

# Ordinary Differential Equations (ODEs)

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ODEs are ubiquitous in physical sciences.

### Dynamical systems:

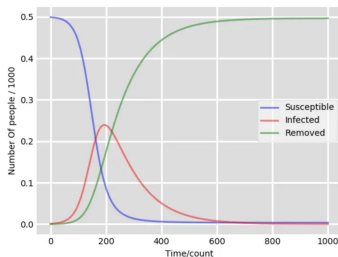
- Newton's laws of motion:

$$\vec{F}_{\text{tot}} = m \frac{d\vec{x}^2(t)}{dt^2}$$

- Population modelling:

$$\frac{dp(t)}{dt} = rp(t)(k - p(t))$$

- Epidemiology, economics, engineering, e.t.c.



<https://medium.com/geekculture/modelling-a-modern-day-pandemic-developing-the-sir-model-8d77599050ce>

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- **Homogenous** if  $b(x) = 0$ .
- **Non-linear**: e.g.  $(y')^{3/2} + \sin(y) = 0$ .

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**Initial value problem:** When the  $n$  boundary conditions are specified at the same initial value  $x = x_0$ : e.g.,

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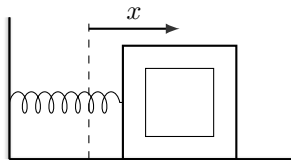
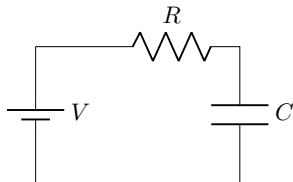
with  $y(x_0) = y_0$  and  $y'(x_0) = y'_0$ .



- $$\dot{p}(t) = r(k - p(t))$$

- $$\dot{q}(t) + \frac{q(t)}{RC} = \frac{V(t)}{R}$$

- $$\ddot{x}(t) + \gamma \dot{x}(t) + \omega_0^2 x(t) = F_d(t)$$



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Transform back:  $p(t) = k + (p_0 - k)e^{-rt}$ ,  $p_0 = k + h \implies h = p_0 - k$ :

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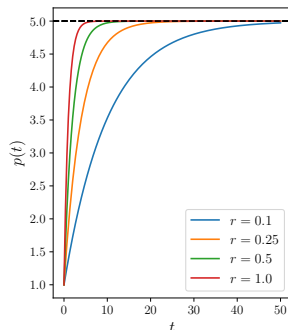
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2 import numpy as np
3
4 tlist = np.linspace(0,50,150)
5 rlist = [0.1, 0.25, 0.5, 1.0]
6
7 p0 = 1 # initial population
8 k = 5 # equilibrium population
9
10 fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(4,5))
11
12 for r in rlist:
13     ax.plot(tlist, k + (p0-k)*np.exp(-r*tlist),
14           label=r'$r={0}$'.format(r))
15     ax.axhline(k, tlist[0], tlist[-1], linestyle
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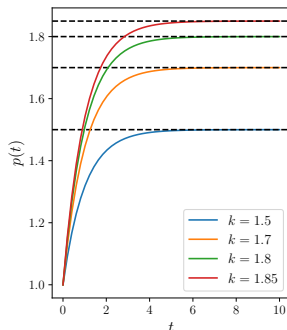
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Solution:

$$y(x) = e^{-\int dx P(x)} \left( \int^x dx' Q(x') e^{\int dx' P(x')} + C \right)$$

All homogenous 1st order ODEs are **separable**.

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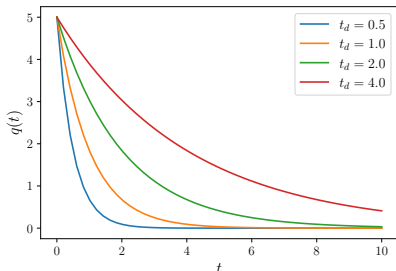
Plot solution  $q(t)$ :

- Homogenous  $q(t) = q_0 e^{-t/t_d}$  ( $t_d = RC$ ):

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4 td_list = [0.5, 1.0, 2.0, 4.0]
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7 # Parameters
8 q0 = 5
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10 fig, ax = plt.subplots()
11 for td in td_list:
12     ax.plot(tlist, q0*np.exp(-tlist/td), label=r'$t_d$'
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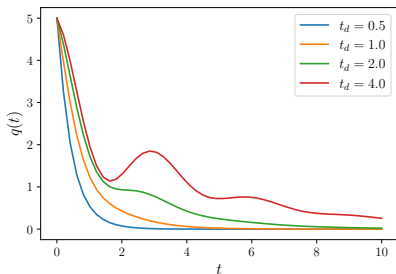
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- Inhomogenous  $q(t) = q_0 e^{-t/t_d} + \int_0^t dt' V(t') e^{-(t-t')/t_d}$
- $V(t) = V_0 \sin(\omega t)$

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10 V0 = 4
11 om = 2
12
13 fig, ax = plt.subplots()
14 for td in td_list:
15     qlist = []
16     err_list = []
17     integrand = lambda x, t: V0*np.sin(om*x)*np.exp((-t-x)/td)
18     for t in tlist:
19         q, _ = q0*np.exp(-t/(td)) + quad(integrand, t,
20         0, args=(t,))
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Linearize using substitution  $z = y^{1-n}$ :

$$z'y^n = (1 - n)y' \quad (\text{chain rule})$$

$$\implies z' + (1 - n)P(x)z = (1 - n)Q(x)$$

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where  $y(x = x_0) = y_0$ .Examples  $n = 2$ ,  $P(x) = Q(x) = \sin(x)$ :

$$I(x) = e^{-\int dx \sin(x)} = e^{\cos(x)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} z(x) &= e^{-\cos(x)} \left( \int^x dx' \sin(x') e^{\cos(x')} + C \right) \\ &= -1 + C e^{-\cos(x)} \end{aligned}$$

From  $z = y^{1-n}$ :

$$\implies y^{-1} = -1 + C e^{-\cos(x)}$$



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## Iterative solution

Taylor expansion around  $x_k$ :

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Notation  $x_{k+1} = x_k + h$ ,  $y(x_k) = y_k$ :

$$k = 0 : \quad y_1 \approx y_0 + F(x_0, y_0)h$$

$$k = 1 : \quad y_2 \approx y_1 + F(x_1, y_1)h$$

$$\vdots \qquad \qquad \qquad \vdots$$

Recurrence relation:

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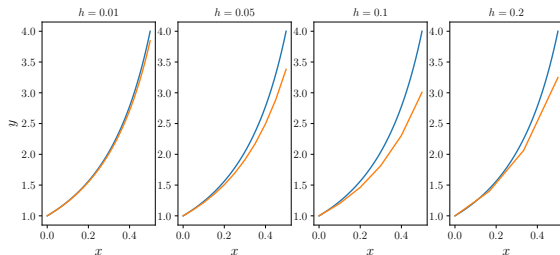
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$$y_{k+1} = y_k + F(x_k, y_k)h + \left( \frac{\partial F}{\partial x} + F \frac{\partial F}{\partial y} \right) \frac{h^2}{2} + O(h^3)$$

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$$\hat{y}_{k+1} = \hat{y}_k + \frac{1}{2}(a_1 + a_2)$$

Possible to consider higher order schemes:

- To order  $h^4$  (RK4):

$$b_1 = F(x_k, \hat{y}_k)h$$

$$b_2 = F(x_k + \frac{1}{2}h, \hat{y}_k + \frac{1}{2}b_1)h$$

$$b_3 = F(x_k + \frac{1}{2}h, \hat{y}_k + \frac{1}{2}b_2)h$$

$$b_4 = F(x_k + h, \hat{y}_k + b_3)h$$

$$\hat{y}_{k+1} = \hat{y}_k + \frac{1}{6}b_1 + \frac{1}{3}b_2 + \frac{1}{3}b_3 + \frac{1}{6}b_4$$

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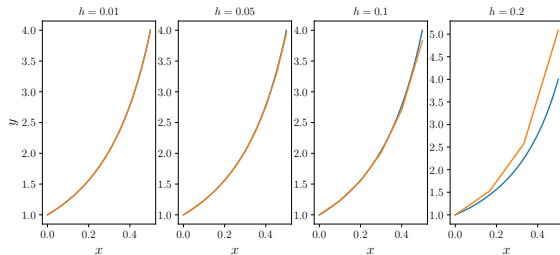
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6 y_rk2 = [y0]
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8 f = lambda x,y: 2*y**(3/2)
9
10 while x0<xmax:
11     a1 = f(x0,y0)*h
12     a2 = f(x0 + h, y0 + a1)*h
13     y1 = y0 + 0.5 * (a1 + a2)
14     y_rk2.append(y1)
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### Example (RK4)

Numerically solve

$$y' = y \sin^2(x), \quad y(0) = 1$$

using 4th order Runge-Kutta, starting from  $x = 0$  to  $x_k = 10$ , with step size  $h = 0.5$ .

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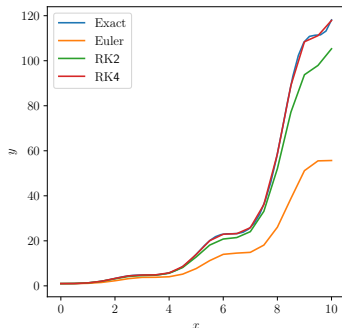
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3 h = 0.5          # step size
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5 xmax = 5        # final x-value
6 y0 = 0          # initial y-value
7
8 y_rk4 = [y0]
9
10 f = lambda x,y: np.sin(x)**2 * y
11
12 while x0 < xmax:
13     b1 = f(x0,y0)*h
14     b2 = f(x0 + 0.5*h, y0 + 0.5*b1)*h
15     b3 = f(x0 + 0.5*h, y0 + 0.5*b2)*h
16     b4 = f(x0 + h, y0 + b3)*h
17     y1 = y0 + 1/6 * (b1 + 2*b2 + 2*b3 + b4)
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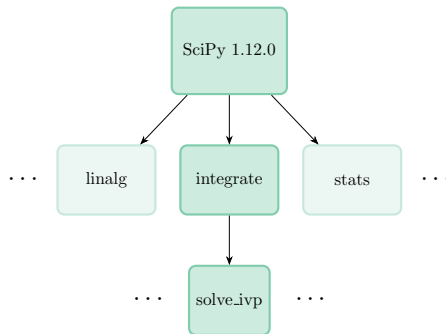
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## SciPy ODE solver

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- **scipy.integrate** contains routines for numerical integration and ODE solvers.



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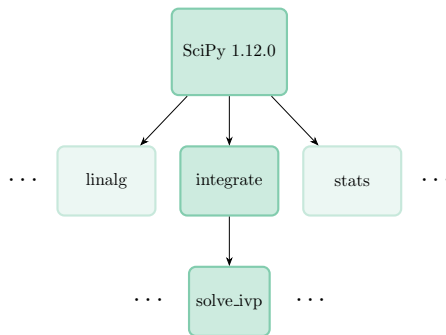
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- $\vec{y} \in \mathbb{R}^d$ ,  $d$ -dimensional real vector.
- $\vec{F}(\vec{y}, t)$  function of  $\vec{y}$ .



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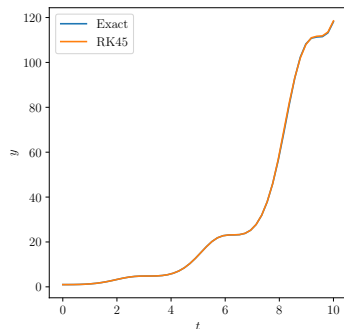
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4 # Right-hand side of ODE
5 f = lambda t,y: np.sin(t)**2 * y
6
7 # t-values for which ODE is solved
8 t_eval = np.linspace(0, 10)
9
10 sol = solve_ivp(f, [t_eval[0], t_eval[-1]],
11                y0=[1], method='RK45', t_eval=t_eval)
12
13 sol.t      # Returns t-values      shape=(len(t_eval),)
14 sol.y      # Returns y-values      shape=(len(y0),len(
15             t_eval))
16 sol.y.reshape(sol.t.shape) # shape=(len(t_eval),)

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Written compactly as:

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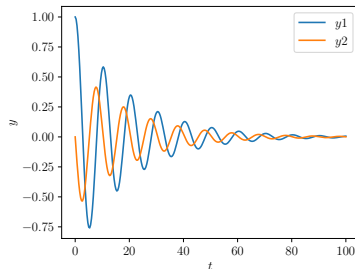
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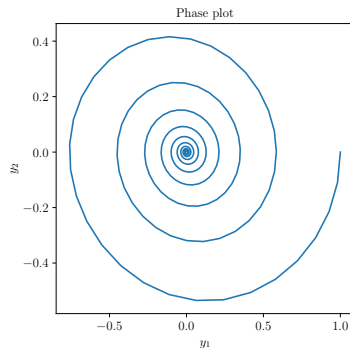
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### Homogeneous equation $b(x) = 0$

Homogenous  $n$ th order ODE:

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$$y(x) = c_1 y_1(x) + c_2 y_2(x) + \dots + c_n y_n(x),$$

where  $F(x, y_i, y_i' \dots y_i^{(n)}) = 0$ , and  $y_i(x)$  are **linearly independent**.

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- $\lambda_i$  real and complex conjugate pairs:

$$c_1 e^{\alpha + i\beta} + c_2 e^{\alpha - i\beta} = (d_1 \cos(\beta x) + d_2 \sin(\beta x)) e^{\alpha x}$$

- $\lambda_i$  degenerate (e.g.,  $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2$ )

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### Regimes of behavior:

- Underdamped  $\omega_0 > \gamma$ ,  $\Omega \in \mathbb{R}$ , damped coherent oscillations
- Overdamped  $\omega_0 < \gamma$ ,  $\Omega = i\tilde{\Omega}$ , incoherent damping
- Critical damping  $\omega_0 = \gamma$ ,  $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2$

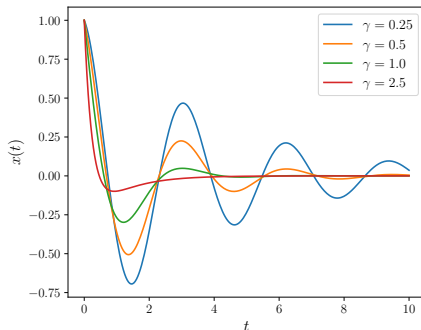
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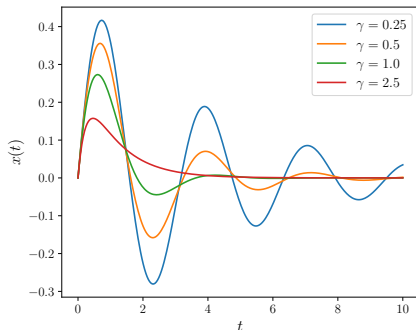
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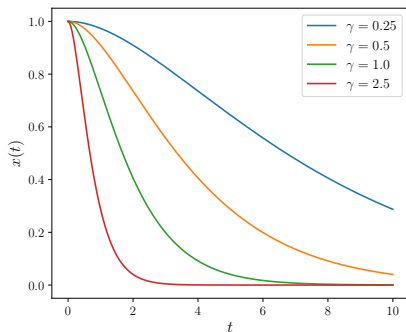
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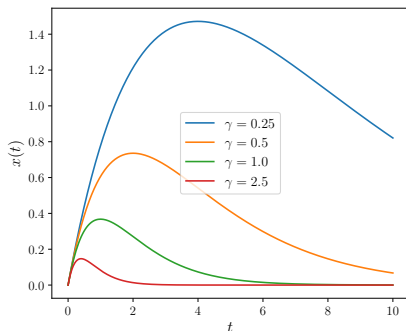
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### General solution

Since linear, general solution to ODE has the form

$$y(x) = y_c(x) + y_p(x)$$

where  $y_c(x)$  is the solution to the complimentary equation with  $b(x) = 0$ .

The **complimentary solution**  $y_c(x)$  and **particular integral**  $y_p(x)$  are linearly independent.

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- If  $b(x) = a_1 \sin rx + a_2 \cos rx$  ( $a_1$  or  $a_2$  may be zero), try

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- If  $b(x) = a_0 + a_1 x + \dots + a_N x^N$ , (some  $a_n$  may be zero) try

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# Thank you

