#### Solving ordinary differential equations in C++

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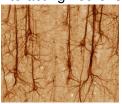


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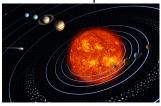
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Interacting neurons



- Many examples in physics, biology, chemistry, social sciences
- Fundamental in mathematical modelling

## What is an ODE?

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}x(t)}{\mathrm{d}t} = f(x(t),t)$$
 short form  $\dot{x} = f(x,t)$ 

- x(t) dependent variable
- *t* indenpendent variable (time)
- f(x, t) defines the ODE

Initial Value Problem (IVP):

$$\dot{x}=f(x,t), \qquad x(t=0)=x_0$$

## Numerical integration of ODEs

Find a numerical solution of an ODE an its initial value problem

$$\dot{x}=f(x,t)$$
,  $x(t=0)=x_0$ 

Example: Explicit Euler

$$x(t + \Delta t) = x(t) + \Delta t \ f(x(t), t) + \mathcal{O}(\Delta t^2)$$

General scheme of order s

$$x(t) \mapsto x(t+\Delta t)$$
 , or  $x(t+\Delta t) = \mathcal{F}_t x(t) + \mathcal{O}(\Delta t^{s+1})$ 

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#### Modern C++

- Generic programming, functional programming
- Fast, easy-to-use and extendable.
- Container independent
- Portable

## Who uses odeint

#### NetEvo



OMPL – Open Motion Planning Library

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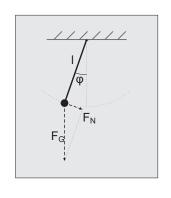
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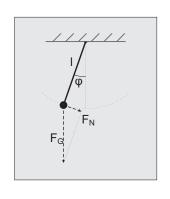
Newtons law: ma = F

Acceleration:  $a = I\ddot{\varphi}$ 

Force:  $F = F_N = -mg \sin \varphi$ 

$$\Longrightarrow$$
 ODE for  $\varphi$ 

$$\ddot{\varphi} = -g/I\sin\varphi = -\omega_0^2\sin\varphi$$



$$\ddot{\varphi} = -\omega_0^2 \sin \varphi$$

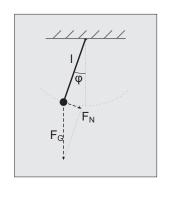
Small angle:  $\sin \varphi \approx \varphi$ 

Harmonic oscillator  $\ddot{\varphi} = -\omega_0^2 \varphi$ 

Analytic solution:

$$\varphi = A\cos\omega_0 t + B\sin\omega_0 t$$

Determine A and B from initial condition



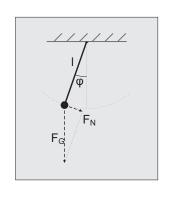
Full equation:  $\ddot{\varphi} = -\omega_0^2 \sin \varphi$ 

Pendulum with friction and external driving:

$$\ddot{\varphi} = -\omega_0^2 \sin \varphi - \mu \dot{\varphi} + \varepsilon \sin \omega_E t$$

No analytic solution is known

 $\Longrightarrow$  Solve this equation numerically.



$$\ddot{\varphi} = -\omega_0^2 \sin \varphi - \mu \dot{\varphi} + \varepsilon \sin \omega_E t$$

Create a first order ODE

$$x_1 = \varphi$$
 ,  $x_2 = \dot{\varphi}$   $\dot{x_1} = x_2$ 

$$\dot{x_2} = -\omega_0 \sin x_1 - \mu x_2 + \varepsilon \sin \omega_E t$$

 $x_1$  and  $x_2$  are the state space variables

```
#include <boost/numeric/odeint.hpp>
namespace odeint = boost::numeric::odeint;
```

$$\dot{x_1} = x_2$$
,  $\dot{x_2} = -\omega_0 \sin x_1 - \mu x_2 + \varepsilon \sin \omega_E t$ 

typedef std::array<double,2> state\_type;

```
\dot{x_1} = x_2, \, \dot{x_2} = -\omega_0^2 \sin x_1 - \mu x_2 + \varepsilon \sin \omega_E t
```

```
struct pendulum
 double m_mu, m_omega, m_eps;
 pendulum (double mu, double omega, double eps)
  : m mu(mu), m omega(omega), m eps(eps) { }
 void operator() (const state type &x,
     state type &dxdt, double t) const
    dxdt[0] = x[1];
    dxdt[1] = -\sin(x[0]) - m mu * x[1] +
        m_eps * sin(m_omega*t);
```

$$\varphi(0)=1$$
 ,  $\dot{\varphi}(0)=0$ 

```
odeint::rk4< state_type > rk4;
pendulum p( 0.1 , 1.05 , 1.5 );

state_type x = {{ 1.0 , 0.0 }};
double t = 0.0;

const double dt = 0.01;
rk4.do_step( p , x , t , dt );
t += dt;
```

$$x(0) \mapsto x(\Delta t)$$

```
std::cout<<t<" "<< x[0]<<" "<<x[1]<<"\n";
for( size_t i=0 ; i<10 ; ++i )
{
   rk4.do_step( p , x , t , dt );
   t += dt;
   std::cout<<t<<" "<< x[0]<<" "<<x[1]<<"\n";
}</pre>
```

$$x(0)\mapsto x(\Delta t)\mapsto x(2\Delta t)\mapsto x(3\Delta)\mapsto\dots$$
Grafik einfuegen

#### Simulation

Oscillator:  $\mu = 0$ ,  $\omega_F = 0$ ,  $\varepsilon = 0$ 

Damped oscillator:  $\mu = 0.1$  ,  $\omega_{\it E} = 0$  ,  $\varepsilon = 0$ 

Damped, driven oscillator:  $\mu = 0.1$  ,  $\omega_E = 1.05$  ,  $\varepsilon = 1.5$ 

## Different Steppers

```
runge_kutta_fehlberg78< state_type > s;
```

```
runge_kutta_dopri5< state_type > s;
```

#### Symplectic steppers (for Hamiltonian systems)

```
symplectic_rkn_sb3a_mclachlan< state_type > s;
```

#### Implicit steppers (for stiff systems)

```
rosenbrock4< double > s;
```

#### These steppers perform one step with constant step size!

# Controlled steppers – Step size control insert graphic

## Controlled steppers

```
auto s = make_controlled(1.0e-6,1.0e6,
  runge_kutta_fehlberg78<state_type>() );
controlled_step_result r =
  s.try_step(ode,x,t,dt);
```

Tries to perform the step and updates x, t, and dt!

It works because Runge-Kutta-Fehlberg has error estimation:

```
runge_kutta_fehlberg78<state_type> s;
s.do_step(ode,x,t,dt,xerr);
```

## Controlled steppers

```
auto s = make\_controlled(1.0e-6, 1.0e6,
  runge_kutta_fehlberg78<state_type>() );
while( t < t_end )</pre>
  controlled_step_result res
    = s.try_step(ode,x,t,dt);
  while ( res != success )
    res = s.try step(ode, x, t, dt);
```

Non-trivial time-stepping logic

## Use integrate functions!

Observer: Callable object obs (x, t)

#### Example (using Boost.Phoenix):

```
integrate_adaptive(s,ode,x,t_start,t_end,dt,
  cout<< arg1[0] << " " << arg1[1] << "\n" );</pre>
```

#### More integrate versions:

```
integrate_const, integrate_times,...
```

integrate\_const(s,ode,x,t,dt,obs);

Grafik with problem and solution

## Dense output

```
auto s = make\_dense\_output(1.0e-6, 1.0e-6,
   runge_kutta_dopri5< state_type >() );
integrate const(s,p,x,t,dt);
```

Interpolation between two steps with same precision as the original stepper! Grafik!

## More steppers

**Stepper Concepts**: Stepper, ErrorStepper, ControlledStepper, DenseOutputStepper

#### Stepper types:

- Implicit implicit\_euler, rosenbrock4
- Symplectic symplectic\_rkn\_sb3a\_mclachlan
- Predictor-Corrector adams\_bashforth\_moulton
- Extrapolation bulirsch\_stoer
- Multistep methods adams\_bashforth\_moulton

Some of them have step-size control and dense-output!

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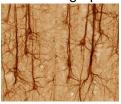
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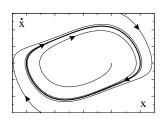
#### Discretiztations of PDEs

ODEs on graphs



**High-Performance-Computing** 

#### Phase oscillator lattices



Any oscillator can be described by one variable, its phase.

Trivial dynamics:  $\dot{\varphi} = \omega \varphi$ Coupled phase oscillators Neurosciences Heart dynamics Synchronization Any weakly perturbed oscillator system

 $\dot{\varphi}_k = \omega_k \varphi_k + q(\varphi_{k+1}, \varphi_k) + q(\varphi_k, \varphi_{k-1})$ 

## Phase compacton lattice

$$\dot{\varphi}_k = \cos\varphi_{k+1} - \cos\varphi_{k-1}$$

#### State space contains N variables

```
typedef std::vector<double> state_type;
```

#### Animation

Space-time plot for visualization of compactons and chaos

## Ensemble of phase oscillators

$$\dot{\varphi}_{\textit{k}} = \omega_{\textit{k}} + \sum_{\textit{l}} \sin(\varphi_{\textit{l}} - \varphi_{\textit{k}})$$

**Synchronization** – all oscillator oscillates with the same frequency

Synchronized state  $\varphi_k = \omega_S t + \varphi_{0,k}$ 

## Ensemble of phase oscillators

```
typedef std::vector<double> state_type;
struct ensemble
    state_type m_omega, m_eps;
    ensemble (size_t n, double eps)
    : m_omega(n,0.0),m_eps(eps)
        create frequencies();
    void create frequencies() { ... }
    void operator() (const state type &x,
       state type &dxdt, double t) const
```

## Solving ODEs with CUDA using Thrust

Thrust is a parallel algorithms library which resembles the C++ Standard Template Library (STL). Thrust's high-level interface greatly enhances developer productivity while enabling performance portability between GPUs and multicore CPUs. Interoperability with established technologies (such as CUDA, TBB and OpenMP) facilitates integration with existing software. Develop high-performance applications rapidly with Thrust!



## Solving ODEs with CUDA using thrust

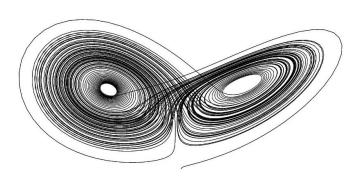
#### Applications and use cases for GPUs:

- Large systems, discretizations of PDEs, lattice systems, granular systems, etc.
- Parameter studies, solve many ODEs in parallel with different parameters
- Initial value studies, solve the same ODE with many different initial conditions in parallel

## Lorenz system – Deterministic chaos

$$\dot{x} = \sigma(y - x)$$
  $\dot{y} = Rx - y - xz$   $\dot{z} = -bz + xy$   
Standard parameters  $\sigma = 10$ ,  $R = 28$ ,  $b = 8/3$ 

Perturbations grow exponentially fast – Butterfly effect



## Lorenz system – Parameter study

$$\dot{x} = \sigma(y - x)$$
  $\dot{y} = Rx - y - xz$   $\dot{z} = -bz + xy$ 

Does one observ chaos over the whole parameter range?

Lyapunov exponents:

- Measure of chaos
- Perturbations of the original system

Vary R from 0 to 50 and calculate the Lyapunov exponents!

**Use CUDA and Thrust!** 

## Intermezzo: Algebras and operations

#### Euler method

$$x_i(t + \Delta t) = x_i(t) + \Delta t * f_i(x)$$

- Algebras perform the iteration over i
- Operations perform the elementary addition.

```
typedef runge_kutta4< state_type ,
  value_type , deriv_type , time_type,
  algebra , operations , resizer > stepper;
```

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- default\_operations
- range\_algebra Boost.Ranges
- vector\_space\_algebra Passes the state directly to the operations
- fusion\_algebra Compile-time sequences, like std::tuple< double , double >
- thrust\_algebra and thrust\_algebra Thrust

## Calculate an ensemble of Lorenz systems

```
typedef thrust::device_vector<double> state_type;
typedef runge_kutta4<state_type, double, state_type, double,
    thrust_algebra, thrust_operations, resizer> stepper;

state_type x( N );
// initialize x
integrate_const( stepper() , lorenz_ensemble() ,
    x , 0.0 , 1000.0 , dt );
```

Everything seems easy!

But how does lorenz\_ensemble look like?

## Ensemble of Lorenz systems

```
struct lorenz ensemble {
 size t N:
  state type beta;
 template< class State , class Deriv >
 void operator()(
    const State &x , Deriv &dxdt , value_type t ) const {
    thrust::for each (
      thrust::make_zip_iterator( thrust::make_tuple(
        x.begin() , x.begin()+N , x.begin()+2*N ,
        beta.begin() ,
        dxdt.begin(), dxdt.begin()+N, dxdt.begin()+2*N
      ) ) ,
      thrust::make_zip_iterator( thrust::make_tuple(
        x.begin()+N , x.begin()+2*N , x.begin()+3*N ,
        beta.end() ,
        dxdt.begin()+N, dxdt.begin()+2*N, dxdt.begin()+3*N
      ) ) ,
      lorenz_functor() );
};
```

## Ensemble of Lorenz systems

```
struct lorenz ensemble
 // ...
  struct lorenz functor
   template < class T > __host__ __device__
   void operator() ( T t ) const
     value type R = thrust::get< 3 >( t );
     value_type x = thrust::get< 0 >( t );
     value_type y = thrust::get< 1 >( t );
     value_type z = thrust::get< 2 >( t );
      thrust::get< 4 > (t) = sigma * (y - x);
      thrust:: qet < 5 > (t) = R * x - y - x * z;
      thrust::qet< 6 > (t) = -b * z + x * y;
```

## Advanced features - continued

#### Reference wrapper std::ref, boost::ref

#### The ODE and the observers are always passed as value

```
integrate_const(s,ode,x,0.0,1.0,dt,obs);
s.do_step(ode,x,t,dt);
```

#### Use std::ref or boost::ref to pass by reference

```
integrate_const{s, std::ref(ode), x, 0.0, 1.0, dt,
    std::ref(obs));
```

## Using Boost.Range

Use Boost.Range to integrate only a part of the ODE

Example: Lyapunov exponents for the Lorenz system

$$\dot{x} = \sigma(y - x)$$
  $\dot{y} = Rx - y - xz$   $\dot{z} = -bz + xy$ 

Perturbations:

$$\dot{\delta x} = \sigma(\delta y - \delta x)$$
  $\dot{\delta y} = R\delta x - \delta y - x\delta z - z\delta x$   $\dot{\delta z} = -b\delta z + x\delta y + y\delta x$ 

- Calculate transients (Initialize x, y, z)
- Solve whole system (state + perturbations)

```
std::vector<double> x(6,0.0);
integrate(s,lorenz,make_pair(x.begin(),x.begin
          ()+3),0.0,10.0,dt);
integrate(s,lorenz_pert,x,10.0,1000.0,dt);
```

Ohne Formeln, eher System=Lorenz+Perturbations

#### ODEs with complex numbers

#### Discrete Nonlinear Schrödinger equation

$$\mathrm{i}\dot{\Psi}_k = arepsilon_k \Psi_k + V(\Psi_{k+1} + \Psi_{k-1}) - \gamma |\Psi_k|^2 \Psi_k \qquad , \quad \Psi_k \in \mathbb{C}$$

```
typedef std::vector<std::complex<double> > state_type;
struct dnls
  std::vector<double> eps;
 void operator() (const state type &x, state type &dxdt,
    double t) const
    const double V=0.5, gamma = 2.0;
    const complex<double> I(0.0,1.0);
    size t N = x.size();
    dxdt[0] = dxdt[N-1] = 0.0;
    for (size t i=1; i<N-1; ++i)
     dxdt[i] = -I * (eps[i]*x[i] + V*([x+1]+x[i-1])
        - gamma*norm(x[i])*x[i]);
};
```

## Matrices as state types

Example: Two-dimensional phase lattice

$$\dot{\varphi}_{i,j} = f(\varphi_{i,j}, \varphi_{i+1,j}, \varphi_{i-1,j}, \varphi_{i,j+1}, \varphi_{i,j-1})$$

$$\dot{\varphi}_{i,j} = \mathbf{q}(\varphi_{i+1,j} - \varphi_{i,j}) + q(\varphi_{i-1,j} - \varphi_{i,j}) + q(\varphi_{i,j+1} - \varphi_{i,j}) + q(\varphi_{i,j-1} - \varphi_{i,j})$$

Sketch of the lattice, mtl::dense2D<double>,

boost::numeric::ublas::matrix<double>, typedef

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## Compile-time sequences and Boost.Units

$$\left(\begin{array}{c} \dot{x} \\ \dot{v} \end{array}\right) = \left(\begin{array}{c} v \\ f(x,v) \end{array}\right)$$

- x − length, dimension m
- v velocity, dimension ms<sup>-1</sup>
- a − acceleration, dimension ms<sup>-2</sup>

#### What else

- ODEs on graphs (Grafik einfuegen, eventuell aus PHD talk)
- Automatic memory management self expanding lattices (Grafik einfuegen)
- Arbitrary precision types (John Maddocks multiprecision)

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## Independent Algorithms

#### Goal

Container- and computation-independent implementation of the numerical algorithms.

#### Benefit

High flexibility and applicability, ODEINT can be used for virtually any formulation of an ODE.

#### Approach

Detatch the algorithm from memory management and computation detail and make each part interchangeable.

#### Mathematical Algorithm

Typical mathematical computation to calculate the solution of an ODE  $(\vec{x} = \vec{f}(\vec{x}, t))$ :

$$\vec{F}_{1} = \vec{f}(\vec{x}_{0}, t_{0}) 
\vec{x}' = \vec{x}_{0} + a_{21} \cdot \Delta t \cdot \vec{F}_{1} 
\vec{F}_{2} = \vec{f}(\vec{x}', t_{0} + c_{1} \cdot \Delta t) 
\vec{x}' = \vec{x}_{0} + a_{31} \cdot \Delta t \cdot \vec{F}_{1} + a_{32} \cdot \Delta t \cdot \vec{F}_{2} 
\vdots 
\vec{x}_{1} = \vec{x}_{0} + b_{1} \cdot \Delta t \cdot \vec{F}_{1} + \dots + b_{s} \cdot \Delta t \cdot \vec{F}_{s}$$

## Strucutural Requirements

$$\vec{F}_1 = \vec{t}(\vec{x}_0, t_0)$$
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#### **Function Call:**

```
void rhs( const vector_type &x , vector_type &
    dxdt , const time_type t )
{ /* user defined */ }
rhs( x0 , F1 , t ); //memory allocation for F1?
```

Memory allocation for temporary results (F, x')

## Computational Requirements

$$\vec{x}_1 = \vec{x}_0 + b_1 \cdot \Delta t \cdot \vec{F}_1 + \dots + b_s \cdot \Delta t \cdot \vec{F}_s$$

- vector-vector addition
- scalar-scalar multiplication
- scalar-vector multiplication

 $(\longrightarrow \text{vector space})$ 

## Type Declarations

#### Tell ODEINT which types your are working with:

# Reasonable standard values for the template parameters allows for:

```
typedef runge_kutta4<state_type> stepper_type;
```

## Memory Allocation / Resizing

Two possible situations: dynamic size / fixed size vector\_type

# dynamic size - memory allocation required

- e.g. vector<double>
- declare type as resizeable
- specialize resize template
- use initially\_resizer
   or always\_resizer in
   stepper algorithm

# fixed size - memory allocation not required

- e.g. array<double, N>
- declare type as not resizeable
- that's it

## Declare Resizeability

```
/* by default any type is not resizable */
template< class Container >
struct is resizeable
    typedef boost::false_type type;
    const static bool value = type::value;
};
/* specialization for std::vector */
template< class T, class A >
struct is_resizeable< std::vector< T , A >>
    typedef boost::true_type type;
    const static bool value = type::value;
};
```

To use a new dynamic sized type, this has to be specialized by the user.

#### Tell ODEINT how to resize

#### Again: only required if

```
is_resizeable<state_type>::type == boost::true_type.
```

#### Class Template responsible for resizing:

```
template< class StateOut , class StateIn >
struct resize_impl
{
    /* standard implementation */
    static void resize( StateOut &x1 , const
        StateIn &x2 )
    {
        x1.resize( boost::size( x2 ) );
    }
};
```

For anything that does not support boost::size or resize the user must provide a specialization.

## Scalar Computations

## For the scalar types we require the following: Assume:

```
time_type t , dt;
value_type a1 , a2 , c;
```

#### Valid Expressions:

- a1 = static\_cast< value\_type >(1)
- a1\*a2
- a1/a2
- t + c\*dt
- t + dt/c
- t. += dt.

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