

## Ordinary Differential Equations (ODE)

$$\frac{df(t)}{dt} = -kf(t)$$

- unknown is a function
- derivative appears in Eq.

ODE: function only depends on one variable

PDE: two or more variables (e.g. t, x, y, z)

order: highest derivative

$$\frac{d^2f}{dt^2} + \frac{df}{dt} = \exp(f) \quad \text{--- second order}$$

## Initial Value Problem (IVP)

ODE + initial condition specifies  $f(t)$  in the domain

## Analytical solutions to ODEs

$$\frac{df(t)}{dt} = -k f(t)$$

seek a function  $f(t)$  that satisfies  
the equation

(1) brute force

$$f(t) = \exp(-kt) \quad \text{guess}$$

test solution

$$\frac{df}{dt} = -k \exp(-kt) = -k f(t) \quad \checkmark$$

## 2 Integration by Separation of variables

$$\frac{df}{dt} = -kf \quad \text{initial value } f(0) = a$$

$$x \frac{1}{f} df = -k dt$$

$$\int_a^x \frac{1}{f} df = \int_0^{\tilde{t}} -k dt \quad f(t=0) = 0$$

$$[\ln f]_a^x = [-kt]_0^{\tilde{t}}$$

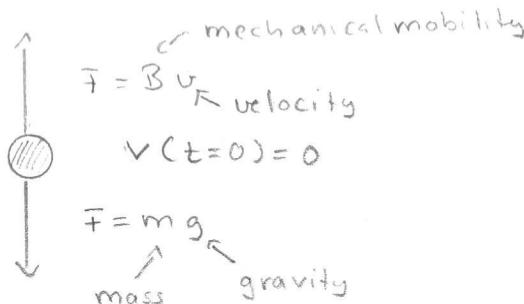
$$\ln(x) - \ln(a) = -k\tilde{t} + 0$$

$$\frac{x}{a} = \exp(-k\tilde{t})$$

$$x = a \exp(-k\tilde{t})$$

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initial value

Second example: time to reach terminal velocity



$$\sum F = m \frac{dv}{dt} = mg - Bv$$

Newton's Law

$$\frac{dv}{dt} + \frac{B}{m} v = g$$

$$\tau = \frac{m}{B} \quad \text{"relaxation time"}$$

$$\frac{dv}{dt} + \frac{1}{\tau} v = g$$

$$\int_0^v \frac{1}{g - \frac{1}{\tau} v'} dv' = \int_0^t dt$$

$$\frac{d(\ln(a+bx))}{dx} = \frac{b}{a+bx}$$

$$\left[ \tau \ln(g - \frac{1}{\tau} v') \right]_0^v = t \Rightarrow v = g \tau (1 - \exp(-t/\tau))$$

Similar to RC circuit

### 3. Solution using the Laplace Transform

$$f' + 3f = \exp(2t) \quad f(0) = 1$$

$$\mathcal{L}(f' + 3f) = \mathcal{L}\exp(2t)$$

$$s\bar{f} - 1 + 3\bar{f} = \frac{1}{s-2}$$

$$\bar{f} = \frac{1}{(s-2)(s+3)} + \frac{1}{s+3}$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}(F) = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\frac{1}{(s-2)(s+3)} + \mathcal{L}^{-1}\frac{1}{s+3}$$

$$f = \frac{1}{5}(\exp(2t) - \exp(-3t) + \exp(-3t))$$

$$f(t) = \frac{1}{5}\exp(2t) + \frac{4}{5}\exp(-3t)$$

$$\mathcal{L}(af + bg) = a\bar{f}(s) + b\bar{g}(s)$$

$$\mathcal{L}f' = \bar{f}(s) - f(0)$$

$$\mathcal{L}f'' = s^2\bar{f}(s) - sf(0) - f'(0)$$

$$1 = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s}\right\}$$

$$t^n = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{n!}{s^{n+1}}\right\}, \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

$$e^{at} = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{1}{s-a}\right\}$$

$$\sin kt = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{k}{s^2+k^2}\right\}$$

$$\cos kt = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{s}{s^2+k^2}\right\}$$

$$\sinh kt = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{k}{s^2-k^2}\right\}$$

$$\cosh kt = \mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{s}{s^2-k^2}\right\}$$

What is  $\mathcal{L}^{-1} \frac{1}{(s-2)(s+3)}$  ?

$$\frac{1}{(s-2)(s+3)} = \frac{A}{(s-2)} + \frac{B}{(s+3)}$$

"partial fraction" decomposition

assume  $s=2$  and multiply by  $(s-2)$

$$\Rightarrow A = \frac{1}{5}$$

assume  $s=-3$  and multiply by  $(s+3)$

$$\Rightarrow B = -\frac{1}{5}$$

$$= \frac{1}{5} \frac{1}{s-2} - \frac{1}{5} \underbrace{\frac{1}{s+3}}_{\left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \end{array} \right\} \mathcal{L}^{-1}}$$
$$\frac{1}{5} \exp(2t) - \frac{1}{5} \exp(-3t)$$

## Higher Order ODEs

$$af''' + bf'' + cf' + d = g(t)$$

homogeneous:  $g(t) = 0$

in homogeneous:  $g(t) \neq 0$

IVP:  $f(0), f'(0), f''(0), \dots$

typical solution  $f = A \cdot \exp(\lambda x) \rightarrow \lambda \text{ complex} \Rightarrow \text{sinusoids}$

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

$$f'' = A\lambda^2 \exp(\lambda x)$$

Solution approach for homogeneous case

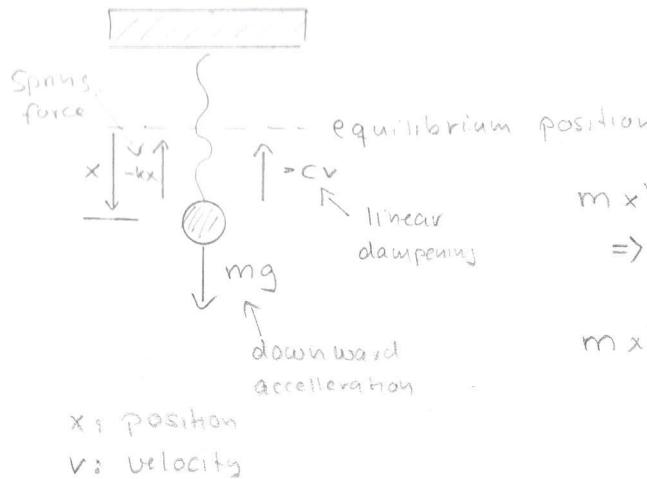
characteristic equation

$$a\lambda^3 + b\lambda^2 + c\lambda + d = 0$$

$\rightarrow$  find roots

$$f(t) = c_1 \exp(\lambda_1 t) + c_2 \exp(\lambda_2 t) + \dots$$

## Example: harmonic oscillator



Newton's Second law

$$m x''(t) + c x'(t) + k x = 0$$

$\Rightarrow$  evolution back to equilibrium

$$m x''(t) + c x'(t) + k x = f(t)$$

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impuls / external  
forcing

Solve

$$m x''(t) + c x'(t) + k x(t) = 0$$

$$\text{IVP: } x(0) = -1 \quad x'(0) = 0$$

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Initial position

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Initial velocity

charact eq.

$$m\lambda^2 + c\lambda + k = 0$$

$$\text{constants: } m=10 \quad c=1 \quad k=1$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda_1 = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{39}i \quad \lambda_2 = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{39}i$$

$$x(t) = c_1 \exp(\lambda_1 t) + c_2 \exp(\lambda_2 t)$$

$$x(t) = c_1 \exp((a+bi)t) + c_2 \exp((a-bi)t)$$

$$x(t) = \exp(at) [d_1 \cos(bt) + d_2 \sin(bt)]$$

$$x'(t) = a \exp(at) [d_1 \cos(bt) + d_2 \sin(bt)] + \exp(at) [-d_1 b \sin(bt) + d_2 b \cos(bt)]$$

$$a = \frac{1}{2} \quad b = \frac{\sqrt{39}}{2}$$

use  $x(0) = -1$  and  $x'(0) = 0$  to find

$$d_1 = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{39}}$$

$$d_2 = -1$$

## Systems of ODEs

"A differential equation of order n can be written as a system of ODEs of order 1"

example

$$mx'' + cx' + kx = 0$$

$$q_1 = x \Rightarrow q_1' = x'$$

$$q_2 = x' \Rightarrow q_2' = x''$$

$$q_1' = q_2$$

$$q_2' = \frac{1}{m} (-cq_2 - kq_1)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} q_1' \\ q_2' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -k/m & -c/m \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} q_1 \\ q_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\boxed{\vec{q}' = A\vec{q}}$$
 matrix form of homogeneous eq.

Solution to systems  $\Rightarrow$  Eigenvalues

An nonzero vector  $v$  of dimension  $N$  is an eigenvector of a square matrix  $A$  if it satisfies

$$Av = \lambda v$$

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eigenvector    eigenvector

example

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 2 \\ -2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \lambda_1 = -3 \quad v_1 = \begin{bmatrix} -0.894 \\ -0.447 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\lambda_2 = 2 \quad v_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.447 \\ -0.894 \end{bmatrix}$$

- $N$  eigenvalue / eigenvector pairs
- eigenvectors are the principle axes of the system
  - $\hookrightarrow$  can use to orthogonalize system

How to find  $\lambda_i$ ?

(1) solve  $\det(A - \lambda_i I) = 0$ ,

(2) use Eigen decomposition from Linear Algebra package

$\lambda, v = \text{eigen}(A)$

Similarity with SVD:

$$A^{-1} = Q \underbrace{\Lambda^{-1}}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{matrix of eigenvectors}}} Q^{-1}$$

diagonal matrix with  $\lambda_i$  as entries

$$\tilde{\Lambda}_{ii} = \frac{1}{\lambda_i}$$

zero  $\lambda_i$   
- matrix is rank deficient  
- not invertible

near zero  $\lambda_i$ : ill posed inversion

Solving

$$\vec{\dot{q}} = A \vec{q}$$

(1) obtain  $\lambda_i$  through eigen(A) or  $\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$

(2) obtain eigenvectors  $\vec{v}_i$

$$\vec{q}(t) = [\vec{v}_1 \exp(\lambda_1 t) \quad \vec{v}_2 \exp(\lambda_2 t) \dots \quad \vec{v}_n \exp(\lambda_n t)] \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ \vdots \\ c_n \end{bmatrix} \leftarrow \text{constants}$$

real  $\lambda$ : exp use initial cond. to get  $c_i$

complex  $\lambda$ : sinusoids

Valid for homogeneous linear systems

Example: Reaction chains

$$\frac{dq_1}{dt} = -aq_1$$

$$\frac{dq_2}{dt} = aq_1 - bq_2$$

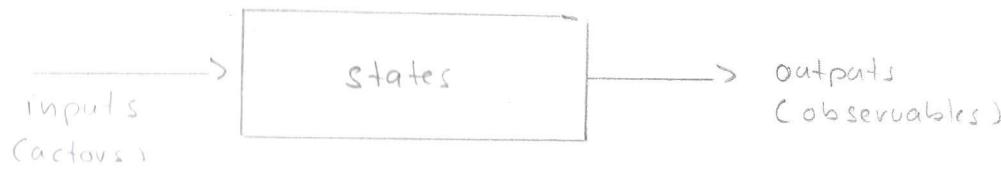
$$\frac{dq_3}{dt} = bq_2$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -a & 0 & 0 \\ a & -b & 0 \\ 0 & b & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

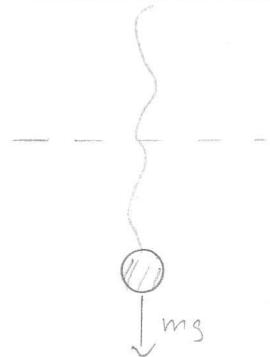
$$a = 1 \quad b = \frac{1}{2} \quad q_1(0) = 2 \quad q_2(0) = 0 \quad q_3(0) = 0$$

Homework: find analytical solution and compare to notes

# State Space Modeling



forced oscillator



forced oscillator

$$m \ddot{x}(t) + c\dot{x}(t) + Kx = f(t)$$

inputs  $f(t)$

outputs (observables)

- position
  - velocity
  - acceleration
- derived properties
- force  $m\ddot{x}$
  - frequency of oscillation

States:

variables needed to predict future of system

$$m x'' + c x' + k x = f$$

$$q_1 = x$$

$$q_2 = x'$$

$$q_1' = q_2$$

$$q_2' = \frac{1}{m} (f - c q_2 - k q_1)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} q_1 \\ q_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -k/m & -c/m \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} q_1 \\ q_2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1/m \end{bmatrix} f$$

$$\boxed{q' = Aq + Bf}$$

Input Eq.

q: state variables

outputs :

$$y_1 = m \ddot{x} \quad (\text{force})$$

$$y_2 = \dot{x} \quad (\text{velocity})$$

$$y_3 = x \quad (\text{position})$$

} not limited by number

$$y_1 = f - c q_2 - k q_1$$

$$y_2 = q_2$$

$$y_3 = q_1$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -k & -c \\ 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} q_1 \\ q_2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} f$$

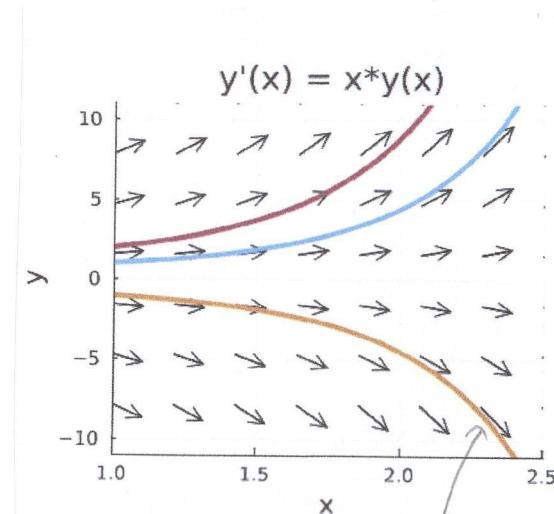
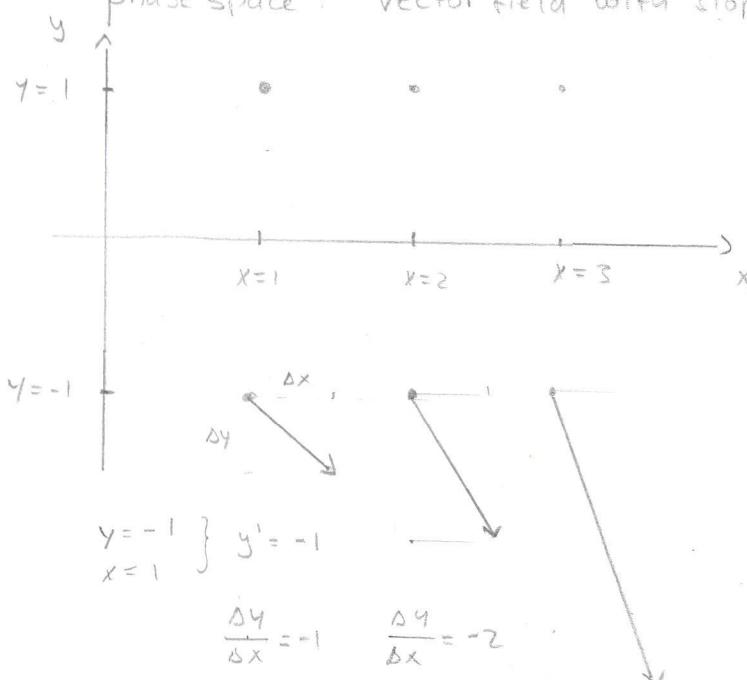
$$\boxed{\vec{y} = C\vec{q} + D\vec{f}} \quad \text{output equations}$$

## Numerical Solutions

example:  $\frac{dy}{dx} = y(x) \cdot x$

IVP:  $y(x=1) = 1$

Phase space: vector field with slopes given by  $y'(x)$



Integral curves  
"slope field is tangent to function"

## Numerical Integration: Euler's Method

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x, y) \quad \text{e.g. } f(x, y) = x \cdot y(x) \quad y_0 = a \quad x_0 = 1$$

$$\frac{y(x_0 + h) - y(x_0)}{h} = f(x_0, y_0) \quad \text{forward finite difference}$$

$$y_1 = y(x_0 + h) = f(x_0, y_0)h + y(x_0)$$

$$x_1 = x_0 + h$$

$$y_2 = y_1(x_1 + h) = h f(x_1, y_1) + y(x_1)$$

⋮

$$y_{n+1} = y(x_n + h) = h f(x_n, y_n) + y(x_n)$$

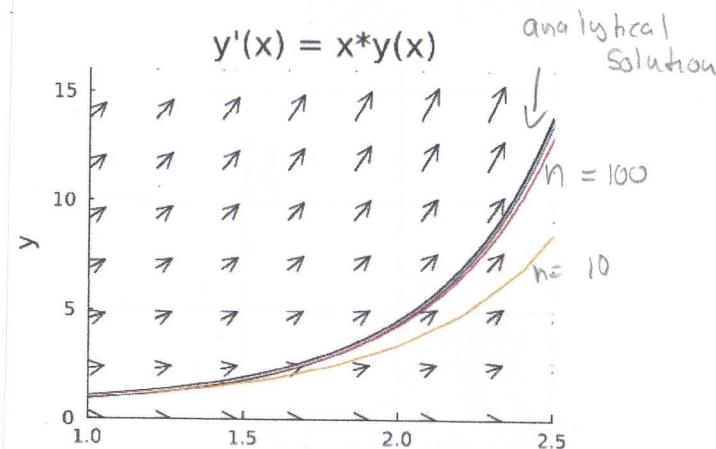
$$x_{n+1} = x_n + h$$

## Euler example

- Need to set  $h$  (timestep)
- error per step  $\approx \frac{1}{2} h^2 f''(x)$   
(local truncation error)
- error at end: accumulated error  $\propto h$   
(global truncation error)

$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0}$   $\rightarrow$  error approaches zero

$\rightarrow$  solution converges

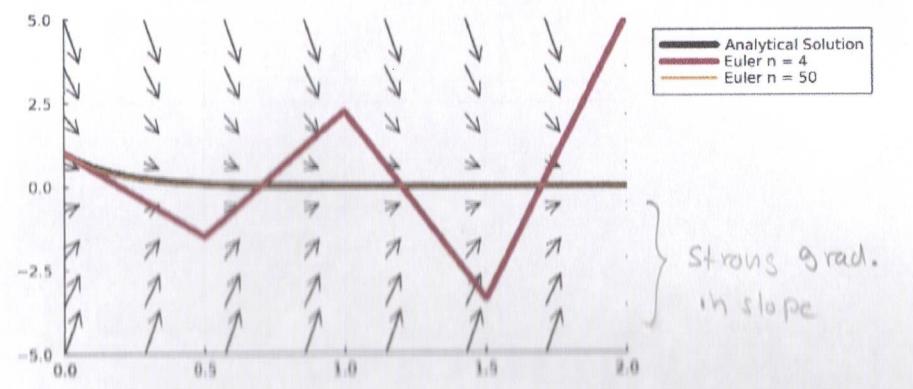


## Stiff Equations

- const step causes overshoot
- can lead to oscillation
- requires adaptive h or small h
- many physical systems are stiff

$$y' = -5y$$

$$y = y_0 \exp(-5x)$$



## Runge Kutta Method (RK4)

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = f(t_1, y) \quad y(t_0) = y_0$$

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + \frac{h}{6}(k_1 + 2k_2 + 2k_3 + k_4)$$

$$t_{n+1} = t_0 + h$$

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

$$k_2 = f(t_n + h/2, y_n + h \frac{k_1}{2})$$

$$k_3 = f(t_n + h/2, y_n + h \frac{k_2}{2})$$

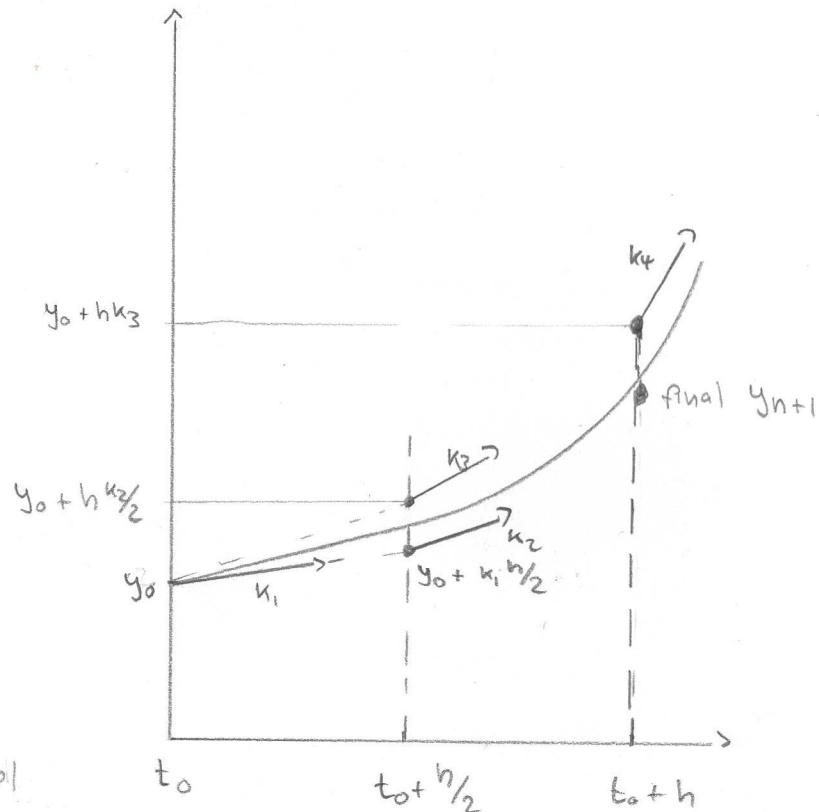
$$k_4 = f(t_n + h, y_n + h k_3)$$

- local truncation error  $O(h^5)$

- global truncation error  $O(h^4)$

### Adaptive RK4

- vary  $h$  such that local error  $< \text{tol}$   
and global error  $< \text{atol}$



## ODE Solvers

(1) define function that returns derivative

generally works for arrays

```
function f(u, p, t)
    u: current value
    t: current time
    p: parameters
    } may not be used
    {
        du = -3u
        return du
    end
```

(2) define initial conditions and range to integrate

$$u_0 = 10$$

$$t = [0, 10]$$

(3) define solver method

e.g. Euler, RK4, ...

set truncation error limit or timestep

(4) call ode solver

(5) evaluate the solution