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- 2 Mathematics for Robotics and Control, SS17
- 3 Assignment 7: Ordinary Differential Equations 2

As part of your preparation for the Midterm, look into how you can use Python to write clean/efficient code. For example: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OSGv2VnC0go

3.0.1 1. Population dynamics [70]

The following section is an excerpt from *Fundamentals of Differential Equations*, 8th Ed, by Nagle, Saff and Snider.

"A mathematical model for the population dynamics of competing species, one a predator with population $x_2(t)$ and the other its prey with population $x_1(t)$, was developed independently in the early 1900s by A. J. Lotka and V. Volterra. It assumes that there is plenty of food available for the prey to eat, so the birthrate of the prey should follow the Malthusian or exponential law (see Section 3.2); that is, the birthrate of the prey is Ax_1 , where A is a positive constant. The death rate of the prey depends on the number of interactions between the predators and the prey. This is modeled by the expression Bx_1x_2 , where B is a positive constant. Therefore, the rate of change in the population of the prey per unit time is $\frac{dx_1}{dt} = Ax_1 - Bx_1x_2$. Assuming that the predators depend entirely on the prey for their food, it is argued that the birthrate of the predators depends on the number of interactions with the prey; that is, the birthrate of predators is Dx_1x_2 , where D is a positive constant. The death rate of the predators is assumed to be Cx_2 because without food the population would die off at a rate proportional to the population present. Hence, the rate of change in the population of predators per unit time is $\frac{dx_2}{dt} = -Cx_2 + Dx_1x_2$. Combining these two equations, we obtain the Volterra–Lotka system for the population dynamics of two competing species:

$$x_1' = Ax_1 - Bx_1x_2 \tag{1}$$

$$x_2' = -Cx_2 + Dx_1x_2 \qquad (2)$$

Such systems are in general not explicitly solvable."

What they have described here is the modelling of population dynamics using a system of non-linear first-order differential equations. The equations of the form shown above are also called Lotka–Volterra equations or predator-prey equations; (1) is the equation for the prey and (2) is the equation for the predator.

In this assignment, your task is to solve one such system using vectorized 4th order Runge-Kutta.

In the Star Wars Rebels series, the Jedi are being hunted down and killed by the Inquisitors. If the Inquisitors do not want to be imprisoned and killed by Darth Vader, they have to keep hunting the Jedi.

The population dynamics of both the Jedi (prey) and the Inquisitors (predators) can be modelled using the differential equations (1) and (2). Solve them numerically using A = 10.0, B = 7.0, C = 3.0 and D = 5.0. Assume that the initial populations of the Jedi and Inquisitors are 60 and 25 respectively. Use a step size, h = 0.01, and run the Runge-Kutta solver for at least 200 iterations and plot the resulting population curve over time. Your solution should look something like the image below.

The following are the equations for 4th order Runge-Kutta (also partially from *Fundamentals of Differential Equations*):

$$x'_{1} = f(t, x_{1}, x_{2})$$

$$x'_{2} = g(t, x_{1}, x_{2})$$

$$t_{n+1} = t_{n} + h$$

$$x_{1,n+1} = x_{1,n} + \frac{1}{6} [k_{1,1} + 2k_{1,2} + 2k_{1,3} + k_{1,4}]$$

$$x_{2,n+1} = x_{2,n} + \frac{1}{6} [k_{2,1} + 2k_{2,2} + 2k_{2,3} + k_{2,4}]$$

$$k_{1,1} = h \cdot f(t_{n}, x_{1,n}, y_{1,n})$$

$$k_{1,2} = h \cdot f(t_{n} + \frac{h}{2}, x_{1} + \frac{k_{1,1}}{2}, x_{2} + \frac{k_{2,1}}{2})$$

$$k_{1,3} = h \cdot f(t_{n} + \frac{h}{2}, x_{1} + \frac{k_{1,2}}{2}, x_{2} + \frac{k_{2,2}}{2})$$

$$k_{1,4} = h \cdot f(t_{n} + h, x_{1} + k_{1,3}, x_{2} + k_{2,3})$$

$$k_{2,1} = h \cdot g(t_{n}, x_{1,n}, y_{1,n})$$

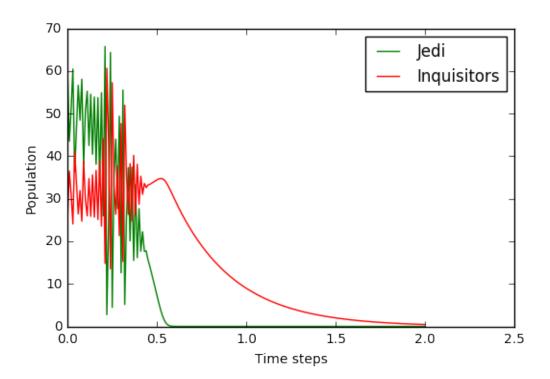
$$k_{2,2} = h \cdot g(t_{n} + \frac{h}{2}, x_{1} + \frac{k_{1,1}}{2}, x_{2} + \frac{k_{2,1}}{2})$$

$$k_{2,3} = h \cdot g(t_{n} + \frac{h}{2}, x_{1} + \frac{k_{1,2}}{2}, x_{2} + \frac{k_{2,2}}{2})$$

$$k_{2,4} = h \cdot g(t_{n} + h, x_{1} + k_{1,3}, x_{2} + k_{2,3})$$

Your solution should look something like this:

In [2]: IPython.core.display.Image("images/predator_prey_example.png", embed=True)
Out[2]:



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def g(t, x1, x2):
   return -3*x2+5*x1*x2
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R_K: Function returns the population esitmates and times of Jedis and Inquisitors
      using fourth-order Runge-Kutta
@a ic : Initial values ic[0]: x1(0), and ic[1]: x2(0) and ic[2]: t(0)
Qa h : Step size
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def R_K(ic, h):
   x1_current = ic[0]
   x2\_current = ic[1]
   t_current = ic[2]
   i=0
   X_1 = []
   X_2 = []
   Time = []
    X_1.append(x1_current)
    X_2.append(x2_current)
    Time.append(t_current)
    #Loop until maximum number of iterations is reached
    while(i<max_iterations):</pre>
        k11 = h*f(t_current, x1_current, x2_current)
        k21 = h*g(t_current, x1_current, x2_current)
       k12 = h*f(t_current+h/2, x1_current+k11/2, x2_current+k21/2)
       k22 = h*g(t_current+h/2, x1_current+k11/2, x2_current+k21/2)
       k13 = h*f(t_current+h/2, x1_current+k12/2, x2_current+k22/2)
        k23 = h*g(t_current+h/2, x1_current+k12/2, x2_current+k22/2)
        k14 = h*f(t_current+h, x1_current+k13, x2_current+k23)
        k24 = h*g(t_current+h, x1_current+k13, x2_current+k23)
        k1 = k11+2*k12+2*k13+k14
        k2 = k21+2*k22+2*k23+k24
        x1\_current = (x1\_current + (k1/6)) # update x1 using RK-4
        x2\_current = (x2\_current + (k2/6))
                                                # update x2 using RK-4
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t\_current=t\_current+h
        X_1.append(x1_current)
        X_2.append(x2_current)
        Time.append(t_current)
        i += 1
                                                   # increment iternation by step size
    return (X_1,X_2,Time)
ic = np.array([x1_0, x2_0, t_0])
X_1, X_2, Time=R_K(ic, h)
X_1=np.array(X_1)
X_2=np.array(X_2)
Time=np.array(Time)
fig = plt.figure()
ax = fig.add_subplot(111)
ax.plot(Time, X_1, alpha=.6, color='green', label='Jedi')
ax.plot(Time, X_2, alpha=.6, color='red', label='Inquisitors')
plt.legend()
plt.show()
                                                       Jedi
60
                                                       Inquisitors
50
40
 30
20
10
  0
                          0.75
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                   0.50
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3.0.2 2. Representing higher order ODEs as a system of ODEs [10]

Represent the following equation as a system of first order ODEs. You do not need to solve them.

$$y''' + 3y'' - y' - 12y - 10 = 0$$

Given,

$$y''' + 3y'' - y' - 12y - 10 = 0$$

Let,

$$z_1 = y$$

 $z'_1 = y' = z_2$
 $z'_2 = y'' = z_3$

So,

$$z'_3 = y''' = -3y'' + y' + 12y + 10$$

= -3z₃ + z₂ + 12z₁ + 10

We can rewrite our equation as:

This is a system of first order ODEs.