



**Topic : Runge Kutta Method**

$$\begin{aligned} y_1 &= 1 + (0.1) f\left(0 + \frac{0.1}{2}, 1 + \frac{0.1}{2} (1)\right) \\ &= 1 + (0.1) f(0.05, 1.05) \\ &= 1 + (0.1) (1.105) \\ &= 1.1105 \end{aligned}$$

$$y(0.1) = 1.1105$$

Fourth order Runge Kutta Method for Solving  
First and Second Order Equations

Second order RK method:

If the initial values of  $(x, y)$  for the differential equation  $\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x, y)$  then the first increment in  $y$  namely  $\Delta y$  is calculated from the formula.

$$K_1 = h f(x, y)$$

$$K_2 = h f\left(x + \frac{h}{2}, y + \frac{K_1}{2}\right)$$

$$\Delta y = K_2 \quad \text{where } h = \Delta x$$

Third order RK method

$$K_1 = h f(x, y)$$

$$K_2 = h f\left(x + \frac{h}{2}, y + \frac{K_1}{2}\right)$$

$$K_3 = h f\left(x + h, y + 2K_2 - K_1\right)$$

$$\text{and } \Delta y = \frac{1}{6} (K_1 + 4K_2 + K_3)$$

Fourth order RK method:

$$K_1 = h f(x, y)$$

$$K_2 = h f\left(x + \frac{h}{2}, y + \frac{K_1}{2}\right)$$

$$K_3 = h f\left(x + \frac{h}{2}, y + \frac{K_2}{2}\right)$$

$$K_4 = h f(x+h, y+K_3)$$

$$\text{and } \Delta y = \frac{1}{6} [K_1 + 2K_2 + 2K_3 + K_4]$$

$$y(x+h) = y(x) + \Delta y.$$

Example: Given  $\frac{dy}{dx} = x^2 + y$ ,  $y(0) = 2$  Compute  $y(0.2)$ ,  $y(0.4)$  and  $y(0.6)$  by Runge Kutta Method of Fourth order.

Solution: Given  $y' = x^2 + y$ ,  $y(0) = 2$

$$(i.e.) \quad x_0 = 0, y_0 = 2, x_1 = 0.2, x_2 = 0.4, x_3 = 0.6$$

Fourth order RK algorithm.

$$K_1 = h f(x, y)$$

$$K_2 = h f\left(x + \frac{h}{2}, y + \frac{K_1}{2}\right)$$

$$K_3 = h f\left(x + \frac{h}{2}, y + \frac{K_2}{2}\right)$$

$$K_4 = h f(x+h, y+K_3)$$

$$\Delta y = \frac{1}{6} [K_1 + 2K_2 + 2K_3 + K_4]$$

$$y(x+h) = y(x) + \Delta y.$$

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$$\begin{aligned} K_1 &= h f(x_0, y_0) \\ &= (0.2) [x_0^3 + y_0] \\ &= (0.2) [0 + 2] = 0.4 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} K_2 &= h f\left(x_0 + \frac{h}{2}, y_0 + \frac{K_1}{2}\right) \\ &= (0.2) f\left[0 + \frac{0.2}{2}, 2 + \frac{0.4}{2}\right] \\ &= (0.2) f[0.1, 2.2] \\ &= (0.2) [(0.1)^3 + 2.2] \\ &= 0.4402 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} K_3 &= h f\left(x_0 + \frac{h}{2}, y_0 + \frac{K_2}{2}\right) \\ &= (0.2) f\left[0 + \frac{0.2}{2}, 2 + \frac{0.4402}{2}\right] \\ &= (0.2) f[0.1, 2.2201] \\ &= (0.2) [(0.1)^3 + 2.2201] \\ &= 0.44422 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} K_4 &= h f(x_0 + h, y_0 + K_3) \\ &= (0.2) f[0 + 0.2, 2 + 0.44422] \\ &= (0.2) f[0.2, 2.44422] \\ &= (0.2) [(0.2)^3 + 2.44422] \\ &= 0.490444 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta y &= \frac{1}{6} [K_1 + 2K_2 + 2K_3 + K_4] \\ &= \frac{1}{6} [0.4 + 2(0.4402) + 2(0.44422) + 0.490444] \\ &= 0.44821 \end{aligned}$$

$$y(0.2) = y_1 = y_0 + \Delta y = 2 + 0.44321 = 2.44321$$

$$\therefore \boxed{y(0.2) = 2.4432}$$

Second iteration

$$K_1 = h f(x_1, y_1)$$

$$= 0.2 f[0.2, 2.443]$$

$$= (0.2) [(0.2)^3 + 2.443]$$

$$= 0.4902$$

$$K_2 = h f\left(x_1 + \frac{h}{2}, y_1 + \frac{K_1}{2}\right)$$

$$= (0.2) f\left[0.2 + \frac{0.2}{2}, 2.443 + \frac{0.4902}{2}\right]$$

$$= (0.2) [(0.3)^3 + 2.6881]$$

$$= 0.5430$$

$$K_3 = h f\left(x_1 + \frac{h}{2}, y_1 + \frac{K_2}{2}\right)$$

$$= (0.2) f\left[0.2 + \frac{0.2}{2}, 2.443 + \frac{0.5430}{2}\right]$$

$$= (0.2) [(0.3)^3 + 2.7145]$$

$$= 0.5483$$

$$K_4 = h f[x_1 + h, y_1 + K_3]$$

$$= (0.2) f[0.2 + 0.2, 2.443 + 0.5483]$$

$$= (0.2) [(0.4)^3 + 2.9915]$$

$$= 0.6111$$

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$$\Delta y = \frac{1}{6} [K_1 + 2K_2 + 2K_3 + K_4]$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} [0.4902 + 2(0.543) + 2(0.5483) + 0.6111]$$

$$\Delta y = 0.5473$$

$$y(0.4) = y_2 = y_1 + \Delta y = 2.443 + 0.5473 = 2.99$$

$$\boxed{y(0.4) = 2.99}$$

Third iteration:

$$\text{Here } x_2 = 0.4, y_2 = 2.99$$

$$K_1 = h f(x_2, y_2)$$

$$= (0.2) f(0.4, 2.99)$$

$$= (0.2) [(0.4)^3 + 2.99]$$

$$= (0.2) (3.054) = 0.6108$$

$$K_2 = h f\left(x_2 + \frac{h}{2}, y_2 + \frac{K_1}{2}\right)$$

$$= (0.2) f\left(0.4 + \frac{0.2}{2}, 2.99 + \frac{0.6108}{2}\right)$$

$$= (0.2) [(0.5)^3 + 3.2954]$$

$$K_2 = 0.6841$$

$$K_3 = h f\left(x_2 + \frac{h}{2}, y_2 + \frac{K_2}{2}\right)$$

$$= (0.2) f\left(0.4 + \frac{0.2}{2}, 2.99 + \frac{0.6841}{2}\right)$$

$$= (0.2) [(0.5)^3 + 3.3321]$$

$$= 0.6914$$

$$K_4 = h \cdot f(x_2 + h, y_2 + K_3)$$

$$= (0.2) \cdot f(0.4 + 0.2, 2.99 + 0.6914)$$

$$= (0.2) \left[ (0.6)^3 + 3 \cdot 68.14 \right]$$

$$= 0.7795$$

$$\Delta y = \frac{1}{6} [K_1 + 2K_2 + 2K_3 + K_4]$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} [0.6108 + 2(0.6841) + 2(0.6914) + 0.7795]$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} [4.1413]$$

$$= 0.6902$$

$$y(0.6) = y_3 = y_2 + \Delta y = 2.99 + 0.6902 = 3.68$$

$$\therefore \boxed{y(0.6) = 3.68}$$

Example: using RK method of fourth order.

Solve  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y^2 - x^2}{y^2 + x^2}$  with  $y(0) = 1$  at  $x = 0.2$ .

Solution: Given  $y' = \frac{y^2 - x^2}{y^2 + x^2}$ ,  $x_0 = 0$ ,  $x_1 = 0.2$ ,  $y_0 = 1$

$$K_1 = h \cdot f(x_0, y_0)$$

$$= (0.2) \cdot f(0, 1)$$

$$= (0.2) \left( \frac{1 - 0}{1 + 0} \right) = 0.2$$

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$$K_2 = h f \left( x_0 + \frac{h}{2}, y_0 + \frac{K_1}{2} \right)$$

$$= (0.2) f \left[ 0 + \frac{0.2}{2}, 1 + \frac{0.2}{2} \right]$$

$$= (0.2) f [0.1, 1.1]$$

$$= (0.2) \left[ \frac{(1.1)^2 - (0.1)^2}{(1.1)^2 + (0.1)^2} \right]$$

$$= (0.2) (0.9836) = 0.19672$$

$$K_3 = h f \left( x_0 + \frac{h}{2}, y_0 + \frac{K_2}{2} \right)$$

$$= (0.2) f \left[ 0 + \frac{0.2}{2}, 1 + \frac{0.19672}{2} \right]$$

$$= (0.2) f [0.1, 1.19672]$$

$$= (0.2) \left[ \frac{(1.19672)^2 - (0.1)^2}{(1.19672)^2 + (0.1)^2} \right]$$

$$= 0.1967$$

$$K_4 = h f(x_0 + h, y_0 + K_3)$$

$$= (0.2) f(0 + 0.2, 1 + 0.1967)$$

$$= (0.2) f [0.2, 1.1967]$$

$$= (0.2) \left[ \frac{(1.1967)^2 - (0.2)^2}{(1.1967)^2 + (0.2)^2} \right]$$

$$= 0.1891$$