

Unit 8. Ordinary Differential Equations

Numerical Analysis

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Introduction

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

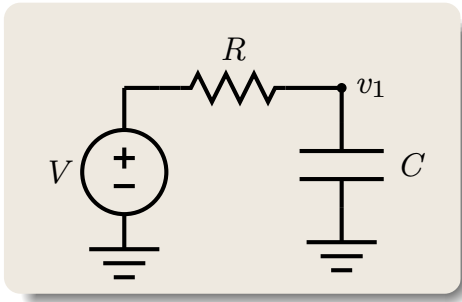
$$\frac{dx}{dt} = f(t, x), \quad (8.1.1)$$

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

- 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



$$\begin{aligned} V(t) &= 1, & t \geq 0, \\ v_1(0) &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

- Analytical solution

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

- Nodal analysis at node v_1 (KCL)

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

- Or

$$\frac{dv_1}{dt} = \frac{V - v_1}{RC}. \quad (8.1.2)$$

- 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.

Simple RC Circuit, II

- Assuming v_1 is differentiable,

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

- Substitute into Eq. (8.1.2),

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

- Giving $V(t), t \geq 0$, and $v_1(0)$ then we can find $v_1(t), t \geq 0$.

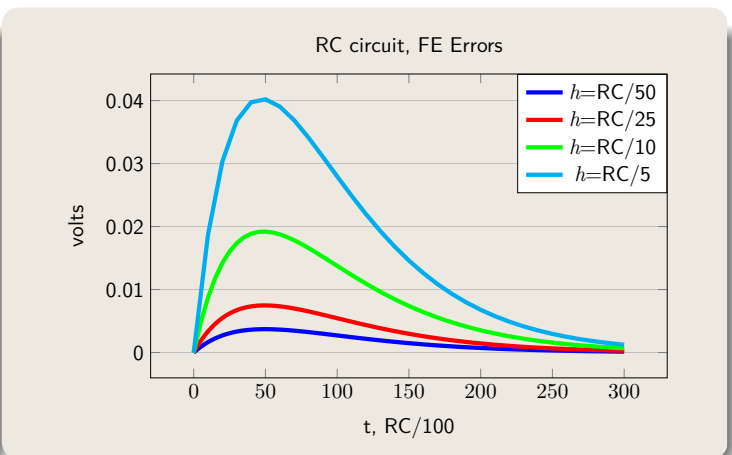
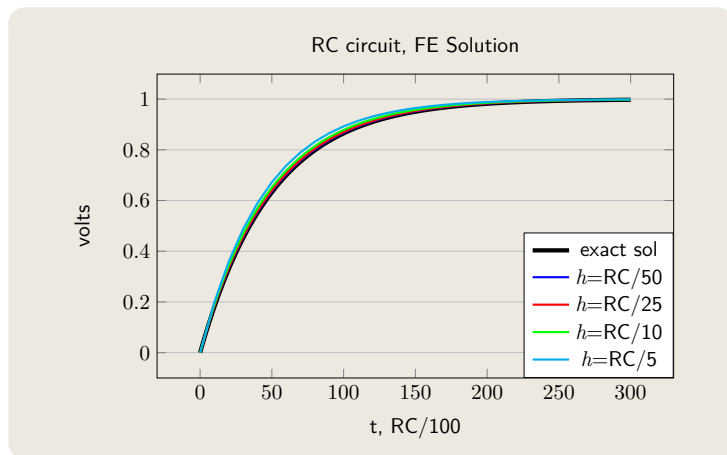
- Let $y = \frac{h}{RC}$ then

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

- And

$$\begin{aligned} v_1(0) &= 0, \\ v_1(h) &= y, \\ v_1(2h) &= (1-y)y + y = (2-y)y, \\ v_1(3h) &= (1-y)(2-y)y + y = (3-3y+y^2)y, \\ &\dots \end{aligned}$$

Forward Euler Method



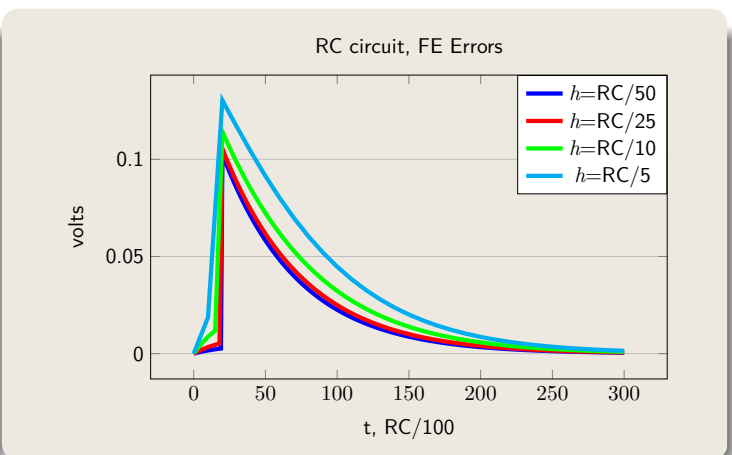
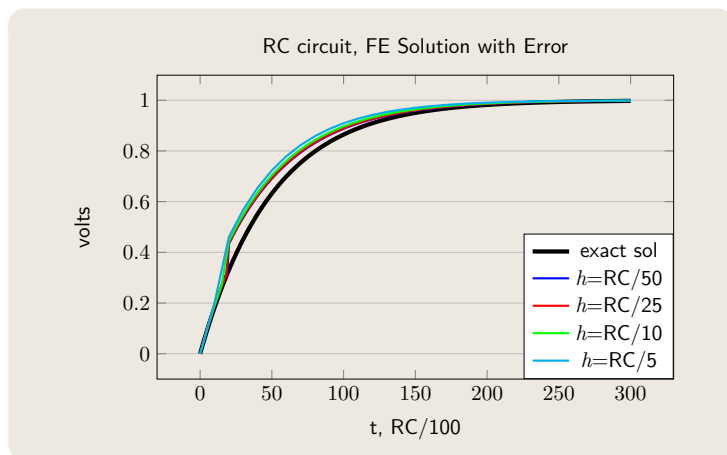
- In general, Eq. (8.1.1) can be solved by

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

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 .
- Of course, smaller h produces more accurate solution.

Forward Euler Method, II



- An error is intentionally inserted at $t = 0.2 \cdot RC$ when carrying out Forward Euler method.
- 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

$$x(t+h) = x(t) + h \cdot f(t+h, x(t+h)). \quad (8.1.5)$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} v_1(t+h) &= v_1(t) + h \cdot \frac{V(t+h) - v_1(t+h)}{RC} \\ \left(1 + \frac{h}{RC}\right)v_1(t+h) &= v_1(t) + \frac{h}{RC} V(t+h) \end{aligned}$$

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

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

Backward Euler Method, II

- And

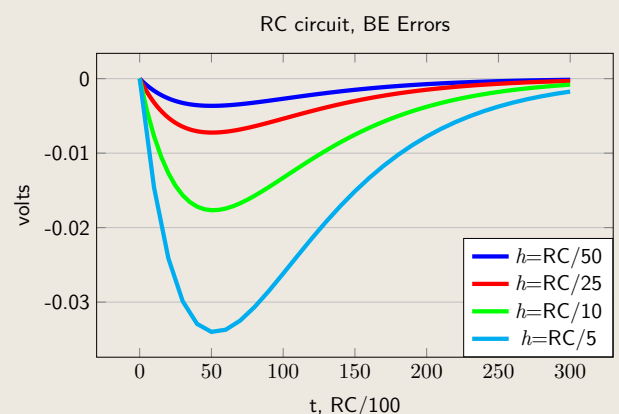
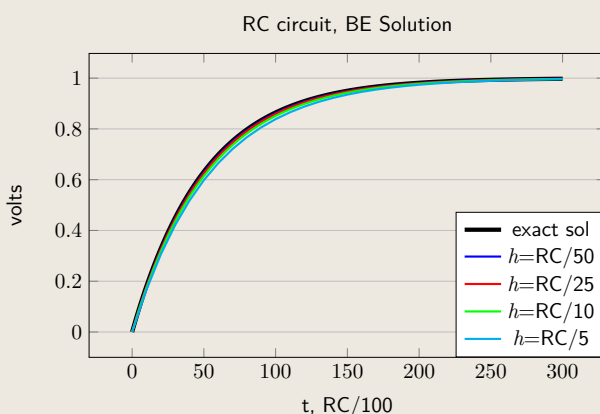
$$v_1(0) = 0$$

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

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

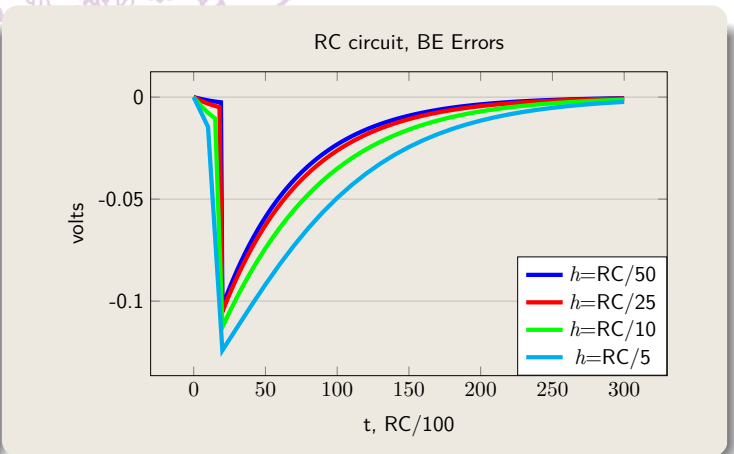
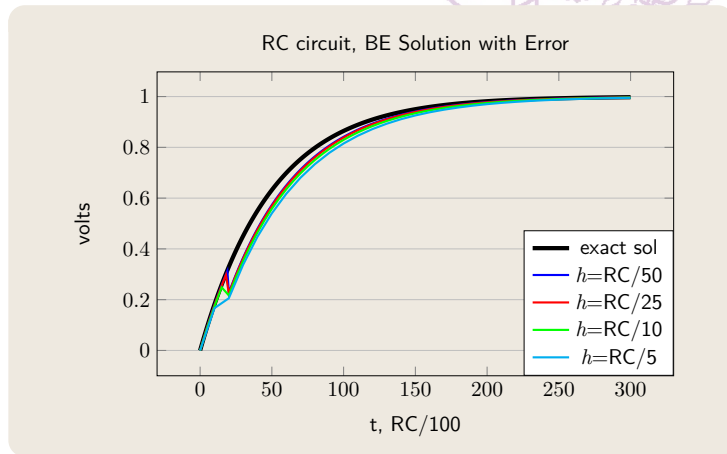
$$v_1(3h) = \frac{y}{1+y} \left(\frac{1}{(1+y)^2} + \frac{1}{1+y} + 1 \right)$$

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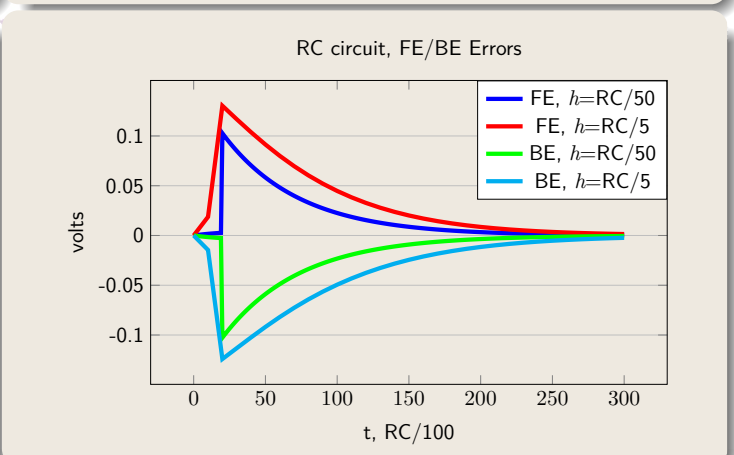
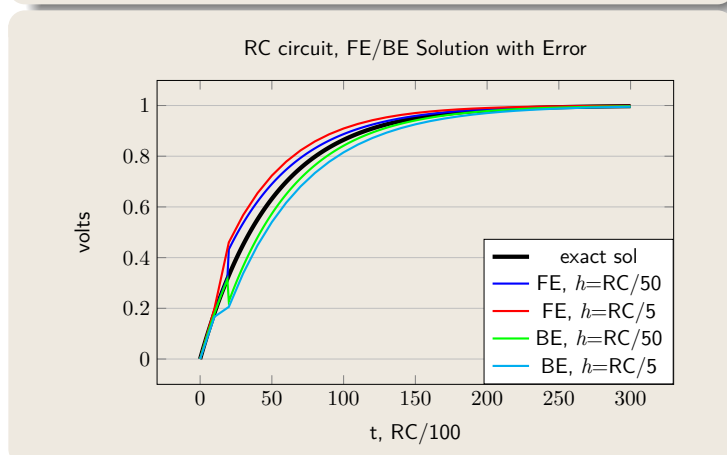
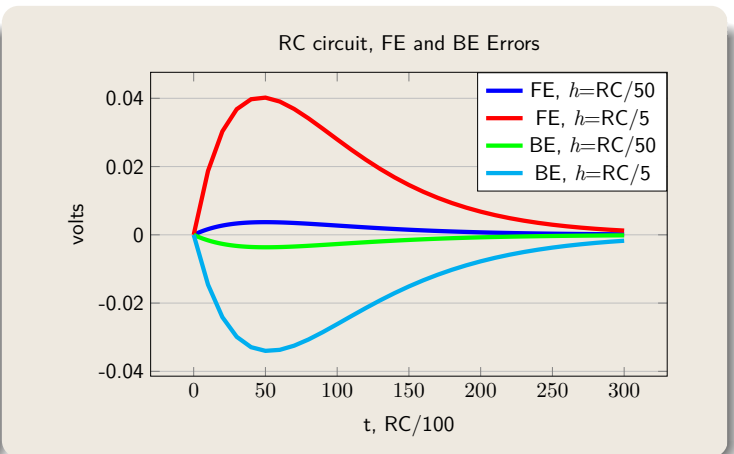
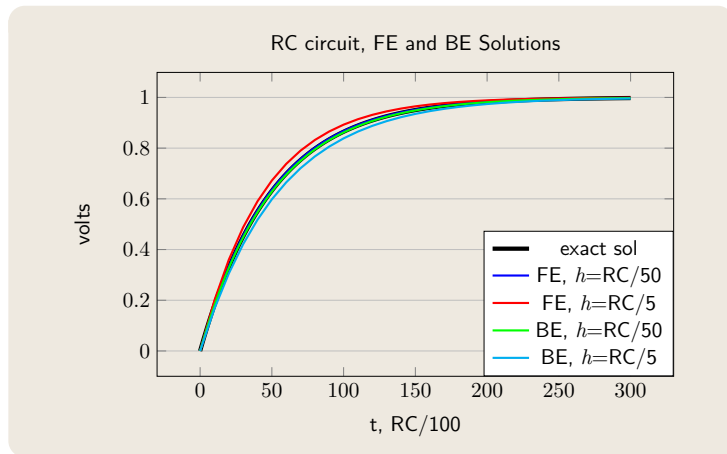


Backward Euler Method, III

- Backward Euler method produces accurate results as well
- 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.



Backward Euler Method, IV



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

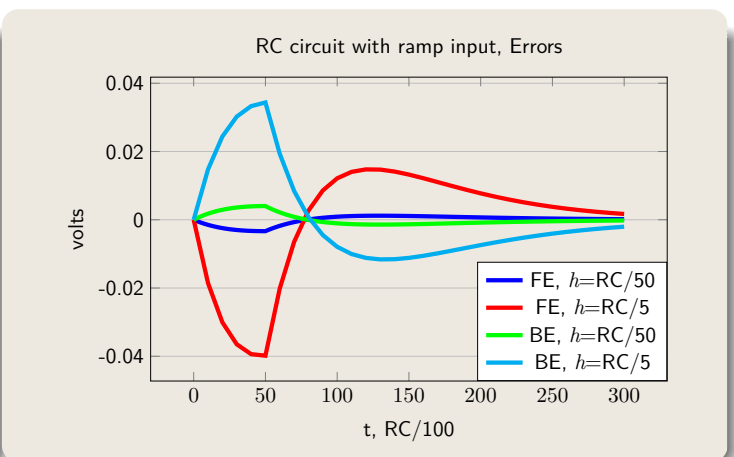
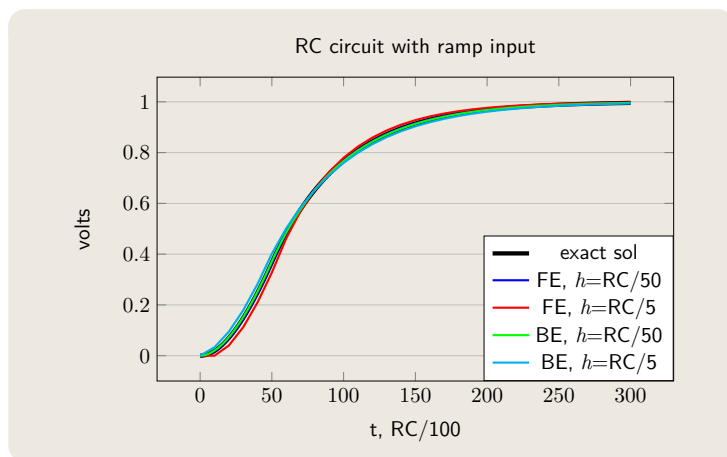
$$\frac{x(t+h) - x(t)}{h} = f(t+h)$$

- 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

$$V(t) = \begin{cases} t/RC, & 0 \leq t \leq RC, \\ 1, & t \geq RC. \end{cases}$$

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

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,

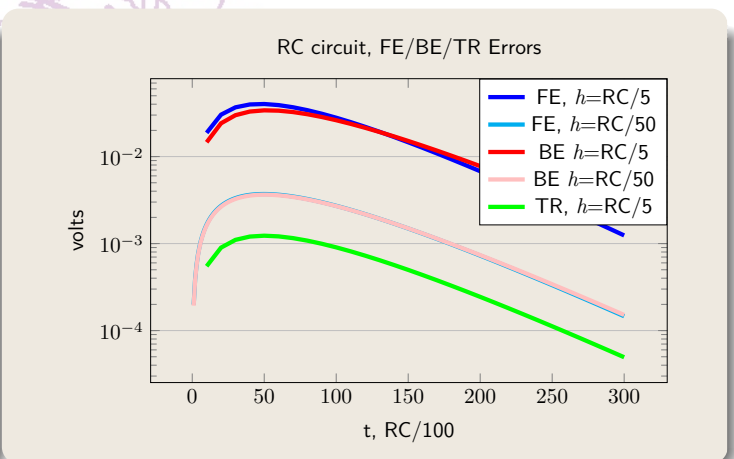
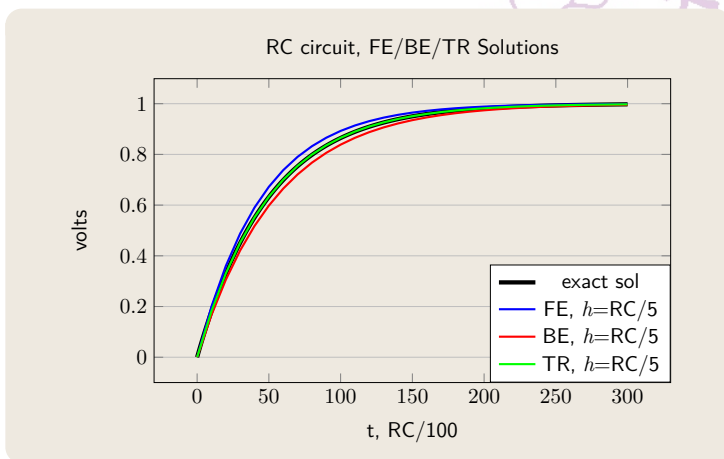
$$v_1(t+h) = v_1(t) + h \cdot \frac{V(t+h) - v_1(t+h) + V(t) - v_1(t)}{2RC}$$

Trapezoidal Rule, II

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

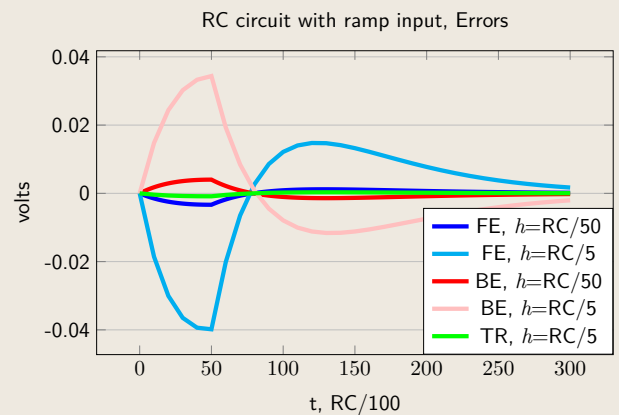
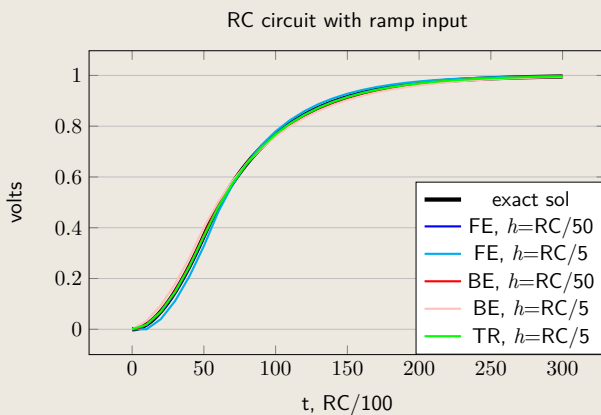
$$(1 + 0.5y)v_1(t+h) = (1 - 0.5y)v_1(t) + 0.5y(V(t+h) + V(t))$$

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



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

Trapezoidal Rule, III



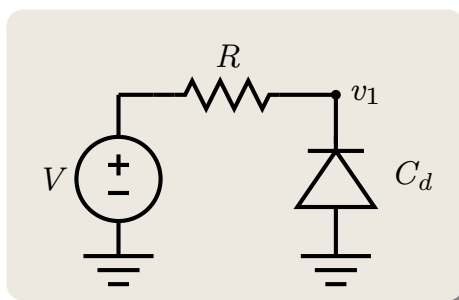
- For RC network with ramp input, trapezoidal rule is still more accurate than Forward Euler or Backward Euler with larger time steps.

Nonlinear Dynamic Equation

- The diode capacitance is a nonlinear function of the voltage.

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

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



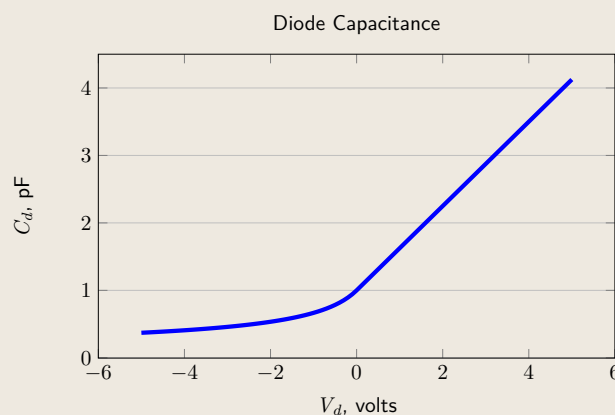
$$R = 50 \text{ K}\Omega,$$

$$C_J = 1 \text{ pF},$$

$$M = 0.5,$$

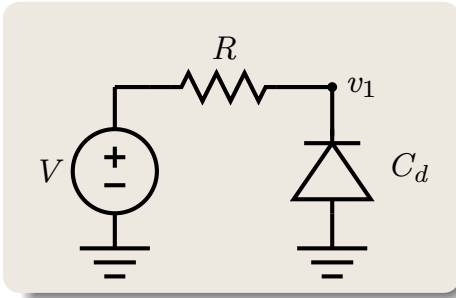
$$\phi_B = 0.8.$$

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

- 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

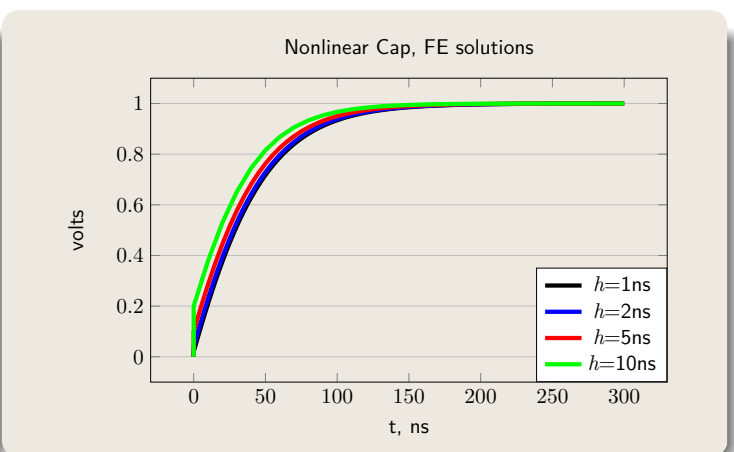
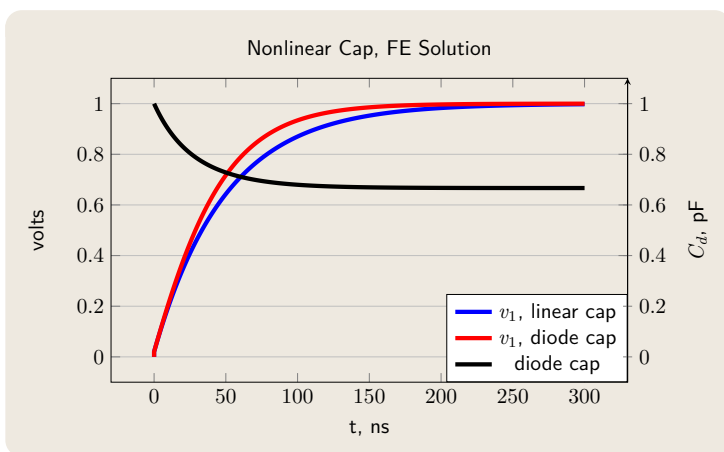
$$\frac{v_1(t+h) - v_1(t)}{h} = \frac{V(t) - v_1(t)}{RC_d(-v_1(t))}$$

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

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

- 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.

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

- Nodal equation for v_1

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

- Backward Euler method:

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

$$\left(1 + \frac{h}{RC_d}\right)v_1(t+h) - v_1(t) - \frac{h}{RC_d}V(t+h) = 0. \quad (8.1.7)$$

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

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

NDE, Backward Euler Solution, II

- In Eq. (8.1.8)

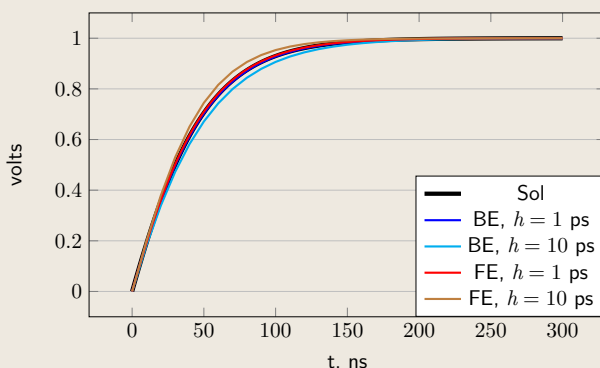
$$f(v_1(t+h)) = \left(1 + \frac{h}{RC_d}\right)v_1(t+h) - v_1(t) - \frac{h}{RC_d}V(t+h), \quad (8.1.9)$$

and

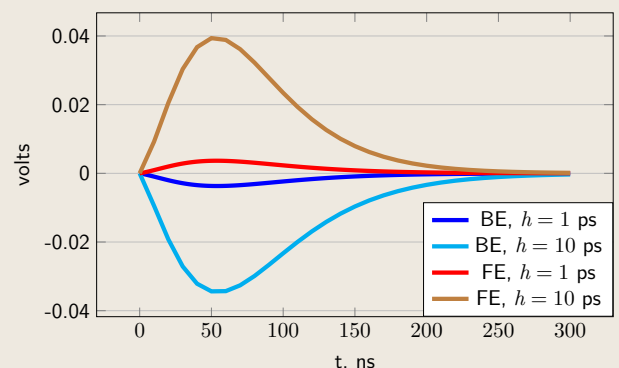
$$\frac{df(v_1(t+h))}{dv_1(t+h)} = 1 + \frac{h}{RC_d}, \quad (8.1.10)$$

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

Nonlinear Cap, BE Solution



Nonlinear Cap, BE Errors



NDE, Trapezoidal Rule Solution

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

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

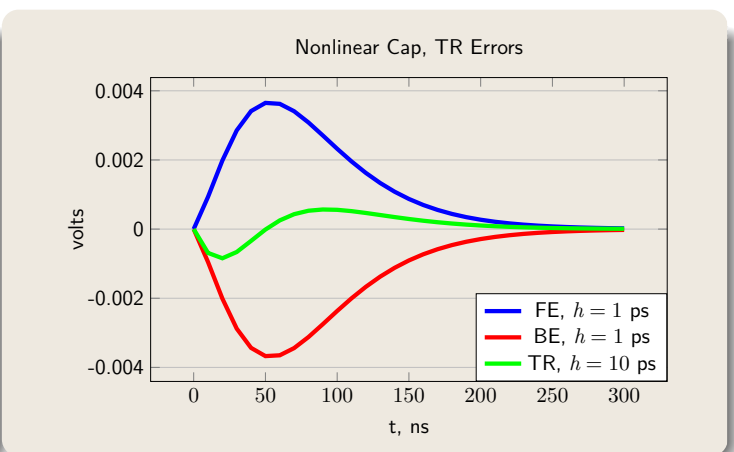
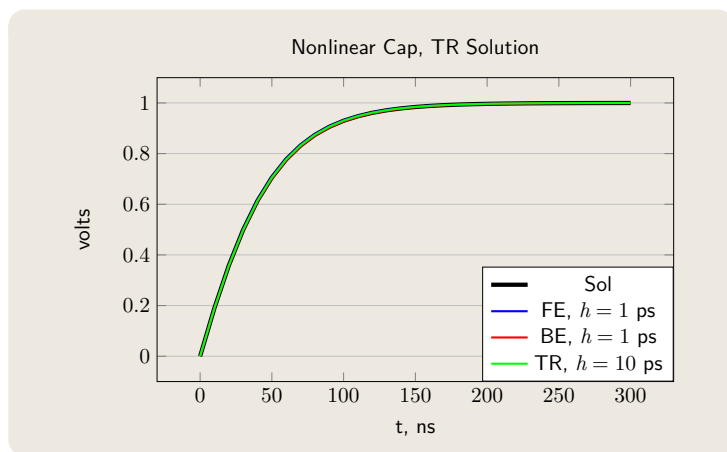
Again, apply Newton's method to solve this nonlinear equation with

$$\begin{aligned} f(v_1(t+h)) = & \left(1 + \frac{h}{2RC_d(t+h)}\right)v_1(t+h) - \left(1 - \frac{h}{2RC_d(t)}\right)v_1(t) \\ & - \frac{h}{2RC_d(t+h)}V(t+h) - \frac{h}{2RC_d(t)}V(t), \\ \frac{df(v_1(t+h))}{dv_1(t+h)} = & 1 + \frac{h}{2RC_d(t+h)}. \end{aligned}$$

and iterate

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

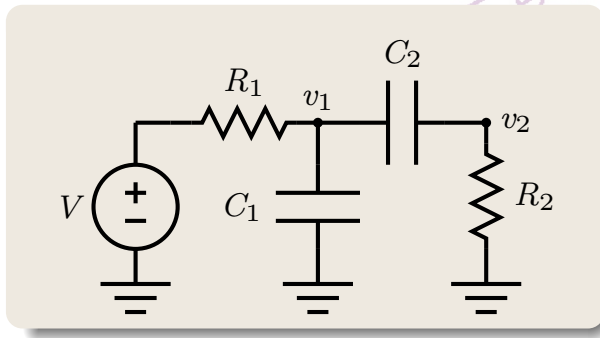
NDE, Trapezoidal Rule Solution, II



- 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 $t \geq 0$, 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.
- Applying KCL at node v_2

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

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

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

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

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

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

- 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

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{v_1(t+h) - V(t+h)}{R_1} + \frac{C_1}{h} v_1(t+h) + \frac{C_2}{h} (v_1(t+h) - v_2(t+h)) \\ = \frac{C_1}{h} v_1(t) + \frac{C_2}{h} (v_1(t) - v_2(t)). \end{aligned} \quad (8.1.13)$$

Solving Dynamic Systems, III

- Merging Eqs (8.1.12) and (8.1.13) and arrange in matrix-vector form

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{C_1}{h} + \frac{C_2}{h} & -\frac{C_2}{h} \\ -\frac{C_2}{h} & \frac{1}{R_2} + \frac{C_2}{h} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1(t+h) \\ v_2(t+h) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{C_1}{h} v_1(t) + \frac{C_2}{h} (v_1(t) - v_2(t)) \\ \frac{C_2}{h} (v_2(t) - v_1(t)) \end{bmatrix} \quad (8.1.14)$$

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

$$A_{ii} = A_{ii} + \frac{1}{R_k}, \quad A_{ij} = A_{ij} - \frac{1}{R_k}, \quad A_{jj} = A_{jj} + \frac{1}{R_k}, \quad A_{ji} = A_{ji} - \frac{1}{R_k}. \quad (8.1.15)$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} A_{ii} &= A_{ii} + \frac{C_k}{h}, & A_{ij} &= A_{ij} - \frac{C_k}{h}, & b_i &= b_i + \frac{C_k}{h} (v_i(t) - v_j(t)), \\ A_{jj} &= A_{jj} + \frac{C_k}{h}, & A_{ji} &= A_{ji} - \frac{C_k}{h}, & b_j &= b_j + \frac{C_k}{h} (v_j(t) - v_i(t)). \end{aligned} \quad (8.1.16)$$

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

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

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

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

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

$$\begin{aligned} A_{ii} &= A_{ii} + \frac{C_k}{h} & A_{ij} &= A_{ij} - \frac{C_k}{h} & b_i &= b_i + \frac{C_k}{h} (v_i(t) - v_j(t)) \\ A_{jj} &= A_{jj} + \frac{C_k}{h} & A_{ji} &= A_{ji} - \frac{C_k}{h} & b_j &= b_j + \frac{C_k}{h} (v_j(t) - v_i(t)) \end{aligned}$$

- 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

$$I_c(t+h) = \frac{2C_k}{h} (v_i(t+h) - v_j(t+h) - v_i(t) + v_j(t)) - I_c(t). \quad (8.1.17)$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} A_{ii} &= A_{ii} + \frac{2C_k}{h} & A_{ij} &= A_{ij} - \frac{2C_k}{h} & b_i &= b_i + \frac{2C_k}{h} (v_i(t) - v_j(t)) + I_c(t) \\ A_{jj} &= A_{jj} + \frac{2C_k}{h} & A_{ji} &= A_{ji} - \frac{2C_k}{h} & b_j &= b_j + \frac{2C_k}{h} (v_j(t) - v_i(t)) + I_c(t) \end{aligned} \quad (8.1.18)$$

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. (8.1.17).
- At $t=0$, DC condition is assumed and $I_c(0) = 0$.

Theoretical Results

- It is assumed

$$\mathbf{x}' = f(t, \mathbf{x}) \quad (8.1.19)$$

is a system of n ordinary differential equations, and

$$\mathbf{x}(t_0) = \mathbf{x}_0. \quad (8.1.20)$$

Theorem 8.1.1.

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

$$\|f(t, \mathbf{x}_1) - f(t, \mathbf{x}_2)\| \leq L \|\mathbf{x}_1 - \mathbf{x}_2\| \quad (8.1.21)$$

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

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

Theoretical Results, II

Theorem 8.1.2.

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

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

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

$$\mathbf{x}' = f(t, \mathbf{x}), \quad \mathbf{x}(t_0, \mathbf{s}) = \mathbf{s} \quad (8.1.22)$$

there holds the estimate

$$\|\mathbf{x}(t, \mathbf{s}_1) - \mathbf{x}(t, \mathbf{s}_2)\| \leq e^{L|t-t_0|} \|\mathbf{s}_1 - \mathbf{s}_2\| \quad (8.1.23)$$

for $a \leq t \leq b$.

Theoretical Results, III

Theorem 8.1.3.

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

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

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

$$\mathbf{Z}(t, \mathbf{x}) = [\partial x_i(t, \mathbf{s}) / \partial s_j], \quad (8.1.24)$$

is the solution of the initial value problem

$$\mathbf{Z}' = \mathbf{J}_{\mathbf{x}} \mathbf{Z}, \quad \mathbf{Z}(t_0, \mathbf{s}) = \mathbf{I}. \quad (8.1.25)$$

Note that all entities in Eq. (8.1.25) are $n \times n$ matrices, and can be obtained by differentiating with respect to \mathbf{s} the original system of equations.

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

- Suppose Eq. (8.1.25) is rewritten as

$$\mathbf{Z}' = \mathbf{T}(t)\mathbf{Z}, \quad \mathbf{Z}(a) = \mathbf{I}. \quad (8.1.26)$$

Theorem 8.1.4.

If $\mathbf{T}(t)$ is continuous on $[a, b]$, and let $k(t) = \|\mathbf{T}(t)\|$, then the solution $\mathbf{Z}(t)$ of Eq. (8.1.26) satisfies

$$\|\mathbf{Z}(t) - \mathbf{I}\| \leq \exp\left(\int_a^b k(t) dt\right) - 1, \quad t \geq a. \quad (8.1.27)$$

- 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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