Class Progress

Basics of Linux, gnuplot, C Visualization of numerical data Roots of nonlinear equations (Midterm 1) Solutions of systems of linear equations Solutions of systems of nonlinear equations Monte Carlo simulation Interpolation of sparse data points Numerical integration (Midterm 2) Solutions of ordinary differential equations



"Integration" of First Order Differential Equation

A general first order differential equation can be written

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

If f(x, y) = f(x) (independent of y)

Then the solution can be found with an integration

$$y = \int f(x) dx$$

But in the general case above finding the solution is still called "integration" of the differential equation



Example of First Order Differential Equation

An object falls in a uniform gravitational field through a fluid and reaches a terminal velocity due to drag forces

$$v(t) =$$
 Downward velocity
 $\frac{dv(t)}{dt} =$ Downward acceleration $= mg - F_{drag}$

If the drag forces through the fluid are modeled with a simple linear relationship

$$F_{drag} = \alpha v$$

$$\frac{dv}{dt} = mg - \alpha v = f(v)$$

Then this simple differential equation can be easily solved, and v(t) will have an exponential trajectory. But in general more complete models of drag forces will be some nonlinear function of v to take turbulence into account, and a numerical solution will be necessary.





Vector Field for First Order Differential Equation







Vector Field for First Order Differential Equation





Solutions of $x' = x^2 - t$

Each solution for -2<t<10, sweep initial x from -2.7190 to -2.7185 with increment 1e-5



Solutions of $x' = x^2 - t$

sweep initial x from -2.718728347039740 to -2.718728347039720 with increment 1e-15 !!



Numerical Integration of First Order DE





Return to Taylor's Theorem for y(x+h)

$$y(x+h) = \sum_{k=0}^{n} \frac{y^{(k)}(x)}{k!} h^{k} + E_{n+1}$$

The error term $E_{n+1} = \frac{y^{(n+1)}(\xi)}{(n+1)!} h^{n+1}$ where ξ is between x and x+h

Examples:

$$y(x+h) = y(x) + y'(x)h + E_2$$
$$y(x+h) = y(x) + y'(x)h + \frac{y''(x)}{2}h^2 + E_3$$
$$y''(x) = y''(x)h + y'(x)h + \frac{y''(x)}{2}h^2 + E_3$$

$$y(x+h) = y(x) + y'(x)h + \frac{y''(x)}{2}h^2 + \frac{y'''(x)}{6}h^3 + E_4$$



Direct Taylor Series Algorithms

$$y_{i+1} = y_i + h \cdot f(x_i, y_i)$$
 (Euler algorithm)

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

$$y_{i+1} = y_i + h \cdot f(x_i, y_i) + h^2 \cdot \frac{f'(x_i, y_i)}{2} + h^3 \cdot \frac{f''(x_i, y_i)}{6}$$

Requires more complex implicit differentiation of f(x,y) for smaller error terms, so not a practical method for arbitrary differential equations.





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Heun's Method for Reducing Euler Algorithm Error





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Heun's Method for Reducing Euler Algorithm Error



'Modified Euler Algorithm' with Reduced Error



'Modified Euler Algorithm' with Reduced Error



Second Order Runge-Kutta Algorithm

$$y(x+h) = y(x) + y'(x)h + \frac{y''(x)}{2}h^{2} + E_{3}$$

Assume Taylor series terms through the second
order can be made equivalent to
$$v(x+h) = v(x) + (a_{1}k_{1} + a_{2}k_{2})h$$

$$y(x+h) = y(x) + (a_1k_1 + a_2k_2)h$$

where $k_1 = f(x, y)$
and $k_2 = f(x+p_1h, y+q_{11}k_1h)$

Solve for a₁, a₂, p₁, q₁₁. This will generate one less equation than the number of coefficients to solve for, so an arbitrary choice is needed. Both Heun's method and the Modified Euler algorithm are special cases of the second order Runge-Kutta algorithm



Fourth Order Runge-Kutta Algorithm

$$y(x+h) = y(x) + y'(x)h + \frac{y''(x)}{2}h^{2} + \frac{y'''(x)}{6}h^{3} + \frac{y'''(x)}{24}h^{4} + E_{5}$$

Assume Taylor series terms through the fourth order can be made equivalent to

$$y(x+h) = y(x) + (a_1k_1+a_2k_2+a_3k_3+a_4k_4)h$$

result is
$$y_{i+1} = y_i + \frac{h}{6} \cdot [k_1 + 2k_2 + 2k_3 + k_4]$$

where $k_1 = f(x_i, y_i)$ $k_2 = f(x_i + \frac{h}{2}, y_i + \frac{h}{2} \cdot k_1)$ $k_3 = f(x_i + \frac{h}{2}, y_i + \frac{h}{2} \cdot k_2)$ $k_4 = f(x_i + h, y_i + h \cdot k_3)$



System of First Order Ordinary Differential Eqns

$$\frac{dy_1}{dx} = f_1(x, y_1, y_2, y_3, \cdots, y_n)$$

$$\frac{dy_2}{dx} = f_2(x, y_1, y_2, y_3, \cdots, y_n)$$

$$\frac{dy_3}{dx} = f_3(x, y_1, y_2, y_3, \cdots, y_n)$$

$$\vdots$$

$$\frac{dy_n}{dx} = f_n(x, y_1, y_2, y_3, \cdots, y_n)$$

Note: Subscript on y variables above mean an index from among several state variables describing the state of the system, not an index for the iterative estimate.

Solving systems of First order ODEs is numerically much easier than, for example, systems of nonlinear static equations. The iterative Runge-Kutta or predictor-corrector algorithms may be applied to systems by simply taking a step for all y_i variables one at a time sequentially for each step of the independent variable.

Why look at solving systems of first order ODEs? Physics problems often involve vector quantities with simultaneous equations for the vector components. Also, a single ODE of higher order *n* can be transformed into a system of *n* first order ODEs!



Transforming Higher Order ODE into System of First Order ODEs

$$a_{n}\frac{d^{n}y}{dx^{n}} + \dots + a_{2}\frac{d^{2}y}{dx^{2}} + a_{1}\frac{dy}{dx} = g(x)$$

Let $y_{1} = y$ $y_{2} = \frac{dy_{1}}{dx}$ $y_{3} = \frac{dy_{2}}{dx}$...

Then this original high order ODE will be equivalent to the system:

$$\frac{dy_1}{dx} = f_1(x, y_1, y_2, y_3, \dots, y_n)$$

$$\frac{dy_2}{dx} = f_2(x, y_1, y_2, y_3, \dots, y_n)$$

$$\frac{dy_3}{dx} = f_3(x, y_1, y_2, y_3, \dots, y_n)$$

$$\vdots$$

$$\frac{dy_n}{dx} = f_n(x, y_1, y_2, y_3, \dots, y_n)$$



Solving System of First Order ODEs



C Code for Runge-Kutta Algorithms

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include "diffeq.h"
int rk2(int order, void (*func)(int n, double x, double y[], double yp[]), double
xstart,double xstop,double xinc,double y[]) {
 double x, xhalfinc, xnext, *ymid;
 double *k1,*k2; /*Runge-Kutta slope values*/
 int j;
 ymid = (double *) malloc(order * sizeof(double));
 k1 = (double *) malloc(order * sizeof(double));
 k2 = (double *) malloc(order * sizeof(double));
 xstop = xstop + (xinc * 0.5);
 xhalfinc = xinc * 0.5;
 x = xstart;
 while (1) {
   printf("%.8g ",x); /*output independent variables*/
   for (j = 0; j < order; j++) printf("%.8g ",y[j]); /*output state value*/
   putchar(' \ );
   xnext = x + xinc;
   if (((xinc > 0.0) && (xnext > xstop)) || ((xinc < 0.0) && (xnext < xstop))) break;
    (*func) (order, x, y, k1); /*calculate RK2 (Improved polygon method) algorithm step*/
   for (j = 0; j < order; j++) ymid[j] = y[j] + (xhalfinc * k1[j]);
    (*func) (order, x + xhalfinc, ymid, k2);
   for (j = 0; j < order; j++) y[j] += xinc * k2[j];
   x = xnext;
  }
 free(ymid);
 free(k1);
 free(k2);
  return(0);
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```

C Code for Runge-Kutta Algorithms

```
int rk4(int order, void (*func)(int n, double x, double y[], double yp[]), double xstart, double xstop, double
xinc,double y[]) {
 double x,xhalfinc,xnext,*ymid;
 double *k1, *k2, *k3, *k4; /*Runge-Kutta slope values*/
  int j;
 ymid = (double *) malloc(order * sizeof(double));
 k1 = (double *) malloc(order * sizeof(double));
  k2 = (double *) malloc(order * sizeof(double));
 k3 = (double *) malloc(order * sizeof(double));
 k4 = (double *) malloc(order * sizeof(double));
 xstop = xstop + (xinc * 0.5);
 xhalfinc = xinc * 0.5;
  x = xstart;
  while (1) {
   printf("%.8g ",x); /*output independent variables*/
    for (j = 0; j < order; j++) printf("%.8g ",y[j]); /*output state value*/</pre>
   putchar(' \ );
   xnext = x + xinc;
    if (((xinc > 0.0) && (xnext > xstop)) || ((xinc < 0.0) && (xnext < xstop))) break;
    (*func) (order, x, y, k1); /*calculate RK4 algorithm step*/
    for (j = 0; j < order; j++) ymid[j] = y[j] + (xhalfinc * k1[j]);
    (*func) (order, x + xhalfinc, ymid, k2);
    for (j = 0; j < order; j++) ymid[j] = y[j] + (xhalfinc * k2[j]);
    (*func) (order, x + xhalfinc, ymid, k3);
    for (j = 0; j < order; j++) ymid[j] = y[j] + (xinc * k3[j]);
    (*func) (order, x + xinc, ymid, k4);
    for (j = 0; j < order; j++) y[j] += xinc * (k1[j] + (2.0 * k2[j]) + (2.0 * k3[j]) + k4[j]) / 6.0;
    x = xnext;
 free(ymid);
 free(k1);
  free(k2);
 free(k3);
  free(k4);
  return(0);
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```

Fourth Order Adams-Bashforth-Moulton Algorithm

Predict
$$y_{i+1} = y_i + \frac{h}{24} \cdot (55y'_i - 59y'_{i-1} + 37y'_{i-2} - 9y'_{i-3})$$

Evaluate $y'_{i+1} = f(x+h, y_{i+1})$
Correct $y_{i+1} = y_i + \frac{h}{24} \cdot (9y'_{i+1} + 19y'_i - 5y'_{i-1} + y'_{i-2})$



Lagrangian Derivation of Single Pendulum $x = l \sin \theta$ $y = -l \cos \theta$ θ Lagrangian L = T - V1 $T = \frac{m |\vec{v}|^2}{2}$ $|\vec{v}|^2 = \dot{x}^2 + \dot{v}^2$ $= l^2 (\cos^2 \theta) \dot{\theta}^2 + l^2 (\sin^2 \theta) \dot{\theta}^2 = l^2 \dot{\theta}^2$ (x,y) $T = \frac{m l^2}{2} \dot{\theta}^2$ θ $V = mgy = -mgl\cos\theta$ **▼** mg $L = \frac{ml^2}{2}\dot{\theta}^2 + mgl\cos\theta$



Lagrangian Derivation of Single Pendulum





Approximate Analytic Solution of Pendulum



Differential equation is linear only for deflection angle $\theta \ll 1$



Analytic Solution of Large Angle Pendulum

Either a numerical evaluation of an elliptical integral must be performed, or for simply the period, a numerical evaluation of an infinite series:

$$\frac{T}{T_0} = 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{(2n)!}{2^{2n} (n!)^2} \right)^2 \sin^{2n} \left(\frac{\theta_0}{2} \right)$$

Or simply solve the nonlinear differential equation of motion numerically



Transform to System of First Order ODEs

Original 2nd order ODE is

$$\frac{d^2\theta}{dt^2} = -\frac{g}{l}\sin(\theta)$$

Let
$$y_1 = \theta$$
 $y_2 = \frac{dy_1}{dt}$

So system becomes

$$\frac{dy_1}{dt} = y_2$$
$$\frac{dy_2}{dt} = -\frac{g}{l}\sin(y_1)$$



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Dependence of Period on Initial Angle



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Periodic Pendulum Motion in State-Space



Periodic Pendulum Motion in State-Space



Initial angular displacement = 3 radians



Periodic Pendulum Motion in State-Space





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Ballistics With Air Drag



Ballistics With Air Drag

Ballistic object has position vector \vec{r} velocity vector \vec{v} and mass m

Force on object is $\vec{F} = m\vec{a} = m\frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} = m\frac{d^2\vec{r}}{dt^2}$

$$m\frac{d^2\vec{r}}{dt^2} = -\alpha |\vec{v}|\vec{v} - m\vec{g}$$

$$\frac{d^2\vec{r}}{dt^2} = -\frac{\alpha|\vec{v}|\vec{v}}{m} - \vec{g}$$

If system is solved in two dimensions

$$\frac{d^2 r_x}{dt^2} = -\frac{\alpha |\vec{v}| v_x}{m} \qquad \frac{d^2 r_y}{dt^2} = -\frac{\alpha |\vec{v}| v_y}{m} - g$$



Transform to System of First Order ODEs

Let
$$y_1 = r_x$$
 $y_2 = r_y$ $y_3 = \frac{dy_1}{dt} = v_x$ $y_4 = \frac{dy_2}{dt} = v_y$

$$\frac{dy_1}{dt} = y_3$$

$$\frac{dy_2}{dt} = y_4$$
So system becomes
$$\frac{dy_3}{dt} = -\frac{\alpha |\vec{v}| x_x}{m}$$

$$\frac{dy_4}{dt} = -\frac{\alpha |\vec{v}| v_y}{m} - g$$



Mass/Spring Coupled Oscillator





Complex But Not Chaotic Oscillator

2 Mass1 Mass 2 Mass 3 1.5 1 0.5 X-coordinate 0 -0.5 -1 -1.5 -2 0 2 4 6 8 10 Time

Three mass coupled oscillator with mixed modes: -1 1 1



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Add Damping and Forcing to Single Pendulum





Transform to System of First Order ODEs

Original 2nd order ODE is

$$\frac{d^2\theta}{dt^2} = -\frac{g}{l}\sin(\theta) - \alpha \frac{d\theta}{dt} + F\sin(\omega_f t)$$

Let
$$y_1 = \theta$$
 $y_2 = \frac{dy_1}{dt}$

So system becomes

$$\frac{dy_1}{dt} = y_2$$

$$\frac{dy_2}{dt} = -\frac{g}{l}\sin(y_1) - \alpha y_2 + F\sin(\omega_f t)$$



Example Quasi-Periodic Behavior

L=1 α=0 F=3 ω_f=4





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Quasi-Periodic Behavior in State-Space

L=1 α=0 F=3 ω_f=4





L=1 α=0 F=3 ω_f=2.0805574





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L=1 α=0 F=3 ω_f=2.0805574





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L=1 α=0 F=3 ω_f=2.0805574001





L=1 α=0 F=3 ω_f=2.0805574001





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L=1 α=0.05 F=4 ω_f=2.5596





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L=1 α =0.05 F=4 ω_{f} =2.5596





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L=1 α=0.05 F=4 ω_f=2.559600001





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L=1 α=0.05 F=4 ω_f=2.559600001





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Lagrangian Derivation of Inverted Pendulum



an oscillating y coordinate



Lagrangian Derivation of Inverted Pendulum





Transform to System of First Order ODEs

Original 2nd order ODE is

$$\frac{d^2\theta}{dt^2} = \frac{1}{l} \Big[g\sin\theta - \omega_f^2 F \sin(\omega_f t) \sin\theta \Big]$$

Let
$$y_1 = \theta$$
 $y_2 = \frac{dy_1}{dt}$

So system becomes

$$\frac{dy_1}{dt} = y_2$$

$$\frac{dy_2}{dt} = \frac{1}{l} \left[g - \omega_f^2 F \sin(\omega_f t) \right] \sin(y_1)$$













First equation of motion is from $\frac{d}{dt} \left[\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{\theta}_1} \right] = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \theta_1}$

Second equation of motion is from $\frac{d}{dt} \left[\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{\theta}_2} \right] = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \theta_2}$



$$\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d} t} \left[\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{\theta}_1} \right] = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \theta_1}$$

$$(m_1 + m_2) l_1^2 \ddot{\theta}_1 + m_2 l_1 l_2 \ddot{\theta}_2 \cos(\theta_1 - \theta_2) + m_2 l_1 l_2 \dot{\theta}_2^2 \sin(\theta_1 - \theta_2) + (m_1 + m_2) g l_1 \sin(\theta_1) = 0$$

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d} t} \left[\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{\theta}_2} \right] = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \theta_2}$$

$$m_{2}l_{2}^{2}\ddot{\theta}_{2} + m_{2}l_{1}l_{2}\ddot{\theta}_{1}\cos(\theta_{1} - \theta_{2}) - m_{2}l_{1}l_{2}\dot{\theta}_{1}^{2}\sin(\theta_{1} - \theta_{2}) + m_{2}gl_{2}\sin(\theta_{2}) = 0$$



Transform to System of First Order ODEs

Let $y_1 = \theta_1$ $y_2 = \theta_2$ $y_3 = \dot{\theta}_1$ $y_4 = \dot{\theta}_2$

So system becomes

$$\dot{y}_1 = y_3 \dot{y}_2 = y_4 (m_1 + m_2) l_1^2 \dot{y}_3 + m_2 l_1 l_2 \dot{y}_4 \cos(y_1 - y_2) + m_2 l_1 l_2 y_4^2 \sin(y_1 - y_2) + (m_1 + m_2) g l_1 \sin(y_1) = 0 m_2 l_2^2 \dot{y}_4 + m_2 l_1 l_2 \dot{y}_3 \cos(y_1 - y_2) - m_2 l_1 l_2 y_3^2 \sin(y_1 - y_2) + m_2 g l_2 \sin(y_2) = 0$$

Unfortunately this does not conform to the standard form for systems of first order ODEs to be solved by the Runge-Kutta algorithm. There must be only one first derivative of each state variable, moved to the left side of each equation. Fix this by eliminating one derivative between each of the last two equations.

Solve third equation for \dot{y}_3 and substitute into fourth equation Solve fourth equation for \dot{y}_4 and substitute back into third equation Also define $\alpha = \frac{m_2}{(m_1 + m_2)}$

as the fraction of the total mass in the bottom mass



Transform to System of First Order ODEs

So with $y_1 = \theta_1$ $y_2 = \theta_2$ $y_3 = \dot{\theta}_1$ $y_4 = \dot{\theta}_2$

The final system for R-K solution becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{y}_1 &= y_3 \\ \dot{y}_2 &= y_4 \\ \dot{y}_3 &= \frac{\left[\alpha l_1 y_3^2 \sin(y_1 - y_2) \cos(y_1 - y_2) + \alpha g \sin(y_2) \cos(y_1 - y_2) - \alpha l_2 y_4^2 \sin(y_1 - y_2) - g \sin(y_1)\right]}{l_1 (1 - \alpha \cos^2(y_1 - y_2))} \\ \dot{y}_4 &= \frac{\left[\alpha l_2 y_4^2 \sin(y_1 - y_2) \cos(y_1 - y_2) + g \sin(y_1) \cos(y_1 - y_2) + l_1 y_3^2 \sin(y_1 - y_2) - g \sin(y_2)\right]}{l_2 (1 - \alpha \cos^2(y_1 - y_2))} \end{aligned}$$



Mass/Spring Coupled Oscillator





Equations of Motion for Three Mass Oscillator

Let $\omega^2 = \frac{k}{m}$ $\frac{d^2 x_1}{dt^2} = -2\omega^2 x_1 + \omega^2 x_2$ $\frac{d^2 x_2}{dt^2} = \omega^2 x_1 - 2\omega^2 x_2 + \omega^2 x_3$ $\frac{d^2 x_3}{dt^2} = \omega^2 x_2 - 2\omega^2 x_3$

Let
$$y_1 = x_1$$
 $y_2 = \frac{dy_1}{dt} = v_1$ $y_3 = x_2$ $y_4 = \frac{dy_3}{dt} = v_2$ $y_5 = x_3$ $y_6 = \frac{dy_5}{dt} = v_3$

So system becomes

$$\frac{dy_1}{dt} = y_2 \qquad \frac{dy_2}{dt} = -2\omega^2 y_1 + \omega^2 y_3$$
$$\frac{dy_3}{dt} = y_4 \qquad \frac{dy_4}{dt} = \omega^2 y_1 - 2\omega^2 y_3 + \omega^2 y_5$$
$$\frac{dy_5}{dt} = y_6 \qquad \frac{dy_6}{dt} = \omega^2 y_3 - 2\omega^2 y_5$$



Example Dynamic Solution



Solutions of Two-body Gravitational Problems

An analytic solution (for an orbital period around the sun) :





Three-body Gravitational Problems



Three-body Gravitational Simulation





n-body Gravitational Problems



Complexity of gravitational interactions preclude general analytic solutions, except in trivial cases



$$m_{i} \frac{d^{2} \vec{r}_{i}}{d t^{2}} = G \sum_{j \neq i} \frac{m_{i} m_{j} (\vec{r}_{j} - \vec{r}_{i})}{|\vec{r}_{j} - \vec{r}_{i}|^{3}}$$

$$\frac{d^{2}\vec{r}_{i}}{dt^{2}} = G \sum_{j \neq i} \frac{m_{j}(\vec{r}_{j} - \vec{r}_{i})}{|\vec{r}_{j} - \vec{r}_{i}|^{3}}$$

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n-body Gravitational Problems



If system is solved in two dimensions, resolve each equation into two components

$$\frac{d^2 r_{ix}}{d t^2} = G \sum_{j \neq i} \frac{m_j (r_{jx} - r_{ix})}{|\vec{r}_j - \vec{r}_i|^3}$$

$$\frac{d^2 r_{iy}}{d t^2} = G \sum_{j \neq i} \frac{m_j (r_{jy} - r_{iy})}{|\vec{r}_j - \vec{r}_i|^3}$$



Transform to System of First Order ODEs

Let
$$y_1 = r_{ix}$$
 $y_2 = r_{iy}$ $y_3 = \frac{dy_1}{dt}$ $y_4 = \frac{dy_2}{dt}$
$$\frac{dy_1}{dt} = y_3$$
$$\frac{dy_2}{dt} = y_4$$
So system becomes
$$\frac{dy_3}{dt} = G \sum_{j \neq i} \frac{m_j (r_{jx} - r_{ix})}{|\vec{r}_j - \vec{r}_i|^3}$$
$$\frac{dy_4}{dt} = G \sum_{j \neq i} \frac{m_j (r_{jy} - r_{iy})}{|\vec{r}_j - \vec{r}_i|^3}$$

Each body contributes four first order equations. State variables y_1 through y_4 are for the first body, state variables y_5 through y_8 are for the second body, etc...

Simulating system with *n* bodies in two dimensions requires 4*n* state variables (6n if simulated in three dimensions).


Binary Star Systems Can Be Analyzed Analytically





Binary Star Systems Can Be Analyzed Analytically





Are There Stable Trinary Star Systems?

One possible configuration is a tight binary combination of two smaller stars, in orbit around a large dominant star





Numerical Solution to Trinary Star System



Are There Stable Symmetrical Trinary Star Systems?





Setting Initial Simulation Conditions



Find the gravitational force F on the right hand mass due to the other two masses, and equate to the required centripetal force



Numerical Solution to Unstable Star System



Solving Physics Problems Numerically



Each of these tools has its own properties and limitations that must be understood



Stability of ODE Algorithms



"Stiff" System of ODEs from Cheney and Kincaid

$$\frac{d y_1}{dx} = -20 y_1 - 19 y_2$$

$$\frac{d y_2}{dx} = -20 y_1 - 19 y_2$$

Initial conditions: $y_1(0)=2$ $y_2(0)=0$

Solution:

$$y_1(x) = e^{-39x} + e^{-x}$$

$$y_2(x) = e^{-39x} - e^{-x}$$

Solution is a linear superposition of exponentials with widely varying decay constants





Runge-Kutta Algorithm with Stable Step Size





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Runge-Kutta Algorithm with Larger Step Size



Onset of Instability of ODE Algorithm



Mass/Spring Coupled Oscillator





Equations of Motion for Two Mass Oscillator

Let
$$\omega_1^2 = \frac{k_1}{m}$$
 and $\omega_2^2 = \frac{k_2}{m}$ so
 $\frac{d^2 x_1}{dt^2} = -(\omega_1^2 + \omega_2^2) x_1 + \omega_2^2 x_2 \qquad \frac{d^2 x_2}{dt^2} = \omega_2^2 x_1 - (\omega_1^2 + \omega_2^2) x_2$

Assume solutions in the form: $x_1 = a_1 e^{i \alpha t}$ $x_2 = a_2 e^{i \alpha t}$

 $-\alpha^{2}a_{1}e^{i\alpha t} = -(\omega_{1}^{2} + \omega_{2}^{2})a_{1}e^{i\alpha t} + \omega_{2}^{2}a_{2}e^{i\alpha t} - \alpha^{2}a_{2}e^{i\alpha t} = \omega_{2}^{2}a_{1}e^{i\alpha t} - (\omega_{1}^{2} + \omega_{2}^{2})a_{2}e^{i\alpha t}$

Then cancel the time dependent factors:

$$-\alpha^{2}a_{1} = -(\omega_{1}^{2} + \omega_{2}^{2})a_{1} + \omega_{2}^{2}a_{2} - \alpha^{2}a_{2} = \omega_{2}^{2}a_{1} - (\omega_{1}^{2} + \omega_{1}^{2})a_{2}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \omega_{1}^{2} + \omega_{2}^{2} & -\omega_{2}^{2} \\ -\omega_{2}^{2} & \omega_{1}^{2} + \omega_{2}^{2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_{1} \\ a_{2} \end{bmatrix} = \alpha^{2} \begin{bmatrix} a_{1} \\ a_{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{k_{1}}{k_{2}} + 1 & -1 \\ -1 & \frac{k_{1}}{k_{2}} + 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_{1} \\ a_{2} \end{bmatrix} = \lambda \begin{bmatrix} a_{1} \\ a_{2} \end{bmatrix} \text{ where } \lambda = \frac{\alpha^{2}}{\omega_{2}^{2}}$$
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Solutions to Eigenvalue Problem

Solution to this eigenvalue and eigenvector problem is

$$\lambda_1 = \frac{k_1}{k_2} + 2: \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \lambda_2 = \frac{k_1}{k_2}: \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Any linear combination of eigenvectors are valid solutions, where the linear combination coefficients are to be determined by the initial conditions

$$\lambda = \frac{\alpha^2}{\omega_2^2}$$
 so $\alpha = \pm \sqrt{\lambda} \omega_2$

The general solution is

$$x_{1}(t) = b_{1}e^{i\sqrt{\lambda_{1}}\omega_{2}t} + b_{2}e^{-i\sqrt{\lambda_{1}}\omega_{2}t} + b_{3}e^{i\sqrt{\lambda_{2}}\omega_{2}t} + b_{4}e^{-i\sqrt{\lambda_{2}}\omega_{2}t} x_{2}(t) = -b_{1}e^{i\sqrt{\lambda_{1}}\omega_{2}t} - b_{2}e^{-i\sqrt{\lambda_{1}}\omega_{2}t} + b_{3}e^{i\sqrt{\lambda_{2}}\omega_{2}t} + b_{4}e^{-i\sqrt{\lambda_{2}}\omega_{2}t}$$

Or in a more convenient form

$$x_{1}(t) = c_{1}\cos(\sqrt{\omega_{1}^{2} + 2\omega_{2}^{2}}t) + c_{2}\sin(\sqrt{\omega_{1}^{2} + 2\omega_{2}^{2}}t) + c_{3}\cos(\omega_{1}t) + c_{4}\sin(\omega_{1}t)$$

$$x_{2}(t) = -c_{1}\cos(\sqrt{\omega_{1}^{2} + 2\omega_{2}^{2}}t) - c_{2}\sin(\sqrt{\omega_{1}^{2} + 2\omega_{2}^{2}}t) + c_{3}\cos(\omega_{1}t) + c_{4}\sin(\omega_{1}t)$$

Two-mass Coupled Oscillator with Widely Separated Natural Frequencies



Two-mass coupled oscillator: f1=1Hz,f2=10Hz; Initial displacements = 1.001,0.999; time step = 0.025 seconds



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Two-mass Coupled Oscillator with Widely Separated Natural Frequencies



Two-mass coupled oscillator: f1=1Hz,f2=10Hz; Initial displacements = 1.001,0.999; time step = 0.05 seconds

Two-mass Coupled Oscillator with Identical Natural Frequencies



Two-mass coupled oscillator: f1=1Hz,f2=1Hz; Initial displacements = 1.001,0.999; time step = 0.05 seconds



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Fifth-Fourth Order Runge-Kutta-Fehlberg Algorithm

$$y_{i+1}^{4\text{th}} = y_i + h \cdot \left[\frac{25}{216}k_1 + \frac{1408}{2565}k_3 + \frac{2197}{4104}k_4 - \frac{1}{5}k_5\right]$$

where

$$\begin{split} k_1 &= f\left(x_i, y_i\right) \\ k_2 &= f\left(x_i + \frac{h}{4}, y_i + \frac{h}{4} \cdot k_1\right) \\ k_3 &= f\left(x_i + \frac{3h}{8}, y_i + \frac{3h}{32} \cdot k_1 + \frac{9h}{32} \cdot k_2\right) \\ k_4 &= f\left(x_i + \frac{12h}{13}, y_i + \frac{1932h}{2197} \cdot k_1 - \frac{7200h}{2197} \cdot k_2 + \frac{7296h}{2197} \cdot k_3\right) \\ k_5 &= f\left(x_i + h, y_i + \frac{439h}{216} \cdot k_1 - 8h \cdot k_2 + \frac{3680h}{513} \cdot k_3 - \frac{845h}{4104} \cdot k_4\right) \end{split}$$

Is also a 4th order Runge-Kutta algorithm. But why use it if it costs one more function evaluation than the classical 4th order R-K algorithm?



Fifth-Fourth Order Runge-Kutta-Fehlberg Algorithm

Because we can get a 5th order Runge-Kutta algorithm from:

$$y_{i+1} = y_i + h \cdot \left[\frac{16}{135}k_1 + \frac{6656}{12825}k_3 + \frac{28561}{56430}k_4 - \frac{9}{50}k_5 + \frac{2}{55}k_6\right]$$

when just one more slope is computed:

$$k_6 = f(x_i + \frac{h}{2}, y_i - \frac{8h}{27} \cdot k_1 + 2h \cdot k_2 - \frac{3544h}{2565} \cdot k_3 + \frac{1859h}{4104} \cdot k_4 - \frac{11h}{40} \cdot k_5)$$

and in addition an estimate of the truncation error from the difference of the 5^{th} and 4^{th} order steps:

$$\epsilon = |y_{i+1}^{4\text{th}} - y_{i+1}|$$



Runge-Kutta-Fehlberg Algorithm with Adaptive Step Size

Take a step in x with the current step size h and compute candidate values for the 4th order and 5th order solution step

 $y_{i+1}^{4\text{th}}$ and y_{i+1}

and an estimate of the truncation error from the difference of the 5th and 4th order steps:

$$\varepsilon = |y_{i+1}^{4\text{th}} - y_{i+1}|$$

If the current truncation error is within specified target limits, keep the candidate value of the 5^{th} order solution step as the next *y* value and go to the next *x* step keeping the step size unchanged

If the current truncation error is smaller than a specified minimum error allowed, keep the candidate value of the 5th order solution step as the next *y* value and go to the next *x* step after doubling the step size

If the current truncation error is larger than a specified maximum error allowed, discard the candidate values and retry another step from the current *x* value after halving the step size



Runge-Kutta-Fehlberg Algorithm with Adaptive Step Size





Runge-Kutta-Fehlberg Algorithm with Adaptive Step Size

At the end of the simulation, a report is sent to the stderr stream summarizing the truncation error for each state variable, and the depth to which the step size had to be decreased:

State variabl	e Minimum error	Maximum error	Mean error
0	0	99.225792	1.2769709
1	0	97.354866	1.2808573
2	0	0.00055877871	4.9252261e-07
3	0	0.00052681007	5.8644326e-07
4	3.0517578e-05	99.924194	24.051726
5	3.0517578e-05	99.569489	18.790362
6	7.0940587e-11	0.00291373	0.00012197284
7	2.4374458e-10	0.0020341325	0.00015985743
8	4.5776367e-05	99.924194	23.955143
9	0.00074768066	99.569489	18.672032
10	9.4587449e-10	0.0029137297	0.00012215824
11	2.4174369e-09	0.0020341325	0.00016002856
Total number	of steps = 17555		
Maximum step	size decrease expone	nt = 9	



Electron Energies in Quantum Wells

Solve Schroedinger's equation in one dimension to find allowed energy levels:

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}\frac{d^2\psi(x)}{dx^2} + (V(x)-E)\psi(x) = 0$$

or
$$\frac{d^2\psi(x)}{dx^2} = \frac{2m}{\hbar^2}(V(x)-E)\psi(x)$$

Allowed energy levels are those values of E that admit a continuous and finite solution $\psi(x)$ that is able to be normalized

$$\int \psi * \ \psi \, dx = 1$$



Transform to System of First Order ODEs

Let
$$y_1 = \psi(x)$$
 $y_2 = \frac{dy_1}{dx}$

So system becomes

$$\frac{dy_1}{dx} = y_2$$

$$\frac{dy_2}{dx} = \frac{2m}{\hbar^2} (V(x) - E) y_1$$

Follow the convention that masses are expressed in energy equivalents mc^2 Then the constant $\frac{2m}{\hbar^2} = \frac{2mc^2}{\hbar^2c^2} = 5.1363071 \times 10^{13} eV^{-2}m^{-2} \cdot mc^2$

Boundary value problem established by normalization constraint



Electron Energies in Quantum Wells

For special case of constant potential regions



$$\frac{d^2\psi(x)}{dx^2} = \frac{2m}{\hbar^2}(V-E)\psi(x)$$

In regions where $E \le V$ general solution is $\psi(x) = A e^{k_1 x} + B e^{-k_1 x}$ where $k_1 = \frac{\sqrt{2m(V-E)}}{\hbar}$

In regions where E > V general solution is $\psi(x) = C \sin(k_2 x) + D \cos(k_2 x)$ where $k_2 = \frac{\sqrt{2m(E-V)}}{\hbar}$



Solving for Electron Energies Analytically

Stitch together solutions in each potential region under normalization and continuity constraints



Solving for Electron Energies Numerically

Initialize ψ for low *x*, use iterative differential equation algorithm, such as Runge-Kutta, to enforce continuity across boundaries, and search for E values giving normalizable ψ solution for high *x*



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Defining a Target Error Function

The R-K algorithm gives us $\psi(x)$ and $\frac{d\psi(x)}{dx}$ at the end of the integration.

The A and B coefficients that emerge on the right side will be functions of the electron energy that we launch on the left side. What function can we define that goes to zero when the solution is composed of only a decaying exponential, or A=0, B≠0? Use the opposite relationship between ψ and its derivative that was exploited when launching a solution on the left hand side.



Define target error function as

$$f(E) = \psi(x_{final}) + \frac{1}{k_1} \frac{d \psi(x_{final})}{dx}$$

For $\psi(x) = A(E)e^{k_1x} + B(E)e^{-k_1x}$ then $f(E) = 2A(E)e^{k_1x_{final}}$ which will be 0 for arbitrary x_{final} only when A(E) = 0

Set x_{final} to be one half well width to the right of the last well

Example Rectangular Potential Well





Shooting Converging on Energy Eigenvalue

Well width = 1nm well depth = 10eV Wave function trajectory for even parity lowest energy state





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Shooting Converging on Energy Eigenvalue

Well width = 1nm well depth = 10eVWave function trajectory for odd parity second energy state

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Solution for Electron in a Quantum Harmonic Oscillator





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Electron in a quantum harmonic oscillator, E=18.5176527652 eV



Eigenvalues for a Quantum Harmonic Oscillator





























Example Potential with Three Rectangular Wells





E = -9.714eV



E = -9.712eV





E = -9.704eV



E = -9.702eV



E = -9.691eV



E = -9.689eV



Shooting Converging on Energy Eigenvalues







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Electron in array of 3 rectangular wells, E=-7.4532561305 eV



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Electron in array of 3 rectangular wells, E=-7.35432960582 eV



Electron in array of 3 rectangular wells, E=-7.22272000874 eV

Example Potential with Five Rectangular Wells





Shooting Converging on Energy Eigenvalues

-9.71919638946 eV -9.71279126092 eV -9.70394993593 eV -9.69509469861 eV -9.6886352178 ρV -8.88186622227 eV -8.85567286656 eV -8.81942691172 eV -8.78278388266 eV -8.75572296675 eV -7.5032508231eV -7.44243611652 eV -7.35788949906 eV -7.27091247592 eV -7.20508392589 eV -5.60823159971 eV -5.49686872433 eV -5.34065410468 eV -5.17523889907 eV -5.04437259971 eV -3.22965701672 eV -3.05577581474 eV -2.80575648548 eV -2.52801752779 eV -2.28995145952 eV -0.42608141845 eV -0.23345845464 eV







Electron in array of 5 rectangular wells, E=-7.35788934452 eV



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Wave Function Target Error with 11 Wells



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Wave Function Target Error with 21 Wells



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Wave Function Target Error with 31 Wells



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Allowed Energy States for Arrays of Wells

Allowed energy states for electron in array of rectangular wells



Example Potential with 31 Triangular Wells



Wave Function Below Allowed Energy

Energy = -13.662 eV



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Wave Function Above Allowed Energy





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Wave Function at Example Allowed Energy





Wave Function Target Error with 31 Triangular Wells





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Allowed Energy States for Arrays of Wells

0 : -5 Energy (eV) -10 -15 -20 10 15 0 5 20 25 30 35 Number of potential wells Physics 3340 - Fall 2017

Allowed energy states for electron in array of triangular wells

Final Project: Part One

Use sweep.c module to produce plot of the potential wells for your crystal substance

```
double potential(double x) {
    ...
/* Calculate and return the potential energy as a function of x*/
    ...
}
int main(int argc,char **argv) {
    ...
    sweep(potential,...);
    ...
}
```


Final Project: Part Two

Use diffeq.c module to produce plots of the wave function for a given trial energy for your crystal substance, for two values of energy that bracket an allowed energy

```
double potential(double x) {
/* Calculate and return the potential energy as a function of x^*/
void schroedinger(int n,double x,double y[2],double yp[2]) {
/* Calculate first order derivatives for R-K4 algorithm*/
  yp[0] = ...;
  yp[1] = \dots potential(x) \dots;
int main(int argc, char **argv) {
  . . .
  energy = atof(argv[]);
  rk4(2,schroedinger,...);
```



Final Project: Part Three

Use sweep.c module to produce plot of the wave function target error versus trial energy for your crystal substance

```
double potential(double x) {
/* Calculate and return the potential energy as a function of x^*/
void schroedinger(int n,double x,double y[2],double yp[2]) {
/* Calculate first order derivatives for R-K4 algorithm*/
  yp[0] = ...;
  yp[1] = \dots potential(x) \dots;
double wave shoot(double energy) {
  . . .
  rk4 quiet(2,schroedinger,...);
  . . .
  return(...);
int main(int argc, char **argv) {
  . . .
  sweep(wave shoot,...);
```

Final Project: Part Four

Use sweep_roots.c module to find energy eigenvalues for your crystal substance

```
double potential(double x) {
/* Calculate and return the potential energy as a function of x^*/
void schroedinger(int n, double x, double y[2], double yp[2]) {
/* Calculate first order derivatives for R-K4 algorithm*/
  yp[0] = ...;
  yp[1] = \dots potential(x) \dots;
}
double wave shoot(double energy) {
  . . .
  rk4 quiet(2,schroedinger,...);
  return(...);
int main(int argc, char **argv) {
  . . .
  sweep regula falsi(wave shoot,...);
```

