

$$y(x) \approx y_0 \rightarrow y_1 \rightarrow y_2 \rightarrow y_3 \dots \rightarrow y_{n+1}$$

Error depends on the stepsize  $h$ .

Truncation error: error associated with the algorithm or method, and not the precision of the floating point calculations (roundoff error).

$$y_n = 0.00134 \underbrace{\dots}_{\mathcal{O}(h^p)} 367 \underbrace{\text{Roundoff Error}}_{\mathcal{O}(\sqrt{h})}$$

Error of Forward Euler:

$$\int_{x_n}^{x_{n+1}} f(x, y) dx$$

$$f(x, y(x)) = f(x, \underbrace{y(x_n + h)}_{\text{Taylor Expansion}})$$

$$= f(x, y_n + h \cdot \underbrace{\left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{x_n}}_{\text{small}})$$

Taylor Expand a second time  $\swarrow$  derivative of second argument

$$f(x, y(x)) \cong f(x, y_n) + h \cdot \underbrace{\left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{x_n} \cdot f'(x, y_n)}_{f(x_n, y_n)}$$

$$\int_{x_n}^{x_{n+1}} f(x, y(x)) dx \cong \int_{x_n}^{x_{n+1}} [f(x, y_n) + h f(x_n, y_n) f'(x, y_n)] dx$$

$$\int_{x_n}^x f(x, y(x)) dx \approx \int_{x_n}^x [f(x, y_n) + h f(x_n, y_n) f'(x, y_n)] dx$$

*fix the function values at our initial condition at  $x_n$*

$$y_{n+1} - y_n \approx h \cdot f(x_n, y_n) + \underbrace{h^2 f(x_n, y_n) \cdot f'(x_n, y_n)}_{\mathcal{O}(h^2)}$$



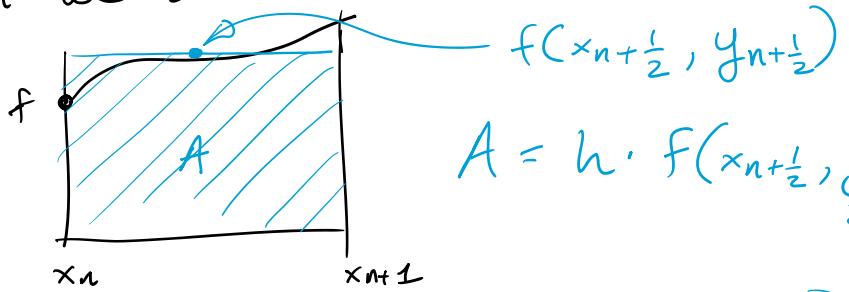
Single step error "Local Error"

$$N_{\text{steps}} = \frac{X}{h}$$

Global Error over the interval  $X$   
 $N_{\text{steps}} \cdot \mathcal{O}(h^2) = \mathcal{O}(h)$

Very Poor

Can we do better?



$$A = h \cdot f(x_{n+\frac{1}{2}}, y_{n+\frac{1}{2}})$$

Predict it

Predictor:  $y_{n+\frac{1}{2}} = y_n + \frac{h}{2} f(x_n, y_n)$

Corrector:  $y_{n+1} = y_n + h \cdot f(x_n + \frac{h}{2}, y_n + \frac{h}{2} f(x_n, y_n))$

2 evaluations of the right hand side function.

Local Error:  $\mathcal{O}(h^3)$

Global Error:  $\mathcal{O}(h^2)$

Higher order method  $\rightarrow$  price is more evaluations of  $f$ .

Midpoint Runge-Kutta

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 (based on using Simplex method for calculating  
 the area)

$$k_1 = h \cdot f(x_n, y_n)$$

$$k_2 = h \cdot f\left(x_n + \frac{h}{2}, y_n + \frac{k_1}{2}\right)$$

$$k_3 = h \cdot f\left(x_n + \frac{h}{2}, y_n + \frac{k_2}{2}\right)$$

$$k_4 = h \cdot f(x_n + h, y_n + k_3)$$

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + \frac{k_1}{6} + \frac{k_2}{3} + \frac{k_3}{3} + \frac{k_4}{6} + O(h^5)$$

Stable? Explicit / Implicit

## Predator - Prey Behaviour

Foxes and Mice

$f$   $m$

### Lotka-Volterra Model (1920)

without foxes ( $f=0$ ) we want the mice ( $m$ ) to grow exponentially

$$\frac{\Delta m}{m} = km \cdot \Delta t$$

$\propto$  constant birth rate

but if foxes are around the population reduces proportional to the number of foxes

$$\frac{\Delta m}{m} = km \cdot \Delta t - kmf \cdot f \Delta t$$

$$\frac{\Delta m}{\Delta t} = km \cdot m - kmf \cdot \underbrace{mf}_{\propto \text{ number of encounters}}$$

$$\frac{dm}{dt} = (km \cdot m - kmf \cdot m \cdot f)$$

$$\frac{dm}{dt} = (k_m \cdot m - k_{mf} \cdot m \cdot f) \quad \text{encounters}$$

for the foxes:

$$\frac{\Delta f}{f} = -k_f \Delta t$$

$\downarrow$  exponential decay rate

$$\frac{df}{dt} = -k_f \cdot f + k_{fm} \cdot f \cdot m$$

$$\frac{dm}{dt} = k_m \cdot m - k_{mf} \cdot m \cdot f$$

Solve this for a given initial population

$$k_m = 2$$

$$\text{IC } m(0) = 100$$

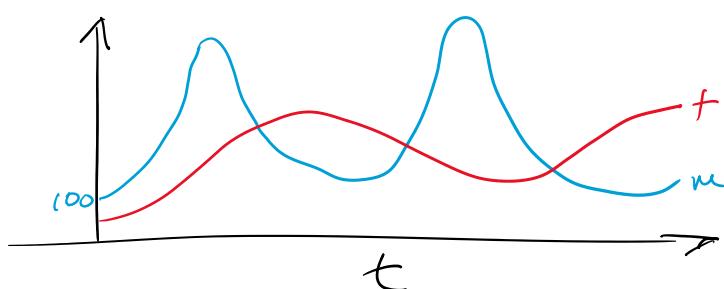
$$k_{mf} = 0.02$$

$$f(0) = 15$$

$$k_{fm} = 0.01$$

$$y = \langle m(t), f(t) \rangle$$

$$k_f = 1.06$$



1. Use F-E

2. Use midpoint RK2

3. use RK4

