



Runge-Kutta Methods

Runge- Kutta 2nd order

For the differential equation

$$\bar{y} = \frac{dy}{dx} = f(x, y)$$

$$y(x_0) = y_0$$

$$x = x_0 + h$$

$$k_1 = hf(x_n, y_n)$$

$$k_2 = hf(x_n + h, y_n + k_1)$$

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Example: apply Runge- kutta method of second order to find an approximate value of y given that $\frac{dy}{dx} = x^2 + y$ and $y(0)=1, h=0.01, y(0.01)=y_1$.

Solution:- $x_0=0, y_0=1, f(x, y) = x^2 + y$

$$x_1 = x_0 + h, \quad x_1 = 0 + 0.01, \quad x_1 = 0.01$$

$$k_1 = hf(x_n, y_n) = (0.01)f(0,1) = (0.01)(0^2 + 1) = 0.01$$

$$\begin{aligned} k_2 &= hf(x_n + h, y_n + k_1) = (0.01)f(0 + 0.01, 1 + 0.01) \\ &= (0.01)(0.01, 1.01) = (0.01)(0.01^2 + 1.01) \\ &= (0.01)(1.0101) = 0.010101 \end{aligned}$$

$$y_1 = y(0.01) = y_0 + \frac{1}{2}(k_1 + k_2) = 1 + \frac{1}{2}(0.01 + 0.010101) =$$

$$1.0100505$$



Runge- Kutta 3rd order

For the differential equation

$$\bar{y} = \frac{dy}{dx} = f(x, y)$$

$$y(x_0) = y_0$$

$$x = x_0 + h$$

$$k_1 = hf(x_n, y_n)$$

$$k_2 = hf\left(x_n + \frac{h}{2}, y_n + \frac{k_1}{2}\right)$$

$$k_3 = hf(x_n + h, y_n + 2k_2 - k_1)$$

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + \frac{1}{6}(k_1 + 4k_2 + k_3)$$

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Example:- use Runge kutta 3rd

order method to find y when x=0.1 ,y=1 at x=0, $\frac{dy}{dx} = 3x + y^2$

Solution:

$$k_1 = hf(x_n, y_n) = 0.1f(0,1) = 0.1$$

$$k_2 = hf\left(x_n + \frac{h}{2}, y_n + \frac{k_1}{2}\right) = 0.1 * f\left(0 + \frac{0.1}{2}, 1 + \frac{0.1}{2}\right) = 0.1 * f(0.05, 1.05) = 0.12525$$

$$k_3 = hf(x_n + h, y_n + 2k_2 - k_1) = 0.1 * f(0 + 0.1, 1 + 2 * 0.12525 - 0.1) = 0.1 * f(0.1, 2.1505) = 1.623$$

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + \frac{1}{6}(k_1 + 4k_2 + k_3) = 1 + \frac{1}{6}(0.1 + 4 * 0.125 + 1.623) = 1.3705$$

Runge- Kutta 4th order

For the differential equation



$$\begin{aligned} \bar{y} &= \frac{dy}{dx} = f(x, y) \\ y(x_0) &= y_0 \\ x &= x_0 + h \\ k_1 &= hf(x_n, y_n) \\ k_2 &= hf\left(x_n + \frac{h}{2}, y_n + \frac{k_1}{2}\right) \\ k_3 &= hf\left(x_n + \frac{h}{2}, y_n + \frac{k_2}{2}\right) \\ k_4 &= hf(x_n + h, y_n + k_3) \\ y_{n+1} &= y_n + \frac{1}{6}[k_1 + 2(k_2 + k_3) + k_4] \end{aligned}$$

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Example:- use Runge kutta 4th order method to find y(0.1) when

h=0.1, y(0)=2, $\frac{dy}{dx} = y - x$

Solution:

$$k_1 = hf(x_n, y_n) = 0.1f(0,2) = 0.1 * (2 - 0) = 0.1 * (2) = \mathbf{0.2}$$

$$k_2 = hf\left(x_n + \frac{h}{2}, y_n + \frac{k_1}{2}\right) = 0.1f\left(0 + \frac{0.1}{2}, 2 + \frac{0.2}{2}\right) = 0.1f(0.05, 2.1) = 0.1(2.1 - 0.05) = \mathbf{0.205}$$

$$k_3 = hf\left(x_n + \frac{h}{2}, y_n + \frac{k_2}{2}\right) = 0.1f\left(0 + \frac{0.1}{2}, 2 + \frac{0.205}{2}\right) = 0.1f(0.05, 2.1025) = 0.1(2.1025 - 0.05) = \mathbf{0.20525}$$

$$k_4 = hf(x_n + h, y_n + k_3) = 0.1f(0 + 0.1, 2 + 0.20525) = 0.1f(0.1, 2.20525) = \mathbf{0.210525}$$

$$y_{(0.1)} = y_n + \frac{1}{6}[k_1 + 2(k_2 + k_3) + k_4] = 2 + \frac{1}{6}[\mathbf{0.2} + 2(\mathbf{0.205} + \mathbf{0.210525}) + \mathbf{0.210525}] = 2.20693$$

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Example: If $\bar{y} = x - 0.2 y$, $y(0) = 1$, find y at $x = 1$ using Runge-Kutta 2nd order.




Sol:

$$h = x - x_0 \rightarrow h = 1 - 0 \rightarrow h = 1$$

$$k_1 = hf(x_n, y_n) = 1f(0,1) = 0 - 0.2 * 1 = -0.2$$

$$k_2 = hf(x_n + h, y_n + k_1) = 1f(0 + 1, 1 - 0.2) = f(1, 0.8) = 0.84$$

$$y_{n+1} = 1 + \frac{1}{2}(-0.2 + 0.84) = 1.32$$

Example: Repeat the  example by using Runge- Kutta 3rd order.

$$k_1 = f(0,1) \rightarrow k_1 = 0 - 0.2 * 1 = -0.2$$

$$k_2 = f\left(x_0 + \frac{h}{2}, y_0 + \frac{h}{2}k_1\right) \rightarrow k_2 = \left(1 + \frac{1}{2}\right) - 0.2 * \left(1 + \frac{1}{2} * -0.2\right)$$

$$= 1.32$$

$$k_3 = f(x_0 + h, y_0 + h(2k_2 - k_1)) \rightarrow k_3 = (1 + 1) - 0.2 * (1 + 1(2 * 1.32 + 0.2))$$

$$= 1.232$$

and this leads to $y = y_0 + \frac{h}{6}(k_1 + 4k_2 + k_3)$

$$\rightarrow y = 1 + \frac{1}{6}(-0.2 + 4 * 1.32 + 1.232)$$

$$= 2.052$$

EX₃/ If $\bar{y} = e^{0.8x} + y$ & $y(0) = 2$, find y at $x = 2$ using Runge- Kutta 4th order.

Sol:

$$k_1 = f(x_0, y_0) \rightarrow k_1 = 1 + 2$$

$$= 3$$

$$k_2 = f\left(x_0 + \frac{h}{2}, y_0 + \frac{h}{2}k_1\right) \rightarrow k_2 = (e^{0.8} + 2 + 1 * 3)$$

$$= 7.226$$

$$k_3 = f\left(x_0 + \frac{h}{2}, y_0 + \frac{h}{2}k_2\right) \rightarrow k_3 = (e^{0.8} + 2 + 1 * 7.226)$$

$$= 11.4511$$



$$k_4 = f(x_0 + h, y_0 + hk_3) \rightarrow k_4 = (e^{0.8} + 2 + 2 * 11.4511)$$

$$= 27.1277$$

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

$$= 2 + \frac{2}{6}(3 + 2 * 7.226 + 2 * 11.4511 + 27.1277)$$

$$= 24.494$$

EX₄/ Use Runge-Kutta method (4th order) to find y(0.3)& z(0.3) for the system.

$$\bar{y} = y + 2e^{-x}$$

$$\bar{z} = z^2 - y$$

$$y(0) = 1 \text{ \& } z(0) = 2$$

Sol:

$$x_0 = 0, y_0 = 1, z_0 = 2 \text{ \& } h = 0.3$$

$$k_1 = f(x_0, y_0, z_0) \rightarrow k_1 = 1 + 2 * e^0$$

$$= 3$$

$$n_1 = g(x_0, y_0, z_0) \rightarrow k_1 = 4 - 1$$

$$= 3$$

$$k_2 = f\left(x_0 + \frac{h}{2}, y_0 + \frac{h}{2}k_1, z_0 + \frac{h}{2}n_1\right) \rightarrow k_2 = \left(1 + \frac{0.3}{2} * 3 + 2 * e^{-1.15}\right)$$

$$= 2.0832$$

$$n_2 = f\left(x_0 + \frac{h}{2}, y_0 + \frac{h}{2}k_1, z_0 + \frac{h}{2}n_1\right) \rightarrow n_2 = \left(\left(2 + \frac{0.3}{2} * 3\right)^2 - \left(1 + \frac{0.3}{2} * 3\right)\right)$$

$$= 4.5525$$

$$k_3 = f\left(x_0 + \frac{h}{2}, y_0 + \frac{h}{2}k_2, z_0 + \frac{h}{2}n_2\right) \rightarrow k_3 = \left(1 + \frac{0.3}{2} * 2.0832 + 2 * e^{-1.15}\right)$$

$$= 1.9458$$



$$n_3 = f\left(x_0 + \frac{h}{2}, y_0 + \frac{h}{2}k_2, z_0 + \frac{h}{2}n_2\right) \rightarrow n_3 = \left(2 + \frac{0.3}{2} * 4.5525\right)^2 - \left(1 + \frac{0.3}{2} * 2.0832\right)$$

$$= 5.8853$$

$$k_4 = f(x_0 + h, y_0 + hk_3, z_0 + hn_3) \rightarrow k_4 = (1 + 0.3 * 1.9458 + 2 * e^{-1.3})$$

$$= 2.129$$

$$n_4 = f(x_0 + h, y_0 + hk_3, z_0 + hn_3) \rightarrow n_4 = ((2 + 0.3 * 5.8853)^2 - (1 + 0.3 * 1.9458))$$

$$= 12.596$$

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

$$= 2 + \frac{0.3}{6}(3 + 2 * 2.0832 + 2 * 1.9458 + 2.129)$$

$$= 1.5552$$

$$z = z_0 + \frac{h}{6}(n_1 + 2n_2 + 2n_3 + n_4)$$

$$= 2 + \frac{0.3}{6}(3 + 2 * 4.5525 + 2 * 5.8853 + 12.596) \rightarrow z = 3.82258$$

EX₅/ Use Runge-Kutta method (4th order) to find $y(1)$ & $\bar{y}(1)$ for $\bar{y} + 2\bar{y} + y = 0$ With $y(0) = 2$ & $\bar{y}(0) = 0$

Sol:

Let $\bar{y} = z \rightarrow \bar{z} + 2z + y = 0 \therefore \bar{z} = -2z - y$ now we have two equations

$$\bar{y} = z$$

$$\bar{z} = -2z - y$$

And $h = 1, y(0) = 2$ & $z(0) = 0$

$$k_1 = f(0, 2, 0) \rightarrow k_1 = 0$$

$$n_1 = g(0, 2, 0) \rightarrow n_1 = -2 * 0 - 2$$

$$= -2$$



$$k_2 = f\left(0 + \frac{1}{2}, 2 + \frac{1}{2} * 0, 0 + \frac{1}{2} * -2\right) \rightarrow k_2 = -1$$

$$n_2 = f\left(x_0 + \frac{h}{2}, y_0 + \frac{h}{2}k_1, z_0 + \frac{h}{2}n_1\right) \rightarrow n_2 = \left(-2 * \frac{1}{2} * -2 - \left(2 + \frac{1}{2} * 0\right)\right)$$

$$= -4$$

$$k_3 = f\left(0 + \frac{1}{2}, 2 + \frac{1}{2} * -1, 0 + \frac{1}{2} * -4\right) \rightarrow k_3 = \left(0 + \frac{1}{2} * -1\right)$$

$$= -0.5$$

$$n_3 = f\left(0 + \frac{1}{2}, 2 + \frac{1}{2} * -1, 0 + \frac{1}{2} * -4\right) \rightarrow n_3 = \left(-2 * \frac{1}{2} * -4 - \left(2 + \frac{1}{2} * -1\right)\right)$$

$$= 2.5$$

$$k_4 = f(0 + 1, 2 + 1 * -0.5, 0 + 1 * 2.5) \rightarrow$$

$$k_4 = 2.5$$

$$n_4 = f(0 + 1, 2 + 1 * -0.5, 0 + 1 * 2.5) \rightarrow \rightarrow n_4 = (-2 * 2.5 * - (2 + 1 * -0.5)) = -6.5$$

$$y = 2 + \frac{1}{6}(0 + (2 * -1) + (2 * -0.5) + 2.5)$$

$$= 1.91667$$

$$y = 0 + \frac{1}{6}(-2 + (2 * -4) + (2 * -2.5) - 6.5)$$

$$= 3.58333$$

Adams-Bash forth Predictor- Corrector Method

$$\bar{y} = \frac{dy}{dx} = f(x, y)$$

$$y(x_0) = y_0$$

$$x = x_0 + h$$

To Find: $y(x_n)$ when $n=4$



Step1: if $y(x_1), y(x_2), y(x_3)$ is given that's ok , if $y(x_1), y(x_2), y(x_3)$ is not given then we find $y(x_1), y(x_2), y(x_3)$ using any one of the methods like Taylor's series method, Euler's method, Modified Euler's method or Runge Kutta method

Step2: calculate

$$f_0 = f(x_0, y_0), \quad f_1 = f(x_1, y_1),$$

$$f_2 = f(x_2, y_2), \quad f_3 = f(x_3, y_3)$$

Step3: By Adams-Bash forth predictor formula

$$y_4 = y_3 + \frac{h}{24}(55f_3 - 59f_2 + 37f_1 - 9f_0)$$

Step4: then find $f_4 = f(x_4, y_4)$, when $x_4 = x_3 + h$

Step5: By Adams-Bash forth corrector formula

$$y_4 = y_3 + \frac{h}{24}(9f_4 + 19f_3 - 5f_2 + f_1)$$

We repeat this step until y_4 unchanged

Example: Using Adams-Bash forth method ,obtain the solution of

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = x - y^2 \text{ at } x=0.8 \text{ given that}$$

x	0	0.2	0.4	0.6
y	0	0.02	0.079	0.1762

Solution: $f(x, y) = x - y^2, h=0.2$

$$x_0 = 0, \quad y_0 = 0, \quad f_0 = f(x_0, y_0) = 0$$

$$x_1 = 0.2, \quad y_1 = 0.02, \quad f_1 = f(x_1, y_1) = 0.1996$$

$$x_2 = 0.4, \quad y_2 = 0.0795, \quad f_2 = f(x_2, y_2) = 0.3937$$

$$x_3 = 0.6, \quad y_3 = 0.1762, \quad f_3 = f(x_3, y_3) = 0.5690$$

Using Adams-Bash forth predictor formula

$$y_4 = y_3 + \frac{h}{24}(55f_3 - 59f_2 + 37f_1 - 9f_0)$$

$$y_4 = 0.1762 + \frac{0.2}{24}(55 * (0.5690) - 59 * (0.3937) + 37 * (0.1996) - 9(0)) = 0.3046$$



$$f_4 = f(x_4, y_4) = 0.8 - (0.5739)^2 = 0.7072$$

Using Adams-Bashforth corrector formula

$$y_4 = y_3 + \frac{h}{24}(9f_4 + 19f_3 - 5f_2 + f_1) = 0.1762 + \frac{0.2}{24}(9 * (0.3046) + 19 * (0.5690) - 5 * (0.3937) + 0.1996) = 0.3046$$

$$y_4 = y(0.8) = 0.3046$$

Homework1: by using Runge- Kutta method of second order, solve $y' = x^2 - 2xy$, $y(1)=0$, $h=0.2$, find one step

Homework2: by using Runge- Kutta method of third order, solve $y' = x + y^2$, $y(0)=1$, $h=0.1$, find $y(0.1)$?