

# CHAPTER 8d. DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS



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## First-order Ordinary Differential Equations



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- Runge-Kutta (RK) Methods
  - Euler's and modified Euler's methods are considered special cases of second-order Runge-Kutta (RK) method.
  - They are also considered to be one-step methods since they use information from one interval in estimating the value of  $y$  at the end of the interval.



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## Runge-Kutta (RK) Methods

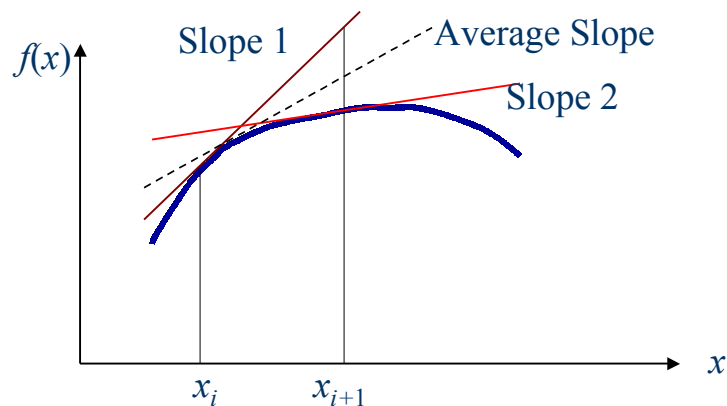
- A class of methods called Runge-Kutta methods, which include the Euler's and modified Euler's methods, is widely used.
- In these methods, the  $y$  value at the end of the interval is determined based on the value at the beginning of the interval, the step size, and some representative slope over the interval.



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## Runge-Kutta (RK) Methods





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- Second-order Runge-Kutta Methods
  - There are three representations for second-order RK Methods.
  - They are all similar in a sense that they use information at the beginning and at the end of the interval.
  - However, they differ in representing the slope, which projects the the new value of  $y$  at the end of the interval.

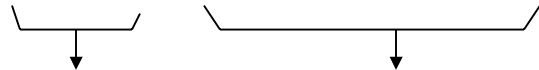


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- First Representation
  - The first representation is the modified Euler’s Method:

$$y_{i+1} = y_i + 0.5h[f(x_i, y_i) + f(x_i + h, y_i + hf(x_i, y_i))]$$



$$\left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{x_i}$$

Slope 1  
 $S_1$

$$\left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{x_{i+1}}$$

Slope 2  
 $S_2$



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- First Representation of Second-order RK Methods

$$y_{i+1} = y_i + 0.5h[S_1 + S_2] \quad (19)$$

$$S_1 = f(x_i, y_i)$$

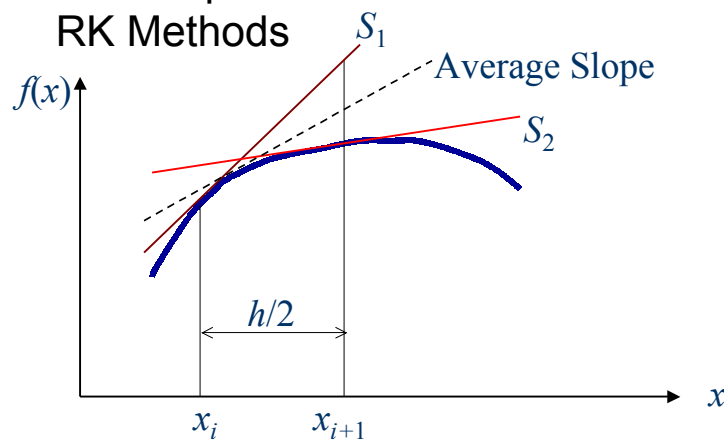
$$S_2 = f(x_i + h, y_i + hS_1)$$



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- First Representation of Second-order RK Methods





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- Second Representation of Second-order RK Methods

$$y_{i+1} = y_i + S_2 h \quad (20)$$

$$S_1 = f(x_i, y_i)$$

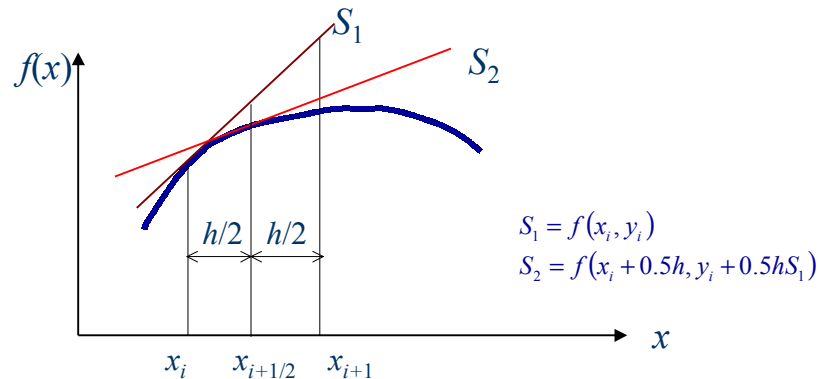
$$S_2 = f(x_i + 0.5h, y_i + 0.5hS_1)$$



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- Second Representation of Second-order RK Methods





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- Third Representation of Second-order RK Methods

$$y_{i+1} = y_i + \left( \frac{1}{3} S_1 + \frac{2}{3} S_2 \right) h \quad (21)$$

$$S_1 = f(x_i, y_i)$$

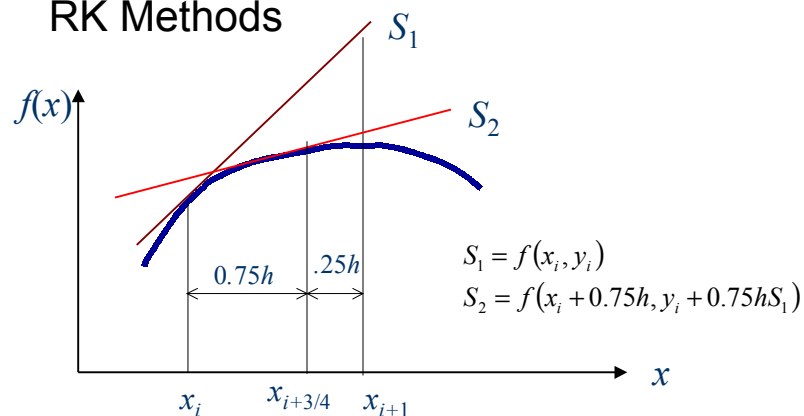
$$S_2 = f(x_i + 0.75h, y_i + 0.75hS_1)$$



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- Third Representation of Second-order RK Methods





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- Example 10 – Third Representation Second-order RK Method

Rework Example 9 using third representation second-order Runge-Kutta method:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} - \frac{1}{2}y = 0 \quad \text{such that } y = 1 \text{ at } x = 0$$



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- Example 10 (cont'd)

$$y_{i+1} = y_i + \left( \frac{1}{3}S_1 + \frac{2}{3}S_2 \right) h$$

$$S_1 = f(x_i, y_i) = \frac{dy}{dx} \Big|_{\substack{x=0 \\ y=1}} = \frac{1}{2}y = \frac{1}{2}(1) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$S_2 = f(x_i + 0.75h, y_i + 0.75hS_1)$$

$$x_i + 0.75h = 0 + 0.75(0.1) = 0.075$$



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## Example 10 (cont'd)

$$y_i + 0.75hS_1 = 1 + 0.75(0.1)\frac{1}{2} = 1.0375$$

$$S_2 = \left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{\substack{x=0.075 \\ y=1.0375}} = \frac{1}{2}y = \frac{1}{2}(1.0375) = 0.51875$$

$$\begin{aligned} y_2 &= y_1 + \left( \frac{1}{3}S_1 + \frac{2}{3}S_2 \right) \\ &= 1 + \left( \frac{1}{3} \frac{1}{2} + \frac{2}{3}(0.51875) \right) 0.1 = 1.05125 \end{aligned}$$



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## Third-order Runge-Kutta Methods

$$y_{i+1} = y_i + \frac{h}{6} [S_1 + 4S_2 + S_3] \quad (22)$$

$$S_1 = f(x_i, y_i)$$

$$S_2 = f(x_i + 0.5h, y_i + 0.5hS_1)$$

$$S_3 = f(x_i + h, y_i - hS_1 + 2hS_2)$$





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## Example 11 – Third-order RK Method

Solve the following differential equation using the third-order Runge-Kutta method for  $1 \leq x \leq 2$  with step size of  $h = 0.1$ :

$$\frac{dy}{dx} - y(x^2 + 1) = 0 \quad \text{such that } y = 2 \text{ at } x = 1$$

and compare your result with the exact solution as given by:

$$y = e^{\frac{x^3}{3} + x - 0.640186}$$



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## Example 11 (cont'd) – Third-order RK Method

$i = 0$ :

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = y(x^2 + 1) = f(x_i, y_i), \quad x_0 = 1, y_0 = 2$$

$$S_1 = f(1, 2) = (2)(1^2 + 1) = 4$$

$$x_0 + 0.5h = 1 + 0.5(0.1) = 1.05$$

$$y_0 + 0.5hS_1 = 2 + 0.5(0.1)(4) = 2.2$$



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- Example 11 (cont'd) – Third-order RK Method

$$S_2 = f(1.05, 2.2) = \left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{\substack{x=1.05 \\ y=2.2}} = 2.2[(1.05)^2 + 1] = 4.6255$$

$$x_0 + h = 1 + 0.1 = 1.1$$

$$y_0 - hS_1 + 2hS_2 = 2 - 0.1(4) + 2(0.1)(4.6255) = 2.5251$$

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- Example 11 (cont'd) – Third-order RK Method

$$\begin{aligned} S_3 &= f(1.1, 2.5251) = \left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{\substack{x=1.1 \\ y=2.5251}} \\ &= (2.5251)[(1.1)^2 + 1] = 5.580471 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$y_1 = 2 + \frac{0.1}{6} [4 + 4(4.6255) + 5.580471] = \underline{2.468041}$$

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## Example 11 (cont'd) – Third-order RK Method

$i = 1$ :

$$y_2 = y_1 + \frac{h}{6}[S_1 + 4S_2 + S_3]$$

$$x_1 = x_0 + h = 1 + 0.1 = 1.1$$

$$y_1 = 2.468041$$

$$S_1 = 5.454371, \quad S_2 = 6.365414, \quad S_3 = 7.79476$$

Therefore,

$$y_2 = 2.468041 + \frac{0.1}{6}[S_1 + 4S_2 + S_3] = 3.113266$$



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## Example 11 (cont'd) – Third-order RK Method

$$\frac{dy}{dx} - y(x^2 + 1) = 0 \quad \text{The exact solution is given by:} \quad y = e^{\frac{x^3}{3} + x - 0.640186}$$

such that  $y(1) = 2 \quad 1.0 \leq x \leq 2.0$   
 $h = 0.1$

i	x	S <sub>1</sub>	S <sub>2</sub>	S <sub>3</sub>	y (R-K third-order)	y (exact)	% error
0	1	4.000000	-	-	-	2	-
1	1.1	5.454371	4.625500	5.580471	2.468041	2.468179	0.005587
2	1.2	7.596370	6.365414	7.797476	3.113266	3.113707	0.014157
3	1.3	10.820228	8.951030	11.146917	4.022390	4.023481	0.027112
4	1.4	15.787307	12.880200	16.328564	5.333550	5.336023	0.046359
5	1.5	23.634890	18.996343	24.550785	7.272274	7.277694	0.074469
6	1.6	36.370522	28.764798	37.955810	10.216439	10.228187	0.114860
7	1.7	57.637210	44.800157	60.448336	14.816764	14.842292	0.171997
8	1.8	94.241231	71.900660	99.356660	22.226705	22.282776	0.251631
9	1.9	159.295038	119.136697	168.863939	34.554238	34.679451	0.361059
10	2	278.888353	204.197449	297.321121	55.777671	56.063258	0.509403



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## Fourth-order Runge-Kutta Method

$$y_{i+1} = y_i + \frac{h}{6} [S_1 + 2S_2 + 2S_3 + S_4] \quad (23)$$

$$S_1 = f(x_i, y_i)$$

$$S_2 = f(x_i + 0.5h, y_i + 0.5hS_1)$$

$$S_3 = f(x_i + 0.5h, y_i + 0.5hS_2)$$

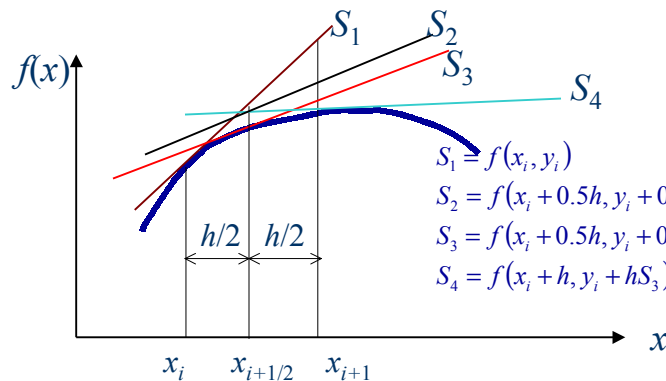
$$S_4 = f(x_i + h, y_i + hS_3)$$



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## Fourth-order Runge-Kutta Method





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## Example 12 – Fourth-order RK Method

Solve the following differential equation of Example 11 using the third-order Runge-Kutta method for  $1 \leq x \leq 2$  with step size of

$h = 0.1$ :

$$\frac{dy}{dx} - y(x^2 + 1) = 0 \quad \text{such that } y = 2 \text{ at } x = 1$$

and compare your result with the exact solution as given by:

$$y = e^{\frac{x^3}{3} + x - 0.640186}$$



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## Example 12 (cont'd) – Fourth-order RK Method

$i = 0$ :

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = y(x^2 + 1) = f(x_i, y_i), \quad x_0 = 1, y_0 = 2$$

$$y_{i+1} = y_i + \frac{h}{6} [S_1 + 2S_2 + 2S_3 + S_4]$$

$$y_1 = y_0 + \frac{h}{6} [S_1 + 2S_2 + 2S_3 + S_4]$$



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## ▪ Example 12 (cont'd) – Fourth-order RK Method

$$S_1 = f(1,2) = 2(1^2 + 1) = 4$$

$$x_0 + 0.5h = 1 + 0.5(0.1) = 1.05$$

$$y_0 + 0.5hS_1 = 2 + 0.5(0.1)(4) = 2.2$$

$$S_2 = f(1.05, 2.2) = 2.2[(1.05)^2 + 1] = 4.6255$$

$$x_0 + 0.5h = 1 + 0.5(0.1) = 1.05$$

$$y_0 + 0.5hS_2 = 2 + 0.5(0.1)(4.6255) = 2.231275$$

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## ▪ Example 12 (cont'd) – Fourth-order RK Method

$$S_3 = f(1.05, 2.231275) = 2.231275[(1.05)^2 + 1] = 4.691256$$

$$x_0 + h = 1 + 0.1 = 1.1$$

$$y_0 + hS_3 = 2 + 0.1(4.691256) = 2.469126$$

$$S_4 = f(1.1, 2.469126) = 2.469126[(1.1)^2 + 1] = 5.456768$$

Therefore,

$$y_1 = 2 + \frac{0.1}{6} [4 + 2(4.6255) + 2(4.691256) + 5.456768] \\ = 2.468171$$

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## Example 12 (cont'd) – Fourth-order RK Method

$i = 1$ :

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = y(x^2 + 1) = f(x_i, y_i) \quad x_0 = 1.1, y_0 = 2.468171$$

$$y_{i+1} = y_i + \frac{h}{6} [S_1 + 2S_2 + 2S_3 + S_4]$$

$$y_2 = y_1 + \frac{h}{6} [S_1 + 2S_2 + 2S_3 + S_4]$$

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## Example 12 (cont'd) – Fourth-order RK Method

$$S_1 = f(1.1, 2.468171) = 2.468171[(1.1)^2 + 1] = 5.454659$$

$$x_1 + 0.5h = 1.1 + 0.5(0.1) = 1.15$$

$$y_1 + 0.5hS_1 = 2.468171 + 0.5(0.1)(5.454659) = 2.740904$$

$$S_2 = f(1.15, 2.740904) = 2.740904[(1.15)^2 + 1] = 6.365749$$

$$x_1 + 0.5h = 1.1 + 0.5(0.1) = 1.15$$

$$y_2 + 0.5hS_2 = 2.468171 + 0.5(0.1)(6.365749) = 2.786458$$

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## Example 12 (cont'd) – Fourth-order RK Method

$$S_3 = f(1.15, 2.786458) = 2.2786458[(1.15)^2 + 1] = 6.47155$$

$$x_1 + h = 1.1 + 0.1 = 1.2$$

$$y_1 + hS_3 = 2.468171 + 0.1(6.47155) = 3.115326$$

$$S_4 = f(1.2, 3.115326) = 3.115326[(1.2)^2 + 1] = 7.601395$$

Therefore,

$$y_2 = 2.468171 + \frac{0.1}{6} [5.454659 + 2(6.365749) + 2(6.47155) + 7.601395] = 3.113682$$



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## Example 12 (cont'd) – Fourth-order RK Method

$$\frac{dy}{dx} - y(x^2 + 1) = 0 \quad \text{The exact solution is given by: } y = e^{\frac{x^2}{3} + x - 0.640186}$$

such that  $y(1) = 2 \quad 1.0 \leq x \leq 2.0$

$$h = 0.1$$

i	x	S <sub>1</sub>	S <sub>2</sub>	S <sub>3</sub>	S <sub>4</sub>	y (R-K fourth-order)	y (exact)	% error
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3	1.3	10.823066	8.952248	9.125837	10.830676	4.023445	4.023481	0.000893
4	1.4	15.794402	12.883578	13.174367	15.809009	5.335947	5.336023	0.001436
5	1.5	23.651964	19.004881	19.502907	23.680271	7.277527	7.277694	0.002284
6	1.6	36.411038	28.785577	29.658933	36.466578	10.227820	10.228187	0.003591
7	1.7	57.733295	44.850063	46.420777	57.843901	14.841464	14.842292	0.005579
8	1.8	94.470880	72.020523	74.922616	94.694996	22.280868	22.282776	0.008562
9	1.9	159.851518	119.427012	124.945437	160.314648	34.674950	34.679451	0.012981
10	2	280.261797	204.910792	215.730650	281.240073	56.052359	56.063258	0.019441





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## Least-Squares Method

- In the previous methods, the solution is obtained as a series of points using the step size or interval  $h$ .
- The least-squares method provides a function that can be used to approximate the value of the dependent variable  $y$  for any given value of the independent variable  $x$ .



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## Least-Squares Method

### Procedure for Deriving Least-Squares Function

1. For a given ordinary differential equation, assume that the solution is a differentiable function such as given by the following polynomial:

$$\hat{y} = b_0 + b_1x + b_2x^2 + \dots + b_nx^n \quad (24)$$



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## Least-Squares Method

2. Use the boundary condition of the ordinary differential equation to evaluate one of the coefficients of the assumed function or to provide a condition toward the solution of the coefficients.
3. Define the least-squares objective function  $F$ , which is the integral of the errors,  $e$ , squared.

$$F = \int_x e^2 dx \quad (25)$$



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## Least-Squares Method

The error is defined as the difference between the derivatives for the assumed function (Eq. 24) and the actual function, that is

$$e = \frac{d\hat{y}}{dx} - \frac{dy}{dx} \quad (26)$$

4. Find the minimum of  $F$  with respect to the unknowns  $b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n$  of the assumed function of Eq. 24 by taking the derivatives of Eq. 25 with respect to the unknowns and setting the derivatives equal to zero, that is



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## Least-Squares Method

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial b_i} = \int_{\text{all } x} 2e \frac{\partial e}{\partial b_i} dx = 0 \quad (27)$$

- The integrals of Equation 27 are called the normal equations. The solution of the normal equations yields values of the unknowns coefficients  $b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n$ .



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## Example 13 – Least-Squares Method

Solve the following differential equation by finding an expression for the dependent variable  $y$  using the least-squares method and compare with the true function  $y = e^{x^2/2}$ :

$$\frac{dy}{dx} - xy = 0 \quad \text{such that } y = 1 \text{ at } x = 0$$

Use a quadratic model for your expression for  $0 \leq x \leq 1$ .



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- Example 13 (cont'd)– Least-Squares Method

$$\hat{y} = b_0 + b_1x + b_2x^2$$

Using the boundary condition:

$$1 = b_0 + b_1(0) + b_2(0)^2$$

Therefore,

$$b_0 = 1$$



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- Example 13 (cont'd)– Least-Squares Method

The derivative is

$$\frac{d\hat{y}}{dx} = b_1 + 2b_2x$$

The error function is

$$\begin{aligned} e &= \frac{d\hat{y}}{dx} - \frac{dy}{dx} = b_1 + 2b_2x - xy \\ &= b_1 + 2b_2x - x(1 + b_1x + b_2x^2) \end{aligned}$$



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## Example 13 (cont'd)– Least-Squares Method

$$e = b_1(1 - x^2) + b_2(2x - x^3) - x$$

The derivatives can be computed for  $b_1$  and  $b_2$  as follows:

$$\frac{\partial e}{\partial b_1} = 1 - x^2$$

$$\frac{\partial e}{\partial b_2} = 2x - x^3$$



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## Example 13 (cont'd)– Least-Squares Method

Using Eq. 27, and

$$\frac{\partial e}{\partial b_1} = 1 - x^2$$

$$e = b_1(1 - x^2) + b_2(2x - x^3) - x$$

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial b_i} = \int_{\text{all } x} 2e \frac{\partial e}{\partial b_i} dx = 0$$

$$2 \int_0^1 [b_1(1 - x^2) + b_2(2x - x^3) - x](1 - x^2) dx = 0$$

$$\frac{8b_1}{15} + \frac{5b_2}{12} = \frac{1}{4} \quad \leftarrow \text{Normal equation 1}$$



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## Example 13 (cont'd)– Least-Squares Method

Using Eq. 27, and

$$\frac{\partial e}{\partial b_2} = 2x - x^3$$

$$e = b_1(1 - x^2) + b_2(2x - x^3) - x$$

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial b_i} = \int_{\text{all } x} 2e \frac{\partial e}{\partial b_i} dx = 0$$

$$2 \int_0^1 [b_1(1 - x^2) + b_2(2x - x^3) - x](2x - x^3) dx = 0$$

$$\frac{9b_1}{20} + \frac{71b_2}{105} = \frac{7}{15} \quad \leftarrow \text{Normal equation 2}$$



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## Example 13 (cont'd)– Least-Squares Method

Solving the normal equations simultaneously, yields the following approximating function for the  $y$

$$\hat{y} = 1 - 0.14669x + 0.78776x^2$$



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- Example 13 (cont'd)– Least-Squares Method

x	Numerical y value	True y value	% error
0	1	1	0
0.2	1.002172	1.020201	1.77
0.4	1.067366	1.083287	1.47
0.6	1.19558	1.197217	0.14
0.8	1.386814	1.377128	0.70
1	1.64107	1.648721	0.46



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- Galerkin Method
  - This method is similar to the least-squares method in a sense that an approximating function is necessary.
  - The method uses the error function of Eq. 26 and approximating equation such as Eq. 24

$$e = \frac{d\hat{y}}{dx} - \frac{dy}{dx} \quad \hat{y} = b_0 + b_1x + b_2x^2 + \dots + b_nx^n$$



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## ▪ Galerkin Method

The normal equations are computed from the following expression:

$$\int_x w_i e dx = 0 \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n \quad (28)$$

$n$  = number of unknowns

$$w_i = \frac{d\hat{y}}{db_i} = \text{weighting factor}$$



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## ▪ Example 14 – Galerkin Method

Solve the following differential equation using Galerkin method with a quadratic model and for  $1 \leq x \leq 1.5$  :

$$\frac{dy}{dx} - 5x + 2 = 0 \quad \text{such that } y = 1 \text{ at } x = 1$$

Assess the accuracy of the model as compared to the true solution.





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## Example 14 (cont'd)– Galerkin Method

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 5x - 2$$

Quadratic Model:  $\hat{y} = b_0 + b_1x + b_2x^2$

Using the boundary condition

$$\hat{y} = 1 = b_0 + b_1(1) + b_2(1)^2$$

yields  $b_0 = 1 - b_1 - b_2$ . Thus, the quadratic model is

$$\hat{y} = 1 - b_1 + b_1x + b_2x^2 - b_2$$

and

$$\frac{d\hat{y}}{dx} = b_1 + 2b_2x$$



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## Example 14 (cont'd)– Galerkin Method

$$e = \frac{d\hat{y}}{dx} - \frac{dy}{dx} = b_1 + 2b_2x - (5x - 2) = b_1 + 2b_2x - 5x + 2$$

$$\frac{d\hat{y}}{db_1} = x - 1$$

$$\frac{d\hat{y}}{db_2} = x^2 - 1$$

Using Eq. 8-57 of the textbook, the following results can be obtained:

$$\int_1^x [b_1 + 2b_2x - 5x + 2](x - 1) dx = 0$$

$$\int_1^x [b_1 + 2b_2x - 5x + 2](x^2 - 1) dx = 0$$



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## Example 14 (cont'd)– Galerkin Method

Using  $x = 1.5$  as the upper limit, above two equations yield the following two normal equations:

$$0.125000b_1 + 0.333333b_2 - 0.583333 = 0$$

$$0.291667b_1 + 0.781250b_2 - 1.369792 = 0$$

The solution of the normal equations is

$$\begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 2.5 \end{bmatrix}$$

Thus, the quadratic approximation is given by

$$\hat{y} = 1 - (-2) - 2x + 2.5x^2 - 2.5$$

$$= 0.5 - 2x + 2.5x^2 \Rightarrow (\text{identical to true solution})$$



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## Example 14 (cont'd)– Galerkin Method

For  $x = 1.1$ ,  $\hat{y} = 1.325$

The following table summarizes the estimated values of the function  $\hat{y}$  for the range of  $x = 1$  to  $1.5$  in an increment of  $0.1$ . In this problem, the Galerkin method gave the true solution, hence no error is generated.

$x$	Estimated $y(x)$	True $y(x)$	error(%)
1	1	1	0.00000
1.1	1.325	1.325	0.00000
1.3	2.125	2.125	0.00000
1.5	3.125	3.125	0.00000