

CE 601: Numerical Methods

Lecture 24

IV-ODE: Second Order Euler Methods

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- In last class we suggested that FDM, whichever you use, should be: Consistent, Stable and Convergent.
- We have already showed that first order explicit Euler scheme is consistent.
- What is meant by FDM being convergent?
- A FDM is said to be convergent if the solutions obtained from the finite difference algebraic equations approach the exact solution of the ODE as $\Delta t \rightarrow 0$.
- A FDM is stable if the finite difference algebraic equation gives bounded solution for a stable ODE.

- $\frac{dy}{dt} + \alpha y = 0$
- Let us check for the stability of the explicit Euler method solution of the above equation.
- As $f = -\alpha y$, hence
$$y_{n+1} = y_n + \Delta t.(-\alpha y_n)$$
$$\Rightarrow y_{n+1} = y_n (1 - \Delta t.\alpha)$$
- Hence, for stability, we require $-1 \leq (1 - \Delta t.\alpha) \leq 1$

In general: $y_{n+1} = Gy_n$

where $G \rightarrow$ amplification factor. In this case, $G = 1 - \alpha\Delta t$.

If y_0 is the initial value and if we have N cycles, the total time $T = N\Delta t$.

Then the solution at T will be

$$y_N = Gy_{N-1} = G^2 y_{N-2} = \dots = G^N y_0$$

For y_N to remain bounded as $N \rightarrow \infty$, we need to have

$$|G| \leq 1.0. \quad (\text{Also } y_{n+1} = G^{n+1} y_0)$$

If we utilise implicit Euler scheme for $\frac{dy}{dt} + \alpha y = 0$,

$$\text{i.e. } y_{n+1} = \frac{y_n}{1 + \alpha\Delta t} = Gy_n; \quad \text{where } G = \frac{y_n}{1 + \alpha\Delta t} \leq 1.0$$

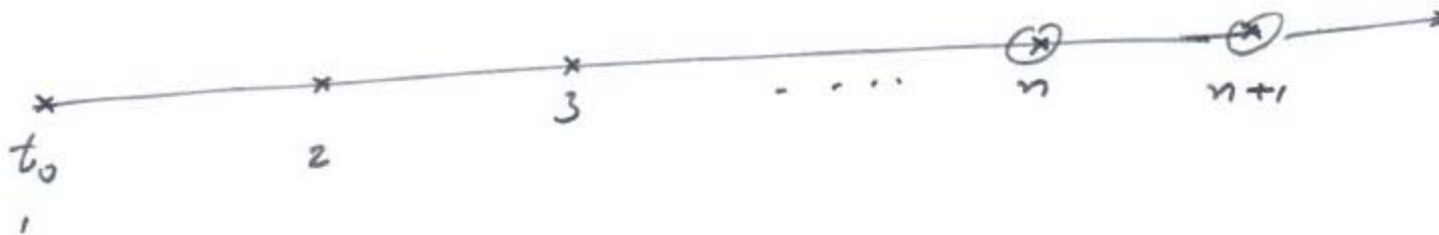
The Single Point Methods

- Both the first order Euler's explicit scheme and implicit schemes are single-point methods to arrive at the solution.
- In single point methods, we use data at a single point ' n ' to advance to the solution at point $n+1$.
- The earlier mentioned methods were first-order schemes.
- We can also have second order single point methods.

- Second order single point method
- For the general non-linear IV-ODE (first order)

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = f(t, y); \quad y(t_0) = y_0$$

- The time scale can be discretized as:



Recall the centered difference formula

$$\left. \frac{dy}{dt} \right|_{t_{n+1/2}} \approx \frac{y_{n+1} - y_n}{\Delta t} \quad O(\Delta t^2)$$

$$\therefore \left. \frac{dy}{dt} \right|_{t_{n+1/2}} = f(t_{n+1/2}, y_{n+1/2}) = f_{n+1/2}$$

Using FDM, we get,

$$\boxed{y_{n+1} = y_n + \Delta t \cdot f_{(n+1/2)}}; \quad O(\Delta t^3)$$

→ (1)

This is mid-point method.

This approach is difficult, as we need to determine the unknown $f_{n+1/2}$ as well.

A modification is suggested to mid-point method by a predictor-corrector strategy:

$$\text{i.e. } \boxed{\begin{aligned} y_{n+1/2}^P &= y_n + \frac{\Delta t}{2} \cdot f_n \\ y_{n+1}^C &= y_n + \Delta t \cdot f_{n+1/2}^P \end{aligned}} \rightarrow (2)$$

This is a predictor-corrector method (also called Modified Mid-point method)

- Now recall the mid-point method

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + \Delta t \cdot f_{n+1/2};$$

- The quantity $f_{n+1/2}$ can also be evaluated using the following strategy,
- Keeping $f_{n+1/2}$ as base point and form Taylor's series for f_n and f_{n+1}

$$f_n = f_{(n+1/2)} - \left(\frac{\Delta t}{2} \right) \frac{df}{dt} \Big|_{t_{(n+1/2)}} ; \quad O(\Delta t^2)$$

$$f_{n+1} = f_{(n+1/2)} + \left(\frac{\Delta t}{2} \right) \frac{df}{dt} \Big|_{t_{(n+1/2)}} ; \quad O(\Delta t^2)$$

- From the above two equations, we have

$$f_{(n+1/2)} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot (f_n + f_{n+1}); \quad O(\Delta t^2)$$

- Hence,

$$\boxed{y^{(n+1)} = y^n + \frac{\Delta t}{2} \cdot (f_n + f_{n+1}); \quad O(\Delta t^3)} \rightarrow (3)$$

- This is the implicit trapezoidal finite-difference equation.

- This can also be evaluated using the following predictor and corrector steps

$$\begin{array}{l} y_{n+1}^P = y_n + \Delta t \cdot f_n \\ y_{n+1}^C = y_n + \Delta t \cdot \left(\frac{f_n + f_{n+1}^P}{2} \right) \end{array} \rightarrow (4)$$

- These equations are called the modified trapezoidal method or Modified Euler's finite difference equation.
- Modified Euler's FDE is widely used to solve IV-ODE and the method is second order, which suggests that the truncation error reduces at a faster rate.

- Stability Criteria for Modified Euler Method
- For the linear first order IV-ODE

$$\frac{dy}{dt} + \alpha y = 0; \quad y(t_0) = y_0$$

- Modified Euler method

$$y_{n+1}^P = y_n + \Delta t \cdot f_n$$

$$y_{n+1}^C = y^n + (\Delta t/2) \cdot (f_n + f_{n+1}^P)$$

- Here, we have

$$f = -\alpha y, \quad \therefore f_n = -\alpha y_n$$

- $$y_{n+1}^P = y_n + \Delta t.(-\alpha y_n) = (1 - \alpha\Delta t) y_n$$

$$y_{n+1}^C = y_n - \alpha (\Delta t/2) y_n - \alpha (\Delta t/2) y_{n+1}^P$$

$$= y_n - \alpha (\Delta t/2) y_n - \alpha (\Delta t/2) \{y_n.(1 - \alpha\Delta t)\}$$

$$= y_n - \alpha (\Delta t/2) y_n - \alpha (\Delta t/2) y_n + \alpha^2.(\Delta t^2/2) y_n$$

$$= y_n \left\{1 - \alpha\Delta t + (\alpha\Delta t)^2 / 2\right\}$$

- Hence, the amplification factor:

$$G = \left\{1 - \alpha \Delta t + (\alpha \Delta t)^2 / 2\right\}$$

- For stable results, the following condition has to be satisfied

$$|G| \leq 1.0$$

- So, $|G| = \left| 1 - \alpha\Delta t + (\alpha\Delta t)^2 / 2 \right| \leq 1.0$
- For the above condition to be true, we require
 $\alpha\Delta t \leq 2.0$

Runge-Kutta Methods

- Till now we discussed about the various second order single point Euler methods to solve the general first order non-linear IV-ODE

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = f(t, y); \quad y(t_0) = y_0$$

- Runge-Kutta methods are single point methods that evaluate change in y i.e. $\Delta y = y_{n+1} - y_n$ using several weighted combinations of Δy_i

$$\text{i.e. } y_{n+1} = y_n + \Delta t f_n$$

or

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + \Delta t f_{n+1}$$

We can define $\Delta y = y_{n+1} - y_n$

or, $\Delta y = \Delta t f_n$

or

$\Delta y = \Delta t f_{n+1}$

or

etc.

This change in y ,

$$\Delta y = C_1 \times \Delta y_1 + C_2 \times \Delta y_2 + C_3 \times \Delta y_3 + \cdots + C_n \times \Delta y_n$$

$C_i \rightarrow$ weighting factors

$\Delta y_i = \Delta t \times f(t, y)$; where $f(t, y)$ is evaluated at some point

in the range $t_n \leq t \leq t_{n+1}$.

\Rightarrow The number of weighing factors (or no. of Δy_i) selected decides the order of the R-K method.

⇒ e.g. The first order R-K method will be same as explicit or implicit Euler method

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + \Delta t \times f_n$$

or

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + \Delta t \times f_{n+1}$$

⇒ The second order R-K method is:

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + [C_1 \Delta y_1 + C_2 \Delta y_2]$$

$$\text{where } \Delta y_1 = \Delta t \times f_n$$

$$\Delta y_2 = \Delta t \times f(t, y); \quad t_n \leq t \leq t_{n+1}$$

Let's write: $\Delta y_2 = \Delta t \times f(t_n + a\Delta t, y_n + b\Delta y_1)$

We have to find the appropriate values of 'a' and 'b' for this case.

$\Rightarrow 2^{nd}$ order R-K method gives:

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + C_1 \times \Delta t \times f_n + C_2 \times \Delta t \times f(t_n + a\Delta t, y_n + b\Delta y_1)$$

Keeping the time grid point 'n' as the base point and f_n as base value,

$$f(t, y) = f_n + (t - t_n) \left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} \right]_{t_n} + (y - y_n) \left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right]_{t_n} + \dots$$

Here $t = t_n + a\Delta t$ and $y_n + b\Delta y_1$,

$$\therefore f(t_n + a\Delta t, y_n + b\Delta y_1) = f_n + (a\Delta t) \left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} \right]_{t_n} + (b\Delta y_1) \left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right]_{t_n} + \dots O(\Delta t^2)$$