Runge-Kutta guaranteed integration of ODEs

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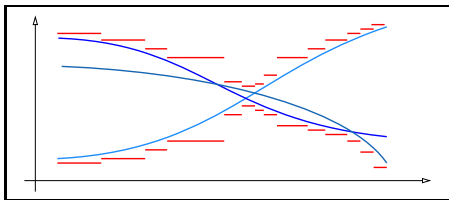
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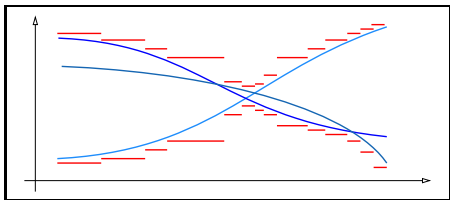We want to compute two functions that are guaranteed to enclose all the possible values of y.

What we really need: given $\dot{y} = f(y)$, a set of enclosures $\mathbf{[y_n]}$ such that $\forall t_n, y(t_n) \in \mathbf{[y_n]}$.

What already exists.

- On the one side, validated integration using Taylor methods:
  - Taylor series expansion w.r.t. time only: AWA, VNODE
  - Taylor series expansion w.r.t. time and initial values: COSY VI
  - They mainly differ in the representation of the computed enclosures (intervals or Taylor models).

- On the other side, there are non validated integration methods:
  - Euler, Runge-Kutta,. . .
  - They have been intensively used for simulation and engineers often know how to tune them.

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A naive transformation of this formula into interval arithmetics gives:

$$[y_{j+1}] = [y_j] + \sum_{k=1}^{N-1} f^{[k-1]}([y_j]) h_j^k + h_j^N f^{[N-1]}([\tilde{y_j}])$$

Interval Taylor series methods

- *Computation of* $[\tilde{y}_j]$: Picard-Lindelöf operator (or higher order methods).
- *Avoiding* $[y_j]$ *to grow*: we compute the interval evaluations with the mean value form:

$$
\begin{aligned}
[y_{j+1}] &= \hat{y}_j + \sum_{k=1}^{N-1} f^{[k-1]}(\hat{y}_j)h_j^k + h_j^N f^{[N-1]}([\tilde{y}_j]) + \\
&\quad \big(I + \sum_{k=1}^{N-1} J(f^{[k-1]},[y_j])h_j^k\big)([y_j] - \hat{y}_j) \\
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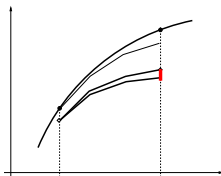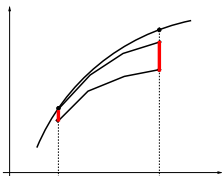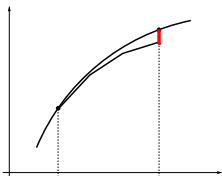\end{aligned}
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So, the enclosure at the next step is computed as the sum of :

- a point: $y_{j+1} = \hat{y}_j + \sum_{k=1}^{N-1} f^{[k-1]}(\hat{y}_j) h_j^k$
- a local error term: $h_j^N f^{[N-1]}([\tilde{y}_j])$
- an error propagation term: $S_j.([y_j] - \hat{y}_j)$

Wrapping effect occurs during the computation of the error propagation. To reduce it, you can use for example the **QR-factorization** method.
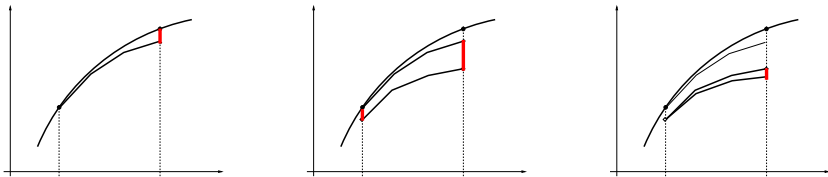
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- *Compute the point approximation and the error independently.*
    - not validated approximation points are computed without any interval arithmetics.
    - errors are computed in a second time and compared to a user defined tolerance ϵ.
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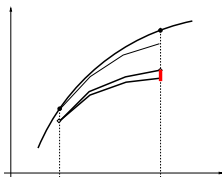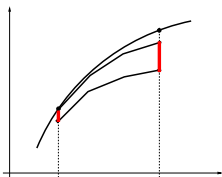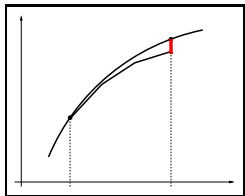- Each error is computed independently:

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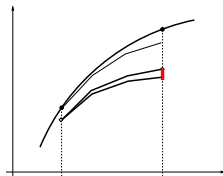- *Each error is computed independently:*

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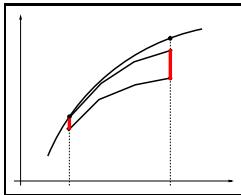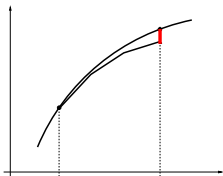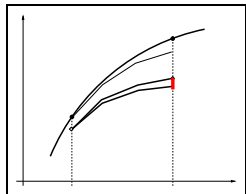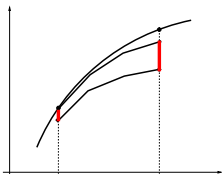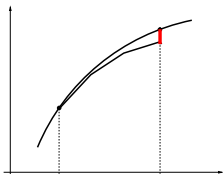- *Each error is computed independently:*

Global error arithmetics for the roundoff error.

Notations.

- Real numbers: $a \in \mathbb{R}$
- Floating point numbers: $\mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{F}$
- Intervals: $[a] = [\underline{a}, \overline{a}]$
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- Initial value problem:

$$\dot{y} = f(y), \quad y(t_0) \in y_0 + [e_0] \quad \text{with} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} y : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}^d \\ f : \mathbb{R}^d \to \mathbb{R}^d \end{array} \right. \qquad (3.2)$$

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Goal: Find an enclosure of $y\big(t_j\big) - \mathbf{y_j}$.

Some definitions.

We define the following functions:

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\begin{aligned}
k_1(y, h) &= f(y) \\
k_2(y, h) &= f(y + h/2.k_1(y, h)) \\
k_3(y, h) &= f(y + h/2.k_2(y, h)) \\
k_4(y, h) &= f(y + hk_3(y, h)) \\
\Phi(y, h) &= y + \frac{h}{6}\big(k_1(y, h) + 2k_2(y, h) + 2k_3(y, h) + k_4(y, h)\big)
\end{aligned}
$$

We then have:

$$
y_{j+1} = \Phi(y_j, h_j)
$$

We also define:

$$
\varphi_j : t \mapsto \Phi\big(t - t_j, y(t_j)\big) \quad \psi_j : y \mapsto \Phi\big(h_j, y\big)
$$

Computing the error: one step error

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  - $y_{j+1} = \varphi_j(t_{j+1})$
  - $\forall i \in [0,4]$, $\frac{d^i y}{dt^i}(t_j) = \frac{d^i \varphi_j}{dt^i}(t_j)$
  - Therefore, there exists $\xi \in [t_j, t_{j+1}]$ such that

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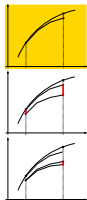
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$$y(t_{j+1}) - \varphi_j(t_{j+1}) \in \frac{h_j^5}{120} \left(\frac{d^4 f}{dx^4}([\tilde{y}_j]) - \frac{d^5 \varphi_j}{dx^5}([t_j, t_{j+1}]) \right)$$

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  - In Taylor series method, the local error is:

  $$\frac{h_j^N}{N!} \frac{d^{N-1} f}{dx^{N-1}}([\tilde{y}_j])$$

Computing the error: propagation

Now, what if there were an error: $y(t_j) \in \mathbf{y_j} + \mathbf{[e_j]}$

- We now have: $y_{j+1} = \psi_j(y_j)$ and $y_{j+1}^* = \psi_j(y(t_j))$
- So, $\boxed{y_{j+1} - y_{j+1}^* = Jac(\psi_j, \chi_j).\epsilon_j}$ with $\chi_j \in [y_j, y(t_j)]$

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- In both cases, the use of the QR preconditionning keeps the method stable.

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&= \mathbf{y_{j+1}} + \left(y - \varphi_j\right)^{[5]}(\xi) + \left(y^*_{j+1} - y_{j+1}\right) - E_{j+1} \\
\mathbf{[e_{j+1}]} &\in \left(y - \varphi_j\right)^{[5]}(\mathbf{[R]}) + Jac(\psi_j, \mathbf{y_j} + \mathbf{[e_j]}).\mathbf{[e_j]} - \mathbf{[E_{j+1}]}
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- Implementation issues:
  - Löhner's QR-factorization method for reducing the wrapping effect
  - Overapproximation of $\mathbf{[E_j]}$: we use the *global error arithmetics*

Computing the error : round-off error.

$$a = f_a + e_a \overrightarrow{\varepsilon_e} \quad and \quad b = f_b + e_b \overrightarrow{\varepsilon_e}$$

$$
\begin{aligned}
a + b &= \uparrow_{\sim} (f_a + f_b) + (e_a + e_b + \downarrow_{\sim} (f_a + f_b)) \overrightarrow{\varepsilon_e} \\
a - b &= \uparrow_{\sim} (f_a - f_b) + (e_a - e_b + \downarrow_{\sim} (f_a - f_b)) \overrightarrow{\varepsilon_e} \\
a \times b &= \uparrow_{\sim} (f_a \times f_b) + (e_a f_b + e_b f_a + e_a e_b + \downarrow_{\sim} (f_a \times f_b)) \overrightarrow{\varepsilon_e}
\end{aligned}
$$

- Let the user know both the result (f) and its distance to the real result.

Computing the error : round-off error.

Suppose that we are working on a 4 digits machine. We have two global error numbers, $a = 621.3 + 0.05\overrightarrow{\varepsilon_e}$ and $b = 1.287 + 0.0005\overrightarrow{\varepsilon_e}$, that we want to multiply.

$$
\begin{array}{rllll}
 & 621.3 & + & 0.05\overrightarrow{\varepsilon_e} & a \\
\times & 1.287 & + & 0.0005\overrightarrow{\varepsilon_e} & b \\
\hline
= & 799.6131 & & & \text{Real result} \\
 & & + & 0.06435\overrightarrow{\varepsilon_e} & \text{Error due to } a \\
 & & + & 0.31065\overrightarrow{\varepsilon_e} & \text{Error due to } b \\
 & & + & 0.000025\overrightarrow{\varepsilon_e} & \text{Second order term} \\
\hline
= & 799.6\varepsilon & & & \text{Floating point result} \\
 & & & & = \uparrow_\sim (f_a \times f_b) \\
 & & + & 0.375025\overrightarrow{\varepsilon_e} & \\
 & & + & 0.0131\overrightarrow{\varepsilon_e} & \downarrow_\sim (f_a \times f_b) \\
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    Lorenz equations:

$$\begin{cases} \dot{y_1} = 10(y_2 - y_1) \\ \dot{y_2} = y_1(28 - y_3) - y_2 \\ \dot{y_3} = y_1 * y_2 - \frac{8}{3}y_3 \end{cases}$$

$t =$	5	10	15
ϵ	2.10^{-8}	4.10^{-5}	6.10^{-4}

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- Further work:
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  - use better domains for the representation of the error to reduce wrapping effect (Taylor models).