

Lecture – 16

Review of Numerical Methods

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Linear Equations: Solution Technique

Problem: $AX = b$ A is nonsingular, $b \neq 0$
 $X = ?$

Motivation: $\dot{X} = AX + BU$

where $X = \begin{bmatrix} X_c \\ X_N \end{bmatrix}$

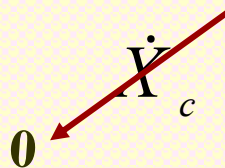
X_c : controlled state

X_N : uncontrolled state

$$\dim(X_c) = \dim(U) = m$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{X}_c \\ \dot{X}_N \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A_1 \\ A_2 \end{bmatrix} X + \begin{bmatrix} B_1 \\ B_2 \end{bmatrix} U$$

Motivation: Continued

$$\dot{X}_c = A_1 X + B_1 U$$


Which gives

$$U = -B_1^{-1} (A_1 X)$$

Note: B_1 is square

This will be the controller necessary to maintain X_c at steady state

Solution Technique: Direct Inversion of A

$$X = A^{-1}b$$

- Computation of A^{-1} Involves too many computations, roughly $n^2 \times n!$ number of operations (very inefficient for large n).
- This approach also suffers from the problem of sensitivity (ill-conditioning), when $|A| \rightarrow 0$
- Round off errors may lead to large inaccuracies

Solution Technique: Gauss Elimination

- Do row operations to reduce the A matrix to an upper triangular form
- Solve the variable from bottom to top

Example:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \\ X_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solution Steps:

Step-I: Multiply row-1 with $-1/2$ and add to the row-2. row-3 keep unchanged, since $a_{31}=0$.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 3/2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3/2 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solution Technique: Gauss Elimination

Step-II: Multiply row-2 with $-2/3$ and add to row-3

$$\begin{array}{c} \nearrow \\ \left[\begin{array}{ccc} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 3/2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1/3 \end{array} \right] \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \left[\begin{array}{c} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{array} \right] = \left[\begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 3/2 \\ 3 \end{array} \right] \end{array}$$

Upper Triangle Matrix

Final Solution

$$\begin{array}{c} \left[\begin{array}{c} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{array} \right] = \left[\begin{array}{c} 3 \\ -5 \\ 9 \end{array} \right] \end{array}$$

Gauss Elimination

- The total number of operations needed is $(2/3)n^3$ which is far lesser than computing

$$A^{-1} = \frac{\text{adj}(A)}{|A|} \text{ (which requires } n^2 \times n! \text{ operations)}$$

- The Gauss elimination method will encounter potential problems when the pivot elements i.e.. diagonal elements become zero, or very close to zero at any stage of elimination.
- In such cases the order of equations can be changed by exchanging rows and the procedure can be continued

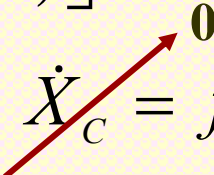
Nonlinear Algebraic Equations

Problem: $F(X) = 0 \quad X = ?$

Motivation: Finding the forced equilibrium condition for a nonlinear system to get an appropriate operating point for linearization

$$\dot{X} = f(X, U)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{X}_c \\ X_N \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} f_c(X, U) \\ f_N(X, U) \end{bmatrix} \quad \dim(X_c) = \dim(f_c) = \dim(U)$$

$$\cancel{\dot{X}_c} = f_c(X_0, U_0)$$


Solve for U_0 from $f_c(U) = 0$

Newton-Raphson Method: Scalar Case

$$f(x) = 0$$

Using Taylor series expansion

$$f(x_k + \Delta x_k) \approx f(x_k) + \left[\frac{df}{dx} \right]_{x_k} \Delta x_k + \dots + (\text{higher order terms})$$

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$$\left[\frac{df}{dx} \right]_{x_k} \Delta x_k = -f(x_k)$$

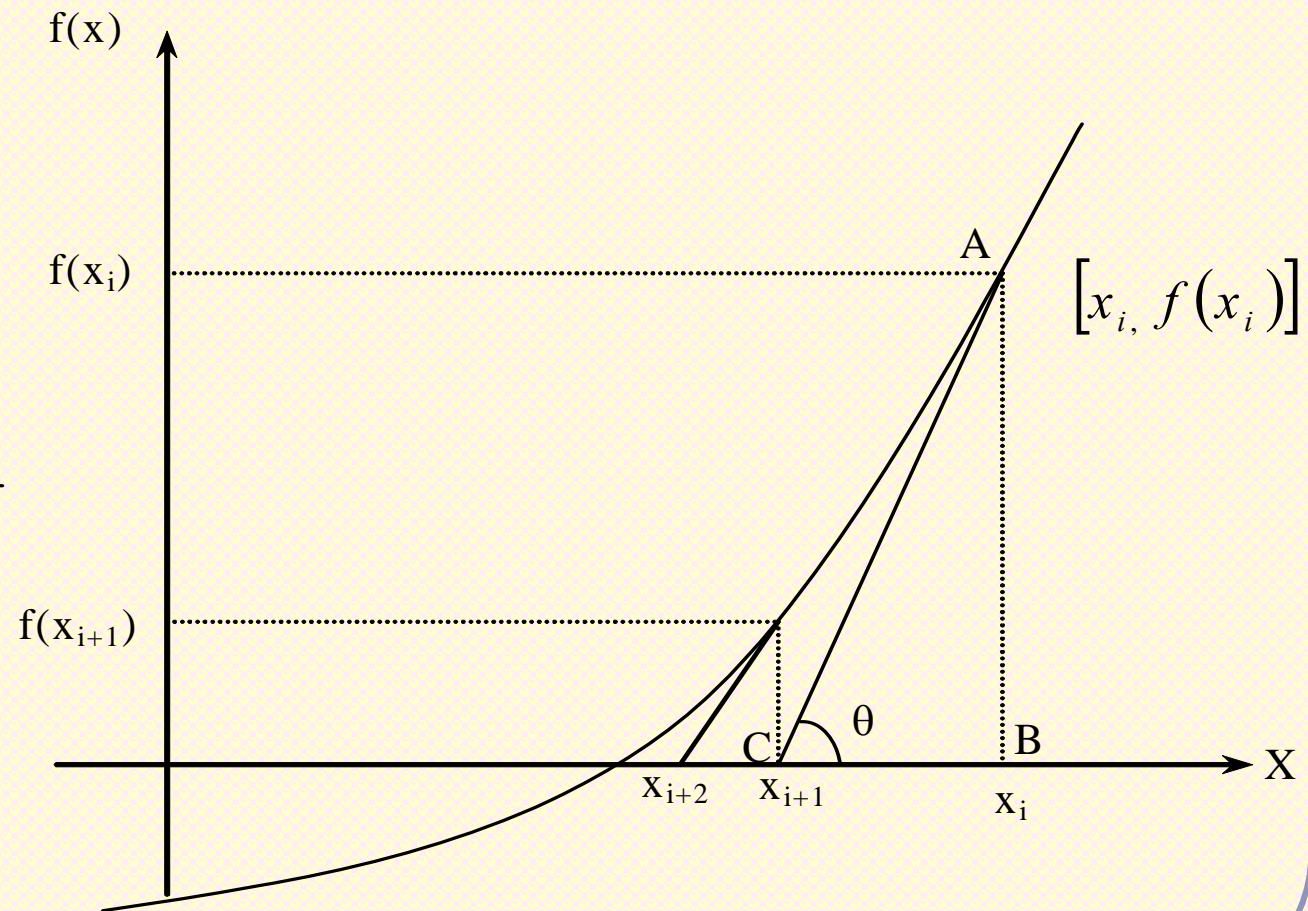
$$x_{k+1} = x_k - \frac{f(x_k)}{f'(x_k)}$$

From the above equation with an initial guess
we can iteratively solve for x with $\Delta x < \textit{tolerance}$

Newton-Raphson Method: Scalar Case

$$f'(x_i) = \frac{f(x_i)}{x_i - x_{i+1}}$$

$$x_{i+1} = x_i - \frac{f(x_i)}{f'(x_i)}$$



Newton-Raphson Method: Multi Variable Case

$$F(X) = 0$$

$$F(X_k + \Delta X_k) \approx F(X_k) + \overbrace{\left[\frac{\partial F}{\partial X} \right]_k}^{A_k} \Delta X_k$$

$$A_k \Delta X_k = -F(X_k)$$

Solve for $\Delta X_k = -A_k^{-1} F(X_k)$

Update $X_{k+1} = X_k + \Delta X_k$

Newton-Raphson Method: Algorithm

- Start with guess value x_1
- Solve for Δx_k
- Update $x_{k+1} = x_k + \Delta x_k$ ($k = 1, 2, \dots$)
- Continue until convergence

Convergence Condition

1. Relative Error

$$\epsilon_{a_k} \triangleq \left| \frac{x_{k_{i+1}} - x_{k_i}}{x_{k_{i+1}}} \right| < \text{tol}, \quad \forall k$$

2. Absolute Error

$$\|f(x_k)\| < \text{tol}$$

Example: N-R Method

Question : Find a root of the following equation

$$f(x) = x^3 - 0.165x^2 + 3.993 \times 10^{-4} = 0$$

Solution : $f'(x) = 3x^2 - 0.33x$. Let $x_0 = 0.02$. Then

$$x_1 = x_0 - \frac{f(x_0)}{f'(x_0)} = 0.02 - \frac{3.413 \times 10^{-4}}{-5.4 \times 10^{-3}} = 0.08320$$

$$x_2 = x_1 - \frac{f(x_1)}{f'(x_1)} = 0.08320 - \frac{-1.670 \times 10^{-4}}{-6.689 \times 10^{-3}} = 0.05824$$

$$x_3 = x_2 - \frac{f(x_2)}{f'(x_2)} = 0.05284 - \frac{3.717 \times 10^{-5}}{-9.043 \times 10^{-3}} = 0.06235$$

Newton-Raphson Method: Advantages

- If it converges, it converges fast!

It has “Quadratic convergence” property, i.e.

$$e_{k+1} = c e_k^2, \quad \text{where } e_k \triangleq (x^* - x_k)$$

c is a constant

x^* is the actual root

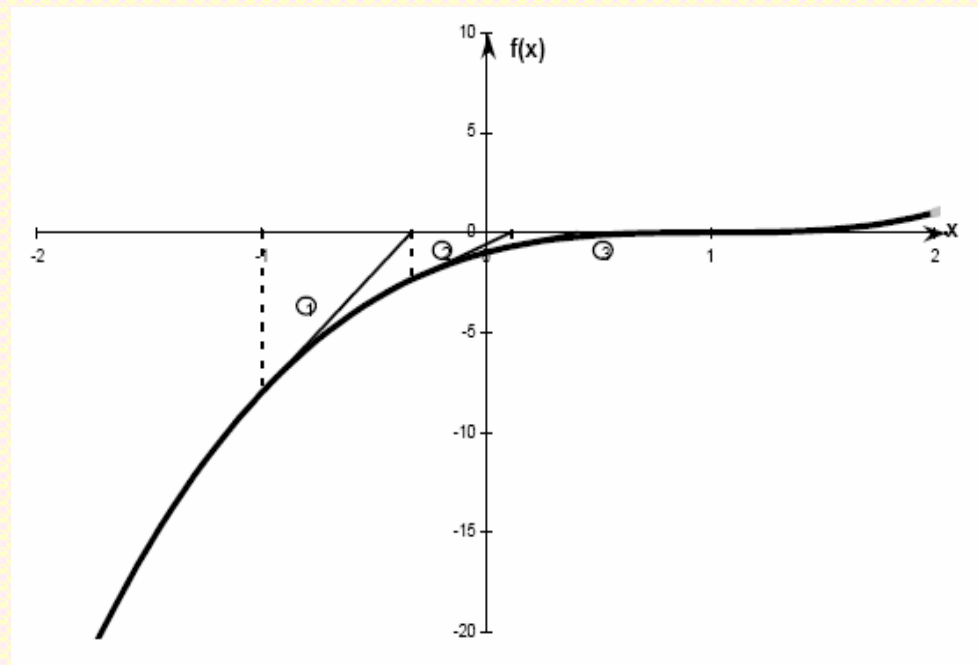
- Problem: It requires good initial guess in general to converge to the right solution.

Newton-Raphson Method: Limitations

- *Non-convergence at Inflection points*

For a function $f(x)$ the points where the concavity changes from up-to-down or down-to-up are called *inflection points*.

$$f(x) = (x - 1)^3 = 0$$



Newton-Raphson Method: Limitations

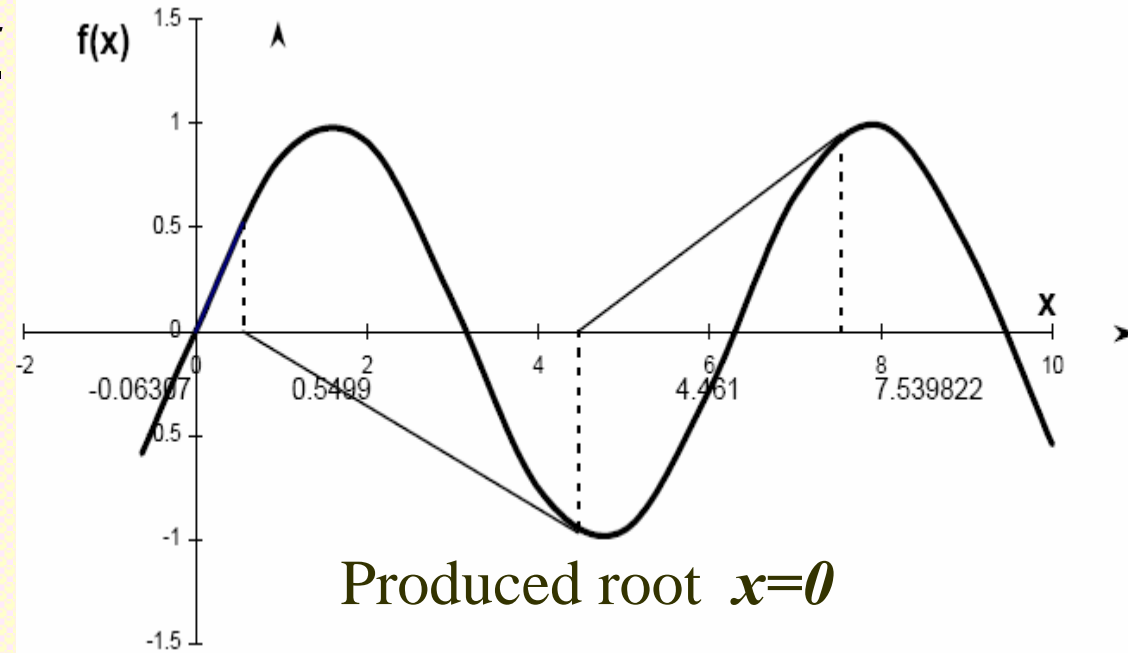
- Root Jumping

Cases where $f(x)$ is oscillating and has a number of roots

Initial Guess near to one root may produce another root

Example:

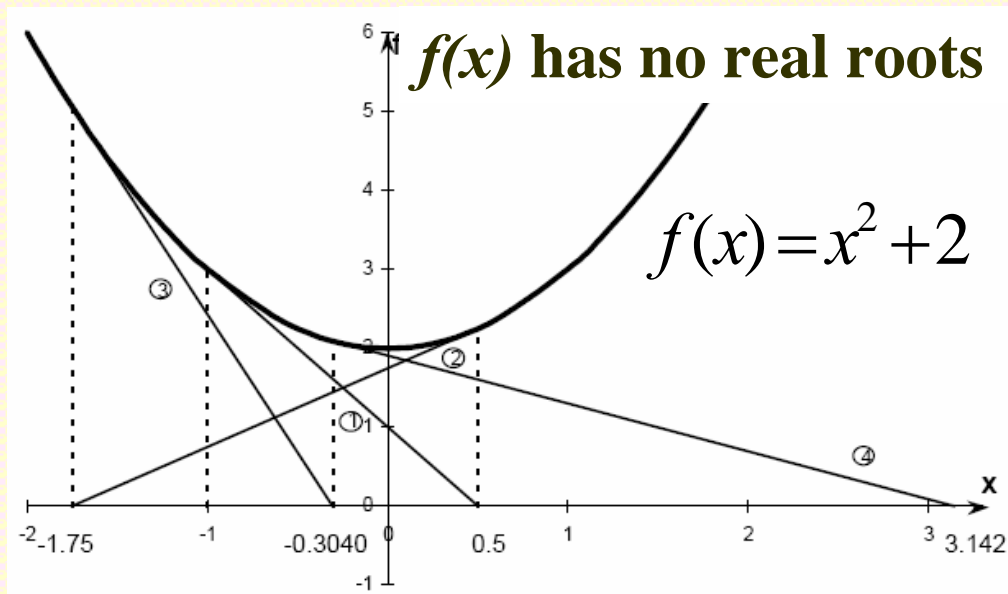
$$f(x) = \sin(x) = 0$$



Newton-Raphson Method: Limitations

- **Oscillations around local minima or maxima**

Results may oscillate about the local maximum or minimum without converging on a root but converging on the local maximum or minimum. Eventually, it may lead to division to a number close to zero and may diverge.



Newton-Raphson Method: Limitations

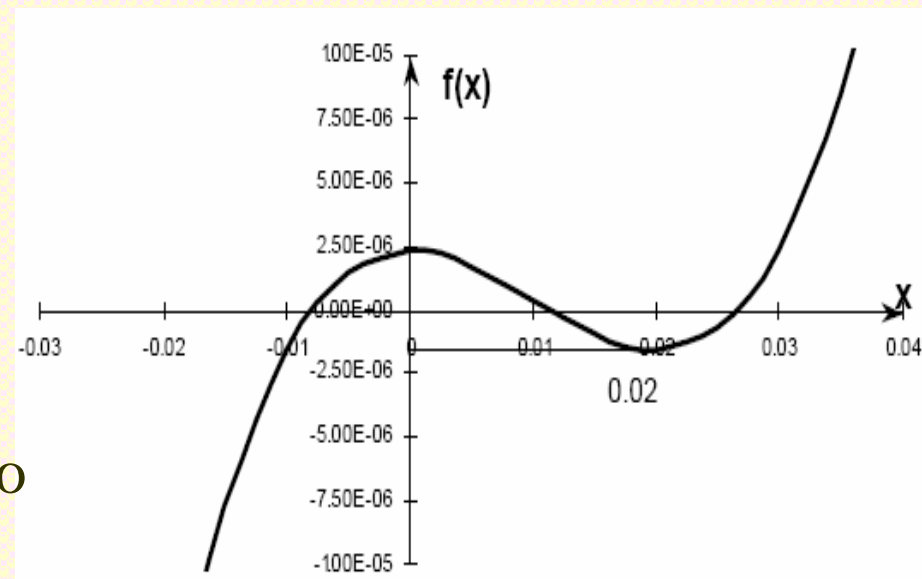
- *Division by zero*

If $f'(x_i) \approx 0$ at some x_i , x_{i+1} becomes very large value

$$f(x) = x^3 - 0.03x^2 + 2.4 \times 10^{-6} = 0$$

$$f'(x) = 3x^2 - 0.06x$$

Even after several iterations there is no convergence!



N-R Method Drawbacks

- $f'(x^*)$ is unbounded

If the derivative of $f(x)$ is *unbounded* at the root then Newton-Raphson method will not converge.

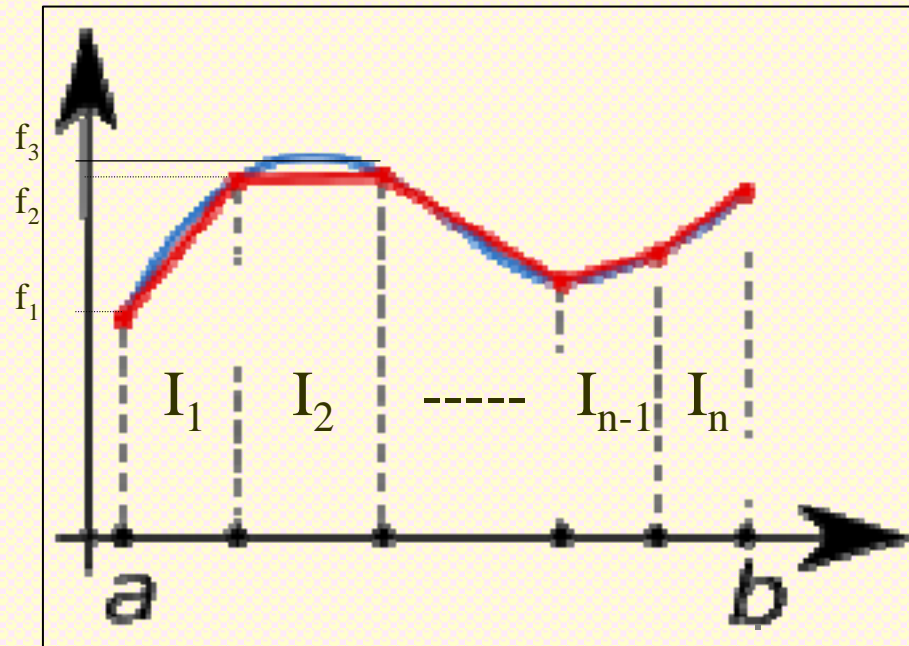
Exercise: Verify for $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$

Numerical Differentiation $\left(\frac{df}{dx}\right)$

Technique Name	Definition	Numerical Approximation	Error
Forward difference	$\lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \left[\frac{f(x + \Delta x) - f(x)}{\Delta x} \right]$	$\frac{f(x_0 + \Delta x) - f(x_0)}{\Delta x}$	$O(\Delta x)$
Backward difference	$\lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \left[\frac{f(x) - f(x - \Delta x)}{\Delta x} \right]$	$\frac{f(x_0) - f(x_0 - \Delta x)}{\Delta x}$	$O(\Delta x)$
Central difference	$\lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \left[\frac{f(x + \Delta x) - f(x - \Delta x)}{2\Delta x} \right]$	$\frac{f(x_0 + \Delta x) - f(x_0 - \Delta x)}{2\Delta x}$	$O(\Delta x^2)$

Numerical Integration

Trapezoidal Rule:



Note: *Numerical Differentiation is “Error Amplifying”.*
where as Numerical Integration is “Error Smoothing”.

Numerical Integration

- o Trapezoidal Rule:

$$\begin{aligned} I &\approx I_1 + I_2 + \cdots + I_{n-1} + I_n \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \Delta x (f_0 + f_1) + \frac{1}{2} \Delta x (f_1 + f_2) + \cdots \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2} \Delta x (f_{n-2} + f_{n-1}) + \frac{1}{2} \Delta x (f_{n-1} + f_n) \\ &= \frac{\Delta x}{2} [f_0 + 2f_1 + 2f_2 + \cdots + 2f_{n-1} + f_n] \\ I &\approx \left(\frac{f_0}{2} + f_1 + \cdots + f_{n-1} + \frac{f_n}{2} \right) \Delta x \end{aligned}$$

Ordinary Differential Equation (ODE)

$$f \left(x, \frac{dx(t)}{dt}, \frac{d^2 x(t)}{dt^2}, \dots, \frac{d^n x(t)}{dt^n} \right) = 0$$

- **Ordinary**: only one independent variable
- **Differential Equation**: unknown functions enter into the equation through its derivatives
- **Order**: highest derivative in f
- **Degree**: exponent of the highest derivative

$$\text{Example : } \left(\frac{d^3 x(t)}{dt^3} \right)^4 - x(t) = 0$$

degree = 4; order = 3

What Is Solution of ODE ??

- A problem involving ODE is not completely specified by its equation

ODE has to be supplemented with **boundary conditions**.

- **Initial value problem:** x is given at some starting value t_i , and it is desired to find at some final points t_f or at some discrete list of points.
- **Two point boundary value problem:** Boundary conditions are specified at more than one t ; typically some of the conditions will be specified at t_i and some at t_f .

Numerical Solution to Initial Value Problem

$$\frac{dx(t)}{dt} = f(t, x(t)); \quad x(t_0) = x_0$$

- A numerical solution to this problem generates sequence of values for the independent variable t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n and a corresponding sequence of values of the dependent variable x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n so that each x_n approximates solution at t_n

$$x_n \approx x(t_n) \quad n=0,1,2,\dots,n.$$

Basic Concepts of Numerical Methods to Solve ODEs

$$\frac{x_{n+1} - x_n}{\Delta t} \approx \text{slope of tangent}$$

We can calculate the **tangent slope** at any point.
In fact the differential equation

$$\frac{dx(t)}{dt} = f(t, x(t)) \text{ defines the}$$

$$\text{tangent slope} = f(t, x(t))$$

Euler's Method

- Solve $\frac{dx}{dt} = f(t, x)$ with $x(0) = b$
- At start of time step

$$\frac{x_{n+1} - x_n}{\Delta t} \approx f(t_n, x_n) \quad \text{Forward difference}$$

Rearranging

$$x_{n+1} = x_n + \Delta t f_n$$

Start with initial conditions $t_0=0; x_0=b$

Euler Integration: Useful Comments

- Euler integration has error of the order of $(\Delta t)^2$
- Small step size Δt may be needed for good accuracy. This is in conflict with the computational load advantage.
- Lesser computational load

Runge-Kutta Fourth Order Method

$$x_{i+1} = x_i + \frac{\Delta t}{6} (k_1 + 2k_2 + 2k_3 + k_4)$$

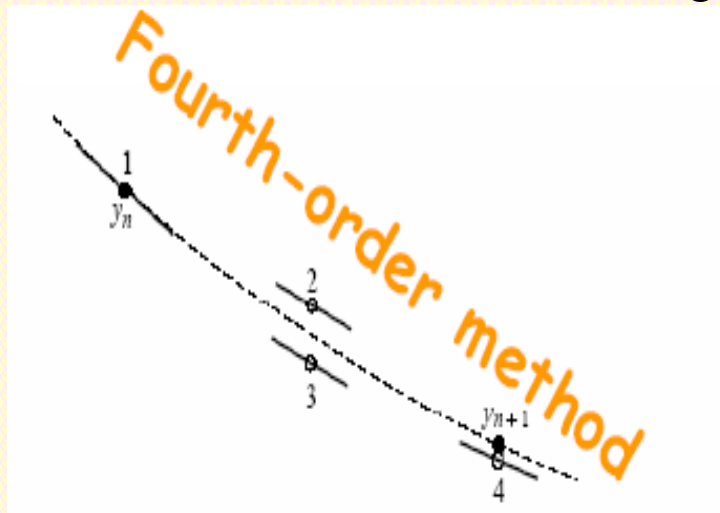
where

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

$$k_2 = f\left(t_i + \frac{1}{2}\Delta t, x_i + \frac{1}{2}k_1\Delta t\right)$$

$$k_3 = f\left(t_i + \frac{1}{2}\Delta t, x_i + \frac{1}{2}k_2\Delta t\right)$$

$$k_4 = f(t_i + \Delta t, x_i + k_3\Delta t)$$



In each step the derivative is calculated at four points, once at the initial point, twice at trial mid points and once at trial end point

Runge-Kutta Algorithm

- Error $\theta(\{\Delta t\}^5)$
- The method uses a 4th order power series approximation to come up with this algorithm. Hence, the algorithm is called RK-4 method

Thanks for the Attention...!



