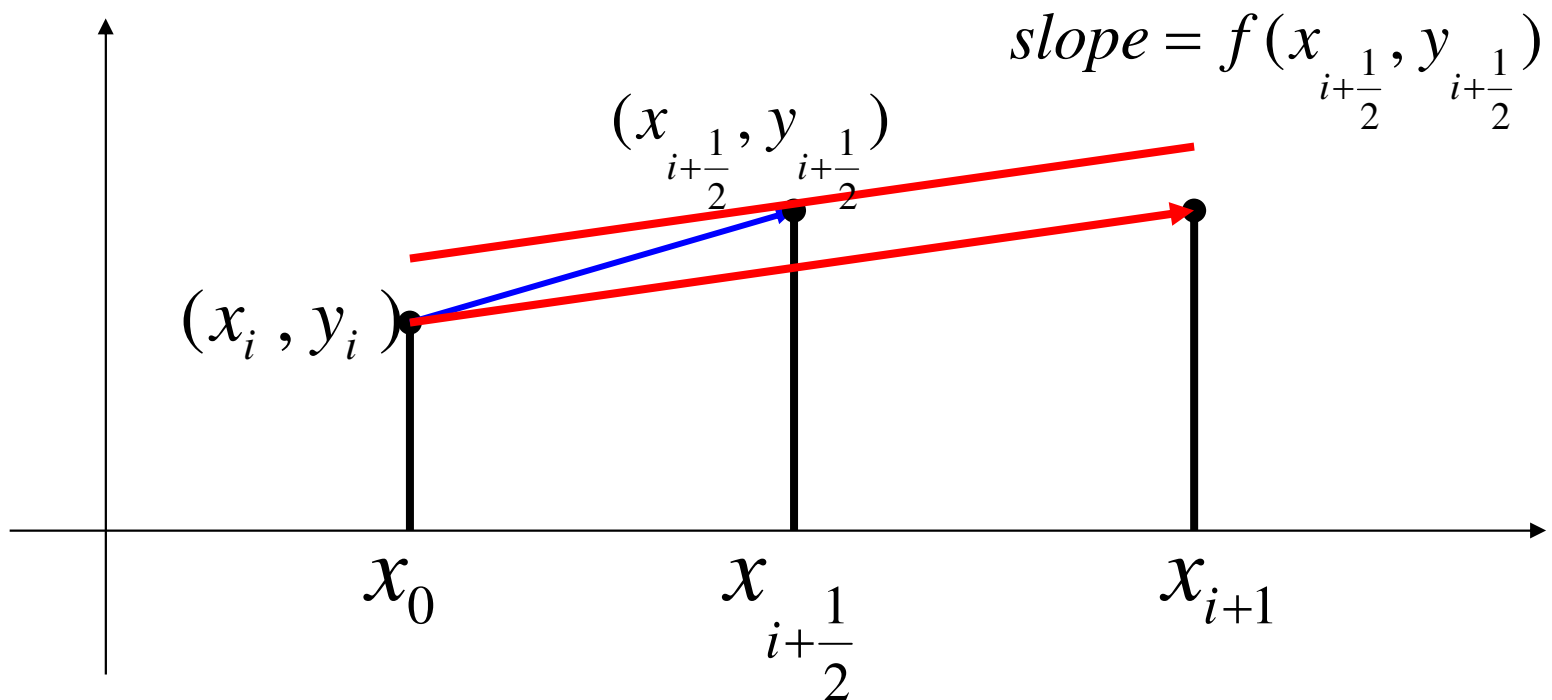
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$$y_{i+1} = y_i + h f(x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}, y_{i+\frac{1}{2}})$$

Midpoint Method



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

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

Example 1

Use the Midpoint Method to solve the ODE

$$\dot{y}(x) = 1 + x^2 + y$$

$$y(0) = 1$$

Use $h = 0.1$. Determine $y(0.1)$ and $y(0.2)$

Example 1

Problem : $f(x, y) = 1 + x^2 + y$, $y_0 = y(0) = 1, h = 0.1$

Step 1 :

$$y_{0+\frac{1}{2}} = y_0 + \frac{h}{2} f(x_0, y_0) = 1 + 0.05(1 + 0 + 1) = 1.1$$

$$y_1 = y_0 + h f(x_{0+\frac{1}{2}}, y_{0+\frac{1}{2}}) = 1 + 0.1(1 + 0.0025 + 1.1) = 1.2103$$

Step 2 :

$$y_{1+\frac{1}{2}} = y_1 + \frac{h}{2} f(x_1, y_1) = 1.2103 + .05(1 + 0.01 + 1.2103) = 1.3213$$

$$y_2 = y_1 + h f(x_{1+\frac{1}{2}}, y_{1+\frac{1}{2}}) = 1.2103 + 0.1(2.3438) = 1.4446$$

Heun's Predictor Corrector Method

Problem

$$\dot{y}(x) = f(x, y)$$

$$y(x_0) = y_0$$

Heun's Method

$$y_0 = y(x_0)$$

$$\text{Predictor : } y_{i+1}^0 = y_i + h f(x_i, y_i)$$

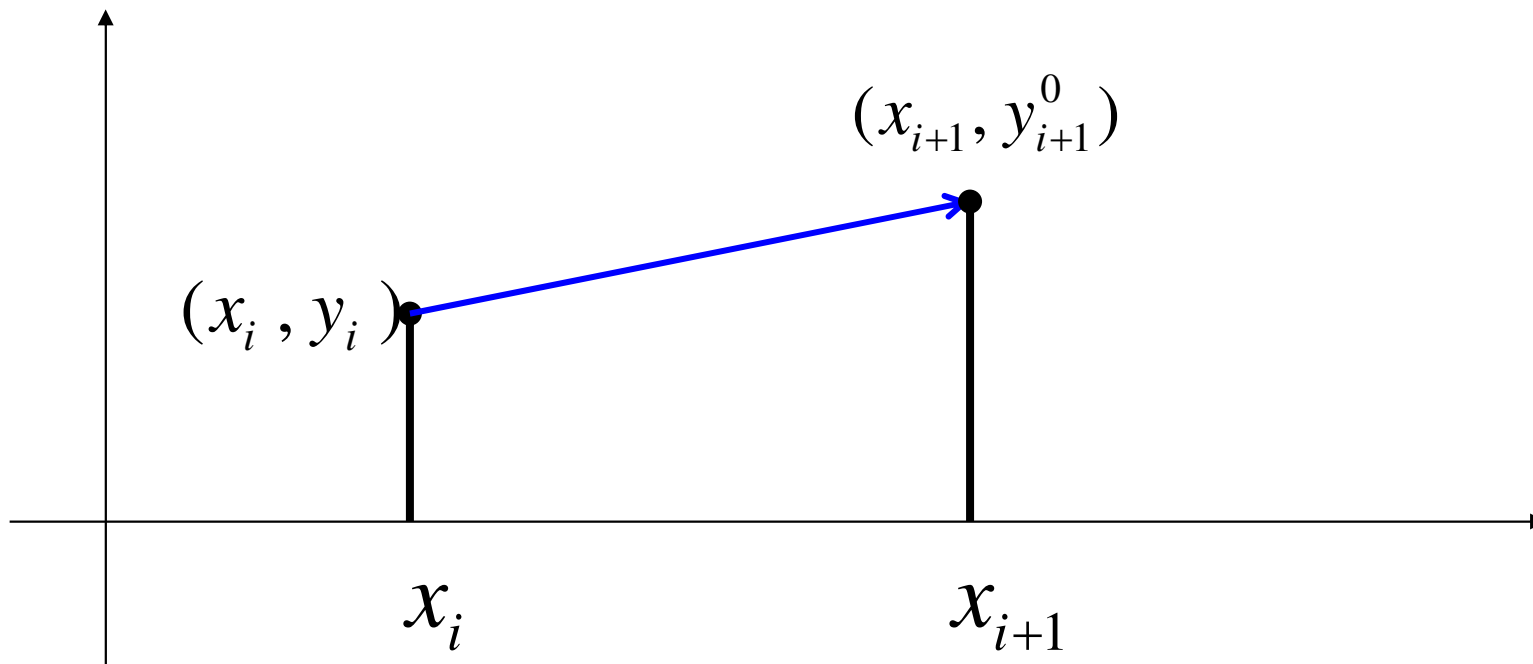
$$\text{Corrector : } y_{i+1}^1 = y_i + \frac{h}{2} \left(f(x_i, y_i) + f(x_{i+1}, y_{i+1}^0) \right)$$

Local Truncation Error $O(h^3)$

Global Truncation Error $O(h^2)$

Heun's Predictor Corrector

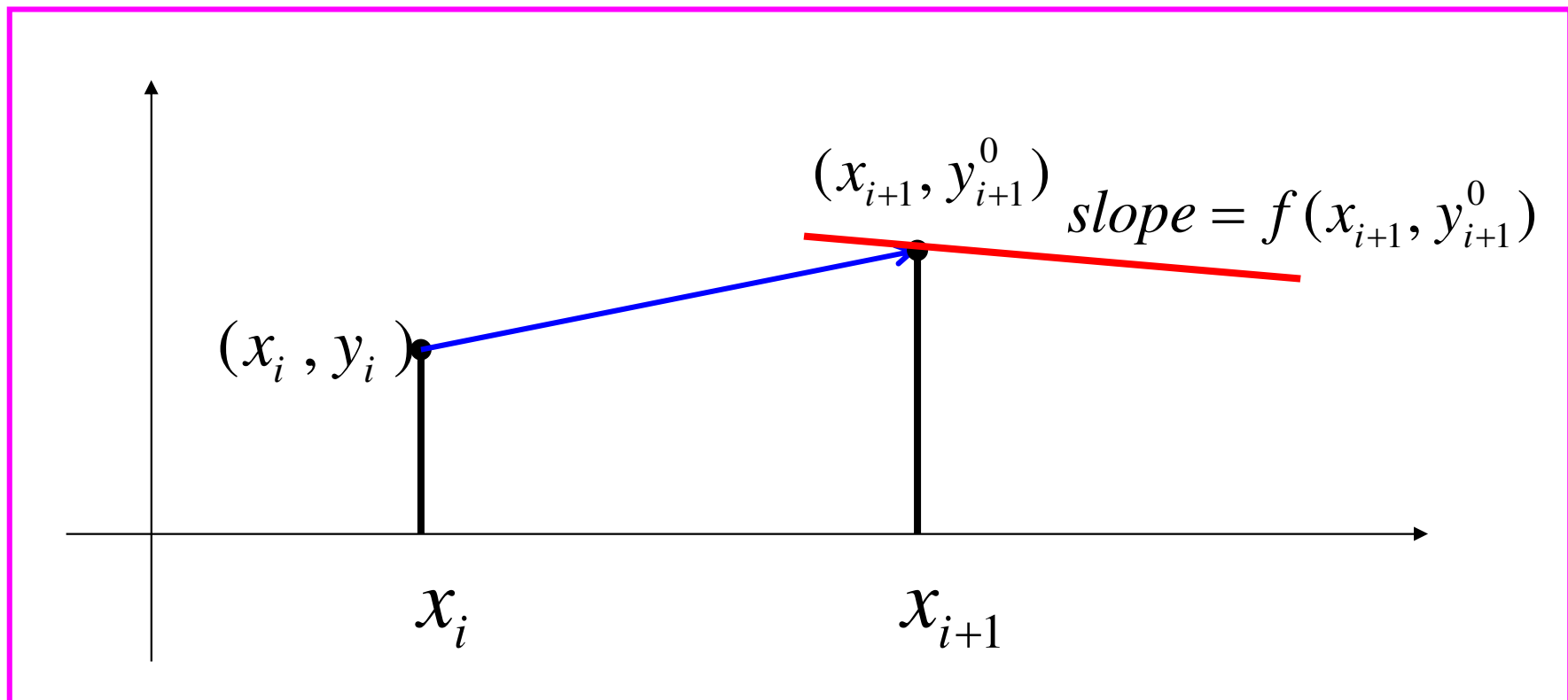
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Prediction $y_{i+1}^0 = y_i + h f(x_i, y_i)$

Heun's Predictor Corrector

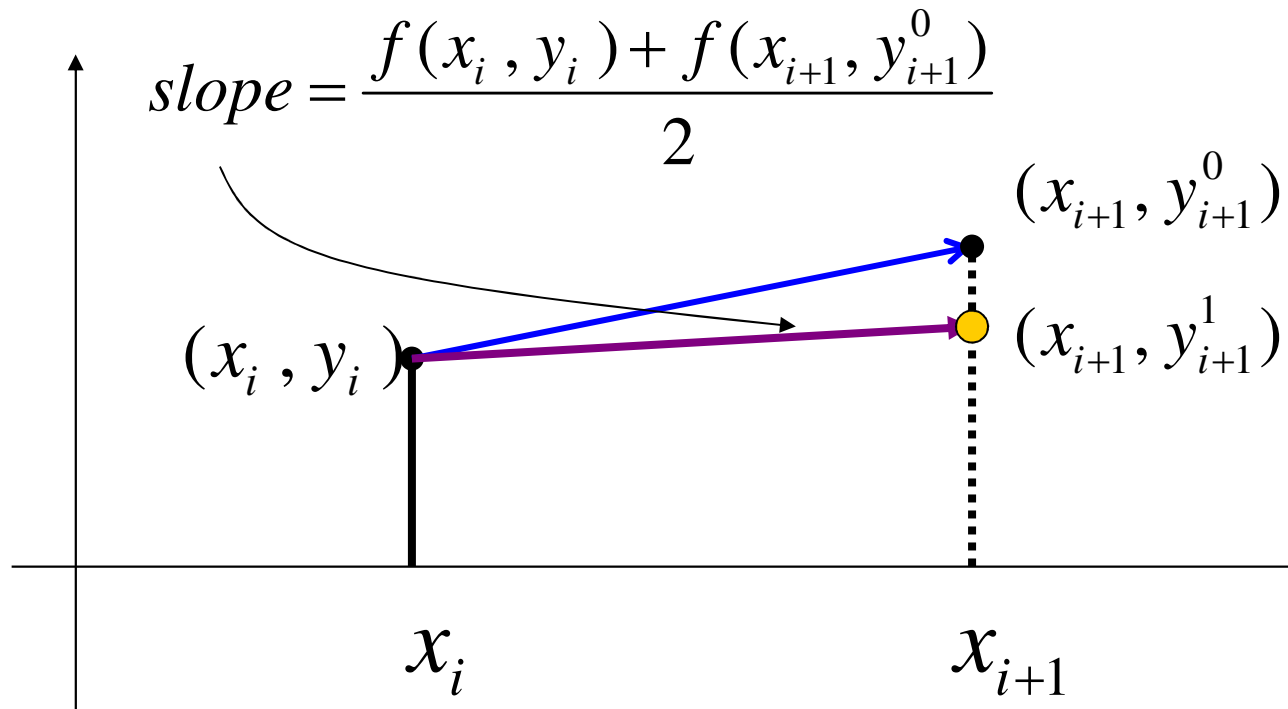
(Prediction)



Prediction $y_{i+1}^0 = y_i + h f(x_i, y_i)$

Heun's Predictor Corrector

(Correction)



$$y_{i+1}^1 = y_i + \frac{h}{2} \left(f(x_i, y_i) + f(x_{i+1}, y_{i+1}^0) \right)$$

Example 2

Use the Heun's Method to solve the ODE

$$\dot{y}(x) = 1 + x^2 + y$$

$$y(0) = 1$$

Use $h = 0.1$. One correction only

Determine $y(0.1)$ and $y(0.2)$

Example 2

Problem : $f(x, y) = 1 + y + x^2$, $y_0 = y(x_0) = 1, h = 0.1$

Step 1:

Predictor : $y_1^0 = y_0 + h f(x_0, y_0) = 1 + 0.1(2) = 1.2$

Corrector : $y_1^1 = y_0 + \frac{h}{2} (f(x_0, y_0) + f(x_1, y_1^0)) = 1.2105$

Step 2 :

Predictor : $y_2^0 = y_1 + h f(x_1, y_1) = 1.4326$

Corrector : $y_2^1 = y_1 + \frac{h}{2} (f(x_1, y_1) + f(x_2, y_2^0)) = 1.4452$

Summary of Midpoint & Heun's

- Euler, Midpoint and Heun's methods are similar in the following sense:

$$y_{i+1} = y_i + h \times \text{slope}$$

- Different methods use different estimates of the slope.
- Both Midpoint and Heun's methods are comparable in accuracy to the second order Taylor series method.

Comparison

Method	Local truncation error	Global truncation error
Euler Method $y_{i+1} = y_i + h f(x_i, y_i)$	$O(h^2)$	$O(h)$
Heun's Method Predictor: $y_{i+1}^0 = y_i + h f(x_i, y_i)$ Corrector: $y_{i+1}^{k+1} = y_i + \frac{h}{2} (f(x_i, y_i) + f(x_{i+1}, y_{i+1}^k))$	$O(h^3)$	$O(h^2)$
Midpoint $y_{i+\frac{1}{2}} = y_i + \frac{h}{2} f(x_i, y_i)$ $y_{i+1} = y_i + h f(x_{i+\frac{1}{2}}, y_{i+\frac{1}{2}})$	$O(h^3)$	$O(h^2)$

Runge-Kutta Method : Motivation

- We seek accurate methods to solve ODEs that do not require calculating high order derivatives.
- The approach is to use a formula involving unknown coefficients then determine these coefficients to match as many terms of the Taylor series expansion.

Second Order Runge-Kutta Method

$$K_1 = h f(x_i, y_i)$$

$$K_2 = h f(x_i + \alpha h, y_i + \beta K_1)$$

$$y_{i+1} = y_i + w_1 K_1 + w_2 K_2$$

Problem :

Find α, β, w_1, w_2

such that y_{i+1} is as accurate as possible.

Taylor Series in One Variable

The n^{th} order Taylor Series expansion of $f(x)$

$$f(x+h) = \boxed{\sum_{i=0}^n \frac{h^i}{i!} f^{(i)}(x)} + \boxed{\frac{h^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} f^{(n+1)}(\bar{x})}$$

ApproximationError

where $\bar{x}$ is between x and $x+h$

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Second Order Taylor Series Expansion

Used to solve ODE : $\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x, y)$

$$y_{i+1} = y_i + h \frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{h^2}{2} \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + O(h^3)$$

which is written as :

$$y_{i+1} = y_i + h f(x_i, y_i) + \frac{h^2}{2} f'(x_i, y_i) + O(h^3)$$

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where $f'(x, y)$ is obtained by chain - rule differentiation

$$f'(x, y) = \frac{\partial f(x, y)}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial f(x, y)}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} f(x, y)$$

Substituting :

$$y_{i+1} = y_i + f(x_i, y_i)h + \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} f(x_i, y_i) \right) \frac{h^2}{2} + O(h^3)$$

Taylor Series in Two Variables

$$f(x+h, y+k) = f(x, y) + \left(h \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + k \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right) + \\ \frac{1}{2!} \left(h^2 \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} + k^2 \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} + 2hk \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} \right) + \dots$$

$$= \underbrace{\sum_{i=0}^n \frac{1}{i!} \left(h \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + k \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right)^i f(x, y)}_{\text{approximation}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{(n+1)!} \left(h \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + k \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right)^{n+1} f(\bar{x}, \bar{y})}_{\text{error}}$$

$(\bar{x}, \bar{y})$ is on the line joining between (x, y) and $(x+h, y+k)$

Derivation of 2nd Order Runge-Kutta Methods – 3 of 5

Problem : *Find* α, β, w_1, w_2 such that

$$K_1 = h f(x_i, y_i)$$

$$K_2 = h f(x_i + \alpha h, y_i + \beta K_1)$$

$$y_{i+1} = y_i + w_1 K_1 + w_2 K_2$$

Substituting :

$$y_{i+1} = y_i + w_1 h f(x_i, y_i) + w_2 h f(x_i + \alpha h, y_i + \beta K_1)$$

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$$f(x_i + \alpha h, y_i + \beta K_1) = f(x_i, y_i) + \alpha h \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + \beta K_1 \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} + \dots$$

Substituting :

$$y_{i+1} = y_i + w_1 h f(x_i, y_i) + w_2 h \left(f(x_i, y_i) + \alpha h \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + \beta K_1 \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} + \dots \right)$$

$$y_{i+1} = y_i + (w_1 + w_2) h f(x_i, y_i) + w_2 h \left(\alpha h \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + \beta K_1 \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} + \dots \right)$$

$$y_{i+1} = y_i + (w_1 + w_2) h f(x_i, y_i) + w_2 \alpha h^2 \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + w_2 \beta h^2 \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} f(x_i, y_i) + \dots$$

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We derived two expansions for y_{i+1} :

$$y_{i+1} = y_i + (w_1 + w_2)h f(x_i, y_i) + w_2\alpha h^2 \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + w_2\beta h^2 \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} f(x_i, y_i) + \dots$$

$$y_{i+1} = y_i + f(x_i, y_i)h + \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} f(x_i, y_i) \right) \frac{h^2}{2} + O(h^3)$$

Matching terms, we obtain the following three equations :

$$w_1 + w_2 = 1, \quad w_2\alpha = \frac{1}{2}, \quad \text{and} \quad w_2\beta = \frac{1}{2}$$

3 equations with 4 unknowns $\Rightarrow$ infinite solutions

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

2nd Order Runge-Kutta Methods

$$K_1 = h f(x_i, y_i)$$

$$K_2 = h f(x_i + \alpha h, y_i + \beta K_1)$$

$$y_{i+1} = y_i + w_1 K_1 + w_2 K_2$$

Choose α, β, w_1, w_2 such that :

$$w_1 + w_2 = 1, \quad w_2 \alpha = \frac{1}{2}, \quad \text{and} \quad w_2 \beta = \frac{1}{2}$$

Alternative Form

Second Order Runge Kutta

$$K_1 = h f(x_i, y_i)$$

$$K_2 = h f(x_i + \alpha h, y_i + \beta K_1)$$

$$y_{i+1} = y_i + w_1 K_1 + w_2 K_2$$

Alternative Form

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

$$k_2 = f(x_i + \alpha h, y_i + \beta h k_1)$$

$$y_{i+1} = y_i + h(w_1 k_1 + w_2 k_2)$$

Choosing α , β , w_1 and w_2

For example, choosing $\alpha = 1$, then $\beta = 1$, $w_1 = w_2 = \frac{1}{2}$

Second Order Runge - Kutta method becomes :

$$K_1 = h f(x_i, y_i)$$

$$K_2 = h f(x_i + h, y_i + K_1)$$

$$y_{i+1} = y_i + \frac{1}{2}(K_1 + K_2) = y_i + \frac{h}{2} \left(f(x_i, y_i) + f(x_{i+1}, y_{i+1}^0) \right)$$

This is *Heun's Method* with a Single Corrector

Choosing α , β , w_1 and w_2

Choosing $\alpha = \frac{1}{2}$ then $\beta = \frac{1}{2}$, $w_1 = 0$, $w_2 = 1$

Second Order Runge - Kutta method becomes :

$$K_1 = h f(x_i, y_i)$$

$$K_2 = h f\left(x_i + \frac{h}{2}, y_i + \frac{K_1}{2}\right)$$

$$y_{i+1} = y_i + K_2 = y_i + h f\left(x_i + \frac{h}{2}, y_i + \frac{K_1}{2}\right)$$

This is the Midpoint Method

2nd Order Runge-Kutta Methods

Alternative Formulas

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

Pick any nonzero α number: $\beta = \alpha$, $w_2 = \frac{1}{2\alpha}$, $w_1 = 1 - \frac{1}{2\alpha}$

Second Order Runge Kutta Formulas (select $\alpha \neq 0$)

$$K_1 = h f(x_i, y_i)$$

$$K_2 = h f(x_i + \alpha h, y_i + \alpha K_1)$$

$$y_{i+1} = y_i + \left(1 - \frac{1}{2\alpha}\right) K_1 + \frac{1}{2\alpha} K_2$$

Second order Runge-Kutta Method

Example

Solve the following system to find $x(1.02)$ using RK2

$$\dot{x}(t) = 1 + x^2 + t^3, \quad x(1) = -4, \quad h = 0.01, \quad \alpha = 1$$

STEP1:

$$K_1 = h f(t_0 = 1, x_0 = -4) = 0.01(1 + x_0^2 + t_0^3) = 0.18$$

$$K_2 = h f(t_0 + h, x_0 + K_1)$$

$$= 0.01(1 + (x_0 + 0.18)^2 + (t_0 + .01)^3) = 0.1662$$

$$x(1 + 0.01) = x(1) + (K_1 + K_2)/2$$

$$= -4 + (0.18 + 0.1662)/2 = -3.8269$$

Second order Runge-Kutta Method

Example

STEP 2

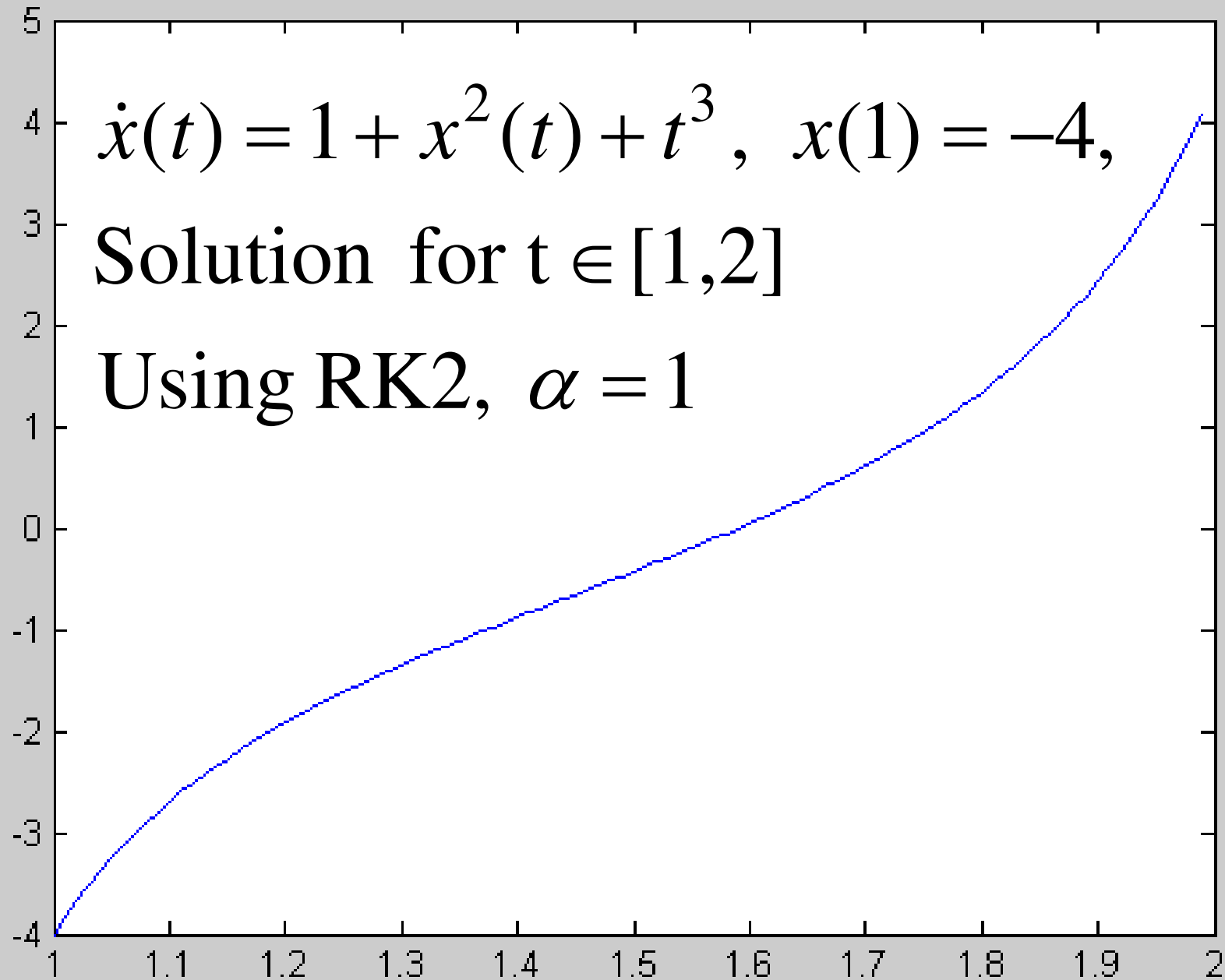
$$K_1 = h f(t_1 = 1.01, x_1 = -3.8269) = 0.01(1 + x_1^2 + t_1^3) = 0.1668$$

$$K_2 = h f(t_1 + h, x_1 + K_1)$$

$$= 0.01(1 + (x_1 + 0.1668)^2 + (t_1 + .01)^3) = 0.1546$$

$$x(1.01 + 0.01) = x(1.01) + \frac{1}{2}(K_1 + K_2)$$

$$= -3.8269 + \frac{1}{2}(0.1668 + 0.1546) = -3.6662$$



2nd Order Runge-Kutta

RK2

Typical value of $\alpha = 1$, Known as RK2

Equivalent to Heun's method with a single corrector

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

$$k_2 = f(x_i + h, y_i + k_1 h)$$

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

Local error is $O(h^3)$ and global error is $O(h^2)$

Higher-Order Runge-Kutta

Higher order Runge-Kutta methods are available.

Derivation approach similar to that of second-order Runge-Kutta.

Higher order methods are more accurate but require more calculations-> Higher cost.

3rd Order Runge-Kutta

RK3

Known as RK3

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

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

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

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

Local error is $O(h^4)$ and Global error is $O(h^3)$

4th Order Runge-Kutta

RK4

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

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

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

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

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

Local error is $O(h^5)$ and global error is $O(h^4)$

Higher-Order Runge-Kutta

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Example

4th-Order Runge-Kutta Method

RK4

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 1 + y + x^2$$

$$y(0) = 0.5$$

$$h = 0.2$$

Use RK4 to compute $y(0.2)$ and $y(0.4)$

4th Order Runge-Kutta

RK4

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

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

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

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

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

Local error is $O(h^5)$ and global error is $O(h^4)$

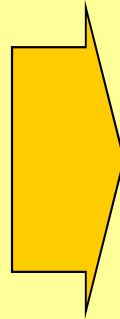
Example: RK4

See RK4 Formula

Problem :

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 1 + y + x^2, \quad y(0) = 0.5$$

Use RK4 to find $y(0.2), y(0.4)$



$$h = 0.2$$

$$f(x, y) = 1 + y + x^2$$

$$x_0 = 0, \quad y_0 = 0.5$$

Step 1

$$k_1 = f(x_0, y_0) = (1 + y_0 + x_0^2) = 1.5$$

$$k_2 = f\left(x_0 + \frac{1}{2}h, y_0 + \frac{1}{2}k_1h\right) = 1 + (y_0 + 0.15) + (x_0 + 0.1)^2 = 1.64$$

$$k_3 = f\left(x_0 + \frac{1}{2}h, y_0 + \frac{1}{2}k_2h\right) = 1 + (y_0 + 0.164) + (x_0 + 0.1)^2 = 1.654$$

$$k_4 = f(x_0 + h, y_0 + k_3h) = 1 + (y_0 + 0.16545) + (x_0 + 0.2)^2 = 1.7908$$

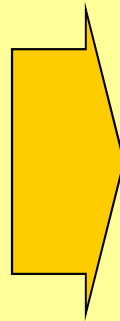
$$y_1 = y_0 + \frac{h}{6}(k_1 + 2k_2 + 2k_3 + k_4) = 0.8293$$

Example: RK4

Problem :

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 1 + y + x^2, \quad y(0) = 0.5$$

Use RK4 to find $y(0.2)$, $y(0.4)$



$$h = 0.2$$

$$f(x, y) = 1 + y + x^2$$

$$x_1 = 0.2, \quad y_1 = 0.8293$$

Step 2

$$k_1 = f(x_1, y_1) = 1.7893$$

$$k_2 = f\left(x_1 + \frac{1}{2}h, y_1 + \frac{1}{2}k_1h\right) = 1.9182$$

$$k_3 = f\left(x_1 + \frac{1}{2}h, y_1 + \frac{1}{2}k_2h\right) = 1.9311$$

$$k_4 = f(x_1 + h, y_1 + k_3h) = 2.0555$$

$$y_2 = y_1 + \frac{0.2}{6}(k_1 + 2k_2 + 2k_3 + k_4) = 1.2141$$

Example: RK4

Problem :

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 1 + y + x^2, \quad y(0) = 0.5$$

Use RK4 to find $y(0.2)$, $y(0.4)$

Summary of the solution

x_i	y_i
0.0	0.5
0.2	0.8293
0.4	1.2141

Analytic Solution : $y(x) = 3.5e^x - (x^2 + 2x + 3)$