

# odeint

Solving ordinary differential equations in C++

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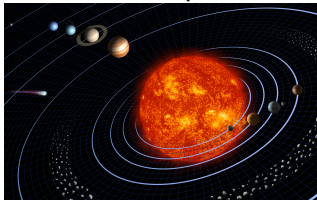


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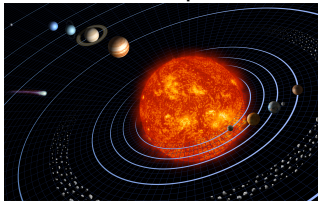
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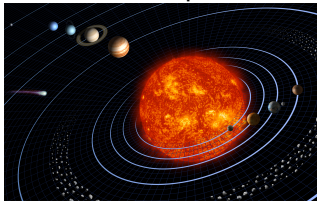
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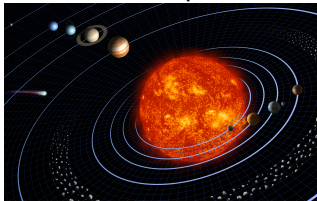
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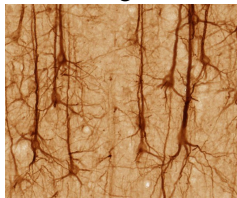


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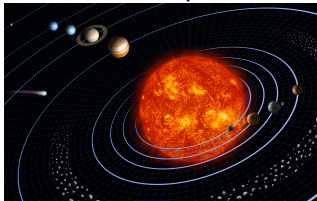


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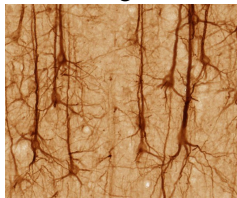


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- Many examples in physics, biology, chemistry, social sciences
- Fundamental in mathematical modelling

# What is an ODE?

$$\frac{dx(t)}{dt} = f(x(t), t) \quad \text{short form} \quad \dot{x} = f(x, t)$$

- $x(t)$  – dependent variable
- $t$  – independent variable (time)
- $f(x, t)$  – defines the ODE

Initial Value Problem (IVP):

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



# Numerical integration of ODEs

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

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

Example: Explicit Euler

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

General scheme of order  $s$

$$x(t) \mapsto x(t + \Delta t) \quad , \text{ or}$$

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

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Modern C++

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

## Who uses odeint

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OMPL – Open Motion  
Planning Library

# Motivation: The interface problem in C/C++

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Alternative

Generic, container independent algorithms



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Theoretical solution

GoF Design Pattern: Strategy, also known as Policy

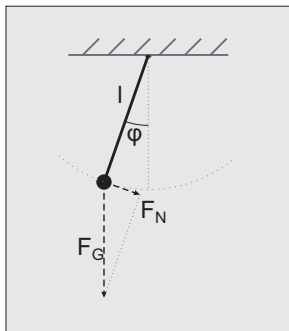
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## Example – Pendulum



Newtons law:  $ma = F$

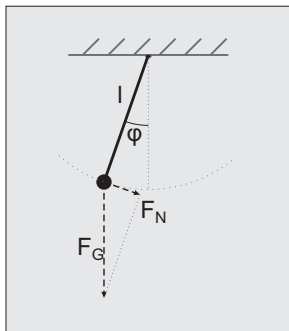
Acceleration:  $a = l\ddot{\varphi}$

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

$\Rightarrow$  **ODE for  $\varphi$**

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

## Example – Pendulum



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

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

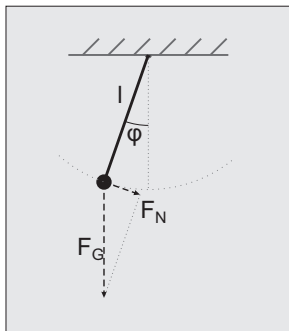
Harmonic oscillator  $\ddot{\varphi} = -\omega_0^2 \varphi$

Analytic solution:

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

Determine  $A$  and  $B$  from initial condition

## Example – Pendulum



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

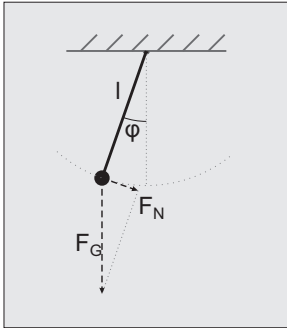
Pendulum with friction and external driving:

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

No analytic solution is known

⇒ **Solve this equation numerically.**

## Example – Pendulum



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

Create a first order ODE

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

$$\dot{x}_1 = x_2$$

$$\dot{x}_2 = -\omega_0^2 \sin x_1 - \mu x_2 + \varepsilon \sin \omega_E t$$

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



## Let's solve the pendulum example numerically

```
#include <boost/numeric/odeint.hpp>

namespace odeint = boost::numeric::odeint;
```

$$\dot{x}_1 = x_2, \quad \dot{x}_2 = -\omega_0 \sin x_1 - \mu x_2 + \varepsilon \sin \omega_E t$$

```
typedef std::array<double,2> state_type;
```

# Let's solve the pendulum example numerically

$$\dot{x}_1 = x_2, \dot{x}_2 = -\omega_0^2 \sin x_1 - \mu x_2 + \varepsilon \sin \omega_E t$$

```
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);
    }
};
```

## Let's solve the pendulum example numerically

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

```
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;
```

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

## Let's solve the pendulum example numerically

```
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";  
}
```

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

## Simulation

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

Damped oscillator:  $\mu = 0.1$  ,  $\omega_E = 0$  ,  $\varepsilon = 0$

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

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## 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 )  
{  
    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!

```
integrate_adaptive(s,ode,x,t_start,t_end,dt);  
integrate_adaptive(s,ode,x,t_start,t_end,dt,observer);
```

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" );
```

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!

## Small summary

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**Now, lets look at the advanced features!**

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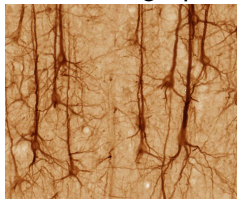
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# Phase oscillator lattices

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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

$$\dot{\varphi}_k = \omega_k + \sum_l \sin(\varphi_l - \varphi_k)$$

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

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

# Classical implementation

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

struct phase_ensemble
{
    state_type m_omega;
    double m_epsilon;

    phase_ensemble(size_t n, double g=1.0, double epsilon
                    =1.0)
        : m_omega(n, 0.0), m_epsilon(epsilon)
    {
        create_frequencies(g);
    }

    void create_frequencies(double g) { ... }

    void operator()(const state_type &x, state_type &dxdt,
                   double t) const
    {
        ...
    }
};
```

The ODE has now many parameters, use `boost::ref`  
Vielleicht koennen diese beiden Folien weg

# Solving ODEs with CUDA using thrust

## What is 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

Where to use it

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

## Lorenz system – Parameter study

$$\dot{x} = \sigma(y - x) \quad \dot{y} = Rx - y - xz \quad \dot{z} = -bz + xy \quad (1)$$

Standard parameters  $\sigma = 10$ ,  $R = 28$ ,  $b = 8/3$  deterministic  
chaos, butterfly effect  
picture of Lorenz system

## Lorenz system – Parameter study

Vary  $R$  from 0 to 50, for which parameters the system is chaotic?

Lyapunov exponents, perturbations of the original system

## Algebras and operations

### Euler method

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

Algebras perform the iteration over  $i$  and operation the elementary addition.

Algebras and operations enter the stepper as template parameters

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

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

Thrust example for Lorenz system,  
Implementation of the system function

More advanced features, die themen können auch auf mehreren folien zusammengefasst werden

Boost::ref

boost::range



complex state types, vielleicht auch nicht

arbitrary precision types

matrices as state types

graph as state types

self expanding lattices

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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

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

# Required Computations

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

$$\vec{F}_1 = \vec{f}(\vec{x}_0, t_0)$$

$$\vec{x}' = \vec{x}_0 + a_{21} \cdot \Delta t \cdot \vec{F}_1$$

$$\vec{F}_2 = \vec{f}(\vec{x}', t_0 + c_1 \cdot \Delta t)$$

$$\vec{x}' = \vec{x}_0 + a_{31} \cdot \Delta t \cdot \vec{F}_1 + a_{32} \cdot \Delta t \cdot \vec{F}_2$$

$$\vdots$$

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



# Structural Requirements

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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?
```

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