

Riddle Along. on strike.

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... a partial sample test is on web!

Further comments on numerical methods:

1. A comparison of Taylor & RK4 as on the right.
2. There's much more!

Pensieve header : Runge-Kutta - Taylor comparison.

$$\left\{ \sum_{k=0}^{1000} \frac{(-100.)^k}{k!}, \frac{(-100.)^{1000}}{1000!} \right\}$$

$$\{ 5.2633 \times 10^{26}, 2.48516814326680 \times 10^{-568} \}$$

h = 0.1; yj = 1.;

Do[

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k1 = -yj; k2 = -(yj + h k1 / 2); k3 = -(yj + h k2 / 2);
k4 = -(yj + h k3);
yj = yj + h (k1 + 2 k2 + 2 k3 + k4) / 6,
{1000}
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];

yj

3.72041 x 10<sup>-44</sup>

3. If  $F(x, y) = F(x)$  RK4 becomes:

$$\int_{x_0}^x F(t) dt = \frac{1}{6} \left[ F(x_0) + 4F\left(x_0 + \frac{1}{2}h\right) + F(x_0 + h) + 4F\left(x_0 + \frac{3}{2}h\right) + F(x_0 + 2h) + 4F\left(x_0 + \frac{5}{2}h\right) + F(x_0 + 3h) \right]$$

This is "Simpson's rule", and it is way better than rectangles/trapezoids!

Constant-coefficient homogeneous high-order ODEs.

$$Ly = ay'' + by' + c = 0$$

or

$$Ly = \sum a_n y^{(n)} = 0$$

expect an n-dimensional v.s. of solns.

Example  $Ly = y'' + y' - 6y = 0$ ; guess  $e^{\lambda x}$

In general, if  $Ly = \sum a_n D^n y = P(D)y$ , then  
 $L(e^{\alpha x}) = P(D)e^{\alpha x} = P(\alpha)e^{\alpha x}$

IF  $P$  has  $n$  distinct real roots - done

IF  $P$  has a complex root - - -

e.g.  $y'' - 4y' + 5y = 0$ ,  $\alpha_{1,2} = 2 \pm i$

IF  $P$  has a multiple root; i.e.

$$y'' - 2y' + y = 0 \dots$$

Differentiate  $P(D)e^{\alpha x} = P(\alpha)e^{\alpha x}$  w.r.t.  $\alpha$ :

$$P(D)(x e^{\alpha x}) = (P'(\alpha) + x P(\alpha)) e^{\alpha x}$$

$$P(D)(x^2 e^{\alpha x}) = (P'' + 2x P' + x^2 P) e^{\alpha x}$$

⋮

Later added "reduction of order" & "undetermined coeffs"

Even better, do systems:  $y' = Ay$   $y(0) = y_0$

Sol'n  $y(x) = e^{Ax} \cdot y_0$

What's  $e^{Ax}$ ?