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### Abstract

The Initial value problems, IVPs are very important in modeling some real life problems. There are many analytical methods designed to solve IVPs. In practice these methods do not cover all types of problems. Thus, numerical methods are used.

In this study a detailed description, with implementation, is given for the class of numerical methods known as Runge-Kutta methods. Both explicit and implicit methods are discussed. Full derivations of the methods are made. Different orders are used.

Practical implementation of the methods are made using Matlab computational environment. These methods are used to solve some practical problems in Civil, Chemistry, Computer Engineering and physics.

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### List of Abbreviations

Runge-Kutta method	RK
First order of Runge-Kutta method	RK1
Second order of Runge-Kutta method	RK2
Fourth order of Runge-Kutta method	RK4
Initial value problems	IVPs
Ordinary differential equations	ODEs
Truncation error	Tn
Explicit Runge-Kutta	ERK
Implicit Runge-Kutta	IMRK