

ChE352  
Numerical Techniques for Chemical Engineers  
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# Lecture 11

# Recall: IVP Systems in Python

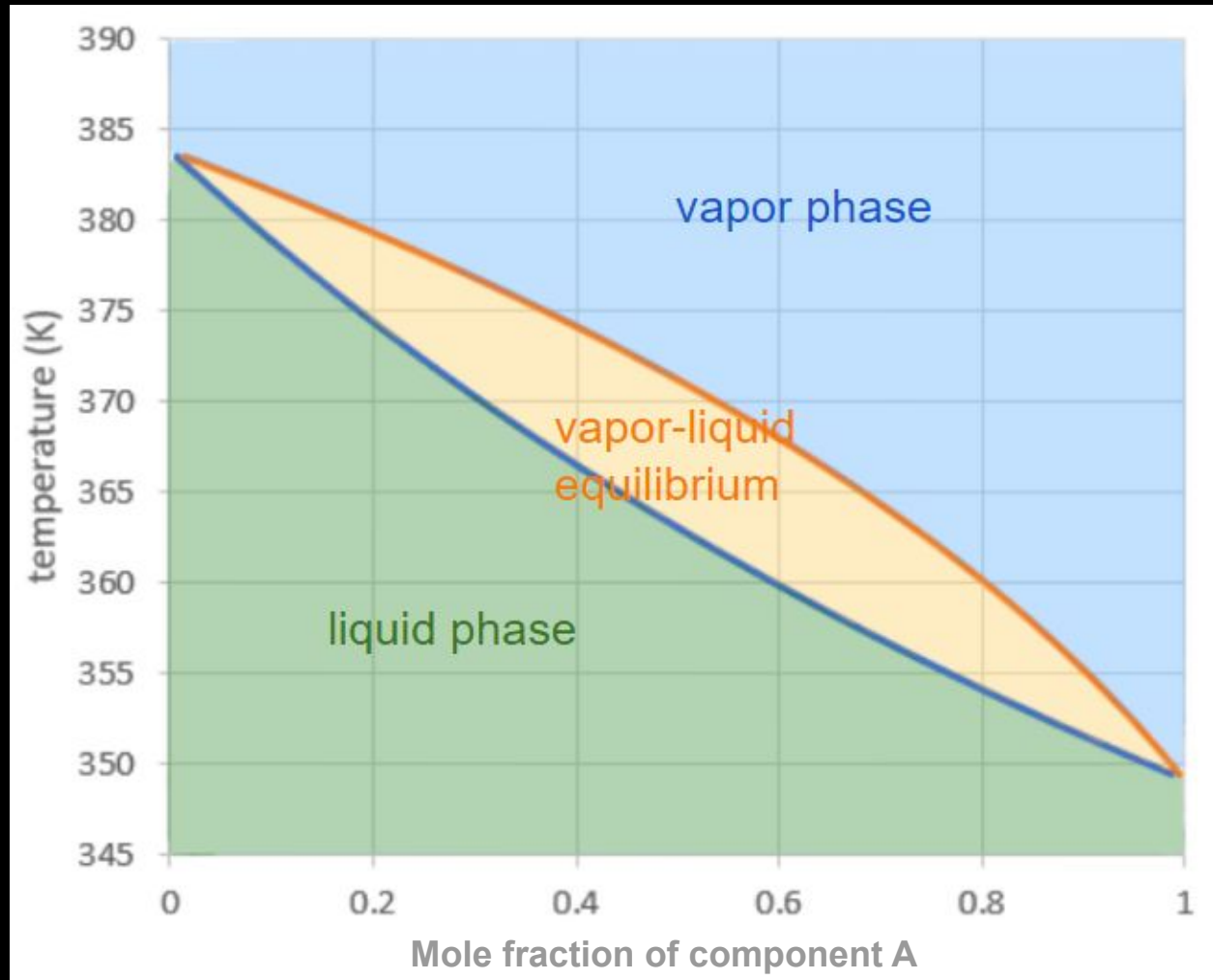
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from scipy.integrate import solve_ivp
def fun(t, u):  # 3-D IVP
    C_A, C_B, C_C = u
    ... calculate derivatives here ...
    return dAdt, dBdt, dCdt
sol = solve_ivp(fun, (t0, t_final), u0)
plt.plot(sol.t, sol.y[0], label='[A]')
plt.plot(sol.t, sol.y[1], label='[B]')
plt.plot(sol.t, sol.y[2], label='[C]')
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# n-Dimensional "Well-Posed" IVPs

- If all of the following are true, the IVP system is well-posed (unique solution, bounded error with respect to changes in  $f$ ):
- $f$  must be a vector function & continuous
  - What is a vector function? How is it continuous?
- All the partial first derivatives of  $f$  must be continuous in all dimensions ( $t, u_1, u_2$ , etc.)
- $u$  and  $t$  must live in convex spaces
  - For any two points  $(t_1, u_1)$  &  $(t_2, u_2)$ , all points on the line between them are also valid for the IVP
  - Example non-convex space: IVP of volatile liquids

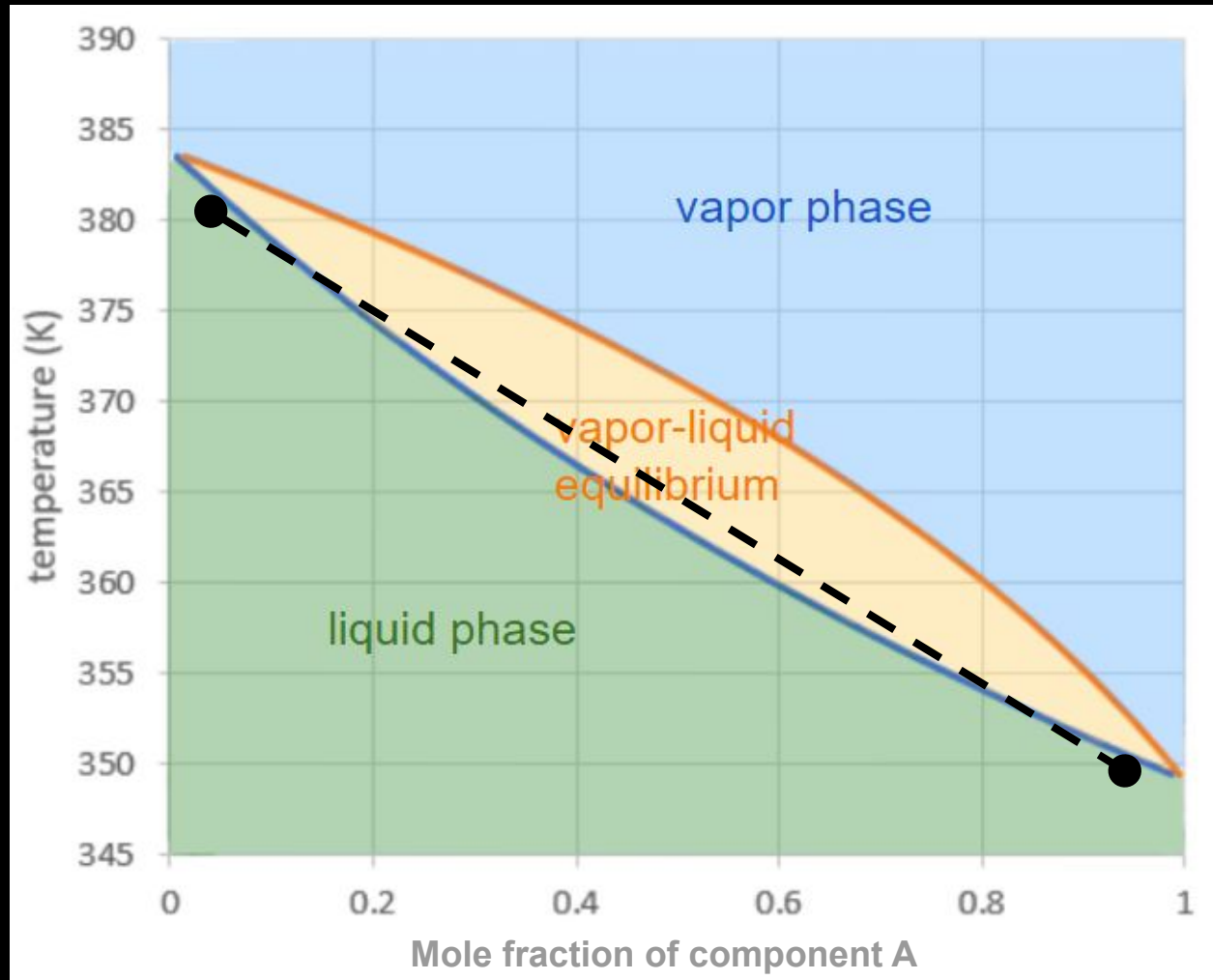
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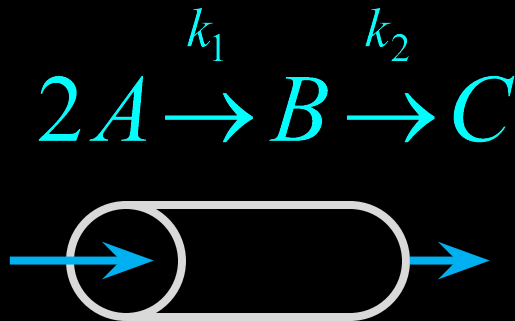


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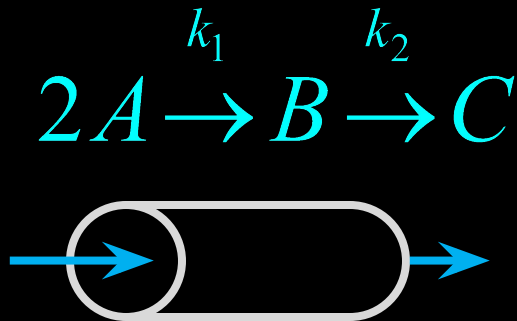
$$\frac{dC_A}{dz} = -2k_1 C_A^2, \quad C_A(z=0) = C_A^o$$

$$\frac{dC_B}{dz} = -k_2 C_B + k_1 C_A^2, \quad C_B(z=0) = 0$$

$$\frac{dC_C}{dz} = k_2 C_B, \quad C_C(z=0) = 0$$

Put this system, two sequential reactions with three species, into the general form for an IVP system by stating  $t$ ,  $u$ , and  $f(t, u)$ . Also state the initial conditions. **How might we pick  $t_{\text{end}}$ ?**

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$$\boxed{u = [C_A \quad C_B \quad C_C]^T}$$

Choice of  $t_{\text{end}}$  depends  
on whether you're  
*modeling or designing*

# Answer: define an IVP system

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Can define  $f(t, u)$  to give a single vector or multiple scalars (same thing)

$$f_1(t, u) = -2k_1 C_A^2 = -2k_1 u_1^2$$

$$f_2(t, u) = -k_2 C_B + k_1 C_A^2 = -k_2 u_2 + k_1 u_1^2$$

$$f_3(t, u) = k_2 C_B = k_2 u_2$$

$$\boxed{f(t, u) = [-2k_1 u_1^2 \quad -k_2 u_2 + k_1 u_1^2 \quad k_2 u_2]^T}$$

$$\boxed{t_0 = 0} \quad \boxed{a = [C_A^o \quad 0 \quad 0]^T}$$

Vector function  $f(t, u)$  maps  $\mathbb{R}^4$  onto  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

What does this mean?



# Activity: Euler for IVP systems

$$\boxed{t = z} \quad u_1(t) = C_A(z), \quad u_2(t) = C_B(z), \quad u_3(t) = C_C(z)$$

$$\boxed{u = \begin{bmatrix} C_A & C_B & C_C \end{bmatrix}^T}$$

Define the Euler step  
for this system in  
terms of step size  $h$

$$f_1(t, u) = -2k_1 C_A^2 = -2k_1 u_1^2$$

$$f_2(t, u) = -k_2 C_B + k_1 C_A^2 = -k_2 u_2 + k_1 u_1^2$$

$$f_3(t, u) = k_2 C_B = k_2 u_2$$

$$\boxed{f(t, u) = \begin{bmatrix} -2k_1 u_1^2 & -k_2 u_2 + k_1 u_1^2 & k_2 u_2 \end{bmatrix}^T}$$

$$\boxed{t_0 = 0} \quad \boxed{a = \begin{bmatrix} C_A^o & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}^T}$$

(Remember, an Euler  
step is purely linear)

# Answer: Euler for IVP systems

$f(t, u)$  for this IVP: 
$$f(t, u) = \begin{bmatrix} -2k_1 u_1^2 & -k_2 u_2 + k_1 u_1^2 & k_2 u_2 \end{bmatrix}^T$$

Euler step in general:  $w_{i,j+1} = w_{i,j} + h f(t_j, w_{i,j})$

Euler step for this IVP:

$$w_{1,j+1} = w_{1,j} + h(-2k_1 w_{1,j}^2)$$

$$w_{2,j+1} = w_{2,j} + h(-k_2 w_{2,j} + k_1 w_{1,j}^2)$$

$$w_{3,j+1} = w_{3,j} + h k_2 w_{2,j}$$

Euler's Method for multiple dimensions is almost identical to Euler's Method in one dimension

# Recall: RK methods in 1D

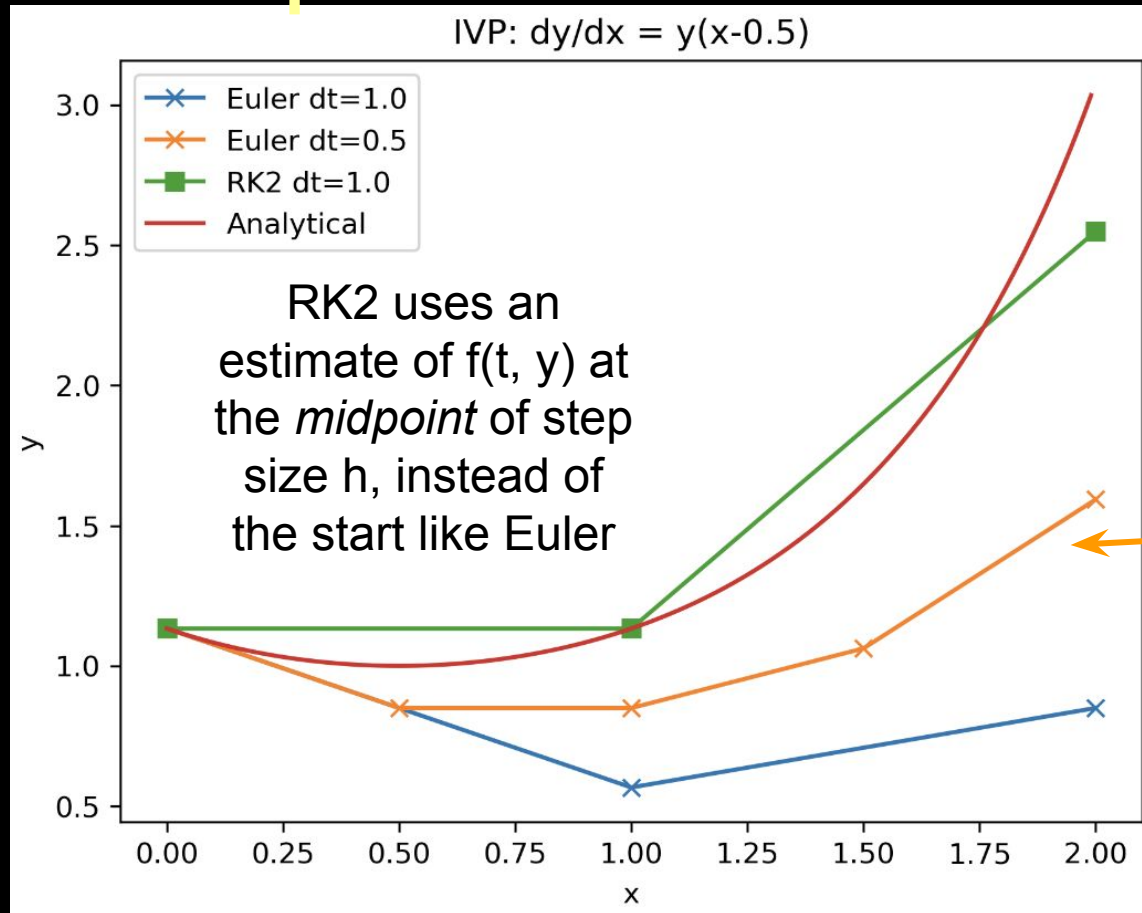
- RK methods use  $\Delta t$ ,  $\Delta y$ , and  $f(t+\Delta t, y+\Delta y)$  to approximate the curvature of  $y$ , permit better than linear (aka better than Euler) steps
  - How are derivatives of  $f(t, y)$  related to curvature?

$$hf(t_i + \Delta t, y(t_i) + \Delta y) \approx h \left[ f(t_i, y(t_i)) + \Delta t \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} \right)_{t_i, y(t_i)} + \Delta y \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right)_{t_i, y(t_i)} \right]$$

- If we calculate  $f'$  numerically, we get this nested expression known as RK2:

$$w_{i+1} = w_i + h \left[ f \left( t_i + \frac{h}{2}, w_i + \frac{h}{2} f(t_i, w_i) \right) \right]$$

# Example: Euler vs RK2



Note the *curvature* of the function  $y(t)$ . This is what makes an IVP hard for Euler's Method.

Even with twice as many steps, so both call  $f(t, y)$  equally, Euler can't catch up with RK2 here.

$$w_{i+1} = w_i + h \left[ f \left( t_i + \frac{h}{2}, w_i + \frac{h}{2} f(t_i, w_i) \right) \right]$$

# Recall: RK4 for 1D IVPs

$$w_0 = y(t_0) = \alpha \leftarrow \text{Initial}$$

$$k_1 = hf(t_{j-1}, w_{j-1})$$

Step size  $h$

$$k_2 = hf\left(t_{j-1} + \frac{h}{2}, w_{j-1} + \frac{1}{2}k_1\right)$$

$$k_3 = hf\left(t_{j-1} + \frac{h}{2}, w_{j-1} + \frac{1}{2}k_2\right)$$

$$k_4 = hf(t_j, w_{j-1} + k_3)$$

$$w_j = w_{j-1} + \frac{1}{6}(k_1 + 2k_2 + 2k_3 + k_4)$$

$$t_j = t_{j-1} + h$$

Iterative  
step for  
 $t_j$  (time)

RK4 is  
typically  
the best  
balance  
between  
accuracy  
and cost

# RK4 for IVP systems

$$w_{10} = u_1(t_0) = a_1, \quad w_{20} = u_2(t_0) = a_2, \quad \dots, \quad w_{m0} = u_m(t_0) = a_m$$

$$k_{1i} = hf_i(t_j, w_{1j}, w_{2j}, \dots, w_{mj}) \quad \forall i = 1 \dots m$$

Initial

$$k_{2i} = hf_i\left(t_j + \frac{h}{2}, w_{1j} + \frac{k_{11}}{2}, w_{2j} + \frac{k_{12}}{2}, \dots, w_{mj} + \frac{k_{1m}}{2}\right) \quad \forall i = 1 \dots m$$

$$k_{3i} = hf_i\left(t_j + \frac{h}{2}, w_{1j} + \frac{k_{21}}{2}, w_{2j} + \frac{k_{22}}{2}, \dots, w_{mj} + \frac{k_{2m}}{2}\right) \quad \forall i = 1 \dots m$$

$$k_{4i} = hf_i(t_j + h, w_{1j} + k_{31}, w_{2j} + k_{32}, \dots, w_{mj} + k_{3m}) \quad \forall i = 1 \dots m$$

$$w_{i,j+1} = w_{ij} + \frac{1}{6}(k_{1i} + 2k_{2i} + 2k_{3i} + k_{4i}) \quad \forall i = 1 \dots m$$

$$t_{j+1} = t_j + h$$

What is the meaning of i, j, & m?

# Example IVP step with RK4

Here is the iterative step that would be used to solve the previous activity's 3D IVP, using RK4 instead of Euler, in terms of  $w_{ij}$ ,  $k_{ij}$ , and  $h$ :

$$w_{1,j+1} = w_{1j} + \frac{1}{6}(k_{11} + 2k_{21} + 2k_{31} + k_{41})$$

$$w_{2,j+1} = w_{2j} + \frac{1}{6}(k_{12} + 2k_{22} + 2k_{32} + k_{42})$$

$$w_{3,j+1} = w_{3j} + \frac{1}{6}(k_{13} + 2k_{23} + 2k_{33} + k_{43})$$

# Example IVP step with RK4

$$k_{11} = hf_1(t_j, w_{1j}, w_{2j}, w_{3j}) = -2hk_1 w_{1j}^2$$

$$k_{12} = hf_2(t_j, w_{1j}, w_{2j}, w_{3j}) = -hk_2 w_{2j} + hk_1 w_{1j}^2$$

$$k_{13} = hf_3(t_j, w_{1j}, w_{2j}, w_{3j}) = hk_2 w_{2j}$$

$k_1$  is the Euler step, as always

$$k_{21} = -2hk_1 \left[ w_{1j} + \frac{k_{11}}{2} \right]^2$$

$$k_{22} = -hk_2 \left[ w_{2j} + \frac{k_{12}}{2} \right] + hk_1 \left[ w_{1j} + \frac{k_{11}}{2} \right]^2$$

$$k_{23} = hk_2 \left[ w_{2j} + \frac{k_{12}}{2} \right]$$

(For more details, see F&B page 215-216)

$$k_{31} = -2hk_1 \left[ w_{1j} + \frac{k_{21}}{2} \right]^2$$

$$k_{32} = -hk_2 \left[ w_{2j} + \frac{k_{22}}{2} \right]$$

$$+hk_1 \left[ w_{1j} + \frac{k_{21}}{2} \right]^2$$

$$k_{33} = hk_2 \left[ w_{2j} + \frac{k_{22}}{2} \right]$$



# Example IVP step with RK4

$$k_{41} = -2hk_1(w_{1j} + k_{31})^2$$

$$k_{42} = -hk_2(w_{2j} + k_{32}) + hk_1(w_{1j} + k_{31})^2$$

$$k_{43} = hk_2(w_{2j} + k_{32})$$

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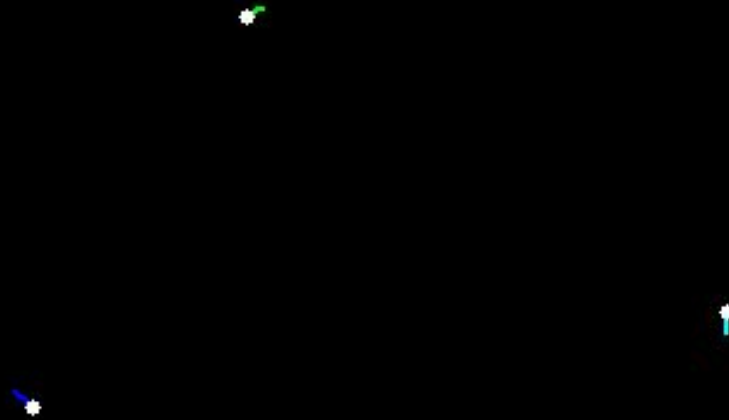
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$$t_{j+1} = t_j + h$$

# Tricky IVPs

Simulation of the 3-body problem (an IVP)



Errors are more likely where the forces are high...

# Getting Physics Right

- Low error  $\text{abs}(y_i - y_{\text{true}})$  is *not* the only goal
- What about conservation laws? Energy, momentum, angular momentum...
- Euler methods, RK4, etc are not energy conserving if used to integrate equations of motion (as in molecular dynamics)
- Energy-conserving methods are called "symplectic" (from the geometry of Hamiltonians, symplectic geometry)

# Symplectic Methods

- Most popular: second-order *Velocity Verlet*
- Similar "midpoint" idea to RK2

$$v(t + \frac{1}{2}\Delta t) = v(t) + \frac{1}{2}a(t)\Delta t$$

Estimate the *half-step* velocity, then use it to calculate the whole step

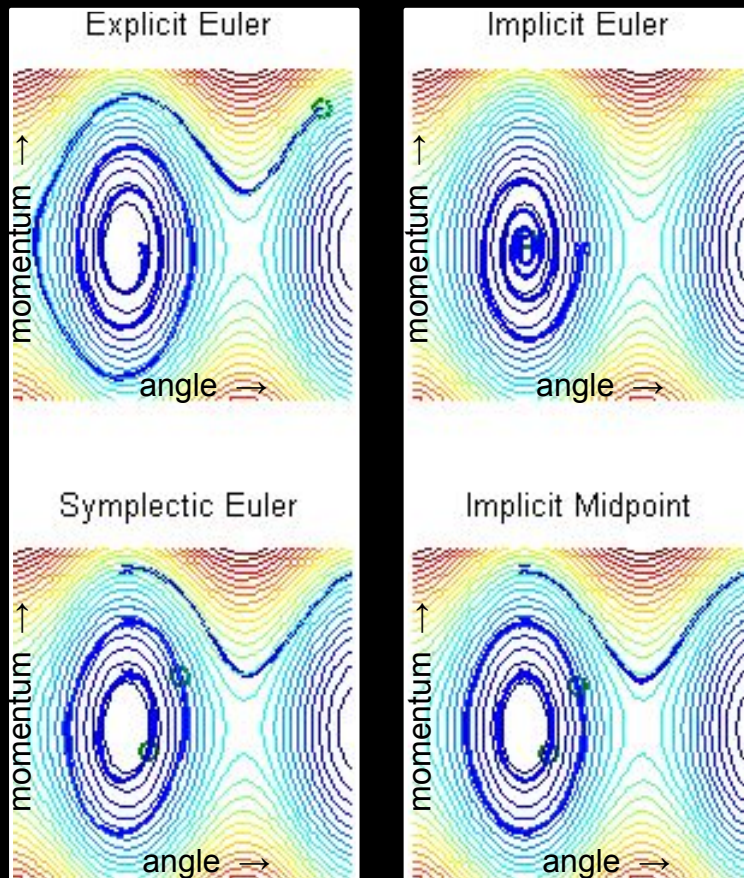
$$x(t + \Delta t) = x(t) + v(t + \frac{1}{2}\Delta t)\Delta t$$

$$a(t + \Delta t) = f(x(t + \Delta t))$$

$$v(t + \Delta t) = v(t + \frac{1}{2}\Delta t) + \frac{1}{2}a(t + \Delta t)\Delta t$$

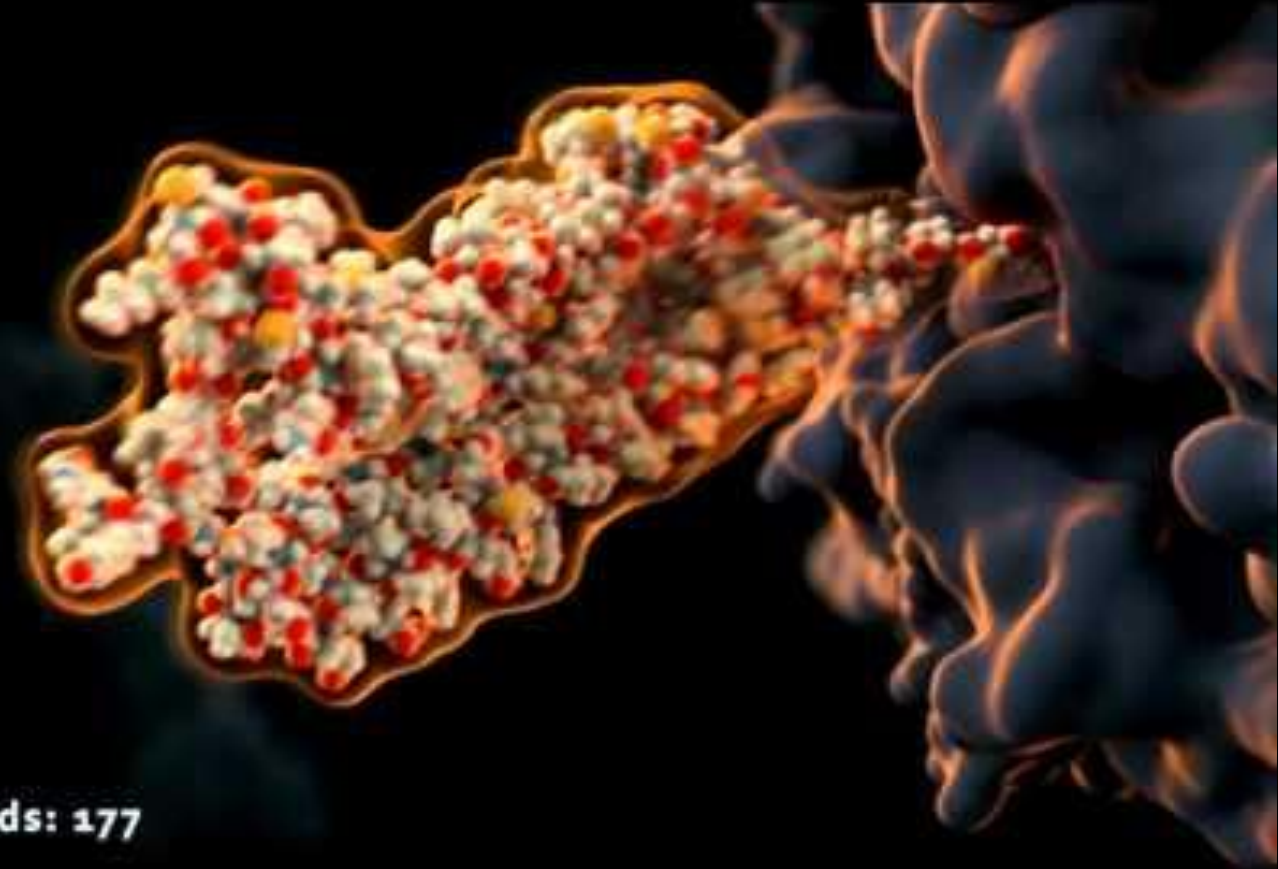
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- Dynamics of a frictionless pendulum. Correct solutions are all stable over time (make a ring, not a spiral).
- A method may have low error at every step, like RK45, yet have a steady bias in energy (energy drift) that makes it bad for dynamics simulations

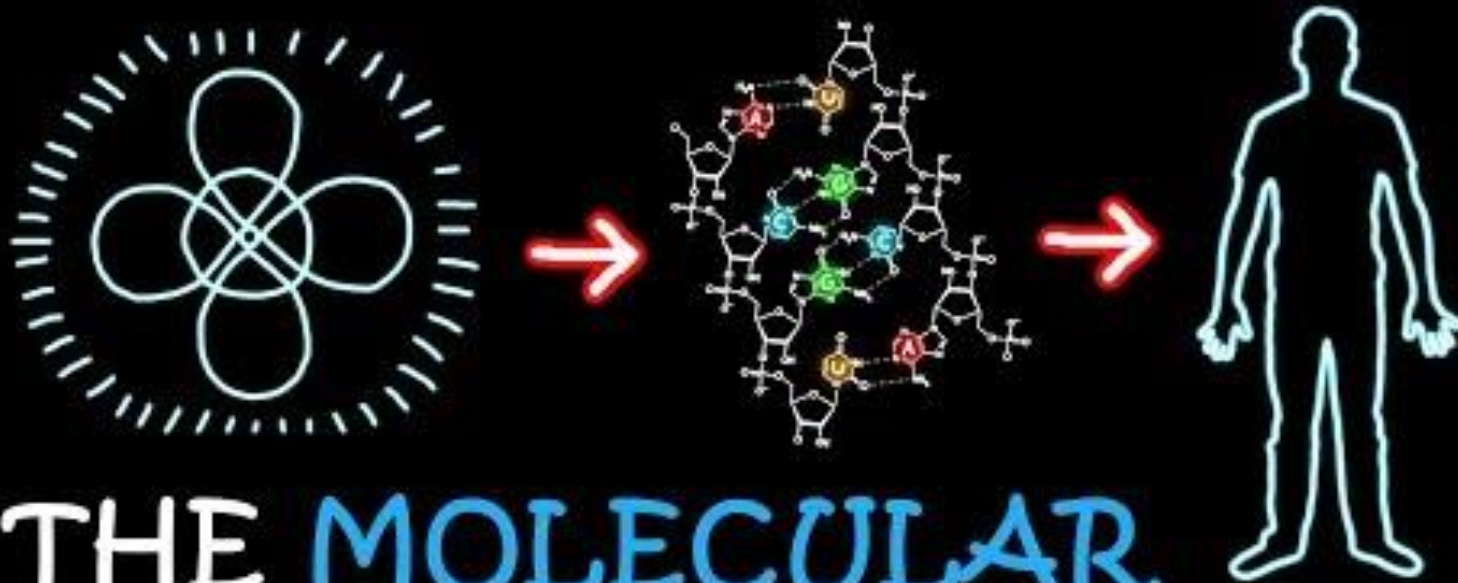
# IVPs of a Hamiltonian System



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