



# 2.29 Numerical Fluid Mechanics

## Fall 2011 – Lecture 2

### REVIEW Lecture 1

1. Syllabus, Goals and Objectives
2. Introduction to CFD
3. From mathematical models to numerical simulations (1D Sphere in 1D flow)

Continuum Model – Differential Equations

=> Difference Equations (often uses Taylor expansion and truncation)

=> Linear/Non-linear System of Equations

=> Numerical Solution (matrix inversion, eigenvalue problem, root finding, etc)

### 4. Error Types

- **Round-off error:** due to representation by computers of numbers with a finite number of digits (significant digits)
- **Truncation error:** due to approximation/truncation by numerical methods of “exact” mathematical operations/quantities
- **Other errors:** model errors, data/parameter input errors, human errors.



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### REVIEW Lecture 1, Cont'd

- Approximation and round-off errors
  - Significant digits: Numbers that can be used with confidence
  - Absolute and relative errors  $E_a = \hat{x}_a - \hat{x}$ ,  $\varepsilon_a = \frac{\hat{x}_a - \hat{x}}{\hat{x}_a}$ 
    - Iterative schemes and stop criterion:  $|\varepsilon_a| = \left| \frac{\hat{x}_n - \hat{x}_{n-1}}{\hat{x}_n} \right| \leq \varepsilon_s$
  - For n digits:  $\varepsilon_s = \frac{1}{2} 10^{-n}$



# Numerical Fluid Mechanics – TODAY's Outline

- Approximation and round-off errors
  - Absolute and relative errors
  - Number representations
  - Arithmetic operations
  - Errors of arithmetic/numerical operations
  - Recursion algorithms (Heron, Horner's scheme, etc):
    - Order of computations matter
- Truncation Errors, Taylor Series and Error Analysis
  - Taylor series:
  - Use of Taylor Series to derive finite difference schemes (first-order Euler scheme and forward, backward and centered differences)
  - Error propagation – numerical stability
  - Error estimation
  - Error cancellation
  - Condition numbers

Reference: Chapra and Canale,  
Chaps 3.1-3.4 and 4.1-4.4



# Number Representations

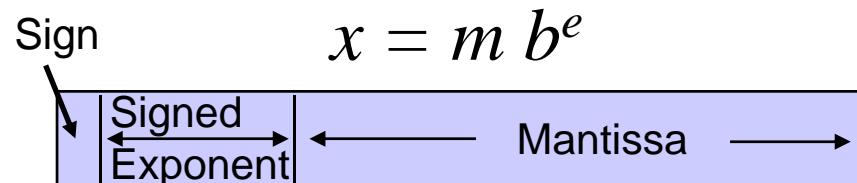
- Number Systems:

- Base-10:  $1,234_{10} = 1 \times 10^3 + 2 \times 10^2 + 3 \times 10^1 + 4 \times 10^0$
- Computers (0/1): base-2  
 $1101_2 = 1 \times 2^3 + 1 \times 2^2 + 0 \times 2^1 + 1 \times 2^0$   
 $= 13_{10}$

- Integer Representation (signed magnitude method):

- First bit is the sign (0,1), remaining bits used to store the number
- For a 16-bits computer:
  - Example:  $-13_{10} = 10000000000001101$
  - Largest range of numbers:  $2^{15}-1$  largest number => -32,768 to 32,767 (from 0 to 1111111111111111)

- Floating Number Representation



|     |   |
|-----|---|
| $m$ | Mantissa/Significand<br>= fractional part |
| $b$ | Base                                      |
| $e$ | Exponent                                  |



# Floating Number Representation

## Examples

Decimal  $0.00527 = 0.527_{10} \times 10^{-2_{10}}$

Binary  $10.1_2 = 0.101_2 \times 2^{2_{10}} = 0.101_2 \times 2^{10_2}$

**Convention: Normalization of Mantissa m (so as to have no zeros on the left)**

$$0.01234 \Rightarrow 0.1234 \times 10^{-1}$$

$$12.34 \Rightarrow 0.1234 \times 10^2$$

Decimal  $0.1 \leq m < 1.0$

Binary  $0.1_2 = 0.5_{10} \leq m < 1.0$

=> General  $b^{-1} \leq m < b^0$



# Example

(Chapra and Canale, pg 61)

Consider hypothetical  
Floating-Point machine in  
base-2

7-bits word =

- 1 for sign
- 3 for signed exp.  
(1 sign, 2 for exp.)
- 3 for mantissa

Largest and smallest  
positive number  
represented are ?

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Largest number is:  $7 = 2^{(2+1)} (2^{-1} + 2^{-2} + 2^{-3})$

| Sign nb | Sign exp | $2^1$ | $2^0$ | $2^{-1}$ | $2^{-2}$ | $2^{-3}$ |
|---------|----------|-------|-------|----------|----------|----------|
| 0       | 0        | 1     | 1     | 1        | 1        | 1        |

Smallest positive number is:  $0.5 \cdot 2^{-3}$

| Sign | Sign exp | $2^1$ | $2^0$ | $2^{-1}$ | $2^{-2}$ | $2^{-3}$ |
|------|----------|-------|-------|----------|----------|----------|
| 0    | 1        | 1     | 1     | 1        | 0        | 0        |



# Consequence of Floating Point Reals

- Limited range of quantities can be represented
  - Min number (Underflow Error) and Max number (Overflow)
- Finite Number of quantities can be represented within the range (limited precision) => “Quantizing errors”
  - Quantizing errors treated either by round-off or chopping.
- Interval  $\Delta x$  between numbers increases as numbers grow in magnitude
  - For t = number of significant digits in mantissa and rounding,

Relative Error

$$\frac{|\Delta x|}{|x|} \leq \frac{E}{2}$$

$E = b^{1-t}$  = Machine Epsilon

Absolute Error

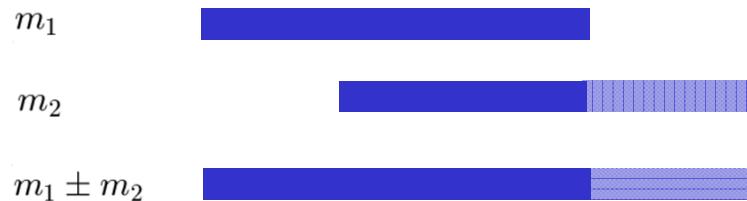
$$|\Delta x| \leq \frac{E}{2} |x|$$

```
%Determine machine epsilon in matlab
%
eps=1
while (eps+1>1)
    eps=eps/2;
end
eps*2
```



# Arithmetic Operations

## 1. Addition and Subtraction



$$r_1 \pm r_2 = m_1 b^{e_1} \pm m_2 b^{e_2}$$

Shift mantissa of smallest number,

assuming  $e_1 > e_2$

Result has exponent of largest number:

$$r_1 \pm r_2 = (m_1 \pm m_2 b^{e_2 - e_1}) b^{e_1} = mb^{e_1}$$

Absolute Error

$$\bar{\epsilon} \leq \bar{\epsilon}_1 + \bar{\epsilon}_2$$

Relative Error

$$\bar{\alpha} = \frac{|\bar{m} - m|}{|m|}$$

Unbounded  
for  $m_1 \pm m_2 \rightarrow 0$

## 2. Multiplication and Division

$$r_1 \times r_2 = m_1 m_2 b^{e_1 + e_2}$$

Multiplication:

Add exp, multiply mantissa, normalize and chop/round

$$m = m_1 m_2 < 1$$

Division:

Subtract exp, divide mantissa, normalize and chop/round

$$0.1_2 \times 0.1_2 = 0.01_2$$

Relative Error

$$\bar{\alpha} \leq \bar{\alpha}_1 + \bar{\alpha}_2$$

Bounded



# Digital Arithmetics

## Finite Mantissa Length

```
function c = radd(a,b,n)
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%
% Adds two real numbers a and b simulating an arithmetic unit with
% n significant digits, and rounding-off (not chopping-off) of numbers.
% If the inputs a and b provided do not have n digits, they are first
% rounded to n digits before being added.

%--- First determine signs
sa=sign(a);
sb=sign(b);

%--- Determine the largest number (exponent)
if (sa == 0)
    la=-200; %this makes sure that if sa==0, even if b is very small, it will have the largest exponent
else
    la=ceil(log10(sa*a*(1+10^(-(n+1))))); %This determines the exponent on the base. Ceiling is used
                                                %since 0<log10(mantissa_base10)<=-1. The 10^etc. term just
                                                %properly increases the exponent estimated by 1 in the case
                                                %of a perfect log: i.e. log10(m b^e) is an integer,
                                                %mantissa is 0.1, hence log10(m)=-1, and
                                                %ceil(log10(m b^e(1+10^-(n+1)))) ~< ceil(e +log10(m)+log10(1+10^-(n+1)))=e.
end
if (sb == 0)
    lb=-200;
else
    lb=ceil(log10(sb*b*(1+10^(-(n+1)))));
end
lm=max(la,lb);
```

radd.m

Limited precision  
addition in MATLAB



# radd.m, continued

```
%--- Shift the two numbers magnitude to obtain two integers with n digits
f=10^(n); %this is used in conjunction with the round function below
at=sa*round(f*sa*a/10^lm); %sa*a/10^lm shifts the decimal point such that the number starts with 0.something
%the f(*) then raises the number to a power 10^n, to get the desired accuracy
%of n digits above the decimal. After rounding to an integer, any figures that
%remain below are wiped out.

bt=sb*round(f*sb*b/10^lm);
% Check to see if another digit was added by the round. If yes, increase
% la (lb) and reset lm, at and bt.
ireset=0;
if ((at~=0) & (log10(at)>=n))
    la=la+1; ireset=1;
end
if ((bt~=0) & (log10(bt)>=n))
    lb=lb+1; ireset=1;
end
if (ireset)
    lm=max(la,lb);
    at=sa*round(f*sa*a/10^lm);
    bt=sb*round(f*sb*b/10^lm);
end
ct=at+bt; %adds the two numbers
sc=sign(ct);

%The following accounts for the case when another digit is added when
%summing two numbers... ie. if the number of digits desired is only 3,
%then 999 +3 = 1002, but to keep only 3 digits, the 2 needs to be wiped out.
if (sc ~= 0)
    if (log10(sc*ct) >= n)
        ct=round(ct/10)*10;
    %
    'ct'
end
end

%-----This basically reverses the operation on line 34,38
% (it brings back the final number to its true magnitude)
c=ct*10^lm/f;
```



# Matlab additions and quantizing effect

## EXAMPLES

`radd (100,4.9,1) = 100`

`radd (100,4.9,2) = 100`

`radd (100,4.9,3) = 105`

`>> radd (99.9,4.9,1)= 100`

`>> radd (99.9,4.9,2)= 100`

`>> radd (99.9,4.9,3) = 105`

## NOTE: Quantizing effect peculiarities

`>> radd (0.095,-0.03,1) =0.06`

`>> radd (0.95,-0.3,1)= 1`

Difference come from MATLAB round:

`>> round(10^1*0.095/10^(-1))`

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`>> round(10^1*0.95/10^(0))`

10



# Issues due to Digital Arithmetic

- Large number of additions/subtractions (recursion), e.g.
  - add 1 100,000 times vs.
  - add 0.00001 100,000 times.
- Adding large and small numbers
- Subtractive cancellation
  - Round-off errors induced when subtracting nearly equal numbers, e.g. roots of polynomials
- Smearing: occurs when terms in sum are larger than the sum
  - e.g. series of mixed/alternating signs
- Inner products: very common computation, but prone to round-off errors



# Recursion: Heron's Device

Numerically evaluate square-root

$$\sqrt{s}, \quad s > 0$$

Initial guess  $x_0$

$$x_0 \simeq \sqrt{s}$$

Test

$$x_0^2 < s \Rightarrow x_0 < \sqrt{s} \Rightarrow \frac{s}{x_0} > \sqrt{s}$$

$$x_0^2 > s \Rightarrow x_0 > \sqrt{s} \Rightarrow \frac{s}{x_0} < \sqrt{s}$$

Mean of guess and its reciprocal

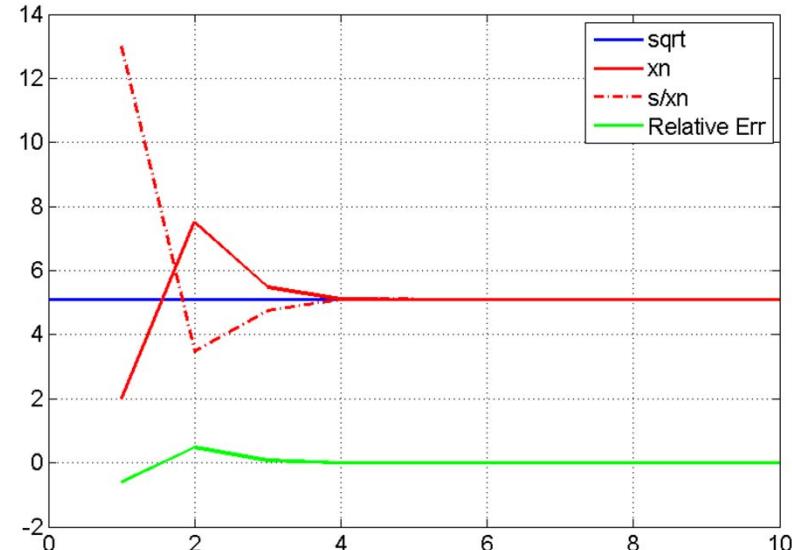
$$x_1 = \frac{1}{2} \left( x_0 + \frac{s}{x_0} \right)$$

Recursion Algorithm

$$x_{n+1} = \frac{1}{2} \left( x_n + \frac{s}{x_n} \right)$$

```
a=26; %Number for which the sqrt is to be computed
n=10; %Number of iteration in recursion
g=2; %Initial guess
% Number of Digits
dig=5;
sq(1)=g;
for i=2:n
    sq(i)= 0.5*radd(sq(i-1),a/sq(i-1),dig);
end
' i value '
[ 1:n]' sq'
hold off
plot([0 n],[sqrt(a) sqrt(a)],'b')
hold on
plot(sq,'r')
plot(a./sq,'r-.')
plot((sq-sqrt(a))/sqrt(a),'g')
legend('sqrt','xn','s/xn','Relative Err')
grid on
```

MATLAB script  
heron.m



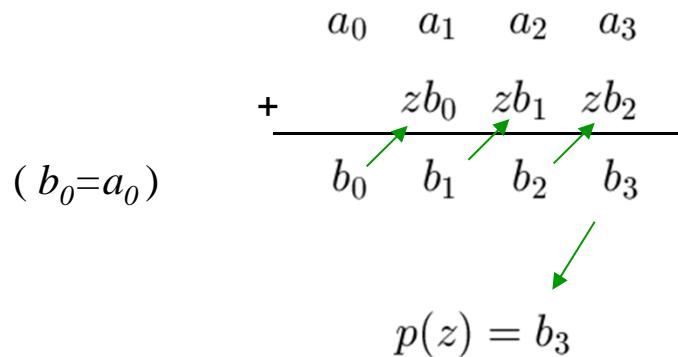


# Recursion: Horner's scheme to evaluate polynomials by recursive additions

Goal: Evaluate polynomial

$$\begin{aligned} p(z) &= a_0 z^3 + a_1 z^2 + a_2 z + a_3 \\ &= ((a_0 z + a_1) z + a_2) z + a_3 \end{aligned}$$

Horner's Scheme



General order n

$$p(z) = a_0 z^n + a_1 z^{n-1} + \cdots + a_{n-1} z + a_n$$

Recurrence relation

$$b_0 = a_0, \quad b_i = a_i + z b_{i-1}, \quad i = 1, \dots, n$$

$p(z) = b_n$

horner.m

```
% Horner's scheme
% for evaluating polynomials
a=[ 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 ];
n=length(a)-1;
z=1;
b=a(1);
% Note index shift for a
for i=1:n
    b=a(i+1)+ z*b;
end
p=b
```

>> horner

p =

55

For home suggestion: utilize radd.m for all additions above and compare the error of Horner's scheme to that of a brute force summation, for both z negative/positive



# Recursion: Order of Operations Matter

$$y = f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [x^n + b \sin[\pi/2 - \pi/10n] - c \cos[\pi/(10(n+1))]]$$

Tends to: 0      1  
↓              ↓  
If  $x = 0.5, b = 0, c = 0 \Rightarrow y = 1.0$

```
N=20; sum=0; sumr=0;
b=1; c=1; x=0.5;
xn=1;
% Number of significant digits in computations
dig=2;
ndiv=10;
for i=1:N
    a1=sin(pi/2-pi/(ndiv*i));
    a2=-cos(pi/(ndiv*(i+1)));
% Full matlab precision
    xn=xn*x;
    addr=xn+b*a1;
    addr=addr+c*a2;
    ar(i)=addr;
    sumr=sumr+addr;
    z(i)=sumr;
% additions with dig significant digits
    add=radd(xn,b*a1,dig);
    add=radd(add,c*a2,dig);
% add=radd(b*a1,c*a2,dig);
% add=radd(add,xn,dig);
    a(i)=add;
    sum=radd(sum,add,dig);
    y(i)=sum;
end
sumr
```

recur.m

Result of small, but significant term 'destroyed' by subsequent addition and subtraction of almost equal, large numbers.

Remedy:  
Change order of additions

```
' i delta Sum delta(approx) Sum(approx)'
res=[[1:1:N]' ar' z' a' y']

hold off
a=plot(y,'b'); set(a,'LineWidth',2);
hold on
a=plot(z,'r'); set(a,'LineWidth',2);
a=plot(abs(z-y)./z,'g'); set(a,'LineWidth',2);
legend(['num2str(dig)' 'digits'], 'Exact', 'Error');
```

recur.m  
Contd.



# recur.m

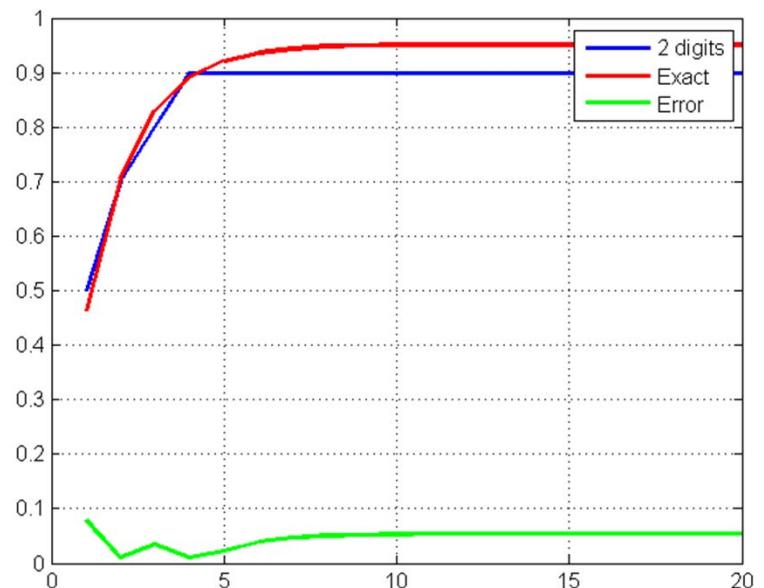
```
>> recur

b = 1; c = 1; x = 0.5;
dig=2

    i      delta      Sum   delta(approx)  Sum(approx)

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res =
```

| i       | delta   | Sum    | delta(approx) | Sum(approx) |
|---------|---------|--------|---------------|-------------|
| 1.0000  | 0.4634  | 0.4634 | 0.5000        | 0.5000      |
| 2.0000  | 0.2432  | 0.7065 | 0.2000        | 0.7000      |
| 3.0000  | 0.1226  | 0.8291 | 0.1000        | 0.8000      |
| 4.0000  | 0.0614  | 0.8905 | 0.1000        | 0.9000      |
| 5.0000  | 0.0306  | 0.9212 | 0             | 0.9000      |
| 6.0000  | 0.0153  | 0.9364 | 0             | 0.9000      |
| 7.0000  | 0.0076  | 0.9440 | 0             | 0.9000      |
| 8.0000  | 0.0037  | 0.9478 | 0             | 0.9000      |
| 9.0000  | 0.0018  | 0.9496 | 0             | 0.9000      |
| 10.0000 | 0.0009  | 0.9505 | 0             | 0.9000      |
| 11.0000 | 0.0004  | 0.9509 | 0             | 0.9000      |
| 12.0000 | 0.0002  | 0.9511 | 0             | 0.9000      |
| 13.0000 | 0.0001  | 0.9512 | 0             | 0.9000      |
| 14.0000 | 0.0000  | 0.9512 | 0             | 0.9000      |
| 15.0000 | 0.0000  | 0.9512 | 0             | 0.9000      |
| 16.0000 | -0.0000 | 0.9512 | 0             | 0.9000      |
| 17.0000 | -0.0000 | 0.9512 | 0             | 0.9000      |
| 18.0000 | -0.0000 | 0.9512 | 0             | 0.9000      |
| 19.0000 | -0.0000 | 0.9512 | 0             | 0.9000      |
| 20.0000 | -0.0000 | 0.9512 | 0             | 0.9000      |





# Error Propagation

## Spherical Bessel Functions

ps: Bessel functions are only used as example, no need to know everything about them for this class.

### Differential Equation

$$x^2 \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 2x \frac{dy}{dx} (x^2 - n(n+1))y = 0$$

### Solutions

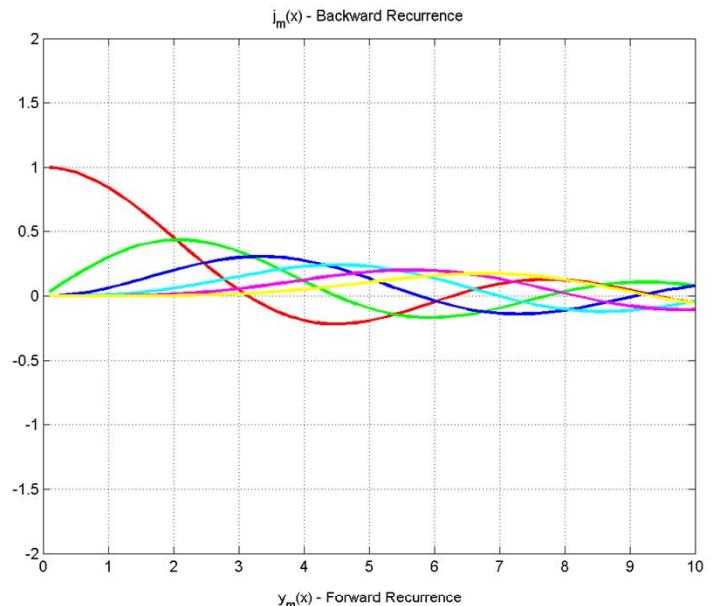
$$j_n(x) y_n(x)$$

| $n$ | $j_n(x)$                                | $y_n(x)$                                 |
|-----|---|--|
| 0   | $\frac{\sin x}{x}$                      | $-\frac{\cos x}{x}$                      |
| 1   | $\frac{\sin x}{x^2} - \frac{\cos x}{x}$ | $-\frac{\cos x}{x^2} - \frac{\sin x}{x}$ |

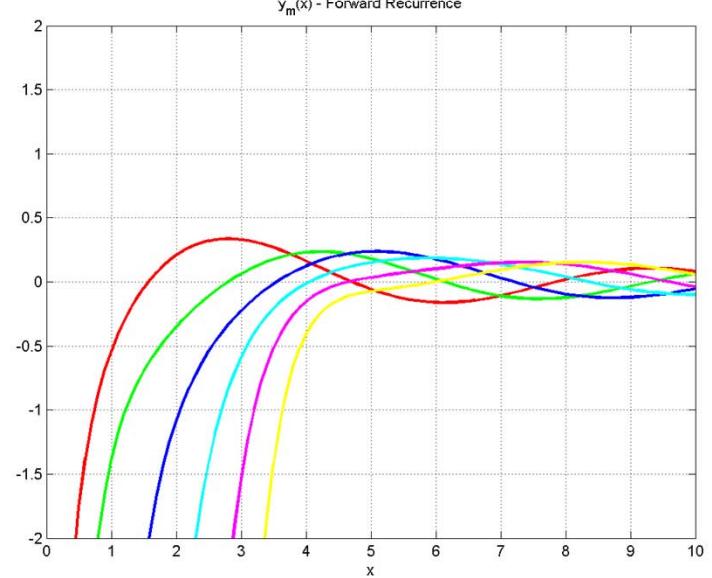
$$j_n(x) \rightarrow 0 \begin{cases} n \rightarrow \infty \\ x \rightarrow 0 \end{cases}$$

$$y_n(x) \rightarrow -\infty \begin{cases} n \rightarrow \infty \\ x \rightarrow 0 \end{cases}$$

$$j_n(x)$$



$$y_n(x)$$





# Error Propagation

## Spherical Bessel Functions

### Forward Recurrence

$$j_{n+1}(x) = \frac{2n+1}{x} j_n(x) - j_{n-1}(x)$$

Forward Recurrence

$$\frac{2n+1}{x} j_n(x) \simeq j_{n-1}(x)$$

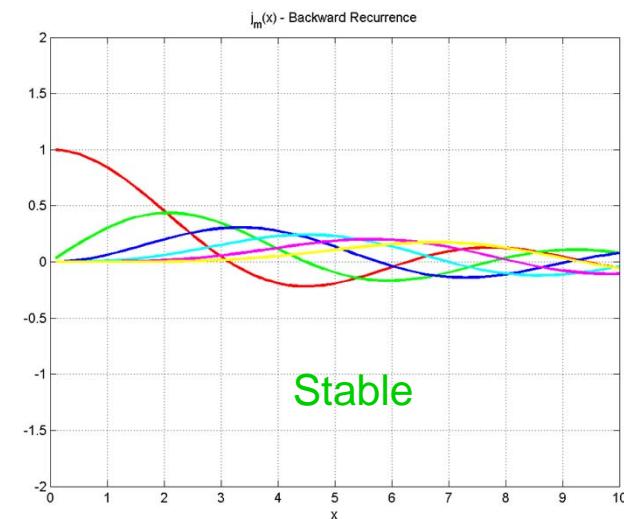
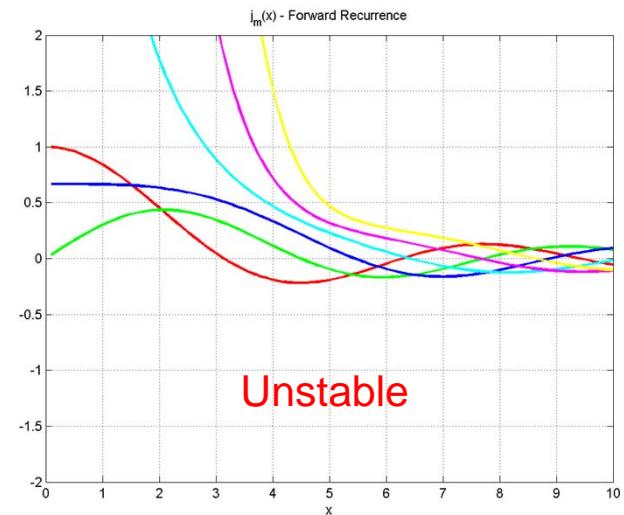
### Backward Recurrence

$$j_{n-1}(x) = \frac{2n+1}{x} j_n(x) - j_{n+1}(x)$$

Miller's algorithm

$$j_N(x) = 1, \quad j_{N+1}(x) = 0, \quad j_0(x) = \frac{\sin x}{x}$$

with  $N \sim x+20$





# Error Propagation Euler's Method

Differential Equation

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x, y), \quad y_0 = p$$

Example

$$f(x, y) = x \quad (y = x^2/2 + p)$$

Discretization

$$x_n = nh$$

Finite Difference (forward)

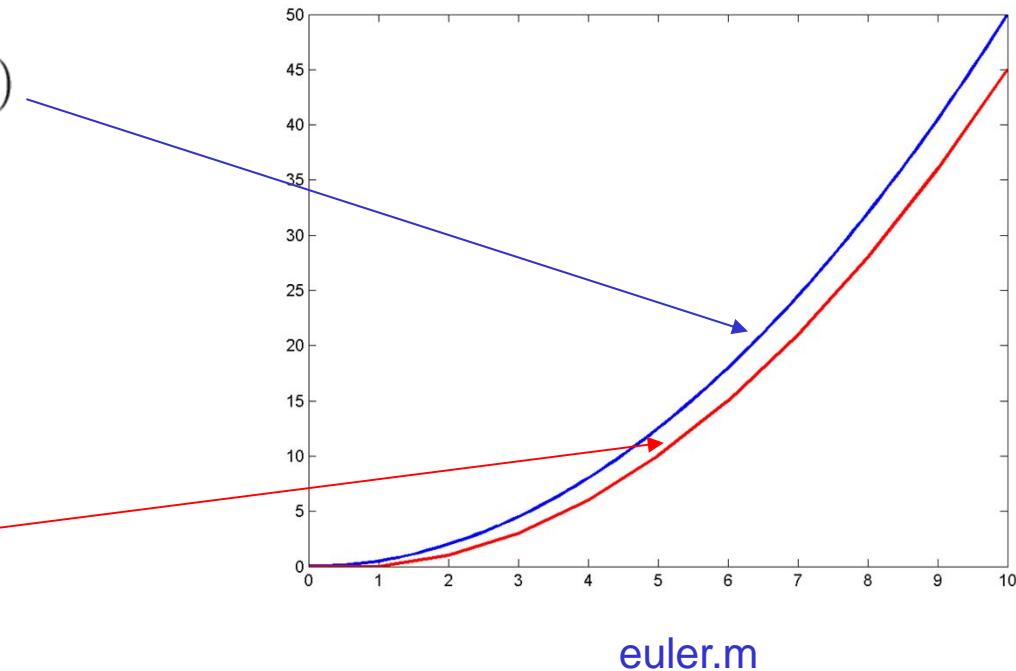
$$\frac{dy}{dx} \Big|_{x=x_n} \simeq \frac{y_{n+1} - y_n}{h}$$

Recurrence

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + h f(nh, y)$$

Central Finite Difference

$$\frac{dy}{dx} \Big|_{x=x_n} \simeq \frac{y_{n+1} - y_{n-1}}{2h}$$



euler.m



# Error Analysis

## Numerical Instability Example

Evaluate Integral

$$y_n = \int_0^1 \frac{x^n}{x+5} dx, n = 0, 2 \dots \infty$$

Recurrence Relation:  $y_n = \frac{1}{n} - 5y_{n-1}$

Proof :

$$y_n + 5y_{n-1} = \int_0^1 \frac{x^n + 5x^{n-1}}{x+5} dx = \int_0^1 \frac{x^{n-1}(x+5)}{x+5} dx = \int_0^1 x^{n-1} dx = \frac{1}{n}$$

3-digit Recurrence:

$$y_0 = \int_0^1 \frac{dx}{x+5} = [\log_e(x+5)]_0^1 = \log_e 6 - \log_e 5 = 0.182$$

$$y_1 = 1 - 5y_0 = 1 - 0.910 \simeq 0.0090$$

$$y_2 = 0.5 - 5y_1 \simeq 0.050$$

$$y_3 = 0.333 - 5y_2 \simeq 0.083 > y_2 !!$$

$$y_4 = 0.25 - 5y_3 \simeq -0.165 < 0 !!$$

Backward Recurrence

$$y_{n-1} = \frac{1}{5n} - \frac{y_n}{5}$$

$$y_{10} \simeq y_9 \Rightarrow y_9 + 5y_9 = 0.1 \Rightarrow y_9 = 0.017$$

$$y_8 = 1/45 - y_9/5 = 0.019$$

$$y_7 = 1/40 - y_8/5 = 0.021$$

$$y_6 = 0.025$$

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$$y_1 = 0.088$$

$$y_0 = 0.182 \quad \text{Correct}$$

Exercise: Make MATLAB script

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