Ordinary differential equations 1

Explicit techniques for ODEs

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Main question

How to solve

$$\frac{d\boldsymbol{y}}{dx} = f(\boldsymbol{y}(x), x) \quad \text{with} \quad \boldsymbol{y}(x=0) = \boldsymbol{y}_0$$

accurately and efficiently?

What is an ODE?

- Algebraic equation:

$$f(y(x), x) = 0 \qquad \text{e.g. } -\ln(K_{eq}) = (1 - \zeta)$$

- First order ODE:

$$f\left(\frac{dy}{dx}(x), y(x), x\right) = 0 \quad \text{e.g. } \frac{dc}{dt} = -kc^n$$

- Second order ODE:

$$f\left(\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}(x), \frac{dy}{dx}(x), y(x), x\right) = 0 \quad \text{e.g. } \mathcal{D}\frac{d^2c}{dx^2} = -\frac{kc}{1 + Kc}$$

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Example

Recall:

$$\mathcal{D}\frac{d^2c}{dx^2} = -\frac{kc}{1+Kc}$$

Define $y = -\mathcal{D}\frac{dc}{dx}$, then $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{kc}{1+Kc}$, thus solve system:

$$\frac{dc}{dx} = -\frac{1}{\mathcal{D}}y$$
$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{kc}{1+Kc}$$

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More general

Consider the second order ODE:

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + q(x)\frac{dy}{dx} = r(x)$$

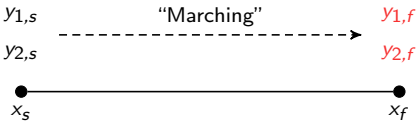
Now define and solve using z as a new variable:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = z(x)$$
$$\frac{dz}{dx} = r(x) - q(x)z(x)$$

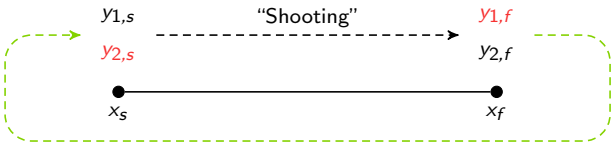
Importance of boundary conditions

The nature of boundary conditions determines the appropriate numerical method. Classification into 2 main categories:

- *Initial value problems (IVP)*
  We know the values of all y_i at some starting position x_s, and it is desired to find the values of y_i at some final point x_f.



- *Boundary value problems (BVP)*
  Boundary conditions are specified at more than one x. Typically, some of the BC are specified at x_s and the remainder at x_f.



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Neglect terms with higher order than two: $\left.\frac{dc}{dt}\right|_{t_0} = \frac{c(t_0+\Delta t)-c(t_0)}{\Delta t}$ Substitution:

$$\frac{c(t_0 + \Delta t) - c(t_0)}{\Delta t} = f(c_0, t_0) \Rightarrow c(t_0 + \Delta t) = c(t_0) + \Delta t f(c_0, t_0)$$

Euler's method: graphical example

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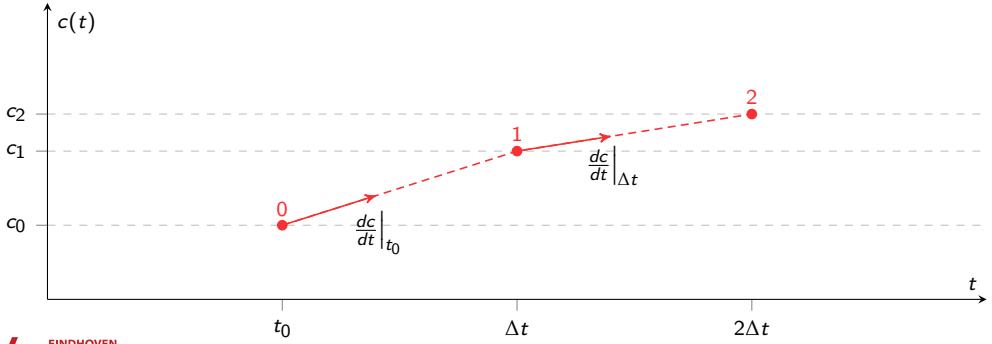

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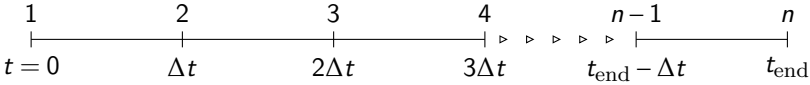

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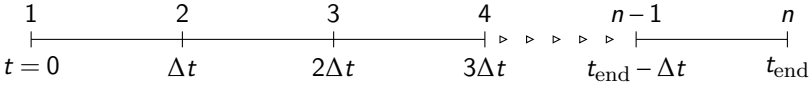

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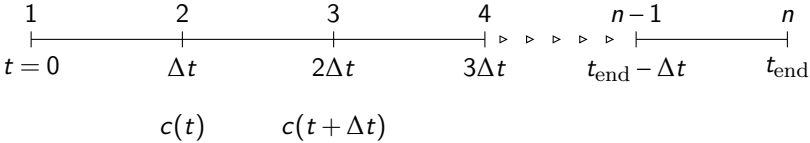

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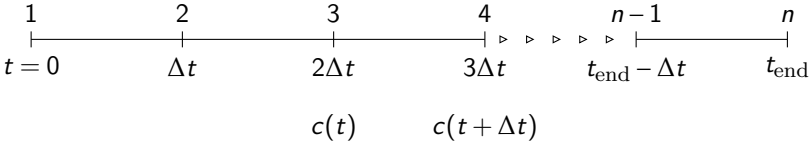

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Pseudo-code Euler's method: $\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x, y)$ and $y(x_0) = y_0$.

1. Initialize variables, functions; set $h = \frac{x_1 - x_0}{N}$
2. Set $x = x_0$, $y = y_0$
3. While $x < x_{\text{end}}$ do
   $x_{i+1} = x_i + h$; $y_{i+1} = y_i + h f(x_i, y_i)$

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$= 0 + 0.1 = 0.1$	$= 1 + 0.1 \cdot (-1 \cdot 1) = 0.9$
$t_2 = t_1 + \Delta t$	$c_2 = c_1 + \Delta t \cdot (-kc_1)$
$= 0.1 + 0.1 = 0.2$	$= 0.9 + 0.1 \cdot (-1 \cdot 0.9) = 0.81$
$t_3 = t_2 + \Delta t$	$c_3 = c_2 + \Delta t \cdot (-kc_2)$
$= 0.2 + 0.1 = 0.3$	$= 0.81 + 0.1 \cdot (-1 \cdot 0.81) = 0.729$
$\cdots$	$\cdots$
$t_{i+1} = t_i + \Delta t$	$c_{i+1} = c_i + \Delta t \cdot (-kc_i)$
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$t_{20} = 2.0$	$c_{20} = c_{19} + \Delta t \cdot (-kc_{19}) = 0.121577$

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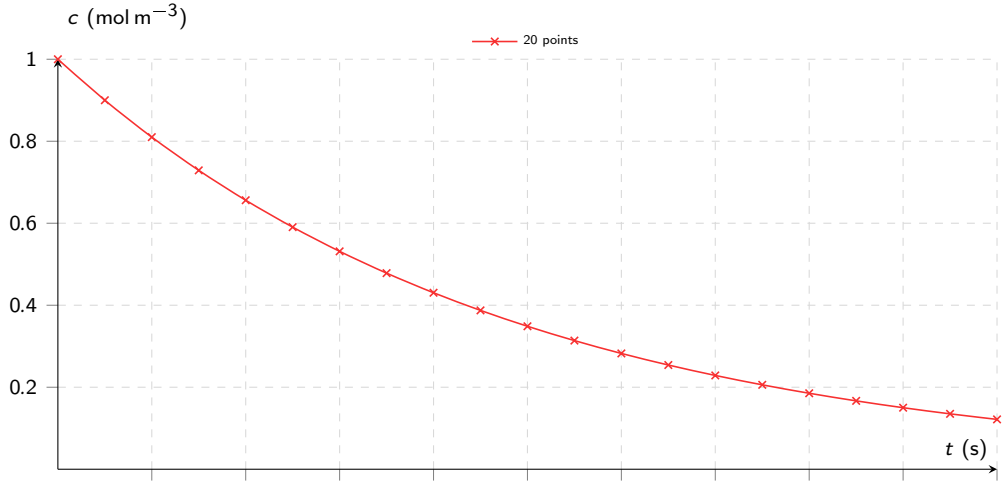

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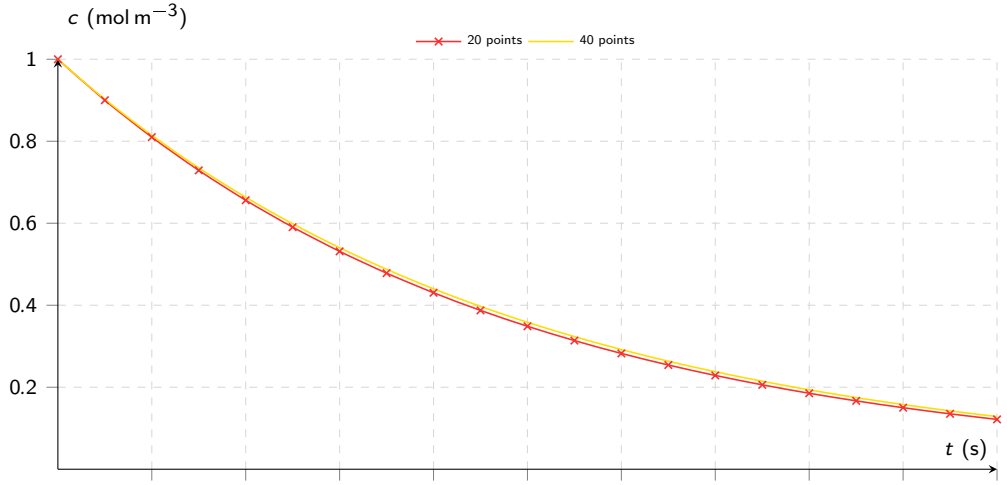

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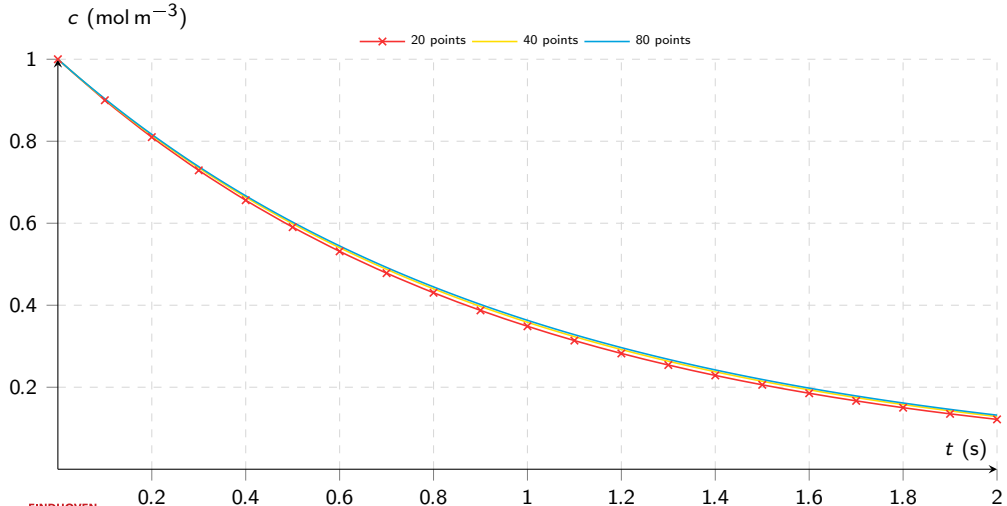

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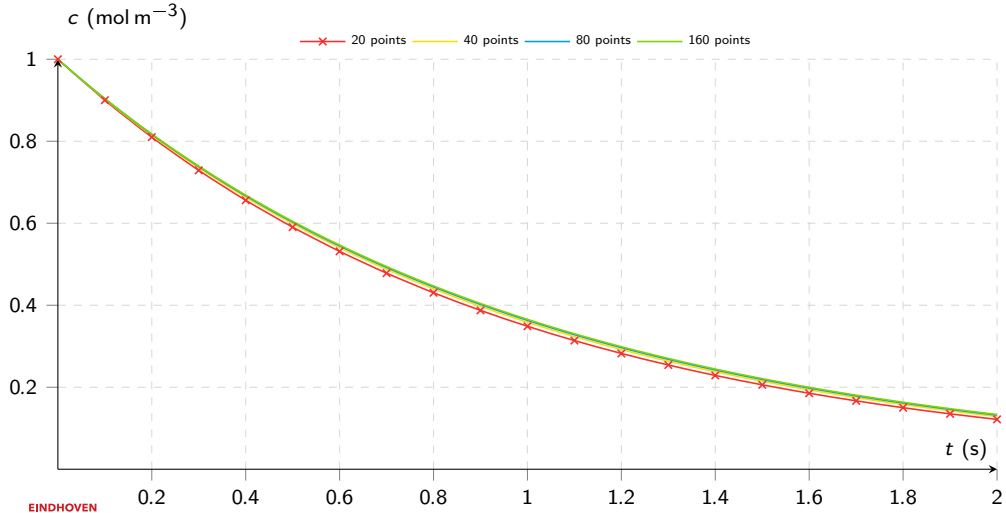

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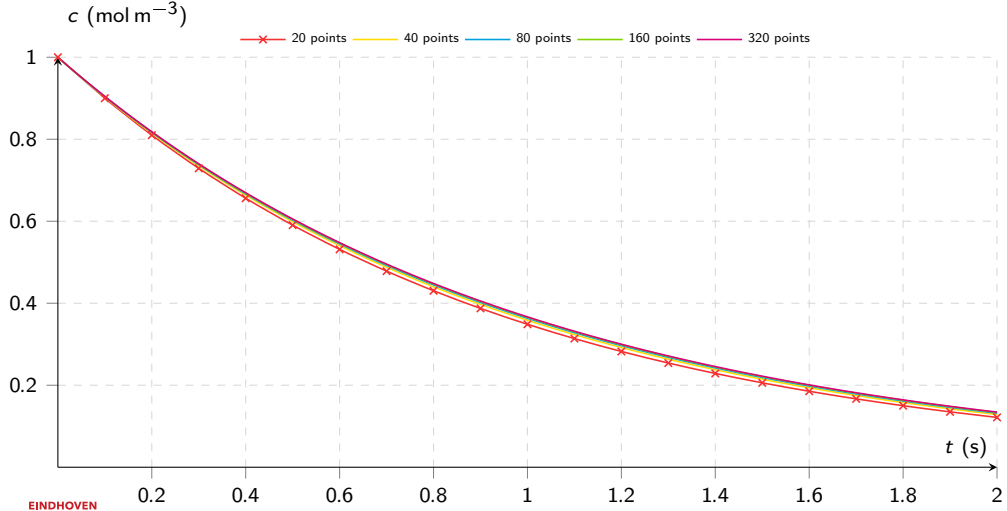
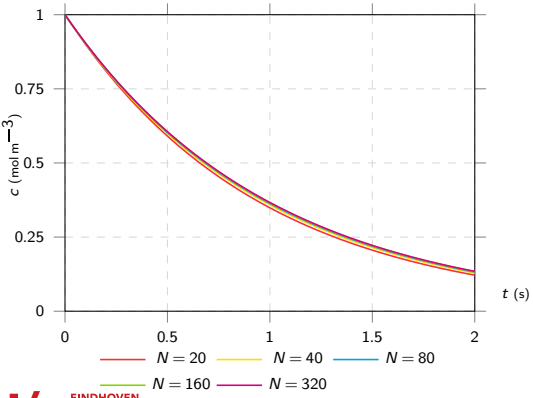


Problems with Euler's method

The question is: What step size, or how many steps to use?

1. *Accuracy* $\Rightarrow$ need information on numerical error!
2. *Stability* $\Rightarrow$ need information on stability limits!



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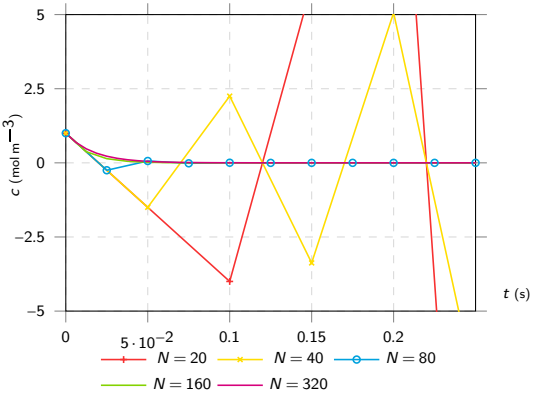

Reaction rate: $k = 50\ \mathrm{s}^{-1}$

Accuracy

Comparison with analytical solution for $k = 1\ \mathrm{s}^{-1}$:

$$c(t) = c_0 \exp(-kt) \Rightarrow \zeta = 1 - \exp(-kt) \Rightarrow \zeta_{\text{analytical}} = 0.864665$$

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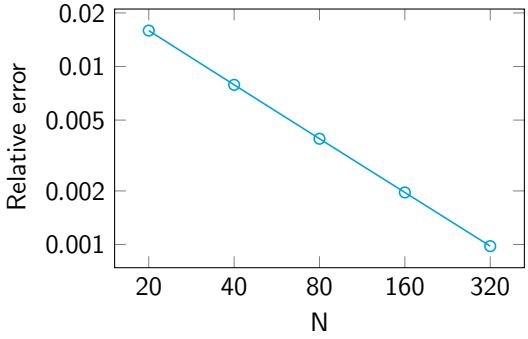

Accuracy

For Euler's method: Error halves when the number of grid points is doubled, i.e. error is proportional to Δt: first order method.

Error estimate:

$$\left.\frac{dx}{dt}\right|_{t_0} = \frac{x(t_0+\Delta t)-x(t_0)}{\Delta t} + \frac{1}{2}\left.\frac{d^2x}{dt^2}\right|_{t_0}(\Delta t) + \mathcal{O}(\Delta t)^2$$

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$$\|\boldsymbol{v}\|_2 = \sqrt{v_1^2 + v_2^2 + \ldots + v_n^2} = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{n} v_i^2}$$

L_∞ norm (maximum norm)

$$\|\boldsymbol{v}\|_\infty = \max(|v_1|, \ldots, |v_n|)$$

Absolute difference

$$\epsilon_{\text{abs}} = \left\| \boldsymbol{y}_{\text{numerical}} - \boldsymbol{y}_{\text{analytical}} \right\|_{2,\infty}$$

Relative difference

$$\epsilon_{\text{rel}} = \left\| \frac{\boldsymbol{y}_{\text{numerical}} - \boldsymbol{y}_{\text{analytical}}}{\boldsymbol{y}_{\text{analytical}}} \right\|_{2,\infty}$$

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2. Select a single indicative grid point (e.g. middle of domain, outlet) that lies at exactly the same position in each computation
3. Use the solution c at this grid point for various grid sizes to compute:

$$r = \frac{\log \frac{c_{N+1} - c_N}{c_N - c_{N-1}}}{\log \frac{c_N - c_{N-1}}{c_{N-1} - c_{N-2}}}$$

4. Alternative for simulations with $2N$, N and $\frac{N}{2}$ grid points:

$$r = \frac{\log \left| \frac{c_{2N} - c_N}{c_N - c_{\frac{N}{2}}} \right|}{\log \left| \frac{N}{2N} \right|}$$

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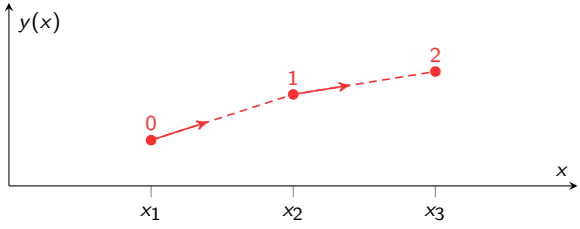
Runge-Kutta methods

Propagate a solution by combining the information of several Euler-style steps (each involving one function evaluation) to match a Taylor series expansion up to some higher order.

Euler: $y_{i+1} = y_i + hf(x_i, y_i)$ with $h = \Delta x$, i.e. slope $= k_1 = f(x_i, y_i)$.

Euler's method



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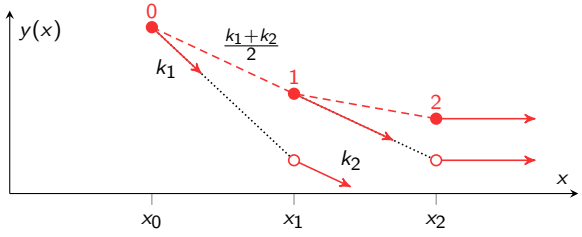

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In pseudocode:

$x = x_0$, $y = y_0$
while $x < x_{\text{end}}$ **do**
  $x_{i+1} = x_i + h$
  $k_1 = f(x_i, y_i)$
  $k_2 = f(x_i + h, y_i + hk_1)$
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end while

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$$\left.\frac{dy}{dx}\right|_i = f(x_i, y_i) \equiv f_i$$

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Substitution gives:

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$$y_{i+1} = y_i + \frac{h}{2} f_i + \frac{h}{2} \left(f_i + h \left.\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}\right|_i + h f_i \left.\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}\right|_i \right) + \mathcal{O}(h^3)$$

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Note multivariate Taylor expansion:

$$f(x_i + h, y_i + k) = f_i + h \left.\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}\right|_i + k \left.\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}\right|_i + \mathcal{O}(h^2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{h}{2}\left(f_i + h \left.\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}\right|_i + h f_i \left.\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}\right|_i \right) = \frac{h}{2} f\left(x_i + h, y_i + h f_i\right) + \mathcal{O}(h^3)$$

Concluding:

$$y_{i+1} = y_i + \frac{h}{2} f_i + \frac{h}{2} f\left(x_i + h, y_i + h f_i\right) + \mathcal{O}(h^3)$$

Rewriting:

$$\begin{aligned} k_1 &= f\left(x_i, y_i\right) \\ k_2 &= f\left(x_i + h, y_i + h k_1\right) \\ \Rightarrow y_{i+1} &= y_i + \frac{h}{2}(k_1 + k_2) \end{aligned}$$

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1. Classical RK2:
   $b_1 = b_2 = \frac{1}{2}$ and $c_2 = a_{2,1} = 1$
2. Midpoint rule (modified Euler):
   $b_1 = 0,\ b_2 = 1,\ c_2 = a_{2,1} = \frac{1}{2}$

Second order Runge-Kutta methods

Classical RK2 method (= Heun's method, improved Euler method)	Explicit midpoint rule (modified Euler method)
$k_1 = f_i$	$k_1 = f_i$
$k_2 = f(x_i + h, y_i + hk_1)$	$k_2 = f(x_i + \frac{1}{2}h, y_i + \frac{1}{2}hk_1)$
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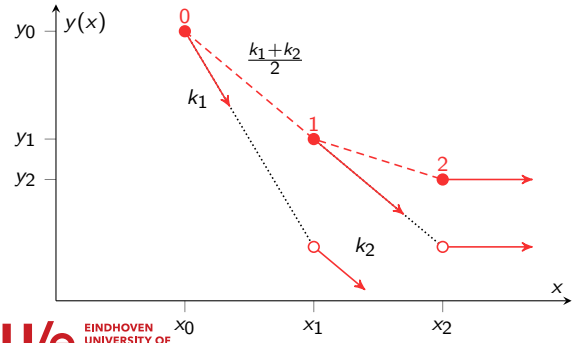
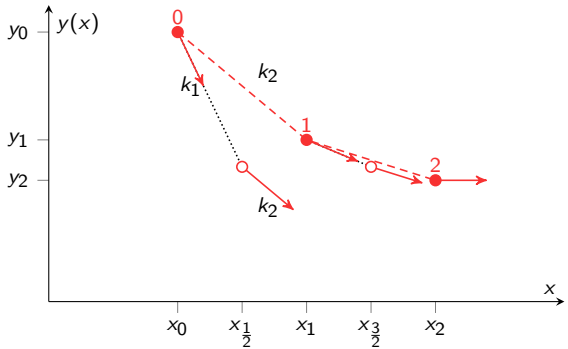
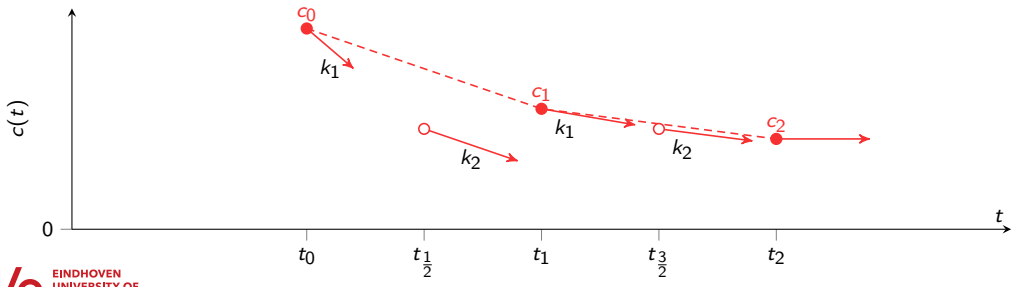




Second order Runge-Kutta method — Example

First order reaction in a batch reactor: $\frac{dc}{dt} = -kc$ with $c(t=0) = 1\ \text{mol m}^{-3}$, $k = 1\ \text{s}^{-1}$, $t_{\text{end}} = 2$ s.

Time [s]	C [mol m^{-3}]	$k_1 = hf(x_i, y_i)$	$k_2 = hf(x_i + \frac{1}{2}h, y_n + \frac{1}{2}k_1)$
0	1.00	$0.1 \cdot (-1 \cdot 1) = -0.1$	$0.1 \cdot (-1 \cdot (1 - 0.5 \cdot 0.1)) = -0.095$
0.1	$1 - 0.095 = 0.905$	$0.1 \cdot (-1 \cdot 0.0905) = -0.0905$	$0.1 \cdot (-1 \cdot (0.905 - 0.5 \cdot 0.0905)) = -0.085975$
...	...	...	...
2	0.1358225	−0.0135822	−0.0129031



RK2 method — order of convergence

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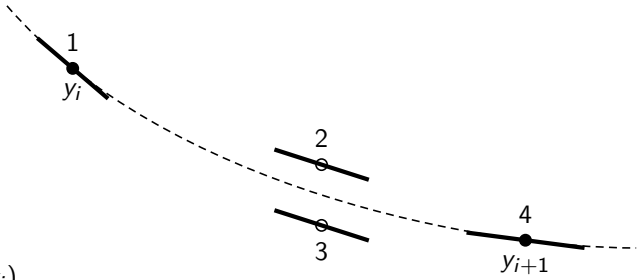
$\Rightarrow$ RK2 is a second order method. Doubling the number of cells reduces the error by a factor 4!

Can we do even better?

RK4 method (classical fourth order Runge-Kutta method)



$$k_1 = f(x_i, y_i)$$

$$k_2 = f(x_i + \frac{1}{2}h, y_i + \frac{1}{2}hk_1)$$

$$k_3 = f(x_i + \frac{1}{2}h, y_i + \frac{1}{2}hk_2)$$

$$k_4 = f(x_i + h, y_i + hk_3)$$

$$y_i + h\left(\frac{1}{6}k_1 + \frac{1}{3}(k_2 + k_3) + \frac{1}{6}k_4\right)$$

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$\Rightarrow$ RK4 is a fourth order method: Doubling the number of cells reduces the error by a factor 16!

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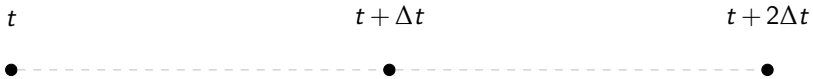
Adaptive step size control

The step size (be it either position, time or both (PDEs)) cannot be decreased indefinitely to favour a higher accuracy, since each additional grid point causes additional computation time. It may be wise to adapt the step size according to the computation requirements.

Globally two different approaches can be used:

1. Step doubling: compare solutions when taking one full step or two consecutive halve steps
2. Embedded methods: Compare solutions when using two approximations of different order

Adaptive step size control: step doubling



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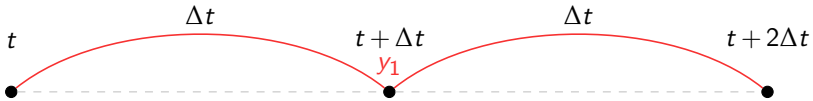

- RK4 with one large step of h: $y_{i+1} = y_1 + ch^5 + \mathcal{O}(h^6)$

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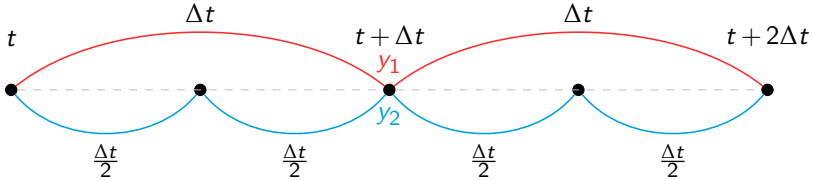

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- RK4 with two steps of $\frac{1}{2}h$: $y_{i+1} = y_2 + 2c(\frac{1}{2}h)^5 + \mathcal{O}(h^6)$

Adaptive step size control: step doubling

- Estimation of truncation error by comparing y_1 and y_2:
  $\Delta = y_2 - y_1$
- If Δ too large, reduce step size for accuracy
- If Δ too small, increase step size for efficiency.
- Ignoring higher order terms and solving for c:
  $\Delta = \frac{15}{16} ch^5 \Rightarrow ch^5 = \frac{16}{15}\Delta \Rightarrow y_{i+1} = y_2 + \frac{\Delta}{15} + \mathcal{O}(h^6)$
  (local Richardson extrapolation)

Note that when we specify a tolerance *tol*, we can estimate the maximum allowable step size as: $h_{\text{new}} = \alpha h_{\text{old}} \left| \frac{\text{tol}}{\Delta} \right|^{\frac{1}{5}}$ with α a safety factor (typically $\alpha = 0.9$).

Adaptive step size control: embedded methods

Use a special fourth and a fifth order Runge Kutta method to approximate y_{i+1}

- The fourth order method is special because we want to use the same positions for the evaluation for computational efficiency.
- RK45 is the preferred method (minimum number of function evaluations) (this is built in Matlab as `ode45`).

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Solving ODEs in Matlab

Matlab provides convenient procedures to solve (systems of) ODEs automatically.

The procedure is as follows:

1. Create a function that specifies the ODE(s). Specifically, this function returns the $\frac{dy}{dx}$ value (vector).
2. Initialise solver variables and settings (e.g. step size, initial conditions, tolerance), in a separate script
3. Call the ODE solver function, using a *function handle* to the ODE function described in point 1.
   - The ODE solver will return the vector for the independent variable, and a solution vector (matrix for systems of ODEs).

Solving ODEs in Matlab: example 1

We solve the system: $\frac{dx}{dt} = -k_1 x + k_2, k_1 = 0.2, k_2 = 2.5$

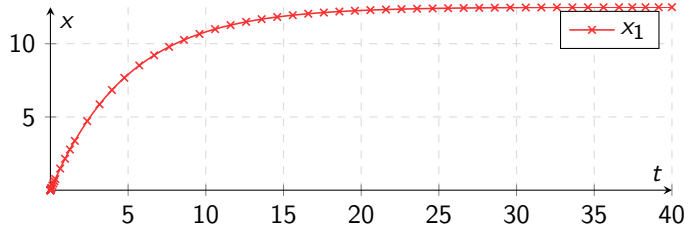
- Create an anonymous function handle:

```
>> myEqn = @(t,x) (-0.2*x + 2.5)
```

- Solve with a call to `ode45(function_handle, timespan, initial_condition)`:

```
>> ode45(myEqn, [0 40], 0);
```

- By omitting the output of this function, the graph is automatically drawn.



Solving ODEs in Matlab: example 2

We solve the system: $\frac{dx}{dt} = \begin{cases} -\frac{k_1}{x^2} & t \leq 10 \\ \frac{k_2}{x} - \frac{k_1}{x^2} & t > 10 \end{cases}$ with $k_1 = 0.5$, $k_2 = 1$, $x(0) = 2$

Create an ODE function

```
function [dxdt] = myEqnFunction(t,x)
k1 = 0.5;
k2 = 1;
dxdt = (t>10)*k2/x - k1/x^2;
```

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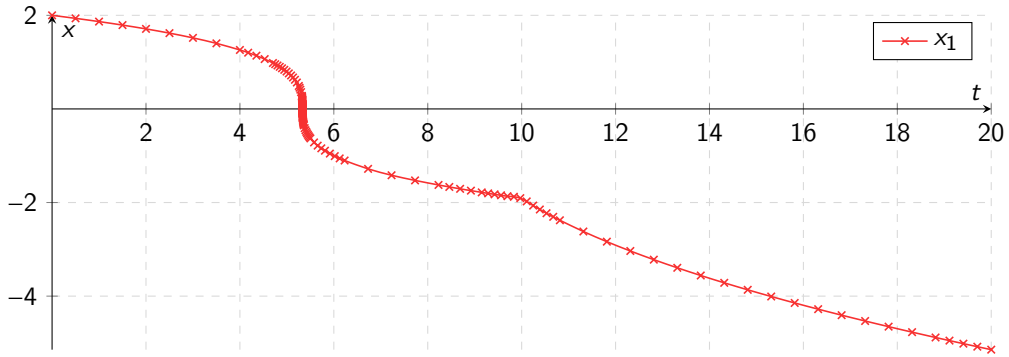

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- These variables may be of any type (vectors, matrix, struct). Especially a struct is useful to carry many values in 1 variable.

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tspan = linspace(0,10,101);
```

This example provides 101 explicit time steps between 0 and 10 seconds.

Note that the results are interpolated to these data points afterwards; you do not influence the efficiency and accuracy of the solver algorithm this way!

Ordinary differential equations 2

Implicit methods, systems of ODEs and boundary value problems

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(but probably accuracy requirements are more stringent here!)

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

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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 $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}$):

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80	0.5527807304	1.03×10^{-5}	2.021
160	0.5527849965	2.55×10^{-6}	2.011
320	0.5527860538	6.34×10^{-7}	2.005

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

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Forward Euler method

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

Improved Euler method (classical RK2)

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

Modified Euler method (midpoint rule)

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Systems of ODEs: Explicit methods

Classical fourth order Runge-Kutta method (RK4)

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

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Solving systems of ODEs in Matlab

Solving systems of ODEs in Matlab 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 handle* to the ODE function described in point 1.
   - The ODE solver will return the vector for the independent variable, and a solution matrix, with a column as the solution for each equation in the system.

Solving systems of ODEs in Matlab: example

We solve the system: $\frac{dx_1}{dt} = -x_1 - x_2, \quad \frac{dx_2}{dt} = x_1 - 2x_2$

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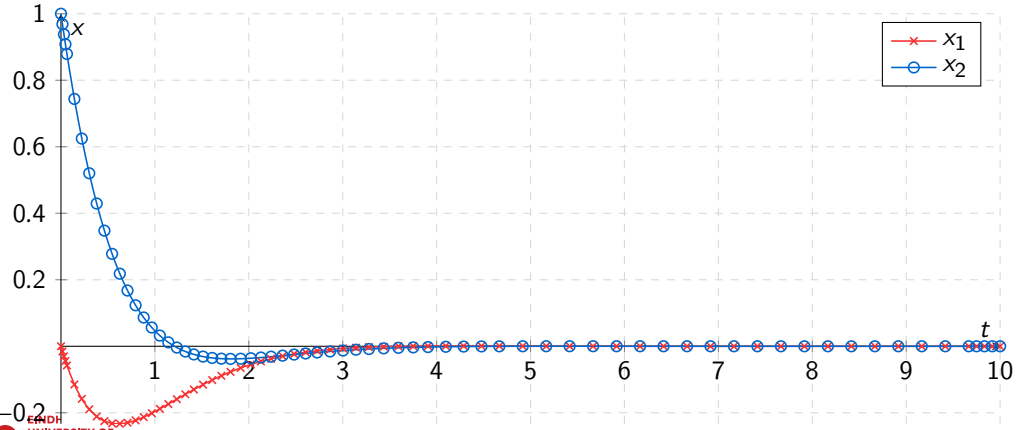

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function [dxdt] = myODE(t,x,a,b,c)
```

The additional arguments can now be set in the solver script by *adding them after the options*:

```
[t,x] = ode45(@myODE,tspan,x_0,options,a,b,c);
```

- Of course, in the solver script, the variables do not need to be called `a`, `b` and `c`:

```
[t,x] = ode45(@myODE,tspan,x_0,options,k1,phi,V);
```

- These variables may be of any type (vectors, matrix, struct). Especially a struct is useful to carry many values in 1 variable.
- Alternative way to define a function handle with more arguments than the default (t, x) required by `ode45`:

```
[t,x] = ode45(@(t,x) myode(t,x,k1,phi,V),tspan,x_0,options);
```

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You can also retrieve the solution at specific steps, by supplying all steps explicitly as a vector, e.g.:

```
tspan = linspace(0,10,101);
```

This example provides 101 explicit time steps between 0 and 10 seconds.

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

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

Implicit midpoint method

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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)

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

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Backward Euler (implicit)

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Cramers rule:

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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 Matlab

Matlab offers a stabilized solver, `ode15s`, for stiff problems.

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

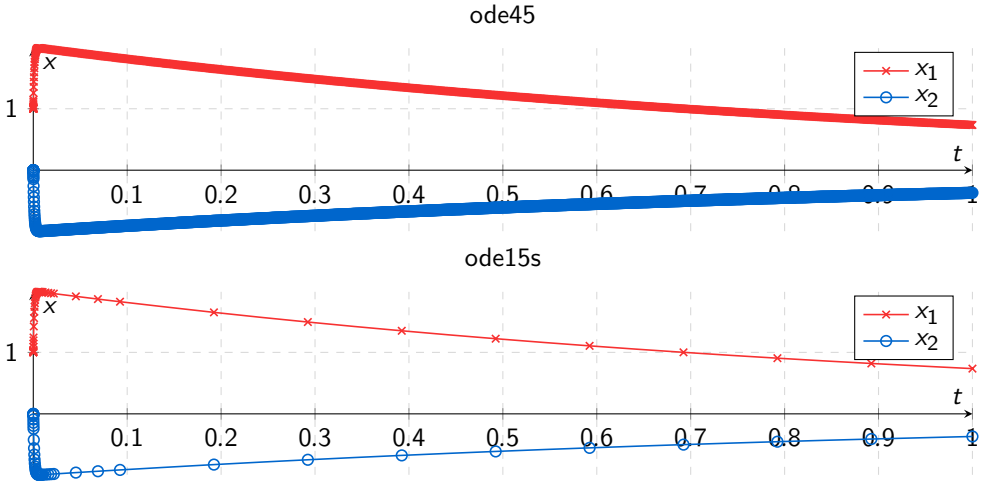
- Create the ode function

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

- Compare the resolution of the solutions

```
subplot(2,1,1);
ode45(@stiff_ode, [0 1], [1 0]);
subplot(2,1,2);
ode15s(@stiff_ode, [0 1], [1 0]);
```

Implicit methods in Matlab



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

Implicit methods in Matlab: Generic backward Euler

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t_end = 1;
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h = time(2)-time(1);
y = zeros(length(time),2);
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```

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    % Get df_dy1 and df_fy2 (both column vectors)
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    % Update formula
    y(i+1,:)  = y(i,:)' + h*inv(eye(length(y0)) - h*jacobian)*func(0,y(i,:));
end

plot(time,y);
```

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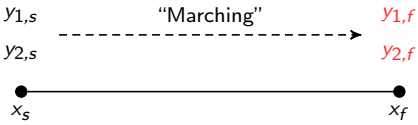
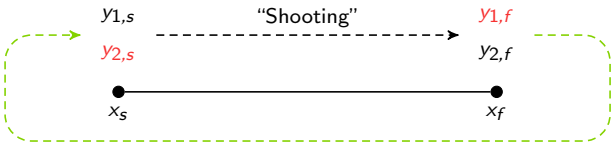
Importance of boundary conditions

The nature of boundary conditions determines the appropriate numerical method. Classification into 2 main categories:

- *Initial value problems (IVP)*
  We know the values of all y_i at some starting position x_s, and it is desired to find the values of y_i at some final point x_f.

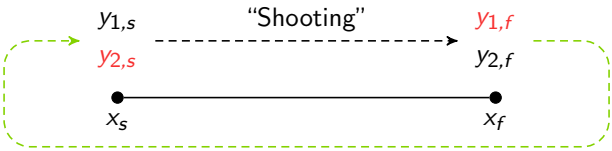


- *Boundary value problems (BVP)*
  Boundary conditions are specified at more than one x. Typically, some of the BC are specified at x_s and the remainder at x_f.



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

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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:

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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.

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

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

	A	B	C
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2	D	1e–8	m2/s
3	kR	10	1/s
4	delta	1e–4	m
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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 Matlab

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

$$\frac{dc}{dx} = -\frac{1}{\mathcal{D}} q$$
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```
function [dydx] = diffReactSystem(t,y,ps)
c = y(1);
q = y(2);

dcdx = -q/ps.D;
dqdx = -ps.kR*c;

dydx = [dcdx; dqdx];
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Note that we pass a variable (type: struct) that contains required parameters: `ps`.

BVP: example in Matlab

Let's first try to solve the ODE system using `ode45`:

```
%% Set up parameters
ps.D = 1e-8;      % Diffusion constant [m2/s]
ps.kR = 10;       % Reaction rate [1/s]
ps.delta = 1e-4; % Film thickness [m]
ps.C_a_L = 1;     % Liquid side interface concentration [mol/m3]
ps.q0 = 1e-3;     % Initial guess for flux at x=0 [mol/m2/s]

%% Solve ODE system
[t,y] = ode45(@diffReactSystem, [0 ps.delta], [ps.C_a_L ps.q0],[],ps);

%% Postprocessing
c = y(:,1);
q = y(:,2);

plot(t,c);
xlabel('Position in film layer [m]');
ylabel('Concentration value');
yyaxis right % We can use 2 y axes to plot data on different scales
plot(t,q);
ylabel('Flux')
```

BVP: example in Matlab

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:

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function f = diffReactCrit(bcq, ps)
% Solve ODE using fitting parameter bcq (boundary condition for q),
% other parameters are defined in ps
[t,y] = ode45(@diffReactSystem, [0 ps.delta], [ps.C_a_L bcq],[],ps);
% Extract concentration and flux for clarity
c = y(:,1);
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f = c(end) - 0;
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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 an argument to the function (i.e. changable from 'outside'!)
- The function returns `f`, the difference between the computed and desired concentration at

BVP: example in Matlab

Finally, we should solve the system so that we obtain the right boundary condition $q = \texttt{bcq}$ such that $c(x = \delta) = 0$. We can use the built-in function `fzero` to do this:

```
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ps.kR = 10;       % Reaction rate
ps.delta = 1e-4; % Film thickness
ps.C_a_L = 1;     % Liquid side interface concentration
ps.q0 = 2e-4;     % Initial guess for q(x=0)

%% Fit boundary condition for q on x=0 such that c(end)=0
fitted_q = fzero(@diffReactCrit,ps.q0,[],ps)

%% Solve ODE once more such that we can plot the final data
[t,y] = ode45(@diffReactSystem, [0 ps.delta], [ps.C_a_L fitted_q],[],ps);
```

Postprocessing of the data can be done similar to the example in slide 472.

BVP example: analytical solution

Compare with the analytical solution:

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

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

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

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

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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 Matlab was demonstrated.