

Comparison of Newton's Interpolation and Aitken's Method with Runge-Kutta Method for Solving First Order Differential Equation

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Abstract: There has been greater attempt to solving differential equations by analytic methods and numerical methods. Most of researchers treated numerical approach to solve first order ordinary differential equations. These methods such as Runge-Kutta method, Taylor series method and Euler's method, etc. Faith Chelimo Kosgei studied this problem by combined the Newton's interpolation and Lagrange method. In this study we will treat the combined Newton's Interpolation and Aitken's Method with Runge-Kutta Method for Solving First Order Differential Equation.

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INTRODUCTION

In real life many problems can be formulated in the form of ordinary differential equation, especially the equations of first order, hence we need to study and solve the differential equations. Numerical method is used to solve these problems. The differential equation problem [1-7], consists of at least one differential equation and at least one additional equation such that the system together have one and only one solution called the analytic or exact solution to distinguish it from the approximate numerical solutions that we shall consider. In this paper, to find the solution of differential equation of first order, Faith C. K [1] studied this problem by using combination of Newton's interpolation and Lagrange method. In this study we will compare Newton's Interpolation and Aitken's Method with Runge-Kutta Method for Solving First Order Differential Equation [2-4, 6, 8]. Finally we verified on a number of examples and numerical results obtained show the efficiency of these methods. Let's consider the following first order differential equation or initial value problem:

$$Y' = f(x, y), \quad y(x_0) = y_0 \quad (1)$$

where $f(x, y)$ is a known function and the values in the initial conditions are also known numbers.

Combined Newton's Interpolation and Lagrange Method

[1]: This study combines both Newton's interpolation method and Lagrange method. It uses Newton's interpolation method to find the second two terms then use the three values for y to form a quadratic equation using Lagrange interpolation method as follows;

Newton's Interpolation Method [1, 6]:

$$f_n(x) = a_0 + a_1(x - x_0) + a_2(x - x_0)(x - x_1) + \dots + a_n(x - x_0)(x - x_1)\dots a_2(x - x_{n-1}) \quad (2)$$

where

$$a_0 = y_0, \quad a_1 = \frac{f(x_1) - f(x_0)}{(x_1 - x_0)}, \quad a_2 = \frac{\frac{f(x_2) - f(x_1)}{(x_2 - x_1)} - \frac{f(x_1) - f(x_0)}{(x_1 - x_0)}}{(x_2 - x_0)} \quad (3)$$

etc

Lagrange Interpolation Method [1, 6]:

$$y_n = \frac{(x - x_1) - (x - x_2)}{(x_0 - x_1)(x_0 - x_2)} y_0 + \frac{(x - x_0) - (x - x_2)}{(x_1 - x_0)(x_1 - x_2)} y_1 + \frac{(x - x_0) - (x - x_1)}{(x_2 - x_0)(x_2 - x_1)} y_2 \quad (4)$$

Description of the Method: This method will combine both Newton's interpolation method and Aitken method. It used Newton's interpolation method to find the second two terms then use the three values for y to form a linear or quadratic equations using Aitken interpolation method as follows;

$$f_n(x) = a_0 + a_1(x - x_0) + a_2(x - x_0)(x - x_1) + \dots + a_n(x - x_0)(x - x_1)\dots a_n(x - x_{n-1}) \quad (5)$$

where

$$a_0 = y_0, \quad a_1 = \frac{f(x_1) - f(x_0)}{(x_1 - x_0)}, \quad a_2 = \frac{\frac{f(x_2) - f(x_1)}{(x_2 - x_1)} - \frac{f(x_1) - f(x_0)}{(x_1 - x_0)}}{(x_2 - x_0)} \quad (6)$$

etc

$$y_1 = a_0 + a_1(x - x_0) \quad (7)$$

$$y_2 = a_0 + a_1(x - x_0) + a_2(x - x_0)(x - x_1) \quad (8)$$

Note: We can use Newton's Forward Interpolation Formula instead of Newton's divided Interpolation method in (2.1).

Aitken Interpolation Method [6]:

$$P_{o,k}(x) = \frac{1}{x_k - x_0} \begin{vmatrix} y_0 & x_0 - x \\ y_k & x_k - x \end{vmatrix} \quad (9)$$

$$P_{o,1,2}(x) = \frac{1}{x_2 - x_1} \begin{vmatrix} P_{o,1}(x) & x_1 - x \\ P_{o,2}(x) & x_2 - x \end{vmatrix} \quad (10)$$

$$y_n = P_{o,1,2,\dots,n}(x) = \frac{1}{x_n - x_{n-1}} \begin{vmatrix} P_{o,1,\dots,(n-1)}(x) & x_{n-1} - x \\ P_{o,1,\dots,(n-2),n}(x) & x_n - x \end{vmatrix} \quad (11)$$

Runge-Kutta Method [8]: For the equation $y' = f(x, y)$ and the initial condition $y(x_0) = y_0$

$$y(x+h) \sim y(x) + \frac{1}{6}(K_1 + 2K_2 + 2K_3 + K_4) \quad (12)$$

$$\begin{aligned} K_1 &= h \cdot f(x, y) \\ K_2 &= h \cdot f\left(x + \frac{h}{2}, y + \frac{K_1}{2}\right) \\ K_3 &= h \cdot f\left(x + \frac{h}{2}, y + \frac{K_2}{2}\right) \\ K_4 &= h \cdot f(x + h, y + K_3) \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

Examples: In this section, we will check the effectiveness of the present technique (3). First numerical comparison for the following test examples taken in [1].

Example 1:

$$\text{Solve } \frac{dy}{dx} = 1 - y, \quad y(0) = 0$$

By taking the step $h=0.01$

First by using Newton's interpolation, we have

$$\begin{aligned} a_0 &= 0 = y_0 \\ a_1 &= \frac{f(x_1) - f(x_0)}{(x_1 - x_0)} = \left[\frac{dy}{dx}\right]_{0,0} = 1 \\ y_1 &= 0 + 1(0.01 - 0) = 0.01 \\ a_2 &= \frac{\frac{f(x_2) - f(x_1)}{(x_2 - x_1)} - \frac{f(x_1) - f(x_0)}{(x_1 - x_0)}}{(x_2 - x_0)} = \frac{\left[\frac{dy}{dx}\right]_{0.01,0.01} - \left[\frac{dy}{dx}\right]_{0,0}}{0.02 - 0} = -0.05 \\ y_2 &= 0 + a_1(0.02 - 0) - 0.5(0.02 - 0)(0.02 - 0.01) = 0.0199 \end{aligned}$$

Now, forming linear and quadratic using Aitken Method

$$\begin{aligned} P_{0,1}(x) &= x \\ P_{0,2}(x) &= 0.995x \\ P_{0,1,2}(x) &= -0.5x^2 + 1.005x \end{aligned}$$

Hence, we can take the approximation solutions of linear and quadratic using Aitken Method and Runge-Kutta method with the exact solution, Table 1.

Example 2:

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

By taking the step $h=0.01$

First by using Newton's interpolation, we have

$$a_0 = 1 = y_0$$

Table 1: Solution of $\frac{dy}{dx} = 1 - y, \quad y(0) = 0$

x	Combined Newton's Interpolation and Aitken	Exact Values	Runge Kutta Values	abs (Runge Kutta - exact)	abs (Combined Newton's Interpolation and Aitken - exact)
0	0	0	0	0	0
0.01	0.0100	0.009950166	0.01	0.000049834	0.000049834
0.02	0.0199	0.019801326	0.019900000	0.000098674	0.000096740
0.03	0.0297	0.029554466	0.029701000	0.000146534	0.000145534
0.04	0.0394	0.039210560	0.039403990	0.000193430	0.000189440
0.05	0.0490	0.048770575	0.049009950	0.000239375	0.000229425
0.06	0.0585	0.058235466	0.581985059	0.000036960	0.000264534
0.07	0.0679	0.067606180	0.067934652	0.000328472	0.000293820
0.08	0.0772	0.076883653	0.077255305	0.000371653	0.000316347
0.09	0.0864	0.086068814	0.086482752	0.000413939	0.000331186
0.1	0.0955	0.095162581	0.095617924	0.000455344	0.000337419

Table 2: Solution of $\frac{dy}{dx} = x^2 - y, \quad y(0) = 1$

x	Combined Newton's Interpolation and Aitken	Exact Values	Runge Kutta Values	abs (Runge Kutta - exact)	abs (Combined Newton's Interpolation and Aitken - exact)
0	1	1	1	0	0
0.01	0.990000000	0.990050166	0.990000000	0.000050168	0.000050168
0.02	0.980101000	0.980201326	0.980101000	0.000100326	0.000100326
0.03	0.970303000	0.970454466	0.970303990	0.000150476	0.000150476
0.04	0.960606000	0.96081056	0.960609950	0.000200610	0.000204560
0.05	0.950101000	0.951270575	0.951019851	0.000250724	0.001169575
0.06	0.941515000	0.941835466	0.941517169	0.0000318297	0.000320466
0.07	0.932121000	0.93250618	0.932137997	0.000368183	0.000385180
0.08	0.922828000	0.923283653	0.922865617	0.000418036	0.000455653
0.09	0.913636000	0.914168814	0.913700691	0.000467449	0.000532814
0.1	0.904545000	0.905162582	0.904644951	0.000517631	0.000617582

$$a_1 = \frac{f(x_1) - f(x_0)}{(x_1 - x_0)} = \left[\frac{dy}{dx}\right]_{0,1} = -1$$

$$y_1 = 1 - 1(0.01 - 0) = 0.99$$

$$a_2 = \frac{\frac{f(x_2) - (x_1)}{(x_2 - x_1)} - \frac{f(x_1) - f(x_0)}{(x_1 - x_0)}}{(x_2 - x_0)} = \frac{\left[\frac{dy}{dx}\right]_{0,0.01,0.99} - \left[\frac{dy}{dx}\right]_{0,1}}{0.02 - 0.01} = 0.505$$

$$y_2 = 1 - 1(0.02 - 0) + 0.505(0.02 - 0)(0.02 - 0.01) = 0.980101$$

Now, forming linear and quadratic using Aitken Method

$$P_{0,1}(x) = 1 - x$$

$$P_{0,2}(x) = 1 - 0.99495x$$

$$P_{0,1,2}(x) = 0.505x^2 - 1.00505x + 1$$

Hence, we can take the approximation solutions of linear and quadratic using Aitken Method and Runge-Kutta method with the exact solution, Table 2.

Example 3:

Solve $\frac{dy}{dx} = y - x, \quad y(0) = 0.5$

By taking the step $h=0.01$
First by using Newton's interpolation, we have

$$a_0 = 0.5 = y_0$$

$$a_1 = \frac{f(x_1) - f(x_0)}{(x_1 - x_0)} = \left[\frac{dy}{dx}\right]_{0,0.5} = 0.5$$

$$y_1 = 0.5 + 0.5(0.01 - 0) = 0.505$$

$$a_2 = \frac{\frac{f(x_2) - (x_1)}{(x_2 - x_1)} - \frac{f(x_1) - f(x_0)}{(x_1 - x_0)}}{(x_2 - x_0)} = \frac{\left[\frac{dy}{dx}\right]_{0,0.01,0.505} - \left[\frac{dy}{dx}\right]_{0,0.5}}{0.02 - 0} = -0.25$$

$$y_2 = 0.5 + 0.5(0.02 - 0) - 0.25(0.02 - 0)(0.02 - 0.01) = 0.50995$$

Now, forming linear and quadratic using Aitken Method

Table 3: Solution of $\frac{dy}{dx} = y - x$, $y(0) = 0.5$

x	Combined Newton's Interpolation and Aitken	Exact Values	Runge Kutta Values	abs (Runge Kutta – exact)	abs (Combined Newton's Interpolation and Aitken – exact)
0	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0
0.01	0.505000000	0.504974916	0.505000000	0.000025084	0.000025084
0.02	0.509950000	0.509999933	0.509950000	0.000049330	0.000049330
0.03	0.514850000	0.514772733	0.514849500	0.000076767	0.000072670
0.04	0.519700000	0.519594612	0.519697995	0.000103383	0.000105388
0.05	0.524500000	0.524364451	0.524494975	0.000130524	0.000135549
0.06	0.529250000	0.529081726	0.529239925	0.000158199	0.000168274
0.07	0.533950000	0.533745909	0.533932324	0.000186420	0.000204091
0.08	0.538600000	0.538356466	0.543157364	0.000215394	0.000243534
0.09	0.543200000	0.542912858	0.547697961	0.000244506	0.000287142
0.1	0.547750000	0.547414541	0.552174941	0.000283420	0.000335459

$$P_{0,1}(x) = 0.5 - 0.5x$$

$$P_{0,2}(x) = 0.5 - 0.4975x$$

$$P_{0,1,2}(x) = -0.25x^2 + 0.5025x + 0.5$$

Hence, we can take the approximation solutions of linear and quadratic using Aitken Method and Runge-Kutta method with the exact solution, Table 3.

CONCLUSIONS

In this work, we have been compared Runge-Kutta method and Newton's interpolation and Aitken's method with the exact solution to solve first order differential equation, we find the same order of error for these two methods.

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