



2.29 Numerical Fluid Mechanics Spring 2015



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Spring 2015 – Lecture 2

REVIEW Lecture 1

1. Syllabus, Goals and Objectives

2. Introduction to CFD

3. From mathematical models to numerical simulations (1D Sphere in 1D flow)

Continuum Model – Differential Equations

=> Difference Equations (often uses Taylor expansion and truncation)

=> Linear/Non-linear System of Equations

=> Numerical Solution (matrix inversion, eigenvalue problem, root finding, etc)

4. Error Types

- **Round-off error**: due to representation by computers of numbers with a finite number of digits (significant digits) and to arithmetic operations (chopping or rounding)
- **Truncation error**: due to approximation/truncation by numerical methods of “exact” mathematical operations/quantities
- **Other errors**: model errors, data/parameter input errors, human errors.



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REVIEW Lecture 1, Cont'd

- Approximation and round-off errors

- Significant digits: Numbers that can be used with confidence

- Absolute and relative errors $E_a = \hat{x} - \hat{x}_a, \quad \varepsilon_a = \frac{\hat{x} - \hat{x}_a}{\hat{x}_a}$

- Iterative schemes and stop criterion: $|\varepsilon_a| = \left| \frac{\hat{x}_n - \hat{x}_{n-1}}{\hat{x}_n} \right| \leq \varepsilon_s$

- For n digits correct, base 10: $\varepsilon_s = \frac{1}{2} 10^{-n}$

- Number representations

- Integer representation

- Floating-Point representation: $x = m b^e \quad b^{-1} \leq m < b^0$

- Consequence of Floating Point Reals:

- Limited range (underflow & overflow)

- Limited precision (Quantizing errors)

- Relative error constant, absolute error growths with number

For $t =$ significant digits with rounding: $\frac{|\Delta x|}{|x|} \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \quad \varepsilon = b^{l-t} = \text{Machine Epsilon}$



Numerical Fluid Mechanics – TODAY's Outline

- Approximation and round-off errors
 - Significant digits, true/absolute and relative errors
 - Number representations
 - Arithmetic operations
 - Errors of arithmetic/numerical operations
 - Examples: recursion algorithms (Heron, Horner's scheme) and other examples
 - Order of computations matter
 - Round-off error growth and (in)-stability
- Truncation Errors, Taylor Series and Error Analysis
 - Taylor series
 - Use of Taylor Series to derive finite difference schemes (first-order Euler scheme and forward, backward and centered differences)
 - Error propagation and error estimation:
 - Differential Formula and Standard Error (statistical formula)
 - Error cancellation
 - Condition numbers

Reference: Chapra and Canale,
Chaps 3.1-3.4 and 4.1-4.4



Arithmetic Operations

1. Addition and Subtraction



$$r_1 \pm r_2 = m_1 b^{e_1} \pm m_2 b^{e_2}$$

Shift mantissa of smallest number,

assuming $e_1 > e_2$,

Result has exponent of largest number:

$$r_1 \pm r_2 = (m_1 \pm m_2 b^{e_2 - e_1}) b^{e_1} = m b^{e_1}$$

Absolute Error

$$\bar{\epsilon} \leq \bar{\epsilon}_1 + \bar{\epsilon}_2$$

Relative Error

$$\bar{\alpha} = \frac{|\bar{m} - m|}{|m|}$$

Unbounded for
 $m = m_1 \pm m_2 \rightarrow 0$

2. Multiplication and Division

Multiplication:

Add exp, multiply mantissa, normalize and chop/round

Division:

Subtract exp, divide mantissa, normalize and chop/round

$$r_1 \times r_2 = m_1 m_2 b^{e_1 + e_2}$$

$$m = m_1 m_2 < 1$$

$$0.1_2 \times 0.1_2 = 0.01_2$$

Relative Error

$$\bar{\alpha} \leq \bar{\alpha}_1 + \bar{\alpha}_2$$

Bounded



Digital Arithmetics

Finite Mantissa Length

```
function c = radd(a,b,n)
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%
% Adds two real numbers a and b simulating an arithmetic unit with
% n significant digits, and rounding-off (not chopping-off) of numbers.
% If the inputs a and b provided do not have n digits, they are first
% rounded to n digits before being added.

%--- First determine signs
sa=sign(a);
sb=sign(b);

%--- Determine the largest number (exponent)
if (sa == 0)
    la=-200; %this makes sure that if sa==0, even if b is very small, it will have the largest exponent
else
    la=ceil(log10(sa*a*(1+10^(-(n+1))))); %This determines the exponent on the base. Ceiling is used
    %since  $0 < \log_{10}(\text{mantissa\_base10}) \leq -1$ . The  $10^{\text{etc.}}$  term just
    %properly increases the exponent estimated by 1 in the case
    %of a perfect log: i.e.  $\log_{10}(m \cdot b^e)$  is an integer,
    %mantissa is 0.1, hence  $\log_{10}(m) = -1$ , and
    % $\text{ceil}(\log_{10}(m \cdot b^e (1+10^{-(n+1)}))) \sim \text{ceil}(e + \log_{10}(m) + \log_{10}(1+10^{-(n+1)})) = e$ .
end
if (sb == 0)
    lb=-200;
else
    lb=ceil(log10(sb*b*(1+10^(-(n+1)))));
end
lm=max(la, lb);
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radd.m

Limited precision
addition in MATLAB



radd.m, continued

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%--- Shift the two numbers magnitude to obtain two integers with n digits
f=10^(n); %this is used in conjunction with the round function below
at=sa*round(f*sa*a/10^lm); %sa*a/10^lm shifts the decimal point such that the number starts with 0.something
                             %the f*(*) then raises the number to a power 10^n, to get the desired accuracy
                             %of n digits above the decimal. After rounding to an integer, any figures that
                             %remain below are wiped out.
bt=sb*round(f*sb*b/10^lm);
% Check to see if another digit was added by the round. If yes, increase
% la (lb) and reset lm, at and bt.
ireset=0;
if ((at~=0) & (log10(at)>=n))
    la=la+1; ireset=1;
end
if ((bt~=0) & (log10(bt)>=n))
    lb=lb+1; ireset=1;
end
if (ireset)
    lm=max(la,lb);
    at=sa*round(f*sa*a/10^lm);
    bt=sb*round(f*sb*b/10^lm);
end
ct=at+bt; %adds the two numbers
sc=sign(ct);

%The following accounts for the case when another digit is added when
%summing two numbers... ie. if the number of digits desired is only 3,
%then 999 +3 = 1002, but to keep only 3 digits, the 2 needs to be wiped out.
if (sc ~= 0)
    if (log10(sc*ct) >= n)
        ct=round(ct/10)*10;
    %
    % 'ct'
    end
end

%-----This basically reverses the operation on line 34,38
% (it brings back the final number to its true magnitude)
c=ct*10^lm/f;
```



Matlab additions and quantizing effect

EXAMPLES

radd (100,4.9,1) = 100

radd (100,4.9,2) = 100

radd (100,4.9,3) = 105

>> radd (99.9,4.9,1)= 100

>> radd (99.9,4.9,2)= 100

>> radd (99.9,4.9,3) = 105

NOTE: Quantizing effect peculiarities

>> radd (0.095,-0.03,1) =0.06

>> radd (0.95,-0.3,1)= 1

Difference come from MATLAB round:

>> round(10^1*0.095/10^(-1))

9

>> round(10^1*0.95/10^(0))

10

But note:

>> round(10^1*(0.095/10^(-1)))

10



Issues due to Digital Arithmetic

- Large number of additions/subtractions (recursion), e.g.
 - add 1 100,000 times vs.
 - add 0.00001 100,000 times.
- Adding large and small numbers (start from small to large)
- Subtractive cancellation
 - Round-off errors induced when subtracting nearly equal numbers, e.g. roots of polynomials
- Smearing: occurs when terms in sum are larger than the sum
 - e.g. series of mixed/alternating signs
- Inner products: very common computation, but prone to round-off errors
- Some examples of the above provided in following slides



Recursion: Heron's Device

Numerically evaluate square-root

$$\sqrt{s}, s > 0$$

Initial guess x_0

$$x_0 \simeq \sqrt{s}$$

Test

$$x_0^2 < s \Rightarrow x_0 < \sqrt{s} \Rightarrow \frac{s}{x_0} > \sqrt{s}$$

$$x_0^2 > s \Rightarrow x_0 > \sqrt{s} \Rightarrow \frac{s}{x_0} < \sqrt{s}$$

Mean of guess and its reciprocal

$$x_1 = \frac{1}{2} \left(x_0 + \frac{s}{x_0} \right)$$

Recursion Algorithm

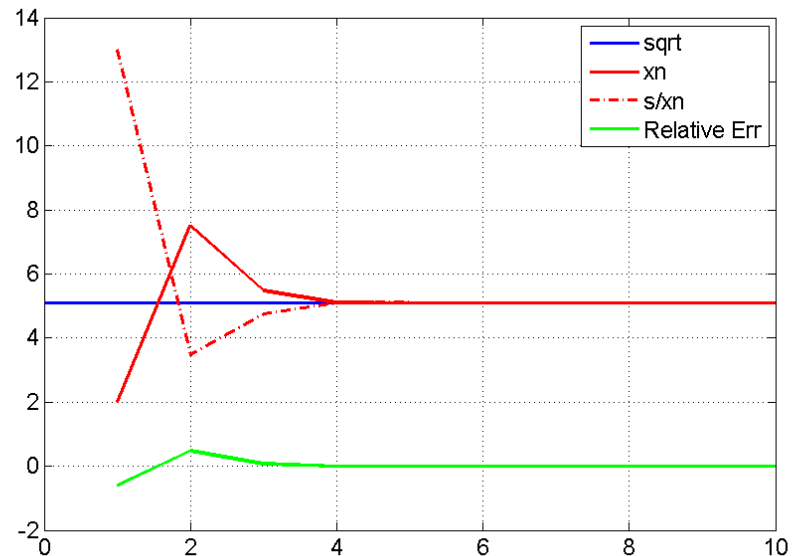
$$x_{n+1} = \frac{1}{2} \left(x_n + \frac{s}{x_n} \right)$$

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a=26; %Number for which the sqrt is to be computed
n=10; %Number of iteration in recursion
g=2; %Initial guess
% Number of Digits
dig=5;
sq(1)=g;
for i=2:n
    sq(i)= 0.5*radd(sq(i-1),a/sq(i-1),dig);
end
' i value '
[ [1:n]' sq']
hold off
plot([0 n],[sqrt(a) sqrt(a)],'b')
hold on
plot(sq,'r')
plot(a./sq,'r-.')
plot((sq-sqrt(a))/sqrt(a),'g')
legend('sqrt','xn','s/xn','Relative Err')
grid on

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MATLAB script
heron.m





Recursion: Horner's scheme to evaluate polynomials by recursive additions

Goal: Evaluate polynomial

$$\begin{aligned}
 p(z) &= a_0z^3 + a_1z^2 + a_2z + a_3 \\
 &= ((a_0z + a_1)z + a_2)z + a_3
 \end{aligned}$$

Horner's Scheme

$$\begin{array}{r}
 a_0 \quad a_1 \quad a_2 \quad a_3 \\
 + \quad \quad \quad \begin{array}{ccc} zb_0 & zb_1 & zb_2 \end{array} \\
 \hline
 \begin{array}{cccc} b_0 & b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \end{array}
 \end{array}$$

($b_0 = a_0$)

$p(z) = b_3$

General order n

$$p(z) = a_0z^n + a_1z^{n-1} + \dots + a_{n-1}z + a_n$$

Recurrence relation

$$b_0 = a_0, \quad b_i = a_i + zb_{i-1}, \quad i = 1, \dots, n$$

$$p(z) = b_n$$

horner.m

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% Horner's scheme
% for evaluating polynomials
a=[ 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 ];
n=length(a) -1 ;
z=1;
b=a(1);
% Note index shift for a
for i=1:n
    b=a(i+1)+ z*b;
end
p=b

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>> horner

p =

    55

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For home suggestion: utilize radd.m for all additions above and compare the error of Horner's scheme to that of a brute force summation, for both z negative/positive



Recursion: Order of Operations Matter

$$y = f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [x^n + b \sin[\pi/2 - \pi/10n] - c \cos[\pi/(10(n+1))]]$$

Tends to: 0 (green arrow pointing to x^n)

1 (red arrows pointing to $b \sin[\dots]$ and $-c \cos[\dots]$)

If $x = 0.5$, $b = 0$, $c = 0 \Rightarrow y = 1.0$

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N=20; sum=0; sumr=0;
b=1; c=1; x=0.5;
xn=1;
% Number of significant digits in computations
dig=2;
ndiv=10;
for i=1:N
    a1=sin(pi/2-pi/(ndiv*i));
    a2=-cos(pi/(ndiv*(i+1)));
% Full matlab precision
    xn=xn*x;
    addr=xn+b*a1;
    addr=addr+c*a2;
    ar(i)=addr;
    sumr=sumr+addr;
    z(i)=sumr;
% additions with dig significant digits
    add=radd(xn,b*a1,dig);
    add=radd(add,c*a2,dig);
% add=radd(b*a1,c*a2,dig);
% add=radd(add,xn,dig);
    a(i)=add;
    sum=radd(sum,add,dig);
    y(i)=sum;
end
sumr
  
```

recur.m

Result of small, but significant term 'destroyed' by subsequent addition and subtraction of almost equal, large numbers.

Remedy:
Change order of additions

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'      i      delta      Sum      delta(approx) Sum(approx)'
res=[[1:1:N] ar' z' a' y']

hold off
a=plot(y,'b'); set(a,'LineWidth',2);
hold on
a=plot(z,'r'); set(a,'LineWidth',2);
a=plot(abs(z-y)./z,'g'); set(a,'LineWidth',2);
legend([ num2str(dig) ' digits'],'Exact','Error');
  
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recur.m
Contd.



recur.m

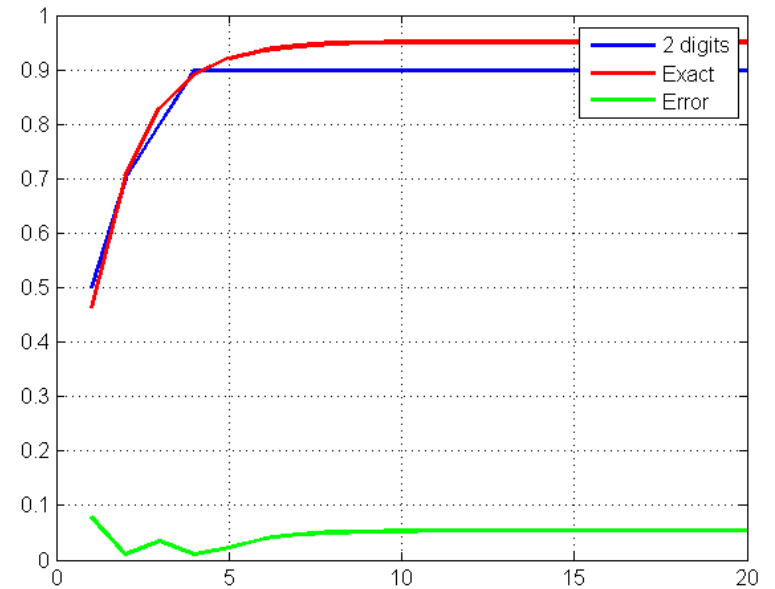
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>> recur
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b = 1; c = 1; x = 0.5;  
dig=2
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i	delta	Sum	delta (approx)	Sum (approx)
1.0000	0.4634	0.4634	0.5000	0.5000
2.0000	0.2432	0.7065	0.2000	0.7000
3.0000	0.1226	0.8291	0.1000	0.8000
4.0000	0.0614	0.8905	0.1000	0.9000
5.0000	0.0306	0.9212	0	0.9000
6.0000	0.0153	0.9364	0	0.9000
7.0000	0.0076	0.9440	0	0.9000
8.0000	0.0037	0.9478	0	0.9000
9.0000	0.0018	0.9496	0	0.9000
10.0000	0.0009	0.9505	0	0.9000
11.0000	0.0004	0.9509	0	0.9000
12.0000	0.0002	0.9511	0	0.9000
13.0000	0.0001	0.9512	0	0.9000
14.0000	0.0000	0.9512	0	0.9000
15.0000	0.0000	0.9512	0	0.9000
16.0000	-0.0000	0.9512	0	0.9000
17.0000	-0.0000	0.9512	0	0.9000
18.0000	-0.0000	0.9512	0	0.9000
19.0000	-0.0000	0.9512	0	0.9000
20.0000	-0.0000	0.9512	0	0.9000

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res =
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Order of Recurrence - Error Propagation Numerical Instability Example

Evaluate Integral

$$y_n = \int_0^1 \frac{x^n}{x+5} dx, n = 0, 2 \dots \infty$$

Backward Recurrence

$$y_{n-1} = \frac{1}{5n} - \frac{y_n}{5}$$

Recurrence Relation: $y_n = \frac{1}{n} - 5y_{n-1}$

Proof :

$$y_n + 5y_{n-1} = \int_0^1 \frac{x^n + 5x^{n-1}}{x+5} dx = \int_0^1 \frac{x^{n-1}(x+5)}{x+5} dx = \int_0^1 x^{n-1} dx = \frac{1}{n}$$

3-digit Recurrence:

$$y_0 = \int_0^1 \frac{dx}{x+5} = [\log_e(x+5)]_0^1 = \log_e 6 - \log_e 5 = 0.182$$

$$y_1 = 1 - 5y_0 = 1 - 0.910 \simeq 0.0090$$

$$y_2 = 0.5 - 5y_1 \simeq 0.050$$

$$y_3 = 0.333 - 5y_2 \simeq 0.083 \quad > y_2 !!$$

$$y_4 = 0.25 - 5y_3 \simeq -0.165 \quad < 0 !!$$

$$y_{10} \simeq y_9 \Rightarrow y_9 + 5y_9 = 0.1 \Rightarrow y_9 = 0.017$$

$$y_8 = 1/45 - y_9/5 = 0.019$$

$$y_7 = 1/40 - y_8/5 = 0.021$$

$$y_6 = 0.025$$

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$$y_1 = 0.088$$

$$y_0 = 0.182 \quad \text{Correct}$$

Exercise: Make MATLAB script



Order of Recurrence - Error Propagation

ps: Bessel functions are only used as example, no need to know everything about them for this class.

Spherical Bessel Functions

Differential Equation

$$x^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + 2x \frac{dy}{dx} (x^2 - n(n+1)) y = 0$$

Solutions

$$j_n(x) y_n(x)$$

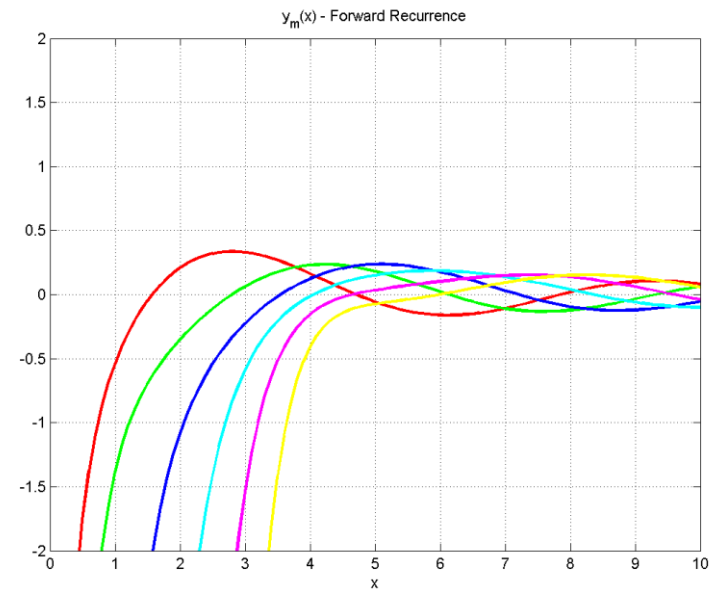
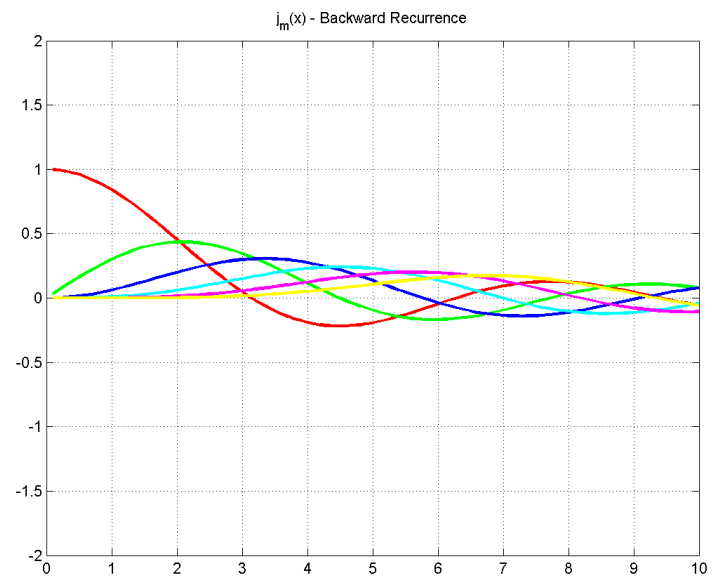
n	$j_n(x)$	$y_n(x)$
0	$\frac{\sin x}{x}$	$-\frac{\cos x}{x}$
1	$\frac{\sin x}{x^2} - \frac{\cos x}{x}$	$-\frac{\cos x}{x^2} - \frac{\sin x}{x}$

Bessel fct. of 1st kind $j_n(x) \rightarrow 0 \begin{cases} n \rightarrow \infty \\ x \rightarrow 0 \end{cases}$

Bessel fct. of 2nd kind $y_n(x) \rightarrow -\infty \begin{cases} n \rightarrow \infty \\ x \rightarrow 0 \end{cases}$

$j_n(x)$

$y_n(x)$





Order of Recurrence - Error Propagation

Spherical Bessel Functions

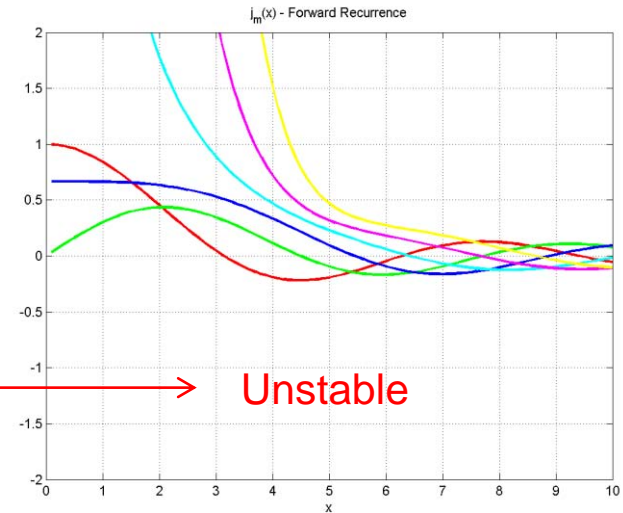
Forward Recurrence

$$j_{n+1}(x) = \frac{2n+1}{x} j_n(x) - j_{n-1}(x)$$

Forward Recurrence

$$\frac{2n+1}{x} j_n(x) \simeq j_{n-1}(x)$$

← Unstable →



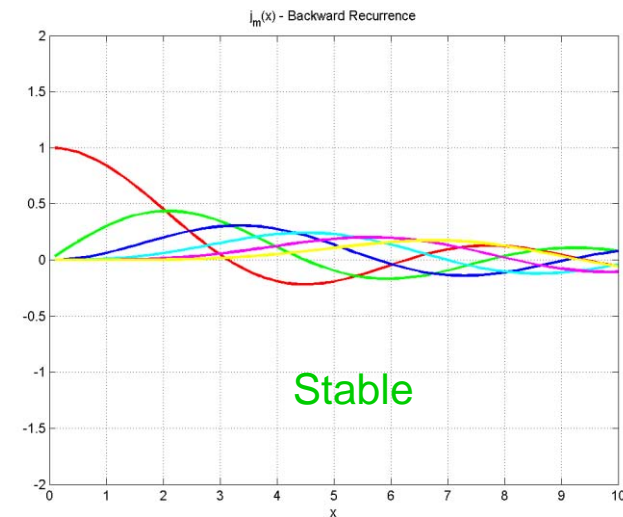
Backward Recurrence

$$j_{n-1}(x) = \frac{2n+1}{x} j_n(x) - j_{n+1}(x)$$

Miller's algorithm

$$j_N(x) = 1, \quad j_{N+1}(x) = 0, \quad j_0(x) = \frac{\sin x}{x}$$

with $N \sim x+20$





Error Propagation: Round-off and Truncation Errors

Differential Equation

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x, y), \quad y_0 = p$$

Example

$$f(x, y) = x \left(y = \frac{x^2}{2} + p \right)$$

Discretization

$$x_n = nh$$

Finite Difference (forward)

$$\frac{dy}{dx} \Big|_{x=x_n} \simeq \frac{y_{n+1} - y_n}{h}$$

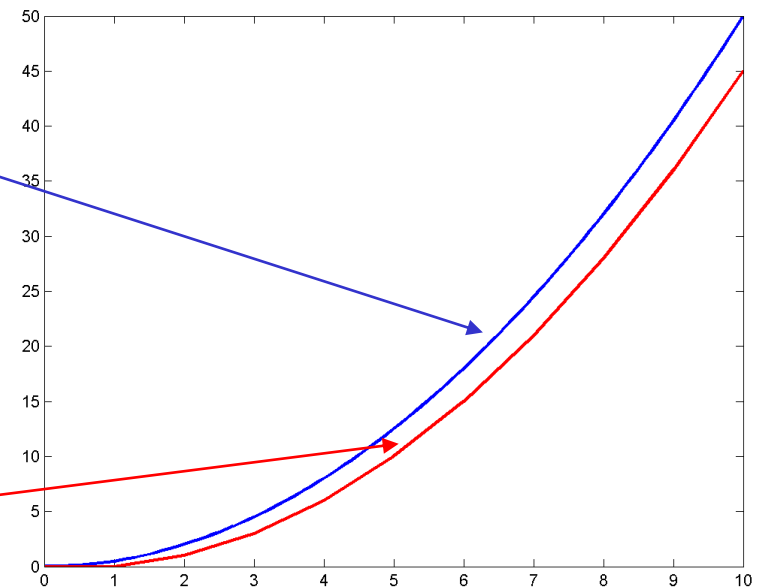
Recurrence

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + hf(nh, y)$$

Central Finite Difference

$$\frac{dy}{dx} \Big|_{x=x_n} \simeq \frac{y_{n+1} - y_{n-1}}{2h}$$

Euler's Method



euler.m



Truncation Errors, Taylor Series and Error Analysis

Taylor Series:

- Provides a mean to predict a function at one point in terms of its values and derivatives at another point (in the form of a polynomial)
- Hence, any smooth functions can be approximated by a polynomial
- Taylor Series (Mean for integrals theorems):

$$f(x_{i+1}) = f(x_i) + \Delta x f'(x_i) + \frac{\Delta x^2}{2!} f''(x_i) + \frac{\Delta x^3}{3!} f'''(x_i) + \dots + \frac{\Delta x^n}{n!} f^n(x_i) + R_n$$

$$R_n = \frac{\Delta x^{n+1}}{n+1!} f^{(n+1)}(\xi) = \int_{x_i}^{x_{i+1}} \frac{(x_{i+1} - t)^n}{n!} f^{(n+1)}(t) dt$$

- = constant + line + parabola + etc



Taylor Series to Derive Finite Difference Schemes

Taylor series,

$$f(x_{i+1}) = f(x_i) + \Delta x f'(x_i) + \frac{\Delta x^2}{2!} f''(x_i) + \frac{\Delta x^3}{3!} f'''(x_i) + \dots + \frac{\Delta x^n}{n!} f^n(x_i) + R_n$$

Δx constant:

$$R_n = \frac{\Delta x^{n+1}}{n+1!} f^{(n+1)}(\xi)$$

- Forward finite-difference estimate of $f'(x_i)$ with 1st order accuracy

$$\left. f(x_{i+1}) = f(x_i) + \Delta x f'(x_i) + \frac{\Delta x^2}{2!} f''(x_i) + O(\Delta x^3) \right\} \longrightarrow f'(x_i) = \frac{f(x_{i+1}) - f(x_i)}{\Delta x} - \frac{\Delta x}{2!} f''(x_i) - O(\Delta x^2)$$

- Centered finite-difference estimate of $f'(x_i)$ with 2nd order accuracy

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{Forward} \quad f(x_{i+1}) = f(x_i) + \Delta x f'(x_i) + \frac{\Delta x^2}{2!} f''(x_i) + \frac{\Delta x^3}{3!} f'''(x_i) + O(\Delta x^4) + O(\Delta x^5) \\ \text{Backward} \quad f(x_{i-1}) = f(x_i) - \Delta x f'(x_i) + \frac{\Delta x^2}{2!} f''(x_i) - \frac{\Delta x^3}{3!} f'''(x_i) + O(\Delta x^4) - O(\Delta x^5) \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\longrightarrow f'(x_i) = \frac{f(x_{i+1}) - f(x_{i-1}))}{2\Delta x} - \frac{\Delta x^2}{3!} f'''(x_i) - O(\Delta x^4)$$

- Order p of accuracy indicates how fast the error is reduced when the grid is refined (not the magnitude of the error)



Derivation of General “Differential” Error Propagation Formula

Univariate Case $y = f(x)$

Recall:
$$f(x_{i+1}) = f(x_i) + \Delta x f'(x_i) + \frac{\Delta x^2}{2!} f''(x_i) + \frac{\Delta x^3}{3!} f'''(x_i) + \dots + \frac{\Delta x^n}{n!} f^n(x_i) + R_n$$

$$R_n = \frac{\Delta x^{n+1}}{n+1!} f^{(n+1)}(\xi) = O(\Delta x^{n+1})$$

Hence,
$$\Delta y \doteq \Delta f = f(x_{i+1}) - f(x_i)$$

$$= \Delta x f'(x_i) + \frac{\Delta x^2}{2!} f''(x_i) + \frac{\Delta x^3}{3!} f'''(x_i) + \dots + \frac{\Delta x^n}{n!} f^n(x_i) + R_n$$

For $\Delta x \ll 1$, $\Delta f = \Delta x f'(x_i) + O(\Delta x^2) \simeq \Delta x f'(x_i)$

Thus, for an error on x equal to Δx such that $|\Delta x| \doteq \varepsilon \ll 1$, we have an error on y equal to :

$$\varepsilon_y = |\Delta y| = |\Delta f| \simeq |\Delta x f'(x_i)| = |\Delta x| |f'(x_i)| = \varepsilon |f'(x_i)|$$

Multivariate case

$$y = f(x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n)$$

Derivation done in class on the board

$$\text{For } |\Delta x_i| \ll 1, \quad \varepsilon_y \leq \sum_{i=1}^n \left| \frac{\partial f(x_1, \dots, x_n)}{\partial x_i} \right| \varepsilon_i$$



General Error Propagation Formula (The Differential Formula)

$$y = f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$$

Absolute Errors

$$\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2, \dots, \epsilon_n$$

ϵ_y ?

Function of one variable

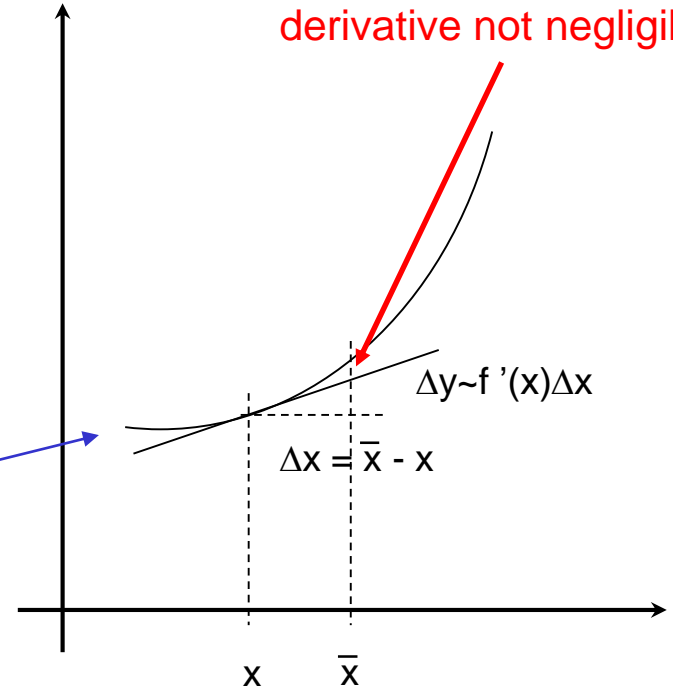
$$y = f(x) \quad \bar{y} = f(\bar{x}) \Rightarrow \Delta y \sim f'(x) \Delta x$$

Fct. of n var., General Error Propagation Formula

$$\Delta y \simeq \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial f(x_1, \dots, x_n)}{\partial x_i} \Delta x_i$$

$$\epsilon_y \leq \sum_{i=1}^n \left| \frac{\partial f(x_1, \dots, x_n)}{\partial x_i} \right| |\epsilon_i|$$

Note: not to scale. For this large plotted Δx , second derivative not negligible





Error Propagation Example with Differential Approach: Multiplications

Multiplication

Error Propagation Formula

$$y = x_1 x_2$$

$$\Rightarrow \log y = \log x_1 + \log x_2$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial x_i} = \frac{1}{x_i}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial y}{\partial x_i} = \frac{y}{x_i}$$

\Rightarrow

$$\left| \frac{\Delta y}{y} \right| \leq \sum_{i=1}^2 \left| \frac{\Delta x_i}{x_i} \right|$$

$$\mathcal{E}_y^r \leq \sum_{i=1}^2 \mathcal{E}_i^r$$

Relative Errors Add for Multiplication

Another example, more general case:

$$y = x_1^{m_1} x_2^{m_2} \cdots x_n^{m_n}$$

$$\mathcal{E}_y^r \leq \sum_{i=1}^n |m_i| \mathcal{E}_i^r$$

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