

# Ordinary differential equations 2

Implicit methods, systems of ODEs and boundary value problems

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# Problems with Euler's method: instability

Consider the ODE:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x, y(x)) \quad \text{with} \quad y(x=0) = y_0$$

First order approximation of derivative:  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y_{i+1} - y_i}{\Delta x}$ .

Where to evaluate the function  $f$ ?

- ① Evaluation at  $x_i$ : Explicit Euler method (forward Euler)
- ② Evaluation at  $x_{i+1}$ : Implicit Euler method (backward Euler)

# Problems with Euler's method: instability – forward Euler

Explicit Euler method (forward Euler):

- Use values at  $x_i$ :  

$$\frac{y_{i+1}-y_i}{\Delta x} = f(x_i, y_i) \Rightarrow y_{i+1} = y_i + hf(x_i, y_i).$$
- This is an explicit equation for  $y_{i+1}$  in terms of  $y_i$ .
- It can give instabilities with large function values.

Consider the first order batch reactor:

$$\frac{dc}{dt} = -kc \Rightarrow c_{i+1} = c_i - kc_i \Delta t \Rightarrow \frac{c_{i+1}}{c_i} = 1 - k\Delta t$$

It follows that unphysical results are obtained for  $k\Delta t \geq 1$ !!

Stability requirement

$$k\Delta t < 1$$

(but probably accuracy requirements are more stringent here!)

# Problems with Euler's method: instability – backward Euler

Implicit Euler method (backward Euler):

- Use values at  $x_{i+1}$ :  $\frac{y_{i+1}-y_i}{\Delta x} = f(x_{i+1}, y_{i+1}) \Rightarrow y_{i+1} = y_i + hf(x_{i+1}, y_{i+1})$ .
- This is an implicit equation for  $y_{i+1}$ , because it also depends on terms of  $y_{i+1}$ .

Consider the first order batch reactor:

$$\frac{dc}{dt} = -kc \Rightarrow c_{i+1} = c_i - kc_{i+1}\Delta t \Rightarrow \frac{c_{i+1}}{c_i} = \frac{1}{1 + k\Delta t}$$

This equation does never give unphysical results!

The implicit Euler method is *unconditionally stable*  
(but maybe not very accurate or efficient).

# Semi-implicit Euler method

Usually  $f$  is a non-linear function of  $y$ , so that linearization is required (recall Newton's method).

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = f(y) \Rightarrow y_{i+1} = y_i + hf(y_{i+1}) \quad \text{using} \quad f(y_{i+1}) = f(y_i) + \left. \frac{df}{dy} \right|_i (y_{i+1} - y_i) + \dots$$

$$\Rightarrow y_{i+1} = y_i + h \left[ f(y_i) + \left. \frac{df}{dy} \right|_i (y_{i+1} - y_i) \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \left( 1 - h \left. \frac{df}{dy} \right|_i \right) y_{i+1} = \left( 1 - h \left. \frac{df}{dy} \right|_i \right) y_i + hf(y_i)$$

$$\Rightarrow y_{i+1} = y_i + h \left( 1 - h \left. \frac{df}{dy} \right|_i \right)^{-1} f(y_i)$$

For the case that  $f(x, y(x))$  we could add the variable  $x$  as an additional variable  $y_{n+1} = x$ . Or add one fully implicit Euler step (which avoids the computation of  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}$ ):

$$y_{i+1} = y_i + hf(x_{i+1}, y_{i+1}) \Rightarrow y_{i+1} = y_i + h \left( 1 - h \left. \frac{df}{dy} \right|_i \right)^{-1} f(x_{i+1}, y_i)$$

# Implicit Euler's method - implementation

A basic function of the implicit Euler method is given in `ode_scalar_implicit.py`:

```

1 def implicit_euler(func, c0, t0, tend, n):
2     h = 1e-8
3     dt = (tend - t0)/n
4     times = np.linspace(t0,tend,n+1)
5     c = np.zeros(n+1)
6     c[0] = c0
7     for i,t in enumerate(times[:-1]):
8         f = func(c[i],t)
9         fh = func(c[i]+h,t)
10        dfdc = (fh - f)/h
11        c[i+1] = c[i] + dt*f/(1 - dt*dfdc)
12        print(f"{t=:0.4f}, c: {c[i+1]:.8f}")
13    print(f"t={times[-1]:0.4f}, c: {c[-1]:.8f}")
14    return times, c

```

```

1 from ode_scalar_implicit import implicit_euler
2 t,c = implicit_euler(lambda c,t: -1.0*c**2, 1, 0, 2,
3                       10)
4 plt.plot(t,c,'-o',label='Implicit Euler')
5 print(f"Conversion = {conv_e}")

```

```

t=0.0000, c: 0.85714286
t=0.2000, c: 0.74772036
t=0.4000, c: 0.66164680
t=0.6000, c: 0.59241445
t=0.8000, c: 0.53566997
t=1.0000, c: 0.48840819
t=1.2000, c: 0.44849689
t=1.4000, c: 0.41438638
t=1.6000, c: 0.38492630
t=1.8000, c: 0.35924657
t=2.0000, c: 0.35924657
Conversion = 0.64075343

```

# Semi-implicit Euler method - example

Second order reaction in a batch reactor:

$$\frac{dc}{dt} = -kc^2 \text{ with } c_0 = 1 \text{ mol m}^{-3}, k = 1 \text{ m}^3 \text{ mol}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}, t_{\text{end}} = 2 \text{ s}$$

Analytical solution:  $c(t) = \frac{c_0}{1+kc_0t}$

Define  $f = -kc^2$ , then  $\frac{df}{dc} = -2kc \Rightarrow c_{i+1} = c_i - \frac{hkc_i^2}{1+2hkc_i}$ .

$N$	$\zeta$	$\frac{\zeta_{\text{numerical}} - \zeta_{\text{analytical}}}{\zeta_{\text{analytical}}}$	$r = \frac{\log\left(\frac{\epsilon_i}{\epsilon_{i-1}}\right)}{\log\left(\frac{N_{j-1}}{N_j}\right)}$
20	0.654066262	$1.89 \times 10^{-2}$	—
40	0.660462687	$9.31 \times 10^{-3}$	1.02220
80	0.663589561	$4.62 \times 10^{-3}$	1.01162
160	0.665134433	$2.30 \times 10^{-3}$	1.00594
320	0.665902142	$1.15 \times 10^{-3}$	1.00300



## Second order implicit method: Implicit midpoint method

Implicit midpoint rule (second order)	Explicit midpoint rule (modified Euler method)
$y_{i+1} = y_i + hf\left(x_i + \frac{1}{2}h, \frac{1}{2}(y_i + y_{i+1})\right)$	$y_{i+1} = y_i + hf\left(x_i + \frac{1}{2}h, y_i + \frac{1}{2}hk_1\right)$

in case  $f(y)$  then:

$$f\left(\frac{1}{2}(y_i + y_{i+1})\right) = f_i + \left.\frac{df}{dy}\right|_i \left(\frac{1}{2}(y_i + y_{i+1}) - y_i\right) = f_i + \frac{1}{2} \left.\frac{df}{dy}\right|_i (y_{i+1} - y_i)$$

Implicit midpoint rule reduces to:

$$\begin{aligned} y_{i+1} &= y_i + hf_i + \frac{h}{2} \left.\frac{df}{dy}\right|_i (y_{i+1} - y_i) \\ \Rightarrow \left(1 - \frac{h}{2} \left.\frac{df}{dy}\right|_i\right) y_{i+1} &= \left(1 - \frac{h}{2} \left.\frac{df}{dy}\right|_i\right) y_i + hf_i \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow y_{i+1} = y_i + h \left(1 - \frac{h}{2} \left.\frac{df}{dy}\right|_i\right)^{-1} f_i$$

# Implicit midpoint method — example

Second order reaction in a batch reactor:

$$\frac{dc}{dt} = -kc^2 \text{ with } c_0 = 1 \text{ mol m}^{-3}, k = 1 \text{ m}^3 \text{ mol}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}, t_{\text{end}} = 2 \text{ s (Analytical solution: } c(t) = \frac{c_0}{1+kc_0t}).$$

Define  $f = -kc^2$ , then  $\frac{df}{dc} = -2kc$ .

Substitution:

$$\begin{aligned} c_{i+1} &= c_i + h \left( 1 - \frac{h}{2} \cdot (-2kc_i) \right)^{-1} \cdot (-kc_i^2) \\ &= c_i - \frac{hkc_i^2}{1+hkc_i} = \frac{c_i + hkc_i^2 - hkc_i^2}{1+hkc_i} \Rightarrow c_{i+1} = \frac{c_i}{1+hkc_i} \end{aligned}$$

You will find that this method is exact for all step sizes  $h$  because of the quadratic source term!

# Implicit midpoint method — example

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Analytical solution:  $c(t) = \frac{c_0}{1+kc_0t}$

$$c_{i+1} = \frac{c_i}{1+hkc_i}$$

$N$	$\zeta$	$\frac{\zeta_{\text{numerical}} - \zeta_{\text{analytical}}}{\zeta_{\text{analytical}}}$	$r = \frac{\log\left(\frac{\epsilon_i}{\epsilon_{i-1}}\right)}{\log\left(\frac{N_{i-1}}{N_i}\right)}$
20	0.6666666667	$1.665 \times 10^{-16}$	—
40	0.6666666667	0	—
80	0.6666666667	0	—
160	0.6666666667	0	—
320	0.6666666667	0	—

# Implicit midpoint method — example

Third order reaction in a batch reactor:  $\frac{dc}{dt} = -kc^3$

Analytical solution:  $c(t) = \frac{c_0}{\sqrt{1+2kc_0^2t}}$

$$c_{i+1} = c_i - \frac{hkc_i^3}{1 + \frac{3}{2}hkc_i^2}$$

$N$	$\zeta$	$\frac{\zeta_{\text{numerical}} - \zeta_{\text{analytical}}}{\zeta_{\text{analytical}}}$	$r = \frac{\log\left(\frac{\epsilon_i}{\epsilon_{i-1}}\right)}{\log\left(\frac{N_{i-1}}{N_i}\right)}$
20	0.5526916174	$1.71 \times 10^{-4}$	—
40	0.5527633731	$4.17 \times 10^{-5}$	2.041
80	0.5527807304	$1.03 \times 10^{-5}$	2.021
160	0.5527849965	$2.55 \times 10^{-6}$	2.011
320	0.5527860538	$6.34 \times 10^{-7}$	2.005

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# Systems of ODEs

A system of ODEs is specified using vector notation:

$$\frac{d\mathbf{y}}{dx} = \mathbf{f}(x, \mathbf{y}(x))$$

for

$$\frac{dy_1}{dx} = f_1(x, y_1(x), y_2(x)) \quad \text{or} \quad f_1(x, y_1, y_2)$$

$$\frac{dy_2}{dx} = f_2(x, y_1(x), y_2(x)) \quad \text{or} \quad f_2(x, y_1, y_2)$$

The solution techniques discussed before can also be used to solve systems of equations.

# Systems of ODEs: Explicit methods

## Forward Euler method

$$\mathbf{y}_{i+1} = \mathbf{y}_i + h\mathbf{f}(x_i, \mathbf{y}_i)$$

## Improved Euler method (classical RK2)

$$\mathbf{y}_{i+1} = \mathbf{y}_i + \frac{h}{2}(\mathbf{k}_1 + \mathbf{k}_2) \quad \text{using} \quad \begin{aligned} \mathbf{k}_1 &= \mathbf{f}(x_i, \mathbf{y}_i) \\ \mathbf{k}_2 &= \mathbf{f}(x_i + h, \mathbf{y}_i + h\mathbf{k}_1) \end{aligned}$$

## Modified Euler method (midpoint rule)

$$\mathbf{y}_{i+1} = \mathbf{y}_i + h\mathbf{k}_2 \quad \text{using} \quad \begin{aligned} \mathbf{k}_1 &= \mathbf{f}(x_i, \mathbf{y}_i) \\ \mathbf{k}_2 &= \mathbf{f}\left(x_i + \frac{h}{2}, \mathbf{y}_i + \frac{h}{2}\mathbf{k}_1\right) \end{aligned}$$

# Systems of ODEs: Explicit methods

## Classical fourth order Runge-Kutta method (RK4)

$$\mathbf{y}_{i+1} = \mathbf{y}_i + h \left( \frac{\mathbf{k}_1}{6} + \frac{1}{3} (\mathbf{k}_2 + \mathbf{k}_3) + \frac{\mathbf{k}_4}{6} \right)$$

$$\mathbf{k}_1 = \mathbf{f}(x_i, \mathbf{y}_i)$$

$$\mathbf{k}_2 = \mathbf{f}\left(x_i + \frac{h}{2}, \mathbf{y}_i + \frac{h}{2}\mathbf{k}_1\right)$$

using

$$\mathbf{k}_3 = \mathbf{f}\left(x_i + \frac{h}{2}, \mathbf{y}_i + \frac{h}{2}\mathbf{k}_2\right)$$

$$\mathbf{k}_4 = \mathbf{f}(x_i + h, \mathbf{y}_i + h\mathbf{k}_3)$$



# Solving systems of ODEs in Python

Solving systems of ODEs in Python is completely analogous to solving a single ODE:

- ① Create a function that specifies the ODEs. This function returns the  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  vector.
- ② Initialise solver variables and settings (e.g. step size, initial conditions, tolerance), in a separate script. Initial conditions and tolerances should be given per-equation, i.e. as a vector.
- ③ Call the ODE solver function, using a function argument to the ODE function described in point 1.
  - The ODE solver will return the vector for the independent variable (e.g. time), and a solution matrix, with a column as the solution for each equation in the system.

# Solving systems of ODEs in Python: example

We solve the system  $\frac{dx_0}{dt} = ax_0 - x_1$ ,  $\frac{dx_1}{dt} = bx_1 + x_0$ , with  $a = -1$  and  $b = -2$ :

- Create an ODE function:

```

1 # Example scipy solve_ivp/Example scipy solve_ivp vector.py
2 def func(t, x, a, b):
3     #output can be of list or np.array type:
4     dxdt = np.zeros(2)
5
6     dxdt[0] = a*x[0] - x[1]
7     dxdt[1] = b*x[1] + x[0]
8     return dxdt

```

- Solve by calling solve\_ivp

```

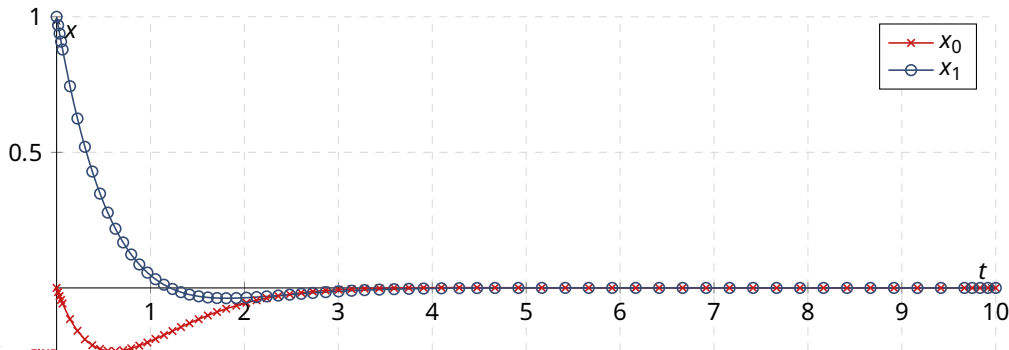
1 from scipy.integrate import solve_ivp
2 x_init = [0,1]; % Initial conditions
3 tspan = [0,10]; % Time span
4 sol = solve_ivp(func, tspan, x_init, args=(-1,-2), rtol=1e-12)

```

# Solving systems of ODEs in Python: example

Plot the solution (note: the solution is attribute `sol.y`):

```
1 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
2 plt.plot(sol.t, sol.y[0], 'r-x', linewidth=2)
3 plt.plot(sol.t, sol.y[1], 'b-o', linewidth=2)
```



# Solving systems of ODEs in Python: example

You may have noticed that the step size in  $t$  varies. This happens when only the begin and end times of the time span are defined, and `scipy.integrate.solve_ivp` uses adaptive step size for efficiency:

```
1 tspan = [0, 10]
```

You can also retrieve the solution at specific steps, by supplying all steps explicitly as an additional argument to `solve_ivp`, e.g.:

```
1 sol = solve_ivp(func, tspan, x_init, args=(-1,-2), t_eval=np.linspace(0, 10, 101), rtol=1e-12)
```

This example provides 101 explicit time steps between 0 and 10 seconds. It can be useful if you need a direct comparison with e.g. measurements at specific times.

Note that this is an interpolated result. The solver uses, in the background, still the adaptive step size functionality!

# Systems of ODEs: Implicit methods

## Backward Euler method

$$\mathbf{y}_{i+1} = \mathbf{y}_i + h \left( \mathbf{I} - h \left. \frac{d\mathbf{f}}{d\mathbf{y}} \right|_i \right)^{-1} \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{y}_i)$$

## Implicit midpoint method

$$\mathbf{y}_{i+1} = \mathbf{y}_i + h \left( \mathbf{I} - \frac{h}{2} \left. \frac{d\mathbf{f}}{d\mathbf{y}} \right|_i \right)^{-1} \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{y}_i)$$

# Stiff systems of ODEs

A system of ODEs can be stiff and require a different solution method. For example:

$$\frac{dc_1}{dt} = 998c_1 + 1998c_2 \quad \frac{dc_2}{dt} = -999c_1 - 1999c_2$$

with boundary conditions  $c_1(t=0) = 1$  and  $c_2(t=0) = 0$ .

The analytical solution is:

$$c_1 = 2e^{-t} - e^{-1000t} \quad c_2 = -e^{-t} + e^{-1000t}$$

For the explicit method we require  $\Delta t < 10^{-3}$  despite the fact that the term is completely negligible, but essential to keep stability.

The “disease” of stiff equations: we need to follow the solution on the shortest length scale to maintain stability of the integration, although accuracy requirements would allow a much larger time step.

# Demonstration with example

Forward Euler (explicit)

$$\frac{c_{1,i+1} - c_{1,i}}{dt} = 998c_{1,i} + 1998c_{2,i}$$

$$\frac{c_{2,i+1} - c_{2,i}}{dt} = -999c_{1,i} - 1999c_{2,i}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{aligned} c_{1,i+1} &= (1 + 998\Delta t)c_{1,i} + 1998\Delta tc_{2,i} \\ c_{2,i+1} &= -999\Delta tc_{1,i} + (1 - 1999\Delta t)c_{2,i} \end{aligned}$$

# Demonstration with example

Backward Euler (implicit)

$$\frac{c_{1,i+1} - c_{1,i}}{\Delta t} = 998c_{1,i+1} + 1998c_{2,i+1}$$

$$\frac{c_{2,i+1} - c_{2,i}}{\Delta t} = -999c_{1,i+1} - 1999c_{2,i+1}$$

$$\Rightarrow (1 - 998\Delta t)c_{1,i+1} - 1998\Delta tc_{2,i} = c_{1,i}$$

$$999\Delta tc_{1,i+1} + (1 + 1999\Delta t)c_{2,i+1} = c_{2,i}$$

$$A\mathbf{c}_{i+1} = \mathbf{c}_i \text{ with } A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 - 998\Delta t & -1998\Delta t \\ 999\Delta t & 1 + 1999\Delta t \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} c_{1,i} \\ c_{2,i} \end{pmatrix}$$



## Demonstration with example

Backward Euler (implicit)  $A\mathbf{c}_{i+1} = \mathbf{c}_i$  with  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 - 998\Delta t & -1998\Delta t \\ 999\Delta t & 1 + 1999\Delta t \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} c_{1,i} \\ c_{2,i} \end{pmatrix}$

Cramers rule:

$$c_{1,i+1} = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} c_{1,i} & -1998\Delta t \\ c_{2,i} & 1 + 1999\Delta t \end{vmatrix}}{\det A} = \frac{(1+1999\Delta t)c_{1,i} + 1998\Delta t c_{2,i}}{(1-998\Delta t)(1+1999\Delta t) + 1998 \cdot 999\Delta t^2}$$

$$c_{2,i+1} = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} 1 - 998\Delta t & c_{1,i} \\ 999\Delta t & c_{2,i} \end{vmatrix}}{\det A} = \frac{-999\Delta t c_{1,i} + (1-998\Delta t)c_{2,i}}{(1-998\Delta t)(1+1999\Delta t) + 1998 \cdot 999\Delta t^2}$$

Forward Euler:  $\Delta t \leq 0.001$  for stability

Backward Euler: always stable, even for  $\Delta t > 100$  (but then not very accurate!)

# Demonstration with example

Cure for stiff problems: use implicit methods! To find out whether your system is stiff: check whether one of the eigenvalues have an imaginary part

# Implicit methods in Python

SciPy offers a solver that detects stiff systems, using `method='LSODA'`.

$$\frac{dc_1}{dt} = 998c_1 + 1998c_2 \quad \frac{dc_2}{dt} = -999c_1 - 1999c_2, \quad c_1(0) = 1, \quad c_2(0) = 0$$

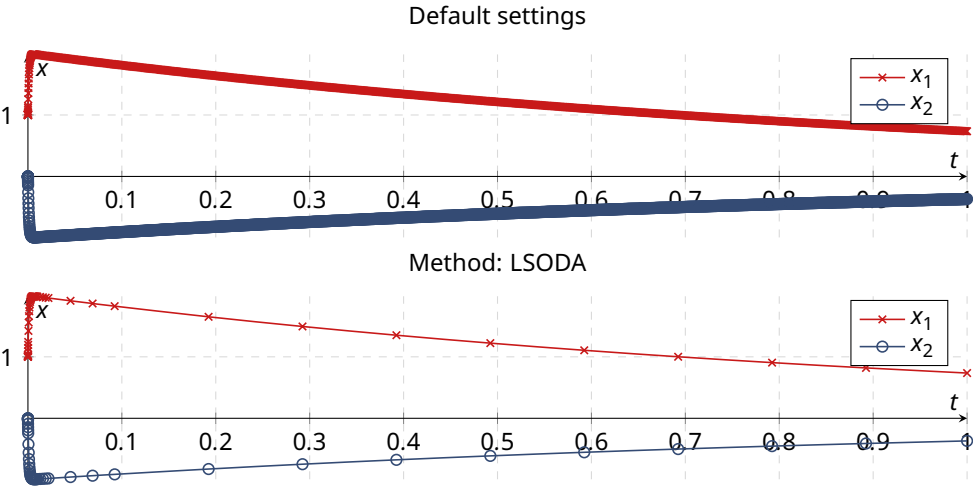
- Create the ode function (see `slide_example_solve_ivp_implicit.py`)

```
1 function [dcdt] = stiff_ode(t,c)
2 dcdt = zeros(2,1); % Pre-allocation
3 dcdt(1) = 998 * c(1) + 1998*c(2);
4 dcdt(2) = -999 * c(1) - 1999*c(2);
5 return
```

- Compare the resolution of the solutions (see next slide)

```
1 sol1 = solve_ivp(stiff_ode, [0, 1], [1, 0])
2 # plot sol1
3 sol2 = solve_ivp(stiff_ode, [0, 1], [1, 0], method = 'LSODA')
4 # plot sol2
```

# Implicit methods in Python



The explicit solver requires 1245 data points (default settings), the implicit solver just 48!

# Implicit methods in Python: Generic backward Euler

How to make a generic Backward Euler implementation? Recall the update formula:

$$\mathbf{y}_{i+1} = \mathbf{y}_i + h \left( \mathbf{I} - h \left. \frac{d\mathbf{f}}{d\mathbf{y}} \right|_i \right)^{-1} \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{y}_i)$$

- Set up input: Number of steps, end time, initial conditions
- Preallocate and calculate: create a full time vector, calculate the step size  $h$ , preallocate  $y$  with zeros and store the initial condition as the first  $y$ .
- Loop over the number of iterations:
  - Compute the Jacobian: calculate the function both for  $y_i$  as well as for  $y_i + s$ , where  $s$  is a very small number. Recall:

$$\frac{df}{dy} = \frac{f(y+s) - f(y)}{s}$$

- Compute the update formula for  $y_{i+1}$ . Use `eye`, `inv`.

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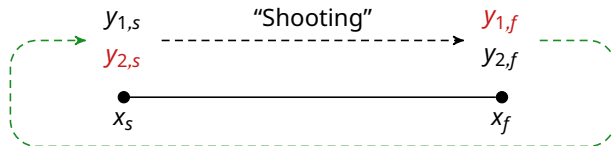
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# Shooting method

How to solve a BVP using the shooting method:



- Define the system of ODEs
- Provide an initial guess for the unknown boundary condition
- Solve the system and compare the resulting boundary condition to the expected value
- Adjust the guessed boundary value, and solve again. Repeat until convergence.
  - Of course, you can subtract the expected value from the computed value at the boundary, and use a non-linear root finding method

# BVP: example in Excel

Consider a chemical reaction in a liquid film layer of thickness  $\delta$ :

$$\mathcal{D} \frac{d^2 c}{dx^2} = k_R c \quad \text{with} \quad \begin{array}{ll} c(x=0) = C_{A,i,L} = 1 & \text{(interface concentration)} \\ c(x=\delta) = 0 & \text{(bulk concentration)} \end{array}$$

Question: compute the concentration profile in the film layer.

## Step 1: Define the system of ODEs

This second-order ODE can be rewritten as a system of first-order ODEs, if we define the flux  $q$  as:

$$q = -\mathcal{D} \frac{dc}{dx}$$

Now, we find:

$$\frac{dc}{dx} = -\frac{1}{\mathcal{D}} q$$

$$\frac{dq}{dx} = -k_R c$$



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## Step 2: Set the boundary conditions

The boundary conditions for the concentrations at  $x = 0$  and  $x = \delta$  are known.

The flux at the interface, however, is not known, and should be solved for.

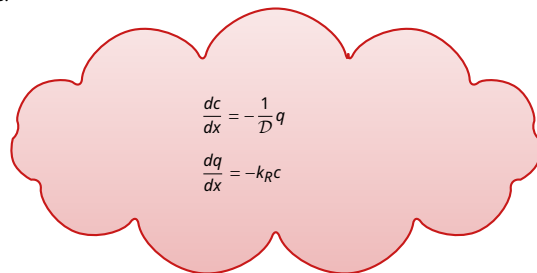
$$\frac{dc}{dx} = -\frac{1}{\mathcal{D}} q$$

$$\frac{dq}{dx} = -k_R c$$

# BVP: example in Excel

Solving the two first-order ODEs in Excel. First, the cells with constants:

	A	B	C
1	CAiL	1	mol/m3
2	D	1e-8	m2/s
3	kR	10	1/s
4	delta	1e-4	m
5	N	100	
6	dx	=B4/B5	



$$\frac{dc}{dx} = -\frac{1}{D}q$$

$$\frac{dq}{dx} = -k_R c$$

Now, we program the forward Euler (explicit) schemes for  $c$  and  $q$  below:

	A	B	C
10	x	c	q
11	0	=B1	10
12	=A11+\$B\$6	=B11+\$B\$6*(-1/\$B\$2*C11)	=C11+\$B\$6*(-\$B\$3*B11)
13	=A12+\$B\$6	=B12+\$B\$6*(-1/\$B\$2*C12)	=C12+\$B\$6*(-\$B\$3*B12)
...	...	...	...
111	=A110+\$B\$6	=B110+\$B\$6*(-1/\$B\$2*C110)	=C110+\$B\$6*(-\$B\$3*B110)

## BVP: example in Excel

- We now have profiles for  $c$  and  $q$  as a function of position  $x$ .
- The concentration  $c(x = \delta)$  depends (eventually) on the boundary condition at the interface  $q(x = 0)$
- We can use the solver to change  $q(x = 0)$  such that the concentration at the bulk meets our requirement:  $c(x = \delta) = 0$

# BVP: example in Python

We first program the system of ODEs in a separate function:

$$\frac{dc}{dx} = -\frac{1}{D}q$$

$$\frac{dq}{dx} = -k_R c$$

```

1 # slides_example_bvp_1.py
2 def diffReactSystem(x, y, param):
3     c, q = y
4     f = np.zeros_like(y)
5     f[0] = -q/param['Diff']
6     f[1] = -param['kR']*c
7     return f

```

Note that we pass a variable (type: dictionary) that contains required parameters: `param`.

# BVP: example in Python

Let's first try to solve the ODE system using `scipy.integrate.solve_ivp`:

```

1 # slides_example_bvp_1.py
2 import numpy as np
3 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
4 from scipy.integrate import solve_ivp
5
6 ### Definition of diffReactSystem here (see slide 449 )
7
8 # Set up parameters
9 q0 = 1e-3 # Initial guess flux@t=0
10 param = {'cAiL': 1.0, 'Diff': 1e-8, 'kR': 10, 'delta': 1e-4, 'N': 100}
11
12 # Solve ODE system
13 sol = solve_ivp(lambda x, y: diffReactSystem(x, y, param), # ODE func with params
14                 [0, param['delta']], # Time span
15                 [param['cAiL'], q0]) # Initial conditions
16
17 fig, ax1 = plt.subplots()
18 ax1.plot(sol.t, sol.y[0, :], '-b', label='Concentration $mol/m^3$')
19 ax2 = ax1.twinx() # Create y-y axis
20 ax2.plot(sol.t, sol.y[1, :], '-r', label='Flux $mol/m^2/s$')
21 fig.legend(bbox_to_anchor=(0.5, 0.5))
22 plt.show()

```

## BVP: example in Python

That seems to work! Now we want to fit the value for  $q$  at  $x = 0$  (defined below as `bcq`), such that the concentration at  $x = \delta$  equals zero. We create a function with the output defined as the deviation from the target value:

```

1 # slides_example_bvp_2.py
2 def diffReactFitCriterium(bcq, param):
3     # Solve the ODE system using changeable parameter bcq
4     # (boundary condition for q), other parameters are defined in param
5     sol = solve_ivp(lambda x, y: diffReactSystem(x, y, param), [0, param['delta']], [param['cAiL'], bcq])
6     # Return the last value of the concentration (column 0 in y) at x=delta (hence [-1])
7     return sol.y[0,-1] - 0
    
```

Note the following:

- We use the interval  $0 \leq x \leq \delta$
- Boundary conditions are given as:  $c(x = 0) = 1$  and  $q(x = 0) = bcq$ , which is given as a separate argument to the function (i.e. changable from 'outside!')
- The function returns the concentration at  $x = \delta$

# BVP: example in Python

Finally, we should solve the system so that we obtain the right boundary condition  $q = bcq$  such that  $c(x = \delta) = 0$ . We can use the `scipy.optimize.root_scalar` function to do this. Extend the script from slide 450 by:

```

1 # slides_example_bvp_2.py
2 from scipy.optimize import root_scalar
3
4 ### Define diffReactSystem, diffReactFitCriterium, parameters
5
6 # Solve such that c(delta)=0:
7 sol = root_scalar(lambda x: diffReactFitCriterium(x, param),
8                   method='brentq', bracket=[0,1], xtol=1e-15, rtol=1e-15)
9 q0 = sol.root
10 print(f"{q0 = }")
11
12 # Solve ODE once more such that we can plot the final data
13 sol = solve_ivp(lambda x, y: diffReactSystem(x, y, param),
14                 [0, param['delta']], [param['cAil'], q0],
15                 t_eval = np.linspace(0, param['delta'], 101))

```

Postprocessing of the data can be done similar to the example in slide 450.

# BVP example: analytical solution

Compare with the analytical solution:

$$q = k_L E_A C_{A,i,L} \quad \text{with}$$

$$E_A = \frac{\text{Ha}}{\tanh \text{Ha}} \quad \text{(Enhancement factor)}$$

$$\text{Ha} = \frac{\sqrt{k_R \mathcal{D}}}{k_L} \quad \text{(Hatta number)}$$

$$k_L = \frac{\mathcal{D}}{\delta} \quad \text{(mass transfer coefficient)}$$



# Today's outline

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# Other methods

Other explicit methods:

- Bulirsch-Stoer method (Richardson extrapolation + modified midpoint method)

Other implicit methods:

- Rosenbrock methods (higher order implicit Runge-Kutta methods)
- Predictor-corrector methods

# Summary

- Several solution methods and their derivation were discussed:
  - Explicit solution methods: Euler, Improved Euler, Midpoint method, RK45
  - Implicit methods: Implicit Euler and Implicit midpoint method
  - A few examples of their spreadsheet implementation were shown
- We have paid attention to accuracy and instability, rate of convergence and step size
- Systems of ODEs can be solved by the same algorithms. Stiff problems should be treated with care.
- An example of solving ODEs with Python was demonstrated.