

# Ordinary differential equations 1

Explicit techniques for ODEs

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## Main question

How to solve

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

accurately and efficiently?

# What is an ODE?

- Algebraic equation:

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

- 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:

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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:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = z(x)$$

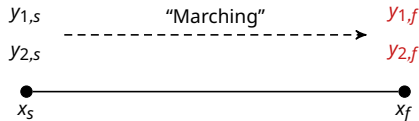
$$\frac{dz}{dx} = r(x) - q(x)z(x)$$

# Importance of boundary conditions

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

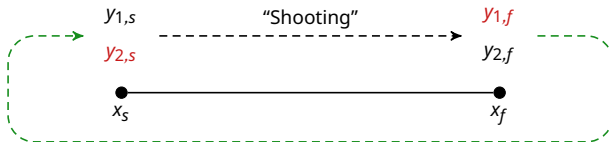
- *Initial value problems (IVP)*

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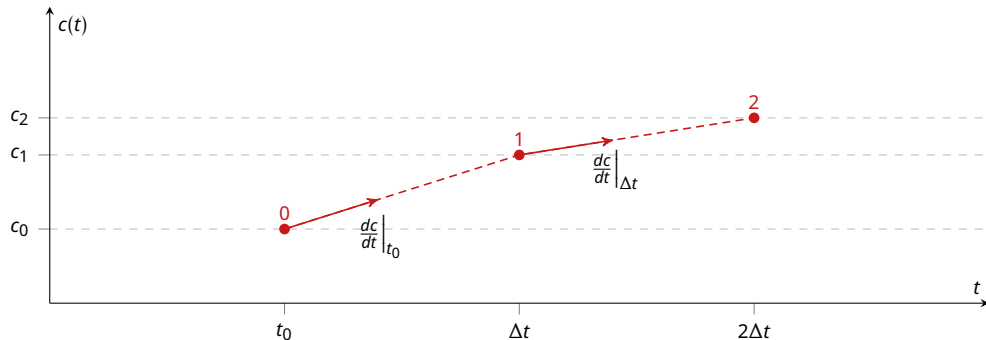
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Neglect terms with higher order than two:  $\left. \frac{dc}{dt} \right|_{t_0} = \frac{c(t_0 + \Delta t) - c(t_0)}{\Delta t}$  Substitution:

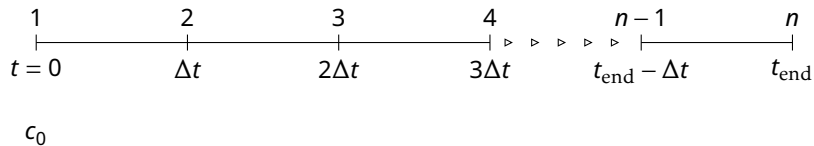
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# Euler's method: graphical example

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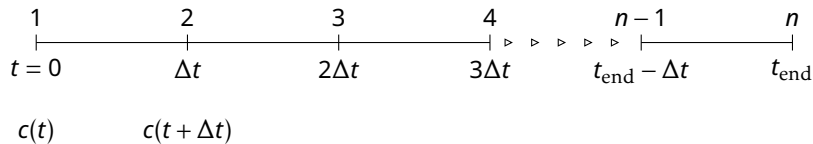


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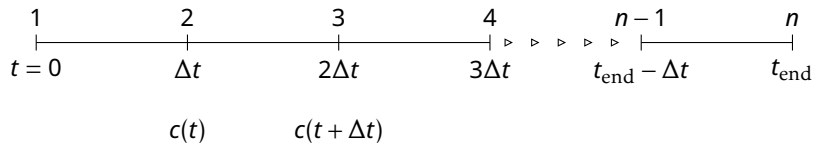
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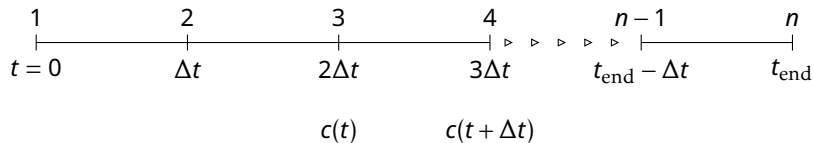
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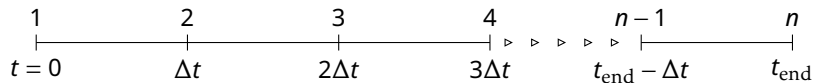
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Pseudo-code Euler's method:  $\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x, y)$  and  $y(x_0) = y_0$ .

- 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  
     $x_{i+1} = x_i + h$ ;  $y_{i+1} = y_i + hf(x_i, y_i)$



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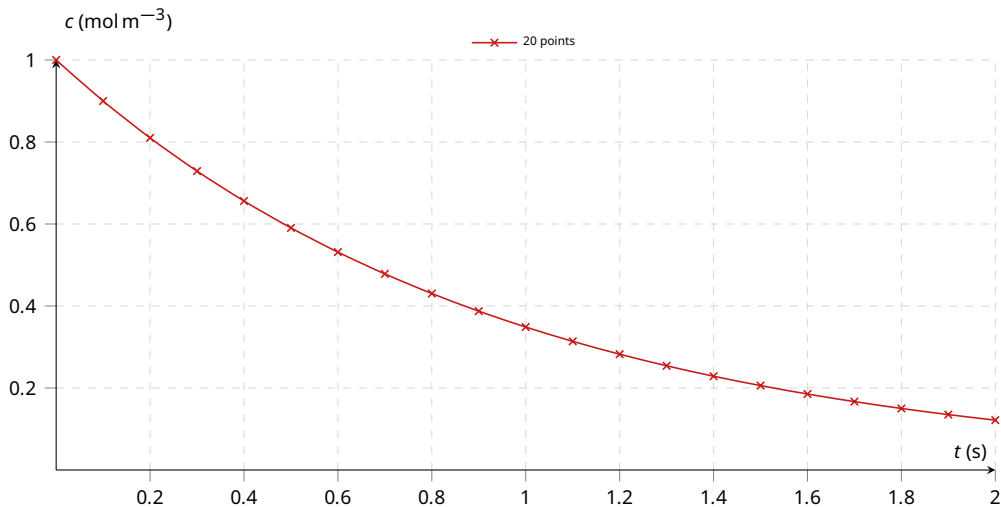
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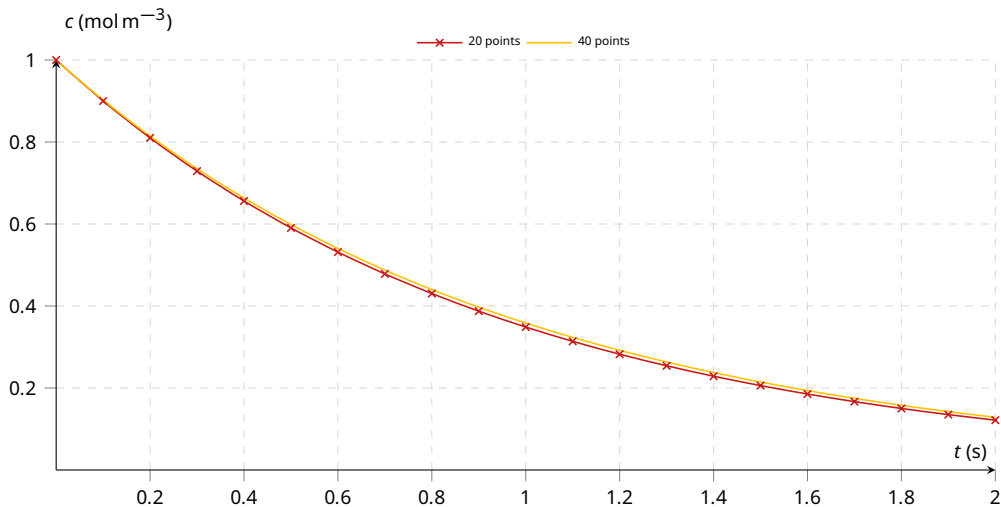
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$t_0 = 0$	$c_0 = 1.00$
$t_1 = t_0 + \Delta t$	$c_1 = c_0 + \Delta t \cdot (-kc_0)$
$= 0 + 0.1 = 0.1$	$= 1 + 0.1 \cdot (-1 \cdot 1) = 0.9$
$t_2 = t_1 + \Delta t$	$c_2 = c_1 + \Delta t \cdot (-kc_1)$
$= 0.1 + 0.1 = 0.2$	$= 0.9 + 0.1 \cdot (-1 \cdot 0.9) = 0.81$
$t_3 = t_2 + \Delta t$	$c_3 = c_2 + \Delta t \cdot (-kc_2)$
$= 0.2 + 0.1 = 0.3$	$= 0.81 + 0.1 \cdot (-1 \cdot 0.81) = 0.729$
...	...
$t_{i+1} = t_i + \Delta t$	$c_{i+1} = c_i + \Delta t \cdot (-kc_i)$
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$t_{20} = 2.0$	$c_{20} = c_{19} + \Delta t \cdot (-kc_{19}) = 0.121577$

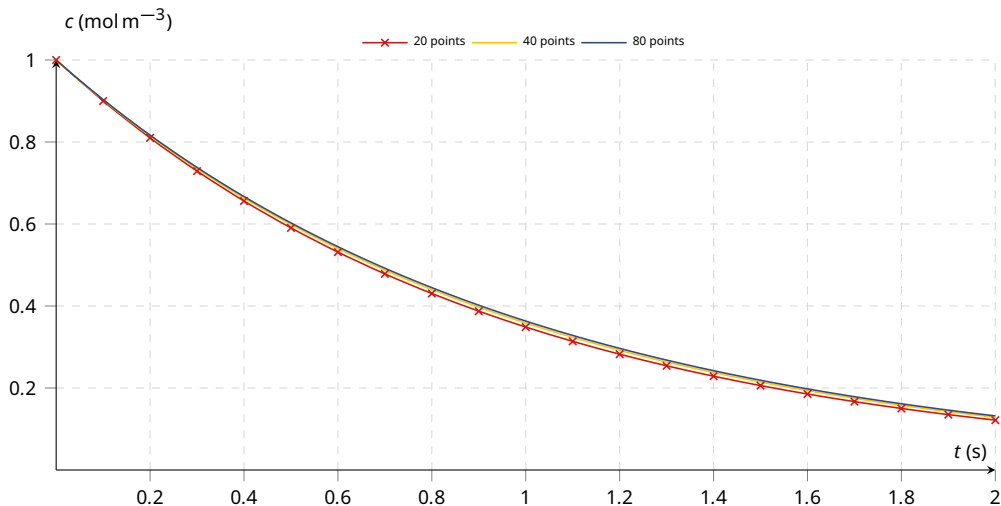
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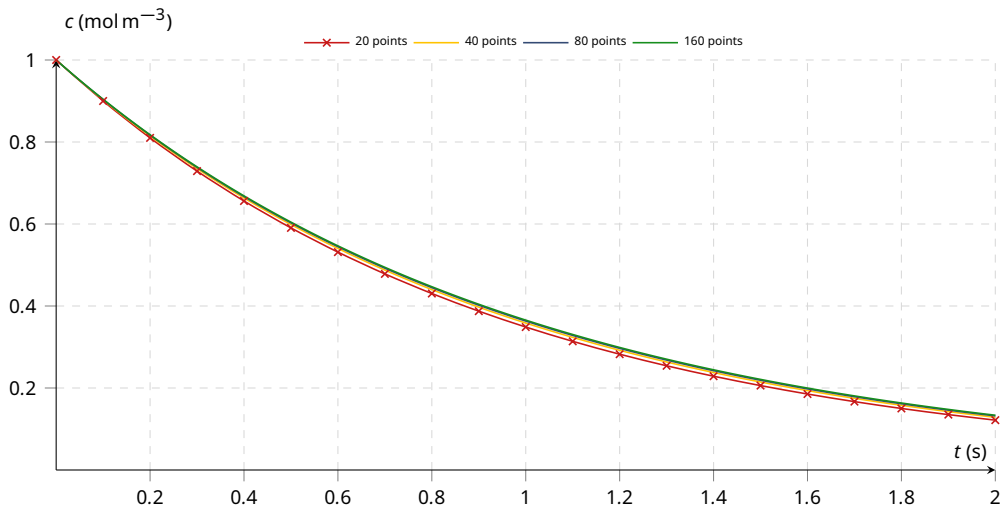
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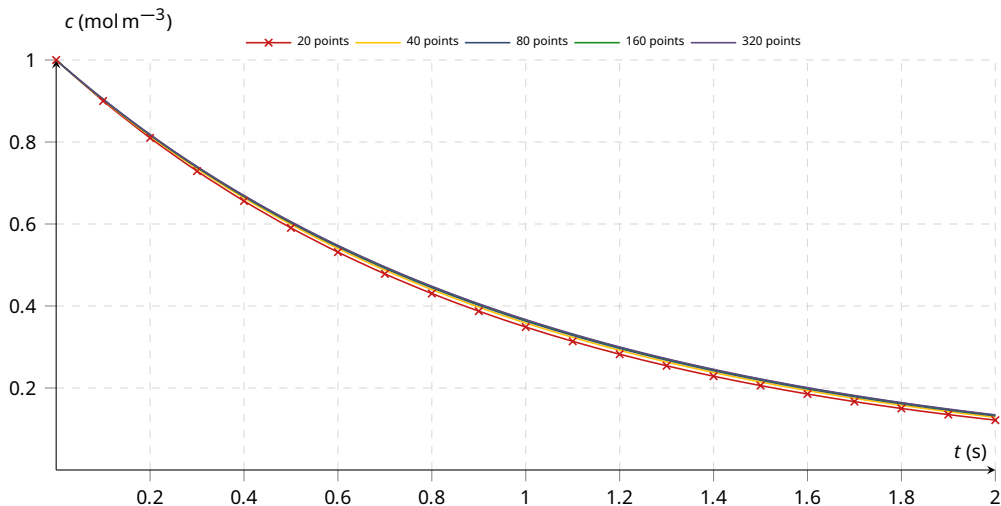
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2     dt = (tend - t0)/n  
3     t, c = t0, c0  
4     print(f"t: {t:1.2f}, c: {c:1.6f}")  
5     for i in range(n):  
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We define the ODE function to be solved, e.g.  $\frac{dc}{dt} = -kc$  with  $k = 1$ , and pass it as an argument to `euler_basic`:

```
1 def first_order_react(c, t):  
2     dcdt = -c  
3     return dcdt  
4  
5 euler_basic(first_order_react, 1, 0, 2, 100)
```

```
t: 0.00, c: 1.000000  
t: 0.20, c: 0.800000  
t: 0.40, c: 0.640000  
t: 0.60, c: 0.512000  
t: 0.80, c: 0.409600  
t: 1.00, c: 0.327680  
t: 1.20, c: 0.262144  
t: 1.40, c: 0.209715  
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```
1 import numpy as np
2 def euler(func, c0, t0, tend, n=100):
3     dt = (tend - t0)/n
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5     c = np.zeros(n+1)
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The function `euler` can be imported from `ode_scalar_explicit.py`:

```
1 from ode_scalar_explicit import euler
2 c, t = euler(first_order_react, 1, 0, 2, 100)
3 print(np.vstack([t, c]).T)
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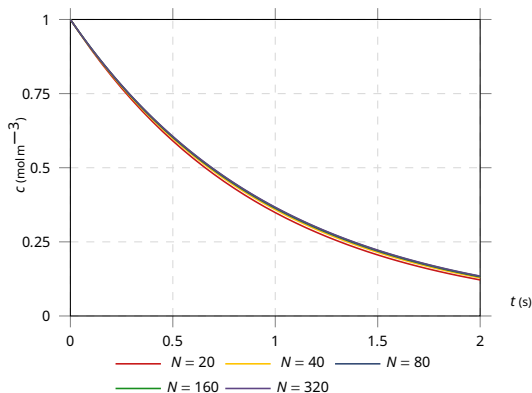
Alternatively, we can pass a *lambda function* in-place:

```
1 c, t = euler(lambda c, t: -1.0*c, 1, 0, 2, 100)
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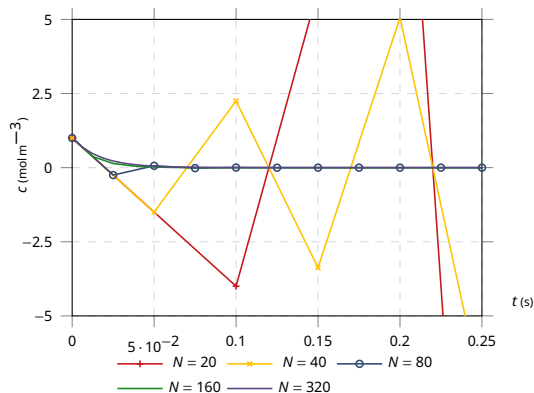
# Problems with Euler's method

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!



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



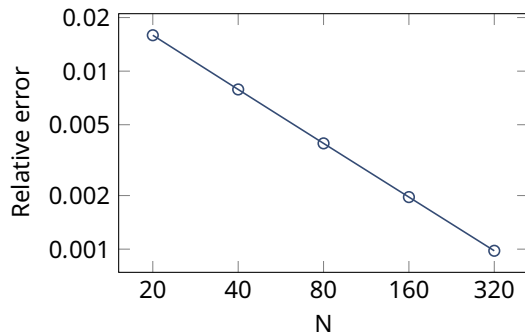
Reaction rate:  $k = 50 \text{ s}^{-1}$

# Accuracy

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

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

$N$	$\zeta$	$\frac{\zeta_{\text{numerical}} - \zeta_{\text{analytical}}}{\zeta_{\text{analytical}}}$
20	0.878423	0.015912
40	0.871488	0.007891
80	0.868062	0.003929
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320	0.865511	0.000979



# Accuracy

For Euler's method: Error halves when the number of grid points is doubled, i.e. error is proportional to  $\Delta t$ : 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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$$\frac{\epsilon_2}{\epsilon_1} = \frac{c(\Delta x_2)^r}{c(\Delta x_1)^r} = \left( \frac{\Delta x_2}{\Delta x_1} \right)^r \Rightarrow \log\left(\frac{\epsilon_2}{\epsilon_1}\right) = \log\left(\frac{\Delta x_2}{\Delta x_1}\right)^r$$

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

## $L_\infty$ norm (maximum norm)

$$\|\mathbf{v}\|_\infty = \max(|v_1|, \dots, |v_n|)$$

## Absolute difference

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

## Relative difference

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

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When the analytical solution is **not** available:

- ① Compute the solution with  $N + 1$ ,  $N$ ,  $N - 1$  and  $N - 2$  grid points
- 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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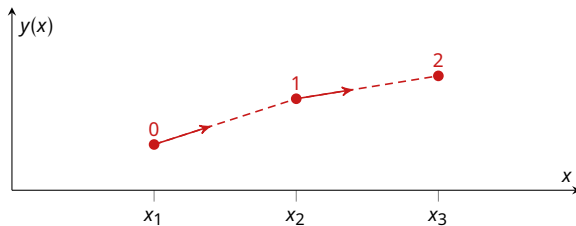
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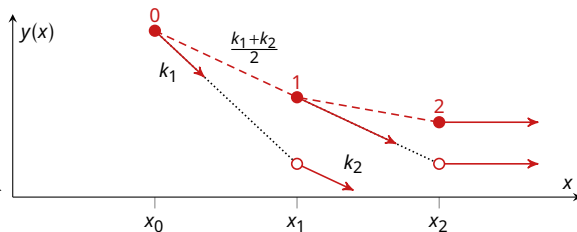
Propagate a solution by combining the information of several Euler-style steps (each involving one function evaluation) to match a Taylor series expansion up to some higher order.

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

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In pseudocode:

```
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while x < xend do  
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  k1 = f(xi, yi)  
  k2 = f(xi + h, yi + hk1)  
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Concluding:

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Rewriting:

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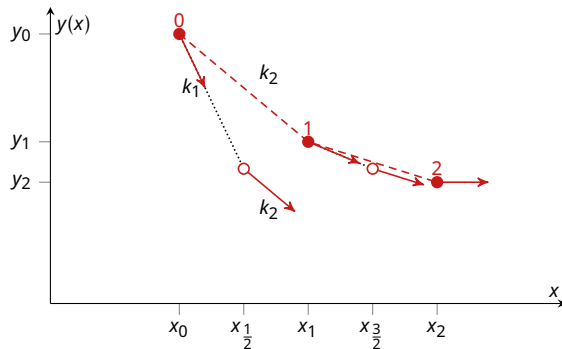
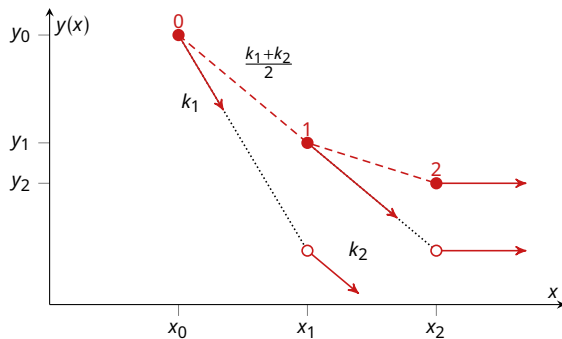
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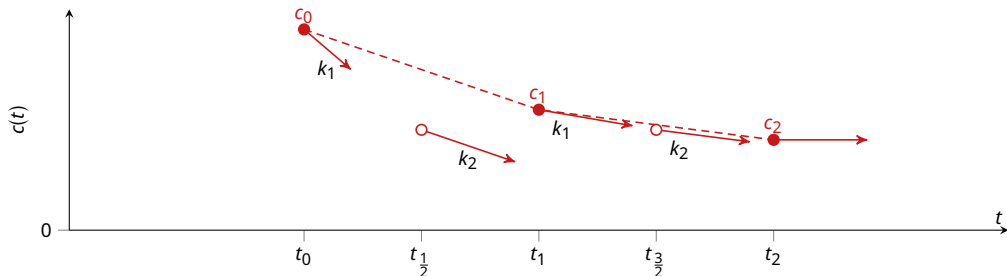




## Second order Runge-Kutta method — Example

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

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0.1	$1 - 0.095 = 0.905$	$0.1 \cdot (-1 \cdot 0.0905) = -0.0905$	$0.1 \cdot (-1 \cdot (0.905 - 0.5 \cdot 0.0905)) = -0.085975$
...	...	...	...
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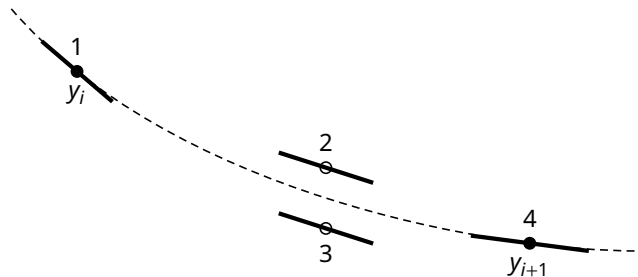
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Can we do even better?

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



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

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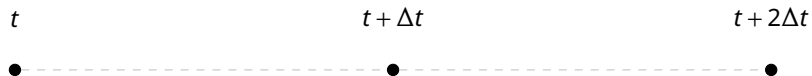
The step size (be it either position, time or both (PDEs)) cannot be decreased indefinitely to favour a higher accuracy, since each additional grid point causes additional computation time. It may be wise to adapt the step size according to the computation requirements.

Globally two different approaches can be used:

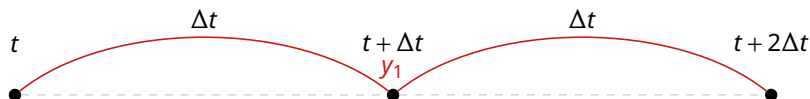
- ① Step doubling: compare solutions when taking one full step or two consecutive half steps
- ② Embedded methods: Compare solutions when using two approximations of different order



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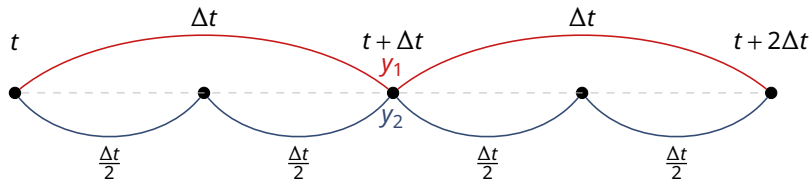


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# Adaptive step size control: step doubling

- Estimation of truncation error by comparing  $y_1$  and  $y_2$ :

$$\Delta = y_2 - y_1$$

- If  $\Delta$  too large, reduce step size for accuracy
- If  $\Delta$  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:  $h_{\text{new}} = \alpha h_{\text{old}} \left| \frac{tol}{\Delta} \right|^{\frac{1}{5}}$  with  $\alpha$  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 the default method in `scipy.integrate.solve_ivp`).

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# Solving ODEs in Python

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

The procedure is as follows:

- ❶ Create a function that specifies the ODE(s). Specifically, this function returns the  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  value (vector).
- ❷ Initialise solver variables and settings (e.g. step size, initial conditions, tolerance)
- ❸ Call the ODE solver function, passing the ODE function as argument
  - The ODE solver will return a solution object (e.g. `sol`), with attribute `sol.t` as the independent variable vector, and a `sol.y` the solution vector (or matrix for systems of ODEs).

# Solving ODEs in Python: example 1

We solve the system:  $\frac{dx}{dt} = -k_1x + k_2, k_1 = 0.2, k_2 = 2.5$

- Create a lambda function:

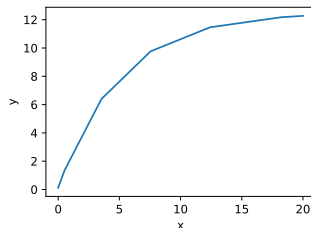
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```

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```
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```

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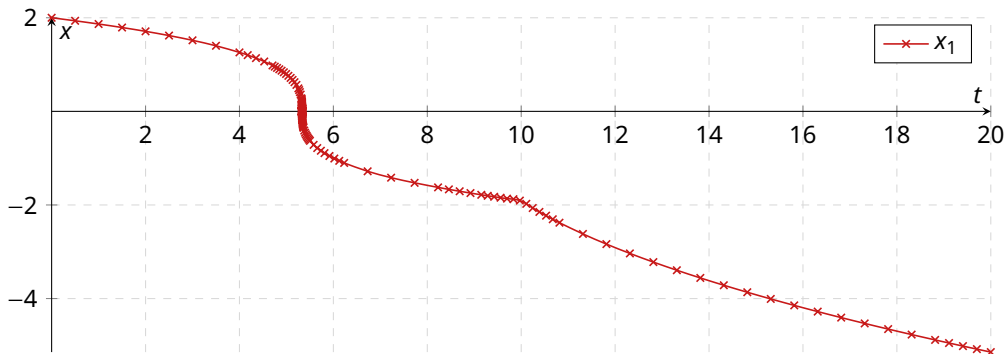
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```

This example provides 31 explicit time steps between 0 and 5 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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The implicit Euler method is *unconditionally stable*  
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20	0.5526916174	$1.71 \times 10^{-4}$	—
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The solution techniques discussed before can also be used to solve systems of equations.

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

## Improved Euler method (classical RK2)

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

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

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

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# 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)

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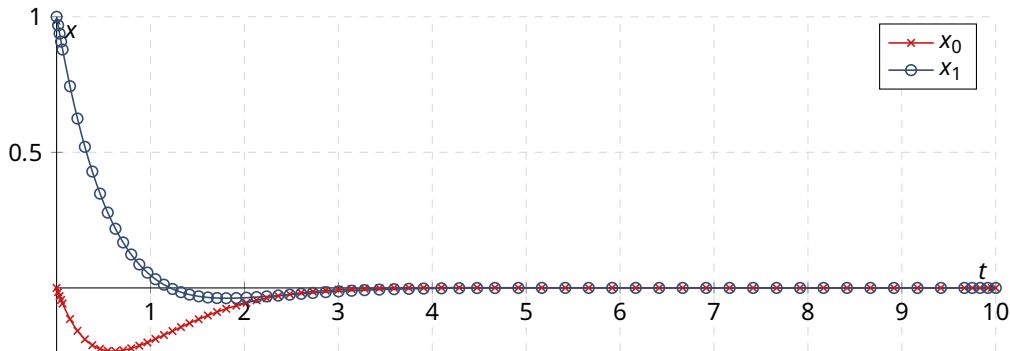
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Of course, in the solver script, the variables do not have to be called  $k_1$  and  $k_2$ :

```
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These variables may be of any type (scalar, vector, dictionary, list). For carrying over many variables, a dictionary is useful and descriptive.

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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

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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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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`)

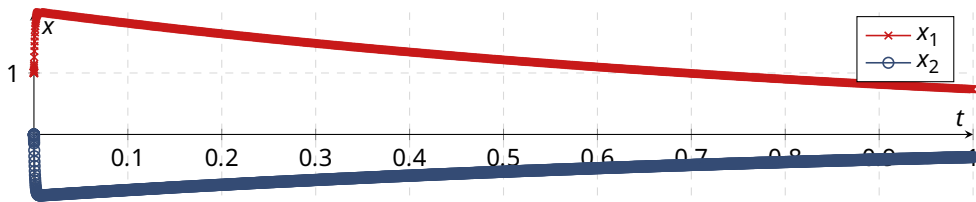
```
1 function [dcdt] = stiff_ode(t,c)
2 dcdt = zeros(2,1); % Pre-allocation
3 dcdt(1) = 998 * c(1) + 1998*c(2);
4 dcdt(2) = -999 * c(1) - 1999*c(2);
5 return
```

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

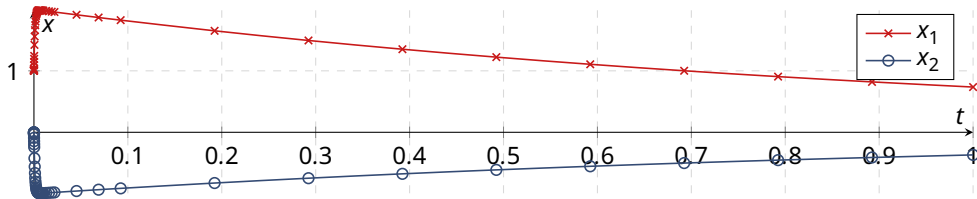
```
1 sol1 = solve_ivp(stiff_ode, [0, 1], [1, 0])
2 # plot sol1
3 sol2 = solve_ivp(stiff_ode, [0, 1], [1, 0], method = 'LSODA')
4 # plot sol2
```

# Implicit methods in Python

Default settings



Method: LSODA



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

# Implicit methods in Matlab: Generic backward Euler

```

1 def euler_implicit(func, c0, t0, tend, n):
2     dt = (tend - t0)/n
3     t = np.linspace(t0, tend, num=n+1, endpoint=True)
4     c0 = np.asarray(c0, dtype=float)
5     c = np.zeros((n+1, c0.size))
6     c[0] = c0
7     print(f"t: {t[0]:f}, c: {np.array2string(c[0])}")
8     for i in range(n):
9         f = func(c[i])
10        dfdc = jac(func, c[i])
11        dc = np.linalg.solve(np.eye(c0.size) - dt*dfdc, dt*f)
12        c[i+1] = c[i] + dc
13        print(f"t: {t[i+1]:f}, c: {np.array2string(c[i+1])}")
14    return c, t

```

```

1 def jac(func, c):
2     n = c.size
3     jac = np.eye(n)
4     h = 1e-8
5     f = func(c)
6     for i in range(n):
7         cs = c[i]
8         c[i] = c[i] + h
9         fh = func(c)
10        jac[:,i] = (fh - f)/h
11        c[i] = cs
12    return jac

```

Vector output needs a bit of processing:

```

1 c, t = euler_implicit(func, [1, 0, 0], 0, 2, 100)
2 c = c.T
3 fig = plt.figure()
4 plt.plot(t, c[0], 'ro-', label='A')
5 plt.plot(t, c[1], 'bs-', label='B')
6 plt.plot(t, c[2], 'g^--', label='C')
7 plt.show()

```



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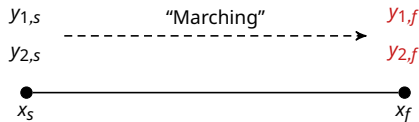
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# Importance of boundary conditions

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

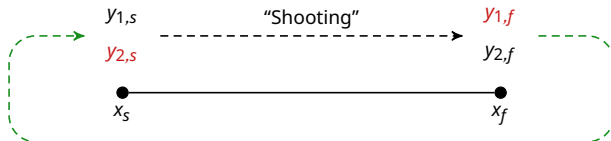
- *Initial value problems (IVP)*

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  $x_f$ .



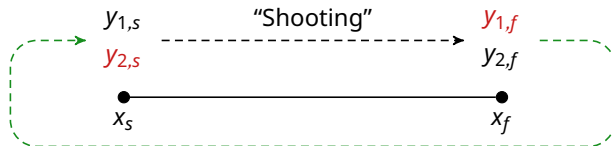
- *Boundary value problems (BVP)*

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

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

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

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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.

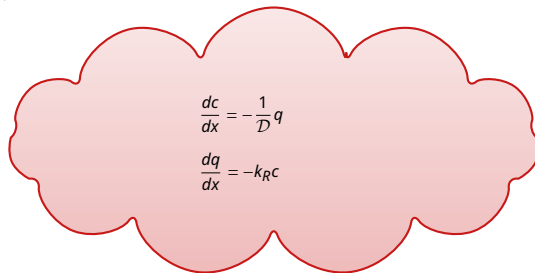
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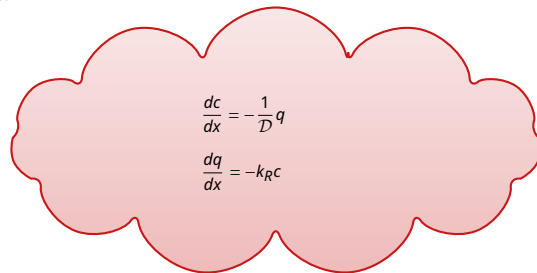
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Now, we program the forward Euler (explicit) schemes for  $c$  and  $q$  below:

	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:  $c(x = \delta) = 0$

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```

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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

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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`:

```

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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 151 )
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()

```

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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 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 152 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 152.

# 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

## ● Introduction

- Backward Euler
- Implicit midpoint method

## ● Systems of ODEs

- Solution methods for systems of ODEs
- Solving systems of ODEs in Python
- Stiff systems of ODEs

## ● Boundary value problems

- Shooting method

## ● Conclusion

# 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.