

ChE352
Numerical Techniques for Chemical Engineers
Professor Stevenson

Lecture 9

Homework #5: groups of 2-3

Please sort yourselves into groups of 2-3 before the next homework, and send me the names (each group only has to send once)

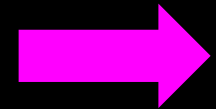
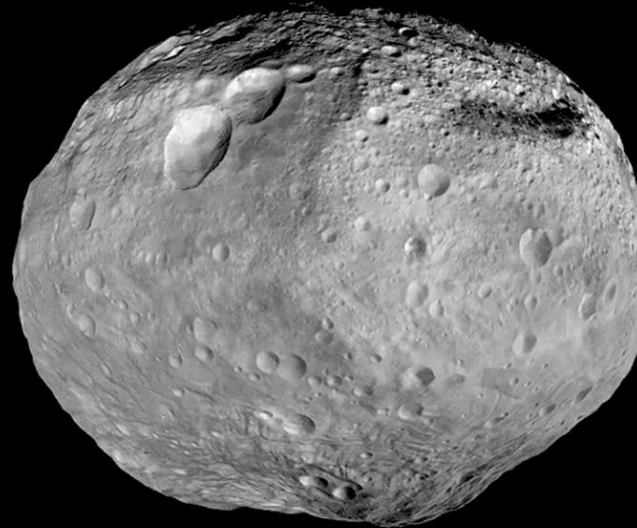
Classical dynamics: Asteroids

Given an asteroid with a position, velocity, and forces, how does it move?

Position = x

Velocity = dx/dt

Force = $m(d^2x/dt^2)$



If we know the ***initial values*** of the variables, we can find their values at later times too using a form of numerical integration

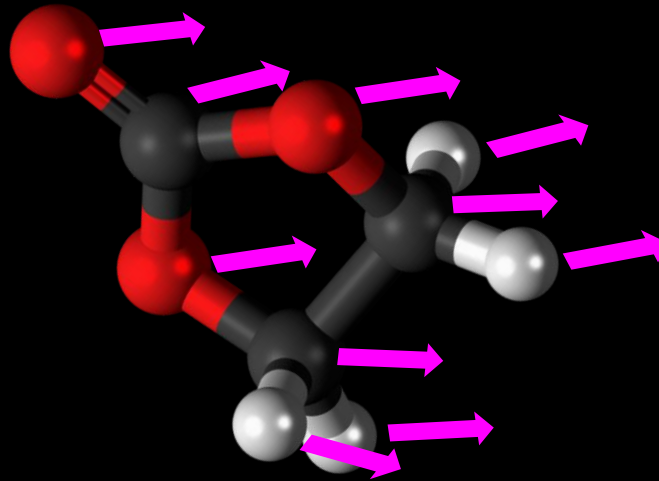
Classical dynamics: Molecules

Given a set of atoms with positions, velocities, and forces, how do they move?

Position = \mathbf{x}

Velocity = $d\mathbf{x}/dt$

Force = $m(d^2\mathbf{x}/dt^2)$



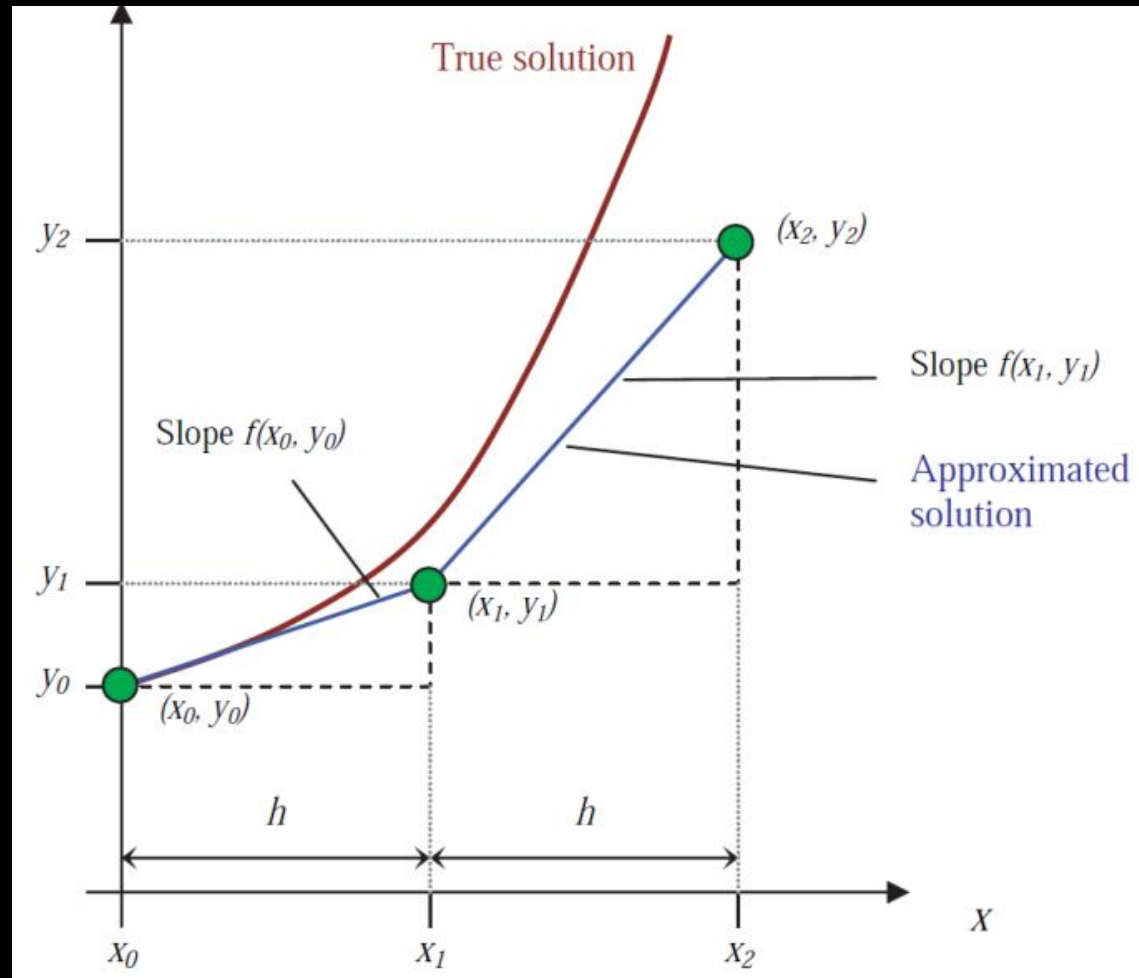
Each atom has its own vectors \mathbf{x} , $d\mathbf{x}/dt$, and $m(d^2\mathbf{x}/dt^2)$

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Initial Value Problems

WE WANT $y(t)$

WE HAVE $\frac{dy}{dt} = f(t, y)$
 $a \leq t \leq b, \quad y(a) = \alpha$
 $t, y \in \mathbb{R}, \quad y: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$
 $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$
 f continuous



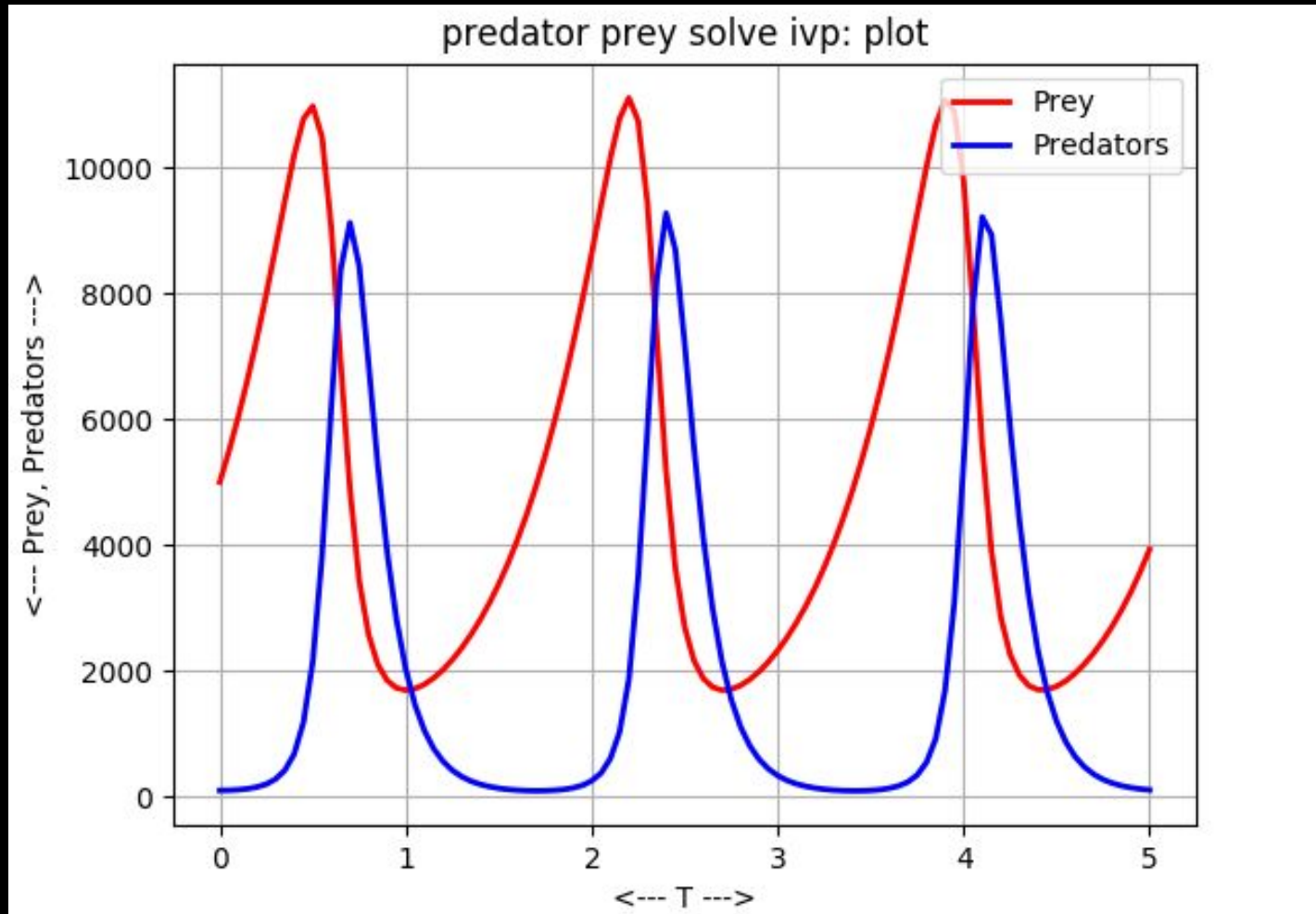
What is the *independent* variable in $f(t, y)$?
What about on this graph?

What makes it an IVP?

- When you know how a value starts, and you know how it changes, but you do not know the values after the start
- Classic example: predator/prey population
 - Easy to see how the derivatives are related
 - More prey → more predators
 - More predators → fewer prey
 - But how do these changes add up over time?
 - Example: exercise 5.7.5 (pg 221) in F&B

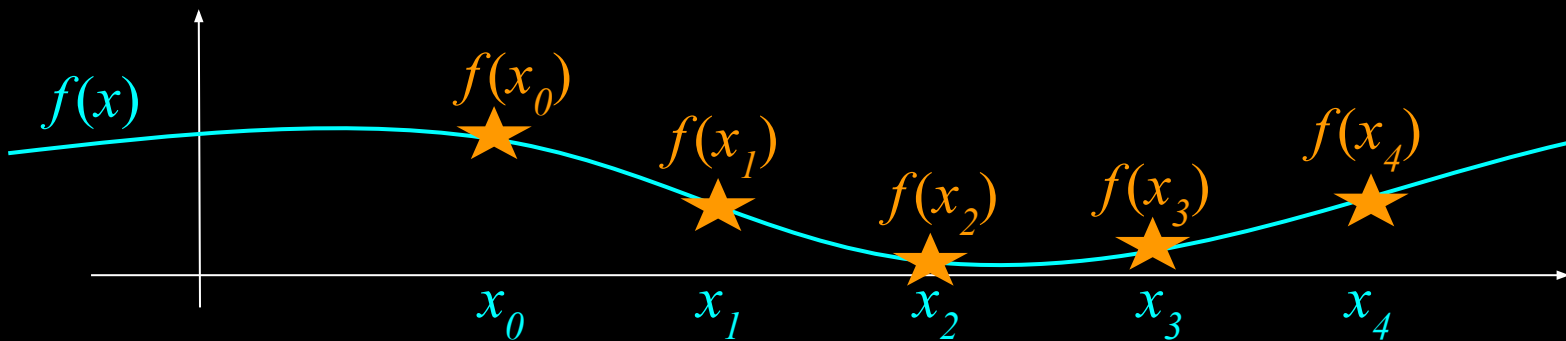
Predator/prey IVP

Either dynamic equilibrium, or both predator & prey go extinct, depending on IVP properties.



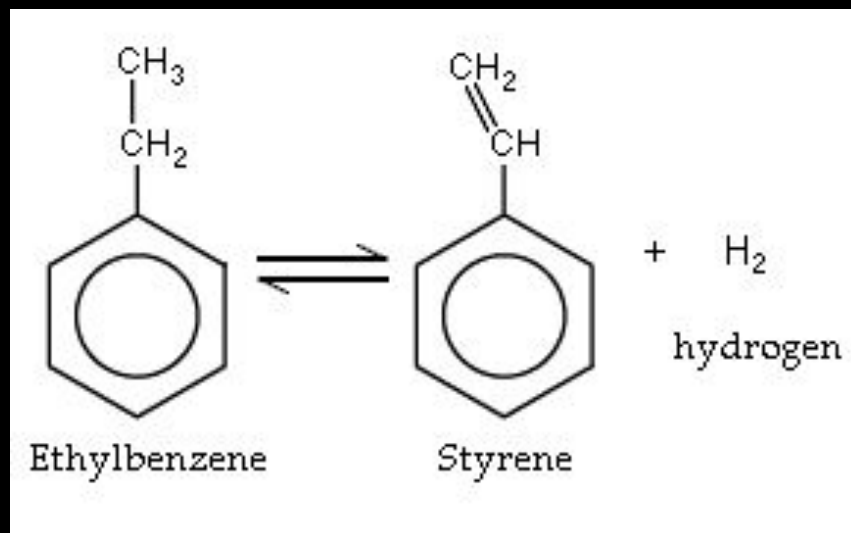
Functions vs function values

- We can use the values $f(x_i)$ without knowing the function $f(x)$ in total
- If we only need discrete $f(x_i)$ values, an array such that $y[i] = f(x_i)$ is fine



Example: Styrene Reactor Design

- Scenario: you're a chemical engineer for a company that makes styrofoam
- You notice a shortage of styrene ("S"), the monomer of styrofoam, so you want to make it from ethylbenzene ("EB"), a cheap oil refinery byproduct, instead of buying it



What do you call this kind of reaction?

Simplified reactor equations

First you would need to calculate the yield of S as a function of distance & reactor length (z, v)



$$\frac{dC_S}{d\tau} = R_S = \overset{\text{1st order}}{k_f C_{EB}} - \overset{\text{2nd order}}{k_r C_S C_H}, \quad C_S(\tau = 0) = C_S^o \quad \left[\tau = \frac{z}{v} \right]$$

$$\frac{dC_{EB}}{d\tau} = R_{EB} = -R_H = -R_S, \quad C_{EB}(\tau = 0) = C_{EB}^o$$

What variables here give the yield of S?

Can we solve for yield analytically?

What aspects of reality are missing?

More realistic equations: ρ varies

$$\frac{dN_S}{dz} = \frac{k_f N_{EB}}{v} - \frac{k_r N_S N_H}{v} = R'_S, \quad N_S(z=0) = vC_S^o$$

$$\frac{dN_{EB}}{dz} = -R'_S, \quad N_{EB}(z=0) = vC_{EB}^o \quad [N_i = \text{molar flux of species } i]$$

$$\frac{dP}{dz} = -\frac{\rho v^2}{d_p} \left(\frac{1-\varepsilon}{\varepsilon^3} \right) \left[\frac{150(1-\varepsilon)}{\text{Re}_p} + 1.75 \right], \quad P\hat{V} = ZRT \Rightarrow \rho = \frac{PM}{ZRT}$$

$$v = \frac{ZRT}{P} (N_{EB} + N_S + N_H + N_W)$$


Still doesn't account for temperature change, side products (benzene and toluene), coking...

Can we solve this analytically?

“Well-posed” IVPs

- An IVP (in 1D) is well-posed if:

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = f(t, y) \quad \text{for} \quad a \leq t \leq b \quad \text{with} \quad y(a) = \alpha$$

initial condition 

and f , df are continuous for all relevant t & y :

1. $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, f continuous

2. $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$ is continuous

- A well-posed IVP has a unique solution $y(t)$
- Opposite is ill-posed (no unique solution)

Activity: Well-posed IVPs

Standard form of an IVP

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = f(t, y) \quad \text{for } a \leq t \leq b \quad \text{with } y(a) = \alpha$$

State the problem below in the standard form of an IVP (aka: define y , t , f , a , and α)

Styrene synthesis reaction (irreversible)

$$\frac{dC_{EB}}{d\tau} = -k_f C_{EB}, \quad C_{EB}(\tau = 0) = C_{EB}^o$$

Then, check whether your IVP meets the conditions for having a unique solution.
(Why do we care that the solution is unique?)

Answer: Well-posed IVPs

$$a = 0, \quad \alpha = C_{EB}^o,$$

$$t = \tau, \quad y = C_{EB}, \quad \boxed{f(t, y) = -k_f y} = -k_f C_{EB} = R_{EB}$$

1. $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ (*Yes?*), f continuous (*linear*)
2. $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y} = -k_f$ is continuous (*Yes.*)

IVP is well-posed and has a unique solution

Error bounds for well-posed IVPs

A well-posed IVP solution y can be approximated with bounded error. If we define a perturbed problem z using the same function $f(t, y)$:

$$\frac{dz}{dt} = f(t, z) + \delta(t) \quad \text{for } a \leq t \leq b$$

$$\text{with } z(a) = \alpha + \delta(a)$$

Then the difference (error) between $z(t)$ and $y(t)$ is always proportional to the size of $\delta(t)$

Why does that help us?

How do we solve IVPs?

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = f(t, y) \quad \text{for } a \leq t \leq b \quad \text{with } y(a) = \alpha$$

Estimate a small step with a Taylor series!

1st-order Taylor expansion of y at point t_i :

$$y(t) = y(t_i) + (t - t_i) y'(t_i) + \frac{(t - t_i)^2}{2} y''(\xi_i)$$

If we define a step size $h = (t_{i+1} - t_i)$ and evaluate at a nearby point t_{i+1} :

$$y(t_{i+1}) = y(t_i) + hf(t_i, y(t_i)) + \frac{h^2}{2} y''(\xi_i)$$

What order is the error for solution $y(b)$?

Euler's Method

- Dropping the error term (proportional to h^2):

$$y(t_{i+1}) \approx y(t_i) + hf(t_i, y(t_i))$$

- Define a variable w for our approximation:

$$w \approx y \rightarrow w(t_{i+1}) = w(t_i) + hf(t_i, w(t_i))$$

- Simplifying notation:

$$w_i \equiv w(t_i) \rightarrow \boxed{w_{i+1} = w_i + hf(t_i, w_i)}$$

- "Asteroids" code:

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x += dt * x_speed
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x_speed += dt * x_acceleration
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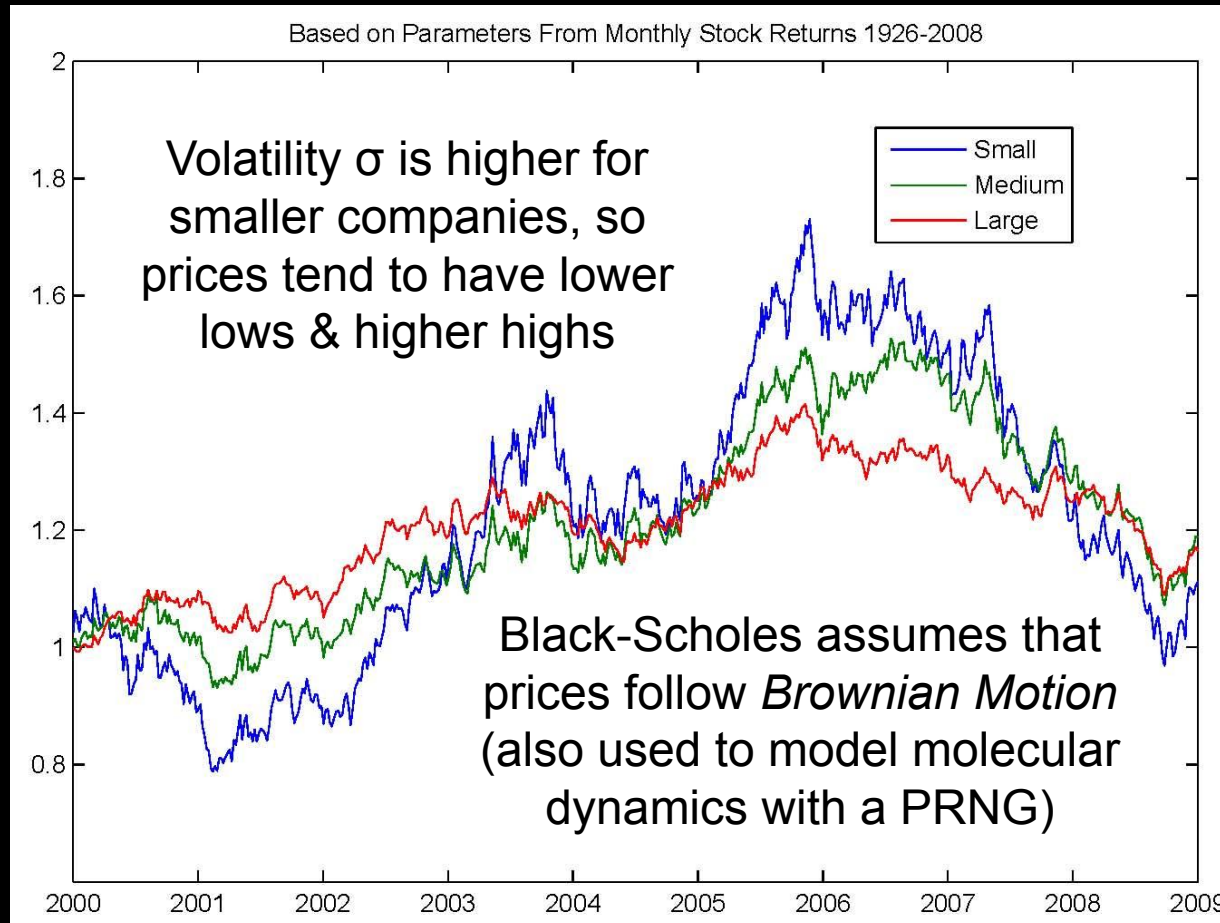
① Stock price IVPs ② ??? ③ Profit

- *Do not pick individual stocks unless you have money to set on fire*
- Those who *do* bet on stock prices (like hedge funds) do it with IVPs
- Typical model: the Black-Scholes equation

$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 S^2 \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial S^2} + rS \frac{\partial V}{\partial S} - rV = 0$$

S is the stock price, V is the price of an *option* to buy the stock at a future time, r is the risk-free interest rate, σ is the *volatility* of the stock price, t is time

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Valentine's Math: PRNG Secrets

- Pseudo-Random Number Generator
- The output of a PRNG is repeatable as long as it has the same state (aka seed)
- If you and another person share a secret, you can each use it to seed a PRNG, giving *identical* random-looking outputs
- This lets you share secret messages
- <https://www.kaggle.com/allaboutchemistry/prng-encryption>