

# Initial-Value Problems for ODEs

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## Predictor-Corrector Methods

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- One could use Newton's method or the secant method to approximate  $w_{i+1}$ , but this complicates the procedure considerably.

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- The combination of an explicit method to predict and an implicit to improve the prediction is called a **predictor-corrector method**.

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- Hence it is usually more efficient to use a reduction in the step size if improved accuracy is needed.

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This is a continuation and modification of an earlier problem where we found that the starting approximations from Runge-Kutta are

$$\begin{aligned} y(0) &= w_0 = 0.5 \\ y(0.2) &\approx w_1 = 0.8292933 \\ y(0.4) &\approx w_2 = 1.2140762 \\ y(0.6) &\approx w_3 = 1.6489220 \end{aligned}$$

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## 4th Order Predictor-Corrector Method (6/6)

The remaining approximations were generated using the Adams 4th-Order Predictor-Corrector Algorithm:

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0.0	0.5000000	0.5000000	0
0.2	0.8292986	0.8292933	0.0000053
0.4	1.2140877	1.2140762	0.0000114
0.6	1.6489406	1.6489220	0.0000186
0.8	2.1272295	2.1272056	0.0000239
1.0	2.6408591	2.6408286	0.0000305
1.2	3.1799415	3.1799026	0.0000389
1.4	3.7324000	3.7323505	0.0000495
1.6	4.2834838	4.2834208	0.0000630
1.8	4.8151763	4.8150964	0.0000799
2.0	5.3054720	5.3053707	0.0001013

Questions?