

# Physics Beyond - Modelling Problems in Mechanics

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# 1 Modelling Problems in Mechanics

Problem: Knowing the interactions modelled by forces find the motion of a particle.

Analyse:

$$\vec{a} = \frac{\vec{F}}{m}$$

## 1.1 Q: Link acceleration and position?

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{a} &= \ddot{\vec{x}} \\ \ddot{\vec{x}} &= \frac{\vec{F}}{m} \vec{x}(t) \leftarrow \text{but } \vec{F} \text{ needs to depend on position!} \\ \vec{a}(t) &= \ddot{\vec{x}}(t)\end{aligned}$$

$\rightsquigarrow$  Vector model fails!

replace with a vector field  $\vec{F}$

$\vec{F} : \text{positions} \rightarrow \text{vectors}$

$$x \rightarrow \vec{F}(x)$$

Use reference frame

$$\vec{F} : R^3 \rightarrow R^3$$

$$\vec{x} \mapsto \vec{F}(\vec{x})$$

Example: Force of gravity (Close to Earth surface)

1)

$$\ddot{\vec{x}} = \frac{m\vec{g}}{m} = \vec{g}$$

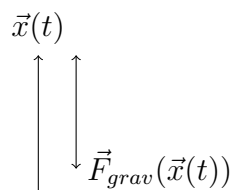
2)

$$\ddot{\vec{x}} = \frac{M_{Earth}}{|\vec{x}(t) - \vec{x}_0|^3}$$

$x_0 = \text{centre of the earth}$

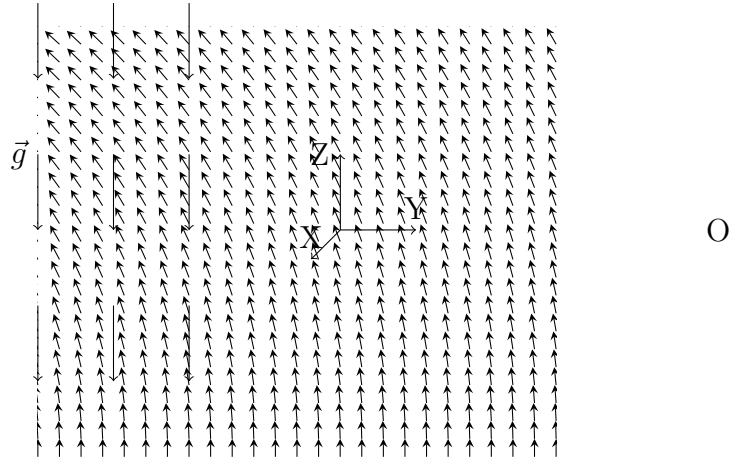
in case of 1)

$\vec{g} : R^3 \rightarrow R^3, \vec{x} \mapsto \vec{g}(\text{Constant vector field})$



O = centre of the Earth

Constant vector field



## 1.2 Q: What are we dealing with mathematically?

→ 2nd order differential equation

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{v}(t + dt) &= \dot{\vec{x}}(t + dt) \\ &= \dot{\vec{x}}(t) + \ddot{\vec{x}}(t)dt \\ &= \vec{v}(t) + \dot{\vec{v}}(t)dt\end{aligned}$$

$$(=) \vec{v}(t + dt) - \vec{v}(t) = \dot{\vec{v}}(t)dt$$

$$d\vec{v} = \dot{\vec{v}}(t)dt = \frac{\vec{F}(\vec{x}(t))}{m}dt$$

## 1.3 Q: How do we go about this?

→ Suppose we are given an initial position:  $\vec{x}(t = 0) = \vec{x}_0$

$$\dot{\vec{x}}(t = 0) = \vec{v}_0$$

I)

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{v}(0 + dt) &= \vec{v}(0) + \dot{\vec{v}}(0)dt \\ &= \vec{v}_0 + \frac{\vec{F}(\vec{x}(0))}{m}dt \\ &= \vec{v}_0 + \frac{\vec{F}(\vec{x}_0)}{m}dt\end{aligned}$$

II)

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{x}(0 + dt) &= \vec{x}_0 + \dot{\vec{x}}(0)dt \\ &= \vec{x}_0 + \vec{v}_0 dt\end{aligned}$$

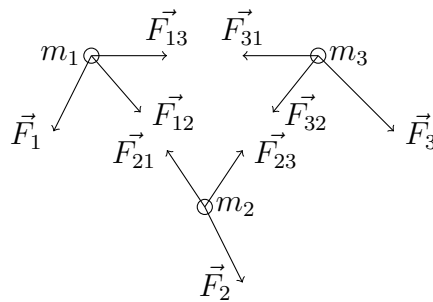
III)

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{x}(0 + dt + dt_2) &= \vec{x}(0 + dt) + \dot{\vec{x}}(dt)dt_2 \\ &= \vec{x}_0 + \vec{v}_0 dt + \vec{v}_0 dt_2 + \frac{\vec{F}(\vec{x}_0)}{m} dt dt_2 \\ &= \vec{x}_0 + \vec{v}_0 (dt + dt_2) + \frac{\vec{F}(\vec{x}_0)}{m} dt dt_2\end{aligned}$$

## 2 Solving Equations of motion

### 2.1 Method: (for N particles)

- 1) Free body diagram of each particle
  - 2) Find the resultant forces
  - 3) Set up equations of motion
  - 4) Solve equations of motion
- 1)



2) Resultant force:

$$\vec{F}_i = \sum_{f=1, i \neq j}^N \vec{F}_{ij} + \vec{F}_{ext,i} \text{ for all particles } i$$

3)

$$m_i \ddot{\vec{x}}_i = \vec{F}_i$$

4) Task: find particles as a function of time  $\vec{x}_i(t)$  for all particles based on the knowledge of forces.

→ last time: force  $\vec{F}_{ij}$  are modelled as vector fields.

$$\vec{F}_{ij} : \mathbb{R}^3 \times \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$$

( $\underbrace{\vec{x}_i}_{\text{Position of i-th particle}}, \underbrace{\vec{x}_j}_{\text{Position of j-th particle}} \big) \mapsto \vec{F}_{ij}(\vec{x}_i, \vec{x}_j) \leftarrow$  adding force on i-th particle due to j-th particles

$$m_i \ddot{\vec{x}}_i = \vec{F}_i(\vec{x}_1, \dots, \text{No.} \vec{x}_i, \dots, \vec{x}_N)$$

Example:

## 2.2 Newton's law of gravity

$$F_{EM}(\vec{x}_E, \vec{x}_M)$$

$$\begin{aligned} F &= G \frac{M_E M_M}{R^2} \\ &= \frac{G M_E M_M}{|\vec{x}_M - \vec{x}_E|^2} \cdot \frac{(\vec{x}_M - \vec{x}_E)}{|\vec{x}_M - \vec{x}_E|} \\ &= \frac{G M_E M_M}{|\vec{x}_M - \vec{x}_E|^3} \cdot (\vec{x}_M - \vec{x}_E) \end{aligned}$$

Mathematically, the problem we are facing is to solve a system of 2nd order ordinary differential equation that is coupled.

## 3 Ordinary Differential Equations(ODE):

### 3.1 First Order Differential Equations

Idea: Flow of a river \*\*\*\*\*River simulation.gif\*\*\*\*\*

→ Introduce a frame of reference

$$\vec{v} : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
\text{point on the river} & & \text{velocity at that point} \\
\overbrace{\vec{x}} & \mapsto & \overbrace{v(\vec{x})} \\
\text{time} & & \text{position on the river} \\
\vec{x} : \overbrace{\mathbb{R}} & \rightarrow & \overbrace{\mathbb{R}^2} \\
& & t \mapsto \vec{x}(t) \\
& & \dot{\vec{x}}(t) \text{ velocity of leaf}
\end{array}$$

Since the leaf follows the flow of the river

$$\dot{\vec{x}}(t) = \vec{v}(\vec{x}(t))$$

First order differential equation

### 3.2 ODE from an infinitesimal viewpoint

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
& \vec{v}(\vec{x}_0) & \vec{x}(t_0 + dt) \stackrel{\text{Kock - Lawvere}}{=} \vec{x}(t_0) + \dot{\vec{x}}(t_0)dt \\
& \nearrow & \\
\vec{x}_0 = \vec{x}(t_0) & & \vec{x}(t + dt)
\end{array}$$

$dt = D$

according to ODE

$$\begin{aligned}
\dot{\vec{x}}(t_0) &= \vec{v}(\vec{x}(t_0)) \\
&= v(\vec{x}_0)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\rightsquigarrow \vec{x}(t_0 + dt) = \vec{x}_0 + \vec{v}(\vec{x}_0)dt$$

$$dt_1, dt_2 \leftarrow D$$

$$\vec{x}((t_0 + dt_1) + dt_2) \stackrel{\text{K-L}}{=} \vec{x}(t_0 + dt_1) + \dot{\vec{x}}(t_0 + dt_1)dt_2$$

$$\text{ODE } \dot{\vec{x}}(t_0 + dt_1) = \vec{v}(\vec{x}(t_0 + dt_1))$$

$$\vec{x}(t_0 + dt_1 + dt_2) = \vec{x}(t_0 + dt_1) + \vec{v}(\vec{x}(t_0 + dt_1))dt_2$$

→ Iterating this method leads to what is called the infinitesimal Euler method.



### 3.3 Numerical Euler Method

Instead of infinitesimal time steps  $dt \leftarrow D$ , use finite but small time steps,  $\Delta t > 0$ .

$$\vec{x}(t_0 + \Delta t) = \vec{x}_0 + \vec{v}(x_0)\Delta t$$

This allows you to find an approximate solution  $\vec{x}(t)$  of the 1st order ODE  $\dot{\vec{x}} = \vec{v}(x)$

#### 3.3.1 Method:

1)

$$\vec{x}(t_0) = \vec{x}_0(\text{initial conditions})$$

2)

$$t_1 = t_0 + \Delta t$$

$$\vec{x}(t_1) = \vec{x}(t_0 + \Delta t) = \vec{x}(t_0) + \vec{v}(\vec{x}(t_0))\Delta t$$

3) after time

$$t_n$$

$$t_{n+1} = t_n + \Delta t$$

$$\vec{x}(t_{n+1}) = \vec{x}(t_n) + \vec{v}(\vec{x}(t_n))\Delta t$$

## 4 1st Order ODEs from the differential point of view

### 4.1 Consider ODE

$$\text{for } v : \overbrace{R^n}^{\text{point}} \rightarrow \overbrace{R^n}^{\text{Velocity vector at point}}$$

$$\dot{x} = v(x)$$

i.e we are looking for a curve/trajectory  $x : R \rightarrow R^n, t \mapsto x(t)$

$$\dot{x}(t) = v(x(t))$$

for a solution to be uniquely determined we need an initial value  $x(t_0) = x_0$

## 4.2 Infinitesimal point of view

for an infinitesimal time:  $dt$  and  $dx$  are both infinitesimal differences.  
for  $dt \leftarrow D$

$$\begin{aligned} x(t+dt) &\stackrel{\text{K-L}}{=} x(t) + \dot{x}(t)dt \\ \Rightarrow \underbrace{x(t+dt) - x(t)}_{dx} &= \dot{x}(t)dt \end{aligned}$$

This is the differential of  $x$  ( $dx$ ), it is the infinitesimal displacement along  $x(t)$ .

(Reminder from multivariable calculus  $dx \leftarrow D(n)$ )

Using this notation and substituting ODE we find:

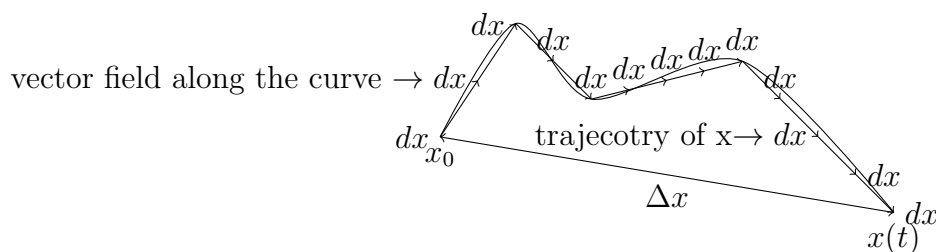
$$dx = v(x)dt$$

$\rightsquigarrow$  an equation between differentials.

$\rightsquigarrow$  strategy to find the finite difference in displacement:

$$\Delta x = x(t) - x(t_0)$$

from the differential equation we have to sum up all the infinitesimal displacements  $dx = v(x)dt$  along the curve  $x(t)$ .



Integration:(Here along the curve!)

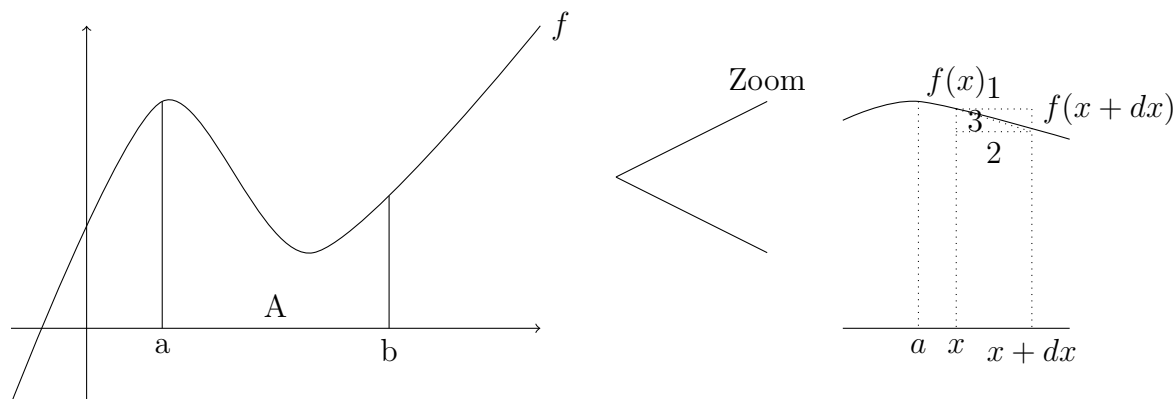
Is the idea to sum up all the infinitely many infinitesimal contributions (here along a curve) to get a finite result.

$$\text{stands for s like } \underline{\text{sum}} \rightarrow \int_{x_0}^{x(t)} dx = \int_{t_0}^t v(\tau)d\tau$$

need to develop a theory of integration sufficiently strong to integrate vector-valued infinitesimal contributions.

### 4.3 Theory of integration from the infinitesimal viewpoint

Basic Problem:



Area of rectangle 1:  $dA = f(x)dx$

Area of rectangle 2:  $dA = f(x+dx)dx = (f(x) + f'(x)dx)dx = f(x)dx$

Area of trapezium 3:  $dA = \frac{1}{2}(f(x) + f(x+dx))dx = \frac{1}{2}(f(x) + f(x) + f'(x)dx)dx = f(x)dx$

Q: How to define

$$A = \int_a^b dA = \int_a^b f(x)dx?$$

$\leadsto$  problem: are not able to give a direct intuitive definition, as the theory has not been developed so far!

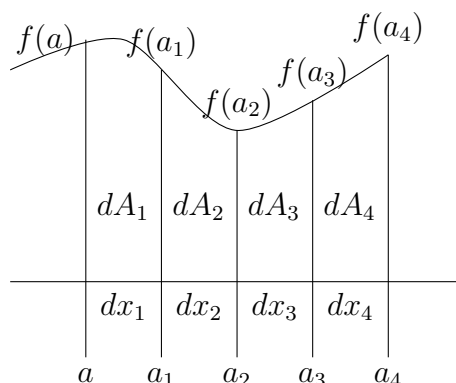
Q: Can you find a way to evaluate  $\int_a^b f(x)dx$  and use that as an effective definition?

Observation:

$$F(x+dx) \stackrel{\text{K-L}}{=} F(x) + F'(x)dx$$

$$F(x+dx) - F(x) = F'(x)dx$$

Suppose I can find  $F : R \rightarrow R$  such that  $F'(x) = f(x), \forall x \in R$  then I get  $F(x+dx) - F(x) = F'(x)dx = f(x)dx$ .



$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Total Area} &= dA_1 + dA_2 + dA_3 + dA_4 + \dots \\
 &= f(a)dx_1 + f(a_1)dx_2 + f(a_2)dx_3 + f(a_3)dx_4 + \dots \\
 &= F(a_1) - F(a) + F(a_2) - F(a_1) + F(a_3) - F(a_2) + F(a_4) - F(a_3) \\
 &= F(a_4) - F(a)
 \end{aligned}$$

Idea: No matter how you would define an infinite sum of infinitesimals this cancellation process when summing up

$$f(x)dx = dF = F(x + dx) - F(x)$$

should only depend on the boundary values.

(Fudge)definition:

$$\int_a^b f(x)dx = F(b) - F(a) \text{ for an } \underline{\text{antiderivative}} F : R \rightarrow R \text{ of } f$$

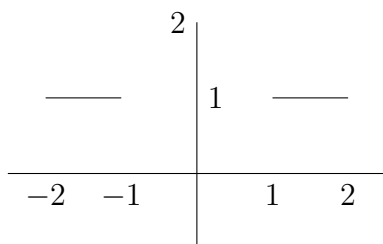
Q: How do we know an antiderivative exists?

→ we don't, so we postulate it in the theory.

## 4.4 Integration axiom

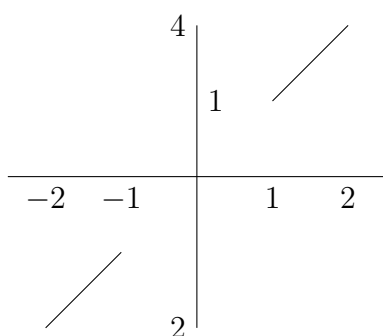
- For every  $f : R \rightarrow R$  there is an antiderivative  $F : R \rightarrow R$ , i.e  $F' = f$
- If  $F$  and  $G$  are antiderivatives of  $f$  then  $F - G$  is a constant function

Why difference constant?



$$f : [-2, 1] \cup [1, 2] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & -2 \leq x \leq 1 \\ 2, & 1 \leq x \leq 2 \end{cases}$$



$$F_1 : [-2, 1] \cup [1, 2] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$x \mapsto \begin{cases} x, & -2 \leq x \leq 1 \\ 2x, & 1 \leq x \leq 2 \end{cases}$$

$$F_2 : [-2, 1] \cup [1, 2] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$x \mapsto \begin{cases} x + 4, & -2 \leq x \leq 1 \\ 2x - 10, & 1 \leq x \leq 2 \end{cases}$$

We have  $F_2' = f$  but  $F_2(x) - F_1(x) = \begin{cases} 4, & -2 \leq x \leq 1 \\ -10, & 1 \leq x \leq 2 \end{cases}$  is not constant.

intuition: (has gaps)

On a domain that is 'connected' the antiderivatives do not have to differ by a constant!

## 4.5 Differentiation rules

### 4.5.1 Linearity

$$(f + g)' = f' + g' \text{ (pointwise sum)}$$

$$(f + g)'(x) = f'(x) + g'(x)$$

$$(\lambda f)' = \lambda f'$$

$$(\lambda f)'(x) = \lambda f'(x)$$

### 4.5.2 Product Rule

$$(f \cdot g)' = f' \cdot g + f \cdot g' \text{ (pointwise product)}$$

$$(f \cdot g)(x) = f(x) \cdot g(x)$$

$$(f \cdot g)'(x) = f'(x) \cdot g(x) + f(x) \cdot g'(x)$$

### 4.5.3 Chain Rule

$$(f \circ g)' = (f' \circ g)'$$

$$(f \circ g)(x) = f(g(x))$$

$$(f \circ g)'(x) = f'(g(x)) \cdot g'(x)$$

## 4.6 Integration rules

### 4.6.1 additivity

$$\int_a^c f(x)dx + \int_c^b f(x)dx = \int_a^b f(x)dx$$

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned} F(x) &= \int f(x)dx \\ &= [F(x)]_a^c + [F(x)]_c^b \\ &= F(c) - F(a) + F(b) - F(c) \\ &= F(b) - F(a) \\ &= \int_a^b f(x)dx \end{aligned}$$

### 4.6.2 linearity

$$\int_a^b \lambda f(x) + g(x)dx = \lambda \int_a^b f(x)dx + \int_a^b g(x)dx$$

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned}\int_a^b \lambda f(x) + g(x) dx &= \\&= \left[ \int \lambda f(x) + g(x) dx \right]_a^b \\&= \left[ \int \lambda f(x) + g(x) dx \right]^b - \left[ \int \lambda f(x) + g(x) dx \right]_a \\&= \left[ \int \lambda f(x) dx \right]^b - \left[ \int \lambda f(x) dx \right]_a + \left[ \int g(x) dx \right]^b - \left[ \int g(x) dx \right]_a \\&= \left[ \int \lambda f(x) dx \right]_a^b + \left[ \int g(x) dx \right]_a^b \\&= \lambda \left[ \int f(x) dx \right]_a^b + \int_a^b g(x) dx \\&= \lambda \int_a^b f(x) dx + \int_a^b g(x) dx\end{aligned}$$

#### 4.6.3 partial differentiation

$$\int_a^b f'(x)g(x)dx = [f(x)g(x)]_a^b - \int_a^b f(x)g'(x)dx$$

Proof:

Intergrate product rule:  $(f \cdot g)'(x) = f'(x) \cdot g(x) + f(x) \cdot g'(x)$

$$\begin{aligned}\int_a^b (f \cdot g)'(x) dx &= \int_a^b f'(x) \cdot g(x) dx + \int_a^b f(x) \cdot g'(x) dx \\[(f \cdot g)(x)]_a^b &= \int_a^b f'(x) \cdot g(x) dx + \int_a^b f(x) \cdot g'(x) dx \\&\rightsquigarrow \int_a^b f'(x) \cdot g(x) dx = [(f \cdot g)(x)]_a^b - \int_a^b f(x) \cdot g'(x) dx\end{aligned}$$

Example:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_0^1 x \sin(x) dx &= \int_0^1 g(x) f'(x) dx \\
 &= [-\cos(x) \cdot x]_0^1 - \int_0^1 -\cos(x) \cdot 1 dx \\
 &= -\cos(1) + 0 + \int_0^1 \cos(x) dx \\
 &= -\cos(1) + \sin(1) - \sin(0) \\
 &= \sin(1) - \cos(1)
 \end{aligned}$$

#### 4.6.4 substitution rule

$$\int_a^b f(g(x)) \cdot g'(x) dx = \int_{g(a)}^{g(b)} f(u) du$$

I do the substitution  $u = g(x)$

$$du = g(x + dx) - g(x) = g(x) + g'(x)dx - g(x) = g'(x)dx$$

Example:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_0^1 \sin(x^2) 2x dx, u = x^2, (x^2)^1 &= 2x \\
 &= \int_0^1 \sin(u) du \\
 &= [-\cos(u)]_0^1 = \cos(0) - \cos(1) = 1 - \cos(1)
 \end{aligned}$$

Example: Let  $F$  be an antiderivative of  $f$  ( $F' = f$ ) (Exists due to integration axiom)

Consider  $(F \circ g)' = F' \circ g \cdot g' = f \circ g \cdot g'$

$\rightsquigarrow F \circ g$  is the antiderivative of  $f \circ g$

$$\rightsquigarrow \int_a^b (f(g(x))g'(x)dx = F(g(b)) - F(g(a)) = \int_{g(a)}^{g(b)} f(u)du \text{ (by definition)}$$

Remark: Although the proof of integration by substitution is straight forward with the definitions we made, geometrically it is not straight forward.

Q: What if  $g(x) = g(x + dx)$ ? (i.e.  $x$  is a stationary point)

$\rightsquigarrow du = 0$ , but  $dx$  is not probably equal to 0.

This is not a problem as:

$$du = g'(x)dx \text{ and } g'(x) = 0$$



Note:

$$\int_a^a f(x)dx = F(a) - F(a) = 0$$

$$\int_a^{a+d} f(x)dx = F(a+d) - F(a) = f(a)d \text{ (K-L)}$$

## 5 Vector Valued Integration

Reminder: For ODEs we had to consider

$$dx = v(x)dt$$

### 5.1 Q: How do we link this back to the integral we just discussed?

$\leadsto$  Introduce coordinates

Assume  $x : R \rightarrow R^n$  is the solution to our ODE  $dx = v(x)dt$

$$dx = x(t+dt) - x(t) = \dot{x}(t)dt = v(x(t))dt$$

$$x(t) = \begin{pmatrix} x_1(t) \\ \vdots \\ x_n(t) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$dx = \begin{pmatrix} x_1(t+dt) - x_1(t) \\ \vdots \\ x_n(t+dt) - x_n(t) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} v_1(x_1(t) \cdots x_n(t))dt \\ \vdots \\ v_n(x_1(t) \cdots x_n(t))dt \end{pmatrix}$$

$\leadsto$  we can sum up the infinitely many infinitesimal vectors  $v(x(t))dt$  in 1D summing over  $f(x)dx$ ,  $v(x(t))dt$

### 5.2 Definition: (vector valued integral)

$$\gamma : R \rightarrow R^n, t \mapsto \gamma(t) = \begin{pmatrix} \gamma_1(t) \\ \vdots \\ \gamma_n(t) \end{pmatrix} \text{ (a curve)}$$

$$\int_{t_0}^{t_n} \gamma(t)dt = \begin{pmatrix} \int_{t_0}^{t_n} \gamma_1(t)dt \\ \vdots \\ \int_{t_0}^{t_n} \gamma_n(t)dt \end{pmatrix}$$

### 5.3 Q: Is that well defined?

Let  $T_j : R \rightarrow R$  be the antiderivative of  $\gamma_j$  for all  $1 \leq j \leq n$

Consider  $T : R \rightarrow R^n$ ,  $t \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} T_1(t) \\ \vdots \\ T_n(t) \end{pmatrix}$  (a curve)

$$\dot{T}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} \dot{T}_1(t) \\ \vdots \\ \dot{T}_n(t) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \gamma_1(t) \\ \vdots \\ \gamma_n(t) \end{pmatrix} = \gamma(t)$$

$\leadsto T$  is an antiderivative for  $\gamma$ .

$$\int_{t_0}^{t_1} \gamma(t) dt = T(t_1) - T(t_0) = \begin{pmatrix} T_1(t_1) - T_1(t_0) \\ \vdots \\ T_n(t_1) - T_n(t_0) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \int_{t_0}^{t_1} \gamma_1(t) dt \\ \vdots \\ \int_{t_0}^{t_1} \gamma_n(t) dt \end{pmatrix}$$

Can we apply vector valued integrals to ODEs?

Kind of.

### 5.4 Q: What is the problem?

$\rightarrow$  We need to integrate  $v(x(t))dt$  to get  $x(t) \rightarrow$  but we need to know the curve  $x$  in advance to do this. Like in 1D what we really get is an equation involving a vector valued integral. But now we have a definition of the vector valued integral or the RHS.

## 6 Separation of variables

### 6.1 Example: 1D

$v : R \rightarrow R$ ,  $x \mapsto x$ ,  $\dot{x} = x$ ,  $x(0) = x_0$  (Initial Value Problem - IVP)

rewrite this as a differential equation:

$$\dot{x} = \frac{dx}{dt}$$

$$dx = x(t+dt) - x(t) \underbrace{=}_{\text{K-L}} \dot{x} dt \underbrace{=}_{\text{ODE}} x dt \rightarrow dx = x dt$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{1}{x} dx &= dt \underbrace{\quad}_{\text{Integrate}} \int_{x_0}^{x(t)} \frac{1}{x} dx &= \int_0^t d\tau \\
& & (=) \quad [\ln x]_{x_0}^{x(t)} = [\tau]_0^t \\
& & (=) \quad \ln \frac{x(t)}{x_0} = t \\
& & (=) \quad \frac{x(t)}{x_0} = e^t \\
& & (=) \quad x(t) = x_0 e^t
\end{aligned}$$

Check:

$$\begin{aligned}
\dot{x}(t) &= x_0 e^t = x(t) \checkmark \\
x(0) &= x_0 e^0 = x_0 \cdot 1 = x_0 \checkmark
\end{aligned}$$

If  $x(0) = 0$  initially,  $x(t) = 0$

## 6.2 Method 1:

(separation of variables  $v : R \rightarrow R, x \mapsto f(x), f(x) = x$ )

Assume: For each  $x \in R$   $f(x)$  has a multiplicative inverse.

$$dx = f(x) dt \text{ (differential form of the ODE } \dot{x} = f(x))$$

1. Separate the variables  $x$  and  $t$

$$\frac{1}{f(x)} dx = dt$$

2. Integrate both sides (IVP  $\dot{x} = f(x), x(t_0) = x_0$ )

$$\int_{x_0}^{x(t)} \frac{1}{f(x)} dx = \int_{t_0}^t dt = t - t_0$$

3. Solve this equation for  $x(t)$ .

## 6.3 Q: Does the equation have a solution? Is this solution unique?

$$G : R \rightarrow R, y \mapsto \int_{x_0}^y \frac{1}{f(x)} dx$$

$\rightsquigarrow$  the equation becomes  $G(x(t)) = t - t_0$

We notice

$$G(x_0) = \int_{x_0}^{x_0} \frac{1}{f(x)} dx = 0$$

$$t_0 - t_0 = 0$$

We have a solution for  $t_0 - t_0 = 0$ :

$$G'(y) = \frac{1}{f(y)}$$

This is different for zero  $\rightsquigarrow$  No stationary points.

$\rightarrow$  It is either increasing or decreasing (won't change monotonicity).

$\rightarrow$  Will always be able to find solution and solution is unique as  $G$  is one to one (locally, for  $t$  close to  $t_0$ ).

## 6.4 Method 2:

$v : R \times R \rightarrow R$  (time dependent vector field)  $(x, t) \mapsto v(x, t) = f(x)g(t)$  ( $g(t) = 1$  in method 1)

Assumption:  $f(x)$  has a multiplicative inverse in  $R$

Consider the IVP  $\dot{x} = v(x, t)$ ,  $x(0) = x_0$ ,  $\dot{x}(t) = v(x(t), t)$

1.  $dx = v(x, t)dt = f(x)g(t)dt$
2. Separate the variables:  $\frac{1}{f(x)}dx = g(t)dt$
3. Integrate  $\int_{x_0}^{x(t)} \frac{1}{f(x)}dx = \int_{t_0}^t g(\tau)d\tau$

Solve for  $x(t)$

## 7 2nd Order ODEs

$$\ddot{x} = F(x, \dot{x}, t)$$

$$F : R^n \times R^n \times R \rightarrow R^n$$

### 7.1 Q: How to make it relate to 1st order ODEs?

is a system of two 1st order ODEs  $\begin{cases} \dot{x} = v \leftarrow \text{introduce a 'velocity'}. \\ \dot{v} = \ddot{x} = F(x, v, t) \end{cases}$

## 7.2 Q: How to turn this into one 1st order ODE?

$$\underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \dot{x} \\ \dot{v} \end{pmatrix}}_{\dot{z}} = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} v \\ F(x, v, t) \end{pmatrix}}_{\tilde{F}(z, t)}$$

$$z = \begin{pmatrix} x \\ v \end{pmatrix}, \tilde{F} : R^{2n} \times R \rightarrow R^{2n}, (z, t) \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} v \\ F(z, t) \end{pmatrix}$$

A solution:  $z : R \rightarrow R^{2n}, t \mapsto z(t)$  of  $\dot{z} = \tilde{F}(z, t)$

i.e.

$$\begin{pmatrix} \dot{x}(t) \\ \dot{v}(t) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} v(t) \\ F(x(t), v(t), t) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\rightsquigarrow \dot{x}(t) = v(t)$$

$$\dot{v}(t) = F(x(t), v(t), t)$$

$$\underbrace{\rightsquigarrow}_{\text{substitute } \dot{x}=v} \dot{v}(t) = \ddot{x}(t) = F(x(t), \dot{x}(t), t) \checkmark$$

## 7.3 Example: (Free Fall)

$$\ddot{x} = -g, F : R \rightarrow R, x \mapsto -g(\text{constant})$$

$$\text{System of 1st order ODEs } \begin{pmatrix} \dot{x} \\ \dot{v} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} v \\ -g \end{pmatrix} \begin{cases} \dot{x} = v(I) \\ \dot{v} = -g(II) \end{cases}$$

Integrate:

$$(I)v(t) - v(0) = -gt \rightsquigarrow v(t) = v(0) - gt$$

Substitute in (I):

$$\dot{x} = v(t) = v(0) - gt (w : R \times R \rightarrow R, (x, t) \mapsto v(0) - gt, \dot{x} = w(x, t))$$

Integrate:

$$x(t) - x(0) = v(0)t - \frac{1}{2}gt^2$$

$$x(t) = x(0) + v(0)t - \frac{1}{2}gt^2$$

## 7.4 Example: Pendulum

(We ignore centripetal force due to constraint)

$T$  = tension

$F_c$  = centrifugal force

$W$  = weight

constraint: rod is rigid

$\rightsquigarrow$  bob of mass  $m$  is going to move on a circle of radius  $l$ .

$\rightsquigarrow$  resulting force:

$$W_{\parallel} = -mg \sin \varphi$$

$$m\ddot{x} = W_{\parallel} = -mg \sin \varphi$$

(use  $x = \varphi l$ )

$$\ddot{x} = \ddot{\varphi} l = -g \sin \varphi$$

$$\rightsquigarrow \ddot{\varphi} = -\frac{g}{l} \sin \varphi$$

Step 1  $\rightarrow$  rewrite this as a system of 1st order ODEs:

$$\dot{\varphi} = \nu$$

$$\dot{\nu} = -\frac{g}{l} \sin \varphi$$

Try separation of variables:

$$d\nu = \frac{-g}{l} \sin \varphi dt, d\varphi = \nu dt$$

Doesn't work as per method. Try further:

$$dt = \frac{d\varphi}{\nu} \text{ (careful } \nu = 0 \text{ is possible)}$$

$$\rightsquigarrow d\nu = \frac{-g}{l} \sin \varphi \frac{d\varphi}{\nu}$$

Now we can separate:

$$\nu d\nu = -\frac{g}{l} \sin \varphi d\varphi$$

(We have lost the time variable) Integrate:

$$\int_{\nu(\varphi_0)}^{\nu(\varphi)} \nu d\nu = -\frac{g}{l} \int_{\varphi_0}^{\varphi} \sin \varphi d\varphi$$

( $\varphi_0$  - pulled up the bob an angle of  $\varphi_0$  and release from rest  $\nu(\varphi_0) = 0$ )

$$\rightsquigarrow \frac{1}{2} \nu(\varphi)^2 = \frac{g}{l} (\cos \varphi - \cos \varphi_0)$$

$$(=) \nu(\varphi) = \sqrt{\frac{2g}{l} (\cos \varphi - \cos \varphi_0)}$$

## 7.5 Q: What have we figured out?

We found the angular velocity as a function of the angle not the time.  
This gives us an ODE:

$$\dot{\varphi} = \nu(\varphi) = \sqrt{\frac{2g}{l}(\cos\varphi - \cos\varphi_0)}$$

(Apply separation of variables:)

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{\frac{2g}{l}(\cos\varphi - \cos\varphi_0)}} d\varphi = dt$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{1}{2g}} \int_{\varphi_0}^{\varphi(t)} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\cos\varphi - \cos\varphi_0}} d\varphi = t$$

Solve for t: (problem: this is an integral that has not got an elementary function as an antiderivative)

$$E(z) = \int_{\varphi_0}^z \frac{1}{\sqrt{\cos\varphi - \cos\varphi_0}} d\varphi (\text{elliptic integral})$$