
1. 考虑如下四阶 Runge-Kutta 公式

对于方程 $\dot{x} = f(x, t)$,

$$x_{n+1} = x_n + \frac{h}{6} (k_1 + 2k_2 + 2k_3 + k_4)$$

$$k_1 = f(x_n, t_n)$$

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

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

$$k_4 = f(x_n + hk_3, t_n + h)$$

其中, $t_n = nh$, $x_n = x(t_n)$

请证明此公式确实可给出准确至四阶的解。

参考解答: 先将 $x(t_{n+1})$ 展开到四阶

$$x(t_{n+1}) = x_n + hx'_n + \frac{h^2}{2}x''_n + \frac{h^3}{6}x'''_n + \frac{h^4}{24}x''''_n + \mathcal{O}(h^5)$$

要证明 Runge-Kutta 四阶公式, 就要证明 $x(t_{n+1}) - x_{n+1} = \mathcal{O}(h^5)$ 。我们先算每一阶的导数

$$x'_n = f(x_n, t_n)$$

$$x''_n = \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} x'_n$$

$$x'''_n = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial t^2} + 2f \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial t \partial x} + f^2 \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + f \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right)^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} x''''_n &= \frac{\partial^3 f}{\partial t^3} + 3f \frac{\partial^3 f}{\partial t^2 \partial x} + 3f^2 \frac{\partial^3 f}{\partial t \partial x^2} + f^3 \frac{\partial^3 f}{\partial x^3} + 3f \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} \\ &\quad + 4f^2 \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} + 5f \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial t \partial x} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + 3 \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial t \partial x} \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial t^2} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right)^2 + f \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right)^3 \end{aligned}$$

有了这些作为参考, 我们再看展开式中的阶数。由于 k_1 、 k_2 、 k_3 、 k_4 前有 $\frac{h}{6}$ 的

系数, 因此我们只需要求它们展开式中的 3 阶项, 因此分别将 k_2 、 k_3 、 k_4 做展开

$$\begin{aligned} k_4 &= f(t_n, x_n) + h \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + hk_3 \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + \frac{h^2}{2} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial t^2} + \frac{h^2 k_3^2}{2} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} + h^2 k_3 \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial t \partial x} \\ &\quad + \frac{h^3}{6} \frac{\partial^3 f}{\partial t^3} + \frac{h^3 k_3}{2} \frac{\partial^3 f}{\partial t^2 \partial x} + \frac{h^3 k_3^2}{2} \frac{\partial^3 f}{\partial t \partial x^2} + \frac{h^3 k_3^3}{6} \frac{\partial^3 f}{\partial x^3} + \mathcal{O}(h^4) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
k_3 &= f(t_n, x_n) + \frac{h}{2} \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + \frac{hk_2}{2} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + \frac{h^2}{8} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial t^2} + \frac{h^2 k_2^2}{8} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} + \frac{h^2 k_2}{4} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial t \partial x} \\
&\quad + \frac{h^3}{48} \frac{\partial^3 f}{\partial t^3} + \frac{h^3 k_2}{16} \frac{\partial^3 f}{\partial t^2 \partial x} + \frac{h^3 k_2^2}{16} \frac{\partial^3 f}{\partial t \partial x^2} + \frac{h^3 k_2^3}{48} \frac{\partial^3 f}{\partial x^3} + \mathcal{O}(h^4) \\
k_2 &= f(t_n, x_n) + \frac{h}{2} \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + \frac{hk_1}{2} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + \frac{h^2}{8} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial t^2} + \frac{h^2 k_1^2}{8} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} + \frac{h^2 k_1}{4} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial t \partial x} \\
&\quad + \frac{h^3}{48} \frac{\partial^3 f}{\partial t^3} + \frac{h^3 k_1}{16} \frac{\partial^3 f}{\partial t^2 \partial x} + \frac{h^3 k_1^2}{16} \frac{\partial^3 f}{\partial t \partial x^2} + \frac{h^3 k_1^3}{48} \frac{\partial^3 f}{\partial x^3} + \mathcal{O}(h^4)
\end{aligned}$$

1 阶项：

$$\frac{h}{6} [f(t_n, x_n) + 2f(t_n, x_n) + 2f(t_n, x_n) + f(t_n, x_n)] = hf(t_n, x_n) = hx'_n$$

2 阶项：

$$\frac{h}{6} \left[h \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + hf \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + 2 \left(\frac{h}{2} \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + \frac{h}{2} f \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right) + 2 \left(\frac{h}{2} \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + \frac{h}{2} f \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right) \right] = \frac{h^2}{2} \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + f \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right) = \frac{h^2}{2} x''_n$$

3 阶项：

$$\begin{aligned}
&\frac{h}{6} \left[\frac{h^2}{2} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial t^2} + \frac{h^2 f^2}{2} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} + h^2 f \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial t \partial x} + h \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \left(\frac{h}{2} \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + \frac{hf}{2} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right) \right] \\
&\quad + \frac{h}{6} \left[2 \left(\frac{h^2}{8} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial t^2} + \frac{h^2}{8} f^2 \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} + \frac{h^2}{4} f \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial t \partial x} + \frac{h}{2} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \left(\frac{h}{2} \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + \frac{hf}{2} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right) \right) \right] \\
&\quad + \frac{h}{6} \left[2 \left(\frac{h^2}{8} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial t^2} + \frac{h^2}{8} f^2 \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} + \frac{h^2}{4} f \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial t \partial x} \right) \right] \\
&= \frac{h^3}{6} \left[\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial t^2} + f^2 \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} + 2f \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial t \partial x} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + f \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right)^2 \right] = \frac{h^3}{6} x'''_n
\end{aligned}$$

4 阶项：这个部分比较复杂，我们分开算，先算 k_2 、 k_3 、 k_4 中本身带有 h^3 的项

$$\begin{aligned}
&\frac{h}{6} \left[\frac{h^3}{6} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial t^3} + \frac{h^3 f}{2} \frac{\partial^3 f}{\partial t^2 \partial x} + \frac{h^3 f^2}{2} \frac{\partial^3 f}{\partial t \partial x^2} + \frac{h^3}{6} \frac{\partial^3 f}{\partial x^3} \right. \\
&\quad \left. + 2 \left(\frac{h^3}{48} \frac{\partial^3 f}{\partial t^3} + \frac{h^3 f}{16} \frac{\partial^3 f}{\partial t^2 \partial x} + \frac{h^3 f^2}{16} \frac{\partial^3 f}{\partial t \partial x^2} + \frac{h^3}{48} \frac{\partial^3 f}{\partial x^3} \right) \right. \\
&\quad \left. + 2 \left(\frac{h^3}{48} \frac{\partial^3 f}{\partial t^3} + \frac{h^3 f}{16} \frac{\partial^3 f}{\partial t^2 \partial x} + \frac{h^3 f^2}{16} \frac{\partial^3 f}{\partial t \partial x^2} + \frac{h^3}{48} \frac{\partial^3 f}{\partial x^3} \right) \right] \\
&= \frac{h^4}{24} \left(\frac{\partial^3 f}{\partial t^3} + 3f \frac{\partial^3 f}{\partial t^2 \partial x} + 3f^2 \frac{\partial^3 f}{\partial t \partial x^2} + f^3 \frac{\partial^3 f}{\partial x^3} \right)
\end{aligned}$$

在 k_4 中有可能出现 h^3 的部分为 $hk_3 \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + h^2 k_3 \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial t \partial x} + \frac{h^2 k_3^2}{2} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}$ ，需要分别对应 k_3 的 3 阶、2 阶、1 阶，注意需要迭代到 k_2 中的阶数。此贡献为

$$\begin{aligned}
&h \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \left[\frac{h^2}{8} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial t^2} + \frac{h^2}{8} f^2 \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} + \frac{h^2}{4} f \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial t \partial x} + \frac{h}{2} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \left(\frac{h}{2} \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + \frac{hf}{2} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right) \right] \\
&\quad + h^2 \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial t \partial x} \left(\frac{h}{2} \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + \frac{hf}{2} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right) + \frac{h^2}{2} f \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} \left[2 \left(\frac{h}{2} \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + \frac{hf}{2} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right) \right]
\end{aligned}$$

同理可得 k_3 中可能出现 h^3 的部分

$$\frac{h}{2} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \left(\frac{h^2}{8} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial t^2} + \frac{h^2}{8} f^2 \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} + \frac{h^2}{4} f \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial t \partial x} \right) + \frac{h^2}{4} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial t \partial x} \left(\frac{h}{2} \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + \frac{hf}{2} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right) + \frac{h^2 f}{8} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} \left(\frac{h}{2} \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + \frac{hf}{2} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right)$$

由于 k_2 中没有这部分共吸纳，因此我们直接根据 $\frac{h}{6} (k_1 + 2k_2 + 2k_3 + k_4)$ 相加

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{h^4}{6} \left[\frac{1}{4} \frac{\partial^3 f}{\partial t^3} + \frac{3}{4} f \frac{\partial^3 f}{\partial t^2 \partial x} + \frac{3}{4} f^2 \frac{\partial^3 f}{\partial t \partial x^2} + \frac{1}{4} f^3 \frac{\partial^3 f}{\partial x^3} + \frac{1}{8} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial t^2} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + \frac{1}{8} f^2 \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} + \frac{1}{4} f \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial t \partial x} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right. \\ & + \frac{1}{4} \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right)^2 + \frac{1}{4} f \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right)^3 + \frac{1}{8} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial t^2} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + \frac{1}{8} f^2 \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} + \frac{1}{4} f \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial t \partial x} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + \frac{1}{4} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial t \partial x} \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{4} f \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial t \partial x} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \\ & + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial t \partial x} \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{2} f \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial t \partial x} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + \frac{1}{2} f \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} + \frac{1}{2} f^2 \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} + \frac{f}{4} \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} + \frac{f^2}{4} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} \left. \right] \\ & = \frac{h^4}{24} \left[\frac{\partial^3 f}{\partial t^3} + 3f \frac{\partial^3 f}{\partial t^2 \partial x} + 3f^2 \frac{\partial^3 f}{\partial t \partial x^2} + f^3 \frac{\partial^3 f}{\partial x^3} + 5f \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial t \partial x} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + 3 \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} + 4f^2 \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} \right. \\ & \left. + \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right)^2 + f \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right)^3 + 3 \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial t \partial x} \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial t^2} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right] = \frac{h^4}{24} x_n''' \end{aligned}$$

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