

***Engineering***



***& Physics***

# PHYS 351

## ODE IVP

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# Problem Statement

Find an unknown function  $y(t)$  given:

- information about its derivatives
- an initial value  $y(t_0) = y_0$

**INITIAL VALUE PROBLEM!**

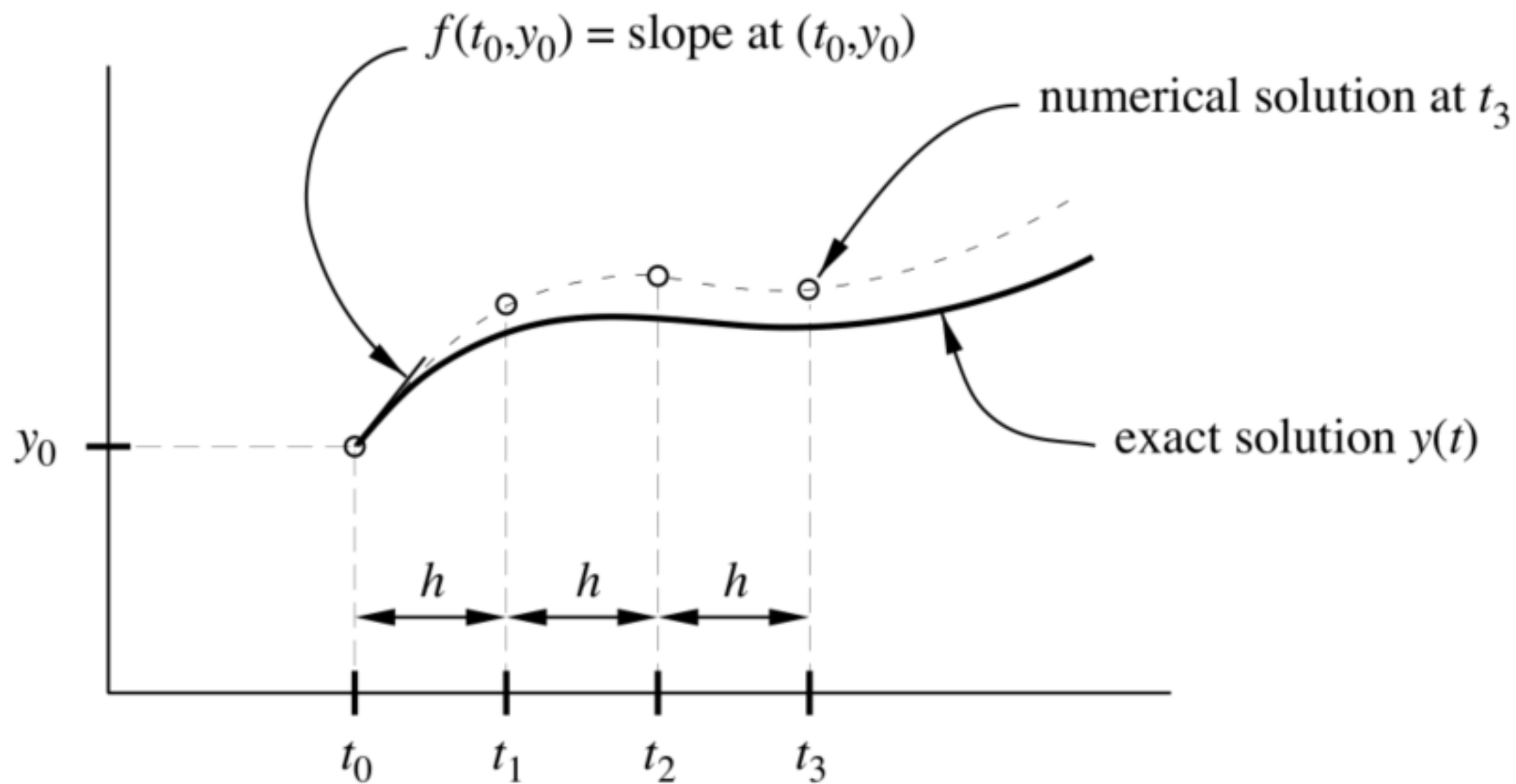
All constraints occur at the same time

We also want to do this for **coupled systems!**



Only first derivatives

# FIRST-ORDER PROBLEMS



# Euler

$$y(t_0 + h) \approx y(t_0) + h y'(t_0, y_0)$$

While each step has error  $h^2$  the number of steps goes as  $1/h$ , therefore the total error is  $O(h)$



*Leonhard Euler*  
1707 - 1783

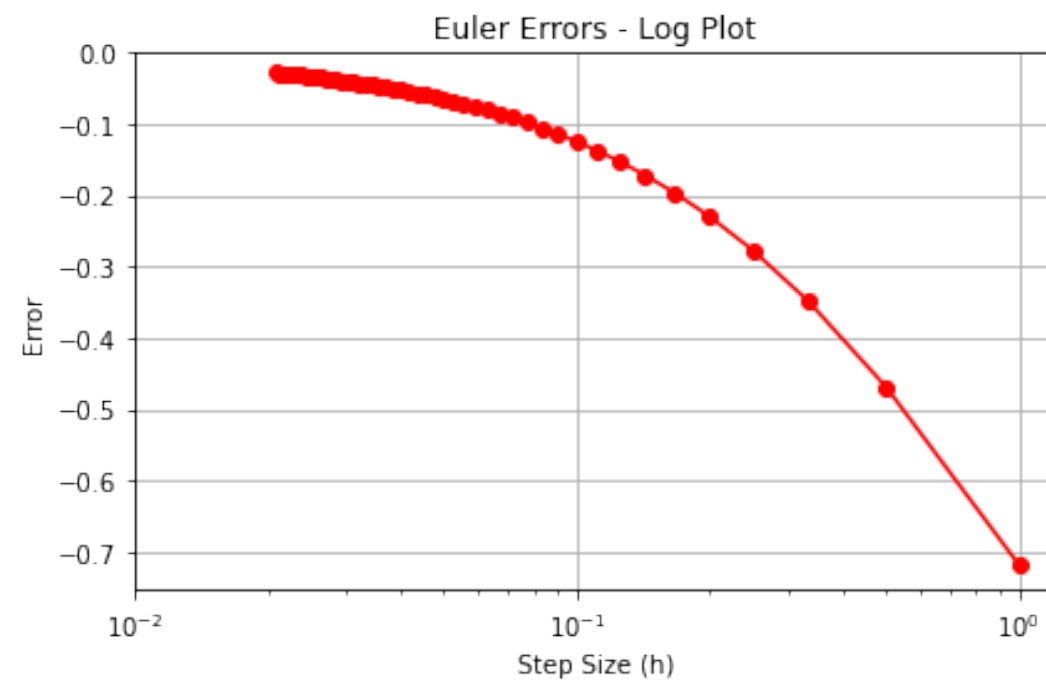
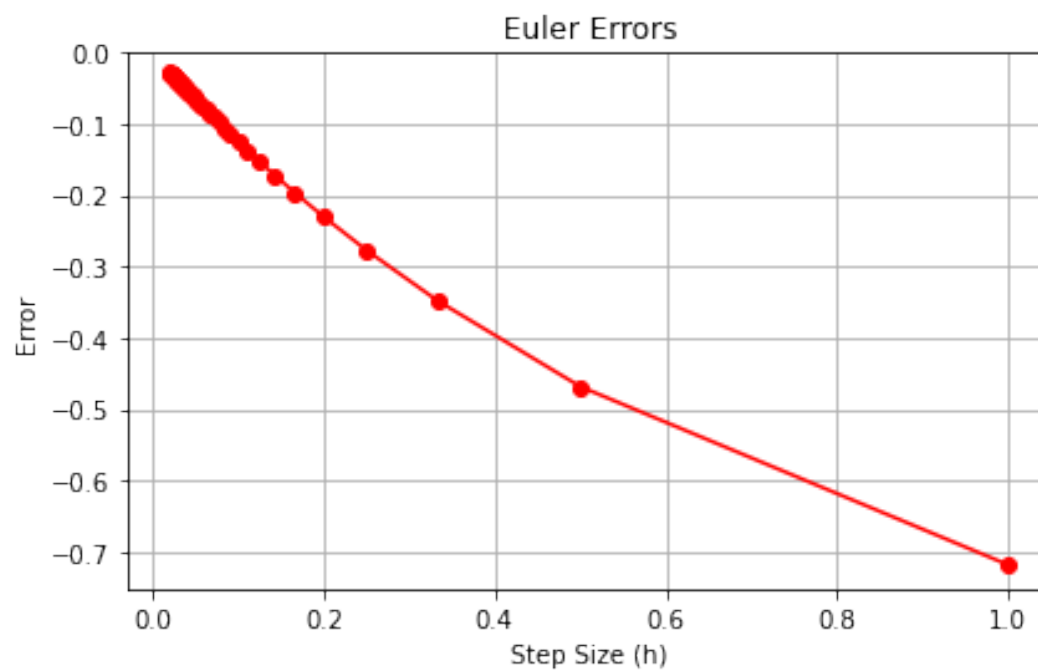
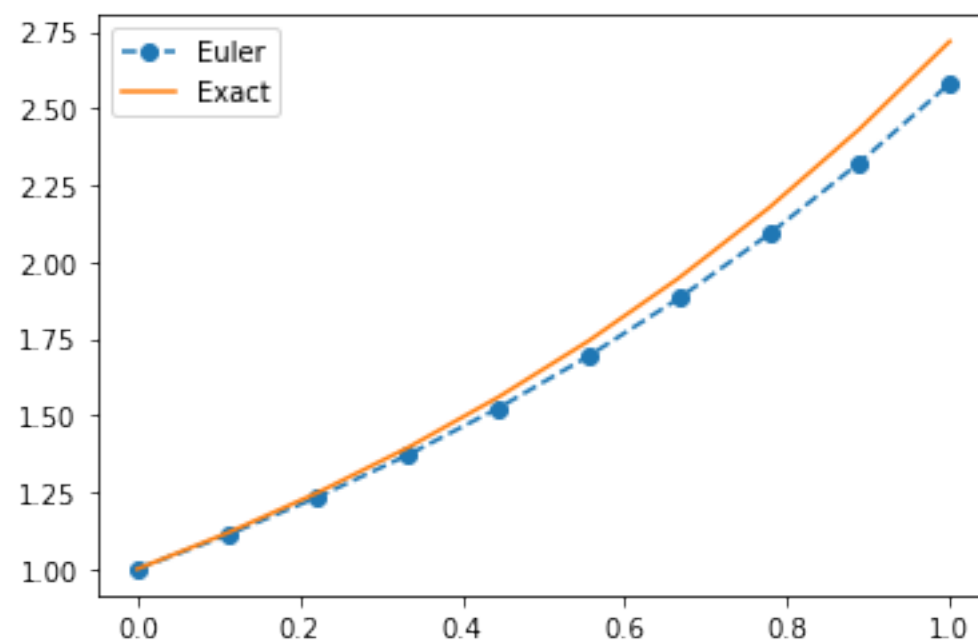
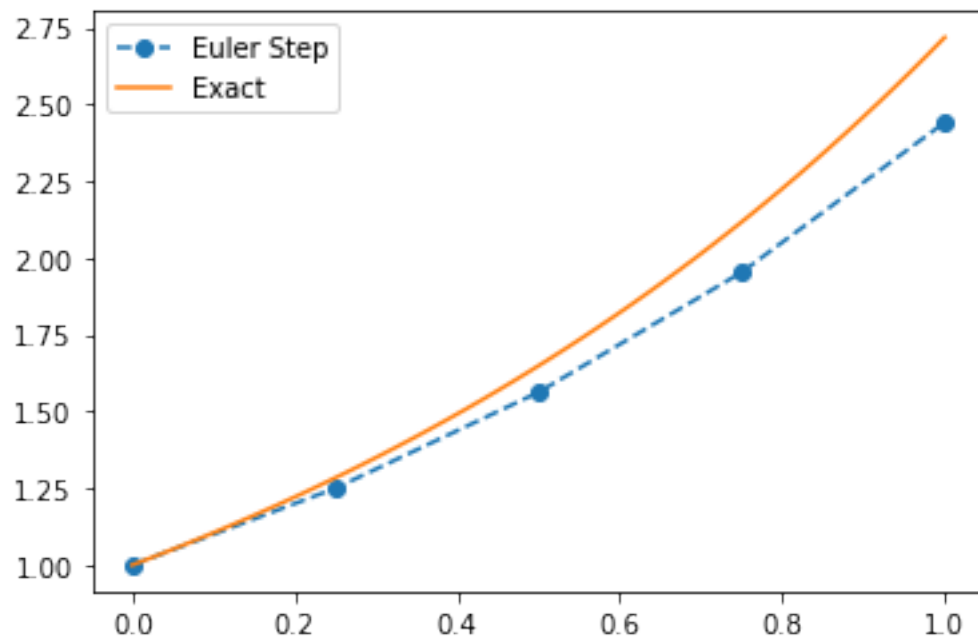
# Euler

- Make a function `yprime(t, y)` that returns  $y'$
  - Try coding one step of Euler
  - Try many steps...
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- Test on an exponential  $y'(t) = ky$ , exact solution  $y(t) = y_0 e^{kt}$



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```
def f(t,y):  
    return y
```



### Example 3

A ball at 1200K is allowed to cool down in air at an ambient temperature of 300K. Assuming heat is lost only due to radiation, the differential equation for the temperature of the ball is given by

$$\frac{d\theta}{dt} = -2.2067 \times 10^{-12} (\theta^4 - 81 \times 10^8), \quad \theta(0) = 1200\text{K}$$

where  $\theta$  is in K and  $t$  in seconds. Find the temperature at  $t = 480$  seconds using Euler's method. Assume a step size of  $h = 240$  seconds.



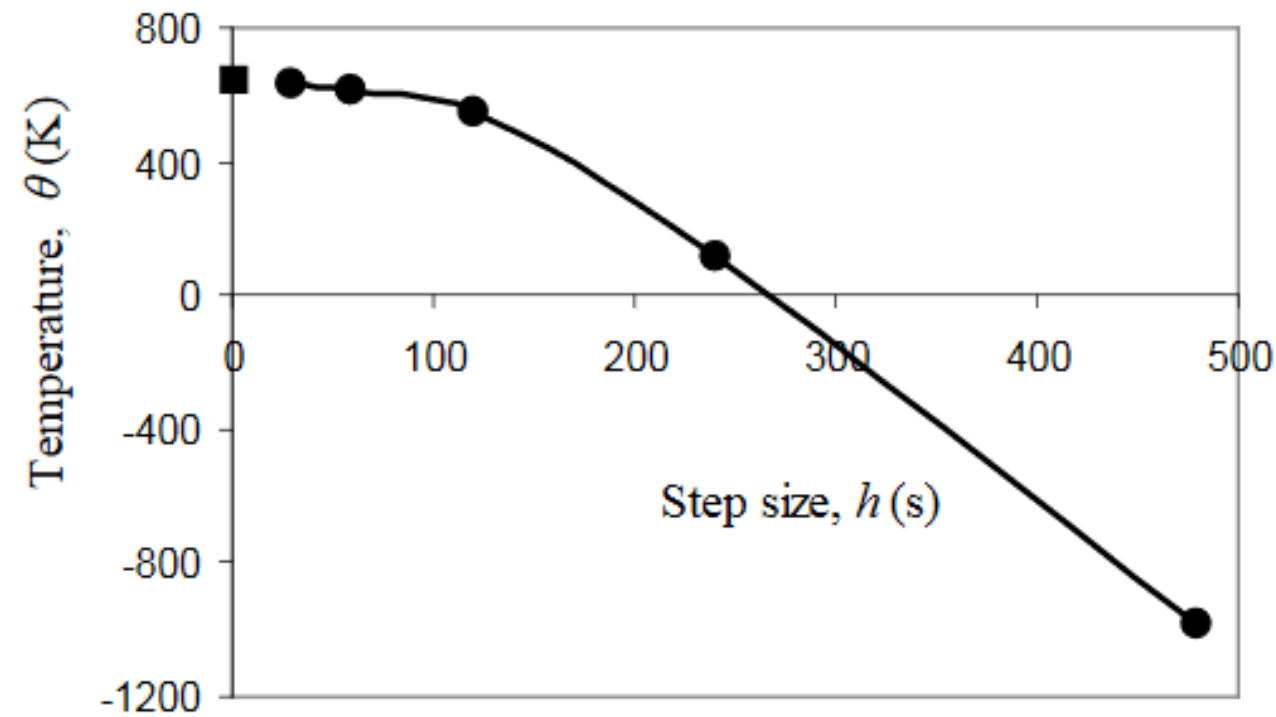
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The solution to this nonlinear equation is

$$\theta = 647.57 \text{ K}$$

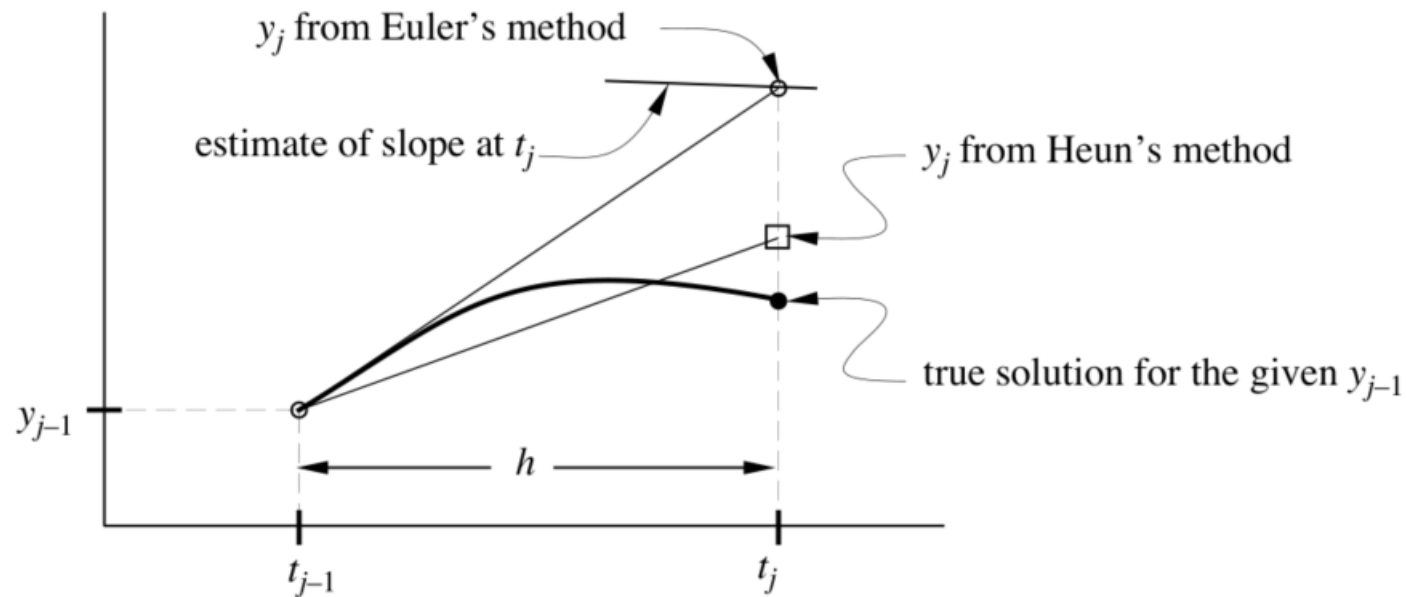
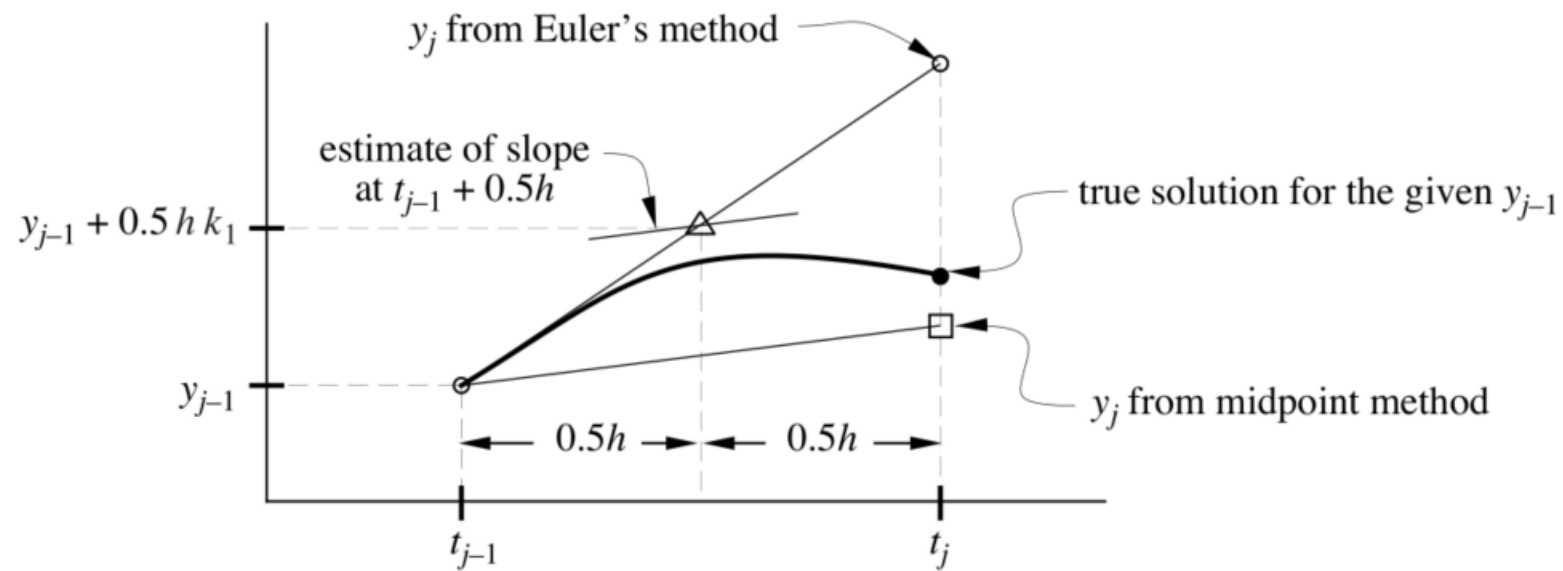
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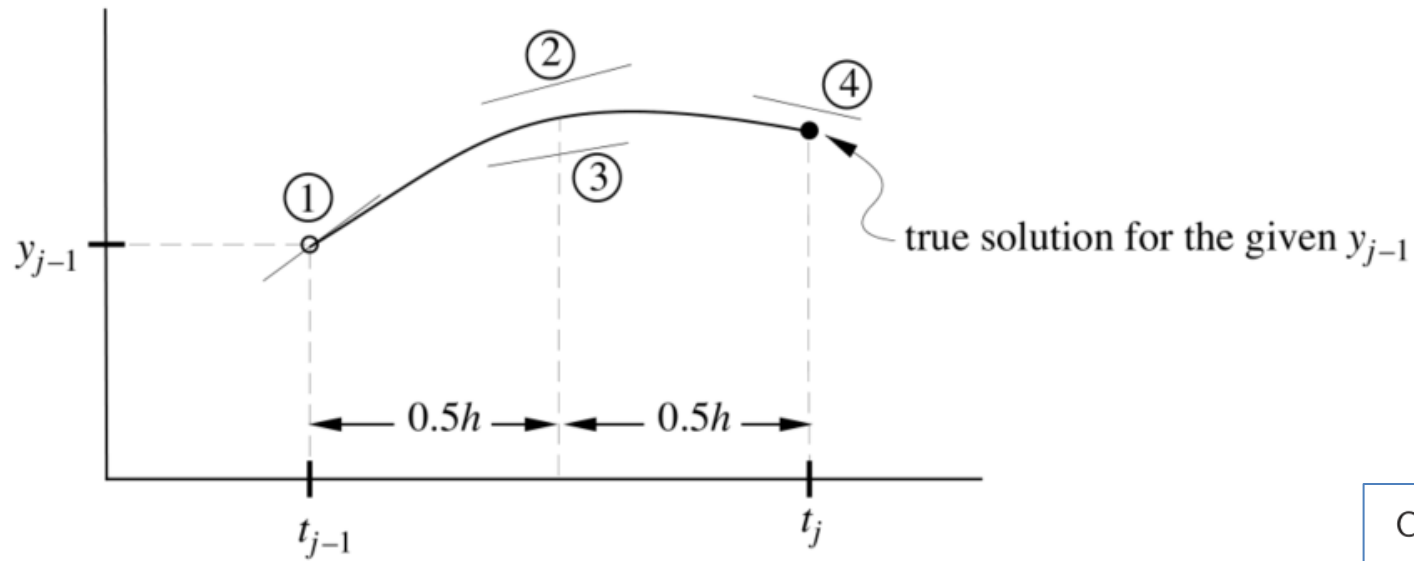
**Figure 5** Effect of step size in Euler's method.

Higher Accuracy

## **2-POINT METHODS AND MORE**



# RK4



Compute slope at four places within each step

$$k_1 = f(t_j, y_j)$$

$$k_2 = f\left(t_j + \frac{h}{2}, y_j + \frac{h}{2}k_1\right)$$

$$k_3 = f\left(t_j + \frac{h}{2}, y_j + \frac{h}{2}k_2\right)$$

$$k_4 = f(t_j + h, y_j + hk_3)$$

Use weighted average of slopes to obtain  $y_{j+1}$

$$y_{j+1} = y_j + h \left( \frac{k_1}{6} + \frac{k_2}{3} + \frac{k_3}{3} + \frac{k_4}{6} \right)$$

$$\text{LDE} = \text{GDE} = \mathcal{O}(h^4)$$

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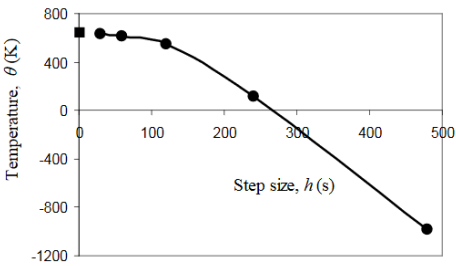


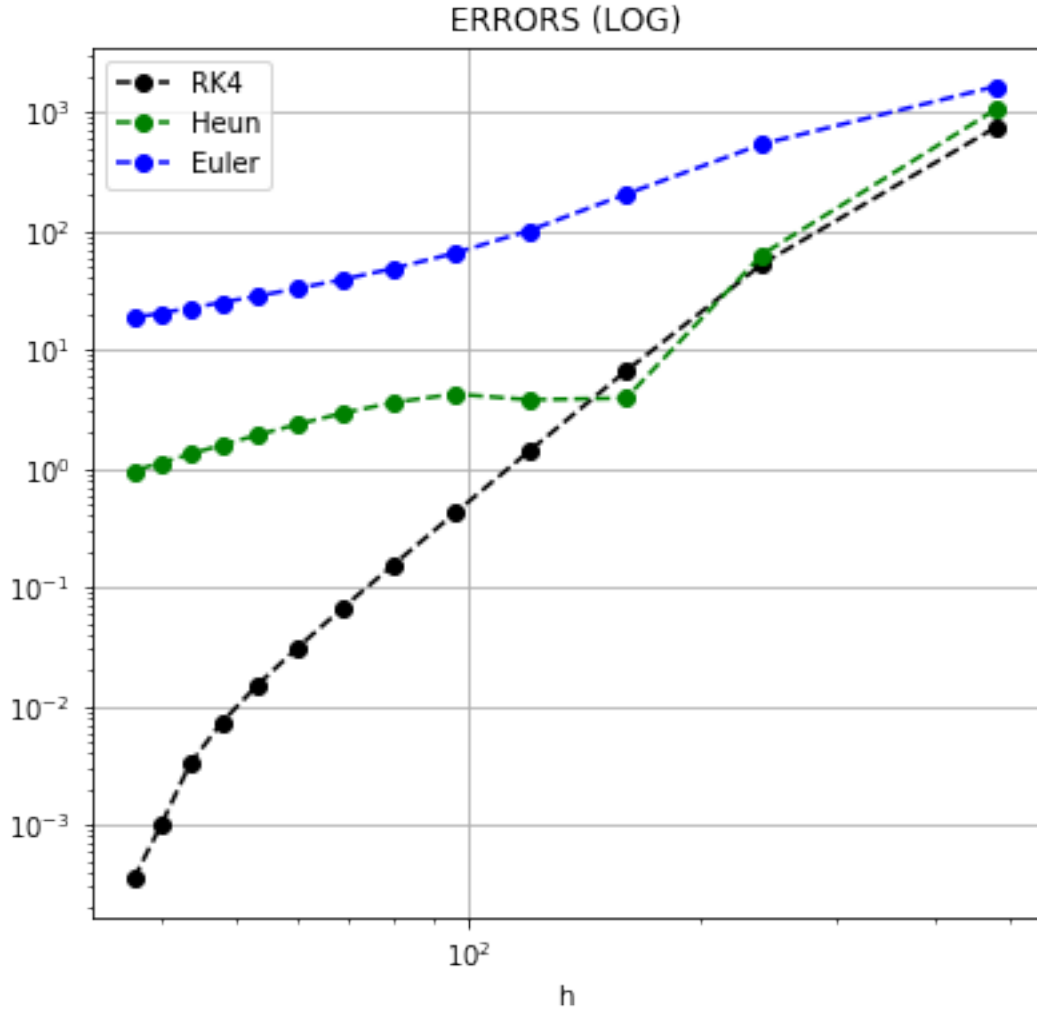
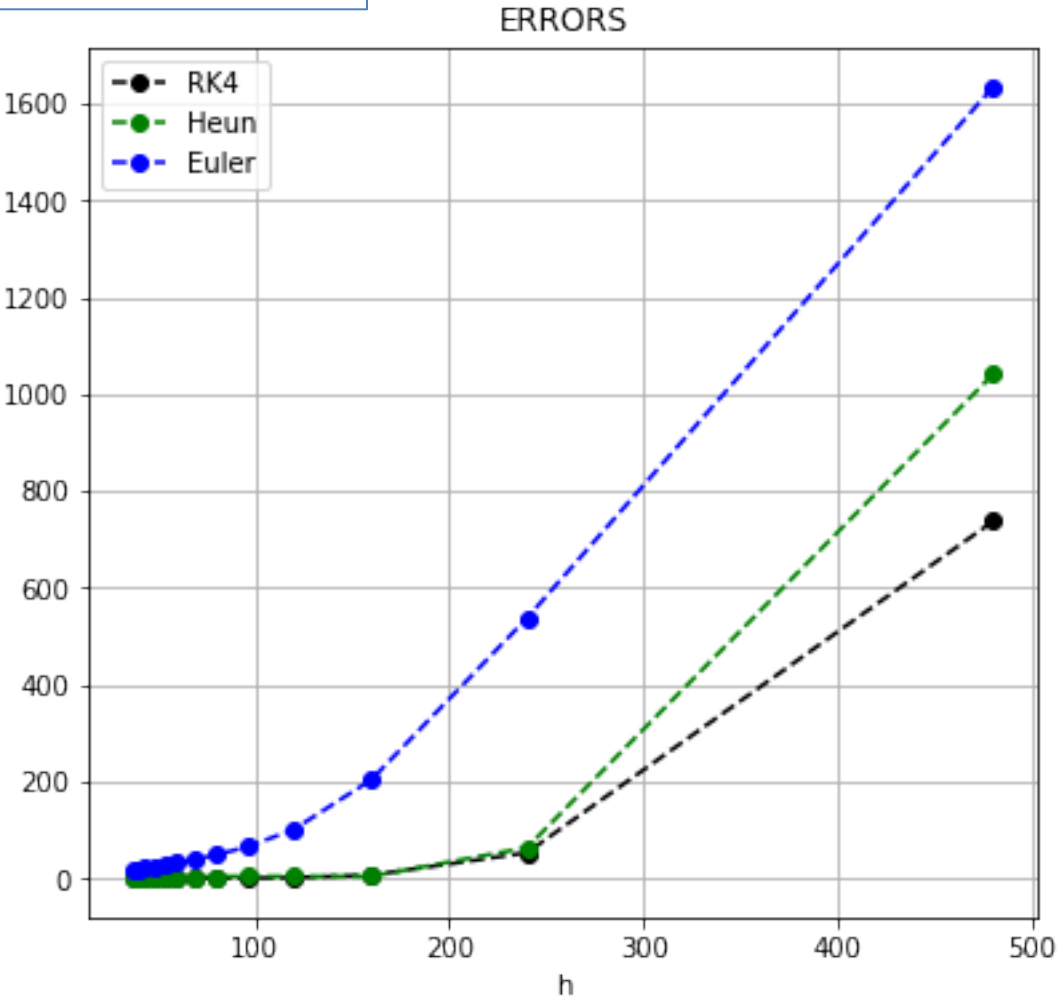
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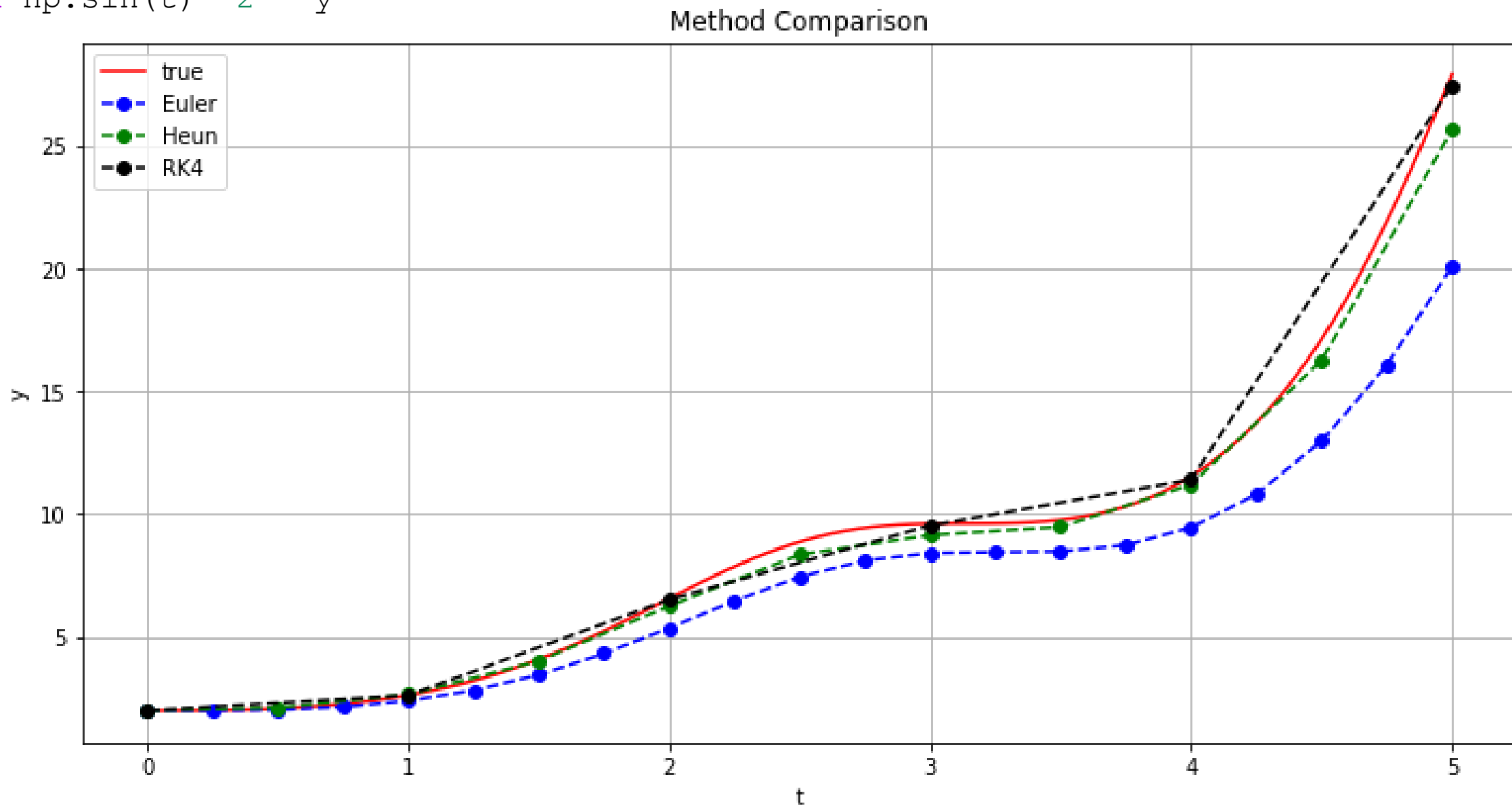
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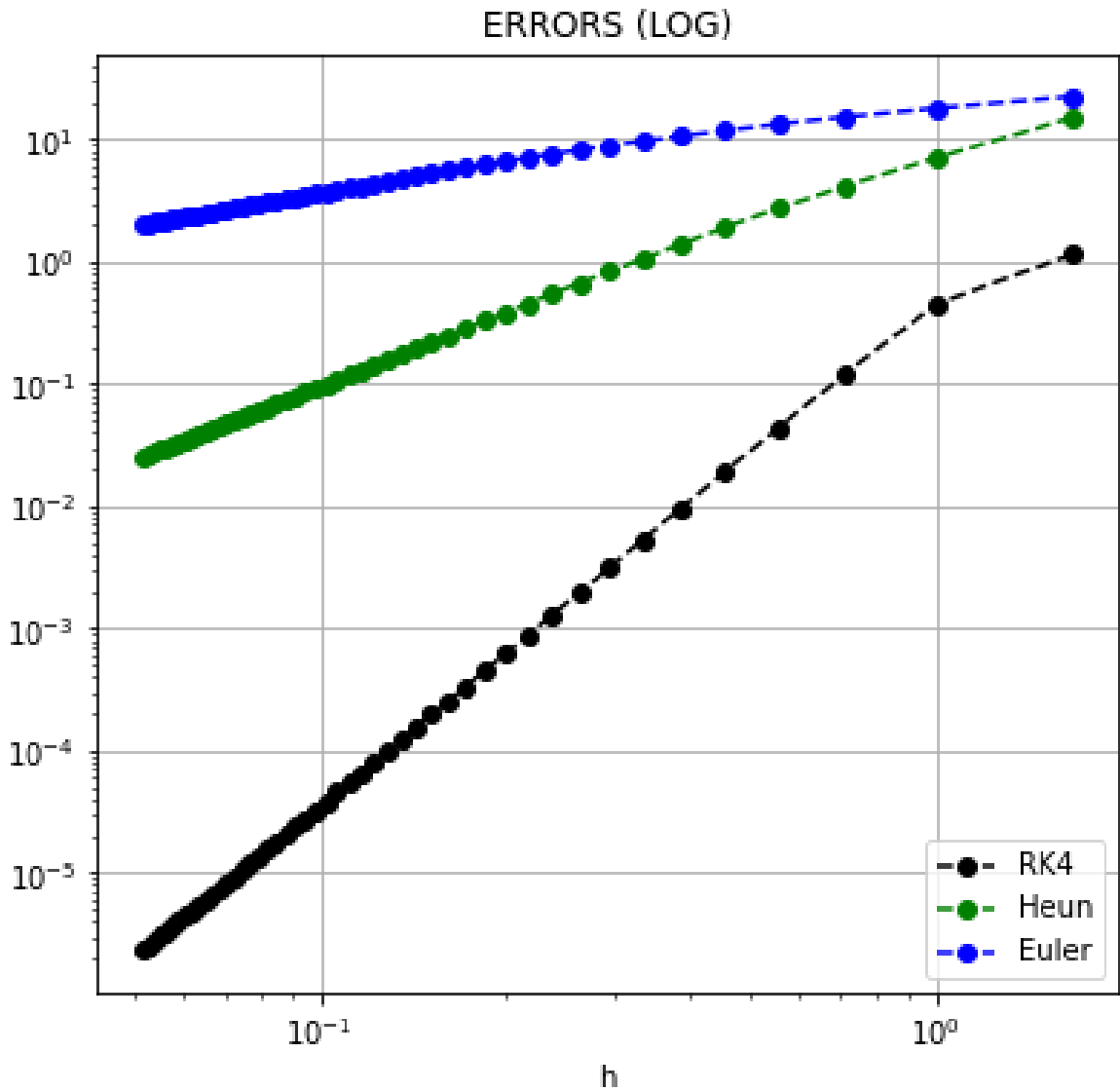
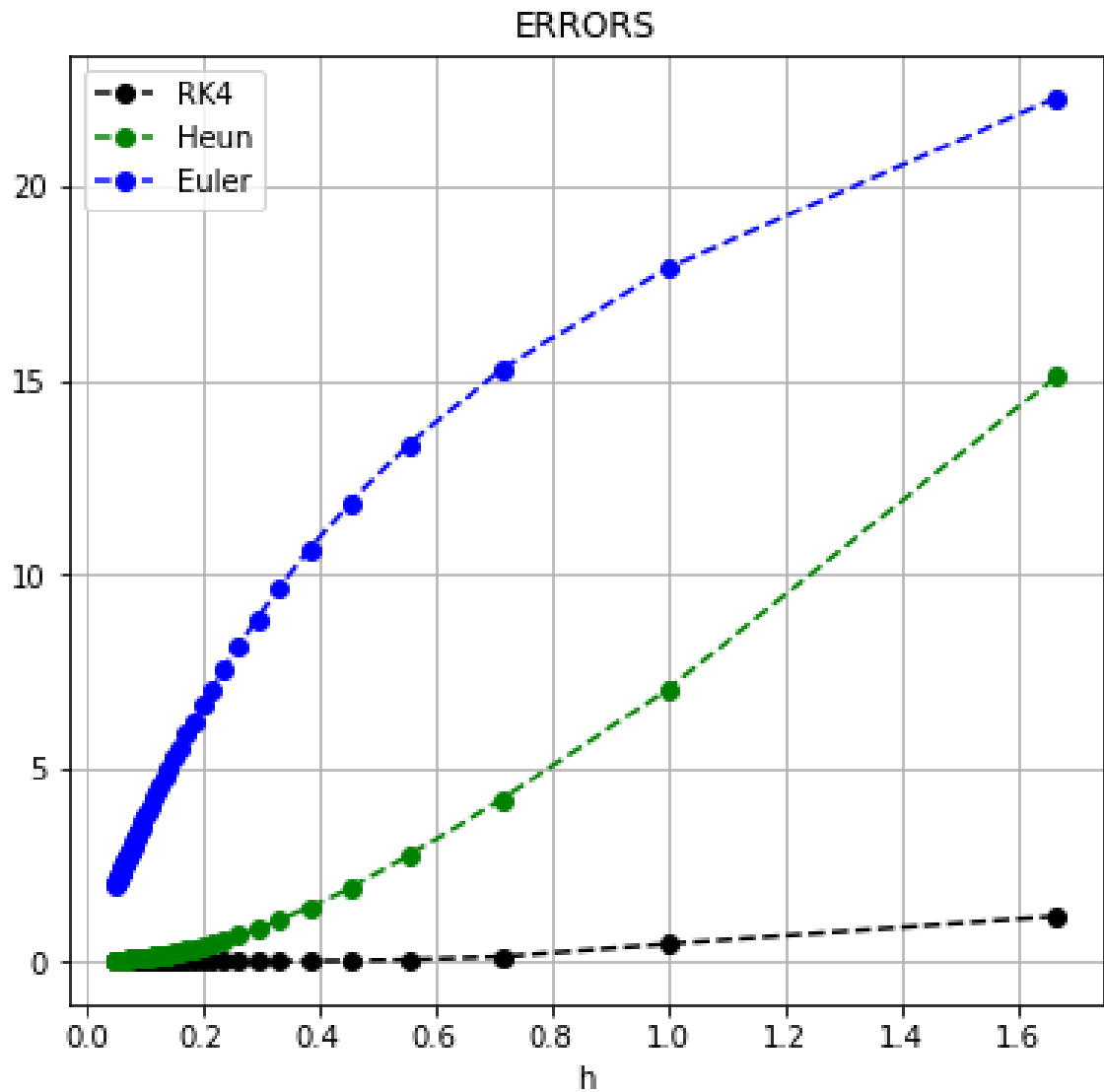


# Method Comparison

```
def f(t, y):  
    return np.sin(t)**2 * y
```



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# Butcher Tableau

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Runge%E2%80%93Kutta\\_methods#Adaptive\\_Runge%E2%80%93Kutta\\_methods](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Runge%E2%80%93Kutta_methods#Adaptive_Runge%E2%80%93Kutta_methods)

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + h \sum_{i=1}^s b_i k_i,$$

where<sup>[6]</sup>

$$k_1 = f(t_n, y_n),$$

$$k_2 = f(t_n + c_2 h, y_n + (a_{21} k_1) h),$$

$$k_3 = f(t_n + c_3 h, y_n + (a_{31} k_1 + a_{32} k_2) h),$$

$$\vdots$$

$$k_s = f(t_n + c_s h, y_n + (a_{s1} k_1 + a_{s2} k_2 + \cdots + a_{s,s-1} k_{s-1}) h).$$

steps

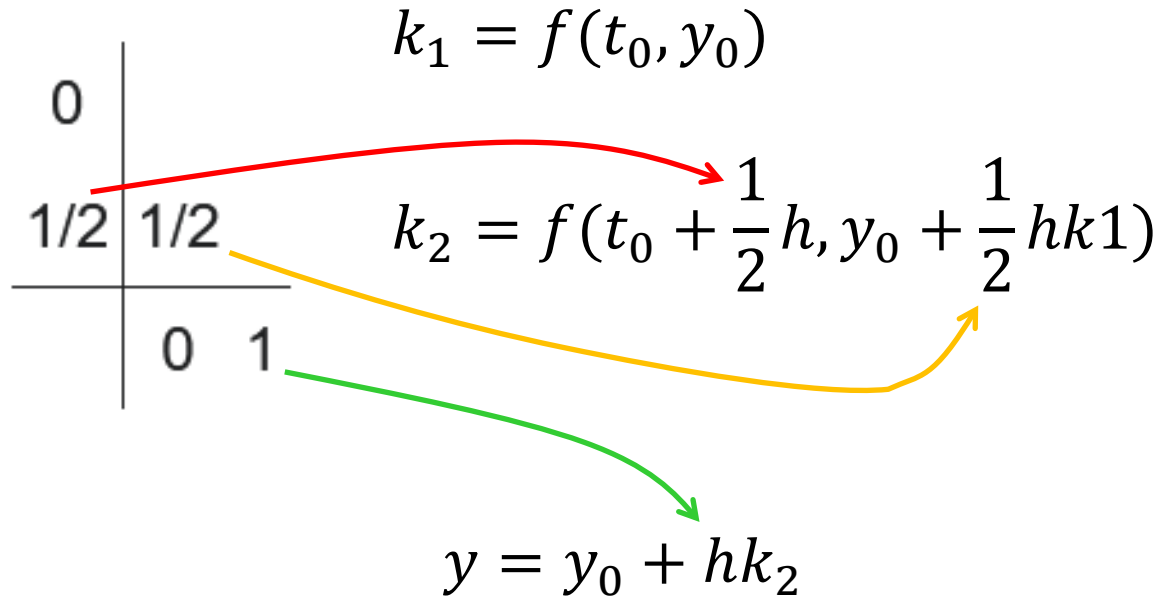
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$c_2$	$a_{21}$				
$c_3$	$a_{31}$	$a_{32}$			
$\vdots$	$\vdots$		$\ddots$		
$c_s$	$a_{s1}$	$a_{s2}$	$\cdots$	$a_{s,s-1}$	
	$b_1$	$b_2$	$\cdots$	$b_{s-1}$	$b_s$

Remember that  $f$  is the derivative function  $f = y'$



# Butcher Tableau

## Midpoint



## RK4

0					$k_1 = f(t_j, y_j)$
1/2	1/2				$k_2 = f(t_j + \frac{h}{2}, y_j + \frac{h}{2}k_1)$
1/2	0	1/2			$k_3 = f(t_j + \frac{h}{2}, y_j + \frac{h}{2}k_2)$
1	0	0	1		$k_4 = f(t_j + h, y_j + hk_3)$
	1/6	1/3	1/3	1/6	

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# Adaptive Steps RK45

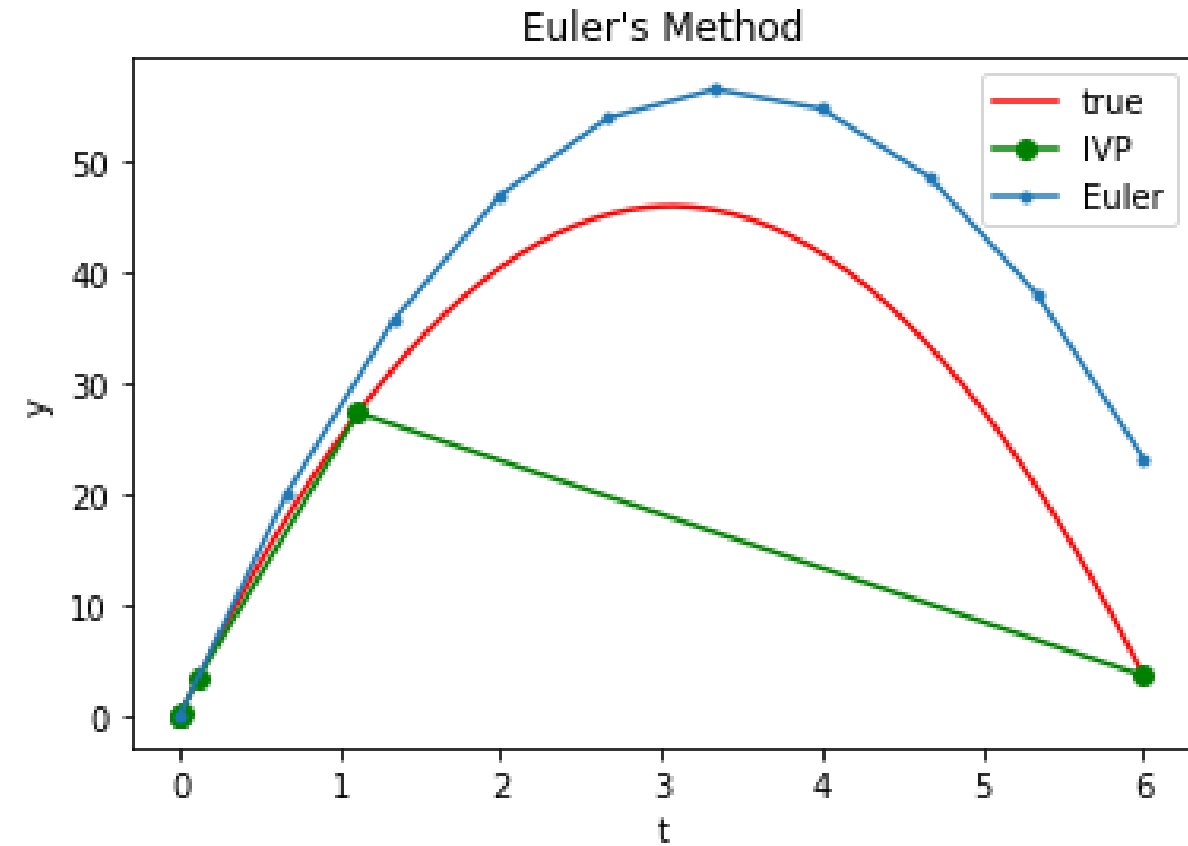
There are multiple ways of choosing coefficients. Scipy's solve\_ivp uses Dormand-Prince (1980)

## RK45

	0						
	1/5	1/5					
	3/10	3/40	9/40				
	4/5	44/45	-56/15	32/9			
	8/9	19372/6561	-25360/2187	64448/6561	-212/729		
	1	9017/3168	-355/33	46732/5247	49/176	-5103/18656	
	1	35/384	0	500/1113	125/192	-2187/6784	11/84
5 <sup>th</sup> order		35/384	0	500/1113	125/192	-2187/6784	11/84
4 <sup>th</sup> order		5179/57600	0	7571/16695	393/640	-92097/339200	187/2100

For each step, evaluate the function 5 times. Using a very clever combination of coefficients we can simultaneously find a 4<sup>th</sup> order and 5<sup>th</sup> order step. Comparing the difference gives an estimate of the step error. If the error is too large then reduce the step size and try again. Then use the estimate to calculate optimal location of next step.

# RK45



Remember that `solve_ivp` uses adaptive steps!  
But they also make it easy to do 4<sup>th</sup> order interpolation between the points they've calculated.

If you really need to make a smooth graph you can turn this off and specify your own steps.

Application

**SOLVE IVP**

# solve\_ivp

[https://docs.scipy.org/doc/scipy/reference/generated/scipy.integrate.solve\\_ivp.html](https://docs.scipy.org/doc/scipy/reference/generated/scipy.integrate.solve_ivp.html)

## scipy.integrate.solve\_ivp

`scipy.integrate.solve_ivp(fun, t_span, y0, method='RK45', t_eval=None, dense_output=False, events=None, vectorized=False, args=None, **options)`

[\[source\]](#)

Solve an initial value problem for a system of ODEs.

This function numerically integrates a system of ordinary differential equations given an initial value:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{dt} &= f(t, y) \\ y(t_0) &= y_0 \end{aligned}$$

Here  $t$  is a 1-D independent variable (time),  $y(t)$  is an N-D vector-valued function (state), and an N-D vector-valued function  $f(t, y)$  determines the differential equations. The goal is to find  $y(t)$  approximately satisfying the differential equations, given an initial value  $y(t_0)=y_0$ .

Explicit Runge-Kutta methods ('RK23', 'RK45', 'DOP853') should be used for non-stiff problems and implicit methods ('Radau', 'BDF') for stiff problems [\[9\]](#). Among Runge-Kutta methods, 'DOP853' is recommended for solving with high precision (low values of *rtol* and *atol*). If not sure, first try to run 'RK45'. If it makes unusually many iterations, diverges, or fails, your problem is likely to be stiff and you should use 'Radau' or 'BDF'. 'LSODA' can also be a good universal choice, but it might be somewhat less convenient to work with as it wraps old Fortran code.

# Example Code

Look at solveivp demos on Github:

[https://github.com/mdaughterity/Numerical2024/blob/main/ode/Week\\_9\\_solveivp.ipynb](https://github.com/mdaughterity/Numerical2024/blob/main/ode/Week_9_solveivp.ipynb)

```
1 # Define derivative function
2 def yprime(t,y):
3     k = 2.2067e-12
4     a = 81e8
5     return -k*(y**4 - a)
6
7 ivp = solve_ivp(yprime, [0,480],[1200])
8 t_ivp = ivp.t
9 y_ivp = ivp.y[0]
10
11 plt.title('Solve_ivp Example')
12 plt.plot(t_ivp,y_ivp,'s-',label='IVP')
13 plt.show()
```

# Practice Problem

Given:

$$y' + 4y = t^2$$

with initial value  $y(0) = 1$ .

What is  $y$  at  $t = 1.5$ ?

Exact solution:

$$y(t) = \frac{31}{32}e^{-4t} + \frac{1}{4}t^2 - \frac{1}{8}t + \frac{1}{32}$$

Two or more functions

# **COUPLED SYSTEMS**



$$\frac{dp_1}{dt} = \alpha_1 p_1 - \delta_1 p_1 p_2$$

prey

$$\frac{dp_2}{dt} = \alpha_2 p_1 p_2 - \delta_2 p_2$$

predator

```
# PRED-PREY
```

```
# p1 = prey population, p2 = predator population
```

```
a1 = 2.0; a2 = 0.0002; # growth rates
```

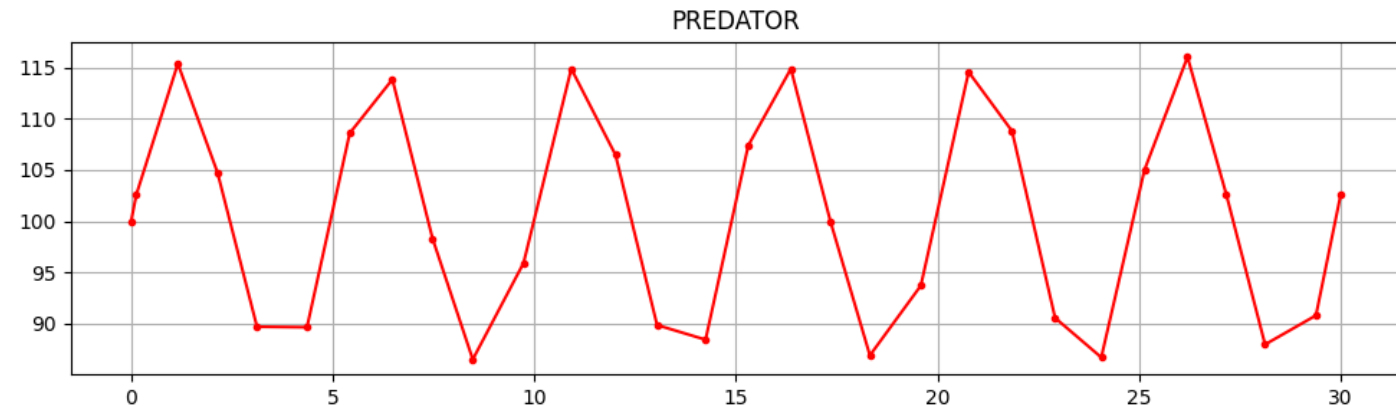
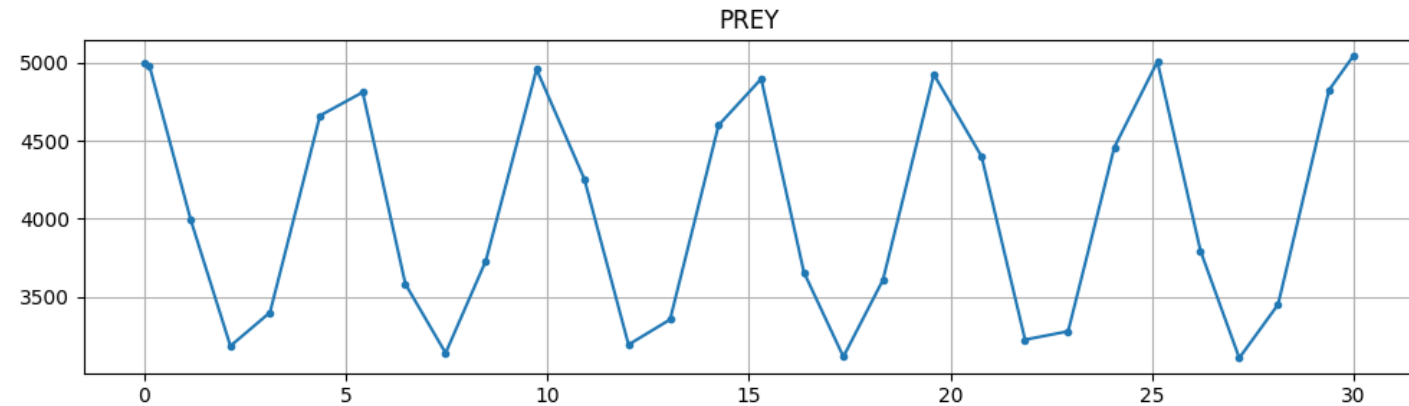
```
d1 = 0.02; d2 = 0.8; # death rates
```

```
def f(t,yvec):
```

```
    y1 = yvec[0] # define yvec=[y1,y2]=[prey, predator]
```

```
    y2 = yvec[1]
```

```
    return [a1*y1-d1*y1*y2, a2*y1*y2 - d2*y2];
```

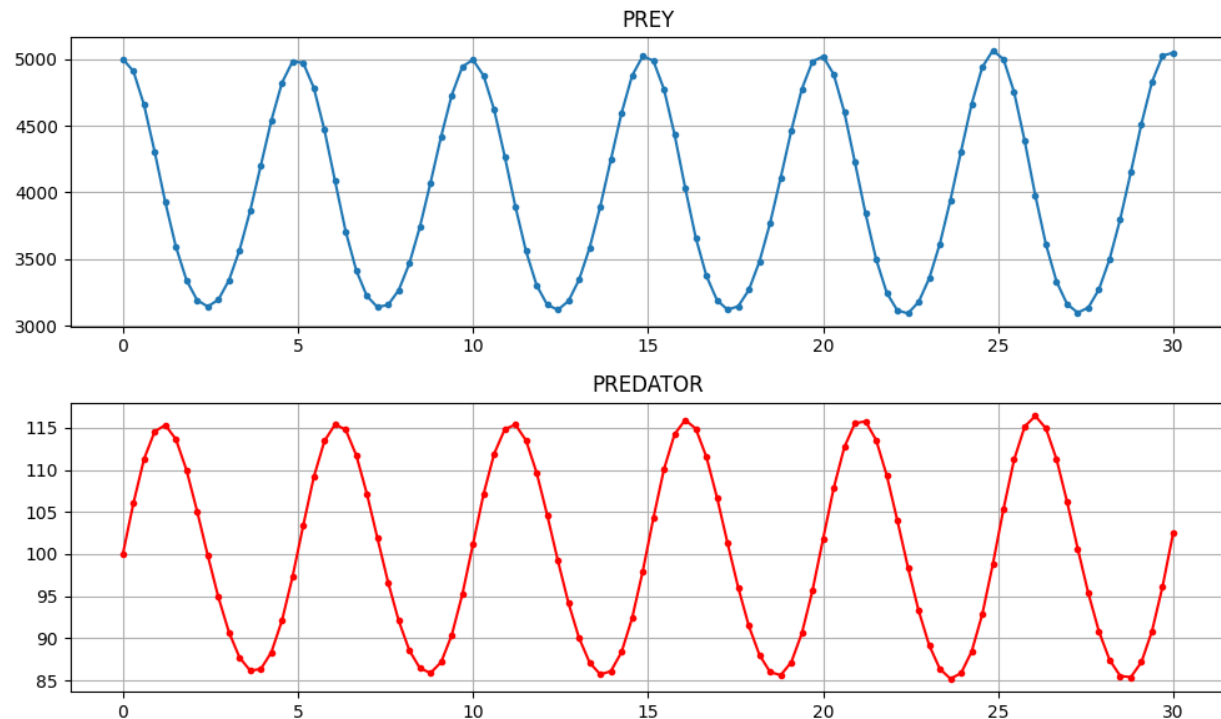


# dense\_output

```
1 ivp = solve_ivp(yprime, [0,TMAX],y0,dense_output=1)
2 print(ivp.message)
3 print('nfev = ',ivp.nfev)
4
5 # Interpolate values for plots
6 t = np.linspace(0, TMAX, num=100)
7 yint = ivp.sol(t)
8 prey_int = yint[0]
9 pred_int = yint[1]
```

Want a smooth graph?  
Set **dense\_output=True**

Then solve\_ivp will return a function  
called sol that you can use to get  
interpolated values.



Any derivatives

# HIGHER-ORDER PROBLEMS

# Higher Order

Use “unrolling” trick:

**any Nth order problem can be written as N first-order equations**

Need N initial values to get started.

# Practice Problem

Solve:

$$y'' + 4y = 4t$$

with  $y(0) = 0$  and  $y'(0) = 0$  from  $t = 0$  to 2

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Order Example

Simple Harmonic Oscillator:  $F = -kx = ma \longrightarrow \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = -\left(\frac{k}{m}\right)x$

$\vec{y} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \end{bmatrix}$  where  $y_1 = x$  and  $y_2 = \frac{dy_1}{dt}$  (or velocity)

The ODE functions are  $\vec{f} = \begin{bmatrix} dy_1/dt \\ dy_2/dt \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} y_2 \\ -\frac{k}{m}y_1 \end{bmatrix}$

Obviously (you better know this!) the right solution is  $y = A \cos(\omega t)$  where  $\omega^2 = \frac{k}{m}$

## Just for fun, a coupled second-order system!

Consider a solar system with a (stationary) sun at the origin being orbited by a single planet. Can we integrate Newton's Laws and see if we get an elliptical orbit?

Define  $\vec{y} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \\ y_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ v_x \\ y \\ v_y \end{bmatrix}$  remembering that  $v_x = \frac{dx}{dt}$  and  $v_y = \frac{dy}{dt}$

Gravitational force  $F = \frac{G m M}{r^2}$  with distance is  $r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$ .

Acceleration  $a = \frac{F}{m} = \frac{G M}{r^2}$  pointing towards the origin. The x any components are:

$$a_x = -a \cos \theta = -a \left( \frac{x}{r} \right) = -\frac{G M x}{r^3} \quad a_y = -a \sin \theta = -a \left( \frac{y}{r} \right) = -\frac{G M y}{r^3}$$

Finally, our derivative function is  $\vec{f} = \frac{d\vec{y}}{dt} = \begin{bmatrix} v_x \\ -\frac{G M x}{r^3} \\ v_y \\ -\frac{G M y}{r^3} \end{bmatrix}$

# Practice Problem

An object is in free-fall. Assume the force of air resistance is:

$$F_D = Av^2 e^{-By}$$

The object's acceleration is:  $a = -g + \frac{F_D}{m}$

Use constants  $A = 7.45 \frac{kg}{m}$ ,  $B = 1.053 \times 10^{-4} m^{-1}$ ,  $m = 114 kg$ .

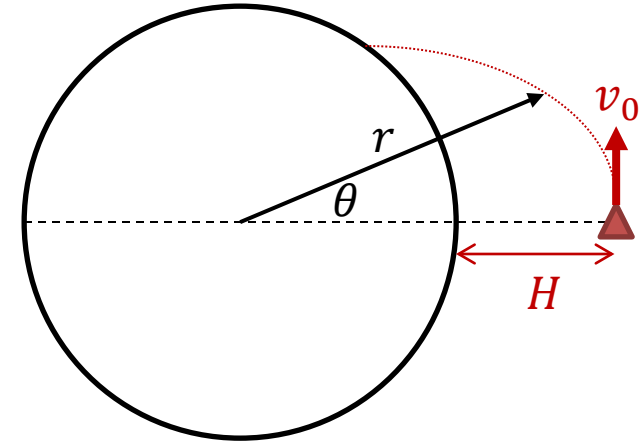
- 1) Given initial conditions  $y(0) = 9,000 m$  and  $v(0) = 0$ , how far does it fall in 10 seconds with no air resistance?
- 2) How far with air resistance?



# Practice Problem

The 2D equations of motion for a spacecraft in flight are:

$$\ddot{r} = r\dot{\theta}^2 - \frac{GM}{r^2} \qquad \ddot{\theta} = -\frac{2\dot{r}\dot{\theta}}{r}$$



Constants are:

$G = 6.672 \times 10^{-11} \text{ m}^3\text{kg}^{-1}\text{s}^{-2}$	Newton's Gravitational Constant
$M = 5.9742 \times 10^{24} \text{ kg}$	Mass of Earth
$R_e = 6378.14 \text{ km}$	Radius of Earth at sea level

Initial Conditions:

$$H = 772 \text{ km}, \quad r = R_e + H, \quad \theta = 0, \quad v_0 = 6700 \text{ m/s}, \quad \dot{\theta} = \frac{v_0}{r}$$

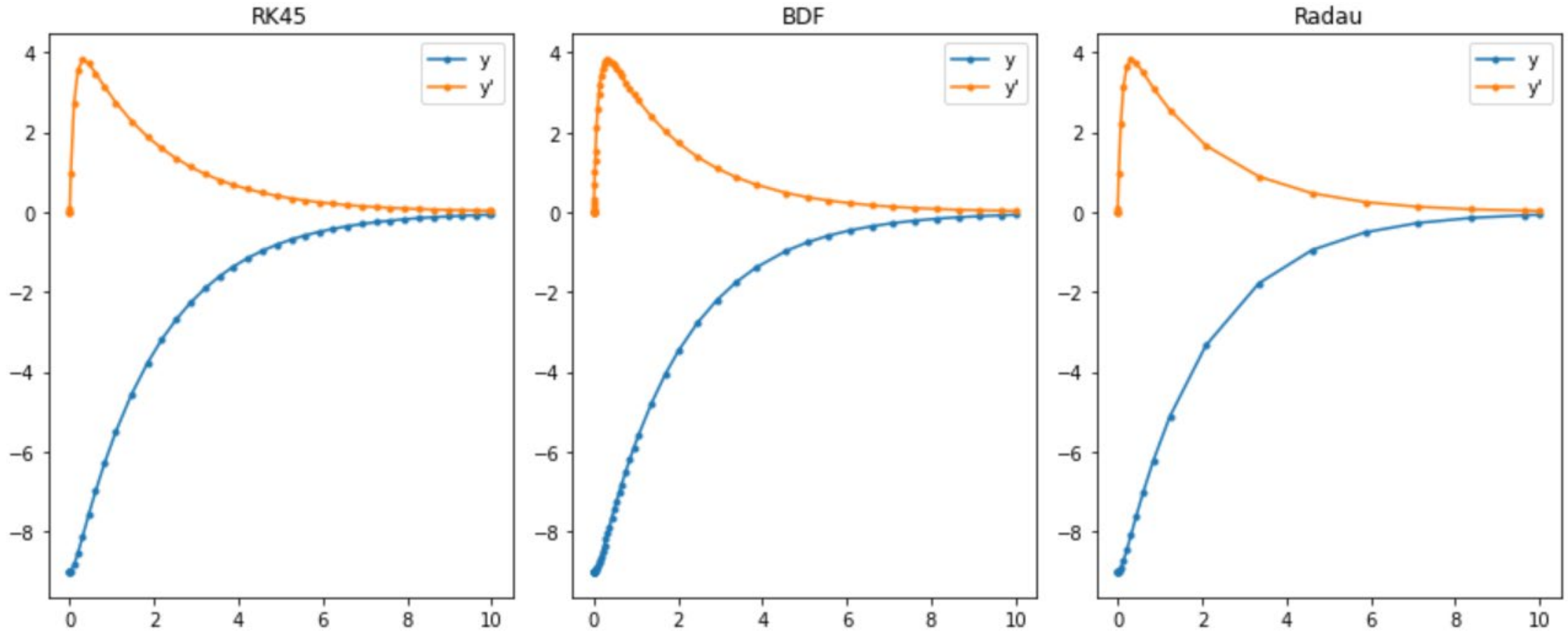
When and where does it “land”?

What to do when things break

# **STIFF SYSTEMS**

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def f(t,y):  
    return [y[1], -4.75*y[0] - 10.0*y[1]]
```

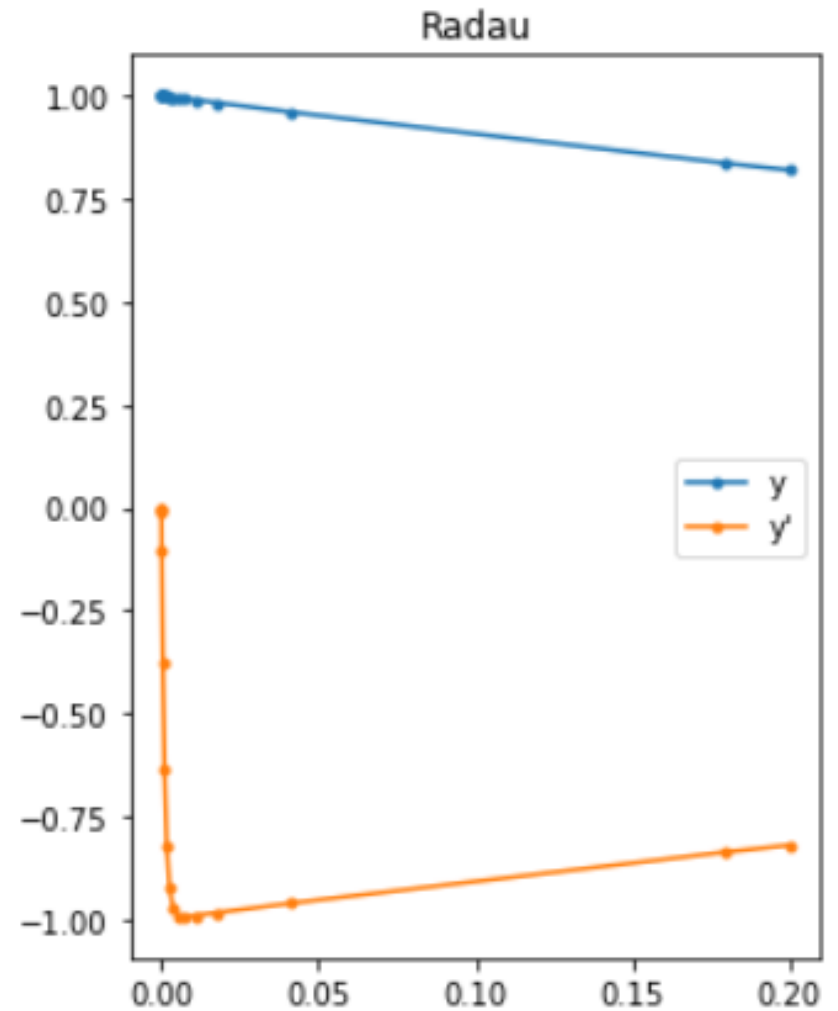
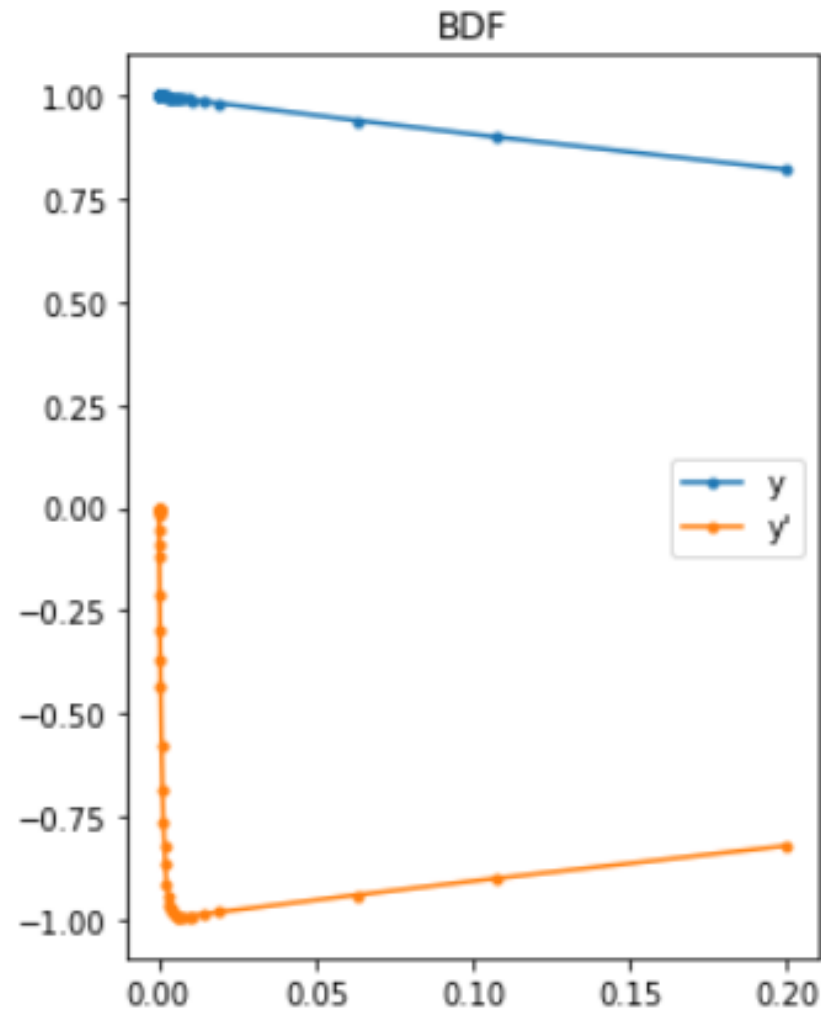
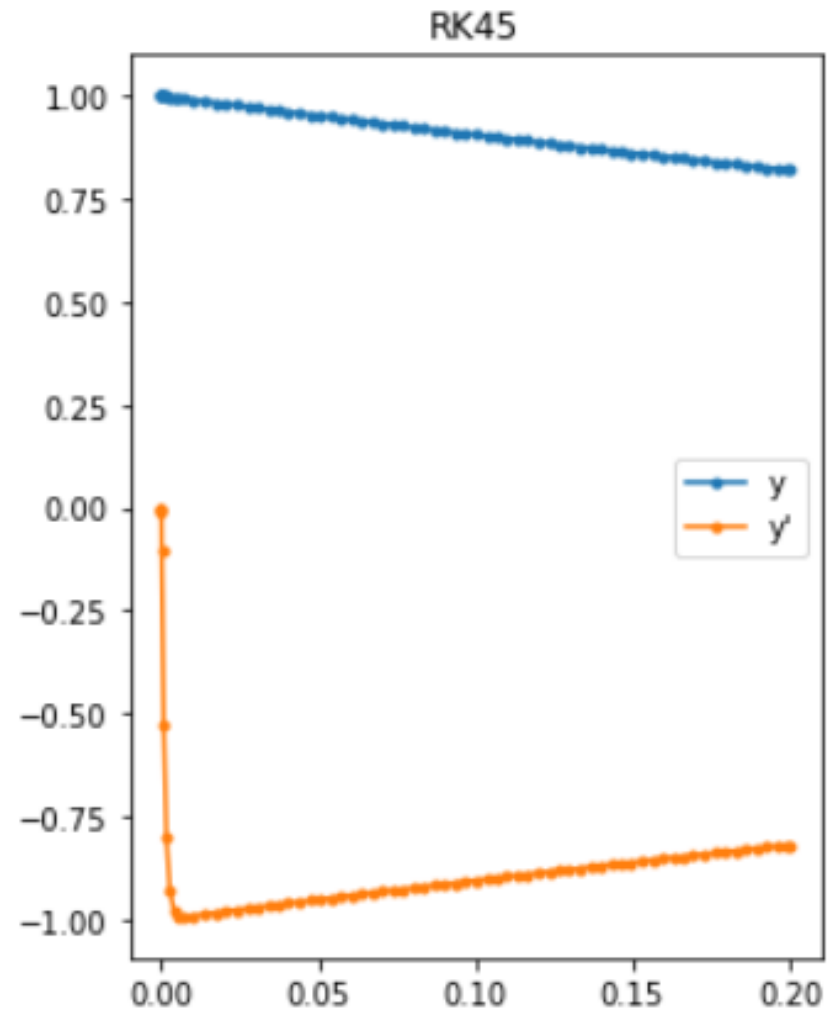
## Example 7.7



- RK45 uses way too many points during the smooth region  $x > 2$
- Notice how BDF makes extra points when  $y'$  is changing quickly, then it speeds up
- Radau makes fewer overall points but more function evaluations than BDF

# Problem 7.2.9

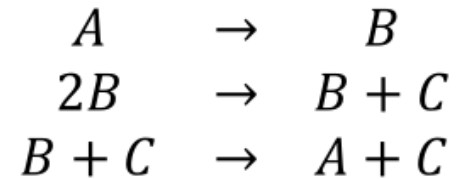
```
def f(t,y):  
    return [y[1], -1001*y[1] - 1000*y[0]]  
  
y0 = [1,0]
```



RK45 is really struggling! It took 428 function evals compared to 74 for BDF

# Richardson Equations

In 1966 a chemist published a set of reaction rate equations which later became a famous example as a difficult numerical system. Consider 3 chemicals A,B, and C in reactions:



where the reactions proceed at rates  $k_1$ ,  $k_2$ , and  $k_3$ . The rate of change is

$$\begin{bmatrix} A' \\ B' \\ C' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -k_1 A + k_3 BC \\ k_1 A - k_2 B^2 - k_3 BC \\ k_2 B^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

The rates are measured to be  $k_1 = 0.04$ ,  $k_2 = 3 \cdot 10^7$ , and  $k_3 = 10^4$ . The initial conditions are  $A = 1$ ,  $B = 0$ ,  $C = 0$ . Note that the chemicals will have different y-axis ranges. The time range is  $[0, 400]$

RK45 will fail miserably, but BDF and Radau do great!

# Things to Know

- Understand concepts behind Euler and higher-order methods
- “Unrolling” for higher-orders
- Coupled systems
- Know how to use `scipy.integrate.solve_ivp`
  - `dense_output` to get interpolation
  - RK45 normal, DOP853 for high precision, BDF for stiff
  - events!