

# Comparison of Several Numerical Algorithms with the use of Predictor and Corrector for solving ode

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**ABSTRACT**

In this paper, we introduce various numerical methods for the solutions of ordinary differential equations and its application. We consider the Taylor series, Runge-Kutta, Euler’s methods problem to solve the Adam’s Predictor, Corrector and Milne’s Predictor, Corrector to get the exact solution and the approximate solution.

**KEYWORDS:** Ordinary differential equation, Initial Condition, Adams Predictor, Corrector and Milne’s Predictor, Corrector

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**I. INTRODUCTION**

Numerical methods for ordinary differential equations are methods used to find numerical approximations to the solutions of ordinary differential equation .Their use is also known as "numerical integration", although this term is sometimes taken to mean the computation of integrals.

Many differential equation cannot be solved using symbolic computation. For practical purposes, however-such as in engineering-a numeric approximation to the solution is often sufficient. The algorithms studied here can be used to compute such an approximation. An alternative method is to use techniques from calculus to obtain a series expansion of the solution.

Ordinary differential equations occur in many scientific disciplines, for instance in physics, chemistry, biology, and economics. In addition, some methods in numerical partial differential equation convert the partial differential equation into an ordinary differential equation, which must then be solved.

A general form of the type of problem we consider is

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dy}{dx} = f(x, y), x \in [a, b] \\ Y(a) = y_0 \end{cases}$$

First the interval [a, b] is divided into an equal parts,  $x_i = a + ih, (i=0, 1, 2 \dots n)$ , the step is  $h=x_{i+1}-x_i$ .

Then to solve the function  $y(x)$  in a series of discrete equidistant node  $x_0 < x_1 < x_2 < \dots < x_n$  to get approximate values  $y_0 < y_1 < y_2 < y_3 < \dots < y_n$ .

**II. PREDICTOR-CORRECTOR METHODS:**

The methods which we have discussed so far are called single-step methods because they use only the information from the last step computed. The methods of Milne’s predictor-corrector, Adams-Bash forth Predictor corrector formulae are multi-step methods.

In solving the equation  $\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x, y), y(x_0) = y_0$  we used Euler’s formula

$$y_{i+1} = y_i + h f'(x_i, y_i), i=0, 1, 2 \dots \dots \dots (1)$$

We improved this value by Improved Euler method

$$y_{i+1} = y_i + \frac{1}{2} h [f(x_i, y_i) + f(x_{i+1}, y_{i+1})] \dots \dots \dots (2)$$

In the equation (2), to get the value of  $y_{i+1}$  we require  $y_{i+1}$  on the R.H.S. To overcome this difficulty, we use we predict a value of  $y_{i+1}$  from the rough formula (1) and use in (2) to

correct the value. Every time, we improve using (2). Hence equation (1) Euler's formula is a predictor and (2) is a corrector. A predictor formula is used to predict the value of  $y$  at  $x_{i+1}$  and a corrector formula is used to corrector the error and to improve that value of  $y_{i+1}$ .

**2.1. Milne's Predictor Corrector Formula**

The Milne-Simpson method is a Predictor method. It uses a Milne formula as a Predictor and the popular Simpson's formula as a Corrector. These formulae are based on the fundamental theorem of calculus.

$$Y(x_{i+1}) = y(x_j) + \int_{x_j}^{x_{i+1}} f(x, y) dx \quad \dots\dots\dots (3)$$

When  $j=i-3$ , the equation becomes an open integration formula and produces the Milne's formulae

$$y_{i+1,p} = y_{i-3} + \frac{4h}{3}(2f_{i-2} - f_{i-1} + 2f_i) \quad \dots\dots\dots (4)$$

Similarly, When  $j=i-1$ , equation becomes a closed form integration and produces the two-segment Simpson's formula

$$y_{i+1,c} = y_{i+1} + \frac{h}{3}(f_{i-1} + 4f_i + f_{i+1}) \quad \dots\dots\dots (5)$$

Milne's formula is used to 'predict' the value of  $y_{i+1}$  which is then used to calculate  $f_{i+1}$   
 $f_{i+1} = f(x_{i+1}, y_{i+1})$

Then, equation (6) is used to correct the predicted value of  $y_{i+1}$ . The Process is then repeated for the next value of  $i$ . Each stage involves four basic calculations, namely,

1. Prediction of  $y_{i+1}$
2. evaluation of  $f_{i+1}$
3. correction of  $y_{i+1}$
4. improved value of  $f_{i+1}$  (for use in next stage)

It is also possible to use the corrector formula repeatedly to refine the estimate of  $y_{i+1}$  before moving on the next stage.

**2.2. Adams-Bash forth-Moulton Method**

Another popular fourth-order predictor-corrector method is the Adams-Bash forth-Moulton Method multistep method. The predictor formula is known as Adams- Bash forth predictor and is given by

$$y_{i+1} = y_i + \frac{h}{24}(55f_i - 59f_{i-1} + 37f_{i-2} - 9f_{i-3}) \quad \dots\dots\dots (6)$$

The corrector formula is known as Adams-Moulton Corrector and is given by

$$y_{i+1} = y_i + \frac{h}{24}(f_{i-2} - 5f_i + 19f_{i-1} - 9f_{i+1}) \quad \dots\dots\dots (7)$$

This pair of equations can be implemented using the procedure described for Milne-Simpson method.

**TAYLOR SERIES METHOD**

In mathematics, a Taylor Series is a representation of a function as an infinite sum of terms that are calculated from the values of the functions derivatives at a single point

The numerical solution of the equation

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

Given the initial condition  $y(x_0) = y_0$

$$y_1 = y(x_1) = y_0 + \frac{h}{1}y_0' + \frac{h^2}{2!}y_0'' + \dots\dots\dots$$

**EULER'S METHOD**

Euler's method is the simplest one-step method and has a limited application because of its low accuracy. However, it is discussed here as it serves as a starting point for all other advanced methods.

Given the differential equation

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

Given the initial condition  $y(x_0) = y_0$

We have  $\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x_0, y_0)$

And therefore  $Y(x) = y(x_0) + (x - x_0) f(x_0, y_0)$

Then the value of  $y(x)$  at  $x = x_1$  is given by

$$Y(x_1) = y(x_0) + (x_1 - x_0) f(x_0, y_0)$$

Letting  $h = x_1 - x_0$ , we obtain  $y_1 = y_0 + hf(x_0, y_0)$

Similarly,  $y(x)$  at  $x = x_2$  is given by

$$y_2 = y_1 + hf(x_1, y_1)$$

In general, we obtain a recursive relation as

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + hf(x_n, y_n); n = 0, 1, 2, \dots\dots\dots$$

**Improved Euler method**

Let the tangent at  $(x_0, y_0)$  to the curve be  $p_0A$ . In the interval  $(x_0, x_1)$ , by previous Euler's method, we approximate the curve by the tangent  $p_0A$ .

$$y_1^{(1)} = y_0 + hf(x_0, y_0) \text{ Where } y_1^{(1)} = M_1 Q_1$$

$Q_1(x_1, y_1^{(1)})$ . Let  $Q_1 C$  be line at  $Q_1$  whose slope is  $f(x_1, y_1^{(1)})$ . Now take the average of the slopes at  $P_0$  and  $Q_1$  i.e.

$$\frac{1}{2}[f(x_0, y_0) + f(x_1, y_1^{(1)})]$$

Now draw line  $p_0D$  through  $P_0(x_0, y_0)$  with this as the slope.

$$\text{That is, } y - y_0 = \frac{1}{2}[f(x_0, y_0) + f(x_1, y_1^{(1)})](x - x_0)$$

This line intersects  $x = x_1$  at

$$y_1 = y_0 + \frac{1}{2}h[f(x_0, y_0) + f(x_1, y_1^{(1)})]$$

$$y_1 = y_0 + \frac{1}{2}h[f(x_0, y_0) + f(x_1, y_0 + hf(x_0, y_0))]$$

Writing generally,

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + \frac{1}{2}h[f(x_n, y_n) + f(x_n + h, y_n + hf(x_n, y_n))]$$

**RUNGE-KUTTA METHODS**

Runge-Kutta method reduces data requirements to reach the same precision without higher derivative calculation.

The numerical solutions of the numerical equation

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

Given the initial condition  $y(x_0) = y_0$  the fourth order Runge-Kutta method algorithm is mostly used in problems unless otherwise mentioned.

$$k_1 = hf(x, y)$$

$$k_2 = hf(x + \frac{1}{2}h, y + \frac{1}{2}k_1)$$

$$k_3 = h f(x + \frac{1}{2}h, y + \frac{1}{2}k_2)$$

$$k_4 = h f(x + \frac{1}{2}h, y + \frac{1}{2}k_3)$$

$$\Delta y = \frac{1}{6}(k_1 + 2k_2 + 2k_3 + k_4)$$

**EXAMPLE**

1. Determine the value of y (0.4) using Milne’s method given  $y' = x + y$ ,  $y(0) = 1$  **use Taylor series** to get the values of y (0.1), y (0.2) and y (0.3).

Solution. Here  $x_0 = 0, y_0 = 1, x_1 = 0.1, x_2 = 0.2, x_3 = 0.3, x_4 = 0.4$

$y' = x + y$	$y_0' = x_0 + y_0 = 0 + 1 = 1$
$y'' = 1 + y'$	$y_0'' = 1 + y_0' = 1 + 1 = 2$
$y''' = y''$	$y_0''' = y_0'' = 2$

$Y(0.1) = 1 + (0.1)(1) + 0.01 + 0.0003 = 1.1103$   
 $Y(0.2) = 1.1103 + 0.1210 + 0.0111 + 0.0003 = 1.2427$   
 $Y(0.3) = 1.2427 + 0.1443 + 0.0122 + 0.0004 = 1.3996$   
 Now, knowing  $y_0, y_1, y_2, y_3$  we will find  $y_4$ .

**By Milne’s predictor formula**

$y_{4,p} = 1 + 0.1333[2.4206 - 1.4427 + 3.3992]$   
 $y_1' = x_1 + y_1 = 0.1 + 1.1103 = 1.2103$   
 $y_2' = x_2 + y_2 = 0.2 + 1.2427 = 1.4427$   
 $y_3' = x_3 + y_3 = 0.3 + 1.3996 = 1.6996$   
 $y_{4,p} = 1.5835$   
 $y_{4,p}' = x_4 + y_4 = 0.4 + 1.5835 = 1.9835$

**Milne’s Corrector formula**

$y_{4,c} = 1.2427 + 0.0333[1.4427 + 6.7984 + 1.9835] = y(0.4) = 1.5832$

**Adam’s predictor formula**

$y_{4,p} = 1.3996 + 0.0042[93.478 - 85.1193 + 44.781 - 9] = 1.5849$   
 $y_{4,p}' = x_4 + y_4 = 0.4 + 1.5849 = 1.9849$

**Adam’s corrector formula**

$y_{4,c} = 1.3996 + 0.0042[17.8641 + 32.2924 - 7.2135 + 1.2103] = y(0.4) = 1.5851$   
 2. Determine the value of y (0.4) using Milne’s method given  $y' = x + y$ ,  $y(0) = 1$  **use Euler’s method** to get the values of y (0.1), y (0.2) and y (0.3).

$y_{n+1} = y_n + hf(x_n, y_n)$   
 $y_1 = 1 + (0.1)f(0,1) = Y(0.1) = 1.1$   
 $y_2 = 1.1 + (0.1)f(0.1, 1.1) = Y(0.2) = 1.22$   
 $y_3 = 1.22 + (0.1)f(0.2 + 1.22) = Y(0.3) = 1.362$

**By Milne’s predictor formula**

$y_{4,p} = 1 + 0.1333[2.4 - 1.42 + 3.324] = 1.5737$   
 $y_1' = x_1 + y_1 = 0.1 + 1.1 = 1.2$   
 $y_2' = x_2 + y_2 = 0.2 + 1.22 = 1.42$   
 $y_3' = x_3 + y_3 = 0.3 + 1.362 = 1.662$   
 $y'_{4,p} = 1.9737$

**Milne’s corrector formula**

$y_{4,c} = 1.22 + 0.0333[1.42 + 6.648 + 1.9737] = y(0.4) = 1.5544$

**By Adam’s predictor formula**

$y_{4,p} = 1.362 + 0.0042[91.41 - 83.78 + 44.4 - 9] = 1.5427$   
 $y'_{4,p} = 1.9427$

**Adam’s corrector formula**

$y_{4,c} = 1.362 + 0.0042[17.4843 + 31.578 - 7.1 + 1.2] = y(0.4) = 1.5433$

3. Determine the value of y (0.4) using Milne’s method given  $y' = x + y$ ,  $y(0) = 1$  **use Improved Euler’s method** to get the values of y (0.1), y (0.2) and y (0.3).

$y_{n+1} = y_n + \frac{1}{2}h[f(x_n, y_n) + f(x_n + h, y_n + hf(x_n, y_n))]$

$y_1 = 1 + \frac{1}{2}(0.1)[f(0, 1) + f(0+0.1, 1+0.1f(0, 1))] = Y(0.1) = 1.11$

$y_2 = 1.11 + \frac{1}{2}(0.1)[f(0.1, 1.11) + f(0.1+0.1, 1.11+0.1f(0.1, 1.11))] = Y(0.2) = 1.2421$

$y_3 = 1.2421 + \frac{1}{2}(0.1)[f(0.2, 1.2421) + f(0.2+0.1, 1.2421+0.1f(0.2, 1.2421))] = Y(0.3) = 1.3985$

**By Milne’s predictor formula**

$y_{4,p} = 1 + 0.1333[2.42 - 1.4421 + 3.397]$   
 $y_1' = x_1 + y_1 = 0.1 + 1.11 = 1.21$   
 $y_2' = x_2 + y_2 = 0.2 + 1.2421 = 1.4421$   
 $y_3' = x_3 + y_3 = 0.3 + 1.3985 = 1.6985$   
 $y_{4,p} = 1.5832$   
 $y_{4,p}' = x_4 + y_4 = 0.4 + 1.5835 = 1.9832$

**Milne’s Corrector formula**

$y_{4,c} = 1.2421 + 0.0333[1.4421 + 6.794 + 1.9832] = y(0.4) = 1.5827$

**Adam’s predictor formula**

$y_{4,p} = 1.3985 + 0.0042[93.4175 - 85.0839 + 44.77 - 9] = 1.5837$   
 $y_{4,p}' = x_4 + y_4 = 0.4 + 1.5849 = 1.9837$

**Adam’s corrector formula**

$y_{4,c} = 1.3985 + 0.0042[17.8533 + 32.2715 - 7.2105 + 1.21] = y(0.4) = 1.5838$

4. Determine the value of y (0.4) using Milne’s method given  $y' = x + y$ ,  $y(0) = 1$  **use Runge-Kutta method** to get the values of y (0.1), y (0.2) and y (0.3).

$k_1 = (0.1)(0+1) = 0.1$

$k_2 = (0.1)(0.05+1.05) = 0.11$

$k_3 = (0.1)(0.05+1.055) = 0.1105$

$k_4 = (0.1)(0.1+1.1105) = 0.12105$

$\Delta y = 0.11034$

$Y(0.1) = 1.11034$

$k_1 = (0.1)(0.1+1.1103) = 0.1210$

$k_2 = (0.1)(0.05+1.05) = 0.1321$

$k_3 = (0.1)(0.05+1.055) = 0.13264$

$k_4 = (0.1)(0.2+1.1105) = 0.1443$

$Y(0.2) = 1.2428$

$k_1 = (0.1)(0.2+1.2428) = 0.1443$

$k_2 = (0.1)(0.25+1.3149) = 0.1565$

$k_3 = (0.1)(0.25+1.3211) = 0.1571$

$k_4 = (0.1)(0.4 + 1.3999) = 0.1799$

$Y(0.3) = 1.4014$

**By Milne's predictor formula**

$$y_{4,p} = 1 + 0.1333[2.4207 - 1.4428 + 3.4028]$$

$$y_1' = x_1 + y_1 = 0.1 + 1.11034 = 1.2104$$

$$y_2' = x_2 + y_2 = 0.2 + 1.2428 = 1.4428$$

$$y_3' = x_3 + y_3 = 0.3 + 1.4014 = 1.7014$$

$$y_{4,p} = 1.5839$$

$$y_{4,p}' = x_4 + y_4 = 0.4 + 1.5835 = 1.9839$$

**Milne's Corrector formula**

$$y_{4,c} = 1.2428 + 0.0333[1.4428 + 6.8056 + 1.9839] = y \quad (0.4)$$

$$= 1.5835$$

**Adam's predictor formula**

$$y_{4,p} = 1.4014 + 0.0042[93.577 - 85.1252 + 44.78258 - 9]$$

$$= 1.5872$$

$$y_{4,p}' = x_4 + y_4 = 0.4 + 1.5872 = 1.9872$$

**Adam's corrector formula**

$$y_{4,c} = 1.4014 + 0.0042[17.8848 + 32.3266 - 7.214 + 1.21034] = y \quad (0.4) = 1.5871.$$

X	Taylor's series	Euler's method	Improved Euler's method	Runge-Kutta method	Exact Solution	
0	1	1	1	1	1	
0.1	1.11034	1.1	1.11	1.11034	1.1103	
0.2	1.2427	1.22	1.2421	1.2428	1.2428	
0.3	1.3996	1.362	1.3985	1.4014	1.3997	
0.4	Milne's	1.5849	1.5544	1.5827	1.5835	1.5836
	Adams	1.5851	1.5433	1.5838	1.5871	1.5836

**Error Value**

X	Taylor's series	Euler's method	Improved Euler's method	Runge-Kutta method	
0	0	0	0	0	
Ss 0.1	0.1	-0.00004	0.0103	0.0003	-0.00004
	0.2	0.0001	0.0228	0.0007	0
	0.3	0.0001	0.0377	0.0012	-0.0017
0.4	Milne's	-0.0013	0.0292	0.0009	0.0001
	Adams	-0.0015	0.0403	-0.0002	-0.0035

**CONCLUSION**

In this paper, we compared the various numerical method with the Adam's predictor and corrector and Milne's predictor and corrector. The problem of **Runge-Kutta method** has the minimum error value. So the **Runge-Kutta method** problem is best to approximate and exact solution.

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