

## Answer on Question #76730 – Math – Quantitative Methods

### Question

Write and solve an example of Runge Kutta Fehlberg Method.

### Solution

The rate of change of the temperature  $dT(t)/dt$ , is (by Newton's Law of Cooling) proportional to the difference between the temperature of the object  $T(t)$  and the ambient temperature  $T_a$ . This means that:

$$\frac{dT(t)}{dt} = -r(T(t) - T_a), \quad r - \text{positive constant characteristic of the system}$$

The analytical solution of this differential equation:

$$T(t) = T_a + C \cdot e^{-rt}$$

Let for  $t=0$   $T(0)=5$  and  $r=0.3$  and  $T_a=35$  then:

$$\frac{dT(t)}{dt} = -0.3(T(t) - 35) \text{ with IVP: } T(0) = 5 \quad (1)$$

And exact solution:

$$T(t) = 35 - 30 \cdot e^{-0.3 \cdot t}$$

The Runge-Kutta-Fehlberg method is single-step method. This method has a procedure to determine whether the correct step size  $h$  is used. Each step requires the use of the following six values:

$$k_1 = h \cdot f(x_k, y_k)$$

$$k_2 = h \cdot f\left(x_k + \frac{1}{4}h, y_k + \frac{1}{4}k_1\right)$$

$$k_3 = h \cdot f\left(x_k + \frac{3}{8}h, y_k + \frac{3}{32}k_1 + \frac{9}{32}k_2\right)$$

$$k_4 = h \cdot f\left(x_k + \frac{12}{13}h, y_k + \frac{1932}{2197}k_1 - \frac{7200}{2197}k_2 + \frac{7296}{2197}k_3\right)$$

$$k_5 = h \cdot f\left(x_k + h, y_k + \frac{439}{216}k_1 - 8k_2 + \frac{3680}{513}k_3 - \frac{845}{4104}k_4\right)$$

$$k_6 = h \cdot f\left(x_k + \frac{1}{2}h, y_k - \frac{8}{27}k_1 + 2k_2 - \frac{3544}{2565}k_3 + \frac{1859}{4104}k_4 - \frac{11}{40}k_5\right)$$

Then we calculate the approximation to the solution with the help of the method of the fourth order:

$$y_{k+1}^4 = y_k + \frac{25}{216}k_1 + \frac{1408}{2565}k_3 + \frac{2197}{4101}k_4 - \frac{1}{5}k_5, \quad \text{Error} = O(h^4)$$

And the approximation to the solution with the help of the method of the 5th order:

$$y_{k+1}^5 = y_k + \frac{16}{135}k_1 + \frac{6656}{12825}k_3 + \frac{28561}{56430}k_4 - \frac{9}{50}k_5 + \frac{2}{55}k_6, \quad \text{Error} = O(h^5)$$

At each step, two different approximations for the solution are made and compared. The optimal step size is  $(\delta \cdot h)$ .

$$\varepsilon_{n+1} = \frac{1}{h} |y_{k+1}^4 - y_{k+1}^5|, \quad \delta = 0.84 \left( \frac{\varepsilon}{\varepsilon_{n+1}} \right)^{\frac{1}{4}}, \quad \varepsilon - \text{specified accuracy}$$

Problem solving and error analysis:

$$D(t,T) := -0.3 \cdot (T - 35) \quad y_0 := 5$$

D(t,T) - 1st order ODE with IVP

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Runge45(y0,D) := (x0 ← 0 y0 ← y0 h ← 10-2)
  for i ∈ 0..30
    xi+1 ← xi + h
    k1 ← D(xi,yi)
    k2 ← D(xi +  $\frac{h}{4}$ , yi +  $\frac{h \cdot k1}{4}$ )
    k3 ← D(xi +  $\frac{3 \cdot h}{8}$ , yi +  $\frac{h \cdot 3 \cdot k1}{32}$  +  $\frac{h \cdot 9 \cdot k2}{32}$ )
    k4 ← D(xi +  $\frac{12 \cdot h}{13}$ , yi +  $\frac{h \cdot 1932 \cdot k1}{2197}$  -  $\frac{h \cdot 7200 \cdot k2}{2197}$  +  $\frac{h \cdot 7296 \cdot k3}{2197}$ )
    k5 ← D(xi + h, yi +  $\frac{h \cdot 439 \cdot k1}{216}$  - h · 8 · k2 +  $\frac{h \cdot 3680 \cdot k3}{513}$  -  $\frac{h \cdot 845 \cdot k4}{4104}$ )
    k6 ← D(xi +  $\frac{h}{2}$ , yi -  $\frac{h \cdot 8 \cdot k1}{27}$  + h · 2 · k2 -  $\frac{h \cdot 3544 \cdot k3}{2565}$  +  $\frac{h \cdot 1859 \cdot k4}{4104}$  -  $\frac{h \cdot 11 \cdot k5}{40}$ )
    wi+1 ← yi + h · (  $\frac{25 \cdot k1}{216}$  +  $\frac{1408 \cdot k3}{2565}$  +  $\frac{2197 \cdot k4}{4101}$  -  $\frac{k5}{5}$  )
    zi+1 ← yi + h · (  $\frac{16 \cdot k1}{135}$  +  $\frac{6656 \cdot k3}{12825}$  +  $\frac{28561 \cdot k4}{56430}$  -  $\frac{9 \cdot k5}{50}$  +  $\frac{2 \cdot k6}{55}$  )
    yi+1 ← zi+1
    h ← (  $\frac{h \cdot 10^{-2}}{|z_{i+1} - w_{i+1}|}$  ) $\frac{1}{4}$  · h · 0.84
  return augment(x,y)

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Error calculation.  
 T - exact value  
 AT - approximation

$$Z := \text{Runge45}(y_0, D) \quad fT(t) := 35 - 30 \cdot e^{-0.3 \cdot t}$$

$$i := 0.. \text{rows}(Z) - 1 \quad \text{time}_i := Z_{i,0} \quad T_i := fT(\text{time}_i) \quad AT_i := Z_{i,1} \quad |T - AT| = 7.80215501191E-005$$

