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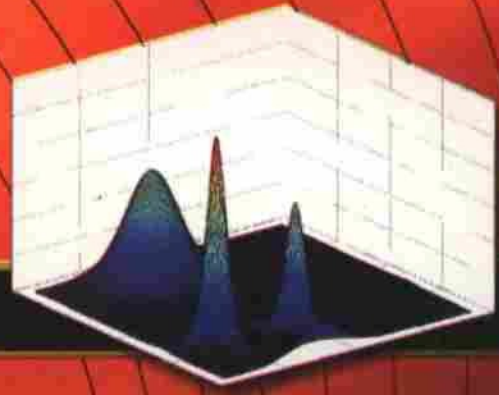
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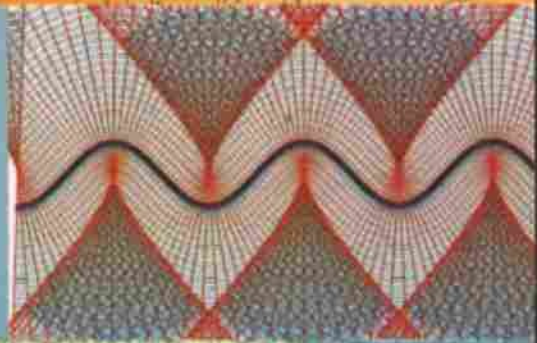
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# Numerical Solution of Ordinary Differential Equations

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## 32.1 INTRODUCTION

The methods of solution so far presented are applicable to a limited class of differential equations. Frequently differential equations appearing in physical problems do not belong to any of these familiar types and one is obliged to resort to numerical methods. These methods are of even greater importance when we realise that computing machines are now available which reduce numerical work considerably.

A number of numerical methods are available for the solution of first order differential equations of the form :

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x, y), \text{ given } y(x_0) = y_0 \quad \dots(1)$$

These methods yield solutions either as a power series in  $x$  from which the values of  $y$  can be found by direct substitution, or as a set of values of  $x$  and  $y$ . The methods of Picard and Taylor series belong to the former class of solutions whereas those of Euler, Runge-Kutta, Milne, Adams-Bashforth etc. belong to the latter class. In these later methods, the values of  $y$  are calculated in short steps for equal intervals of  $x$  and are therefore, termed as *step-by-step methods*.

Euler and Runge-Kutta methods are used for computing  $y$  over a limited range of  $x$ -values whereas Milne and Adams-Bashforth methods may be applied for finding  $y$  over a wider range of  $x$ -values. These later methods require starting values which are found by Picard's or Taylor series or Runge-Kutta methods.

The initial condition in (1) is specified at the point  $x_0$ . *Such problems in which all the initial conditions are given at the initial point only are called **initial value problems**. But there are problems involving second and higher order differential equations in which the conditions may be given at two or more points. These are known as **boundary value problems**.* In this chapter, we shall first explain methods for solving initial value problems and then give a method of solving boundary value problems.

## 32.2 PICARD'S METHOD\*

Consider the first order equation  $dy/dx = f(x, y)$  ... (1)

\* Called after the French mathematician *Emile Picard* (1856—1941) who was professor in Paris since 1881 and is famous for his researches in the theory of functions.

It is required to find that particular solution of (1) which assumes the value  $y_0$  when  $x = x_0$ . Integrating (1) between limits, we get

$$\int_{y_0}^y dy = \int_{x_0}^x f(x, y) dx \quad \text{or} \quad y = y_0 + \int_{x_0}^x f(x, y) dx \quad \dots(2)$$

This is an integral equation equivalent to (1), for it contains the unknown  $y$  under the integral sign. As a first approximation  $y_1$  to the solution, we put  $y = y_0$  in  $f(x, y)$  and integrate (2), giving

$$y_1 = y_0 + \int_{x_0}^x f(x, y_0) dx$$

For a second approximation  $y_2$ , we put  $y = y_1$  in  $f(x, y)$  and integrate (2), giving

$$y_2 = y_0 + \int_{x_0}^x f(x, y_1) dx.$$

Similarly, a third approximation is  $y_3 = y_0 + \int_{x_0}^x f(x, y_2) dx$ .

Continuing this process, a sequence of functions of  $x$ , i.e.,  $y_1, y_2, y_3 \dots$  is obtained each giving a better approximation of the desired solution than the preceding one.

**Obv.** Picard's method is of considerable theoretical value, but can be applied only to a limited class of equations in which the successive integrations can be performed easily. The method can be extended to simultaneous equations and equations of higher order (See § 32.11 and 32.12).

**Example 32.1.** Using Picard's process of successive approximation, obtain a solution upto the fifth approximation of the equation  $dy/dx = y + x$ , such that  $y = 1$  when  $x = 0$ . Check your answer by finding the exact particular solution.

**Solution.** (a) We have  $y = 1 + \int_0^x (y + x) dx$ .

**First approximation.** Put  $y = 1$ , in  $y + x$ , giving

$$y_1 = 1 + \int_0^x (1 + x) dx = 1 + x + x^2/2.$$

**Second approximation.** Put  $y = 1 + x + x^2/2$  in  $y + x$ , giving

$$y_2 = 1 + \int_0^x (1 + 2x + x^2/2) dx = 1 + x + x^2 + x^3/6.$$

**Third approximation.** Put  $y = 1 + x + x^2 + x^3/6$  in  $y + x$ , giving

$$y_3 = 1 + \int_0^x (1 + 2x + x^2 + x^3/6) dx = 1 + x + x^2 + \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^4}{24}.$$

**Fourth approximation.** Put  $y = y_3$  in  $y + x$ , giving

$$y_4 = 1 + \int_0^x \left( 1 + 2x + x^2 + \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^4}{24} \right) dx = 1 + x + x^2 + \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^4}{12} + \frac{x^5}{120}.$$

**Fifth approximation.** Put  $y = y_4$  in  $y + x$ , giving

$$y_5 = 1 + \int_0^x \left( 1 + 2x + x^2 + \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^4}{12} + \frac{x^5}{120} \right) dx = 1 + x + x^2 + \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^4}{12} + \frac{x^5}{60} + \frac{x^6}{720} \quad \dots(i)$$

(b) Given equation :

$$\frac{dy}{dx} - y = x \text{ is a Leibnitz's linear in } x.$$

Its I.F. being  $e^{-x}$ , the solution is

$$ye^{-x} = \int xe^{-x} dx + c = -xe^{-x} - \int (-e^{-x}) dx + c = -xe^{-x} - e^{-x} + c \quad \text{[Integrate by parts]}$$

$$\therefore y = ce^x - x - 1.$$

Since  $y = 1$ , when  $x = 0$ ,  $\therefore c = 2$ .

Thus the desired particular solution is  $y = 2e^x - x - 1$

...(ii)

Or using the series :  $e^x = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \dots \infty$ ,

we get  $y = 1 + x + x^2 + \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^4}{12} + \frac{x^5}{60} + \frac{x^6}{360} + \dots \infty$  ... (iii)

Comparing (i) and (iii), it is clear that (i) approximates to the exact particular solution (ii) upto the term in  $x^5$ .

Obs. At  $x = 1$ , the fourth approximation  $y_4 = 3.433$  and the fifth approximation  $y_5 = 3.434$  whereas exact value is 3.44.

**Example 32.2.** Find the value of  $y$  for  $x = 0.1$  by Picard's method, given that

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y-x}{y+x} \quad y(0) = 1. \quad (\text{P.T.U., 2002})$$

**Solution.** We have  $y = 1 + \int_0^x \frac{y-x}{y+x} dx$

First approximation. Put  $y = 1$  in the integrand, giving

$$\begin{aligned} y_1 &= 1 + \int_0^x \frac{1-x}{1+x} dx = 1 + \int_0^x \left( -1 + \frac{2}{1+x} \right) dx \\ &= 1 + [-x + 2 \log(1+x)]_0^x = 1 - x + 2 \log(1+x) \end{aligned} \quad \dots(i)$$

Second approximation. Put  $y = 1 - x + 2 \log(1+x)$  in the integrand, giving

$$y_2 = 1 + \int_0^x \frac{1-x+2 \log(1+x)-x}{1-x+2 \log(1+x)+x} dx = 1 + \int_0^x \left[ 1 - \frac{2x}{1+2 \log(1+x)} \right] dx$$

which is very difficult to integrate.

Hence we use the first approximation and taking  $x = 0.1$  in (i) we obtain

$$y(0.1) = 1 - (.1) + 2 \log 1.1 = 0.9828.$$

### 32.3 TAYLOR'S SERIES METHOD\*

Consider the first order equation  $dy/dx = f(x, y)$  ... (1)

Differentiating (1), we have

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \frac{dy}{dx} \quad \text{i.e., } y'' = f_x + f_y f' \quad \dots(2)$$

Differentiating this successively, we can get  $y''', y^{iv}$  etc. Putting  $x = x_0$  and  $y = y_0$ , the values of  $(y')_0, (y'')_0, (y''')_0$  can be obtained. Hence the Taylor's series

$$y(x) = y_0 + (x-x_0)(y')_0 + \frac{(x-x_0)^2}{2!}(y'')_0 + \frac{(x-x_0)^3}{3!}(y''')_0 + \dots \quad \dots(3)$$

gives the values of  $y$  for every value of  $x$  for which (3) converges.

On finding the value  $y_1$  for  $x = x_1$  from (3),  $y', y''$  can be evaluated at  $x = x_1$  by means of (1), (2) etc. Then  $y$  can be expanded about  $x = x_1$ . In this way, the solution can be extended beyond the range of convergence of series (3).

**Example 32.3.** Find by Taylor's series method the value of  $y$  at  $x = 0.1$  and  $x = \dots$  to five places of decimals from  $dy/dx = x^2y - 1, y(0) = 1$ . (V.T.U., 2009, Jharkhand, 2005)

**Solution.** Here  $(y)_0 = 1, y' = x^2y - 1, (y')_0 = -1$

$\therefore$  Differentiating successively and substituting, we get

$$\begin{aligned} y'' &= 2xy + x^2y', & (y'')_0 &= 0 \\ y''' &= 2y + 4xy' + x^2y'', & (y''')_0 &= 2 \\ y^{iv} &= 6y' + 6xy'' + x^2y''', & (y^{iv})_0 &= -6 \text{ etc.} \end{aligned}$$

\*See footnote p. 145.



Putting these values in the Taylor's series,

$$y(x) = y_0 + xy'(0) + \frac{x^2}{2!}y''(0) + \frac{x^3}{3!}y'''(0) + \frac{x^4}{4!}y^{iv}(0) + \dots,$$

we have 
$$y(x) = 1 + x(-1) + \frac{x^2}{2!}(0) + \frac{x^3}{3!}(2) + \frac{x^4}{4!}(-6) + \dots = 1 - x + \frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x^4}{4} + \dots$$

Hence  $y(0.1) = 0.90033$  and  $y(0.2) = 0.80227$ .

**Example 32.4.** Employ Taylor's method to obtain approximate value of  $y$  at  $x = 0.2$  for the differential equation  $dy/dx = 2y + 3e^x$ ,  $y(0) = 0$ . Compare the numerical solution obtained with the exact solution.

(V.T.U., 2009 ; P.T.U., 2003)

**Solution.** (a) We have  $y' = 2y + 3e^x$   $y'(0) = 2y(0) + 3e^0 = 3$ .

Differentiating successively and substituting  $x = 0, y = 0$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} y'' &= 2y' + 3e^x, & y''(0) &= 2y'(0) + 3 = 9 \\ y''' &= 2y'' + 3e^x, & y'''(0) &= 2y''(0) + 3 = 21 \\ y^{iv} &= 2y''' + 3e^x, & y^{iv}(0) &= 2y'''(0) + 3 = 45 \text{ etc.} \end{aligned}$$

Putting these values in the Taylor's series, we have

$$\begin{aligned} y(x) &= y(0) + xy'(0) + \frac{x^2}{2!}y''(0) + \frac{x^3}{3!}y'''(0) + \frac{x^4}{4!}y^{iv}(0) + \dots \\ &= 0 + 3x + \frac{9}{2}x^2 + \frac{21}{6}x^3 + \frac{45}{24}x^4 + \dots = 3x + \frac{9}{2}x^2 + \frac{7}{2}x^3 + \frac{15}{8}x^4 + \dots \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $y(0.2) = 3(0.2) + 4.5(0.2)^2 + 3.5(0.2)^3 + 1.875(0.2)^4 + \dots = 0.8116$  ...(i)

(b) Now  $\frac{dy}{dx} - 2y = 3e^x$  is a Leibnitz's linear in  $x$ .

Its I.F. being  $e^{-2x}$ , the solution is

$$ye^{-2x} = \int 3e^x \cdot e^{-2x} dx + c = -3e^{-x} + c \quad \text{or} \quad y = -3e^x + ce^{2x}$$

Since  $y = 0$  when  $x = 0$ ,  $\therefore c = 3$ .

Thus the exact solution is  $y = 3(e^{2x} - e^x)$

When  $x = 0.2, y = 3(e^{0.4} - e^{0.2}) = 0.8112$  ...(ii)

Comparing (i) and (ii), it is clear that (i) approximates to the exact value upto 3 decimal places.

**Example 32.5.** Solve by Taylor's series method the equation  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \log(xy)$  for  $y(1.1)$  and  $y(1.2)$ , given

$y(1) = 2$ . (Hazaribagh, 2009)

**Solution.** We have  $y' = \log x + \log y$  ;  $y'(1) = \log 2$

Differentiating w.r.t.  $x$  and substituting  $x = 1, y = 2$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} y'' &= \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y}y' ; y''(1) = 1 + \frac{1}{2}\log 2 \\ y''' &= -\frac{1}{x^2} + \frac{1}{y} + y'' + y' \left(-\frac{1}{y^2}\right)y' ; y'''(1) = -1 + \frac{1}{2}\left(1 + \frac{1}{2}\log 2\right) - \frac{1}{4}(\log 2)^2 \end{aligned}$$

Substituting these values in the Taylor's series about  $x = 1$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} y(x) &= y(1) + (x-1)y'(1) + \frac{(x-1)^2}{2!}y''(1) + \frac{(x-1)^3}{3!}y'''(1) + \dots \\ &= 2 + (x-1)\log 2 + \frac{1}{2}(x-1)^2\left(1 + \frac{1}{2}\log 2\right) + \frac{1}{6}(x-1)^3\left[-\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4}\log 2 - \frac{1}{4}(\log 2)^2\right] \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore y(1.1) = 2 + (0.1)\log 2 + \frac{(0.1)^2}{2}\left(1 + \frac{1}{2}\log 2\right) + \frac{(0.1)^3}{6}\left[-\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4}\log 2 - \frac{1}{4}(\log 2)^2\right] = 2.036$

$$y(1.2) = 2 + (0.2) \log 2 + \frac{(0.2)^2}{2} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{2} \log 2 \right) + \frac{(0.2)^3}{6} \left[ -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} \log 2 - \frac{1}{4} (\log 2)^2 \right] = 2.081.$$

**PROBLEMS 32.1**

- Using Picard's method, solve  $dy/dx = -xy$  with  $x_0 = 0, y_0 = 1$  upto third approximation. (Mumbai, 2005)
- Employ Picard's method to obtain, correct to four places of decimal, solution of the differential equation  $dy/dx = x^2 + y^2$  for  $x = 0.4$ , given that  $y = 0$  when  $x = 0$ . (J.N.T.U., 2009)
- Obtain Picard's second approximate solution of the initial value problem :  $y' = x^2/(y^2 + 1), y(0) = 0$ . (Marathwada, 2008)
- Find an approximate value of  $y$  when  $x = 0.1$ , if  $dy/dx = x - y^2$  and  $y = 1$  at  $x = 0$ , using  
(a) Picard's method (b) Taylor's series. (V.T.U., 2010 ; Madras, 2006)
- Solve  $y' = x + y$  given  $y(1) = 0$ . Find  $y(1.1)$  and  $y(1.2)$  by Taylor's method. Compare the result with its exact value. (J.N.T.U., 2008 ; Anna, 2005)
- Evaluate  $y(0.1)$  correct to six places of decimals by Taylor's series method if  $y(x)$  satisfies  
 $y' = xy + 1, y(0) = 1$ .
- Solve  $y' = 3x + y^2, y(0) = 1$  using Taylor's series method and computer  $y(0.1)$ . (Mumbai, 2007)
- Using Taylor series method, find  $y(0.1)$  correct to 3-decimal places given that  
 $dy/dx = e^x - y^2, y(0) = 1$ .

**32.4 EULER'S METHOD\***

Consider the equation  $\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x, y)$  ... (1)

given that  $y(x_0) = y_0$ . Its curve of solution through  $P(x_0, y_0)$  is shown dotted in Fig. 32.1. Now we have to find the ordinate of any other point  $Q$  on this curve.

Let us divide  $LM$  into  $n$  sub-intervals each of width  $h$  at  $L_1, L_2, \dots$  so that  $h$  is quite small. In the interval  $LL_1$ , we approximate the curve by the tangent at  $P$ . If the ordinate through  $L_1$  meets this tangent in  $P_1(x_0 + h, y_1)$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} y_1 &= L_1P_1 = LP + R_1P_1 \\ &= y_0 + PR_1 \tan \theta = y_0 + h \left( \frac{dy}{dx} \right)_P \\ &= y_0 + h f(x_0, y_0) \end{aligned}$$

Let  $P_1Q_1$  be the curve of solution of (1) through  $P_1$  and let its tangent at  $P_1$  meet the ordinate through  $L_2$  in  $P_2(x_0 + 2h, y_2)$ . Then

$$y_2 = y_1 + h f(x_0 + h, y_1) \quad \dots (2)$$

Repeating this process  $n$  times, we finally reach an approximation  $MP_n$  of  $MQ$  given by

$$y_n = y_{n-1} + h f(x_0 + (n-1)h, y_{n-1})$$

This is *Euler's method* of finding an approximate solution of (1).

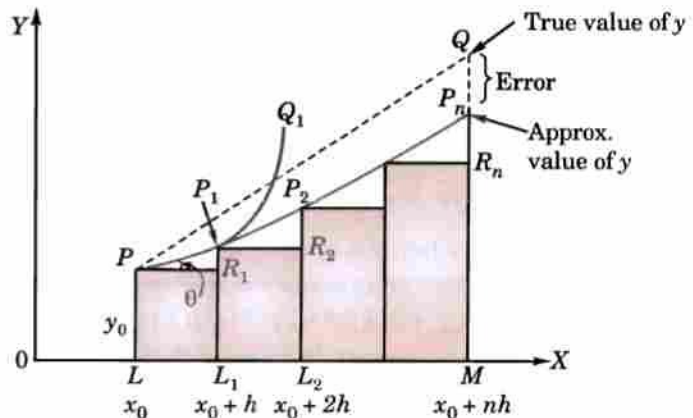


Fig. 32.1

**Obs.** In Euler's method, we approximate the curve of solution by the tangent in each interval, i.e. by a sequence of short lines. Unless  $h$  is small, the error is bound to be quite significant. This sequence of lines may also deviate considerably from the curve of solution. Hence there is a modification of this method which is given in the next section.

**Example 32.6.** Using Euler's method, find an approximate value of  $y$  corresponding to  $x = 1$ , given that  $dy/dx = x + y$  and  $y = 1$  when  $x = 0$ . (Mumbai, 2005 ; Rohtak, 2003)

\*See footnote p. 302.



**Solution.** We take  $n = 10$  and  $h = 0.1$  which is sufficiently small. The various calculations are arranged as follows :

$x$	$y$	$x + y = dy/dx$	Old $y + 0.1 (dy/dx) = \text{new } y$
0.0	1.00	1.00	$1.00 + 0.1(1.00) = 1.10$
0.1	1.10	1.20	$1.10 + 0.1(1.20) = 1.22$
0.2	1.22	1.42	$1.22 + 0.1(1.42) = 1.36$
0.3	1.36	1.66	$1.36 + 0.1(1.66) = 1.53$
0.4	1.53	1.93	$1.53 + 0.1(1.93) = 1.72$
0.5	1.72	2.22	$1.72 + 0.1(2.22) = 1.94$
0.6	1.94	2.54	$1.94 + 0.1(2.54) = 2.19$
0.7	2.19	2.89	$2.19 + 0.1(2.89) = 2.48$
0.8	2.48	3.89	$2.48 + 0.1(3.89) = 2.81$
0.9	2.81	3.71	$2.81 + 0.1(3.71) = 3.18$
1.0	3.18		

Thus the required approximate value of  $y = 3.18$ .

**Obs.** In example 32.1, the true value of  $y$  from its exact solution at  $x = 1$  is 3.44 whereas by Euler's method  $y = 3.18$  and by Picard's method  $y = 3.434$ . In the above solution, had we chosen  $n = 20$ , the accuracy would have been considerably increased but at the expense of double the labour of computation. Euler's method is no doubt very simple but cannot be considered as one of the best.

**Example 32.7.** Given  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y - x}{y + x}$  with initial condition  $y = 1$  at  $x = 0$ ; find  $y$  for  $x = 0.1$  by Euler's method. (P.T.U., 2001)

**Solution.** We divide the interval  $(0, 0.1)$  into five steps i.e. we take  $n = 5$  and  $h = 0.02$ . The various calculations are arranged as follows :

$x$	$y$	$(y - x)/(y + x) = dy/dx$	Old $y + 0.02 (dy/dx) = \text{new } y$
0.00	1.0000	1.0000	$1.0000 + 0.02 (1.0000) = 1.0200$
0.02	1.0200	0.9615	$1.0200 + 0.02 (.9615) = 1.0392$
0.04	1.0392	0.926	$1.0392 + 0.02 (.926) = 1.0577$
0.06	1.0577	0.893	$1.0577 + 0.02 (.893) = 1.0756$
0.08	1.0756	0.862	$1.0756 + 0.02 (.862) = 1.0928$
0.10	1.0928		

Hence the required approximate value of  $y = 1.0928$ .

### 32.5 MODIFIED EULER'S METHOD

In the Euler's method, the curve of solution in the interval  $LL_1$  is approximated by the tangent at  $P$  (Fig. 32.1) such that at  $P_1$ , we have

$$y_1 = y_0 + h f(x_0, y_0) \tag{1}$$

Then the slope of the curve of solution through  $P_1$  [i.e.  $(dy/dx)_{P_1} = f(x_0 + h, y_1)$ ] is computed and the tangent at  $P_1$  to  $P_1Q_1$  is drawn meeting the ordinate through  $L_2$  in  $P_2(x_0 + 2h, y_2)$ .

Now we find a better approximation  $y_1^{(1)}$  of  $y(x_0 + h)$  by taking the slope of the curve as the mean of the slopes of the tangents at  $P$  and  $P_1$ , i.e.

$$y_1^{(1)} = y_0 + \frac{h}{2} [f(x_0, y_0) + f(x_0 + h, y_1)] \tag{2}$$

As the slope of the tangent at  $P_1$  is not known, we take  $y_1$  as found in (1) by Euler's method and insert it on R.H.S. of (2) to obtain the first modified value  $y_1^{(1)}$ . The equation (1) is therefore, called the *predictor* while (2) serves as the *corrector* of  $y_1$ .

Again the corrector is applied and we find a still better value  $y_1^{(2)}$  corresponding to  $L_1$  as

$$y_1^{(2)} = y_0 + \frac{h}{2} [f(x_0, y_0) + f(x_0 + h, y_1^{(1)})]$$

We repeat this step, till two consecutive values of  $y$  agree. This is then taken as the starting point for the next interval  $L_1L_2$ .

Once  $y_1$  is obtained to desired degree of accuracy,  $y$  corresponding to  $L_2$  is found from the predictor

$$y_2 = y_1 + hf(x_0 + h, y_1)$$

and a better approximation  $y_2^{(1)}$  is obtained from the corrector

$$y_2^{(1)} = y_1 + \frac{h}{2} [f(x_0 + h, y_1) + f(x_0 + 2h, y_2)].$$

We repeat this step until  $y_2$  becomes stationary. Then we proceed to calculate  $y_3$  as above and so on.

This is the *modified Euler's method* which is a predictor-corrector method.

**Example 32.8.** Using modified Euler's method, find an approximate value of  $y$  when  $x = 0.3$ , given that  $dy/dx = x + y$  and  $y = 1$  when  $x = 0$ . (Rohtak, 2005; Bhopal, 2002 S; Delhi, 2002)

**Solution.** Taking  $h = 0.1$ , the various calculations are arranged as follows :

$x$	$x + y = y'$	Mean slope	Old $y + 0.1$ (mean slope) = new $y$
0.0	0 + 1	—	1.00 + 0.1 (1.00) = 1.10
0.1	.1 + 1.1	$\frac{1}{2}(1 + 1.2)$	1.00 + 0.1 (1.1) = 1.11
0.1	.1 + 1.11	$\frac{1}{2}(1 + 1.21)$	1.00 + 0.1 (1.105) = 1.1105
0.1	.1 + 1.1105	$\frac{1}{2}(1 + 1.2105)$	1.00 + 0.1 (1.1052) = 1.1105
0.1	1.2105	—	1.1105 + 0.1 (1.2105) = 1.2316
0.2	.2 + 1.2316	$\frac{1}{2}(1.2105 + 1.4316)$	1.1105 + 0.1 (1.3211) = 1.2426
0.2	.2 + 1.2426	$\frac{1}{2}(1.2105 + 1.4426)$	1.1105 + 0.1 (1.3266) = 1.2432
0.2	.2 + 1.2432	$\frac{1}{2}(1.2105 + 1.4432)$	1.1105 + 0.1 (1.3268) = 1.2432
0.2	1.4432	—	1.2432 + 0.1 (1.4432) = 1.3875
0.3	.3 + 1.3875	$\frac{1}{2}(1.4432 + 1.6875)$	1.2432 + 0.1 (1.5654) = 1.3997
0.3	.3 + 1.3997	$\frac{1}{2}(1.4432 + 1.6997)$	1.2432 + 0.1 (1.5715) = 1.4003
0.3	.3 + 1.4003	$\frac{1}{2}(1.4432 + 1.7003)$	1.2432 + 0.1 (1.5718) = 1.4004
0.3	.3 + 1.4004	$\frac{1}{2}(1.4432 + 1.7004)$	1.2432 + 0.1 (1.5718) = 1.4004

Hence  $y(0.3) = 1.4004$  approximately.

**Obs.** In example 32.6, the approximate value of  $y$  for  $x = 0.3$  would be 1.53 whereas by modified Euler's method the corresponding value is 1.4004 which is nearer its true value 1.3997, obtained from its exact solution  $y = 2e^x - x - 1$  by putting  $x = 0.3$ .

**Example 32.9.** Using modified Euler's method, find  $y(0.2)$  and  $y(0.4)$  given

$$y' = y + e^x, y(0) = 0.$$

(J.N.T.U., 2009)

**Solution.** We have  $y' = y + e^x = f(x, y)$ ;  $x = 0, y = 0$  and  $h = 0.2$

The various calculations are arranged as under :

To calculate  $y(0.2)$  :

$x$	$y + e^x = y'$	Mean slope	Old $y + h$ (mean slope) = new $y$
0.0	1	—	$0 + 0.2(1) = 0.2$
0.2	$0.2 + e^{0.2} = 1.4214$	$\frac{1}{2}(1 + 1.4214) = 1.2107$	$0 + 0.2(1.2107) = 0.2421$
0.2	$0.2421 + e^{0.2} = 1.4635$	$\frac{1}{2}(1 + 1.4635) = 1.2317$	$0 + 0.2(1.2317) = 0.2463$
0.2	$0.2463 + e^{0.2} = 1.4677$	$\frac{1}{2}(1 + 1.4677) = 1.2338$	$0 + 0.2(1.2338) = 0.2468$
0.2	$0.2468 + e^{0.2} = 1.4682$	$\frac{1}{2}(1 + 1.4682) = 1.2341$	$0 + 0.2(1.2341) = 0.2468$

Since the last two values of  $y$  are equal, we take  $y(0.2) = 0.2468$ .

To calculate  $y(0.4)$ .

$x$	$y + e^x = y'$	Mean slope	Old $y + h$ (Mean slope) = new $y$
0.2	$0.2468 + e^{0.2} = 1.4682$	—	$0.2468 + 0.2(1.4682) = 0.5404$
0.4	$0.5404 + e^{0.4} = 2.0322$	$\frac{1}{2}(1.4682 + 2.0322) = 1.7502$	$0.2468 + 0.2(1.7502) = 0.5968$
0.4	$0.5968 + e^{0.4} = 2.0887$	$\frac{1}{2}(1.4682 + 2.0887) = 1.7784$	$0.2468 + 0.2(1.7784) = 0.6025$
0.4	$0.6025 + e^{0.4} = 2.0943$	$\frac{1}{2}(1.4682 + 2.0943) = 1.78125$	$0.2468 + 0.2(1.78125) = 0.6030$
0.4	$0.6030 + e^{0.4} = 2.0949$	$\frac{1}{2}(1.4682 + 2.0949) = 1.7815$	$0.2468 + 0.2(1.7815) = 0.6031$
0.4	$0.6031 + e^{0.4} = 2.0949$	$\frac{1}{2}(1.4682 + 2.0949) = 1.7816$	$0.2468 + 0.2(1.7815) = 0.6031$

Since the last two value of  $y$  are equal, we take  $y(0.4) = 0.6031$ .

Hence  $y(0.2) = 0.2468$  and  $y(0.4) = 0.6031$  approximately.

**Example 32.10.** Solve the following by Euler's modified method :

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \log(x + y), y(0) = 2.$$

at  $x = 1.2$  and  $1.4$  with  $h = 0.2$ .

(Bhopal, 2009 ; U.P.T.U., 2007)

**Solution.** The various calculations are arranged as follows :

$x$	$\log(x + y) = y'$	Mean slope	Old $y + 0.2$ (mean slope) = new $y$
0.0	$\log(0 + 2)$	—	$2 + 0.2(0.301) = 2.0602$
0.2	$\log(0.2 + 2.0602)$	$\frac{1}{2}(0.301 + 0.3541)$	$2 + 0.2(0.3276) = 2.0655$
0.2	$\log(0.2 + 2.0655)$	$\frac{1}{2}(0.301 + 0.3552)$	$2 + 0.2(0.3281) = 2.0656$
0.2	0.3552	—	$2.0656 + 0.2(0.3552) = 2.1366$
0.4	$\log(0.4 + 2.1366)$	$\frac{1}{2}(0.3552 + 0.4042)$	$2.0656 + 0.2(0.3797) = 2.1415$
0.4	$\log(0.4 + 2.1415)$	$\frac{1}{2}(0.3552 + 0.4051)$	$2.0656 + 0.2(0.3801) = 2.1416$



$x$	$\log(x+y) = y'$	Mean slope	Old $y + 0.2(\text{mean slope}) = \text{new } y$
0.4	0.4051	—	$2.1416 + 0.2(0.4051) = 2.2226$
0.6	$\log(0.6 + 2.2226)$	$\frac{1}{2}(0.4051 + 0.4506)$	$2.1416 + 0.2(0.4279) = 2.2272$
0.6	$\log(0.6 + 2.2272)$	$\frac{1}{2}(0.4051 + 0.4514)$	$2.1416 + 0.2(0.4282) = 2.2272$
0.6	0.4514	—	$2.2272 + 0.2(0.4514) = 2.3175$
0.8	$\log(0.8 + 2.3175)$	$\frac{1}{2}(0.4514 + 0.4938)$	$2.2272 + 0.2(0.4726) = 2.3217$
0.8	$\log(0.8 + 2.3217)$	$\frac{1}{2}(0.4514 + 0.4943)$	$2.2272 + 0.2(0.4727) = 2.3217$
0.8	0.4943	—	$2.3217 + 0.2(0.4943) = 2.4206$
1.0	$\log(1 + 2.4206)$	$\frac{1}{2}(0.4943 + 0.5341)$	$2.3217 + 0.2(0.5142) = 2.4245$
1.0	$\log(1 + 2.4245)$	$\frac{1}{2}(0.4943 + 0.5346)$	$2.3217 + 0.2(0.5144) = 2.4245$
1.0	0.5346	—	$2.4245 + 0.2(0.5346) = 2.5314$
1.2	$\log(1.2 + 2.5314)$	$\frac{1}{2}(0.5346 + 0.5719)$	$2.4245 + 0.2(0.5532) = 2.5351$
1.2	$\log(1.2 + 2.5351)$	$\frac{1}{2}(0.5346 + 0.5723)$	$2.4245 + 0.2(0.5584) = 2.5351$
1.2	0.5723	—	$2.5351 + 0.2(0.5723) = 2.6496$
1.4	$\log(1.4 + 2.6496)$	$\frac{1}{2}(0.5723 + 0.6074)$	$2.5351 + 0.2(0.5898) = 2.6531$
1.4	$\log(1.4 + 2.6531)$	$\frac{1}{2}(0.5723 + 0.6078)$	$2.5351 + 0.2(0.5900) = 2.6531$

Hence  $y(1.2) = 2.5351$  and  $y(1.4) = 2.6531$  approximately.

**Example 32.11.** Using Euler's modified method, obtain a solution of the equation  $dy/dx = x + |\sqrt{y}|$ , with initial conditions  $y = 1$  at  $x = 0$ , for the range  $0 \leq x \leq 0.6$  in steps of 0.2. (V.T.U., 2007)

**Solution.** The various calculations are arranged as follows :

$x$	$x +  \sqrt{y}  = y'$	Mean slope	Old $y + .2(\text{mean slope}) = \text{new } y$
0.0	$0 + 1 = 1$	—	$1 + 0.2(1) = 1.2$
0.2	$0.2 +  \sqrt{(1.2)}  = 1.2954$	$\frac{1}{2}(1 + 1.2954) = 1.1477$	$1 + 0.2(1.1477) = 1.2295$
0.2	$0.2 +  \sqrt{(1.2295)}  = 1.3088$	$\frac{1}{2}(1 + 1.3088) = 1.1544$	$1 + 0.2(1.1544) = 1.2309$
0.2	$0.2 +  \sqrt{(1.2309)}  = 1.3094$	$\frac{1}{2}(1 + 1.3094) = 1.1547$	$1 + 0.2(1.1547) = 1.2309$
0.2	1.3094	—	$1.2309 + 0.2(1.3094) = 1.4927$
0.4	$0.4 +  \sqrt{(1.4927)}  = 1.6218$	$\frac{1}{2}(1.3094 + 1.6218) = 1.4654$	$1.2309 + 0.2(1.4654) = 1.5240$
0.4	$0.2 +  \sqrt{(1.524)}  = 1.6345$	$\frac{1}{2}(1.3094 + 1.6345) = 1.4718$	$1.2309 + 0.2(1.4718) = 1.5253$
0.4	$0.4 +  \sqrt{(1.5253)}  = 1.6350$	$\frac{1}{2}(1.3094 + 1.6350) = 1.4721$	$1.2309 + 0.2(1.4721) = 1.5253$

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$$= y_0 + \frac{h}{2} (dy/dx)_P = y_0 + \frac{h}{2} f(x_0, y_0) \quad \dots(3)$$

Also  $y_T = MT = LP + RT = y_0 + PR \tan \theta = y_0 + hf(x_0, y_0)$ .

Now the value of  $y_Q$  at  $x_0 + h$  is given by the point  $T'$  where the line through  $P$  drawn with slope at  $T(x_0 + h, y_T)$  meets  $MQ$ .

$$\therefore \text{Slope at } T = \tan \theta' = f(x_0 + h, y_T) = f[x_0 + h, y_0 + hf(x_0, y_0)]$$

$$\therefore y_Q = MR + RT' = y_0 + PT \tan \theta' = y_0 + hf[x_0 + h, y_0 + hf(x_0, y_0)] \quad \dots(4)$$

Thus the value of  $f(x, y)$  at  $P = f(x_0, y_0)$ ,

the value of  $f(x, y)$  at  $S = f(x_0 + h/2, y_S)$

and the value of  $f(x, y)$  at  $Q = f(x_0 + h, y_Q)$

where  $y_S$  and  $y_Q$  are given by (3) and (4).

Hence from (2), we obtain

$$k = \int_{x_0}^{x_0+h} f(x, y) dx = \frac{h}{6} [f_P + 4f_S + f_Q] \quad \text{[By Simpsons' rule (p. 1106)]}$$

$$= \frac{h}{6} [f(x_0, y_0) + 4f(x_0 + h/2, y_S) + f(x_0 + h, y_Q)] \quad \dots(5)$$

which gives a sufficiently accurate value of  $k$  and also of  $y = y_0 + k$ .

The repeated application of (5) gives the values of  $y$  for equispaced points.

**Working rule** to solve (1) by Runge's method :

Calculate successively

$$k_1 = hf(x_0, y_0)$$

$$k_2 = hf(x_0 + \frac{1}{2}h, y_0 + \frac{1}{2}k_1)$$

$$k' = hf(x_0 + h, y_0 + k_1)$$

$$k_3 = hf(x_0 + h, y_0 + k')$$

and

Finally compute,  $k = \frac{1}{6} (k_1 + 4k_2 + k_3)$ .

(Note that  $k$  is the weighted mean of  $k_1, k_2$  and  $k_3$ )

**Example 32.12.** Apply Runge's method to find an approximate value of  $y$  when  $x = 0.2$ , given that  $dy/dx = x + y$  and  $y = 1$  when  $x = 0$ .

**Solution.** Here we have  $x_0 = 0, y_0 = 1, h = 0.2, f(x_0, y_0) = 1$

$$\therefore k_1 = hf(x_0, y_0) = 0.2 (1) = 0.200$$

$$k_2 = hf(x_0 + \frac{1}{2}h, y_0 + \frac{1}{2}k_1) = 0.2 f(0.1, 1.1) = 0.240$$

$$k' = hf(x_0 + h, y_0 + k_1) = 0.2 f(0.2, 1.2) = 0.280$$

and  $k_3 = hf(x_0 + h, y_0 + k') = 0.2 f(0.1, 1.28) = 0.296$

$$\therefore k = \frac{1}{6} (k_1 + 4k_2 + k_3)$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} (0.200 + 0.960 + 0.296) = 0.2426$$

Hence the required approximate value of  $y$  is 1.2426.

### 32.7 RUNGE-KUTTA METHOD\*

The Taylor's series method of solving differential equations numerically is restricted by the labour involved in finding the higher order derivatives. However there is a class of methods known as Runge-Kutta methods which do not require the calculations of higher order derivatives. These methods agree with Taylor's series solution upto the terms in  $h^r$ , where  $r$  differs from method to method and is called the *order of that method*. *Euler's method, Modified Euler's method and Runge's method are the Runge-Kutta methods of the first, second and third order respectively.*

\* See footnote p. 1017. Named after *Wilhelm Kutta* (1867—1944).



The fourth-order Runge-Kutta method is most commonly used and is often referred to as 'Runge-Kutta method' only.

**Working rule** for finding the increment  $k$  of  $y$  corresponding to an increment  $h$  of  $x$  by Runge-Kutta method from

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x, y), y(x_0) = y_0 \text{ is as follows :}$$

Calculate successively

$$\begin{aligned} k_1 &= hf(x_0, y_0) \\ k_2 &= hf\left(x_0 + \frac{1}{2}h, y_0 + \frac{1}{2}k_1\right) \\ k_3 &= hf\left(x_0 + \frac{1}{2}h, y_0 + \frac{1}{2}k_2\right) \\ k_4 &= hf(x_0 + h, y_0 + k_3) \end{aligned}$$

and

Finally compute  $k = \frac{1}{6}(k_1 + 2k_2 + 2k_3 + k_4)$

which gives the required approximate value  $y_1 = y_0 + k$ .

(Note that  $k$  is the weighted mean of  $k_1, k_2, k_3$  and  $k_4$ )

**Obs.** One of the advantages of these methods is that the operation is identical whether the differential equation is linear or non-linear.

**Example 32.13.** Apply Runge-Kutta fourth order method, to find an approximate value of  $y$  when  $x = 0.2$ , given that  $dy/dx = x + y$  and  $y = 1$  when  $x = 0$ . (V.T.U., 2009 ; P.T.U., 2007 ; S.V.T.U., 2007)

**Solution.** Here

$$x_0 = 0, y_0 = 1, h = 0.2, f(x_0, y_0) = 1$$

$$\therefore k_1 = hf(x_0, y_0) = 0.2 \times 1 = 0.2000$$

$$k_2 = hf\left(x_0 + \frac{1}{2}h, y_0 + \frac{1}{2}k_1\right) = 0.2 \times f(0.1, 1.1) = 0.2400$$

$$k_3 = hf\left(x_0 + \frac{1}{2}h, y_0 + \frac{1}{2}k_2\right) = 0.2 \times f(0.1, 1.12) = 0.2440$$

and

$$k_4 = hf(x_0 + h, y_0 + k_3) = 0.2 \times f(0.2, 1.244) = 0.2888$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore k &= \frac{1}{6}(k_1 + 2k_2 + 2k_3 + k_4) \\ &= \frac{1}{6}(0.2000 + 0.4800 + 0.4880 + 0.2888) = \frac{1}{6} \times (1.4568) = 0.2428 \end{aligned}$$

Hence the required approximate value of  $y$  is 1.2428.

**Example 32.14.** Using Runge-Kutta method of fourth order, solve  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y^2 - x^2}{y^2 + x^2}$  with  $y(0) = 1$  at  $x = 0.2$ , 0.4. (U.P.T.U., 2010 ; J.N.T.U., 2009 ; V.T.U., 2008)

**Solution.** We have  $f(x, y) = \frac{y^2 - x^2}{y^2 + x^2}$

To find  $y(0.2)$  :

Here  $x_0 = 0, y_0 = 1, h = 0.2$

$$k_1 = hf(x_0, y_0) = 0.2 f(0, 1) = 0.2000$$

$$k_2 = hf\left(x_0 + \frac{1}{2}h, y_0 + \frac{1}{2}k_1\right) = 0.2 f(0.1, 1.1) = 0.19672$$

$$k_3 = hf\left(x_0 + \frac{1}{2}h, y_0 + \frac{1}{2}k_2\right) = 0.2 f(0.1, 1.09836) = 0.1967$$

$$k_4 = hf(x_0 + h, y_0 + k_3) = 0.2 f(0.2, 1.1967) = 0.1891$$

$$\begin{aligned} k &= \frac{1}{6}(k_1 + 2k_2 + 2k_3 + k_4) = \frac{1}{6}[0.2 + 2(0.19672) + 2(0.1967) + 0.1891] \\ &= 0.19599 \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $y(0.2) = y_0 + k = 1.196$ .

To find  $y(0.4)$  :

Here

$$\begin{aligned}x_1 &= 0.2, y_1 = 1.196, h = 0.2 \\k_1 &= h f(x_1, y_1) &= 0.1891 \\k_2 &= hf \left( x_1 + \frac{1}{2}h, y_1 + \frac{1}{2}k_1 \right) = 0.2 f(0.3, 1.2906) &= 0.1795 \\k_3 &= hf \left( x_1 + \frac{1}{2}h, y_1 + \frac{1}{2}k_2 \right) = 0.2 f(0.3, 1.2858) &= 0.1793 \\k_4 &= hf(x_1 + h, y_1 + k_3) = 0.2 f(0.4, 1.3753) &= 0.1688 \\k &= \frac{1}{6}(k_1 + 2k_2 + 2k_3 + k_4) \\&= \frac{1}{6}[0.1891 + 2(0.1795) + 2(0.1793) + 0.1688] &= 0.1792\end{aligned}$$

Hence  $y(0.4) = y_1 + k = 1.196 + 0.1792 = 1.3752$ .

**Example 32.15.** Apply Runge-Kutta method to find an approximate value of  $y$  for  $x = 0.2$  in steps of  $0.1$ , if  $dy/dx = x + y^2$ , given that  $y = 1$ , where  $x = 0$ . (V.T.U., 2009 ; Osmania, 2007 ; Madras, 2000)

**Solution.** Here we take  $h = 0.1$  and carry out the calculations in two steps.

**Step I.**  $x_0 = 0, y_0 = 1, h = 0.1$

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore k_1 &= hf(x_0, y_0) = 0.1 f(0, 1) &= 0.1000 \\k_2 &= hf \left( x_0 + \frac{1}{2}h, y_0 + \frac{1}{2}k_1 \right) = 0.1 f(0.05, 1.1) &= 0.1152 \\k_3 &= hf \left( x_0 + \frac{1}{2}h, y_0 + \frac{1}{2}k_2 \right) = 0.1 f(0.05, 1.1152) &= 0.1168 \\k_4 &= hf(x_0 + h, y_0 + k_3) = 0.1 f(0.1, 1.1168) &= 0.1347 \\k &= \frac{1}{6}(k_1 + 2k_2 + 2k_3 + k_4) \\&= \frac{1}{6}(0.1000 + 0.2304 + 0.2336 + 0.1347) &= 0.1165\end{aligned}$$

giving  $y(0.1) = y_0 + k = 1.1165$ .

**Step II.**  $x_1 = x_0 + h = 0.1, y_1 = 1.1165, h = 0.1$

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore k_1 &= hf(x_1, y_1) = 0.1 f(0.1, 1.1165) &= 0.1347 \\k_2 &= hf \left( x_1 + \frac{1}{2}h, y_1 + \frac{1}{2}k_1 \right) = 0.1 f(0.15, 1.1838) &= 0.1551 \\k_3 &= hf \left( x_1 + \frac{1}{2}h, y_1 + \frac{1}{2}k_2 \right) = 0.1 f(0.15, 1.194) &= 0.1576 \\k_4 &= hf(x_1 + h, y_1 + k_3) = 0.1 f(0.2, 1.1576) &= 0.1823 \\k &= \frac{1}{6}(k_1 + 2k_2 + 2k_3 + k_4) &= 0.1571\end{aligned}$$

Hence  $y(0.2) = y_1 + k = 1.2736$ .

**Example 32.16.** Using Runge-Kutta method of fourth order, solve for  $y$  at  $x = 1.2, 1.4$  from  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2xy + e^x}{x^2 + xe^x}$  given  $x_0 = 1, y_0 = 0$ . (Mumbai, 2008)

**Solution.** We have  $f(x, y) = \frac{2xy + e^x}{x^2 + xe^x}$

To find  $y(1.2)$  :

Here

$$\begin{aligned}x_0 &= 1, y_0 = 0, h = 0.2 \\ \therefore k_1 &= h f(x_0, y_0) = 0.2 \frac{0 + e}{1 + e} = 0.1462 \\ k_2 &= hf \left( x_0 + \frac{h}{2}, y_0 + \frac{k_1}{2} \right) = 0.2 \left\{ \frac{2(1 + 0.1)(0 + 0.073) + e^{1+0.1}}{(1 + 0.1)^2 + (1 + 0.1)e^{1+0.1}} \right\} = 0.1402\end{aligned}$$

$$k_3 = hf\left(x_0 + \frac{h}{2}, y_0 + \frac{k_2}{2}\right) = 0.2 \left\{ \frac{2(1+0.1)(0+0.07) + e^{1.1}}{(1+0.1)^2 + (1+0.1)e^{1.1}} \right\} = 0.1399$$

$$k_4 = hf(x_0 + h, y_0 + k_3) = 0.2 \left\{ \frac{2(1.2)(0.1399) + e^{1.2}}{(1.2)^2 + (1.2)e^{1.2}} \right\} = 0.1348$$

and

$$k = \frac{1}{6}(k_1 + 2k_2 + 2k_3 + k_4) = \frac{1}{6}[0.1462 + 0.2804 + 0.2798 + 0.1348] = 0.1402.$$

Hence  $y(1.2) = y_0 + k = 0 + 0.1402 = 0.1402$ .

To find  $y(1.4)$  :

Here  $x_1 = 1.2, y_1 = 0.1402, h = 0.2$

$$k_1 = hf(x_1, y_1) = 0.2 f(1.2, 0) = 0.1348$$

$$k_2 = hf(x_1 + h/2, y_1 + k_1/2) = 0.2 f(1.3, 0.2076) = 0.1303$$

$$k_3 = hf(x_1 + h/2, y_1 + k_1/2) = 0.2 f(1.3, 0.2053) = 0.1301$$

$$k_4 = hf(x_1 + h, y_1 + k_3) = 0.2 f(1.3, 0.2703) = 0.1260$$

$$\therefore k = \frac{1}{6}(k_1 + 2k_2 + 2k_3 + k_4) = \frac{1}{6}[0.1348 + 0.2606 + 0.2602 + 0.1260] = 0.1303$$

Hence  $y(1.4) = y_1 + k = 0.1402 + 0.1303 = 0.2705$ .

### PROBLEMS 32.3

- Use Runge's method to approximate  $y$  when  $x = 1.1$ , given that  $y = 1.2$  when  $x = 1$  and  $dy/dx = 3x + y^2$ .
- Using Runge-Kutta method of order 4, find  $y(0.2)$  given that  $dy/dx = 3x + \frac{1}{2}y, y(0) = 1$ , taking  $h = 0.1$ .  
(V.T.U., 2004)
- Using Runge-Kutta method of order 4, compute  $y(.2)$  and  $(.4)$  from  $10 \frac{dy}{dx} = x^2 + y^2, y(0) = 1$ , taking  $h = 0.1$ .  
(Rohtak, 2003 ; Bhopal, 2002)
- Use Runge-Kutta method to find  $y$  when  $x = 1.2$  in steps of  $0.1$ , given that :  
 $dy/dx = x^2 + y^2$  and  $y(1) = 1.5$ .  
(Mumbai, 2007)
- Find  $y(0.1)$  and  $y(0.2)$  using Runge-Kutta 4th order formula, given that  $y' = x^2 - y$  and  $y(0) = 1$ .  
(J.N.T.U., 2006)
- Using 4th order Runge-Kutta method, solve the following equation, taking each step of  $h = 0.1$ , given  $y(0) = 3, dy/dx = (4x/y - xy)$ . Calculate  $y$  for  $x = 0.1$  and  $0.2$ .  
(Anna, 2007)
- Use fourth order Runge-Kutta method to find  $y$  at  $x = 0.1$ , given that  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 3e^x + 2y, y(0) = 0$  and  $h = 0.1$ .  
(V.T.U., 2006)
- Find by Runge-Kutta method an approximate value of  $y$  for  $x = 0.8$ , given that  $y = 0.41$  when  $x = 0.4$  and  $dy/dx = \sqrt{(x+y)}$ .  
(S.V.T.U., 2007 S)
- Using Runge-Kutta method of order 4, find  $y(0.2)$  for the equation  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y-x}{y+x}, y(0) = 1$ . Take  $h = 0.2$ .  
(V.T.U., 2011 S)
- Given that  $dy/dx = (y^2 - 2x)/(y^2 + x)$  and  $y = 1$  at  $x = 0$  ; find  $y$  for  $x = 0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.4$  and  $0.5$ .  
(Delhi, 2002)

## 32.8 PREDICTOR-CORRECTOR METHODS

If  $x_{i-1}$  and  $x_i$  be two consecutive mesh points, we have  $x_i = x_{i-1} + h$ . In the Euler's method (§ 32.4), we have

$$y_i = y_{i-1} + hf(x_0 + \overline{i-1}h, y_{i-1}); i = 1, 2, 3, \dots \quad \dots(1)$$



The modified Euler's method (§ 32.5), gives

$$y_i = y_{i-1} + \frac{h}{2} [f(x_{i-1}, y_{i-1}) + f(x_i, y_i)] \quad \dots(2)$$

The value of  $y_i$  is first estimated by using (1), then this value is inserted on the right side of (2), giving a better approximation of  $y_i$ . This value of  $y_i$  is again substituted in (2) to find a still better approximation of  $y_i$ . This step is repeated till two consecutive values of  $y_i$  agree. *This technique of refining an initially crude estimate of  $y_i$  by means of a more accurate formula is known as predictor-corrector method.* The equation (1) is therefore called the *predictor* while (2) serves as a *corrector* of  $y_i$ .

In the methods so far explained, to solve a differential equation over an interval  $(x_i, x_{i+1})$  only the value of  $y$  at the beginning of the interval was required. In the *predictor-corrector* methods, four prior values are required for finding the value of  $y$  at  $x_{i+1}$ . A predictor formula is used to predict the value of  $y$  at  $x_{i+1}$  and then a corrector formula is applied to improve this value.

We now describe two such methods, namely : Milne's method and Adams-Bashforth method.

### 32.9 MILNE'S METHOD

Given  $dy/dx = f(x, y)$  and  $y = y_0, x = x_0$ ; to find an approximate value of  $y$  for  $x = x_0 + nh$  by Milne's method, we proceed as follows :

The value  $y_0 = y(x_0)$  being given, we compute

$$y_1 = y(x_0 + h), y_2 = y(x_0 + 2h), y_3 = y(x_0 + 3h),$$

by Picard's or Taylor's series method.

Next we calculate,

$$f_0 = f(x_0, y_0), f_1 = f(x_0 + h, y_1), f_2 = f(x_0 + 2h, y_2), f_3 = f(x_0 + 3h, y_3)$$

Then to find  $y_4 = y(x_0 + 4h)$ , we substitute Newton's forward interpolation formula

$$f(x, y) = f_0 + n\Delta f_0 + \frac{n(n-1)}{2} \Delta^2 f_0 + \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)}{6} \Delta^3 f_0 + \dots$$

in the relation  $y_4 = y_0 + \int_{x_0}^{x_0+4h} f(x, y) dx$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore y_4 &= y_0 + \int_{x_0}^{x_0+4h} \left( f_0 + n\Delta f_0 + \frac{n(n-1)}{2} \Delta^2 f_0 + \dots \right) dx && [\text{Put } x = x_0 + nh, dx = hdn] \\ &= y_0 + h \int_0^4 \left( f_0 + n\Delta f_0 + \frac{n(n-1)}{2} \Delta^2 f_0 + \dots \right) dn \\ &= y_0 + h \left( 4f_0 + 8\Delta f_0 + \frac{20}{3} \Delta^2 f_0 + \frac{8}{3} \Delta^3 f_0 + \dots \right) \end{aligned}$$

Neglecting fourth and higher order differences and expressing  $\Delta f_0, \Delta^2 f_0$  and  $\Delta^3 f_0$  in terms of the function values, we get

$$y_4^{(p)} = y_0 + \frac{4h}{3} (2f_1 - f_2 + 2f_3) \text{ which is called a predictor.}$$

Having found  $y_4$ , we obtain a first approximation to  $f_4 = f(x_0 + 4h, y_4)$ .

Then a better value of  $y_4$  is found by Simpson's rule (p. 1106) as

$$y_4^{(c)} = y_2 + \frac{h}{3} (f_2 + 4f_3 + f_4) \text{ which is called a corrector.}$$

Then an improved value of  $f_4$  is computed and again the corrector is applied to find a still better value of  $y_4$ . We repeat this step until  $y_4$  remains unchanged.

Once  $y_4$  and  $f_4$  are obtained to desired degree of accuracy,  $y_5 = y(x_0 + 5h)$  is found from the *predictor* as

$$y_5^{(p)} = y_1 + \frac{4h}{3} (2f_2 - f_3 + 2f_4)$$

and  $f_5 = f(x_0 + 5h, y_5)$  is calculated. Then a better approximation to the value of  $y_5$  is obtained from the *corrector* as

$$y_5^{(c)} = y_3 + \frac{h}{3}(f_3 + 4f_4 + f_5).$$

We repeat this step till  $y_5$  becomes stationary and we, then proceed to calculate  $y_6$  as before.

This is *Milne's predictor-corrector method*. To ensure greater accuracy, we must first improve the accuracy of the starting values and then sub-divide the intervals.

**Example 32.17.** Apply Milne's method, to find a solution of the differential equation  $y' = x - y^2$  in the range  $0 \leq x \leq 1$  for the boundary conditions  $y = 0$  at  $x = 0$ . (V.T.U., 2009, Anna, 2005, Rohtak, 2005)

**Solution.** Using Picard's method, we have

$$y = y(0) + \int_0^x f(x, y) dx, \text{ where } f(x, y) = x - y^2.$$

To get the first approximation, we put  $y = 0$  in  $f(x, y)$ ,

giving 
$$y_1 = 0 + \int_0^x x dx = \frac{x^2}{2}$$

To find the second approximation, we put  $y = x^2/2$  in  $f(x, y)$ ,

giving 
$$y_2 = \int_0^x \left( x - \frac{x^4}{4} \right) dx = \frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{x^5}{20}$$

Similarly, the third approximation is

$$y_3 = \int_0^x \left[ x - \left( \frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{x^5}{20} \right)^2 \right] dx = \frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{x^5}{20} + \frac{x^8}{160} - \frac{x^{11}}{4400} \quad \dots(i)$$

Now let us determine the starting values of the Milne's method from (i), by choosing  $h = 0.2$ .

$\therefore$	$x_0 = 0.0,$	$y_0 = 0.0000,$	$f_0 = 0.0000$
	$x_1 = 0.2,$	$y_1 = 0.020,$	$f_1 = 0.1996$
	$x_2 = 0.4,$	$y_2 = 0.0795,$	$f_2 = 0.3937$
	$x_3 = 0.6,$	$y_3 = 0.1762,$	$f_3 = 0.5689$

Using the *predictor*, 
$$y_4^{(p)} = y_0 + \frac{4h}{3}(2f_1 - f_2 + 2f_3)$$

$x = 0.8,$   $y_4^{(p)} = 0.3049,$   $f_4 = 0.7070$

and the *corrector*, 
$$y_4^{(c)} = y_2 + \frac{h}{3}(f_2 + 4f_3 + f_4), \text{ yields}$$

$y_4^{(c)} = 0.3046,$   $f_4 = 0.7072 \quad \dots(ii)$

Again using the *corrector*,  $y_4^{(c)} = 0.3046$ , which is same as in (ii)

Now using the *predictor*, 
$$y_5^{(p)} = y_1 + \frac{4h}{3}(2f_2 - f_3 + 2f_4),$$

$x = 1.0,$   $y_5^{(p)} = 0.4554,$   $f_5 = 0.7926$

and the *corrector*, 
$$y_5^{(c)} = y_3 + \frac{h}{3}(f_3 + 4f_4 + f_5), \text{ gives}$$

$y_5^{(c)} = 0.4555,$   $f_5 = 0.7925$

Again using the *corrector*,

$y_5^{(c)} = 0.4555,$  a value which is the same as before.

Hence,  $y(1) = 0.4555.$

**Example 32.18.** Given  $y' = x(x^2 + y^2) e^{-x}$ ,  $y(0) = 1$ , find  $y$  at  $x = 0.1, 0.2$  and  $0.3$  by Taylor's series method and compute  $y(0.4)$  by Milne's method. (Anna, 2007)

**Solution.** Given

$$y(0) = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad h = 0.1$$

We have

$$y'(x) = x(x^2 + y^2)e^{-x};$$

$$y'(0) = 0$$

$$y''(x) = [(x^3 + xy^2)(-e^{-x}) + 3x^2 + y^2 + x(2y)y']e^{-x}$$

$$= e^{-x}[-x^3 - xy^2 + 3x^2 + y^2 + 2xyy'];$$

$$y''(0) = 1$$

$$y'''(x) = -e^{-x}[-x^3 - xy^2 + 3x^2 + y^2 + 2xyy' + 3x^2 + y^2 + 2xyy' - 6x - 2yy' - 2xyy' - 2xyy']$$

$$y'''(0) = -2$$

Substitute these values in the Taylor's series,

$$y(x) = y(0) + \frac{x}{1!}y'(0) + \frac{x^2}{2!}y''(0) + \frac{x^3}{3!}y'''(0) + \dots$$

$$y(0.1) = 1 + (0.1)(0) + \frac{1}{2}(0.1)^2(1) + \frac{1}{6}(0.1)^3(-2) + \dots$$

$$= 1 + 0.005 - 0.0003 = 1.0047 \quad \text{i.e.,} \quad 1.005$$

Now taking

$$x = 0.1, y(0.1) = 1.005, h = 0.1$$

$$y'(0.1) = 0.092, y''(0.1) = 0.849, y'''(0.1) = -1.247$$

Substituting these values in the Taylor's series about  $x = 0.1$ ,

$$y(0.2) = y(0.1) + \frac{0.1}{1!}y'(0.1) + \frac{(0.1)^2}{2!}y''(0.1) + \frac{(0.1)^3}{3!}y'''(0.1) + \dots$$

$$= 1.005 + (0.1)(0.092) + \frac{(0.1)^2}{2}(0.849) + \frac{(0.1)^3}{3}(-1.247) + \dots$$

$$= 1.018$$

Now taking

$$x = 0.2, y(0.2) = 1.018, h = 0.1$$

$$y'(0.2) = 0.176, y''(0.2) = 0.77, y'''(0.2) = 0.819$$

Substituting these values in the Taylor's series

$$y(0.3) = y(0.2) + \frac{0.1}{1!}y'(0.2) + \frac{(0.1)^2}{2!}y''(0.2) + \frac{(0.1)^3}{3!}y'''(0.2) + \dots$$

$$= 1.018 + 0.0176 + 0.0039 + 0.0001 = 1.04$$

Thus the starting values of the Milne's method with  $h = 0.1$  are

$$x_0 = 0.0$$

$$y_0 = 1$$

$$f_0 = y'_0 = 0$$

$$x_1 = 0.1$$

$$y_1 = 1.005$$

$$f_1 = 0.092$$

$$x_2 = 0.2$$

$$y_2 = 1.018$$

$$f_2 = 0.176$$

$$x_3 = 0.3$$

$$y_3 = 1.04$$

$$f_3 = 0.26$$

Using the predictor,  $y_4^{(p)} = y_0 + \frac{4h}{3}(2f_1 - f_2 + 2f_3)$ 

$$= 1 + \frac{4(0.1)}{3}[2(0.092) - (0.176) + 2(0.26)] = 1.09$$

 $\therefore x = 0.4$ 

$$y_4^{(p)} = 1.09$$

$$f_4 = y'(0.4) = 0.362$$

Using the corrector,  $y_4^{(c)} = y_2 + \frac{h}{3}(f_2 + 4f_3 + f_4)$ 

$$\therefore y_4^{(c)} = 0.018 + \frac{0.1}{3}(0.176 + 4(0.26) + 0.362) = 1.071$$

Hence

$$y(0.4) = 1.071.$$

**Example 32.19.** Using Runge-Kutta method of order 4, find  $y$  for  $x = 0.1, 0.2, 0.3$  given that  $dy/dx = xy + y^2, y(0) = 1$ . Continue the solution at  $x = 0.4$  using Milne's method.

(V.T.U., 2008; S.V.T.U., 2007; Madras, 2006)

**Solution.** We have  $f(x, y) = xy + y^2$ .To find  $y(0.1)$ :Here  $x_0 = 0, y_0 = 1, h = 0.1$ .



$$\begin{aligned} \therefore k_1 &= h f(x_0, y_0) = (0.1) f(0.1) &&= 0.1000 \\ k_2 &= hf \left( x_0 + \frac{1}{2}h, y_0 + \frac{1}{2}k_1 \right) = (0.1) f(0.05, 1.05) &&= 0.1155 \\ k_3 &= hf \left( x_0 + \frac{1}{2}h, y_0 + \frac{1}{2}k_2 \right) = (0.1) f(0.05, 1.0577) &&= 0.1172 \\ k_4 &= hf(x_0 + h, y_0 + k_3) = (0.1) f(0.1, 1.1172) &&= 0.13598 \\ k &= \frac{1}{6} (k_1 + 2k_2 + 2k_3 + k_4) \\ &= \frac{1}{6} (0.1 + 0.231 + 0.2348 + 0.13598) &&= 0.11687 \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $y(0.1) = y_1 = y_0 + k = 1.1169$ .

To find  $y(0.2)$ :

Here  $x_1 = 0.1, y_1 = 1.1169, h = 0.1$ .

$$\begin{aligned} k_1 &= h f(x_1, y_1) = (0.1) f(0.1, 1.1169) &&= 0.1359 \\ k_2 &= hf \left( x_1 + \frac{1}{2}h, y_1 + \frac{1}{2}k_1 \right) = (0.1) f(0.15, 1.1848) &&= 0.1581 \\ k_3 &= hf \left( x_1 + \frac{1}{2}h, y_1 + \frac{1}{2}k_2 \right) = (0.1) f(0.15, 1.1959) &&= 0.1609 \\ k_4 &= hf(x_1 + h, y_1 + k_3) = (0.1) f(0.2, 1.2778) &&= 0.1888 \\ k &= \frac{1}{6} (k_1 + 2k_2 + 2k_3 + k_4) &&= 0.1605 \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $y(0.2) = y_2 = y_1 + k = 1.2773$ .

To find  $y(0.3)$ :

Here  $x_2 = 0.2, y_2 = 1.2773, h = 0.1$ .

$$\begin{aligned} k_1 &= hf(x_2, y_2) = (0.1) f(0.2, 1.2773) &&= 0.1887 \\ k_2 &= hf \left( x_2 + \frac{1}{2}h, y_2 + \frac{1}{2}k_1 \right) = (0.1) f(0.25, 1.3716) &&= 0.2224 \\ k_3 &= hf \left( x_2 + \frac{1}{2}h, y_2 + \frac{1}{2}k_2 \right) = (0.1) f(0.25, 1.3885) &&= 0.2275 \\ k_4 &= hf(x_2 + h, y_2 + k_3) = (0.1) f(0.3, 1.5048) &&= 0.2716 \\ k &= \frac{1}{6} (k_1 + 2k_2 + 2k_3 + k_4) &&= 0.2267 \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $y(0.3) = y_3 = y_2 + k = 1.504$ .

Now the starting values of the Milne's method are :

$x_0 = 0.0$	$y_0 = 1.0000$	$f_0 = 1.0000$
$x_1 = 0.1$	$y_1 = 1.1169$	$f_1 = 1.3591$
$x_2 = 0.2$	$y_2 = 1.2773$	$f_2 = 1.8869$
$x_3 = 0.3$	$y_3 = 1.5049$	$f_3 = 2.7132$

Using the predictor,

$$\begin{aligned} y_4^{(p)} &= y_0 + \frac{4h}{3} (2f_1 - f_2 + 2f_3) \\ x_4 &= 0.4 && y_4^{(p)} = 1.8344 && f_4 = 4.0988 \end{aligned}$$

and the corrector,

$$\begin{aligned} y_4^{(c)} &= y_2 + \frac{h}{3} (f_2 + 4f_3 + f_4) \text{ yields} \\ y_4^{(c)} &= 1.2773 + \frac{0.1}{3} [1.8869 + 4(2.7132) + 4.098] \\ &= 1.8386 && f_4 &= 4.1159 \end{aligned}$$

Again using the corrector,

$$y_4^{(c)} = 1.2773 + \frac{0.1}{3} [1.8869 + 4(2.7132) + 4.1159]$$

$$= 1.8391 \qquad f_4 = 4.1182 \qquad \dots(i)$$

Again using the corrector

$$y_4^{(c)} = 1.2773 + \frac{0.1}{3} [1.8869 + 4(2.7132) + 4.1182]$$

$$= 1.8392 \text{ which is same as (i).}$$

Hence  $y(0.4) = 1.8392$ .

**PROBLEMS 32.4**

- Given  $\frac{dy}{dx} = x^3 + y, y(0) = 2$ . The value of  $y(0.2) = 2.073, y(0.4) = 2.452$ , and  $y(0.6) = 3.023$  are got by R.K. Method of 4th order. Find  $y(0.8)$  by Milne's predictor-corrector method taking  $h = 0.2$ . (Anna, 2004)
- Given  $2 \frac{dy}{dx} = (1 + x^2)y^2$  and  $y(0) = 1, y(0.1) = 1.06, y(0.2) = 1.12, y(0.3) = 1.21$ , evaluate  $y(0.4)$  by Milne's predictor-corrector method. (V.T.U., 2011 S ; Madras, 2003)
- From the data given below, find  $y$  at  $x = 1.4$ , using Milne's predictor-corrector formula :

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = x^2 + \frac{y}{2}$$

$x :$	1	1.1	1.2	1.3
$y :$	2	2.2156	2.4549	2.7514

(V.T.U., 2007)

- Using Milne's method, find  $y(4.5)$  given  $5xy' + y^2 - 2 = 0$  given  $y(4) = 1, y(4.1) = 1.0049, y(4.2) = 1.0097, y(4.3) = 1.0143, y(4.4) = 1.0187$ . (Anna, 2007)
- If  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 2e^x - y, y(0) = 2, y(0.1) = 2.010, y(0.2) = 2.04$  and  $y(0.3) = 2.09$  ; find  $y(0.4)$  using Milne's predictor-corrector method. (V.T.U., 2010)
- Using Runge-Kutta method, calculate  $y(0.1), y(0.2)$ , and  $y(0.3)$  given that  $\frac{dy}{dx} - \frac{2xy}{1+x^2} = 1, y(0) = 0$ . Taking these values as starting values, find  $y(0.4)$  by Milne's method.

**32.10 ADAMS-BASHFORTH METHOD**

Given  $\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x, y)$  and  $y_0 = y(x_0)$ , we compute

$$y_{-1} = y(x_0 - h), y_{-2} = y(x_0 - 2h), y_{-3} = y(x_0 - 3h)$$

by Taylor's series of Euler's method or Runge-Kutta method.

Next we calculate  $f_{-1} = f(x_0 - h, y_{-1}), f_{-2} = f(x_0 - 2h, y_{-2}), f_{-3} = f(x_0 - 3h, y_{-3})$ .

Then to find  $y_1$ , we substitute Newton's backward interpolation formula

$$f(x, y) = f_0 + n \nabla f_0 + \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \nabla^2 f_0 + \frac{n(n+1)(n+2)}{6} \nabla^3 f_0 + \dots$$

in

$$y_1 = y_0 + \int_{x_0}^{x_0+h} f(x, y) dx \qquad \dots(1)$$

$$\therefore y_1 = y_0 + \int_{x_0}^{x_1} \left( f_0 + n \nabla f_0 + \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \nabla^2 f_0 + \dots \right) dx \qquad \text{[Put } x = x_0 + nh, dx = hdn]$$

$$= y_0 + h \int_0^1 \left( f_0 + n \nabla f_0 + \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \nabla^2 f_0 + \dots \right) dn$$

$$= y_0 + h \left( f_0 + \frac{1}{2} \nabla f_0 + \frac{5}{12} \nabla^2 f_0 + \frac{3}{8} \nabla^3 f_0 + \dots \right)$$

Neglecting fourth and higher order differences and expressing  $\nabla f_0, \nabla^2 f_0$  and  $\nabla^3 f_0$  in terms of function values, we get

$$y_1^{(p)} = y_0 + \frac{h}{24} (55f_0 - 59f_{-1} + 37f_{-2} - 9f_{-3}) \quad \dots(2)$$

This is called *Adams-Bashforth predictor formula*.

Having found  $y_1$ , we find  $f_1 = f(x_0 + h, y_1)$ .

Then to find a better value of  $y_1$ , we derive a *corrector formula* by substituting Newton's backward formula at  $f_1$  i.e.,

$$f(x, y) = f_1 + n\nabla f_1 + \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \nabla^2 f_1 + \frac{n(n+1)(n+2)}{6} \nabla^3 f_1 + \dots \text{ in (1).}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore y_1 &= y_0 + \int_{x_0}^{x_1} \left( f_1 + n\nabla f_1 + \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \nabla^2 f_1 + \dots \right) dx \quad [\text{Put } x = x_1 + nh, dx = hdn] \\ &= y_0 + \int_{-1}^0 \left( f_1 + n\nabla f_1 + \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \nabla^2 f_1 + \dots \right) dn \\ &= y_0 + h \left( f_1 - \frac{1}{2} \nabla f_1 - \frac{1}{12} \nabla^2 f_1 - \frac{1}{24} \nabla^3 f_1 - \dots \right) \end{aligned}$$

Neglecting fourth and higher order differences and expressing  $\nabla f_1, \nabla^2 f_1$  and  $\nabla^3 f_1$  in terms of function values, we obtain

$$y_1^{(c)} = y_0 + \frac{h}{24} (9f_1 + 19f_0 - 5f_{-1} + f_{-2}) \quad \dots(3)$$

which is called a *Adams-Moulton corrector formula*.

Then an improved value of  $f_1$  is calculated and again the corrector (3) is applied to find a still better value of  $y_1$ . This step is repeated till  $y_1$  remains unchanged and then proceed to calculate  $y_2$  as above.

**Obs.** To apply both Milne and Adams-Bashforth methods, we require four starting values of  $y$  which are calculated by means of Picard's method or Taylor's series method or Euler's method or Runge-Kutta method. In practice, the Adams formulae (2) and (3) above together with fourth order Runge-Kutta formulae have been found to be most useful.

**Example 32.20.** Given  $\frac{dy}{dx} = x^2(1+y)$  and  $y(1) = 1, y(1.1) = 1.233, y(1.2) = 1.548, y(1.3) = 1.979$ , evaluate  $y(1.4)$  by Adams-Bashforth method. (V.T.U., 2010 ; J.N.T.U., 2009 ; Anna, 2004)

**Solution.** Here  $f(x, y) = x^2(1+y)$ .

Starting values of the Adams-Bashforth method with  $h = 0.1$ , are

$$\begin{aligned} x = 1.0, y_{-3} &= 1.000, f_{-3} = (1.0)^2(1 + 1.000) = 2.000 \\ x = 1.1, y_{-2} &= 1.233, f_{-2} = 2.702 \\ x = 1.2, y_{-1} &= 1.548, f_{-1} = 3.669 \\ x = 1.3, y_0 &= 1.979, f_0 = 5.035 \end{aligned}$$

Using th

$$\frac{h}{24} (55f_0 - 59f_{-1} + 37f_{-2} - 9f_{-3})$$

$$= \frac{0.1}{24} (55 \times 5.035 - 59 \times 3.669 + 37 \times 2.702 - 9 \times 2.000)$$

U:

$$= \frac{0.1}{24} (276.925 - 216.471 + 99.974 - 18.000)$$

$$= \frac{0.1}{24} (276.925 - 216.471 + 99.974 - 18.000) = 2.575$$

Hence,  $y_1 = 1.979 + 2.575 = 4.554$



**Example 32.21.** If  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 2e^x y$ ,  $y(0) = 0$ , find  $y(4)$  using Adams predictor-corrector formula by calculating  $y(1)$ ,  $y(2)$  and  $y(3)$  using Euler's modified formula. (J.N.T.U., 2006)

**Solution.** We have  $f(x, y) = 2e^x y$ .

To find 0.1 :

$x$	$2e^x y = y'$	Mean slope	Old $y + h$ (Mean slope) = new $y$
0.0	4	—	$2 + 0.1(4) = 2.4$
0.1	$2e^{0.1}(2.4) = 5.305$	$\frac{1}{2}(4 + 5.305) = 4.6524$	$2 + 0.1(4.6524) = 2.465$
0.1	$2e^{0.1}(2.465) = 5.449$	$\frac{1}{2}(4 + 5.449) = 4.7244$	$2 + 0.1(4.7244) = 2.472$
0.1	$2e^{0.1}(2.4724) = 5.465$	$\frac{1}{2}(4 + 5.465) = 4.7324$	$2 + 0.1(4.7324) = 2.473$
0.1	$2e^{0.1}(2.473) = 5.467$	$\frac{1}{2}(4 + 5.467) = 4.7333$	$2 + 0.1(4.7333) = 2.473$
0.1	5.467	—	$2 + 0.1(5.467) = 3.0199$
0.2	$2e^{0.2}(3.0199) = 7.377$	$\frac{1}{2}(5.467 + 7.377) = 6.422$	$2.473 + 0.1(6.422) = 3.1155$
0.2	7.611	$\frac{1}{2}(5.467 + 7.611) = 6.539$	$2.473 + 0.1(6.539) = 3.127$
0.2	7.639	$\frac{1}{2}(5.467 + 7.639) = 6.553$	$2.473 + 0.1(6.553) = 3.129$
0.2	7.643	$\frac{1}{2}(5.467 + 7.643) = 6.555$	$2.473 + 0.1(6.455) = 3.129$
0.2	7.643	—	$3.129 + 0.1(7.643) = 3.893$
0.3	$2e^{0.3}(3.893) = 10.51$	$\frac{1}{2}(7.643 + 10.51) = 9.076$	$3.129 + 0.1(9.076) = 4.036$
0.3	10.897	$\frac{1}{2}(7.643 + 10.897) = 9.266$	$3.129 + 0.1(9.2696) = 4.056$
0.3	10.949	$\frac{1}{2}(7.643 + 10.949) = 9.296$	$3.129 + 0.1(9.296) = 4.058$
0.3	10.956	$\frac{1}{2}(7.643 + 10.956) = 9.299$	$3.129 + 0.1(9.299) = 4.0586$

To find  $y(0.4)$  by Adam's method, the starting values with  $h = 0.1$  are

$$\begin{array}{lll}
 x = 0.0 & y_{-3} = 2.4 & f_{-3} = 4 \\
 x = 0.1 & y_{-2} = 2.473 & f_{-2} = 5.467 \\
 x = 0.2 & y_{-1} = 3.129 & f_{-1} = 7.643 \\
 x = 0.3 & y_0 = 4.059 & f_0 = 10.956
 \end{array}$$

Using the predictor formula

$$\begin{aligned}
 y_1^{(p)} &= y_0 + \frac{h}{24} (55f_0 - 59f_{-1} + 37f_{-2} - 9f_{-3}) \\
 &= 4.059 + \frac{0.1}{24} (55 \times 10.957 - 59 \times 7.643 + 37 \times 5.467 - 9 \times 4) \\
 &= 5.383
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Now } x = 0.4 \quad y_1 = 5.383 \quad f_1 = 2e^{0.4}(5.383) = 16.061$$

Using the corrector formula,

$$\begin{aligned} y_1^{(c)} &= y_0 + \frac{h}{24} (9f_1 + 19f_0 - 5f_{-1} + f_{-2}) \\ &= 4.0586 + \frac{0.1}{24} (9 \times 6.061 + 19 \times 10.956 - 5 \times 7.643 + 5.467) = 5.392 \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $y(0.4) = 5.392$ .

**Example 32.22.** Solve the initial value problem  $dy/dx = x - y^2$ ,  $y(0) = 1$  to find  $y(0.4)$  by Adam's method. Starting solutions required are to be obtained using Runge-Kutta method of order 4 using step value  $h = 0.1$ . (P.T.U., 2003)

**Solution.** We have  $f(x, y) = x - y^2$ .

To find  $y(0.1)$ :

Here  $x_0 = 0, y_0 = 1, h = 0.1$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore k_1 &= hf(x_0, y_0) = (0.1)f(0, 1) &&= -0.1000 \\ k_2 &= hf\left(x_0 + \frac{1}{2}h, y_0 + \frac{1}{2}k_1\right) = (0.1)f(0.05, 0.95) &&= -0.08525 \\ k_3 &= hf\left(x_0 + \frac{1}{2}h, y_0 + \frac{1}{2}k_2\right) = (0.1)f(0.05, 0.9574) &&= -0.0867 \\ k_4 &= hf(x_0 + h, y_0 + k_3) = (0.1)f(0.1, 0.9137) &&= -0.07341 \\ k &= \frac{1}{6}(k_1 + 2k_2 + 2k_3 + k_4) &&= -0.0883 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Thus } y(0.1) = y_1 = y_0 + k = 1 - 0.0883 = 0.9117$$

To find  $y(0.2)$ :

Here  $x_1 = 0.1, y_1 = 0.9117, h = 0.1$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore k_1 &= hf(x_1, y_1) = (0.1)f(0.1, 0.9117) &&= -0.0731 \\ k_2 &= hf\left(x_1 + \frac{1}{2}h, y_1 + \frac{1}{2}k_1\right) = (0.1)f(0.15, 0.8751) &&= -0.0616 \\ k_3 &= hf\left(x_1 + \frac{1}{2}h, y_1 + \frac{1}{2}k_2\right) = (0.1)f(0.15, 0.8809) &&= -0.0626 \\ k_4 &= hf(x_1 + h, y_1 + k_3) = (0.1)f(0.2, 0.8491) &&= -0.0521 \\ k &= \frac{1}{6}(k_1 + 2k_2 + 2k_3 + k_4) &&= -0.0623 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Thus } y(0.2) = y_2 = y_1 + k = 0.8494.$$

To find  $y(0.3)$ :

Here  $x_2 = 0.2, y_2 = 0.8494, h = 0.1$

$$\begin{aligned} k_1 &= hf(x_2, y_2) = (0.1)f(0.2, 0.8494) &&= -0.0521 \\ k_2 &= hf\left(x_2 + \frac{1}{2}h, y_2 + \frac{1}{2}k_1\right) = (0.1)f(0.25, 0.8233) &&= -0.0428 \\ k_3 &= hf\left(x_2 + \frac{1}{2}h, y_2 + \frac{1}{2}k_2\right) = (0.1)f(0.25, 0.828) &&= -0.0436 \\ k_4 &= hf(x_2 + h, y_2 + k_3) = (0.1)f(0.3, 0.8058) &&= -0.0349 \\ k &= \frac{1}{6}(k_1 + 2k_2 + 2k_3 + k_4) &&= -0.0438 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Thus } y(0.3) = y_3 = y_2 + k = 0.8061$$

Now the starting values of Adam's method with  $h = 0.1$  are :

$$\begin{array}{llll} x = 0.0 & y_{-3} = 1.0000 & f_{-3} = 0.0 - (1.0)^2 & = -1.0000 \\ x = 0.1 & y_{-2} = 0.9117 & f_{-2} = 0.1 - (0.9117)^2 & = -1.7312 \\ x = 0.2 & y_{-1} = 0.8494 & f_{-1} = 0.2 - (0.8494)^2 & = -0.5215 \\ x = 0.3 & y_0 = 0.8061 & f_0 = 0.3 - (0.8061)^2 & = -0.3498 \end{array}$$

Using the predictor,

$$y_1^{(p)} = y_0 + \frac{h}{24} (55f_0 - 59f_{-1} + 37f_{-2} - 9f_{-3})$$

$$x = 0.4 \quad y_1^{(p)} = 0.8061 + \frac{0.1}{24} [55(-0.3498) - 59(-0.5215) + 37(-0.7312) - 9(-1)]$$

$$= 0.7789 \quad f_1 = -0.2067$$

Using the corrector,

$$y_1^{(c)} = y_0 + \frac{h}{24} (9f_1 + 19f_0 - 5f_{-1} + f_{-2})$$

$$y_1^{(c)} = 0.8061 + \frac{0.1}{24} [9(-0.2067) + 19(-0.3498) - 5(-0.5215) - 0.7312] = 0.7785$$

Hence  $y(0.4) = 0.7785$ .

### PROBLEMS 32.5

1. Using Adams-Bashforth method, obtain the solution of  $dy/dx = x - y^2$  at  $x = 0.8$ , given the values

$x :$	0	0.2	0.4	0.6
$y :$	0	0.0200	0.0795	0.1762

(Bhopal, 2002)

2. Using Adams-Bashforth formulae, determine  $y(0, 4)$  given the differential equation  $dy/dx = \frac{1}{2}xy$  and the data

$x :$	0	0.1	0.2	0.3
$y :$	1	1.0025	1.0101	1.0228

3. Given  $y' = x^2 - y$ ,  $y(0) = 1$  and the starting values  $y(0.1) = 0.90516$ ,  $y(0.2) = 0.82127$ ,  $y(0.3) = 0.74918$ , evaluate  $y(0.4)$  using Adams-Bashforth method.

(S.V.T.U., 2007)

4. Using Adams-Bashforth method, find  $y(4.4)$  given  $5xy' + y^2 = 2$ ,  $y(4) = 1$ ,  $y(4, 1) = 1.0049$ ,  $y(4, 2) = 1.0097$  and  $y(4.3) = 1.0143$ .

5. Given the differential equation  $dy/dx = x^2y + x^2$  and the data :

$x :$	1	1.1	1.2	1.3
$y :$	1	1.233	1.548488	1.978921

(Indore, 2003 S)

6. Using Adams-Bashforth method, evaluate  $y(1.4)$ , if  $y$  satisfies  $dy/dx + y/x = 1/x^2$  and  $y(1) = 1$ ,  $y(1.1) = 0.996$ ,  $y(1.2) = 0.986$ ,  $y(1.3) = 0.972$ .

(Madras, 2003)

## 32.11 SIMULTANEOUS FIRST ORDER DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS

The simultaneous differential equations of the type

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x, y, z) \quad \dots(1)$$

and  $\frac{dz}{dx} = \phi(x, y, z) \quad \dots(2)$

with initial conditions  $y(x_0) = y_0$  and  $z(x_0) = z_0$  can be solved by the methods discussed in the preceding sections, especially by Picard's or Runge-Kutta methods.

(i) Picard's method gives

$$y_1 = y_0 + \int f(x, y_0, z_0) dx, \quad z_1 = z_0 + \int \phi(x, y_0, z_0) dx$$

$$y_2 = y_0 + \int f(x, y_1, z_1) dx, \quad z_2 = z_0 + \int \phi(x, y_1, z_1) dx$$

$$y_3 = y_0 + \int f(x, y_2, z_2) dx, \quad z_3 = z_0 + \int \phi(x, y_2, z_2) dx$$

and so on.

(ii) Taylor's series method is used as follows :

If  $h$  be the step-size,  $y_1 = y(x_0 + h)$  and  $z_1 = z(x_0 + h)$ . Then Taylor's algorithm for (1) and (2) gives



$$y_1 = y_0 + hy_0' + \frac{h^2}{2!} y_0'' + \frac{h^3}{3!} y_0''' + \dots \quad \dots(3)$$

$$z_1 = z_0 + hz_0' + \frac{h^2}{2!} z_0'' + \frac{h^3}{3!} z_0''' + \dots \quad \dots(4)$$

Differentiating (1) and (2) successively, we get  $y''$ ,  $z''$ , etc. So the values  $y_0'$ ,  $y_0''$ ,  $y_0'''$  ... and  $z_0'$ ,  $z_0''$ ,  $z_0'''$  ... are known. Substituting these in (3) and (4), we obtain  $y_1, z_1$  for the next step.

Similarly, we have the algorithms

$$y_2 = y_1 + hy_1' + \frac{h^2}{2!} y_1'' + \frac{h^3}{3!} y_1''' + \dots \quad \dots(5)$$

$$z_2 = z_1 + hz_1' + \frac{h^2}{2!} z_1'' + \frac{h^3}{3!} z_1''' + \dots \quad \dots(6)$$

Since  $y_1$  and  $z_1$  are known, we can calculate  $y_1', y_1'', \dots$  and  $z_1', z_1'', \dots$ . Substituting these in (5) and (6), we get  $y_2$  and  $z_2$ .

Proceeding further, we can calculate the other values of  $y$  and  $z$  step by step.

(iii) Runge-Kutta method is applied as follows :

Starting at  $(x_0, y_0, z_0)$  and taking the step-sizes for  $x, y, z$  to be  $h, k, l$  respectively, the Runge-Kutta method gives,

$$\begin{aligned} k_1 &= hf(x_0, y_0, z_0) & l_1 &= h\phi(x_0, y_0, z_0) \\ k_2 &= hf\left(x_0 + \frac{1}{2}h, y_0 + \frac{1}{2}k_1, z_0 + \frac{1}{2}l_1\right) & l_2 &= h\phi\left(x_0 + \frac{1}{2}h, y_0 + \frac{1}{2}k_1, z_0 + \frac{1}{2}l_1\right) \\ k_3 &= hf\left(x_0 + \frac{1}{2}h, y_0 + \frac{1}{2}k_2, z_0 + \frac{1}{2}l_2\right) & l_3 &= h\phi\left(x_0 + \frac{1}{2}h, y_0 + \frac{1}{2}k_2, z_0 + \frac{1}{2}l_2\right) \\ k_4 &= hf(x_0 + h, y_0 + k_3, z_0 + l_3) & l_4 &= h\phi(x_0 + h, y_0 + k_3, z_0 + l_3) \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $y_1 = y_0 + \frac{1}{6}(k_1 + 2k_2 + 2k_3 + k_4)$  and  $z_1 = z_0 + \frac{1}{6}(l_1 + 2l_2 + 2l_3 + l_4)$

To compute  $y_2$  and  $z_2$ , we simply replace  $x_0, y_0, z_0$  by  $x_1, y_1, z_1$  in the above formulae.

**Example 32.23.** Using Picard's method find approximate values of  $y$  and  $z$  corresponding to  $x = 0.1$ , given that  $y(0) = 2, z(0) = 1$  and  $dy/dx = x + z, dz/dx = x - y^2$ .

**Solution.** Here  $x_0 = 0, y_0 = 2, z_0 = 1,$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x, y, z) = x + z; \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{dz}{dx} = \phi(x, y, z) = x - y^2$$

$$\therefore y = y_0 + \int_{x_0}^x f(x, y, z) dx \quad \text{and} \quad z = z_0 + \int_{x_0}^x \phi(x, y, z) dx.$$

**First approximations**  $y_1 = y_0 + \int_{x_0}^x \phi(x, y_0, z_0) dx = 2 + \int_0^x (x + 1) dx = 2 + x + \frac{1}{2}x^2$

$$z_1 = z_0 + \int_{x_0}^x \phi(x, y_0, z_0) dx = 1 + \int_0^x (x - 4) dx = 1 - 4x + \frac{1}{2}x^2$$

**Second approximations**  $y_2 = y_0 + \int_{x_0}^x f(x, y_1, z_1) dx = 2 + \int_0^x \left(x + 1 - 4x + \frac{1}{2}x^2\right) dx$

$$= 2 + x - \frac{3}{2}x^2 + \frac{x^3}{6}$$

$$z_2 = z_0 + \int_{x_0}^x \phi(x, y_1, z_1) dx$$

$$= 1 + \int_0^x \left[x - \left(2 + x + \frac{1}{2}x^2\right)^2\right] dx = 1 - 4x + \frac{3}{2}x^2 - x^3 - \frac{x^4}{4} - \frac{x^5}{20}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Third approximations } y_3 &= y_0 + \int_{x_0}^x f(x, y_2, z_2) dx \\
 &= 2 + x - \frac{3}{2}x^2 - \frac{1}{2}x^3 - \frac{1}{4}x^4 - \frac{1}{20}x^5 - \frac{1}{120}x^6 \\
 z_3 &= z_0 + \int_{x_0}^x \phi(x, y_2, z_2) dx \\
 &= 1 - 4x - \frac{3}{2}x^2 + \frac{5}{3}x^3 + \frac{7}{12}x^4 - \frac{31}{60}x^5 + \frac{1}{12}x^6 - \frac{1}{252}x^7
 \end{aligned}$$

and so on.

When

$$\begin{aligned}
 x &= 0.1, \\
 y_1 &= 2.105, y_2 = 2.08517, y_3 = 2.08447 \\
 z_1 &= 0.605, z_2 = 0.58397, z_3 = 0.58672.
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$y(0.1) = 2.0845, z(0.1) = 0.5867$$

correct to four decimal places.

**Example 32.24.** Solve the differential equations

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 1 + xz, \quad \frac{dz}{dx} = -xy \text{ for } x = 0.3,$$

using fourth order Runge-Kutta method. Initial values are  $x = 0, y = 0, z = 1$ .

**Solution.** Here  $f(x, y, z) = 1 + xz, \phi(x, y, z) = -xy$

$$x_0 = 0, y_0 = 0, z_0 = 1. \text{ Let us take } h = 0.3.$$

$\therefore$

$$k_1 = h f(x_0, y_0, z_0) = 0.3 f(0, 0, 1) = 0.3 (1 + 0) = 0.3$$

$$l_1 = h \phi(x_0, y_0, z_0) = 0.3 (-0 \times 0) = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 k_2 &= h f\left(x_0 + \frac{1}{2}h, y_0 + \frac{1}{2}k_1, z_0 + \frac{1}{2}l_1\right) \\
 &= (0.3) f(0.15, 0.15, 1) = 0.3 (1 + 0.15) = 0.345
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 l_2 &= h \phi\left(x_0 + \frac{1}{2}h, y_0 + \frac{1}{2}k_1, z_0 + \frac{1}{2}l_1\right) \\
 &= 0.3 [-(0.15)(0.15)] = -0.00675.
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 k_3 &= h f\left(x_0 + \frac{h}{2}, y_0 + \frac{k_2}{2}, z_0 + \frac{l_2}{2}\right) \\
 &= (0.3) f(0.15, 0.1725, 0.996625) \\
 &= 0.3 [1 + 0.996625 \times 0.15] = 0.34485
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 l_3 &= h \phi\left(x_0 + \frac{h}{2}, y_0 + \frac{k_2}{2}, z_0 + \frac{l_2}{2}\right) \\
 &= 0.3 [-(0.15)(0.1725)] = -0.007762
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 k_4 &= h f(x_0 + h, y_0 + k_3, z_0 + l_3) \\
 &= (0.3) f(0.3, 0.34485, 0.99224) = 0.3893
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 l_4 &= h \phi(x_0 + h, y_0 + k_3, z_0 + l_3) \\
 &= 0.3 [-(0.3)(0.34485)] = -0.03104
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Hence } y(x_0 + h) = y_0 + \frac{1}{6} (k_1 + 2k_2 + 2k_3 + k_4)$$

$$\text{i.e., } y(0.3) = 0 + \frac{1}{6} [0.3 + 2(0.345) + 2(0.34485) + 0.3893] = 0.34483$$

$$\text{and } z(x_0 + h) = z_0 + \frac{1}{6} (l_1 + 2l_2 + 2l_3 + l_4)$$

$$\text{i.e., } z(0.3) = 1 + \frac{1}{6} [0 + 2 + (-0.00675) + 2(-0.0077625) + (-0.03104)] = 0.98999$$