

NUMERICAL METHODS

BEKG 2452

SOLUTION OF DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS (Runge-Kutta Method)

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Lesson Outcome

Upon completion of this lesson, the student should be able to:

1. Solve numerically first order linear differential equations using Runge-Kutta Order 2 (RK2).
2. Solve numerically first order linear differential equations using Runge-Kutta Order 4 (RK4).

Solution of Differential Equation

Analytical Methods

- Separable
- Exact
- Homogeneous
- Linear
- Bernoulli

Exact solution

Numerical Methods

Euler's Method

Heun's Method

Runge-Kutta Method

- Order 2
- Order 4

Approximated solution

7.3 Runge-Kutta Method

A method of numerically integrating ODE by using a trial step at the midpoint of an interval to cancel out lower-order error terms.

Second Order Formula: (known as RK2 or Ralson's Method)

$$y_{i+1} = y_i + \left[\frac{1}{3}k_1 + \frac{2}{3}k_2 \right] h$$

where

$$k_1 = f(x_i, y_i)$$

$$k_2 = f\left(x_i + \frac{3}{4}h, y_i + \frac{3}{4}k_1h\right)$$

7.3 Runge-Kutta Method

Forth Order Formula: (Known as RK4)

$$y_{i+1} = y_i + \frac{1}{6}h(k_1 + 2k_2 + 2k_3 + k_4) ; i = 0,1,2,3, \dots$$

where

$$k_1 = f(x_i, y_i)$$

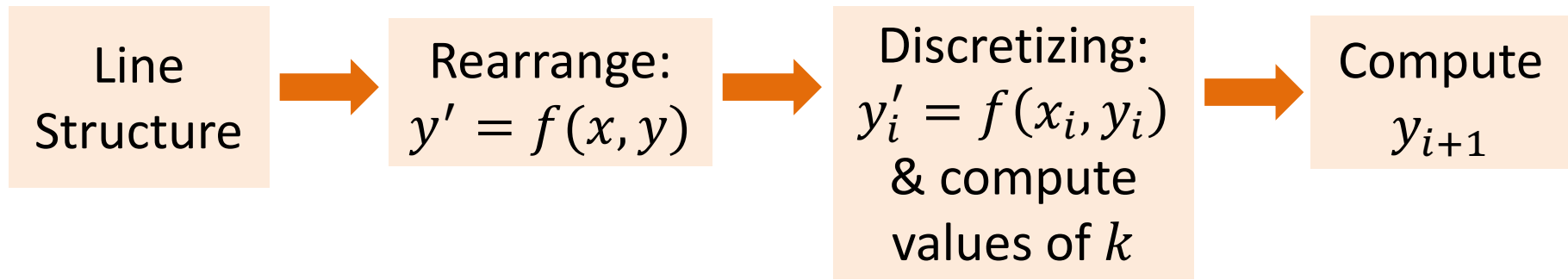
$$k_2 = f\left(x_i + \frac{h}{2}, y_i + \frac{k_1 h}{2}\right)$$

$$k_3 = f\left(x_i + \frac{h}{2}, y_i + \frac{k_2 h}{2}\right)$$

$$k_4 = f(x_i + h, y_i + k_3 h)$$

7.3.1 Second Order Runge-Kutta Method (RK2)

The steps are similar with Heun's method:



Illustrative Example 1:

Use the second order Runge-Kutta method to numerically integrate

$$y' - y = -x^2, \quad y(0) = 0$$

from $x = 0$ to $x = 2$ with a step size of 0.5.

7.3.1 Second Order Runge-Kutta Method (RK2)

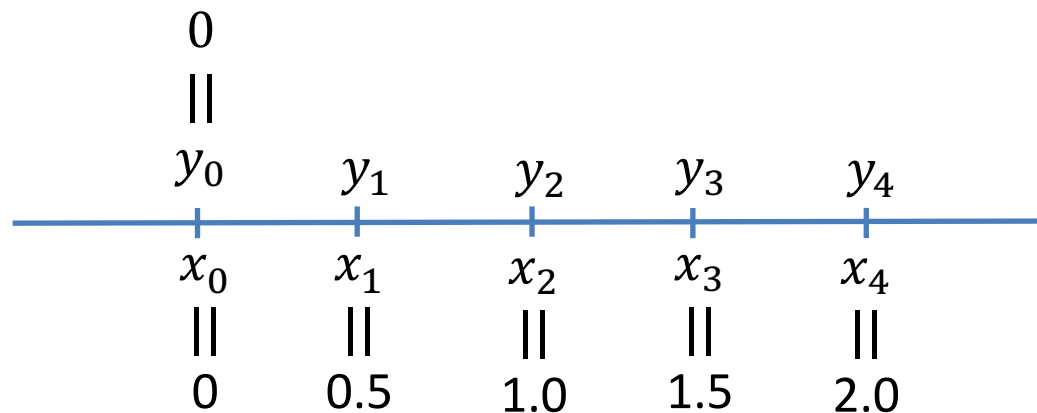
Solution:

Reminder:
 $y' = f(x, y)$

$$y' = f(x, y) = y - x^2$$

$$0 \leq x \leq 2, \quad h = 0.5, \quad y(0) = 0$$

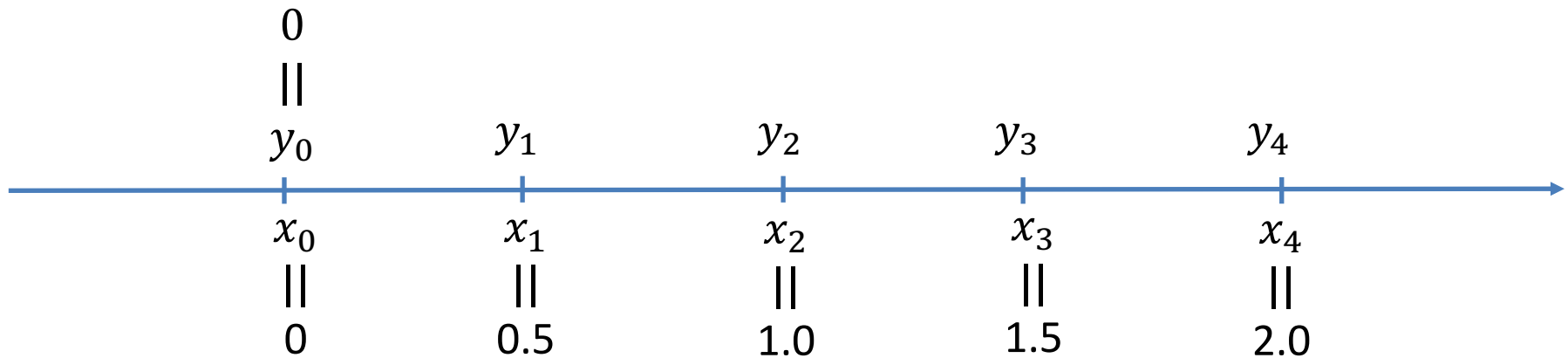
Construct the time line:



7.3.1 Second Order Runge-Kutta Method (RK2)

Solution: (cont.)

$$y' = f(x, y) = y - x^2$$



Let $i = 0$,

$$\begin{aligned} k_1 &= f(x_0, y_0) = f(0, 0) \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

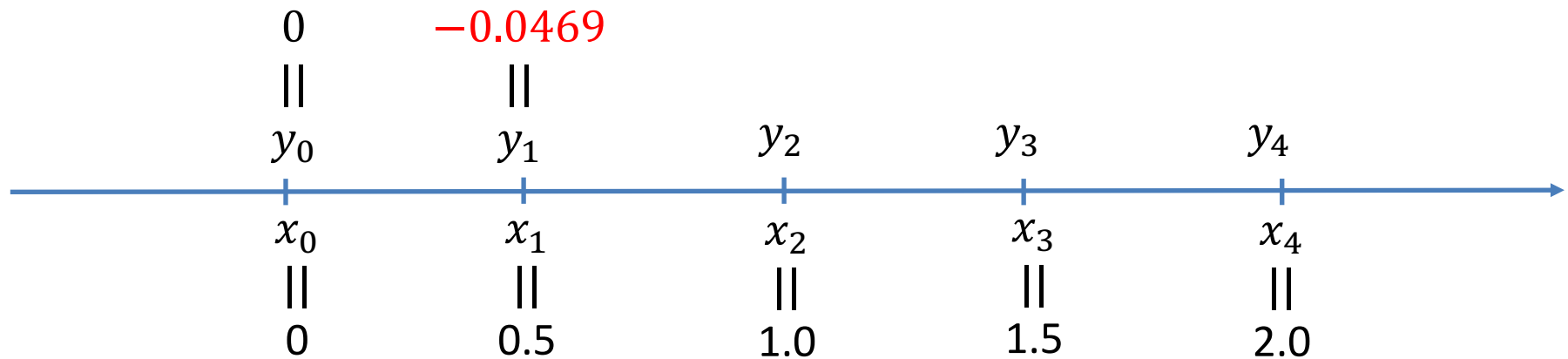
$$\begin{aligned} k_2 &= f\left(x_0 + \frac{3}{4}h, y_0 + \frac{3}{4}k_1h\right) \\ &= f(0.375, 0) \\ &= -0.1406 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} y_1 &= y_0 + \left[\frac{1}{3}k_1 + \frac{2}{3}k_2\right]h \\ &= 0 + \left[\frac{1}{3}(0) + \frac{2}{3}(-0.1406)\right](0.5) \\ &= -0.0469 \end{aligned}$$

7.3.1 Second Order Runge-Kutta Method (RK2)

Solution: (cont.)

$$y' = f(x, y) = y - x^2$$



Let $i = 1$,

$$\begin{aligned} k_1 &= f(x_1, y_1) \\ &= f(0.5, -0.0469) \\ &= -0.2969 \end{aligned}$$

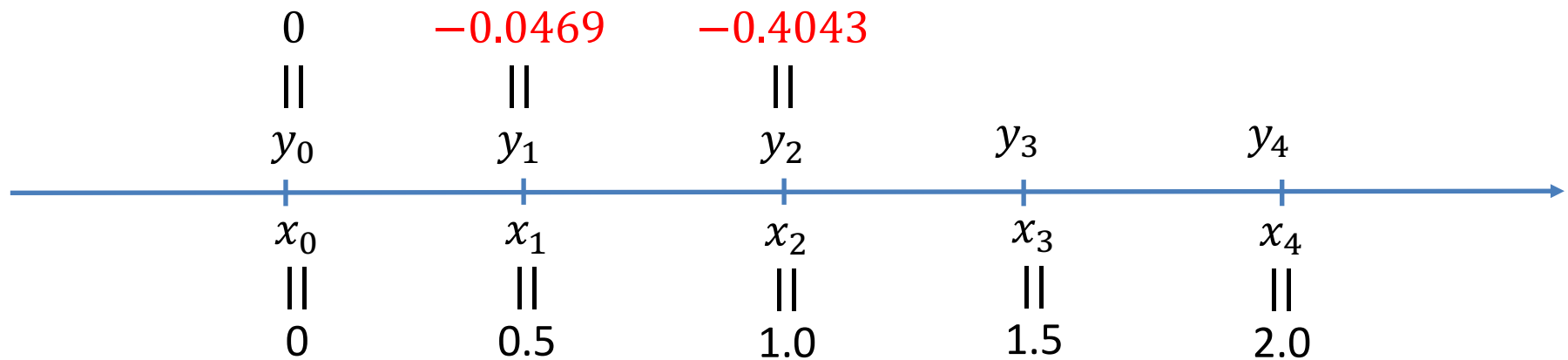
$$\begin{aligned} y_2 &= y_1 + \left[\frac{1}{3} k_1 + \frac{2}{3} k_2 \right] h \\ &= -0.0469 \\ &\quad + \left[\frac{1}{3} (-0.2969) + \frac{2}{3} (-0.9238) \right] (0.5) \\ &= -0.4043 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} k_2 &= f\left(x_1 + \frac{3}{4}h, y_1 + \frac{3}{4}k_1h\right) \\ &= f(0.875, -0.1582) \\ &= -0.9238 \end{aligned}$$

7.3.1 Second Order Runge-Kutta Method (RK2)

Solution: (cont.)

$$y' = f(x, y) = y - x^2$$



Let $i = 2$,

$$\begin{aligned} k_1 &= f(x_2, y_2) \\ &= f(1, -0.4043) \\ &= -1.4043 \end{aligned}$$

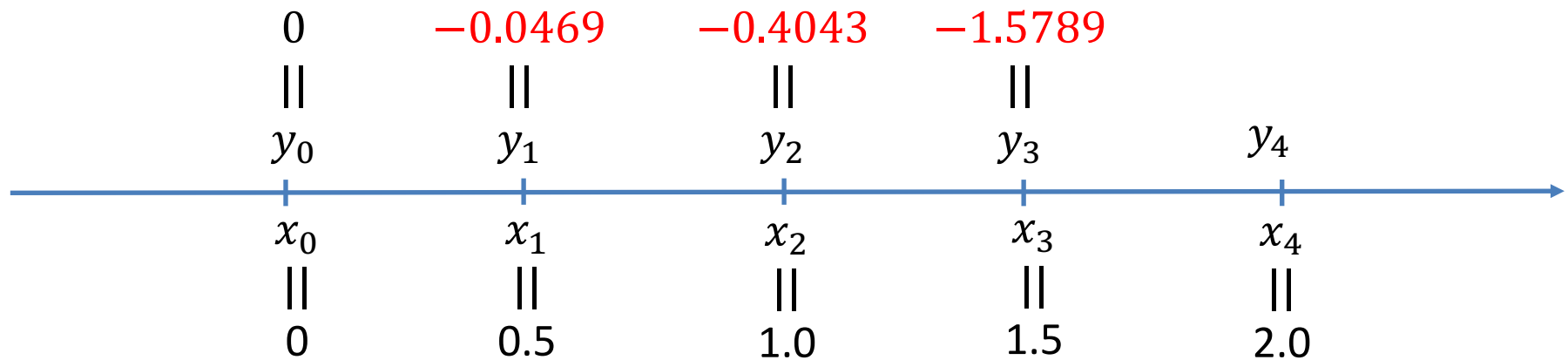
$$\begin{aligned} k_2 &= f\left(x_2 + \frac{3}{4}h, y_2 + \frac{3}{4}k_1h\right) \\ &= f(1.375, -0.9309) \\ &= -2.8215 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} y_3 &= y_2 + \left[\frac{1}{3}k_1 + \frac{2}{3}k_2\right]h \\ &= -0.4043 \\ &\quad + \left[\frac{1}{3}(-1.4043) + \frac{2}{3}(-2.8215)\right](0.5) \\ &= -1.5789 \end{aligned}$$

7.3.1 Second Order Runge-Kutta Method (RK2)

Solution: (cont.)

$$y' = f(x, y) = y - x^2$$



Let $i = 3$,

$$\begin{aligned} k_1 &= f(x_3, y_3) \\ &= f(1.5, -1.5789) \\ &= -3.8289 \end{aligned}$$

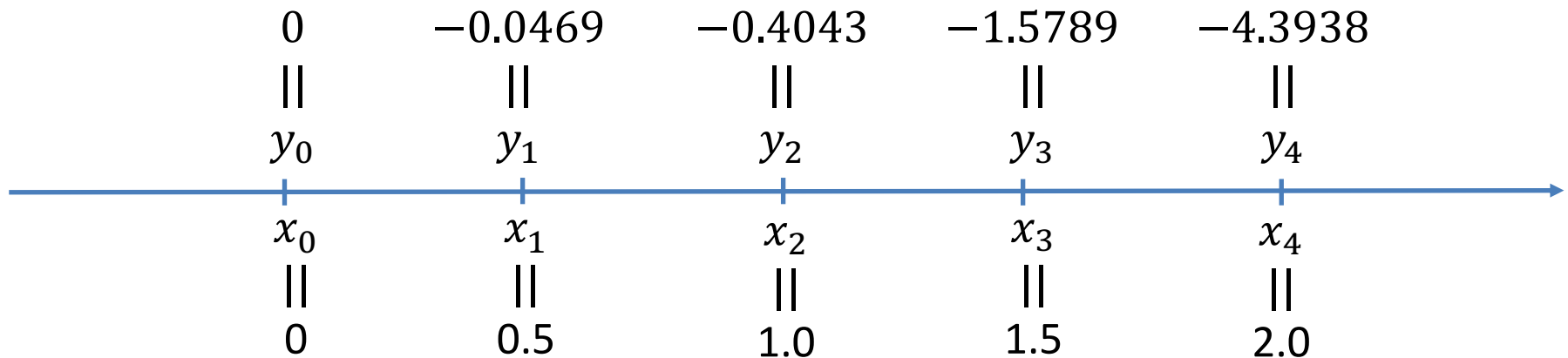
$$\begin{aligned} y_4 &= y_3 + \left[\frac{1}{3} k_1 + \frac{2}{3} k_2 \right] h \\ &= -1.5789 \\ &\quad + \left[\frac{1}{3} (-3.8289) + \frac{2}{3} (-6.5303) \right] (0.5) \\ &= -4.3938 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} k_2 &= f\left(x_3 + \frac{3}{4}h, y_3 + \frac{3}{4}k_1h\right) \\ &= f(1.875, -3.0147) \\ &= -6.5303 \end{aligned}$$

7.3.1 Second Order Runge-Kutta Method (RK2)

Solution: (cont.)

$$y' = f(x, y) = y - x^2$$



7.3.1 Second Order Runge-Kutta Method (RK2)

Illustrative Example 2:

Use the second order Runge-Kutta method to numerically integrate

$$y' - \cos 2x - \sin 3y = 0, \quad y(0) = 1$$

from $x = 0$ to $x = 1$ with a step size of 0.2.

7.3.1 Second Order Runge-Kutta Method (RK2)

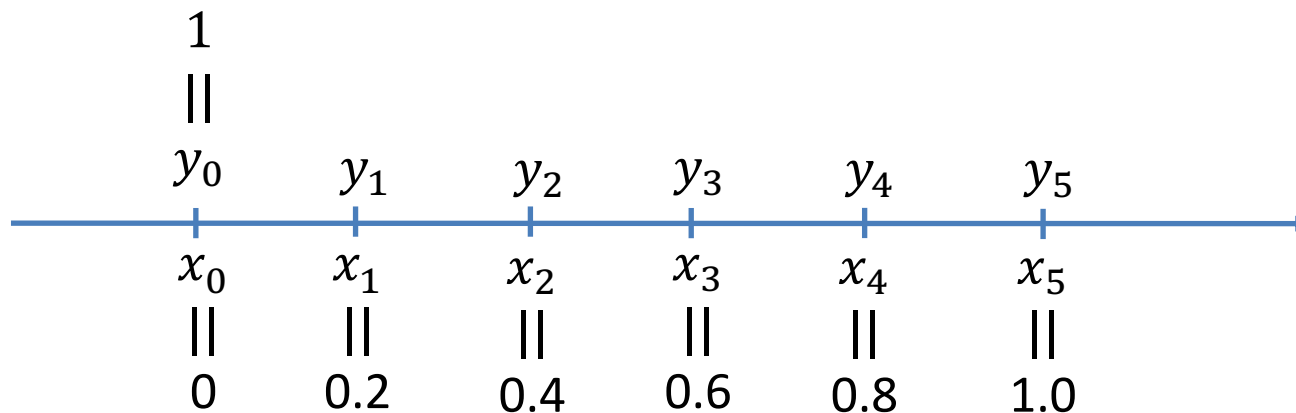
Solution:

Reminder:
 $y' = f(x, y)$

$$y' = f(x, y) = \cos 2x + \sin 3y$$

$$0 \leq x \leq 1, \quad h = 0.2, \quad y(0) = 1$$

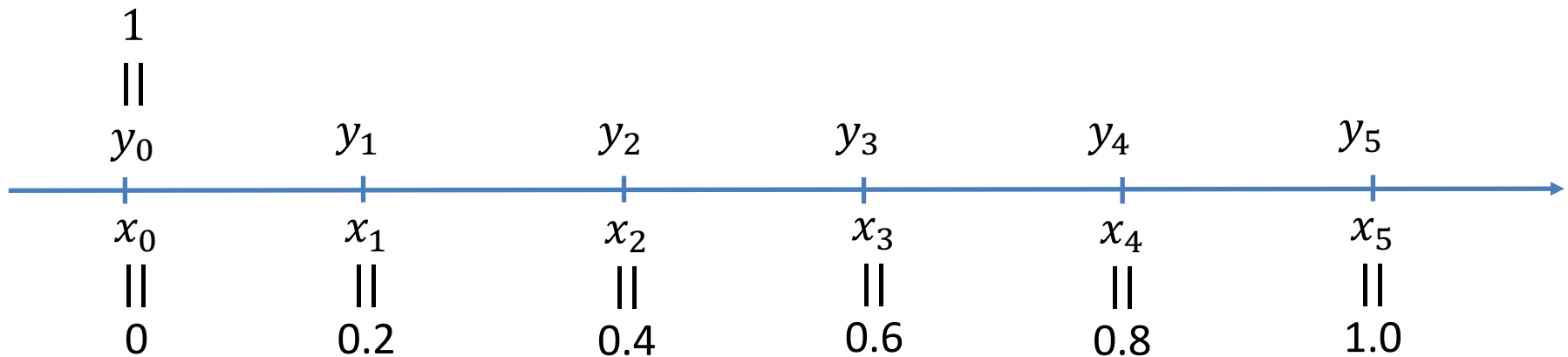
Construct the time line:



7.3.1 Second Order Runge-Kutta Method (RK2)

Solution: (cont.)

$$y' = f(x, y) = \cos 2x + \sin 3y$$



Let $i = 0$,

$$\begin{aligned} k_1 &= f(x_0, y_0) = f(0, 1) \\ &= 1.1411 \end{aligned}$$

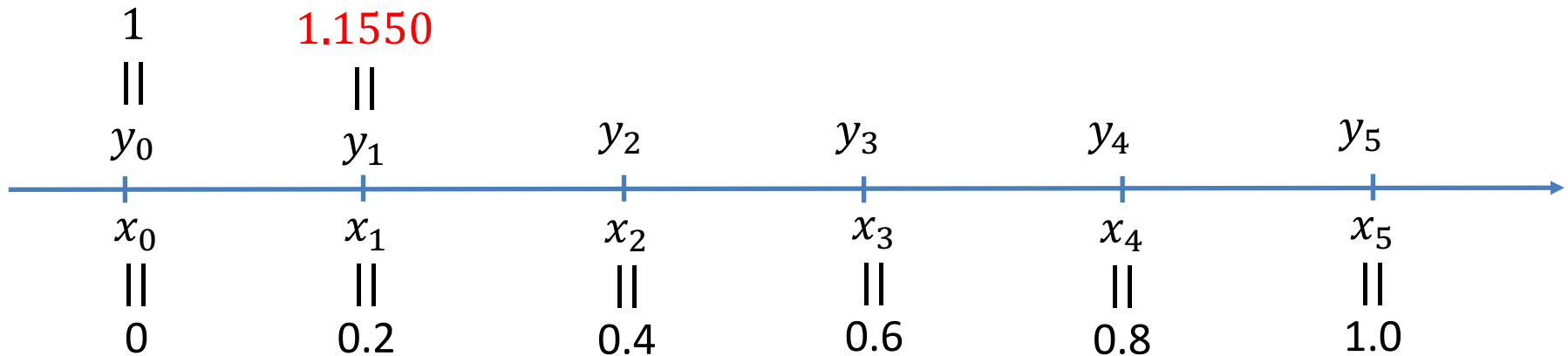
$$\begin{aligned} y_1 &= y_0 + \left[\frac{1}{3} k_1 + \frac{2}{3} k_2 \right] h \\ &= 1 + \left[\frac{1}{3} (1.1411) + \frac{2}{3} (0.5919) \right] (0.2) \\ &= 1.1550 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} k_2 &= f\left(x_0 + \frac{3}{4}h, y_0 + \frac{3}{4}k_1h\right) \\ &= f(0.15, 1.1712) \\ &= 0.5919 \end{aligned}$$

7.3.1 Second Order Runge-Kutta Method (RK2)

Solution: (cont.)

$$y' = f(x, y) = \cos 2x + \sin 3y$$



Let $i = 1$,

$$\begin{aligned} k_1 &= f(x_1, y_1) \\ &= f(0.2, 1.1550) \\ &= 0.6033 \end{aligned}$$

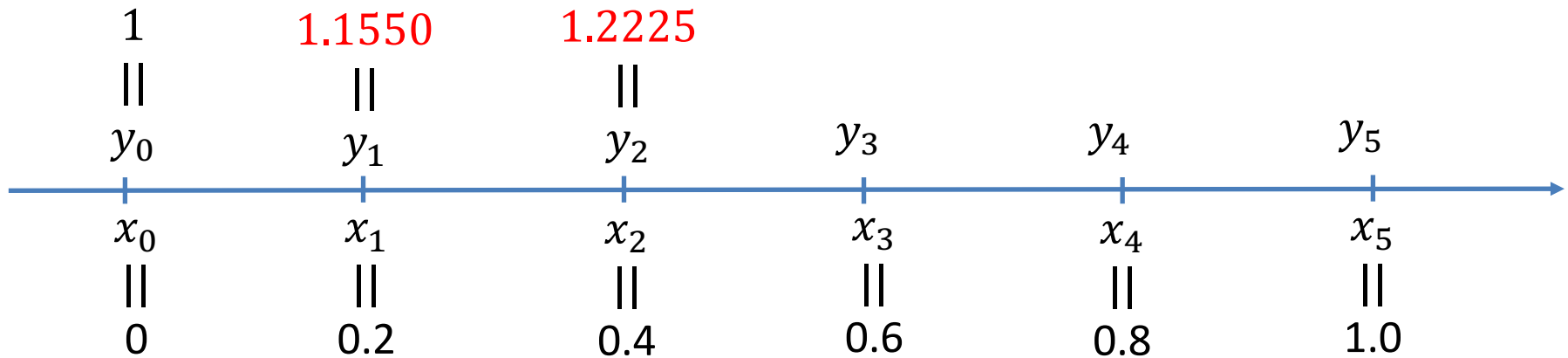
$$\begin{aligned} y_2 &= y_1 + \left[\frac{1}{3} k_1 + \frac{2}{3} k_2 \right] h \\ &= 1.1550 \\ &\quad + \left[\frac{1}{3} (0.6033) + \frac{2}{3} (0.2044) \right] (0.2) \\ &= 1.2225 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} k_2 &= f\left(x_1 + \frac{3}{4}h, y_1 + \frac{3}{4}k_1h\right) \\ &= f(0.35, 1.2455) \\ &= 0.2044 \end{aligned}$$

7.3.1 Second Order Runge-Kutta Method (RK2)

Solution: (cont.)

$$y' = f(x, y) = \cos 2x + \sin 3y$$



Let $i = 2$,

$$\begin{aligned} k_1 &= f(x_2, y_2) \\ &= f(0.4, 1.2225) \\ &= 0.1947 \end{aligned}$$

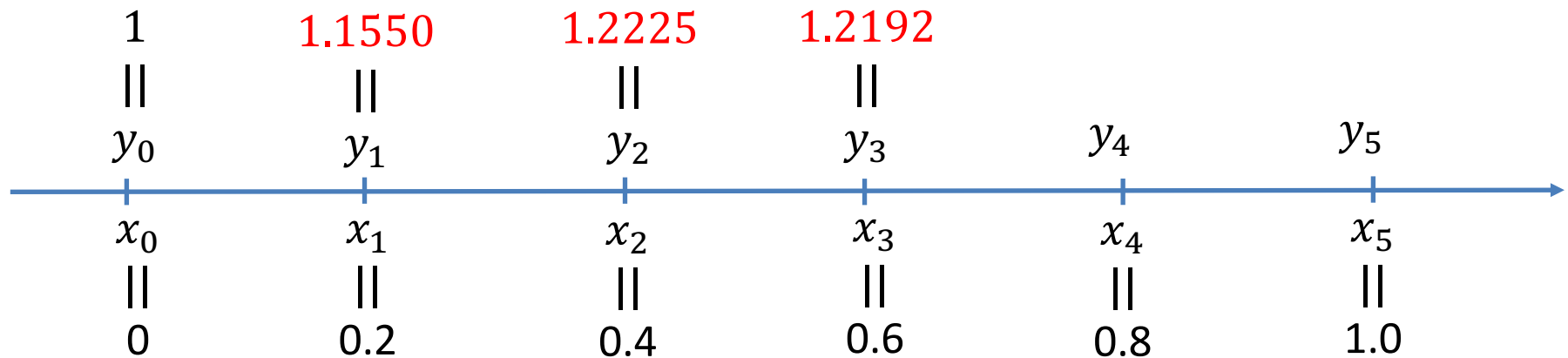
$$\begin{aligned} k_2 &= f\left(x_2 + \frac{3}{4}h, y_2 + \frac{3}{4}k_1h\right) \\ &= f(0.55, 1.2517) \\ &= -0.1221 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} y_3 &= y_2 + \left[\frac{1}{3}k_1 + \frac{2}{3}k_2\right]h \\ &= 1.2225 \\ &\quad + \left[\frac{1}{3}(0.1947) + \frac{2}{3}(-0.1221)\right](0.2) \\ &= 1.2192 \end{aligned}$$

7.3.1 Second Order Runge-Kutta Method (RK2)

Solution: (cont.)

$$y' = f(x, y) = \cos 2x + \sin 3y$$



Let $i = 3$,

$$\begin{aligned} k_1 &= f(x_3, y_3) \\ &= f(0.6, 1.2192) \\ &= -0.1311 \end{aligned}$$

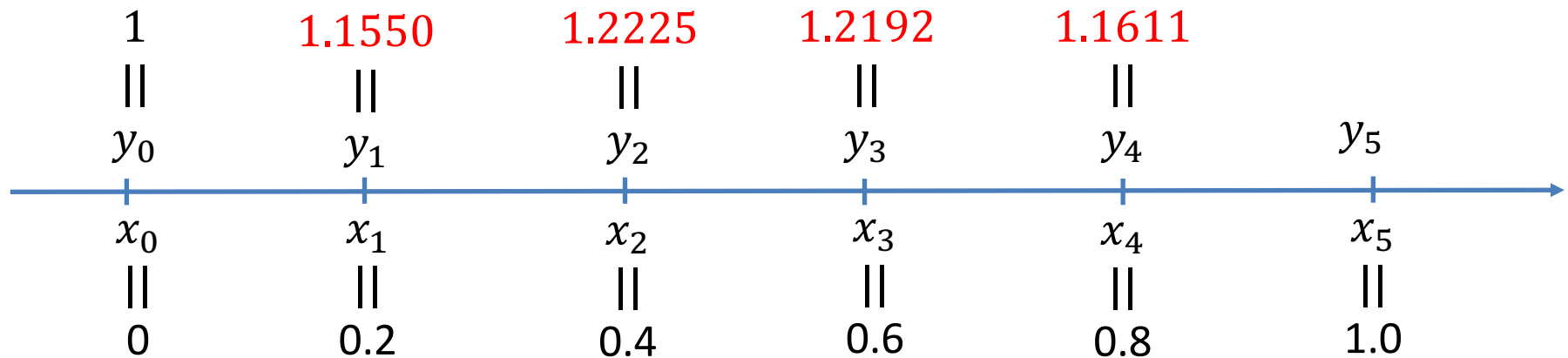
$$\begin{aligned} y_4 &= y_3 + \left[\frac{1}{3} k_1 + \frac{2}{3} k_2 \right] h \\ &= 1.2192 \\ &\quad + \left[\frac{1}{3} (-0.1311) + \frac{2}{3} (-0.3704) \right] (0.2) \\ &= 1.1611 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} k_2 &= f\left(x_3 + \frac{3}{4}h, y_3 + \frac{3}{4}k_1h\right) \\ &= f(0.75, 1.1995) \\ &= -0.3704 \end{aligned}$$

7.3.1 Second Order Runge-Kutta Method (RK2)

Solution: (cont.)

$$y' = f(x, y) = \cos 2x + \sin 3y$$



Let $i = 4$,

$$\begin{aligned} k_1 &= f(x_4, y_4) \\ &= f(0.8, 1.1611) \\ &= -0.3643 \end{aligned}$$

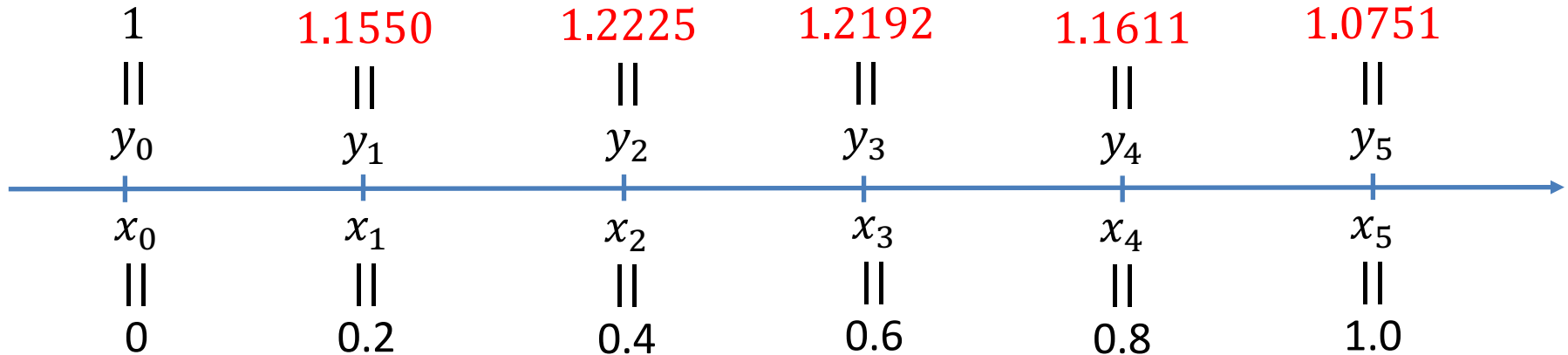
$$\begin{aligned} y_5 &= y_4 + \left[\frac{1}{3} k_1 + \frac{2}{3} k_2 \right] h \\ &= 1.1661 \\ &\quad + \left[\frac{1}{3} (-0.3643) + \frac{2}{3} (-0.5003) \right] (0.2) \\ &= 1.0751 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} k_2 &= f\left(x_4 + \frac{3}{4}h, y_4 + \frac{3}{4}k_1h\right) \\ &= f(0.95, 1.1065) \\ &= -0.5003 \end{aligned}$$

7.3.1 Second Order Runge-Kutta Method (RK2)

Solution: (cont.)

$$y' = f(x, y) = \cos 2x + \sin 3y$$



7.3.1 Second Order Runge-Kutta Method (RK2)

Exercise 7.3:

Use the second order Runge-Kutta method to numerically integrate

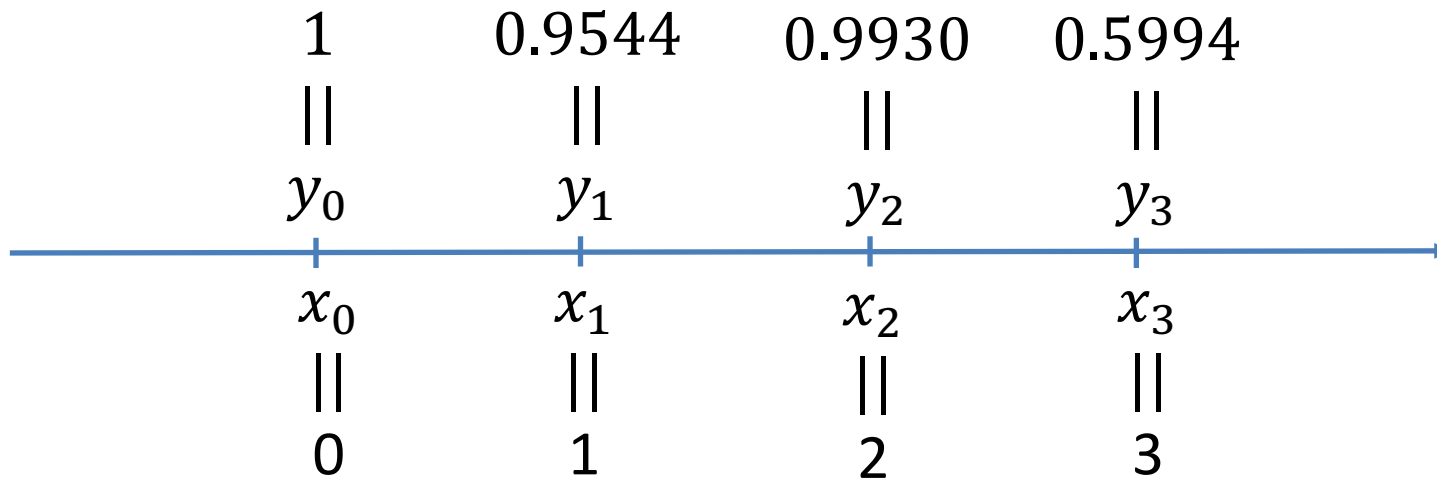
$$\frac{dy}{dx} + y = \sin x, \quad y(0) = 1$$

from $x = 0$ to $x = 3$ with a step size of $h = 1$.

7.3.1 Second Order Runge-Kutta Method (RK2)

Solution:

$$y' = f(x, y) = (\sin x) - y$$



$$k_1 = -1$$

$$k_2 = 0.4316$$

$$k_1 = -0.0837$$

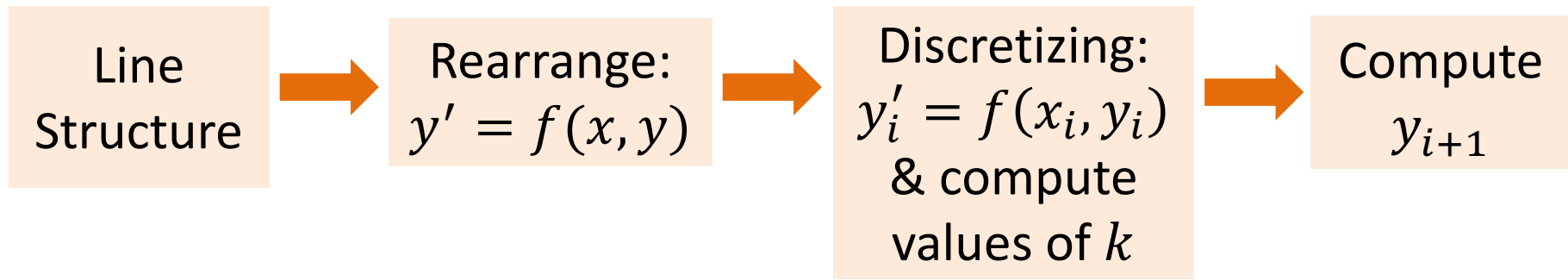
$$k_2 = -0.5486$$

$$k_1 = -0.1130$$

$$k_2 = 0.1143$$

7.3.2 Forth Order Runge-Kutta Method (RK4)

The steps are similar with Heun's method:



Illustrative Example 1:

Use the forth order Runge-Kutta method to numerically integrate

$$y' - y = x, \quad y(0) = 1$$

from $x = 0$ to $x = 1$ with a step size of 0.5.

7.3.2 Forth Order Runge-Kutta Method (RK4)

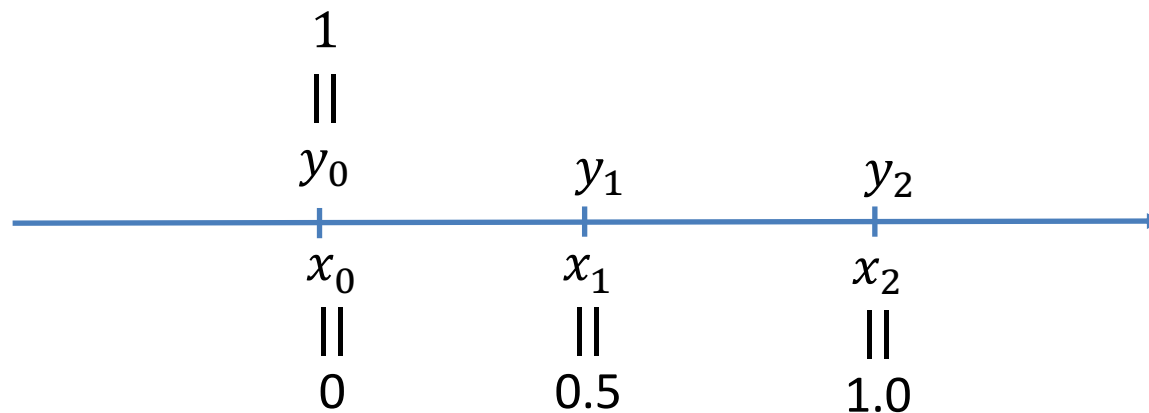
Solution:

Reminder:
 $y' = f(x, y)$

$$y' = f(x, y) = x + y$$

$$0 \leq x \leq 1, \quad h = 0.5, \quad y(0) = 1$$

Construct the time line:



7.3.2 Forth Order Runge-Kutta Method (RK4)

Solution: (cont.)

Let $i = 0$,

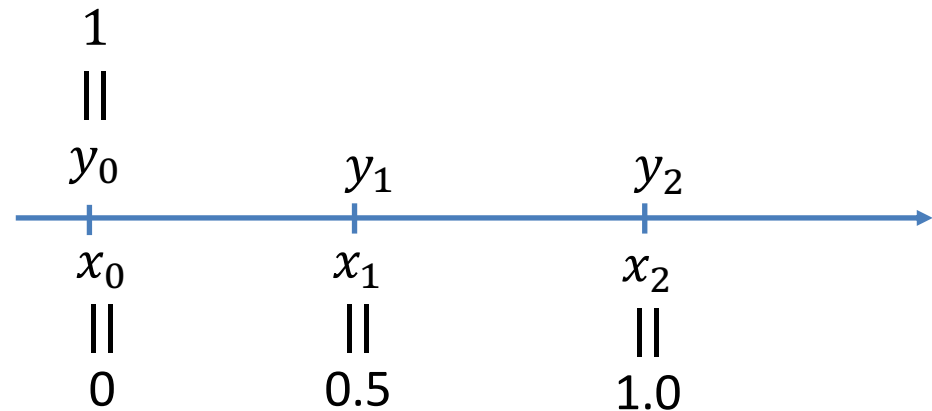
$$y' = f(x, y) = x + y$$

$$\begin{aligned} k_1 &= f(x_0, y_0) \\ &= f(0, 1) \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} k_2 &= f\left(x_0 + \frac{h}{2}, y_0 + \frac{k_1 h}{2}\right) \\ &= f(0.25, 1.25) \\ &= 1.5 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} k_3 &= f\left(x_0 + \frac{h}{2}, y_0 + \frac{k_2 h}{2}\right) \\ &= f(0.25, 1.375) \\ &= 1.625 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} k_4 &= f(x_0 + h, y_0 + k_3 h) \\ &= f(0.5, 1.8125) \\ &= 2.3125 \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned} y_1 &= y_0 + \frac{1}{6}h(k_1 + 2k_2 + 2k_3 + k_4) \\ &= 1 + \frac{1}{6}(0.5)(1 + 2(1.5) + 2(1.625) + 2.3125) \\ &= 1.7969 \end{aligned}$$

7.3.2 Forth Order Runge-Kutta Method (RK4)

Solution: (cont.)

Let $i = 1$,

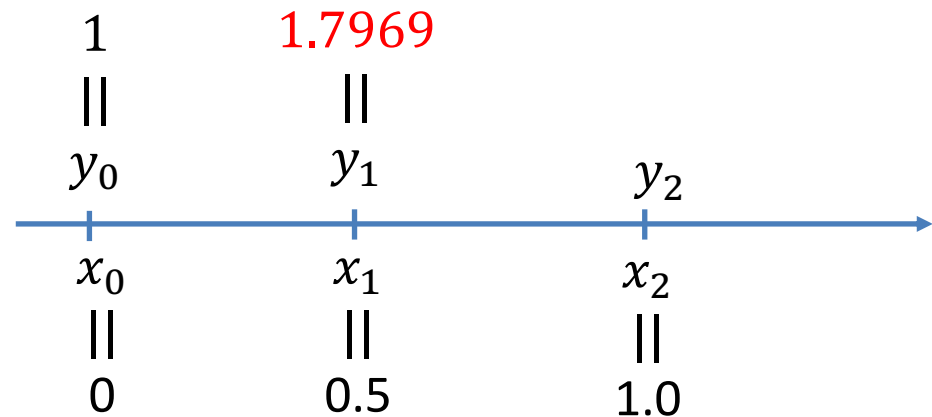
$$y' = f(x, y) = x + y$$

$$\begin{aligned} k_1 &= f(x_1, y_1) \\ &= f(0.5, 1.7969) \\ &= 2.2969 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} k_2 &= f\left(x_1 + \frac{h}{2}, y_1 + \frac{k_1 h}{2}\right) \\ &= f(0.75, 2.3711) \\ &= 3.1211 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} k_3 &= f\left(x_1 + \frac{h}{2}, y_1 + \frac{k_2 h}{2}\right) \\ &= f(0.75, 2.5772) \\ &= 3.3272 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} k_4 &= f(x_1 + h, y_1 + k_3 h) \\ &= f(1, 3.4605) \\ &= 4.4605 \end{aligned}$$

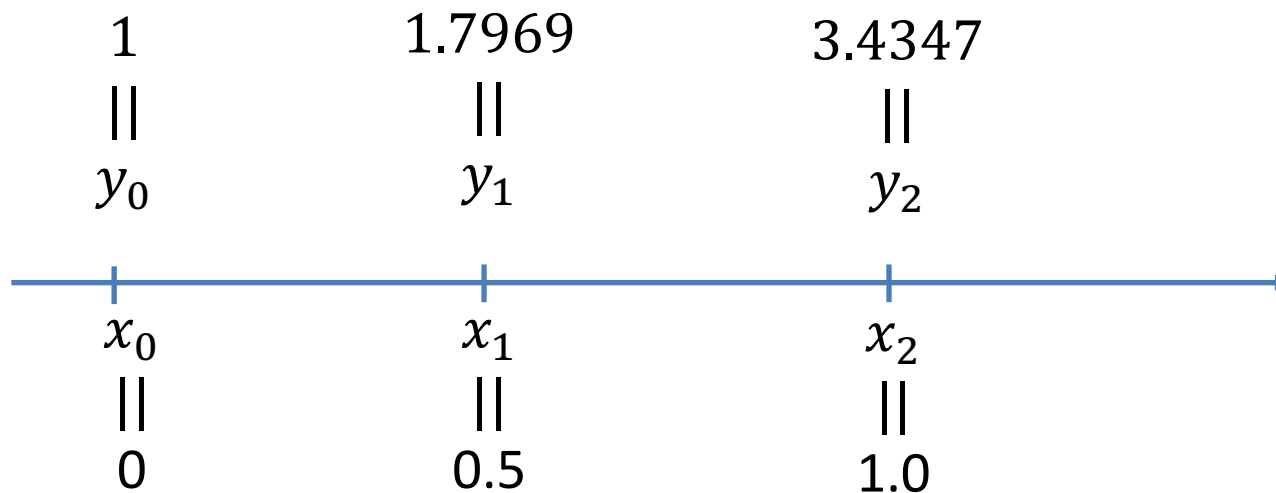


$$\begin{aligned} y_2 &= y_1 + \frac{1}{6}h(k_1 + 2k_2 + 2k_3 + k_4) \\ &= 1.7969 + \frac{1}{6}(0.5)(2.2969 + 2(3.1211) + 2(3.3272) + 4.4605) \\ &= 3.4347 \end{aligned}$$

7.3.2 Forth Order Runge-Kutta Method (RK4)

Solution: (cont.)

$$y' = f(x, y) = x + y$$



7.3.2 Forth Order Runge-Kutta Method (RK4)

Illustrative Example 2:

Use the forth order Runge-Kutta method to numerically integrate

$$y' + 3x = \cos 4y, \quad y(0) = 0.3$$

from $x = 0$ to $x = 1$ with a step size of 0.25.

7.3.2 Forth Order Runge-Kutta Method (RK4)

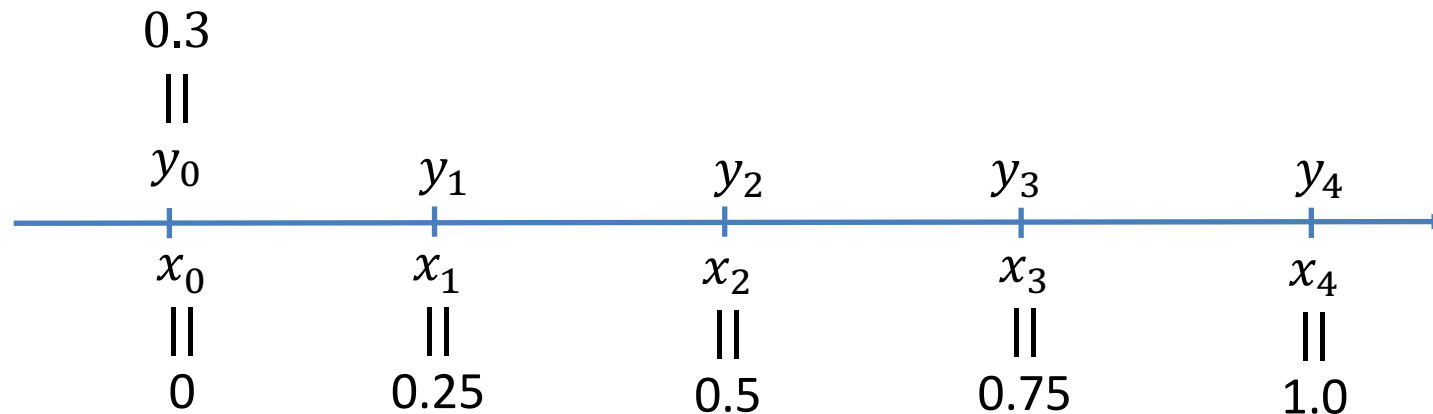
Solution:

Reminder:
 $y' = f(x, y)$

$$y' = f(x, y) = -3x + \cos 4y$$

$$0 \leq x \leq 1, \quad h = 0.25, \quad y(0) = 0.3$$

Construct the time line:



7.3.2 Forth Order Runge-Kutta Method (RK4)

Solution: (cont.)

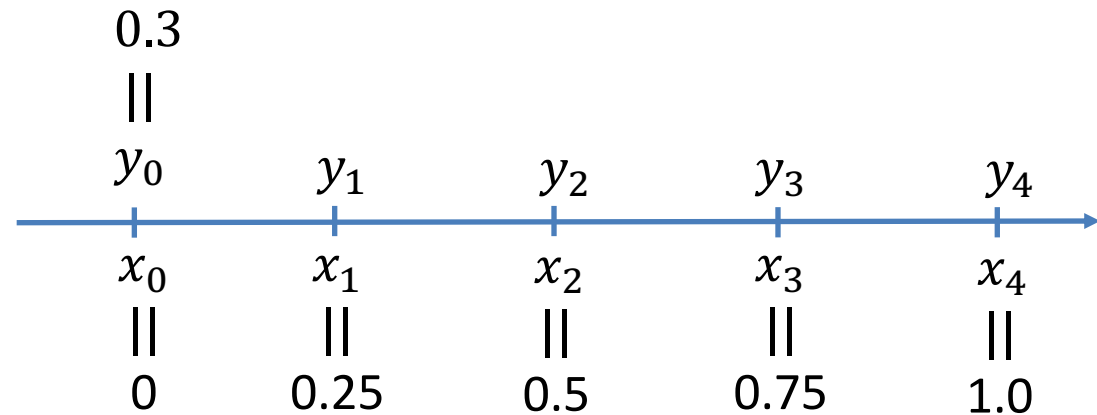
Let $i = 0$, $y' = f(x, y) = -3x + \cos 4y$

$$\begin{aligned} k_1 &= f(x_0, y_0) \\ &= f(0, 0.3) \\ &= 0.3624 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} k_2 &= f\left(x_0 + \frac{h}{2}, y_0 + \frac{k_1 h}{2}\right) \\ &= f(0.125, 0.3453) \\ &= -0.1865 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} k_3 &= f\left(x_0 + \frac{h}{2}, y_0 + \frac{k_2 h}{2}\right) \\ &= f(0.125, 0.2767) \\ &= 0.0725 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} k_4 &= f(x_0 + h, y_0 + k_3 h) \\ &= f(0.25, 0.3181) \\ &= -0.4560 \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned} y_1 &= y_0 + \frac{1}{6}h(k_1 + 2k_2 + 2k_3 + k_4) \\ &= 0.3 + \frac{1}{6}(0.25)(0.3624 + 2(-0.1865) + \\ &\quad 2(0.0725) + (-0.4560)) \\ &= 0.2866 \end{aligned}$$

7.3.2 Forth Order Runge-Kutta Method (RK4)

Solution: (cont.)

Let $i = 1$,

$$y' = f(x, y) = -3x + \cos 4y$$

$$\begin{aligned} k_1 &= f(x_1, y_1) \\ &= f(0.25, 0.2866) \\ &= -0.3382 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} k_2 &= f\left(x_1 + \frac{h}{2}, y_1 + \frac{k_1 h}{2}\right) \\ &= f(0.375, 0.2443) \\ &= -0.5657 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} k_3 &= f\left(x_1 + \frac{h}{2}, y_1 + \frac{k_2 h}{2}\right) \\ &= f(0.375, 0.2159) \\ &= -0.4753 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} k_4 &= f(x_1 + h, y_1 + k_3 h) \\ &= f(0.5, 0.1678) \\ &= -0.7169 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} y_2 &= y_1 + \frac{1}{6} h (k_1 + 2k_2 + 2k_3 + k_4) \\ &= 0.2866 + \frac{1}{6} (0.25) (-0.3382 + 2(-0.5657) + 2(-0.4753) + (-0.7169)) \\ &= 0.1559 \end{aligned}$$

7.3.2 Forth Order Runge-Kutta Method (RK4)

Solution: (cont.)

Let $i = 1$,

$$y' = f(x, y) = -3x + \cos 4y$$

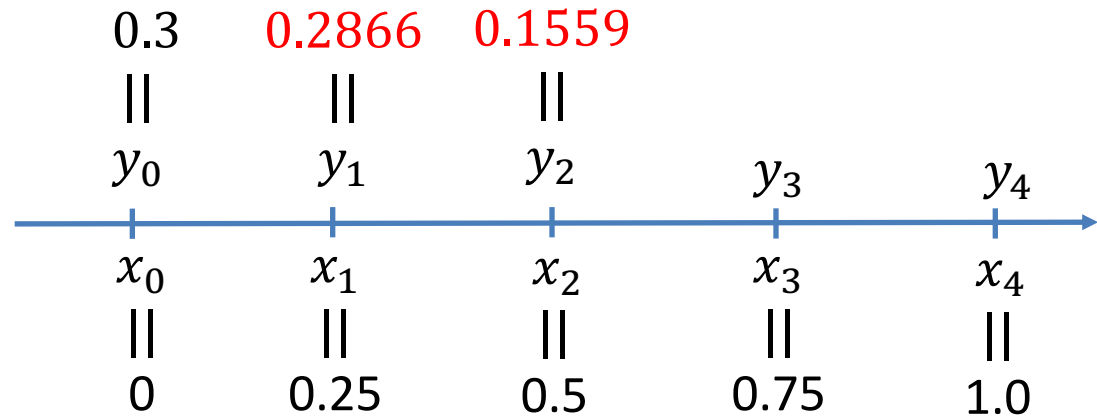
$$\begin{aligned} k_1 &= f(x_2, y_2) \\ &= f(0.5, 0.1559) \\ &= -0.6882 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} k_2 &= f\left(x_2 + \frac{h}{2}, y_2 + \frac{k_1 h}{2}\right) \\ &= f(0.625, 0.0699) \\ &= -0.9138 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} k_3 &= f\left(x_2 + \frac{h}{2}, y_2 + \frac{k_2 h}{2}\right) \\ &= f(0.625, 0.0417) \\ &= -0.8889 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} k_4 &= f(x_2 + h, y_2 + k_3 h) \\ &= f(0.75, -0.0663) \\ &= -1.2850 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} y_3 &= y_2 + \frac{1}{6} h (k_1 + 2k_2 + 2k_3 + k_4) \\ &= 0.1559 + \frac{1}{6} (0.25) (-0.6882 + 2(-0.9138) + 2(-0.8889) + (-1.2850)) \\ &= -0.0765 \end{aligned}$$



7.3.2 Forth Order Runge-Kutta Method (RK4)

Solution: (cont.)

Let $i = 1$,

$$y' = f(x, y) = -3x + \cos 4y$$

$$\begin{aligned} k_1 &= f(x_3, y_3) \\ &= f(0.75, -0.0765) \\ &= -1.2965 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} k_2 &= f\left(x_3 + \frac{h}{2}, y_3 + \frac{k_1 h}{2}\right) \\ &= f(0.875, -0.2386) \\ &= -2.0469 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} k_3 &= f\left(x_3 + \frac{h}{2}, y_3 + \frac{k_2 h}{2}\right) \\ &= f(0.875, -0.3324) \\ &= -2.3861 \end{aligned}$$

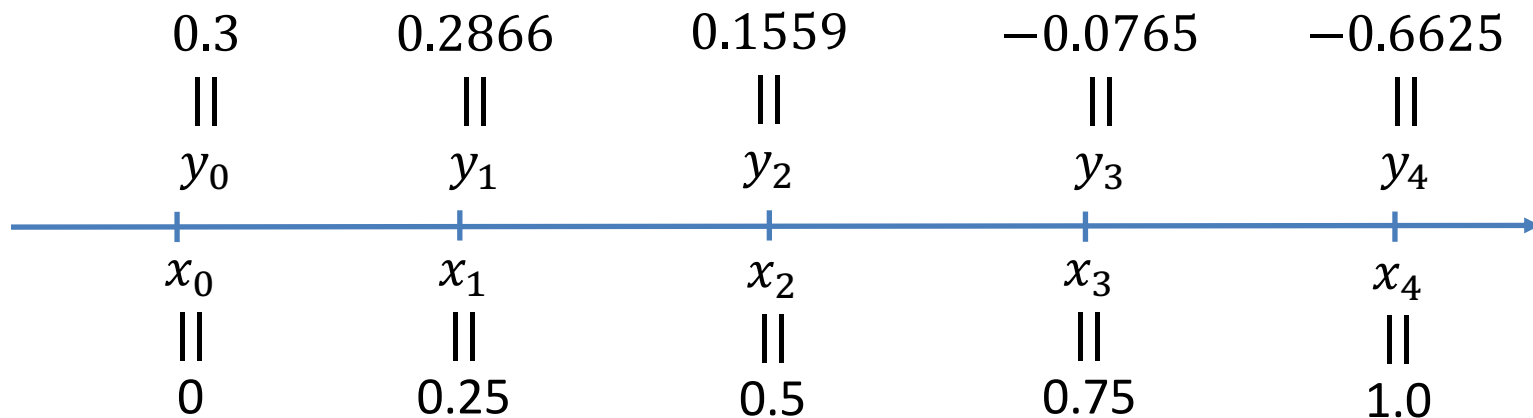
$$\begin{aligned} k_4 &= f(x_3 + h, y_3 + k_3 h) \\ &= f(1.0, -0.6731) \\ &= -3.9008 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} y_4 &= y_3 + \frac{1}{6}h(k_1 + 2k_2 + 2k_3 + k_4) \\ &= -0.0765 + \frac{1}{6}(0.25)(-1.2965 + 2(-2.0469) + 2(-2.3861) + (-3.9008)) \\ &= -0.6625 \end{aligned}$$

7.3.2 Forth Order Runge-Kutta Method (RK4)

Solution: (cont.)

$$y' = f(x, y) = -3x + \cos 4y$$



7.3.2 Forth Order Runge-Kutta Method (RK4)

Exercise 7.4:

Use the forth order Runge-Kutta method to numerically integrate

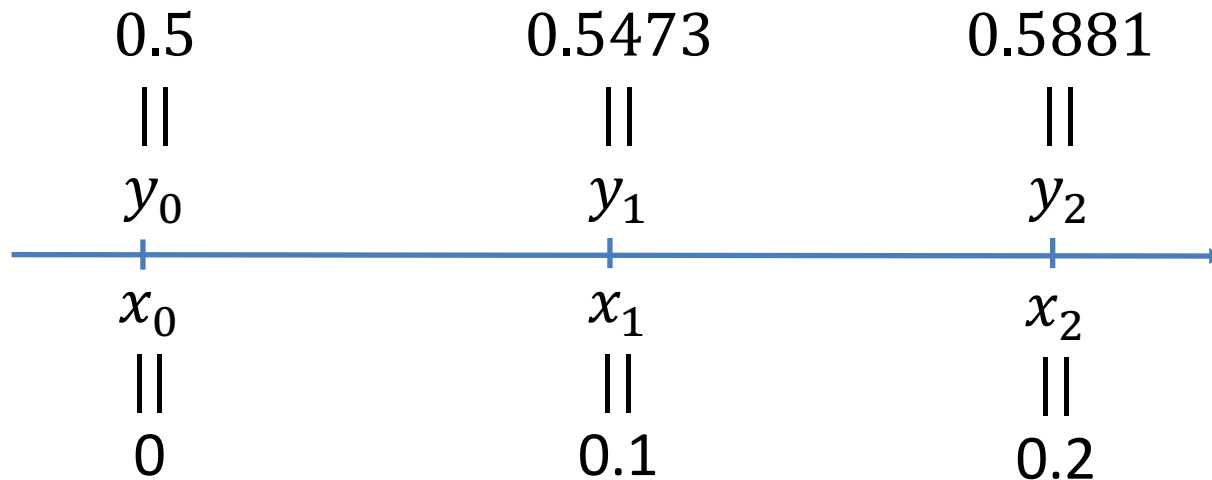
$$\frac{dy}{dx} + y = 1 - x^2, \quad y(0) = 0.5$$

from $x = 0$ to $x = 0.2$ with a step size of $h = 0.1$.

7.3.2 Forth Order Runge-Kutta Method (RK4)

Solution:

$$y' = f(x, y) = 1 - x^2 - y$$



$k_1 = 0.5$	$k_1 = 0.4427$
$k_2 = 0.4725$	$k_2 = 0.4081$
$k_3 = 0.4739$	$k_3 = 0.4098$
$k_4 = 0.4426$	$k_4 = 0.3718$