Game Physics Notes 02

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Forces

Newton's second law of motion: $F = ma$

$$\begin{aligned} a &= F/m \\ v' &= a \\ x' &= v \end{aligned}$$

> *Corpus omne perseverare in statu suo quiescendi vel movendi uniformiter in directum, nisi quatenus a viribus impressis cogitur statum illum mutare.*

Or, in English:

> *Every body perseveres in its state of being at rest or of moving uniformly straight forward, except insofar as it is compelled to change its state by force impressed.*

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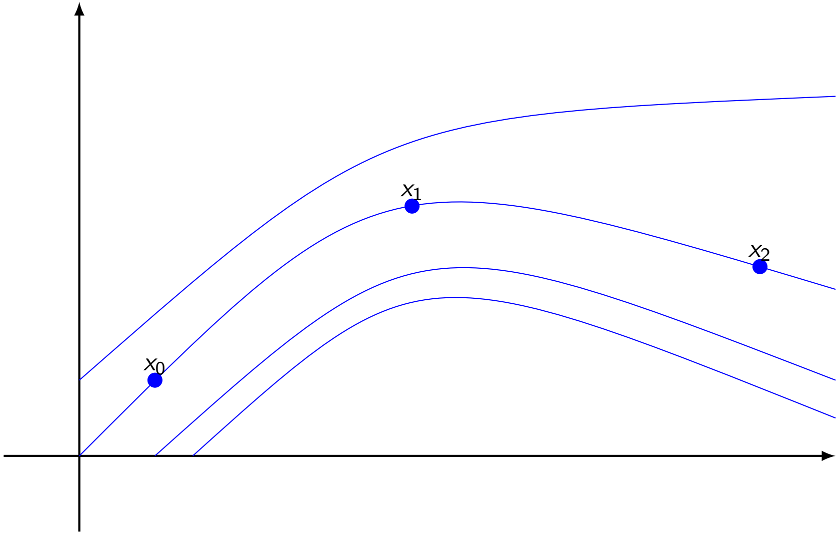
- The problem is integration—generally unsolvable.
- So we use approximate integration.

The problem of Integration

There exists a vector field, and exact integration of this field would move a point along the flow lines. But exact integration is impossible in a discrete simulation.



Euler Integration

We need to find the position for a given moment in time. So we regard position as a function of time, $x(t)$. Assuming we know the position at a given time, and we can also somehow figure out the velocity at that time, $v(t)$, we find $x(t + \Delta t)$ by simply scaling the velocity and adding it to the position.

$$\begin{aligned} k(t) &= v(t)\Delta t \\ x(t + \Delta t) &= x(t) + k \end{aligned}$$

For convenience we often write the sequence of points

$$x(t), x(t + \Delta t), x(t + 2\Delta t), \ldots$$

as

$$x_0, x_1, x_2, \ldots$$

A similar operation can be used to update velocity, given acceleration.

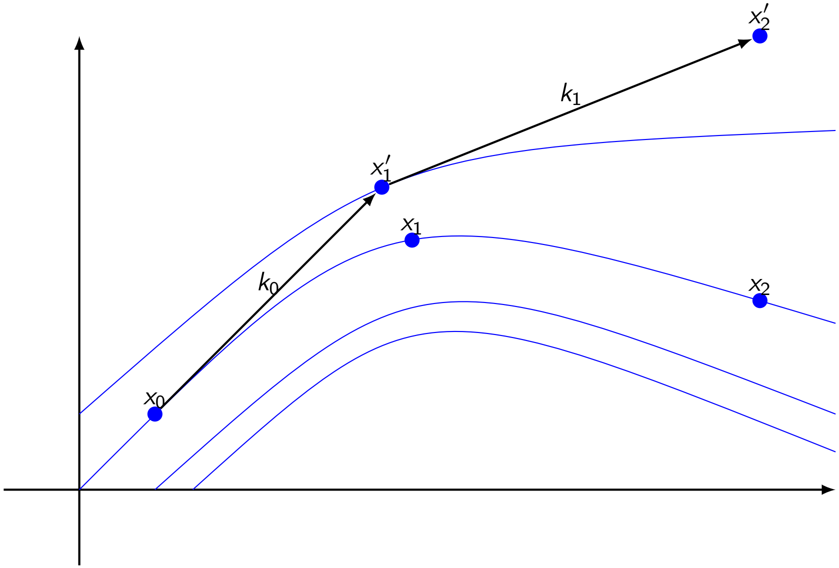
Euler Integration

$$\begin{aligned} a &= F/m \\ v' &= a \\ x' &= v \end{aligned}$$

```
def update(x, v, F, m, dt):
  a = F(x, v) / m
  x += v * dt
  v += a * dt
```

- Why do we update the position before the velocity?
- Run `spring.py`

Euler Integration



Euler Calculations, $\Delta t = 1$

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k &= 5 \\
f &= -kx \\
x' &= v \\
v' &= a \\
a &\leftarrow f/m = -kx/m = -x/2 \\
x &\leftarrow x + x'\Delta t = x + v\Delta t \\
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\end{aligned}$$

t	x	v	a
0.0	20.0	0.0	-10.0
1.0	20.0	-10.0	-10.0
2.0	10.0	-20.0	-5.0
3.0	-10.0	-25.0	5.0
4.0	-35.0	-20.0	17.5
5.0	-55.0	-2.5	27.5

Euler Calculations, $\Delta t = 0.5$

$$\begin{aligned}
m &= 10 \\
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f &= -kx \\
x' &= v \\
v' &= a \\
a &\leftarrow f/m = -kx/m = -x/2 \\
x &\leftarrow x + x'\Delta t = x + v\Delta t \\
v &\leftarrow v + v' = v\Delta t + a\Delta t
\end{aligned}$$

t	x	v	a
0.0	20.0	0.0	-10.0
0.5	20.0	-5.0	-10.0
1.0	17.5	-10.0	-8.8
1.5	12.5	-14.4	-6.3
2.0	5.3	-17.5	-2.7
2.5	-3.4	-18.8	1.7
3.0	-12.9	-18.0	6.4
3.5	-21.8	-14.8	10.9
4.0	-29.2	-9.3	14.6
4.5	-33.9	-2.0	16.9
5.0	-34.9	6.5	17.4

Euler Calculations, $\Delta t = 0.25$

$$\begin{aligned}
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k &= 5 \\
f &= -kx \\
x' &= v \\
v' &= a \\
a &\leftarrow f/m = -kx/m = -x/2 \\
x &\leftarrow x + x'\Delta t = x + v\Delta t \\
v &\leftarrow v + v'\Delta t = v + a\Delta t
\end{aligned}$$

t	x	v	a
0.0	20.0	0.0	-10.0
0.3	20.0	-2.5	-10.0
0.5	19.4	-5.0	-9.7
0.8	18.1	-7.4	-9.1
1.0	16.3	-9.7	-8.1
1.3	13.8	-11.7	-6.9
1.5	10.9	-13.5	-5.5
1.8	7.6	-14.8	-3.8
2.0	3.9	-15.8	-1.9
2.3	-0.1	-16.2	0.0
2.5	-4.2	-16.2	2.1
2.8	-8.2	-15.7	4.1
3.0	-12.1	-14.7	6.1
3.3	-15.8	-13.2	7.9
3.5	-19.1	-11.2	9.6
3.8	-21.9	-8.8	10.9
4.0	-24.1	-6.1	12.1
4.3	-25.6	-3.1	12.8
4.5	-26.4	0.1	13.2
4.8	-26.3	3.4	13.2
5.0	-25.5	6.7	12.7

Online discussions of Midpoint and Runge Kutta

Readings:

- `http://www.pixar.com/companyinfo/research/pbm2001/`, Differential equation basics, and Particle dynamics
- `http://www.nrbook.com/c/`, 16.0, 16.1

Midpoint Method

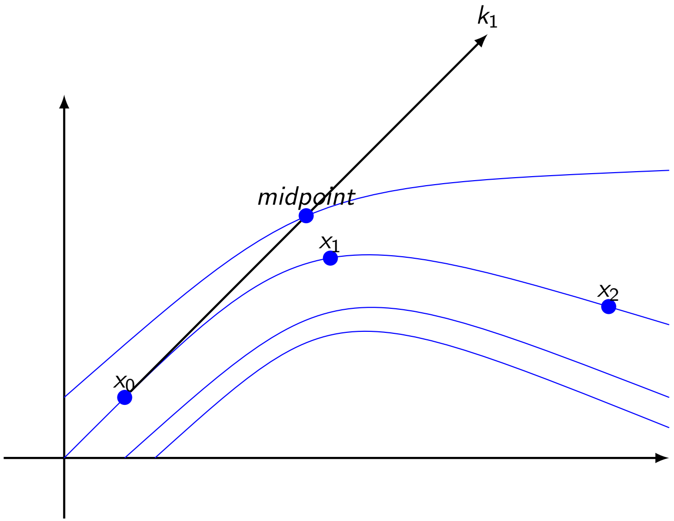
$$\begin{aligned} k_1 &= v\Delta t \\ x_{half} &= x + k_1/2 \\ k_2 &= v_{half}\Delta t \\ x &\leftarrow x + k_2 \end{aligned}$$

- Euler method has errors $O(\Delta t^2)$
- Midpoint method has errors $O(\Delta t^3)$
- Can take steps twice as big and get smaller errors:

$$\begin{aligned} 0.05^2 &= 0.0025 \\ 0.10^3 &= 0.001 \end{aligned}$$

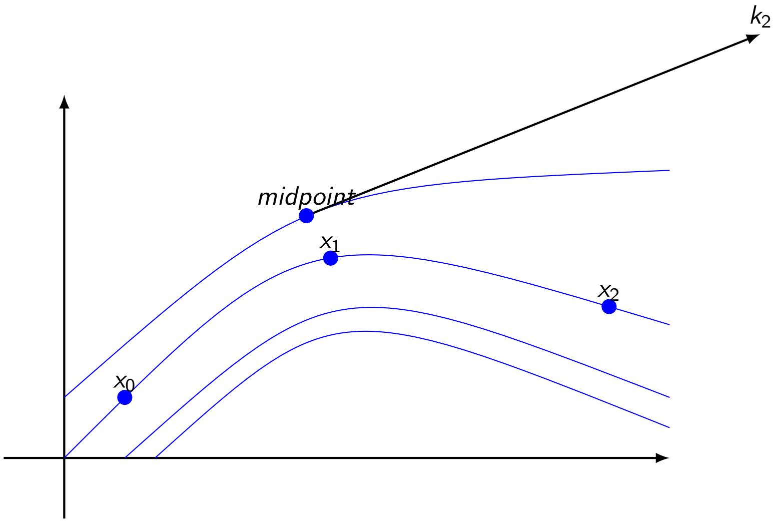
Midpoint Method

Move point halfway along vector.



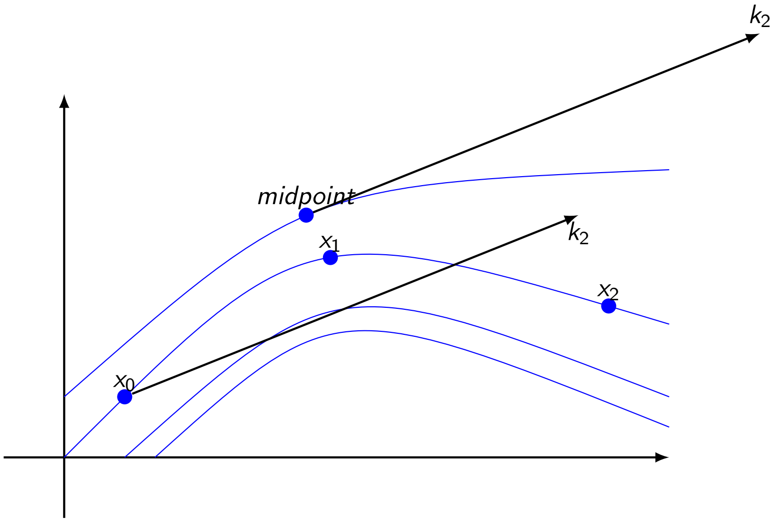
Midpoint Method

Find new derivative at halfway point.



Midpoint Method

Translate new vector back to start.



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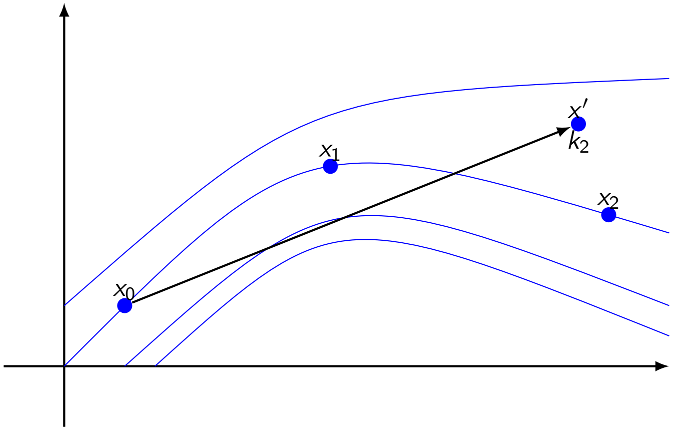
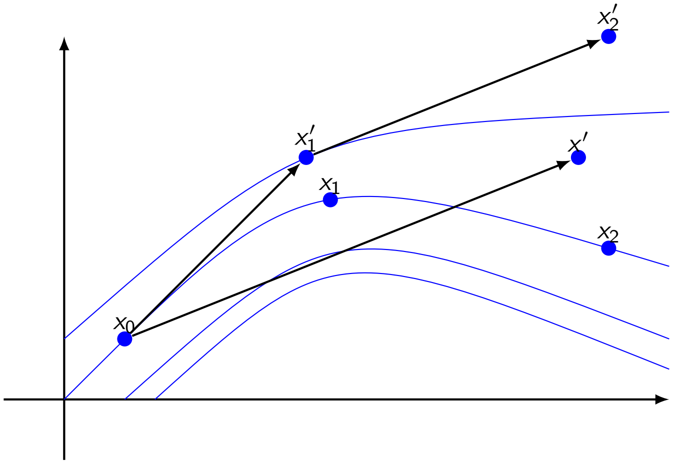
Add translated vector to start.



Midpoint Method

More accurate than Euler with same cost.



Midpoint Calculations, $\Delta t = 2$

$$\begin{aligned}
\Delta t &= 2 \\
m &= 10 \\
k &= 5 \\
f &= -kx \\
x' &= v \\
v' &= a \\
a &\leftarrow f/m = -kx/m = -x/2 \\
v_{half} &\leftarrow v + a\Delta t/2 \\
x_{half} &\leftarrow x + v\Delta t/2 \\
a_{half} &\leftarrow -x_{half}/2 \\
v &\leftarrow v + a_{half}\Delta t \\
x &\leftarrow x + v_{half}\Delta t
\end{aligned}$$

t	x	v	a
0.0	20.0	0.0	-10.0
1.0	20.0	-10.0	-10.0
2.0	0.0	-20.0	-0.0
3.0	-20.0	-20.0	10.0
4.0	-40.0	0.0	20.0
5.0	-40.0	20.0	20.0

At $t = 5$ Euler with $\Delta t = 1$ had $x = -55$.

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a_{half} &\leftarrow -x_{half}/2\\
v &\leftarrow v + a_{half}\Delta t\\
x &\leftarrow x + v_{half}\Delta t
\end{aligned}$$

t	x	v	a
0.0	20.0	0.0	-10.0
0.5	20.0	-5.0	-10.0
1.0	15.0	-10.0	-7.5
1.5	10.0	-13.8	-5.0
2.0	1.3	-15.0	-0.6
2.5	-6.3	-15.3	3.1
3.0	-14.1	-11.9	7.0
3.5	-20.0	-8.4	10.0
4.0	-22.4	-1.9	11.2
4.5	-23.4	3.7	11.7
5.0	-18.7	9.8	9.3
5.5	-13.8	14.5	6.9

At $t = 5$ Euler with $\Delta t = 0.5$ had $x = -34.9$.

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x' &= v \\
v' &= a \\
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v_{half} &\leftarrow v + a\Delta t/2 \\
x_{half} &\leftarrow x + v\Delta t/2 \\
a_{half} &\leftarrow -x_{half}/2 \\
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x &\leftarrow x + v_{half}\Delta t
\end{aligned}
$$

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0.0	20.0	0.0	-10.0
0.3	20.0	-2.5	-10.0
0.5	18.8	-5.0	-9.4
0.8	17.5	-7.3	-8.8
1.0	15.1	-9.4	-7.5
1.3	12.7	-11.3	-6.4
1.5	9.4	-12.6	-4.7
1.8	6.3	-13.7	-3.2
2.0	2.6	-14.1	-1.3
2.3	-1.0	-14.5	0.5
2.5	-4.7	-13.9	2.3
2.8	-8.1	-13.3	4.1
3.0	-11.3	-11.9	5.7
3.3	-14.3	-10.5	7.1
3.5	-16.5	-8.3	8.3
3.8	-18.6	-6.2	9.3
4.0	-19.6	-3.6	9.8
4.3	-20.6	-1.2	10.3
4.5	-20.2	1.5	10.1
4.8	-19.9	4.0	9.9
5.0	-18.2	6.5	9.1
5.3	-16.6	8.7	8.3

At $t = 5$ Euler with $\Delta t = 0.25$ had $x = -25.5$.

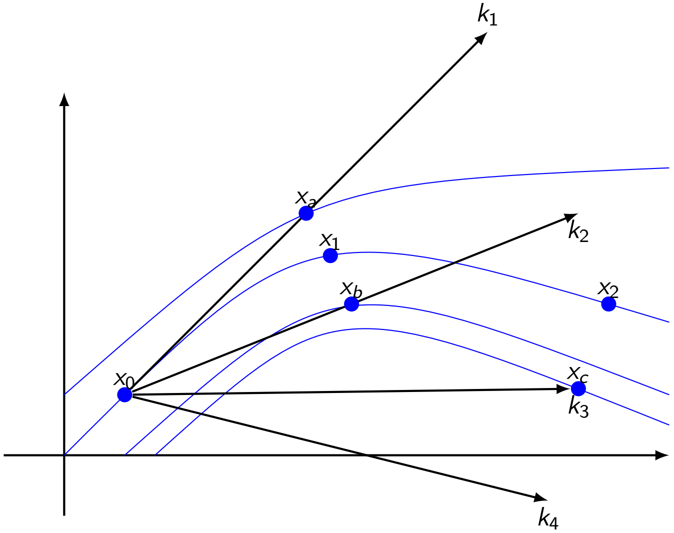
Fourth Order Runge-Kutta

$$\begin{aligned}
k_1 &= v\Delta t \\
x_a &= x + k_1/2 \\
k_2 &= v_a\Delta t \\
x_b &= x + k_2/2 \\
k_3 &= v_b\Delta t \\
x_c &= x + k_3 \\
k_4 &= v_c\Delta t
\end{aligned}$$

$$x \leftarrow x + \frac{k_1}{6} + \frac{k_2}{3} + \frac{k_3}{3} + \frac{k_4}{6}$$

Fourth order Runge Kutta

Final vector used: $\frac{k_1}{6} + \frac{k_2}{3} + \frac{k_3}{3} + \frac{k_4}{6}$



Fourth Order Runge Kutta Calculations, $\Delta t = 4$

$$\begin{aligned} m &= 10 \\ k &= 5 \\ f &= -kx \\ x' &= v \\ v' &= a \\ a &\leftarrow f/m = -kx/m = -x/2 \end{aligned}$$

t	x	v	a
0.0	20.0	0.0	-10.0
2.0	20.0	-20.0	-10.0
2.0	-20.0	-20.0	10.0
4.0	-60.0	40.0	30.0
4.0	2.2	13.3	-1.1
6.0	28.9	11.1	-14.4
6.0	24.4	-15.6	-12.2
8.0	-60.0	-35.6	30.0
8.0	-29.4	-3.0	14.7
10.0	-35.3	26.4	17.7
10.0	23.5	32.3	-11.7
12.0	100.0	-49.9	-50.0
12.0	3.3	-18.6	-1.7

Fourth Order Runge Kutta Calculations, $\Delta t = 2$

$$
\begin{aligned}
m &= 10 \\
k &= 5 \\
f &= -kx \\
x' &= v \\
v' &= a \\
a &\leftarrow f/m = -kx/m = -x/2
\end{aligned}
$$

t	x	v	a
0.0	20.0	0.0	-10.0
1.0	20.0	-10.0	-10.0
1.0	10.0	-10.0	-5.0
2.0	0.0	-10.0	-0.0
2.0	-1.1	-13.3	0.6
3.0	-14.4	-12.8	7.2
3.0	-13.9	-6.1	6.9
4.0	-13.3	0.6	6.7
4.0	-14.0	-1.5	7.0
5.0	-15.5	5.5	7.7
5.0	-8.5	6.3	4.2
6.0	-1.5	7.0	0.7
6.0	-0.8	9.1	0.4
7.0	8.3	9.5	-4.2
7.0	8.7	4.9	-4.4
8.0	9.1	0.4	-4.5
8.0	9.6	2.0	-4.8

Fourth Order Runge Kutta Calculations, $\Delta t = 1$

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t	x	v	a
0.0	20.0	0.0	-10.0
0.5	20.0	-5.0	-10.0
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1.0	15.0	-8.8	-7.5
1.0	13.7	-9.2	-6.8
1.5	9.1	-12.6	-4.5
1.5	7.4	-11.4	-3.7
2.0	2.2	-12.9	-1.1
2.0	1.3	-13.2	-0.7
2.5	-5.3	-13.6	2.6
2.5	-5.5	-11.9	2.7
3.0	-10.6	-10.5	5.3
3.0	-10.7	-10.7	5.4
3.5	-16.0	-8.0	8.0
3.5	-14.7	-6.7	7.4
4.0	-17.4	-3.3	8.7
4.0	-16.7	-3.2	8.3
4.5	-18.3	1.0	9.1
4.5	-16.2	1.4	8.1
5.0	-15.3	4.9	7.7
5.0	-14.2	5.2	7.1
5.5	-11.6	8.8	5.8
5.5	-9.8	8.1	4.9
6.0	-6.1	10.1	3.1
6.0	-5.2	10.5	2.6

Fourth Order Runge-Kutta

- Euler method has errors $O(\Delta t^2)$
- Midpoint method has errors $O(\Delta t^3)$
- Fourth order Runge Kutta has errors $O(\Delta t^5)$

$$\begin{aligned} 0.05^2 &= 0.00250 \\ 0.10^3 &= 0.00100 \\ 0.20^5 &= 0.00032 \end{aligned}$$

Stepsize Matching Refresh Rate

- The simplest approach to stepsize is to use the framerate:

```
framerate = 30.0
t = 0.0
dt = 1.0/framerate
while !quitting:
  clock.tick(framerate)
  handle.input()
  integrate(state, t, dt)
  t += dt
  display()
```

- This may be OK for simple games, but if more accuracy is needed the physics should use as small a timestep as possible.
- Also, the game refresh rate may not keep up with the nominal clock rate.

Stepsize Matching Refresh Rate $\times n$

- Can also match n steps to each frame:

```
framerate = 30.0
t = 0.0
dt = 1.0/framerate
while !quitting:
  clock.tick(framerate)
  handle.input()
  for i in range(n):
     integrate(state, t, dt/n)
  t += dt
  display()
```

Use actual timestep

- `clock.tick` returns milliseconds since last call.

```
framerate = 30.0
t = 0.0
while !quitting:
  dt = clock.tick(framerate) * 0.001
  handle.input()
  integrate(state, t, dt)
  t += dt
  display()
```

- Physics will be “same” regardless of computer’s speed.
- But again physics update should be as fast as possible for most realism.
- We could increase the framerate, but then we’d be doing unnecessary rendering.

Use smaller time step

```
framerate = 30.0
t = 0.0
dt = 0.01
while !quitting:
  timespan = clock.tick(framerate) * 0.001
  handle.input()
  while (timespan > 0):
    integrate(state, t, dt)
    timespan -= dt
  display()
```

- Problem with the fractional part of `dt`?
  - Can interpolate for fractional `dt`.
- What if the physics gets behind? Spiral of death!
  - Make sure your physics can keep up with `dt`.

Use separate time for display and physics

```
framerate = 30.0
rendertime, physicstime = 0.0, 0.0
dt = 0.01
while !quitting:
  rendertime += clock.tick(framerate) * 0.001
  handle.input()
  while (physicstime < rendertime):
    integrate(state, physicstime, dt)
    physicstime += dt
  display()
```

- Spiral of death still possible.
  - Note: matching stepsize to framerate$\times n$ avoids death spiral.
- Leftover fraction of `dt` is carried forward to next render.
- Can interpolate again for fractional `dt`.
- Note that `dt` can be *longer* than time for a frame and it still works.

Differential Equations

Reading:

- Strange attractors `http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Attractor`
- Run: `strange??.py`
- The Limits to Growth

`http://www.manicore.com/fichiers/Turner_Meadows_vs_historical_data.pdf`

`http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2014/sep/02/limits-to-growth-was-right-new-research-shows-were-nearing-collapse`

Symplectic Euler/Semi-implicit Euler

- http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Semi-implicit_Euler_method
- Two forms:

$$\begin{aligned} v_{n+1} &= v_n + a_n \Delta t \\ p_{n+1} &= p_n + v_{n+1} \Delta t \end{aligned}$$

  and

$$\begin{aligned} p_{n+1} &= p_n + v_n \Delta t \\ v_{n+1} &= v_n + a_{n+1} \Delta t \end{aligned}$$

- Can use either one by itself, or alternate between them.
- Not accurate, but almost conserves energy.
- Easy to program when updates are by assignment.

Comparing Euler and Symplectic Euler, $\Delta t = 1$

Euler

t	x	v	a
0.0	20.0	0.0	-10.0
1.0	20.0	-10.0	-10.0
2.0	10.0	-20.0	-5.0
3.0	-10.0	-25.0	5.0
4.0	-35.0	-20.0	17.5
5.0	-55.0	-2.5	27.5
6.0	-57.5	25.0	28.8
7.0	-32.5	53.8	16.3
8.0	21.3	70.0	-10.6
9.0	91.3	59.4	-45.6
10.0	150.6	13.8	-75.3
11.0	164.4	-61.6	-82.2
12.0	102.8	-143.8	-51.4
13.0	-40.9	-195.2	20.5
14.0	-236.1	-174.7	118.0
15.0	-410.8	-56.6	205.4
16.0	-467.4	148.8	233.7
17.0	-318.7	382.5	159.3

Symplectic Euler

t	x	v	a
0.0	20.0	0.0	-10.0
1.0	10.0	-10.0	-5.0
2.0	-5.0	-15.0	2.5
3.0	-17.5	-12.5	8.8
4.0	-21.3	-3.8	10.6
5.0	-14.4	6.9	7.2
6.0	-0.3	14.1	0.2
7.0	13.9	14.2	-7.0
8.0	21.2	7.3	-10.6
9.0	17.9	-3.3	-8.9
10.0	5.6	-12.2	-2.8
11.0	-9.4	-15.0	4.7
12.0	-19.8	-10.3	9.9
13.0	-20.2	-0.4	10.1
14.0	-10.5	9.7	5.3
15.0	4.4	14.9	-2.2
16.0	17.1	12.7	-8.6
17.0	21.3	4.2	-10.7

Verlet Integration

- Begin with symplectic Euler

$$\begin{aligned} v_{n+1} &= v_n + a_n \Delta t \\ p_{n+1} &= p_n + v_{n+1} \Delta t \end{aligned}$$

- Substitute for v_{n+1}

$$\begin{aligned} v_{n+1} &= v_n + a_n \Delta t \\ p_{n+1} &= p_n + (v_n + a_n \Delta t) \Delta t \\ &= p_n + v_n \Delta t + a_n \Delta t^2 \end{aligned}$$

- Use old positions to approximate $v_n \Delta t \approx p_n - p_{n-1}$

$$\begin{aligned} p_{n+1} &= p_n + v_n \Delta t + a_n \Delta t^2 \\ &= p_n + (p_n - p_{n-1}) + a_n \Delta t^2 \\ &= 2p_n - p_{n-1} + a_n \Delta t^2 \end{aligned}$$

- This is *velocityless Verlet*. There are other versions.

Comparing Symplectic Euler and Verlet, $\Delta t = 1$

Symplectic Euler

t	x	v	a
0.0	20.0	0.0	-10.0
1.0	10.0	-10.0	-5.0
2.0	-5.0	-15.0	2.5
3.0	-17.5	-12.5	8.8
4.0	-21.3	-3.8	10.6
5.0	-14.4	6.9	7.2
6.0	-0.3	14.1	0.2
7.0	13.9	14.2	-7.0
8.0	21.2	7.3	-10.6
9.0	17.9	-3.3	-8.9
10.0	5.6	-12.2	-2.8
11.0	-9.4	-15.0	4.7
12.0	-19.8	-10.3	9.9
13.0	-20.2	-0.4	10.1
14.0	-10.5	9.7	5.3
15.0	4.4	14.9	-2.2
16.0	17.1	12.7	-8.6
17.0	21.3	4.2	-10.7

Velocityless Verlet

t	x	v	a
0.0	20.0	0.0	-10.0
1.0	10.0	-10.0	-5.0
2.0	-5.0	-15.0	2.5
3.0	-17.5	-12.5	8.8
4.0	-21.3	-3.8	10.6
5.0	-14.4	6.9	7.2
6.0	-0.3	14.1	0.2
7.0	13.9	14.2	-7.0
8.0	21.2	7.3	-10.6
9.0	17.9	-3.3	-8.9
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16.0	17.1	12.7	-8.6
17.0	21.3	4.2	-10.7

Verlet Integration

- A Verlet based approach for 2D game physics (`www.gamedev.net`)

  `http://www.gamedev.net/page/resources/_/technical/math-and-physics/`
  `a-verlet-based-approach-for-2d-game-physics-r2714`

- A nice web demo:

  `http://gamedev.tutsplus.com/tutorials/implementation/`
  `simulate-fabric-and-ragdolls-with-simple-verlet-integration/`

- Can be used as the basis of a collision response system.
- Run `VerletPhysicsDemo.py`

True elastic collisions

- `http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Elastic_collision`
- Run `BouncingBalls.py`