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Introduction

In this unit, we are solving the ordinary differential equation (ODE)

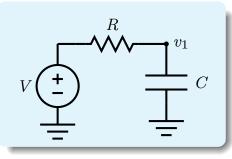
$$\frac{dx}{dt} = f(t, x), \tag{8.1.1}$$

where x is a function of t and with the conditions $t \in [t_0, t_f]$ and $x(t_0) = x_0$.

- ullet t_f can approach infinite.
- Since the value of x_0 needs to be known and we solve for $t > t_0$, this type of problems is also known as initial value problem (IVP).
- Problems of this type are abundant in our world.
 - In SPICE, this is the transient analysis.

Simple RC Circuit

A simple example, to solve for the RC network with



$$V(t) = 1,$$
 $t \ge 0,$ $v_1(0) = 0.$

Analytical solution

$$v_1(t) = 1 - \exp(-\frac{t}{RC}).$$

• Nodal analysis at node v_1 (KCL)

$$\frac{V - v_1}{R} + C \frac{dv_1}{dt} = 0.$$

Or

$$\frac{dv_1}{dt} = \frac{V - v_1}{RC}. ag{8.1.2}$$

- This equation has the same form as Eq. (8.1.1), with $x = v_1$ and $f(x,t) = (V-v_1)/RC$.
 - Note that f depends on x as well, and t is implicit.
 - In some applications, f can be explicit function of t as well.

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Simple RC Circuit, II

• Assuming v_1 is differentiable,

$$\frac{dv_1}{dt} = \frac{v_1(t+h) - v_1(t)}{h} \qquad \text{as } h \to 0.$$

Substitute into Eq. (8.1.2),

$$\frac{v_1(t+h) - v_1(t)}{h} = \frac{V(t) - v_1(t)}{RC}$$
$$v_1(t+h) = v_1(t) + h \cdot \frac{V(t) - v_1(t)}{RC}$$

- Giving $V(t), t \geq 0$, and $v_1(0)$ then we can find $v_1(t), t \geq 0$.
- Let $y = \frac{h}{RC}$ then

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$$v_1(t+h) = (1-y)v_1(t) + y \cdot V(t)$$
(8.1.3)

And

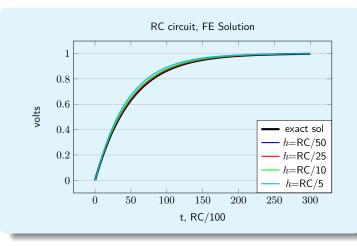
$$v_1(0) = 0,$$

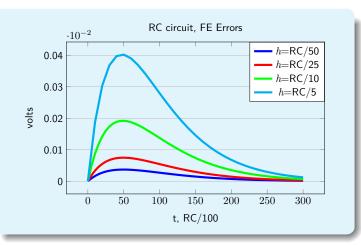
$$v_1(h) = y,$$

$$v_1(2h) = (1 - y)y + y = (2 - y)y,$$

$$v_1(3h) = (1 - y)(2 - y)y + y = (3 - 3y + y^2)y,$$

Forward Euler Method





• In general, Eq. (8.1.1) can be solved by

$$x(t+h) = x(t) + h \cdot f(t)$$
 (8.1.4)

This is the Forward Euler method.

- For the simple RC network example, it can be observed that the Forward Euler method produces accurate solution.
 - even for relative large h.
- ullet Of course, smaller h produces more accurate solution.

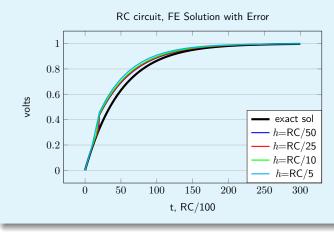
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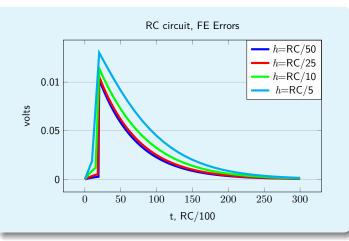
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Forward Euler Method, II





- An error is intentionally inserted at $t = 0.2 \cdot RC$ when carrying out Forward Euler method.
- ullet The error gradually decreases as t increases
- Error does not accumulated in Forward Euler method.
- If the initial solution, or the solution at any time point, is erroneous, the solution for large t can still be accurate.
- Error damping is also a function of h.

Backward Euler Method

• Equation (8.1.1) can also be solved using the following equation.

$$\frac{x(t+h) - x(t)}{h} = f(t+h, x(t+h)).$$

And, hence

$$x(t+h) = x(t) + h \cdot f(t+h, x(t+h)). \tag{8.1.5}$$

- This is the Backward Euler method.
- The solution to the simple RC circuit can be written as

$$v_1(t+h) = v_1(t) + h \cdot \frac{V(t+h) - v_1(t+h)}{RC}$$
$$(1 + \frac{h}{RC})v_1(t+h) = v_1(t) + \frac{h}{RC}V(t+h)$$

Let $y = \frac{h}{RC}$ then

$$v_1(t+h) = \frac{1}{1+y}v_1(t) + \frac{y}{1+y}V(t+h). \tag{8.1.6}$$

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Backward Euler Method, II

And

$$v_1(0) = 0$$

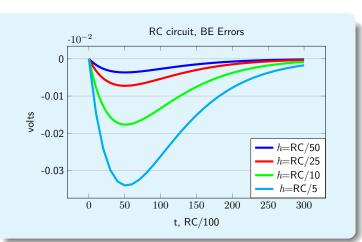
$$v_1(h) = \frac{y}{1+y}$$

$$v_1(2h) = \frac{y}{1+y} \left(\frac{1}{1+y} + 1\right)$$

$$v_1(3h) = \frac{y}{1+y} \left(\frac{1}{(1+y)^2} + \frac{1}{1+y} + 1\right)$$

RC circuit, BE Solution

1
0.8
0.6
0.2
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100
150
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t, RC/100



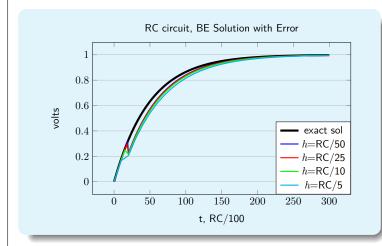
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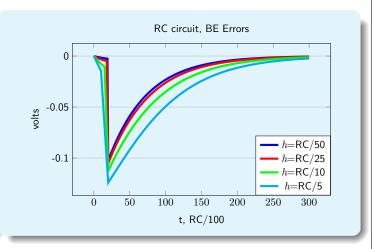
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Backward Euler Method, III

- Backward Euler method produces accurate results as well
- ullet Even an error of -0.1 volts is introduced intentionally at t=0.2RC
- Error damps out no error accumulation
- Backward Euler method appears to be a little more accurate than Forward Euler method.





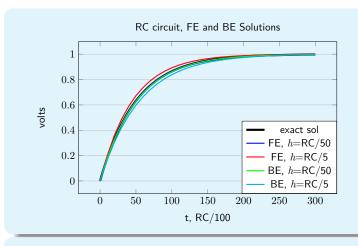
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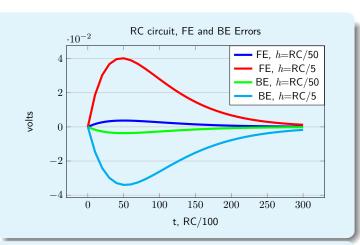
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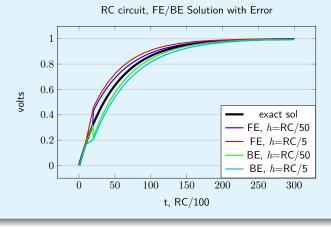
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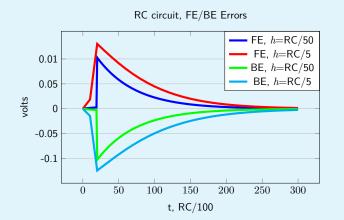
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Backward Euler Method, III









First Order Solution Methods

• To solve the ordinary differential equation

$$\frac{dx(t)}{dt} = f(t)$$

Forward Euler method

$$\frac{x(t+h) - x(t)}{h} = f(t)$$

Backward Euler method

$$\frac{x(t+h) - x(t)}{h} = f(t+h)$$

- In the simple RC circuit example, these two methods do not make much difference.
- Let the voltage source waveform of the simple RC circuit be

$$V(t) = t/RC,$$
 $0 \le t \le RC,$
= 1, $t \ge RC.$

- Forward Euler: $v_1(t+h) = (1-y)v_1(t) + yV(t)$.
- Backward Euler: $v_1(t+h) = (v_1(t) + yV(t+h))/(1+y)$.
 - y = h/RC.

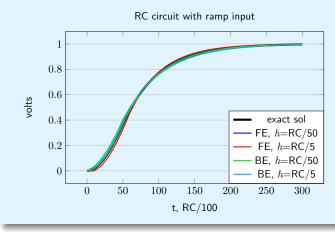
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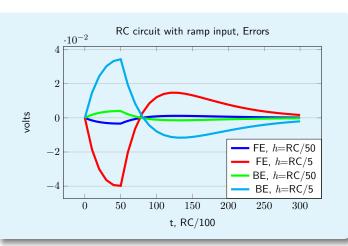
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First Order Solution Methods, II





- Both methods produce accurate solutions.
- Backward Euler appears to be more accurate.
- Any input voltages can be solved.
- No error accumulation.
- Good accuracy even with relative large time steps.

Trapezoidal Rule

To solve the ODE

$$\frac{dx(t)}{dt} = f(x(t), t)$$

Note that

$$x(t) = x(t_0) + \int_{t=t_0}^t f(x(\tau), \tau) d\tau$$

- Both Forward Euler and Backward Euler methods are composite integration formula with zero'th order quadrature
- Trapezoidal rule can be more accurate and it is expressed as

$$x(t) = x(t_0) + h \cdot \frac{f(x(t+h), t+h) + f(x(t), t)}{2}.$$

For the RC network

$$\frac{dv_1}{dt} = \frac{V(t) - v_1(t)}{RC}$$

Thus,

$$v_1(t+h) = v_1(t) + h \cdot \frac{V(t+h) - v_1(t+h) + V(t) - v_1(t)}{2RC}$$

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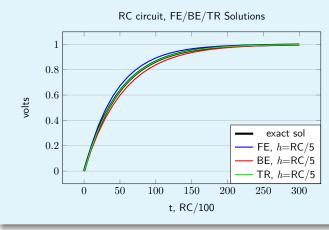
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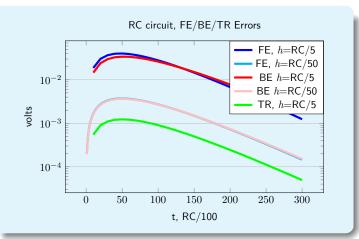
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Trapezoidal Rule, II

• Let $y = \frac{h}{RC}$, then

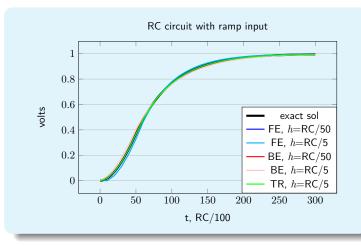
$$(1+0.5y)v_1(t+h) = (1-0.5y)v_1(t) + 0.5y(V(t+h) + V(t))$$
$$v_1(t+h) = \frac{1-0.5y}{1+0.5y}v_1(t) + \frac{0.5y}{1+0.5y}(V(t+h) + V(t))$$

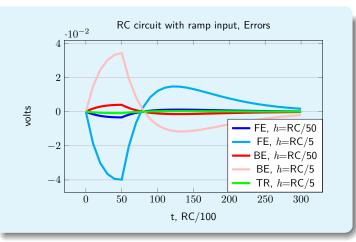




- For RC network with step input, trapezoidal method with large time step is vary accurate.
 - More accurate than Forward Euler or Backward Euler with 10 times small time step.

Trapezoidal Rule, III





 For RC network with ramp input, trapezoidal rule is still more accurate than Forward Euler or Backward Euler with larger time steps.

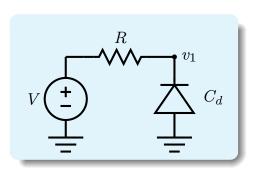
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Nonlinear Dynamic Equation



$$R=50$$
 K $\Omega,$ $C_J=1$ pF, $M=0.5,$ $\phi_B=0.8.$

 The diode capacitance is a nonlinear function of the voltage.

$$C_d = C_J \left(1 - \frac{V_d}{\phi_B}\right)^{-M}, \qquad V_d < 0,$$

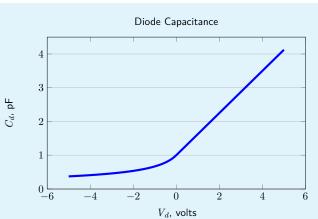
= $C_J \left(1 + \frac{MV_d}{\phi_B}\right), \qquad V_d \ge 0.$

 V_d : voltage across diode,

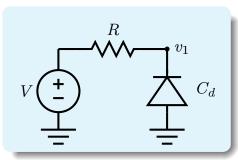
 C_J : junction capacitance at $V_d=0$ volts,

M: junction grading coefficient,

 ϕ_B : junction contact potential.



Nonlinear Dynamic Equation, II



$$R=50$$
 K $\Omega,$ $C_J=1$ pF, $M=0.5,$ $\phi_B=0.8,$ $V(t)=1, \quad t\geq 0,$ $v_1(0)=0$ volts.

- Ignoring diode off current for the time being
- Nodal equation for v_1

$$C_d \frac{dv_1}{dt} + \frac{v_1 - V}{R} = 0$$
$$\frac{dv_1}{dt} = \frac{V - v_1}{RC_d}$$

Apply forward Euler method

$$\frac{v_1(t+h) - v_1(t)}{h} = \frac{V(t) - v_1(t)}{RC_d(-v_1(t))}$$
$$v_1(t+h) = v_1(t) + h \cdot \frac{V(t) - v_1(t)}{RC_d(-v_1(t))}$$

- ullet The same equation as the linear cap case, except C_d is a function of v_1 now
- Since the right-hand side is evaluated at time t, $v_1(t+h)$ can be easily calculated.
- The advantage of forward Euler method.

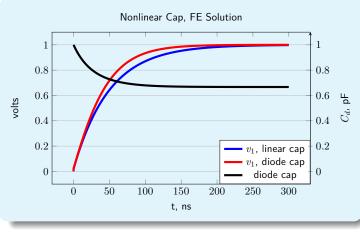
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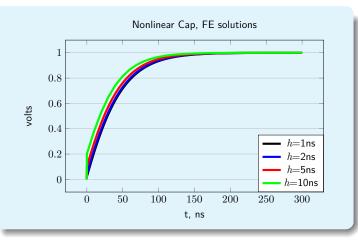
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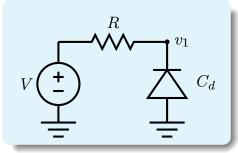
Nonlinear Dynamic Equation, III





- Forward Euler method is effective in solving nonlinear dynamic equation.
- Since diode is in reverse bias region, the capacitance decreases and faster voltage ramp up is observed.
- Different time steps can still be exploited for speed-accuracy trade off.

NDE, Backward Euler Solution



ullet Nodal equation for v_1

$$\frac{dv_1}{dt} = \frac{V - v_1}{RC_d}$$

Backward Euler method:

$$\frac{v_1(t+h) - v_1(t)}{h} = \frac{V(t+h) - v_1(t+h)}{RC_d},$$

$$R = 50 \text{ K}\Omega,$$
 $(1 + \frac{h}{RC_d})v_1(t+h) - v_1(t) - \frac{h}{RC_d}V(t+h) = 0.$ (8.1.7) $M = 0.5,$

This equation is nonlinear and can be solved by Newton's method.

$$v_1^{(k+1)}(t+h) = v_1^{(k)}(t+h) - \frac{f(v_1(t+h))}{df(v_1(t+h))/dv_1(t+h)}.$$
(8.1.8)

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 $\phi_B = 0.8$.

 $v_1(0) = 0$ volts.

 $V(t) = 1, \quad t > 0,$

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NDE, Backward Euler Solution, II

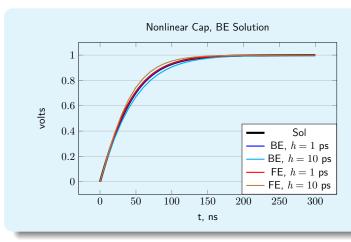
• In Eq. (8.1.8)

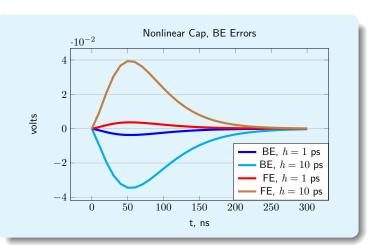
$$f(v_1(t+h)) = \left(1 + \frac{h}{RC_d}\right)v_1(t+h) - v_1(t) - \frac{h}{RC_d}V(t+h), \tag{8.1.9}$$

and

$$\frac{df(v_1(t+h))}{dv_1(t+h)} = 1 + \frac{h}{RC_d},\tag{8.1.10}$$

where C_d should be evaluated at $v_1(t+h)$.





NDE, Trapezoidal Rule Solution

 Apply trapezoidal rule to the nodal equation of the nonlinear diode capacitor circuit

$$\frac{v_1(t+h)-v_1(t)}{h}=\frac{V(t+h)-v_1(t+h)}{2RC_d(t+h)}+\frac{V(t)-v_1(t)}{2RC_d(t)}.$$

Again, apply Newton's method to solve this nonlinear equation with

$$f(v_1(t+h)) = \left(1 + \frac{h}{2RC_d(t+h)}\right)v_1(t+h) - \left(1 - \frac{h}{2RC_d(t)}\right)v_1(t)$$
$$-\frac{h}{2RC_d(t+h)}V(t+h) - \frac{h}{2RC_d(t)}V(t),$$

$$\frac{df(v_1(t+h))}{dv_1(t+h)} = 1 + \frac{h}{2RC_d(t+h)}.$$

and iterate

$$v_1^{(k+1)}(t+h) = v_1^{(k)}(t+h) - \left(\frac{df(v_1(t+h))}{dv_1(t+h)}\right)^{-1} f(v_1(t+h)).$$

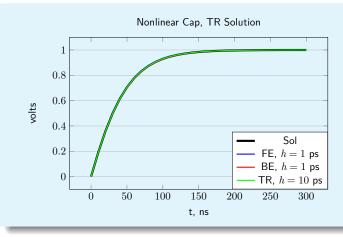
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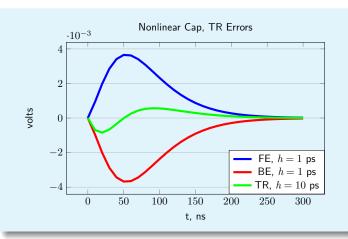
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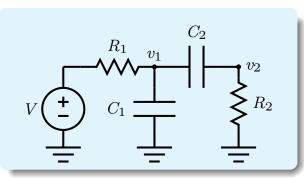




- Nonlinear dynamic equations can be solved using Newton's method and forward Euler, backward Euler or trapezoidal rule
- Trapezoidal rule has more complex formulation but with higher accurate solutions.
 - Higher accuracy with the same time step,
 - Or, with similar accuracy but larger time steps
- Newton's method needs good initial guess
 - In solving time point t+h, the solutions at t can be used as initial guess.

Solving Dynamic Systems

- The forward Euler, backward Euler and trapezoidal rule methods can be applied to dynamic systems that have more than one variables.
- For example a two-stage RC ladder network.



- Given initial conditions: $v_1(0)$, $v_2(0)$ and power supply V(t), for $t \ge 0$, to find $v_1(t)$, $v_2(t)$, t > 0.
- This linear dynamic system can be solved using any of the integration methods developed above.
- ullet Applying KCL at node v_2

$$C_2 \frac{d(v_2 - v_1)}{dt} + \frac{v_2}{R_2} = 0.$$
 (8.1.11)

Using backward Euler method and assuming we know $v_1(t)$ and $v_2(t)$ to solve for $v_1(t+h)$, $v_2(t+h)$.

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Solving Dynamic Systems, II

• Backward Euler approximates $\frac{dx}{dt} = f(x, t)$ by

$$\frac{x(t+h)-x(t)}{h}=f(x(t+h),t+h).$$

• Eq. (8.1.11) can be rewritten as

$$\frac{C_2}{h} \left(v_2(t+h) - v_1(t+h) - v_2(t) + v_1(t) \right) + \frac{v_2(t+h)}{R_2} = 0.$$

Since $v_1(t)$ and $v_2(t)$ are already known, it can be rewritten as

$$\frac{C_2}{h} \left(v_2(t+h) - v_1(t+h) \right) + \frac{v_2(t+h)}{R_2} = \frac{C_2}{h} \left(v_2(t) - v_1(t) \right). \tag{8.1.12}$$

• Similarly for v_1

$$\frac{v_1 - V}{R_1} + C_1 \frac{dv_1}{dt} + C_2 \frac{d(v_1 - v_2)}{dt} = 0.$$

And, with backward Euler

$$\frac{v_1(t+h) - V(t+h)}{R_1} + \frac{C_1}{h}v_1(t+h) + \frac{C_2}{h}(v_1(t+h) - v_2(t+h))$$
(8.1.13)

$$= \frac{C_1}{h}v_1(t) + \frac{C_2}{h}(v_1(t) - v_2(t)). \tag{8.1.14}$$

Solving Dynamic Systems, III

• Merging Eqs (8.1.12) and (8.1.14) and arrange in matrix-vector form

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{C_1}{h} + \frac{C_2}{h} & -\frac{C_2}{h} \\ -\frac{C_2}{h} & \frac{1}{R_2} + \frac{C_2}{h} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1(t+h) \\ v_2(t+h) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{C_1}{h} v_1(t) + \frac{C_2}{h} \left(v_1(t) - v_2(t) \right) \\ \frac{C_2}{h} \left(v_2(t) - v_1(t) \right) \end{bmatrix}$$
(8.1.15)

• Note that the stamps for a resistor, R_k , connecting nodes i and j are

$$A_{ii} = A_{ii} + \frac{1}{R_k}, \quad A_{ij} = A_{ij} - \frac{1}{R_k}, \quad A_{jj} = A_{jj} + \frac{1}{R_k}, \quad A_{ji} = A_{ji} - \frac{1}{R_k}.$$
 (8.1.16)

• In a similar way, we can define the stamps for a capacitor, C_k , connect nodes, i and j, to be

$$A_{ii} = A_{ii} + \frac{C_k}{h}, \quad A_{ij} = A_{ij} - \frac{C_k}{h}, \quad b_i = b_i + \frac{C_k}{h} \Big(v_i(t) - v_j(t) \Big),$$

$$A_{jj} = A_{jj} + \frac{C_k}{h}, \quad A_{ji} = A_{ji} - \frac{C_k}{h}, \quad b_j = b_j + \frac{C_k}{h} \Big(v_j(t) - v_i(t) \Big).$$
(8.1.17)

when the backward Euler method is used to solve the circuit.

Using stamping method, we can formulate and simulate RC circuit effectively.

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Solving Dynamic Systems, IV

- When using backward Euler method to solve the dynamic circuits, the stamps of a capacitor, C_k , connecting nodes i and j, can also be derived as the following.
- KCL requires the total current leaving a node to be zero. And the current of the capacitor is

$$C_k \frac{d(v_i - v_j)}{dt} = I_c$$

Using the backward Euler method

$$C_k \frac{v_i(t+h) - v_j(t+h) - v_i(t) + v_j(t)}{h} = I_c(t+h)$$

$$\frac{C_k}{h} \left(v_i(t+h) - v_j(t+h) - v_i(t) + v_j(t) \right) = I_c(t+h)$$

Since $\frac{C_k}{h} \Big(v_i(t) - v_j(t) \Big)$ is a known quantity, it should be added to the right-hand side of the equation. Thus, the stamps are

$$A_{ii} = A_{ii} + \frac{C_k}{h} \quad A_{ij} = A_{ij} - \frac{C_k}{h} \quad b_i = b_i + \frac{C_k}{h} \left(v_i(t) - v_j(t) \right)$$

$$A_{jj} = A_{jj} + \frac{C_k}{h} \quad A_{ji} = A_{ji} - \frac{C_k}{h} \quad b_j = b_j + \frac{C_k}{h} \left(v_j(t) - v_i(t) \right)$$

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Solving Dynamic Systems, V

- The forward Euler method, which does not have $I_c(t+h)$ term in the formula and, thus, cannot formulate stamps.
- If the trapezoidal rule is applied, Eq. (8.1.11) should be written as

$$C_k \frac{v_i(t+h) - v_j(t+h) - v_i(t) + v_j(t)}{h} = \frac{I_c(t+h) + I_c(t)}{2}$$

And, thus the current through the capacitor at time t + h is

$$I_c(t+h) = \frac{2C_k}{h} \left(v_i(t+h) - v_j(t+h) - v_i(t) + v_j(t) \right) - I_c(t). \tag{8.1.18}$$

This current should be added to the matrix equation, and thus the stamps are

$$A_{ii} = A_{ii} + \frac{2C_k}{h} \quad A_{ij} = A_{ij} - \frac{2C_k}{h} \quad b_i = b_i + \frac{2C_k}{h} \left(v_i(t) - v_j(t) \right) + I_c(t)$$

$$A_{jj} = A_{jj} + \frac{2C_k}{h} \quad A_{ji} = A_{ji} - \frac{2C_k}{h} \quad b_j = b_j + \frac{2C_k}{h} \left(v_j(t) - v_i(t) \right) + I_c(t)$$
(8.1.19)

where I(t) is the current through the capacitor at time t.

- When using trapezoidal rule, the capacitor current of the previous time step needs to be used and it can be calculated using Eq. (8.1.18).
- At t = 0, DC condition is assumed and $I_c(0) = 0$.

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Theoretical Results

It is assumed

$$\mathbf{x}' = f(t, \mathbf{x}) \tag{8.1.20}$$

is a system of n ordinary differential equations, and

$$\mathbf{x}(t_0) = \mathbf{x}_0. \tag{8.1.21}$$

Theorem 8.1.1.

Let f be defined and continuous on $\mathbf{S} = \{(t, \mathbf{x}), a \leq t \leq b, \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n\}$, a and b are finite. Furthermore, let there be a constant L such that

$$||f(t, \mathbf{x}_1) - f(t, \mathbf{x}_2)|| \le L||\mathbf{x}_1 - \mathbf{x}_2||$$
 (8.1.22)

for all $t \in [a, b]$ and all $\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2 \in \mathbb{R}^n$ (Lipschitz condition). Then for every $t_0 \in [a, b]$ and every $\mathbf{x}_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$ there is exactly one function $\mathbf{x}(t)$ such that

- (a) $\mathbf{x}(t)$ is continuous and continuously differentiable for $t \in [a, b]$;
- (b) $\mathbf{x}'(t) = f(t, \mathbf{x}(t))$ for $t \in [a, b]$;
- (c) $\mathbf{x}(t_0) = \mathbf{x}_0$.

Theoretical Results, II

Theorem 8.1.2.

Let the function $\mathbf{f}: \mathbf{S} \to \mathbb{R}^n$ be continuous on $\mathbf{S} = \{(t, \mathbf{x}), a \leq t \leq b, \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n\}$ and satisfy the Lipschitz condition

$$||f(t, \mathbf{x}_1) - f(t, \mathbf{x}_2)|| \le L||\mathbf{x}_1 - \mathbf{x}_2||$$

for all $(t, \mathbf{x}_1), (t, \mathbf{x}_2) \in \mathbf{S}$. Let $a \leq t_0 \leq b$. Then for the solution $\mathbf{X}(t, \mathbf{s})$ of the initial value problem

$$\mathbf{x}' = f(t, \mathbf{x}), \qquad \mathbf{x}(t_0, \mathbf{s}) = \mathbf{s} \tag{8.1.23}$$

there holds the estimate

$$\|\mathbf{x}(t, \mathbf{s}_1) - \mathbf{x}(t, \mathbf{s}_2)\| \le e^{L|t - t_0|} \|\mathbf{s}_1 - \mathbf{s}_2\|$$
 (8.1.24)

for $a \leq t \leq b$.

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Theoretical Results, III

Theorem 8.1.3.

If in addition to assumption of the preceding theorem the Jacobian matrix $\mathbf{J_x} = [\partial f_i/\partial x_j]$ exists on \mathbf{S} and is continuous and bounded,

$$\|\mathbf{J}_{\mathbf{x}}\| \le L$$
 for $(t, \mathbf{x}) \in \mathbf{S}$,

then the solution $\mathbf{x}(t, \mathbf{s})$ of $\mathbf{x}' = \mathbf{f}(t, \mathbf{x})$, $\mathbf{x}(t_0, \mathbf{s}) = \mathbf{s}$, is continuously differentiable for all $t \in [a, b]$ and all $\mathbf{s} \in \mathbb{R}^n$. The derivative

$$\mathbf{Z}(t, \mathbf{x}) = [\partial x_i(t, \mathbf{s})/\partial s_j], \tag{8.1.25}$$

is the solution of the initial value problem

$$\mathbf{Z}' = \mathbf{J_x}\mathbf{Z}, \qquad \mathbf{Z}(t_0, \mathbf{s}) = \mathbf{I}.$$
 (8.1.26)

Note that all entities in Eq. (8.1.26) are $n \times n$ matrices, and can be obtained by differentiating with respect to s the original system of equations.

$$\mathbf{x}' = f(t, \mathbf{x}(t, \mathbf{s})), \qquad \mathbf{x}(t_0, \mathbf{s}) = \mathbf{s}.$$

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Theoretical Results, IV

• Suppose Eq. (8.1.26) is rewritten as

$$\mathbf{Z}' = \mathbf{T}(t)\mathbf{Z}, \qquad \mathbf{Z}(a) = \mathbf{I}. \tag{8.1.27}$$

Theorem 8.1.4.

If T(t) is continuous on [a, b], and let k(t) = ||T(t)||, then the solution Z(t) of Eq. (8.1.27) satisfies

$$\|\mathbf{Z}(t) - \mathbf{I}\| \le \exp\left(\int_a^b k(t) dt\right) - 1, \qquad t \ge a.$$
 (8.1.28)

- This is the extended version of Theorem (8.1.2).
- The solution of the initial value problem depends on the initial condition and grows exponentially with the independent variable t.

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