

Solution to Form #1

In [1]: `[1,2,3]`

ans =

1 2 3

In [8]: `[1,2,3]*[1;2;3]=?`

In []:

The first source of error is roundoff error

Just storing a number in a computer requires rounding

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In [11]: fprintf('realmax = %1.20e\n',realmax)
fprintf('realmin = %1.20e\n',realmin)
fprintf('maximum relative error = %1.20e\n',eps)

realmax = 1.79769313486231570815e+308
realmin = 2.22507385850720138309e-308
maximum relative error = 2.22044604925031308085e-16
```

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In [13]: s=1;
for i=1:1000
    s=s+eps/10;
end
s==1

ans = 1
```

Freefall Model (revisited)

Octave solution (will run same on Matlab)

Set default values in Octave for linewidth and text size

In [14]: `%plot --format svg`

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In [15]: set (0, "defaultaxesfontname", "Helvetica")
set (0, "defaultaxesfontsize", 18)
set (0, "defaulttextfontname", "Helvetica")
set (0, "defaulttextfontsize", 18)
set (0, "defaultlinelength", 4)
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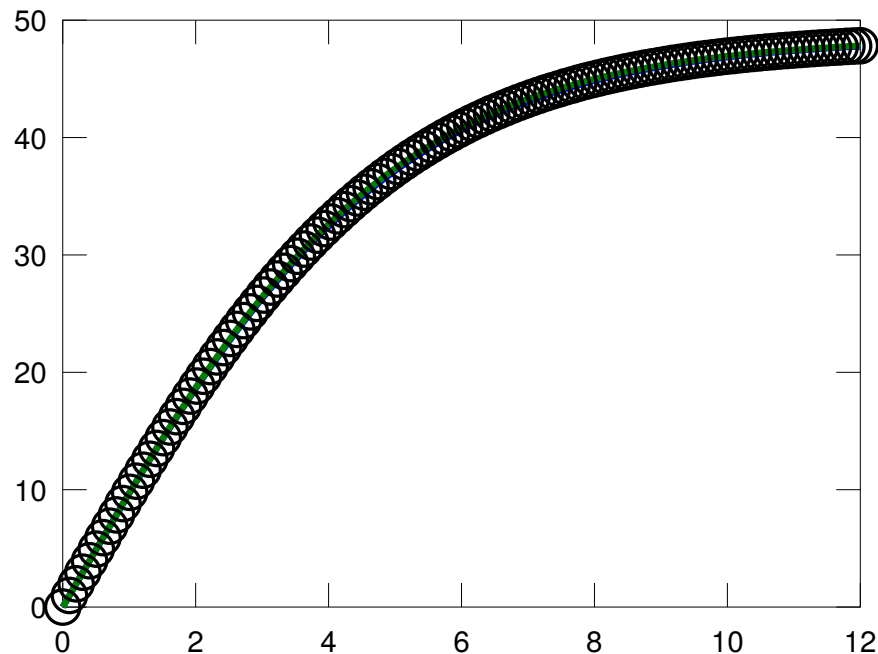
Define time from 0 to 12 seconds with N timesteps function defined as freefall

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In [16]: function [v_analytical,v_terminal,t]=freefall(N)
        t=linspace(0,12,N)';
        c=0.25; m=60; g=9.81; v_terminal=sqrt(m*g/c);

        v_analytical = v_terminal*tanh(g*t/v_terminal);
        v_numerical=zeros(length(t),1);
        delta_time =diff(t);
        for i=1:length(t)-1
            v_numerical(i+1)=v_numerical(i)+(g-c/m*v_numerical(i)^2)*delta_time
        (i);
        end
        % Print values near 0,2,4,6,8,10,12 seconds
        indices = round(linspace(1,length(t),7));
        fprintf('time (s)|vel analytical (m/s)|vel numerical (m/s)\n')
        fprintf('-----\n')
        M=[t(indices),v_analytical(indices),v_numerical(indices)];
        fprintf('%7.1f | %18.2f | %15.2f\n',M(:,1:3)');
        plot(t,v_analytical,'- ',t,v_numerical,'o-')
    end
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In [19]: [v_analytical,v_terminal,t]=freefall(120);
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time (s)	vel analytical (m/s)	vel numerical (m/s)
0.0	0.00	0.00
2.0	18.76	18.82
4.0	32.64	32.80
6.1	40.79	40.97
8.0	44.80	44.94
10.0	46.84	46.93
12.0	47.77	47.82



Types of error

Freefall is example of "truncation error"

Truncation error results from approximating exact mathematical procedure

We approximated the derivative as $\delta v / \delta t \approx \Delta v / \Delta t$

Can reduce error by decreasing step size $\rightarrow \Delta t = \text{delta_time}$

Another example of truncation error is a Taylor series (or Maclaurin if centered at $a=0$)

Taylor series: $f(x) = f(a) + f'(a)(x - a) + \frac{f''(a)}{2!}(x - a)^2 + \frac{f'''(a)}{3!}(x - a)^3 + \dots$

We can approximate the next value in a function by adding Taylor series terms:

Approximation	formula
0 th -order	$f(x_{i+1}) = f(x_i) + R_1$
1 st -order	$f(x_{i+1}) = f(x_i) + f'(x_i)h + R_2$
2 nd -order	$f(x_{i+1}) = f(x_i) + f'(x_i)h + \frac{f''(x_i)}{2!}h^2 + R_3$
n^{th} -order	$f(x_{i+1}) = f(x_i) + f'(x_i)h + \frac{f''(x_i)}{2!}h^2 + \dots + \frac{f^{(n)}(x_i)}{n!}h^n + R_n$

Where $R_n = \frac{f^{(n+1)}(\xi)}{(n+1)!}h^{n+1}$ is the error associated with truncating the approximation at order n .

The n^{th} -order approximation estimates that the unknown function, $f(x)$, is equal to an n^{th} -order polynomial.

In the Freefall example, we estimated the function with a 1st-order approximation, so

$$v(t_{i+1}) = v(t_i) + v'(t_i)(t_{i+1} - t_i) + R_1$$

$$v'(t_i) = \frac{v(t_{i+1}) - v(t_i)}{t_{i+1} - t_i} - \frac{R_1}{t_{i+1} - t_i}$$

$$\frac{R_1}{t_{i+1} - t_i} = \frac{v''(\xi)}{2!}(t_{i+1} - t_i)$$

or the truncation error for a first-order Taylor series approximation is

$$\frac{R_1}{t_{i+1} - t_i} = O(\Delta t)$$

1. digital representation of a number is rarely exact
2. arithmetic (+, -, /, *) causes roundoff error

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In [20]: fprintf('%1.20f\n',double(pi))  
         fprintf('%1.20f\n',single(pi))
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3.14159265358979311600  
3.14159274101257324219
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In [ ]:
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