

Section 4 so far.... We have been looking at numerical solution to scalar IVP

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x, y) \quad y(a) = \alpha$$

Forward Euler:  $y_{i+1} = y_i + h f(x_i, y_i) \quad i = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

(Explicit)

→ Easy to implement

→ But drawback is small steps,  $h$ , required to ensure stability, means can be time consuming

Backward Euler:  $y_{i+1} = y_i + h f(x_{i+1}, y_{i+1}) \quad i = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

(Implicit)

→ Stable method (for model problem  $f(y) = -Ay$  ( $A > 0$ )) which means larger steps,  $h$ , can be used.

→ But drawback, requires solution to optimisation problem, makes harder to implement.

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Compute numerical solution to differential equation problem

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = -2y + t \quad y(0) = 1$$

by taking two steps of forward Euler method with  $h = 0.1$

$$FE: y_{i+1} = y_i + h f(x_i, y_i)$$

$$t_i = 0.1i$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{i=0}{y_1} = y_0 + 0.1(-2y_0 + t_0) \\ = 1 + 0.1(-2 \times 1 + 0) \\ = 0.8$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{i=1}{y_2} = y_1 + h(-2y_1 + t_1) \\ = 0.8 + 0.1(-2 \times 0.8 + 0.1) \\ = 0.65$$

$$BE: y_{i+1} = y_i + h f(x_{i+1}, y_{i+1}) \quad y_1 = y_0 - 2hy_1 + ht_1$$

$$i=0 \Rightarrow y_1 = y_0 + h(-2y_1 + t_1) \quad y_1 + 2hy_1 = y_0 + ht_1$$

$$(1 + 2 \times 0.1)y_1 = 1 + 0.1 \times 0.1$$

$$\Rightarrow y_1 = 1.01 / 1.2 = 0.8417 \quad (\text{to 4 d.p.})$$

$$i=1 \Rightarrow y_2 = y_1 + h(-2y_2 + t_2)$$

$$(1 + 2 \times 0.1)y_2 = 1.01 / 1.2 + 0.1 \times 0.2$$

$$\Rightarrow y_2 = 0.7181 \quad (\text{to 4 d.p.})$$

### 4.3 : FIRST ORDER SYSTEMS

A system of  $n$  (explicit) first order ODEs has the form

$$\frac{dy_1}{dx} = f_1(x, y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)$$

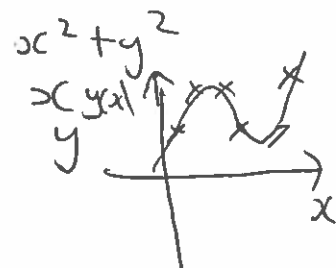
$$\frac{dy_2}{dx} = f_2(x, y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)$$

$\vdots$

$$\frac{dy_n}{dx} = f_n(x, y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x, y)$$

(3)

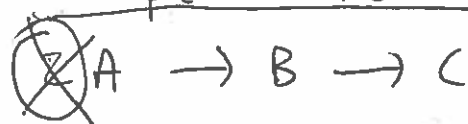


where  $f_i$ ,  $i=1, 2, \dots, n$ , are given functions and  $y_i(x)$ ,  $i=1, 2, \dots, n$ , are unknown functions of variable  $x$ . An IVP is a system of the form (3), together with  $n$  initial conditions

$$y_1(a) = \pi_1, y_2(a) = \pi_2, \dots, y_n(a) = \pi_n \quad (4)$$

where  $\pi_i$ ,  $i=1, 2, \dots, n$ , are real numbers.

#### Example 1: Consecutive Reactions



$$\frac{dA}{dt} = -k_1 A$$

$$\frac{dB}{dt} = k_1 A - k_2 B$$

$$\frac{dC}{dt} = k_2 B$$

$y_1 = A, f_1 = k_1 A - k_2 A$

$y_2 = B, f_2 = k_1 A - k_2 B$

Linear

$y_3 = C, f_3 = k_2 B$

#### Example 2: Lorenz System

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \sigma(y - x)$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = x(\rho - z) - y$$

$$\frac{dz}{dt} = xy - \beta z$$

→ Non-linear system of ODEs

→ Equations model fluid circulating in shallow layer of fluid heated uniformly from below and cooled uniformly from above

↓ Only slightly non-linear, but is known to be chaotic

The analogy to IVP for a single equation is clearer if we introduce vector notation. Let

$$\underline{y} = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{pmatrix}, \quad \underline{f} = \begin{pmatrix} f_1 \\ f_2 \\ \vdots \\ f_n \end{pmatrix}, \quad \underline{\eta} = \begin{pmatrix} \eta_1 \\ \eta_2 \\ \vdots \\ \eta_n \end{pmatrix}$$

The system of ODEs (3) can be written in the form

$$\frac{d}{dx} \underline{y} = \underline{f}(x, \underline{y}) \quad \text{or} \quad \underline{y}' = \underline{f}(x, \underline{y})$$

and the initial condition (4) becomes

$$\underline{y}(a) = \underline{\eta}$$

Ex. 1 (Returned) Let  $\underline{y} = \begin{bmatrix} A \\ B \\ C \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\underline{f} = \begin{bmatrix} -k_1 A \\ k_1 A - k_2 B \\ k_2 B \end{bmatrix}$

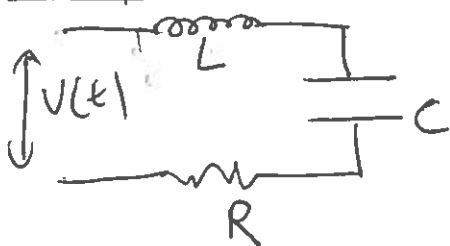
$$\frac{d}{dt} \underline{y} = \underline{f}(\underline{y})$$

#### 4.3.1: $n^{\text{th}}$ ORDER ODES

An explicit  $n^{\text{th}}$  order ODE has the form

$$y^{(n)} = f(x, y, y^{(1)}, \dots, y^{(n-1)}) \quad (5) \quad \text{Let } y^{(1)} = \frac{dy}{dx}$$

#### Example 3: Electric LCR circuit



$$\begin{aligned} V(t) &= V_L(t) + V_C(t) + V_R(t) \\ &= L \frac{dI(t)}{dt} + \frac{Q(t)}{C} + I(t)R \end{aligned}$$

Let  $V(t) = \text{Constant}$ ,  $\frac{dV(t)}{dt} = 0$  ↓  $I(t) = \frac{dQ(t)}{dt}$

$$\Rightarrow L \frac{d^2 I(t)}{dt^2} + R \frac{dI(t)}{dt} + \frac{1}{C} I(t) = 0$$