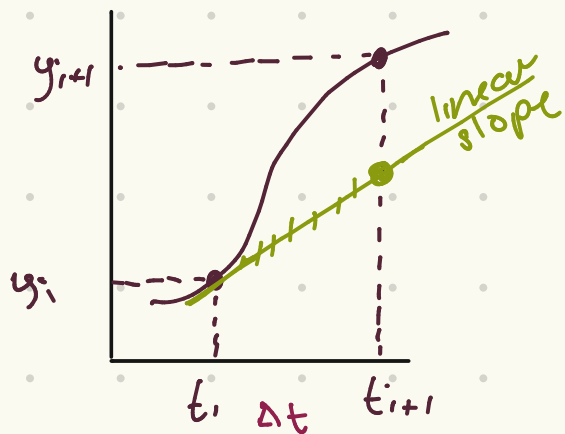


## Higher Order Methods (or solving Diff Eqns)



$$y_{t+1} = y_t + \Delta t (\text{slope}) \quad \leftarrow$$

What slope should we use?

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{f}_t &= \frac{df}{dt} \\ f'_x &= \frac{df}{dx} \end{aligned}$$

Review: Taylor Series Expansion:  $f(t)$  @  $f(t+\Delta t)$

in general:  $f(t+\Delta t) = f(t) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f^{(n)}(t) \frac{\Delta t^n}{n!}$

first 3 terms:

$$f(t+\Delta t) \approx f(t) + \Delta t \dot{f}(t) + \frac{\Delta t^2}{2} \ddot{f}(t) + \mathcal{O}(\Delta t^3)$$

2nd order accurate if  $\Delta t \sim 0.1$  accurate to 0.01

$$\dot{y}(t) = G(y, t)$$

Euler:  $y_{t+1} = y_t + \Delta t G(y, t)$

taylor expanding:  $y_{t+1} = y_t + \Delta t G_t + \frac{\Delta t^2}{2} \dot{G}_t + \frac{\Delta t^3}{6} \ddot{G}_t + \frac{\Delta t^4}{24} \dddot{G}_t + \mathcal{O}(\Delta t^5)$

$$\Rightarrow y_{t+1} = y_t + \Delta t \left[ G_t + \frac{\Delta t}{2} \dot{G}_t + \frac{\Delta t^2}{6} \ddot{G}_t + \frac{\Delta t^3}{24} \dddot{G}_t \right]$$

slope

## Runge-Kutta Methods:

$$y_{t+1} = y_t + \Delta t \left( G_t + \frac{\Delta t}{2} \dot{G}_t + \frac{\Delta t^2}{6} \ddot{G}_t + \frac{\Delta t^3}{24} \dots \right) \Rightarrow$$

$$y_{t+1} = y_t + \Delta t \sum_{i=1}^N a_i k_i, \quad a_i \text{'s} = \text{weights}, \quad \sum_i a_i = 1$$

$k_i \text{'s} = \text{slopes}$

4th order:  $y_{t+1} = y_t + \Delta t (a_1 k_1 + a_2 k_2 + a_3 k_3 + a_4 k_4)$

### Runge-Kutta Order 1:

$$y_{t+1} = y_t + \Delta t (a_1 k_1), \quad a_1 = 1, \quad k_1 = G$$

$$y_{t+1} = y_t + \Delta t (G_t) \quad (\text{Euler's Method})$$

1st order accurate if  $\Delta t = 0.1$  we're accurate to 0.1

### Runge-Kutta 2:

$$y_{t+1} = y_t + \Delta t \left( G_t + \frac{\Delta t}{2} \dot{G}_t \right)$$

$$= y_t + \Delta t (a_1 k_1 + a_2 k_2) \quad \text{need } \sum a_i = 1$$

### Midpoint Method:

$$y_{t+1} = y_t + \Delta t k_2$$

$$k_1 = G(y_t, t)$$

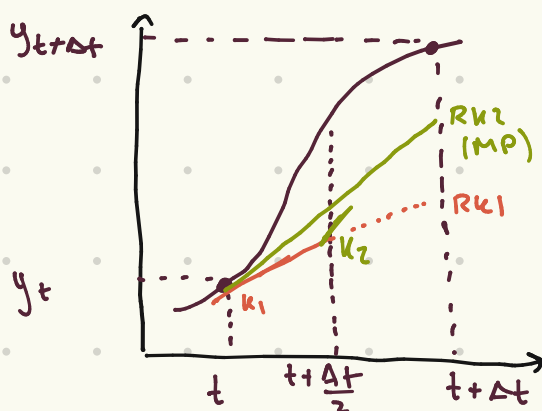
$$k_2 = G\left(y_t + k_1 \frac{\Delta t}{2}, t + \frac{\Delta t}{2}\right)$$

### HEUN'S METHOD:

$$y_{t+1} = y_t + \Delta t \frac{1}{2} (k_1 + k_2)$$

$$k_1 = G(y_t, t)$$

$$k_2 = G(y_t + k_1 \Delta t, t + \Delta t)$$



RK-4: most popular

$$y_{t+1} = y_t + \Delta t \left[ G_t + \frac{\Delta t}{2} \dot{G}_t + \frac{\Delta t^2}{6} \ddot{G}_t + \frac{\Delta t^3}{24} \dddot{G}_t \right] + \mathcal{O}(\Delta t^5)$$
$$= y_t + \Delta t [a_1 k_1 + a_2 k_2 + a_3 k_3 + a_4 k_4]$$

$\Rightarrow$  tedious algebra  $\Rightarrow$

$$y_{t+1} = y_t + \Delta t \left[ \frac{1}{6} k_1 + \frac{1}{3} k_2 + \frac{1}{3} k_3 + \frac{1}{6} k_4 \right]$$

RK4

average slope  $\rightarrow$  4 values of  $G$

$$y_{t+1} = y_t + \frac{\Delta t}{6} [k_1 + 2k_2 + 2k_3 + k_4]$$

WHERE:

$$k_1 = G(y_t, t)$$

$$k_2 = G\left(y_t + k_1 \frac{\Delta t}{2}, t + \frac{\Delta t}{2}\right)$$

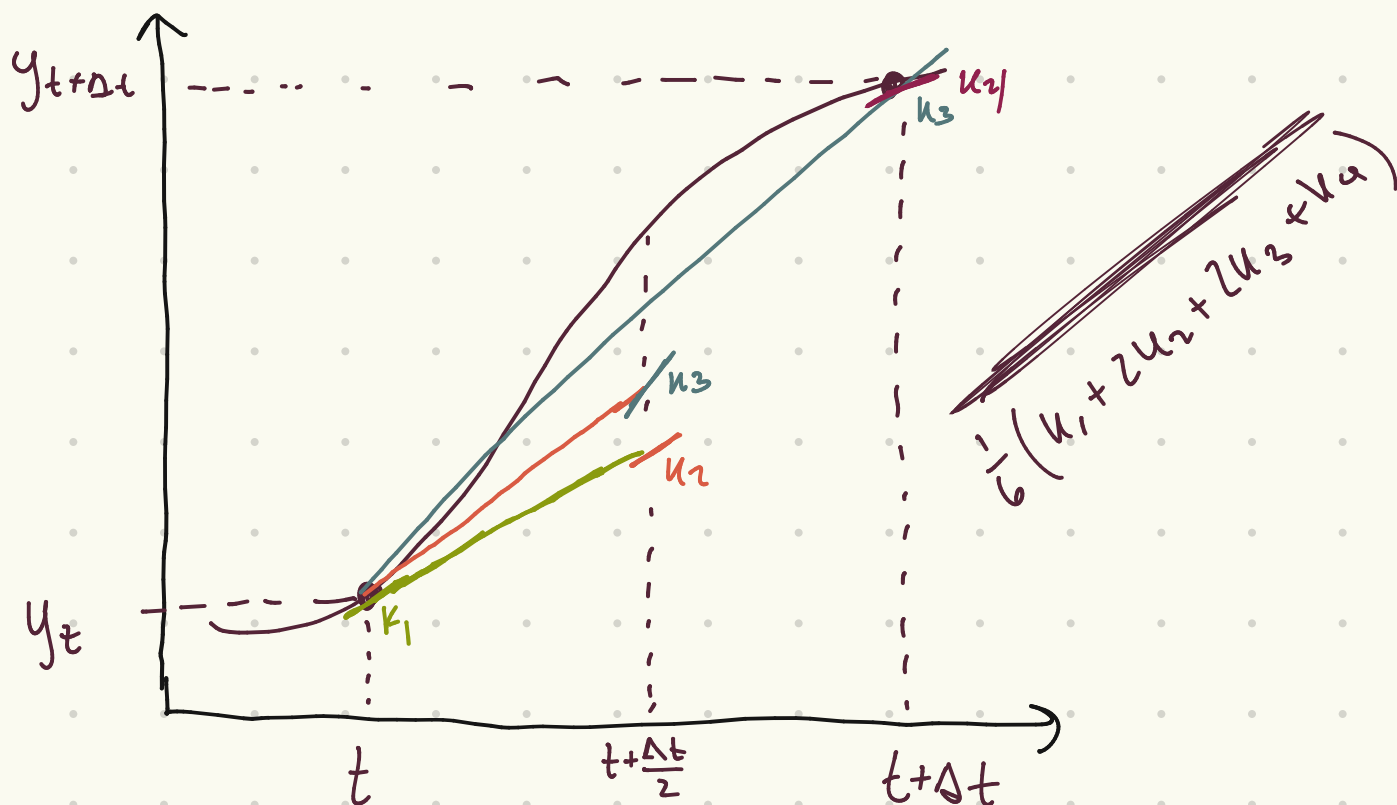
$$k_3 = G\left(y_t + k_2 \frac{\Delta t}{2}, t + \frac{\Delta t}{2}\right)$$

$$k_4 = G(y_t + k_3 \Delta t, t + \Delta t)$$

4th order accurate

$$\Delta t = 10^{-2}$$

accurate to  $10^{-8}$



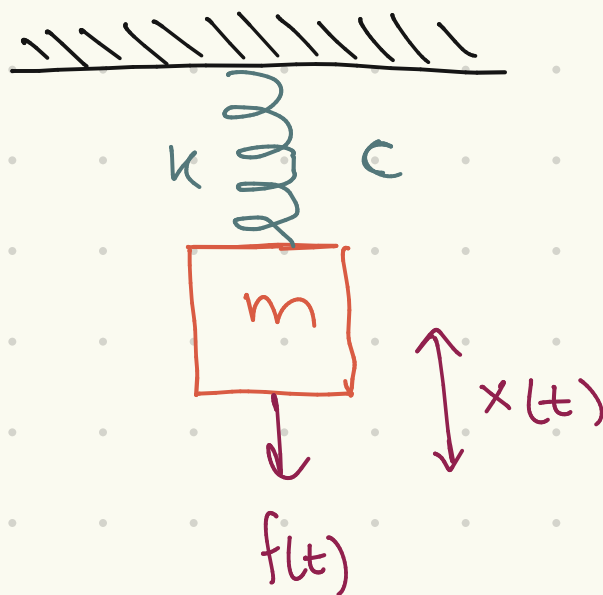
## Working Example: Damped Harmonic Oscillator

$$\dot{x} = \frac{dx}{dt}$$

$$\ddot{x} = \frac{d^2x}{dt^2}$$

$$f(t) = kx + c\dot{x} + m\ddot{x}$$

2nd order,  $\rightarrow$  1st order



let:

$$\vec{y} = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{x} \\ x \end{bmatrix} \quad \dot{\vec{y}} = \begin{bmatrix} \ddot{x} \\ \dot{x} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\vec{F} = \begin{bmatrix} f(t) \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} m & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \ddot{x} \\ \dot{x} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} c & k \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \dot{x} \\ x \end{bmatrix}$$

1st order diff eq:  $\vec{F} = A \dot{\vec{y}} + B \vec{y}$

$$\dot{\vec{y}} = \underbrace{A^{-1} \cdot (\vec{F} - B \vec{y})}_G \Rightarrow y_{t+1} = y_t + \Delta t \cdot G$$

$$\text{i.c. } \vec{y}_0 = \begin{bmatrix} \dot{x}(t=0) \\ x(t=0) \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$KE = \frac{1}{2} m \dot{x}^2, \quad PE = \frac{1}{2} k x^2 \quad KE + PE = \text{const.}$$