

$$f'(x) = \frac{f(x+h) - f(x-h)}{2h} + O(h^2)$$

(Centered differences)

Can also take higher order derivatives:

$$f''(x) = \frac{f(x+h) - 2f(x) + f(x-h)}{h^2} + O(h^2)$$

Can find these by trying to match Taylor terms.

Alternative: Use linear algebra with interpolate-then-differentiate to find FD formulas.

Demo: Finite Differences vs Noise [cleared]

Demo: Floating point vs Finite Differences [cleared]

Richardson Extrapolation

Deriving high-order methods is hard work. Can I just do multiple low-order approximations (with different *h* and get a high-order one out?

Suppose we have $F = \tilde{F}(\underline{h}) + O(h^p)$ and $\tilde{F}(h_1)$ and $\tilde{F}(h_2)$.

$$\widehat{T}(h_{1}) \quad \widehat{T}(h_{2})$$

$$\widehat{T} = \widehat{T}(h) + \alpha h^{\rho} + O(h^{q})$$

$$\widehat{T} = \alpha \widehat{T}(h_{1}) + \beta \widehat{T}(h_{2}) + O(h^{q})$$

$$\alpha + \beta = 1$$

$$\alpha \neq h_{1}^{\rho} + \beta \neq h_{2}^{\rho} = 0 \Leftrightarrow \alpha h_{1}^{\rho} + (1-\alpha)h_{2}^{\rho} = 0$$

$$\alpha = -\frac{h^{2}}{h_{1}^{\rho} - h_{2}^{\rho}}$$

Richardson Extrapolation: Observations,

What are α and β for a first-order (e.g. finite-difference) method if we choose $h_2 = h_1/2$?

$$\beta = 1 \qquad h =$$

Demo: Richardson with Finite Differences [cleared]

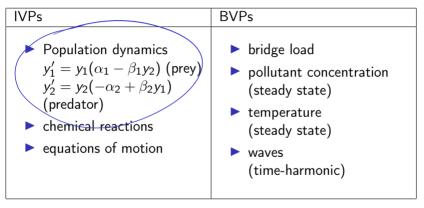
Outline

Initial Value Problems for ODEs Existence, Uniqueness, Conditioning Numerical Methods (I) Accuracy and Stability Stiffness Numerical Methods (II)

What can we solve already?

- ► Linear Systems: yes
- ► Nonlinear systems: yes
- Systems with derivatives: no

Some Applications



Demo: Predator-Prey System [cleared]

Initial Value Problems: Problem Statement

Want: Function $\mathbf{y}:[0,T]\to\mathbb{R}^n$ so that

$$\mathbf{y}^{(k)}(t) = \mathbf{f}(t, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{y}', \mathbf{y}'', \dots, \mathbf{y}^{(k-1)})$$
 (explicit), or $\mathbf{f}(t, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{y}', \mathbf{y}'', \dots, \mathbf{y}^{(k)}) = 0$ (implicit)

$$f(t, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{y}', \mathbf{y}'', \dots, \mathbf{y}^{(k)}) = 0 \quad (implicit)$$

are called explicit/implicit kth-order ordinary differential equations (ODEs). Give a simple example.

Not uniquely solvable on its own. What else is needed?

Reducing ODEs to First-Order Form

A *k*th order ODE can always be reduced to first order. Do this in this example:

Properties of ODEs

What is a linear ODE?

What is a linear and homogeneous ODE?

What is a constant-coefficient ODE?

Properties of ODEs (II)

What is an autonomous ODE?

S May assure the ODE is autonomous
$$y'(t) = J(y(t))$$

Existence and Uniqueness

Consider the perturbed problem

$$\mathbf{y}'(t) = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{y})$$
 $\mathbf{y}(t_0) = \mathbf{y}_0$
 $\begin{cases} \hat{\mathbf{y}}'(t) = \mathbf{f}(\hat{\mathbf{y}}) \\ \hat{\mathbf{y}}(t_0) = \hat{\mathbf{y}}_0 \end{cases}$

Then if f is Lipschitz continuous (has 'bounded slope'), i.e.

$$\|\mathbf{f}(\mathbf{y}) - \mathbf{f}(\widehat{\mathbf{y}})\| \le L \|\mathbf{y} - \widehat{\mathbf{y}}\|,$$

there exists a unique solution

What does this mean for uniqueness?

Conditioning

Unfortunate terminology accident: "Stability" in ODE-speak

To adapt to conventional terminology, we will use 'Stability' for

- ▶ the conditioning of the IVP, and
- ▶ the stability of the methods we cook up.

Some terminology:

An IVP is stable if and only if. . .

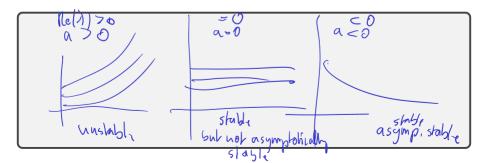
An IVP is asymptotically stable if and only if

Example I: Scalar, Constant-Coefficient

$$\begin{cases} y'(t) = \lambda y \\ y(0) = y_0 \end{cases} \text{ where } \lambda = a + ib$$

Solution?

When is this stable?



Example II: Constant-Coefficient System

$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{y}'(t) = A\mathbf{y}(t) \\ \mathbf{y}(t_0) = \mathbf{y}_0 \end{cases}$$

Assume V^{-1} AV = $D = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)$ diagonal. Find a solution.

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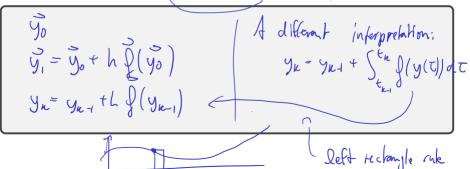
If
$$Re(\lambda_i) < 0$$
.

Euler's Method

Discretize the IVP

$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{y}'(t) = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{y}) \\ \mathbf{y}(t_0) = \mathbf{y}_0 \end{cases}$$

- ▶ Discrete times: $t_1, t_2, ..., \text{ with } \underline{t_{i+1}} = t_i + h$
- ▶ Discrete function values: $\mathbf{y}_k \approx \mathbf{y}(t_k)$.



Thas slope flyo)

Euler's method: Forward and Backward

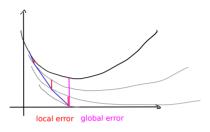
$$\mathbf{y}(t) = \mathbf{y}_0 + \int_{t_0}^t \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{y}(\tau)) d\tau,$$

Use 'left rectangle rule' on integral:

Use 'right rectangle rule' on integral:

Demo: Forward Euler stability [cleared]

Global and Local Error



Let $u_k(t)$ be the function that solves the ODE with the initial condition $u_k(t_k) = y_k$. Define the local error at step k as...

Define the global error at step k as. . .

About Local and Global Error

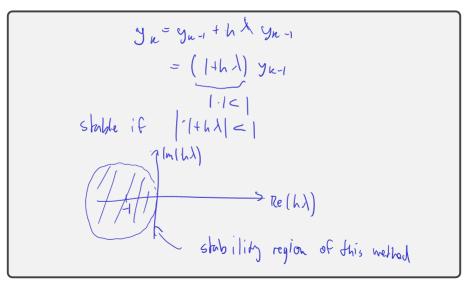
Is global error $=\sum$ local errors?
A time integrator is said to be accurate of order p if

ODE IVP Solvers: Order of Accuracy

A time integrator is said to be accurate of order p if $\ell_k = O(h^{p+1})$ This requirement is one order higher than one might expect—why?

Stability of a Method

Find out when forward Euler is stable when applied to $y'(t) = \lambda y(t)$.



Stability: Systems

What about stability for systems, i.e.

$$\mathbf{y}'(t) = A\mathbf{y}(t)$$
?